

## Ionosphere-Atmosphere Coordination Workshop

UCAR Center Green Campus  
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Boulder, Colorado U.S.A.  
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This workshop, convened by the Space Weather Sub-group of the International Radio Occultation Working Group (IROWG), will follow the Eighth FORMOSAT-3/COSMIC Data Users' Workshop hosted by UCAR from 9/30 to 10/2/2014.

**Background:** The third meeting of the CGMS IROWG recommended that an international workshop be held to discuss aspects of radio-occultation analysis involving the ionosphere. (See Meeting minutes of IROWG-3 IROWG/MM/2013<sup>1</sup>, Section 4.4, Recommendation to CGMS #2.) The World Meteorological Organization also recommended addressing ionosphere and neutral atmosphere issues in a synergetic way in order to help optimize the radio-occultation constellation.

### Organizers:

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### Workshop Goals:

- Increase synergy between ionosphere and neutral atmosphere use of GNSS.
- Increase scientific interaction between the two communities.
- Further the goal of dual-use of GNSS sensors: atmosphere and ionosphere.
- Make progress on issues related to data formats and future missions.

### Specific Workshop Objectives:

- Increase awareness of ionospheric issues for atmospheric users of GNSS radio occultation.
- Increase use of RO within the ionospheric community, including for input to assimilative models.
- Understand how the ionosphere can bias neutral atmosphere retrievals.
- Extend upper altitude of atmospheric retrievals (to 50 km and above).
- Improve understanding of ionospheric models for the atmospheric community.
- Increase awareness and understanding of atmosphere-ionosphere coupling.
- Understand the use of whole-atmosphere models for the RO community.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://irowg.org/wpcms/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/IROWG-3\\_Minutes\\_Summary.pdf](http://irowg.org/wpcms/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/IROWG-3_Minutes_Summary.pdf)

## **Speakers**

Tutorial speakers will be invited to address topics of interest to atmospheric and ionospheric users of GNSS radio occultation. In addition, there will be scientific talks addressing lower-upper atmosphere coupling.

Limited financial support can be provided by WMO to facilitate participation of some experts, to be considered on a case by case basis.

## **Preliminary agenda (Friday October 3)**

9:00 AM : Tutorial Presentations.

- Radio Occultation retrieval processing for ionospheric scientists
- Ionosphere 101, for atmospheric scientists, including ionospheric models as tools for the RO community
- How the ionosphere affects atmospheric retrievals and uses in NWP

11:00 AM: Scientific presentations

- How the atmosphere affects the ionosphere – lower-upper atmosphere coupling

NOON: Lunch Break

1:30 PM : Discussions

General aspects:

Awareness of synergies between neutral and ionized atmospheric analysis, future requirements, e.g. extend retrieval height above 50km.

Methodological aspects:

Retrieval techniques, potential of improving ionospheric corrections, biases, how to handle signal perturbations (scintillations, E-layer), ionospheric data assimilation techniques.

Technical aspects:

Future missions optimizing combined neutral gas *and* ionosphere retrievals, data access and exchange, usefulness of common data formats, use of RO for global scintillation activity measurements.

Scientific aspects:

Coupling processes from below (acoustic, gravity, planetary waves), impact of weather fronts, sudden stratospheric warming events, upper boundary specification for atmospheric models.

BREAK

4:00 PM Reconvene/Summarize/Action Items

5:00 PM Workshop close

## **Practical information for registration**

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