

The Bow Shock and Foreshock – Some Perspectives

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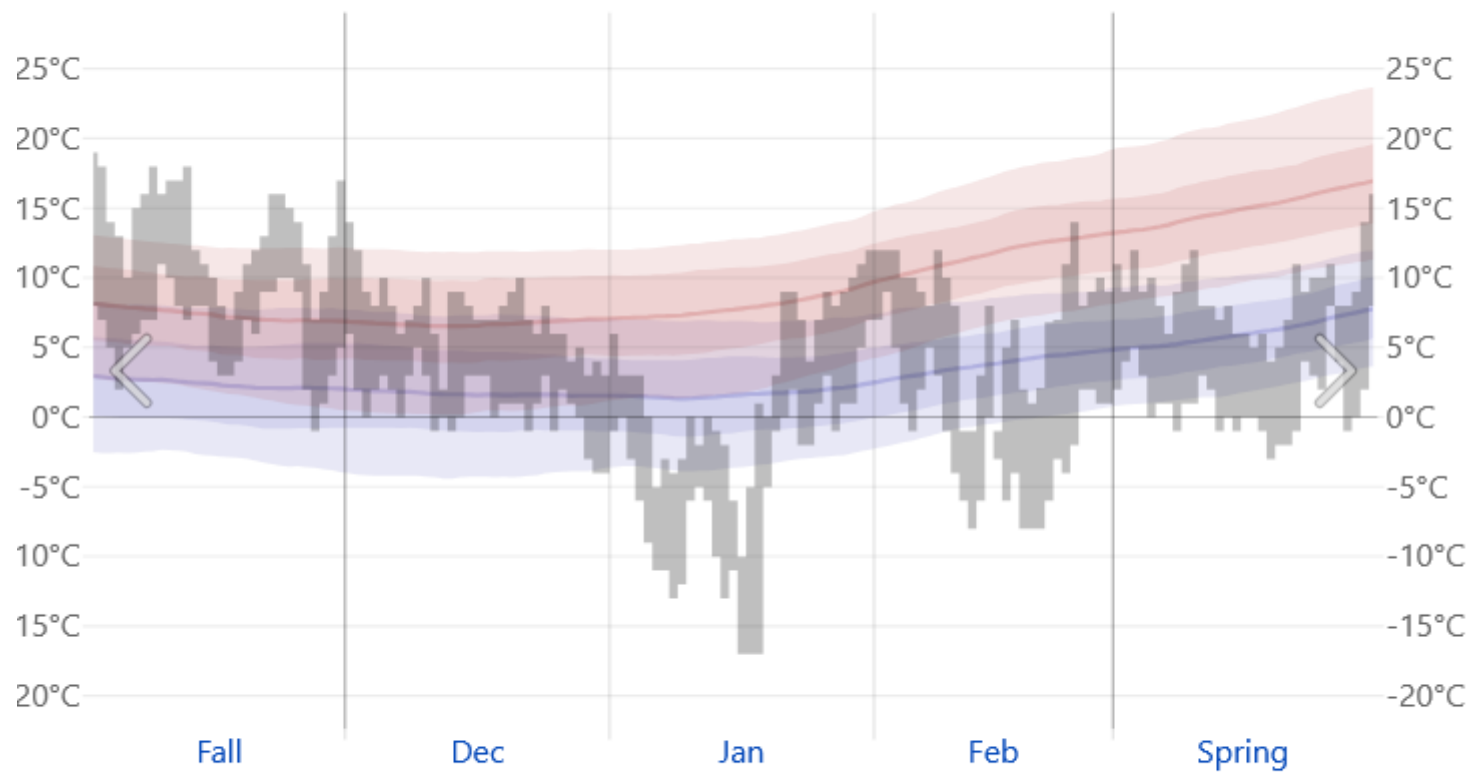


1985 or 1986?

Paris Temperature History in the Winter of 1984

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History: 1988 1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980



The daily range of reported temperatures (gray bars) and 24-hour highs (red ticks) and lows (blue ticks), placed over the daily average high (faint red line) and low (faint blue line) temperature, with 25th to 75th and 10th to 90th percentile bands.



The Structure of Perpendicular Bow Shocks

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A hybrid simulation model with kinetic ions, massless fluid electrons, and phenomenological resistivity is used to study the perpendicular configuration of the bow shocks of the earth and other planets. We investigate a wide range of parameters, including the upstream Mach number, electron and ion beta (ratios of thermal to magnetic pressure), and resistivity. Electron beta and resistivity are found to have little effect on the overall shock structure. Quasi-stationary structures are obtained at moderately high ion beta ($\beta_i \sim 1$), whereas the shock becomes more dynamic in the low ion beta, large Mach number regime ($\beta_i \sim 0.1$, $M_A > 8$). The simulation results are shown to be in good agreement with a number of observational features of quasi-perpendicular bow shocks, including the morphology of the reflected ion stream, the magnetic field profile throughout the shock, and the Mach number dependence of the magnetic field overshoot.

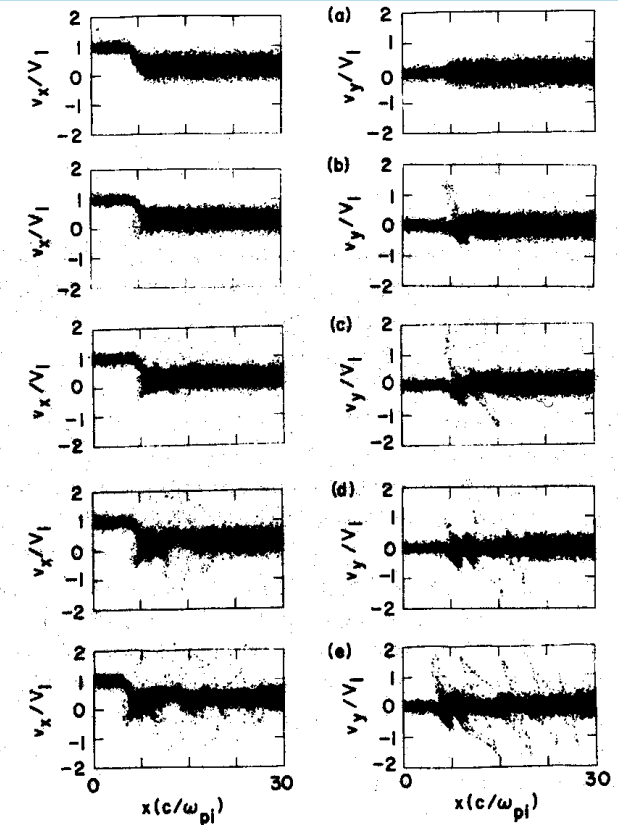


Fig. 1. v_x versus x and v_y versus x phase space for $M_A = 6$, $\beta_{e1} = \beta_{i1} = 1$ at (a) $t = 0$, (b) $1.3 \omega_{ci}^{-1}$, (c) $2.6 \omega_{ci}^{-1}$, (d) $5.2 \omega_{ci}^{-1}$, and (e) $9.6 \omega_{ci}^{-1}$.

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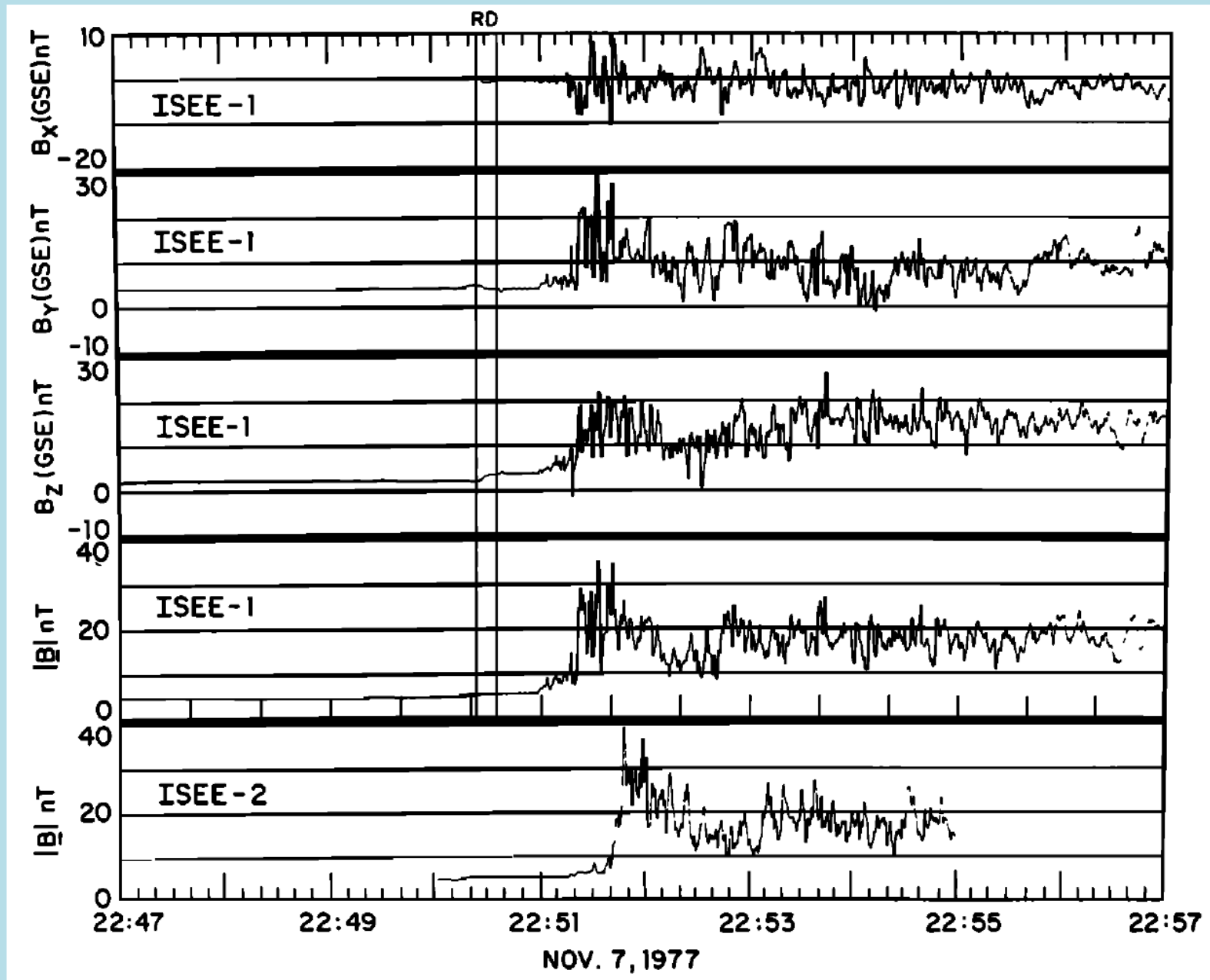
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The Resolved Layer of a Collisionless, High β , Supercritical, Quasi-Perpendicular Shock Wave

1. Rankine-Hugoniot Geometry, Currents, and Stationarity

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A comprehensive set of experimental observations of a high β (2.4), supercritical ($M_f = 3.8$), quasi-perpendicular ($\Theta_{Bn1} \sim 76^\circ$) bow shock layer is presented, and its local geometry, spatial scales, and stationarity are assessed in a self-consistent, Rankine-Hugoniot-constrained frame of reference. Included are spatial profiles of the ac and dc magnetic and electric fields, electron and proton fluid velocities, current densities, electron and proton number densities, temperatures, pressures, and partial densities of the reflected protons. The transformation of the apparent time scales to the actual spatial scales is performed with unprecedented accuracy. The observed layer profile is shown to be nearly phase standing and one dimensional in a Rankine-Hugoniot frame, empirically determined by the magnetofluid parameters outside the layer proper. One or both of these properties appear to collapse at the time resolution of 1.5 s in the specific geometry considered in this study. Several pieces of evidence are used to show this stationarity: (1) the similarity of the average magnetic structures seen on the two ISEE spacecraft; (2) the close agreement between the electric currents directly determined from the plasma data and those inferred from the magnetic data assuming the layer is one dimensional and time stationary; (3) the close agreement of the empirically determined scale lengths of the most prominent substructures with those determined by numerical simulations and previous laboratory studies; and (4) the close agreement between the theoretical Rankine-Hugoniot-determined normal plasma pressure jump and that of the observed electron and proton fluids. The resolved cross-field electrical currents (with empirical error estimates) are observed to peak within the main magnetic ramp at a level well below the first stabilization threshold for ion acoustic turbulence suggested for low β shocks by Galeev (1976); clear evidence is also provided for smaller parallel currents throughout the main ramp and overshoot, with a predominant sense as if the shock electric field has caused the lighter electrons to lead the ions along the local magnetic field direction. The width of the shock depends on what structures are used to define it. The upstream pedestal or "foot" is nearly two upstream ion skin depths wide, but the main magnetic ramp is only 1/5 the upstream ion skin depth and thus considerably smaller than "conventional wisdom" and most simulations. The ramp scale length is directly corroborated by the current densities determined from the plasma instruments.



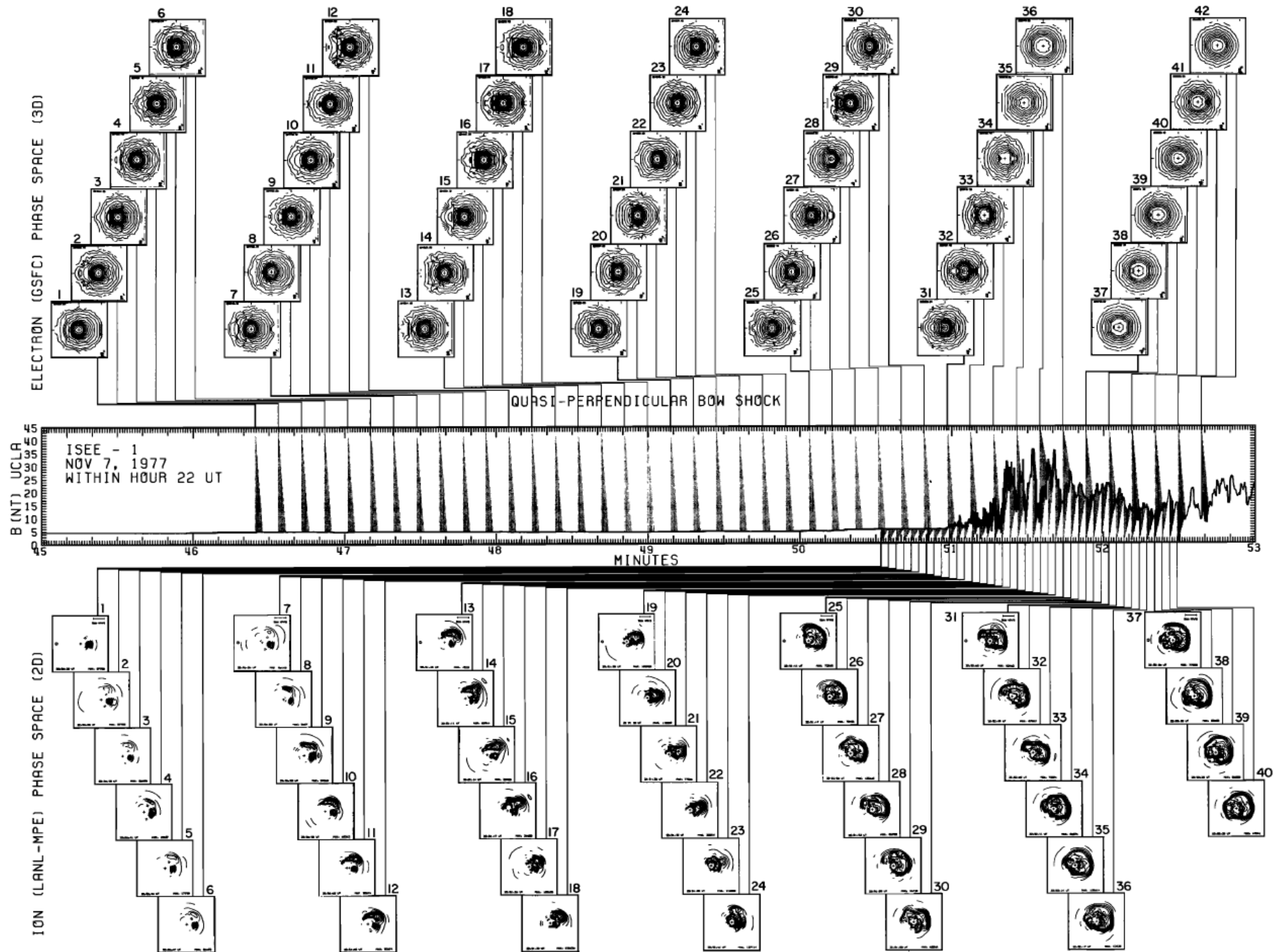
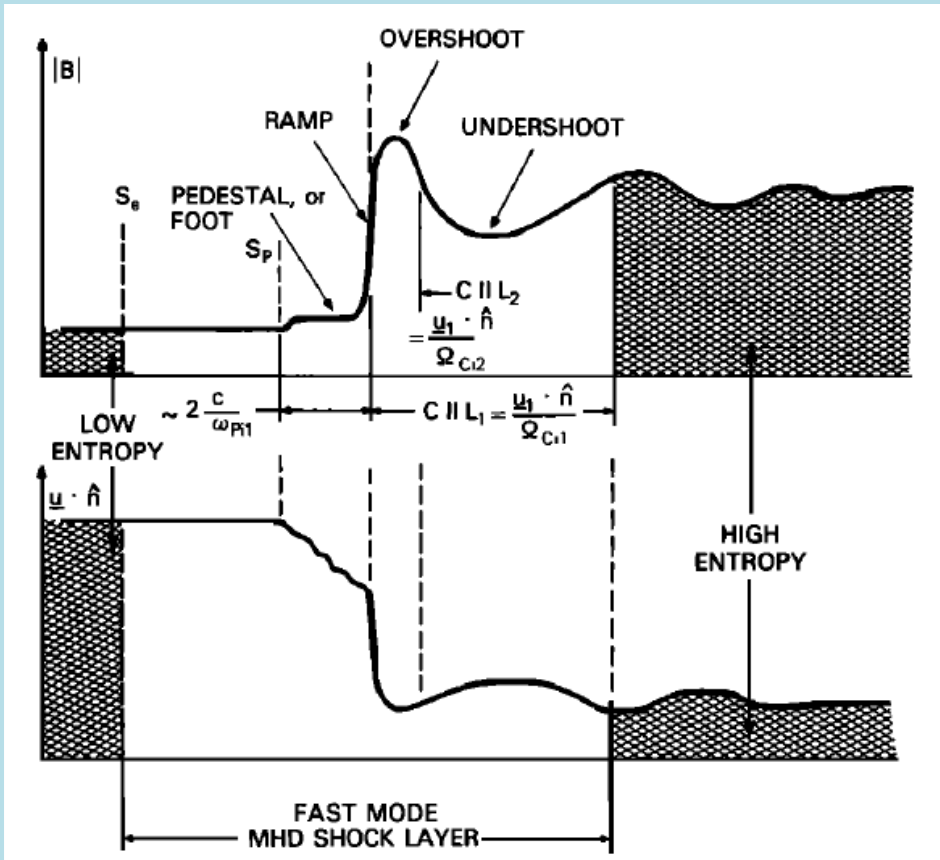


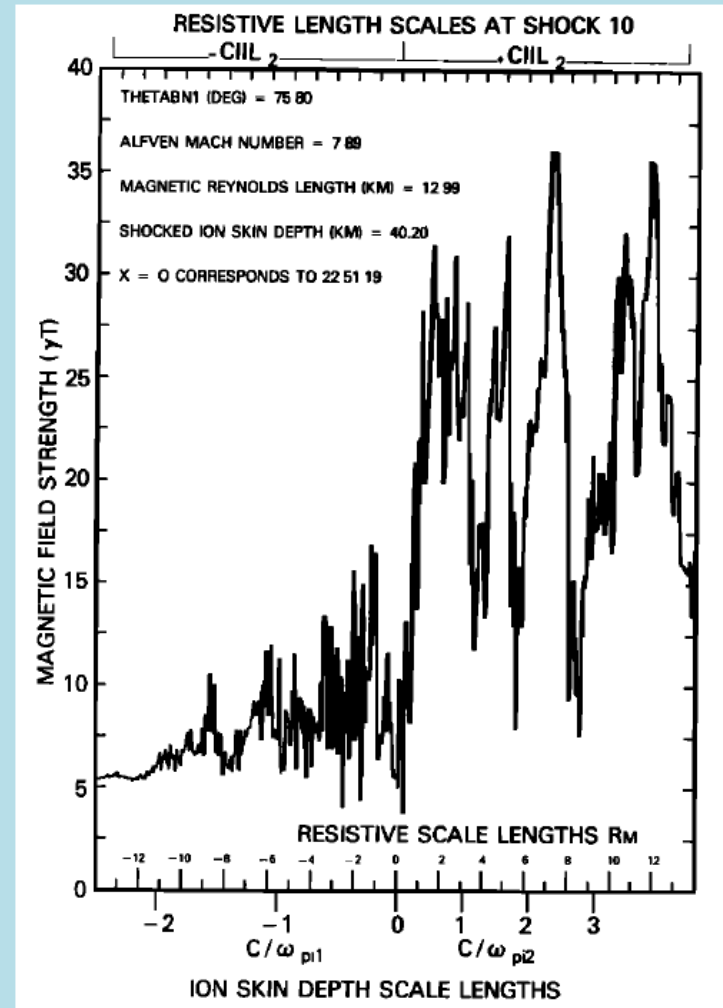
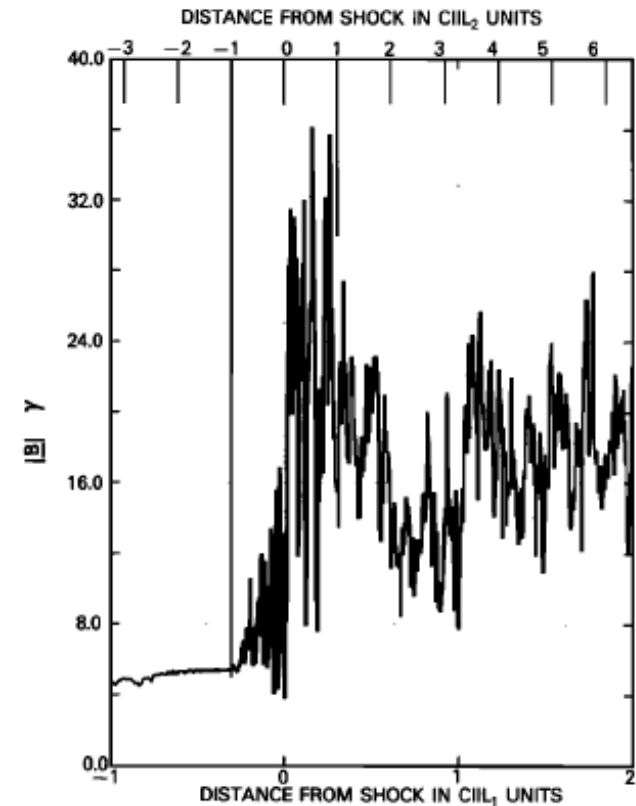
Plate 1. Electron and ion phase space variations throughout the vicinity of the shock. The phase space pictures of the electrons and ions are derived respectively from the Goddard VES and the LANL/MPE fast plasma experiments. Shaded wedges above and below the magnetic profile indicate the time-averaging interval implied in the data collection of electron and ion phase space samples of the insets above and below the magnetic trace, respectively.

An accurate determination of the local shock geometry is crucial for (1) calculating the essential theoretical parameters of the transition, (2) exhibiting the shock structure in a meaningful way; and (3) converting the temporal observations into a spatial profile. Unfortunately, a determination of the shock geometry from actual "noisy" data is not trivial [Lepping and

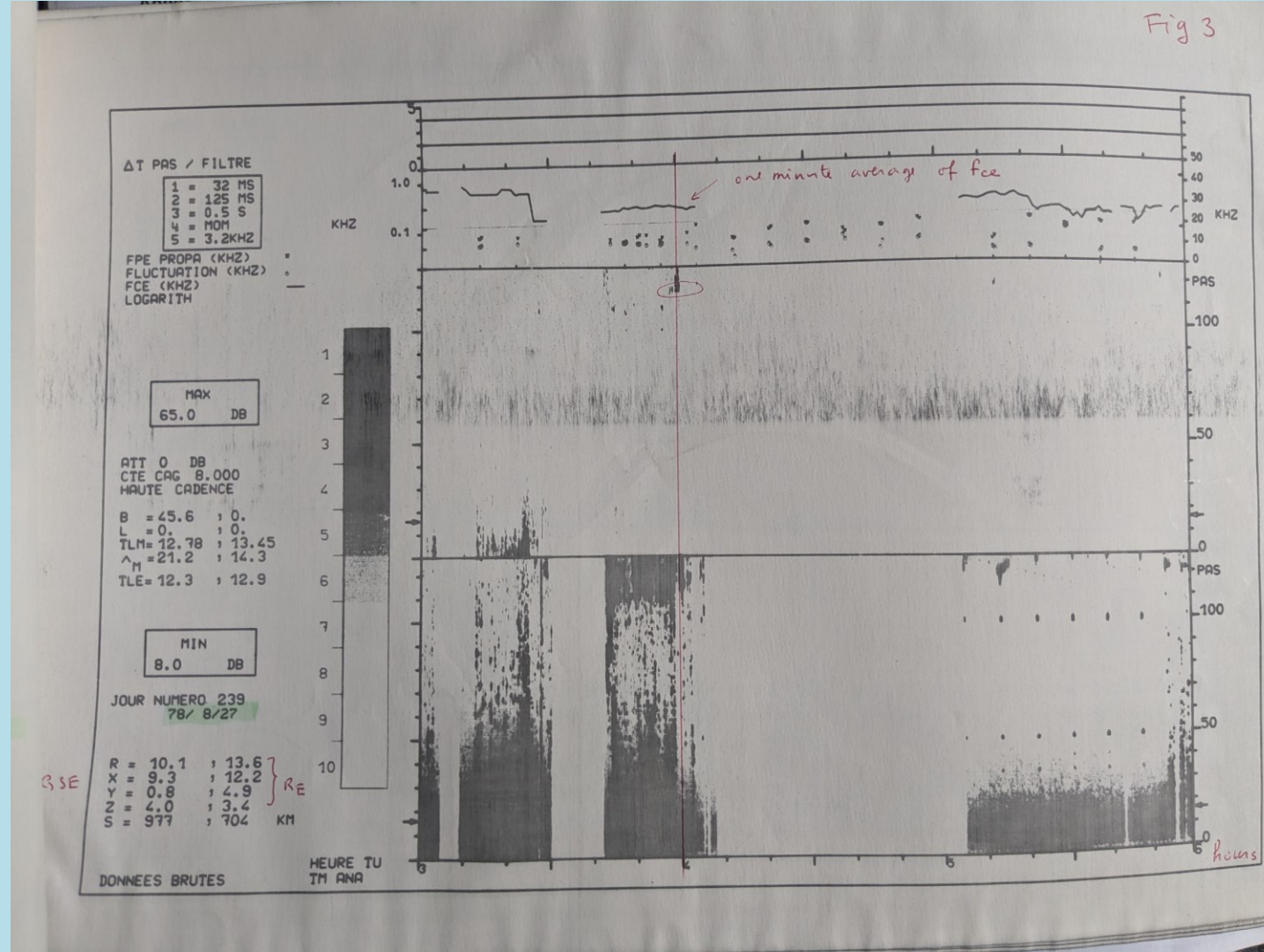


The magnetic intensity illustrated in Figure 10 shows the convected ion inertial length CIIL scaling of the magnetic profile with $x = 0$ corresponding to 2251:19 UT. The CIIL scale is defined as

$$CIIL_j = (U_1 \cdot \hat{n}) / \Omega_{c_j}$$



ISEE Sounder experiment



ISEE observations of radiation at twice the solar wind plasma frequency

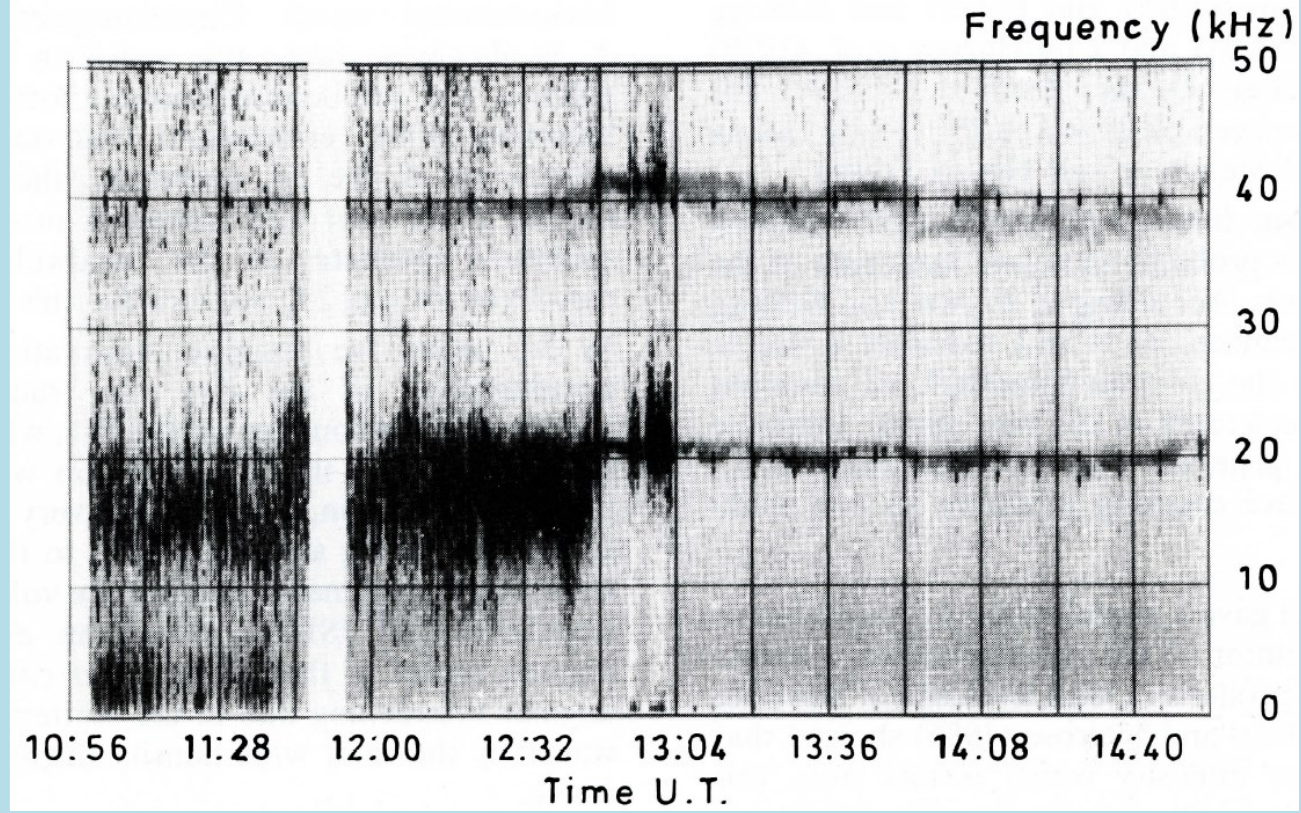
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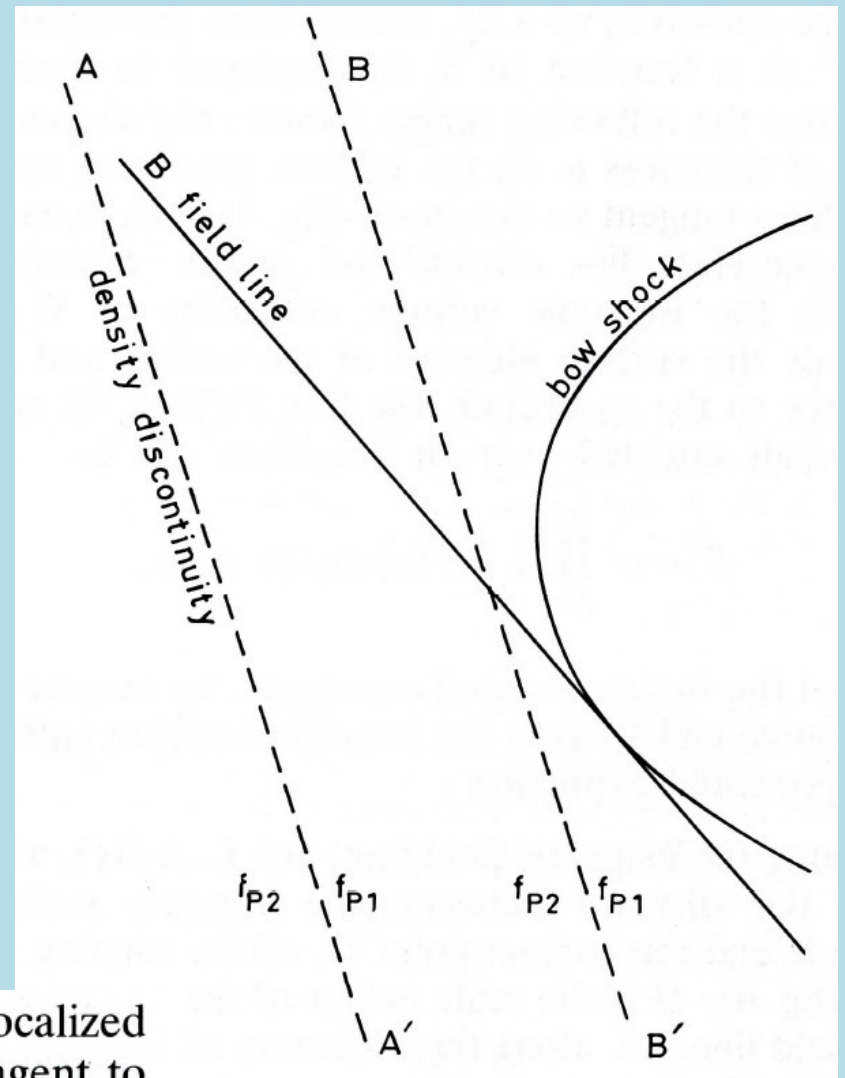
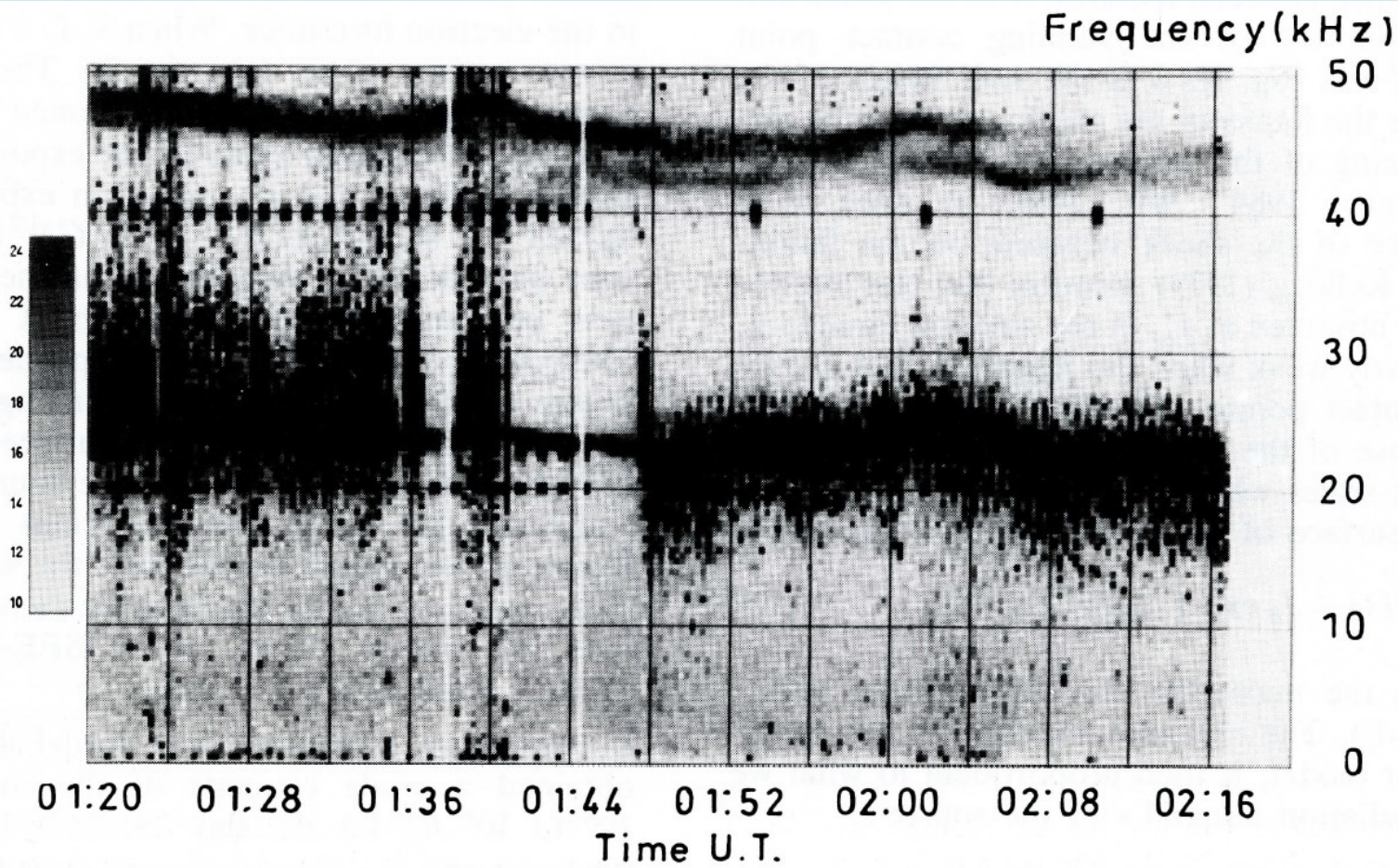
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ABSTRACT. Radiation produced in the vicinity of the Earth's bow shock at twice the solar wind electron plasma frequency f_p is seen by both ISEE-1 and ISEE-3, respectively at about 20 and about 200 R_E from the Earth. This electromagnetic radiation is due to the presence, in the electron foreshock, of electrons reflected and accelerated at the Earth's bow shock. We show that the source is near the upstream boundary of the foreshock, the surface where the magnetic field lines are tangent to the bow shock. A typical diameter of the source is 120-150 R_E . For a source thickness of 1 R_E , the emissivity is between 0.5 and $20 \times 10^{-22} \text{ W m}^{-3} \text{ sr}^{-1}$. The angular size of the source, seen by ISEE-3, is increased by scattering of the $2f_p$ radio waves on the solar wind density fluctuations. We examine whether the bandwidth and directivity predicted by current source models are consistent with our observations.

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We conclude that the $2f_p$ radiation source is localized on the surface generated by the field lines tangent to the bow shock, out to distances of at least $20 R_E$ from the contact points with the shock. It is not generated in the whole foreshock. An upper limit of the source thickness is about $1 R_E$. A typical dimension of the source is $60 R_E$.

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Simultaneous observation of fundamental and second harmonic radio emission from the terrestrial foreshock

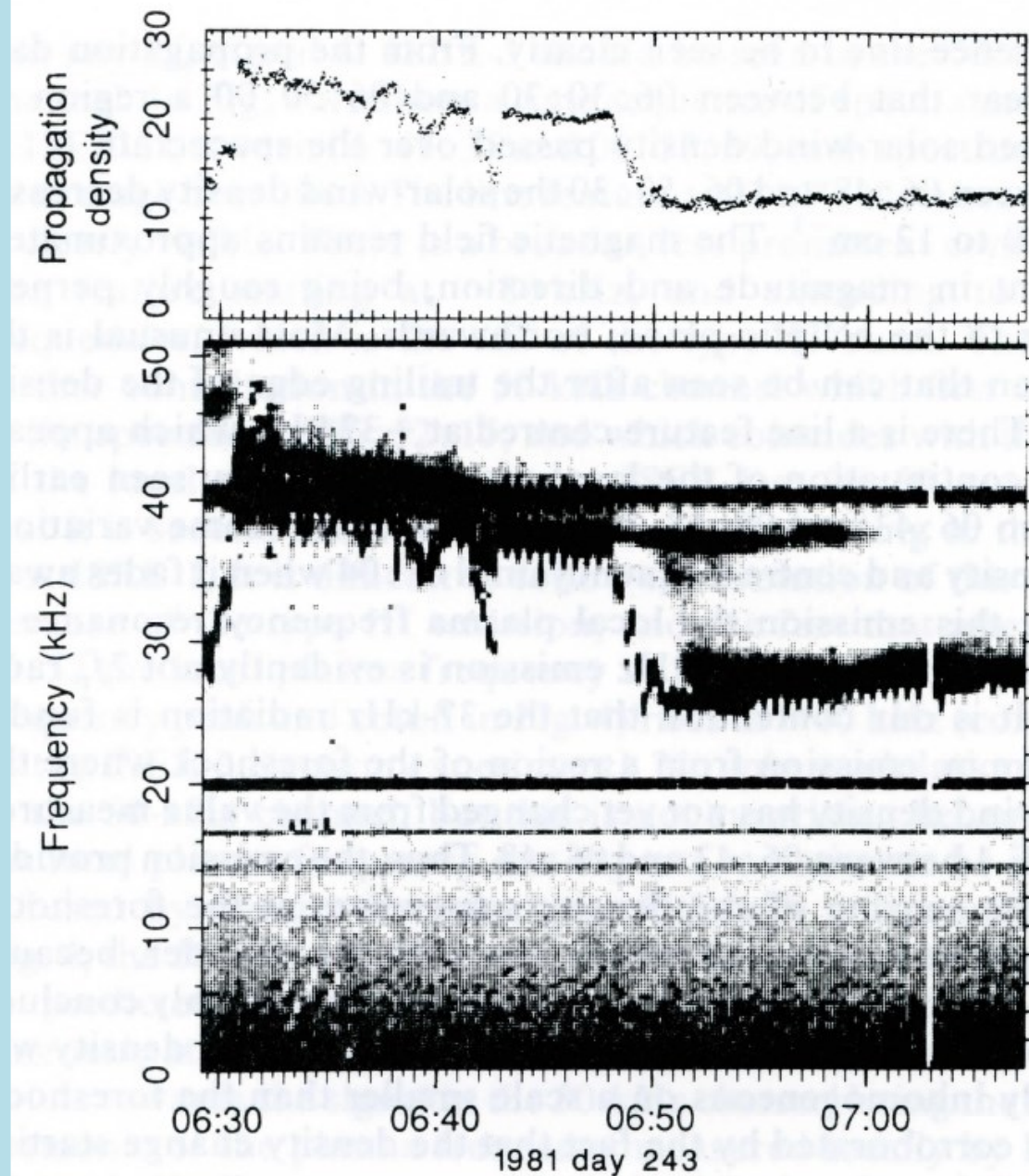
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Electron acceleration by mirror reflection from bow shock - 1984

A theory of energization of solar wind electrons by the Earth's bow shock.

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The present theory for the reflection and energization of incoming solar wind electrons by the earth's bow shock is based on the essentially adiabatic mirror reflection of incident electrons by the rising magnetic field magnitude of the shock transition region. Expressions for the density, flux, energy/charge, temperature anisotropy, and average pitch angle of the reflected energetic electrons are derived. It is suggested that the theory may be applied to interplanetary shocks, theta-pinch laboratory experiments, and solar type II-burst radiation emission containing a herringbone structure.

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Electron acceleration at quasi-perpendicular shocks in sub- and supercritical regimes: 2D and 3D simulations

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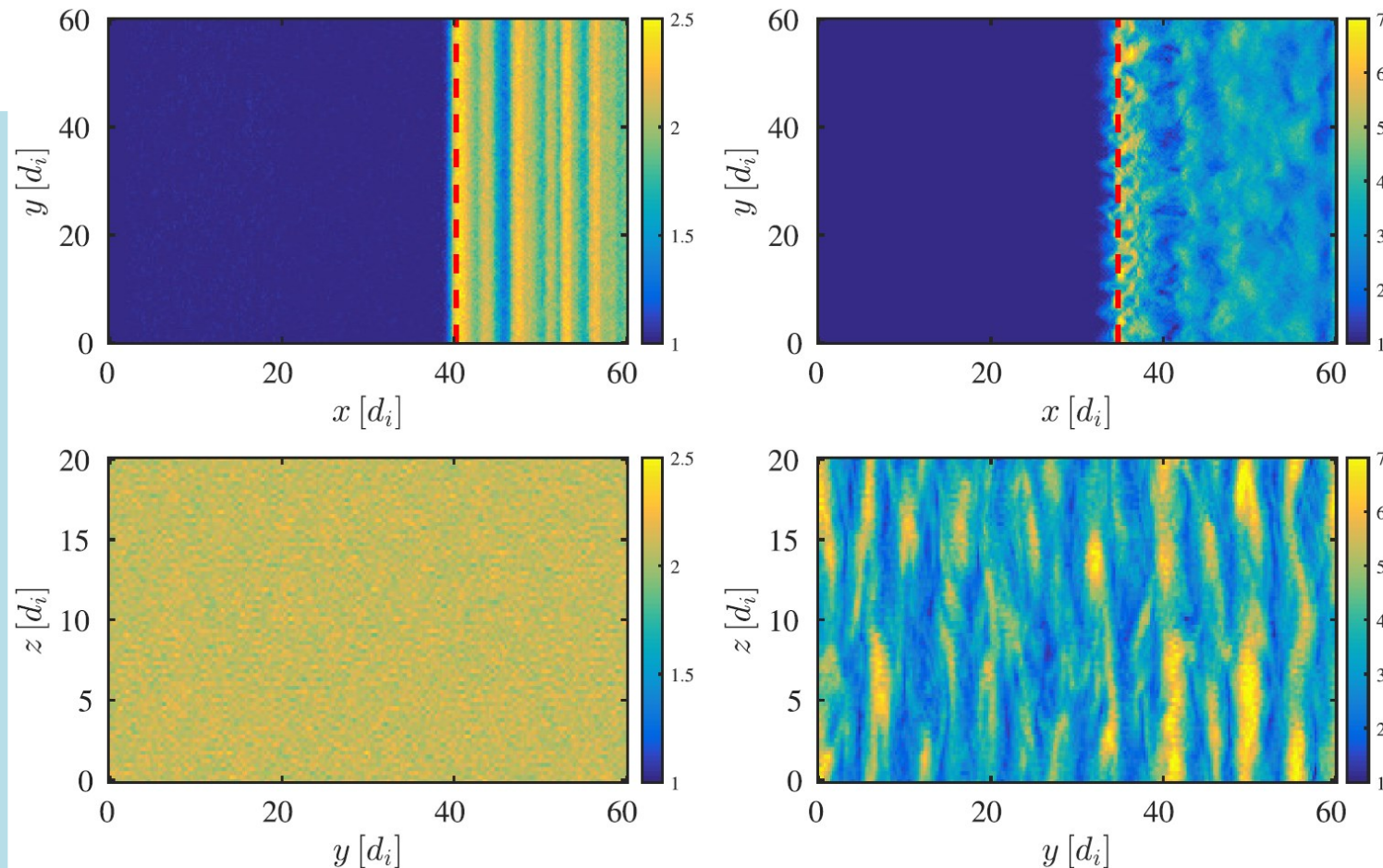
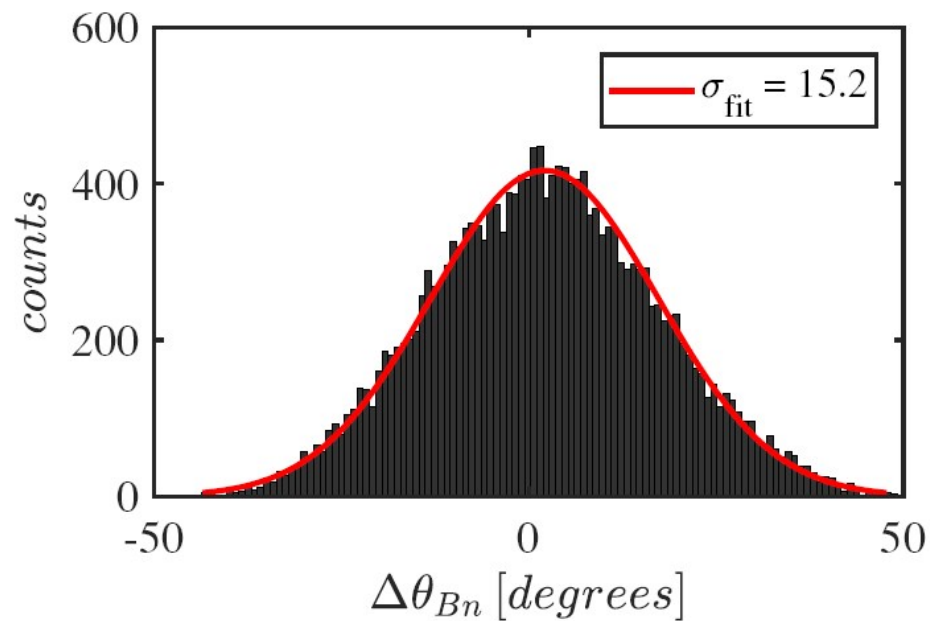
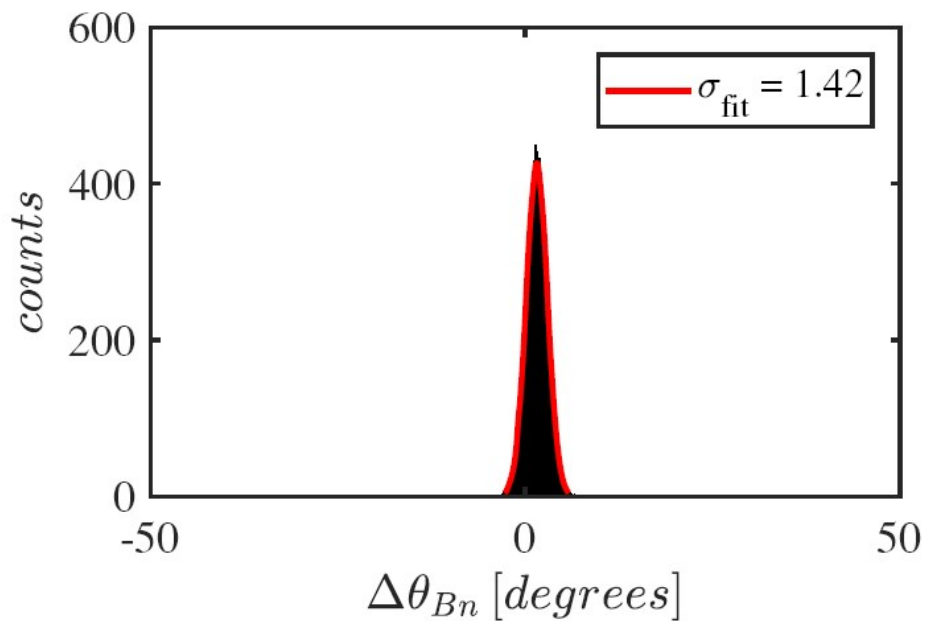
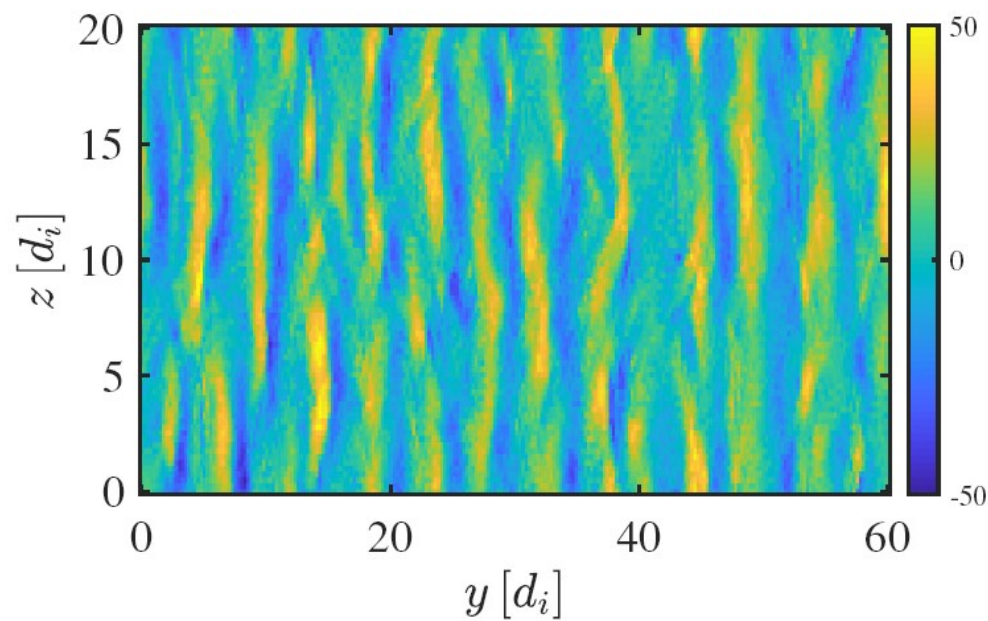
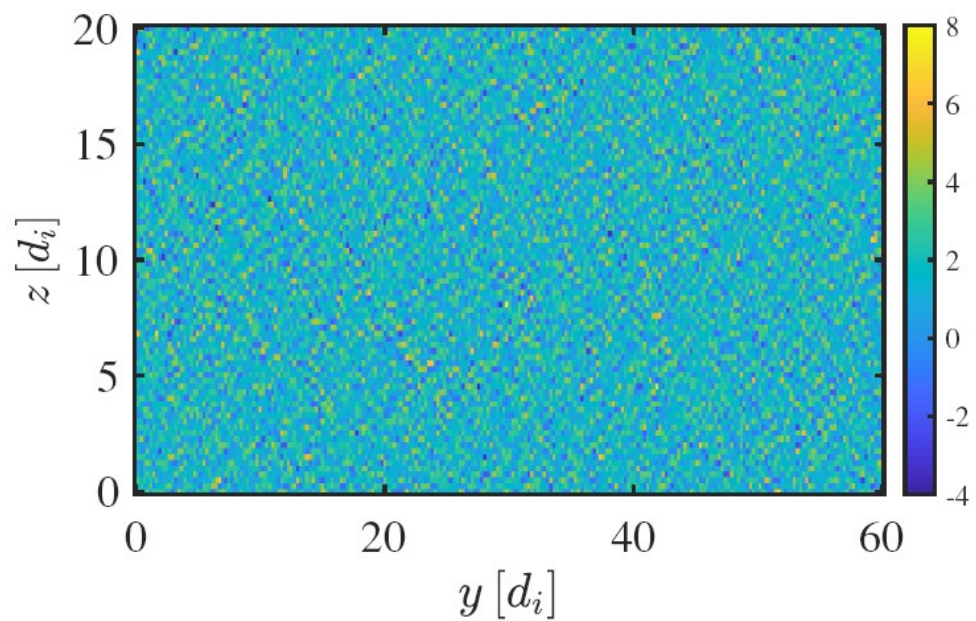


Figure 1. Magnetic field intensity plots for low (left) and high (right) Mach number shocks ($M = 2.9$ and 6.6 , respectively). Top panels correspond to cuts of 3D data along $z = 10 d_i$. The bottom panels correspond to cuts along the red dashed lines in the plots above. In both cases, the upstream θ_{Bn} is 87° .



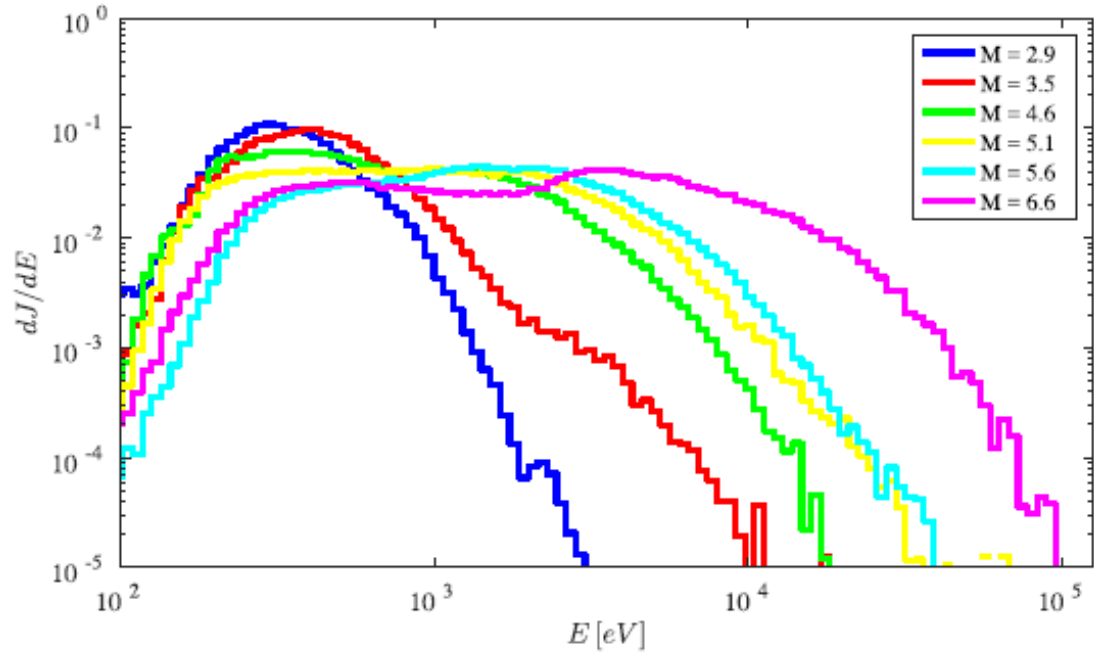


Figure 5. Comparison of final upstream electron energy spectra for 3D shocks with different Mach numbers. In all the cases the upstream θ_{Bx} is 87° .

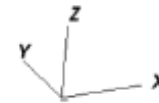
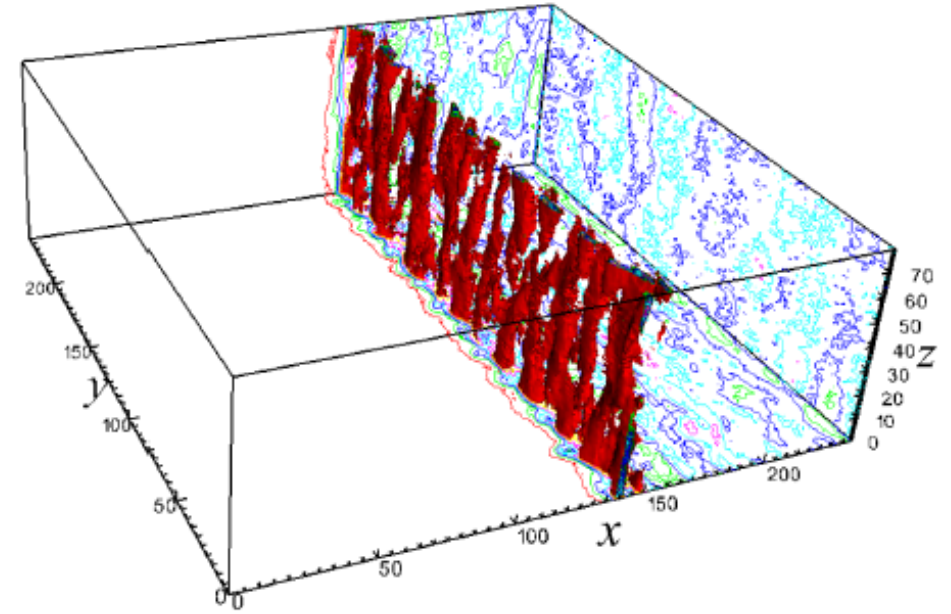
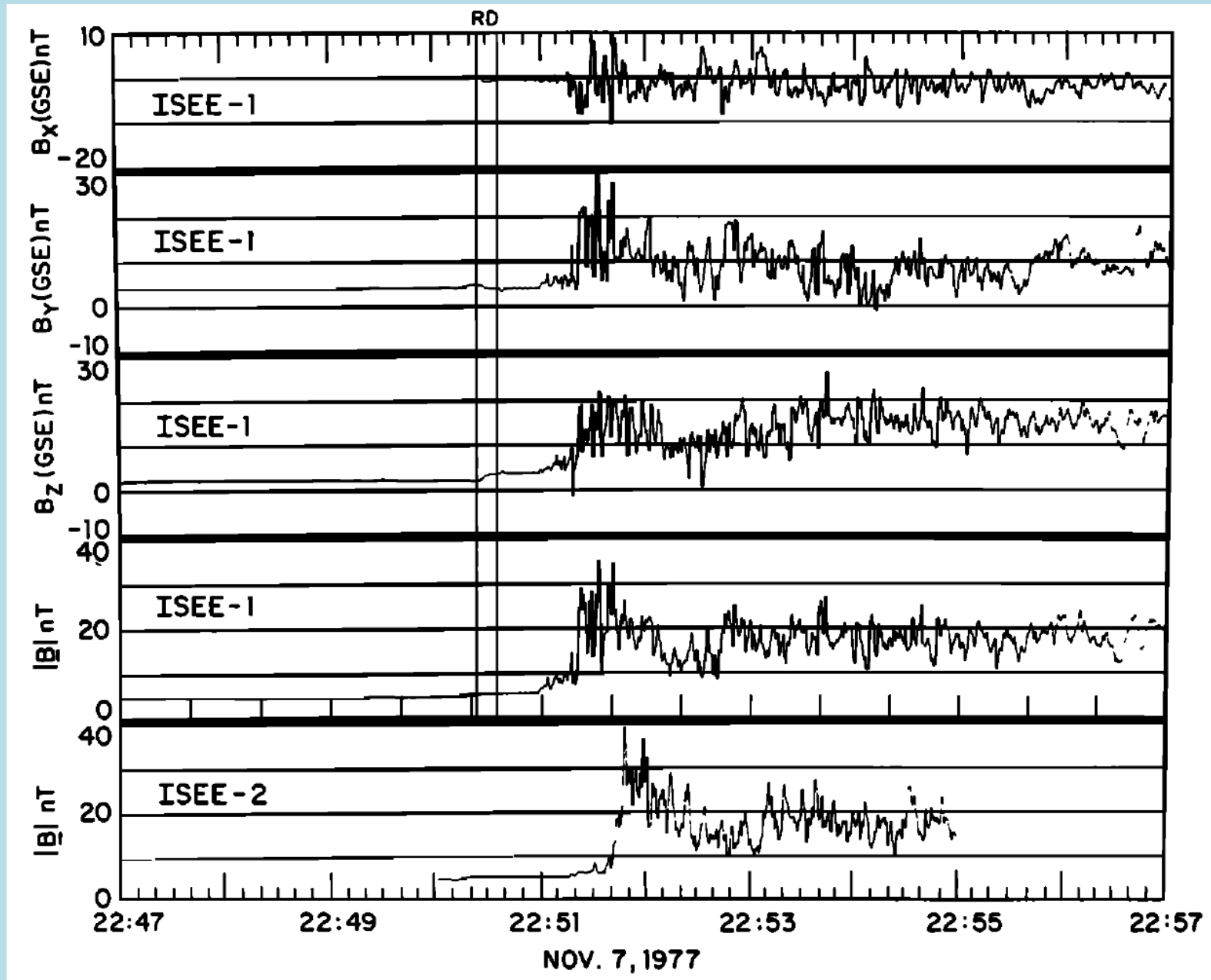
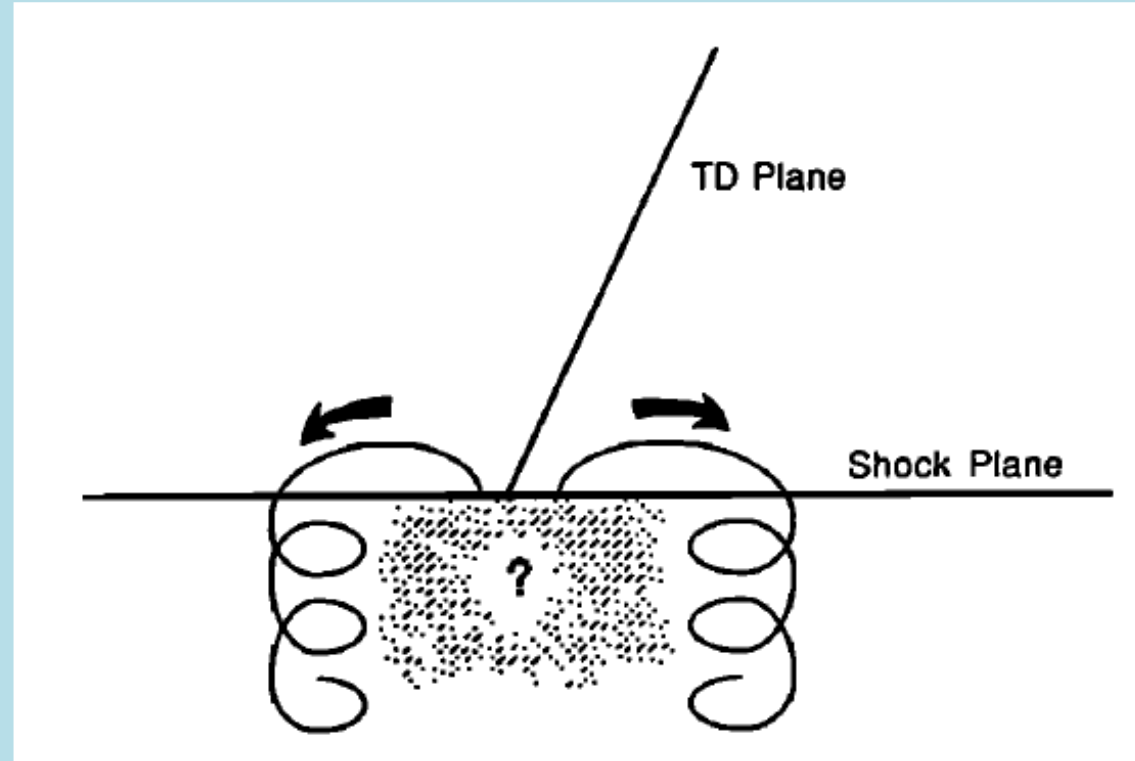
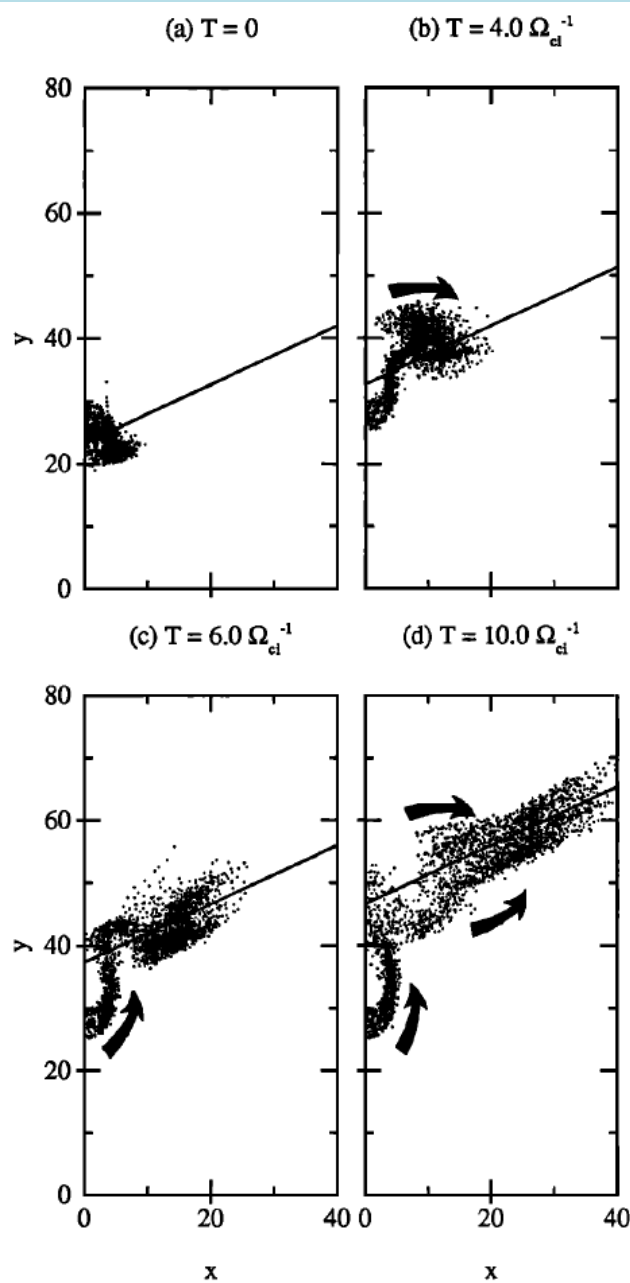


Figure 8. 2D contours and 3D isocontours of magnetic field magnitude for a 3D hybrid shock simulation ($M = 6.6$).



On the Effect of a Tangential Discontinuity on Ions Specularly Reflected at an Oblique Shock

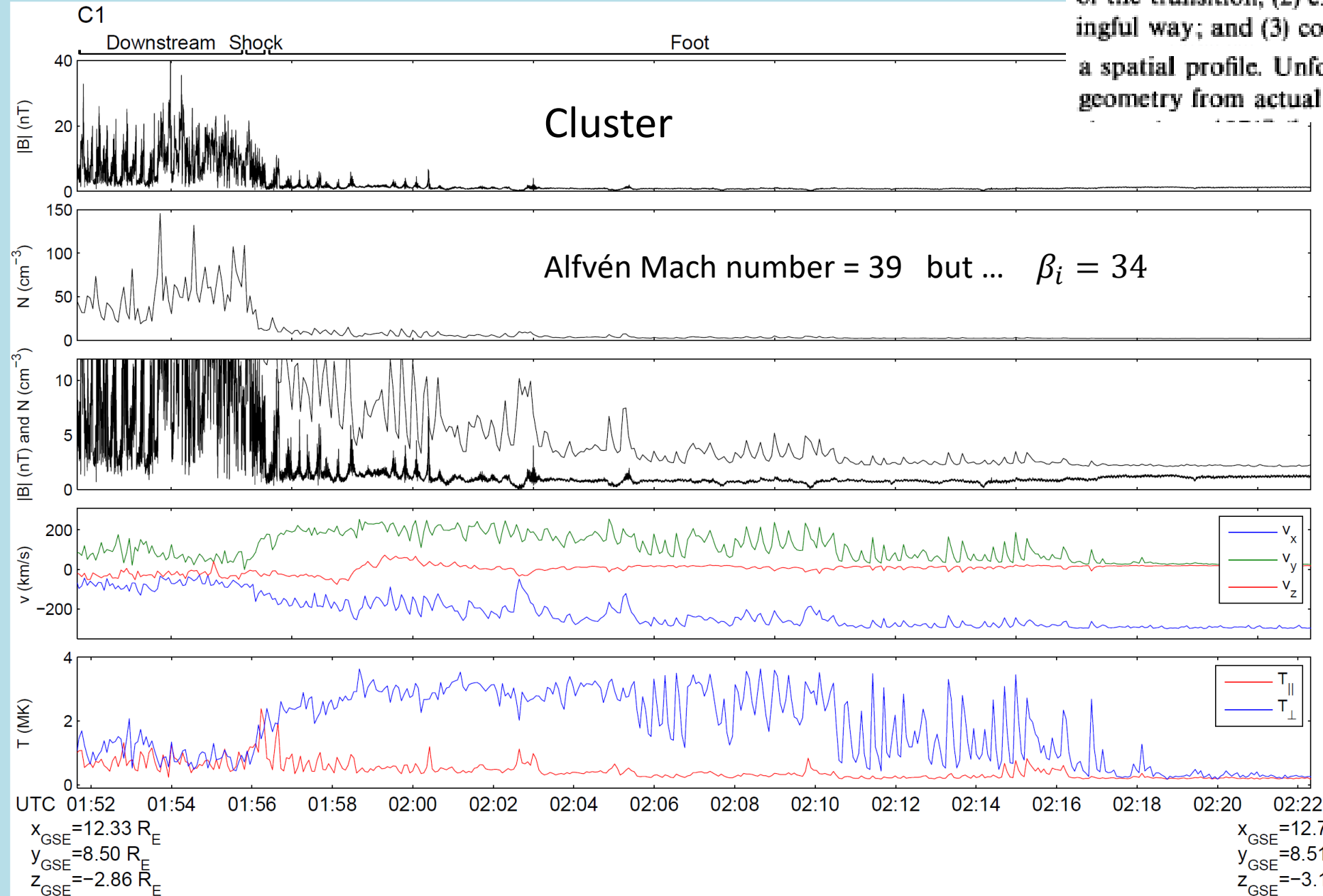
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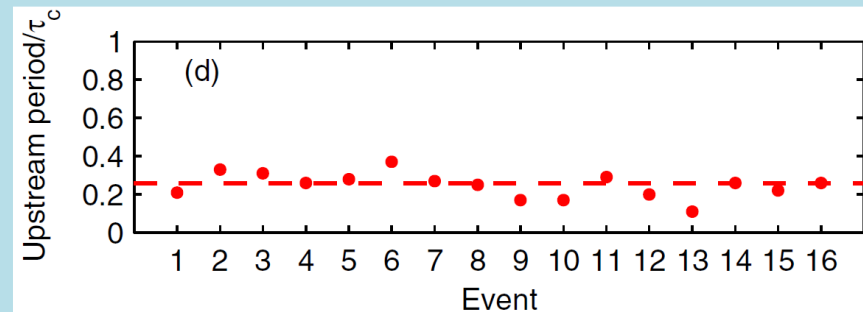
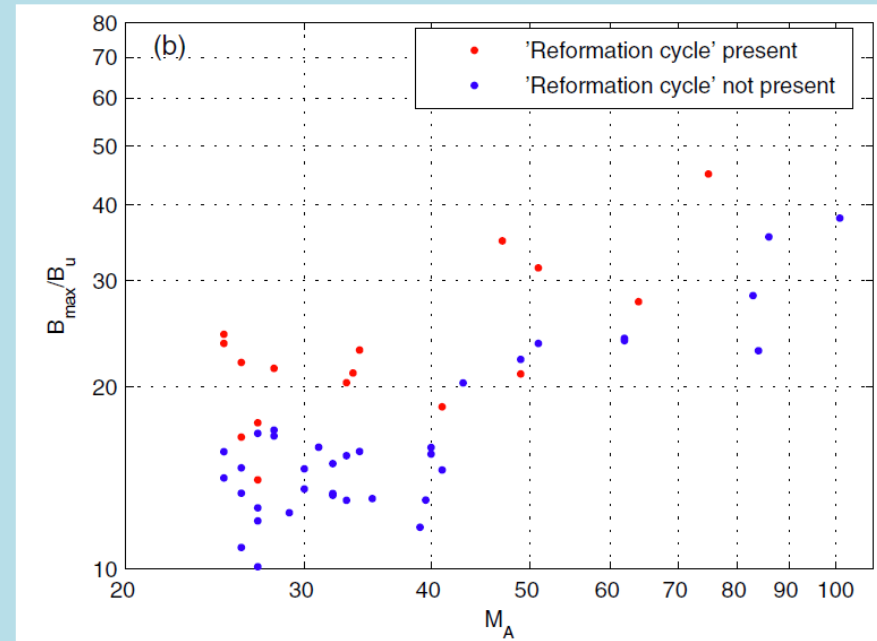
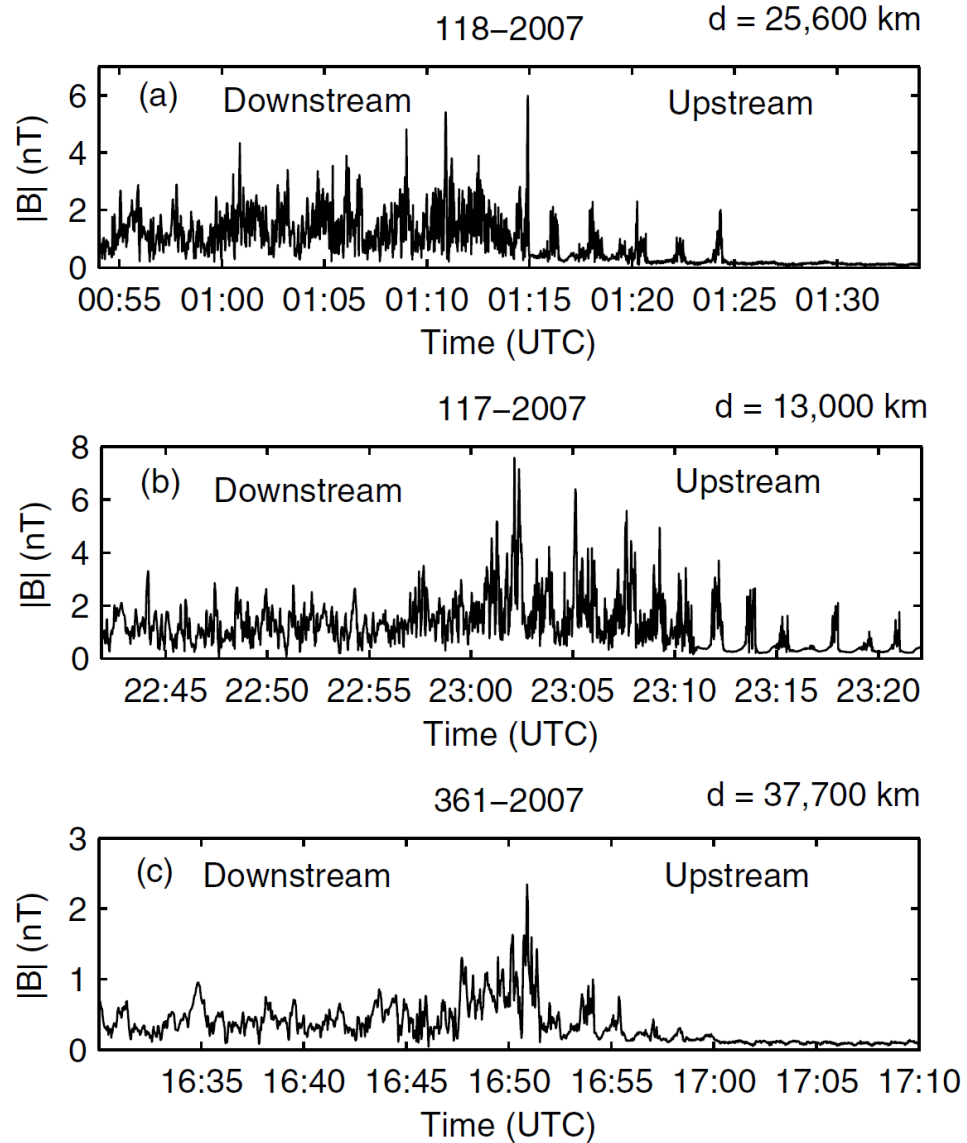
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The Dynamics of Very High Alfvén Mach Number Shocks in Space Plasmas, APJL 2017

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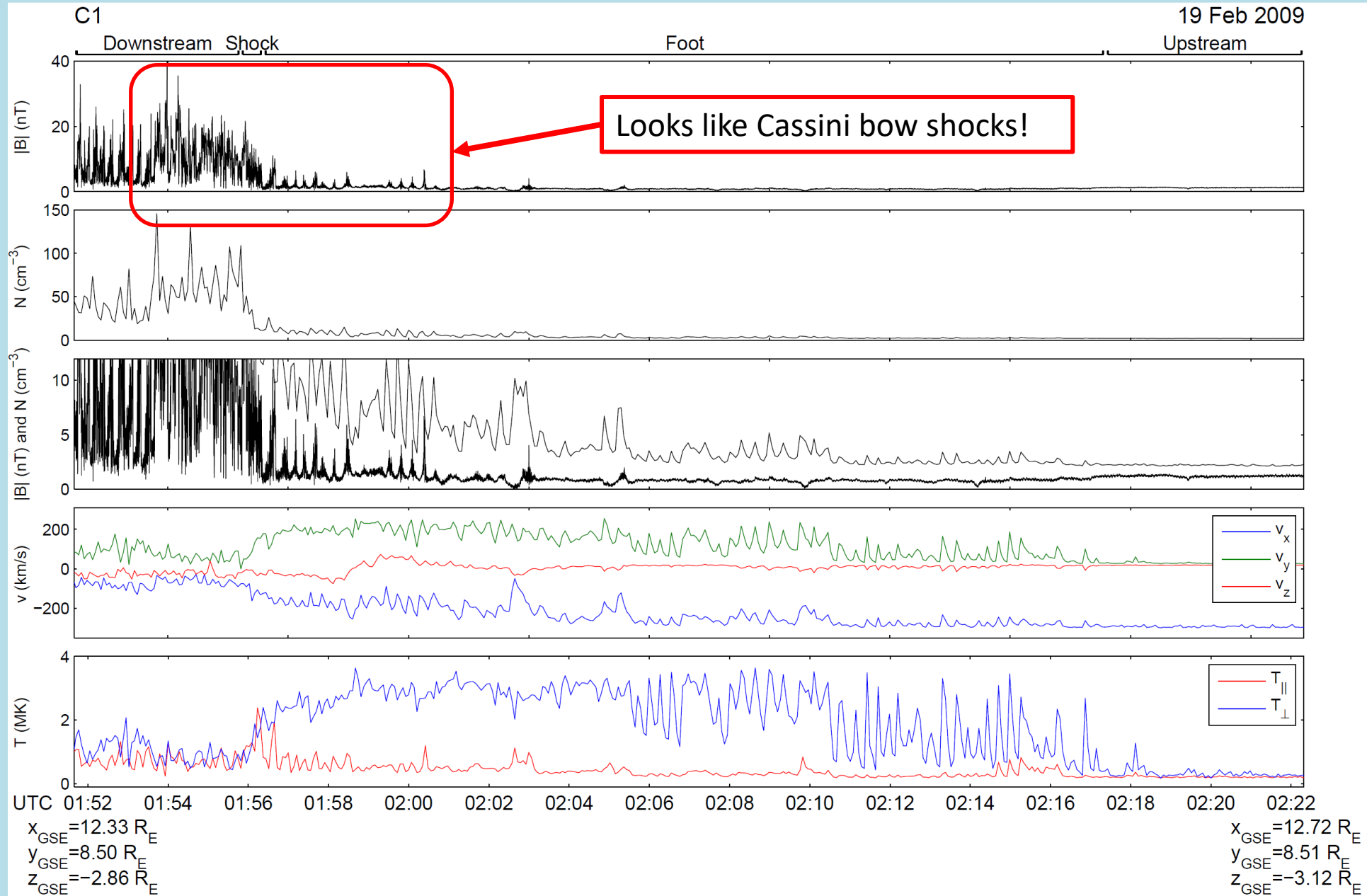
Cassini bow shock observations

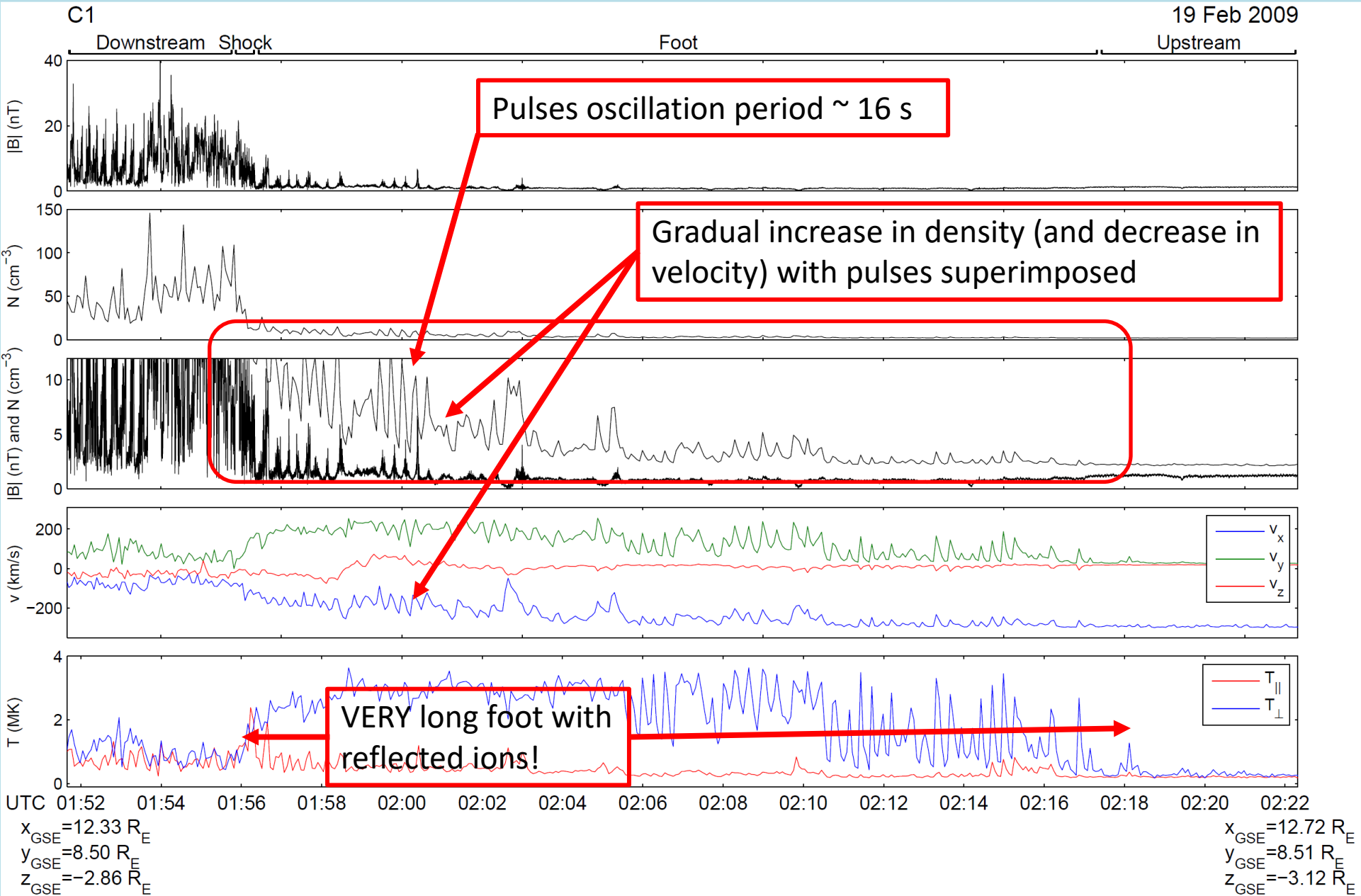


Quasiperpendicular High Mach Number Shocks, PRL, 2016

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Cluster

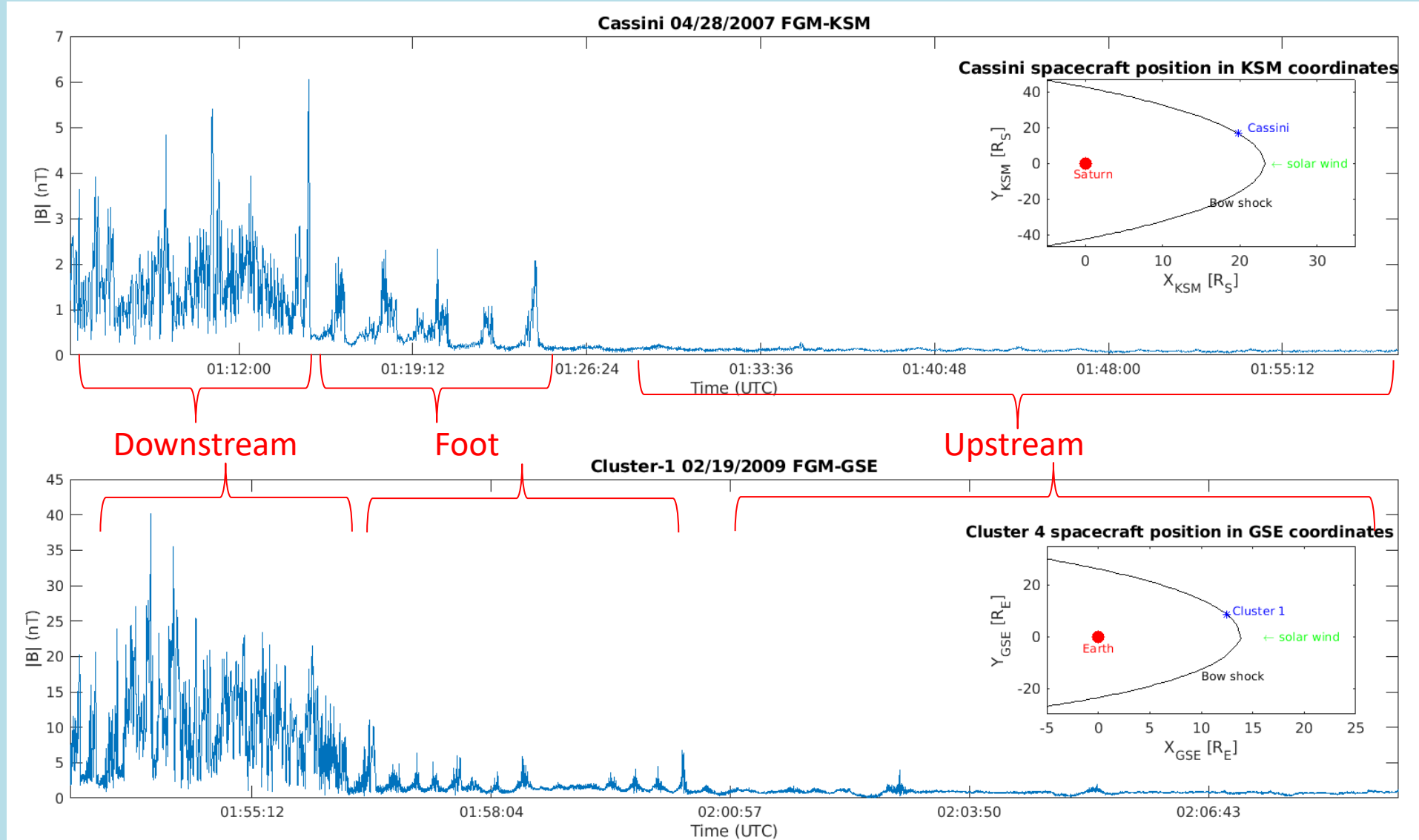




Comparing Cluster and Cassini

Cassini
 $Ma = 74, \vartheta Bn = 61^\circ$

Cluster
 $Ma=39, \vartheta Bn=85^\circ$

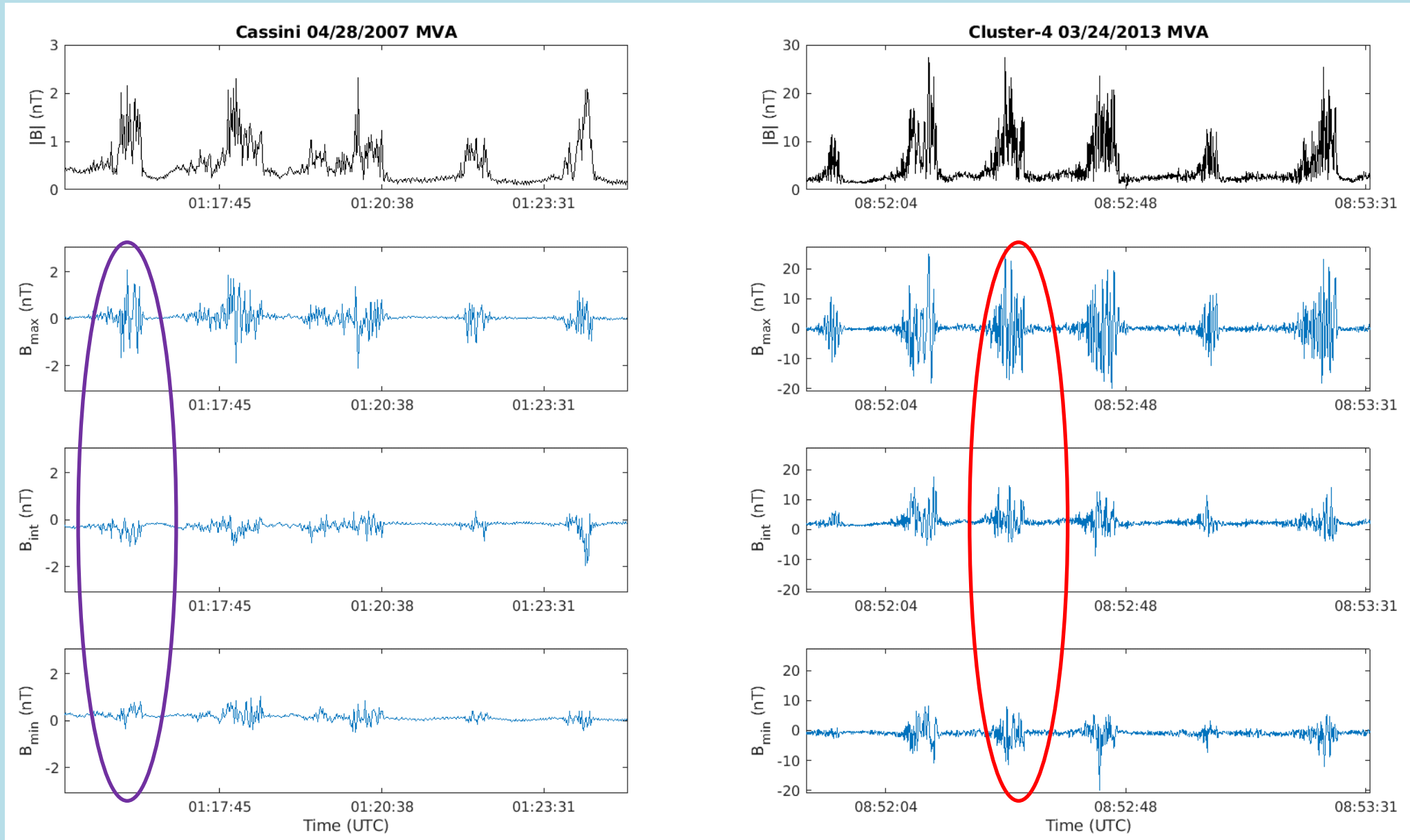


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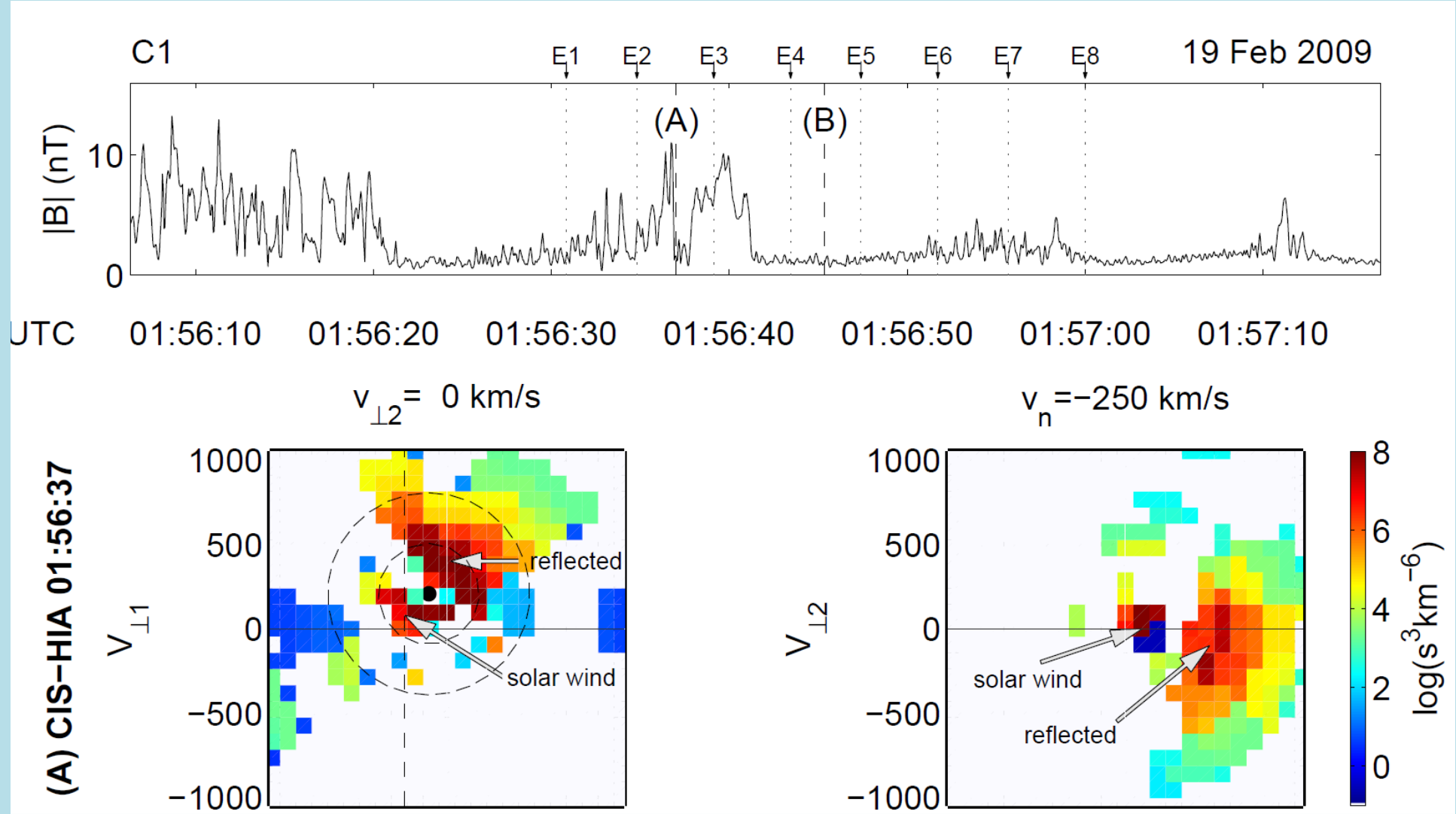
Minimum variance analysis

Both shock events consistent

Bursts have “wave packet” structure with **single/multiple** perturbation direction(s)



Reflected ions – continuously present



Space or Time?

If a shock is a steady structure with waves on top

- Which is better – space or time?
- But what controls the shock speed seen by s/c?
- For high beta – shock is more gasdynamic
- Is there a selection bias?

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Dear Steven,

You shall find here all that I can send you about your three shocks: our own data and some values of the ISEE data pool. I am not allowed to give you the 5 minutes average of the Ogilvie's tape (solar wind electron velocity and electron temperature) because we need the agreement of Ogilvie: if you can obtain this

downstream : no data = $n_e > 32 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

between 0315 and 0320, $\overline{B_0} \approx 27 \gamma$.

Oh la la, que c'est fatiguant les choses!

Bon courage et amitiés!

Lacasse.



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