

Acceleration and Deceleration of Flare/Coronal Mass Ejection Induced Shocks

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Motivation

- To investigate flare/coronal mass ejection induced shock acceleration and deceleration from the corona/surface of the Sun to the inner heliosphere (2 AU) using a 1.5D MHD simulation with drag force.
- The simulation results have compared with observation of ACE data.
- Drag force has compared with Cargill drag force.

Governing Equations

$$\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{V} = 0$$

Conservation of mass

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{V}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{B} - \rho \frac{GM(r)}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \mathbf{F}$$

Conservation of momentum

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\rho e + \frac{1}{2} \rho |\mathbf{V}|^2 + \frac{|\mathbf{B}|^2}{2\mu_0} \right] + \nabla \cdot \left[\mathbf{V} \left\{ \rho e + \frac{1}{2} \rho |\mathbf{V}|^2 + p \right\} + \frac{\mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B})}{\mu_0} \right] = -\mathbf{v} \cdot \rho \frac{GM(r)}{r^2} \hat{\mathbf{r}} + \mathcal{F}$$

Conservation of energy*

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{B})$$

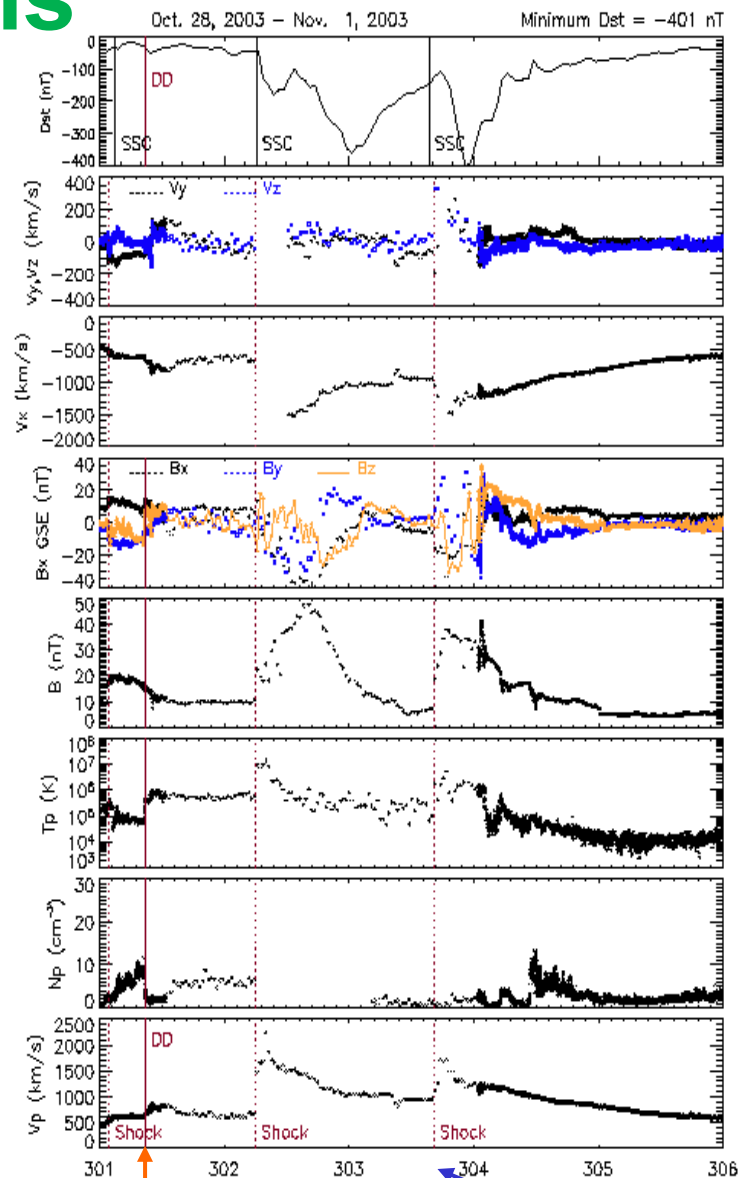
Induction equation

In the equations, D/Dt denotes the total derivative, ρ is the mass density, \mathbf{V} is the velocity of the flow, p is the gas pressure, \mathbf{B} is the magnetic field, e is the internal energy per unit mass ($e = p/(\gamma-1)\rho$), $GM(r)$ is solar gravitational force, and γ is the specific heat ratio. For this research, we applied an adiabatic gas assumption (i.e., $\gamma = 5/3$). \mathbf{F} and \mathcal{F} are a dissipative force and Rayleigh dissipation function, respectively. The former as a “frictional force which is proportional to the velocity of the particle”, and the latter as one-half “the rate of energy dissipation due to friction”.

Observations

Halloween 2033 Event

- LDE M1.7/SF flare at N00W15
0522 UT, October 25, 2003
- LDE X1.2/3N flare at S18E33
0617 UT, October 26, 2003
- X17/4B flare at S15E44 with a Halo CME
1102 UT, October 28, 2003
- X10/2B flare at S15W02 with a Halo CME
2042 UT, October 29, 2003



Shock 1
0150 28/10/2003

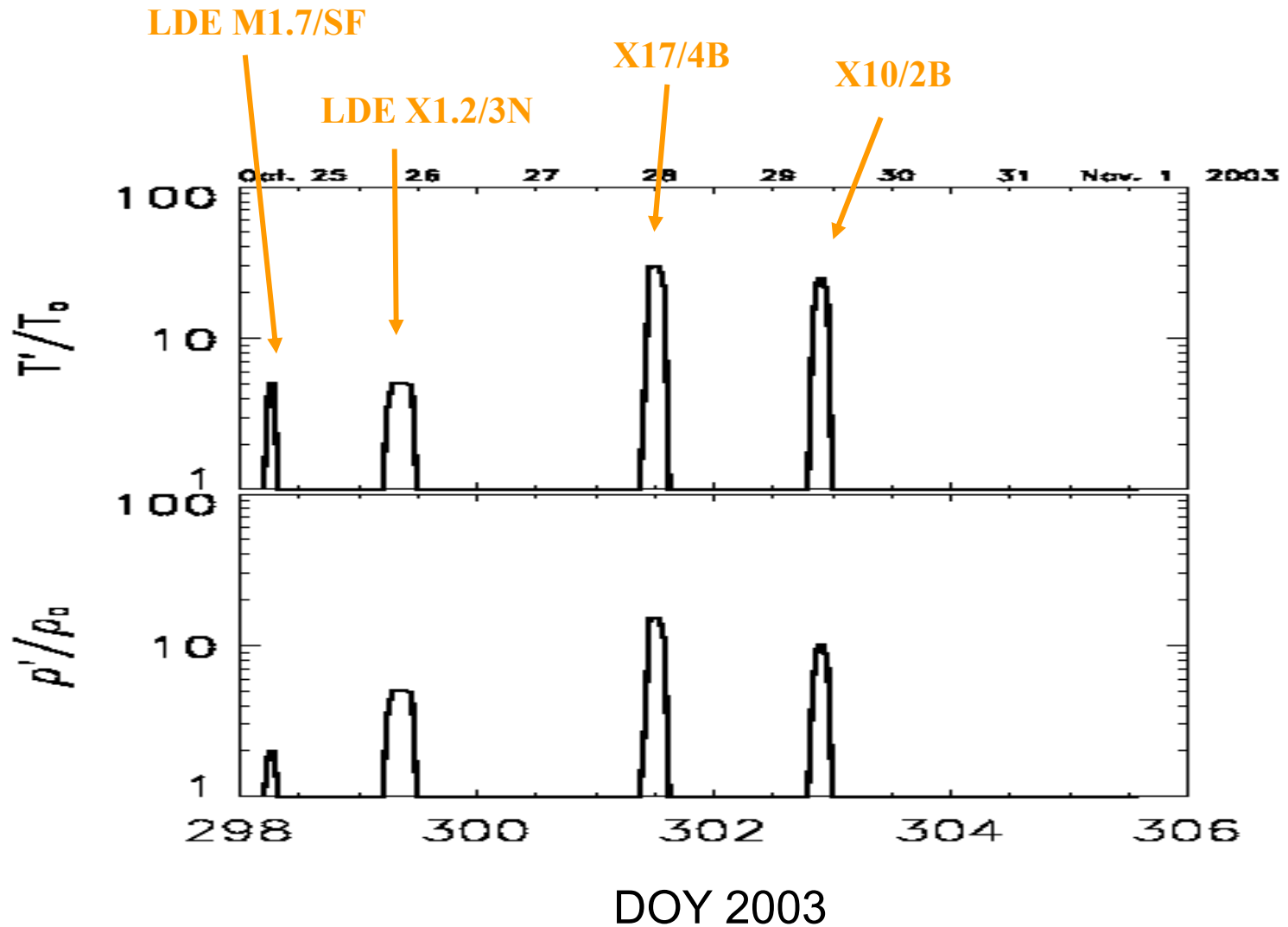
DD
Shock 2
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Shock 3
1620 30/10/2003

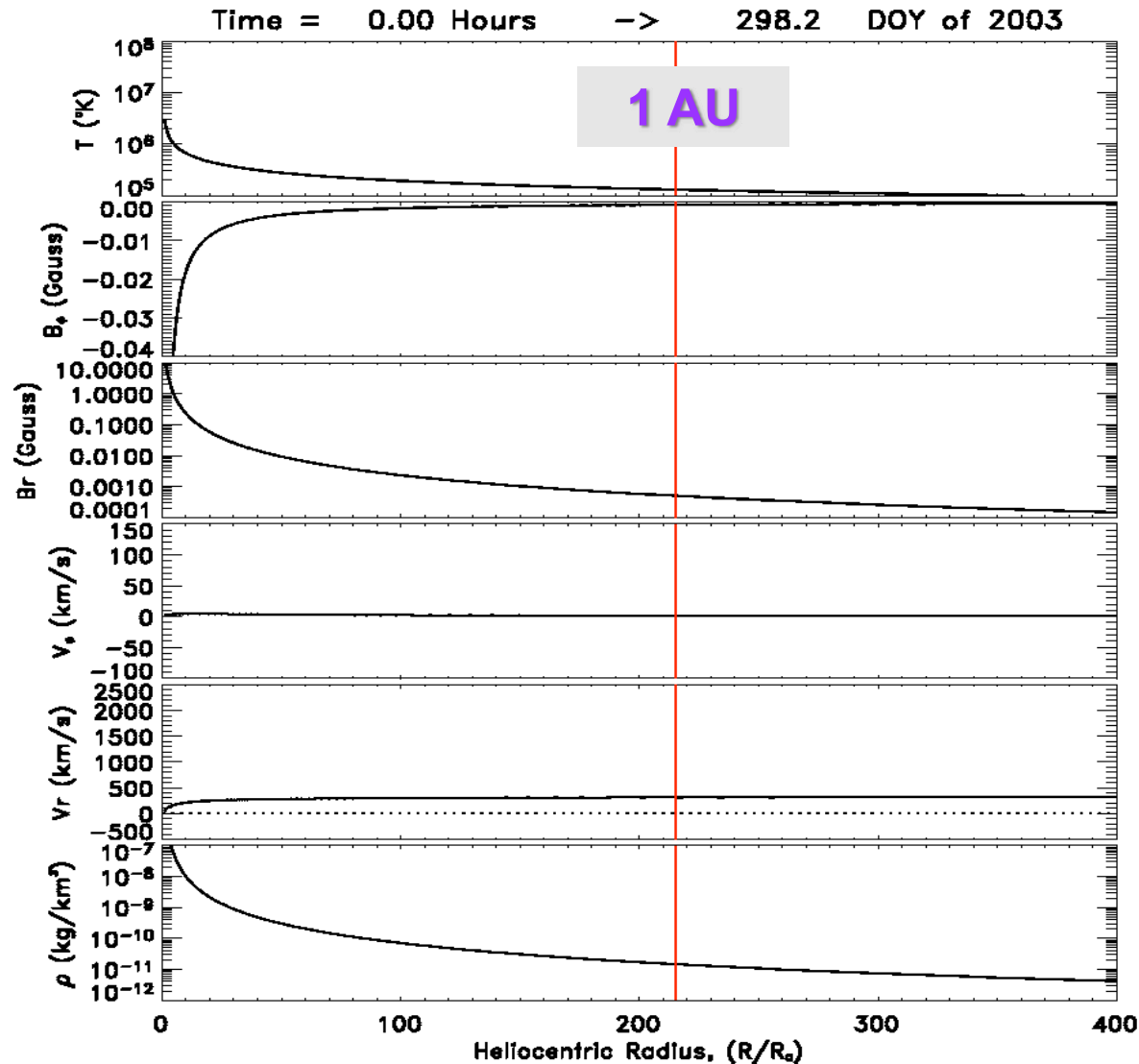
Simulation Procedure

- A one-dimensional MHD simulation model with adaptive grids was employed to study this event in Sun-Earth direction.
- We construct the back ground solar wind structure from the “surface of Sun” to the heliospher for study the propagation of the shock events during the Halloween epoch.
- To initiate the simulation, we introduce four pressure pulses corresponding to 4 observed flares. These **four pressure pulses** were introduced at the lower boundary (1 solar radius, R_s) at the time = 0, 24, 77, 110 hours which correspond to **time = 298.24 (DOY), 299.26, 301.45, 302.86 of year 2003** according to observations, respectively.
- Six simulated parameters (i.e., density (N_p), T , V_r , V_ϕ , B_r and B_ϕ) are presented.

Simulation Inputs at lower boundary (1 Rs)



Steady state solar wind condition

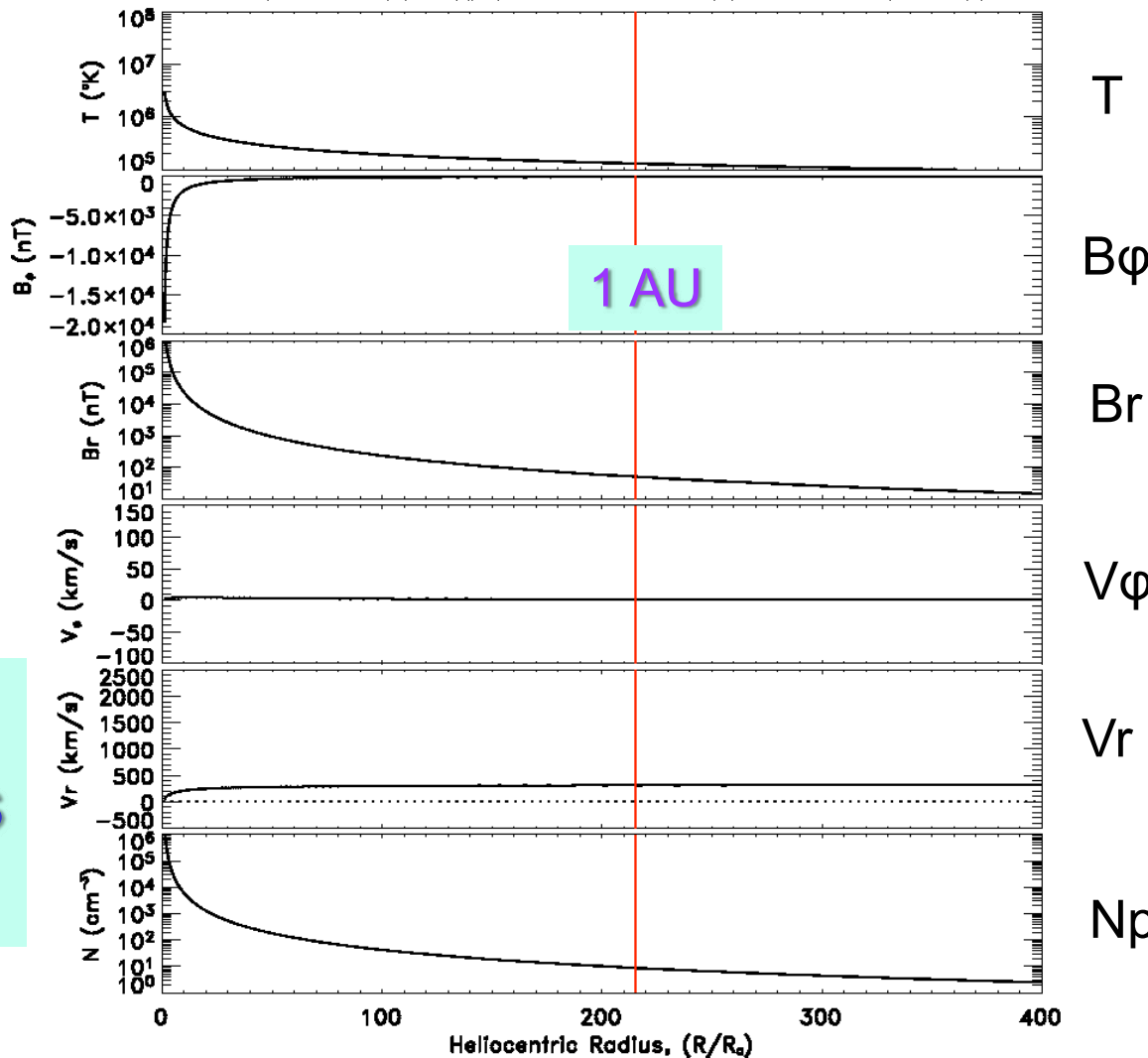


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Vr

Time = 0.00 Hours -> 298.2 DOY of 2003



T

B ϕ

Br

V ϕ

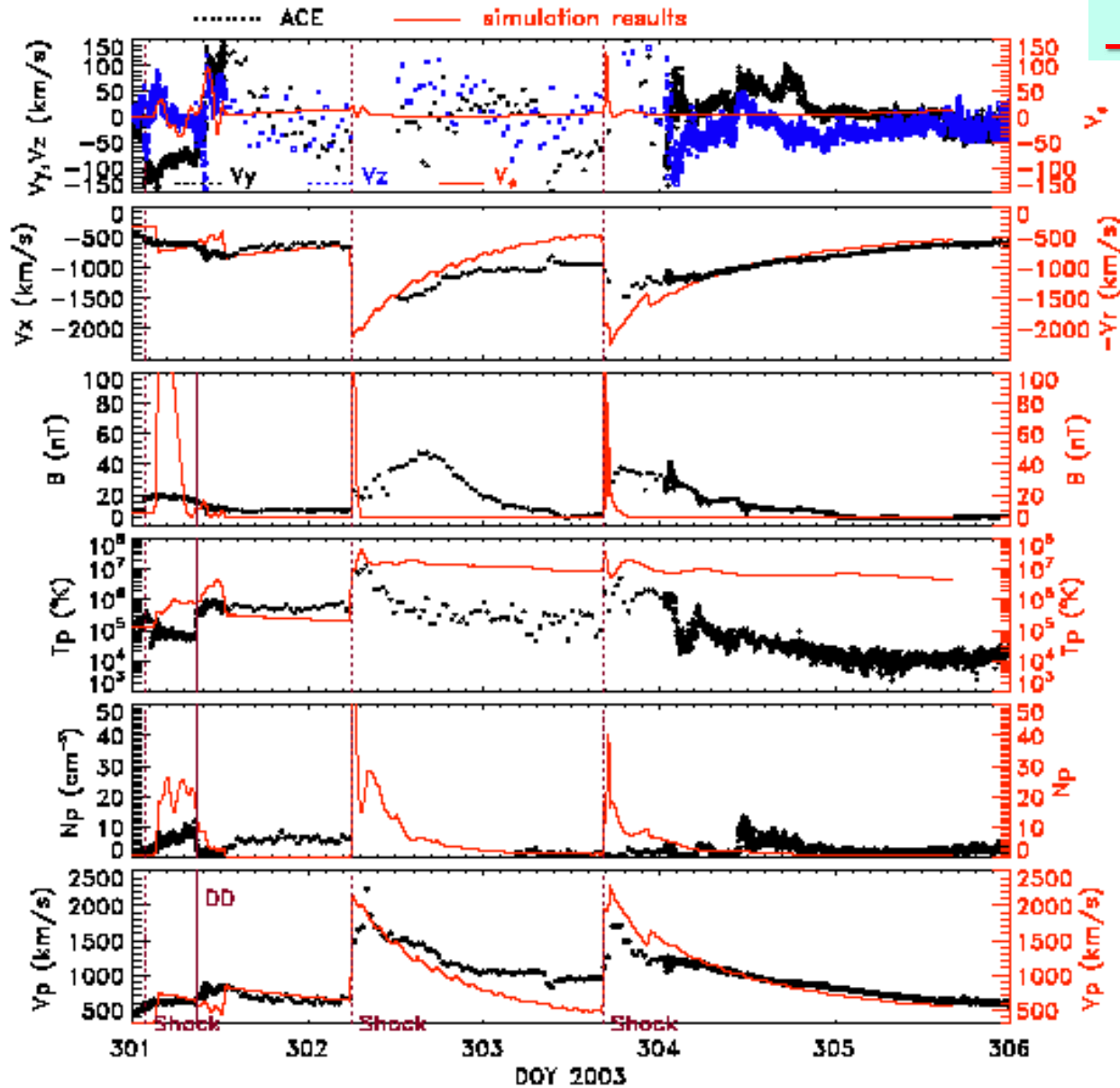
Vr

Np

Simulation Results

COMPARISON: Simulation Results vs. Observation

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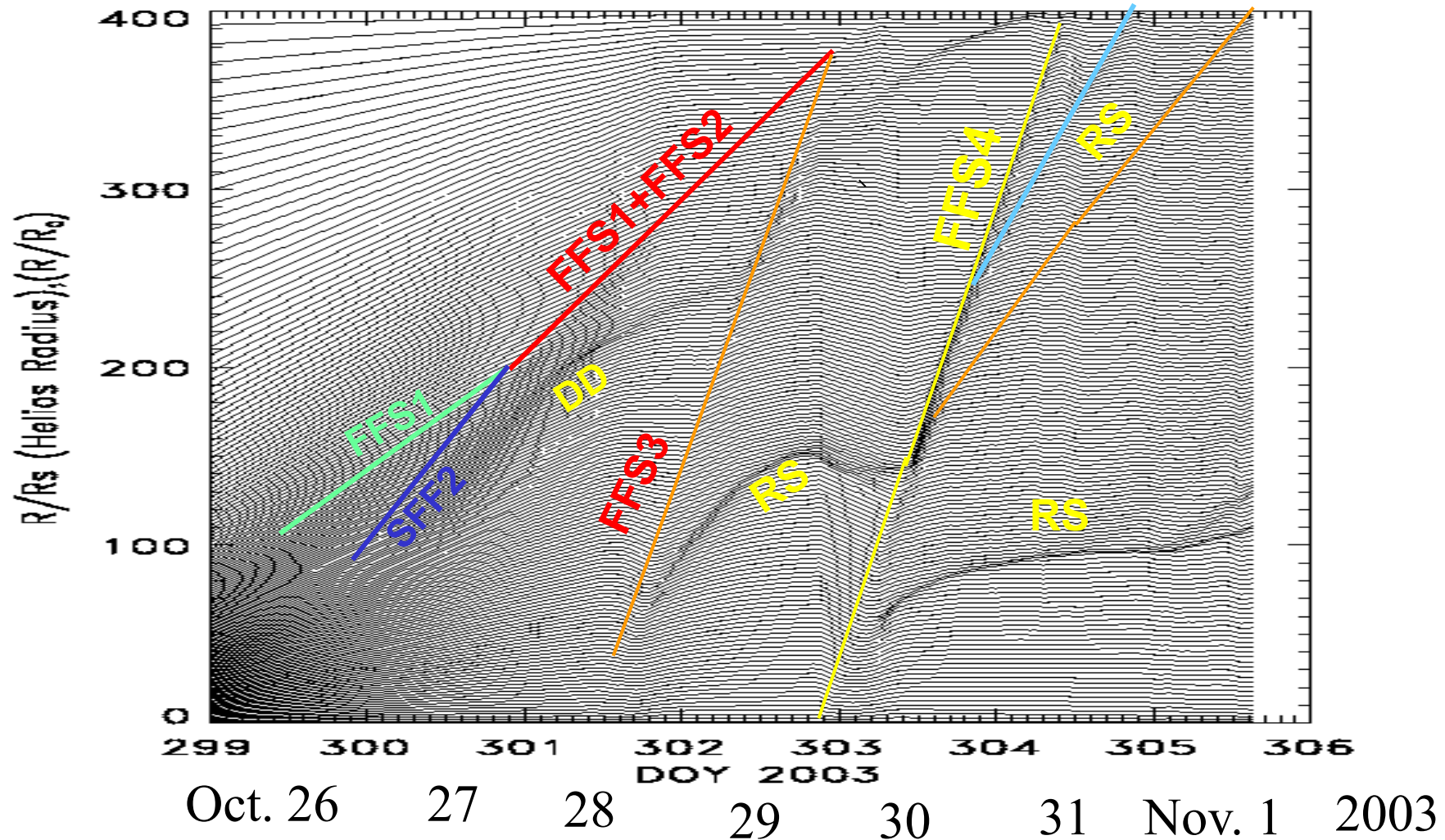


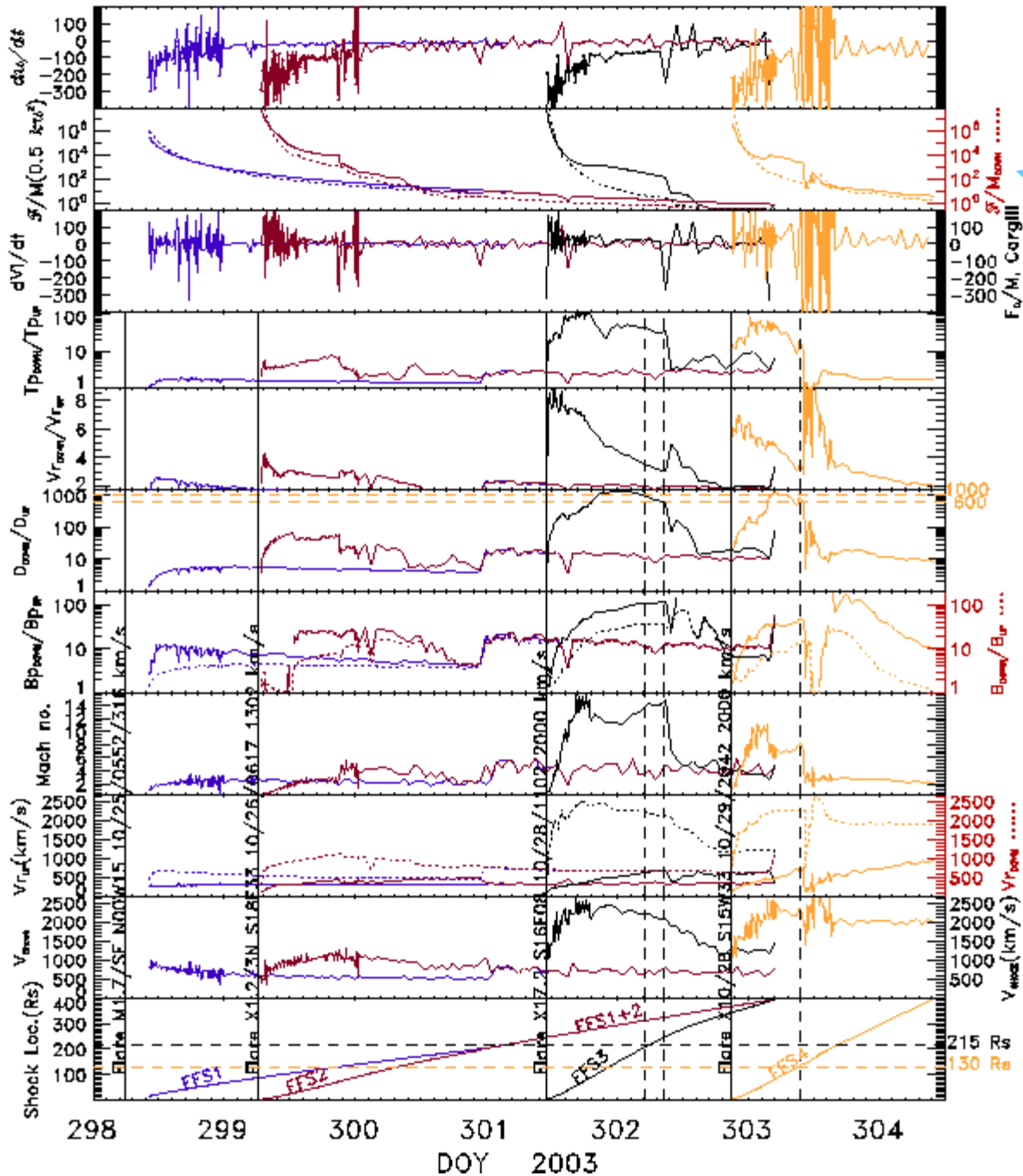
$$V\phi = V_y$$

$$-V_r = V_x$$

$$V_p = V_{\text{total}} = \sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2 + V_z^2} = \sqrt{V_r^2 + V\phi^2}$$

Histogram of grids and waves location





$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{u}{2\mathcal{F}} \frac{d\mathcal{F}}{dt}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{2} k u^2$$

Friction force (Wu et al., 1975)^b

Drag force (Cargill, 2004)^a

$$\frac{dV_i}{dt} = \frac{F_D}{M_*}$$

$$= -\gamma C_D (V_i - V_e) |V_i - V_e|$$

DISCUSSION

$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{2} k u^2$$

$$k = 3 \times 10^{-3} (R_{\odot}/r)^6$$

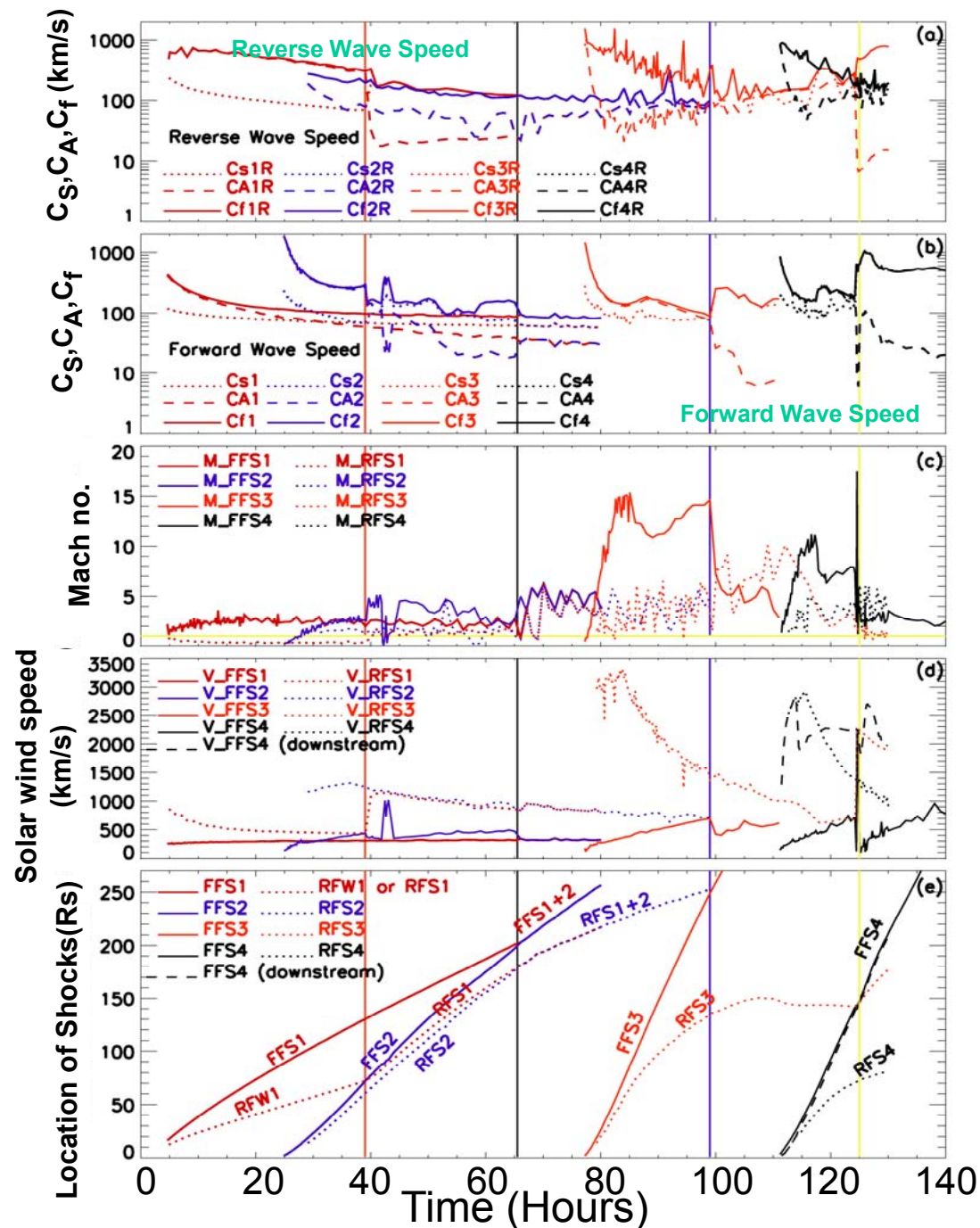
k: a constant depend on the physical process.

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^a Cargill, Solar Physics, 221, 135-149, 2004.
^b Wu et al., Solar Physics, 44, 117-133, 1975. 11

Conclusion

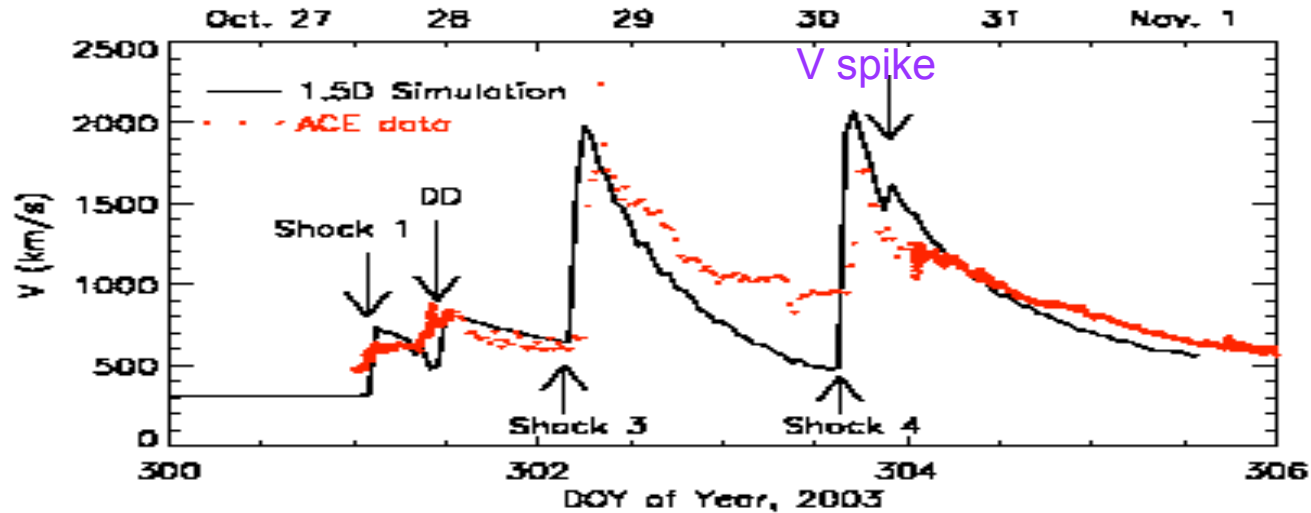
- **Acceleration and Deceleration of Flare/Coronal Mass Ejection induced shocks have been simulated by 1.5D MHD model.**
- **Cause of deceleration due to drag force can be estimated from the numerical simulation. Our drag force deduced from simulation are similar to the Cargill results (2005).**
- **We plan to use this simple model to track the STEREO observed shocks.**

The End

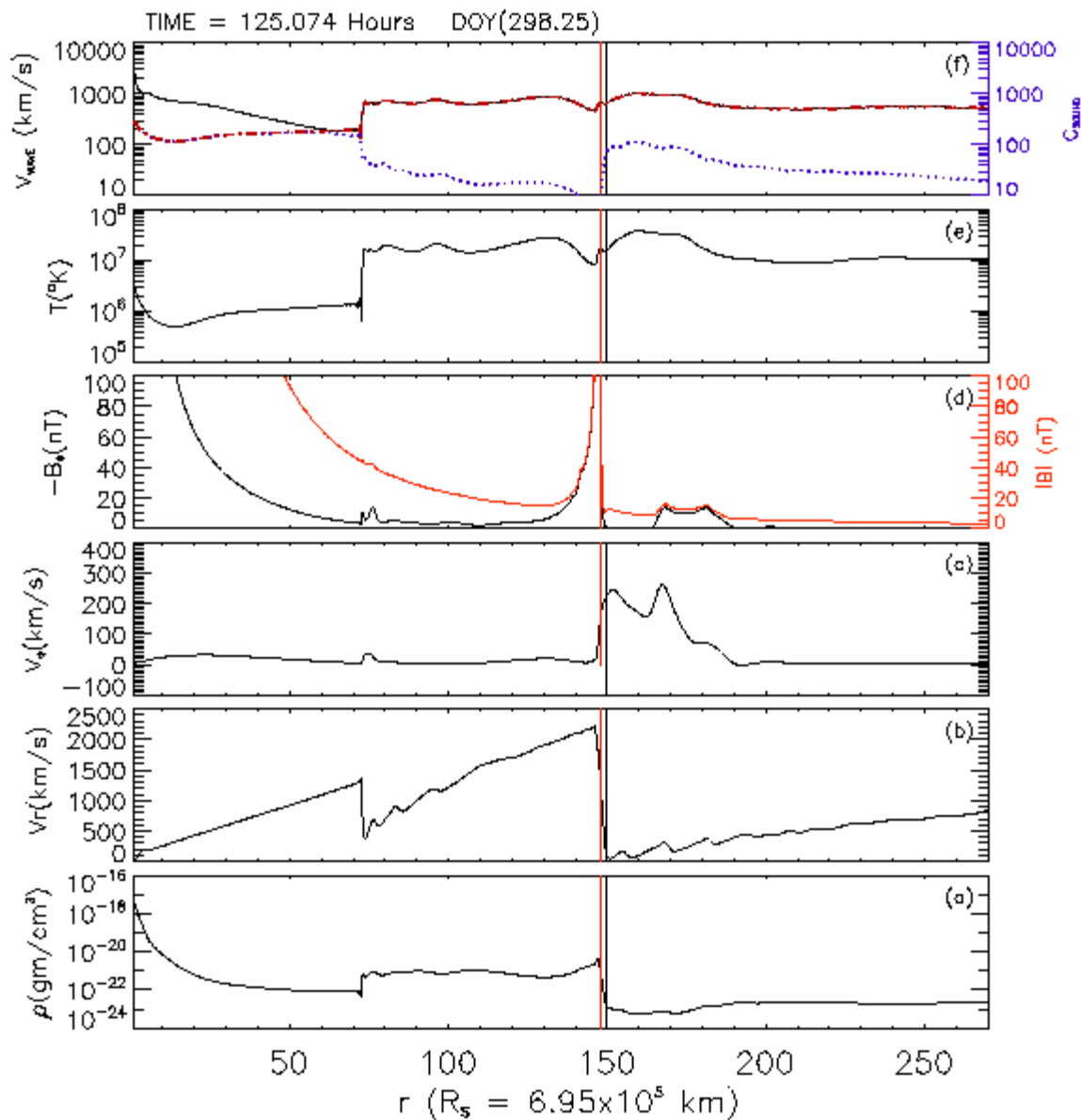


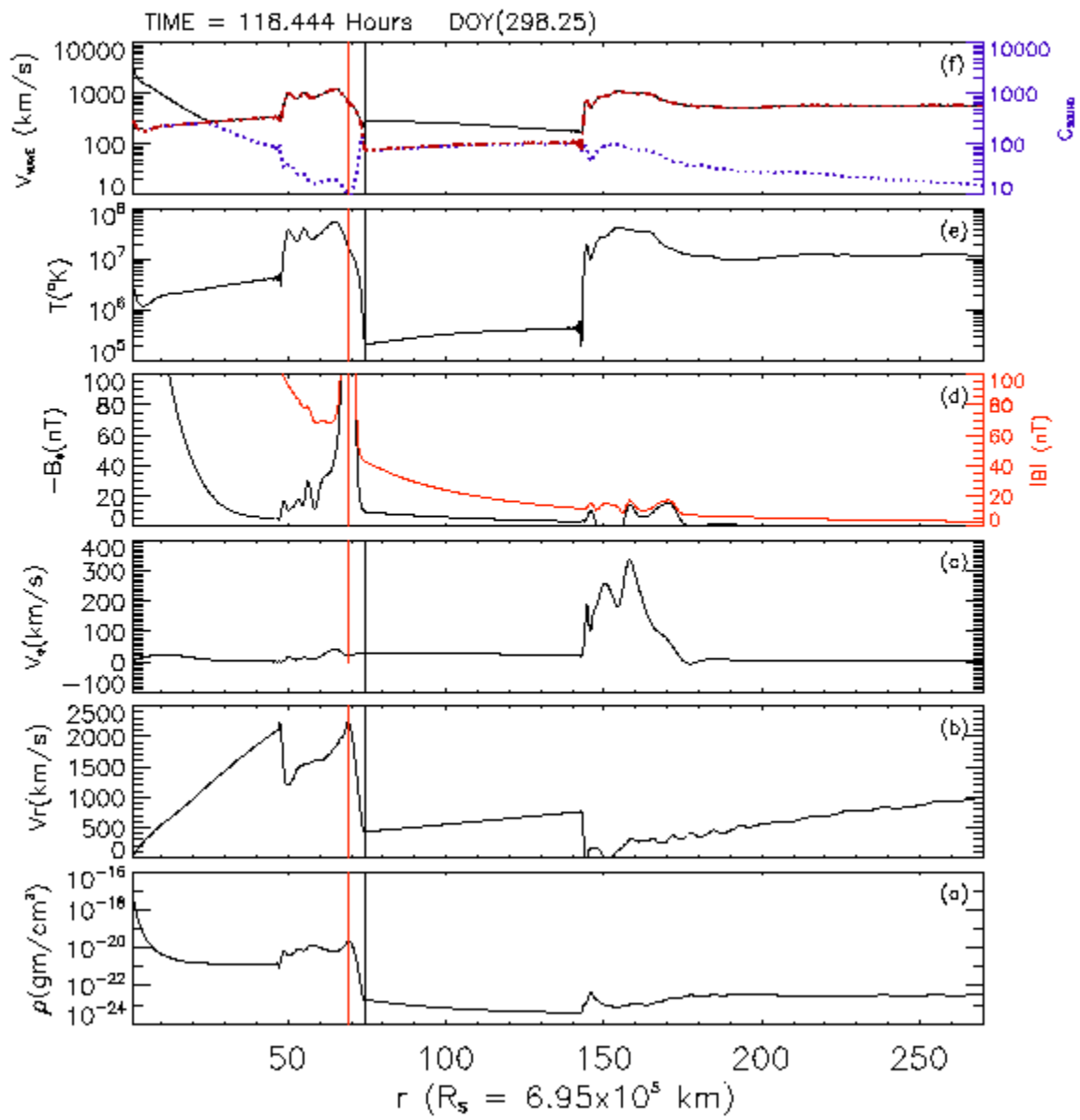
Characteristic wave speeds, magnetosonic Mach Number solar wind speeds, and locations of forward and reverse shock waves as a function of time after the first flare-generating CME and shock. (a) C_f (fast wave speed), C_s (sound wave speed), and CA (Alfven wave speed) for fat reverse shocks (for example, $Cf1R$ is the fast wave speed on the sunward side of $RFS1$); (b) C_f , C_s , and CA for the fast forward shocks (for example, $Cf1$ is the fast wave speed on the anti-sunward side of $FFS1$); (c) magnetosonic Mach Number of both forward and reverse fast shocks; (d) solar wind plasma speed; and (e) locations (or trajectories) of various forward and reverse shocks as well as the reverse fast compression wave, $RFW1$, that becomes $RFS1$ after it is overtaken by $FFS2$ at $t \approx 40$ hours. The solid vertical lines (orange/red, black, blue, and yellow) are the points of two shocks collision (*Wu et al., JGR, 2006*).

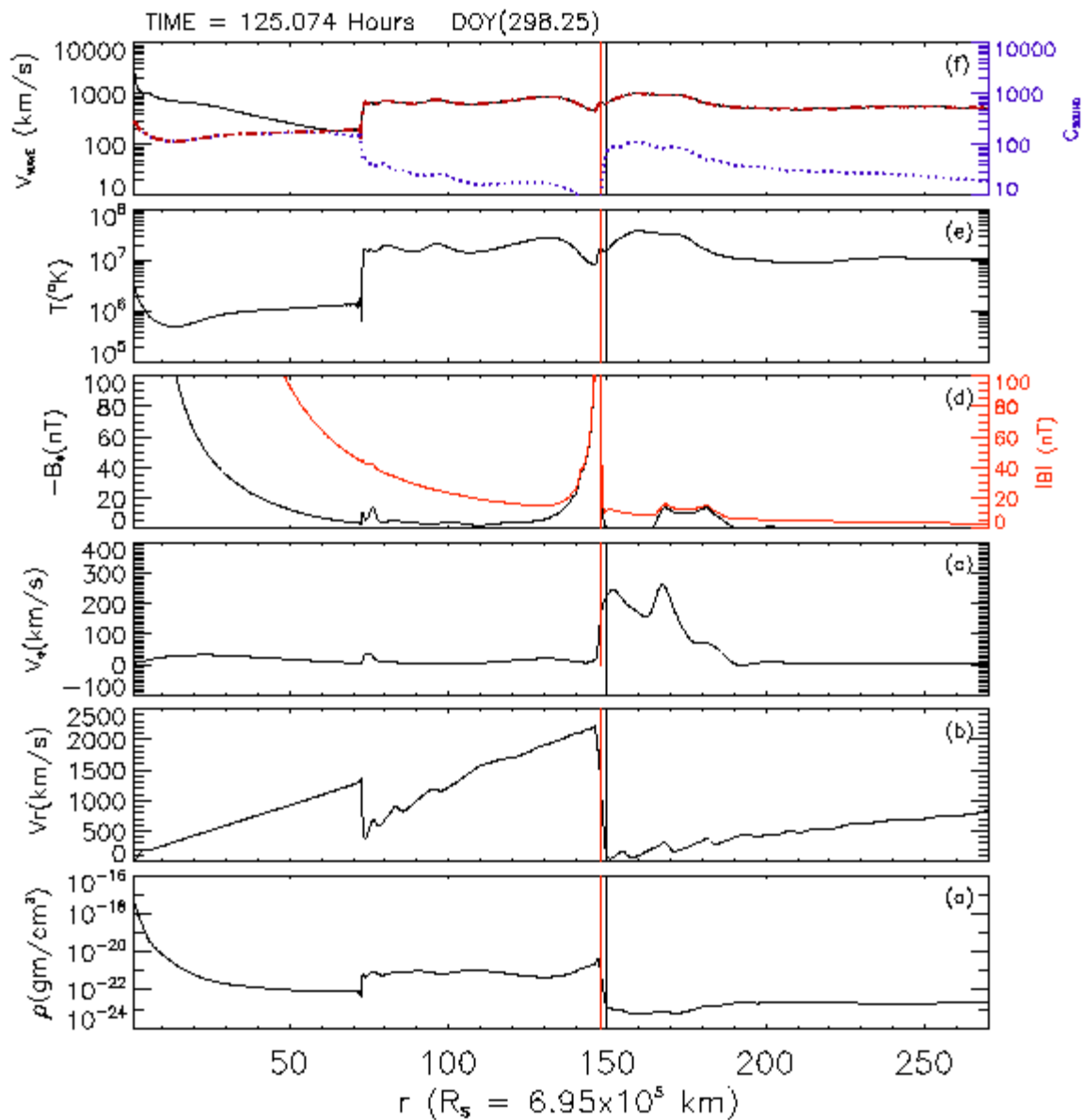
Velocity profile from 1.5D MHD model with adaptive grids (Wu et al., JGR, 2005)

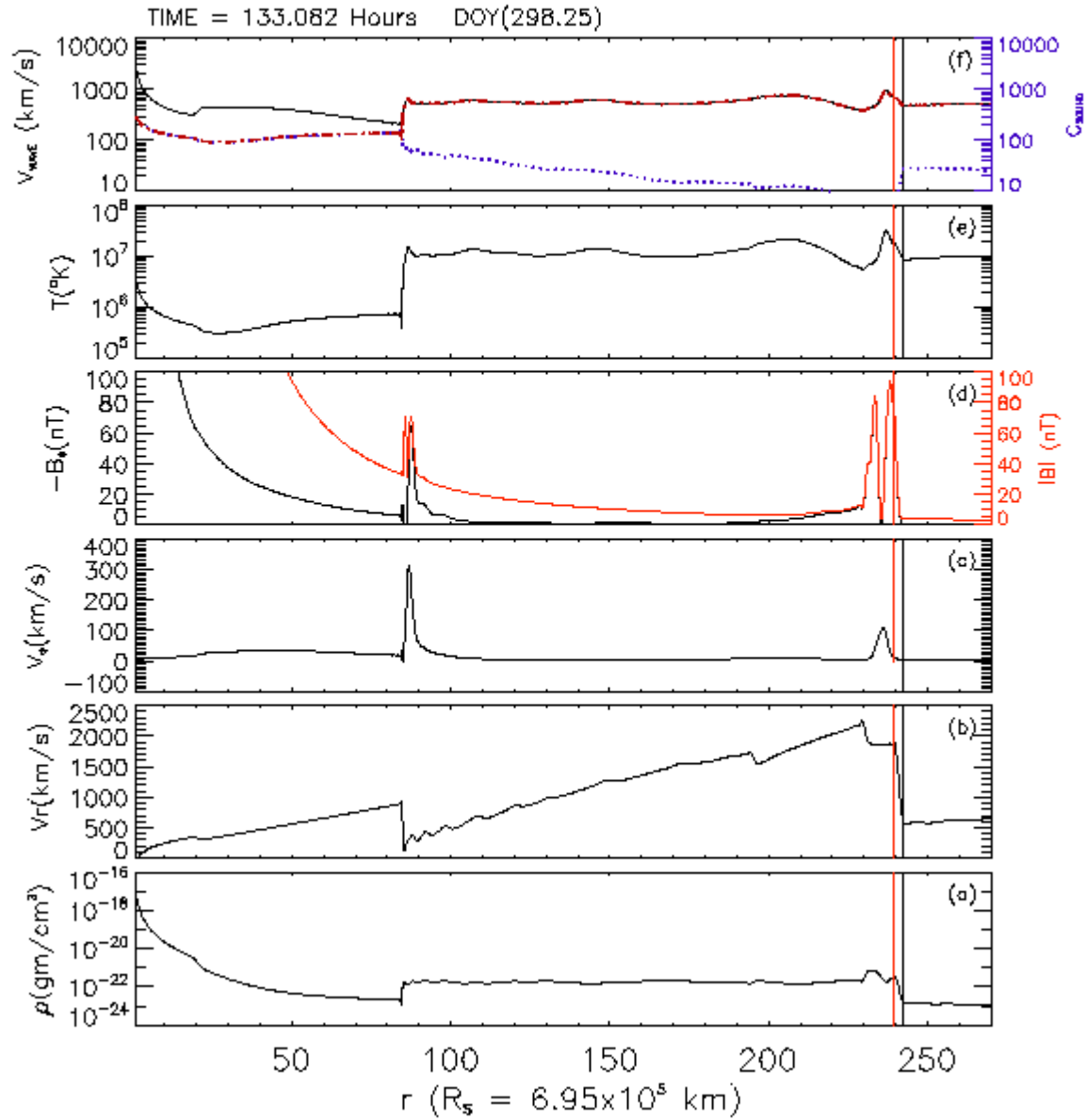


Simulation (solid line) and **observed (dotted line)** solar wind plasma speed. Excellent agreement with the observations is shown for the simulated shock times of arrival at **ACE** as well as the “**V spike**”, following Shock 4, is a reverse shock. (Wu et al., *JGR*, 111, A09S17, 2005)









Fourth pressure pulse launched

Third pressure pulse launched

Second pressure pulse launched

First pressure pulse launched

