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# SEMINAR: (Space weather research at) The Hvar Observatory



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solar group (5; theory & obs.):

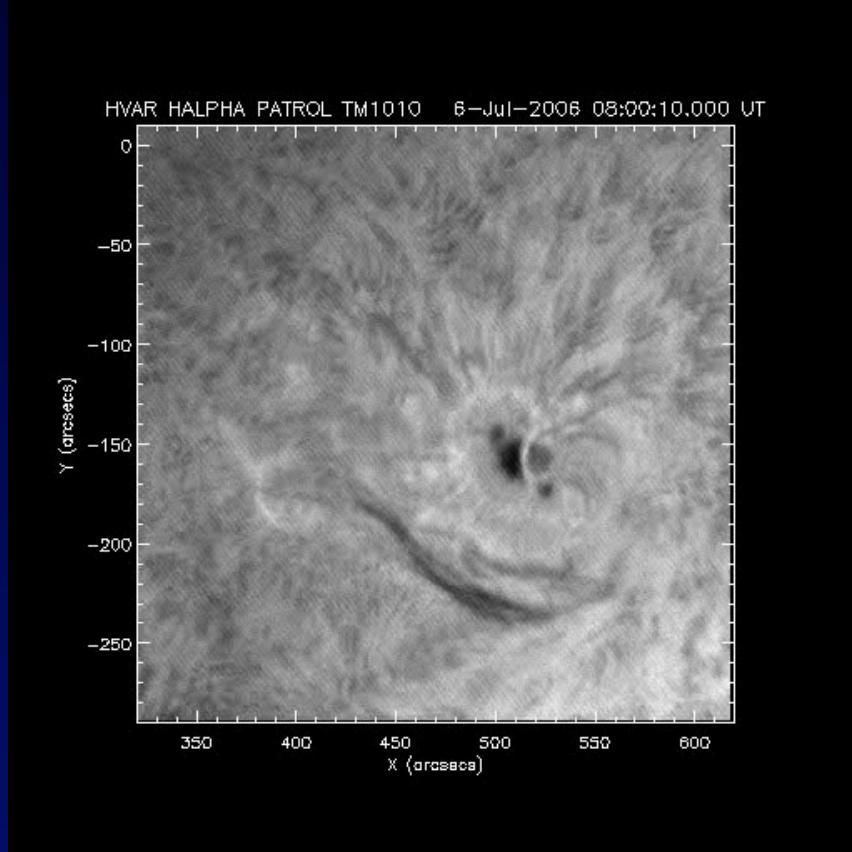
- solar eruptive phenomena
- solar rotation & other large-scale phenomena
- sun-earth connection  
**(space weather, climate effects, cosmic rays)**

stellar group (4; obs.):

- variable stars
- Be stars

equip.:

- double solar t.
- 65 cm photometric t.
- 1 m multi-purpose t.





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## **Take-off and propagation of CMEs and ICMEs:**

- loss of equilibrium & acceleration (obs./theor.)
- role of reconnection (obs./theor.)
- aerodynamic drag (obs./theor.)
- interplanetary propagation (Drag-Based Model)
- semi-empirical space-weather forecasting

## **Reconnection:**

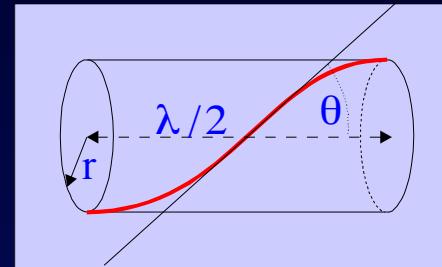
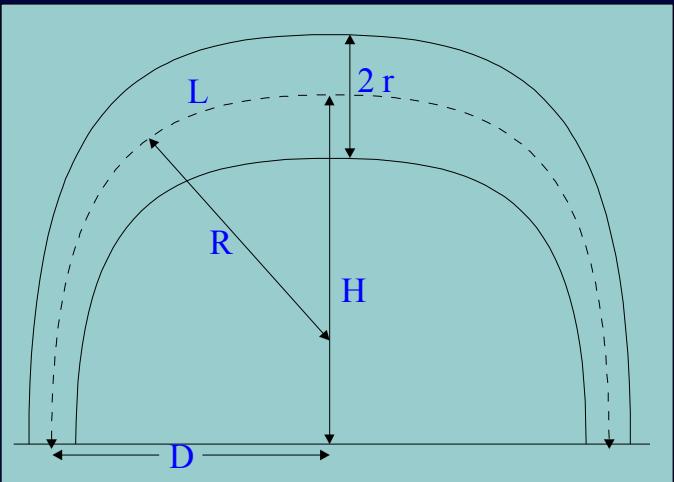
- analytical modeling
- post-CME CSs (obs./theor.)
- role of reconnection in CME acceleration (obs./theor.)
- energy-release scaling in flares (obs.)

## **Coronal shock waves:**

- formation mechanisms (analyt. modeling)
- origin: flare/CME "?" (obs.: type II, Moreton)

**etc.**

# CMEs - acceleration phase



$$X = \tan \theta = B_\phi / B_{||}$$

$$\Phi = l X / r, \quad n = \Phi / 2\pi$$

$$n = l / \lambda, \quad n = \text{const.}$$

$$a = a_L - g - a_d$$

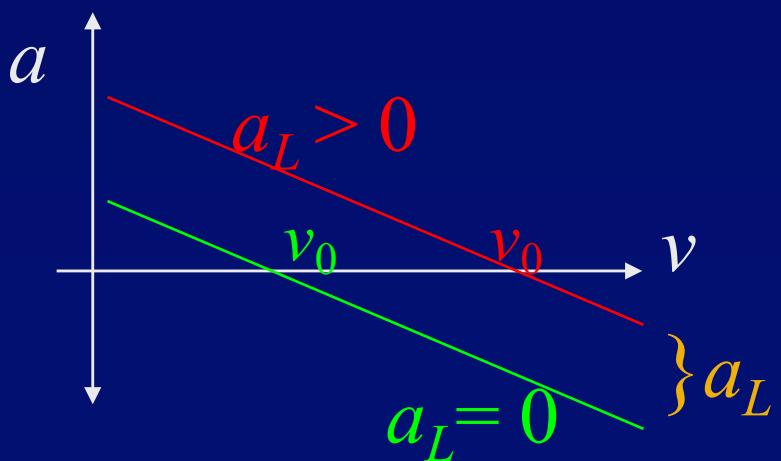
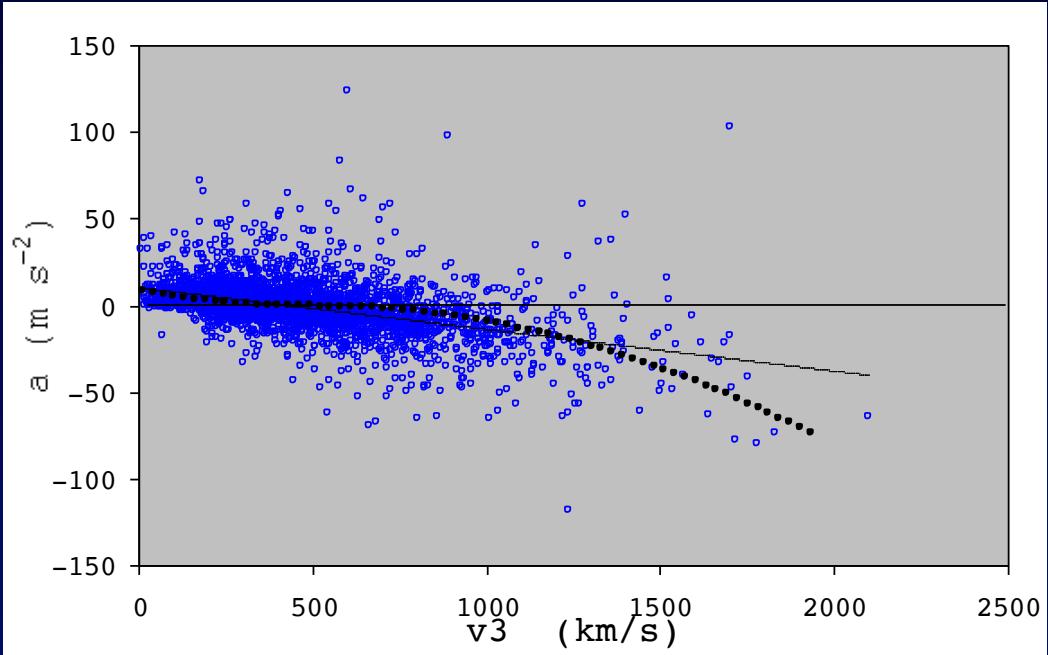
$$a_L = A (l/h + l/R - 2l/RX^2) \pm kI/lr$$

$$A = \frac{\mu I^2}{4\pi M} = \frac{B_\phi^2}{\mu \rho l} = \frac{X^2 B_{||}^2}{\mu \rho l} \approx \frac{v_A^2}{l} = \frac{l}{\tau_A^2} = l\omega^2$$

in the absence of reconnection:

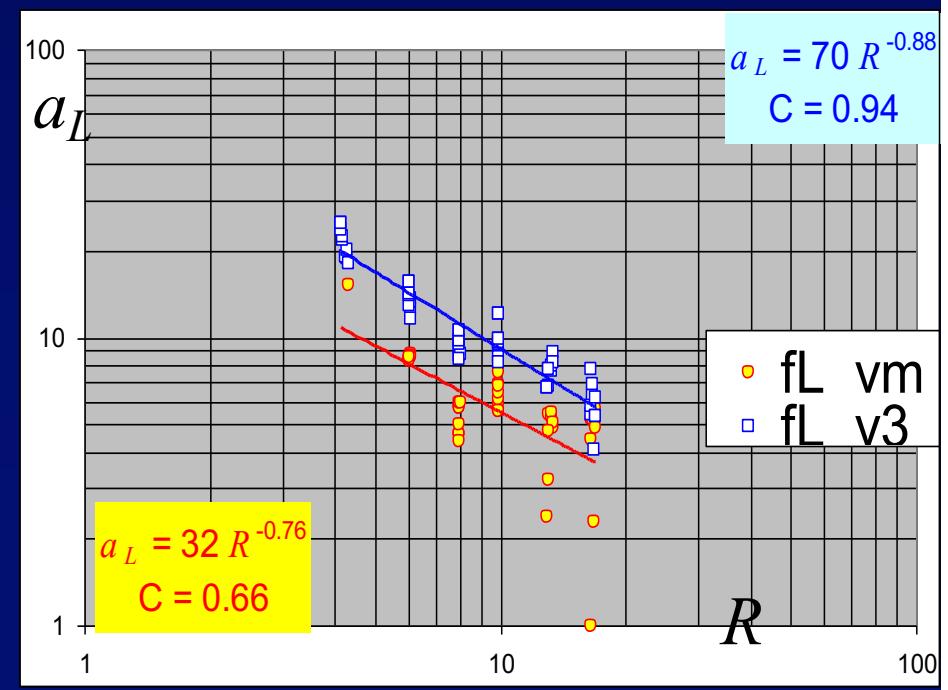
$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_e = \text{const.} &\propto I l [\ln(8R/r) - 2] & \Rightarrow I \propto l^{-1}, \quad r \propto R, \quad X \propto r/l \\ \Phi_i = \text{const.} &\propto I l \end{aligned}$$

# CMEs - propagation phase

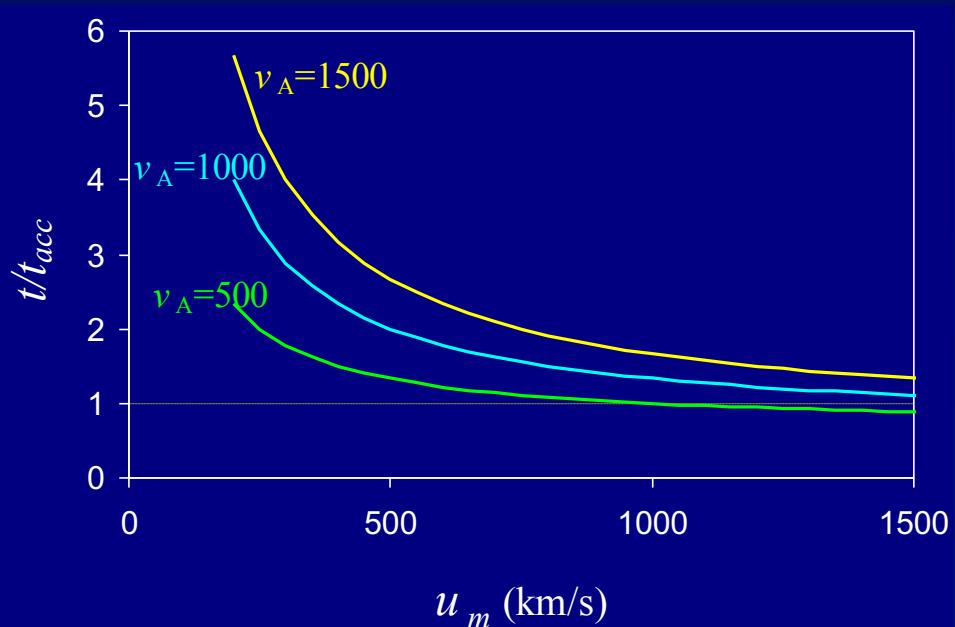
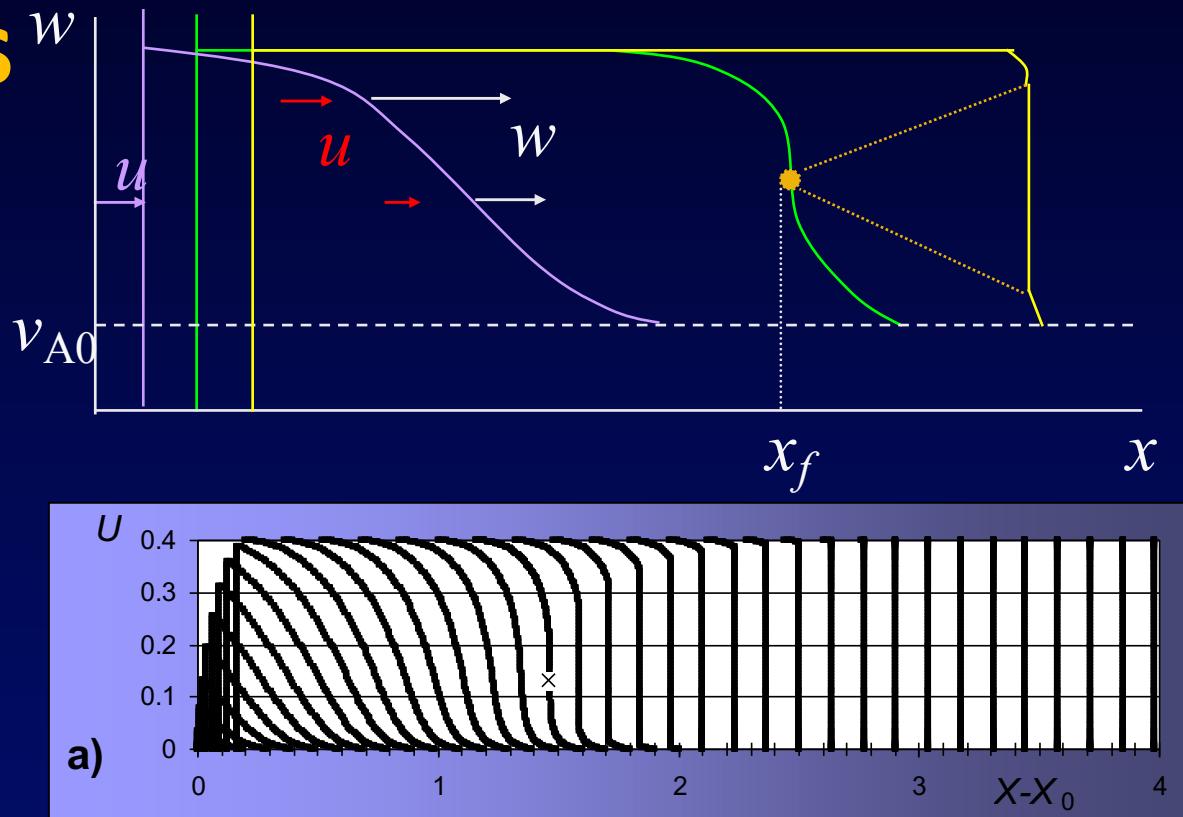
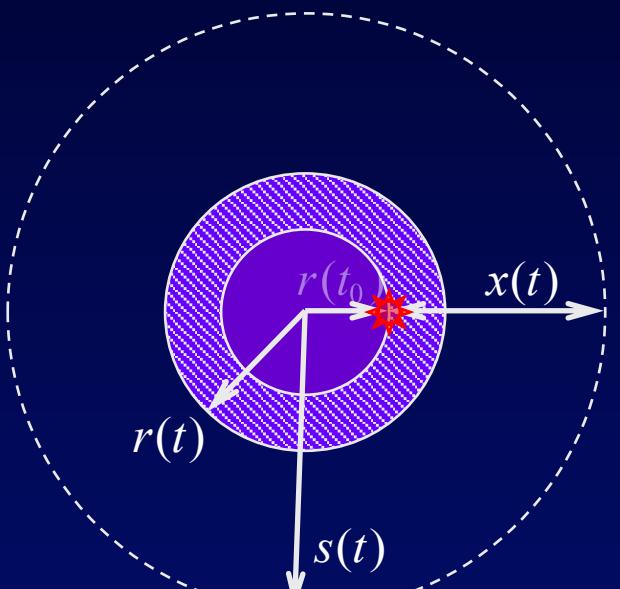


$$v_0 (a_L > 0) > v_0 (a_L = 0)$$

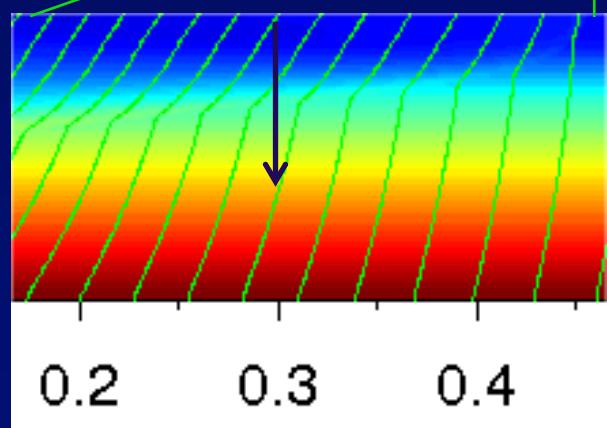
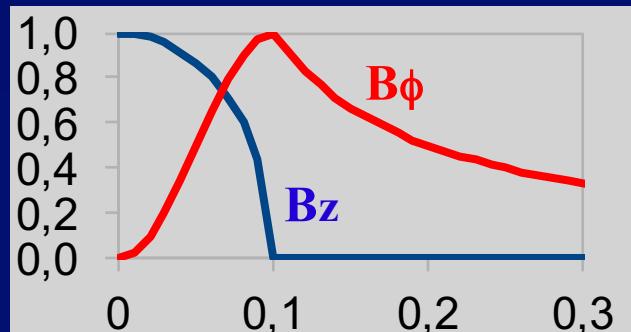
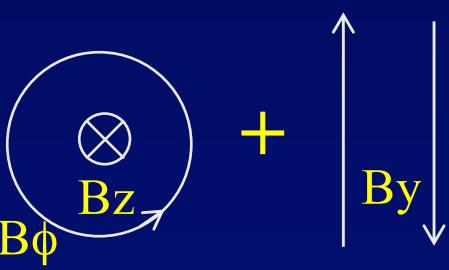
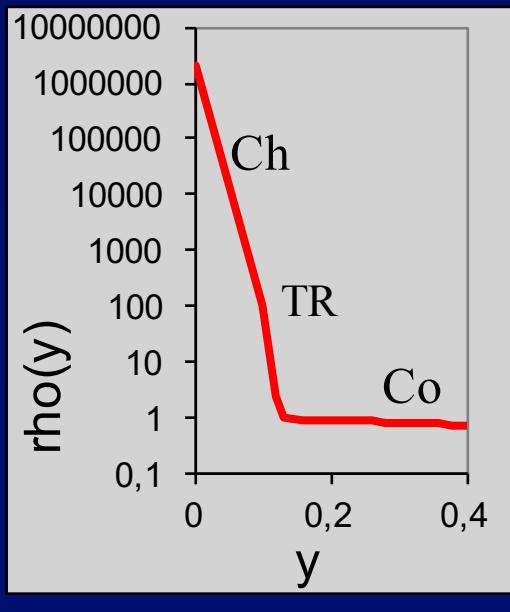
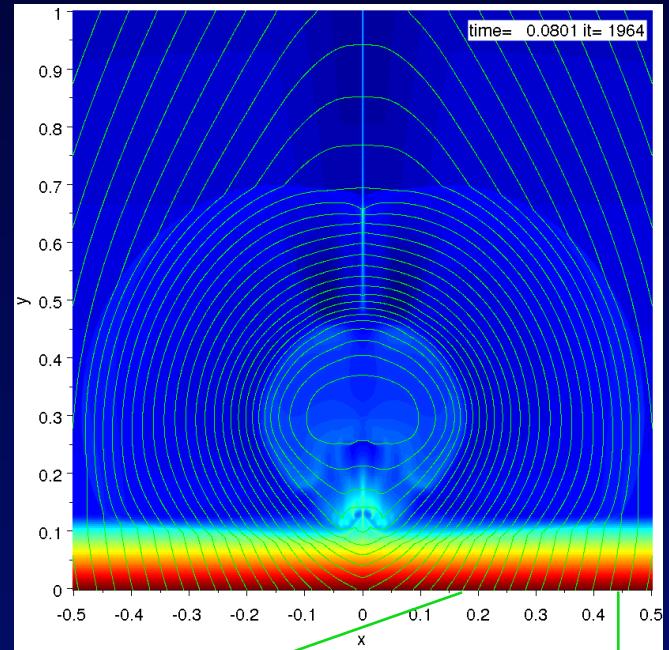
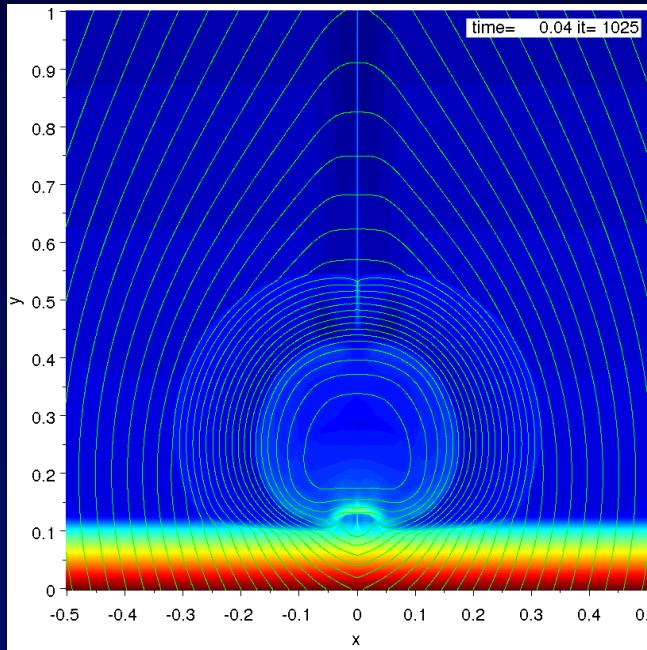
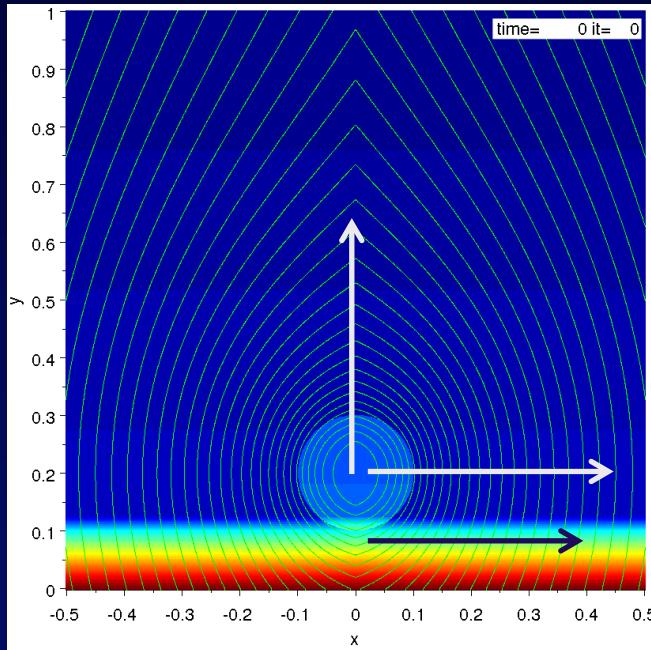
$$a_L = k \Delta v_0$$



# Coronal shocks

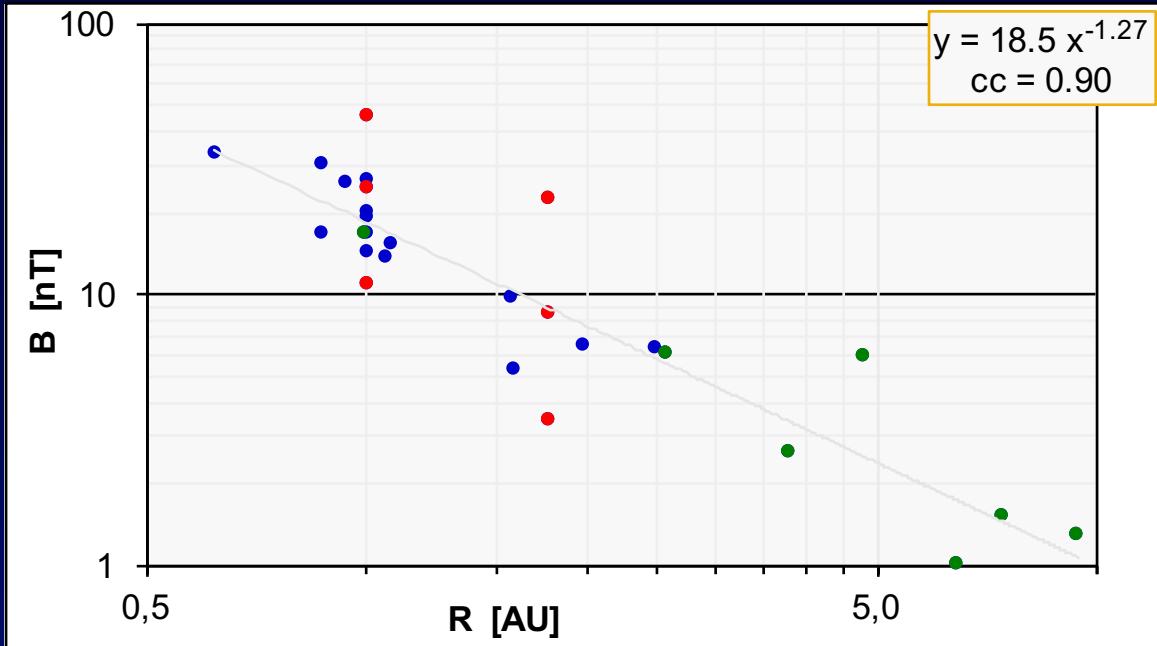


# 2.5-D MHD simulations: Piston shock



$\beta = 0$

# ICMEs - evolution



$$B_{||} \sim R^{-1.3}$$

expected :

$$B_{||} \sim R^{-1}$$

“erosion”

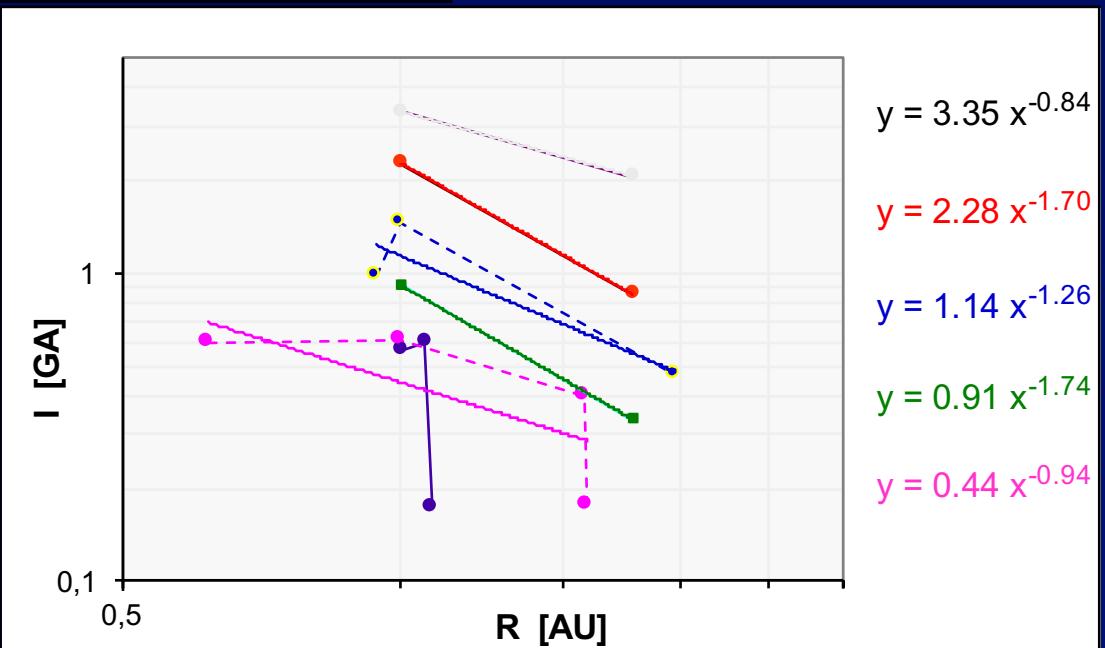
$$I_{||} \sim B_{\phi} r$$

$$I_{||} \sim R^{-1.3}$$

expected :

$$I_{||} \sim R^{-1}$$

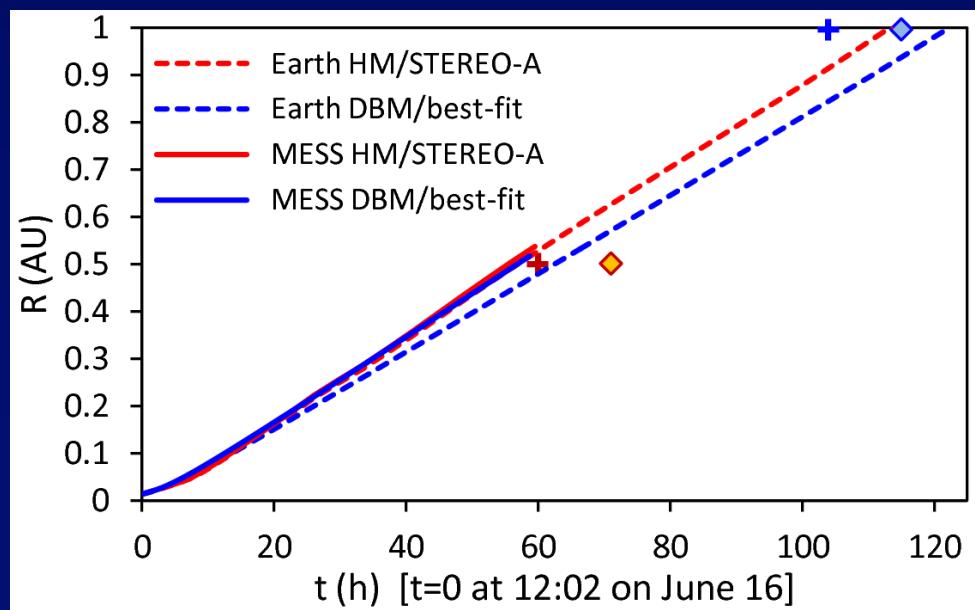
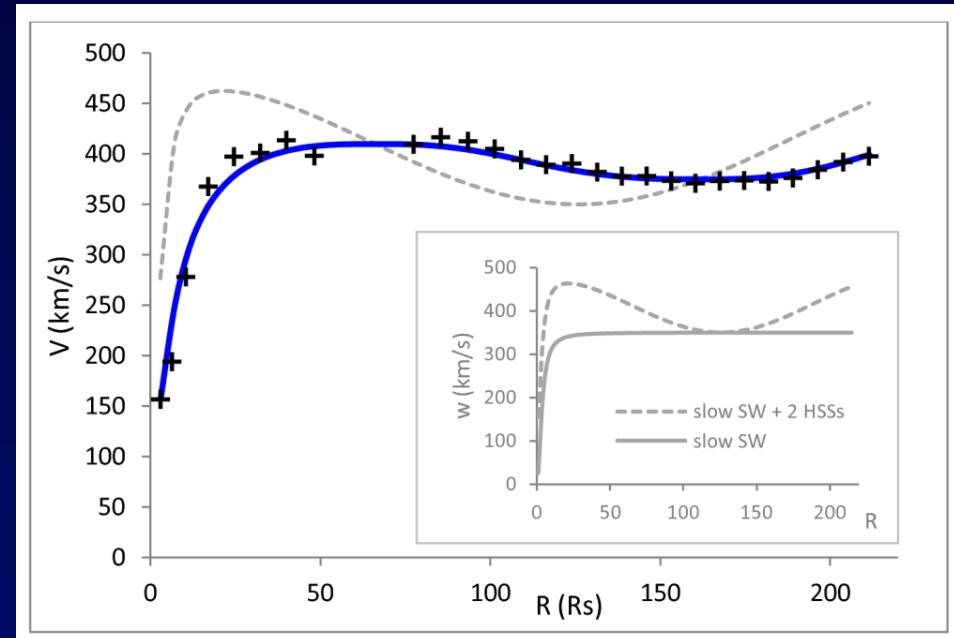
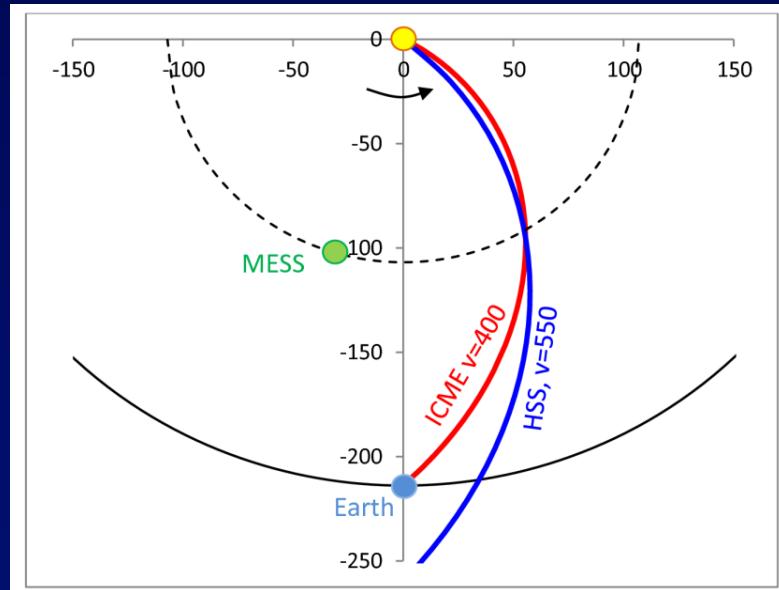
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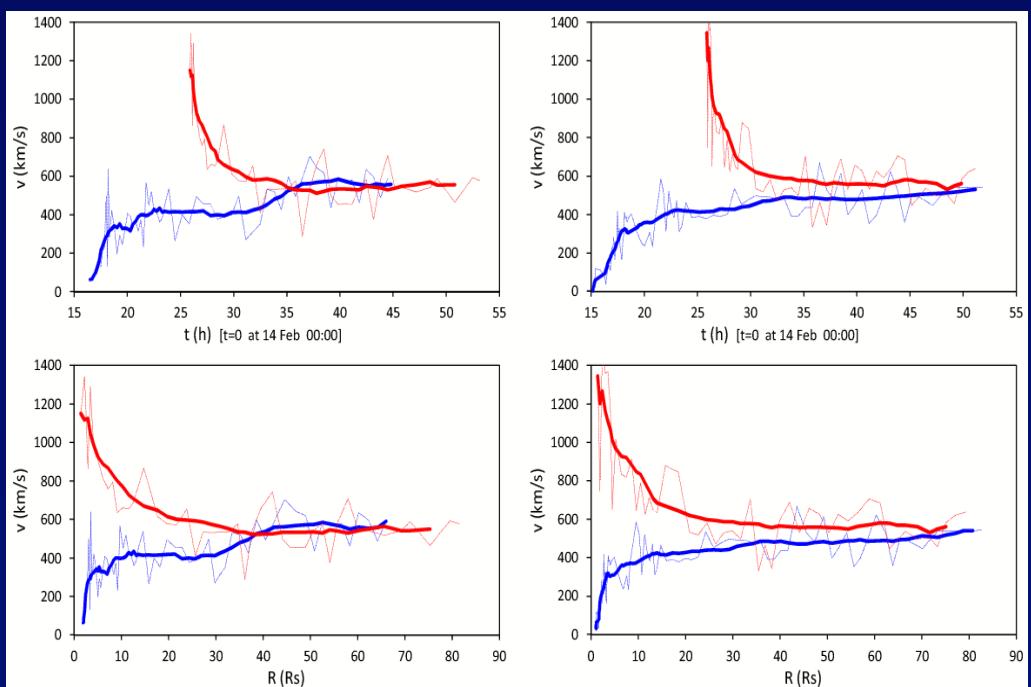
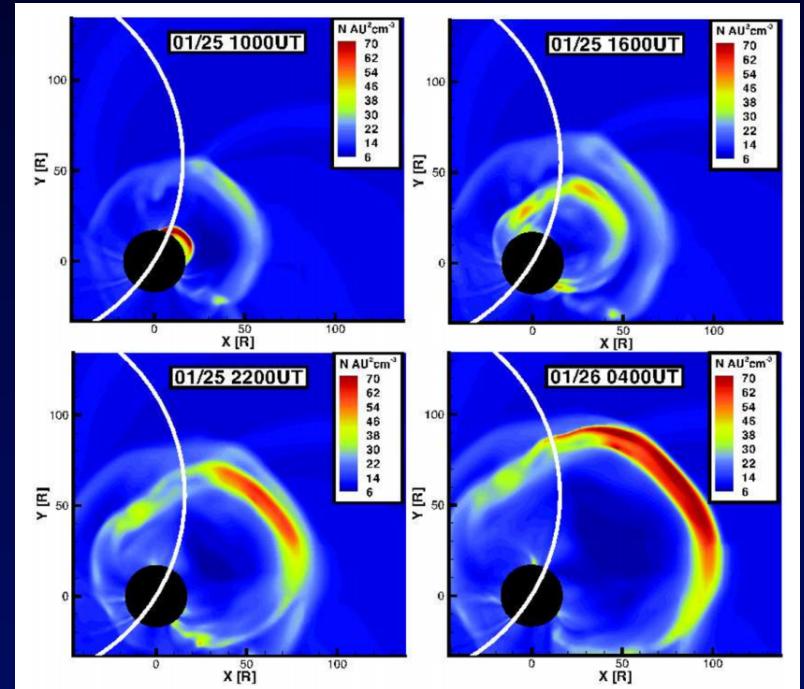
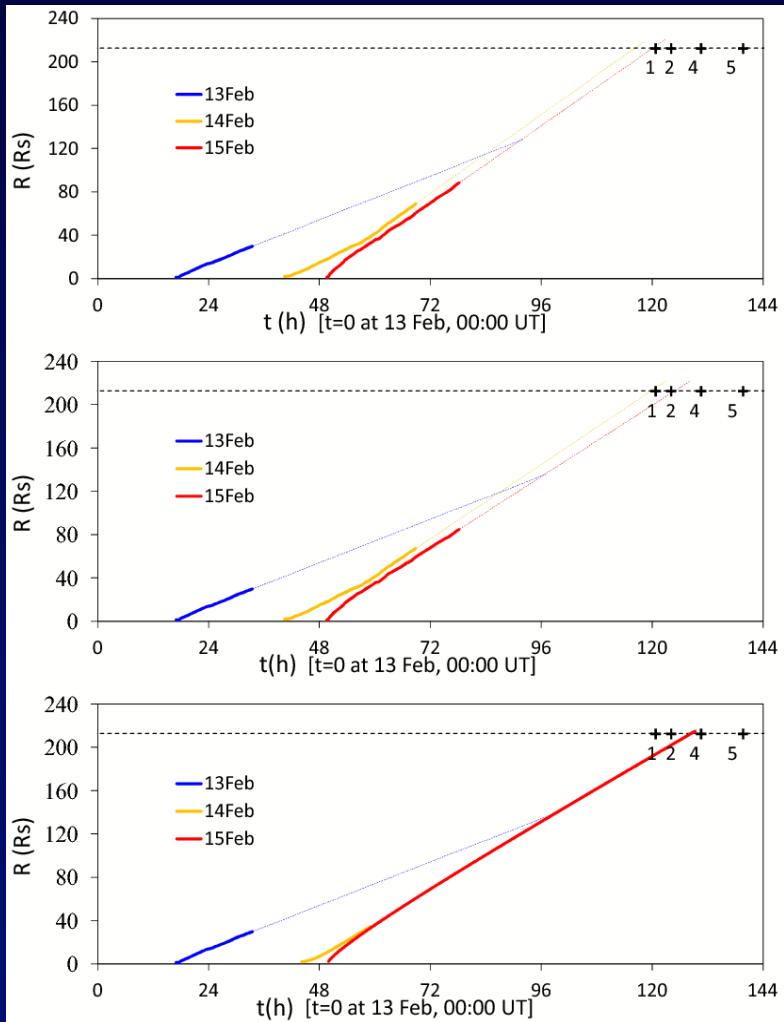
# ICMEs – propagation: Drag-Based Model

$$a = -\gamma (v-w) |v-w|$$

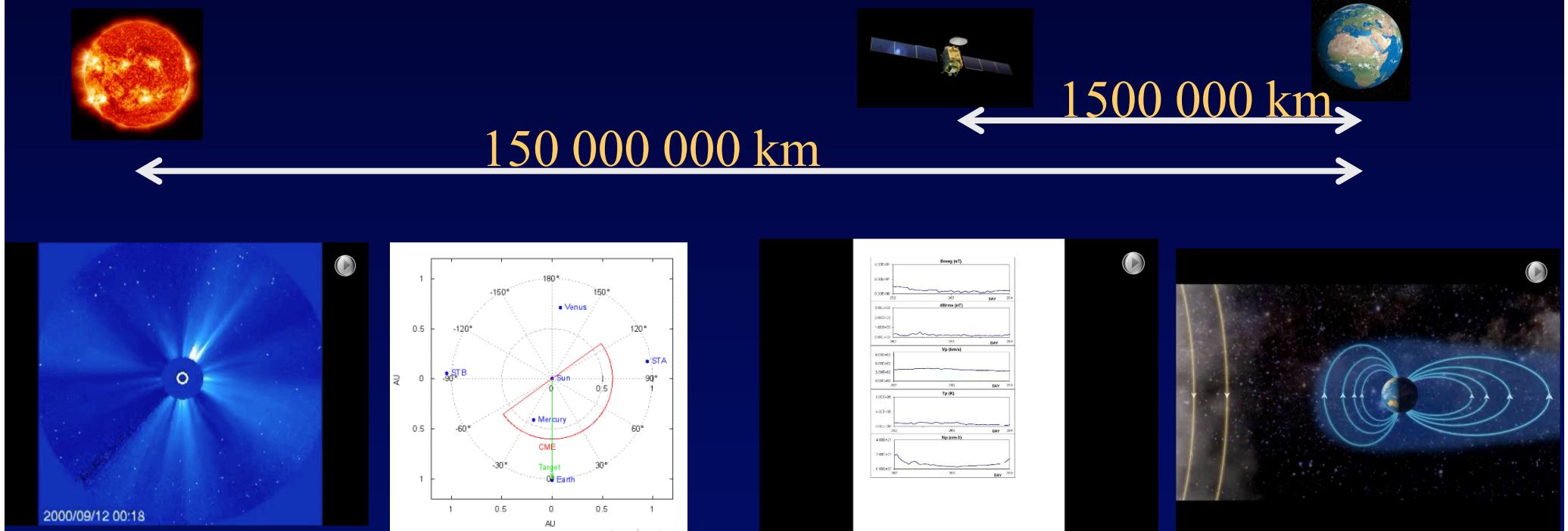
$[\gamma = c_d A \rho_w / m]$



# Interacting CMEs



# CME space weather effects



CME detection:  
Initial conditions

Modeling of CME  
propagation & evolution

Prediction of ICME  
arrival and near-Earth  
properties

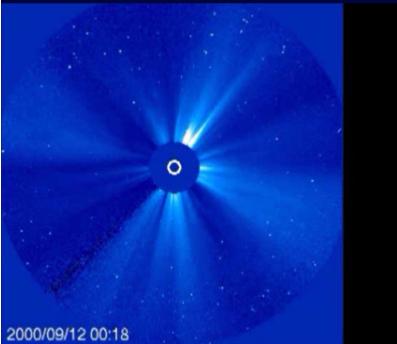
Modeling of  
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**~ 1 day**

**~ 1 h**

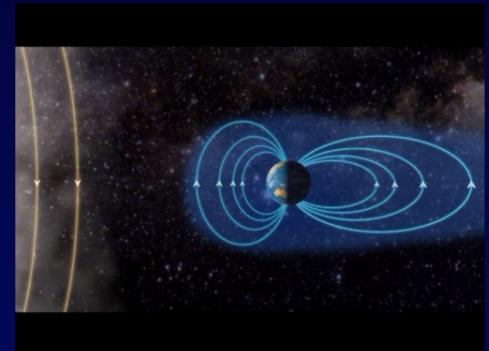
# *Models for CME space weather effects*



Statistical relations



Empirical probabilistic model



CME detection:  
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~ 1 day

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



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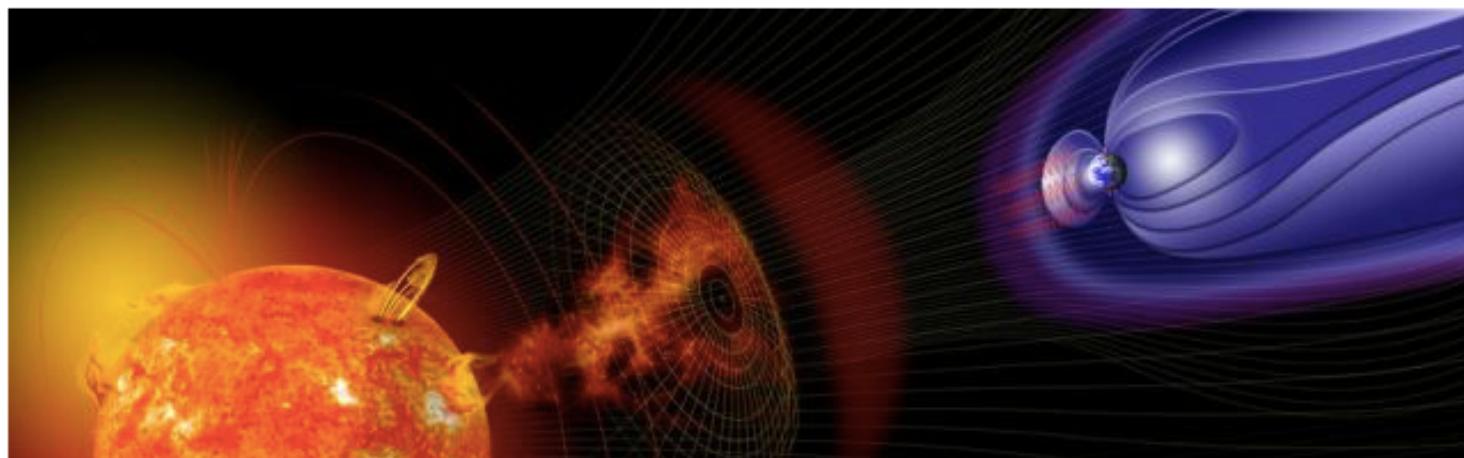
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# Forecasting the Arrival of ICMEs: The Drag-Based Model

[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

 $\Gamma$  - drag parameter ( $10^{-7}$  km $^{-1}$ )

0.2

 $w$  - asymptotic solar wind speed (km/s)

450

 $R_{target}$  - target heliocentric distance (AU)

1

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**

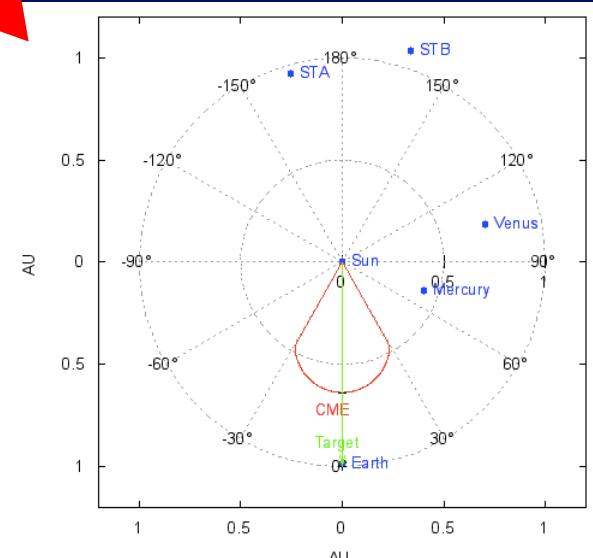
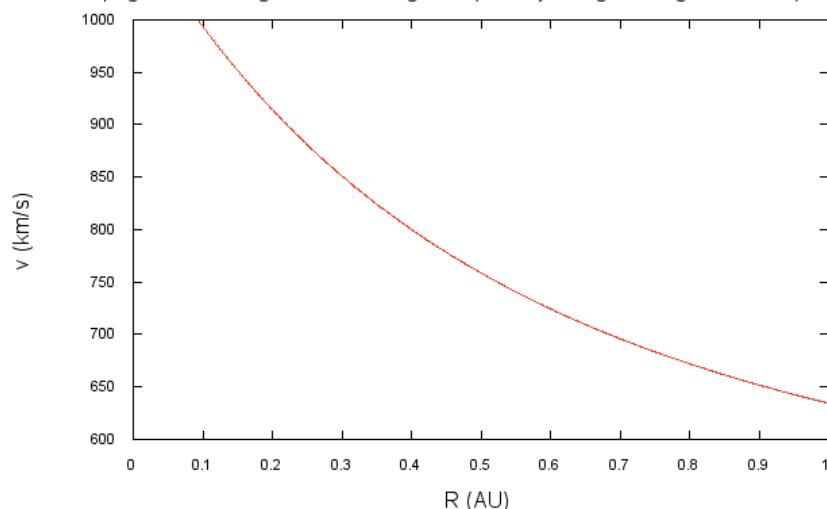
Impact speed at target (at 1 AU): **635 km/s**

## Input parameters:

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

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

Propagation of designated CME segment (usually along the target direction)



# 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

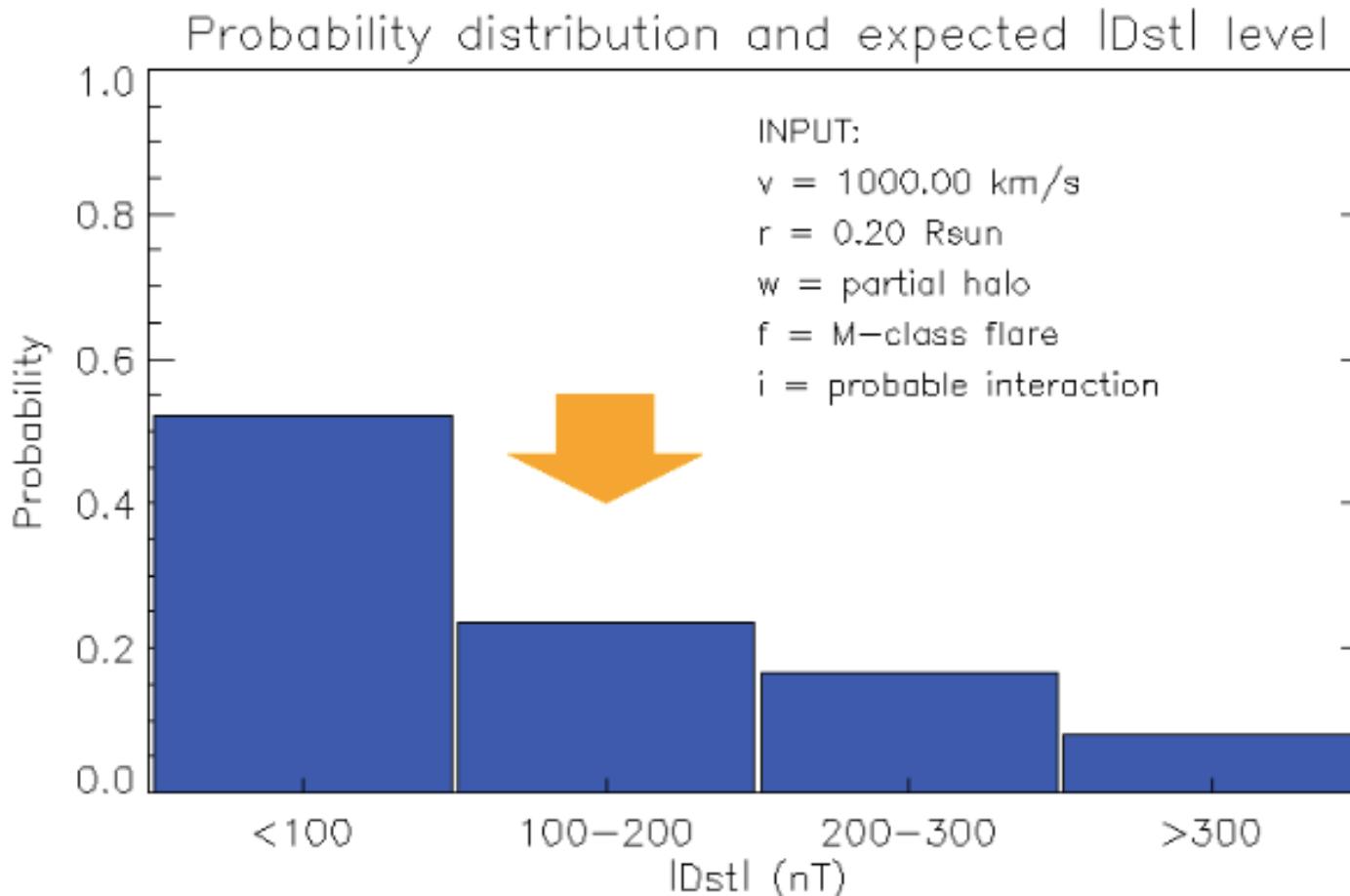
Documentation

## Output:

Based on the probability distribution for a given CME (blue histogram), the expected |Dstl| level calculated by the model is  $100 \text{ nT} < |\text{Dstl}| < 200 \text{ nT}$  (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 availableCME/flare source position radius,  $R_s$  (in solar radii): [?](#) not availableCME apparent width,  $w$  (in degrees): [?](#) not availableFlare strength,  $f$  (in  $10^{-7} \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ ): [?](#)or select flare x-ray class [?](#)  not availableCME-CME interaction level,  $I$ :[Calculate](#)[Reset!](#)

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



# Forbush Decrease Forecast Tool (FDFT)

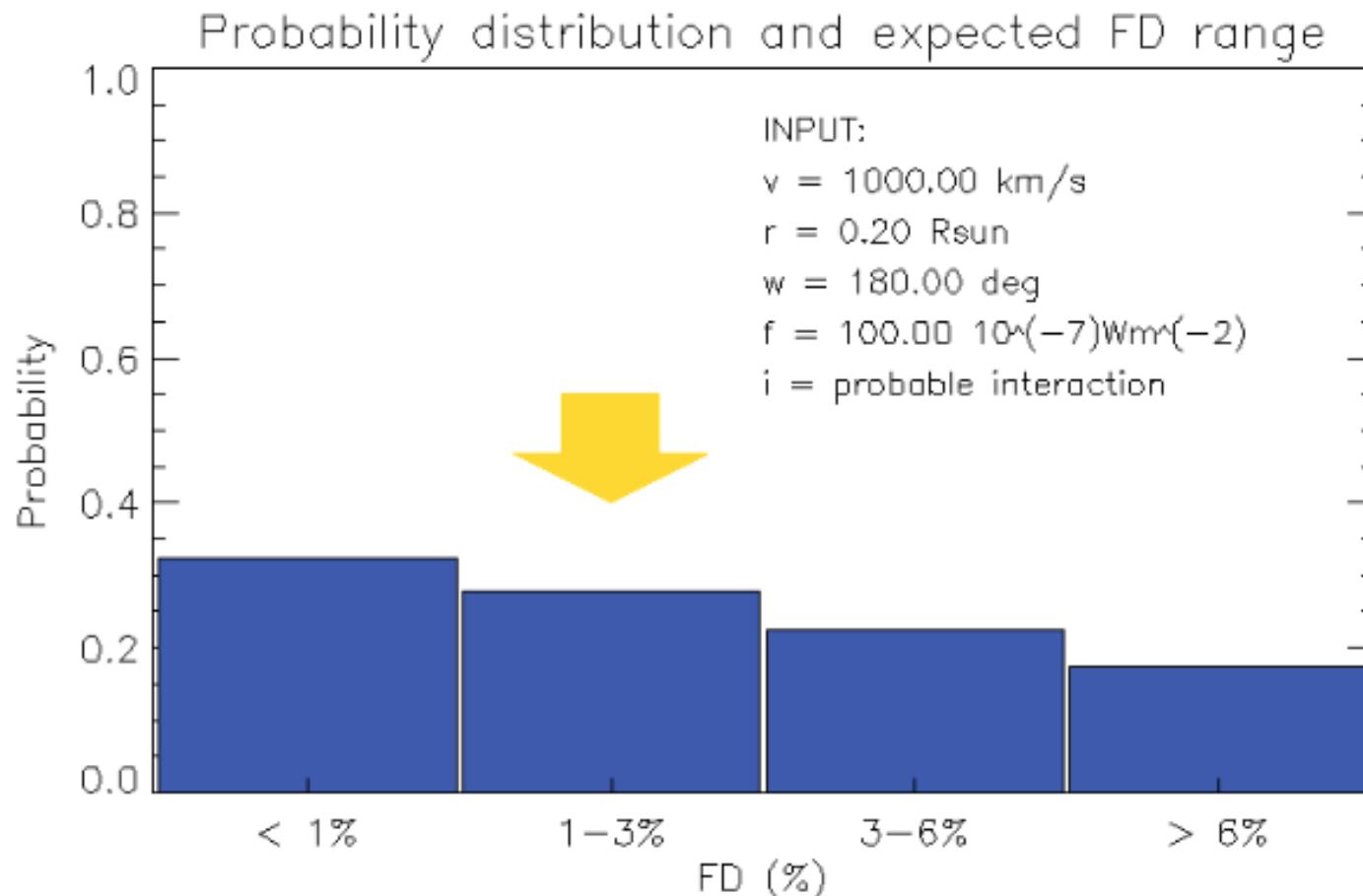
Results Documentation

## Output:

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

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

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