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RECONSTRUCTING THE GLOBAL HELIOSPHERE BACK TO 1610

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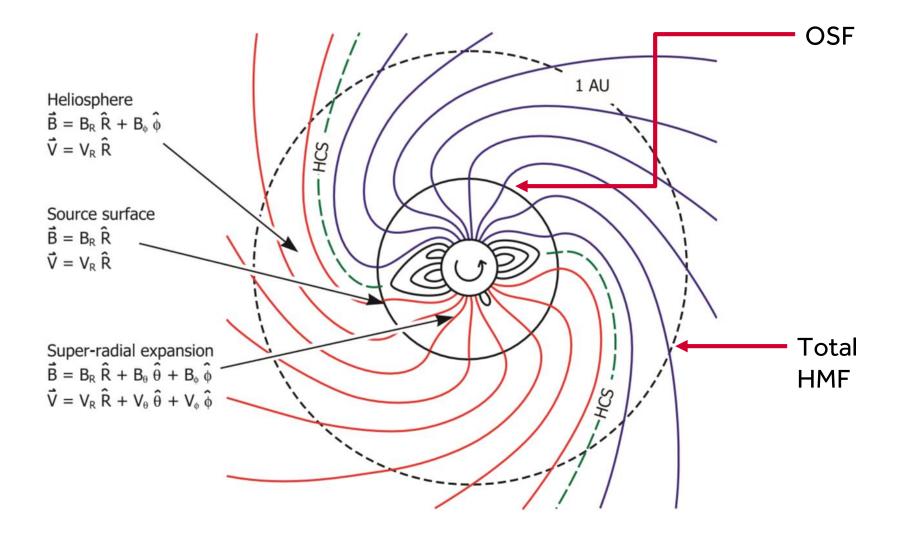
OVERVIEW



- Background
 - In situ observations of the heliosphere
 - Geomagnetic reconstructions of B, V and OSF
 - Sunspot-based reconstructions of OSF
 - Cosmogenic isotopes of OSF
- Reconstructing streamer belt width, comparisons with eclipses
- Reconstructing V, n and B from sunspots
- Implications to heliosphere size and shape
 - Cosmic ray propagation
 - Geomagnetic activity

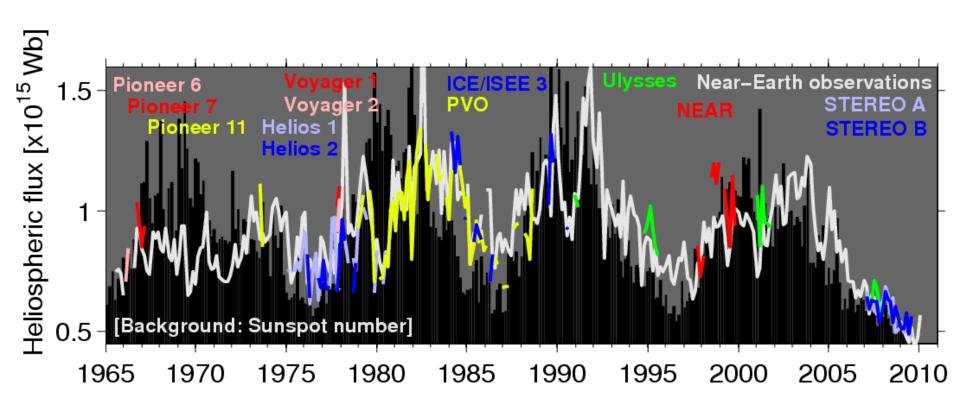
OPEN SOLAR FLUX





IN-SITU MEASUREMENTS

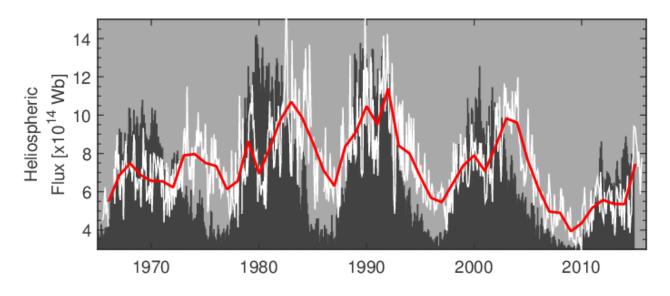


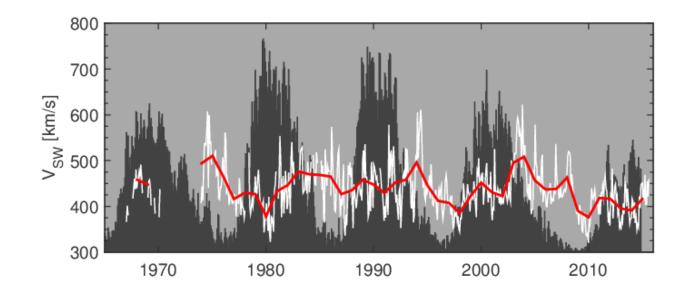


Owens et al., JGR, 2008

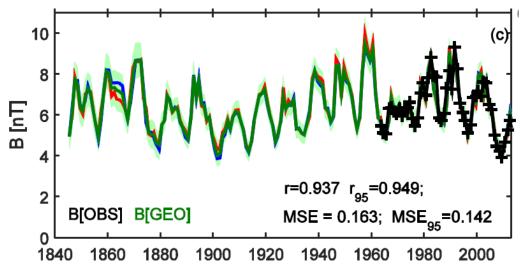
SPACE-AGE VARIATIONS



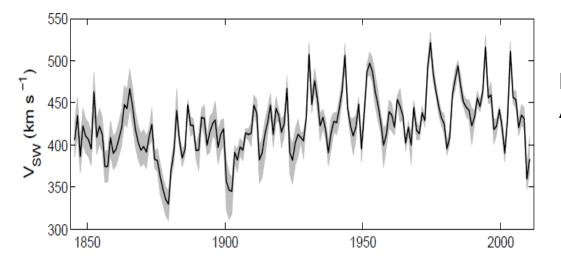




GEOMAGNETIC RECONSTRUCTIONS



Owens et al., ISSI workshop. JGR under review.



Lockwood et al., Ann. Geophys, 2014



HELIOSPHERIC FLUX FROM SUNSPOTS

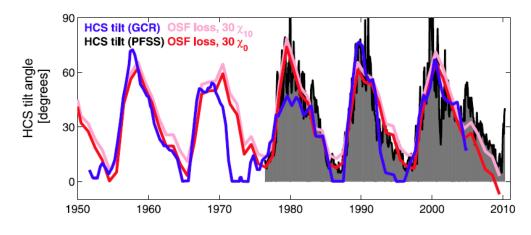
HMF can be modelled as a continuity equation (Solanki et al., Nature, 2000)

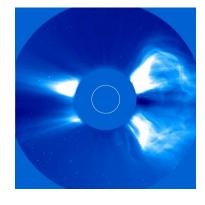
 $\frac{d(\text{OSF})}{dt} = S - L$

- Source: New closed loops. (Sunspots or CMEs)
- Loss: Disconnection of magnetic flux.
 - Computed loss matches HCS variation (Owens et al., JGR, 2011; 2012)

Owens and Crooker, JGR, 2006

Owens and Lockwood, JGR, 2012

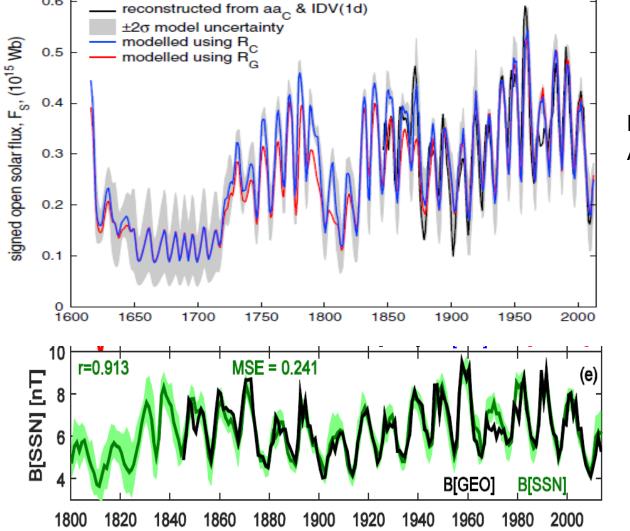






HMF/OSF FROM SUNSPOTS

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Lockwood and Owens, ApJ, 2014

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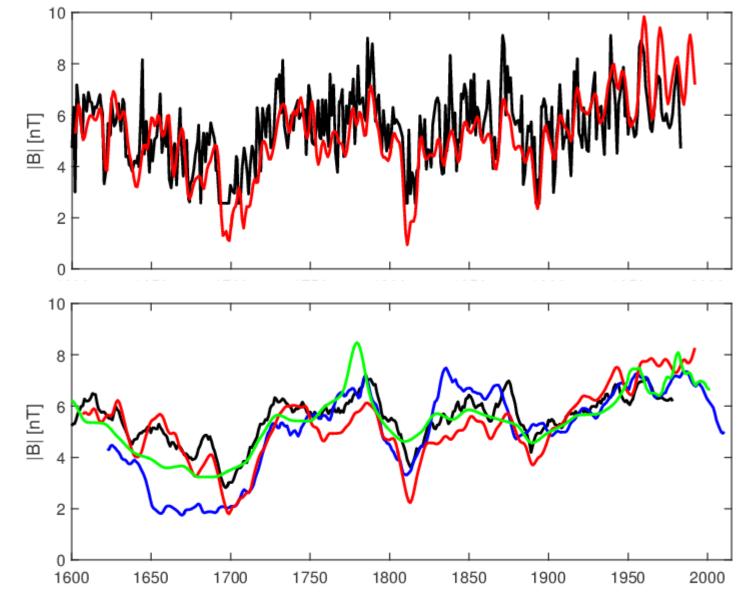
GALACTIC COSMIC RAYS



¹⁰Be:

McCracken & Beer, Sol. Phys., 2015 Usoskin, Liv. Rev., 2013 SSN: Owens & Lockwood, JGR, 2012 ¹⁴C: Lockwood & Frohlich, Proc.

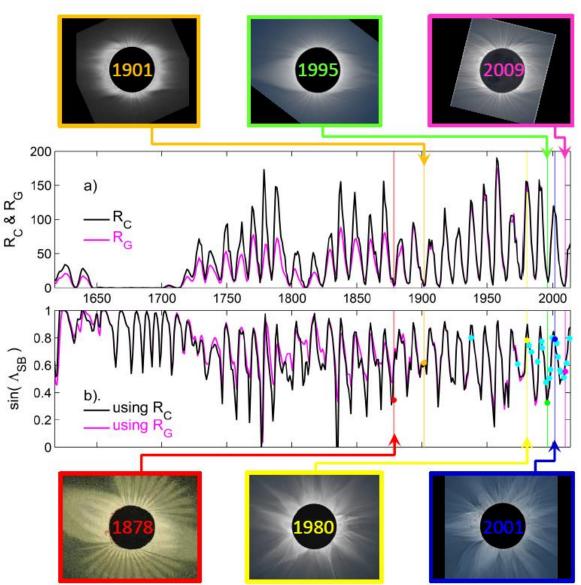
Roy. Soc., 2008



STREAMER BELT WIDTH

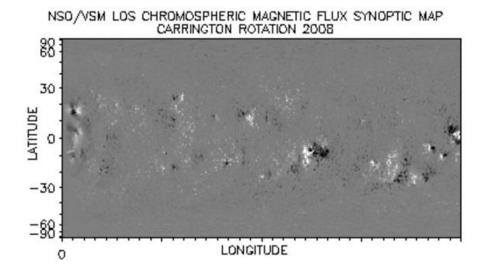


- Assume new flux enters the streamer belt
 - Time constant for conversion to coronal hole field
 - E.g., Schwadron et al, ApJ, 2010
- Allows estimate of streamer belt width
 - Lockwood and Owens, ApJ, 2014
 - Matches eclipse observations

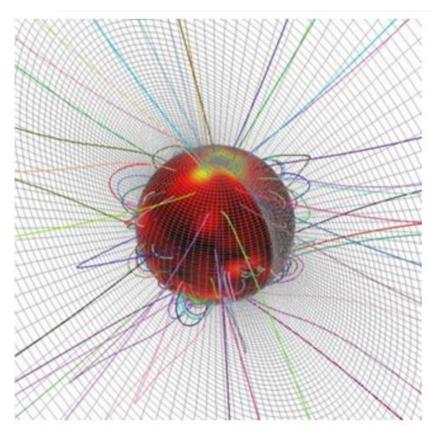


GLOBAL SOLAR WIND

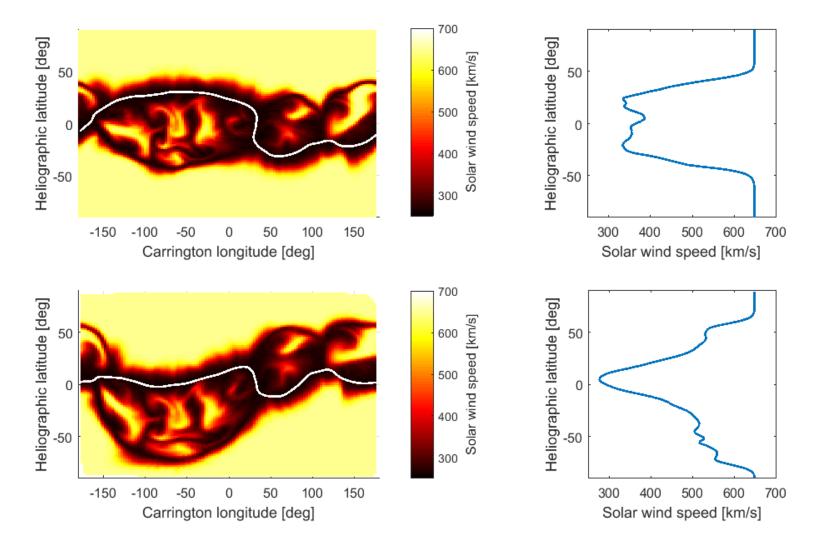




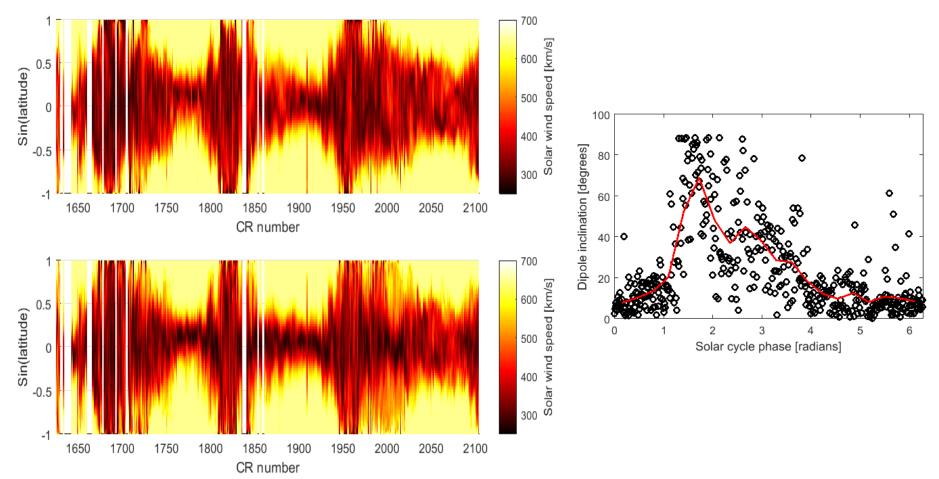
SOLIS magnetogram (CR2008)



MAS (Predictive Science) e.g., Linker et al., 1999; Riley et al, 2001

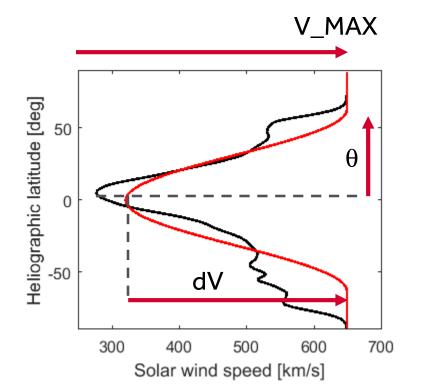


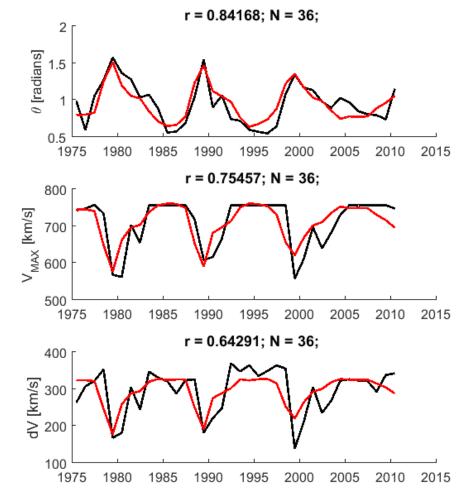




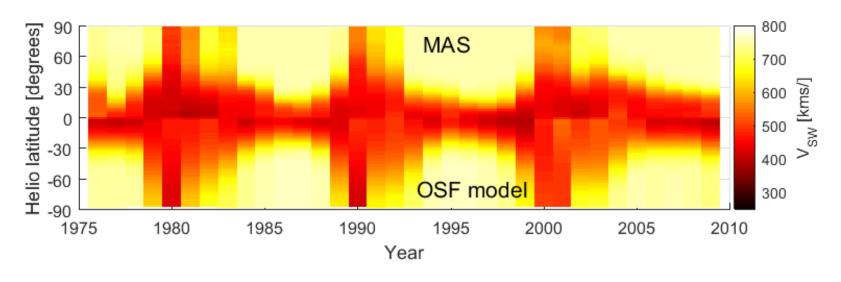


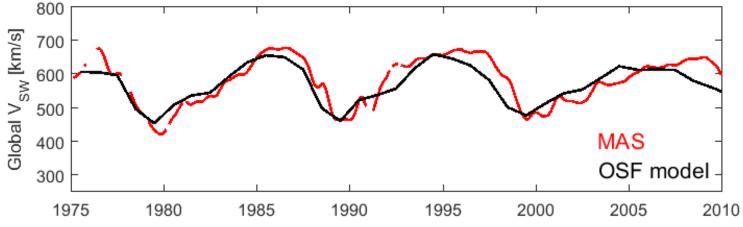






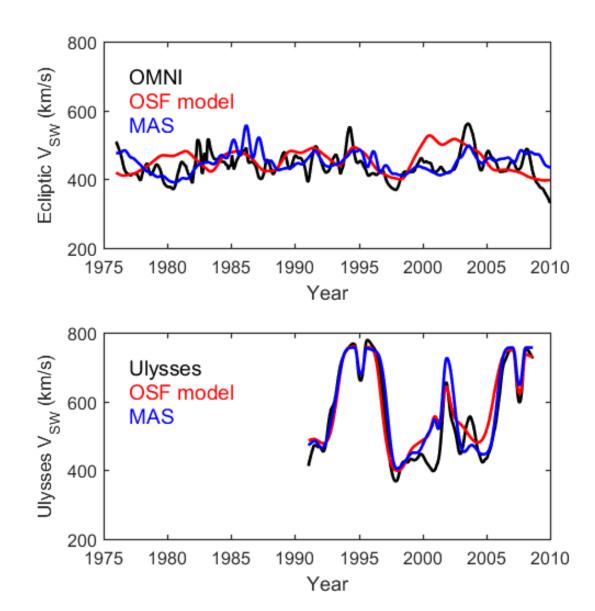






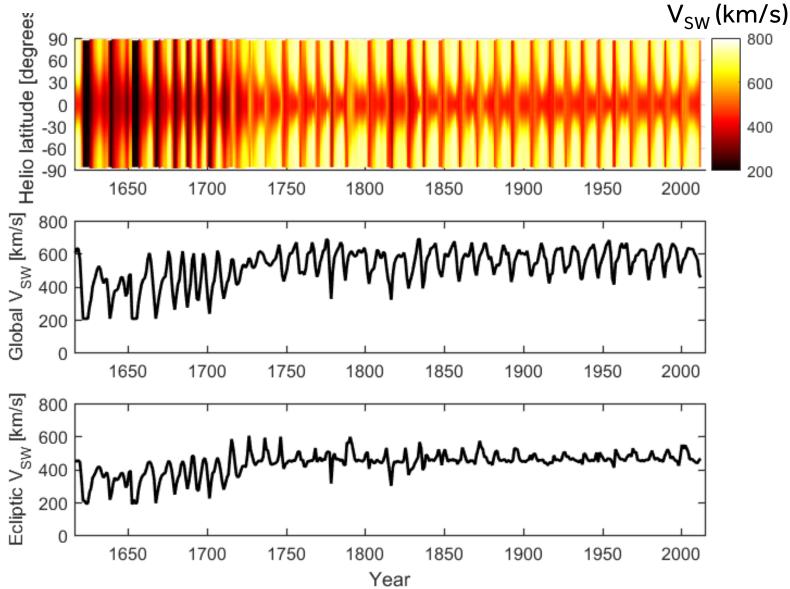
SPACECRAFT DATA





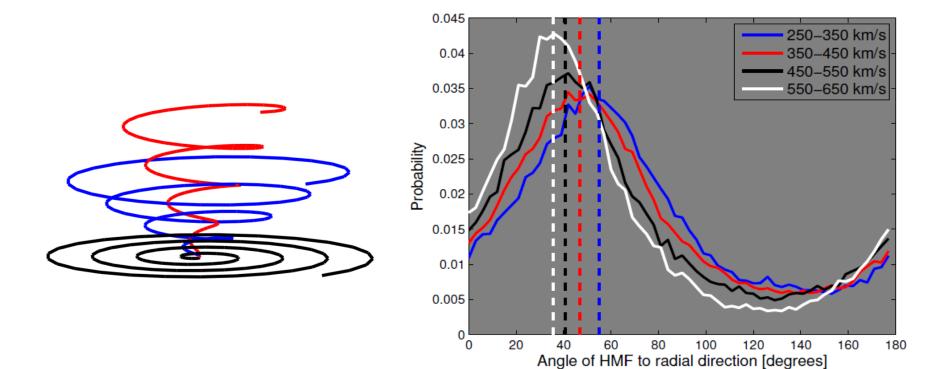
SOLAR WIND SPEED





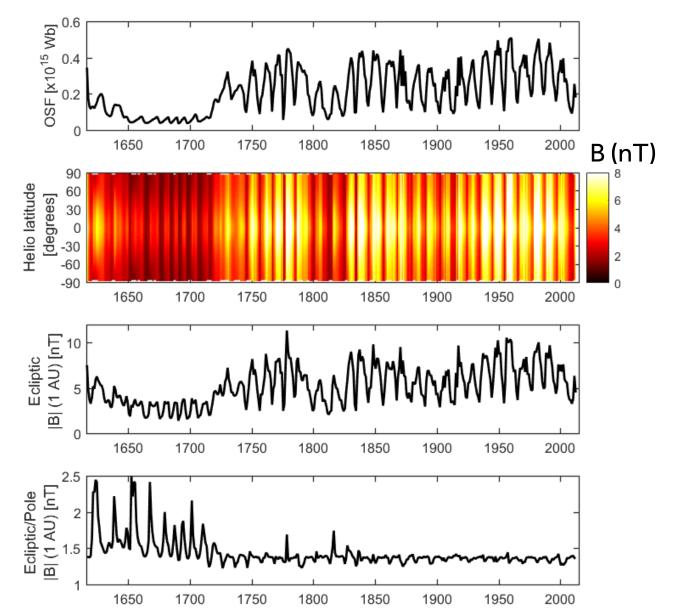
PARKER SPIRAL





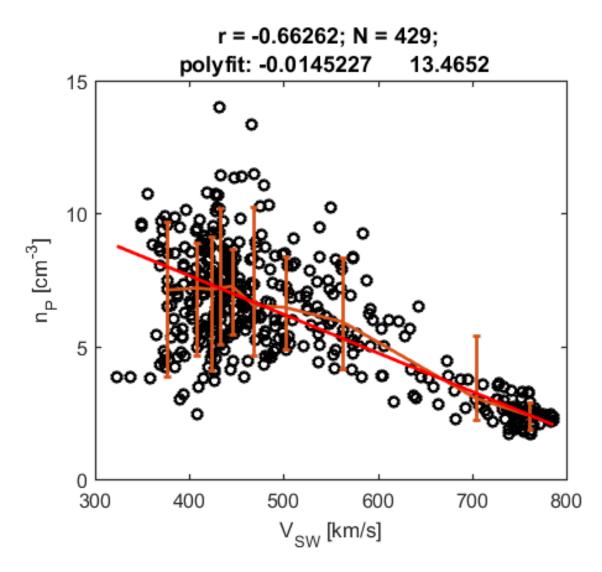
MAGNETIC FIELD (1 AU)





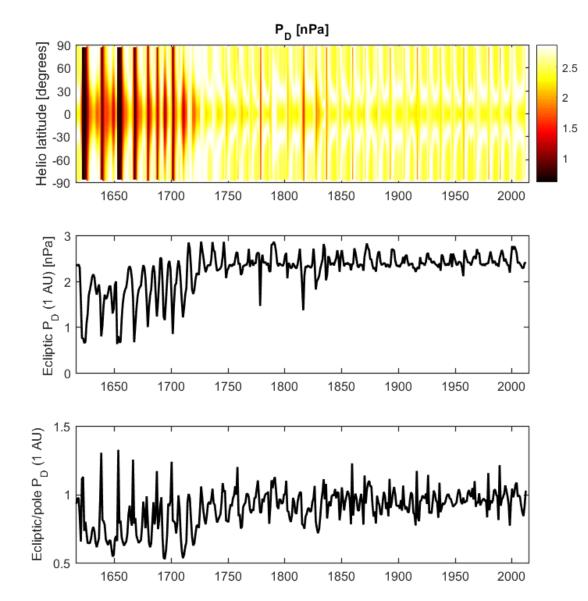
MASS FLUX





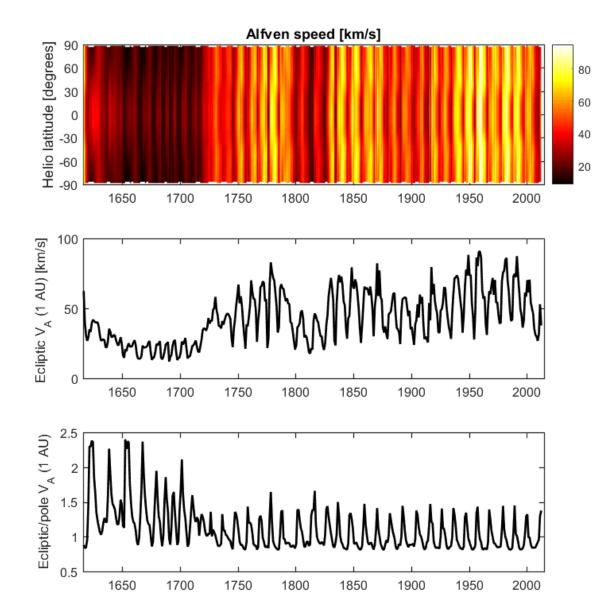
DYNAMIC PRESSURE (1 AU)





ALFVEN SPEED (1 AU)



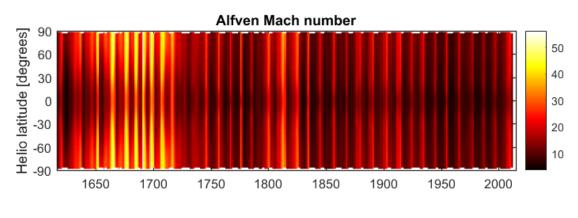


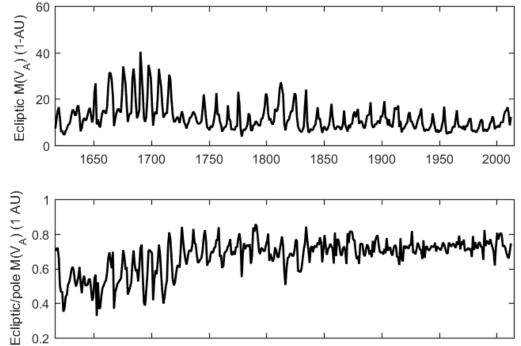
ALFVEN MACH NUM. (1 AU)

0.4

0.2







SUMMARY



- Annual open solar flux (OSF) can be reconstructed from sunspot records
 - Streamer belt width can also be reconstructed
- Reconstruct zonal mean V_{SW} at annual resolution back to 1610(ish)
 - Assuming Parker spiral, can estimate B
 - Assuming constant mass flux, estimate n_P
- Ecliptic V_{SW} shows little variability after ~1720. Global V_{SW} shows strong solar cycle variation
 - During Maunder min (MM), approx 30% lower
- B varies less than OSF (from ~6 nT to ~2 nT during Maunder min).
 - B has stronger solar cycle variation in MM than OSF
 - Ratio of ecliptic-to-pole B is ~constant (~1.5) after ~1720
 - Much larger during MM (up to ~ 2.5)
- Dynamic pressure approx symmetric after ~1720
 - ~40% lower over poles during MM

IMPLICATIONS



- Coming cycles similar to MM? If so, what can we expect?
 - Lower dynamic pressure, magnetopause standoff >15 R_E
 - Displacement of the auroral oval?
 - Different propagation and interaction of CMEs with m'sphere?
 - Reduced Alfven speed increased mach number (up to factor 4)
- Cosmogenic radionuclide reconstructions of grand minima
 - Reduced solar wind speeds also affect heliospheric modulation
 - Heliosphere size and asymmetry: GCR drift patterns
 - More effective SEP acceleration?