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# Advanced CME flux-rope models in EUHFORIA

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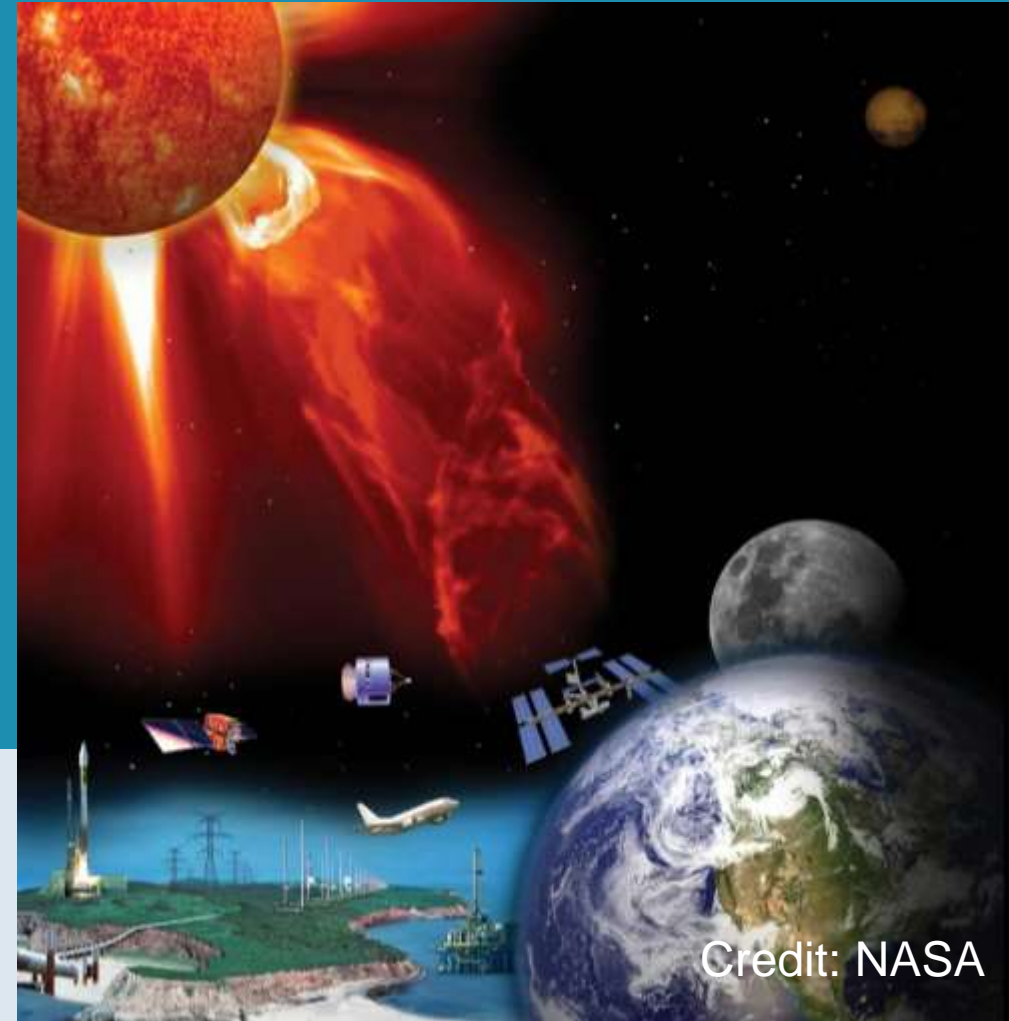
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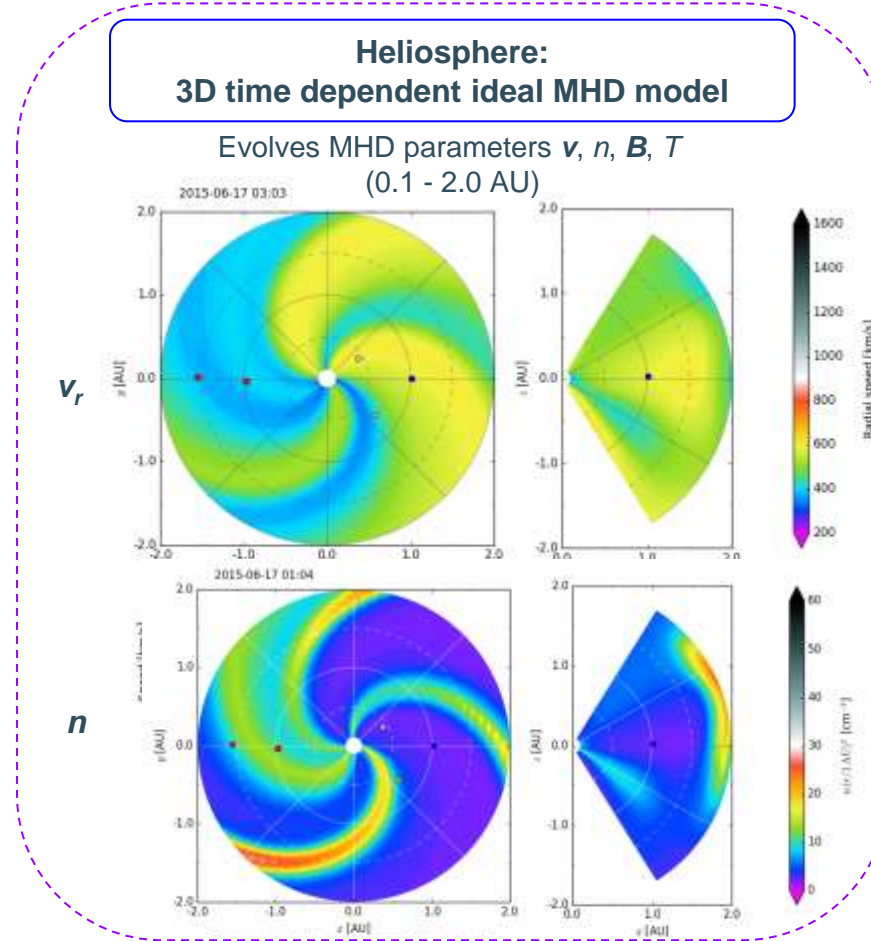
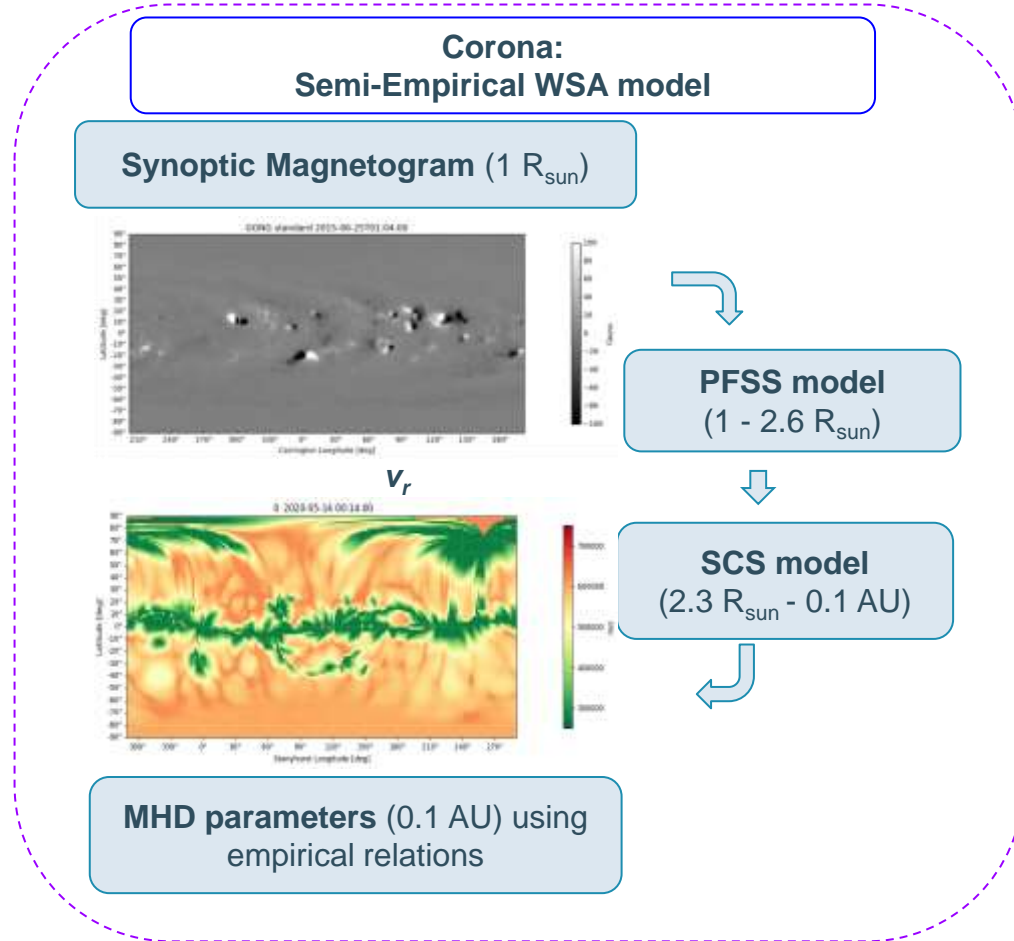


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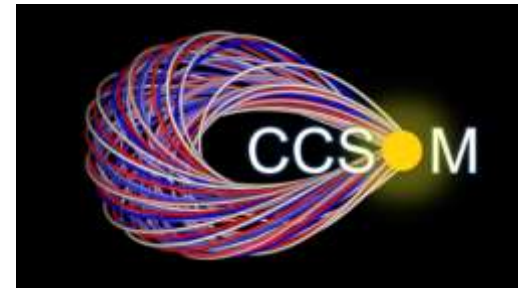
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# EUHFORIA

‘European heliospheric forecasting information asset’



# EUHFORIA Rationale



## Science (CCSOM project):

- Quantify the **deformation, deflection and erosion** of **flux ropes** evolving in the inner heliosphere
- Characterize the **magnetosheaths of CMEs**
- Clarify the role of CME-CME interactions in enhanced **SEP production**

## Applications:

- Space weather forecasts (*“European ENLIL”*)
  - Time of arrival / **Geo-effectiveness**
- Support for space missions (e.g. PSP, SoHO)
  - Incl. **magnetic connectivity tool**



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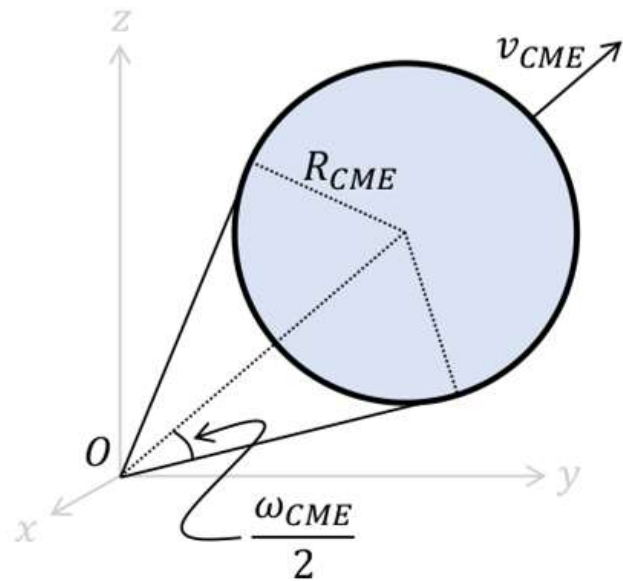


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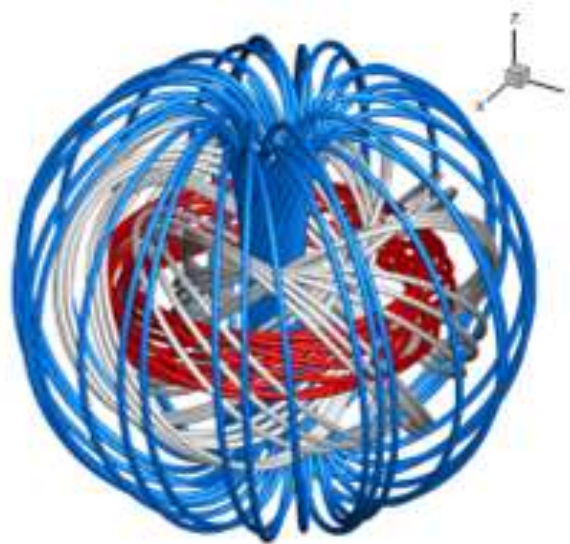
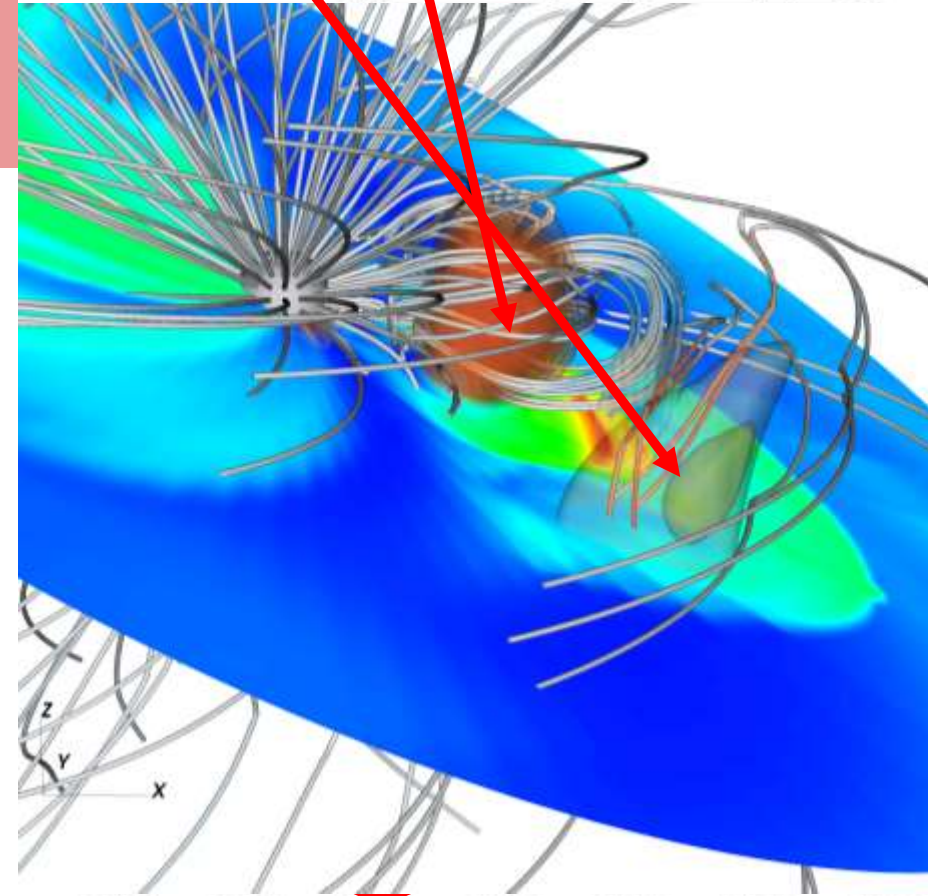


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2 'spheromak' CMEs on  
Sep 4 & Sep 6, 2017



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Cartoon of a magnetic cloud  
in the heliosphere  
(Wang+2018c)

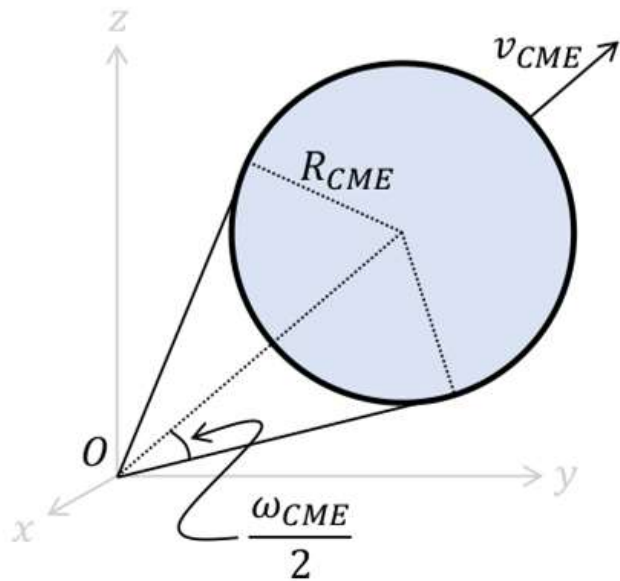


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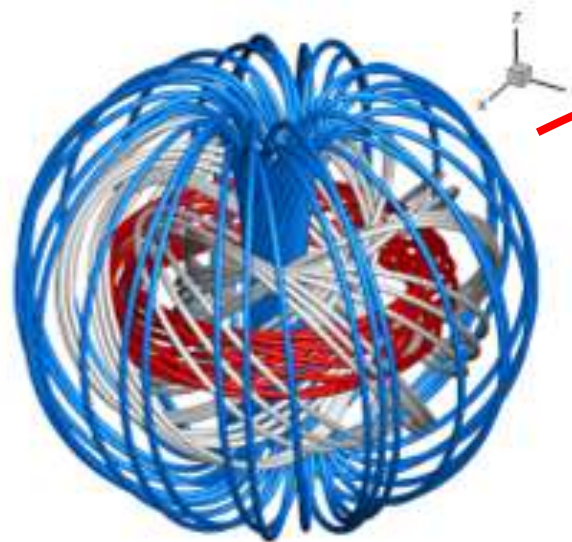
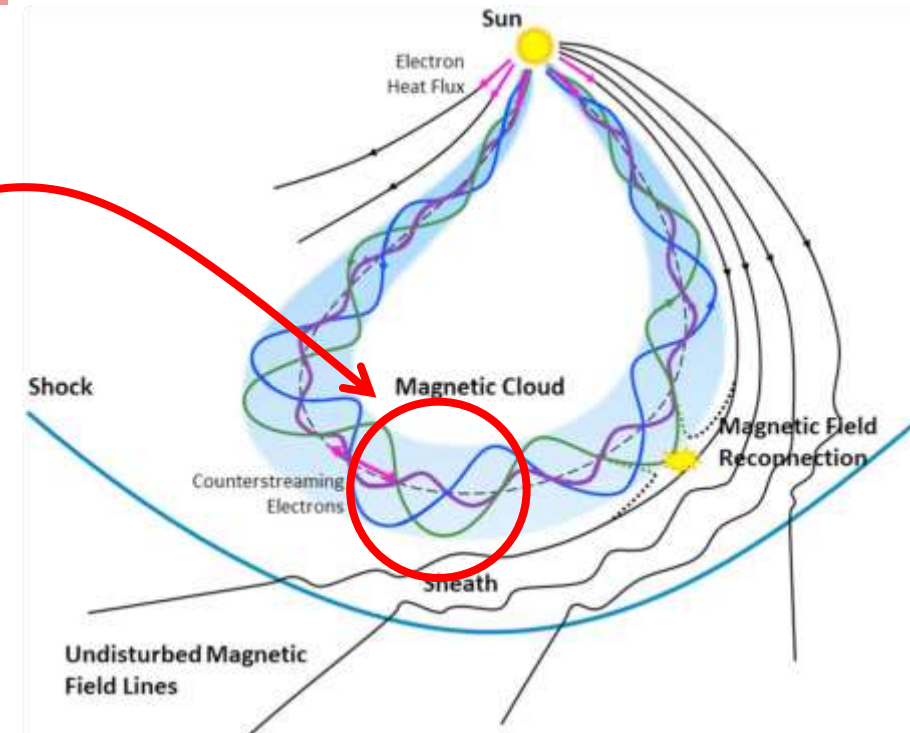


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**FRi3D model  
(flux rope - extended  
geometry)  
Isavnin et al, 2016**

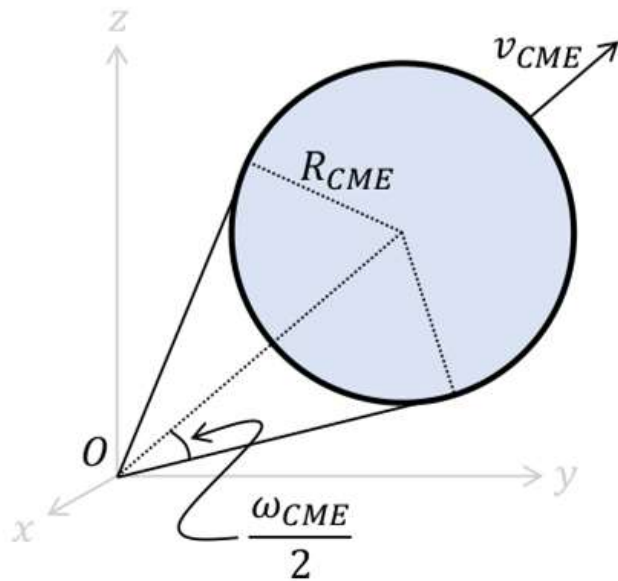


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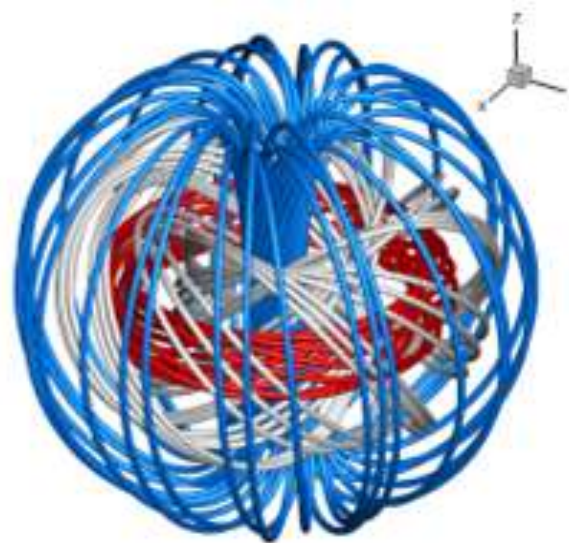
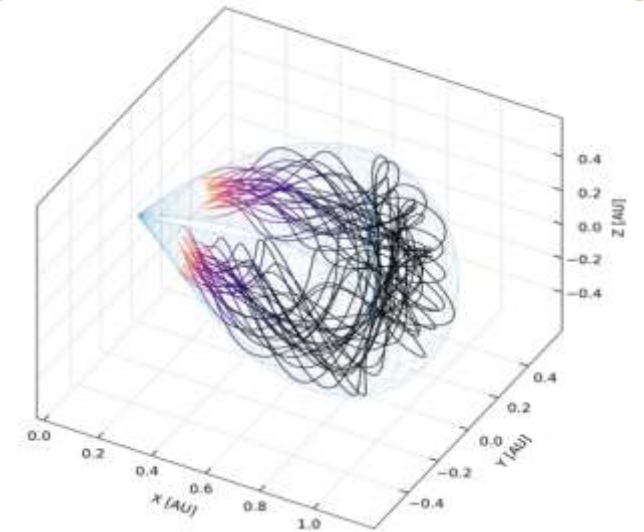


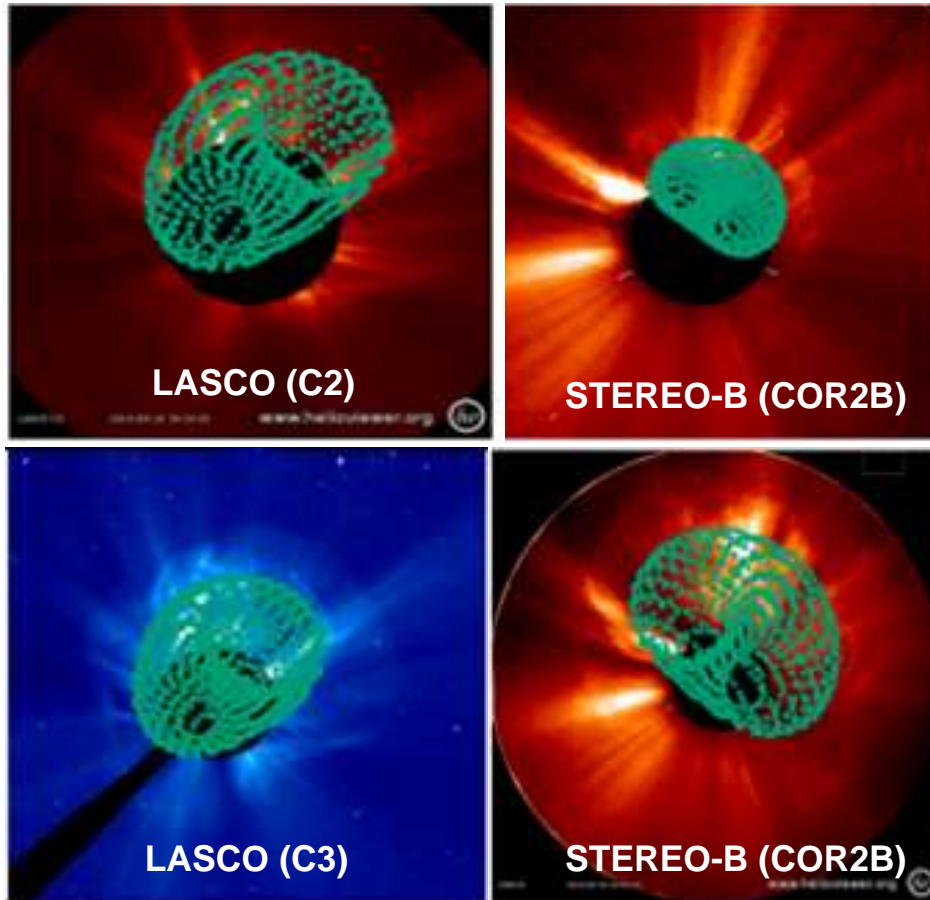
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- Stretched flux rope
- Lundquist magnetic field

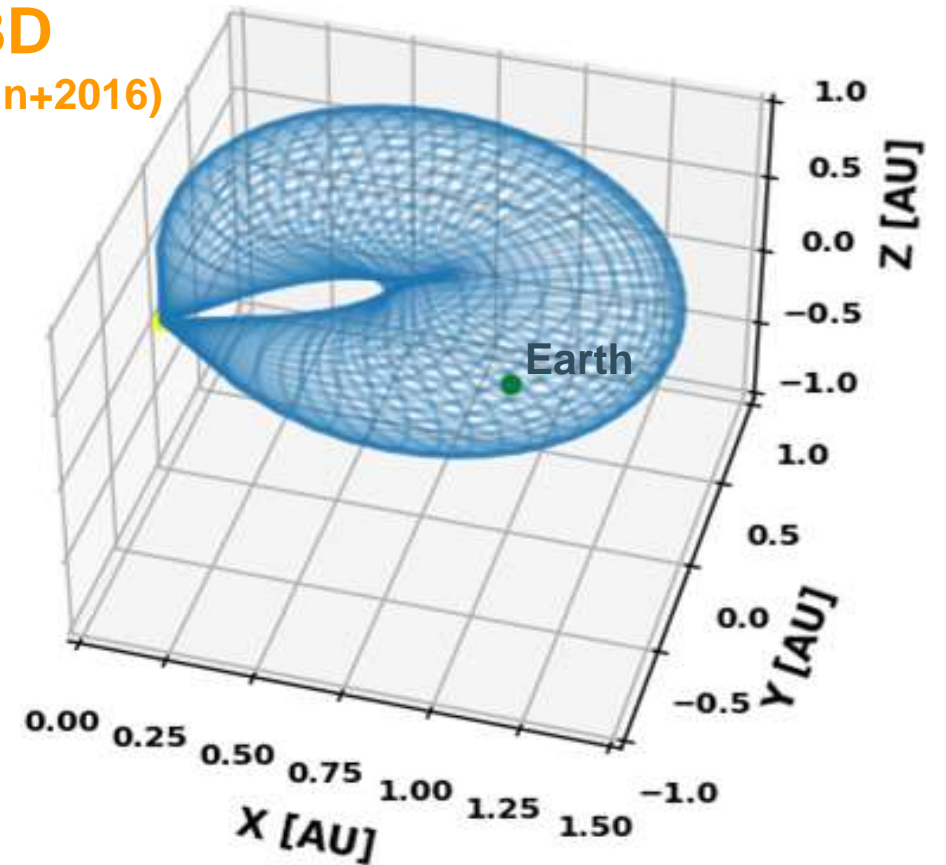
$$\begin{aligned} B_\rho &= 0 \\ B_\phi &= B_0 J_1(\alpha r) \\ B_z &= B_0 J_0(\alpha r) \end{aligned}$$

# FRi3D: advanced flux-rope CME model



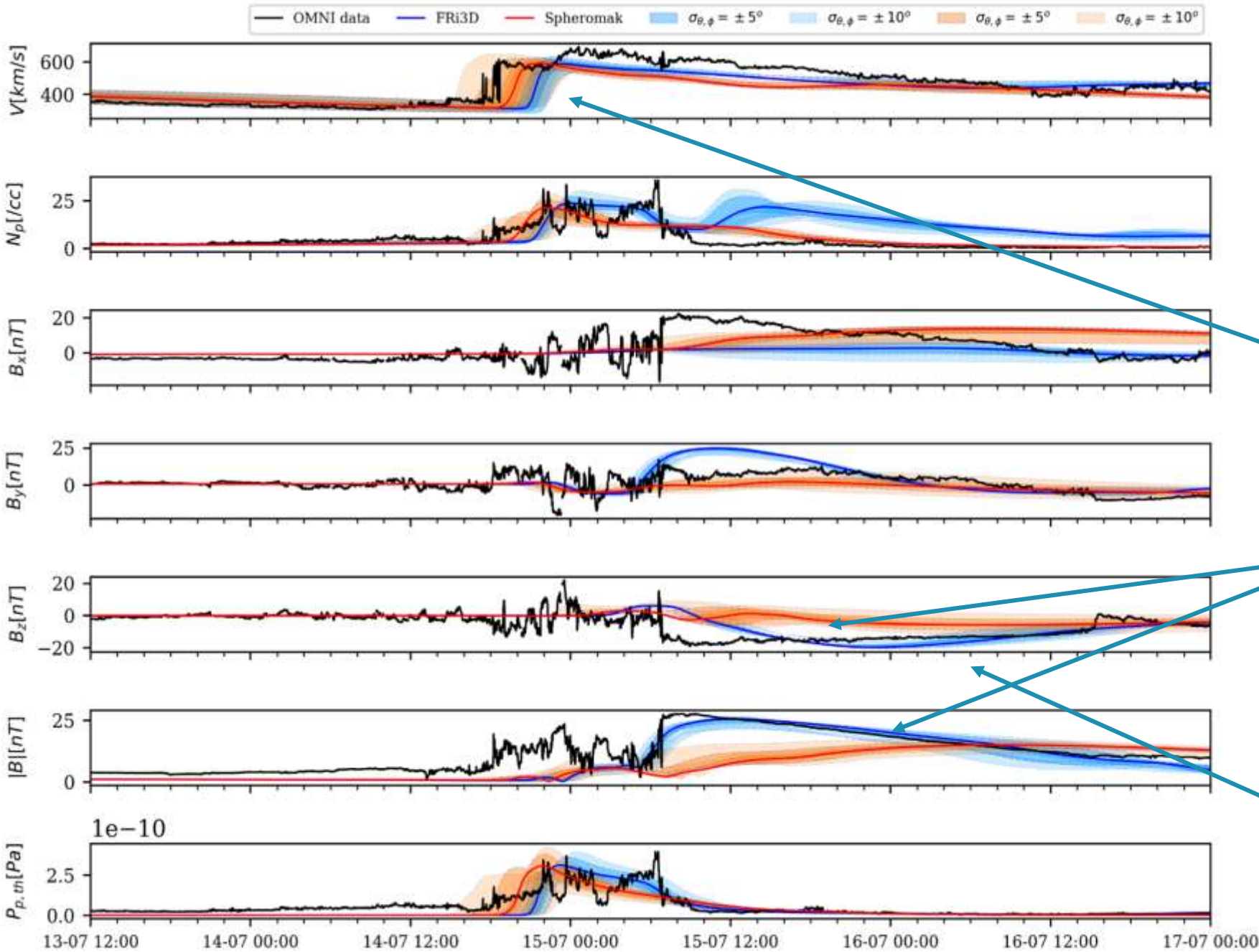
Orientation from 3D reconstruction in sync with the northwest-ward eruption

FRi3D  
(Isavnin+2016)



FRi3D flux rope when self-similarly expanded till Earth, suggest **flank encounter**.

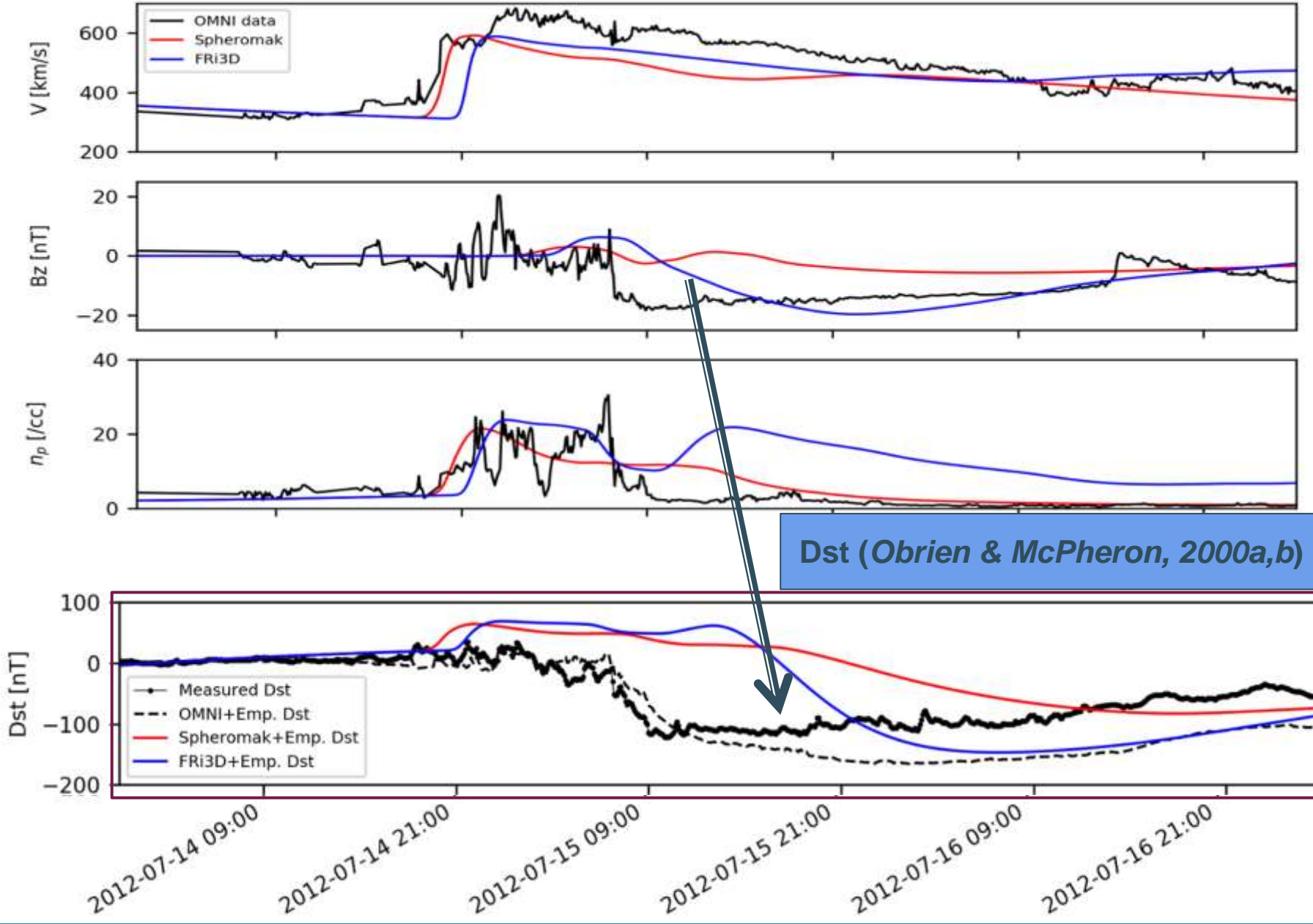
# ICME predictions at Earth



- FRI3D arrival time is similar to Spheromak: ~3h delay than observed arrival
- FRI3D enhances the predictions of  $B$  and  $B_z$  by around 37% and 76% as compared to spheromak.
- Prolonged magnetic field enhancement reproduced by FRI3D



# Geo-effectiveness predictions by CME models in EUHFORIA



- Using modelled solar wind plasma properties at Earth, empirical geomagnetic indices are computed.
- Solar wind - Dst coupling formula (**Obrien & McPheron, 2000a,b**)

$$\frac{d}{dt}Dst^* = Q(t) - \frac{Dst^*}{\tau}$$

$$Dst = Dst^* + a\sqrt{P_{dyn}} - b$$

Quiet condition:

$$Dst(t = 0) = 0.0$$

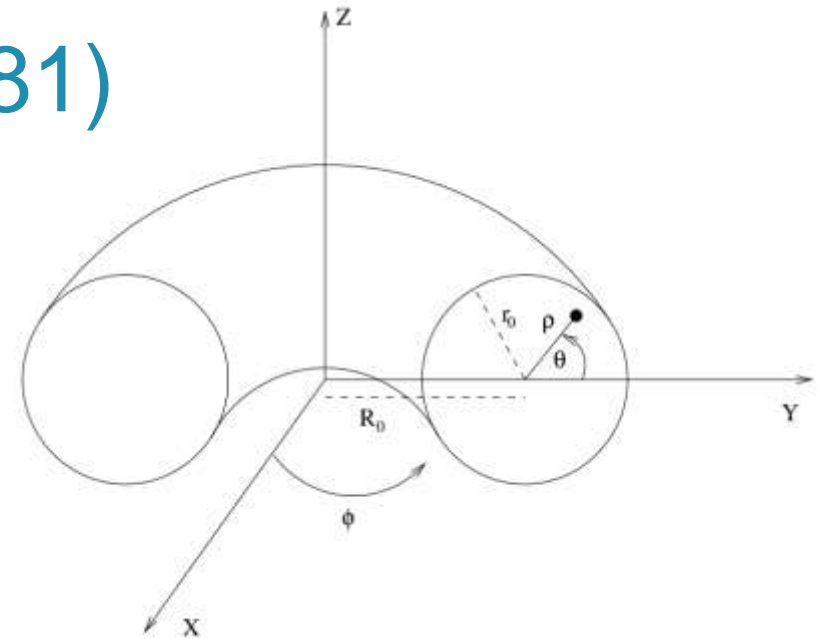
- Improved minimum  $B_z$  modelled by FRI3D predicts the minimum Dst

# Miller & Turner CME model (1981)

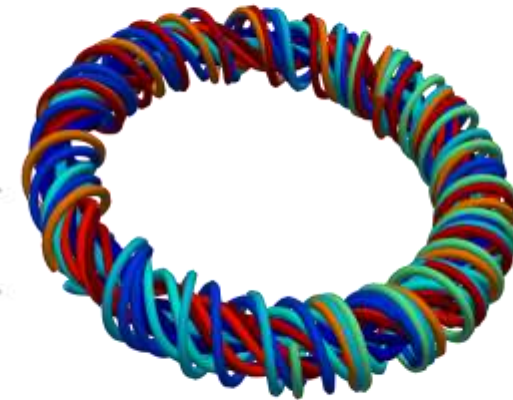
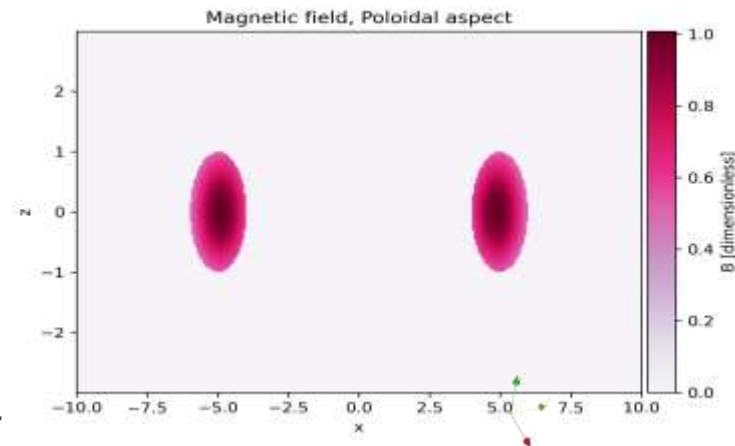
$$B_\rho = B_0 \frac{R_0 - 2\rho \cos \theta}{2\alpha R_0 (R_0 + \rho \cos \theta)} J_0(\alpha\rho) \sin \theta,$$

$$B_\phi = B_0 \left( 1 - \frac{\rho}{2R_0} \cos \theta \right) J_0(\alpha\rho),$$

$$B_\theta = B_0 \frac{R_0 - 2\rho \cos \theta}{2\alpha R_0 (R_0 + \rho \cos \theta)} J_0(\alpha\rho) \cos \theta - B_0 \left( 1 - \frac{\rho}{2R_0} \cos \theta \right) J_1(\alpha\rho).$$



- Maximum magnetic field strength is close to the axis and reduces outward
- This magnetic field is *by definition* divergence-free and approximates the force-free condition for large aspect ratios

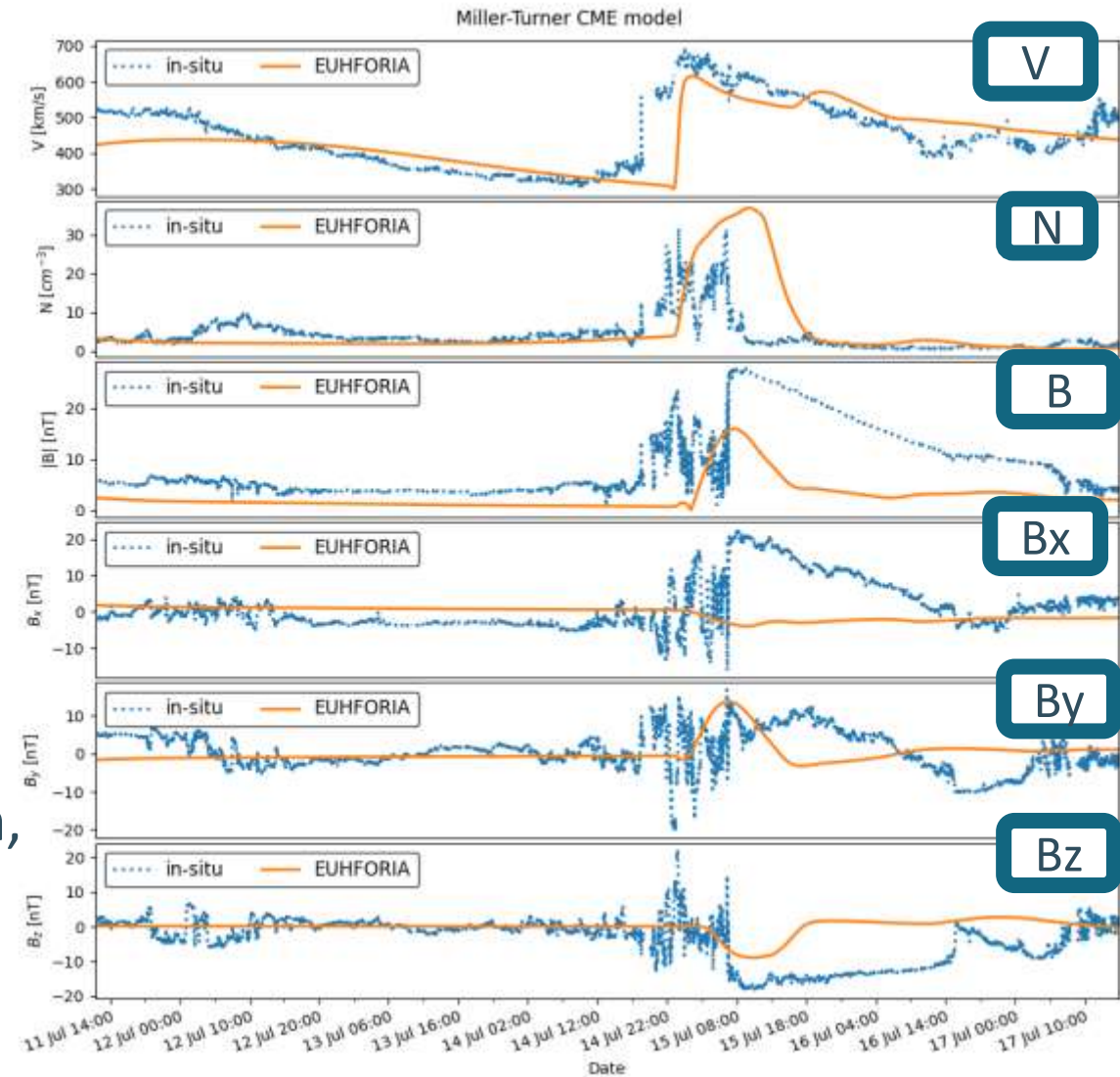


# Validation of Miller & Turner CME model in EUHFORIA

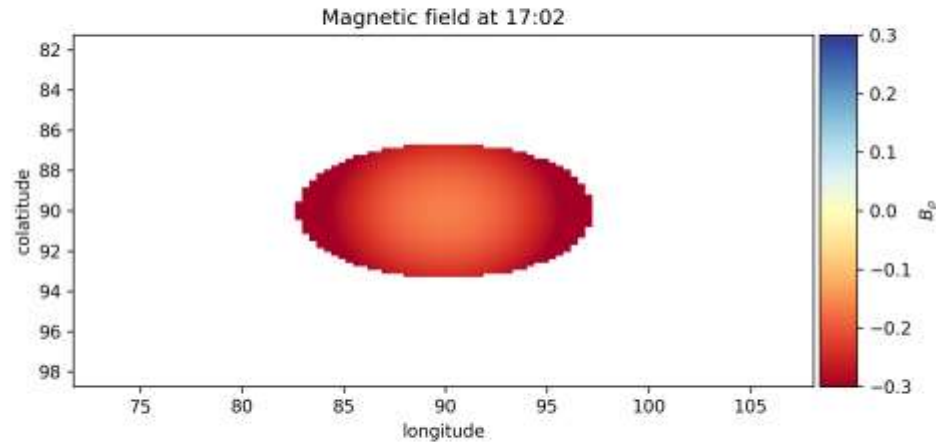
## Halo CME event on 12 July 2012

- $V_r = 763$  km/s
- $T = 0.8$  MK
- Tilt =  $0^\circ$
- $R = 10$ ,  $a = 5$
- $B_0 = 1 \cdot 10^{-6}$  T
- $n = 10^{-17}$  kg m $^{-3}$

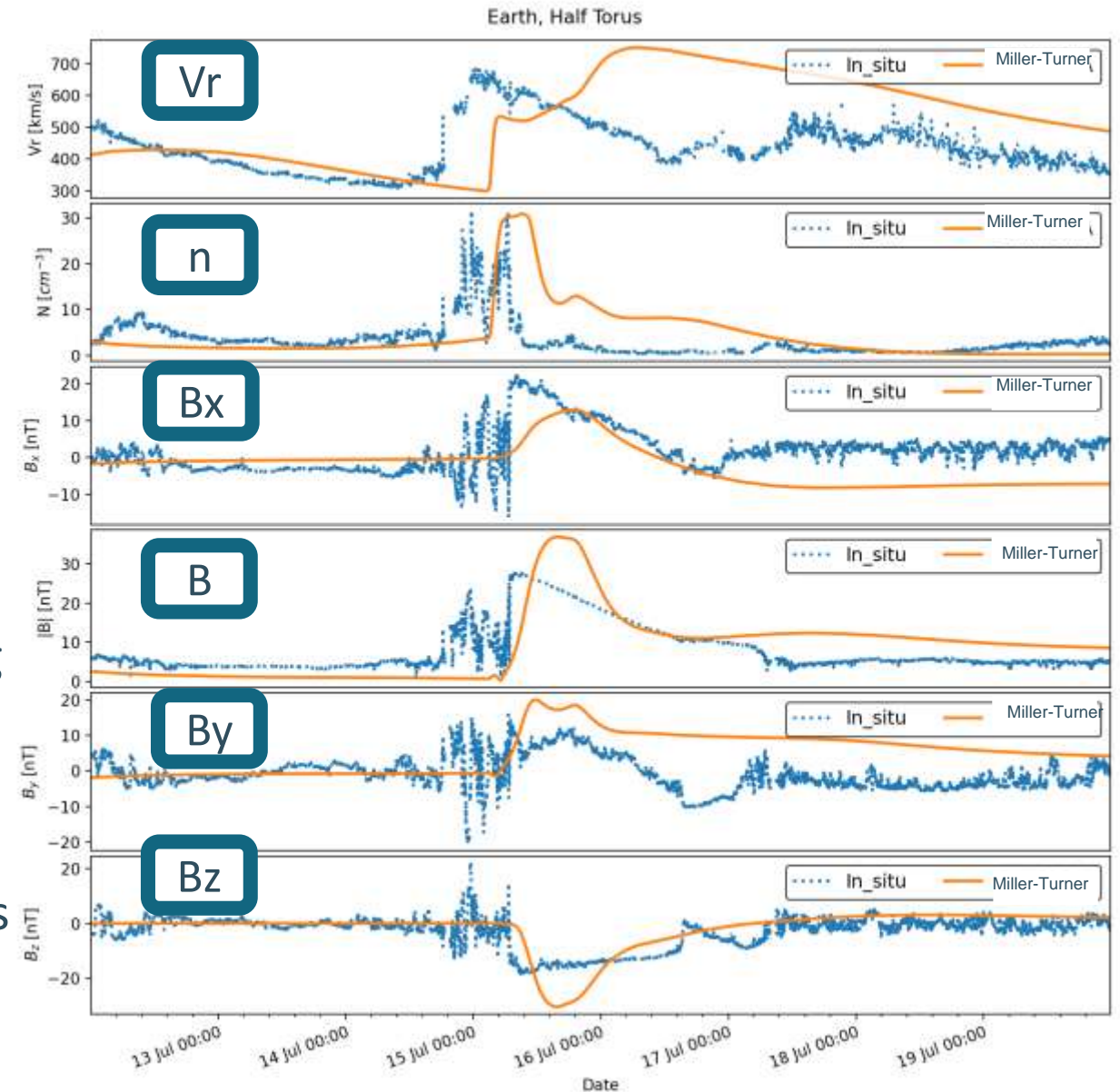
- **More stable and realistic** (for CME) than the Soloviev model
- Offers *less free parameters than Soloviev torus* (no influence on the magnetic field distribution, nor the poloidal shape...)
- Optimisation of implementation required to model the magnetic cloud better



# Half torus in ICARUS



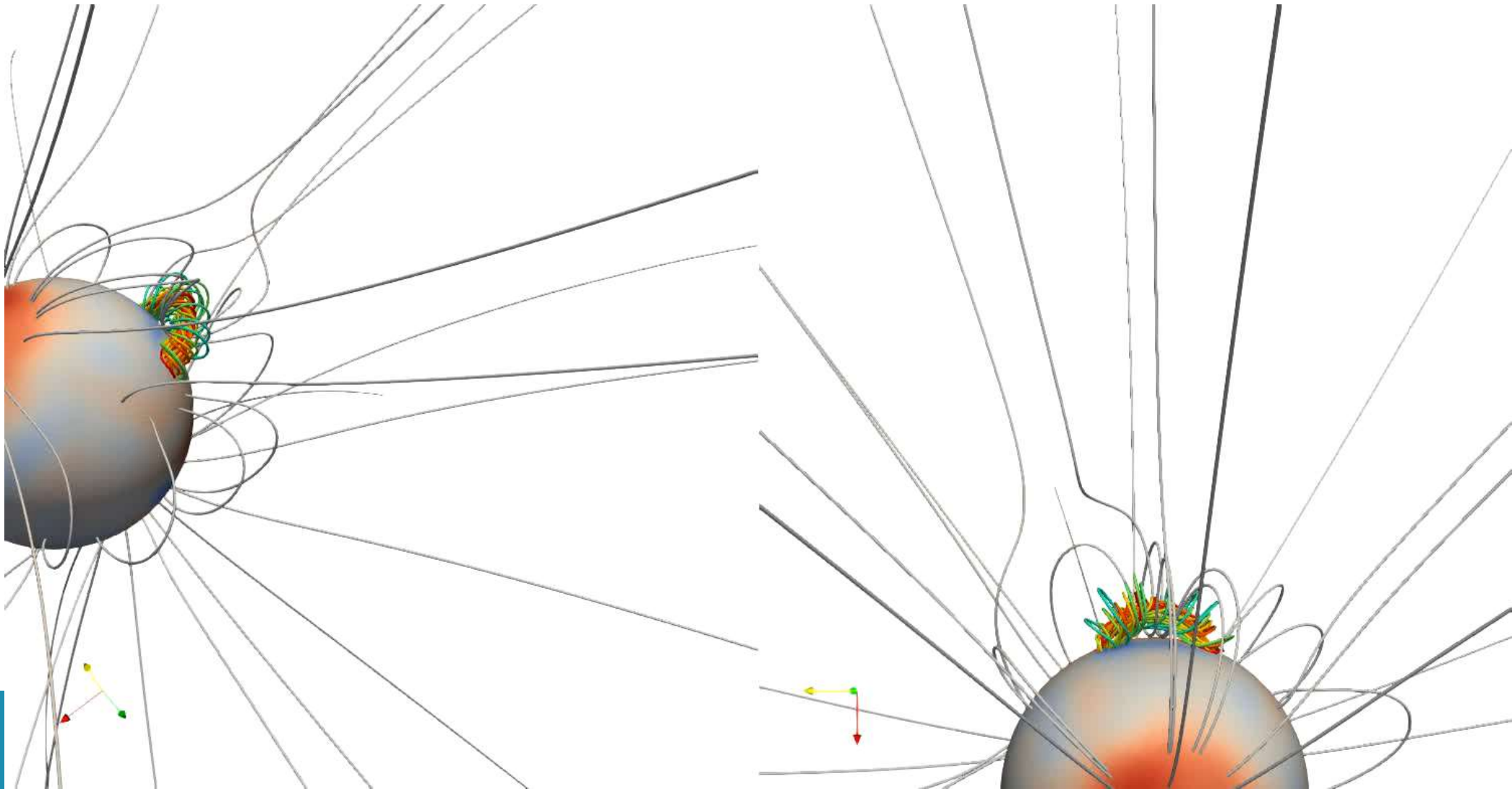
- We maintain the torus at the half of its crossing and we keep a constant injection
- Allows stabilization of the model and much more « *realistic* » prediction
- But: problematic in the case of successive CMEs
- The free parameters are also harder to choose (e.g. the injection time...)

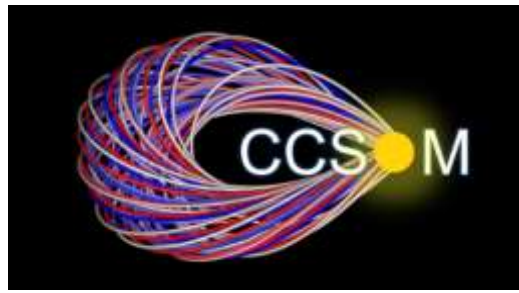


# TDm flux-rope CME model in COCONUT

*Credit: Luis Linan & Florian Régnault*

*Modified Titov-  
Démoulin CME  
superposed on a  
magnetogram-  
based  
COCONUT  
corona*





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