

Comparing 1-year GUMICS–4 simulations of the Terrestrial Magnetosphere with Cluster Measurements

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Key Points:

- The GUMICS–4 provides realistic ion plasma moments and magnetic field in the solar wind and the outer magnetosheath.
- The code can provide the realistic location of the bow shock.
- An inner magnetosphere model should add to the code to increase the accuracy of the simulation.

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18 **Abstract**

19 Previously 1-year global magnetohydrodynamics simulation was made using the GUMICS–4
 20 code and the OMNI 1-min resolution solar wind data from January 29, 2002 to Febru-
 21 ary 2, 2003 as input. Along the orbit of the Cluster SC3 reference spacecraft the sim-
 22 ulation data was saved. We compare the saved parameters to the Cluster SC3 measure-
 23 ments. We use the magnetic field Z component, the solar wind velocity X component
 24 and the solar wind density of the Cluster magnetometer, ion plasma and spacecraft po-
 25 tential measurements geocentric solar ecliptic reference frame. We select intervals in the
 26 solar wind, the magnetosheath and the magnetosphere where the instruments above pro-
 27 vided good quality data and the spacecraft and the simulation are in the same region.
 28 We determine the location of the bow shock, the magnetopause and the neutral sheet
 29 in the spacecraft measurements and compare their position in the observation and sim-
 30 ulations.

31 The GUMICS–4 provides quite good results in the solar wind. Its accuracy is sig-
 32 nificantly worse in the magnetosheath. The simulation results are not realistic in the mag-
 33 netosphere. The bow shock location is predicted well however the magnetopause loca-
 34 tion is less accurate. The neutral sheet positions are located quite well thank to the spe-
 35 cial solar wind conditions. The reason of these inaccuracies is the missing inner magne-
 36 tosphere model and the obsolete algorithms applied in the code.

37 **1 Introduction**

38 The most cost-effective way to study the interaction of the solar wind and the plan-
 39 etary magnetospheres (or predict the conditions of the near-Earth space) is using a global
 40 magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) code. Robust parallelized, effective, verified and vali-
 41 dated codes were developed, are used and applied to forecast the cosmic environment
 42 of the Earth; such as the Lyon-Fedder-Mobarry, LFM [Lyon *et al.*, 2004] code, the Open
 43 Geospace General Circulation Model, OpenGGCM [Raeder *et al.*, 2008], the Block-Adaptive-
 44 Tree-Solarwind-Roe-Upwind-Scheme, BATS-R-US [Powell *et al.*, 1999; Tóth *et al.*, 2012].
 45 In Europe only three global MHD codes were developed: the Grand Unified Magnetosphere–
 46 Ionosphere Coupling Simulation [GUMICS–4; Janhunen *et al.*, 2012], the COOLFluiD
 47 [Lani *et al.*, 2012] and the GORGON 3D magnetohydrodynamic code. The COOLFluiD
 48 is a general-purpose plasma simulation tool. The Gorgon code was developed for study-
 49 ing high energy, collisional plasma interactions and has been adapted to simulate plan-

etary magnetospheres and their interaction with the solar wind [Mejnertsen *et al.*, 2016, 2018]. The GUMICS–4 was developed to study the solar wind-terrestrial magnetosphere interaction and its paralel version has not been available for the scientific community (see Section 2.1). These codes are available at the Community Coordinated Modelling Center (CCMC; <http://ccmc.gsfc.nasa.gov/>) hosted by the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). The comparison of the simulation results to spacecraft and ground-based measurements is necessary to understand the abilities and features of the developed tools. The statistical study using long term global MHD runs for validation and verification of the codes seems to be a good and fruitful method. However, providing long simulations is costly and time consuming hence only a few study had done previously using much shorter simulations than a year.

Guild et al. [2008a,b] launched two months of LFM run and compared the plasma sheets properties in the simulated tail to the statistical properties of six years Geotail magnetic field and plasma observations [Kokubun *et al.*, 1994; Mukai *et al.*, 1994]. The LFM successfully reproduced the global features of the global plasma sheet in statistical sense. However, there were some differences. The sheet was too cold, too dense and the bulk flow was faster than the observed plasma sheet. The LFM overestimated the ionospheric transpolar potential. The transpolar potential correlated with the speed of the plasma sheet flows. The equatorial maps of density, thermal pressure, thermal energy and velocity were compared. The LFM overestimated the plasma sheet density close to the Earth and underestimated the temperature by a factor of ~ 3 . The LFM overestimated the global average flow speed by a factor of ~ 2 . The LFM reproduced many of the climatological features of the Geotail data set. The low-resolution model underestimated the occurrence of the fast earthward and tailward flows. Increasing the simulation resolution resulted the development of fast, busty flows. These flows contributed the statistics and brought closer the simulations to the observations.

Zhang et al. [2011] launched two months long LFM simulation to study the statistics of magnetosphere-ionosphere (MI) coupling. The LFM simulation was also used in the previous study of *Guild et al.* [2008a]. The polar cap potential and the field aligned currents (FAC), the downward Poynting flux and the vorticity of the ionospheric convection were compared with observed statistical averages and the Weimer05 empirical model [Weimer, 2005]. The comparisons showed that the LFM model produced quite accurate average distributions of the Region 1 (R1) and Region 2 (R2) currents. The iono-

spheric Region 2 currents in the MHD simulation seemed to be originated from the diamagnetic ring current. The average LFM Region 1 and 2 currents were smaller compared with the values from the Weimer05 model. The average CPCP was higher in the LFM simulation than the measurements of the SuperDARN and the Weimer05 model. The average convention pattern was quite symmetric in the LFM simulation against the SuperDARN measurements and the Weimer05 model. The SuperDARN measurements and the Weimer05 model had dawn-dusk asymmetry. In the LFM, model more Poynting flux flowed into the polar region ionosphere than in the Weimer05 model. It was the consequence of the larger CPCP in the LFM simulation. The larger CPCP allowed higher electric field in the polar region. The statistical dependence of the high-latitude convection patterns on Interplanetary Magnetic Field (IMF) clock angle was similar to the SuperDARN measurements [Sofko *et al.*, 1995] and the Weimer05 model. The average ionospheric field-aligned vorticity showed good agreement on the dayside. However, the LFM model gave larger nightside vorticity than SuperDARN measurements because the Pedersen conductance on the night side ionosphere was too low.

Wiltberger et al. [2017] studied the structure of the high latitude field-aligned current patterns using three resolutions of the LFM global MHD code and the Weimer05 empirical model [Weimer, 2005]. The studied period was a month long and contained two high-speed streams. Generally, the patterns agreed well with results obtained from the Weimer05 computing. As the resolution of the simulations increased, the currents became more intense and narrow. The ratio of the Region 1 (R1), the Region 2 (R2) currents and the R1/R2 ratio increased when the simulation resolution increases. However, both the R1 and R2 currents were smaller than the predictions of the Weimer05 model. This effect led better agreement of the LFM simulation results to the Weimer 2005 model results. The CPCP pattern became concentrated in higher latitudes because of the stronger R2 currents. The relationship of the CPCP and the R1 looked evident at higher resolution of the simulation. The LFM simulation could have reproduced the statistical features of the field aligned current (FAC) patterns.

Hajducek et al. [2017] simulated a month of January 2005 using the Space Weather Modelling Framework [SWMF; Tóth *et al.*, 2005] and the OMNI solar wind data as input. The simulations were done with and without inner magnetosphere model and using two different grid resolutions. The model was very good in predicting the currents circling the Earth around the dipole axis [SYM-H; <http://wdc.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/aeasy/asym.pdf>;

Iyemori, 1990]. The K_p index (that measures the general magnetospheric convention and the auroral currents [Bartels *et al.*, 1939; Rostoker, 1972; Thomsen, 2004]) was predicted well during storms however the index was over predicted during quiet time periods. The AL index (that describe the westward electro jet on the surface magnetic field introduced by Davis and Sugiura [1966]) was predicted reasonably well in average however the model reached the highest negative AL value less often than the observations because the model captured poorly the structure of the auroral zone currents. The overpredicting of K_p index during quiet times might have had the same reason because that index was also sensitive for the auroral zone dynamics. The SWMF usually over predicted the CPCP. These results were not sensitive to grid resolutions. Except that the AL index reached more often the highest negative value when the grid resolution was higher. Switching off of the inner magnetosphere model had dramatic effect for the accuracy of all quantities mentioned above, except the CPCP.

In this paper the Cluster SC3 measurements are compared directly to a previously made 1-year long GUMICS–4 simulation in the solar wind, magnetosheath and the magnetosphere along the Cluster SC3 orbit saved from the simulation results and measured by the spacecraft [Facskó *et al.*, 2016]. Three parameters (B_z , V_X and n) were studied and the location of the bow shock, magnetopause and the neutral sheet. The structure of this paper is as follows. Section 2 describes the GUMICS–4 code, the 1-year simulation and the instruments. Section 3 gives comparisons between the simulations and observations. Results of the comparison are discussed in Section 4. Finally, Section 5 contains the conclusions.

2 The GUMICS–4 products and Cluster measurements

Here we use two types of very different and difficult time series. The first type is derived from previously made 1-year GUMICS–4 simulation [Facskó *et al.*, 2016]. The second type was measured by the magnetometer, ion plasma and electric field instruments of the Cluster reference spacecraft.

2.1 The GUMICS–4 code

The GUMICS–4 has two coupled simulation domains, the magnetospheric domain outside of $3.7 R_E$ radius around the Earth and a coupled ionosphere module containing

a 3D electron density model if the ionosphere. The GUMICS–4 is not parallel code however the code was extensively used for studying the energy propagation processes from the solar wind to the magnetosphere through the magnetopause and other features [Jan-hunen *et al.*, 2012, see the references therein]. The code had also been applied for study the forced reconnection in the tail [Vörös *et al.*, 2014]. Recently a few hundred of synthetic two hours duration GUMICS–4 simulations was made to compare the simulation results to empirical formulas [Gordeev *et al.*, 2013]. The agreement was quite good however; the diameter of the magnetopause deviated significantly in the simulation and the observations in the tail. The tail of the GUMICS–4 was smaller than spacecraft observed and measured. 1-year long simulation was made using the GUMICS–4 code [Facskó *et al.*, 2016]. Juusola *et al.* [2014] compared the ionospheric currents, fields and the cross polar cap potential (CPCP) in the simulation versus Super Dual Auroral Radar Network (SuperDARN) radars [Greenwald *et al.*, 1995] and CHAMP spacecraft [Reigber *et al.*, 2002] field aligned currents (FAC) measurements [Juusola *et al.*, 2007; Ritter *et al.*, 2004]. The agreement was good the seasonal variation of the CPCP however the FAC and other currents could not be reproduced properly. The possible reason of this bad agreement could be the leak of the inner magnetosphere model. This statement is supported by the result of Haiduček *et al.* [2017]. Haiduček *et al.* simulated only a month using different spatial resolution and to test the codes switched off the inner magnetosphere model of the SWMF for a special run. This run without inner magnetosphere model resulted that only the CPCP parameter of the simulation agreed quite well with the measurement. This fact explained why was so good the agreement between the Cluster SC3 and the GUMICS–4 simulations and gave sense to provide the studies of Lakka *et al.* [2018a,b] based on the CPCP in GUMICS–4 simulations. Kallio and Facskó [2015] determined the solar wind parameters along the Moon orbit using the results of the Facskó *et al.* [2016]’s global MHD simulations. The solar wind parameters differed significantly in the geotail that should have been considered in future studies of the interaction of the solar wind and the lunar orbit. Facskó *et al.* [2016] determined the footprint the Cluster SC3 using the 1-year simulation and the Tsyganenko T96 empirical model [Tsyganenko, 1995]. The code seemed to be react slower for the dynamic changes of the solar wind pressure than the empirical model. The agreement of the footprint is better in the Northern Hemisphere. The GUMICS–4 tail looked shorter in the simulations than the observations. Finally, the Y component of the interplanetary magnetic field twisted the simulated tail hence the agree-

179 ment of the empirical and computational footprints was worse at such solar wind con-
 180 ditions.

181 A workpackage of the European Cluster Assimilation Technology (ECLAT) project
 182 (https://cordis.europa.eu/result/rcn/165813_en.html; <http://www.eclat-project.eu/>) was
 183 the creation and analysis of 1-year global MHD simulation using the OMNI solar wind
 184 data from January 29, 2002 to February 2, 2003 as input of the GUMICS-4 code [Fazekas
 185 et al., 2016]. The GUMICS-4 was a single core system [Janhunen et al., 2012] hence the
 186 1-year simulation was made in 1860 independent runs. This interval covered 155 Clus-
 187 ter SC3 orbits and each orbit lasted 57 hours. The supercomputer had 12 CPUs on each
 188 node hence the 57 hours were divided into 4.7 hours simulation time with one hour ini-
 189 tialisation period. Each sub-intervals used its own average Geocentric Solar Ecliptic (GSE)
 190 IMF magnetic field X component B_x component and dipole tilt angle. All data gaps of
 191 the input file were filled using interpolation. If the data gap of the input file was at the
 192 beginning (or the end) interval the first (or last) good data of the input file was used to
 193 fill the gap. The initialisation of each simulations was made using constant values. These
 194 values were the first valid data of the input file repeated 60 times (60 minutes) in the
 195 input file of the sub-interval. The simulation results were saved in every five minutes.
 196 Various simulation parameters, for example, the density, particle density, temperature,
 197 magnetic field, solar wind velocity (29 different quantities) were saved from the simu-
 198 lation results along the Cluster reference spacecraft in the GSE coordinates. In this pa-
 199 per these parameters, namely the B_z magnetic field GSE Z component, the solar wind
 200 velocity GSE X component (V_x) and the solar wind density n are compared to the Clus-
 201 ter SC3 measurement. These parameters are selected because the B_z controls the mag-
 202 netosphere, the V_x is the main solar wind velocity component and the n is the ion plasma
 203 momentum that is the easiest to calculate; furthermore more instruments could deter-
 204 mine it (see Section 2.2).

205 2.2 The Cluster SC3 measurements

206 The Cluster-II spacecraft of the European Space Agency (ESA) were launched in
 207 2000 and study the geospace since then [Cattaneo et al., 1997; Escoubet et al., 2001]. Its
 208 four spacecraft form a tetrahedron however here we use only the measurements of the
 209 reference spacecraft, the Cluster SC3. The spacecraft were stabilised by rotation and its
 210 period is ~ 4 s. Hence, the temporal resolution of the plasma instruments were consid-

ered 4 s and we use 4 s averaged magnetic field data. The real resolution of the Cluster FluxGate Magnetometer (FGM) magnetic field instrument was 27 Hz [Balogh *et al.*, 1997, 2001]. The ion plasma data was provided by the Cluster Ion Spectrometry (CIS) Hot Ion Analyser (HIA) sub-instrument [Reme *et al.*, 1997; Rème *et al.*, 2001]. The CIS HIA instrument is calibrated using the Waves of HIgh frequency Sounder for Probing the Electron density by Relaxation (WHISPER) wave instrument onboard Cluster [Décréau *et al.*, 2001; Trotignon *et al.*, 2010; Blagau *et al.*, 2013, 2014]. These calibrations might have appeared as sudden non-physical jumps in the CIS HIA data. The CIS HIA had different modes to measure in the solar wind and the magnetosphere. When the instrument switched from a mode to another mode it appeared as a non-physical jump in the measured data too. These features had influence for the accuracy of the data analysis.

We protect our results from these non-physical jumps described previously using a density determination based on different principles. We use the spacecraft potential of the Electric Field and Wave Experiment [EFW ; Gustafsson *et al.*, 1997, 2001] to determine the electron density. This quantity can be calculated using the empirical density formula

$$n_{EFW} = 200(V_{sc})^{-1.85}, \quad (1)$$

where n_{EFW} is the calculated density and V_{sc} is the Cluster EFW spacecraft potential [Trotignon *et al.*, 2010, 2011]. The EFW and the WHISPER were used for the calibration of the CIS HIA and the Plasma Electron and Current Experiment [PEACE; Johnstone *et al.*, 1997; Fazakerley *et al.*, 2010a,b]. Both instruments were still working onboard all Cluster spacecraft. Their stable operation reduced the number of data gaps; furthermore made easier the data analysis.

3 Comparison of measurements to simulation

The saved parameters from the GUMICS–4 simulations and the Cluster SC3 magnetic field, solar wind velocity and density measurements are compared in the solar wind, magnetosheath and magnetosphere using cross correlation calculation. The resolution of the simulated Cluster orbit data is mostly five minutes because the simulations are saved in every five minutes [Facskó *et al.*, 2016]. However, the time difference between points could be more than five minutes at the boundary of the subintervals, because the length of simulation intervals is determined in minutes. To facilitate analysis of the simulation results, all simulation data were interpolated to one minute resolution. This method

242 does not provide extra information to the cross correlation calculation. The data gaps
 243 are eliminated using interpolation in the data and extrapolation when the gap is at the
 244 start or the end of the selected interval. The spin resolution (4 s) of Cluster SC3 mag-
 245 netic field measurements is averaged over one minute around ($\pm 30\text{ s}$) the time stamps
 246 of the saved data.

247 For the correlation calculation intervals are selected carefully in the solar wind, the
 248 magnetosheath, the dayside and the night side magnetosphere. In these intervals the pa-
 249 rameters do not varied a lot and neither the Cluster nor the virtual probe crossed any
 250 boundary layer. To compare the shape of the B_z magnetic field, V_x solar wind speed and
 251 the n_{CIS} and the n_{EFW} curves we calculate cross correlation on selected intervals. Some-
 252 times we get very bad results. Then we examined carefully the case and removed the short
 253 intervals (shorter than four hours) from the correlation calculation and large data gaps
 254 from the correlation calculation. (The data gaps are interpolated however they cause loss
 255 of information.) Those intervals are also neglected where the plasma instrument has cal-
 256 ibration error or changed its mode from magnetosphere to solar wind (for example). The
 257 electron density is also calculated using the empirical density formula (see Equation 1)
 258 and make the correlation calculation. We want to avoid calibration errors and sudden
 259 non-physical jumps mentioned previously. The results do not differ significantly however
 260 the n_{EFW} has not mode change and it is applicable in the magnetosphere too (against
 261 the CIS HIA instrument).

262 3.1 Solar wind

263 We use OMNI IMF and solar wind velocity, density and temperature data as in-
 264 put of the simulation. However, it is not useless to compare the solar wind region in the
 265 simulation and the measurements. The IMF X component cannot be given to the GUMICS-4
 266 as input [Janhunen *et al.*, 2012; Facskó *et al.*, 2016]. However the magnetic field of the
 267 solar wind has X component in the simulations. Additionally the solar wind structure
 268 might change from the simulation domain boundary at $+32 R_E$ to the sub-solar point
 269 of the terrestrial bow shock where all OMNI data is shifted. Almost the same solar wind
 270 intervals are used as in the see Table 1 of Facskó *et al.* [2016]. The number of these in-
 271 tervals is small because the Cluster fleet instruments were calibrated in 2002, just after
 272 launching (Table 1). Hence we do not have so good ion plasma data coverage for this
 273 year. Additionally, to improve the accuracy of the correlation calculation (see below) we

274 delete those intervals which were too short (shorter than five hours) or the CIS HIA
 275 instrument changed its mode. The Cluster fleet is located in the solar wind only from De-
 276 cember to May and only for a couple of hours during each orbit near to the apogee. We
 277 double check whether the Cluster SC3 stays in the solar wind in both the simulation and
 278 the reality. We also check the omnidirectional CIS HIA ion spectra on the Cluster Sci-
 279 ence Archive (CSA; <https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/csa/csds-quicklook-plots>). Hence
 280 17 intervals are remained in the solar wind to study (Figure 1).

281 The selected intervals have quiet solar wind conditions (Figure 2). The GUMICS-4
 282 simulation results have five minutes resolution and the Cluster SC3 measurements have
 283 one minutes resolution (Figure 3). The measurements vary significantly. Inspect of the
 284 quiet conditions the solar wind density often changes and deviates from the simulation.
 285 On the left of the Figure 4 both densities deviate significantly. The CIS HIA density de-
 286 viation is larger as it is expected because of the complexity and the large number of work-
 287 ing modes of the CIS instrument. The magnetic field and the solar wind velocity fit bet-
 288 ter. On the left side of the Figure 5 the correlation of the magnetic field is very good;
 289 furthermore the correlation of the solar wind velocity and density is excellent (Table 1).
 290 The time shift on the right side of the Figure 5 is about five minutes for the magnetic
 291 field and the CIS data. For the EFW data the time shift is worse. It is not determined
 292 as well as the other parameters.

293 3.2 Magnetosheath

294 The Cluster SC3 spent only a few time in the solar wind from December, 2002 to
 295 May, 2003. However, the orbit of the spacecraft always crosses the magnetosheath (Fig-
 296 ure 6). We selected intervals when the value of the magnetic field is around 25 nT. The
 297 field should be fluctuating because of the turbulent and deviated flow of the solar wind
 298 after passing the bow shock. In the same time the solar wind temperature increases. The
 299 solar wind speed drops it value is only 100-300 km/s. The density of the plasma flow in-
 300 creased and reached the $10\text{-}20 \text{ cm}^{-3}$. The narrow band on the omnidirectional CIS HIA
 301 ion spectra from the CSA (<https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/csa/csds-quicklook-plots>)
 302 is widened after passing the bow shock. After 15-30 min this passage we considered the
 303 Cluster SC3 to be entered to the magnetosheath. At the inner boundary the flow speed
 304 drops and the density as well. The magnetic field starts growing and it is less turbulent
 305 than in the magnetosheath. The wide band on the the omnidirectional CIS HIA ion spec-

306 tra disappears. 15-30 minutes before the appearance of these indicators of the magne-
 307 topause crossing our intervals end. All intervals contain large data gap, non-physical jump
 308 of instrument mode changing or shorter than four hour are removed. Hence 74 intervals
 309 considered in our final selection (Table 2).

310 All intervals have quiet upstream (or input) solar wind conditions (Figure 7). In-
 311 spect of our selection the magnetic field and the plasma parameters and the calculated
 312 empirical density vary significantly stronger than in the solar wind intervals (Figure 8).
 313 The deviation of the simulated and the observed data is larger in this region as well. The
 314 scattered plots of the magnetic field, plasma flow speed and the densities agree well how-
 315 ever these plot relatively less accurate than the scattered plots of the solar wind (Fig-
 316 ure 9). The correlation of the simulated and the observed data is good for the magnetic
 317 field, very good for the ion plasma moments and the calculated density (Figure 10, left).
 318 The timeshift of the magnetic field is within five minutes mostly however the timeshift
 319 of the ion plasma moments is scattered. The timeshift of the calculated EFW density
 320 seems to be more accurate. Generally, the GUMICS-4 is less accurate in the magne-
 321 tosheath. The magnetic field is quite good however the plasma parameters are not so
 322 good. The calculated empirical EFW density (n_{EFW}) fits better than the CIS HIA den-
 323 sity (n_{CIS}).

324 3.3 Magnetosphere

325 To select intervals in the magnetosphere we looked for the CIS HIA OMNI direc-
 326 tional ionflux. When the band of the hot magnetosheath ion population (dis)appeared,
 327 the magnetosphere started/finished. The solar wind density becomes slowly zero, a mag-
 328 netic field and the solar wind density drop and reach the zero value. We left 15-30 min
 329 after/before the magnetopause transition to appoint the interval in the magnetopshere.
 330 In this way we found 132 intervals in the magnetosphere (Table 3) using Cluster SC3 mea-
 331 surements. The Cluster SC3 spends considerable time in the magnetosphere (Figure 11).

332 Here we show neither any correlation calculation nor comparison plot. In the mag-
 333 netosphere the GUMICS-4 does not work well. Neither the magnetic field nor the plasma
 334 moments nor the N_{EFW} fit well. The solar wind velocity does not reach zero in the sim-
 335 ulation. Instead the solar wind enters to the night side magnetosphere. The solar wind
 336 CIS HIA ion plasma density and the calculated density from spacecraft potential increase

337 closer to the Earth (plasmasphere). The GUMICS–4 density is low there. We calculated
 338 the dipole field in GSE using Tsyganenko geotool box [Tsyganenko, 1995] and substracted
 339 from both the observed and the simulated magnetic field B_z data. The correlation of these
 340 corrected magnetic field measurements and simulations is very low too.

341 **3.4 Bow shock, magnetopause, neutral sheet**

342 78 intervals are selected when the Cluster SC3 crossed the terrestrial bow shock
 343 once or multiple times. When the spacecraft crosses the bow shock inward direction the
 344 magnitude of the magnetic field and the solar wind density increases 4–5 times (from 5 nT
 345 or 5 cm^{-3} , respectively), the solar wind speed drops from 400–600 km/s to 100–300 km/s;
 346 furthermore the narrow band on the omnidirectional Cluster CIS HIA ion spectra is widened.
 347 The Cluster measurements are 1-min averaged and the GUMICS–4 simulations has 5–
 348 min resolution hence all bow shock transitions of the virtual spacecraft are slower and
 349 smoother. Additionally, the multiple bow shock transitions are not visible in the GUMICS
 350 simulations. The code reacts slowly for such sudden changes. The magnetic signatures
 351 fit better than the calculated plasma moments. The jump of the ion plasma parameters
 352 and the derived Cluster EFW density of the simulations are shifted to the measurements.
 353 Generally, the density and the velocity of the simulations seem to be less accurate than
 354 the magnetic field of the simulations.

355 56 intervals are selected around magnetopause crossings (Anekallu, private com-
 356 munication). When the spacecraft crosses the magnetopause inward direction the mag-
 357 nitude of the magnetic field increases, the solar wind speed drops from 100–300 km/s to
 358 zero, the plasma density becomes zero; furthermore the wide band on the omnidirectional
 359 Cluster CIS HIA ion spectra disappears. These changes are not so fast. The location of
 360 the magnetopause is well determined by the Cluster SC3 measurements. However, it is
 361 very difficult to identify the magnetopause crossings in the simulation data. The 5-min
 362 resolution of the simulations provides smooth and averaged curves without sharp changes.
 363 Furthermore, the magnetopause crossings very often cannot be seen in the simulations.
 364 Or when the magnetopause crossings are clearly identified in both simulations and space-
 365 craft measurements the events are shifted. The accuracy of the model is lower for the
 366 dayside magnetopause locations.

367 Nine intervals are chosen around Cluster SC3 neutral sheet crossings (Figure 12;
 368 Table 6; Tanskanen, private communication). The neutral sheets location is determined
 369 using the results of the Boundary Layet Identification Code (BLIC) Project [Facsikó *et al.*,
 370 in preparation]. The BLIC code determines the neutral sheet crossing Cluster FGM mag-
 371 netic field measurements using Wang and Xu [1994]’s method. When the solar wind speed
 372 is almost zero; furthermore the CIS HIA density and the EFW calculated density are
 373 almost zero too; finally the GSE Z component of the magnetic field changes its sign the
 374 code indicated neutral sheet crossing (Figure 20; red and blue curves). Surprisingly the
 375 neutral sheet crossings are visible very well in the GUMICS simulations (Figure 20; black
 376 curves). For five events (from nine Cluster SC3 crossings) the GUMICS–4 also provides
 377 similar smoothed parameters and change of sign of the B_z component. This is a very good
 378 result because the tail in the GUMICS–4 simulations is significantly smaller than the
 379 observed [Gordeev *et al.*, 2013; Facsikó *et al.*, 2016]; furthermore the solar wind enters
 380 in the tail in MHD simulations generally [Kallio and Facsikó, 2015].

381 4 Discussion

382 The agreement of the solar wind B_z , V_x and n_{EFW} with the similar GUMICS sim-
 383 ulation parameters is very good (Figure 4). The agreement of the n_{CIS} is worse. It was
 384 expected because the N_{EFW} depends only the spacecraft potential provided by the EFW
 385 instrument. However, the CIS instrument has many mode for measure the plasma pa-
 386 rameters and it needs periodical calibration too. The correlation of the solar wind V_x ,
 387 n_{CIS} and n_{EFW} with the similar GUMICS simulation parameters is greater than 0.9 (Fig-
 388 ure 5). The correlation of the B_z is greater than 0.8. Both numbers prove very high cor-
 389 relation. The inbound wall of the GUMICS–4 code is at $32 R_E$ [Janhunen *et al.*, 2012],
 390 the nose of the terrestrial bow shock is at about $20 R_E$. If the solar wind speed is 400 km/s,
 391 then this spatial distance means less than 5 minutes delay, so it should not be visible.
 392 80% of the intervals support this theory but 20 % not. In these cases the one-minute res-
 393 olution B_z , n_{CIS} or the n_{EFW} parameters have a sudden jump or variation that the sim-
 394 ulation cannot follow, or the resolution of the simulation data (5 minutes) is too small
 395 to see these variations. Therefore, the correlation calculation is not accurate in these cases.
 396 Previously the OMNI data was compared to the Cluster data and the Cluster measure-
 397 ments were compared to the GUMICS–4 [Facsikó *et al.*, 2016]. The comparison suggests
 398 that the GUMICS–4 results should be similar with the OMNI data. Furthermore, we

399 calculate correlation functions in the solar wind, where there is no significant perturba-
 400 tion of the input parameters in the simulation box. Therefore, we get an expected re-
 401 sult after comparing the two different correlation calculations.

402 In the magnetosheath we get worse agreement with the GUMICS simulation data
 403 (Figure 9). However, it means only the larger uncertainty of the scattered plot. The gen-
 404 eral reason of this larger uncertainty seems to the larger number of point. The slowed
 405 down solar wind shows strong turbulence. This phenomena explains the higher varia-
 406 tions of the B_z magnetic field. The solar wind V_x , n_{CIS} and n_{EFW} agree better than
 407 the magnetic field component. Here there is no deviation between the densities derived
 408 in different ways (n_{CIS} and n_{EFW}). The Figure 10 seems to be contradict these state-
 409 ments above. The larger uncertainty of the B_z is visible on the top left corner of the Fig-
 410 ure 10. However, that correlation is still good. The other parameters have larger (> 0.9)
 411 correlation. However, the time shifts on the right side of the Figure 10 seem to be worse.
 412 Actually here the time shift are worse because the shape of the time series in the mag-
 413 netosheath looks very similar. Hence, the correlation calculation provides larger time shifts
 414 for the ion plasma parameters and the n_{EFW} .

415 In the magnetosphere the GUMICS–4 does not work well. The GUMICS–4 uses
 416 a tilted dipole to describe the terrestrial magnetic field [Janhunen *et al.*, 2012]. After re-
 417 moving the magnetic dipole from the magnetic field measurements of the Cluster SC3
 418 and the simulation we get very low correlations and unacceptable time shifts (not shown).
 419 In the inner magnetosphere the tilted dipole is an insufficient description. However, the
 420 plasma momentums and the N_{EFW} fit neither. The MHD approach lost its validity in
 421 the inner magnetosphere domain therefore the V_x and the n of the simulations do not
 422 agree to the V_x , the n_{CIS} and the n_{EFW} measured by the Cluster SC3. Within the $3.7 R_E$
 423 domain another model is necessary that contains more physics as you can see another
 424 global MHD code [Lyon *et al.*, 2004; Raeder *et al.*, 2008; Powell *et al.*, 1999; Tóth *et al.*,
 425 2012]. This result explains the limited accuracy of the cross polar cap potential (CPCP)
 426 and geomagnetic indices of the GUMICS simulations [Juusola *et al.*, 2014]. The CPCP
 427 had good agreement of GUMICS simulations and spacecraft measurements therefore this
 428 quantity could be used for capable and relevant simulation studies [Lakka *et al.*, 2018a].
 429 Haiducek *et al.* [2017] also made a comparison study of the geomagnetic indices and the
 430 CPCP. The Space Weather Modelling Framework (SWMF) was tested. When the in-
 431 ner magnetosphere model was switched off in the simulation the only the comparison of

432 the simulated and observed CPCP was good. Therefore, the reason of the discrepancy
 433 of the geomagnetic indices in the GUMICS simulations must be the missing inner mag-
 434 netosphere model.

435 The reason of the disagree of the simulation results and the measurements could
 436 be the code or the bad input parameters. During the 1-year run the distributions of the
 437 OMNI solar wind magnetic field B_x , B_y , B_z components; solar wind velocity V_x , V_y V_z
 438 componets and the solar wind dynamic pressure are calculated from January 29, 2002
 439 to February 2, 2003 in GSE reference frame (Figure 13). The intervals when the GUMICS-4
 440 simulations and the Cluster SC3 measurements disagreed are collected for intervals in
 441 the solar wind (Table 4) and the magnetosheath (Table 5). The averaged shifted OMNI
 442 parameters of the badly agree intervals from the Tables 4 and 5 are saved. The distri-
 443 butions of the OMNI parameters belong to the bad simulation results are calculated for
 444 the solar wind region (Figure 14, 15 and 16) and in the magnetosheath (Figure 17, 18 and 19).

445 The badness of the GUMICS-4 simulations does not depend on the OMNI param-
 446 eters in the solar wind and magnetosheath regions. For the magnetosphere the same study
 447 does not need to be done because the deviance of the measurements and the simulations
 448 is so large that it cannot be caused by the wrong OMNI solar wind parameters.

449 The bow shock locations agree in the GUMICS simulations and the Cluster SC3
 450 measurements. However, the magnetopause locations do not fit as good as the bow shock
 451 in simulations and observations. In simulations the location of the magnetopause is de-
 452 termined by currents densities or particle density gradients [*García and Hughes*, 2007;
 453 *Gordeev et al.*, 2013, see references therein]. In this paper the previously saved simula-
 454 tion parameters along the virtual Cluster SC3 orbit are analysed. Therefore, the above
 455 mentioned methods cannot be applied. The reason of the inaccuracy of the magnetopause
 456 positions in the simulations must be the missing inner magnetosphere and ring current
 457 module. This discrepancy of the magnetopause location agrees with the results of *Gordeev*
 458 *et al.* [2013] and *Facskó et al.* [2016]. *Gordeev et al.* [2013] compared synthetic GUMICS
 459 runs with empirical formula of the magnetopause locations. *Facskó et al.* [2016] used OMNI
 460 solar wind data as input and got the same result as *Gordeev et al.* [2013] and this pa-
 461 per.

462 Surprisingly the neutral sheets are visible in both simulations and observations (Fig-
 463 ure 20, Table 6). This experience is exceptional because the night side magnetosphere

of the GUMICS–4 simulations is small and twisted [Gordeev *et al.*, 2013; Facskó *et al.*, 2016]. However, in this cases the IMF has no large B_y component. From Facskó *et al.* [2016] we know that the GUMICS has normal long tail (or night side magnetosphere) if the B_y is small.

5 Summary and conclusions

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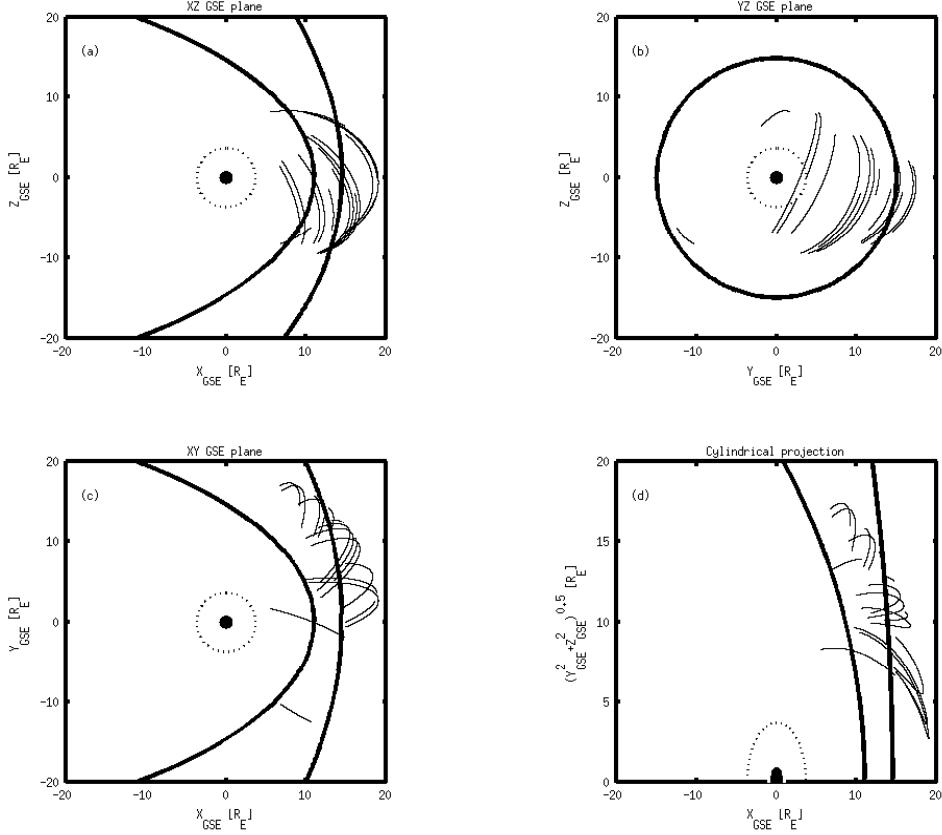
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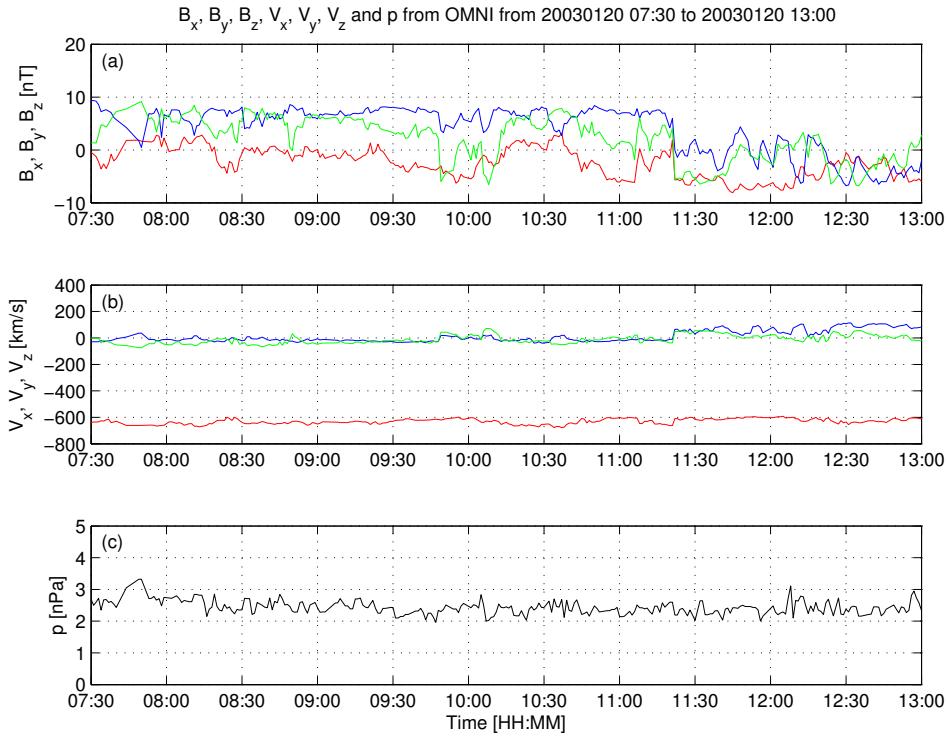
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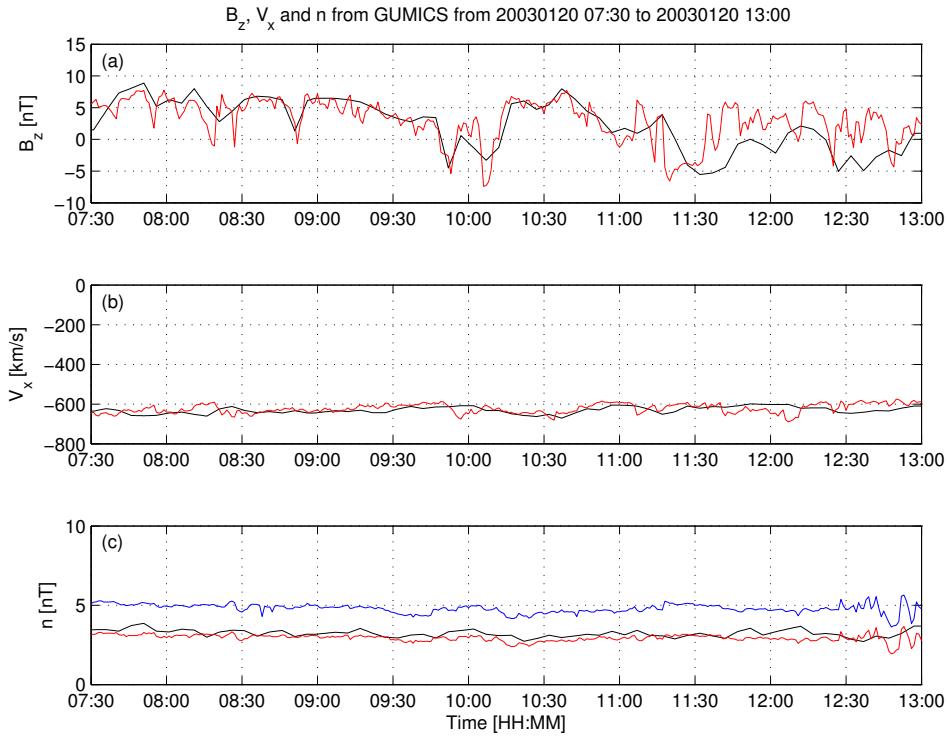
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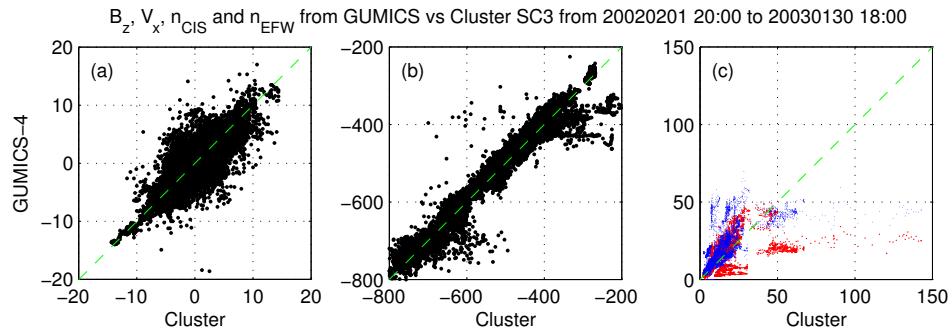
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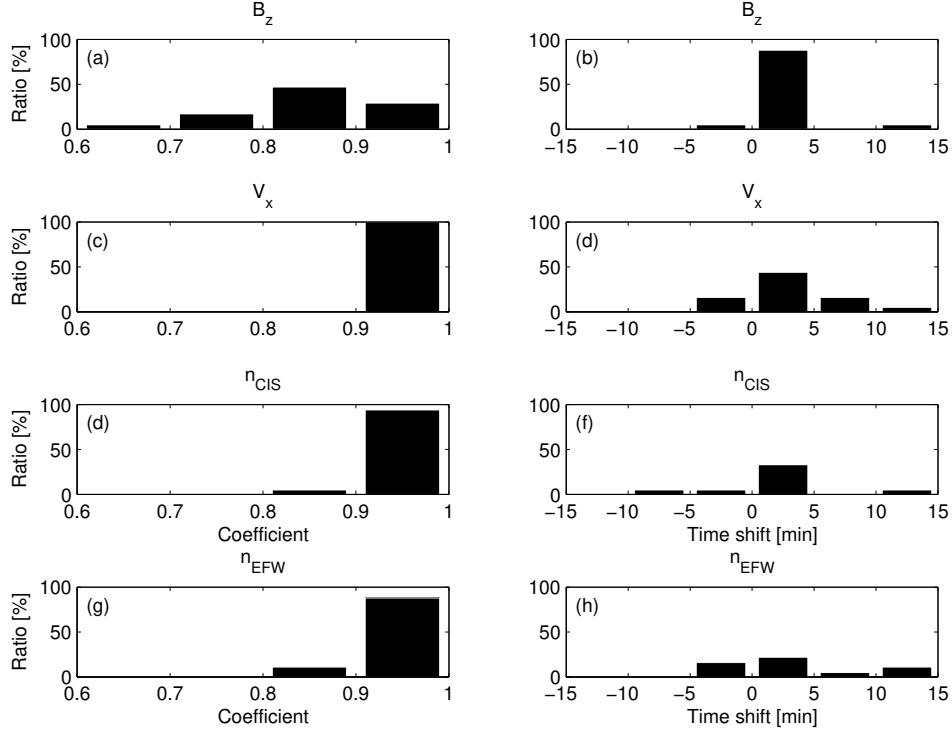
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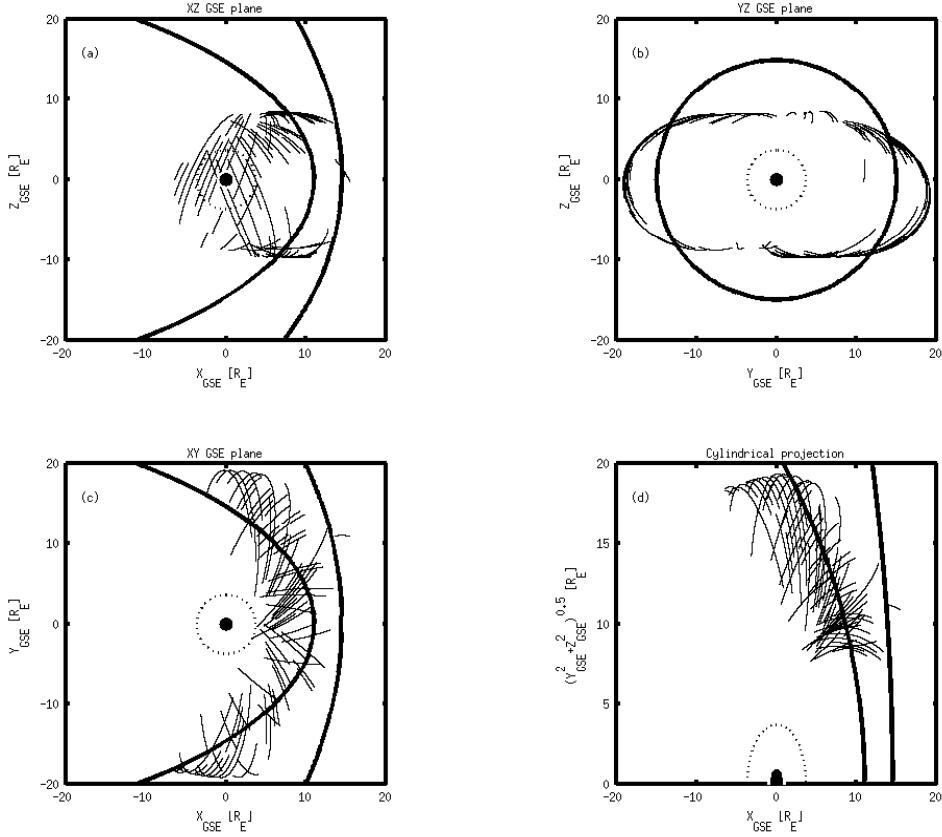
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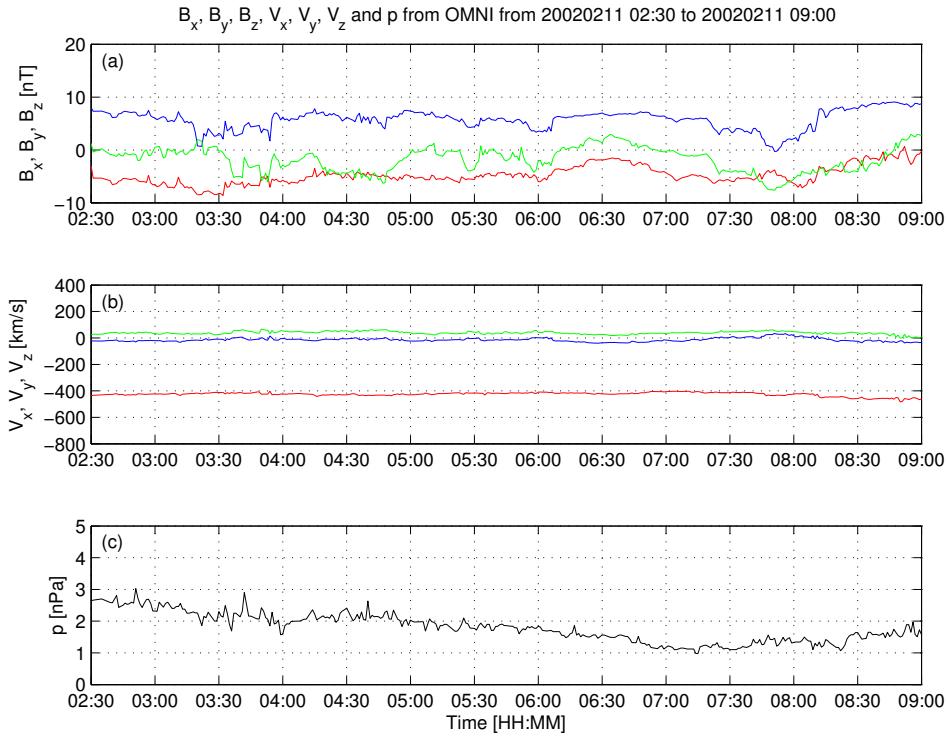
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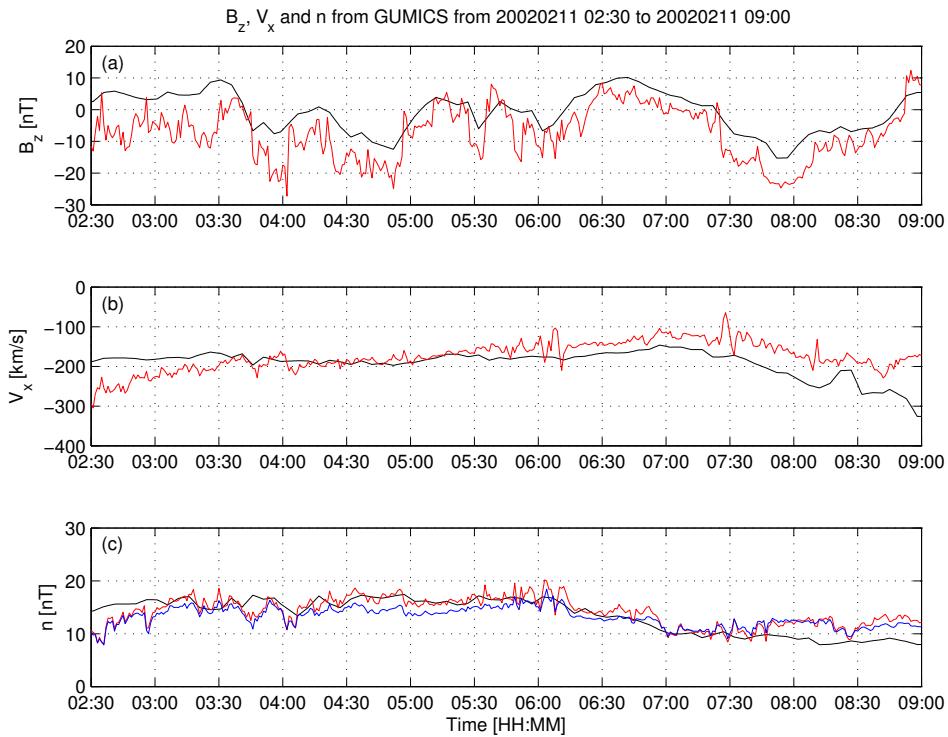
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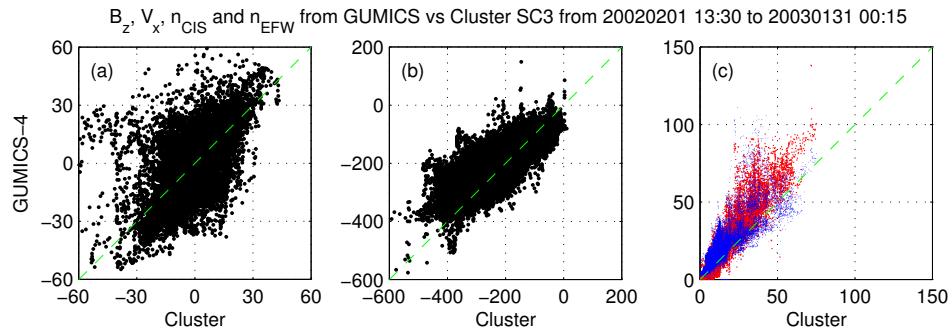
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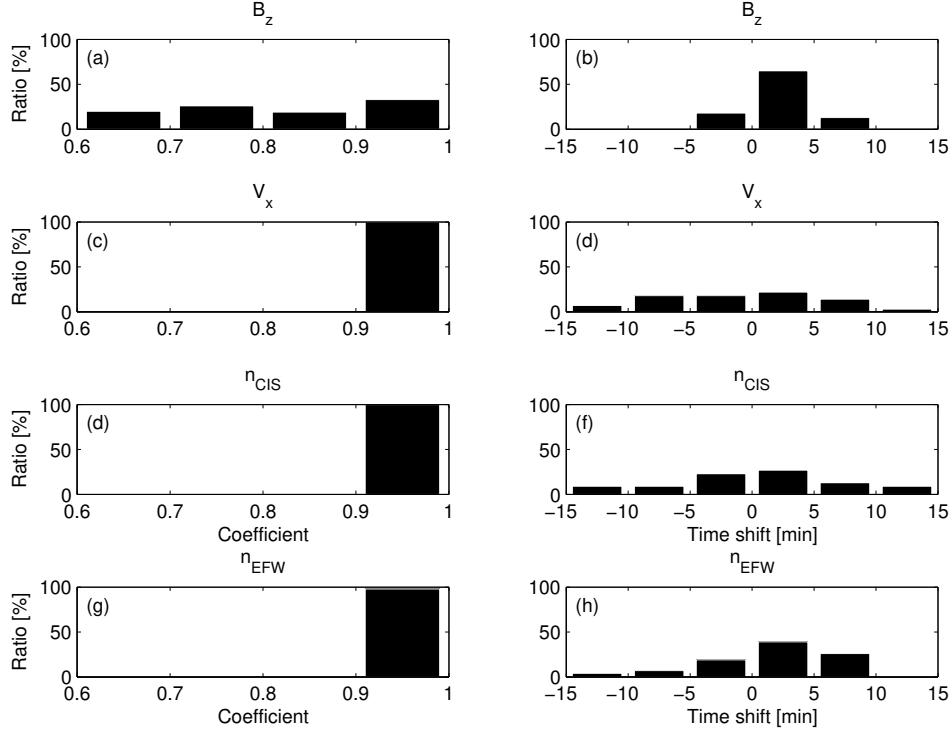
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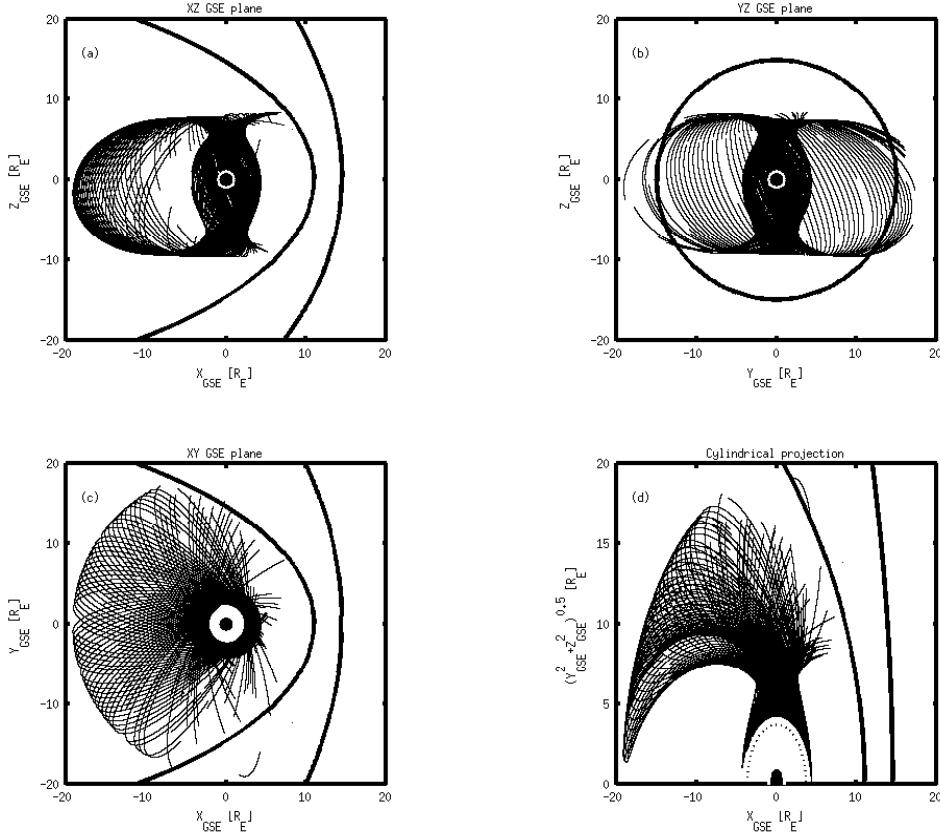
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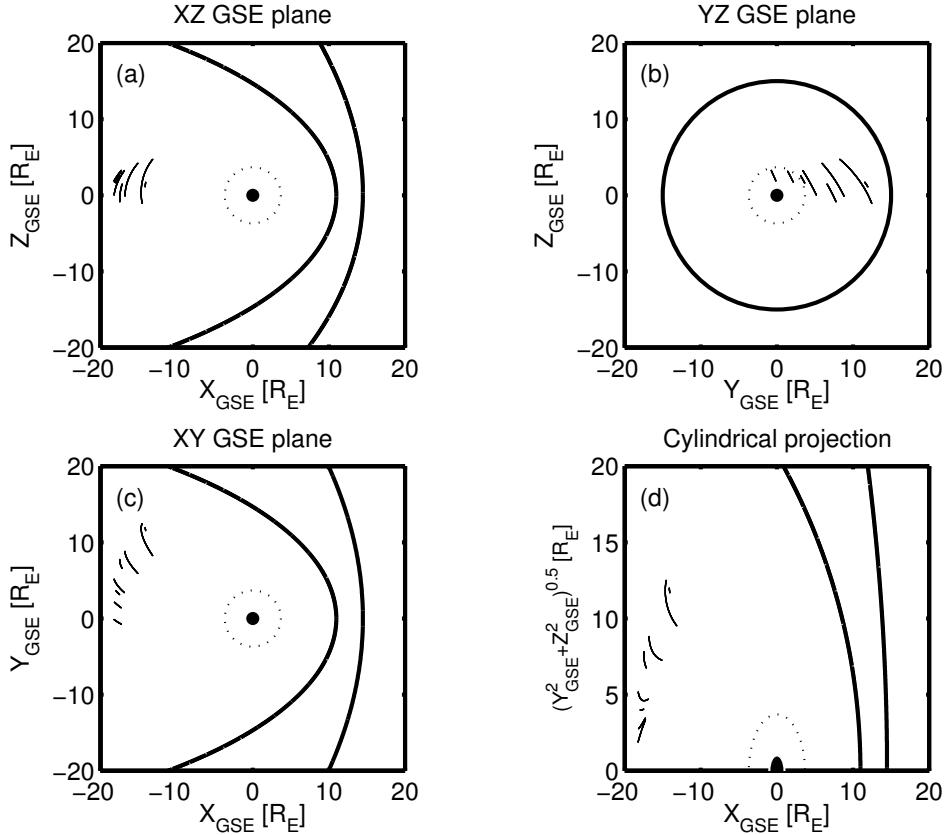
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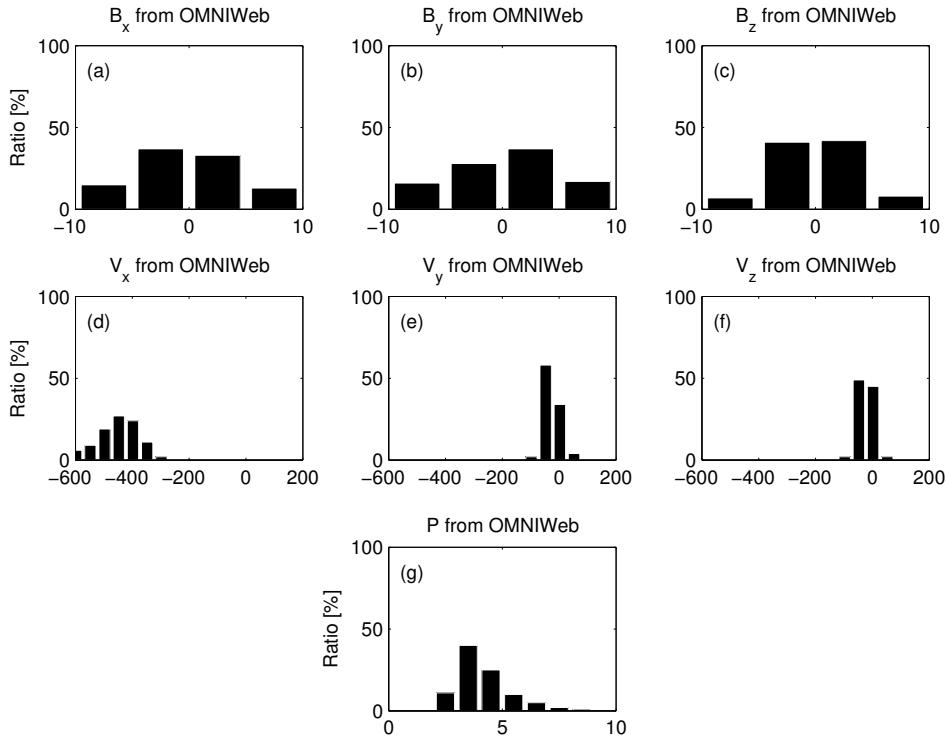
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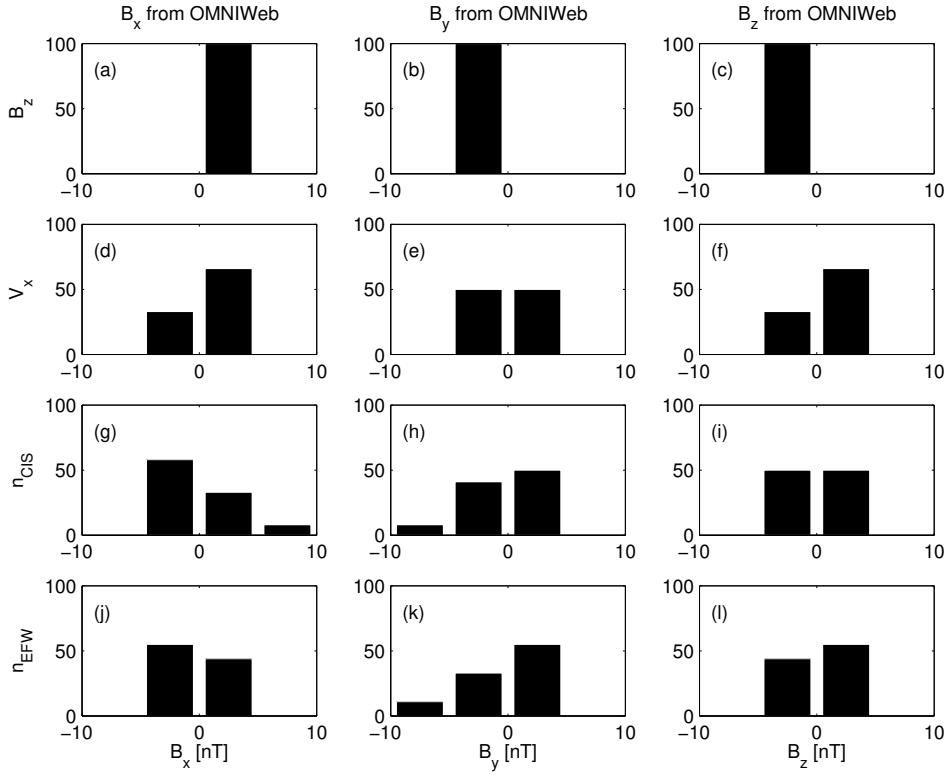
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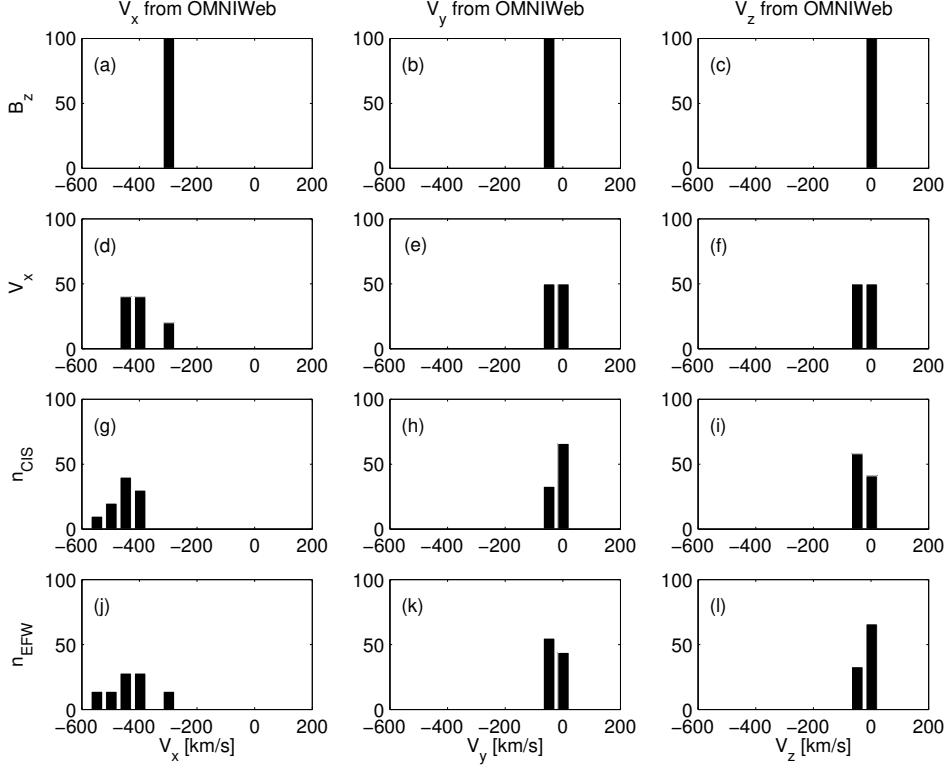
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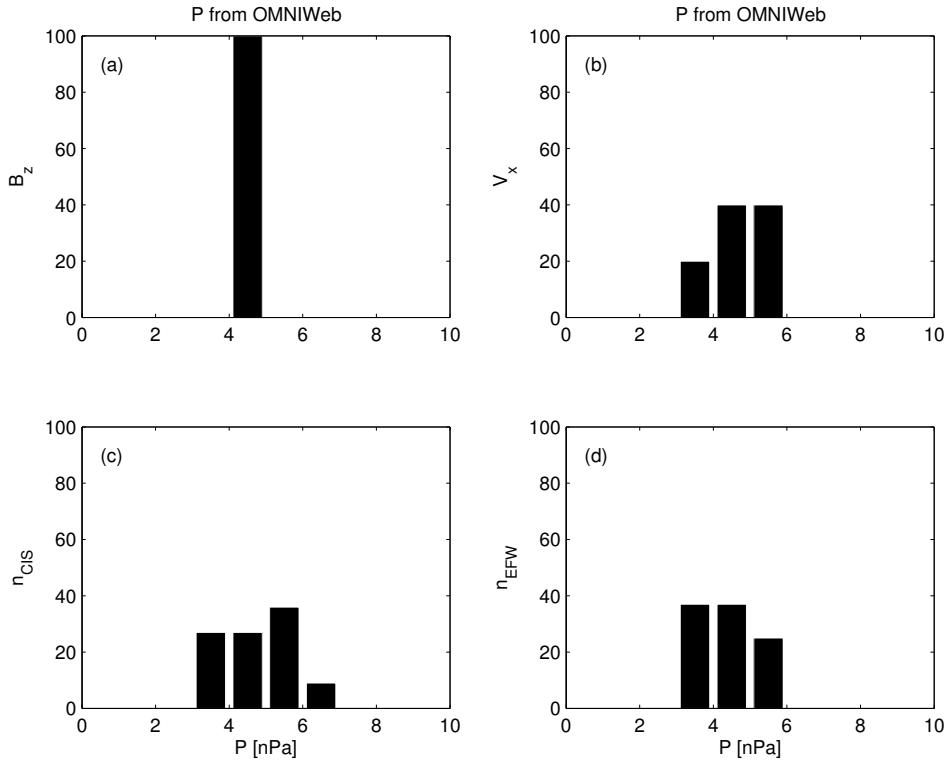
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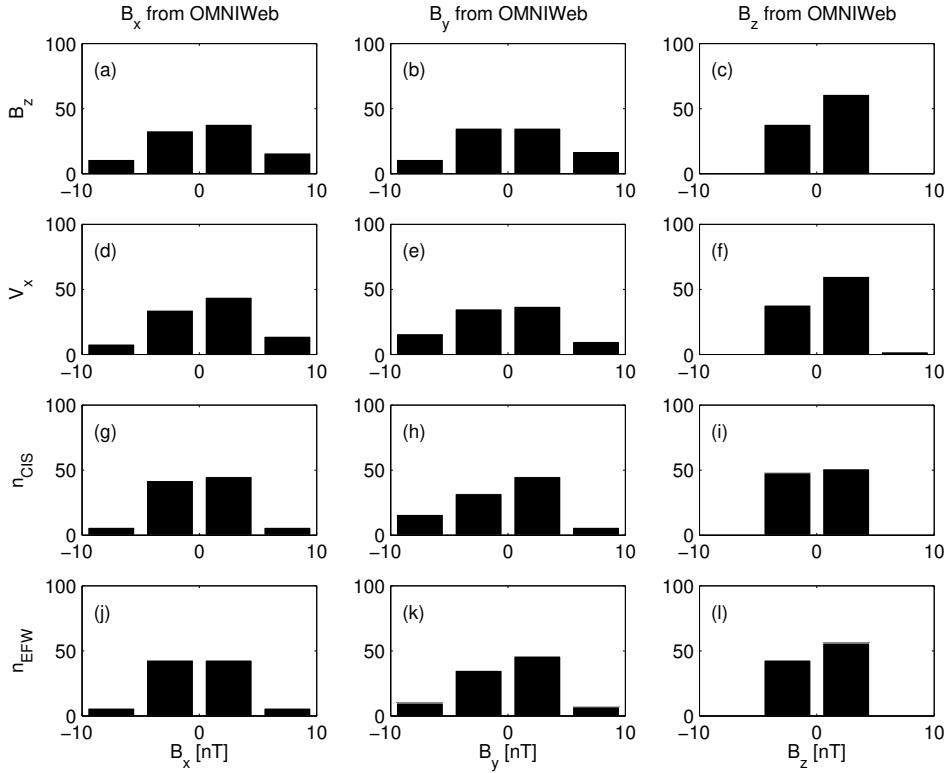
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 782 Distribution of OMNI B_x , B_y , B_z when the agreement of n_{CIS} is poor. (j, k, l) Distribution of
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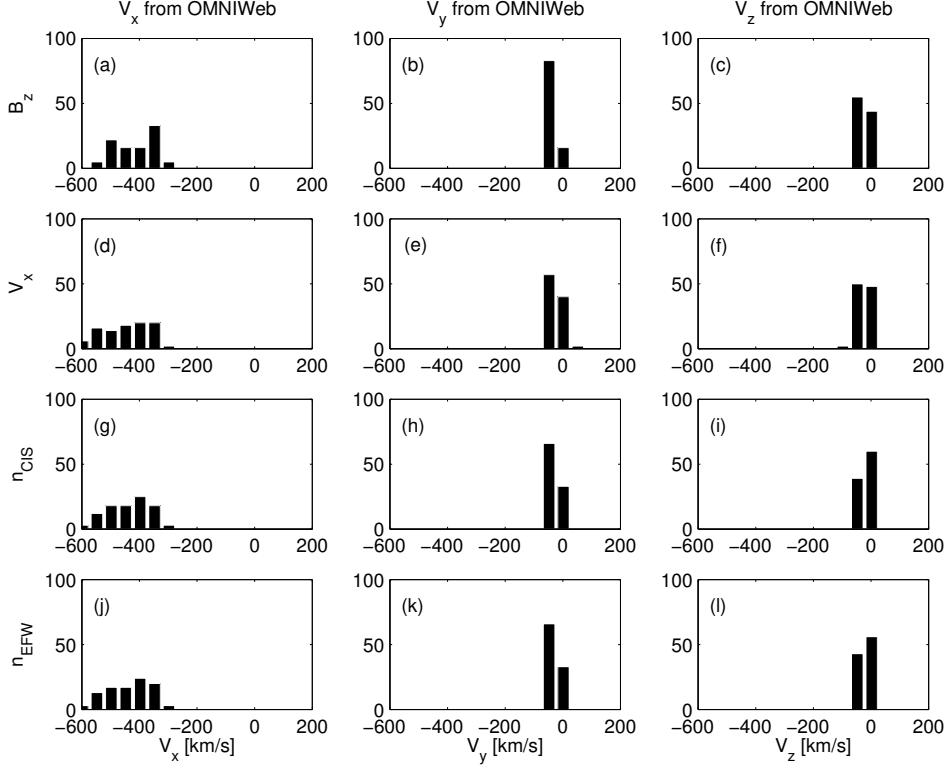
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 789 density measured by the CIS HIA instrument and the calculated from the EFW spacecraft po-
 790 tential, respectively. (a, b, c) Distribution of OMNI V_x , V_y , V_z when the agreement of B_z is poor.
 791 (d, e, f) Distribution of OMNI V_x , V_y , V_z when the agreement of V_x is poor. (g, h, i) Distribution
 792 of OMNI V_x , V_y , V_z when the agreement of n_{CIS} is poor. (j, k, l) Distribution of OMNI V_x , V_y ,
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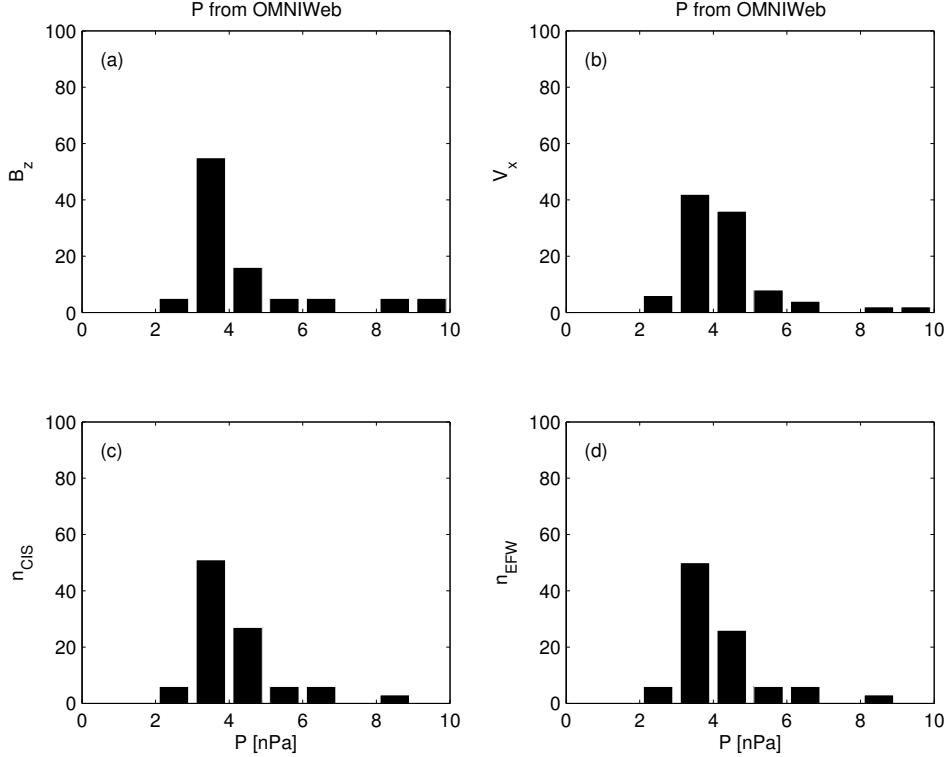
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 797 field GSE Z component, the velocity X GSE component, the solar wind density measured by the
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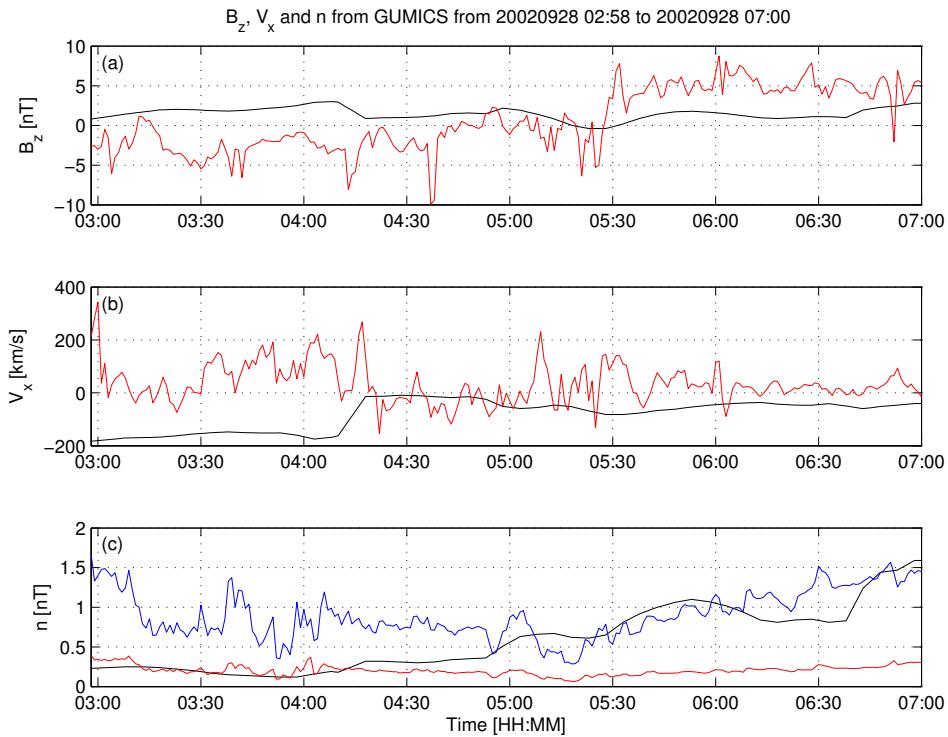
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 802 components when the agreement of the Cluster SC3 measurements and the GUMICS–4 simu-
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 807 is poor. (d, e, f) Distribution of OMNI B_x , B_y , B_z when the agreement of V_x is poor. (g, h, i)
 808 Distribution of OMNI B_x , B_y , B_z when the agreement of n_{CIS} is poor. (j, k, l) Distribution of
 809 OMNI B_x , B_y , B_z when the agreement of n_{EFW} is poor. The values are in percentage unit in
 810 the distributions.



811 **Figure 18.** The distributions of the V_x , the V_y and the V_z OMNI solar wind magnetic field
 812 components when the agreement of the Cluster SC3 measurements and the GUMICS–4 simula-
 813 tions are poor in the magnetosheath (see Table 5). The B_z , the V_x , the n_{CIS} and the n_{EFW} are
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 815 density measured by the CIS HIA instrument and the calculated from the EFW spacecraft po-
 816 tential, respectively. (a, b, c) Distribution of OMNI V_x , V_y , V_z when the agreement of B_z is poor.
 817 (d, e, f) Distribution of OMNI V_x , V_y , V_z when the agreement of V_x is poor. (g, h, i) Distribution
 818 of OMNI V_x , V_y , V_z when the agreement of n_{CIS} is poor. (j, k, l) Distribution of OMNI V_x , V_y ,
 819 V_z when the agreement of n_{EFW} is poor. The values are in percentage unit in the distributions.



820 **Figure 19.** The distributions of the P solar wind dynamic pressure calculated from OMNI pa-
 821 rameters when the agreement of the Cluster SC3 measurements and the GUMICS-4 simulations
 822 are poor in the magnetosheath (see Table 5). The B_z , V_x , n_{CIS} and n_{EFW} are the magnetic
 823 field GSE Z component, the velocity X GSE component, the solar wind density measured by the
 824 CIS HIA instrument and calculated from the EFW spacecraft potential, respectively. (a, b, c, d)
 825 The distribution of the P calculated from OMNI data when the agreement of the B_z , the V_x , the
 826 n_{CIS} or the n_{EFW} are poor. The values are in percentage unit in the distributions.



827 **Figure 20.** GUMICS-4 simulation results (black) and Cluster SC3 magnetic field, ion plasma
 828 moments (red) and electron density calculated from spacecraft potential (blue) from September
 829 28, 2002 from 2:58 to 7:00 (UT) in the tail in GSE system. (a) Magnetic field Z component. (b)
 830 Solar wind velocity X component (c) Solar wind density.

Start/End	C_{B_z}	δt_{B_z}	C_{V_x}	δt_{V_x}	$C_{n_{CIS}}$	$\delta t_{n_{CIS}}$	$C_{n_{EFW}}$	$\delta t_{n_{EFW}}$
	[min]		[min]		[min]		[min]	
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20020211 13:00/0212 12:00	0.82	2	1.00	0	0.99	18	0.99	18
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20020318 17:30/0319 02:30	0.89	1	1.00	21	0.98	50	0.99	5
20020412 20:30/0413 02:00	0.90	4	0.99	-54	0.94	60	0.98	12
20021227 12:00/1228 03:00	0.75	4	1.00	-3	0.99	-26	0.99	21
20021229 20:00/1230 16:00	0.68	1	1.00	1	0.99	-30	0.98	41
20030106 06:00/0106 19:00	0.79	4	1.00	6	0.99	4	0.99	-60
20030108 07:00/0109 03:30	0.55	10	1.00	41	0.99	10	0.97	-55
20030113 08:30/0113 18:00	0.91	3	1.00	5	1.00	3	0.97	-1
20030120 07:30/0120 13:00	0.82	2	1.00	9	1.00	-6	1.00	-3
20030122 12:00/0123 14:00	0.81	2	1.00	3	0.99	3	0.92	-60
20030124 18:00/0126 00:00	0.73	3	1.00	0	0.99	-60	0.99	60
20030127 16:00/0128 06:00	0.88	-1	1.00	-3	0.95	1	0.88	11
20030129 12:00/0130 18:00	0.90	2	1.00	4	0.94	-59	0.98	1

Table 1. The studied solar wind intervals. The correlation coefficients (C_{B_z} , C_{V_x} , $C_{n_{CIS}}$, $C_{n_{EFW}}$) and time shift (δt_{V_x} , $\delta t_{n_{CIS}}$, $\delta t_{n_{EFW}}$) in minutes of the magnetic field GSE Z component (B_z), solar wind velocity X component (V_x), CIS and EFW densities (n_{CIS} , n_{EFW}).

Table 2: The studied magnetosheath intervals. The correlation coefficients (C_{B_z} , C_{V_x} , $C_{n_{CIS}}$, $C_{n_{EFW}}$) and time shift (δt_{V_x} , $\delta t_{n_{CIS}}$, $\delta t_{n_{EFW}}$) in minutes of the magnetic field GSE Z component (B_z), solar wind velocity X component (V_x), CIS and EFW densities (n_{CIS} , n_{EFW}). In the empty slots the correlation calculation gives invalid result.

Start/End	C_{B_z}	δt_{B_z}	C_{V_x}	δt_{V_x}	$C_{n_{CIS}}$	$\delta t_{n_{CIS}}$	$C_{n_{EFW}}$	$\delta t_{n_{EFW}}$
		[min]		[min]		[min]		[min]
20020201 13:30/0201 18:30	0.91	1	0.98	56	0.99	60	0.976	60
20020208 18:15/0209 00:00	0.73	2	0.95	60	0.98	-52	0.98	-54
20020211 02:30/0211 09:00	0.79	0	0.99	-20	0.99	-1	0.99	1
20020212 16:30/0212 21:00	0.80	3	0.99	54	0.99	31	0.99	30
20020219 17:30/0219 23:00	0.76	4	0.98	37	0.99	7	0.99	6
20020222 23:00/0223 06:30	0.64	0	0.97	-60	0.99	-47	0.98	-48
20020227 16:30/0227 23:15	0.48	59	0.98	-31	0.99	-39	1.00	-12
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20020311 14:00/0311 19:00	0.86	5	0.97	36	0.99	-3	0.99	-40
20020406 19:00/0407 01:15	0.76	2	0.96	-60	0.98	-55	0.98	-56
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20020518 13:30/0518 19:30	0.70	1	0.99	9	0.97	-1	0.97	-1

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Start/End	C_{B_z}	δt_{B_z}	C_{V_x}	δt_{V_x}	$C_{n_{CIS}}$	$\delta t_{n_{CIS}}$	$C_{n_{EFW}}$	$\delta t_{n_{EFW}}$
		[min]		[min]		[min]		[min]
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20020522 02:00/0522 08:45	0.49	52	0.99	4	0.99	12	0.99	22
20020527 02:15/0527 17:15	0.79	-3	0.99	-3	0.98	0	0.98	0
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20020602 21:45/0603 17:45	0.62	-5	0.99	-1	0.98	2	0.99	2
20020605 10:30/0606 06:00	0.18	0	1.00	-7	0.97	10	0.98	9
20020607 18:00/0607 22:00	0.92	-35	1.00	-36	0.99	16	0.99	16
20020608 01:15/0608 18:15	0.53	-4	0.99	-39	0.96	-6	0.97	-6
20020610 01:30/0610 09:30	0.76	5	0.99	8	0.99	-5	0.99	-7
20020610 11:00/0611 01:00	0.87	-4	0.99	-33	0.98	23	0.99	6
20020612 18:30/0613 06:15	0.44	-2	0.99	-7	0.97	4	0.97	-32
20020615 07:00/0615 23:30			1.00	47	0.98	-3	0.98	-3
20020617 05:00/0618 03:45	0.76	4	1.00	28	0.98	10	0.98	8
20020620 04:00/0620 11:00	0.61	-8	0.99	-6	0.97	12	0.98	4
20020622 14:30/0622 18:00	0.98	55	1.00	35	0.99	16	1.00	16
20021201 04:15/1202 07:45	0.38	1	1.00	2	0.99	6	0.99	6
20021203 15:30/1204 19:30	0.67	1	0.99	60	0.98	59	0.98	59
20021207 00:30/1207 07:45	0.49	37	0.98	-56	0.99	-19	0.99	-4
20021208 09:30/1209 08:00	0.69	2	0.98	-35	0.97	6	0.98	4
20021212 23:30/1213 14:30	0.51	5	1.00	36	0.99	-3	0.81	-56
20021213 21:15/1214 09:30	0.93	5	0.99	-35	0.99	-13	0.99	-47
20021215 12:45/1216 18:00	0.76	2	0.99	-60	0.94	-60	0.98	31
20021217 16:30/1218 01:45	0.99	2	1.00	-54	0.99	3	0.99	3
20021220 01:30/1220 06:15	0.92	0	1.00	60	0.99	2	0.99	3
20021223 02:15/1223 13:00	0.91	1	0.97	49	0.93	49	0.99	-14
20021223 14:00/1223 22:30	0.84	1	0.99	-2	0.99	-1	1.00	-3
20021224 19:00/1225 01:45	0.94	0	1.00	-44	0.99	26	0.99	27

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Start/End	C_{B_z}	δt_{B_z}	C_{V_x}	δt_{V_x}	$C_{n_{CIS}}$	$\delta t_{n_{CIS}}$	$C_{n_{EFW}}$	$\delta t_{n_{EFW}}$
		[min]		[min]		[min]		[min]
20021225 23:45/1226 07:15	0.96	7	1.00	-17	0.99	56	0.99	55
20021226 23:00/1227 09:45	0.79	2	1.00	2	0.98	4	0.99	3
20021229 11:45/1229 17:00	0.60	2	1.00	-60	0.98	-19	0.98	50
20021230 17:45/1231 01:00	0.69	1	0.98	52	0.98	60	0.98	22
20021231 23:00/0101 05:15	0.89	2	0.99	15	0.99	-54	1.00	-58
20030105 14:00/0105 21:00	0.69	0	0.99	1	0.98	-60	0.99	-60
20030106 23:15/0107 03:00	0.52	9	0.98	60	0.99	56	1.00	-60
20030109 08:45/0109 16:15			0.91	-56	0.98	-13	0.98	-26
20030110 07:15/0110 15:15	0.94	1	0.99	-7	0.99	1	0.98	5
20030111 08:15/0111 22:30	0.84	0	0.99	-59	0.94	-15	0.94	8
20030112 17:30/0113 00:15	0.98	0	1.00	-52	0.99	39	0.99	51
20030114 00:30/0114 08:30	0.84	-1	0.99	-60	0.98	23	0.98	8
20030116 10:15/0116 17:45	0.62	60	0.93	52	0.99	60	0.99	30
20030117 09:30/0117 13:30	0.68	-3	1.00	8	1.00	-31	0.99	-33
20030118 23:30/0119 03:45	0.93	3	1.00	-12	1.00	7	0.99	7
20030119 21:00/0120 01:00	0.94	3	1.00	5	1.00	38	1.00	19
20030121 06:30/0121 11:30	0.82	-15	0.96	47	0.98	7	0.99	-39
20030122 04:45/0122 09:30	0.69	-2	1.00	10	0.99	-9	0.99	-5
20030126 01:45/0126 06:30	0.85	3	0.99	-15	0.99	-50	0.99	23
20030127 08:15/0127 13:00	1.00	9	1.00	-60	0.98	0	0.99	1
20030128 12:30/0128 17:15	0.77	60	0.99	-24	0.99	-6	0.988	20
20030130 19:45/0131 00:15	0.98	2	0.99	51	0.99	25	0.99	9

Table 3: The studied magnetosphere intervals (UT).

Start/End
20020213 23:00/0214 01:30
20020217 18:30/0218 02:00
20020220 00:45/0220 12:00
20020222 11:15/0222 20:15
20020225 02:15/0225 08:30
20020227 06:00/0227 12:00
20020302 00:00/0302 03:15
20020306 10:00/0306 18:30
20020308 17:30/0309 06:00
20020311 02:15/0311 12:00
20020313 11:15/0314 00:15
20020316 04:45/0316 08:00
20020318 09:00/0318 14:45
20020320 20:30/0320 23:55
20020323 04:00/0323 09:45
20020327 23:45/0328 06:15
20020330 07:15/0330 12:45
20020401 19:30/0401 22:00
20020406 09:30/0406 18:00
20020408 15:00/0409 00:00
20020410 23:30/0411 09:45
20020413 08:30/0413 19:00
20020416 18:00/0417 04:30
20020418 06:00/0418 12:00
20020420 15:00/0420 23:00
20020422 20:00/0423 07:00
20020425 08:30/0425 18:00
20020430 04:40/0430 12:00
20020504 14:30/0504 16:45

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20020505 02:30/0505 07:00
20020507 01:30/0507 15:45
20020508 11:00/0510 04:15
20020512 02:45/0512 09:30
20020514 10:30/0514 12:45
20020519 00:30/0519 19:30
20020521 01:30/0521 22:00
20020523 23:30/0524 02:00
20020524 19:00/0525 08:15
20020526 07:30/0526 10:30
20020528 20:00/0529 05:00
20020531 02:15/0531 13:30
20020602 04:30/0602 07:30
20020602 12:00/0602 21:30
20020604 08:30/0605 07:00
20020606 14:30/0607 16:30
20020609 06:00/0609 20:00
20020611 11:00/0612 13:00
20020614 01:00/0614 16:00
20020616 08:00/0616 18:00
20020620 13:30/0622 01:00
20020623 13:00/0623 17:00
20020624 04:00/0624 10:15
20020630 17:45/0701 15:00
20020701 21:00/0703 10:30
20020703 23:00/0706 03:15
20020707 01:00/0708 23:00
20020710 11:30/0714 03:30
20020714 15:45/0715 15:30
20020716 23:30/0717 16:00

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20020718 05:45/0722 11:00
20020722 23:45/0728 01:00
20020728 02:00/0804 03:45
20020804 04:45/0811 06:15
20020811 07:30/0816 01:00
20020816 15:30/0818 09:00
20020818 10:00/0825 11:30
20020825 13:00/0901 14:15
20020901 17:15/0903 23:30
20020905 02:15/0906 16:30
20020907 10:30/0908 17:00
20020908 18:00/0915 19:30
20020915 21:00/0922 22:30
20020923 00:00/0923 23:30
20020924 03:30/0928 22:45
20020928 23:30/0930 01:00
20020930 02:15/1006 17:00
20021006 17:45/1007 03:30
20021007 05:00/1007 17:30
20021008 07:30/1010 22:00
20021010 22:30/1012 22:30
20021012 23:00/1014 06:30
20021014 09:00/1016 04:00
20021016 14:00/1019 00:15
20021019 01:30/1019 22:00
20021021 04:00/1022 19:30
20021022 22:30/1026 02:30
20021026 04:00/1029 20:15
20021030 01:30/1102 08:00
20021102 22:00/1104 22:00

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Start/End
20021106 00:00/1107 18:00
20021108 02:00/1109 18:45
20021111 00:00/1112 01:30
20021113 03:45/1114 14:15
20021115 20:30/1116 23:00
20021118 01:00/1118 23:30
20021120 17:00/1121 06:00
20021122 21:30/1124 01:00
20021125 04:00/1126 08:30
20021127 20:00/1128 18:30
20021130 04:00/1201 01:30
20021202 14:30/1203 09:00
20021204 22:00/1205 19:30
20021207 09:00/1207 16:30
20021207 18:00/1207 22:00
20021209 16:30/1210 14:30
20021212 13:45/1212 21:30
20021214 13:30/1214 20:00
20021214 21:00/1215 07:30
20021216 21:00/1217 15:00
20021219 08:00/1219 19:30
20021221 15:45/1221 23:15
20021222 00:30/1222 08:45
20021224 02:30/1224 14:00
20021226 10:00/1226 19:00
20021228 19:30/1229 02:30
20021229 04:00/1229 10:00
20021231 05:00/1231 18:45
20030102 12:30/0102 20:45
20030104 20:45/0105 06:00

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Start/End
20030105 07:00/0105 13:30
20030107 05:45/0107 21:00
20030109 17:00/0110 00:45
20030112 00:00/0112 09:15
20030112 10:30/0112 16:00
20030114 11:00/0114 20:00
20030116 20:30/0116 22:45
20030119 04:30/0119 09:30
20030119 14:00/0119 17:00
20030121 13:30/0121 21:30
20030126 07:30/0126 15:45
20030128 17:45/0129 08:15
20030131 01:30/0131 11:45

Start/End	OMNI			Cluster SC3			
	B_z [nT]	V_x [km/s]	P [cm $^{-3}$]	B_z	V_x	n_{CIS}	n_{EFW}
20020201 20:00/0203 04:00	-1.25	-373.52	4.08	y	y	n	y
20020211 13:00/0212 12:00	0.03	-533.11	2.18	y	y	y	y
20020218 09:00/0219 02:00	2.56	-362.41	3.46	y	n	n	y
20020219 06:30/0219 15:00	3.55	-401.63	1.25	y	y	n	n
20020220 18:30/0222 00:00	1.95	-440.18	1.96	y	y	n	y
20020318 17:30/0319 02:30	3.79	-429.30	15.34	y	n	n	n
20020412 20:30/0413 02:00	-1.81	-420.35	3.24	y	n	n	y
20021227 12:00/1228 03:00	0.09	-714.40	2.72	y	n	n	y
20021229 20:00/1230 16:00	-0.37	-526.40	2.26	y	y	n	n
20030106 06:00/0106 19:00	2.25	-399.91	1.50	y	n	n	n
20030108 07:00/0109 03:30	-0.58	-280.80	2.97	n	n	y	n
20030113 08:30/0113 18:00	0.68	-397.83	1.72	y	y	y	n
20030120 07:30/0120 13:00	2.16	-630.69	2.43	y	y	y	y
20030122 12:00/0123 14:00	0.13	-608.96	3.41	y	y	y	n
20030124 18:00/0126 00:00	-0.71	-739.68	2.87	y	y	n	n
20030127 16:00/0128 06:00	-0.92	-451.84	3.12	y	y	n	n
20030129 12:00/0130 18:00	-3.09	-450.00	3.96	y	y	n	y

836 **Table 4.** The average OMNI input parameters in the solar wind and the good/bad agreement
 837 of the GUMICS–4 simulations to the Cluster B_z magnetic field component, the V_x solar wind
 838 speed component, the n_{CIS} solar wind density measured by the Cluster CIS HIA instrument and
 839 the n_{EFW} solar wind density calculated from the spacecraft potential measured by the Cluster
 840 EFW instrument in the solar wind.

Table 5: The average OMNI input parameters in the solar wind and the good/bad agreement of the GUMICS–4 simulations to the Cluster B_z magnetic field component, the V_x solar wind speed component, the n_{CIS} solar wind density measured by the Cluster CIS HIA instrument and the n_{EFW} solar wind density calculated from the spacecraft potential measured by the Cluster EFW instrument in the magnetosheath.

Start/End	OMNI			Cluster SC3			
	B_z	V_x	P	B_z	V_x	n_{CIS}	n_{EFW}
	[nT]	[km/s]	[cm $^{-3}$]				
20020201 13:30/0201 18:30	0.19	-342.87	4.62	y	n	n	n
20020208 18:15/0209 00:00	-0.48	-508.16	1.61	y	n	n	n
20020211 02:30/0211 09:00	-1.85	-425.67	1.78	y	y	y	y
20020212 16:30/0212 21:00	2.98	-509.22	2.34	y	n	n	n
20020219 17:30/0219 23:00	1.46	-431.50	1.46	y	y	y	y
20020222 23:00/0223 06:30	0.86	-391.22	1.14	y	n	n	n
20020227 16:30/0227 23:15	1.89	-343.13	1.52	n	n	n	n
20020310 18:30/0311 00:30	-2.81	-379.46	1.78	y	y	y	y
20020311 14:00/0311 19:00	1.63	-371.43	2.68	n	n	n	n
20020406 19:00/0407 01:15	-2.71	-333.13	0.93	y	n	n	n
20020410 17:30/0410 23:00	0.31	-312.43	4.42	n	n	y	y
20020411 11:30/0411 16:30	-1.50	-494.02	4.25	y	y	n	n
20020418 18:30/0418 22:45	-0.92	-450.82	0.30	n	n	n	n
20020421 04:30/0421 07:45	0.40	-455.69	1.37	n	n	n	n
20020422 11:45/0422 15:45	0.25	-419.98	1.14	n	n	y	y
20020423 08:30/0423 12:30	2.77	-507.99	6.82	n	n	n	n
20020430 12:30/0430 17:00	2.15	-479.51	3.02	n	n	n	n
20020505 07:00/0505 11:15	0.20	-336.81	1.74	n	n	n	n
20020506 19:15/0507 00:15	0.78	-390.00	2.46	y	n	n	n
20020507 17:30/0507 23:00	2.87	-392.40	3.49	y	n	n	n
20020514 22:45/0515 03:00	-2.42	-414.01	1.82	n	n	n	n

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Start/End	OMNI			Cluster SC3			
	B_z [nT]	V_x [km/s]	P $[cm^{-3}]$	B_z	V_x	n_{CIS}	n_{EFW}
20020517 07:00/0517 12:15	-0.39	-379.32	1.52	y	y	y	y
20020518 13:30/0518 19:30	0.63	-345.87	1.59	n	n	y	y
20020519 20:00/0520 03:30	4.75	-408.56	1.12	y	y	y	y
20020520 10:45/0520 20:15	0.74	-448.89	1.93	y	y	y	y
20020522 02:00/0522 08:45	-1.07	-398.12	1.63	n	y	y	y
20020527 02:15/0527 17:15	-3.11	-542.53	2.07	y	y	y	y
20020530 05:00/0530 10:30	0.03	-493.86	2.08	y	n	y	y
20020601 19:30/0602 01:00	-3.38	-342.27	4.16	y	y	y	y
20020602 21:45/0603 17:45	0.38	-435.47	1.89	y	y	y	y
20020605 10:30/0606 06:00	-0.42	-394.49	1.08	y	y	n	n
20020607 18:00/0607 22:00	-1.60	-291.85	1.80	y	y	y	y
20020608 01:15/0608 18:15	0.06	-335.39	2.74	y	n	y	y
20020610 01:30/0610 09:30	1.60	-465.52	3.00	y	y	y	y
20020610 11:00/0611 01:00	-2.27	-419.86	2.16	y	n	y	y
20020612 18:30/0613 06:15	-1.13	-351.03	1.16	y	y	y	y
20020615 07:00/0615 23:30	-1.16	-334.27	2.84	n	n	y	y
20020617 05:00/0618 03:45	0.78	-351.47	1.87	y	n	y	y
20020620 04:00/0620 11:00	0.46	-485.48	1.73	y	y	y	y
20020622 14:30/0622 18:00	-0.72	-429.02	1.93	n	n	y	y
20021201 04:15/1202 07:45	-1.09	-499.23	2.62	y	y	y	y
20021203 15:30/1204 19:30	0.34	-449.09	2.06	y	n	n	n
20021207 00:30/1207 07:45	0.80	-451.80	7.33	n	n	y	y
20021208 09:30/1209 08:00	0.60	-600.27	1.49	y	n	y	y
20021212 23:30/1213 14:30	0.10	-337.77	1.32	y	n	n	n
20021213 21:15/1214 09:30	-0.74	-361.19	2.99	y	n	y	y
20021215 12:45/1216 18:00	1.32	-479.48	1.53	y	n	n	n
20021217 16:30/1218 01:45	4.56	-393.99	2.49	y	n	y	y
20021220 01:30/1220 06:15	-1.21	-530.62	3.01	y	n	y	y

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Start/End	OMNI			Cluster SC3			
	B_z [nT]	V_x [km/s]	P $[cm^{-3}]$	B_z	V_x	n_{CIS}	n_{EFW}
20021223 02:15/1223 13:00	-2.32	-516.12	2.22	y	n	n	n
20021223 14:00/1223 22:30	0.89	-519.77	2.55	y	y	y	y
20021224 19:00/1225 01:45	0.88	-523.86	3.41	y	n	y	y
20021225 23:45/1226 07:15	-0.61	-414.38	2.21	y	y	n	n
20021226 23:00/1227 09:45	-1.79	-618.14	6.20	y	y	y	y
20021229 11:45/1229 17:00	-0.41	-580.12	2.39	y	n	n	n
20021230 17:45/1231 01:00	-1.01	-483.60	1.93	y	n	n	y
20021231 23:00/0101 05:15	0.60	-418.95	1.94	y	n	n	n
20030105 14:00/0105 21:00	-0.03	-414.46	1.69	y	n	n	n
20030106 23:15/0107 03:00	-1.62	-392.29	1.56	n	n	n	n
20030109 08:45/0109 16:15	1.45	-272.82	2.31	n	n	n	n
20030110 07:15/0110 15:15	-2.11	-401.03	2.72	y	n	y	y
20030111 08:15/0111 22:30	-0.20	-433.33	1.24	y	n	n	y
20030112 17:30/0113 00:15	1.53	-389.62	1.45	y	n	n	n
20030114 00:30/0114 08:30	-1.67	-388.53	2.27	y	n	n	y
20030116 10:15/0116 17:45	-1.20	-328.91	1.22	n	n	n	n
20030117 09:30/0117 13:30	-1.36	-327.09	2.55	y	y	y	y
20030118 23:30/0119 03:45	6.41	-459.46	4.82	y	y	y	y
20030119 21:00/0120 01:00	1.52	-597.95	2.38	y	n	y	y
20030121 06:30/0121 11:30	-1.77	-670.25	1.50	y	n	n	n
20030122 04:45/0122 09:30	0.11	-588.87	2.30	y	n	y	y
20030126 01:45/0126 06:30	-0.24	-713.82	2.75	y	y	y	y
20030127 08:15/0127 13:00	7.94	-509.30	0.47	y	n	y	y
20030128 12:30/0128 17:15	4.95	-443.83	4.15	y	y	y	y
20030130 19:45/0131 00:15	4.21	-510.33	2.63	y	n	y	y

Start/End	GUMICS Neutral Sheet
20020901 19:10/0901 23:54	–
20020906 14:07/0906 16:37	+
20020913 17:33/0913 20:06	+
20020918 12:47/0918 14:26	–
20020920 20:36/0921 02:13	+
20020928 02:58/0928 07:00	+
20021002 16:12/1002 23:52	–
20021014 12:34/1014 22:53	+
20021017 03:08/1017 04:11	–

842 **Table 6.** Intervals around the studied neutral sheet crossings in the tail. The Cluster SC3
 843 crossed the neutral sheet in all cases. The 3rd column shows whether the neutral sheet is visible
 844 in the GUMICS–4 simulations.