Magnetic field modulated dust streams from Jupiter in Interplanetary space

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Abstract

High speed *dust streams* emanating from near Jupiter were first discovered by the Ulysses spacecraft in 1992. Since then the phenomenon has been re-observed by Galileo in 1995, Cassini in 2000, and Ulysses in 2004. The dust grains are expected to be charged to a potential of ($\sim 5V$) which is sufficient to allow the planet's magnetic field to accelerate them away from the planet where they are subsequently influenced by the interplanetary Magnetic field (IMF). A similar phenomenon was observed near Saturn by Cassini. Here, we report and analyze

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simultaneous dust, IMF and solar wind data for all dust streams from the two Ulysses Jupiter flybys. We find that compression regions (CRs) in the IMF - regions of enhanced magnetic field - precede most dust streams. Furthermore, there are important correlations between the duration and timing of the CRs and the subsequent dust streams, The intensity of the dust streams and their precedent CRs are also correlated, but this correlation is only evident at distances from the planet no greater than 2AU. Combining these observations, we argue that CRs strongly affect dust streams, probably by deflecting dust grain trajectories so that they can reach the spacecraft and be detected by its dust sensor. *Keywords:* Interplanetary Dust, Solar wind, Jupiter, Io

1 1. INTRODUCTION

The spectacular volcanic plumes of Jupiter's moon Io inject copious amounts 2 of gas and fine dust along Io's orbit, leading to the so-called Io plasma torus at 3 $\sim 5.9 R_J$ distance from Jupiter (Jupiter radius $R_J = 71,492 \text{ km}$). Dust grains in 4 Io's volcanic plumes get easily charged in Io's ionosphere (Flandes, 2004) and 5 transported into the plasma torus (Horányi et al., 1993). At least one kilogram of 6 sub-micrometric (~ 10 nm) dust grains escape every second from the torus to the 7 circum-jovian space (Krüger et al., 2003). Due to their electric charge and small 8 size, their motion is dominated by electromagnetic forces. It has been demon-9 strated that the induced corotating electric field of the huge jovian magnetic field 10 accelerates positively charged grains away from Jupiter. The grains get sufficiently 11 large speeds ($\geq 200 \,\mathrm{km \, s^{-1}}$) that they can easily escape from the magnetosphere 12 (Horányi et al., 1993; Hamilton and Burns, 1993). 13

This escape was first observed by Ulysses in 1992 and confirmed by the Galileo 14 (1995) and Cassini (2000) spacecraft which detected this dust outside the jovian 15 magnetosphere as a discontinuous, but periodic flux coupled to the interplanetary 16 magnetic field (IMF) (Grün et al., 1993, 1998; Kempf et al., 2005; Flandes and 17 Krüger, 2007). This phenomenon was called the jovian dust streams. The Cassini 18 spacecraft detected dust streams escaping from the Saturn system as well in 2004. 19 It was shown that these two phenomena shared similar properties. The saturnian 20 dust streams source is not well defined yet (Kempf et al., 2005; Maravilla and 21 Flandes, 2005), but saturnian charged dust grains also escape via the corotational 22 electric field of Saturn mainly along the planet's equatorial plane. Recently Hsu 23 et al. (2005) explained the Saturnian dust stream detection by Cassini CDA (Cos-24 mic Dust Analyzer) in connection to the IMF and concluded that the Saturnian 25

²⁶ dust streams particles were directly correlated to the sector structure of the IMF,
 ²⁷ in particular the positive sectors.

In this work we concentrate on the jovian dust streams detected during the 28 two flybys of the Ulysses spacecraft at Jupiter (1991-1992 and 2003-2005). This 29 data set is, by far, the most complete and comprehensive presently available. We 30 present the full data set in a series of 13 plots (Fig. 1.a to Fig. 1.m) that will 31 be discussed throughout this work. Our intention is to give the reader a better 32 understanding of the detection and analysis of dust streams, and to elucidate the 33 close connection that they have with the IMF and the solar wind. We investigate 34 the significance of Corotating Interaction Regions (CIRs) and Coronal Mass Ejec-35 tions (CMEs) for the formation of the jovian dust streams in interplanetary space. 36 A very first approach to this study was sketched in Flandes and Krüger (2007), 37 nevertheless in this work we present a more thorough and extensive analysis. 38

2. THE ULYSSES TRAJECTORY AND THE JOVIAN DUST

The Ulysses spacecraft was launched towards Jupiter in October 1990. In early 40 1992, during the first Jupiter flyby, a swing-by manoeuvre changed the inclination 41 of its orbit to 79° with respect to the ecliptic plane. Since then, Ulysses has been 42 on an eccentric heliocentric trajectory with an approximately six-year period and 43 5.4 AU aphelion distance. Ulysses is no longer active. After almost 19 years of 44 a very successful mission, which ended in June 2009. Figure 2 shows the orbits 45 of Jupiter and Ulysses about the Sun during the second Jupiter flyby. The two 46 Ulysses flybys differed in geometry as can be seen in the top panels of Figure 3a 47 and Fig. 3b that show the profiles of the Ulysses angular position with respect to 48 Jupiter. 49

During the first flyby, Ulysses approached Jupiter to 6.3 R_I moving close to the 50 ecliptic plane and close to the Jupiter-Sun line (Fig. 3a, top panel). This means 51 low jovigraphic and ecliptic latitudes and low jovigraphic longitudes. After flyby, 52 Ulysses moved away from the planet at approximately -35° jovigraphic latitude. 53 During the first flyby, Ulysses scanned only a narrow region of circum-jovian 54 space, but it got very close to Jupiter $(6.3 R_J)$. The second flyby, between 2002 55 and during 2004 (Fig. 3b, bottom panel), the spacecraft scanned a wider range of 56 jovigraphic latitudes and longitudes: Ulysses sampled more than 120° in longitude 57 and more than 100° in latitude. During this second flyby, Ulysses approached 58 Jupiter to only 0.8 AU in early 2004. 59

60 2.1. Dust stream detection and identification

Ulysses detected the very first dust stream as a weak burst in late September 61 1991, at r = 1.1 AU distance from Jupiter while heading towards Jupiter along the 62 ecliptic plane at a jovigraphic longitude of $L \approx 11^{\circ}$. Jovigraphic longitudes are 63 defined with respect to the Sun-Jupiter-spacecraft angle. The Jupiter-Sun vector 64 defines $L = 0^{\circ}$. Positive longitudes correspond to angles to the left of that imag-65 inary line (in the direction of Jupiter's motion) - see Fig.2. We also define the 66 jovigraphic latitude, β , as the angle measured with respect to the jovian equatorial 67 plane. Positive latitudes correspond to the northern hemisphere and negative lat-68 itudes to the southern hemisphere. As reference we recall that Jupiter's rotation 69 axis is tilted 1.31° wrt the ecliptic and 6.09° wrt the solar equator. 70

During this first flyby, eleven dust streams were detected, five before the closest approach and six while the spacecraft was flying away from Jupiter. The last dust stream of this flyby was detected on 19 October, 1992 about 2 AU away from Jupiter. During the second flyby, the first dust stream was detected in November

2002 as a weak burst as well, but this time, when the spacecraft was at r=3.4 AU, 75 three times farther away from Jupiter as compared to the first dust stream from 76 the first flyby. Then the spacecraft was at a jovigraphic longitude and latitude 77 $L = -37^{\circ}$ and $\beta = 44^{\circ}$. Unfortunately, after the detection of this dust stream the 78 dust detector was switched off on 1st of December of 2002 for a six month period. 79 Nevertheless many more streams were observed when the detector was switched 80 on again on June 2003. The data indicate that dust streams seem to be detected 81 fairly uniformly in a wide range of jovigraphic latitudes and longitudes. In total 28 82 dust streams were registered, nine before the closest approach and nineteen while 83 Ulysses was receding from the planet. Actually the last dust stream was detected 84 on 16 August, 2005 around 4 AU away from Jupiter (Krüger et al., 2006b). 85

The earliest dust stream identification was made by Grün et al. (1993) and 86 the streams have been a topic of intense study for over 15 years. In all cases 87 dust streams were identified with probabilistic methods based on Poisson statis-88 tics (Oberst and Nakamura, 1991). This method separates true dust streams from 80 chance random fluctuations in the dust impact rate. In our work, we adopt the dust 90 stream identifications and other relevant parameters from Baguhl et al. (1993) and 91 the recent work of Krüger et al. (2006b). The first work provides a description of 92 the Ulysses first flyby dust stream identification and the second work provides a 93 comprehensive up-to-date summary of all the Ulysses dust streams from the sec-94 ond flyby. Even when we keep the stream numbers and order after Baguhl et al. 95 (1993) and Krüger et al. (2006b), for practical purposes, we will designate the 96 streams of the first flyby as streams 101 through 111 and those of the second flyby 97 as 201 through 228, where the first digit stands for the flyby number and the last 98 two for the dust stream number (See Table 1 and bottom panel of Fig. 1.a to Fig. 99

100 1.m).

101 3. THE IMF, THE SOLAR WIND AND THE DUST STREAMS

Grün et al. (1993) suggested that dust streams could be connected to coro-102 tating interaction regions (CIRs). Hamilton and Burns (1993) proposed a model 103 that explained the periodicity of dust streams through the successive and alternate 104 deflections of the dust trajectories by the periodic change of polarity of the in-105 terplanetary magnetic field (IMF). In 2006, in the dust stream data set from the 106 second Jupiter flyby, Krüger et al. (2006b) found correlations between the inten-107 sities of the radial (B_R) and tangential (B_T) magnetic field components and some 108 of the dust streams' properties as well as footprints of the solar rotation period. 109

110 3.1. CIR and CME identification

The solar wind is a supersonic nearly radial outward flow of plasma that forms 111 the heliosphere. It results from the expansion of the outermost layer of the Sun, 112 the corona, and carries away the solar magnetic field, which is twisted due to the 113 rotation of the Sun. This leads to the structure known as the Archimedean spiral. 114 Observations (Krieger et al., 1973) have established that coronal holes at the 115 Sun are stable sources of fast wind that lead to a pattern of corotating fast and slow 116 solar wind flows in the heliosphere. The increasing interaction between these 117 two flows with distance from the Sun generates the confined regions known as 118 Corotating Interaction Regions, or CIRs, that evolve as corotating spirals in the 119 solar equatorial plane. CIRs are bound by a forward pressure wave as leading 120 edge that propagates into a slower moving plasma, and a reverse compression 121 wave as trailing edge propagating back into a faster plasma. In contrast, Coronal 122

Mass Ejections, or CMEs, are events where relatively dense and discretely bound
 coronal material is propelled outwards from the Sun to the interplanetary space.

For our analysis we use IMF and solar wind data obtained from the Ulysses 125 spacecraft homepage (*http* : //ulysses.jpl.nasa.gov/). IMF parameters (rows 4 126 and 5 in Fig. 1) belong to the VHM/FGM experiment (Vector Helium Magne-127 tometer/Flux Gate Magnetometer experiment, we refer the reader to Balogh et al. 128 (1992)) for further details; while solar wind parameters (rows 1-3) belong to the 129 Swoops/Ion experiment (see Bame et al. (1992) for further details). These instru-130 ments measured the vector of the IMF and the speeds and densities of the solar 131 wind plasma. 132

For CIR and CME identification purposes, in figures 1.*a* to 1.*m*, we plot the main properties of the solar wind and the IMF. These are the proton speed (*V*), number density (N_p) and temperature (T_P) as well as the intensity of the magnetic field vector *B* and the azimuthal angle of the magnetic field defined as Φ .

We assume that the proton species dominates the solar wind and their properties reflect well those of the bulk solar wind. We also consider that the dynamics of charged grains is mainly dominated by the tangential component of the magnetic field vector. The latter assumption applies because at Jupiter, the IMF vector roughly lies in the ecliptic plane and it is also roughly perpendicular to the Jupiter-Sun line.

¹⁴³ CIRs are a common and repetitive feature of the solar wind. They are bounded ¹⁴⁴ by shocks which cause sharp changes to the solar wind speed V at both their ¹⁴⁵ leading and trailing sides. A nice train of five CIRs associated with streams 212 ¹⁴⁶ to 216 can be seen in Fig. 1.i, between days 150 and 203 in 2004 - note the sharp ¹⁴⁷ vertical steps in V that bound the CIRs. The first step is the fast forward shock produced when the fast solar wind plasma reaches and collides with the leading slow solar wind plasma, and the second step is the reverse shock produced when the rear fast wind tries to detach itself from the trailing slow wind. Additionally we see well defined enhancements in *B*, T_p and N_p , all of which are expected when plasma is significantly compressed.

In summary, our method of CIR identification relies on the abrupt increase in the solar wind speed at the beginning correlated with strong enhancements of the magnetic field strength. The identification is confirmed with the simultaneous enhancement of the plasma number density and temperature.

Identification of CMEs follows slightly different rules. During a CME, we 157 still expect enhancements of the IMF strength and solar wind parameters N_p , V 158 and T_p . But while CMEs show a leading shock (sharp change in V), they do 159 not have a rear bounding shock. Instead, the plasma speed declines smoothly 160 until it reaches average solar wind speed values. This is the main distinguishing 161 characteristic between CIRs and CMEs. Additional clues come from the fact that 162 CIRs are expected to occur, on average, twice per solar rotation period (every two 163 weeks) when the spacecraft crosses the Sun's current sheet, while CMEs show no 164 periodicity and are greatly outnumbered by the CIRs. Finally, at Jupiter's distance 165 CMEs are usually weak compared to CIRs. CMEs connected to dust streams are 166 not very obvious in Fig. 1, but one intense example can be seen in Fig 1.j around 167 day 259 in 2004. A clear single step in V is observed at the beginning of the event 168 but there is no second step. 169

Both Ulysses flybys of Jupiter occurred shortly after solar maxima (1990-1991 and ~ 2001) so, in some cases, the solar wind appears quite perturbed. This makes the identification of the solar wind structures especially complex, leading to uncertainties in some cases. Despite these uncertainties, it is clear that most of the 39 dust streams detected in both flybys are connected to CIRs rather than CMEs. From Ulysses' first pass by Jupiter, at most three of eleven dust streams (streams 105, 109 and 110) are likely related to CMEs. From the second flyby four streams seem linked to one of these events (202, 203, 217 and 225). Streams 202 and 203 seem to be product of CIRs preceded by CMEs. The combined effect of both appears to enhance the stream in each case.

In Table 1 we summarize all events connected to dust streams and mark some 180 special cases with asterisks. A single asterisk indicates two or more close CIRs 181 that are considered as a single event. Two asterisks indicate those cases where it is 182 not possible to define from the data whether a particular event is a CIR or a CME. 183 And three asterisks indicate CIRs linked to CME that are considered as a single 184 event. Still, we highlight that our interest lies in the solar wind magnetic field 185 enhanced regions where plasma is compressed and leads to a stronger deflection 186 of interplanetary dust grains trajectories provided by either CIRs or the leading 187 regions of CMEs. For simplicity, we will usually refer to either of these events 188 simply as compression regions (CRs), bearing in mind that in the majority of cases 189 these are CIRs. 190

A direct comparison between the jovian dust streams and the IMF and solar wind data from both Ulysses' Jupiter flybys (Fig. 1) shows that every dust stream is preceded by at least one CR. This fact can easily be observed in figures 1.a to 1.m where every dust stream (bottom panel, numbered shaded rectangles) and its associated compression regions (vertical dark grey stripes) are highlighted. Of course with CIRs occurring on average every two weeks, there is always a CR shortly (few days) before a dust stream, though sometimes at the same time. These former CRs are precisely the ones that are highlighted with darker tones, since
they likely produce the dust streams. Our next task is to determine whether these
associations are random or have a direct cause and effect relationship with the dust
streams.

Notice that in Fig. 1 and for the time periods that we consider for our study -when possible-, all CRs are highlighted with gray stripes. Darker stripes represent the CRs that are likely associated to dust streams chosen as the immediate preceding CR, either a CIR or a CME.

We introduce Fig. 4 as a complement of Fig.1 in order to have a better com-206 parison of both flybys and to highlight some features that play an important role 207 in our analysis and that are discussed in the following sections. The top panel 208 shows the jovicentric detection distances of each stream during both flybys (+: 209 first flyby and \triangle : second flyby). The middle panel shows the dust stream flux of 210 each dust stream. Note in this panel a "peak" (210-212) in the flux (2nd flyby) that 211 corresponds to the jovian equatorial plane crossing. The bottom panel shows the 212 separation between each dust stream and its precedent compression region, which 213 show a variation with distance. 214

215 3.2. Dust stream durations

Figures 1.a to 1.m suggest that the duration of dust streams is well connected to the duration of the CRs. The average impact rate of most interplanetary and interstellar particles sensed by the dust detector in quiet times is around one impact every 10 days. The dust stream flux can increase this rate by one to four orders of magnitude. These enhancements define how long or short dust streams are. We refer the reader to Baguhl et al. (1993) and Krüger et al. (2006b) for the dust stream duration calculation details. The dust streams durations determined this way are listed in Table 1, column 3 with accuracies of approximately $\pm 0.5 \, days$.

For comparison purposes the durations of CIRs and/or CMEs are also neces-224 sary. Since CIRs are bounded by forward and reverse shocks it is somewhat easier 225 to get their durations more accurately. By contrast, the durations of CMEs, and 226 indeed their identification, is more uncertain since these are bounded only by a 227 fast forward shock. Nevertheless we only consider the duration of the compres-228 sion region that leads the CME which in most cases can be inferred with the aid of 220 the other properties of the solar wind -like density and temperature- and the IMF. 230 Note that in some cases, coupled CR's lead to coupled dust streams. An ex-231 cellent example is stream 211 which, although classified as a single stream of 8.1 232 day duration in Table 1, may be considered as two streams separated by three days 233 (Fig. 1.h, days 74-84). Interestingly, two CIRs of opposite polarity (note the Φ 234 and F_n traces) occur at nearly the same times as the two streams. A more border-235 line example is dust stream 205 (Fig.1.g) which has a long duration but might also 236 possibly be better separated into two distinct streams. This stream follows two 237 chained CIRs between days 276.0 and 286.3 For analysis purposes these double 238 events were considered as *long* single events. 239

Also note that stream 211 and stream 205, with durations of around seven 240 days, are almost twice as long as the average stream duration. In fact, streams 212, 241 213 and 214 are even longer, showing durations of about 10 days (Fig. 1.i). There 242 is not an obvious way to separate these streams into several smaller ones and, 243 conversely, a case can be made for combining steams 213 and 214 and perhaps 244 even 212 into one continuous and extremely long dust stream! Strong and regular 245 CIRs also occur during this time, but their durations do not correlate with the 246 durations of the dust streams. There is clearly another effect at work here. Most 247

likely, the fact that Ulysses was near the Jovian equator during this time period
is important, as dust trajectories do not need to be altered as much to reach the
dust sensor. This would naturally lead to a higher flux. They are, nevertheless,
indicated for reference purposes in the summary figures we will present below.

Figure 5 shows the direct comparison of the dust stream durations and the 252 durations of their previous CR. We have used the dust stream numbers as mark-253 ers to highlight the individual durations. Both, the durations of dust streams and 254 their precedent CRs are similar, typically around 4 days. Both flybys are analyzed 255 separately as well considering that, in each case, the dust stream detection geom-256 etry was different, which seems to make an important difference as can be seen 257 comparing Fig.5a and Fig.5b. Even though the durations are well correlated, the 258 correlation coefficients confirm this dependence on geometry: The first flyby data 259 show a better correlation coefficient (0.86) than the second flyby (0.73). For our 260 statistical purposes, we note that streams 212, 213 and 214 were atypically long 26 and we exclude them from our correlation analysis. In the following sections we 262 will also keep this separate analysis of both flybys. 263

264 3.3. CRs and dust stream non-simultaneous detection

In section 3.1 we have shown that the dust streams appear shifted with respect 265 to the precedent high IMF event. It is also evident that the closer to Jupiter, the 266 closer in time also the occurrence of every dust stream with respect to its previous 267 event. Thus, this time delay between the detection of a CR and the detection of 268 the dust stream that follows varies with the distance from Ulysses to Jupiter. For 269 analysis purposes this offset is measured from the beginning of each dust stream 270 to the beginning of the precedent IMF event. This correlation is shown in Fig.6. 271 Figure 6a shows that the correlation coefficient in the first flyby data set is 0.77. 272

The second flyby data (Fig.6b) shows a weaker correlation coefficient (0.54) in particular due to the dust streams detected farther away from Jupiter. Still, in a good number of cases, we can say that the delay between each stream and its precedent CR grows with the jovicentric distance.

The travelled distance depends on the traveling speed of the grains through 277 interplanetary space and, in turn, this speed depends on the acceleration mech-278 anisms inside the jovian magnetosphere. This problem has been discussed by 279 many authors over the past 15 years (Horányi et al., 1993; Hamilton and Burns, 280 1993; Horányi et al., 2000; Flandes, 2004). Considering that Zook et al. (1996) 28 estimated grain velocities ($\geq 200 \,\mathrm{km \, s^{-1}}$) and that Horányi et al. (1993) derived 282 values between 300 and 400 km s⁻¹, we adopt $v \sim 400$ km s⁻¹ and we can say that 283 dust grains traverse the jovian magnetosphere in about 3 hours and, afterwards, 284 travel an AU in about 4 days. For all dust streams, therefore, the dust travel time 285 is well approximated by the interplanetary portion of its trajectory, i.e. $t_S \approx 4.3 r$ 286 with r the spacecraft distance in astronomical units. Pursuing this a bit further, 287 since the dust grain and the solar wind velocities are roughly equal and opposite, 288 a dust grain should cross a CR about twice as fast as the spacecraft does. 289

290 3.4. Dust stream intensities

The intensity of each dust stream seems to depend on the intensity of its precedent CR, suggesting again that dust streams are, at least, modulated by the CRs. In fact, intense (roughly $B \ge 2 \text{ nT}$) and/or long CRs lead to intense and/or long dust streams, and weak CRs lead to weak streams or no stream at all. Weak CRs likely produce dust streams only near the jovian magnetosphere and the jovian equatorial plane where the dust population is larger. Examples of this can be seen throughout the full data set as in Fig.1.h where a couple of weak CIRs (one,

 $B \sim 1.4$ nT, around day 10 in 2004 and the other, $B \sim 1.5$ nT, around day 30, both 298 close to Jupiter, but at high latitude $\beta > 50^{\circ}$) do not produce dust streams. How-299 ever, there are some cases when no dust streams are detected after strong enough 300 CRs. Take for example Fig 1a, between days 290 and 330 in 1991. Even though 301 there is a faint hint of streams in the dust rate profile, there are not enough dust 302 impacts for a clear stream identification. A probable explanation to this lies in the 303 fact that the dust flux from Jupiter, though continuous, is not steady at all. Two 304 main factors are involved on this. One is the dust production through Io's vol-305 canism and the other is the plasma environment in Jupiter's magnetosphere. The 306 first one controls the dust supply into the plasma torus and the magnetosphere; 307 the other controls the dust charging and therefore the jovian dust supply to the 308 interplanetary medium. Nevertheless, a comparison between the dust stream flux 309 and their precedent CR's magnetic field intensity apparently show contradictory 310 results (see Fig.7). The first flyby data supports the former hypothesis and shows 311 a clear correlation (R = 0.69) between both sets. In contrast, the second flyby 312 data shows no apparent correlation. Again distance and geometry may explain 313 this discrepancy. 314

4. INTERACTION OF DUST STREAMS WITH THE IMF

316 4.1. Grain charge

³¹⁷ During the grains' journey away from Jupiter, their surface electric charge Q³¹⁸ is not strictly constant. In particular, inside the plasma torus, the different plasma ³¹⁹ conditions modulate Q. Higher dusk side temperatures make that the secondary ³²⁰ electron emission dominates over the other potential charging mechanism pro-³²¹ ducing positively charged dust grains that will be able to escape from the Jovian magnetosphere (Horányi et al., 1997). These grains have typical $\phi \approx +5$ volts surface potentials (equivalent to ≈ 35 fundamental charges if a = 10 nm). Outside of the magnetosphere Q could be affected essentially by the interaction with the solar wind ions and electrons and the UV solar radiation. The effects of the UV photons on the dust stream grains can be evaluated with:

$$I_{\nu} = 2.5 \times 10^{10} \pi a^2 e(\chi/r_{AU}^2) exp(-e\phi/kT_{\nu})$$
(1)

which approximates the production of photoelectrons due to solar UV radiation from positively charged dust grains (Horányi et al., 1988). χ is the efficiency factor whose value can be taken as 0.1 for dielectric conductors such as silicates. If at $r_{AU} = 5.2$, the UV photons' energy is of the order of $kT_{\nu} \approx 2 eV$, the electron current outwards a 10 *nm* particle would be 0.001 *electrons/day* which is a very low rate for the periods of time considered in our study. In general we assume that the photoelectric effect is not significant for these grains.

Solar wind charging effects are more efficient than UV photons'. The solar 334 wind is mainly characterized by Ions and electrons. Solar wind ions have an 335 average energy of the order of $1 \, keV$ at the orbit of Jupiter and electrons around 336 1 eV, nevertheless the dust stream grains have velocities that are comparable to 337 the solar wind particles, therefore, in some cases, collisions may involve larger 338 energies. On average, the grain net charging will depend on the initial sign of 339 its charge, its relative velocity wrt the ions/electrons and the encounter frequency 340 between grains and solar wind particles. This frequency of encounters may tell us 34 how relevant these encounters are for charging purposes. Let us define this rate 342 as $T = v\lambda^{-1}$ with v as the velocity of the dust grains wrt the solar wind and λ the 343 mean free path, which is defined in terms of the solar wind ion density n and σ the 344

capture cross sectional area of the dust grains, i.e., $\lambda = (n\sigma)^{-1}$. The rate is then:

$$T = n\sigma v \tag{2}$$

As in Dyson and Williams (1997), by conservation of energy and angular momentum, we assume:

$$\sigma = \pi a^2 [1 \pm 2Ze^2 / (4\pi\epsilon_0 a m_i u_i^2)]$$
⁽³⁾

Ze (> 0, in this case) represents the charge of the grain and u_i the velocity 348 of the incident particles. We use the *plus* sign if electrons and *minus* if ions. 349 Combining Eq.2 and Eq.3 we have that the maximum number of ion encounters 350 $(\sim 7.43 \, day^{-1})$ is slightly less than the maximum number of electron encounters 351 $(\sim 7.50 \, day^{-1})$. Ions and electrons may be captured by the grains, but some of 352 these encounters may also produce loss of material on the grains by sputtering 353 electrons if the collisions are sufficiently energetic. Furthermore, if we only as-354 sume capture of ions/electrons, the change rate of ϕ would also be *small* such that 355 a typical grain would require more than 2 months ($\approx 79 \, days$) to change its ϕ in 356 1 volt. On the other hand, a simple capture of ions and electrons seems to turn 357 grains more negative, but since a fraction of these ions/electrons would produce 358 electron emission, this excess of negative charge could be compensated and in 359 the long run, grains could turn slightly more positive considering the contribu-360 tion of photoionization as well. According to Postberg et al. (2006) dust streams 361 grains' composition is mainly *NaCl*, but Sulphur or sulphurous components may 362 be another important constituent in the grains. In the case of SO_x grains, incident 363 electrons with optimum energies around 300 eV have yields around 3 (Horányi 364 et al., 1997). On the whole and considering that the charge change rates are small, 365

close to Jupiter and a few astronomical units away, as it is the case of our data, such that the charge may not vary that much. Everything points to the fact that the dust stream grain surface electric potential is not constant, but it varies *slowly* enough as to consider it fairly constant, at least, for a few weeks after dust grains escape from the Jupiter's magnetosphere.

371 4.2. Grain motion

On average the motion of the dust stream particles is roughly along the ecliptic 372 plane and even considering the 10° tilt of the jovian magnetic field w.r.t planet's 373 rotation axis and asymmetries of the jovian magnetic field, as well as the asym-374 metries of the plasma torus, we can still suppose that grains are ejected either at 375 or close to the ecliptic plane ($\beta \approx 0^{\circ}$). Nevertheless, jovian dust streams were 376 detected at jovigraphic latitudes greater than 70° (Krüger et al., 2006a), indicat-377 ing that dust grains are largely deflected from their original direction while they 378 travel through the interplanetary space, or they are ejected from the jovian mag-379 netosphere at large angles, or both. 380

A simple and satisfactory first explanation of the dust stream production, which 381 we complement with actual data in this section, was published by Hamilton and 382 Burns (1993). These authors assumed that the motion of the charged dust grains 383 ejected from the magnetosphere of Jupiter is only perturbed along the direction 384 perpendicular to the ecliptic plane. This theoretical model states that an alternate 385 periodic perturbation due to the IMF variation connected with the solar rotation 386 leads to a periodic upward and downward oscillation in the dust particles' trajec-387 tories perpendicular to the ecliptic plane. Actually, charged dust grains are forced 388 to gyrate about the IMF lines, but due to their large mass in comparison to that 389 of the ions and the electrons, their gyro radii (or Larmor radii $r_L = mv/qB$) are 390

³⁹¹ very large. For example, under the average IMF conditions ($B \sim 0.5 \text{ nT}$) near ³⁹² Jupiter's orbit, a typical dust stream grain (radius a = 10 nm with surface poten-³⁹³ tial $\phi = +5 \text{ volts}$) would have a Larmor radius of around ~ 4 AU, however when ³⁹⁴ that same grain undergoes the influence of an average CR ($B \sim 2 \text{ nT}$), its Larmor ³⁹⁵ radius is reduced to ~ 1 AU, which is roughly the radial extension of the average ³⁹⁶ CIR observed during both flybys.

³⁹⁷ Due to the variable IMF polarity, grains are sometimes deflected upwards and ³⁹⁸ at other times downwards. This effect combined with the quite large gyroradii ³⁹⁹ produces the vertical oscillation of grains with respect to the ecliptic plane. The ⁴⁰⁰ greater the magnetic field the greater the deflections. The largest deflections occur ⁴⁰¹ when grains undergo the influence of the enhanced IMF of CIRs and CMEs and ⁴⁰² thus, stronger CRs lead to stronger deflections.

The influence of the IMF on the charged dust grains not only depends on the IMF strength (see Fig. 6) but also on the solar wind speed. Furthermore, it also strongly depends on the direction of motion of the grains with respect to this field. This direction is defined by the departing position of the grains around Jupiter when they escape from the jovian magnetosphere, expressed by the jovigraphic longitude *L*.

The grains move along increasing spiral trajectories around Jupiter inside the jovian magnetosphere (Grün et al., 1998). Due to conservation of angular momentum, the tangential component of their velocity declines as the radial component grows while the grains move away from Jupiter. It drops to quite small values at the limits of the magnetosphere. Thus we can assume that the grain departing longitude is held fairly constant outside the magnetosphere.

Ahead we describe the interaction of a test dust grain with the IMF in terms

of Jovian geometric parameters as well as solar wind parameters in the vicinity of
Jupiter. We start with the electromagnetic force as driving force:

$$\mathbf{F} = (Q/c)\mathbf{v}' \times \mathbf{B} \tag{4}$$

where **B** is the IMF vector essentially represented by its tangential component $B_{I_{IMF}}$ and **v**' is the relative velocity of the dust grains with respect to the IMF. *c* (= 2.99 × 10¹⁰ cm s⁻¹) is the speed of light. The relative velocity of the grains depends on their velocity *v* with respect to Jupiter and the velocity of the solar wind *V* as well as on the longitude *L*. Again, the radial velocity of grains can be assumed constant since no other relevant forces act on the grains along the radial direction and the magnitude of **v**' can be defined as follows:

$$v' = V + v \cos L \tag{5}$$

According to the assumptions made, the magnitude of Equation 5 is:

$$F = (Q/c)v'B_{t_{IMF}} \tag{6}$$

Note that this force is calculated from the data and it is displayed in the sixth panel of Fig. 1.a to Fig. 1.m (in arbitrary units), thus giving a better idea of the deflection direction. Grains feel a stronger force under the influence of a compression region and a less intense force under average IMF conditions. The polarity of the solar magnetic field defines whether particles are deviated upwards or downwards with respect to the ecliptic plane. From Eq. 6 the upward/downward acceleration is given by:

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{\phi}{400\pi\rho ca^2}\right) v' B_{t_{IMF}} = 0.132v' B_{t_{IMF}},\tag{7}$$

where we have assumed the same typical spherical dust particles as in equations (2) and (3). Since, under this assumption, the force is perpendicular to the direction of motion, we can assume, following Hamilton and Burns (1993), that dust particles recede from the ecliptic plane in sections of parabolic trajectories. Thus the vertical position z of a grain can be described by:

$$z = \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2 = 0.066v' B_{t_{IMF}} t^2.$$
 (8)

⁴³⁸ Since the distance travelled by dust in the ecliptic is simply *vt*, we can easily ⁴³⁹ obtain the jovigraphic latitude:

$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \left[0.066 B_{t_{IMF}} \left(\frac{V + v \cos L}{v} \right) t \right].$$
(9)

With the magnetic field in gauss and time in days. Eq. 9 summarizes the relationships between the physical properties that play important roles in the production and dynamics of dust streams.

Equation 9 makes some interesting predictions that we might see in the data. 443 The most important point is that β is a function of L, the angle between the Sun 444 and the dust trajectory projected into the ecliptic; if $V \approx v$ it is a strong function of 445 L. Thus, all else being equal, dust streams can be expected to be deflected more 446 strongly out of the ecliptic plane when they are directed toward the Sun (L = 0). 447 Under average IMF conditions, i.e. $B_{t_{IMF}} \approx 0.5 \,\text{nT}$ -with a single polarity-, dust 448 grains can gain a latitude $\beta \approx \pm 7^{\circ}$ in only 2 days; this is increased to $\beta \approx \pm 25^{\circ}$ if, 449 while escaping, the grains encounter an average CIR with its enhanced B_{IMF} . 450

It is tempting to argue, therefore, that CIRs have a greater effect for dust streams projected toward the Sun, however this is not so. The time that a dust stream remains in a CIR of given radial length r_{CIR} is simply $t = r_{CIR}/(V + v \cos L)$ which, when inserted into Eq. 9, cancels out the longitude dependence. Sunwardly-projected dust streams experience stronger deflection forces, but for a shorter amount of time. In this case, the detector geometry, which is not considered here, may play a major role.

The dust particles that escape along the Jupiter-Sun line ($L = 0^{\circ}$) are the fastest in the frame of reference of the moving IMF and therefore the effects of this field will be the greatest with respect to other grains ejected in different directions.

In any case these effects will be greater inside the compression regions than under average IMF conditions. In particular, for the dust grains ejected from the day side of the magnetosphere the relative perpendicular velocity will be maximum when $L = 0^{\circ} (v' = 2v_{sw})$ and minimum when $L = 90^{\circ}$.

The grains ejected from the night side of the magnetosphere are another interesting case, since their perpendicular velocity with respect to the IMF is, on average, much smaller than on the day side. In particular, near $L \sim 180^{\circ}$ the perpendicular velocity is very small and at $L = 180^{\circ}$ it nearly vanishes because $v \approx V$. Thus, grains are little or not affected at all by the IMF and thus no streams can form.

471 **5. CONCLUSIONS**

In this work we have done a direct comparison of the Ulysses solar wind, IMF and dust data in order to have a better picture of how the motion of the dust grains ejected by Jupiter is modulated to produce the Jovian dust streams. This demonstrates how relevant the periodic intensity variations of the solar wind and
the IMF are in this modulation. We highlight some important and evident features
from the data:

First, there is always a previous high IMF event associated with an observed dust stream. These events are, in most cases, corotating interaction regions, and in a few cases, coronal mass ejections (Fig. 1).

Second, the duration of each dust stream roughly matches the duration of a precedent CR (Fig. 5).

Third, the occurrence of each dust stream and the occurrence of the previous
CR are separated by a time interval that depends on the distance to the planet (Fig.
6).

Fourth, the intensity of the compression regions (CRs) is connected to the intensities of the successive dust streams (at least in the case of the first flyby data) such that intense events produce intense streams and weak events produce weak dust streams or no dust streams at all (Fig. 7).

Out of these facts, we can conclude that strong enough CRs are key in the de-490 tection of the so called jovian dust streams, which are an enhancement in the local 491 dust density observed by the spacecraft. Evidence seems to indicate that CIRs and 492 CMEs, through strong vertical deflections, modify this local dust density. Further-493 more, enhancements in the dust flux are detected every time the heliospheric cur-494 rent sheet sweeps the spacecraft dust detector. As the spacecraft changes from one 495 sector of the IMF to the other, it observes the deceleration or acceleration in the 496 dust flux grains. Since individual grains change their relative velocity at different 497 times, a variation in the in situ dust density is produced as the spacecraft observes 498 grains that move at different speeds and opposite directions. This explains why 490

not all CRs produce streams, that is, as long as there is no change in sector or the
 trajectory of the spacecraft remains along the current sheet, no enhancement -or a
 poor enhancement- in the dust flux will be observed.

The distance from the source and geometry seems to play a quite important 503 role as can be seen in the shown correlations. On the one hand, the first flyby data, 504 where the detection was closer to Jupiter, show acceptable coefficients, while in 505 the case of the second flyby correlations worsen or disappear. A possible explana-506 tion is that the longer the grains travel away from Jupiter, the more coupled with 507 the IMF the grains will be. If that is the case, It is probable that in the long run 508 a good portion of the grains that compose the dust streams would be eventually 509 dragged by the IMF. 510

Of course, there are other variables that affect jovian dust stream properties, 511 like the volcanic activity of Io, the plasma density in the torus or the general 512 plasma conditions around Jupiter. For example, surface changes on Io evidence 513 not only a continuous, but also variable volcanic activity (Geissler et al., 2004) 514 that modulates the amount of material - dust included - that is transported away 515 from the satellite. On the other hand, asymmetries in the temperature profile in the 516 plasma torus may also vary the charging conditions, affecting the dust flux which 517 is ejected to the interplanetary medium (Horányi et al., 1997). 518

⁵¹⁹ We conclude that the dynamical effects on the jovian dust streams we have ⁵²⁰ investigated here mainly apply within a few astronomical units from Jupiter such ⁵²¹ that dust grains flight times are short. A description of the long term effects of the ⁵²² solar wind will be subject of a future work. Our investigation of the jovian dust ⁵²³ streams will be applicable to the Saturnian dust streams as well, since the same ⁵²⁴ physical mechanisms are at work at Saturn. Finally, dust streams should also form at the other giant planets Uranus and Neptune, provided that a sufficiently strong dust source exists. This study may also stimulate new investigations of the dust-magnetosphere interaction within the jovian magnetosphere as measured with Galileo. We also hope that the data shown in Figure 1 will be useful for further studies of the dust stream formation mechanisms.

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613 7. FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1a to Fig. 1.m. Ulysses Solar wind, Interplanetary magnetic field and 614 dust data from both Jupiter flybys: Solar wind speed V, proton density N_p , Proton 615 maximum temperature T_p , IMF intensity |B| and azimuthal angle Φ Next is the 616 vertical Lorentz force F_n in arbitrary units and finally the dust impact rate. Data 617 are organized in multiple integers of solar rotation periods (~ 27 days) to highlight 618 periodicities. The dark gray numbered bars in the bottom panel indicate the dust 619 stream peaks in every case. The gray stripes indicate compression regions. The 620 darker stripes indicate those events that precede and are associated to dust streams. 621 Fig 1.b shows a gap in the data series between days 33 and 46. Jovicentric distance 622 is shown at the top. 623

Figure 2. Projection of the orbits of the Ulysses spacecraft on the XZ plane (Top panel) and the XY plane (ecliptic plane, bottom) during the second Jupiter flyby. The positions of Ulysses and Jupiter at their closest approach (5 February 2004, distance r = 0.8AU) are indicated. The Jupiter defines the origin of this coordinate system. β and L represent the jovigraphic latitude and longitude angles with the Jupiter-Sun direction as their starting measuring position or zero. At the shown positions $\beta = +54.1^{\circ}$ and $L = +73.4^{\circ}$.

Figure 3. Ulysses angular position with respect to Jupiter during the first (top) and second (bottom) Jupiter flybys. The dust impact rate is displayed to highlight the dust flux variation with distance to Jupiter. The jovigraphic latitude, β , is measured with respect to the jovian equatorial plane. Positive latitudes correspond to the northern hemisphere and negative latitudes to the southern hemisphere. Jovigraphic longitudes are measured with respect to the Jupiter-Sun line ($L = 0^{\circ}$). Positive longitudes are measured in the counter-cowise directions and vice versa(Fig.2).

Figure 4. Histograms that show a comparison of the jovicentric distance (top), the dust stream flux (middle) and CR-dust stream offset for both flybys. + and continuous lines represent the first flyby and \triangle and dotted lines represent the second flyby.

Figure 5. Least squares trend of the durations of the high IMF events (Δt_C) 643 and the dust streams (Δt_s) during both Ulysses Jupiter flybys. The duration of 644 each dust stream seems to be a consequence of the duration of CRs. We use the 645 stream numbers as markers for a better analysis. The smaller number size of the 646 markers indicates $\beta < 0$. Typical error bars are shown at the bottom right of the 647 figure. R stands for the correlation coefficient of the fit in each case. We highlight 648 that due to their atypically long durations, streams 212, 213 and 214 were not 649 considered in the correlation, but they are shown for comparison. 650

Figure 6. Least squares trend of the dust stream detection distance *r* from Jupiter vs. the time delay Δt between the beginning of the precedent high IMF events and the beginning of the most probable dust stream from the 1991-1992 and 2002-2005 Ulysses data set. Smaller symbols indicate $\beta < 0$. Typical error bars are shown at the bottom right of the figure. The correlation coefficient *R* is given in each case.

Figure 7. Dust flux versus magnetic field intensity. The dust flux has been multiplied by the square of the distance to Jupiter to correct for the varying spacecraft distance from Jupiter. The top plot (first flyby) shows a least squares fit trend

- that indicates a correlation between the magnetic field intensity. Nevertheless, the
- 661 second flyby (bottom plot) shows no correlation.

Table 1: Dust streams parameters and related high IMF events identified in the Ulysses data set: Flyby/N: Stream identification number (1); dust stream peak year and day (2); Δt_s : dust stream duration (3); r: jovicentric distance (4); β : jovigraphic latitude (5); L: jovigraphic longitude (6); EVENT: precedent CIR (normal text) or CME (italics) occurrence and duration (7); Δt_C : Event duration (8); Δt : period between precedent event-peak and following dust stream peak (9); |B| : Event mean magnetic field intensity (10). Data in columns (1) to (5) were taken from Krüger et al. (2006b) and Baguhl et al. (1993), data in columns (6) to (9) were derived in this work.

| Flyby/N | Year/day | Δt_s | r | β | L | EVENT | Δt_C | Δt | B |
|---------|-----------|--------------|------|-------|---------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|------|
| | | [days] | [AU] | [0] | [0] | [year/days] | [days] | [days] | [T] |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) |
| 101 | 91/267.8 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 10.55 | 91 / 263.7 - 266.7 | 3.1 | 1.7 | 2.84 |
| 102 | 91/ 346.8 | 4.3 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 17.28 | 91 / 345.0 - 345.6 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 1.76 |
| 103 | 91/358.2 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 2.2 | 18.38 | 91 / 356.1 - 359.4 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 1.78 |
| 104 | 92/007.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 19.79 | 92 / 006.0 - 009.6 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 2.73 |
| 105 | 92/019.3 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 2.7 | 21.32 | 92 / 018.0 - 021.3 | 3.3 | 0.2 | 1.22 |
| 106 | 92/ 070.9 | 1.4 | 0.3 | -35.9 | 87.55 | 92 / 065.7 - 069.1 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 1.36 |
| 107 | 92/ 098.7 | 2.5 | 0.5 | -35.9 | 85.22 | 92 / 090.8 - 095.4 | 4.7 | 7.0 | 1.48 |
| 108 | 92/ 126.2 | 2.3 | 0.7 | -35.9 | 83.32 | 92 / 119.0 - 122.1 | 3.1 | 5.9 | 0.79 |
| 109 | 92/ 155.3 | 4.5 | 0.9 | -35.1 | 81.32 | 92 / 144.1 - 150.7*** | 6.5 | 9.6 | 1.75 |
| 110 | 92/ 247.0 | 9.0 | 1.6 | -35.8 | 75.66 | 92 / 226.2 - 234.1* | 7.9 | 13.3 | 1.67 |
| 111 | 92/ 292.2 | 4.3 | 2.0 | -35.7 | 72.54 | 92 / 279.7 - 285.4 | 5.8 | 11.2 | 1.45 |
| 201 | 02/ 332.5 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 44.0 | -36.39 | 02/331.3 - 333.2 | 1.9 | 3.5 | 3.44 |
| 202 | 03/ 192.0 | 6.6 | 1.8 | 58.0 | -48.28 | 03 / 176.0 - 184.4*** | 8.4 | 12.7 | 1.34 |
| 203 | 03/238.1 | 5.5 | 1.5 | 64.0 | -46.2 0 | 03 / 226.9 - 235.0*** | 8.1 | 8.5 | 1.18 |
| 204 | 03/ 263.6 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 67.0 | -42.01 | 03 / 257.9 - 261.9 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 1.60 |
| 205 | 03/ 288.3 | 7.5 | 1.2 | 72.0 | -33.58 | 03 / 276.0 - 286.3 | 10.3 | 8.5 | 1.28 |
| 206 | 03/ 315.7 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 76.0 | -10.30 | 03 / 310.7 - 314.1 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 2.65 |
| 207 | 03/ 337.5 | 2.7 | 0.9 | 76.0 | 22.82 | 03 / 333.5 - 336.0 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.50 |
| 208 | 03/ 364.5 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 70.0 | 56.91 | 03 / 360.5 - 364.2 | 3.7 | 2.5 | 2.19 |
| 209 | 04/ 025.6 | 4.1 | 0.8 | 57.0 | 71.68 | 04 / 019.9 - 024.6 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 2.39 |
| 210 | 04/ 050.0 | 3.7 | 0.8 | 44.0 | 77.82 | 04 / 045.6 - 049.9 | 4.3 | 2.6 | 1.64 |
| 211 | 04/080.2 | 8.1 | 0.9 | 29.0 | 81.20 | 04 / 074.3 - 082.1 | 7.8 | 1.8 | 1.14 |
| 212 | 04/155.3 | 10.0 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 82.07 | 04 / 150.6 - 155.0 | 4.4 | 0.3 | 1.23 |
| 213 | 04/169.7 | 12.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 81.68 | 04 / 161.3 - 166.1 | 4.8 | 2.4 | 0.96 |
| 214 | 04/181.0 | 10.0 | 1.4 | -2.0 | 81.32 | 04 / 174.5 - 179.1 | 4.6 | 1.5 | 1.22 |
| 215 | 04/190.2 | 2.4 | 1.5 | -4.0 | 80.99 | 04 / 187.8 - 192.2 | 4.4 | 1.2 | 1.09 |
| 216 | 04/ 202.0 | 3.0 | 1.5 | -5.0 | 80.53 | 04 / 199.0 - 201.9 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 1.55 |
| 217 | 04/215.8 | 6.9 | 1.6 | -7.0 | 79.94 | 04 / 203.4 - 207.2** | 3.8 | 8.9 | 0.63 |
| 218 | 04/233.0 | 6.0 | 1.8 | -9.0 | 79.13 | 04 / 225.9 - 229.1 | 3.2 | 4.1 | 1.15 |
| 219 | 04/246.0 | 4.0 | 1.8 | -11.0 | 78.46 | 04 / 234.5 - 241.0 | 6.5 | 9.5 | 1.58 |
| 220 | 04/ 302.5 | 5.0 | 2.2 | -16.0 | 75.35 | 04 / 286.5 - 290.8 | 4.3 | 13.5 | 0.87 |
| 221 | 04/ 331.8 | 1.0 | 2.4 | -18.0 | 73.62 | 04 / 323.8 - 325.6 | 1.8 | 7.5 | 0.64 |
| 222 | 04/362.3 | 1.2 | 2.6 | -19.0 | 71.71 | 04 / 354.2 - 355.5 | 1.3 | 7.5 | 1.70 |
| 223 | 05/044.2 | 5.0 | 3.0 | -21.0 | 68.53 | 05 / 027.8 - 033.0 | 5.2 | 13.9 | 1.66 |
| 224 | 05/ 082.6 | 3.9 | 3.2 | -23.0 | 66.97 | 05 / 071.7 - 075.9 | 4.2 | 9.0 | 1.85 |
| 225 | 05/123.9 | 2.0 | 3.5 | -24.0 | 63.11 | 05 / 110.3 - 113.0 | 2.7 | 12.6 | 0.49 |
| 226 | 05/ 175.3 | 3.0 | 3.8 | -25.0 | 59.44 | 05 / 169.6 - 172.2** | 2.6 | 4.2 | 2.27 |
| 227 | 05/209.8 | 3.0 | 4.0 | -26.0 | 56.93 | 05 / 192.7 - 194.4 | 1.7 | 15.6 | 1.79 |
| 228 | 05/228.6 | 4.0 | 4.1 | -26.0 | 55.44 | 05/214.2 - 217.4 | 3.2 | 12.4 | 2.86 |

* Very close and successive CIRs separated by few days that are considered as a single event.

** It is not clear whether it is a CIR or a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) or both.

*** CIR preceded by a CME considered as a single event.



















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