

Space Weather Observing Systems

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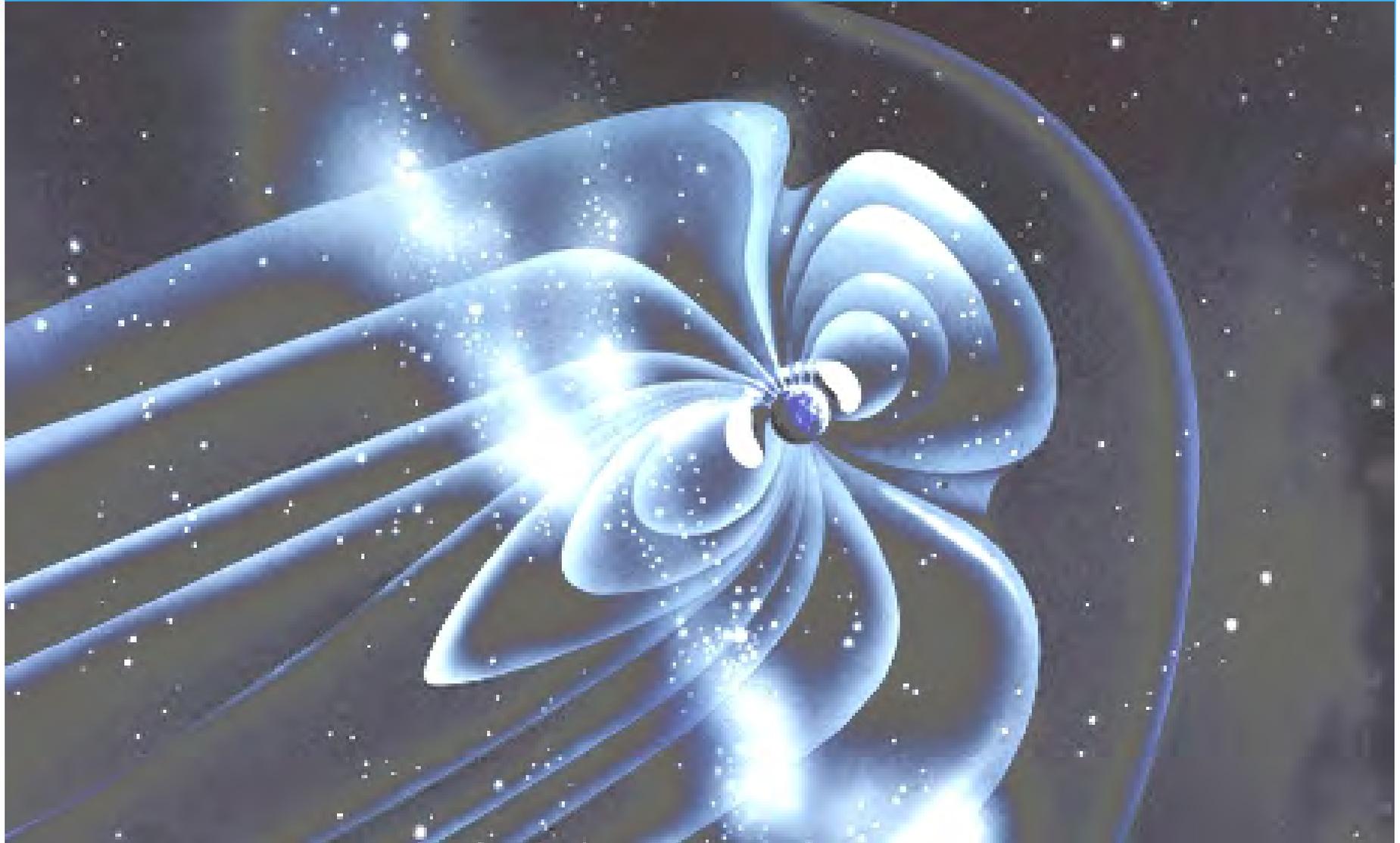


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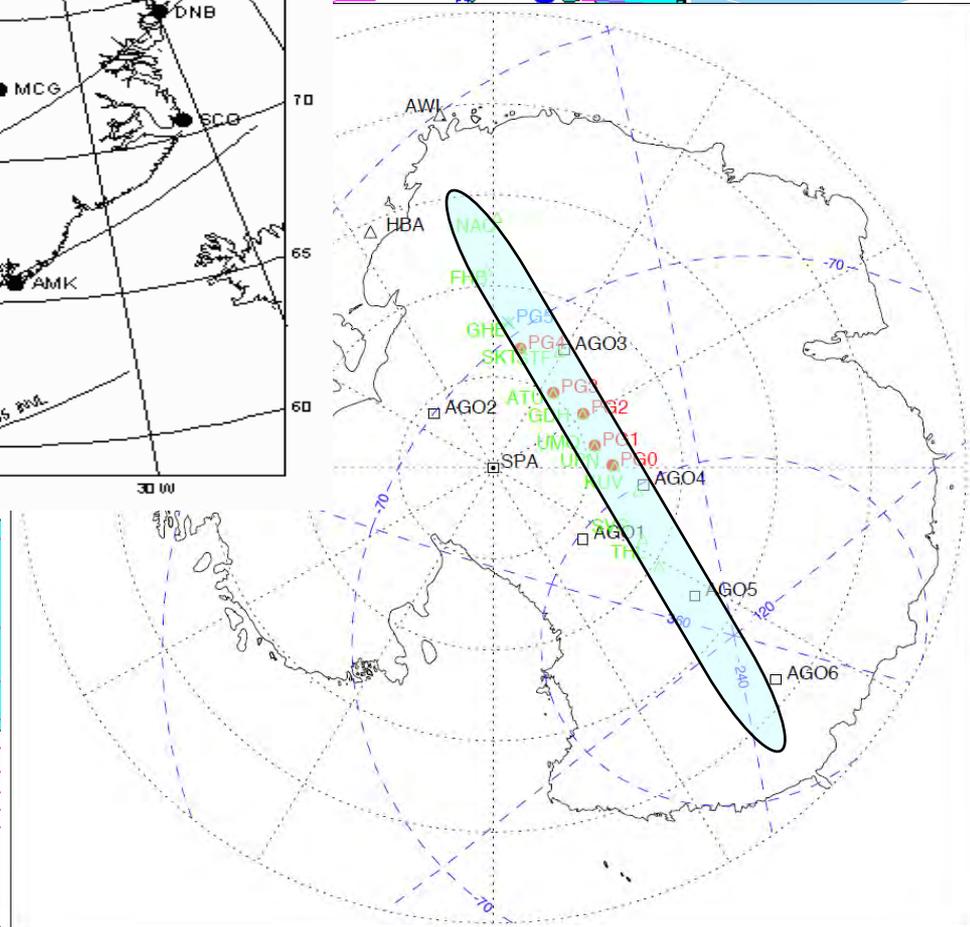
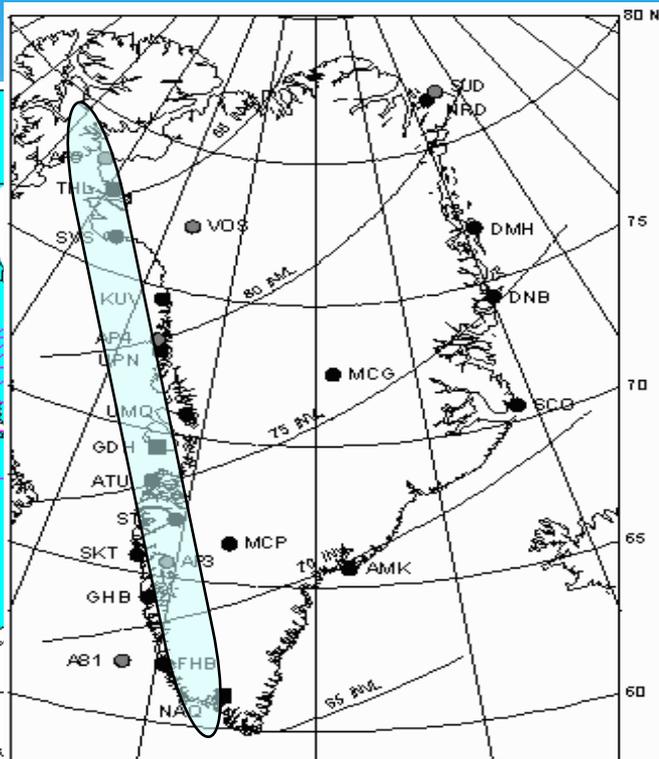
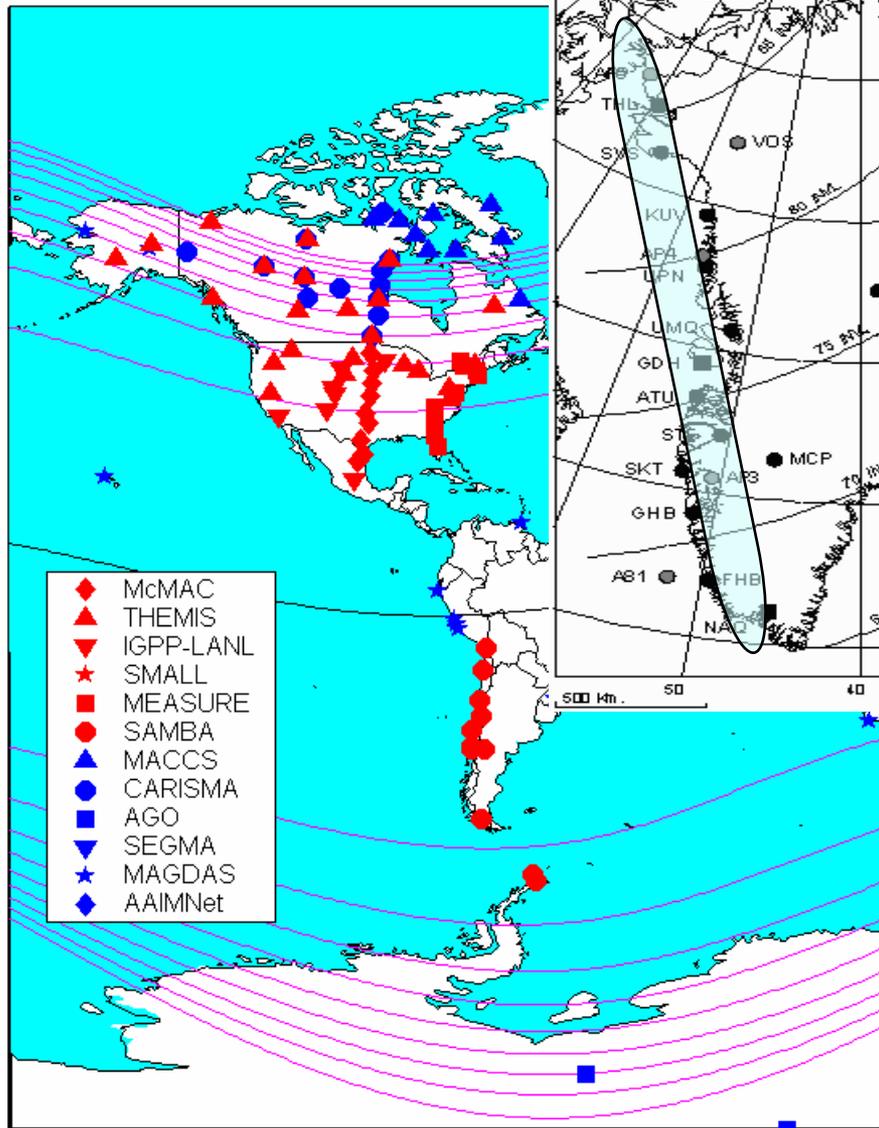


Earth's magnetopause projects over polar regions





Global / Conjugate Ground Magnetometer Networks





Polar Plots

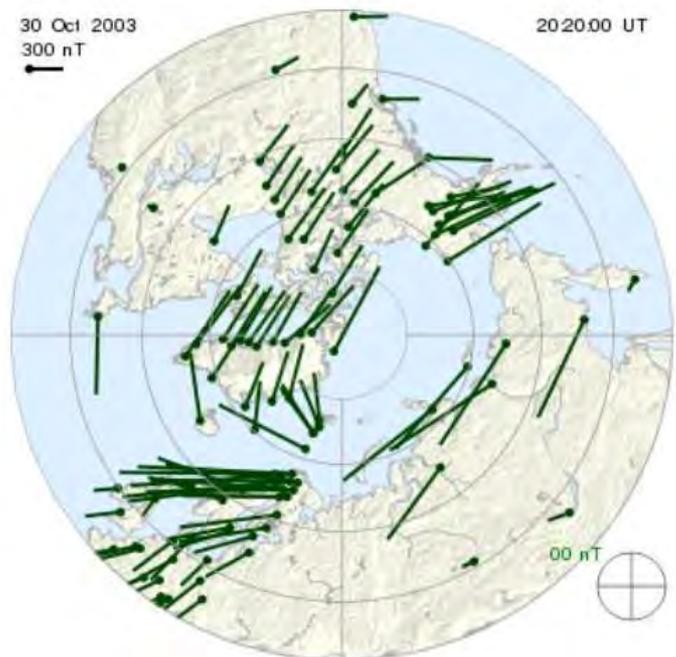
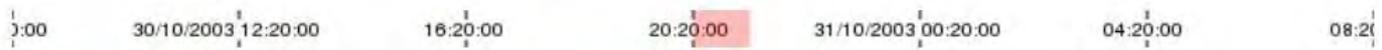


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Projection
 North South Both
 Geomagnetic Geographic
Stereographic (40° min.lat)
Fixed Local Time 0

Magnetometer Vectors
 Ground Magnetometer Vectors
 Reference Vector



Space@VT SuperDARN

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CONVECTION MAP BROWSER

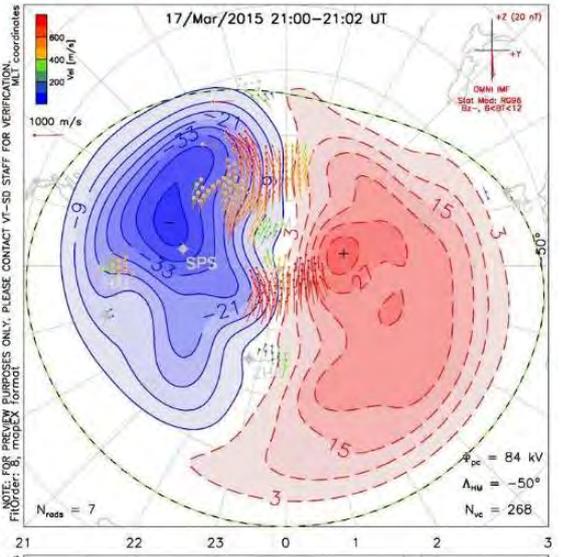
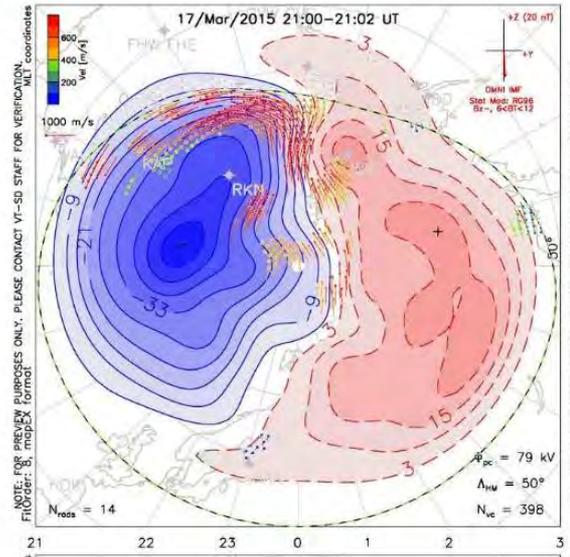
- [Click here for historical convection maps \(2000-2009\)](#)

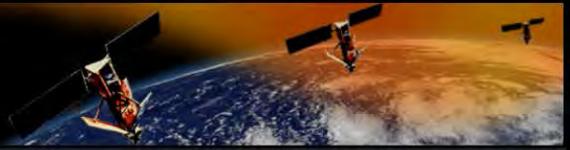
This browser tool gives you access to plots of the ionospheric convection pattern determined from SuperDARN radar observations. Using the 'Option' menu, select to see (i) the pattern from application of the standard Map Potential algorithm (default), (ii) gridded line-of-sight velocities, or, (iii) the pattern from application of the SuperDARN Assimilative Mapping (SAM) algorithm. (What is SuperDARN Assimilative Mapping (SAM)?)

NOTE: The dates may not work correctly when using the Safari browser. It is recommended using Chrome or Firefox web browsers if you have a problem viewing certain dates.

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2015 Mar 17 21:00 UT
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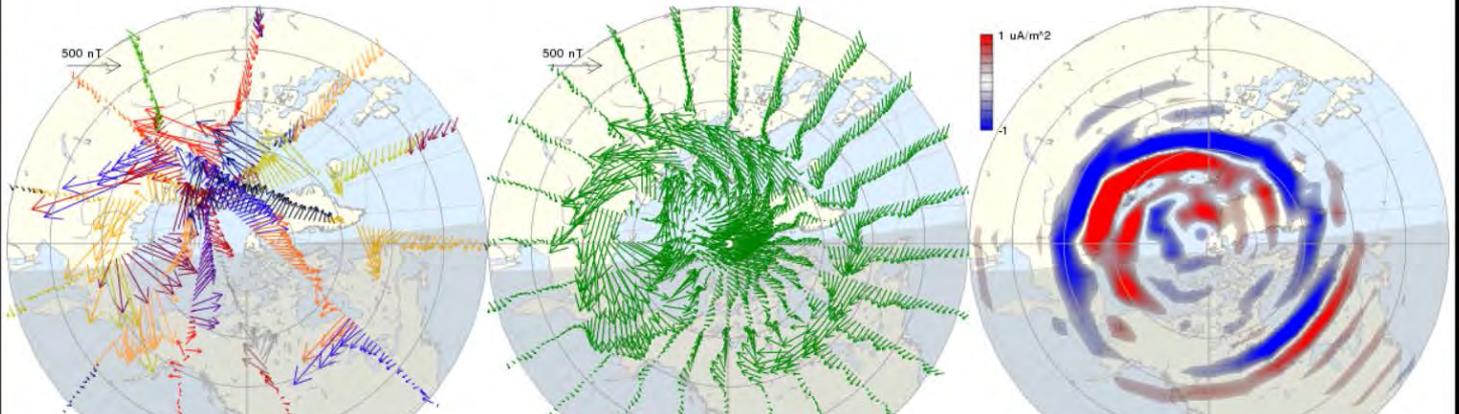


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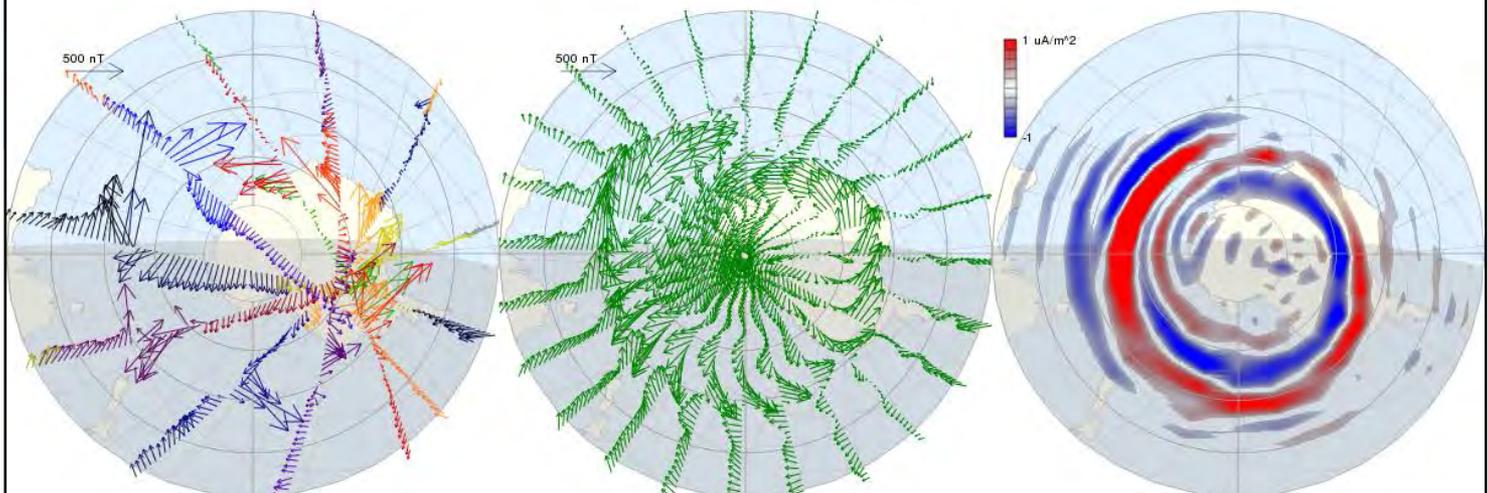
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(north)



(south)



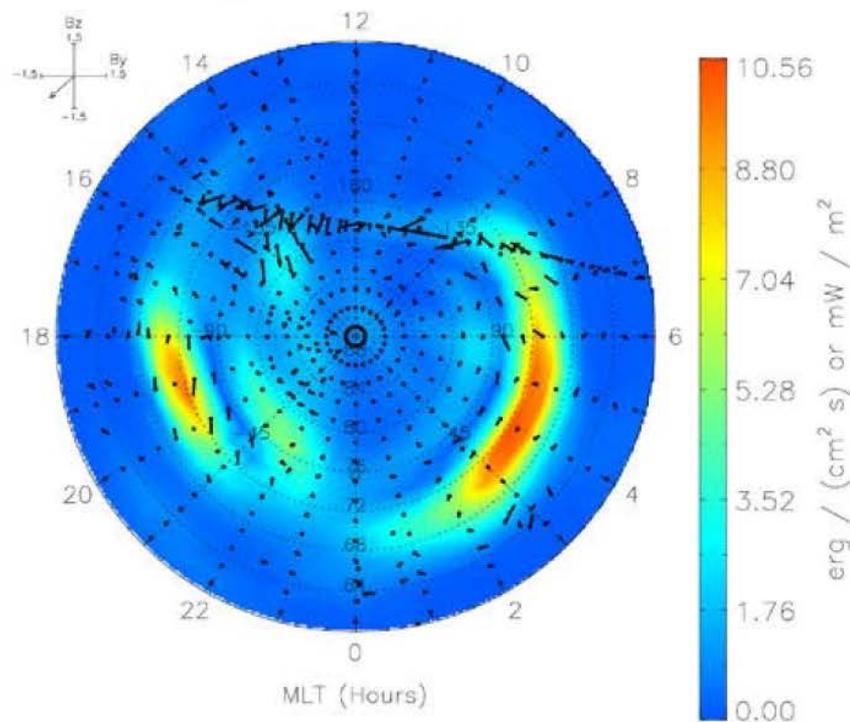
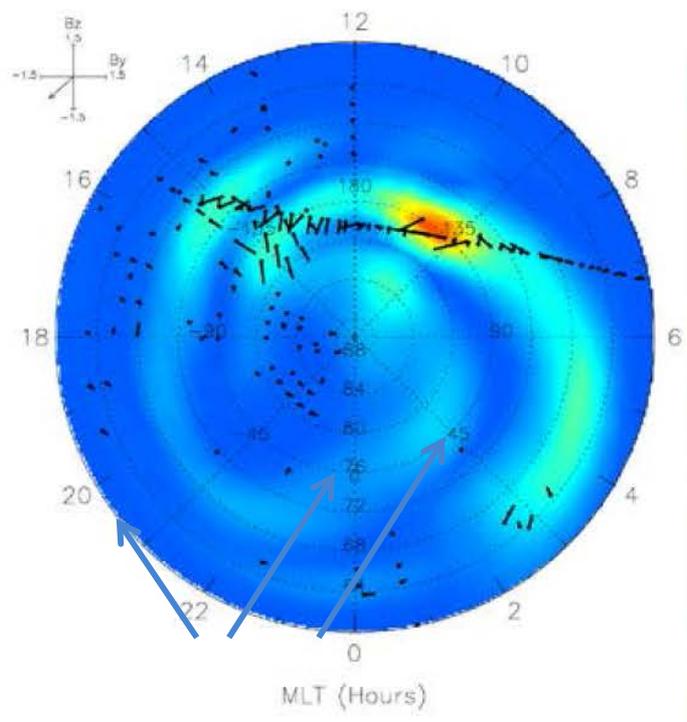
Ionospheric Electrodynamics

Ionospheric Integrated **Joule Heating** from NCAR-AMIE
 00:30-00:40 UT 5 April 2010

Wilder et al., JGR, 2012

Ground magnetometers,
 DMSP E-field, SuperDARN

AMPERE Data Included



Broad regions without data can be filled in with AMPERE observations

AMPERE Yields a Dramatic Change in Heating Distribution and Intensity



Space Weather Specification and Forecast

Connecting ftp.sec.noaa.gov The last available ACE data (2015/09/21 1821 UT) :

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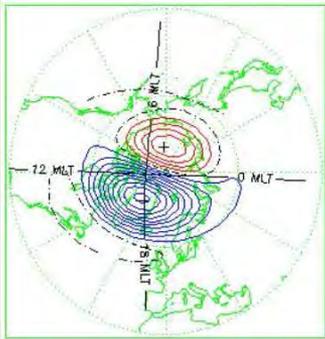
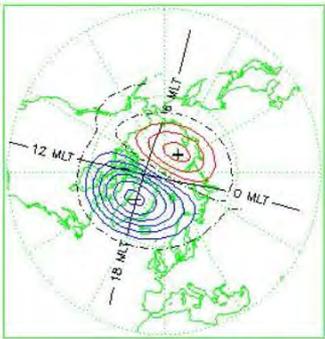
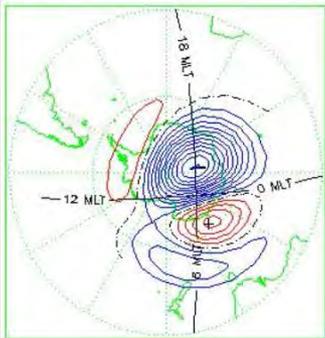
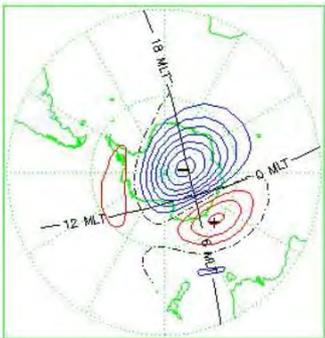
Solar wind speed V= 508 km/sec, Proton density= 3.90 cm³

Time submitted : 2015-09-21 18:23 UT

Starting calculation

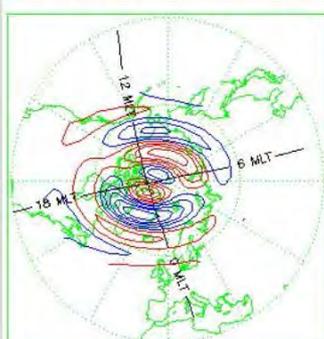
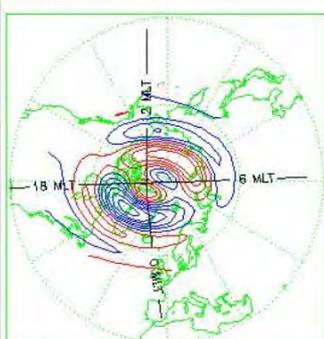
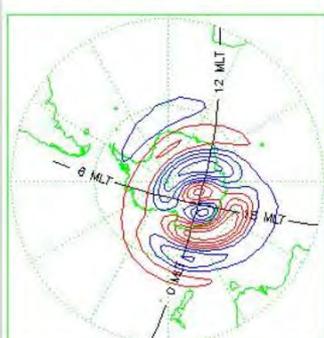
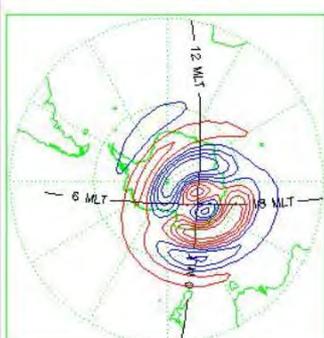
Space Weather Specification and Forecast
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DICM - DMSP Ionospheric Convection Model
Northern Equinox and Southern Equinox

CURRENT	FORECAST
2015-09-21 18:18 UT used $\Delta T = 52$ min IMF (nT) Bx= -4.00 By= 0.20 Bz= 2.00	2015-09-21 19:05 UT used $\Delta T = 53$ min IMF (nT) Bx= -4.90 By= 0.10 Bz= 0.60
	
Max = 7.26 kV Min = -15.41 kV Contour interval = 1.50 kV	Max = 10.14 kV Min = -18.91 kV Contour interval = 3.00 kV
	
Max = 6.39 kV Min = -18.04 kV Contour interval = 1.50 kV	Max = 9.40 kV Min = -22.25 kV Contour interval = 3.00 kV

Space Weather Specification and Forecast
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Ørsted/Magsat Field-Aligned Currents Model
Northern Equinox and Southern Equinox

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SWMF2011 Ionospheric Potential and Polar Cap Boundary

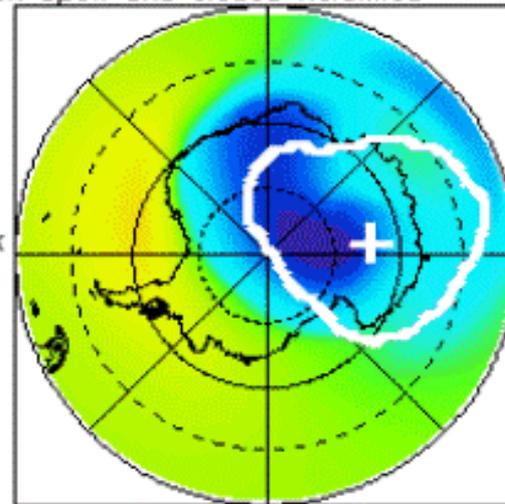
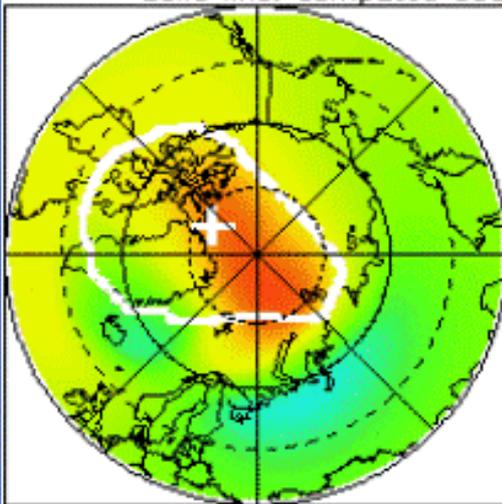
SWMF2011 Ionospheric Potential and Polar Cap Boundary

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Northern Hemisphere

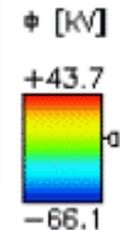
Southern Hemisphere

solid line: computed boundary between open and closed fieldlines



down dusk

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midnight

noon

Model at CCMC: BATSRUS

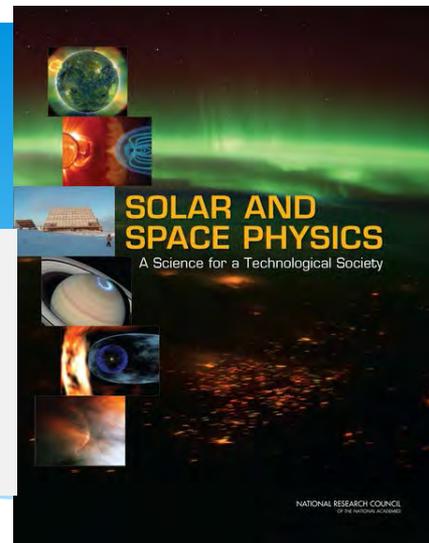
The CCMC at NASA/GSFC regularly runs the SWMF code for real-time Geospace characterization. The code, designated with the BATS-R-US MHD model and an ionospheric electrodynamics solver, now has the RCM inner magnetospheric drift physics code.

The NOAA/SWPC currently tests SWMF aiming to make it “Space Weather Operational Framework”.



2013 Decadal Strategy for Solar & Space Physics (Heliophysics)

- **DRIVE** would provide high leverage to current and future space science research investments.
- Five **DRIVE** components are “basic building blocks” in which NSF already invests... and will continue to invest!



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- **Diversify** observing platforms with microsattellites and midscale ground-based assets
- **Realize** scientific potential by sufficiently funding operations and data analysis
- **Integrate** observing platforms and strengthen ties between agency disciplines
- **Venture** forward with science centers and instrument and technology development
- **Educate**, empower, and inspire the next generation of space researchers