

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

**overview**

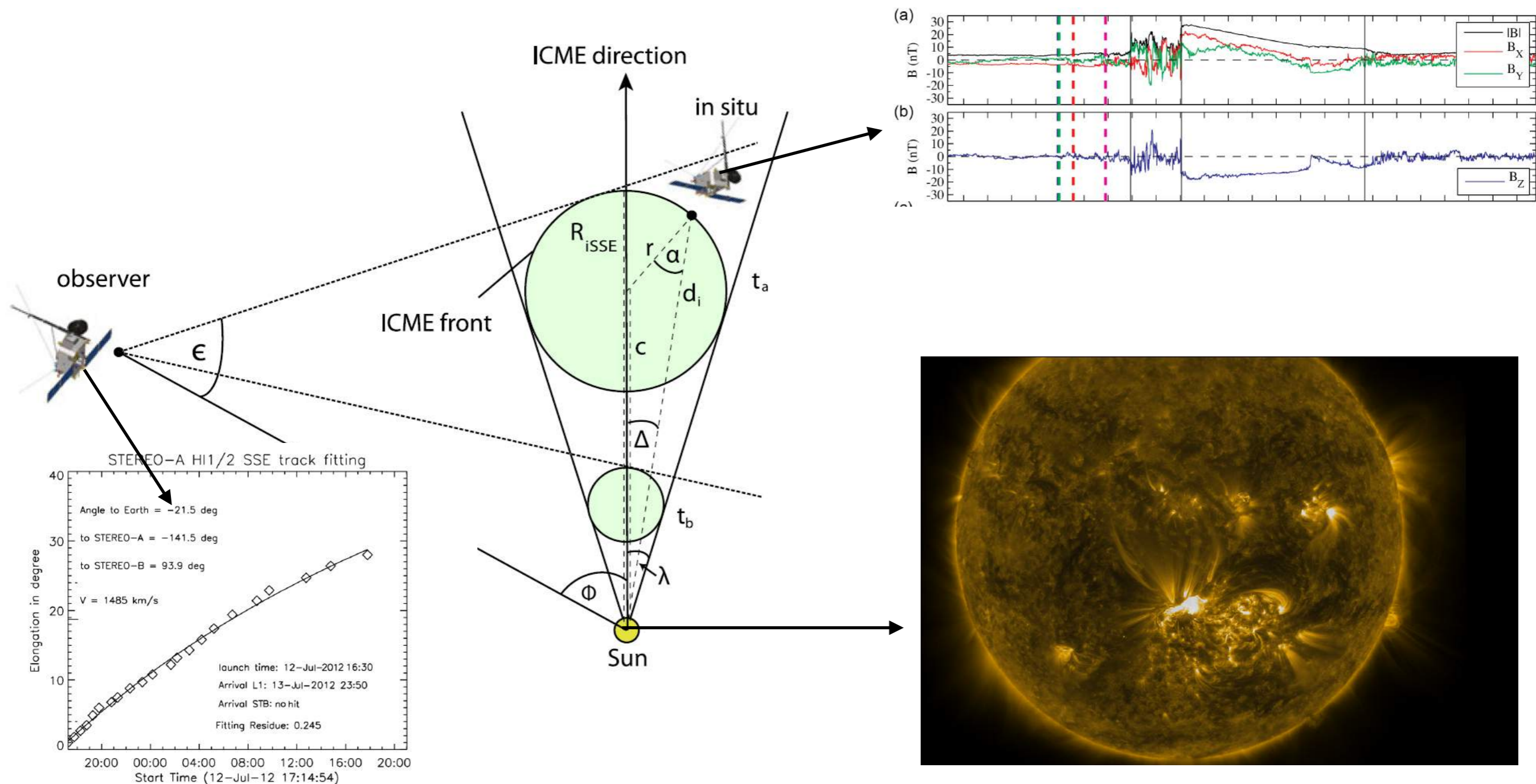
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*with input from*

**UGOE, IMPERIAL, ROB, UPS**

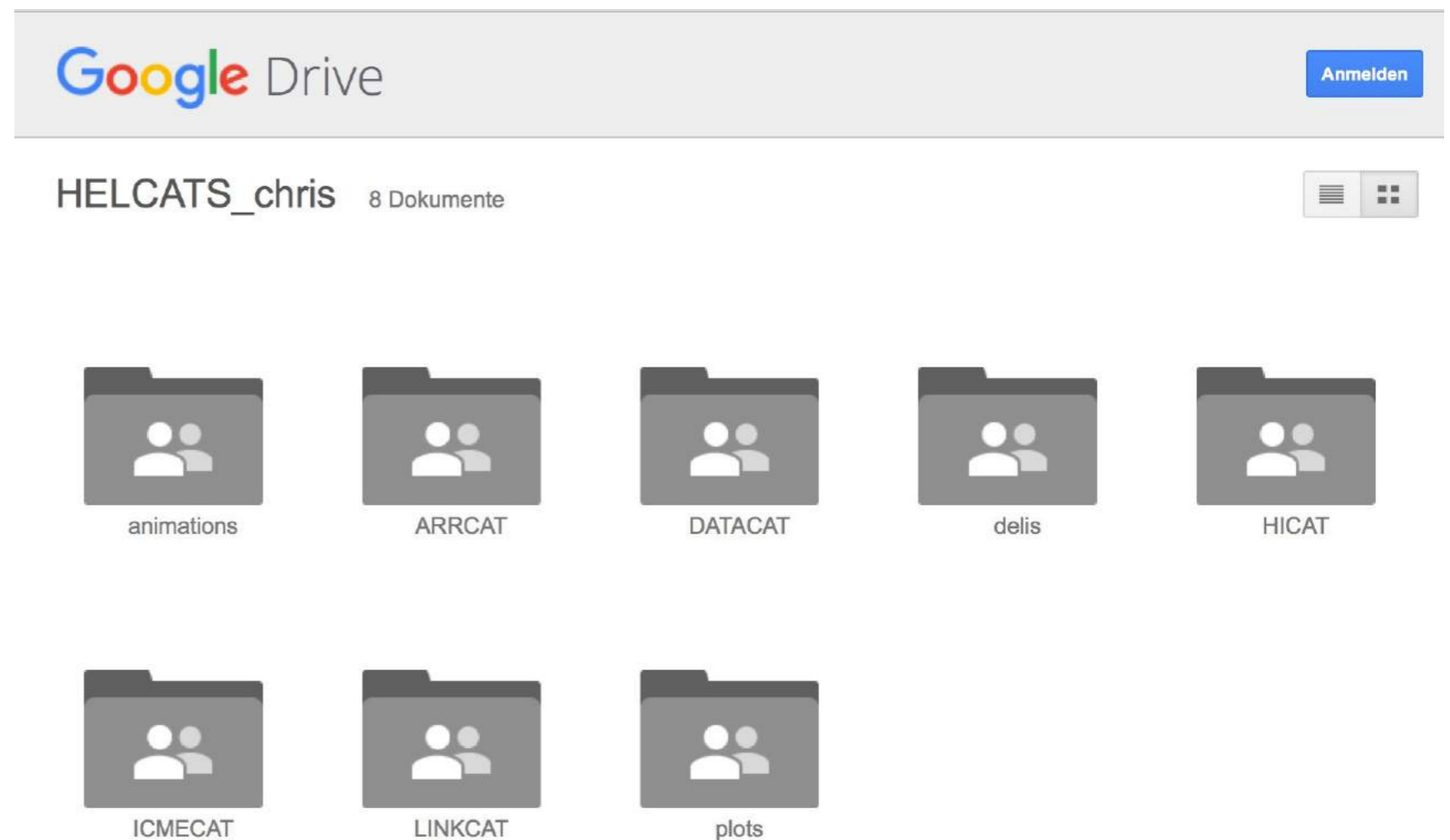
**24 month meeting June 2016**

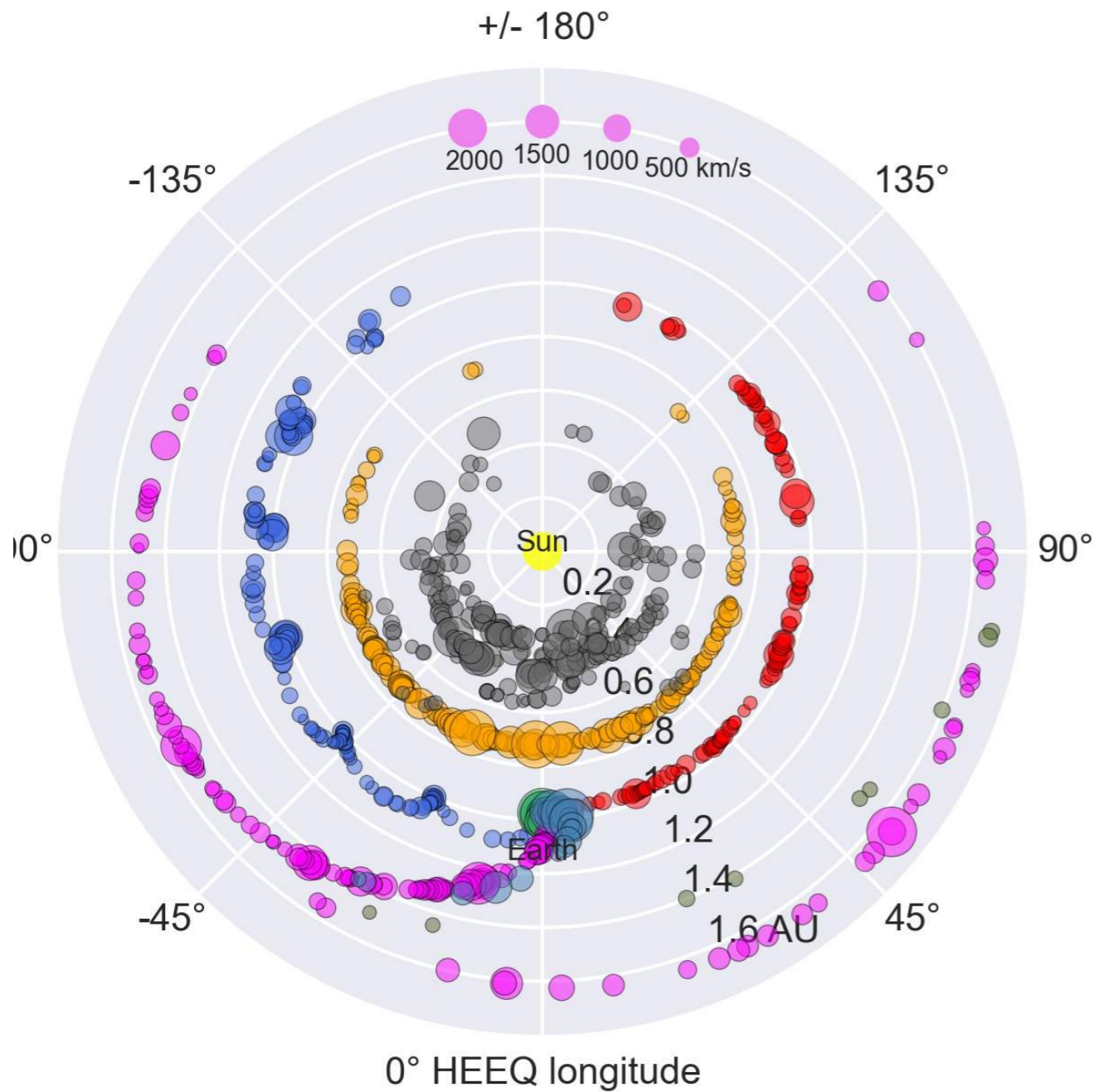
- Davies et al. 2012 ApJ, Möstl and Davies 2013 Sol. Phys., Möstl et al. 2014 ApJ



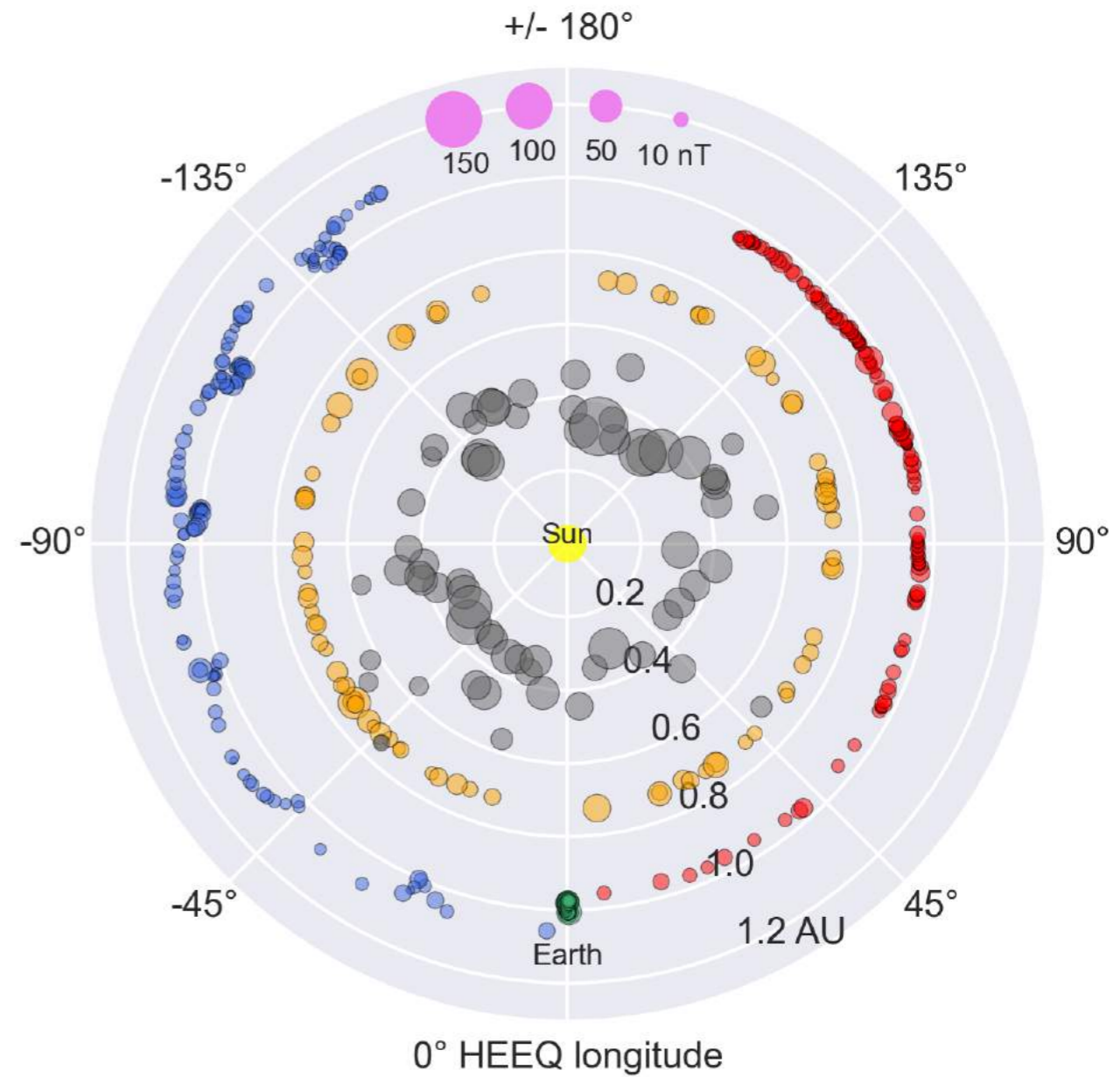
- **Main goal: Verify the HI GeoCAT with in situ observations**
- 4.1 comparison to coronal sources, UGOE: STEREO, SOHO, SDO, Proba2  
**largely done, add magnetograms of LINKCAT CMEs**
- 4.2 in situ data: UH, UNIGRAZ, UPS, UGOE, Imperial  
categorization of ICMEs and ICME parameters, modeling:  
STEREO, ACE, Wind, MESSENGER, VEX, Ulysses, MSL, MAVEN?  
**largely done, needs VEX ICMEs in 2014 and MESSENGER data until 2015**
- 4.3 validation of HI modeling with in situ: UNIGRAZ, UPS, ROB, UGOE, UH  
**focus in last project year on this task**
- **Deliverables:**
  1. April 2016, M24: Establishing an online catalogue of potentially associated solar source and in-situ phenomena for the timeframe 2007–2015.  
**done, but needs to be submitted**
  - 2. October 2016, M30: Report on validation of the HI modeling: comparison of HI results with coronal and in situ data; assessment of forecasting accuracy.  
**all catalogues ready for analysis**

- All the material is on a google drive maintained by Christian Möstl
- <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B1laCSX6no6efm9zNVc4d3U5OEJKWm4zQnlsc2pMRkUzOXhLWWVCR1lhLXpkV1B0WXNKSDQ>
- animations, catalogues as .txt + .sav with header files





ARRCAT: 1381 events



ICMECAT: 556 events

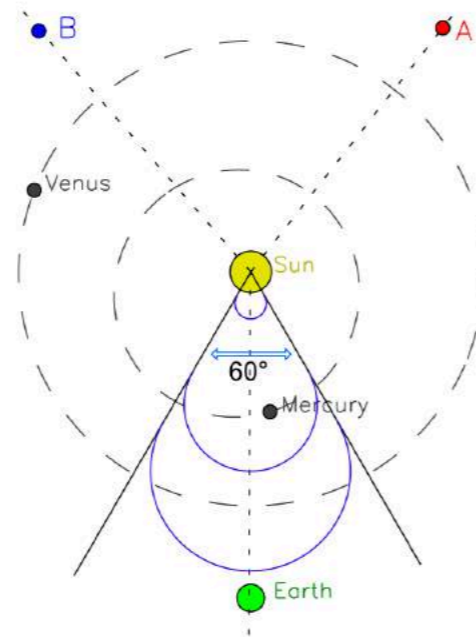
Möstl et al. 2016 HELCATS deli 4.1 – April 2007– December 2013

C. Möstl, P. Boakes, A. Isavnin, E. Kilpua, N. Mrotzek, V. Bothmer: **Linked catalogue**  
**143 events, 39 parameters for each event.**

## Linking HI to in situ CME observations

### Space windows:

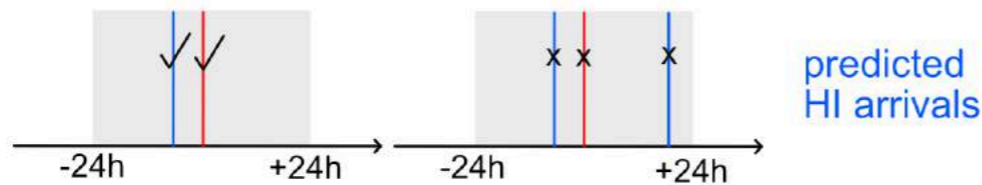
At CME launch time, each spacecraft within  $\pm 30^\circ$  HEEQ longitude of the CME SSEF30 direction is considered to be impacted (entry in ARRCAT)



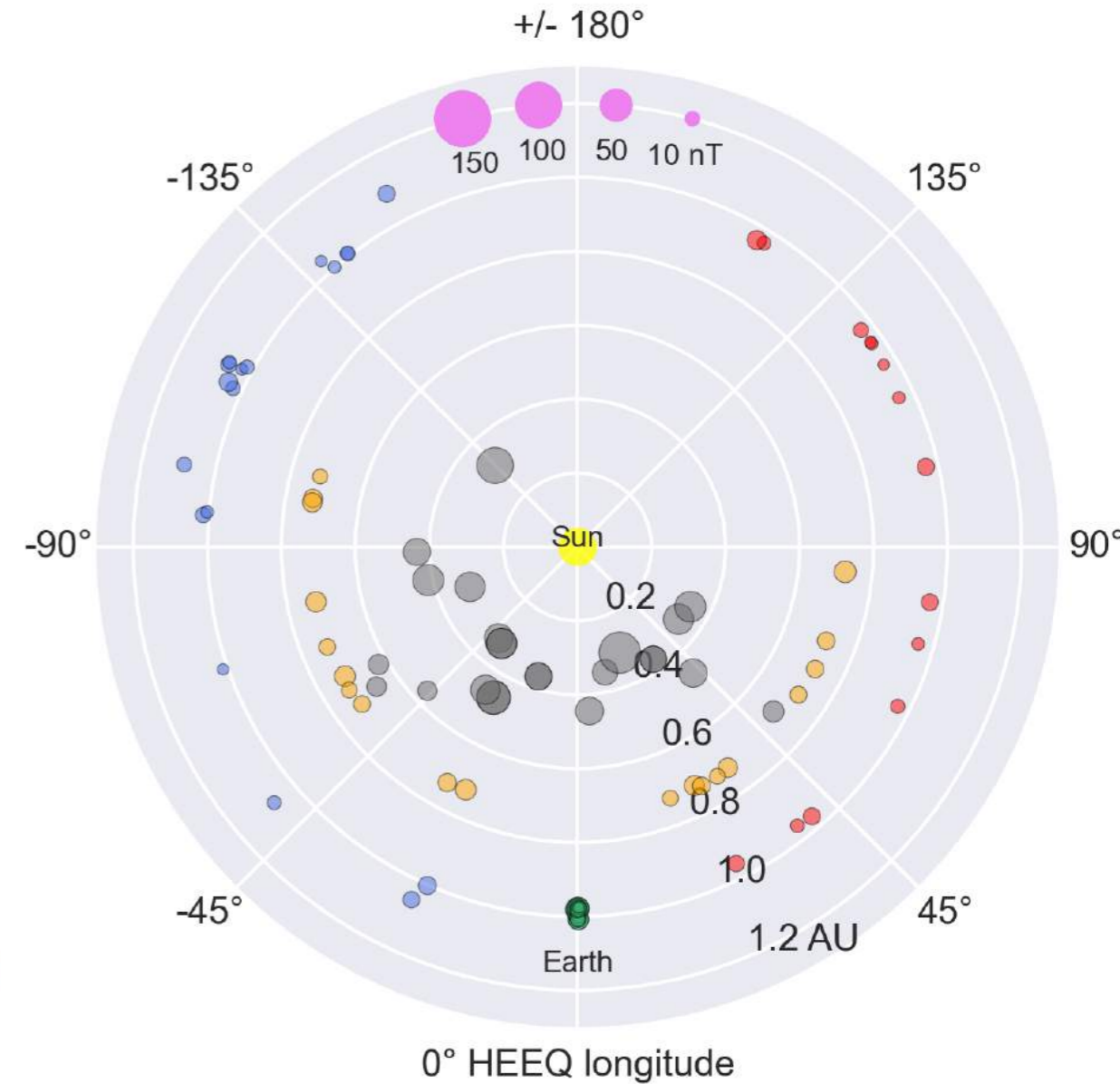
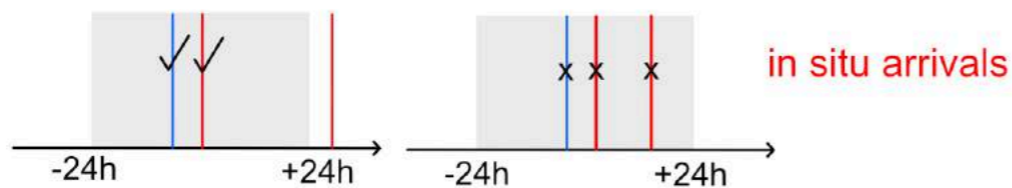
right: arrival entry at Earth and MESSENGER

### Time windows:

selection 1:  
 only 1 HI arrival  
 $\pm 24$  hrs of ICME



selection 2:  
 no other ICME  
 $\pm 24$  hrs of ICME



LINKCAT: 143 events

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Time window for selection of linked events from predicted arrivals to in situ observations: +/- 24 hours

Number of events in LINKCAT: 143

Remote observatories: STEREO-A/B SDO SOHO Proba2

In situ observatories: Wind STEREO-A STEREO-B VEX MESSENGER

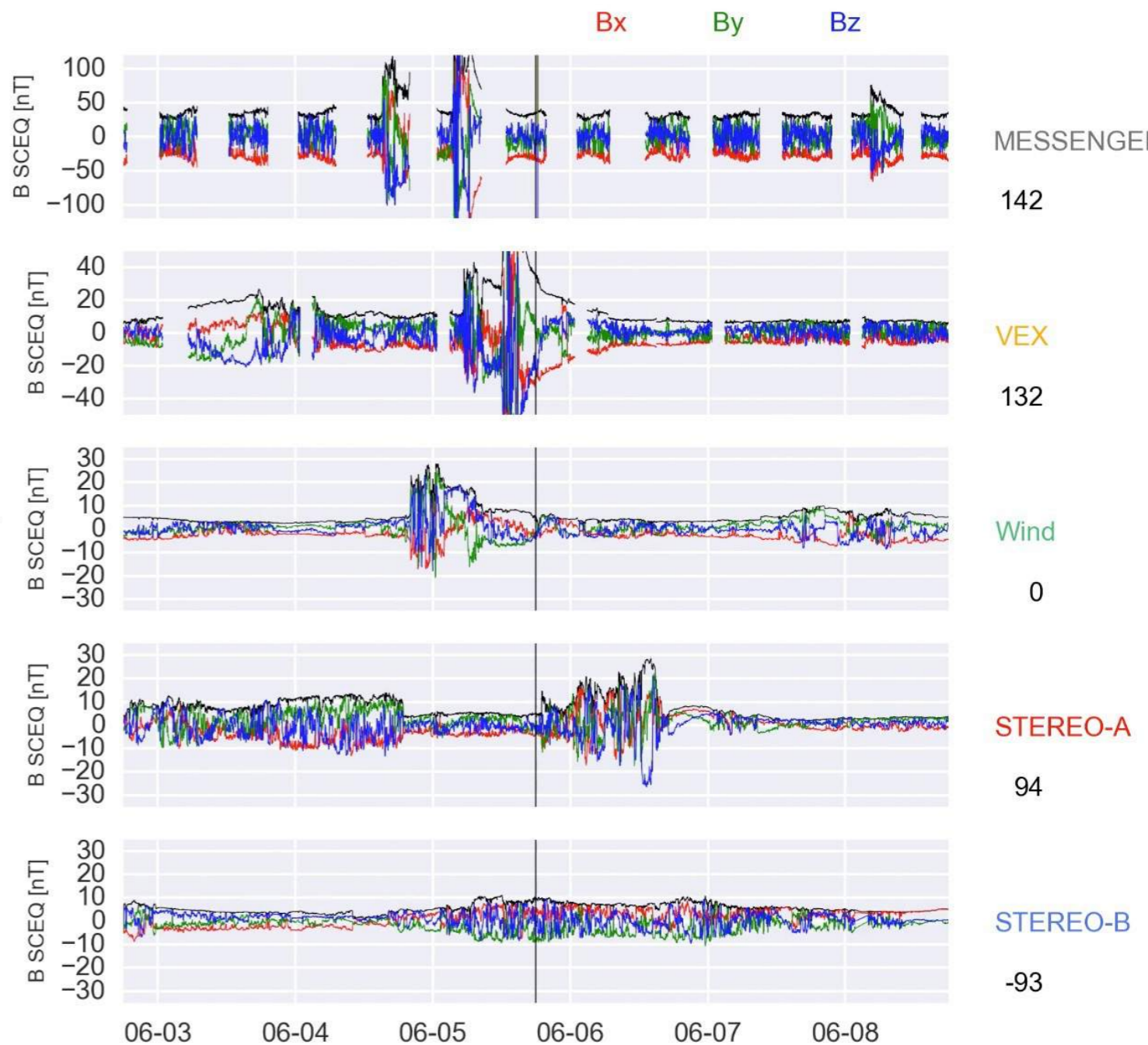
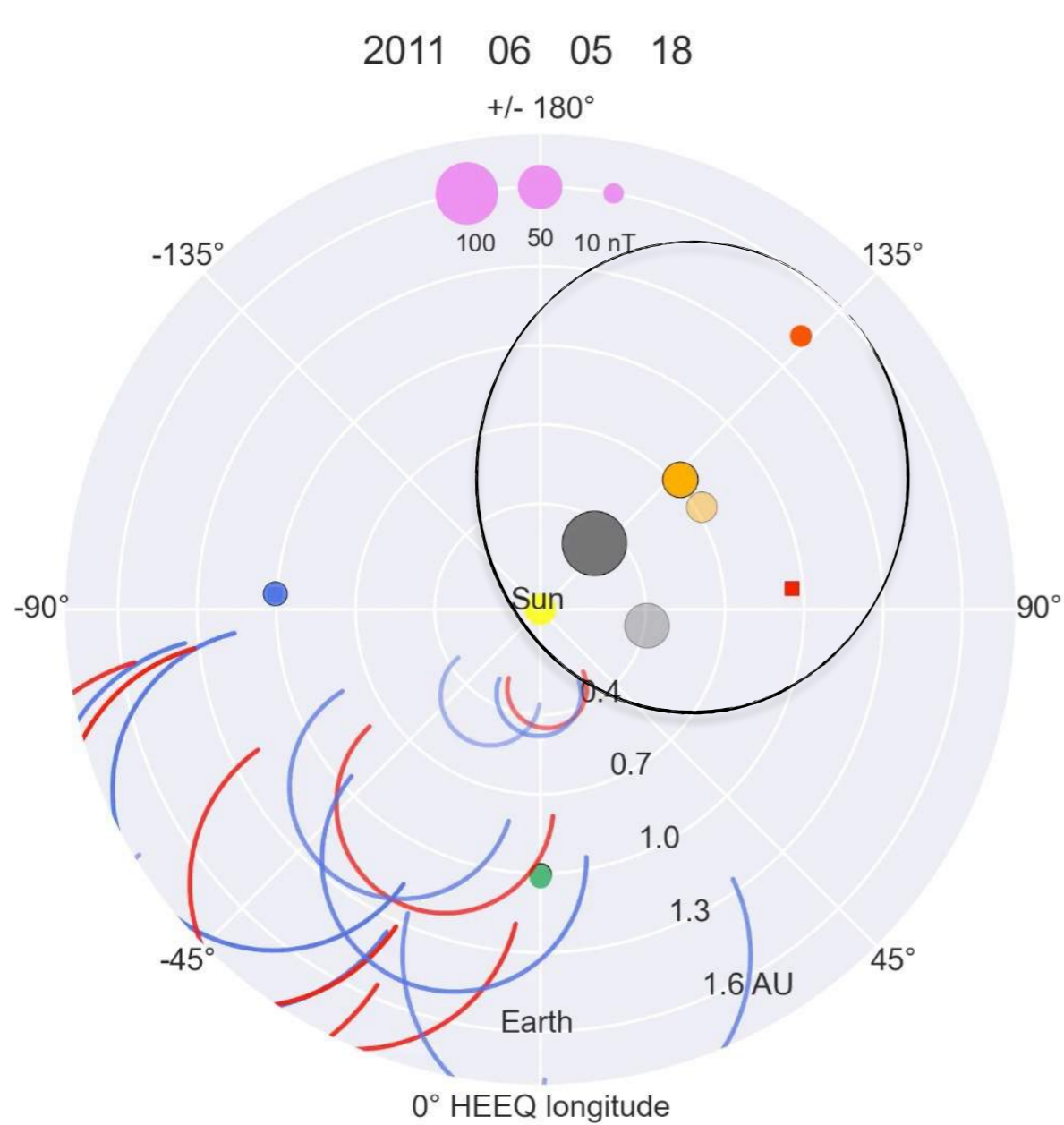
Time range: May 2007 - December 2013.

HEEQ coordinates are used for CME direction and spacecraft positions (variables 10-22).  
SCEQ coordinates are used for in situ results at all spacecraft (variables 23-39).  
For an explanation of coordinate systems, see below.

## VARIABLES:

- 1: HICAT\_ID: From HIGeoCAT, the unique identifier for the observed CME. unit: string.
- 2: SSE\_LAUNCH: From HIGeoCAT, back-projected launch time of the CME on the Sun. unit: UTC.
- 3: TARGET\_NAME: From ARRCAT, the name of the in situ target. unit: string.
- 4: TARGET\_ARRIVAL: From ARRCAT, the predicted CME arrival time at the target location, corrected for SSE shape. unit: UTC.
- 5: ICMECAT\_ID: From ICMECAT, the unique identifier for the observed ICME. unit: string.
- 6: SC\_INSITU: From ICMECAT, the name of the in situ observatory. unit: string.
- 7: ICME\_START\_TIME: From ICMECAT, the shock arrival or density enhancement time, can be similar to MO\_START\_TIME. unit: UTC.
- 8: ARRIVAL\_DIFFERENCE: TARGET\_ARRIVAL minus ICME\_START\_TIME (i.e. calculated - observed). unit: hours.
- 9: SC\_HELIODISTANCE: From ICMECAT, average heliocentric distance of the spacecraft during the magnetic obstacle (MO). unit: AU.
- 10: SC\_LONG\_HEEQ: From ICMECAT, average heliospheric longitude of the spacecraft during the MO. unit: degree (HEEQ).
- 11: SC\_LAT\_HEEQ: From ICMECAT, average heliospheric latitude of the spacecraft during the MO. unit: degree (HEEQ).
- 12: SOURCE\_TYPE: flare (F) or filament eruption (FE). unit: string.
- 13: SOURCE\_LONG\_HEEQ: source region Stonyhurst longitude. unit: degree (HEEQ).
- 14: SOURCE\_LAT\_HEEQ: source region Stonyhurst latitude. unit: degree (HEEQ).
- 15: FLARE\_CLASS: For Flares (F): HEC (Heliophysics Event Catalogue) GOES soft-xray (SXR) flares from SSW Latest Events. For FE: observed with "SDO", STEREO-A "A" or STEREO-B "B".
- 16: FLARE\_START\_TIME: Start time of the flare, from HEC GOES SXR flares, SSW Latest Events. unit: UTC.
- 17: FLARE\_END\_TIME: End time of the flare, from HEC GOES SXR flares, SSW Latest Events. unit: UTC.
- 18: FLARE\_PEAK\_TIME: Peak time of the flare, from HEC GOES SXR flares, SSW Latest Events. unit: UTC.
- 19: CME\_SSE\_LONG\_HEEQ: From HIGeoCAT, CME longitude using Self-Similar Expansion fitting (30 deg half-width). unit: degree (HEEQ).
- 20: CME\_SSE\_LAT\_HEEQ: From HIGeoCAT, CME latitude using Self-Similar Expansion fitting (30 deg half-width). unit: degree (HEEQ).
- 21: CME\_SSE\_SPEED: From HIGeoCAT, speed of CME apex, unit: km/s.
- 22: CME\_TARGET\_SPEED: From ARRCAT, CME arrival speed at target location, corrected for SSE shape. unit: km/s.
- 23: MO\_START\_TIME: The start time of the magnetic obstacle, including flux ropes, flux-rope-like, and ejecta signatures. unit: UTC.
- 24: MO\_END\_TIME: The end time of the magnetic obstacle. unit: UTC.
- 25: MO\_BMEAN: From ICMECAT, the mean total magnetic field during the magnetic obstacle. unit: nT.
- 26: MO\_BSTD: From ICMECAT, the standard deviation of the total magnetic field during the magnetic obstacle. unit: nT.
- 27: MO\_BZMEAN: From ICMECAT, the mean magnetic field Bz component during the magnetic obstacle. unit: nT.
- 28: MO\_BZMIN: From ICMECAT, the minimum magnetic field Bz component during the magnetic obstacle. unit: nT.
- 29: MO\_MVA\_AXIS\_LONG: From ICMECAT, longitude of axis from Minimum Variance Analysis (MVA), X=0 deg, Y(west)=90 deg, range [0,360]. unit: degree (SCEQ).
- 30: MO\_MVA\_AXIS\_LAT: From ICMECAT, latitude of axis from MVA. +Z(north)=90 deg, -Z(south)=-90 deg, range [-90,90]. unit: degree (SCEQ).
- 31: MO\_MVA\_RATIO: From ICMECAT, ratio of eigenvalues 2/3 as indicator for success of MVA, must be > 2, NaN otherwise. unit: number.

STEREO/HI modeled CMEs (SSEF30) + in situ ICME detections and data HELCATS - HIGEOCAT ICMECAT DATACAT



MESSENGER

Venus

STEREO-A

STEREO-B

Earth

Mars

MSL

Maven

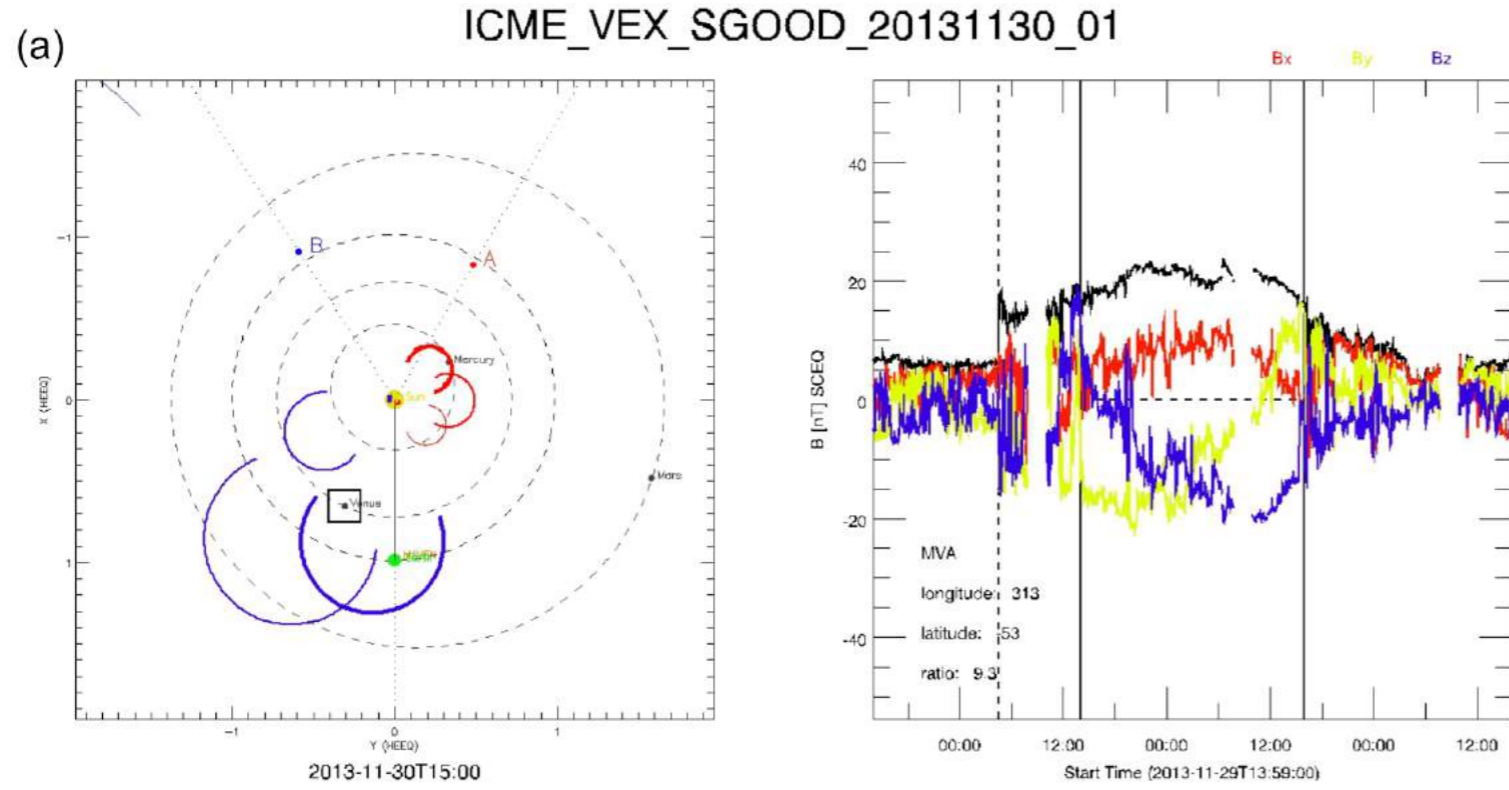
Ulysses

Rosetta

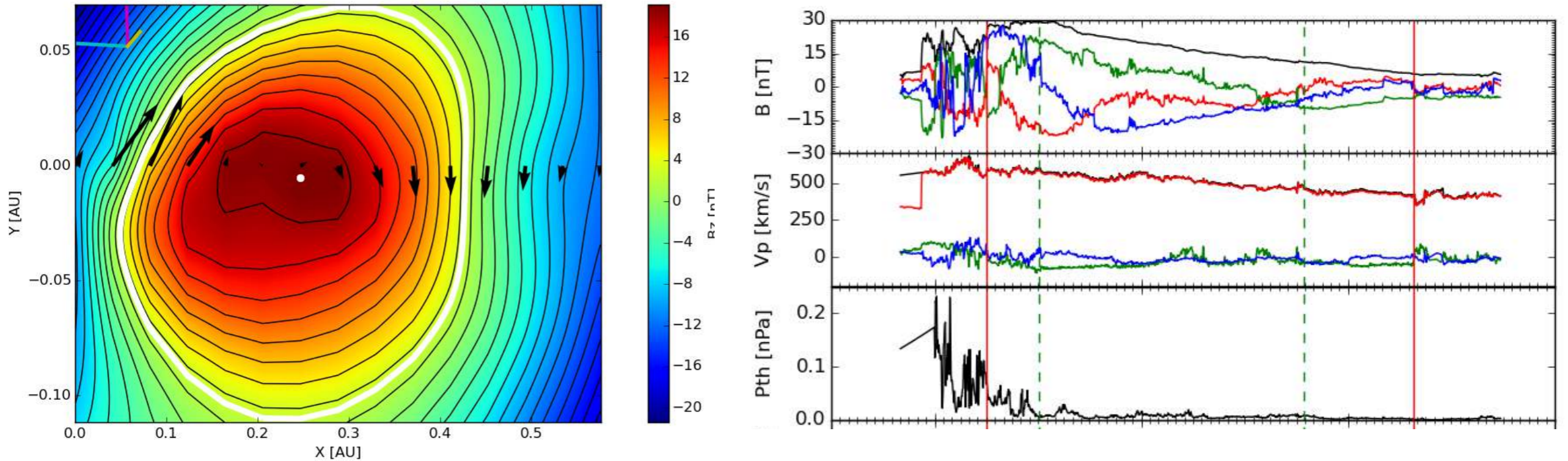
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Isavnin, Kilpua et al. work in progress – also animations available of this plot





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## A. Isavnin Grad-Shafranov reconstruction for LINKCAT STA/B, Wind

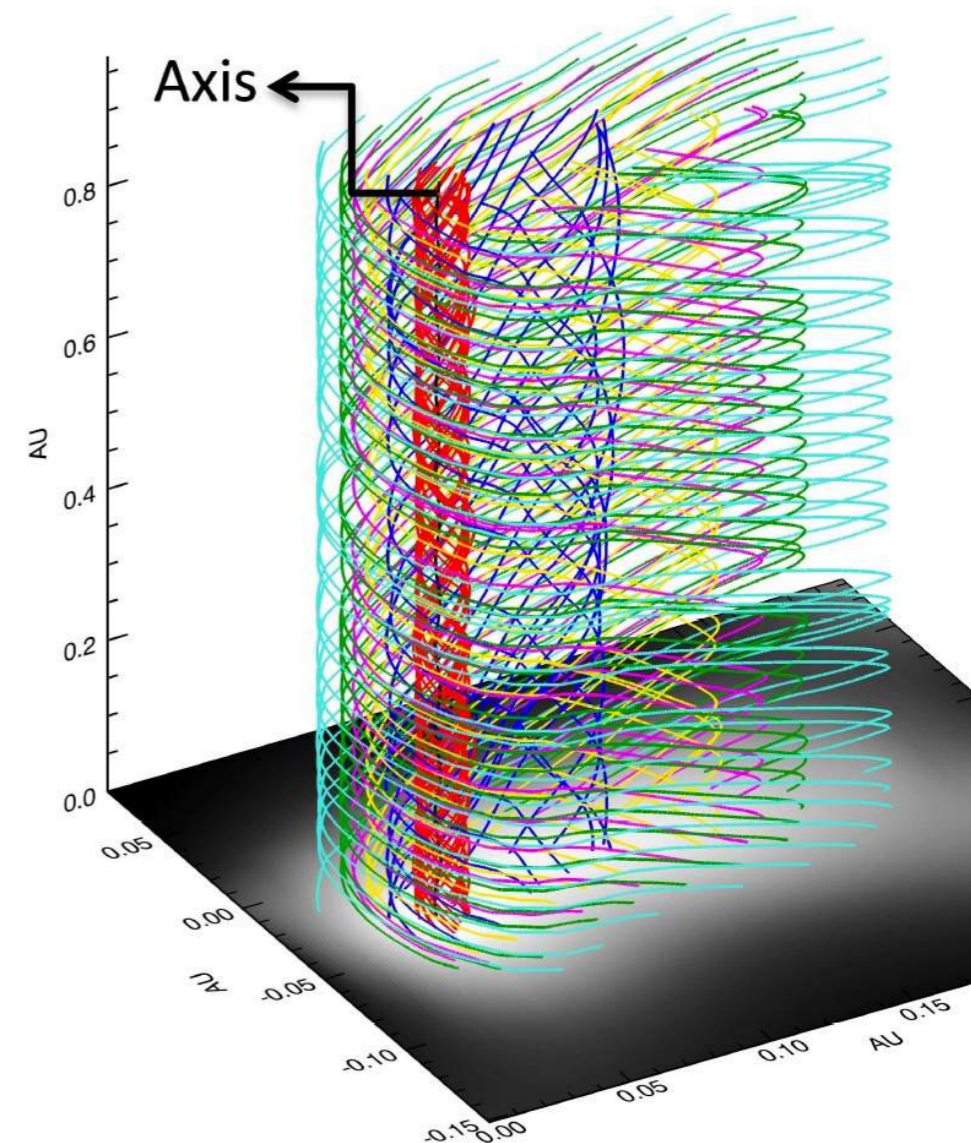
- (i) directly from HELCATS products:

paper for deli 4.1 later this year:

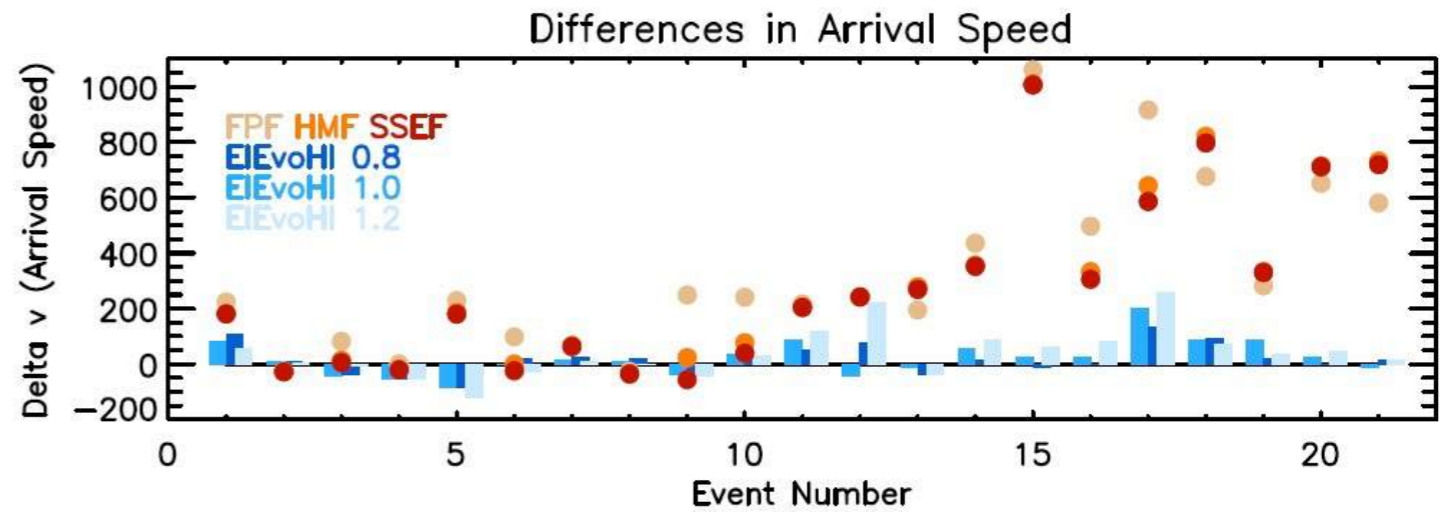
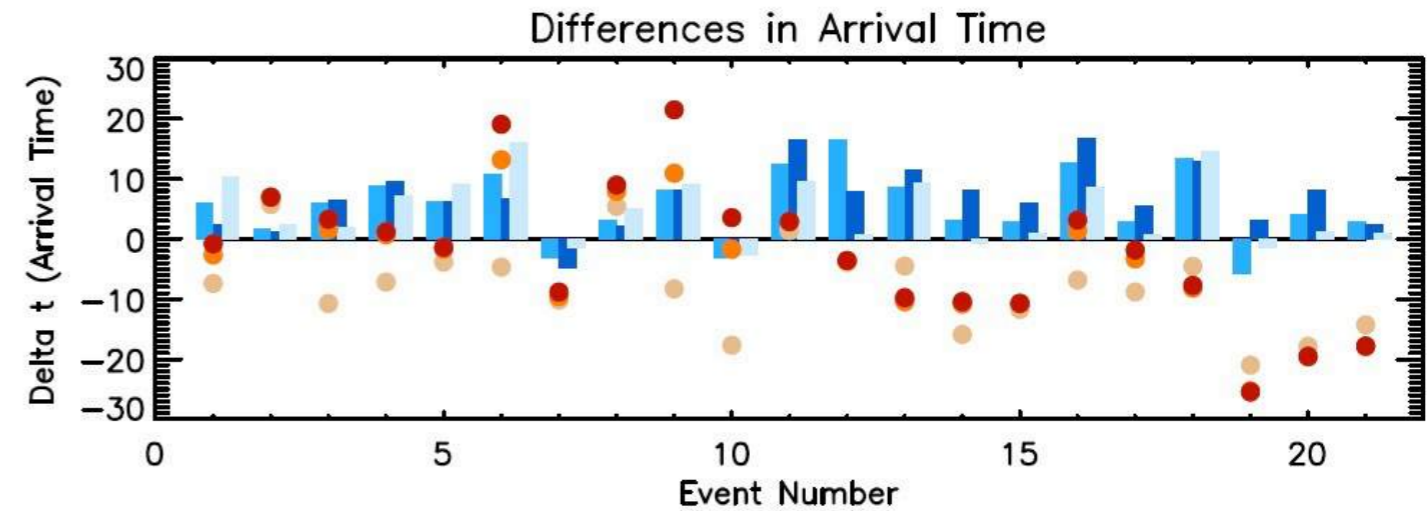
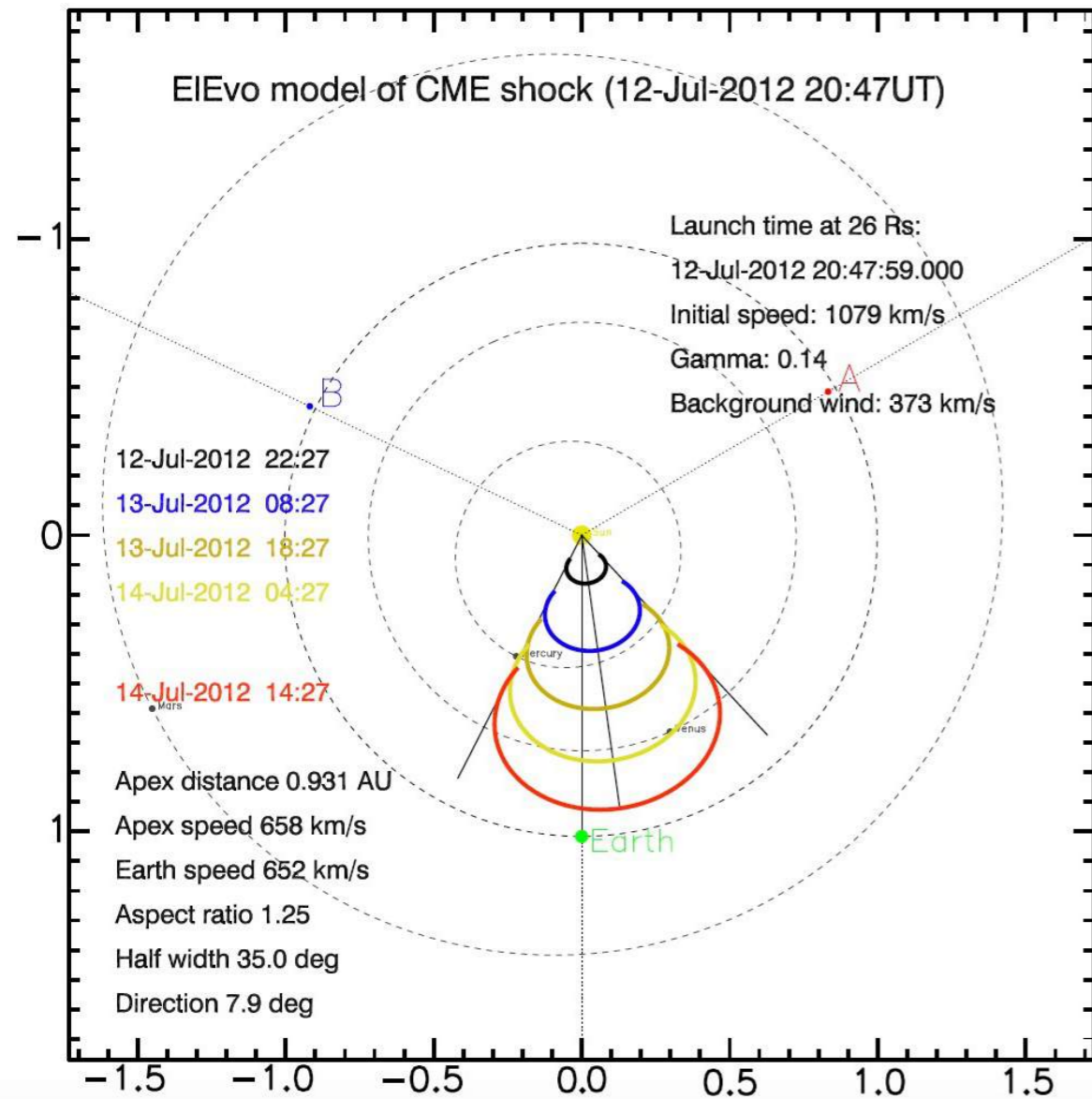
**Möstl et al. + WP4 teams at UH/UGOE/IMPERIAL/ROB/UPS**, A linked catalogue of solar coronal mass ejections observed with the Heliophysics System Observatory, submission planned in 2016, likely ApJSS

- (ii) new papers related to HELCATS:

- **Rollett, T., C. Möstl, A. Isavnin, J. Davies ... R. Harrison:** EIEvoHI: a novel CME prediction tool for heliospheric imaging combining an elliptical front with drag-based model fitting, ApJ, in press, (2016).
- **Vemareddy, P., C. Möstl et al.**, Comparison of magnetic properties in a magnetic cloud and its solar source on April 11–14 2013, ApJ, in revision, 2016.
- **Vršnak, B.,... C. Möstl, ... , A. Isavnin**, Heliospheric Evolution of Magnetic Clouds, The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series, in revision, 2016.
- **M. Kubicka, C. Möstl, ... P. D. Boakes, ... J. P. Eastwood**, Prediction of Geomagnetic Storm Strength from Inner Heliospheric In Situ Observations, ApJ, in revision, 2016.



**magnetic cloud modeling,  
Vemareddy et al. 2016**



EIEvoHI:  $\langle \Delta t \rangle = 6.4 \pm 5.3$  h

$\langle \Delta v \rangle = 16 \pm 53$  km/s

SSEF:  $\langle \Delta t \rangle = -2.3 \pm 11.4$  h

$\langle \Delta v \rangle = 328 \pm 295$  km/s

**strong improvement in arrival speed, arrival time slightly too late**

**Rollett et al. 2016 ApJ in press (see arXiv)**



## Current Status:

- The linked catalogue LINKCATv1.0 is ready
- Deli 4.1 will be submitted by end of June after a last round of revision by all the institutes, and the LINKCATv1.0 will be placed online

## For Months 24–30:

**For Deli 4.2**, analyses of ARRCAT/ICMECAT/LINKCAT will be made concerning ....

- (1) the capability of CME prediction with HI SSEF30: hit/miss confirmed or rejected by in situ data – very important for possible L5 mission.
- (2) relationships between e.g. in situ magnetic field and CME speed (for 0.3 – 1 AU)
- (3) distribution of magnetic field **along the CME front**, e.g. total B as function of distance to apex

## New studies:

- Isavnin et al.: in situ observation of CME–CME interaction June 2011 (MES, VEX, STA, no HI)
- Rodriguez et al.: direct comparison GCS modeling to ICMEs (no HI)
- **Newly started collaboration:**  
MESSENGER to STEREO/L1 lineups with R. Winslow, N. Lugaz, C. Farrugia, UNH, USA