

Duration of High Speed Solar Wind Stream

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Main goals

Defining physical criteria for determination of an HSS duration - beginning and ending.

Applying this criteria to the available solar wind experimental data and creation of HSS catalogue.

Solar cycle variation

- ▶ Solar magnetic activity cycle is the nearly periodic 11-year change in the solar magnetic activity
- ▶ At solar minimum, solar magnetic field is closed to dipole nearly aligned with the rotation axis
- ▶ At solar maximum, solar magnetic field is much more complicated

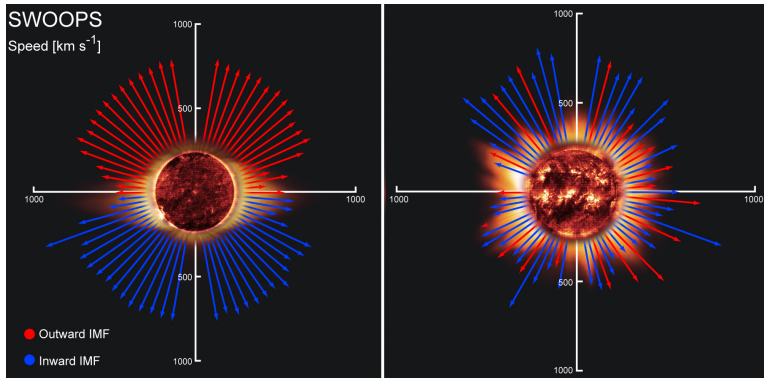


Figure 1: Solar wind speeds measured by Ulysses

Coronal holes and HSS

- ▶ "Dark" regions in the corona where the magnetic field is "open"
- ▶ Coronal holes can also appear at mid-to-low solar latitudes

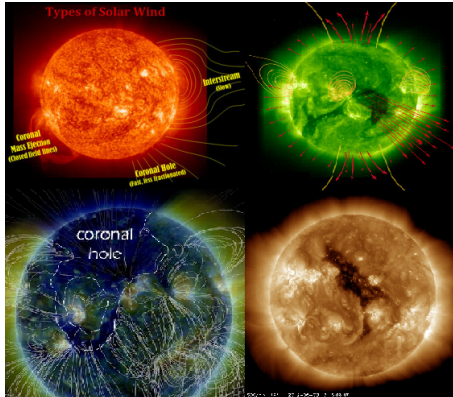


Figure 2: Coronal holes

Solar activity and HSS

- ▶ Active regions, sunspots, coronal holes
- ▶ Prominences, solar flares, CME, **HSS**, etc.

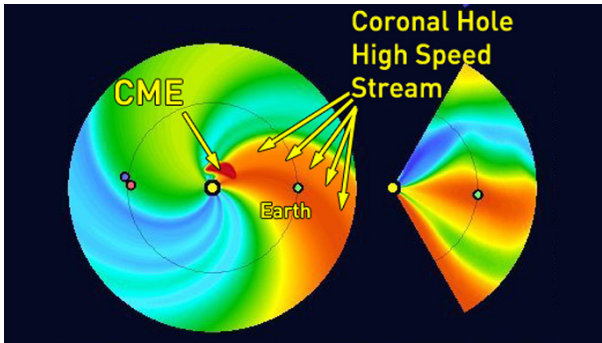


Figure 3: CME and HSS

HSS and CIR

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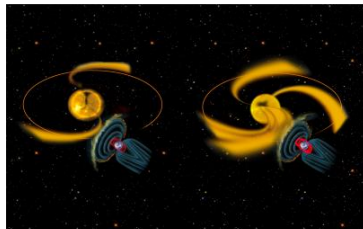
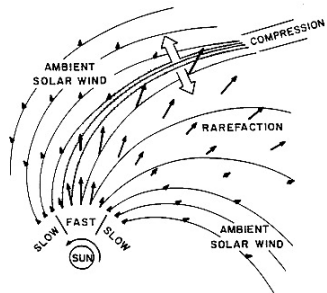


Figure 4: Co-rotating interaction region

HSS and CIR at 1AU

- ▶ The solar wind speed increases from "slow" to "fast" and remains elevated for several days
- ▶ Both the magnetic field strength (B) and the ion density (N) maximize before the increase in speed

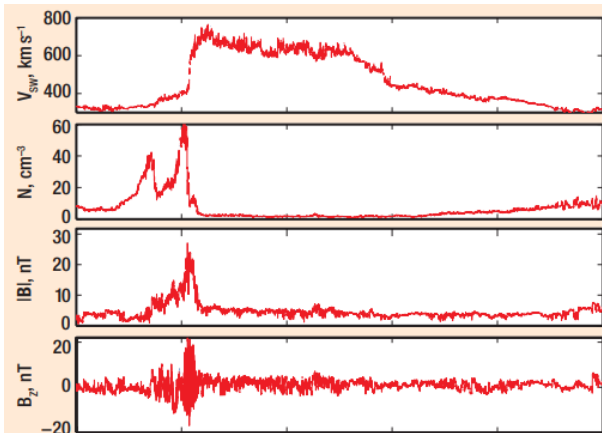


Figure 5: Solar wind parameters at 1AU during an HSS flow

Variety of HSS

- ▶ Significance difference between solar wind parameters at different events

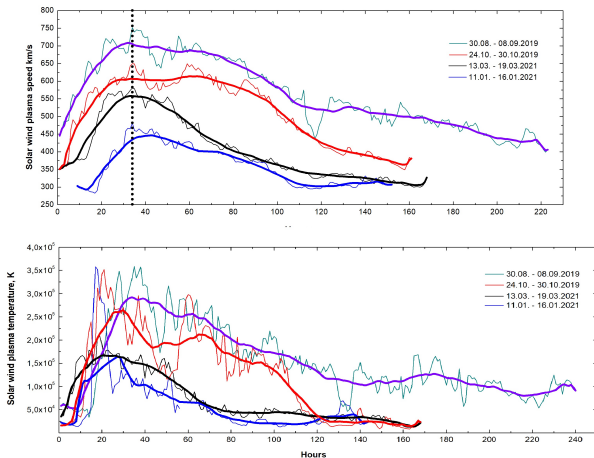


Figure 6: Solar wind speed and temperature during four HSS events

Variety of HSS

- ▶ Different geomagnetic response

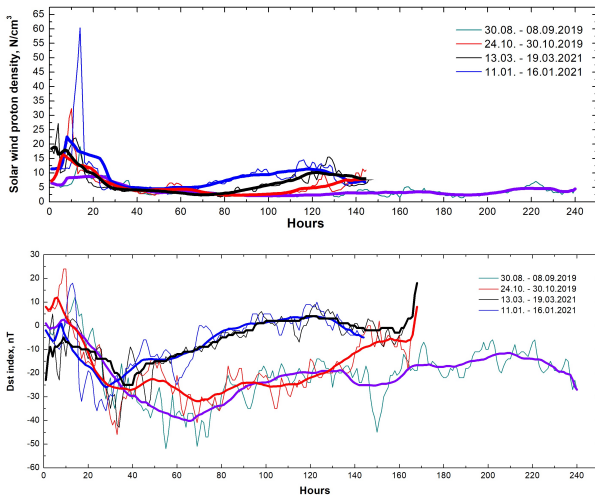
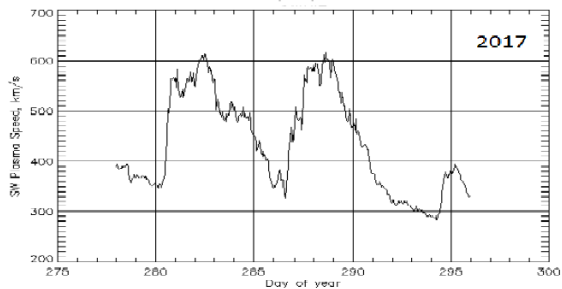
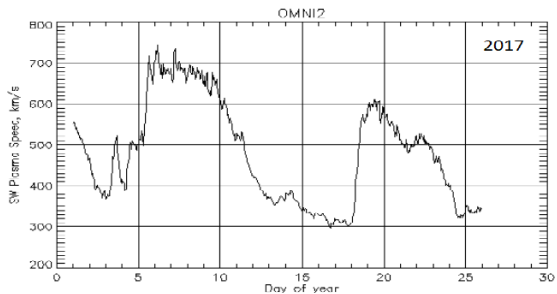
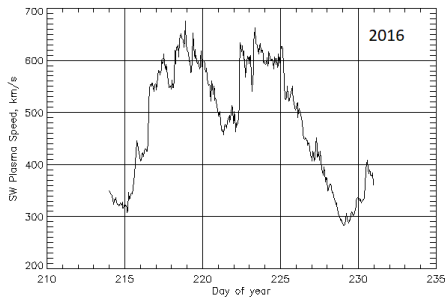
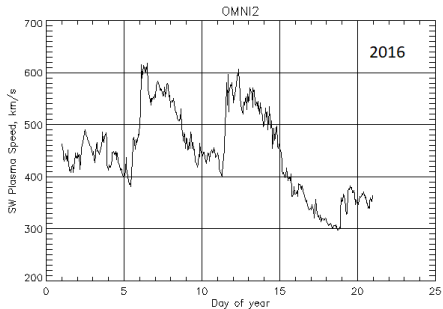


Figure 7: Solar wind density and Dst geomagnetic index

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Superposed epoch analysis

- ▶ Superposed epoch analysis summarizing 3 days before and 10 days after the maximum of the solar wind speed of 34 HSS events in the 24 Solar cycle

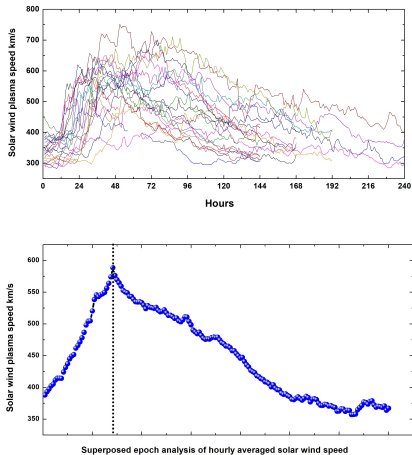
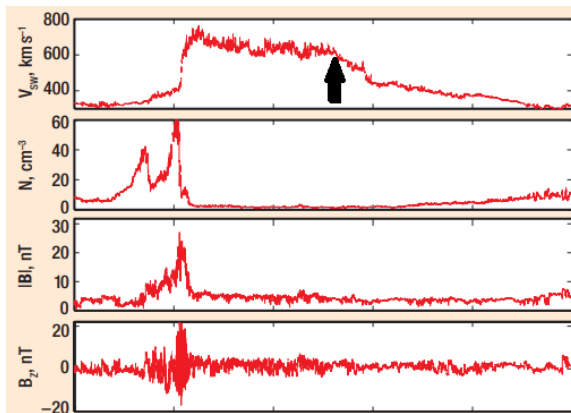


Figure 10: Superposed epoch analysis

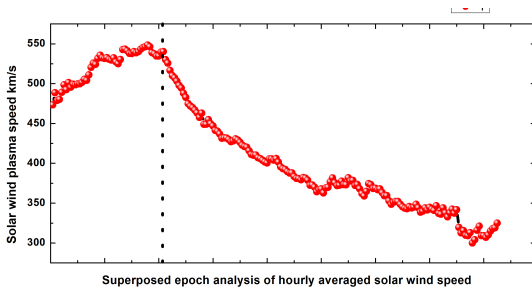
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Thank you for your attention



A scenic view of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore under a clear blue sky. The foreground shows dark, wet sand. The ocean is a deep blue, with white foam from the waves. The sky is a clear, light blue.

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