Combined Effects of Concurrent Pc5 and Chorus Waves on Relativistic Electron Dynamics

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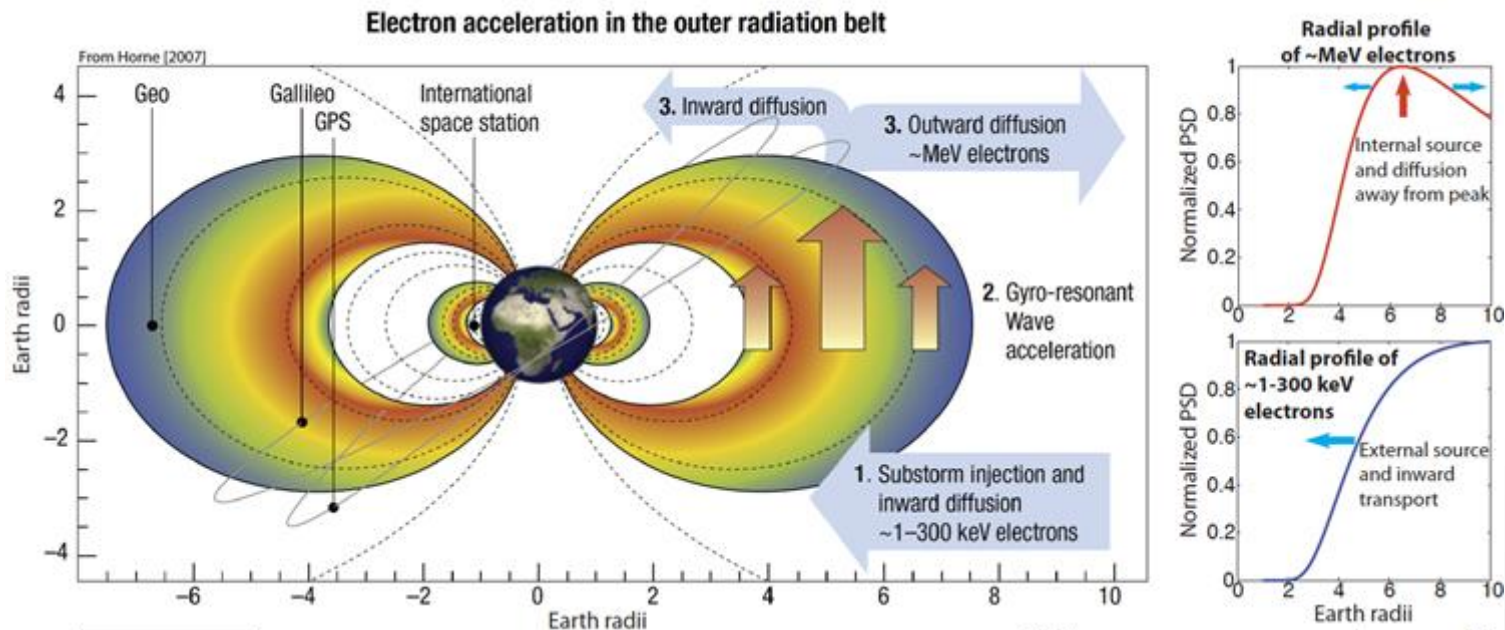## FP7-Space MAARBLE project

Outline

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- Data and analysis
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Acceleration

- Inward Radial Transport
- In situ Acceleration

(Wave – Particle Interactions due to whistler chorus mode waves)

Electron acceleration in the outer radiation belt

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- Whistler chorus mode waves interact with sub-relativistic electrons (up to 100-200 keV (Li et al. GRL2013).
- Plasmaspheric hiss are limited inside the plasmapause and have a long-term effect (Jaynes et al. JGR2014).
- EMIC waves don't affect equatorial mirroring electrons (Usanova et al. GRL2014).

Motivation – Goal

- **Assess the contribution of various mechanisms to the variability of the outer Radiation Belt** (e.g. inward diffusion, in-situ acceleration via wave-particle interactions, precipitation into atmosphere, magnetopause shadowing combined with outward diffusion) .

- **Investigate the impact of ICMEs on the dynamics of relativistic electrons.**

Data and Methodology

Electron PSD

The electron PSD distribution is calculated from differential fluxes as a function of fixed adiabatic invariants using the method described by *Chen et al., 2005, 2007*.

Pc5 waves

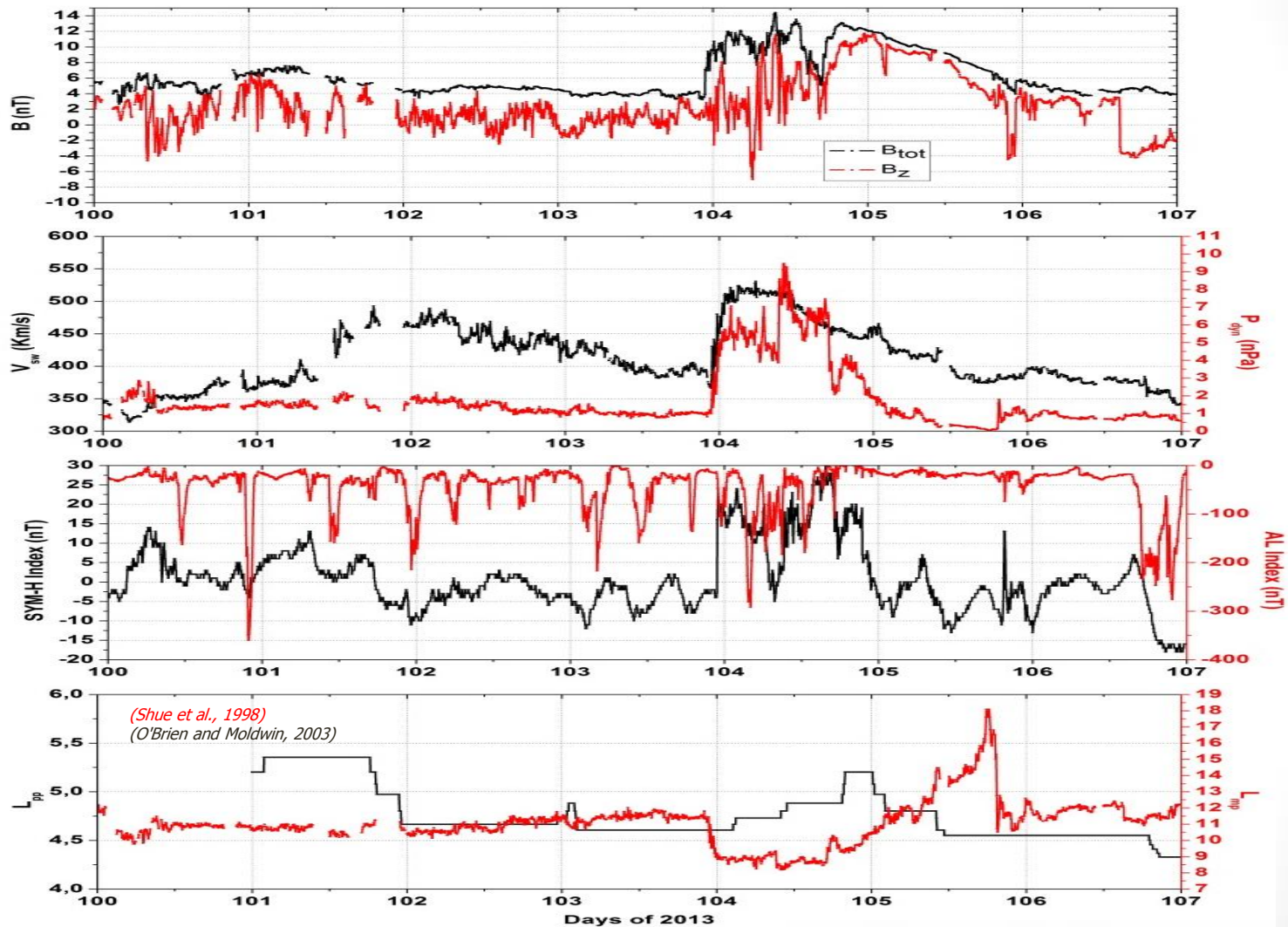Pc5 wave power is calculated from magnetic field measurements using the method described by *Balasis et al., 2013*.

Chorus waves

Chorus wave power is estimated from the POES measurements of precipitating electron fluxes using the method described by *Li et al., 2013*.
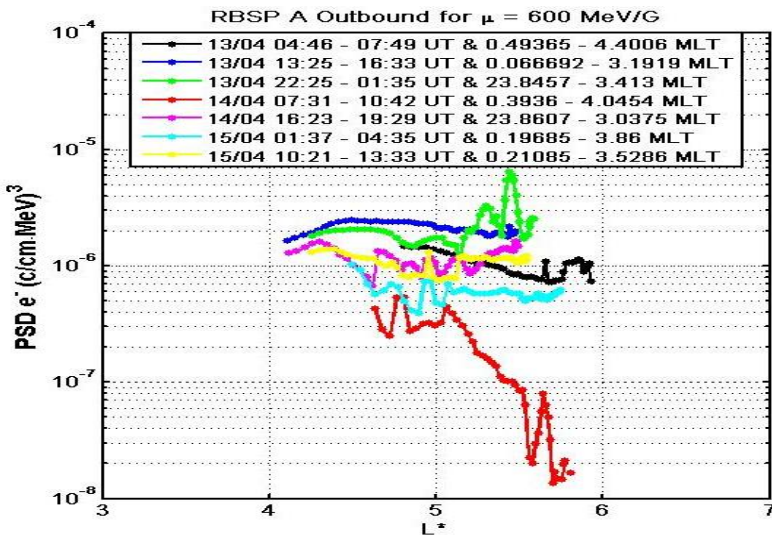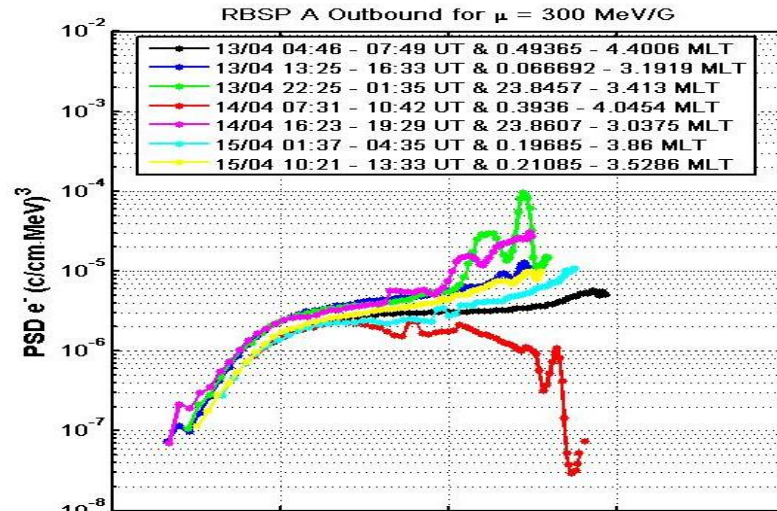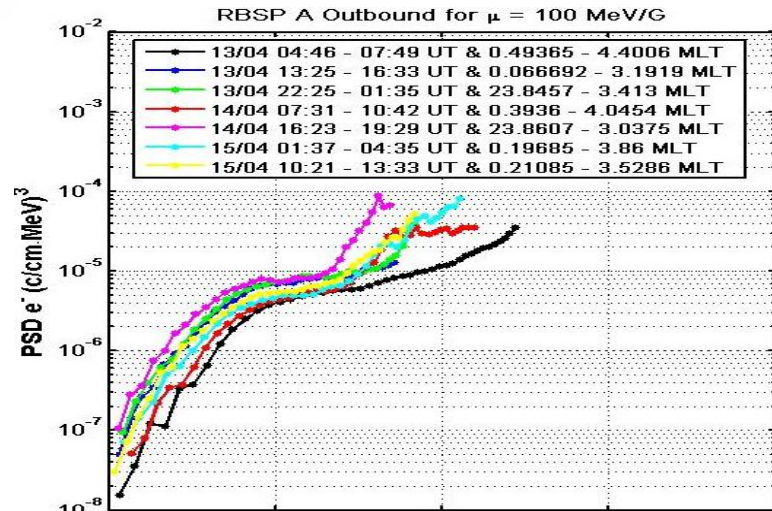
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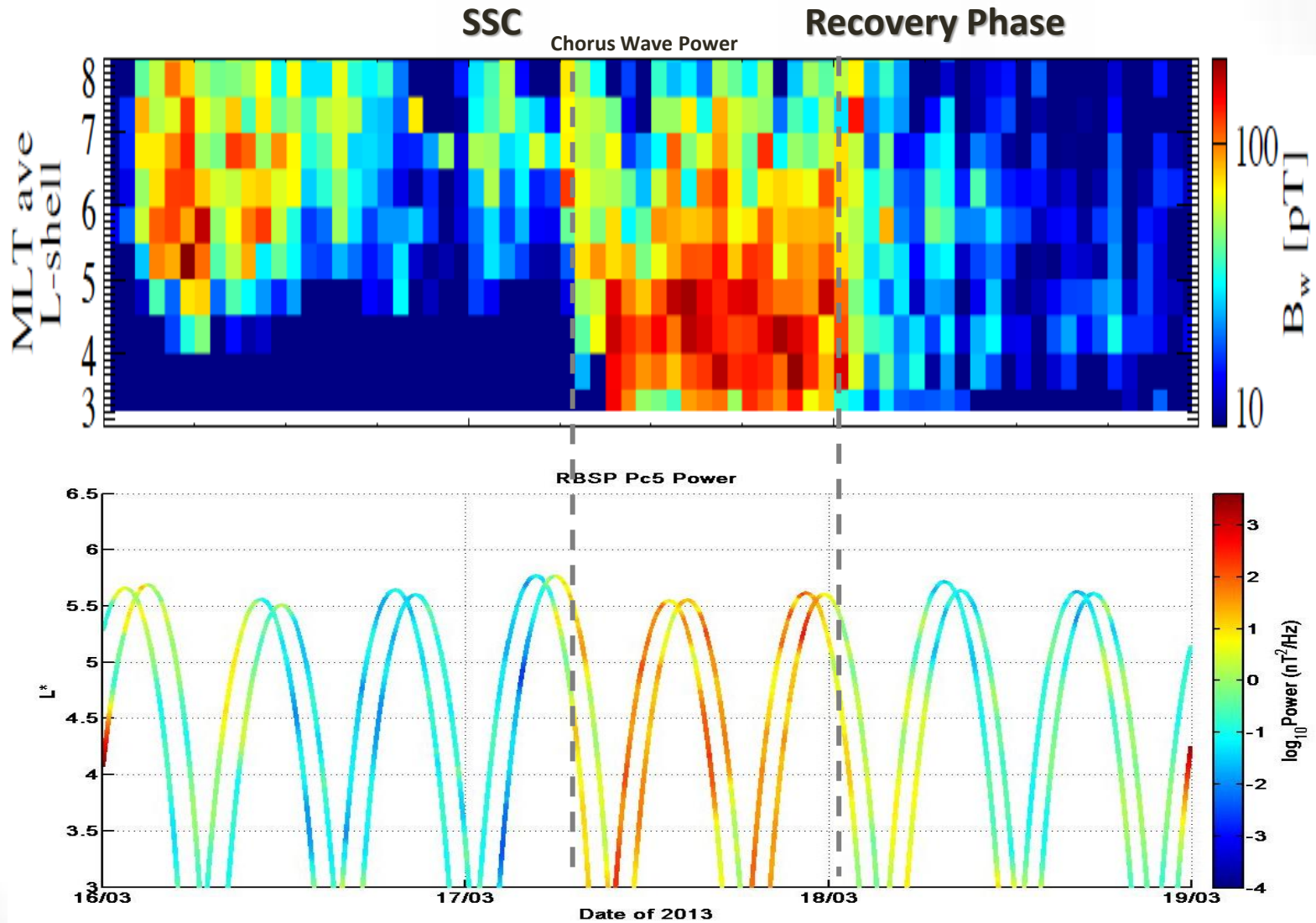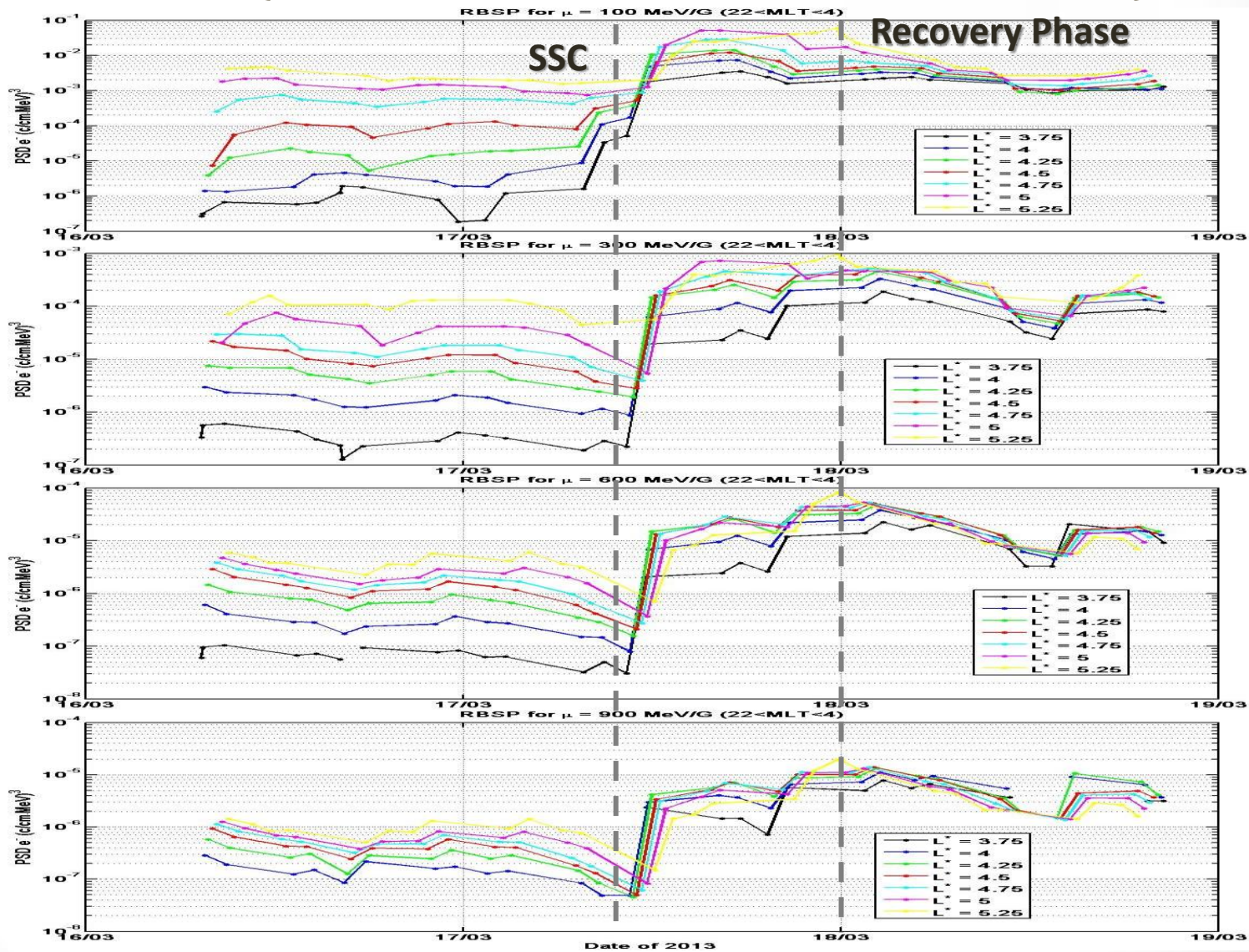*Hel.a.s. meeting, 28 June – 2 July 2015, Thessaloniki, Greece.*
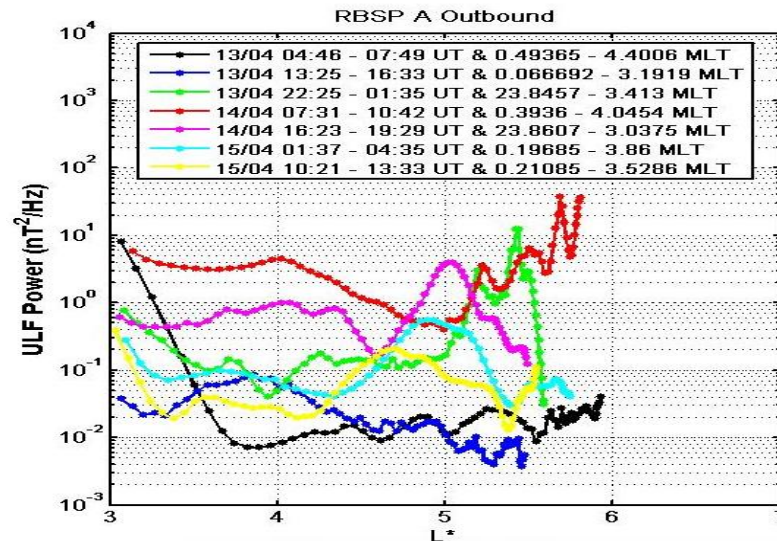
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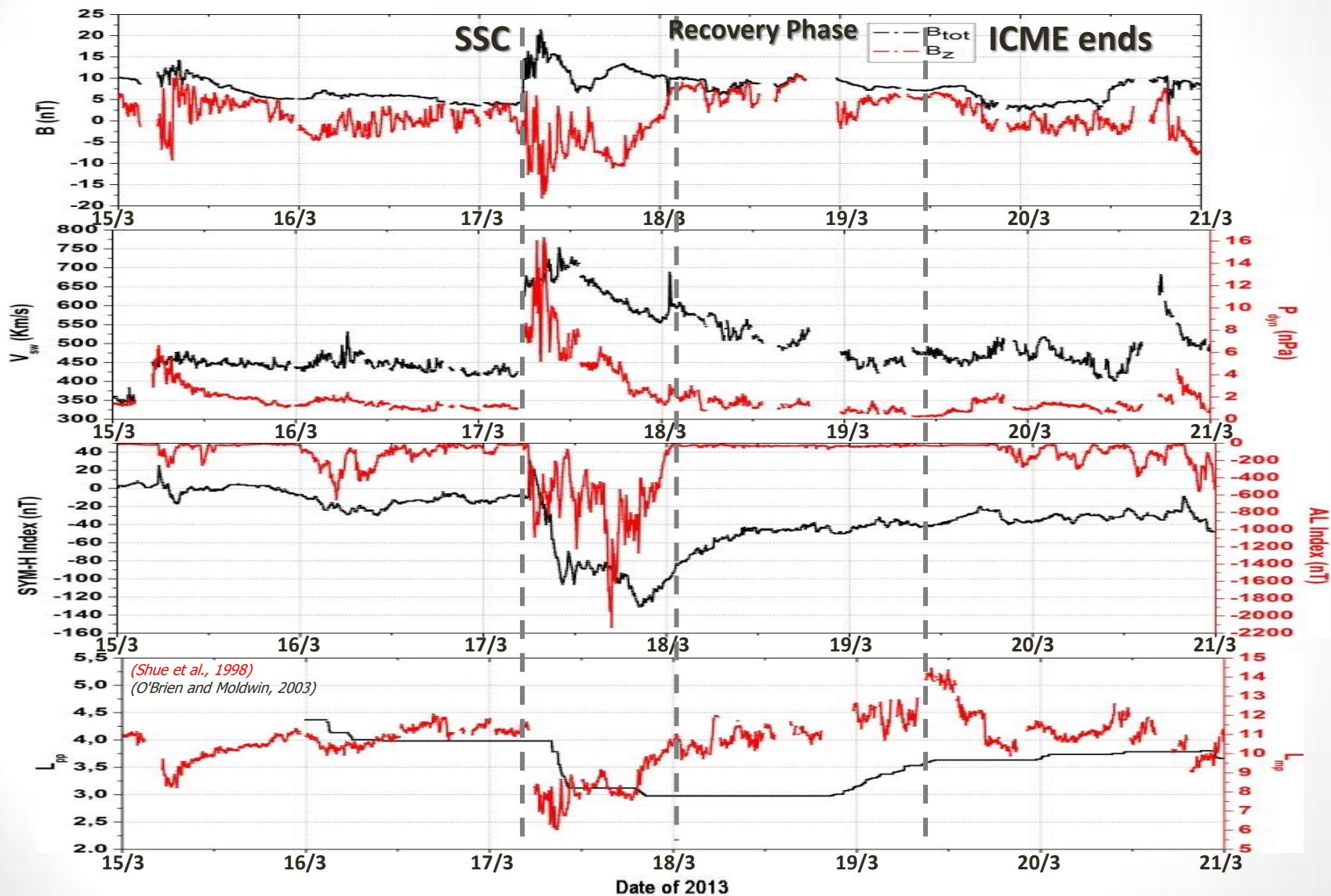
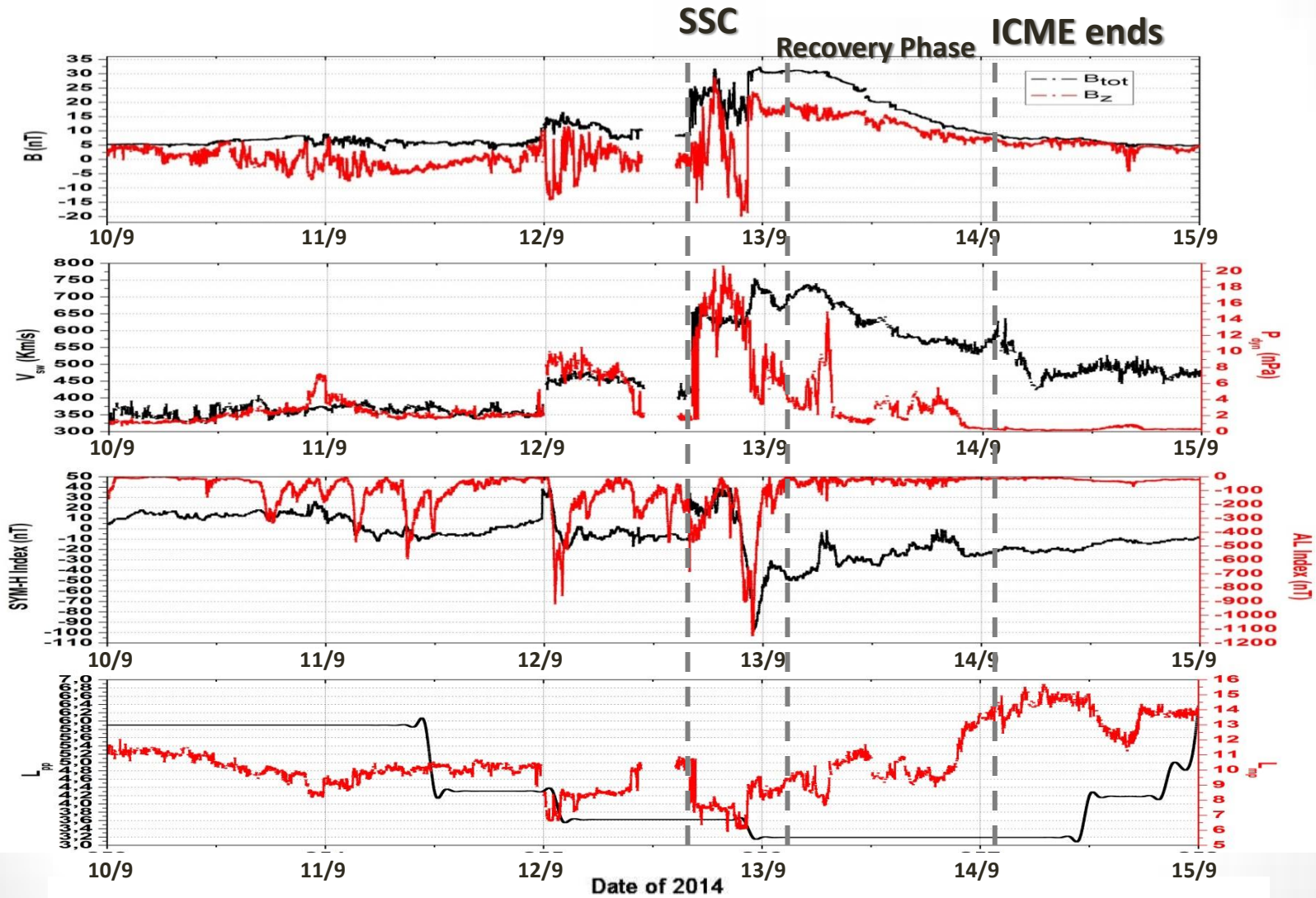# Electron Enhancement Event
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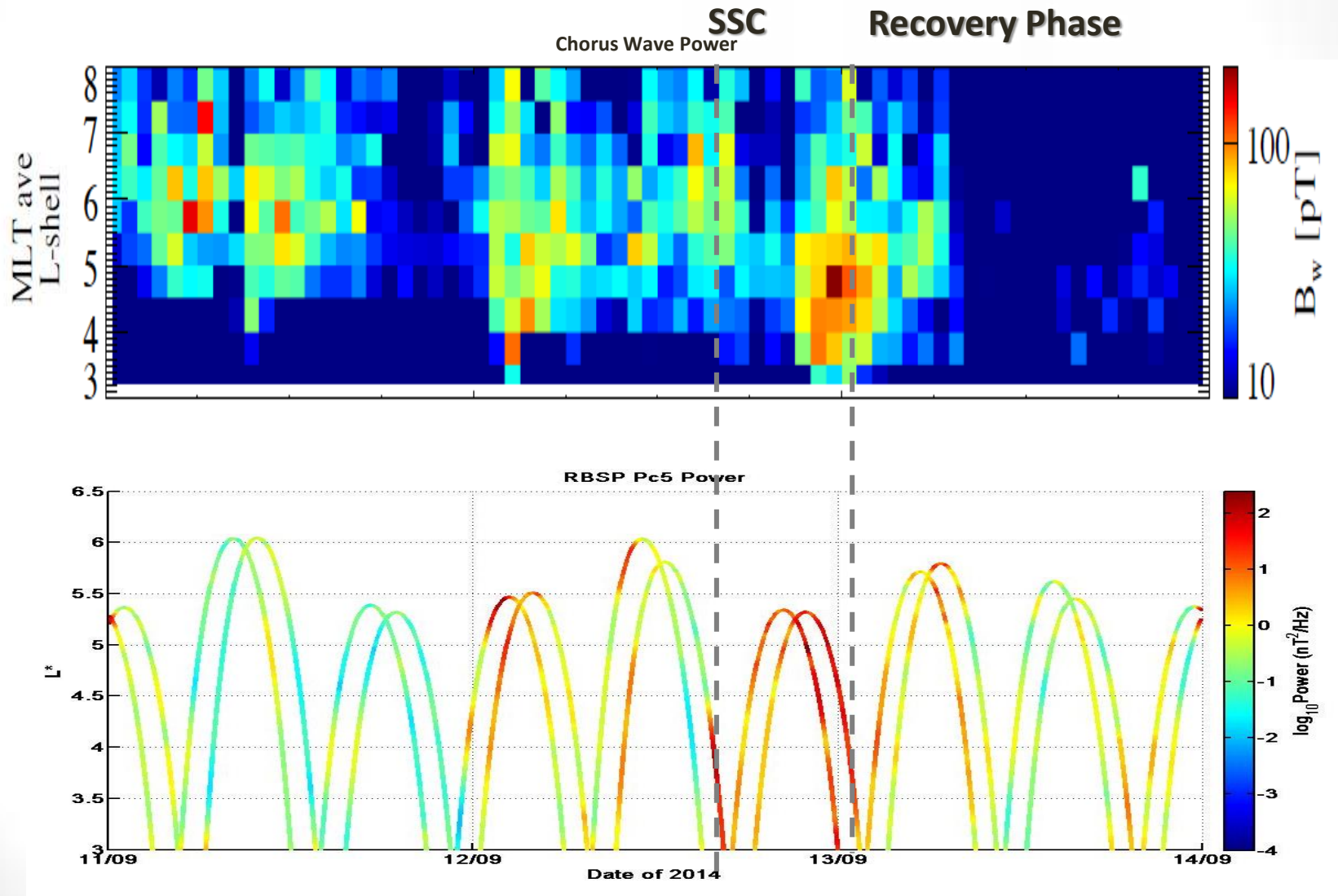
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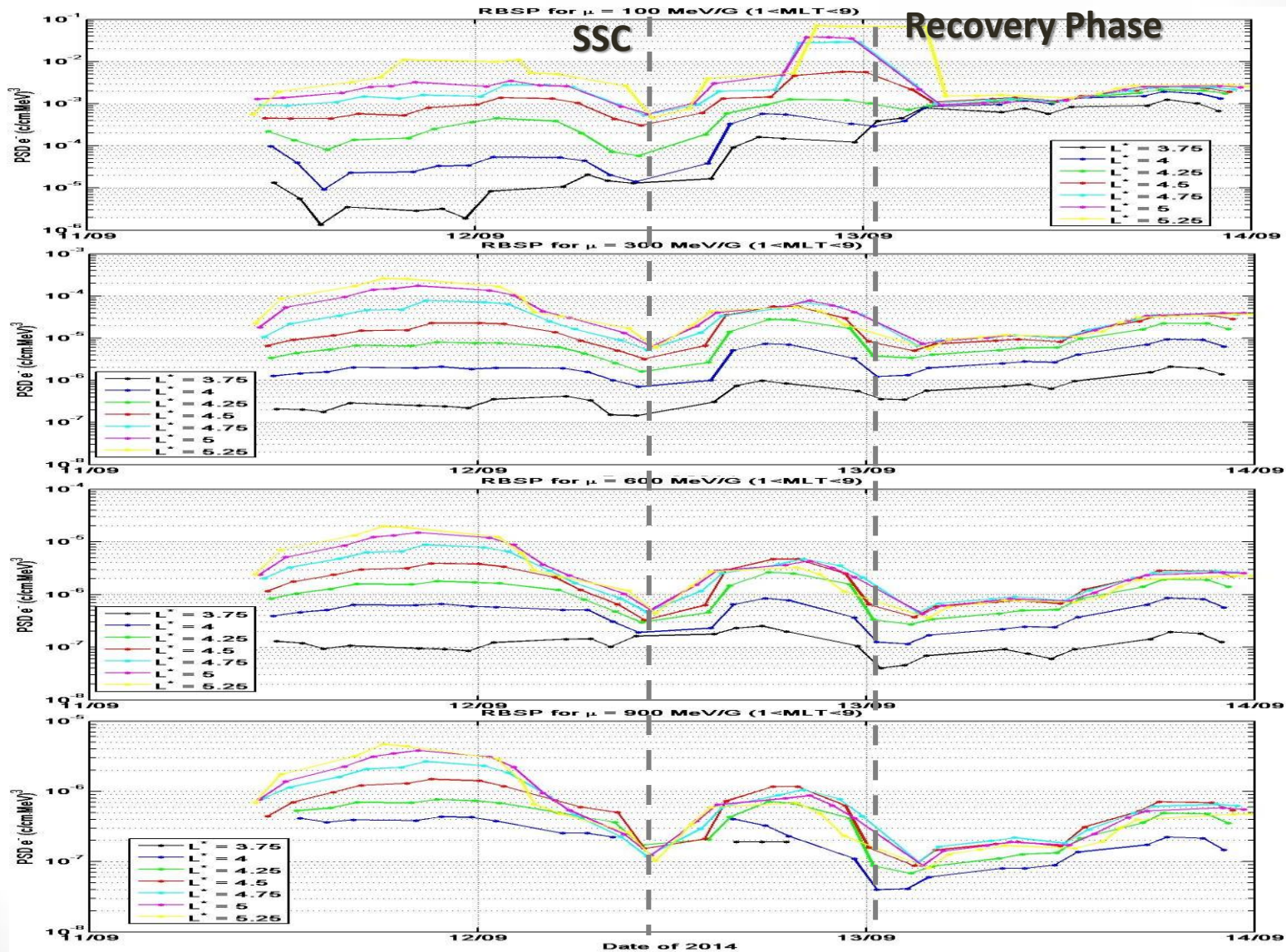## (Severe Storm of March 16-18, 2013)

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Conclusions

- Outward diffusion driven by Pc5 waves (combined with MP shadowing) is the dominant mechanism for relativistic electron losses.

- The comparison of the two contradicting events shows that – for similar duration and power – acceleration by chorus waves exceeds outward diffusion driven by Pc5 activity.

- There is a 300 MeV/G limit in μ above which Pc5 waves can diffuse electrons.

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