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Solar and Heliospheric Aspects of Solar-Terrestrial Coupling

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Solar and Heliospheric Aspects of S-T Coupling

Geoeffective Disturbances

- Coronal Mass Ejections
 - » Solar signatures
 - » Interplanetary signatures
 - » Magnetic topology
- High-Speed Streams
- High Density
- Application to 1997 cases

Solar Signatures of CMEs

White light Halo CMEs $H\alpha$ Filament Eruptions X-rays, EUV Arcade events Dimming Sigmoids EIT (Moreton) waves



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7 APRIL 1997 - EIT WAVE



THOMPSON et al., 1997

Dst and Halo CMEs



Interplanetary Signatures of CMEs

Widely used

- Counterstreaming electrons
- Large-scale magnetic field rotation
- Low temperature
- Strong, steady magnetic field
- Preceding shock (fast CMEs)

Magnetic cloud

- Other
 - Cosmic ray depressions
 - Pronounced temperature anisotropy
 - Composition anomalies
 - Charge state anomalies

Counterstreaming Electrons



- Suprathermal electrons carry heat flux away from Sun
- Counterstreaming indicates closed magnetic topology
- Direction of dominant heat flux indicates magnetic polarity



Ecliptic Plane

Lepping et al. [1993]

Solar Field Imprint on CMEs

- CMEs arise from helmet streamer belt
- Solar dipole controls leading field
- Neutral line/filament controls axis orientation
- Solar hemisphere controls chirality
- CMEs blend into sector structure





Cloud type depends on solar cycle



Axis orientation depends on solar cycle



Mulligan et al. [1998]

Filament Topology



Martin and McAllister [1998]

Real-time Prediction



Mixed Results

Predicted

- Cloud occurrence
- Cloud helicity
- Cloud axis orientation
- Storm occurrence
- Not predicted
 - No B-south encountered in cloud
 - B-south in sheath

Statistical Results



• $\theta_{C} = -1.4 + 0.7 \,\theta_{F} \pm 18^{\circ}$ • max B-south $\propto \theta_{C} \pm 5^{\circ}$ • Δt B-south $\propto \theta_{C} \pm 5^{\circ}$

Zhao and Hoeksema [1997, 1998]

Sector Polarity from Heat Flux Data

BDEs mark CMEs. Most CMEs carry polarity of sector in which they are embedded and thus do not disrupt sector structure.



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High-speed streams compress



- Fast flow runs into slow flow and creates corotating interaction region (CIR)
- Strengthens any B-south
- Increases density
- Compresses trailing edge of passing CME

Magnetic Polarity Effect in High-Speed Streams



- Toward fields in spring (NH) favorable for Russell-McPherron effect
- Enhance B-south in Alfvenic fluctuations found in high-speed flow
- Causes sustained activity in stream with toward polarity

Dst, 1974



DAYS

High Density

- Density in CMEs is usually low at 1 AU, owing to expansion.
- Density leading and trailing CMEs is usually high, owing to both solar source and interplanetary compression.

• Dst responds to density rise in 3 ways:

- Through dynamic pressure rise
 - » (1) Strengthens magnetopause currents, which increase Dst.
 - » (2) Correlates with Dst decrease [*Murayama*, 1980; *Fenrich and Luhmann*, 1998].



- Directly, with delayed response
 - » (3) Increases ring current density when B is southward, with 4-5 hour delay [Smith, Thomsen, Borovsky, and Collier, Spring AGU Meeting].
- High density most geoeffective when B-south is in sheath or CIR.

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Selected Case Studies

• January 6-11, 1997

Unremarkable solar signatures

- Halo CME
- Obscure filament eruption
 - » predicted B-south duration, 14 hrs, observed, 13 hrs
 - » predicted B-south max, -13 nT; observed, -15 nT
- Minor arcade event

Clear interplanetary signatures

- Leading B-south in magnetic cloud, as predicted
- B-north in high-density filament/CIR
- No sustained activity from following stream

• April 7-12, 1997

Excellent solar signatures

- Halo CME
- Filament eruption
- EIT wave
- Sigmoid, dimming, arcade

Complex interplanetary signatures

- Multiple ejecta
- Cloud-like feature, no field rotation within
- B-south in high-density plasma
- No sustained activity from following stream

Probable Cause of 10 Jan 97 Geomagnetic Storm

Loop Vanished on 06 Jan



05 Jan



06 Jan



07 Jan







02 Jan03 Jan04 JanH-α Images From Sac Peak, SOON, & Pic du Midi

January 9-11, 1997



April 9-11, 1997



What does *NOT* make structures geoeffective?

- CMEs are NOT geoeffective because they are massive.
- High-speed streams are NOT geoeffective if their magnetic polarity is unfavorable for the Russell-McPherron effect.
- High density is *NOT* geoeffective if the IMF points northward.

What makes structures geoeffective?

KEY WORDS: southward IMF, compression

- CMEs are geoeffective because
 - They usually contain southward IMF.
 - If fast, they compress southward IMF and density structures.
 - They create southward IMF by distorting the ambient field.
 - They bring high-density structures.
- High-speed streams are geoeffective because
 - They compress southward IMF and density structures in CIRs/CMEs.
 - The Russell-McPherron effect enhances southward IMF in the Alfvenic fluctuations in streams if the polarity is favorable.
 - The solar wind electric field is proportional to speed.
- High density during southward IMF is geoeffective because
 - It increases ring current density.