

Preliminary Cassini RADAR Ring Results

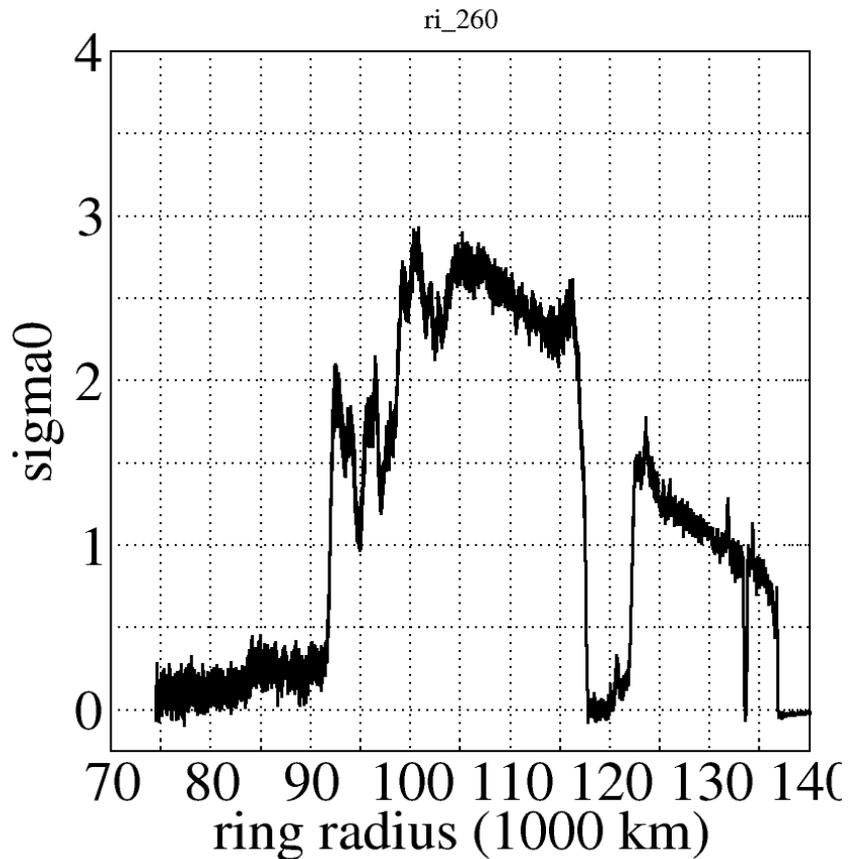
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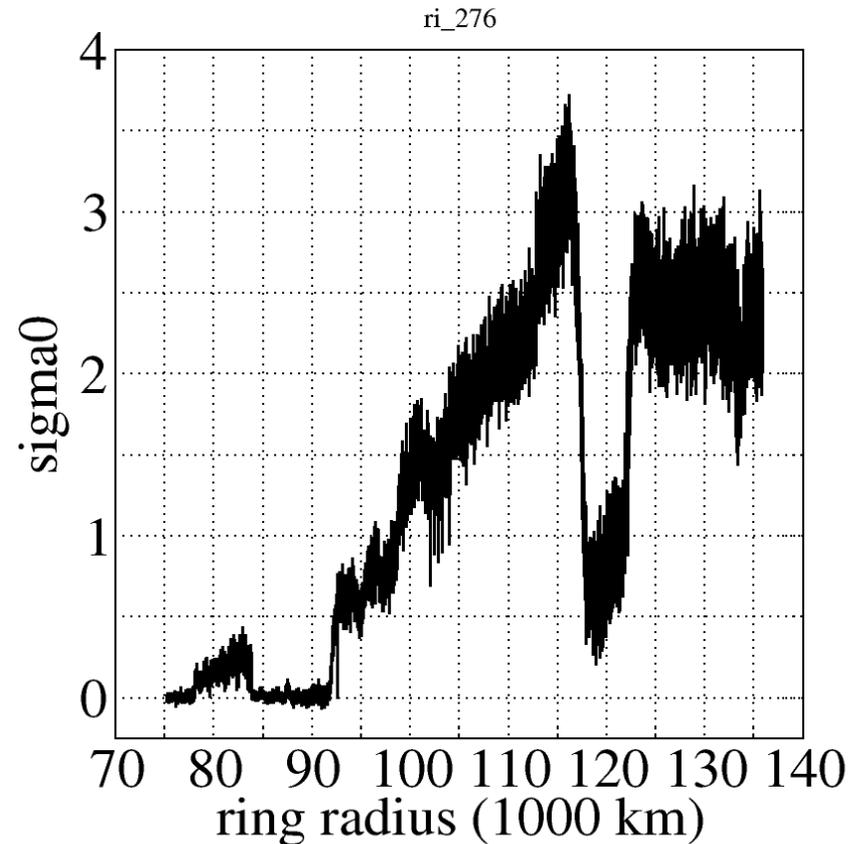
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Preliminary Backscatter

Real Aperture Backscatter



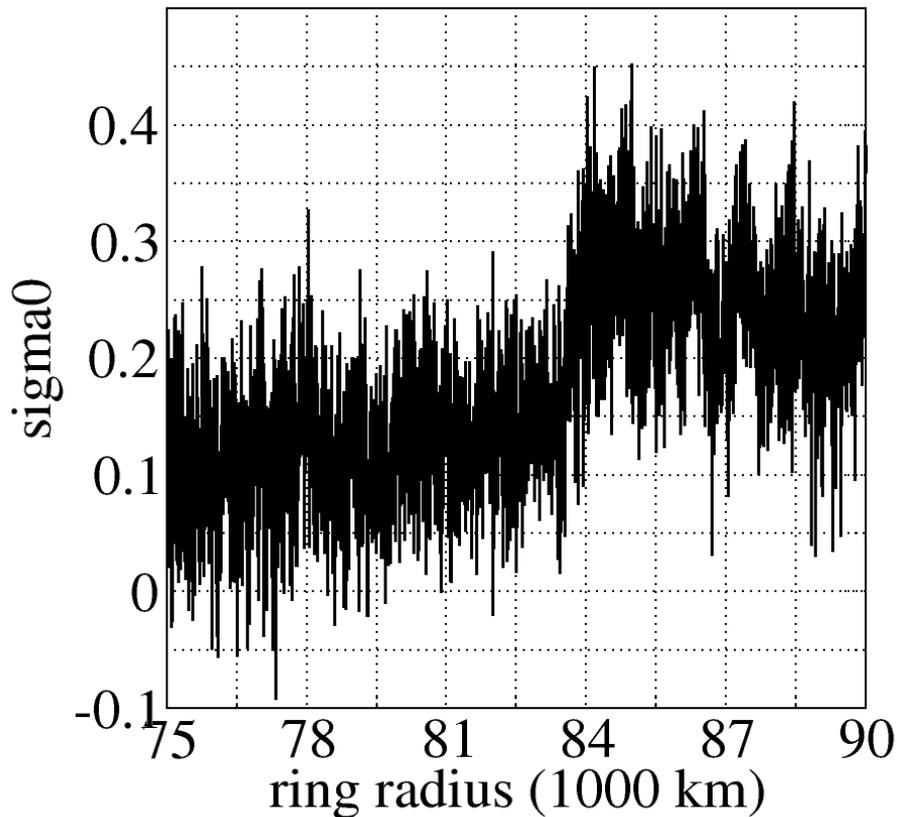
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Preliminary Backscatter Closeup C-ring

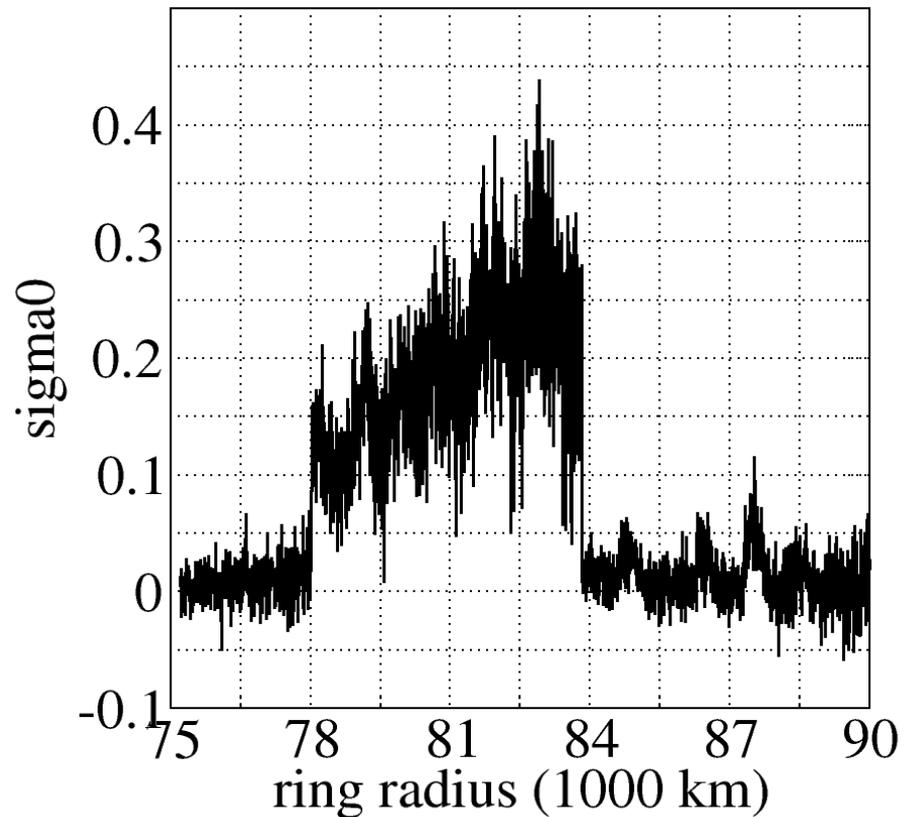
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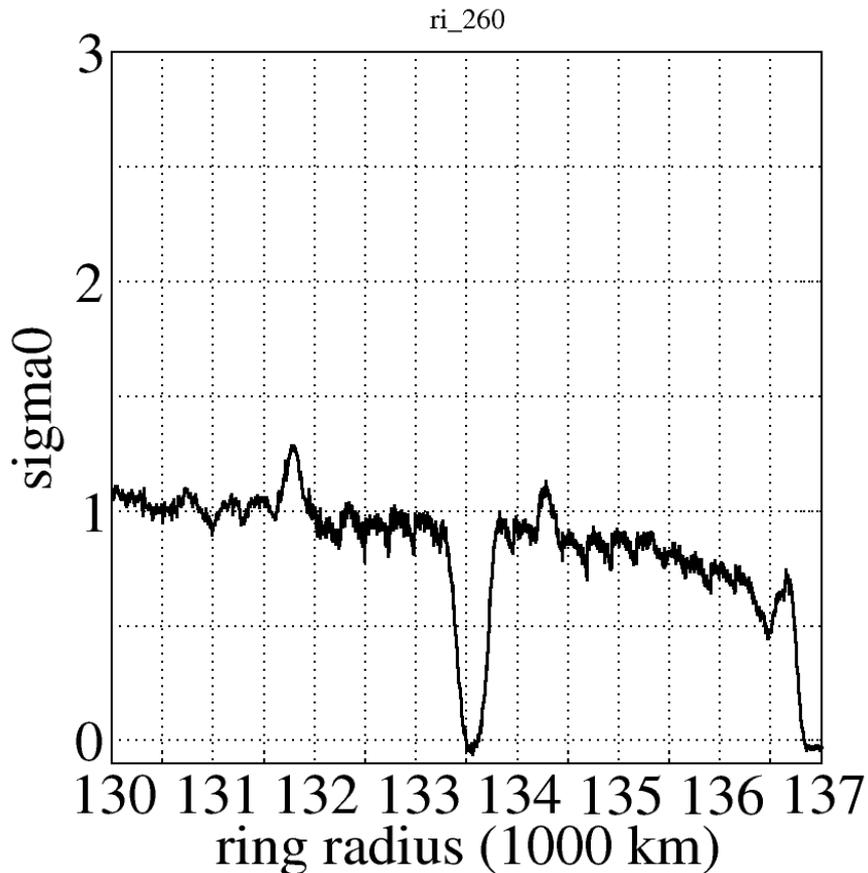
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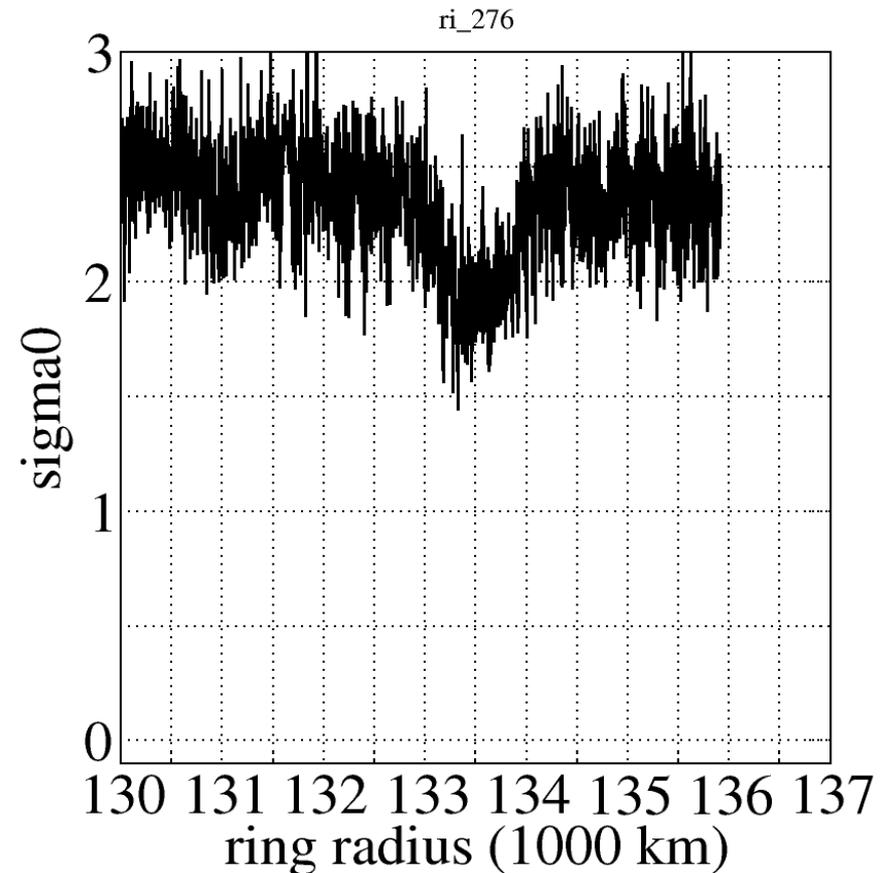


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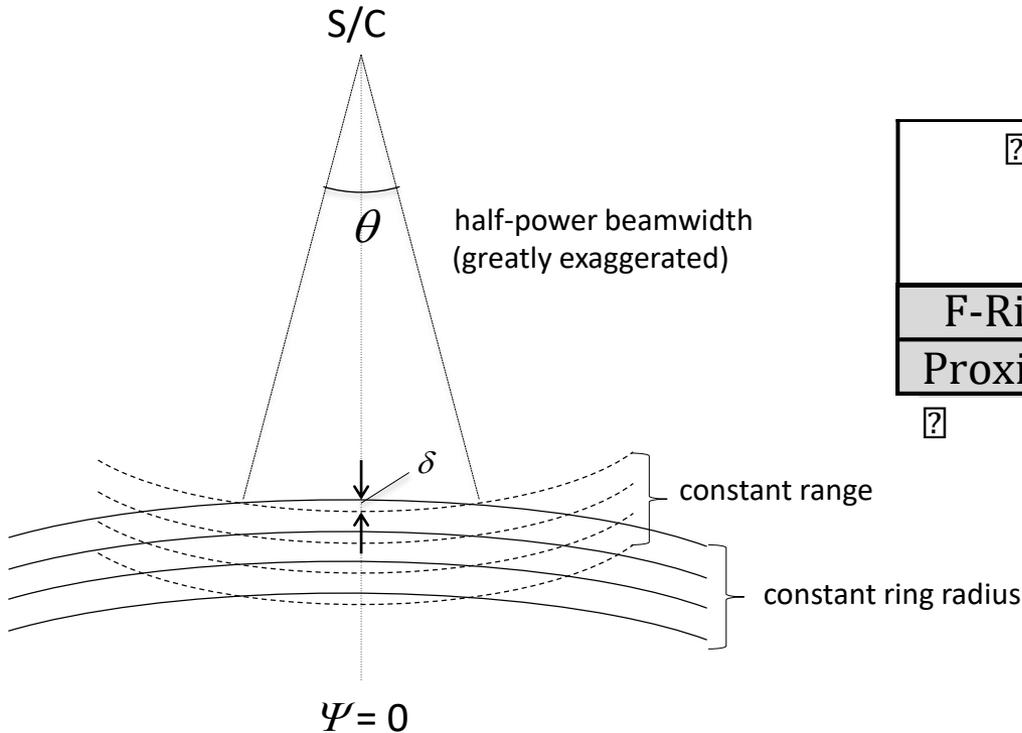
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1-D Range Slicing



Geometric Smearing

δ	Inner Ring [m]	Outer Ring [m]
F-Ring Orbit	500	75
Proximal Orbit	80	450

Observing point centered at zero azimuth angle relative to spacecraft



Summary

- Full ring scans (A-C rings) for rev's 276, 277, 282.
 - Achieves radius resolutions of about 4 km while maintaining good measurement quality.
- Rev 260 is highest quality because it carries the observation closest to the ring plane crossing
- Rev 282 uses reverse scan direction to achieve incidence diversity in the A and B rings when combined with Rev 277 using a normal C to A scan.



Zoom in Focusing on A Ring and Cassini Division

