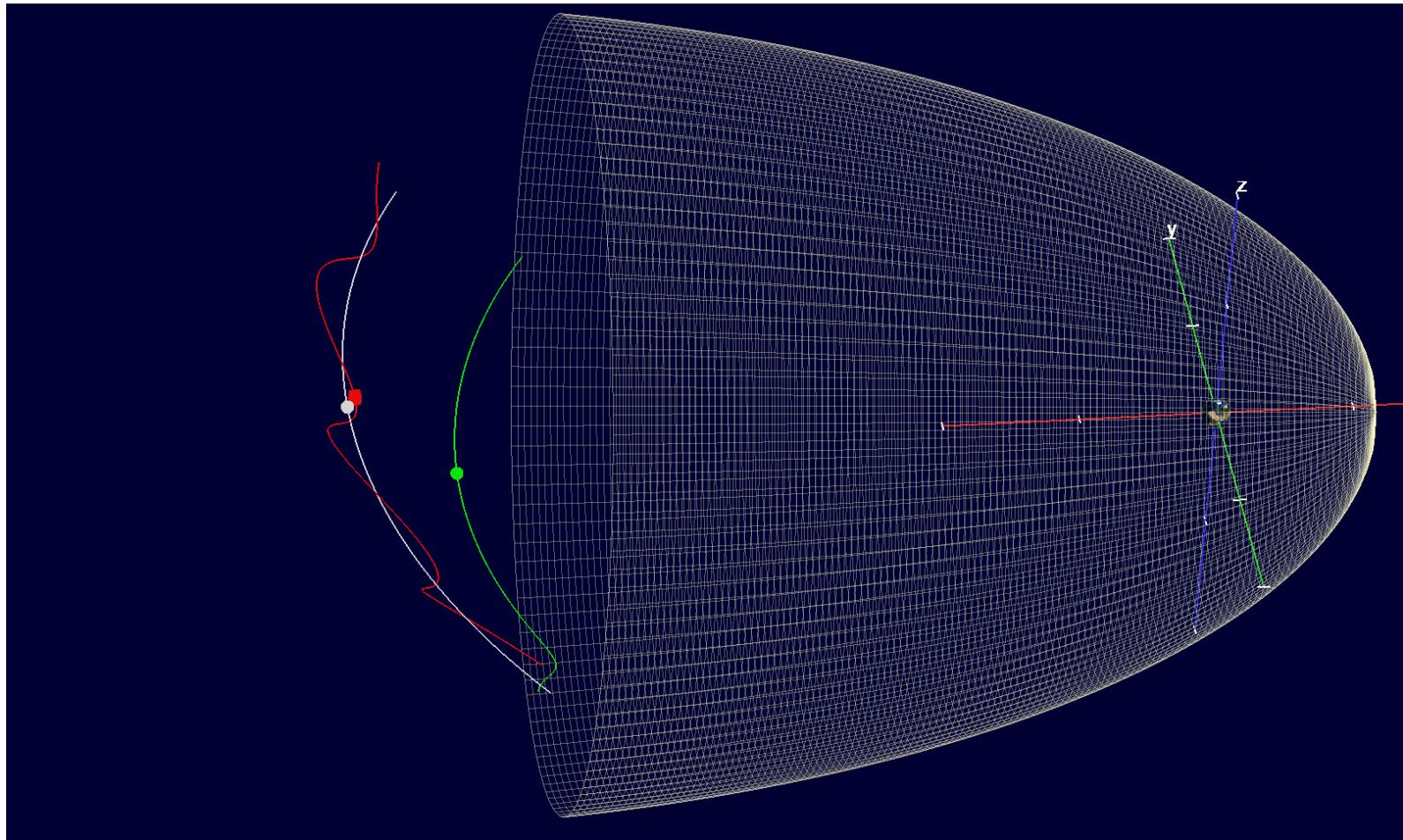


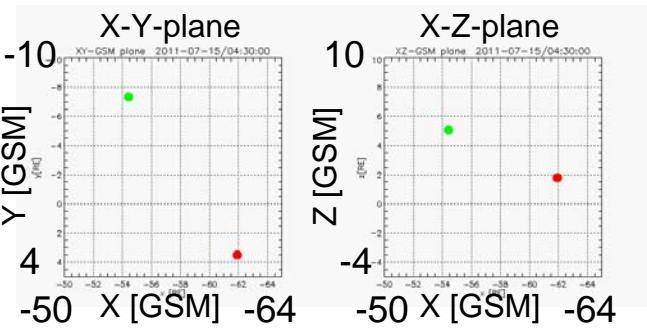
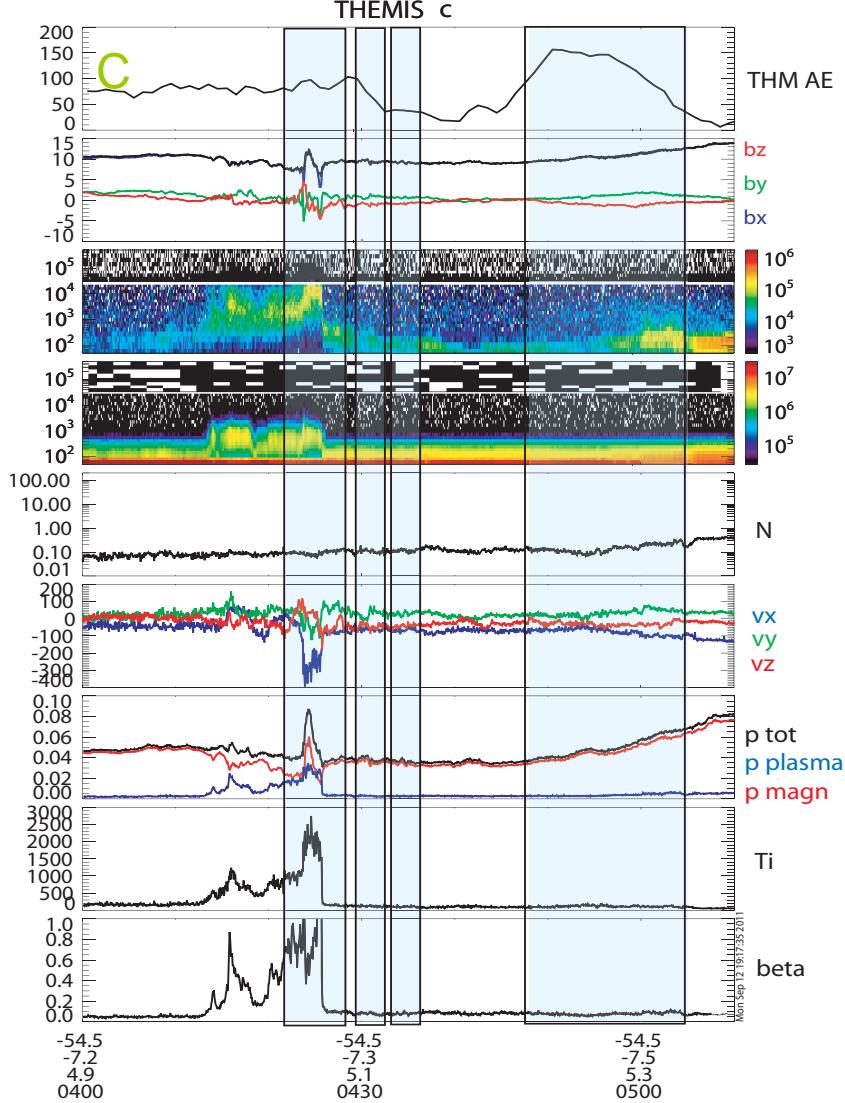
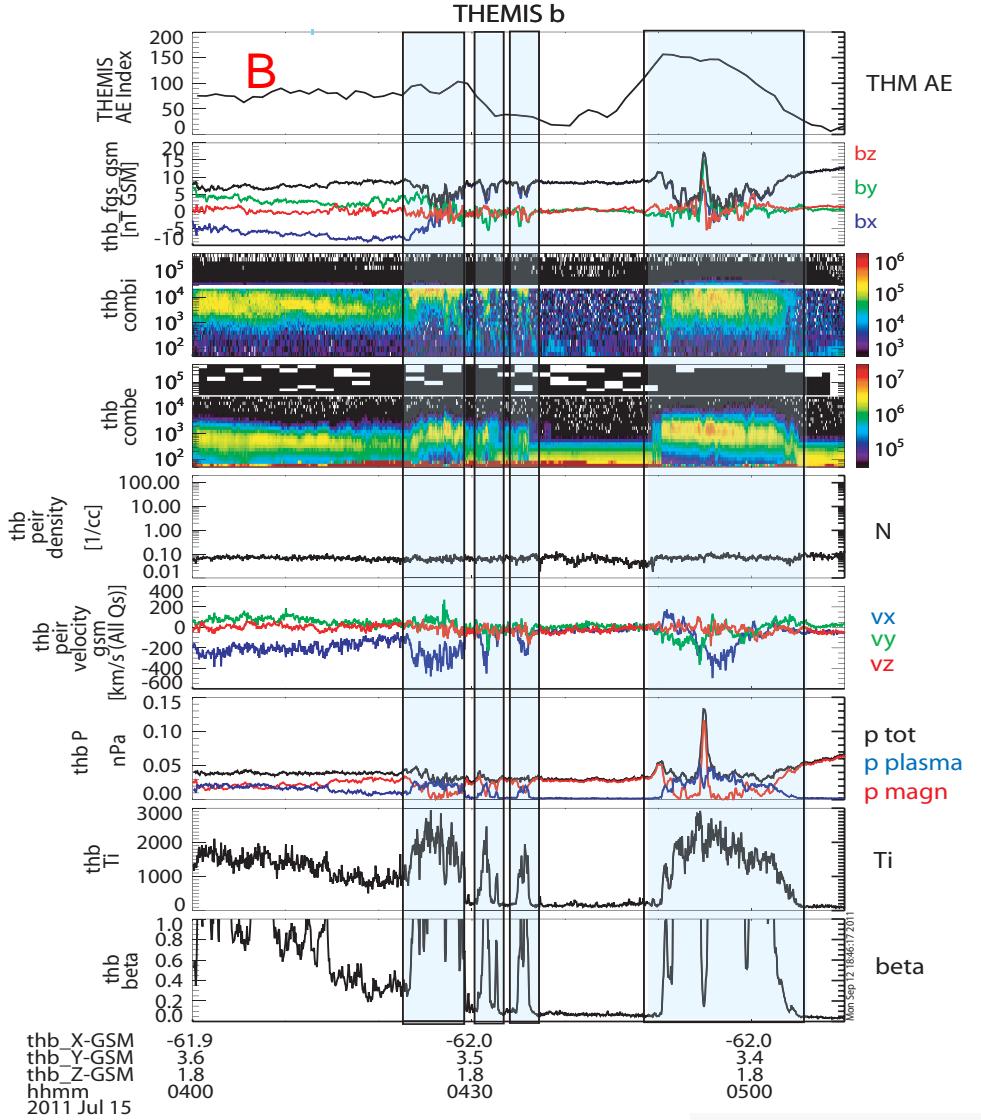
On the size of magnetotail flux ropes at ~ 60 RE downtail

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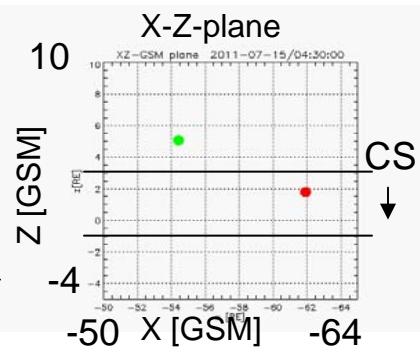
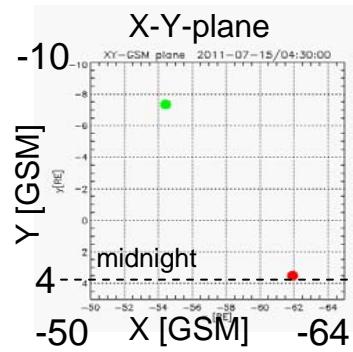
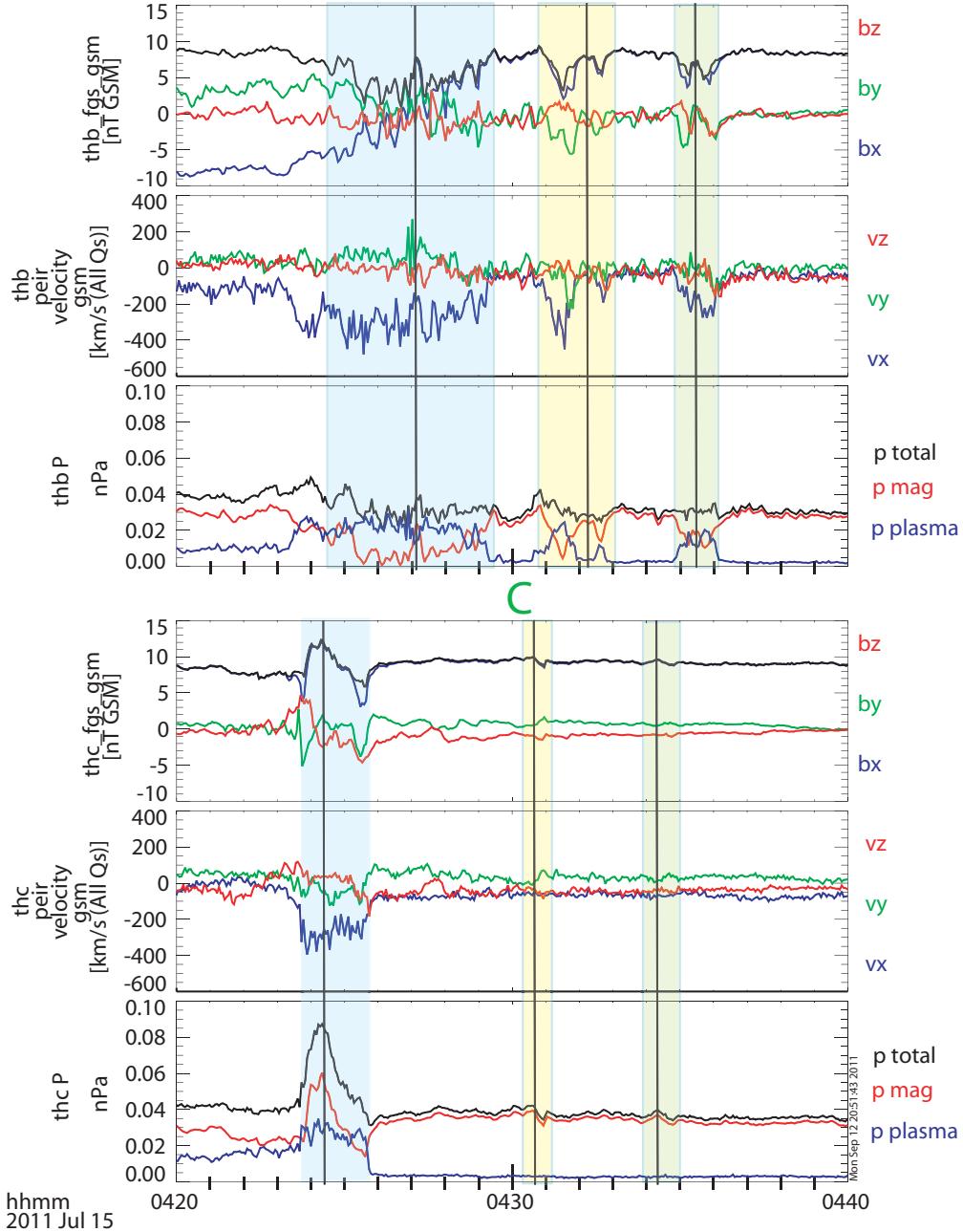
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Separation:
 $x \sim 7.5 \text{ RE}$
 $y \sim 11.3 \text{ RE}$
 $z \sim 1.7 \text{ RE}$

B

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Event 1:

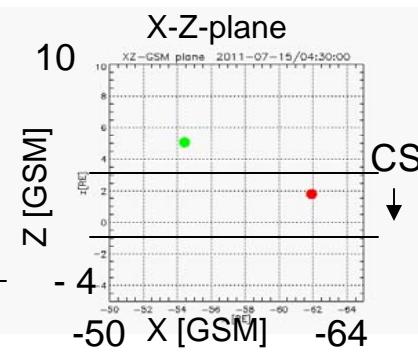
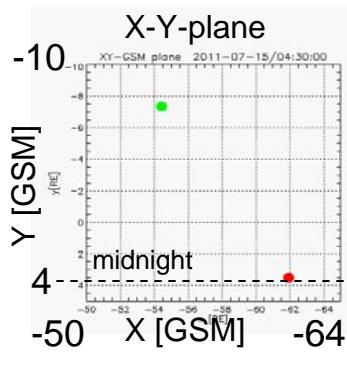
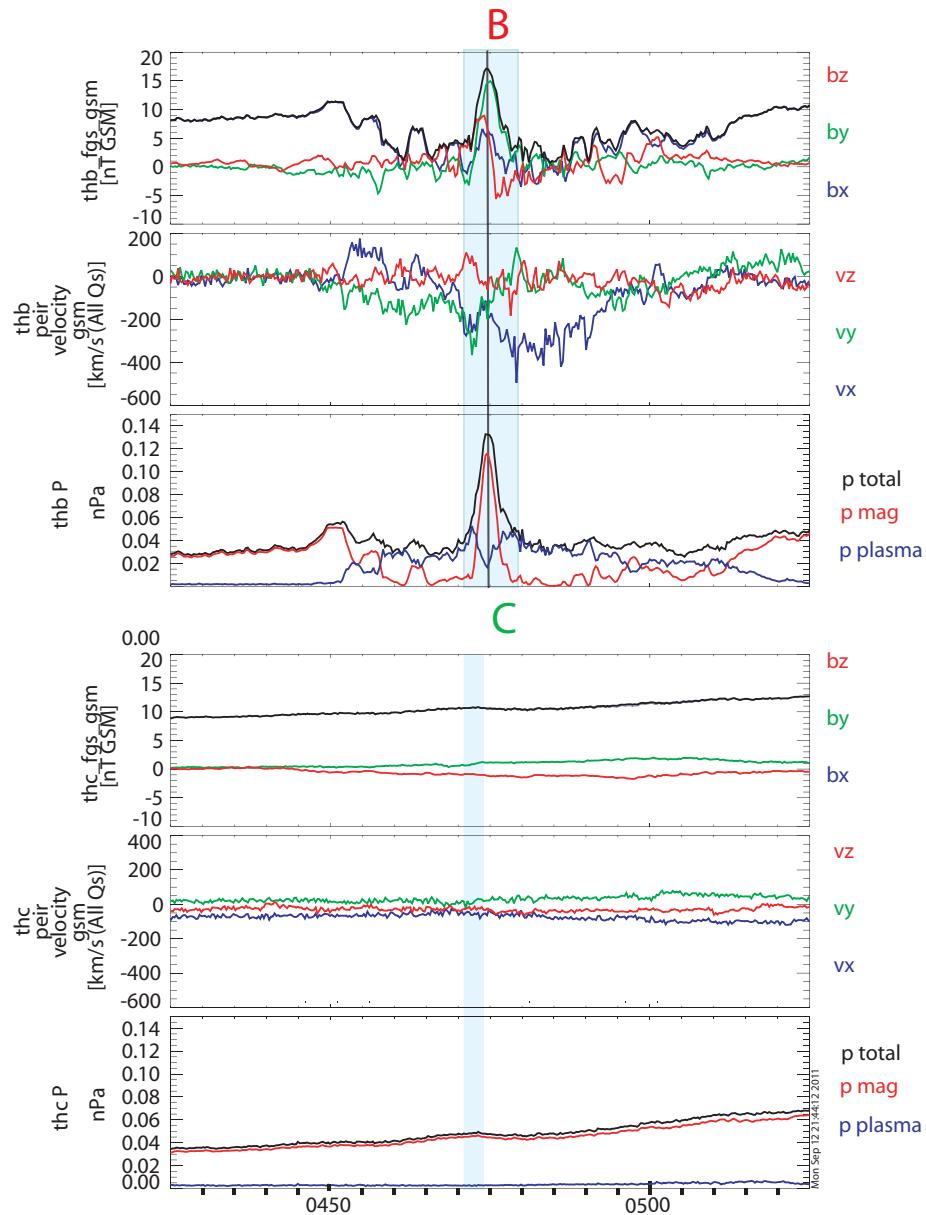
- ~ 2 min (C)
- ~ 7.5 RE in x
- ~ 280 km/s (?)

Event 2:

- ~ 130 sec (B)
- ~ 10 RE in x
- ~ 480 km/s (timing)

Event 3:

- ~ 80 sec (B)
- ~ 9 RE in x
- ~ 710 km/s (timing)



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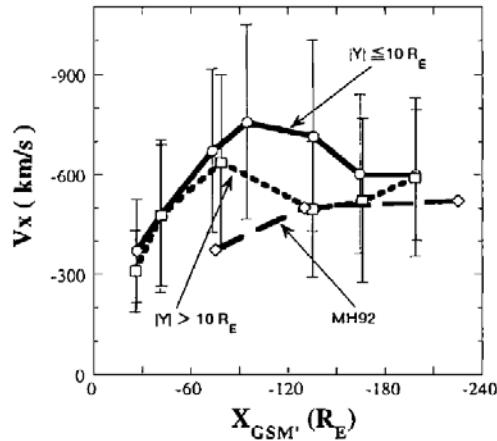
Event 4:

~ 105 sec (B)

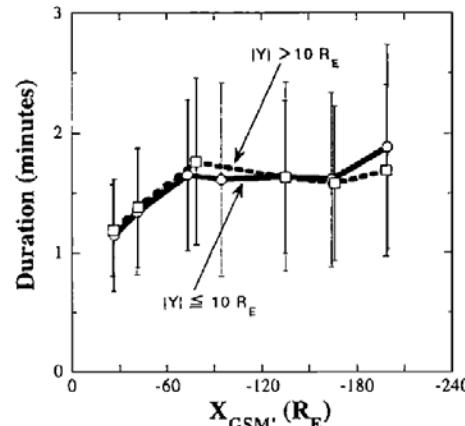
~ 8-15 RE in x

~ 950 km/s

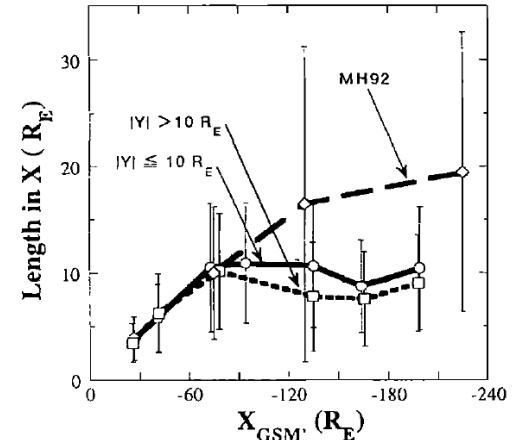
Comparison with Ieda et al., 1997



-60 RE: 400~800 km/s

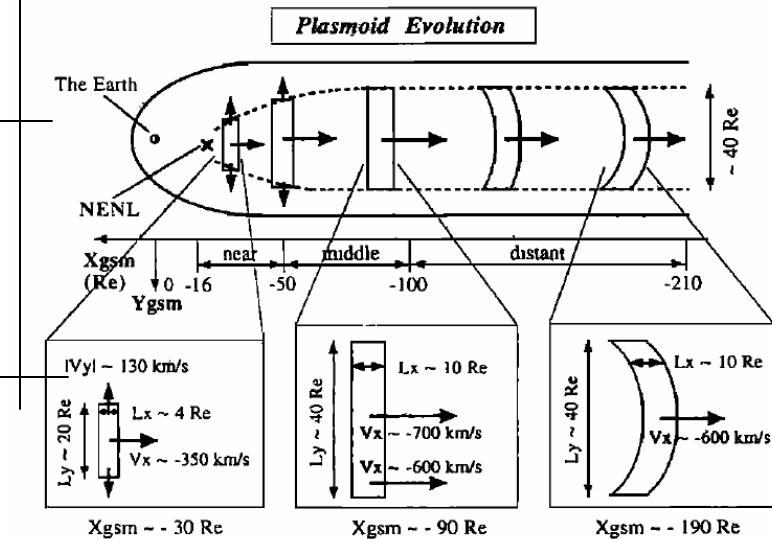


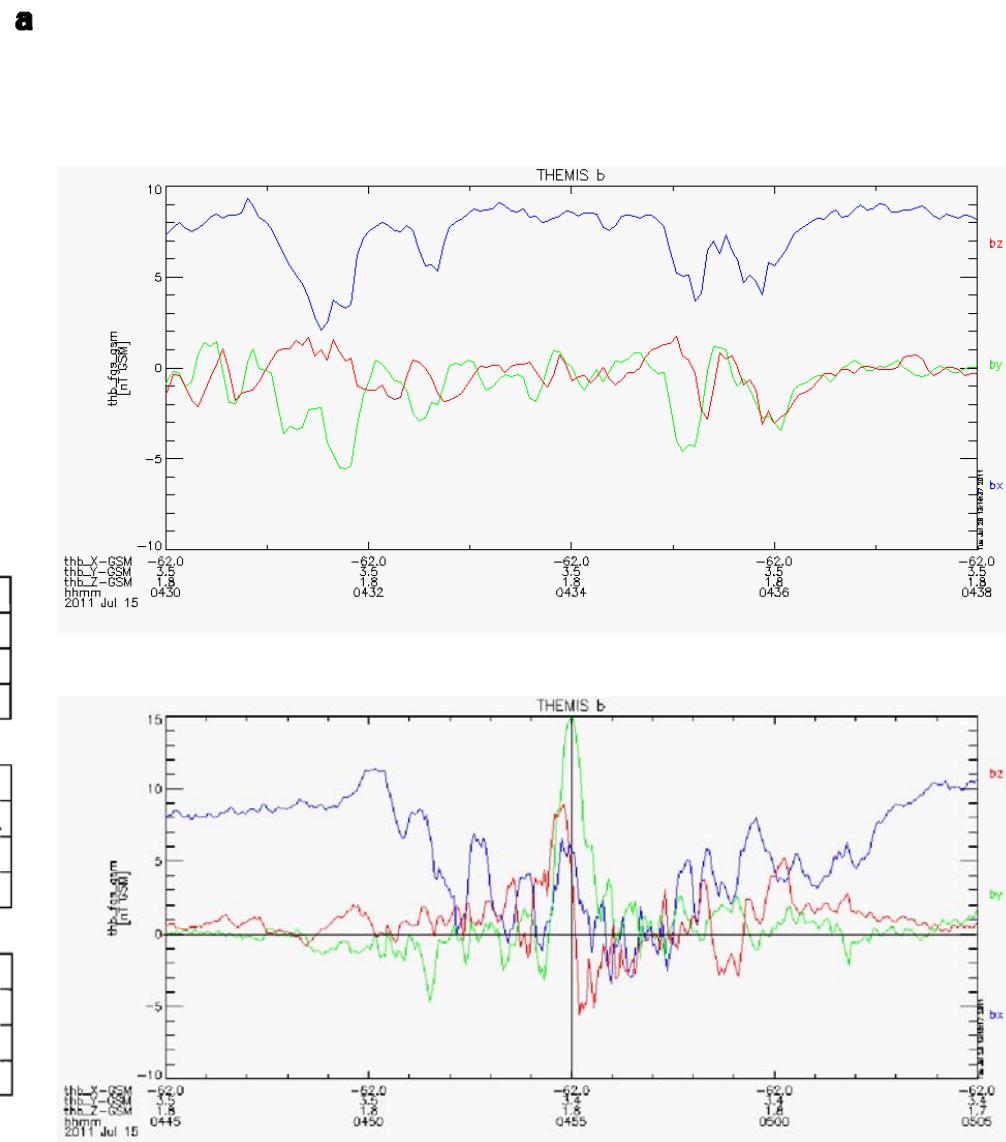
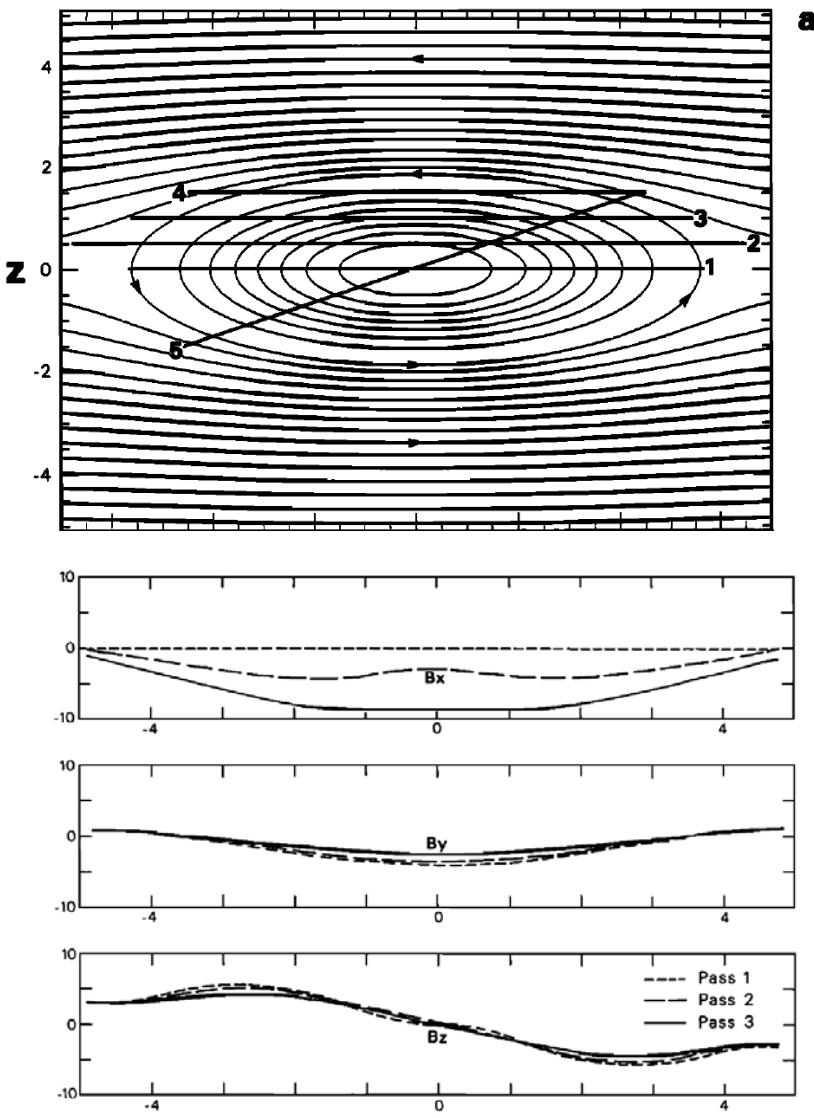
-60 RE: 1~2 min



-60 RE: 4~15 RE

	v_x (plasma/timing)	duration	length in x
Event 1	300/280 km/s	120 sec	7.5 RE
Event 2	400/480 km/s	130 sec	10 RE
Event 3	250/710 km/s	80 sec	9 RE
Event 4	500/950 km/s	105 sec	8-15 RE





From Moldwin and Hughes, 1991

Summary

- Flux rope crossings on different levels
- Speed, duration and size in x consistent with statistical Geotail studies
- Extension in y significantly restricted -> consequences for amount of transported energy
- Statistical analysis necessary