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(SPACE WEATHER RESEARCH AT) THE HVAR OBSERVATORY



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WORLD CROATIA MAP





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The Observatory



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Situated on a hill above Hvar town in a historical fort originally built by the Napoleon army in early 19 century

The Observatory





Founded in 1972: Yugoslavian (Croatian) – Chechoslovakian (Czech) collaboration

Today managed by Faculty of Geodesy (University of Zagreb, Croatia)

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CORAMOD workshop Hvar 2015

Written by Jaša Čalogović
Saturday, 06 June 2015 11:30



A workshop was held at the **Hvar Observatory** from 26 to 29 May 2015 with general topics on the cosmic ray modulation, Forbush decreases, coronal mass ejection initiation and propagation, and magnetic clouds in the interplanetary space. There were 14 participants from the **Physics department of the University of Kiel**, **Physics Institute of the University of Graz**, **Space Research Institute in Graz** and **Hvar Observatory**.

Photos from the workshop are available [here](#).

SolarMonitor.org

- Solar Activity Level:**
LOW
Solar Activity level is LOW.

2-day Flare Index (entire sun): 1.6
X-Class Flares: 0
M-Class Flares: 0
C-Class Flares: 1

- Most Active Region:**
NOAA 12490
The Most Active Region is NOAA 12490.

2-day Flare Index: 1.6
X-Class Flares: 0

About the Observatory, instruments, staff, projects, publications, space weather tools, news...

INSTRUMENTS:

65 cm stellar telescope



1m stellar Austro-Croatian telescope



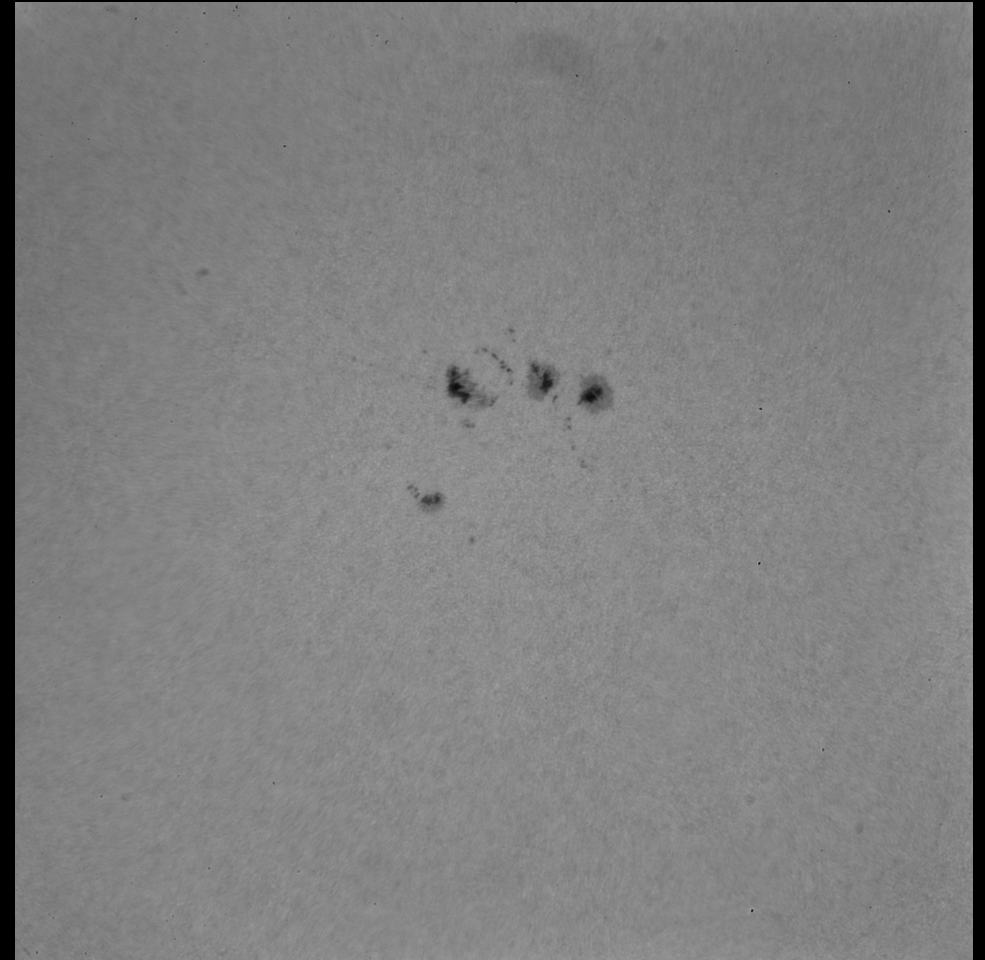
Double solar telescope



1 mounting, 2 refractors:

white light for photosphere ($d=217\text{mm}$,
FOV 11 arcmin)

H alpha for chromosphere ($d=130\text{mm}$, FOV
7 arcmin)



H-alpha (left) and corresponding white-light (right) observation of the active region AR1271 and a nearby filament with a double solar telescope of Hvar Observatory (22 August 2011).

Data available upon request (J. Čalogović – contact at the website)



XIVth Hvar Astrophysical Colloquium



Last Updated on Monday, 07 December 2015 10:14

26 - 30 September 2016, Hvar, Croatia

TOPICS / SESSIONS:

- Activity of the Sun and Solar-Like Stars
- Eruptive Processes in the Solar Atmosphere
- Solar Terrestrial Connection and the Heliosphere
- Space Weather and Space Climate Forecasting
- Observing techniques, Campaigns and Databases

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Publications

- Central European Astrophysical Bulletin (ISSN 1845-8319)
 - 2006 - present (Volume 30 - ...)
- Hvar Observatory Bulletin (ISSN 0351-2657)
 - 1997 - 2006 (Volume 1 - Volume 29)

Peer reviewed international scientific journal

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papers on theoretical, observational and instrumental astrophysics

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SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS:



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POKRET (ESF, 2015-2016)
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CORAMOD (DAAD, MZOS, 2015-2017)
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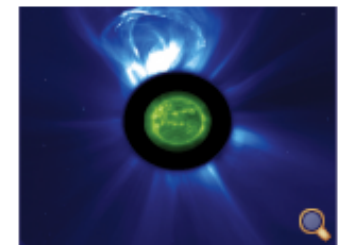
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This project is a continuation of the research conducted under the EU FP7 projects [SOTERIA](#) and [COMESSEP](#). The aim is to improve the space weather tools developed under these projects and to consolidate them into a single [SolarSoft](#) package for broad solar physics and space weather related applications.



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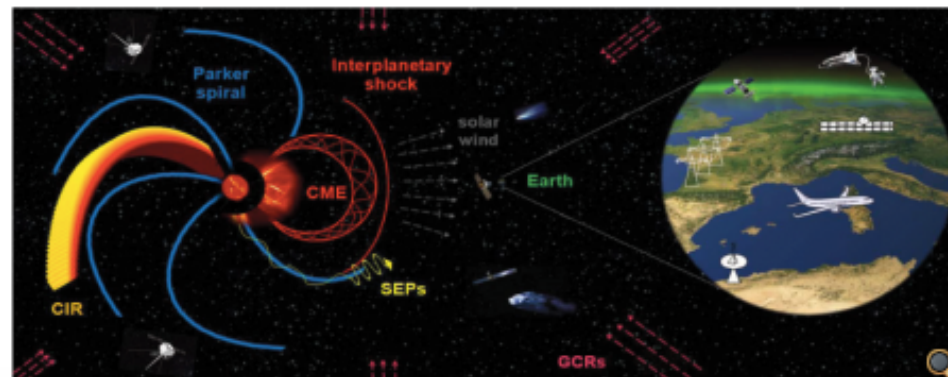


The research is related to the propagation and space weather effects of coronal mass ejections. Coronal mass ejections are expulsions of magnetoplasma from the solar corona that propagate through the heliosphere. If they arrive to Earth they can cause the geomagnetic storms and a number of harmful effects to the human technologies. They can cause spacecraft disruptions and shutdown, problems in the electric network grid, degradation of pipelines, increased radiation dosage for astronauts and transpolar flight crews...

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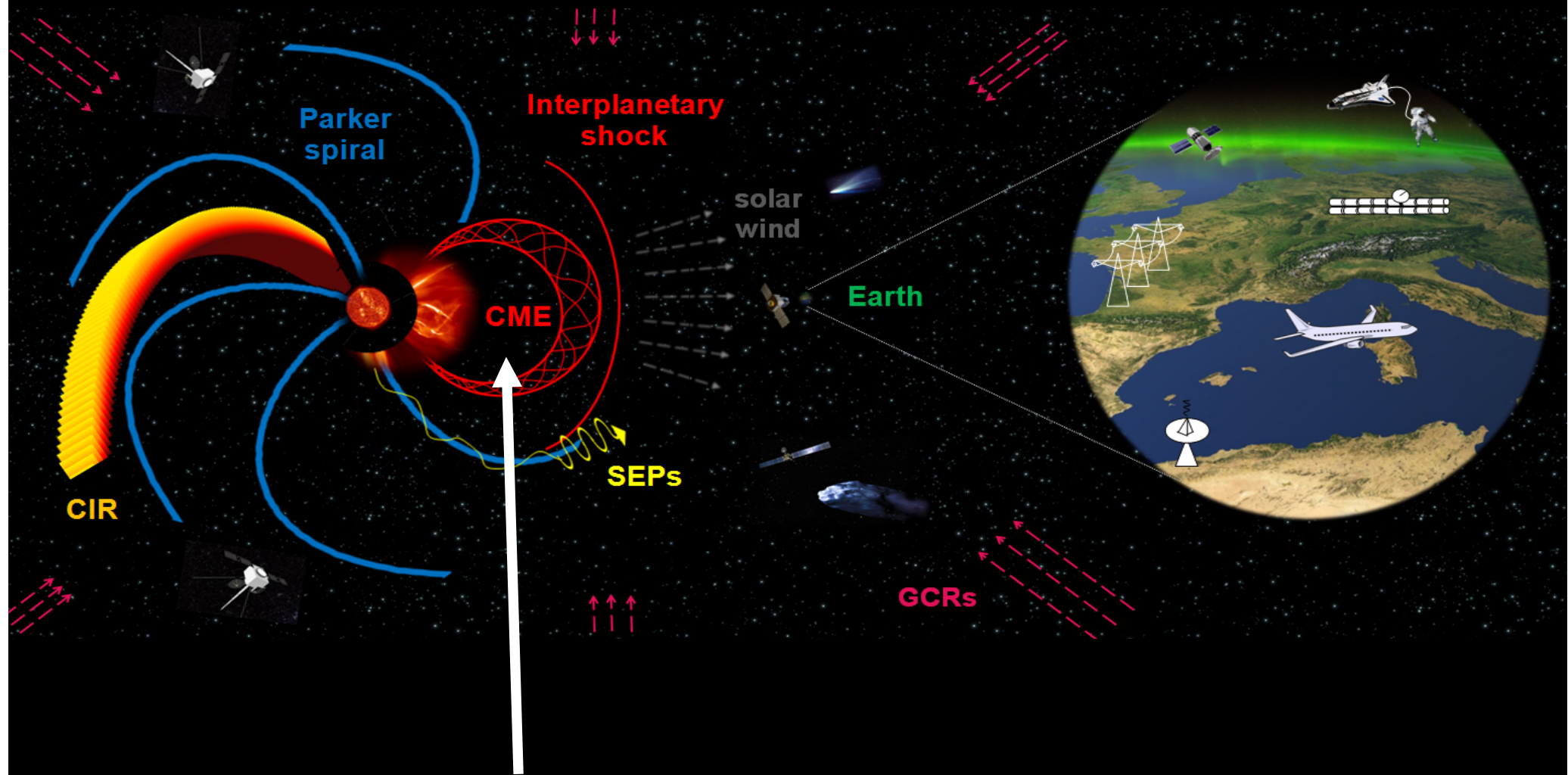
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH:

Stellar astrophysics (observations and modelling of Be stars and eclipsing binary systems with accretion disks)

Solar physics (solar differential rotation, solar cycle, solar radio astronomy, radiation processes in the solar atmosphere, eruptive phenomena in the solar atmosphere, coronal shocks - theoretical and observational aspects)

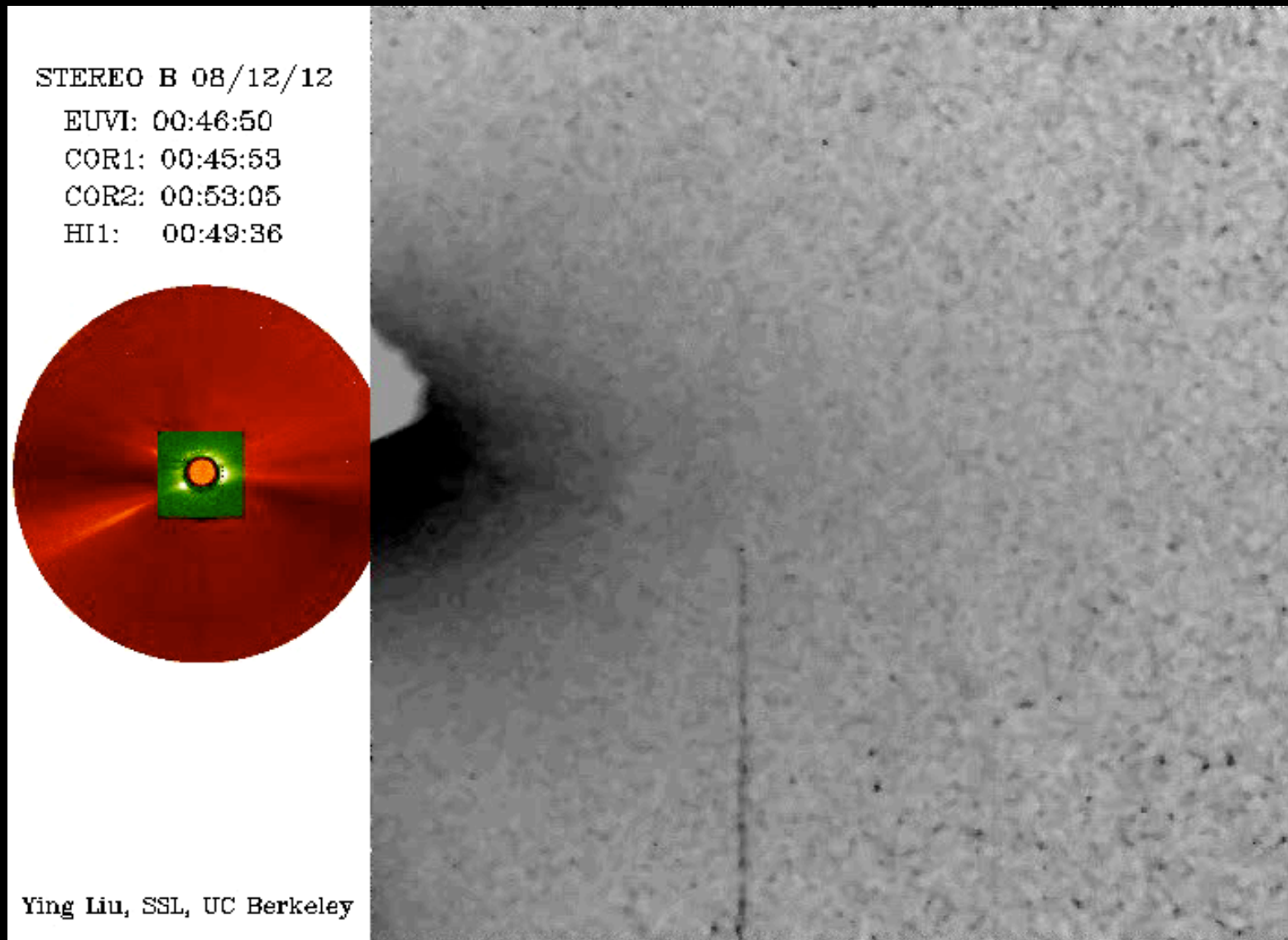
Solar-terrestrial physics, heliophysics and space weather (heliospheric propagation of coronal mass ejections, interplanetary coronal mass ejections, interplanetary shocks, corotating interaction regions, geomagnetic storms, cosmic ray modulation, influence of the solar activity on Earth weather and climate)

SPACE WEATHER



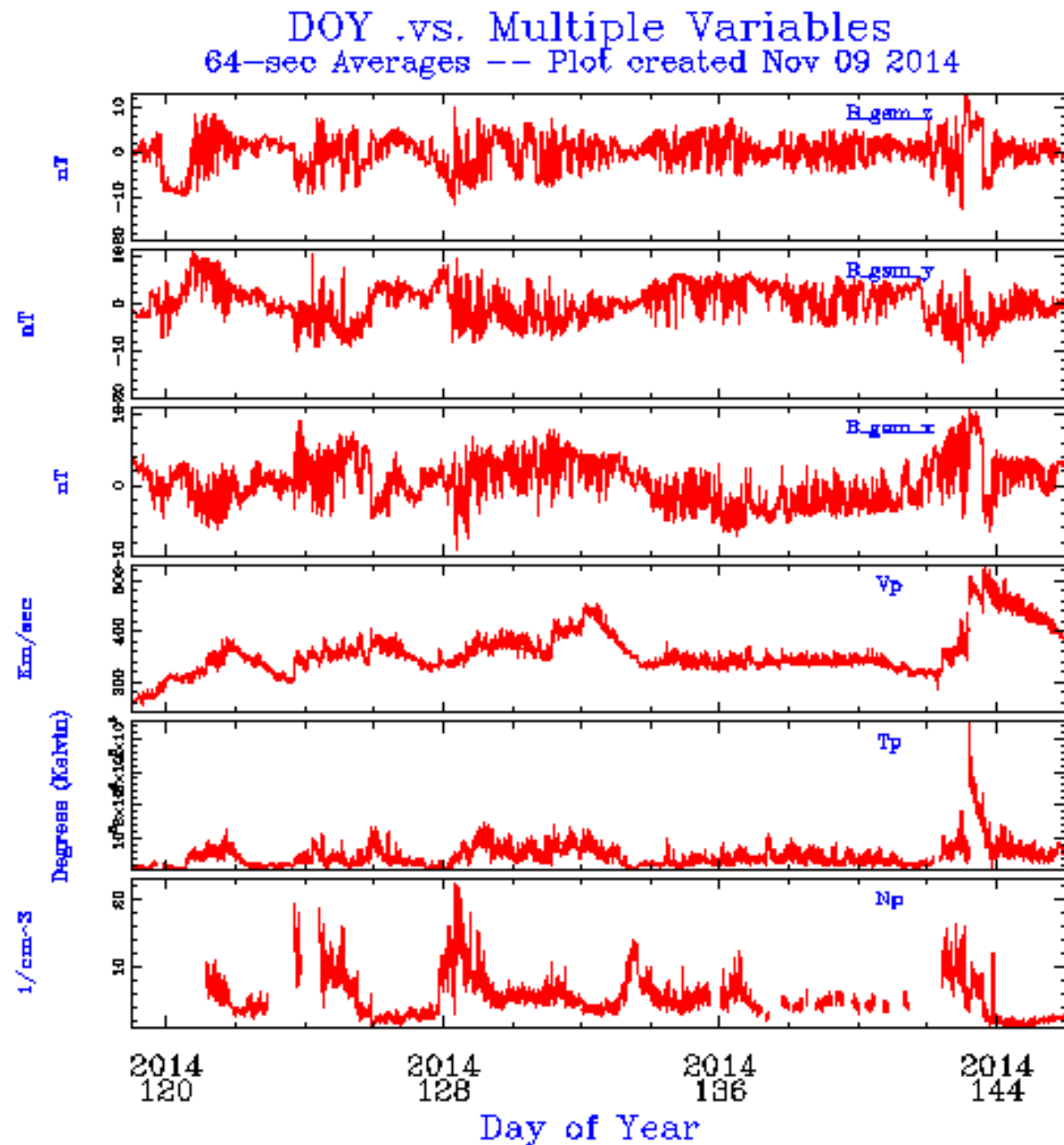
Main drivers of space weather

Coronal mass ejection (CME)



Magnetized plasma ejection from the solar corona (seen in coronagraphs and heliospheric imagers by white light emitted by scattered electrons as it moves through)

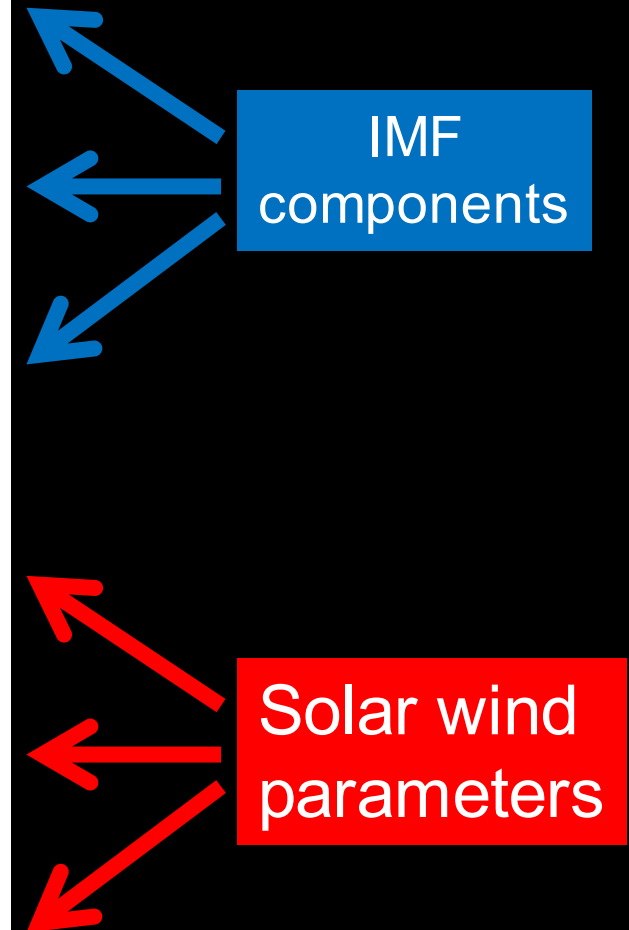
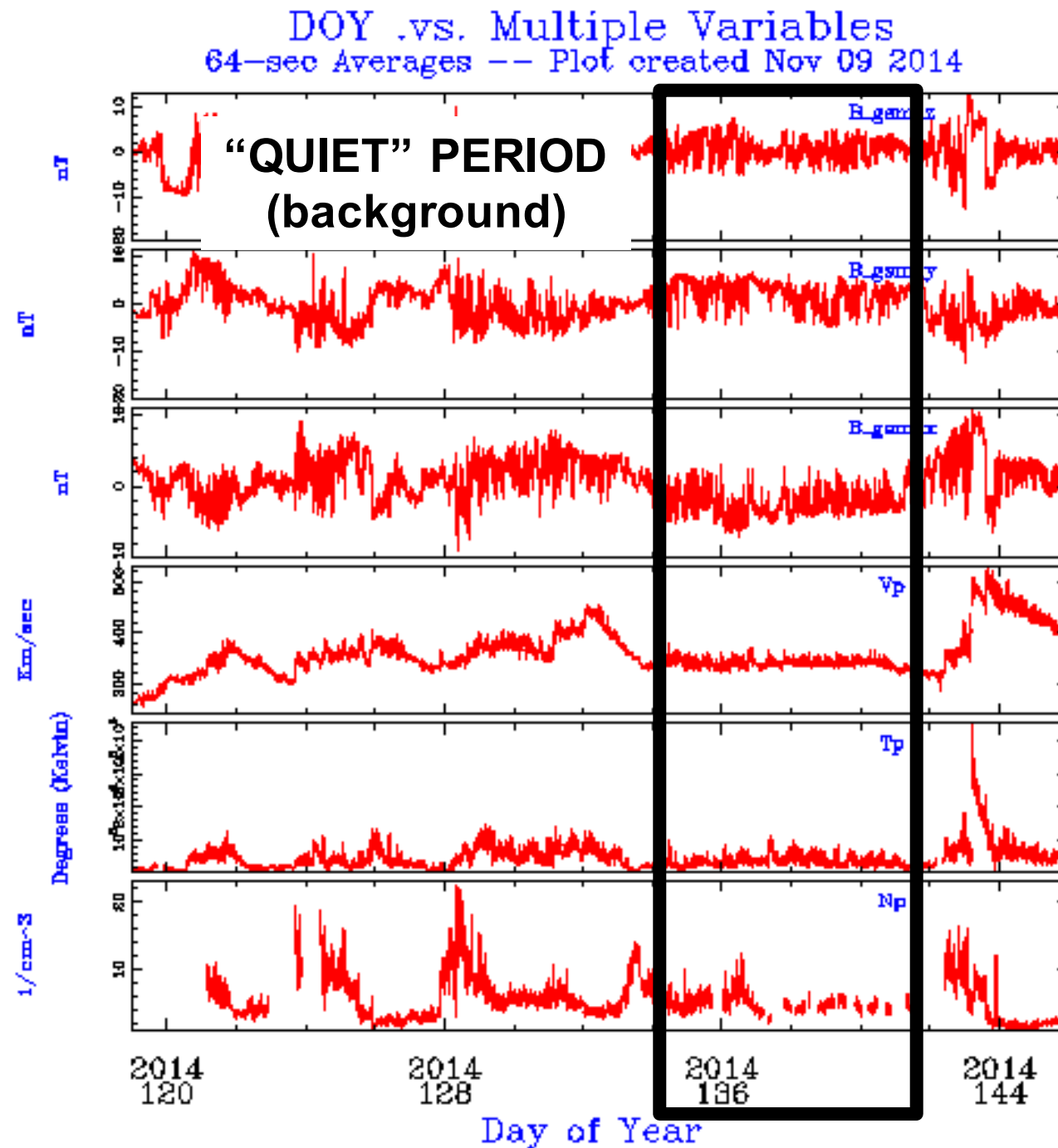
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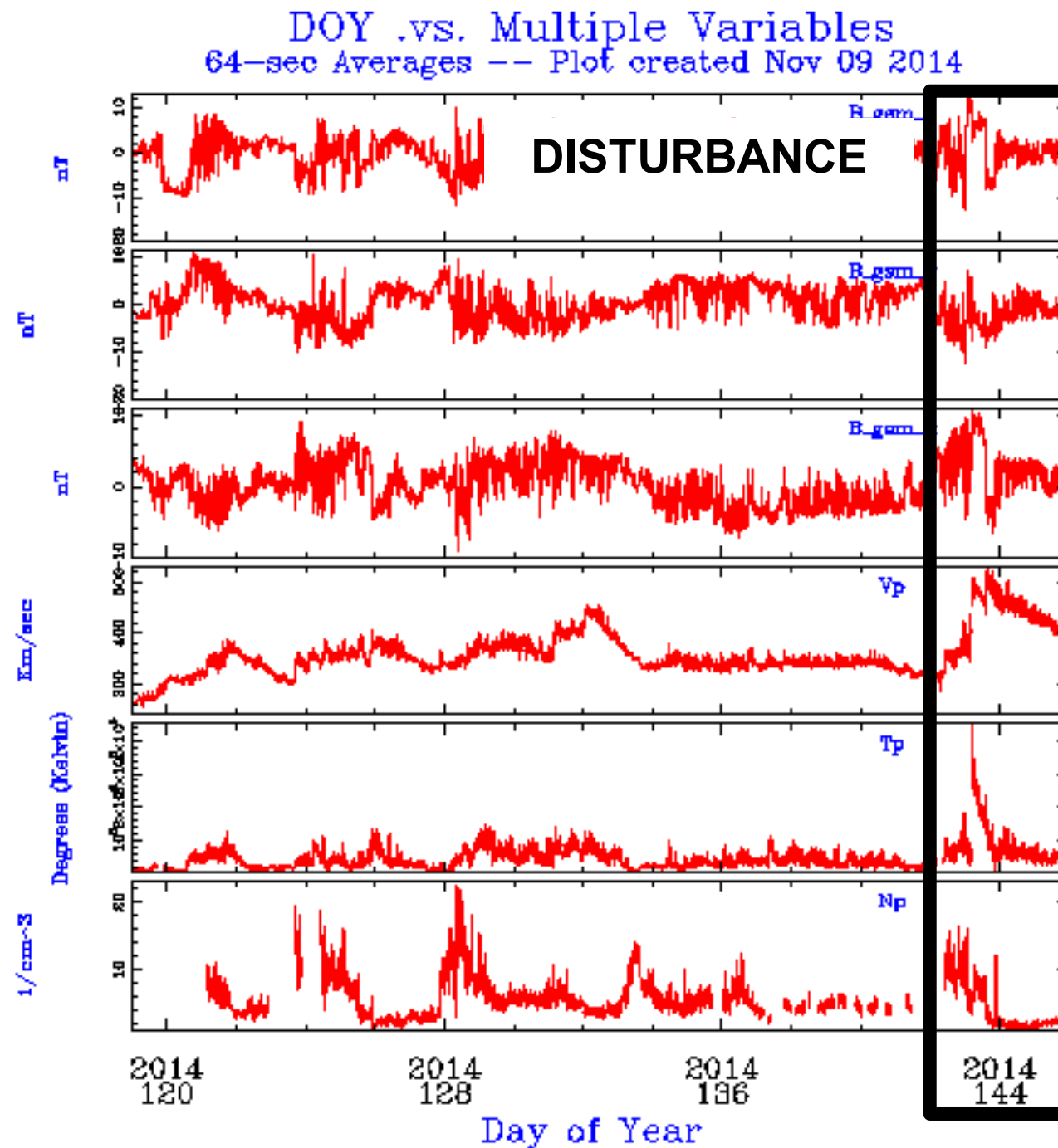
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Solar wind
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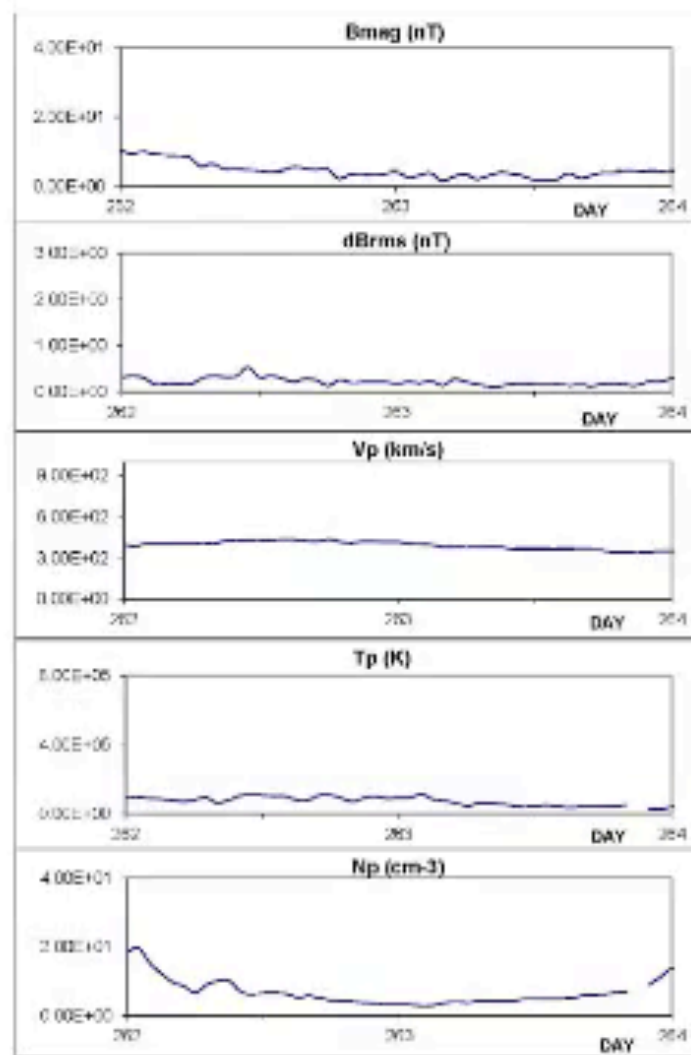


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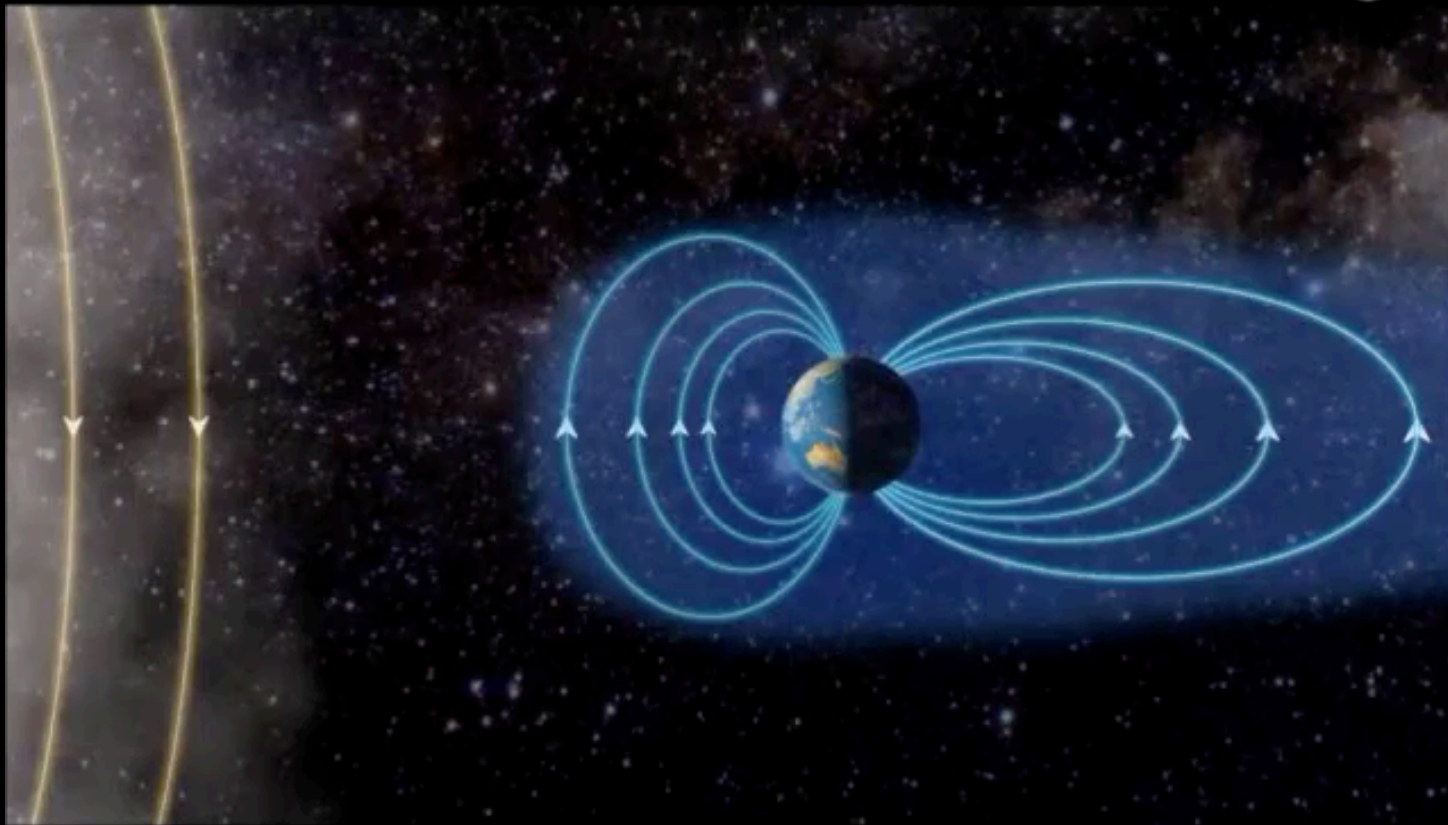
Solar wind
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GEOMAGNETIC STORMS

Geomagnetic disturbances (detected by magnetometers at Earth)

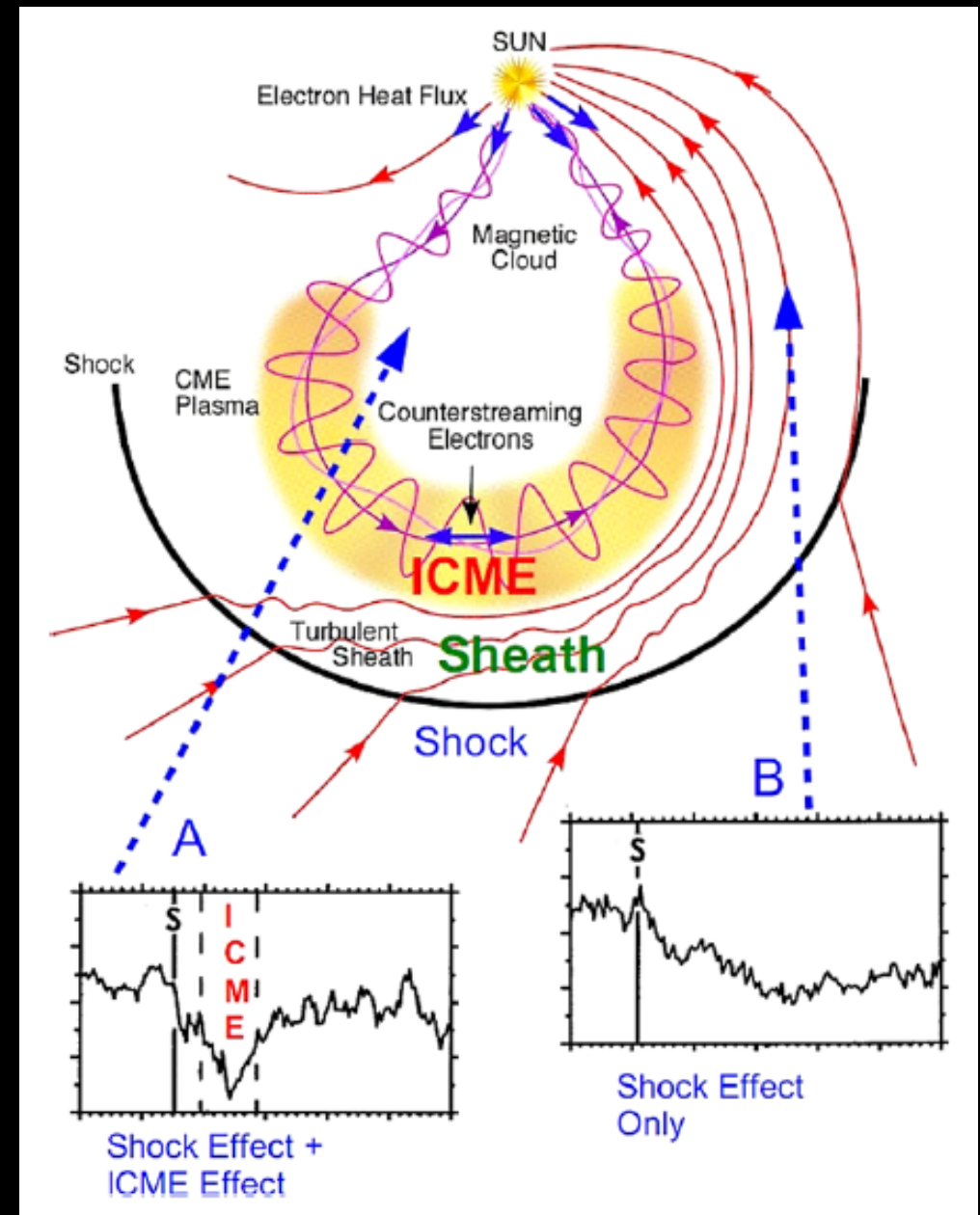
Currents induced by charged particles injected due to magnetic reconnection between ICME & geomagnetic field



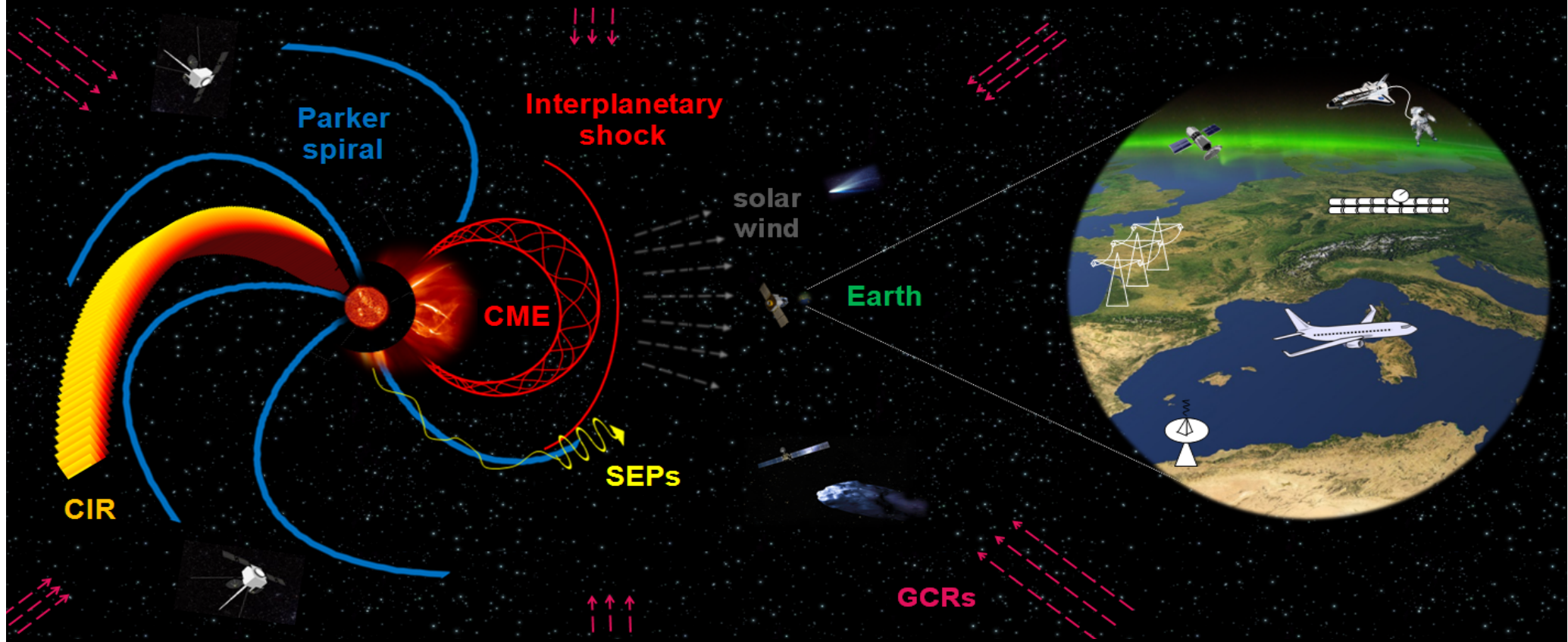
FORBUSH DECREASES

Short term decreases in galactic cosmic ray (GCR) flux (typical duration several days, typical magnitude several %)

Due to interaction of GCRs with shock/sheath region and CME/ejecta region (different mechanisms)



Why should we care?



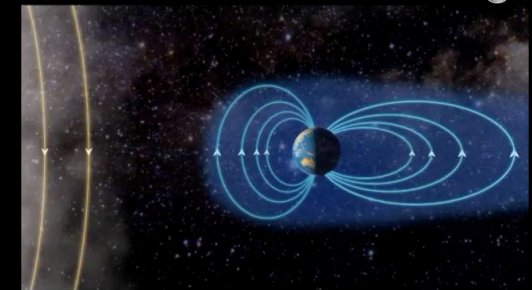
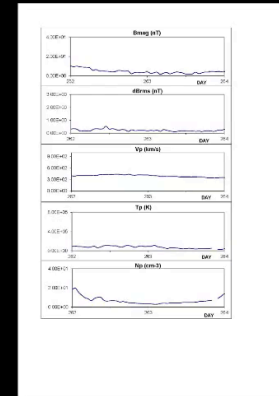
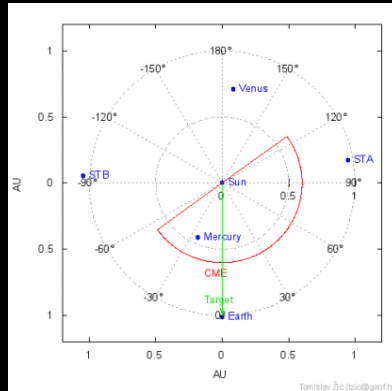
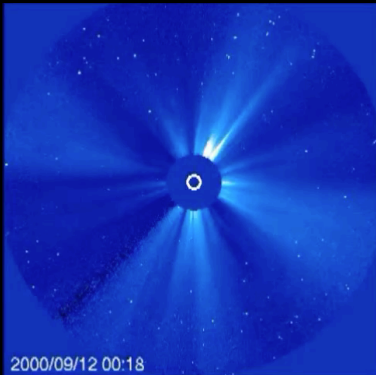
How to predict CME space weather effects?



150 000 000 km



1500 000 km



CME detection:
Initial conditions



Modeling of CME
propagation & evolution



Prediction of ICME
arrival and near-Earth
properties



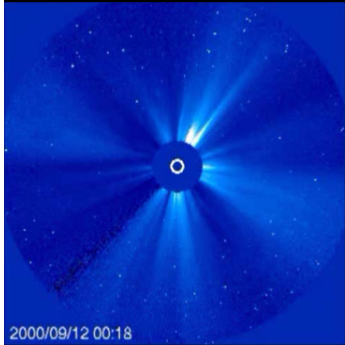
Modeling of
geomagnetic storms
and Forbush
decreases



~ 1 day

~ 1 h

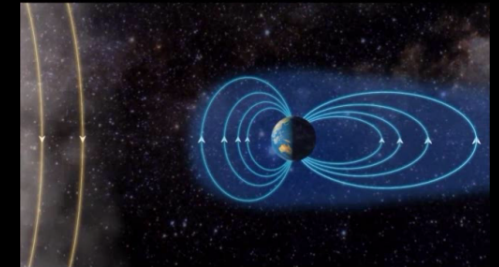
Models for CME space weather effects



Statistical relations



Empirical probabilistic model



CME detection:
Initial conditions



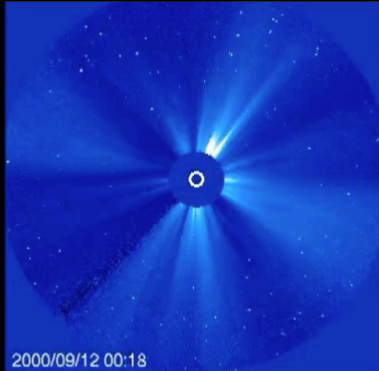
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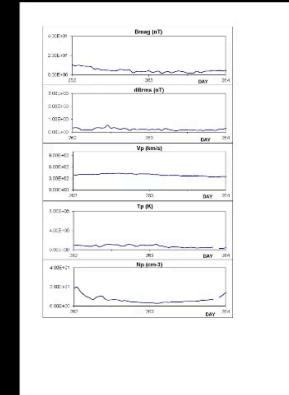
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CME Geo-effectiveness Forecast Tool (CGeFT)
Forbush Decrease Forecast Tool (FDFT)

Model for heliospheric propagation of CMEs



Physical model based on
magnetohydrodynamical
drag



CME detection:
Initial conditions



Prediction of ICME
arrival

Drag based model (DBM)



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Propagation models

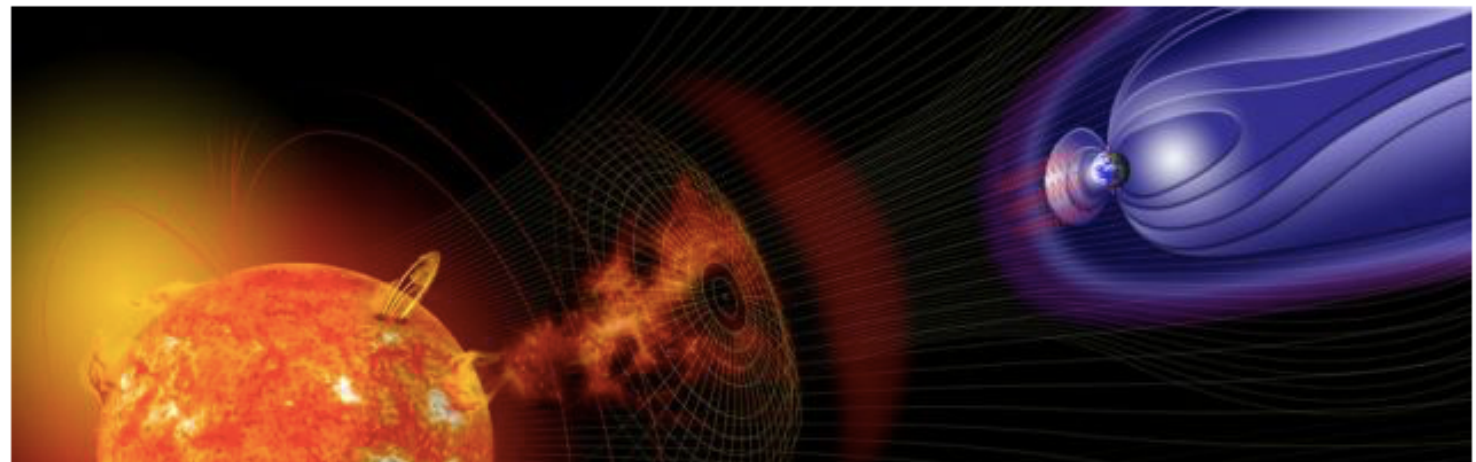
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Forecasting the Arrival of ICMEs: The Drag-Based Model

Basic DBM

Advanced DBM

Documentation

CME take-off **date**:

Feb 1 2016

CME take-off **time** (UTC):

18 h 01 min

R_0 - starting radial distance of CME (R_s)

20

v_0 - speed of CME at R_0 (km/s)

1000

Γ - drag parameter (10^{-7} km^{-1})

0.2

w - asymptotic solar wind speed (km/s)

450

R_{target} - target heliocentric distance (AU)

1

Calculate

Reset!

Drag-Based Model has performed **3015** successful calculations (since 26.12.2012).



Forecasting the Arrival of ICMEs: The Drag-Based Model

Results

v-R-t plots

CME geometry plot

Documentation

Output:

CME arrival at target (date & time): **03.02.2016 at 20h:02min**

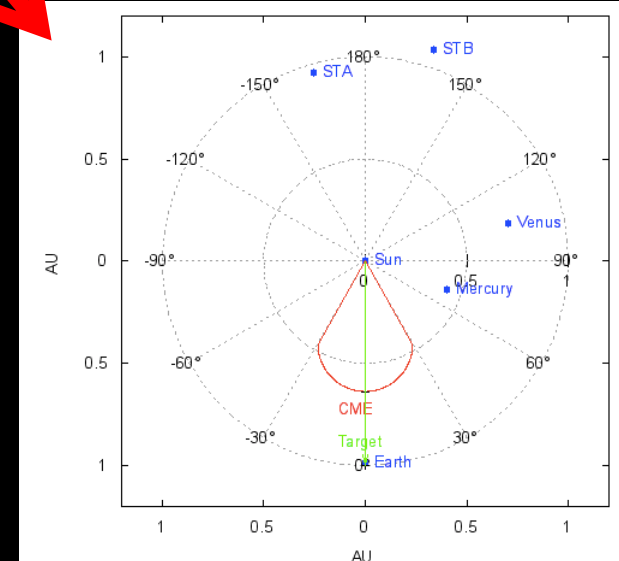
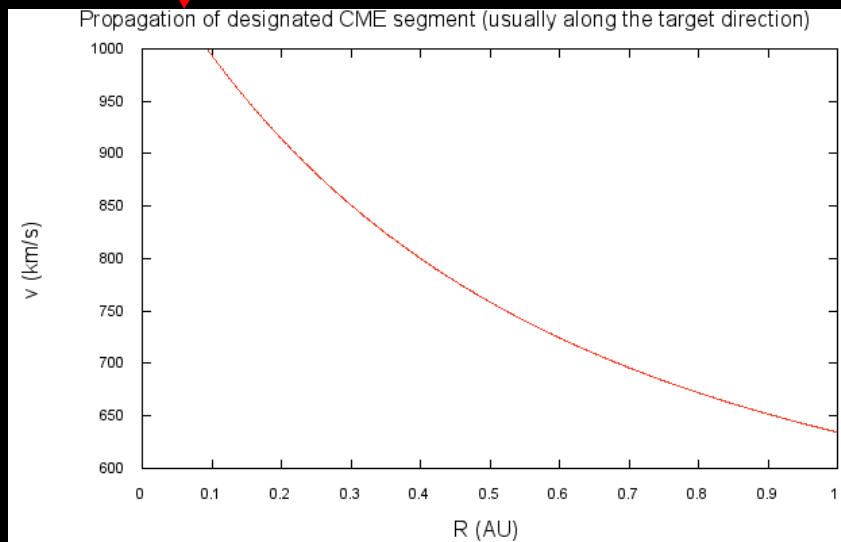
Transit time: **49.99 h**

Impact speed at target (at 1 AU): **635 km/s**

Input parameters:

CME take-off date & time: **01.02.2016 at 18h:03min**

$R_0=20 R_s$, $v_0=1000$ km/s, $\Gamma=0.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ km}^{-1}$, $w=450$ km/s, $R_t=1$ AU, $\theta=30$ deg, $\phi_{\text{target}}=0$ deg, $\phi_{\text{CME}}=0$ deg.



CME Geo-effectiveness Forecast Tool (CGeFT)

Model input

Documentation

CME speed, v (in km/s): ?

☐ not available

CME/flare source position radius, R_s (in solar radii): ?

☐ not available

CME apparent width, w :

not available

Solar flare x-ray class, f :

not available

CME-CME interaction level, i :

not available

Calculate

Reset!

CME geo-effectiveness forecast tool has performed **265** successful calculations (since 10.3.2014).



CME Geo-effectiveness Forecast Tool (CGeFT)

Results

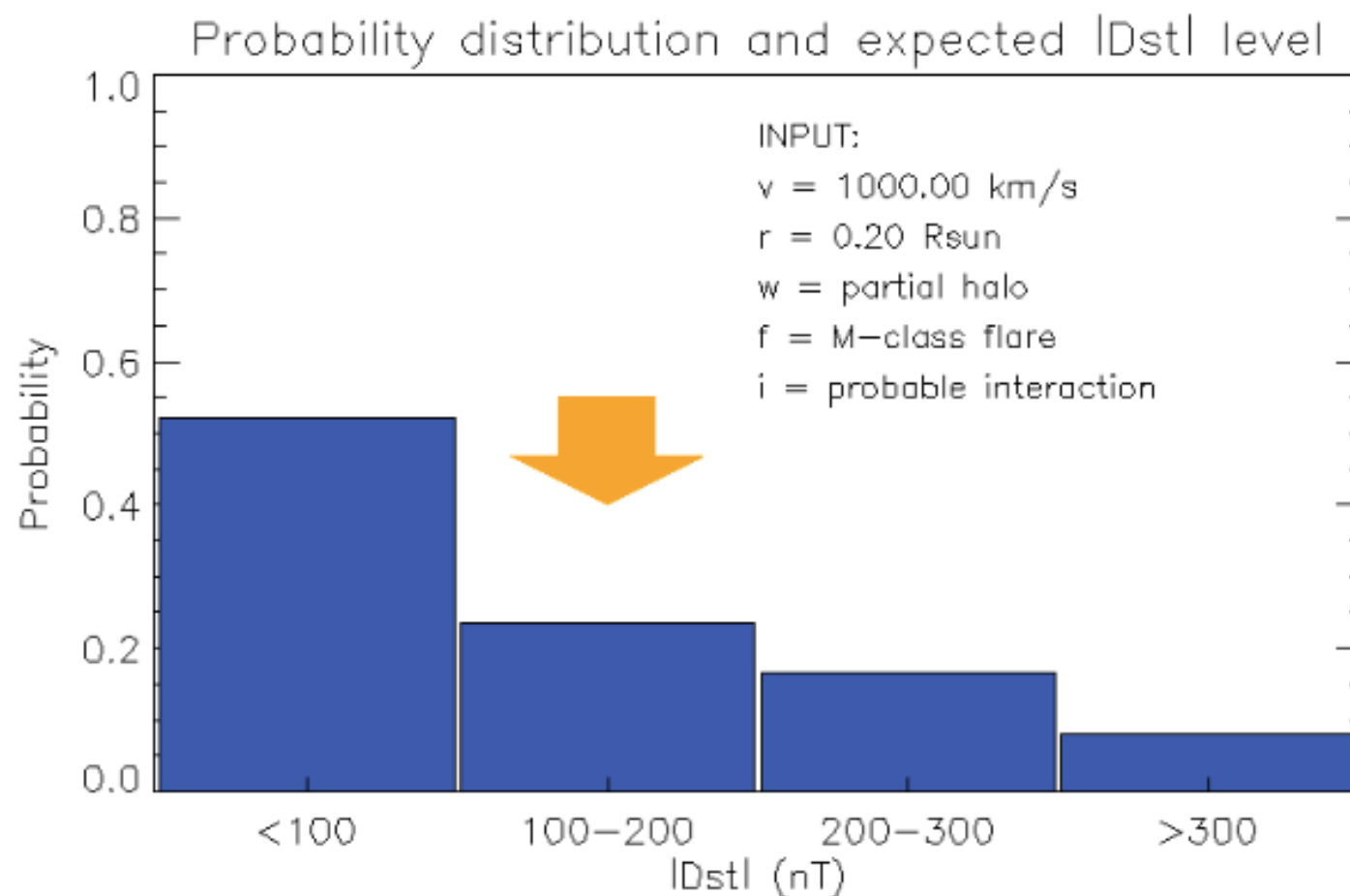
Documentation

Output:

Based on the probability distribution for a given CME (blue histogram), the expected IDstI level calculated by the model is $100 \text{ nT} < \text{IDstI} < 200 \text{ nT}$ (marked by arrow).

Combined probability distribution calculated based on P_v , P_r , P_w , P_f , P_i (see table and table description).

For model calculation details see documentation.



Forbush Decrease Forecast Tool (FDFT)

Model input

Documentation

Initial CME speed, v (in km/s): ?

☐ not available

CME/flare source position radius, R_s (in solar radii): ?

☐ not available

CME apparent width, w (in degrees): ?

☐ not available

Flare strenght, f (in 10^{-7} Wm^{-2}): ?

or

select flare x-ray class

☐ not available

CME-CME interaction level, i :

not available

Calculate

Reset!

Forbush Decrease Forecast Tool has performed **20** successful calculations (since 10.3.2015).



Forbush Decrease Forecast Tool (FDFT)

Results

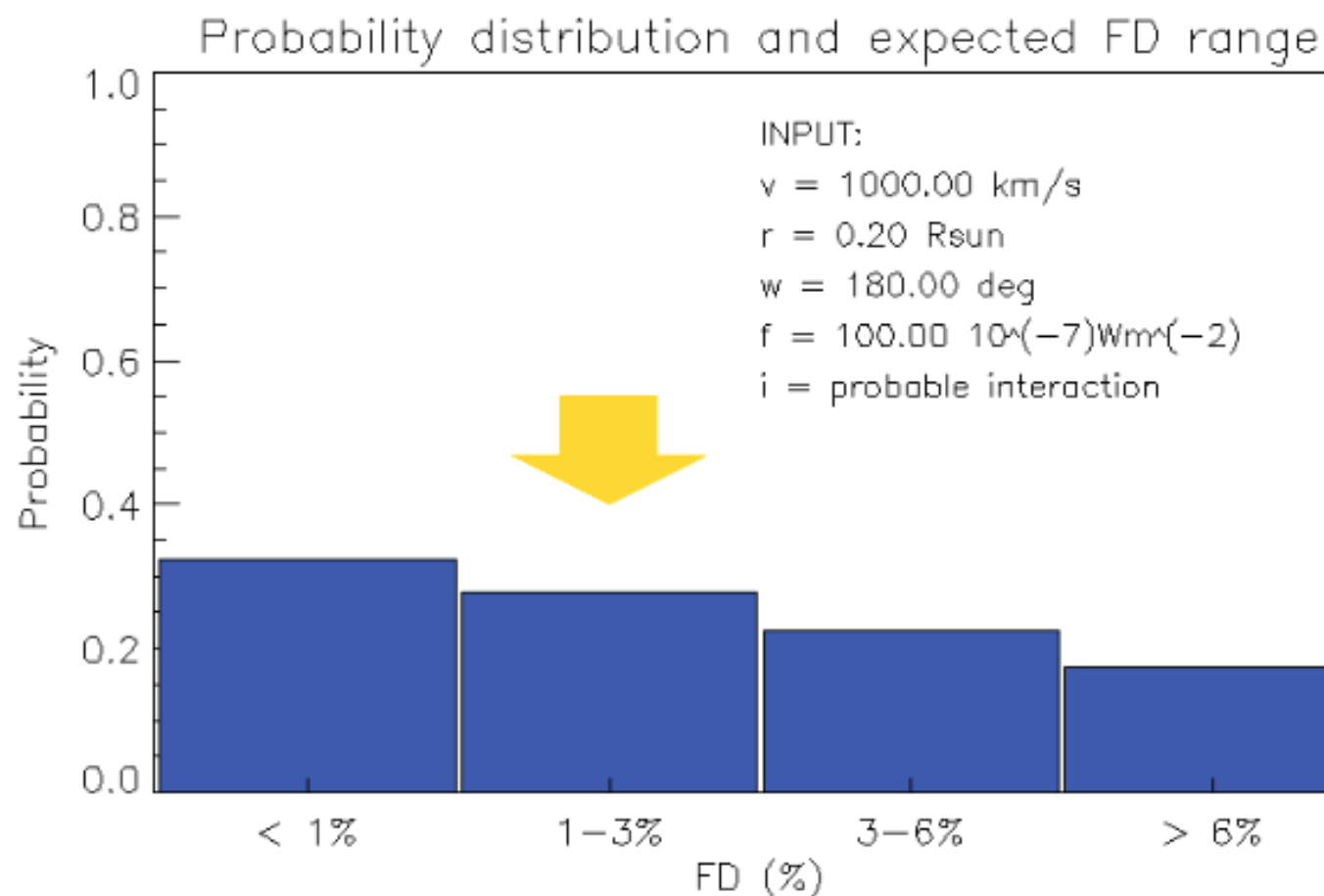
Documentation

Output:

Based on the probability distribution for a given CME (blue histogram), the expected FD range calculated by the model is $1\% < \text{FD} < 3\%$ (marked by arrow).

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A-Class Flares: 0

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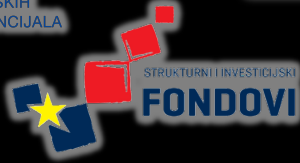
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