

# THE CME GEO-EFFECTIVENESS FORECAST TOOL

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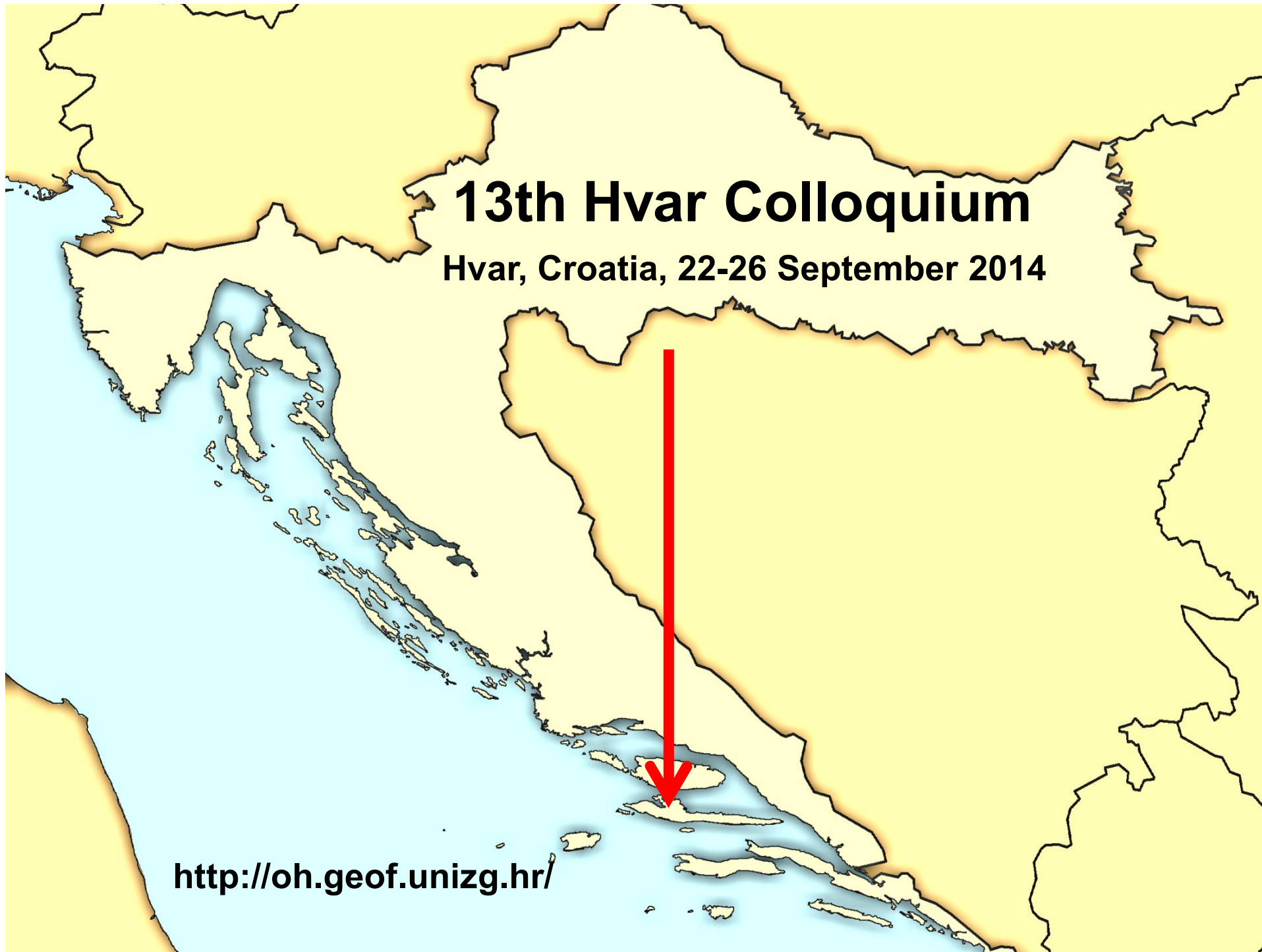
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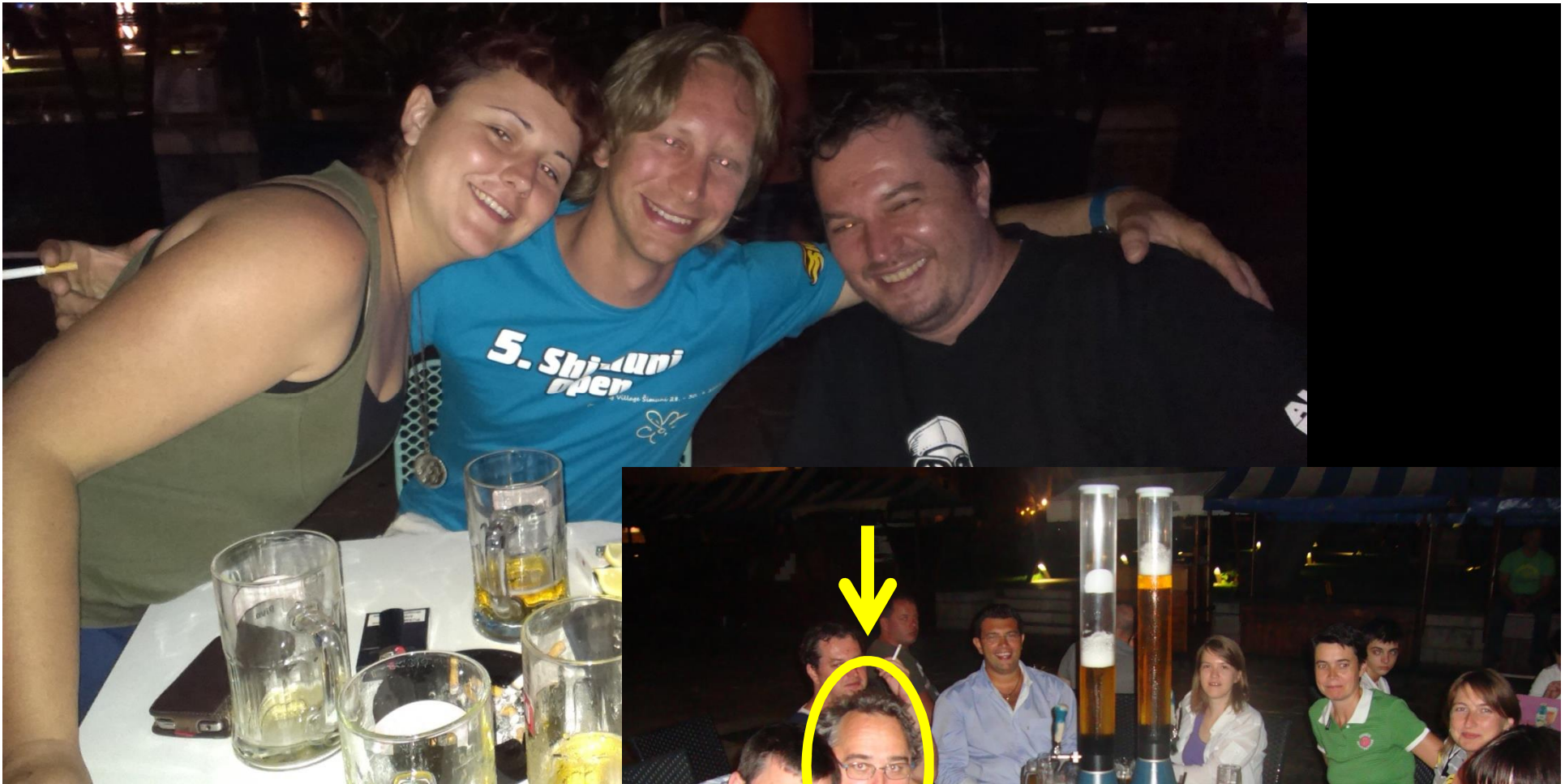
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# CME geo-effectiveness forecast tool (CGeFT)

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

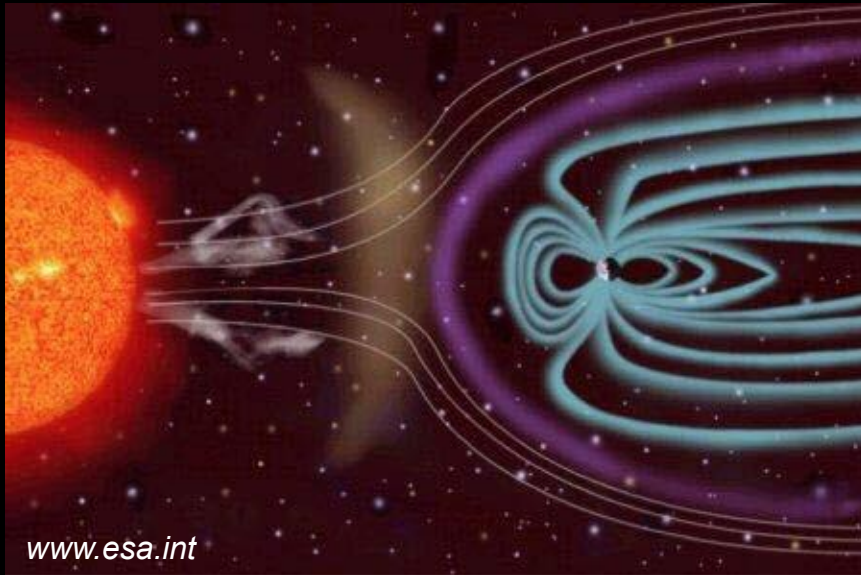
Reset

CME geo-effectiveness forecast tool has performed 65 successful calculations (since 10.3.2014).



# Geomagnetic storms

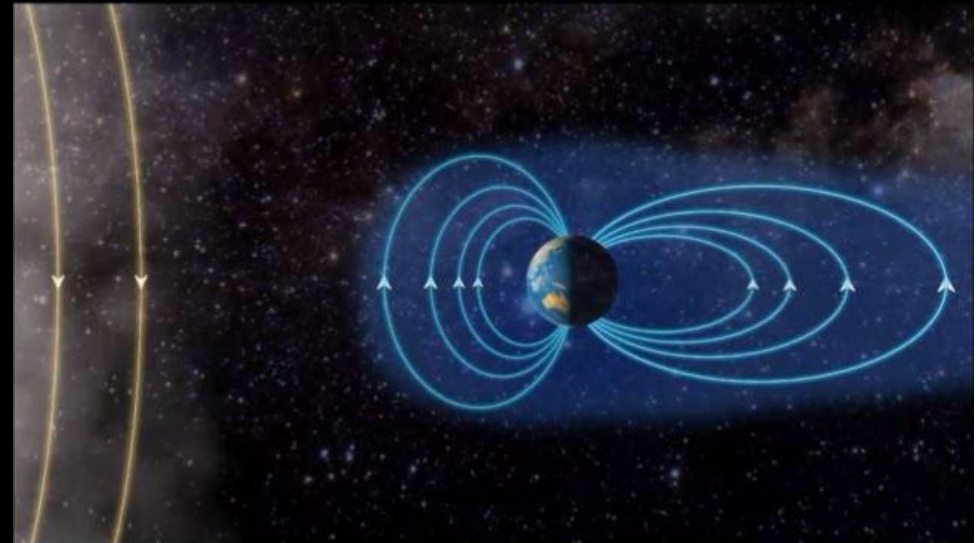
= disturbances in the  
geomagnetic field



← geomagnetic field

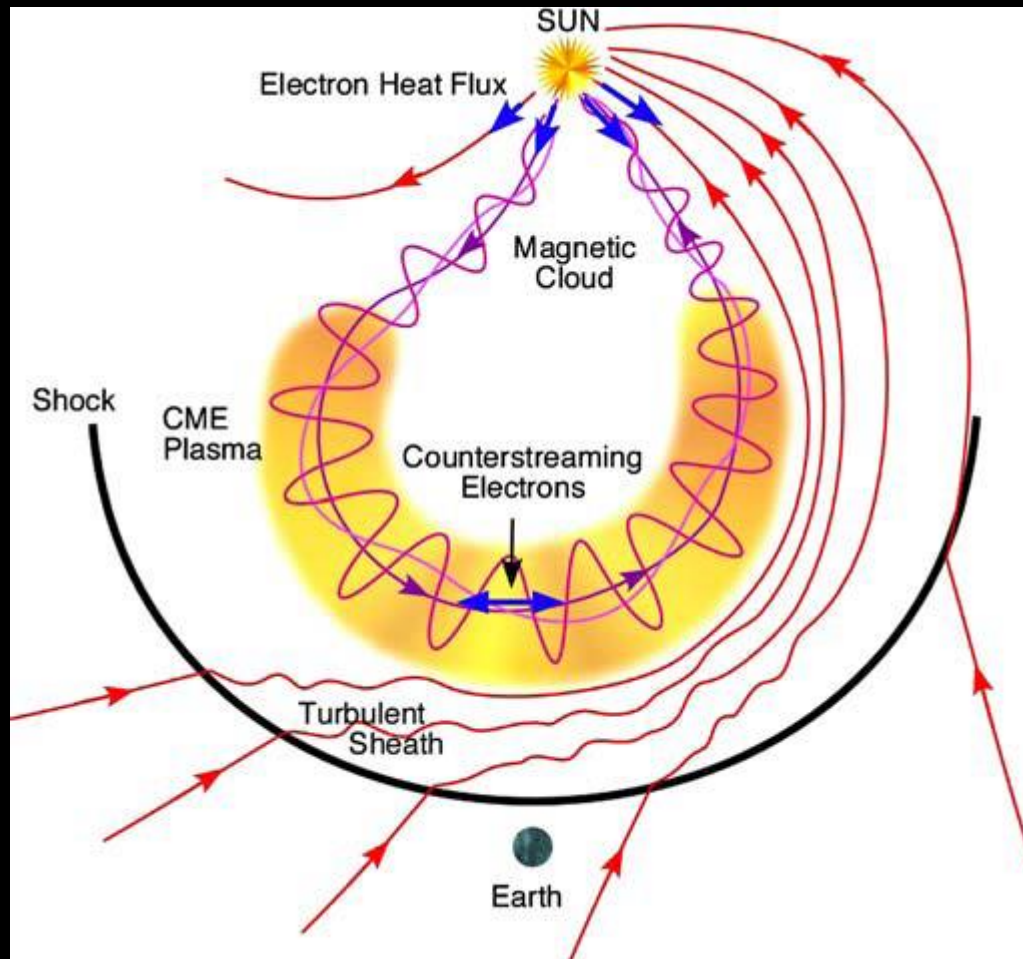
ō caused by:

Changes in the auroral currents and  
ring current (charged particles  
injected into the atmosphere)  
=< magnetic reconnection with an  
interplanetary transient

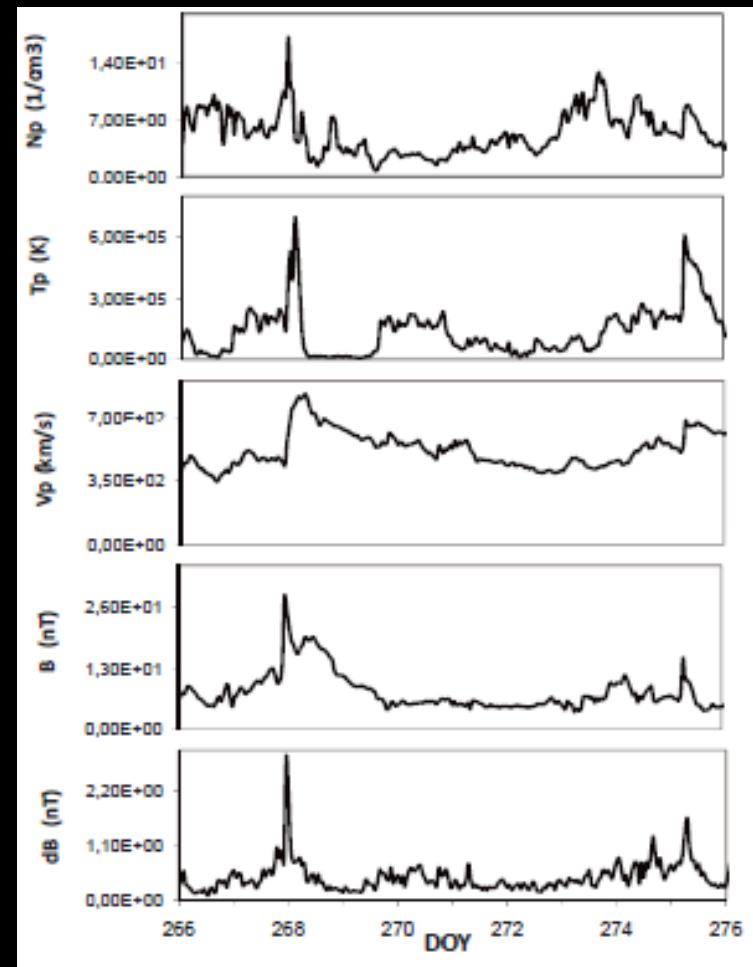


# Interplanetary coronal mass ejections (ICMEs)

= interplanetary counterparts of CMEs, identified via *in situ* measurements of plasma parameters ( $v$ ,  $T$ ,  $N$ ) and mag. field measurements



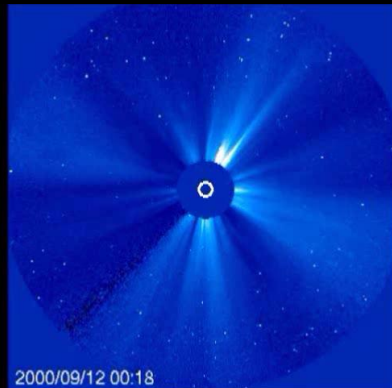
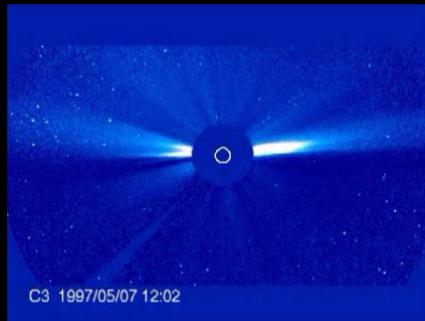
Zurbuchen & Richardson (2006)



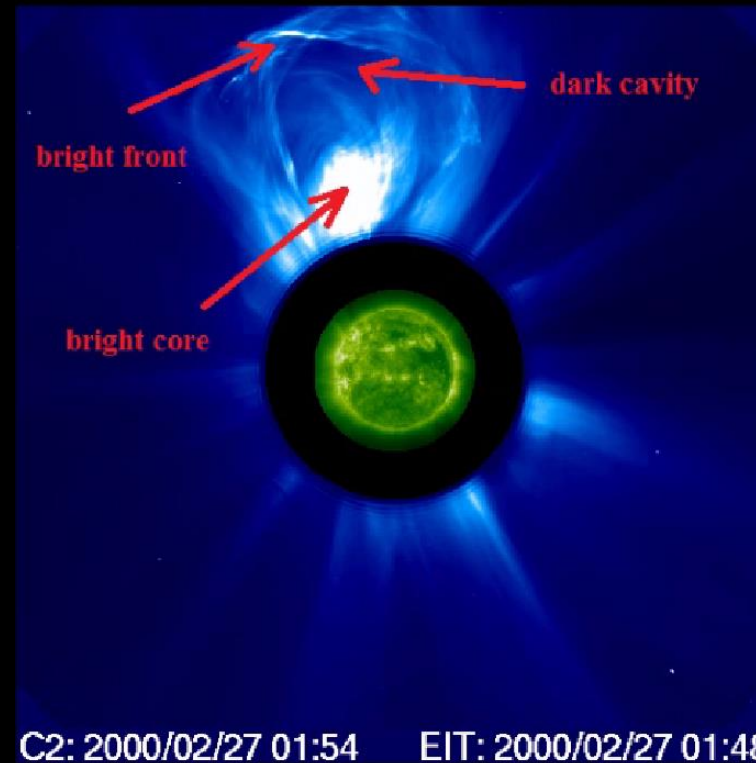
Dumbović et al. (2012)

# coronal mass ejections (CMEs)

CORONAGRAPHIC OBSERVATION  
Bright feature moving away from the Sun



LASCO - SOHO

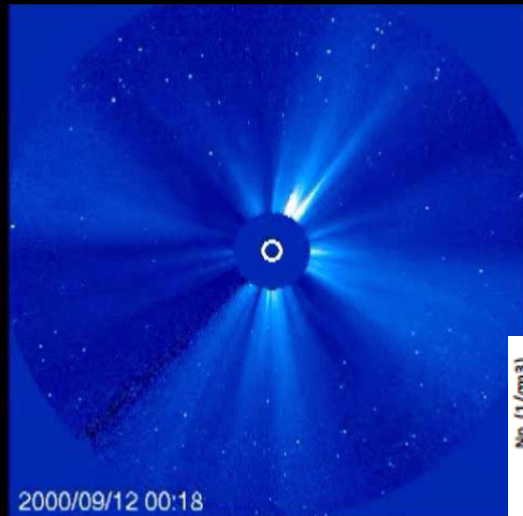


Three-part structure (surrounding material, flux rope, prominence material)

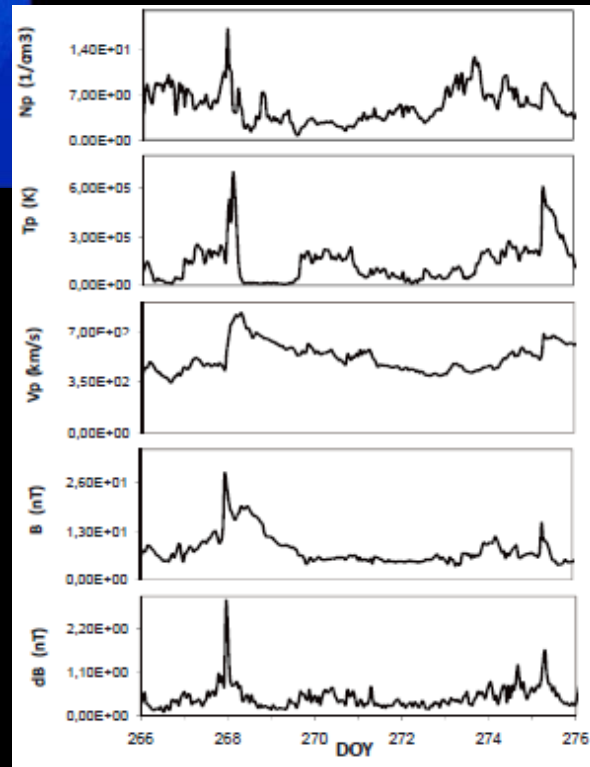
Overview: e.g. Hudson et al. (2006)



# Geomagnetic storm predictions



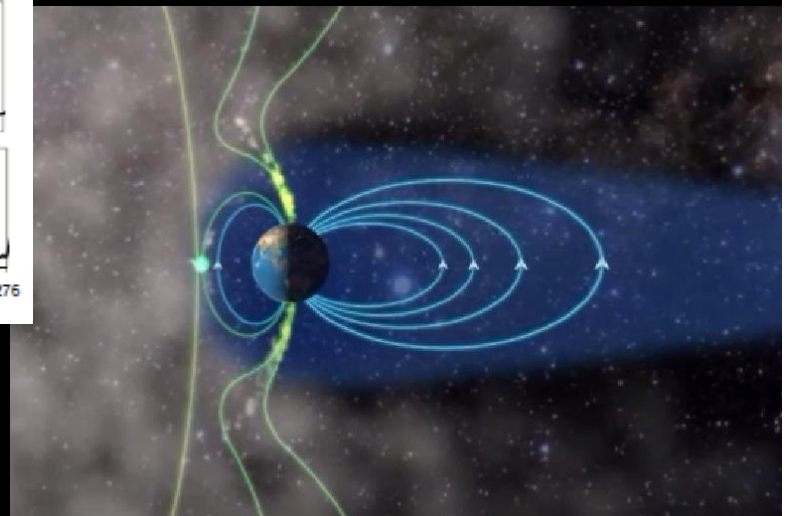
Propagation/evolution model



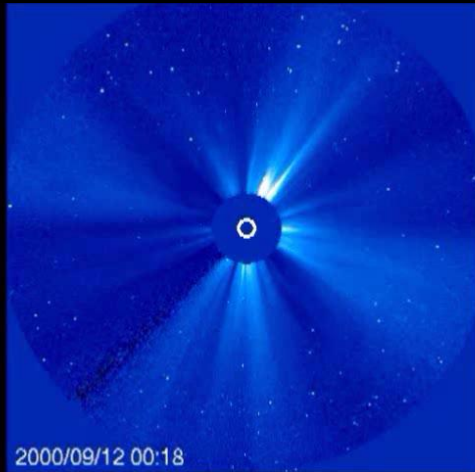
Solar wind-geomagnetic field coupling

~ 1 day

~ 1 h



# *Many, many, many problems...*



CME observational problems:

2D projection

Optically thin (relatively transparent) medium

Is this CME coming from the visible hemisphere?!

What is the real radial speed of the CME?

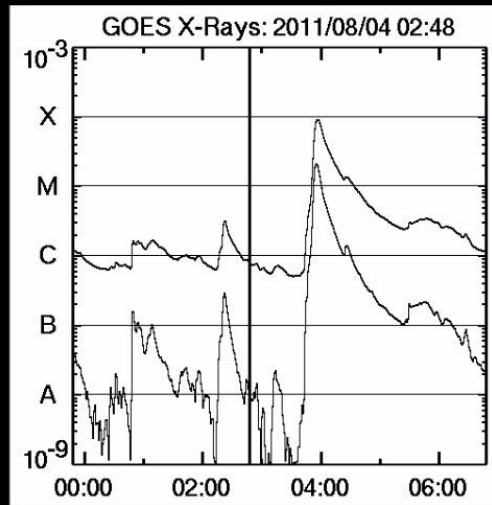
What is the real width of the CME?

What is the real direction of the CME?

**Will it reach Earth?**

**What will magnetic field look like when it reaches Earth?**

# Long story short:

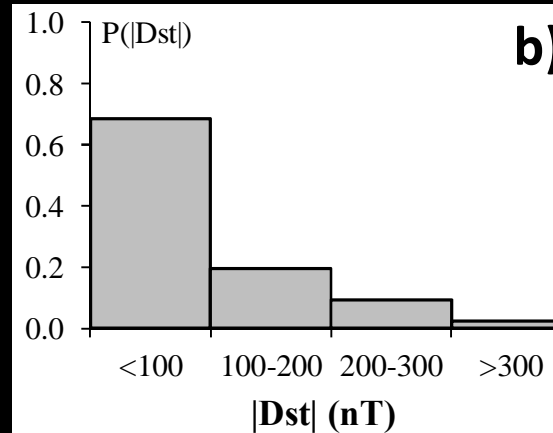
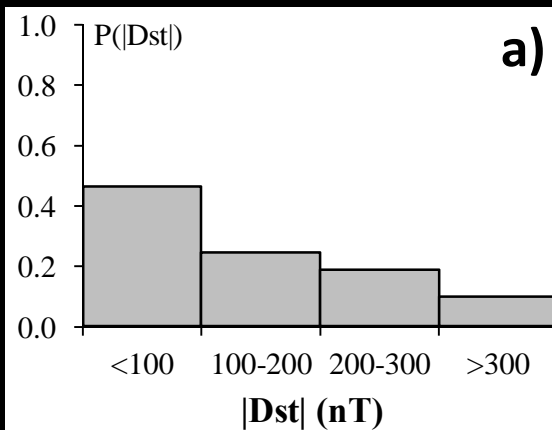


Association of CME & flare . eruption source region on the solar disc



CME/flare parameters as good (bad) as they are

a lot of statistics...



Probability distribution for geomagnetic impact (geo-effectiveness)

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% lot of statistics+described

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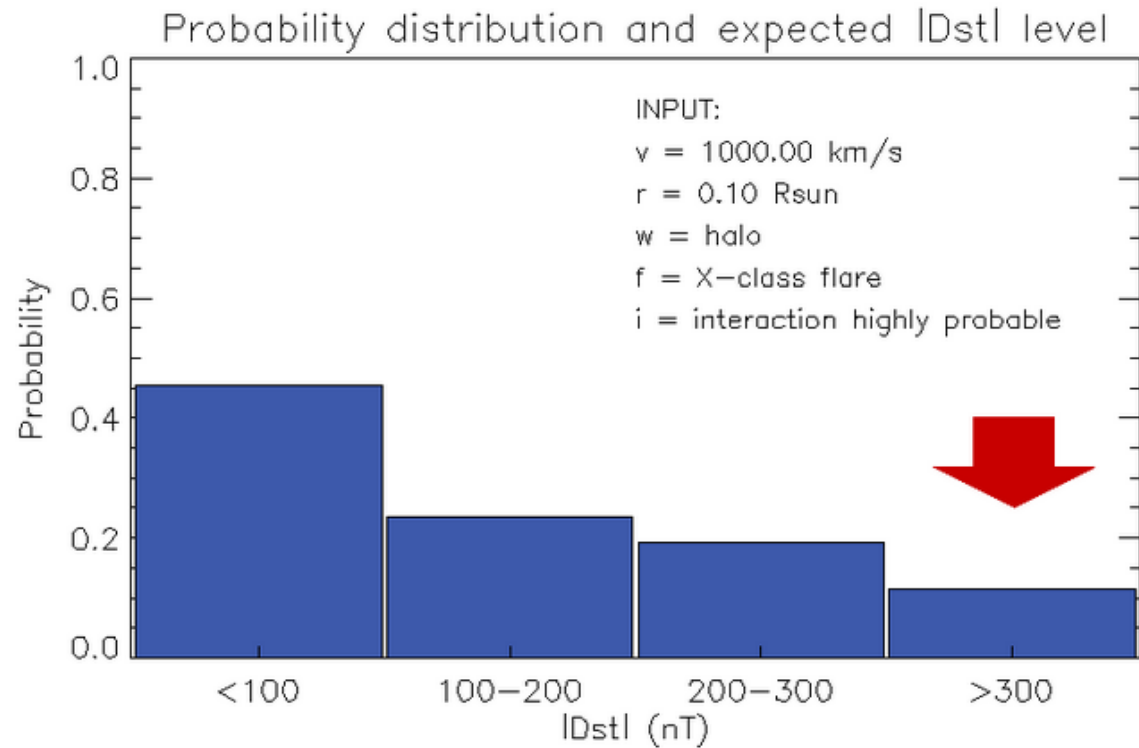
Results Documentation

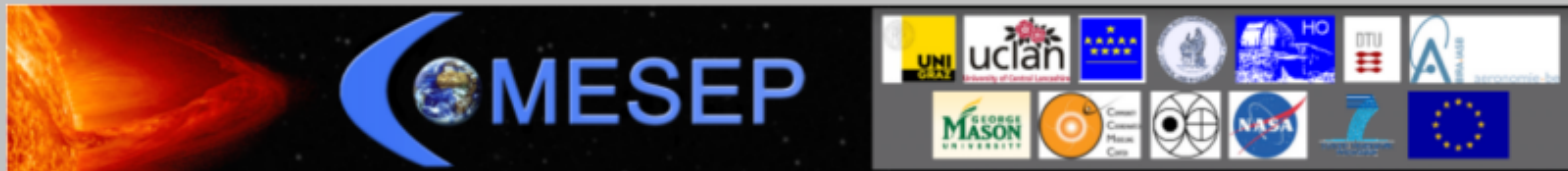
### Output:

Based on the probability distribution for a given CME (blue histogram), the expected |Dst| level calculated by the model is |Dst| > 300 nT (marked by arrow).

Combined probability distribution calculated based on P<sub>v</sub>,P<sub>r</sub>,P<sub>w</sub>,P<sub>f</sub>,P<sub>i</sub>(see table and table description).

For model calculation details see documentation.










## Alert Viewer

Current time: 27-03-2014 07:49

	Latest issued alert	Impact risk
Geomagnetic Storm Alert	No alert since 10 days	Nothing to report
SEP Proton Storm Alert > 10 MeV	No alert since 5 days	Nothing to report
SEP Proton Storm Alert > 60 MeV	No alert since 14 days	Nothing to report

Legend: ★ ... an alert has been issued Times are in UTC  
 ...risk impact (timing and level, ● low, ● medium, ● high, ● extreme)

Click on the icons to see alert details

	Sun 23 Mar 2014	20 MAR 12:00	21 MAR 12:00	22 MAR 12:00	23 MAR 12:00	24 MAR 12:00	25 MAR 12:00	26 MAR 12:00	27 MAR 12:00
Flare		★ ★ ★ ★		★ ★	★				
CME						★ ★			
SEP		★ 		★ 					
Geomagnetic activity		 							

The "Legend" panel gives some common information about the displayed alerts and impact risks.

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