

1 **Energetic electron enhancements under radiation belt ($L < 1.2$) during a**
2 **nonstorm interval on August 1, 2008**

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11 **Abstract**

12 An unusual event of deep injections of >30 keV electrons from the radiation belt to low L shells
13 ($L < 1.2$) in midnight-dawn sector was found from NOAA/POES observations during quiet
14 geomagnetic conditions on August 1, 2008. Using THEMIS observations in front of the bow
15 shock, we found transient foreshock conditions and IMF discontinuities passing the subsolar
16 region at that time. These conditions resulted in generation of plasma pressure pulses and fast
17 plasma jets observed by THEMIS, respectively, in the foreshock and magnetosheath. Signatures
18 of interactions of pressure pulses and jets with the magnetopause were found in THEMIS and
19 GOES measurements in the dayside magnetosphere and ground magnetogram records from
20 INTERMAGNET. The jets produce penetration of hot magnetosheath plasma into the dayside
21 magnetosphere as were observed by the THEMIS probes after approaching the magnetopause.
22 High-latitude precipitation of the hot plasma were observed by NOAA/POES satellites on the
23 dayside. The precipitations preceded the >30 keV electron injections at low latitudes. We
24 propose a scenario of possible association between the phenomena observed.

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26 **Key words:** quasi-trapped energetic electrons, deep particle injections, plasma jets, subsolar
27 foreshock

29 **1. Introduction**

30 Deep injections of tens to hundreds of keV particles into the inner radiation belt, i.e. drift shells
31 $L < 3$, during quiet or weak geomagnetic activity have recently become one of the main issues of
32 radiation belt dynamics (e.g., Park et al., 2010; Zhao and Li, 2013; Turner et al., 2017). Injection
33 or transport of particles implies violation of adiabatic motion and changing of L-shell. The cause
34 of nonstorm injections has not yet been understood.

35 The mechanisms responsible for the violation of adiabatic motion of energetic particles at low L
36 were a subject of recent studies. The studies presented some intriguing challenges for current
37 models of energetic particle injections. Observations showed that tens to hundreds of keV
38 electrons penetrate deeper than MeV energy electrons (e.g., Zhao and Li, 2013). The keV-energy
39 electrons can often penetrate down to the slot region separating the inner and outer radiation
40 belts ($L \sim 2.5 - 3.5$) and into the inner radiation belt at $L < 2$ (e.g., Turner et al., 2017). Moreover,
41 the deepest penetrations of energetic electrons were revealed even below the inner radiation belt
42 at $L < 1.2$ (Asikainen and Mursula, 2005; Suvorova et al. 2012; 2013; Dmitriev et al., 2017).

43 From a comparison of deep penetrations of electrons and protons, Zhao et al. (2017a) have
44 revealed principle differences in these phenomena suggesting different underlying physical
45 mechanisms responsible for deep penetrations of protons and electrons. Particularly, deep proton
46 penetration is consistent with convection of plasma sheet protons, and deep electron penetration
47 suggests the existence of a local time localized mechanism. Moreover, Turner et al. (2015; 2017)
48 showed that the deep injections of electrons at $L < 4$ resulted from a different mechanism than
49 injections observed at higher L shells. Particularly, Turner et al. (2015) hypothesized that the
50 mechanism could be related to wave activity in the Pi2 frequency range, which usually serves as
51 an indicator of substorm activity. Overall, dynamics of the tens to hundred keV electrons at low
52 L-shells is very different from dynamics of both protons and electrons at higher L-shells and also
53 in higher energy range. The electron injections at $L < 3$ cannot be explained by an enhanced

54 convection electric field, convection of plasma sheet electrons or inward radial diffusion (e.g.,
55 Turner et al., 2017; Zhao et al., 2017a)

56 The ability of energetic electrons to penetrate deeply in the inner zone and below is still puzzling.
57 An answer to the question may be found by investigating the relation of deep injections of
58 energetic electrons to solar wind parameters, geomagnetic activity indices and other parameters
59 of magnetospheric and ionospheric responses (Suvorova, 2017; Zhao et al., 2017b). Rapid
60 enhancements of electron fluxes in the inner zone and below have been known for a long time in
61 association with strong magnetic storms (e.g., Krasovskii et al., 1961; Savenko et al., 1962;
62 Pfitzer and Winckler, 1968). However, increased statistics have revealed that deep injections of
63 keV-energy electrons may occur frequently, and furthermore, regardless of storm strength
64 (Tadokoro et al., 2007; Park et al., 2010; Zhao and Li, 2013; Suvorova et al., 2013, 2016).

65 The statistical study by Suvorova (2017) showed that electron injections into the forbidden zone
66 ($L < 1.2$) are relatively rare and occur mostly during magnetic storms and substorms. But
67 sometimes, they also occur during nonstorm conditions and weak substorm activity. This fact is
68 consistent with the recent finding of “quiet” injections in the inner radiation belt mentioned
69 above. A case of “quiet” injections of energetic electrons at $L < 1.2$ is in the focus of our study.

70 Here, we summarize the main characteristics of the electron injections into the very low L-shells
71 from several papers (Suvorova and Dmitriev, 2015; Suvorova, 2017; Dmitriev et al., 2017). The
72 quasi-trapped energetic electron population in the forbidden zone, referred to as forbidden
73 energetic electrons (FEE), can be characterized as transient with highly variable fluxes. The
74 behavior of FEE is similar to keV energy trapped electrons in the inner radiation belt with flux
75 enhancements in response to magnetic storms (e.g., Tadokoro et al., 2007; Dmitriev and Yeh,
76 2008; Zhao et al., 2017a). Simultaneous measurements of particles by satellites at different
77 altitudes provided clear evidence that the forbidden zone enhancements of energetic electrons
78 were caused by fast penetration of the inner belt electrons (Suvorova et al., 2014). As known, an
79 important role in fast transport of particles during storms is played by magnetic and electric field

80 perturbations. Such perturbations are usually associated with the influence of magnetospheric
81 substorms, or nighttime processes of magnetic field dipolarizations in the magnetotail (e.g.,
82 Glocer et al., 2011). However, substorm signatures in the magnetic field in the low- L region ($L <$
83 2) have never been observed.

84 The most probable mechanism of the FEE injections was suggested as the ExB drift (Suvorova et
85 al., 2012), and most of researchers consider and model an electric drift of inner belt electrons in
86 the ExB fields, even though the electric field must be very high (e.g., Zhao and Li, 2013; Lejosne
87 and Mozer, 2016; Selesnick et al., 2016; Su et al., 2016). According to simulation results of
88 Selesnick et al. (2016), the electric field of ~ 5 mV/m can provide deep injections at $L < 1.3$. There
89 is no explanation for penetration of a strong electric field to such low L -shells. What is more
90 important, there is no reliable information on electric fields at heights of 500-2000 km, because
91 measurements there are difficult, and, as a consequence of this, empirical electric field models
92 are limited and do not provide the results below $L \sim 2$ (e.g., Rowland and Wygant, 1998; Matsui
93 et al., 2013). The most modern research suggests that the actual strength of penetration electric
94 fields can be stronger than any existing electric field model at $L < 2$ (Su et al., 2016).

95 A relation between the FEE injections and geomagnetic activity was studied in (Suvorova et al.,
96 2013; 2014). It seemed for a while that intense geomagnetic activity like auroral substorms was
97 one of the necessary factors for deep electron injections, and the storm-time Dst -variation did not
98 control the FEE occurrences (Suvorova et al., 2014). It was suggested that substorm-associated
99 strong electric field can penetrate to the low L region, thereby creating the conditions for fast
100 earthward transport of trapped electrons in crossed E and B fields. Note that recent modeling of
101 the ExB transport mechanism at $L < 1.3$ demonstrated that the mechanism can successfully
102 operate in the low L region (Selesnick et al., 2016).

103 However, after that, many FEE events were found during moderate and weak auroral activity,
104 which was typical for pre-storm (initial phase) or even non-storm conditions and, moreover, high
105 AE index does not always guarantee injections (Suvorova and Dmitriev, 2015). Indeed,

106 statistically, such a casual relationship with substorms was not confirmed (Suvorova, 2017).
107 From total statistics of ~530 days with FEE enhancements collected during two solar cycles,
108 more than three dozen days without essential substorm activity were found. These “quiet” events
109 occurred over past decade from 2006 to 2016. The FEE enhancements in that case were observed
110 only in low energy range of tens of keV.

111 It is important to mention that one interesting feature was unexpectedly found from the statistical
112 study. It is that the most favorable conditions for the FEE enhancements arise in the period from
113 May to September independently on geomagnetic activity level. A second, minor peak of the
114 occurrence appears in the December - January period. Suvorova (2017) suggested an important
115 role of the auroral ionosphere in the occurrence of FEE injections. The peculiar annual variation
116 of the FEE occurrence rate was explained by a change in conductance of the auroral ionosphere.
117 The conductance depends directly on the illumination of the noon sector of the auroral zone. A
118 seasonal variation (summer-winter asymmetry) of dayside conductance was demonstrated by
119 Sibeck et al. (1996). As known, the high-latitude ionosphere is better illuminated during solstice
120 periods, with that the illumination of the northern region is higher than the illumination of the
121 southern one because of the dipole axis offset relative to the Earth’s center. This fact can explain
122 an existence of two peaks of the FEE occurrence with the major one during the northern summer
123 period.

124 External drivers from the solar wind should trigger some processes in the magnetosphere-
125 ionosphere system that might result in the electron injections into the forbidden zone. However,
126 the external drivers are necessary but often not sufficient for FEE enhancements to occur. If the
127 auroral ionosphere is sunlit, then impact of external drivers more likely results in the electron
128 injections into the forbidden zone. In this case, the factor of the dayside auroral ionosphere
129 conductivity is sufficient, and it comes to the fore during weak geomagnetic activity. The
130 relevant processes in the magnetosphere-ionosphere chain during magnetic quiet are still unclear.
131 A comprehensive analysis of the solar wind drivers and magnetospheric response may help us to

132 lift the veil. In this paper, we study prominent FEE enhancements during nonstorm condition on
133 August 1, 2008 in order to determine their possible drivers in the solar wind. Note that this event
134 is a subset (1%) of the total statistics collected by Suvorova (2017) during various conditions,
135 from magnetic quiet to extremely strong geomagnetic storms.

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137 **2. Observations on August 1, 2008**

138 **2.1. Forbidden Electron Enhancements**

139 Figure 1 shows large enhancements of the >30 keV electron fluxes at low latitudes on August 1,
140 2008. The data were compiled from all orbital passes of five NOAA/POES satellites. The
141 electron fluxes in the energy ranges >30 , >100 and >300 keV were measured by the MEPED
142 instruments boarded on each satellite. The MEPED instrument includes two identical electron
143 solid-state detector telescopes and measures particle fluxes in two directions: along and
144 perpendicular to the local vertical direction (Evans and Greer, 2004). The data shown in Figure 1
145 are from the 0-degree telescope oriented along the orbital radius-vector (i.e. vertically), so that it
146 measured quasi-trapped particles near the equator and precipitating particles in the auroral region.
147 The forbidden zone is defined as $L < 1.2$ in the longitudinal range from 0° to 260°E (or 100°W)
148 that is beyond the South Atlantic anomaly (SAA). The drift L-shells are calculated from IGRF-
149 2005 model. Figure 1a shows the observations of >30 keV electrons at 0 - 12 UT. At that time,
150 the satellites passed the same regions but they did not detect any FEE enhancements. Figure 1b
151 shows the interval 12 - 24 UT, when fluxes of >30 keV quasi-trapped electrons in the forbidden
152 zone increased by 3 orders of magnitude above a background of $\sim 10^2$ ($\text{cm}^2 \text{ s sr}^{-1}$).

153 We have selected FEE enhancements with intensity $>10^3$ ($\text{cm}^2 \text{ s sr}^{-1}$). As found previously, the
154 flux enhancements at low latitudes are peculiar to the quasi-trapped energetic electrons
155 (Suvorova et al., 2012). In contrast, enhancements of electrons precipitating at low latitudes are
156 very rare, weak and short. During the event, precipitating electron fluxes in the forbidden zone
157 did not increase (not shown). Fluxes of the precipitating and quasi-trapped >100 keV electrons

158 and >30 keV protons did not increase also (not shown). The quasi-trapped electrons are
159 mirroring at heights below the satellite orbit (~ 850 km) in a region of $\pm 30^\circ$ latitudes, and drift
160 eastward with a rate of 17° - 19° per hour toward the SAA area, where they are lost due to
161 scattering in the dense atmosphere.

162 Figure 2 and Table 1 present main characteristics of 15 FEE enhancements detected along
163 equatorial passes of NOAA/POES satellites (P2=MetOp2, P5=NOAA-15, P6=NOAA-16,
164 P7=NOAA-17, P8=NOAA-18). The fluxes kept at the enhanced level for several hours. We
165 analyze the peak fluxes in the FEE enhancements (time, local time, longitude, and L-shell).
166 Positions of the satellite orbital planes provided a good coverage of the entire local time (LT)
167 range: 9 - 21 LT (P2 and P7), 5 - 17 LT (P5 and P6), and 2 - 14 LT (P8). The coverage allows
168 determining the injection region with uncertainty of approximately 2 h. The first FEE
169 enhancement was observed at ~ 1250 UT in Central Pacific at night time (2 LT), and the last
170 (enhancement number F15) was detected at ~ 2310 UT near the western edge of SAA at day time
171 (17 LT). As seen in Figure 2a,b, the FEE enhancements peak at minimal L-shells, i.e. at the
172 equator. The fluxes decrease quickly with growing L. This pattern corresponds to a fast radial
173 transport (injection) of electrons from the inner radiation belt. Note that pitch-angular scattering
174 of electrons gives different profiles: the fluxes should be minimal at the equator and grow with
175 L-shell.

176 It was shown statistically that electron deep injections into the forbidden zone occur in the
177 midnight - morning sector (Suvorova, 2017). During typical geomagnetic disturbances, nighttime
178 FEE enhancements are observed shortly after local injections and near an injection site, while
179 subsequent FEE enhancements at daytime are already the result of azimuthal drift of electrons
180 injected at nighttime. Hence, the nighttime (~ 2 LT) enhancements F1 and F4 of >30 keV
181 electron fluxes indicate approximately the time of injection, respectively, at ~ 1250 and ~ 1430
182 UT or a little bit earlier. After 1530 UT, enhancements were observed at daytime (numbers F7,
183 F9, and F11-15) and are therefore associated with drifting electrons.

184 All remaining enhancements F2, F3, F5, F6, F8 and F10 of >30 keV electron fluxes were
185 observed in the early morning (5 LT) for a long time interval of ~ 4 h that lead us to suspect that
186 the enhancements were observed near the injection site. Nevertheless, we examine the
187 assumption about drift by comparing these enhancements with the injection time for numbers 1
188 and 4 in Table 1. For the enhancements F1 and F2, 30 keV electrons injected at 1250 UT must
189 drift $\sim 35.4^\circ$ of longitude in order to reach the observing satellite P5. It takes ~ 112 min with the
190 drift rate of $19^\circ/\text{h}$ for 30 keV electrons at $L\sim 1.2$. However, the observed time difference between
191 F1 and F2 is only 25 min that is too short for drifting from the longitude of F1 to the longitude of
192 F2. The enhancements F1 and F3 have the longitudinal difference of 26° for 1 h that is much
193 larger than 19° produced by the drift of ~ 30 keV electrons. In case of higher energy electrons
194 (e.g., ~ 50 keV), the flux should have decreased notably due to falling energy spectrum.

195 Likewise, one can infer that the enhancement F4 also did not result in the enhancements F5 and
196 F6 and certainly not in the enhancements F8 and F10. Therefore, the specific longitudinal and
197 local time distributions of the enhancements indicate multiple injections during about 4.5 h in the
198 sector of 0 - 6 LT, and the injection region was confined within 3 h of local time over central and
199 eastern Pacific. In general, these characteristic of injections are in well agreement with those
200 found from the statistics (Suvorova, 2017).

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202 **2.2. Upstream Solar Wind Conditions**

203 An intriguing aspect of these FEE injection events is that they occurred under quiet, nonstorm
204 conditions, characterized by $Dst/SYM-H \sim 0$ nT and $AE < 100$ nT (see Figure 3). We examine
205 solar wind parameters to search for drivers inducing such deep electron injections. We focus on a
206 comparison between the solar wind parameters measured far upstream and near the bow shock
207 and on their influence on the magnetospheric magnetic field during the period of interest. Global
208 indices of geomagnetic activity and upstream solar wind from the OMNI database in GSM
209 coordinates are shown in Figure 3.

210 As seen in Figure 3, the solar wind speed and density smoothly varied around averages of 400
211 km/s and 6 to 4 cm^{-3} , respectively, that resulted in gradual change of the dynamic pressure Pd
212 from 2 to 1 nPa. The interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) can be characterized as weakly
213 disturbed by small-scale structures because of chaotic variations of the magnetic field
214 components and discontinuities, particularly during the first half of the day. Also, in this period,
215 the B_z component was predominately positive. Later, there was a short interval from 1500 to
216 1800 UT, when IMF orientation was relatively steady with a continuous negative B_z of about -2
217 nT. The AL index increased from 16 to 18 UT with a peak of -250 nT. The 1 min $SYM-H$ index
218 was > -10 nT throughout the whole day, indicating there was no geomagnetic storm.

219 Overall, the OMNI magnetic and plasma parameters can be characterized as almost undisturbed
220 in the period of the FEE enhancements from 1200 to 2300 UT. Obviously, the weak auroral
221 activity at ~ 1700 UT could not result in extremely deep injections of the energetic electrons,
222 which started much earlier, around 1300 UT. Whereas, looking on the PC index, which
223 represents magnetic activity in the northern (PCN) and southern (PCS) polar caps (Troshichev et
224 al., 1988), one can see a clear disturbance, particularly in the northern polar cap, in the period
225 from 1300 to 1530 UT. But it's difficult to identify appropriate solar wind drivers for
226 interpretation of this polar cap activity.

227 This raises the question of actual solar wind characteristics at the near-Earth location during the
228 event. The FEE enhancement event under the nonstorm condition and mild, ordinary solar wind
229 properties presents intriguing challenge to current understanding of the energetic particle
230 injections, which usually are associated with intense substorm activity. From the characteristic
231 PC-index behavior, we suspect the actual solar wind parameters affecting the magnetosphere
232 may be different from those predicted by OMNI. Fortunately, the near-Earth THEMIS mission
233 can provide necessary reliable information on upstream conditions.

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235 **2.3. THEMIS foreshock observations**

236 During the time interval from 1200 to 1800 UT, the THEMIS-C satellite (TH-C) moved from the
237 subsolar region (17.2, -0.3, -5.9 Re GSM) toward dusk (18.1, 3.4, -5.9 Re GSM) (see Figure 4).
238 From the TH-C plasma and magnetic measurements (Figure 5), we infer that the probe was
239 located upstream of the bow shock, whose average subsolar position was estimated as ~ 14.6 Re
240 for $Pd \sim 1.5$ nPa (Fairfield, 1971). Figure 5a shows measurements of the THEMIS-C/FGM
241 fluxgate magnetometer in GSM coordinates with a time resolution of ~ 3 s (Auster et al., 2008)
242 and the ion spectrograms from THEMIS-C/ESA plasma instrument (McFadden et al., 2008). The
243 ion spectrogram clearly demonstrates that hot ions (~ 1 keV) are of the solar wind origin and
244 magnitudes of magnetic field components correspond to IMF components in Figure 3. The
245 magnetic field components measured in situ by TH-C are compared with those predicted by
246 OMNI and shown in Figure 5b. Also, Figure 5c presents the IMF cone angles, between the IMF
247 vector and the Earth-Sun line, for both magnetic data sets. In Figure 5d, dynamic pressure for
248 OMNI, ACE and TH-C are compared.

249 We evaluate characteristics of the upstream solar wind structures actually affecting the
250 magnetosphere during the period of the FEE enhancements. From 1100 UT to 1320 UT, three
251 TH-C magnetic components demonstrated small-amplitude variations, and the B_z component
252 had northward direction. During this time, there were discrepancies between magnetic
253 components of the TH-C and OMNI data caused mostly by time shift of ~ 10 - 15 min, so that TH-
254 C observed arrival of the solar wind structures at earlier time than that predicted by OMNI. With
255 time correction, one can achieve better consistency in the two magnetic data sets except the
256 difference in the B_x components about 1310 UT.

257 In Figure 5c, the OMNI cone angle dropped below 30° between 1330 and 1520 UT that
258 corresponded to quasi-radial IMF orientation (IMF is almost along the Earth-Sun line), whereas
259 cone angle variations detected by TH-C were very different from the OMNI data. After 1500 UT,
260 the OMNI data do not match the TH-C observation any more, even with time correction. About
261 ~ 1320 UT, ~ 1400 UT and after 1440 UT, the in-situ observation of THEMIS shows large-

262 amplitude fluctuations with duration of tens of minutes in three magnetic components and cone
263 angle (Figure 5a, c). The observed large magnetic fluctuations are ultralow-frequency (ULF)
264 waves, and they are a typical signature of the upstream region of quasi-parallel bow shocks, so-
265 called foreshock (e.g., Schwartz and Burgess, 1991). In addition, in the same time intervals, the
266 plasma spectrogram shows enhancements of suprathermal ion fluxes with energy of >10 keV
267 (upper panel in Figure 5a). This is another distinguishing signature of the foreshock, known as
268 diffuse ion population, which is always observed together with the upstream ULF waves
269 (Gosling et al., 1978; Paschmann et al., 1979). Hence, the upstream foreshock waves and diffuse
270 ions observed by TH-C in the subsolar region are associated distinctly with a radial or quasi-
271 radial IMF orientation in the undisturbed solar wind. Note, that the longest foreshock interval
272 (1435 - 1550 UT) associated with the quasi-radial IMF orientation was observed by ~ 20 min
273 later than that predicted by OMNI.

274 After 1520 UT, the prediction and in-situ data mismatch greatly. The TH-C satellite observed
275 several IMF discontinuities and alternation between spiral and radial orientations of the IMF
276 vector, while the OMNI magnetic field does not change the spiral orientation from 1520 to 1740
277 UT. The foreshock returned to the subsolar region periodically and more frequently in the
278 interval 1600 - 1730 UT than in the earlier period 1320 - 1440 UT. This behavior indicates the
279 transient subsolar foreshock.

280 Note, these two time intervals of frequent foreshock transitions differ in the B_z component: $B_z >$
281 0 at 1320 - 1440 UT and $B_z < 0$ at 1600-1700 UT. It's natural, that the southward B_z results in
282 the weak auroral activity during the later interval. Nevertheless, the changing direction of IMF
283 has the effect on the magnetic activity in the northern polar cap during the both interval (see the
284 PC index in Figure 1).

285 Figure 5d demonstrates large difference in solar wind dynamic pressure acquired from the TH-C
286 probe, the ACE upstream monitor and OMNI data. The ACE data are shifted by 60 min. In
287 contrast to OMNI and ACE, TH-C observed strong fast fluctuations in the dynamic pressure

288 during intervals of subsolar foreshock (see Figure 5c). Note that ACE shows in average a smaller
289 pressure than OMNI predicts, and it is more close to the TH-C observations. The fluctuations in
290 the TH-C measurements are characterized by pressure pulses, which exceed sometimes the
291 dynamic pressure from ACE (e.g., at 1320-1330, 1350, 1420, 1440, 1530 and etc.). The pulses
292 were originated from plasma density enhancements because the plasma velocity remained
293 practically constant at that time (not shown). Similar foreshock phenomenon was described by
294 Fairfield et al. (1990). Apparently, the foreshock pressure pulses were further transported by the
295 solar wind to the magnetosheath and could affect the magnetopause. Similar foreshock pressure
296 pulses and their compression effects in the magnetosphere-ionosphere were reported by
297 Korotova et al. (2011).

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299 **2.4. Magnetospheric magnetic field perturbations**

300 We use magnetic field and plasma measurements in the magnetosphere from the other three
301 THEMIS probes and GOES-12, GOES-10 satellites in order to examine a magnetospheric
302 response to the pressure pulses in the subsolar foreshock, which forms each time with arrival or
303 departure of magnetic flux tubes with quasi-radial IMF orientation. Positions of the TH-B, TH-D,
304 TH-E and GOES-12 satellites in the X-Y GSM plane for the period from 1200 to 1800 UT are
305 shown in Figure 4. We used the model of Lin et al. (2010) to calculate magnetopause position.
306 The OMNI data at 1600 UT are used as input data for the model. The GOES-12 and GOES-10
307 satellites moved from morning to noon (7 - 13 LT and 8-14 LT, respectively). The TH-E and
308 TH-D probes moved outward from prenoon to postnoon, and the TH-B probe moved inward in
309 the afternoon-dusk sectors.

310 Figure 6 shows variations of the B_z component measured by the TH-E, TH-D, and TH-B probes,
311 the magnetic field strength at geosynchronous orbit (GOES-12, -10), the ion spectrogram from the
312 TH-D satellite and the SYM-H index from 1100 to 1800 UT. The THEMIS magnetic data were
313 detrended using the Tsyganenko T04 geomagnetic field model (Tsyganenko and Sitnov, 2005)

314 and IGRF-2005 model (see Figure 6b). The IGRF model describes the Earth's main magnetic
315 field and the T04 model represents magnetic fields from the magnetospheric currents.

316 As seen in Figure 6 (a, e), characteristics of magnetic field and hot plasma indicate that three
317 THEMIS probes were located inside the dayside magnetosphere, a region of strong magnetic
318 field with the magnitude ranging from 40 to 150 nT and low-density of hot (>10 keV) ions.
319 Three THEMIS probes and GOES observed significant perturbations in the magnetic field with
320 increase/decrease of order of several to tens of nT (Figure 6 a-c). After 1600 UT, the largest
321 (negative) amplitudes were observed by TH-D, which was mostly close to the magnetopause.

322 From 11 to 13 UT, one can see several increases of a few nT observed by GOES and/or
323 THEMIS at ~ 1125 , ~ 1200 , ~ 1245 and ~ 1300 UT (Figure 6b). From 1300 to 1500 UT, there are a
324 few characteristic decreases and increases with duration of 20-30 min observed by all probes.
325 The magnetic field increases correspond to magnetospheric compressions, and the decreases are
326 magnetospheric expansions (e.g., Dmitriev and Suvorova, 2012). Prominent magnetic "dimple-
327 hump" structures are indicated by dashed lines (as 1, 2, and 3) and their peaks are listed in Table
328 2. We select peak-to-peak amplitudes exceeded ~ 5 nT in the GOES data (Figure 6c). The
329 dimple-hump structures show the largest amplitudes up to 15 nT in THEMIS data (Figure 6b).

330 After 1600 UT, the TH-D probe observed fast magnetic variations. At that time, the probe was
331 approaching the magnetopause and moving ahead of the TH-E probe (see Figure 4). Note, that
332 the fast magnetic fluctuations are not always seen in SYM-H index because of a low time
333 resolution (1 min). Figure 6e presents the ion spectrogram from TH-D. One can see several
334 short-time intrusions of dense and cold plasma with spectrum typical for the magnetosheath.
335 Moreover, at ~ 1700 and 1710 UT, the magnetospheric field measured by TH-D with positive B_z
336 suddenly overturned to negative B_z for a moment that indicated a magnetosheath encounter.
337 Time moments of peaks in the magnetosheath plasma pressure are indicated by lines 4-10 in
338 Figure 6 and listed in Table 2.

339 As seen in Figures 6b-d, THEMIS magnetic observations well correlate with magnetic field
340 variation observed by GOES-12,-10 in the whole interval. Time of some magnetic peaks
341 coincides well with accuracy of 1 min (e.g., at ~1200, 1300 and 1420 UT), while others
342 demonstrate various delays of 2 - 6 min between different satellites (see Table 2). In Table 2, we
343 also list foreshock pulses related to the magnetic peaks observed in the magnetosphere (see
344 Figure 5d). Comparing the time moments of magnetic peaks and foreshock pressure pulses, we
345 found that the latter often preceded the first ones by one to few minutes.

346 As we have found, the magnetic variations associated with expansion-compression effects could
347 not be caused by the pristine solar wind pressure variations, which were gradual and small
348 during the interval (see Figures 3 and 5). The magnetic perturbations can be related to the
349 foreshock pressure pulses. Unfortunately, THEMIS was not located in the magnetosheath from
350 1200 to 1600 UT, but an analysis of the later interval (1600-1800 UT) can provide important
351 information about penetration of the foreshock pressure pulses through the magnetosheath.

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353 **2.5. Magnetosheath plasma jets interacting with the magnetopause**

354 Figure 7 shows the magnetic field and plasma parameters observed by TH-D, TH-E and TH-C
355 during the interval 1530-1800 UT. In addition, magnetic measurements from GOES 12, IMF
356 cone angle from ACE and TH-C, and dynamic pressure from TH-C are shown. After 1530 UT,
357 the TH-D and TH-E probes have observed magnetic field increases associated with the
358 compression effect (Figure 7d). After 1600 UT, TH-D was approaching the magnetopause and
359 started observing occasionally magnetosheath plasma in the magnetosphere, as seen in the ion
360 spectrogram (e.g., lines #4 – 7 and 10, Figures 7b). After 1700 UT, the probe twice encountered
361 the magnetosheath region as indicated by lines #8 and #9. The magnetosheath plasma can be
362 recognized as dense and cold (<1 keV) ion population.

363 As seen in Figure 7 (panels b and d), not all magnetic peaks are accompanied by plasma
364 penetrations. During the interval, the outermost probe TH-C observed occasionally the foreshock
365 phenomena, such as diffuse ions (≥ 10 keV), ULF waves and pressure pulses (panels a, e, f). As
366 one can see, most of the magnetic peaks at panel d and/or magnetosheath ions at panel b were
367 preceded by the foreshock pressure pulses within 1-5 min (panel f), for example at ~ 1549 , ~ 1611 ,
368 ~ 1625 UT and etc. (see Table 2). There are exceptions for plasma penetrations #6 at 1648 UT
369 and #7 at 1651:30 UT. Note that those events were preceded by IMF discontinuities as one can
370 find in rotation of the cone angle (panel e) at 1645 and 1650 UT, respectively.

371 Figure 8 shows characteristics of magnetosheath plasma in details for three intervals 1600-1630,
372 1630-1700, and 1658-1728 UT. Since plasma charge neutrality means equal density of ions and
373 electrons, Figure 8 presents parameters of the ion component only (panels a-d). Total pressure
374 (P_{tot}) and density (D) of the solar wind plasma measured far upstream by the ACE monitor are
375 also shown for comparison in panels (b, c). The time period from 1600 to 1630 UT is shown in
376 panels (a1-g1). The probes TH-D and TH-E observed magnetic field variation as a specific
377 dimple-hump pattern from 1609 to 1615 UT (panels f1, g1), similar to the variations indicated by
378 lines #1 - #3 in the earlier interval (see Figure 6). This magnetic variation is preceded by the
379 dimple-hump variation in the foreshock pressure as observed by TH-C at 1607 to 1611 UT (see
380 Figure 7f).

381 The dimple-hump variations are followed by penetration of the magnetosheath ions into the
382 magnetosphere as observed by TH-D at 1614 to 1616 UT (#4 in Table 2). At 1614 - 1616 UT,
383 TH-D was located in the magnetosphere but it observed cold ions (~ 100 eV - 3 keV) and
384 electrons (< 1 keV, not shown) of the magnetosheath origin (Figure 8, panel a1). The plasma has
385 maximal speed of > 200 km/s and high density of $3-9$ cm^{-3} that result in the high total pressure of
386 $1.5 - 1.8$ nPa (panels b1-d1). Its dynamical characteristics distinctly exceed the solar wind
387 parameters with density of $4 - 5$ cm^{-3} and total pressure of ~ 1.1 nPa (panels b1, c1). The internal
388 structure of plasma forms 3 prominent pressure pulses between 16:14:50 and 16:16:00 UT, a

389 central pulse is dominated by magnetic component (panel f1) and two lateral pulses are
390 dominated by dense plasma components (panel c1). Two plasma density enhancements produced
391 a diamagnetic effect seen as a characteristic decrease of magnetic field (panel f1). At the outer
392 edge of the plasma structure, the anti-sunward velocity ($V_x < 0$) reached high value of -100 km/s,
393 indicating that the local plasma flow struck and interacted with the magnetopause (panel d1).
394 The V_z component demonstrates a maximal value in southward direction (-200 km/s). Three
395 rotated velocity components V_x , V_y and V_z indicate that vortex-like plasma structure propagated
396 along the magnetopause toward south and dusk. This dense and high-speed plasma structure is
397 analogous to the large-scale magnetosheath plasma jet studied by Dmitriev and Suvorova (2012).
398 The jets are defined as intense localized fast ion fluxes whose kinetic energy density is several
399 times higher than that in the upstream solar wind and duration is longer than 30 sec (Dmitriev
400 and Suvorova, 2015; Plaschke et al., 2018).

401 Panels (a2-g2) in Figure 8 show magnetosheath plasma penetrations #5 - #7 during the time
402 period from 1630 to 1700 UT. The plasma structures #5 and #6 (panel a2) have a short duration
403 and are characterized by extremely high density of 16 and 12 cm^{-3} , respectively, that well explain
404 the compression effects in magnetic measurements from TH-E and TH-D (panels f2, g2).
405 Prolonged plasma structure #7 has lower density of 4 - 9 cm^{-3} and did not produce a notable
406 compression in accordance with to TH-E magnetic measurements (panel g2). Note that the
407 structure #5 was preceded by a foreshock pulse observed at ~1637 UT while there were no
408 foreshock pulses before the structures #6 and #7.

409 It is important that inside each plasma structure, we reveal a dense plasma core, which is
410 characterized by enhanced speed of ~150 or ~220 km/s with a dominant V_z component (negative
411 or positive). These parameters, typical for plasma jets, formed pressure of high magnitude, which
412 exceeded the upstream solar wind pressure by 50-80 % (panel b2). The magnetosheath plasma
413 jets interacted with the magnetopause that resulted in penetration of the magnetosheath plasma
414 into the magnetosphere (Dmitriev and Suvorova, 2015). The amount of penetrated plasma can be

415 comparable with estimates of the total amount of plasma entering the dayside magnetosphere
416 (Sibeck, 1999).

417 During the last period at 1658 - 1728 UT shown in panels (a3-g3), we have an excellent
418 opportunity to examine plasma parameters in the magnetosheath region adjacent to the
419 magnetopause. Panels (a3-f3) show two cases of magnetopause distortions followed by short
420 intervals of the magnetosheath from ~1700 to 1701 UT and from 1711 to ~1715 UT. The TH-D
421 probe at distance of ~10.8 Re and ~13 LT suddenly crossed the magnetopause and moved into
422 the magnetosheath, where $B_z < 0$ (panel f3). Plasma in both magnetosheath intervals has
423 extremely high density ($\sim 20 \text{ cm}^{-3}$) and high velocity ($\leq 200 \text{ km/s}$). In the magnetosheath, one can
424 see local pressure pulses around ~1700 UT and ~1712 UT (lines #8 and 9). For #9 case, TH-E
425 observed a small shallow hump of the magnetic field of a few nT between two depletions at 1707
426 and 1715 UT (panel g3). The last event (#10) shown in Figure 8c is a short penetration of
427 magnetosheath plasma accompanied by a small perturbation in the magnetospheric field
428 observed at ~1724-1725 UT (panels e3, f3). The density and pressure of this structure did not
429 exceed the solar wind parameters (panel b3-d3). Note that foreshock pressure pulses preceded by
430 few minutes the magnetic peaks and plasma structures #8, #9 and #10 as seen in Figure 7.

431 Thus, we found typical characteristics of dense and fast plasma jets in all intrusions of the
432 magnetosheath plasma into the magnetosphere and in the magnetosheath itself. Most of the
433 penetrating magnetosheath jets correspond to the foreshock pressure pulses. All jet-related
434 plasma structures caused local compression effects at the dayside. This finding raises further an
435 interesting question about spatial distribution of geomagnetic field response to the impact of
436 foreshock pressure pulses on the dayside magnetopause during very quiet geomagnetic
437 conditions at 1300 - 1600 UT.

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439 **2.6. Global ground-based magnetic variations**

440 The global dynamics of geomagnetic field perturbations was studied using 1-min magnetic data
441 provided by an INTERMAGNET of ground magnetometers ([http://www.intermagnet.org/index-](http://www.intermagnet.org/index-eng.php)
442 [eng.php](http://www.intermagnet.org/index-eng.php)). We used magnetic stations located at geomagnetic latitudes below $\sim 60^\circ$ (Table 3),
443 where a significant effect of different propagation time of MHD waves in the magnetosphere was
444 almost hidden at 1 min resolution. We grouped magnetic stations in meridional and latitudinal
445 chains.

446 Figure 9 presents relative variations of horizontal (H) component measured at equatorial and low
447 geomagnetic latitudes (from 0° to $\sim 20^\circ$) in the interval from 1100 to 1600 UT. The stations are
448 arranged in local time from morning to postmidnight. The GOES-12 and detrended TH-D
449 magnetic data are shown at bottom. Four magnetic field pulses of different amplitudes are seen
450 around ~ 1200 , ~ 1335 - 1345 , ~ 1422 - 1430 and ~ 1545 - 1550 UT practically at all stations. The last
451 three pulses correspond to those selected from THEMIS data at ~ 1334 , ~ 1421 and 1547 - 1550
452 UT (#1 - #3, see also Table 2). Moreover, one can see the same pattern of magnetic variation
453 “dimple-hump” in both ground-based and satellite observations. An earlier magnetic pulse of a
454 smaller amplitude at ~ 1200 UT is also seen in the GOES-12 and TH-D data.

455 It is interesting, that the magnetic pulse at 1200 UT is simultaneously (within the accuracy of ~ 1
456 min resolution) observed in all local time sectors. However, the other three enhancements were
457 observed in different LT sectors at slightly different time. The time difference varies from ~ 2
458 min to ~ 10 min. The time delay depends on the time moment when a jet interacts with the
459 magnetopause in a given latitude-longitude sector (Dmitriev and Suvorova, 2012).

460 We draw attention to the fact that low-latitude HON and PPT stations, which were located in the
461 predawn sector (2-5 LT) from 1300 to 1500 UT, demonstrate the best coincidence (with a delay
462 of ~ 1 min) of magnetic peaks #1 and #2 with those observed by THEMIS near noon. Nighttime
463 and daytime stations (PHU, GZH, KNY, KDU, GUA, MBO, ASC, TSU, BNG, AAE, ABG)
464 observed these peaks with ~ 3 - 5 min delay. The longest delay (~ 7 min) for pulses #1 and #2 is
465 found at morning/prenoon stations KOU and VSS (~ 9 - 11 LT).

466 As we have showed above, the FEE injections (F1 - F6 in Table 1) occur from ~2 to 5 LT. So,
467 we present meridional chains of stations in the predawn and midnight sectors (Figure 10). All
468 magnetic pulses are well recognized from 0° to 60° of geomagnetic latitude. In midnight and
469 predawn sectors, the magnetic pulse at ~1200 UT peaks practically simultaneously everywhere.
470 Magnetic peak #1 around ~1333 UT was delayed by ~7 min at midlatitudes (30°-60°) in the
471 midnight sector (left panel) and by ~5 min in the predawn sector (right panel). The pulse #2
472 shows a smaller delay (~3 min) at midlatitudes. The magnetic peak #3 at most stations in both
473 sectors is observed around ~1545 UT, that is 2 min earlier than at TH-E and 1 min later than at
474 GOES (see Table 2).

475 Thus, the ground-based magnetic observations at low and middle latitudes demonstrate similarity
476 in the magnetic variations of “dimple-hump” pattern with the satellite observations in the dayside
477 magnetosphere. It should be noted that the magnetic peaks are not regular and are characterized
478 by periodicities of tens of minutes that distinct them from magnetospheric quasi-periodic ULF
479 waves with periods 1 – 600 s. Hence, the variations observed in the geomagnetic field should
480 result from pressure pulses of the subsolar foreshock and/or magnetosheath origin.

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482 **3. Discussion and Summary**

483 In this work, using NOAA/POES and THEMIS satellites we investigated an unusual case of
484 deep injections of >30 keV electrons at $L < 1.2$ and corresponding upstream conditions during
485 quiet day on August 1, 2008. Strong FEE enhancements with intensity of up to $\sim 10^5$ (cm² s sr)⁻¹
486 were observed by POES above central and eastern Pacific for a long time from ~1300 to 2300
487 UT. With analysis of longitudinal and local time distributions of the enhancements we identified
488 a series of nightside injections occurred in the sector of 2 - 5 LT during the period from ~1300 to
489 ~1700 UT (Figure 2). We found that the first 6 injections (Table 1) occurred before
490 intensification of auroral activity started at 1600 UT, and hence, cannot be related to the
491 substorm. Two injections occurred during the interval of weak auroral activity at 1600 - 1800 UT.

492 It is important to note that the intensification of AE index from 1600 to 1800 UT was originated
493 from magnetic activity at high latitudes on the dayside (see Figure S2 in Supplement). The
494 dayside activity results from the multiple magnetospheric compressions (see Figure 6). In this
495 context, the substorm should be rather considered as a “substorm-like” event related to
496 compressions of the dayside magnetosphere.

497 We found that from 11 to 18 UT the magnetosphere was not completely quiet. Prominent
498 magnetic variations on the dayside were observed by THEMIS and GOES satellites and by
499 ground-based magnetometers from INTERMAGNET network. The variations correspond to
500 magnetospheric expansions and compressions. Comparative analysis of the THEMIS, OMNI and
501 ACE data showed that the geomagnetic perturbations were not driven by the dynamic pressure of
502 the pristine solar wind. Note that significant discrepancies between the OMNI data and THEMIS
503 near-earth observations under quasi-radial IMF were reported frequently (e.g., McPherron et al.,
504 2013; Suvorova and Dmitriev, 2016). THEMIS observations show firmly that geomagnetic
505 perturbations were rather related to changes in the IMF cone angle and pressure pulses in the
506 subsolar foreshock.

507 We demonstrated that in the magnetosheath, foreshock pressure pulses could be transformed to
508 fast and dense magnetosheath streams, so-called jets. We found that 5 out of 7 magnetosheath
509 jets were preceded by the foreshock pressure pulses. These results support well the previous
510 findings that the plasma jets are typical consequence of the foreshock dynamics and variations in
511 the IMF orientation (e.g., Fairfield et al., 1990; Lin et al., 1996; Archer et al., 2012; Dmitriev and
512 Suvorova, 2012; 2015; Plaschke et al., 2018). In addition, similar effects of the foreshock
513 pressure pulses and magnetosheath jets in the magnetosphere were reported (e.g., Sibeck and
514 Korotova, 1996; Korotova et al., 2011; Heitala et al., 2012).

515 In the present case, the amplitude of magnetic variations was not very high: from a few nT at
516 ground to 15 nT at THEMIS. It should be noted that such magnetic perturbations are too weak to
517 produce deep injections of >30 keV electrons below the radiation belt. On the other hand, the

518 interaction of jets with the magnetopause can result also in penetration of the magnetosheath
519 plasma inside the dayside magnetosphere (Dmitriev and Suvarova et al., 2012, 2015).
520 Precipitation of hot magnetosheath and/or magnetospheric plasma into the dayside high-latitude
521 ionosphere can cause intensification of dayside aurorae. Vorobjev et al (2001) analyzed dayside
522 auroral transient events at latitudes equatorward of the auroral oval (below 76°). They found that
523 the dayside aurora brightening was related to localized magnetospheric compressions driven by
524 abrupt changes in the foreshock (but not by variations in the pristine solar wind dynamic
525 pressure). Recent comprehensive and statistical studies present observations of dayside aurora
526 brightening related to localized magnetopause indentations (Han et al., 2018) and caused by
527 magnetosheath high-speed jets (Wang et al., 2018). Additionally, Han et al. (2016) provided
528 direct evidence that the source of precipitating particles in the dayside aurorae was the
529 magnetosheath plasma (sometimes mixed with magnetospheric plasma). Thus, these studies
530 showed that the jet impact is responsible for transient dayside aurora, which provides
531 enhancements in conductivity of the auroral ionosphere on the dayside.

532 In order to find signatures of particle precipitations at high latitudes we conducted an additional
533 analysis of hot plasma precipitations in the auroral region at L -shells from 7 to 15 during the time
534 of interest. The energy fluxes of hot plasma (from 50 eV to 10 keV) were measured by
535 POES/TED plasma spectrometer. Figure 11 demonstrates magnetic observations of THEMIS
536 and GOES, and POES observations of the energy fluxes of auroral precipitations and FEE
537 injections. We consider intense precipitations with the threshold of $0.5 \text{ (erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1})$, which is
538 several times higher than the background. One can see that from 11 to 16 UT, the hot plasma
539 precipitated mainly on the dayside (12 – 16 LT) while after 16 UT, the precipitations occurred
540 practically at all local times both on the day and night sides.

541 The first FEE injection (F1) at ~ 1250 UT was preceded by several geomagnetic pulses observed
542 by GOES-12 and TH-D. The pulses were not very prominent because at that time, GOES-12 was
543 located in the morning sector and TH-D was inside the geosynchronous orbit. One can see that

544 some of pulses were accompanied by dayside auroral precipitations of the hot plasma. Note that
 545 POES satellites have 100 min orbital period and, hence, they can miss some of localized
 546 precipitations. On the other hand, when a jet hits the magnetopause, the magnetosheath plasma is
 547 not necessarily penetrating into the dayside magnetosphere and, hence, is not precipitating at
 548 high latitudes [Dmitriev and Suvorova, 2015]. Nevertheless, in Figure 11, we find two cases of
 549 geomagnetic pulses followed by intense dayside precipitations of the hot plasma at 1105 UT and
 550 1145 UT.

551 We can propose that the dayside precipitations at high latitudes are associated with the effect of
 552 jets piercing the magnetopause. The average flux of jet-related penetrating plasma was estimated
 553 as $3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ (cm}^2 \text{ s)}^{-1}$ (Dmitriev and Suvorova, 2015). This particle flux corresponds well to the
 554 energy fluxes $>0.5 \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ of precipitating ions with energy of $\sim 1 \text{ keV}$ measured by
 555 POES/TED at high latitudes (see Figure 11). Hence, the jet-related magnetosheath plasma can
 556 produce additional ionization and increase conductivity of the high-latitude ionosphere on the
 557 dayside.

558 At the same time, FEE enhancements were observed at low latitudes. It has been found that they
 559 result from anomalous earthward radial $E \times B$ drift from the inner radiation belt (Suvorova et al.,
 560 2014; 2016; Selesnick et al., 2019). The drift should take a certain time dT to transport electrons
 561 from the inner radiation belt edge (at L -shell $L_1 = 1.2$) to the heights of $\sim 900 \text{ km}$ (L -shell $L_2 =$
 562 $1.1 \sim 1.15$):

$$563 \quad dT(\text{s}) = 6380 * (L_1 - L_2) / V_{DE} \quad (1)$$

564 where the $E \times B$ drift velocity is determined as

$$565 \quad V_{DE} = 0.032 * L^3 * E, \quad (2)$$

566 where L the average L -shell in the first approach and E is azimuthal electric field in mV/m . From
 567 equations (1) and (2), we estimate that the earthward drift of energetic electron across the
 568 magnetic field lines from $L = 1.2$ to $L = 1.1$ takes up to 40 min under local electric field of ~ 5

569 mV/m. Note that $E \sim 5$ mV/m was obtained from simulations of energetic electron injections at L
570 < 1.3 [Selesnick *et al.*, 2016; 2019].

571 In our case of non-storm conditions, it is hard to imagine that the strong azimuthal E can persist
572 for so long time. Previously, simulations by Su *et al.* (2016) have showed that it is not necessary
573 for electrons to be transported earthward all the way during a single injection. Hence, we can
574 consider a multi-step radial transport produced by a number of short pulses of E . In this case, the
575 drift from $L=1.2$ to $L=1.1$ requires two or more pulses of ~ 10 min duration that is comparable
576 with the duration of jet-related disturbances. The multi-step process is limited by the time, during
577 which a particle stays in the region of injection. The >30 keV electrons have a long period of
578 azimuthal drift (~ 22 hours) and, thus, they can stay in the region for hours. In contrast, the >100
579 keV electrons with the azimuthal period of ~ 6 h leave quickly the injection region and, thus, do
580 not have enough time to penetrate to the forbidden zone. This effect can explain the absence of
581 high-energy electrons in the FEE enhancements presented. In the case of electric field
582 penetration from high to lower latitudes, the following effect might be important. At higher
583 altitudes (larger L -shells), the azimuthal drift periods of particles decrease dramatically. Hence,
584 the particles escape quickly from the localized region with the enhanced electric field and, as a
585 result, they drift earthward only a little.

586 In this scenario, the first FEE injection requires a long time (\sim hour and longer) and several
587 pulses of E in order to transport energetic electrons from undisturbed edge of the inner radiation
588 belt to $L \sim 1.1$. Then, >30 keV electrons populate L -shells from 1.15 to 1.1 that makes possible to
589 transport electrons to 900 km heights for a short time of ~ 10 min by one pulse of strong E . The
590 latter pattern is applicable for the FEE injection F2. As one can see in Figure 11, each FEE
591 injection after 13 UT is preceded within < 30 min by intense auroral precipitations of the hot
592 plasma.

593 It should be noted that most favorable conditions for FEE enhancements (and, presumably, for
594 penetration of localized electric fields) arise in the period from May to September independently

595 on geomagnetic activity level (Suvorova, 2017) Similar asymmetry in the dayside auroral
596 conductivity was also shown by Sibeck et al., (1996). Our case event on 1 August 2008
597 corresponds well to these favorable conditions. Taking into account our previous finding that the
598 occurrence of FEE enhancements is related to the ionization of the dayside ionosphere at high
599 latitudes (e.g., Suvorova, 2017), the following scenario can be considered:

600 1. During quiet solar wind and geomagnetic conditions, the magnetosphere can be substantially
601 disturbed due to transient subsolar foreshock under radial IMF.

602 2. Subsolar foreshock pressure pulses and IMF discontinuities result in generation of fast and
603 dense plasma jets in the magnetosheath.

604 3. The jets interaction with the dayside magnetopause produces two distinct features in the
605 magnetosphere: geomagnetic pulses due to the compression and magnetosheath plasma
606 penetration.

607 4. Precipitations of the magnetosheath plasma fluxes to the dayside high-latitude ionosphere
608 should result in a local increase of the ionospheric conductivity and an enhancement of electric
609 currents in the dayside ionosphere. The latter should induce transient localized electric fields on
610 the nightside and especially in the postmidnight sector.

611 5. We hypothesize that the induced nightside electric field might penetrate from high to low
612 latitudes (very low L shells) and produce earthward ExB drift of energetic electrons.

613 We should point out that the scenario suffers some shortcomings. The energy flux of auroral
614 precipitations of $\sim 1 \text{ erg}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ s})$ was observed to be weak relative to that during substorms that
615 results in a relatively weak additional ionization in the dayside ionosphere. It is hard to expect
616 that the weak increase in the ionization can induce strong electric field of $E \sim 5\text{mV/m}$. On the
617 other hand, the satellite observations are sparse in space and time and, thus, a satellite might not
618 catch an intense jet-related localized auroral precipitation of ~ 10 min duration. Hence, the
619 experimental information about auroral precipitations on the dayside is still incomplete.

620 Another serious problem is the generation/penetration of electric fields in the inner
621 magnetosphere at low latitudes in the night sector, which is far from complete understanding.
622 The convection electric field of up to 2 mV/m was observed at $L > 2$ during disturbed
623 geomagnetic conditions (Califf et al., 2014; 2017). During magnetic quiet, the convection
624 electric field is apparently smaller (<0.5 mV/m). On the other hand, prompt penetrating electric
625 field in the dayside ionosphere at heights ~ 100 km was estimated of ~ 2 mV/m (Huang, 2008).
626 However, electric field at heights from 1000 to 2000 km did not measured and, thus, its value is
627 unknown. There are also no models predicting strong electric fields in the inner radiation belt
628 and below. As conjugate observations of penetrating transient electric fields are still unavailable
629 for such cases of anomalous particle transport, the exact mechanism of deep electron injections
630 cannot as yet be fully determined.

631 Summarizing, from the experimental data available, the existing scenario cannot be supported
632 firmly. It might also be that another unknown mechanism is responsible for the FEE
633 enhancements during magnetic quiet periods. In this sense, further experimental studies and *in*
634 *situ* observations of electric fields at L -shells from 1.1 to 2 as well as of dayside auroral
635 precipitations are required.

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Data availability.

CDAWEB (<https://cdaweb.gsfc.nasa.gov/index.html>) provide the NOAA/POES energetic particle data, THEMIS magnetic and plasma data, OMNI and ACE solar wind data. Kyoto World Data Center for Geomagnetism (<http://wdc.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/index.html>) provides the geomagnetic indices. The ground magnetogram were collected from INTERMAGNET network (www.intermagnet.org).

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Table 1 *FEE Enhancements observed by POES satellites*

FEE ID #	POES s/c ID	Observed time hh:mm UT	Longitude deg	LT* h
F1	P8	12:50	-164.2	1.8
F2	P5	13:15	-128.8	5.1
F3	P6	13:53	-138.3	5.1
F4	P8	14:32	169.7	1.6
F5	P5	14:54	-152.7	5.1
F6	P6	15:34	-162.5	5.0
F7	P2	15:44	-98.7	9.3
F8	P5	16:33	-170.1	5.0
F9	P7	16:37	-107.3	9.7
F10	P6	17:12	180.0	4.9
F11	P2	17:24	-123.0	9.4
F12	P7	18:16	-131.0	9.8
F13	P2	19:06	-140.0	9.6
F14	P8	20:30	-105.0	13.8
F15	P6	23:09	-94.5	17.2

* Local time

Table 2 *Timing of Magnetic Field Enhancements and Plasma Pulses from THEMIS and GOES12*

ID #	s/c ID	UT of magnetic peak hhmm:ss	UT of TH-D magnetosheath jet hhmm:ss	UT of TH-C foreshock pressure pulse hhmm:ss
1	TH-D	1333:40		~1328
	TH-E	1333:40		
	TH-B	1333:40		
	G12	1335:40		
2	TH-D	1420:50		~1417
	TH-E	1420:50		
	TH-B	1420:50		
	G12	1420:50		
3	TH-D	1550:30		~1549
	TH-E	1547:30		~1533, 1538
	G12	1544:00		
4	TH-D	1614:05	~1615 - 1616	~1611
	TH-E	1614:05		
	G12	1614:00		
5	TH-D	1638:20	~1640	~1634, 1636
	TH-E	1638:40		
	G12	1639:00		
6	TH-D	1647:45	~1648	absent
	TH-E	1647:45		
	G12	1648:00		
7	TH-D	-	~1651:30	absent
	TH-E	-		
8	TH-D	magnetosheath	~1700:30	~1700
	TH-E	-		
9	TH-D	magnetosheath	~1712 - 1713	~1707
	TH-E	1712:30		
10	TH-D	1722:30	~1725	~1718
	TH-E	1722:30		
	G12	1722:30		

Table 3*Location of Magnetic Stations in Geographic and Geomagnetic coordinates*

Code	Name	GLat ^a	GLon ^a	MLat ^b	MLon ^b
AAE	Addis Ababa	9.0	38.8	5.3	109.9
ABG	Alibag	18.6	72.9	9.5	144.4
ASC	Ascension Island	-8.0	-14.4	-1.4	54.7
ASP	Alice Springs	-23.8	133.9	-34.1	-153.6
BNG	Bangui	4.3	18.6	4.6	89.3
CMO	College	64.9	-147.9	64.8	-102.6
CNB	Canberra	-35.3	149.4	-43.8	-134.5
CTA	Charters Towers	-20.1	146.3	-29.1	-140.7
EYR	Eyrewell	-43.4	172.4	-47.8	-107.0
GUA	Guam	13.6	144.9	4.2	-146.3
GZH	Zhaoqing	23.0	112.5	11.7	-177.1
HON	Honolulu	21.3	-158.0	21.2	-92.7
KAK	Kakioka	36.2	140.2	26.2	-153.3
KDU	Kakadu	-12.7	132.5	-23.2	-156.3
KNY	Kanoya	31.4	130.9	20.7	-161.2
KOU	Kourou	5.2	-52.7	16.1	17.7
MBO	Mbour	14.4	-17.0	21.1	55.8
MCQ	McQuarie Island	-54.5	159.0	-60.9	-116.2
MMB	Memambetsu	43.9	144.2	34.2	-150.9
PET	Paratunka	53.0	158.3	45.6	-138.5
PHU	Phuthuy	21.0	106.0	9.7	176.0
PPT	Pamatai	-17.6	-149.6	-15.2	-76.5
SHU	Shumagin	55.4	199.5	54.1	-103.1
SIT	Sitka	57.1	-135.3	60.1	-83.7
TSU	Tsumeb	-19.2	17.6	-18.3	83.5
VSS	Vassouras	-22.4	-43.7	-12.1	24.6

^a Geographic latitude and longitude^b Magnetic latitude and longitude

FIGURE CAPTIONS

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Figure 6. Satellite measurements of magnetic field and plasma in the dayside magnetosphere and geomagnetic activity. (a) The Bz-GSM components from THEMIS probes TH-B (brown), TH-E (orange), and TH-D (green). The left y-axis corresponds to the magnetic measurements from TH-B and TH-D, and the right y-axis to TH-E. (b) The detrended magnetic fields for THEMIS. (c) The GOES-12 (black) and GOES-10 (blue) measurements of magnetic field strength (left y-axis) and local time (right y-axis). (d) The SYM-H index; and (e) the ion spectrogram from TH-D (ion flux is in units of $\text{eV}/\text{cm}^2 \text{ s sr eV}$). Dashed lines, numbered from 1 to 10, indicate magnetic and plasma disturbances observed by THEMIS.

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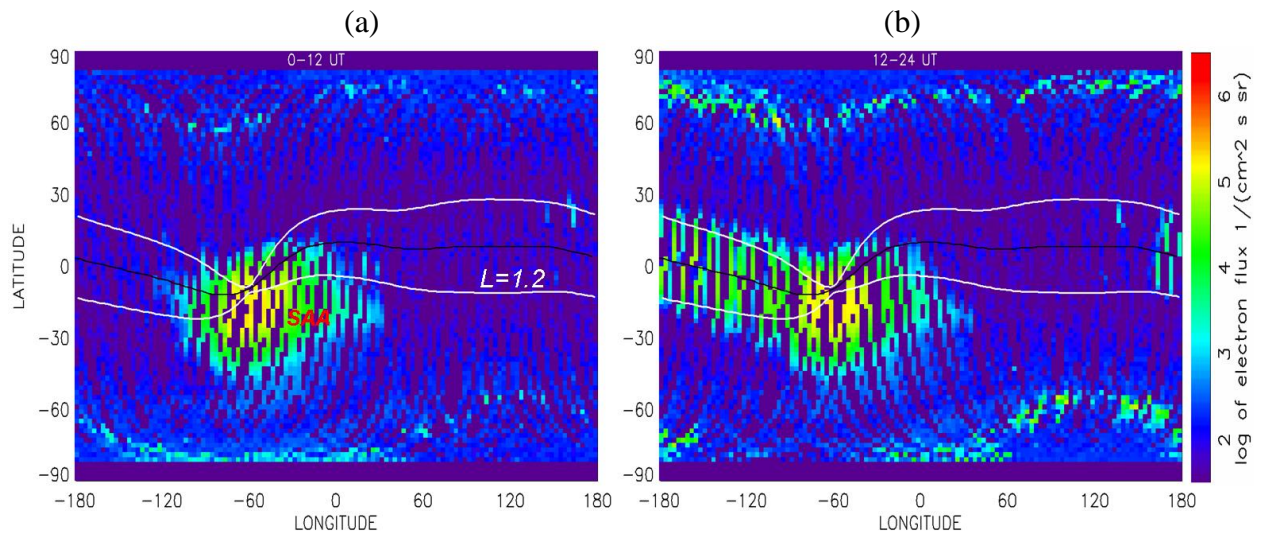


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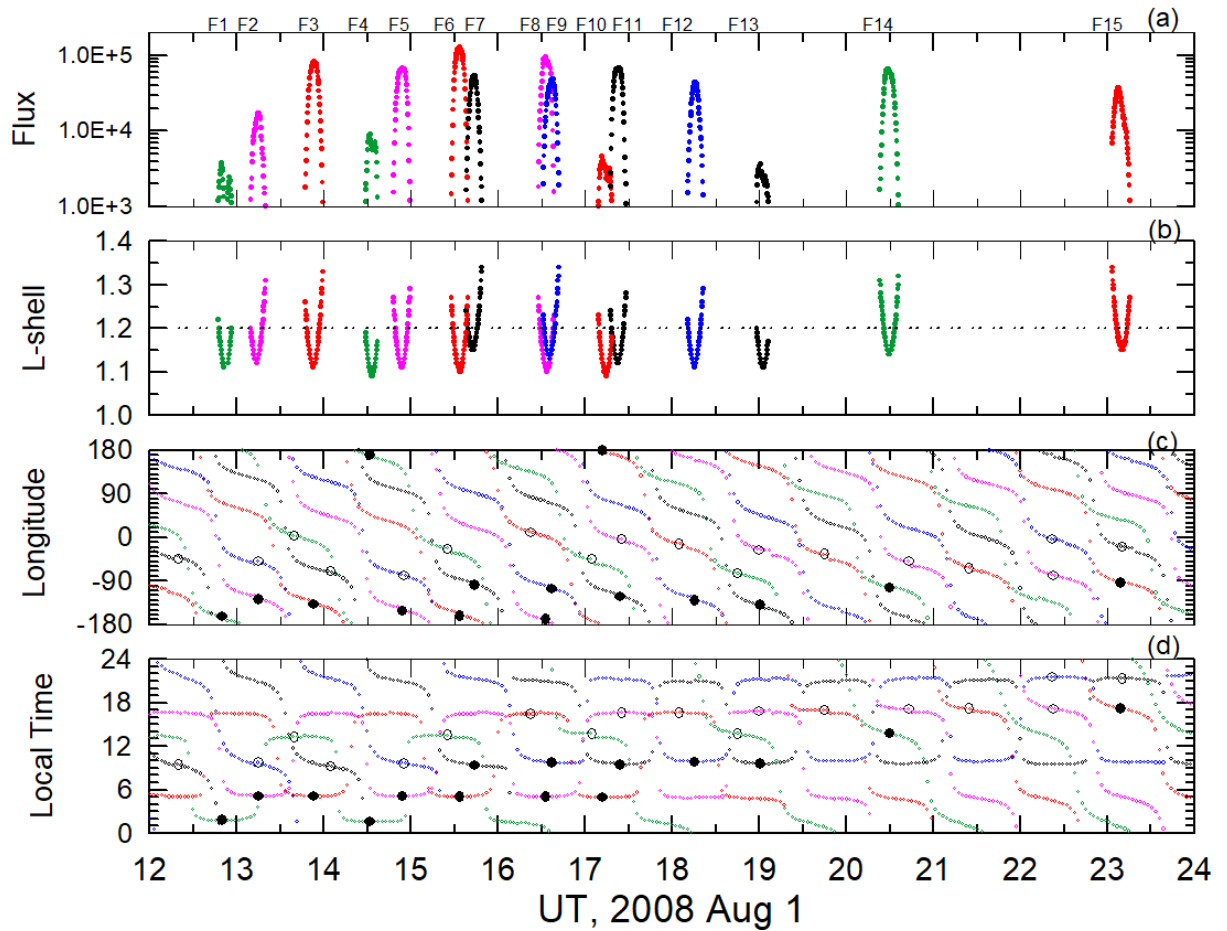


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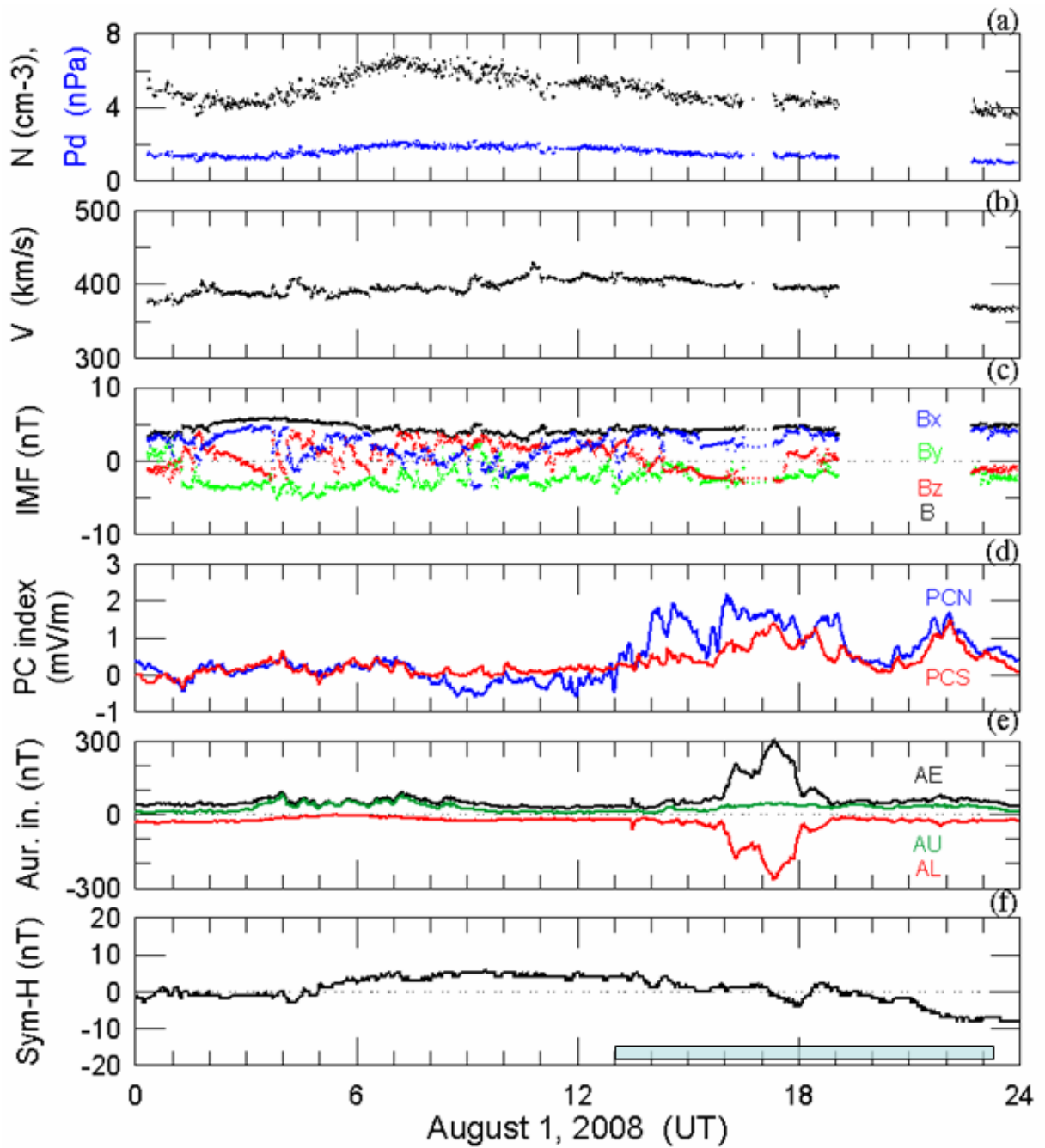


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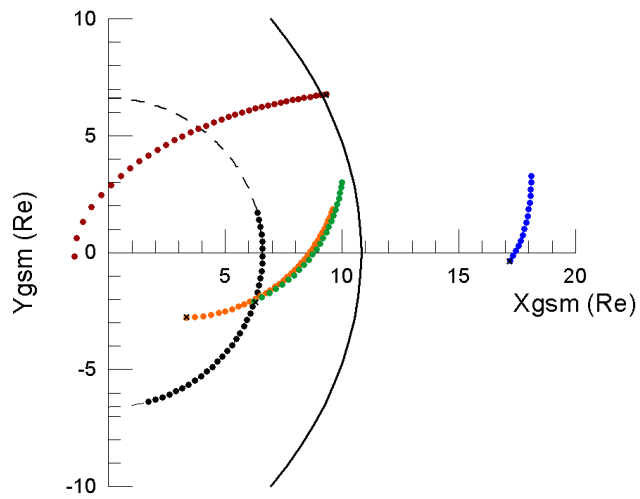


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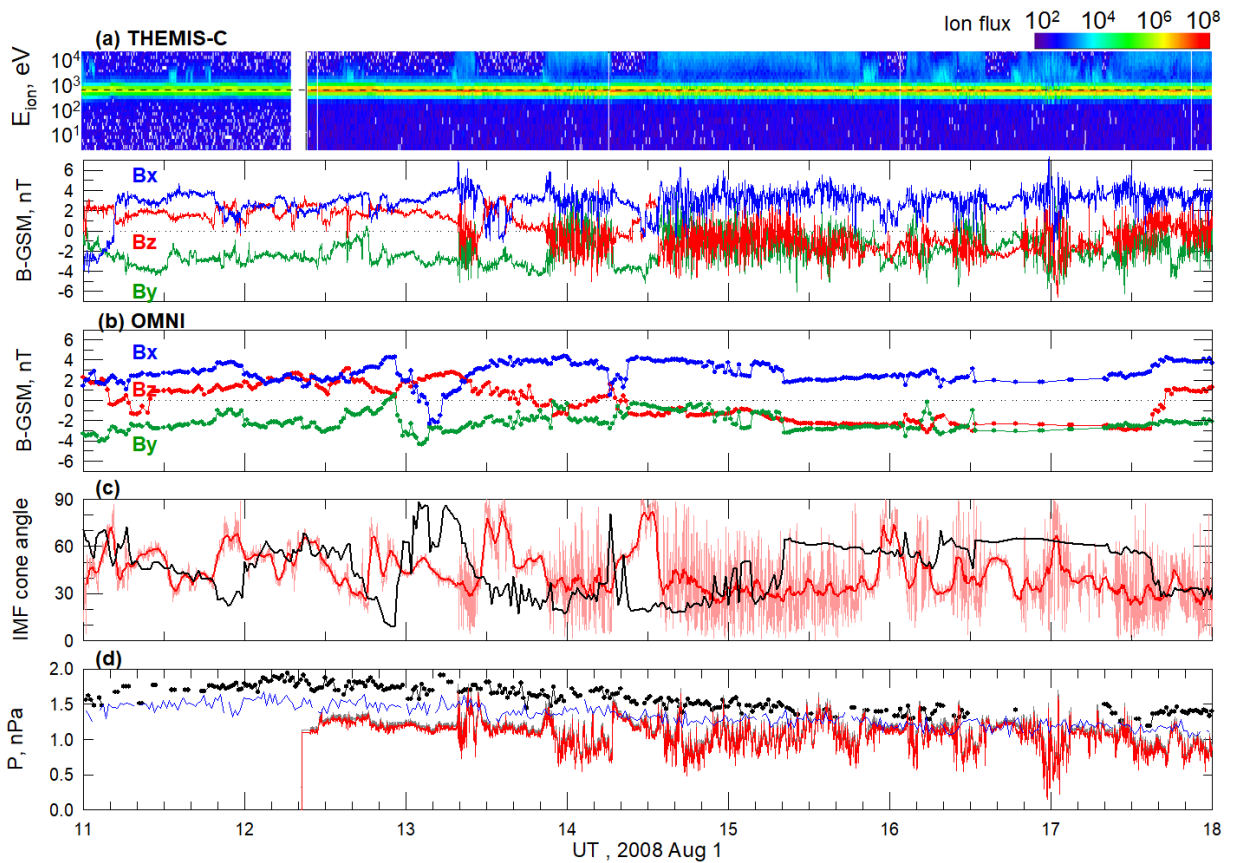


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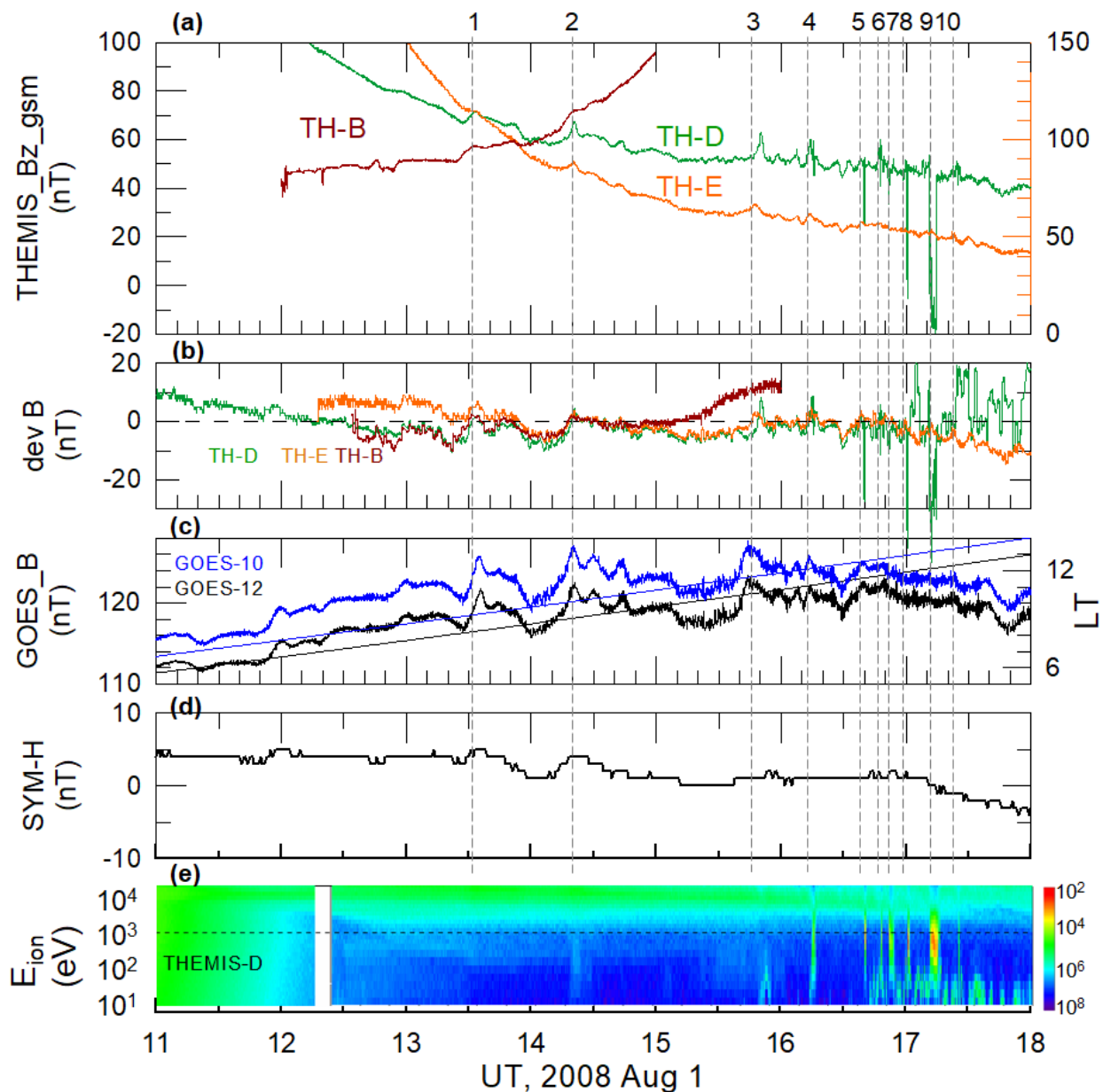


Figure 6. Satellite measurements of magnetic field and plasma in the dayside magnetosphere and geomagnetic activity. (a) The Bz-GSM components from THEMIS probes TH-B (brown), TH-E (orange), and TH-D (green). The left y-axis corresponds to the magnetic measurements from TH-B and TH-D, and the right y-axis to TH-E. (b) The detrended magnetic fields for THEMIS. (c) The GOES-12 (black) and GOES-10 (blue) measurements of magnetic field strength (left y-axis) and local time (right y-axis). (d) The SYM-H index; and (e) the ion spectrogram from TH-D (ion flux is in units of $\text{eV}/\text{cm}^2 \text{ s sr eV}$). Dashed lines, numbered from 1 to 10, indicate magnetic and plasma disturbances observed by THEMIS.

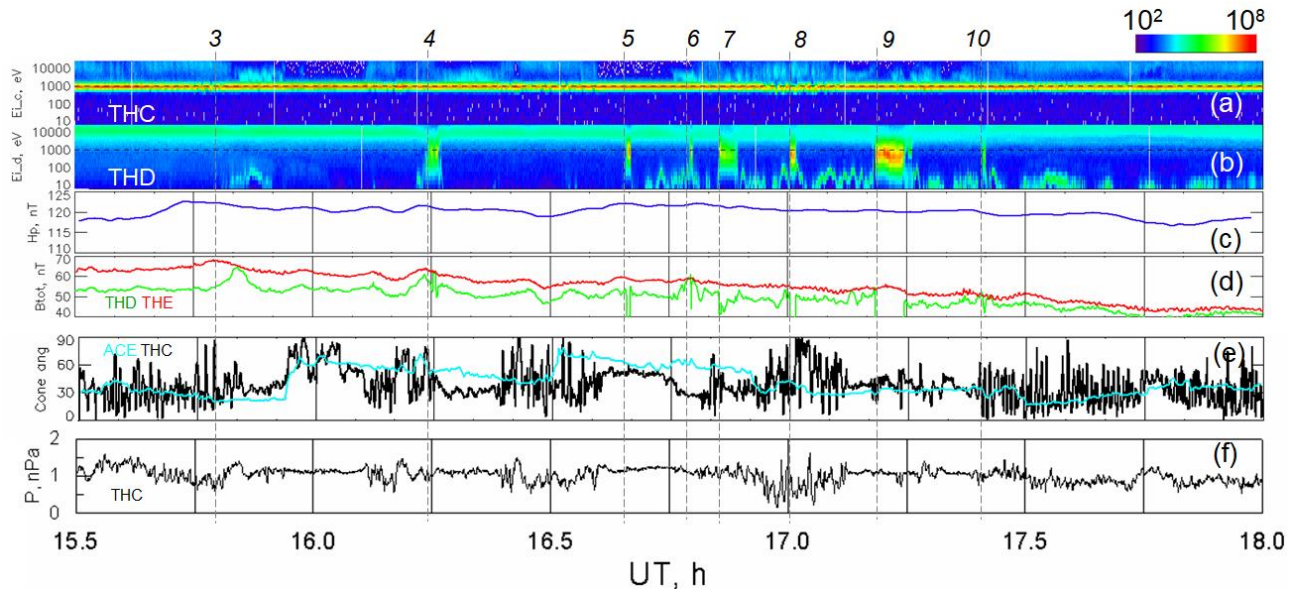


Figure 7. Observations of plasma and magnetic field at 1530-1800 UT on August 1, 2008: (a,b) ion spectrograms measured by TH-C, TH-D (ion flux is in units of $\text{eV}/\text{cm}^2 \text{ s sr eV}$), (c) horizontal magnetic field H_p detected by GOES 12 from 10 to 13 LT, (d) magnetic field strengths B_{tot} from TH-D (green) and TH-E (red), (e) IMF cone angles for TH-C (black) and for the ACE upstream monitor (blue). (f) TH-C solar wind dynamic pressure. Dashed lines and numbers 4 - 10 mark plasma structures of magnetosheath ions observed inside the magnetosphere.

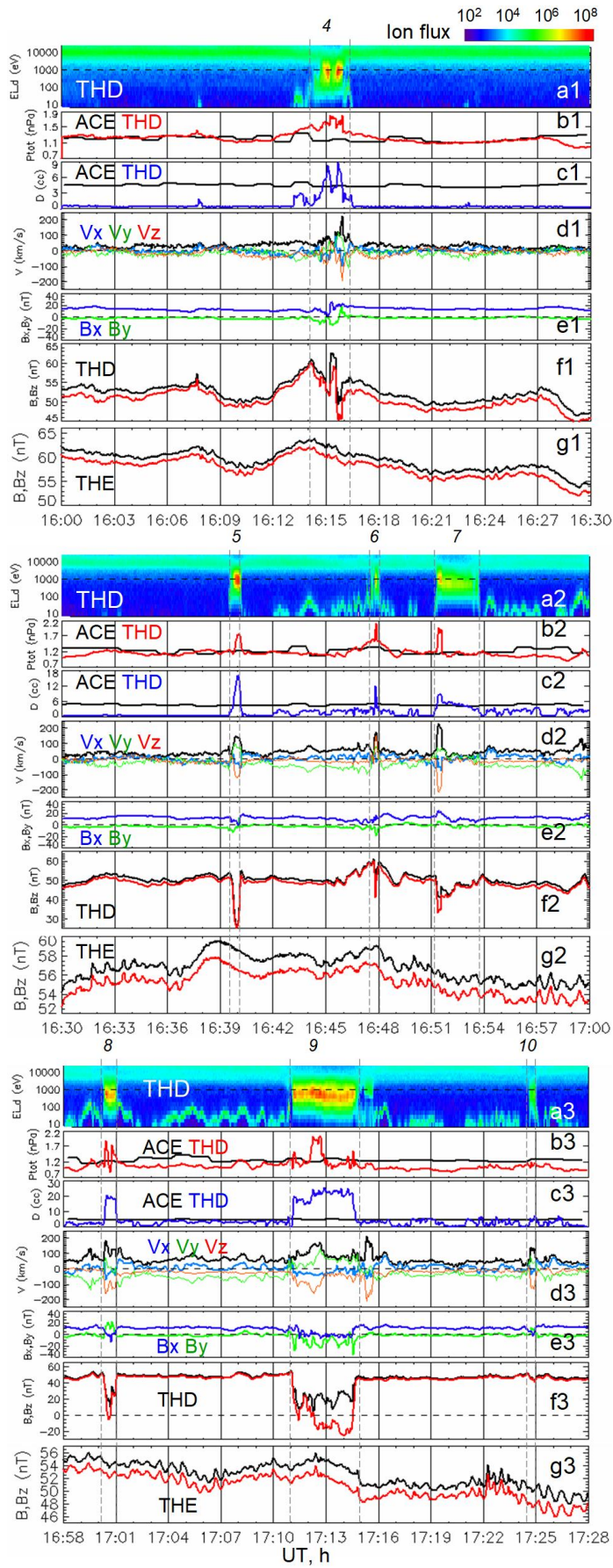


Figure 8. Observations of plasma and magnetic field during the intervals 1600 - 1630 UT, 1630 - 1700 UT and 1658 - 1728 UT on August 1, 2008. Panels show from top to bottom: (a) ion

spectrogram from TH-D, (b) total pressure measured by the ACE upstream monitor (black) and TH-D (red), (c) plasma density measured by ACE (black) and TH-D (blue), (d) TH-D measurements of bulk velocity V (black) and its components in GSM coordinates V_x (blue), V_y (green) and V_z (red), (e) transversal components of magnetic field B_x (blue) and B_y (green) from TH-D, (f) magnitude B and B_z component of magnetic field from TH-D, (g) magnitude B and B_z component of magnetic field from TH-E. The magnetosheath plasma penetration is denoted by dashed lines and numbers #4 - #10.

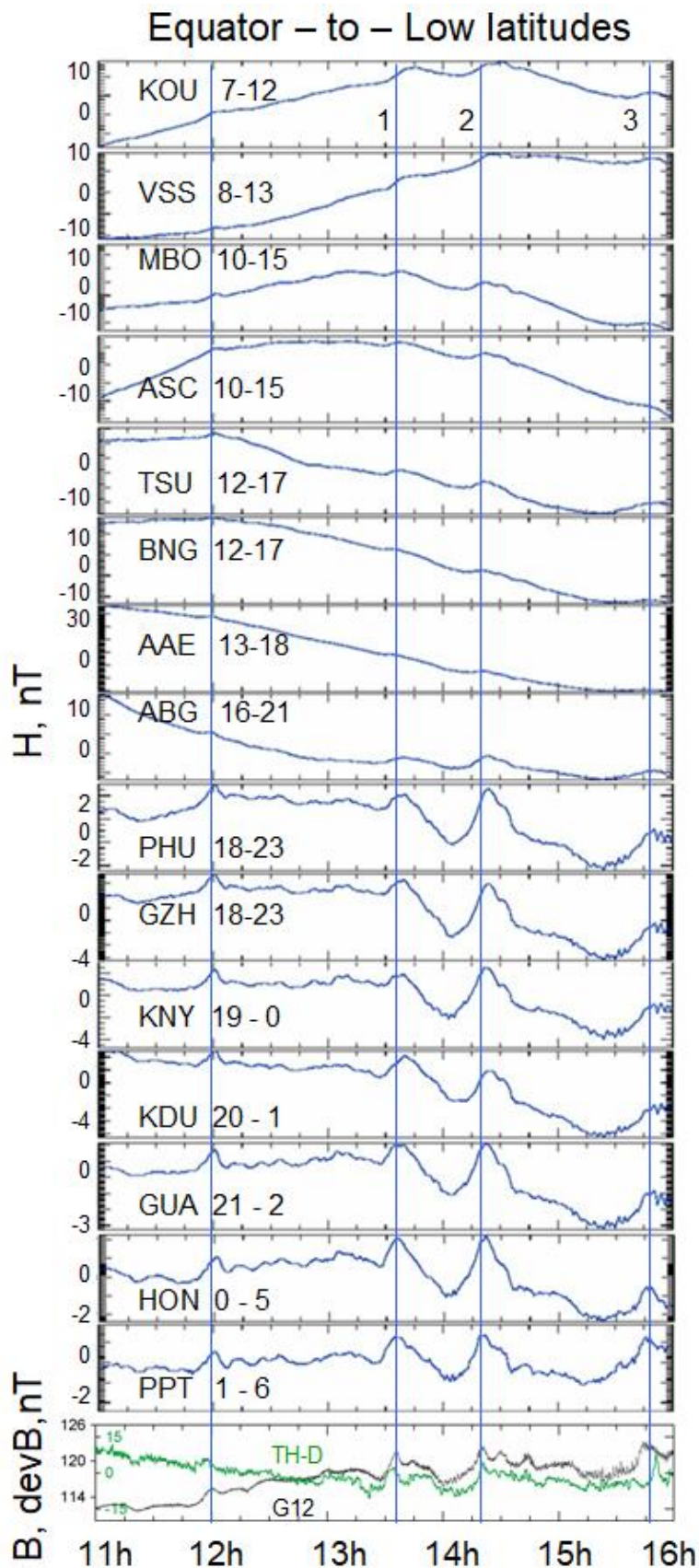


Figure 9. Relative variations in the horizontal component (H) of the geomagnetic field at low geomagnetic latitudes. Local time intervals are indicated near the station codes. The vertical lines depict magnetic peaks #1 - #3 at THEMIS (see Table 2). Bottom panel shows magnetic field B measured by GOES-12 (black) and detrended magnetic field from TH-D (green).

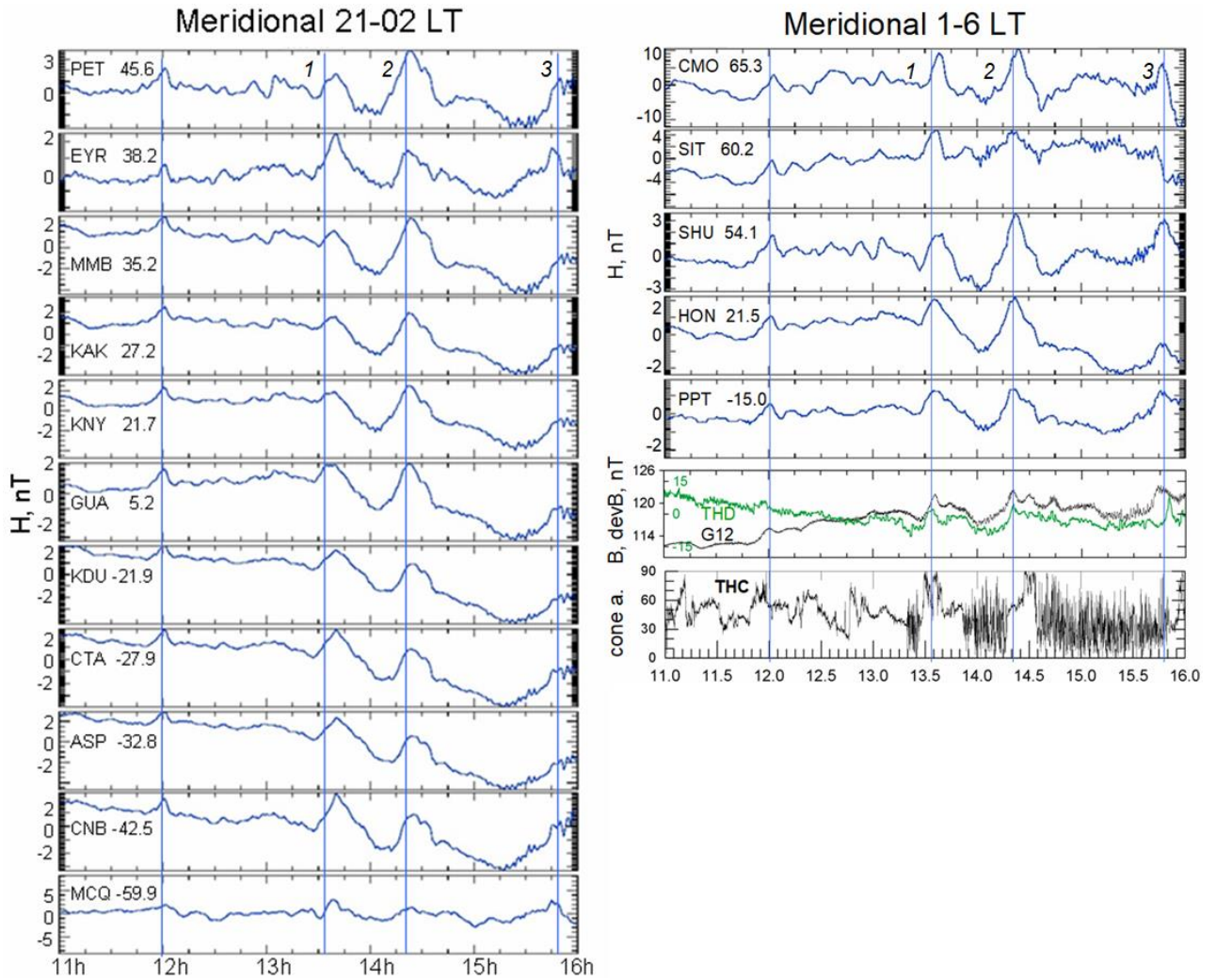


Figure 10. Relative variations in the horizontal component (H) of the geomagnetic field in the midnight (left) and predawn (right) sectors. The geomagnetic latitudes of the stations are indicated near station codes. The vertical lines depict magnetic peaks at THEMIS (see Table 2). Magnetic data from THEMIS and GOES satellites are shown at lower panels on the right.

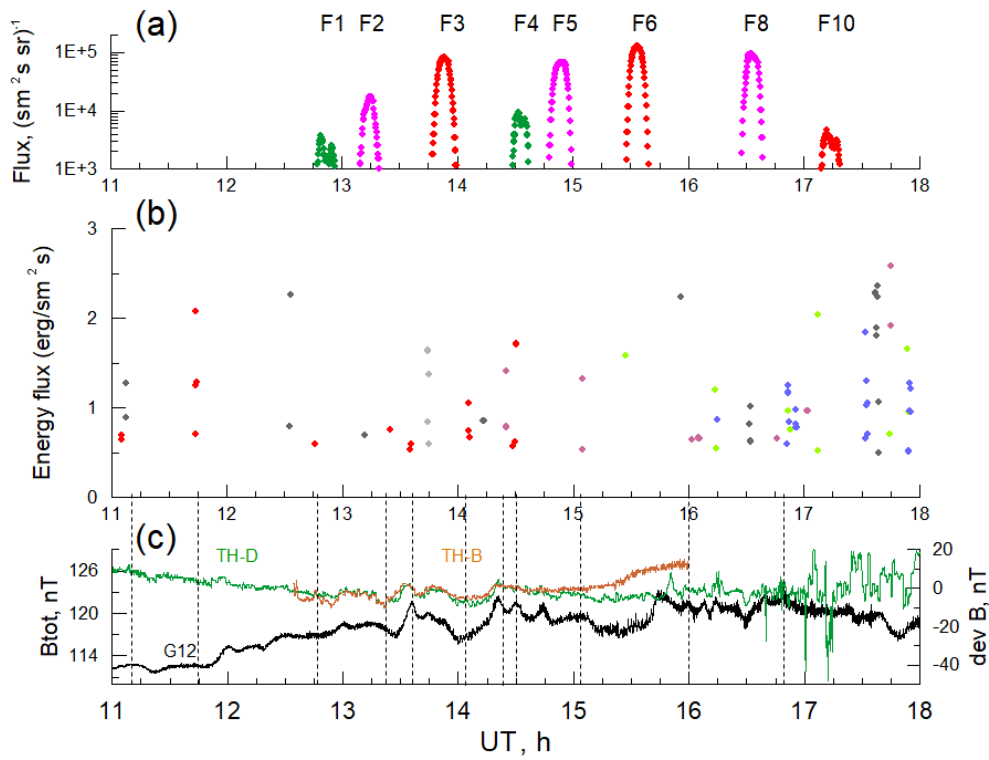


Figure 11. Dynamics of the geomagnetic field and particles on 1 August 2008: (a) FEE enhancements, (b) plasma precipitation at high latitudes, and dayside magnetic field perturbations observed by (c) GOES-12 (black), TH-D (green) and TH-B (brown). The left y-axis corresponds to GOES-12, and the right y-axis to TH-D and TH-B. The numbers indicate the FEE injections at ~ 2 and ~ 5 LT (see Table 1), colors for POES satellite are the same as in Figure 2. Plasma precipitations are shown for the energy flux above the threshold of $0.5 \text{ (erg}/\text{sm}^2 \text{ s)}$ and are grouped in LT: 23 – 24 LT (light gray), 0 – 2 LT (gray), 5 – 6 LT (blue), 12.5 - 15 LT (red points), 15 – 16 LT (violet), and 19.5 – 21.5 LT (green).