Polar Studies with SHARAD

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South pole

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North PoleSouth Pole

North pole

Generally more reflectors

South pole

More diffuse, reflectors only in certain spots

North PoleSouth Pole

North pole

South pole

Generally more reflectors

Bottom often detected

More diffuse, reflectors only in certain spots

Bottom seldom detected

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•North Pole

Phillips et al, 2008



NPLD base is easily detected, but Basal Unit is diffuse, and no BU bottom



•North Pole

Phillips et al, 2008



Packet / inter packet pattern Seen over much of the N pole



Phillips et al, 2008

•North Pole



Sub-horizontal layering in lower 2/3 Discontinuities in the top 1/3



•North Pole

Smith et al, 2010



Discontinuities



•South Pole

Australe Mensa has few reflectors









Australe Lingula has few reflectors







Promethia Lingula has abundant layers



FPB_long_aperture

more clutter

FPB_standard



Clutter

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artifacts

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sometimes, things get smeared



FPB standard has good ionosphere correction

FPB long aperture has more continuous reflectors

QDA has less consistent less clutter ionosphere but good continuity

FPB_long_aperture

FPB_standard

less clutter

sometimesQDA sees dimmer reflectors

FPB standard has good ionosphere correction

QDA

FPB long aperture has more continuous reflectors

QDA has less consistent ionosphere but good continuity

Moral

Determine which processor is best for each application

Usually good to compare for each case



very difficult to interpret

Spacecraft orientation

bad orientation

good orientation

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almost no clutter