Magnetic field in magnetosheath jets: A statistical study of $B_Z$ near the magnetopause

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THEMIS case studies have shown that jets can influence magnetopause reconnection

- Hietala et al. (GRL, 2018): a jet compressed the magnetopause, triggering reconnection
- Nykyri et al. (JGR, 2019): jets with southward $B_Z$ linked to triggering reconnection during northward IMF

How about statistically?

$P_{dyn}$

A unique feature of jets

This study (Vuorinen et al., JGR, 2021): $B_Z$ distribution in jets vs. $B_Z$ distribution in the non-jet magnetosheath
A statistical study of $B_Z$ in magnetosheath jets

- Plaschke et al. (2013) THEMIS 2008—2011 data set with ~3000 jets
- OMNI data for IMF conditions

Sample comparable non-jet intervals

Example 1: THEMIS D 2009-08-30
A statistical study of $B_Z$ in magnetosheath jets: northward IMF

\textbf{Conclusions}

- Most jets exhibit some $B_Z$ opposite to the IMF $B_Z$
- Most periods of opposite $B_Z$ are short, but periods up to ~20 s are more common in jets

\textbf{Read more:}
Vuorinen et al., JGR, 2021