



**Progress on WP4 - Verifying the kinematic  
properties of STEREO/HI CMEs against in-situ CME  
observations and coronal sources**

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- WP4 runs months 10-36
- builds on WP2+3
- linked catalogue feeds into WP6+7
- **Tasks:**
  - 4.1 coronal sources, **Göttingen**: STEREO, SOHO, SDO, Proba2
  - 4.2 in situ data: **Graz, Helsinki**, Toulouse, Göttingen, Imperial  
categorization of ICMEs with WP3 results (geometrical modeling):  
**STEREO, ACE, Wind**, MESSENGER, VEX, Ulysses, MSL
  - 4.3 statistical analysis: **Graz**, Toulouse, ROB, Göttingen, Helsinki
- **Deliverables:**
  - M24: Establishing an **online catalogue of potentially associated solar source and in-situ phenomena** for the timeframe 2007-2015  
(this is the first catalogue of its kind; there are many separate CME / ICME lists)
  - M30: Report on **statistical analysis and comparison of HI results with coronal and in situ data**; assessment of **forecasting accuracy**.



## 2nd quarterly Report August - October 2014

WP4 deals with establishing an on-line catalogue of CMEs that connects various solar, heliospheric imaging (HI) and in-situ datasets. A number of the partners have further worked on preparations for this WP.

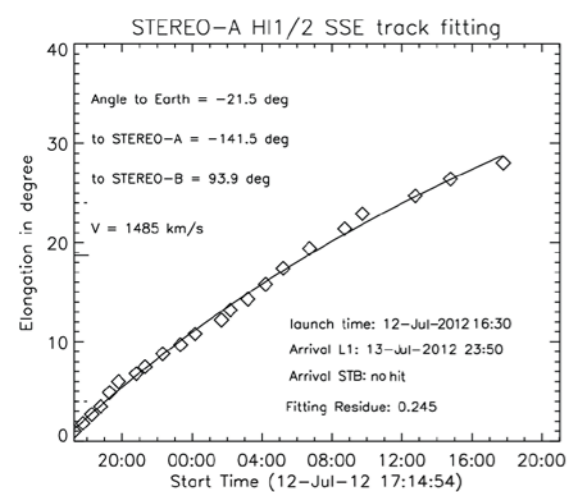
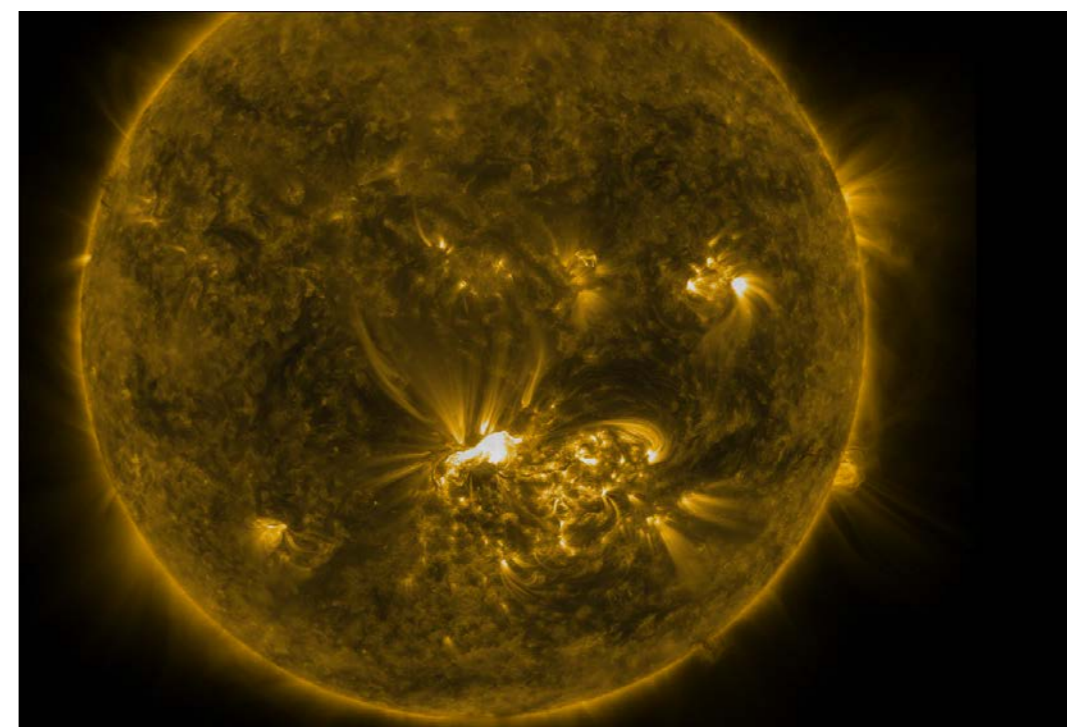
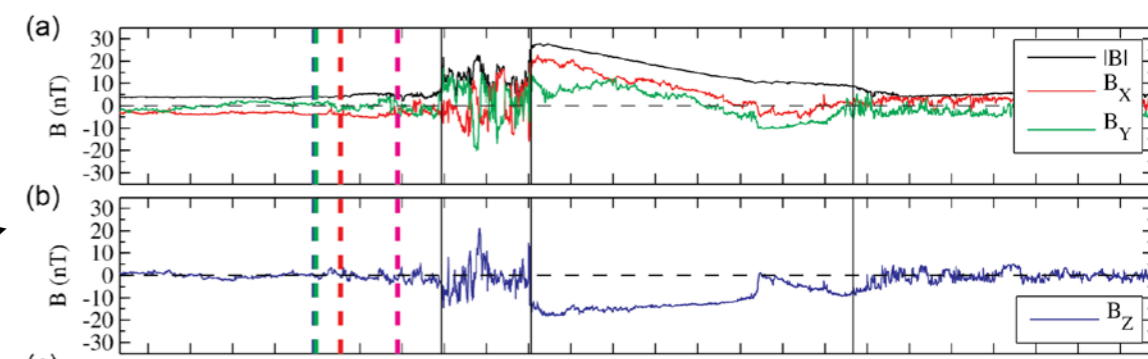
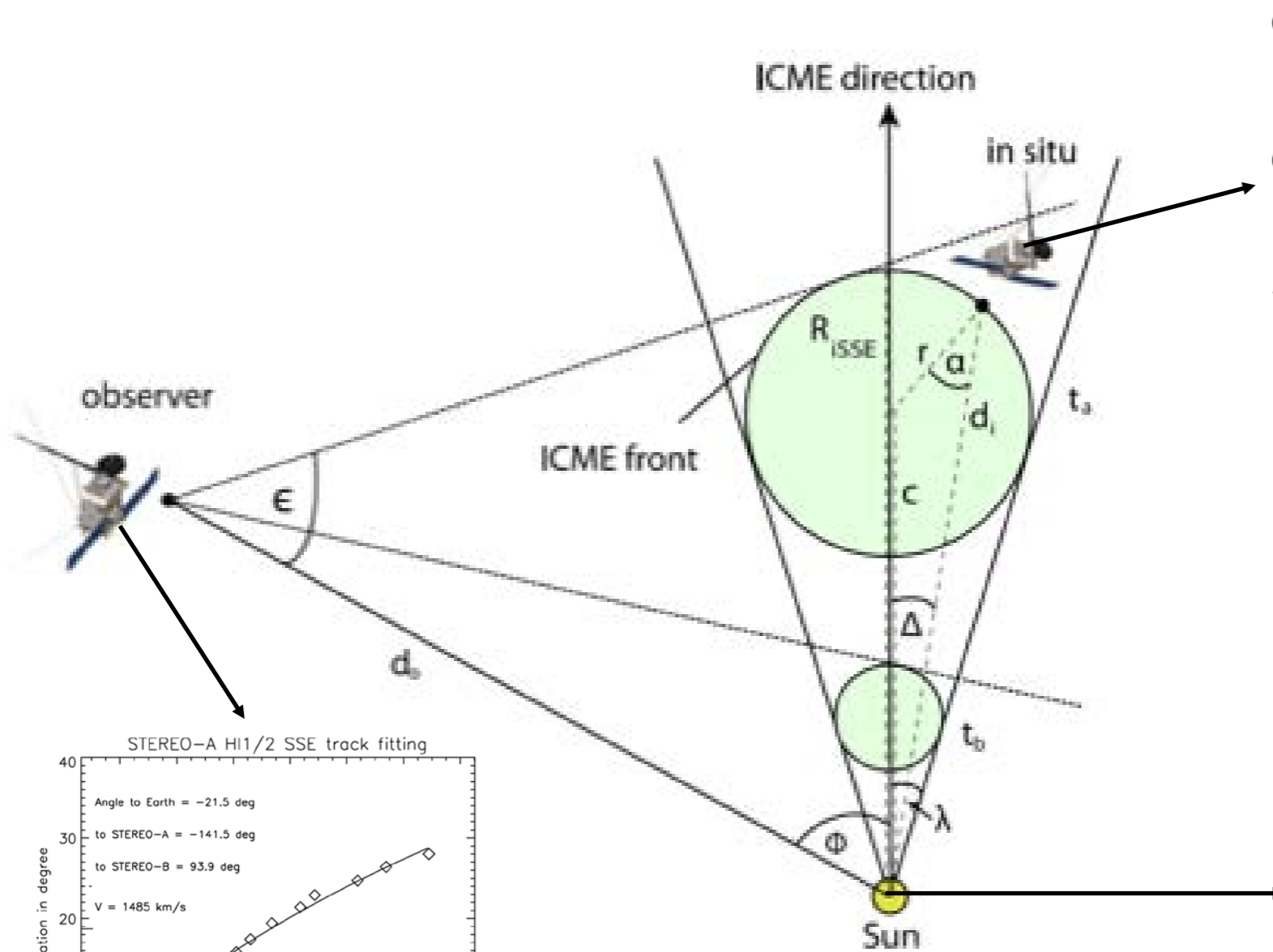
- At UNIGRAZ, Peter Boakes was hired as a PostDoc researcher. The necessary updates to the HI catalogue from RAL have been provided to calculate CME parameters at in situ spacecraft. We have begun to check how the parameters in this list relate to the CME parameters observed by the different in situ spacecraft.
- At UH, IDL routines provided by CDAWeb were applied to get the in-situ data without manual downloading, and tested by students; software (C++/Python) for creating high quality plots was coded.
- ROB has been preparing the IDL routines that will be used in Task 4.3 in order to link forward modelling results to in situ data.
- Preliminary work at UPS focused on redetermining Magnetic Cloud boundaries from WIND and STEREO, which will eventually constitute a new MC list for broad usage, to be accessible in AMDA.
- At UGOE, the IDL minimum variance analysis (MVA) routines were further upgraded to derive additional magnetic cloud parameters. More test runs with ACE data were done and the MVA is being applied to sample events. The MVA routine's output were re-formatted for further usage.

## First Quarterly report May-Jul 2014:

A number of the partners have commenced preparatory work for this WP.

- UNIGRAZ and UH, where the in-situ data will mainly be processed, have started to download portions of data from the Wind, ACE, STEREO-A and B, Venus Express, MESSENGER, and Ulysses spacecraft. UNIGRAZ, UH and IMPERIAL have carried out initial tests of software in IDL to analyse and process the in-situ data into different formats.
- A future incorporation of the in-situ time series, in the appropriate format, into the online AMDA tool has been discussed with UPS.
- At UGOE, the IDL minimum variance analysis (MVA) routines were installed. The routines were adapted to process ACE data with different time resolution. Some test runs with ACE data were done, and the MVA is being applied to sample events.
- A sample of the HI catalogue (from WP2 and WP3) has been checked by UNIGRAZ for comparison to the in situ data, and necessary updates to the HI catalogue have been discussed with STFC.

- Self Similar Expansion Fitting technique (for the moment we use 30° half width)
- Davies et al. 2012 ApJ, Möstl et al. 2013 Sol. Phys.



parameters will likely include:

## **solar+coronagraph** (some taken from WP3)

- flare class and peak time (if flare happened)
- position of source region (if identified)
- source region characterization (e.g. AR neutral line orientation, phenomena observed like EUV wave, post-eruption arcades) (if identified)
- time of first image of CME in coronagraphs
- initial CME speed
- initial CME direction

## **HI** (arrival times, hits, speeds taken from WP3)

- CME speed
- CME direction
- CME arrival time at each spacecraft
- CME launch time

## **in situ**

- spacecraft that detected the ICME, and its heliospheric position
- shock arrival time
- start and end times of any magnetic ejecta
- shock stand-off distance
- average magnetic field and plasma parameters (density, temperature) in sheath and ejecta
- max amplitude of magnetic field
- size of ejecta
- expansion speed of ejecta (Demoulin parameter)
- categorization of surrounding solar wind (HCS, high speed streams)
- general categorization of ejecta (e.g. magnetic clouds, flux ropes, magnetic cloud like, complex ejecta)
- flux rope type (SEN, NWS etc.) and chirality (if flux rope present)
- flux rope axis orientation (flux rope model needed)
- impact parameter (FR model)
- magnetic flux content of MCs (poloidal/toroidal, with FR model)
- supra thermal electron behavior

**The final product of the online catalogue (Deli in April 2016) will likely consist of these 3 lists + the link between them through the CME event number (better designs always welcome!)**



# Lists for WP4 product



## The ISEST Master CME List

We encourage all users of the wiki to add to this list to create a list compiled from everybody for community use. For information on how to add an event, go to [Editing the ISEST Master List](#).

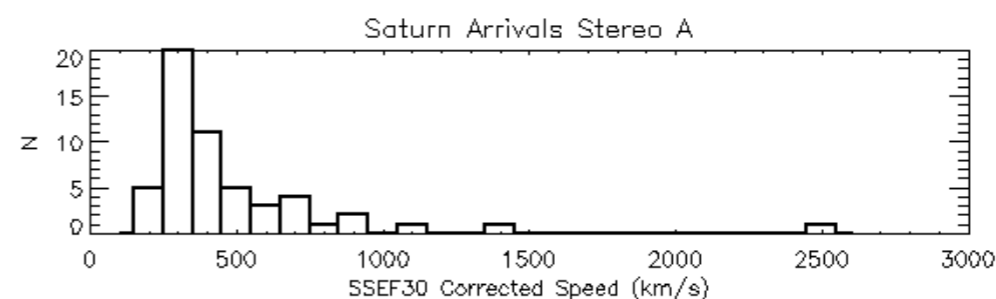
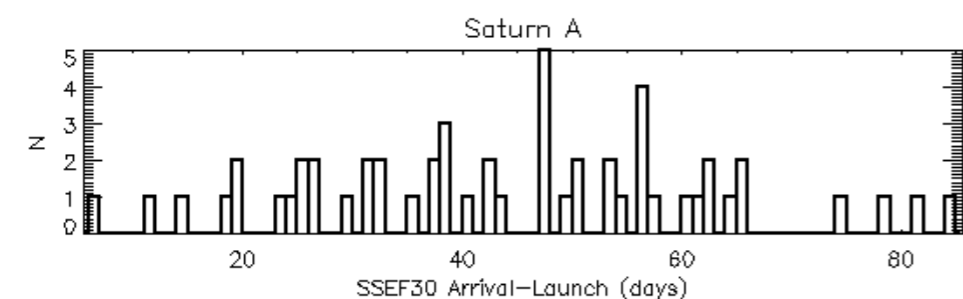
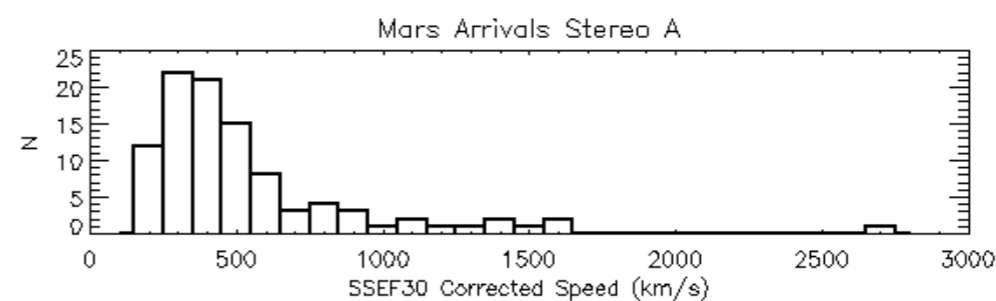
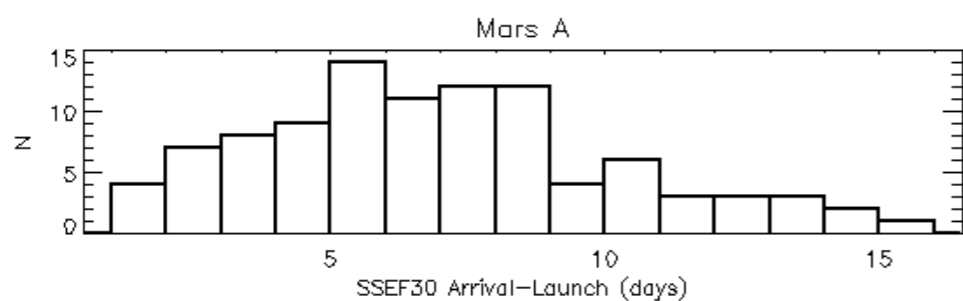
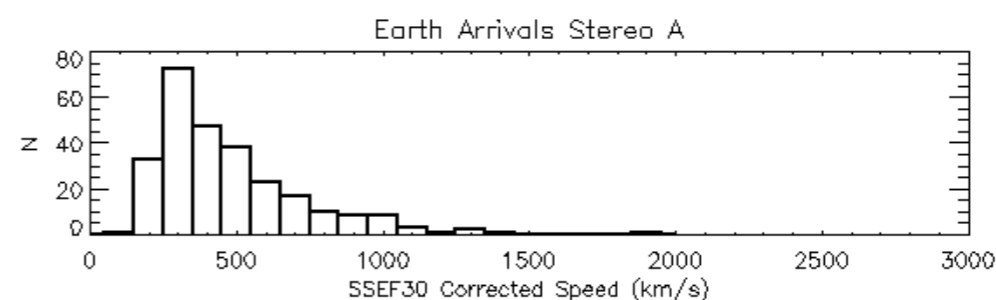
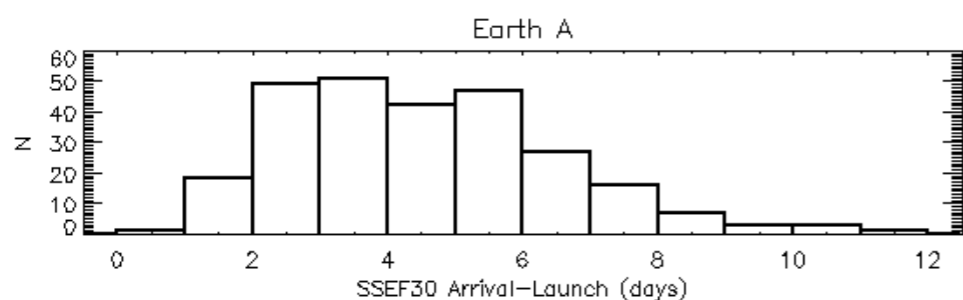
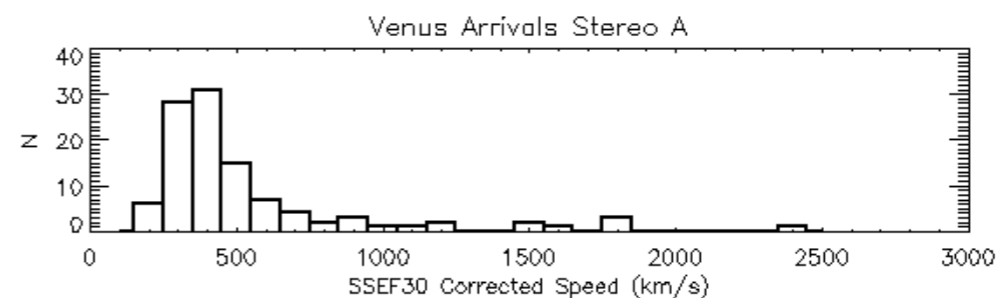
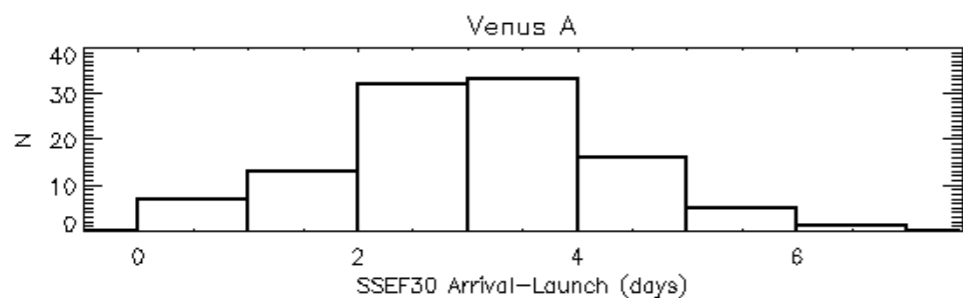
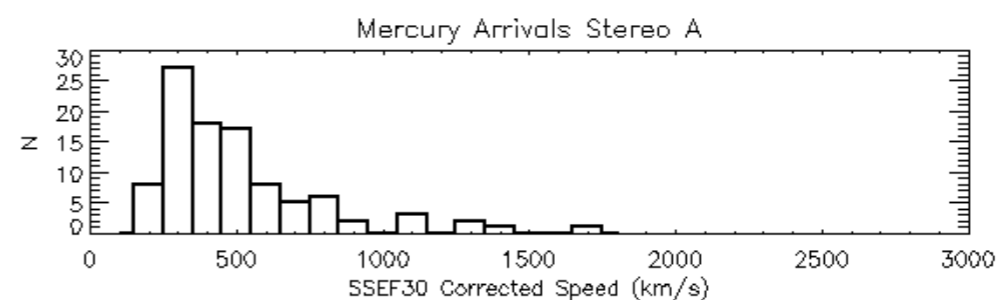
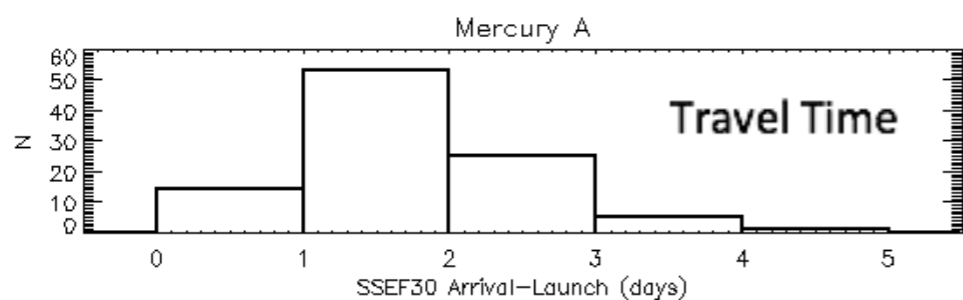
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Boakes & Möstl initial tests on in situ arrivals from HI / WP3  
 Identification number  
 ex in degrees

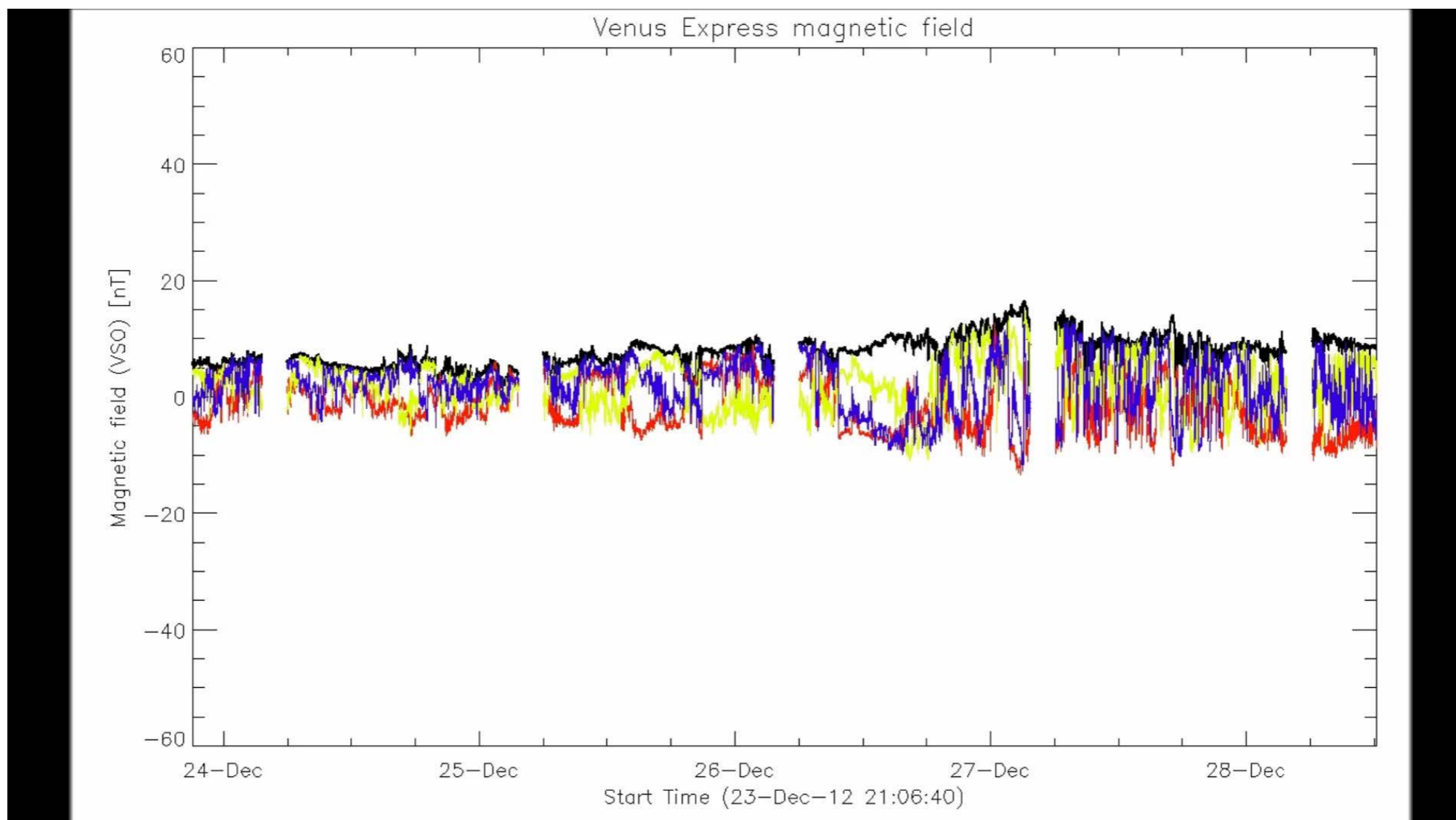


Peter and I made a first list of arrival time calculations from the HI catalogue - this is the basis for comparison to in situ in WP4

Corrected Speed



Sample how processed VEX data looks like - here the intervals inside Venus bow shock are removed, so only solar wind is plotted





- **Data sources**

STEREO: CDAweb (UH)  
ACE, Wind: CDAweb (UH)  
MESSENGER: 1 min resolution from PDS website at UCLA (UNIGRAZ)  
VEX: 1 min res. ftp in house at SRI, Graz (UNIGRAZ)  
ULYSSES: 1 hour res. ftp at NSSDC or SPDF (UNIGRAZ)  
MSL, MAVEN: To be decided, MAVEN available mid 2015 (UNIGRAZ)

- **Availability (2007-2015)**

STEREO-A/B, L1 (ACE, Wind): 2007- (mag and plasma)  
MESSENGER: 2007- (mag, in orbit at Mercury from 3/2011)  
VEX: 2007 - (mag)  
Ulysses: 2007 (mag/plasma, last ecliptic pass)  
MSL/MAVEN: 2012 / 2015 - (radiation experiment / mag /plasma)

- data to plots/analysis: in **IDL** for MESSENGER, VEX, ULYSSES to do: MSL
- data to plots/analysis: Wind, STEREO-A/B Helsinki CDAweb -> IDL
- **WP5 CIRs (Toulouse) will use similar in situ data, processed data will be available as IDL save files, ASCII for AMDA, ... or any other format you like!**

## until February 2015

- (1) process all the (level 2) in situ data until end of Feb 2015 into IDL
- (2) start testing on how connect the „arrival catalogue“ to the solar + in situ data
- (3) use the wiki for a platform of the discussions

## start of WP4 in month 10 = March 2015:

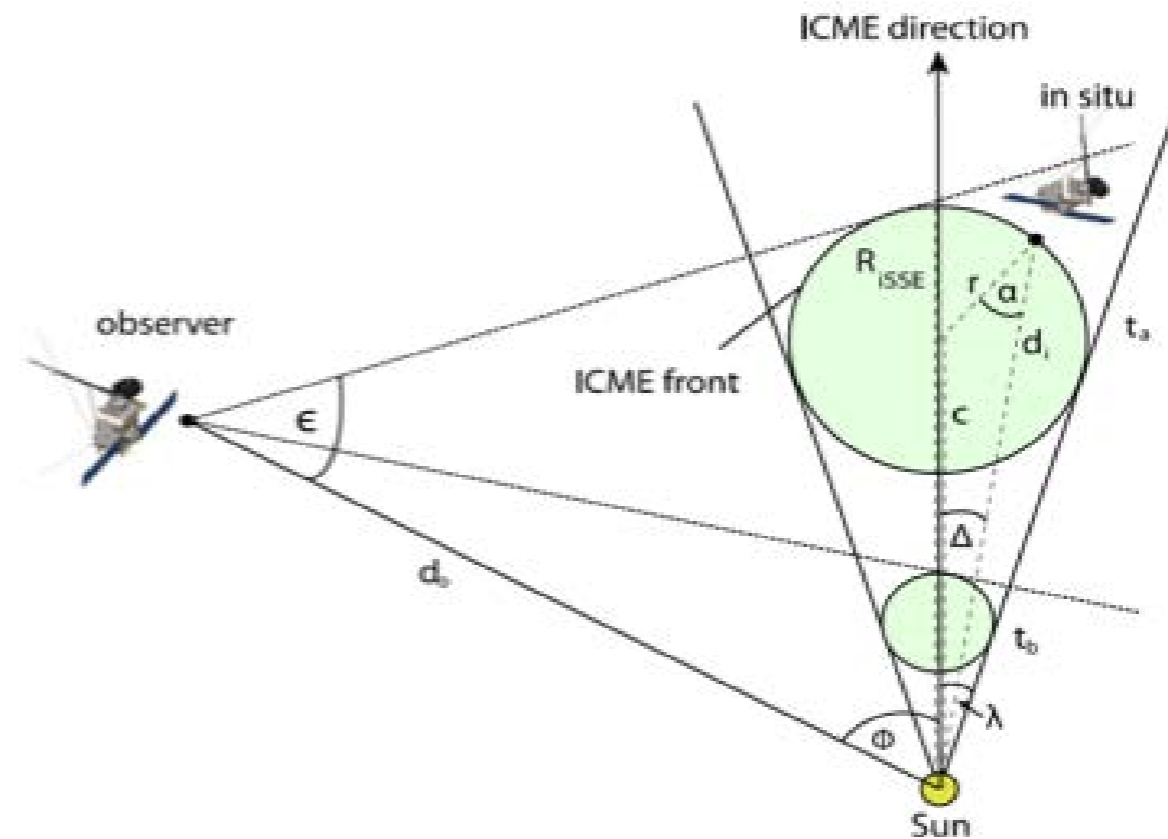
- take available ICME (UNIGRAZ and UH) and solar lists (UGOE), decide on parameters and criteria
- process all in situ data to final versions of IDL .sav files, visualize in situ data
- make ICME list for each spacecraft with decided parameters
- link small portions of catalogue solar - HI - in situ, iterate from there

initial versions of **complete linked catalogue**: fall of 2015; iterate until February 2016  
(Deli for catalogue: 30 April 2016 with description)

Mind **KISS principle**, start simple, and level of complexity can be increased later, also look at learning curve for outsiders for using the products!

**THANKS!**

- Using CME catalogue of WP2, and geometric fitting results of WP3.1
- Derive arrival times at Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars & Saturn
- Using SSEF lambda of 30 degrees
- Hits ( $\Delta < \lambda$ )
- Corrected speed Möstl & Davies, 2012 :  $V_{ISSE} = V_{SSE} \frac{\cos \Delta + \sqrt{\sin^2 \lambda - \sin^2 \Delta}}{(1 + \sin \lambda)}$ .
- Arrival = distance/speed



Filename-Stereo A or B, target, model and lambda

CME Identifier (WP 3/2 CME list)

Distance to Apex

Arrival speed (km/s)

Arrival Time

Target location in HEEQ

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- **HI** (arrival times, hits, speeds taken from WP3)
  - CME speed
  - CME direction
  - CME launch time