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Modeling Radiation Belt Electron Dynamics with the **DREAM3D Diffusion Model**

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Part 1: Long-term simulation of the GEM challenge intervals



- “Global Radiation Belt Modeling Challenge”
 - Organized by [NSF/GEM](#) “Radiation Belts and Wave Modeling” [focus group](#)
- Training interval
 - Aug. 15th to Oct. 15th ,1990
- Challenge interval
 - Feb. 1st to Aug. 1st, 1991
- Published in [Tu et al. \[JGR 2013\]](#)

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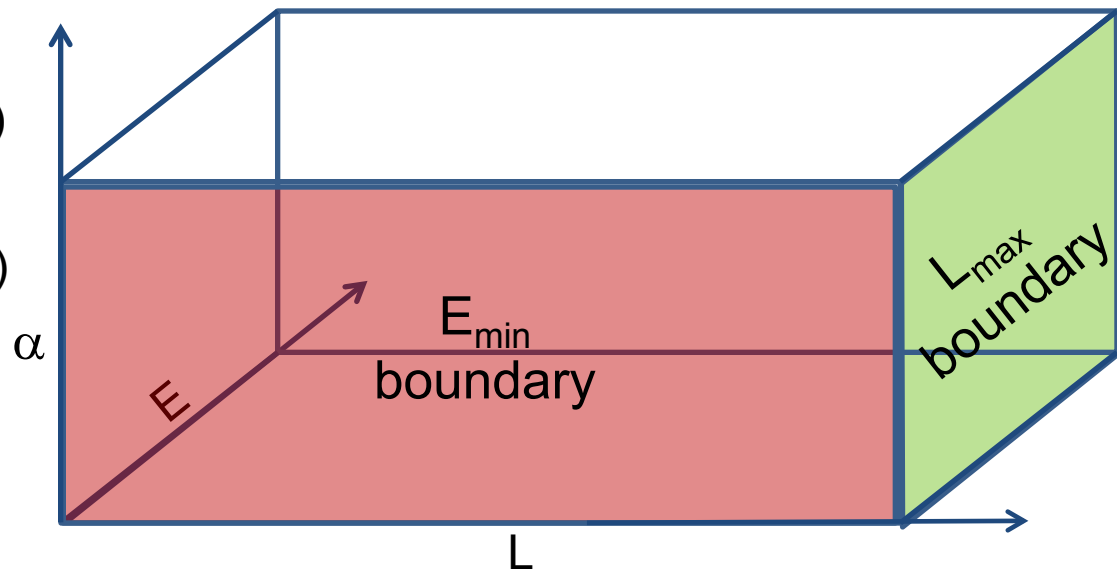
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Diffusion Coefficients

- **Radial diffusion:** $D_{LL}(Kp) = D_{LL}^M + D_{LL}^E$ [Brautigam and Albert, 2000]

$$D_{LL}^M = 10^{0.506Kp-9.325} L^{10}, D_{LL}^E = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{c\tilde{E}}{B_0} \right)^2 \left[\frac{T}{1 + (\omega_d T / 2)^2} \right] L^6$$

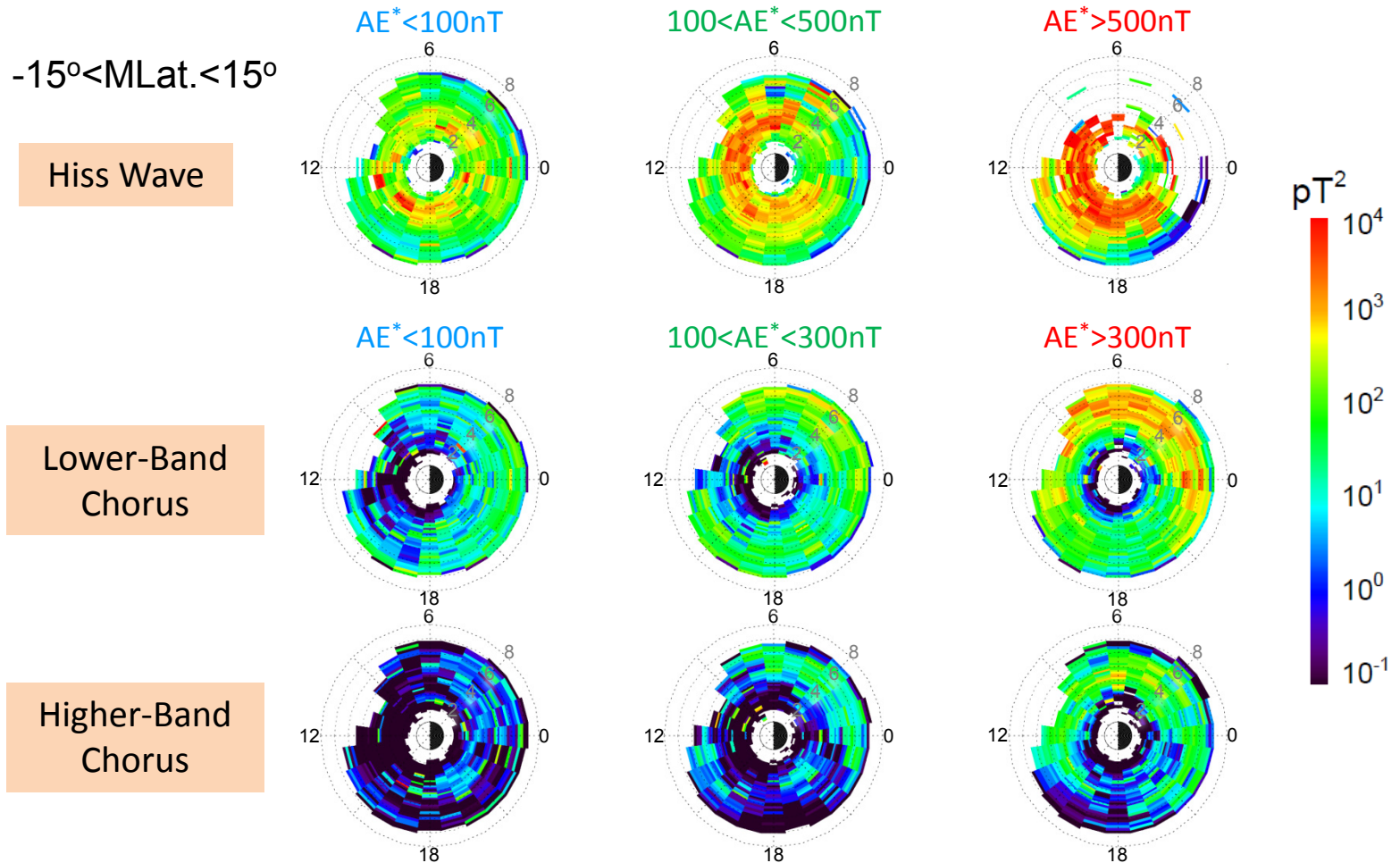
where $\tilde{E}(Kp) = 0.26(Kp - 1) + 0.1$ mV/m

- **Pitch angle, momentum, and mixed diffusion:** $D_{\alpha\alpha}$, D_{pp} , $D_{\alpha p}$
 - Quasi-linear diffusion coefficients, bounce- and drift-averaged, assumed field-aligned waves [Summers et al., 2007a,b]
 - Wave and plasma parameters:

Waves	B_w	λ_{max}	MLT%	Wave Spectral Properties	Density Model
Lower-band Chorus	Dynamic Wave Model $B_w(\lambda, MLT, L, AE)$			$\omega_m / \Omega_e = 0.3, \delta\omega / \Omega_e = 0.1$ $\omega_{uc} / \Omega_e = 0.5, \omega_{lc} / \Omega_e = 0.1$	$124(3/L)^4$
Higher-band Chorus				$\omega_m / \Omega_e = 0.7, \delta\omega / \Omega_e = 0.1$ $\omega_{uc} / \Omega_e = 0.9, \omega_{lc} / \Omega_e = 0.5$	$124(3/L)^4$ [Sheeley, 2001]
Plasmaspheric hiss				$\omega_m = 600\text{Hz}, \delta\omega = 300\text{Hz}$ $\omega_{uc} = 2000\text{Hz}, \omega_{lc} = 300\text{Hz}$	$10^{-0.3145L+3.9043}$ [Carpenter and Anderson, 1992]

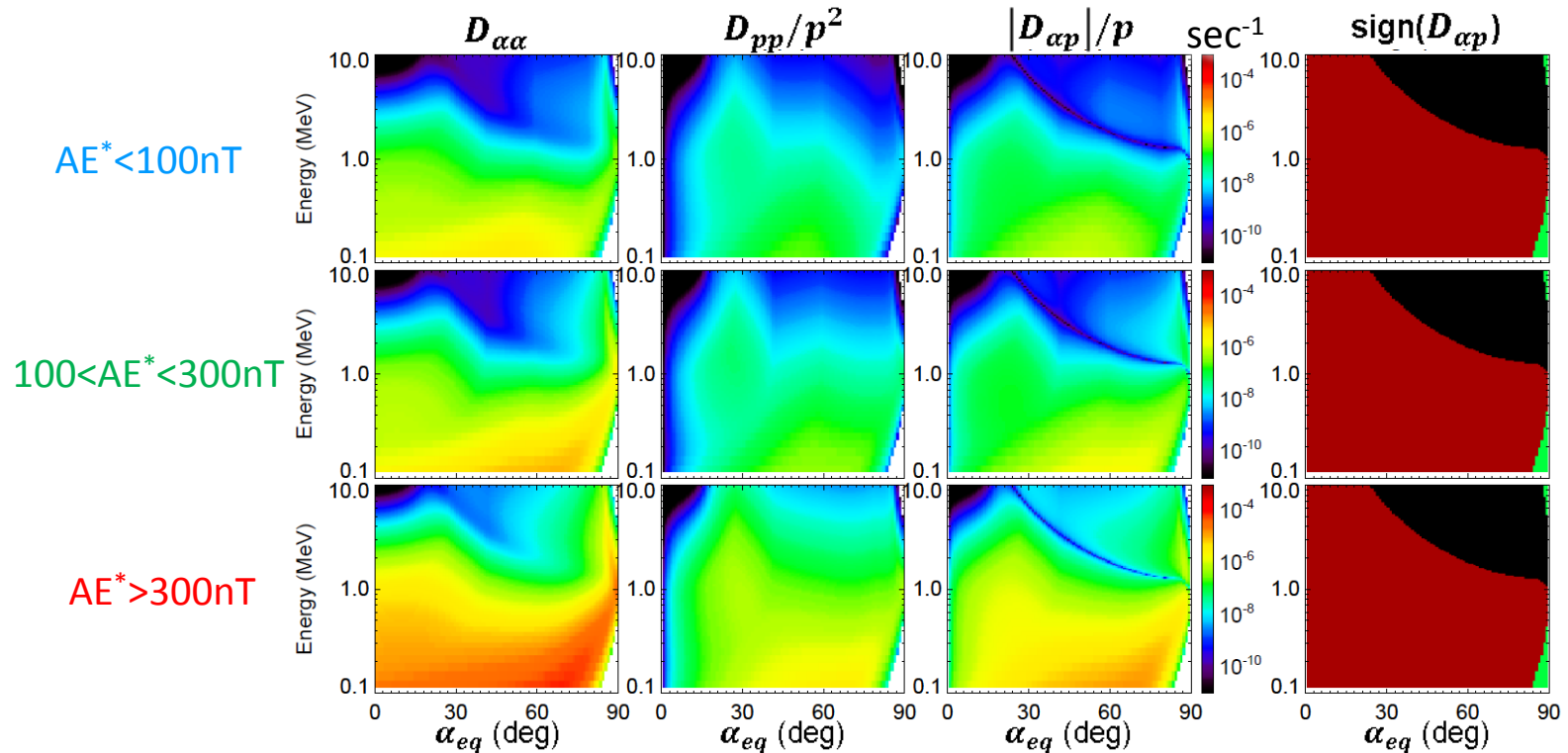
Dynamic Wave Model

- Use CRRES PWE data to developed whistler-mode hiss and chorus wave models.
- Model output: **Wave Intensity (L-shell, MLT, Mag. Latitude, and AE* index)**



Diffusion Coefficients

- Calculated diffusion coefficients for lower-band chorus at L=4.5



Model Results: GEM training interval

- Use CRRES data for outer boundary condition at $L^*=5.5$ and initial condition.

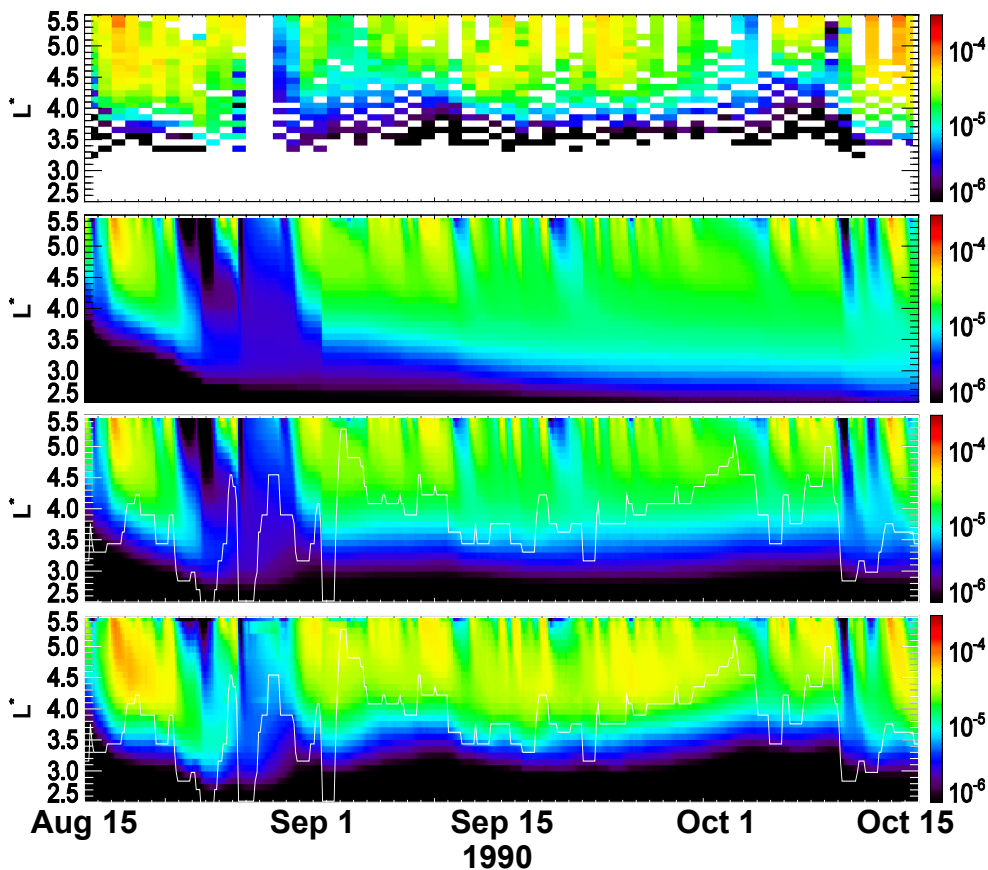
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PSD data

RD only

RD + Hiss

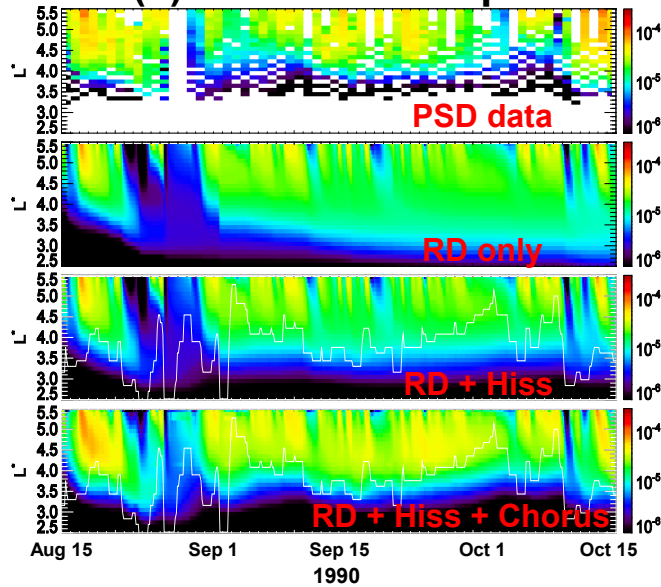
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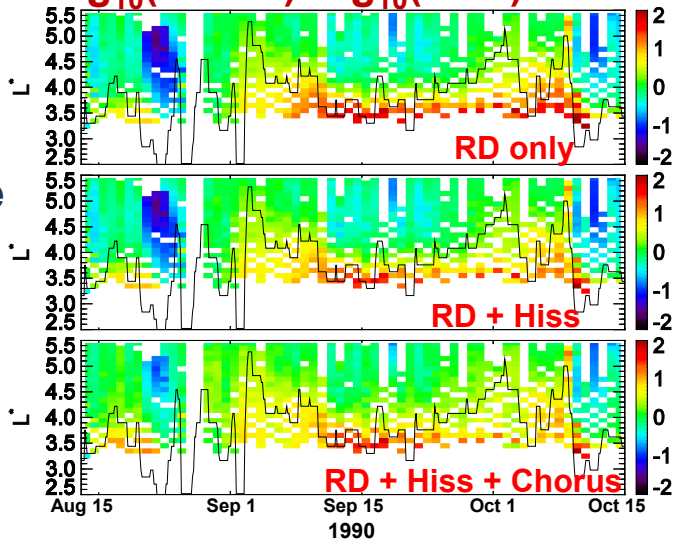
White curve: Plasmopause location [Carpenter and Anderson, 1992]

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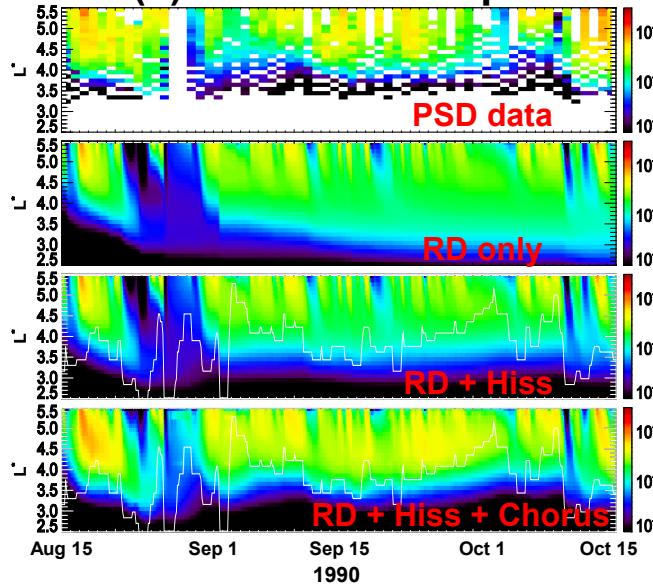
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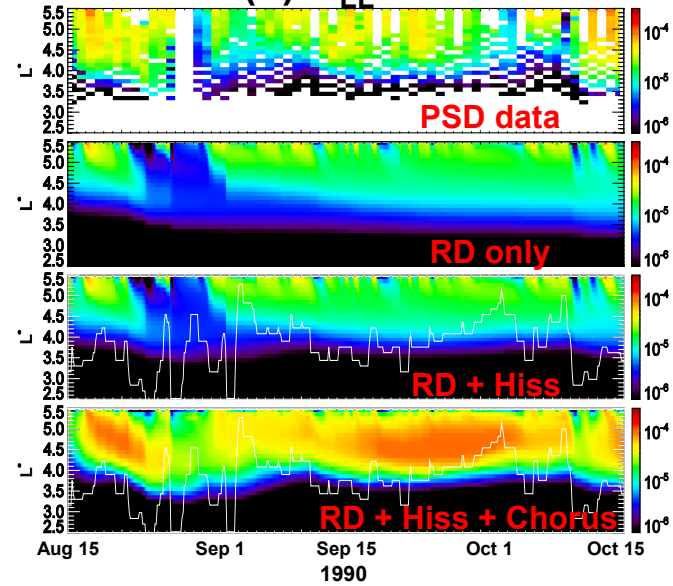
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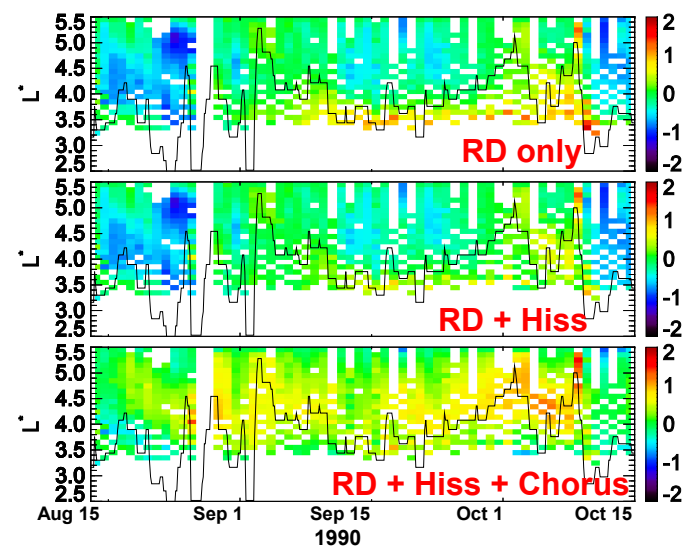
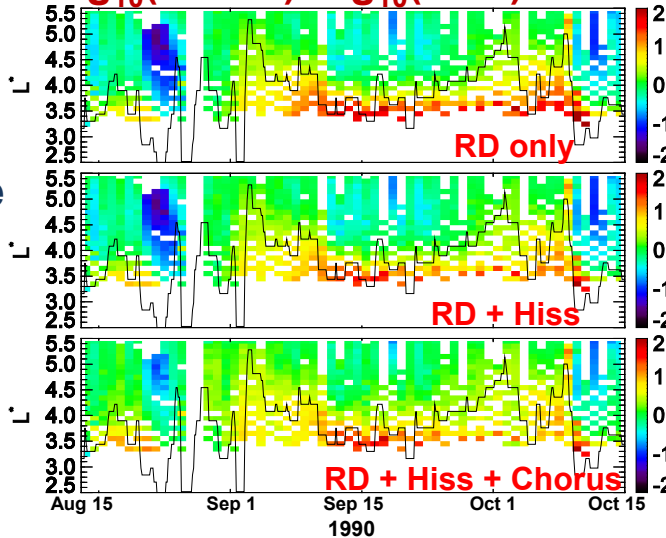
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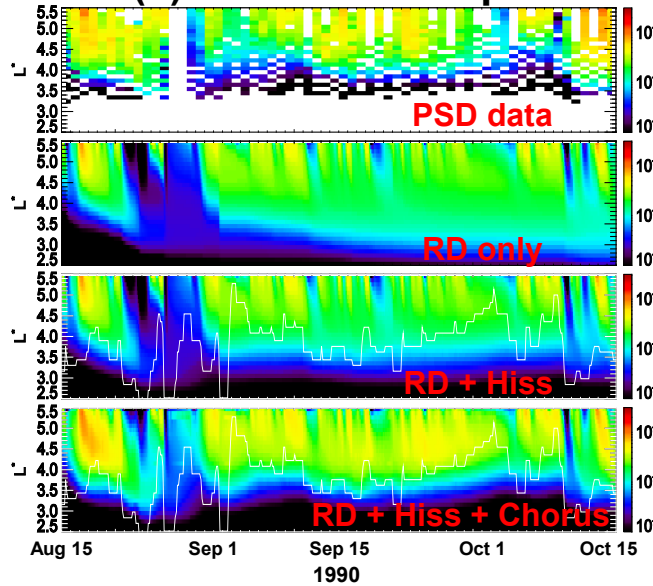
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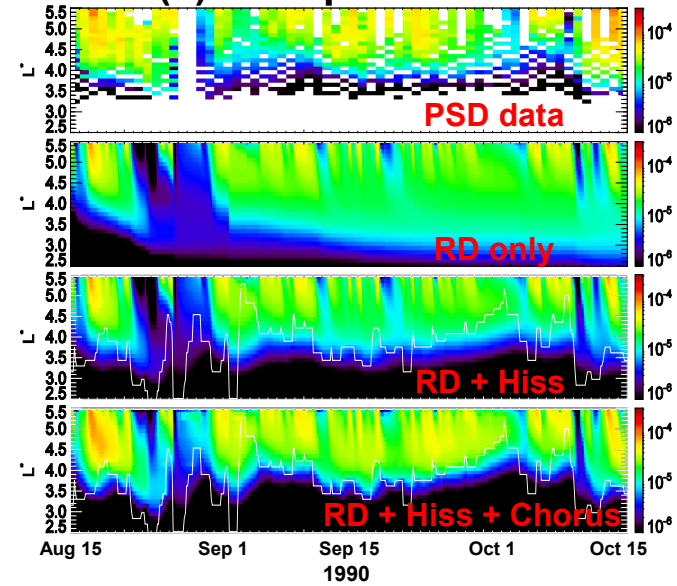
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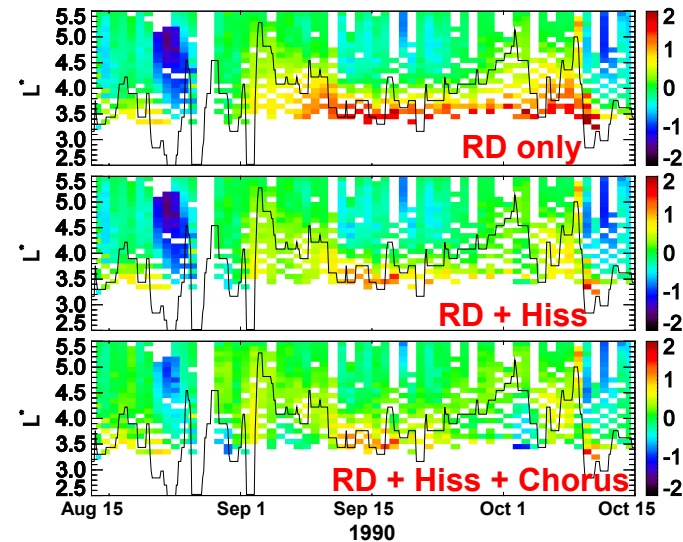
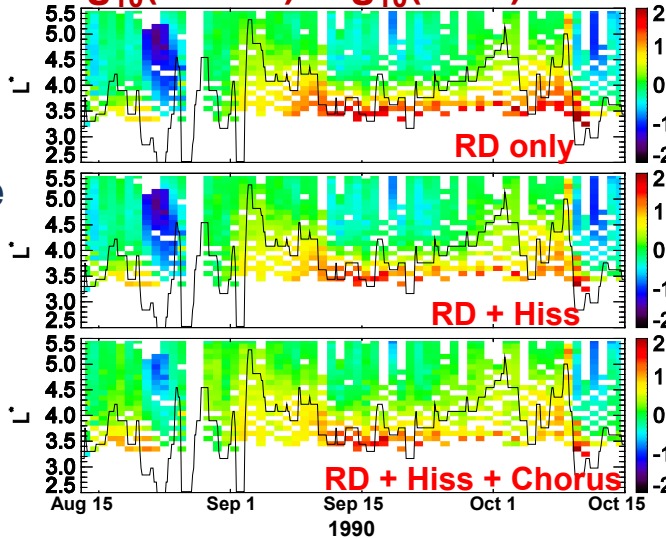
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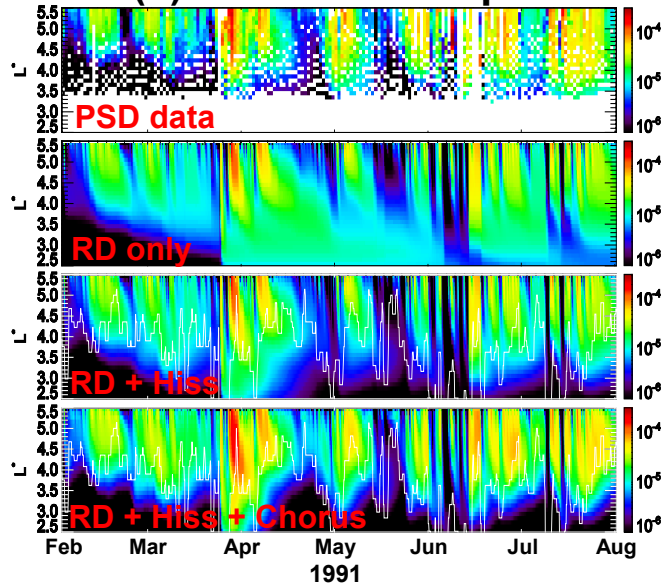
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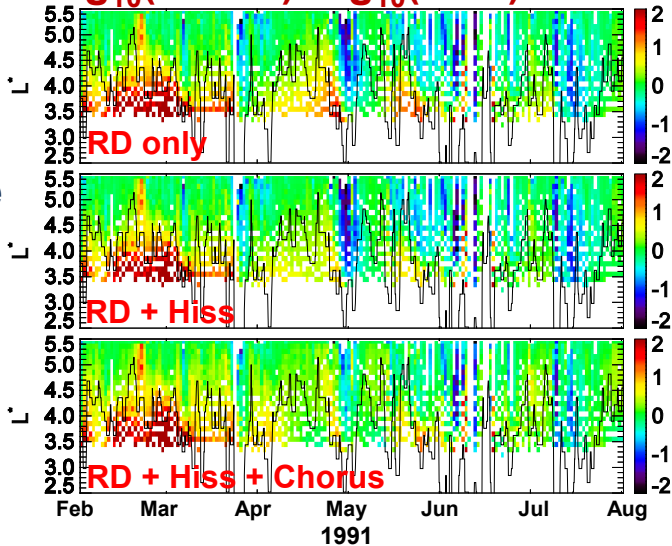
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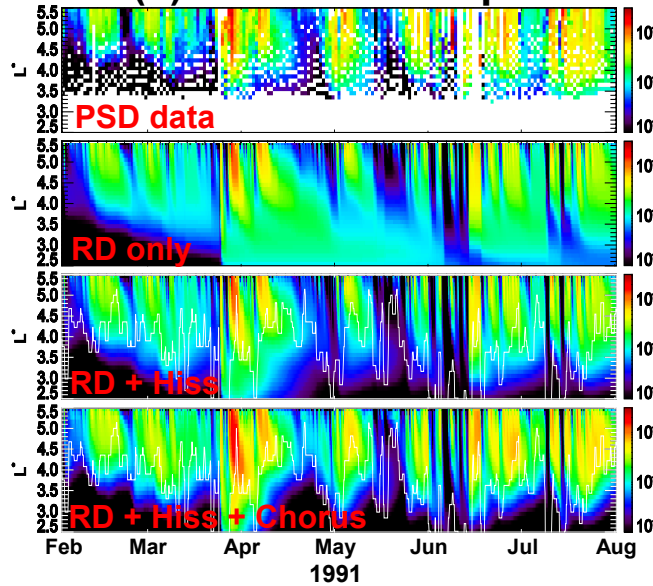


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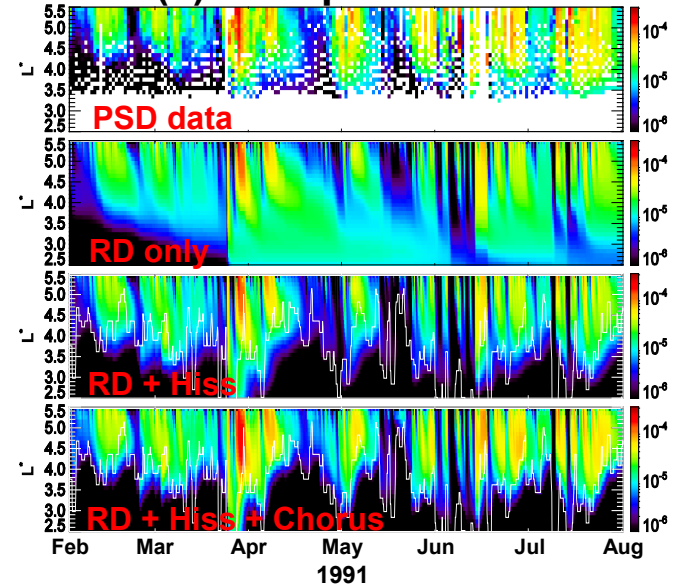
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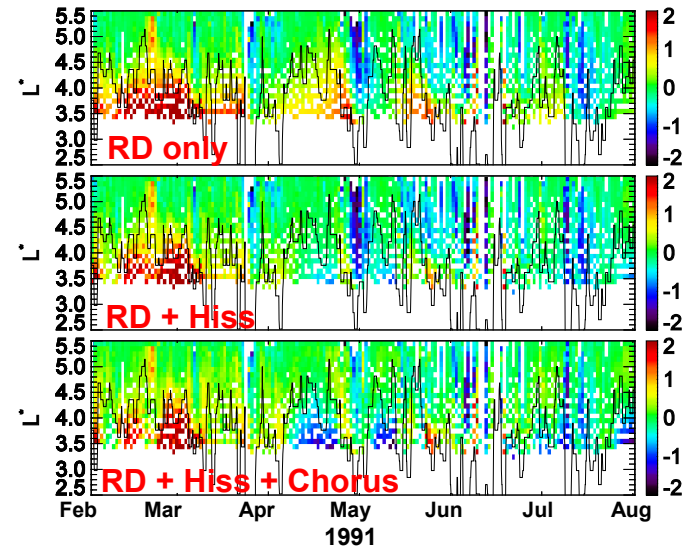
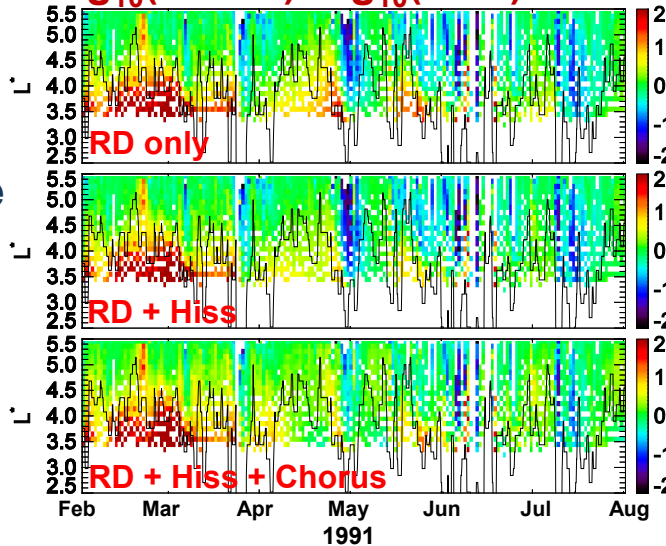
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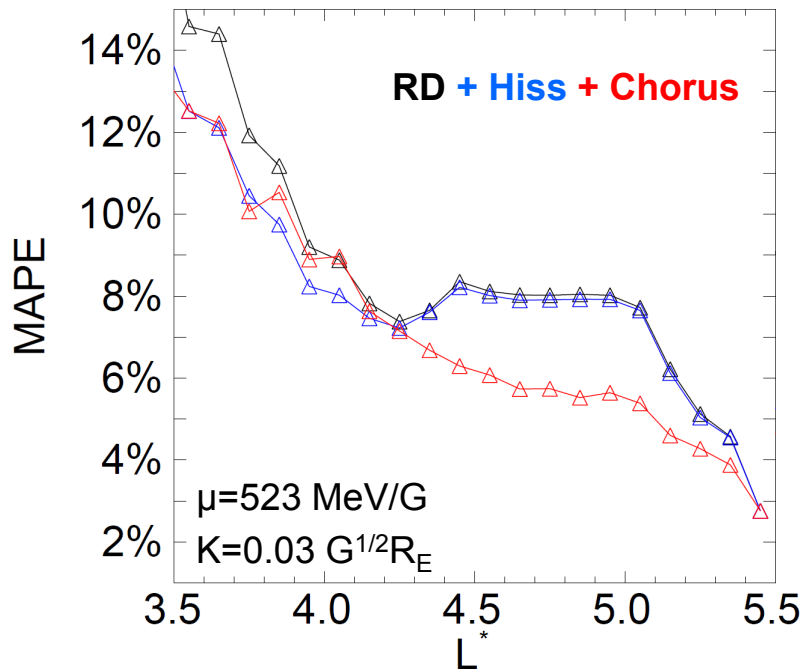
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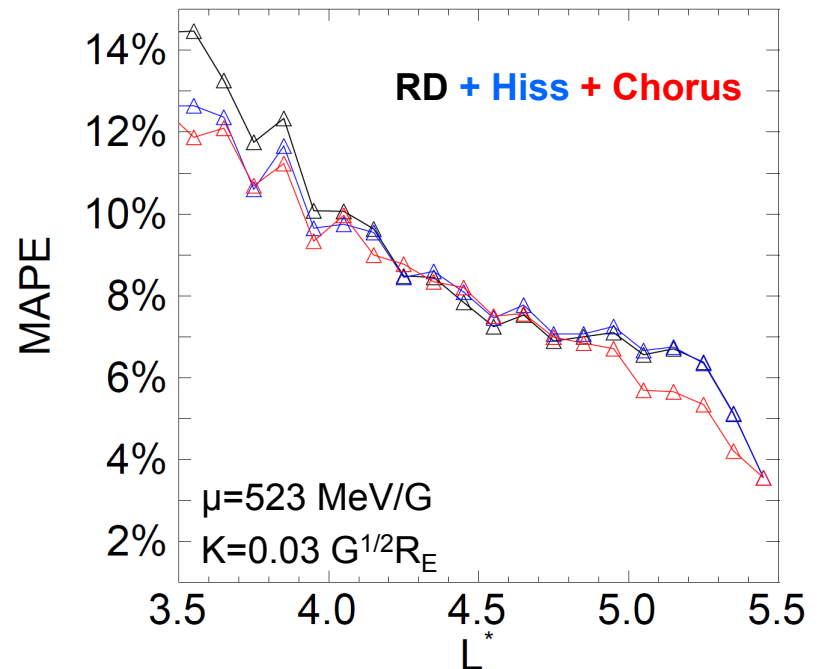
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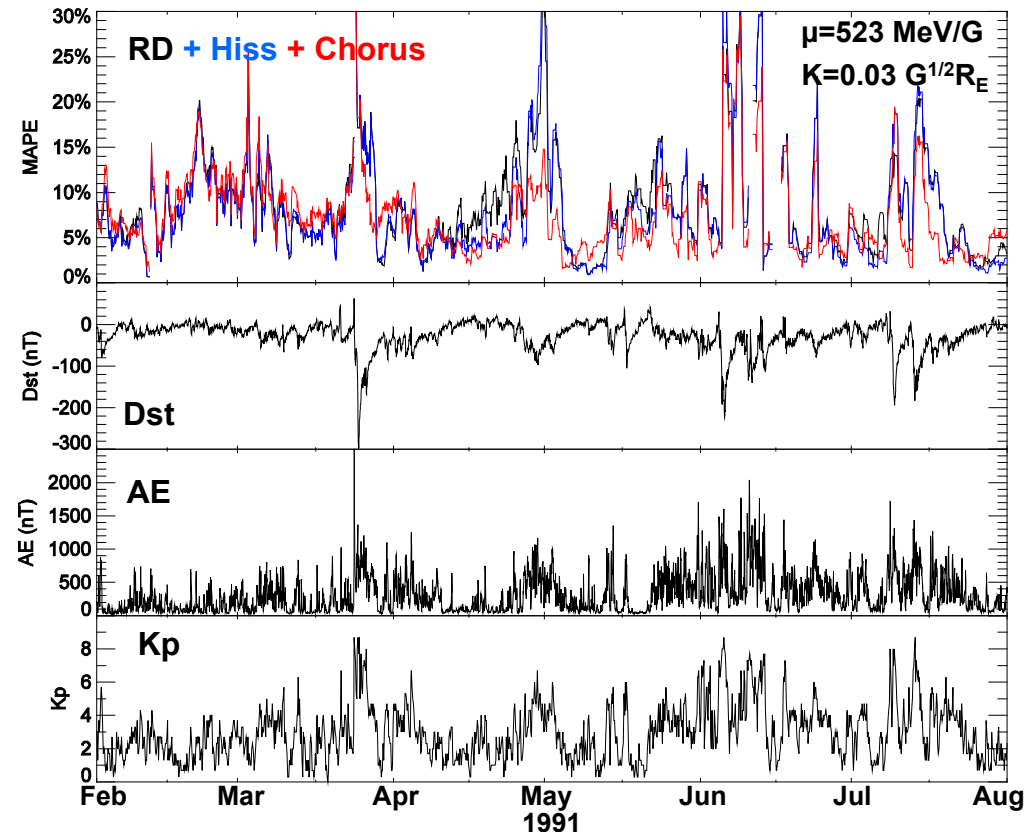
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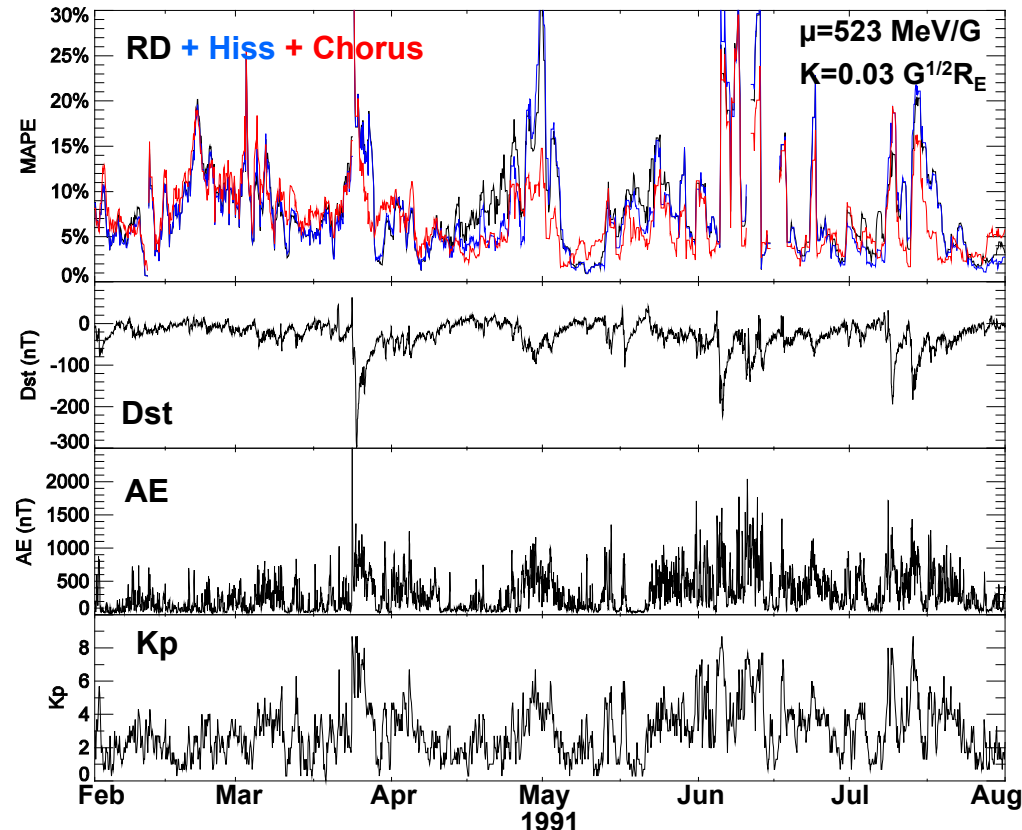
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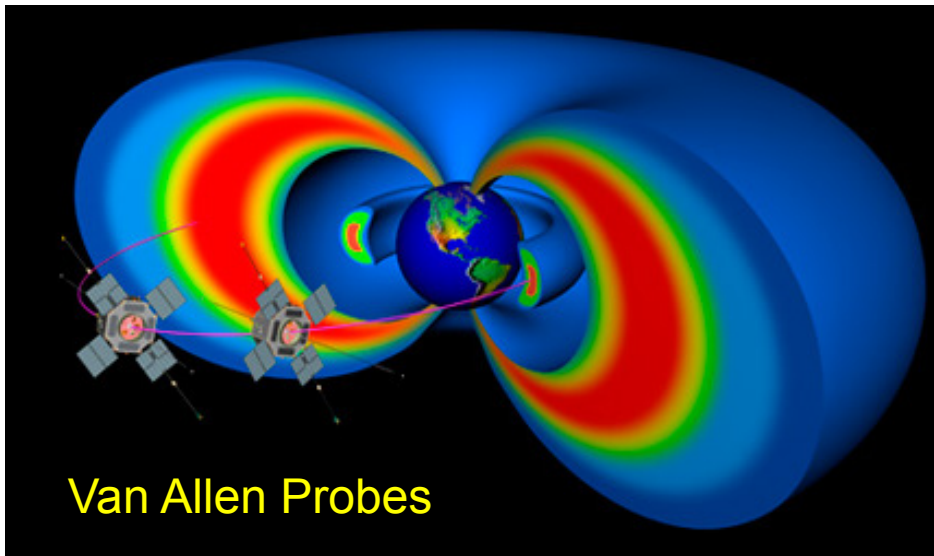
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	<100	100–300	>300
RD only	7.33	7.62	10.40
RD+hiss	6.43	7.05	10.27
RD+hiss+chorus	6.98	6.96	8.20

Red cell: the lowest MAPE of all 3 runs.

Conclusions: Long-term simulation

- The simulation results from our 3D diffusion model on the **CRRES era** suggest:
 - Our model **captures the general variations** of radiation belt electrons, including the dropouts and the enhancements.
 - The **overestimations inside the plasmopause** can be improved by increasing the PA diffusion from hiss waves.
 - But to explain the details dynamics, **better D_{LL} and wave models are required.**

Part 2: Simulation of the October 2012 Van Allen Probes event



- Event-specific model inputs and boundary conditions driven by measurements from Van Allen Probes and other spacecraft
- Published in Tu et al. [GRL 2014]

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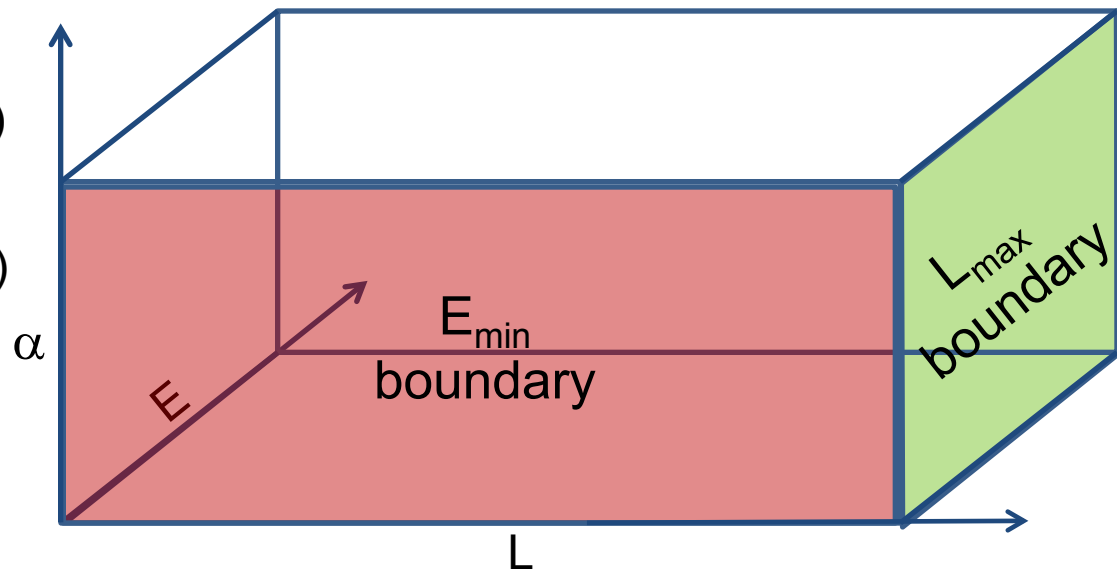
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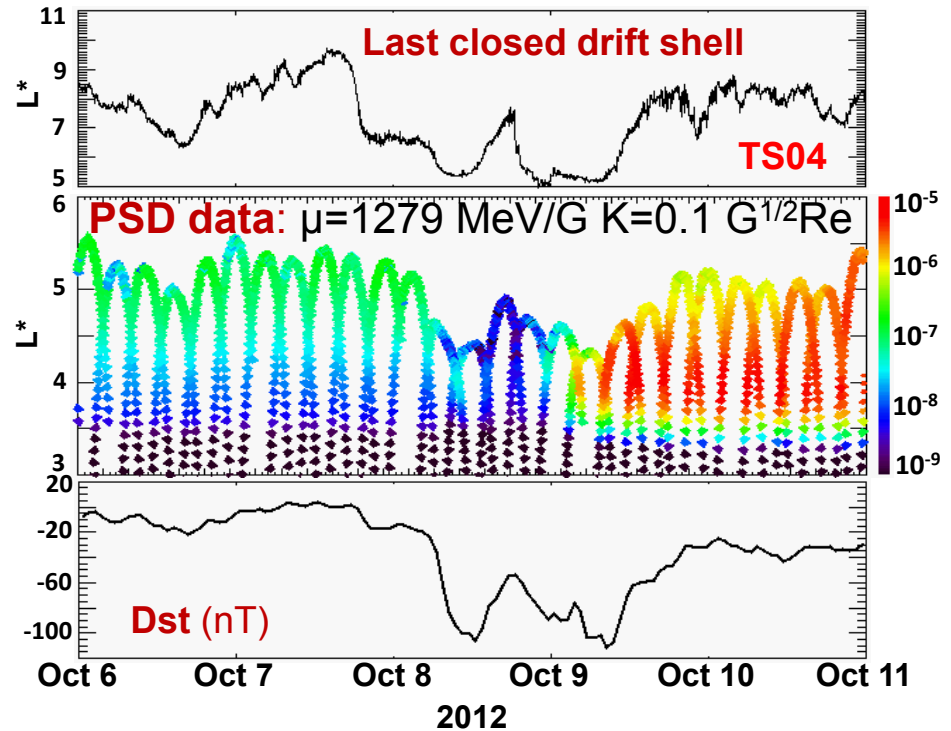
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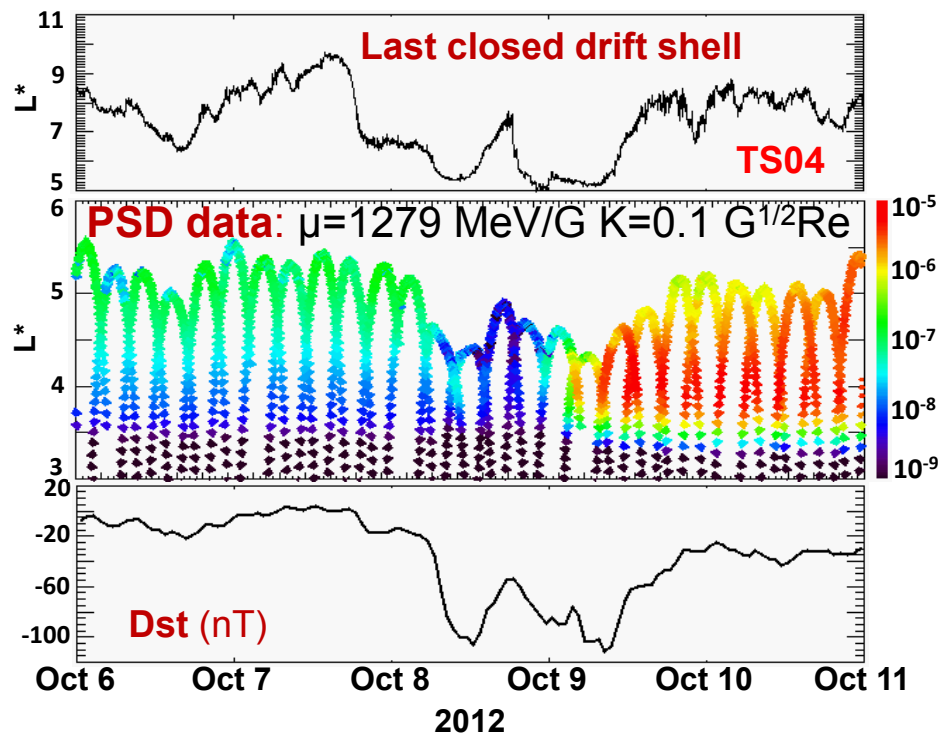
Van Allen Probes event: October 2012

- Fast dropout
- Strong enhancement:
 - Reported by Reeves et al. [Science, 2013]



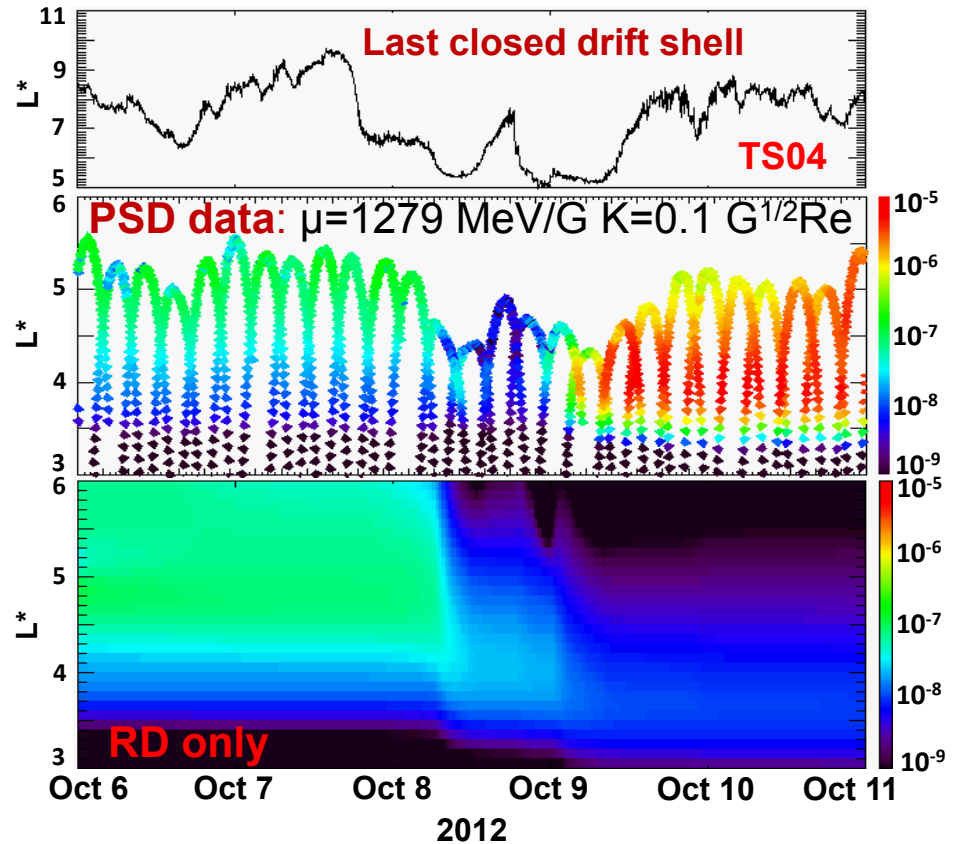
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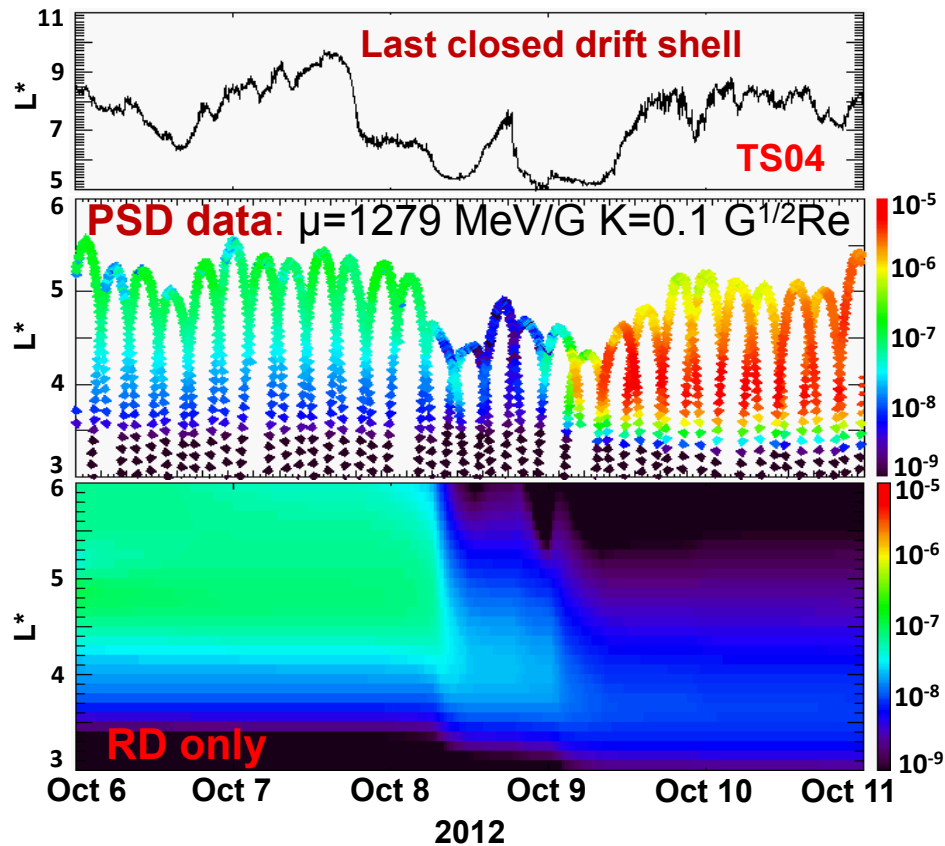
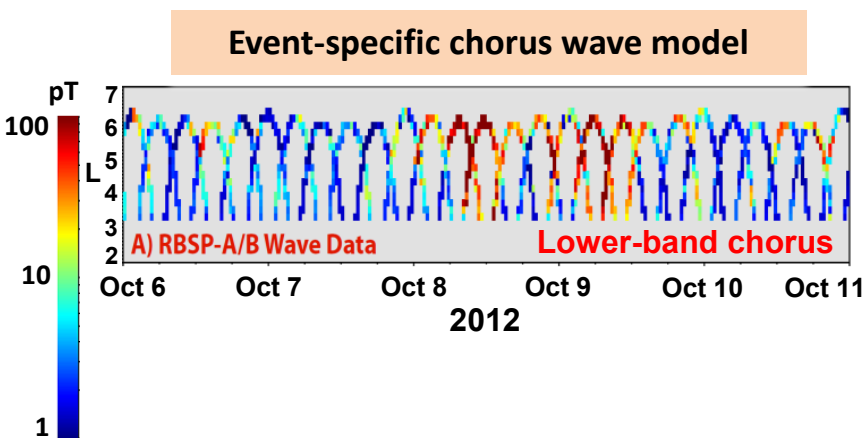


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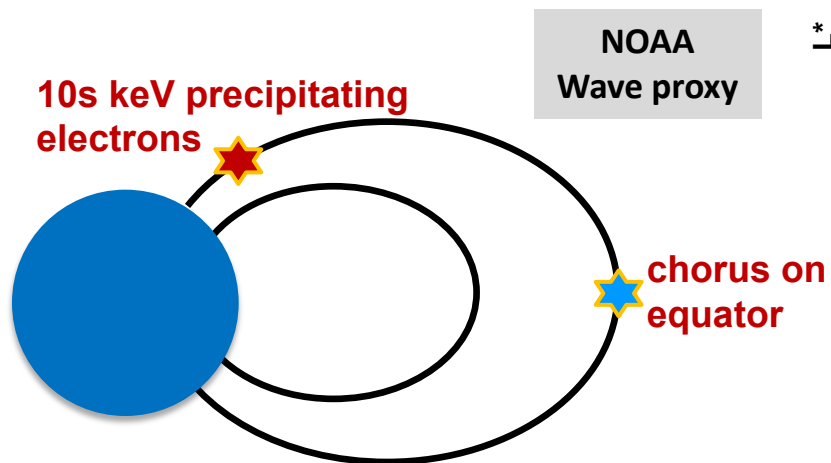
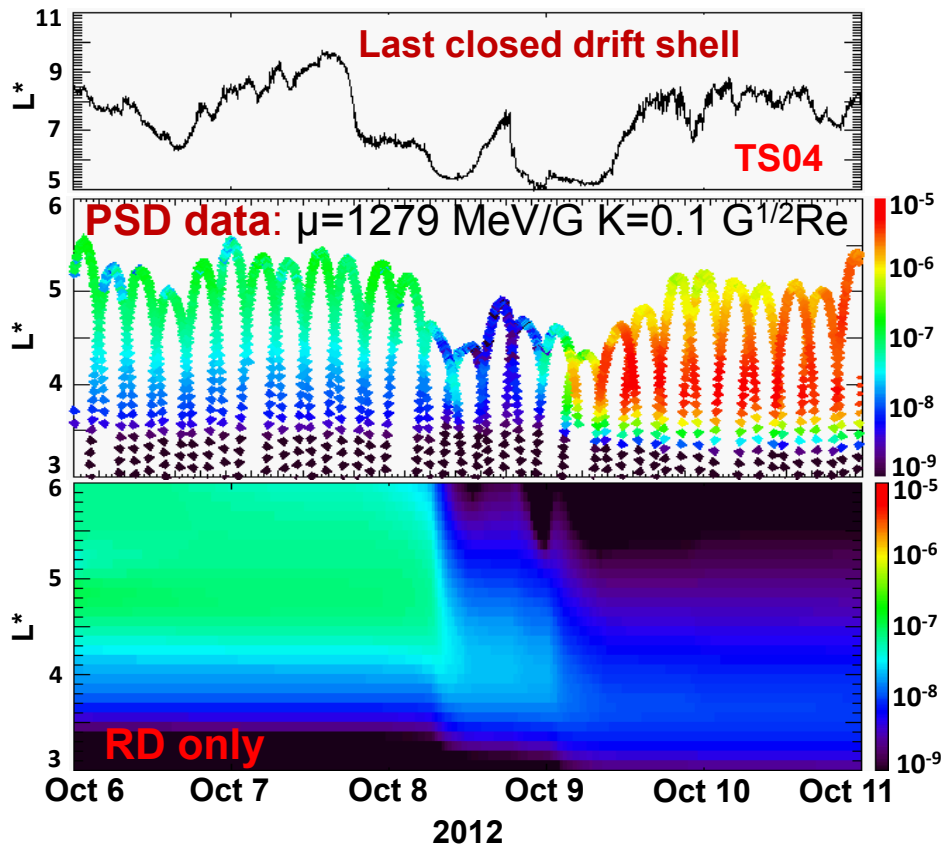
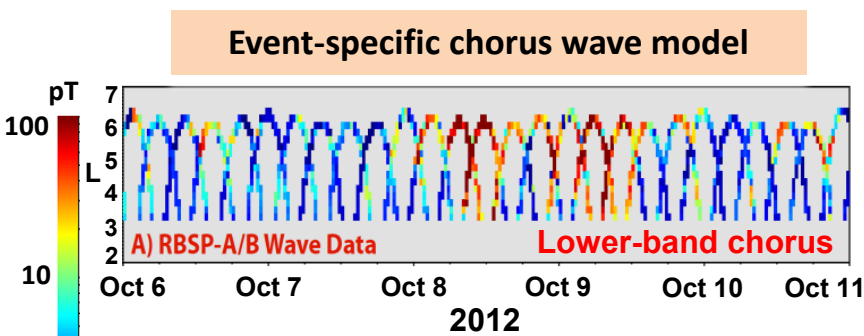
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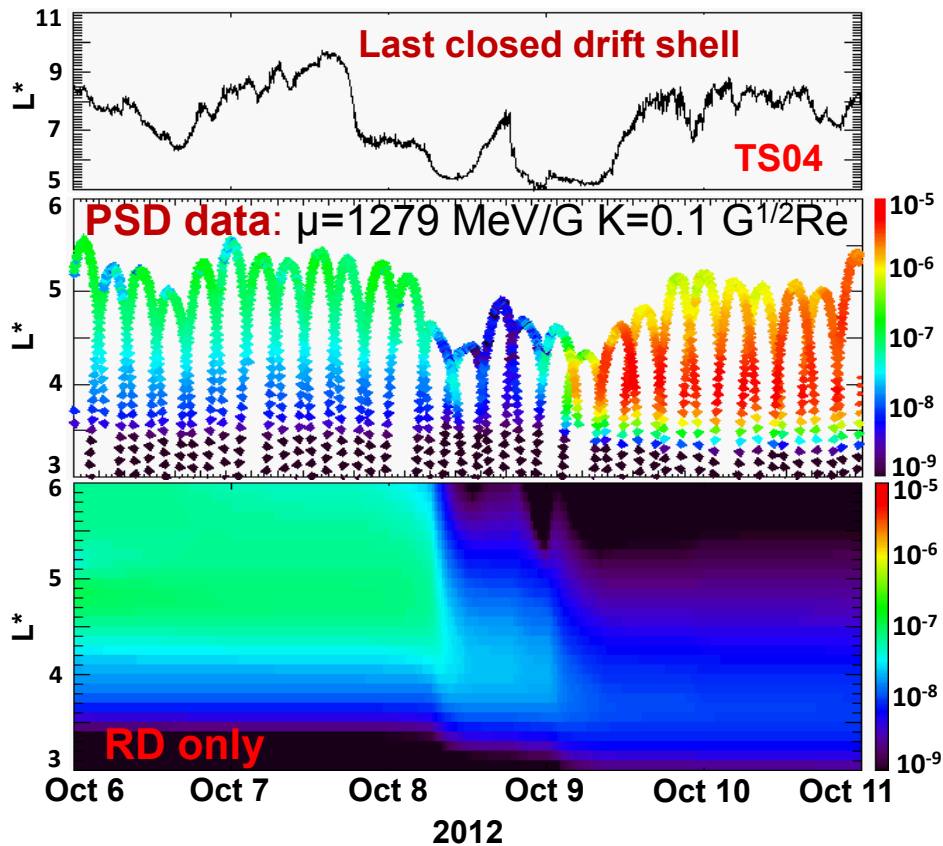
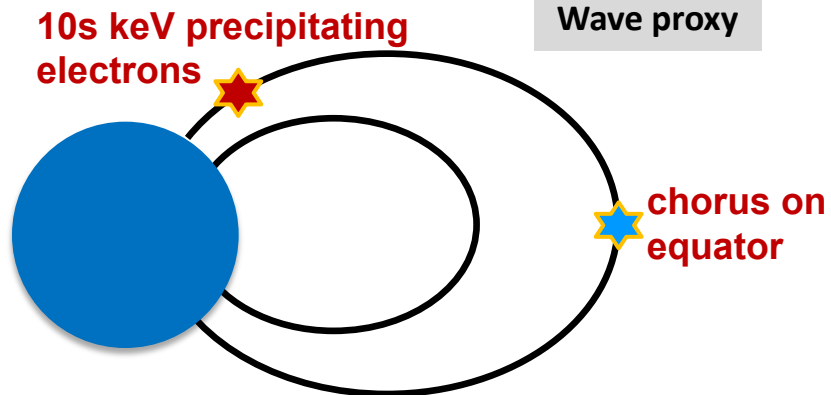
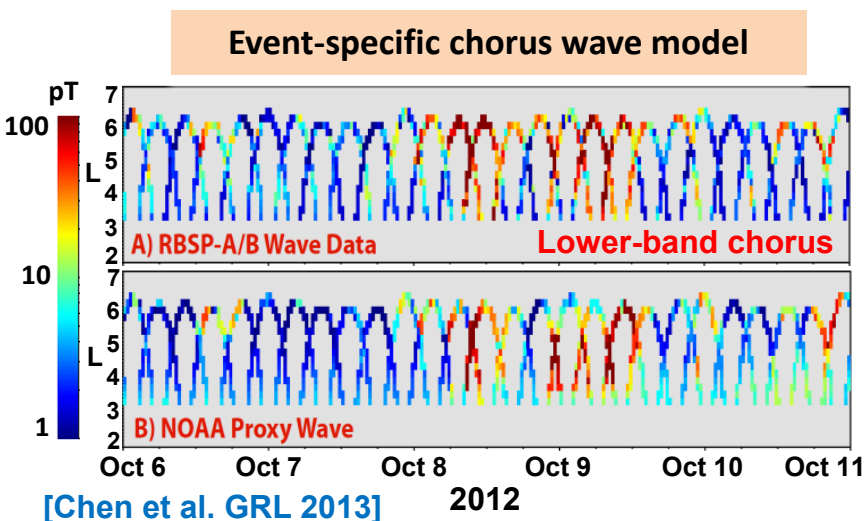
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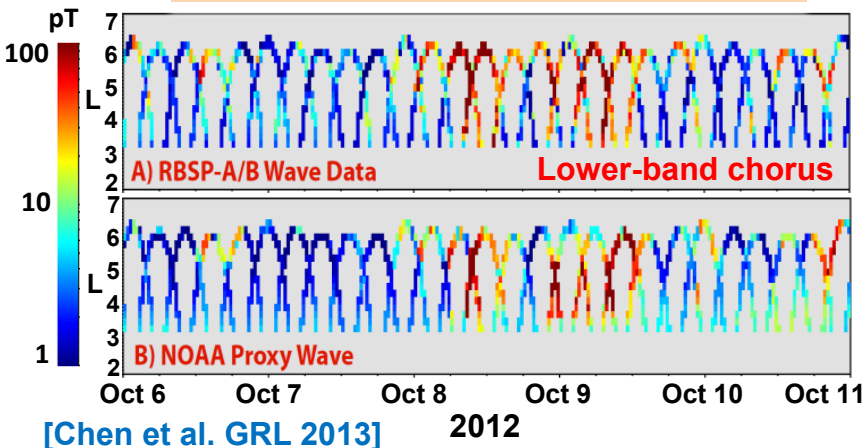


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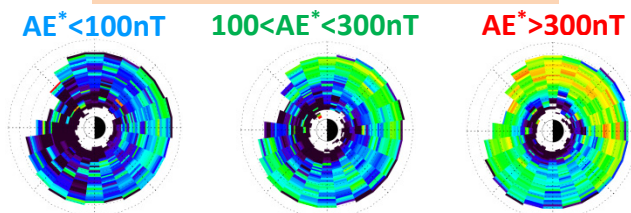


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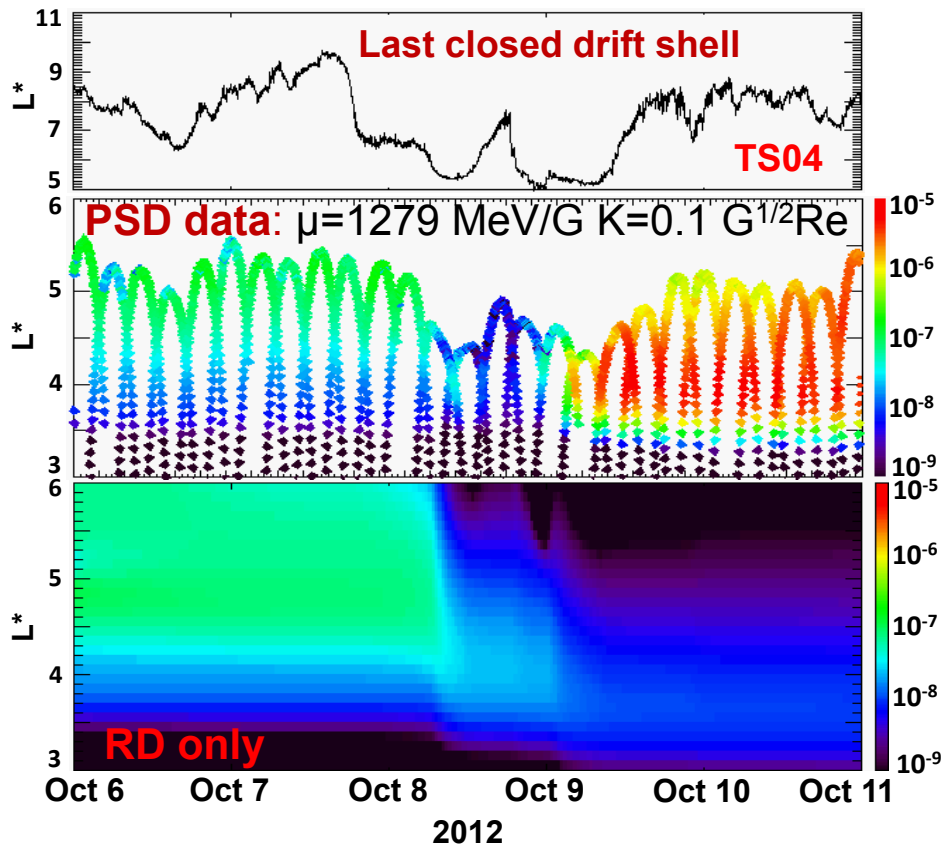
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CRRES-based Statistical model

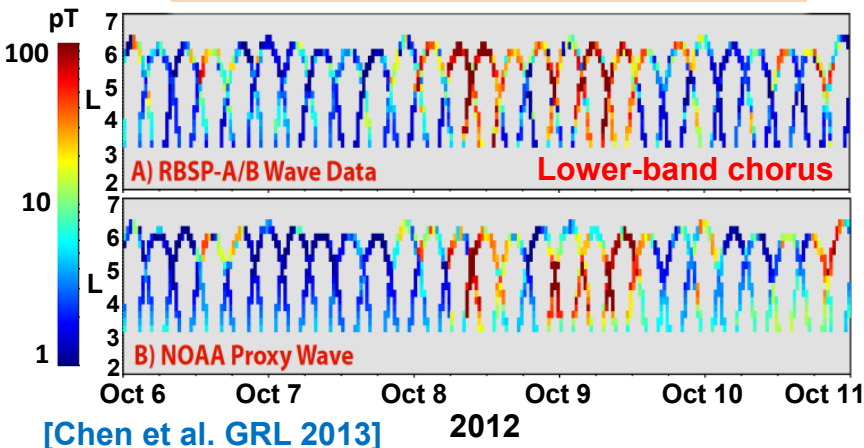


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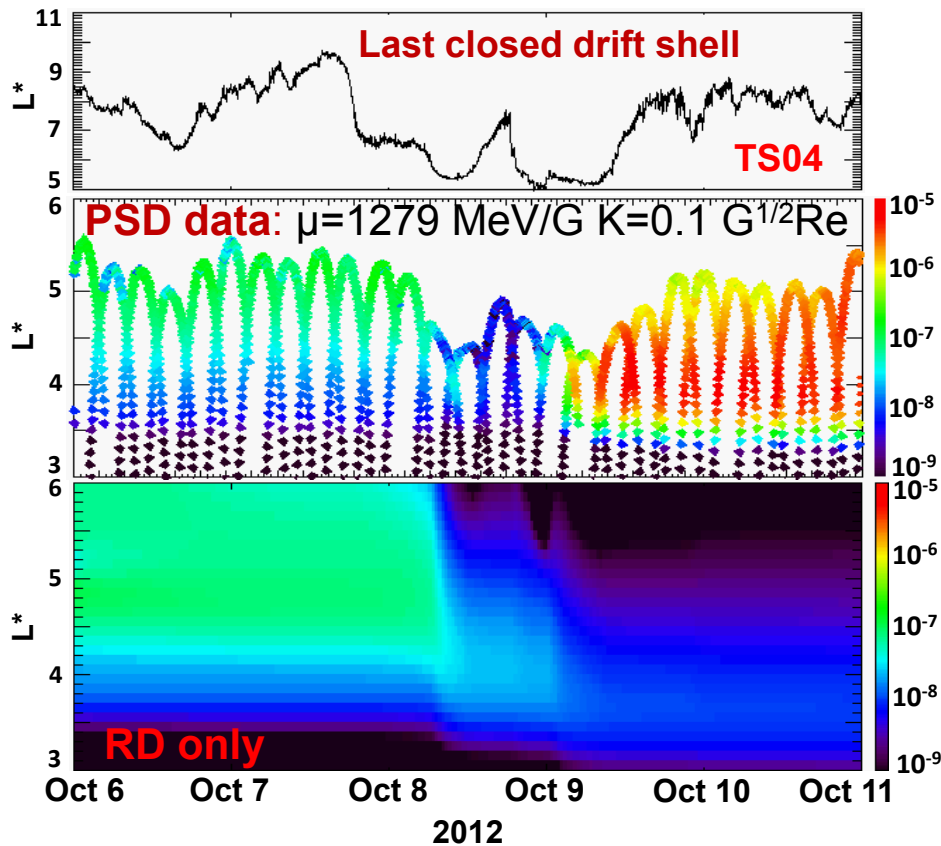
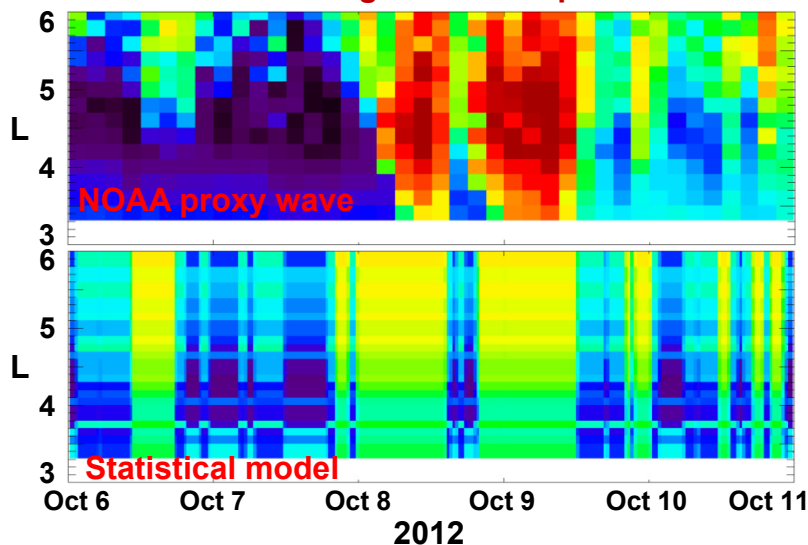


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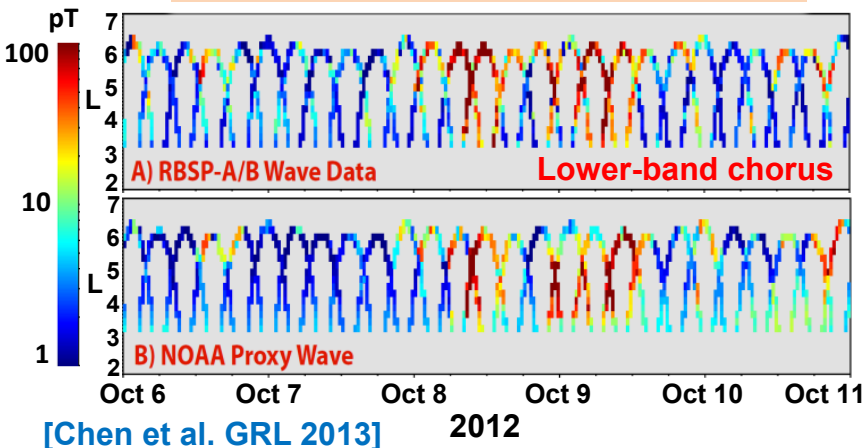
MLT-averaged wave amplitude



- wave amplitude: 10x higher than the statistical model
- Energy diffusion: 100x faster

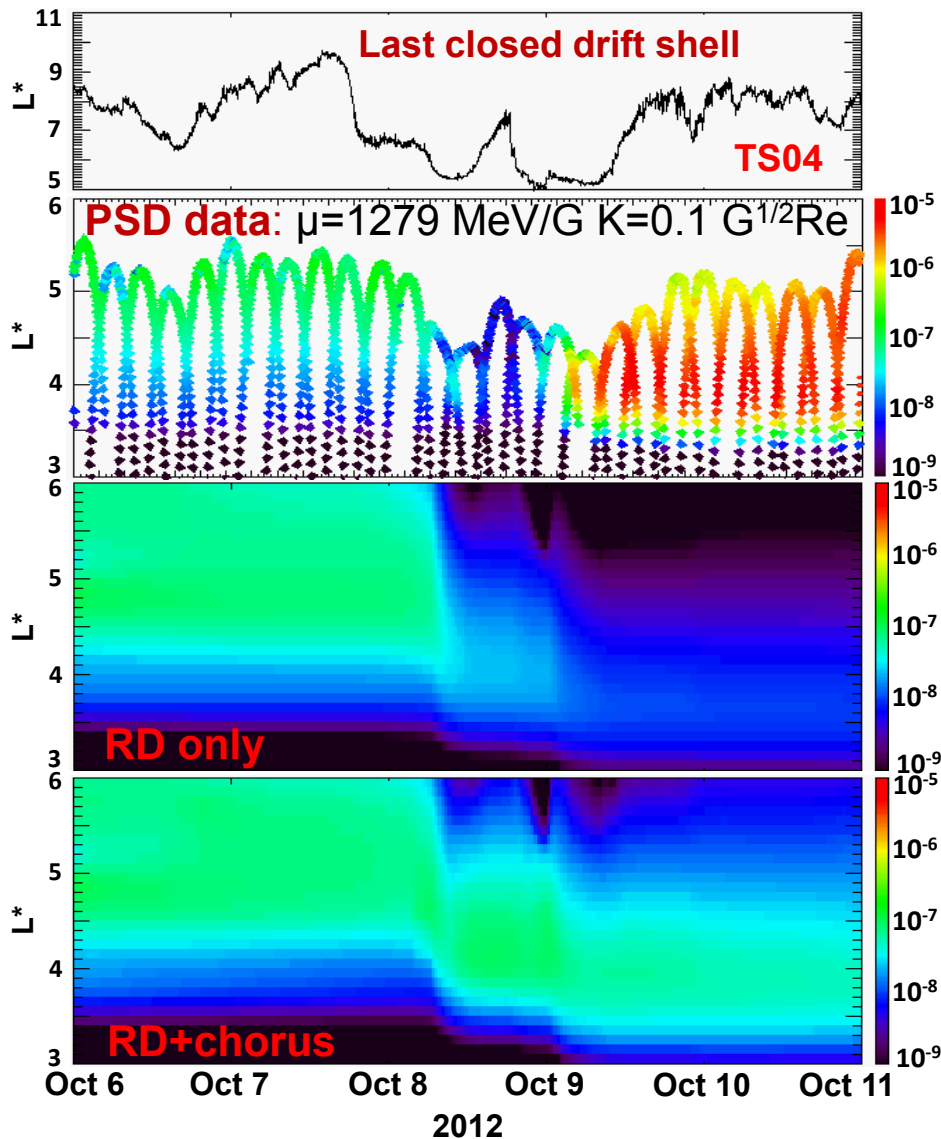
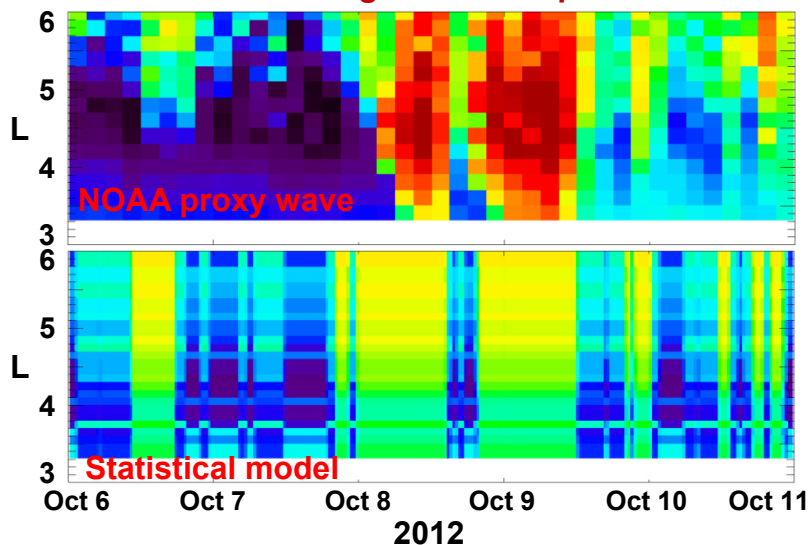
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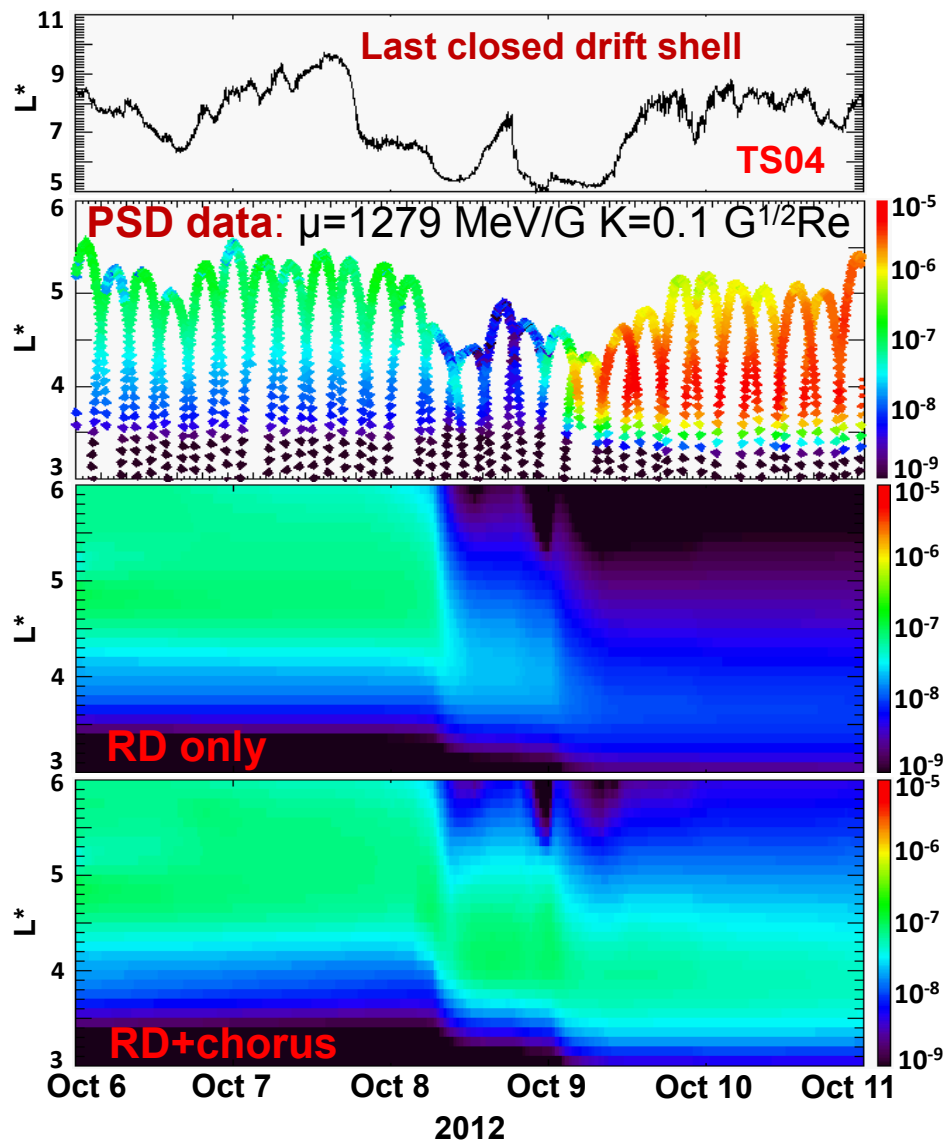
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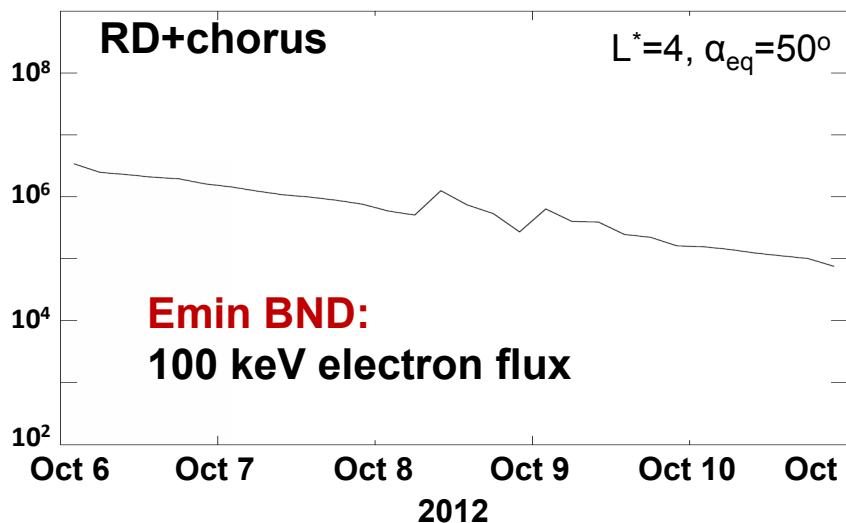
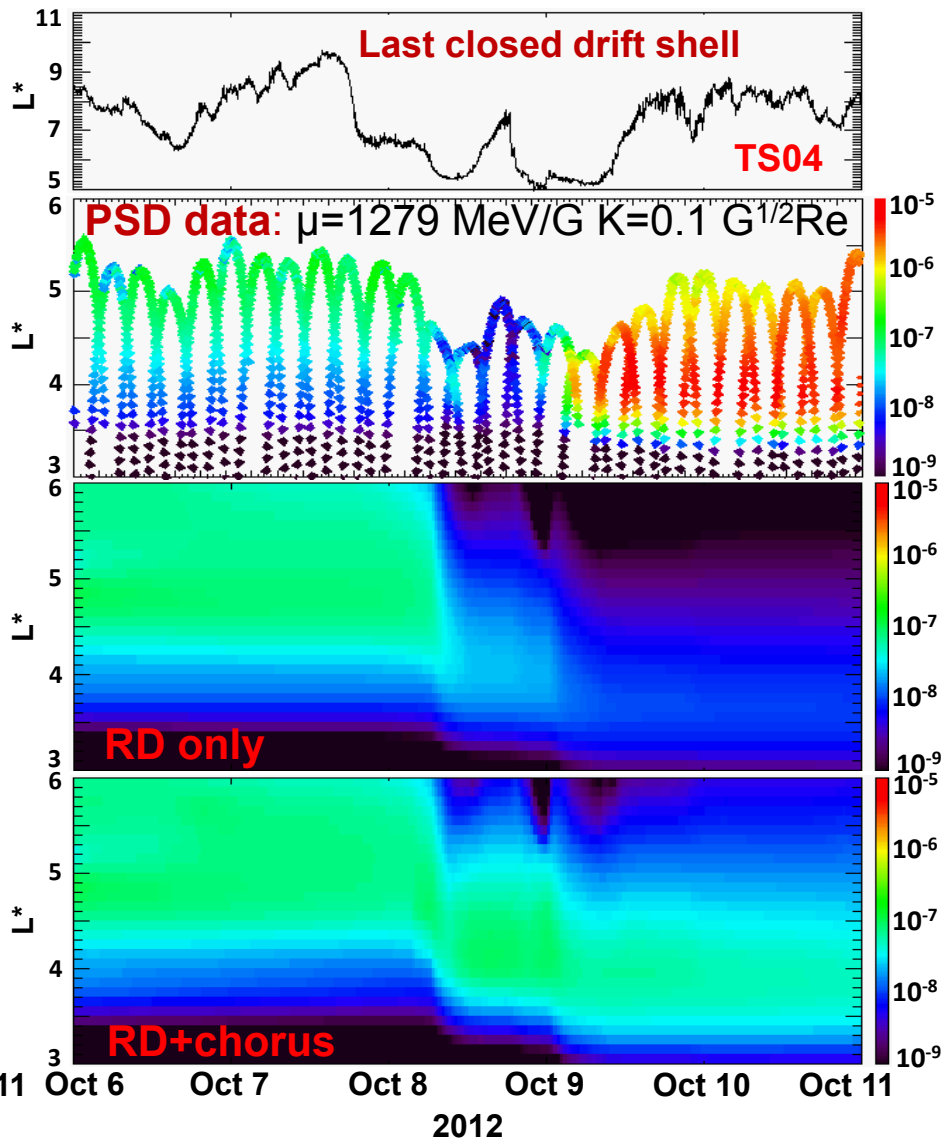
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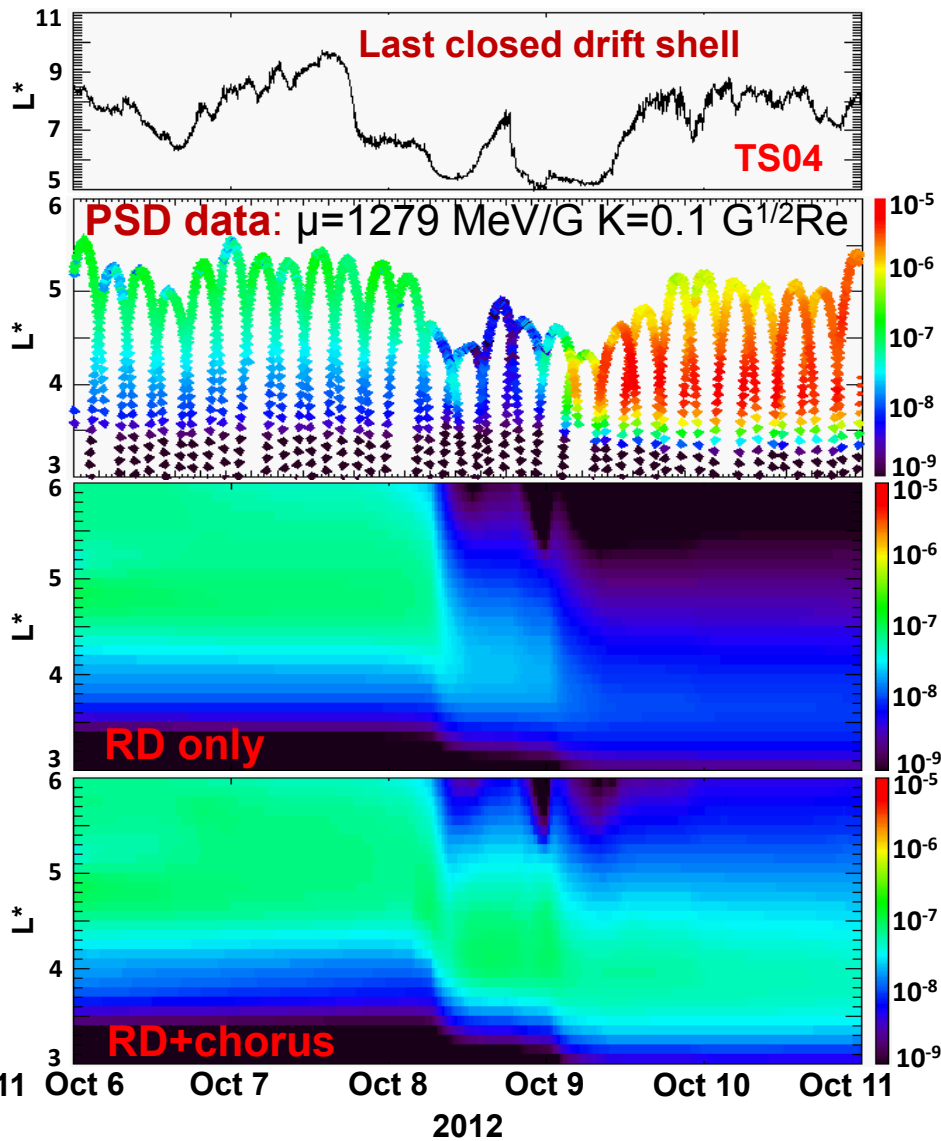
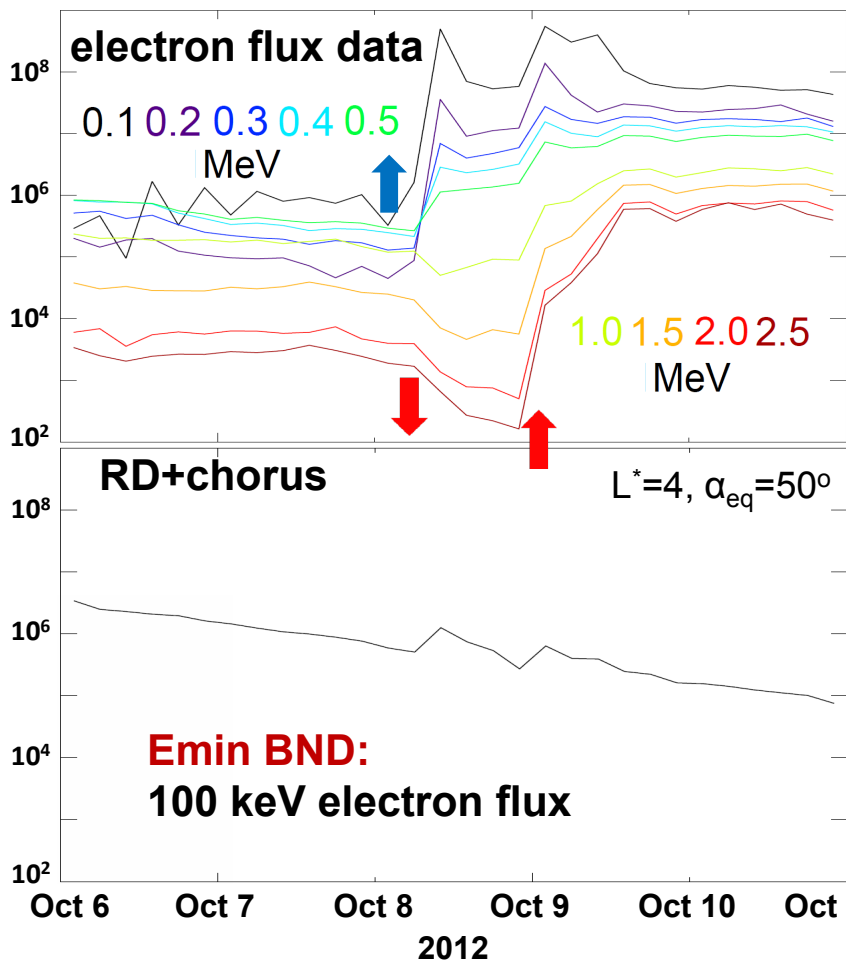
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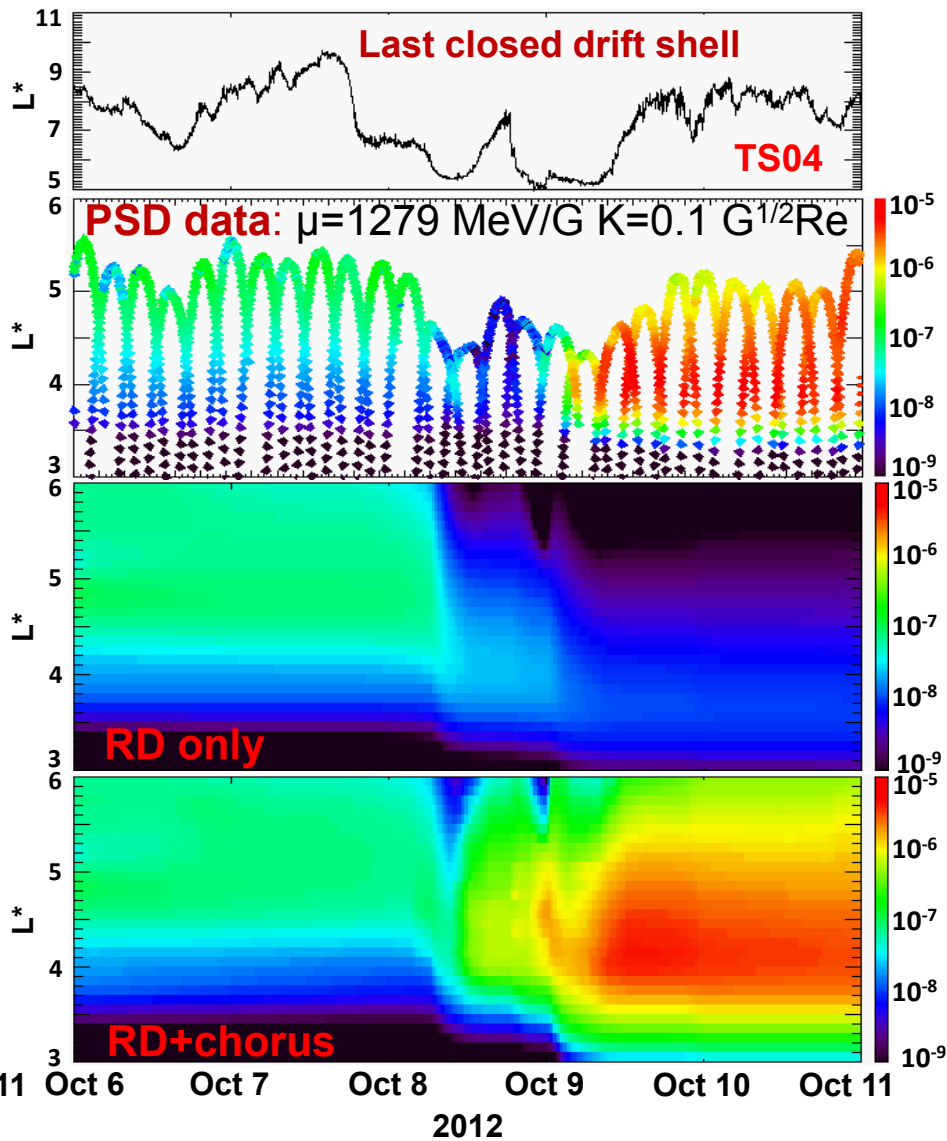
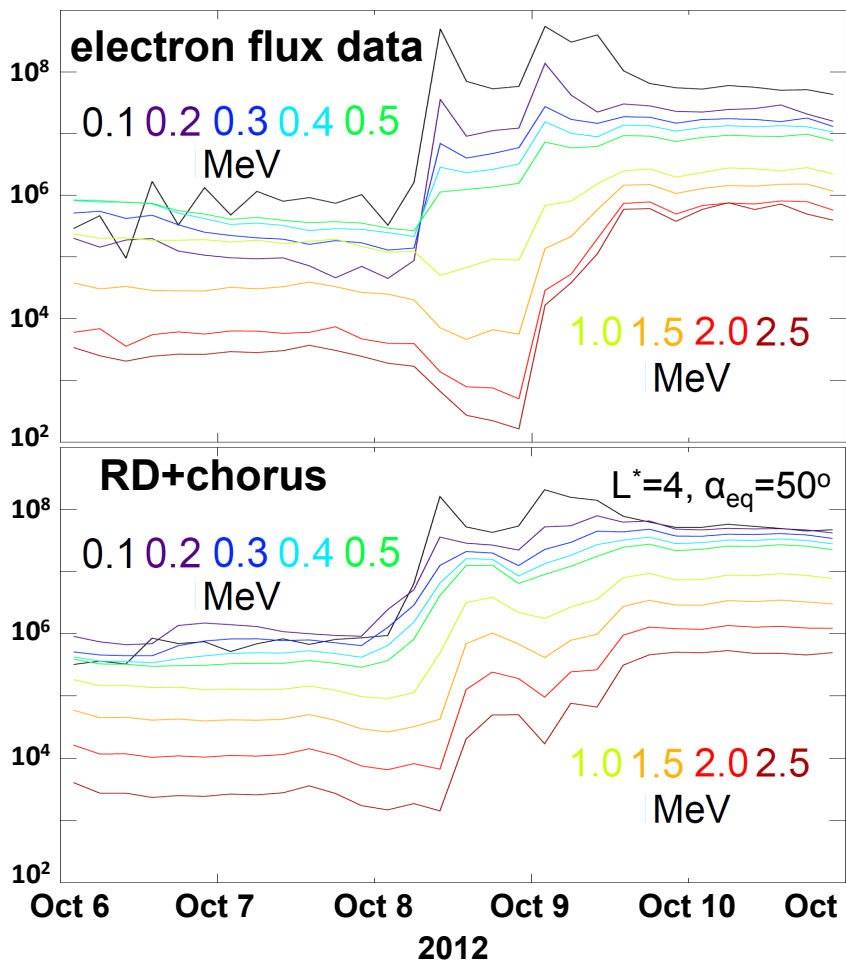
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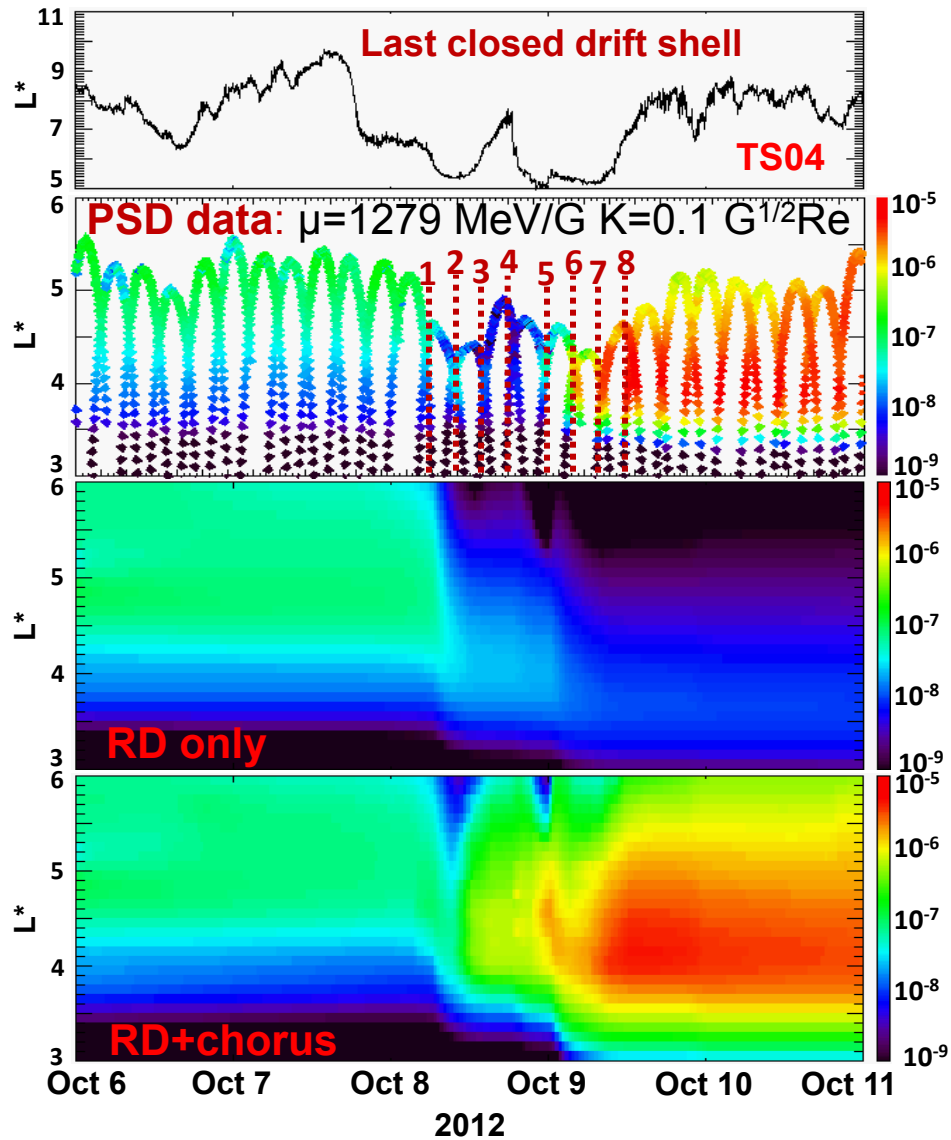
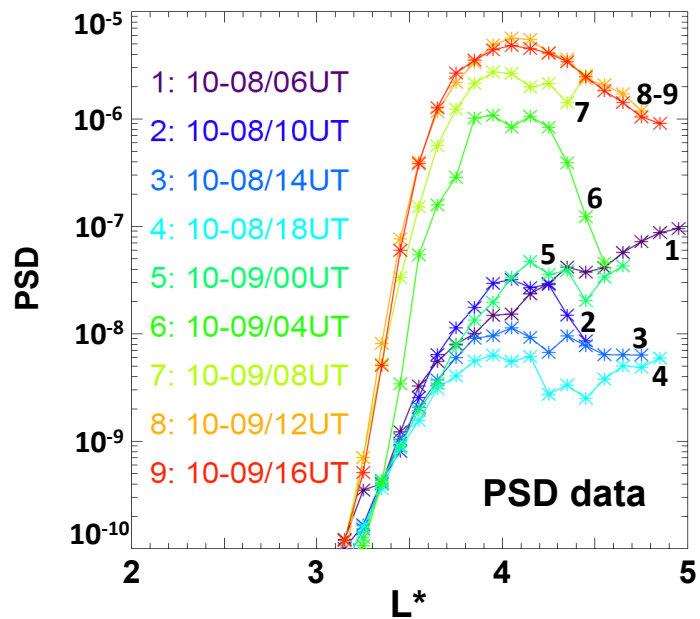


DREAM3D simulation: RB enhancement

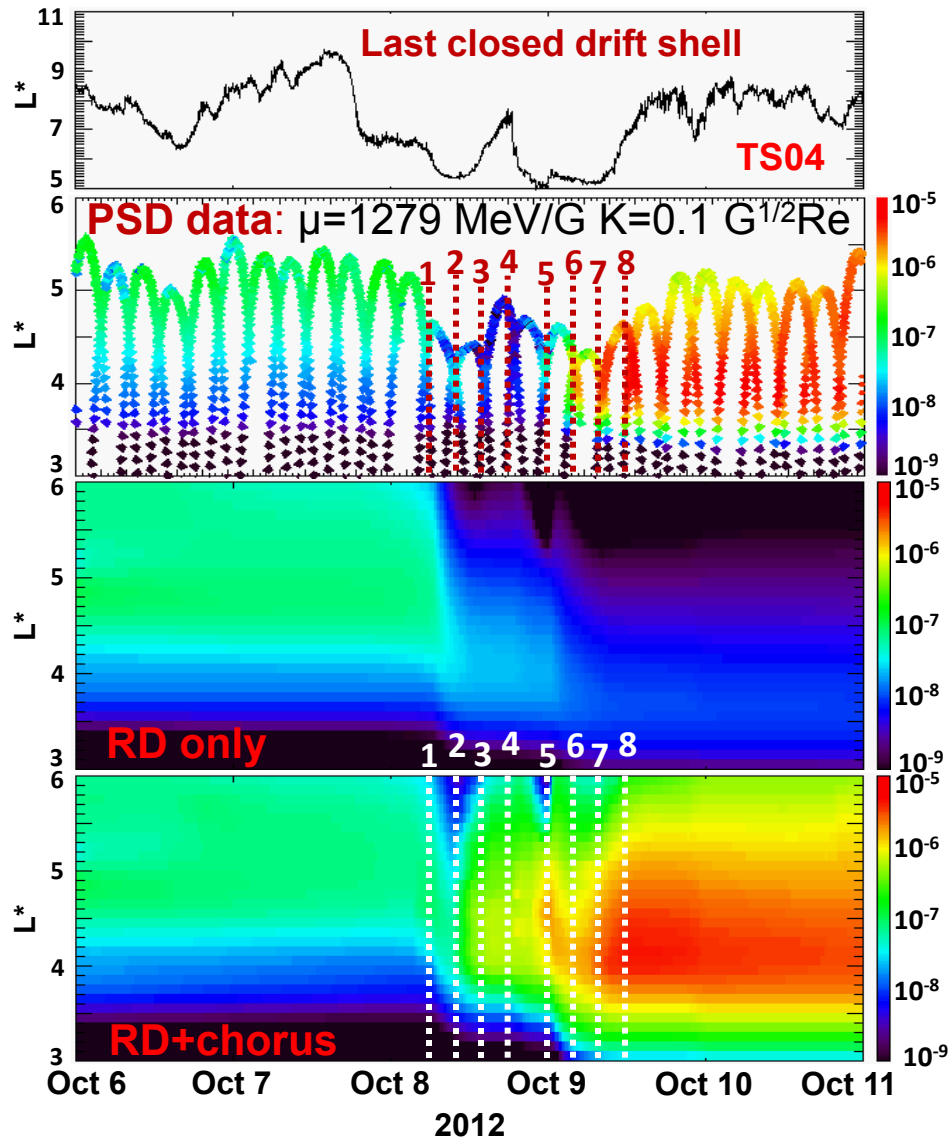
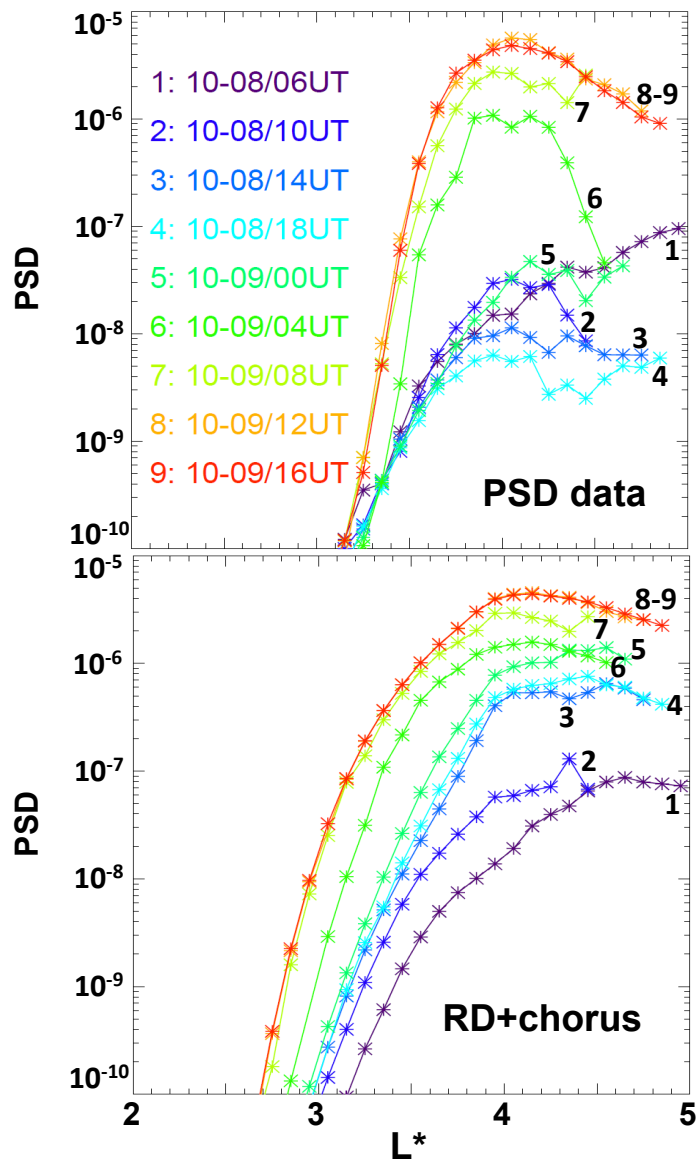
- Modeling the enhancement
 - Event-specific chorus waves
 - Realistic seed electrons (100 keV)



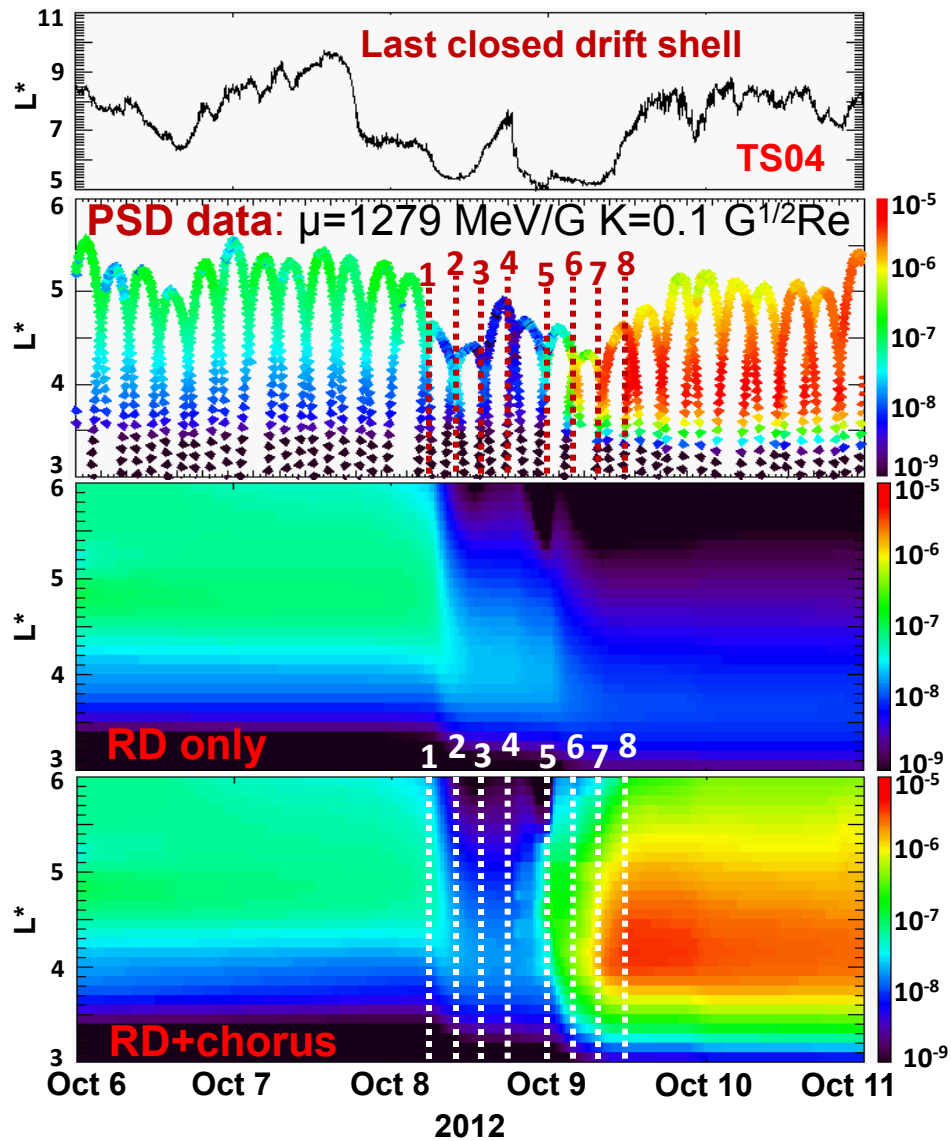
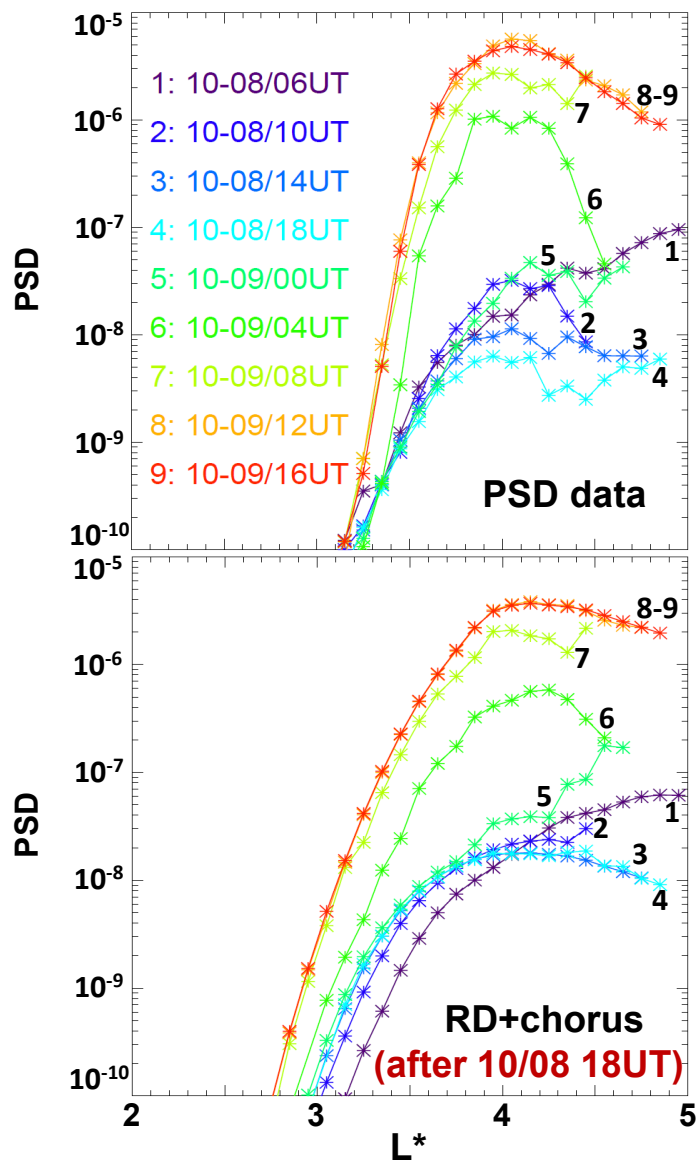
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Conclusions: Event simulation

- To simulate the October 2012 event, **three new modifications to DREAM3D** have been implemented, all driven by **event-specific conditions**:
 - Solar-wind driven last closed drift shell: **OMNI data**
 - Event-specific chorus wave model: **NOAA/POES, Van Allen Probes/EMFISIS**
 - Data-driven electron seed population: **Van Allen Probes/MagEIS**
- **Electron dropout** during the 1st Dst dip can be explained by **outward radial diffusion to the compressed last closed drift shell**.
 - Though it is not well-reproduced if chorus heating is turned on simultaneously.
- **Strong enhancement** during the 2nd Dst dip is well reproduced with **event-specific chorus waves and electron seed population**.
- The results illustrate the utility of the high-resolution, comprehensive set of Van Allen Probes measurements in studying the balance between source and loss in the radiation belt.

New GEM Focus Group (2014-2018):

- A new GEM/FG on “Quantitative Assessment of Radiation Belt Modeling” under the IMS Research Area.
- **Co-chairs:** Weichao Tu, Wen Li, Jay Albert, Steve Morley
- **Goals:**
 - Bring together the current **state-of-the-art models and new physics** for the acceleration, transport, and loss processes in radiation belts.
 - Develop **event-specific and global** wave, plasma, and magnetic field models to drive these radiation belt models.
 - Combine all these components to achieve a **quantitative assessment** of the relative importance of acceleration, transport, and loss processes in radiation belts by validating against contemporary radiation belt measurements.
- ‘RB dropout’ and ‘RB buildup’ challenges **invite international participations!**