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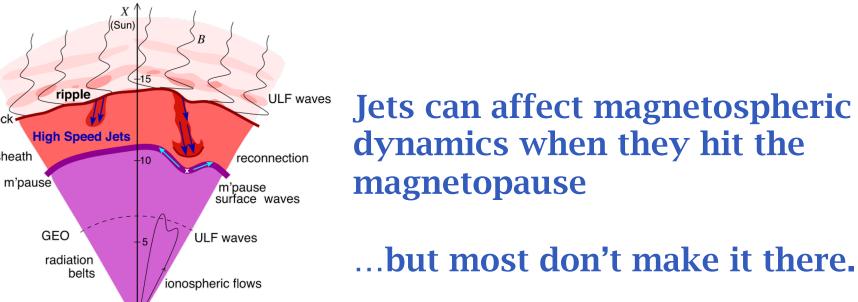
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### **Solar Wind Control of Magnetosheath Jet Formation** and Propagation to the Magnetopause

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In order to forecast the effects of magnetosheath jets, we need to know:

1. What solar wind conditions control jet formation?

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- 2. What solar wind conditions control jet propagation?
- 3. When will jets impact the magnetopause most often?

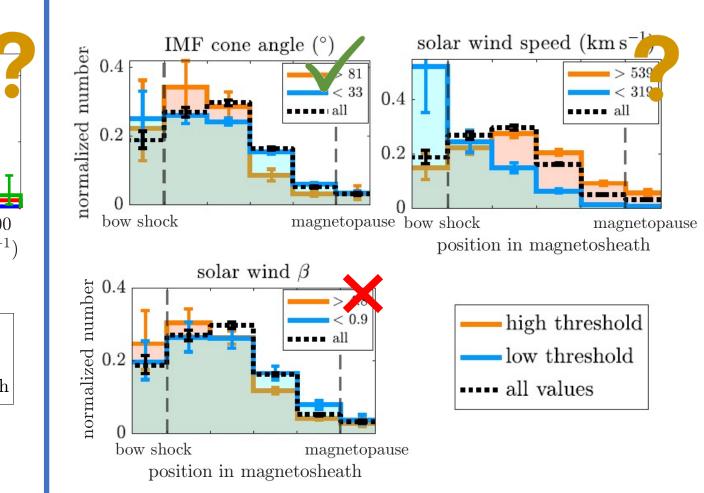
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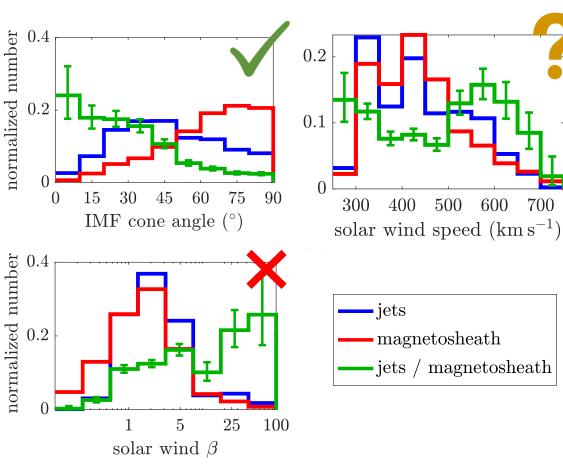
#### **Data Set**

- ~9000 hours of THEMIS magnetosheath time from 2008-2018.
- 13,096 jets identified.
- Jets selected where:  $P_{d,x_{\rm MSH}} > 0.5 P_{d,x_{\rm SW}}$
- All magnetosheath data associated with upstream solar wind conditions from OMNI.

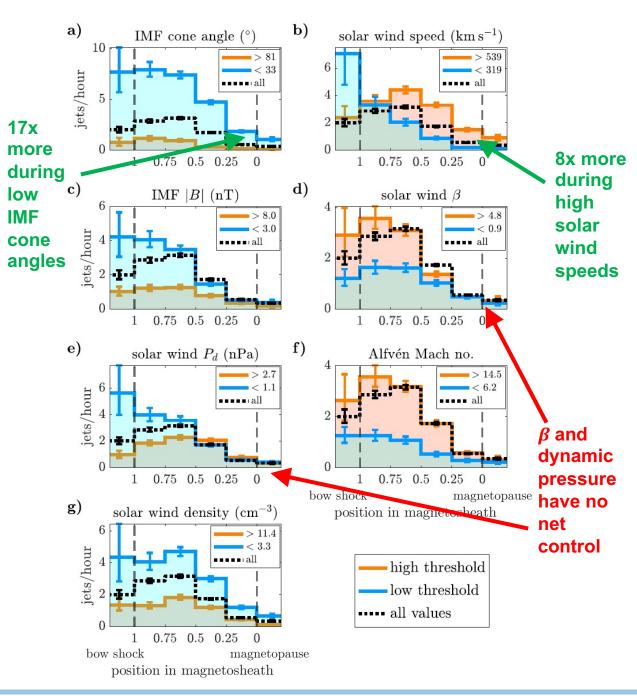
## Propagation through magnetosheath



## Formation at bow shock



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# When will jets hit the magnetopause most often?

#### **Conclusions and Implications**

- Formation and propagation effects are independent.
- Jets are most likely to hit the magnetopause during fast-type solar wind.
- May have interesting implications for solar wind transients, e.g. CMEs and SIRs.
- We have made a step towards forecasting the effects of jets purely from measurements of the upstream solar wind.



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