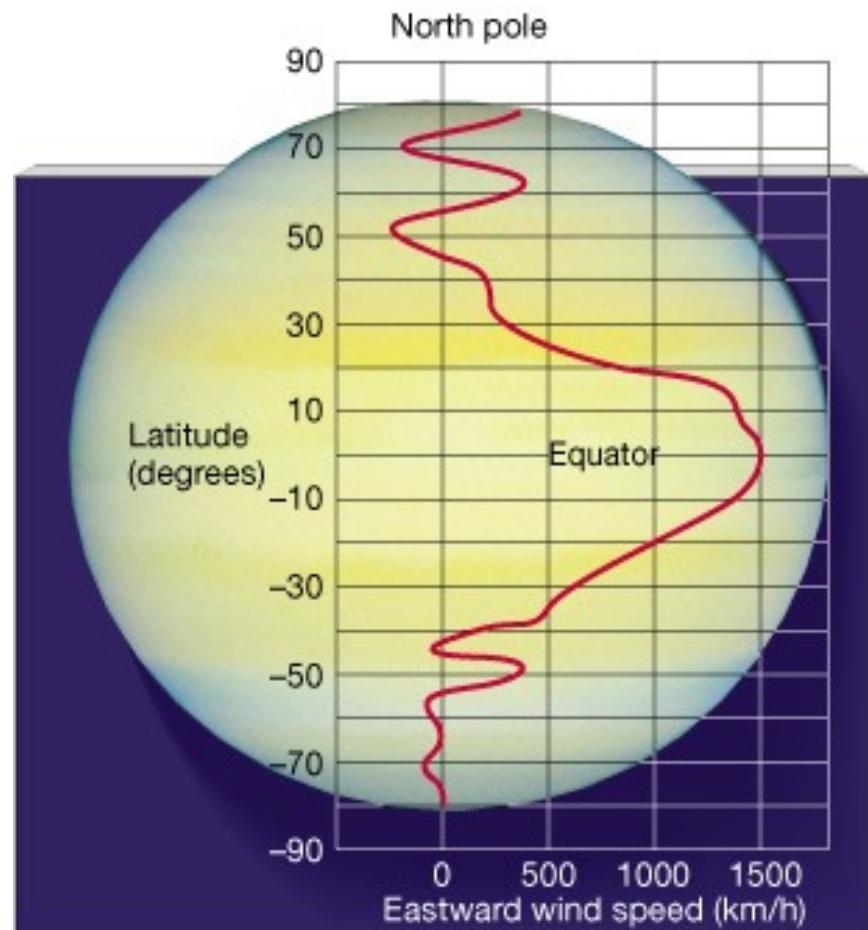
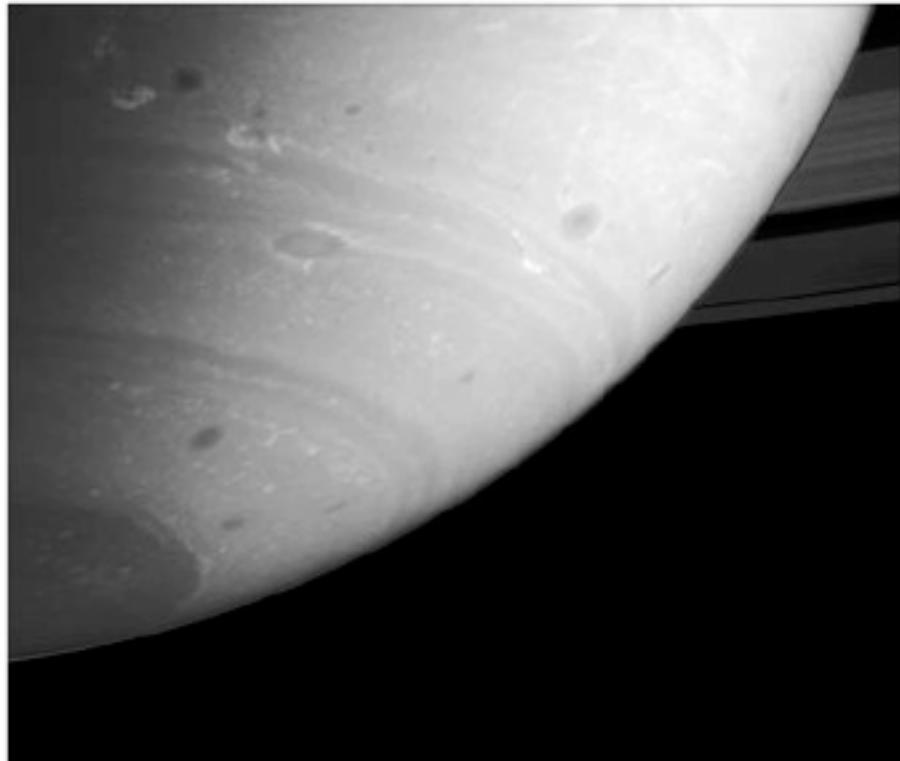


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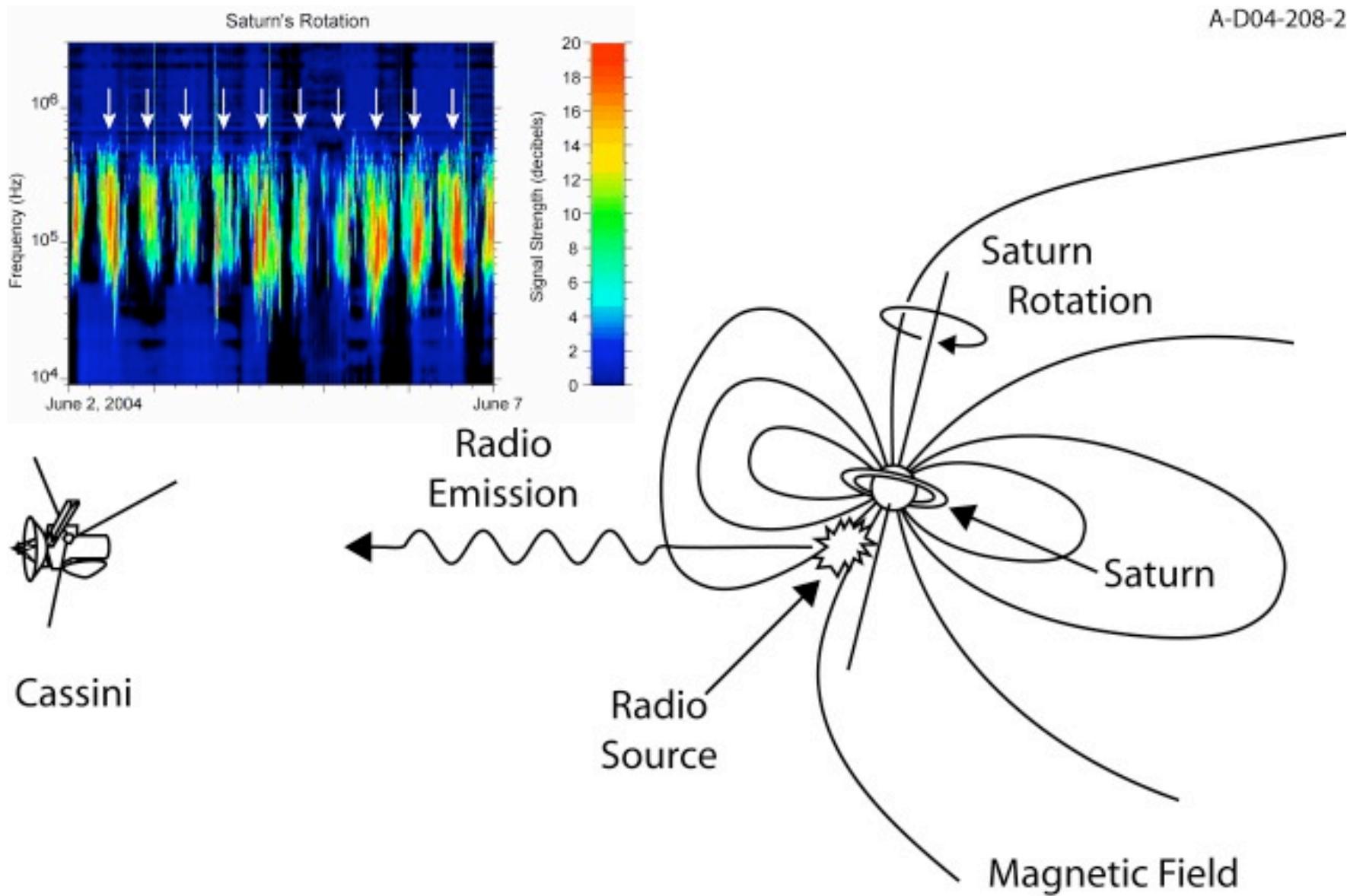
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B. Cecconi & P. Zarka, Model of a variable radio period for Saturn,
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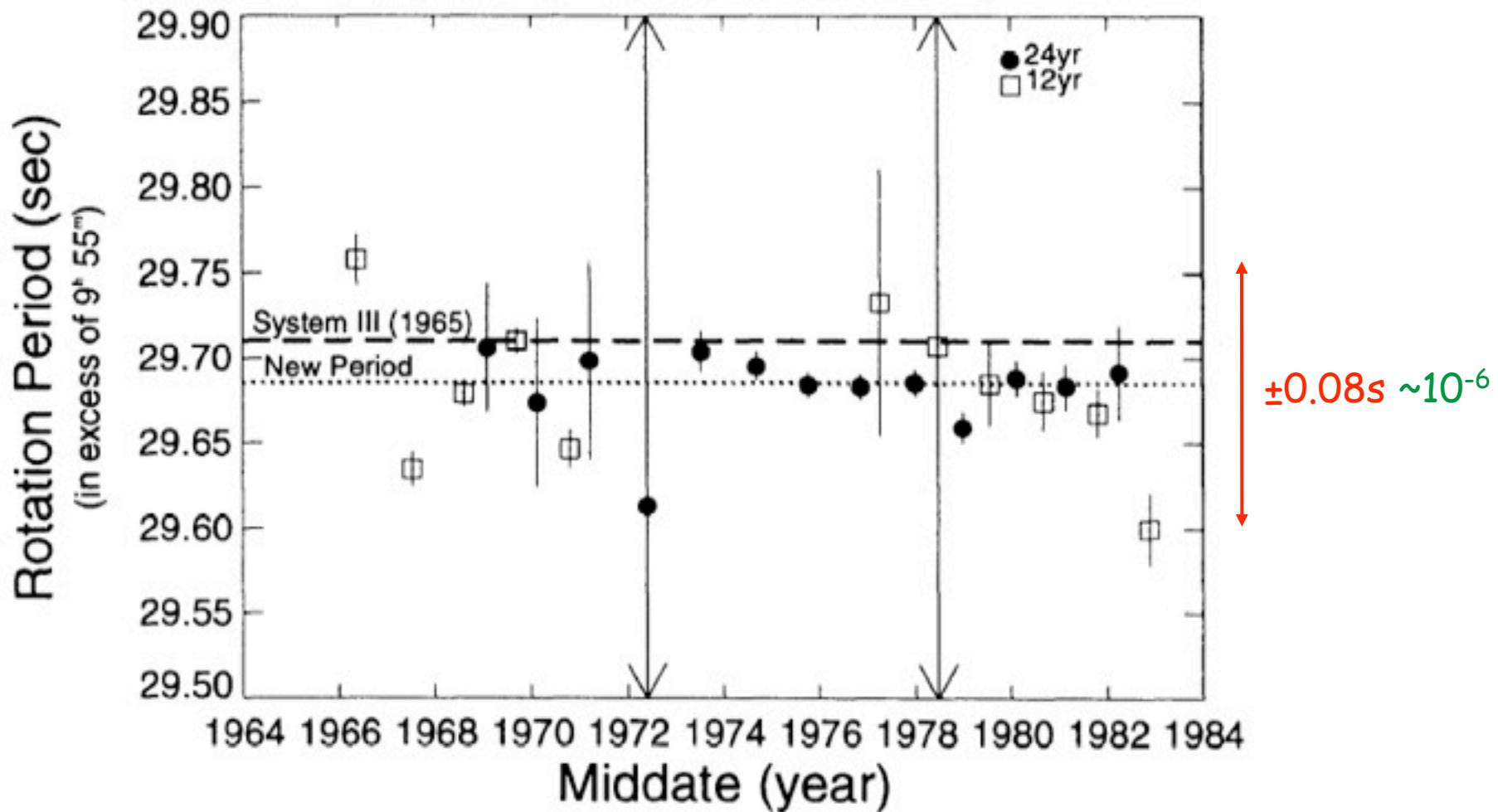
- Planetary rotation period cannot be accurately derived from « optical » measurements



- Usually derived from magnetospheric (auroral) radio emission periodicity

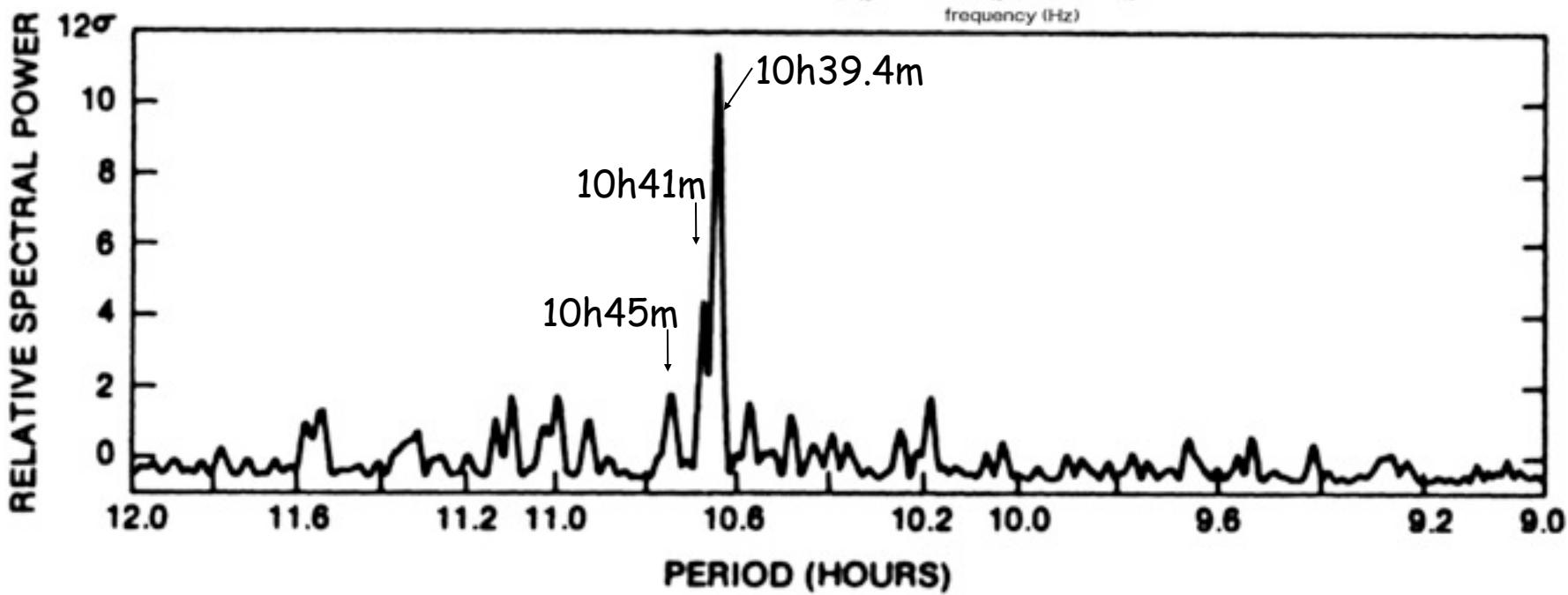
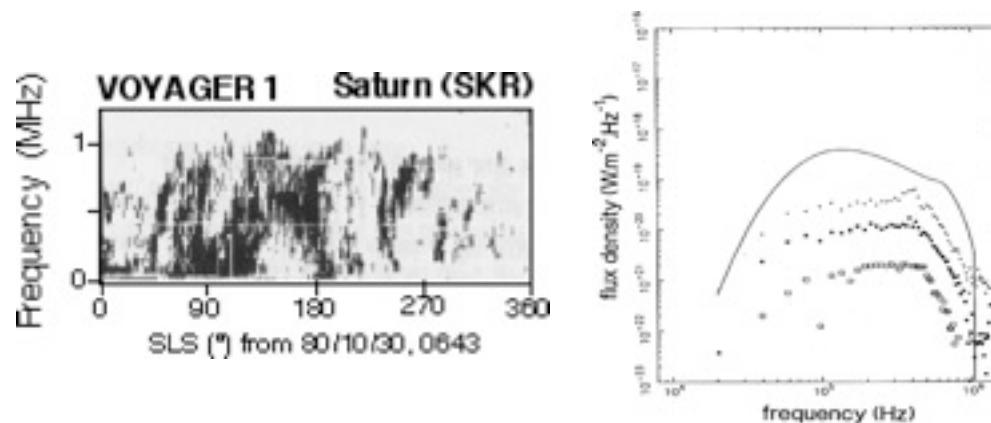


- At Jupiter, analysis of 24 years of « Io-DAM » ground-based observations
 $\Rightarrow P_{Jup} = 9h\ 55m\ 29.685s \pm 0.04s$



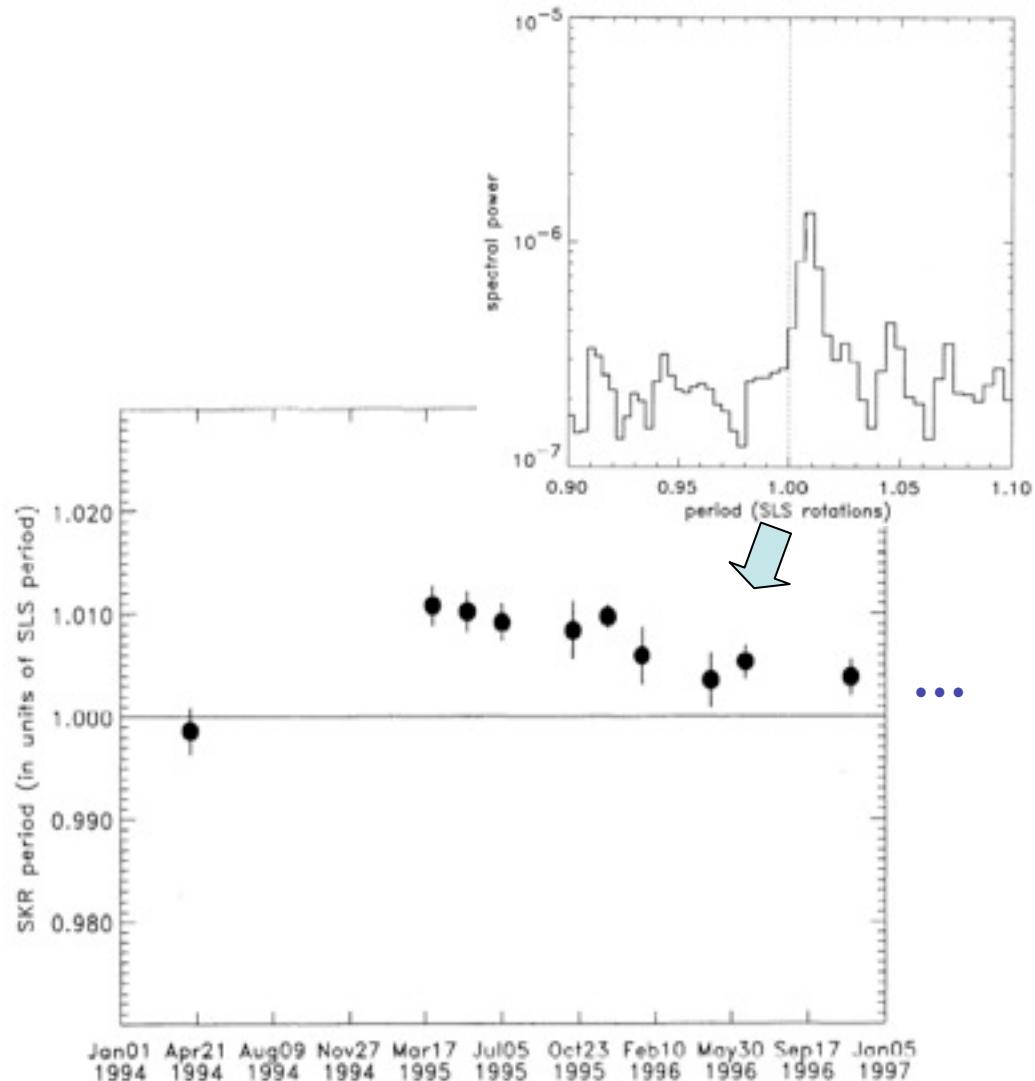
[Higgins, 1997]

- At Saturn, analysis of 267 days of SKR observations by Voyager 1
 $\Rightarrow P_{\text{Sat}} = 10h\ 39m\ 24s \pm 7s$ ($\sim 2 \times 10^{-4}$ accuracy)

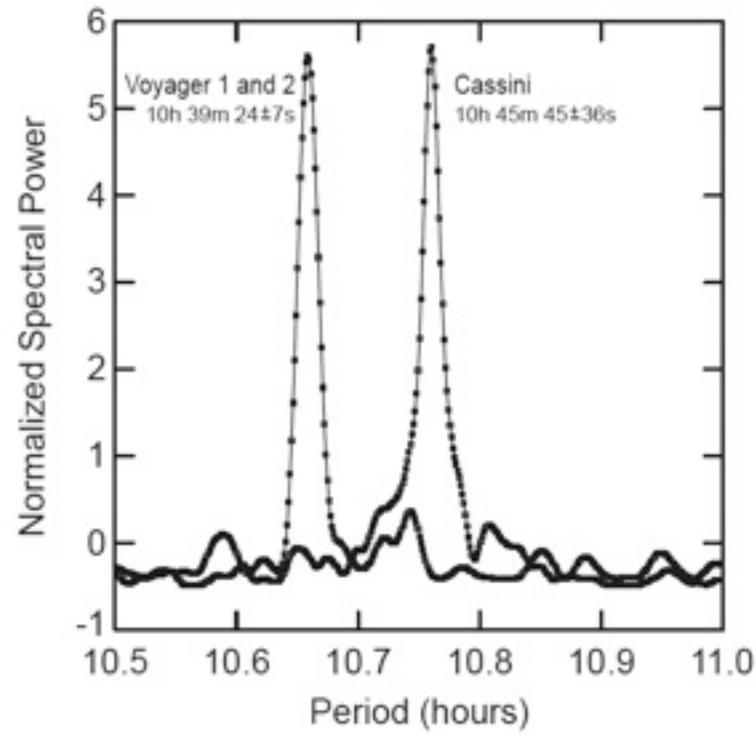


[Desch & Kaiser, 1981]

- Analysis of SKR observations by Ulysses & Cassini :
⇒ variable radio period P_{SKR} (+ 0.5-1% level)



[Galopeau & Lecacheux, 2000]



[Gurnett et al., 2005]

- Change of Saturn's true sidereal period excluded

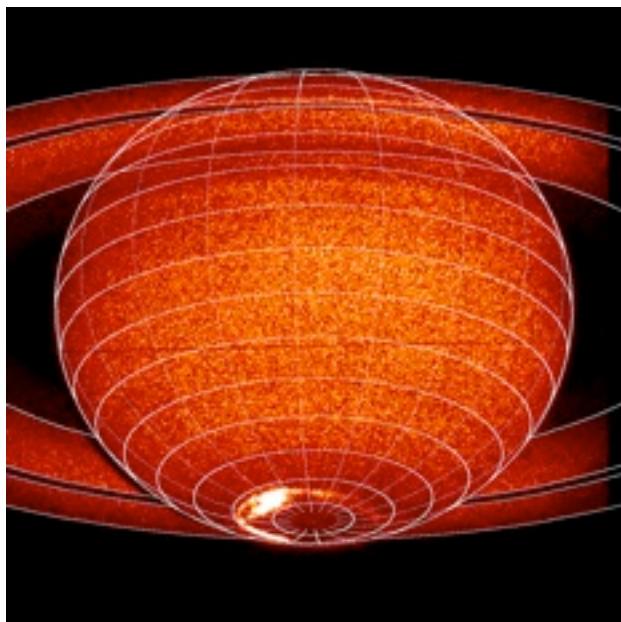
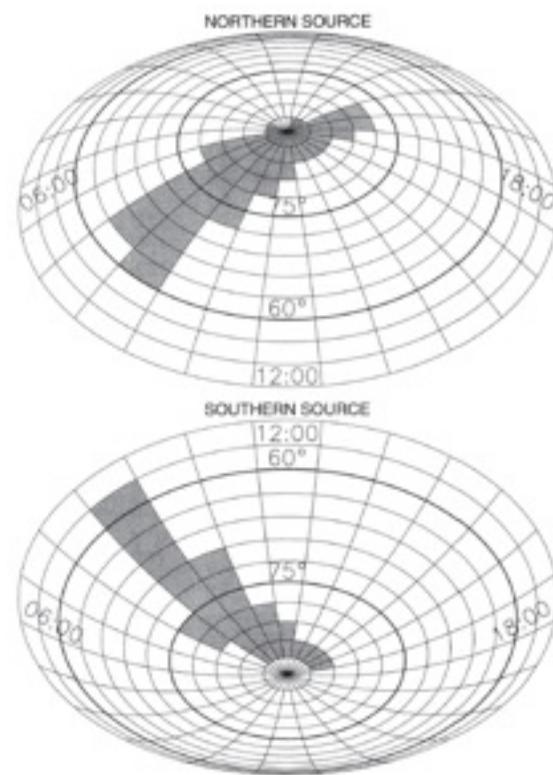
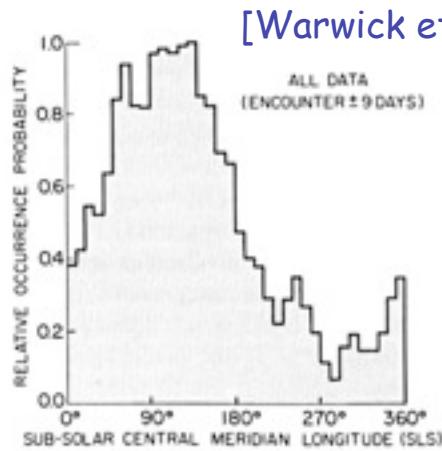
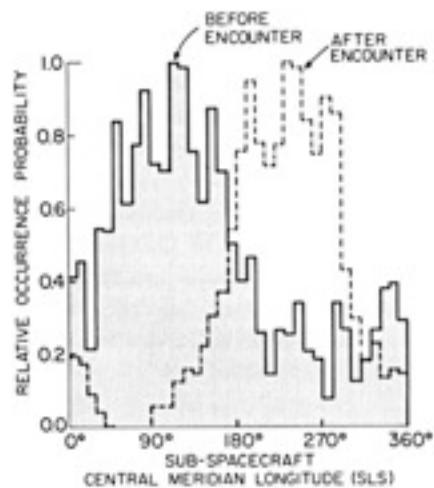
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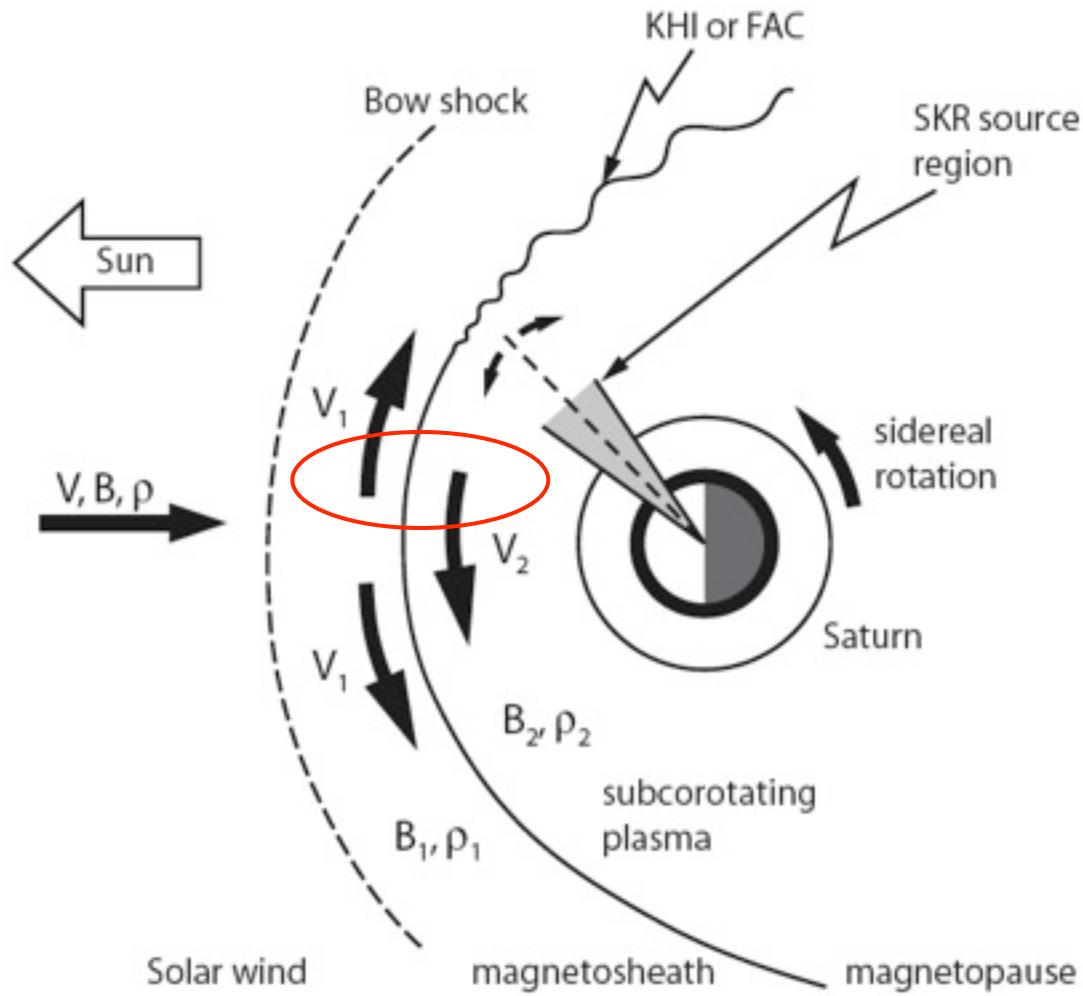
- SKR sources (N&S) do not corotate with the planet
⇒ restricted to/enhanced in a morning-noon LT sector, as UV aurora

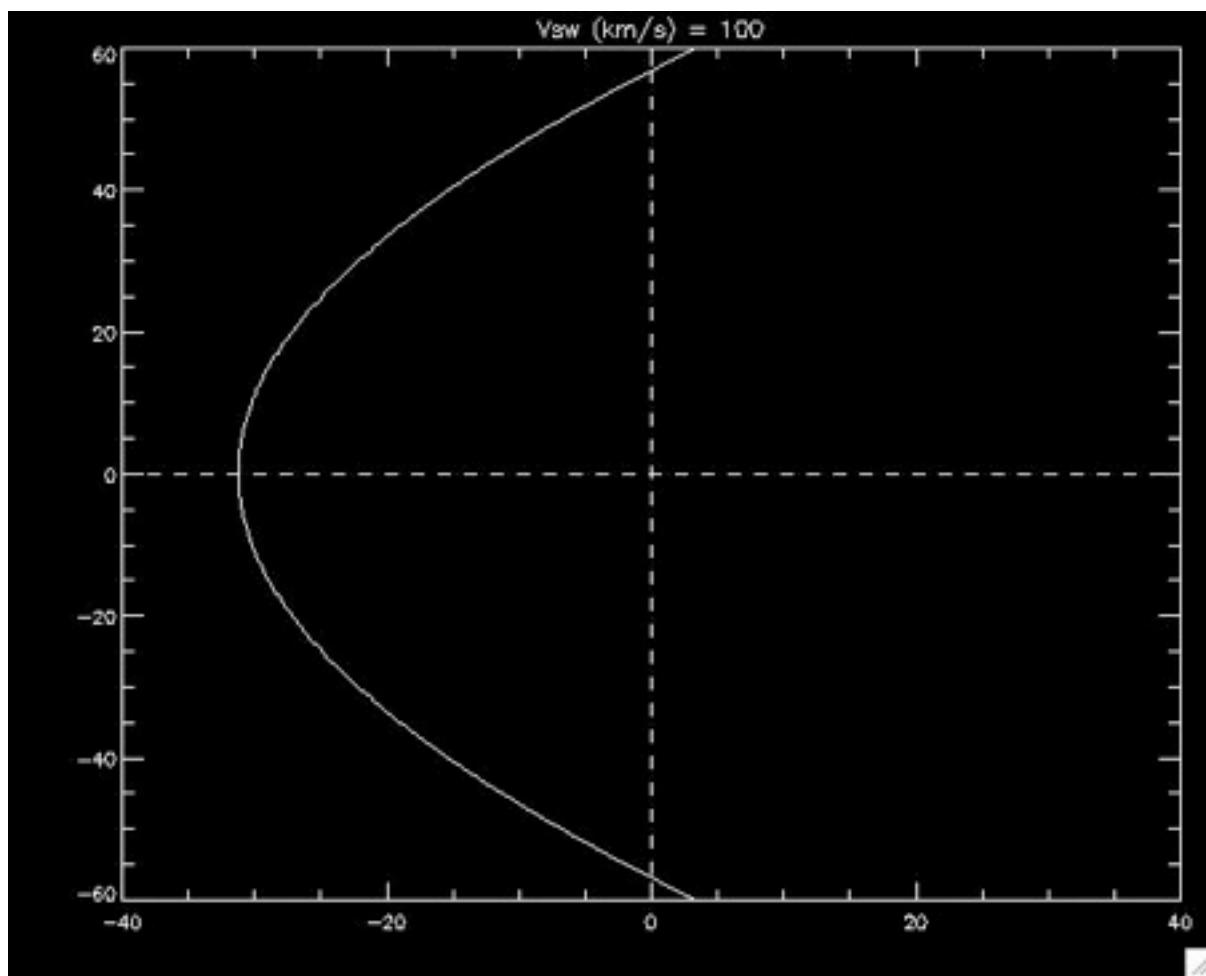


[Prangé et al., 2004]

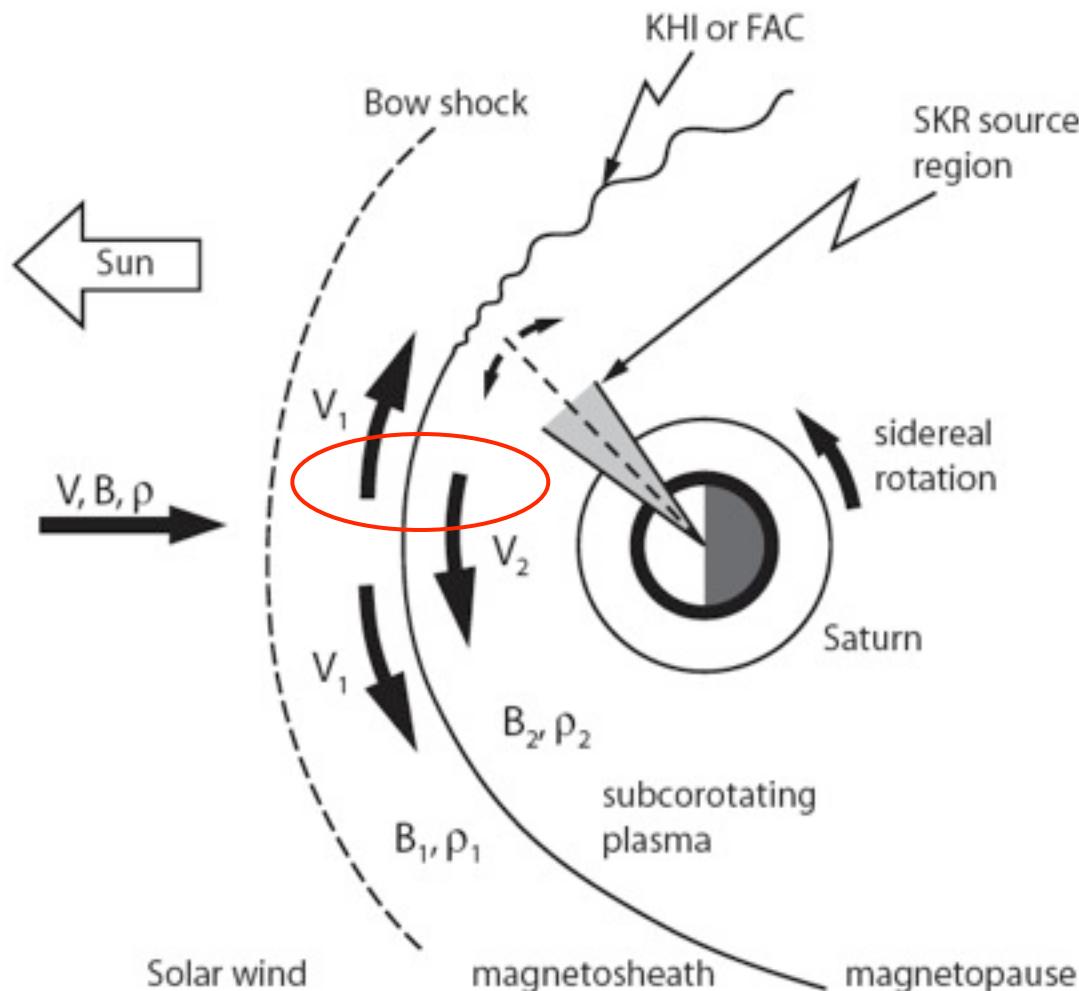
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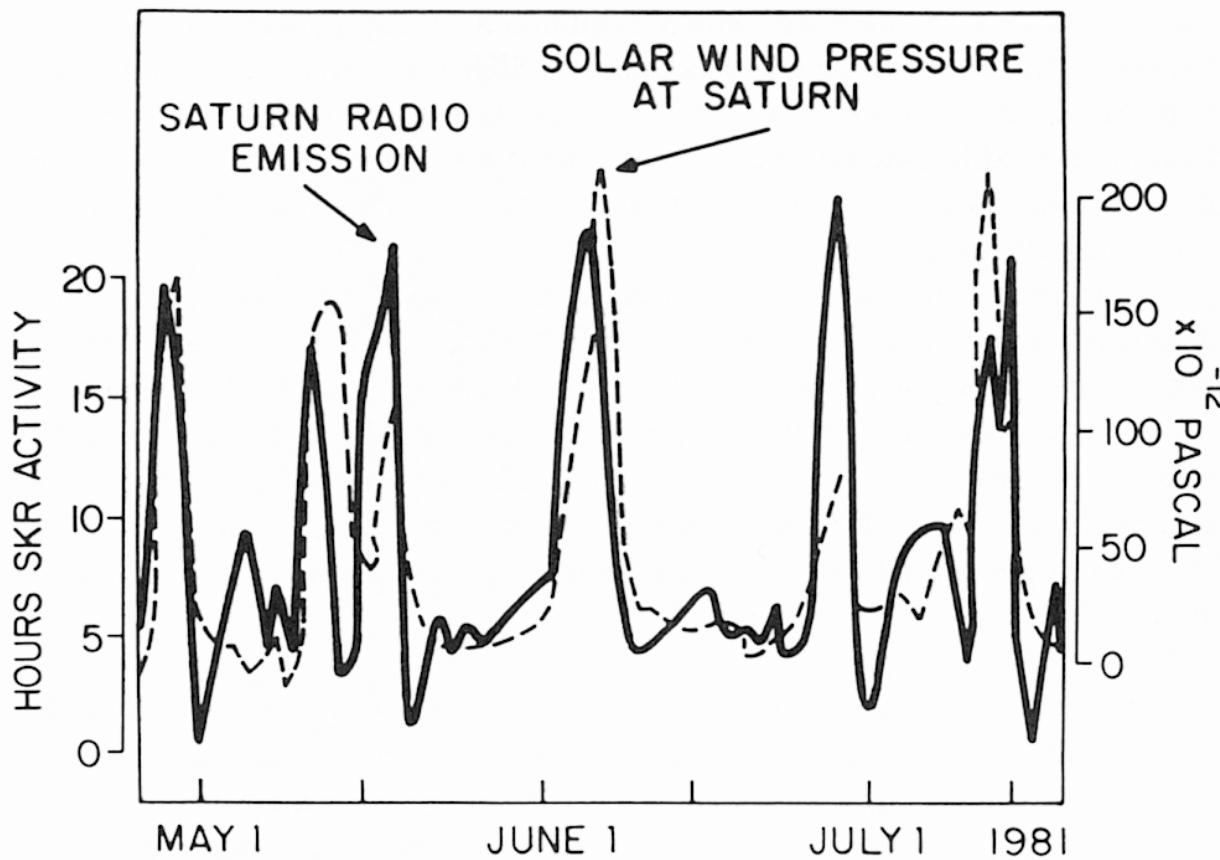


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\Rightarrow role of V_{SW} on LT location of SKR sources ?

- Rotation-averaged SKR intensity correlated to Solar Wind variations (ρV^2 & ρV^3) \Rightarrow role of V_{SW}



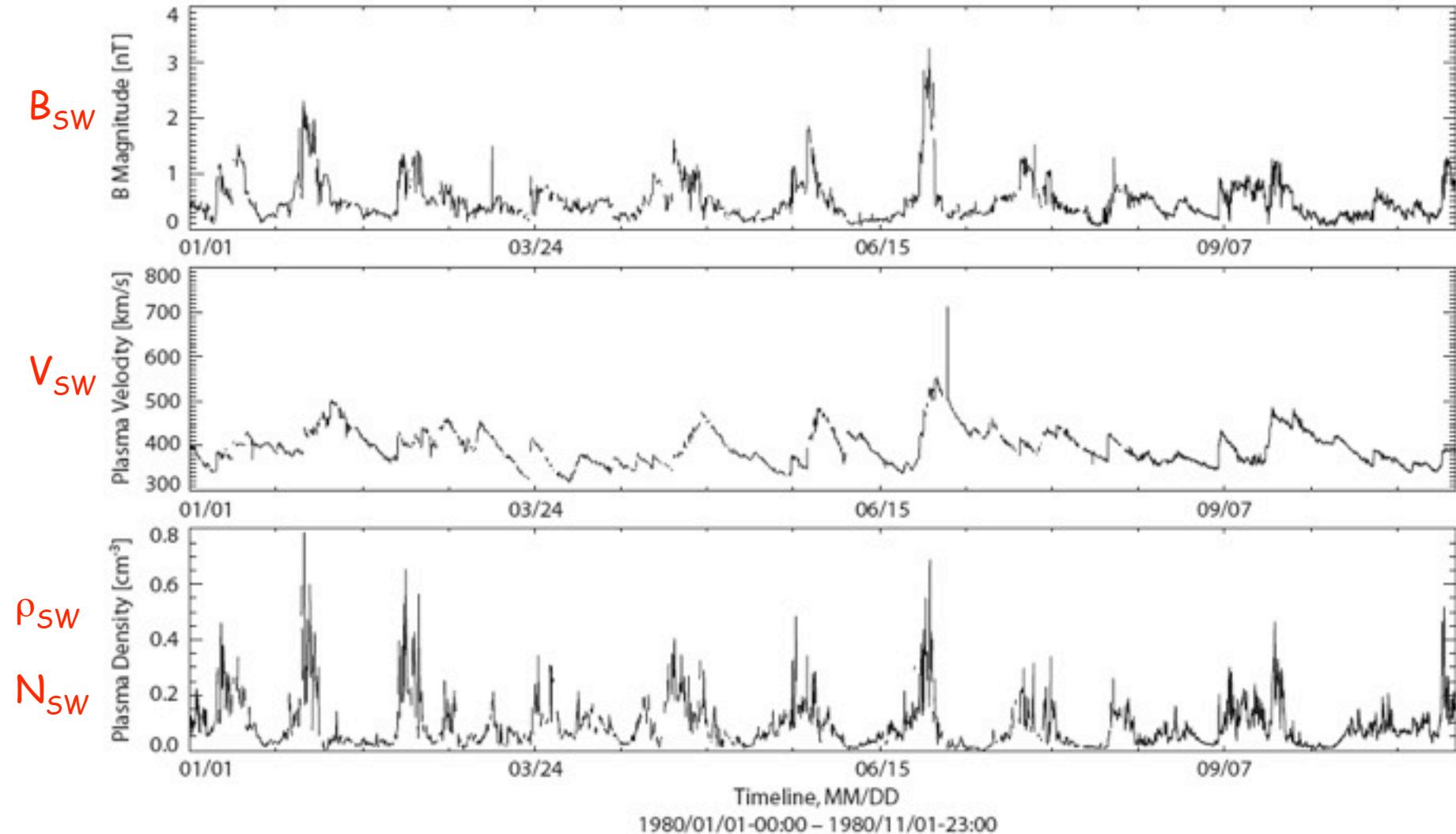
[Desch, 1982 ; Desch & Rucker, 1983]

- Solar Wind variations near Saturn

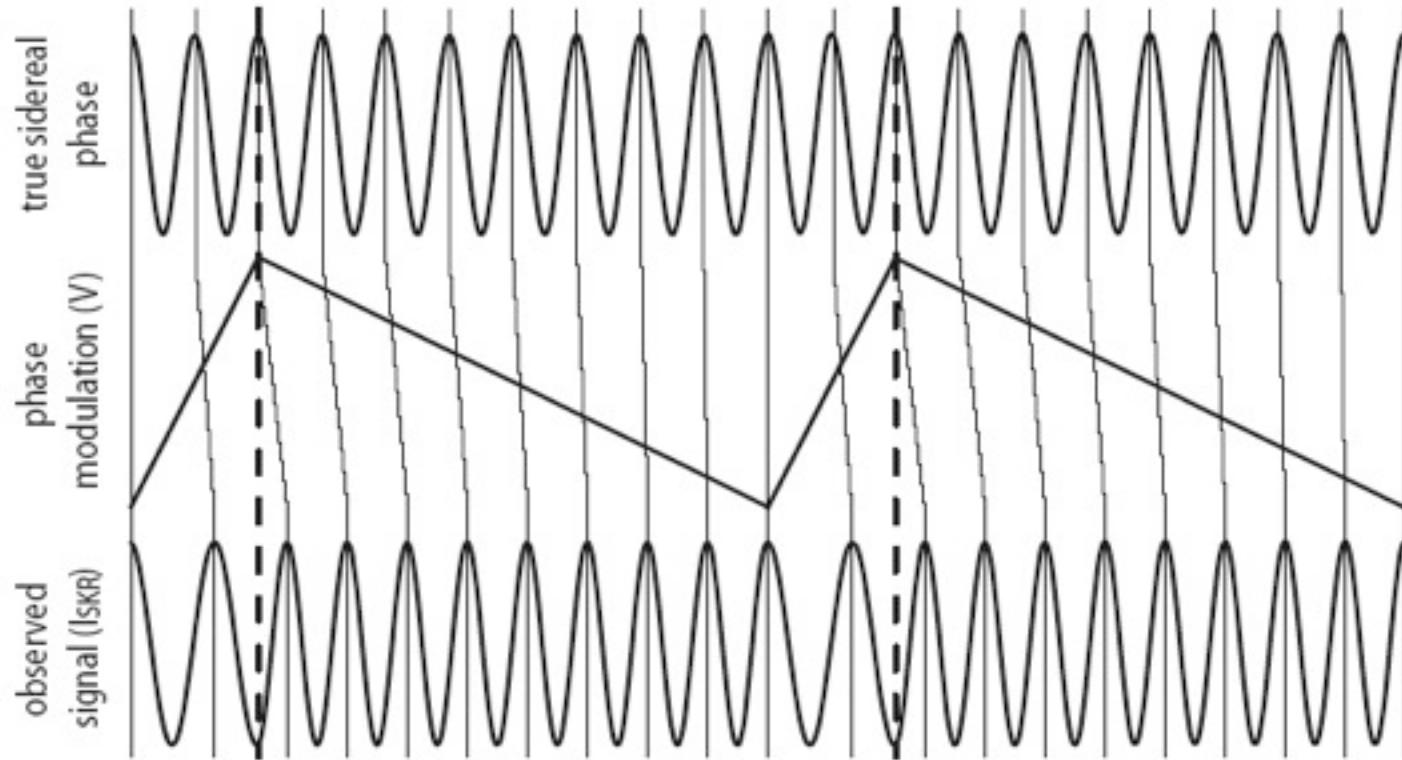
Voyager 1 - CA

⇒ regular/organized variations of V_{SW}

VOYAGER-1 Hourly Interplanetary Parameters by COHOB



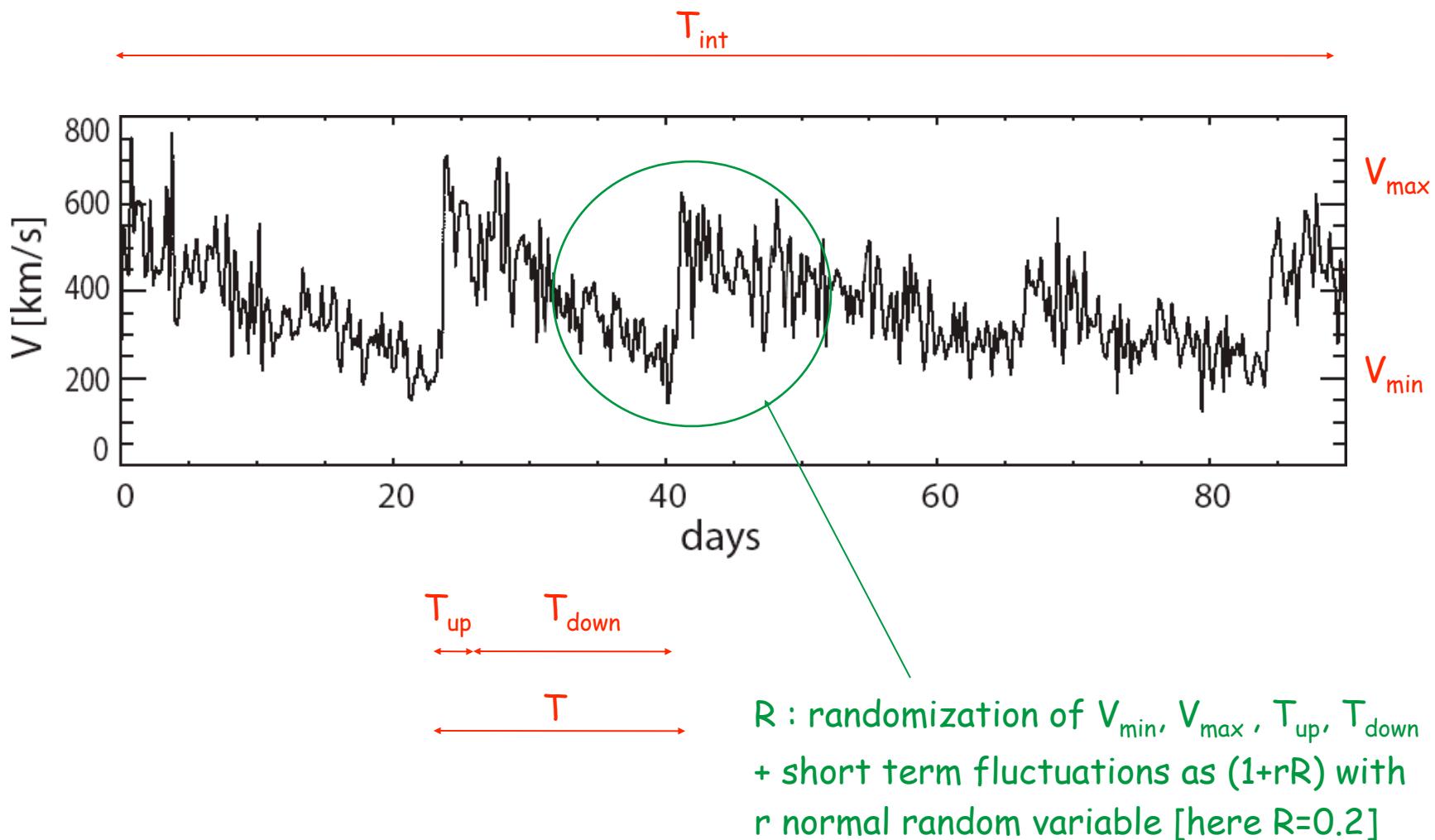
- Role of Solar Wind Velocity variations on SKR source location : Model



$$I_{SKR}(t) = I_0 \sin [2\pi (t/P_{Sat} - \alpha V(t)/360)]$$

- ⇒ Simulated series $I_{SKR}(t)$ using trigger at $P_{Sat} \otimes$ KHI sources
 ⇒ predicted P_{SKR}

- Solar Wind Velocity modelling : asymmetric sawtooth



- Parametric study : $100 \times \text{TF}[I_{\text{SKR}}(t)]$ per parameter set $\Rightarrow P_{\text{SKR}}$

$T_{\text{int}} = 45 - 270$ days

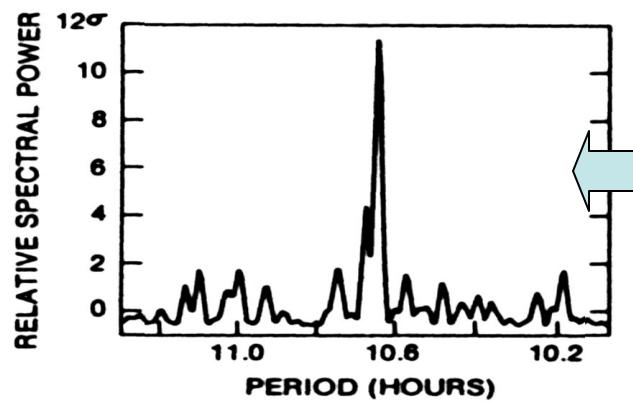
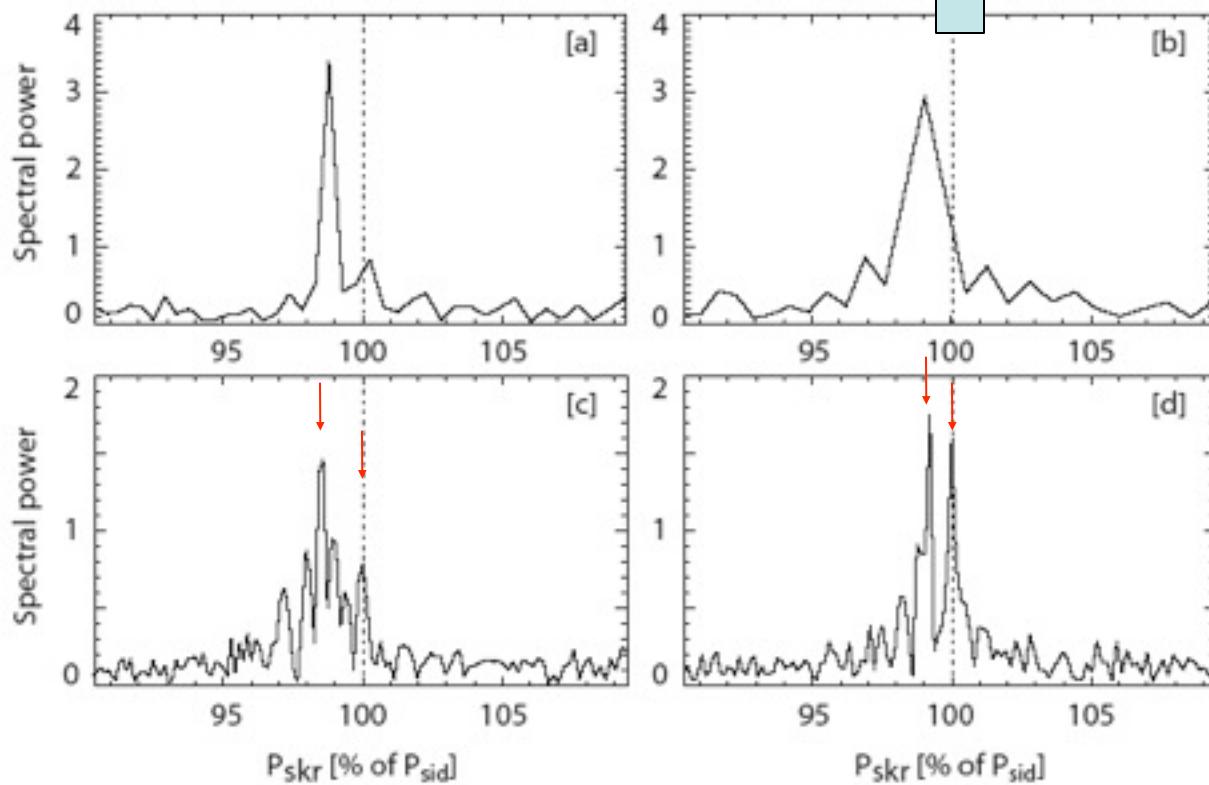
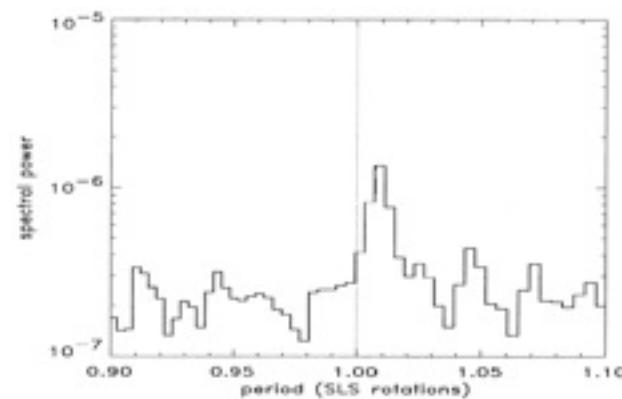
$T = 13 - 26$ days

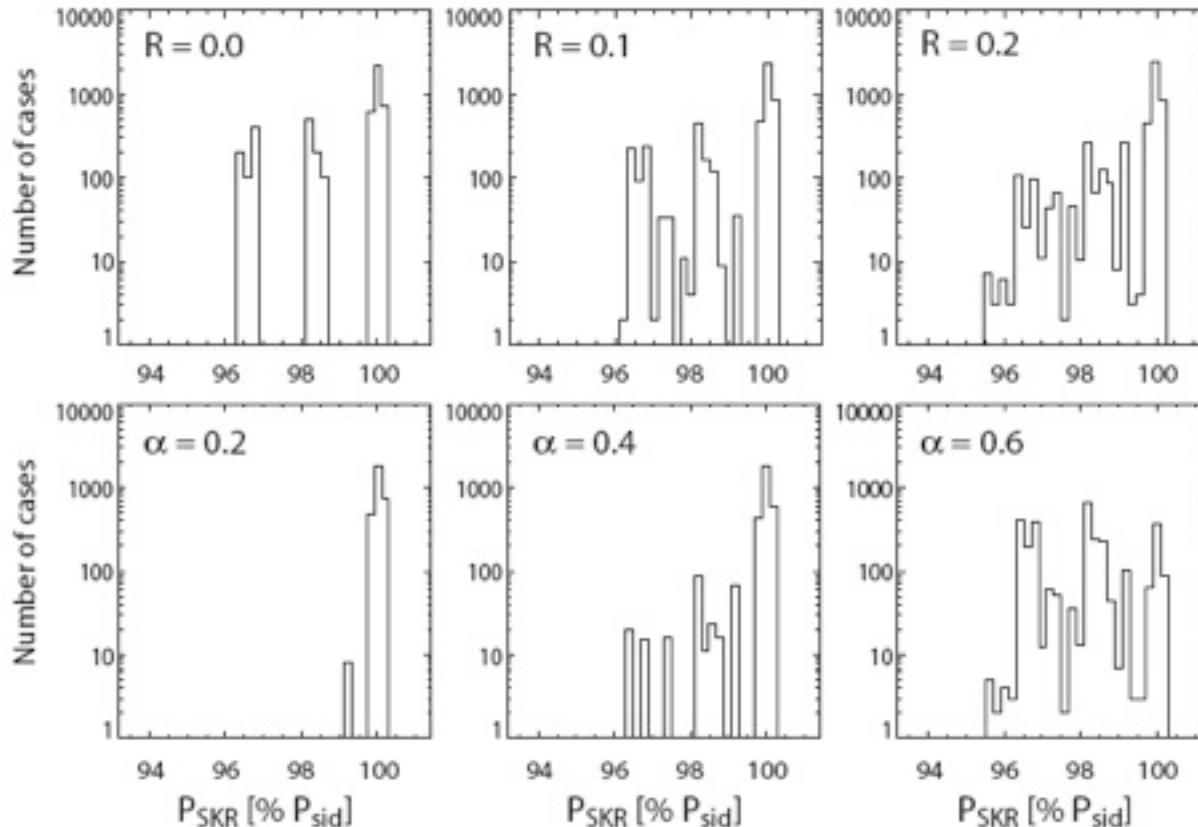
V_{\min}, V_{\max} fixed

$R = 0 - 0.2$

$\alpha = 0.1 - 0.6^\circ / (\text{km/s})$

	T_{int}	T	α	R	$P_{\text{SKR}}/P_{\text{Sat}}$
[a]	90	26	0.5	0.2	0.987
[b]	60	26	0.4	0.2	0.993
[c]	270	26	0.6	0.2	0.985
[d]	270	26	0.6	0.2	0.991

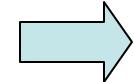




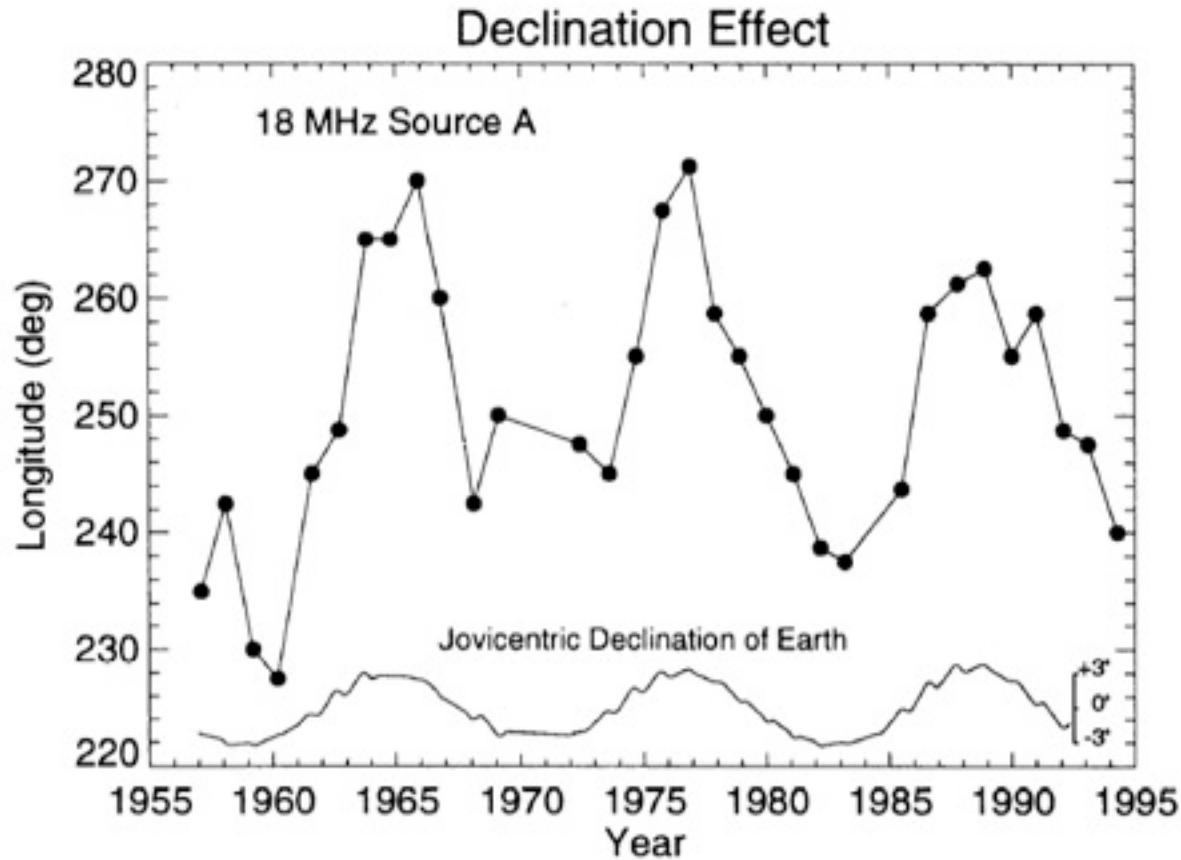
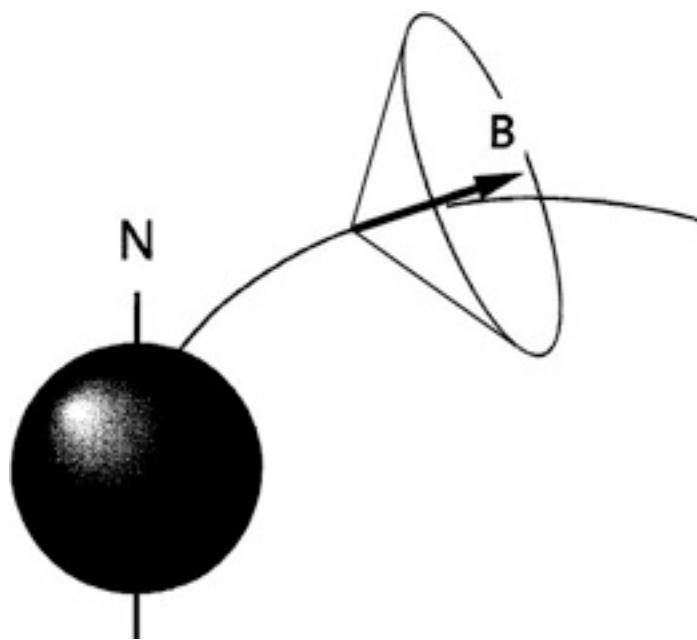
- $P_{SKR} \in [0.96-1.] \times P_{sat}$
for $R \geq 0.1$ $\alpha \geq 0.2^\circ / (\text{km/s})$ $T_{int} = 45 - 270 \text{ days}$
 - $P_{SKR} \leq P_{Sat}$ because $\alpha > 0$
- ⇒ Model results compatible with measurements

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 in large LT/longitudinal variation



[Higgins, 1997]

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- V shear at magnetopause important for e^- precipitations ?
- Voyager + Ulysses + Cassini $\Rightarrow P_{sat} \sim 10h45m$
 $(\sim 1.01 \times P_{sat}[\text{Voyager}])$

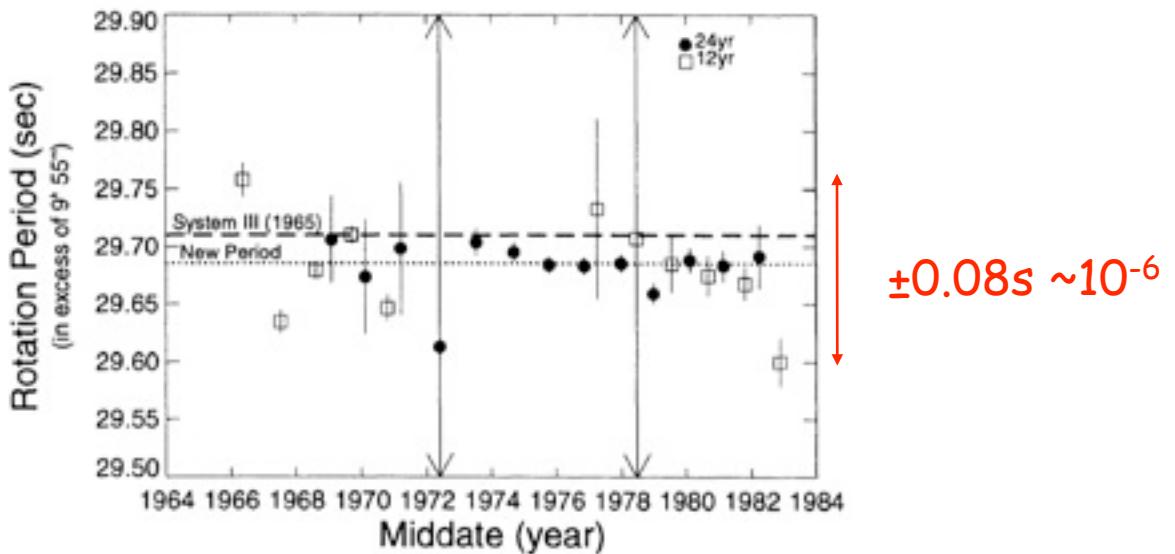
⇒ What changed between Voyager and Cassini ?

- Possibly nothing (long-term variations of SW fluctuations ?)

⇒ Expected accuracy on P_{Sat} from P_{SKR} ?

- 500 to 1000 days SKR obs. required for P_{Sat} at $<10^{-3}$
(analysis of overlapping 6-12 month-intervals)

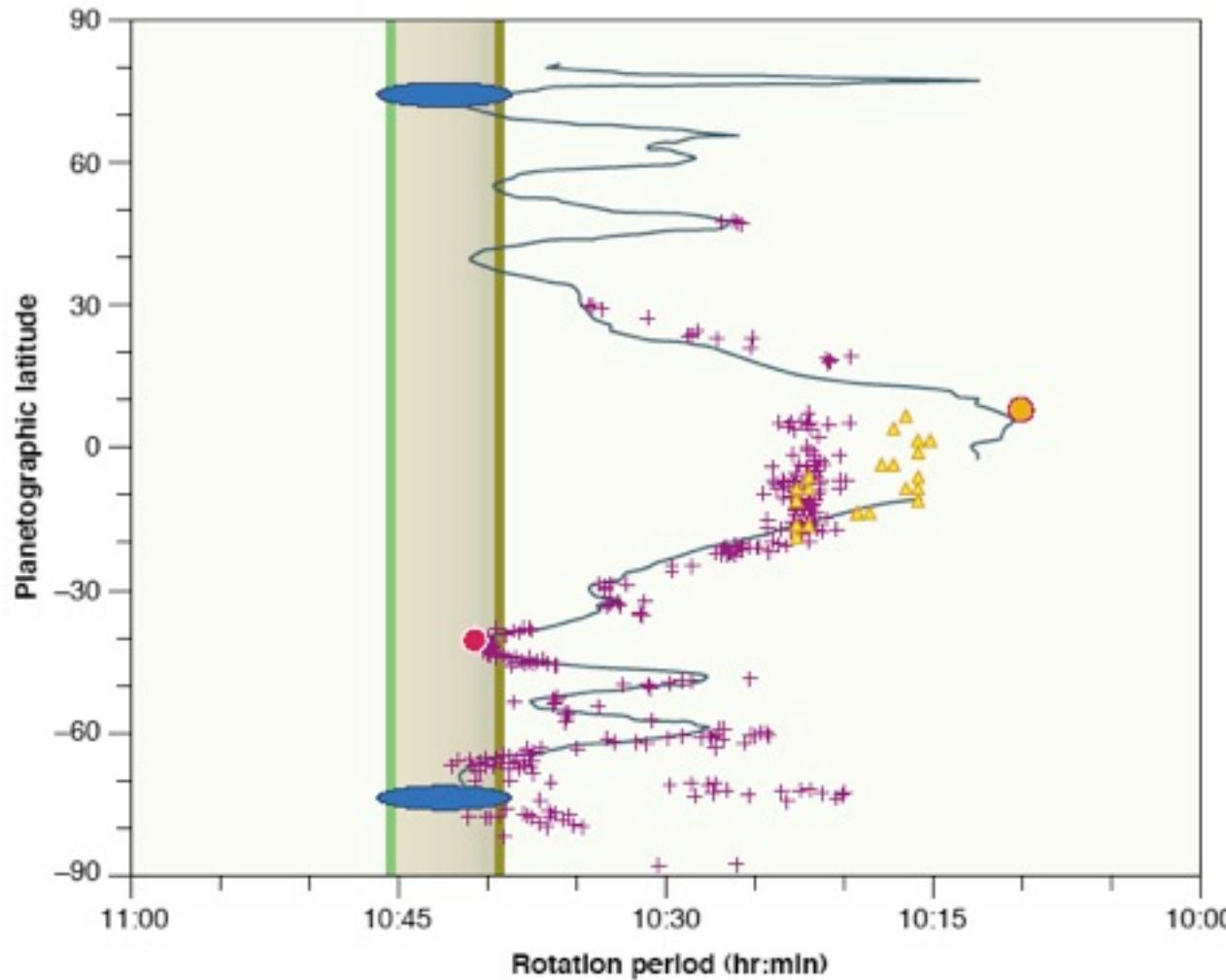
- Back to Jupiter :



- $P_{J_{up}}$ from 24 years data set of « Io-DAM » (independent of SW)
- Torus density $\sim x2$ between Voyager (1979) and Galileo (1995-97)
 \Rightarrow source longitude change $\theta_A = 2\pi t_A / P_{J_{up}} \sim 10^\circ - 20^\circ$
- \Rightarrow error on $P_{J_{up}} = (\theta_A / 360^\circ) \times (P_{J_{up}} / 24 \text{ years}) \sim 10^{-6}$ as observed !

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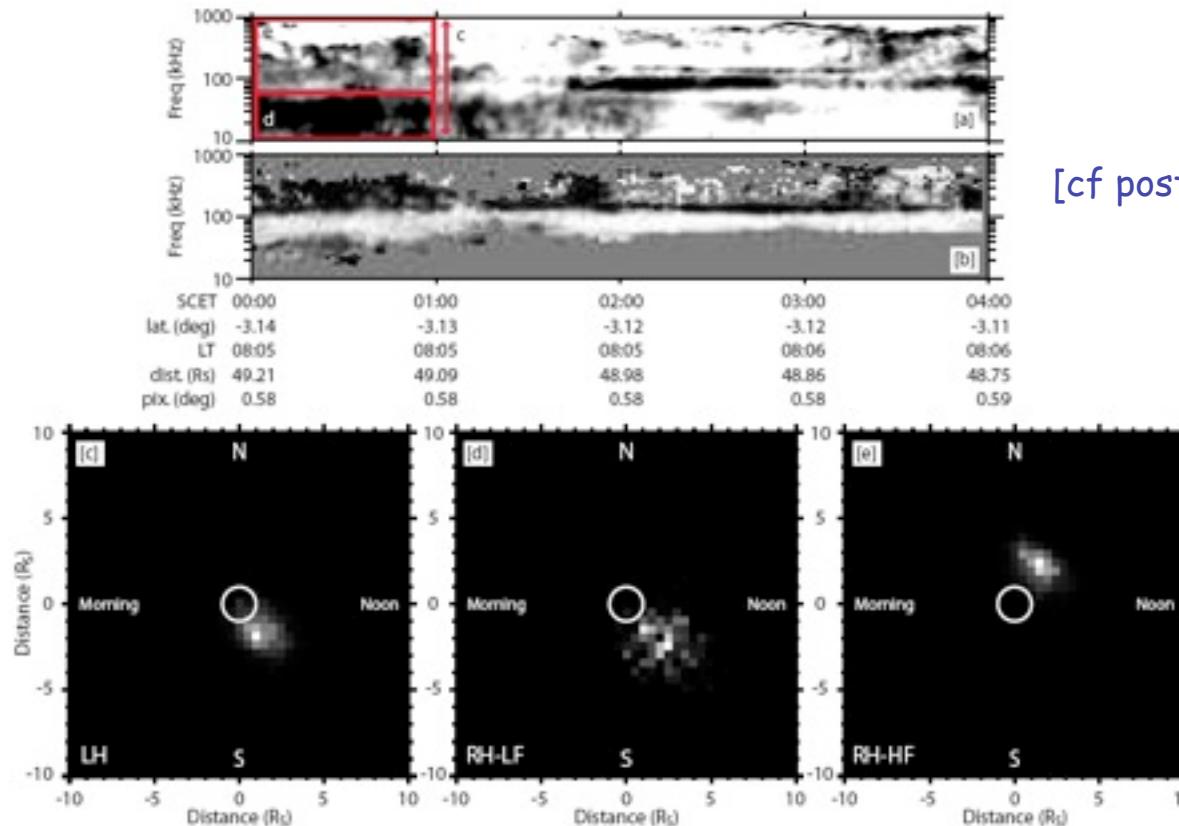
- Whole atmosphere in super-rotation (eastward) ?



[Sanchez-Lavega, 2005]

Future Studies

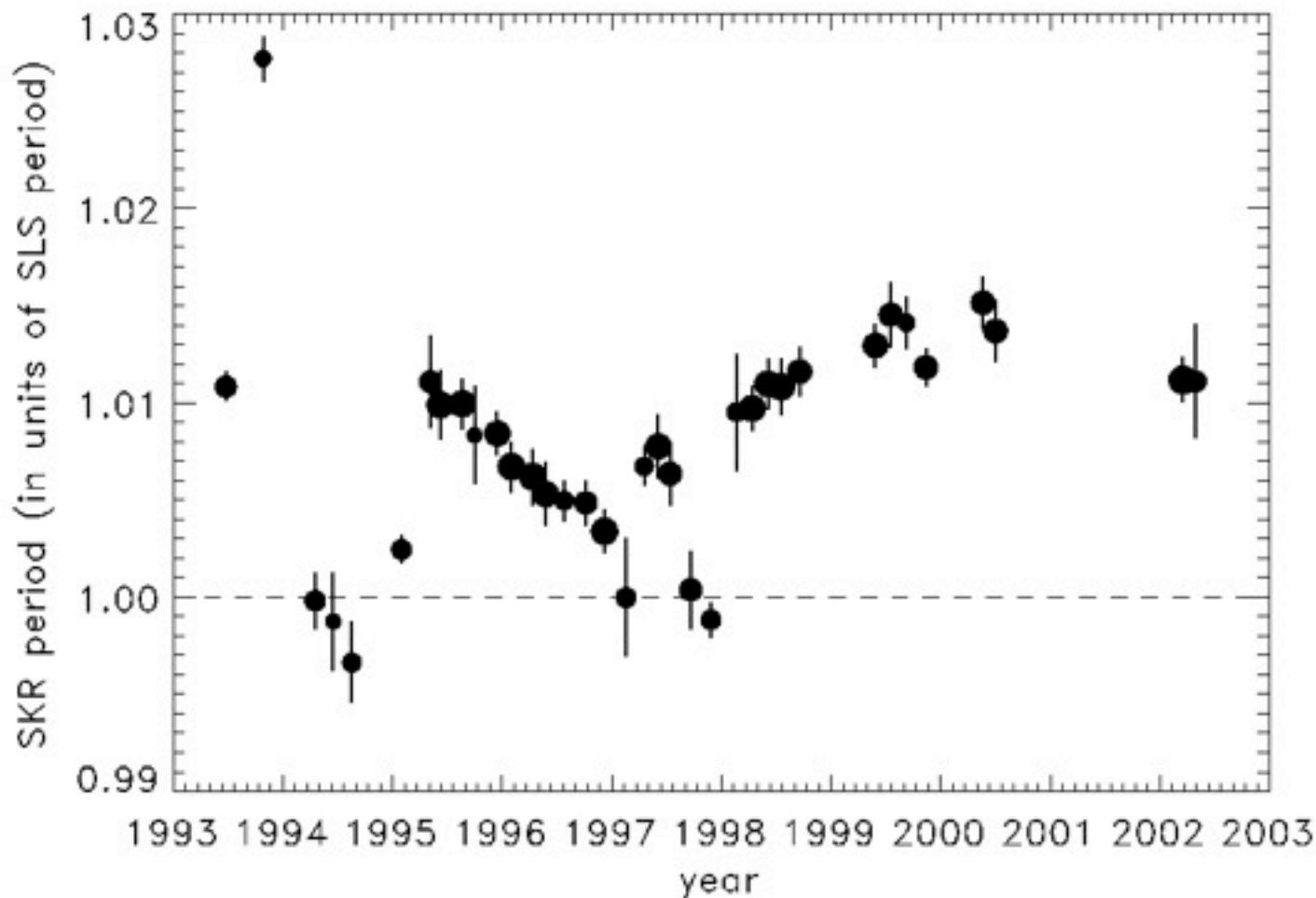
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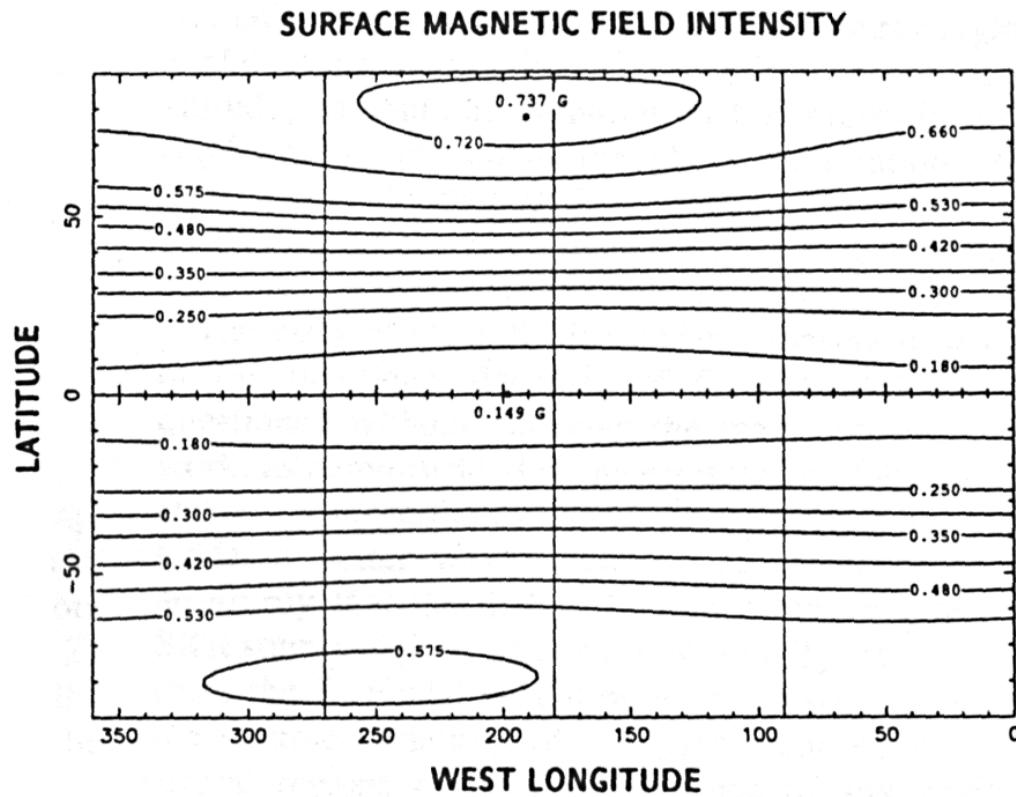
[cf poster Cecconi et al., 2005]

- Variable SKR period

[Galopeau & Lecacheux, 2000] + Ulysses update

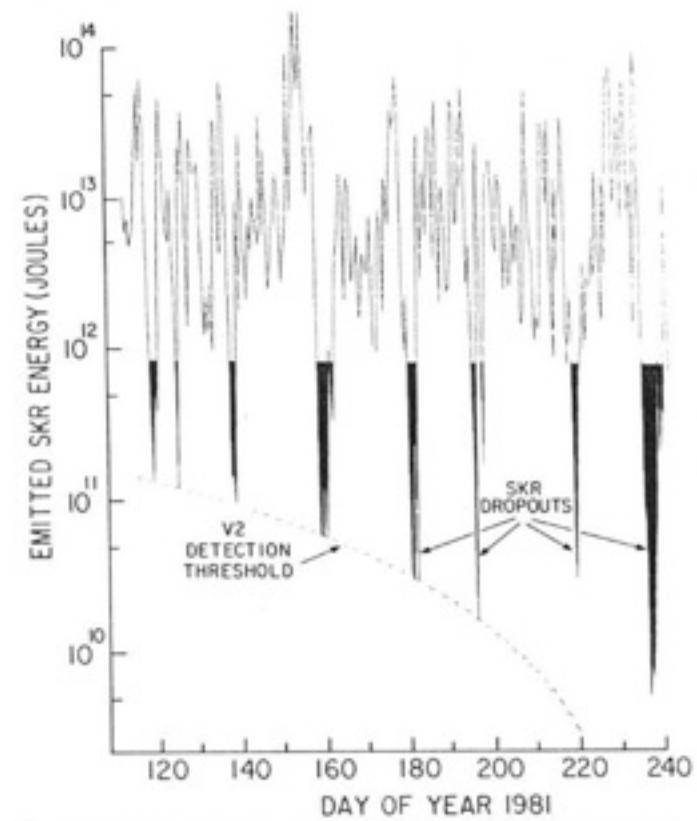
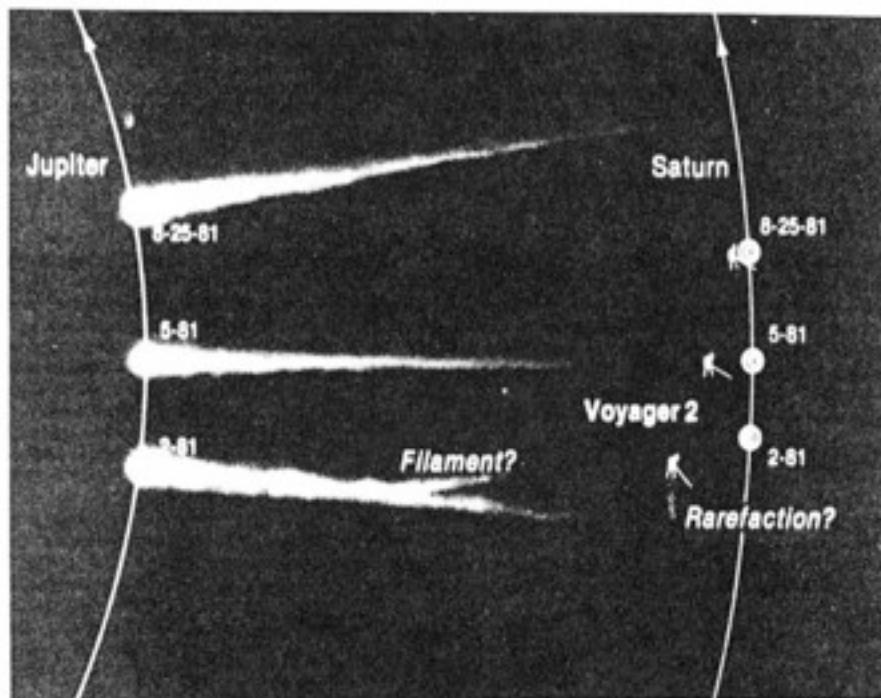


- Rotational modulation of SKR due to magnetic anomaly ?



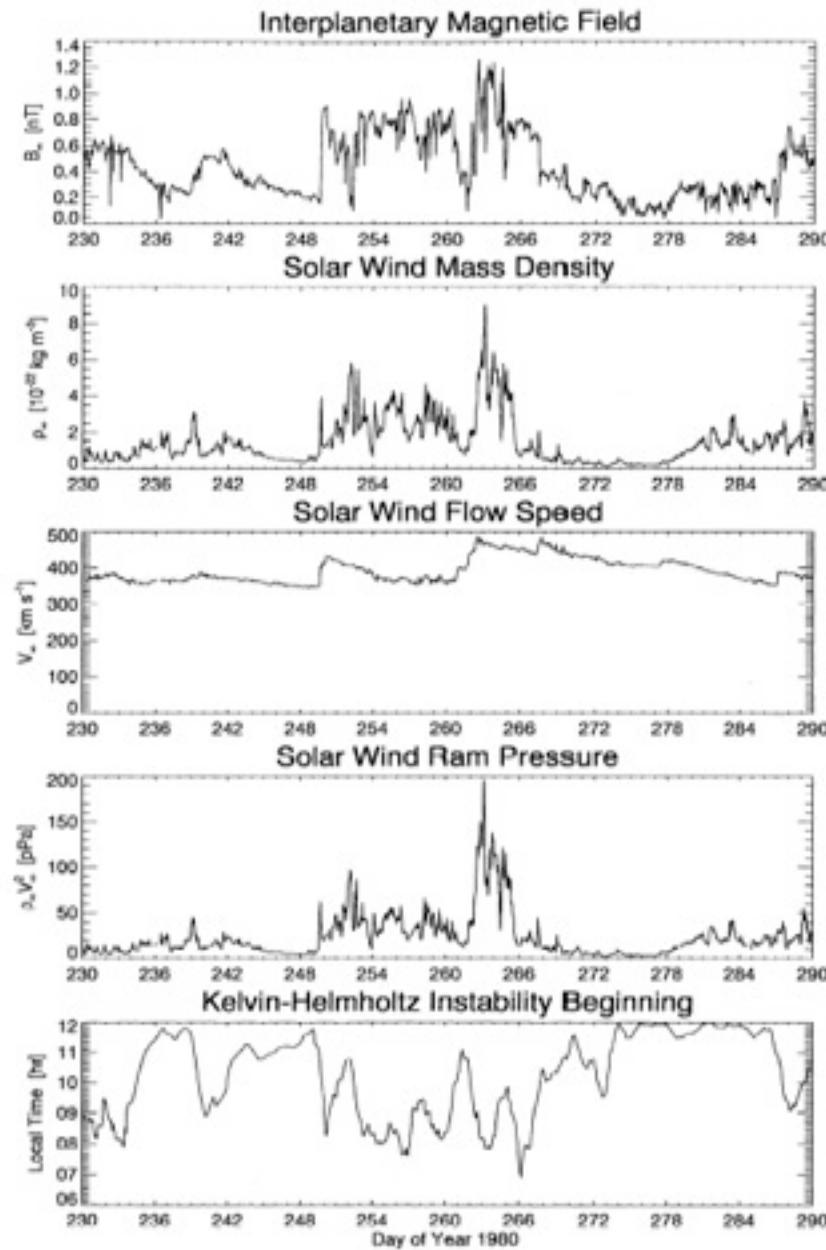
[Galopeau & Zarka, 1992]

- SKR extinctions when Saturn is immersed in Jupiter's magnetotail



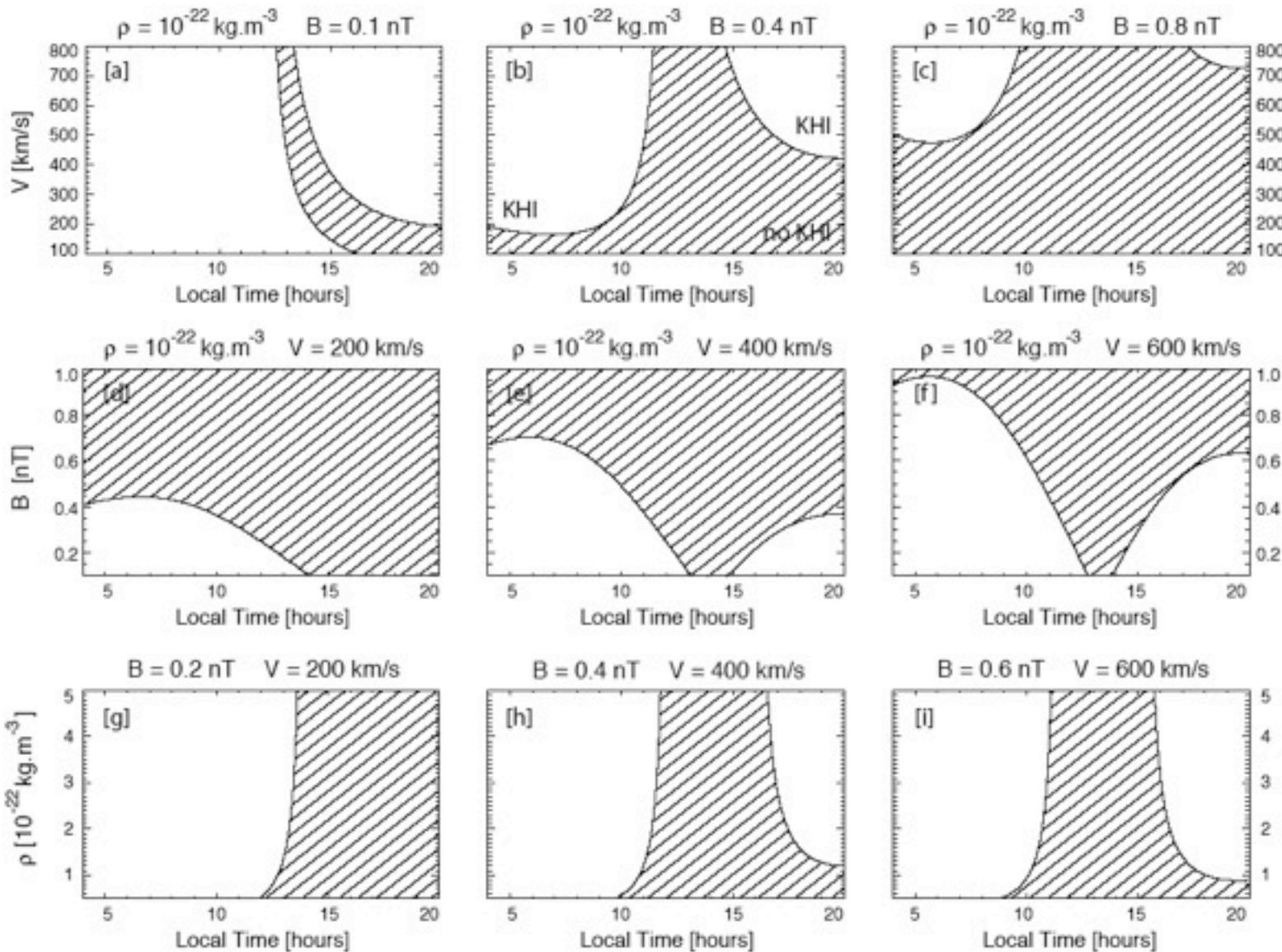
[Desch, 1983]

- Time variations of KHI threshold



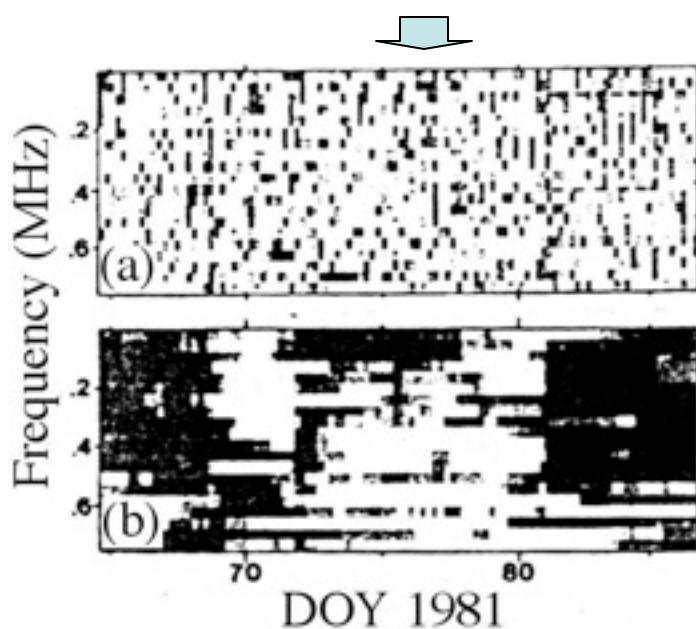
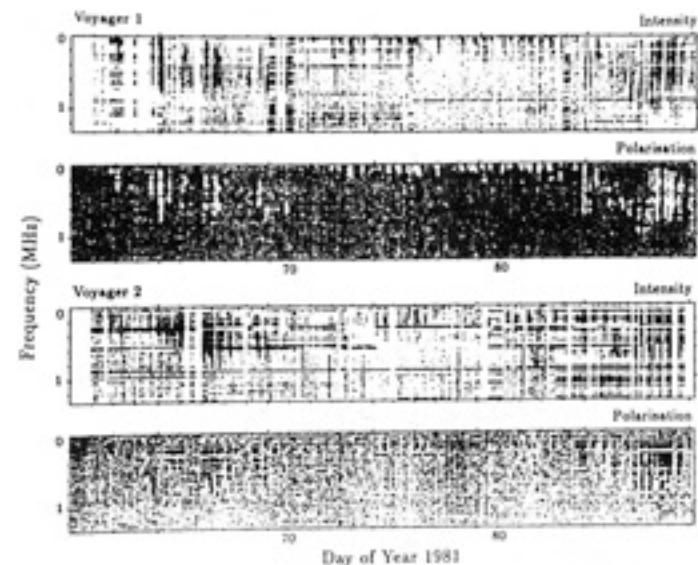
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- KHI « sources » versus LT as a function of V, B, ρ



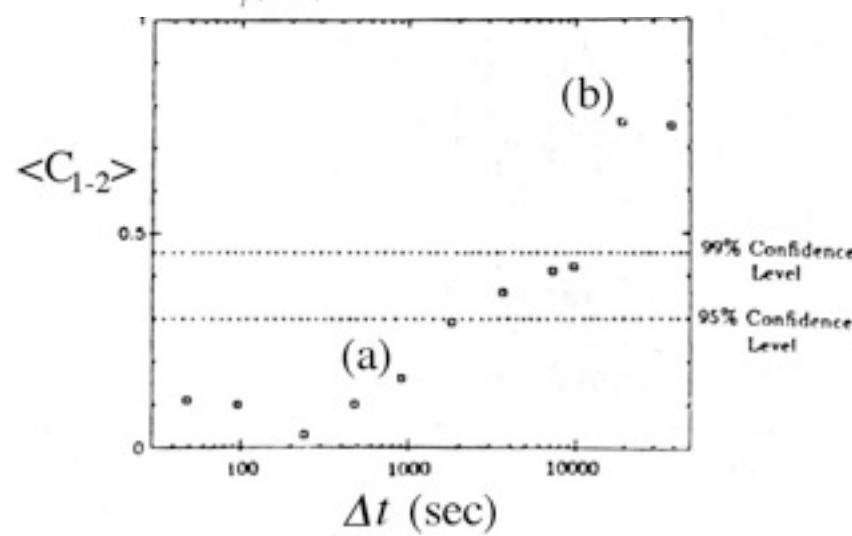
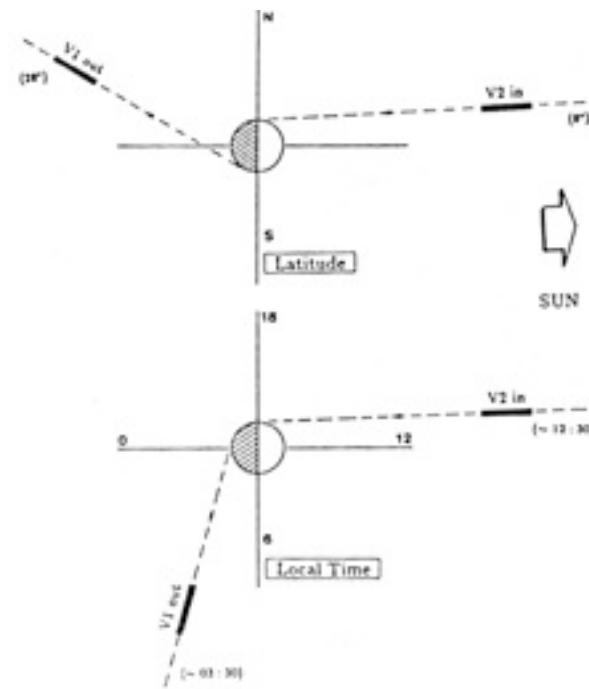
[Cecconi & Zarka, 2005]

- Stereo observations of SKR by Voyager 1 & 2



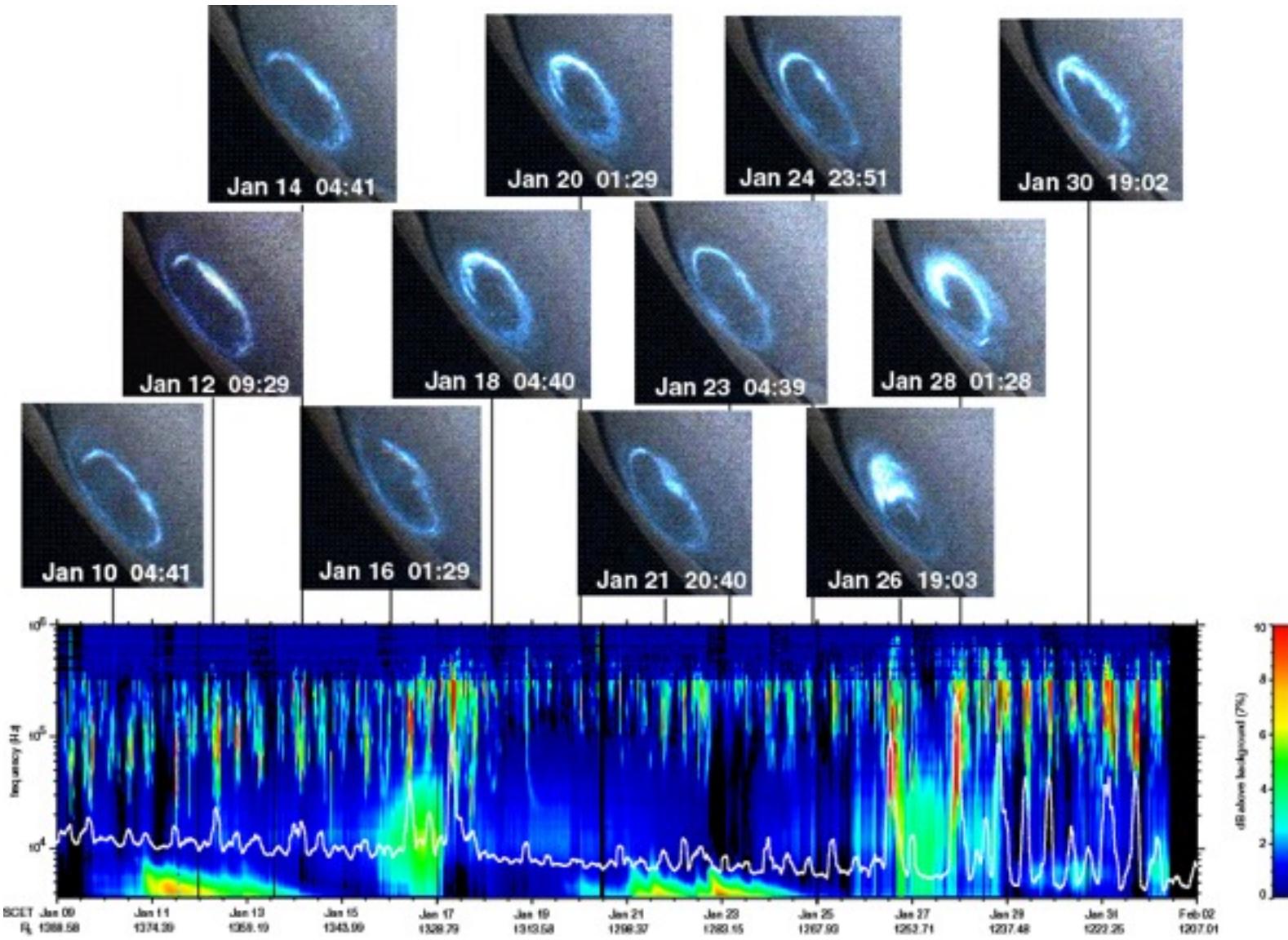
$\Delta t \sim 10 \text{ min.}$

$\Delta t \sim 5\text{h}$



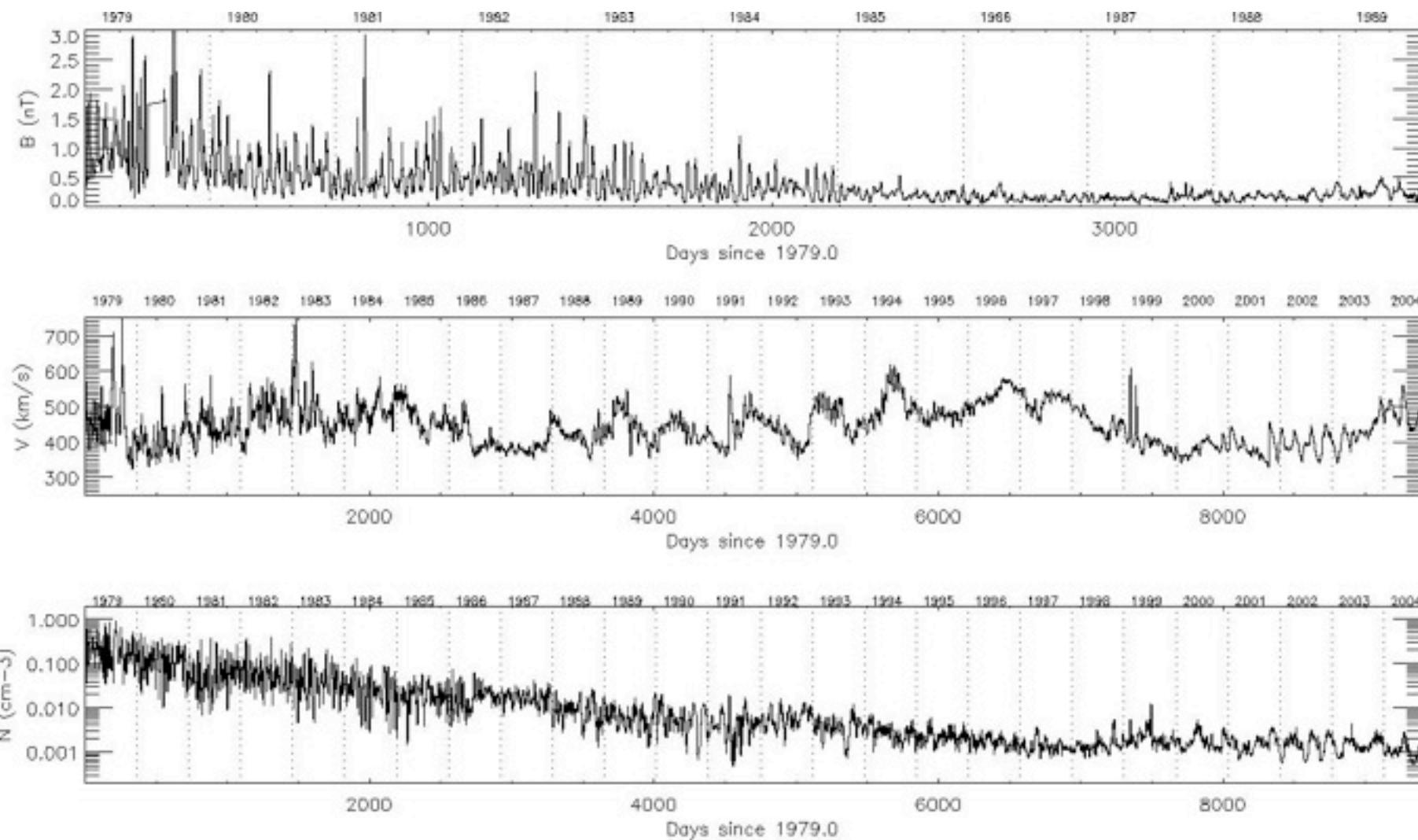
[Zarka, 1988]

- Sub-corotation of UV aurora, correlated with SKR

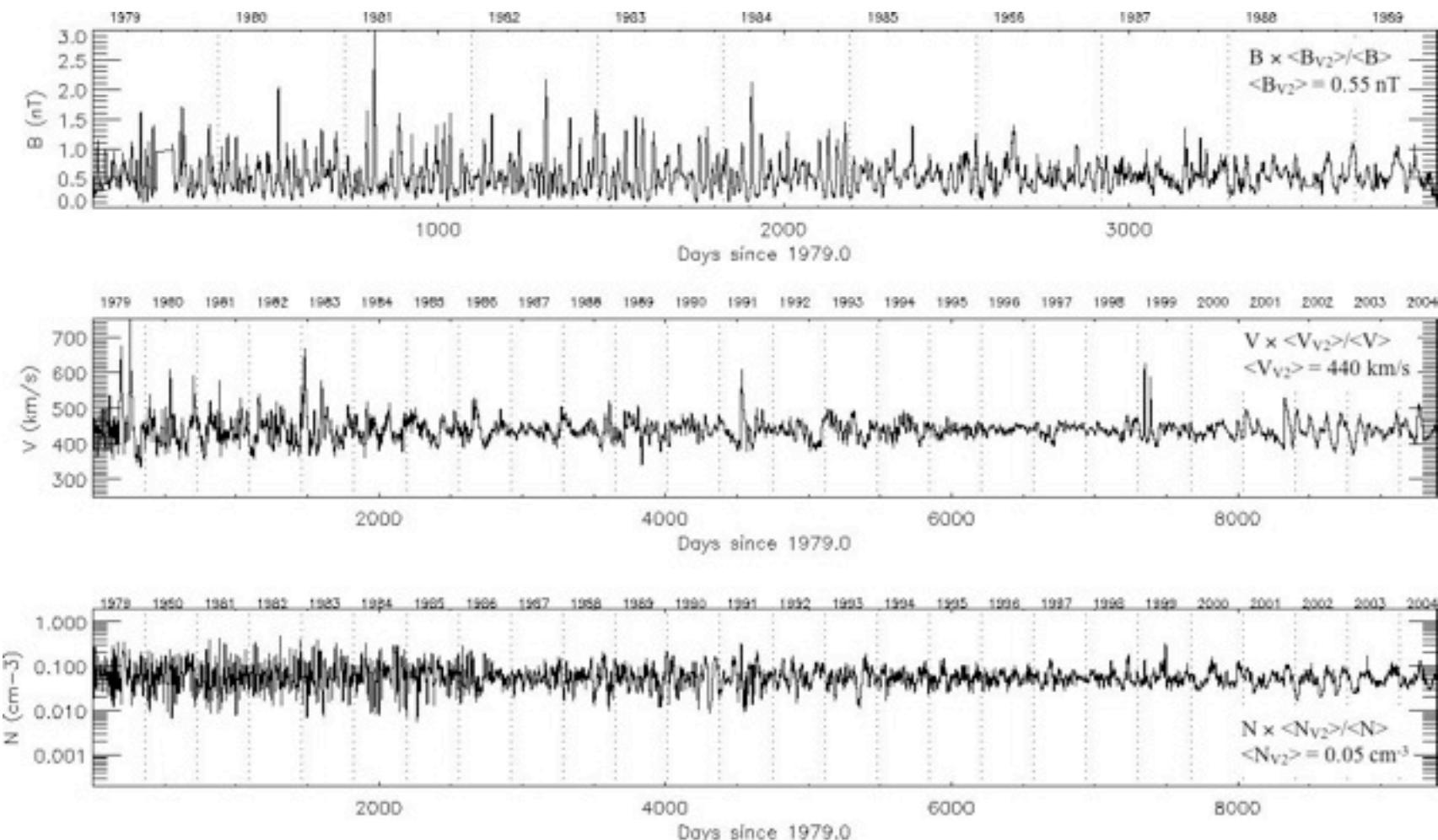


[Kurth et al., 2005]

- Long-term variations of SW parameters



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- Confirmation of model #2 using Voyager SW & SKR data (in progress...)

