

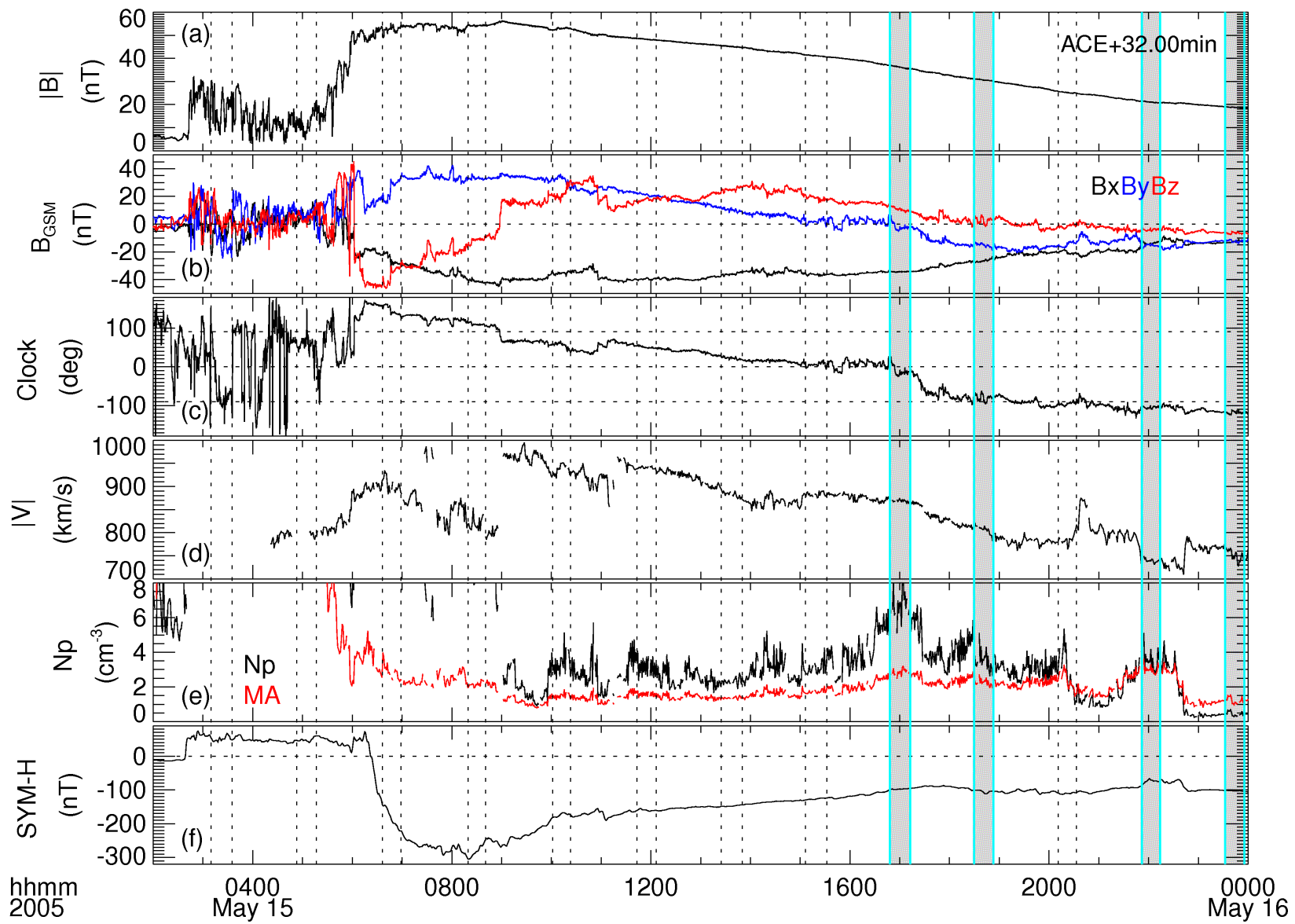
**Flow Channel Analysis using CCMC
BATSRUS MHD Model:
15 May 2005 Geomagnetic Storm**

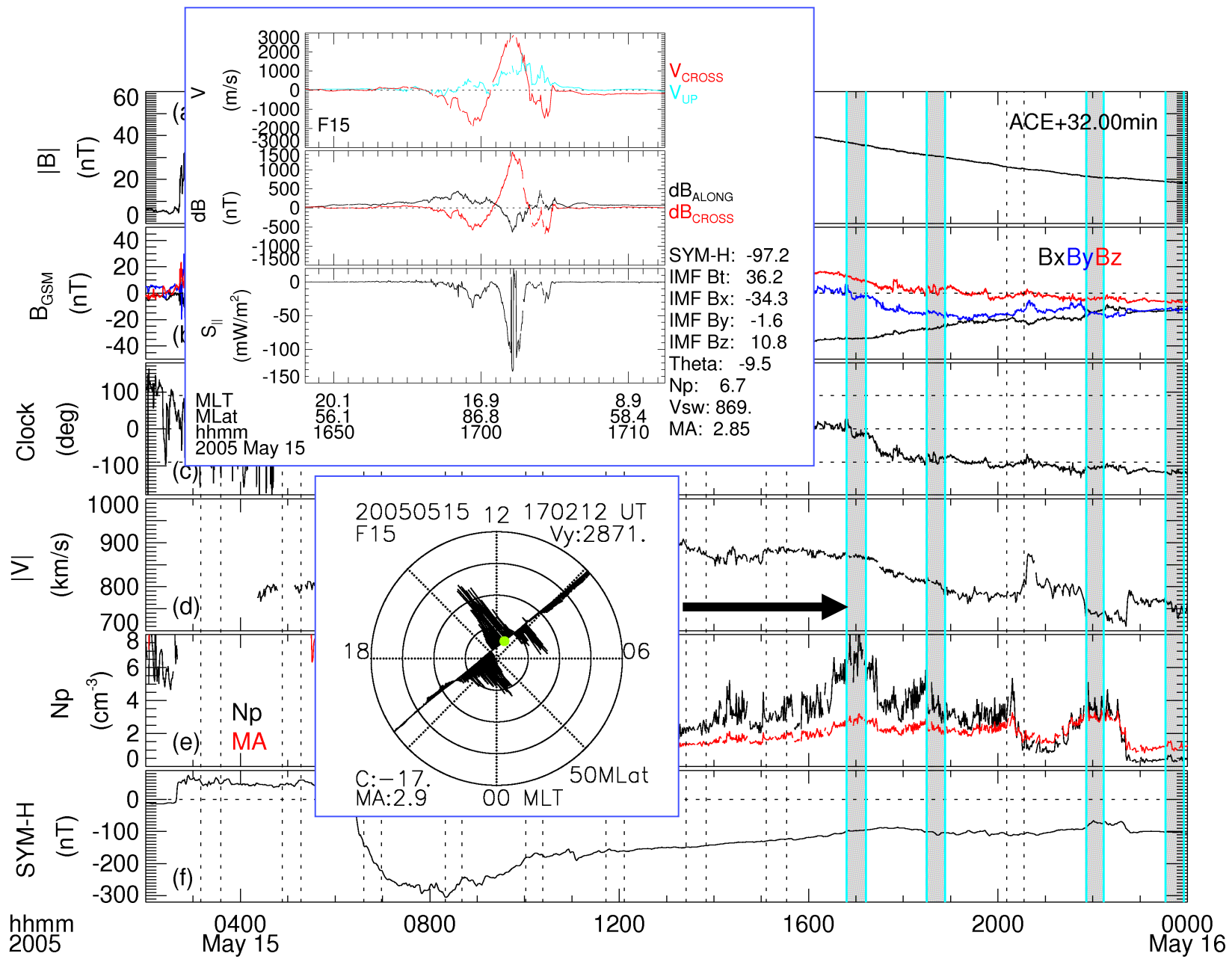
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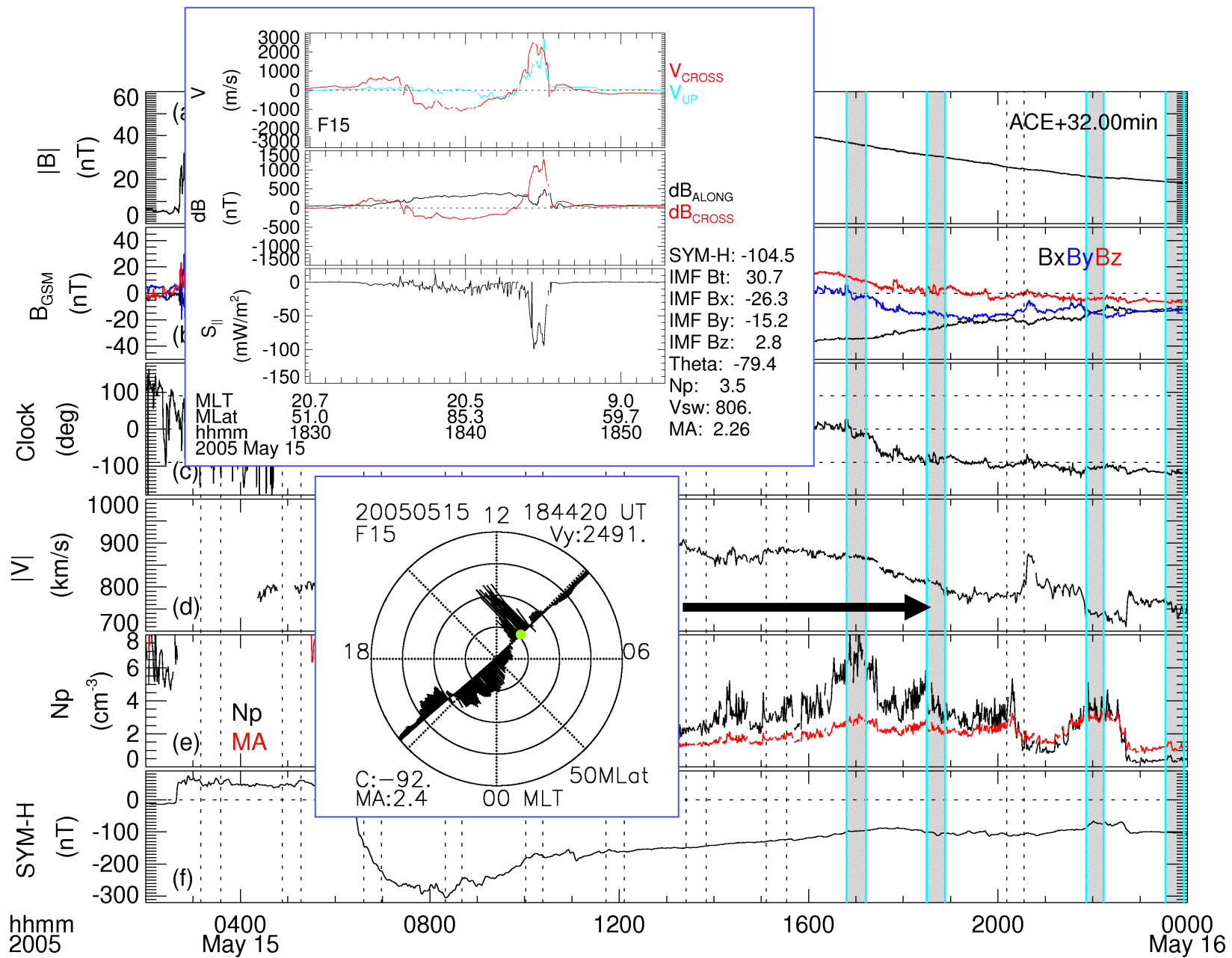
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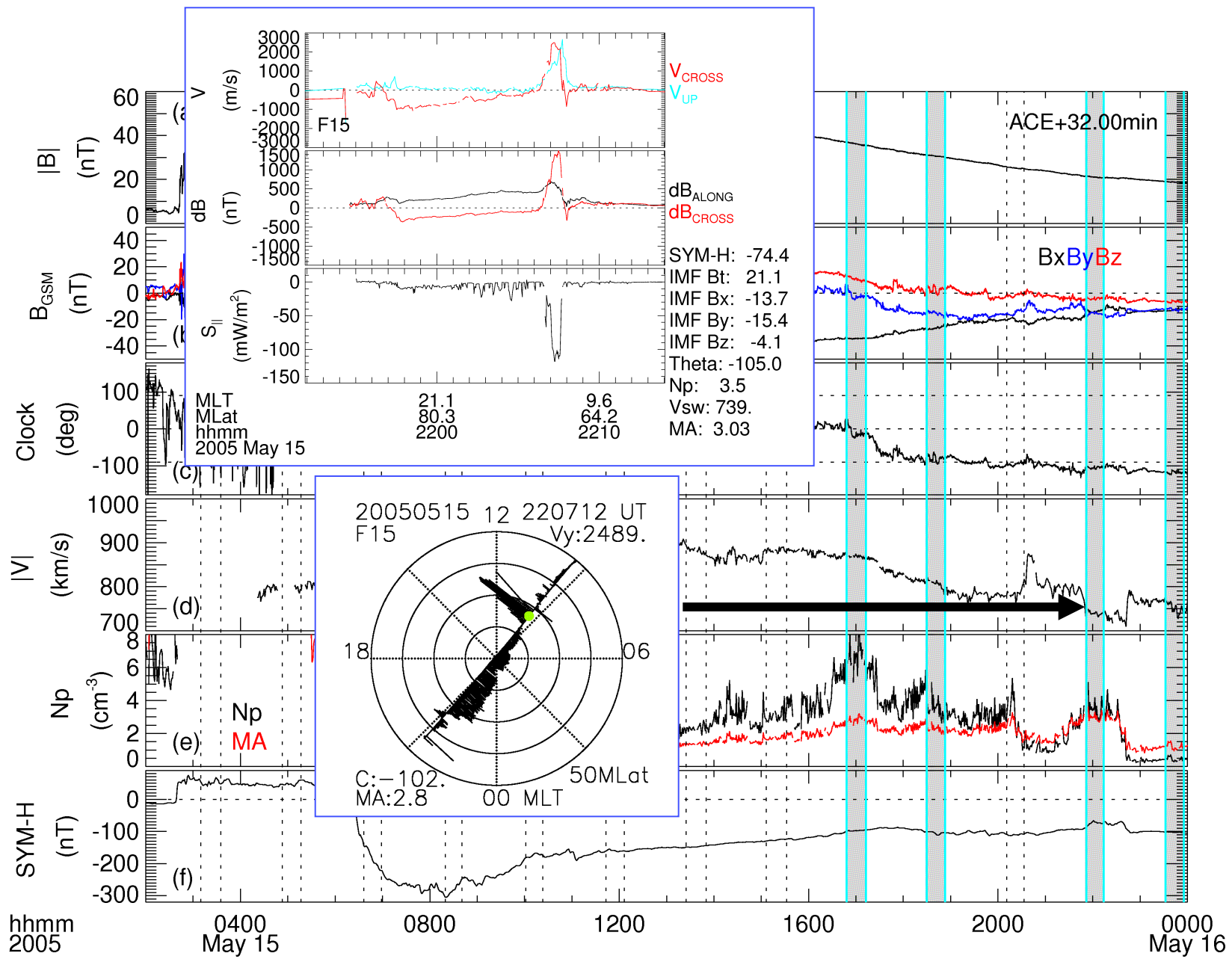
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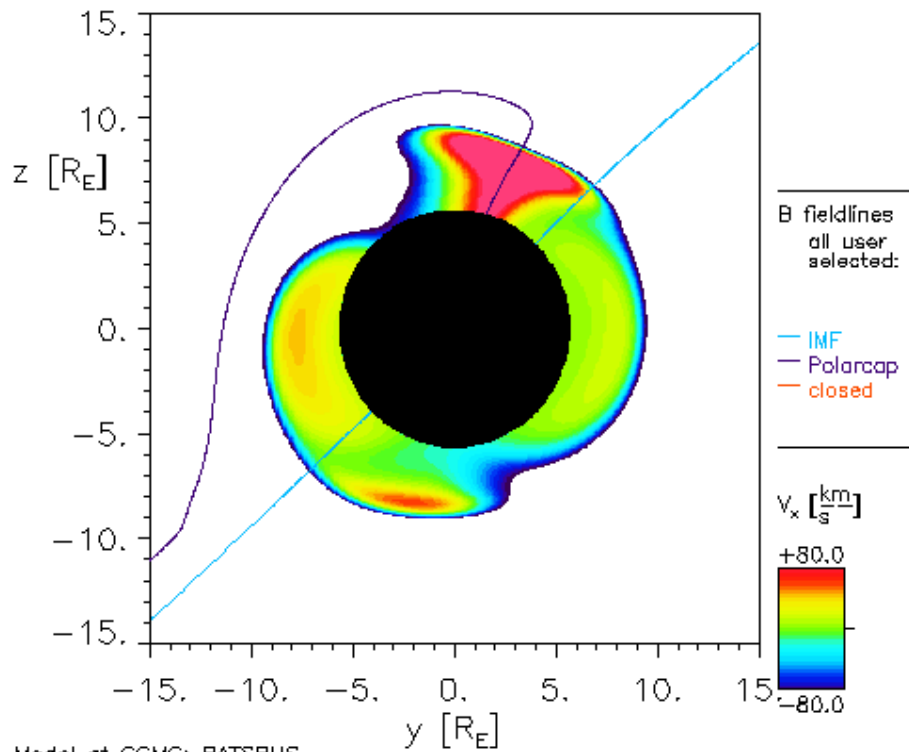






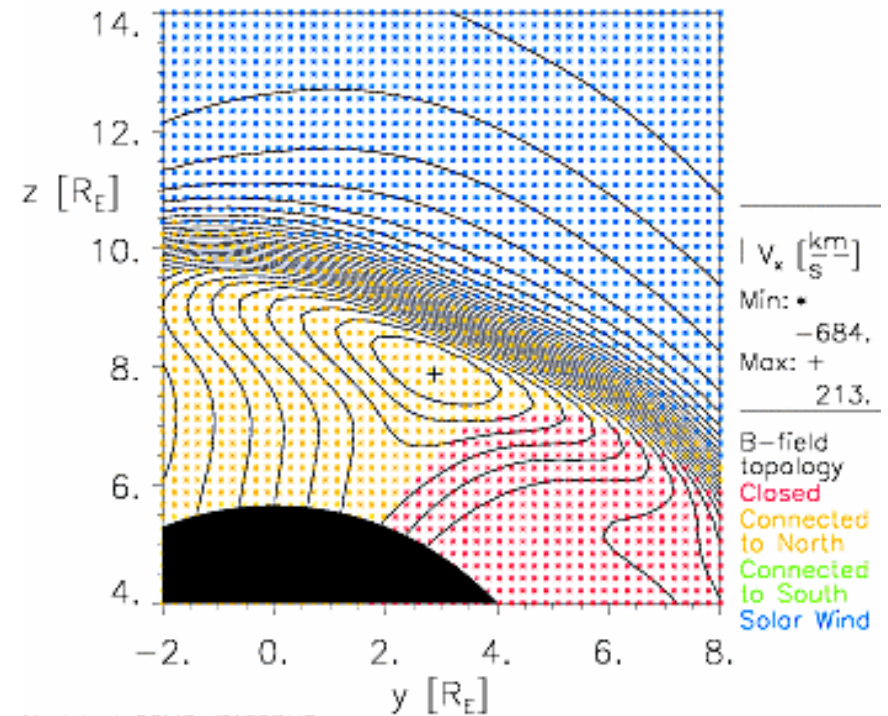


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Model at CCMC: BATSRUS

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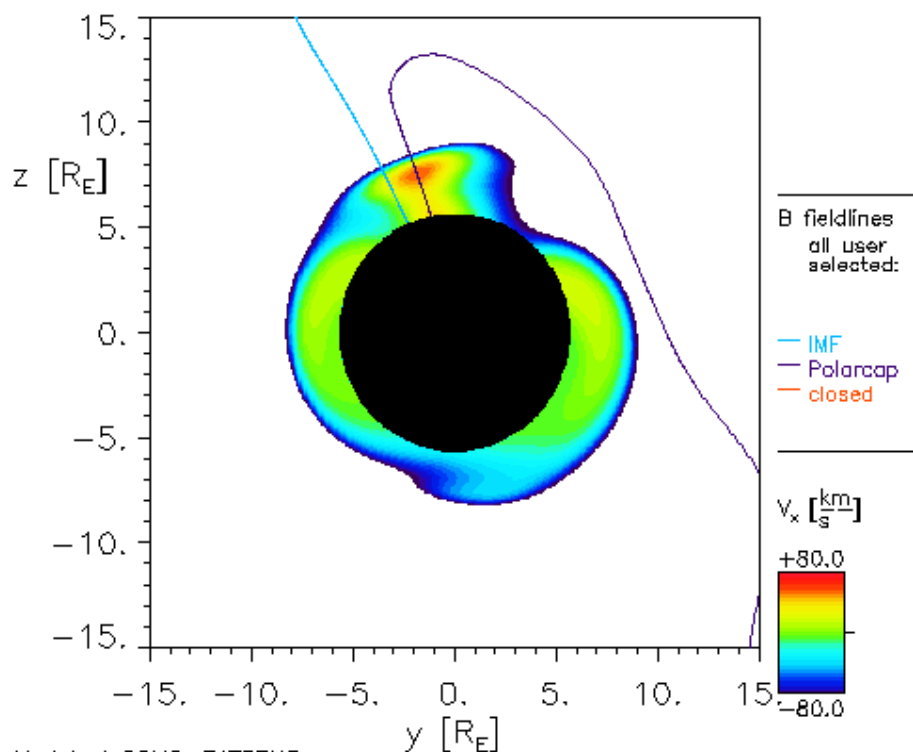
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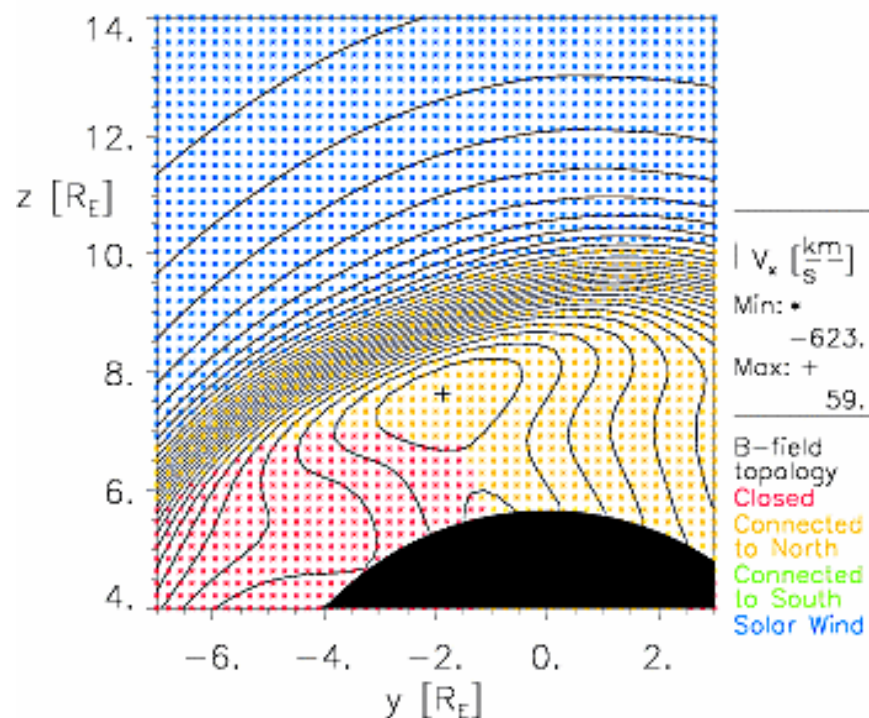
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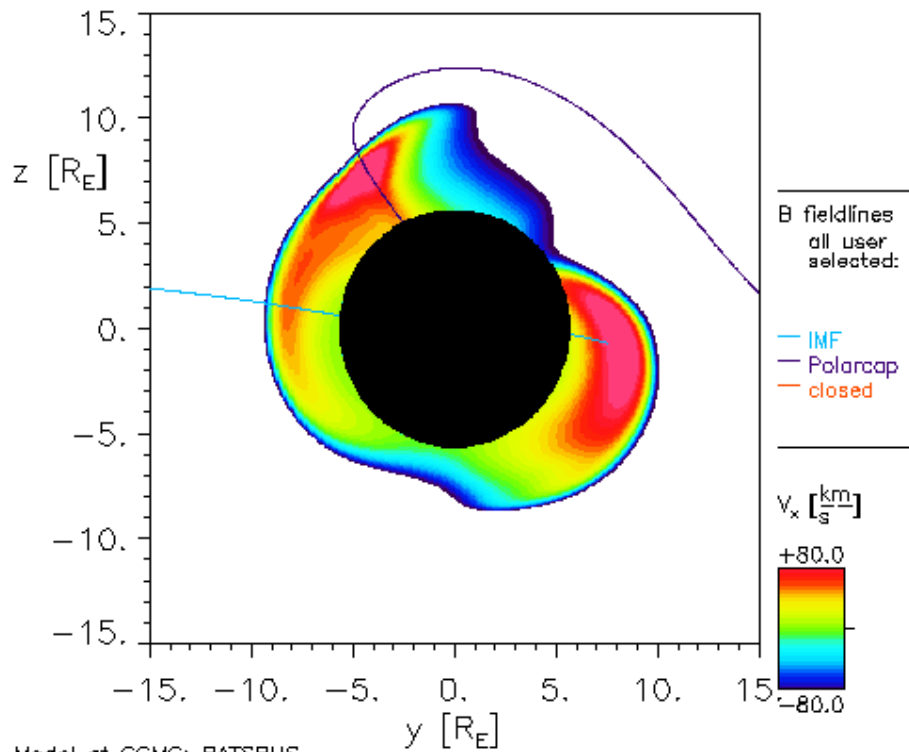
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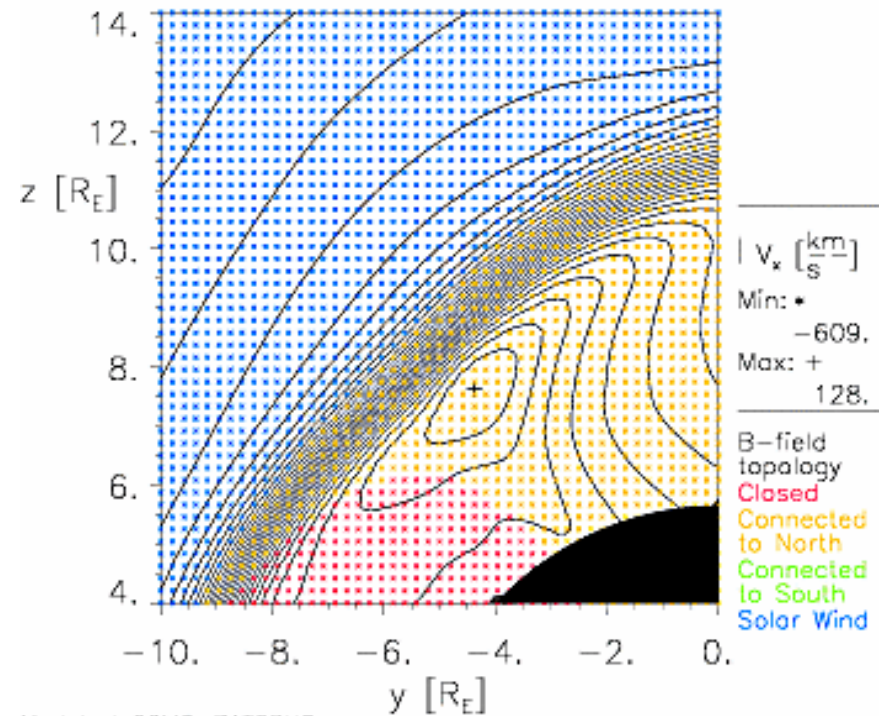
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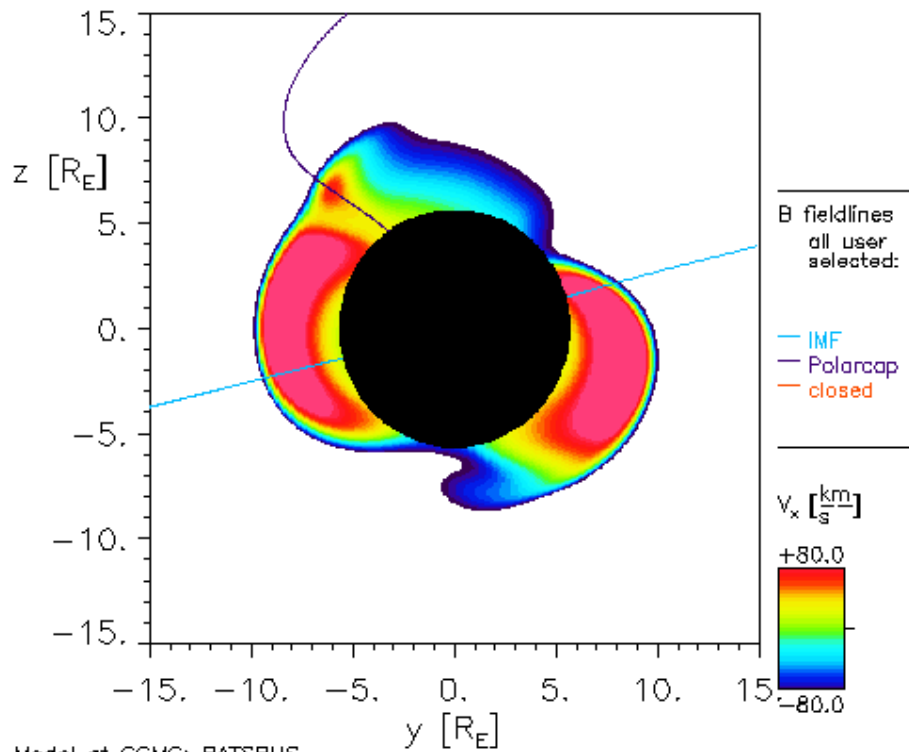
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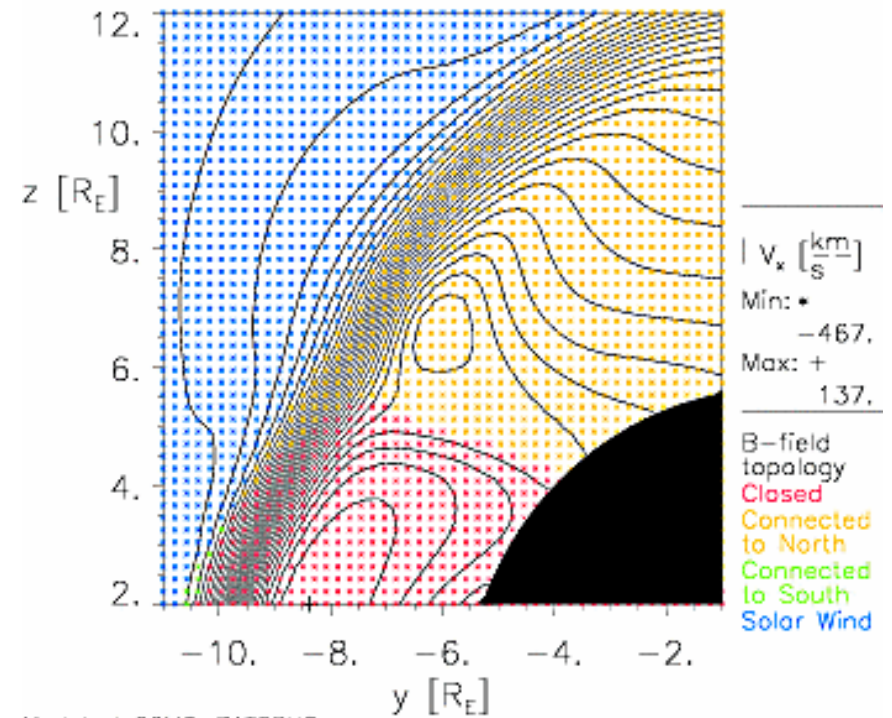
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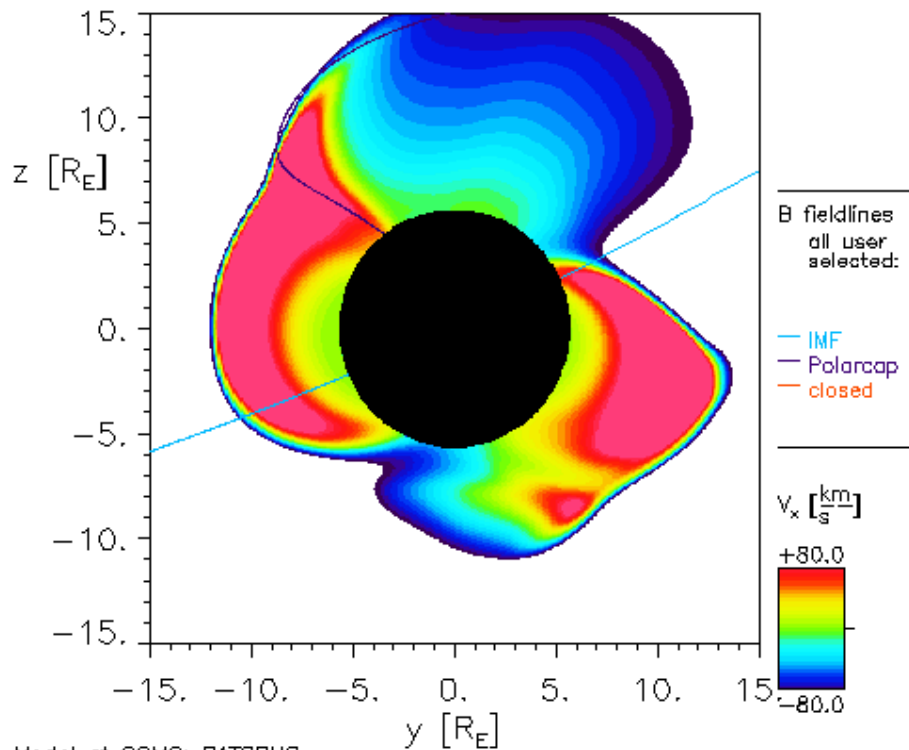
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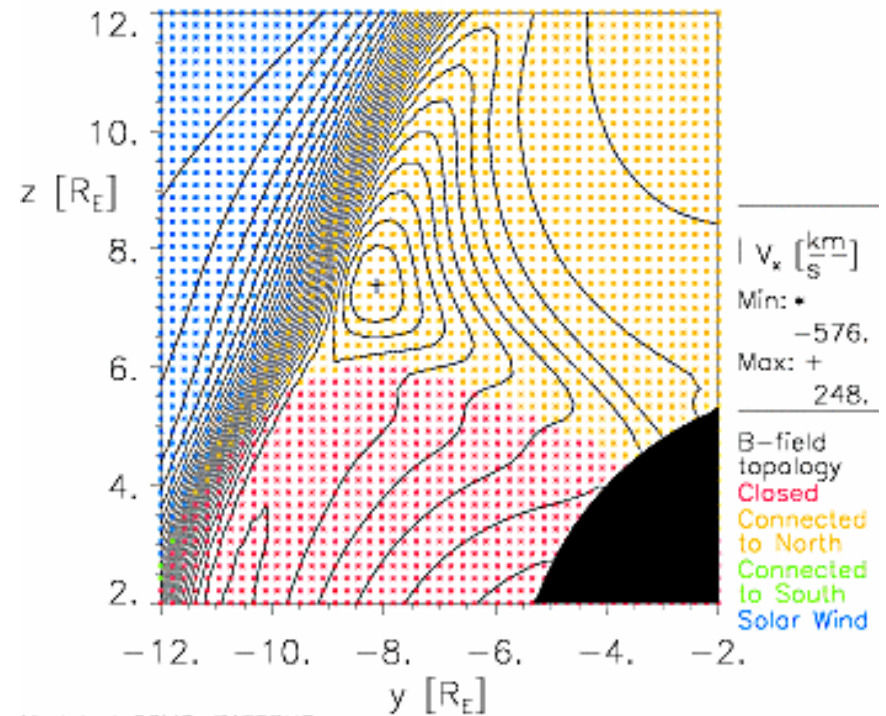
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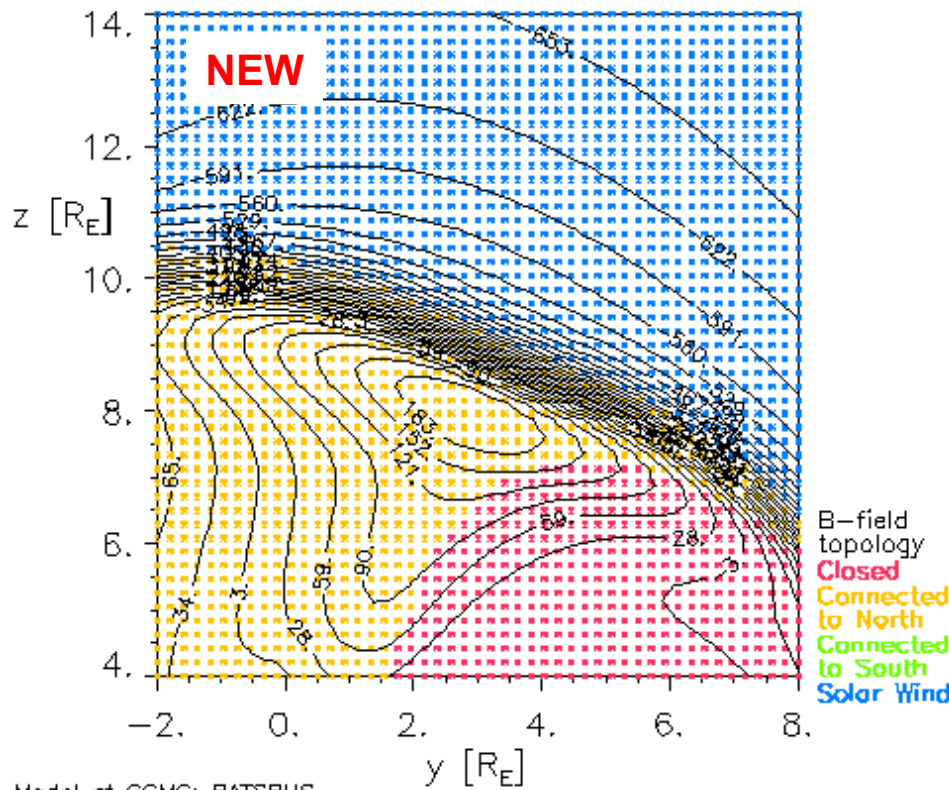
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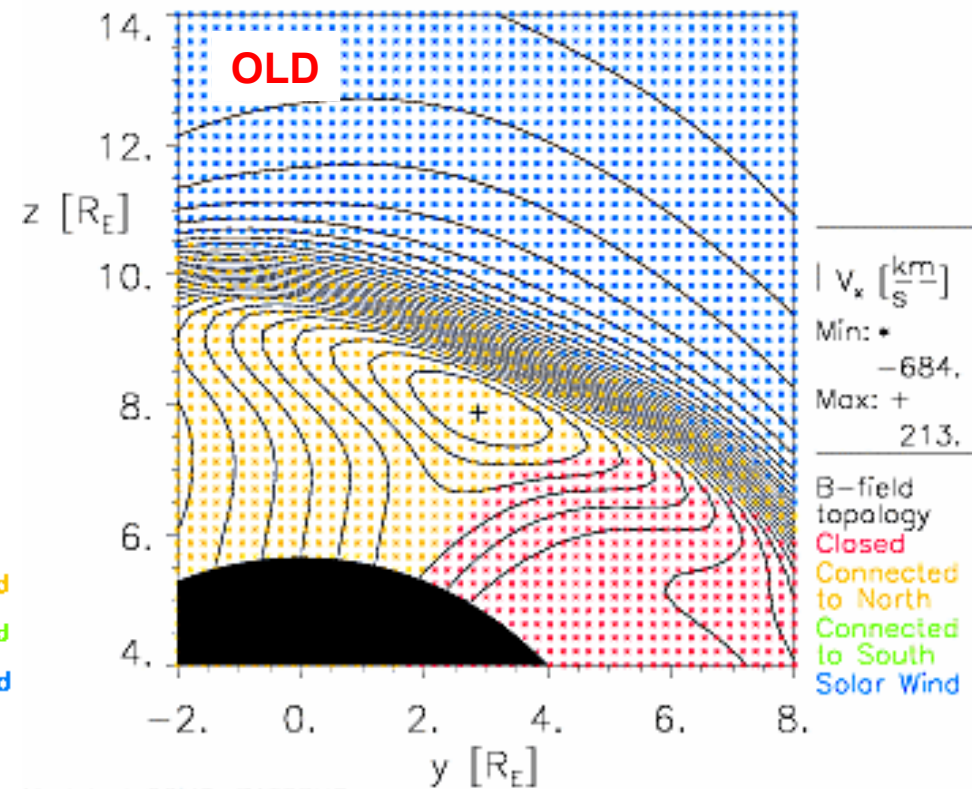
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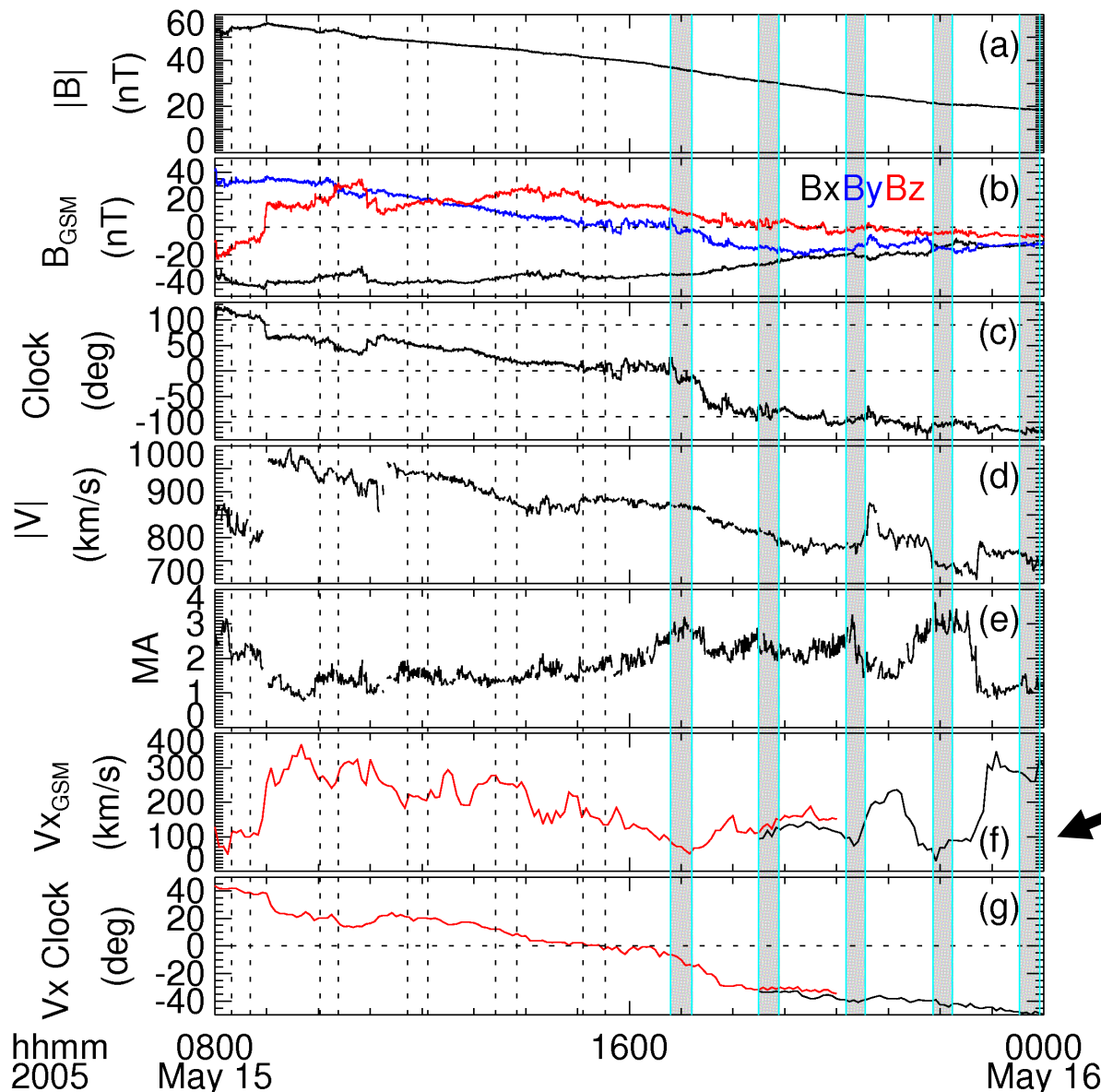
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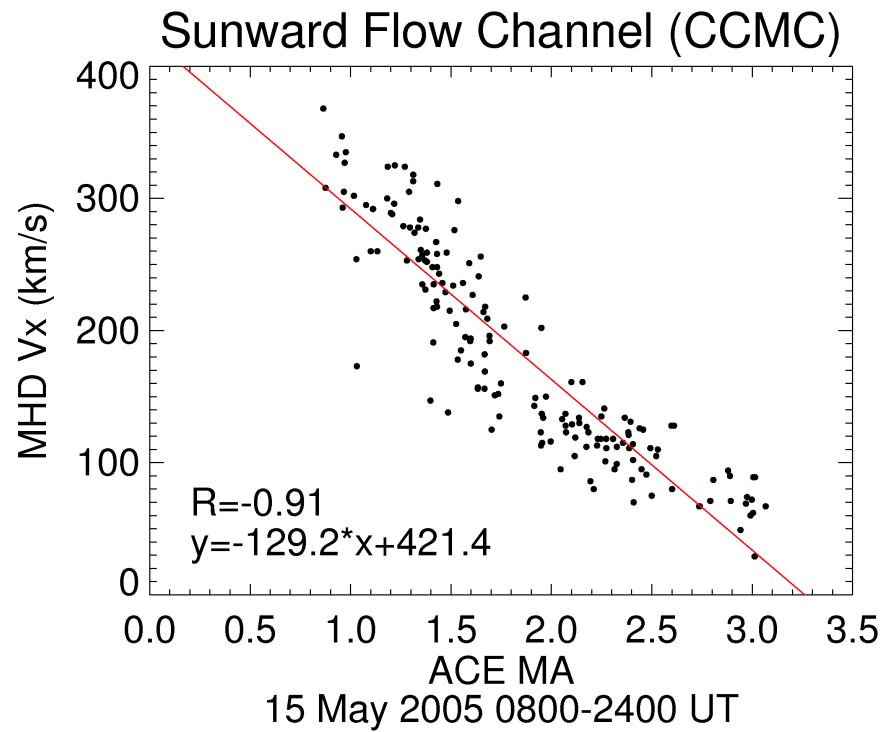
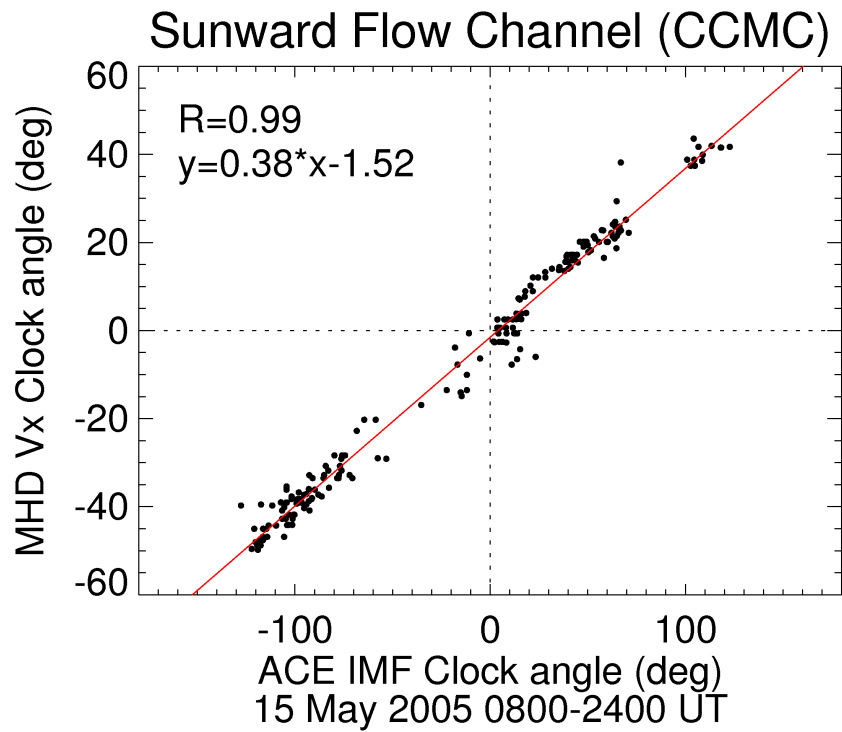


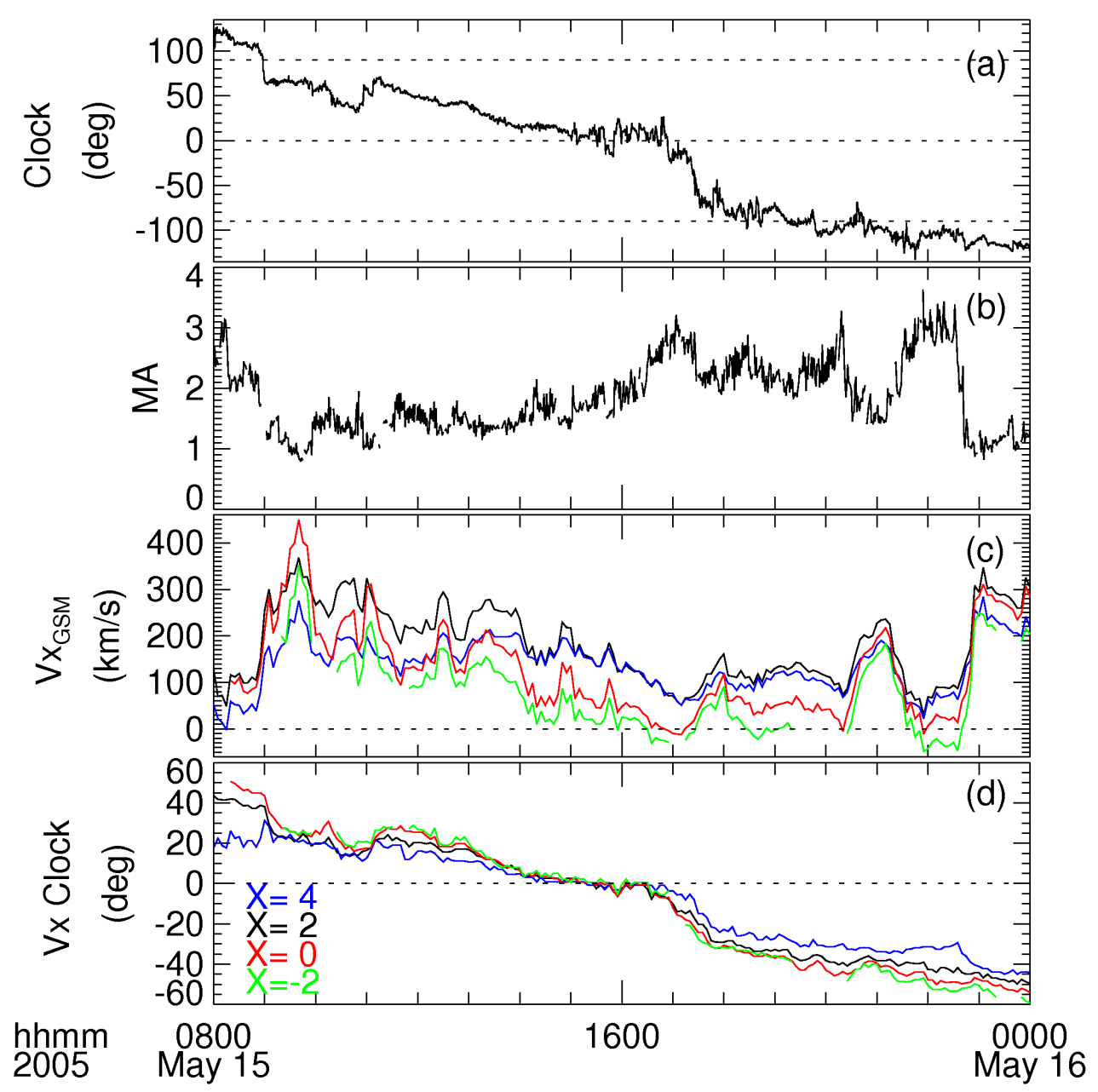
NOTE: Visual recording of maximum "Vx" speed (old version) and its (y,z) location at X=2 RE plane



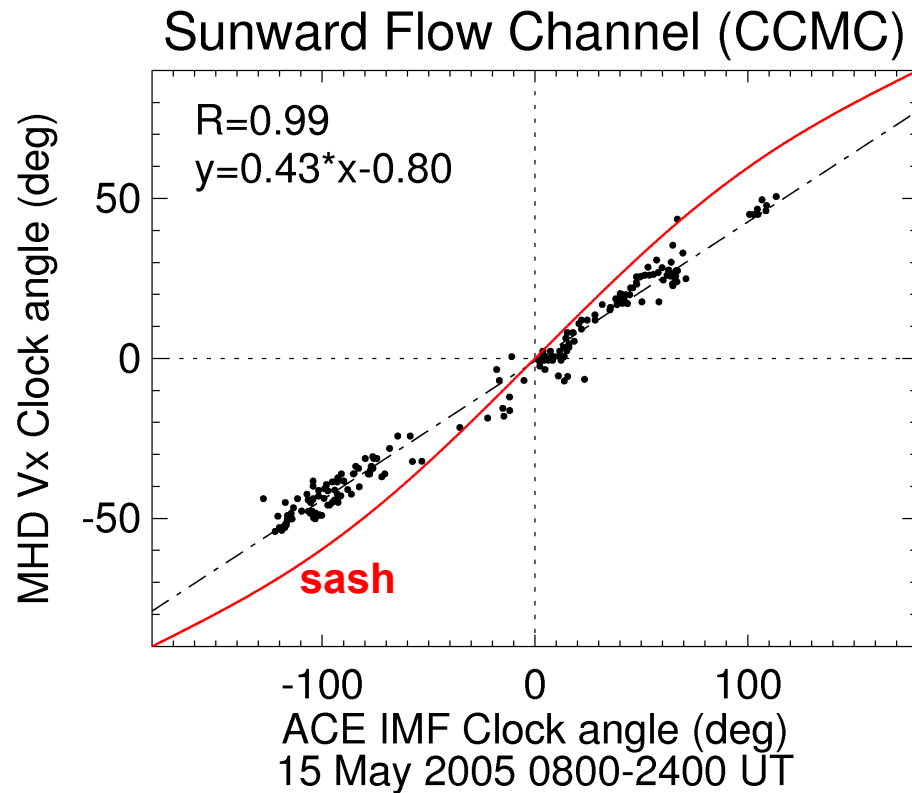
DESIRED: Output file of max (min) values and their location for given plane and quantity.

GEM_PFlux_081910_1 GEM_PFlux_081910_1a





Flow channel location comparison with the “sash” (low-B) region at X=0 RE



Siscoe et al. [2001] presented a clock angle position of the so-called “sash” [White et al., 1998]

Summary/suggestions

- MHD simulation suggests the existence of a well-defined sunward flow channel driven by flank magnetopause reconnection
- Its location is determined by IMF clock angle
- The maximum sunward flow speed depends on solar wind Alfvén Mach number.
- CCMC topology map is an invaluable tool !!
- **User feedback**: Provide output file generation of max/min values of given quantity and its location in a given plane...

Cluster and iPIC3D Kinetic codes at CCMC?

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iPIC3D
implicit Particle-in-Cell 3D
Code

iPIC3D - Features

- Fully electromagnetic Particle-in-Cell code
- 2D $\frac{1}{2}$ and 3D geometries
- Uniform Cartesian grid
- Parallel 3D domain decomposition
- Mostly used to study magnetic reconnection

Ref. Multi-scale simulations of plasma with iPIC3D
Stefano Markidis, Giovanni Lapenta, Rizwan-uddin
Mathematics and Computers in Simulations, 80, 7, 2010.

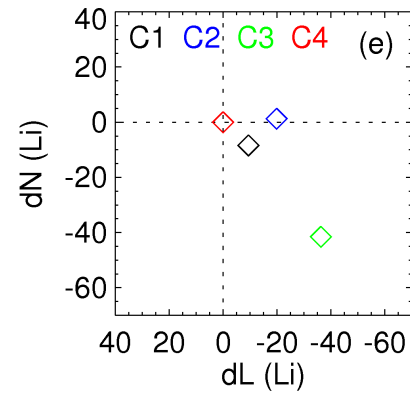
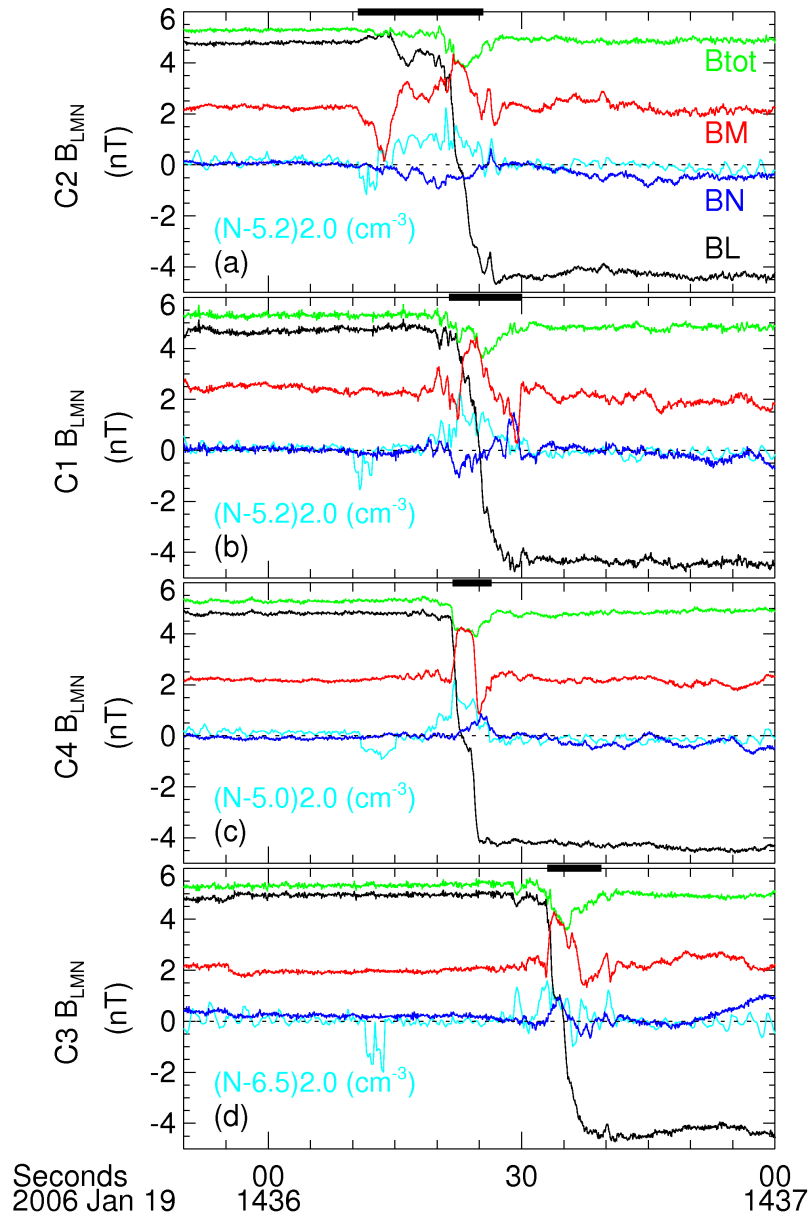
iPIC3D - Code

- C++ Particle-in-Cell Code
- 12,500 lines of code
- Parallel code using MPI
- Text input-file
- Output in hdf5 format (each process writes its own hdf5 file), and ASCII for monitoring selected simulation spatial locations (*virtual probes*)
- Post-processing routines available to convert hdf5 files in vtk format

iPIC3D - Implicit PIC Method

- Maxwell's equations and particle equations of motion are discretized **implicitly in time** and solved by a GMRes linear solver (Maxwell's equations) and 3 predictor-corrector iterations (equations of motion)
- The implicit PIC formulation makes the numerical PIC scheme unconditionally stable, allowing us to use time step and grid spacing, much larger than the one in use in standard PIC codes, and carry out simulations **on large simulation boxes with large time steps and realistic mass ratios**

Solar wind reconnection event: Cluster B and Nsc on 19 January 2006



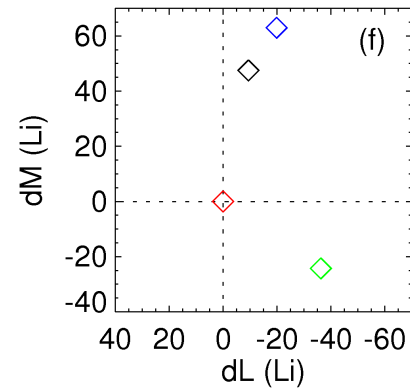
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VN=427.8 km/s

DN=18 Li

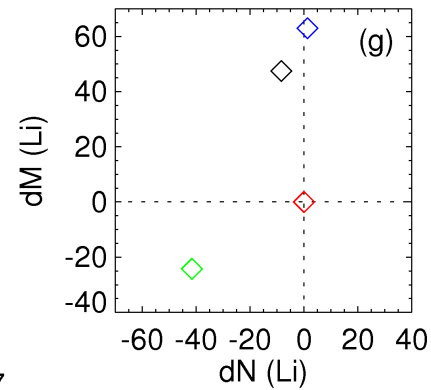


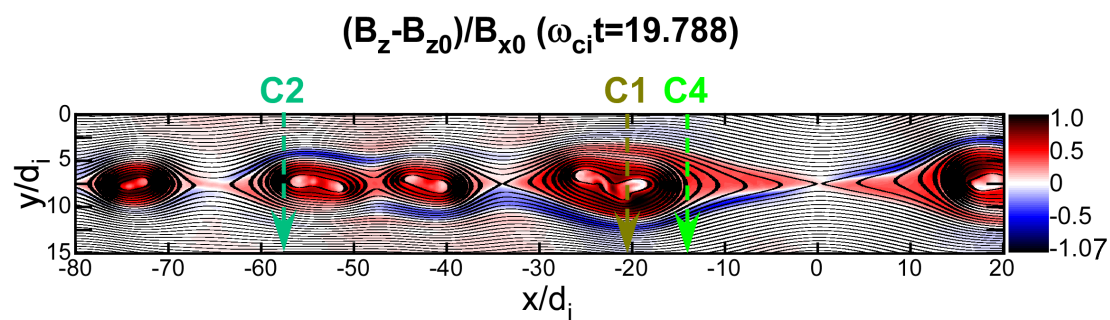
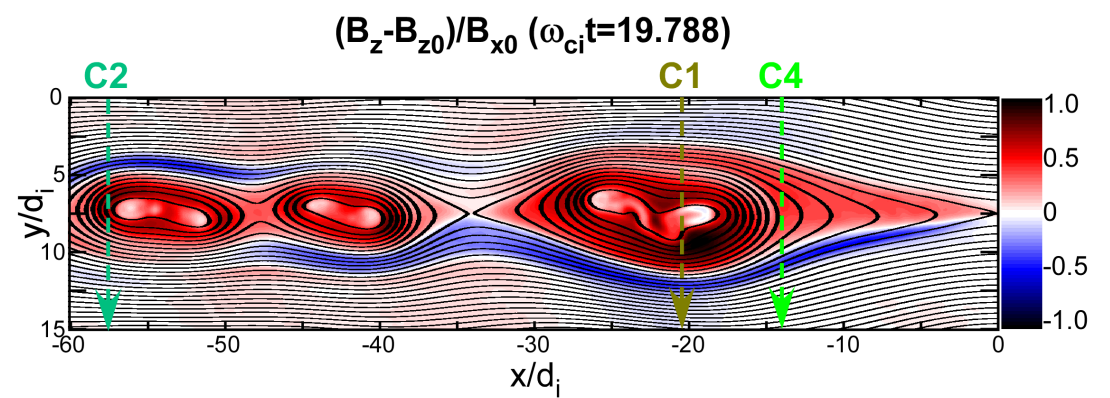
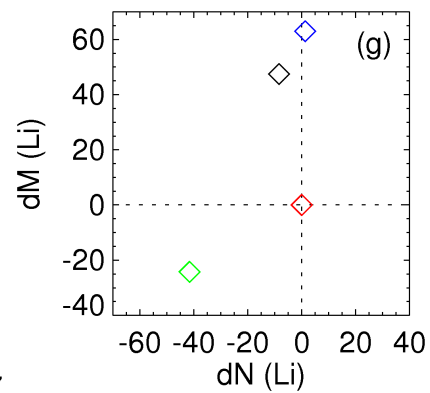
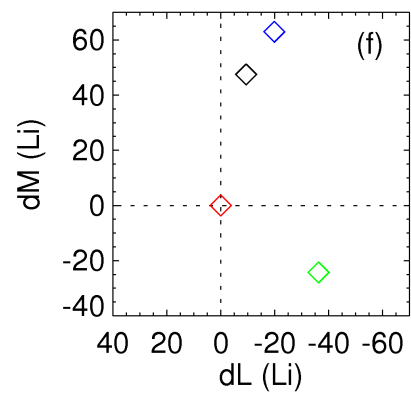
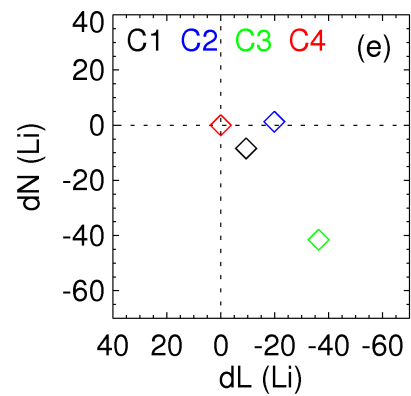
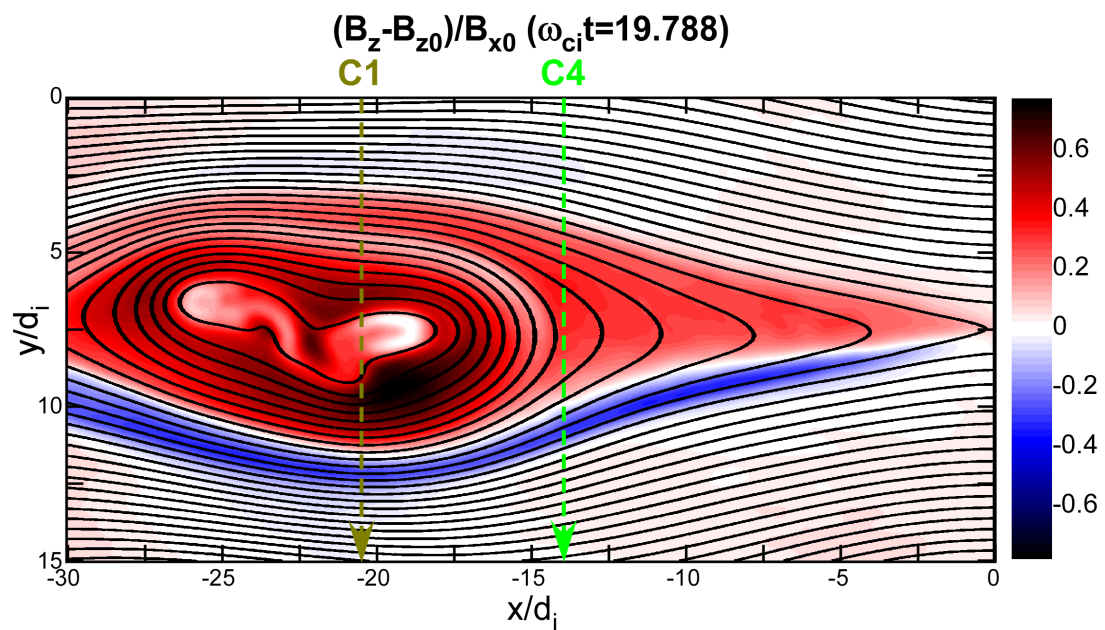
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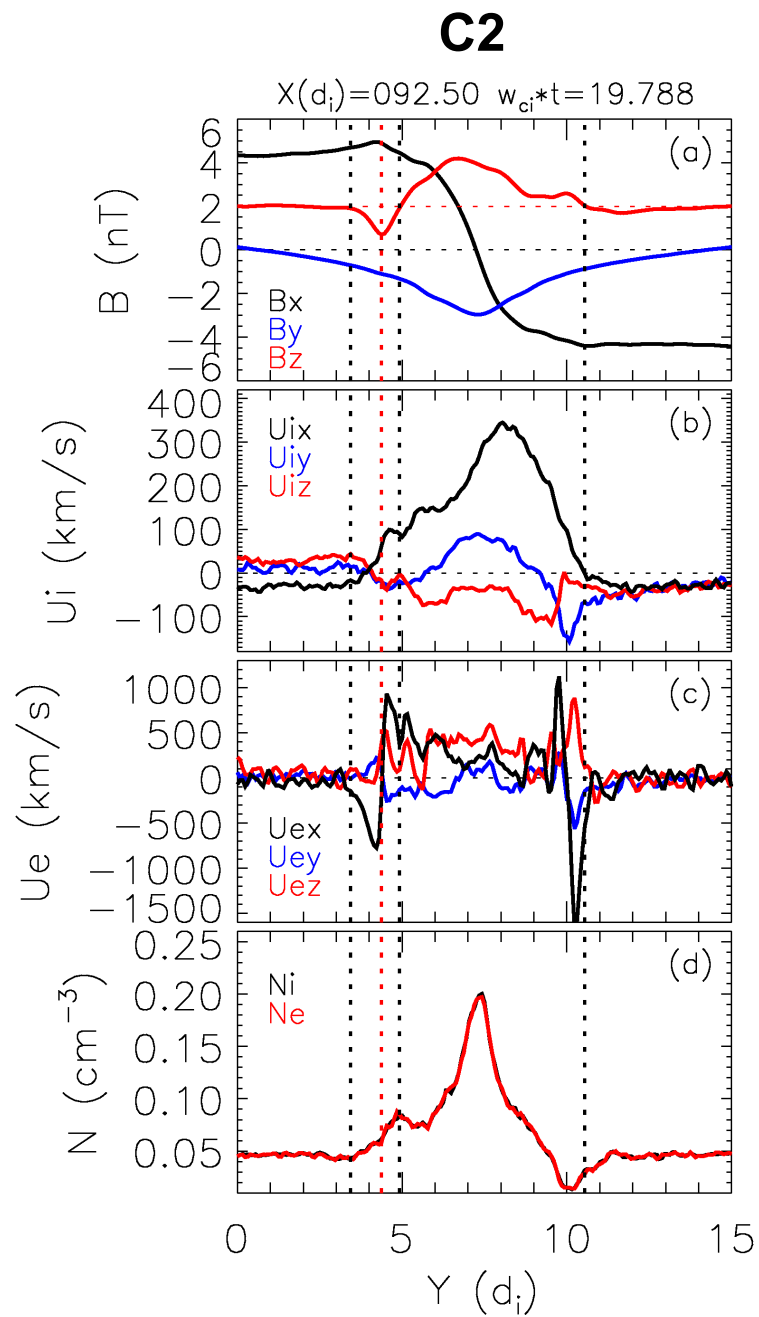
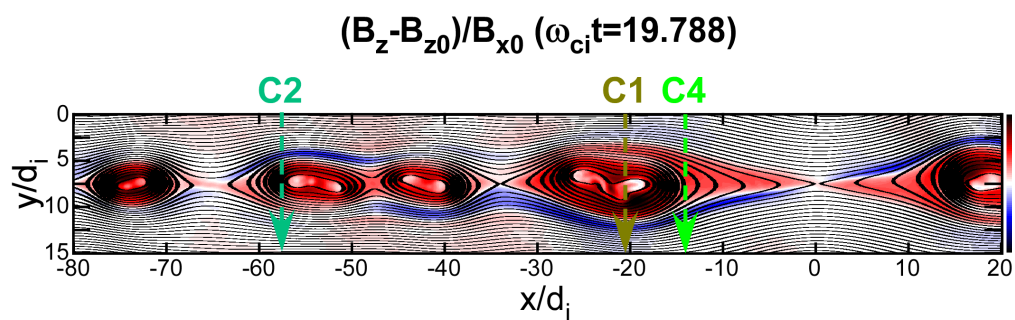
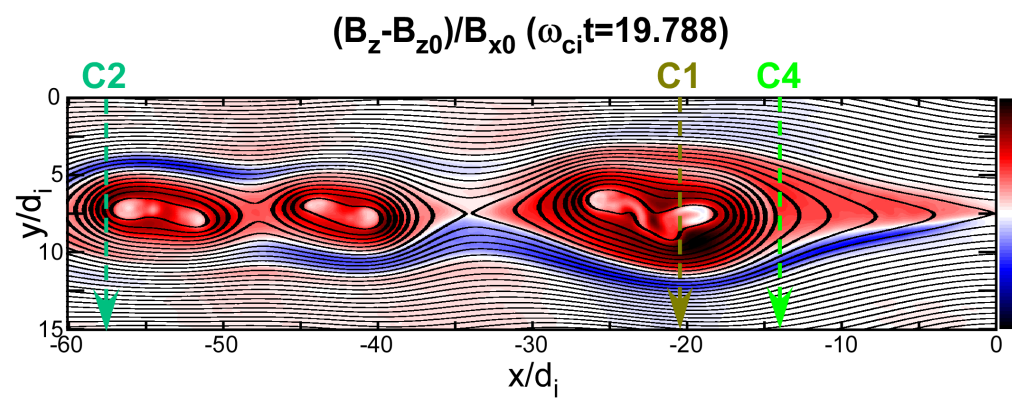
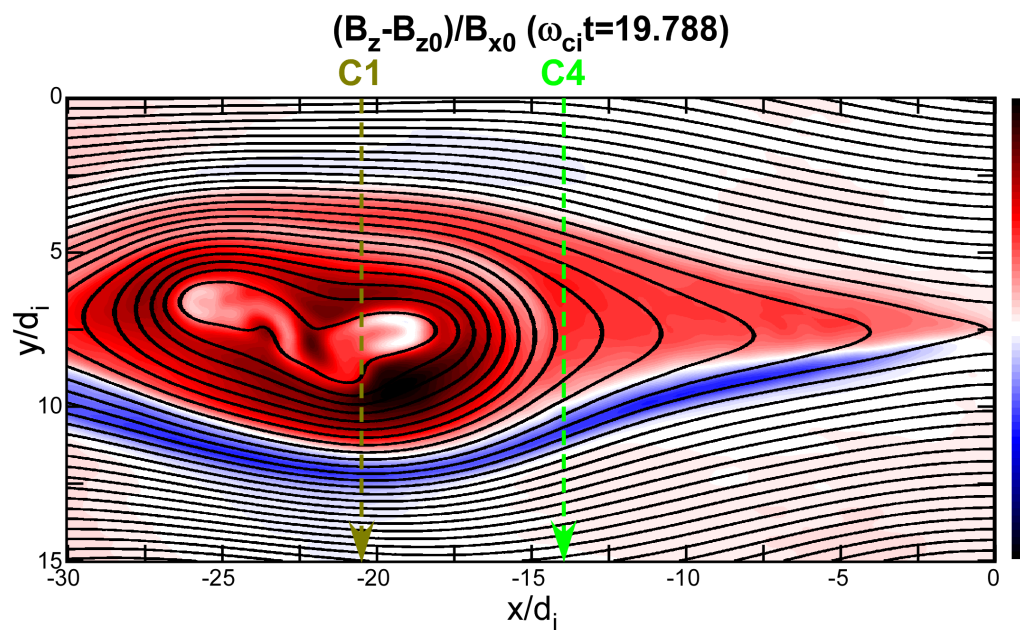
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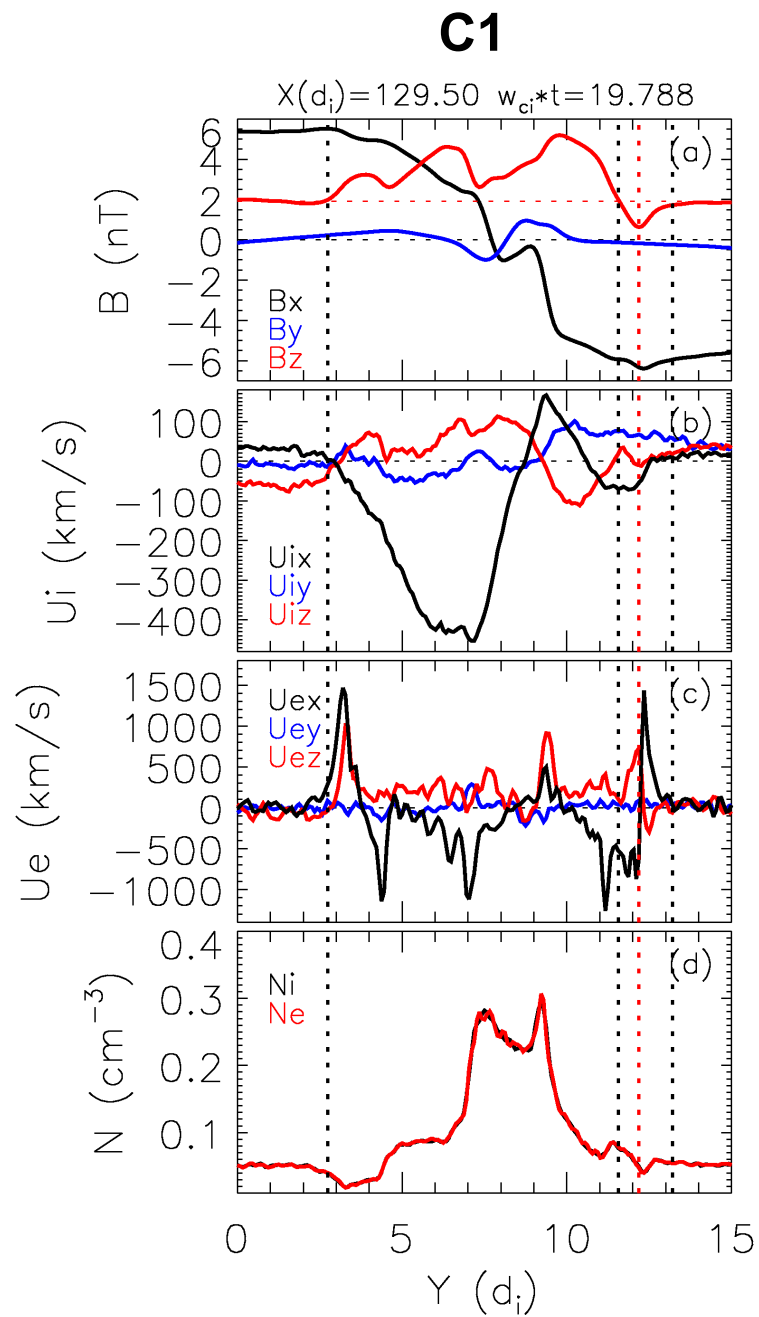
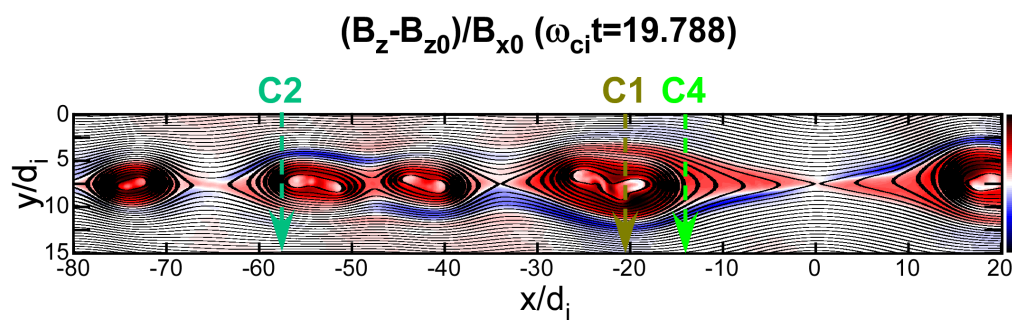
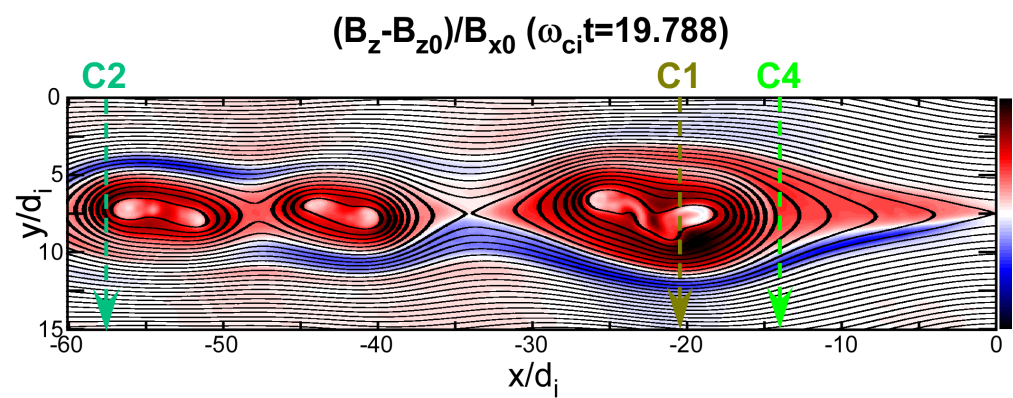
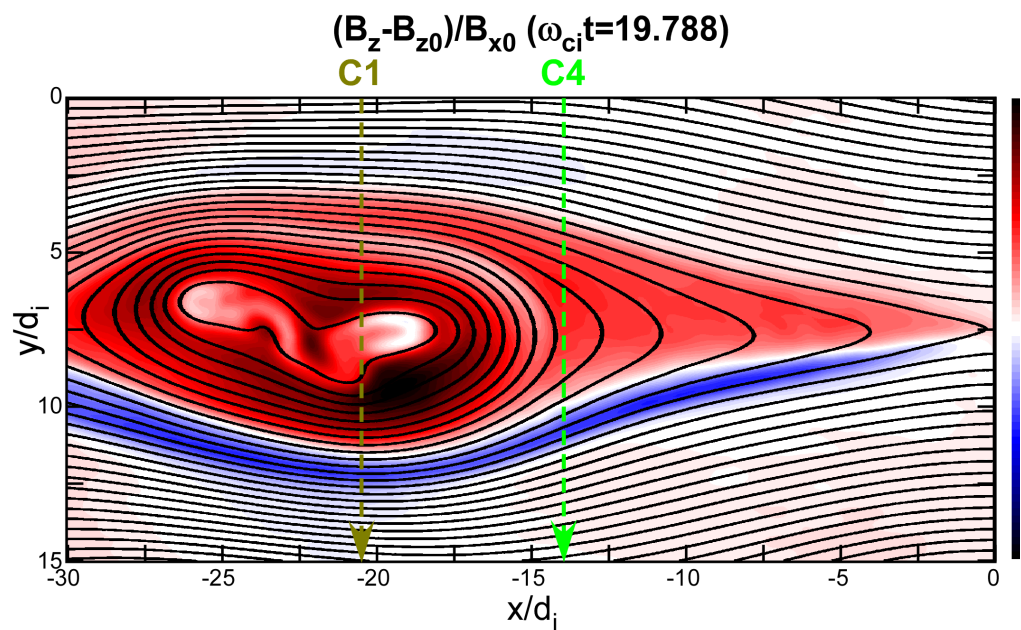
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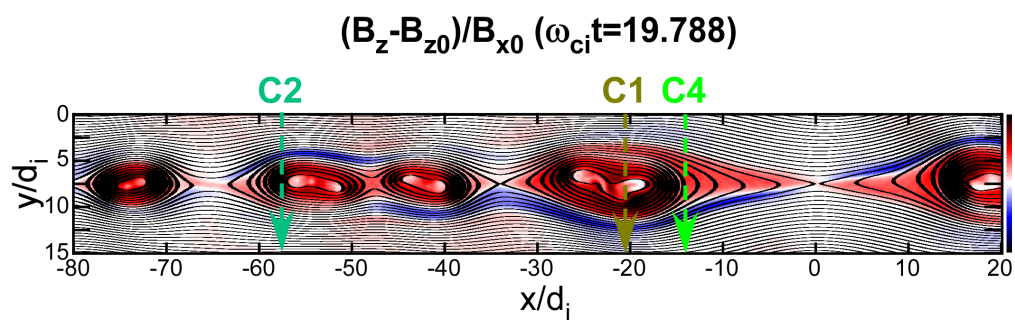
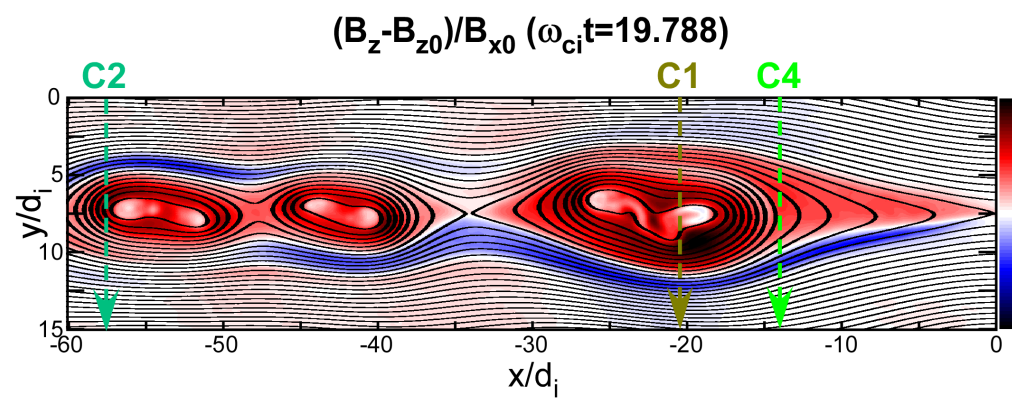
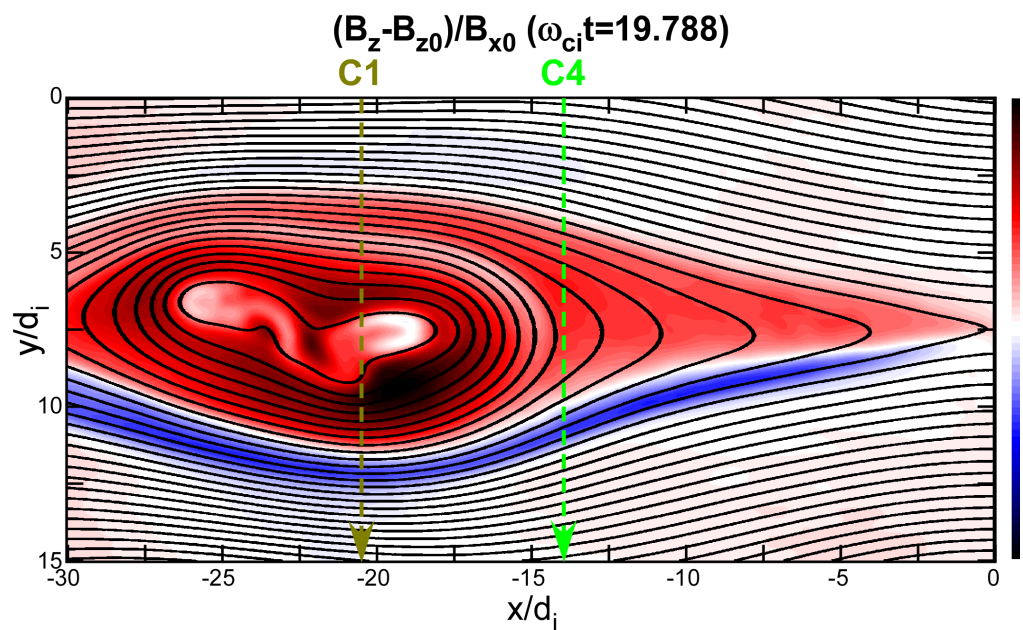
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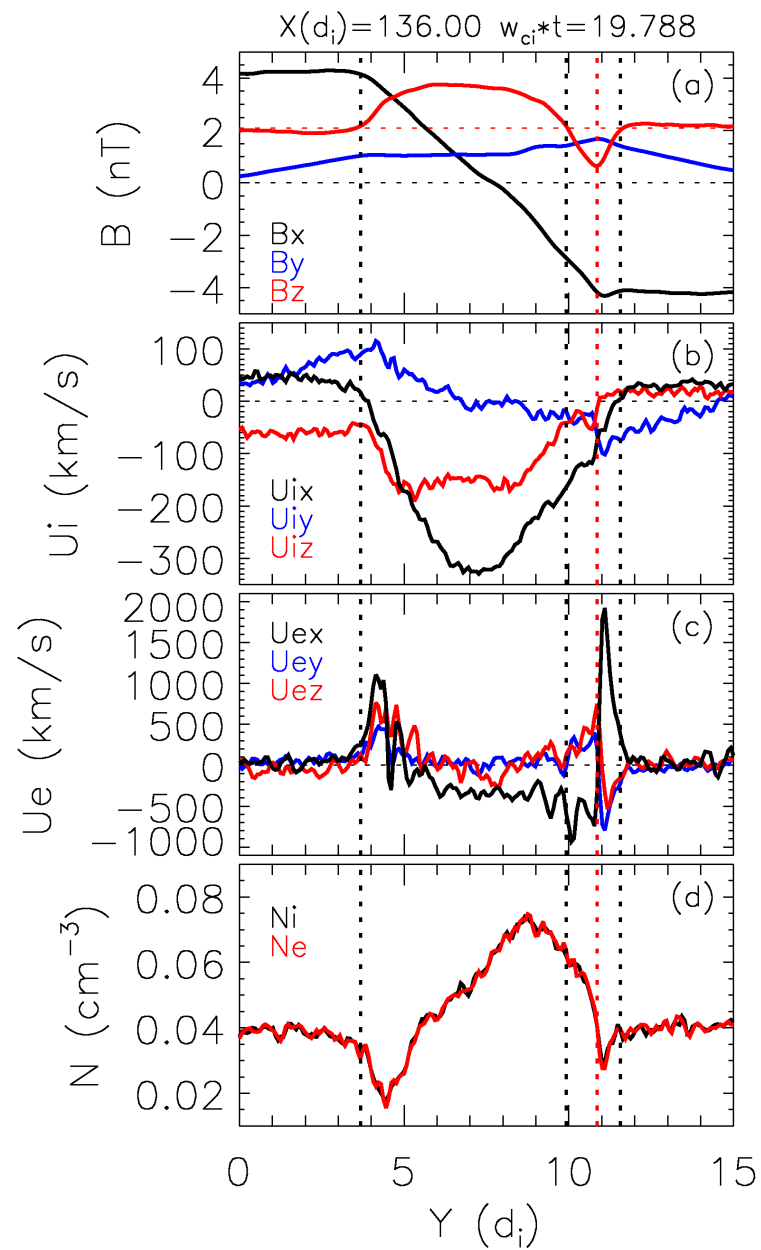


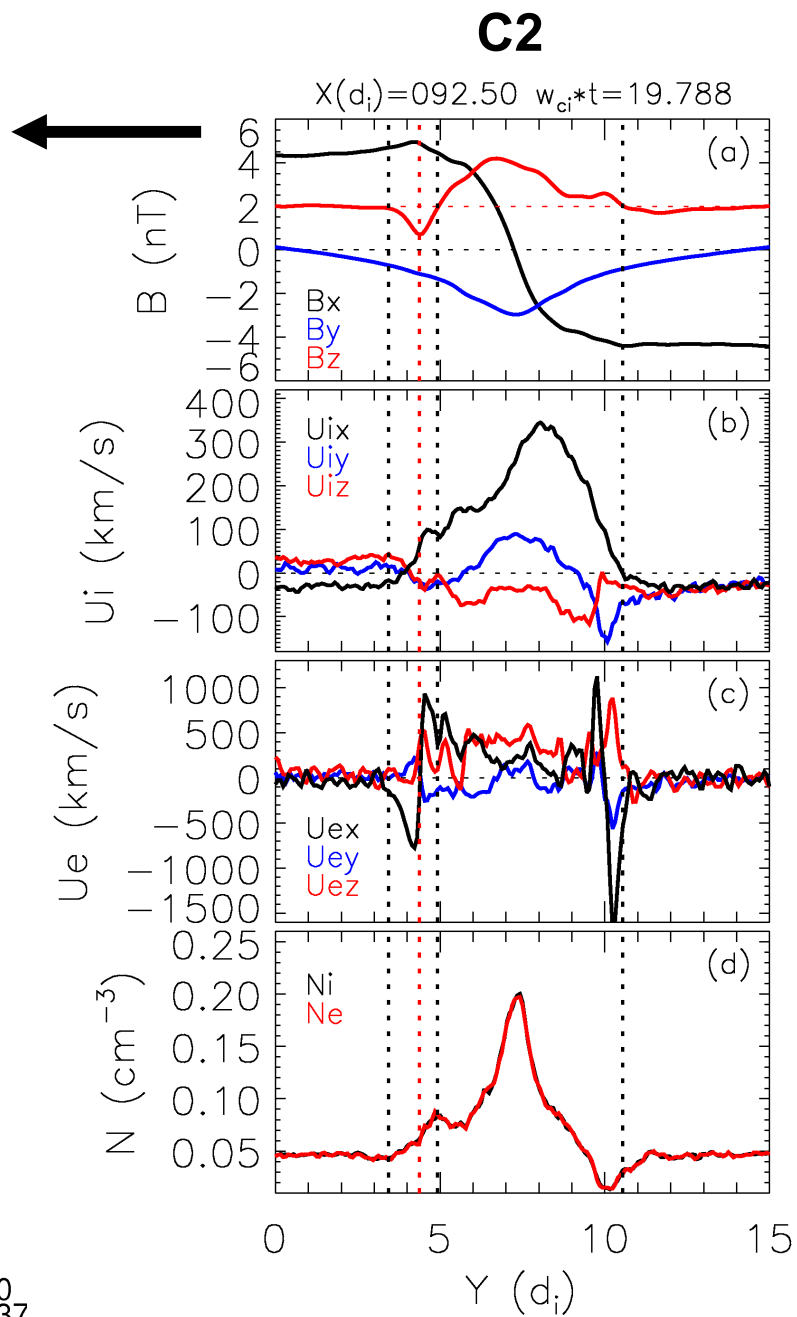
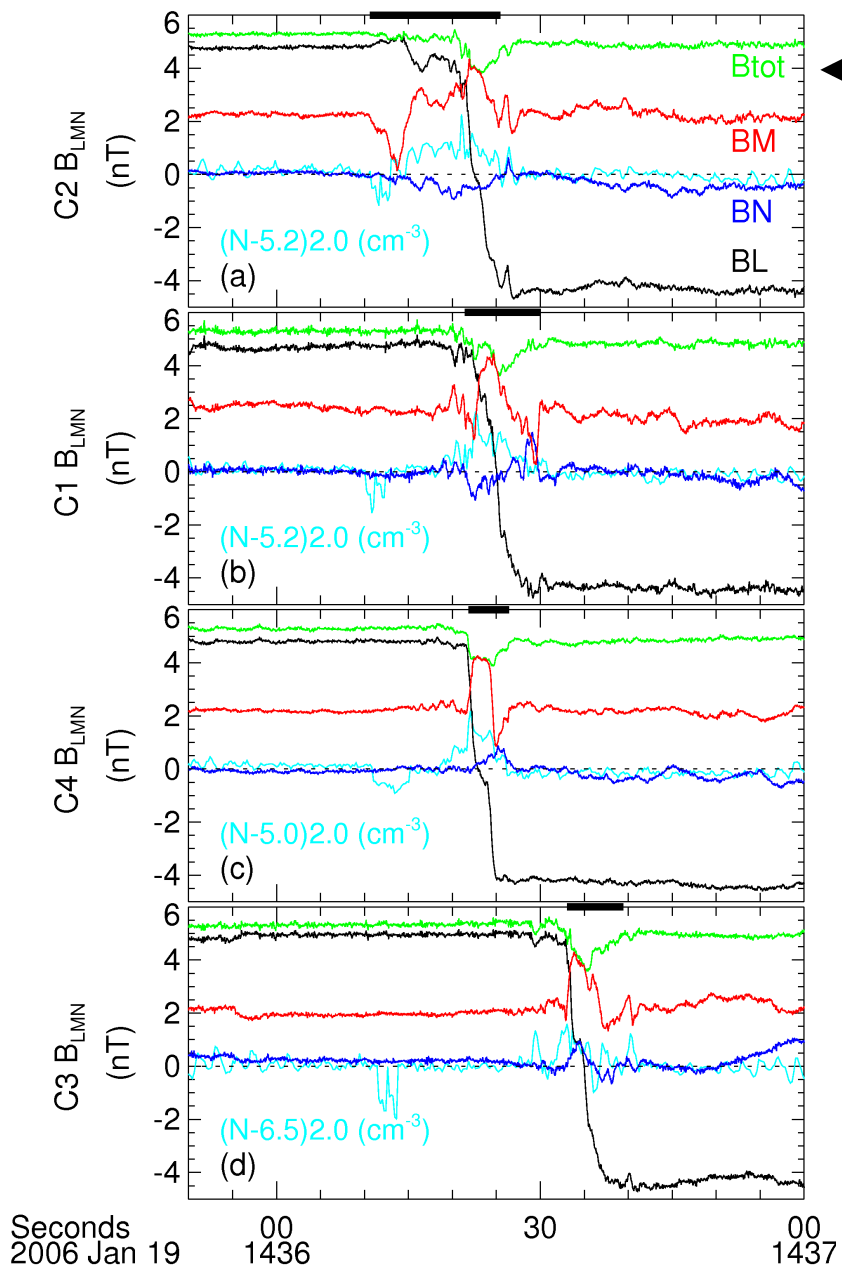


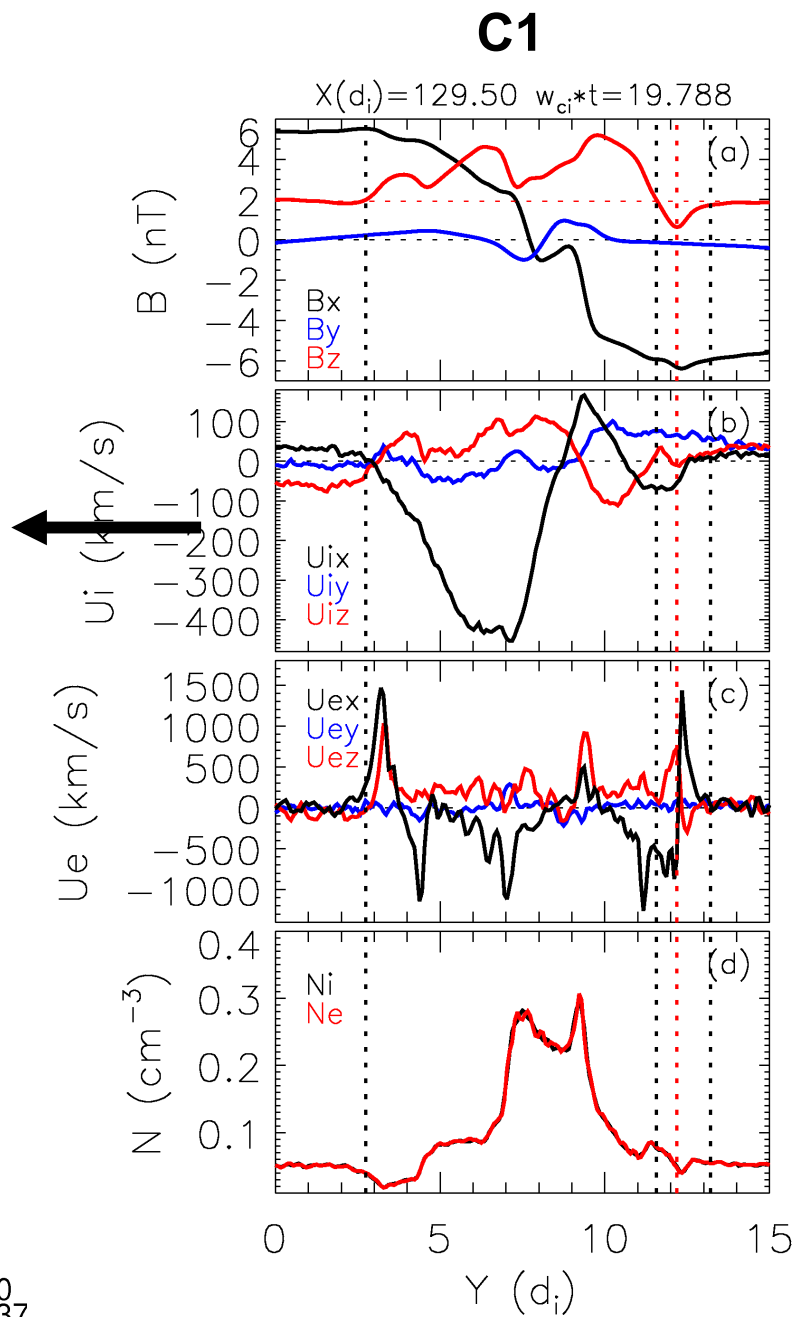
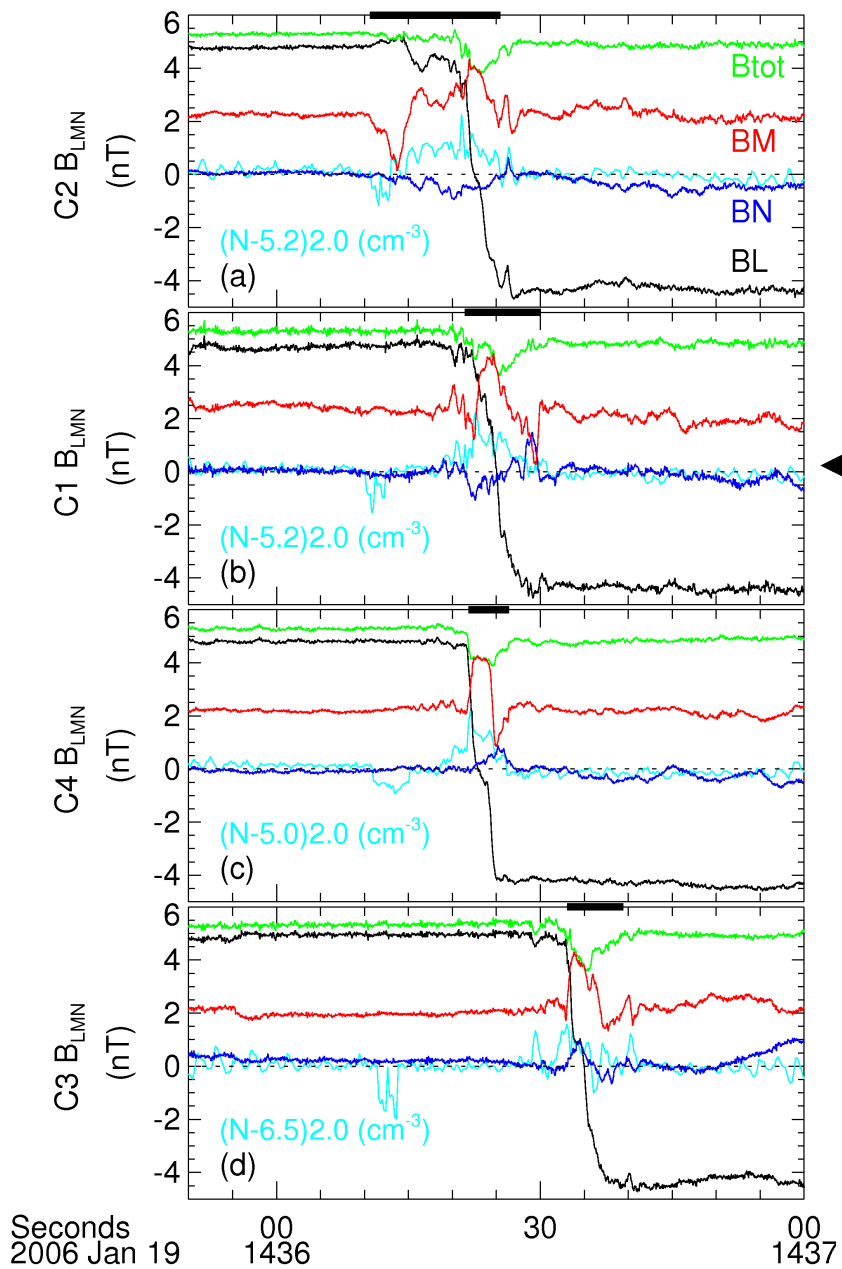


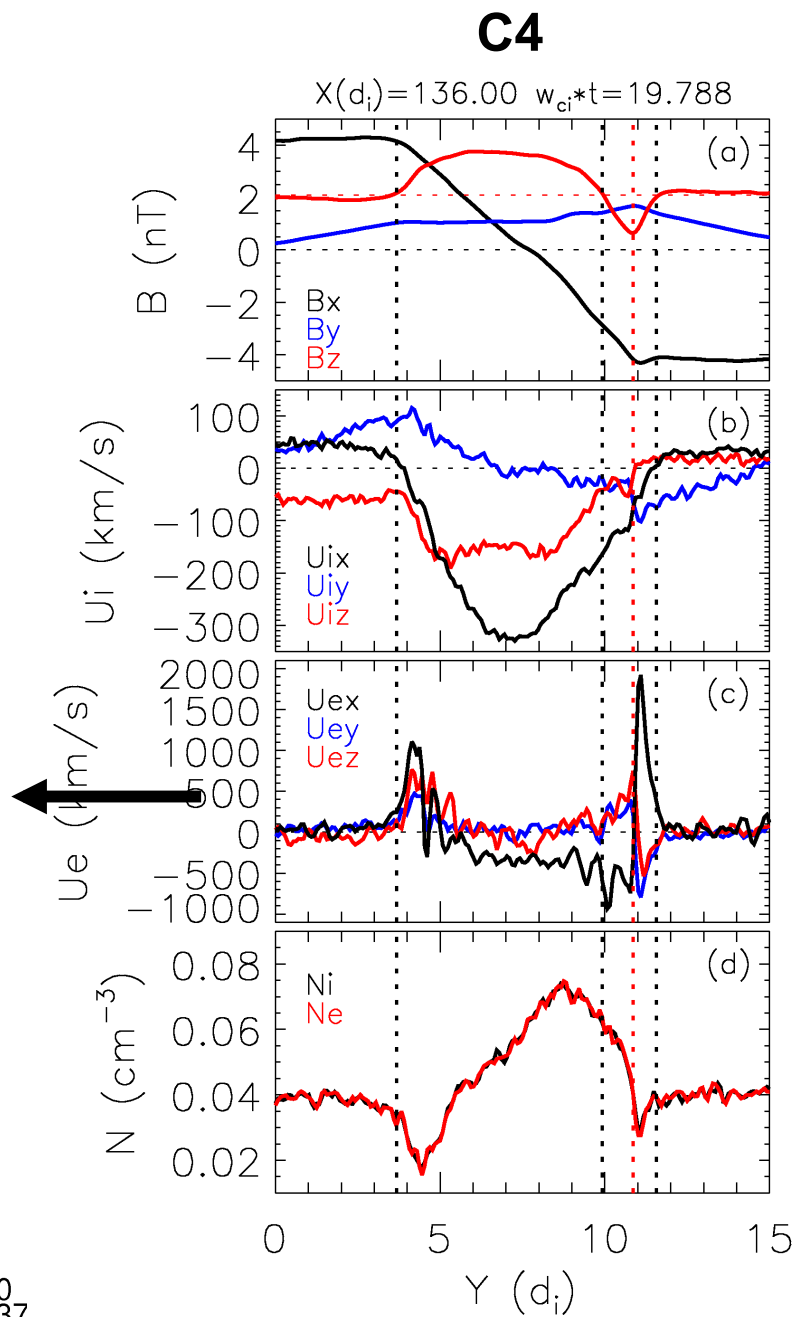
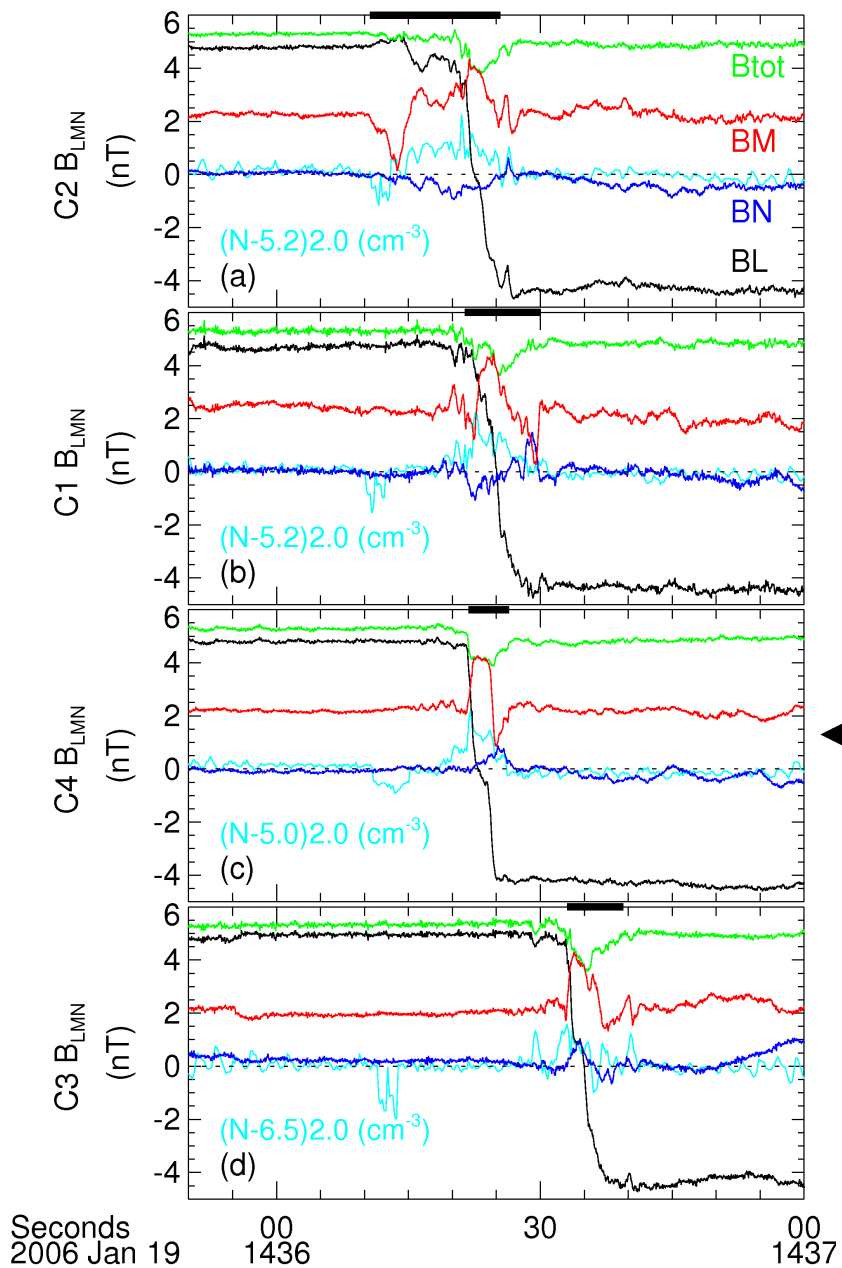


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Summary iPIC3D

- *Very important tool* for solar wind reconnection analysis (in particular) and elsewhere
- *Kinetic physics* support now needed to guide high-resolution observations from Cluster, THEMIS, and soon MMS...
- Kinetic model results, *as MHD simulations before them*, should be made available to a wider community. There is just too much output for a few selected individuals to fully appreciate.