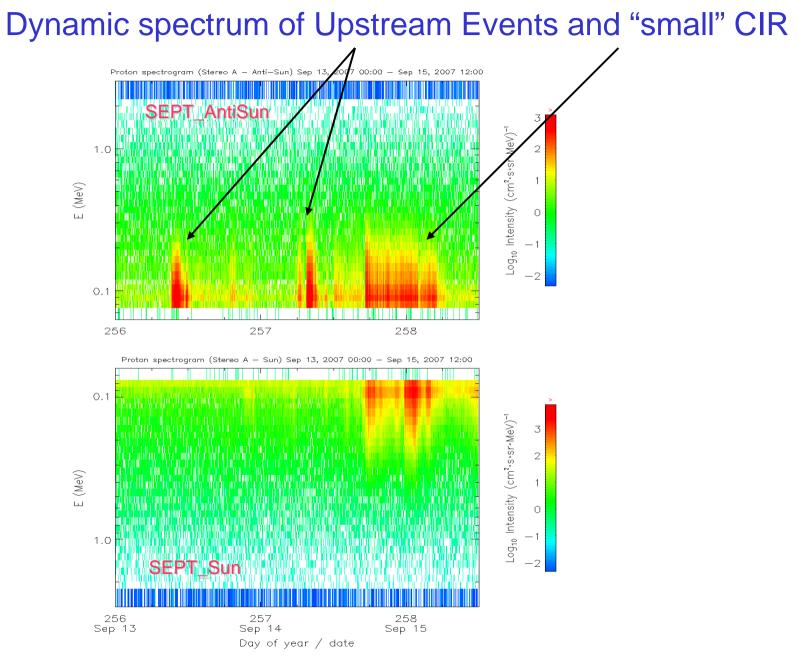
Upstream events at a record distance of 0.3 AU from the bow-shock

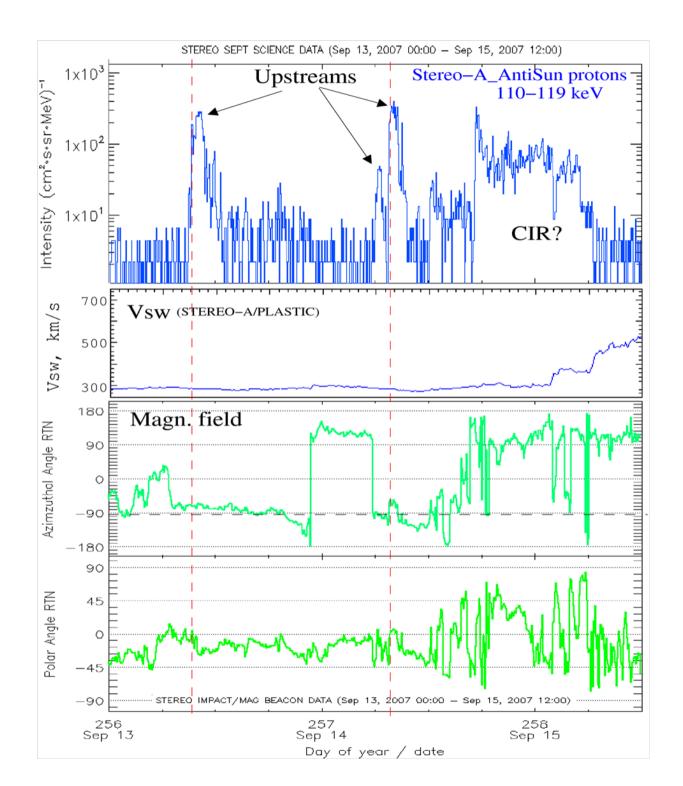
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SEPT onboard STEREO-A detected strong upstream proton events at a distance of 0.29 AU from Earth. The events were observed during slow solar wind (280 km/s) and during weak geomagnetic activity (Kp < 1) on 13 and 14 September 2007.

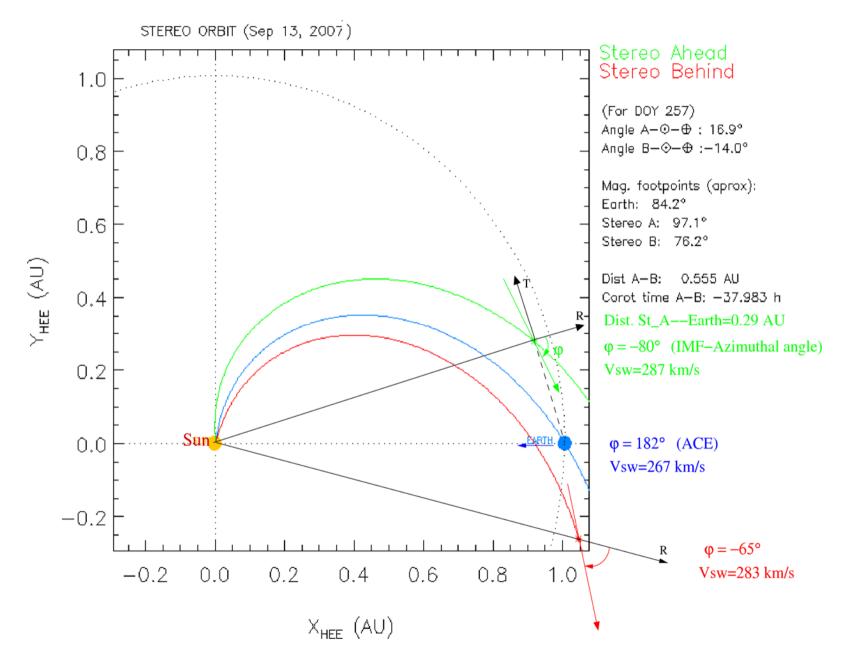
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Plot starting at Bartels rot. 2378. Generated by IDL Tue Nov 8 11:50:20 2007. Averaging interval: 05 min.

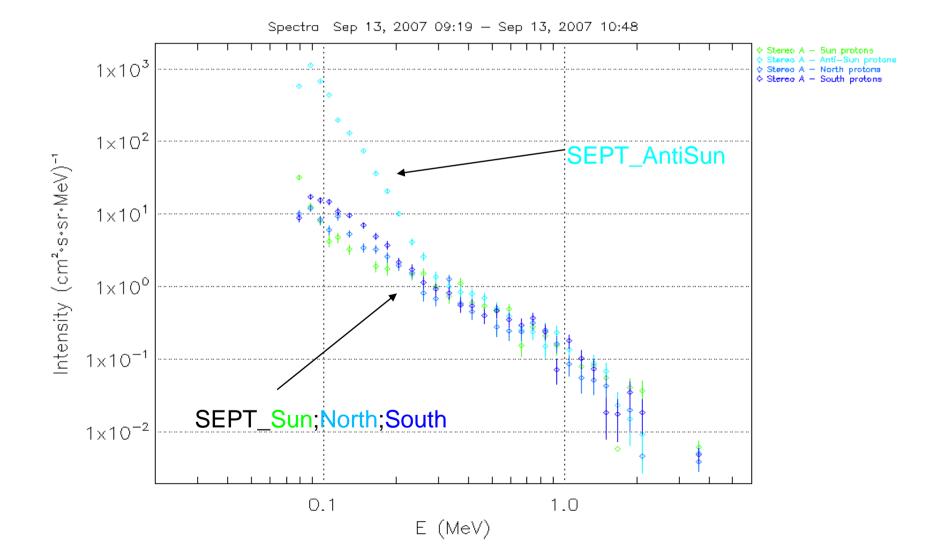


Spacecraft position and magnetic field orientation during the upstream event on 13 Sept. 2007



Generated by DL Thu Sep 27 16:11:05 2007

Spectra of upstream event on 13 September 2007 showing significant anisotropy



Results

- Detection of proton upstream events at STEREO-A on 13-14 September 2007 far away from Earth (0.29 AU), one day before CIR.
- Upstream events were observed during slow solar wind V_{sw}= ~ 280 km/s and low geoactivity (Kp<1).
- Similar upstream event was observed also on 13 October 2007 at STEREO-B at a distance of 0.3 AU from Earth.

Question

Are these upstream events really originating near Earth? Doubts arise because the events occur during slow solar wind and quiet geomagnetic conditions.