



In-situ magnetic field observations of co-rotating interaction regions and coronal mass ejections at Venus

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Previous work by Whittaker et. al. combined remote sensing observations from Interplanetary Scintillation observations (IPS) with in-situ ion data collected by the Ion Mass Analyser (IMA) onboard Venus Express to study solar wind interactions with Venus. In-situ magnetic field observations from the Venus Express magnetometer will now be applied as a complimentary tool in identifying different cases of these interactions. Three case studies are undertaken; a co-rotating interaction region (CIR) arriving on ~30th April 2007, a coronal mass ejection (CME), arriving on ~25th and 26th May 2007 and mass loading of the solar wind coinciding with Venus moving into the tail disconnection event of comet 2P/Encke on ~22nd April 2007. We are interested both in making in situ measurements of heliospheric structures previously remote sensed by IPS, and also in understanding the response of the Venus magnetosphere to their passage.

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