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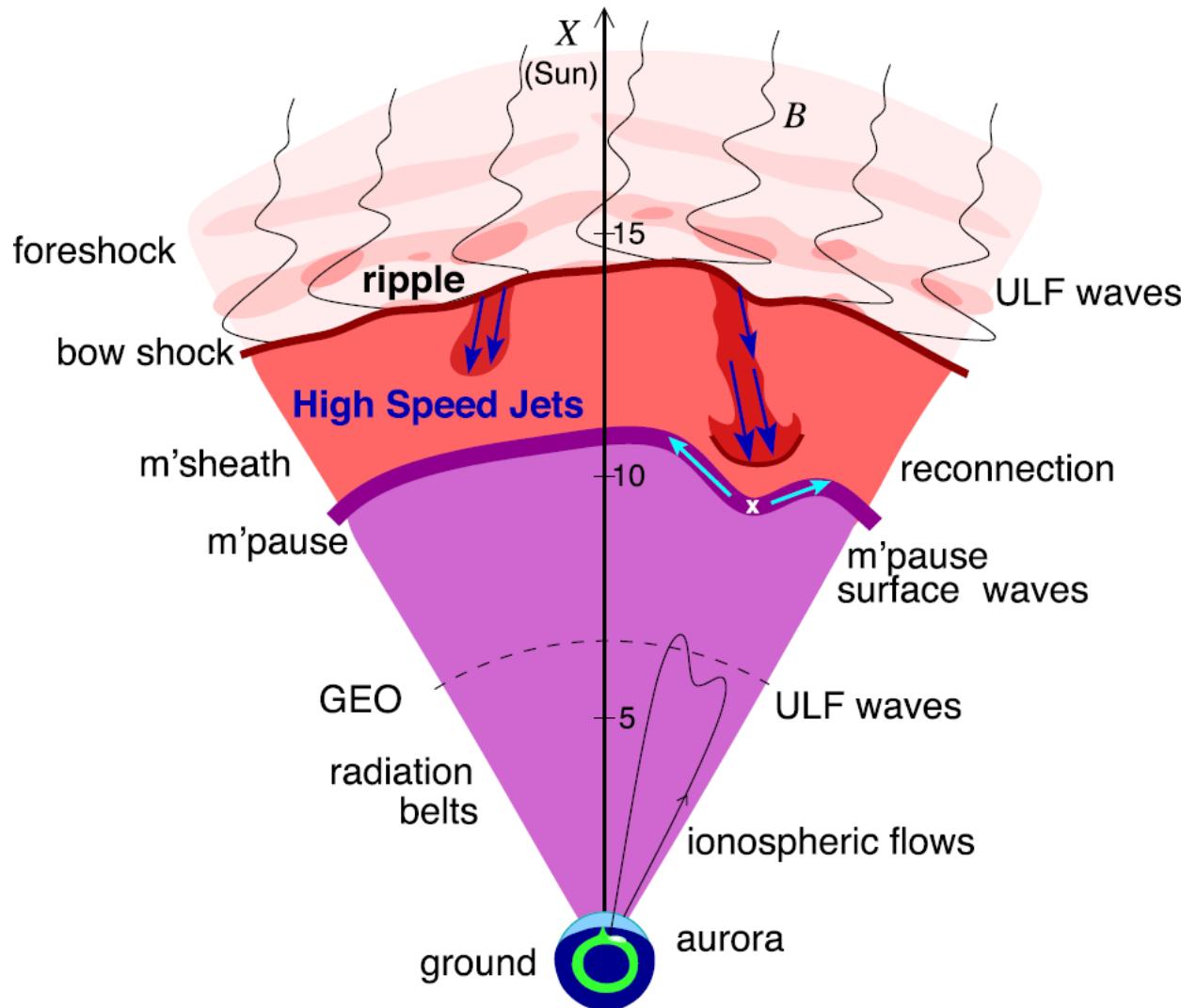
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Introduction

Jets

Magnetosheath Jets – Definition



Definition

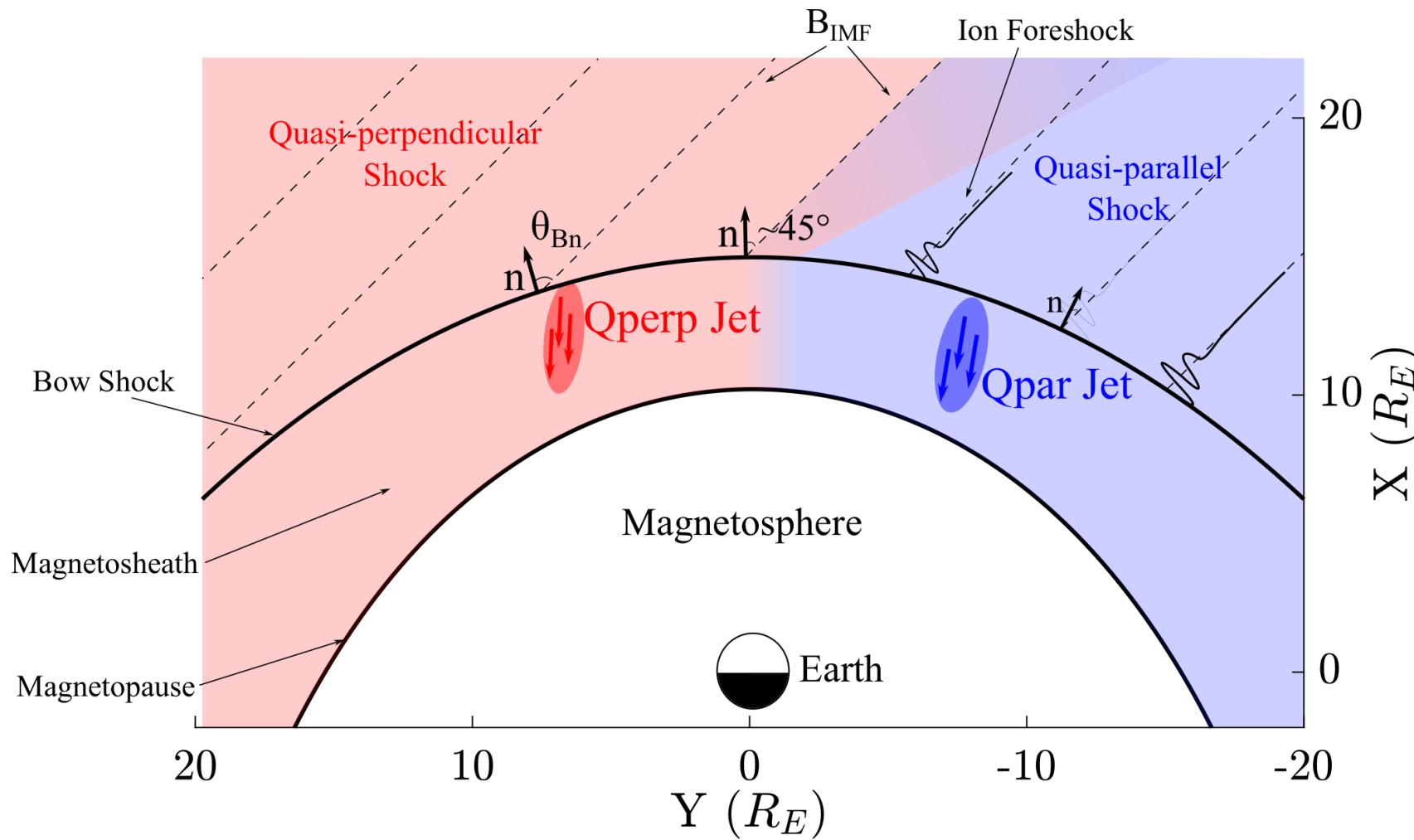
Magnetosheath jets are **transient localized enhancements of dynamic pressure** (density and/or velocity increase)

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

Shock, Magnetosheath & Jet classification



" θ_{Bn} is the angle between the IMF and the shock's normal vector"

$$Qpar = \theta_{Bn} \lesssim 45^\circ$$
$$Qperp = \theta_{Bn} \gtrsim 45^\circ$$

"Jets found ~9 times more often in the Qpar MSH"

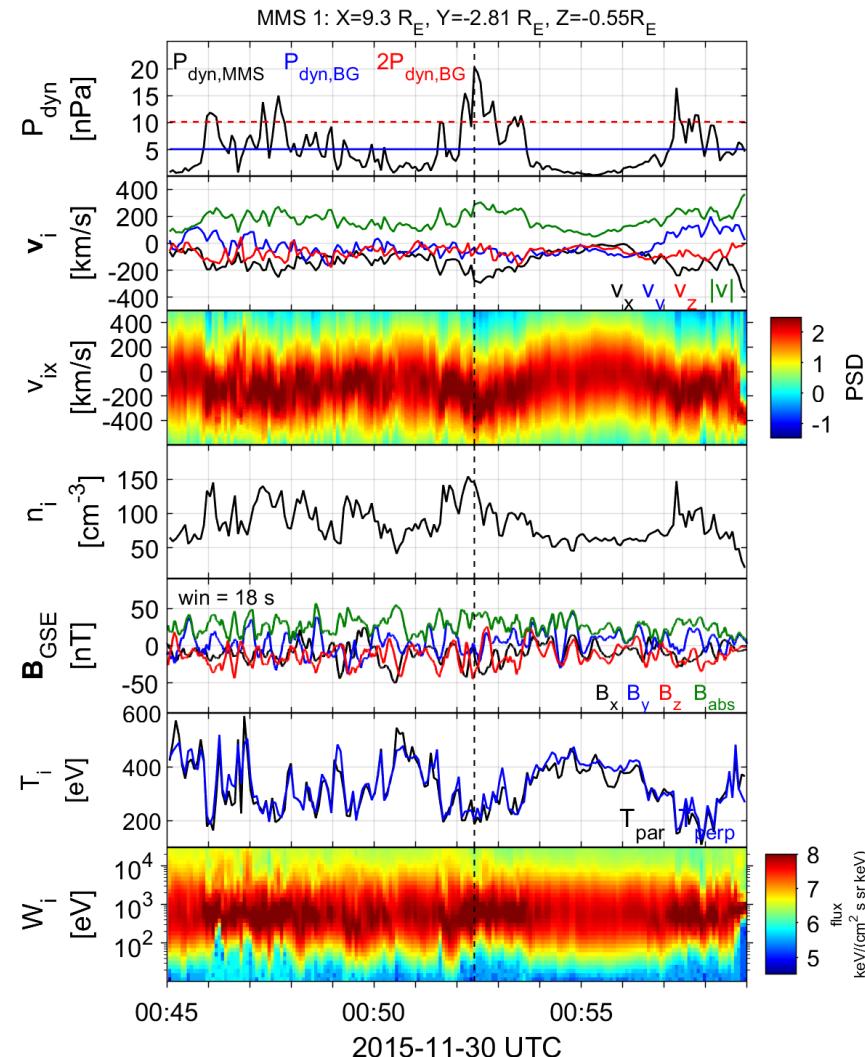
Vuorinen et al. (2019)

Summarized properties – Quasi Parallel

- Most common
- High dynamic pressure
- Primarily Earthward
- Associated with low temperature (ΔT)
- Associated with high $|B|$ & ΔB
- High $|B|$ variance
- Relevant to magnetospheric effects

Qpar Jet

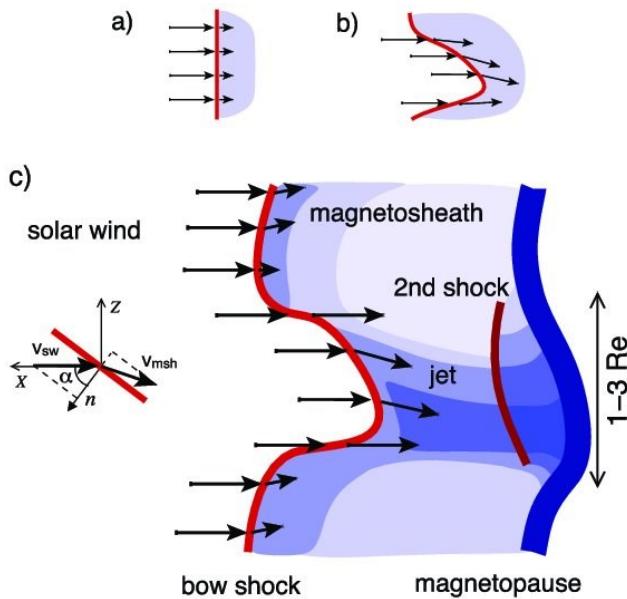
Jets found in Q_{\parallel} MSH



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How are these jets created (Qpar) ?

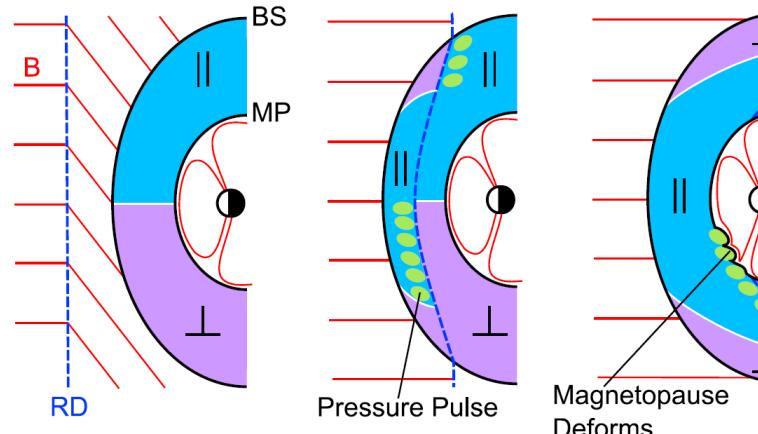
Shock ripples



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

Hietala et al. (2009,2012)

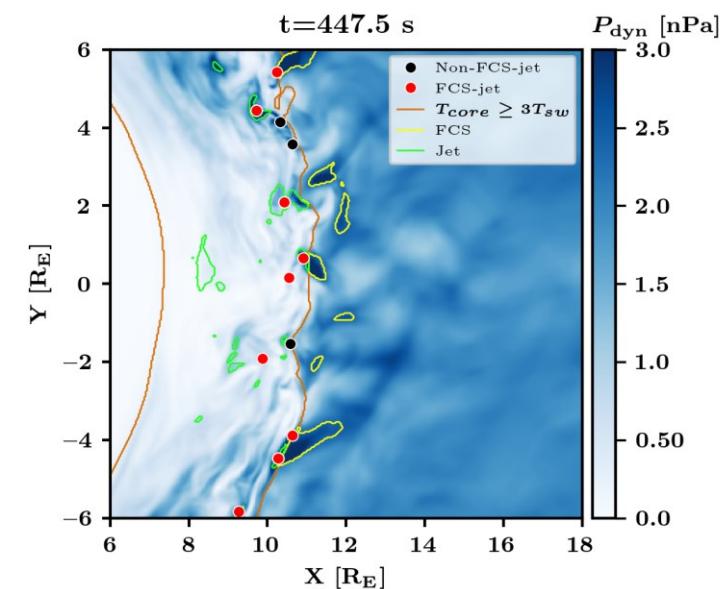
SW discontinuities



RD → Change in Foreshock
position → Pressure pulses

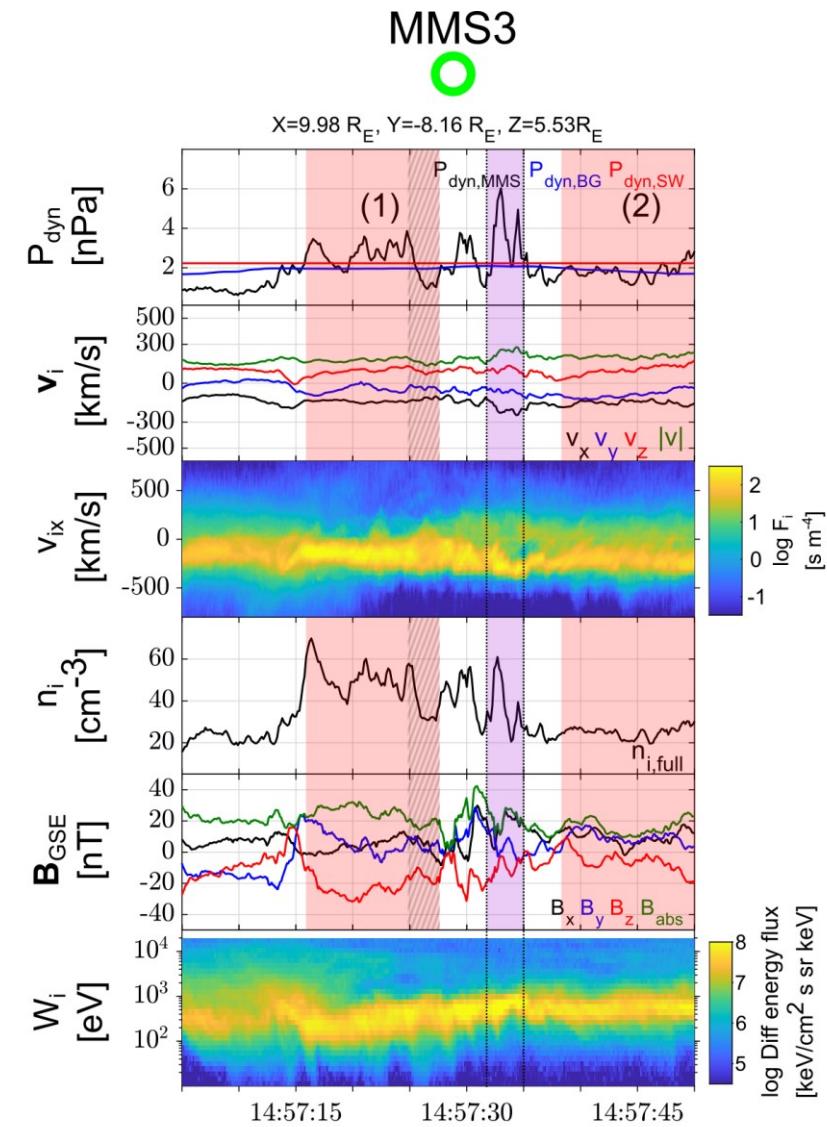
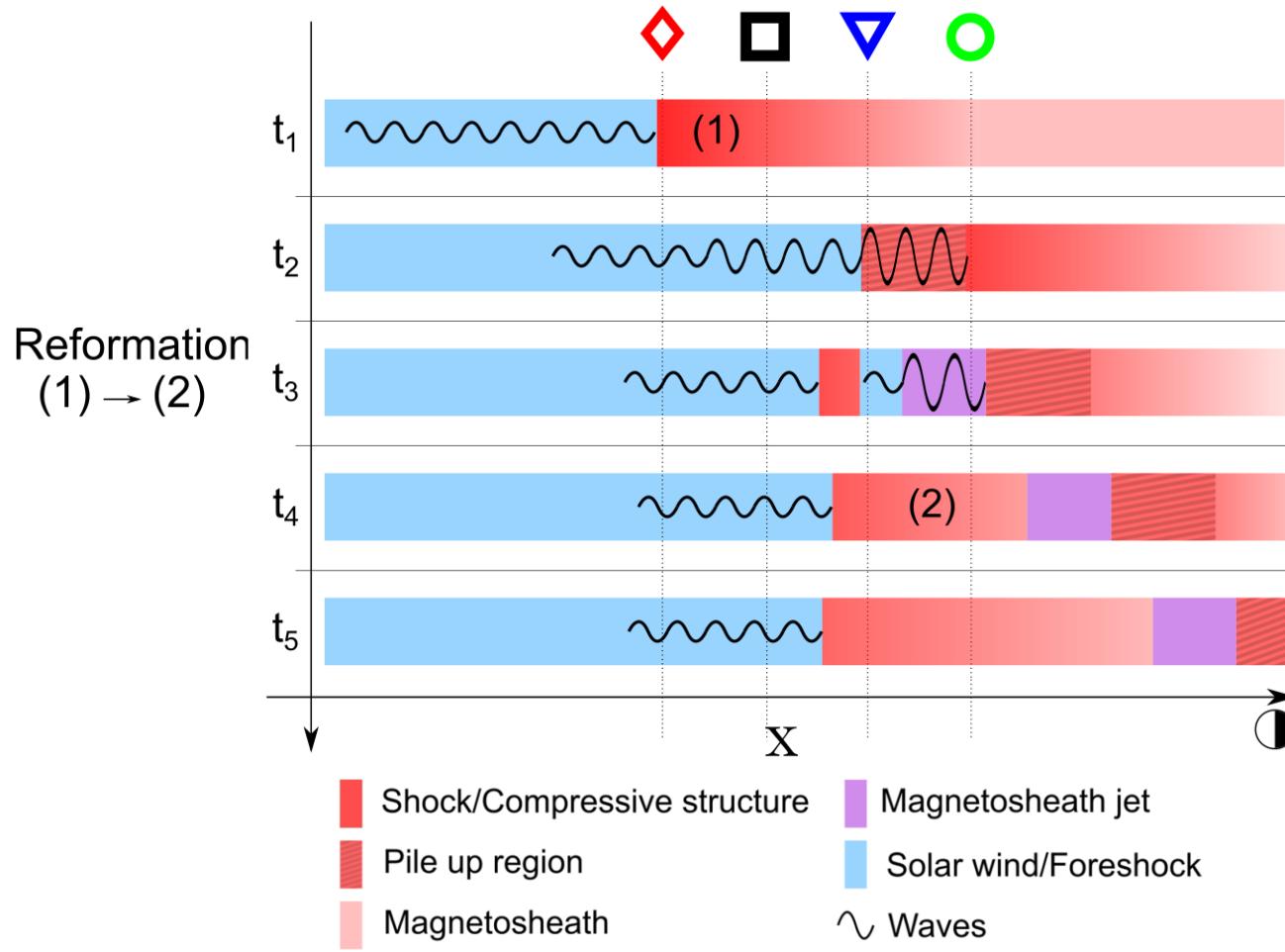
Archer et al. (2012)

Foreshock Structures & Reformation



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

Shock Reformation & Magnetosheath Jets

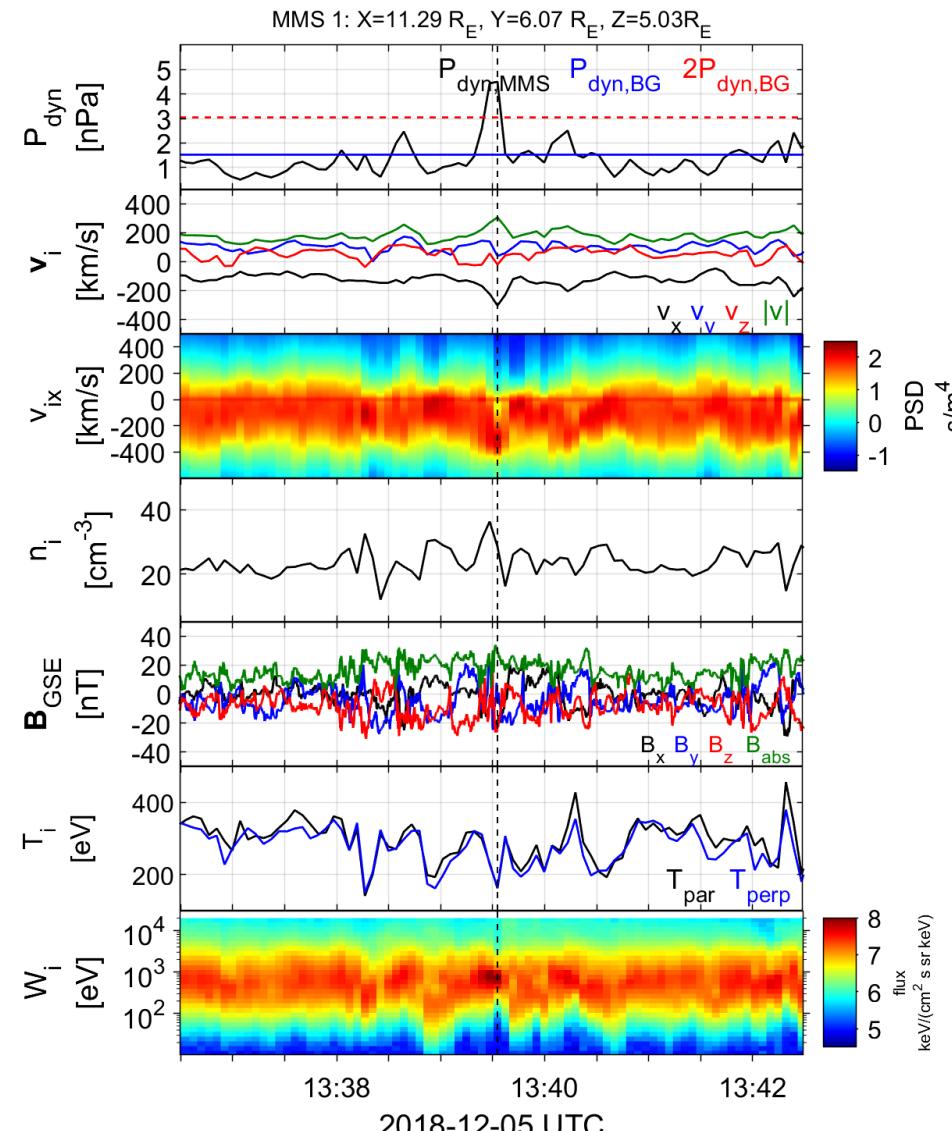


Results

Qpar Magnetosheath jet – Fast data

Qpar Magnetosheath:

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



Magnetosheath Jet

$$|V| \uparrow$$

$$V_x \uparrow$$

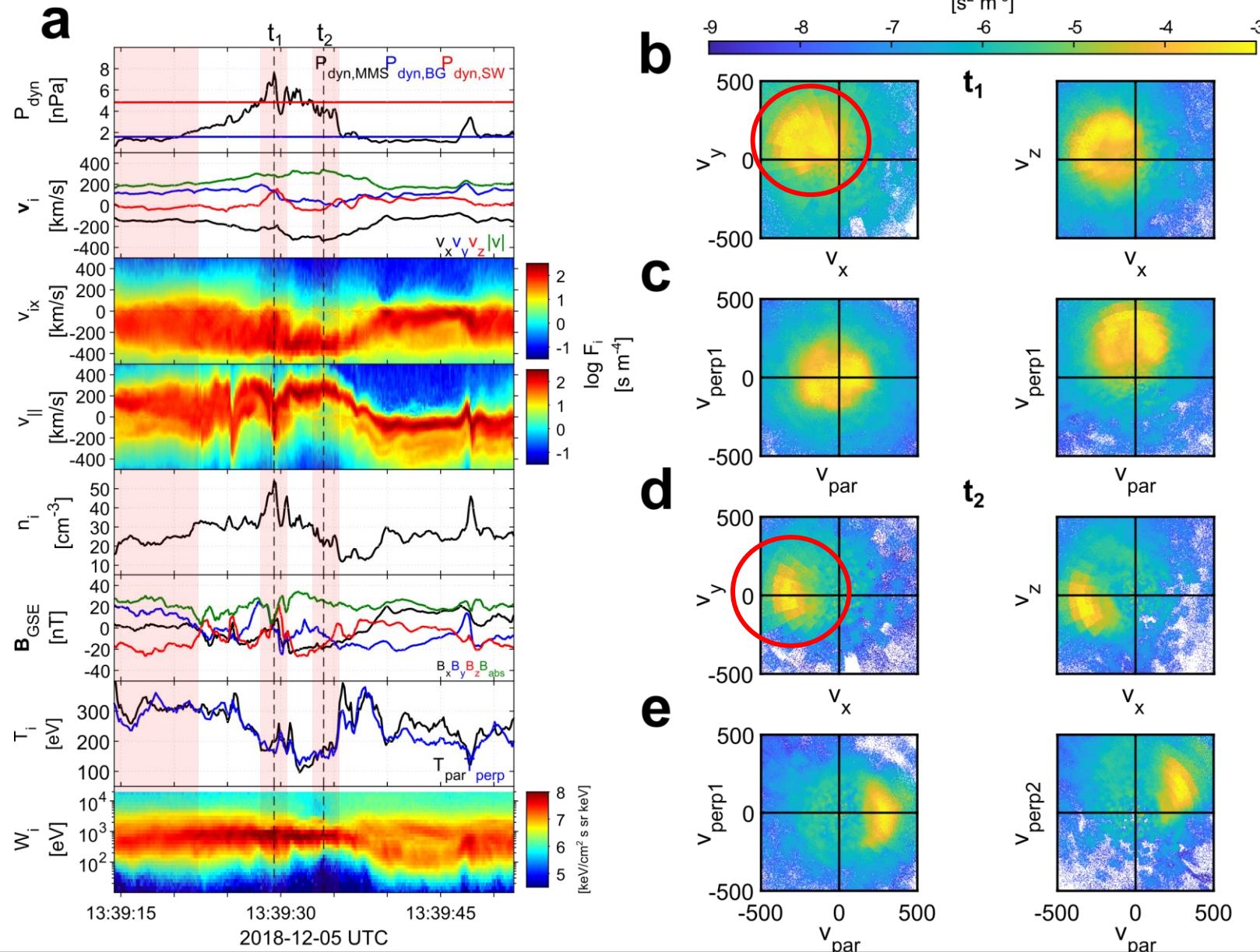
$$n \uparrow$$

$$P_{dyn} > 2 P_{dyn,BG}$$

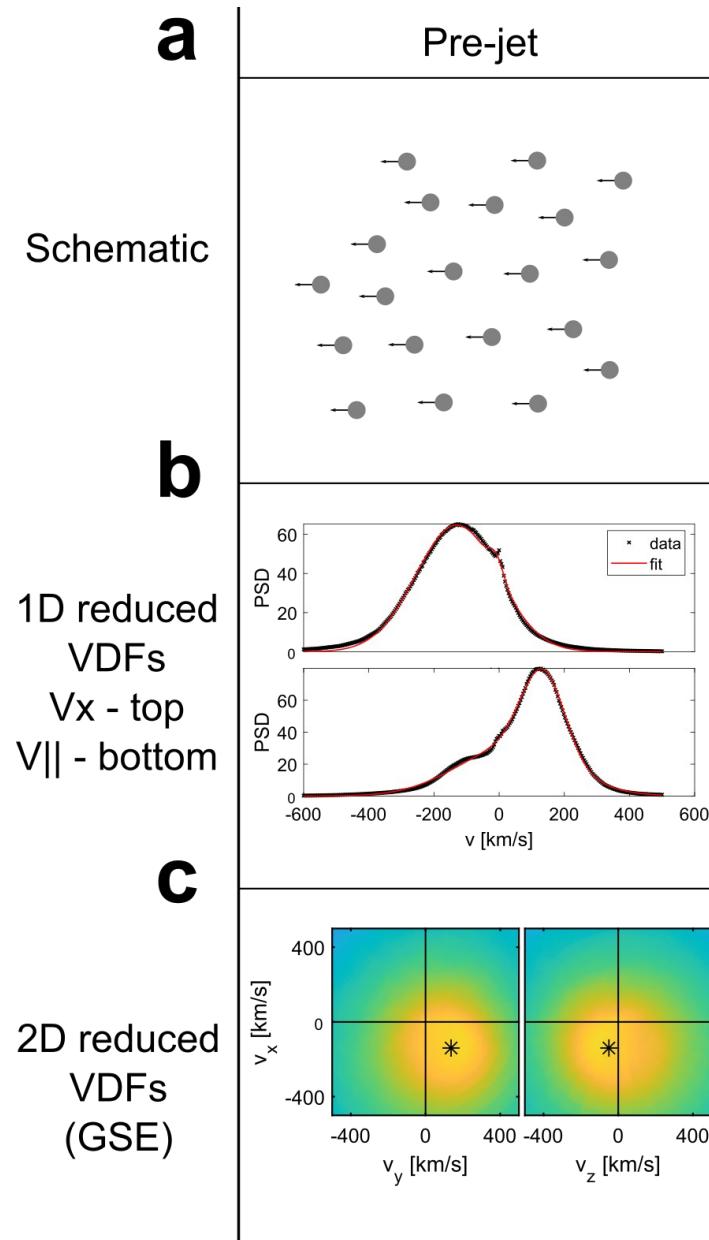
Qpar Magnetosheath jet – MMS Burst data

Areas of Interest

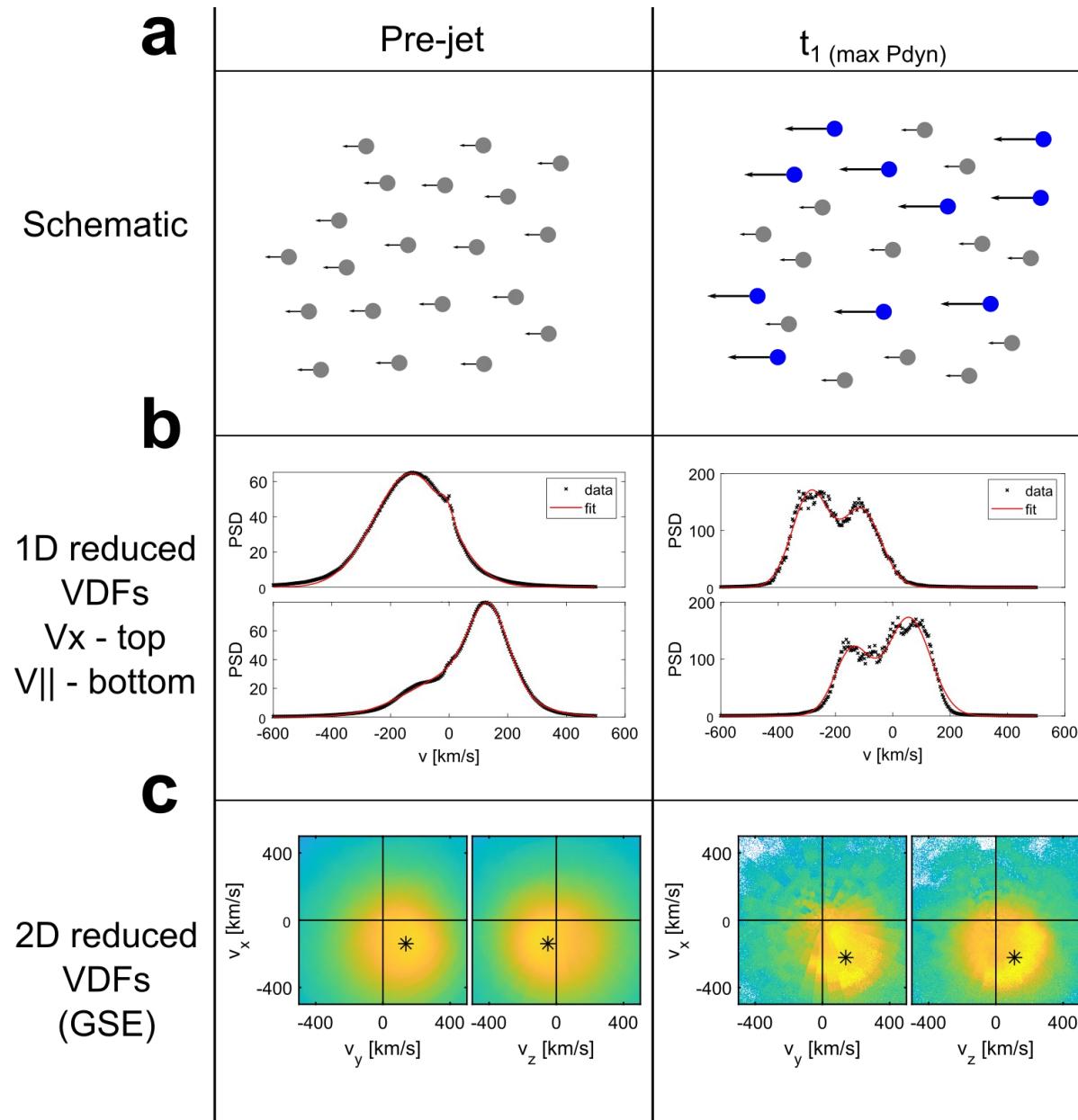
- Pre jet = Typical MSH
- $t_1 = P_{dyn}$ peak
- $t_2 = |V|$ peak



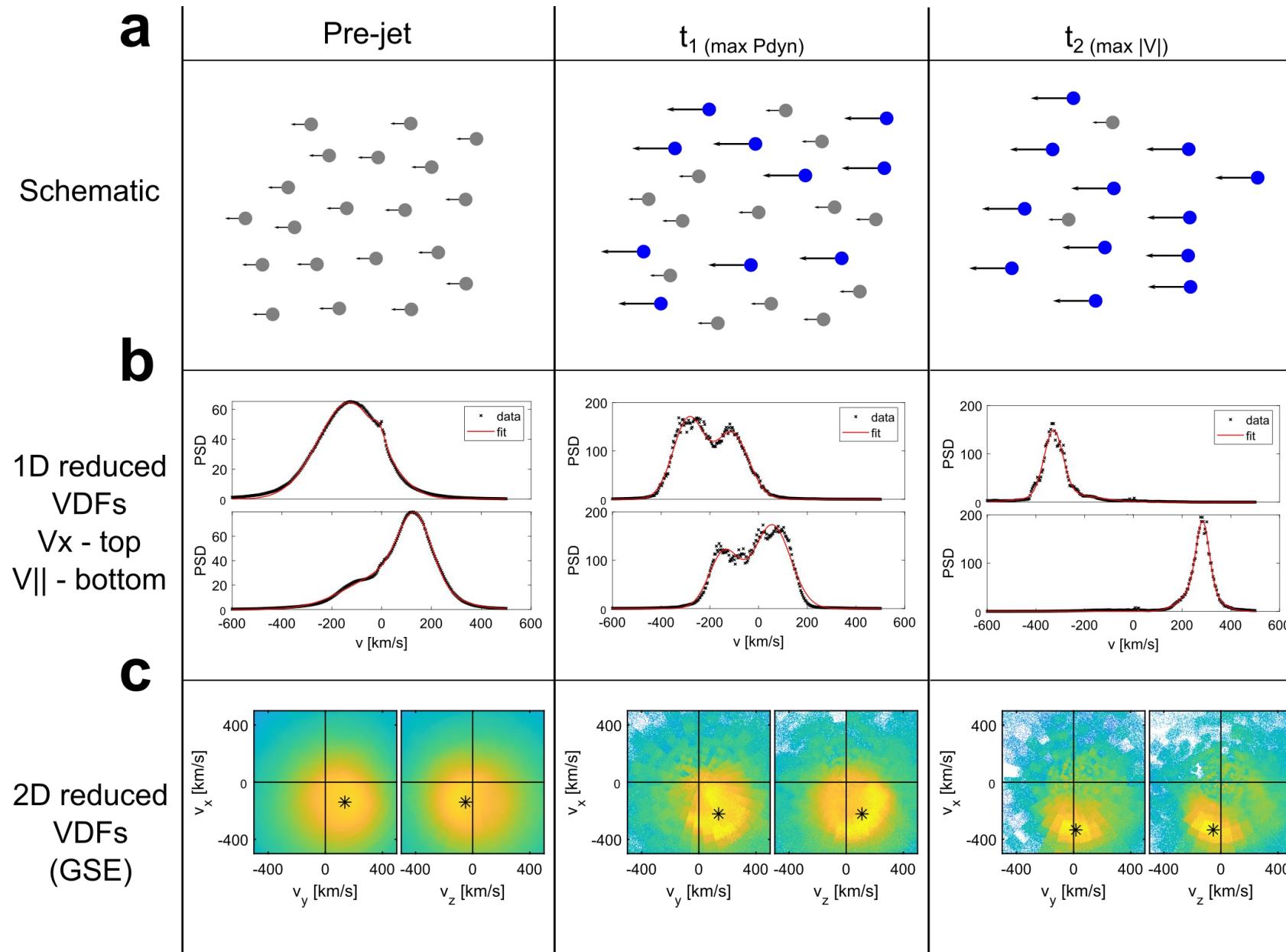
Jet evolution in Qpar Magnetosheath



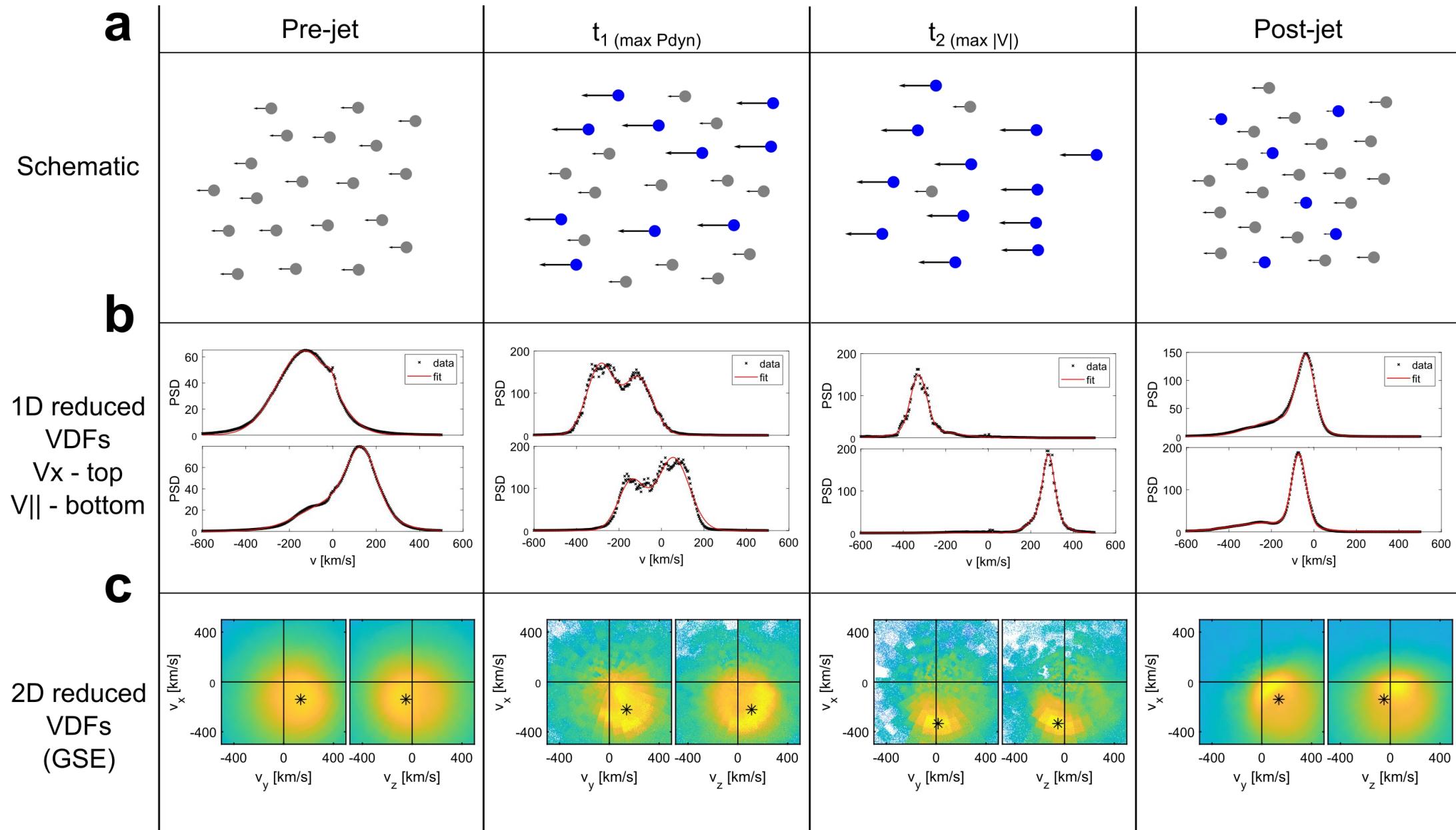
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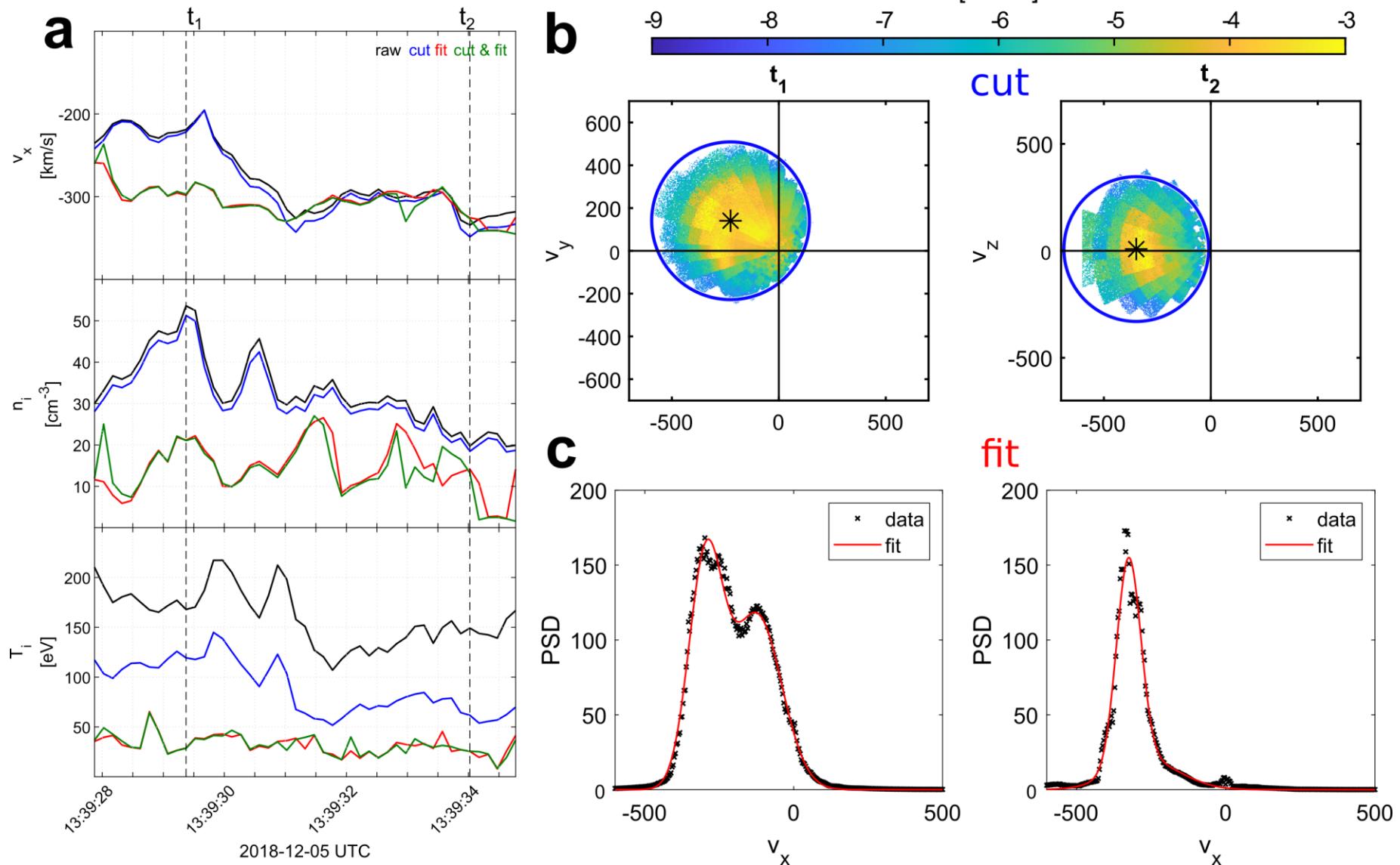
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Partial Moment Derivation

Methods:

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



Summary & Conclusion

Main points

- Jets are inherently kinetic structures with complicated VDFs throughout their life
- They interact with background plasma (magnetic structures), evolving as they propagate.
- Their plasma moments are not well captured by the full particle moments since at least for part of their lifetime.

Future work

- Evaluate previous statistics (done with low-resolution full particle moments).
- More events to see how properties change on different environments/stages
- Simulations : (TBD – Quite some interesting results already though)
- Investigation of wave generation

Thank you for listening and enjoy your time in Greece ☺

Extras

Fast/Survey MMS data

Resolution (samples/s)

FGM (magnetic field):	0.0625
FPI (plasma moments ions):	4.5
EDP (electric field):	0.0313

Pros

- ✓ Always available
- ✓ Decent resolution
- ✓ Can be good for statistics due to availability

Cons

- ✗ Not suitable for small scale studies especially those related to electron moments
- ✗ Could be misleading close to boundary surfaces (Magnetopause, Bow shock etc.) due to very similar observational signatures

Burst MMS data

Resolution (samples/s)

0.0078
0.15
0.00012218

Pros

- ✓ Very high resolution
- ✓ Able to resolve smaller scale structures close to boundary surfaces (e.g. mix of plasma close to magnetopause, bow shock, foreshock etc.)

Cons

- ✗ Not available all the time, mostly available close to vital mission objectives (magnetopause, diffusion regions, shock transitions etc.)
- ✗ Hard to do proper large-scale statistics due to biases generated from specific availability and manual choice of intervals

MMS – Jet Database

Fast/Survey

9/2015 - 9/2020

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Jets with full burst data →

Burst

Qpar	423
Qperp	34
Boundary	35
Encapsulated	31
Close to BS / MP	495
Others	428

Raptis S., Karlsson T., et al. (2020) | JGR

Raptis S., Aminalragia-Giamini S., et al. (2020) | Frontiers

Palmroth M., Raptis S., et al. (2021) | Annales

Kajdic P., Raptis S., et al. (2021) | GRL

Raptis S., Karlsson T., et al. (2022) | Nat. Commun

Raptis S., Karlsson T., et al. (2022) | Under Review

Jets – references update (>2019)

Jets Downstream of Collisionless Shocks

Plaschke et al. (2018)

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

- **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. \(2021\)](#)

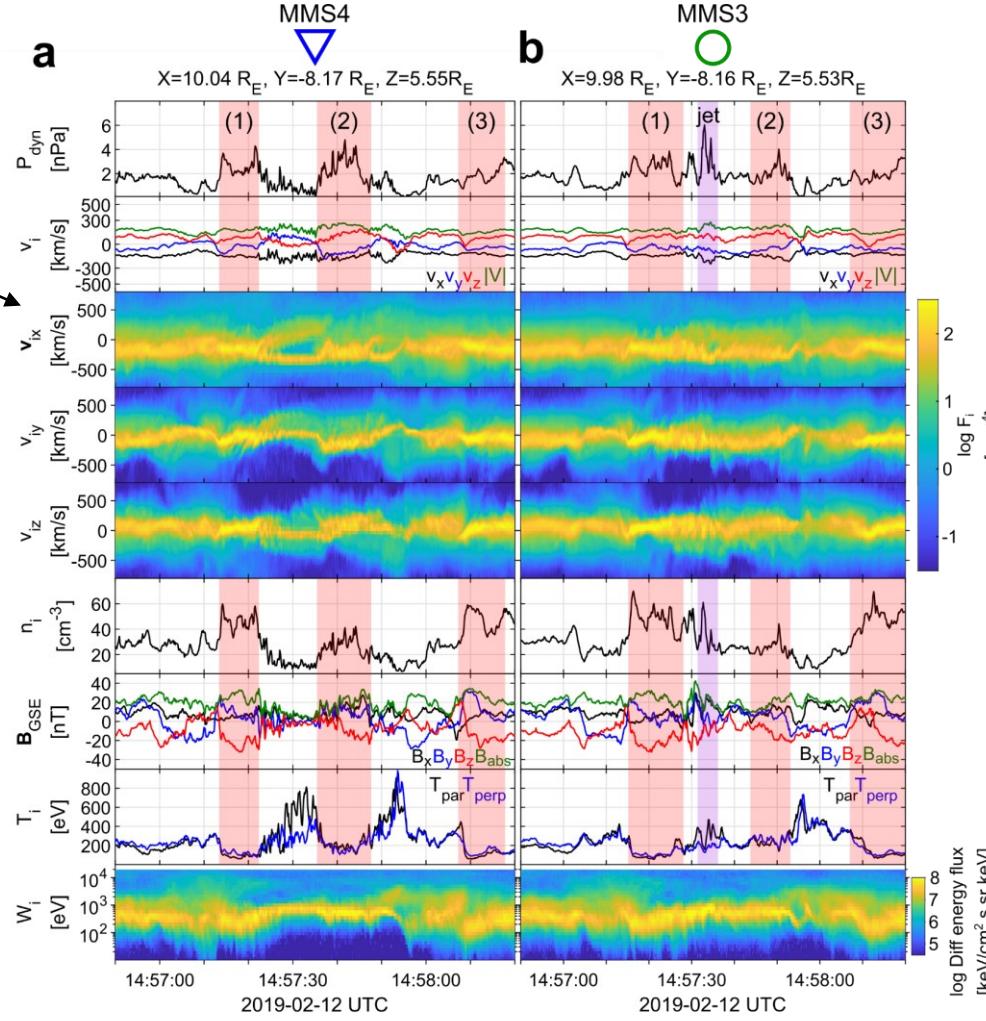
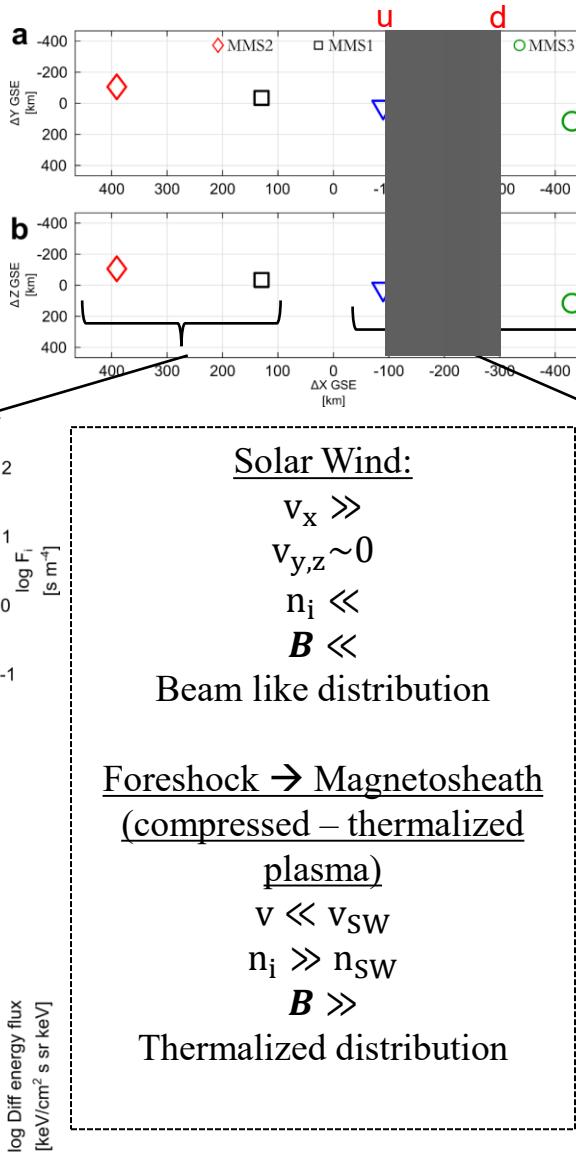
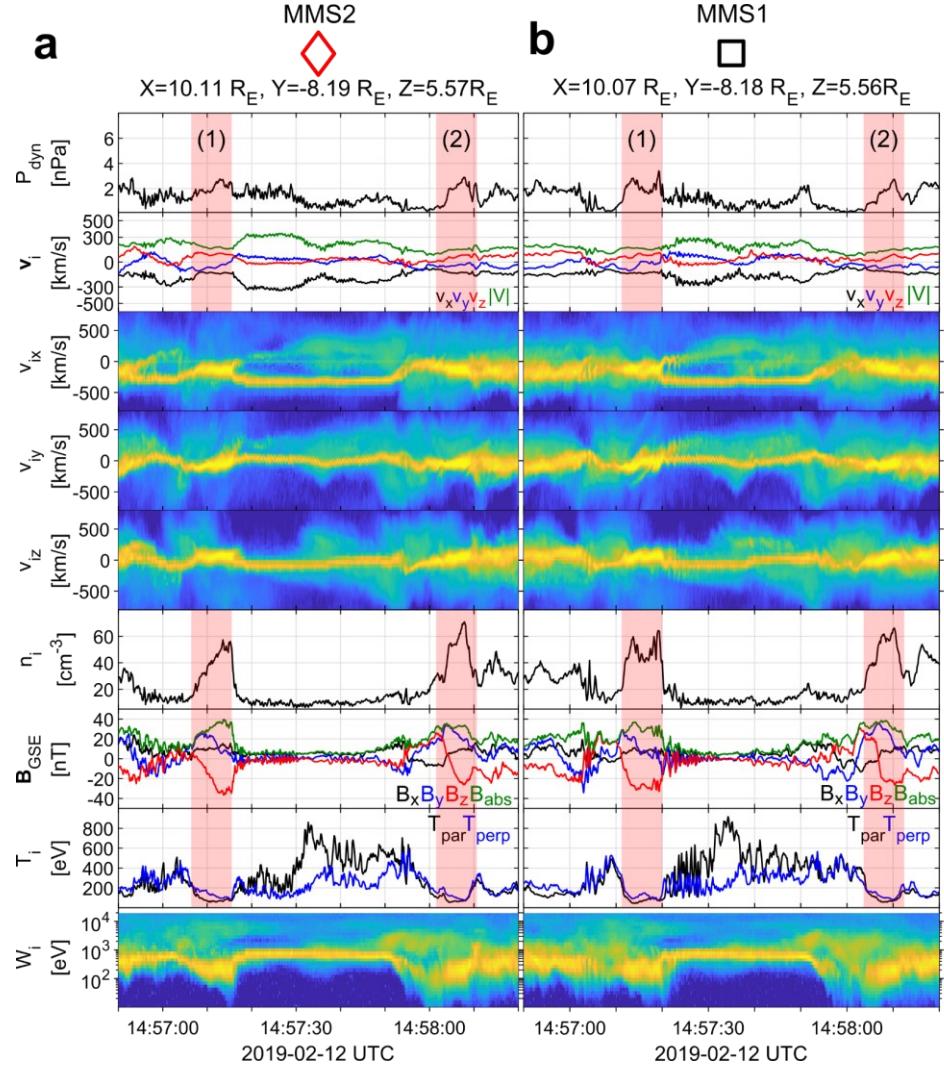
Associated phenomena & effects

- **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. \(2021\)](#)

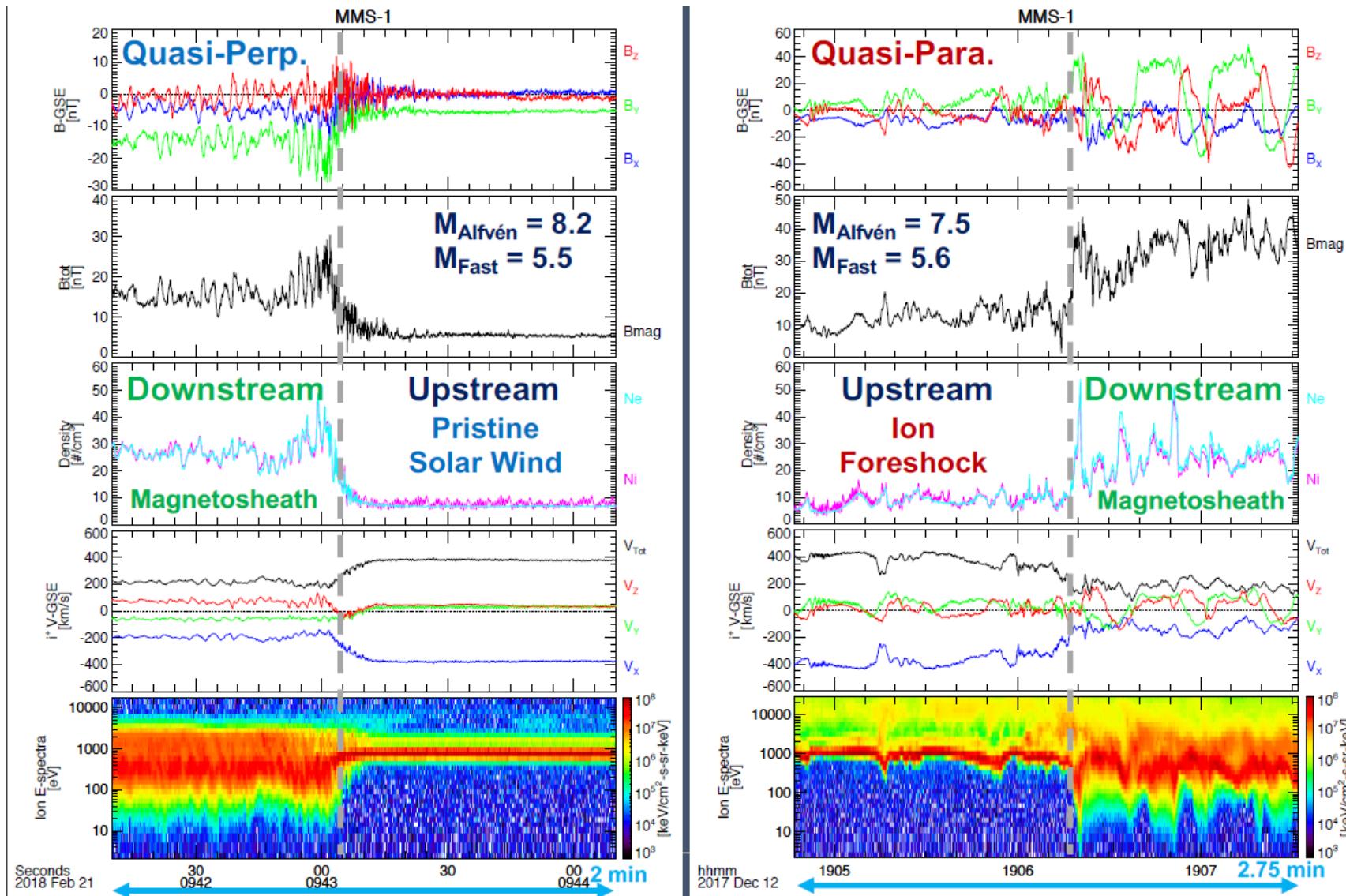
Modeling & formation

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. etc.

General Observations of MMS



Shock transitions with MMS



Notice
difference in the
downstream
plasma ?

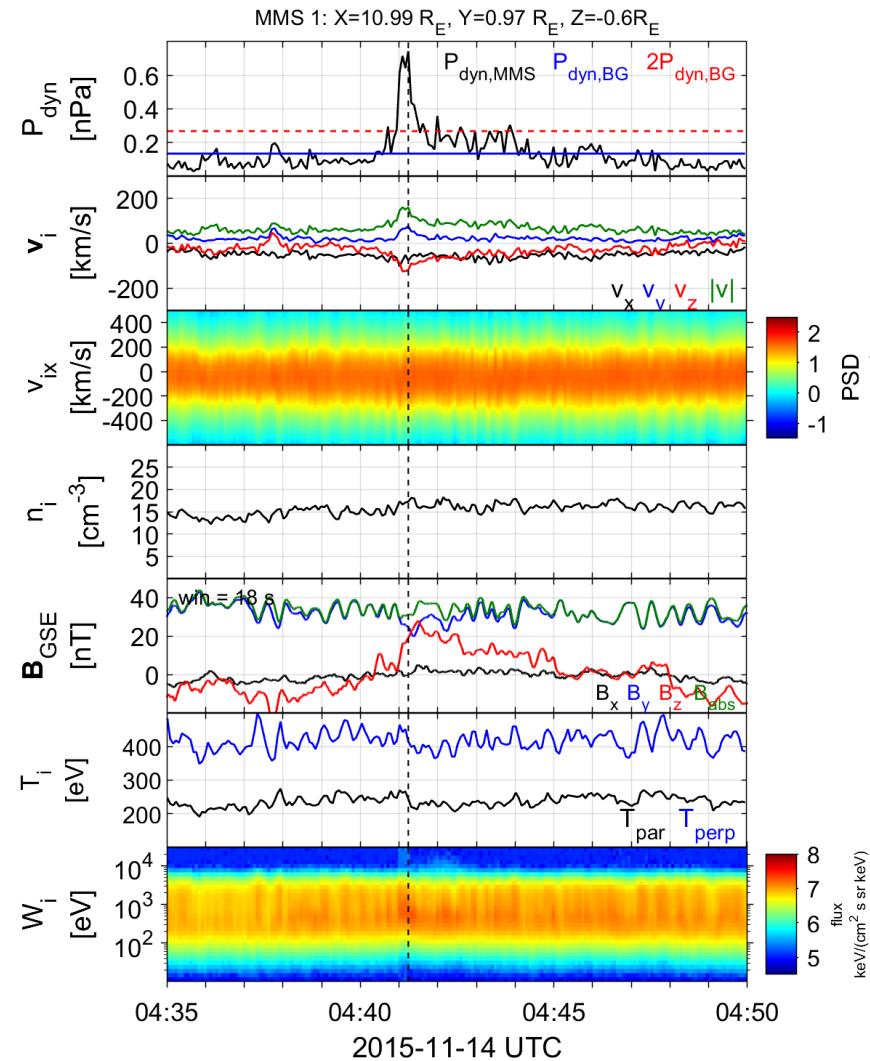
Figure taken from : Drew Turner's talk | SWSG2021

Summarized properties – Quasi Perpendicular

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

Qperp Jet

Jets found in Q_{\perp} MSH



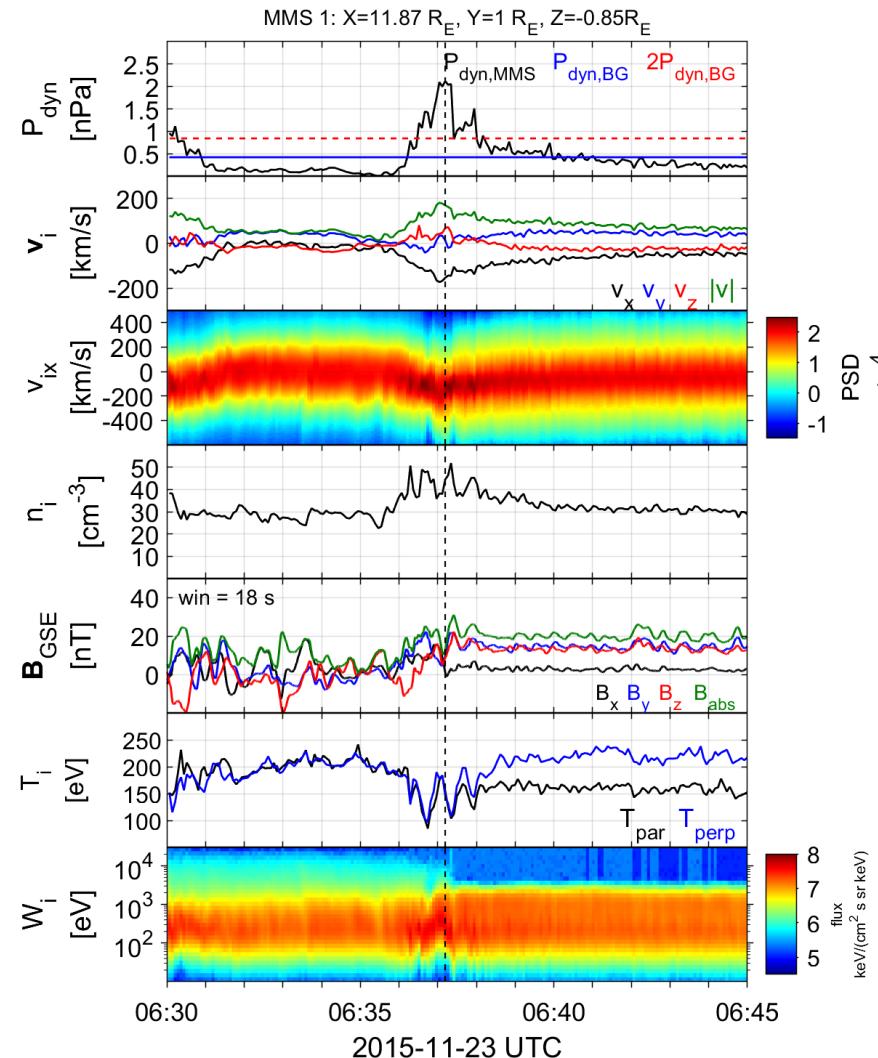
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Summarized properties – Boundary

- Hard to estimate their occurrence rate
- Quite energetic and long duration
- Similar properties to Qpar jets
- Could be geoeffective (GMAGs) [Norenius et al. 2021]
- Maybe associated to pressure pulses of SW [Archer et al. 2012]

Boundary Jet

Jets found in the boundary between Q_{\parallel} and Q_{\perp} MSH



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