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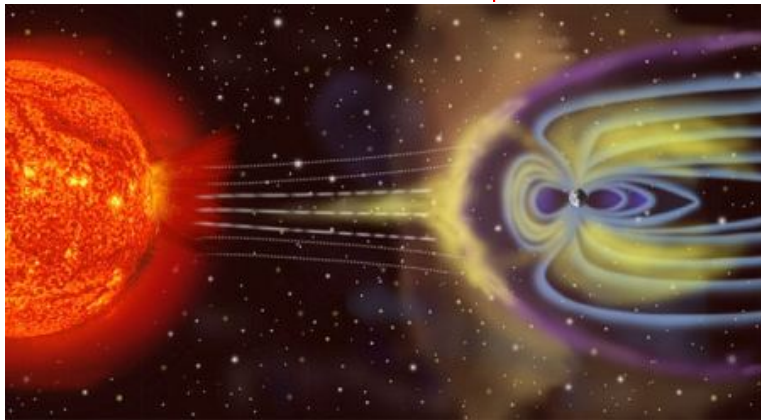
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SW – Continuous flux of particles



We do not fully understand
the origin of the slow SW,
nor its region of
acceleration/deceleration

Fast SW origin – coronal
holes

It is highly variable.

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- Mar 1716 - the first interpretation of an aurora based on exact sciences as a terrestrial phenomenon which involved geomagnetism (magnetic thunderstorms)
- Sep 1859 - solar flare in white light → geomagnetic storm
- Solar M regions recurrent geomagnetic storms (GSs) (27 days)
- Solar wind (Parker) 1956
- Spatial era 1957 - terrestrial magnetosphere, Van Allen radiation belts
- May 1973 - Skylab (corona in X-ray and white light)
 - Coronal Holes → recurrent GSs
 - Coronal Mass Ejections → major GSs
- Oct 1990 - ULYSSES – Sun at all latitudes
- Nov 1994 - WIND (SW data)

Coronal Holes

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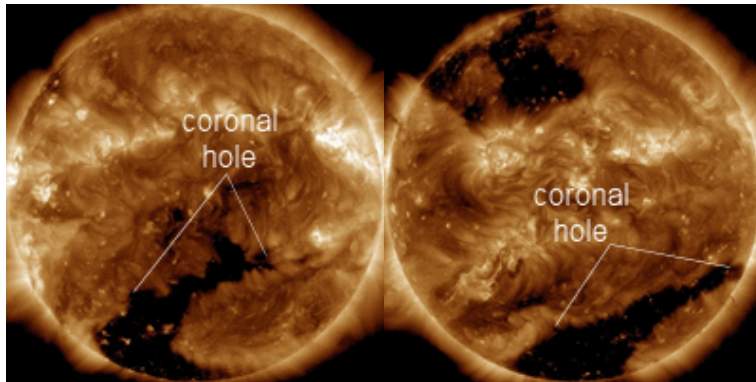
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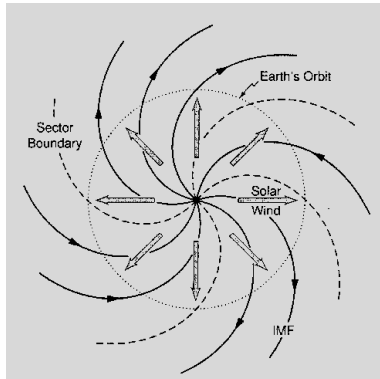
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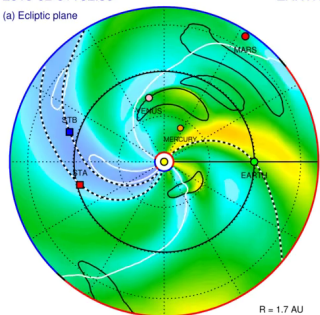
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Baumjohann and Treumann, 1996

2016-02-01T02:00

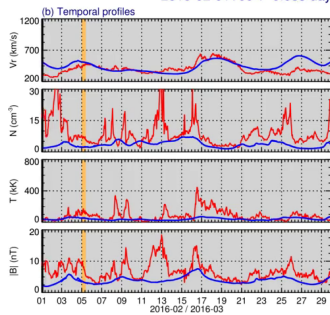
(a) Ecliptic plane



Vr (km/s) 200 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 CME
ENLIL-lowres + GONGb-WSAtu / fp400-d4x1 / g53h10

EARTH

2016-02-01T00 + 0.083 days



IMF line IMF polarity HCS CME measured simulated
HELcats + DONKI @ HeliWeather



ENLIL Solar Wind Prediction - ©<http://helioweather.net/index.html>



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1. Fast wind in high-speed streams

High speed – 400 - 800 km s⁻¹; Low density – 3 cm⁻³

Low particle flux – 2×10^8 cm⁻² s⁻¹; Helium content – 3.6% stationary

Source – coronal holes

Signatures – stationary for long times (days – weeks)

2. Low speed wind near activity minimum

Low speed – 250 - 400 km s⁻¹; High density – 10 cm⁻³

High particle flux – 3.7×10^8 cm⁻² s⁻¹; Helium content – below 2% highly variable

Source – helmet streamers near current sheet

Signatures – sector boundaries embedded

3. Low speed wind

Similar characteristics as 2., except for:

Helium content – highly variable; Source – related to active regions

Signatures – shock waves often embedded

4. Ejecta following interplanetary shocks

High speed – 400 - 2000 km s⁻¹; Helium content – up to 30%

Other constituents – often Fe¹⁶⁺ ions; in rare cases He⁺

Sign. of magnetic clouds in about 30% of cases

Sources – CMEs, erupting prominences, flares

High Speed Streams

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HSS definition:

"An increase of solar wind speed that lasts several consecutive days (at least two)"

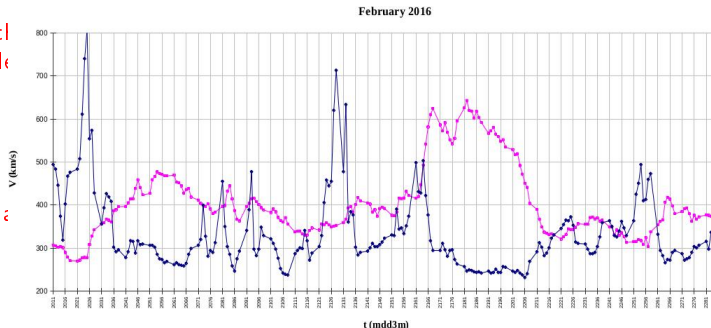
Principal selection criterion:

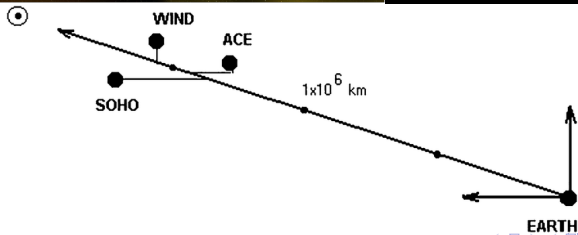
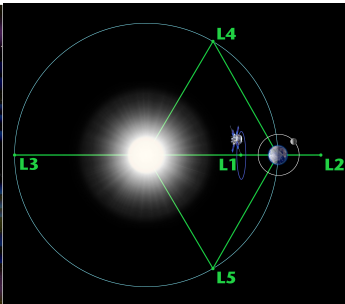
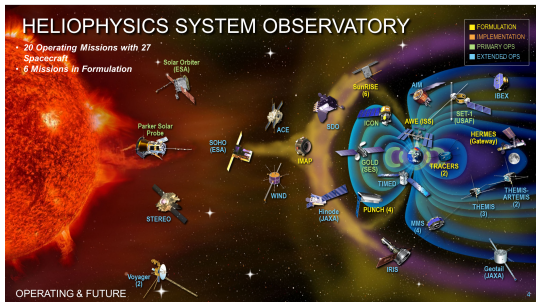
$\Delta V1 \geq 100 \text{ km/s}$ that lasts two days

$$\Delta V1 = V1 - V0$$

$V0$ - the smallest 3h velocity for a given day

$V1$ - the largest one for the next







IDL

Input data

- Bartels rotation number
- the SW plasma temperature (K)
- SW proton density (N/cm^3)
- SW plasma speed (km/s)

Output data

- list of numbered HSSs
- start time
- duration
- initial and maximum speed values
- the speed gradients

Algorithm

- 3-h mean values
- maximum (V_{max}) and minimum (V_{min}) values of the 3-h speed for each daily set
- $V_{\text{maxnext}} - V_{\text{min}} > 100 \text{ km/s}$
- identification of the maximum speed V_{max}
- identification of the end time of the event, when the speed decreased to (or near to) the V_0 value from the beginning of the event
- new increase greater than 100 km/s appeared before the fall under the initial value V_0 of the speed, it was considered that a new HSS event



High Speed Streams - Validation

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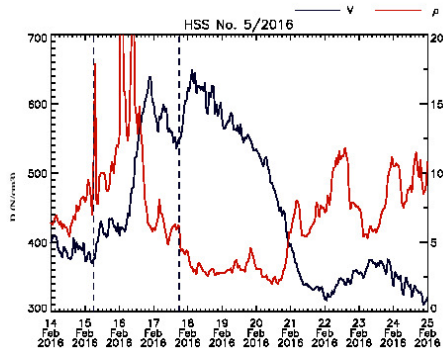
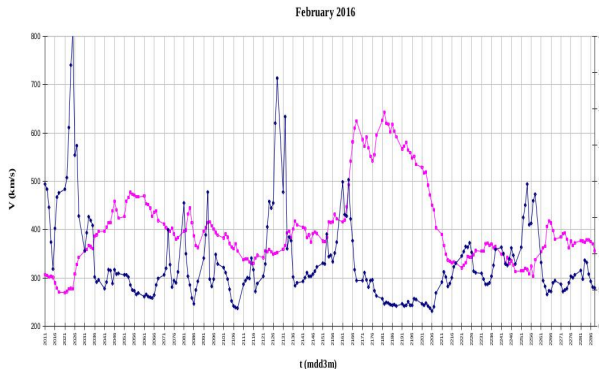
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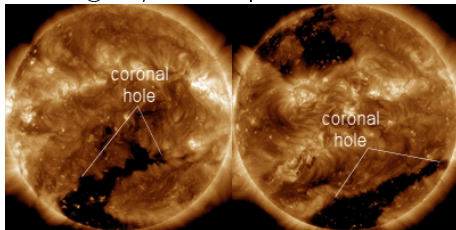
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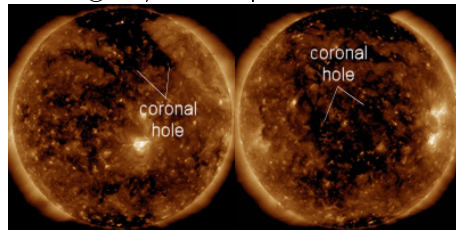
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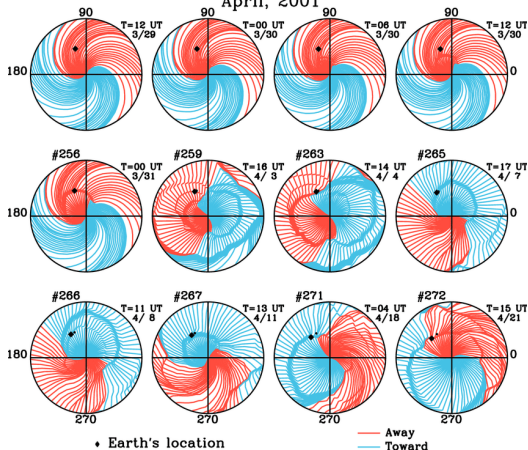
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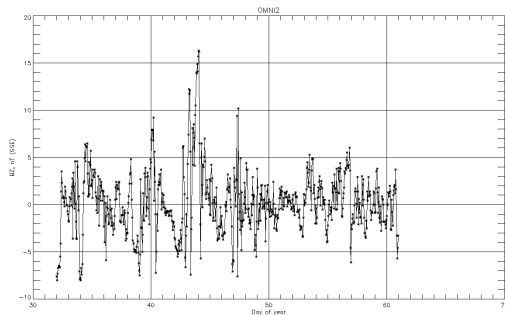
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No. crt.	Year	Month	Day	3-h	V0 (km/s)	V1 (km/s)	$\Delta t1$	Vmax (km/s)	Dur (days)	$\Delta V1$ (km/s)	ΔVM (km/s)	I	Source	IMF	Dst_min (nT)	Dst_data (mm.dd.hh)	Bz_min (nT)	Bz_data (mm.dd.hh)	SSC_data (mm.dd.hh)	Energy estimate ΔWe (J)	Energy estimate ΔW (J)	SYM-H_min (nT)	SYM-H_data (mm.dd.hh,min)
1	2016	1	5	4	391	606.7	7	606.7	5.8	215.7	215.7	1251.06	CH708	+									
2	2016	1	11	2	409.3	569	6	604	4.1	159.7	194.7	798.27	CH709	-									
3	2016	1	20	6	342.3	520.7	10	554	6	178.4	211.7	1270.2	CH*	-	-93	01:20:16	-11.8	01:20:15	01:18:22	2.05E+17	1.18E+18	-95	01:20:16:42
																01:21:15	-2.1	01:21:15				-41	01:21:15:28
4	2016	2	2	1	270	396.3	15	477	9	126.3	207	1863	CH713	+/-	-53	02:03:02	-8.3	02:03:01		9.18E+14	5.58E+16	-60	02:03:02:52
5	2016	2	15	2	375	624.3	14	642.7	6	249.3	267.7	1606.2	CH715	-	-57	02:16:19	-3.3	02:16:18		1.42E+17	1.04E+18	-56	02:16:19:44
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															-33	02:19:07	-2.3	02:19:04				-33	02:19:06:25
6	2016	2	25	7	303.3	418	6	418	4.2	114.7	114.7	481.74	CH716	+									
7	2016	3	1	1	310	462.7	14	462.7	4	152.7	152.7	610.8	CH719	+									
8	2016	3	5	1	345	497.7	15	583.7	5.1	152.7	238.7	1217.37	CH718	-	-98	03:06:21	-12.7	03:06:19		6.36E+15	1.04E+17	-110	03:06:21:20
9	2016	3	11	2	309	555	6	555	3.5	246	246	861	CH720	+									
10	2016	3	14	6	373	538.3	2	570.3	6	165.3	197.3	1183.8	CH721	-	-49	03:15:07	-4.2	03:15:05	03:14:21			-62	03:15:17:18
															-56	03:16:23	-5.3	03:16:23		3.59E+15	9.58E+16	-69	03:16:23:41
11	2016	3	23	1	393.7	523	15	546.7	3.2	129.3	153	489.6	CH723	+									
12	2016	3	27	2	382	502	14	536.3	5.4	120	154.3	833.22	CH724	+									
13	2016	4	2	3	324.3	491.3	5	491.3	8.9	167	167	1486.3	CH726	+/-	-56	04:02:23	-6.4	04:02:22		2.22E+16	2.31E+17	-65	04:02:23:47
															-60	04:07:21	-11.6	04:07:19		7.61E+15	1.06E+17	-63	04:07:21:34
14	2016	4	11	2	340.7	473.3	14	609.3	8.4	132.6	268.6	2256.24	CH727	+	-55	04:13:05	-7.9	04:12:23		2.39E+16	4.15E+17	-69	04:13:04:44
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15	2016	4	21	1	357.3	562.3	14	562.3	8.5	205	205	1742.5	CH729	+									
16	2016	4	30	2	347	455	14	571.3	6.1	108	224.3	1368.23	CH730	-	-37	05:02:03	-5.1	05:02:01				-56	05:02:03:19
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															-50	05:09:22	-4.3	05:09:19		1.08E+16	1.69E+17	-55	05:09:21:55
18	2016	5	14	7	324.3	446.3	8	527.7	5.8	122	203.4	1179.72	CH734	+									
19	2016	5	20	5	414	524.3	11	609.3	3.4	110.3	195.3	864.02	CH735	+									
20	2016	5	26	5	334	466	11	524	7.5	132	190	1425	CH737	-									
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the dominant polarity of the interplanetary magnetic field (IMF)
April, 2001



minimum Bz (value and time)



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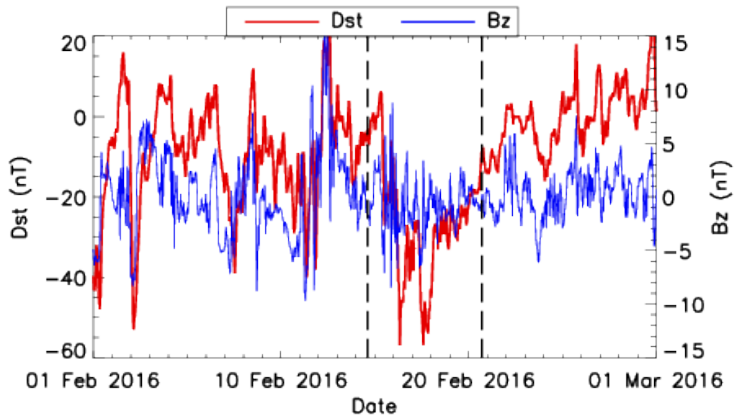
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$$\epsilon = 10^7 V B^2 l_0^2 \sin^4 \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right) [J/s]$$

Akasofu, 1981

$$E_{IN} = 3.78 \times 10^7 n_{sw}^{0.24} V_{sw}^{1.47} B_T^{0.86} \left(\sin^{2.7} \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right) + 0.25 \right) [J/s]$$

Wang et al., 2014

$$W_{\epsilon} = \int_{MPH} \epsilon dt [J]$$

$$W_{Ein} = \int_{MPH} E_{IN} dt [J]$$



Example – non geoeffective HSS

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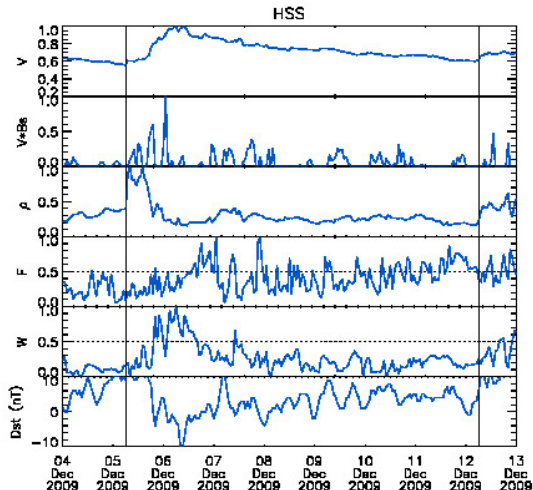
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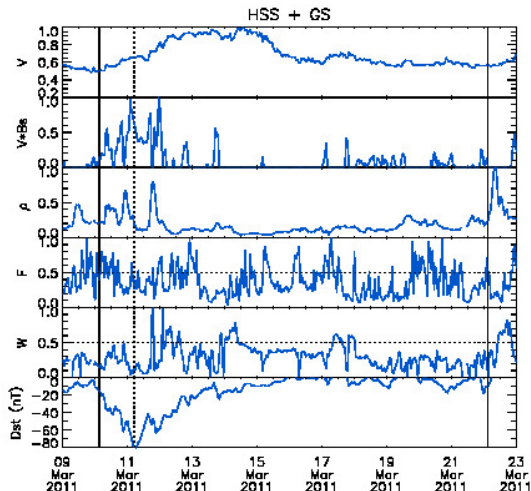
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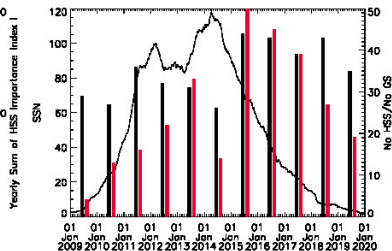
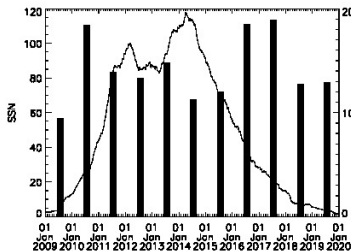
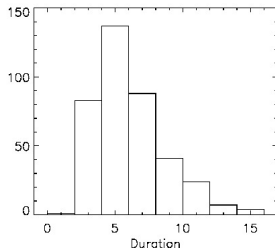
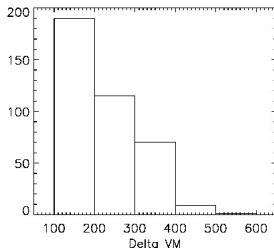
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Method based on Besliu-Ionescu et al. (2019)
Summary of regression coefficients

Regression Coefficient	Corresponding Value
V0	-0.9988
VMax	0.0051
Δ VMax	-0.0061
dur	0.0053
Bz_min	0.1425
IMF	0.0843
b0	7.6450

21% success rate – training set

24% success rate – validation set

Besliu-Ionescu and Maris Muntean, 2020



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- Online Catalogue of CH driven HSS for SC24
 - 385 streams
 - 178 HSS associated with 282 GSs
 - 207 non-geoeffective HSSs
 - minimum phases of the 11-yr solar cycles are not quiet intervals
 - Probability computation of HSSs geoeffectiveness needs improvements
 - higher probability of geoeffective HSSs during the descending phase



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