

elfin_energy_flux

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1 How much did the > 50 keV electrons contribute to the atmospheric energy flux?

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[68]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      from mpl_toolkits.axes_grid1.axes_divider import make_axes_locatable
      import matplotlib.colors
      import numpy as np

      import pad
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[2]: time_range = ('2022-09-04T04:18:00', '2022-09-04T04:23:00')
      kev_erg_factor = 1.6E-9 # The conversion factor from KeV to egs.
      precipitation_solid_angle = 2*np.pi
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[ ]: pad_obj_eflux = pad.EPD_PAD(
      'a', time_range, start_pa=0, min_counts=None, accumulate=1,
      spin_time_tol=(2.5, 12),
      lc_exclusion_angle=10, nflux=False
      )
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UserWarning: The BLC/DLC ratios are all NaNs. This could be due to the
lc_exclusion_angle excluding all pitch angles sampled.
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warnings.warn(
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RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in divide
(self.blc_std/self.blc)**2 +
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1.1 Plot the BLC and ABLC energy fluxes

Let's compare the amount of energy flux that dissipated in the atmosphere vs made it back out?

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[38]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(3, 1, sharex=True, figsize=(10, 6))
      p = ax[0].pcolormesh(
          pad_obj_eflux.pad.time,
          pad_obj_eflux.energy,
          pad_obj_eflux.blc.T,
          shading='nearest',
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        norm=matplotlib.colors.LogNorm(vmin=1E2, vmax=1E9)
    )
p2 = ax[1].pcolormesh(
    pad_obj_eflux.pad.time,
    pad_obj_eflux.energy,
    pad_obj_eflux.ablc.T,
    shading='nearest',
    norm=matplotlib.colors.LogNorm(vmin=1E2, vmax=1E9)
)
p3 = ax[2].pcolormesh(
    pad_obj_eflux.pad.time,
    pad_obj_eflux.energy,
    pad_obj_eflux.blc.T/pad_obj_eflux.ablc.T,
    shading='nearest',
    norm=matplotlib.colors.LogNorm()
)

pad_obj_eflux.plot_position(ax[-1])

labels = ('BLC Eflux', 'ABLC Eflux', 'BLC/ABLC Eflux ratio')
for ax_i, label in zip(ax, labels):
    ax_i.set_yscale('log')
    ax_i.set_ylabel('Energy [keV]')
    _text = ax_i.text(0.01, 0.99, label, transform=ax_i.transAxes, va='top')
    _text.set_bbox(dict(facecolor='white', linewidth=0, pad=0.1, edgecolor='k'))

fig.subplots_adjust(left=0.25, right=0.8)
cbar_ax0 = fig.add_axes([0.85, 0.5, 0.02, 0.3])
cbar_ax1 = fig.add_axes([0.85, 0.1, 0.02, 0.3])
fig.colorbar(p, cax=cbar_ax0, label=pad_obj_eflux._flux_units)
fig.colorbar(p3, cax=cbar_ax1, label='BLC/ABLC')

ax[-1].xaxis.set_major_locator(plt.MaxNLocator(7))
ax[-1].xaxis.set_label_coords(-0.04, -0.007*7)
ax[-1].xaxis.label.set_size(10)

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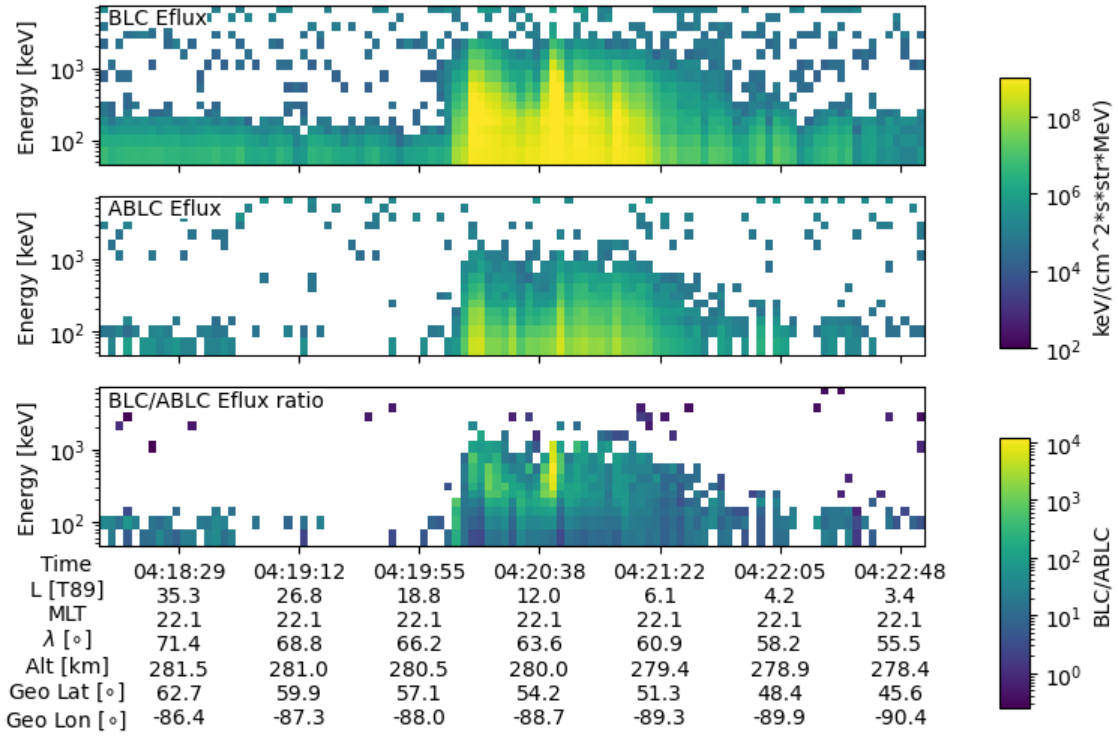
RuntimeWarning: divide by zero encountered in divide

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> 10x of the > 50 keV energy flux was dissipated in the atmosphere. In other words, less than 10% of the energy flux made it back out.

1.2 What was the > 50keV energy flux that ELFIN observed

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[58]: energy_widths_mev = (pad_obj_eflux.energy_widths[:, 1]-pad_obj_eflux.
    ↪energy_widths[:, 0])/1E3
eflux_ergs = kev_erg_factor*precipitation_solid_angle*(pad_obj_eflux.blc -
    ↪pad_obj_eflux.ablc)*energy_widths_mev
relativistic_eflux = np.nansum(eflux_ergs, axis=1)

[74]: fig, bx = plt.subplots(3, 1, sharex=True, figsize=(8, 6))
pad_obj_eflux.plot_omni(bx[0], labels=True, colorbar=True, vmin=1E2, vmax=1E9,
    ↪pretty_plot=False, fraction=0.05)
bx[1].plot(pad_obj_eflux.pad.time, np.log10(relativistic_eflux))
bx[2].plot(pad_obj_eflux.pad.time, np.log10(relativistic_eflux))
pad_obj_eflux.plot_position(bx[-1])
bx[-1].axis.set_major_locator(plt.MaxNLocator(7))
bx[-1].axis.set_label_coords(-0.04, -0.007*7)
bx[-1].axis.label.set_size(10)

for bx_i in bx[[1, 2]]:
    bx_i.set_ylabel(f'$log_{{10}}$ energy flux\n$[ergs/cm^{{2}}s]$',
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divider = make_axes_locatable(bx_i)
cax = divider.append_axes("right", size="10%", pad=0.08)
cax.remove()
bx[-1].set_ylim(0, None)

labels = ('Omnidirectional Eflux', '>50 keV Eflux (BLC-ABLC)', '>50 keV Eflux_␣
↪(BLC-ABLC) zoomed')
for ax_i, label in zip(bx, labels):
    _text = ax_i.text(0.01, 0.99, label, transform=ax_i.transAxes, va='top')
    _text.set_bbox(dict(facecolor='white', linewidth=0, pad=0.1, edgecolor='k'))
plt.tight_layout()

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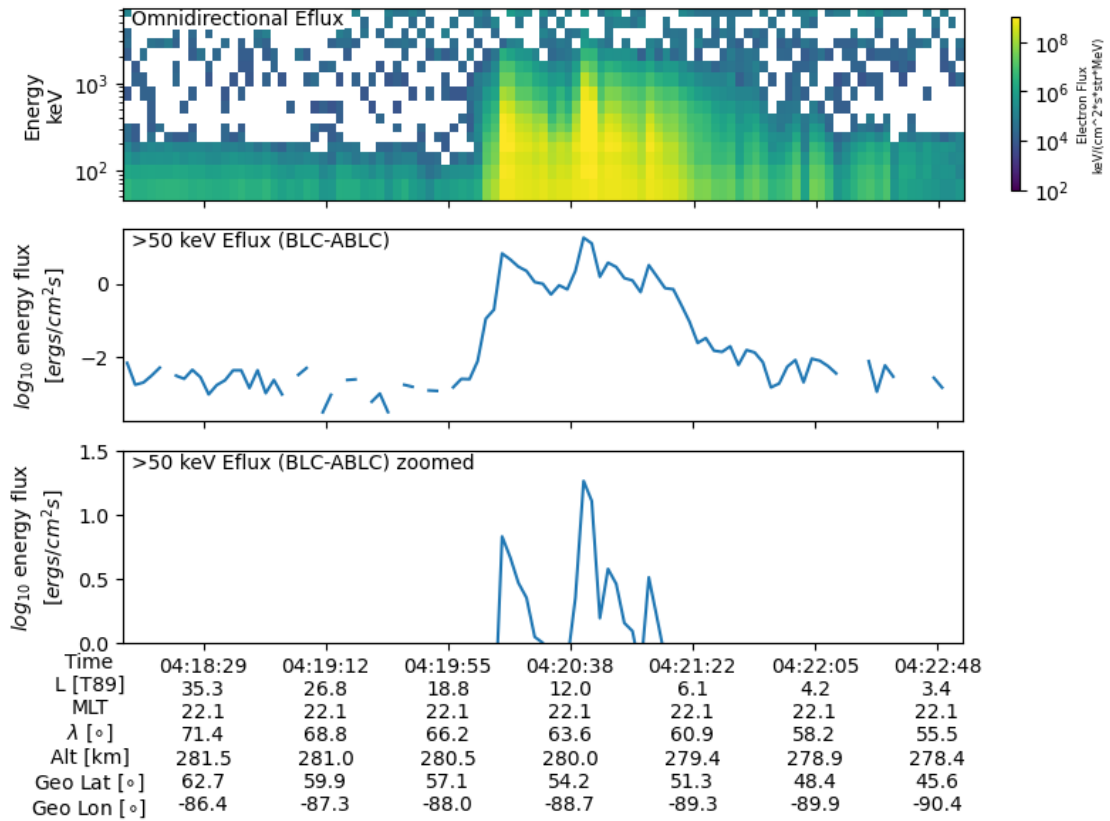
RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log10

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bx[1].plot(pad_obj_eflux.pad.time, np.log10(relativistic_eflux))
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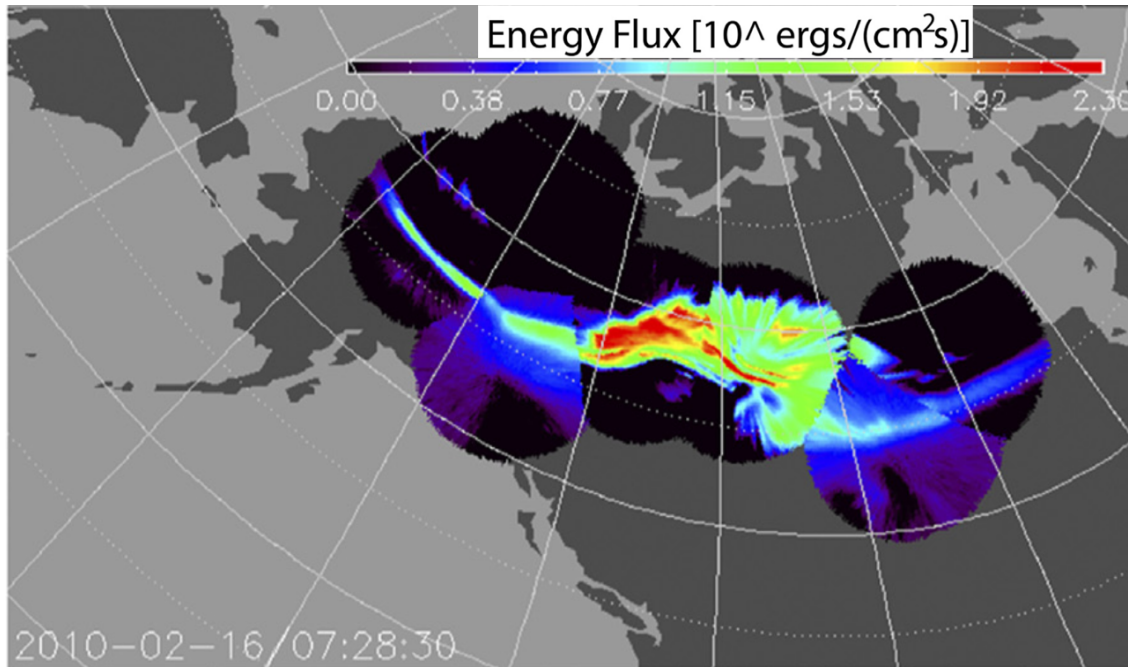
RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in log10

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bx[2].plot(pad_obj_eflux.pad.time, np.log10(relativistic_eflux))
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While the plasma sheet energy flux was very low, the IB and radiation belt precipitation contributed between 1-13 ergs/(cm² s). This is not too different from the [Gabrielse+2021](#) results (the green

stuff). However, our results are harder to compare with [Newell+2009](#), but Newell's bottom panel of Fig. 5 shows a higher diffuse aurora energy flux during active times.



How does the > 50 keV energy flux compare to the auroral energy flux? This seems like a tossup.