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**SCHOOL ON PHYSICAL METHODS FOR THE
STUDY OF THE UPPER AND LOWER
ATMOSPHERE SYSTEM**

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Magnetosphere

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MAGNETOSPHERE

SYNOPSIS

Principal regions
Principal processes and problems

MODELING

B-field, mapping
E-field

THEORY

Collisionless plasmas
Cartoon physics and real physics

MEASUREMENTS

From raw data to physical parameters:
Magnetometers
Particle detectors
Data policies

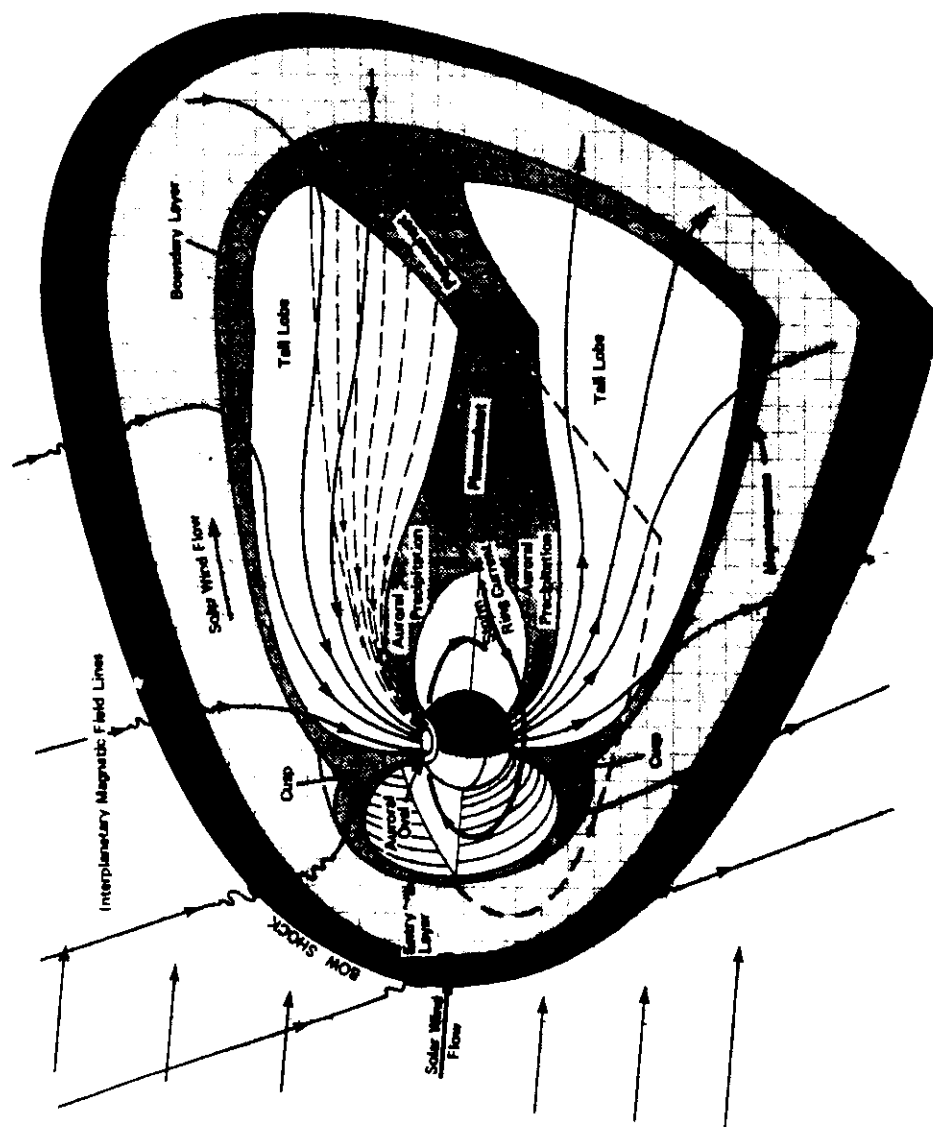
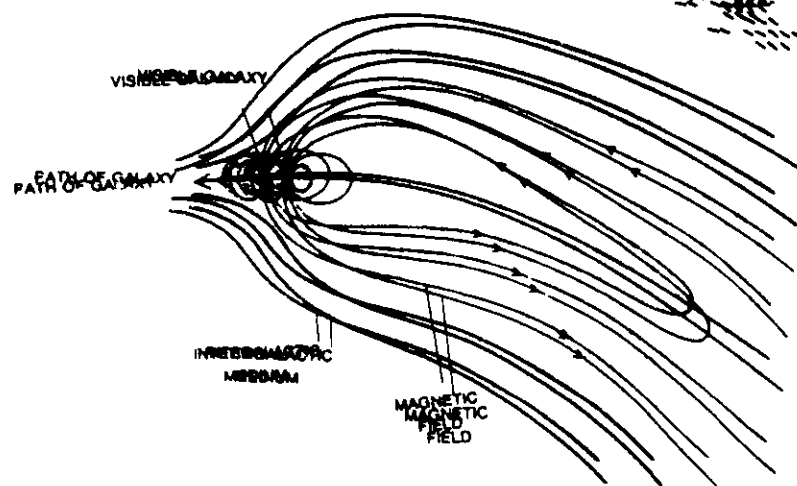
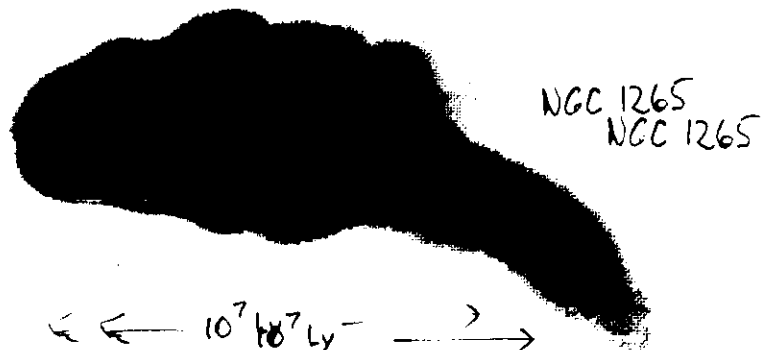
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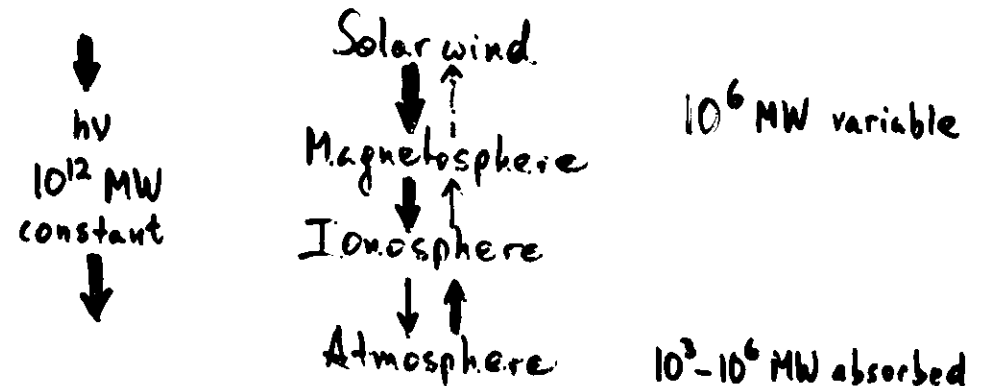
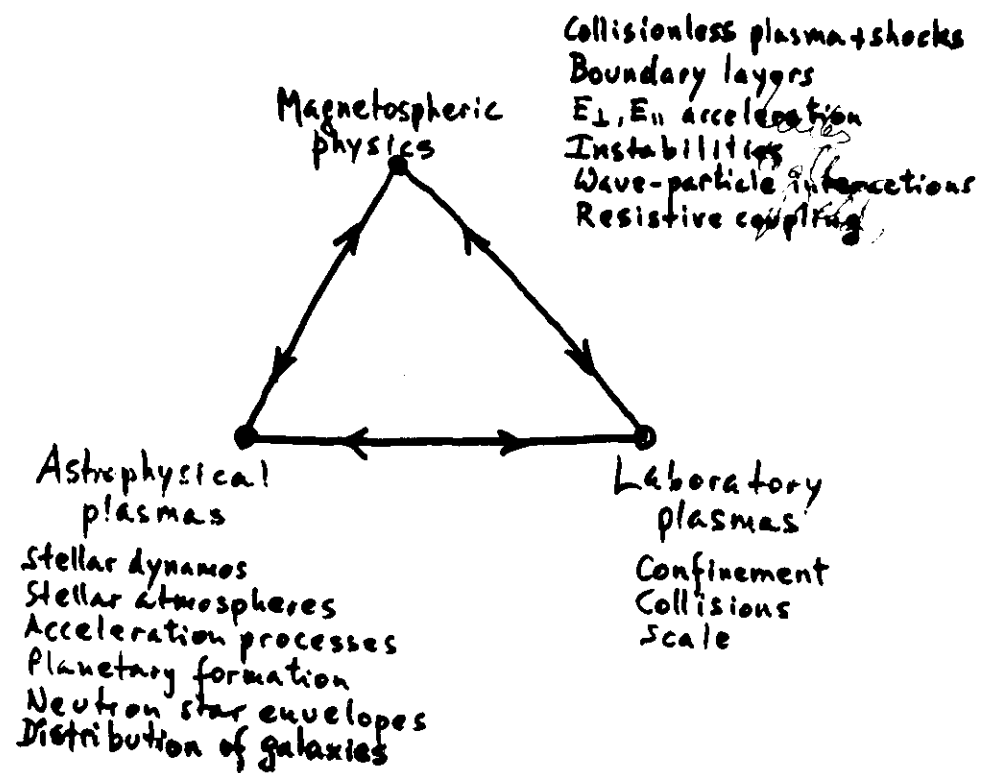
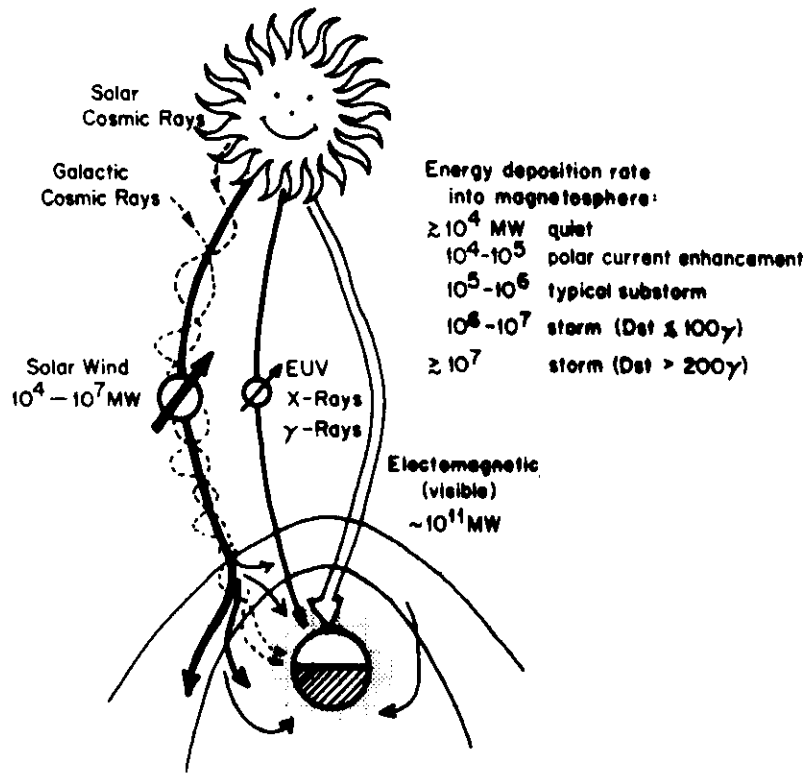
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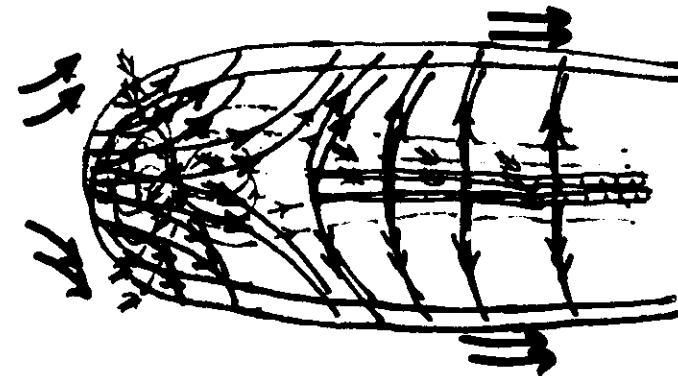
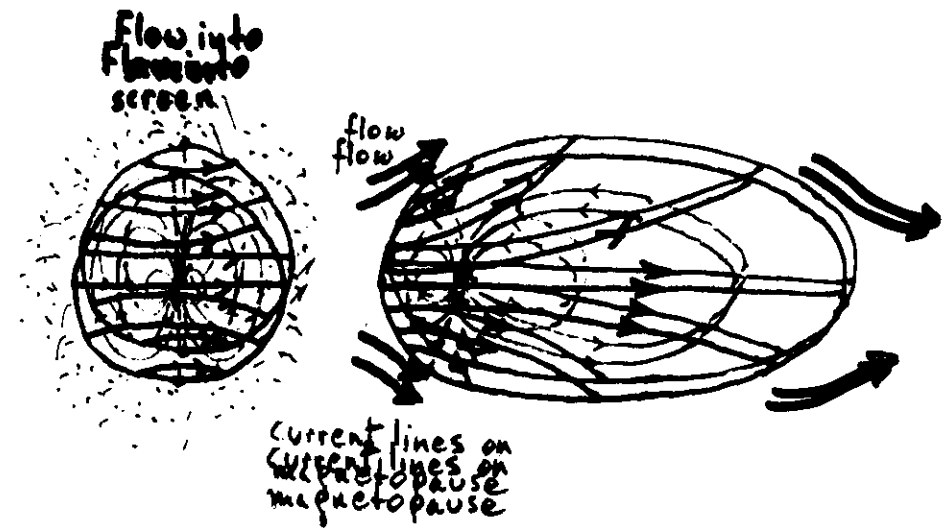
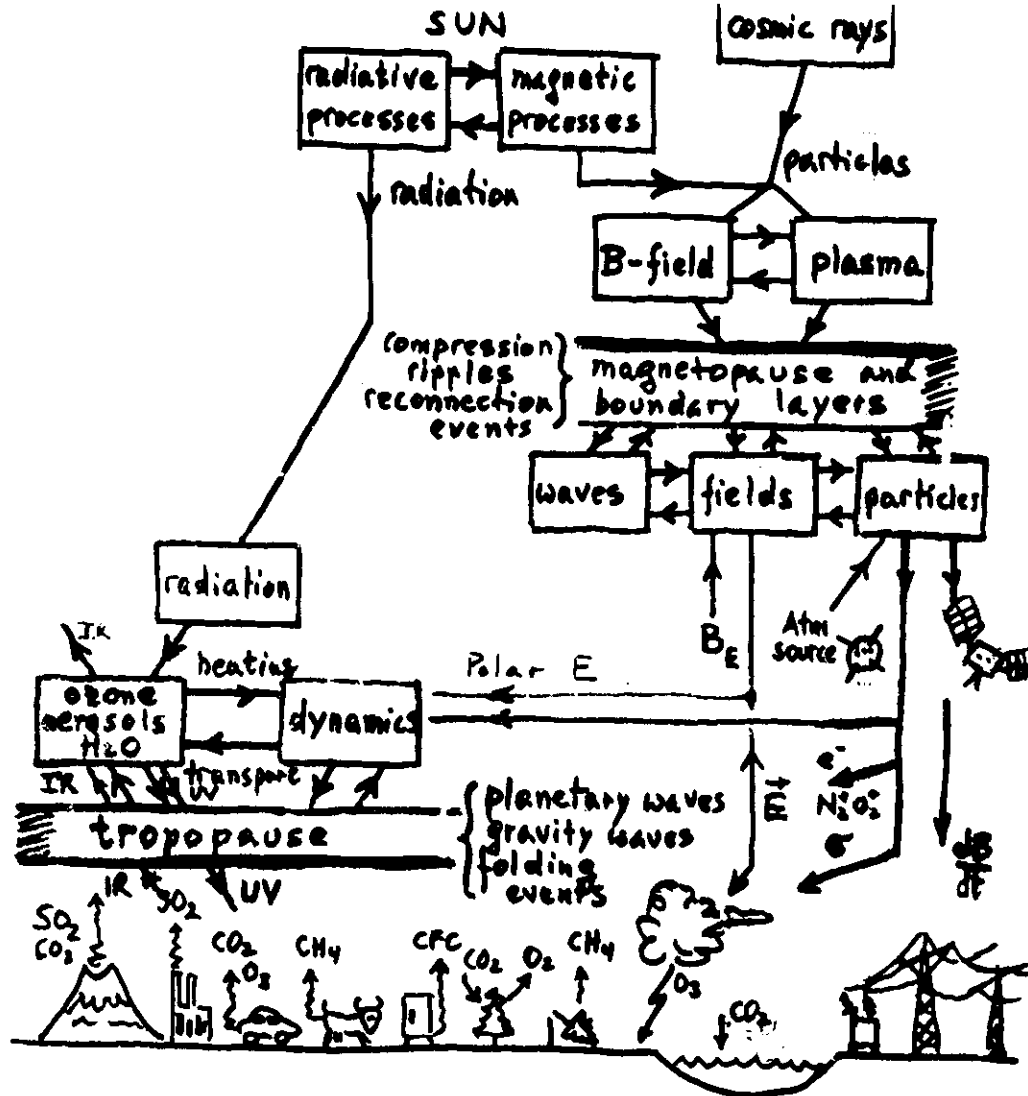
OPPORTUNITIES

Energetic electrons
Convection
Effects on technological systems
Effects on biota

STEP

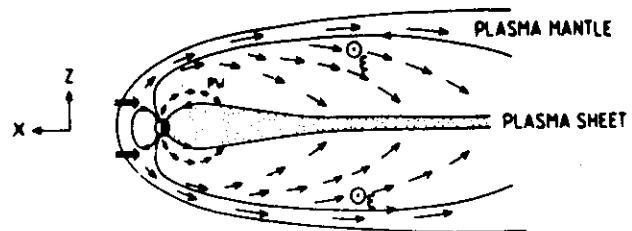




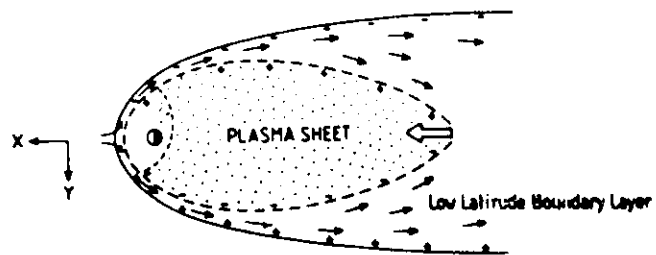


- SUN, SOLAR WIND, COSMIC RAYS
- MAGNETOSPHERE, IONOSPHERE, THERMOSPHERE
- MIDDLE ATMOSPHERE, STRATOSPHERE
- TROPOSPHERE, ANTHROPOSPHERE, BIOSPHERE

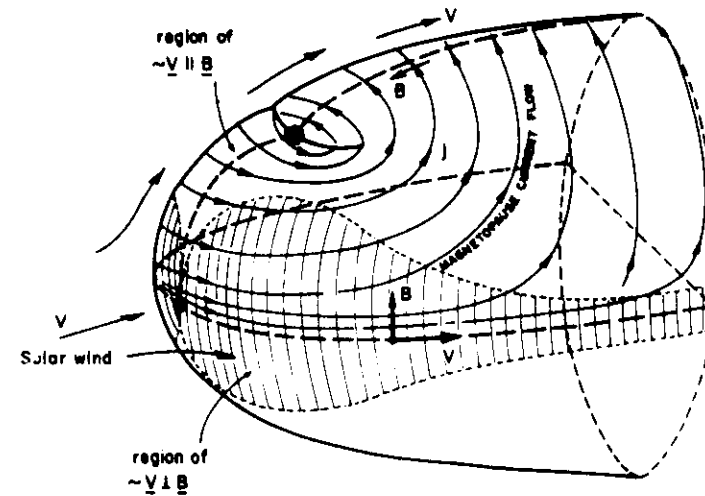
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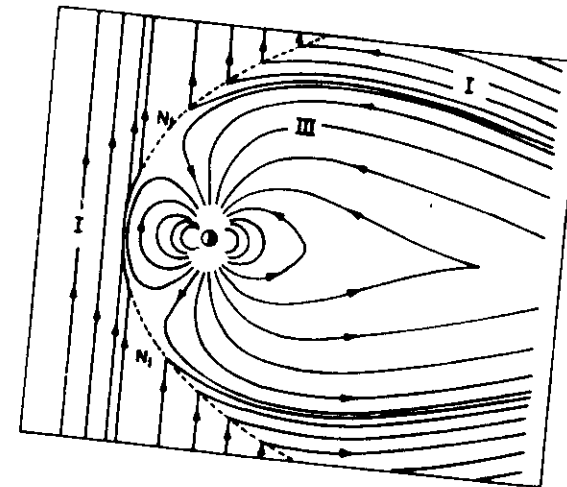
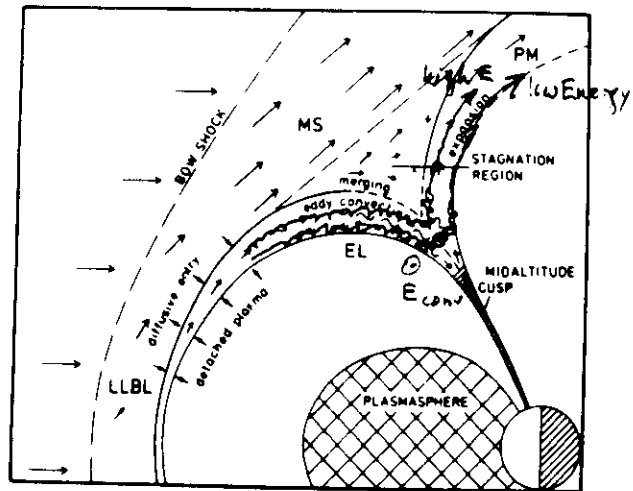
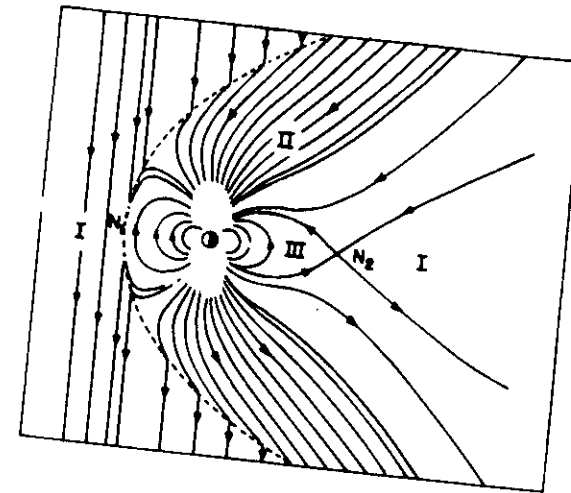
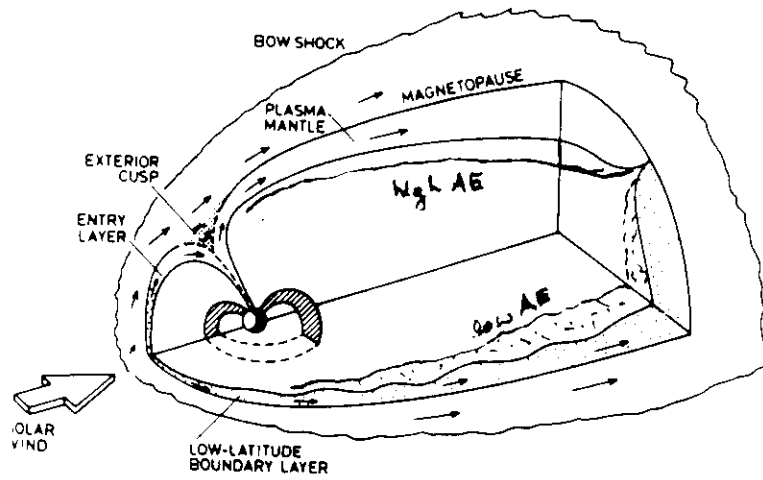


(1) Lobe/Plasma Mantle Source



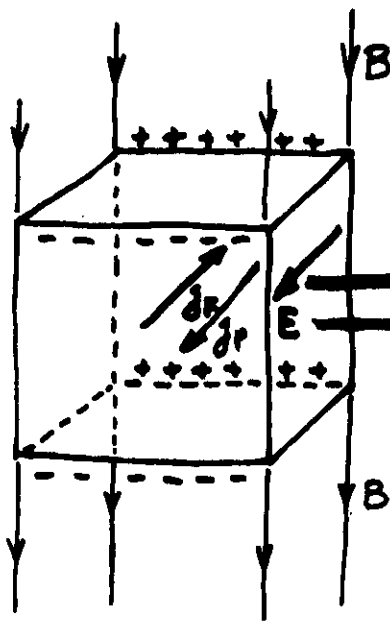
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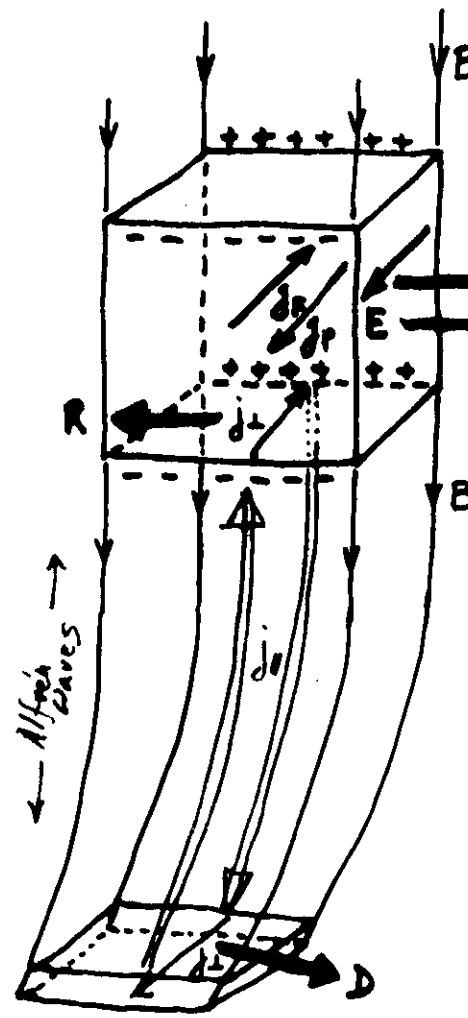


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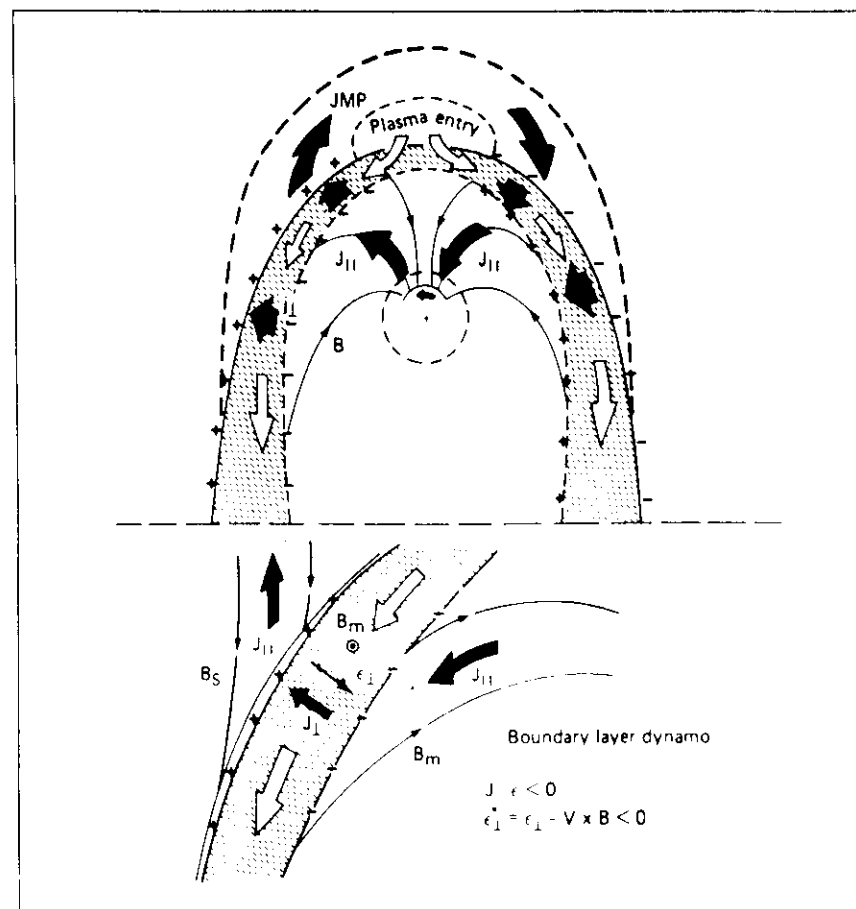
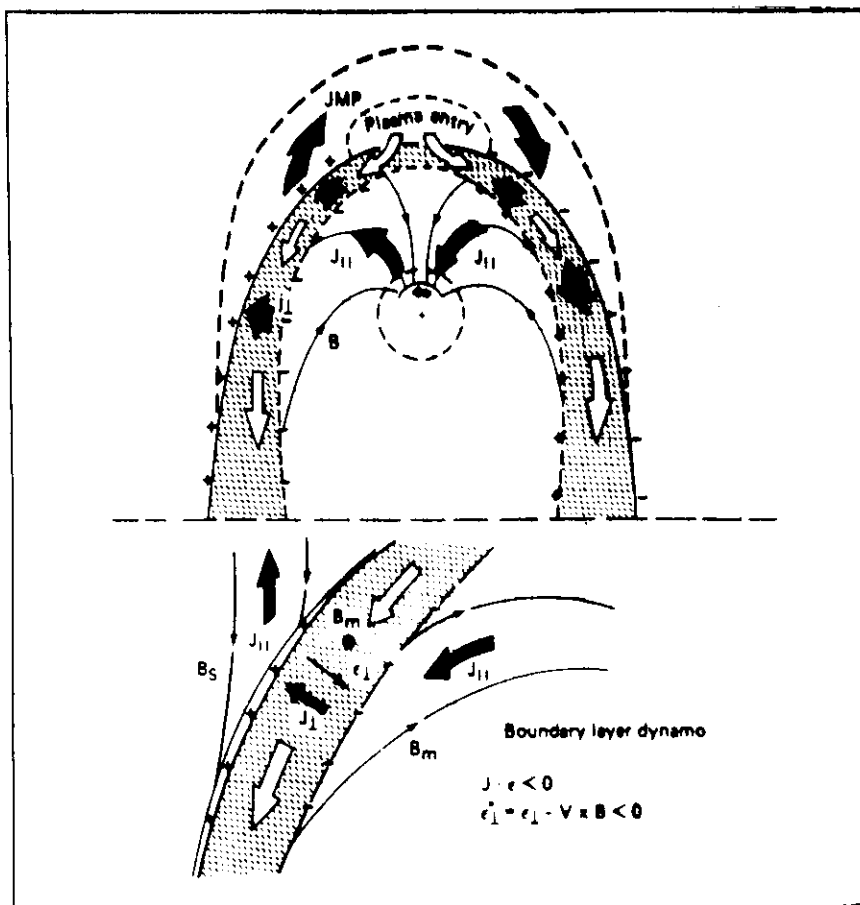


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 2. $j_p = \vec{f} \times \vec{B} / B^2$
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8. $j_{||}, j_\perp$
9. $R = j_\perp \times B_{||}$
 $D = j_{||} \times B_{||}$
 $R \sim V$ (viscous)
10. Curving B
11. Curvature-drift current $\rightarrow R$
12. Communications via Alfvén w.
13. "Peeling off" and discontinuities



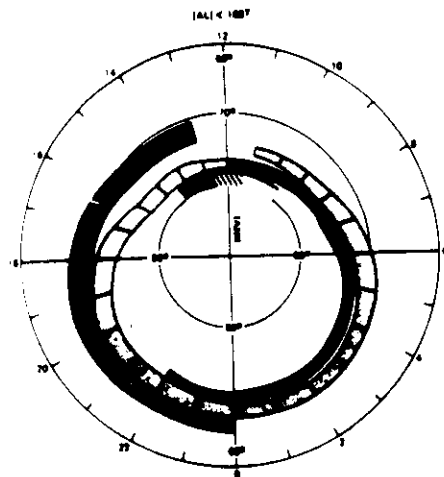


Fig. 6.24. A more complete pattern of field-aligned currents when the IMF has a southward component and $B_z = 0.1$. An additional field-aligned current system resides near local noon. These 'noon' currents have a dominant polarity determined by the y component of the IMF. [After Iijima and Potemra (1976). Reproduced with permission of the American Geophysical Union.]

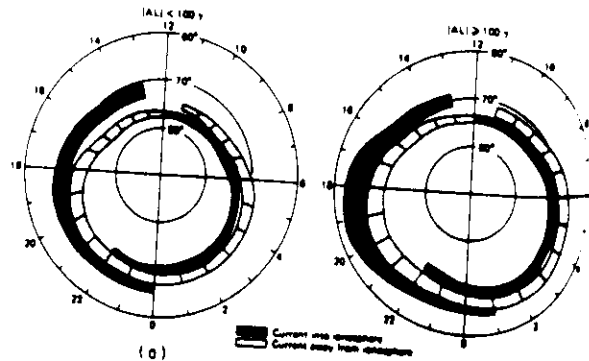


Fig. 6.25. Two overlapping rings of field-aligned currents always exist at high latitudes. They occur at higher latitudes and have smaller latitudinal extent during quiet times. The inner ring is termed region 1 current and the outer ring region 2. [After Iijima and Potemra (1978). Reproduced with permission of the American Geophysical Union.]

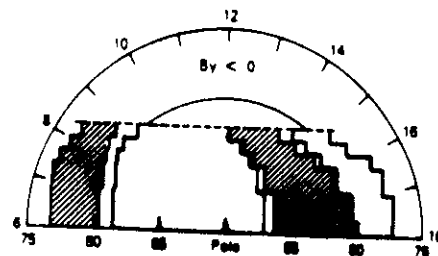
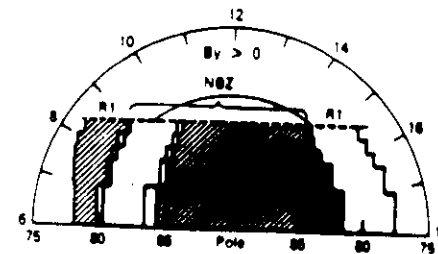


Fig. 6.26. Cusp currents in the southern hemisphere shown for the case when the IMF has a northward component. The cusp currents expand to fill the polar cusp and have been called NBZ currents. Their dominant polarity is determined by the y component of the IMF. [After Iijima *et al.* (1984). Reproduced with permission of the American Geophysical Union.]

