

Time-Dependent Hybrid Plasma Simulations of Lunar Electromagnetic Induction in the Solar Wind

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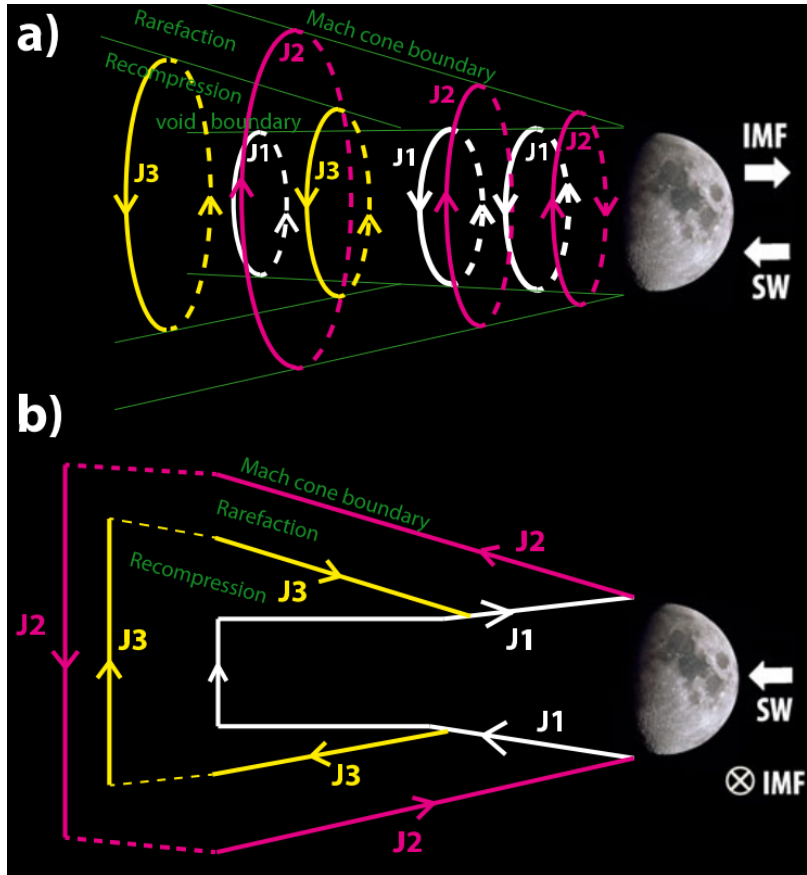


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Wake Current Systems



what we know:

- wake forms on nightside due to dayside absorption and vacuum cavity
- wake current systems (incl. structure, extent) organize according to solar wind characteristics

$$\mathbf{v}_{sw}, \mathbf{B}_{IMF}$$

$$n_e, n_i$$

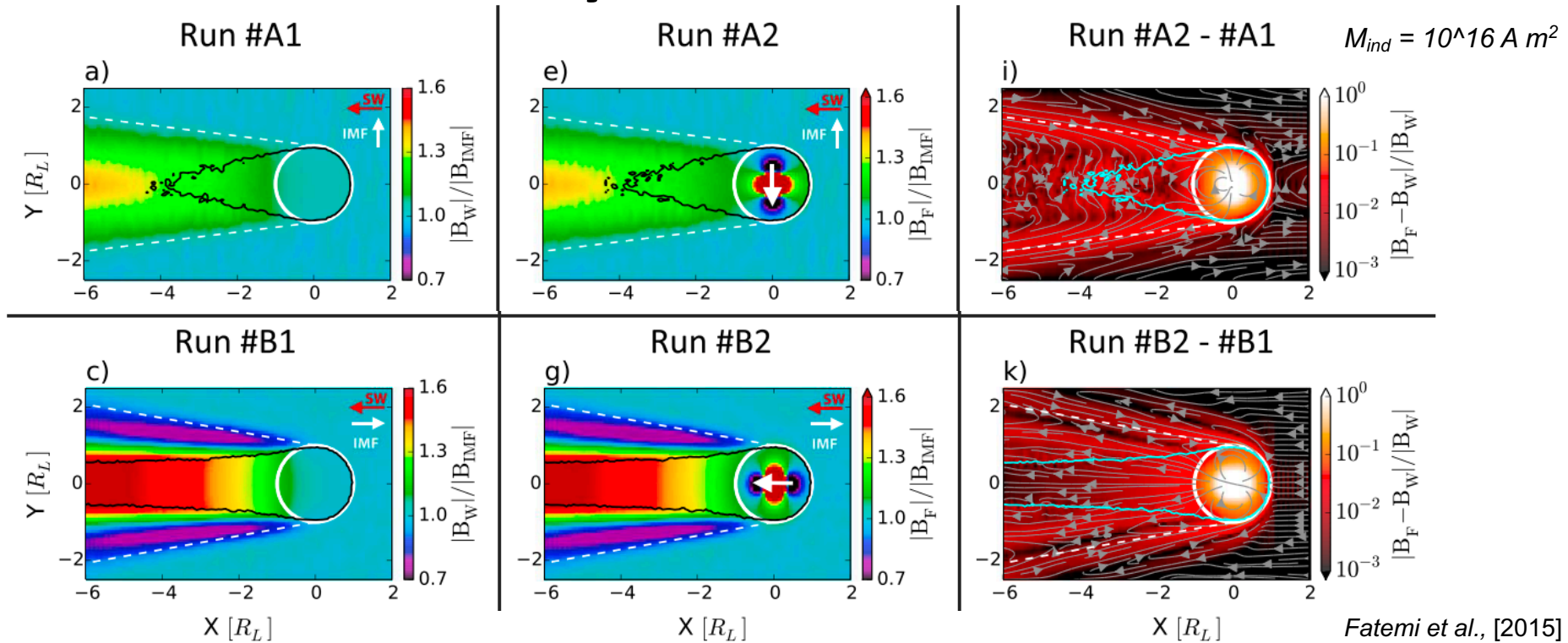
$$T_e, T_i$$

$$\boxed{\sigma(r), t} \quad \text{This study}$$

Fatemi et al., [2014]

Holmstrom et al., [2012]

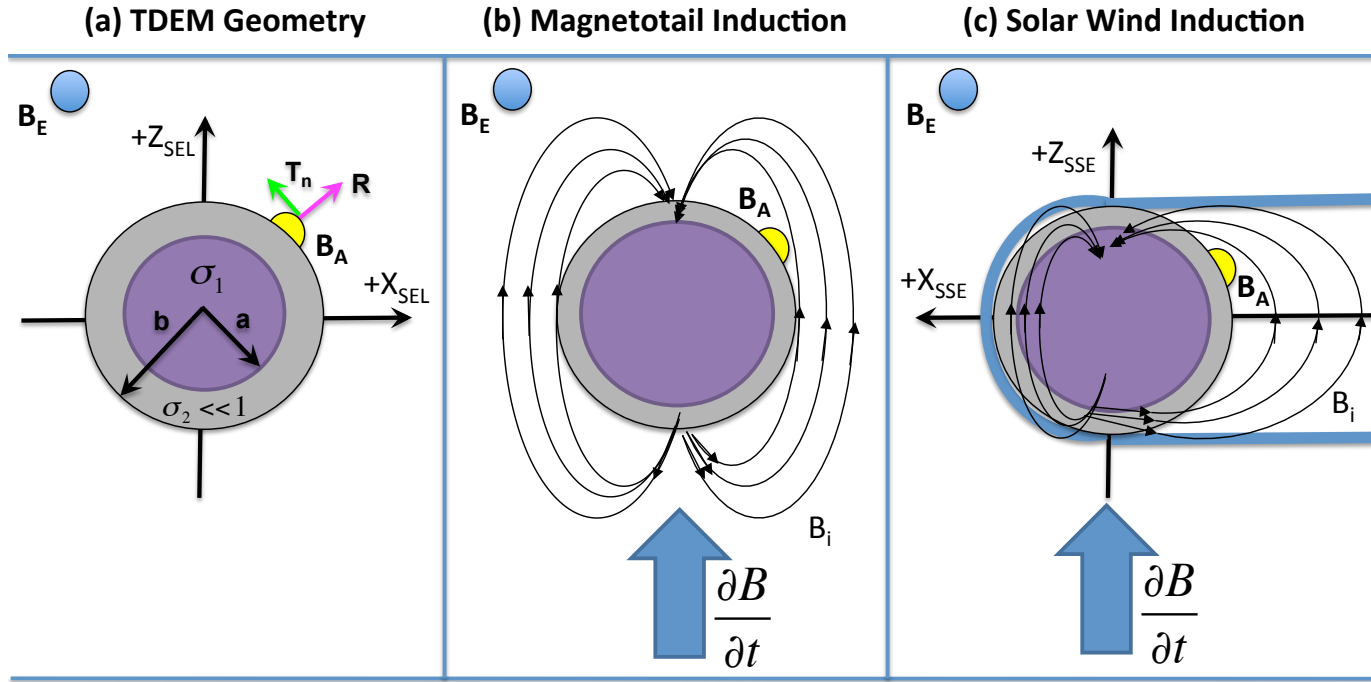
Static Hybrid Model Results



Dayside confinement, as predicted. Nightside fields are not confined within wake cavity. Strong induced field signatures in the deep wake near surface, especially with large IMF changes.

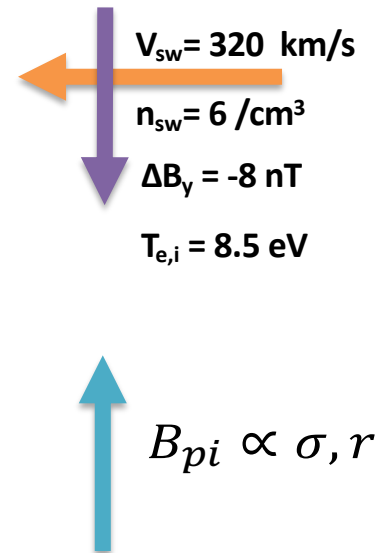
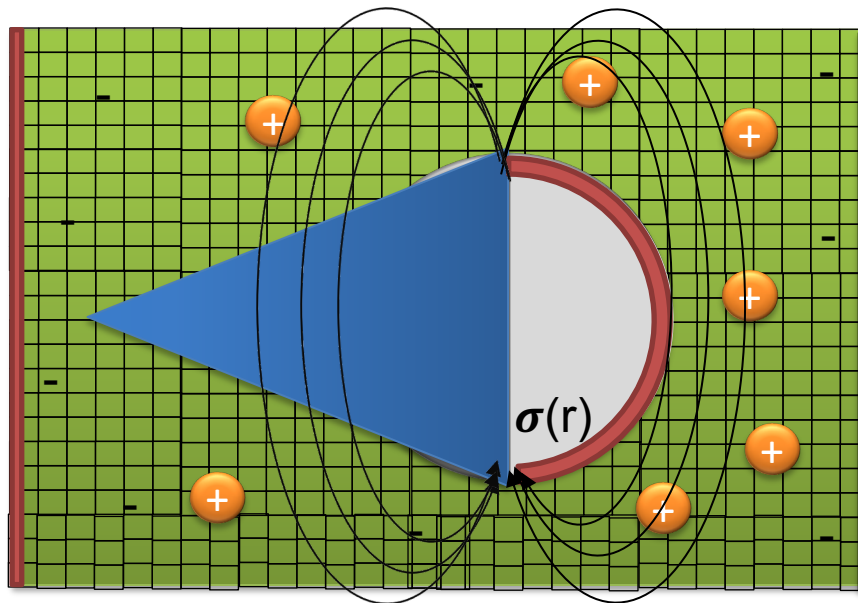
Lunar EM Sounding - Transfer Function Method

The Apollo Picture



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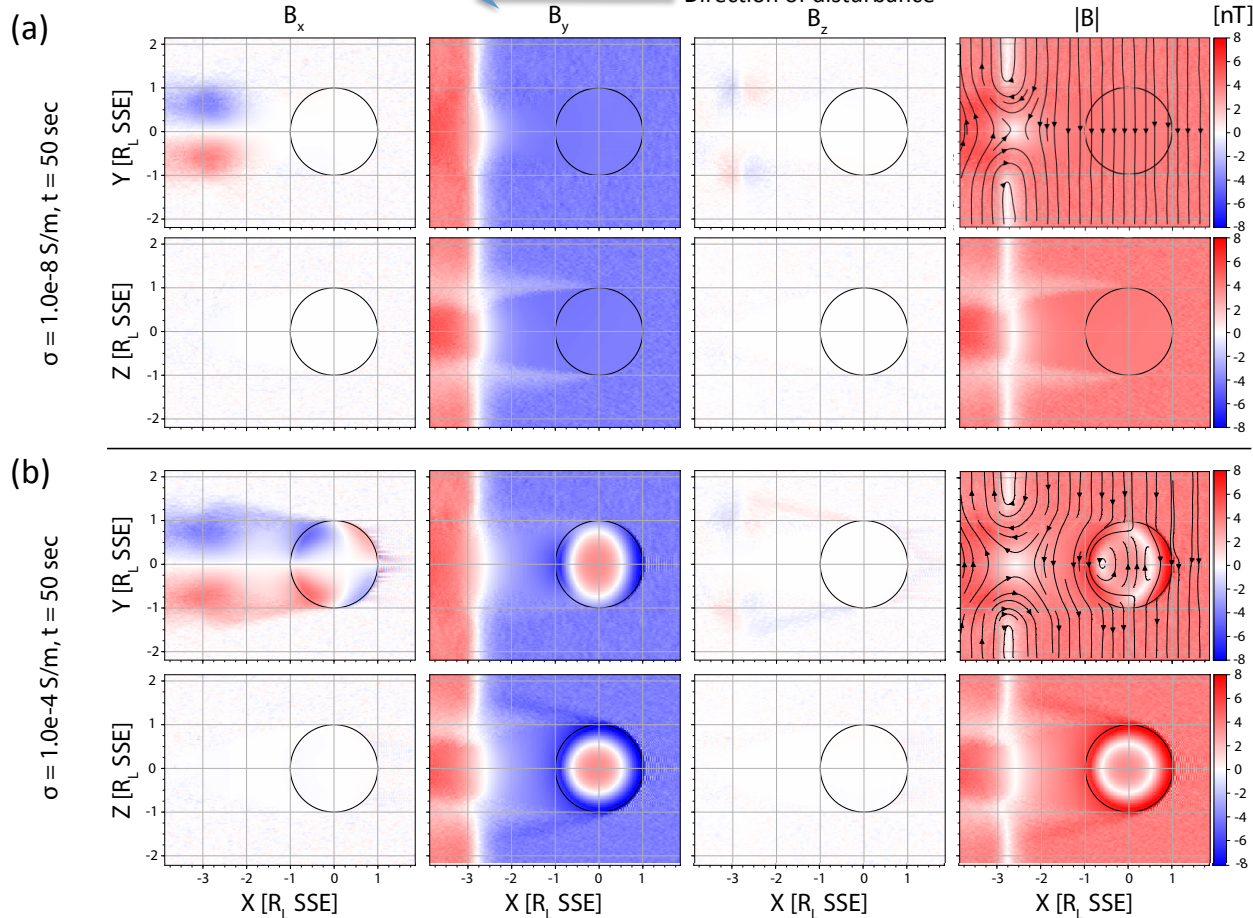
Transient Plasma Hybrid Kinetic Model



- cell size: 50 km ($\sim 0.028 \text{ RL}$)
- 16 macroparticles (only protons) per cell
- $t_{\text{step}} = 0.001 \text{ s}$
- $0 < t < \sim 300 \text{ s}$, $t=24 \text{ s}$ IMF discontinuity
- $\sigma_1 = 1.0 \text{ e} - 8, 1.0 \text{ e} - 4, 1.0 \text{ e} - 3 \text{ [S/m]}$

- conducting radius (r_1) = 1,600 km ($\sim 0.91 \text{ RM}$, or ~ 32 cells), $\sim M_{\text{ind}} = 1.64 \text{ e} 17 \text{ A m}^2$ (Fatemi et al., 2015; Saur et al., 2010).
- resistive crust ($1\text{e-}8 \text{ S/m}$) radius = 150 km (~ 3 cells crust)
- captures inductive and plasma response self-consistently

Results: Single Time Step



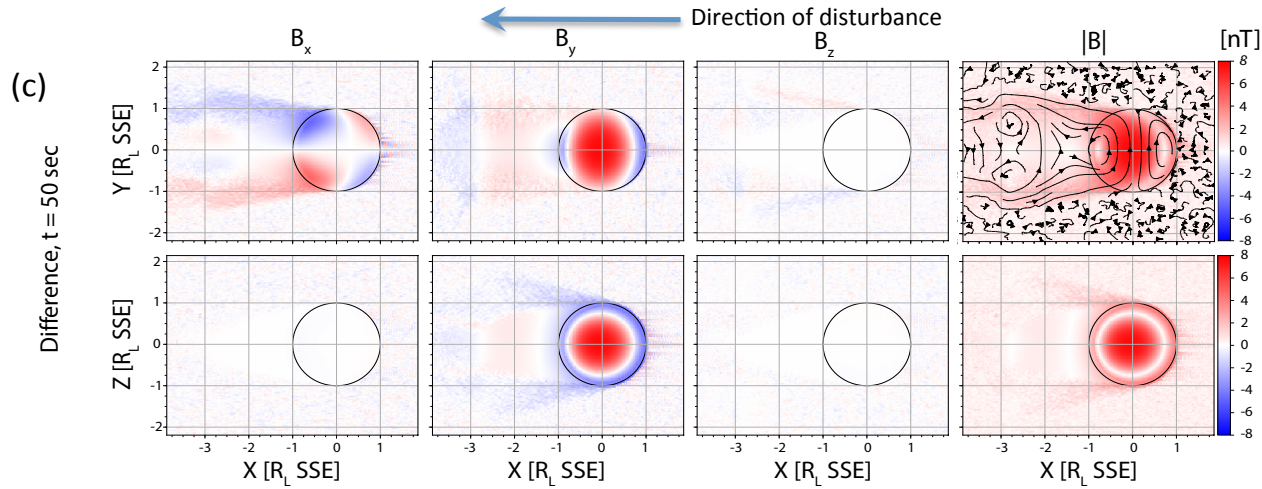
$V_{sw} = 320 \text{ km/s}$

$n_{sw} = 6 / \text{cm}^3$

$\Delta B_y = -8 \text{ nT}$

$t = 50 \text{ s}$

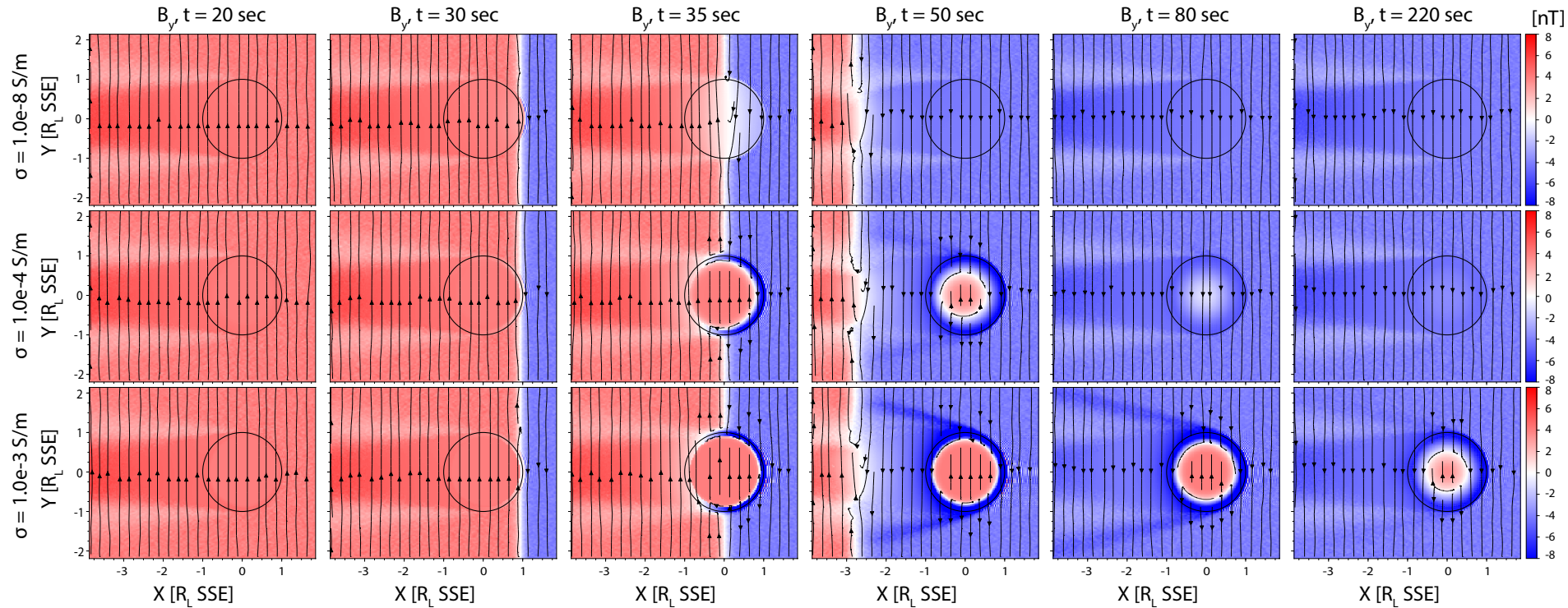
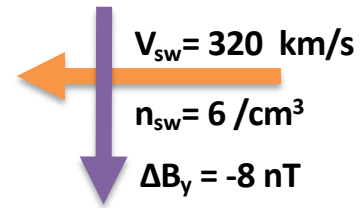
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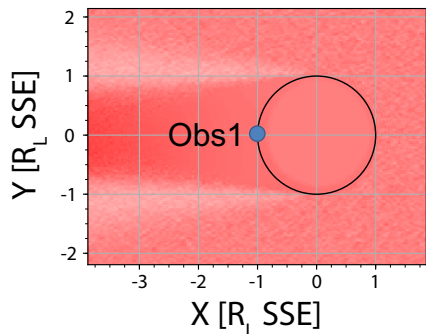
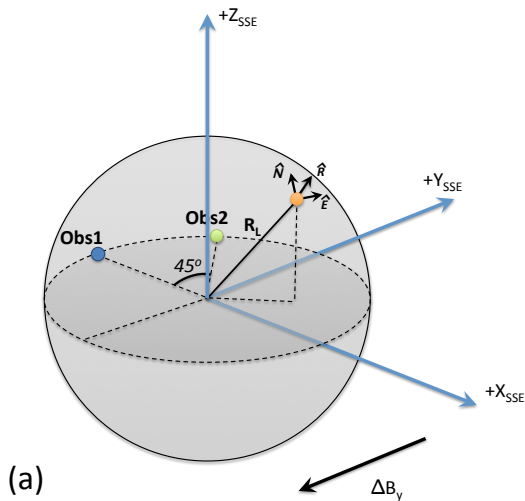
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Results: Temporal effects



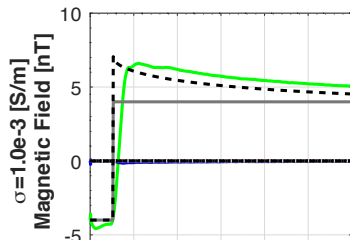
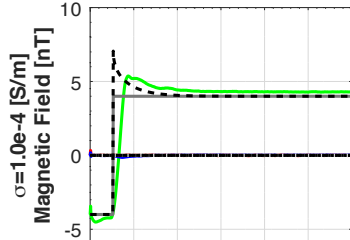
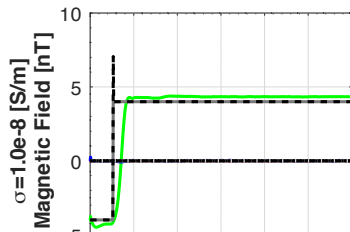
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Comparison to Analytic Theory

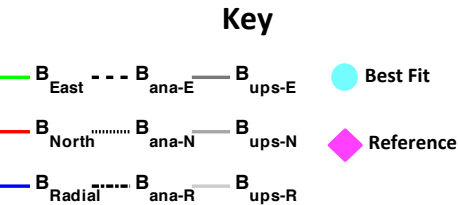


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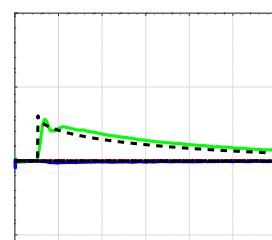
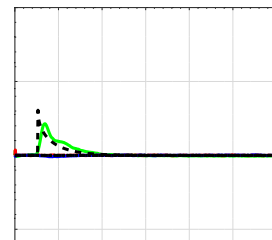
Observer 1, Full Fields



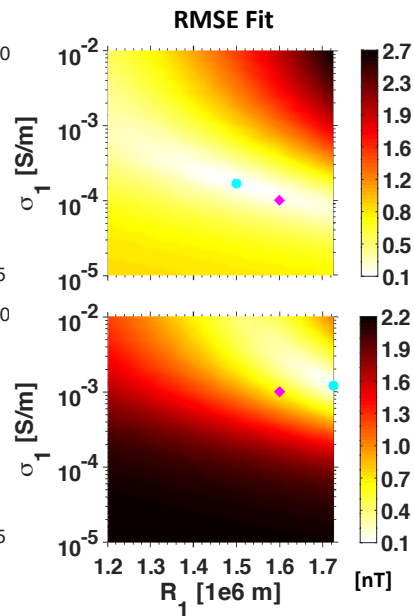
Time [s]



Fields Difference



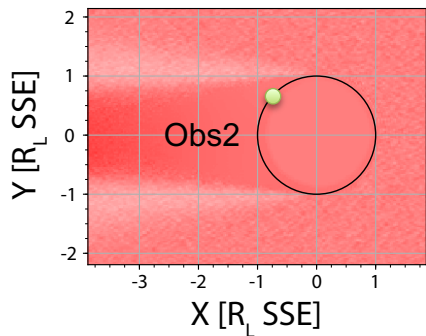
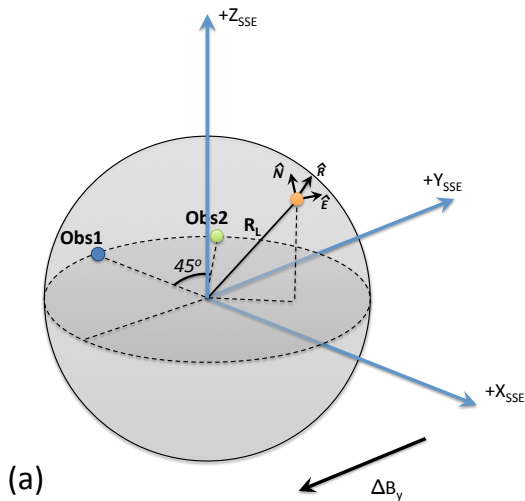
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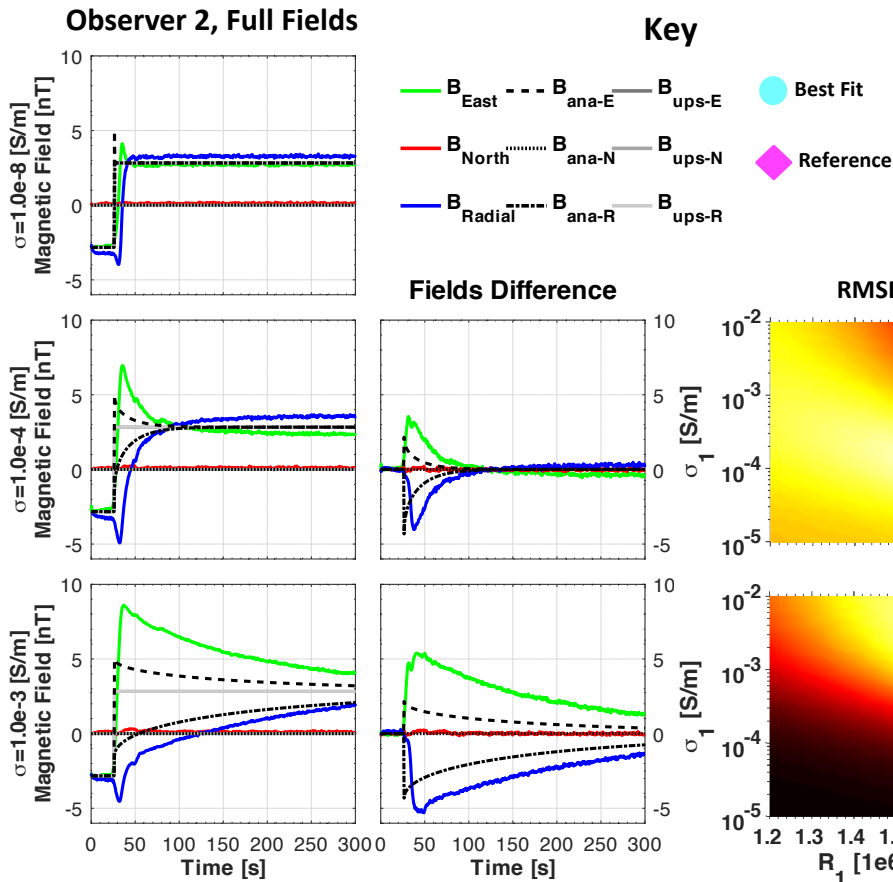
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Conclusions

- Vacuum theory alone is not able to fully characterize nightside induced fields. Some agreement on exponential time decay.
- Time-dependent plasma hybrid model is able to characterize plasma currents and induced fields which vary depending on solar wind conditions.
- Our model suggests enhanced nightside fields over theory.
 - Due to plasma-induced fields constructively add.
 - Compression of dayside induced fields at the terminator by SW ram pressure.
- Redefining Apollo era assumption about wake field confining induced field within cavity.
- We confirm that the inclusion of plasma interaction effects alongside inductive currents from a planetary interior yields results different than that from the vacuum response theory alone.

Questions?

