# Diamagnetic Depression Observations at Saturn's magnetospheric cusp by the Cassini Spacecraft

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#### **3 Key Points**

Diamagnetic depressions are found in the cusp, and are observed to continue into the
 adjacent magnetosphere.

• A heated plasma layer of mixed composition is found to depress the adjacent mag-7 netospheric field.

Diamagnetic depression strength is correlated to solar wind dynamic pressure and
velocity but not to the observed He<sup>++</sup> counts, like at Earth

10 Abstract

The magnetospheric cusp is a region where shocked solar wind plasma can enter a 11 planetary magnetosphere, after magnetic reconnection has occurred at the dayside mag-12 netopause or in the lobes. The dense plasma that enters the high-latitude magnetosphere 13 creates diamagnetic effects whereby a depression is observed in the magnetic field. We 14 present observations of the cusp events at Saturn's magnetosphere where these diamag-15 netic depressions are found. The data are subtracted from a magnetic field model, and 16 the calculated magnetic pressure deficits are compared to the particle pressures. A high 17 plasma pressure layer in the magnetosphere adjacent to the cusp is discovered to also 18 depress the magnetic field, outside of the cusp. This layer is observed to contain energetic 19  $He^{++}$  (up to ~100 keV) from the solar wind as well as heavy water-group ions (W<sup>+</sup>) 20 originating from the moon Enceladus. We also find a modest correlation of diamagnetic 21 depression strength to solar wind dynamic pressure and velocity, however, unlike at Earth, 22 there is no correlation found with He<sup>++</sup> counts. 23

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#### 1. Introduction

When magnetic reconnection occurs at the dayside magnetopause between the inter-24 planetary magnetic field (IMF) and the closed magnetospheric field, the shocked solar 25 wind plasma enters from the magnetosheath into the magnetosphere. The newly opened 26 magnetospheric field-line then convects polewards, and the injected plasma is observed in 27 the cusp [e.g. Frank, 1971; Lockwood et al., 1994; Pitout et al., 2009]. Magnetic recon-28 nection can also occur at the magnetopause in the magnetospheric lobes. The injected plasma displays various signatures, such as ion energy dispersions and depressions of the 30 local magnetic field. This process and the associated cusp signatures have been observed 31 at the Earth [see recent reviews by Smith and Lockwood, 1996; Cargill et al., 2005], Mer-32 cury [e.g. Winslow et al., 2012; Raines et al., 2014] and Saturn [Jasinski et al., 2014, 2016a; 33 Arridge et al., 2016]. 34

The gyromotion of high density magnetosheath plasma entering the magnetosphere can 35 induce a diamagnetic depression observed as a decrease in the local magnetic field in 36 the cusp [e.g. Erlandson et al., 1988; Niehof et al., 2008]. In previous reports at Earth, 37 these depressions have been called 'cusp diamagnetic cavities' (CDCs). CDCs have also 38 been correlated to occur during energetic particle observations, and have been named 39 cusp energetic particle' (CEP) events [Chen et al., 1997, 1998]. The authors reported the 40 observation of high energy  $He^{++}$  in the cusp up to energies of 2 MeV, with the intensity 41 peaking at 1-200 keV/q. The intensity of this range was also anticorrelated with the 42 depth of the magnetic field depression in the cusp. The observation of these events have 43

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driven numerous studies to explain the origin of the the diamagnetic events and the cusp
energetic particles, and their relationship with each other.

This has led to three suggestions as to the origin of the CEPs: 1) local acceleration 46 of ions in the cusp [e.g. Chen and Fritz, 1998; Fritz et al., 2003]; 2) acceleration at the 47 bow shock [e.g. Trattner et al., 1999, 2001, 2003]; and 3) energisation within the mag-48 netosphere [e.g. Delcourt and Sauvaud, 1999; Asikainen and Mursula, 2005]. However it 49 has been shown that the turbulence interpreted to be ULF waves responsible for acceler-50 ating the ions in the cusp [Chen and Fritz, 1998] are actually mostly caused by boundary 51 motions over the spacecraft [Nykyri et al., 2011a, b]. It has also been demonstrated that 52 energetic electrons cannot originate from the magnetosphere or the bow shock as they 53 would not conserve the first adiabatic invariant [Nykyri et al., 2012]. Nykyri et al. [2012] 54 have suggested that particles can gain energies up to  $\sim 50$  keV due to gradients in the 55 reconnection "quasi-potential". However, the acceleration to MeV energies still needs to be further investigated [Trattner et al., 2011]. 57

A survey of observations from the Polar spacecraft [Zhou et al., 2000] formed the basis of investigating the diamagnetic depressions in correlation to low energy plasma with ion 59 temperatures of  $\sim 100 \text{ eV}$ . It has been found that the diamagnetic depressions are greater 60 at: 1) larger solar wind dynamic pressures at the magnetopause; 2) when the cusp is 61 tilted towards the Sun and 3) at local times closer to noon [Zhou et al., 2001; Eastman 62 et al., 2000]. The depressions are also larger at larger radial distances from the planet, 63 due to the rapid increase of geomagnetic field strength close to the planet [Tsyganenko 64 and Russell, 1999; Lavraud et al., 2004]. However, the differing spacecraft velocities at 65 high altitudes (~10 R<sub>E</sub>) affect the observations; Clusters larger velocity (than Polar) 66

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<sup>67</sup> results in a smoothing effect of the observed diamagnetic depression, and therefore it is <sup>68</sup> only measured during enhanced (>2 nPa) solar wind dynamic pressures [*Nykyri et al.*, <sup>69</sup> 2011b]. Modelling by *Adamson et al.* [2011, 2012] showed that the location and size of <sup>70</sup> the cusp diamagnetic depression is strongly dependent on the IMF orientation, and that <sup>71</sup> it is mainly structured by reconnection processes.

Magnetic field depressions have also been observed at Mercury's cusp by the MESSEN-GER spacecraft [e.g. *Winslow et al.*, 2012; *Raines et al.*, 2014; *Slavin et al.*, 2014; *Poh et al.*, 2016], where the magnetic field is observed to be more turbulent and the depressions are larger in magnitude than at Earth. *Poh et al.* [2016] showed that the diamagnetic cavities are due to intense reconnection, with plasma flowing into the cusp in discrete flux tubes that had recently undergone reconnection.

Analysis of magnetospheric cusp observations at Saturn have been discussed in three 78 previous papers. Jasinski et al. [2014] analysed a single northern cusp traversal, where 79 the ions displayed multiple 'stepped' energy-latitude dispersion signatures which occurred 80 due to reconnection occurring in 'bursts' or 'pulses' at various locations along the dayside 81 magnetopause. Arridge et al. [2016] analysed two southern cusp events and showed that 82 the multiple cusp traversals observed were due to the cusp oscillating with the southern 83 auroral oval the southern auroral oval was shown to oscillate with a period of  $\sim 10.7$  hours 84 by Nichols et al., 2008]. 85

Jasinski et al. [2016a] analysed 11 days where the cusp was observed at Saturn. Eight of these cusps were analysed for the first time, whilst three of these days had already been reported by Jasinski et al. [2014]; Arridge et al. [2016]. The cusps in these papers were identified due to either one or both of the following features typically observed at

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the cusp at Earth: 1) the presence of dense magnetosheath-like plasma displaying ion en-90 ergy dispersions; and 2) diamagnetic depressions. For more information about the plasma 91 analysis and identification of these cusp events please see the references mentioned above. 92 In this paper we focus on eight of these already identified Saturn cusp events specifically 93 in regards to the diamagnetic depressions which were not analysed in much detail (in the 94 references mentioned above). The eight diamagnetic depression observations took place 95 on the following days: January 16th 2007 (from now on referred to as '16JAN07'), Febru-96 ary 1st 2007 ('1FEB07'), March 8th 2007 ('8MAR07'), May 25th 2008 ('25MAY08'), 21st 97 of January 2009 ('21JAN07'), June 14th 2013 ('14JUN13'), July 24th 2013 ('24JUL13') 98 and August 17th 2013 ('17AUG13'). The cusp was observed twice due to the oscillation 99 of the auroral oval [Arridge et al., 2016] for 16JAN07 and 1FEB07. To distinguish the two 100 different diamagnetic depressions observed on these dates we label them as 16JAN07-a, 101 16JAN07-b, 1FEB07-a, and 1FEB07-b. The double cusp observation of these two days 102 results in 10 diamagnetic cusp observations. Except for one (8MAR07), all the cusp 103 events occurred during dayside near-subsolar magnetopause reconnection. The 8MAR07 104 cusp occurred as a result of lobe reconnection [Jasinski et al., 2016a]. All the cusp ob-105 servations which occurred in the summer hemisphere presented a depression. The winter 106 observations only present depressions in two out of five events (8MAR07 and 21JAN09). 107 The other three cusp observations which were presented by Jasinski et al. [2016a] but are 108 not analysed here are: August 3rd 2008 ('3AUG08'), September 24th 2008 ('SEP08') and 109 November 23rd 2008 ('NOV08'). These events did not present a diamagnetic depression, 110 and therefore are not discussed further.

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In this paper the magnetic field observations in Saturn's cusp are investigated in more 112 detail. The analysis involves comparing the magnetic field observations from the Cassini 113 magnetometer (MAG) to that of a magnetic field model. The depth of the depressions 114 are calculated as well as the consequent magnetic pressure decreases. These results are 115 compared to particle pressures observed by the plasma instruments. The association of en-116 ergetic He<sup>++</sup> solar wind ions with the diamagnetic depressions at Earth is well established 117 [e.g. Chen et al., 1997, 1998], and therefore these particles at Saturn are also examined, 118 as well as other high energy particles that could be causing the depressions. First we 119 introduce the instrumentation, followed by the magnetic field model and the comparison 120 to plasma pressure measurements. 121

## 2. Instrumentation and Observations

#### 2.1. Instrumentation

The data presented in this paper is from instrumentation onboard the Cassini spacecraft, including: the magnetometer [MAG; *Dougherty et al.*, 2004], the Cassini Plasma Spectrometer [CAPS; *Young et al.*, 2004], and the Magnetospheric Imaging Instrument [MIMI; *Krimigis et al.*, 2004].

<sup>126</sup> 1 second averaged data is presented from MAG. CAPS is made up of three sensors, two <sup>127</sup> of which are presented: the Electron Spectrometer (ELS) and the Ion Mass Spectrometer <sup>128</sup> (IMS). The energy range of ELS is 0.58-28250 eV/q [*Linder et al.*, 1998; *Young et al.*, <sup>129</sup> 2004]. The IMS observes positively charged ions with energies of 1-50280 eV/q. The <sup>130</sup> IMS also provides compositional information of the atomic and molecular ions, via a <sup>131</sup> time-of-flight system (TOF). The information IMS can provide about the ions observed <sup>132</sup> is produced as a function of energy-per-charge, direction of observation, and mass-per-

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charge (m/q). Therefore, IMS-TOF cannot distinguish ions with the same mass-per-133 charge, and therefore it is not possible to differentiate between  $H_2^+$  and  $He^{++}$ . In the 134 magnetosphere, the m/q=2 population has been shown to most likely be  $H_2^+$  [Thomsen 135 et al., 2010] originating from Titan [Cui et al., 2008], largely found in the equatorial 136 magnetodisk near the orbit of Titan. On the other hand, He<sup>++</sup> is usually in the solar 137 wind [Thomsen et al., 2010; Arridge et al., 2016]. Therefore, we assume that in the cusp 138 the m/q=2 ions observed by IMS are of He<sup>++</sup>. Another main source of ions from within 139 the Saturnian system is from the moon Enceladus, which produces heavy water group 140 ions such as  $O^+$ ,  $OH^+$ ,  $H_2O^+$ ,  $H_3O^+$ , and  $O_2^+$  (collectively called 'W<sup>+</sup>'). 141

The sensor used on MIMI is the Charge Energy Mass Spectrometer (CHEMS), which is similar to IMS in that it uses electrostatic analysers and carbon foils followed by TOF to identify the composition of ions [*Krimigis et al.*, 2004]. The energy per charge range of the instrument is 3-220 keV/q. The detector can determine the mass-per-charge, mass, charge and energy of the ions. This is an important distinction from IMS-TOF, which only gives mass-per-charge. This means that CHEMS can for example distinguish between He<sup>++</sup> and H<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, whilst IMS is unable to do so.

#### 2.2. Example of a Cusp Observation

An example of a Cassini trajectory through the cusp is shown in Figure 1 for the 1FEB07-a and 1FEB07-b events (red bar). The data from the period in between the green bars is shown in panels a-c. The spacecraft is travelling equatorward and the data begins with Cassini traversing field lines connected to the polar cap. Cassini then crosses through the cusp where dense magnetosheath-like plasma is observed, followed by traversing the magnetosphere (higher energy and less dense than the cusp) before observing the cusp a

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second time. The cusp observations display ion energy-latitude dispersions characteristic 155 of the terrestrial cusp. Diamagnetic depressions are also observed. The spacecraft re-156 enters the magnetosphere before crossing the magnetopause four times and observing the 157 magnetosheath twice. This particular observation occurs under significant magnetospheric 158 compression by the solar wind as the average magnetopause standoff location is  $\sim 22-27$ 159  $R_S$  [Achilleos et al., 2008], whilst the magnetopause is crossed here at 16.5  $R_S$ . The plasma 160 analysis of this particular cusp event is the focus of a previous paper [Arridge et al., 2016]. 161 At the end of this data set a flux transfer event is observed (twisted magnetic fields in 162 a rope-like configuration which occur due to multiple reconnection) which was analysed 163 and discussed by Jasinski et al. [2016b]. 164

# 3. The Magnetic Field Model

The data were compared to a magnetic field model in order to calculate the magnetic 165 pressure change during the depression. The position of the spacecraft was used to define 166 the location in the model magnetic field. At this location the model then calculated the 167 strength of an axisymmetric, internal magnetic field (therefore  $B_{\phi}$  was not in this model) 168 with superimposed model ring current fields. The axisymmetric internal magnetic field 169 was calculated as a spherical harmonic expansion and used the coefficients from Burton 170 et al. [2010]  $(g_1^0, g_2^0)$  and  $g_3^0$  are the Gauss coefficients – dipole, quadrupole and octupole 171 - taken to be 21191 nT, 1586 nT, and 2374 nT, respectively). 172

The model also generates magnetic fields induced by the ring current. The ring current parameters were taken from *Bunce et al.* [2007]. These parameters were dependent on the subsolar positions of the magnetopause, which are predicted using velocity and density propagations by the Michigan Solar Wind Model (mSWiM) to calculate the standoff

distance. mSWiM is a model that propagates solar wind conditions from observations at 177 1 AU, outwards [Zieger and Hansen, 2008]. mSWiM is most accurate for propagations 178 within 75 days of opposition [Zieger and Hansen, 2008]. All of the events analysed here 179 occurred within 75 days of apparent opposition. The field vectors associated with the ring 180 current sheet were calculated from the model described by *Connerney et al.* [1981, 1983], 181 using the analytical approximations presented in *Giampieri and Dougherty* [2004]. The 182 cylindrical radial and axial components of the model field were then transformed to radial 183 and theta components ( $B_R$  and  $B_\theta$ ) in Kronographic-Radial-Theta-Phi (KRTP) coordi-184 nates. These values were then added to the axisymmetric field vectors from the internal 185 model. A small error is introduced in using the Connerney et al. [1981, 1983] model be-186 cause it has been shown that at Saturn the radial profile of the ring current is not the 187 same (i.e a 1/r drop off) such as the one the model adopts [Sergis et al., 2010]. Sergis 188 et al. [2017] report that the azimuthal current density uncertainty can only be roughly 189 estimated, and use a liberal  $\sim 50\%$  error on the density. Kellett et al. [2010] find that 190 despite this, the model does reproduce the gross features of the current density profile. 191 With all this in mind we do not expect our results here to be affected significantly anyway. 192 After calculating the model magnetic field at the position of the spacecraft, the method 193 described further below was used to calculate the magnetic pressure deficit associated 194 with the decrease in the observed magnetic field data from MAG. The calculated magnetic 195 pressure deficits were then compared to the observed plasma pressure to investigate any 196 anti-correlation. This method has been previously used to compare the magnetic and 197 plasma pressures at Mercury's equatorial magnetosphere [Korth et al., 2011], as well as the 198

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<sup>199</sup> cusp at Mercury [Winslow et al., 2012], both of which used data from the MESSENGER
 <sup>200</sup> spacecraft.

By comparing the MAG data to the magnetic field model, the depression was selected 201 by eve from where the MAG data (observed magnitude) first departed from the general 202 trend of the model. This can be seen in an example (for the JUN13 event) in Figure 2a. 203 The observed magnetic field (MAG; black) at 19:40 UT is no longer decreasing at the same 204 rate as the field model (shown in red), which is taken to be the start of the depression. The 205 observed field is at a minimum at  $\sim 21:00$  UT, which marks the centre of the depression. 206 At 22:20 UT, the observed field resumes its general decrease in magnitude similar to the 207 field model. 208

The model magnetic field was subtracted from the observations, to obtain the total residual field  $B_{res} = |B|_{obs} - |B|_{model}$ . The result of this subtraction  $(B_{res})$  can be seen in Figure 2b, where the black residual field highlights the depression and the red shows the constant residual field. The background unperturbed residual magnetic field was calculated during the depression by applying a third degree polynomial fit (blue) to the residual field (i.e. before and after the depression) shown in red. The polynomial fit represents the residual field in the absence of a diamagnetic depression.

The calculated polynomial fit was then added to the model, so that the unperturbed magnetic field could be estimated.  $B_{res}$  was then subtracted from the unperturbed field and the result was used to calculate the magnetic pressure  $(p_B)$  using the magnetic pressure equation:  $p_B = B^2/2\mu_0$ , where B is the magnetic field magnitude, and  $\mu_0$  is the permeability of free space. This pressure thus represents the magnetic pressure deficit that occurs due to the depression. This calculation can be written in the following equation:

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$$\Delta p_B = \frac{(|B_{model} + \Delta B_m|)^2 - |B|^2}{2\mu_0} \tag{1}$$

where  $\Delta B_m$  is the polynomial fit, and  $\Delta p_B$  is the magnetic pressure deficit arising from the observed depression. The resulting pressure deficit resulting from the magnetic depression can be seen in panel c of Figure 2.

This pressure deficit is used to predict the plasma pressure increase that is required to balance the total plasma pressure considering this is a diamagnetic effect, from  $P_{Plasma} = P_{Total} - P_{Mag}$ . This calculated pressure will be compared to the observed particle pressures.

This method was applied to all the observed diamagnetic depressions. A summary of 229 the magnetic pressure deficits of all the cusp observations (in comparison) can be seen in 230 Figure 3. Figures 1c and 2h are the same. The panels are arranged chronologically. The 231 time is centred on the centre of the depressions characterised as 00:00 (hh:mm), so that the 232 duration of the observations can be compared. The pressures are on the same scale so that 233 the depth of the depressions can also be compared. The dashed lines indicate the entry 234 and exit of the cusp intervals as categorised by CAPS observations in previous papers 235 [Arridge et al., 2016; Jasinski et al., 2014, under review]. Figures 2a-e are observations of 236 the southern cusp (summer), Figures 2f-g are of the northern cusp (winter) and Figures 237 2h-j are of the northern cusp (summer). Figure 2f shows the two entries and exits of 238 the cusp observations for the 25MAY08 event (as described in Jasinski et al., accepted), 239 which were separated by a boundary layer. 240

It should be noted that the last major depression during the 25MAY08 (Figure 2f) observation at  $\sim +02:00$  is most likely an artefact of the magnetic field model subtraction

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due to such large magnetic field strengths as well as an uncharactersitically varying back-243 ground magnetospheric field. However the first two decreases in pressure are observed 244 in the magnetic field data as diamagnetic depressions (specifically the depressions at ap-245 proximately -03:00 and -00:30), which display the characteristic magnetic field variability 246 of magnetosheath-like plasma. The 25MAY08 observation has the most dramatic and 247 the strongest magnetic pressure decrease please see the online supporting material and 248 Figure S3 for more details). This is due to the field strengths being significantly higher, 249 with total field magnitudes of  $\sim 30$  to 40 nT, which produce larger  $\Delta p_B$  in Equation 1. In 250 comparison the field strengths in the other depressions occur between  $\sim 8$  and 15 nT. The 251 JAN07-b depression has the second strongest magnetic pressure decrease, due to the field 252 being depressed to a magnitude of  $\sim 2 \text{ nT}$  ( $\sim 85\%$  magnetic field magnitude decrease). The 253 regions on either side of the cusp (for 16JAN07-b) can clearly be seen to also depress the 254 magnetic field. The entrance into the depression starting in the magnetosphere followed 255 by start of the cusp forms a shallow depression and then Cassini observes large variability 256 in the depression where there are severe decreases of the magnetic field. Another two 257 depressions are observed upon exiting the cusp, in the magnetosphere again. 258

Magnetic depression observations in 2007 (panels a-e) and the final observation (j) can be seen to not be at the centre of the cusp interval (as indicated by the dashed lines), and instead continue into the magnetosphere. For the 16JAN07-b event, the depression occurs on either side of the cusp (i.e. in the magnetosphere). The Saturn magnetic pressure depressions (associated with the cusp intervals) will now be compared to plasma pressure observations from various in situ instruments onboard Cassini.

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#### 4. Comparison of plasma and magnetic pressures

#### 4.1. Overview for 8MAR07

The magnetic field analysis and pressure deficit calculation as well as the particle pres-265 sure components for the 8MAR07 depression are presented in Figure 4. Figure 4a-c are in 266 the same format as Figure 2. Panels (d) to (g) show calculated CAPS moments including 267 (d) ELS pressure, (e) ELS density, (f) IMS proton pressure and (g) IMS m/q=2 pressure 268 (what we assume to be  $He^{++}$  as mentioned in the instrumentation section). Panel (h) 269 shows the calculated high energy particle pressure from CHEMS. The CHEMS He<sup>++</sup> and 270  $W^+$  observations are also shown in panels (i) and (j), as time-energy spectrograms. The 271 vertical dashed lines show where the cusp is during these observations (the first half of 272 the depression). The pressures are not scaled, so that each component can be fully seen. 273 The magnetic pressure deficit (c) reaches a general trough of -0.012 nPa in and outside 274 the cusp. 275

<sup>276</sup> Much of the electron pressure (Figure 3d) is at the noise level ( $\sim 0.25$  nPa), except for <sup>277</sup> the latter half of the cusp and the second half of the depression. The electron pressure <sup>278</sup> contributes the least to the total plasma pressure due to the very small electron mass, <sup>279</sup> however the depression changes in the cusp are directly anti-correlated to the electron <sup>280</sup> density. Figure 3e shows that the depression is a diamagnetic effect.

The energetic particle pressure (from CHEMS) is the most dominant component of the plasma pressure. The peaks are anticorrelated with the magnetic pressure deficit troughs. The CHEMS pressure peaks are higher ( $\sim 0.025$  and  $\sim 0.045$  nPa) than the magnitude of the magnetic pressure deficits ( $\sim 0.012$  nPa).

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During the latter half of the depression (adjacent to the cusp, in the labelled 'magnetosphere') there is an increase in flux of both energetic  $He^{++}$  and  $W^{+}$  ions (panels i and j). Increased counts of both (with high energies) show this region to be a heated, mixed plasma. We assume that the alpha particles are of a solar wind origin.

Water group ions are of a magnetospheric origin, however, [Sergis et al., 2013] found that 289 the magnetosheath has a presence of hot (keV) W<sup>+</sup> ions that escape the magnetosphere 290 due to large gyroradii effects. Therefore it is not possible to tell whether both of these 291 species originate from the magnetosheath, or whether the observed W<sup>+</sup> is directly observed 292 from the magnetosphere. It is interesting that the hot  $W^+$  is adjacent to the cusp and 293 not in the cusp with the magnetosheath plasma, since one would expect to observe both 294 simultaneously. For this reason we assume that the plasma in the cusp and the heated 295 layer in the magnetosphere do not share a common origin. 296

At Earth, the cusp magnetic depressions are usually centred on the high density 297 magnetosheath-like plasma. In the 8MAR07 example, the depression is observed to con-298 tinue into the magnetosphere where there is evidently a high-pressure, mixed plasma layer 299 next to the cusp, characterised by the (energetic) high CHEMS pressures and increased 300 counts of He<sup>++</sup> and W<sup>+</sup>. This is a different region to the 'boundary layer' that is discussed 301 by Arridge et al. [2016] and Jasinski et al., (accepted). The boundary layer was observed 302 as a gradual increase of energy (and decrease in flux) of electrons observed in ELS. An 303 example of this can be seen in Figure 5, labelled 'BL'. The transition can be seen between 304 the low-energy magnetosheath-like plasma in the cusp and the higher-energy tenuous 305 plasma in the magnetosphere. However once the spacecraft is in the higher energy region 306 - labelled "depressed m'sphere layer" - the magnetic field depression continues until 307

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the particle count of He<sup>++</sup> and W<sup>+</sup> in CHEMS and electron flux in ELS both decrease significantly.

The resolution for MAG at a dynamic range of +/- 40 nT for MAG is 4.9 pT [Dougherty 310 et al., 2004]. The uncertainty on the CHEMS pressure is dependent on the count rate 311 during the interval. The data has a time resolution of 10 minutes, and so the uncertainty 312 will be the square root of the total counts during this time interval. For a resolution of 10 313 minutes the uncertainty will be 4%-13% (for a count rate of 1 c/s - 0.1 c/s) [Sergis et al., 314 2009]. An additional error of less than 30% is present due to CHEMS under-resolving the 315 pitch angle distribution which is lower than the scatter in the data due to the dynamics 316 of the system. This is the general understanding of the CHEMS pressure calculations but 317 is not run for each pressure moment. 318

Arridge et al. [2009] estimate the errors for the density and temperature for the CAPS-ELS data, and for values found in the cusp show that the error is of the order of 10% or less (for both the density and temperature). The technique run by Arridge et al. [2009] is an analysis of the noise properties of CAPS-ELS and their effect on the plasma moments, and as such does not provide an estimate of uncertainty for every plasma moment.

#### 4.2. Summary of 16JAN07 and 1FEB07

The 16JAN07-a,b and 1FEB07-a,b (Figures 6 and 7, respectively) magnetic field analyses as well as the plasma pressure observations are presented in the same format as for the 8MAR07 overview shown in Figure 4.

The 16JAN07-a depression peaks in the magnetosphere ( $\sim$ 12:30 UT), and the observation of the cusp only makes the depression appear more gradual when traversing from the polar cap to the magnetosphere. This morphology of the magnetic depression is the

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same as the MAR07 event, where the depression is also observed in the magnetosphere. 330 The electron pressure is very low in the cusp due to the low energies, with an increase 331 in the magnetosphere (higher energies), where it is anti-correlated to the magnetic pres-332 sure decrease. The depression begins when there is large increase in the electron density 333 (when the spacecraft is partway through the cusp). Similar behaviour has been reported 334 at Earth, where a magnetic decrease coincides with an increase in density within the cusp, 335 causing the depression to not always presist throughout the whole cusp crossing *Niehof* 336 et al., 2008. The IMS  $H^+$  pressure steadily increases and maximises during the minimum 337 depression, and accounts for approximately half of the magnetic pressure decrease. The 338 high energy ion pressure in CHEMS contributes the other half of the pressure equivalent 339 to the depression, also peaking in the magnetosphere. 340

The start of the depression in the 16JAN07-b event occurs (at  $\sim$ 15:30UT) with a large 341 increase in the m/q=2 ion pressure (IMS), but it is still lower than the other pressure 342 components. The cusp region (the start of which is marked by the third dashed line 343 in Figure 6) occurs during extremely large increases of pressure observed by CHEMS 344 (increase from 0.1 nPa to 0.5 nPa) with a large increase in flux observed of energetic 345 W<sup>+</sup> ions by CHEMS. However this pressure enhancement is significantly larger than the 346 magnitude of the magnetic pressure decrease (0.02 nPa). During the JAN07-b depressions, 347 the CHEMS pressure does not follow an anticorrelated trend to the magnetic pressure 348 deficit. The first depression is shallow but has a large CHEMS pressure increase, whilst 349 the following deep depression sees a decrease in the CHEMS pressure at  $\sim 17:30$  UT. 350

From  $\sim 17:30$  UT, increases in He<sup>++</sup> and H<sup>+</sup> pressures are observed ( $\sim 0.006$  nPa and  $\sim 0.04$  nPa, respectively) as well as a significant increase in the electron density and

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pressure. The ion data is at too low a time-resolution to be able to determine whether there is an increase in pressure during the two strongest depressions in the magnetic field. The final two small depressions in the magnetosphere occur during increases in flux of energetic He<sup>++</sup> and W<sup>+</sup> (CHEMS) as well as an observed increase in the ELS pressure.

Figure 7 presents pressure observations for the 1FEB07-a and b events. The minimum 357 magnetic pressure depression inside the 1FEB07-a cusp (at  $\sim 17:50$  UT) occurs during 358 significant increases of all the components of the plasma pressure (except for electrons), 359 including a burst of pressure observed in CHEMS. Similar to the MAR07 event, the 360 depression is seen with a large increase in electron density. Similarly to the 8MAR07 361 event, the depression continues into the magnetosphere, and it is during this interval that 362 an increase in flux can be seen in the energetic  $He^{++}$  and  $W^{+}$  (panel i and j) as well as 363 an increased electron pressure. 364

The second depression is observed (between the third and fourth dashed lines) during 365 a burst of energetic He<sup>++</sup> at the 1 keV energy level, as well as increased electron and 366 energetic ion pressures. A burst of W<sup>+</sup> is observed upon exiting the cusp at the end of 367 the depression, including high electron pressures. The magnetic pressure deficit in the 368 first cusp is  $\sim 0.015$  nPa whilst the pressures increase by  $\sim 0.05$  and 0.005 nPa (CHEMS) 369 and IMS). In the second cusp the pressure changes are more similar at  $\sim 0.03$  nPa. In the 370 first cusp encounter, there is a discrepancy between the observed plasma and magnetic 371 pressure changes, with the plasma pressure significantly larger. Upon exiting the second 372 cusp, the magnetic depression does not end, but continues to decrease in magnitude 373 gradually during a coincident decrease in CHEMS pressure. During this period, even 374

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though the plasma pressure is decreasing, it remains larger than the magnitude of the magnetic pressure deficit.

#### 4.3. Summary of other observations

These observations are all presented separately in separate figures in the online supporting material (in the same format as Figures 4, 6 and 7).

A summary of the magnetic pressure deficit and the CHEMS pressure (the most dominant plasma pressure in the cusp) for each of the cusp event is shown in Figure 8. This figure shows that there is rarely a balance between the two pressures. However we do see that the changes in pressures are usually well anti-correlated, with dramatic increases in plasma pressure occurring during decreases of magnetic pressure, even if the change in one is not equal to the change in the other.

For the 25MAY08 observation the magnetic depression is well correlated with the electron pressure and density, however the plasma pressure increase of all the components at -00:30 (Figure 2f) does not account for the total magnetic pressure change, which is the largest observed at  $\sim 0.1$  nPa. Even though there are large peaks in all of the low energy plasma pressure components, the plasma pressure change is much lower than that in the magnetic pressure, in contrast to previous examples. There is also a large increase in flux observed in the energetic He<sup>++</sup> ions during this central depression trough.

 $^{392}$  H<sup>+</sup> (IMS) pressure during the 21JAN09 event is the most anti-correlated to the magnetic  $^{393}$  depression. There do seem to be increases in the CHEMS pressure which correlate to  $^{394}$  significant decreases in the magnetic field, where the pressure of the magnetic depression  $^{395}$  is higher than the CHEMS pressure.

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The final observed magnetic depressions occurring in 2013 are all very well correlated 396 with increases in CHEMS pressures. For 14JUN13 the observed plasma pressure however 397 is less than half the value of the magnetic pressure decrease. For the JUL13 and AUG13 398 events the CHEMS pressures overcompensate for the magnetic pressure decrease by  $\sim 0.06$ 399 nPa and up to  $\sim 0.006$  nPa respectively. There is also a very large increase in the energetic 400 He<sup>++</sup> flux (the highest fluxes observed in the cusp) for the 24JUL13 event, as well as some 401 increase in energetic water group ion flux. This indicates that this plasma is composed 402 of mixed solar wind and magnetosphere particles. The 17AUG13 depression is mainly 403 centred on the high W<sup>+</sup> fluxes in the magnetosphere, with the depression decreasing in 404 the cusp (similar to the southern observations: 8MAR07, 16JAN07-a, 1FEB07-a and b). 405

## 5. Latitudinal and Solar Wind Effect correlations

Figure 9 shows the magnetic depression relationship with the dynamic pressure and 406 velocity of the solar wind (using the mSWiM solar wind propagations from 1 AU to 9 407 AU). The error bars shown represent the  $\sim 15$  hour temporal uncertainty associated with 408 the mSWiM model [Zieger and Hansen, 2008]. The Pearson correlation coefficient (r) 409 which gives a measure of how well parameters are correlated, has also been calculated. 410 The Pearson coefficient is equal to 1 for a perfect positive correlation, -1 for a perfect 411 anti-correlation, and 0 when no correlation is present. A strong positive correlation was 412 found for the solar wind dynamic pressure, and a moderate positive correlation for the 413 velocity. 414

These figures indicate that the depression is generally greater for larger solar wind dynamic pressures and velocities. A compressed magnetosphere and high solar wind velocities have been found to produce larger reconnection voltages at the magnetopause

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<sup>418</sup> [Jackman et al., 2004]. This has also been reported [Zhou et al., 2001] at the terrestrial <sup>419</sup> magnetosphere (where diamagnetic depression depth increased with solar wind dynamic <sup>420</sup> pressure).

<sup>421</sup> No correlations could be found with the Alfvenic Mach number  $(M_A)$  of the solar wind <sup>422</sup> and the depressions. As mentioned previously one would expect larger depressions in <sup>423</sup> the cusp to occur with higher upstream  $M_A$  values, as this would be associated with a <sup>424</sup> stronger shock, a more dense magnetosheath and therefore larger pressures in the cusp <sup>425</sup> to depress the field. However, we do not find this to be the case with our observations, <sup>426</sup> and our results indicate that the dynamic pressure and the velocity in the solar wind are <sup>427</sup> more important in creating the diamagnetic depressions.

The relevance of the He<sup>++</sup> ions to the magnetic depression was also analysed and no 428 strong correlation can be found between the number of helium counts and the depth 429 of the depression, nor the minimum magnetic field nor the magnetic field strength in 430 general. High He<sup>++</sup> counts are observed for both low and high magnetic field depths. In 431 comparison, at Earth [e.g. Chen et al., 1998] found strong correlations between the depth 432 of the magnetic field depression and the alpha particle counts. This shows that at Saturn 433 (unlike at Earth), helium does not play a major role in depressing the local magnetic 434 field. 435

All the summer cusp observations present magnetic field depression, with only two of the five cusp observations displaying depressions in the magnetic field in the winter hemisphere. At Earth it has been shown that magnetic field depressions are larger in the summer cusp [e.g. *Zhou et al.*, 2001]. This effect is due to the summer cusp being tilted towards the incoming solar wind, where the magnetosheath flow is slower and the density

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is higher. This results in a plasma with a higher density entering the summer cusp and 441 subsequently depressing the magnetic field more than for the case of the winter cusp. 442 Therefore, if the magnetosheath flow is slower, and density is larger nearer the subsolar 443 point, it would be expected that cusp magnetic field depressions should be stronger at 444 lower latitudes relative to the planet-Sun line [Zhou et al., 2001]. The magnetic field 445 depressions at Saturn with respect to the latitudinal angle from the planet-Sun line in 446 Figure 9f, to see if there is a correlation. At Saturn the depth of the depressions are not 447 observed to decrease with increasing latitude, so this argument is apparently not valid for 448 Saturn. 449

# 6. Discussion

The magnetic depressions at Saturn cusp observations have been presented and characterised. A model of an axisymmetric internal magnetic field with a ring current field has been subtracted from the data. From this magnetic field subtraction, the magnetic pressure decrease in the depression was calculated and compared to observed plasma pressures, densities and fluxes of the various plasma components.

Comparing to observations from depressions at Mercury [Winslow et al., 2012], the 455 magnetic pressure deficit from MESSENGER data shows much larger depths (10's of 456 nPa) compared to the largest observed at Saturn (0.1 nPa). The observations are also 457 more turbulent and short-lived (minutes compared to hours). The superposed epoch 458 analysis from the MESSENGER data of 169 cusp crossings (out of 279 orbits) show that 459 the magnetic depths are significantly larger. The depressions observed at Saturn are of 460 the order of a few nT (the largest being  $\sim 10$  nT for JAN07-b, with a background field of 461 15 nT), whilst at Mercury  $\sim 40$  nT [Winslow et al., 2012] with background fields of  $\sim 200$ 462

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<sup>463</sup> nT is typical (and large depressions of  $\sim 100$  nT are observed with background fields of <sup>464</sup>  $\sim 300$  nT). The terrestrial cusp magnetic field does not fluctuate as much as at Mercury. <sup>465</sup> Cusp depressions are more likely to be observed at Mercury and are more likely to be <sup>466</sup> larger in magnitude due to the significantly larger solar wind dynamic pressure in the <sup>467</sup> inner solar system.

From comparing the magnetic field and plasma measurements it has been shown that 468 the particle and magnetic pressure changes do not compensate each other for most of 469 the events. The method presented here calculates the magnetic pressure. From the 470 figures showing the method (Figures 2, 4, 6, and 7), the model field magnitude is stronger 471 than that measured by MAG. The model field can vary for different solar wind dynamic 472 pressures and therefore magnetopause standoff distances, and without upstream monitors 473 this value can only be estimated. The polynomial addition removes any possibility of a 474 larger background field that is caused by an unobservable global depression. This results 475 in the calculated magnetic pressure deficit being a conservative lower estimate. 476

However, even with slightly more liberal calculations, the results would still not account 477 for some of the large discrepancies with the plasma pressure observations. For most of the 478 depressions, the CHEMS (usually the most dominant plasma pressure) pressure is two or 479 three times larger than the magnetic pressure deficit, and for two examples they are lower. 480 Also for some observations the CHEMS pressure peaks do not match the troughs of the 481 magnetic deficits. All the depressions in the cusp are observed during an increase (and 482 a complete anti-correlation) in the low energy electron density (where ELS is available), 483 which is usually matched by a corresponding ELS pressure peak (but not necessarily a 484 complete anti-correlation between magnetic and plasma pressure changes). This aspect 485

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<sup>486</sup> is similar to the observations at the terrestrial cusp [*Niehof et al.*, 2008]. However *Niehof* <sup>487</sup> *et al.* [2008] found that the cusp diamagnetic cavities (CDCs) also occurred during in-<sup>488</sup> creases in the energetic He<sup>++</sup> counts, something that we do not always observe at Saturn's <sup>489</sup> cusp. Unlike at Earth, we find no correlation of the energetic particle observation counts <sup>490</sup> (He<sup>++</sup>) to the depth of the diamagnetic depression.

This investigation introduces two different characteristic observations at Saturn, where 491 although energetic He<sup>++</sup> is observed in the depression, it is not always observed during 492 the large low-energy electron density increases in the cusp, but instead in the adjacent 493 magnetosphere. This was illustrated in Figures 4 and 5, where a higher-energy plasma 494 population is observed in the magnetosphere, where the depression continues. This higher-495 energy electron population with slightly higher densities nearer the cusp is similar to 496 terrestrial observations which were called the 'cleft' in the 1980s, and once thought to be 497 part of the cusp. An example of the terrestrial data (electrons with ions underneath) can be seen in Figure 10a [Newell and Menq, 1988]. The cusp region can be seen in the middle 499 of the plot shown by the two white lines, followed by a boundary layer and then the cleft 500 (the high energy electrons and ions). 501

<sup>502</sup> A similar observation can be seen from the Cluster data (C2 spacecraft) in Figure 10b. <sup>503</sup> This event was discussed (and the electron data presented) by *Bogdanova et al.* [2008]. The <sup>504</sup> authors locate the boundary layer in many cusp crossings at midaltitudes of ~6 R<sub>E</sub> (which <sup>505</sup> they identify to be a high-latitude extension of the low-latitude boundary layer), before <sup>506</sup> entering the magnetosphere. The authors do not present the corresponding magnetometer <sup>507</sup> data (shown here), which shows a possible depression in the adjacent magnetosphere. For <sup>508</sup> terrestrial studies this would not be classed as a depression as it does not have a magnitude

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<sup>509</sup> decrease of at least 20% [e.g. *Niehof et al.*, 2008, 2010]. This is very similar to the 8MAR07
<sup>510</sup> observations, except that in the 8MAR07 interval the depression occurs in both the cusp
<sup>511</sup> and the adjacent magnetosphere.

Other similar observations made by Cluster (C1) are presented in Figure 10c. Ion and magnetic data show multiple cusp observations with their corresponding magnetic depressions. However, in the adjacent region, where high energy plasma is observed, a smaller depression is also observed (examples marked by the labelled arrow in Figure 10c). These high energy regions are labelled the 'high-latitude-trapping region' by the authors [*Shi et al.*, 2009], and correspond to the last closed field lines of the magnetosphere.

The Saturn examples are slightly different, with the depressions not usually centred on 518 the cusp as defined from the plasma observations. In the cusp the depression is usually 519 anti-correlated with the low-energy plasma density and pressure. The particles producing 520 a diamagnetic effect in the dense magnetosheath plasma depress the field in the cusp. As 521 the spacecraft crosses out of the cusp the larger plasma pressure continues to depress the 522 magnetic field in the adjacent magnetospheric layer. This plasma pressure then decreases 523 and the magnetic depression is no longer observed. But instead of causing two depressions 524 like the previous Earth example, the depression is largely continuous. 525

<sup>526</sup> Within this high pressure plasma region in the magnetosphere, there are observations of <sup>527</sup> increases in the He<sup>++</sup> and water group (W<sup>+</sup>) ion count, usually more so than in the cusp <sup>528</sup> (except for the 1FEB07-b event). The composition of this plasma, as well as increases in <sup>529</sup> the CHEMS pressure (and high energy proton counts observed in LEMMS), show this is a <sup>530</sup> mixed plasma. [Sergis et al., 2013] showed that the magnetosheath has a presence of hot

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<sup>531</sup> W<sup>+</sup>, therefore it we do not know whether the observed W<sup>+</sup> is from the magnetosheath or <sup>532</sup> directly from the magnetosphere.

If we assume that the He<sup>++</sup> is observed due to an injection from the magnetosheath at 533 the reconnection event then we assume that the observed He<sup>++</sup> is present on open field 534 lines. Assuming this is the case, then an equatorward trajectory for a spacecraft (for 535 the southern cusp observations), Cassini will have passed from the polar cap and then 536 into the cusp filled with low-energy plasma (observed by CAPS) followed by further open 537 field lines with the energetic particles (observed by CHEMS). This means that what we 538 have assumed earlier is the magnetosphere (and labelled as such in the plots) is actually 539 an equatorward region of the cusp. Using a simple velocity filter paradigm observed in 540 the cusp, this would make sense. Energetic particles have higher field aligned velocities, 541 therefore they are observed more equatorward in the cusp than less energetic particles. 542 However, this is not possible for the following reasons. 543

Firstly, the ion energy latitude dispersion observed in the IMS data would be expected 544 to continue into this region. The plasma observations show the two regions to be more 545 distinct from each other, with discrete boundaries. If this plasma is injected at the same 546 time, there should not be a time separation (such as the one observed) between the 547 observation of low-energy electrons and high-energy alpha particles. A 50 eV electron 548 which is observed in the cusp by ELS, would have an approximate field aligned velocity 549 of  $\sim 4000$  km/s whilst a 10 keV/q He<sup>++</sup> ion velocity would be  $\sim 1000$  km/s. This would 550 mean that the electrons should be observed closer to the open-closed field line boundary 551 (i.e. more equatorward), but instead the opposite is true. 552

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If the field line is open, then the magnetospheric plasma would most likely have left the 553 field line into the magnetosheath. A 1 keV equatorial magnetospheric electron at  $L\sim 25$ 554 (for the MAR07 example) would remain on a field line for  $\sim 3$  minutes (assuming a near 555 field-aligned equatorial pitch angle). The observation of the depression in the magneto-556 sphere lasts approximately for two hours (with He<sup>++</sup> present). Since the magnetospheric 557 plasma will only remain on an open field line for a few minutes, this field line cannot be 558 newly opened as the spacecraft remains in this region for a significantly larger timescale. 559 Furthermore, there is a boundary layer observed between the two regions that has been 560 interpreted to be the high-latitude extension of the low-latitude boundary layer. An ex-561 ample of this can be seen in Figure 5 labelled 'BL'. This layer separates the two regions, 562 and would not be expected to occur if this was one cusp observation (divided into two 563 different energy layers). 564

Secondly, the observation of a significant increase in the water group ions upon entering 565 the high-pressure plasma region where the depression continues provides evidence that 566 these are closed field lines with magnetospheric plasma present. 'Significant' here being 567 defined by the fact that there are no W<sup>+</sup> ion counts observed above the detectability 568 threshold of the instrument in the cusp, whilst they are detected in the high-pressure 569 plasma region (in the magnetosphere). If these ions were from the magnetosheath, one 570 would expect them to always be observed in the cusp simultaneously with the thermal 571 plasma. This provides evidence that the labelling of this region 'magnetosphere' remains 572 correct, however leaves the composition of the plasma unexplained. There must be a 573 different mechanism that He<sup>++</sup> enters the magnetosphere and is observed here, other 574 than magnetic reconnection. 575

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#### 7. Conclusions

It has been shown that the magnetic depressions (mostly in the southern hemisphere) are 576 not always centred on the cusp, but on the boundary with magnetospheric particles. The 577 density of the plasma, which is of magnetosheath origin, is anti-correlated to the magnetic 578 field depression in the cusp. The high plasma pressure in the magnetosphere adjacent to 579 the cusp acts to continue the depression of the magnetic field (into the magnetosphere). 580 The presence of mixed plasma of solar wind and magnetospheric origin during the latter 581 half of the depressions introduces a problem of exactly defining this layer. The layer 582 could either be reconnected (open) field lines, with energised solar alpha particles, or the 583 auroral current region which is observed to occur on the open-closed field line boundary. 584 Due to the duration of the observation of this layer, this region is most likely to be on 585 closed magnetospheric field lines, leaving the observation of solar wind particles an open 586 question. 587

The plasma pressures in the cusp were sometimes found to overcompensate for the magnetic pressure decrease found in the depression. The combination of low depression depths found in the cusp at low magnetic field strengths (10-20 nT), and the absence of depressions in higher magnetic field strengths (30-40 nT) (unless there are very high electron densities), reveals the magnetic field to be much more difficult to depress at Saturn in comparison to observations at Earth and Mercury.

<sup>594</sup> Highly energetic He<sup>++</sup> ions were observed during some portion of the magnetic depres-<sup>595</sup> sion in seven out of ten of the events. No significant correlation with the data available <sup>596</sup> was found between the number of alpha particles observed and the depression of the mag-<sup>597</sup> netic field. This shows that although the helium ions are present, they are not necessarily

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the component of the plasma driving the depression in the observation at Saturn's cusp in comparison to Earth's.

The depressions are expected to be stronger in the summer hemisphere due to increased magnetosheath densities and lower velocities whilst entering the cusp at lower latitudes to the ecliptic (from Earth observations). A comparison of the latitudes of the depressions revealed no trend and therefore this expectation is inconclusive. Although most of the observations of the magnetic depressions at Saturn occur in the summer hemisphere, with only 10 data points it is not possible to confirm this hypothesis with the limited observations from the Cassini spacecraft.

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Figure 1. An example of a Cassini trajectory between January 29 and Febuary 10 2007. At the top (clockwise) we have the trajectory in the Kronocentric Solar Magnetospheric (KSM) coordinate system, in the X-Z plane ('view' from dusk), X-Y plane (looking down onto the equatorial plane with the equatorial plane inclined out of the page on the dayside) and the Y-Z plane (view from the Sun). Large dots signify the start/end of days, while the smaller dots represent 3 hour intervals in UTC. This trajectory figure is reproduced and adapted from *Jasinski et al.* [2016b]. The blue arrow represents the direction of Cassini. The red bars show where the cusp was observed for the 1FEB07-a and 1FEB07-b events. The green bars indicate the extent of the data shown in panels: a) omnidirectional low-energy electron flux from CAPS-ELS, b) ions from IMS and c) the magnetic field measurements from MAG. 'PC', 'S' and 'DEF' stand for polar cap, magnetosheath and differential energy flux respectively. The cusp plasma analysis during this interval is discussed in detail by *Arridge et al.* [2016].

**Figure 2.** An example of the magnetic model, MAG data and the pressure calculated for the 14JUN13 cusp. Panel a) the model (red) and 1 second average MAG data, b) the residuals of the magnetic depression (black) the fitted residual before and after the depression (blue) and the polynomial fit (red), and c) the calculated magnetic pressure deficit.

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Figure 3. The magnetic pressure deficits of all the cusp observations listed chronologically with the 16JAN07 and 1FEB07 separated into their two separate cusps a and b. The x-axis is zero on the centre time of the depressions, and time is displayed in the hh:mm format, with six hours on either side of the centre. The dashed lines represent the entry and exit of cusp plasma interval as characterised by CAPS observations described in previous chapters.

**Figure 4.** All the pressure observations, including the magnetic pressure analysis (top three panels) for the 8MAR07 event. Time-energy spectrograms for He<sup>++</sup> and W<sup>+</sup> observed by CHEMS are also shown (panels i and j). The pressure axes are not uniformly scaled.

Figure 5. ELS observations of the different layers adjacent to the cusp, with the magnetic pressure deficit (b) for the 8MAR07 cusp. The boundary layer 'BL' has been discussed in the previous chapters. The high pressure magnetospheric layer which continues the depression of the magnetic field outside the cusp.

Figure 6. All the pressure observations, including the magnetic pressure analysis (top three panels) for the 16JAN07-a and b events. This figure is in the same format as Figure 4.

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**Figure 7.** All the observations pressure observations, including the magnetic pressure analysis (top three panels) for the 1FEB07-a and b event. This figure is in the same format as Figure 4.

Figure 8. A summary of all the magnetic pressure deficit estimates (black) and their comparison to the CHEMS pressure (blue). Both pressures are shown on the same scale with a horizontal line shown at the midpoint.

Figure 9. The correlations between the depth of the magnetic field measurements ( $\Delta B$ ) in the cusp and the solar wind parameters: a) dynamic pressure  $P_{RAM}$ ; b) velocity and c) Alfvénic Mach number ( $M_A$ ). Also shown are the correlations to the helium observations in the cusp to various observed diamagentic depression parameters: d) difference between the minimum and maximum magnetic field; e) minimum magnetic field and f) the average magnetic field. The Pearson correlation coefficient (r) is shown for both sets of data, with  $P_{RAM}$  and V having strong and moderate (respectively) positive correlations with  $\Delta B$ , whilst the other comparisons show no correlation to each other.

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Figure 10. Earth observations of the cusp and magnetic field depressions. Panel a) is adapted from *Newell and Meng* [1988], and shows a DMSP-F7 cusp observation (two white arrows point to it) and the cleft region (later in time) with more energetic plasma. Panel b) shows Cluster (C2) electron data, where the spacecraft passes through the cusp and then [what is identified by *Bogdanova et al.*, 2008] the boundary layer 'BL', similar to the Saturn observations, and the magnetosphere. The magnetic data also shows a possible depression in the magnetosphere. Panel (c) is adapted from *Shi et al.* [2009], electron and magnetic data show the cusp and associated magnetic field depressions. Depressions are also observed in the adjacent magnetosphere.

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