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# ANALYSIS OF ENERGY CONVERSION PROCESSES AT KINETIC SCALES ASSOCIATED WITH A SERIES OF DIPOLARIZATION FRONTS OBSERVED BY MMS DURING A SUBSTORM

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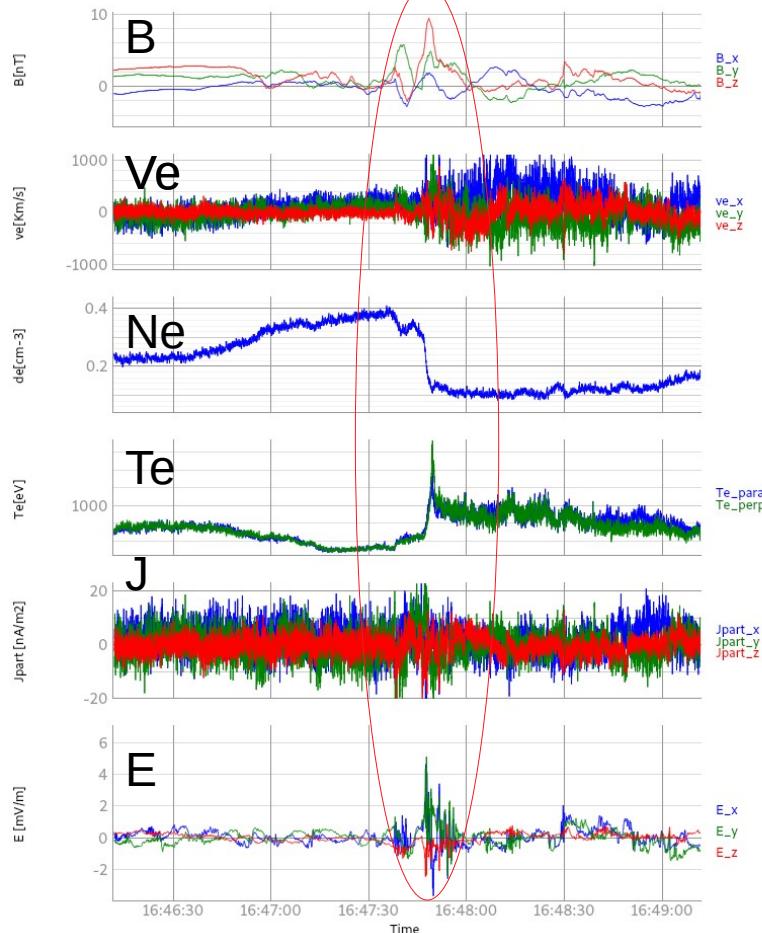


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# One MMS DF example

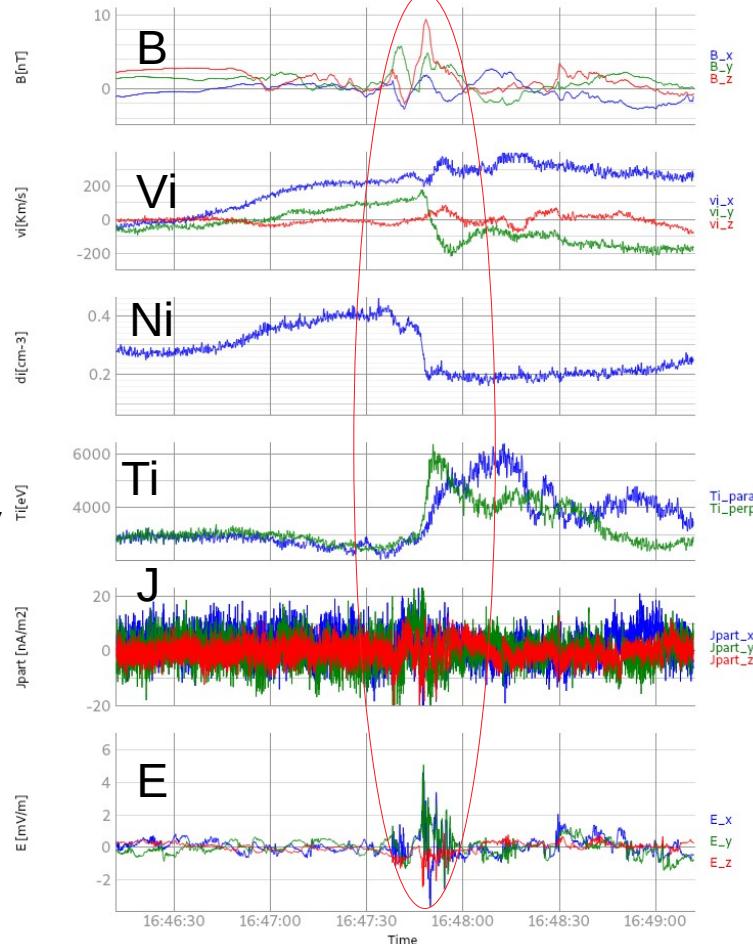
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### DF/fast flow properties

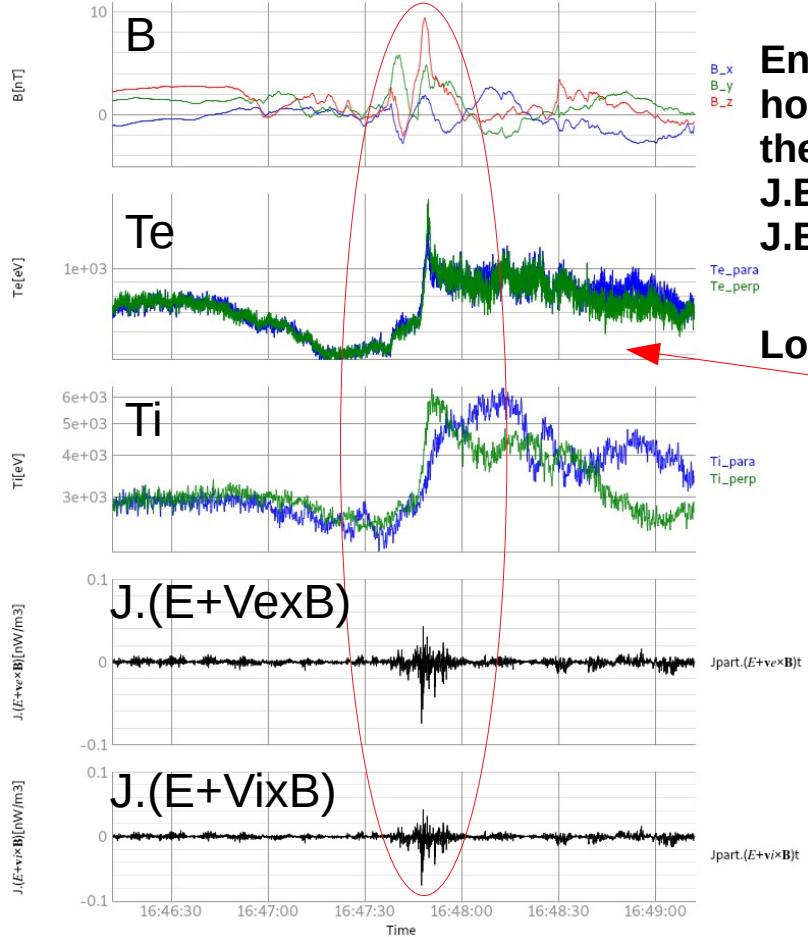
[e.g. Runov et al., GRL 2009,  
Sergeev et al., GRL, 2009]]

- Transition between cold dense plasma at rest to hot tenuous fastly moving plasma
- Increase of  $B_z$
- Increase of  $Ve,x \& Vi,x$
- Decrease of density
- Increase of  $T_{para,e} - T_{perp,e} \sim 1$  keV
- Increase of  $T_{para,i} - T_{perp,i} \sim 6$  keV
- Current density  $< 20$  nA/m<sup>2</sup>
- $E_y$  field  $\sim 4$  mV/m



# Energy conversion

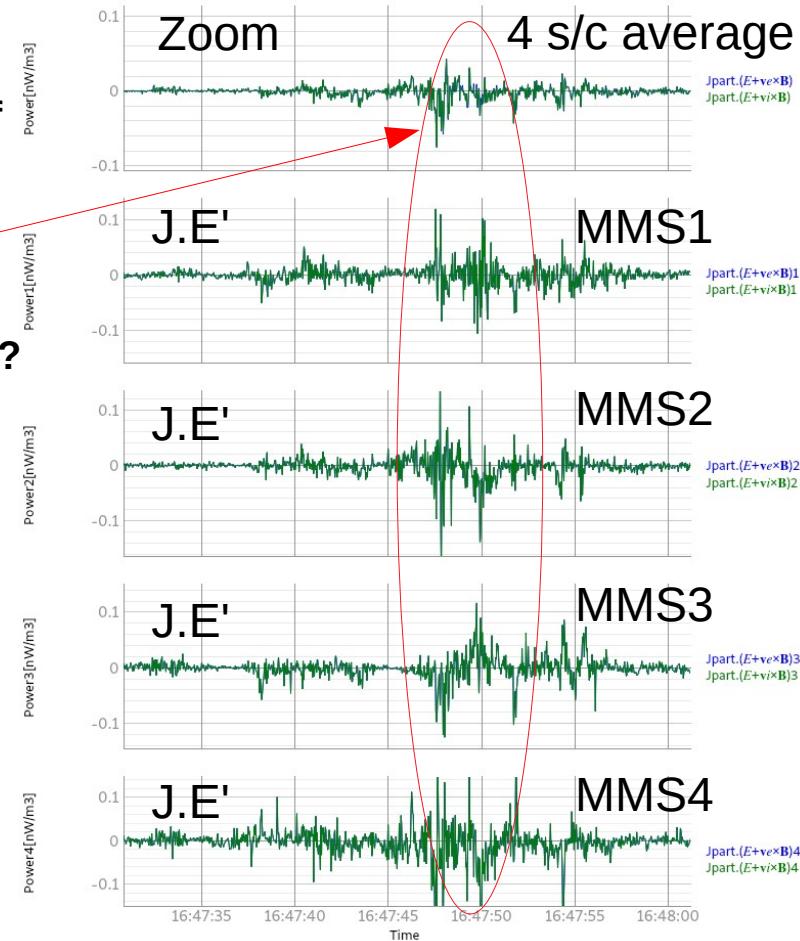
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Energy conversion is not homogeneous at the scale of the tetrahedron :  
 $J \cdot E' > 0$  &  $< 0$  depending on s/c  
 $J \cdot E' < 0$  for 4 s/c average

Local electron & ion heating ?

Max  $Te \sim 2000$ eV  
 Max  $Ti \sim 6000$ eV



# Summary



- We have shown a DF event detected by MMS during a subsorm event on July 23rd 2017 with classical signatures consistent with general properties of DF.
- We have found a good agreement between current densities calculated from particles and curl B (not shown).
- From Ohm's law, electrons are found almost always magnetized whereas ions can be decoupled from B due to Hall field (not shown).
- Energy conversion given by  $(J.(E+vexB)$  or  $(J.(E+vixB))$  is not homogeneous at the scale of the tetrahedron :  
4 s/c average value indicates an energy transfer ( $J.E' < 0$ ) from particles to fields at the beginning of the DF crossing whereas individual s/c values can be positive or negative which require further investigations.

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