

1 **On the relation between Jovian aurorae and the loading/unloading of the**
2 **magnetic flux: simultaneous measurements from Juno, HST and Hisaki**

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23 **Key points:**

24 1. Accumulation and release of magnetic flux in the middle Jovian magnetosphere
25 modulate auroral intensifications.

26 2. Magnetic reconnection process occurs independently of Jupiter's global loading
27 and unloading of magnetic flux.

28 3. We provide direct evidence that unloading of magnetic flux causes

29 enhancements of auroral kilometric emissions.

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31 **Abstract**

32 We present simultaneous observations of aurorae at Jupiter from the Hubble Space
33 Telescope and Hisaki, in combination with the in-situ measurements of magnetic field,
34 particles and radio waves from the Juno Spacecraft in the outer magnetosphere, from
35 $\sim 60 R_J$ to $80 R_J$ during March 17 to 22, 2017. Two cycles of accumulation and
36 release of magnetic flux, named magnetic loading/unloading, were identified during
37 this period, which correlate well with electron energization and auroral
38 intensifications. Magnetic reconnection events are identified during both the loading
39 and unloading periods, indicating that reconnection and unloading are independent
40 processes. These results show that the dynamics in the middle magnetosphere are
41 coupled with auroral variability.

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43 **Introduction**

44 Jupiter produces the most powerful auroral emissions among the solar system's
45 planets. Jovian ultraviolet aurora is comprised of at least four distinctive components,
46 e.g., Galilean satellite magnetic footprints, main auroral emission [Clarke *et al.*, 2002],
47 emissions equatorward and poleward of the main auroral emission (Grodent [2015],
48 and references therein). These auroral components do not behave fully independently.
49 Grodent *et al.* [2018] suggested six families of auroral morphologies with diverse
50 combinations of different auroral components by examining 118 observing sequences
51 with the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) between Juno orbits 3 to 7, demonstrating
52 that different auroral components are systematically connected.

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54 The Jovian auroral components are highly variable, and traditionally thought to be
55 driven by rapid planetary rotation and the Io plasma torus [Clarke *et al.*, 2004;
56 Delamere *et al.*, 2015a; Khurana *et al.*, 2004]. Observations of the solar wind

57 upstream of Jupiter by the Juno and Jovian polar FUV emission by HST (or
58 simultaneous measurements by Cassini and Galileo during the Cassini flyby)
59 confirmed that solar wind conditions significantly modulate polar auroral emissions
60 [Clarke *et al.*, 2009; Gurnett *et al.*, 2002; Nichols *et al.*, 2017; Nichols *et al.*, 2007]. In
61 addition to UV emission, solar wind influences on Jovian aurorae at other wavebands,
62 e.g., infrared emissions [Baron *et al.*, 1996; Connerney and Satoh, 2000; Moore *et al.*,
63 2017] and X-ray emissions [Dunn *et al.*, 2016].

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65 Unlike the terrestrial magnetospheric processes that are mainly driven by Dungey
66 cycle [Dungey, 1961], Jupiter's magnetospheric processes are driven by both Dungey
67 cycle and Vasyliunas cycle [Vasyliunas, 1983]. Although energy and plasma sources
68 are fundamentally different at the two planets, previous studies have revealed that
69 many terrestrial-like dynamics could also exist in Jovian magnetosphere [Cowley *et al.*
70 *et al.*, 2003]. Episodes of magnetic loading processes, corresponding to the substorm
71 growth phase at Earth, have been identified in the near Jovian magnetotail by Galileo
72 [Ge *et al.*, 2007]. Furthermore, magnetic reconnection has also been reported in the
73 middle to outer Jovian magnetosphere [Ge *et al.*, 2010; Russell *et al.*, 1998], and
74 suggested to be a mechanism releasing the magnetotail energy [Kasahara *et al.*, 2013;
75 Kronberg *et al.*, 2008; Kronberg *et al.*, 2005; Vogt *et al.*, 2014; Vogt *et al.*, 2010].
76 Previous studies also revealed strong connection between bursts of auroral radio flux
77 and energetic magnetospheric events, which are suggested to relate to plasma
78 instabilities or plasma injections from the more distant magnetodisc [Louarn *et al.*,
79 2000], or between auroral radio flux and ultraviolet (UV) auroral emissions [Kurth *et al.*
80 *et al.*, 2005], suggesting that radio emissions are concurrent phenomena during magnetic
81 unloading processes [Louarn *et al.*, 2001]. Unlike imaging of the UV aurorae that
82 provides an almost global view, auroral radio flux heavily depends on the viewing
83 geometry, which makes it difficult to distinguish between spatial and temporal
84 variations. Therefore, the analysis of measurements combining datasets from radio

85 waves, energetic particles, magnetic field and aurorae is pivotal in understanding how
86 the Jovian magnetospheric dynamics drive the polar auroral emissions.

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88 Using simultaneous remote sensing of aurorae from HST and Hisaki, in combination
89 with measurements from Juno in the outer magnetosphere at $\sim 60 - 80 R_J$, we report
90 direct evidence of the connection between auroral enhancements and unloading of
91 magnetic flux. We also discuss the relation between magnetic reconnection and the
92 loading/unloading process.

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94 **Observations**

95 Figure 1(top panel) shows polar projections of five auroral images averaged over ~ 40
96 minutes. These images were taken by HST/STIS during March 17 to 21 2017 (details
97 described in *Grodent et al.* [2018]). The power of the total visible area from HST
98 from March 17 to 21 are 2068 GW, 1778 GW, 2258 GW, 1672 GW and 1281 GW,
99 respectively. Note that the viewing geometry for these HST sequences is very similar,
100 so that the geometric influence in the comparison would not likely seriously affect the
101 trend of auroral power variation. As illustrated by the auroral power and also visually
102 identifiable by eyes, the aurorae on March 17 and 19 were more brightened than on
103 other days, particularly on the dawn side auroral arc. On March 21, the auroral
104 emission was significantly weaker than the other images, suggesting a relative quiet
105 magnetospheric condition. Figure 1(bottom panel) shows the solar wind dynamic
106 pressure at Jupiter using a one-dimensional magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) model to
107 propagate solar wind measurements made at the Earth orbit [*Tao et al.*, 2005]. The
108 Earth-Sun-Jupiter angle was about 40 degrees (not shown), smaller than the threshold
109 in Tao et al. 2005 (i.e., 50 degrees), suggesting that the prediction is relatively reliable
110 with a maximum error of 2 days. As shown in the Tao model prediction, a rapid
111 dynamic pressure enhancement was observed at the beginning of March 18, followed
112 with a peak value of ~ 0.3 nPa. Although we could not determine the exact arrival

113 time of solar wind compression using a propagation model, it is likely that the
114 enhanced auroral sequences from March 17 to March 20 were associated with this
115 strong solar wind dynamic pressure estimated from Tao model.

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117 During the same period, the Juno spacecraft was approaching Jupiter from 84.3 R_J on
118 March 17 to 59.5 R_J on March 22 on the dawnside (local time at ~ 4.8), near the
119 equatorial plane. Figure 2(a-c) shows 1-minute averaged measurements of the
120 magnetic field components in system III coordinate system, obtained from the Juno's
121 Magnetometer Investigation (MAG) [Connerney *et al.*, 2017]. Figure 2d shows the
122 10-hour averaged total magnetic strength, which eliminates short time scale
123 fluctuations, e.g., at time scales of minutes to a few hours. During Juno's pass through
124 Jupiter's outer to middle magnetosphere, the 10-hour flapping of the current sheet
125 caused by planetary rotation leads to regular current sheet crossings that can be
126 identified by the oscillation of the B_r and B_ϕ components (Figure 2a and 2c) and
127 electron flux (Figure 2h). Indeed, when Juno travels from outside to inside the
128 plasmadisc, the dominant components (B_r and B_ϕ) decrease, and the normal
129 component (B_θ) increases. Therefore, the magnetic inclination angle (defined as
130 $\tan^{-1} \left| \frac{B_\theta}{\sqrt{B_r^2 + B_\phi^2}} \right|$) increases accordingly. In a thick current sheet structure, Juno
131 would stay within the central plasmadisc for a relatively long time, and the
132 one-rotation averaged magnetic inclination angle would consequently be larger than
133 in a thin current sheet. We thus suggest using the one-Jovian-rotation average of
134 magnetic inclination angle as an indicator of the current sheet thickness, as shown in
135 Figure 2e. For Earth, the magnetic inclination is often directly used as an indicator of
136 the current sheet thickness (or magnetic dipolarization), however this is not applicable
137 for Jupiter or Saturn because current sheet flapping is modulated by planetary rotation
138 (e.g., Henderson *et al.* [2006]). Figure 2f shows a frequency-time spectrogram of
139 electric field spectral density from the kilometric wave frequencies measured with the
140 Juno-Waves instrument [Kurth *et al.*, 2017b]. Figure 2g shows the wave power

141 intensity of ~60 kHz emissions as a function of time and System III longitude. We
142 select ~60 kHz only for demonstrating the longitude information for the wave activity,
143 while not from a physical consideration. Figure 2h shows an energy-time spectrogram
144 for energetic electrons with an energy range between 30 keV and 1000 keV observed
145 with Juno's Jupiter Energetic-particle Detector Instrument (JEDI) [Mauk *et al.*, 2017].
146 The most prominent variation in Figure 2e is the strong enhancement after March 19
147 (indicated by the arrow), which indicates a strong current sheet expansion. This is also
148 associated with a strong enhancement of kilometric emission as shown in Figure 2f,
149 and electron energization appearing in Figure 2h. The enhancement of energetic
150 electrons lasted for about two planetary rotations, indicating that this is a global
151 process, rather than a localized energization. A localized energization in a rotating
152 magnetosphere would likely result in short duration enhancement with clear
153 boundaries, e.g., Yao *et al.* [2018].

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155 As indicated by the dashed red and orange lines in Figure 2d, the 10-hour averaged $|B|$
156 has experienced two increases and two decreases during the five days, suggesting that
157 the magnetosphere was experiencing loading and unloading of magnetic energy. Note
158 here that we do not focus on the sub-scale variations caused by current sheet
159 distortion, for example during the second unloading period, when the magnetic field
160 and electron flux are highly perturbed. When mirroring the dashed lines on Figure 2d
161 to the Figure 2h, it is obvious that the unloading and loading processes are generally
162 consistent with electron energization and cooling, respectively. We point out that the
163 transitions between the loading and unloading processes (marked by the orange and
164 red dashed lines) cannot be temporally resolved finer than one planetary rotation,
165 therefore we cannot conclude whether or not there exists a small time delay between
166 the magnetic variation and the electron energization. We mark the times of the five
167 auroral images in Figure 1 on the top of Figure 2a (purple arrows), and coincidentally
168 the images sampled all the four periods of the unloading and loading processes. The

169 two enhanced auroral emissions (March 17 and 19) were observed at the beginning of
170 the unloading processes (indicated in Figure 2d), while the three relatively faint
171 auroral emissions (March 18, 20 and 21) occurred during the loading processes.

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173 During this current sheet expansion, the auroral kilometric wave power (Figure 2f)
174 significantly increased and showed strong planetary rotation modulation. *Ladreiter et*
175 *al.* [1994] show that both hectometric (HOM) and broadband kilometric (bKOM)
176 emissions are associated with auroral activities, and further suggest that bKOM is
177 likely associated with outer magnetosphere while HOM is likely to be connected with
178 inner Jovian plasma sheet and/or outer plasma torus. Furthermore, *Louarn et al.* [2014]
179 reveal the correlation between narrow-band kilometric emission (nKOM) and
180 magnetospheric reconfiguration event. In the present study, we do not find either clear
181 nKOM, or strong auroral injection. The HOM is not discussed in the present study
182 because of instrument noise interferences at its frequency range [*Kurth et al.*, 2017a].
183 Figure 2g shows that the kilometric wave emissions were mostly constrained from
184 ~320-340 to ~100 degrees in System III. The modulation might be due to the
185 magnetic dipole tilt, which causes the radio emission cone to rock in latitude as the
186 planet rotates [*Green and Boardsen*, 1999; *Kurth et al.*, 2005; *Morgan and Gurnett*,
187 1991]. Juno only observes radio emission when it intersects the emission cone. So the
188 power modulation might be due to the periodic changes of visibility of kilometric
189 radio emission from Juno. The wave power enhancement in a fixed longitude range in
190 System III coordinates was revealed by measurements from Voyager 1 and 2 [*Kurth et*
191 *al.*, 1980], and suggested to be associated with terrestrial substorm-like activities at
192 Jupiter (i.e., the magnetic unloading process used in the present study) in Jovian
193 magnetosphere. Therefore, the present study provides direct evidence of their
194 hypothesis.

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196 Figure 2i shows the auroral power index from the count rate at 1115 Ångström

197 measured by Hisaki EXCEED (blue) [Yoshioka *et al.*, 2013] and the total auroral
198 power from HST (pink). The Hisaki power variations are reduced from the imaging
199 spectral data produced by the pipeline system described in Kimura *et al.* [2019], by
200 integrating over one day, which filters out rapid variations associated with disturbance
201 in the satellite attitudinal system with time scale smaller than one day. The HST
202 auroral power includes HST's total visible area. Both HST and Hisaki show consistent
203 variations, supporting the magnetic loading/unloading modulation of Jovian aurorae
204 and auroral kilometric radiations. We notice that auroral kilometric radiation
205 enhancement last for a little bit longer than the auroral indicators from HST and
206 Hisaki observations. Since HST and Hisaki observations are at \sim one-day resolution,
207 so that the slight time delay might not be due to physical reason. The inferred dashed
208 black curve could be a potential solution to this slight time delay.

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210 As indicated by the red dots on the bottom of Figure 2b, there are at least 7 strong
211 spikes (< -3 nT) of negative B_{θ} , which is usually taken as an indicator of magnetic
212 reconnection in the Jovian magnetosphere [Kronberg *et al.*, 2005; Russell *et al.*, 1998;
213 Vogt *et al.*, 2010]. Moreover, positive B_{θ} spikes, marked by blue dots are found close
214 to these negative B_{θ} spikes. The pairs of positive and negative spikes imply that the
215 Juno spacecraft traveled into both reconnection outflow sides, meaning that the
216 reconnection sites were likely formed at the spacecraft's location or travelled through
217 the spacecraft [Kasahara *et al.*, 2013; Kronberg *et al.*, 2012], or plasmoid ejected
218 from the reconnection site passed over the spacecraft [Vogt *et al.*, 2014; Vogt *et al.*,
219 2010]. When comparing these reconnection signatures with the loading/unloading
220 processes, we found that episodes of reconnection were encountered not only during
221 the magnetic unloading periods, but also during the loading periods. These results
222 indicate that magnetic reconnection can behave independently of the magnetic
223 loading/unloading processes in Jupiter's magnetosphere.

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225 **Discussion and summary**

226 It is a major challenge to distinguish between spatial and temporal variations from
227 single-probe measurements. Since Juno continuously travels along its 53-days orbit
228 [Bolton *et al.*, 2017], we have an ideal opportunity to compare the active and quiet-time
229 measurements along similar trajectories between the nearby orbits to distinguish
230 between spatial and temporal variations. Figure 3(a and b) show Juno's trajectory
231 (distance to Jupiter's center versus distance above the magnetic equator) the periods
232 during March 17-22, 2017 (orbit 5) and during July 1-6, 2017 (orbit 7). Figure 3(c and d)
233 are two representative auroral images (the same color scale) for the two periods,
234 showing that the measurements in orbit 5 were made during active aurora period while
235 the measurements in orbit 7 were performed during quiet aurora period. Figure 3(e and
236 f) shows the magnetic strength during the two periods. As we explained in the
237 observations section, the oscillation of magnetic strength is due to planetary rotation
238 induced plasmadisc flapping. When the spacecraft move out of the plasma disk during
239 the plasmadisc flapping, the change of $|B|$ become much more gentle. Therefore, we
240 subtract the envelope of $|B|$ using the criterion of $|dB/dt| < 1$ nT/s. This envelope (blue
241 dots) shall generally represent the lobe magnetic field. Figure 3g shows a direct
242 comparison of the lobe magnetic field variations during orbit 5 (the active aurora period)
243 and orbit 7 (the quiet aurora period). Note that the label of distance to Jupiter may
244 involve an inaccuracy of $\sim 1 R_J$, as the two orbits were not precisely the same. The lobe
245 magnetic field during orbit 7 gradually increased, representing a trajectory variation.
246 While the lobe magnetic field during orbit 5 shows clear variations along the trajectory
247 variation. It is surprising that during the active auroral period, the lobe magnetic field
248 could drop to the quiet auroral period level. Since we do not have a continual monitor of
249 the polar aurorae, we could not examine whether or not aurora during orbit 5 could
250 transiently reach to the quiet time level. We point out that: 1) the magnetic
251 loading/unloading process is in a time scale of one to several planetary rotations, which
252 is much longer than the Alfvén travelling time from the equator to the ionosphere. 2)

253 The correlation of lobe magnetic energy release would result in an inner
254 magnetospheric energy release and auroral brightening, so that the correlation between
255 lobe magnetic variation and aurora would be obtained even when the spacecraft is not
256 magnetically connected to the auroral region (e.g., *Angelopoulos et al.* [2013]).

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258 The relation between magnetic reconnection and loading/unloading processes is an
259 intriguing mystery widely existing in many planetary magnetospheres in the solar
260 system. Although magnetic dipolarization and magnetic unloading are the same
261 physical process, the magnetic unloading signatures (decreases of lobe field strength)
262 are measurable at a large range of distances while dipolarization signatures (i.e.,
263 increases of magnetic inclination angle or B_{θ}) are less significant at larger distances
264 from the planet [*Angelopoulos et al.*, 2013; *Shukhtina et al.*, 2014]. This is why only
265 the second magnetic unloading was accompanied by a strong increase in the magnetic
266 inclination angle. It is usually suggested that the unloading process is driven by
267 magnetic reconnection at Earth [*Angelopoulos et al.*, 2008], Saturn [*Yao*, 2017] and
268 Jupiter [*Ge et al.*, 2007; *Russell et al.*, 1998]. On the other hand, there are also
269 extensive studies revealing that the terrestrial unloading process is not driven by
270 magnetic reconnection from the examination of their timing history (e.g.,
271 reconnection occurs after the unloading process) [*Lui*, 2009], and energy budget
272 [*Akasofu*, 2017; *Lui*, 2015; 2018]. One of the major difficulties in understanding their
273 relation is due to the similar time scales (i.e., several minutes) of terrestrial transient
274 phenomena, such as reconnection, plasma bursty bulk flow, substorm expansion and
275 field-aligned current formations. As shown in Figure 2, the loading and unloading
276 processes at Jupiter have time scales of one to a few planetary rotations, which is
277 much longer than the reconnection signatures (the B_{θ} spikes). Here we show that
278 magnetic reconnection processes could occur during both loading and unloading
279 periods in Jupiter's magnetosphere, although the occurrence rate might be higher
280 during unloading (5/7) than the loading phase (2/7). The potentially different

281 reconnection occurrence rate may be related to the two to three days quasi-periodical
282 polar dawn spots revealed by *Radioti et al.* [2008]. The successive reconnection
283 signatures during several planetary rotations might suggest a drizzle-like reconnection
284 process at Jupiter, which is an analogy to Saturn's drizzle-like reconnection picture
285 proposed by *Delamere et al.* [2015b] and supported by direct reconnection evidence
286 [*Guo et al.*, 2018a; *Guo et al.*, 2018b]. Sporadic reconnections separated by much
287 shorter time scales were also reported by *Kronberg et al.* [2009]. These reconnection
288 signatures measured between 60 to 84 R_J in this study are also consistent with the
289 inferred X-line in *Vogt et al.* [2010] and *Woch et al.* [2002], where they suggest X-line
290 to be located between 60 to 90 R_J in the postmidnight to the dawn sectors. The
291 appearances of magnetic reconnection at both magnetic loading and unloading phases
292 is also consistent with the statistical conclusion by *Vogt et al.* [2010].

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294 The loading/unloading of magnetic flux specifically focuses on energy circulation,
295 which is a counterpart of planetary mass circulation [*Bagenal and Delamere*, 2011;
296 *Delamere and Bagenal*, 2010; *Delamere et al.*, 2015a]. In our point of view, the
297 magnetic loading/unloading process is similar to the process of plasmoid ejection
298 [*Cowley et al.*, 2015; *Kronberg et al.*, 2008; *Vogt et al.*, 2014] and recurrent auroral
299 enhancements in *Kimura et al.* [2018]. Mass loading/unloading is more on the view of
300 global mass circulation; while magnetic loading/unloading process describes a
301 fundamental process of magnetic energy circulation that involves direct particle
302 energization. The relation between mass loading and magnetic dipolarization is
303 analogous to the relation between terrestrial substorm and solar wind input energy in
304 the magnetosphere, i.e., substorm expansion has higher occurrence rate during high
305 solar wind energy input [*Newell et al.*, 2013; *Newell et al.*, 2007]. Another relevant
306 analogy is to the process that terrestrial ionospheric outflow in driving periodic
307 magnetic dipolarizations in the terrestrial magnetosphere [*Brambles et al.*, 2010].

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309 The swap between loading and unloading shown in Figure 2 could also fit into
310 quasi-periodic dynamics of the Jovian magnetosphere revealed by *Kronberg et al.*
311 [2007] and *Louarn et al.* [2007]. Two complete cycles of the loading and unloading
312 processes were recorded in five days, which is highly consistent with the 2.6 days
313 periodic energetic particle bursts in the predawn Jovian magnetotail revealed in *Krupp*
314 *et al.* [1998], although *Kronberg et al.* [2009] summarized that these periodicities
315 could vary from 1 to 7 days. The auroral brightening in this study is likely different
316 from the transient auroral brightening described mainly based on Hisaki dataset
317 [*Kimura et al.*, 2018; *Kimura et al.*, 2017; *Kita et al.*, 2016]. The transient auroral
318 brightenings in their studies are initiated from predawn to dawn local times and
319 rapidly expand in both latitude and longitude over a few hours, which decay in 1-2
320 planetary rotations. In contrast, the enhanced auroral morphology remains relatively
321 steady for about 4 days. We note that *Ge et al.* [2007] suggested the magnetic
322 loading/unloading process to occur at quiet solar wind condition, while it is likely that
323 a similar process occurred during the solar wind compression in this study. We
324 suggest that this event was likely during a solar wind compression based on the
325 auroral morphology suggested by *Grodent et al.* [2018] and *Nichols et al.* [2017]
326 owing to enhancements in the main emission and duskside polar region. This is also
327 consistent with the modeled solar wind propagation [*Tao et al.*, 2005]. We consider
328 the magnetic loading/unloading process as a fundamental driver of energy conversion
329 between magnetic energy and auroral energy, and suggest that this process occurred
330 during a solar wind compression condition (note that we do not suggest a causality
331 between solar wind compression and magnetic loading/unloading), in addition to the
332 previous suggestion that magnetic loading/unloading could occur during quiet solar
333 wind condition [*Ge et al.*, 2007].

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335 The origin of the magnetosphere-ionosphere coupling currents for the main auroral
336 “oval” in the Jovian system is usually explained as a consequence of the departure of

337 the plasma from rigid corotation in the middle magnetosphere [Cowley and Bunce,
338 2001; Hill, 1979; 2001]. Using measurements from the Galileo magnetometer and
339 plasma wave instrument, Louarn *et al.* [2016] revealed that the Jovian auroral radio
340 emissions is correlated with the azimuthal component of the magnetic field measured
341 in the plasma disk, which is considered as a supporting evidence for the Hill's model
342 [Hill, 1979]. The magnetic loading/unloading process described in this study is an
343 independent driver to the corotation enforcement currents. The magnetic
344 loading/unloading process strongly depends on the trends of magnetic variation
345 instead of the absolute value of magnetic field, i.e., growing and decaying of
346 azimuthal and radial components correspond to accumulation (dynamo) and release of
347 magnetic energy (dissipation). We shall also note that the magnetic loading/unloading
348 at $60 - 80 R_J$ is more distant than the expected magnetospheric origin of the main
349 auroral emission, at $20 - 30 R_J$ [Cowley and Bunce, 2001; Hill, 2001]. We suggest
350 two potential explanations: (1) although the majority of auroral precipitation is at $20 -$
351 $30 R_J$, comparable trends may also exist at $60 - 80 R_J$. This is also similar to
352 terrestrial auroral intensifications caused by the magnetic unloading process. At Earth,
353 the majority of auroral precipitation comes from ~ 10 Earth radii, while magnetic
354 unloading events are observed at much larger distances [Angelopoulos *et al.*, 2013;
355 Shukhtina *et al.*, 2014], even beyond the reconnection site. (2) There is a current loop
356 between $20 - 30 R_J$ and $60 - 80 R_J$, i.e., upward currents at $20 - 30 R_J$, while the
357 downward current branch is formed at $60 - 80 R_J$. The unloading of magnetic flux at
358 $60 - 80 R_J$ may correspond to enhancement of downward currents, which should
359 correspond to an enhanced upward field-aligned currents from $20 - 30 R_J$.

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361 Our main results, obtained by combining the five days of quasi-continuous remote
362 sensing observations from HST and Hisaki, and in-situ measurements from the Juno
363 mission, are summarized as follows,

364 (1) The two periods of enhanced auroral emissions were observed when Juno

365 recorded the beginning of the unloading processes, while the three relative
366 diminishing auroral emissions were during the loading processes in the
367 magnetosphere.

368 (2) Kilometric radiation was enhanced during the large magnetic dipolarization
369 process associated with the second unloading phase.

370 (3) Magnetic reconnection appears during both the loading and unloading periods.

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624 **Figure Captions**

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626 **Figure 1.** Top: Polar projections of five auroral images from 17 March to 21 March
627 2017. Each auroral image was averaged over ~40 minutes. Bottom: The solar wind
628 dynamic pressure was obtained using the 1D magnetohydrodynamic model available
629 through CDP/AMDA tool via <http://amda.irap.omp.eu>, which was initially
630 developed by *Tao et al.* [2005].

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632 **Figure 2.** a-c) 1-min averaged magnetic field components in System III measured by
633 the Juno-MAG instrument; d) 10-hour averaged magnetic strength; e) 10-h averaged
634 magnetic inclination angle, defined as $\tan^{-1} \left| \frac{B_{\theta}}{\sqrt{Br^2 + B\phi^2}} \right|$; f) Frequency-time
635 spectrograms of electric field spectral density; g) the wave power intensity of ~60kHz
636 emissions as a function of time and System III longitude; h) energetic electrons
637 measured by the Juno-JEDI instrument. i) Index of total auroral power from Hisaki
638 (blue), total auroral power from HST (pink). The Hisaki auroral index was derived
639 from 1-day averaged measurements as indicated by the horizontal bars centered at
640 each data point. The red dots on the top of panel (b) indicate negative spikes of B_{θ} .
641 The blue dots in panel (b) mark positive B_{θ} spikes that might be closely related to the
642 negative B_{θ} spikes. The purple arrows on the top of panel (a) indicate the times of the
643 five HST images in Figure 1a. The dashed curve in panel (i) is a potential variation
644 inferred from HST, Hisaki and kilometric emissions.

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646 **Figure 3.** (a and b): Juno's trajectory (distance to Jupiter's center versus distance above
647 the magnetic equator) the periods during March 17-22, 2017 (orbit 5) and during July

648 1-6, 2017 (orbit 7); (c and d): Two representative auroral images for the two periods; (e
649 and f): Magnetic strength during the two periods, and the envelope of $|B|$ (marked by
650 the blue dots) were obtained using the criterion of $|dB/dt| < 1$ nT/s. (g) The comparison
651 of the lobe magnetic field variations during orbit 5 (the active aurora period, black) and
652 orbit 7 (the quiet aurora period, pink).

Figure 1.

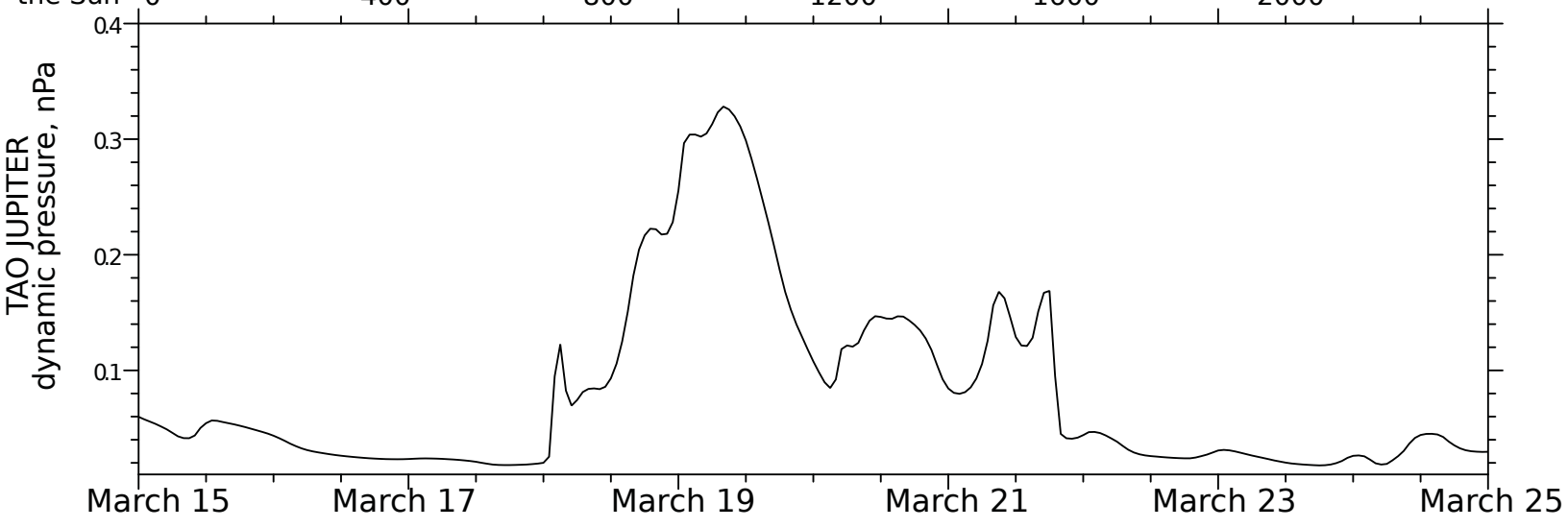
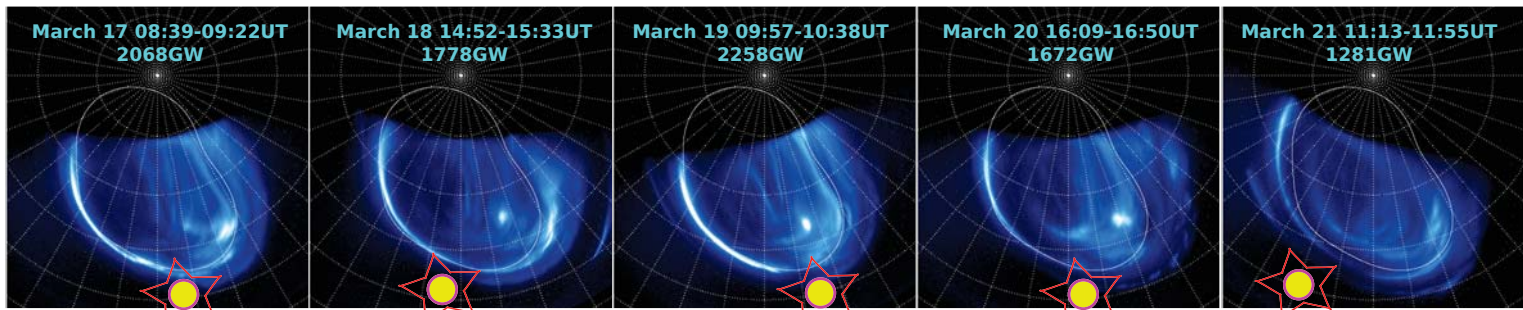


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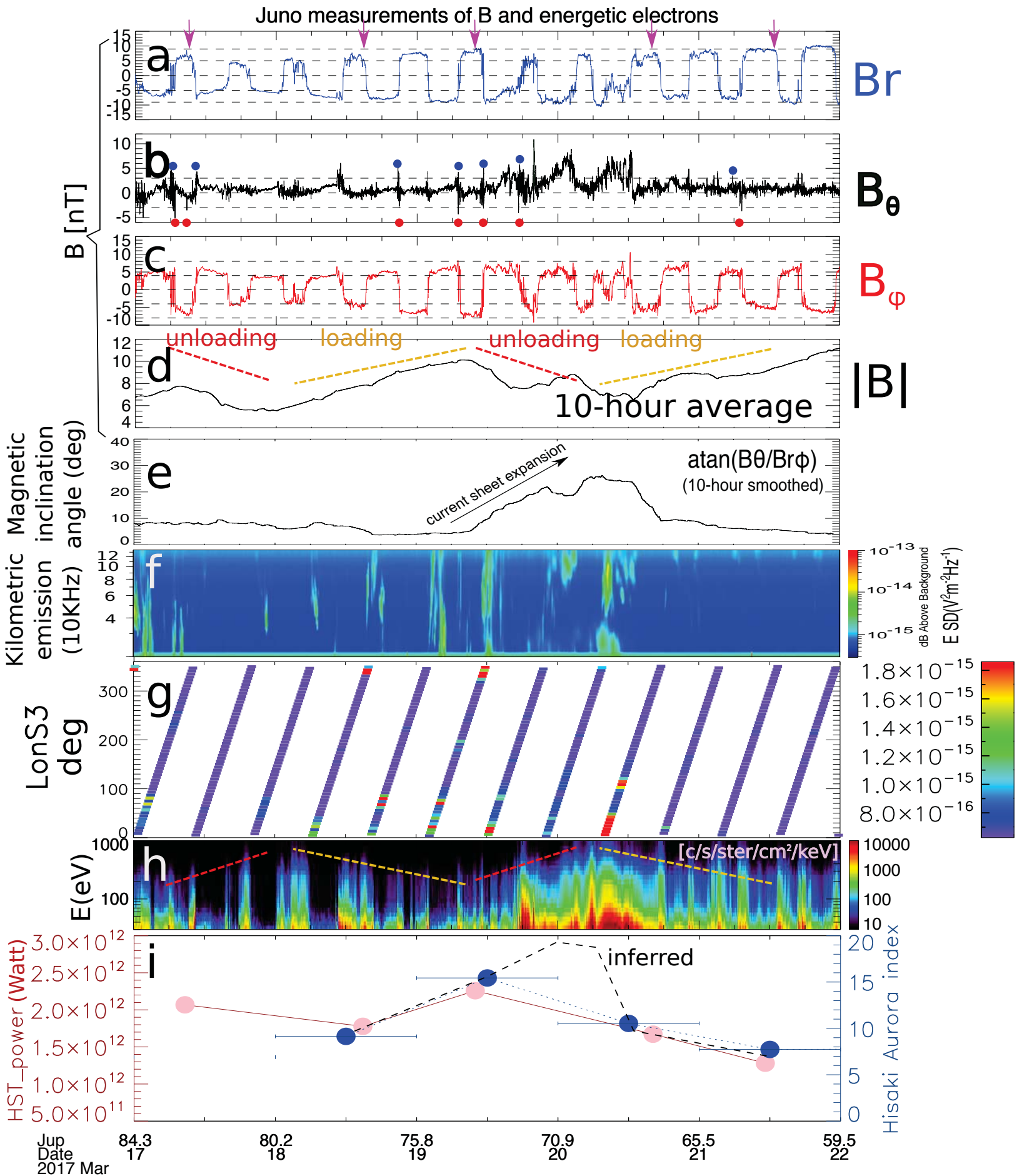


Figure 3.

distance above the magnetic equator (R_J)

a

Local Time: ~ 4.8

$L \sim 80$

2017 076 (March 17) – 2017 081 (March 22)

b

Local Time: ~ 4.3

$L \sim 80$

2017 182 (July 1) – 2017 187 (July 6)

c

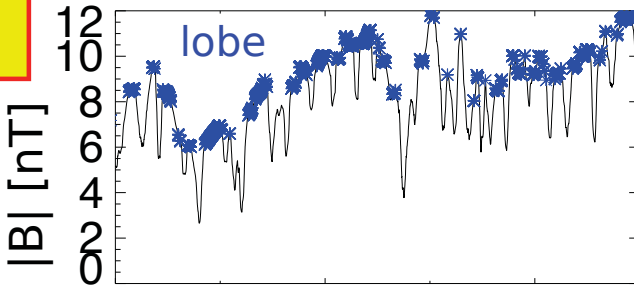
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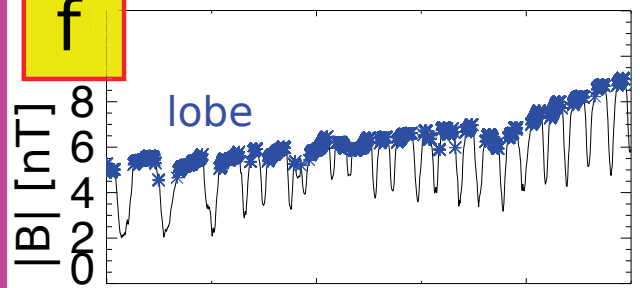
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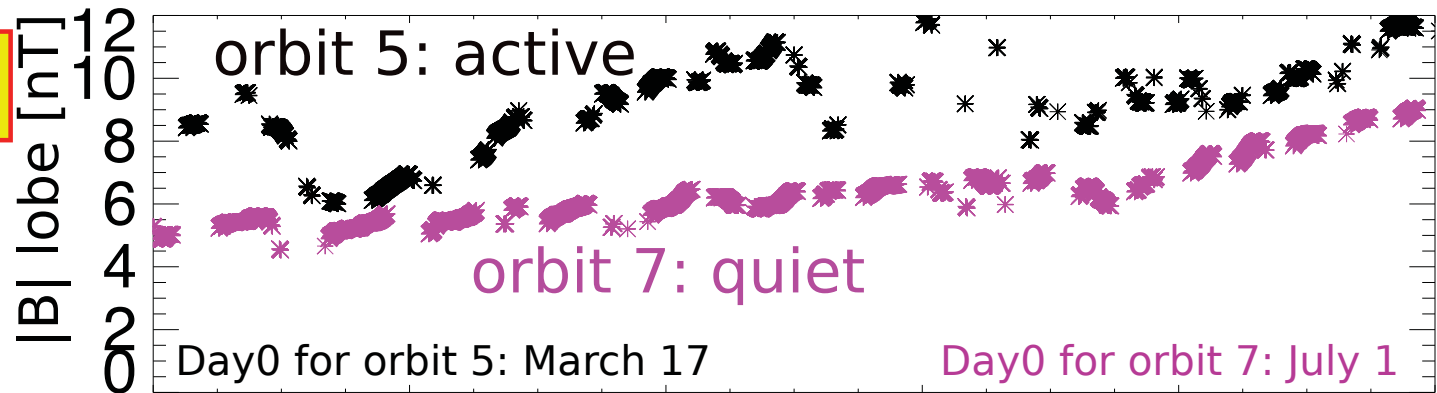
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Dist. to Jup.(R_J)

Days from Day0

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