

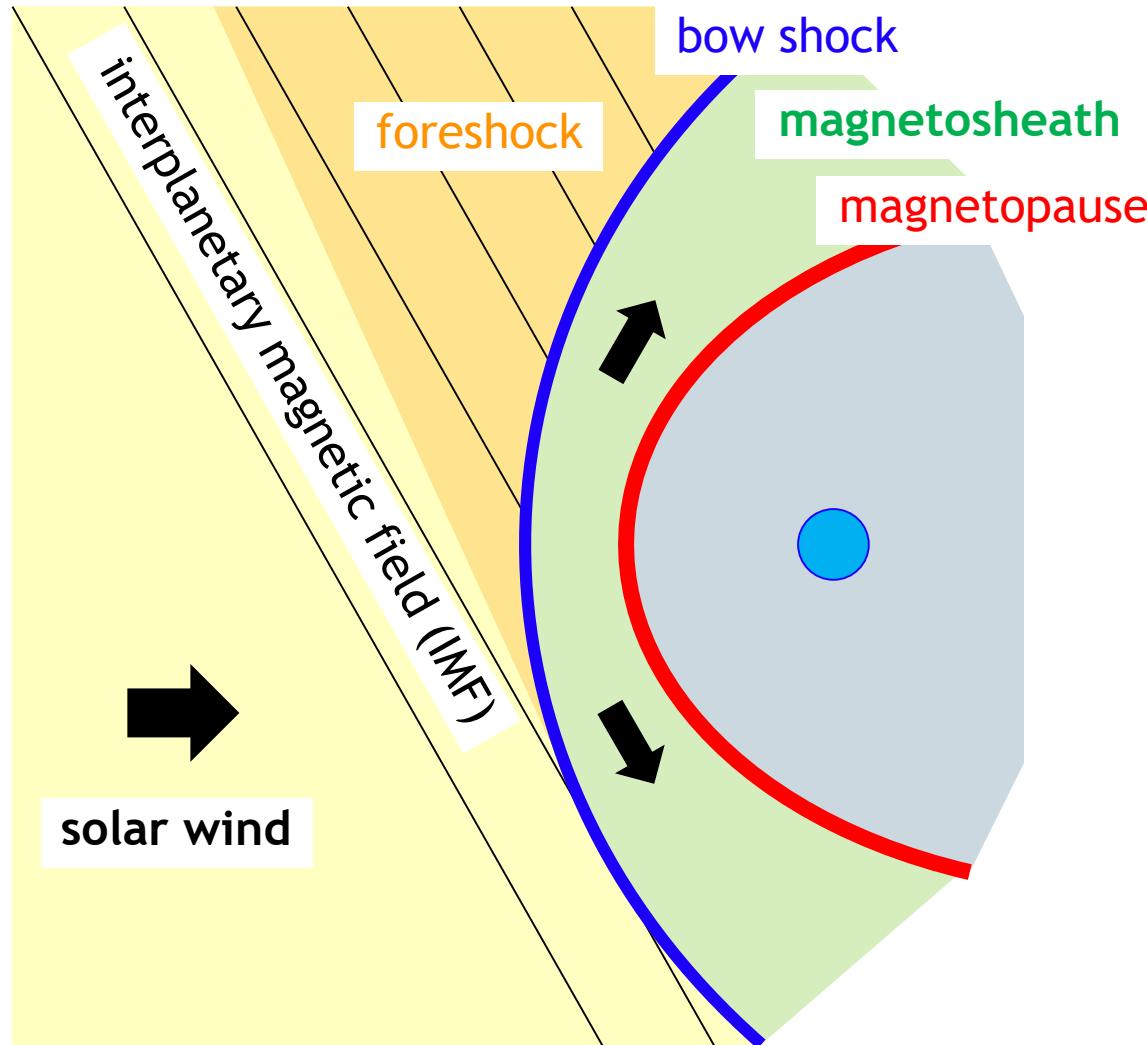
# THE MAGNETOSHEATH

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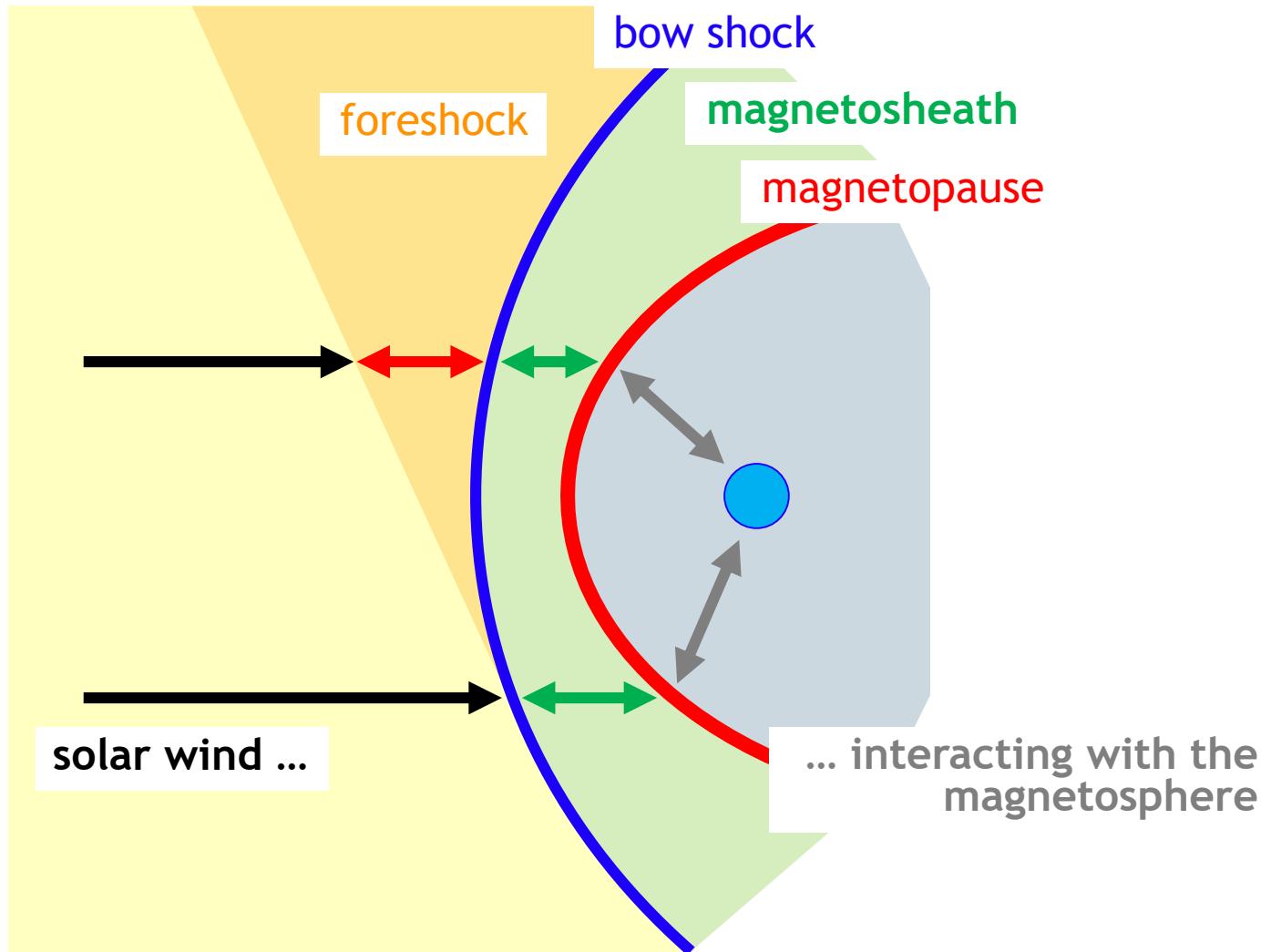
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# WHAT IS THE MAGNETOSHEATH?



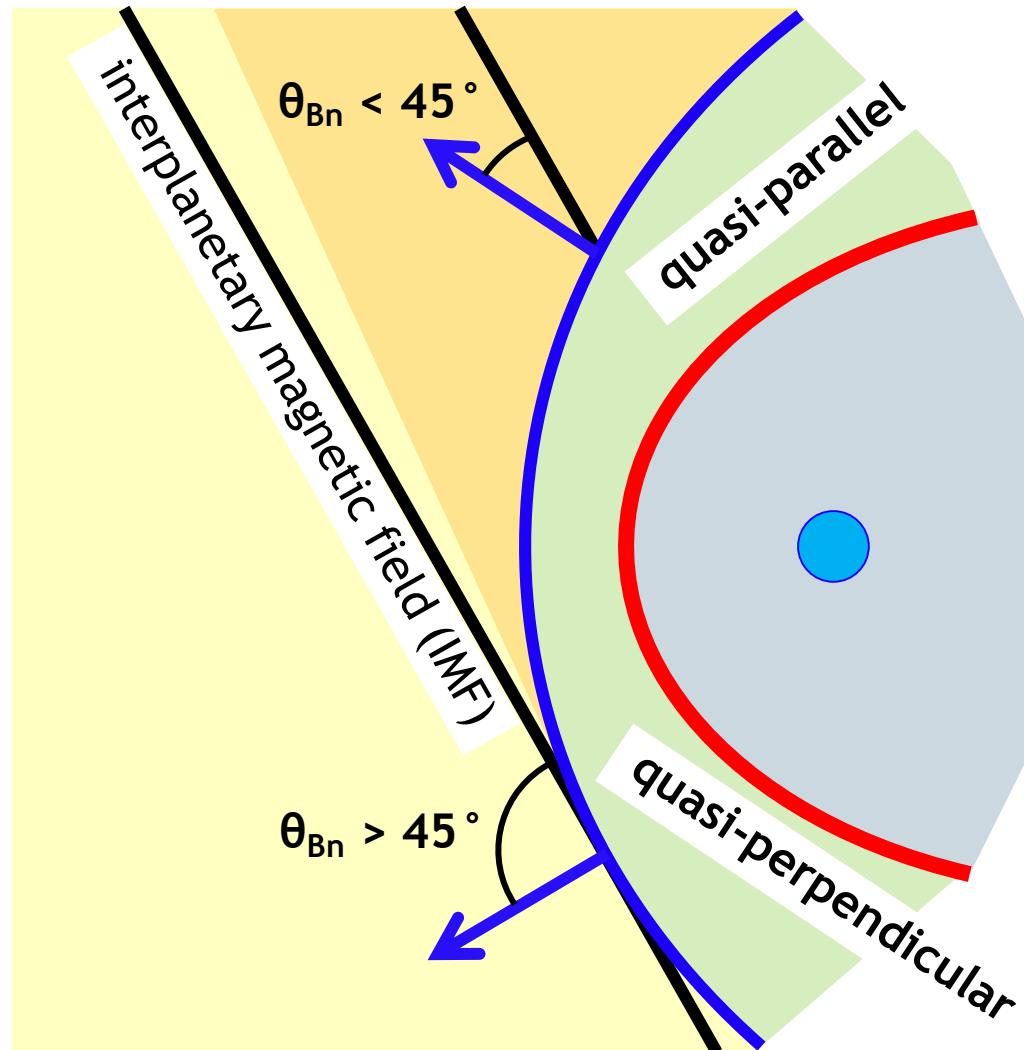
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# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



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# QUASI-PARALLEL AND QUASI-PERPENDICULAR



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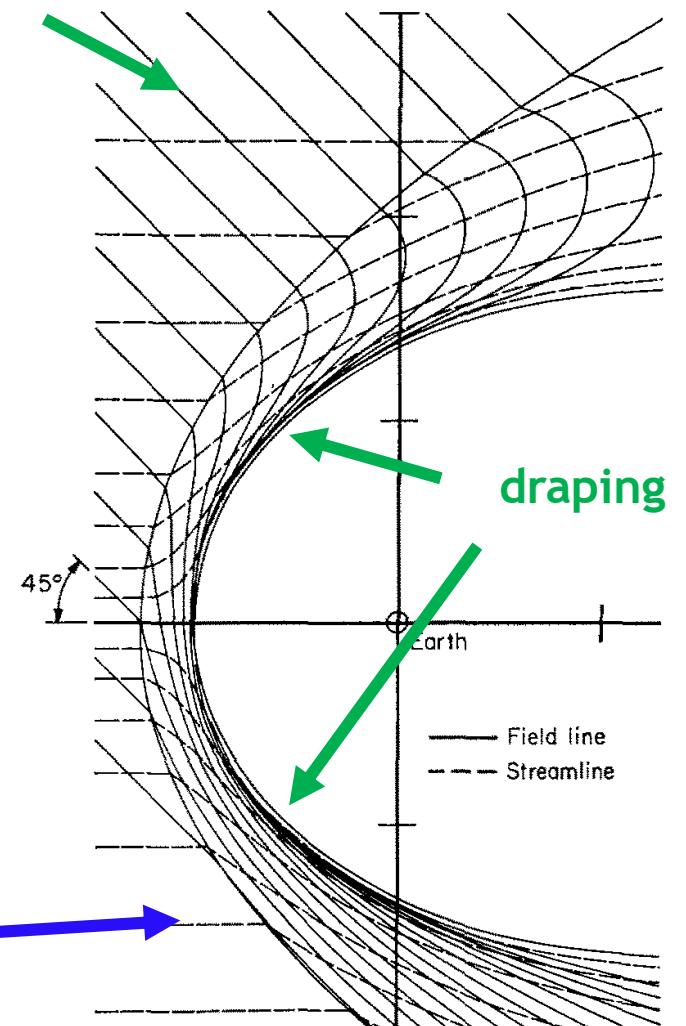
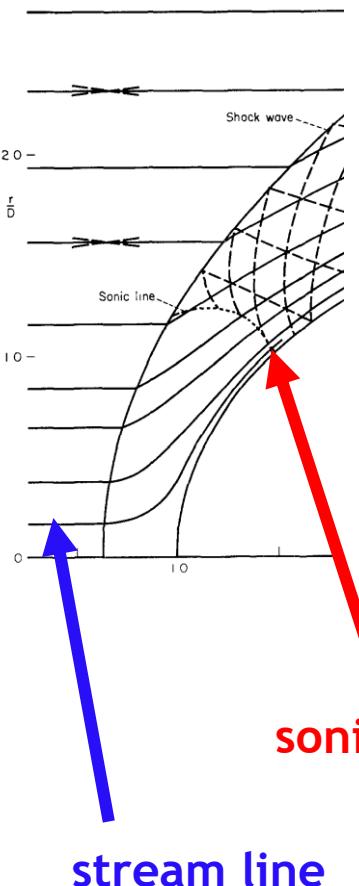
# OUTLINE

1. global structures
2. local processes
3. external transients

Spreiter et al. (1966)

- modelling of flow and shock wave:
  - gas dynamic theory (hydrodynamic)
- magnetopause:
  - tangential discontinuity
  - pressure balance
  - axisymmetric
  - field inside:  
twice the geomagnetic dipole field
- magnetic field:
  - frozen-in, added afterwards

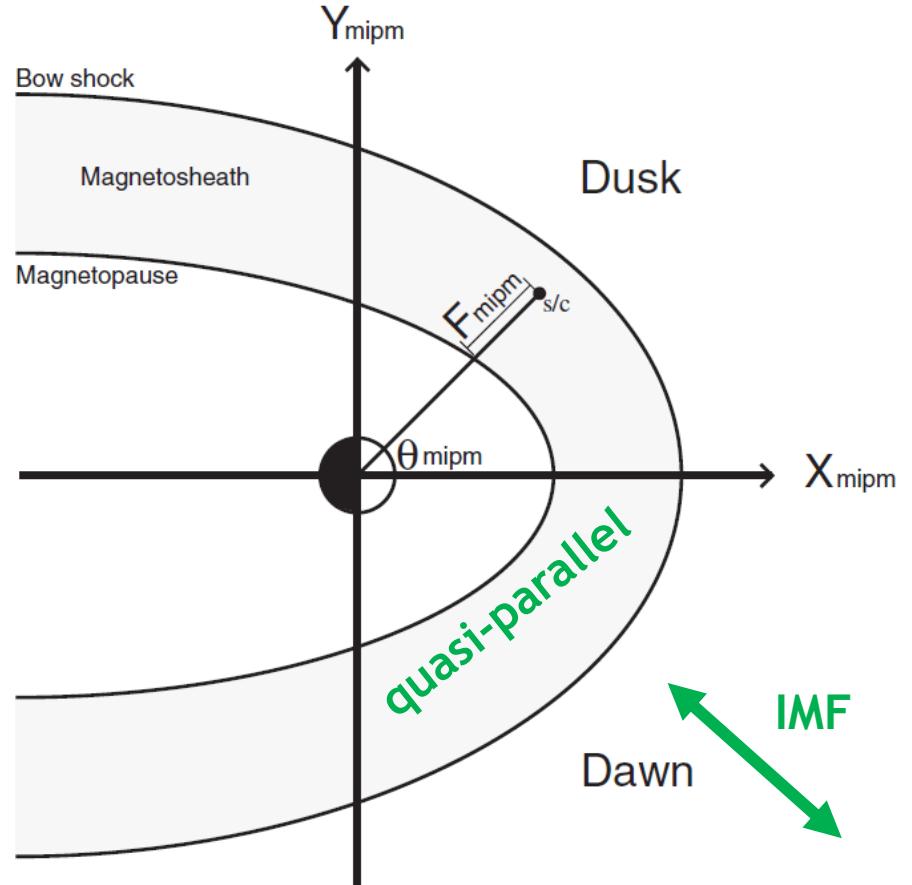
### Parker spiral IMF



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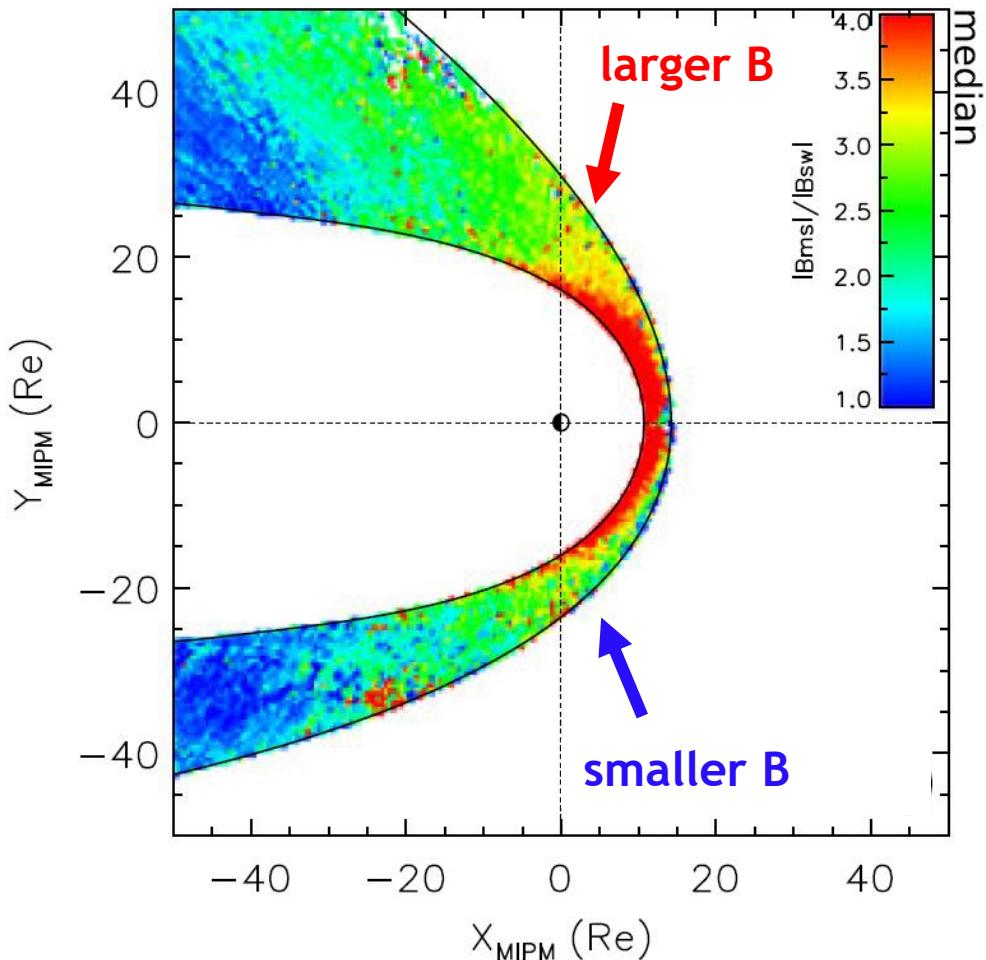
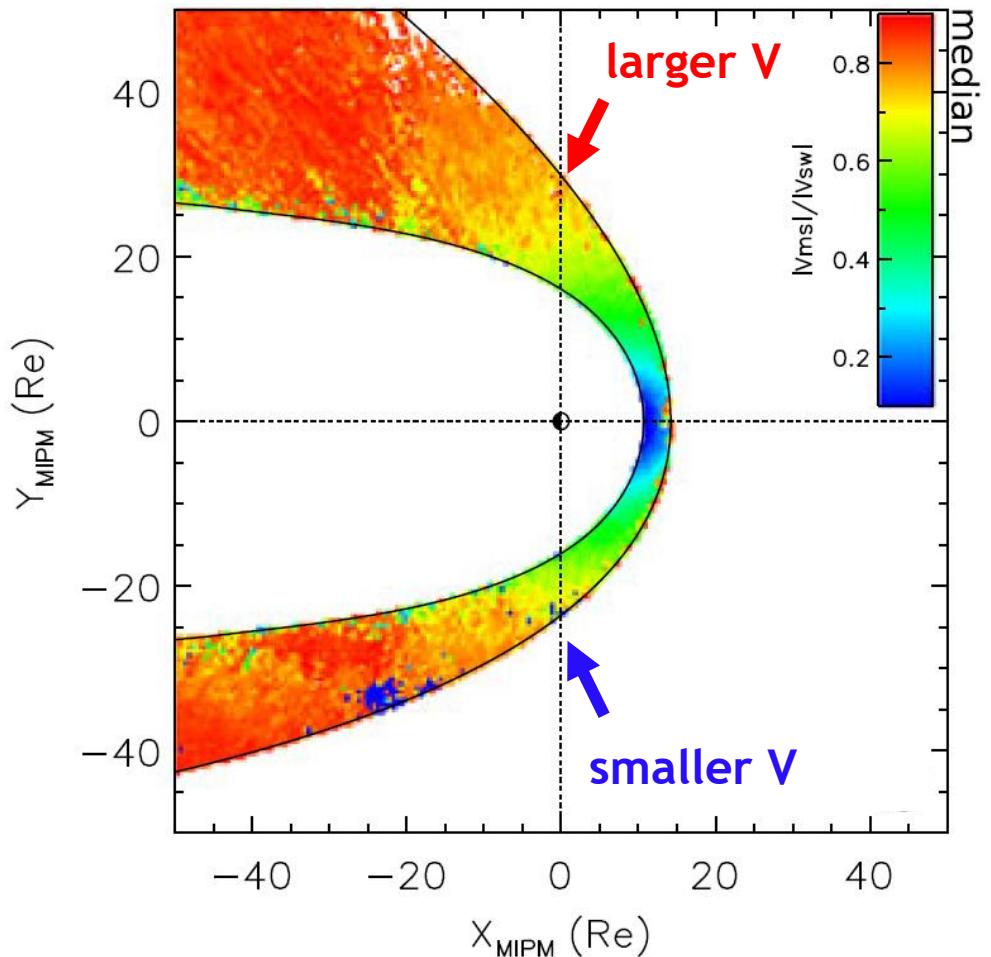
# MAGNETOSHEATH INTERPLANETARY MEDIUM (MIPM) REFERENCE FRAME

- X:
  - against solar wind flow
  - aberrated Earth-Sun-line
- Y:
  - IMF in X-Y-plane
  - quasi-parallel on -Y side
- bow shock and magnetopause models
  - Verigin et al. (2001)
  - Shue et al. (1998)
- F:
  - radial fractional distance between boundaries



Dimmock and Nykyri (2013)

## VELOCITY AND MAGNETIC FIELD



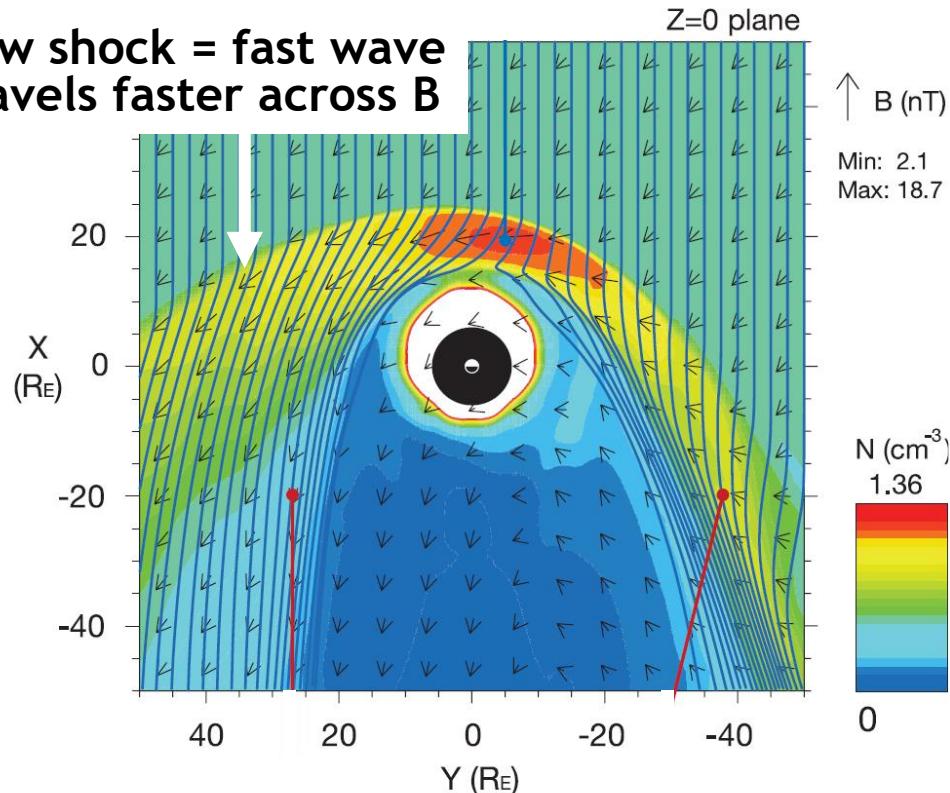
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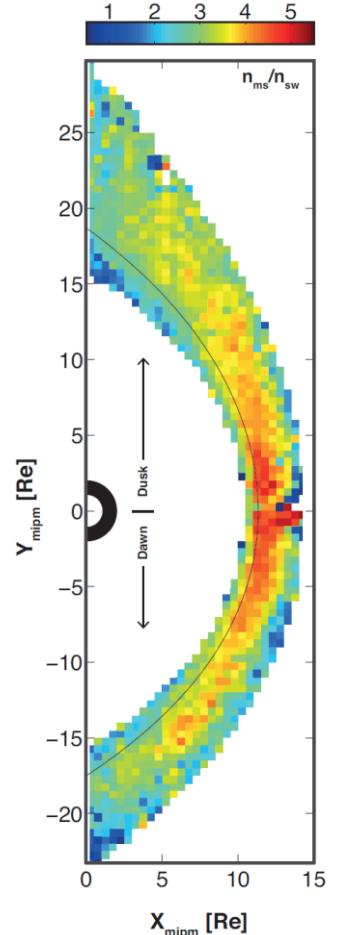
# DENSITY, FLOW, AND THICKNESS ASYMMETRIES

- conditions
  - low Alfvén Mach number ( $M_A$ )
  - Parker spiral IMF conditions
- anomalous flow
  - duskward on dawn side
- density
  - maximum shifted towards dawn
- reason
  - Rankine-Hugoniot
  - kink of magnetic field at the BS, strong magnetic field effect at low  $M_A$

Flows around the magnetosphere under  $M_A=2.0$   
(Density contour, flow lines, and magnetic field)



Nishino et al. (2008)



Dimmock et al. (2016)

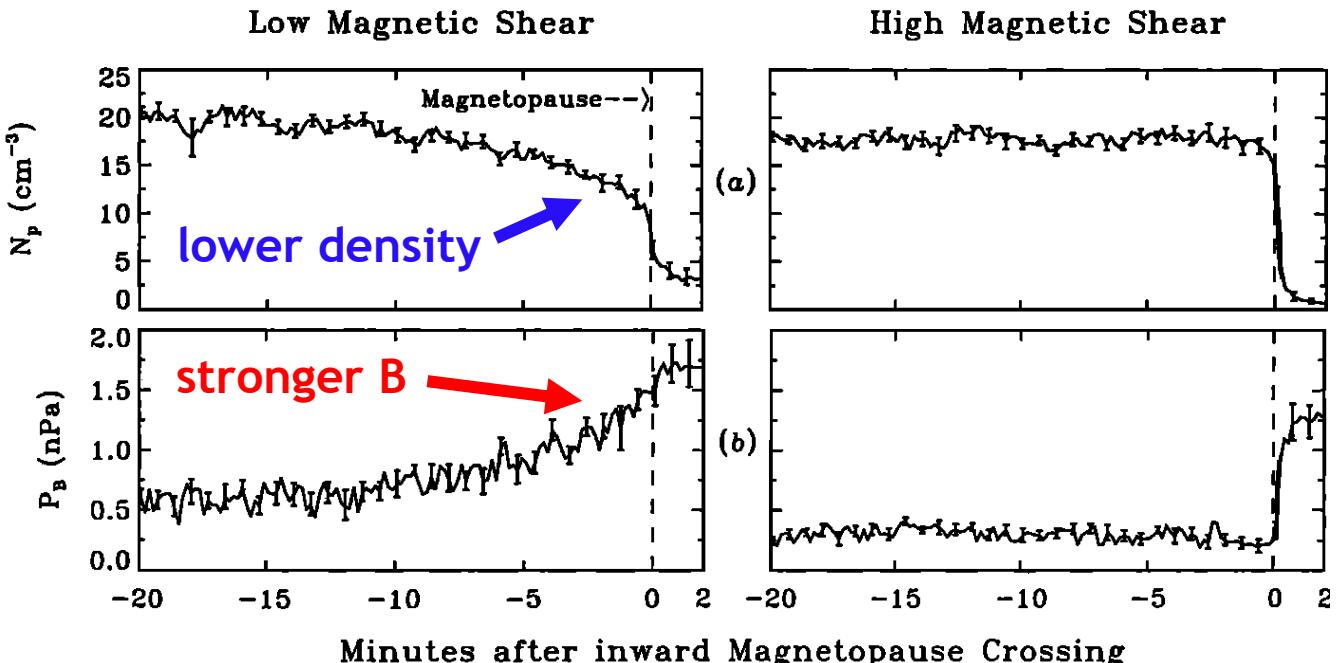
# FURTHER ASYMMETRIES

Dimmock et al. (multiple), Walsh et al. (2012), and Walsh et al. (2014):

Process/property	Asymmetry preference	Source	Reference
Ion density	dawn, 19 % higher	Theory	Walters (1964)
	dawn, 33 % higher	IMP-8 (1978–1980)	Paularena et al. (2001)
	dawn, 1 % higher	IMP-8 (1994–1997)	Paularena et al. (2001)
	dawn, 21 % higher	THEMIS (2008–2010)	Walsh et al. (2012)
	dawn higher	Cluster (2001–2004)	Longmore et al. (2005)
$B$	dusk, 23 % higher	THEMIS (2008–2010)	Walsh et al. (2012)
$T_i$ (ion temperature)	dawn, 33 % higher	Theory	Walters (1964)
	dawn, 12 % higher	THEMIS (2008–2010)	Walsh et al. (2012)
$\delta B$ (magnetic field jump)	dawn higher	IMP-4 (1967)	Fairfield and Ness (1970)
	higher at $Q_{\parallel}$ side	ISEE-2 (1977–1979)	Luhmann et al. (1986)
	higher at $Q_{\parallel}$ side	INTERBALL+Cluster (1996–2003)	Shevrev et al. (2007)
Magnetic field turbulence	higher at $Q_{\parallel}$ side	Geotail (1996–2005)	Petrinec (2013)
Mirror mode occurrence	more frequent at $Q_{\perp}$	Cluster (2001–2005)	Génot et al. (2009)
Kinetic wave occurrence	91 % at $Q_{\perp}$ , 40 % at $Q_{\parallel}$	AMPTE CCE (1984)	Anderson and Fuselier (1993)

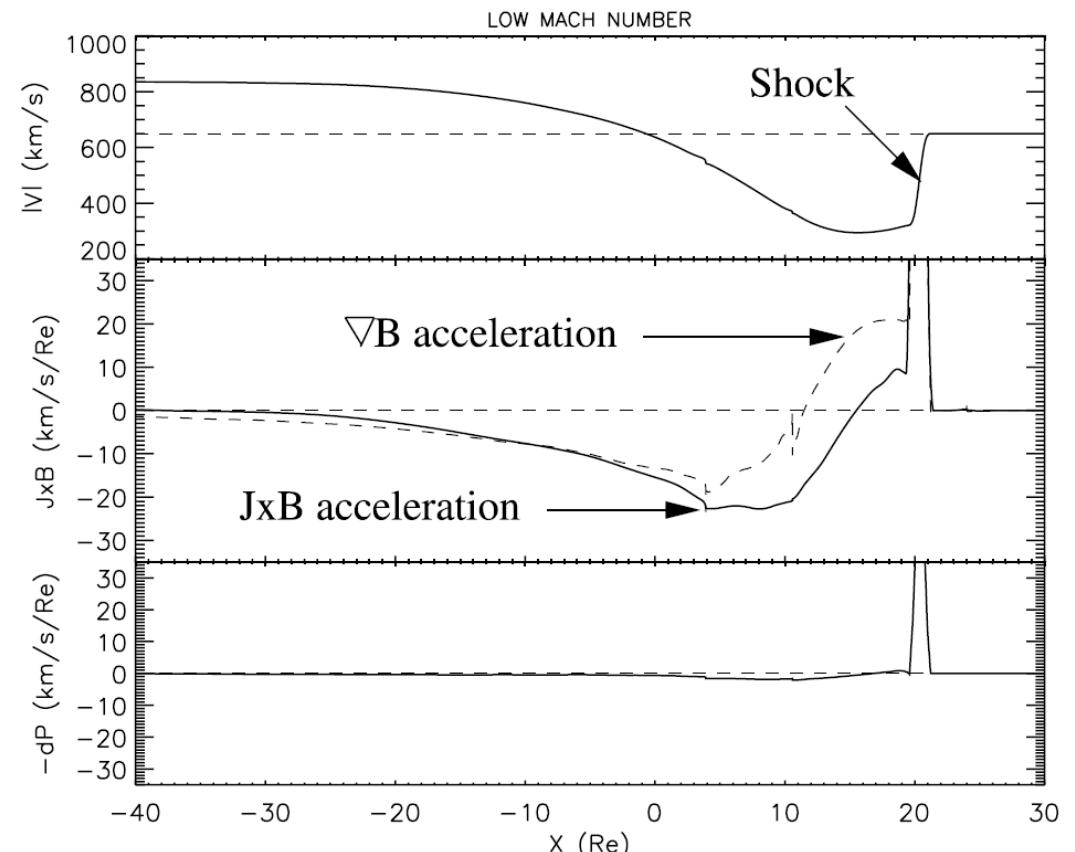
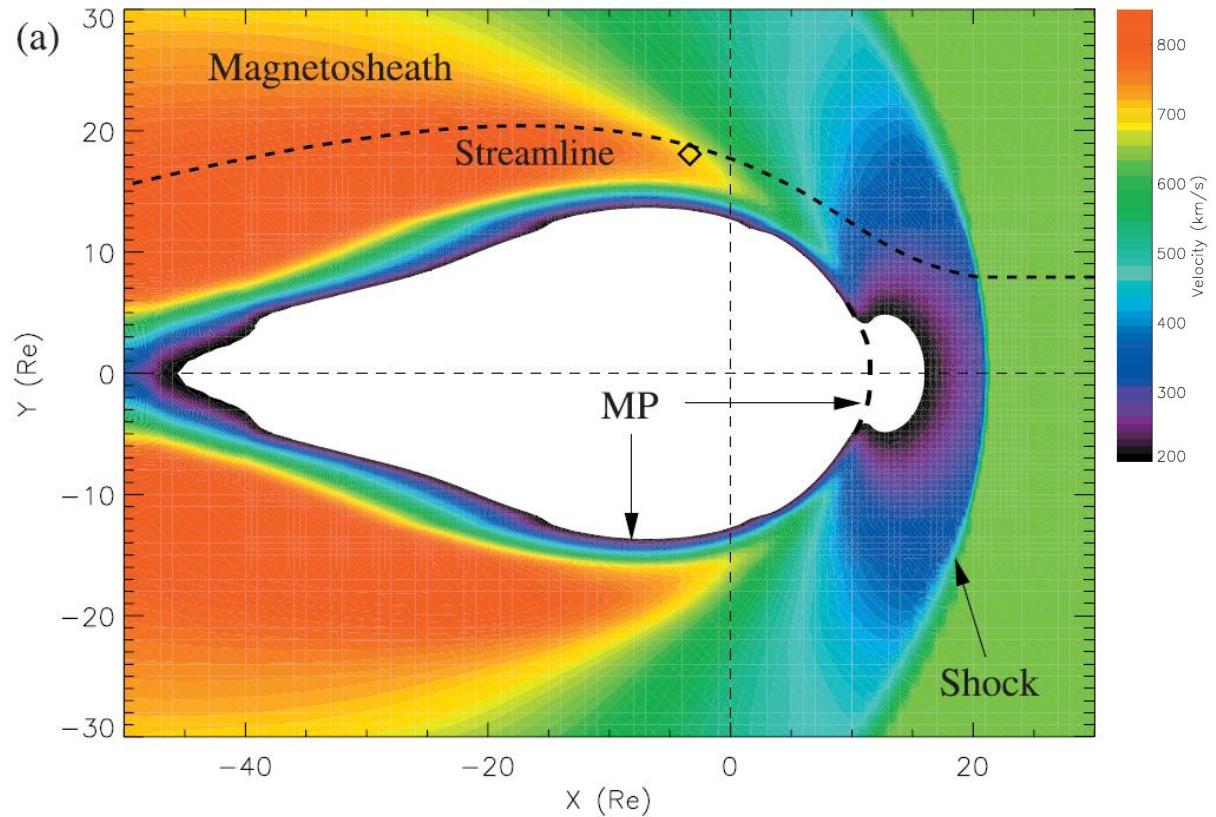
# PLASMA DEPLETION LAYER (PDL)

- conditions
  - strongly northward IMF
  - effect enhanced during low  $M_A$
- observations
  - plasma-depleted flux tubes piled-up against magnetopause
  - strong acceleration on the flanks due to magnetic pressure gradient and magnetic tension forces



Phan et al. (1994)

## ACCELERATION ALONG FLANKS



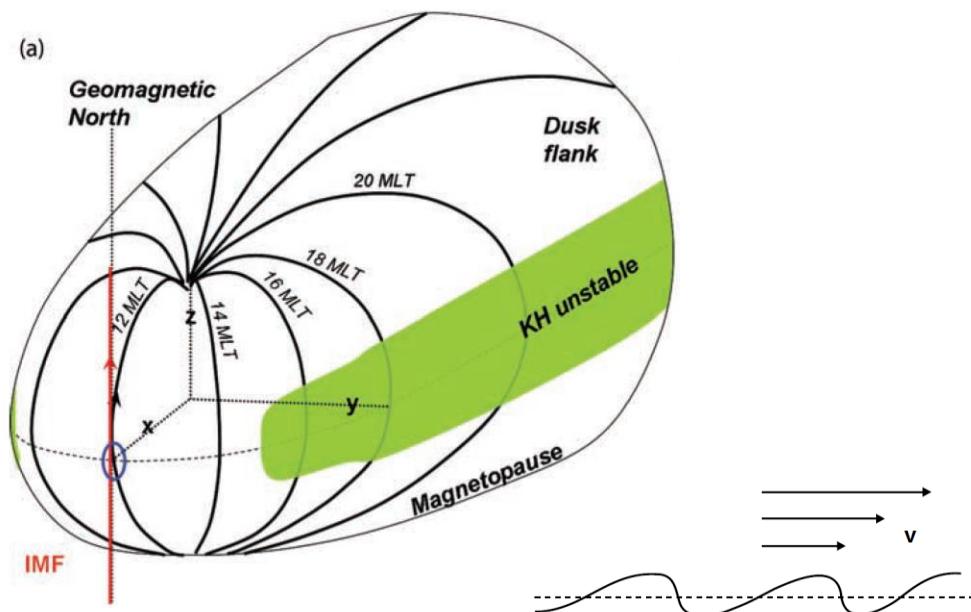
Lavraud et al. (2007)

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# IMPLICATIONS FOR MAGNETOPAUSE WAVES

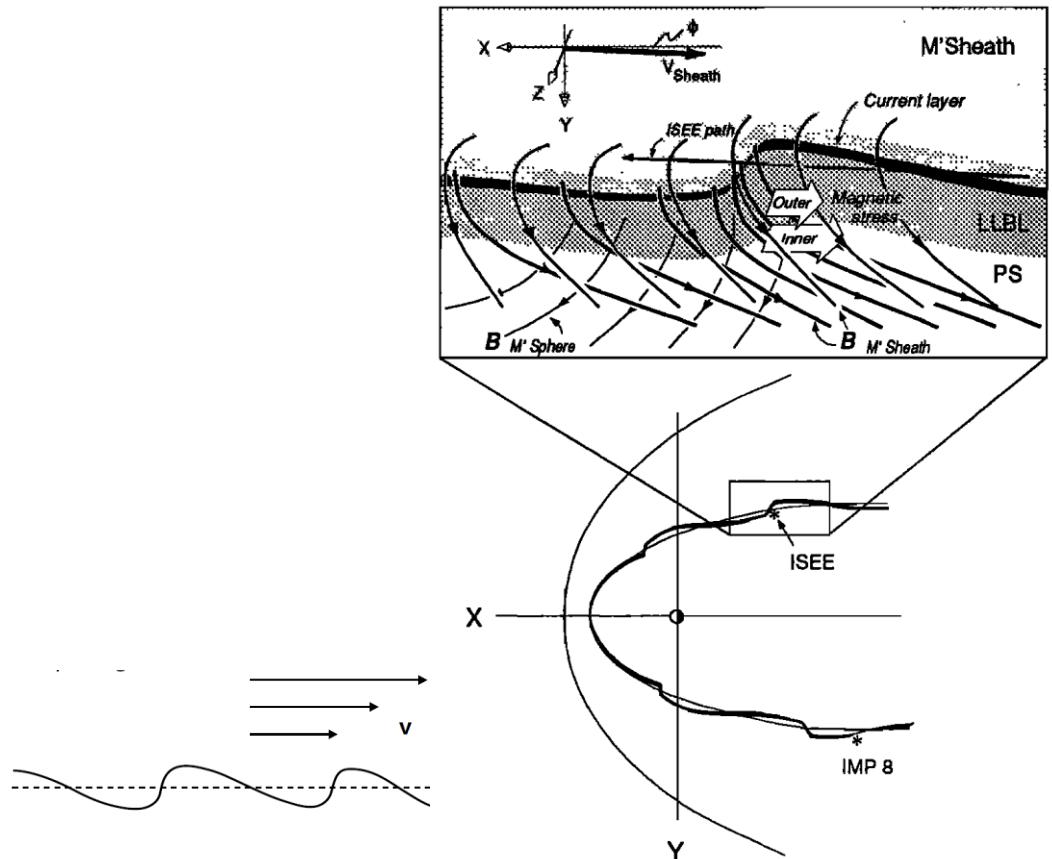
enhanced Kelvin-Helmholtz instability (KHI)

$$[\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{V}_1 - \mathbf{V}_2)]^2 > \frac{n_1 + n_2}{\mu_0 m_p n_1 n_2} [(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{B}_1)^2 + (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{B}_2)^2]$$



Foullon et al. (2008)

also related to inverse wave steepening

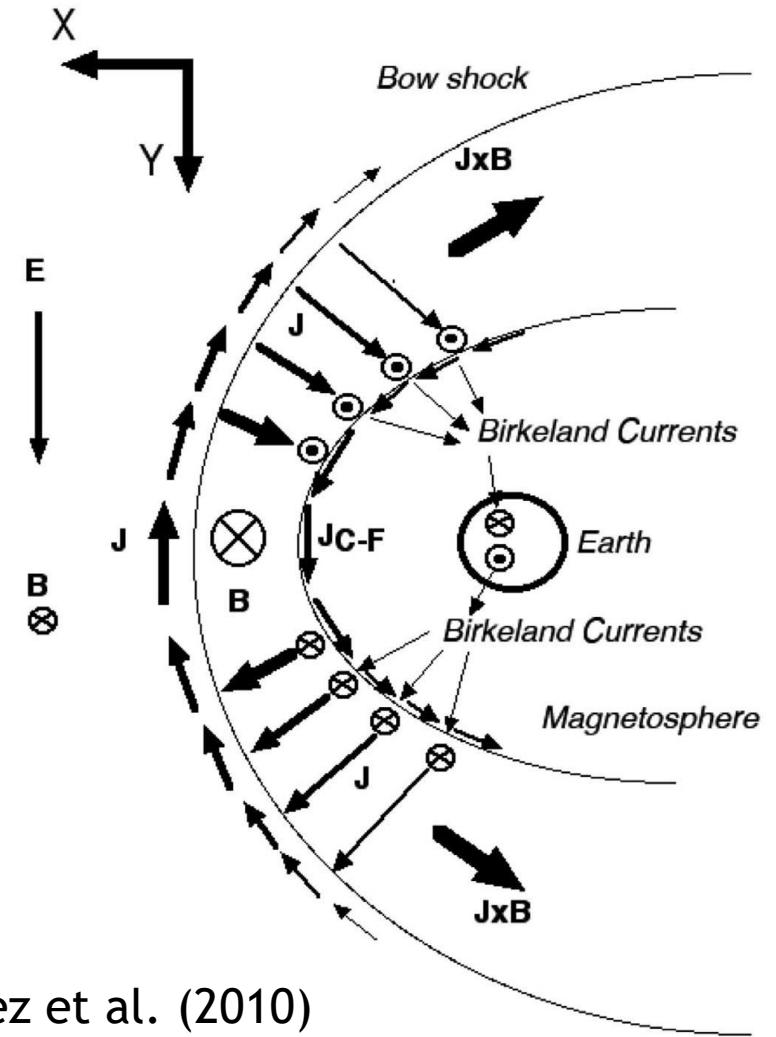


Chen and Kivelson (1993)

# CURRENT CLOSURE THROUGH THE MAGNETOSHEATH

Lopez et al. (2010), Hamrin et al. (2018)

- increasing southward IMF
  - ionospheric potential generated by reconnection increases
- above certain IMF magnitude:
  - saturation reached
  - increased  $J \times B$  flow deflection becomes dominant over  $\text{grad}(P)$
  - decrease in SW geoeffective length
    - limit to global reconnection rate



Lopez et al. (2010)

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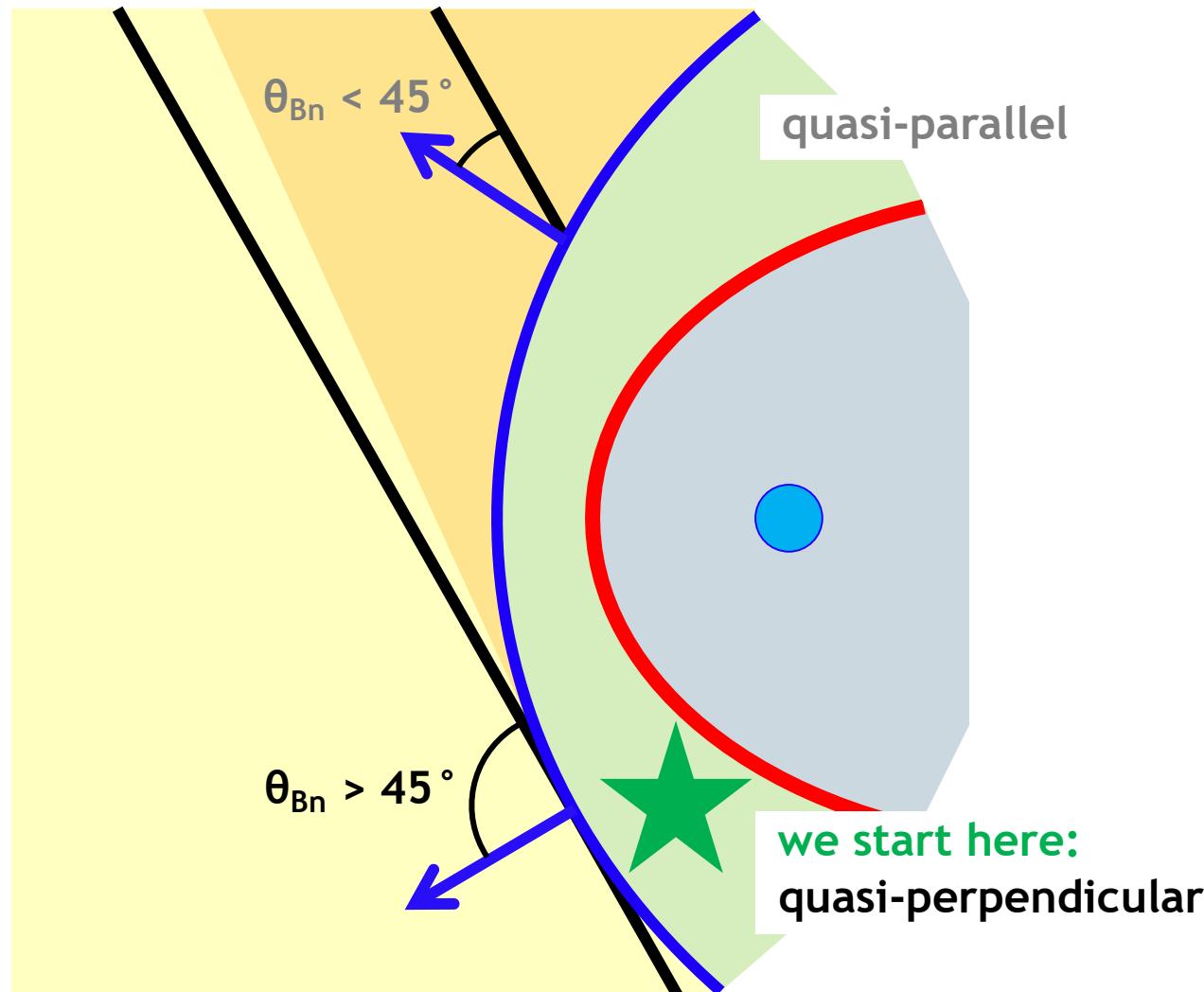
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# ION TEMPERATURE ANISOTROPY

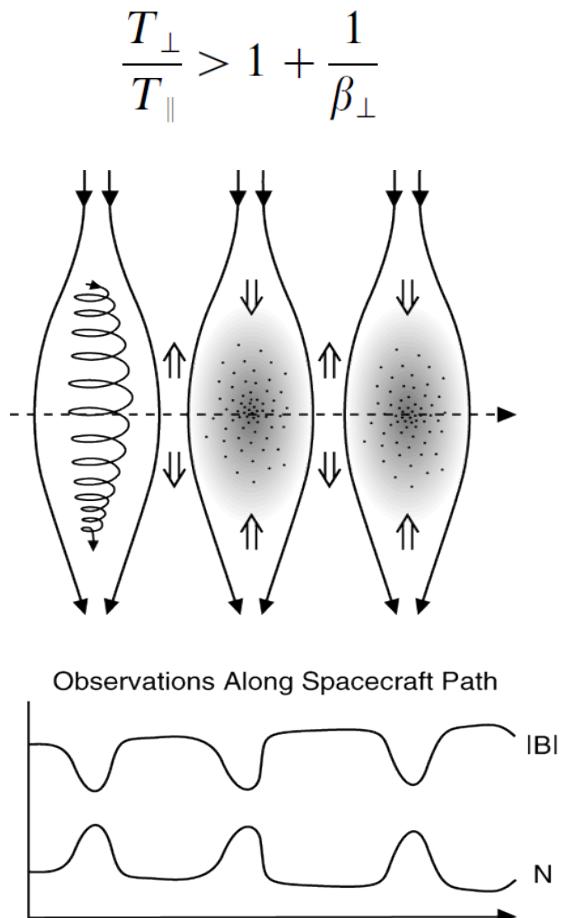
- ion T anisotropy:  
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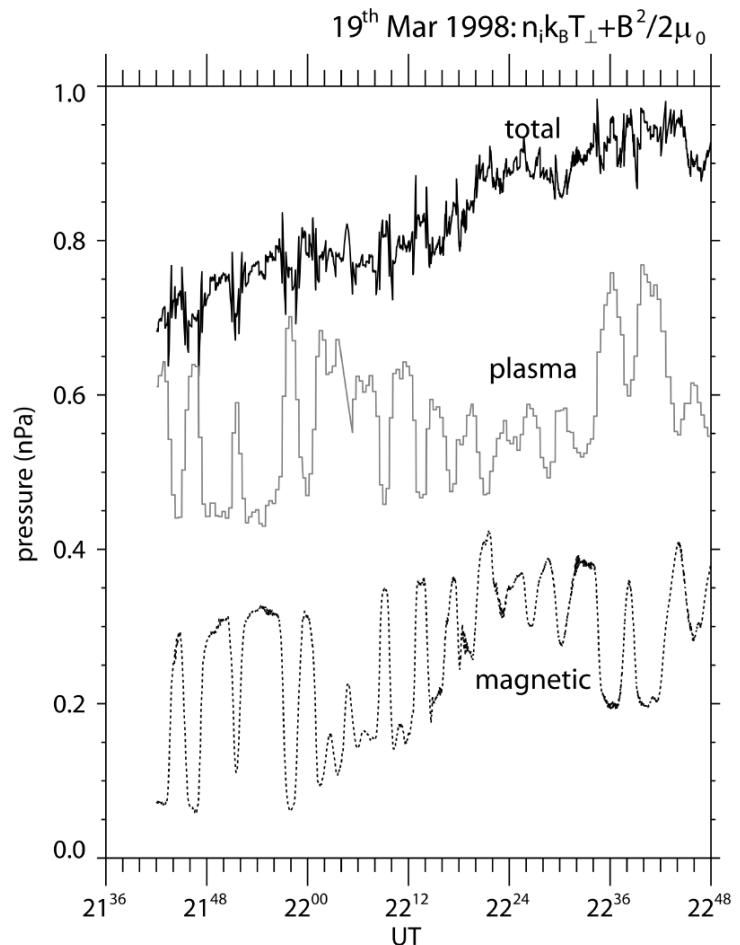
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# MIRROR MODES

- ion T anisotropy:  
 $T_{\text{perp}} > T_{\text{para}}$
- high beta: mirror modes
  - spatially periodic pattern of “magnetic bottles”
  - B and n anti-correlated, slow-mode type disturbance, pressure balance
  - no motion in plasma rest frame
  - size: several ion gyroradii, hundreds of km
- Laitinen et al. (2010):
  - modulation of MP reconnection by mirror modes (beta variations)



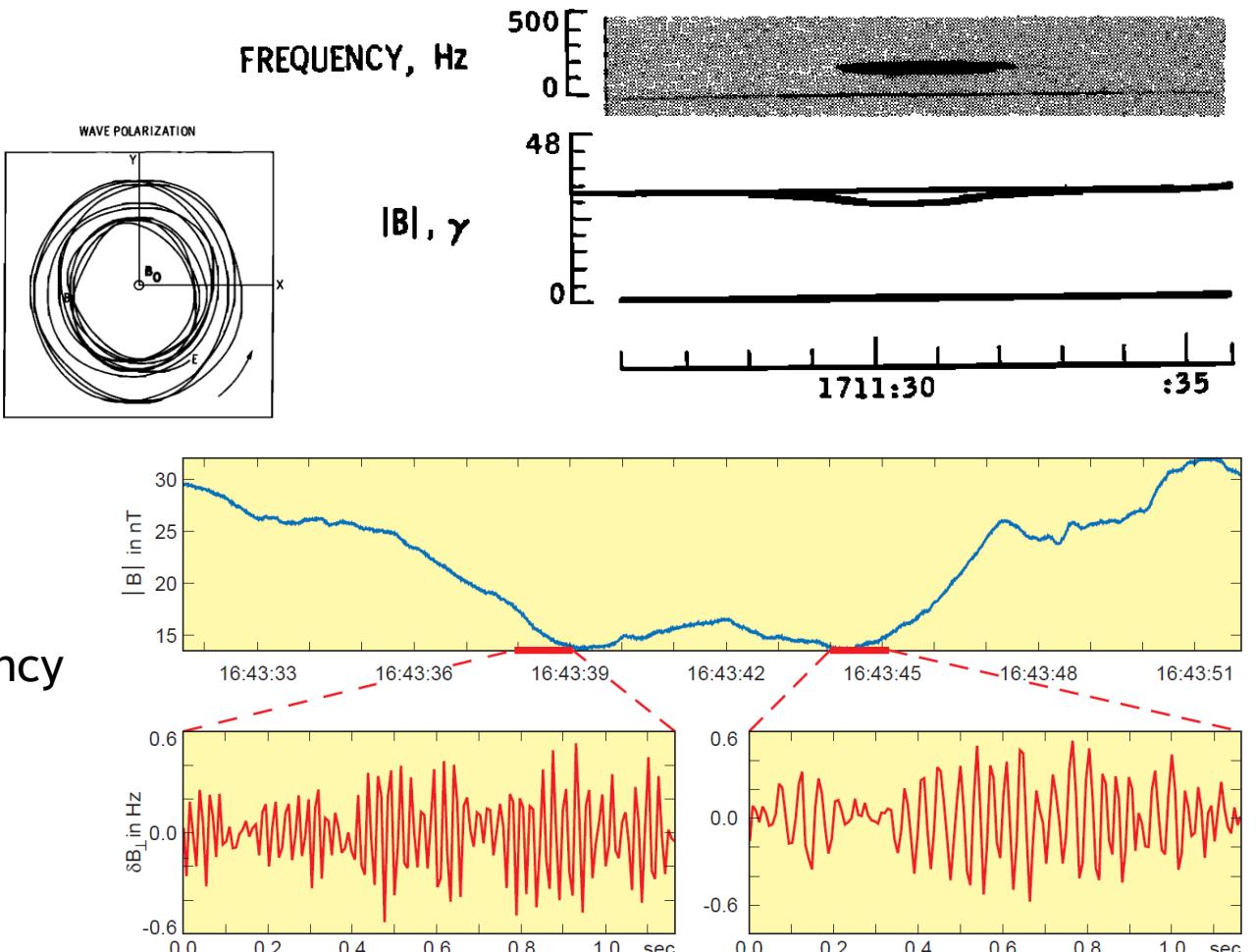
Treumann and Baumjohann (1996)



Rae et al. (2007)

# INSIDE MIRROR MODES: LION ROARS

- lion roars
  - whistler waves
  - right-hand polarized EM waves in the plasma rest frame
  - propagate parallel to B
  - correlate with decreases in B
  - bursts/packets ~1s
  - amplitudes ~0.1nT
  - frequencies ~100Hz
    - fraction of electron cyclotron frequency
  - caused by ...
    - electron temperature anisotropy?
    - electron heat flux?

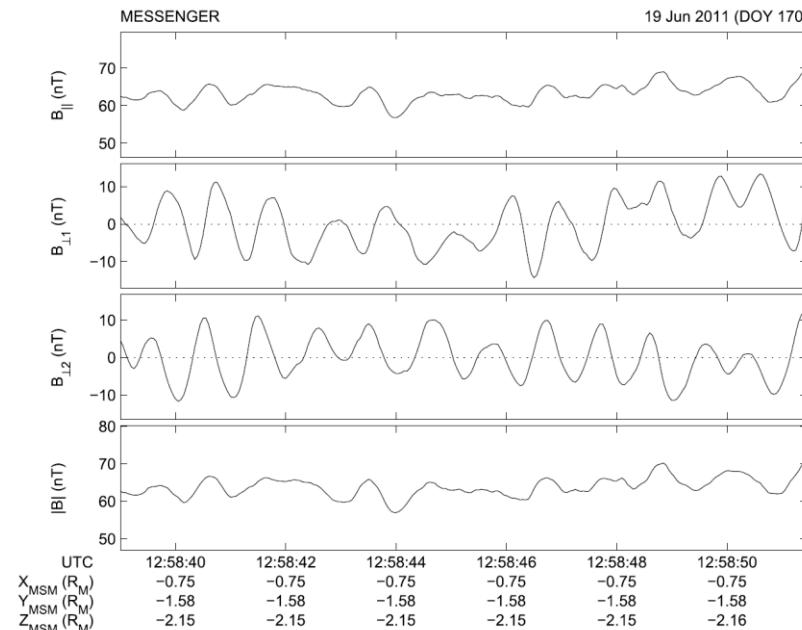


Baumjohann et al. (1999)

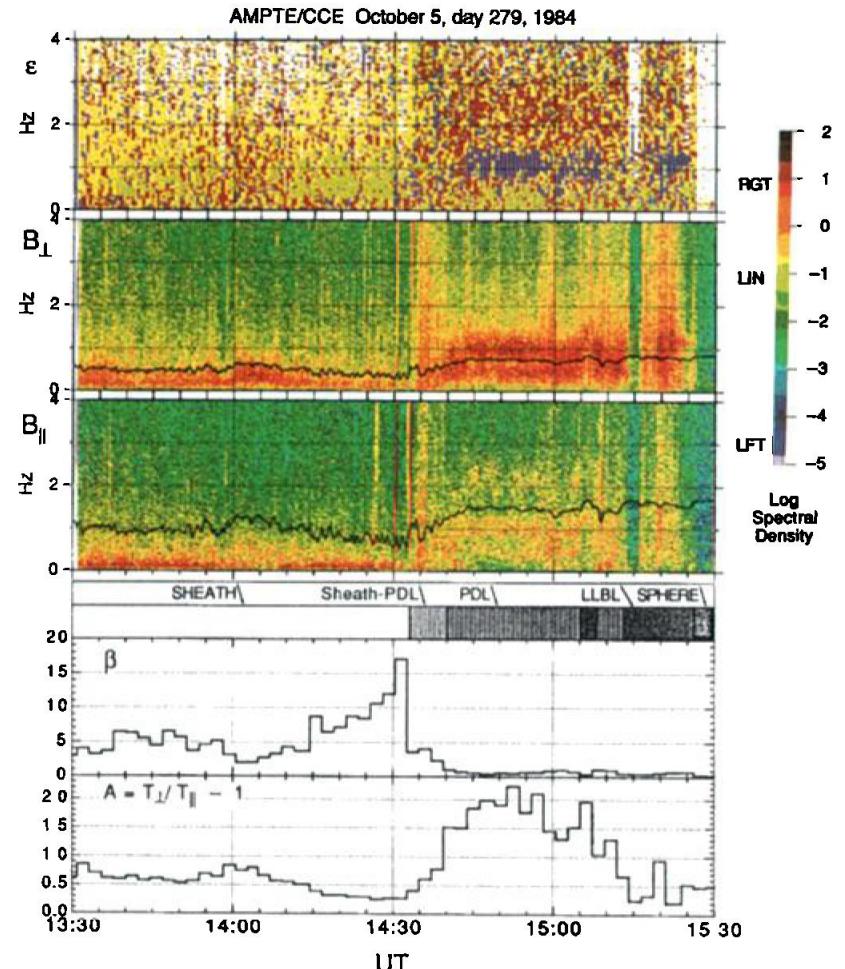
Smith and Tsurutani (1976)

# ION CYCLOTRON WAVES

- ion T anisotropy:  
 $T_{\text{perp}} > T_{\text{para}}$ 
  - low beta: ion cyclotron waves
    - transverse left-hand circularly polarized waves
    - below ion cyclotron frequency in plasma frame
    - parallel to B
  - EMIC waves in PDL
    - B compression
    - T anisotropy

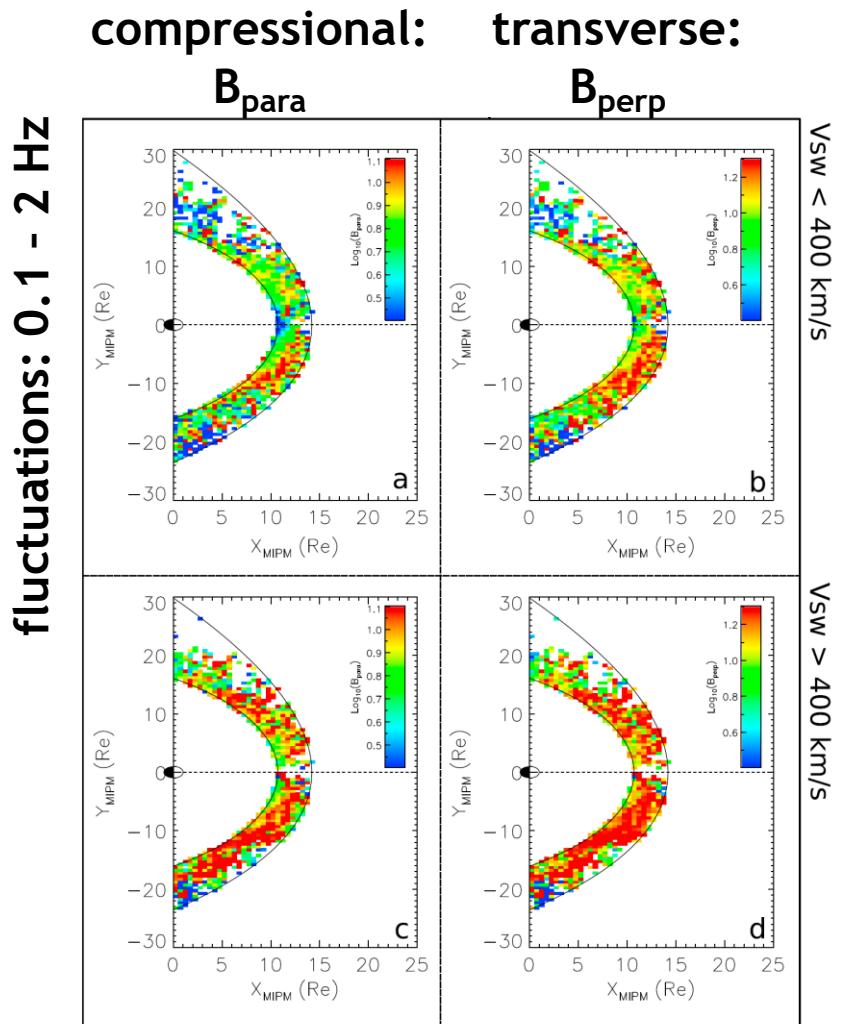


Sundberg et al. (2015)

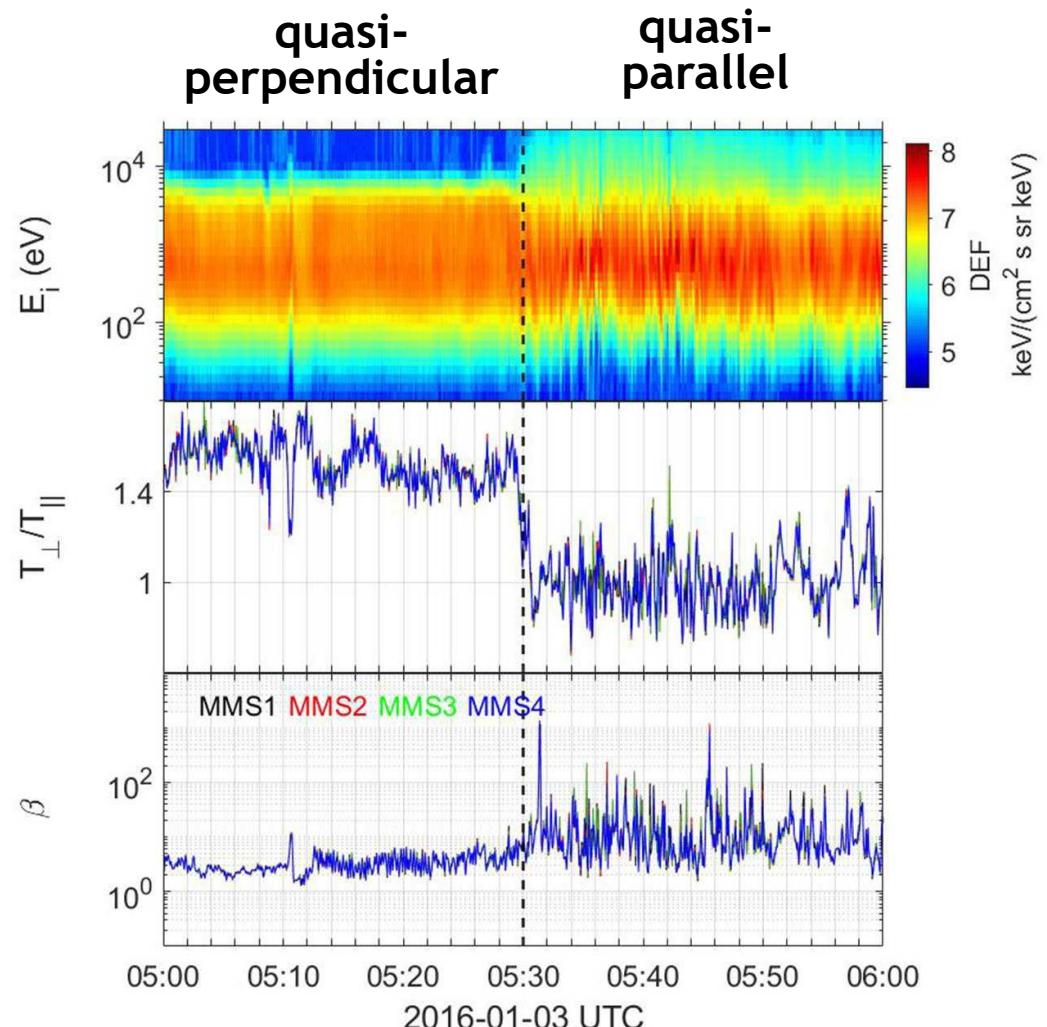


Anderson et al. (1991)

# TURBULENT FLUCTUATIONS



Dimmock et al. (2014)



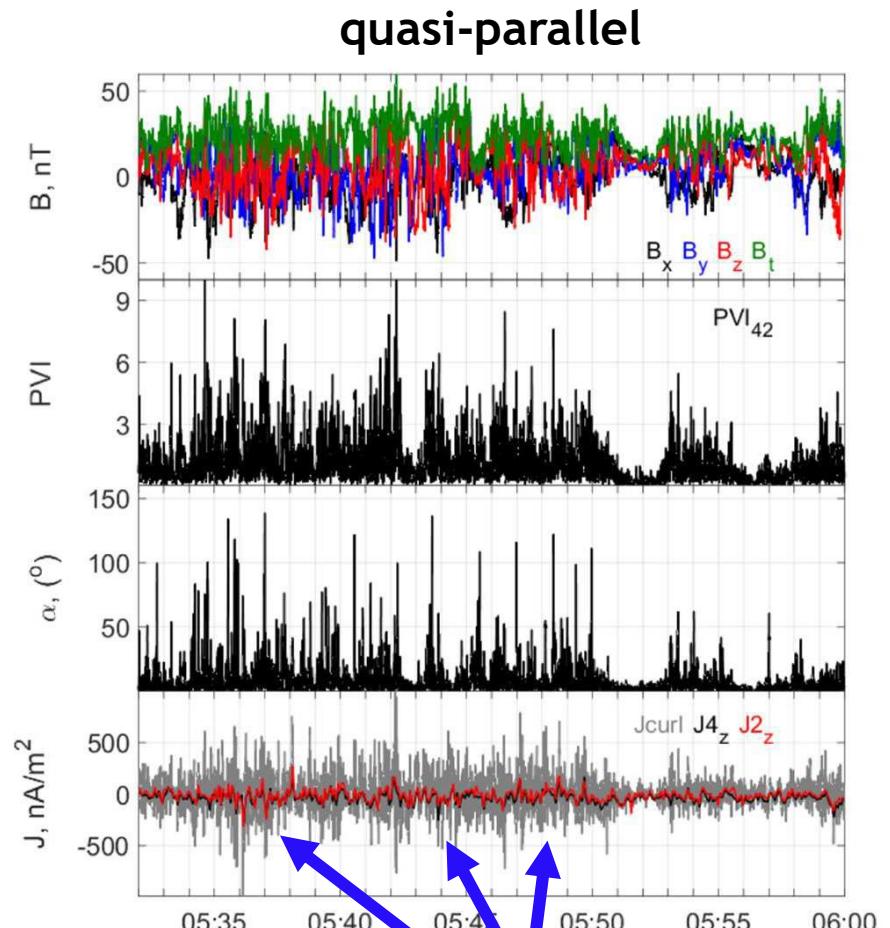
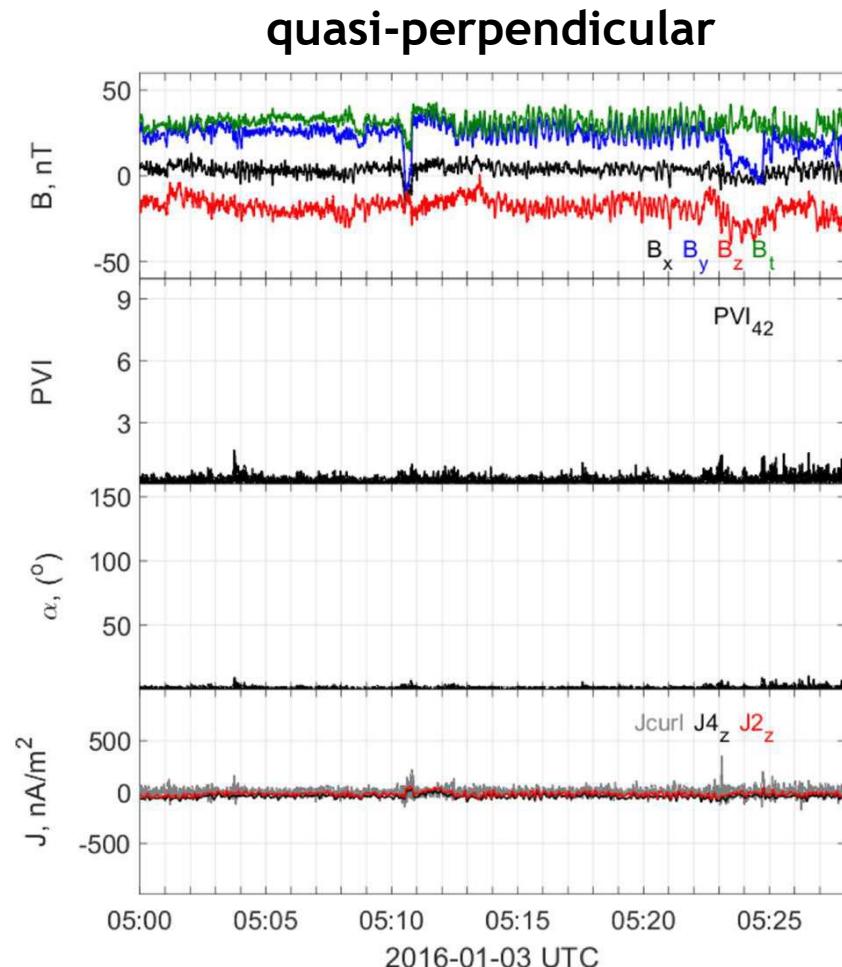
Yordanova et al. (2020)

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partial variance  
of increments:

$$PVI_{ij}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{|\Delta B_{ij}(t)|^2}{\langle |\Delta B_{ij}|^2 \rangle}}$$

field rotation  
between S/C:

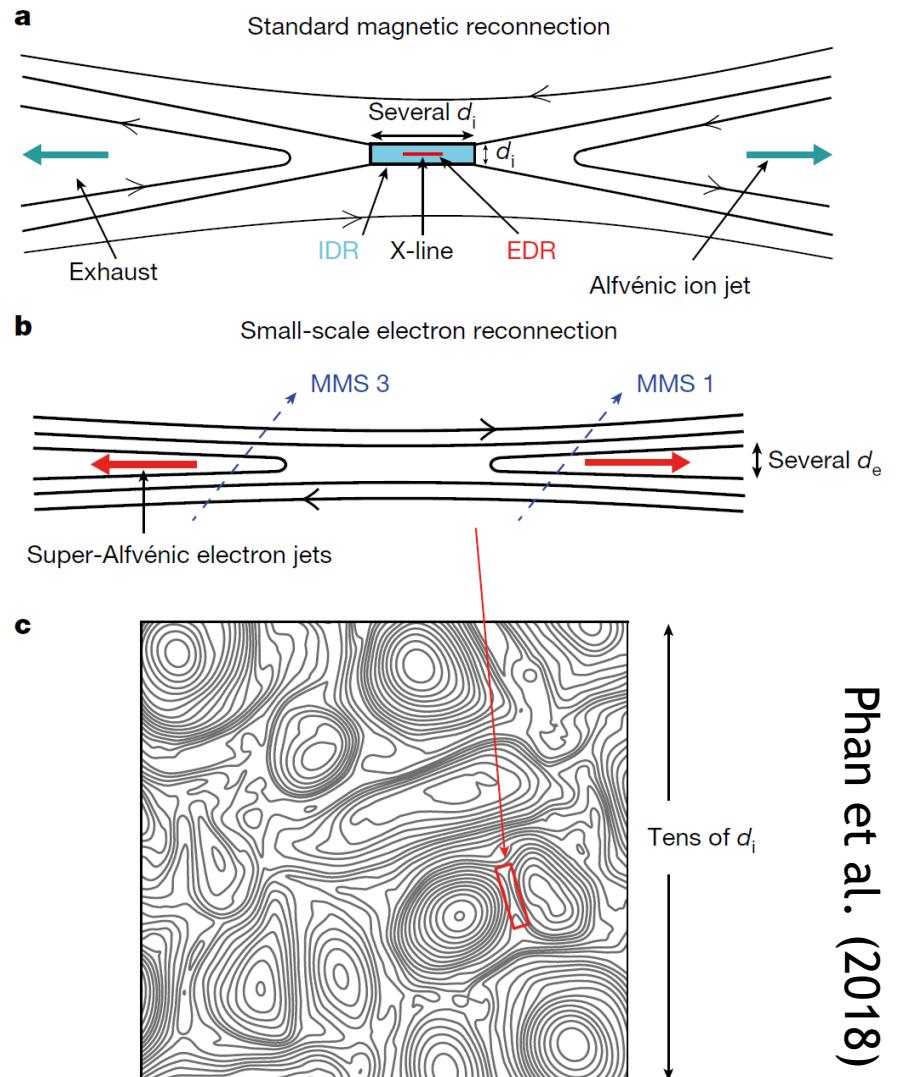
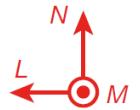


thin current sheets:  
associated with reconnection

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# RECONNECTION AT THIN CURRENT SHEETS

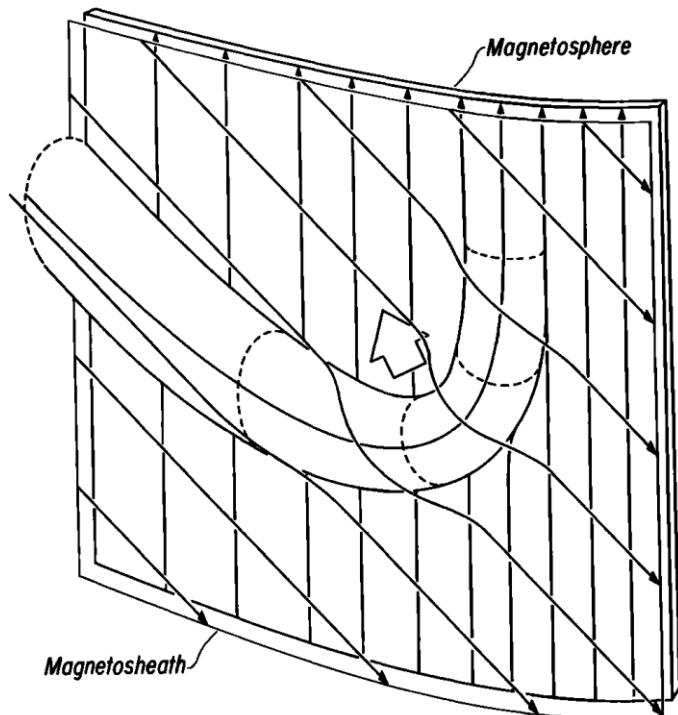
- Cluster observations
  - Retino et al. (2007)
    - current sheet scale: ion inertial length  
 $d_i = 1s = 100\text{km}$
    - in situ evidence of reconnection and crossing of the ion diffusion region
- MMS observations
  - Vörös et al. (2017)
  - Phan et al. (2018): electron-only reconnection
    - current sheet scale: few electron inertial lengths  
 $4 d_e = 45\text{ms} = 4\text{km}$
    - intense electron outflow and current
    - $J^*E' > 0$
    - no ion-scale current layer, no ion jets



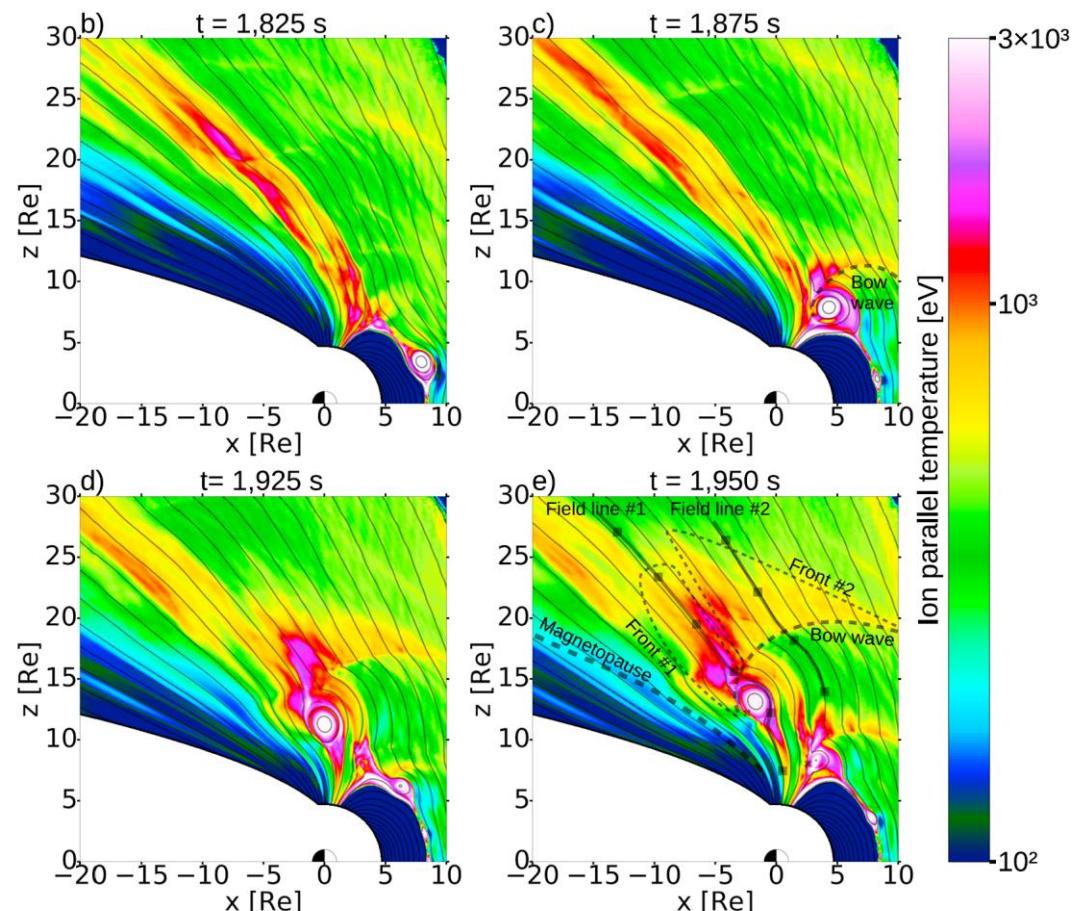
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# FLUX TRANSFER EVENTS

- flux transfer events
  - drive fast mode bow waves
  - accelerate ions to 30 keV
  - time-energy dispersive ion signatures



Russell and Elphic (1979)



Jarvinen et al. (2018)

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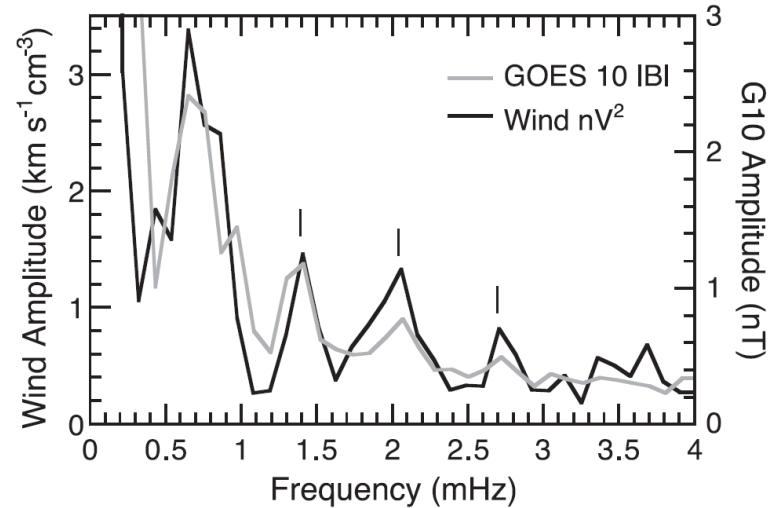
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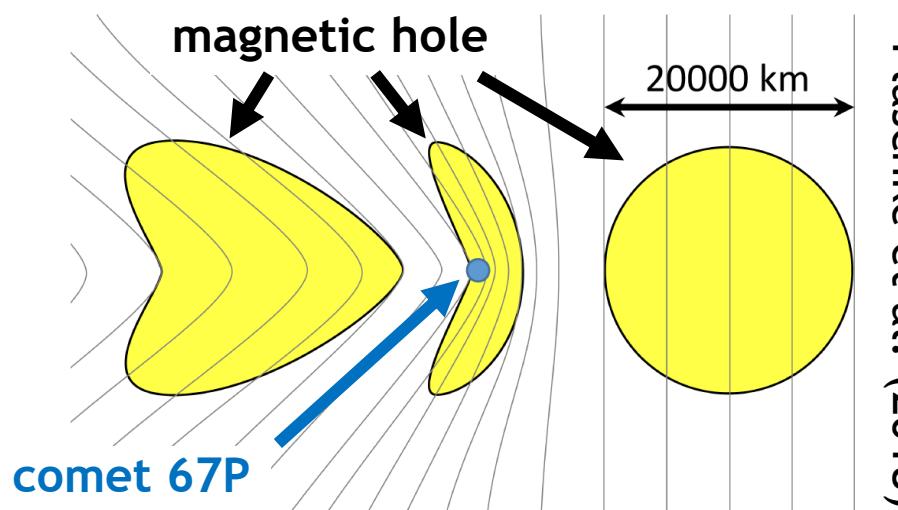
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# SOLAR WIND VARIATIONS

- IMF variations
  - change in foreshock location
  - MP expanded downstream of Q-para shock:  
e.g., Suvorova et al. (2010)
- pressure variations
  - single pulse: e.g., Sibeck (1990)
  - periodic, 5 - 15 minute periods,  
e.g. Sibeck et al. (1989), Kepko et al. (2002)
- CME magnetic clouds
  - e.g., Turc et al. (2013, 2014, 2017)
- SW magnetic holes
  - e.g., Karlsson et al. (2015), Plaschke et al. (2018)



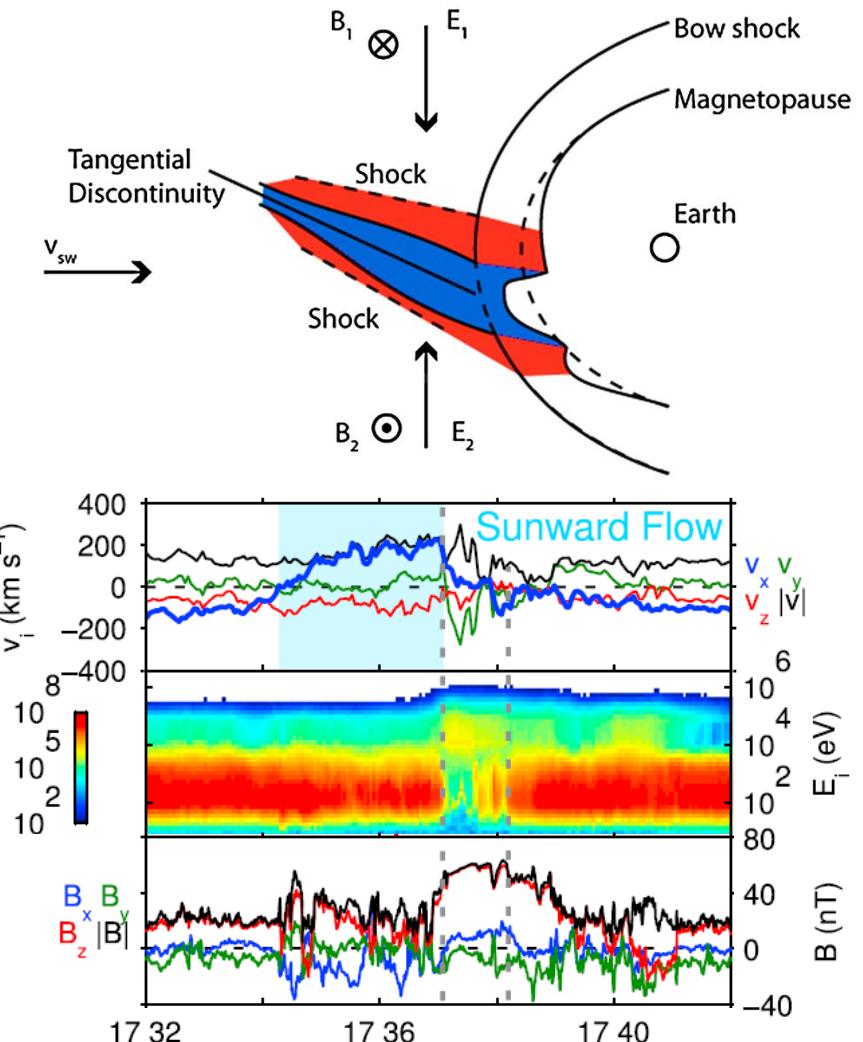
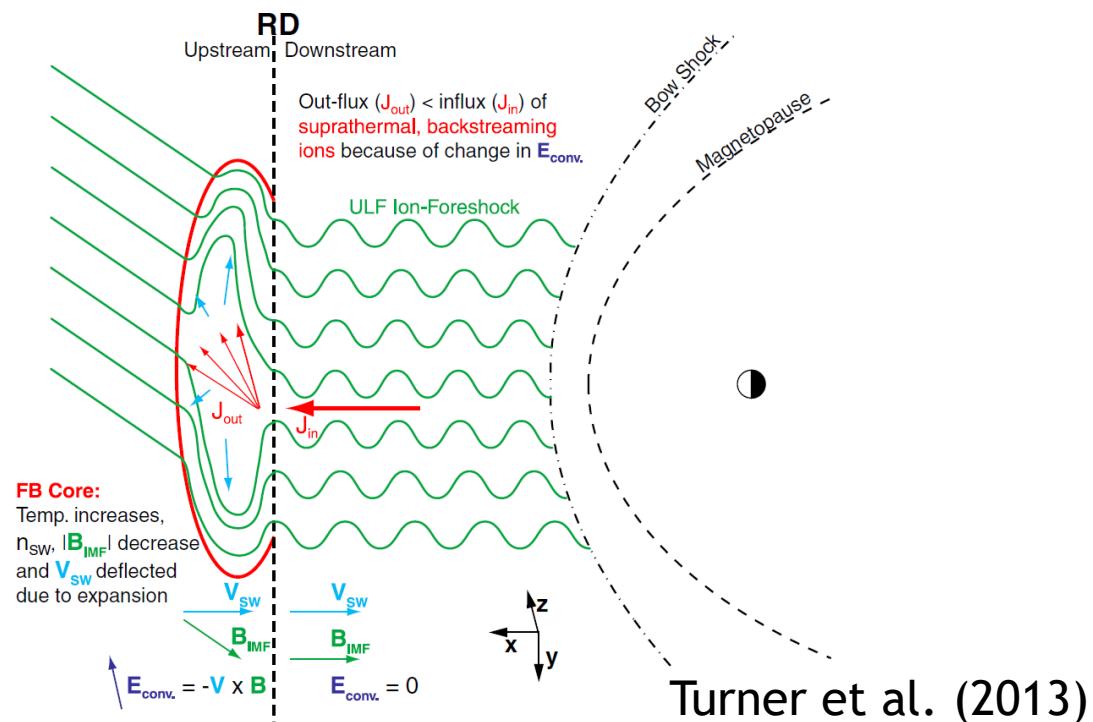
Kepko et al. (2002)



Plaschke et al. (2018)

# FORESHOCK TRANSIENTS

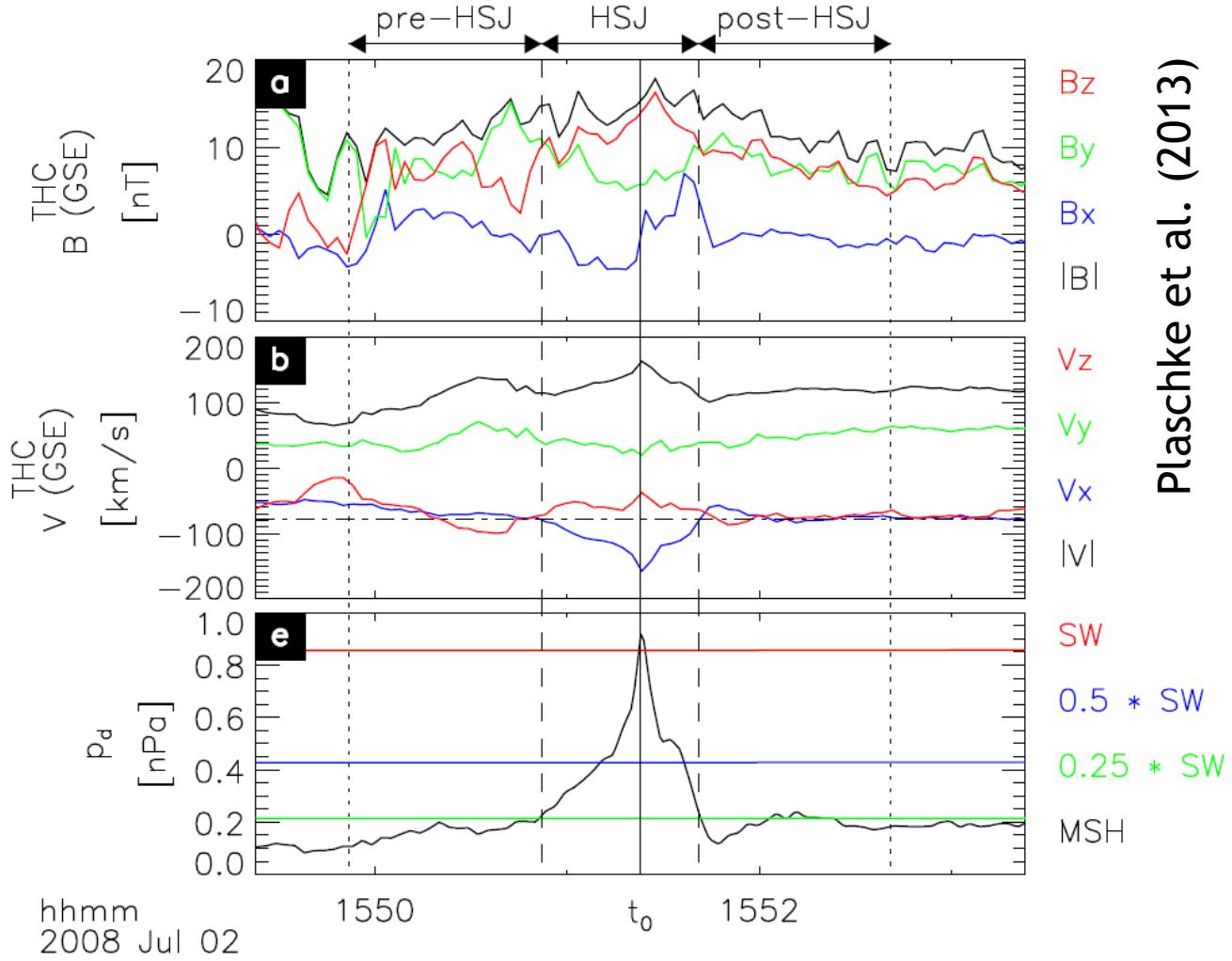
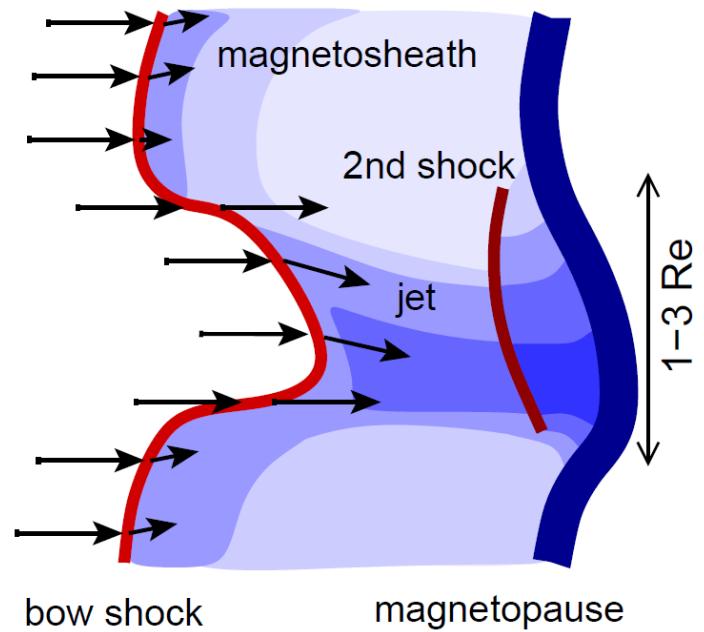
- hot flow anomalies (HFAs) and foreshock bubbles (FBs)
  - hot, tenuous plasma inside
  - can cause severe pressure disturbances in the magnetosheath



## HIGH-SPEED JETS

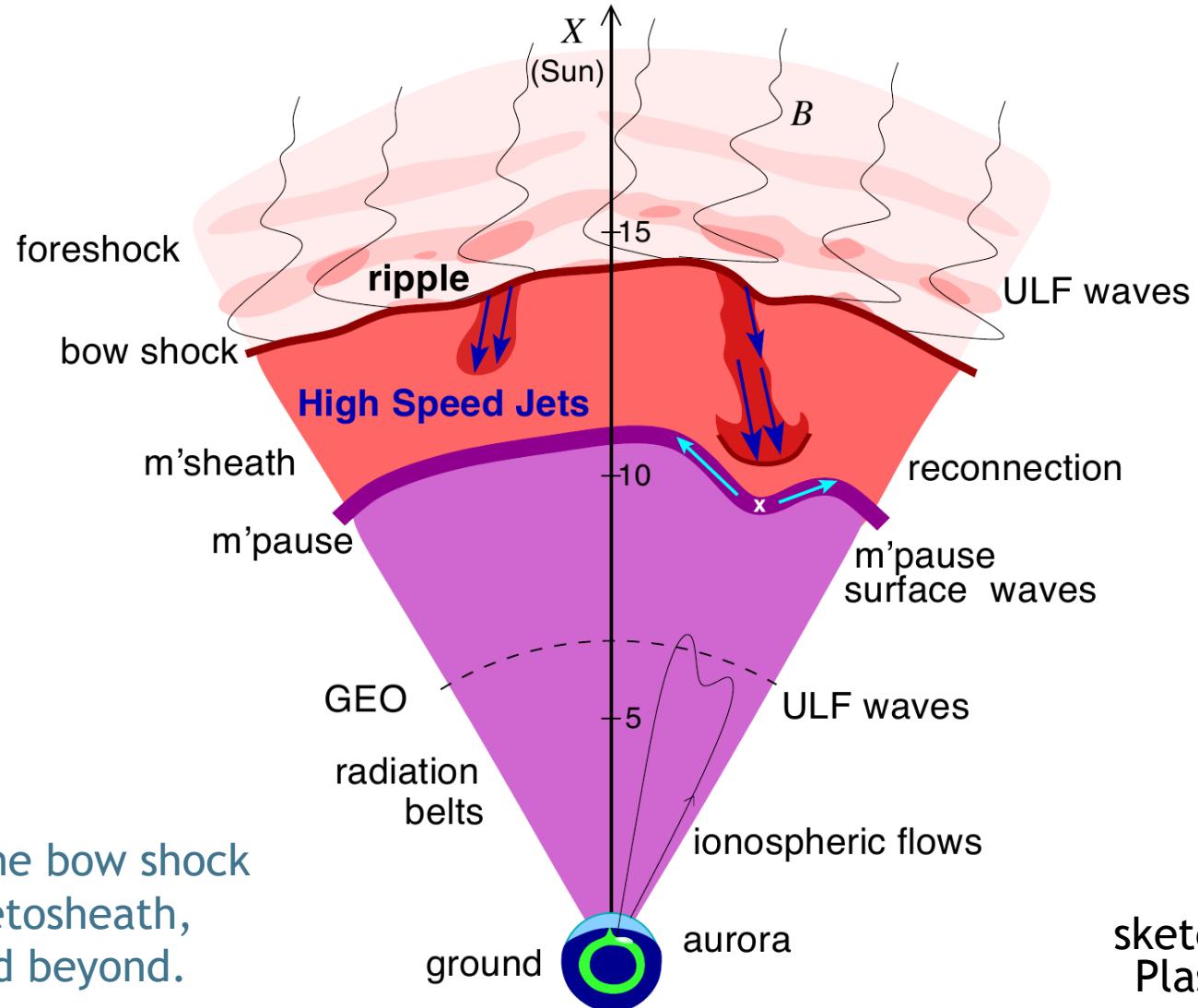
- high-speed jets
  - local enhancements in dynamic pressure
  - occurrence mainly in quasi-parallel magnetosheath, downstream of an undulated shock

Hietala et al. (2012)



Plaschke et al. (2013)

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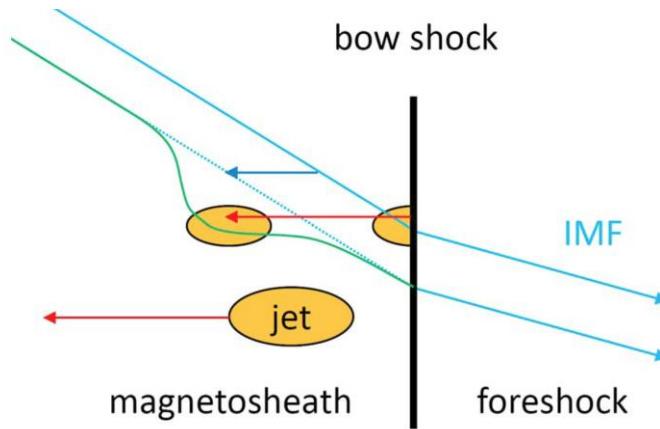


Jets connect processes  
in the foreshock and at the bow shock  
with effects in the magnetosheath,  
at the magnetopause, and beyond.

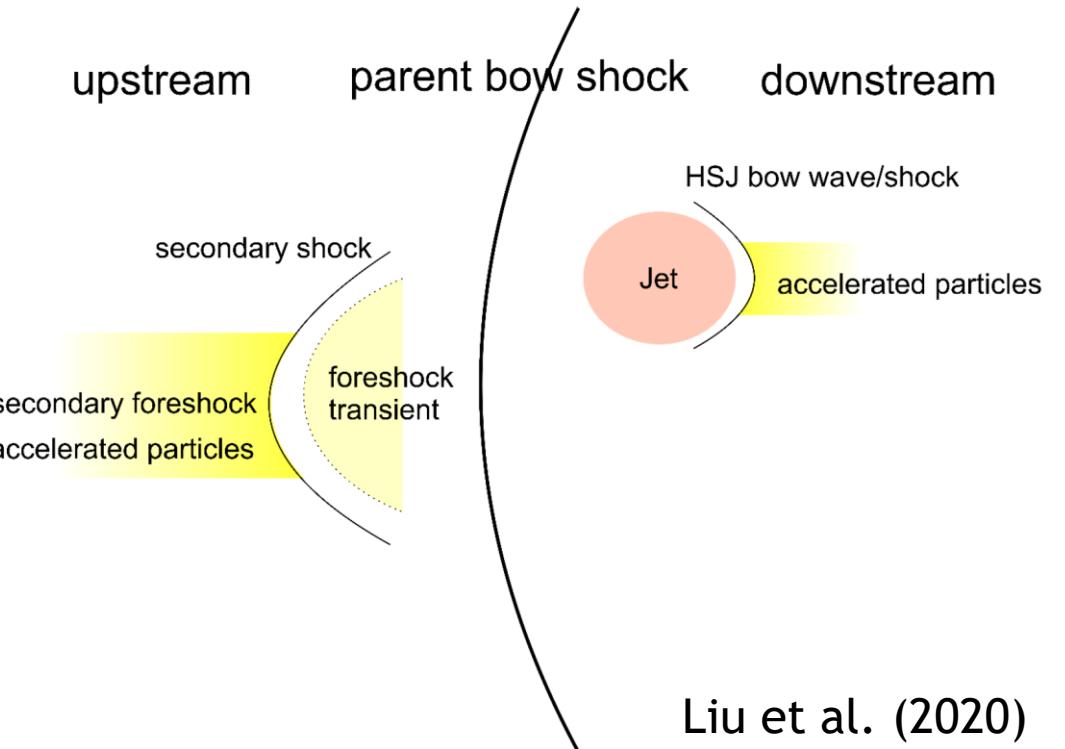
sketch by H. Hietala in  
Plaschke et al. (2018)

# JET INTERACTION WITH AMBIENT PLASMA

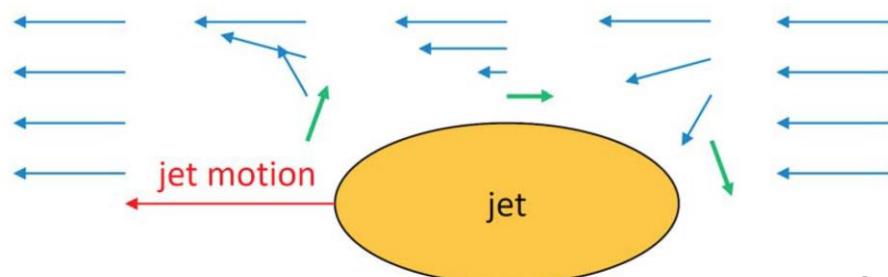
jets modify/straighten magnetic fields



jets accelerate particles at jet-driven bow waves



jets cause vertical motion of plasma

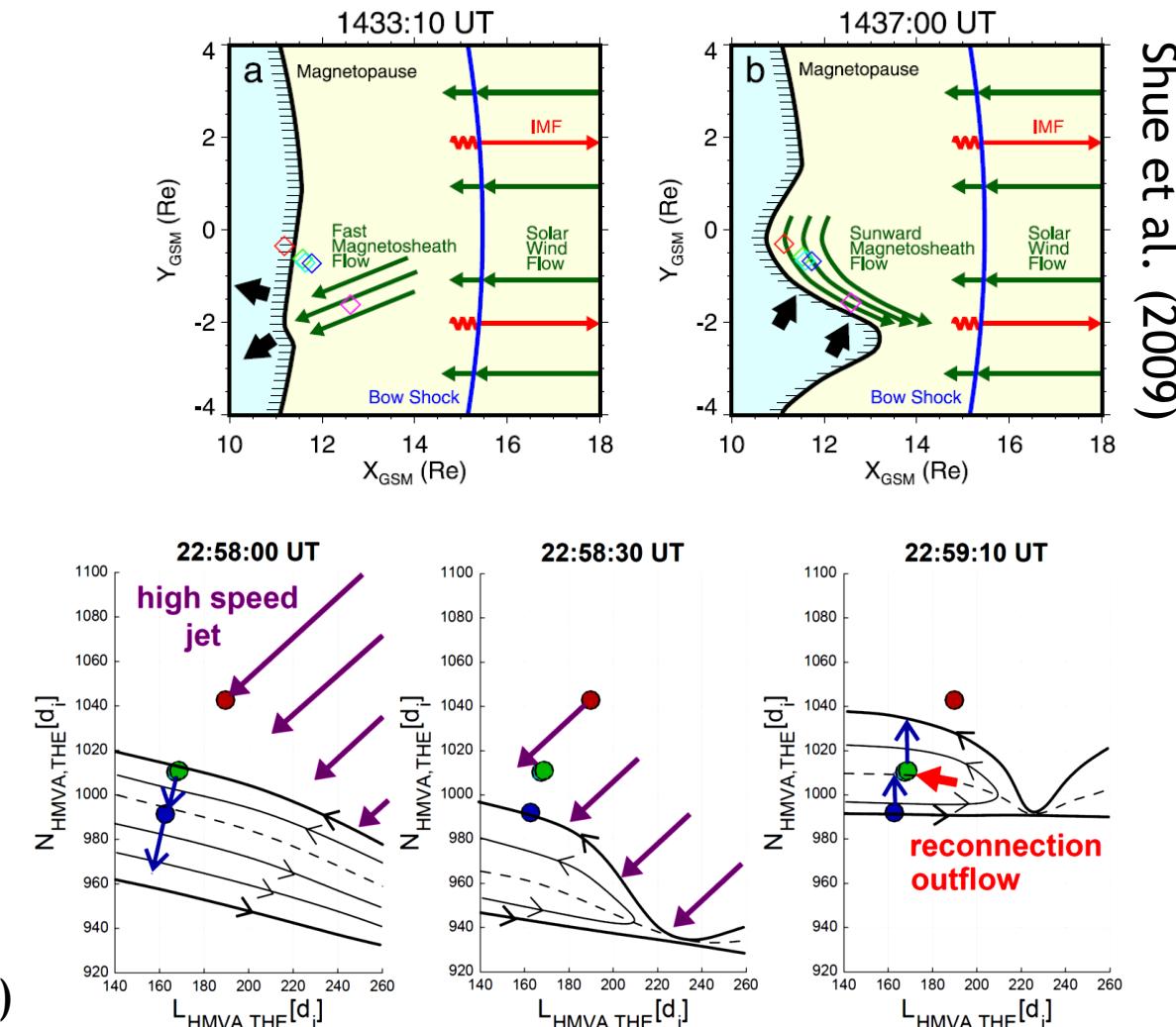


Plaschke et al. (2017, 2018, 2020)

# JET IMPACT

- jets are very common (Plaschke et al., 2016)
  - dayside magnetopause impact rate of LARGE jets with cross-sections  $> 2 R_E$
  - in general: once every 20 minutes
  - under low IMF cone angle conditions: once every 6.5 minutes
- jets can strongly indent the magnetopause
- jets can cause magnetopause reconnection
  - current sheet compression
  - change in magnetic field geometry
- jets can trigger substorms (Nykyri et al., 2019)

Hietala et al. (2018)



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May apply to other planets and comets!

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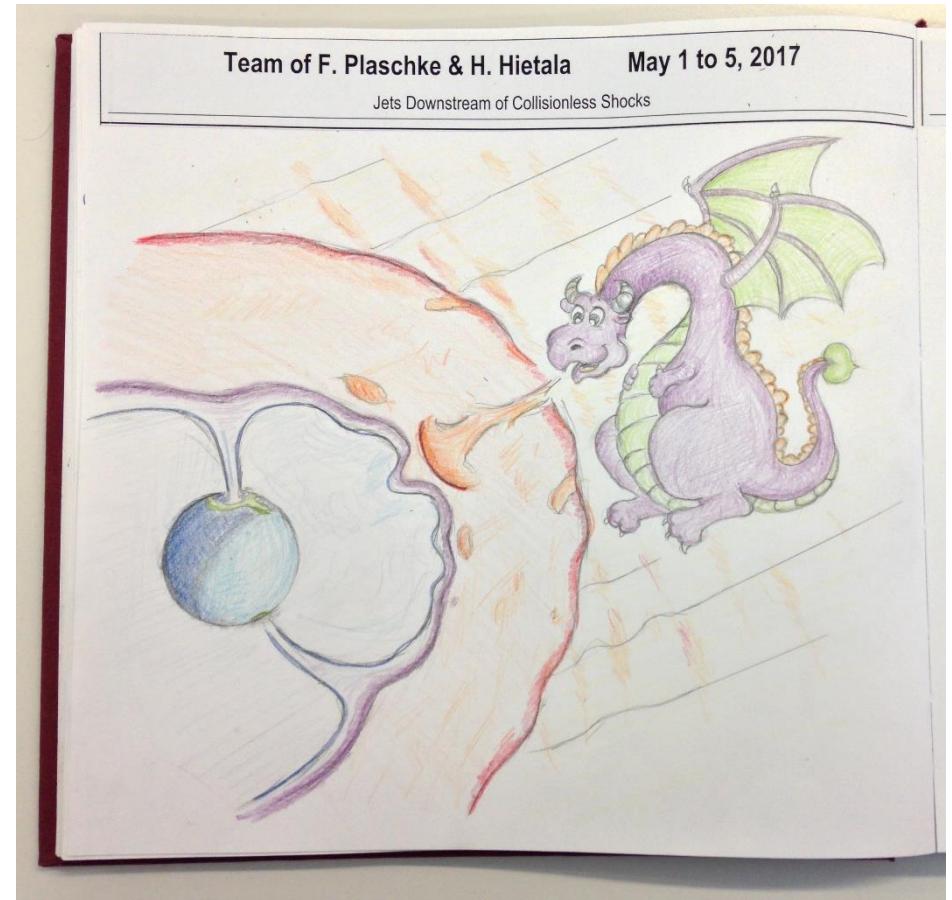
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