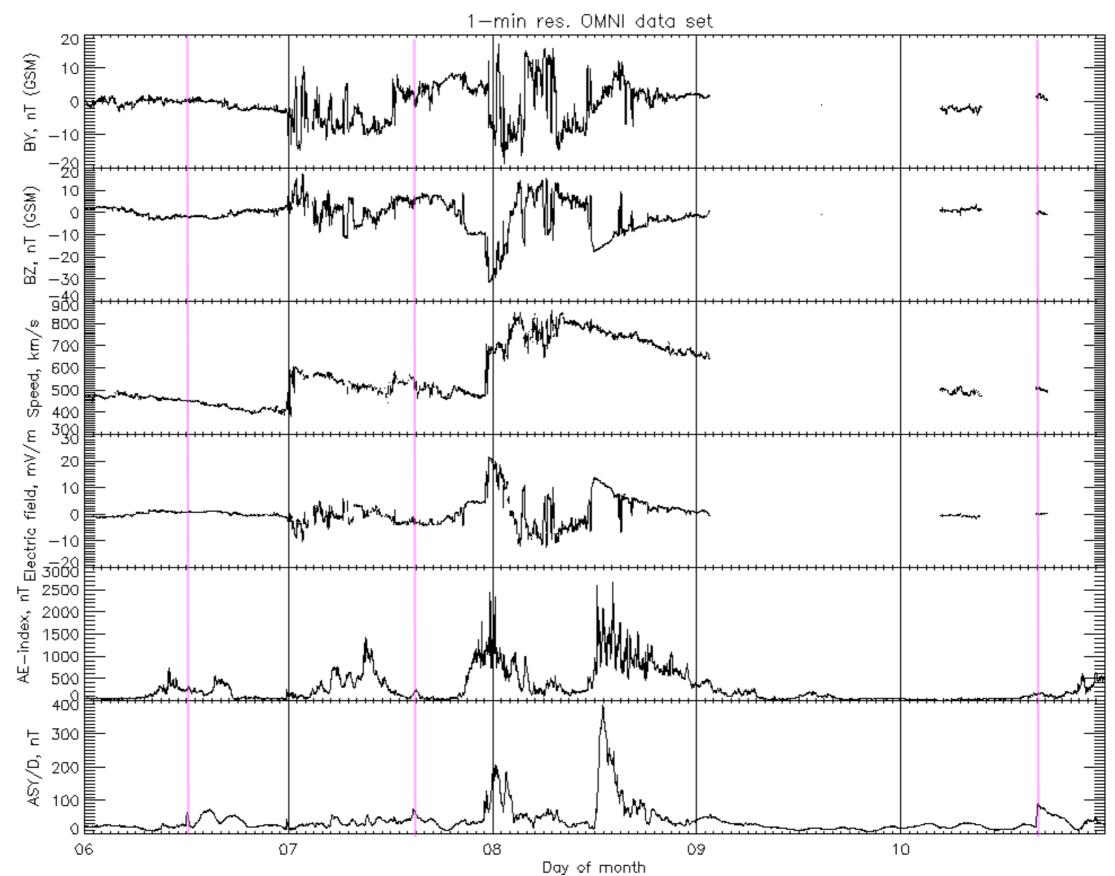


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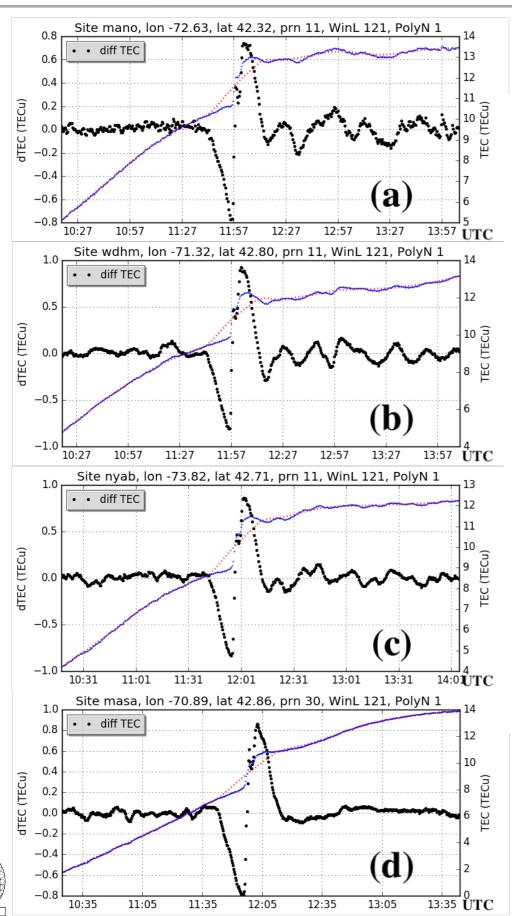
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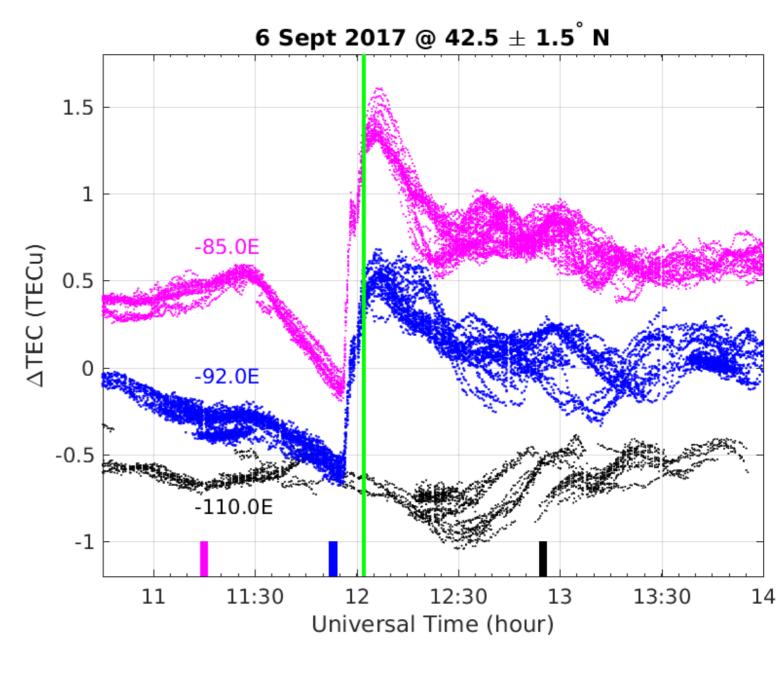
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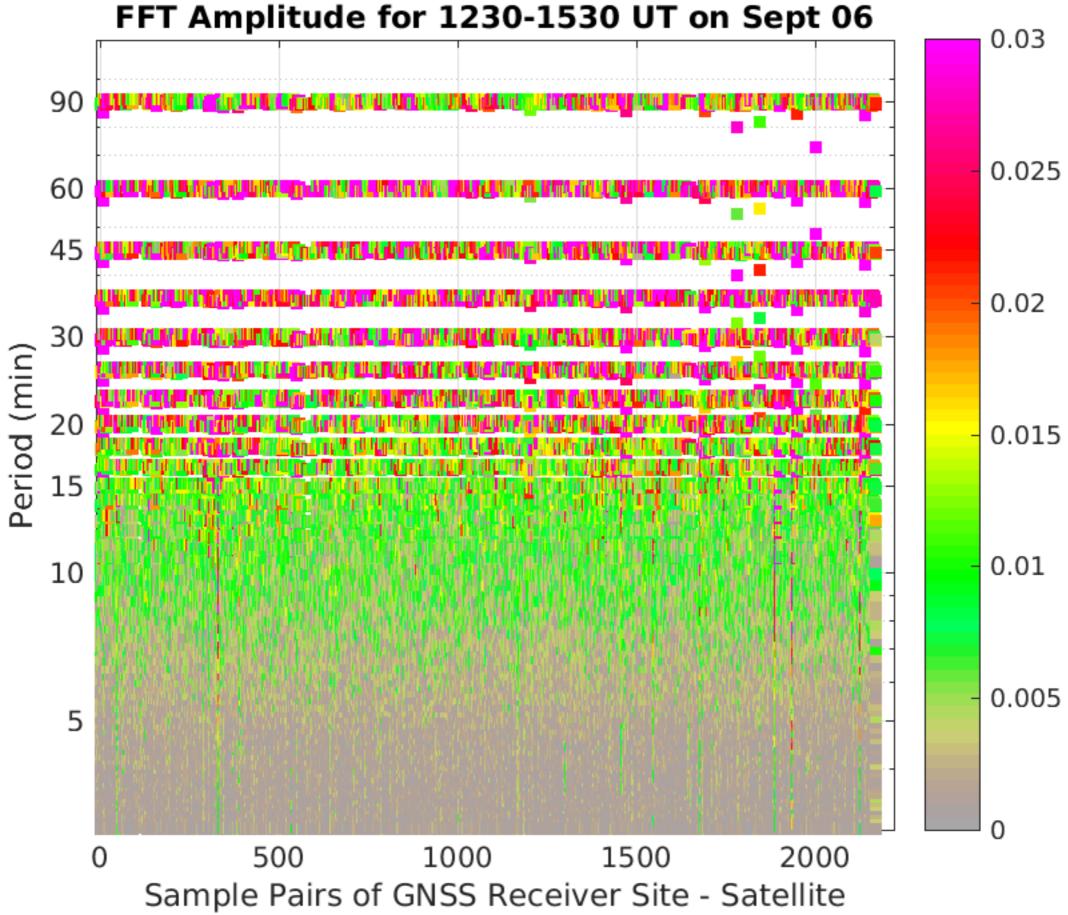
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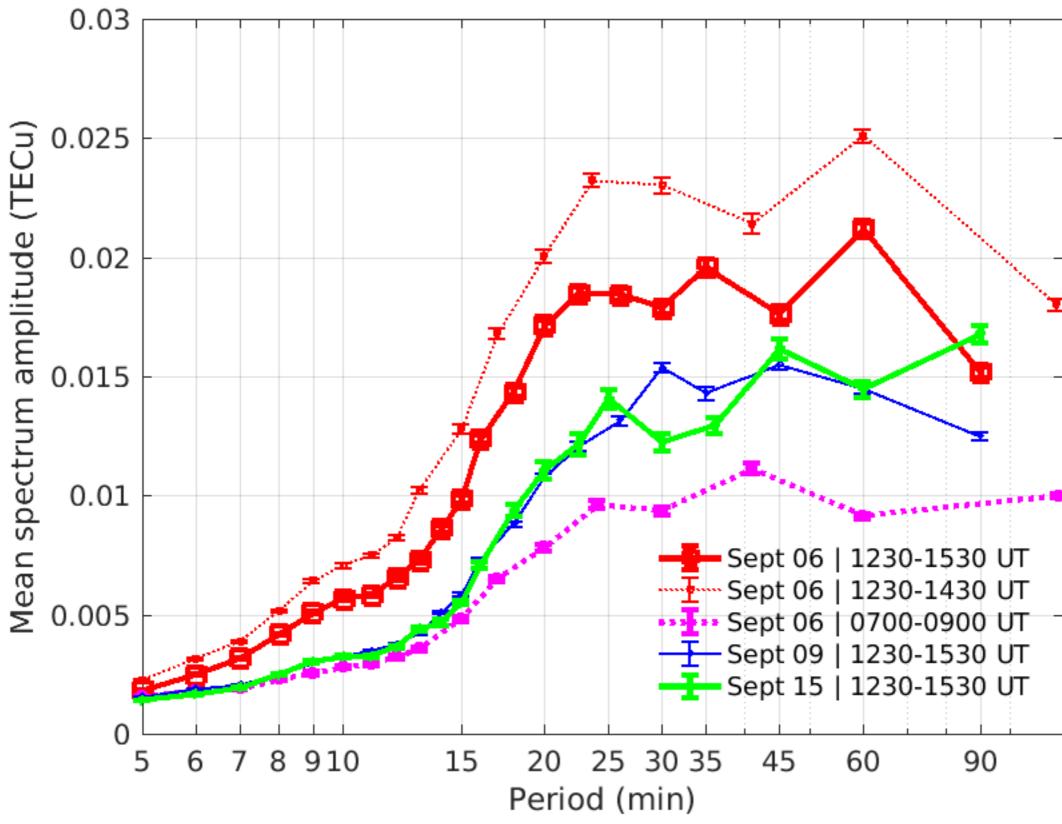






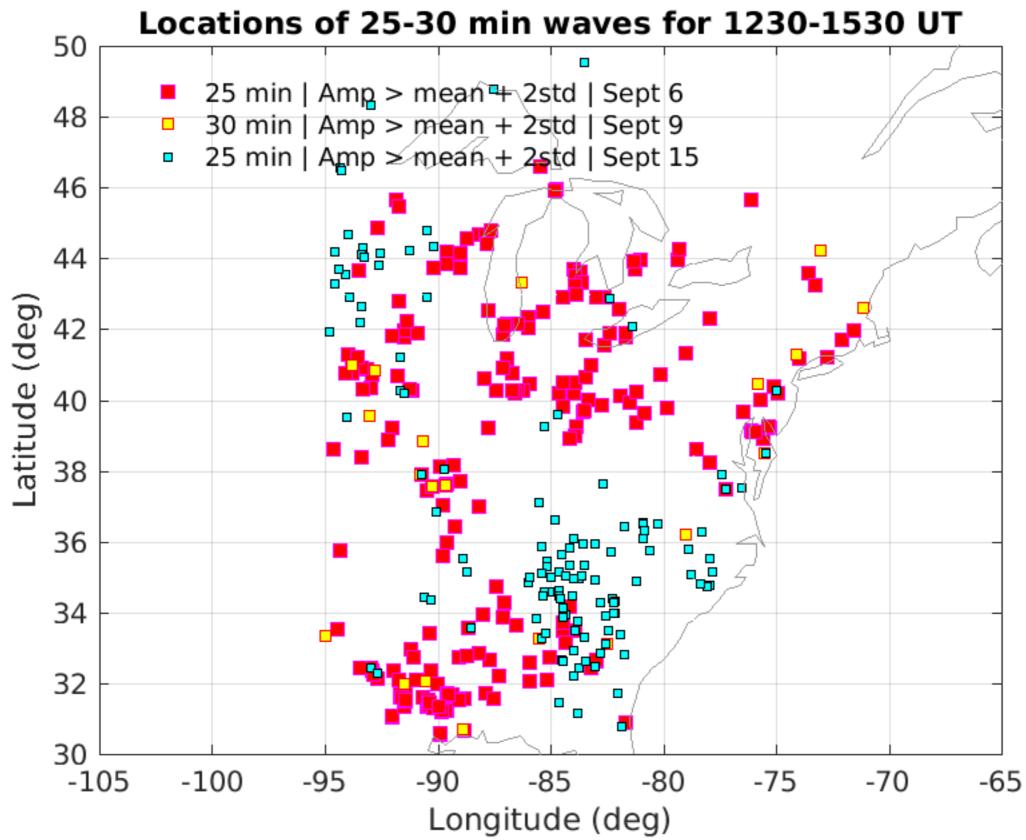


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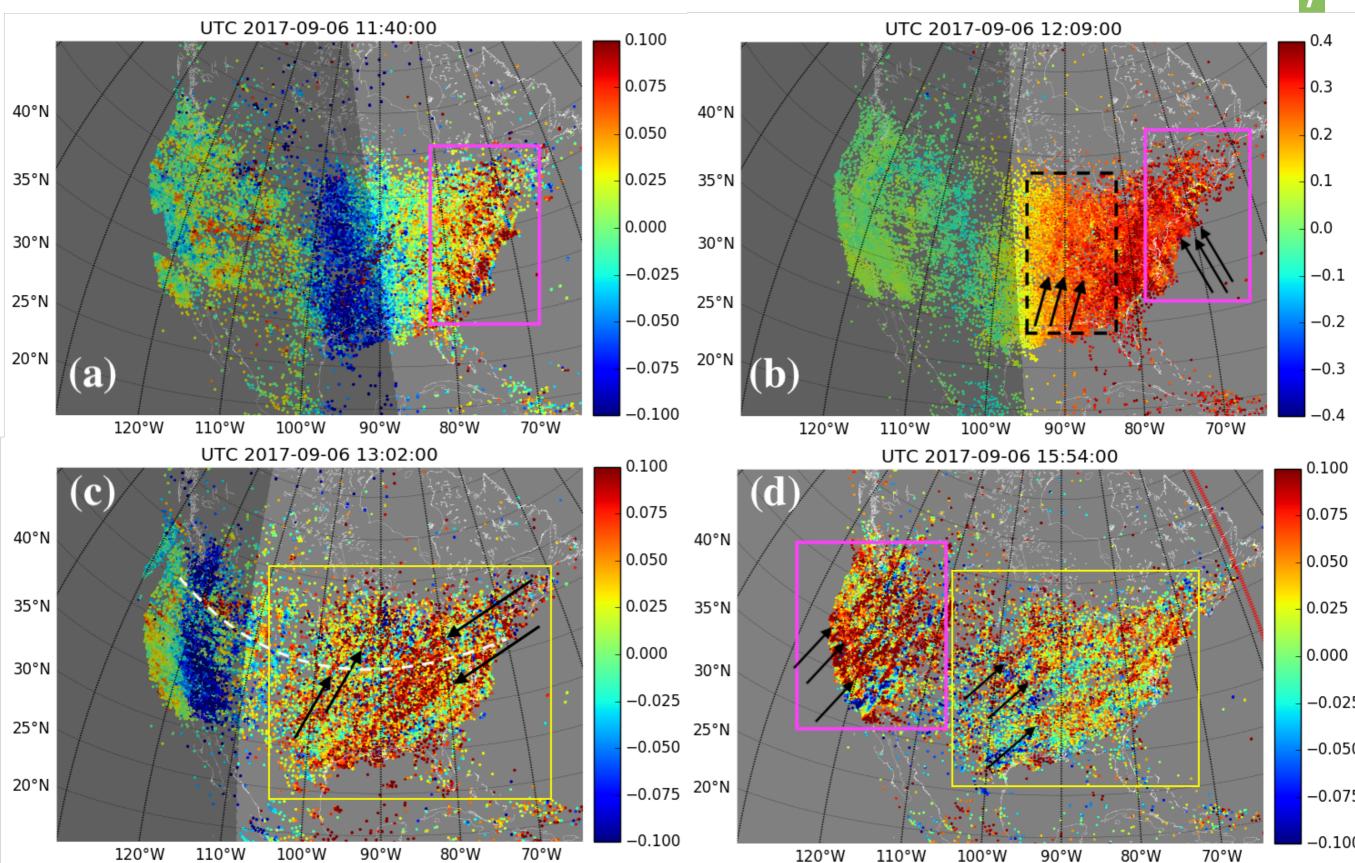






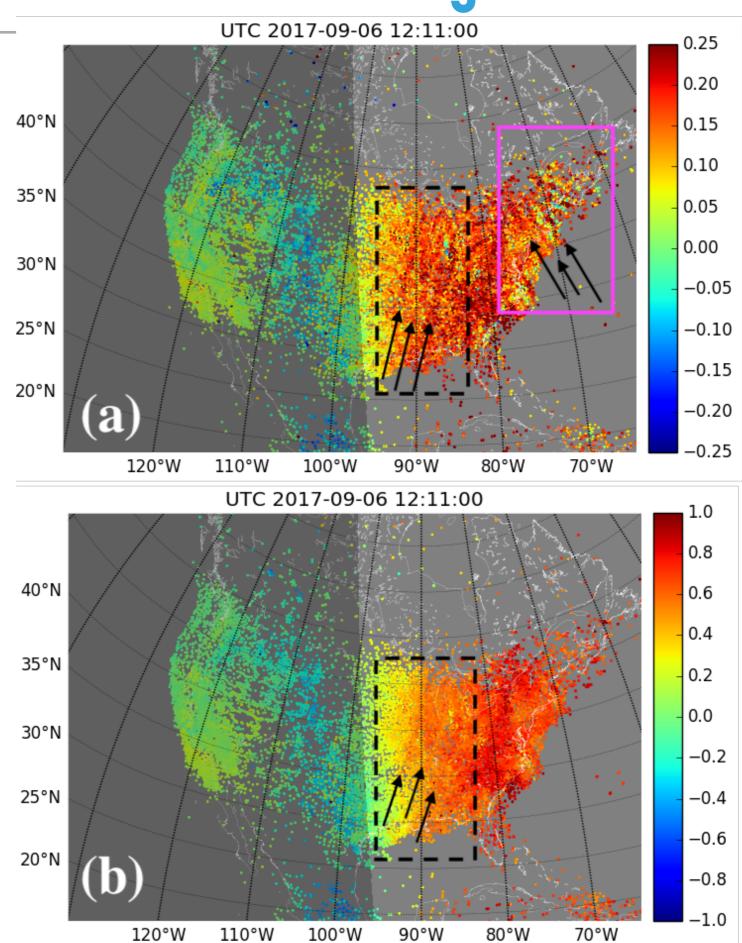


Flare Peaked at 12:02 UT; 12:07 Saw TID Wave Fronts



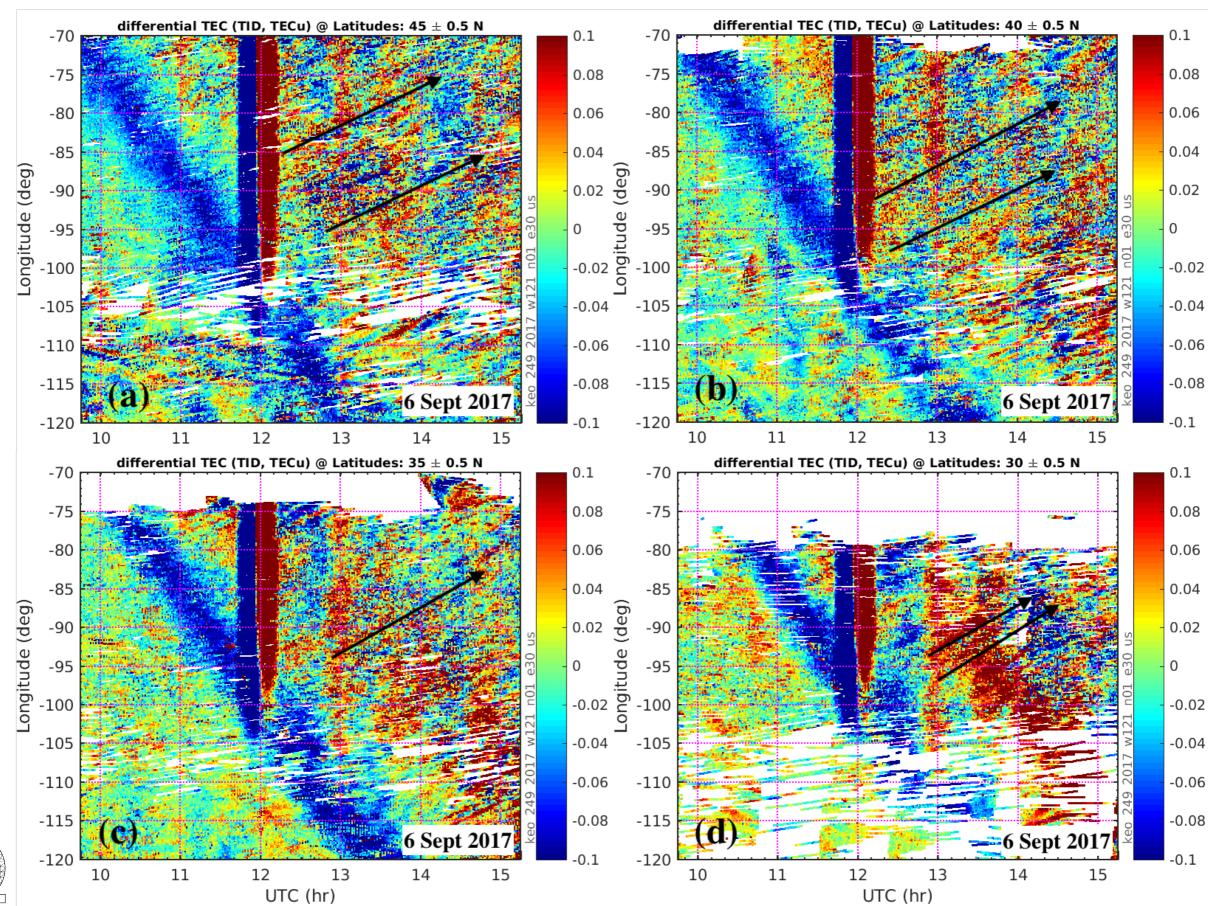


30-Min and 60-Min De-Trending Windows



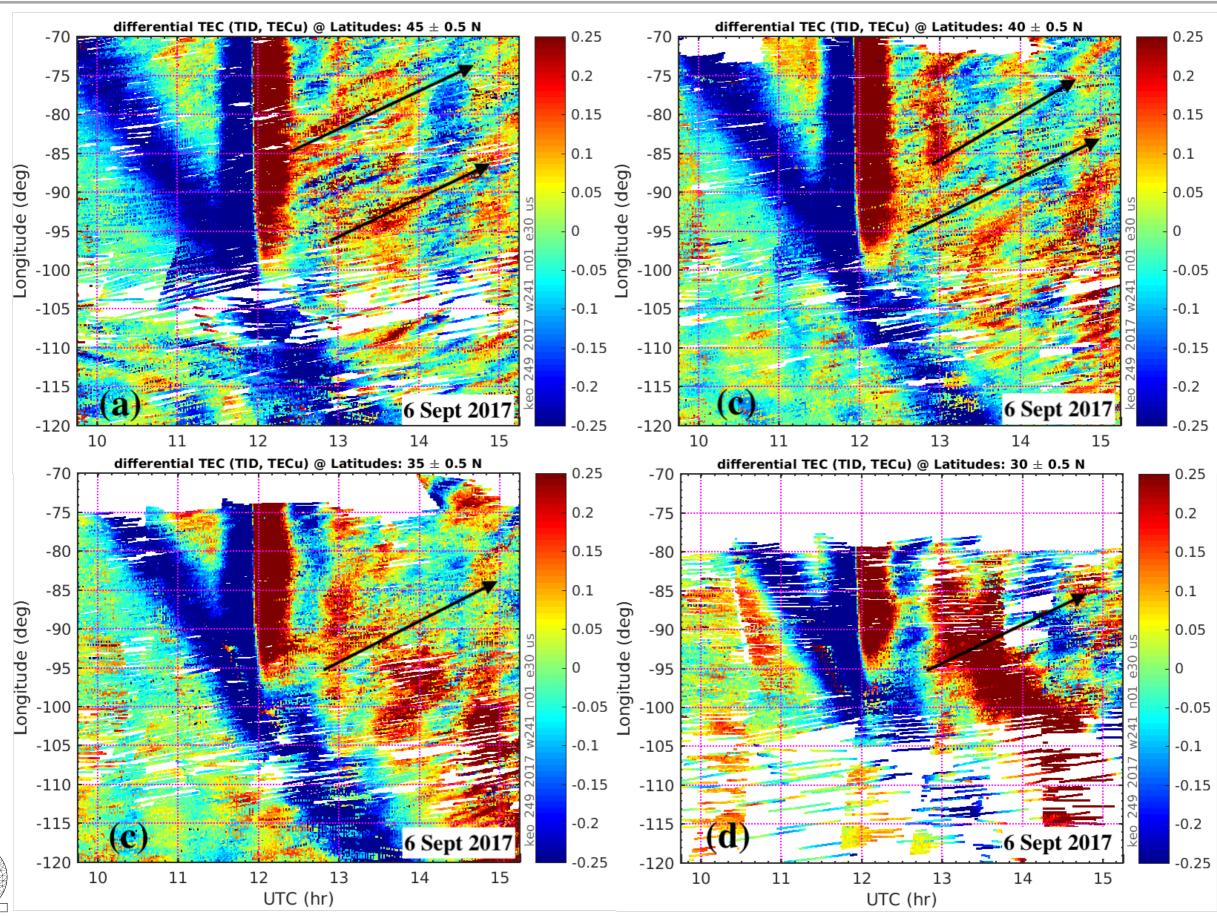


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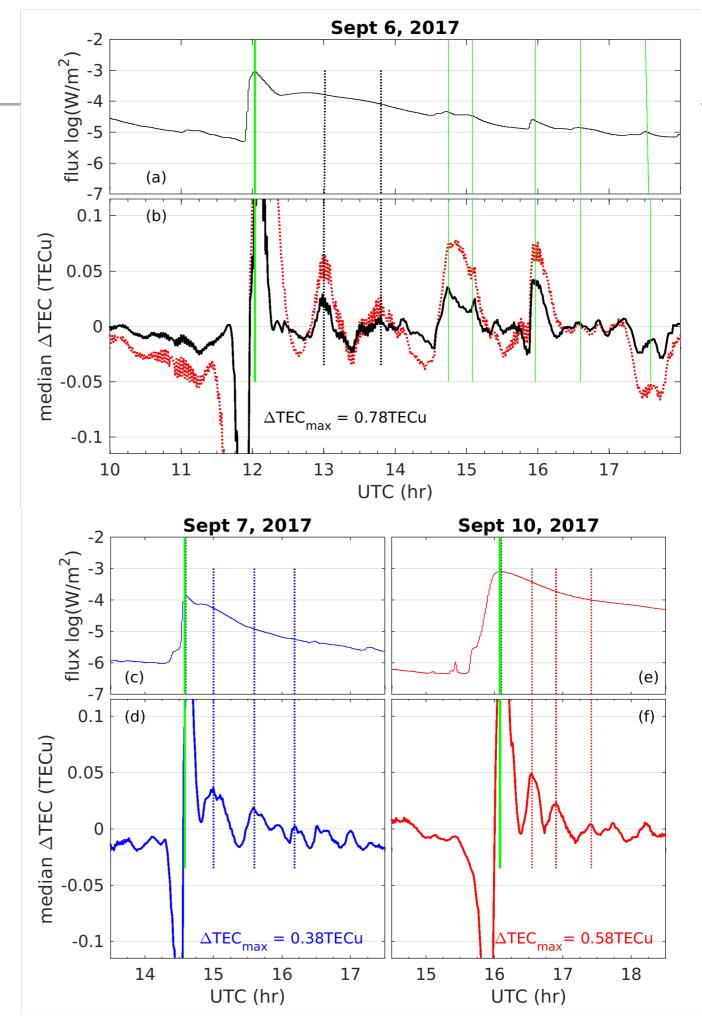


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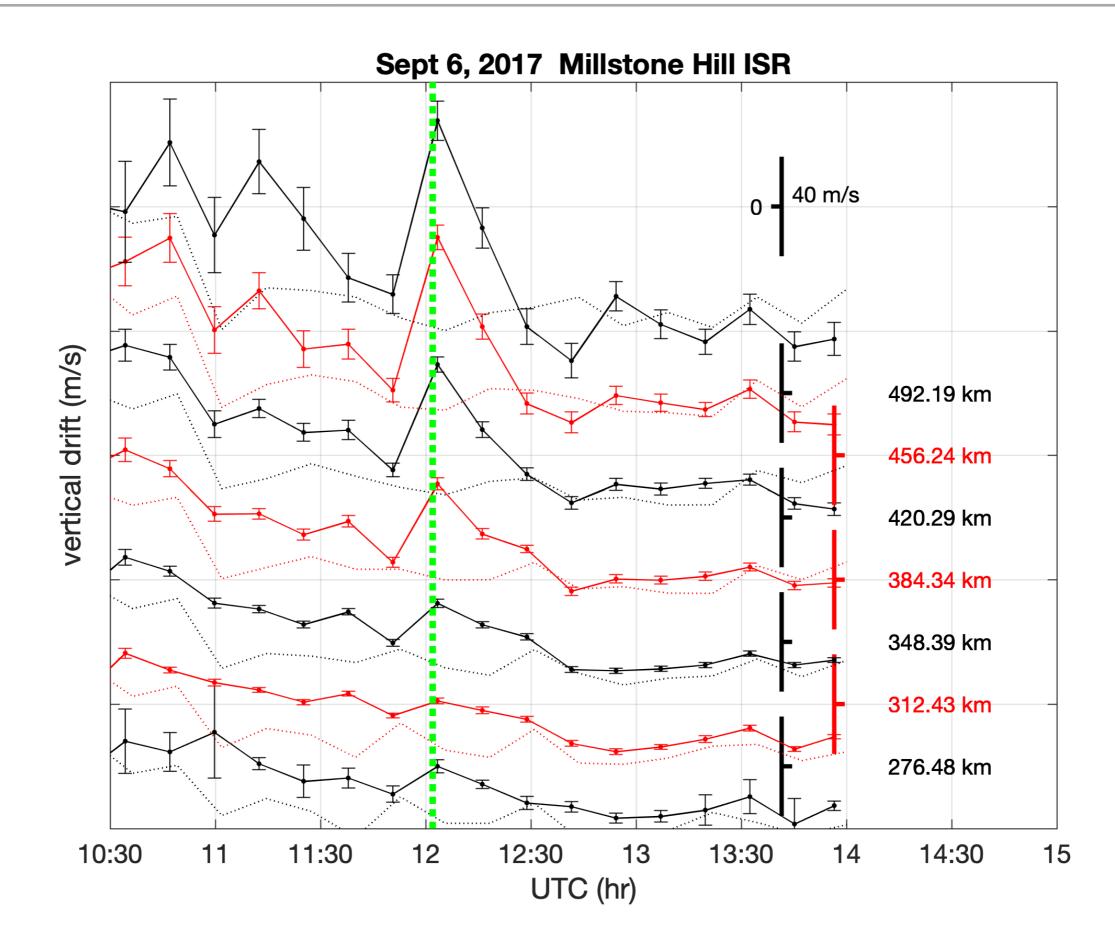




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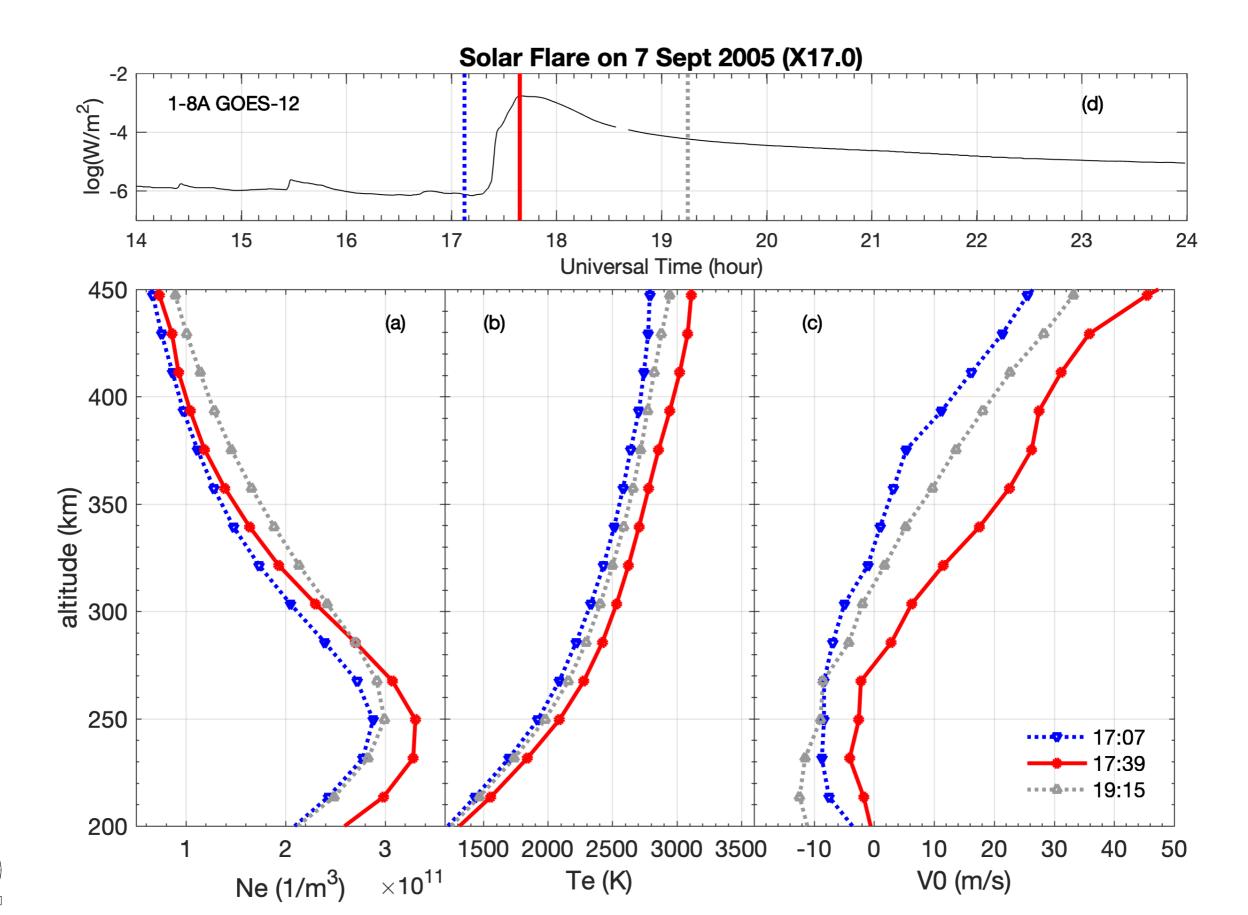


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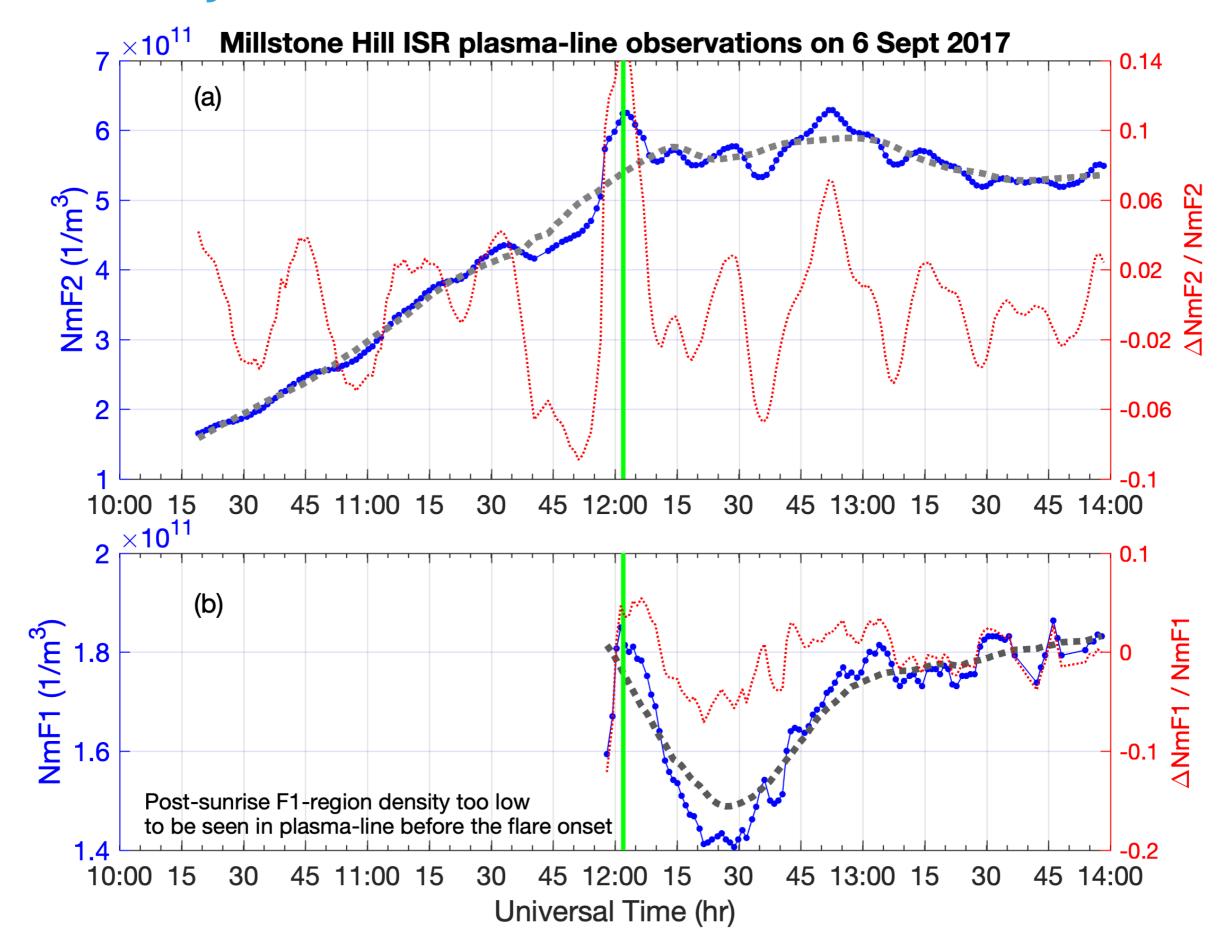


Another Event: X17.0 on 7 Sept 2005





Fast Decay Time: 10-20 Min





Main Conclusions

- Post-flare TIDs emanating near sunrise terminator propagated predominantly eastward with 150 m/s zonal phase speed and ~30 min period
- Synchronized differential TEC oscillations occurred over the continental US with 40-60 min period and decreasing amplitude over time
- Rapid and significant ionospheric up-welling developed in the topside immediately after onset of X-class flare

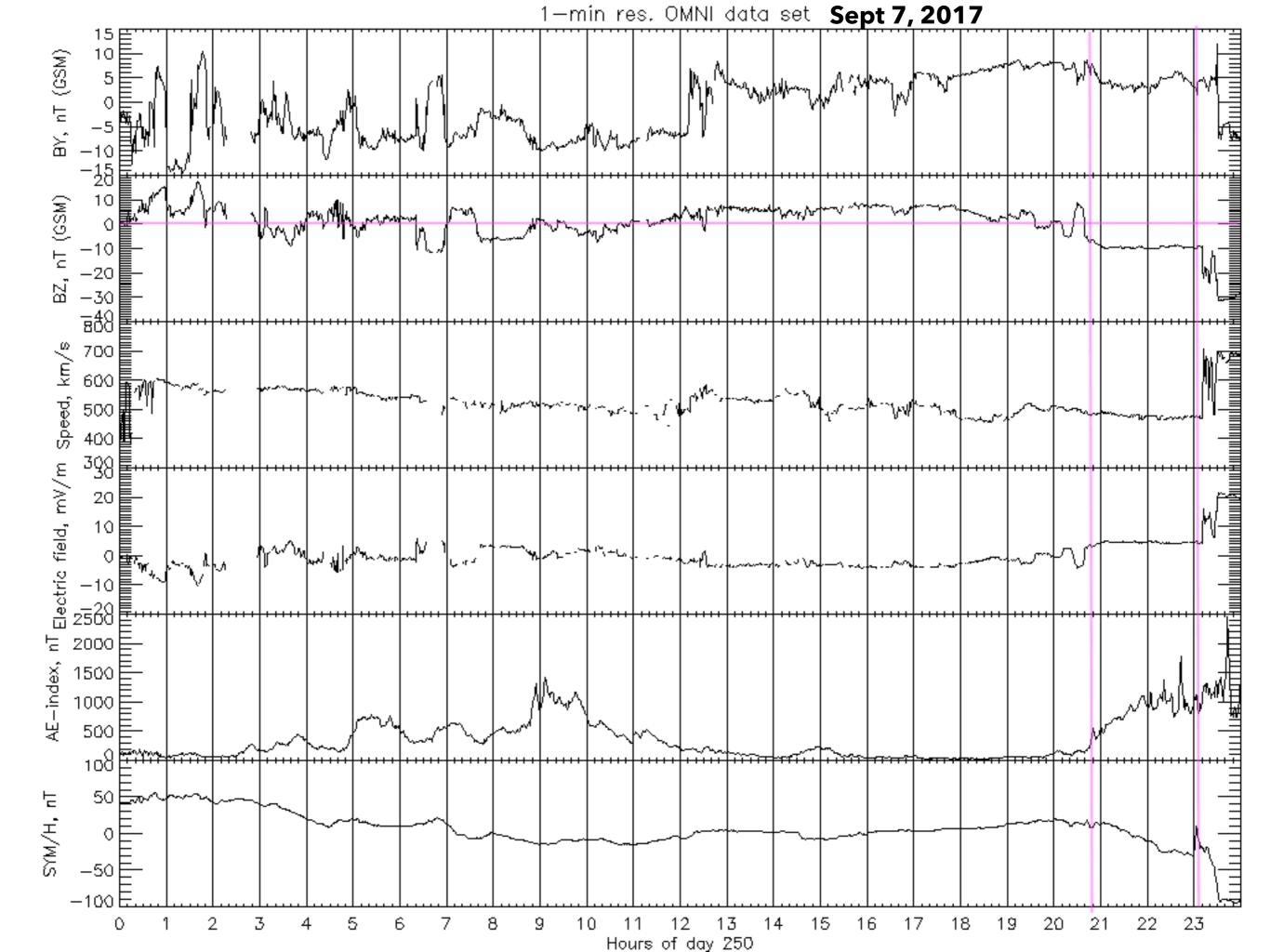
The overall picture: very dynamic ionospheric disturbances near the solar terminator.

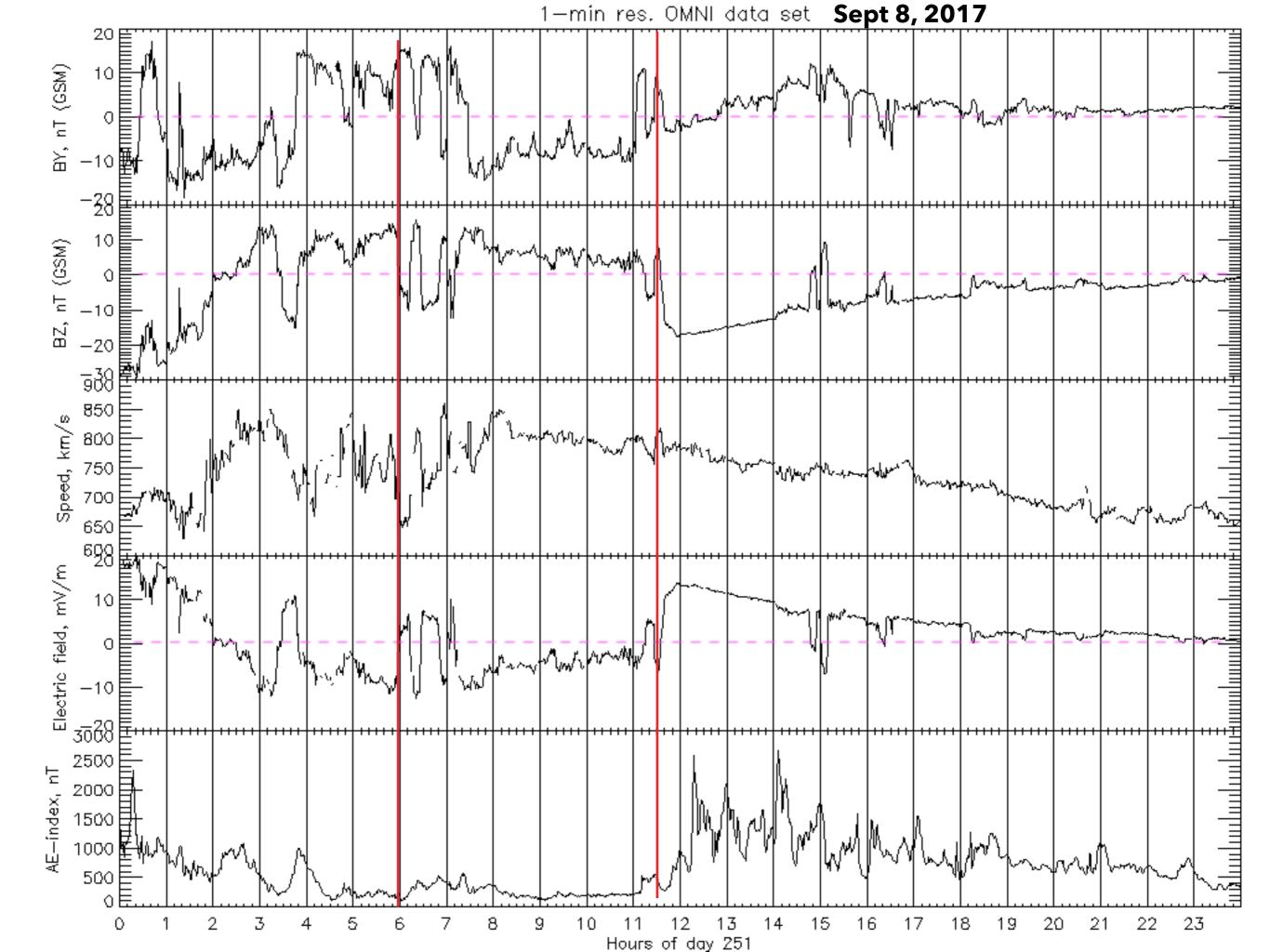
Ionospheric heating is substantial; conductive changes are large. Joule heating.

We hypothesize that sudden solar flare energy inputs trigger certain (but not yet completely quantified) ionospheric inherent resonances leading to observed 30-60 min synchronized TEC oscillations which are damped quickly in amplitude.

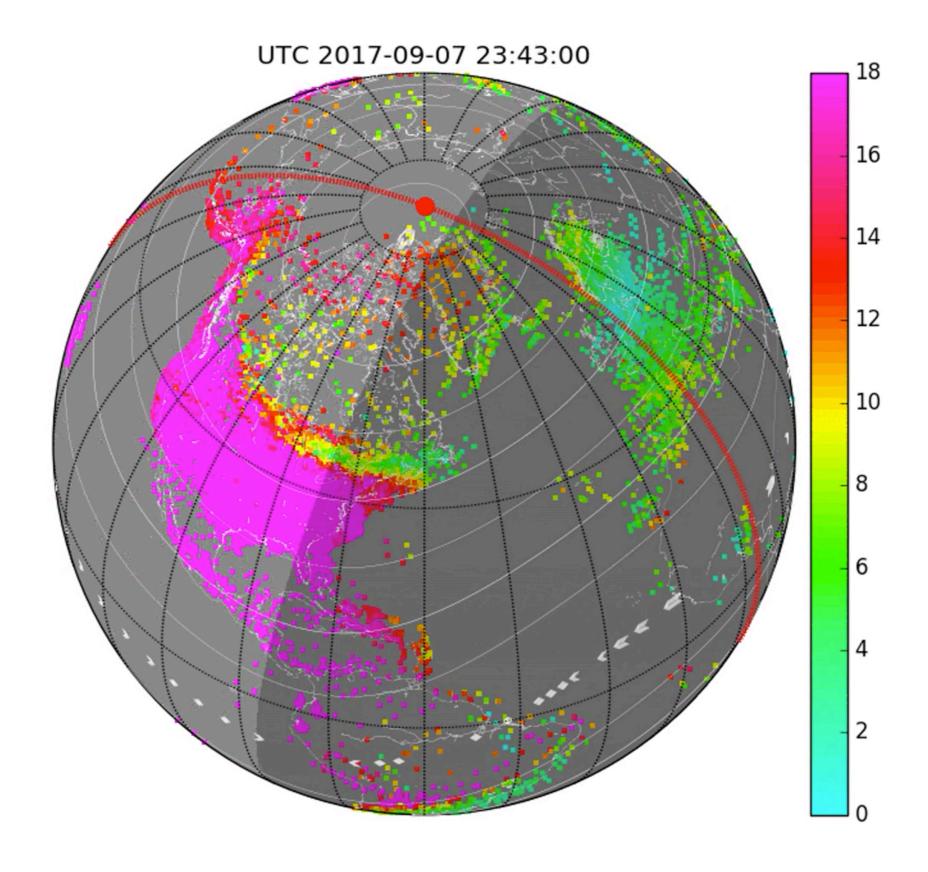
TIDs are presumably excited by the flare near the solar terminator and are therefore related to joint flare and sunrise effects. These TIDs could interact with pre-existing solar terminator induced TIDs.



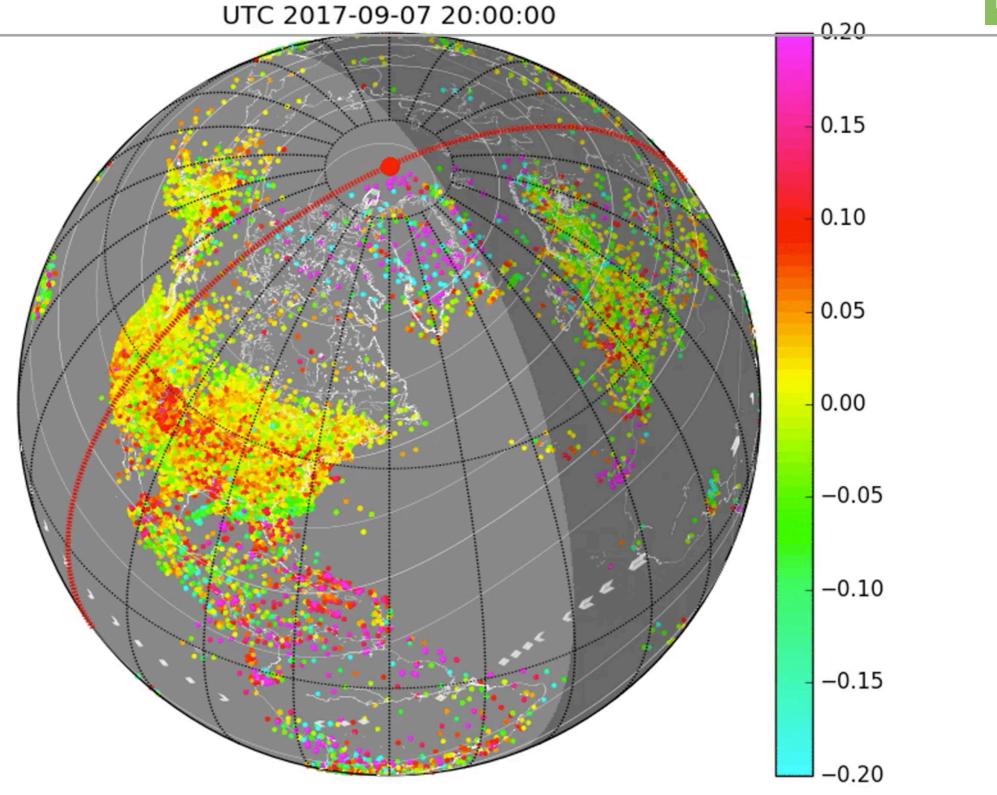




TEC (22-02UT; 13UT-; 21 UT)



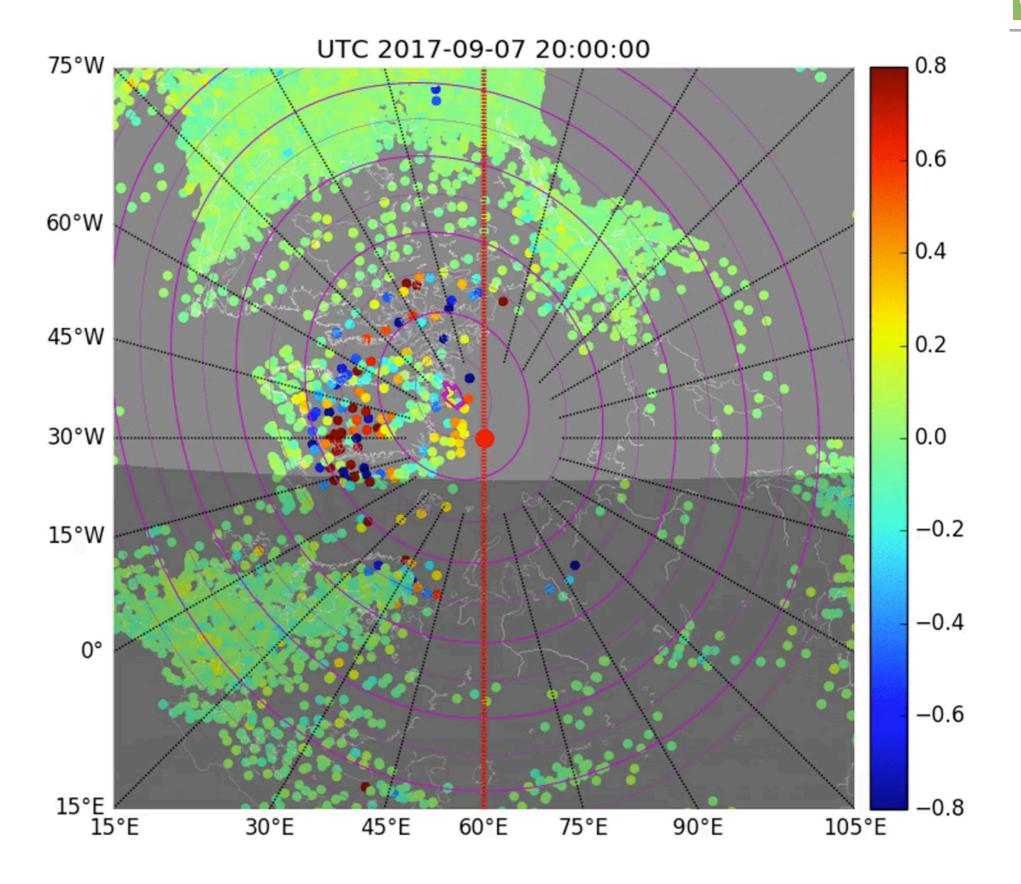






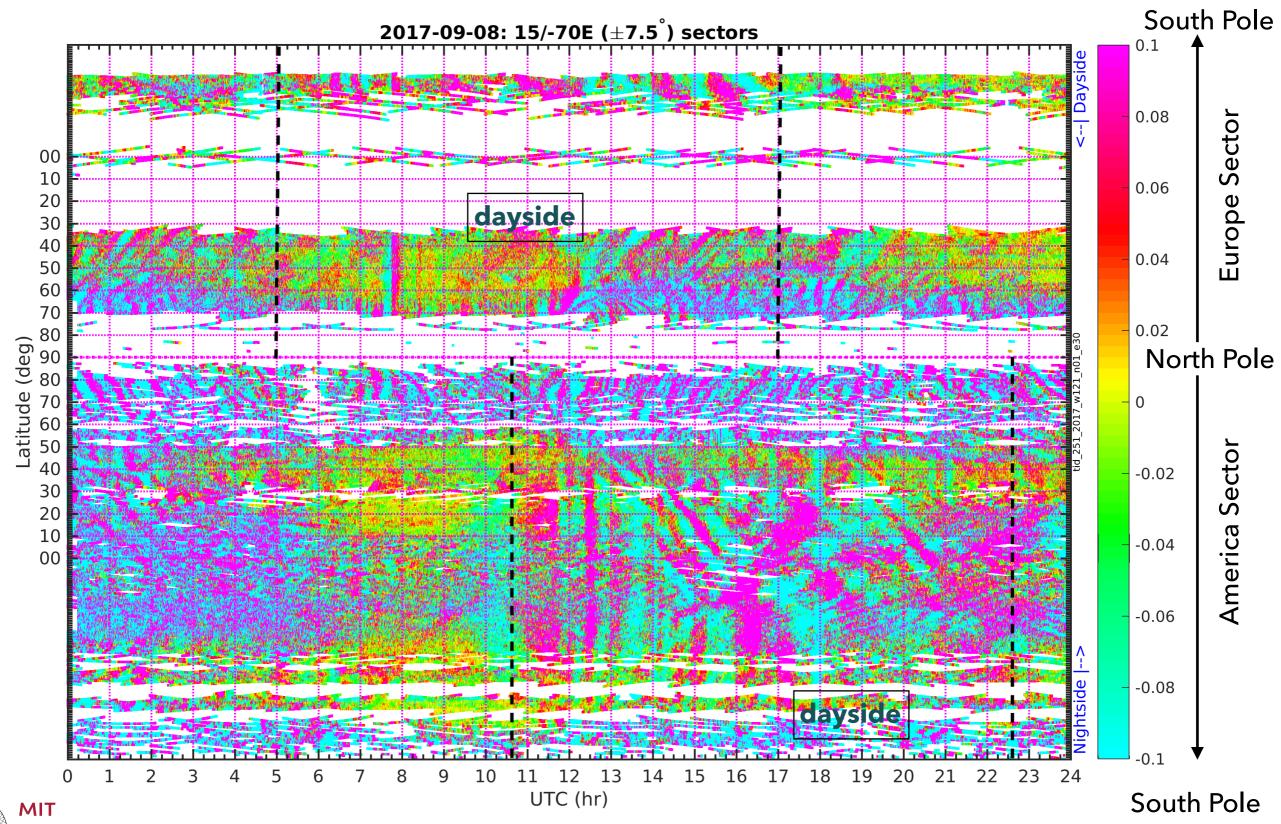
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- ▶ 1645-18UT: Dayside EU, EW

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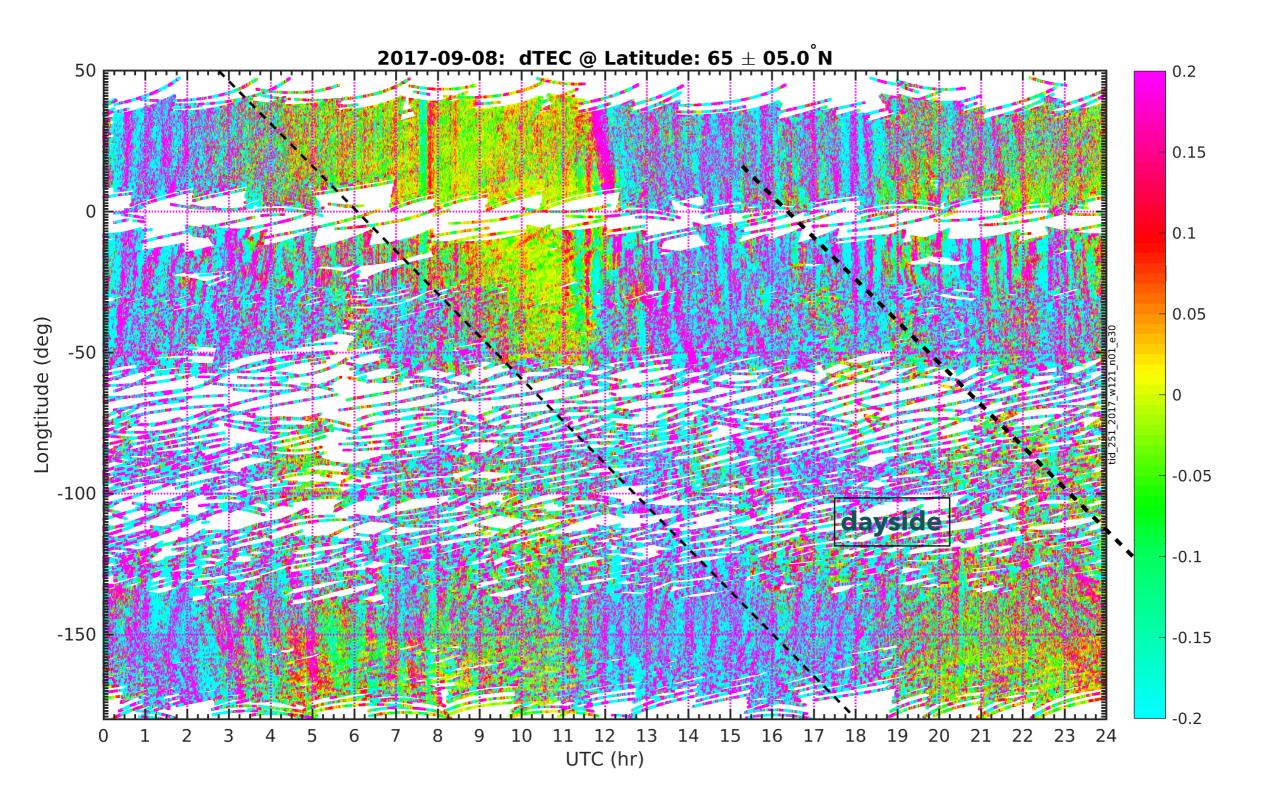














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