



# Improving Space-based Data for Data Assimilation

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# Overview

- Defense Meteorological Satellite Program Data
  - Particles
  - Magnetic Field
  - Electric Field
- AMPERE and ST5 (in preparation for SWARM)
  - Compare satellite dB's in common reference frame
- Determine agreement between and weightings for various data sets
- Space-based data assimilation: AMIENext
- Geospace Response

# DMSP

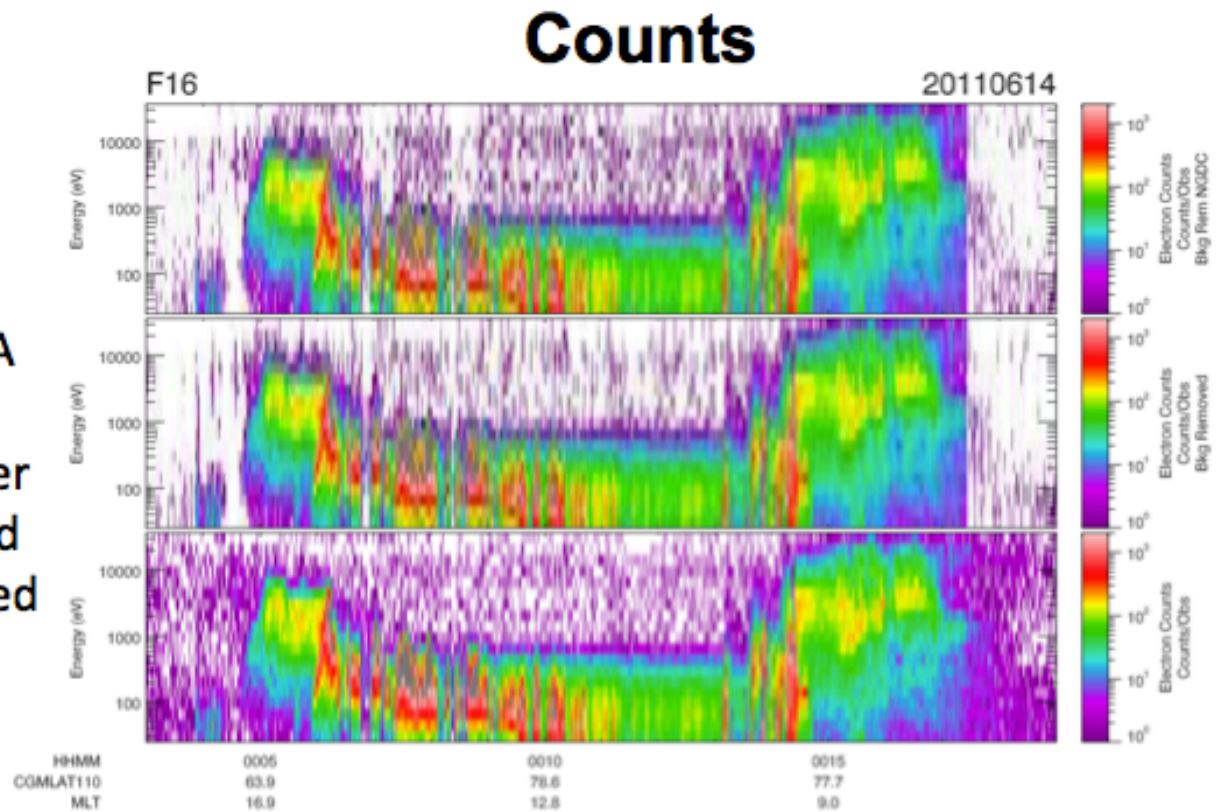
- Data “clean-up” and baseline removal for data archived at NGDC
  - Most recent 15 years of data archived at NGDC
  - Close cooperation with data experts
- Particle Data
  - Provide satellite location on 1 second basis
  - Remove background radiation contamination
  - Place in VO this year
- Magnetometer Data
  - Provide satellite location on 1 second basis
  - Improve high latitude baseline removal
  - Inter-compare with other satellite mags
  - Place in VO next year
- Ion Drift and RPA Data
  - Provide satellite location on 1 second basis
  - Address Quality flag issue
  - Inter-compare with other data
  - Place in VO in ?? years

# SSJ Background Estimation and Contamination Removal Uncertainty Estimates

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## Counts Comparison:

- Top to bottom:  
NGDC, SSDP, Obs
- Both remove CPS and SAA  
(not shown)
- NGDC initially looks noisier
  - $|\text{counts}| < 0$  retained
  - $\sim 53$  “spikes” removed



## SSJ Error Propagation

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- Relative or Absolute Uncertainties?
- Differential Energy Flux Relative Uncertainty

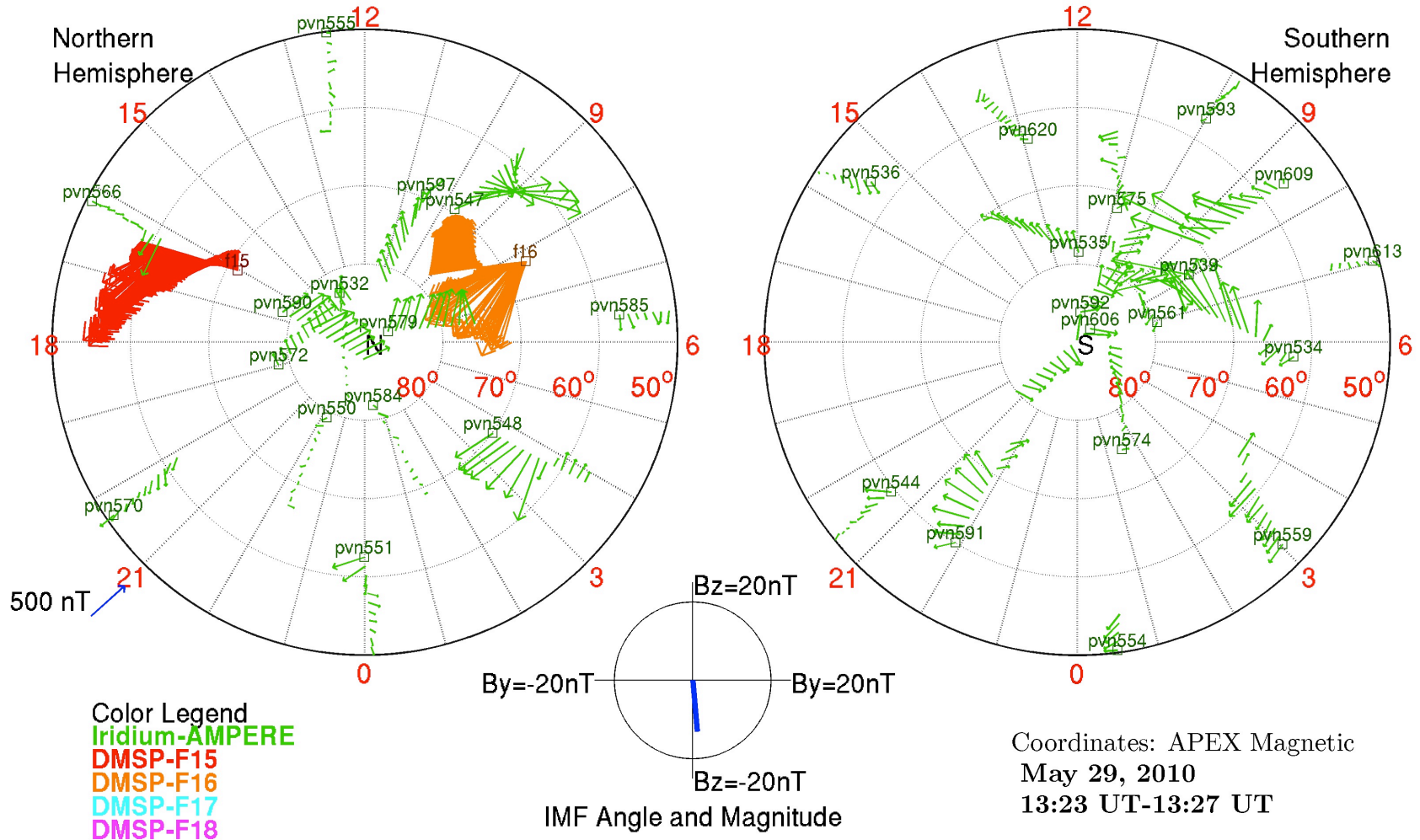
$$\frac{\sigma_{j_E(E_i, \Omega)}}{j_E(E_i, \Omega)} = \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_C}{Counts}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{GF}}{GF}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{\eta(E_i)}}{\eta(E_i)}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{\Delta E_i}}{\Delta E_i}\right)^2}$$

- Total Energy Flux Relative Uncertainty

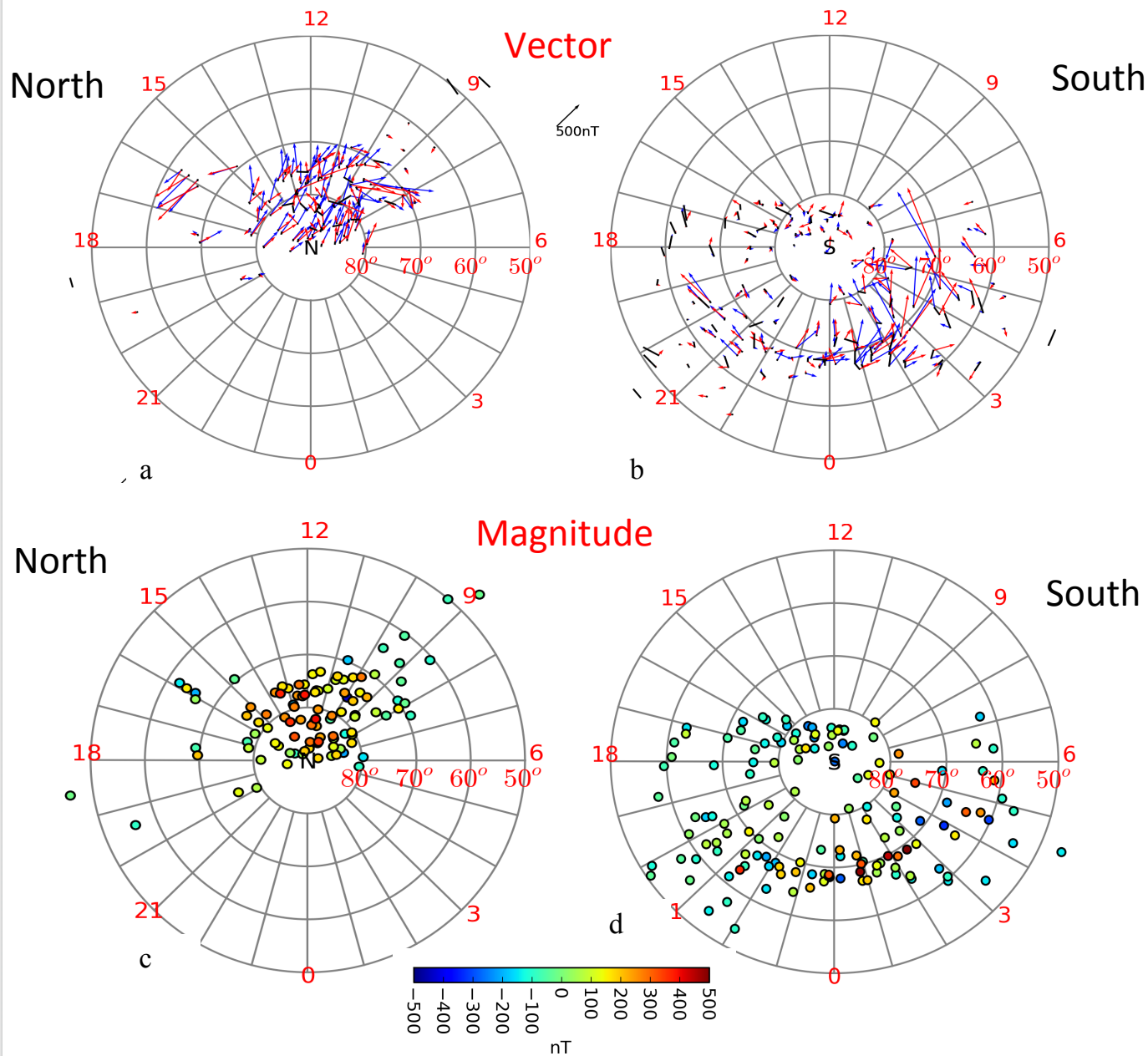
$$\frac{\sigma_{JE_{Total}(\Omega)}}{JE_{Total}(\Omega)} = \pm \frac{1}{\Delta E_{Total}} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{19} (\Delta E_i \sigma_{j_E(E_i, \Omega)})^2} / JE_{Total}(\Omega)$$

Provide Error Estimates with Original and “Decontaminated” Data

# AMPERE-DMSP perturbations @ 110 km in Modified Apex Coordinates



# 29 May DMSP-AMPERE dB's during Magnetic Conjunctions (within 3°, +/- 90 s)



Conjunctions calculated  
in APEX Coordinates

Blue –DMSP  
Red- AMPERE

Significant discrepancies  
In NH polar cap and cusp  
DMSP > AMPERE  
Larger during high  
activity

Some discrepancies in  
SH high-lat auroral zone

Knipp et al., Accepted,  
*Space Weather*

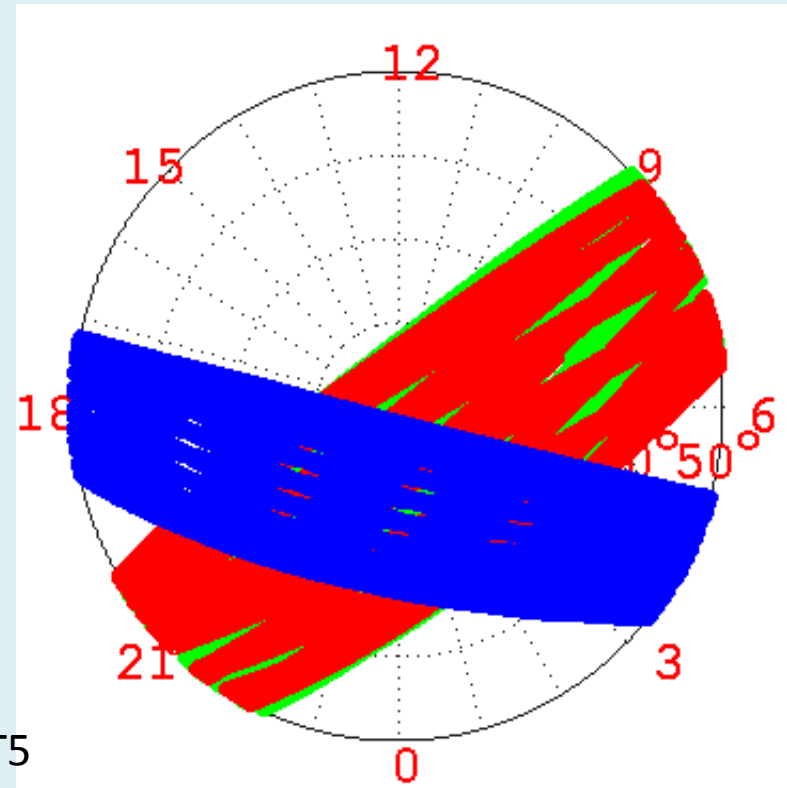
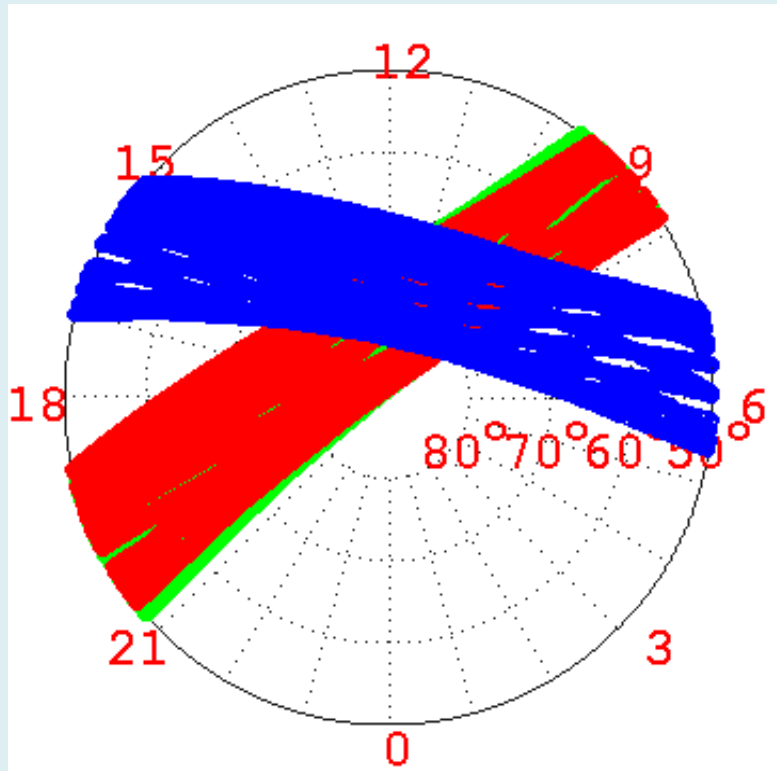
# Determine/Describe the Quality of DMSP Mag Data

Choose interval with overlap of quality magnetic measurements

ST5 Constellation mid March-Mid June 2006

North

South

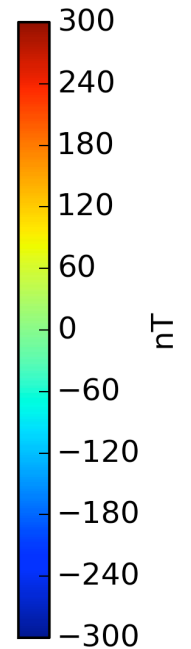
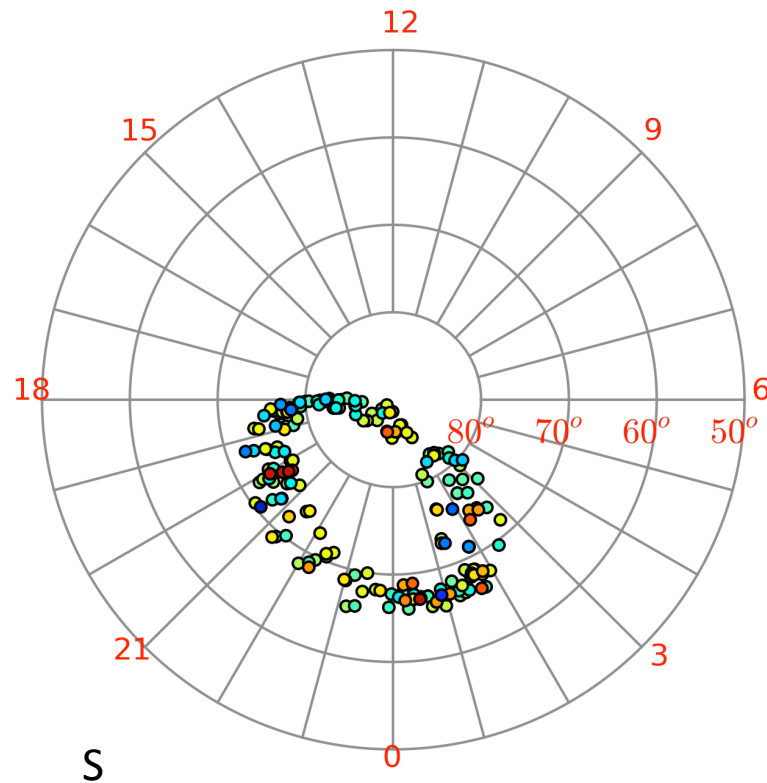
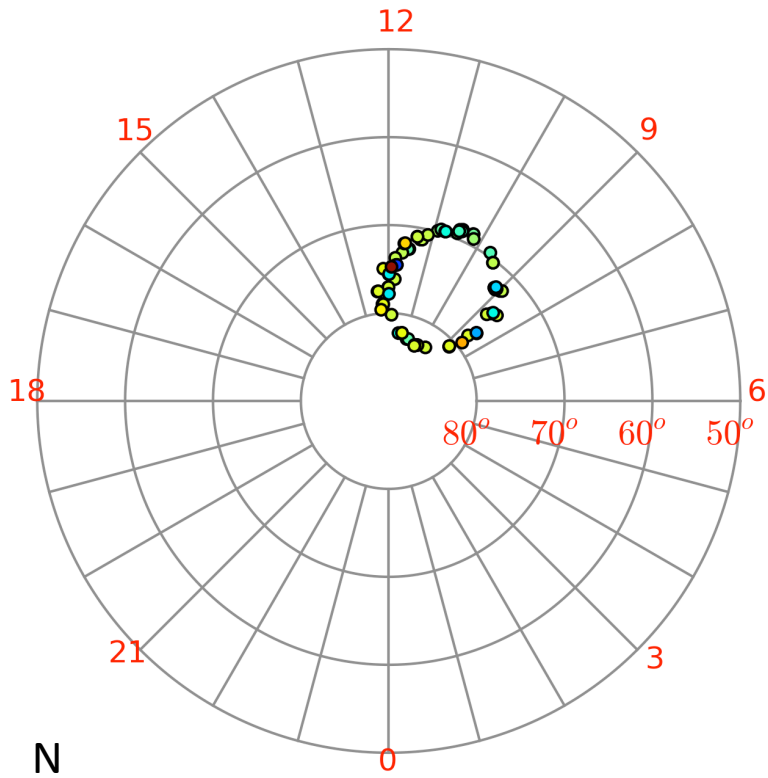


Blue ST5  
Red/Green DMSP

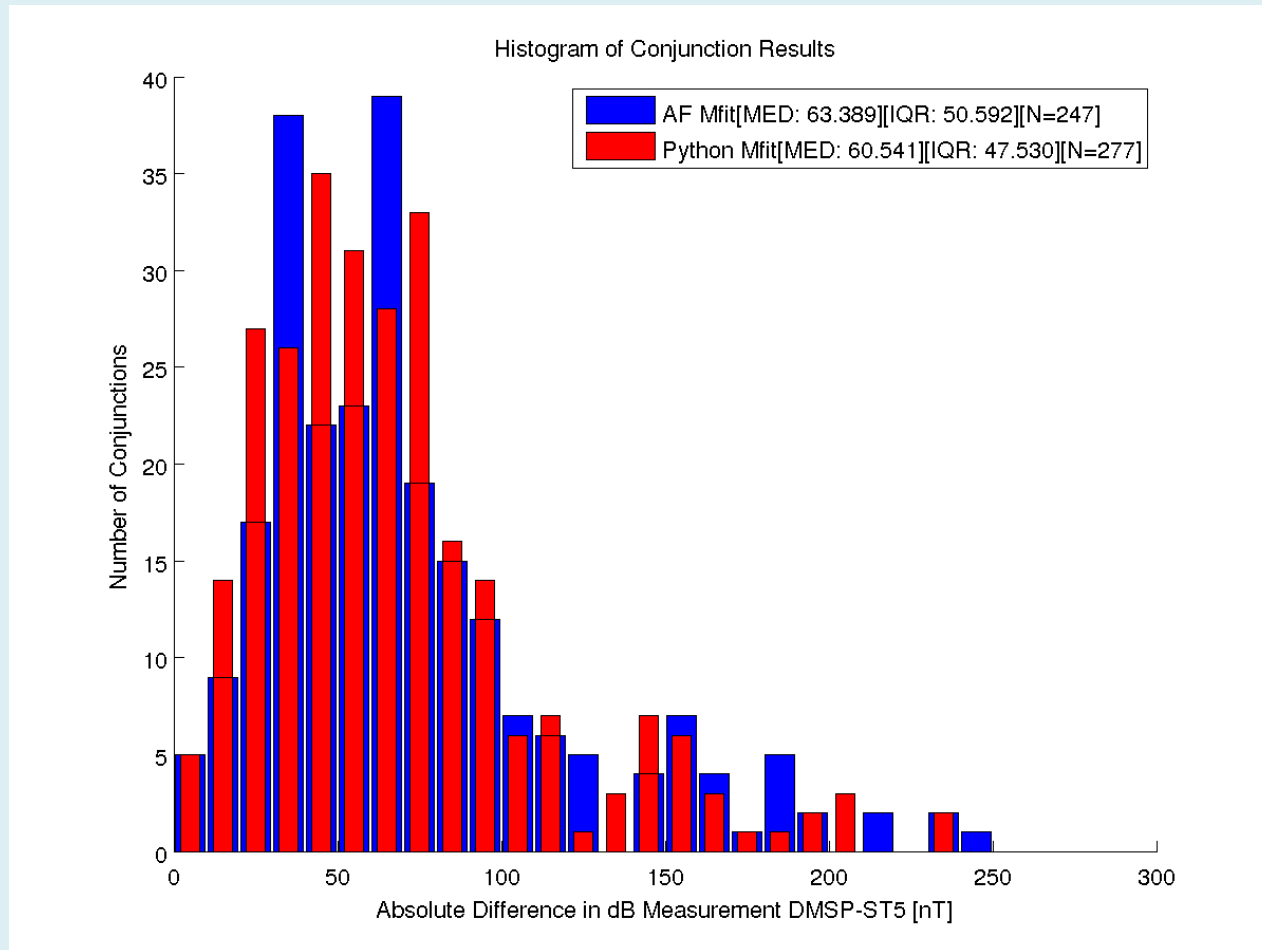


# Find Conjunctions between Magnetometers on Different Spacecraft

277 Conjunctions: Do the Measurements Agree? If not: Why not



# Reduce Disagreement by Improving Baseline Removal

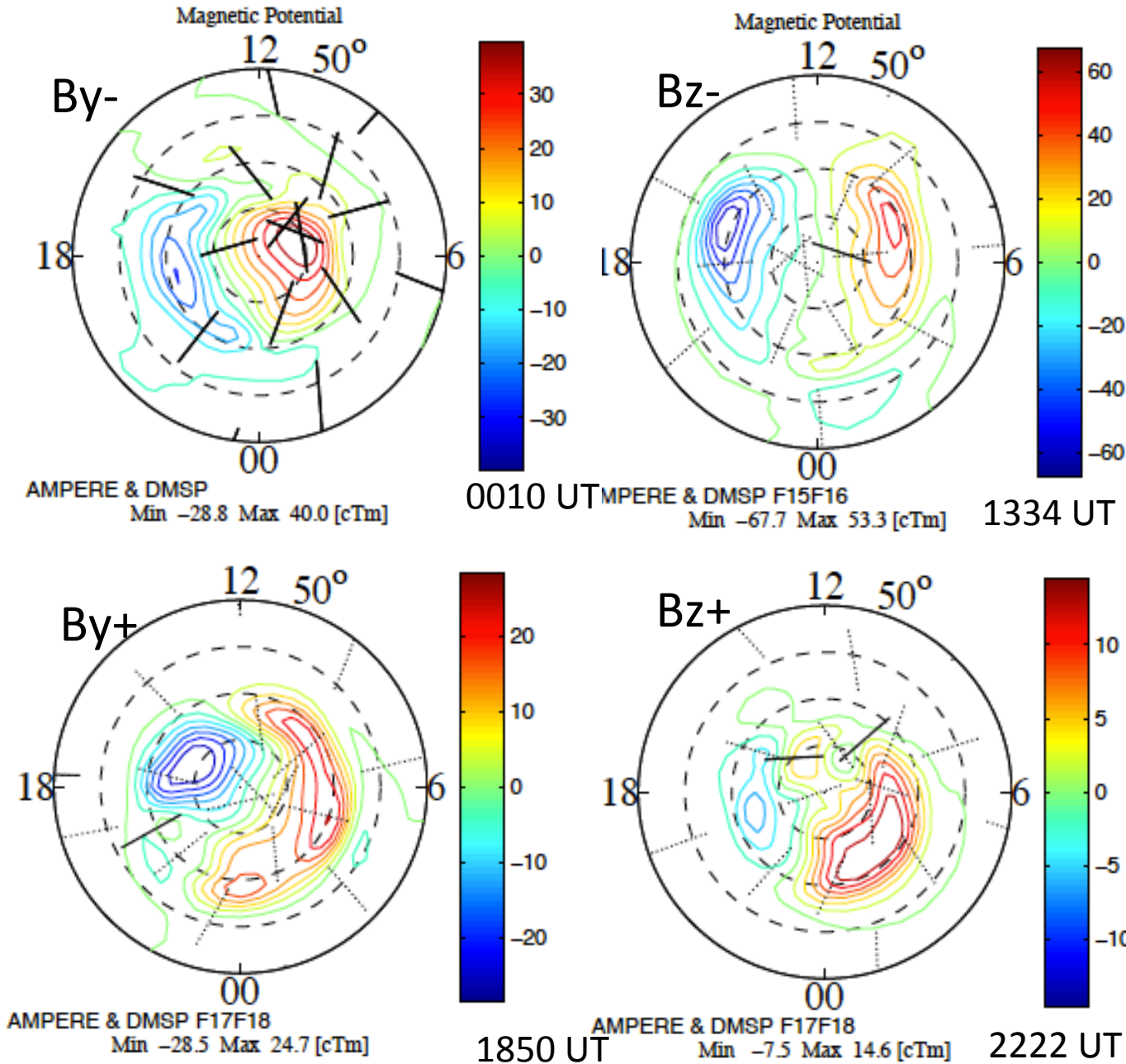


Reduce agreement by  $\sim 20$  nT

Median disagreement now at 60 nT for measurements within  $3^\circ$  and 90 sec

Growing confidence in revised DMSP mag observations

# AMIENext Mag Potential Morphology

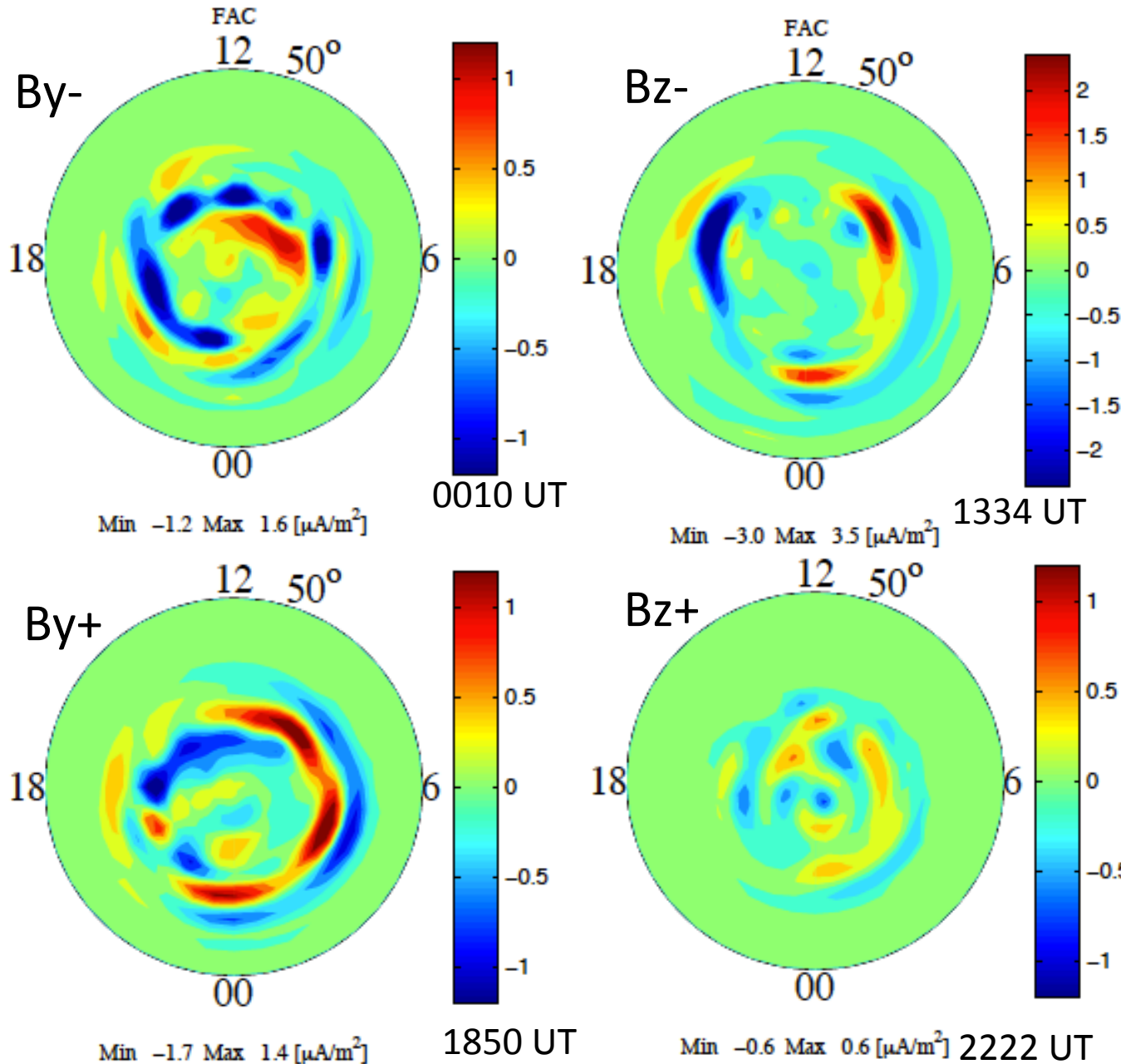


Left Colum:  
Expected twist of  
potential for IMF By  
changes

Right Column  
Bz- Two Cell  
Bz+ Four Cell

View from above  
north geomagnetic  
pole; noon at top

# AMIENext FAC Morphology



Left Column:  
Expected shift in FAC  
morphology for IMF  
 $B_y$  changes

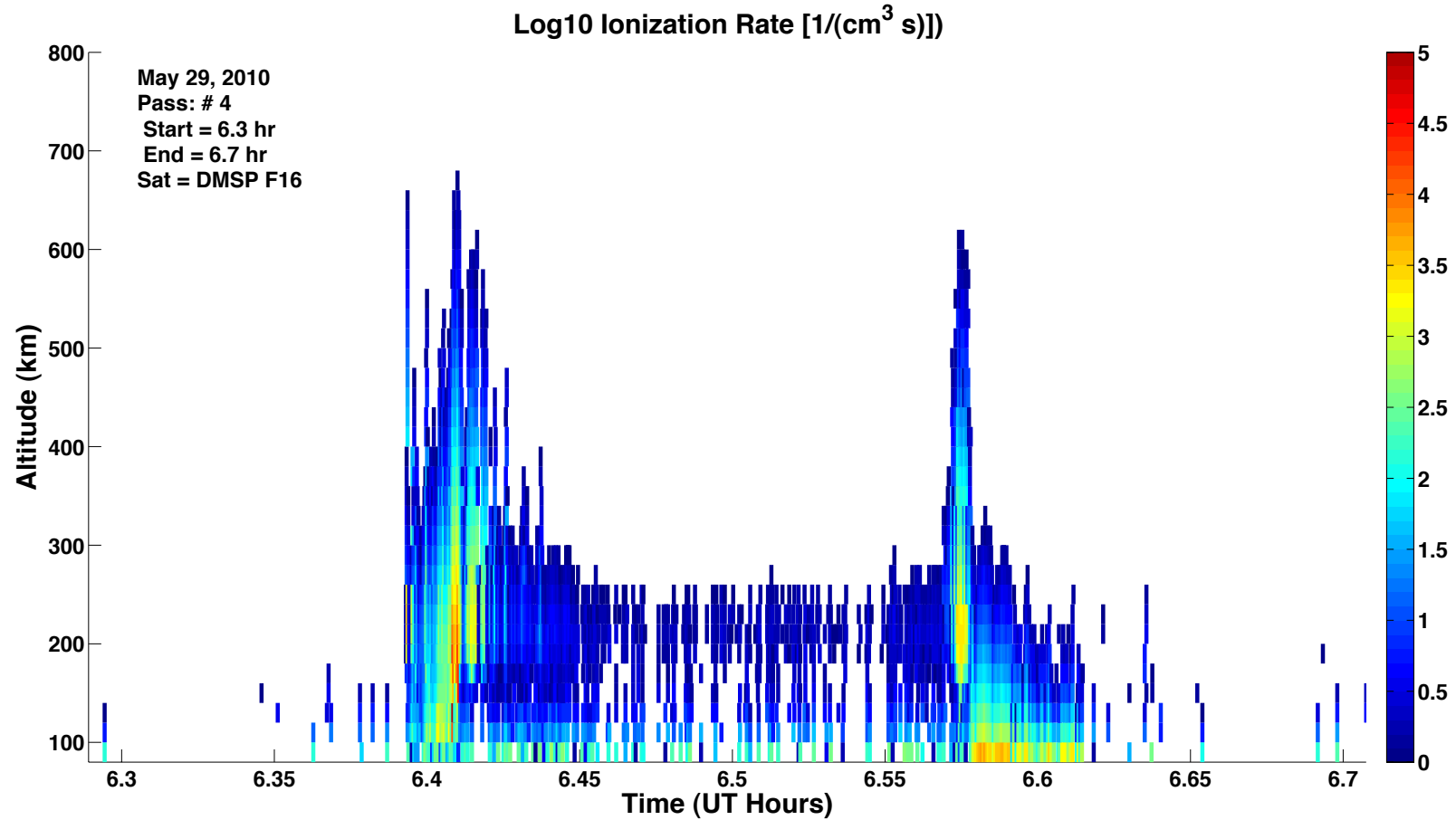
Right Column:  
 $B_z-$  Strong Region 1  
and 2 currents  
 $B_z+$  Weak Reversed  
NBZ current

View from above  
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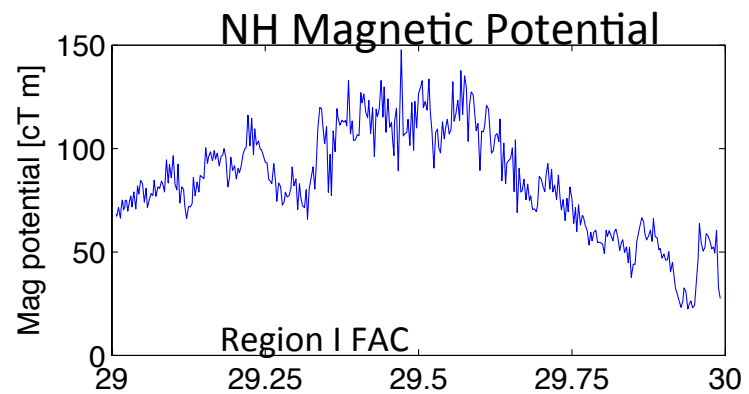
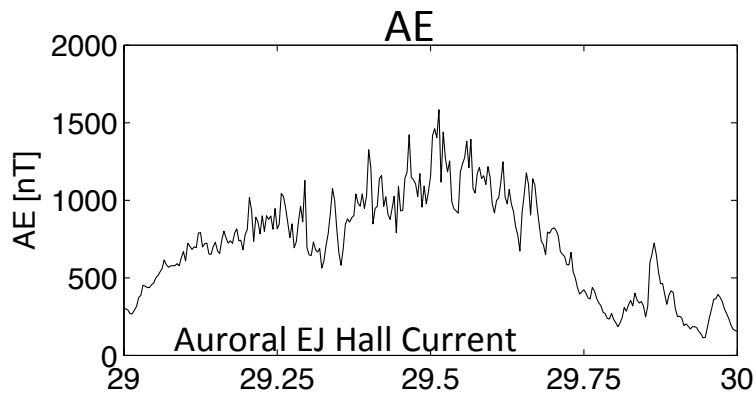
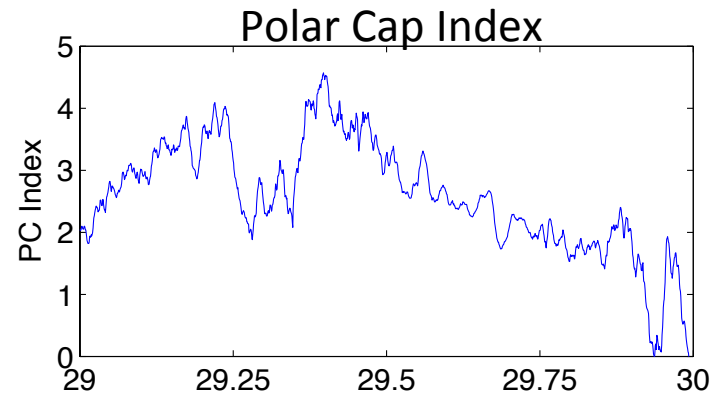
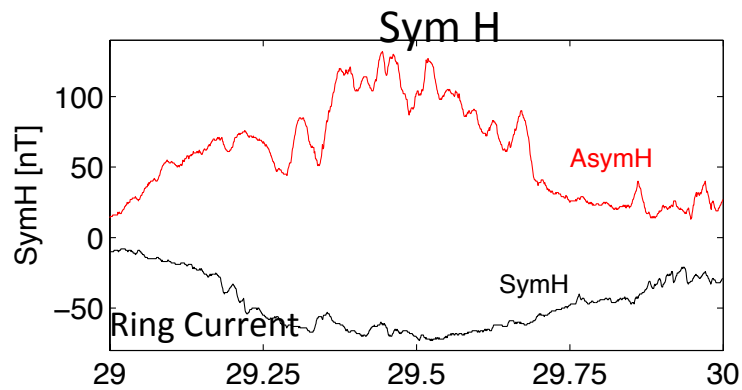
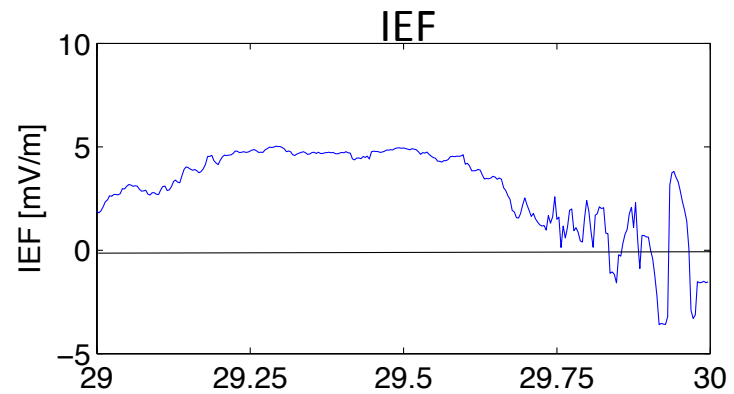
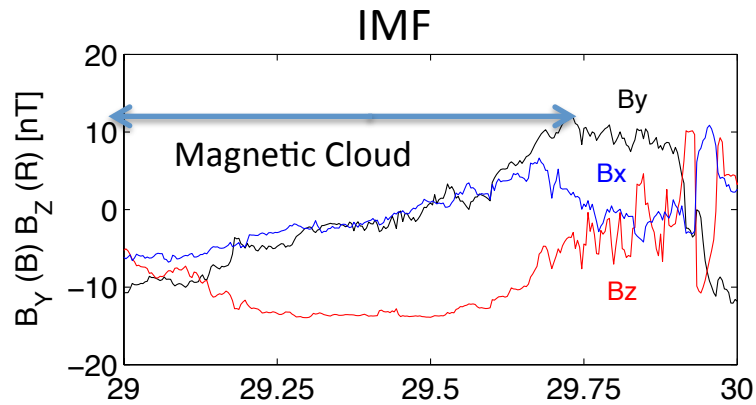
Blue Downward FAC  
Red Upward FAC

Note scale difference  
to  $B_z-$

# Two Dimension Conductance



# Geospace Response



# Summary

- Significant progress in improving accessibility and utility of DMSP particle data
  - Solar Cycle + worth of data headed to VO
- Good progress in baseline removal and comparison of DMSP mag data
- Data merging, comparison and assimilation for mag data are underway
- Challenges remain for recent decade of DMSP electric field data