Fate of outflowing ions from the Earth's ionosphere: current knowledge and remaining questions

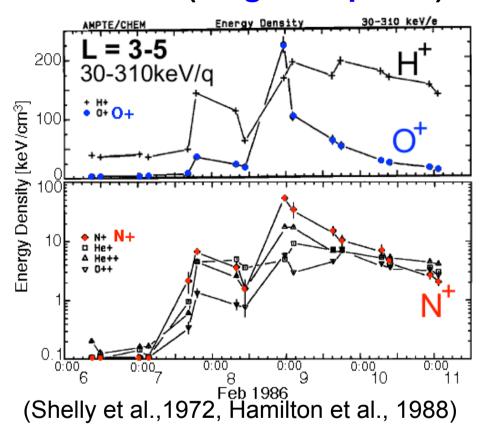
Sorry, no time for acceleration/heating mechanisms

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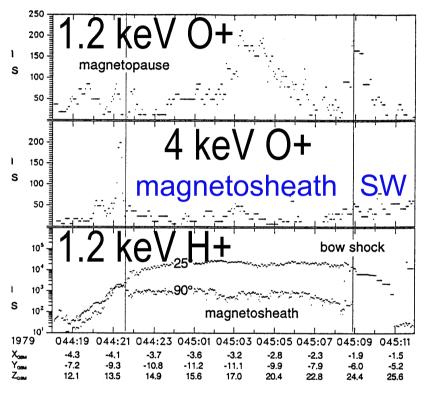


Full of ionospheric ions in space (1970's)

O⁺ and N⁺ (magnetosphere)



O⁺ (solar wind)



(Lundin et al., 1980, Eklund et al., 1997)

Our Tasks: For each species, circulation/escape routes, energization along the route, budget, temporal variation, and active roles both short/long term



Outline

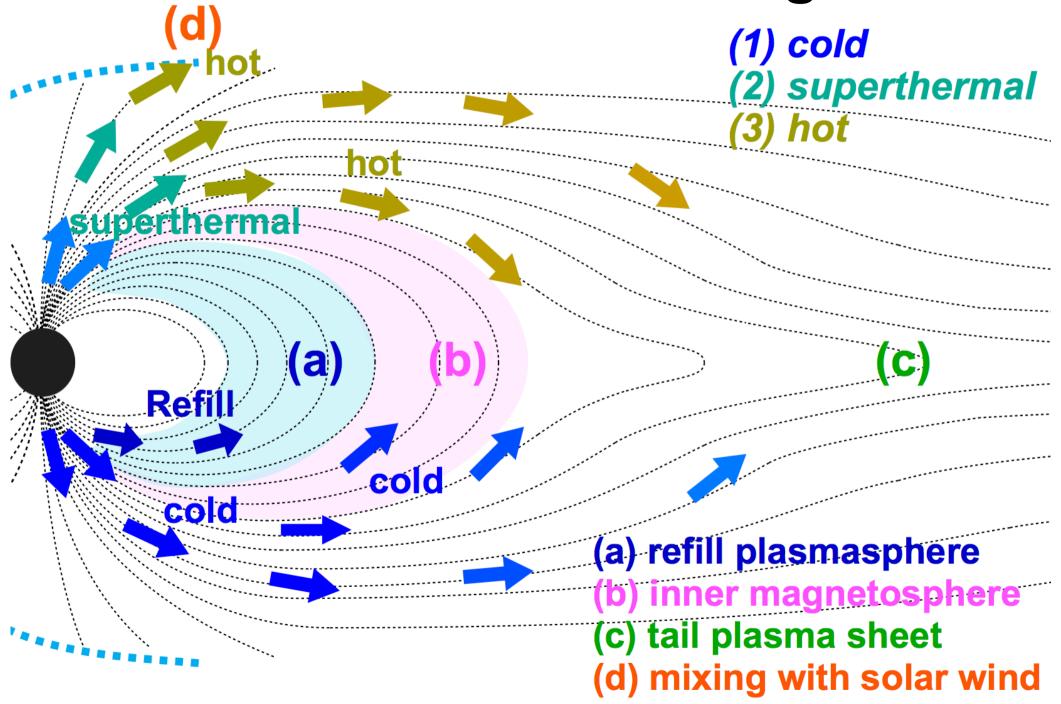
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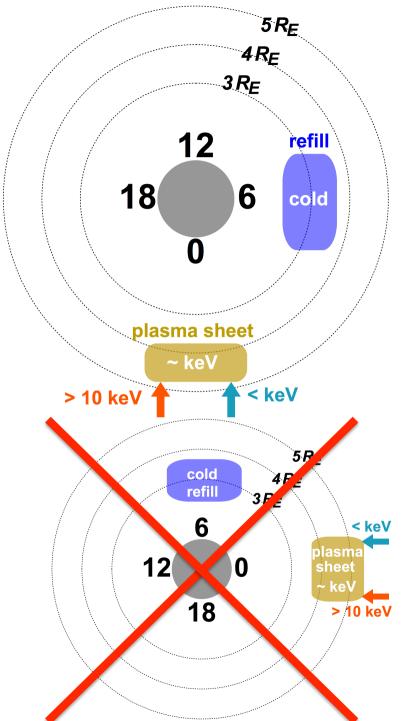
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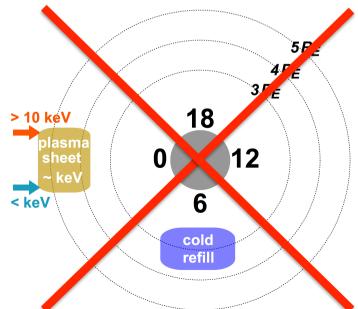


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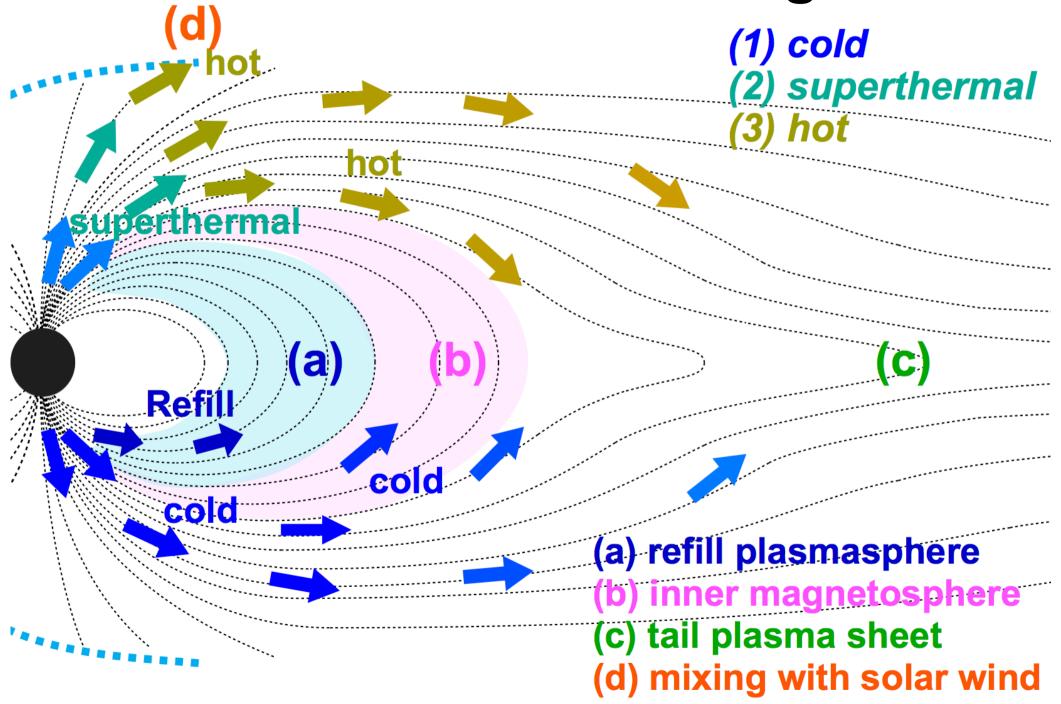
and Sun is above in the polar-view







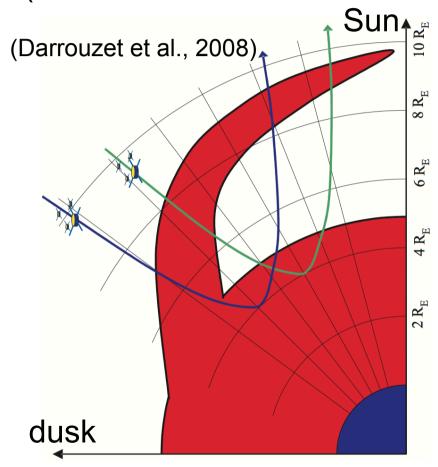
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Three types of ion outflow (Earth)

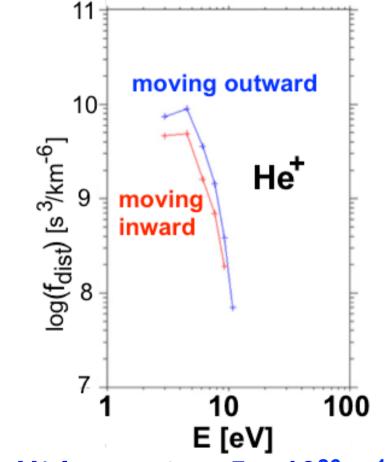
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(i) plume is formed & detached



H⁺ loss rate ~ 10^{27} s⁻¹, but short time & O⁺/H⁺ ≤ 0.01

(ii) outward wind (≈ 1.4 km/s)

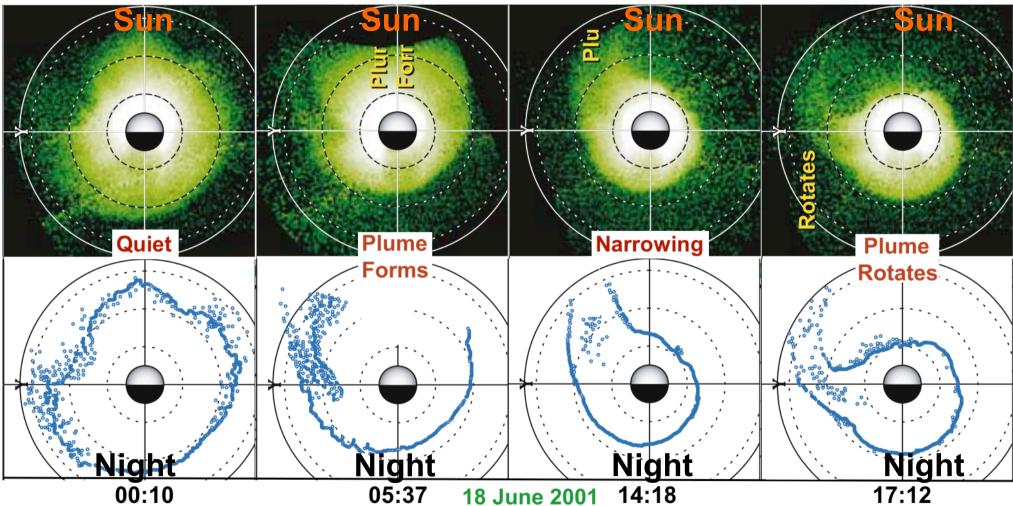


H⁺ loss rate ~ 5 x 10^{26} s⁻¹, but O⁺/H⁺ \leq 0.01



Three types of ion outflow (Eart skip?

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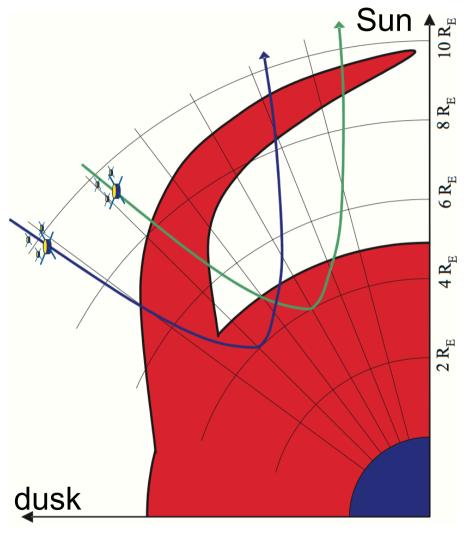


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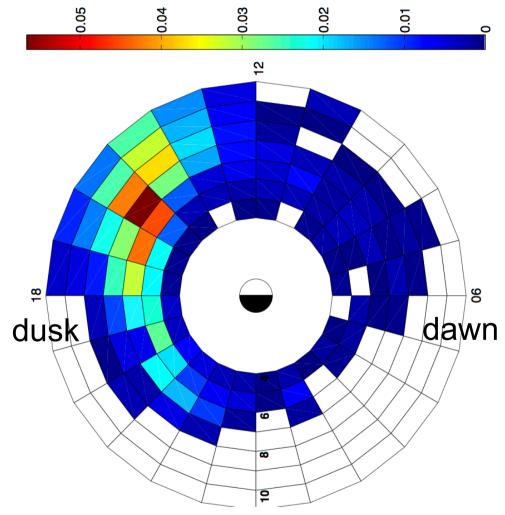


(1a) Loss of plasmaspheric cold H⁺ & He⁺ (r skip?

Detached Plume



(Darrouzet et al., 2008)

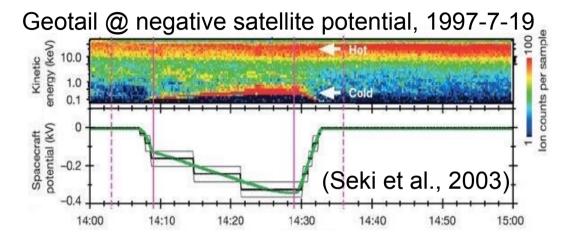


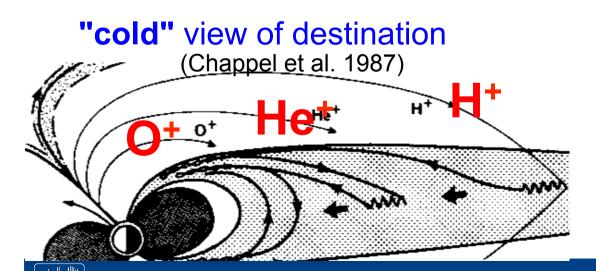
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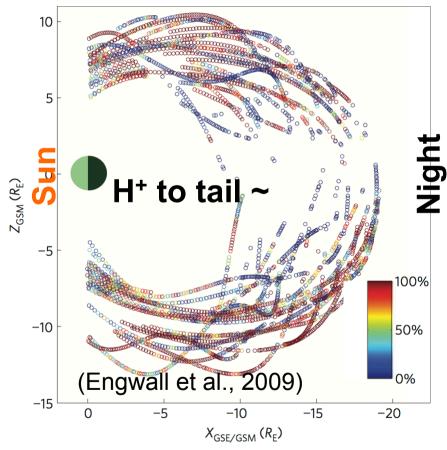
(1b) Supersonic flow of cold H⁺ (& some He⁺)

Massive flow (cold H+ ~ 10²⁶ s⁻¹) to the plasma sheet ("cold dense" plasmasheet component) ≠ plasmasphere





Cluster EFW detection (SC-3, July-Oct, 2002)



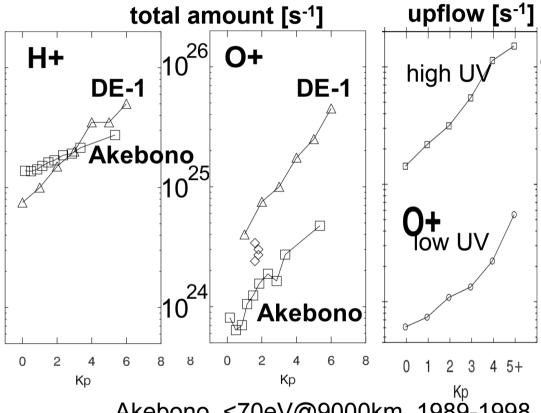
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(2) Superthermal H⁺ & O⁺ (< 20 eV)

skip?

(< 20 eV at 1500 km altitude)

 O^+ outflow ~ 10^{25-26} s⁻¹



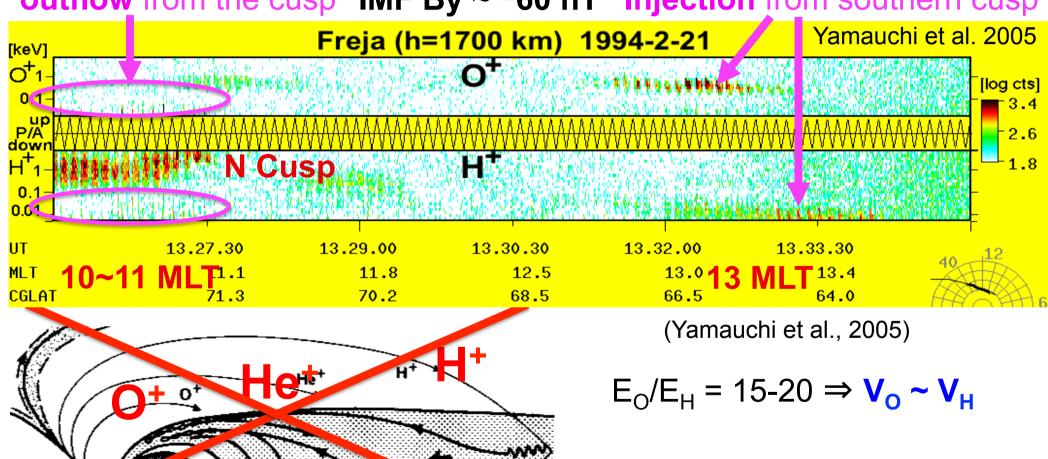
Akebono, <70eV@9000km, 1989-1998 (Cully et al., 2003)



(2) Superthermal H⁺ & O⁺

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- ⇒ further accelerated to become (3) hot

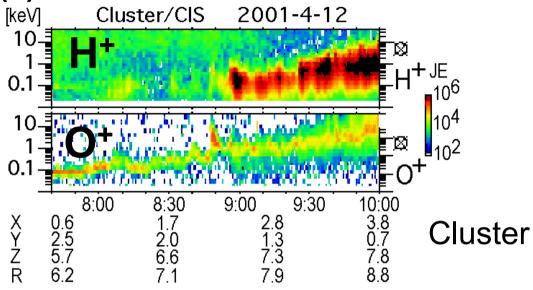
outflow from the cusp IMF By ~ -60 nT Injection from southern cusp



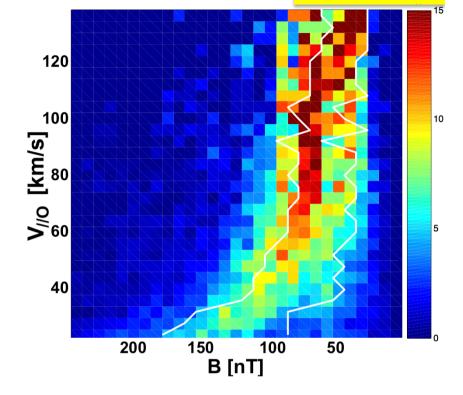


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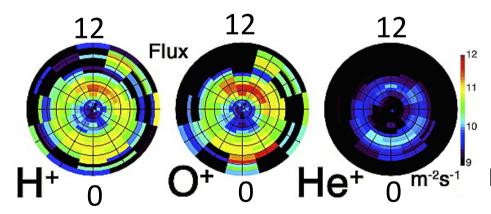
(3) H⁺ & O⁺ are accelerated!



And peak near cusp, with $V_O \sim V_H$



(Nilsson et al., 2006)

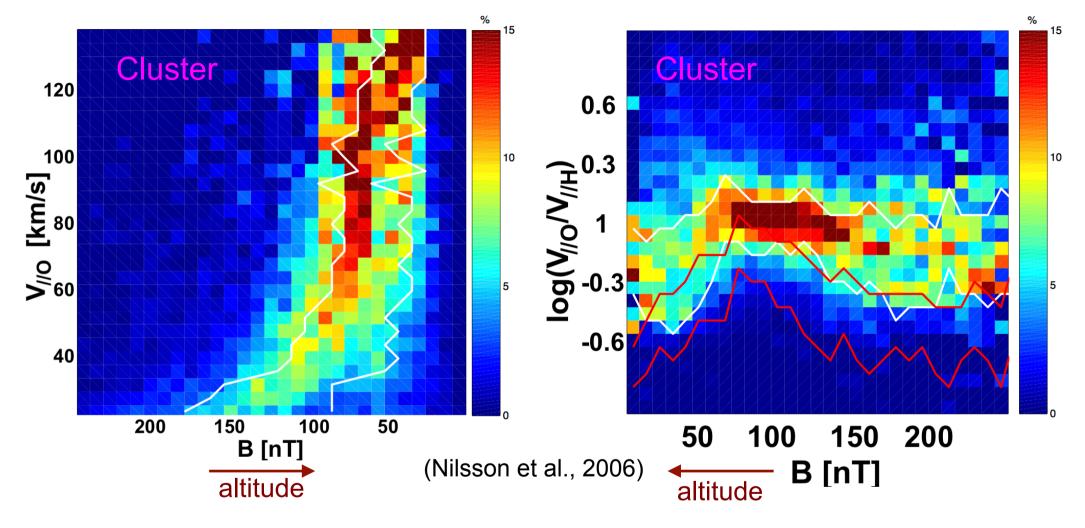


Polar@8000km@quiet time, 1996-1998 (Peterson et al., 2008)



(3) Hot H⁺ & O⁺





O⁺ (& H⁺) are accelerated as altitude increases

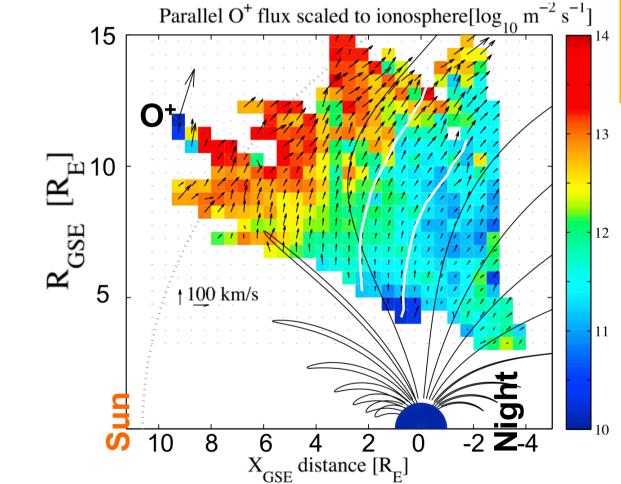
At all altitude, outflow velocity $V_{//}$ is the same between H⁺ and O⁺

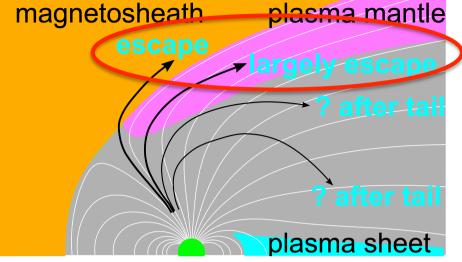


(3) Hot H⁺ & O⁺

Cluster statistics @2001-2005

(Nilsson et al., 2012)





n_{O+} in plasma mantle

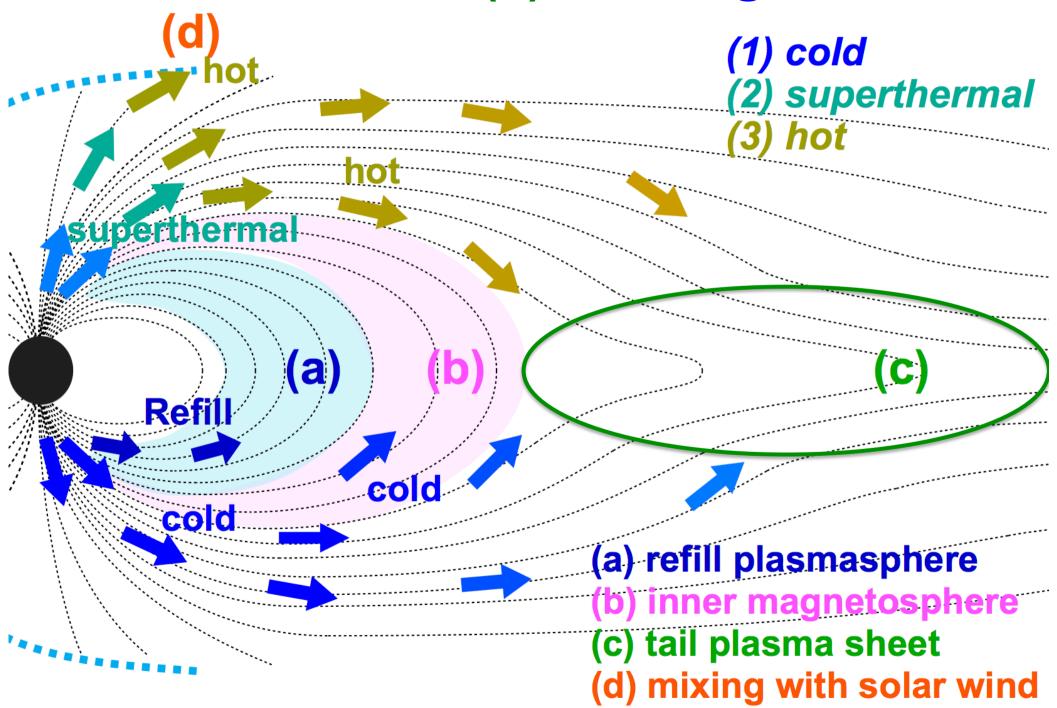
~ 1% of solar wind

⇒ major escape route!

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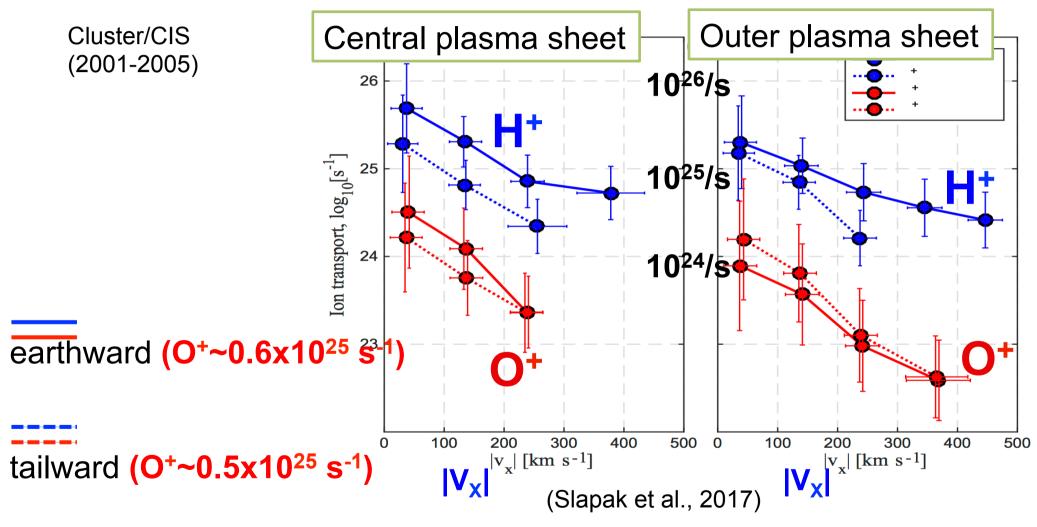


Fate of ions in (c) the magnetotail



Fate of ions in the magnetotail

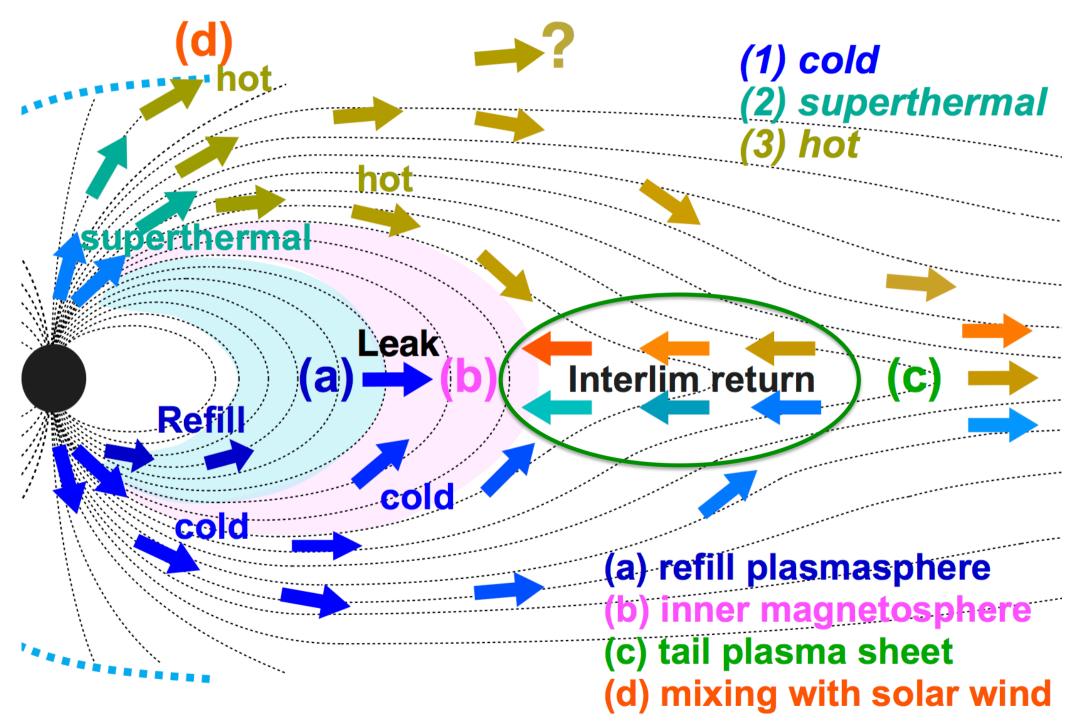
cold ions are also energized ⇒ Cluster/CIS can detect all



cf. direct escape: O+~10²⁵⁻²⁶ s-1



Fate of returned flow



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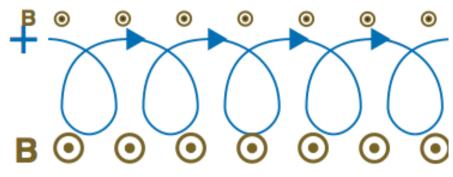
 ⇒ We still need missions to study destinations and effect (Friday morning)

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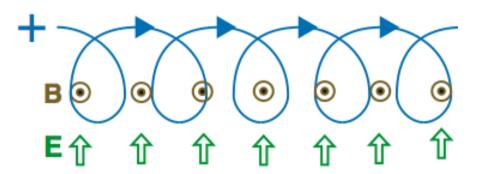


Ion drift under strong B-field



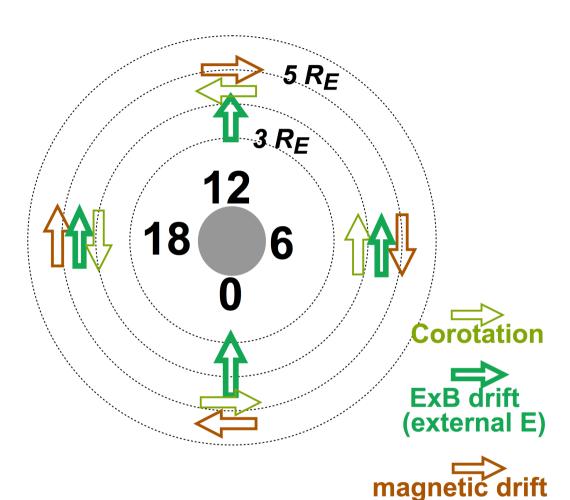
Magnetic drift (energy-dependent)
* gradient-B & curvature drift

⇒ dominant for > 10 keV



ExB drift (energy-independent) * co-rotation & external E-field

⇒ dominant for < 0.1 keV

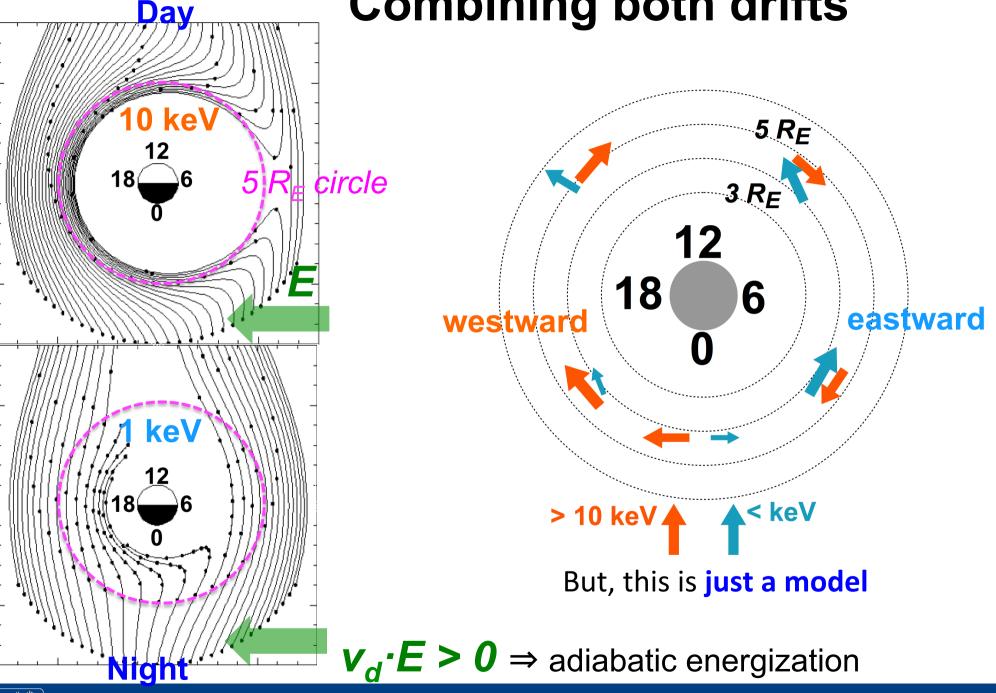


Both drifts are mass-independent for given energy

⇒ H⁺, He⁺, & O⁺ should drift together



Combining both drifts



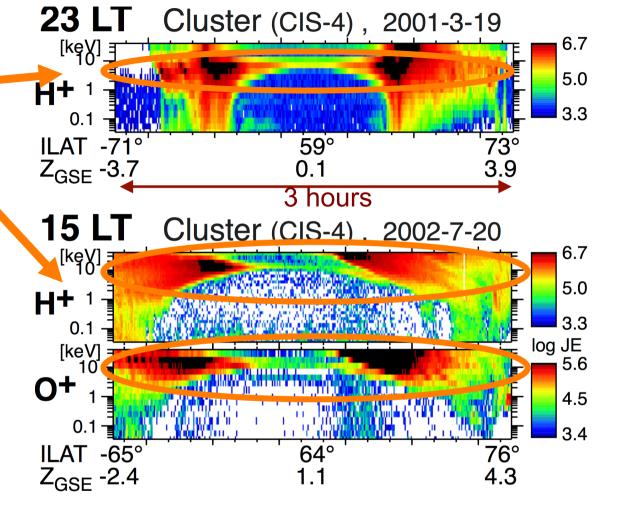


Old "textbook" view of returned ions 1

>10 keV (westward)

Cluster ion spectrogram:

all shows energy flux density (JE) but not flux (J)



Cluster orbit

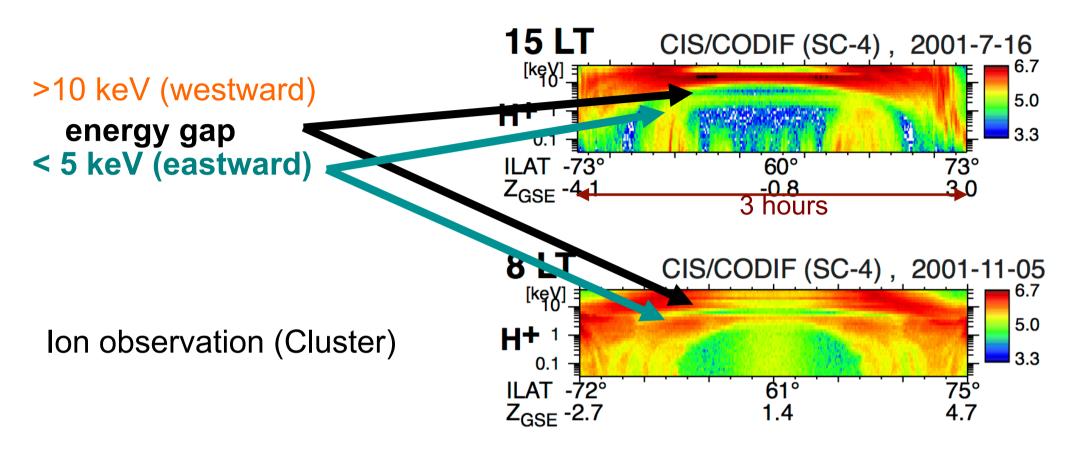
mass-independent for given energy

⇒ source location of H⁺ & O⁺ is the same

Highly elliptic orbit ⇒ traverses inner magnetosphere quickly



Old "textbook" view of returned ions 2

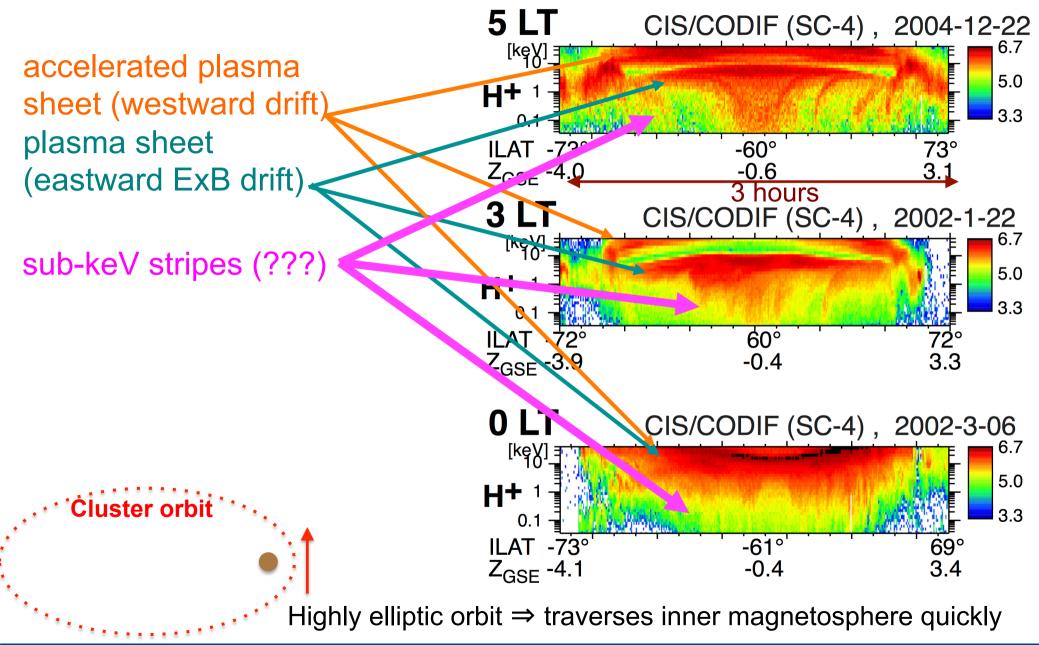




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Reality: three basic populations





observations of sub-keV trapped ion skip? ring current (=sub-auroral) region

- * Aureol 1 (400~2500km, 00-06 MLT): Sauvaud et al., 1980 increases after substorms.
- * DMSP F6/F7 (800 km, 0830 MLT): Newell & Meng, 1986 correlated with Kp (some hours delay), event may last a day.
- * Viking (2~3 R_E, dayside): Yamauchi et al., 1996a,b "**Dispersed structures",** modulation by pc-5 pulsation.
- * Freja/Viking/Munin: Yamauchi et al., 2005 O+ at low-altitude / H+ at high-altitude
- * Viking (2~3 R_E, dayside): Yamauchi and Lundin, 2006 Fossil of substorm (AE) activities, but not storm (Dst). morning source?

others: Shelley et al., 1972; Chappel et al., 1982



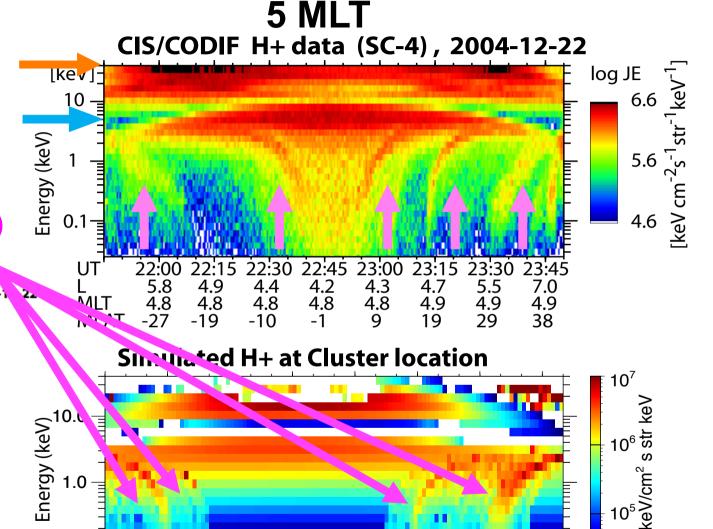
Three basic populations

accelerated plasma sheet (westward drift) plasma sheet (eastward ExB drift)

superthermal (<50 eV) intermittent supply

Simulated ion distribution at Cluster location , 2004-1

Simulation



(Yamauchi et al.,2009)



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22:30

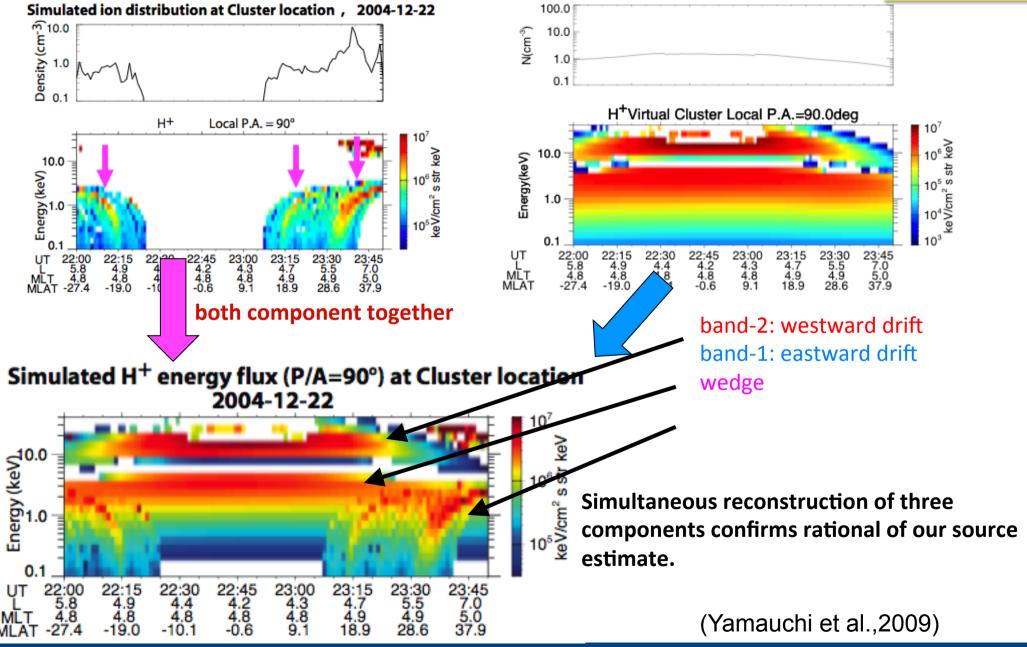
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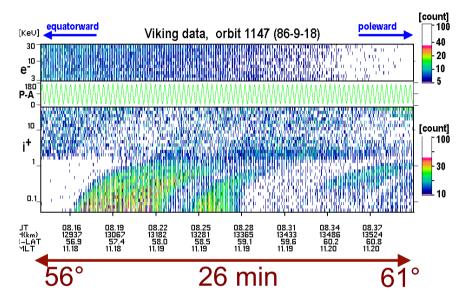
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Third population = cold source skip?





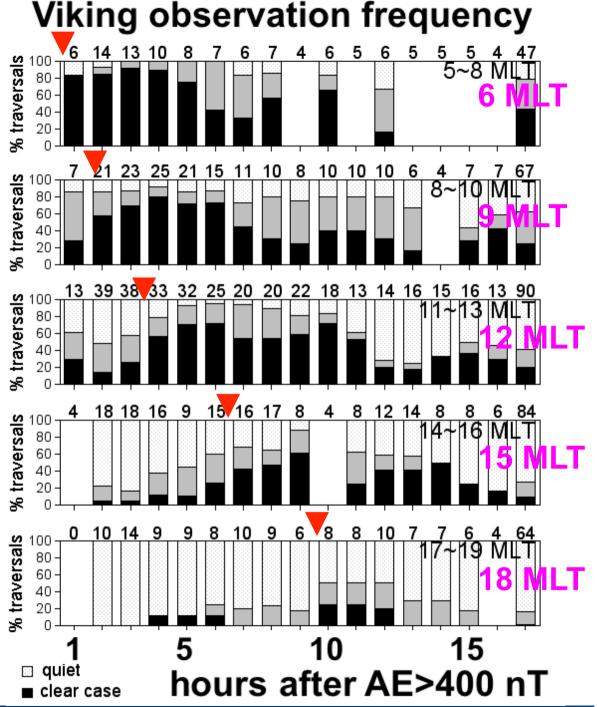
Viking statistics



After high AE activities.

- (1) Moves eastward very fast
- (2) Decrease in time
- ⇒ fossil of substorm filling

(Yamauchi and Lundin, 2006)





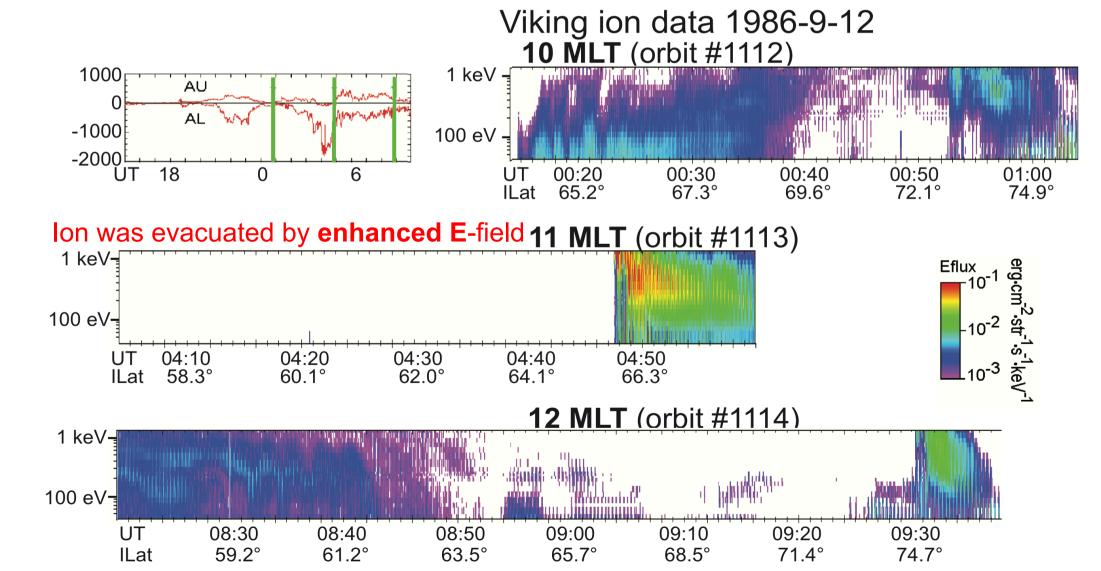
Loss of low-energy ions



ExB drift moves ions toward dayside by drift

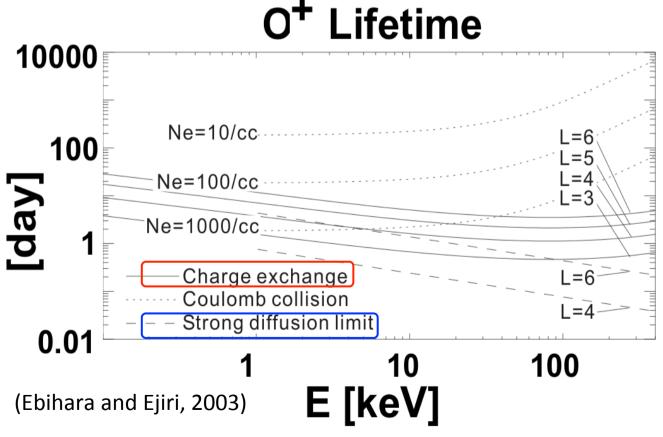
⇒ magnetopause (MP) shadowing

≈ 1/3 of input O⁺ during storm (Zong et al., 2001)



Why decay? (1) loss to the ionosphere

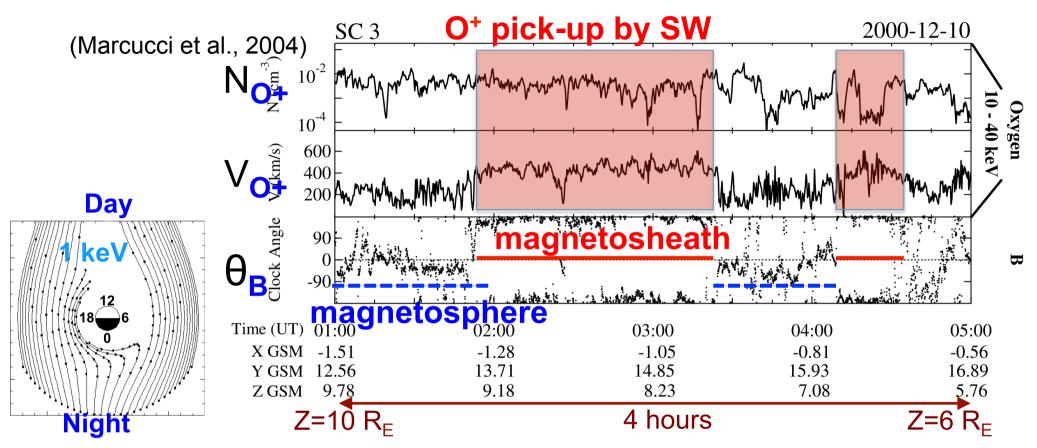
- (i) O⁺ < 1 keV: mainly Charge exchange during mirroring (high n_n)
 ⇒ half will be lost
- (ii) O⁺ > 1 keV: mainly Strong pitch-angle diffusion to loss cone ⇒ real return



Simulation for all O⁺
⇒ half will be lost
(except leak)



Why decay? (2) Magnetopause shadowing



ExB drift overshoots magnetopause ⇒ magnetopause (MP) shadowing

≈ 1/3 of input O+ during storm (Zong et al., 2001)

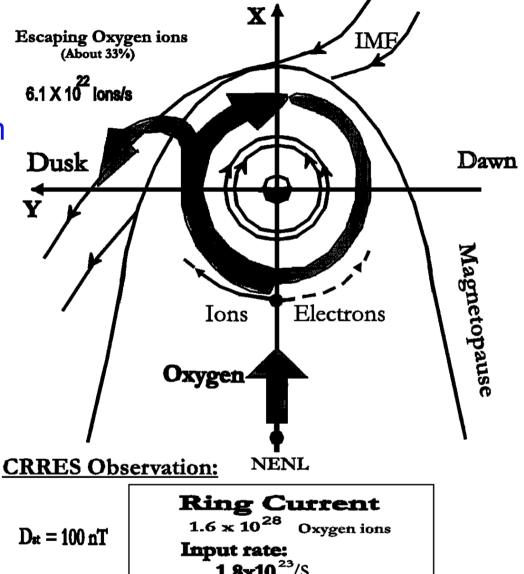
⇒ works for all drifting ions (cold + hot + energetic)
note: Largest at mid-latitude rather than equator (because of bouncing motion)



MP shadowing

model + Geotail obs. (Zong et al., 2001)

about 1/3 of input O+ during storm



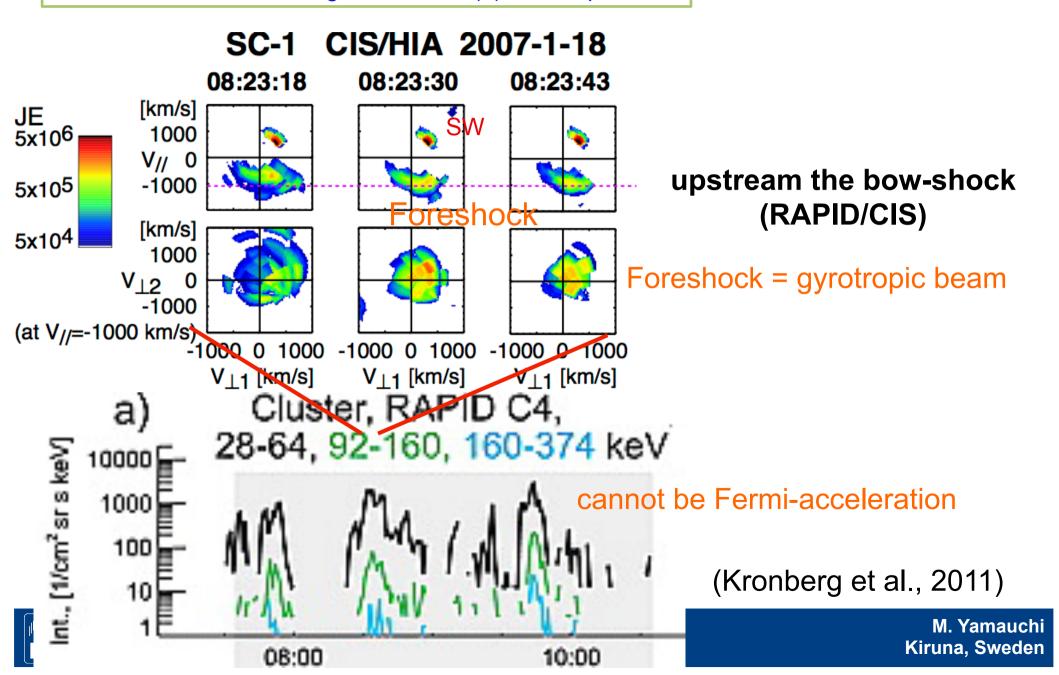
1.8x10²³/S



MP shadowing (Upstream obs.)

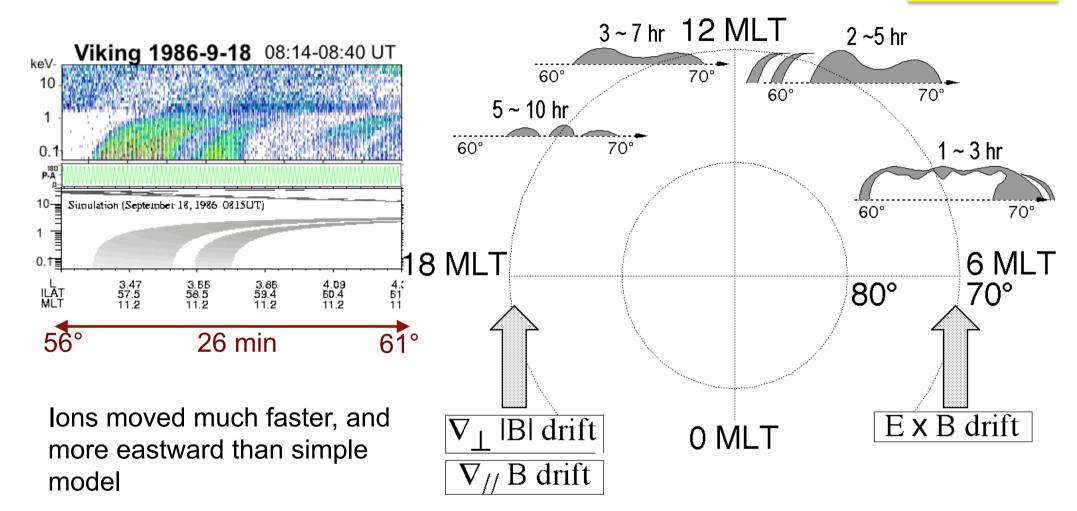
skip?

Cluster/RAPID: leaked ring-current ions(?) move upstream



Viking summary of sub-keV ions (3 R_E)

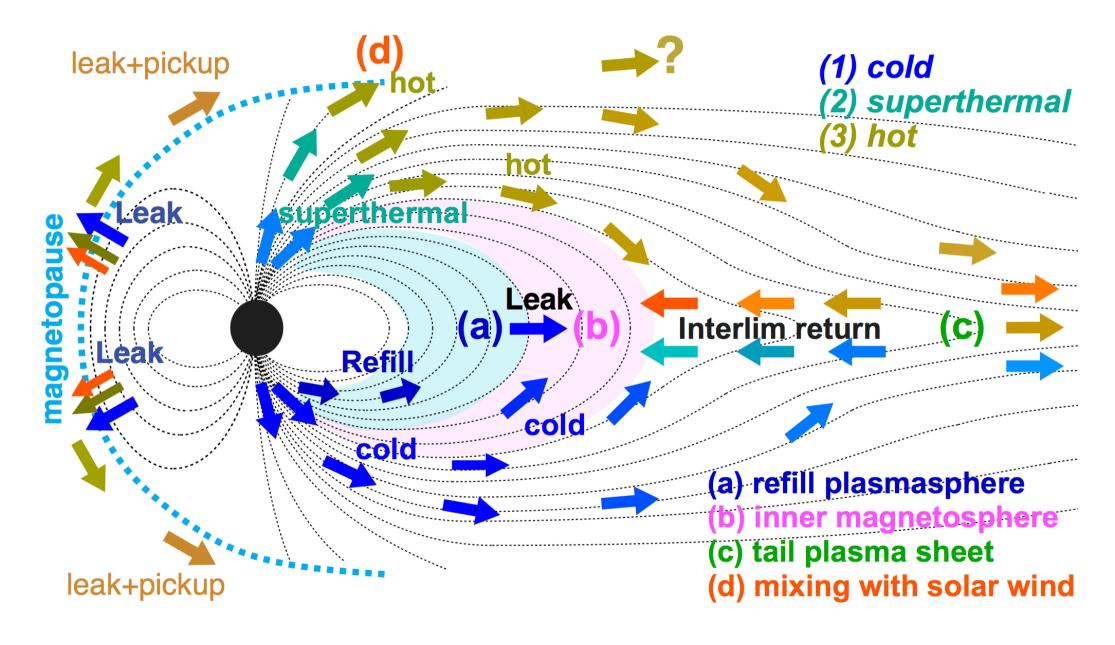




⇒ Key in simulation is Efield and loss rate



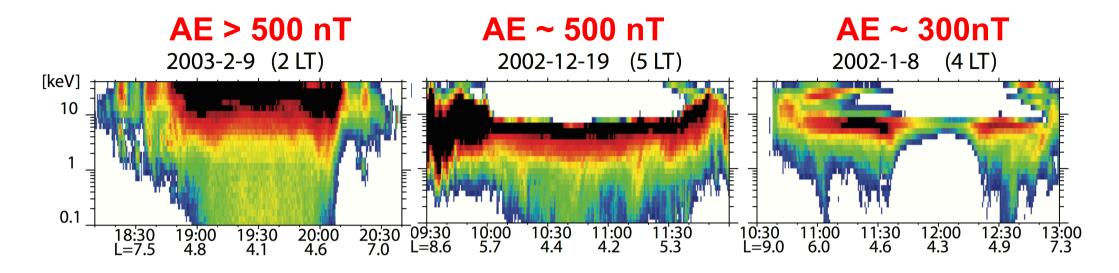
Adding leak in the destinations





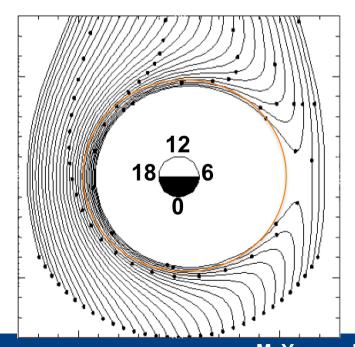
Look more into E-field





Demarcation energy in dawn side ($\sim 5 R_E$)

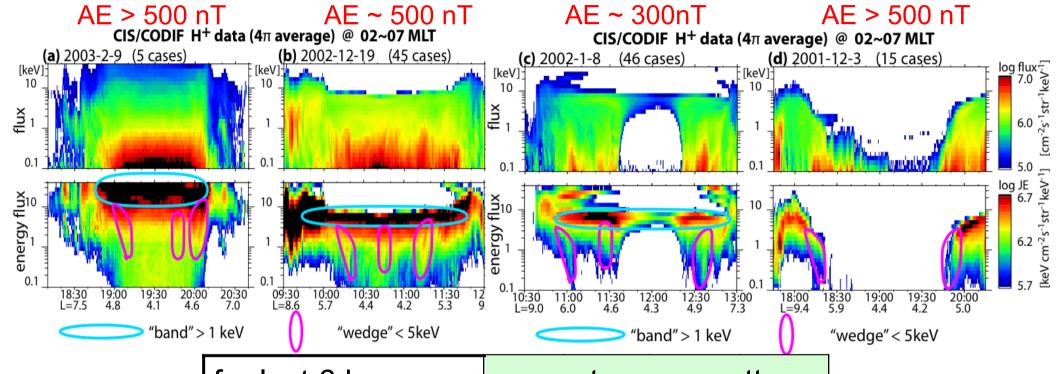
- (1) depends on strength of substorm (E-field)
- (2) > 40 keV for strong substorm
- ⇒ Local screw of E-field (later simulation confirmed)





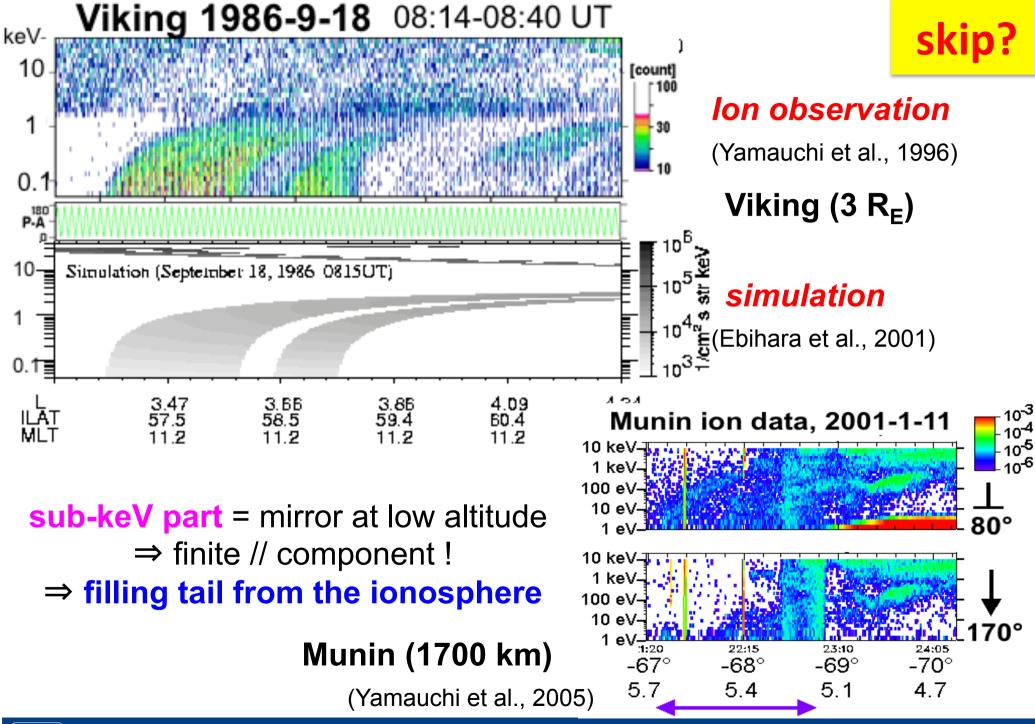
Demarcation energy depends on E-skip?





for last 6 hours	spectrogram pattern			
Peak AE	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
< 300 nT	0	4	26	10
300~500 nT	0	8	17	1
> 500 nT	5	33	3	4

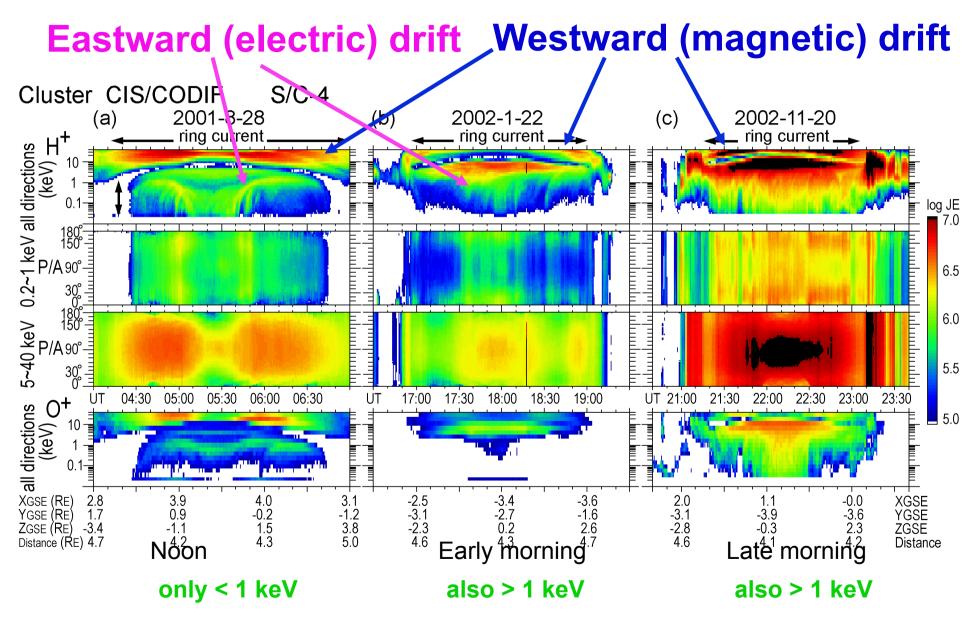






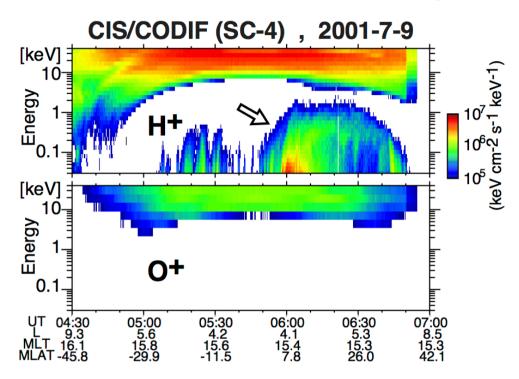
LT dependence (Cluster~Viking)







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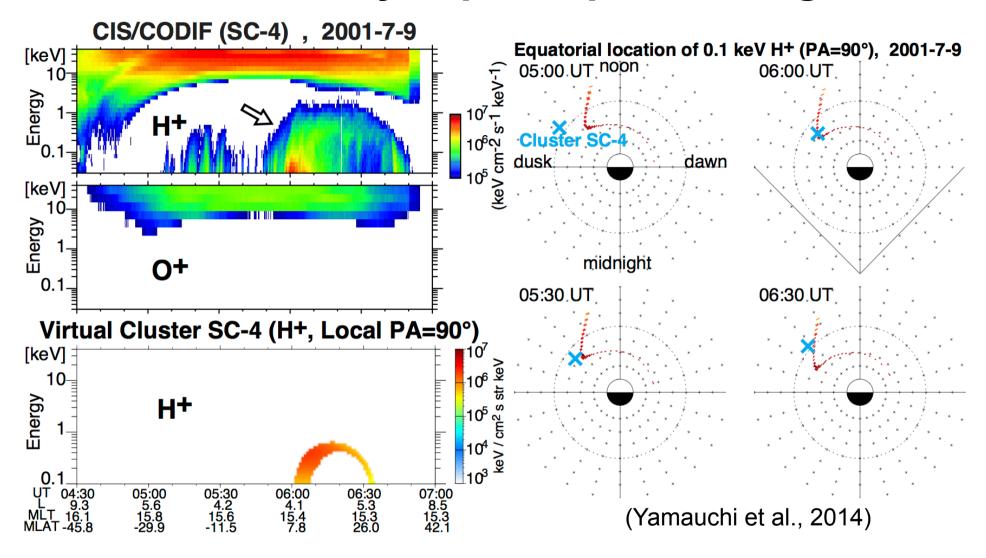


Quick traversal ⇒ change of bouncing ions can be detected





Can ExB drift really explain quick change? YES!



The model assumed loss of ions only by (1) **Charge exchange** and (2) through dayside magnetopause (**Magnetopause shadowing**), because (3) **pitch-angle diffusion** (to loss-cone) is negligible for ions < 1 keV



Ion source during substorm?

(multiple onset, AE = 365nT@23:10)

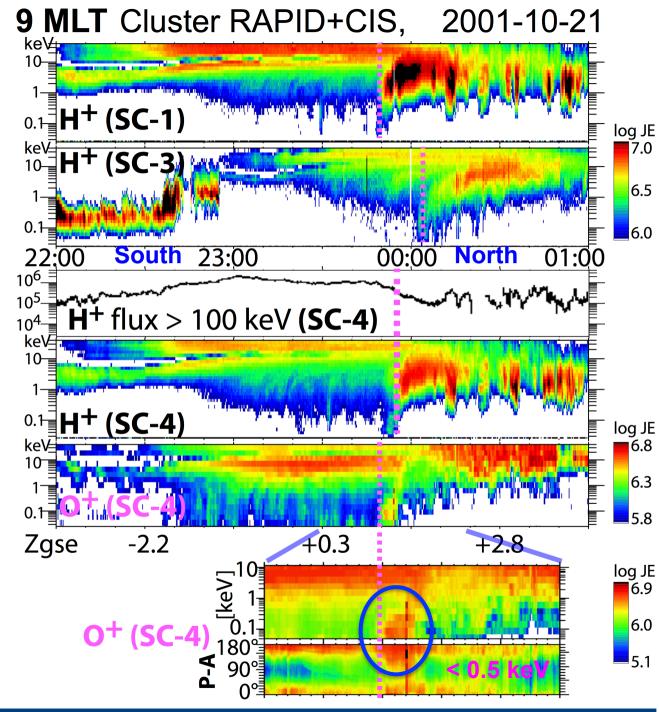
Timings/locations of H⁺

signature + observed E = 1-3 mV/m ($V_F = 3\sim 10 \text{ km/s}$)

⇒ H+ dispersion started 6~7 MLT and ~ 23:10 UT

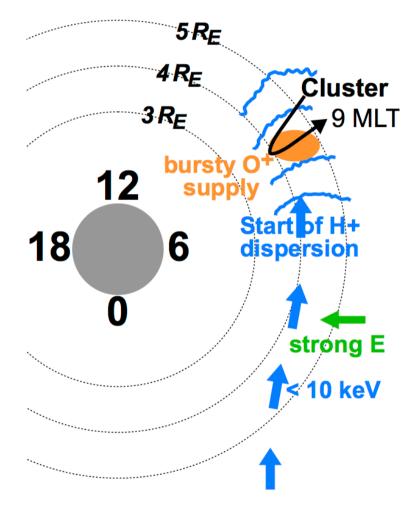
O⁺ < 50 km/s (<0.2 keV) with pitch angle 180° (>0°)

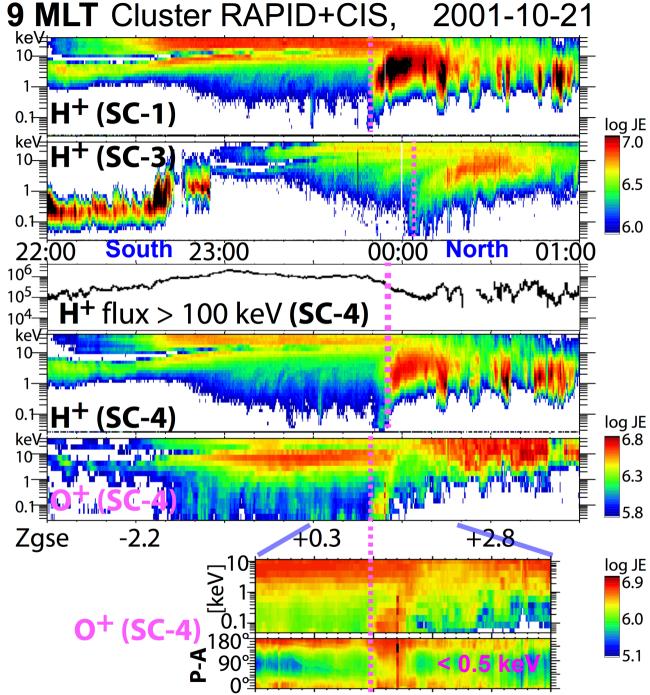
⇒ 20-30 min from northern ionosphere along B (started ~23:20 UT near 9 MLT)





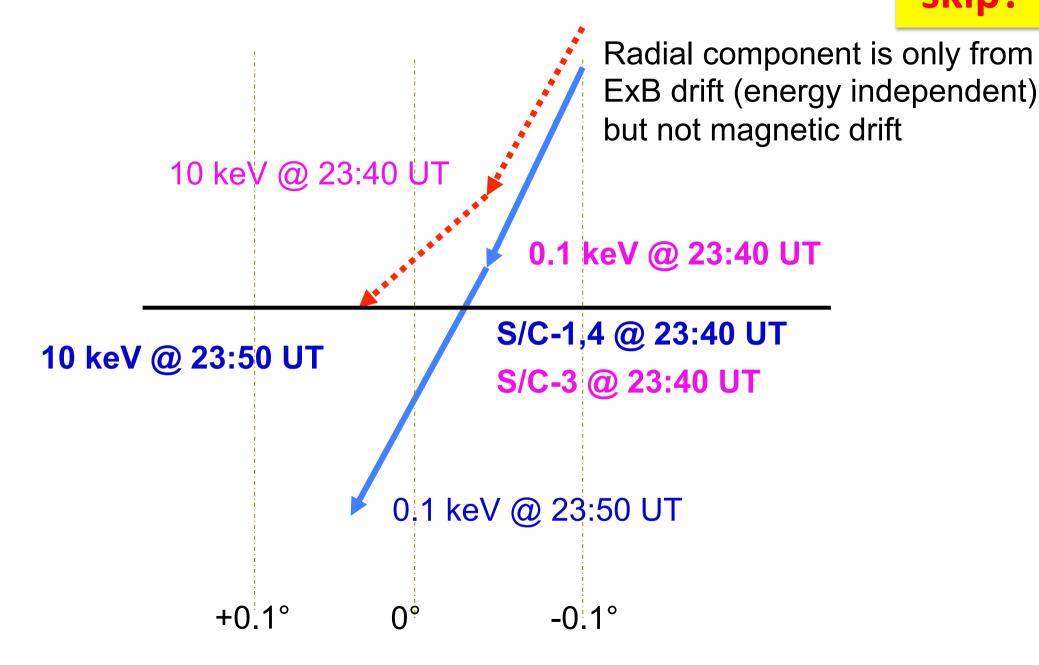
Derived ion motion







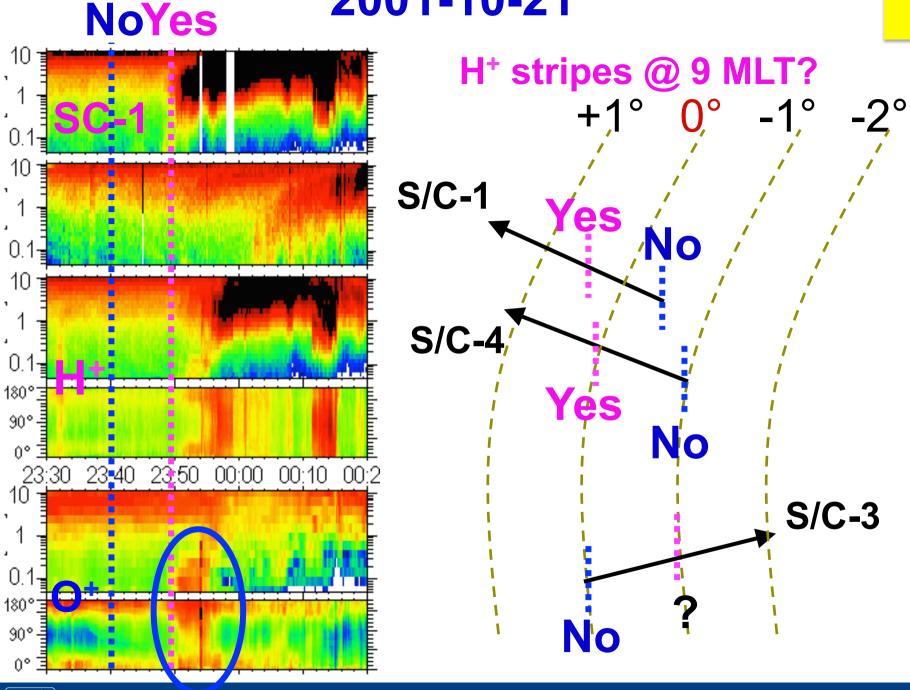




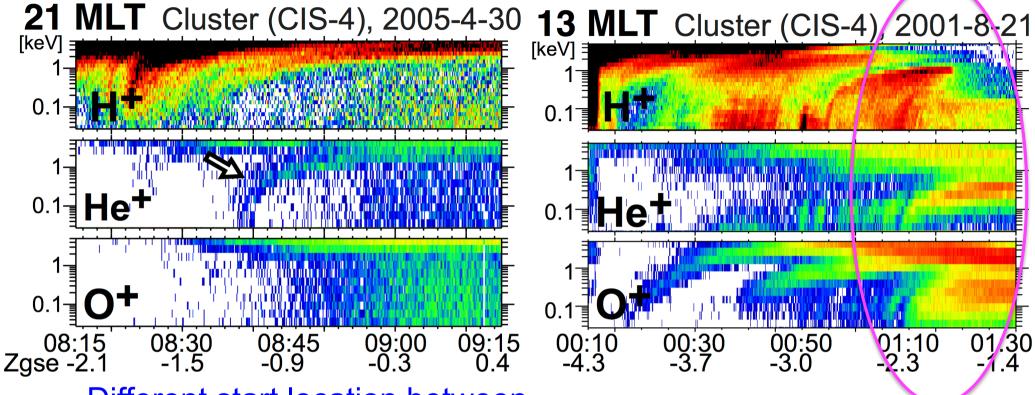




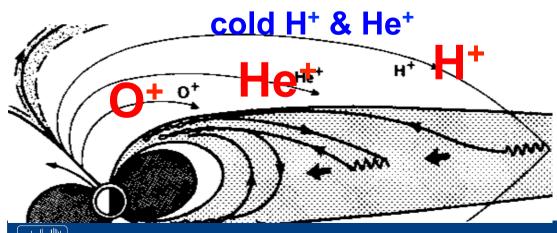
skip?



Mass dependency of drifting ions?

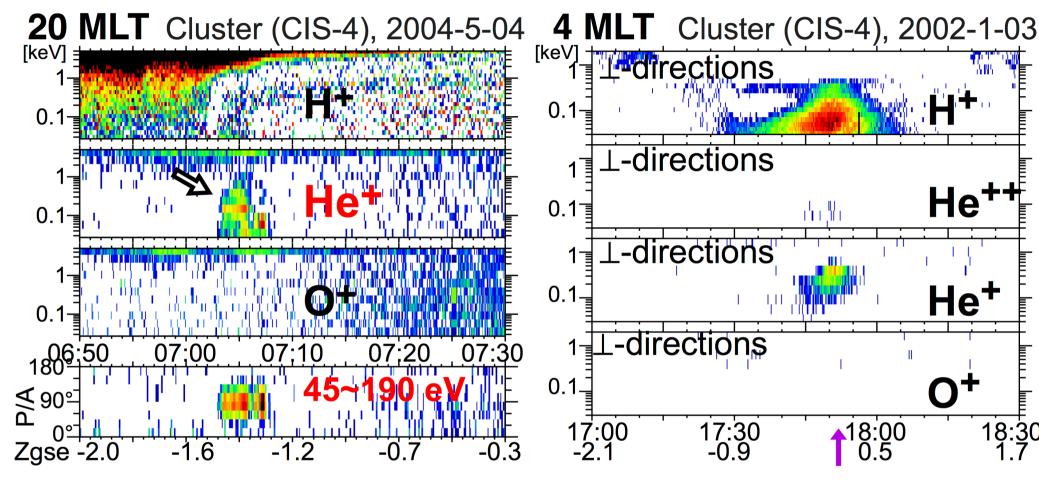


Different start location between



Why H⁺ & O⁺ are out of phase?
(I still do not have answer)

Local 1 heating in the plasmasphere



Rare but probably related to substorms

Why only He & not equator? (I still do not have answer)

(Yamauchi et al., 2014)

Confined to equator with $\tau \sim 1$ hour

Why variable E_{He}/E_{H} (=1~4)? (I still do not have answer)

(Yamauchi et al., 2012)

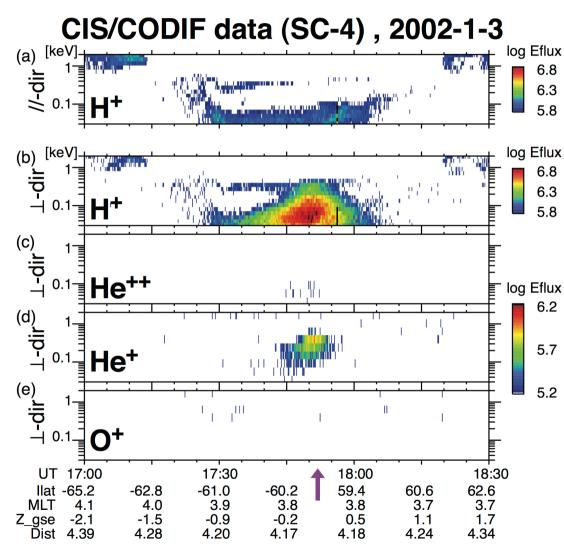


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Heating in the inner magnetosphere

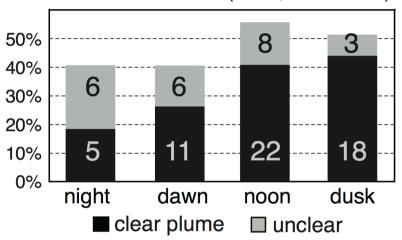






(Yamauchi et al., 2012)

Observation of Equatorial Warm Ion Plume Cluster CIS/CODIF data (SC-4, 2001-2002)

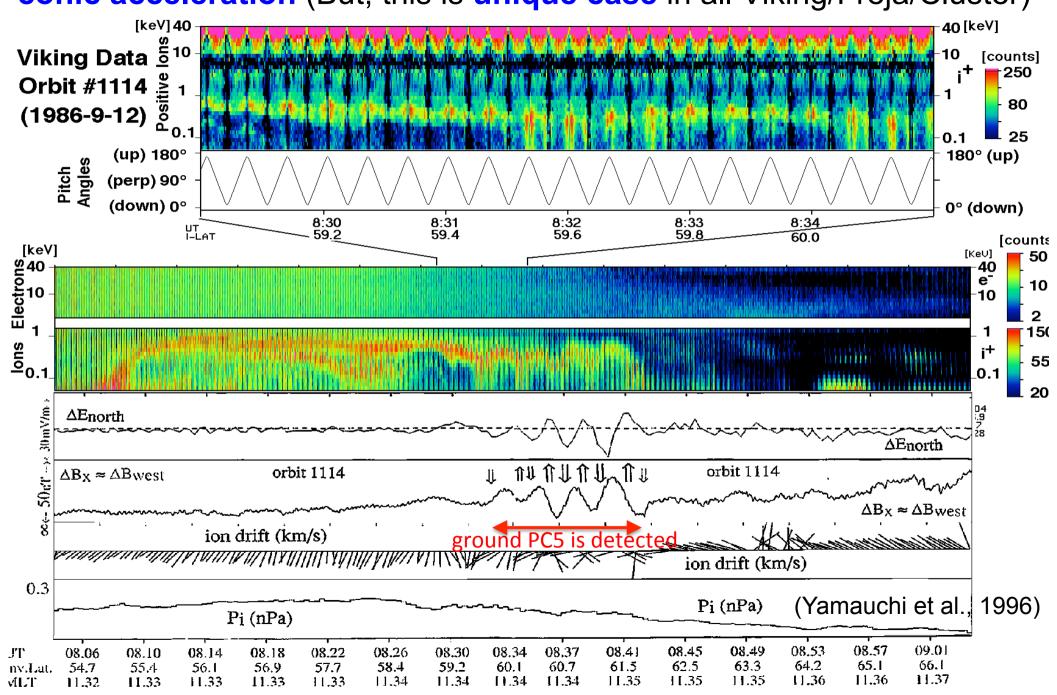


- (1) Trapped (pitch angle ~ 90°) and confined to Equator
- (2) nearly 50% in the noon and dusk sectors, and 35% in night-dawn.
- (3) Variable content of He⁺. (majority is less than 5%)
- (4) Variable energy ratio between He⁺ and H⁺ (1 to 4), contrasting to the previous report.
- (5) Time scale of about an hour.

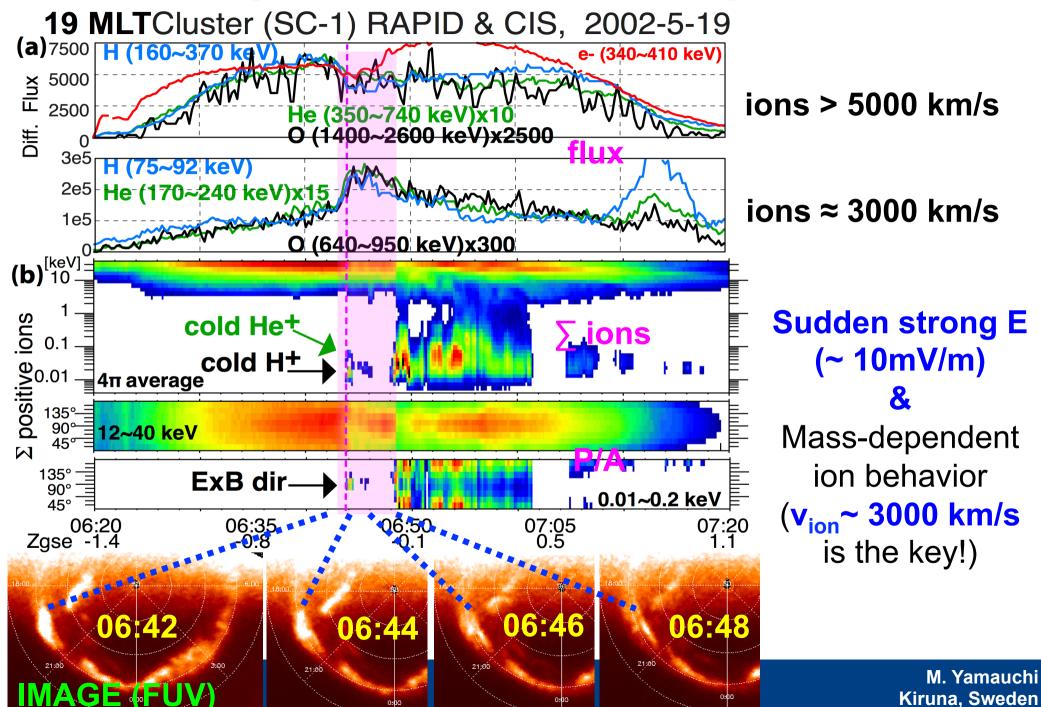


Other energization in the inner magnetosphere: 1

conic acceleration (But, this is unique case in all Viking/Freja/Cluster)



Other energization in the inner magnetosphere: 2



Propagating E₁ structure propagation (5~10 km/s) Y-X projection flux@50 keV H+ magnetic drift magnetic drift (10~15 km/s) E-field 10~15 km/s) 1000~2000 km equatorial plane SC-2 X (100 km) Y (100 km) **Timing** SC-4 \Rightarrow **E** is nearly \perp to top view wave front, which X SC-3 propagates sunward opágáte 18 Mapping & ion data $\begin{array}{c} \stackrel{\stackrel{\scriptstyle 2R_E}{}{}_{R_E}}{\Rightarrow} \Delta V \text{ by this } \\ \stackrel{\stackrel{\scriptstyle 5R_E}{}}{\Rightarrow} \text{equator causes the} \\ \stackrel{\stackrel{\scriptstyle 5R_E}{}}{\Rightarrow} \text{bulge}$ mirror altitude Ionosphere X (sunward) aurora X III 52 propagation

Shock (CME front) may also propagate

LANL Geosynchronous Proton Data (LoP) H⁺ 50-400 keV, 2003-10-29 10⁵ 10⁴ 10³ #/cm²/s/sr/keV) 0611:10 UT LANL-02A 0610:50 UT 10¹ 13 LT LANL-97A Spin-Averaged Differential Flux 10⁴ 0610:50 UT 10⁶ 10⁵ 1994-084 0611:20 UT 10¹ 19 LT 10⁶ 10⁵ 10⁴ 06:00 06:20 06:30 **Shock swept the inner** magnetosphere (0.3 R_F/s)

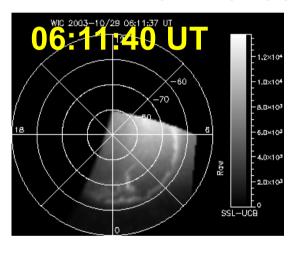
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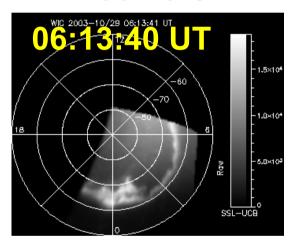
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Wind: 0619:30 UT / -156 R_F

ground B: 0611:20 UT

 \Rightarrow arrival at MP: \sim 06:10 UT

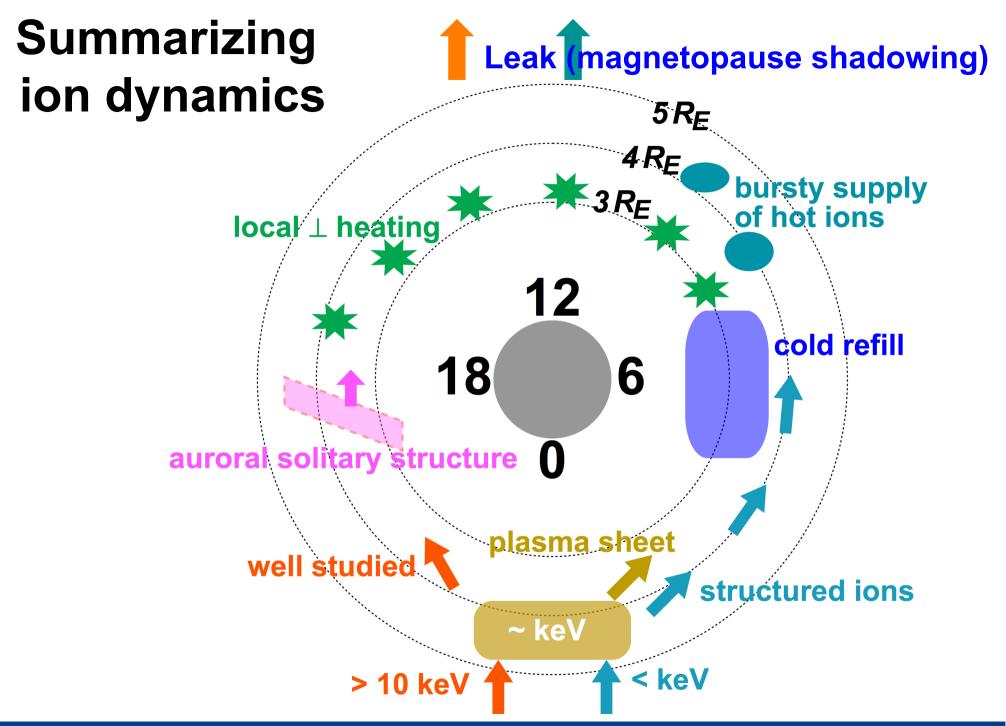




Dipolarization + substorm onset ~ 06:12 UT

⇒ Shock triggered this particular substorm onset







Summarizing ion escape route

