Electron Bernstein waves driven by electron crescents near electron diffusion region

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2. Electron diffusion region at dayside magnetopause

Electron diffusion region encounter



- B: B_L turning from negative to positive; Guide field ~12 nT; |B| minimal ~8.2 nT;
- 2. Number density decrease
- 3. Northward ion outflow
- 4. Strong electron jets with agyrotropic features
- 5. Strong Te anisotropy inside MSP separatrix
- 6. Strong \textbf{E}_{N} at the MSP separatrix and wave activities

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• EBWs at the electron-scale Hall current reversal



- Strong Hall magnetic B_M on MSH side of neutral line
- 2. Reversal of the strong Hall current \boldsymbol{J}_{L} at the \boldsymbol{B}_{M} peak
- Crescent-shaped electron distributions at the times of Hall current J_L peaks
- 4. Electron Bernstein waves observed at the \textbf{J}_{L} reversal

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1. ~60 mV/m E fluctuations

2. E spectral peaks
separately by f_{ce} harmonics
3. extremely weak (~0.02 nT)

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4. Quasi-linear; nearly perpendicular to ambient **B**

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- positive f_e slope along crescents
- 2. direction with largest positive slope is close to δE_{max}

3.
$$W_c = \frac{m_e n_c v_c^2}{2} \sim 10^4 W_E$$
$$W_E = \frac{\epsilon_0 |\delta \mathbf{E}|^2}{2}$$

4. positive slope velocity 8000 km/s —> V_{ph} ; frequency of peak wave power ~5.7 kHz; wavelength (1.4 km) is close to ρ_e

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4. Summary

• Electron Bernstein waves driven by crescents



- 1. Large-amplitude EBWs at the electron-scale boundary of the Hall current reversal near an EDR encounter.
- 2. The EBWs are driven by electron crescents.
- 3. The EBWs electric potentials are large enough to thermalize and diffuse the electron crescents near the EDR.

5. EBWs versus Upper-Hybrid waves

