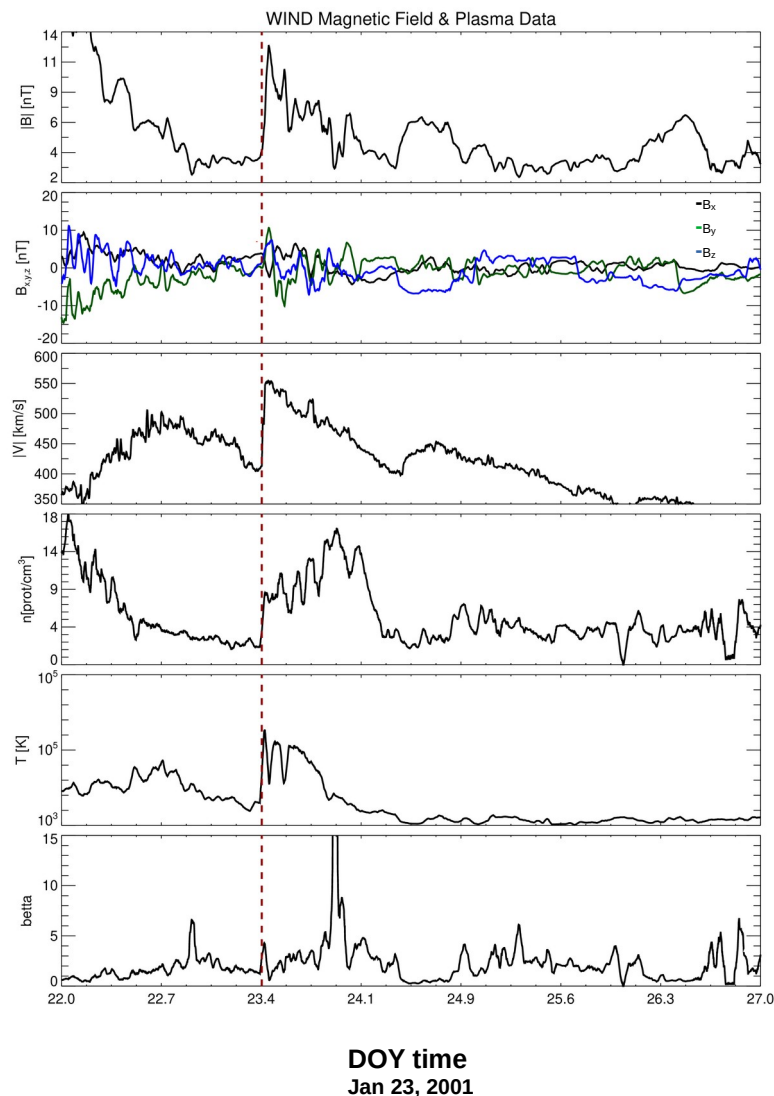
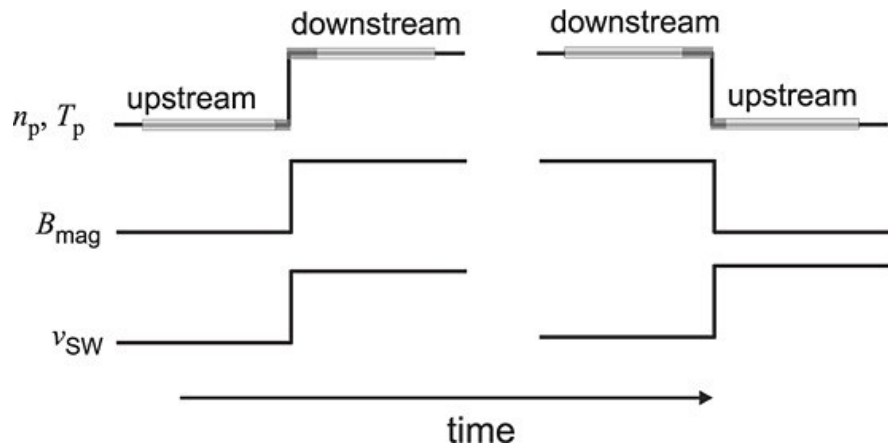


Interplanetary shocks

Characterized by an abrupt change in pressure, temperature, density and magnetic field intensity.

fast forward (FF)

fast reverse (FR)



Coronal mass ejections

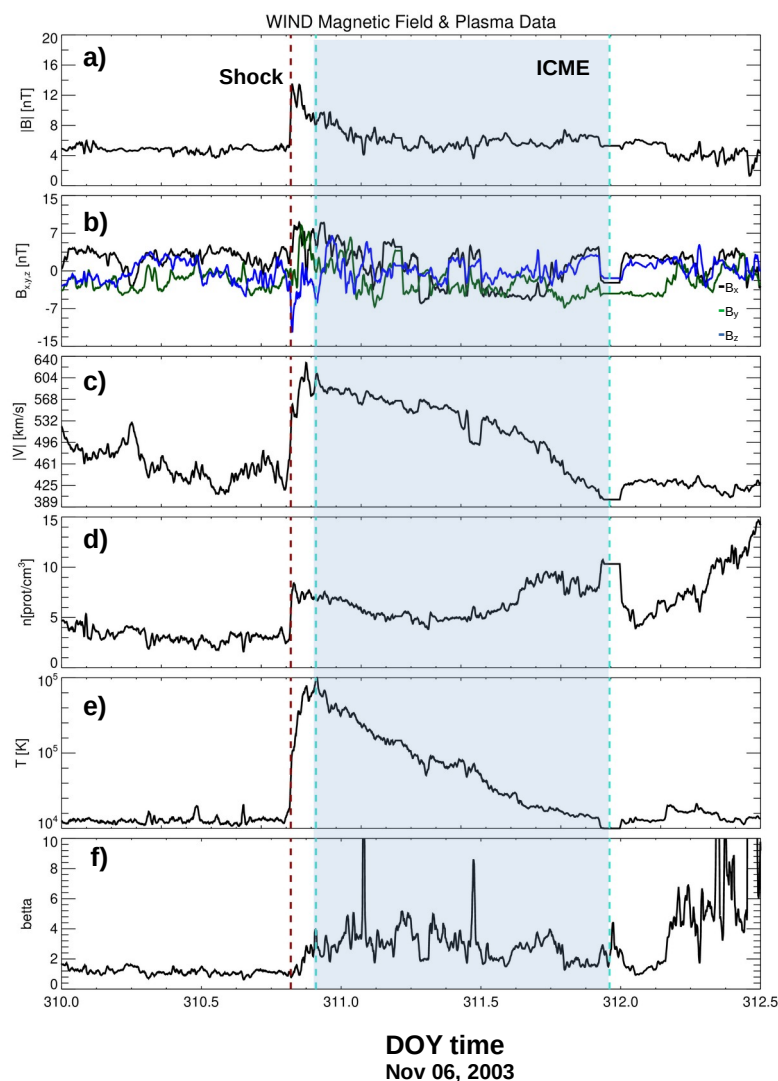
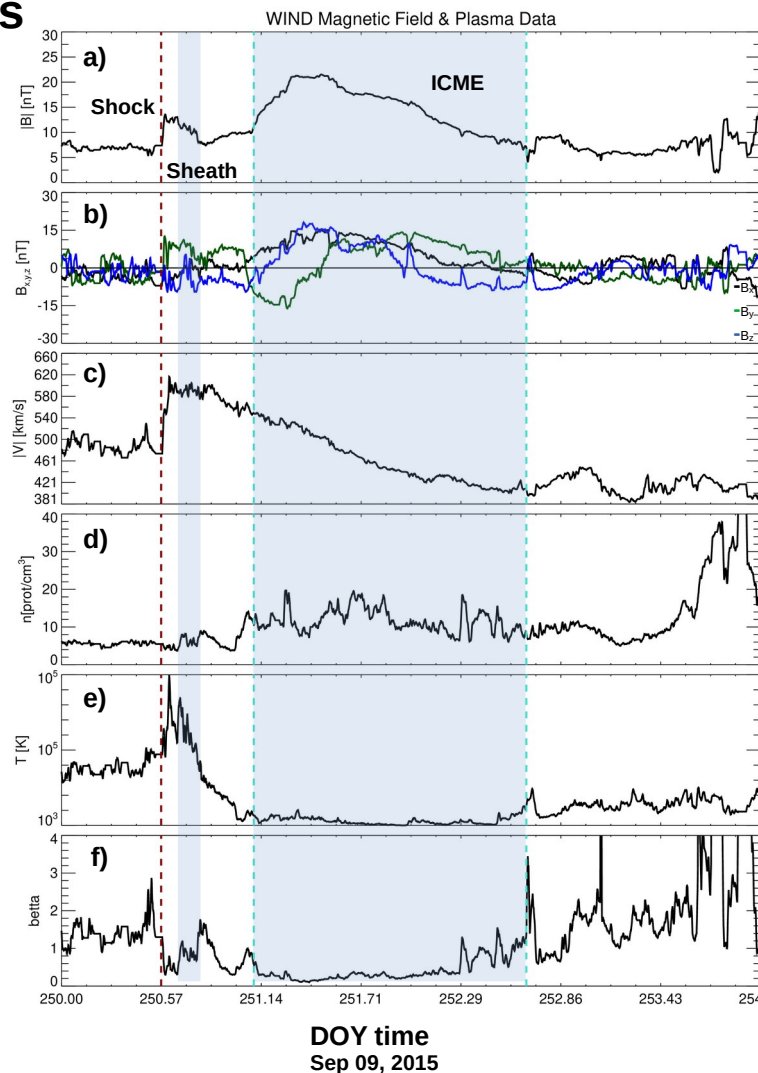
a) Increase of magnetic field strength B , characterized by a stronger than ambient magnetic field.

b) Smooth rotations in the magnetic-field components (presence of a flux-rope).

c) Declining velocity.

e) Low proton temperature.

f) Low $\beta_p < 1$ (presence of a flux-rope).



Stream interaction regions

a) Compression of magnetic field strength B .

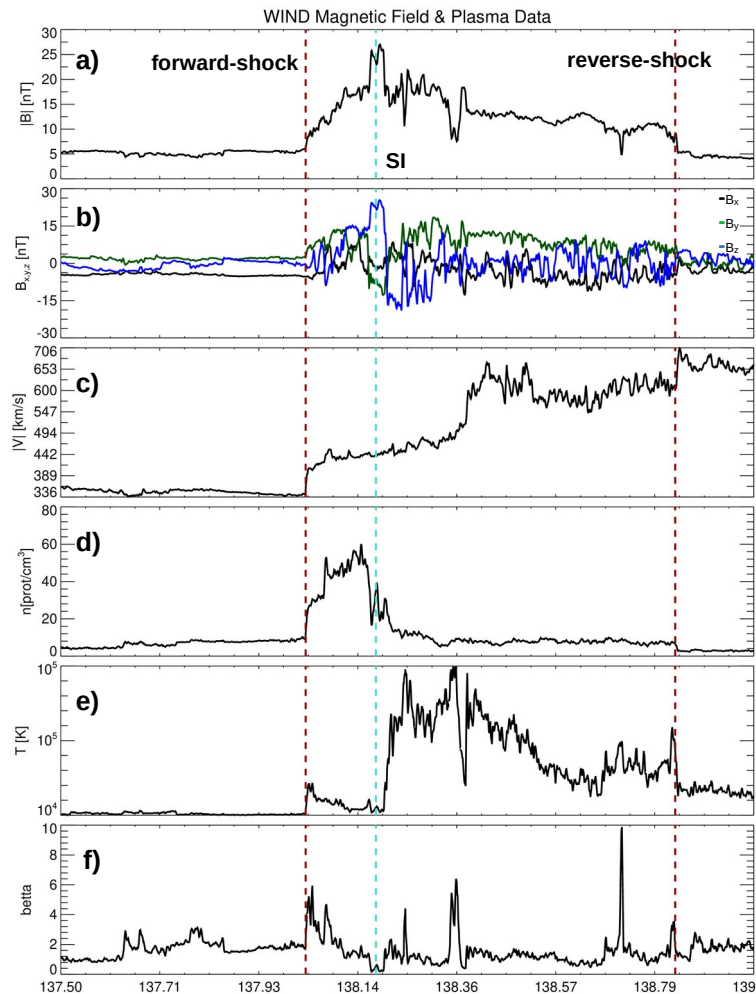
c) Continuously increased solar wind speed V_p .

d) Increase of proton number density N_p .

e) An enhancement of proton temperature T_p .

f) Slight increases in entropy.

SIR event with a pair of forward-reverse shocks



SIR event without shocks

