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## **ExB Dynamics of Ionospheric Storm Transition Regions**

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# Motivation

What is the relationship between intermediate scale spatial gradients along the boundaries of storm enhanced density (SED) and plumes and the important physical processes, particularly field-aligned and ExB drifts, responsible for the growth and evolution of SEDs?



## IDA4D integrated TEC at <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> deg resolution



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#### EMPIRE ExB Drifts at ½ deg resolution



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#### Conclusions

- Prior information (model or, better yet, data) can improve estimation of dynamics.
  - We used Weimer Model for a priori electric potential, and estimated corrections to it.
- Next steps:
  - Implement Kalman filter in EMPIRE.