

1 Interpretation of the Cross Correlation Function of
2 STEREO Solar Wind Velocities using a Global MHD
3 Model

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4 **Abstract.** The unique trajectories of the STEREO A and B spacecraft
5 are allowing an unprecedented view of the structure of the three-dimensional
6 heliosphere. One aspect of this is the degree to which the measurements at
7 one spacecraft correlate with those at the other. We have computed the cross
8 correlation function (CCF) for STEREO *in situ* observations of the bulk so-
9 lar wind velocity as the spacecraft moved progressively farther away from
10 one another. Our results confirm previous studies that the phase lag between
11 the signals becomes linearly larger with time. However, we have identified
12 two intervals where this appears to break down. During these “lulls,” the CCF
13 reveals a phase lag considerably less than that which would be predicted based
14 only on the angular separation of the spacecraft. We modeled the entire STEREO
15 time period using a global MHD model to investigate the cause for these “lulls.”
16 We find that a combination of time-dependent evolution of the streams as
17 well as spatial inhomogeneities, due to the latitudinal separation of the space-
18 craft, are sufficient to explain them.

1. Introduction

19 The STEREO (Solar Terrestrial RElations Observatory) mission launched on October
20 25th, 2006 on a Delta II rocket. Since early 2007, it has been continuously returning
21 a wide range of remote solar and *in situ* measurements of the Sun's corona and the
22 inner heliosphere. Charged with a number of fundamental scientific objectives, one of
23 particular relevance to this study is to improve our understanding of the structure of
24 the ambient solar wind. With nearly identical instrumentation, the STEREO ahead (A)
25 and behind (B) spacecraft are separating by $\sim 45^\circ$ per year. Restricted to the ecliptic
26 plane, in addition to the monotonically-increasing longitudinal separation, the spacecraft
27 also separate from one another in heliographic latitude, up to a maximum separation of
28 $\sim 14.4^\circ$. The measurements from STEREO A and B thus represent a unique dataset from
29 which to study the effects of spatial and temporal evolution of solar wind streams, and,
30 in particular, to assess the degree of correlation between them.

31 Previous studies have investigated the correlation of solar wind stream structure from
32 one and multiple spacecraft. The first comprehensive auto-correlation analysis of *in situ*
33 solar wind data was performed by *Gosling and Bame* [1972]. Using solar-wind speed
34 data from the Vela 2 and 3 missions, they assessed to what extent solar wind structure
35 persisted from one rotation to the next. They found that the average correlation was
36 only 0.3, suggesting that most structure did not persist from one rotation to the next;
37 However, this coefficient varied from 0.1 to 0.7 at different times. They also noted that
38 differential rotation affected the results, the implication being that a wide range of helio-
39 latitudes contributed to the solar wind measured at Earth. In a more comprehensive

40 analysis, *Gosling et al.* [1976] found that the most stable stream structure occurred during
41 the declining phase of the solar cycle. *Richardson et al.* [1998] cross-correlated data
42 from ISEE 3 at L1 and IMP 8 at Earth for times corresponding to near-solar maximum
43 conditions. They found that the temporal lag between the structures observed at the
44 two spacecraft depended on both the radial and azimuthal separation. Additionally,
45 they found that the lag required a correction due to corotation, that is, that the stream
46 normals are tilted away from the radial direction and toward the direction of planetary
47 motion. In contrast, *Paularena et al.* [1998], investigating the correlation between data
48 observed by IMP 8, Interball-1, and Wind during near-solar minimum conditions, found
49 that the correlation depended only on the radial separation of the spacecraft and not on
50 the azimuthal separation. Moreover, they did not find any need to correct for corotation.
51 *Richardson et al.* [1998] suggested that the smaller angular separation of the spacecraft
52 in the *Paularena et al.* [1998] study, together with the fact that the two investigations
53 used data from different extremes of the solar cycle could account for these apparent
54 contradictions.

55 *Podesta et al.* [2008] first reported on the correlation length of large-scale solar wind
56 velocity fluctuations measured at STEREO A and B. They focused on the interval between
57 February 2007 and August 2007, corresponding to near-solar minimum conditions. They
58 found that the transverse correlation length was 0.25 ± 0.02 AU. *Opitz et al.* [2009] analyzed
59 the solar wind velocity from STEREO A and B from March to August of 2007. Their study
60 focused on the temporal evolution of the solar wind at the two spacecraft by removing
61 spatial effects caused by the radial and angular separation of the two spacecraft. In
62 particular, they time-shifted STEREO B, accounting for both longitudinal and radial

63 separation and computed the correlation coefficient between it and STEREO A data.
 64 They found that the correlation decreased with increasing separation (and time). However,
 65 they noted some exceptions to the otherwise good correlations found: (1) Day 142, 2007,
 66 which coincided with an ICME; (2) Day 155, 2007, associated with a CIR; (3) day 201,
 67 2007, which coincided with significant velocity gradient bisecting the $\sim 2^\circ$ latitudinal
 68 separation of the spacecraft [Rouillard *et al.*, 2009]; and (4) days 227 - 235, 2007. They
 69 ascribed the poor correlation during the first portion of this last interval (days 227 - 231)
 70 to temporal evolution of the solar wind source as it moved from under one spacecraft to
 71 the other. Since the stream structure of the second half of this interval remained intact one
 72 rotation later, they suggested that the poor correlation was due to spatial inhomogeneities.

2. The STEREO Orbits

73 The relative locations of the two STEREO spacecraft obviously play an important role
 74 in understanding the large-scale correlation of solar wind parameters. Figure 1 summa-
 75 rizes the heliocentric distance, latitude, and longitude of the spacecraft, together with the
 76 differences between them. In the top panel, $R - 1$ is plotted, showing that the spacecraft
 77 oscillate about values slightly less or more than 1 AU. These oscillations are synchronous
 78 so that during mid/late 2007, 2008, and 2009 the spacecraft have a maximum radial separa-
 79 tion of ~ 0.13 AU. We can estimate the maximum temporal lag between the spacecraft
 80 due to the radial separation using $\Delta t = \Delta r / v_{sw}$. Assuming $v_{sw} = 600 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, we obtain
 81 $\Delta t \sim 9$ hours. The temporal lag due to longitudinal effects obviously begins to dominate
 82 once the spacecraft are separated by $\sim \frac{1 \text{ day}}{27 \text{ days}} \times 360^\circ \sim 13^\circ$. Following launch, the two
 83 spacecraft maintained their position in the ecliptic plane, but as they moved farther apart,
 84 their heliographic latitudinal separation began to oscillate, the amplitude of which became

85 progressively larger. The black curve in the middle panel summarizes this effect: Maxi-
 86 mum latitudinal differences occurred at the shortly before the beginning of, and midway
 87 through each year. Finally, in the bottom panel, the inertial longitude of the spacecraft is
 88 shown, together with their monotonically-increasing azimuthal separation. Of particular
 89 note is that this separation is not strictly linear: Prior to, and during the early portion
 90 of each calendar year, the increase in separation is modest, whereas, for the remainder of
 91 the year, it is more pronounced.

92 In this study, we investigate the evolving cross correlation function (CCF) between solar
 93 wind velocity measurements at STEREO A and B. Unlike the previous study of *Opitz*
 94 *et al.* [2009], we do not assume and apply a phase lag between the measurements from
 95 which a correlation coefficient is computed, but rather compute the temporal phase lag
 96 between the two STEREO spacecraft that maximizes the CCF. To a first approximation,
 97 the results match our intuition and previous studies, that the phase lag increases linearly
 98 with the angular separation of the spacecraft; However, there are two interesting intervals
 99 where the phase lag “pauses.” We use global MHD model solutions to show that these
 100 intervals are due to a combination of both temporal and spatial effects.

3. Analysis of STEREO in situ Bulk Solar Wind Speed Observations

101 In general, the CCF between two continuous functions is the integral of the complex
 102 conjugate of one variable and the time-shifted value of the other variable:

$$(f \star g)(\Delta t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(\tau)g(\Delta t + \tau)d\tau \quad (1)$$

103 Extending this to real-valued discrete functions of finite length, which in this study
 104 are the bulk solar wind velocities measured at the two spacecraft (v_A and v_B) over some
 105 temporal lag, Δt , we can define the CCF to be:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (v_A \star v_B)(\Delta t) &= = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{N-|\Delta t|-1} (v_{A,k+|\Delta t|} - \bar{v}_A)(v_{B,k} - \bar{v}_B)}{\sqrt{\left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (v_{A,k} - \bar{v}_A)^2\right] \left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (v_{B,k} - \bar{v}_B)^2\right]}} \text{for } L < 0 \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{N-|\Delta t|-1} (v_{A,k} - \bar{v}_A)(v_{B,k+\Delta t} - \bar{v}_B)}{\sqrt{\left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (v_{A,k} - \bar{v}_A)^2\right] \left[\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} (v_{B,k} - \bar{v}_B)^2\right]}} \text{for } L > 0 \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

106 where \bar{v}_A and \bar{v}_B are the mean values of variables between 0 and $N - 1$.

107 Thus, for two real-valued functions (v_A and v_B), which differ only by a shift along the
 108 time axis, we can compute the CCF for a range of time lags (Δt). Where the functions
 109 match, the peaks and troughs become aligned, making a positive contribution to the sum-
 110 mation, and the CCF is maximized. In the specific case of bulk solar wind velocities, which
 111 are always positive, the CCF maximum is weighted more by the fast solar wind streams,
 112 than the slow wind, since these contribute proportionately more to the summations.

113 Figure 2 illustrates graphically how the time shift that maximizes the CCF increases as
 114 the angular separation of the spacecraft becomes larger. We can estimate how we would
 115 expect the time lag (Δt) that maximizes the CCF to increase with angular separation
 116 ($\Delta \lambda$). It is simply the fraction of a solar rotation by which the spacecraft are separated.
 117 Thus, we anticipate that the phase lag should change by:

$$\Delta t(\text{hrs}) = -\frac{27 \times 24}{360^\circ} \Delta \lambda \quad (3)$$

118 where we have chosen a negative decrease to reflect a convention that it is the amount
 119 of time that measurements from spacecraft A must be shifted back in time to align with

120 spacecraft B. As a concrete example, at a separation of 55.5° , the predicted absolute phase
121 lag would be ~ 100 hrs, or a little over 4 days. It is worth noting that the synodic, rather
122 than the sidereal period is the appropriate interval to use, since the two spacecraft are
123 drifting apart from the Earth and not some fixed inertial point in space.

124 In Figure 3 (top), we have identified and plotted the phase lag of the peak of the
125 computed CCF as a function of spacecraft separation. A CCF was computed every 10^{-3}
126 years and each CCF was computed using a window of 0.1 years. The phase lag was
127 identified automatically by locating the peak in the CCF and all CCFs were visually
128 inspected to verify that the peak represented a pronounced maximum in the distribution.
129 The anticipated phase lag from equation (3) is shown by the dashed line. To a first
130 approximation, then the computed phase lag matches the simple formula. That is, the
131 phase lag increases linearly with time. However, two obvious deviations are apparent.
132 Since they represent intervals where the phase lag appears to “pause” from its trend
133 of increasing, we refer to them as “lulls.” The first is centered on Carrington rotation
134 (CR) 2061, while the second is centered on CR 2069. Both span approximately the same
135 duration in longitude, $\sim 12.5^\circ$, corresponding to ~ 3.5 months or 101 days. Whereas the
136 first has the appearance of a “pause,” in the sense that the phase lag holds steady at
137 -45 hours before returning to its expected value, the second shows a significant reversal
138 in the trend of increasing lag: Where the predicted lag would have been -90 hours, the
139 computed lag was only -55 hours, a difference of 35 hours, or 19.4° in effective longitude.

140 In Figure 3 (bottom), we have plotted the value of the peak correlation coefficient at
141 that phase lag. Thus, until the spacecraft reached a separation of $\sim 75^\circ$, the correlation
142 coefficient exceeded 0.6 and, for the majority of the time remained near 0.8. Beyond

143 $\sim 75^\circ$, as the peak correlation coefficient decreased, multiple peaks appeared, and, while
144 it would have been possible to force a local phase lag that matched our expectations
145 based on equation (3), the low value of the correlation coefficient would cast doubt on
146 any inferences drawn.

4. Global MHD Model Solutions for the STEREO Mission

147 The first MHD models of the solar corona were developed almost 40 years ago [*Endler*,
148 1971; *Pneuman and Kopp*, 1971]. Over the years they have become progressively more
149 sophisticated [*Steinolfson et al.*, 1982; *Linker et al.*, 1990; *Mikić and Linker*, 1994], culmi-
150 nating in models that include the photospheric field as a boundary condition [*Usmanov*,
151 1993; *Mikic et al.*, 1996; *Riley et al.*, 2001a; *Roussev et al.*, 2003]. Complementary efforts
152 focusing on heliospheric models, where the inner boundary was placed beyond the out-
153 ermost critical point, have also been pursued [*Dryer et al.*, 1978; *Pizzo*, 1978; *Smith and*
154 *Dryer*, 1990; *Detman et al.*, 1991; *Odstrcil*, 1994]. Most recently, coronal and heliospheric
155 models have been coupled [*Riley et al.*, 2001a, 2002; *Odstrcil et al.*, 2002; *Riley et al.*,
156 2003; *Odstrcil et al.*, 2004; *Manchester et al.*, 2006; *Riley et al.*, 2007] and more sophisti-
157 cated descriptions of energy transport processes have been included [*Lionello et al.*, 2001;
158 *Lionello et al.*, 2009].

159 We have computed global coronal and heliospheric polytropic MHD solutions span-
160 ning more than 35 years, and, in particular, for the entire STEREO mission to date
161 (<http://www.predsci.com/stereo>). An important feature that makes our approach unique
162 is the use of observed photospheric magnetograms to drive the solutions. Studies com-
163 paring model results with eclipses [*Mikic et al.*, 2002; *Mikić et al.*, 2007] as well as *in*
164 *situ* observations at Ulysses and near Earth have shown that we can reproduce the basic

165 features of the solar corona and inner heliosphere [*Riley et al.*, 1996, 2001a, b, 2002, 2003;
166 *Riley*, 2007].

167 In general, our three-dimensional, time-dependent algorithm solves the following form
168 of the resistive MHD equations on a non-uniform grid in spherical coordinates:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}, \quad (4)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}, \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{E} + \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}}{c} = \eta \mathbf{J}, \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0, \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla T \right) = -T \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \frac{m_p}{2k\rho} S \quad (8)$$

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} \right) = \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{B} - \nabla(p + p_w) + \rho \mathbf{g} + \nabla \cdot (\nu \rho \nabla \mathbf{v}), \quad (9)$$

$$S = (-\nabla \cdot \mathbf{q} - n_e n_p Q(T) + H_{\text{ch}}), \quad (10)$$

169 where \mathbf{B} is the magnetic field, \mathbf{J} is the electric current density, \mathbf{E} is the electric field,
170 ρ , \mathbf{v} , p , and T are the plasma mass density, velocity, pressure, and temperature, $\mathbf{g} =$
171 $-g_0 R_S^2 \hat{\mathbf{r}}/r^2$ is the gravitational acceleration, η the resistivity, and ν is the kinematic
172 viscosity. Equation (10) contains the radiation loss function $Q(T)$, n_e and n_p are the
173 electron and proton number density (which are equal for a hydrogen plasma), m_p is the
174 proton mass, γ is the polytropic index, H_{ch} is the coronal heating term, and \mathbf{q} is the heat
175 flux. The wave pressure term p_w in Eq. (9) represents the contribution due to Alfvén
176 waves and is evolved using the WKB approximation for time-space averaged Alfvén wave
177 energy density ϵ [*Mikić et al.*, 1999]. The method of solution of equation (6) through
178 (9), including the boundary conditions, has been described previously [*Mikić and Linker*,

179 1994; *Linker and Mikić*, 1997; *Lionello et al.*, 1999; *Mikić et al.*, 1999; *Linker et al.*, 2001;
180 *Lionello et al.*, 2009]. In the work presented here, however, we simplify these equations
181 by employing a “polytropic” energy equation, where $S = 0$ [*Usmanov*, 1993; *Mikic et al.*,
182 1996; *Usmanov*, 1996; *Linker et al.*, 1999; *Mikić et al.*, 1999; *Riley et al.*, 2001a, 2002, 2003;
183 *Roussev et al.*, 2003] and employ an empirical technique for deriving the speed profile for
184 the inner boundary of the heliospheric model. Although such an approximation is at odds
185 with observations (it requires that we set $\gamma = 1.05$ in the coronal model, for example), we
186 have found that that this approach for deriving solar wind speed is, at least currently, more
187 accurate than can be obtained from the more self-consistent thermodynamic approach.

188 Figure 4 compares model results with STEREO and ACE observations for CR 2060,
189 which occurred during one the intervals identified as “lulls.” The solid lines show model
190 solutions, which were extracted by flying the spacecraft trajectories through the simulation
191 domain. We note that the relative phasing of the streams at the three locations is captured
192 in the model results. The fast stream centered on day 240, for example, is first seen
193 at STEREO A, then ACE (Earth), and finally at STEREO B. Moreover, the general
194 large-scale stream structure for this rotation is reproduced by the model: Generally slow
195 and variable wind during the first half, followed by a large stream at day 240, and two
196 smaller streams following it. The precise phasing of the modeled streams relative to the
197 observations does not match up well, however: The first stream is predicted to arrive
198 earlier than it actually does and the second stream is predicted to arrive later. Overall,
199 however, these relatively typical results match sufficiently well that the model can be used
200 to interpret the observations. The bottom panel summarizes the polarity of the radial

201 component of the magnetic field. Both model and observations suggest an essentially
202 two-sector pattern for this rotation.

203 Figure 5 summarizes the computed coronal hole boundaries for CRs 2058 through 2063.
204 These maps mark regions of open field lines (dark grey) and closed field lines (light
205 grey) at the photosphere. We note that, during this time, there were well-defined polar
206 coronal holes, together with equatorward extensions to these holes, as well as low and
207 mid-latitude holes, not obviously connected to other open field regions. The quantitative
208 steps taken to compute the speed profiles in the model are described by *Riley et al.*
209 [2001a]. In brief, a velocity profile at the photosphere, consisting of fast wind everywhere
210 with slow wind localized at the boundaries between the open and closed field lines, is
211 mapped outward along the field lines to $30R_S$. Figure 6 shows the results of that mapping.
212 Specifically, it shows the bulk radial solar wind velocity at $30R_S$ for each of these six
213 rotations. The trajectories of Earth, STEREO A, and STEREO B are overlaid. Since
214 Carrington longitude increases from left to right in each panel, time proceeds from right
215 to left. Thus, with increasing time, the spacecraft sample progressively earlier Carrington
216 longitudes.

217 The connection between the computed coronal holes in Figure 5 and the high-speed
218 streams within Figure 6 can, at least qualitatively, be understood; however, it is clear
219 that the topology of the field lines between $1R_S$ and $30R_S$ has added a great deal of
220 complexity to the velocity map. From Figure 6, we note the following points. First, the
221 spacecraft were essentially located at the same heliographic latitude during this interval.
222 Certainly, based on the quality of the match shown in Figure 4, we could not reliably
223 ascribe any spatial inhomogeneities to these modest separations. Second, the three high-

224 speed streams intercepted by all three spacecraft, initially at $\sim 120^\circ$ in CR 2059 and
225 $\sim 210^\circ$ and $\sim 340^\circ$ in CR 2060 drift westward in the ensuing rotations.

226 Figures 7 and 8 show coronal hole boundaries and speed profiles for CRs 2067 through
227 2072, which span the second “lull.” For this interval, we note the following. First, the
228 spacecraft were separated more substantially in heliographic latitude. Second, again,
229 there was a westward progression of the high-speed streams that were intercepted by the
230 spacecraft. Third, the stream boundaries tended to have a systematic tilt to them. This
231 can be seen more clearly in the low-latitude coronal holes, which are orientated from SE
232 to NW. The fast streams have a more complex profile, however, there is a tendency for
233 STEREO A, which is at a higher heliographic latitude, to intercept the matching stream
234 interface at a more westerly longitude.

5. Interpretation

235 There are two obvious ways that the linear relationship between time lag and the in-
236 creasing longitude of the two STEREO spacecraft can be broken: temporal changes and/or
237 spatial inhomogeneities. In the case of the latter, the pattern at the Sun does not change in
238 time so that the structure of the solar wind in a frame rotating with the Sun is stationary;
239 that is, it is strictly corotating. However, if the two spacecraft are not located at exactly
240 the same heliographic latitude, they will intercept different plasma sources. Consider, for
241 example, an idealized, elongated low-latitude coronal hole, oriented so that one end is in
242 the SE and the other end lies in the NW. This is shown schematically in Figure 9. If
243 STEREO A is located at a higher heliographic latitude than STEREO B, then the CH,
244 and hence fast solar wind stream, will arrive slightly earlier than predicted since it is
245 rooted in a more western source. Temporal effects can be understood in a similar way. If

246 a low-latitude CH evolves in time so that it shifts toward the west as the structure passes
247 from STEREO B to A, then the stream will arrive earlier than predicted by equation (3).
248 Both of these examples, thus, lead to the “lulls” we have identified in the data. Clearly,
249 in principle, it is possible for the opposite effects to take place: Structure that is oriented
250 from the NE to SW or temporal evolution of structure that tends to precess in the Car-
251 rington frame would drive larger time lags. Our model results, however, do not provide
252 any examples of this occurring during the STEREO timeframe. Instead, surrounding CR
253 2061, the general trend was for structures intercepted by the spacecraft to drift westward,
254 while surrounding CR 2070, both spatial and temporal effects likely contributed to the
255 “lulls.” In particular, the stream interfaces were oriented from the SE to NW, so that
256 wind from the same coronal hole arrived earlier than would have been predicted, and the
257 coronal hole structure evolved such that the fast wind streams migrated westward.

258 As a final verification of this interpretation, we consider the first 6 Carrington rotations
259 of the STEREO mission. During this interval, the phase lag of the signals at the two
260 spacecraft matched the linear increase predicted by Equation (3). The computed solar
261 wind velocities at $30R_S$ for this interval are shown in Figure 10. During CR 2053 through
262 2055 the CCF was driven by a stable pattern involving two long-lived equatorial coronal
263 holes (at longitudes of $\sim 110^\circ$ and $\sim 270^\circ$). The spacecraft were not significantly separated
264 in latitude, and thus, we would not expect spatial inhomogeneities to drive a deviation in
265 the time lag. Moreover, there was no systematic evolution of the coronal holes during this
266 interval. Based on these results, then, we would not expect any deviations in the time lag
267 profile. During the second half of this interval, the wind sampled by the two spacecraft
268 was slow, variable, and unorganized. Again, there were no obvious systematic trends.

6. Summary

269 In this study, we have applied a cross-correlation analysis to STEREO A and B bulk
 270 solar wind velocity measurements for the period from launch through mid 2009. We found
 271 that, as with previous studies [*Podesta et al.*, 2008; *Opitz et al.*, 2009], there is a general
 272 trend for the phase lag between the streams to increase within increasing separation
 273 of the spacecraft. We also identified two intervals that deviated significantly from this
 274 trend. The first, centered around CR 2060, was previously identified by *Opitz et al.*
 275 [2009]. We used global MHD simulation results to understand these “lulls” in terms of
 276 both temporal evolution of the streams, as they swept first past B and then A, as well
 277 as spatial inhomogeneities, such that the two spacecraft, separated in latitude by up to
 278 $\sim 14^\circ$ sampled different portions of the streams. Finally, beyond a separation of $\sim 80^\circ$,
 279 the CCF peaked at values < 0.5 , suggesting that from this point, correlation analysis
 280 must be applied and interpreted with considerably more caution.

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Notes

1. The algorithm used to compute this function is available as part of the Interactive Data Language (IDL) numerical
 283 package (`c.correlate.pro` in the main library directory).

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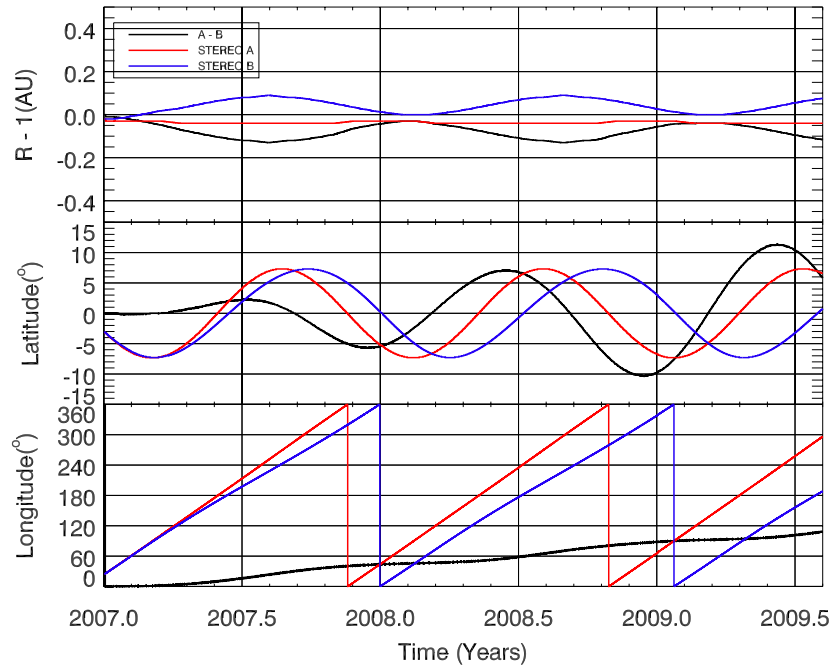


Figure 1. Ephemeris data for STEREO mission. In each panel, the red curve corresponds to the location of STEREO A, the blue curve to the location of STEREO B, and the black curve to the difference between them. (Top) The heliocentric location of the spacecraft, plotted relative to 1 AU; (Middle) The heliographic latitude of the spacecraft; and (Bottom) the heliographic, inertial longitude of the spacecraft.

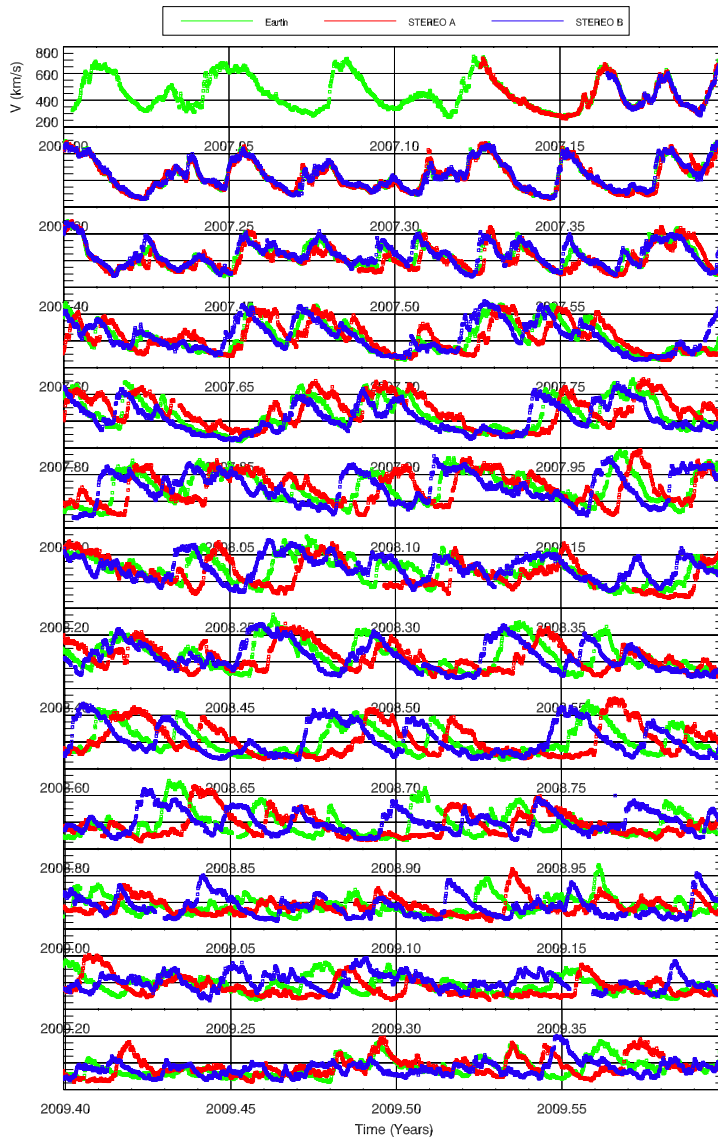


Figure 2. Bulk solar wind speed from 2007.0 (top) through 2009.5 (bottom). Green, red, and blue correspond to Earth, STEREO A, and STEREO B, respectively. A movie illustrating the evolution of these streams can be viewed/downloaded at <http://www.predsci.com/stereo/movies/>.

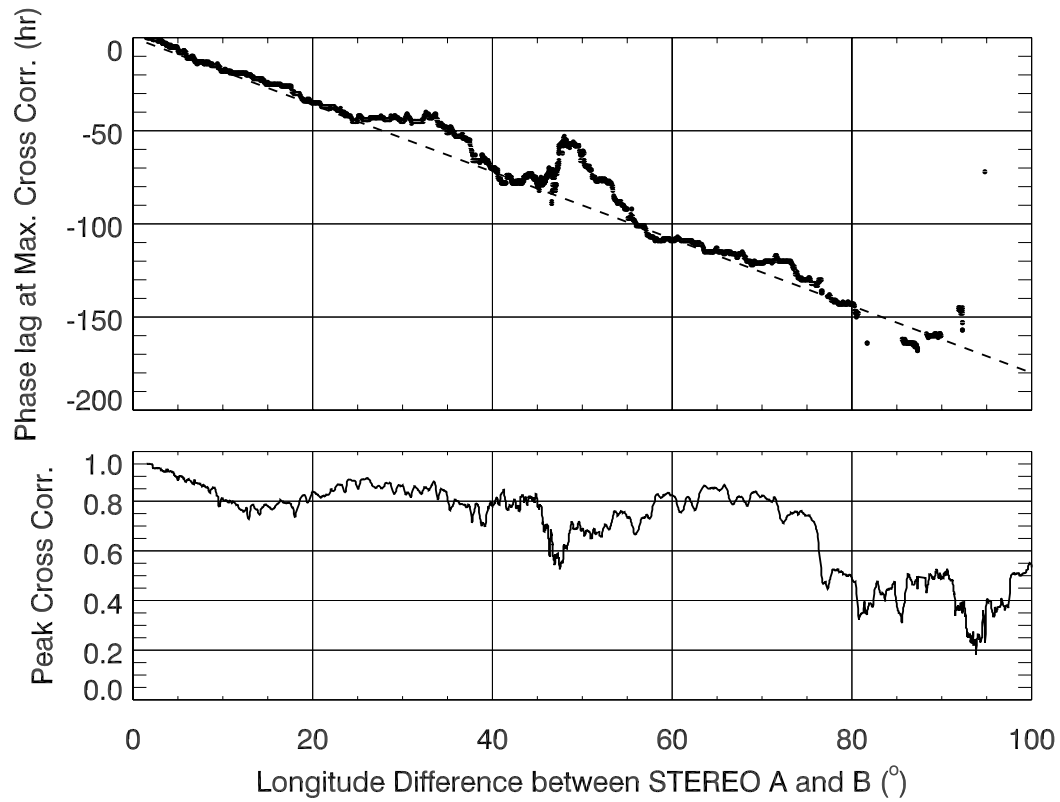


Figure 3. (Top) The temporal phase lag that maximizes the cross correlation function (CCF) between the solar wind velocities measured at STEREO A and B, plotted as a function of longitudinal separation of the spacecraft. (Bottom) The correlation coefficient corresponding to the phase lag in the plot above.

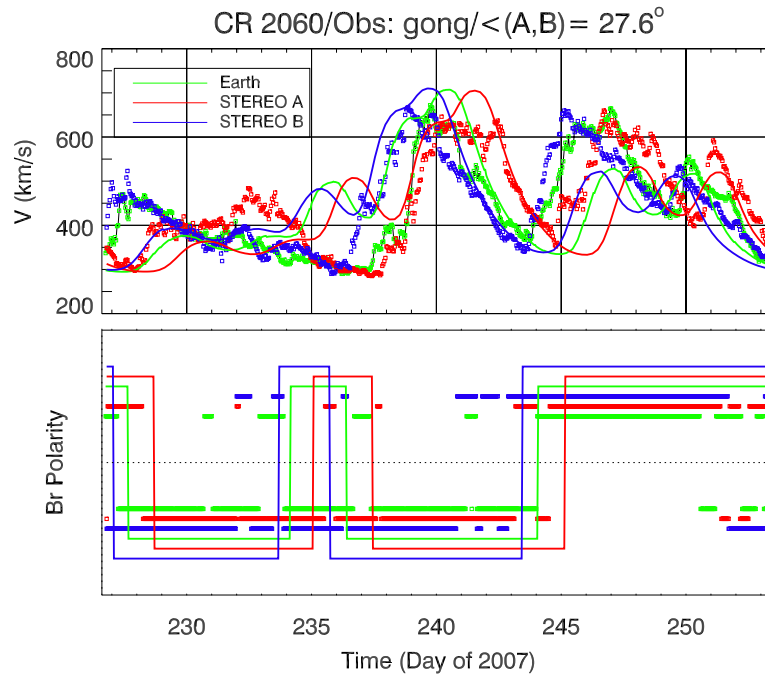


Figure 4. Comparison of model results with (Top) *in situ* speed and (Bottom) radial IMF polarity for Carrington rotation (CR) 2060. The solid lines are model results and the symbols are *in situ* measurements from ACE (green), STEREO A (red), and STEREO B (blue). The amplitude of polarities have been adjusted to more easily show the variations at each spacecraft; there is no physical significance, however, to them.

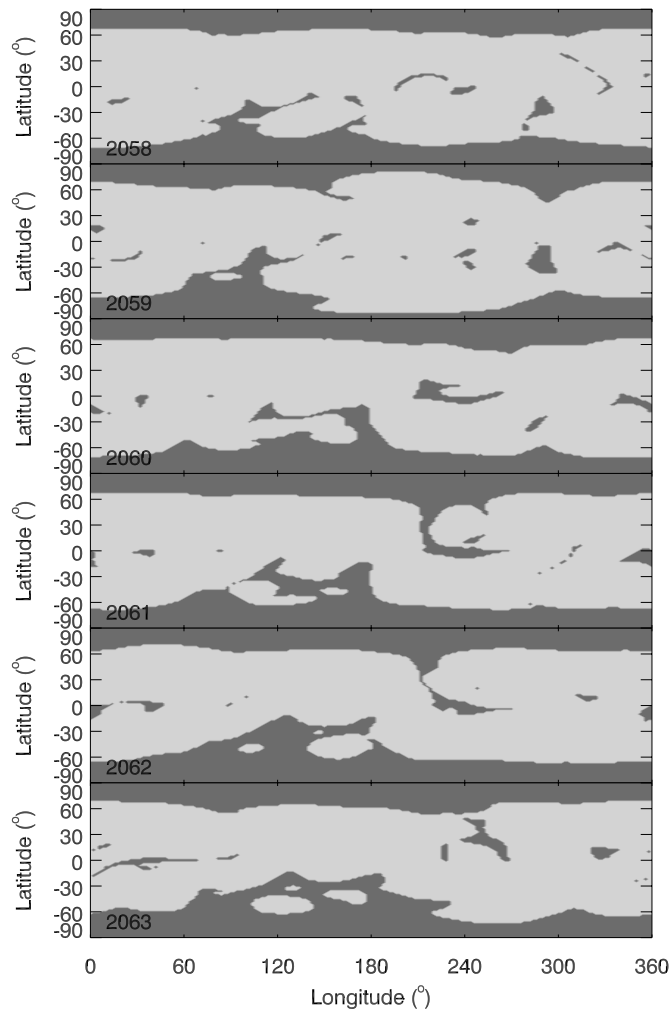


Figure 5. The computed coronal holes for CRs 2058 through 2063. These were obtained by tracing magnetic field lines outward from the photosphere and into the heliosphere. If the field line returned to the photosphere, it was labeled “closed” and shaded light grey, whereas if it reached the outer radial boundary of the simulation domain, it was labeled “open” and shaded dark grey.

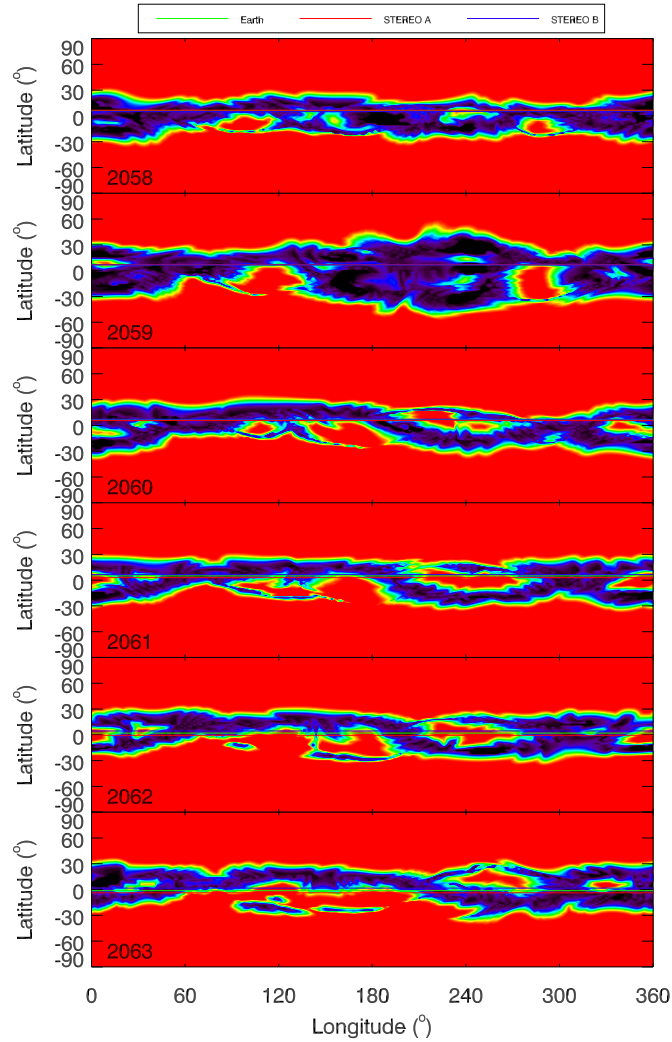


Figure 6. The computed radial solar wind velocities for CRs 2058 through 2063. These were obtained by mapping a photospheric velocity profile (see *Riley et al.* [2001a] for details) outward along open field lines to $30R_S$. Red corresponds to $\sim 750 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, while black corresponds to $\sim 350 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

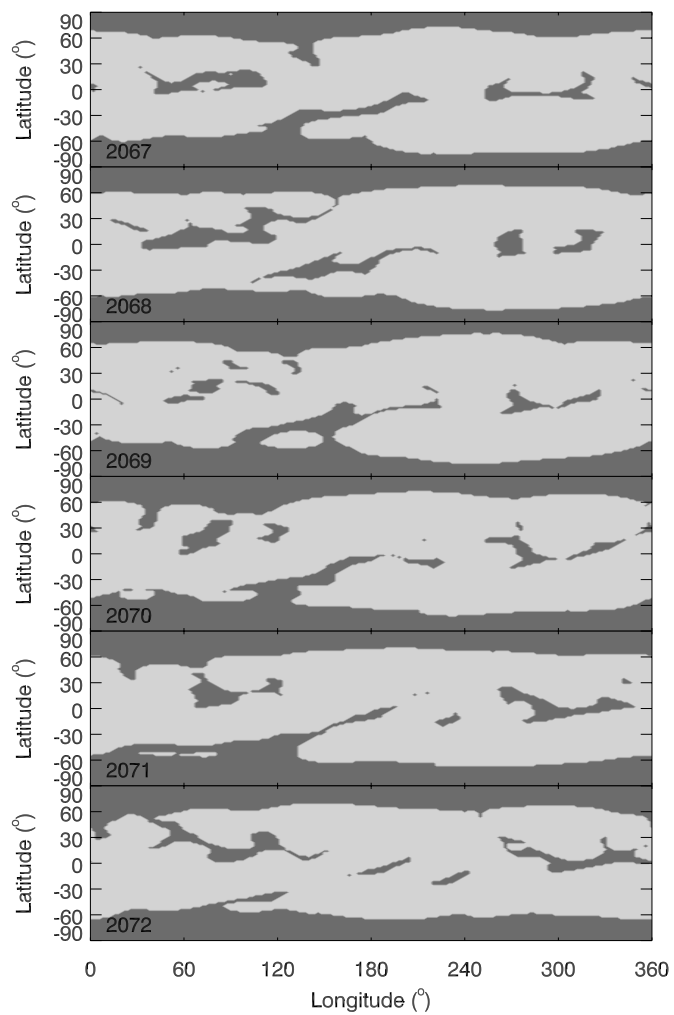


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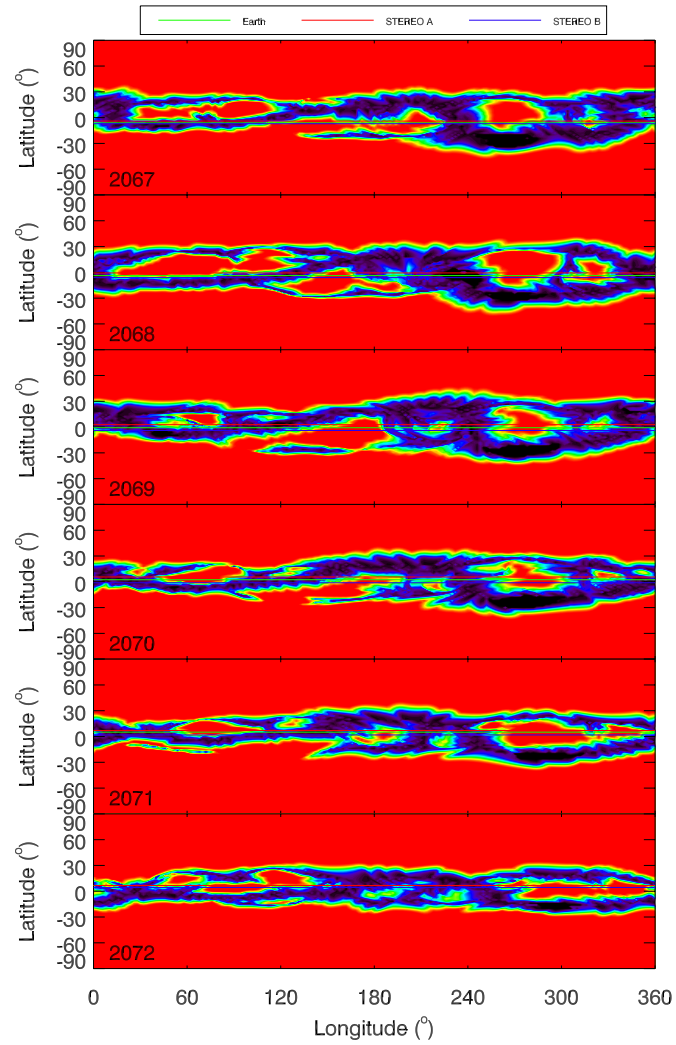


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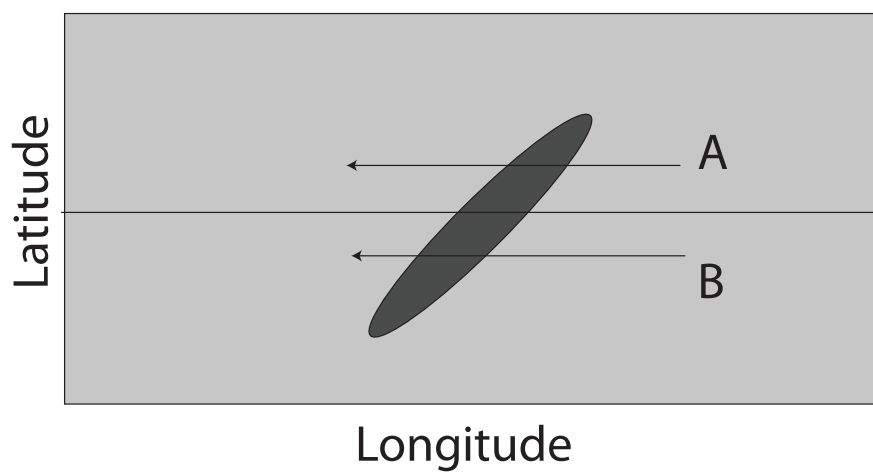


Figure 9. Schematic illustration of how the orientation of a coronal hole can affect the phase lag between STEREO A and B. The trajectory of the two spacecraft through the coronal hole are marked by horizontal arrows.

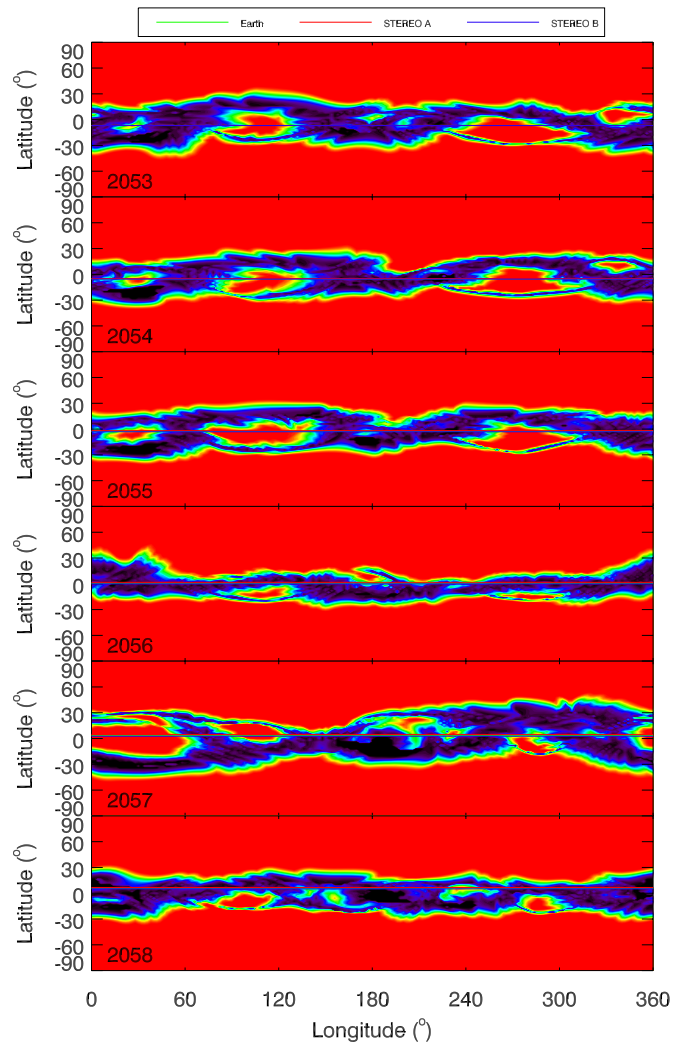


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