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Ionospheric ions in the magnetosphere: Important at large and small scales

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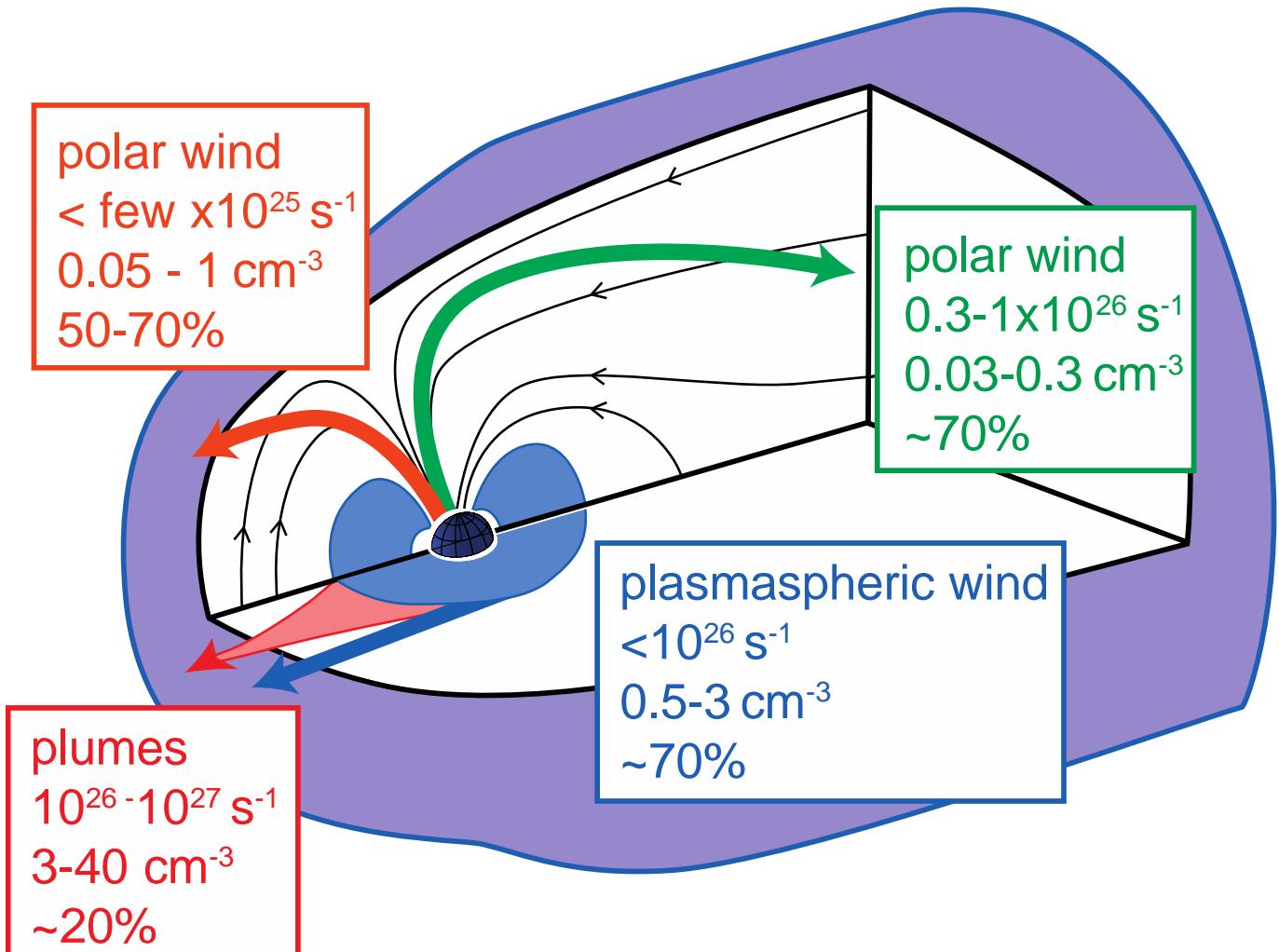
Cold (few eV) ions dominate:

- **Most of the magnetosphere
(number density)**
- **Most of the time**
- **Much of the outflow**

These ions:

- **Change the Alfvén velocity**
- **Introduce a new length-scale
(gyro radius)**

Large scales: Cold ion outflow



- Outflow paths
- Outflow rates
- Typical densities
- Fraction of time cold ions dominate
(Cluster statistics, André and Cully, GRL, 2012)

Large scales: Some statistical studies

High latitude: Cusp/cleft, Polar Cap, Auroral Region

Spacecraft	Nominal energy range (eV)	Altitude (R_E)	Upflow rate (10^{26} ions/s); ion species
Cluster ¹	0 - 60	5 - 20	0.6 - 2.4 (mainly H ⁺)
Polar/TIDE ²	<1 - 100	8	1.3 (mainly H ⁺)
Polar/TIDE ³	<1 - 450	0.8	1.7 (mainly H ⁺)
Akebono ⁴	<1 - 70	1 - 1.5	0.2 - 2(H ⁺ and O ⁺)
DE ⁵	10 - 17,000	2.5-3.7	0.2 - 2 (H ⁺ and O ⁺)
Polar/TIMAS ⁶	15 - 33,000	0.8	0.08 (H ⁺ and O ⁺)
Cluster/CODIF ⁷	25 - 38,000	10 - 15	0.1 - 2.2 (O ⁺)

Low latitude: Magnetopause (plumes)

Spacecraft	Nominal energy range (eV)	Outflow rate (10^{26} ions/s)
Cluster ⁸	0 - 1000	1 - 10
MPA ⁹	1 - 40,000	2
IMAGE ¹⁰	wide range	3.8 - 21

Low latitude: Magnetopause (wind)

Spacecraft	Nominal energy range (eV)	Outflow rate (10^{26} ions/s)
Cluster ⁸	0 - 1000	0.1 - 1

¹André *et al.* [2015], ²Su *et al.* [1998], ³Huddleston *et al.* [2005], ⁴Cully *et al.* [2003],

⁵Yau and André [1997], ⁶Peterson *et al.* [2006, 2008], ⁷Slapak *et al.* [2017], ⁸André and Cully [2012],

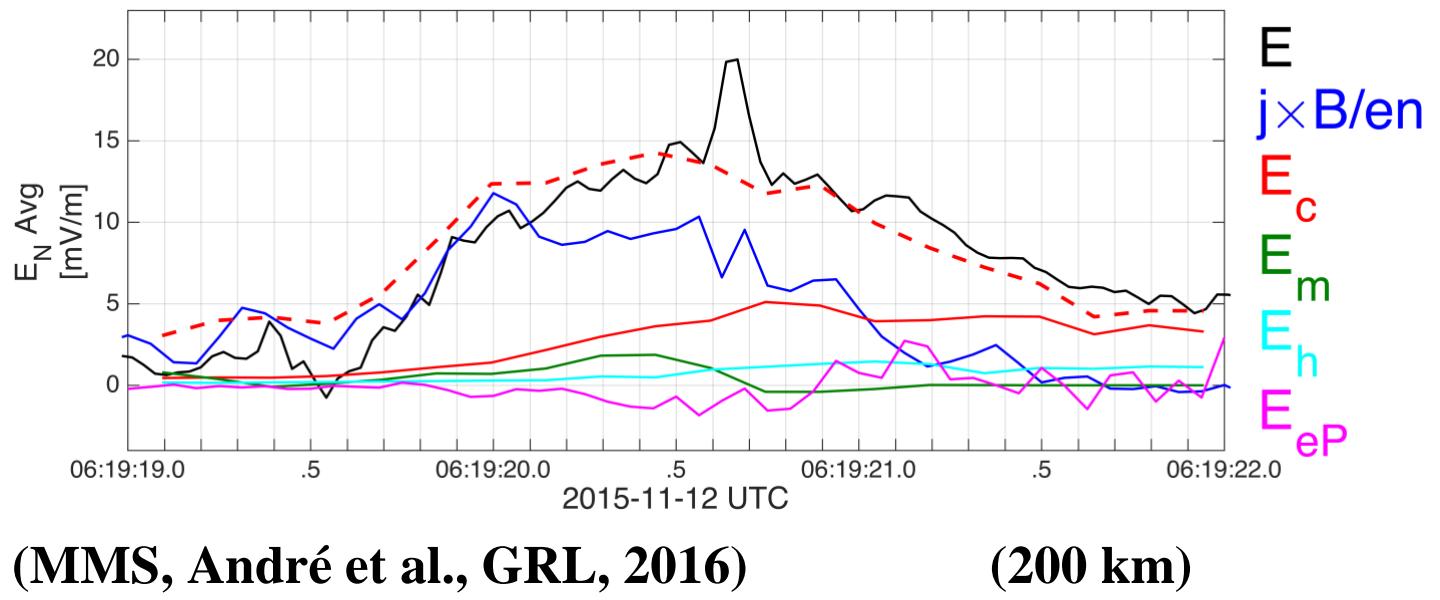
⁹Magnetospheric Plasma Analyzers Borovsky and Denton [2008], ¹⁰Spasojevic and Sandel [2010],

Examples of statistical studies of ion upflow at high latitudes and ion outflow through the magnetopause at low latitudes.

A typical outflow rate is 10^{26} ions/s

(André, Toledo-Redondo and Yau, in press, 2020)

Small scales: Generalized Ohm's law



Magnetopause magnetic reconnection separatrix observed by MMS

E_N is balanced by drifting electrons and cold ions and divergence of the electron pressure tensor

$$(1/e n)(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{B}) - (n_c/n)(\mathbf{v}_c \times \mathbf{B}) - 1/(e n) \operatorname{div} \mathbf{P}_e$$

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