

# High-speed downstream jets: relevance to bow shock dynamics & evolution

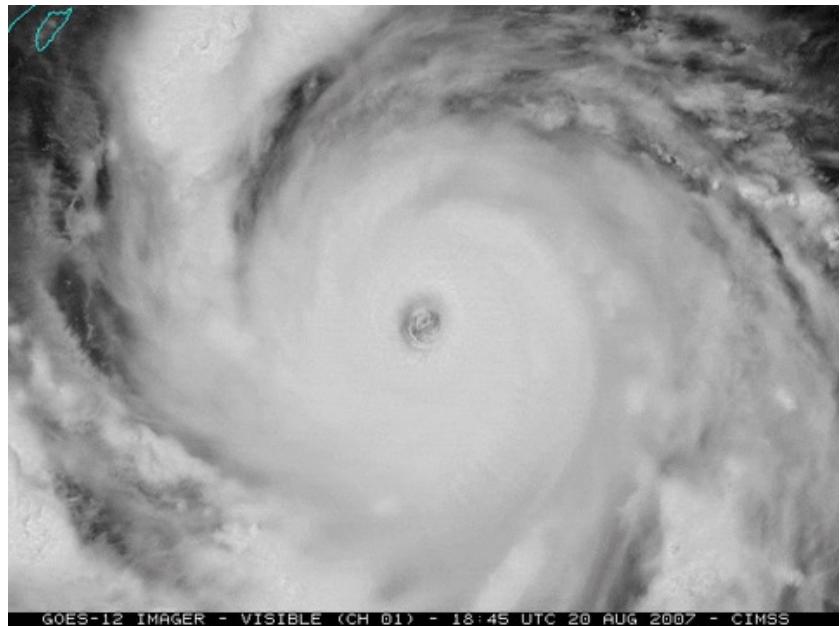
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# Transient events – weather

Hurricanes



Snowstorms

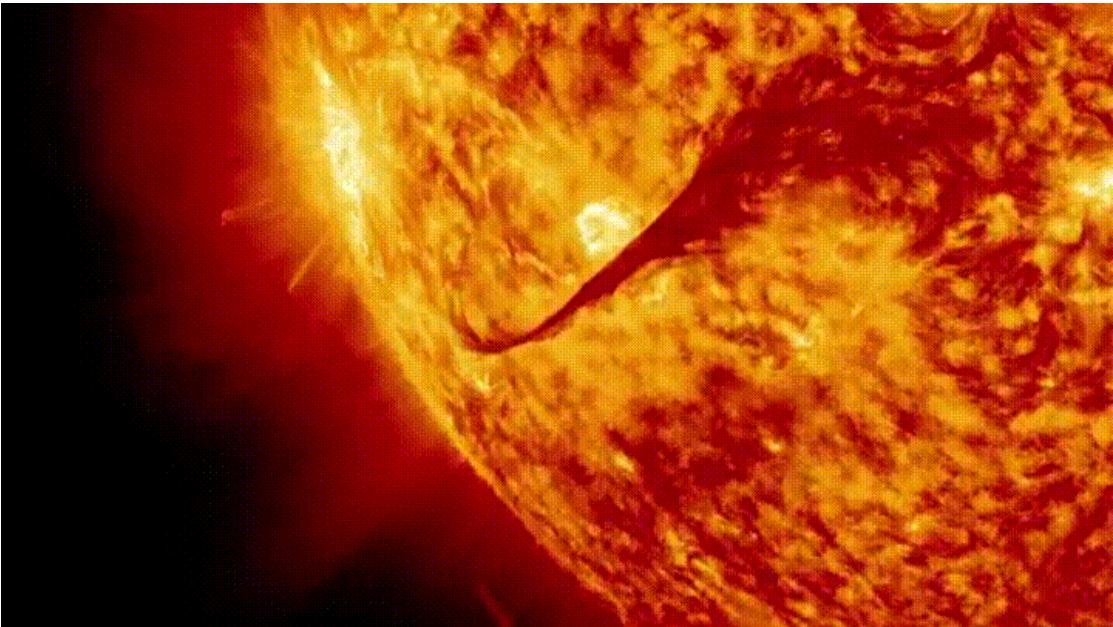


Rain



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CMEs/Solar Flares



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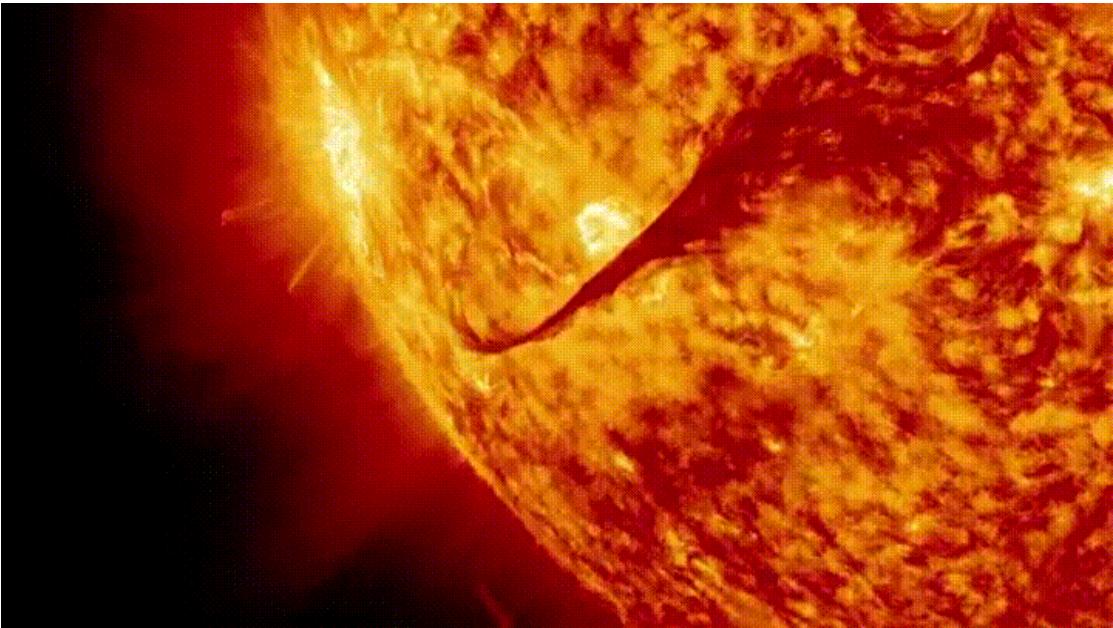


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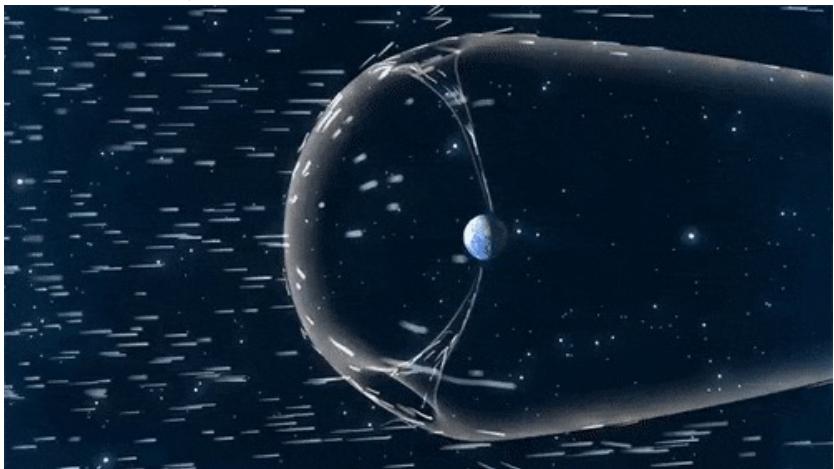


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Solar cycle, streams, discontinuities

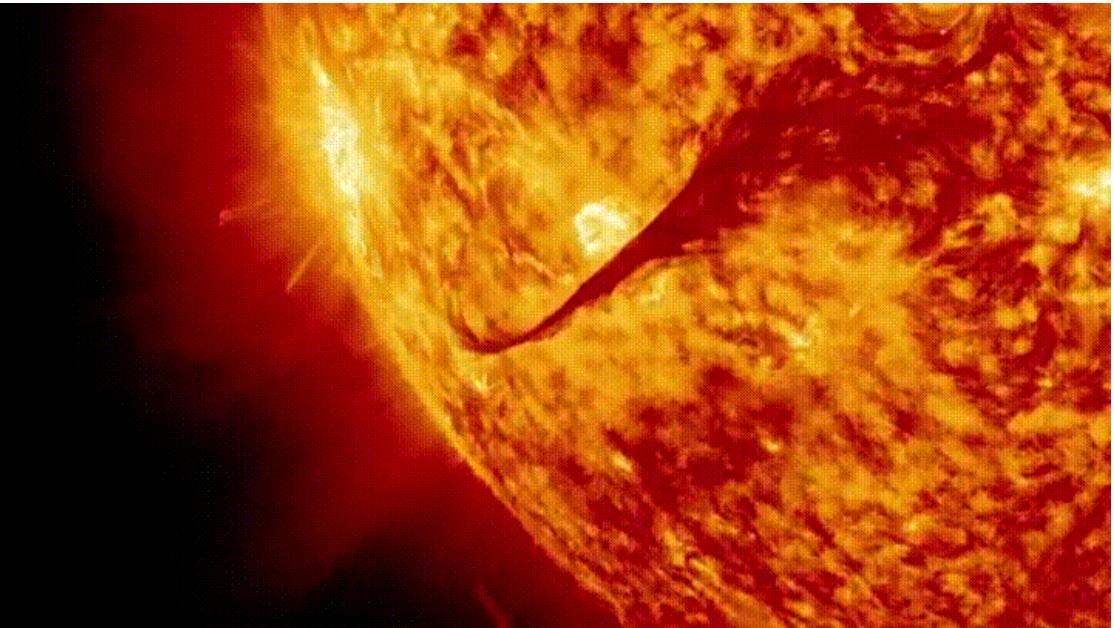


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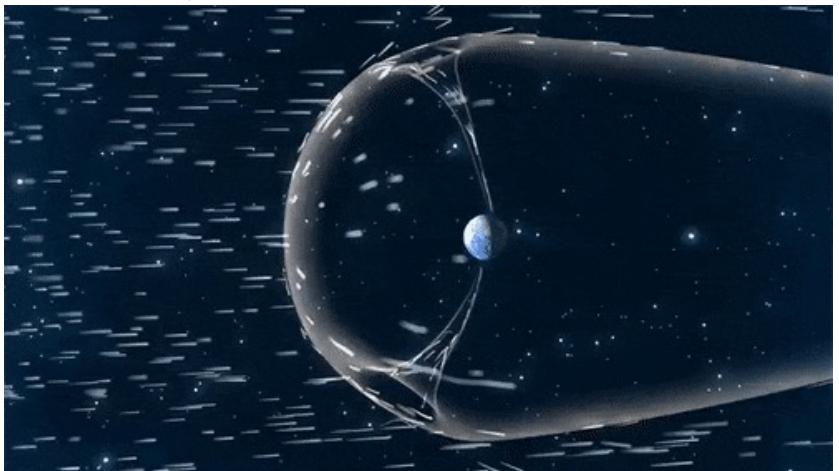


# Transient events – space weather

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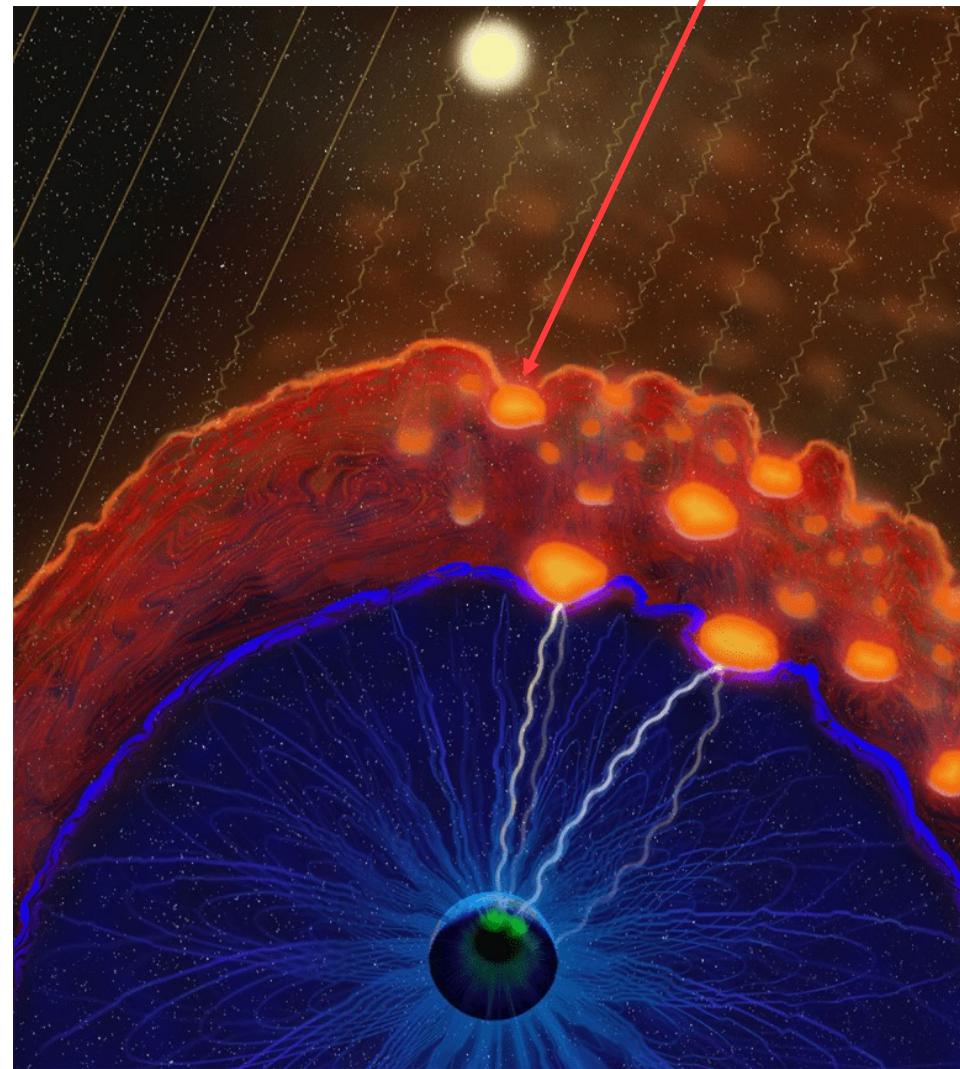


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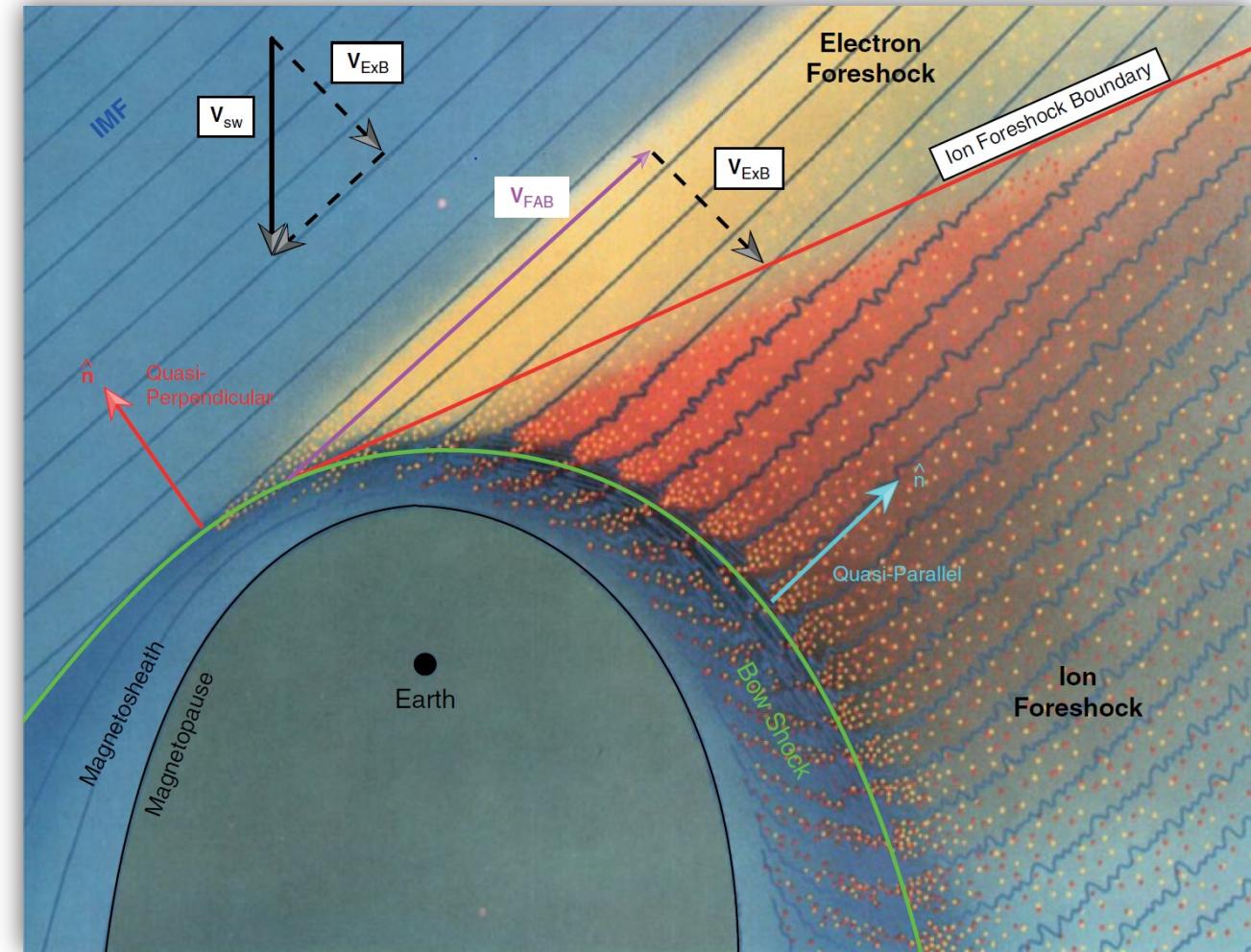
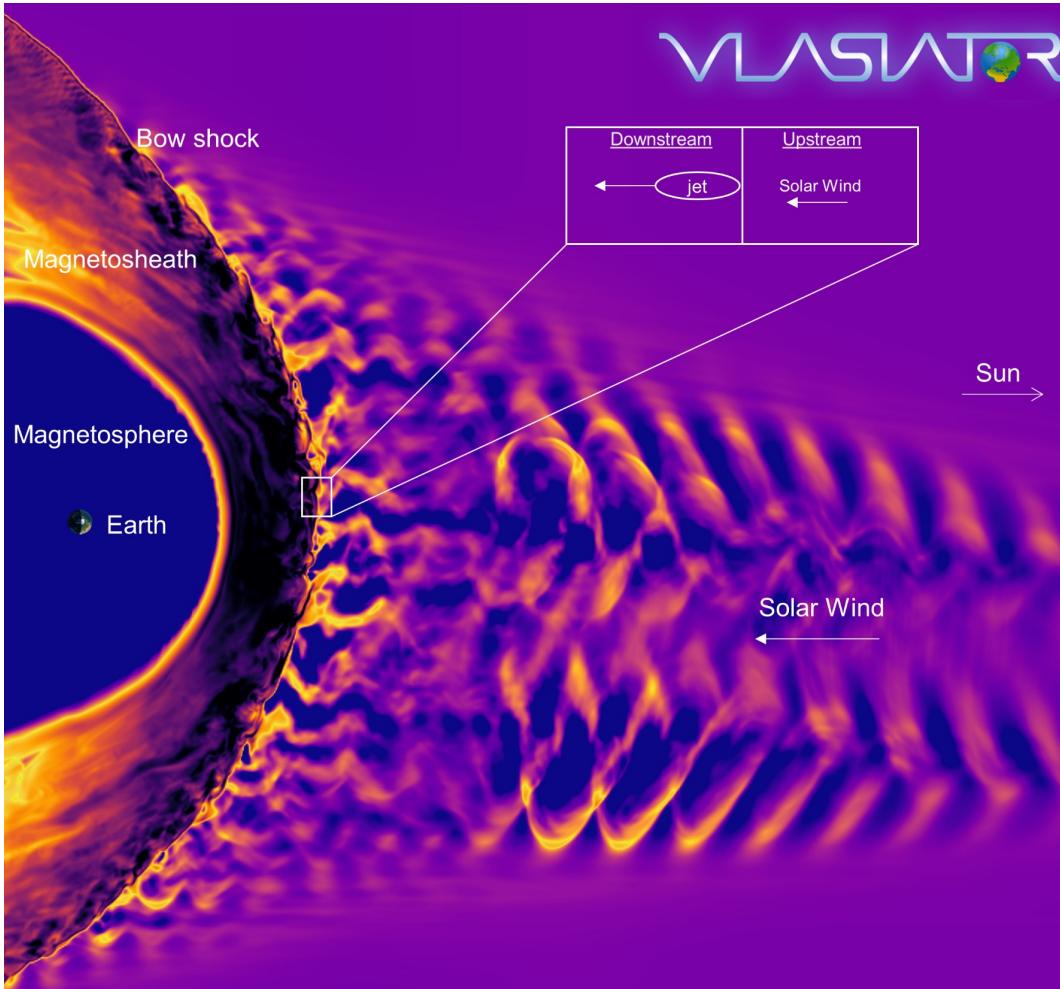
Credits : NASA

Foreshock structures & plasma jets



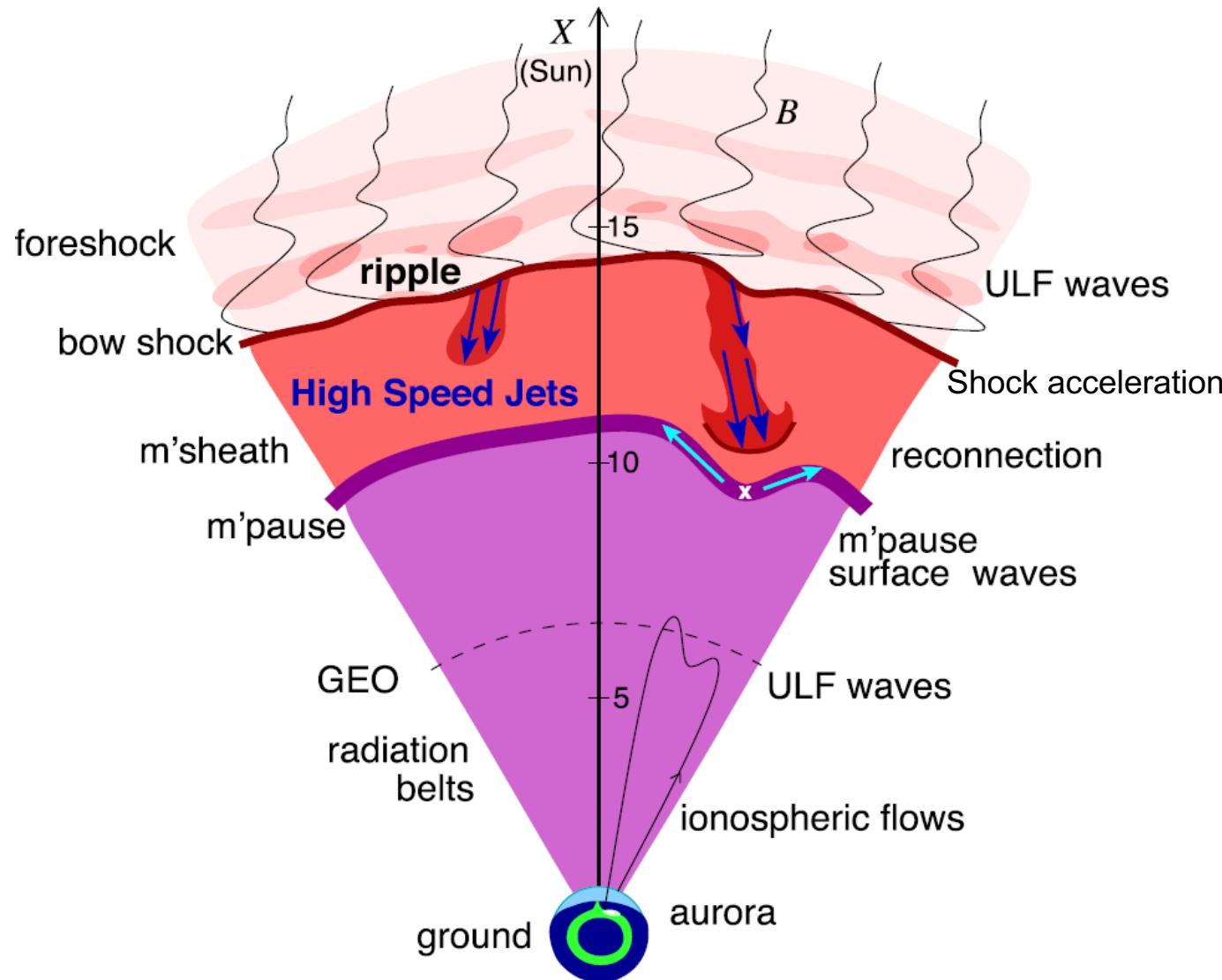
Credits: Vuorinen et al. (2022) <https://eos.org/features/space-raindrops-splashing-on-earths-magnetic-umbrella>

# Earth's magnetosphere & shock environment



# Magnetosheath high-speed jets

# Magnetosheath jets



## Definition

Magnetosheath jets are **transient localized enhancements** of **dynamic pressure** (density and/or velocity increase)

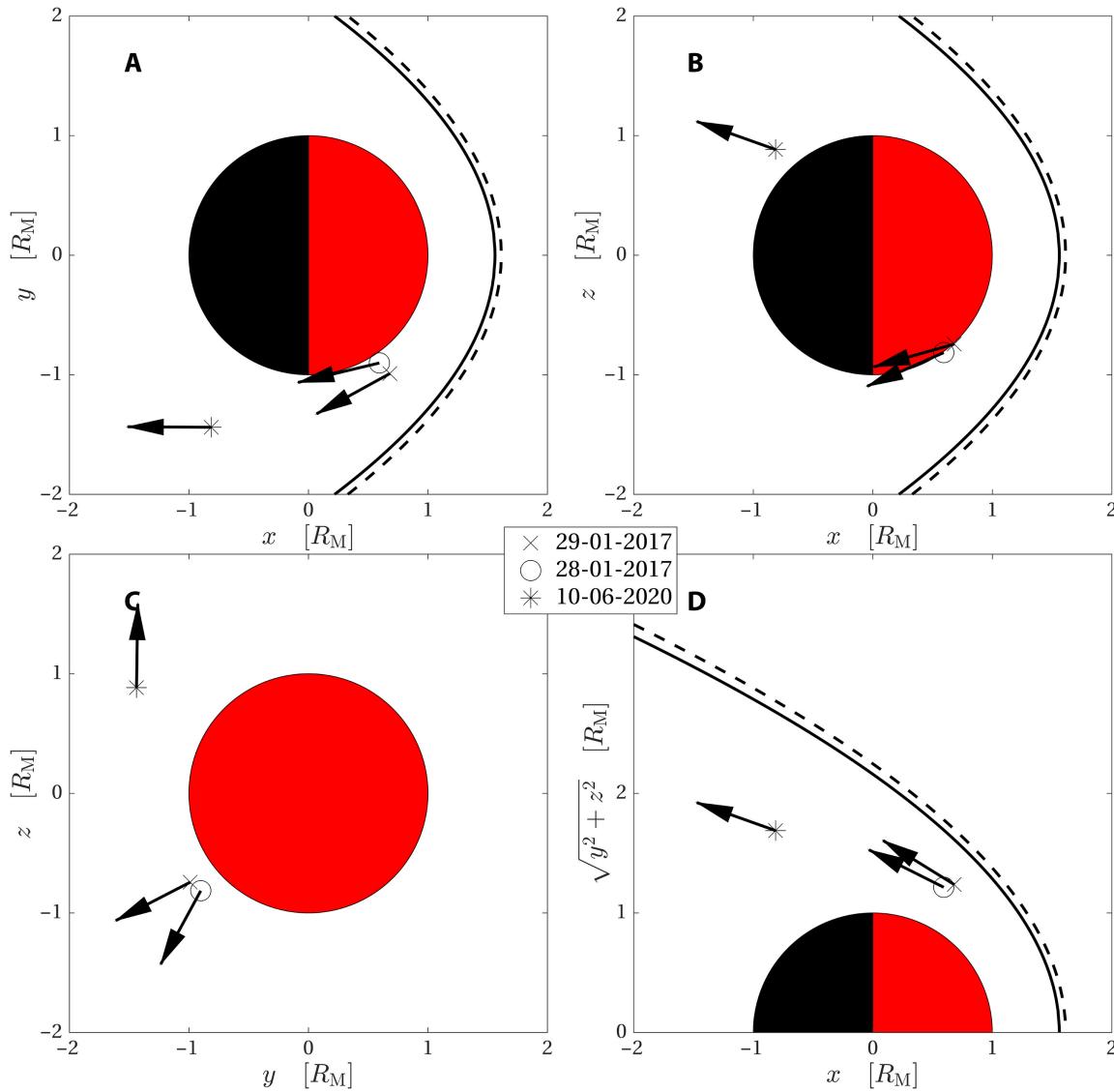
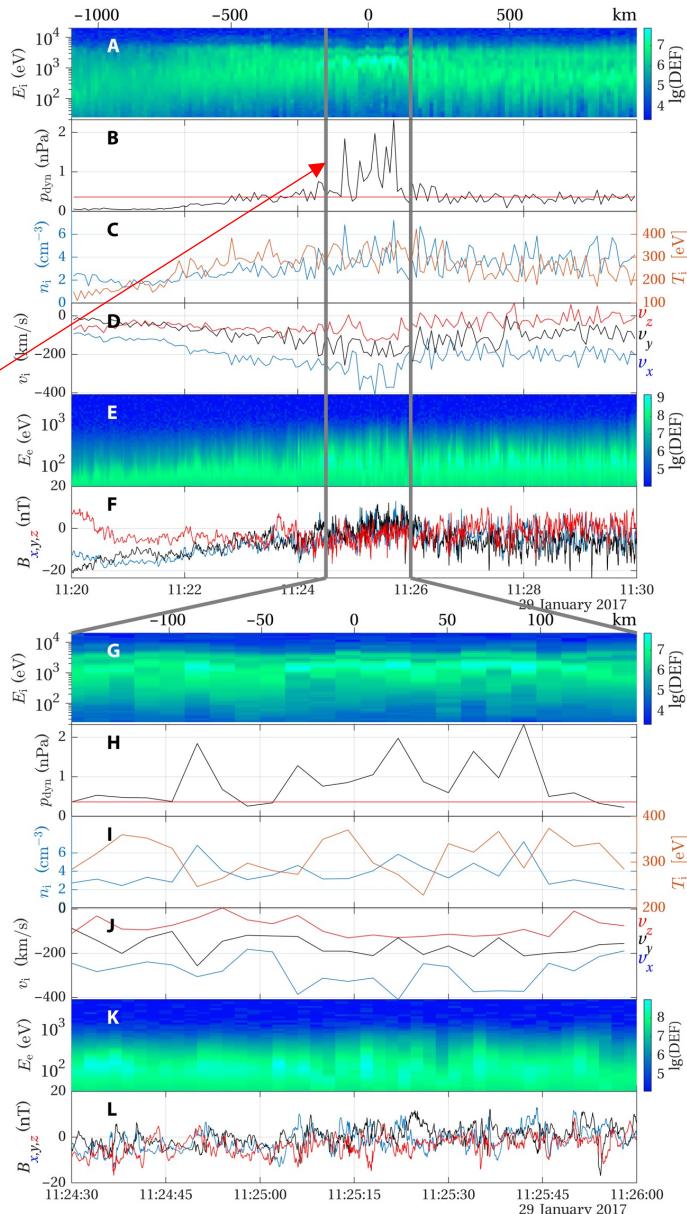
e.g., 200% dynamic pressure enhancement compared to background magnetosheath

## Related phenomena

*Radiation belts  
Throat aurora  
Magnetopause reconnection  
Magnetopause penetration  
Shock acceleration  
Magnetopause surface eigenmodes  
ULF waves  
Substorms  
Ground magnetometer detection*

# Jets on other planets (Mars - MAVEN)

A jet!



# Jets – references update (>2019)

## Associated phenomena & effects

- **Excitation** of surface **eigenmodes** at magnetopause: [Archer et al. \(2019, 2021\)](#)
- **Mirror mode waves** and jets: [Bianco-Cano et al. \(2020\)](#)
- **Bursty magnetic reconnection** at the Earth's magnetopause: [Ng et al. \(2021\)](#)
- **Ground-based magnetometer** response: [Norenius et al. \(2021\)](#)
- Generation **of Pi2 pulsations**: [Katsavrias et al. \(2021\)](#)
- **B** in jets, **Bz variations near magnetopause**: [Vuorinen et al. \(2021\)](#)
- High-Speed Jets **Triggering Dayside Ground ULF**: [Wang et al. \(2022\)](#)
- **Waves** and **jets** using burst MMS data: [Krämer et al. \(2023\)](#)

## Jets Downstream of Collisionless Shocks

Plaschke et al. (2018)

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s1214-018-0516-3>

## Modeling & formation

- **Velocity & magnetic field alignment** in jets: [Plaschke et al. \(2020\)](#)
- **Classification** of jets using MMS & Neural Networks: [Raptis et al. \(2020a,2020b\)](#)
- Comparison **MMS vs simulations**: [Palmroth et al. \(2021\)](#)
- **Solar wind effect** on jet formation: [LaMoury et al. \(2021\)](#)
- Magnetosheath Jets and **Plasmoids** - Hybrid Simulations: [Preisser et al. \(2020\)](#)
- **Formation** of jets in **Quasi-perpendicular magnetosheath**: [Primoz et al. \(2021\)](#)
- **Occurrence** in relation to **CMEs and SIRs**: [Koller et al. \(2022\)](#)
- **Shock reformation** and the **formation of high-speed jets**: [Raptis et al. \(2022a\)](#)
- **Electron acceleration** and **bow waves** in jets: [Vuorinen et al. \(2022\)](#)
- **Kinetic structure** of jets and **partial plasma moments**: [Raptis et al. \(2022b\)](#)

And more : [Liu et al. \(2020a,2020b\)](#), [Omelchenko et al \(2021\)](#), [Sibeck et al. \(2021\)](#), [Suni et al. \(2021\)](#), [Tinoco-Arenas et al. \(2022\)](#) ... etc.

# Jets – references update (>2019)

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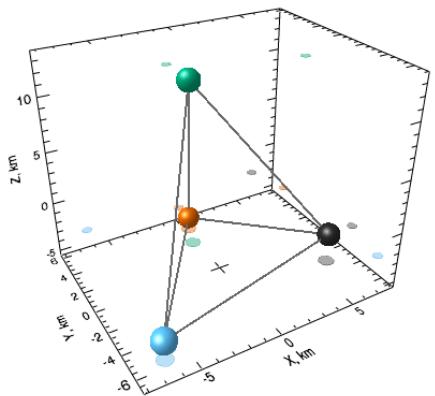
## **Jets Downstream of Collisionless Shocks: The Last Five Years**

Ongoing review (TBD)

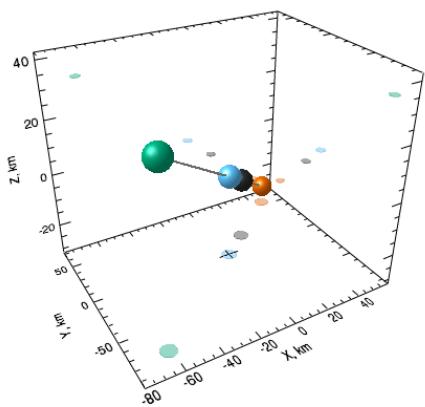
# MMS mission & instrumentation

Formation

## Tetrahedron

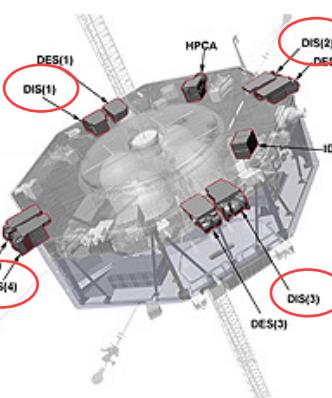


## String-of-pearls

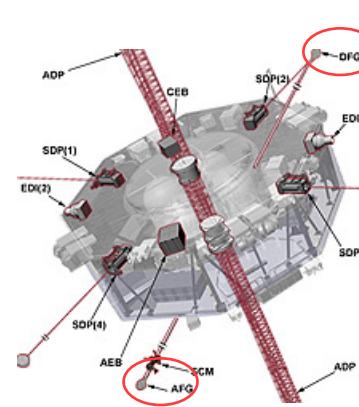


Instrumentation

## FPI



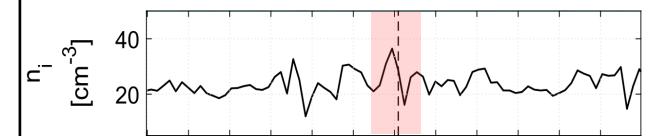
## FGM



Mode

## fast/srvy

FPI (ions): 4.5s  
FGM: 0.0625s

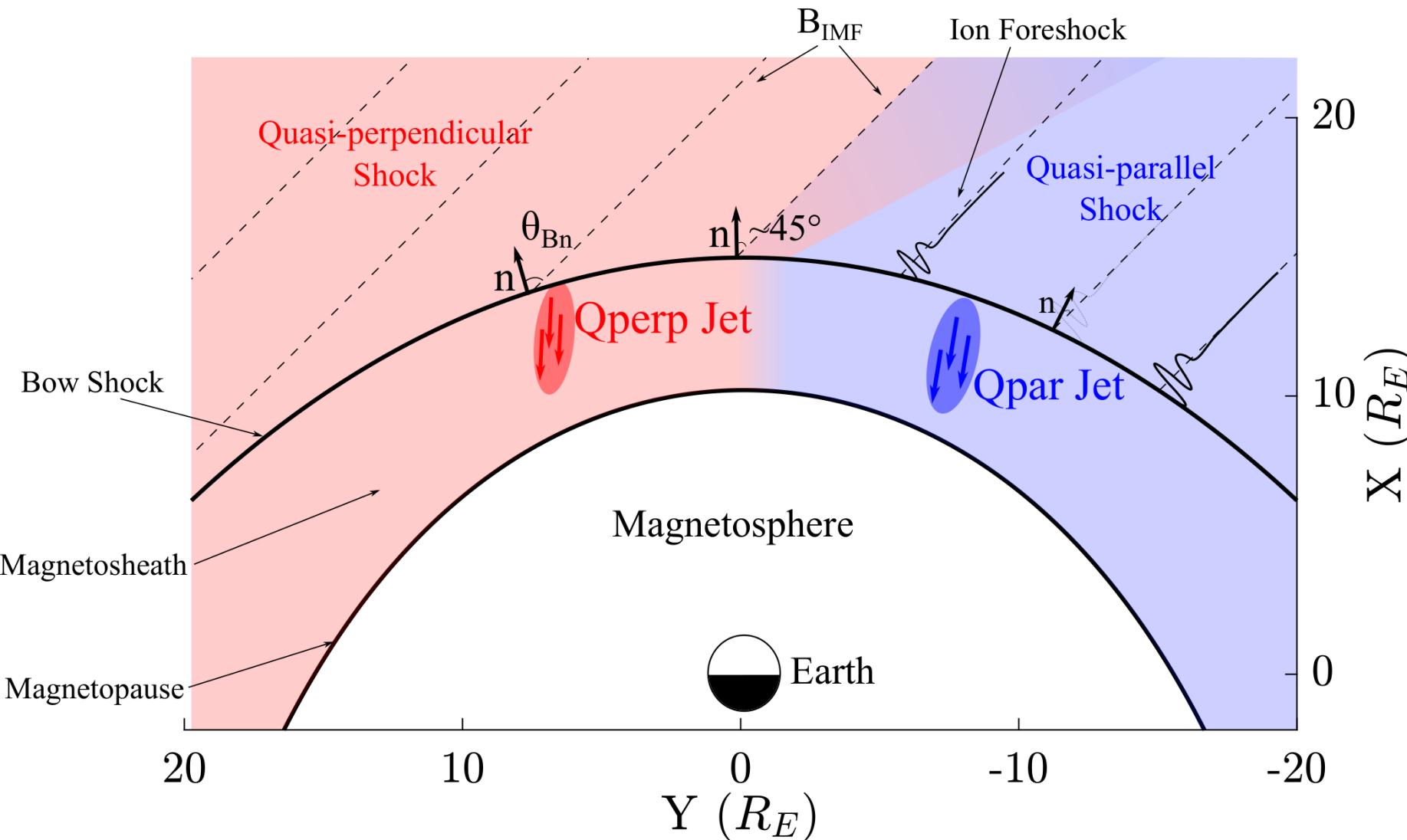


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FPI(ions): 0.15s  
FGM: 0.0078s



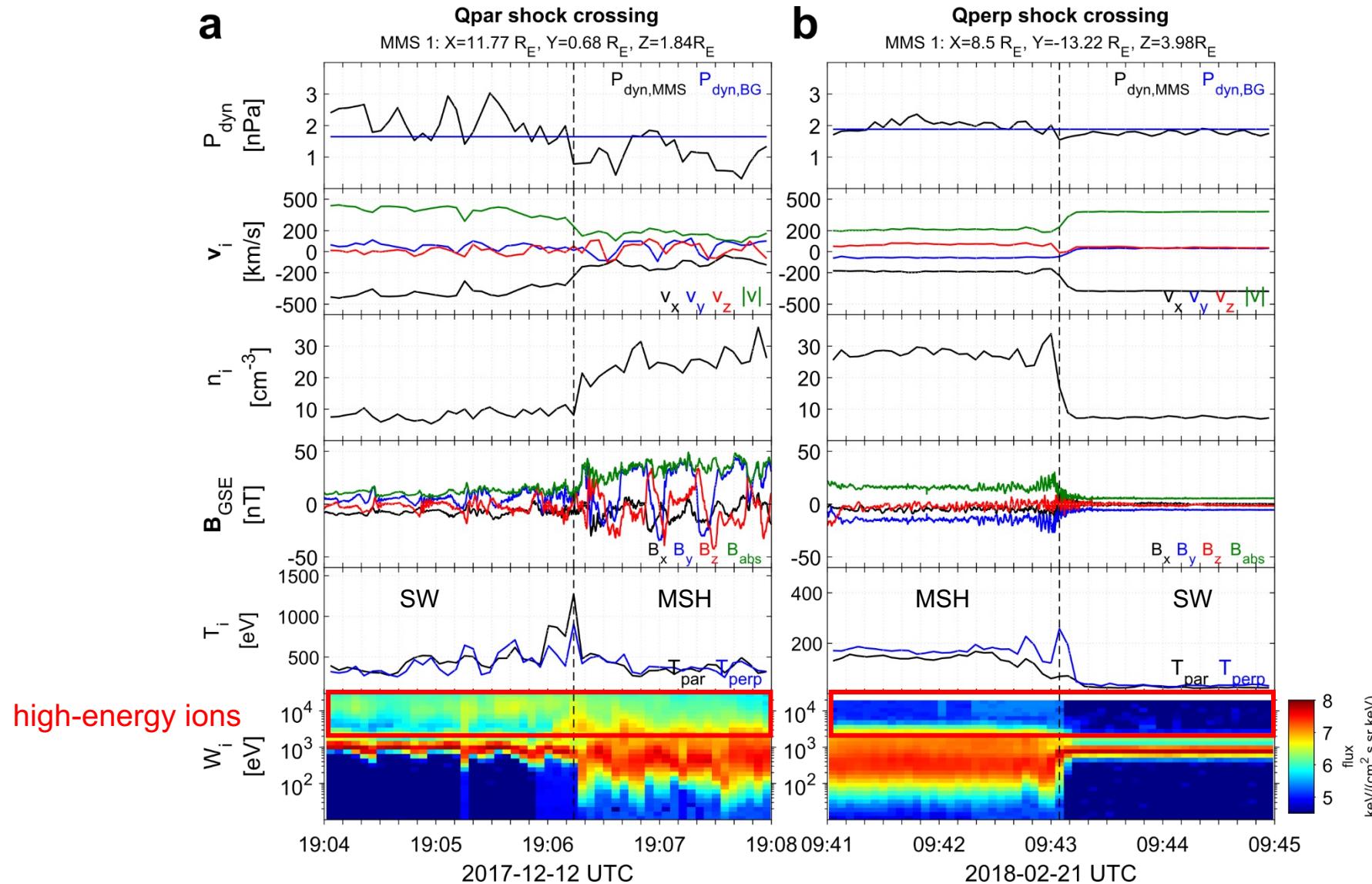
# Shock, magnetosheath & jet classification



" $\theta_{Bn}$  is the angle between the IMF and the shock's normal vector"

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{par}} &= \theta_{Bn} \lesssim 45^\circ \\ Q_{\text{perp}} &= \theta_{Bn} \gtrsim 45^\circ \end{aligned}$$

# Shock transitions with MMS



# MMS – Updated Jet Database

Table 9.1: Classified dataset of magnetosheath jets observed by MMS1 during the period 05/2015 – 06/2020 (N=9196). Final cases correspond to the manually verified jets, used in the papers of this thesis. The number in a parenthesis correspond to the number of jets having full burst data available.

Subset	Number	Percentage (%)
Quasi-parallel	2928 (428)	31.8
Final cases	<b>901 (84)</b>	9.8
Quasi-perpendicular	1229 (34)	13.6
Final cases	<b>213 (3)</b>	2.3
Boundary	1505 (204)	16.4
Final cases	<b>191 (35)</b>	2.1
Encapsulated	67 (32)	0.73
Final cases	<b>60 (31)</b>	0.65
Other	3467 (753)	37.7
Unclassified	1921 (255)	20.9
Border	1500 (495)	16.3
Data Gap	46 (3)	0.5



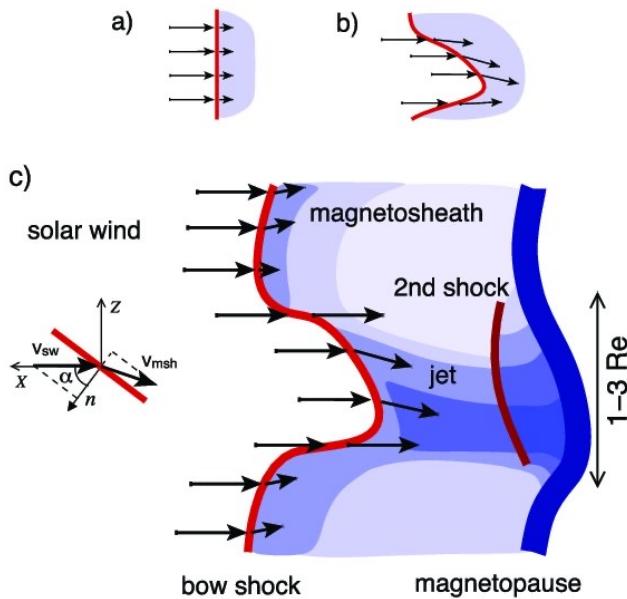
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# Recent MMS results Formation of Jets

Raptis, S., Karlsson, T., Vaivads, A., Pollock, C., Plaschke, F., Johlander, A., ... & Lindqvist, P. A. (2022). Downstream high-speed plasma jet generation as a direct consequence of shock reformation. *Nature communications*, 13(1), 598.

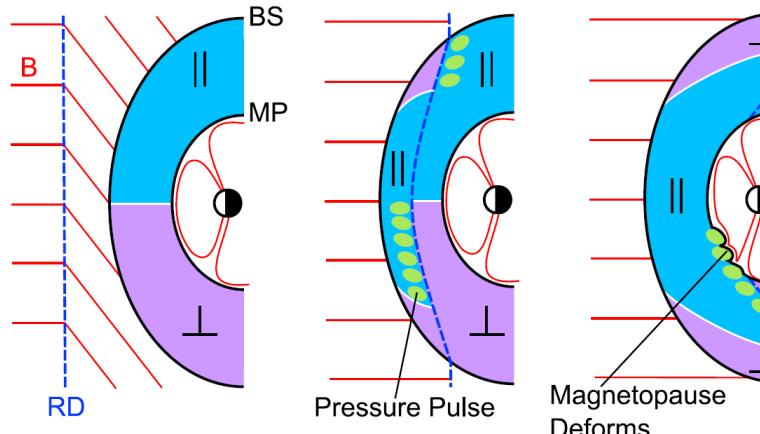
# How are these jets created (Qpar) ?

## Shock ripples



SW → locally inclined part of the bow shock → less deceleration and heating

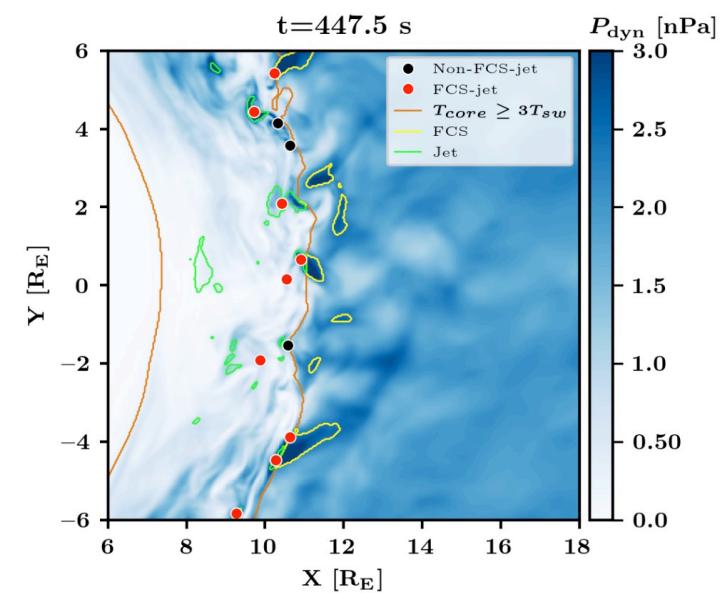
## SW discontinuities



RD → Change in Foreshock position → Pressure pulses

Archer et al. (2012), Zhou et al. (2023)

## Foreshock Structures & Reformation



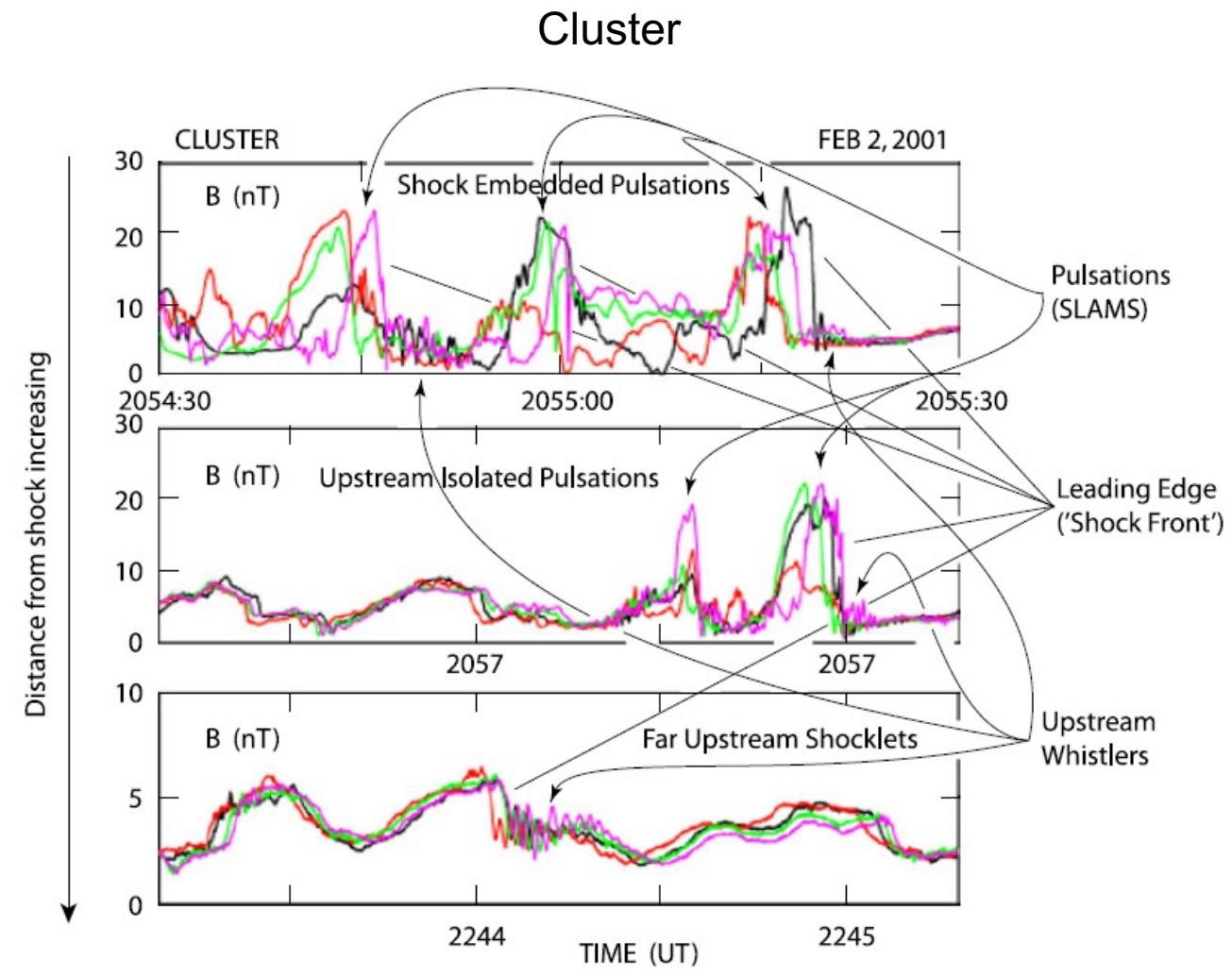
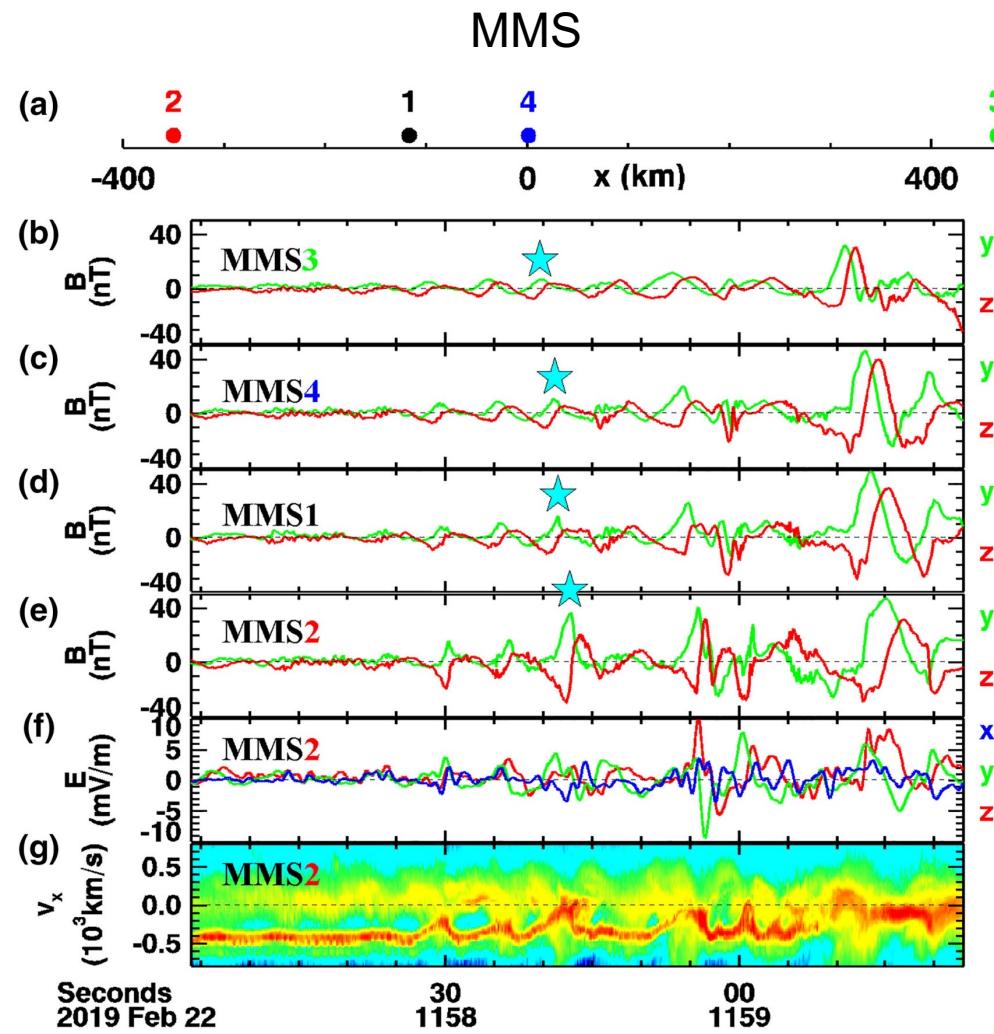
Karlsson et al.(2015), Suni et al. (2021), Omelchenko et al. (2021), Raptis et al. (2022a)

Hietala et al. (2009,2012)

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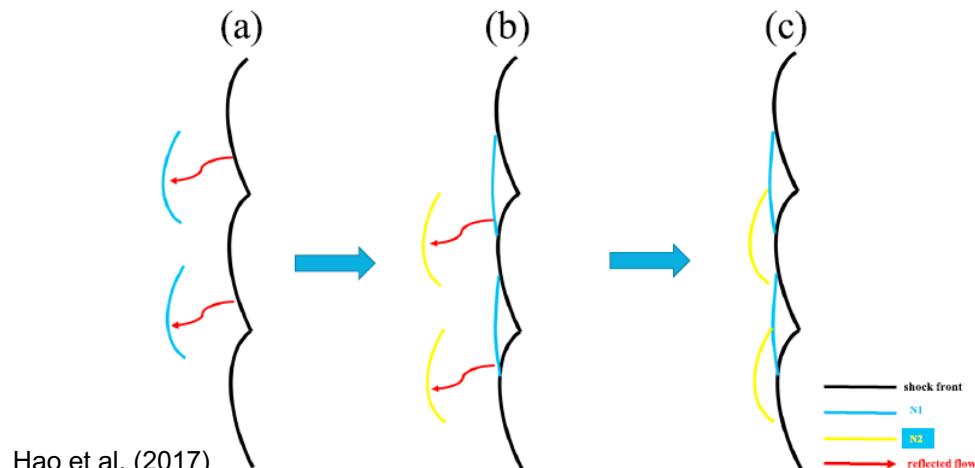
# Foreshock & evolution of ULF wavefield



# Quasi-parallel shock reformation

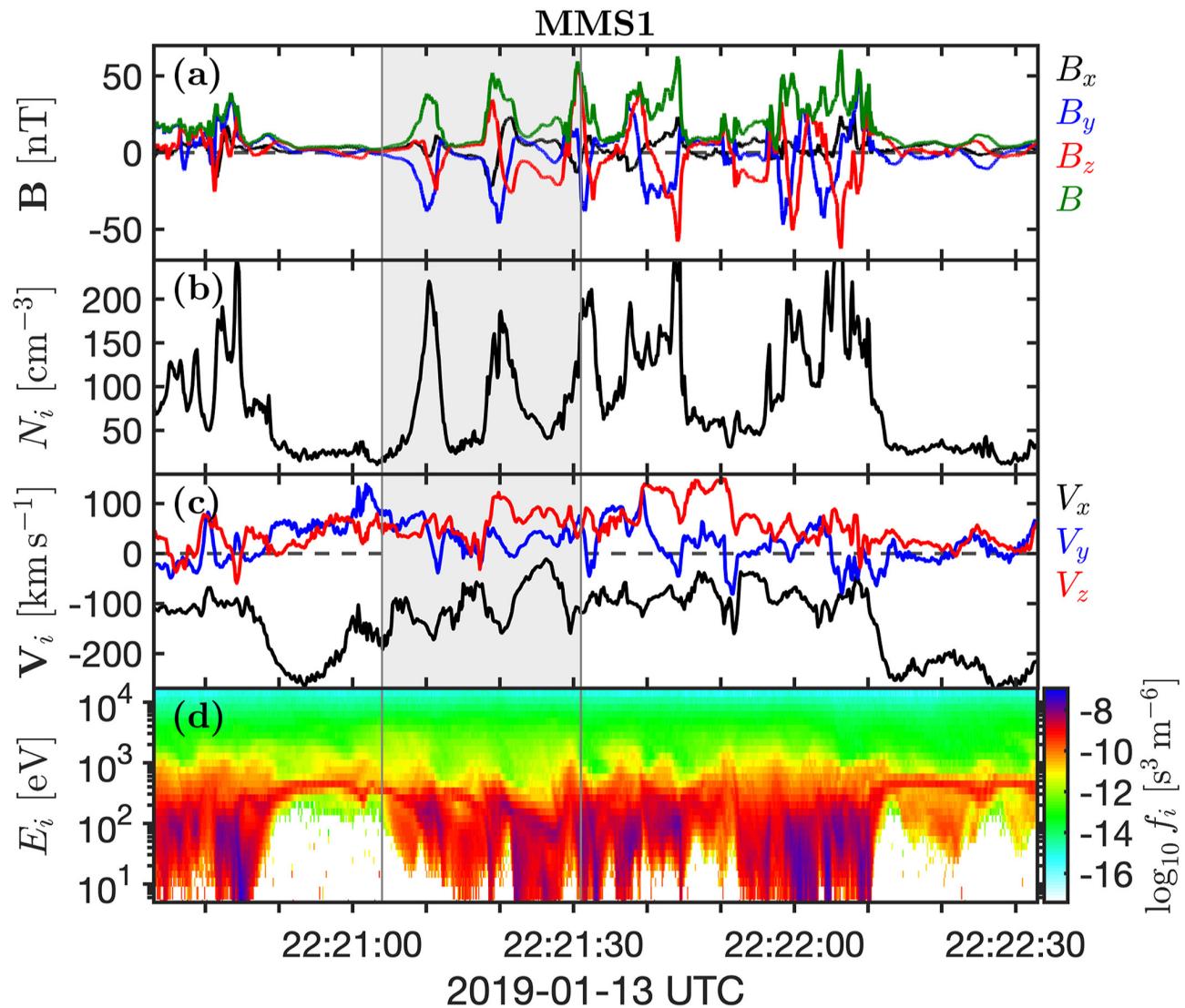
## Shock Reformation

Burgess (1989): “the shock exhibits a cyclic behavior ..... cyclic shock reformation;”

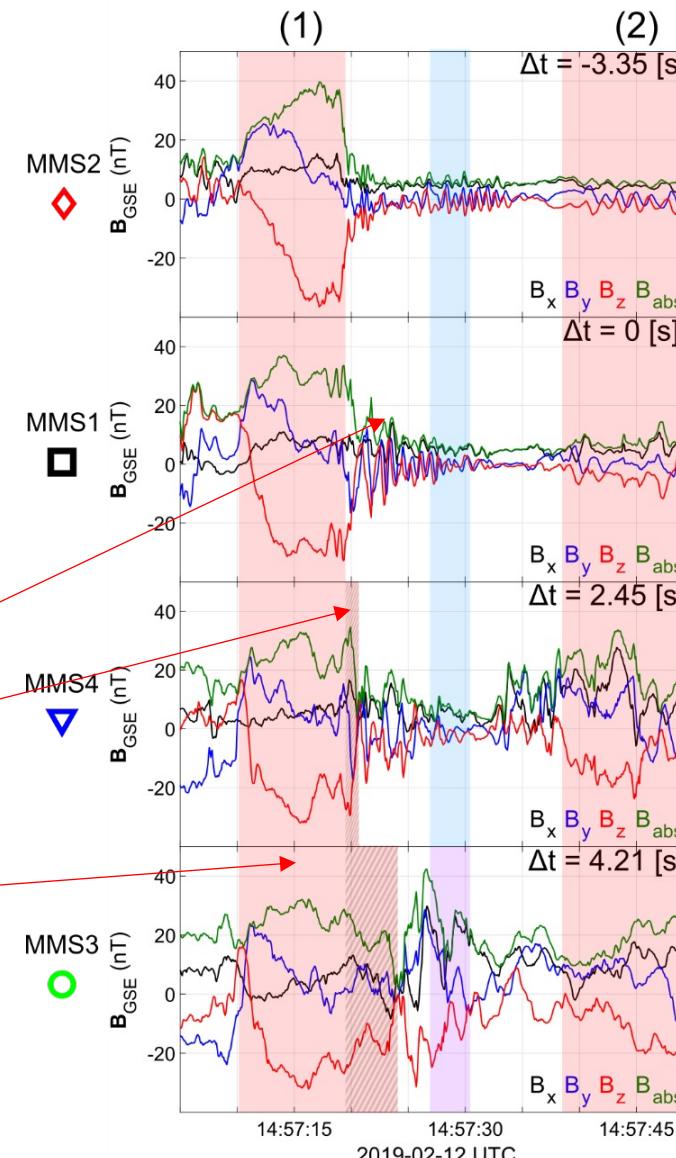
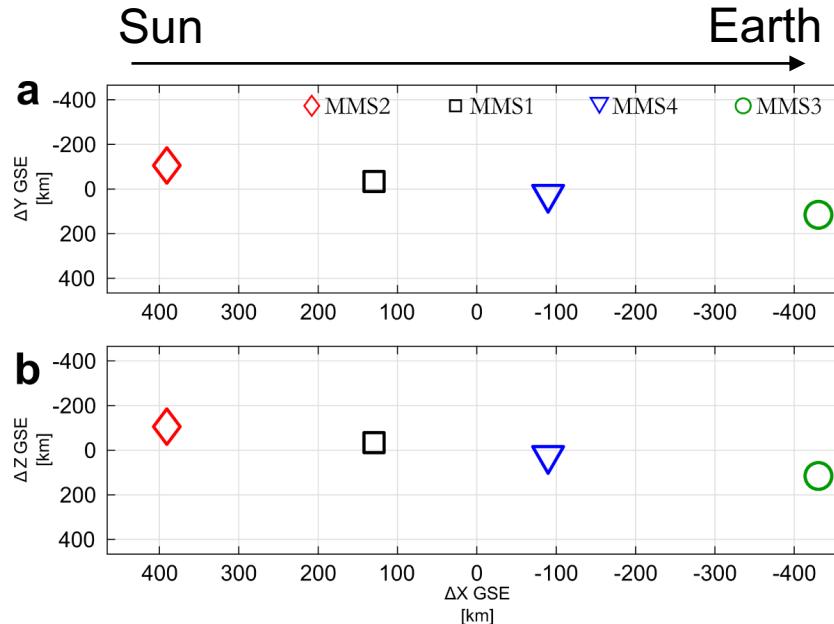


Hao et al. (2017)

Figure 11. The sketch for evolution of shock front. (a) A rippled shock front, (b) a plane shock front, and (c) a rippled shock front. Solid lines and red arrows denote shock front and reflected beams, and N1 and N2 indicate new shock fronts.



# SLAMS – wave activity and reformation



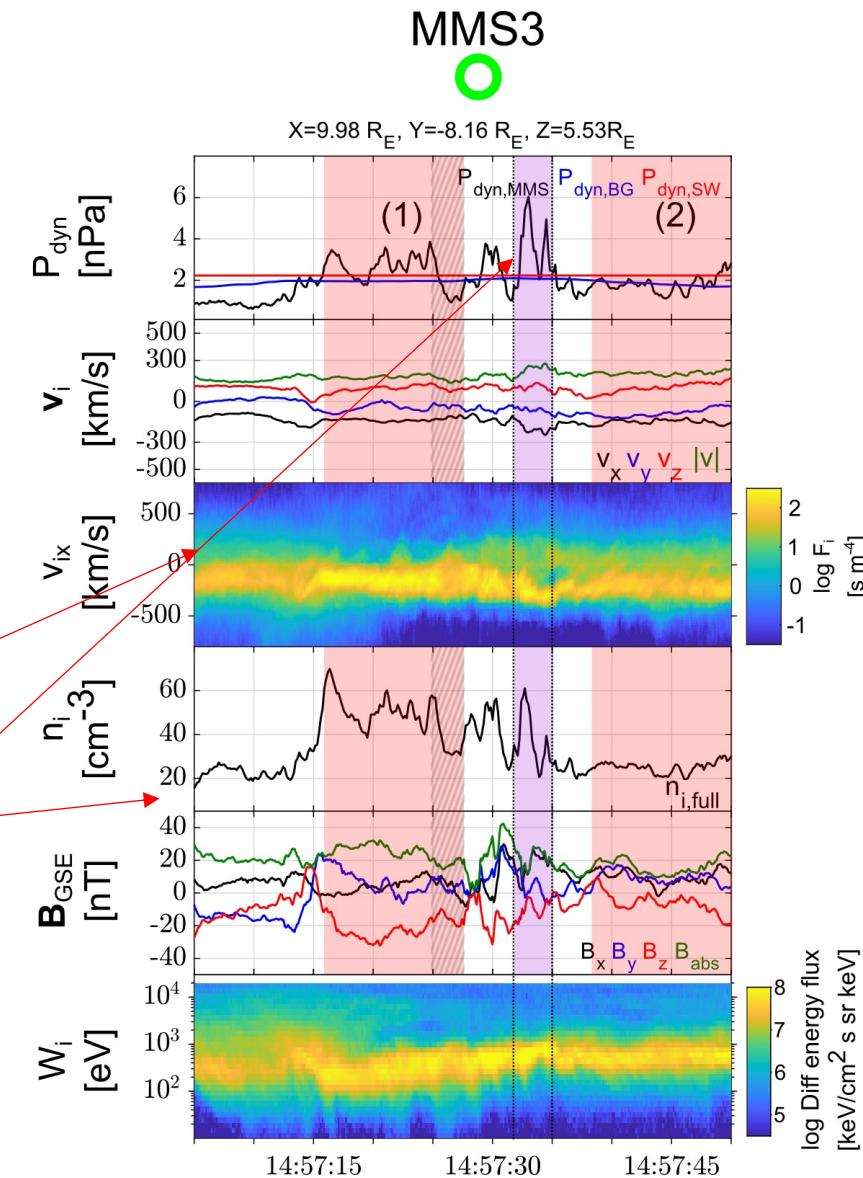
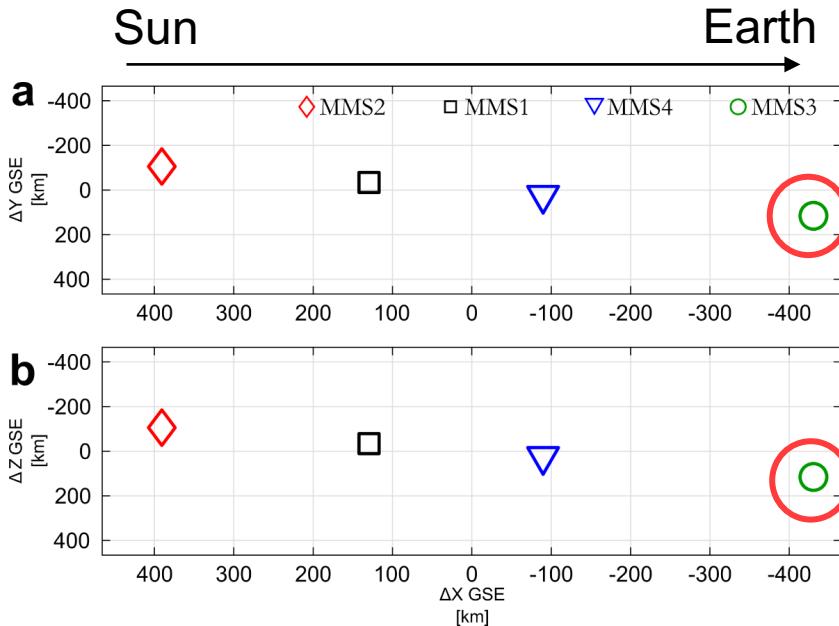
## Evolution of SLAMS

- Interaction with upstream whistler
- New peak / evolution\*
- Formation of downstream density enhancement\*\*

\* See similar examples by Turner et al. (2021), Chen et al. (2021) | "(Self-) reformation/evolution"

\*\* See similar example by Liu et al. (2021), Johlander et al. (2022) | (Qpar) reformation

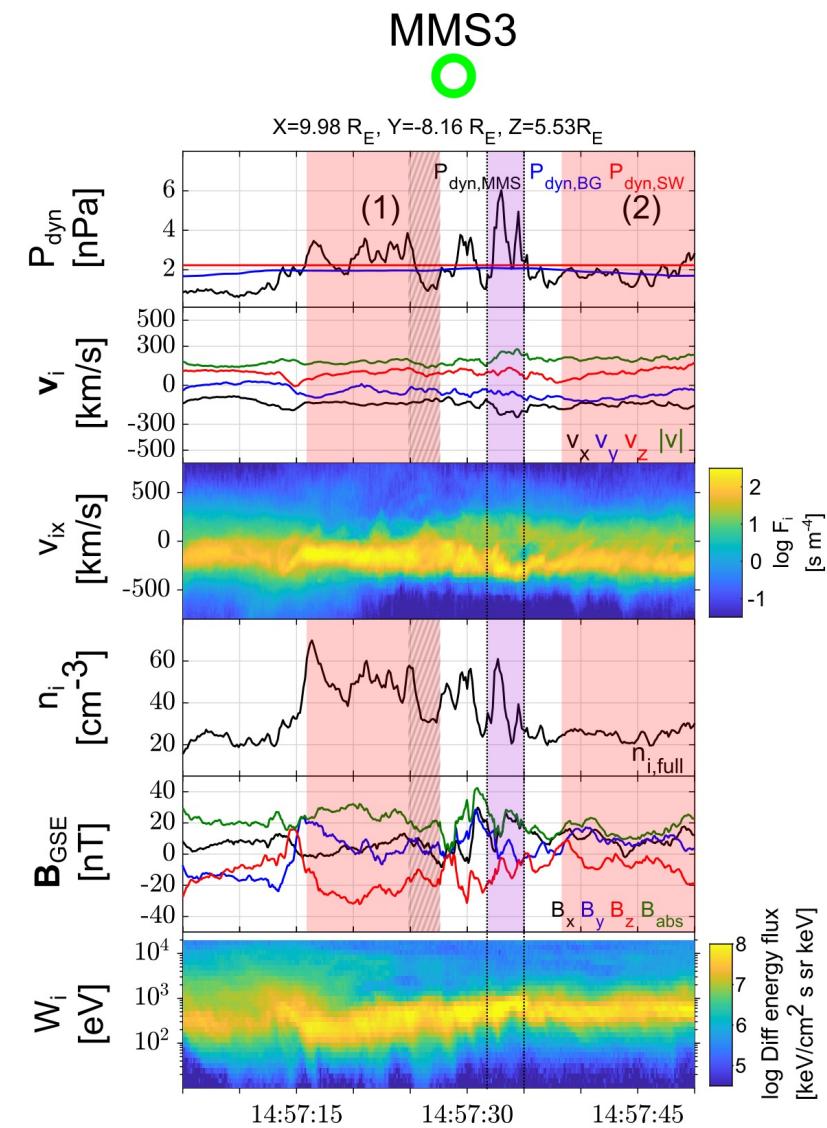
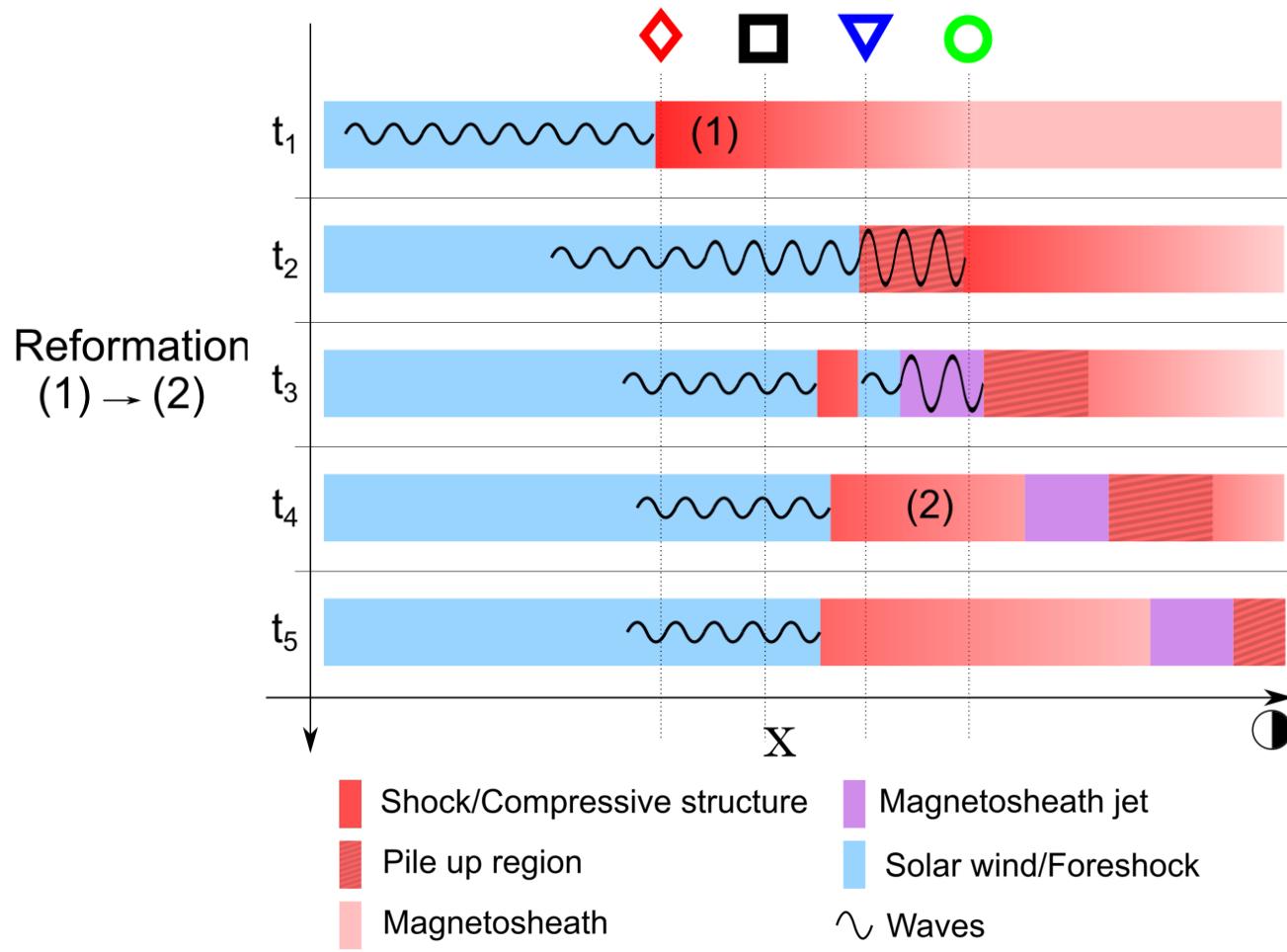
# Jet “slipping through” the reformation cycle



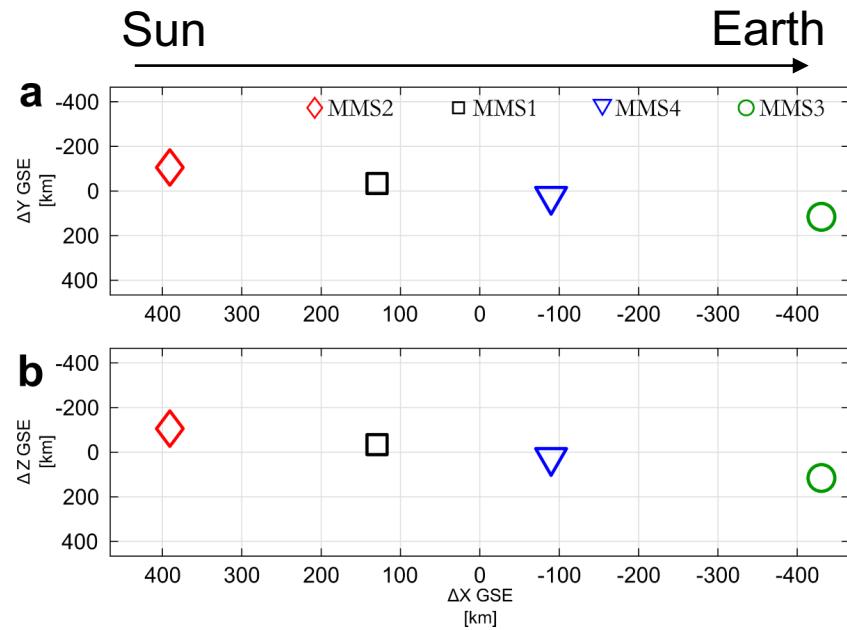
## Properties

- Thermalized distribution
- Compression
- Dynamic pressure increase (i.e., increase in velocity and density)

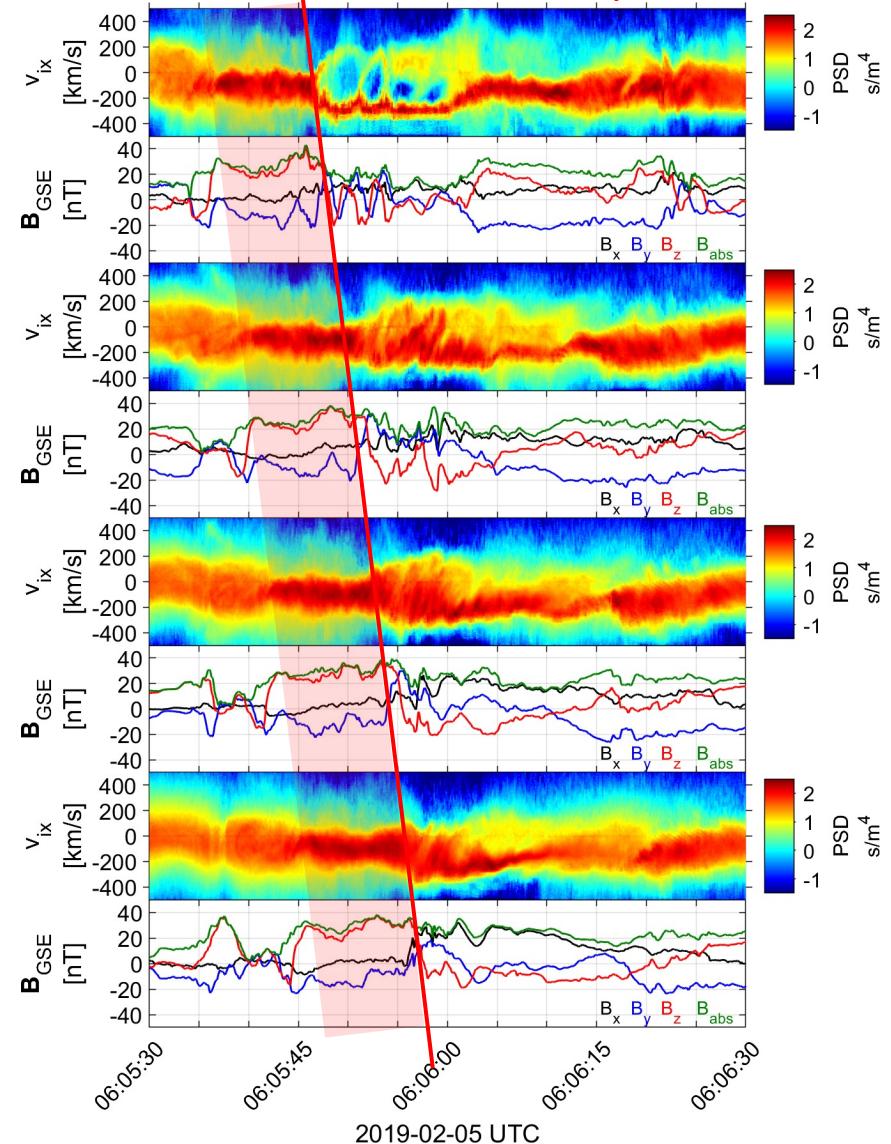
# Shock reformation & magnetosheath jets



# More events ( MMS 1 – 4)

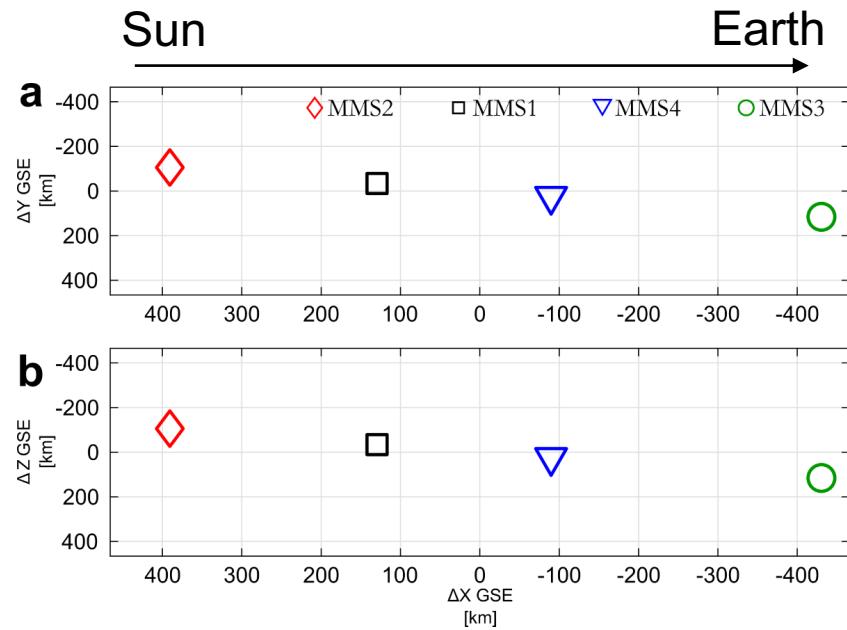


Evolution of foreshock structure upstream to downstream

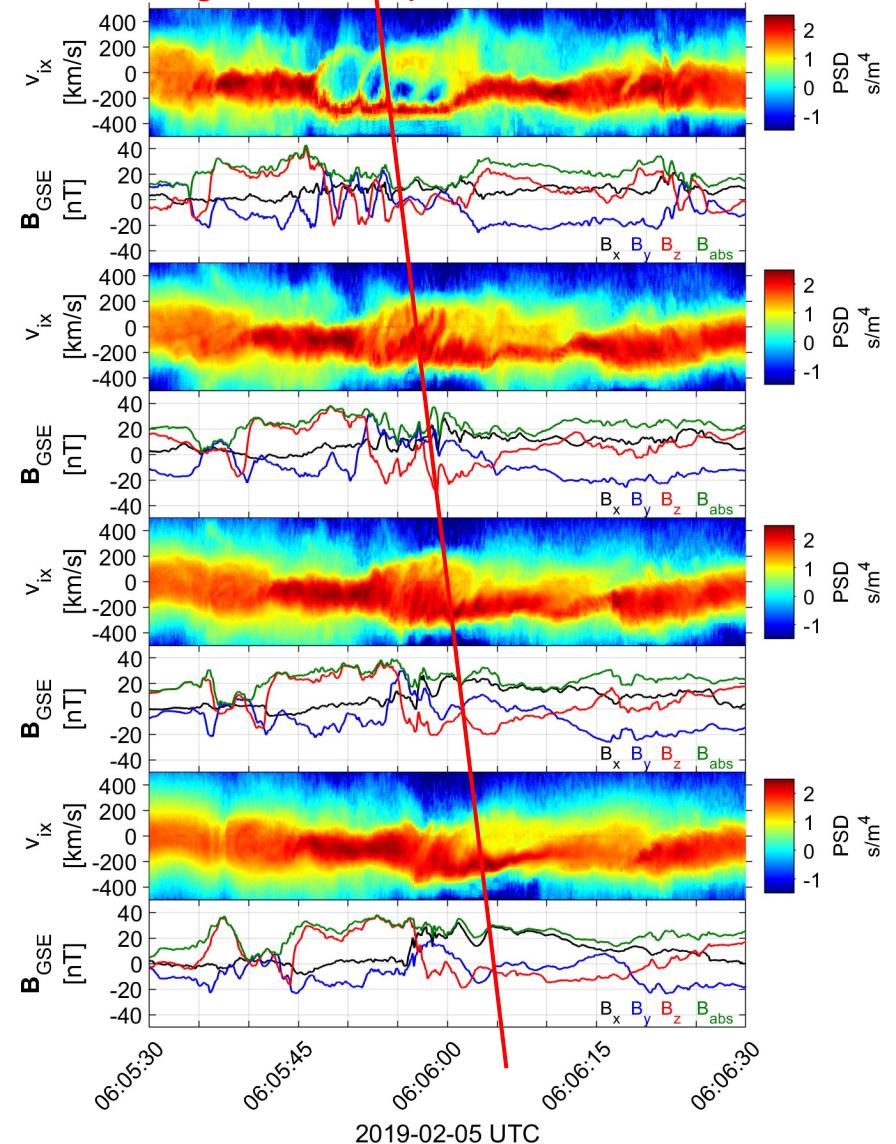


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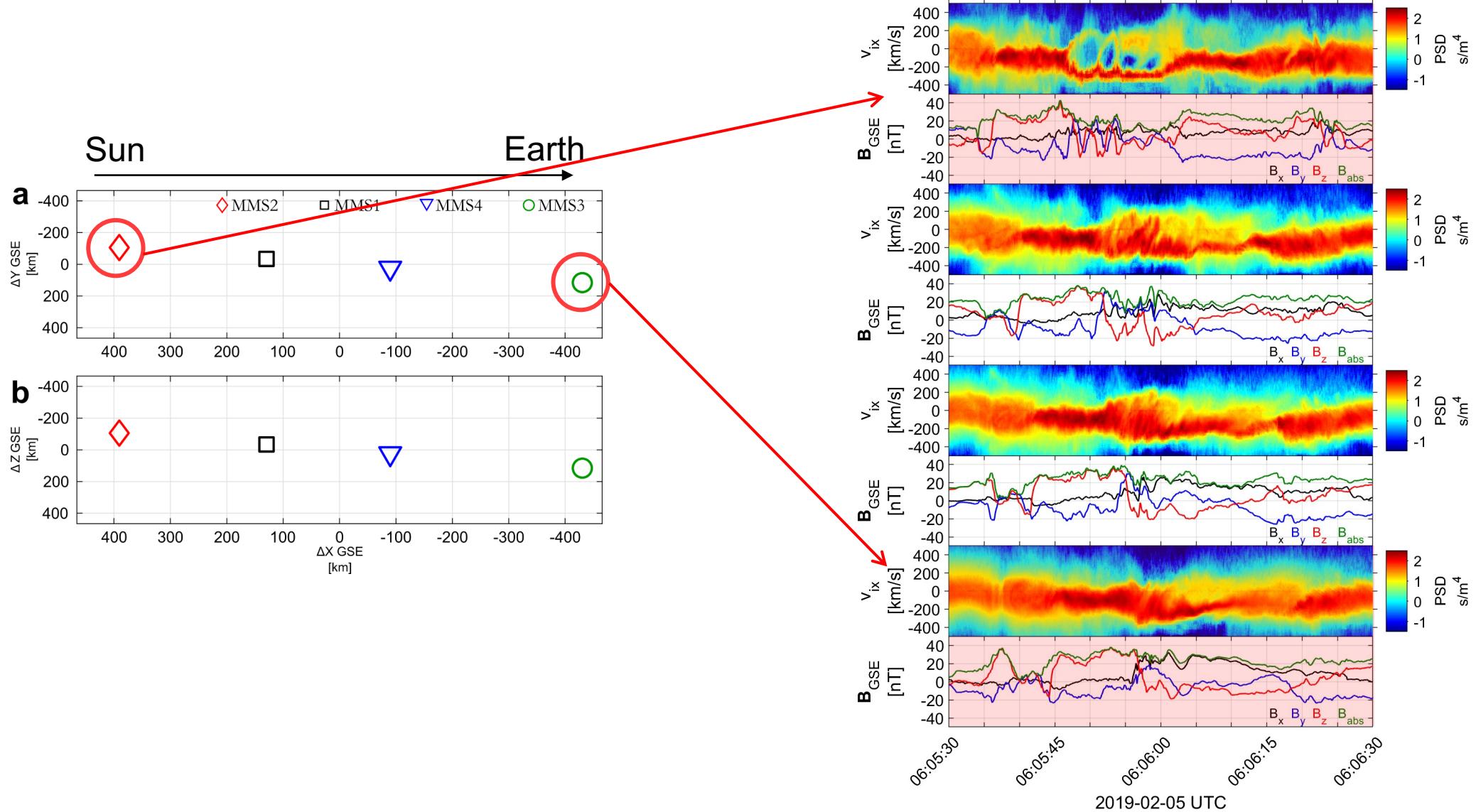


Jet forming from the upstream wave field & the reformation



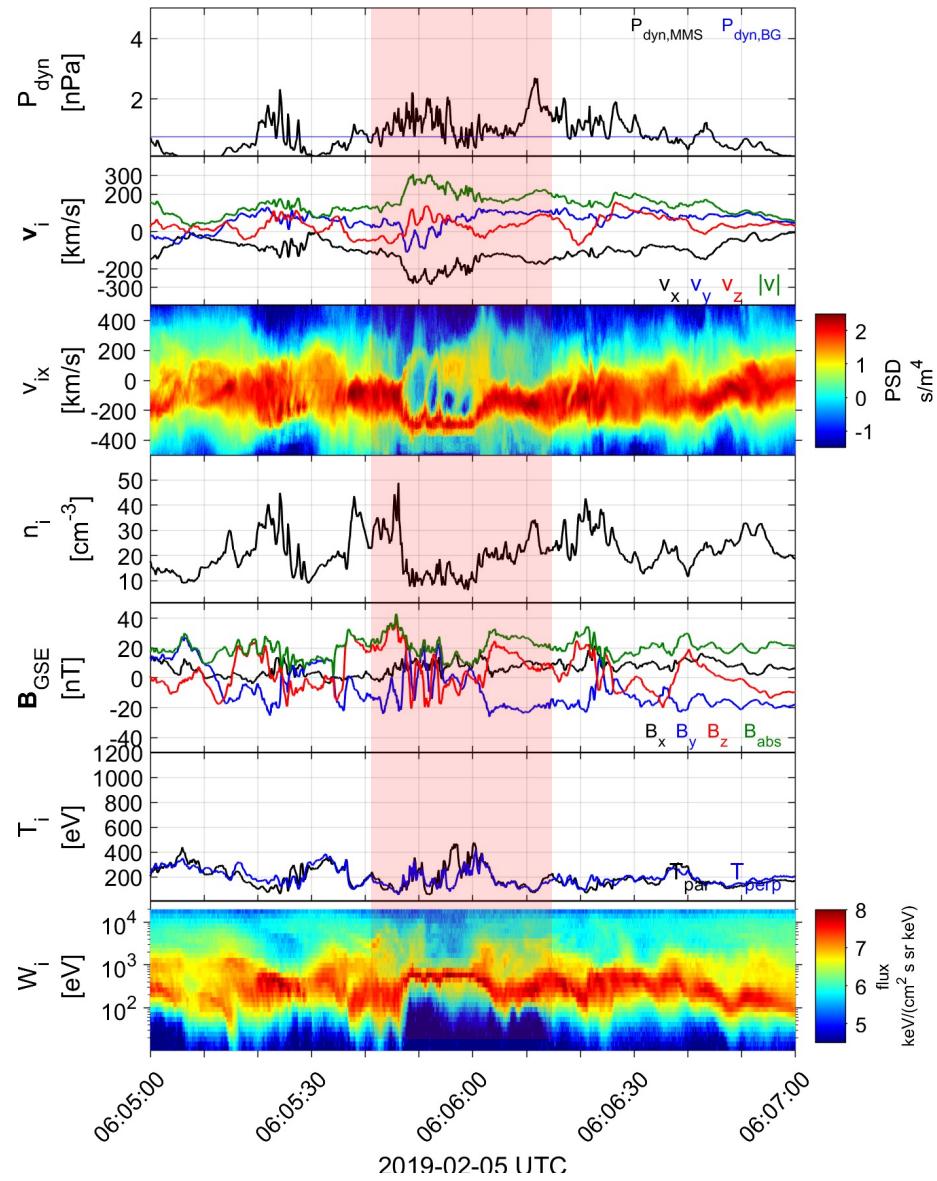
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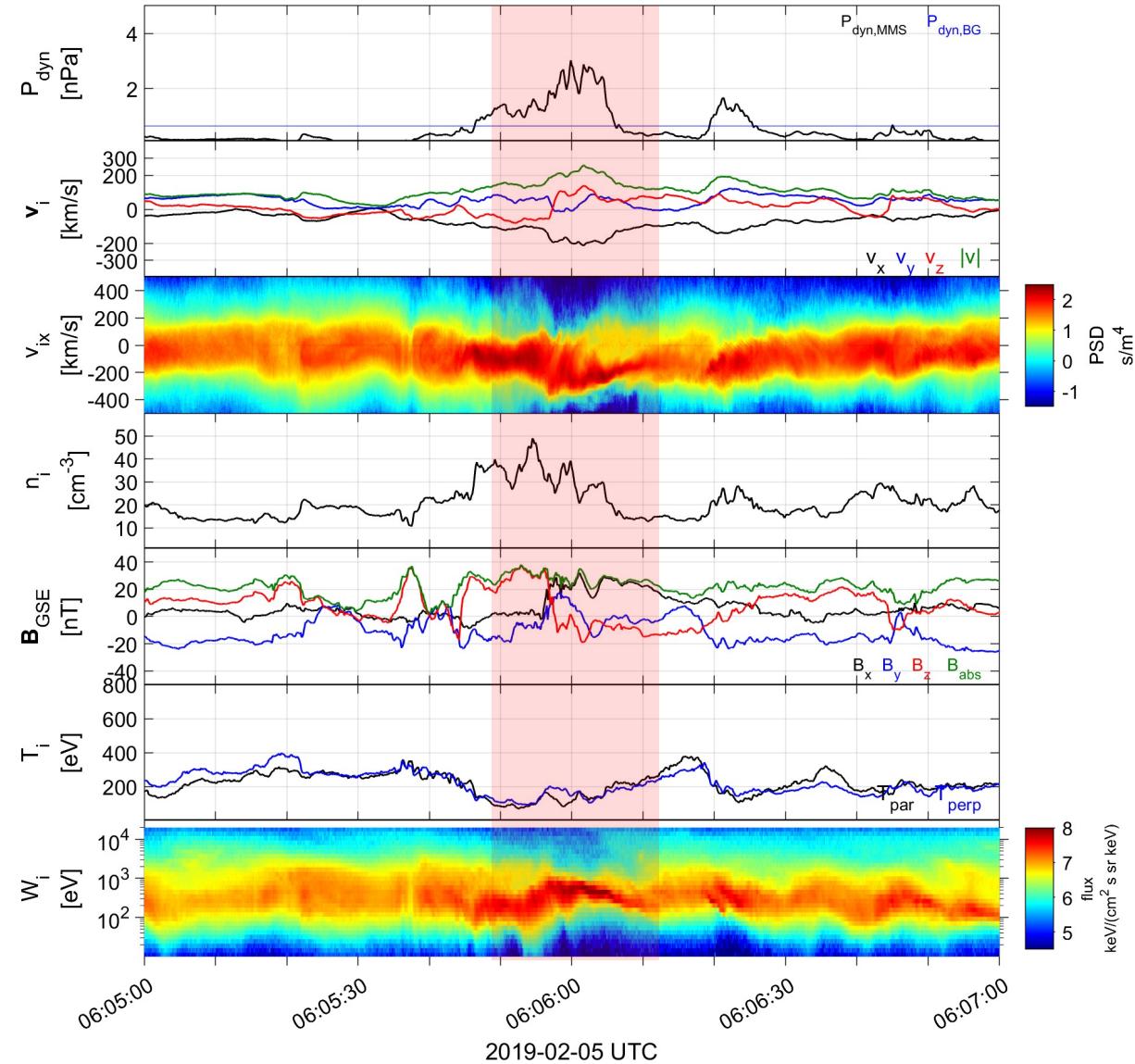
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# More events ( MMS 2 & 3)



Upstream

Downstream



+Promising comparison results with VLASIMATOR Hybrid simulations....



# Recent MMS results

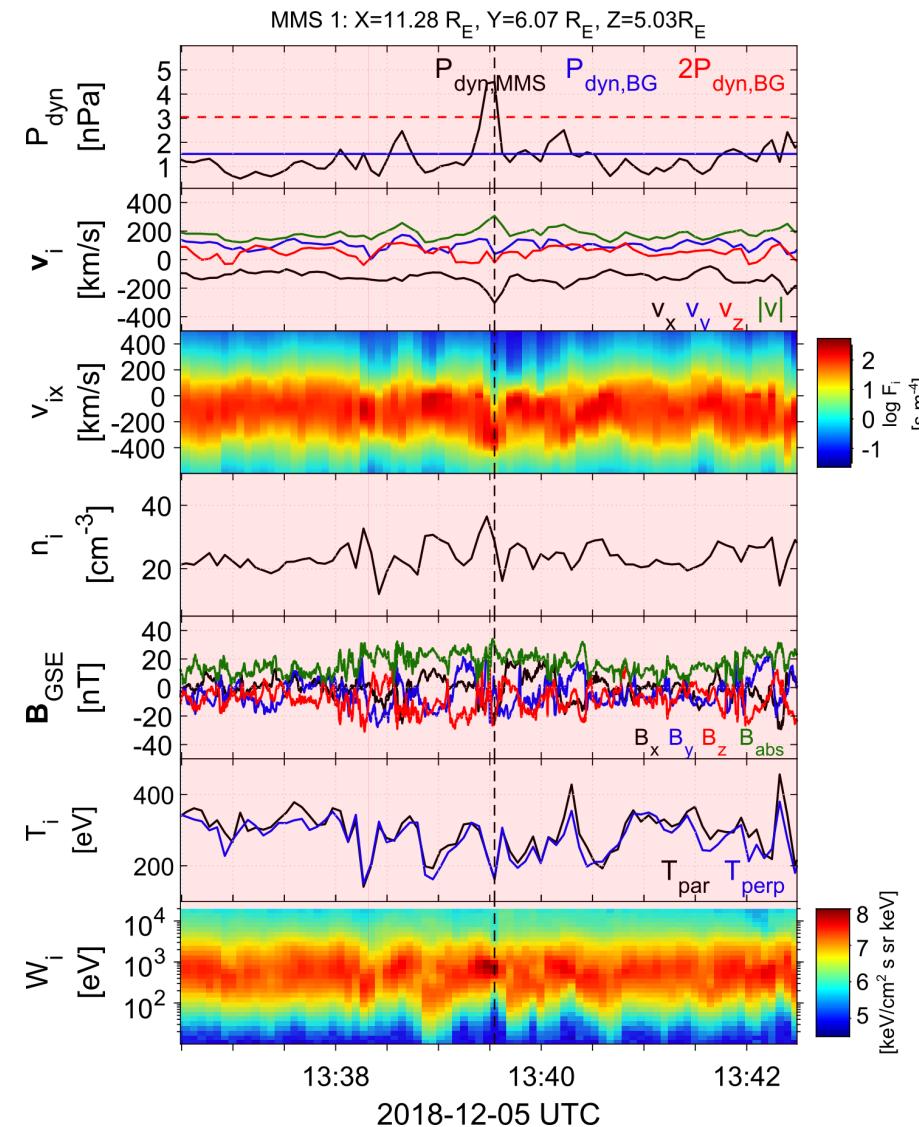
## Evolution & Properties of Jets

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# Qpar magnetosheath jet – fast data

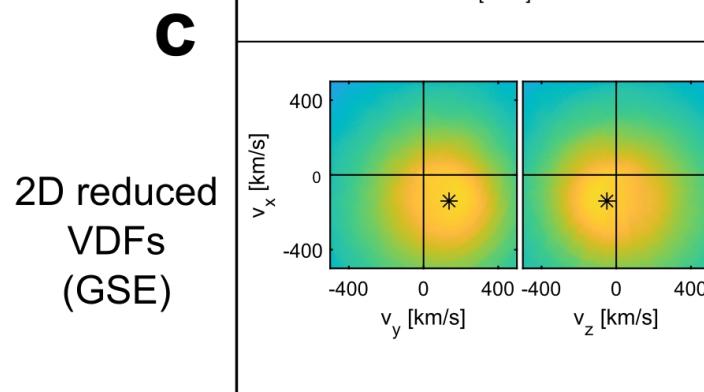
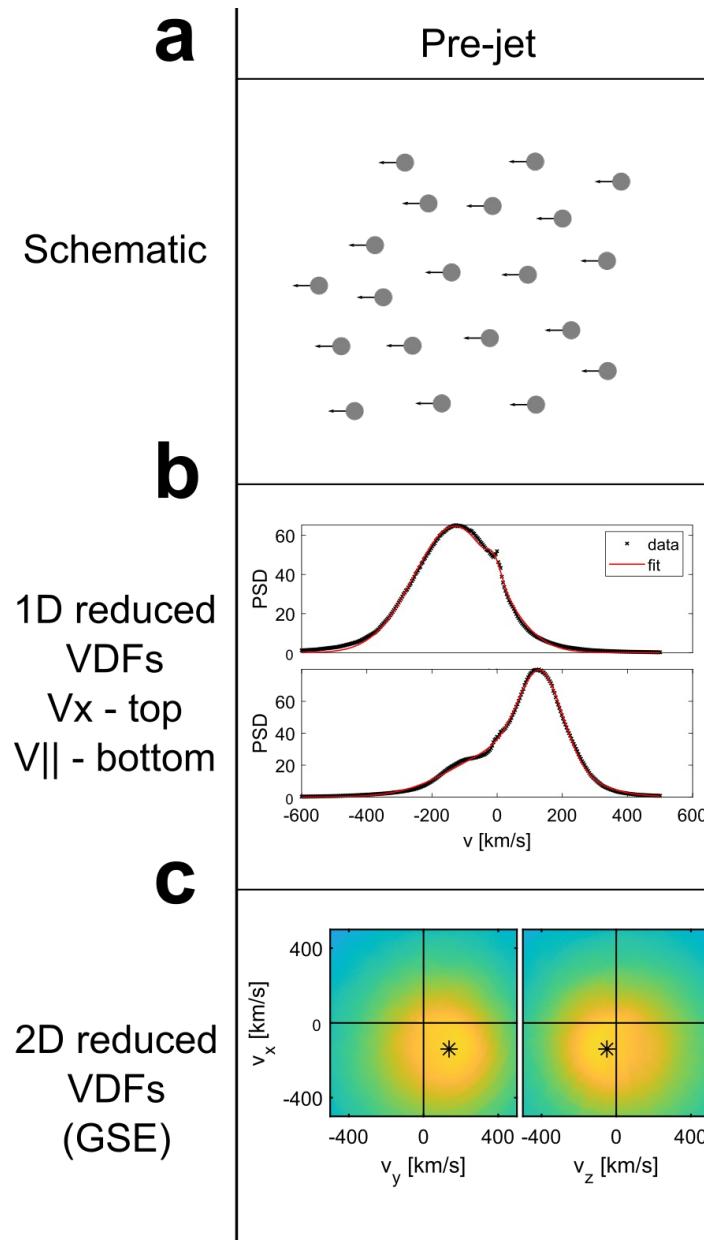
## Qpar magnetosheath:

- High energy ions
- Low temperature anisotropy
- High **B** Variance

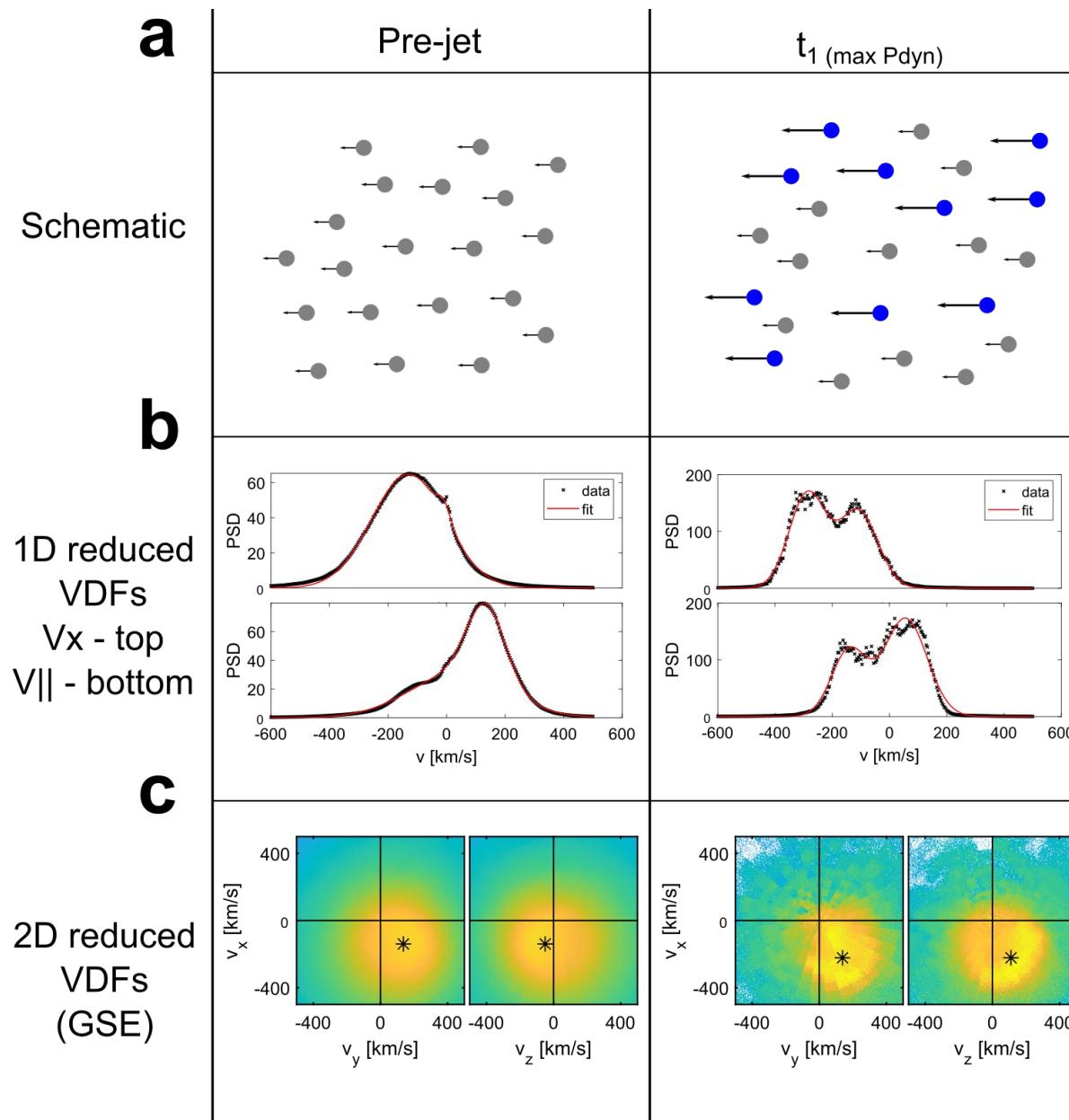


## Magnetosheath jet

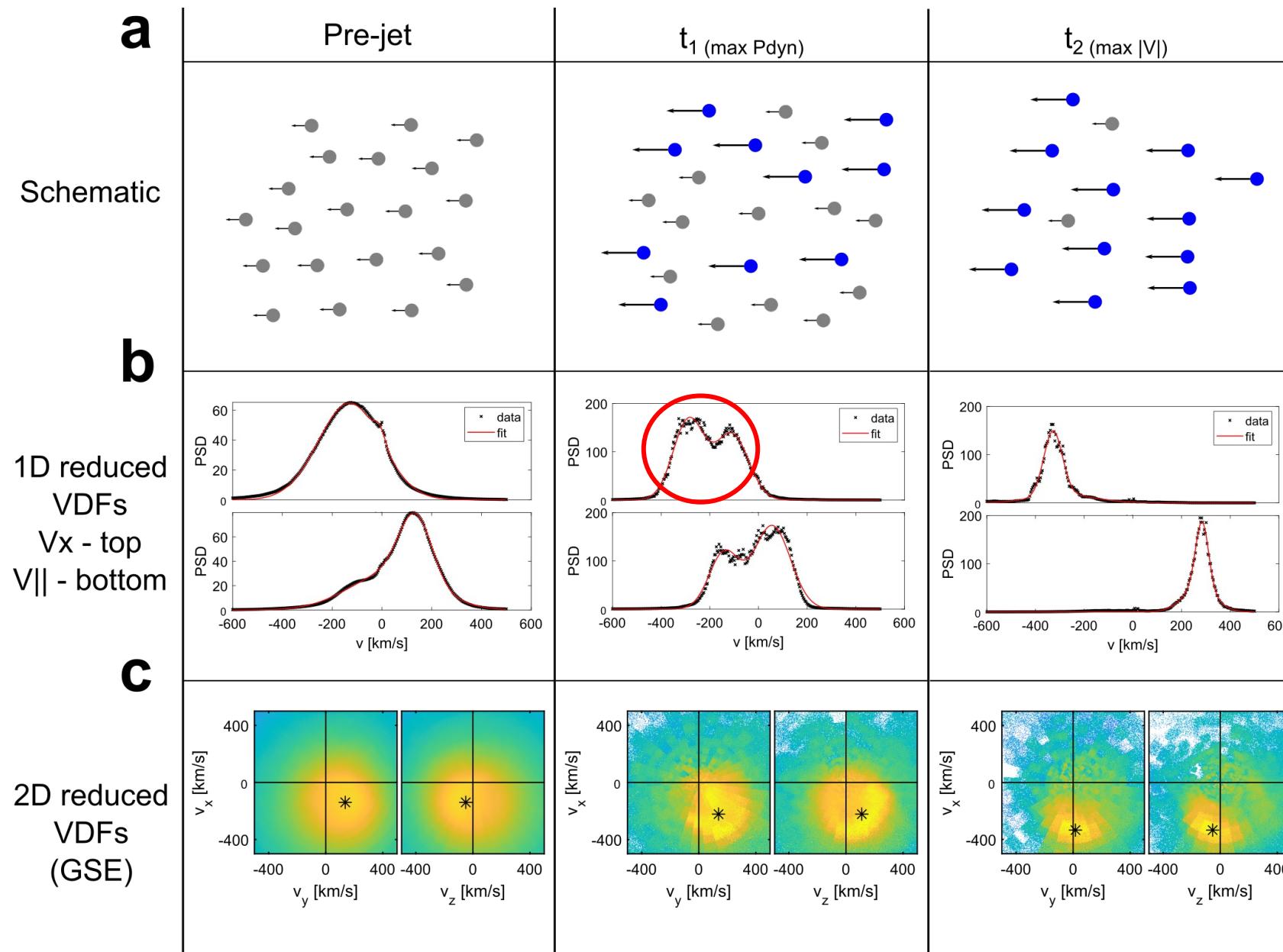
# Jet evolution in Qpar magnetosheath



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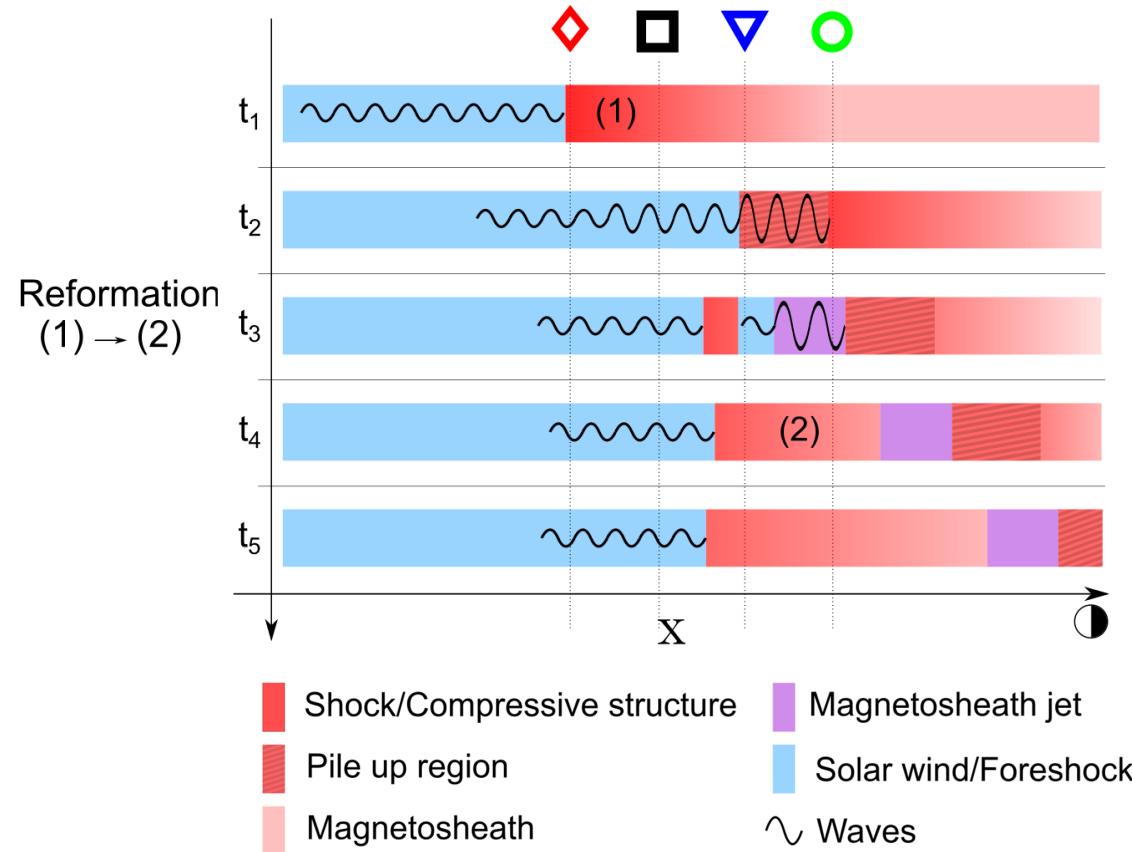
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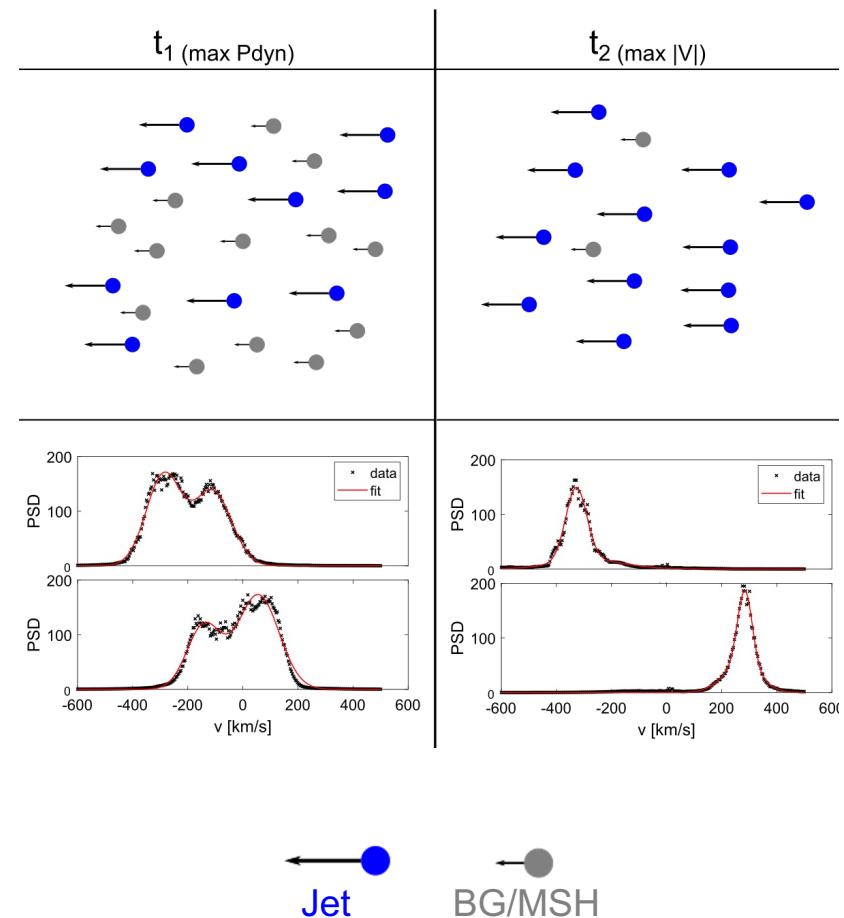
# Summary & Future

# Summary

*Jets forming from shock's fundamental non-stationarity*

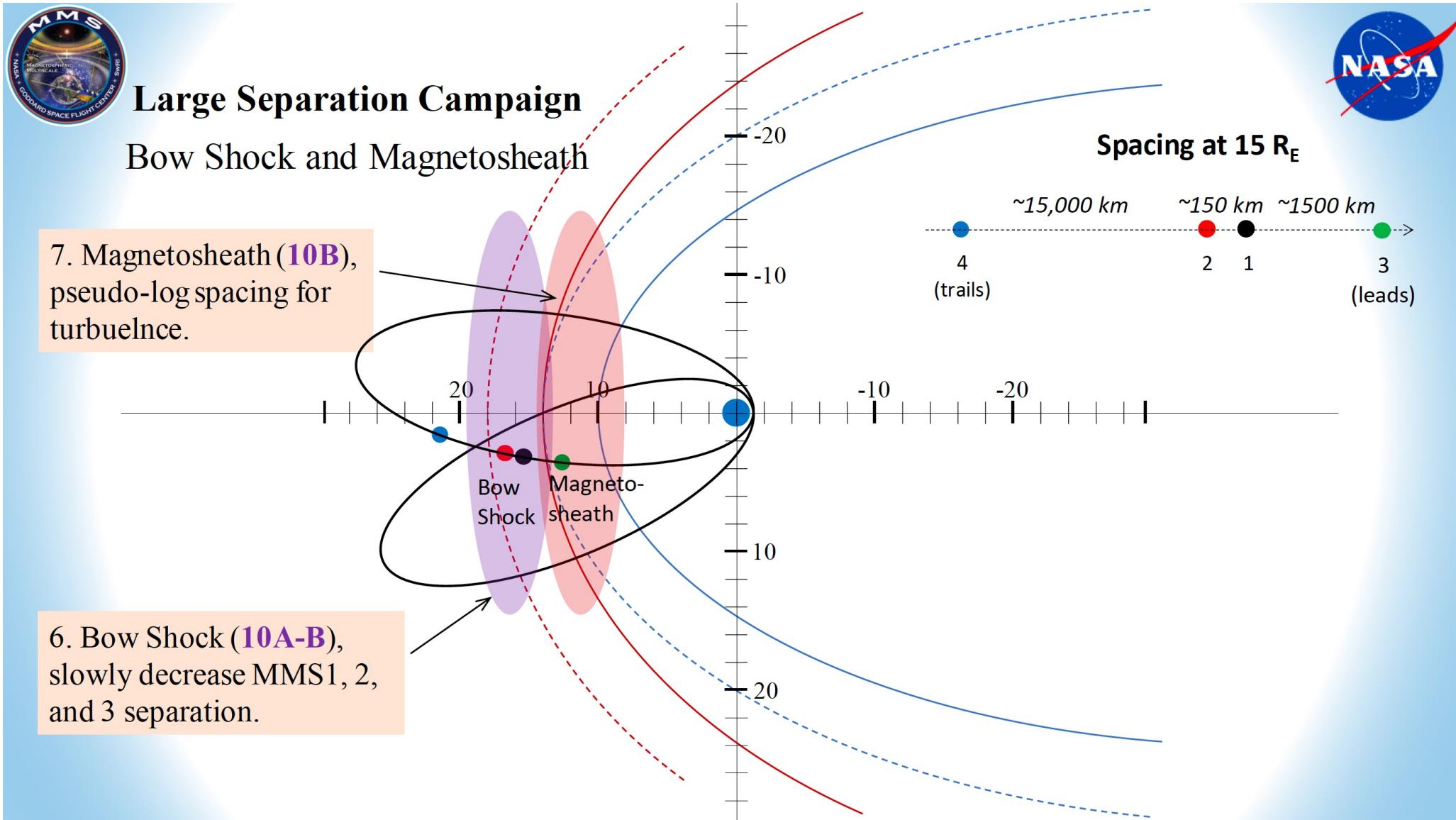


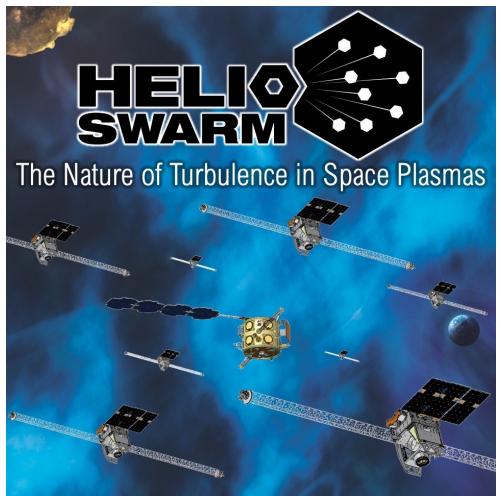
*Jets exhibiting 2+ populations = Partial moments needed  
= Very similar to upstream SW*



**Shocks, magnetosheath, fast plasma flows, foreshock transients etc. = kinetic structures**

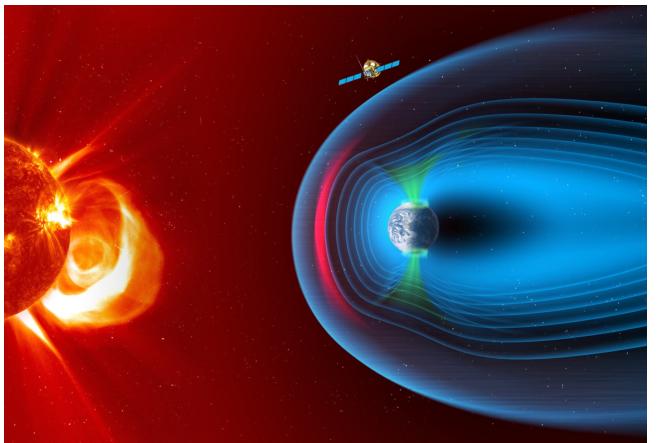
# Future – MMS



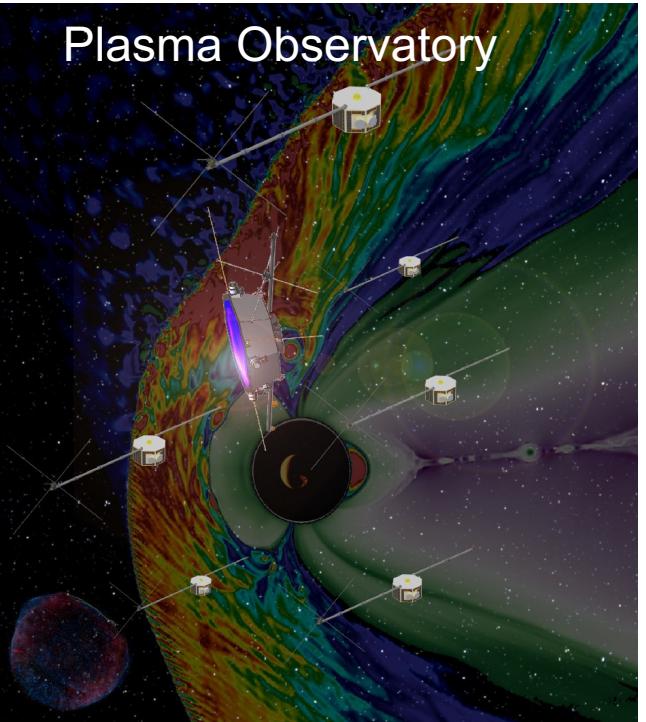


9 spacecraft  
50 - 3,000 km

5-7 spacecraft  
30 - 5,000 km



# Future – Data & Simulations



# Extras

# Proposing a new model

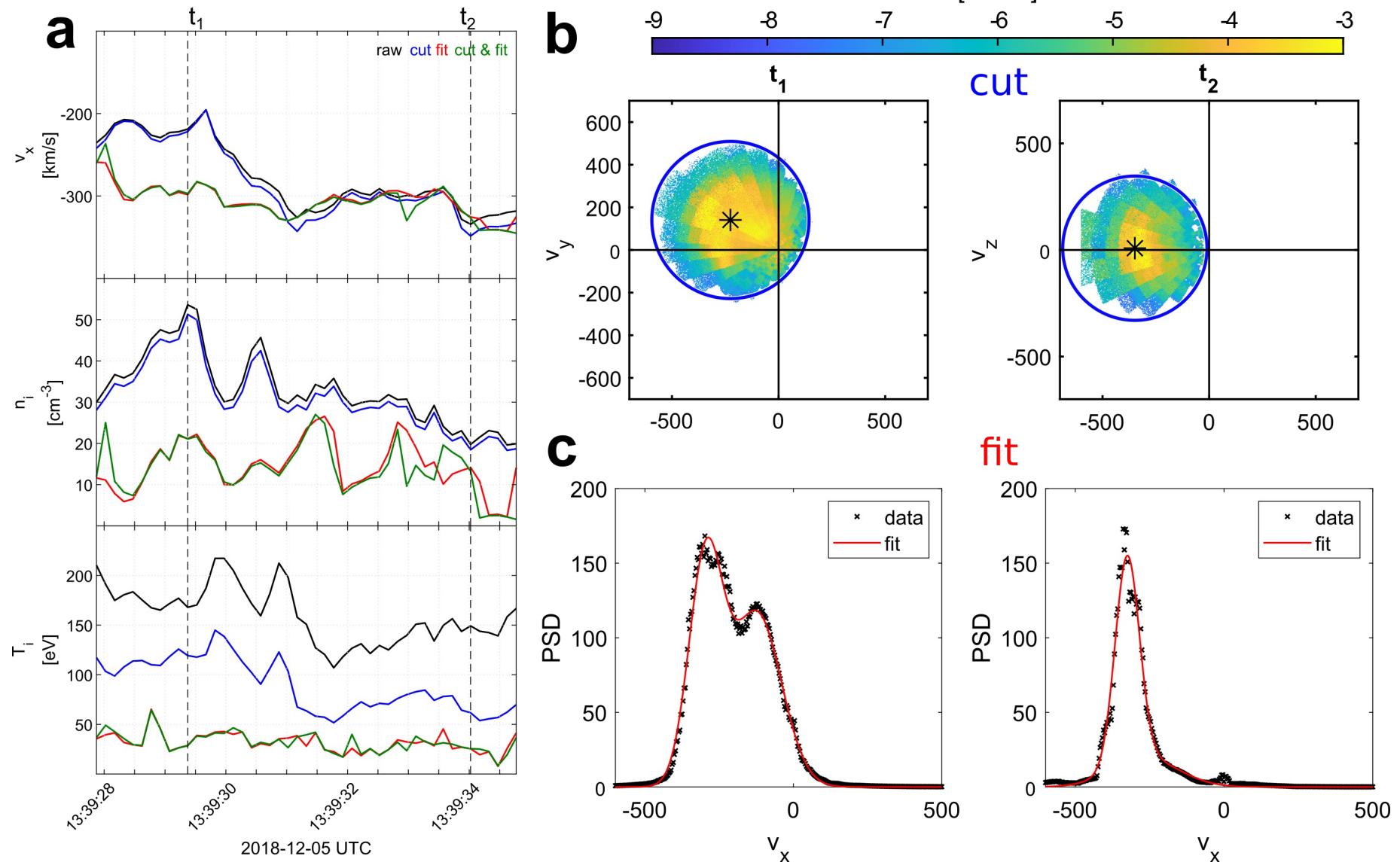


\*Where, standards = models, mechanisms, explanations etc.

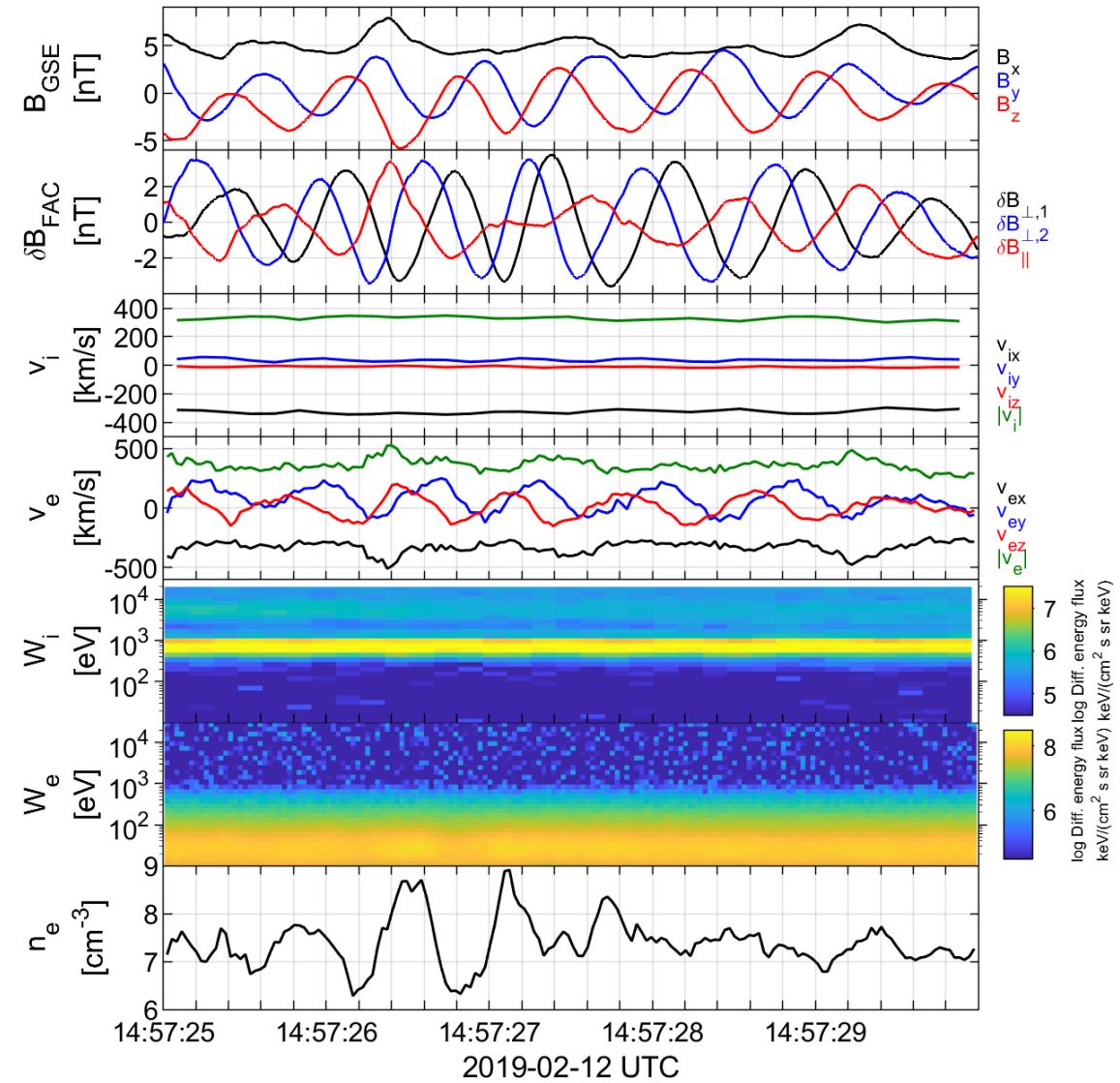
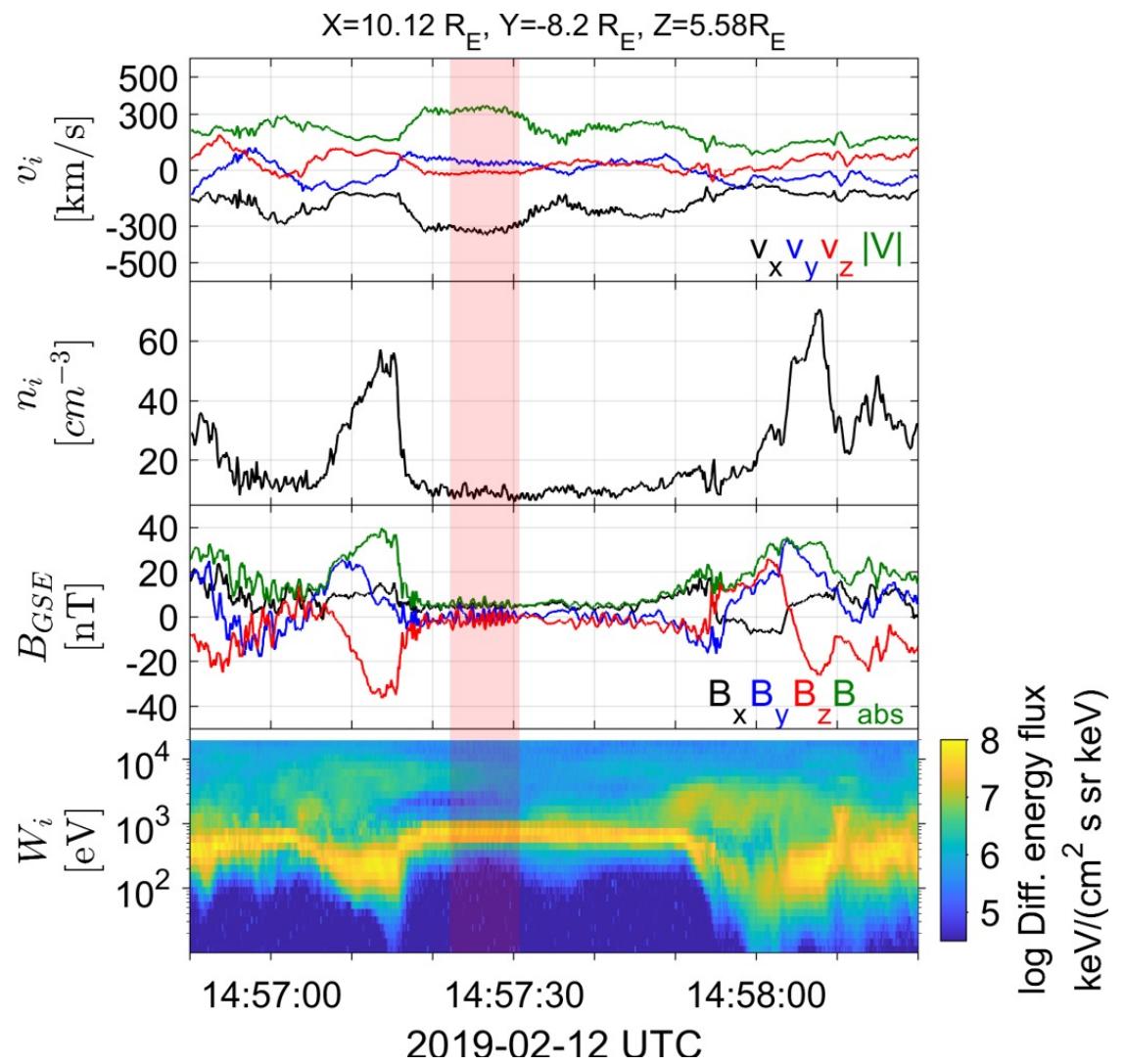
# Partial Moment Derivation

## Methods:

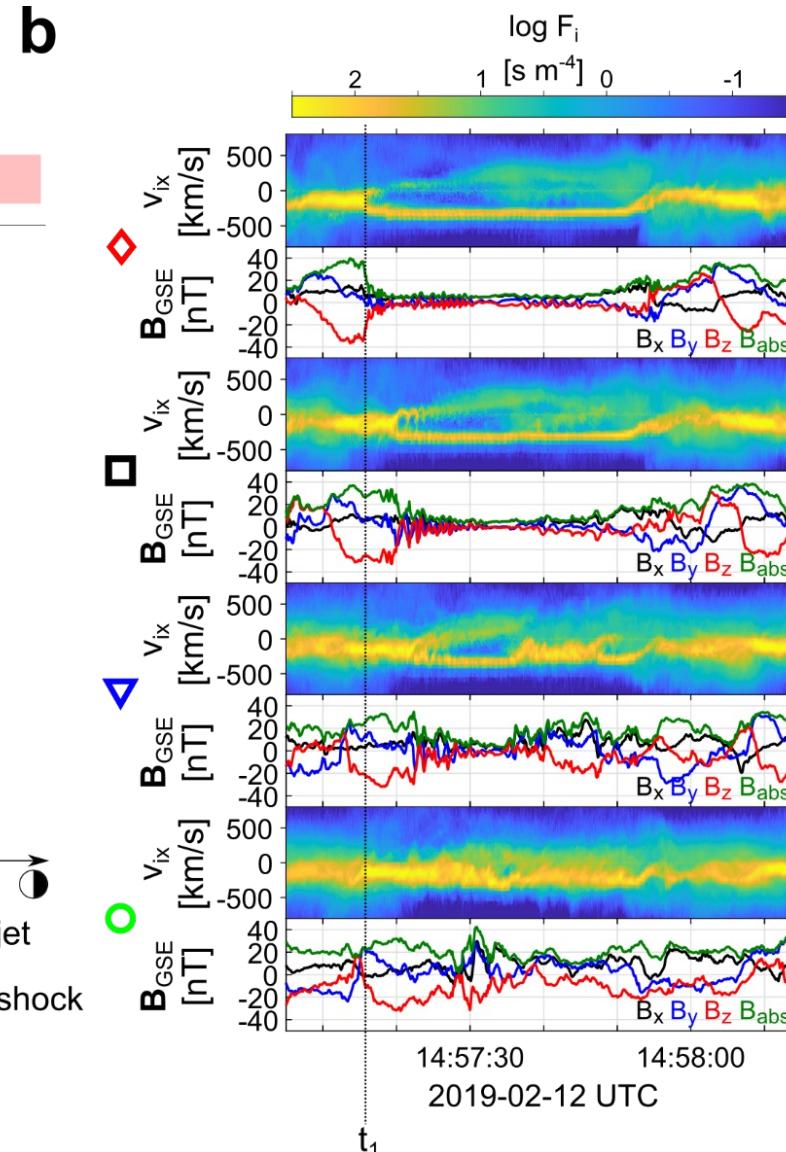
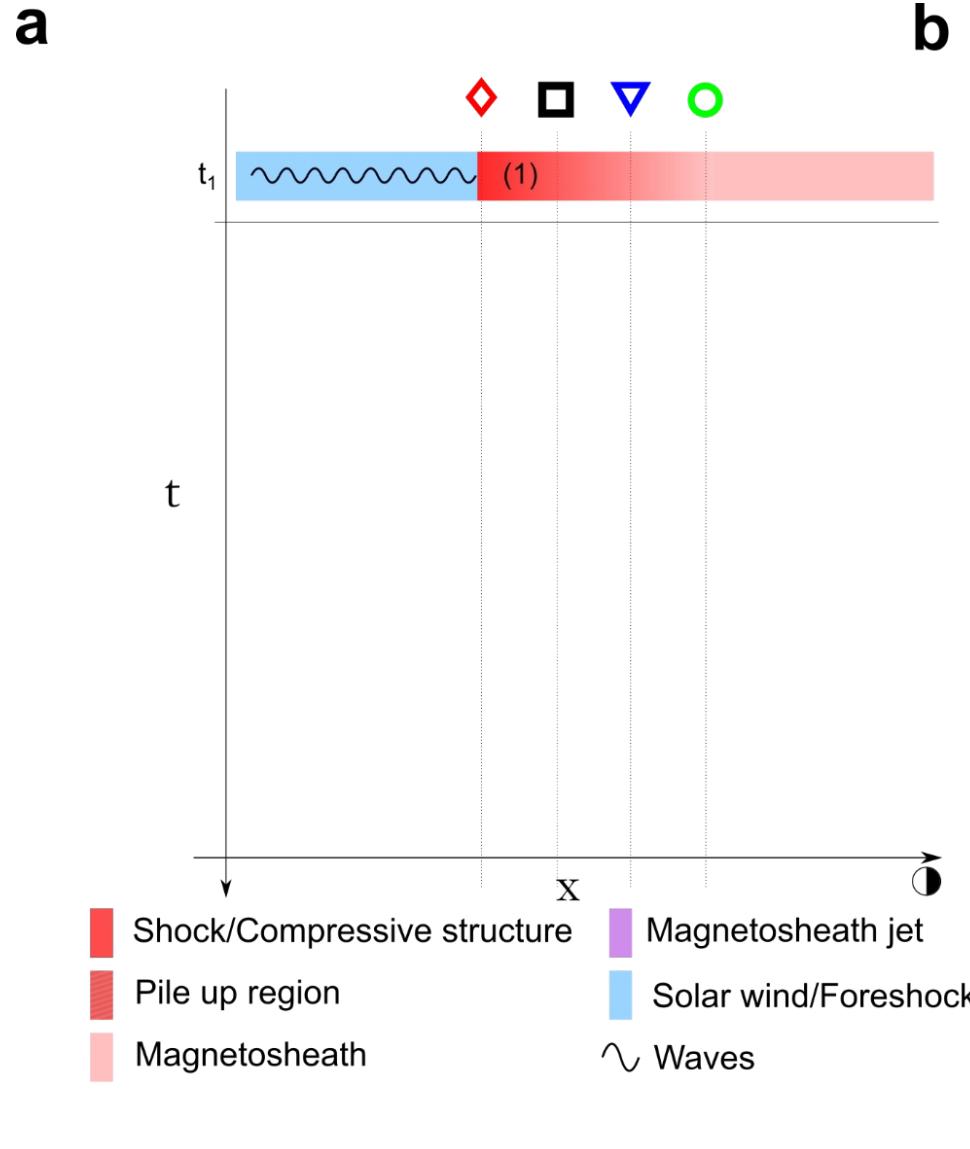
- **Cut** : 1 $v_{th}$  sphere in 3D VDF around bulk velocity
- **Fit** : Fit 2 Maxwellians in 1D reduced VDFs



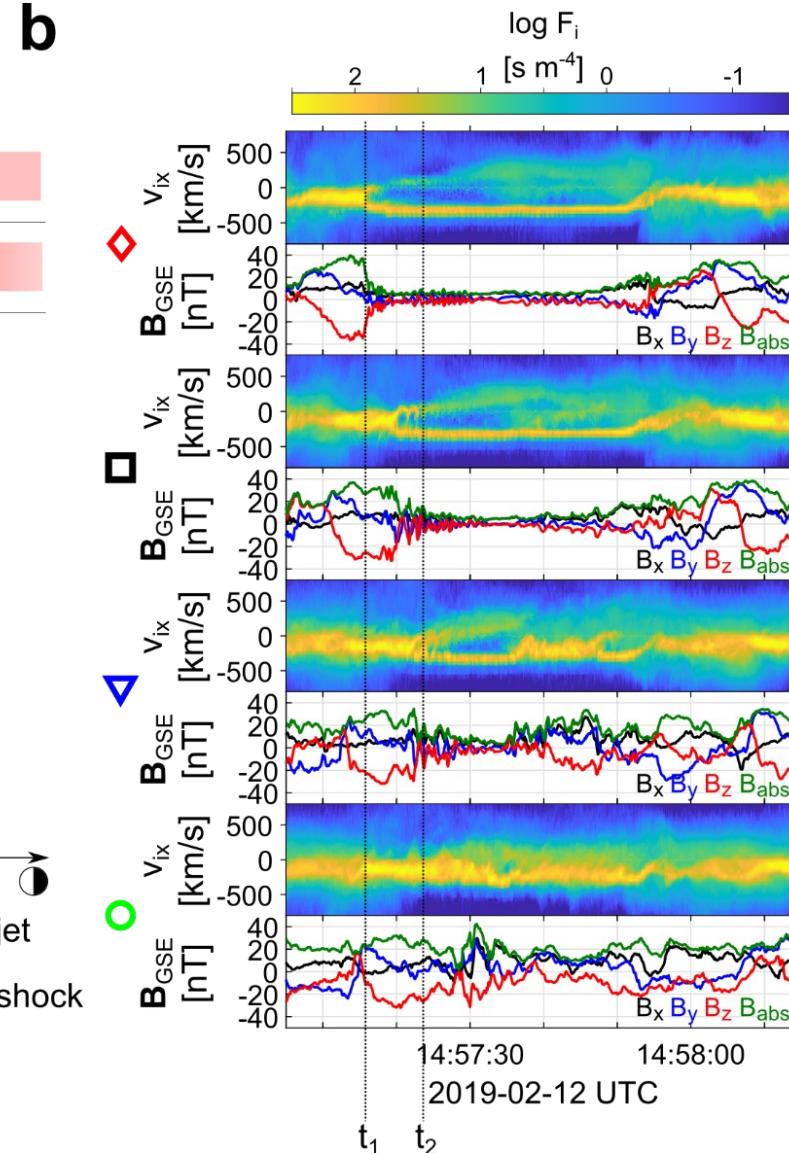
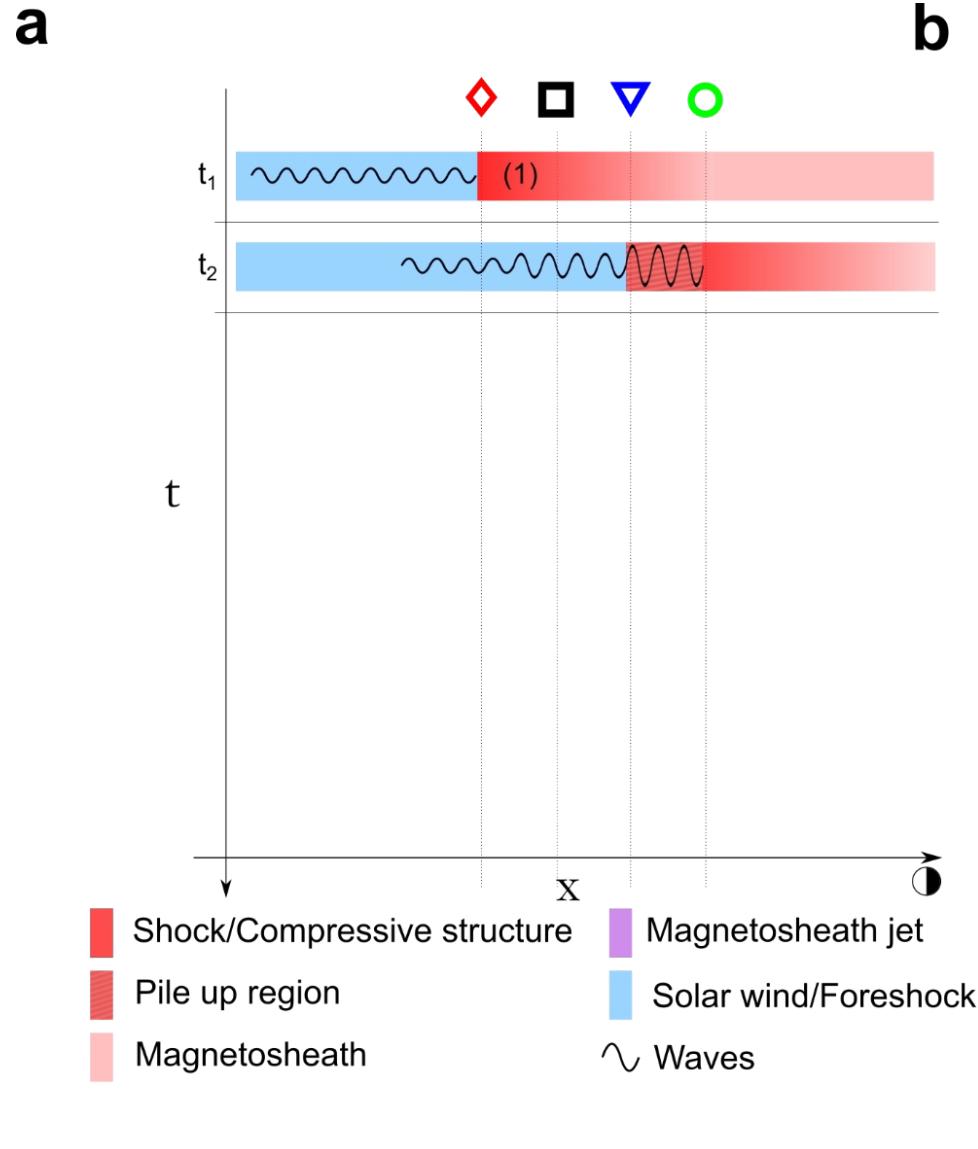
# Upstream whistlers associated to reformation



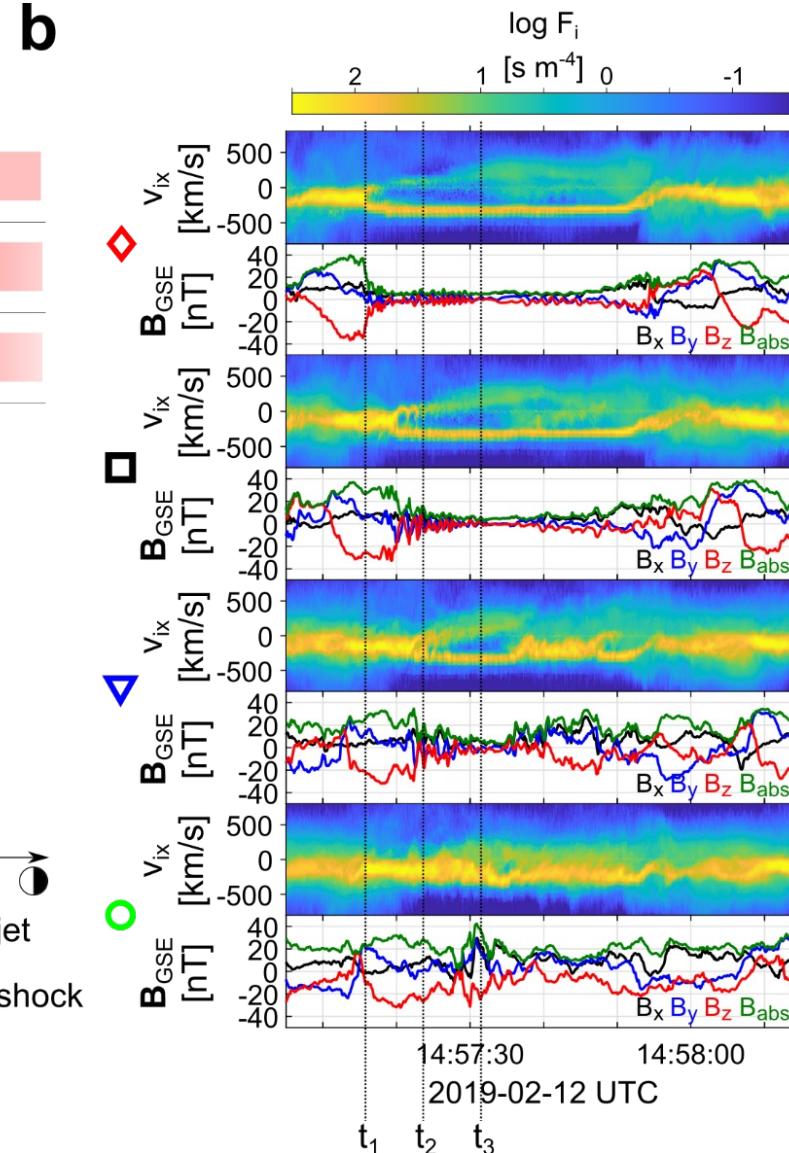
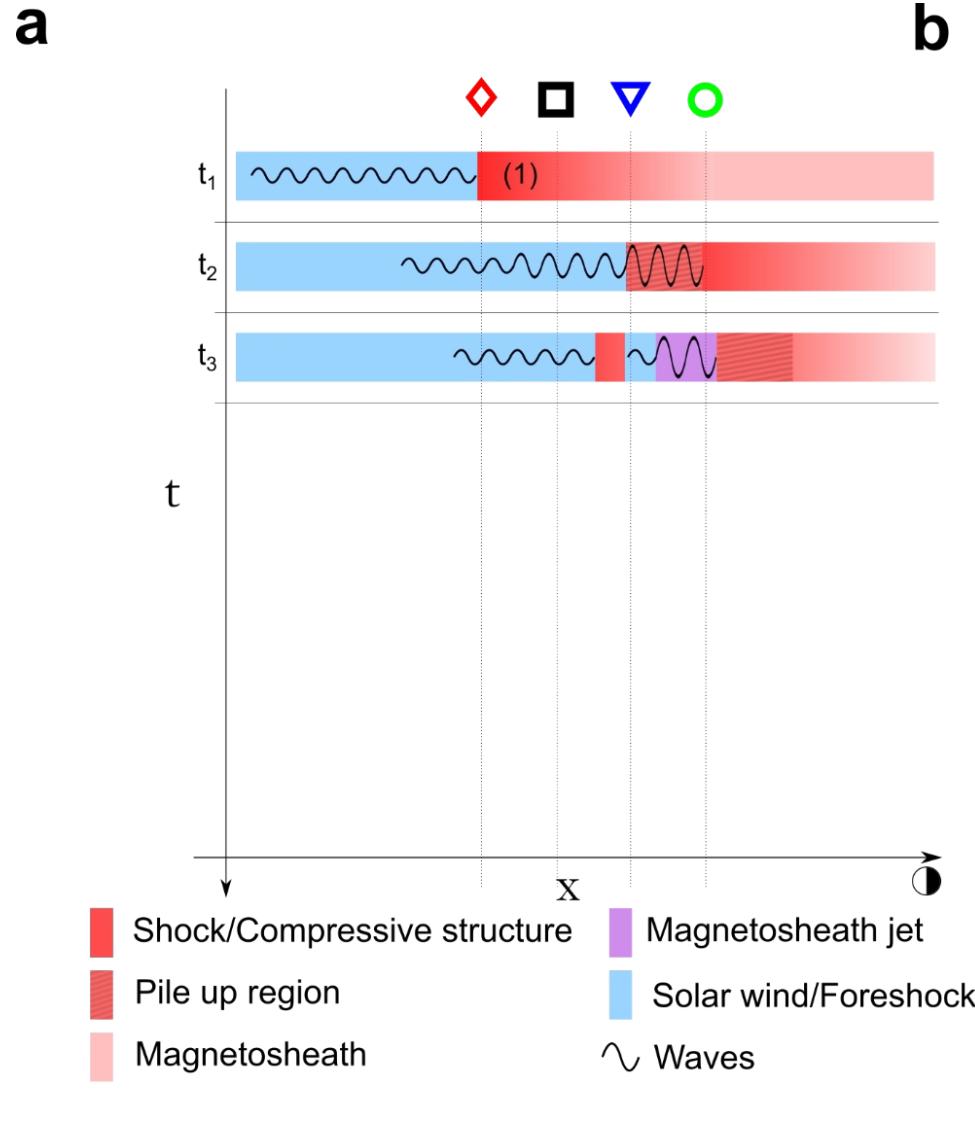
# Formation mechanism



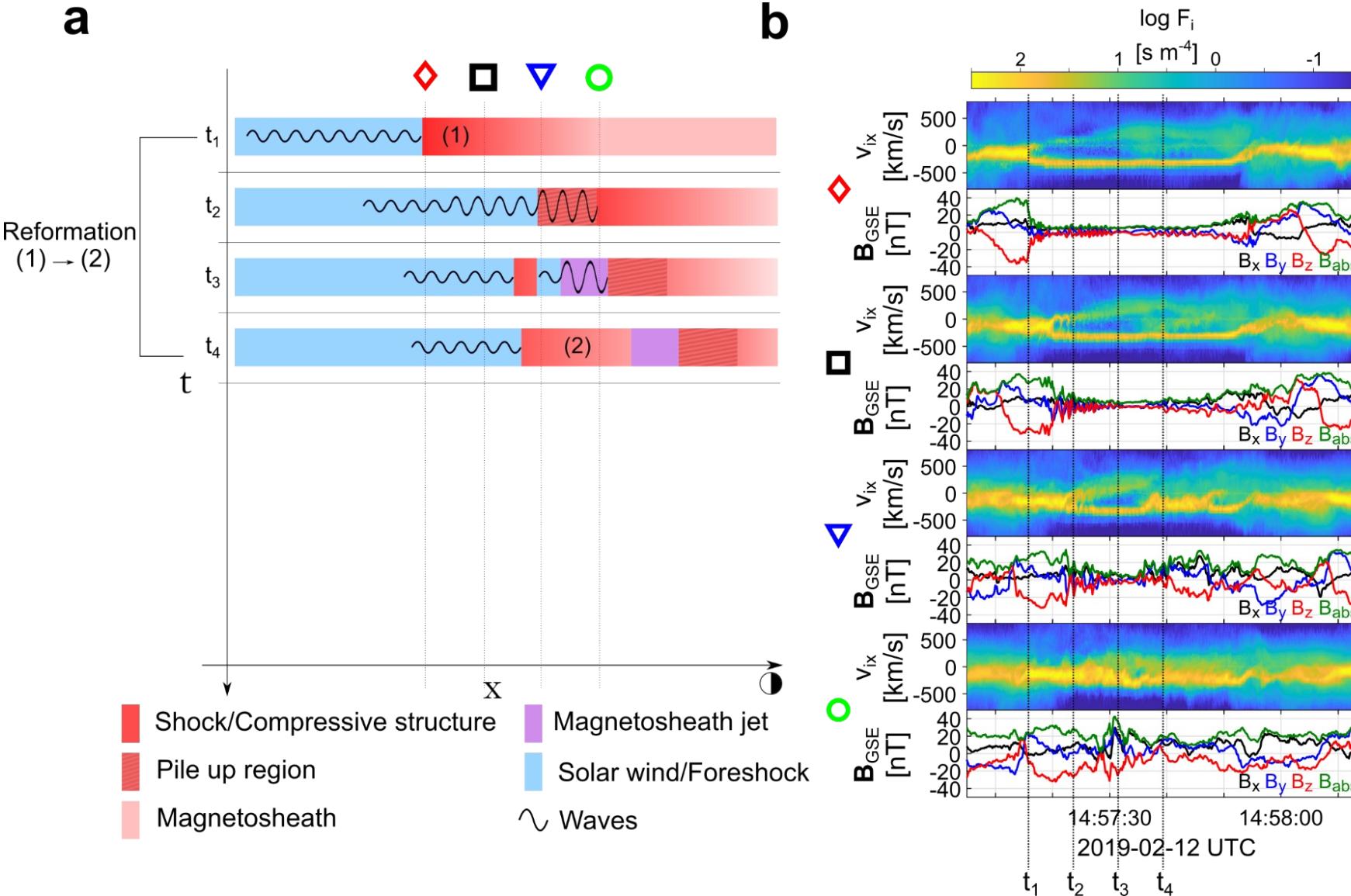
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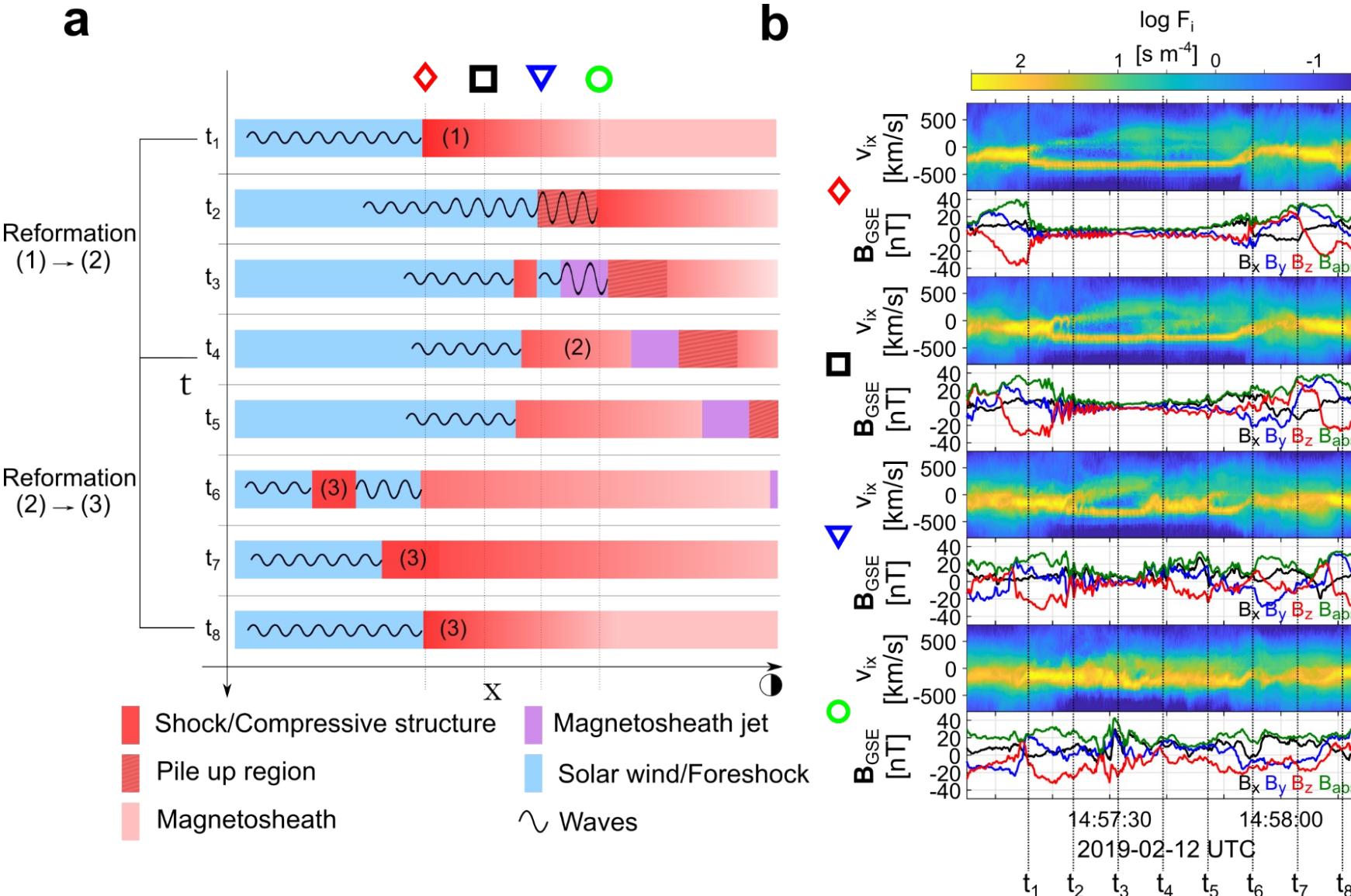
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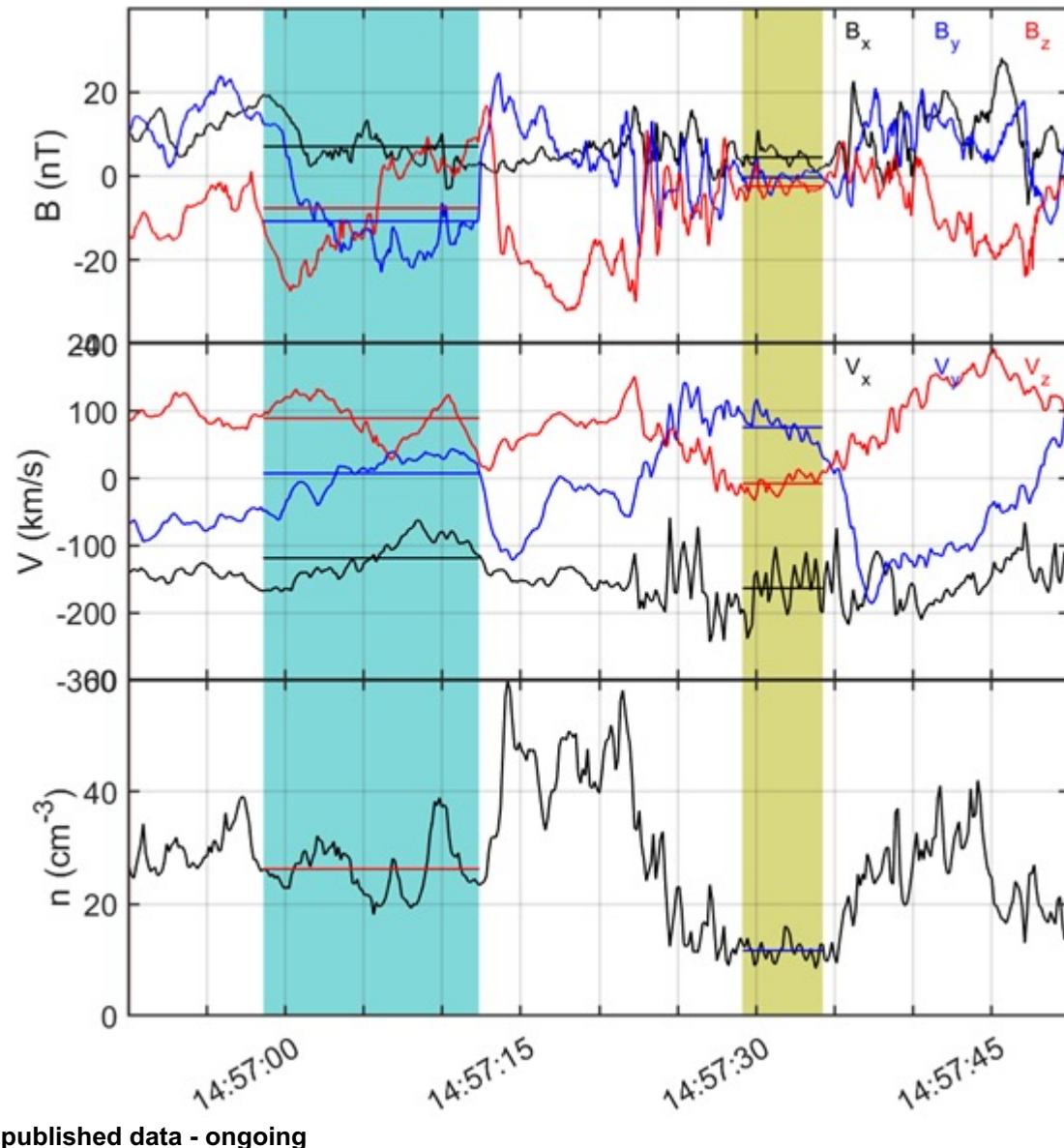
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# Local & Global Shock properties



Local Measurements (e.g., MMS4)

$$\theta_{Bn} \approx 65 - 80^\circ$$

Global BS model (e.g., Farris et al.)

$$\theta_{Bn} \approx 25^\circ$$

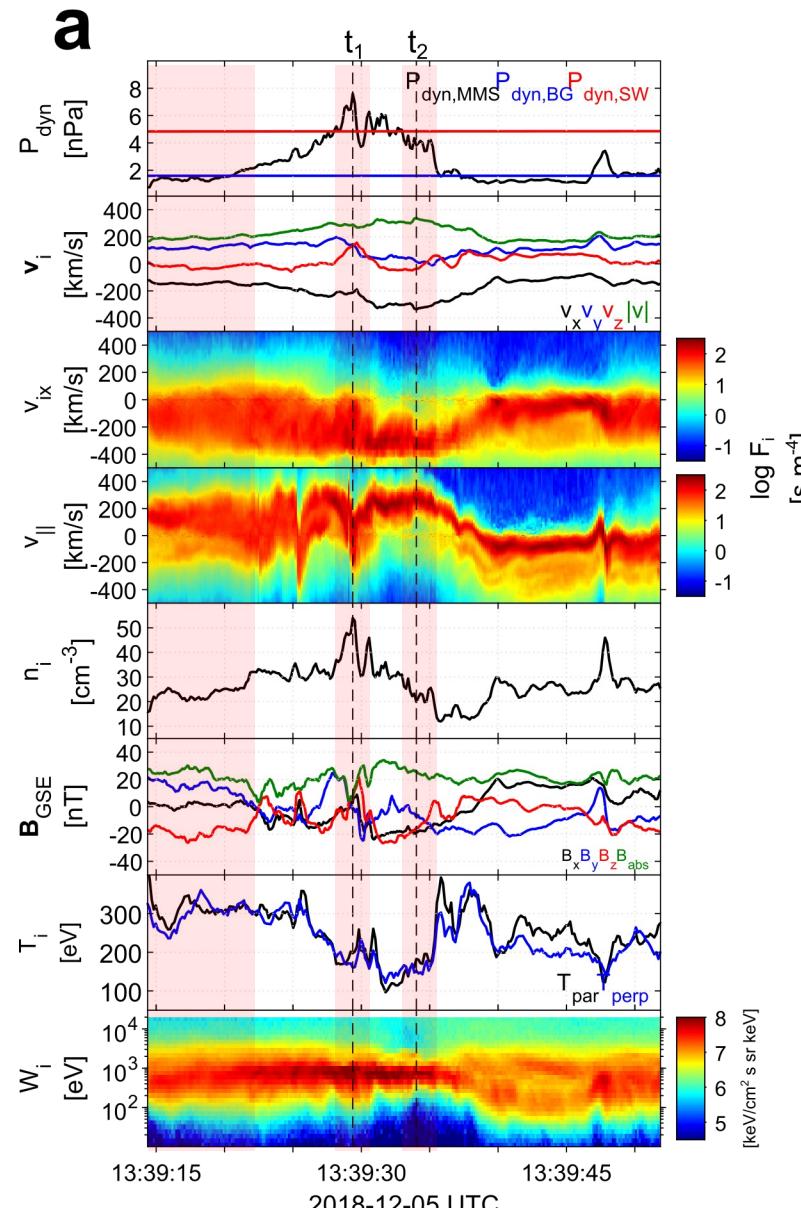
Consistent with FCS (i.e., SLAMS) acting locally as Qperp shocks.

Turner et al. 2021 (HFA):  
38.5 (“global” shock)  
80.3 (“local” shock)

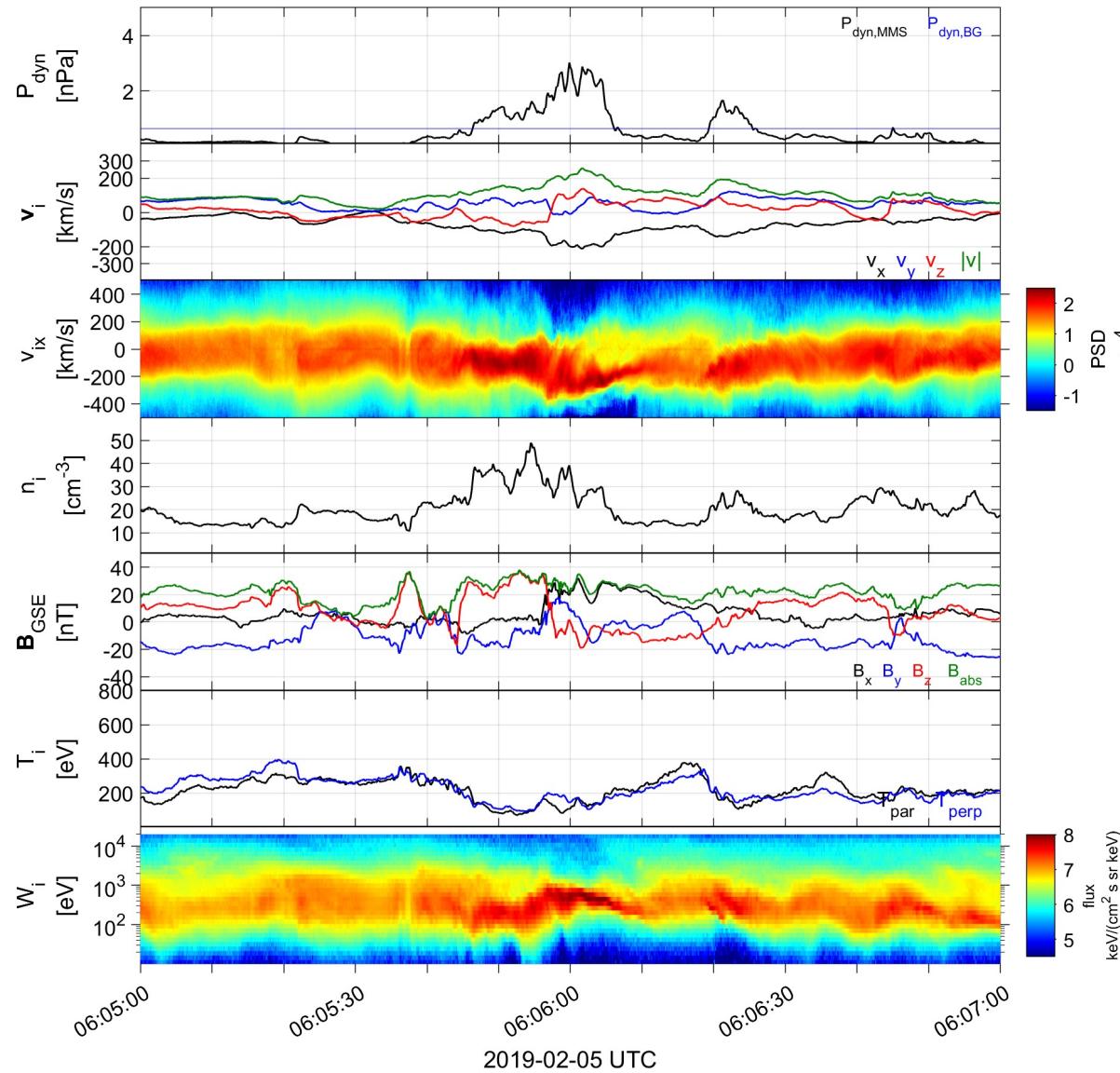
# Qpar magnetosheath jet – *Burst* data

## Areas of interest

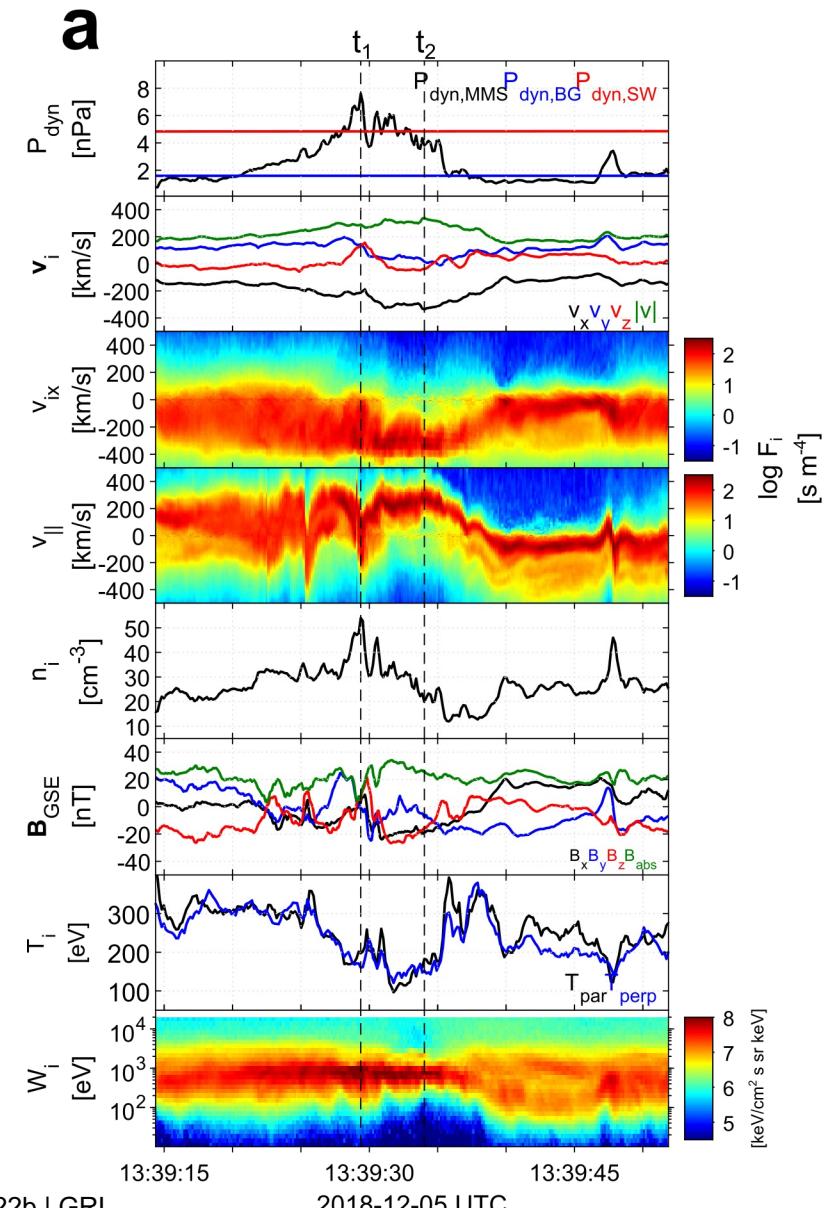
- Pre jet = Typical MSH
- $t_1 = P_{dyn}$  peak
- $t_2 = |V|$  peak



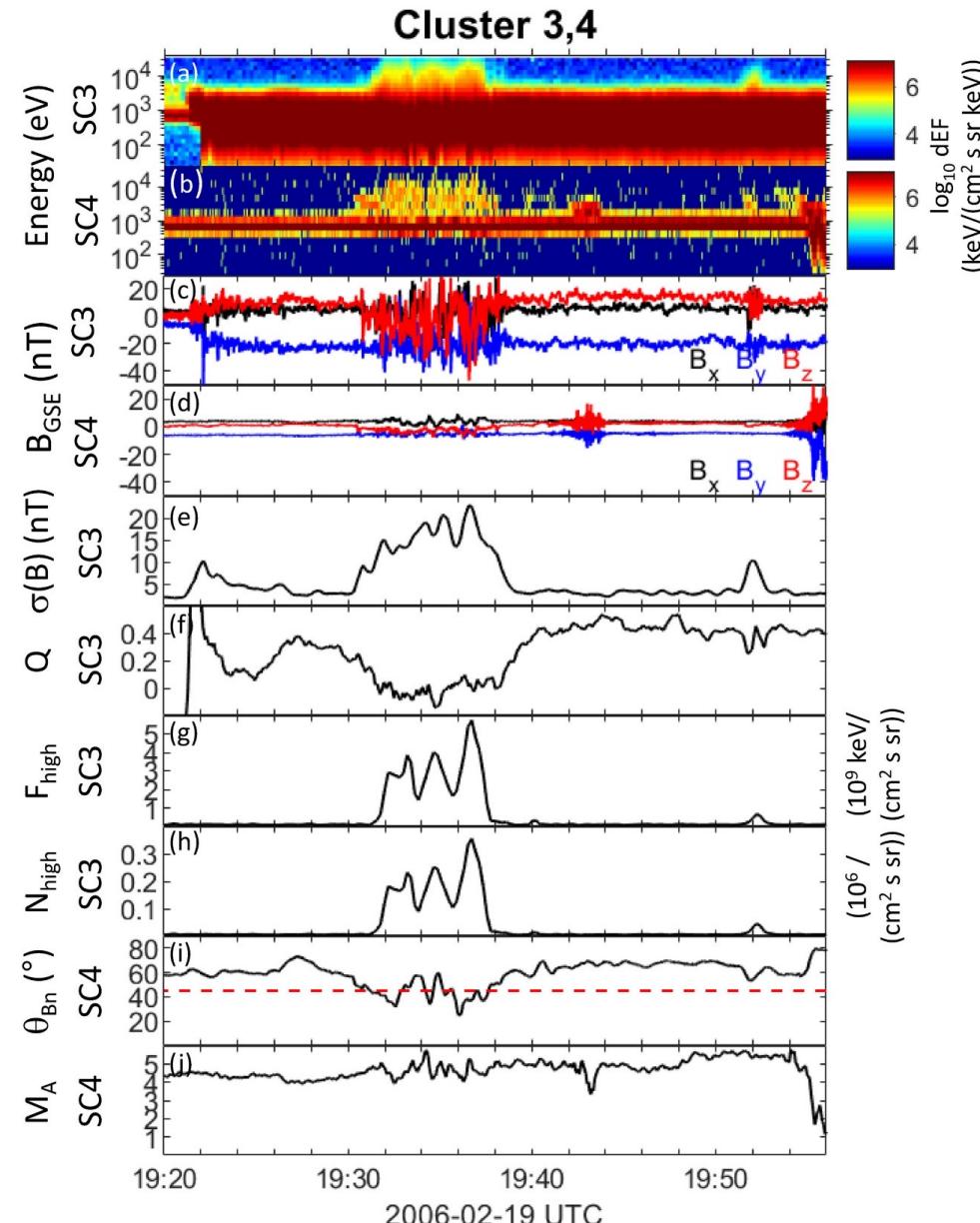
# Burst data show jets = SW



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# Classification Cluster

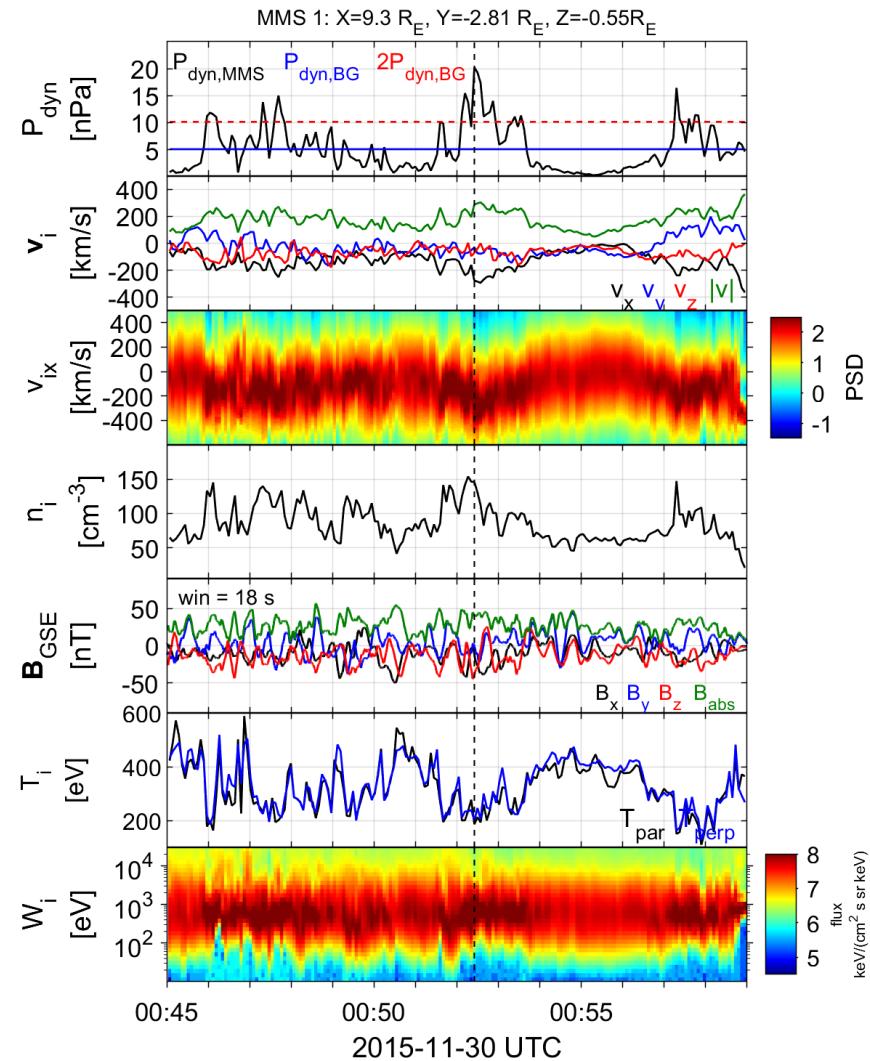


# Summarized properties – Quasi parallel

- Most common
- High dynamic pressure
- Primarily Earthward
- Associated with low temperature ( $\Delta T$ )
- Associated with high  $|B|$  &  $\Delta B$
- $\Delta\beta < 0$

Qpar Jet

Jets found in  $Q_{\parallel}$  MSH



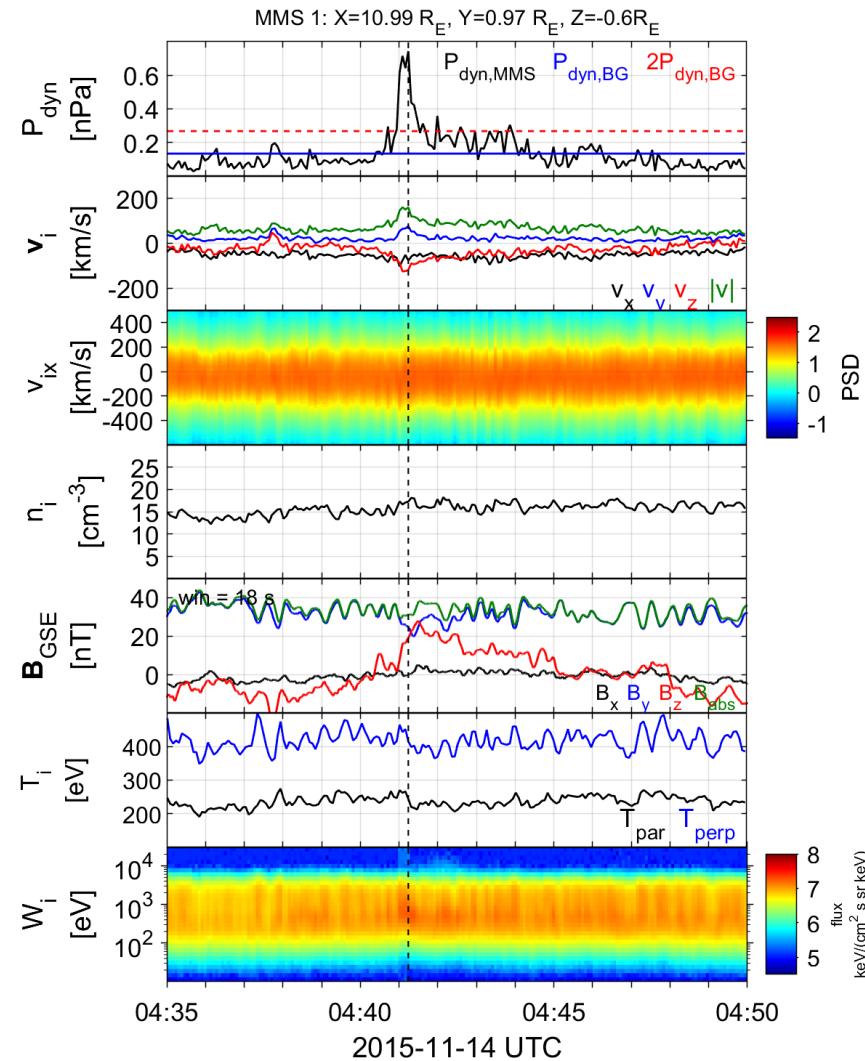
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Final cases	901	10.1
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Boundary	781	8.5
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Encapsulated	80	0.9
Final cases	60	0.7
Other	5335	58.0
Unclassified/Uncertain	3789	41.2
Border	1500	16.3
Data Gap	46	0.5

# Summarized properties – Quasi perpendicular

- Less common
- Less Energetic
- Mainly velocity driven
- Very small duration ( $\sim 4$  sec)
- Could be connected to MSH reconnection, mirror mode waves or FTEs

Qperp Jet

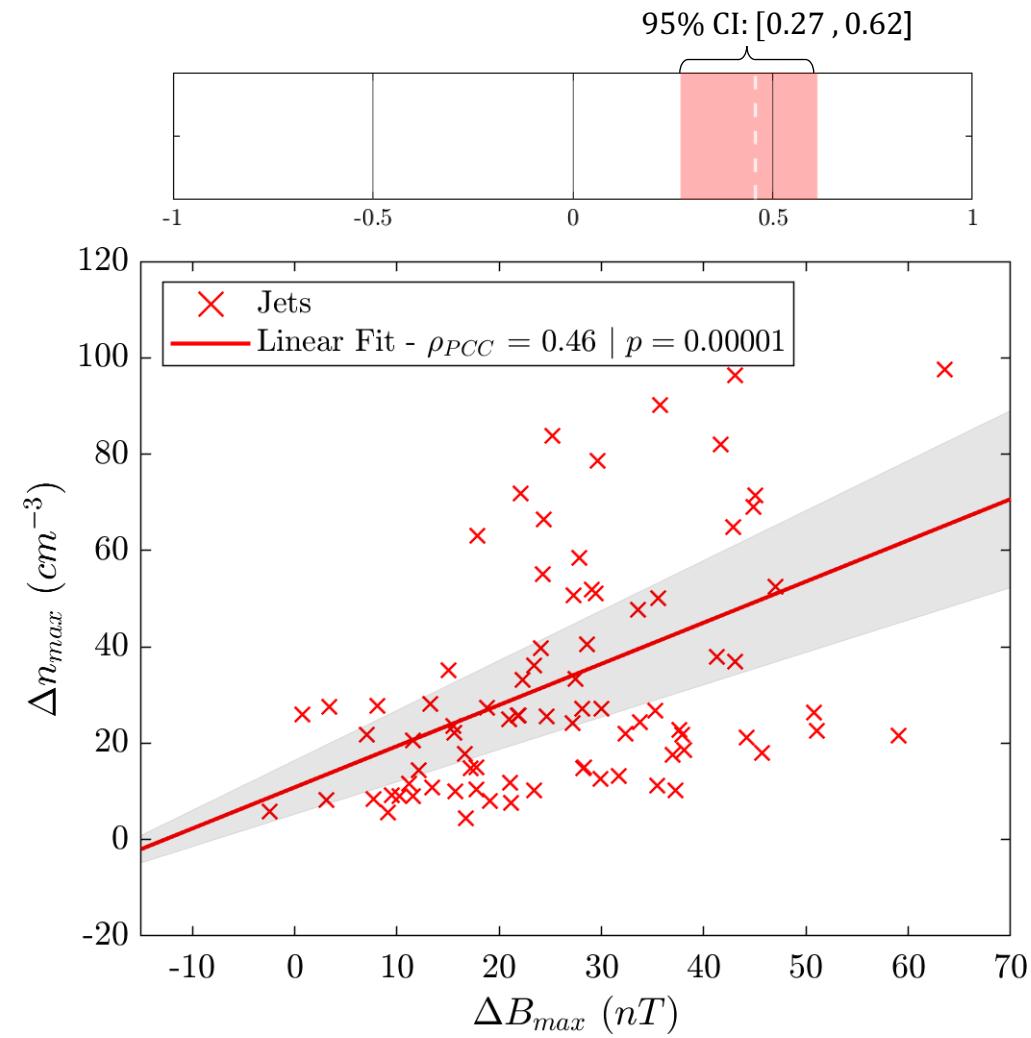
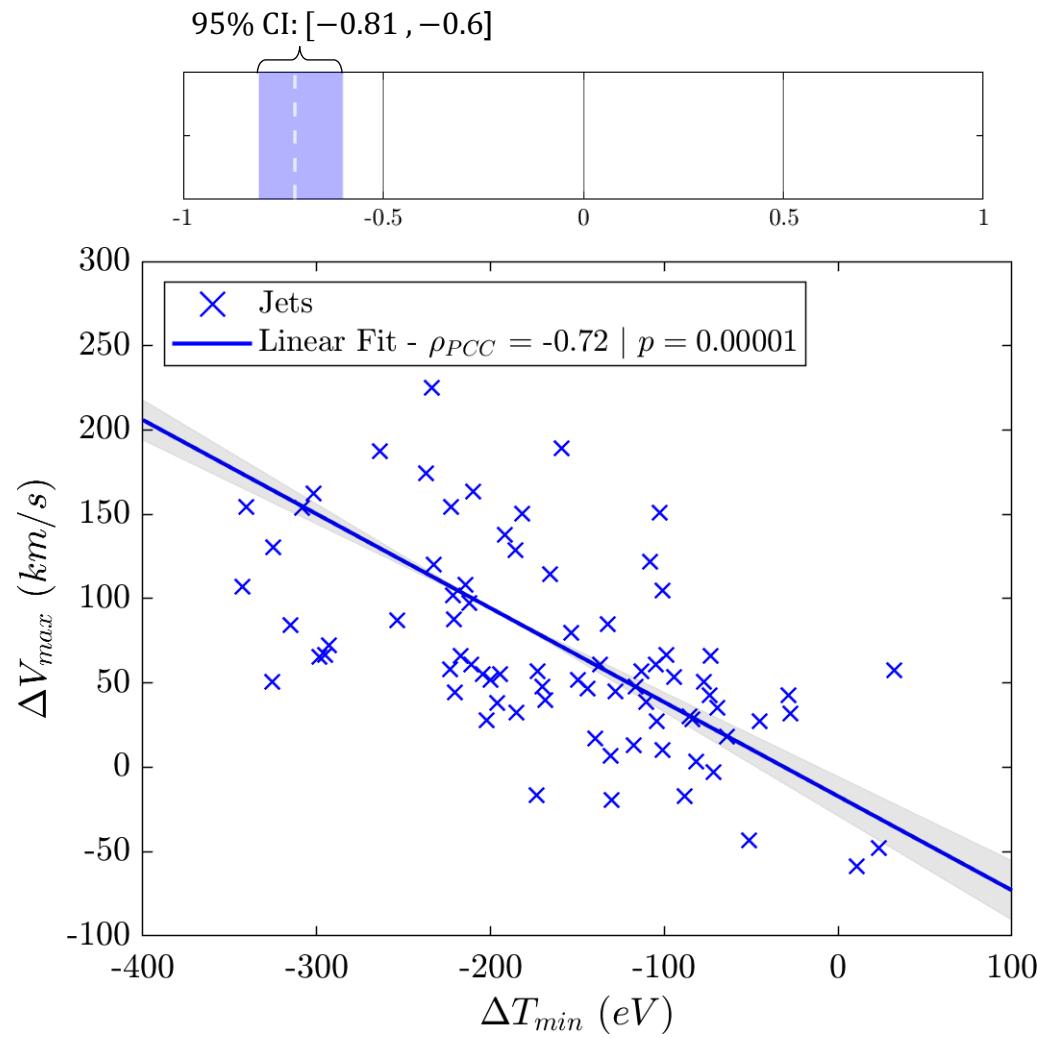
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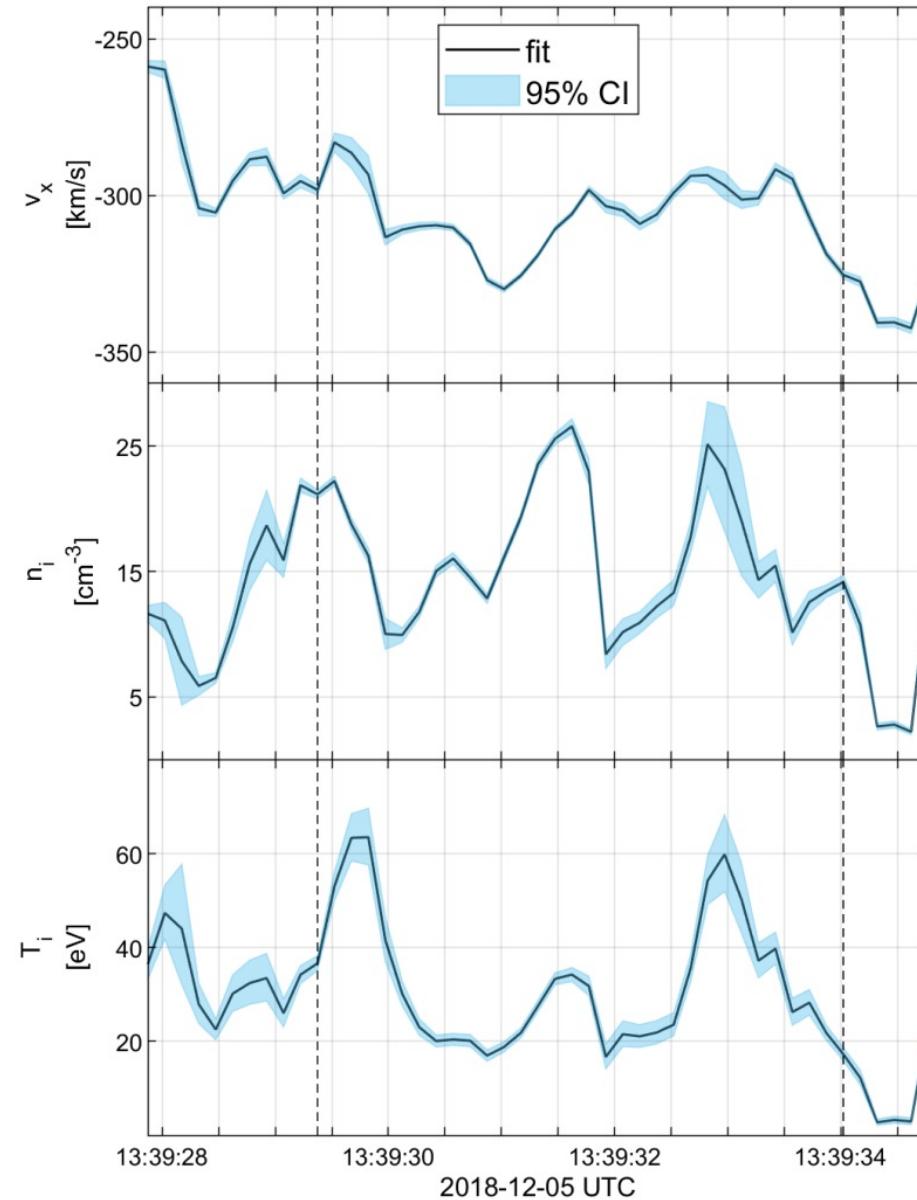
# Example: statistics of subset close to bow shock

$n = 90$



(unpublished data – Ongoing work)

# Errors on fitted quantities



# Scale comparison (e.g., Turner et al. 2021)

## Hot Flow Anomaly (HFA) self-reformation

$$\mathbf{n} = [-0.540, 0.379, 0.737]$$

$$v_{SH} = -62.1 \frac{km}{s}$$

New Shock ramp ~5 sec

~1Li and then growing to ~2Li

$$\begin{aligned} L_e &= \sim 2 \text{ km} \\ L_i &= \sim 90 \text{ km} \\ L_d &= \sim 13 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

## SLAMS self-reformation

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MC: } &[0.9026, 0.0987, -0.4191] \\ \text{MVA: } &[-0.97, 0.16, -0.19] \end{aligned}$$

$$v_{SH} = \sim 60 \frac{km}{s}$$

New Shock ramp ~3-5 sec

New ramp ~150km ~2  $L_i$

$$\begin{aligned} L_e &= \sim 2 \text{ km} \\ L_i &= \sim 80 \text{ km} \\ L_d &= \sim 10 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$