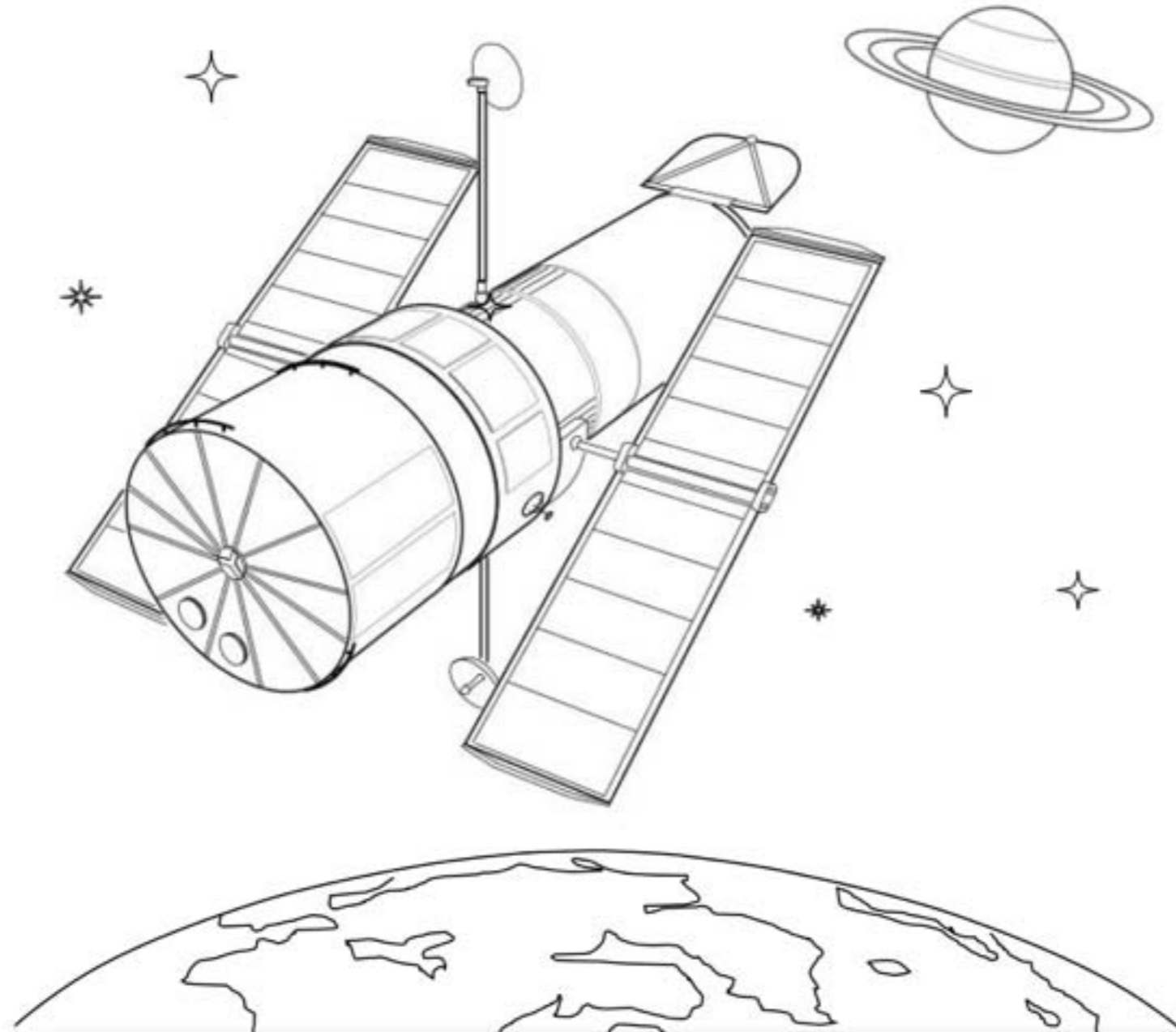


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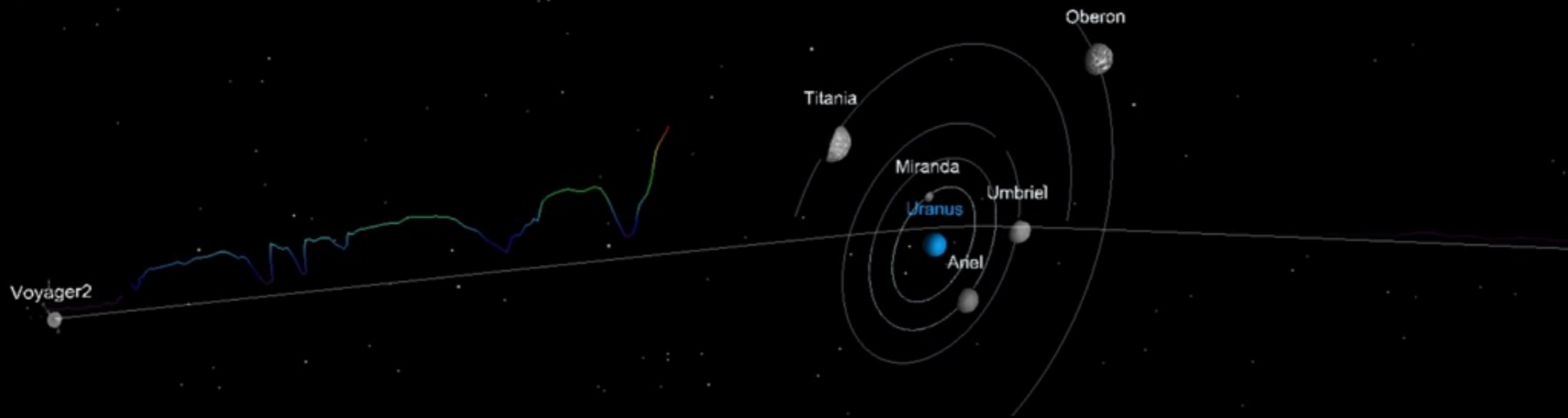
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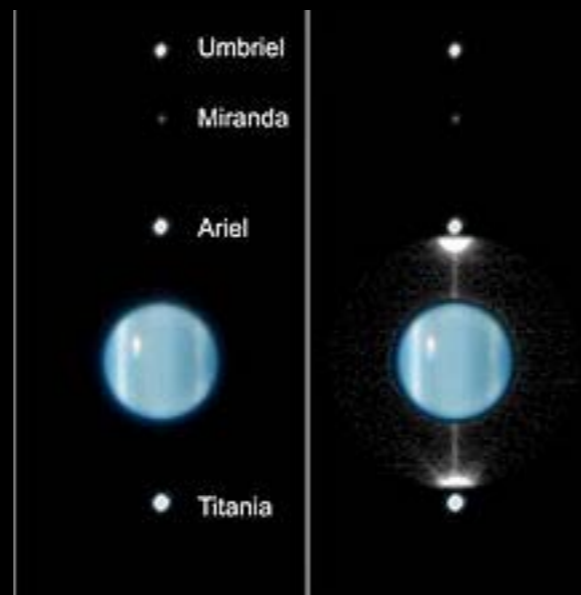
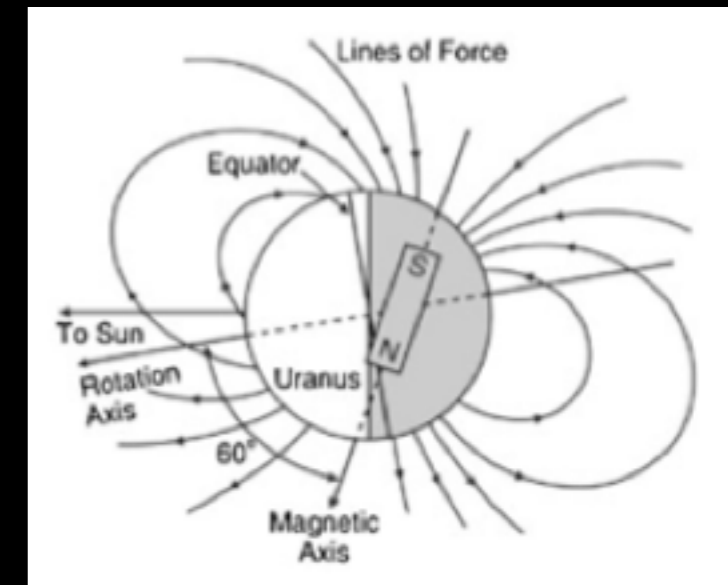
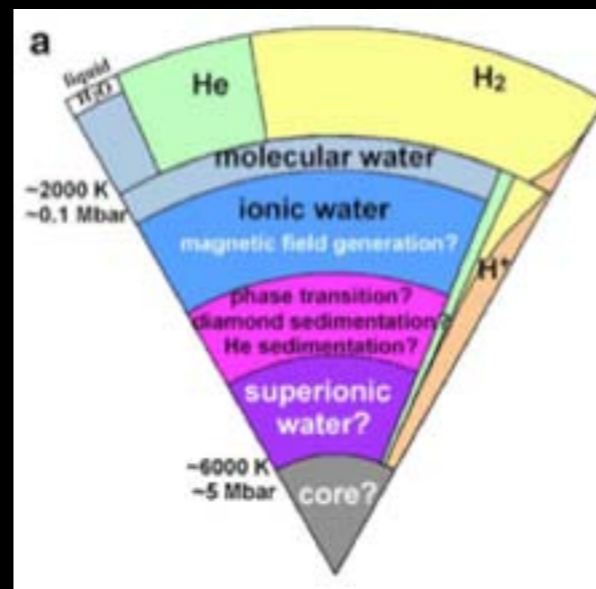
# A mission to Uranus : Science case

24 Jan. 1986



## \* Système d'Uranus :

- origine
- intérieur et champ magnétique
- atmosphère
- ionosphère
- anneaux
- satellites
- **magnétosphère**



## \* Héliosphère externe :

- transport d'énergie et vent solaire
- ondes radio héliopause
- physique fondamentale



# A mission to Uranus : context

- Substantial interest in Uranus missions in the US since Voyager 2 flyby in 1986.
- Missions to Uranus first appeared in Europe in 2010: internal **ESA CDF probe** study and **M3-M4 Uranus Pathfinder** proposals.
- **L2/L3** science theme selection process: Uranus/Neptune mentioned first in committee report.

**Uranus Pathfinder**  
Exploring the Origins and Evolution of Ice Giant Planets

A proposal submitted in response to the  
ESA 2010 (M3) Call for M-class Mission Proposals

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<http://bit.ly/UranusPathfinder>

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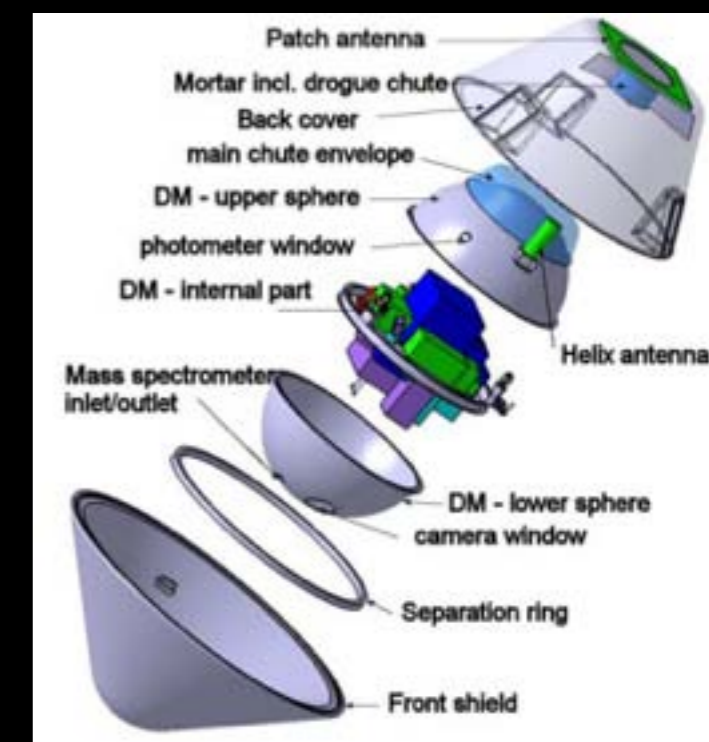
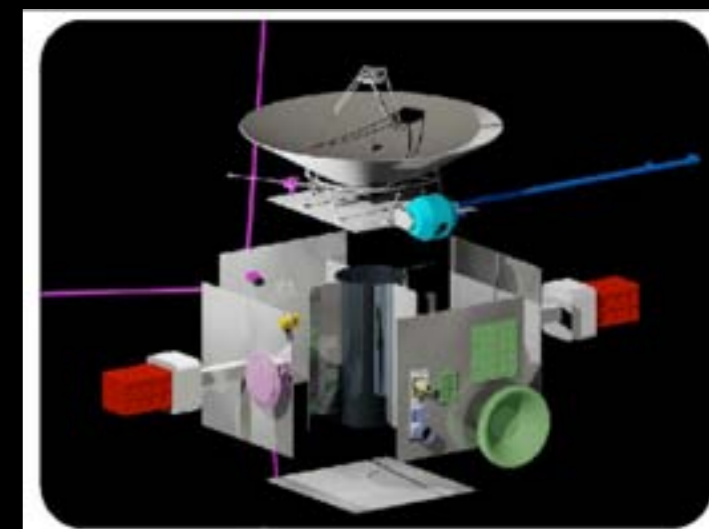
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Lead Proposer : Chris Arridge [UK]

Community of **258 (190 in Europe, 68 in France)**  
scientists world-wide.



**High TRL with substantial European flight heritage.**

Instrument	Consortia and funding agencies	Heritage
Narrow angle camera (NAC)	JHU/APL, USA [NASA] INAF, Italy [ASI]	New Horizons/LORRI JUICE/JANUS
Visual and near-IR spectral imager (VIRTIS)	INAF, Italy [ASI] Luleå U. T., Sweden [SNSB]	Rosetta/VIRTIS DAWN/VIR
Thermal Infrared Bolometer (UTIRM)	U. Oxford, UK [UKSA]	LRO/Diviner
Magnetometer (MAG)	Imperial College, UK [UKSA]	Rosetta/MAG Cassini/MAG
Electron/ion plasma detector (PLS)	MSSL, UK [UKSA] <b>IRAP, France [CNES]</b>	Solar Orbiter/SWA Cassini/CAPS/ELS
Radio and plasma wave experiment (RPW)	<b>LESIA, France [CNES]</b> IAP, Czech Rep. [MEYS]	JUICE/RPW BepiColombo/MMO/PWI
Accelerometer (GAP)	<b>ONERA, France [CNES]</b>	CHAMP/STAR



- **International collaboration in the M4 frame** : ESA spacecraft, NASA launch vehicle/ RTGs, on the example of **Ulysses**
- **Recent developments** :
  - **ESA** : larger M5 cost cap, but recent decision not to resubmit Uranus Pathfinder
  - **NASA** :
    - + Europa Clipper will fly on solar panels : RTGs available for next missions
    - + NASA Ice Giant mission study : M. Hofstadter, A. Simon-Miller, S. Atreya, D. Banfield, J. Fortney, A. Hayes, M. Hedman , G. Hospodarsky, K. Mandt, M. Showalter, K. Soderlund, E. Turtle, J. Elliott, **D. Turrini, A.Masters**
  - **CNES** : will (eventually !) start an exploratory **phase 0 study** by mid-2016



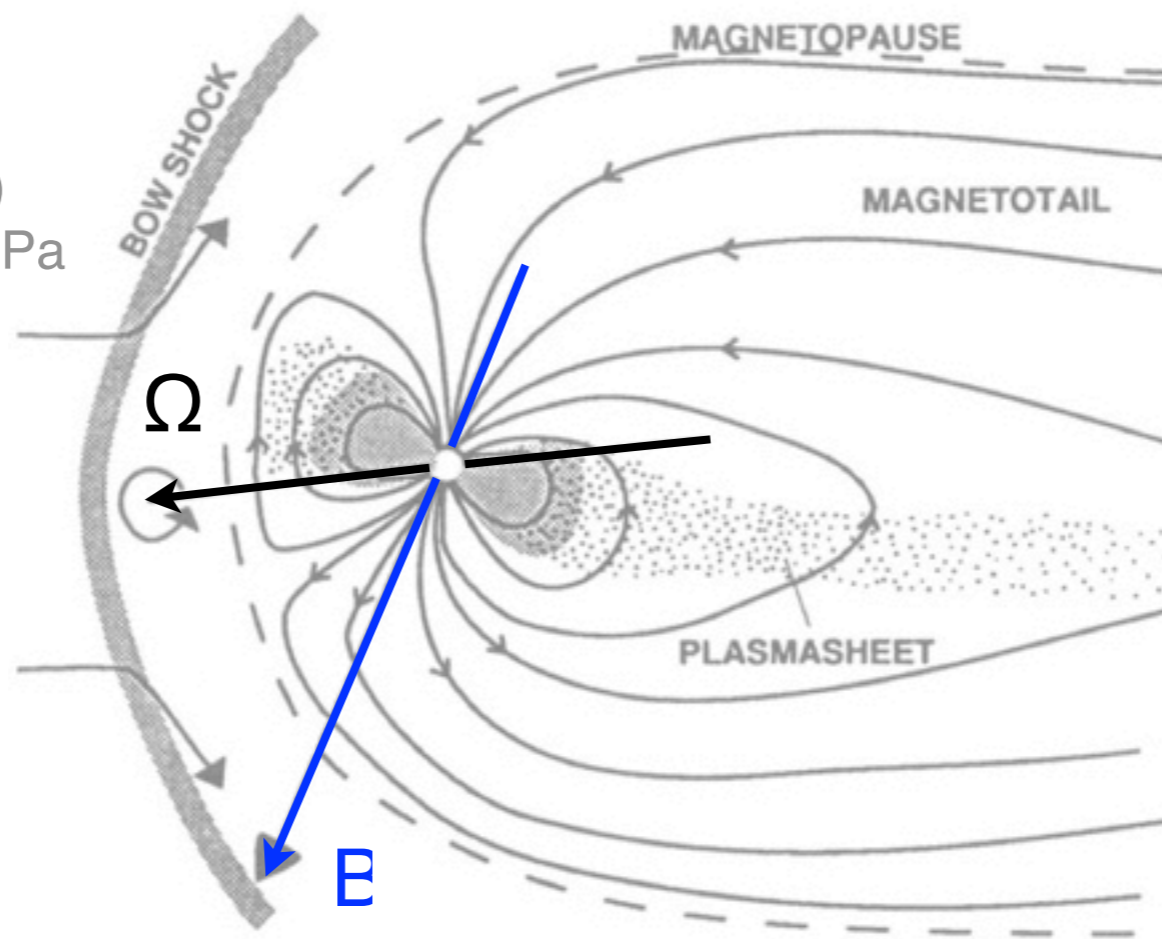
# Uranus

$P_U \sim 17.24 \pm 0.01h$

$P_{dyn} (SW)$   
 $\sim 0.005 \text{ nPa}$

1986 : Solstice

SW  $\rightarrow$



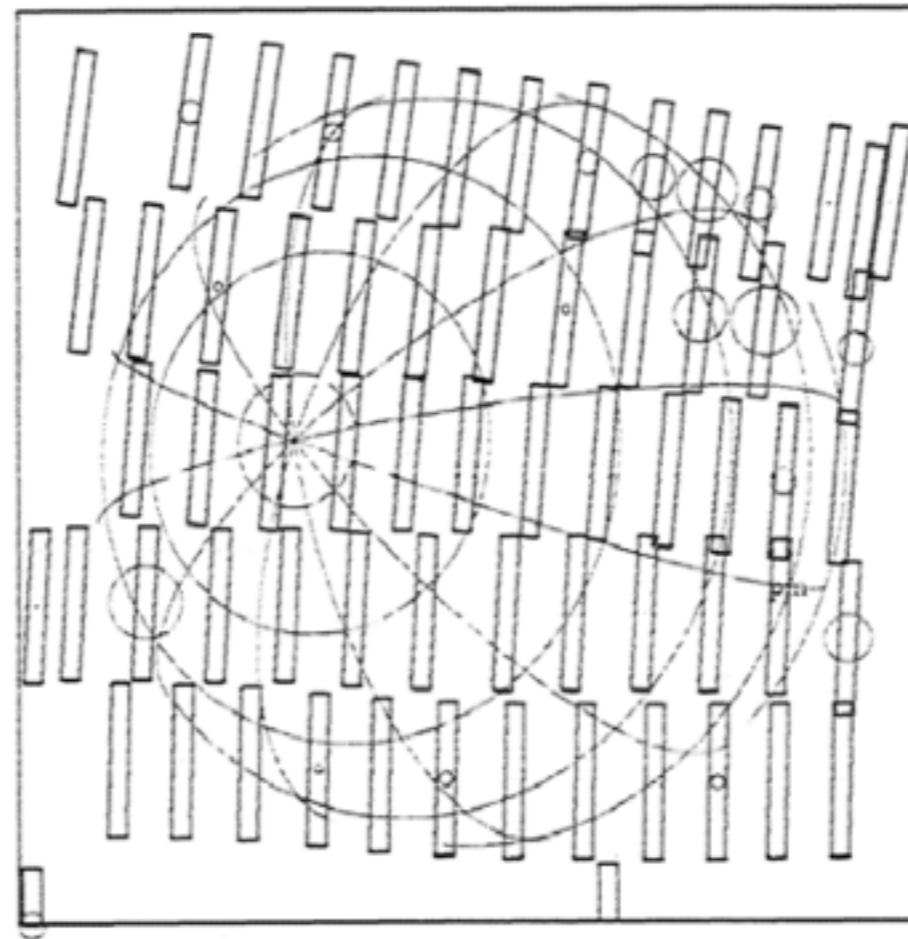
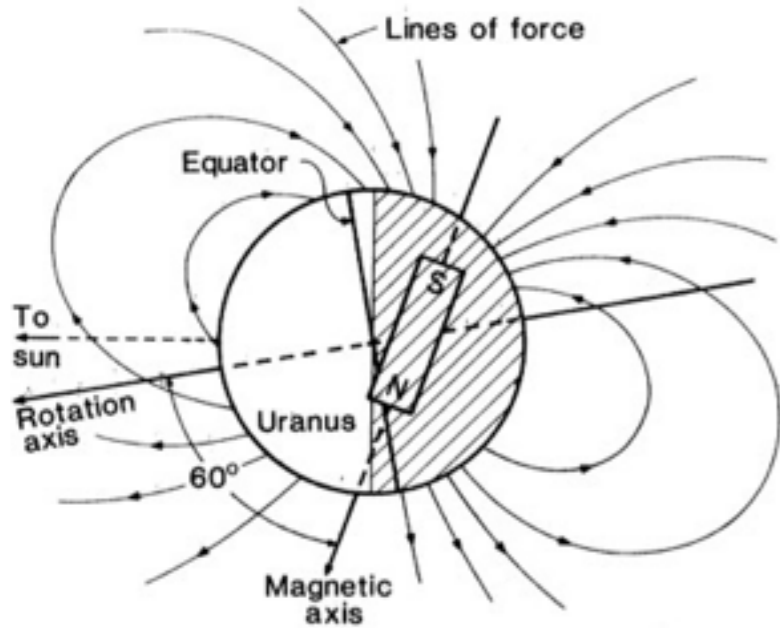
$B_{eq} \sim 23 \mu T$   
( $\sim$  Earth, Saturn)

Internal plasma sources  
(rings, moons, H corona)  
 $\beta \sim 0.1$

$R_{MP} \sim 20R_U$   
( $\sim$  Saturn)

SW  $\otimes$   
2007 : equinox

# 1986 : Voyager 2



(Herbert et al., 1994)

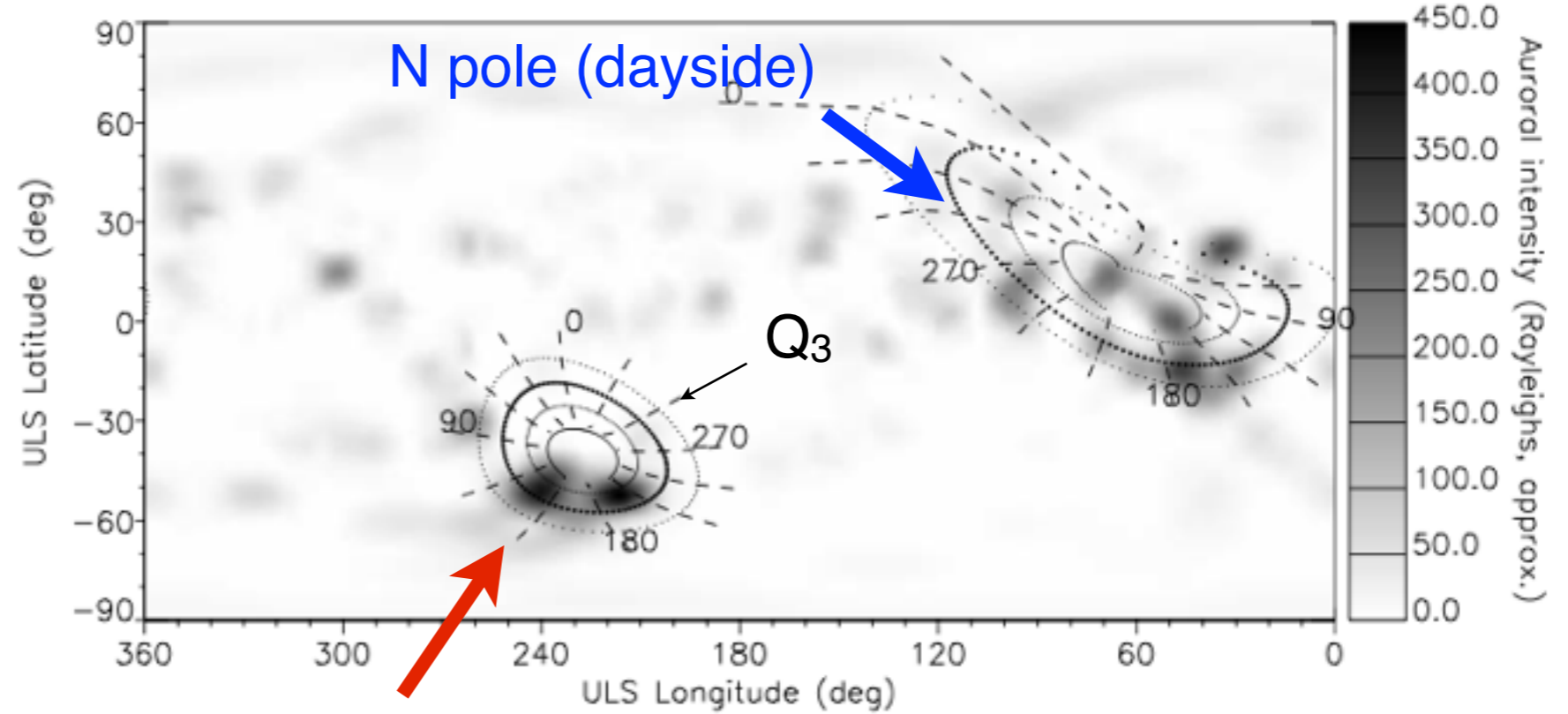
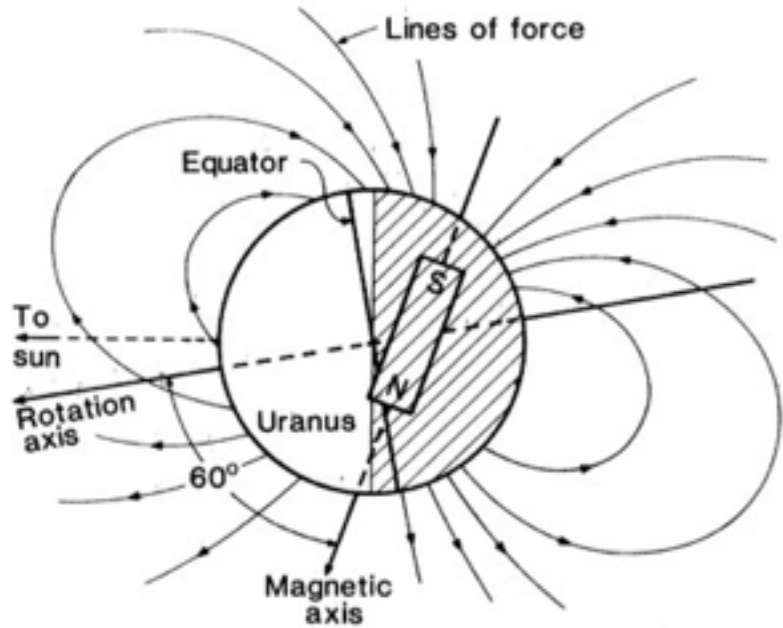
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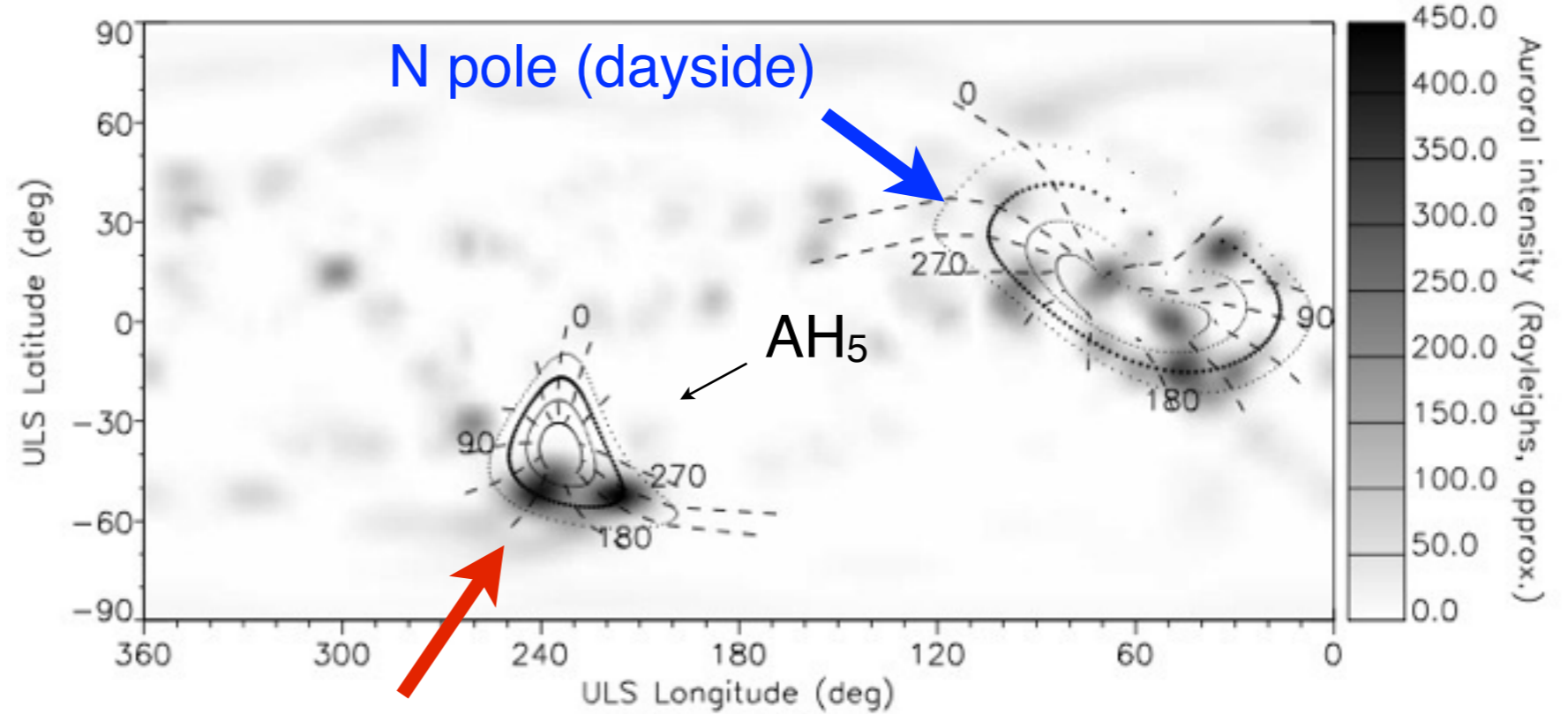
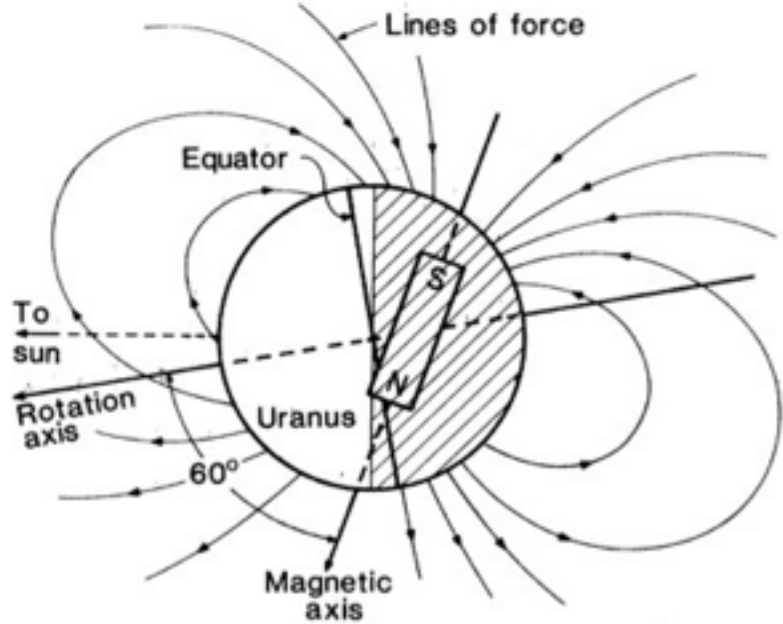
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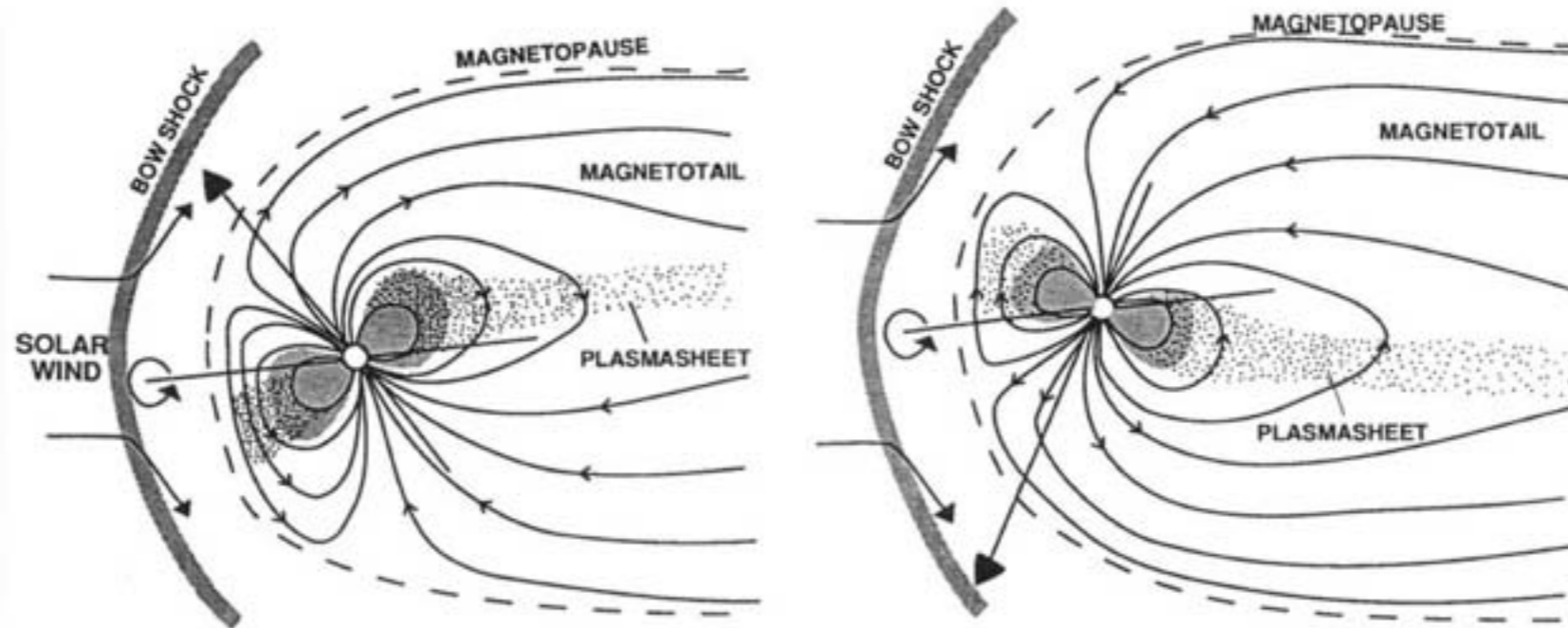
S pole (nightside)

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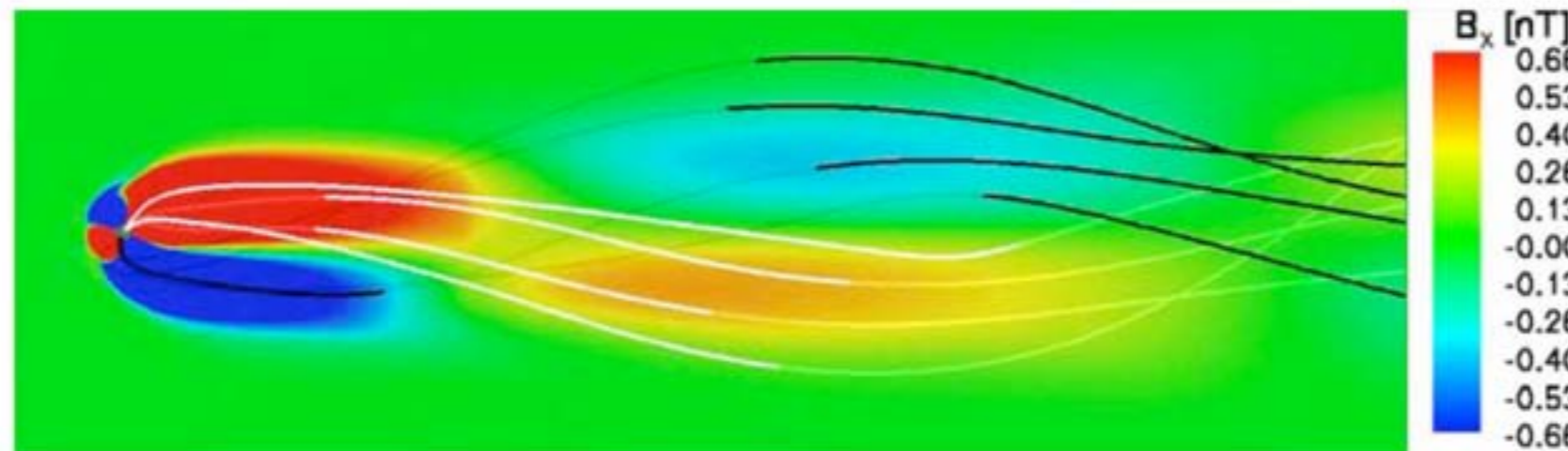
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(Bagenal et al, 1992)



(Toth et al., 2004)

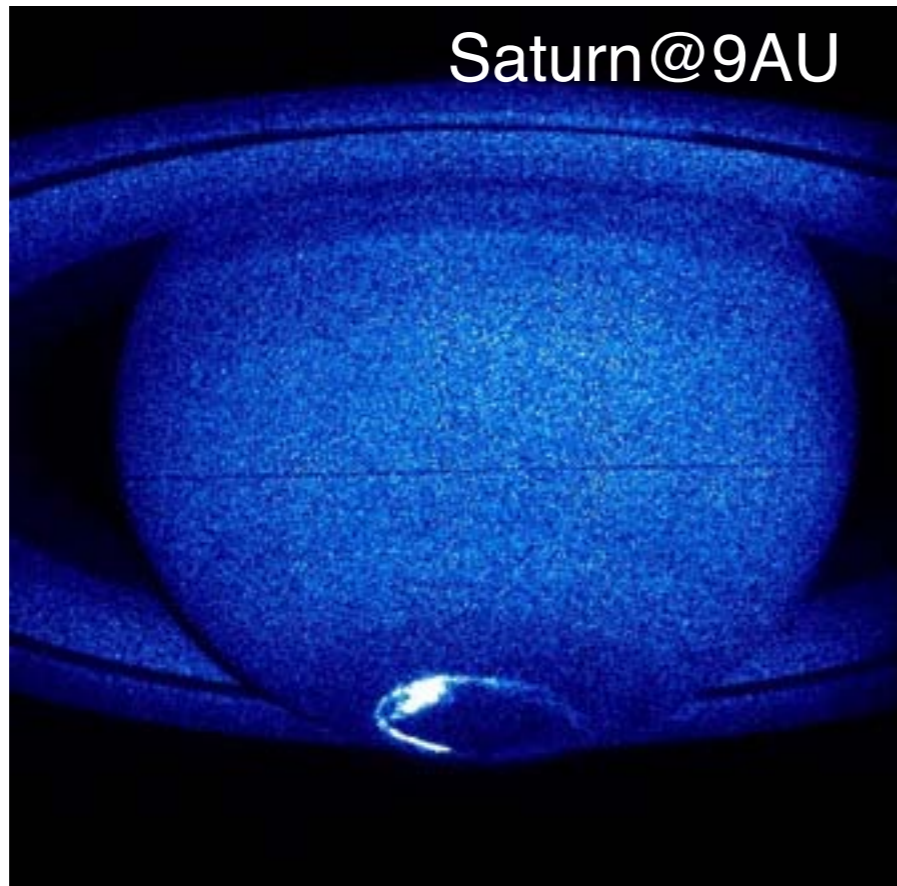
## Interpretation :

- magnetic axis permanently quasi-orthogonal to the solar wind flow
  - => solar wind convection and planetary rotation act in orthogonal planes
  - => stable helical plasma sheet
  - => Earth-type situation (although more dynamical) = nightside auroral precipitations

## 1998 and 2005 : HST

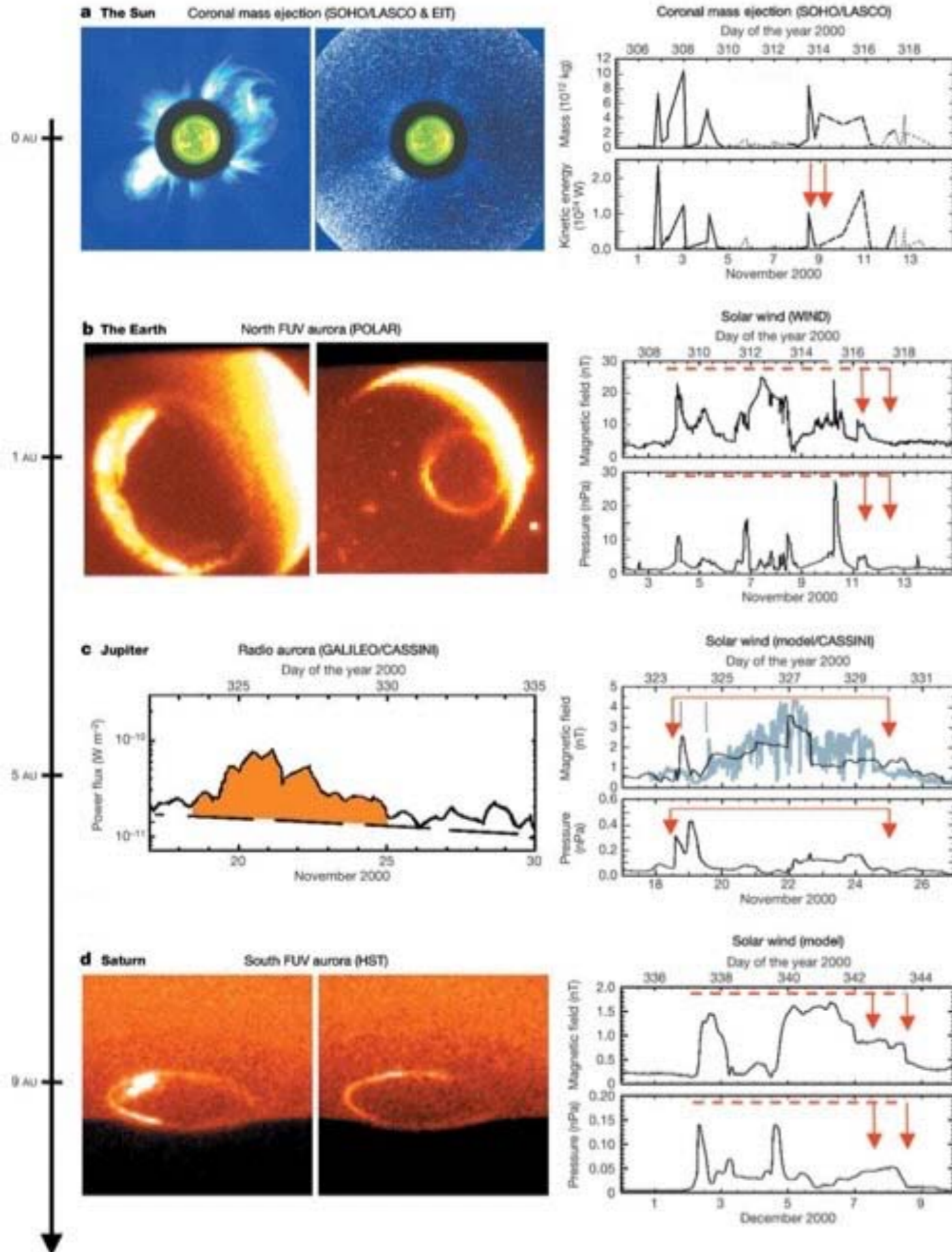
Post-Voyager attempts for redefecting Uranus aurorae with HST (sensitivity  $\sim 1\text{kR}$ ) :

- 1998 : STIS (G. Ballester et al.) => unsuccessful
- 2005 : ACS (J. Clarke et al.) => unsuccessful



twice as far as Saturn  
+ 2-3 less intense  
=> attenuation by 1  
order of magnitude

# 2011 : « A new hope »



(Prangé et al., 2005)

- Interplanetary shocks known to activate planetary aurorae

- Planetary alignment in Nov. 2000 => increase of auroral power along the same CME :

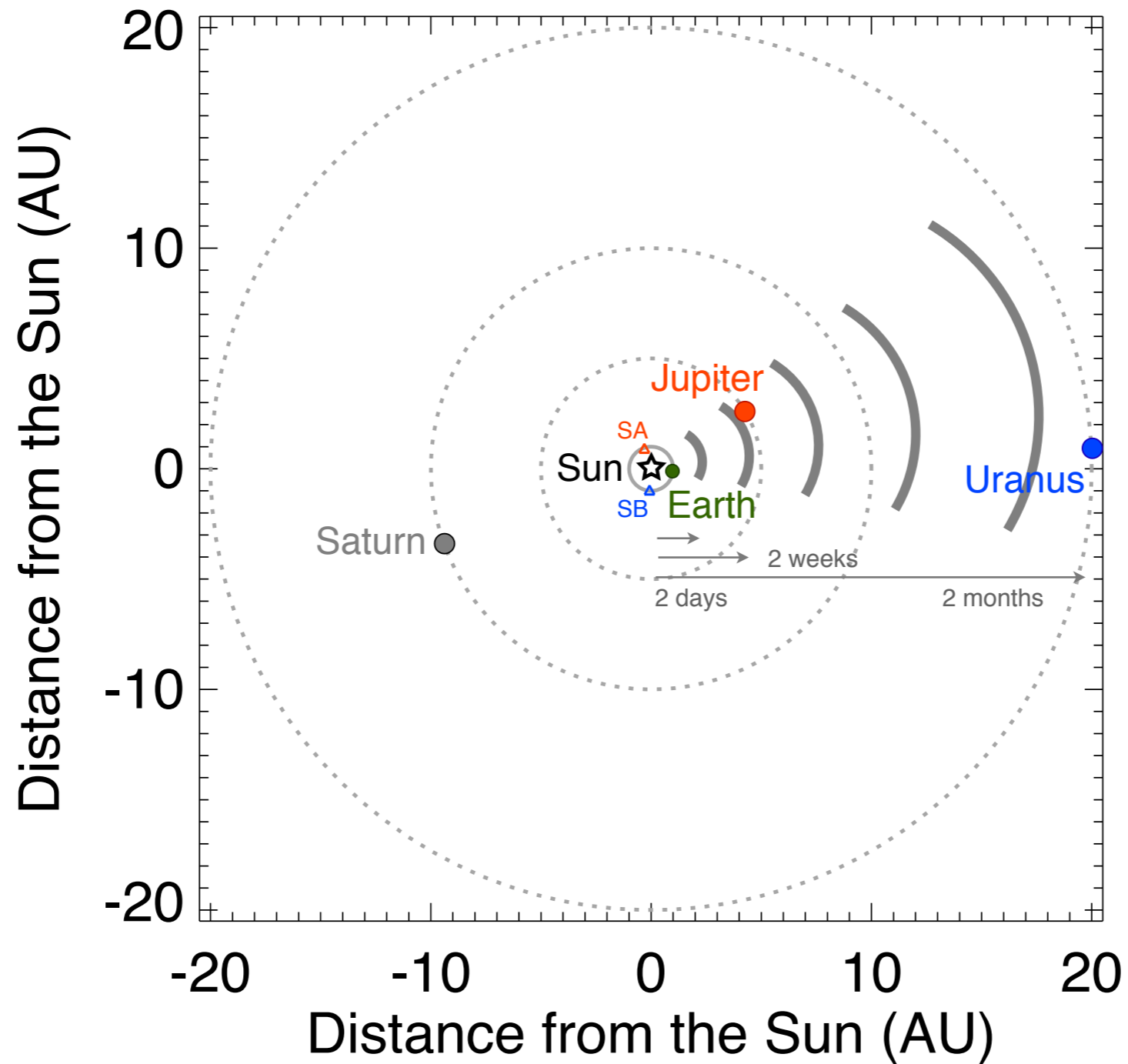
Earth : >10 (UV)

Jupiter : ~3 (radio)

Saturn : 3-5 (UV)

=> Uranus expected to be particularly sensitive to SW

# 2011 : « A new hope »



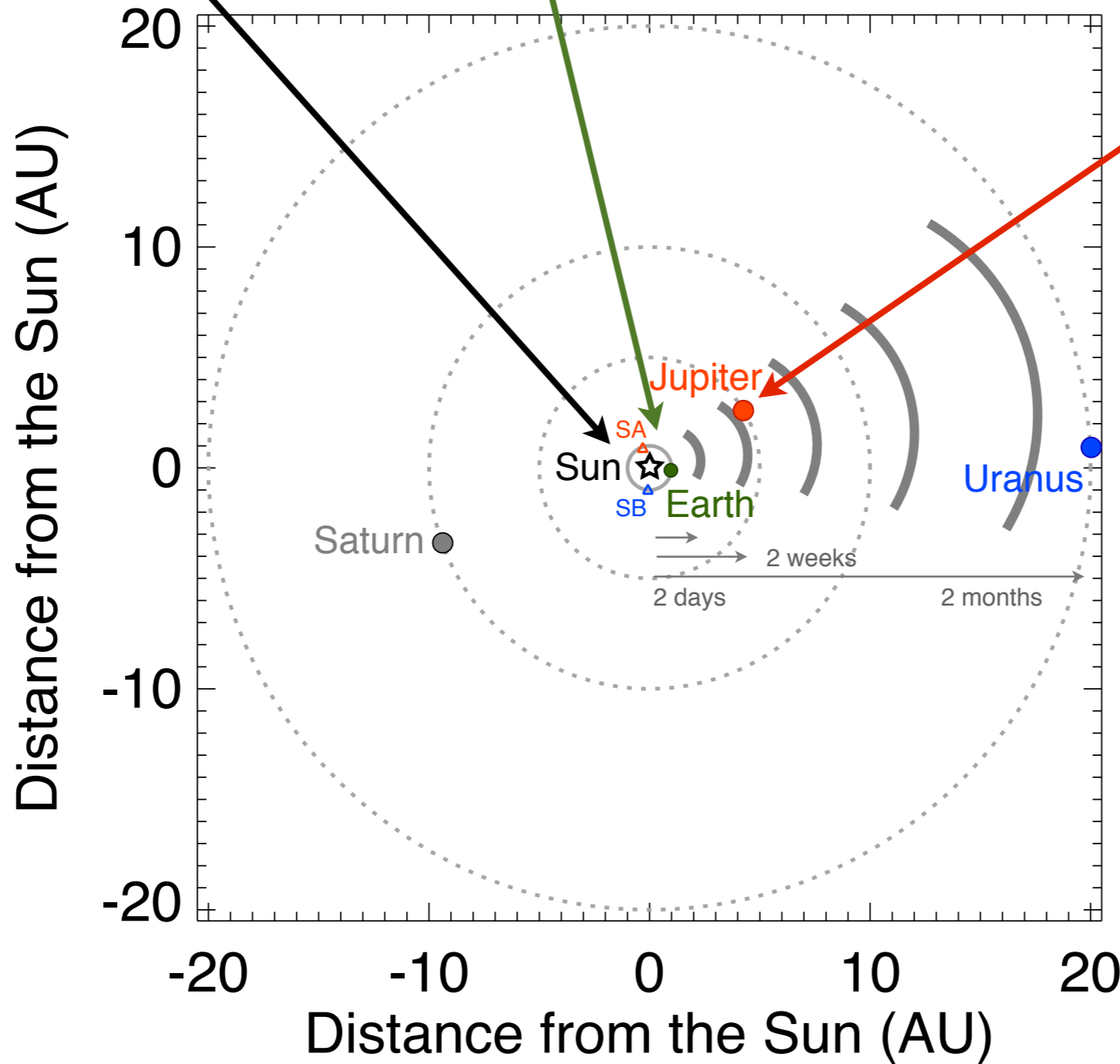
Aim :  
investigate the Uranus  
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# 2011 : « A new hope »

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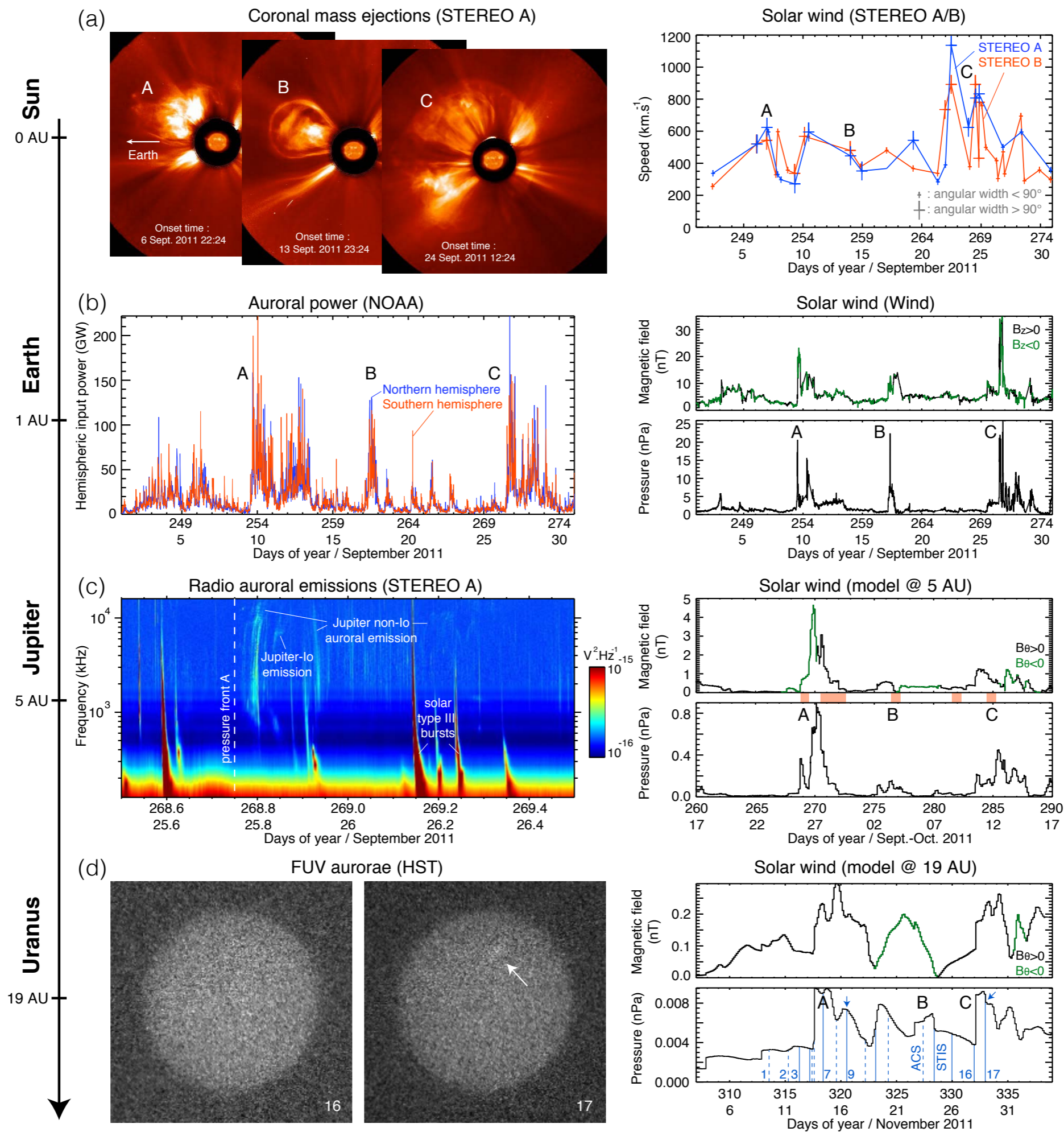
1- Earth : Wind (SW), POES (e-), ISS (visible)



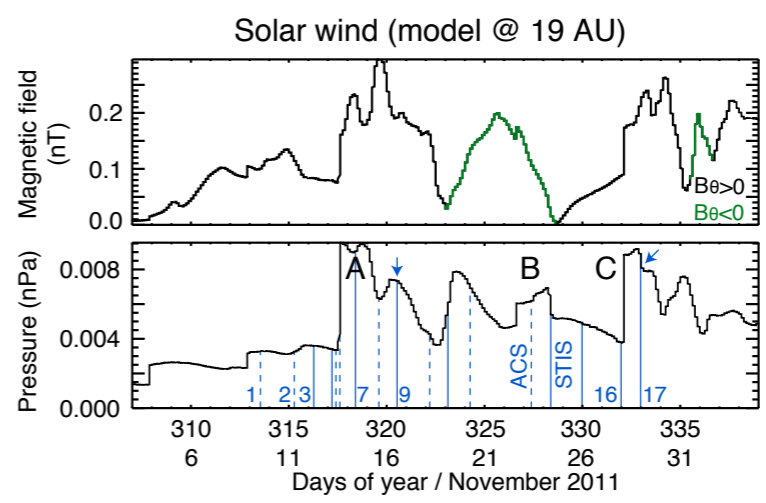
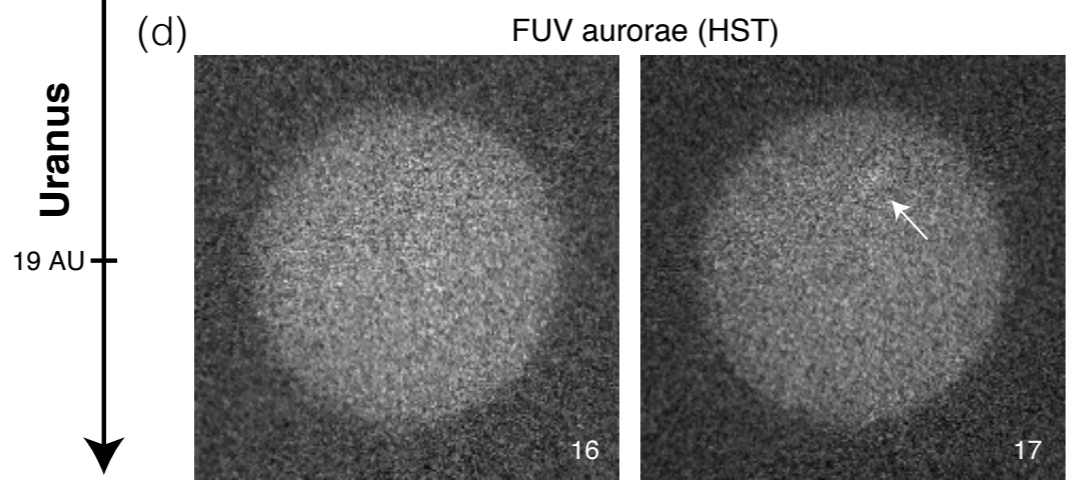
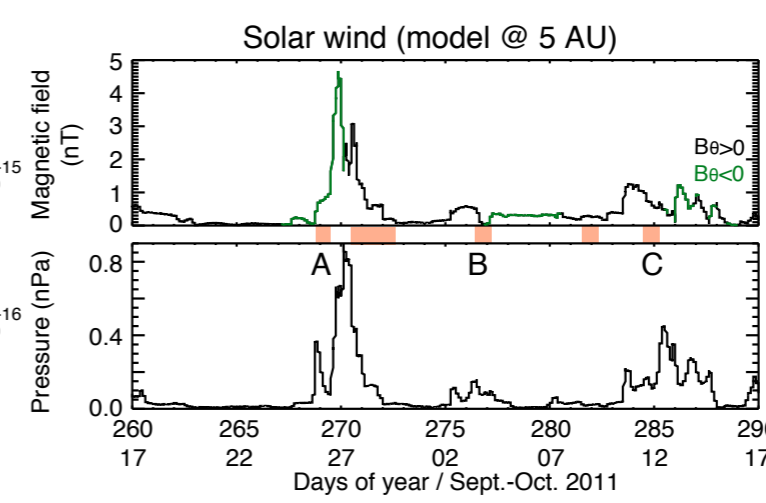
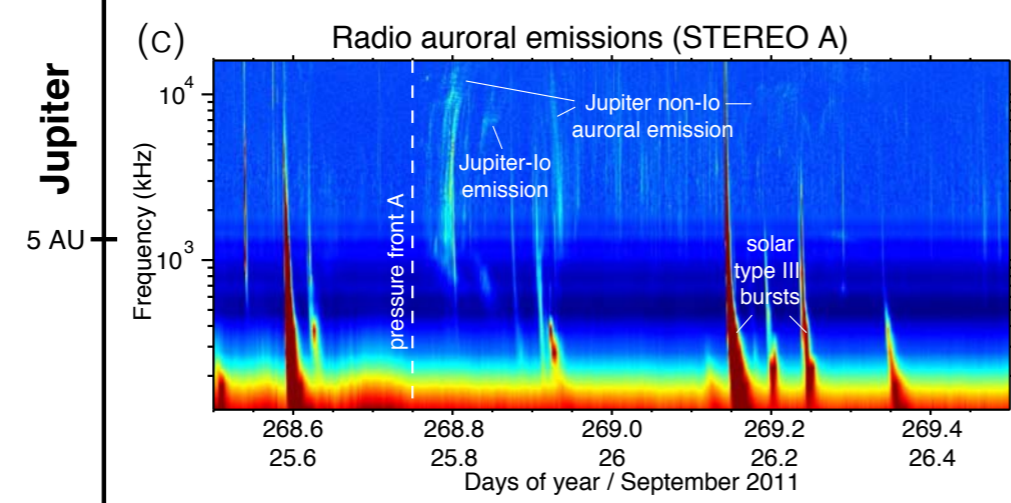
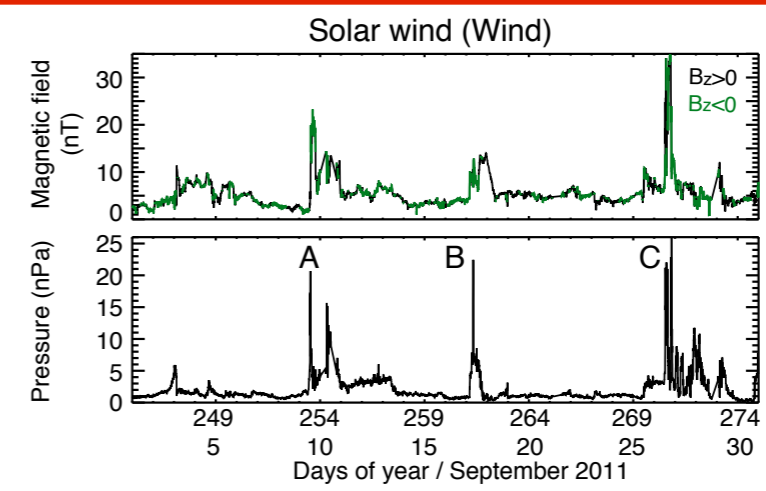
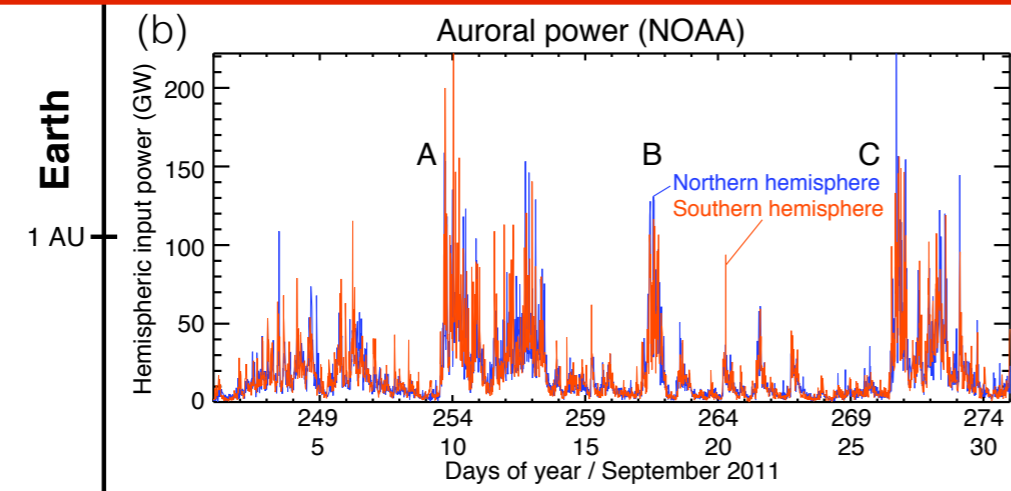
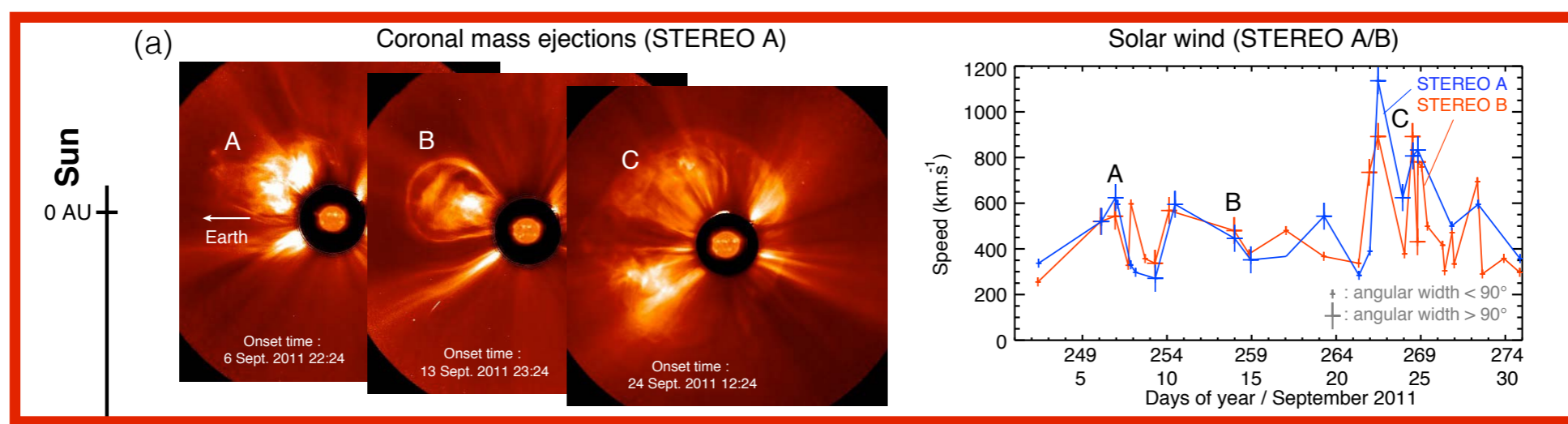
2- Jupiter:  
Chandra (X)  
Nançay/Stereo (radio)

3- Uranus :  
**HST (UV) / IRTF (IR)**

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(Lamy et al., 2012)



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Sun

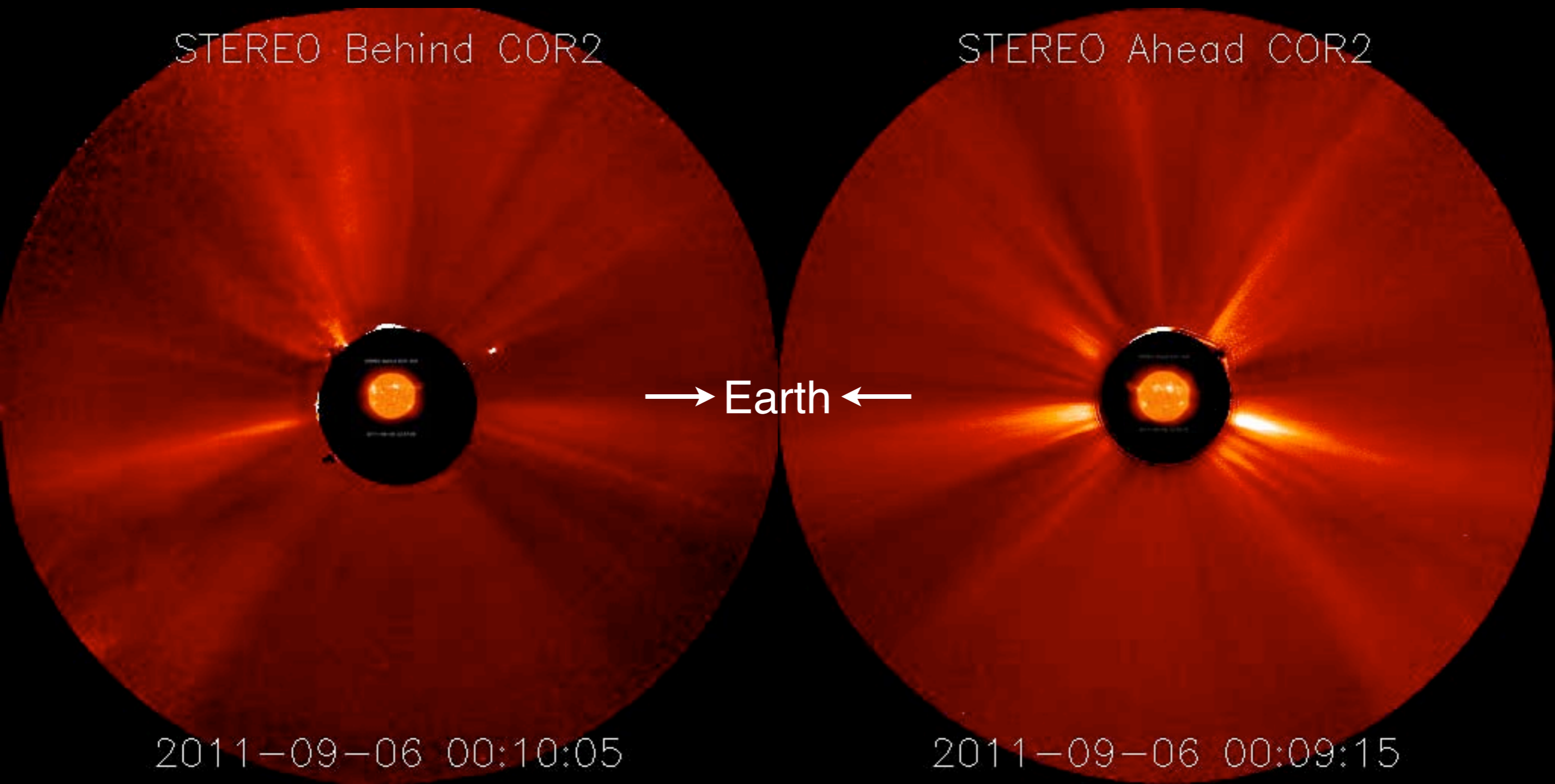
STEREO Behind COR2

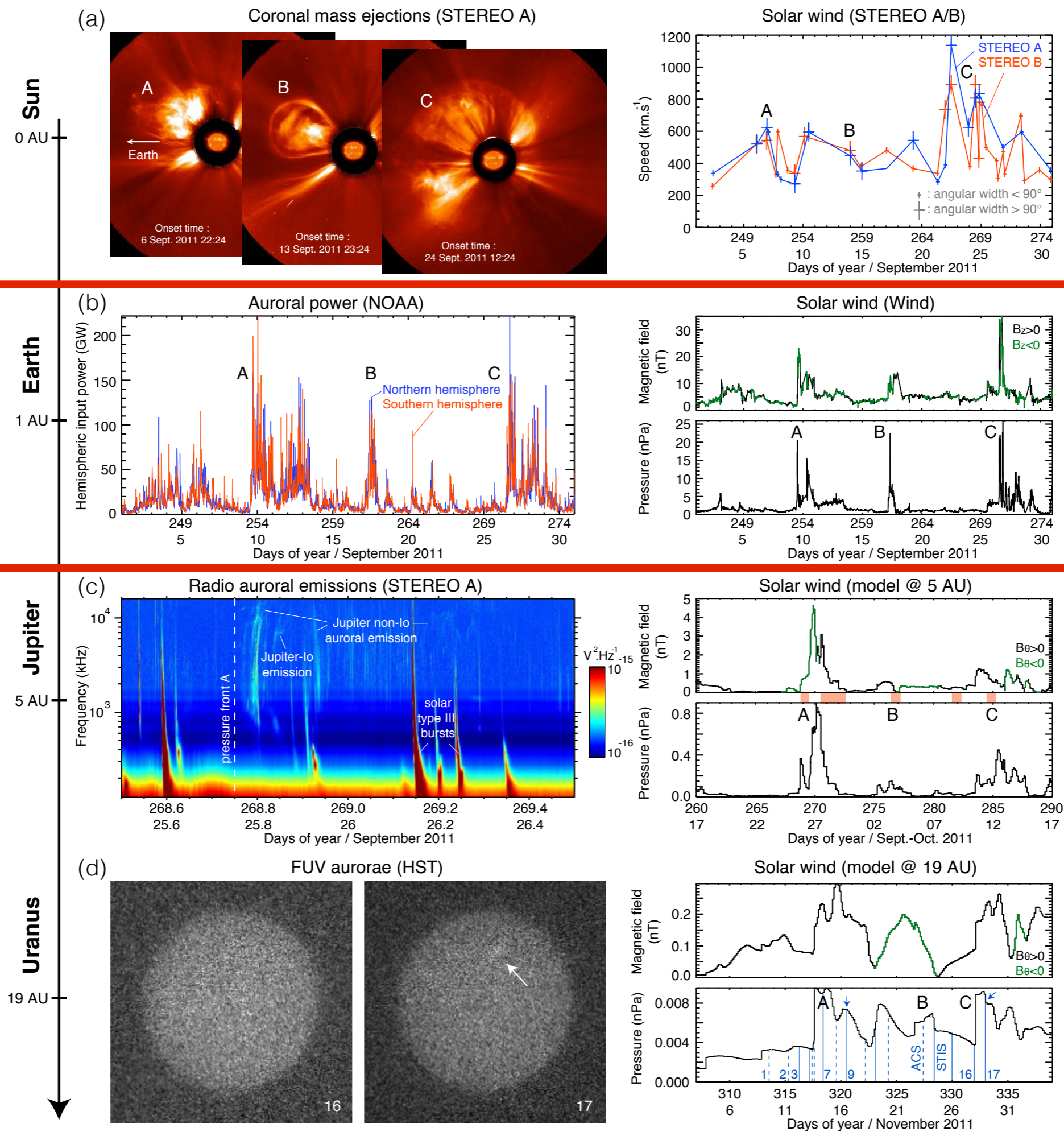
STEREO Ahead COR2

→ Earth ←

2011-09-06 00:10:05

2011-09-06 00:09:15





(Lamy et al., 2012)

# Earth



17 Sept. 2011

## Properties :

- MS compression => large-scale tail reconnection over extended longitudes
- high correlation between auroral power and  $P_{\text{dyn}}$  (0.59), maximized for  $B_z < 0$  (0.64)
- hemispheric radiated power : 5-230GW => intensified by a factor of 30-60

# Earth

9 Sept. 2011



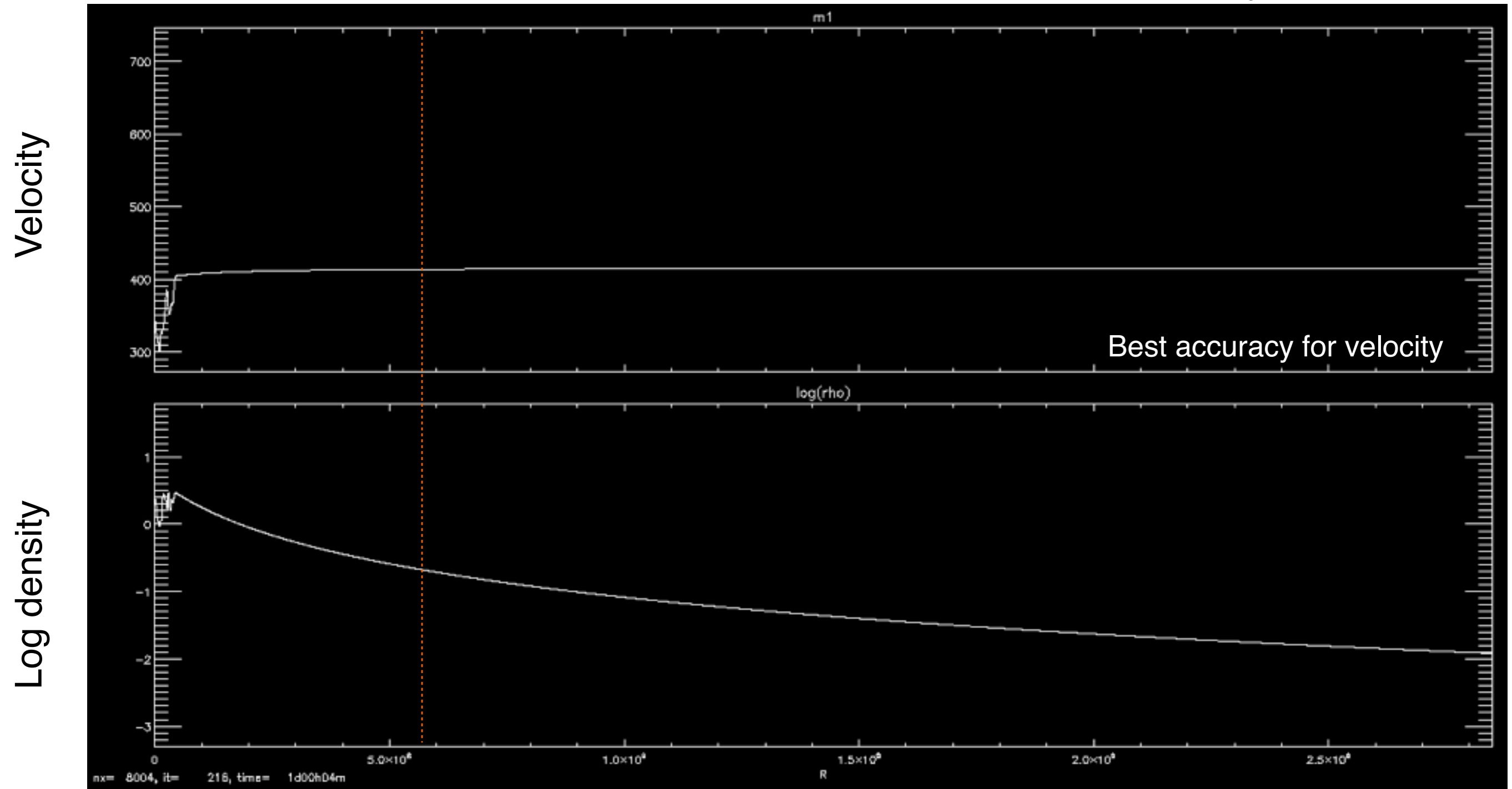
Sept : A coronal mass ejection (CME) hit Earth's magnetic field on Sept. 9th, sparking a (Kp=7) geomagnetic storm. Northern Lights were sighted in the United States as far south as Maine, Michigan, Vermont and Washington. Another CME struck on Sept. 17th, sparking a Kp=6 storm. The biggest CME strike of the month occurred on Sept. 26th. A severe (Kp=8) geomagnetic storm ignited auroras over both hemispheres.

Washington



# MHD simulation

(Courtesy to KC Hansen)

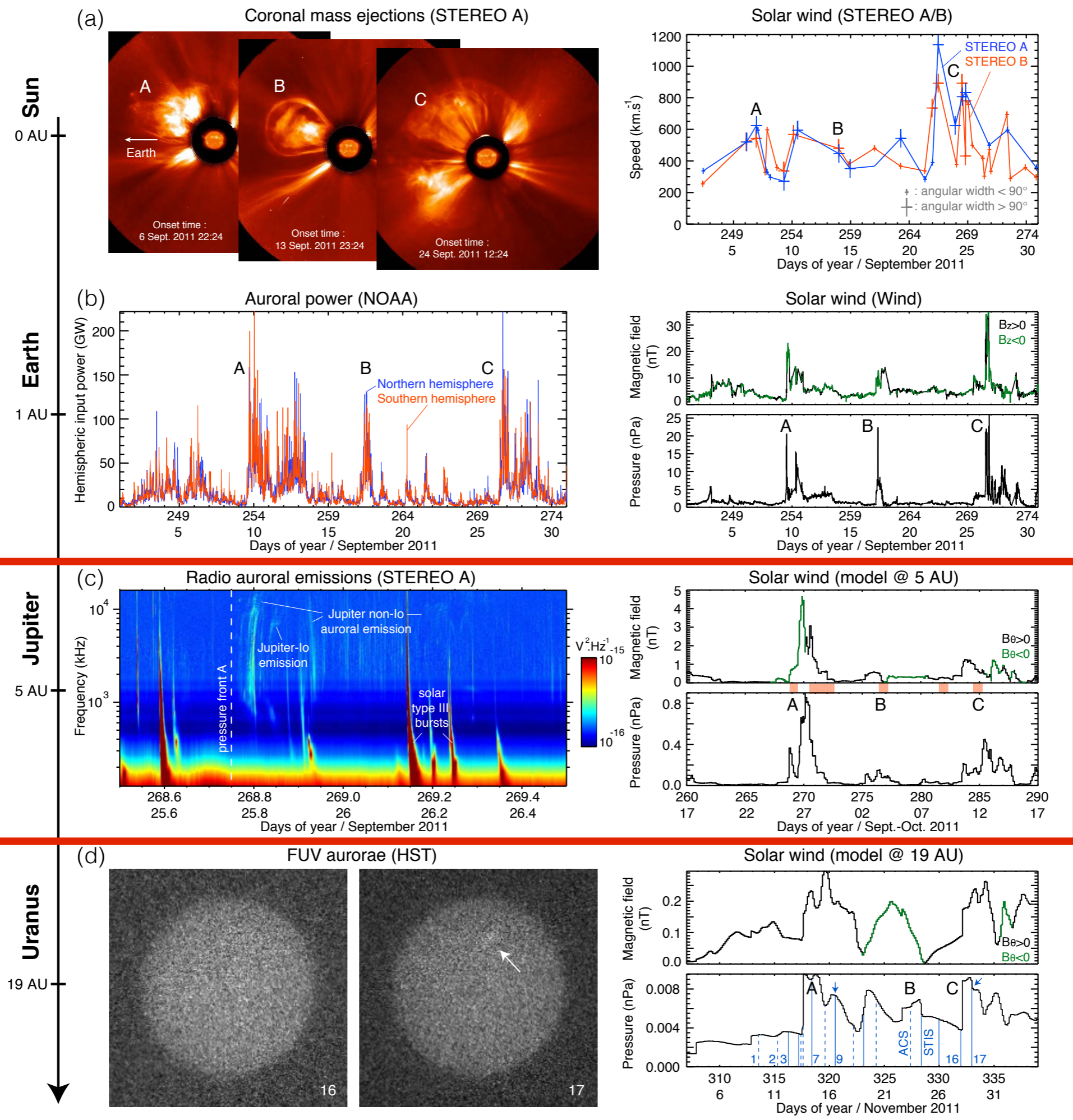


↑  
Earth

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Jupiter

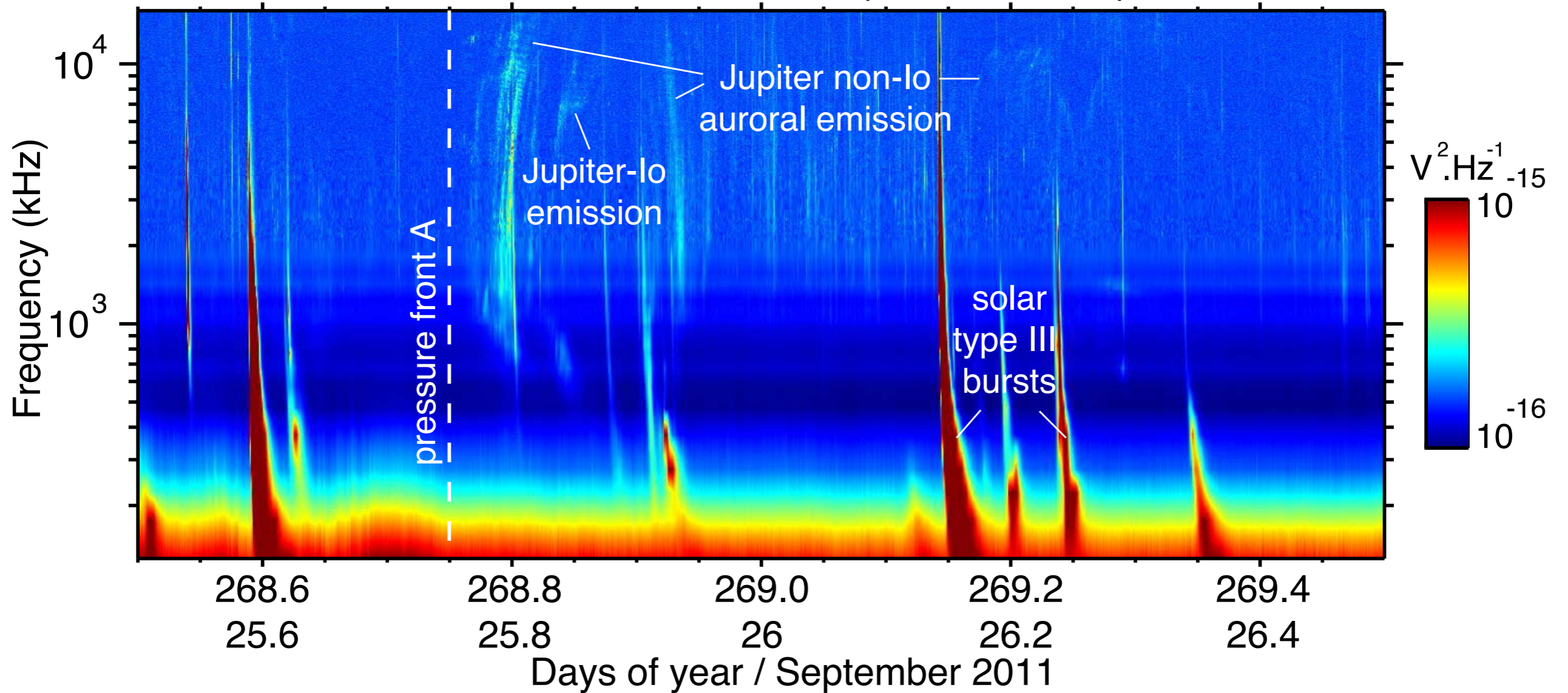
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Uranus





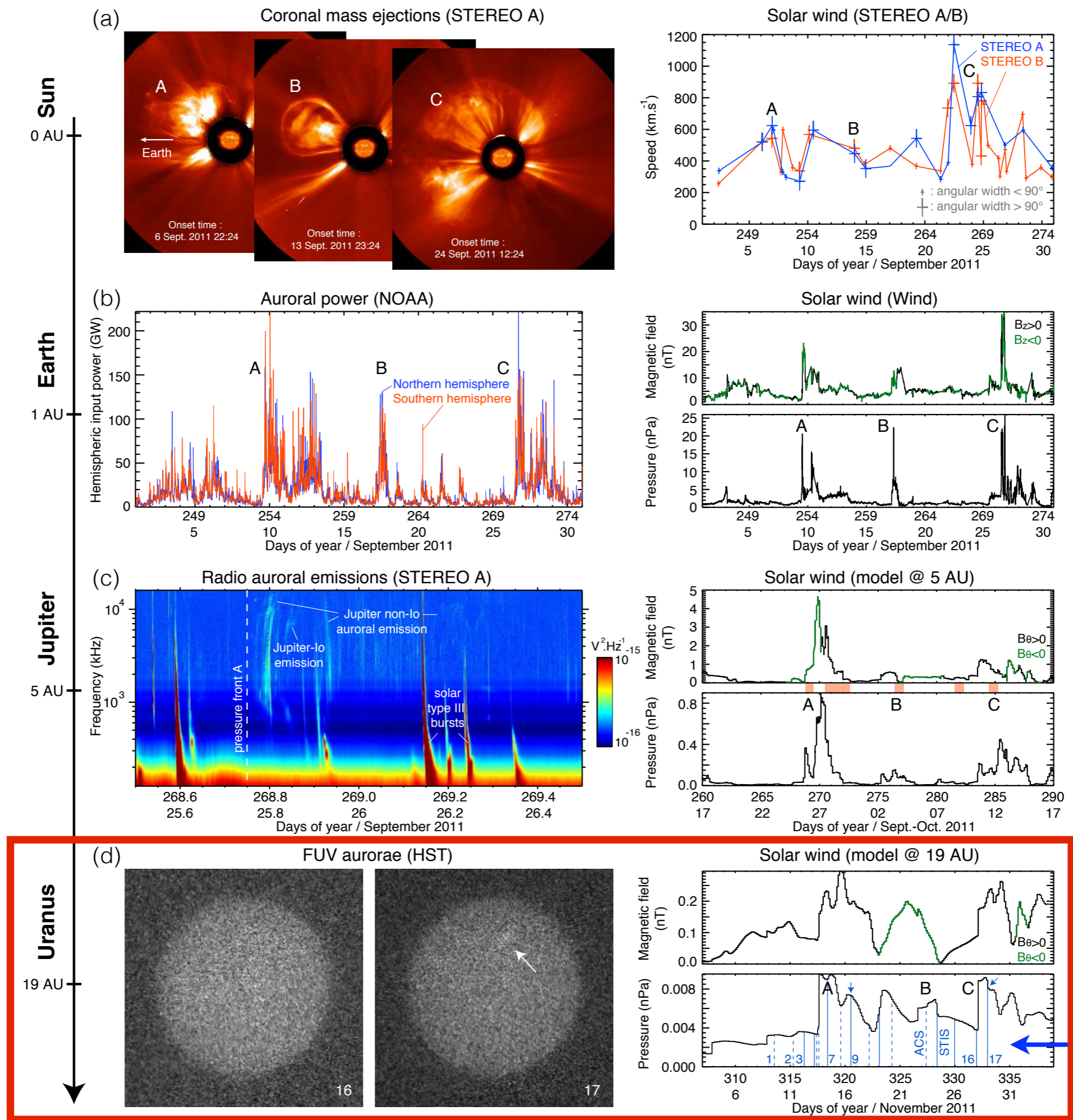
# Jupiter

## Radio auroral emissions (STEREO A)



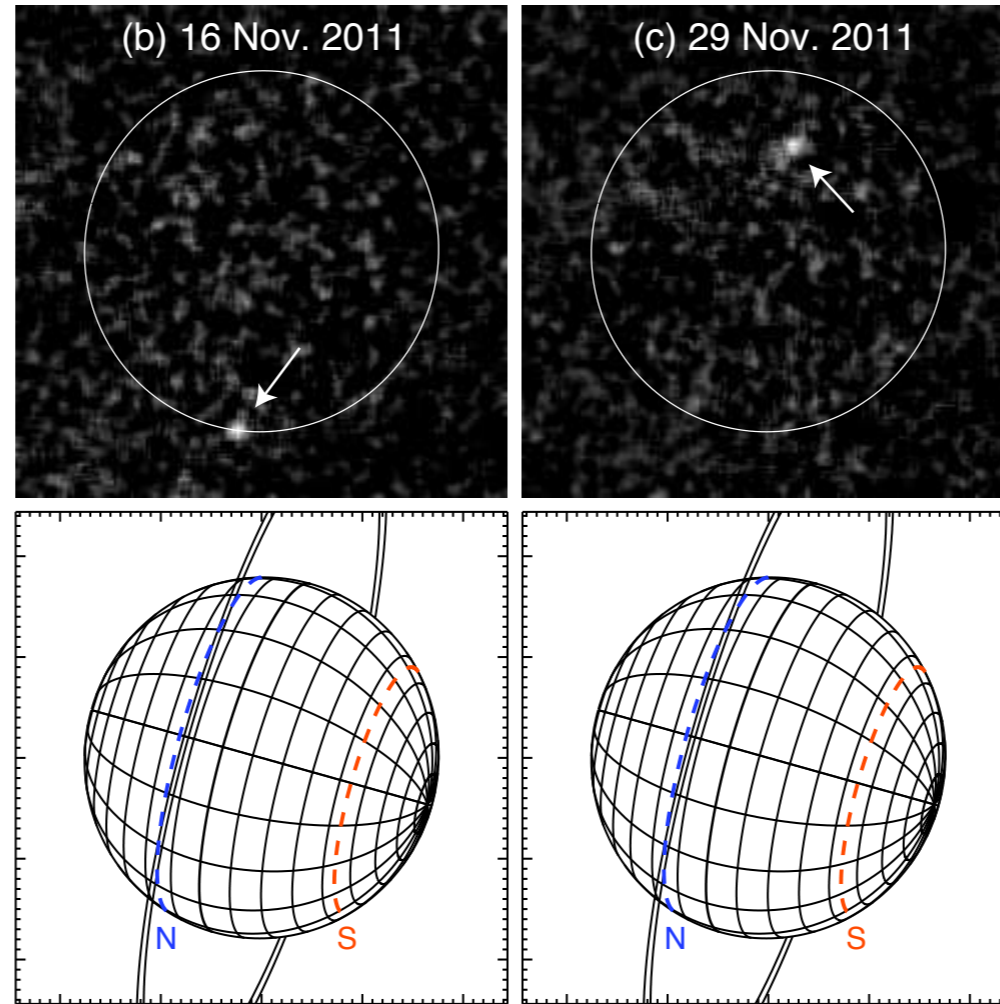
### Properties :

- occurrence close to each predicted arrival within 12h
- brightening from DAM to KOM : common origin
- cross-calibration with Nançay => intensity : 1% occurrence level (50GW/sr)
- intensification by a factor of  $>2$  ( $\ll$  Earth)

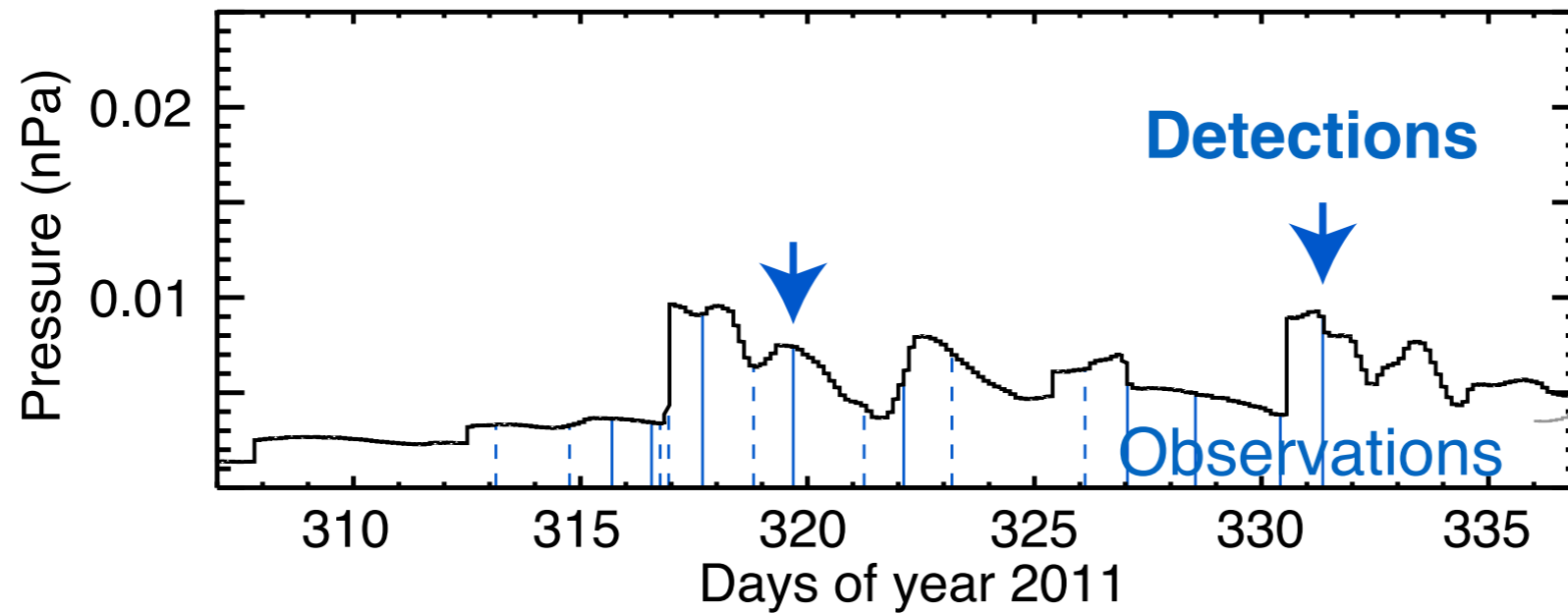


17 HST orbits  
images and  
spectra

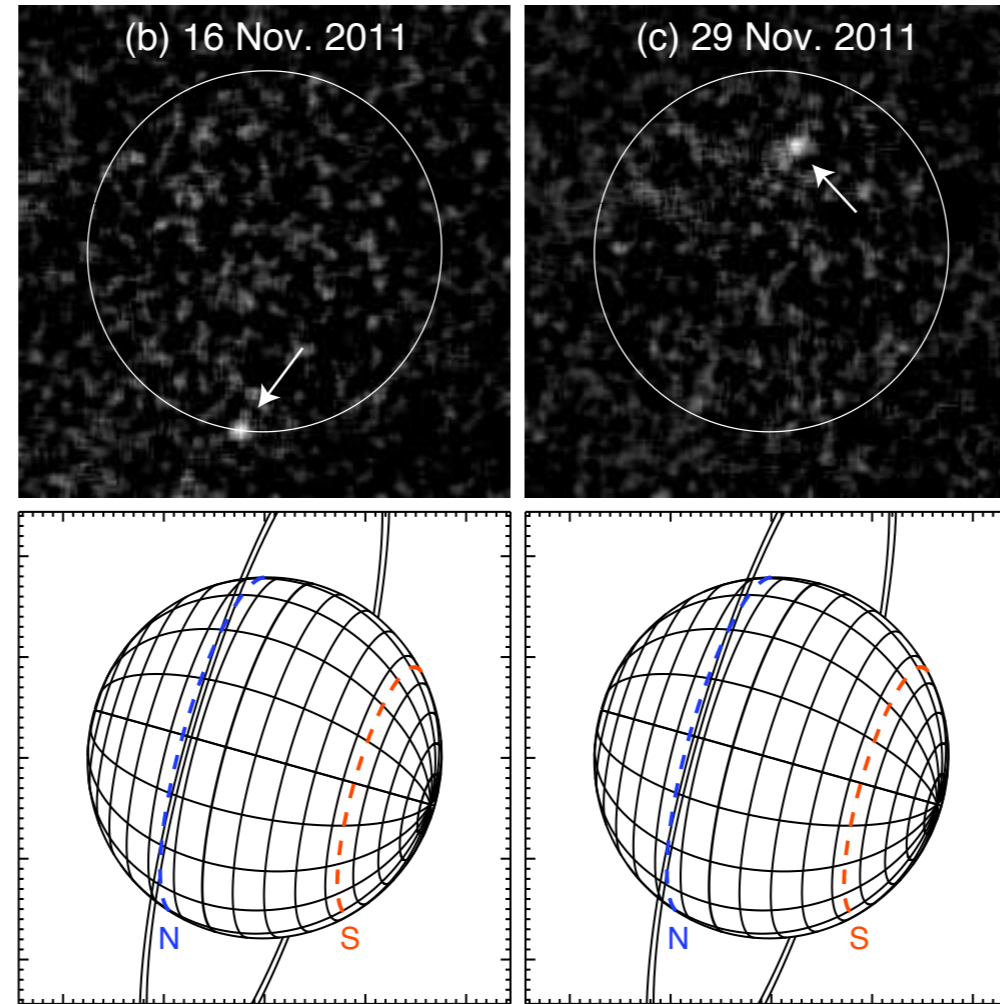
2011



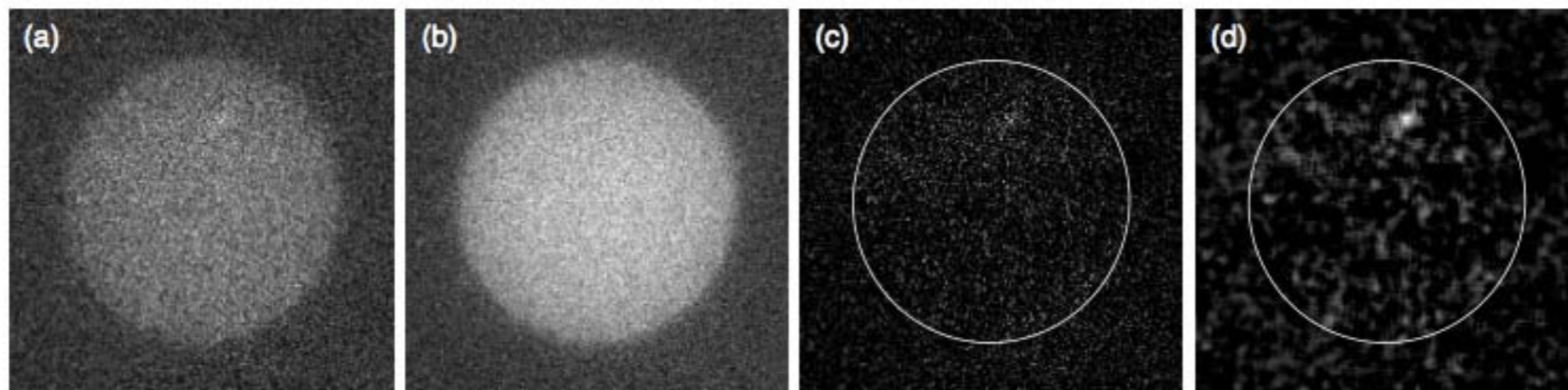
Solar wind (model @ 19 AU)



2011

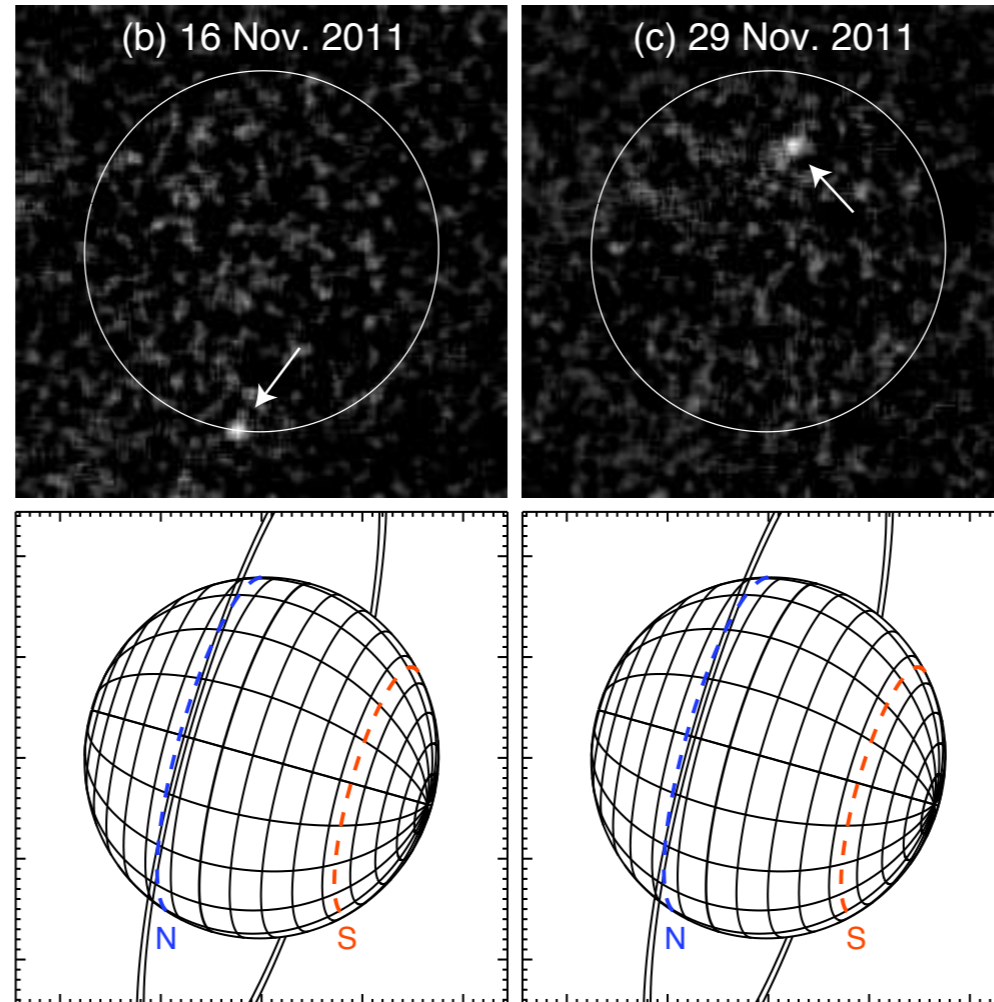


Straightforward data processing :



spatially extended signal  $\sim 3-5\sigma$

# 2011



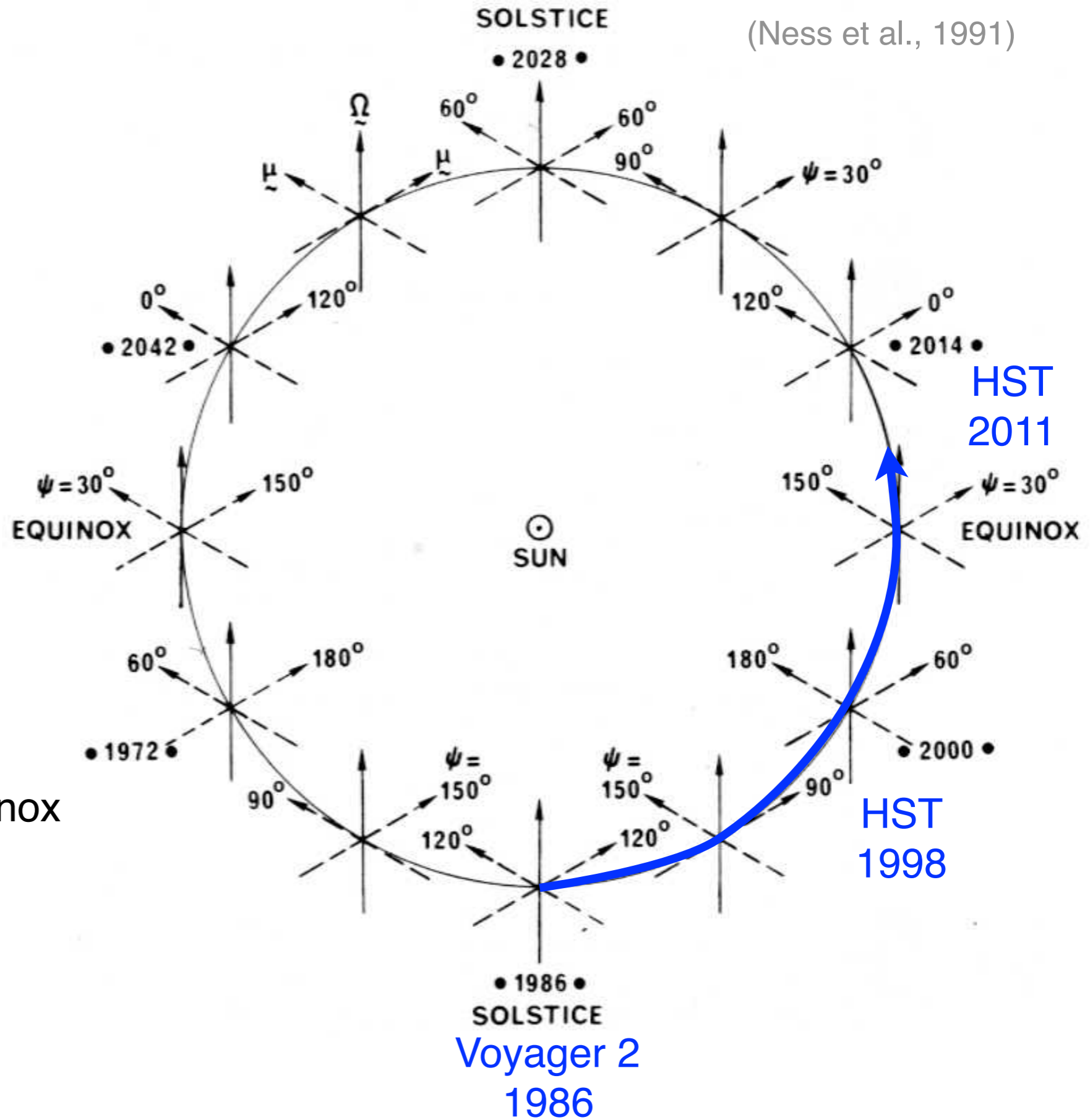
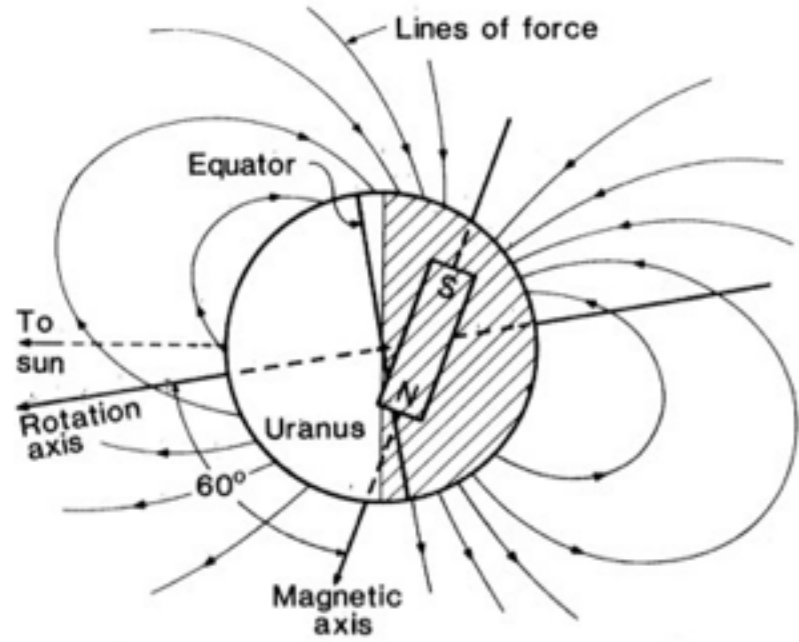
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- short-lived (a few min)
- occur close to predicted shocks
- rotationally phased !

## Interpretation ?

2011

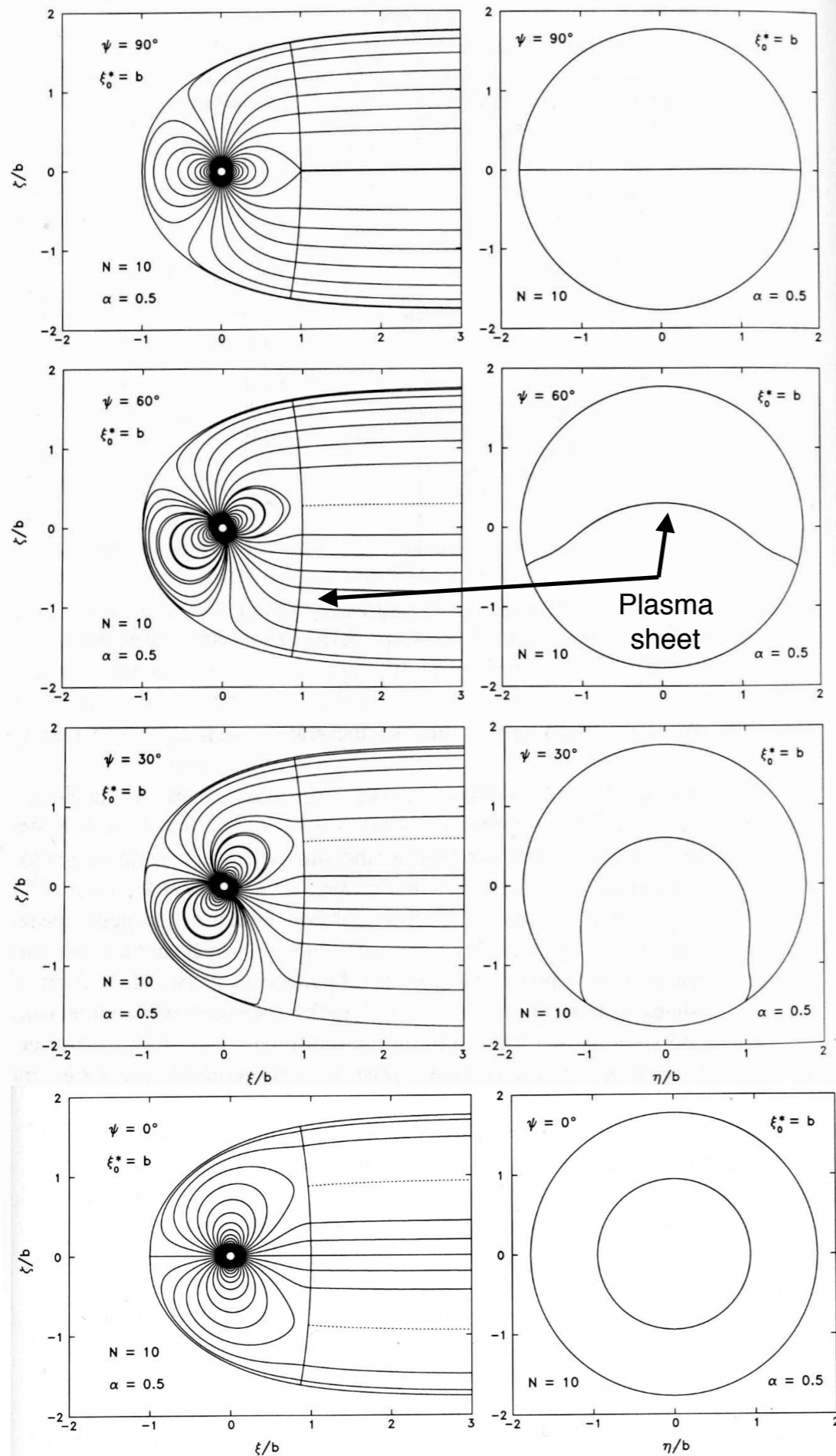
(Ness et al., 1991)



Sun ← 1986 : Solstice  
 Sun ● 2011 : Near-equinox

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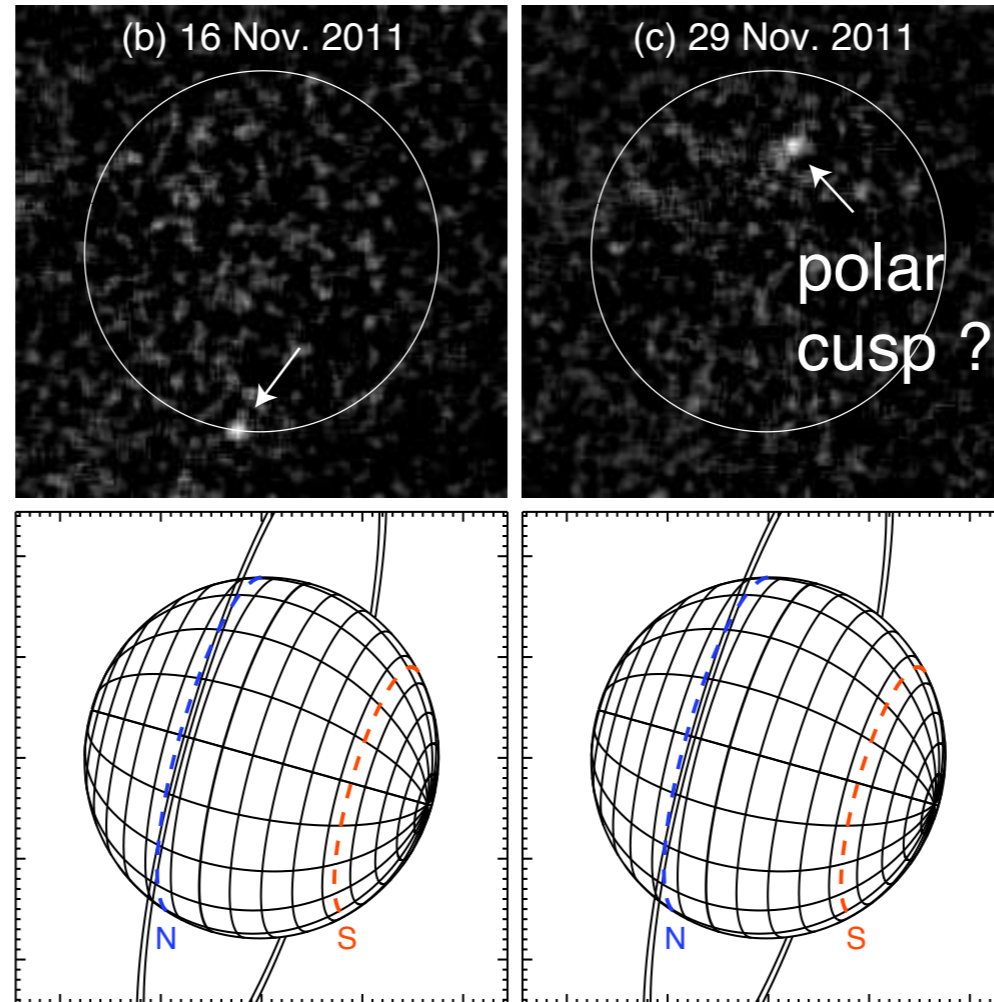


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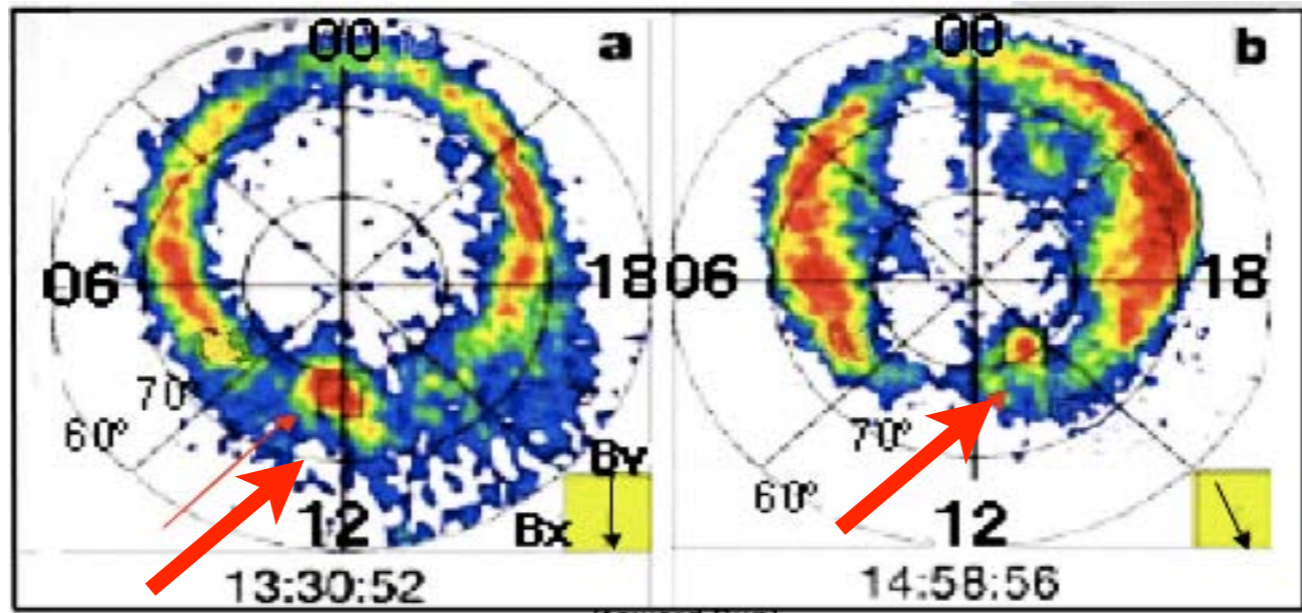
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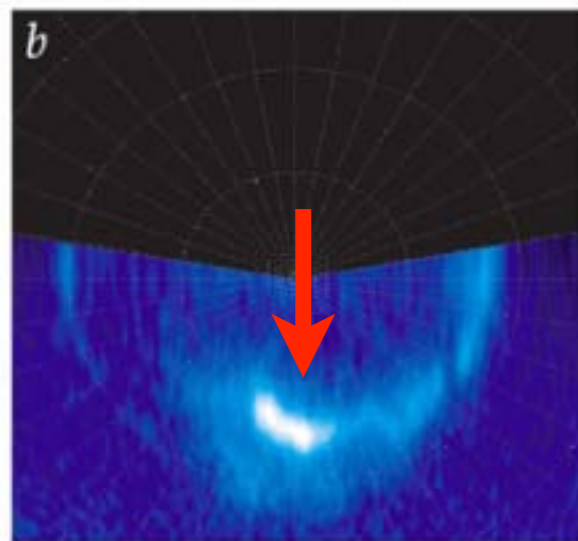
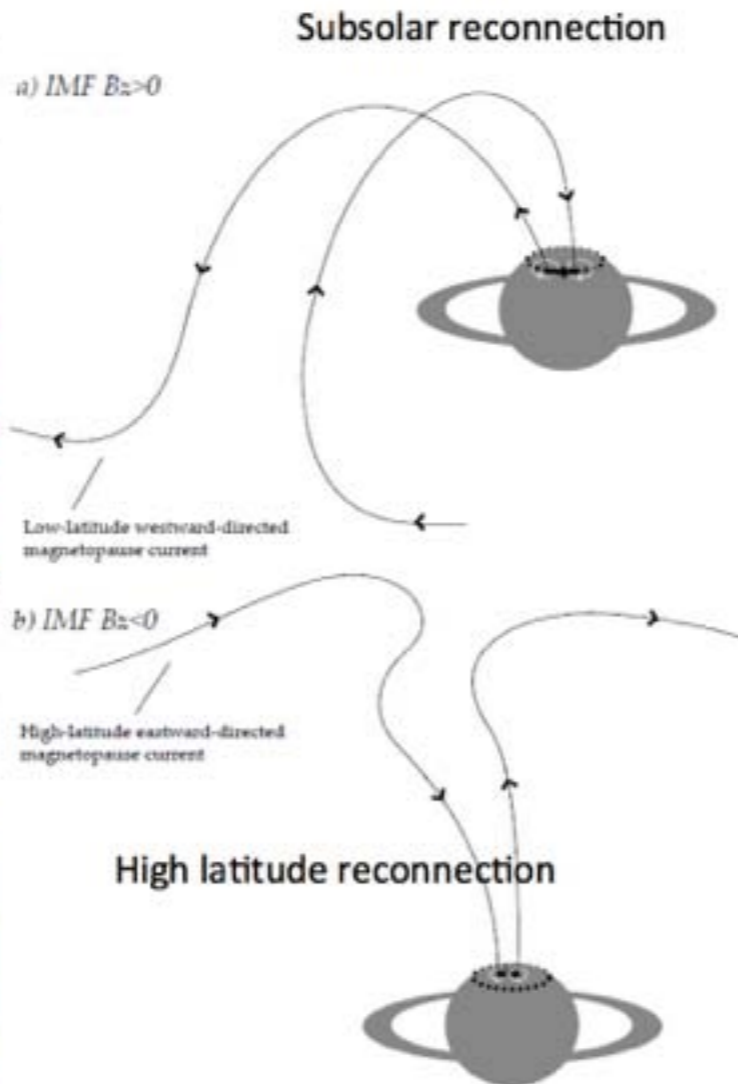
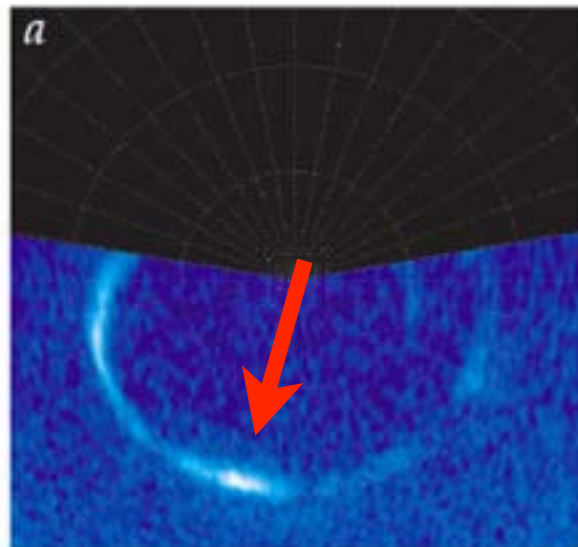
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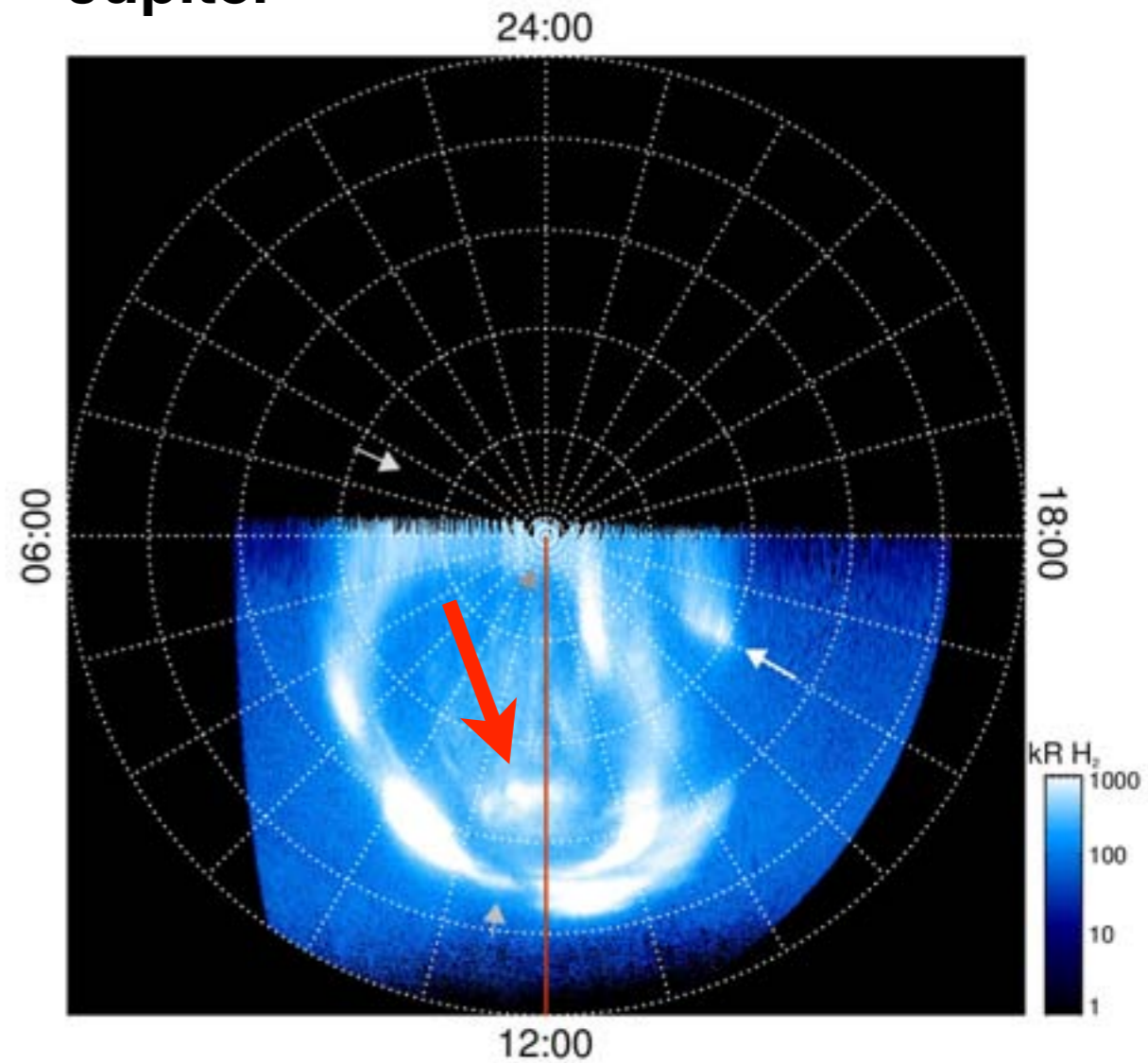
# Earth



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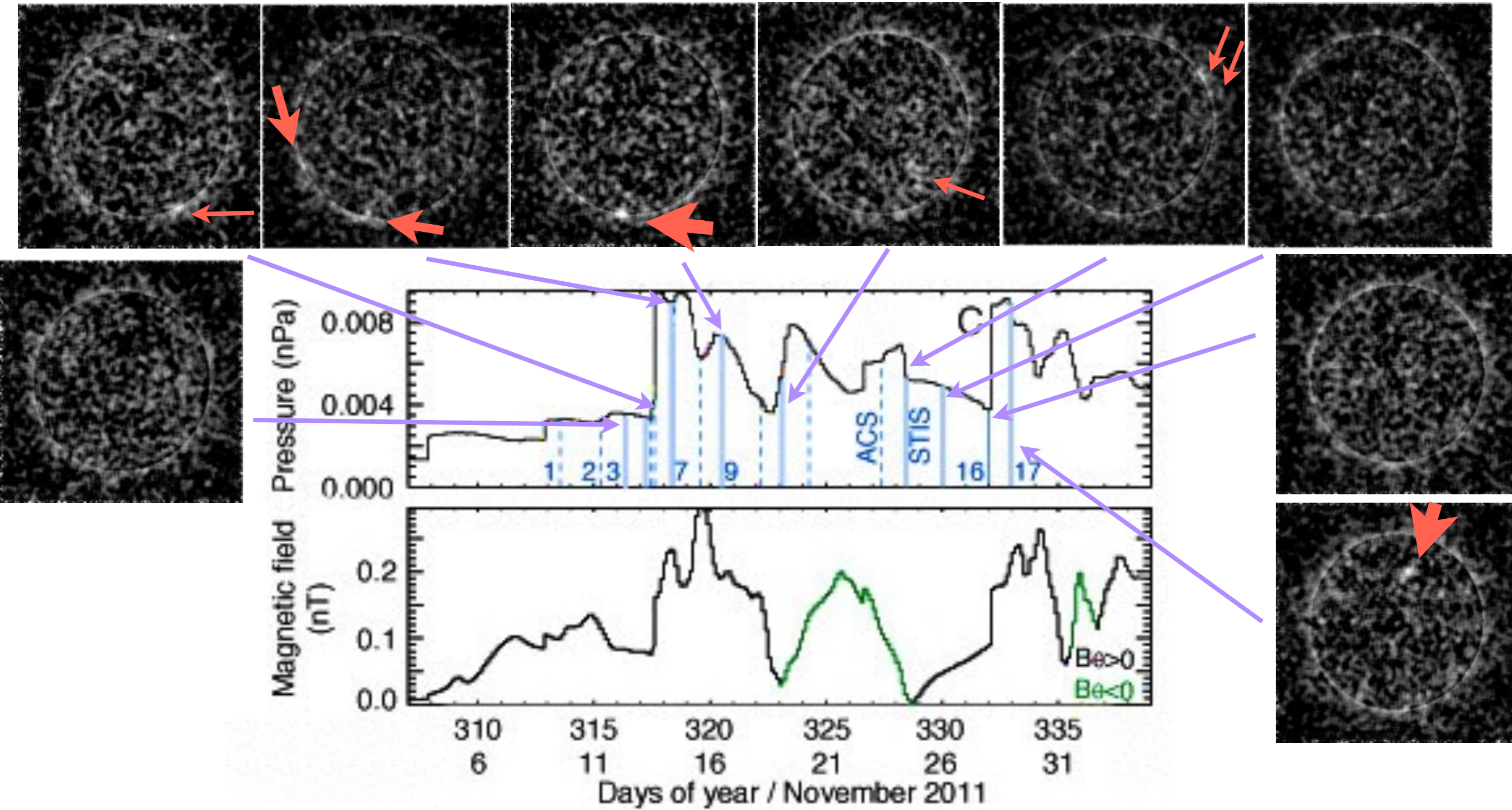


# Jupiter



2011

In progress : what about *ambiguous* detections ?



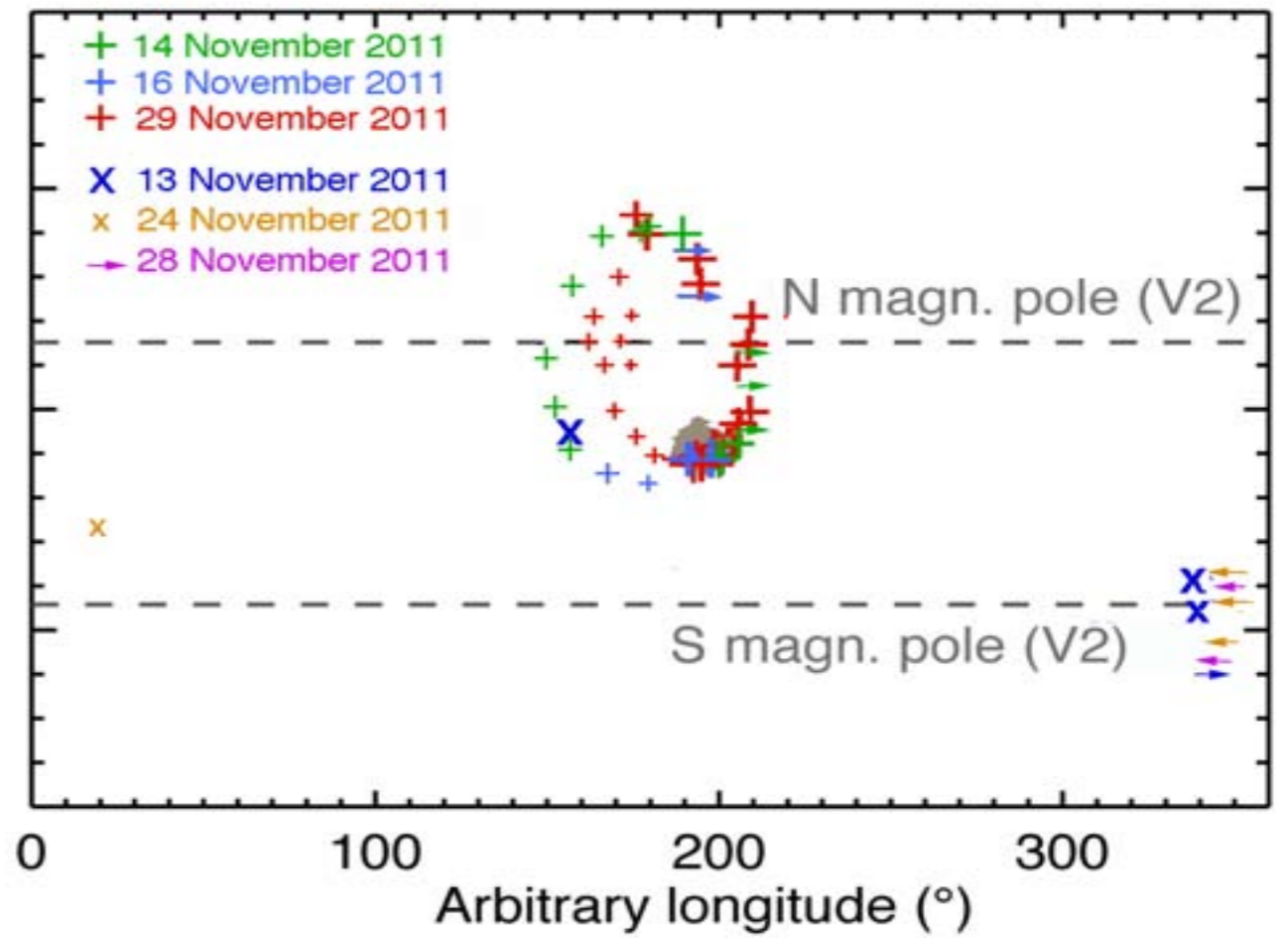
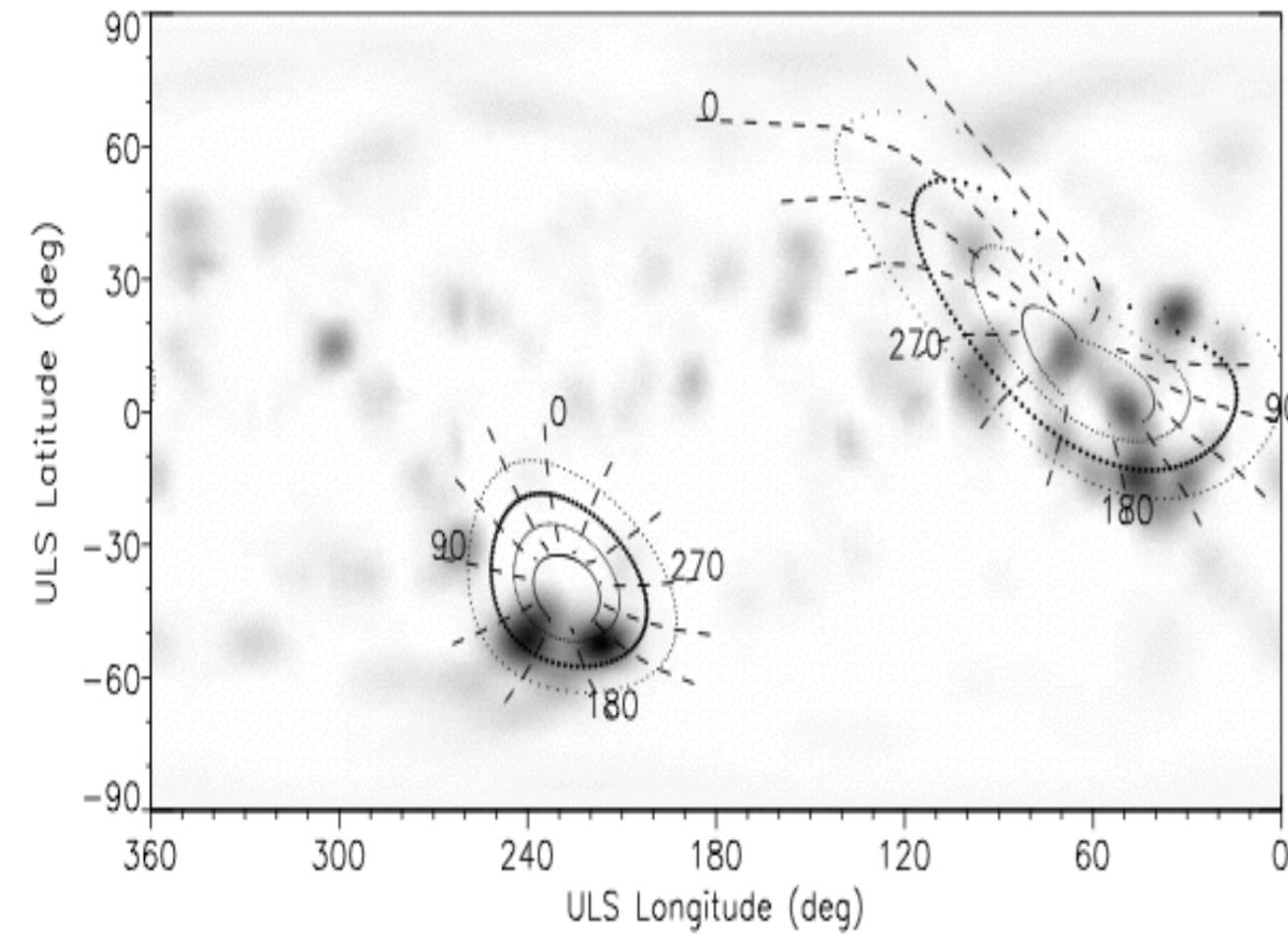
Propagated solar wind (@19 UA)

2011

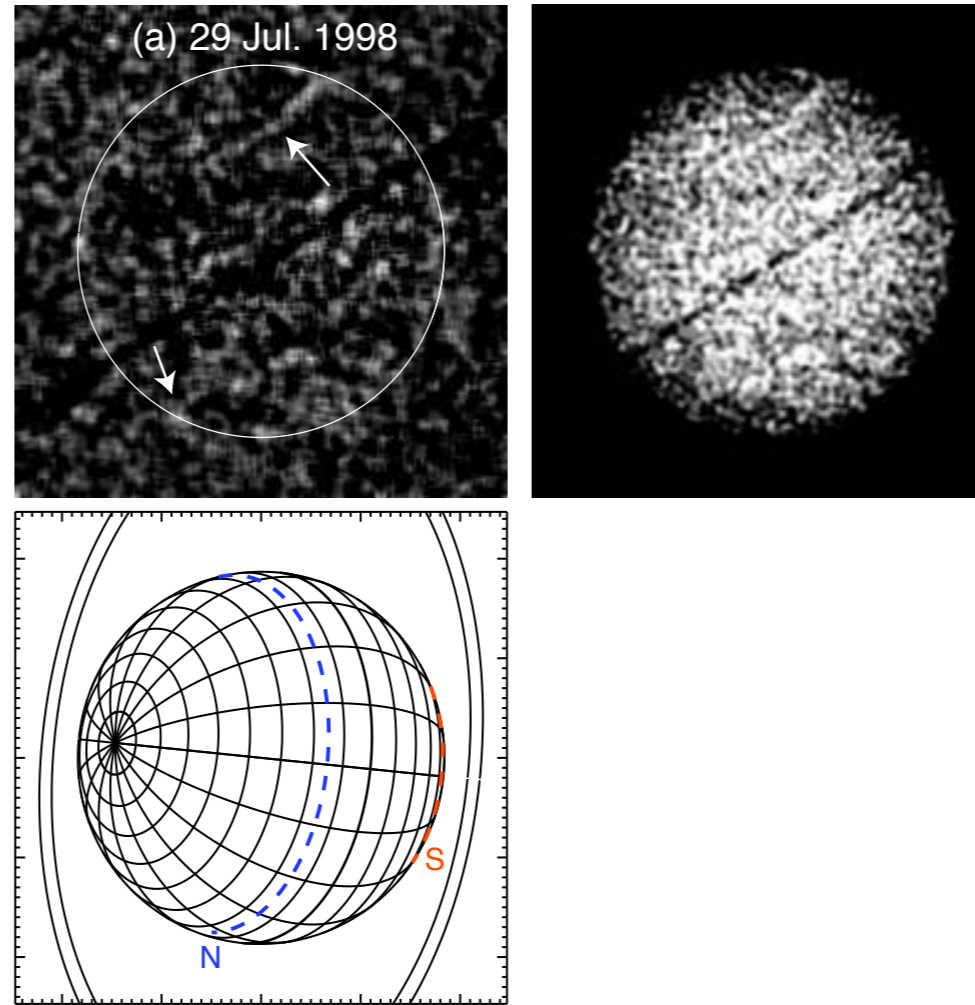
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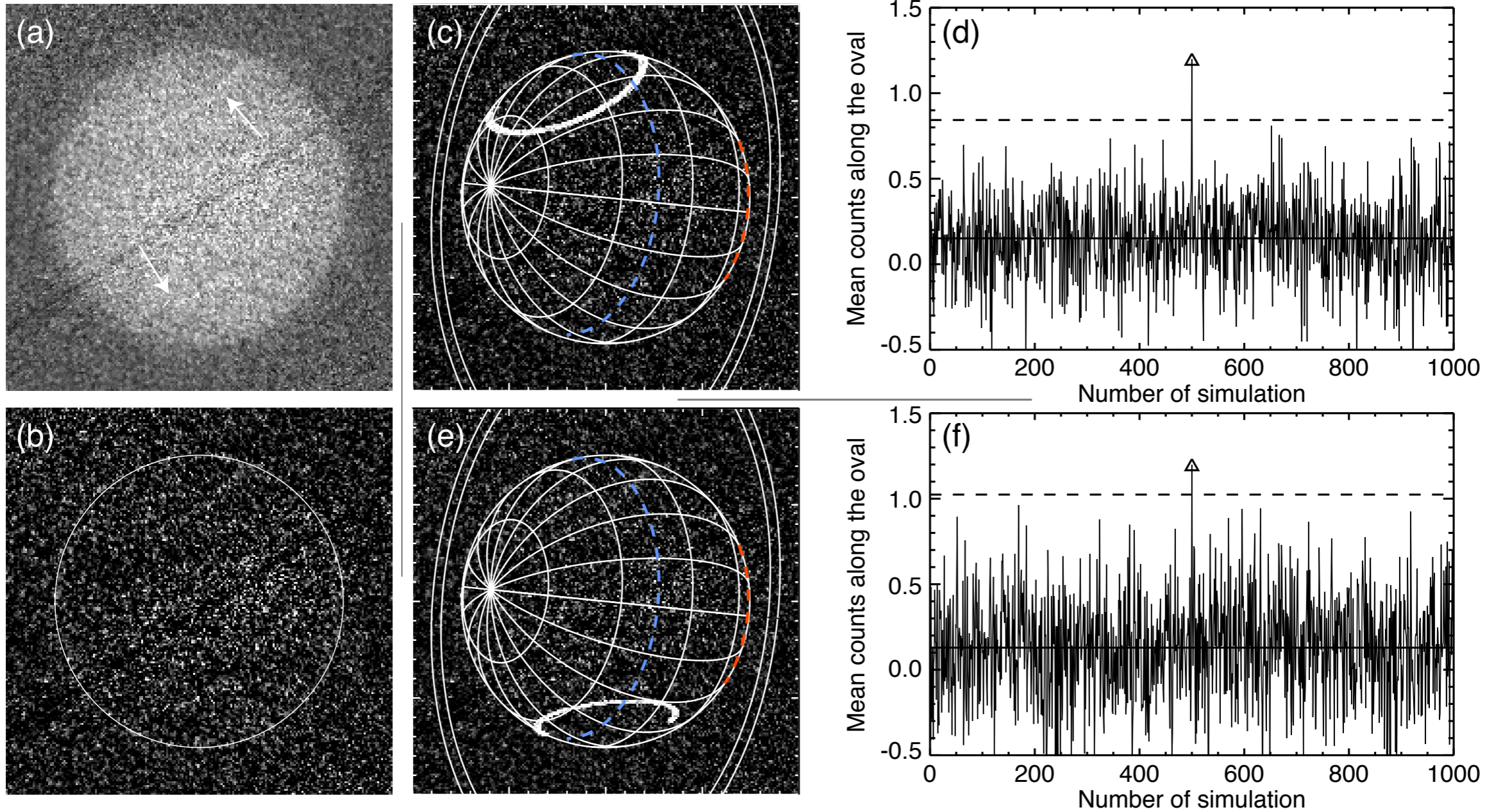
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# 1998 : « The SNR strikes back »

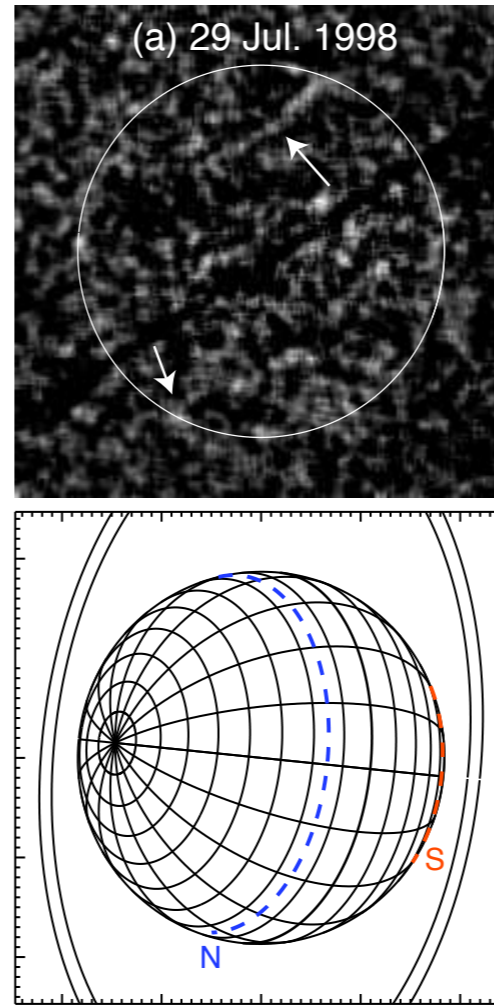


Auroral signal as well,  
previously unseen !



ovals (assumption = circular) fitted by two partial ellipses  
 $\Rightarrow$  integrated signal along the oval  $\sim 4-5\sigma$

# 1998



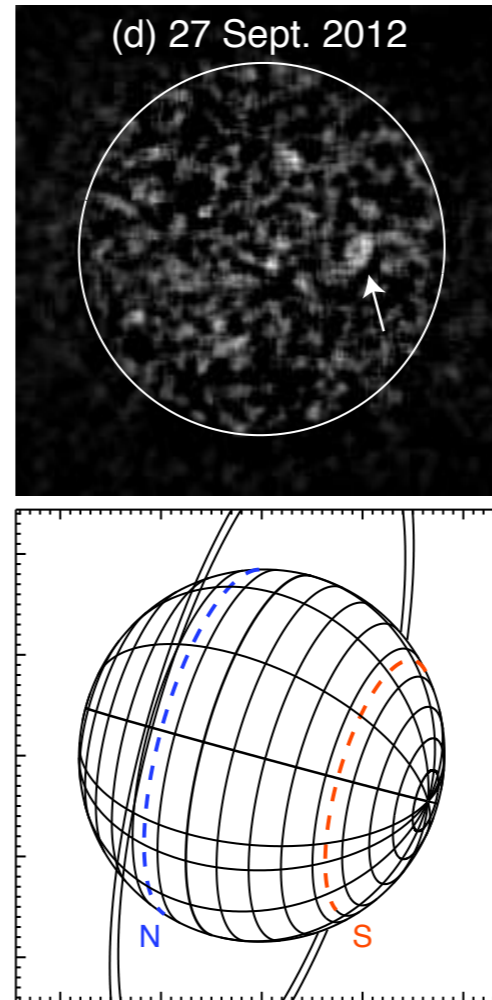
## Properties :

- portions of ovals
- centers do not match the latitude of magnetic poles
- quiet solar wind

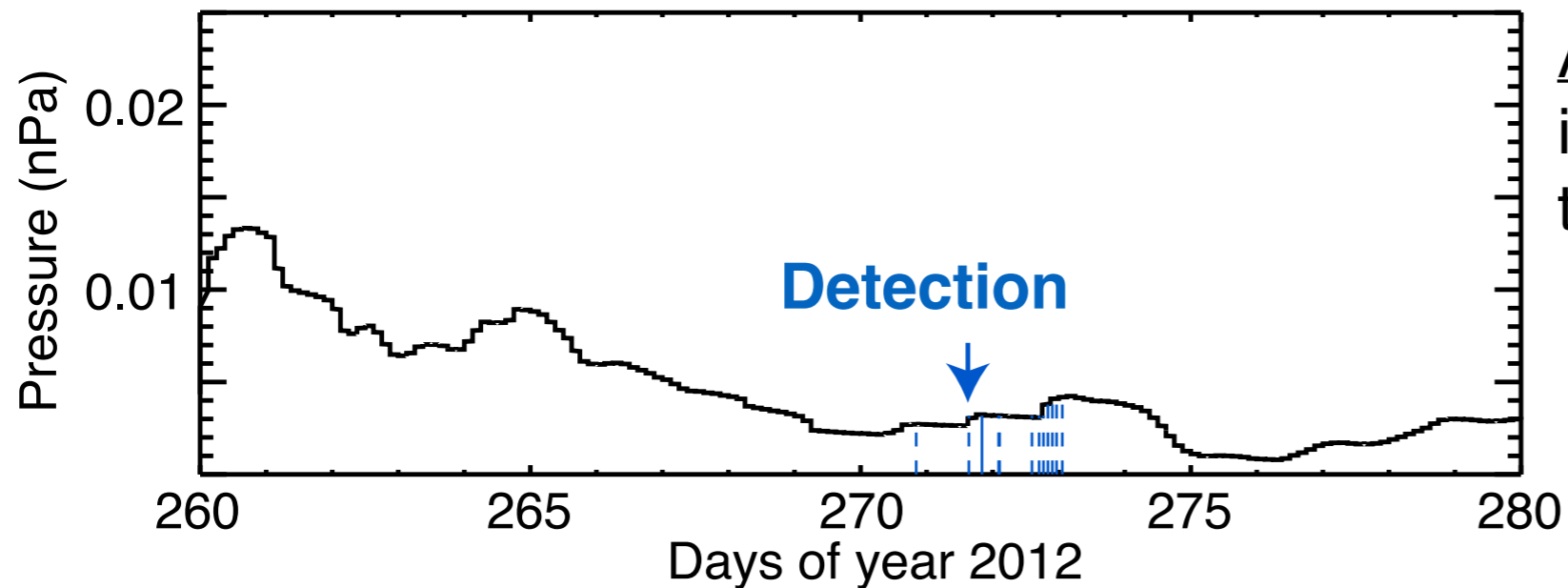
## Interpretation :

- mechanism able to drive acceleration over extended longitudes (open-closed field line boundary ?) : to be determined
- intermediate solstice-to-equinox situation  
=> possible short-lived twisted magnetotail

# 2012 : « Return of the polar spot »



Solar wind (model @ 19 AU)

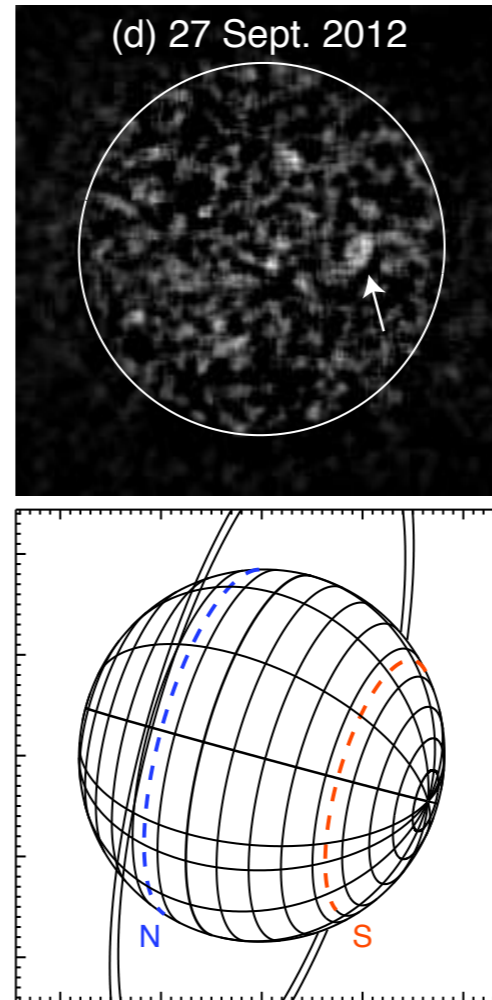


Aim :

investigate the auroral response  
to planetary rotation



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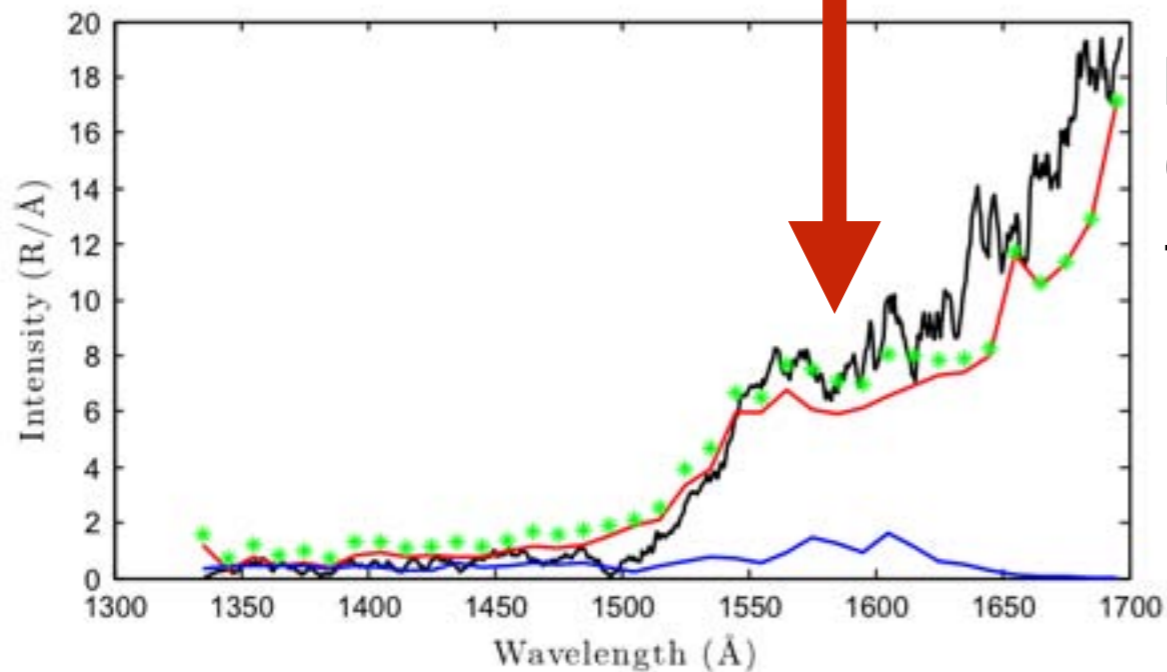
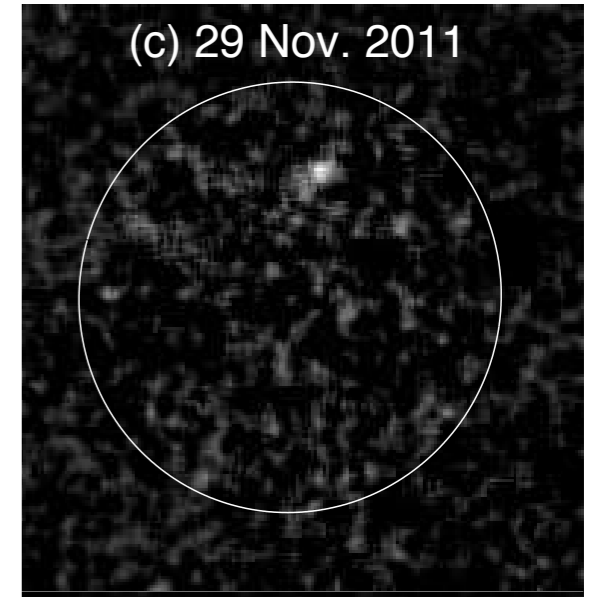
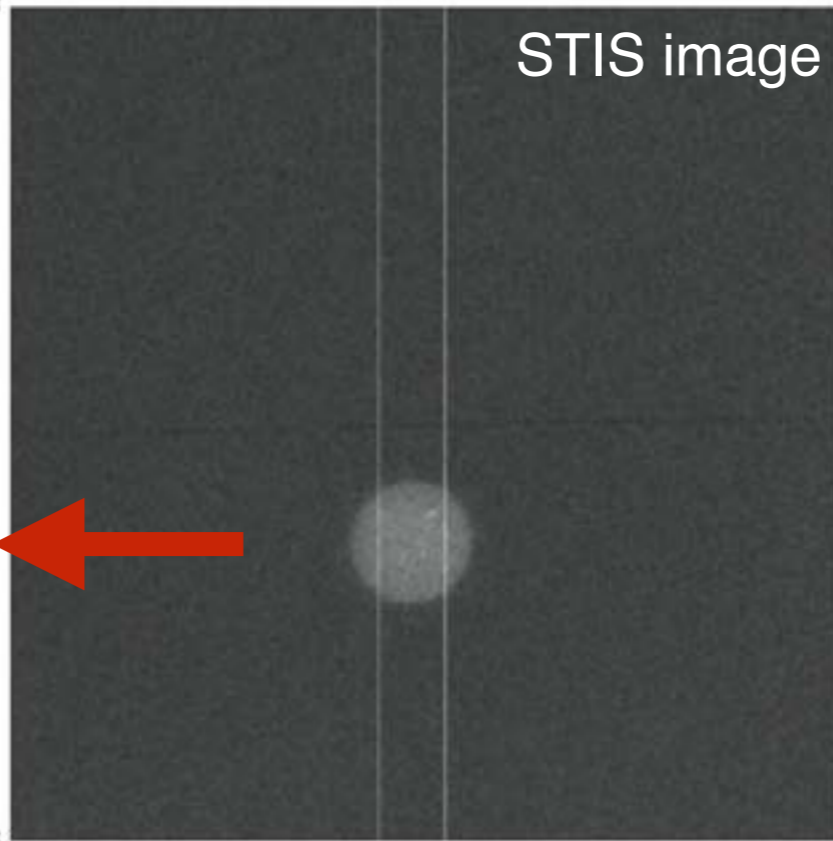
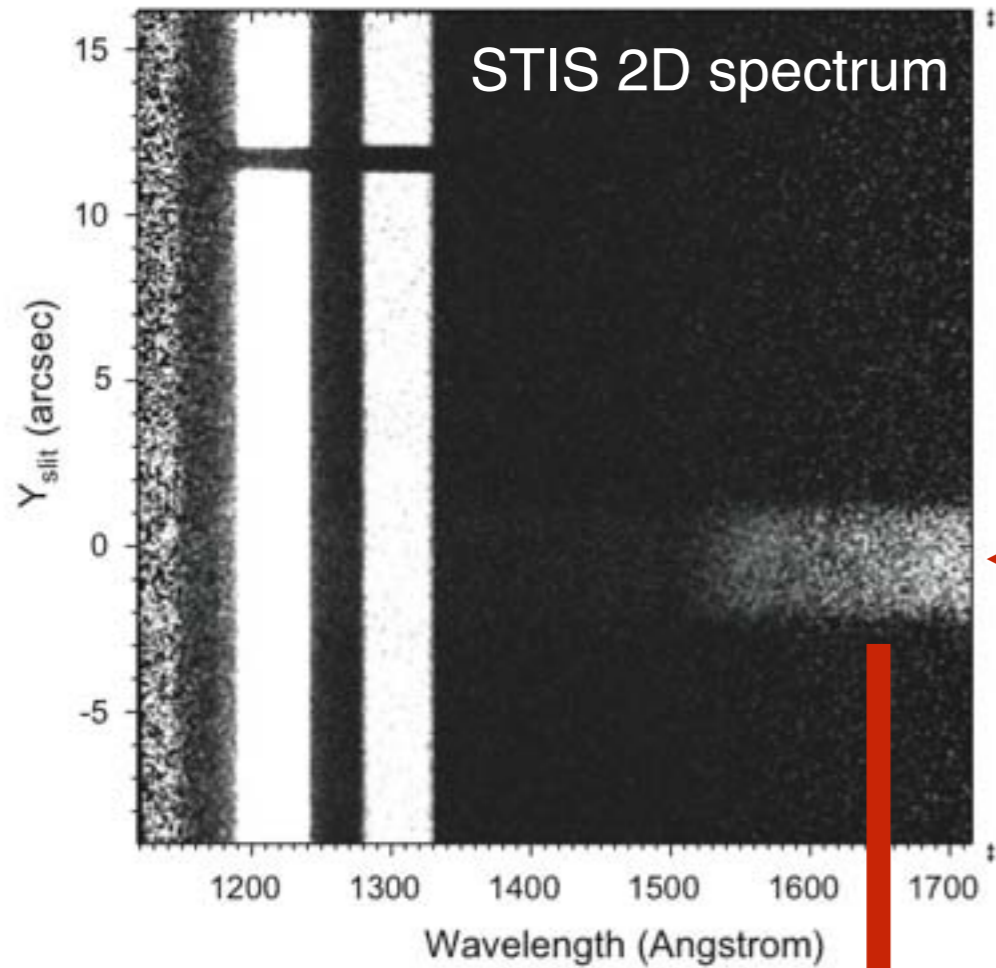


## Properties :

- ~ idem 2011 but south
- quiet SW
- H<sub>2</sub> emission !

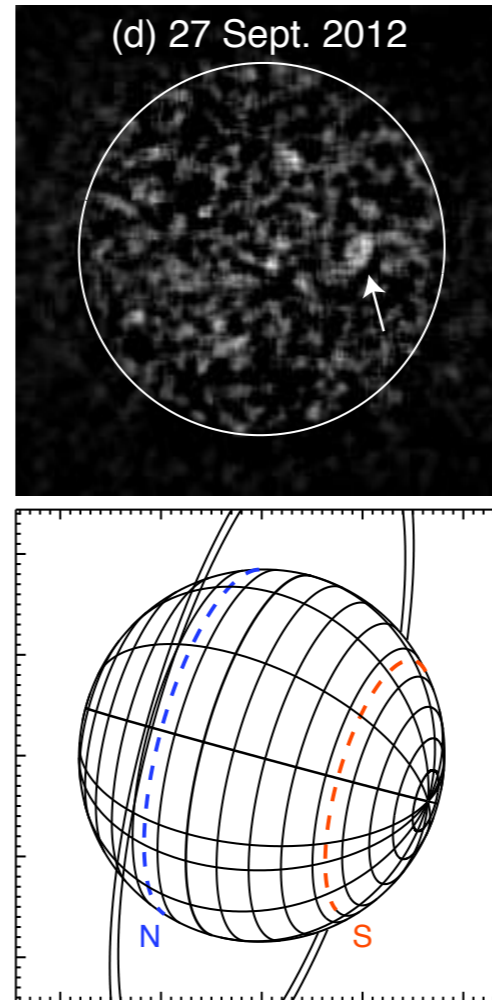
# Uranus aeronomy

(Barthélémy et al., 2014)



Model => precipitating flux  $\sim 0.05 \text{ erg.cm}^{-2}.\text{s}^{-1}$   
(3 keV e-)  
+ updated constraints on the FUV albedo

2012



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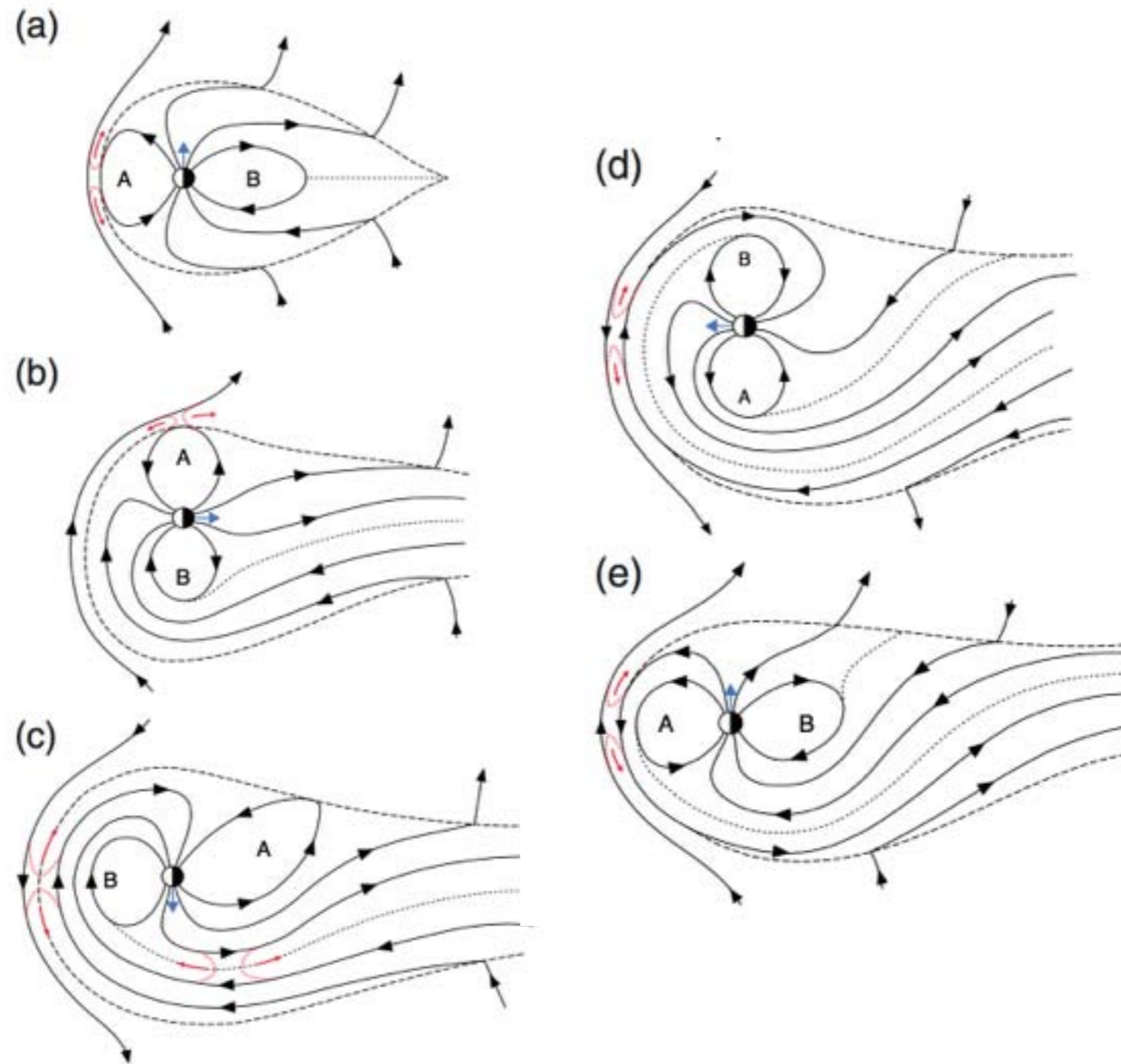
**Interpretation :**

- unchanged => dayside reconnection

# Magnetic reconnection ?

Uranus equinox

(Cowley, 2013)



- open flux production - and therefore tail formation - is inhibited
- north or south compression of flux tubes => tail reconnection and open flux closure
- => no major auroral enhancements induced by magnetospheric compressions

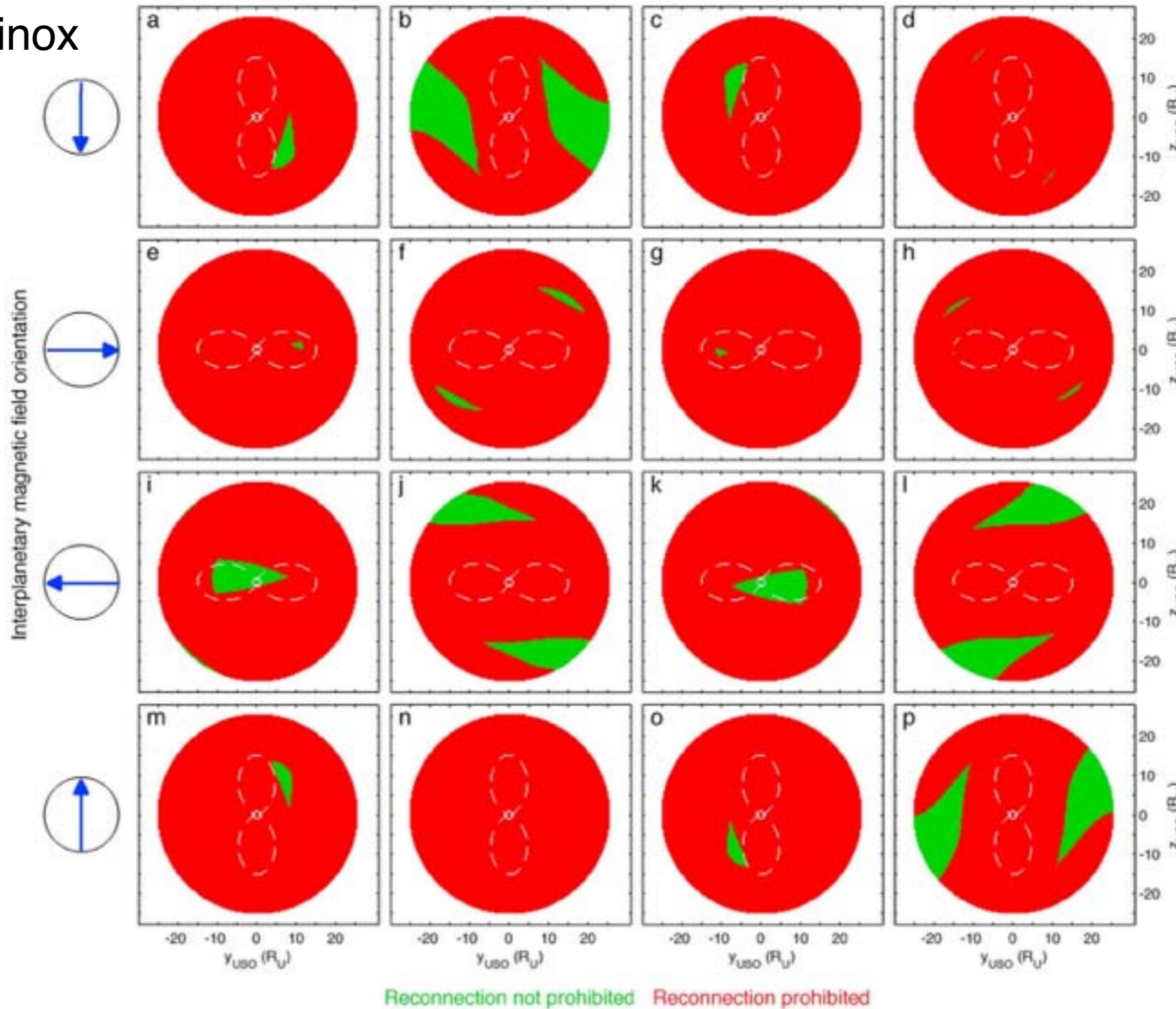
# Magnetic reconnection ?

Orientation of planetary rotation and magnetic dipole axes



Uranus equinox

(Masters, 2014)

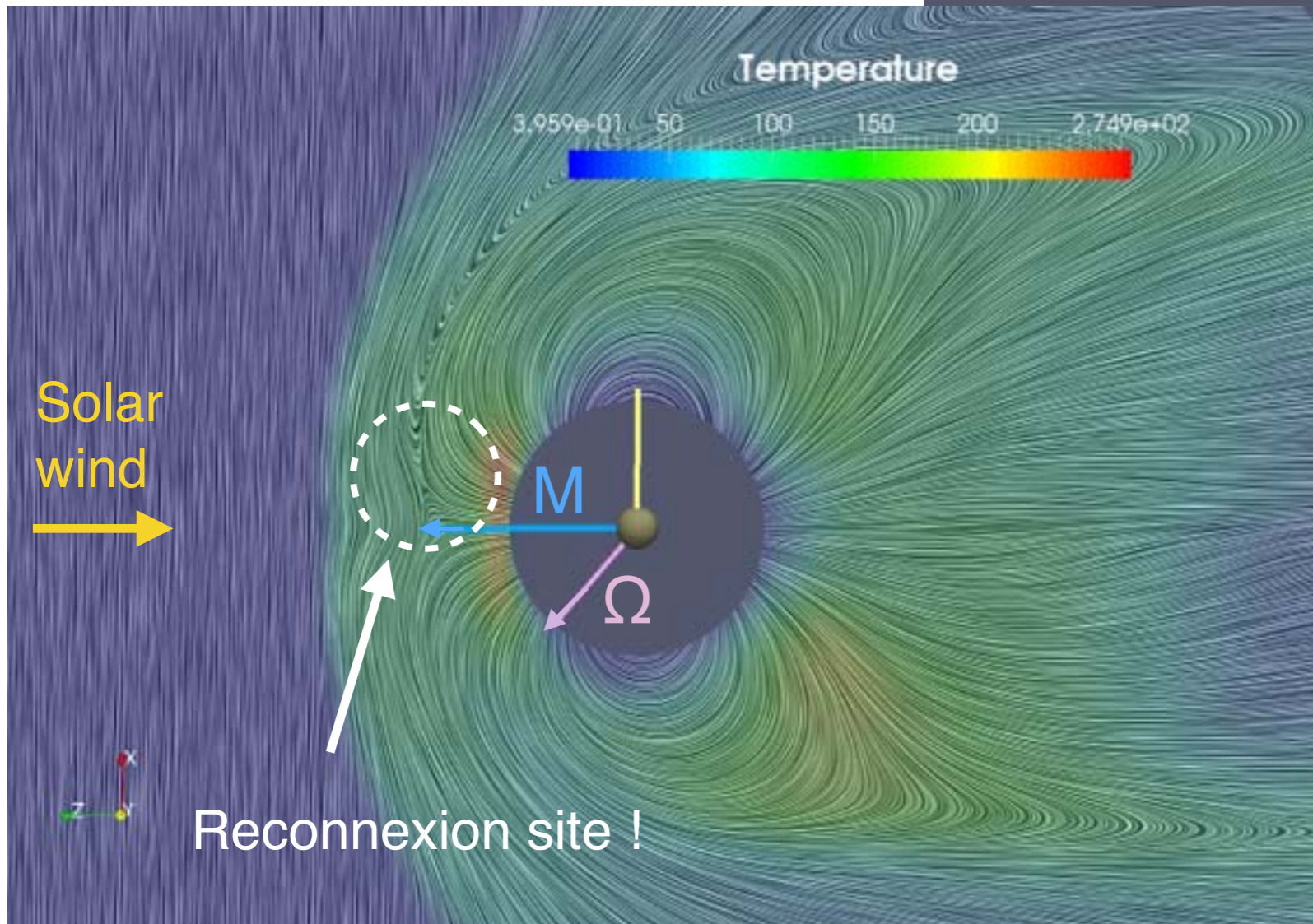


=> reconnection mostly prohibited + reconnection sites highly dynamical

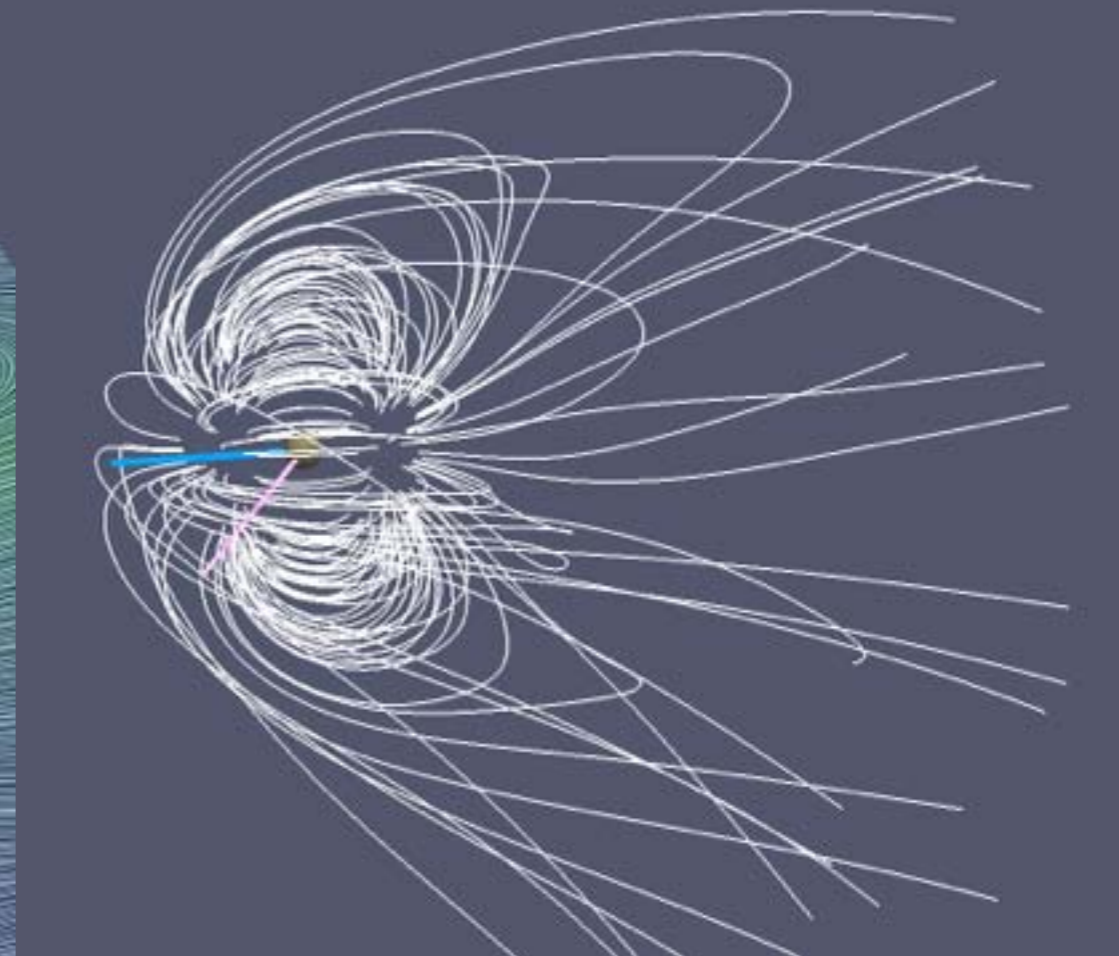
# Magnetic reconnection ?

## 3D MHD simulation : MRVRAC

(V. Montagud, F. Pantellini)

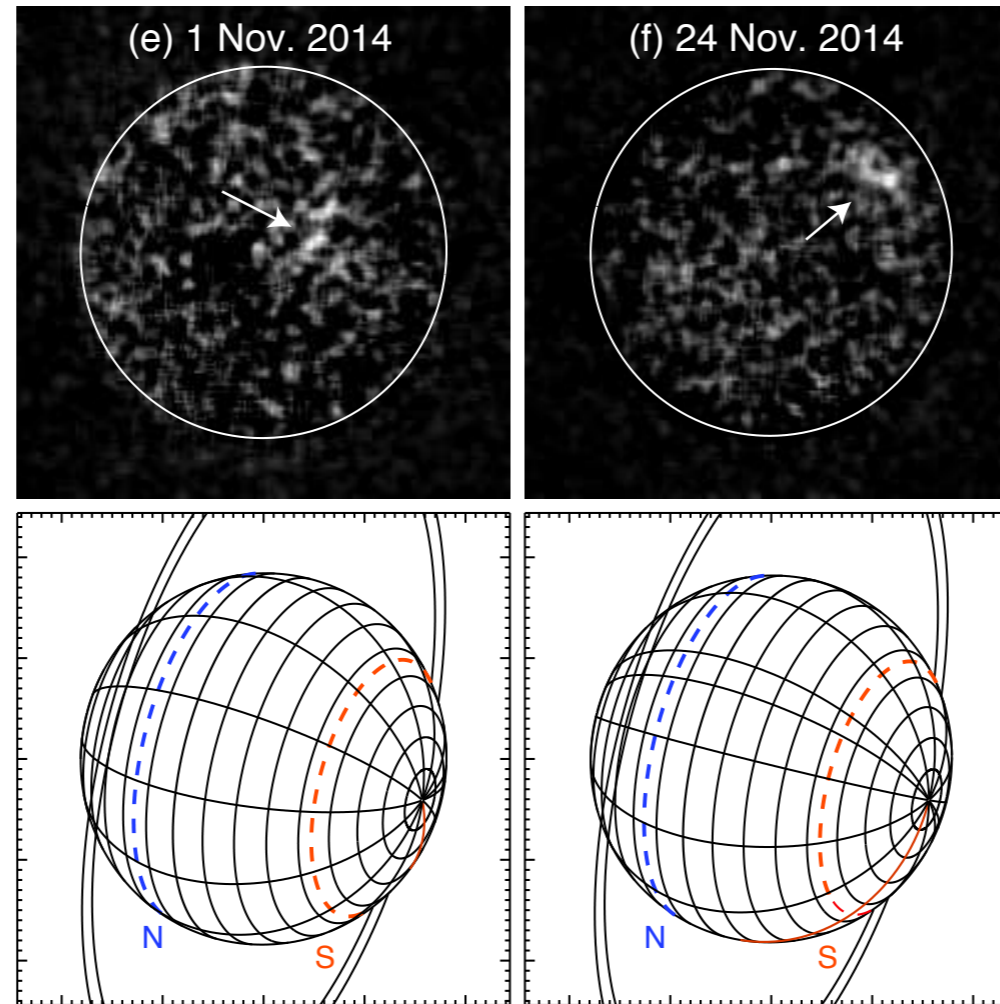


Ecliptic plane

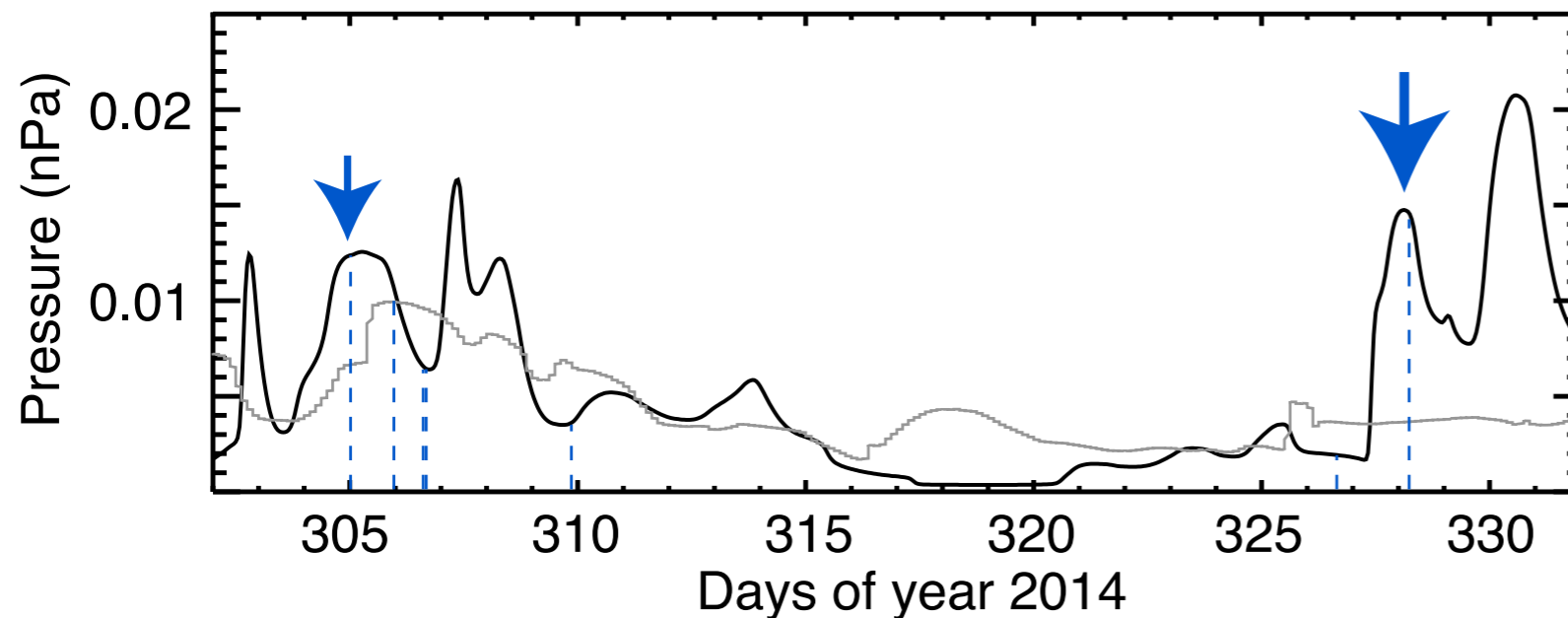


to be pursued with realistic geometry  
and SW time-variable parameters  
(L. Griton, F. Pantellini)

# 2014 : « The cusp awakens ? »

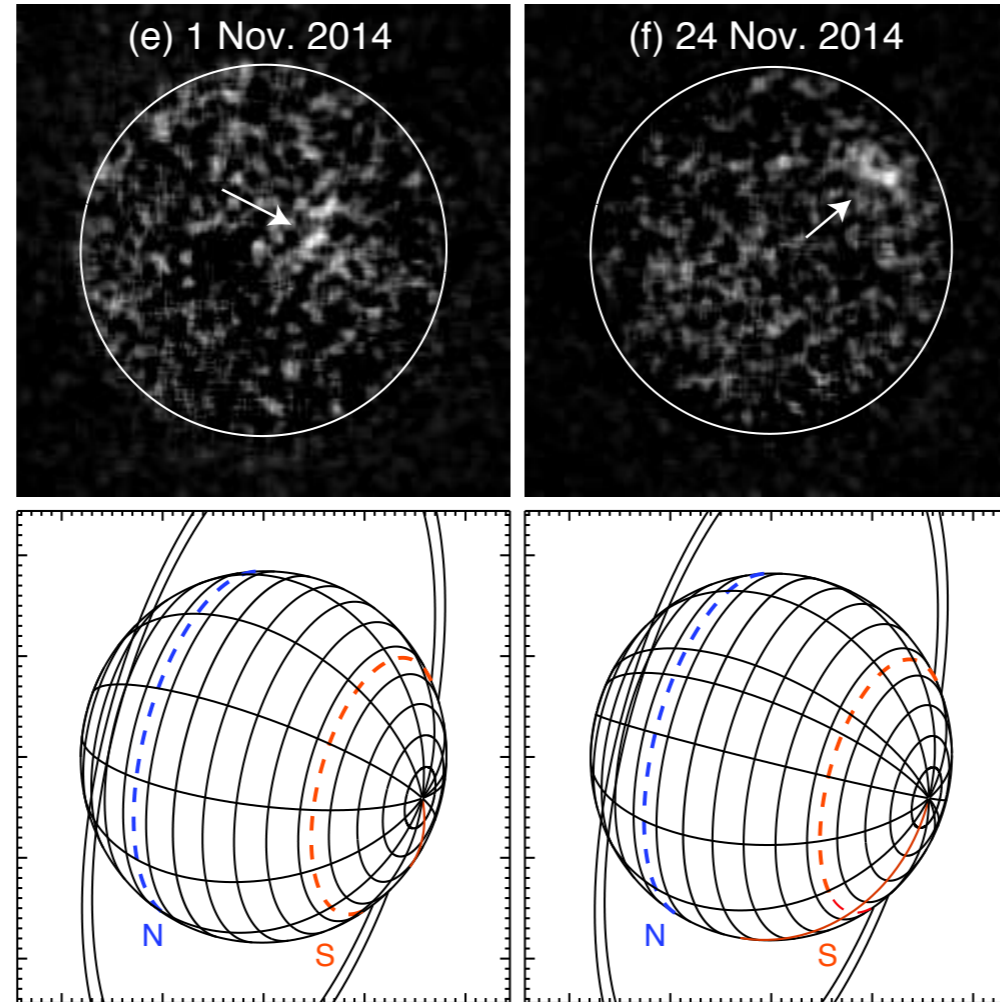


Solar wind (model @ 19 AU)



Aim :  
investigate the auroral response  
to powerful interplanetary shocks

## 2014 : « The cusp awakens ? »



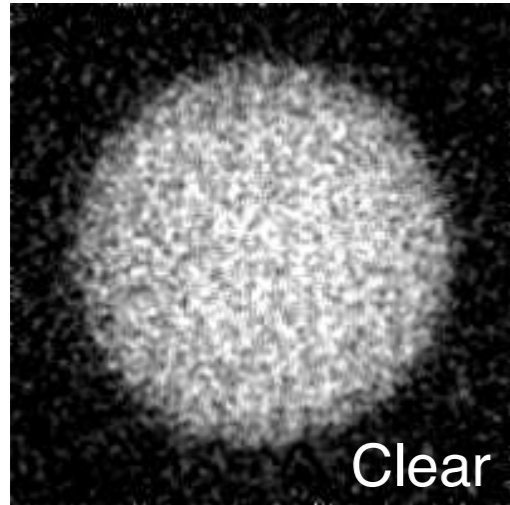
### Properties :

- several bright detections
- longer-lived, larger regions ( $A = 1400 \times 1400 \text{ km}$ )
- southern hemisphere

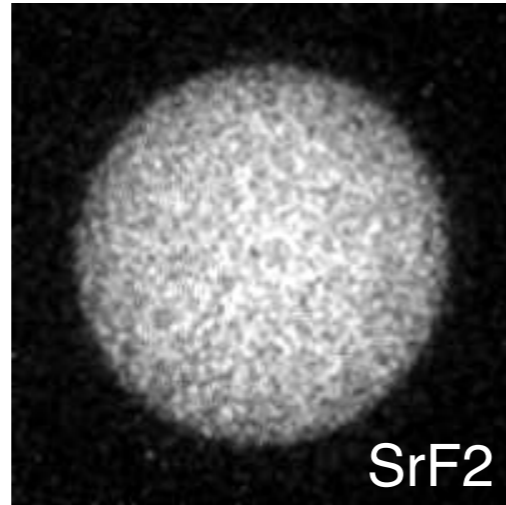


# 2014

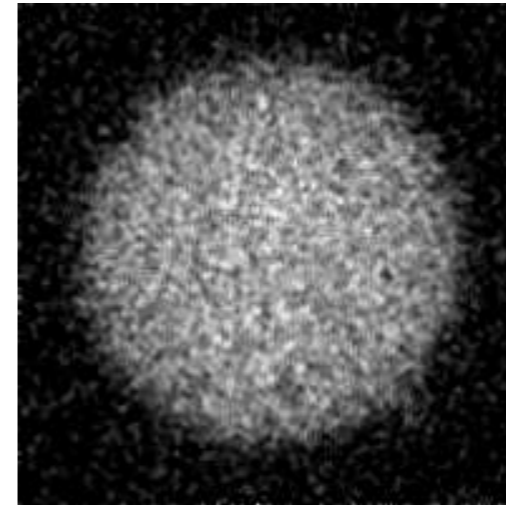
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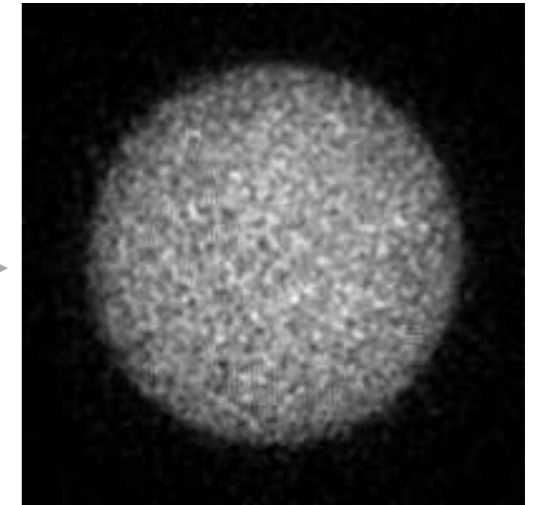
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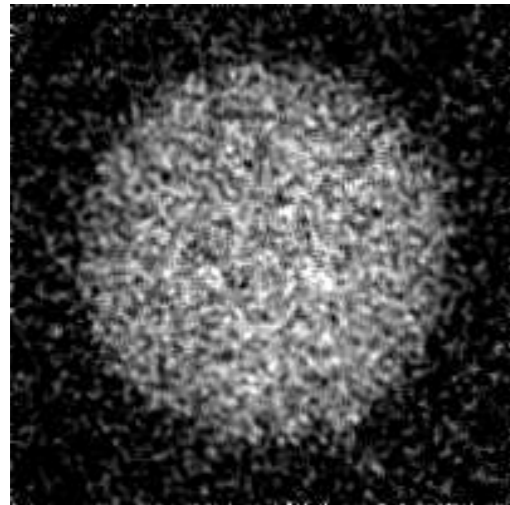
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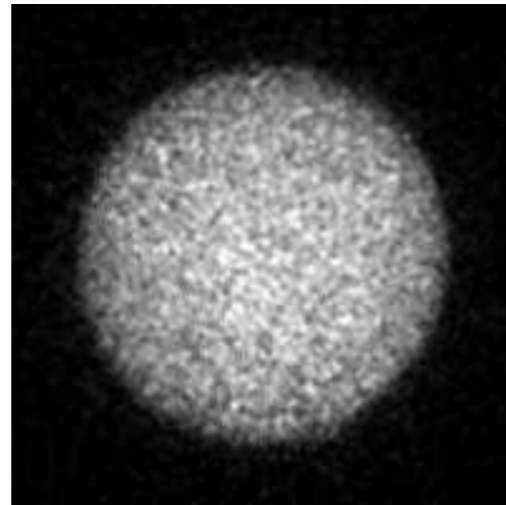
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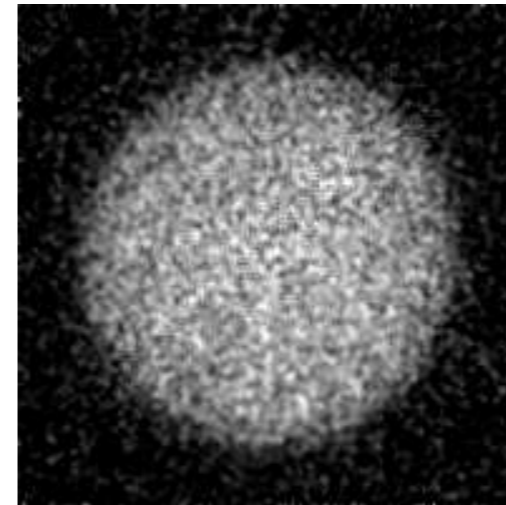
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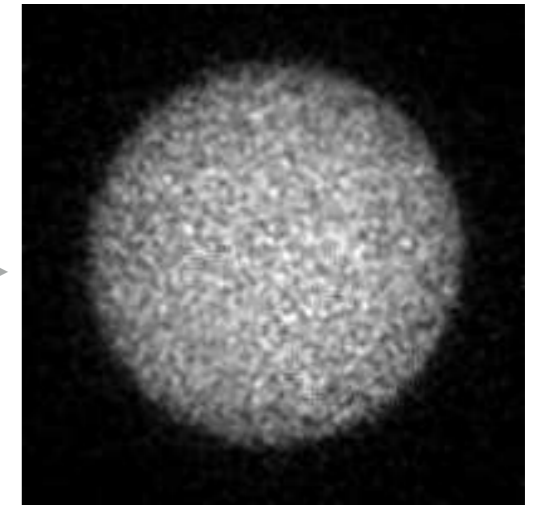
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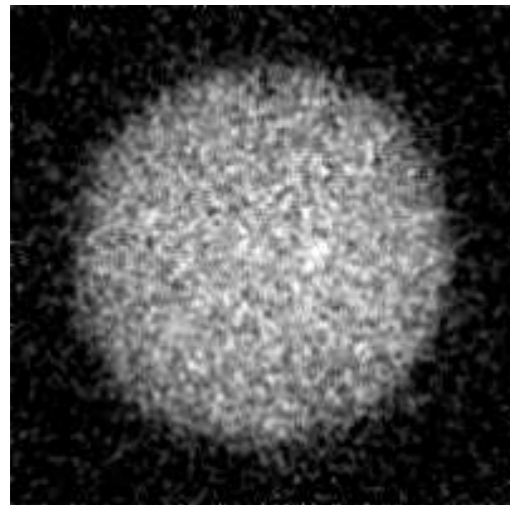
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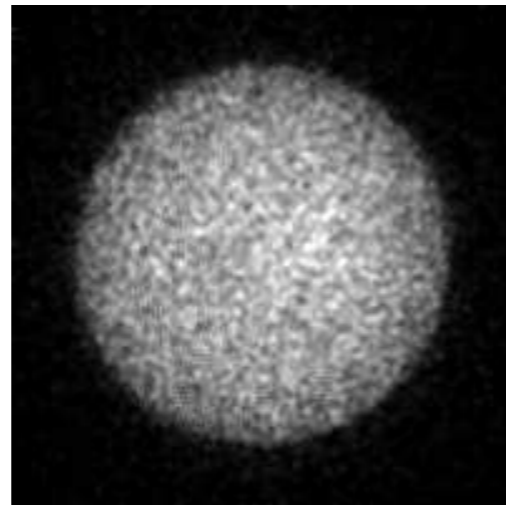
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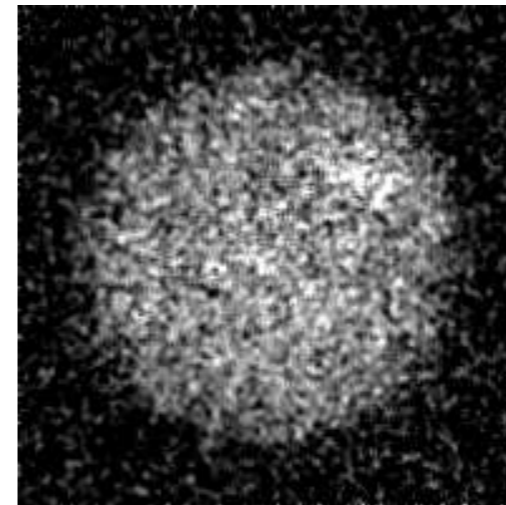
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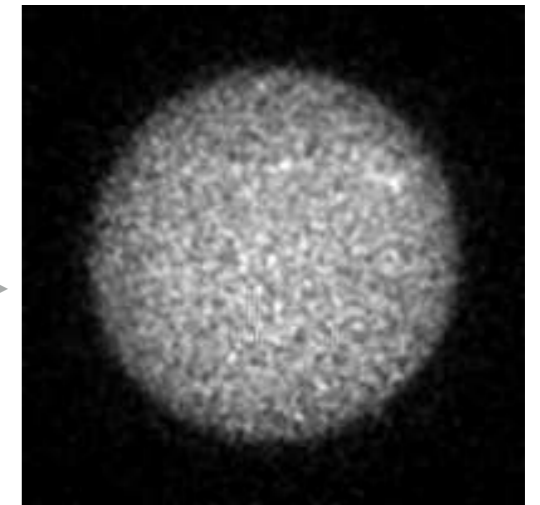
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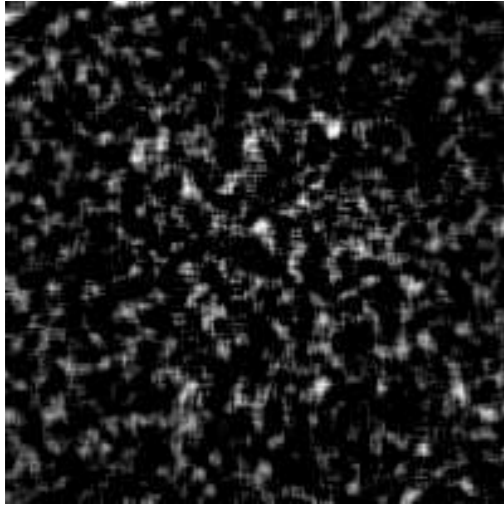


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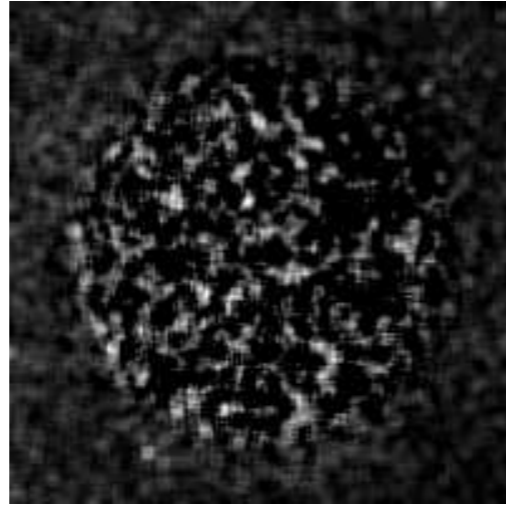


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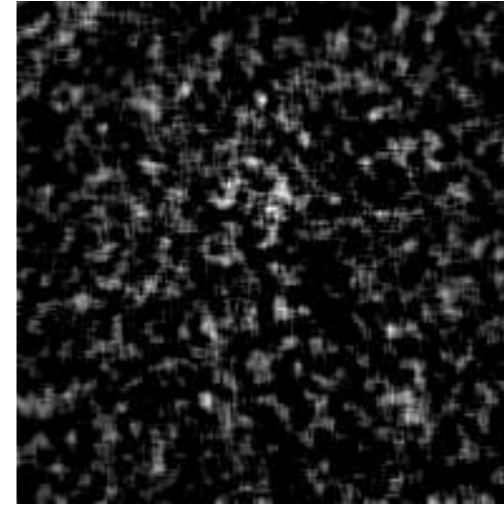
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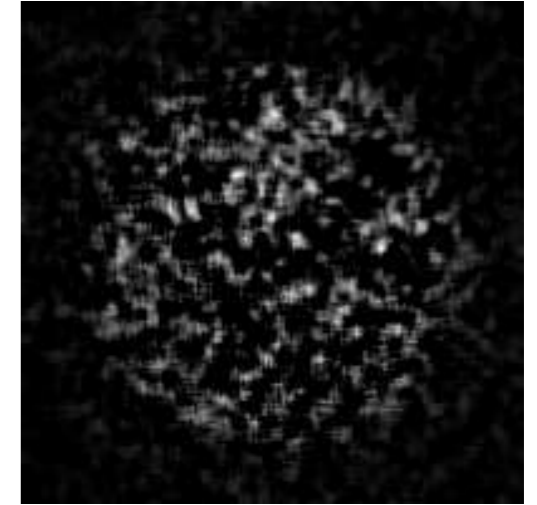
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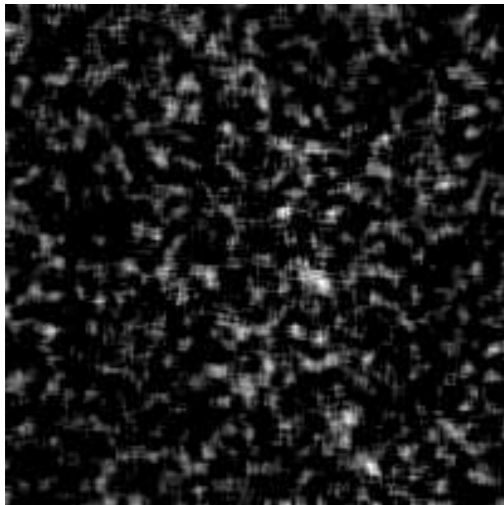
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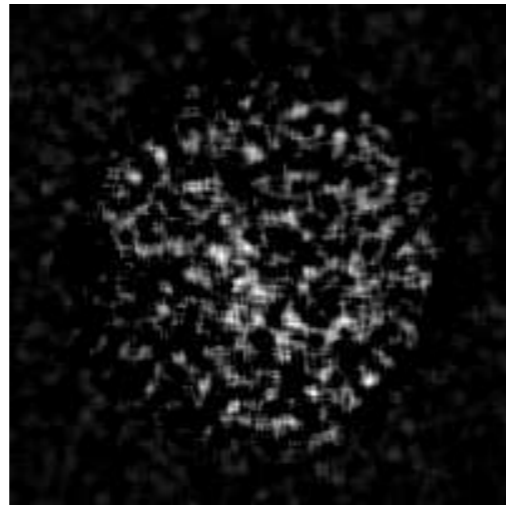
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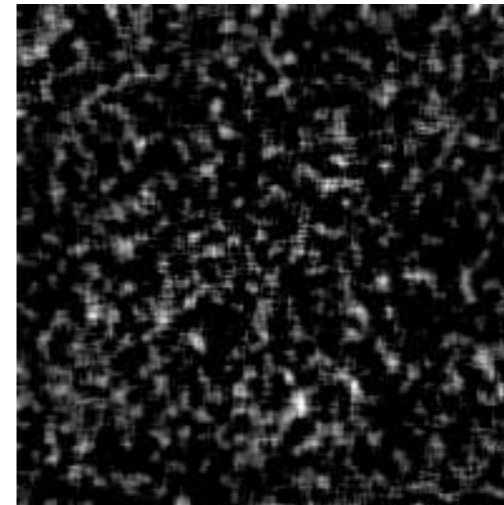
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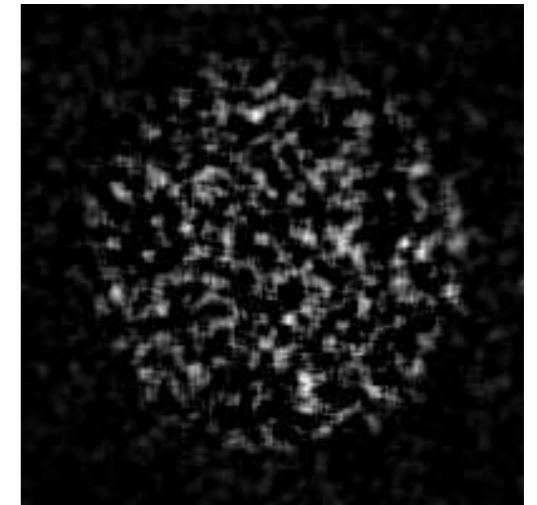
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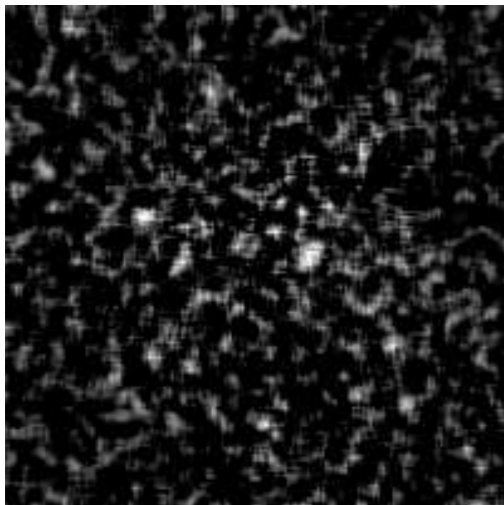
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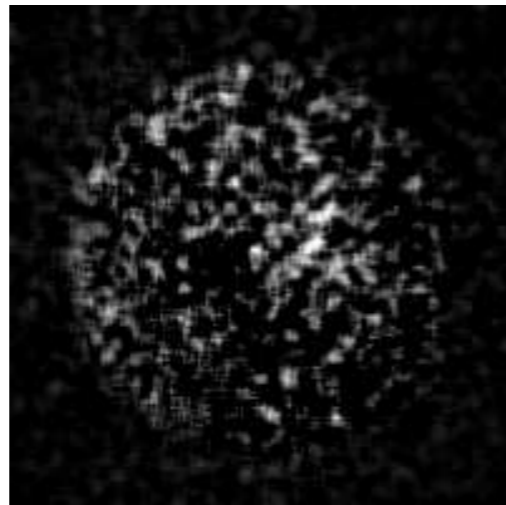
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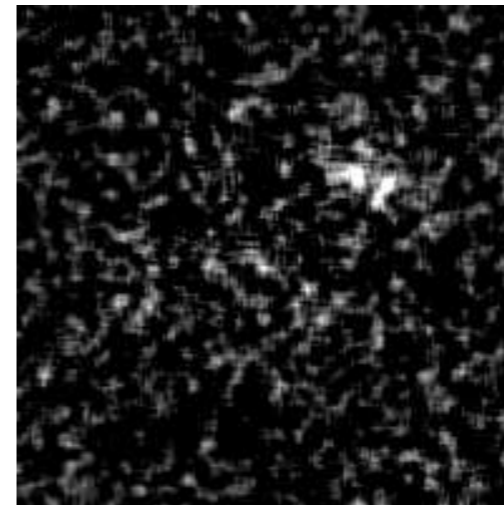
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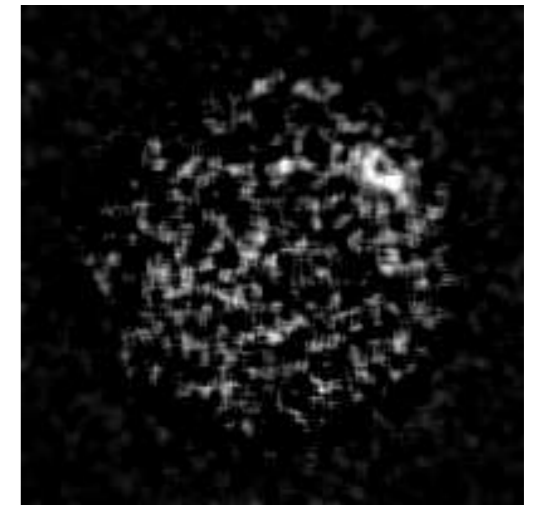
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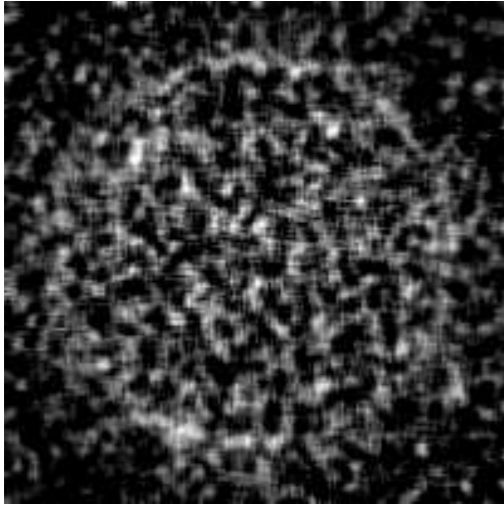


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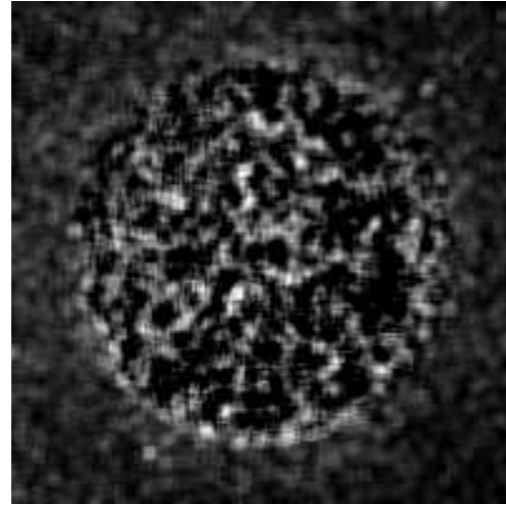


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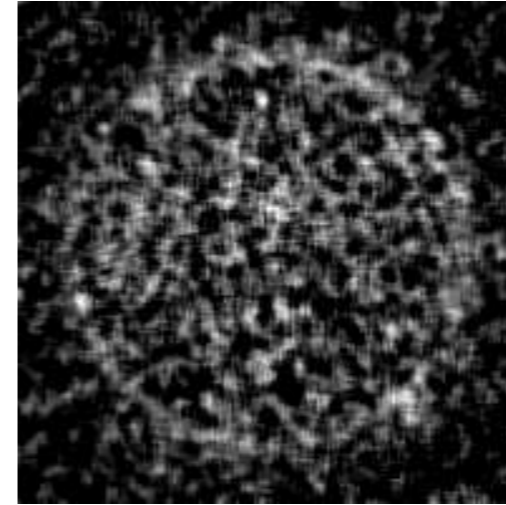
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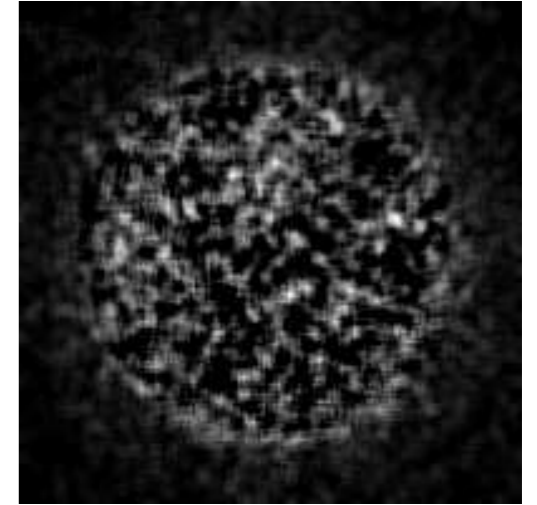
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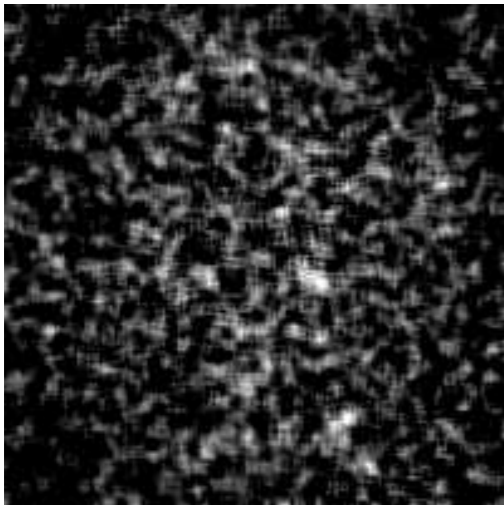
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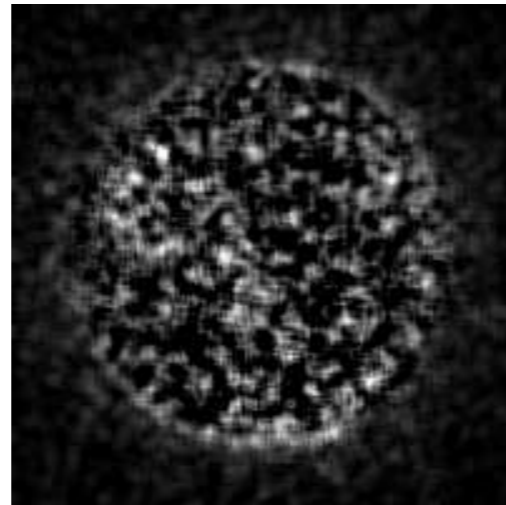
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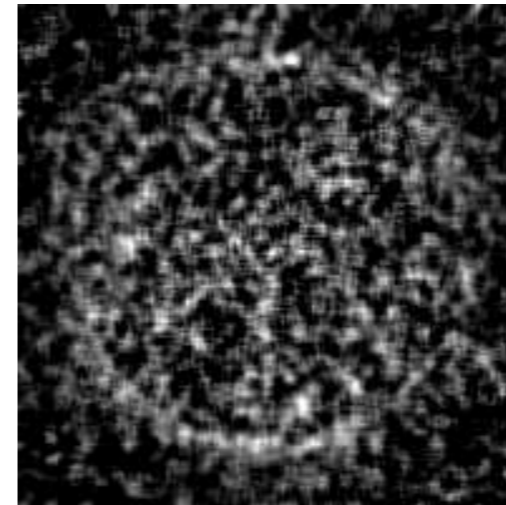
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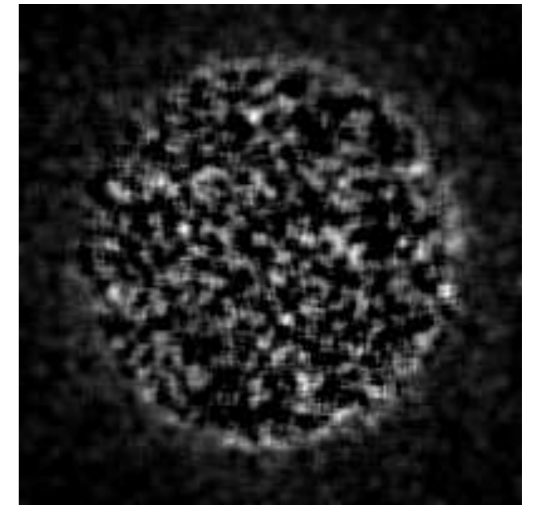
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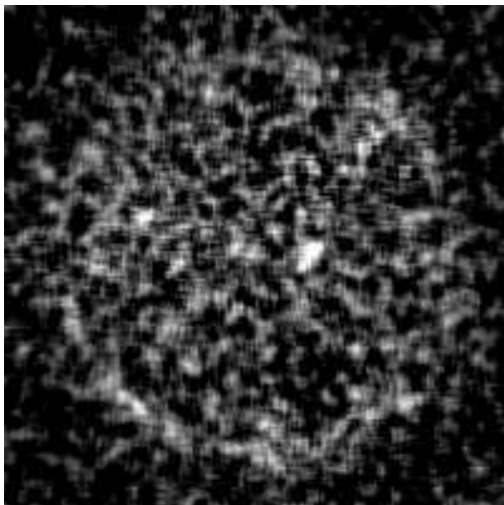
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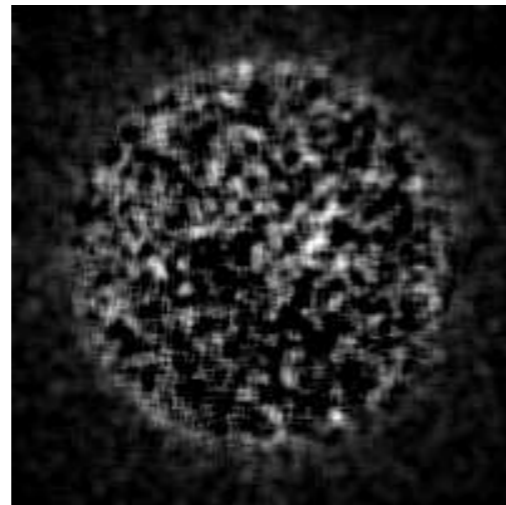
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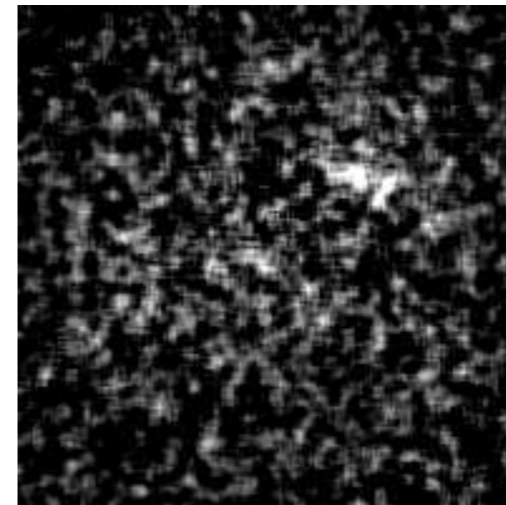
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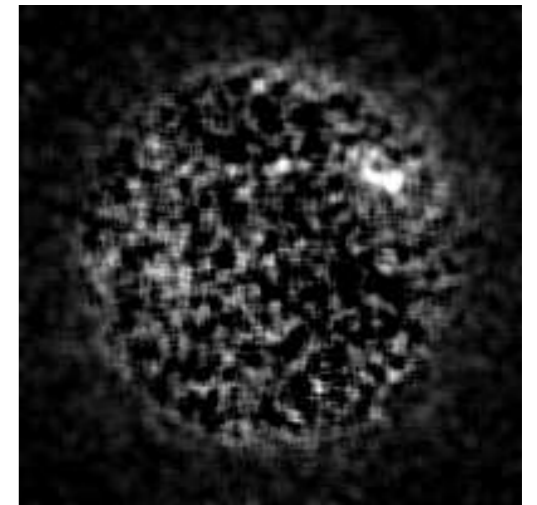
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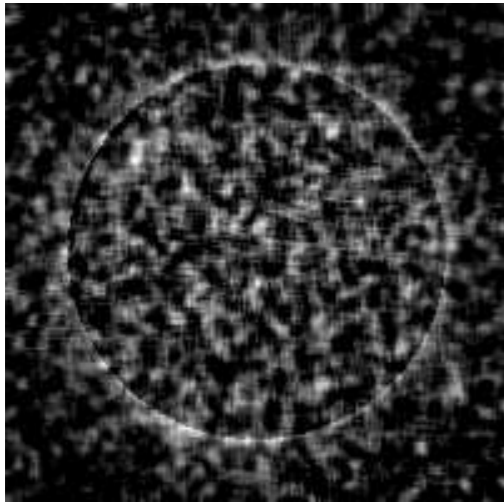


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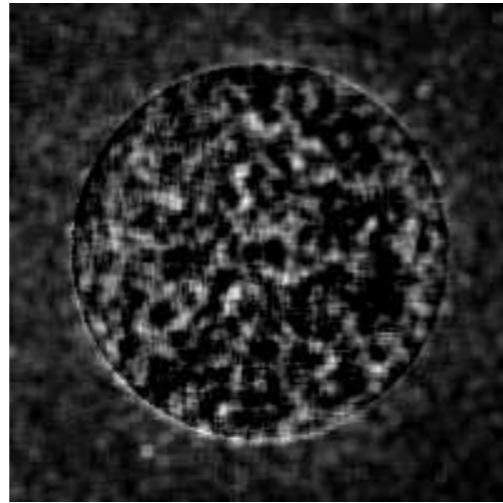


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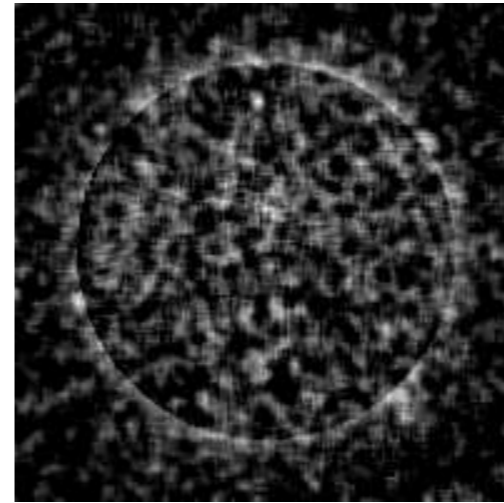
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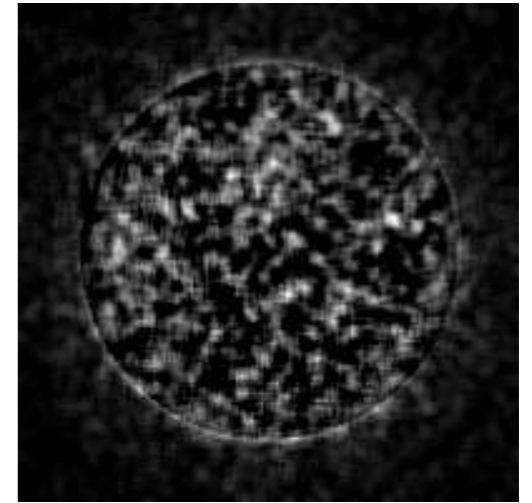
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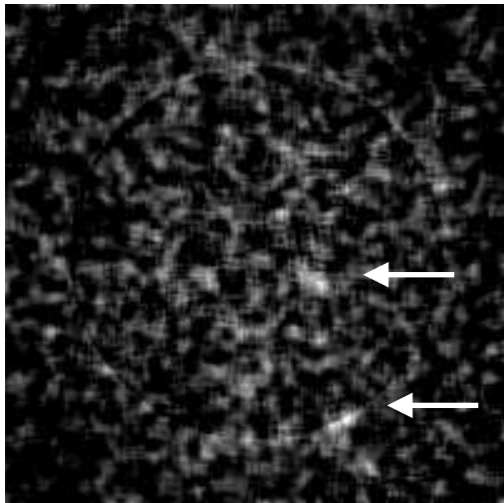
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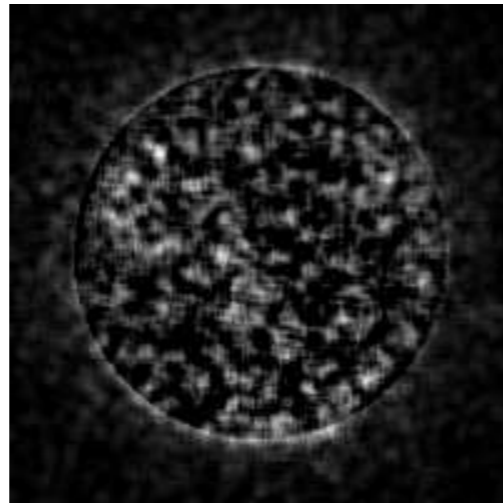
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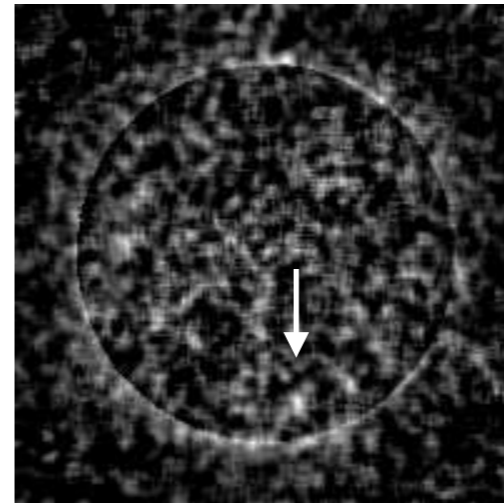
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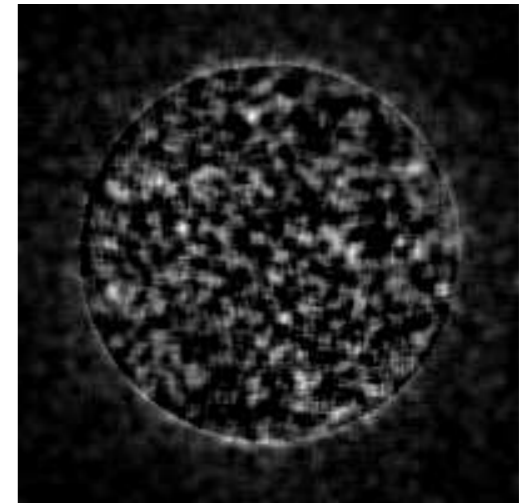
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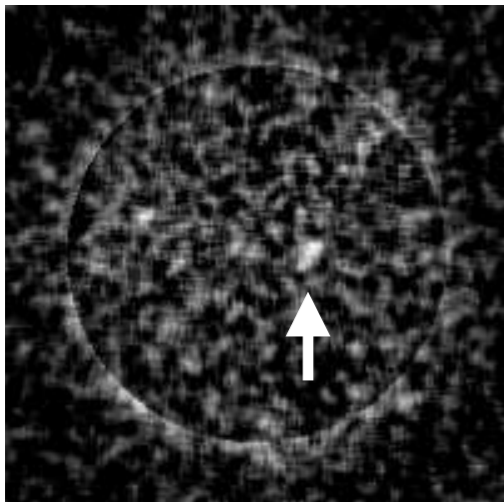
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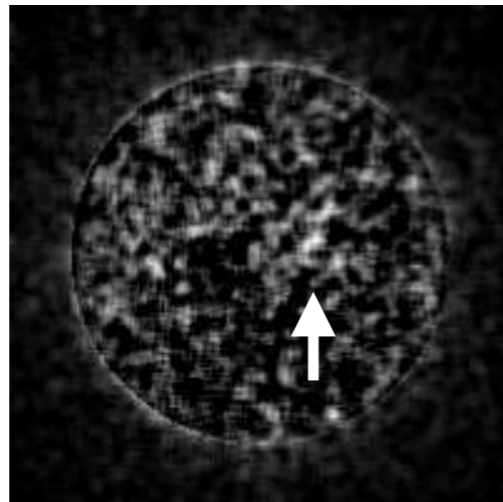
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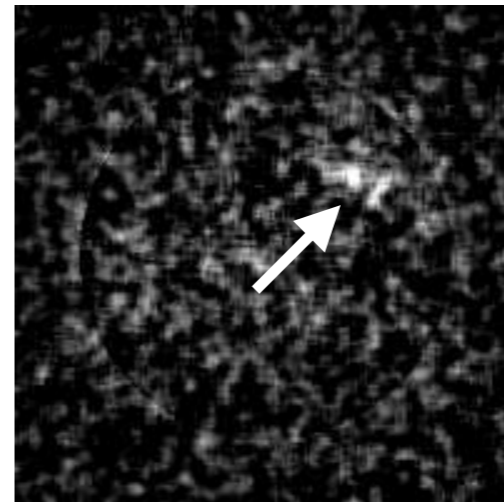
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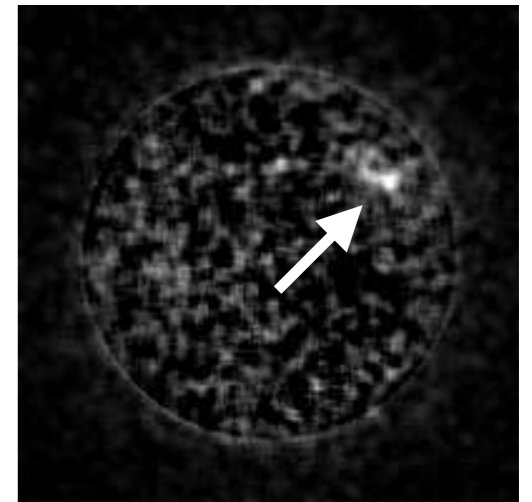
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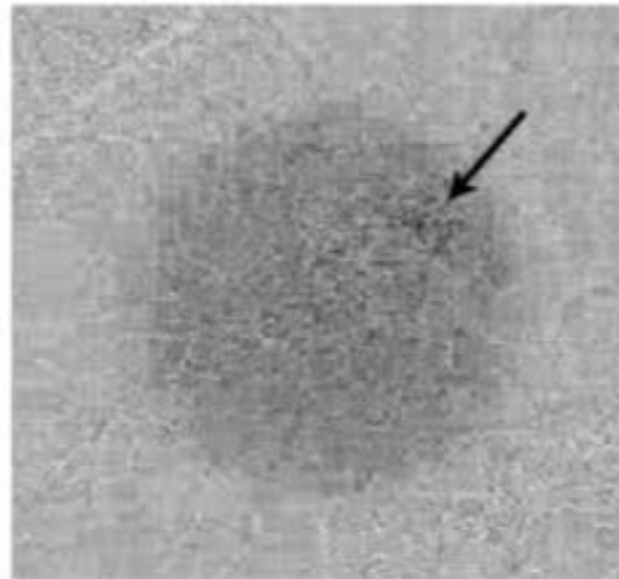
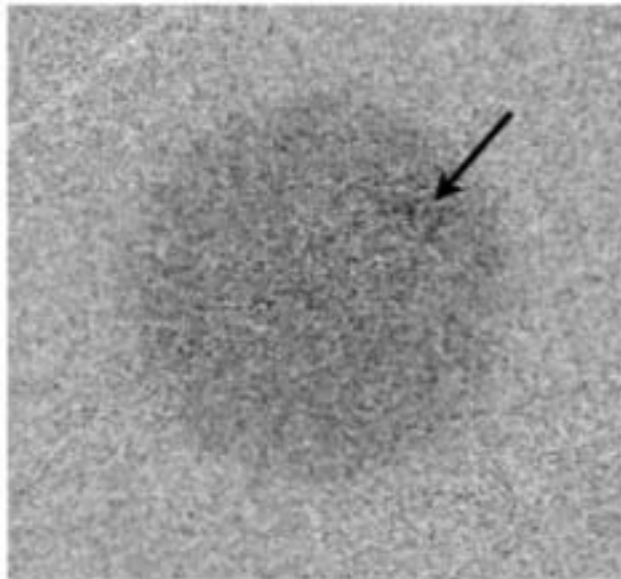


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NB : Simple data processing not improved by more sophisticated techniques

Wavelets : Daubenchies, 1st order

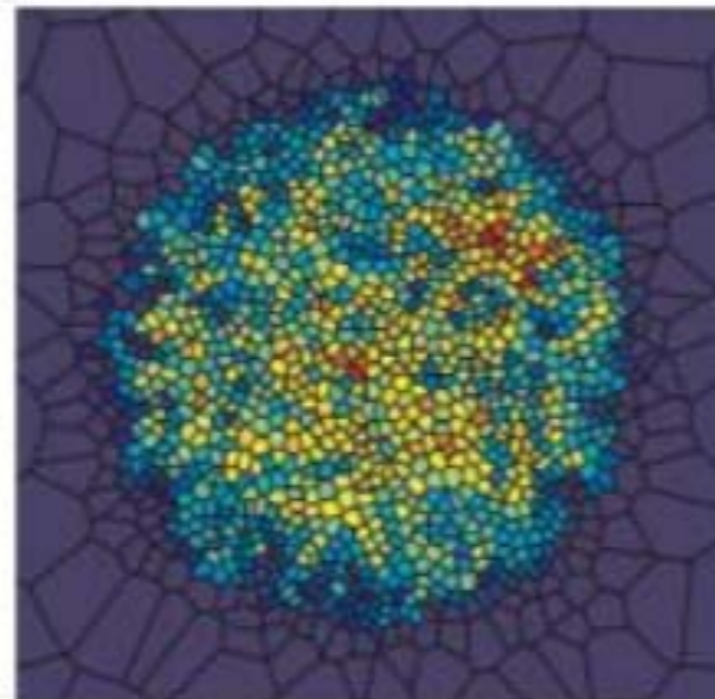
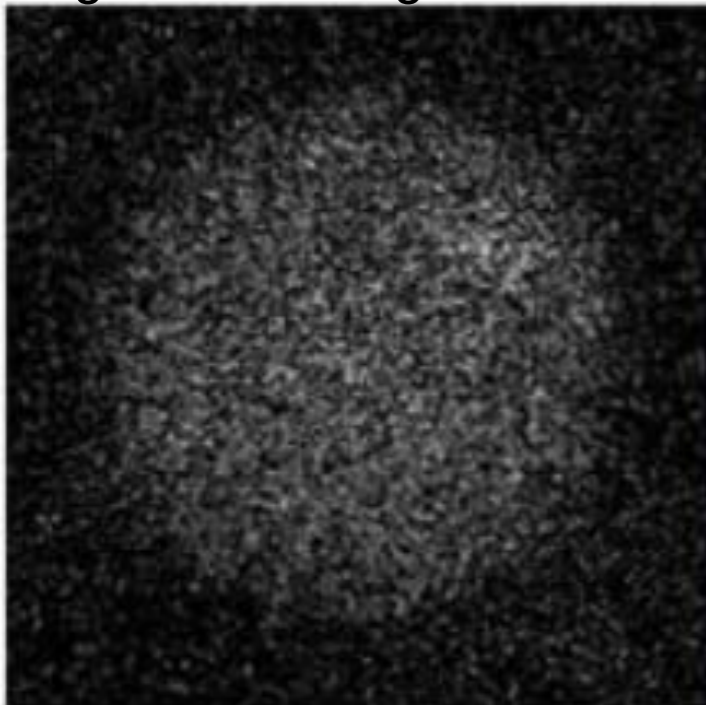


(Gosset, M2 internship 2015)

	Image	SNR moyen	SNR moyen > 3sigmas	SNR max
Ondelette Daubechies ordre 1	Image initiale	0.57	3.80	5.71
	Image débruitée seuil doux	1.34	5.15	12.58
	Image débruitée seuil dur	0.70	4.02	7.08

	Image	SNR moyen	SNR moyen > 3sigmas	SNR max
Ondelette Daubechies ordre 1	Image initiale	0.57	3.80	5.71
	Image débruitée 2 fois seuil dur	0.87	4.50	8.78

Segmentation algorithm : VOISE



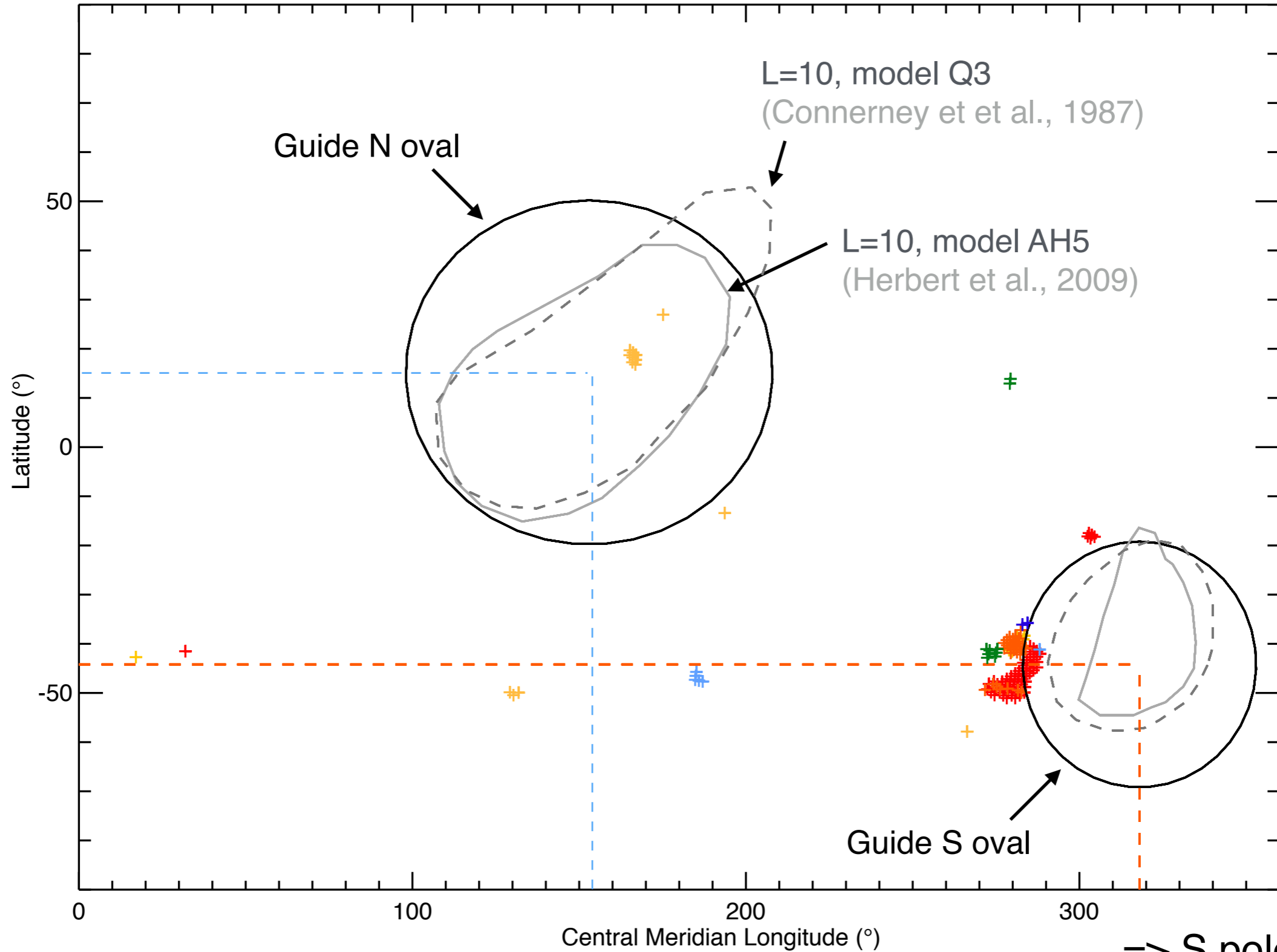
Other methods :

- PSF deconvolution
- non-linear filtering (FFT, Lucy-Richards, Non-linear means, AIDA)

In progress : A. Vecchio

- Proper Orthogonal Decomposition (x,t)

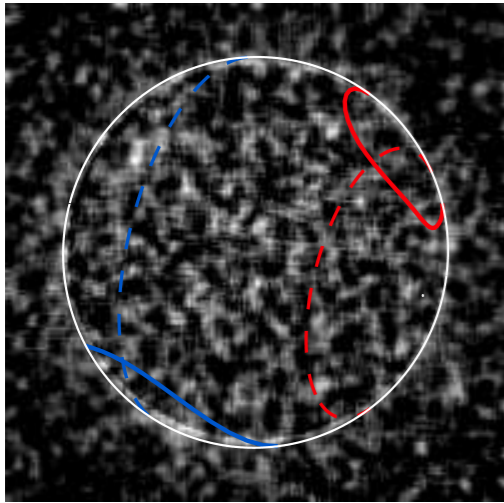
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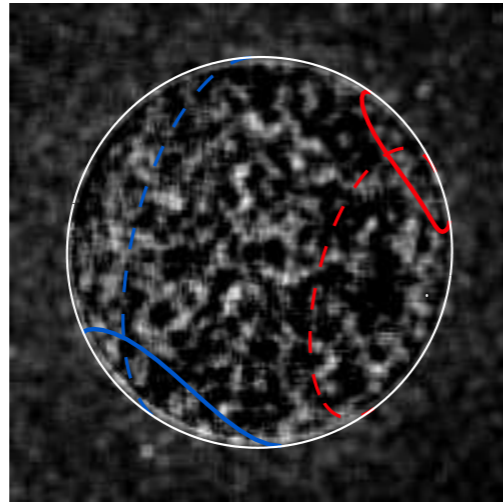
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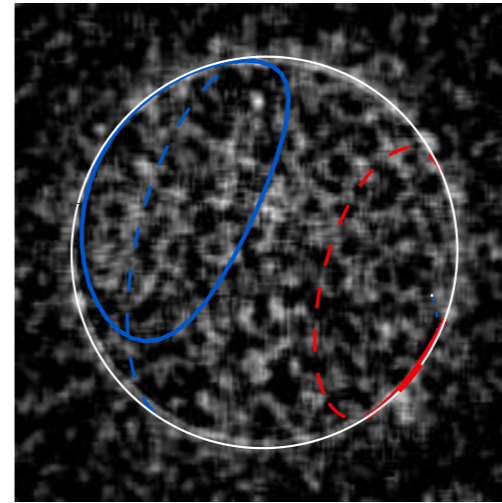
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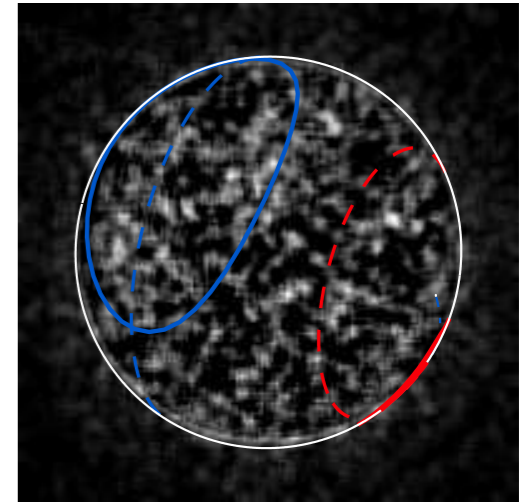
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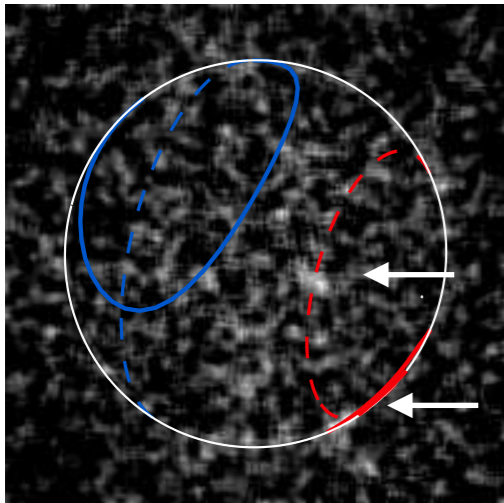
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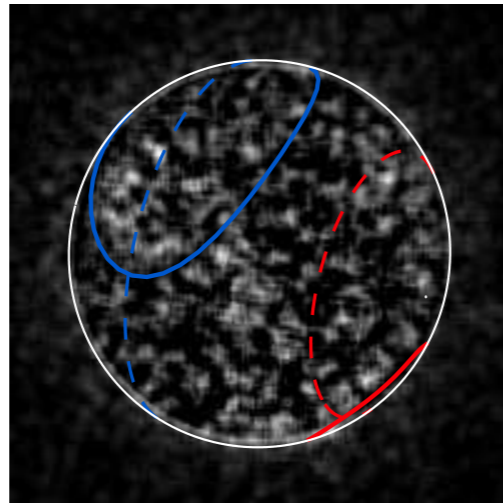
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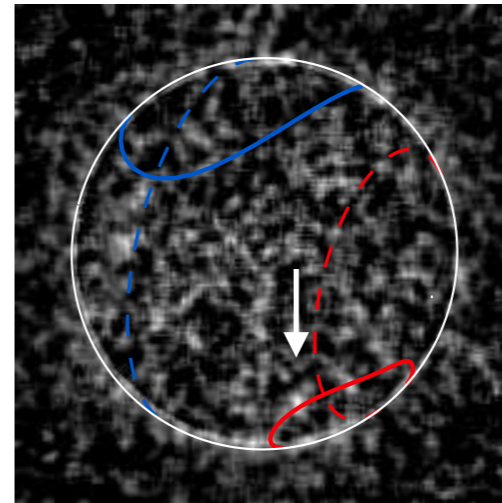
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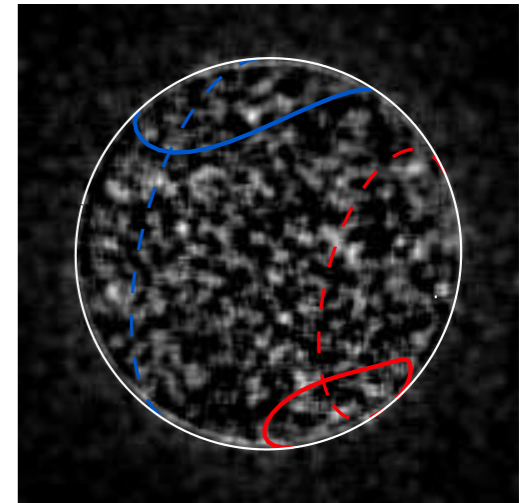
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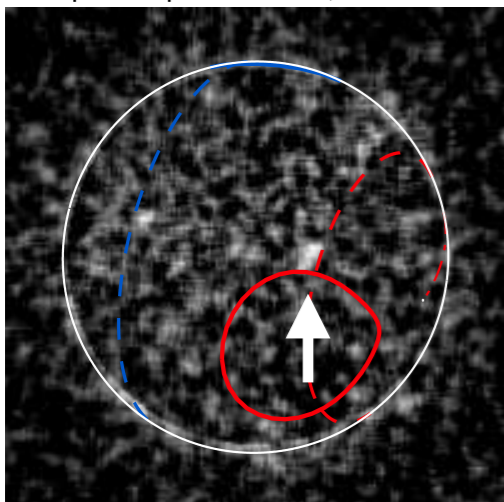
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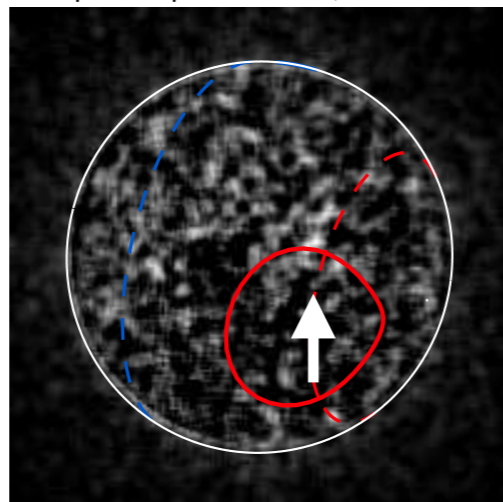
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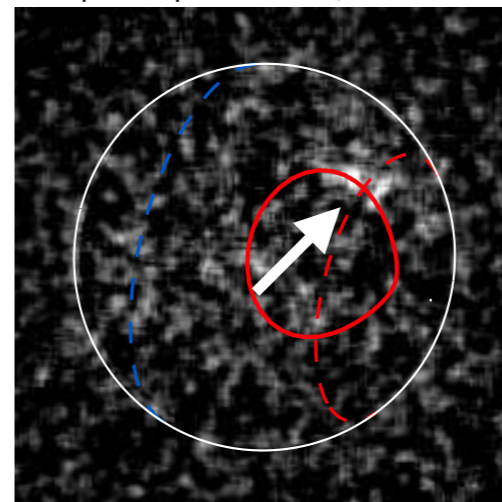
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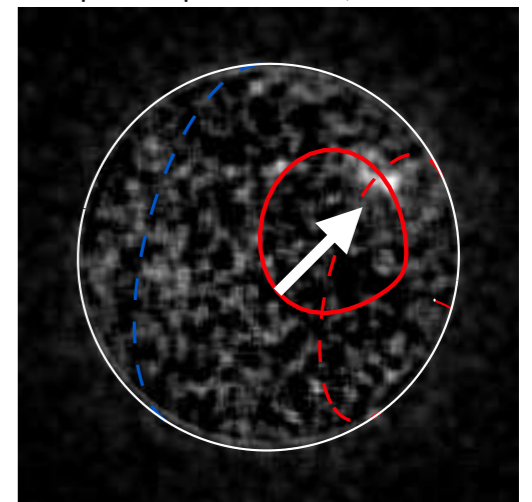
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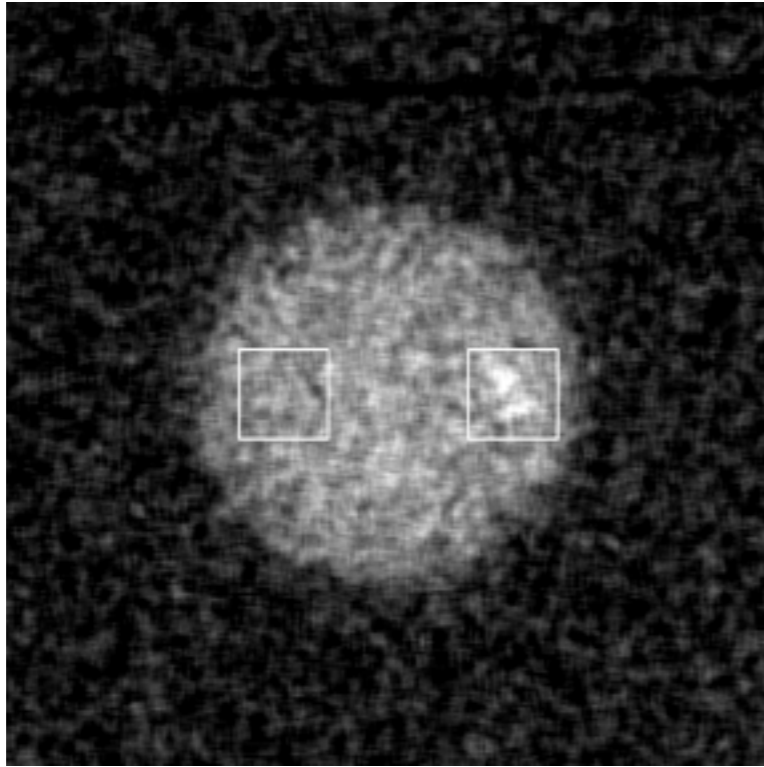


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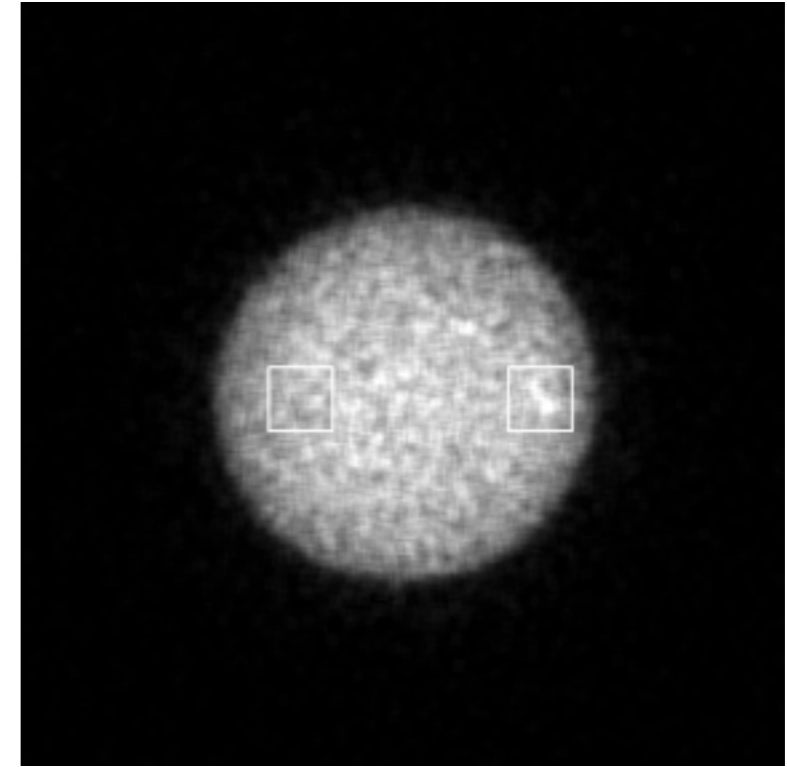


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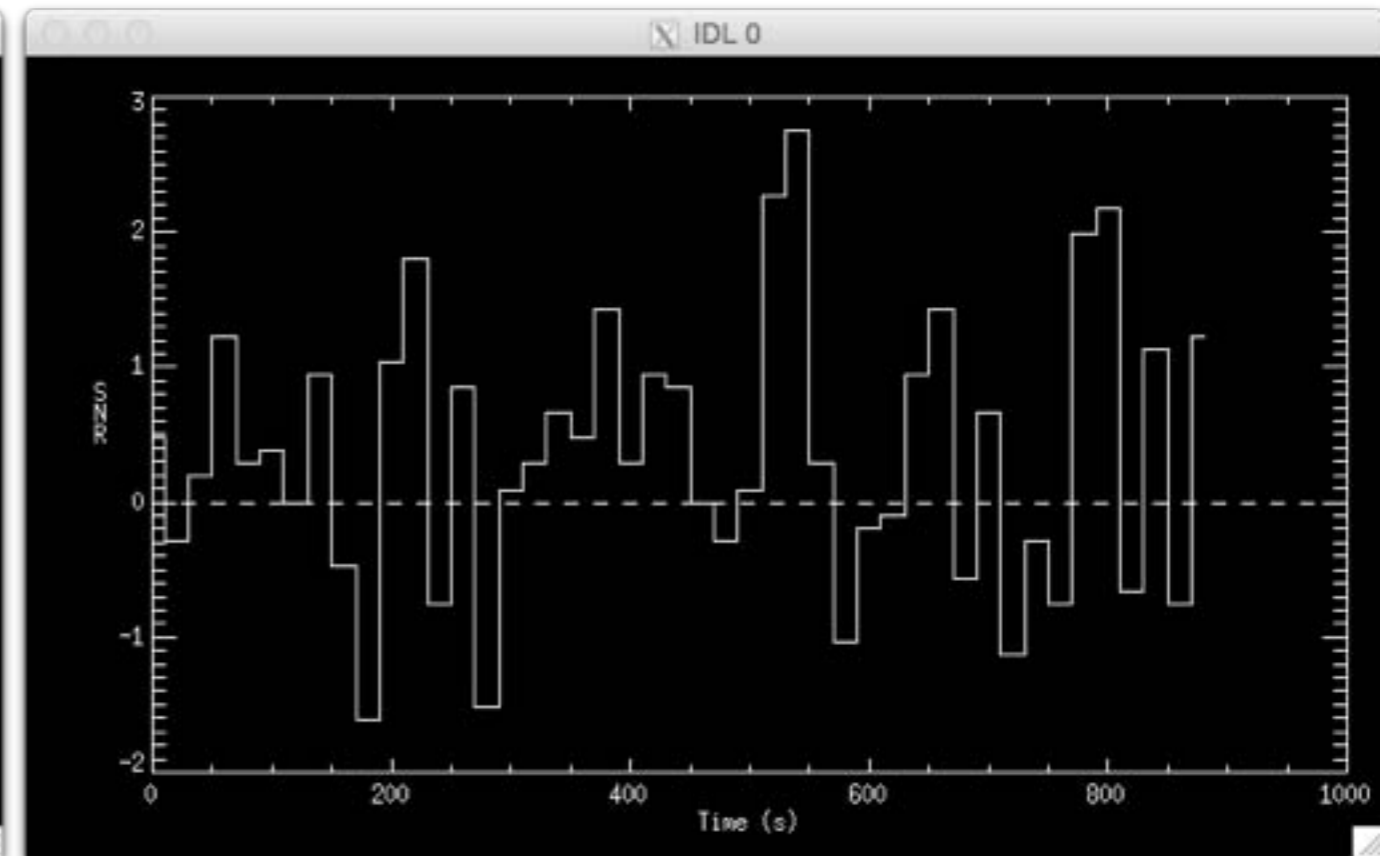
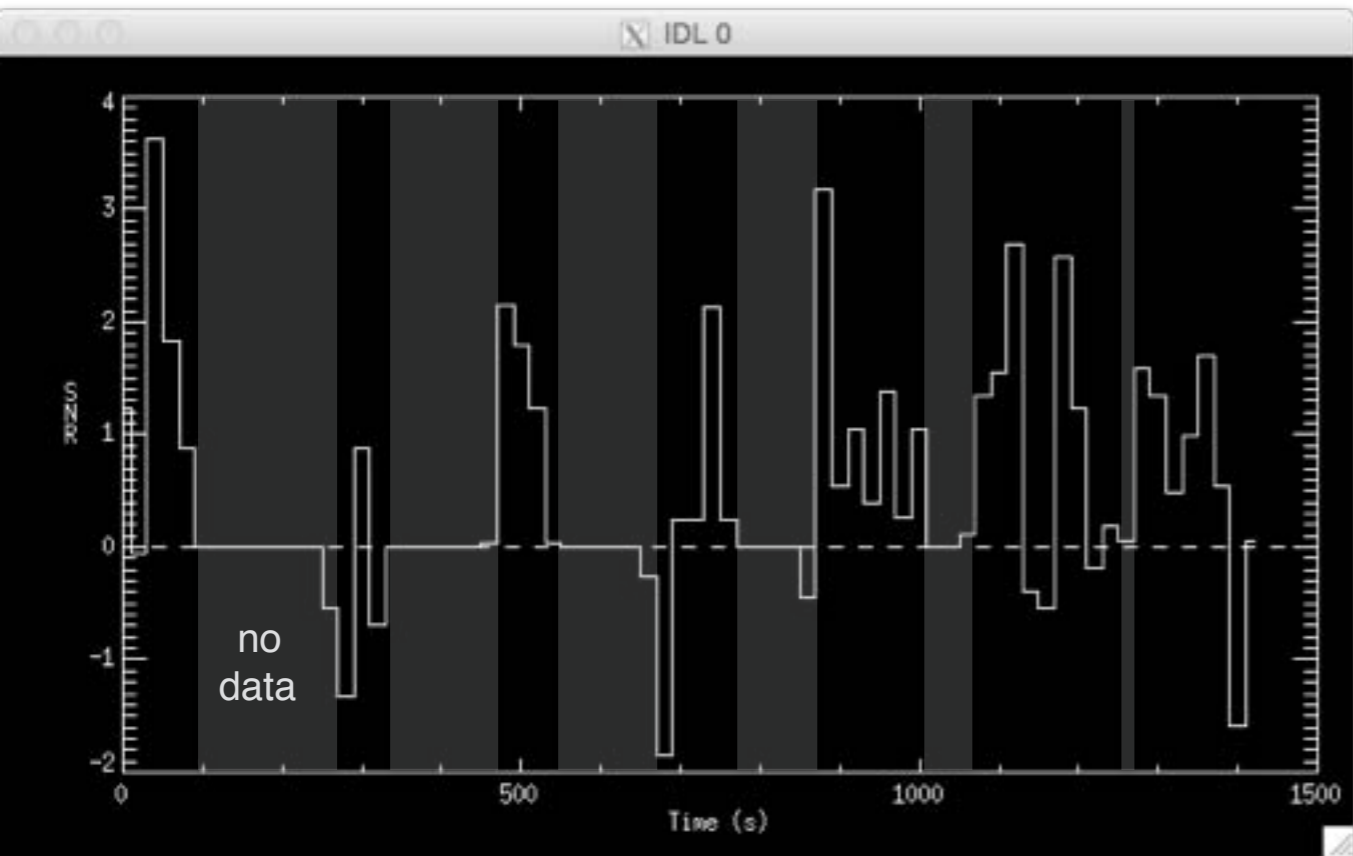
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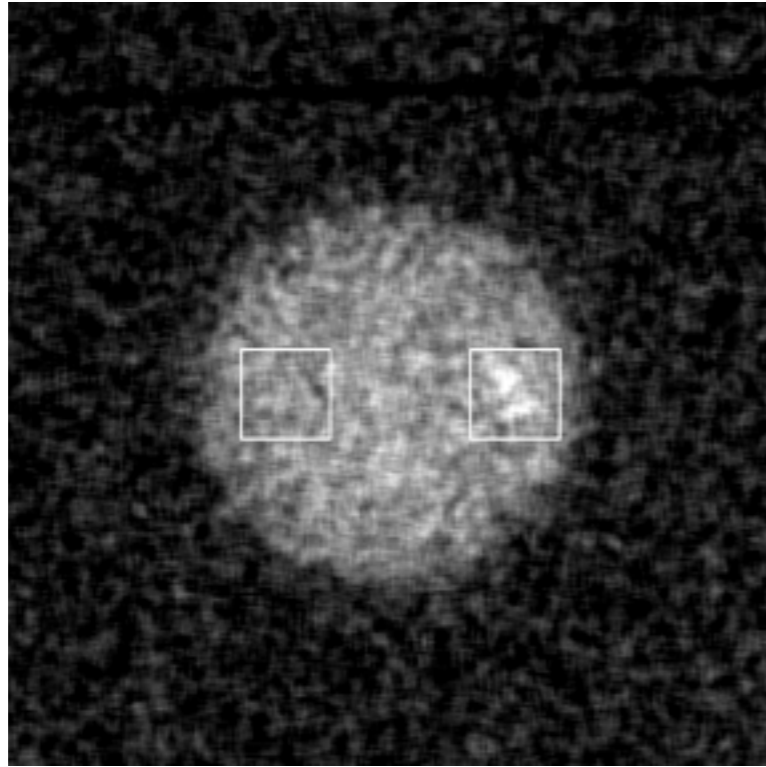
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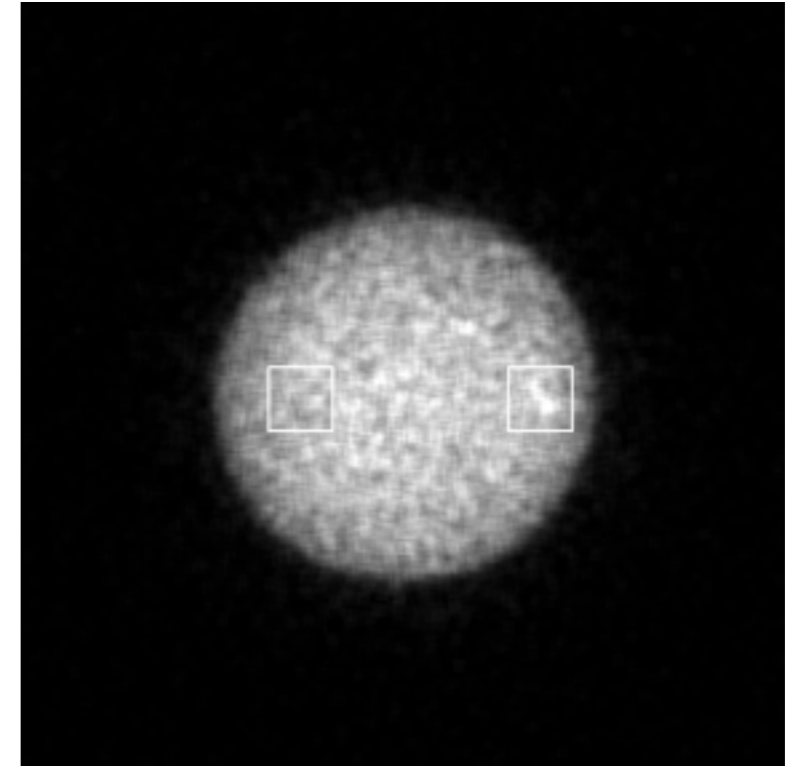


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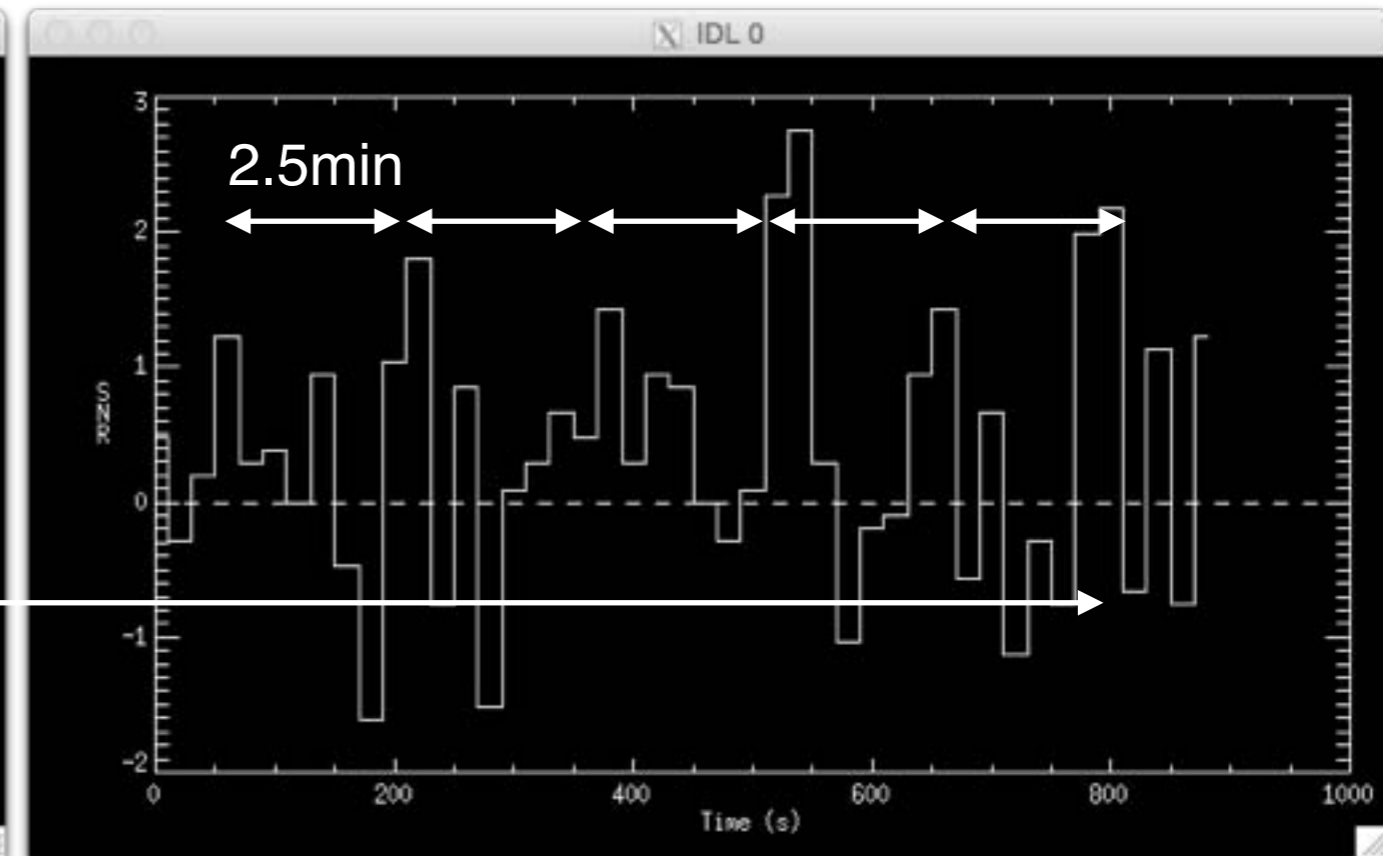
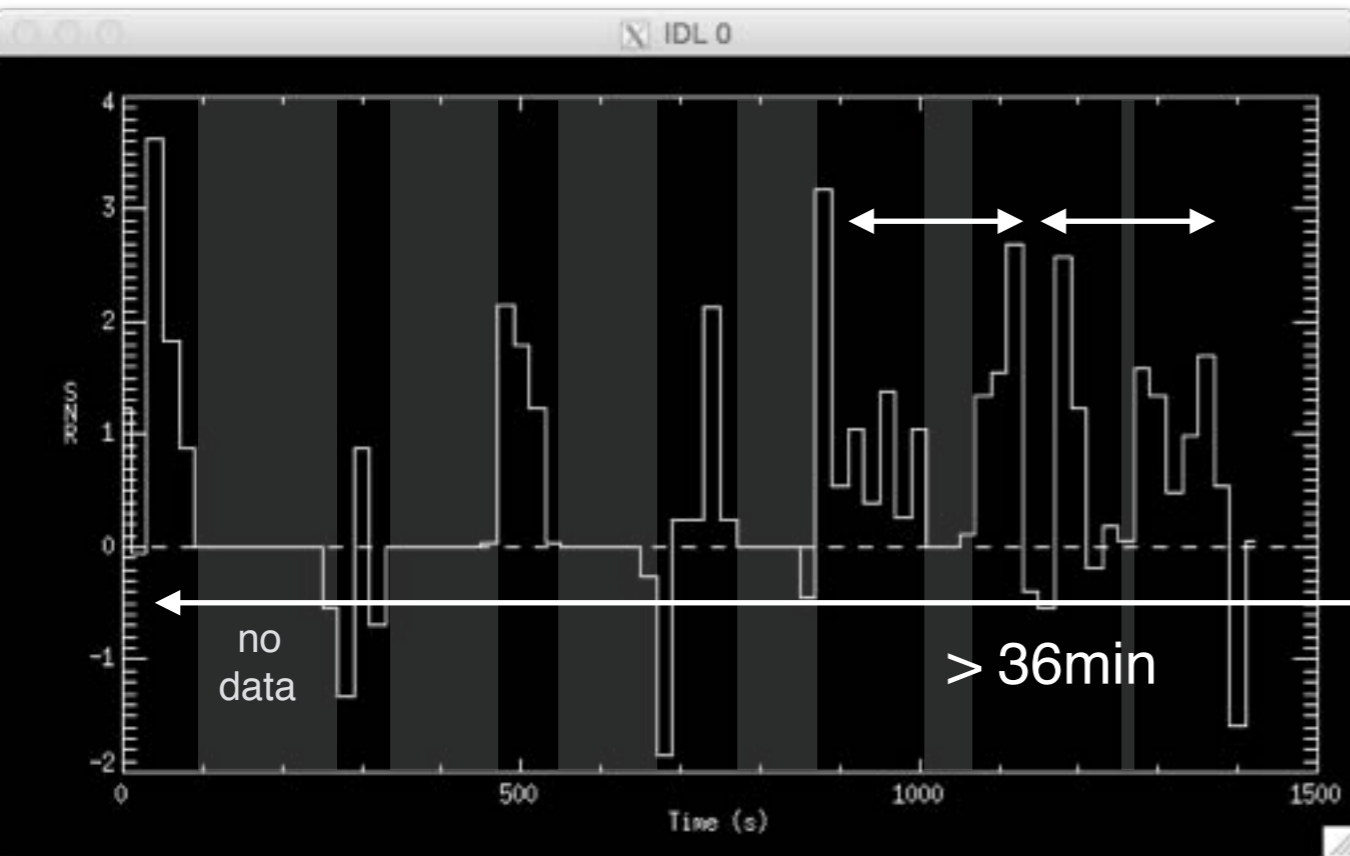
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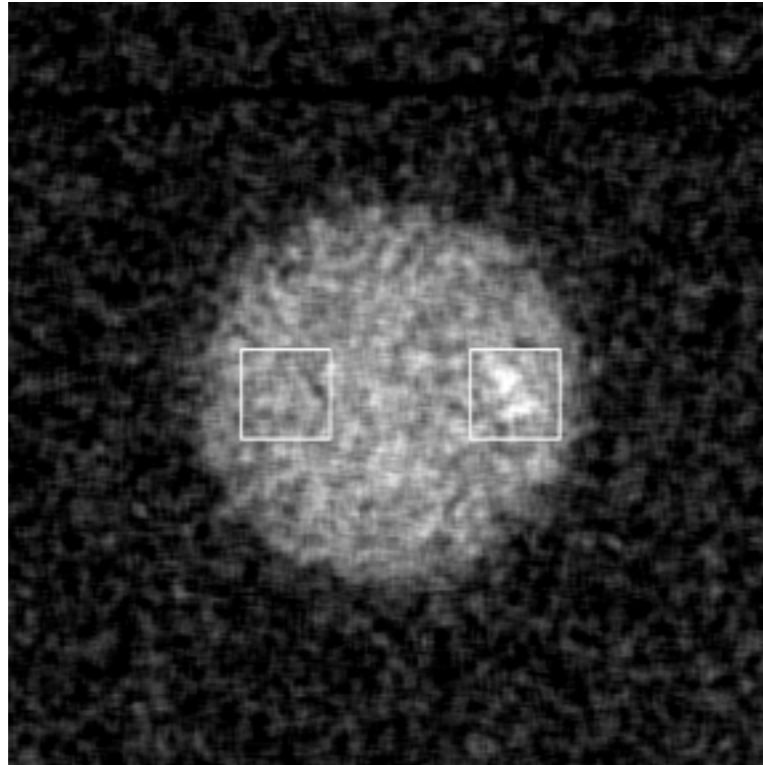
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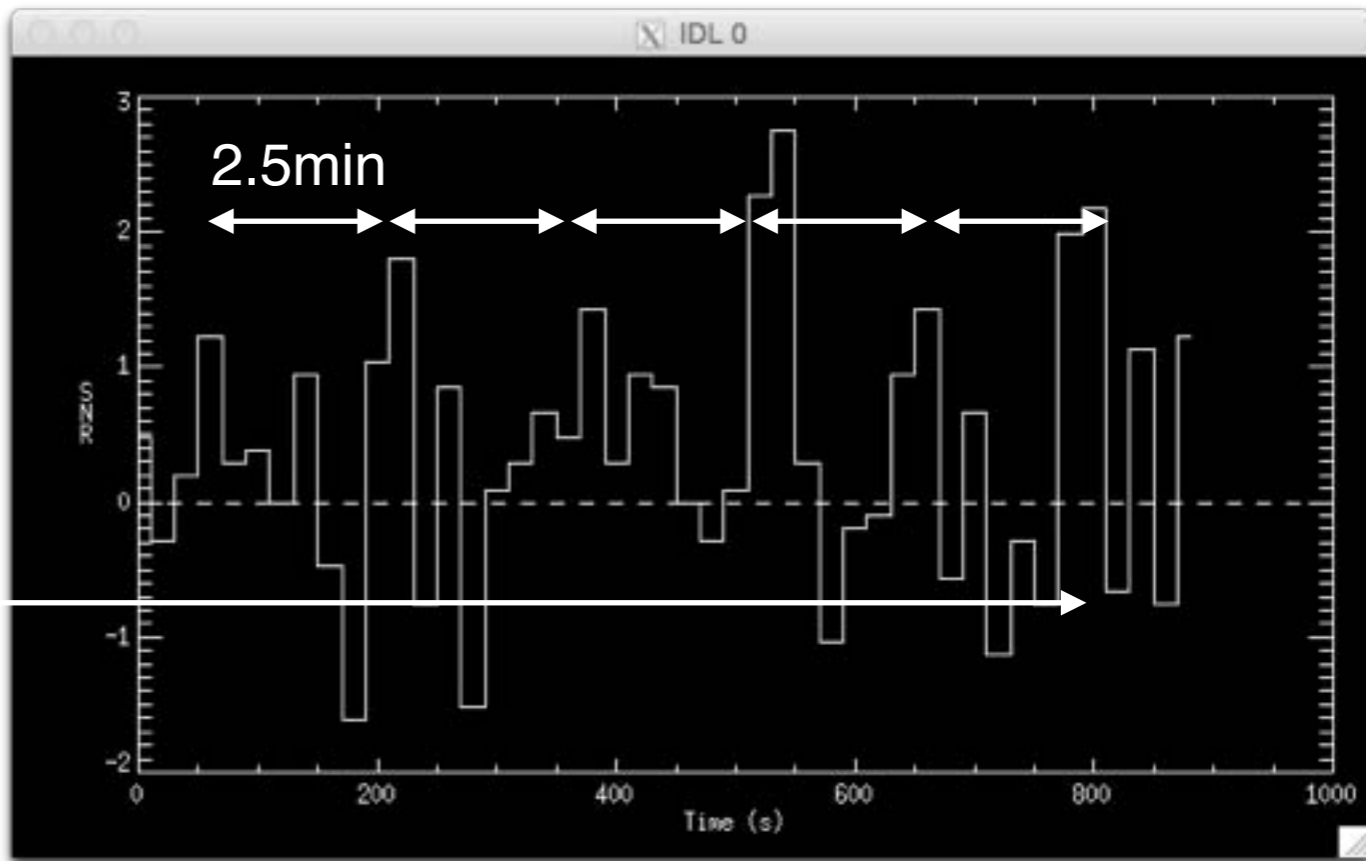
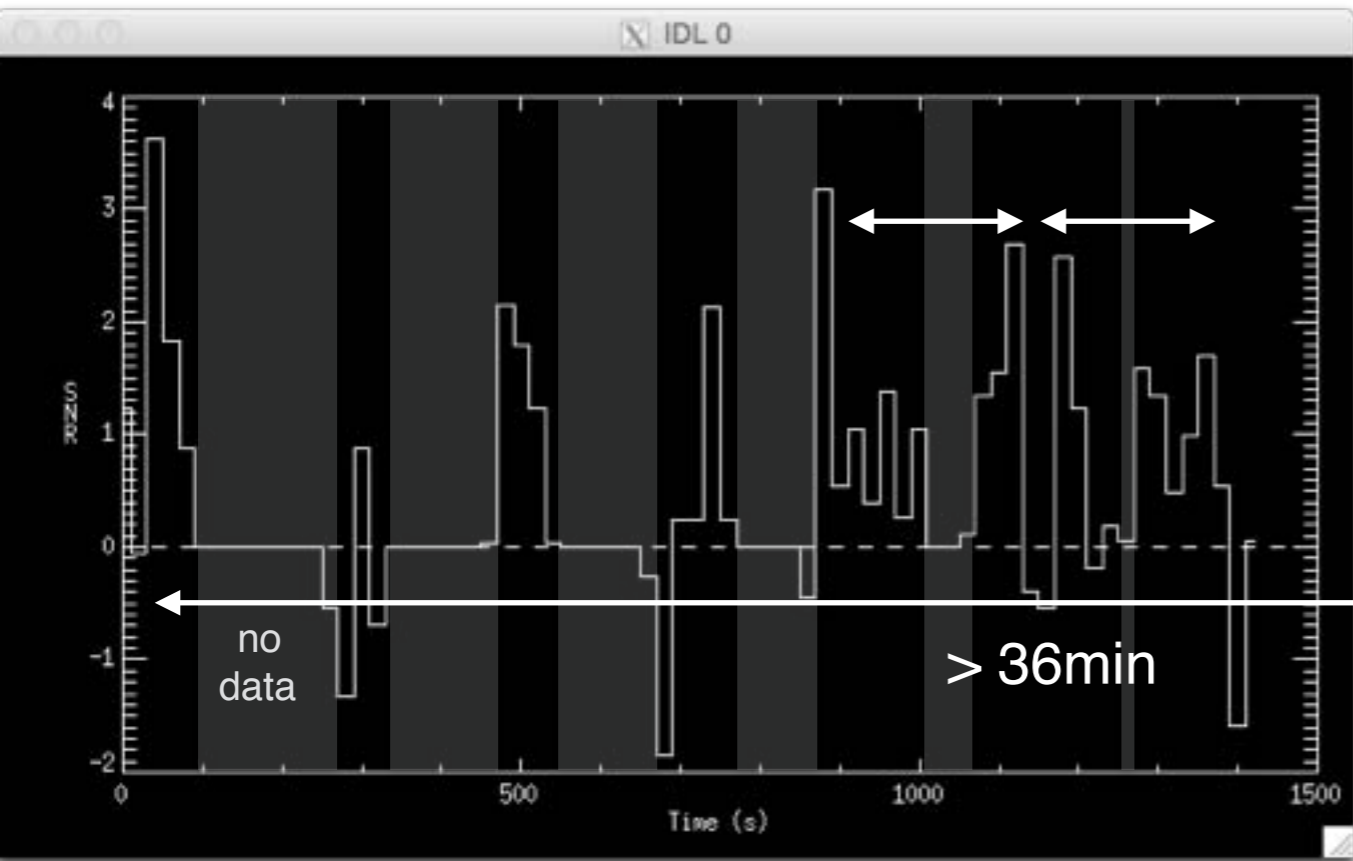
## Quasi-periodic polar flares at Jupiter: A signature of pulsed dayside reconnections?

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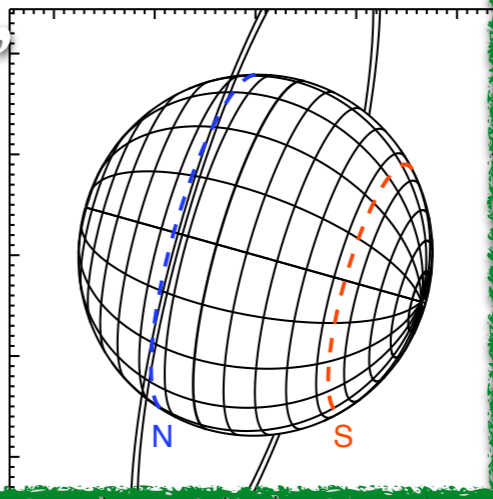
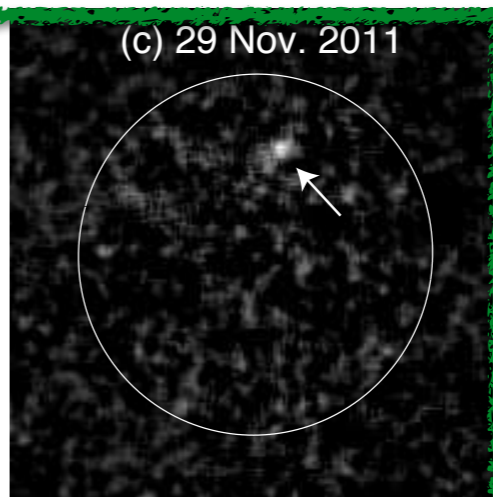
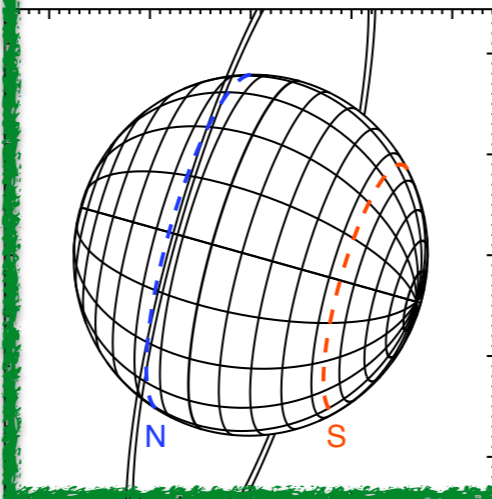
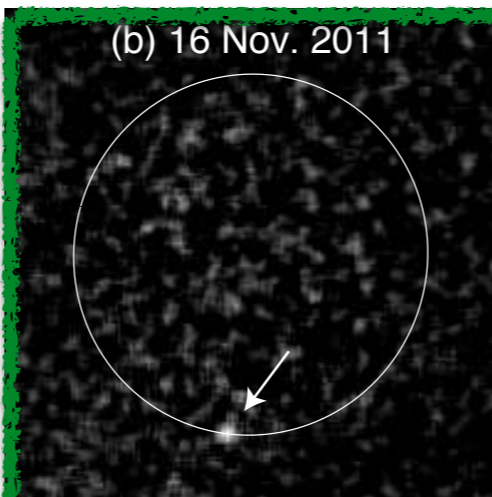
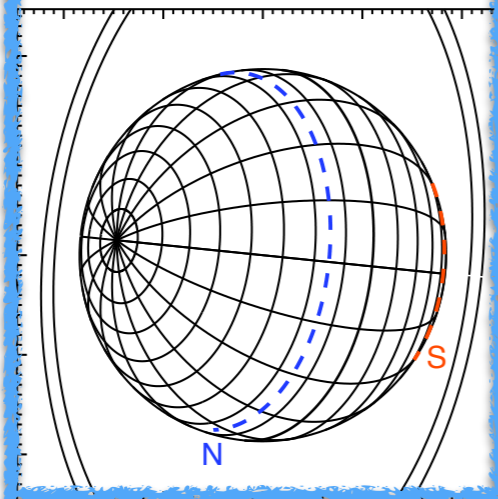
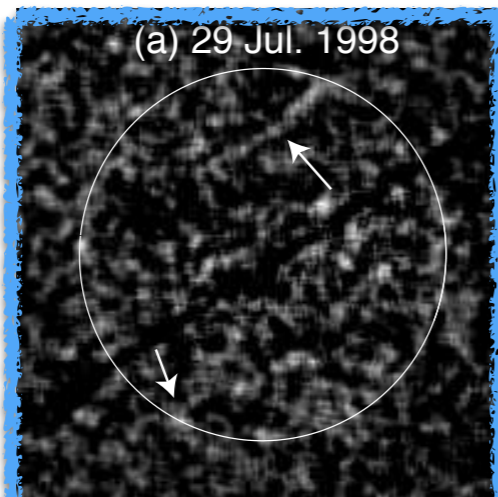
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[1] The most dynamic part of the Jovian UV aurora is located inside the main auroral oval. This region is known to regularly show localized but dramatic enhancements on timescales of several tens of seconds, called polar flares. They have often been associated with the polar cusp, based on their location in the polar cap. The present study is based on the longest high-time resolution image sequences ever acquired by the Space Telescope Imaging Spectrograph aboard the Hubble Space Telescope. We report the first observations of **irregularity in the occurrence of these flares, with a timescale of 2–3 minutes.** We use a magnetic flux mapping model to identify the region corresponding to these emissions in the equatorial

ing with the planet [Stallard *et al.*, 2003]. The intensity of these transient and localized FUV emissions can increase by a factor of 30 within ~1 minute to reach a peak brightness as large as ~40 MR [Waite *et al.*, 2001]. These features appear to map to the outer (i.e. beyond 30 Jovian radii) dayside magnetosphere, and Pallier and Prangé [2001, 2004] identified this region as the Jovian polar cusp. They also showed that cusp emissions below 1450 Å were strongly attenuated by methane absorption, leading to 'electron-equivalent' energies of ~200 keV. However, electrons are not the only charged particles able to produce these features: ion precipitation could also be the cause of the FUV emissions. Based on XMM-Newton observations, Branduardi-

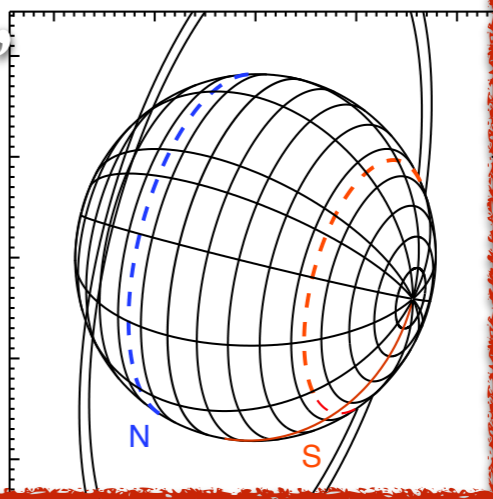
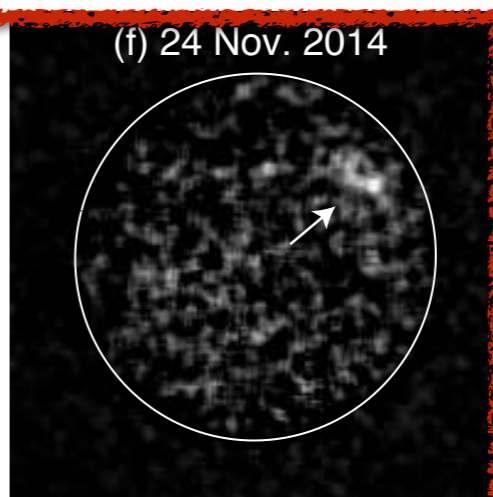
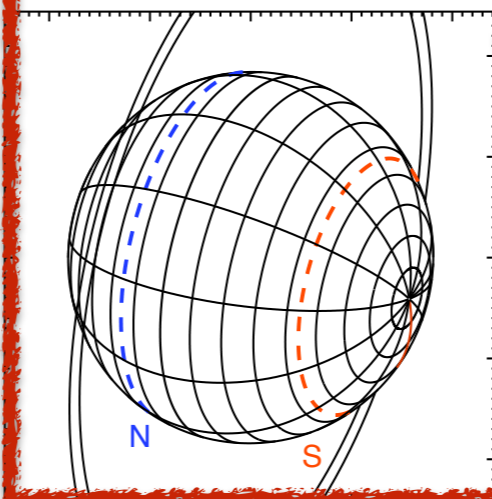
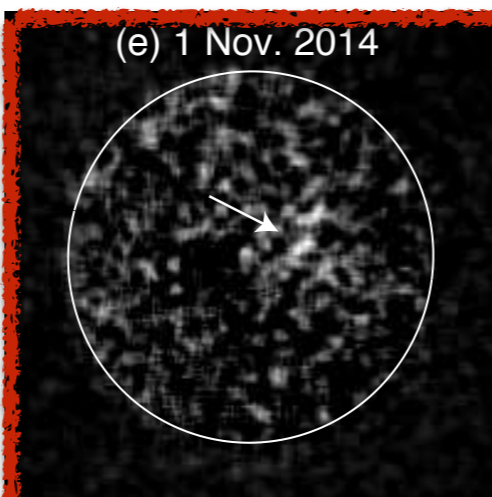
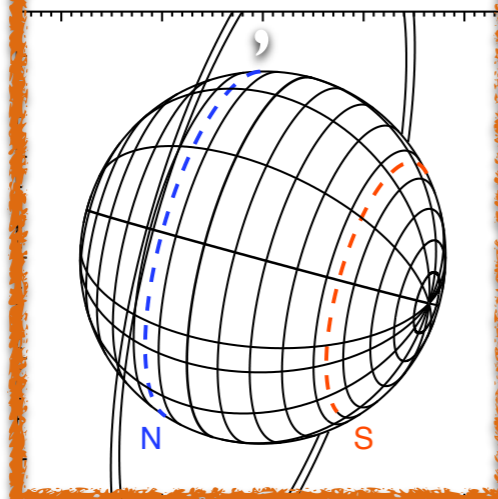
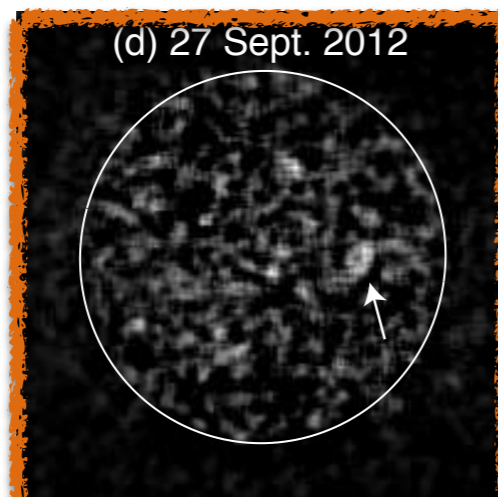


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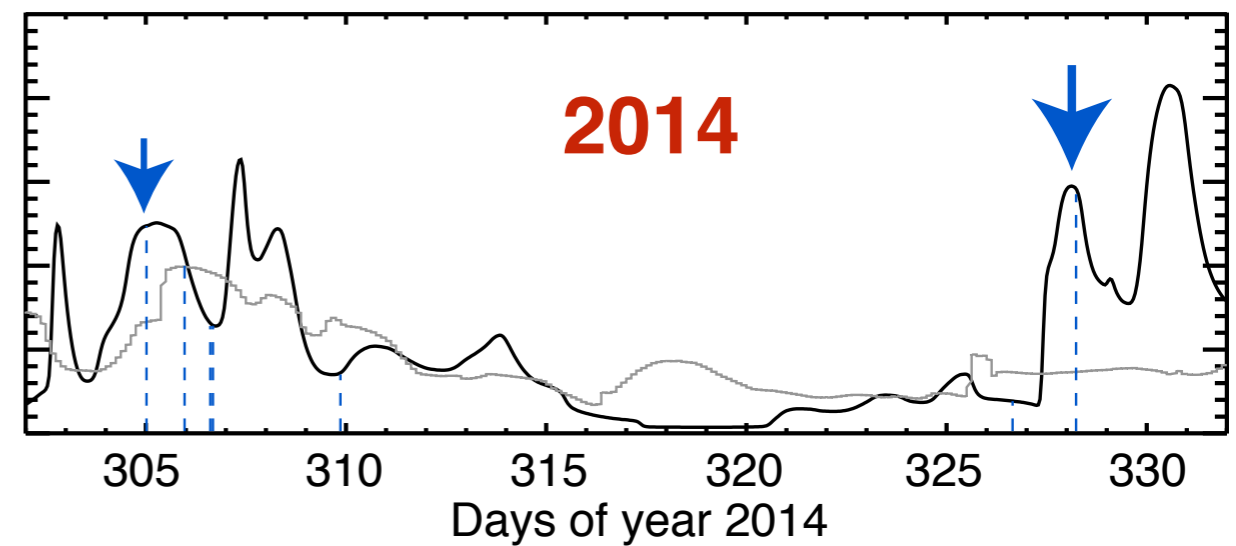
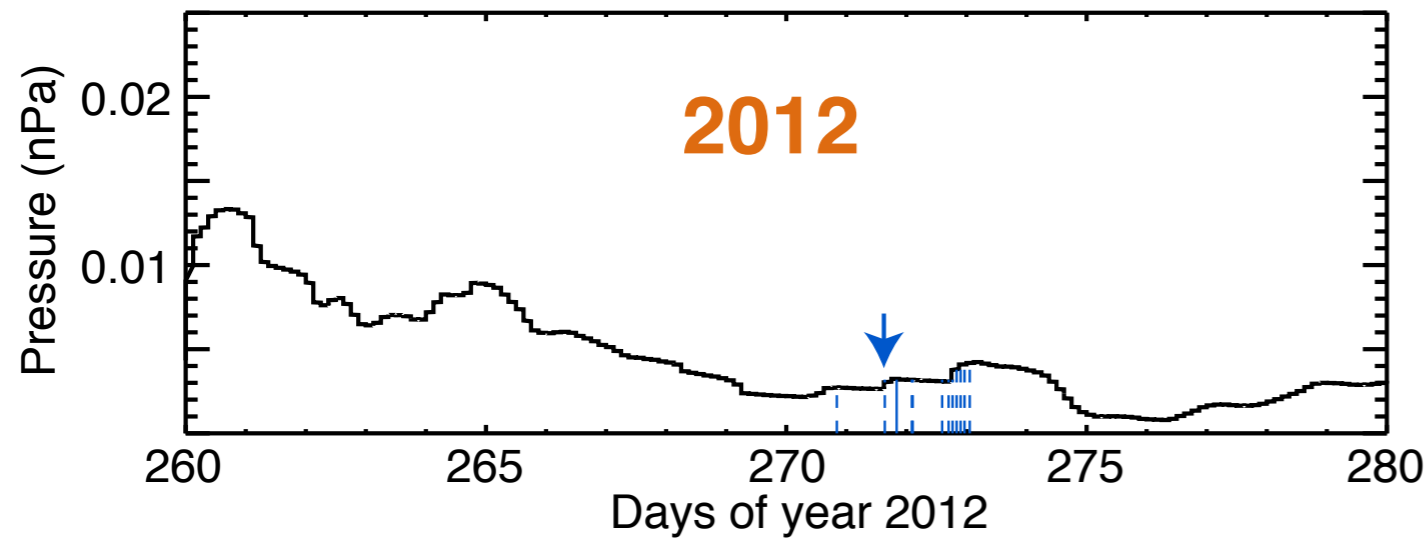
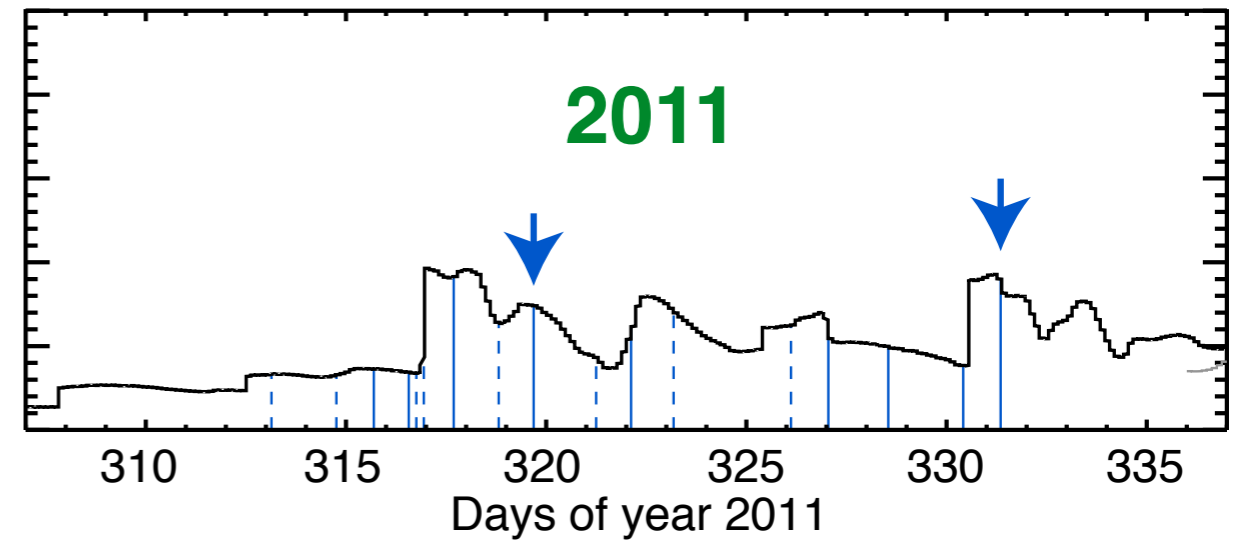
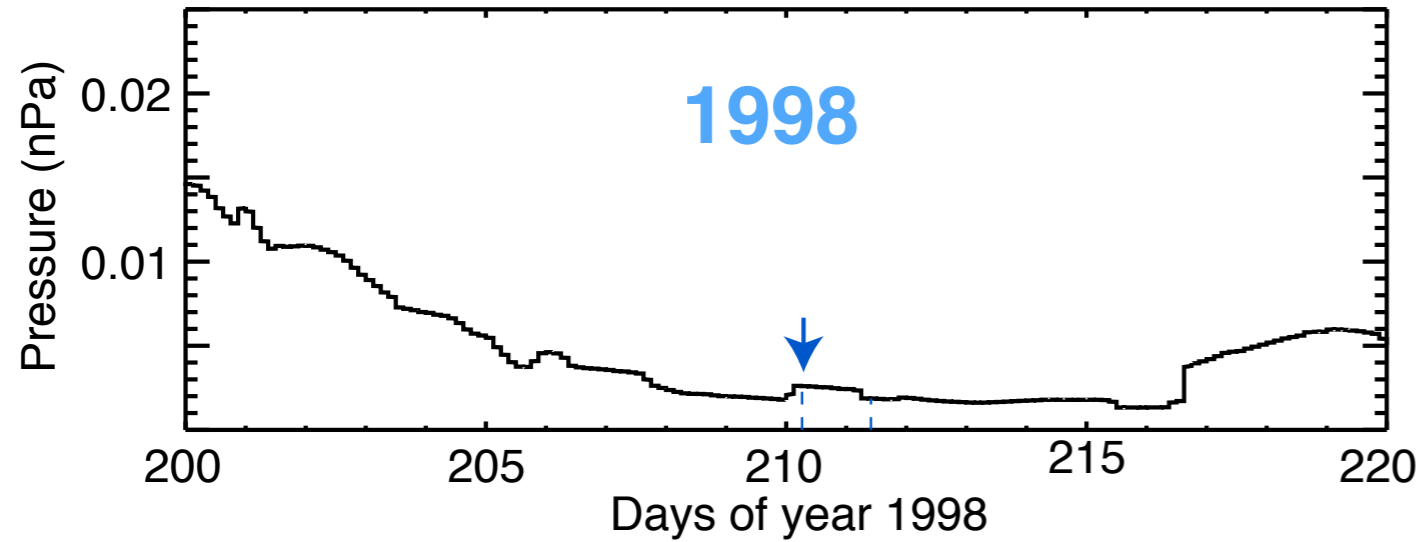
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# Solar Wind role ?

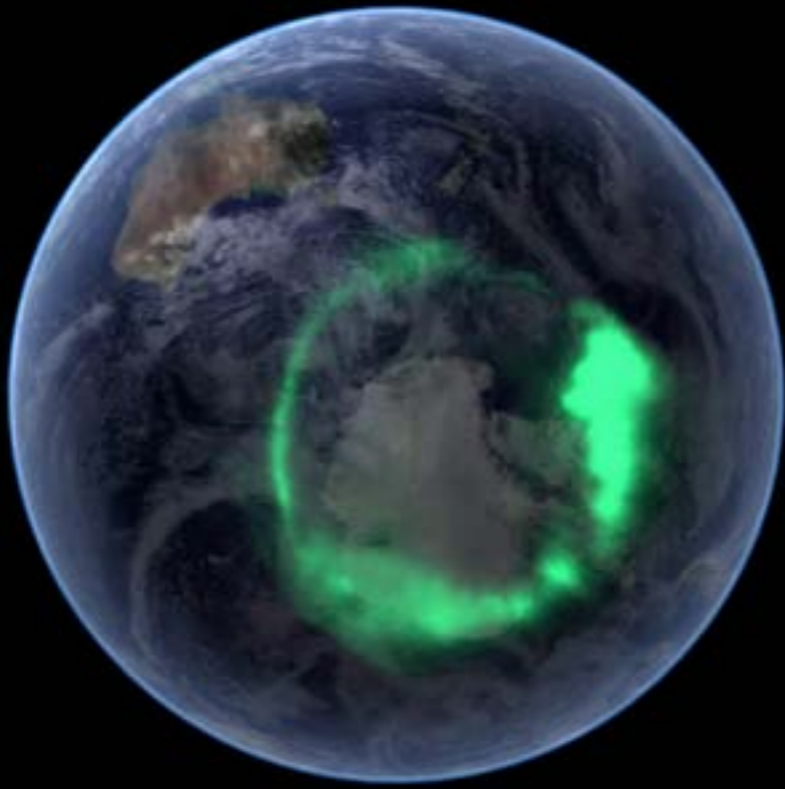
Solar wind (model @ 19 AU)



- brightest signatures occur « close » to SW shocks
- => suggests a prominent role of SW dynamic pressure
- => compression-induced reconnection ?

# Conclusions

- Uranus aurorae regularly detected by HST (1998, 2011, 2012 and 2014)
- Renewed interest of the community for Uranus but no orbital probe selected yet  
=> Remote UV observations are a unique mean to study Uranus MS
- Most intense signatures observed in 2014 : colocated emissions in the southern hemisphere : S pole at CML =  $320 \pm 20^\circ$
- Near-equinox emissions display similar properties : dayside transient spots  
=> plausible cause : (pulsed) dayside reconnection  
=> driving role of SW pressure fronts ?
- Modeling studies of reconnection and/or MHD simulations shall help to test this hypothesis, at the expense of using the (variable) solar wind parameters prevailing during these observations
- Unaddressed questions yet :
  - => characterization of the H corona
  - => analysis of high spectra to search for atmospheric species



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# The Auroral Planetary Imaging and Spectroscopy (APIS) service

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ABSTRACT

Remote Ultraviolet (UV) measurement of the outer planets are a wealth of informations on planetary rings, moons, atmospheres and magnetospheres (Figure 1). Auroral emissions in particular provide highly valuable constraints on the auroral processes at work and the underlying coupling between the solar wind, the magnetosphere, the ionosphere and the moons. Key observables accessible through Far-UV spectro-imaging include the spatial topology and the dynamics of active magnetic field lines, the identification of radiative species and the radiated and precipitated energies.

## THE APIS DATABASE

The STIS and ACS Far-UV instruments of the Hubble Space Telescope<sup>1</sup> (HST) acquired ~6000 individual spectra and images of the aurorae of Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus and their satellites over 1997-2014 (Figure 2, Table 1). But their use remains generally limited, owing to the difficulty to access and use them.

APIS, the egyptian god of fertilization, is also the acronym of the new database *Auroral Planetary Imaging and Spectroscopy*, aimed at facilitating the use of HST planetary auroral observations<sup>2</sup>. APIS is hosted by the Virtual Observatory (VO) of Paris and provides a free and interactive access to a variety of high level data through a dedicated search interface (Figure 3) and standard VO tools (Figure 4), presented hereafter.

## FIGURE 2

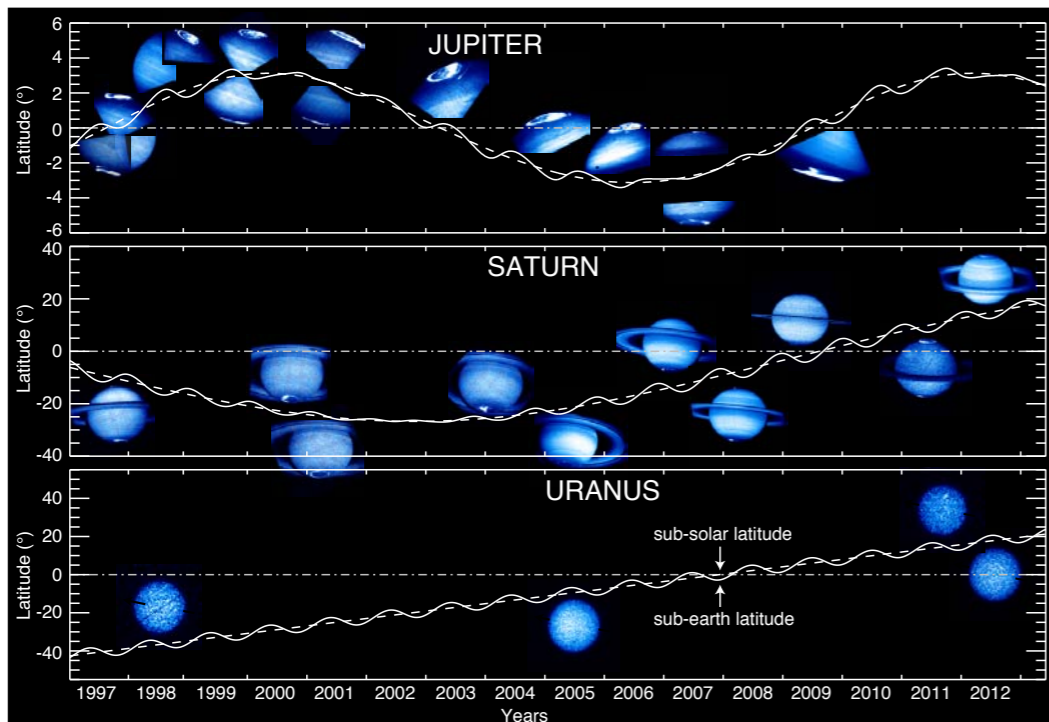


Figure 2 : HST-FUV observations over 1997-2013.

## FIGURE 1

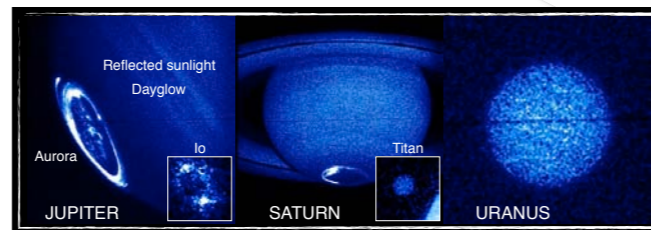
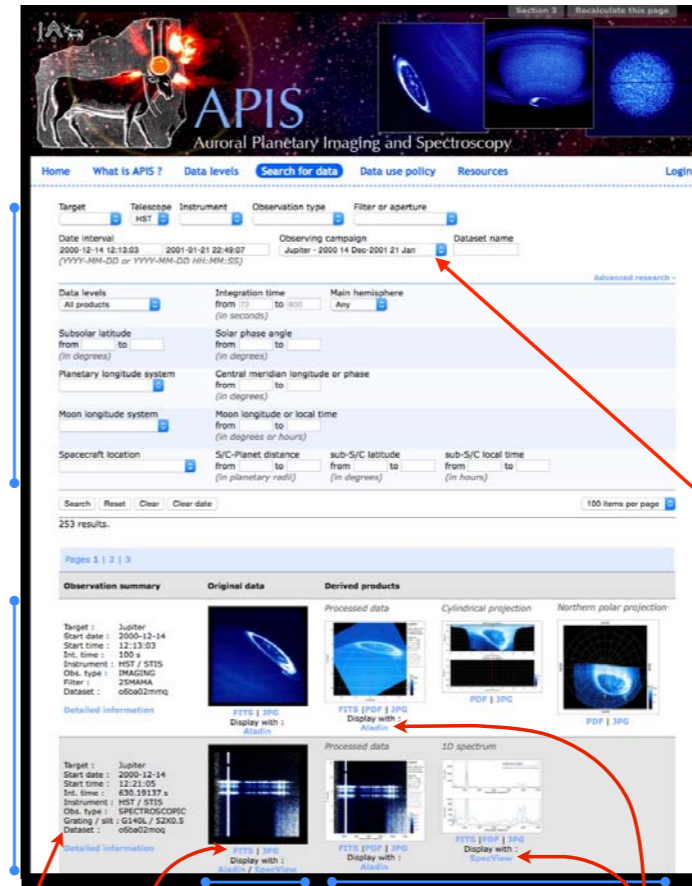


Figure 1 : Remote UV measurements of the outer planets.

## SEARCH INTERFACE



## FIGURE 3

Figure 3 : Example of data request.

## TABLE 1

Table 1 : Core database.

System	Observation	Images	Spectra	Notes
Saturn system	Saturn, Oct-Dec. 1997	9	1	Polar/cylindrical projections
	Saturn, Dec. 2000	2	4	
	Saturn, Jan. 2001	4	8	
	Saturn, Jan. 2004	51	8	
	Saturn, Oct-Nov. 2005	72	8	
	Saturn, Jan. 2007-Feb. 2008	1008	8	
	Saturn, Jan.-Feb. 2009	1017	8	
	Saturn, Feb.-Mar. 2009	400	8	
	Saturn, Apr. 2011	115	8	
	Saturn, Jan.-May. 2011	8	8	
Saturn, Mar.-Jun. 2012	230	8	Saturn : + SN SKR phase markers + Enceladus footprint (SPV model)	
Saturn, Apr.-May. 2013	345	8		
Saturn, Feb.-Jun. 2014	45	8		
Titan/Saturn, Jan.-Feb. 2009	117	8		
Jupiter system	Jupiter, Mar. 1997-Jan. 2001	30	13	+ markers of satellites footprints (ISAAC model, Hess, pers. com.)
	Jupiter, Jan. 1999	3	6	
	Jupiter, Aug. 1999	31	5	
	Jupiter, Aug. 1999-Nov. 2000	28	35	
	Jupiter, Dec. 2000-Jan. 2001	88	29	
	Jupiter, Feb. 2003	13	8	
	Jupiter, Jan.-May. 2005	106	8	
	Jupiter, Feb.-Apr. 2006	75	8	
	Jupiter, Feb.-Jun. 2007	1845	8	
	Jupiter, Aug.-Sept. 2009	3	8	
Jupiter, Nov. 2012-Jan. 2014	19	2		
Jupiter, Jan. 2014	27	14		
Jupiter, Jan.-Mar. 2014	4	4		
Io, Sept.-Oct. 1997	8	8		
Io, Aug. 1998	2	18		
Io, Sept. 1999-Feb. 2000	2	92		
Io, Dec. 2001	4	8		
Io/Ganymede/Europa, Feb. 2007	20	8		
Ganymede, Oct. 1998	8	8		
Ganymede/Europa, Oct. 1999-Dec. 2000	13	8		
Ganymede, Nov.-Dec. 2003	4	4		
Ganymede, Sep. 2010-Oct. 2011	20	8		
Ganymede, Jan.-Feb. 2014	8	8		
Europa, Nov.-Dec. 2012	19	8		
Uranus	Uranus, Jul.-Sept. 1998	4	8	
	Uranus, Aug. 2005	64	8	
	Uranus, Aug.-Sept. 2011	4	8	
	Uranus, Nov. 2011	73	9	
Uranus, Sept.-Oct. 2012	23	3		

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## VO COMPATIBILITY

APIS is fully compliant with VO standards :

- the core table of metadata is built along the standard Europlanet-TAP (EPN-TAP) protocol<sup>3</sup> ;
- fits data (either raw or processed) can be interactively read online with Aladin (Fig. 4 left) and/or Specview (Fig. 4 right), which are VO softwares enabling simple operations (histogram, profiles, line list etc).

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## FIGURE 4

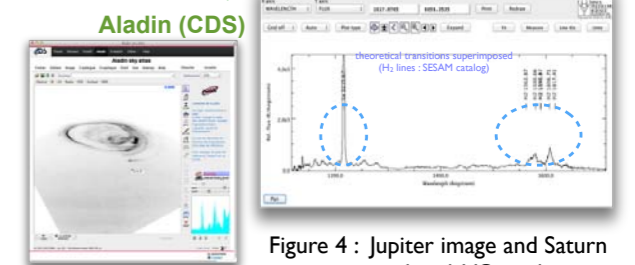


Figure 4 : Jupiter image and Saturn spectrum read with VO tools.







Solar wind parameters propagated @ Uranus [black = omni/Tao, blue = omni/mswim] + planned HST orbits

