Observations of Poynting flux in the dayside cusp region at different altitudes

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Motivation

- Correlation of Poynting flux(PF) and particle precipitation is very important at cusp region
- Influence on the thermosphere is different for different relative distributions of PF and particle precipitation

GITM simulation results





Non-matched

[Cheng.2015]

Matched

Methodology

- Data:
- DMSP F15 2000-2004
- Cluster1 Aug-Oct. 2004
- $S = E \times dB/\mu_0$
- dB = measured magnetic field—background field
- Mapping: To get PF at 300km from Cluster altitudes [T. Zivkovic.2015]



Without Clear PF



DMSP Results



Cluster Results



Blue line is 1s average

Cluster Results

	Numbers	Percentage
S>10	20	41%
3 <s<10< th=""><th>15</th><th>31%</th></s<10<>	15	31%
1<\$<3	8	16%
S<1	6	12%



Conclusion

- At DMSP altitudes, half cases show a significant Poynting flux enhancement (S>10) in the cusp region, 85% cases show a clear Poynting flux(S>3) and only 4% case show no-clear Poynting flux (S<1) in the cusp region
- At DMSP altitudes, the chance to observe significant Poynting flux in cusp region is higher than in LLBL region.
- It also has a higher chance to observe significant Poynting flux at DMSP altitudes than at Cluster altitudes.
- At Cluster altitudes(4~8Re), it also shows significant upward Poynting flux in the cusp region (52%), which has not been observed in the DMSP measurements.

Thank You!