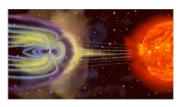
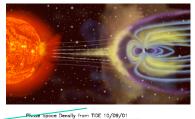
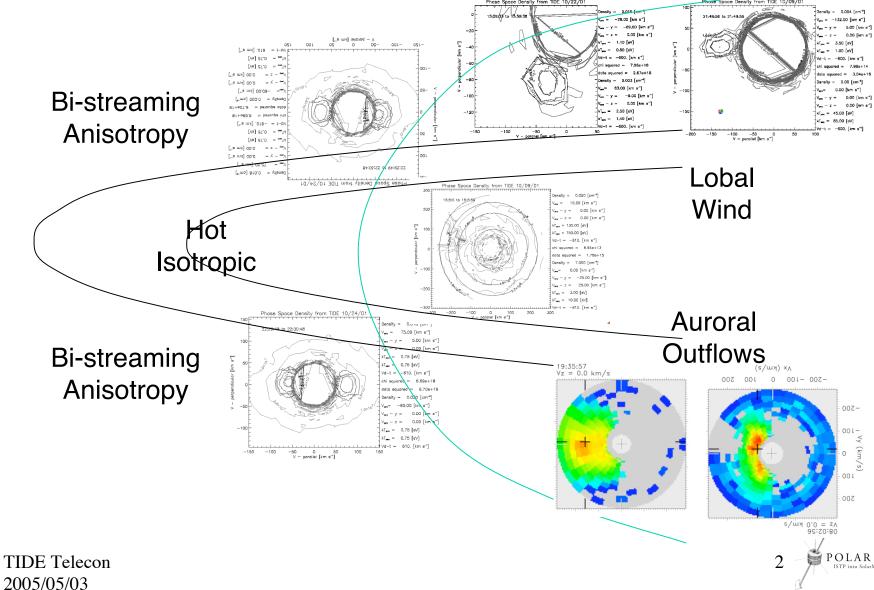
# Substorm Cold Plasma Ejections



- T. E. Moore, S. Christon, S. Chen, J Goldstein
- Synopsis:
  - Polar's visit to the nightside plasma sheet with apogee (9.5 RE) near equator produced a new category of event
  - Bursts of cold plasma seen to be ejected away from Earth
  - Precedes substorm hot plasma injection front arrival
  - Believed related to plasmaspheric dynamics in substorms
  - Suggests that the injection-dipolarization begins at a particular site as a 1 Re amplitude oscillation
  - May reflect reconnection-driven BBF shedding vortexes?
  - May indicate a local instability?

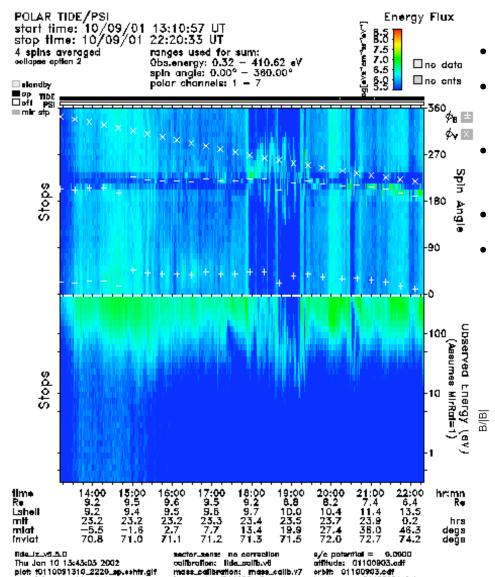
## Plasma Sheet Velocity Distribs





#### **Active Thin Plasma Sheet**

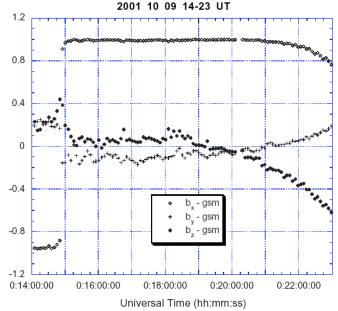




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- Neutral sheet crossing left.
- Bi-directional streaming left center
- Auroral outflows right center
- "Lobal Wind" at right
- Current sheet "eruption"?



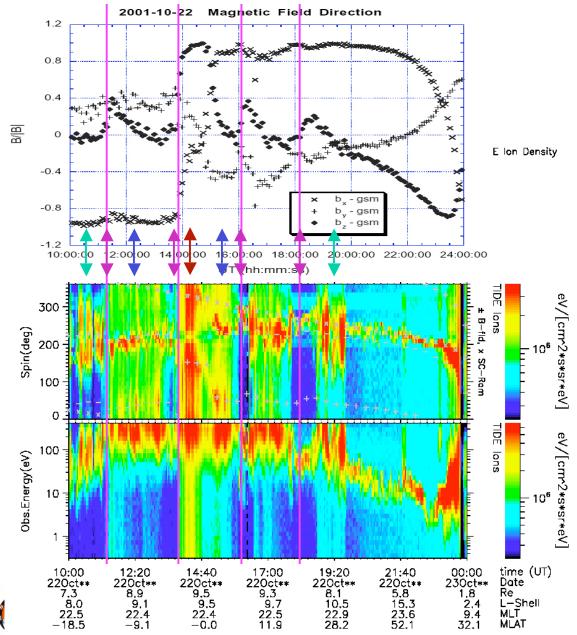


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no minimum aubtracted

#### Plasma Sheet Structure w/ Substorms



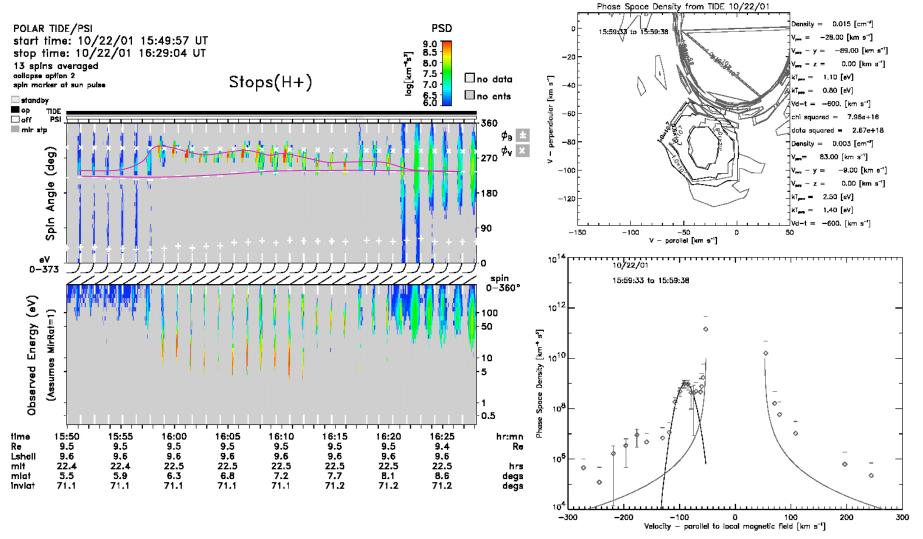


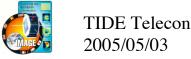
- Lobal wind threads entire pass.
- Auroral heating processes
   observed next to lobe
- Bidirectional streaming either side of neutral sheet
- Hot component mixed with bidirectional streams
- Isotropic hot plasma at neutral sheet
- Bz shows series of dipolarization events.
- Excursions into lobe (cold lobal wind), and back into plasma sheet.
- Lobal wind exceeded by drift toward neutral sheet

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### Lobal Wind Streams in Dipolarization

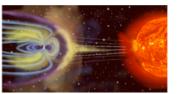




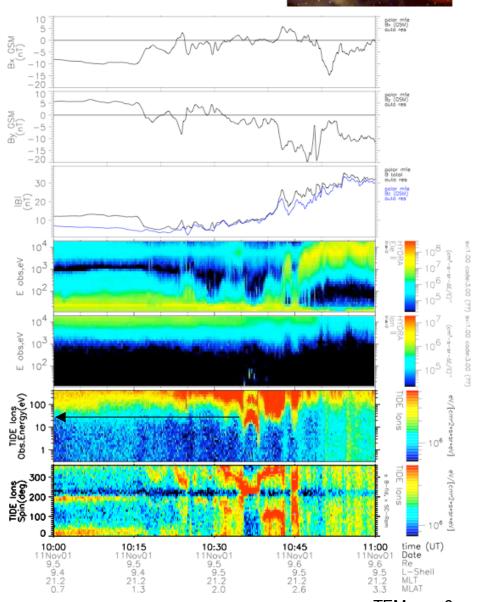




## Substorm Cold Plasma Ejections



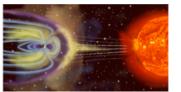
- Substorm Injection 11 Nov 2001
- Polar at 9.5 RE, 21.2 MLT
- Begins with bidirectional streaming
- A wavelike disturbance begins 30 min prior to the local hot plasma injection
- Continues until the local dipolarization/injection
- Lowest energy, highest flux in outward burst.
- ~20eV H+ ~ 50 km/s 180s, displacement ~ 1.5 RE



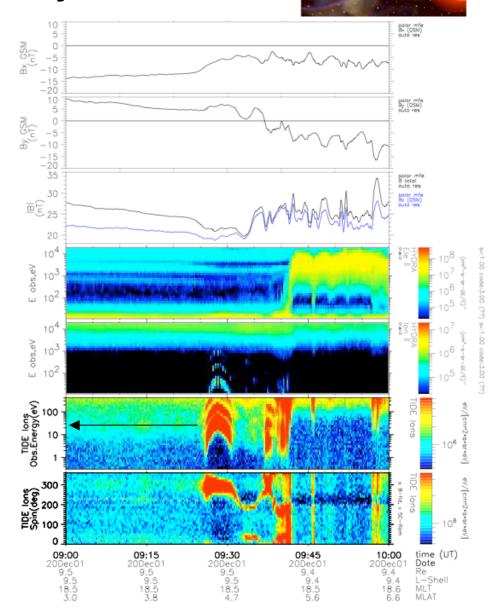
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## Substorm Cold Plasma Ejections



- Substorm Injection 20 Dec 2001
- Polar at 9.5 RE, 18.5 MLT
- Begins w/o bidirectional streams
- A wavelike disturbance begins
   15 min prior to the local hot plasma injection
- Alternates outward bursts with bidirectional streams
- Lowest energy, highest flux in outward burst.
- ~20eV H+ ~ 50 km/s 180s, displacement ~ 1.5 RE



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# Velocity Distributions 18:30

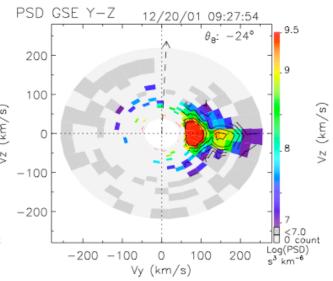
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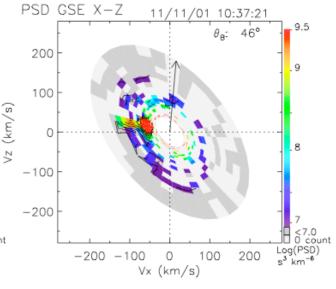


**ULF** radial oscillations

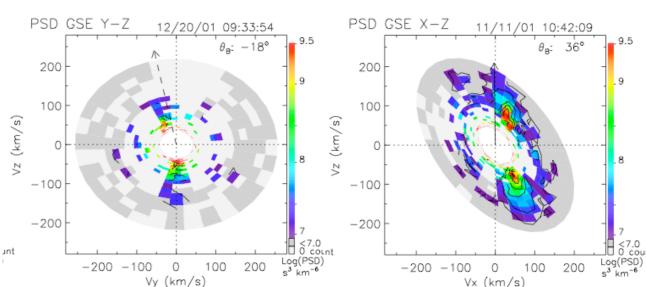
> **Cold stationary** during outward half cycle

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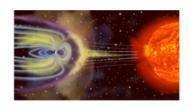
**Bidirectional** stream during Earthward half cycle



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### **IMAGEing Propagating Injection Fronts**



- Right: 17 April 2002 substorm imaged in FUV electron auroral precipitation (mapped), HENA proton pressure, and EUV flux (cold helium).
- Below: Vector flow from P-pause motion.

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Impulse Front Propagating Past the Plasmasphere
19:05
19:26
19:46
20:07
20:37

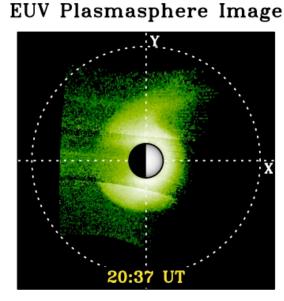
Electron Auroral Plasmasheet: Substorm

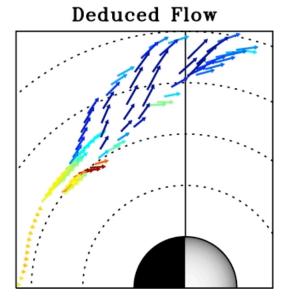
19:05 UT 19:46 UT 20:07 UT 20:38 UT

Proton Ring Current: Injection

Helium Plasmasphere: Ripple/Undulation

19:05 UT 19:46 UT 20:07 UT 20:37 UT





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# Plasma Ejection or Injection Front?



#### Discussion

- Low occurrence suggests Polar must be near equator,...
- And near apogee at substorm onset
- Corresponds closely with hot electron injection
- Ejection may be related to injection motion at later MLT
- An outer manifestation of the plasmapause ripple?

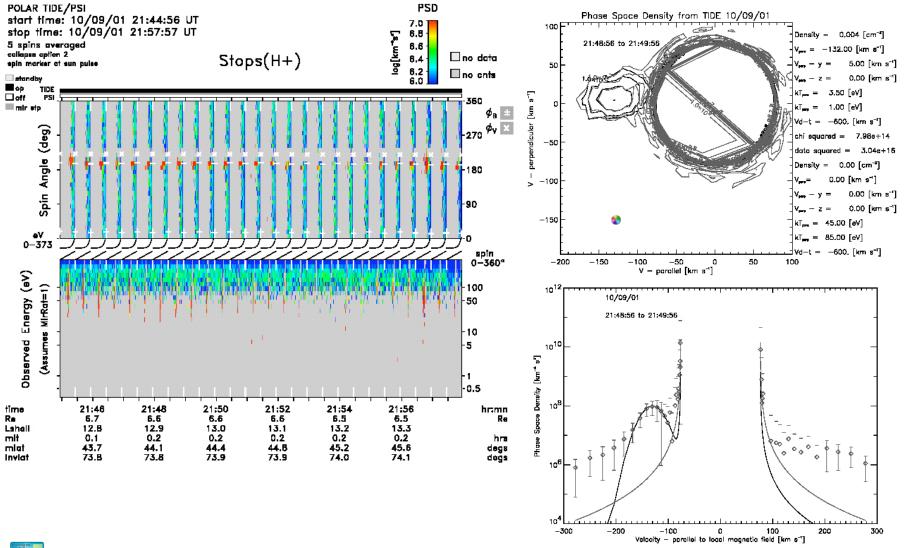
#### Conclusions

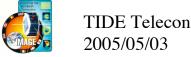
- Substorm injection events begin with growing ULF wave
- Cold plasma is ejected as part of the wave growth
- Culminates with familiar plasma injection as at geosync.
- Observation at 9.5 Re consistent with extended front

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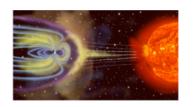
#### Lobal Wind Streams -> Hot Plasma





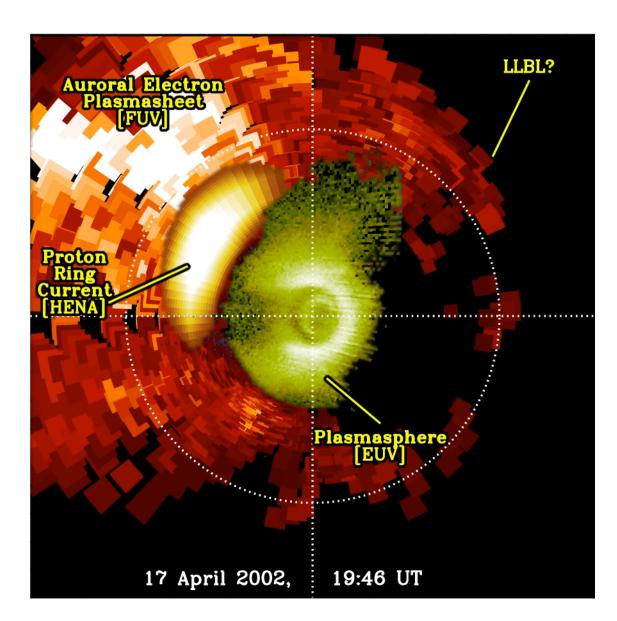


## **IMAGEing Propagating Injection Fronts**



- Composite
   Snapshot
  - Plasma sheet electrons mapped from FUV aurora
  - Proton ring current HENA
  - Plasmasphere from EUV

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## Plasma Sheet Velocity Distribs



