S/WAVES Impulsive Signals: Possible Interplanetary Dust An update

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40 Orbit 1 Dec 15, 2006 30 Nov 25 2007 DMSP/GPS 20 Behind 10 F Ο 40 Orbit 2 Nov 26, 2007 30 Apr 13, 2008 New software uploaded 20 Did NOT cause impulses to stop 10 E Ο 100 300 200

Ecliptic longitude of STEREO Ahead

Relative amplitude (dB)

Periodic, too!



STEREO/WAVES Ahead 2.5 kHz Periodic Power

Adapted from Wang et al., *Plan & Spa. Sci., 54*, 957-966, 2006.









Grün's Interplanetary Dust Distribution at 1 AU Grün, E, et al., *Icarus, 62*, 244-272 (1985)

Summary

•S/WAVES observes impulse-like signatures consistent with dust impacts

- •Most prominent on Ahead
- •Weaker and less frequent on Behind
- •Most prominent on antenna closest to 'ram' direction (X on Ahead, Z on Behind)

•Most events consistent with 1-10 micron sized particles

- •Occurrence in ecliptic longitude consistent with known wire antenna breaks
- •Sharp onset at ~309° observed by Ahead, GPS/DMSP, and Behind
- S/WAVES impulse signatures coincident with 'debris' observed by SECCHI
 SECCHI debris ~20 times as prevalent as on SOHO
 Apparent 100% correlation with S/WAVES events
- Implied mass and flux during active sectors much higher than Grün distribution
 In general agreement during inactive sectors