# Tu<u>rbulent power: a discriminator between sheaths and</u> <u>CMEs</u>

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Abstract Solar coronal mass ejections (CMEs) directed at the Earth often drive large geomagnetic storms. Here we use velocity, magnetic field and proton density data from 152 CMEs that were sampled in-situ at 1 AU by the WIND spacecraft. We Fourier analyze fluctuations of these quantities in the quiescent pre-CME solar wind, sheath and magnetic cloud. We quantify the extent by which the power in turbulent (magnetic field, velocity and density) fluctuations in the sheath exceeds that in the solar wind background and in the magnetic cloud. For instance, the mean value of the power per unit volume in magnetic field fluctuations in the sheath is 76.7 times that in the solar wind background, while the mean value of the power per unit mass in velocity fluctuations in the sheath is 9 times that in the magnetic cloud. Our detailed results show that the turbulent fluctuation power is a useful discriminator between the ambient solar wind background, sheaths and magnetic clouds and can serve as a useful input for space weather prediction.

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# 1. Introduction

The properties of Earth directed solar coronal mass ejections (CMEs) are a subject of considerable interest, owing to their dominant role in triggering space weather disturbances. Remote-sensing observations of CMEs are generally restricted to heliocentric distances of a few tens of  $R_{\odot}$ , and Earth-directed CMEs are especially difficult to observe with this technique. Near-Earth *in-situ* observations provide detailed measurements of CME properties, although they sample only the part of the CME which is along the line of intercept of the spacecraft. Such *in-situ* observations of CMEs have contributed to our understanding of their bulk properties (e.g., Klein and Burlaga 1982, Hu and Sonnerup 2002, Möstl et al. 2009, Nieves-Chinchilla et al. 2019, Cid et al. 2002 and others) and to comprehensive interplanetary CME (ICME) catalogs (Nieves-Chinchilla et al. 2018, https://wind.nasa.gov/ICMEindex.php and Richardson and Cane 2024). Using *in-situ* observations, interplanetary CMEs are typically characterized by an increase in the magnetic field strength, a smooth rotation in the magnetic field direction and a decrease in proton temperature (Klein and Burlaga 1982). CME sheaths have received considerable attention (e.g., Kilpua, Koskinen, and Pulkkinen 2017, Kilpua et al. 2019, Temmer and Bothmer 2022, Larrodera and Temmer 2024, Salman et al. 2020), since it comprises the plasma near the leading edge of the CME and often determines the onset and severity of space weather disturbances.

The characterizations of CMEs and their sheaths mentioned above typically refer to properties of the large-scale or average quantities; there is no appeal, for instance, to fluctuations in the magnetic field strength. We now turn our attention to fluctuations in the magnetic field, density and velocity. It is well recognized that the background solar wind comprises turbulent fluctuations in addition to the large-scale mean field (Bruno and Carbone 2013) and interiors of CMEs are also known to be turbulent (Manoharan et al. 2000, Sorriso-Valvo et al. 2021, Liu et al. 2006, Bhattacharjee et al. 2023). CME sheaths are known to be characterized by enhanced magnetic field fluctuations (Kilpua, Koskinen, and Pulkkinen 2017, Kilpua et al. 2019). However, the properties of velocity and density fluctuations in sheaths have not yet been studied, to the best of our knowledge.

Turbulent fluctuations mediate the interaction between CMEs and the Earth's magnetosphere (Borovsky and Funsten 2003). There are indications that turbulence can influence the rate of reconnection (Lazarian and Vishniac 1999). This could mean that the turbulence levels in the sheath can influence the rate of reconnection between the sheath and the Earth's magnetic field, impacting the onset time and intensity of geomagnetic storms. The characteristics of turbulent fluctuations in CMEs and their sheaths are thus of interest from several perspectives.

Using moving box averages, Bhattacharjee et al. (2023) have studied the modulation indices of the magnetic field  $(\delta B/B)$ , and density  $(\delta n/n)$  fluctuations. In the definition of the magnetic field modulation index, the quantity B refers to the average value of the magnetic field magnitude in the moving box, while  $\delta B$ refers to the root-mean-square (rms) value of the fluctuations in the magnetic field magnitude in the box. The modulation index for density fluctuations is defined similarly. They found that the values of  $\delta B/B$  in CMEs were  $\approx 0.79$  times that in the solar wind background. The corresponding ratio for  $\delta n/n$  was 1.78. Here we take a different approach and study fluctuations using short-time Fourier transform (STFT) periodograms.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: § 2 gives a short overview of STFTs and describes the dataset we use. § 3 describes our results concerning turbulent power and it's utility in distinguishing between the background solar wind, sheaths and CMEs. We summarize our results and draw conclusions in § 4.

## 2. Data Analysis

#### 2.1. Short-time Fourier transforms (STFT)

The STFT is a well known concept (e.g., ?). We mention the essential aspects here for completeness. While the usual Fourier transform of a function a(t) is given by  $\tilde{A}(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a(t) \exp(ift) dt$ , the STFT is be given by

$$\hat{A}(f) = \int_{T_{\min}}^{T_{\max}} a(t) \exp(ift) dt \tag{1}$$

The only difference between the usual Fourier transform and the STFT is as follows: the limits of integration for the usual Fourier transform are  $(-\infty,\infty)$ while those for the STFT are finite  $(T_{\min}, T_{\max})$ ; hence the adjective "short time". Equivalently, one can retain the same limits of integration as in the usual Fourier transform and multiply the integrand with a rectangular window function to get the STFT. The STFT periodogram of a(t) refers to the quantity  $|\hat{A}(f)|^2$ , which is often called the power spectral density (e.g., Bracewell 2000). This nomenclature can often be misleading, and it is best to remember that  $|\hat{A}(f)|^2$  has units of  $a^2$  per frequency. For instance, if a represented velocity, it's units would be m/s (in SI units) and  $|\hat{A}(f)|^2$  would have units of  $m^2/s^2$ per Hz. We compute STFT periodograms for the plasma velocity, magnetic field and proton density (separately) in the ambient solar wind, sheath and magnetic cloud. The integration limits  $(T_{\min}, T_{\max})$  (Eq 1) would correspond to the start and end times of the structure being considered; for instance, for the sheath STFT periodogram,  $T_{\min}$  and  $T_{\max}$  would correspond to the start and end times of the sheath.

#### 2.2. Dataset used

We use WIND/MFI data for the same set of CMEs used in Bhattacharjee et al. (2023). These are all the events observed between 1995 and 2015 that are listed as Fr or Fr+ in Nieves-Chinchilla et al. (2018) and https://wind.nasa.gov/ICMEindex.php. In selecting events that are listed as Fr or Fr+, we restrict our study to events where the magnetic clouds (MCs) presumably conform best

to the expectations of a flux rope structure. For completeness, we have listed the events in Table A1. We use the nomenclature of Nieves-Chinchilla et al. (2019), where the location marked "ICME start" denotes the start of the sheath and the part between "magnetic cloud (MC) start" and "MC end" is taken to be the body of the CME. The part between the ICME start and the MC start is called the sheath and the part between the MC start and the MC end is called the MC. The background is a (manually chosen) one day stretch of quiet solar wind in the 5 days preceding the event. The details of the criteria used to define the quiet background are mentioned in § 2 of Bhattacharjee et al. (2023). For completeness, we quote the criteria for choosing the one hour background stretch from Bhattacharjee et al. (2023): "The background is a 24-hour window in the 5 days preceding the event and satisfying the following conditions: a) the rms fluctuations of the solar wind velocity for this 24-hour period should not exceed 10% of the mean value b) the rms fluctuations of the total magnetic field for this 24-hour period should not exceed 20% of the mean value c) there are no magnetic field rotations. The first two criteria ensure that the chosen background is quiet. Criterion c) distinguishes the background from the MCs, because MCs are characterized by large rotations of magnetic field components and low plasma beta."

We have avoided events whose pre-event backgrounds overlap. Our work concerns fluctuations in the magnetic field (B), velocity (V) and proton density (n). The quantity B refers to the magnitude of the magnetic field in the WIND/MFI dataset; i.e.,  $B \equiv |\mathbf{B}|$ . Similarly, V refers to the magnitude of the solar wind velocity; i.e.,  $V \equiv |\mathbf{V}|$ . We compute the short-time Fourier transform (STFT) of these quantities for the background, sheath and MC separately. Thus  $B_{bg}$ denotes the STFT of the time series for B for the entire (one day) background stretch,  $\hat{B}_{\text{sheath}}$  denotes the STFT of the time series for B for the entire sheath region and  $\hat{B}_{MC}$  denotes the STFT of the time series for B for the entire MC. The STFTs for the velocity  $(\hat{V}_{bg}, \hat{V}_{sheath}, \hat{V}_{MC})$  and density  $(\hat{n}_{bg}, \hat{n}_{sheath}, \hat{n}_{MC})$ are defined similarly. In computing  $\hat{B}_{bg}$ ,  $\hat{V}_{bg}$  and  $\hat{n}_{bg}$ ,  $T_{min}$  and  $T_{max}$  (Eq 1) correspond to the start and end times of the stretch of solar wind that we define as the background. Similarly,  $T_{\min}$  and  $T_{\max}$  would correspond to the start and end times of the sheath in computing  $\hat{B}_{\text{sheath}}$ ,  $\hat{V}_{\text{sheath}}$  and  $\hat{n}_{\text{sheath}}$ , while they would correspond to the start and end times of the MC in computing  $B_{\rm MC}$ ,  $V_{\rm MC}$ and  $\hat{n}_{MC}$ . Our analysis makes use of the periodograms of  $B_{bg}$ ,  $B_{sheath}$ ,  $B_{MC}$ ,  $\hat{V}_{bg}$ ,  $\hat{V}_{sheath}$ ,  $\hat{V}_{MC}$ ,  $\hat{n}_{bg}$ ,  $\hat{n}_{sheath}$  and  $\hat{n}_{MC}$ .

### 3. Results

### 3.1. Durations of sheath and MC

Before describing our main results, we describe our findings regarding the durations of the background, sheath and MCs. The mean, median and standard deviation of the durations are shown in table 1. A histogram of the durations is shown in Fig 1. As mentioned in § 2.2, the duration of the solar wind background is chosen to be one day. These results are broadly consistent with the findings of Mitsakou and Moussas (2014).

Turbulent power in sheaths and CMEs

Table 1.	Duration	s of sheath	and MC
	$_{\rm (days)}^{\rm Mean}$		$\begin{array}{c} {\rm Standard\ Deviation}\\ {\rm (days)} \end{array}$
Sheath	0.33	0.255	0.29
MC	1.04	0.99	0.47



**Figure 1.** A histogram of the sheath and magnetic cloud durations (in days). The background duration is one day by definition. The mean sheath duration is 0.33 days and the median is 0.25 days. The mean MC duration is 1.04 days and the median is 0.99 days.

#### 3.2. Power in turbulent fluctuations: background, sheath and MC

We define the area under the periodograms  $E_{B \text{ bg}}$ ,  $E_{B \text{ sheath}}$ ,  $E_{B \text{ MC}}$ ,  $E_{V \text{ bg}}$ ,  $E_{V \text{ sheath}}$ ,  $E_{V \text{ MC}}$ ,  $E_{n \text{ bg}}$ ,  $E_{n \text{ sheath}}$  and  $E_{n \text{ MC}}$  as follows:

$$E_{B \text{ bg}} = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} |\hat{B}_{\text{bg}}(f)|^2 df , \ E_{B \text{ sheath}} = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} |\hat{B}_{\text{sheath}}(f)|^2 df , \ E_{B \text{ MC}}(f) = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} |\hat{B}_{\text{MC}}(f)|^2 df ,$$
$$E_{V \text{ bg}} = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} |\hat{V}_{\text{bg}}(f)|^2 df , \ E_{V \text{ sheath}} = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} |\hat{V}_{\text{sheath}}(f)|^2 df , \ E_{V \text{ MC}}(f) = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} |\hat{V}_{\text{MC}}(f)|^2 df ,$$
$$E_{n \text{ bg}} = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} |\hat{n}_{\text{bg}}(f)|^2 df , \ E_{n \text{ sheath}} = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} |\hat{n}_{\text{sheath}}(f)|^2 df , \ E_{n \text{ MC}}(f) = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} |\hat{n}_{\text{MC}}(f)|^2 df .$$
(2)

Eq 2 involves integrals over frequency with lower and upper bounds on frequency (denoted by  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  respectively), which represent the lowest and highest frequencies of fluctuations in the respective Fourier spectrum (e.g., the spectrum of  $\hat{B}_{\rm bg}(f)$  or that of  $\hat{n}_{\rm sheath}(f)$ ). Although we use the same symbols ( $f_1$  and  $f_2$ ) for simplicity of notation,  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are not the same numbers for all the spectra.  $f_1$  is typically  $3 \times 10^{-5}$  Hz and  $f_2$  is typically  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  Hz. By comparison, magnetic field and velocity spectra in the ambient solar wind typically extend from a few times  $10^{-4}$  to a few times  $10^{-3}$  Hz (Borovsky 2012). Going by the units used for WIND/MFI data, the quantities  $E_{B \text{ bg}}$ ,  $E_{B \text{ sheath}}$ and  $E_{B \text{ MC}}$  have units of  $nT^2$ , and are proportional to energy per unit volume  $(J \text{ m}^{-3})$  in magnetic fluctuations. The quantities  $E_{V \text{ bg}}$ ,  $E_{V \text{ sheath}}$  and  $E_{V \text{ MC}}$ have units of  $\text{km}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$ , and are proportional to kinetic energy per unit mass  $(J \text{ kg}^{-1})$  in velocity fluctuations. The quantities  $E_{n \text{ bg}}$ ,  $E_{n \text{ sheath}}$  and  $E_{n \text{ MC}}$  have units of  $\text{cm}^{-6}$ .

Characterizations of turbulent intensity typically involve measurements of the rms deviation of the magnetic field about the mean value inside a moving box of a fixed duration like one hour; e.g., Kilpua, Koskinen, and Pulkkinen (2017), Kilpua et al. (2019). Similarly, Bhattacharjee et al. (2023) compute the ratio of the rms deviation of density and velocity to the mean inside a one hour moving box. The solar wind velocity and magnetic field spectra shown in Borovsky (2012) are computed from 4.55 hour intervals. <sup>1</sup> For our purposes, the point to note is that measures of turbulent fluctuations (whether they are rms deviations or fluctuation spectra) are evaluated on a per-unit-time interval basis. In our case, the appropriate measure would be the turbulent energy densities (defined in Eq 2) per unit time. Accordingly, we define

$$P_{B \text{ bg}} = \frac{E_{B \text{ bg}}}{T_{\text{bg}}}, P_{B \text{ sheath}} = \frac{E_{B \text{ sheath}}}{T_{\text{sheath}}}, P_{B \text{ MC}} = \frac{E_{B \text{ MC}}}{T_{\text{MC}}},$$

$$P_{V \text{ bg}} = \frac{E_{V \text{ bg}}}{T_{\text{bg}}}, P_{V \text{ sheath}} = \frac{E_{V \text{ sheath}}}{T_{\text{sheath}}}, P_{V \text{ MC}} = \frac{E_{V \text{ MC}}}{T_{\text{MC}}},$$

$$P_{n \text{ bg}} = \frac{E_{n \text{ bg}}}{T_{\text{bg}}}, P_{n \text{ sheath}} = \frac{E_{n \text{ sheath}}}{T_{\text{sheath}}}, P_{n \text{ MC}} = \frac{E_{n \text{ MC}}}{T_{\text{MC}}}$$
(3)

where  $T_{\rm bg}$ ,  $T_{\rm sheath}$  and  $T_{\rm MC}$  are the time durations of the background, sheath and MC respectively. These also provide a natural transition to comparisons with wavelet spectra. The quantities  $P_{B\,\rm bg}$ ,  $P_{B\,\rm sheath}$  and  $P_{B\,\rm MC}$  are in units of  $nT^2 \,\rm day^{-1}$ , which is proportional to the power per unit volume (W m<sup>-3</sup>) in turbulent magnetic fluctuations in the background, sheath and MC respectively. The quantities  $P_{V\,\rm bg}$ ,  $P_{V\,\rm sheath}$  and  $P_{V\,\rm MC}$  are in units of km<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>, which is proportional to the power per unit mass (W kg<sup>-1</sup>) in turbulent velocity fluctuations in the background, sheath and MC respectively. While  $P_{n\,\rm bg}$ ,  $P_{n\,\rm sheath}$ and  $P_{n\,\rm MC}$  are in units of (number cm<sup>-3</sup>)<sup>2</sup> and cannot be identified with any such physical quantity, they are still useful diagnostics of density fluctuations.

The quantities defined in Eq 3 provide clear discriminants between the sheath and the MC; their value(s) for each event are listed in Table A2. The quantities in Eq 3 rely on the integrals in Eq 2, which are computed via numerical integration after interpolating the time series of the integrands using the Mathematica software. The interpolation process often fails when the data is highly oscillatory and this has led us to reject 14 events from the original list in Table A1, leading

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ For the solar wind, several such spectra (from each 4.55 hour interval) are typically stacked together to get an average spectrum that has lower noise.

to only 138 events being listed in Table A2. Of these, 21 events have the ICME start coinciding with the MC start, which means that  $T_{\text{sheath}} = 0$  for these events. Since  $T_{\text{sheath}}$  appears in the denominator in Eq 3, we have not listed  $P_{\text{B sheath}}$ ,  $P_{\text{V sheath}}$  and  $P_{\text{n sheath}}$  for these 21 events in Table A2.

Histograms of the quantities defined in Eq 3 (using the events in table A2) will provide a useful overview. Figure 2 is a histogram of  $P_{B \text{ sheath}}$  and  $P_{B \text{ MC}}$ , while figure 3 is a histogram of  $P_{B \text{ bg}}$ . Figure 4 is a histogram of  $P_{V \text{ sheath}}$  and  $P_{V \text{ MC}}$  while figure 5 is a histogram of  $P_{V \text{ bg}}$ . Figure 6 is a histogram of  $P_{n \text{ sheath}}$ and  $P_{n \text{ MC}}$  while figure 7 is a histogram of  $P_{n \text{ bg}}$ . The backgrounds are quiet (by choice); the magnetic field fluctuations in the background are typically two orders of magnitude smaller, velocity fluctuations smaller by a factor of two and a density fluctuations smaller by a factor of 0.7. We therefore show the histograms for the background(s) separately for clarity. We will use the mean, median and most probable values (MPVs) of these histograms for interpretation. Computing means and medians is a straightforward matter, but the MPV involves finding the peak of the envelope to the histogram, and is somewhat sensitive to the bin size. We have used the 'auto' option in matplotlib to determine the optimum bin size for each histogram. This option chooses the smaller of the bin sizes recommended by the Sturges and the Freedman Diaconis estimators (see, for instance, Wand 1997).

A comparison of the means, medians and most probable values (MPV) of figures 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 yields concrete information. Specifically,

- Figure 8 shows a comparison of the mean (blue bar), median (red bar) and MPV (green bar) of the histograms of figures 2 and 3 (which show the power per unit volume (nT<sup>2</sup>/day) in magnetic field fluctuations).
- Figure 9 shows a comparison of the mean (blue bar), median (red bar) and MPV (green bar) of the histograms of figure 4 and figure 5 (which show the power per unit mass (km<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-2</sup> per day) in plasma velocity fluctuations).
- Figure 10 shows a comparison of the mean (blue bar), median (red bar) and MPV (green bar) of the histograms of figure 6 and figure 7.

Table 2 shows the means, MPVs in the sheath in relation to those in the background and the MC. These values refer to the bar charts of figures 8, 9 and 10. For instance, the quantity Mean<sub>sheath</sub>/Mean<sub>bg</sub> for *B* would be the ratio of the blue bar for the sheath to the blue bar for the background in figure 8, the quantity MPV<sub>sheath</sub>/MPV<sub>MC</sub> for *n* would be the ratio of the green bar for the sheath to the green bar for the MC in figure 10 and so on. The values in rows 1, 3 and 5 of table 2 are considerably larger than unity. In other words, (by way of the mean, median and the most probable value for *B*, *V* and *n*) the sheath is significantly more turbulent than the background. The sheath is also more turbulent than the MC (since the values in rows 2, 4 and 6 of table 2 are  $\gtrsim$  1), although the ratios are not as large, and the MPV<sub>sheath</sub>/MPV<sub>MC</sub> for *V* is  $\approx$  1. Previous studies such as Kilpua et al. (2019) have highlighted enhanced turbulence levels in the sheath, but they have only used magnetic field measurements. We have studied turbulent fluctuations in the magnetic field, velocity and density, which allow us to be more comprehensive in finding discriminators between the solar wind background, sheath and MC. Furthermore, they have used rms fluctuations



Figure 2. Histograms of the power per unit volume in magnetic field fluctuations for the sheath and MC (Eq 3).

about the mean in a moving box, which is a different technique from what we have used here.

The numbers cited in table 2 give an overview of all the criteria that could possibly be used to distinguish between the solar wind background, sheath and MC. We now discuss the most significant of these criteria. If one were to go only by the means cited in table 2, the value of 76.7 in row 1, column 2 suggests that magnetic field fluctuations are the best discriminator between the sheath and the background. Going by the same criterion, the value of 9 in row 2, column 3 of table 2 suggests that velocity fluctuations are the best discriminator between the sheath and the MC. Given the rather skewed nature of the histograms (figures 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7), it may be argued that the most probable values (MPVs) might be more relevant, since the means are influenced by the outliers. Going by the MPVs, the value of 39.2 in row 5, column 2 of table 2 suggests that magnetic field fluctuations are the best discriminator between the sheath and the background. However, (going by MPVs) the value of 6.7 in row 6, column 4 of table 2 suggests that density fluctuations are the best discriminator between the sheath and the MC.

## 4. Summary and Discussion

#### 4.1. Summary of results

We study the turbulent fluctuation characteristics of the solar wind backgrounds, sheath and CMEs using a database of 152 well observed events. Our dataset comprises near-Earth *in-situ* measurements of proton density (n) and (the magnitudes of) plasma velocity (V) and magnetic field (B). This provides a sampling of the plasma properties along the line of intercept of WIND spacecraft. In



Figure 3. Histograms of the power per unit volume in magnetic field fluctuations for the solar wind background (Eq 3).



Figure 4. Histograms of the power per unit mass in plasma velocity fluctuations for the sheath and MC (Eq 3).

keeping with the convention followed in the WIND ICME database, the start of the event is called the ICME start and the magnetically structured part of the event that conforms to a flux rope structure is called the magnetic cloud (MC). The part of the event between the ICME start and the MC start is called the sheath. The background is a stretch of quiet solar wind prior to the start of the event. We find that sheaths last for  $\approx 0.33$  days on average and MCs last for  $\approx 1$  day (figure 1).

We compute separate STFT periodograms for the background, sheath and MC (respectively) and use it to find the power density in turbulent B, V and n fluctuations in each of these regions (Eq 3). Histograms of these quantities



Figure 5. Histograms of the power per unit mass in plasma velocity fluctuations for the solar wind background.



Figure 6. Histograms of the power density in density fluctuations for the sheath and MC (Eq 3).

are shown in figures 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and their statistics are summarized in figures 8, 9 and 10. The ratio of the heights of the bars corresponding to the sheath, solar wind background and MC in figures 8, 9 and 10 are given in table 2.

The most significant discriminators (by way of turbulent fluctuations) are as follows: the mean value of the power per unit volume in magnetic field fluctuations  $(nT^2 day^{-1})$  in the sheath is 76.7 times that in the solar wind background, while the mean value of the power per unit mass in velocity fluctuations  $(km^2 s^{-2} day^{-1})$  in the sheath is 9 times that in the MC. Going by the long tails of the histograms in figures 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, it may be argued that the means are influenced by the infrequent, large values, and most probable values



Figure 7. Histograms of the power density in density fluctuations for the solar wind background (Eq 3).



Figure 8. The mean, median and most probable value of the power per unit volume in magnetic fluctuations (Figs 2 and 3). All quantities are in  $nT^2 day^{-1}$ 

Table 2. Contrast between turbulent power in the sheath, background and  $\mathrm{MC}$ 

	B	V	n
$\mathrm{Mean}_{\mathrm{sheath}}/\mathrm{Mean}_{\mathrm{bg}}$	76.7	15.4	5.7
$Mean_{sheath}/Mean_{MC}$	4.3	9	4.2
$\mathrm{Median_{sheath}/Median_{bg}}$	23.8	2.1	2.3
$Median_{sheath}/Median_{MC}$	2.8	1.8	3.5
$\mathrm{MPV}_{\mathrm{sheath}}/\mathrm{MPV}_{\mathrm{bg}}$	39.2	2.4	5
$\mathrm{MPV_{sheath}/MPV_{MC}}$	3.6	0.94	6.7



Figure 9. The mean, median and most probable value of the power per unit mass in velocity fluctuations (Figs 4 and 5). All quantities are in  $\text{km}^2 \text{ s}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ 



Figure 10. The mean, median and most probable value of the power density in proton density fluctuations (Figs 6 and 7). All quantities are in  $\rm cm^{-6} \, day^{-1}$ 

(MPVs) are better statistical measures. The most probable value of the magnetic fluctuation power per unit volume  $(nT^2 day^{-1})$  in the sheath is 39.2 times that in the solar wind background. Interestingly, by way of the MPVs, the density fluctuation power per unit volume in the sheath is 6.7 times that in the MC, and is thus the best discriminator between these regions.

### 4.2. Discussion and conclusions

We show a simple, practical method to quantify the notion of i) the sheath being significantly more turbulent than the background solar wind and ii) the sheath being a turbulent precursor to a relatively quieter MC. It is already well known that magnetic field fluctuations in the sheath are larger than those in the ambient solar wind (Kilpua, Koskinen, and Pulkkinen 2017).

We build on this and give comprehensive quantitative measures of the contrast between the turbulent power in the sheath, solar wind background and MC, not only for the magnetic field, but also for the solar wind speed and the proton density. The data in table 2 can serve as useful inputs to automated methods (which often have trouble distinguishing between the sheath and MC; e.g., Narock et al. 2024) for determining the start of the sheath and the transition between the sheath and the MC. For instance, if the mean turbulent power in magnetic fields increases by a factor of  $\approx$  76, that in the velocity by a factor of  $\approx 15$  and that in the density by a factor of  $\approx 5$ , it indicates that the spacecraft has transitioned from the background solar wind to the sheath region. Similarly, if the mean turbulent power in magnetic fields decreases by a factor of  $\approx 1/4.3 = 0.23$ , that in the velocity by a factor of  $\approx 1/9 = 0.1$ and that in the density by a factor of  $\approx 1/4.2 = 0.23$ , it indicates that the spacecraft has transitioned from the sheath into the MC. The numbers in table 2 are probably lower bounds, because we consider each region (e.g., sheath, MC) to be a single entity and our results only give average values for the entire sheath/MC. The turbulent fields in these regions likely have substructure, with power concentrated in turbulent "spots". The substructure can be revealed via techniques such as wavelet transforms (Kilpua et al. 2013) and our results can be viewed as a precursor to more detailed wavelet-based analysis. Furthermore, we have used only with the magnitudes of the plasma velocity and magnetic field. A separate examination of their components might also be useful. In particular, the role of turbulent fluctuations in the southward directed magnetic field component in causing geomagnetic disturbances might be interesting.

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# Appendix

Table A1. The list of the 152 Wind ICME events we use in this study. The arrival date and time of the ICME at the position of Wind measurement and the arrival and departure dates & times of the associated magnetic clouds (MCs) are taken from Wind ICME catalogue (https://wind.nasa.gov/ICMEindex.php). Fr events indicate MCs with a single magnetic field rotation between 90° and 180° and F+ events indicate MCs with a single magnetic field rotation greater than 180° (Nieves-Chinchilla et al. 2018). The 14 events marked with and asterisk (\*) coincide with the near earth counterparts of 14 CMEs listed in (Sachdeva et al. 2017).

CME	CME Arrival date	MC start	MC end	Flux rope
event	and time[UT]	date and	date and	type
number	(1AU)	time $[UT]$	time $[UT]$	
1	1995 03 04 , 00:36	1995 03 04 , 11:23	1995 03 05 , 03:06	Fr
2	$1995\ 04\ 03\ ,\ 06{:}43$	$1995\ 04\ 03$ , $12:45$	1995 04 04 , 13:25	F+
3	1995 06 30 , 09:21	$1995\ 06\ 30\ ,\ 14{:}23$	1995 07 $02$ , 16:47	$\mathbf{Fr}$
4	$1995 \ 08 \ 22 \ , \ 12:56$	$1995\ 08\ 22$ , $22:19$	$1995\ 08\ 23$ , $18:43$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
5	1995 09 $26$ , 15:57	$1995 \ 09 \ 27$ , $03{:}36$	1995 09 27 , 21:21	$\mathbf{Fr}$
6	1995 $10\ 18$ , 10:40	$1995\ 10\ 18\ ,\ 19:11$	$1995\ 10\ 20\ ,\ 02{:}23$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
7	1996 $02\ 15$ , 15:07	1996 $02\ 15$ , 15:07	$1996\ 02\ 16\ ,\ 08{:}59$	F+
8	1996 $04\ 04$ , 11:59	1996 04 04 , 11:59	1996 04 04 , 21:36	$\mathbf{Fr}$
9	1996 05 $16$ , 22:47	$1996\ 05\ 17$ , $01:36$	1996 05 $17$ , 11:58	$\mathbf{F}+$
10	1996 05 $27$ , 14:45	1996 05 $27$ , 14:45	1996 05 $29$ , 02:22	$\mathbf{Fr}$
11	1996 07 01 , 13:05	$1996 \ 07 \ 01 \ , \ 17:16$	1996 07 $02$ , 10:17	$\mathbf{Fr}$
12	1996 $08\ 07$ , $08{:}23$	1996 $08\ 07$ , 11:59	$1996\ 08\ 08\ ,\ 13{:}12$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
13	1996 12 24 , 01:26	$1996\ 12\ 24\ ,\ 03{:}07$	$1996 \ 12 \ 25 \ , \ 11:44$	F+
14	$1997 \ 01 \ 10 \ , \ 00:52$	$1997 \ 01 \ 10 \ , \ 04:47$	$1997 \ 01 \ 11 \ , \ 03:36$	$\mathbf{F}+$
15	1997 04 $10$ , 17:02	$1997\ 04\ 11\ ,\ 05{:}45$	$1997 \ 04 \ 11 \ , \ 19:10$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
16	$1997 \ 04 \ 21 \ , \ 10:11$	$1997 \ 04 \ 21 \ , \ 11:59$	$1997 \ 04 \ 23 \ , \ 07{:}11$	$\mathbf{F}+$
17	$1997 \ 05 \ 15 \ , \ 01:15$	$1997 \ 05 \ 15 \ , \ 10:00$	$1997 \ 05 \ 16 \ , \ 02:37$	$\mathbf{F}+$
18	$1997 \ 05 \ 26 \ , \ 09:09$	$1997 \ 05 \ 26 \ , \ 15:35$	$1997 \ 05 \ 28 \ , \ 00:00$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
19	$1997 \ 06 \ 08 \ , \ 15:43$	$1997 \ 06 \ 09 \ , \ 06:18$	$1997\ 06\ 09\ ,\ 23:01$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
20	$1997 \ 06 \ 19 \ , \ 00:00$	$1997\ 06\ 19$ , $05:31$	$1997 \ 06 \ 20 \ , \ 22:29$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
21	$1997 \ 07 \ 15 \ , \ 03:10$	$1997 \ 07 \ 15 \ , \ 06:48$	$1997 \ 07 \ 16 \ , \ 11:16$	F+
22	$1997 \ 08 \ 03 \ , \ 10:10$	$1997 \ 08 \ 03 \ , \ 13:55$	$1997 \ 08 \ 04 \ , \ 02{:}23$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
23	$1997 \ 08 \ 17 \ , \ 01:56$	$1997 \ 08 \ 17 \ , \ 06:33$	$1997 \ 08 \ 17 \ , \ 20:09$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
24	$1997 \ 09 \ 02 \ , \ 22:40$	$1997 \ 09 \ 03 \ , \ 08:38$	$1997 \ 09 \ 03 \ , \ 20:59$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
25	1997 09 $18$ , 00:30	$1997\ 09\ 18\ ,\ 04{:}07$	$1997 \ 09 \ 19$ , $23:59$	F+
26	$1997 \ 10 \ 01 \ , \ 11:45$	$1997 \ 10 \ 01 \ , \ 17:08$	$1997 \ 10 \ 02 \ , \ 23:15$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
27	$1997 \ 10 \ 10 \ , \ 03:08$	$1997 \ 10 \ 10 \ , \ 15:33$	$1997 \ 10 \ 11 \ , \ 22:00$	$\mathbf{F}+$
28	$1997 \ 11 \ 06 \ , \ 22:25$	$1997 \ 11 \ 07 \ , \ 06:00$	$1997 \ 11 \ 08 \ , \ 22:46$	$\mathbf{F}+$
29	$1997\ 11\ 22\ ,\ 09{:}12$	$1997 \ 11 \ 22 \ , \ 17:31$	$1997 \ 11 \ 23 \ , \ 18:43$	F+
30	$1997 \ 12 \ 30 \ , \ 01:13$	$1997 \ 12 \ 30 \ , \ 09:35$	$1997 \ 12 \ 31 \ , \ 08:51$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
31	$1998 \ 01 \ 06 \ , \ 13:29$	1998 01 07 , 02:23	1998 01 08 , 07:54	F+
32	$1998 \ 01 \ 28 \ , \ 16:04$	$1998 \ 01 \ 29 \ , \ 13:12$	$1998 \ 01 \ 31 \ , \ 00:00$	$\mathbf{F}+$
33	1998 03 $25$ , 10:48	$1998 \ 03 \ 25 \ , \ 14:23$	$1998 \ 03 \ 26 \ , \ 08:57$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
34	$1998 \ 03 \ 31 \ , \ 07{:}11$	$1998 \ 03 \ 31 \ , \ 11:59$	$1998 \ 04 \ 01 \ , \ 16:18$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
35	$1998 \ 05 \ 01 \ , \ 21:21$	$1998\ 05\ 02$ , $11:31$	$1998\ 05\ 03$ , $16:47$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
36	$1998 \ 06 \ 02 \ , \ 10:28$	$1998\ 06\ 02$ , $10:28$	$1998 \ 06 \ 02 \ , \ 09:16$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
37	$1998 \ 06 \ 24 \ , \ 10:47$	$1998\ 06\ 24$ , $13:26$	$1998 \ 06 \ 25 \ , \ 22:33$	$\mathbf{F}+$
38	$1998 \ 07 \ 10 \ , \ 22:36$	$1998 \ 07 \ 10 \ , \ 22:36$	$1998 \ 07 \ 12 \ , \ 21:34$	F+
39	1998 08 19 , 18:40	1998 08 20 , 08:38	1998 08 21 , 20:09	F+
40	$1998 \ 10 \ 18 \ , \ 19:30$	$1998\ 10\ 19\ ,\ 04{:}19$	$1998\ 10\ 20\ ,\ 07{:}11$	F+

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Table A1.

CME	CME Arrival date	MC start	MC end	Flux rope
event	and time[UT]	date and	date and	type
number	(1AU)	time [UT]	time [UT]	51
	( )	[ ]	[ ]	
41	$1999\ 02\ 11\ ,\ 17:41$	$1999\ 02\ 11\ ,\ 17:41$	$1999\ 02\ 12\ ,\ 03:35$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
42	$1999 \ 07 \ 02 \ , \ 00:27$	$1999\ 07\ 03\ ,\ 08:09$	$1999\ 07\ 05\ ,\ 13:13$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
43	$1999 \ 09 \ 21 \ , \ 18:57$	1999 09 21 , 18:57	1999 09 22 , 11:31	$\mathbf{Fr}$
44	2000 02 11 , 23:34	2000 02 12 , 12:20	$2000\ 02\ 13\ ,\ 00:35$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
45	2000 02 20 , 21:03	2000 02 21 , 14:24	2000 02 22 , 13:16	Fr _
46	2000 03 01 , 01:58	2000 03 01 , 03:21	$2000\ 03\ 02\ ,\ 03:07$	Fr
47	2000 07 01 , 07:12	2000 07 01 , 07:12	2000 07 02 , 03:34	Fr
48	2000 07 11 , 22:35	2000 07 11 , 22:35	2000 07 13, 04:33	Fr
49	2000 07 28 , 06:38	2000 07 28 , 14:24	2000 07 29, 10:06	F'+
50	2000 09 02 , 23:16	2000 09 02 , 23:16	2000 09 03 , 22:32	Fr
51	2000 10 03 , 01:02	2000 10 03 , 09:36	2000 10 05, 03:34	F'+
52	2000 10 12 , 22:33	2000 10 13, 18:24	2000 10 14 , 19:12	Fr
53	2000 11 06 , 09:30	2000 11 06 , 23:05	2000 11 07, 18:05	Fr
54	2000 11 26 , 11:43	2000 11 27, 09:30	2000 11 28 , 09:36	Fr
55	2001 04 21 , 15:29	2001 04 22 , 00:28	2001 04 23 , 01:11	Fr
56	2001 10 21 , 16:39	2001 10 22, 01:17	2001 10 23, 00:47	Fr
57	2001 11 24, 05:51	2001 11 24 , 15:47	2001 11 25 , 13:17	Fr
58	2001 12 29, 05:16	2001 12 30 , 03:24	2001 12 30 , 19:10	Fr
59	2002 02 28 , 05:06	2002 02 28 , 19:11	2002 03 01 , 23:15	Fr
60	2002 03 18, 13:14	2002 03 19, 06:14	2002 03 20 , 15:36	Fr
61	2002 03 23 , 11:24	2002 03 24 , 13:11	2002 03 25 , 21:36	Fr
62	2002 04 17, 11:01	2002 04 17 , 21:36	2002 04 19, 08:22	F'+
63	2002 07 17, 15:56	2002 07 18, 13:26	2002 07 19,09:35	Fr
64	2002 08 18, 18:40	2002 08 19, 19:12	2002 08 21 , 13:25	Fr
65	2002 08 26 , 11:16	2002 08 26 , 14:23	2002 08 27, 10:47	Fr
66	2002 09 30 , 07:54	2002 09 30 , 22:04	2002 10 01 , 20:08	F+
67	2002 12 21 , 03:21	2002 12 21 , 10:20	2002 12 22 , 15:36	Fr
68	2003 01 26 , 21:43	2003 01 27, 01:40	2003 01 27, 16:04	Fr
69 <b>5</b> 0	2003 02 01 , 13:06	2003 02 02 , 19:11	2003 02 03 , 09:35	Fr
70	$2003\ 03\ 20\ ,\ 04:30$	2003 03 20, 11:54	2003 03 20 , 22:22	Fr
71	2003 06 16 , 22:33	2003 06 16 , 17:48	2003 06 18, 08:18	Fr
72	2003 08 04 , 20:23	$2003\ 08\ 05\ ,\ 01:10$	2003 08 06 , 02:23	Fr
73	2003 11 20, 08:35	2003 11 20 , 11:31	2003 11 21, 01:40	Fr
74	2004 04 03 , 09:55	2004 04 04 , 01:11	2004 04 05 , 19:11	F+
70	2004 09 17, 20:52	2004 09 18, 12:28	2004 09 19, 10:58	Fr E
70 77	$2005\ 05\ 15\ ,\ 02:10$	$2005\ 05\ 15\ ,\ 05:31$	$2005\ 05\ 10\ ,\ 22:47$	F+
70	$2005\ 05\ 20\ ,\ 04:47$	2005 05 20, 09:35	2005 05 22 , 02:23	F+
(ð 70	2000 07 17, 14:52	2000 07 17, 14:52	2005 10 21 18,49	гг Бъ
19	2000 10 31, 02:23	2000 10 31, 02:23	2000 10 31, 18:42	rr F
6U 91	2000 02 00 , 18:14	2000 02 00 , 20:23	2000 02 00 , 11:59	г+ Г।
61	2000 09 30 , 02:52	2000 09 30, 08:23	2000 09 30 , 22:03	г+ Бъ
82	2000 11 18, 07:11	2000 11 18, 07:11	2000 11 20, 04:47	гr Бж
03 04	2007 06 08 05.45	2007 06 08 05.45	2007 06 00 05.15	гг Бъ
04 95	2007 00 08 , 03:45 2007 11 10 17:22	2007 00 08 , 00:45	2007 00 09,00:15 2007 11 20 11.21	rr Fr
60	2007 11 19, 17:22	2007 11 20,00:33	2007 11 20 , 11:31	ГГ

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CME	CME Arrival date	MC start date and	MC end	Flux rope
number	(1AU)	time [UT]	time [UT]	type
	(1110)			
86	2008 05 23, 01:12	2008 05 23 , 01:12	2008 05 23 , 10:46	F+
87	2008 09 03 , 16:33	2008 09 03 , 16:33	2008 09 04 , 03:49	F+
88	2008 09 17, 00:43	2008 09 17, 03:57	2008 09 18, 08:09	Fr
89	2008 12 04 , 11:59	2008 12 04 , 16:47	2008 12 05, 10:47	Fr
90	2008 12 17, 03:35	2008 12 17, 03:35	2008 12 17 , 15:35	Fr
91	2009 02 03 , 19:21	2009 02 03 , 01:12	2009 02 04 , 19:40	F+
92	2009 03 11 , 22:04	2009 03 12, 01:12	2009 03 13, 01:40	F+
93	2009 04 22 , 11:16	2009 04 22 , 14:09	2009 04 22 , 20:37	Fr
94	2009 06 03 , 13:40	$2009\ 06\ 03\ ,\ 20:52$	$2009\ 06\ 05\ ,\ 05:31$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
95	2009 06 27 , 11:02	$2009\ 06\ 27\ ,\ 17:59$	2009 06 28 , 20:24	F+
96	$2009 \ 07 \ 21 \ , \ 02:53$	$2009 \ 07 \ 21 \ , \ 04:48$	2009 07 22 , 03:36	$\mathbf{Fr}$
97	2009 09 10 , 10:19	2009 09 10 , 10:19	2009 09 10 , 19:26	$\mathbf{Fr}$
98	$2009 \ 09 \ 30 \ , \ 00:44$	$2009 \ 09 \ 30 \ , \ 06:59$	2009 09 30 , 19:11	$\mathbf{Fr}$
99	2009 10 29 , 01:26	$2009 \ 10 \ 29$ , $01:26$	$2009 \ 10 \ 29$ , $23:45$	F+
100	2009 11 14 , 10:47	2009 11 14 , 10:47	2009 11 15 , 11:45	$\mathbf{Fr}$
101	$2009 \ 12 \ 12 \ , \ 04:47$	$2009\ 12\ 12\ ,\ 19{:}26$	$2009 \ 12 \ 14 \ , \ 04:47$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
102	2010 01 01 , 22:04	$2010 \ 01 \ 02 \ , \ 00:14$	$2010 \ 01 \ 03 \ , \ 09:06$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
103	$2010\ 02\ 07$ , $18:04$	$2010\ 02\ 07$ , $19:11$	$2010\ 02\ 09$ , $05:42$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
$104^{*}$	$2010 \ 03 \ 23 \ , \ 22:29$	$2010\ 03\ 23$ , $22:23$	$2010 \ 03 \ 24 \ , \ 15:36$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
$105^{*}$	$2010\ 04\ 05\ ,\ 07:55$	$2010\ 04\ 05\ ,\ 11:59$	$2010\ 04\ 06$ , $16:48$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
106*	$2010\ 04\ 11\ ,\ 12:20$	$2010\ 04\ 11\ ,\ 21:36$	$2010\ 04\ 12\ ,\ 14{:}12$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
107	$2010\ 05\ 28$ , $01{:}55$	$2010\ 05\ 29$ , $19{:}12$	$2010\ 05\ 29$ , $17{:}58$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
108*	$2010\ 06\ 21$ , $03:35$	$2010\ 06\ 21$ , $06{:}28$	$2010\ 06\ 22\ ,\ 12{:}43$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
109*	$2010\ 09\ 15$ , $02{:}24$	$2010\ 09\ 15$ , $02{:}24$	$2010 \ 09 \ 16 \ , \ 11:58$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
$110^{*}$	$2010\ 10\ 31\ ,\ 02{:}09$	$2010\ 10\ 30\ ,\ 05{:}16$	$2010\ 11\ 01\ ,\ 20:38$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
111	$2010\ 12\ 19\ ,\ 00{:}35$	$2010\ 12\ 19\ ,\ 22{:}33$	$2010\ 12\ 20\ ,\ 22{:}14$	F+
112	$2011 \ 01 \ 24 \ , \ 06{:}43$	$2011\ 01\ 24\ ,\ 10{:}33$	$2011\ 01\ 25\ ,\ 22{:}04$	F+
$113^{*}$	$2011 \ 03 \ 29$ , $15:12$	$2011\ 03\ 29$ , $23:59$	$2011\ 04\ 01\ ,\ 14{:}52$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
114	$2011 \ 05 \ 28 \ , \ 00:14$	$2011 \ 05 \ 28 \ , \ 05:31$	$2011 \ 05 \ 28$ , $22:47$	F+
115	$2011 \ 06 \ 04 \ , \ 20:06$	$2011 \ 06 \ 05 \ , \ 01:12$	$2011\ 06\ 05\ ,\ 18{:}13$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
116	$2011\ 07\ 03\ ,\ 19{:}12$	$2011 \ 07 \ 03 \ , \ 19:12$	$2011 \ 07 \ 04 \ , \ 19:12$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
$117^{*}$	$2011 \ 09 \ 17$ , $02:57$	$2011 \ 09 \ 17$ , $15:35$	$2011 \ 09 \ 18 \ , \ 21:07$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
118	$2012\ 02\ 14\ ,\ 07{:}11$	$2012\ 02\ 14$ , $20:52$	$2012\ 02\ 16\ ,\ 04{:}47$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
119	2012 04 05 , 14:23	$2012 \ 04 \ 05 \ , \ 19:41$	2012 04 06 , 21:36	$\mathbf{Fr}$
120	$2012 \ 05 \ 03 \ , \ 00:59$	$2012 \ 05 \ 04 \ , \ 03:36$	$2012 \ 05 \ 05 \ , \ 11:22$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
121	2012 05 16 , 12:28	2012 05 16 , 16:04	2012 05 18 , 02:11	$\mathbf{Fr}$
122	2012 06 11 , 02:52	2012 06 11 , 11:31	2012 06 12 , 05:16	$\mathbf{Fr}$
$123^{*}$	2012 06 16 , 09:03	2012 06 16 , 22:01	2012 06 17 , 11:23	F+
$124^{*}$	2012 07 14 , 17:39	$2012 \ 07 \ 15 \ , \ 06:14$	$2012 \ 07 \ 17 \ , \ 03:22$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
125	2012 08 12 , 12:37	2012 08 12 , 19:12	2012 08 13 , 05:01	Fr
126	2012 08 18 , 03:25	2012 08 18 , 19:12	2012 08 19, 08:22	Fr
127*	2012 10 08 , 04:12	2012 10 08 , 15:50	2012 10 09 , 17:17	$\mathbf{Fr}$
128	2012 10 12, 08:09	2012 10 12 , 18:09	2012 10 13 . 09:14	$\mathbf{Fr}$
129*	2012 10 31 . 14:28	2012 10 31 . 23:35	2012 11 02 . 05:21	$\mathbf{F}+$
120*	2012 02 17 05 01	2012 02 17 14:00	2012 02 10 16.04	E.

# Table A1.

CME event number	CME Arrival date and time[UT] (1AU)	MC start date and time [UT]	MC end date and time [UT]	Flux rope type
131*	2013 04 13 , 22:13	2013 04 14 , 17:02	$2013 \ 04 \ 17 \ , \ 05:30$	F+
132	$2013\ 04\ 30\ ,\ 08{:}52$	$2013\ 04\ 30\ ,\ 12{:}00$	$2013\ 05\ 01\ ,\ 07{:}12$	Fr
133	$2013 \ 05 \ 14 \ , \ 02:23$	$2013\ 05\ 14$ , $06:00$	$2013\ 05\ 15$ , $06{:}28$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
134	$2013\ 06\ 06\ ,\ 02{:}09$	$2013\ 06\ 06\ ,\ 14{:}23$	$2013\ 06\ 08\ ,\ 00{:}00$	F+
135	$2013 \ 06 \ 27$ , $13:51$	$2013\ 06\ 28$ , $02{:}23$	$2013\ 06\ 29$ , $11:59$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
136	$2013 \ 09 \ 01 \ , \ 06:14$	$2013 \ 09 \ 01 \ , \ 13:55$	$2013\ 09\ 02$ , $01{:}56$	Fr
137	$2013 \ 10 \ 30 \ , \ 18:14$	$2013 \ 10 \ 30 \ , \ 18:14$	$2013 \ 10 \ 31$ , $05:30$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
138	$2013\ 11\ 08$ , $21{:}07$	$2013\ 11\ 08\ ,\ 23{:}59$	$2013\ 11\ 09\ ,\ 06{:}14$	Fr
139	$2013\ 11\ 23\ ,\ 00{:}14$	$2013\ 11\ 23\ ,\ 04{:}47$	$2013\ 11\ 23\ ,\ 15:35$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
140	$2013\ 12\ 14\ ,\ 16{:}47$	$2013\ 12\ 15\ ,\ 16{:}47$	$2013\ 12\ 16\ ,\ 05{:}30$	Fr
141	$2013\ 12\ 24\ ,\ 20:36$	$2013\ 12\ 25\ ,\ 04{:}47$	$2013\ 12\ 25\ ,\ 17{:}59$	$\mathbf{F}+$
142	$2014\ 04\ 05\ ,\ 09{:}58$	$2014\ 04\ 05$ , $22{:}18$	$2014\ 04\ 07\ ,\ 14{:}24$	Fr
143	$2014\ 04\ 11\ ,\ 06{:}57$	$2014\ 04\ 11\ ,\ 06{:}57$	$2014\ 04\ 12$ , $20{:}52$	$\mathbf{F}+$
144	$2014 \ 04 \ 20, \ 10:20$	$2014\ 04\ 21\ ,\ 07{:}41$	$2014\ 04\ 22\ ,\ 06{:}12$	Fr
145	$2014\ 04\ 29\ ,\ 19{:}11$	$2014\ 04\ 29\ ,\ 19{:}11$	$2014\ 04\ 30\ ,\ 16{:}33$	Fr
146	$2014\ 06\ 29\ ,\ 04{:}47$	$2014\ 06\ 29$ , $20{:}53$	$2014\ 06\ 30\ ,\ 11{:}15$	Fr
147	$2014\ 08\ 19$ , $05{:}49$	$2014\ 08\ 19$ , $17{:}59$	$2014\ 08\ 21$ , $19{:}09$	$\mathbf{F}+$
148	$2014\ 08\ 26\ ,\ 02{:}40$	$2014\ 08\ 27\ ,\ 03{:}07$	$2014\ 08\ 27$ , $21{:}49$	Fr
149	$2015\ 01\ 07$ , $05{:}38$	$2015\ 01\ 07$ , $06{:}28$	$2015\ 01\ 07$ , $21{:}07$	$\mathbf{F}+$
150	$2015 \ 09 \ 07 \ , \ 13:05$	$2015\ 09\ 07$ , $23{:}31$	$2015\ 09\ 09$ , $14{:}52$	$\mathbf{F}+$
151	$2015\ 10\ 06\ ,\ 21{:}35$	$2015\ 10\ 06\ ,\ 21{:}35$	$2015\ 10\ 07$ , $10{:}03$	$\mathbf{Fr}$
152	$2015\ 12\ 19\ ,\ 15{:}35$	$2015\ 12\ 20\ ,\ 13{:}40$	$2015\ 12\ 21\ ,\ 23{:}02$	Fr

Event	Sh dur	MC dur	$P_{\mathrm{Bsh}}$	$P_{\rm Vsh}$	$P_{\rm dsh}$	$P_{\rm BMC}$	$P_{\rm VMC}$	$P_{\rm dMC}$	$P_{\rm Bbg}$	$P_{\rm Vbg}$	$P_{\rm dbg}$
1	0.449	0.655	1.64E-02	6.62E + 00	4.95E-01	2.05E-02	1.17E + 00	7.90E-02	2.40E-03	6.60E + 00	4.24E-03
2	0.251	1.03	2.52E-02	3.80E+00	7.79E-03	7.04E-03	4.52E + 00	3.14E-03	3.14E-03	$1.43E{+}01$	3.18E-01
3	0.21	2.1	9.47E-02	7.32E-01	1.55E+00	4.30E-03	5.59E + 00	4.37E-02	9.42E-03	1.14E + 00	2.63E-01
4	0.39	0.85	3.85E-02	1.72E + 00	1.39E-01	9.14E-03	$1.01E{+}00$	1.30E-01	2.76E-03	$2.19E{+}00$	3.16E-01
5	0.485	0.74	1.84E-02	1.44E+00	4.19E-02	9.52E-02	6.43E + 00	1.41E-01	1.72E-03	$3.31E{+}00$	3.70E-01
6	0.354	1.3	1.78E-01	$1.52E{+}00$	2.54E + 00	1.96E-02	7.21E-01	8.49E-01	2.74E-03	9.51E-01	4.82E-02
7	0	0.74	-	-	-	2.19E-02	$1.76E{+}00$	4.15E-01	1.40E-03	5.80E + 00	2.96E-02
8	0	0.4	-	-	-	4.13E-02	$1.81E{+}00$	1.71E-01	4.82E-03	3.43E-01	1.25E-01
9	0.117	0.43	1.05E-01	1.23E + 02	1.17E-01	7.94E-03	9.64E-01	9.59E-03	6.20E-03	4.45E + 00	8.23E-03
10	0	1.48	-	-	-	8.80E-03	1.58E + 00	1.89E-01	4.60E-03	4.41E + 00	3.34E-01
11	0.174	0.7	4.57E-02	1.72E + 00	3.82E-01	3.15E-02	6.27E-01	9.27E-02	6.33E-03	$1.20E{+}00$	7.91E-02
12	0.15	1.05	1.82E-02	2.98E-01	4.77E-02	6.00E-03	3.04E-01	9.40E-03	5.95E-04	$1.20E{+}00$	7.82E-02
13	0.07	1.36	1.14E-01	4.71E + 00	1.66E + 00	1.11E-02	2.15E+00	7.66E-02	2.66E-03	8.48E-01	2.22E-01
14	0.163	0.93	2.76E-02	$9.31E{+}00$	5.91E-02	1.24E-02	2.54E + 00	6.00E + 00	5.12E-03	6.93E-01	9.28E-02
15	0.53	0.56	9.51E-02	$5.51E{+}00$	5.04E-01	1.49E-01	1.18E + 00	2.53E-01	4.84E-03	4.74E-01	1.81E-02
16	0.075	1.8	1.16E-01	2.48E + 00	4.21E-01	6.33E-03	$2.31E{+}00$	4.99E-02	4.38E-04	1.87E + 00	7.71E-04
17	0.364	0.69	7.66E-02	2.33E+00	1.05E+00	1.87E-01	$6.05E{+}00$	6.11E-02	1.58E-03	5.32E-01	1.20E-02
18	0.268	1.35	1.37E-01	1.07E + 01	8.06E-01	8.15E-03	9.75E-01	5.36E-02	4.26E-03	1.02E-01	3.11E-02
19	0.6	0.696	1.62E-02	7.03E-01	1.13E-01	1.44E-02	$1.71E{+}00$	1.74E-01	6.03E-04	1.46E + 00	2.51E-01
20	0.23	1.7	2.33E-02	2.20E + 00	2.11E-01	2.40E-03	1.99E+00	9.56E-03	2.20E-03	$1.25E{+}00$	2.18E-01
21	0.151	1.18	1.45E-01	8.81E+00	3.42E + 00	2.15E-02	5.68E-01	5.59E-02	8.43E-04	3.77E-01	1.17E-01
22	0.156	0.52	3.97E-01	5.37E + 00	4.03E+00	1.74E-02	$1.10E{+}01$	3.45E-01	6.59E-03	$1.12E{+}00$	3.87E-02
23	0.192	0.57	2.48E-02	1.54E + 01	2.89E-02	1.32E-02	1.06E+00	2.72E-02	3.15E-03	3.37E + 00	1.45E-01
24	0.41	0.514	1 17E-02	$3.35E \pm 0.0$	2 69E-01	3 44E-02	$2.81E \pm 00$	2 51E-01	2.62E-03	$2.43E \pm 00$	1 31E-02

Table A2. Column 1 gives the event number corresponding to the events listed in Table A1. We note that some events in Table A1 do not appear here. Column 2 gives the time duration of the sheath in days. We note that the sheath duration can be zero for some events. Column 3 gives the time duration of the MC in days. Coulmns 4 to 12 list the quantities defined in Eq 3 for each event.

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Event	Sh dur	MC dur	$P_{\rm Bsh}$	$P_{\rm Vsh}$	$P_{\rm dsh}$	$P_{\rm BMC}$	$P_{\rm VMC}$	$P_{\rm dMC}$	$P_{\rm Bbg}$	$P_{\rm Vbg}$	$P_{\rm dbg}$
41	0	0.41	-	-	-	1.54E-01	$9.15E{+}00$	$8.85E{+}00$	1.66E-03	5.39E-01	1.11E-01
42	1.32	2.21	1.57E-02	5.01E + 00	1.81E-02	1.94E-04	7.26E + 00	2.38E-02	1.88E-03	1.36E + 01	2.01E-01
43	0	0.69	-	-	-	1.18E-02	1.80E-01	5.79E-02	5.31E-03	4.91E-01	8.08E-02
44	0.532	0.51	1.62E-01	8.14E + 00	4.80E-01	6.12E-02	$1.56E{+}00$	1.75E-01	1.22E-03	8.64E + 00	7.12E-04
45	0.723	0.953	7.21E-02	3.14E + 00	6.75E-01	1.56E-02	3.22E + 00	1.99E-01	3.86E-04	$1.10E{+}00$	1.11E-01
46	0.06	0.99	6.19E-02	9.35E-01	7.93E-02	8.21E-03	6.22E + 00	1.02E-02	1.25E-03	2.98E+00	2.23E-01
47	0	0.85	-	-	-	2.97E-03	1.32E + 00	6.65E-02	1.04E-03	1.96E + 00	2.09E-03
48	0	1.25	-	-	-	4.41E-03	3.36E + 00	1.02E-01	3.71E-03	$1.50E{+}00$	3.40E-03
49	0.323	0.82	8.18E-02	1.42E+01	$1.19E{+}00$	2.61E-02	8.12E-01	3.00E-01	1.00E-02	4.66E + 00	2.55E-01
50	0	0.97	-	-	-	9.19E-03	2.74E + 00	1.16E-02	4.90E-04	$2.95E{+}00$	1.66E-01
51	0.357	1.75	3.83E-02	2.02E + 00	2.50E-01	2.50E-02	1.27E + 00	8.49E-02	2.70E-03	8.07E + 00	1.45E-01
52	0.827	1.03	4.13E-02	3.07E + 00	1.14E + 00	3.07E-03	6.09E-01	4.54E-02	3.98E-03	1.96E-01	4.18E-02
53	0.566	0.792	4.86E-02	5.50E + 00	9.85E-01	6.00E-02	9.84E + 00	4.68E-02	1.12E-03	7.94E-01	1.02E + 00
54	0.9	1.0	1.25E-01	$4.09E{+}00$	4.54E-01	4.14E-02	7.29E + 00	1.75E-01	6.13E-03	$1.95E{+}00$	1.54E-01
55	0.374	1.03	2.16E-02	8.09E-01	5.05E-01	2.77E-02	1.91E + 00	7.16E-02	2.03E-03	2.36E + 00	1.66E-01
56	0.36	0.98	2.01E-01	9.54E + 00	1.87E + 01	3.10E-02	$1.91E{+}01$	2.79E-01	2.14E-03	2.12E+00	8.51E-01
57	0.414	0.89	4.37E + 00	$3.59E{+}03$	3.20E + 00	5.15E-02	5.35E + 01	1.64E-02	3.01E-03	7.12E-01	1.03E-01
58	0.92	0.657	1.02E-01	6.74E + 00	7.76E-01	4.36E-02	4.27E + 00	8.55E-01	1.49E-03	7.97E-01	7.31E-02
59	0.587	1.17	9.42E-02	2.44E+00	2.31E-01	2.04E-02	6.27E-01	1.23E-01	4.52E-04	7.30E-01	6.91E-02
60	0.7	1.39	8.38E-02	4.64E + 00	1.06E + 00	2.68E-02	$1.32E{+}01$	4.47E-02	1.68E-03	1.62E + 00	1.96E-01
61	1.07	1.35	4.51E-03	2.89E + 00	9.95E-02	1.73E-02	$1.19E{+}00$	9.60E-02	5.50E-03	1.65E + 00	8.33E-01
62	0.44	1.45	9.52E-01	$2.65E{+}01$	$1.58E{+}00$	8.16E-03	8.34E+00	5.26E-02	6.58E-03	3.69E-01	2.12E-01
63	0.89	0.84	6.29E-02	5.40E + 00	9.11E-02	1.83E-03	4.10E+01	4.43E-03	7.99E-04	2.72E + 00	9.66E-02
64	1.02	1.76	2.36E-02	5.62E + 00	6.84E-02	4.49E-03	2.57E + 00	5.13E-03	7.41E-04	6.73E+00	5.14E-01
66	0.59	0.92	7.49E-02	8.94E-01	9.36E-01	1.05E-01	2.11E+00	1.96E-01	3.16E-03	5.06E + 00	7.03E-01

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Event	Sh dur	MC dur	$P_{\rm Bsh}$	$P_{\rm Vsh}$	$P_{\rm dsh}$	$P_{\rm BMC}$	$P_{\rm VMC}$	$P_{\rm dMC}$	$P_{\rm Bbg}$	$P_{\rm Vbg}$	$P_{\rm dbg}$
85	0.3	0.457	1.08E-01	$1.01E{+}01$	2.67E + 00	2.63E-02	2.01E+00	$1.23E{+}00$	6.11E-04	$3.36E{+}00$	8.16E-02
86	0	0.4	-	-	-	8.81E-04	2.89E + 00	2.83E-01	7.55E-04	$1.39E{+}00$	1.89E-03
87	0	0.47	-	-	-	1.42E-02	$5.05E{+}00$	2.15E-01	2.12E-03	1.58E-01	4.00E-02
88	0.135	1.17	8.35E-03	7.61E + 00	1.25E-02	2.95E-03	2.82E + 00	2.61E-02	6.98E-04	$2.65E{+}00$	2.22E-01
89	0.2	0.75	2.50E-02	$2.11E{+}00$	2.67E-02	1.23E-03	$2.50E{+}00$	7.29E-02	5.75E-04	$3.51E{+}00$	3.65E-02
90	0	0.5	-	-	-	1.94E-02	1.56E + 00	5.44E-01	1.79E-03	3.72E-01	3.62E-02
91	0.243	0.77	5.24E-02	4.83E+00	$1.27E{+}00$	1.56E-02	1.28E + 00	3.80E-01	2.64E-04	1.82E + 00	2.16E-01
92	0.13	1.02	8.02E-02	8.00E+00	1.98E+00	5.51E-02	1.48E+00	2.91E-01	1.67E-03	3.84E + 00	6.61E-02
93	0.12	0.27	3.87E-03	5.84E-01	5.22E-04	1.54E-03	$2.31E{+}00$	1.74E-03	1.55E-03	8.46E-01	1.25E-03
94	0.3	1.36	1.31E-02	3.08E-01	4.30E-01	3.05E-03	1.80E + 00	3.68E-02	8.79E-04	3.09E-01	6.24E-02
95	0.29	1.1	6.06E-03	6.61E + 00	5.78E-02	6.83E-03	1.89E+00	1.22E-01	1.13E-03	2.90E + 00	2.53E-01
96	0.08	0.95	8.41E-02	2.07E + 00	1.34E-01	2.47E-02	$1.51E{+}00$	3.18E-01	4.23E-04	8.17E-01	8.89E-03
97	0	0.38	-	-	-	1.36E-02	1.84E-01	7.13E-02	8.91E-04	4.38E-01	1.07E-01
98	0.26	0.51	5.73E-02	$1.15E{+}00$	3.50E-01	1.41E-02	7.51E-01	4.80E-02	1.20E-03	6.50E-01	1.61E-01
100	0	1.04	-	-	-	2.29E-03	1.58E + 00	4.50E-02	9.91E-04	1.06E-01	6.61E-02
101	0.61	1.39	6.00E-03	3.38E-01	5.20E-02	3.38E-03	9.43E-01	8.39E-02	6.84E-04	1.21E-01	3.48E-02
102	0.09	1.37	1.83E-03	9.08E-03	7.65E-02	1.61E-03	4.24E-01	1.01E-01	1.53E-03	3.27E + 00	1.09E-01
103	0.046	1.44	2.06E-02	0.00E + 00	4.88E-02	1.07E-02	$1.93E{+}00$	5.80E-02	1.46E-04	8.83E-01	8.51E-03
104	0.003	0.71	1.12E + 00	3.02E + 02	5.07E + 00	3.99E-03	1.36E + 00	7.35E-02	6.31E-04	1.22E + 00	3.63E-03
105	0.17	1.2	1.79E-01	1.82E + 00	1.41E-01	2.45E-02	2.58E + 01	3.17E-02	1.55E-03	7.33E + 00	2.57E-02
106	0.386	0.69	1.04E-02	3.42E + 00	9.87E-03	1.53E-02	1.55E+00	1.29E-01	2.53E-03	5.83E-01	5.22E-02
107	0.72	0.95	1.48E-02	7.81E-01	1.35E-01	4.82E-03	9.57E-01	4.97E-02	5.79E-03	1.68E + 00	6.39E-01
108	0.12	1.26	1.19E-02	3.23E-01	3.14E-01	2.03E-03	9.94E-01	3.88E-02	6.14E-04	1.70E+00	1.78E-03
109	0	1.4	-	-	-	9.86E-03	1.25E+00	2.41E-02	6.57E-05	2.70E+00	6.60E-04
110	0.13	1.64	3.06E-02	5.88E + 00	1.86E-01	4.21E-03	1.04E+00	1.02E-01	1.54E-03	8.28E+00	3.11E-01

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$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{v}$	Sh dur	MC dur	$P_{\mathrm{Bsh}}$	$P_{\rm Vsh}$	$P_{\rm dsh}$	$P_{\rm BMC}$	$P_{\rm VMC}$	$P_{\rm dMC}$	$P_{\rm Bbg}$	$P_{\rm Vbg}$	$P_{\rm dbg}$
126	0.66	0.55	7.30E-03	5.05E-01	1.62E-02	8.21E-03	$2.69E{+}00$	1.00E-01	4.08E-03	4.99E-01	4.99E-02
127	0.485	1.06	1.10E-01	5.72E + 00	9.06E-02	5.76E-03	$4.23E{+}00$	2.97 E- 02	2.39E-03	$2.81E{+}00$	1.35E-01
128	0.43	0.614	2.74E-03	6.34E + 00	2.85E-02	2.41E-02	$2.65E{+}00$	5.06E-02	3.02E-04	1.04E+00	6.77E-02
129	0.38	1.24	2.98E-02	1.07E + 00	3.41E-01	2.71E-02	$1.78E{+}00$	1.89E-01	4.60E-03	$2.92E{+}00$	2.13E-01
130	0.37	2.08	3.20E-01	1.47E + 01	3.58E-01	5.66E-03	9.08E + 00	5.07E-03	4.20E-04	$2.25E{+}00$	1.33E-02
131	0.78	2.52	1.62E-02	5.06E + 00	1.39E-01	1.94E-02	2.18E+00	2.14E-02	7.74E-04	$1.29E{+}01$	5.40E-03
132	0.13	0.8	2.87E-02	$1.60E{+}00$	3.19E-02	2.09E-03	2.40E + 00	1.28E-02	1.54E-04	1.18E+00	1.15E-01
133	0.15	1.02	9.04E-03	8.39E-01	1.13E-01	4.64E-03	2.44E + 00	3.83E-02	1.12E-03	$1.95E{+}00$	1.02E-01
134	0.51	1.4	2.46E-02	$5.50E{+}00$	6.63E-02	1.55E-02	$3.36E{+}00$	6.36E-02	1.57E-03	$5.45E{+}00$	2.52E-01
135	0.52	1.4	2.65E-02	$2.65E{+}00$	4.51E-01	2.71E-03	$1.10E{+}00$	8.93E-02	2.75E-03	$4.85E{+}00$	1.17E-01
136	0.32	0.5	1.67E-03	$9.10E{+}00$	7.05E-03	6.39E-03	$1.29E{+}01$	3.04E-04	2.88E-03	9.64E-01	6.60E-01
137	0	0.47	-	-	-	8.98E-03	7.10E-01	4.19E-01	2.89E-03	4.53E-01	2.53E-02
138	0.12	0.26	2.62E-02	4.43E-01	1.09E-01	7.61E-02	8.68E-01	5.84E-01	1.15E-03	3.05E-01	8.62E-02
140	1	0.53	2.28E-02	1.48E+01	4.44E-03	3.70E-02	2.34E + 00	4.08E-02	5.68E-04	2.64E-01	4.32E-02
141	0.341	0.55	2.37E-02	1.24E + 00	2.30E-01	2.74E-03	$2.70E{+}00$	1.23E-01	4.51E-04	$2.90E{+}00$	1.29E-01
142	0.514	1.67	3.16E-02	$9.75E{+}00$	$1.52E{+}00$	3.57E-02	2.36E + 00	2.65E-02	1.61E-03	8.42E-01	3.65E-03
145	0	0.89	-	-	-	4.92E-03	2.02E-01	9.22E-02	4.77E-04	4.31E-01	4.75E-02
146	0.17	0.6	2.23E-02	2.23E + 00	6.91E-01	4.96E-03	2.04E+00	4.38E-02	8.70E-04	1.04E+00	4.71E-02
147	0.5	2.05	1.05E-02	1.42E + 01	1.31E-01	4.87E-02	$1.52E{+}00$	4.96E-02	1.48E-03	3.91E-01	1.24E-01
148	1.02	0.78	9.50E-03	4.29E-01	1.42E-01	5.95E-03	1.43E+00	2.89E-01	1.01E-02	1.14E + 01	9.50E-01
150	0.435	1.64	5.19E-02	8.63E + 00	3.06E + 00	5.48E-02	7.64E + 00	4.62E-02	4.74E-04	$6.03E{+}00$	3.63E-01

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