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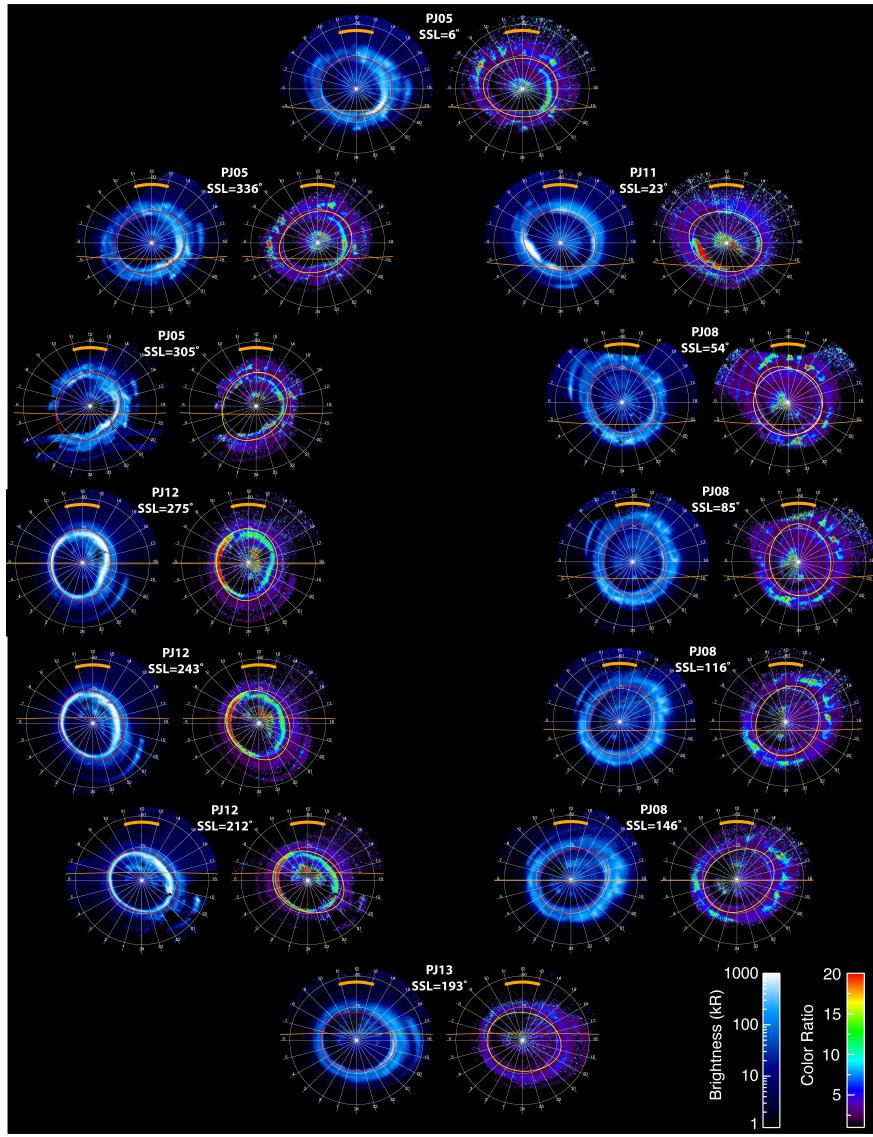
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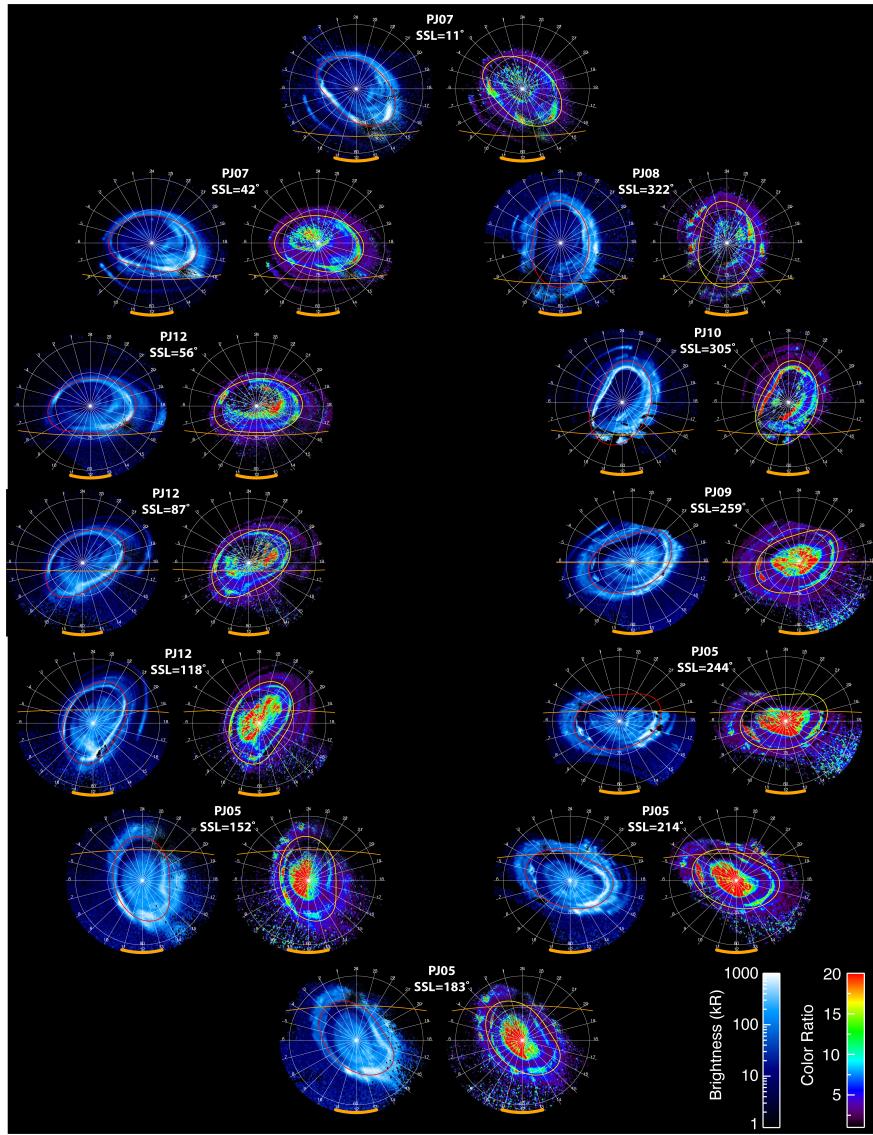
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17 **Key Points:**

- 18 • Jupiter's bright and variable polar auroral swirl region emissions are observed to be
19 weak/absent from 22 to 7 hours local solar time.
- 20 • Higher color ratios observed within the polar swirl region relative to the dark/active
21 regions suggest differing physical mechanisms.
- 22 • Emissions from the newly defined polar collar (dark/active regions) correlate with
23 magnetic local time regardless of local solar time.

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40 Plain Language Summary

41 The Juno mission's unique observing geometry allows imaging of Jupiter's auroral polar emissions
42 at all viewing orientations. The Juno-UVS dataset shows that emissions from the polar collar, a
43 collar-shaped region located between the swirl region and the main auroral oval, are highly
44 asymmetric, with strong emissions from near noon and dusk local times (~11-22 hours) and weak
45 emissions from midnight to dawn local times (~22-11 hours). This local time mapping holds true
46 regardless of viewing orientation, when the northern oval is completely in sunlight or completely
47 in the dark, at ionospheric local times of noon and midnight, respectively. However, the high color
48 ratio swirl region, poleward of the polar collar, appears to be more strongly controlled by
49 ionospheric local time (local solar time), brightening at ionospheric dawn and dimming at
50 ionospheric local times of 20-22 hrs. The difference in magnetospheric and ionospheric local time
51 control of these two regions and their distinct difference in color ratio suggest they are governed
52 by significantly different processes in the middle to outer magnetosphere. Possibly, the swirl

53 region is connected to open or highly-twisted down-tail flux ropes while the polar collar is mapping
54 to regions of closed magnetic flux in Jupiter's middle magnetosphere.

55 1. Introduction

56 Jupiter's ultraviolet aurorae provide a visual display of some of the complex interplay of
57 Jupiter's strong magnetic field with the plasmas within the Jovian system. The Juno mission, with
58 its highly elliptical polar orbit, was designed, in part, to bring a powerful package of in-situ and
59 remote sensing instruments low over Jupiter's polar regions to probe the details of the high latitude
60 magnetosphere (Bagenal et al., 2014; Bolton et al., 2017). The Juno Ultraviolet Spectrograph
61 (UVS) (Gladstone et al., 2017) is an imaging spectrograph covering 68-210 nm. The instrument is
62 used to produce brightness and color ratio maps of Jupiter's ultraviolet auroral H₂ emissions,
63 providing information about the total flux and the average energy of precipitating electrons (Yung
64 et al., 1982), respectively. These maps can be directly compared to measurements made by Juno's
65 in-situ instruments (Ebert et al., 2019; Gérard et al., 2019; Allegrini et al., 2020b; Mauk et al.,
66 2020; Szalay et al., 2020).

67 In addition to providing context imaging for the in-situ instruments, UVS also provides unique
68 views of Jupiter's aurorae unobtainable from the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) (Grodent et al.,
69 2018) or from Earth orbit in general (XMM, Chandra, or Hisaki). Due to Juno's polar orbit, UVS
70 obtains near nadir views of Jupiter's aurorae, unlike the high zenith angle observations available
71 with HST. Observations from HST are also limited to the planet's dayside, while UVS is able to
72 provide observations at all local times. This makes Juno UVS uniquely suited to study the local
73 time dependence of Jupiter's auroral emissions.

74 In this study, we present Juno UVS brightness and color ratio maps covering the full 24 hour
75 range of local times and displaying the complex morphologies and local time behavior of the polar-
76 most auroral emissions, i.e., those emissions occurring poleward of Jupiter's main auroral ovals.
77 Bright emissions from within the auroral ovals is rather unique to Jupiter; in contrast, the polar
78 caps of Earth and Saturn are mostly dark. It is thus not surprising that the polar-most regions of
79 the Jovian aurorae are also the most poorly understood. While quite variable, the total emitted
80 power of the polar regions in the UV range usually accounts for 1/3 of the total emitted power
81 from the whole aurora, and the power in this region is generally correlated with that of the main

82 emission (Nichols et al., 2009b; Grodent et al., 2018). Three sub-regions of Jupiter's polar UV
83 aurora have been identified from HST images (Grodent et al., 2003): 1) the dark region on the
84 dawn and night flanks of the main emissions, mostly devoid of UV emissions (e.g., Swithenbank-
85 Harris et al., 2019); 2) the active region, where arcs and filaments (Nichols et al., 2007; 2009a;
86 2017; Grodent et al., 2018), very bright flares (Waite et al., 2001) and quasi-periodic flares
87 (Bonfond et al., 2011; 2016) are found; and 3) the swirl region in the center, peppered with
88 dynamic and chaotic emissions that are strongly absorbed by methane (Bonfond et al., 2017).
89 These complicated polar auroral emissions are magnetically linked to processes in the mid- to
90 outer-magnetosphere well beyond ~20-30 Jovian radii, R_J , the expected equatorial distance to
91 which the main auroral emission maps in the magnetosphere (e.g., Cowley and Bunce, 2001; Hill,
92 2001). Moreover, the size and location of the swirl region is compatible with the area open to the
93 solar wind deduced from flux-equivalence magnetic mapping models (Vogt et al., 2011; 2015;
94 Bonfond et al., 2017). We leave discussions of the main emission (another name for the auroral
95 ovals) and equatorward emissions for future studies, while the satellite footprint aurora have
96 already been addressed in several studies (Szalay et al., 2018; Hue et al., 2019b; Allegrini et al.,
97 2020a; Szalay et al., 2020).

98 2. Juno UVS Observations

99 2.1 Juno UVS mapping

100 UVS is mounted on the spinning, 2-rpm, Juno spacecraft, nominally looking radially outward
101 with an entrance slit oriented parallel to the spin axis. In this configuration, the slit sweeps across
102 the sky, capturing a 7.2° (slit length) by 360° swath every 30 seconds. UVS has a "dog bone"
103 shaped slit, with two wide segments on either side of a narrower segment. During each spin, a
104 point source is observed for 17 ms if it falls within the wide slit and for 2 ms if it falls within the
105 narrow slit. Using the scan mirror located at the telescope's entrance aperture allows for the
106 adjustment of the field of view fore or aft of the Juno spin plane by up to $\pm 30^\circ$, in increments of
107 0.74° , resulting in a field of regard of $67.2^\circ \times 360^\circ$, slightly more than half the sky. We create
108 images of Jupiter's auroral regions by adding together multiple spins of data taken with differing
109 scan mirror positions. The exact number of spins needed to create a full image depends on the
110 range of the spacecraft to Jupiter and the scan mirror pointing plan defined by the UVS team
111 uniquely for each perijove (PJ), a close pass of Juno to Jupiter in its highly elliptical orbit. In

113 general, it takes ~40 spins worth of data when observing from a range of 1.6 RJ (an altitude of 0.6
114 RJ). Given the 2-rpm spin rate of Juno, this equates to ~20 minutes to build composite images of
115 the aurora. This type of data acquisition has several important repercussions for UVS imagery.
116 The first is that even if UVS targets a given location within Jupiter's aurora, the absolute best
117 temporal sampling achievable by UVS is 30 seconds, with each look corresponding to a 17 ms
118 integration time. The second is that our composite images of the aurora include observations
119 obtained at significantly different times. One side of the image may be observed 10-20 minutes
120 before the other side of the image. An example of the production of such images is included in the
121 supporting material S5 as multiple-spin animated GIF showing the addition of one spin at a time
122 to produce a final image.

123 Brightness images presented here and in the supplementary material are calculated by
124 integrating the observed H₂ emissions between 155 and 162 nm and multiplying by 8.1 to scale
125 the them to all H₂ Werner and Lyman emissions (e.g., Figure 1). This process capitalizes on the
126 transparency of Jupiter's atmosphere between 155 and 162 nm and then leverages models of H₂
127 emissions caused by electron impact to derive the total amount of energy emitted from H₂ due to
128 electron precipitation (Gérard et al., 2019). Since the UVS instrument is a spectrograph, we
129 simultaneously capture the UV emissions at all wavelengths between 68 and 210 nm (Hue et al.,
130 2019a) with spectral resolution of ~1.3 nm within the narrow slit and 2-3 nm in the wide slits
131 (Greathouse et al., 2013). This allows us to create accurate color ratio maps (e.g., Figure 2), where
132 the color ratio is defined as the ratio of the radiance at 155-162 nm to the radiance at 125-130 nm
133 (e.g., Bonfond et al., 2017). The wavelengths chosen for the color ratio are driven by methane's
134 absorption spectrum, which has a long wavelength cutoff near 140 nm. The color ratio has long
135 been used to infer the energy of the impacting electrons (e.g., Yung et al., 1982), with a higher
136 color ratio implying higher energy electrons. The link between the color ratio and the particle
137 energy follows the reasonable expectation that higher energy particles will plunge further into
138 Jupiter's atmosphere. At these greater depths, the H₂ emissions are absorbed by the overlying CH₄
139 in Jupiter's atmosphere, preferentially removing flux from the 125-130 nm region relative to that
140 at 155-162 nm, causing an increase in the color ratio (Yung et al., 1982). The energy dependence
141 inferred from the color ratio assumes that the vertical structure of Jupiter's atmosphere is uniform

142 across the polar region. This assumption has recently come under scrutiny (Gérard et al., 2014;
143 Clark et al., 2018; Sinclair et al., 2020).

144 **2.2 Image Rotation from System III Coordinates to a Magnetospheric Local Time
145 Projection**

146 In this study, we are primarily interested in changes in auroral emission as a function of local
147 time, something not easily explored from Earth. There are two local times that are of potential
148 interest here: the ionospheric local time (solar local time derived for an auroral position as its
149 System III longitude compared to the System III subsolar longitude) and the magnetospheric local
150 time (the approximate local time of the point where a magnetic field line from a given auroral
151 position crosses the jovigraphic equator). Since we expect the auroral emissions to be primarily
152 controlled by magnetospheric local time, we make a change of coordinate system due to the offset
153 of Jupiter's magnetic dipole relative to Jupiter's rotational axis, which is the axis of the System III
154 coordinate system. In producing our images, we first integrate 101 spins (50.5 minutes = 2 hours
155 of local time for Jupiter) of UVS observations into a cylindrical map projection using Jupiter's
156 System III coordinate frame. The relatively long integrations were used to guarantee good areal
157 coverage and high signal to noise for the images. However, a drawback is that any local time
158 variations will be blurred by 1/12th of a Jovian rotation period. Following this, we perform a
159 rotation to replace the System III coordinate axis by the centroid of the 30 R_J mapping of the
160 JRM09 model of Connerney et al. (2018) for the north and south pole independently. The location
161 of the northern centroid is 71.2° latitude and 178.1° longitude System III, while the southern
162 centroid is -82.5° latitude and 30.4° longitude. These positions require Z- and Y-axis rotations for
163 the northern auroral maps of -178.1° and 18.8°, respectively, about the IAU_Jupiter coordinate
164 frame (Acton, 1996). The corresponding rotations for the southern map are -30.4° and -7.5°,
165 respectively. We then project the maps into orthographic projections orienting them such that they
166 appear fixed in magnetospheric local time to aid the eye in looking for the expected
167 magnetospheric local time effects. Figure 1 shows the result of this change in coordinate frame
168 for an image of Jupiter's northern aurora. Figure 1a shows a System III orthographic projection,
169 and Figure 1b shows the same data after recentering on the northern 30 R_J centroid and rotating
170 such that the subsolar longitude is towards the bottom of the page. This remapping leads to the
171 main auroral oval approximately centered in the image. If we observe brightness variations
172 organized in magnetospheric local time poleward of the main emission in this new coordinate

frame, then these variations are likely controlled by what is happening at similar local times in the middle to outer magnetosphere.

Although the coordinates in Figure 1b relate to the magnetospheric local time, the image still contains information about the ionospheric local time. The thick orange line shows the location of the sun over the integration period and the thin orange line shows the terminator at the midpoint of the image integration. Regions of the image between the terminator and the new pole are on the dayside (ionospheric daytime), even if they map to a night side magnetospheric local time. For example, in Figure 1b, there are little to no emissions seen in the sunlit region on the midnight side of the pole within the polar collar. This region experiences a daytime ionospheric local time (it is sunlit), while simultaneously being connected to the night side magnetosphere.

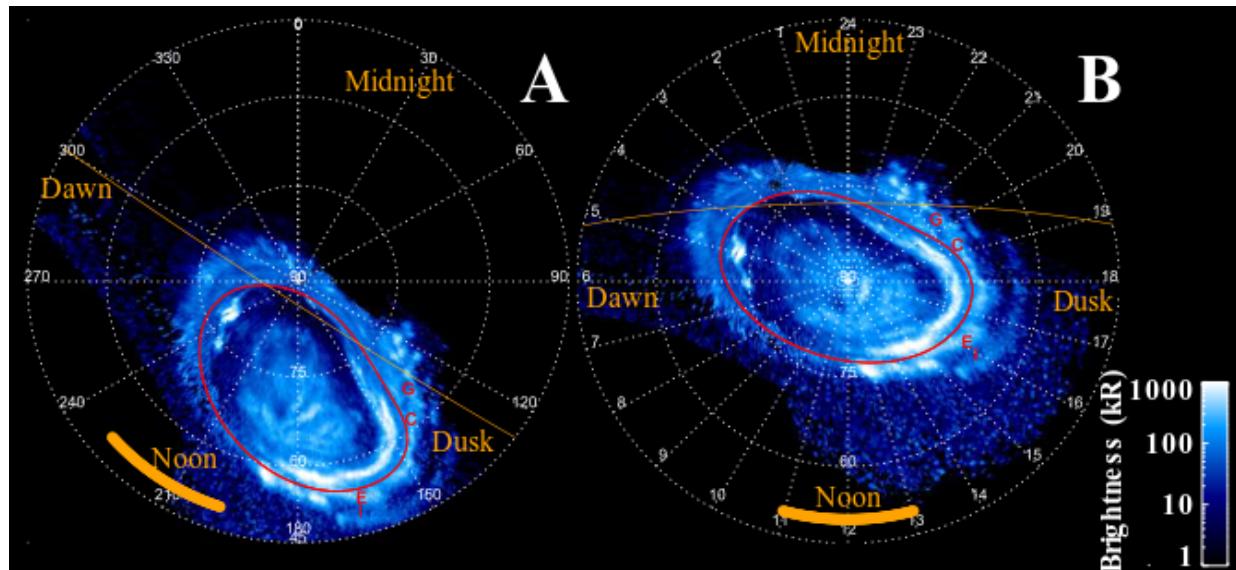
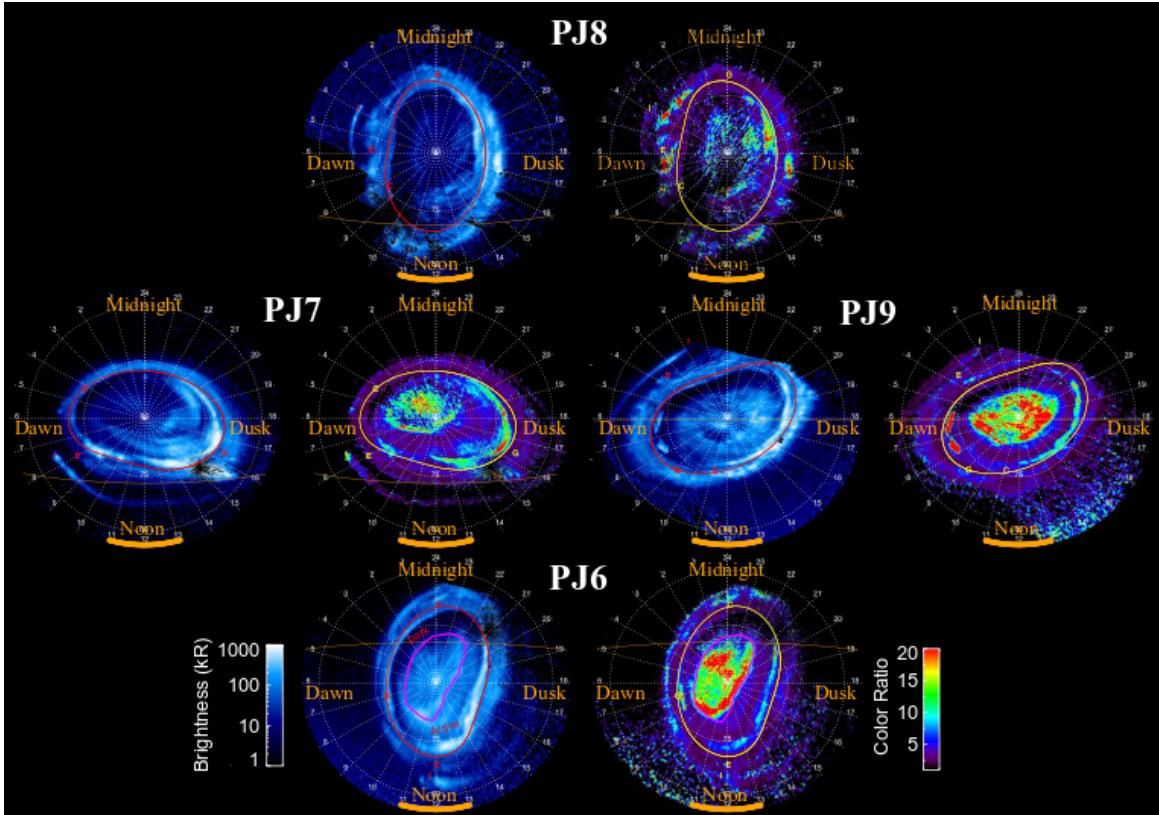


Figure 1: Panel A shows a brightness map of PJ5 data in System III coordinates. Panel B displays the same data in the magnetic dipole local time projection discussed in Section 2.2. The image was produced by integrating 101 spins of data, equivalent to an integration time period of 50.5 min. The local time map (B) is oriented such that noon at the midpoint of the integration time is directed down (towards the Sun), with dawn to the left and dusk to the right. The SIII longitudes in panel B have been replaced with magnetic local time values in hours. The terminator at 400 km altitude (orange thin line) is shown for the midpoint time while the thick orange line at the bottom shows the evolution of the Sun position over the integration time of the image (2 hours local time for Jupiter). The red ellipse in each panel demarcates the predicted Callisto footprint path, a representation of the mapping between the ionosphere and equatorial magnetosphere at ~ 26 R_J, using the JRM09 model.

2.3 Juno UVS' views of the poles

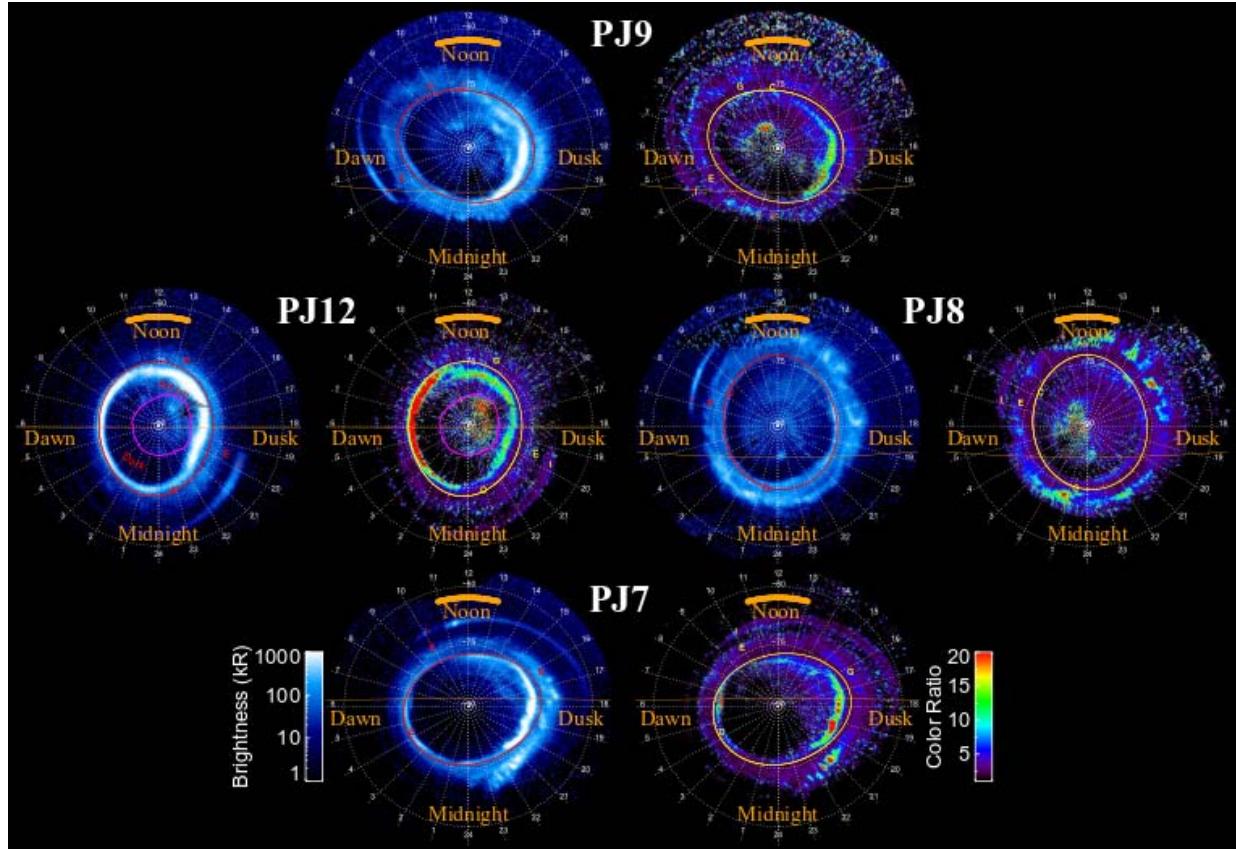
Using the magnetospheric local time projections of the data, we present observations of

195 Jupiter's northern aurora (tilted over as it is towards $\sim 180^\circ$ System III longitude) at approximately
196 midnight (PJ8), dawn (PJ7), noon (PJ6), and dusk (PJ9) ionospheric local time (Fig. 2). The
197 ionospheric local times can best be tracked looking at the terminator lines shown in Figure 2. For
198 PJ6, when the aurora (180° longitude) is oriented most closely to ionospheric noon, the majority
199 of the auroral oval is illuminated by the sun, while for PJ8, when the aurora is oriented most closely
200 to ionospheric midnight (subsolar longitude $\sim 0^\circ$), the majority of the oval is in darkness. While
201 similar geometries to the ionospheric noon and dusk orientations in Figure 2 have been captured
202 by HST many times in the past, only Juno could capture the midnight and dawn views shown in
203 Figure 2. To compare images of Jupiter's aurora with distinctly different local time geometries,
204 we must use images from multiple perijoves because the observation window for a given perijove
205 is limited to a few hours. As Juno's orbit evolves over the course of the mission, the observation
206 window for the northern polar region has been shrinking, decreasing coverage. However, the
207 precession of the orbit is also positioning Juno at lower altitude over the north pole on each
208 consecutive perijove, improving the spatial resolution of the maps over time. The situation is
209 reversed in the south with viewing times increasing along with increasing spacecraft altitudes
210 giving correspondingly lower spatial resolution maps. We present four south polar images in
211 Figure 3 showing the local time variations in the south.



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213 **Figure 2:** Maps of the northern auroral emissions with midnight, dawn, noon, and dusk (magnetic local time) labeled in
 214 orange, in both brightness on the left and color ratio on the right. Terminator, Sun direction, integration time, etc. are all
 215 as described in Fig 1. The path of the Callisto footprint is shown by the red curve in the brightness plots and the yellow
 216 curve within the color ratio plots for clarity. The PJ pass number from which the data were collected are listed in the figure
 217 between the brightness and color ratio maps. The approximate demarcation between the swirl region and polar collar is
 218 outlined in magenta in the PJ6 data at the bottom of the figure, and the dark and active regions within the polar collar are
 219 labeled in the PJ6 brightness map.



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221 **Figure 3:** In these maps of the southern aurora, we have kept dawn on the left and dusk on the right, but have flipped noon
 222 and midnight relative to the plots of the northern aurora (Figure 2) with noon now pointed toward the top of the page.
 223 These maps are as would be seen from the spacecraft looking up at Jupiter's south pole. All the additional information
 224 (terminator, Callisto footprint path, local time, etc.) are the same as described in Figures 1 and 2. The approximate
 225 demarcation between swirl region and polar collar is outlined in magenta in the PJ12 data at the left of the figure, and the
 226 dark and active regions making up the polar collar are labeled in the PJ12 brightness map.

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3. Results

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3.1 The Polar Regions Redefined

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230 When most of the auroral oval is sunlit, the color ratio maps of the northern aurora (PJ6, Figure
 231 2) display a striking dichotomy between the "swirl region" and the "polar collar". The swirl region
 232 exhibits a high color ratio of ≥ 12 , approximately encircled by the magenta line in the PJ6 images
 233 in Figure 2. The polar collar, outside of the swirl region but still within the main auroral oval,
 234 exhibits a low color ratio, ≤ 4 (Cf. Bonfond et al., 2017). While most obvious in the ionospheric
 235 noon-dusk view of the northern aurora where the swirl region emissions are brightest (PJ6 and
 236 PJ9, Fig. 2), this pattern is still evident at other ionospheric local times (see supplementary
 237 material). In this paper we consider the previously defined dark polar region and active region
 (see labels in PJ6 data, Fig. 2) (Grodent, 2015) to be part of a single region that we call the "polar

238 “collar”, as we expect these two regions map to roughly similar radial distances in the
239 magnetosphere and they exhibit the same color ratio emissions. The prime difference between the
240 dark and active regions is a magnetospheric local time dependence, which we will discuss in the
241 next section. The boundary between the swirl region and the polar collar is usually sharp and well
242 defined in the color ratio maps, but is unremarkable in the brightness maps. This is especially
243 noticeable on the dusk side where the polar collar emissions are similar in brightness to the dusk
244 swirl-region emissions (PJ6 and PJ9, Fig. 2).

245 3.2 Polar Collar

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247 Focusing now on the brightness maps of Figure 2 and the extra images in the supplementary
248 material, it is striking that the polar collar emission shows strong (order of magnitude) magnetic
249 local time dependence at all ionospheric local times (all subsolar longitudes). The Juno UVS map
250 from PJ6 looks much like earlier observations taken from HST showing little to no emission on
251 the dawn side of the polar collar (Swithenbank-Harris et al., 2019) until mid-morning where the
252 polar collar emissions increase and can become as bright as the main emission. These emissions
253 remain enhanced until late evening, ~21 hr magnetospheric local time, where they turn off. This
254 local time variation gave rise to the dark and active region designations (Grodent et al., 2003).
255 However, it could not be conclusively shown from HST observations alone if the polar collar
256 always responds to magnetospheric local time drivers or if there is also a dependence on
257 ionospheric local time. For the first time, the Juno UVS observations show that this polar collar
258 emission structure is retained throughout all auroral ionospheric local times, even when the entire
259 auroral oval is on the night side of Jupiter (i.e. PJ7 and PJ8 in Fig. 2), strongly supporting a
260 magnetospheric rather than ionospheric local time driver for the emissions within the polar collar
261 (Cowley et al., 2003). Additionally, the bright dusk-side polar collar emissions often organize into
262 what appear to be concentric arcs alternating between higher and lower brightness, though all at
263 relatively low color ratio. This behavior has been discussed at length in the literature, sometimes
264 referred to as transient “inner ovals” (Nichols et al., 2009b). The Juno UVS observations show
265 this behavior is independent of System III longitude and ionospheric local time, and appears to be
266 purely a magnetospheric dusk-side phenomenon, as shown in Figure 4 at two very different
267 ionospheric local times. Short dusk arcs are also observed from noon to early evening on the dusk
268 side of some southern auroral maps such as the one from PJ7 in Figure 3.

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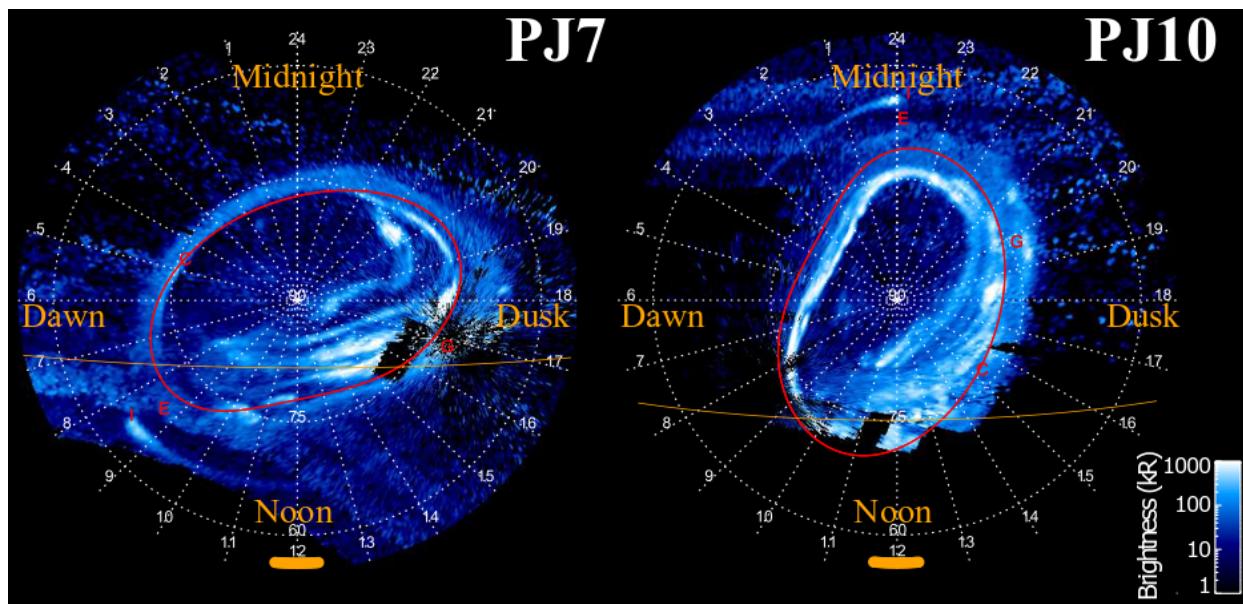
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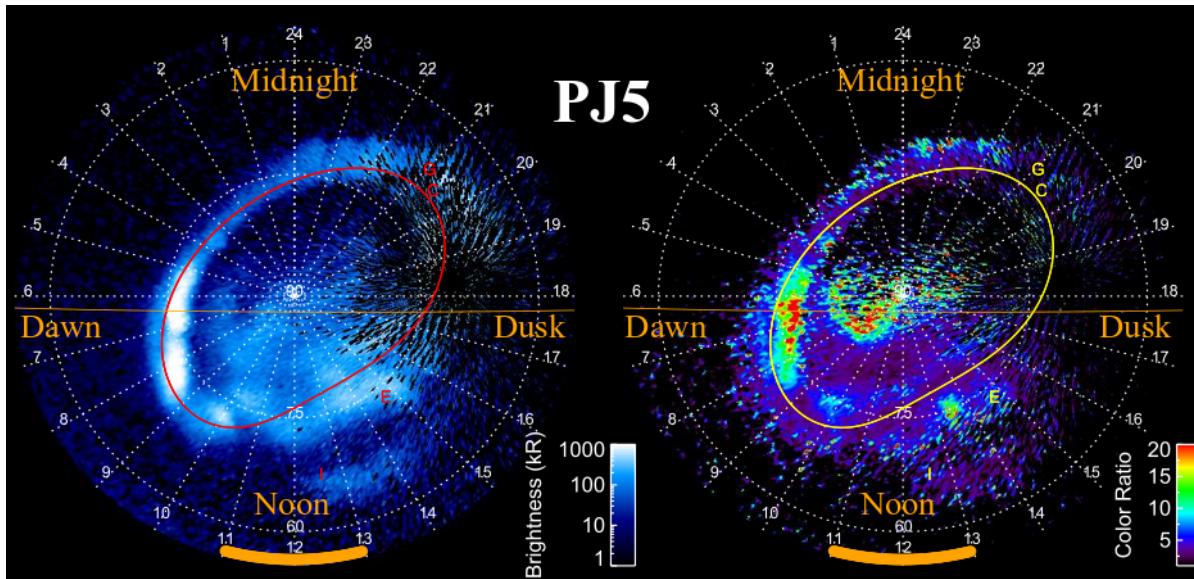
Figure 4: UV brightness maps from 31 spin (15.5 min) integrations of PJ7 and PJ10 observations. The dusk side concentric arcs within the polar collar are obvious in both, even though the System III longitudes and ionospheric local times are completely different.

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3.3 Swirl Region

Surprisingly, the brightness of the swirl region appears to be primarily correlated with subsolar longitude, unlike the polar collar emissions. Looking at Figure 5 and data in the supplementary material S1 and S2, the initial brightening of the swirl region occurs very close to the dawn terminator. The terminator shown in the figures is calculated at 400 km above the 1-bar level, about the altitude of the auroral emissions. The swirl region remains bright throughout the time it is sunlit and for several hours after sunset (Figure 2) when the emissions then fade to a low level background state. This suggests that the swirl region brightness is affected by the amount of sunlight incident on the upper atmosphere, perhaps through photoionization-induced conductivity. It does not appear to be under magnetospheric local time control, as evidenced by the fact that the entire swirl region is bright at the bottom of Figure 2, with swirl region emissions bright even when mapped on the magnetospheric night side. The opposite is true when the swirl region is completely in the dark (top of Figure 2), showing the entire swirl region is dark including the area mapping to midday magnetospheric time. Interestingly, even though the brightness of the swirl region emissions is significantly reduced between midnight and dawn, most of the faint emissions observed during this time period are still of high color ratio.

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Figure 5: One of the best maps showing a portion of the swirl region brightening just as it crosses into sunlight. The majority of the swirl region is still in darkness exhibiting low emission brightness values.

295 3.4 Southern Polar Emissions Compared to the North

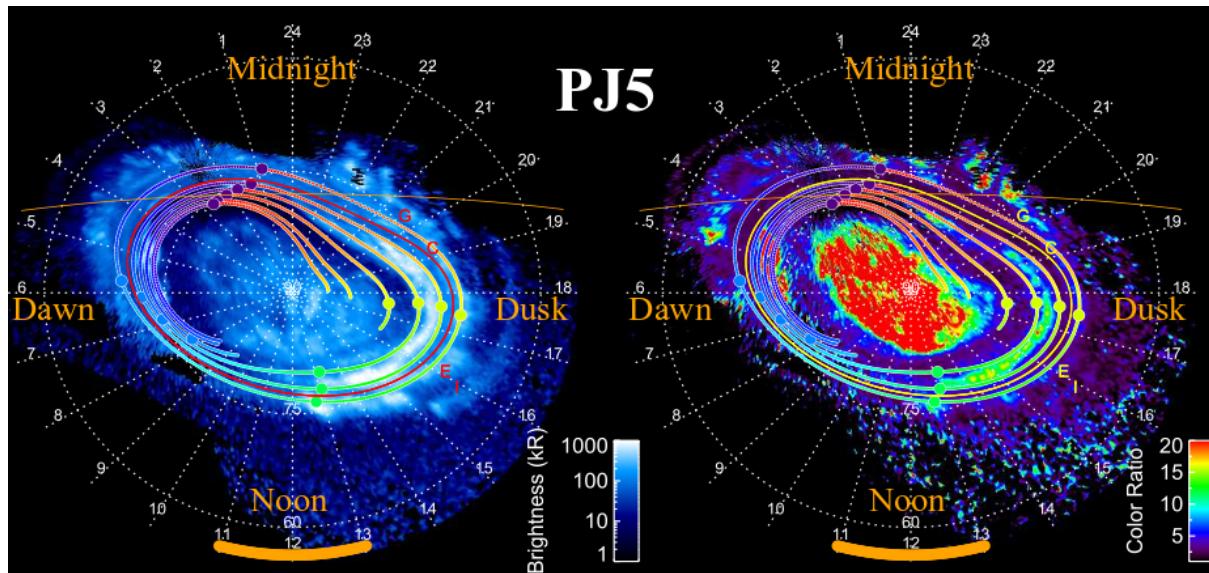
296 Though the south polar emissions shown in Figure 3 behave similarly to the north emissions
 297 described in the previous two sections, there are several differences worth noting. First is that the
 298 south polar emissions are generally much weaker than those in the north, as described by Grodent
 299 et al. (2018), and this is evident in the difference in emission strength and area between the northern
 300 and southern auroras shown in Figure 2Figure 3. The center of the south polar oval is much closer
 301 to Jupiter's south-pole rotational axis as compared to the north reducing the strength of the
 302 modulation of solar flux over a Jovian rotation within the south-polar swirl region. Given the
 303 weaker fluxes in the south-polar region, it is more difficult to make clear statements on the turn-
 304 on and -off times for the southern swirl and polar collar emission, but in general our observations
 305 suggest similar timing as those viewed in the north.

306 4. Discussion

307 Given the low color ratio and magnetospheric local time control of the polar collar in
 308 comparison to the high color ratio and ionospheric local time control of the swirl region, it seems
 309 likely that the physical phenomena responsible for producing the emissions in the polar collar
 310 and swirl region are different. Is the color ratio boundary tracing a distinct transition in the outer
 311 magnetosphere? In an attempt to address this question we employ the Vogt magnetic flux
 312 mapping model (Vogt et al., 2011; Vogt et al., 2015), updated to include the Jupiter JRM09

313 magnetic field model (Connerney et al., 2018). In Figure 6 we overlay the resultant local time
 314 and radial contours on top of brightness and color ratio maps from PJ5. We find that the red
 315 swirl region falls within the model contours suggesting it maps to beyond 150 R_J or would map
 316 beyond the magnetopause on the dayside in that model, which could be interpreted as mapping to
 317 a region of open flux. Whether this region is truly open flux or just highly twisted flux ropes
 318 extending to extreme distances down the magnetotail (Isbell et al., 1984; McComas and Bagenal,
 319 2007; Zhang et al., 2021) cannot be discerned here. Possibly future magnetospheric models will
 320 be able to resolve this boundary and explain the different dynamics on either side leading to the
 321 clear auroral color ratio dichotomy.

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 324 **Figure 6: Observation of the north polar aurora taken during PJ5 similar in local time to that from PJ9 shown in Figure**
 325 **2. Here we overplot Vogt et al.'s 2015 model contours corresponding to 15, 45, 75, 105, 135, and 150 R_J from outermost to**
 326 **innermost on the figure. Each contour is color coded in rainbow fashion to denote local time in the magnetosphere**
 327 **(purple = 0 hr, green = 12 hr, and red = 24 hr). The purple, blue, green and yellow dots on the contour indicate midnight,**
 328 **dawn, noon and dusk in the magnetosphere, respectively.**

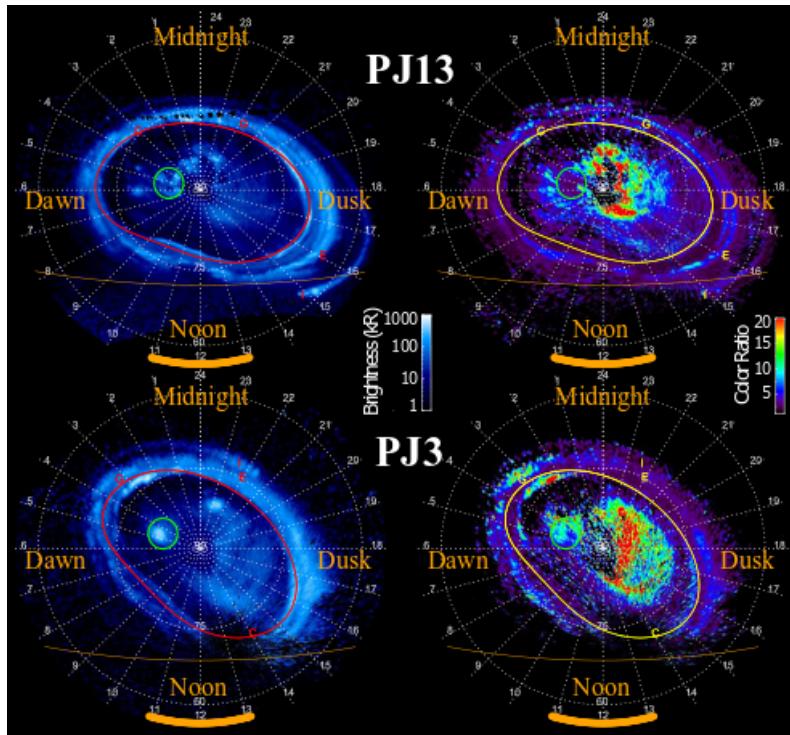
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 330 Several possibilities exist for producing the higher color ratio emissions within the swirl
 331 region. The first is that for some reason the downward going magnetospheric electrons within
 332 this region are of higher energy than those observed over the polar collar. Higher energy
 333 electrons will travel deeper into Jupiter's atmosphere and excite the H₂ emissions at greater
 334 depth. These H₂ emissions would then exhibit a higher color ratio due to the absorption of CH₄
 335 in the overlying atmosphere. While this is quite likely the simplest and most plausible reasoning,
 336 Juno to date has only rarely observed such a high-energy downward propagating electron
 337 population over the swirl region. To the contrary, Juno has primarily measured high energy,

>1MeV, electrons directed up from Jupiter's swirl region, but not a strong downward component (Clark et al., 2017; Mauk et al., 2020). It is possible that Juno has not yet gotten low enough over the northern swirl region to get below the acceleration region. If this is the case, Juno should be able to resolve the issue during the extended mission where the altitude of the northern auroral passes will continue to shrink. A second possibility is that the swirl region has a significantly different CH₄ vertical profile as compared to regions outside the swirl region. Several lines of evidence support the idea of a different CH₄ vertical structure associated with the auroral region (Moriconi et al., 2017; Clark et al., 2018; Sinclair et al., 2020). A sudden increase in the altitude of the CH₄ homopause relative to regions outside the swirl region would create a higher color ratio within the swirl region even for a uniform electron downward energy flux. However, as already stated, downward electrons have only rarely been found over the swirl region in amounts capable of reproducing the emissions observed in the UV (Ebert et al., 2019; Gérard et al., 2019). A third possibility is that sunlight would initiate/enhance photoionization of the upper atmosphere and in particular methane and other light hydrocarbons at the top of the neutral atmosphere. Ionization of the hydrocarbons would increase the ionospheric density at the base of the ionosphere, pushing the ionosphere deeper into Jupiter's upper atmosphere. This extension to greater depths coupled with aurorally driven Pedersen currents crossing the swirl region may be the cause of the high color ratio emissions if the collisions causing the H₂ emissions observed by UVS in the polar region are in fact coming from near the base of the ionosphere. However, this Pedersen current requires that ambient ionospheric ions carrying the current are accelerated to a few 10s of eV, in order to excite the H₂ emissions, which is difficult to do. Whatever the cause of the emissions, we observe that they brighten near sunrise and remain strong several hours of local time past sunset. It could be that the deeper ionospheric layer created during the day can exist well into the night due to a time lag in the recombination of the electrons and molecular hydrocarbon ions, or because some underlying current exists which would help support the extra ionization instigated by the sunlight during the daylight hours. Further evaluation of this and other possible explanations for the swirl region emissions goes beyond the scope of this observational paper. We leave it to future works to disentangle the exact mechanisms.

The description in section 3.3 of the local time variability in the swirl region is true for most of the observations made by Juno UVS. However, there are a few observations where some

unique emissions appear in the swirl region when it is positioned on the night side in the dark (midnight to dawn ionospheric local time). We show two such examples in Figure 7. Between the hours of ~2 and 6 magnetic local time, we have observed localized, high brightness, and lower color ratio (<8) emissions coming from discrete locations in the swirl region (examples circled in green in Figure 7). These observations sometimes show single spots of emission, as shown at the bottom of Figure 7, while other features have been seen to evolve over time to trace out swirls (top of Figure 7). Given their inconsistency (not seen in all instances, e.g. PJ7 and PJ8 in Figure 2) and their distinctive lower color ratio in the swirl region, which at most other times show emissions of high color ratio, we suspect these emissions are due to a distinct phenomenon occurring in the midnight to dawn sector of the magnetosphere and mapping to great radial distances, >150 R_J from comparisons with the Vogt JRM09 flux mapping results. The emission circled in PJ3 in Figure 7 has been characterized as a polar auroral bright spot by Haewsantati et al. (2021). As the Juno mission continues, we hope to observe such events while the spacecraft is connected to their magnetic field lines in order to sample the particles forming these emissions to help trace their origin and the reason for their different UV emission characteristics.

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387 **Figure 7: UV brightness and color ratio maps of the northern aurora from PJ3 (bottom) and PJ13 (top). The green circles**
388 **enclose brightness anomalies, in what would generally be a low brightness period in the swirl region. The color ratio maps**
389 **show that the emissions, though occurring in the swirl region, are of low to modest color ratio, quite different from the**
390 **usual high color ratio emissions found there. While the green circles in a single pair of brightness and color ratio plots are**
391 **in exactly the same place, there was no attempt to place them in the same position between PJ13 and PJ3. The fact that the**
392 **circles in the two different observations are so close may be chance or may hint that both events have similar source regions**
393 **in the outer magnetosphere, preferentially manifesting themselves at similar magnetospheric local time.**

394 5. Conclusions

395 The imagery of Jupiter’s northern and southern auroral zones captured from the unique vantage
396 point of Juno UVS has produced an unbiased dataset with which to probe possible local time
397 effects in Jupiter’s magnetosphere. The global views of Jupiter’s UV polar auroral emissions on
398 the night side, at resolutions equal to or better than those captured on the dayside by HST, show
399 the following key results:

- 400 1) The high color ratio of the polar swirl region makes it easily recognizable in UVS color
401 ratio imagery in the middle of the northern auroral oval, and slightly offset in the southern
402 auroral oval. The emissions in the polar swirl region are generally bright from about 5-7
403 am until 20-22 hours ionospheric local time. The rest of the time, the emissions are an order
404 of magnitude weaker or non-existent. It is interesting that the local time variation of these
405 emissions are anti-correlated with the intense upward moving electron beams discussed by
406 Bonfond et al. (2018) measured over the polar swirl region.
- 407 2) The polar collar, between the main emission and swirl region, shows magnetospheric local
408 time control, with faint emissions observed from ~22 hours until mid-morning or noon,
409 and bright emissions from noon until ~22 hours. Additionally, the region of bright
410 emissions in the polar collar (previously called the active region) can exhibit arcs of
411 emission concentric to or forking from the main emission (Nichols et al., 2009b). These
412 concentric arcs may form at any System III longitude, but only on the dusk side of the polar
413 collar (Fig. 4). Similarly, we sometimes find concentric arcs of emission on the dusk side
414 of the southern auroral polar collar like those in the north.
- 415 3) For brief periods, and only during some perijove passes, we observe intense, localized
416 emissions from the polar swirl region between about 2 and 6 am magnetic local time while

417 the swirl region is positioned in darkness (ionospheric local time). Interestingly, these
418 emissions can be of low color ratio. Given the low color ratio and local time of generation,
419 it seems likely that they are produced by a separate phenomenon at large radial distances
420 ($>150 R_J$) unrelated to the usual high-color-ratio emissions seen in the swirl regions when
421 sunlit.

422 4) We observe that the intensity of the polar auroral emissions in the south are much reduced
423 compared to those in the north in agreement with Grodent et al. (2018). This fact and the
424 more poleward orientation of the southern aurora makes disentangling ionospheric and
425 magnetospheric local time drivers difficult from southern hemisphere maps. However, the
426 southern polar auroral emissions exhibit similar structures as the north with both a polar
427 collar and swirl region. The local time control of these regions appears to agree with that
428 in the north with the polar collar showing magnetospheric local time control and the swirl
429 region exhibiting ionospheric local time control.

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436 [atmospheres.nmsu.edu/data_and_services/atmospheres_data/JUNO/uvs.html](https://pds-atmospheres.nmsu.edu/data_and_services/atmospheres_data/JUNO/uvs.html). Images supporting
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Supporting Information for “Local Time Dependence of Jupiter’s Polar Auroral Emissions Observed by Juno UVS”

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S1: Northern auroral dataset

As described in the main text we have created 101-spin integrated brightness and color ratio maps of the northern aurora from all the calibrated Juno UVS observations from perijoves 1 and 3-13. Just prior to Juno’s second perijove pass, a spacecraft anomaly caused all instruments to shut down. Thus, no UVS data was recorded during perijove 2. The full description of the figures and annotations are given in the caption of Figure 2 in the main text. The images in this appendix are ordered by their mid-point time sub-solar System III longitude, which is also printed on each page of the pdf.

S2: Northern auroral clock style image

Similar to figure 2 in the main text, this clock style image of the northern auroral emissions contains more maps, higher temporal sampling, at the cost of smaller map sizes and slightly less detail.

S3: Southern auroral dataset

The southern dataset is presented the same way as described in figure 3 of the main text and includes all the calibrated data from perijoves1 and 3-13.

S4: Southern auroral clock style image

Similar to figure 3 in the main text, this clock style image of the southern auroral emissions contains more maps, higher temporal sampling, at the cost of smaller map sizes and slightly less detail.

S5: PJ5 movie of map production

This movie depicts the integration of multiple spins of Juno UVS data in order to produce brightness and color ratio maps like those shown in the main paper in the supplements 1 and 2. The movie begins with the mapping of a single spin of data from only the wide slits and continues adding in consecutive scan data for 45 spins worth of data collection. The initial spin of data in this particular animation is taken 45 spins or 22.5 minutes prior to the last spin of data and thus the image is a composite image that presents portions of the aurora at a given time along with other portions of the aurora taken at a much different time. Areas in the map that contain multiple spins worth of emission data are averaged together. UVS can at best measure variability at a 30 second cadence given the 2 rpm spin rate of the spacecraft. However, given the scale of the auroral regions at low spacecraft/Jupiter ranges means that the time to capture two consecutive images of the same surface area can range from 30 seconds to tens of minutes depending on the perijove unique scan mirror pointing planned by the UVS team.

