

Working Group 2 – Theory **Summary**

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WG 2: Overview

- **Objective:** To understand the structure and evolution of CMEs as well as their origin and their magnetic rope structure. Specifically:
 - What is the origin of B_z and how can it be modeled?
 - Are CMEs deflected in the heliosphere?
 - How do ambient conditions affect CME structure, propagation, and dynamics?
 - How long does the Lorentz force dominate over aerodynamic drag?
 - How can we estimate the drag parameter and/or dimensionless drag coefficient?
- **Approach:** Compare results from different analytic and numerical models with measurements, such as transit time to 1AU, kinematics, impact speed, impact magnetic field, etc.

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- ***Main progresses where theoretical aspects were included:***

1. Drag effect related issues

- DBM applied to events from the “ISEST list”
- Comparison of analytic (DBM) and numerical (ENLIL) model (e.g., [Vrsnak et al., ApJS 213, 21, 2014](#))
- Estimation of CME “true” mass (e.g., [Bein et al., ApJ, 768, 31, 2013](#); [Feng et al., JGR, in revision, 2014](#))
- CME Propagation: Where does Aerodynamic Drag 'Take Over'? ([Sachdeva, Nishtha](#); [Subramanian, Prasad](#); [Colaninno, Robin](#); [Vourlidas, Angelos, Ap. J., 2015](#))
- Heliospheric Propagation of Coronal Mass Ejections: Drag-based Model Fitting ([Žic, T.](#); [Vršnak, B.](#); [Temmer, M.](#), Ap. J. Suppl. Ser., 2015)
- Dynamics of CMEs in the LASCO Field of View ([Michalek, G.](#); [Gopalswamy, N.](#); [Yashiro, S.](#); [Bronarska, K.](#), Sol. Phys., 2015)

2. CME deflection/rotation

- Deflection --- Observational evidence and kinetic model ([Wang et al., JGR, 119, 5117, 2014](#))
- 3-D evolution revealing rotation ([Isavnin et al., SoPh, 2013; 2014](#))
- Global Trends of CME Deflections Based on CME and Solar Parameters ([Kay, C.](#); [Opher, M.](#); [Evans, R. M.](#), Ap. J. Lett., 2015)
- The Heliocentric Distance where the Deflections and Rotations of Solar Coronal Mass Ejections Occur ([Kay, C.](#); [Opher, M.](#), Ap. J. Lett., 2015)

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- *Main progresses where theoretical aspects were included (continue).*

3. Interacting structures

- CME-CME interactions (e.g., Shen et al., GRL, 40, 1457, 2013; Temmer et al., ApJ 785, 85, 2014; Maricic et al., SoPh 289, 351, 2014; Shanmugaraju et al., SoPh 289, 339, 2014; Mishira et al., ApJ, 2014)
- Shock-CME interactions (RAL/Oxford workshop)
- An Analytical Model of Interplanetary Coronal Mass Ejection Interactions (Niembro, T.; Cantó, J.; Lara, A.; González, R. F., Ap. J., 2015)

4. MC fitting technique and related

- Investigating plasma motion of magnetic clouds at 1 AU through a velocity-modified cylindrical force-free flux rope model (Wang et al., JGR, 2015)
- Radial Evolution of a Magnetic Cloud: MESSENGER, STEREO, and Venus Express Observations (Good, S. W.; Forsyth, R. J.; Raines, J. M.; Gershman, D. J.; Slavin, J. A.; Zurbuchen, T. H., Ap. J., 2015)
- Geometrical Relationship Between Interplanetary Flux Ropes and Their Solar Sources (Marubashi, K.; Akiyama, S.; Yashiro, S.; Gopalswamy, N.; Cho, K.-S.; Park, Y.-D., Solar Physics, 2015)

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- ***Main progresses where theoretical aspects were included (continued):***
 5. Background solar wind
 - Spatially/temporally variable solar wind environment (e.g., Rollett et al., ApJL 790, 6, 2014)
 - On the role played by magnetic expansion factor in the prediction of solar wind speed
(Pete Riley, Jon A. Linker, C. Nick Arge, Space Weather Journal, 2015)

PLANS

- ***Main objectives/topics to be pursued:***
 - Drag effect related issues
 - Comparisons with MHD solutions?
 - CME deflection/rotation
 - Interacting structures
 - MC fitting technique and related
 - Background solar wind
- ***Start research on: How to model B_z ?!***
 - Theory/numerical modelling
 - Laboratory experiments for some topics

Recent progress: Example

- HELIOSPHERIC PROPAGATION OF CORONAL MASS EJECTIONS: DRAG-BASED MODEL FITTING by Zic et al

$$F = F_L - F_g + F_d.$$

$$F_d = -c_d A \rho (v - w) |v - w|$$

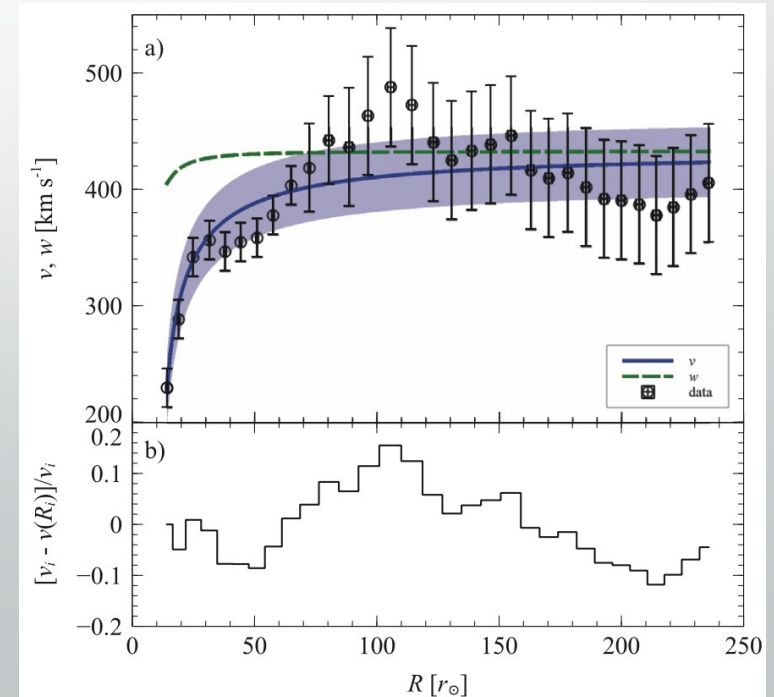
$$a_d = -\gamma (v - w) |v - w|$$

$$\gamma = c_d \frac{A \rho}{M}$$

$$\gamma(R) = \gamma_\infty \frac{w_\infty}{w(R)}$$

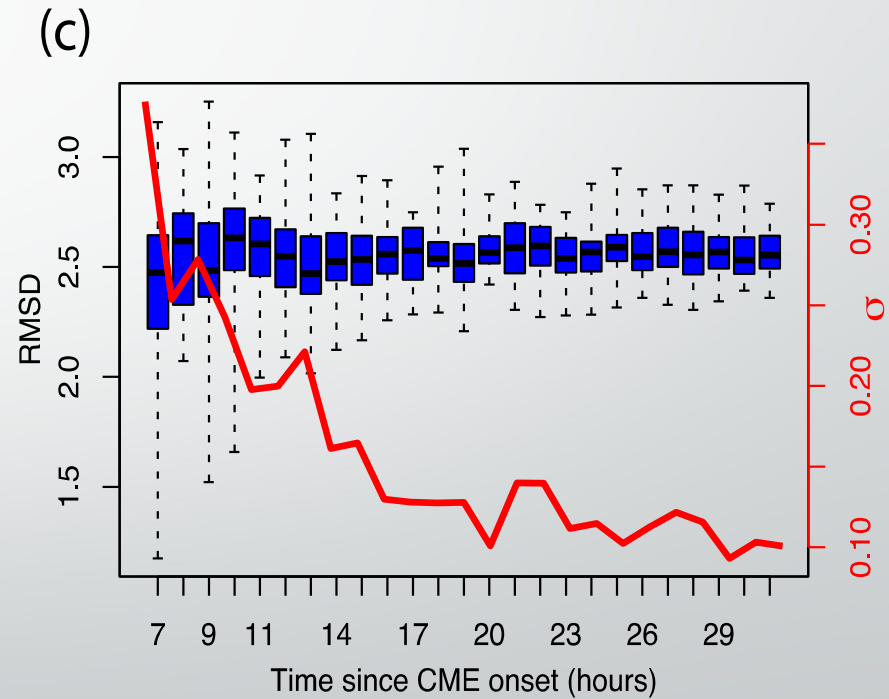
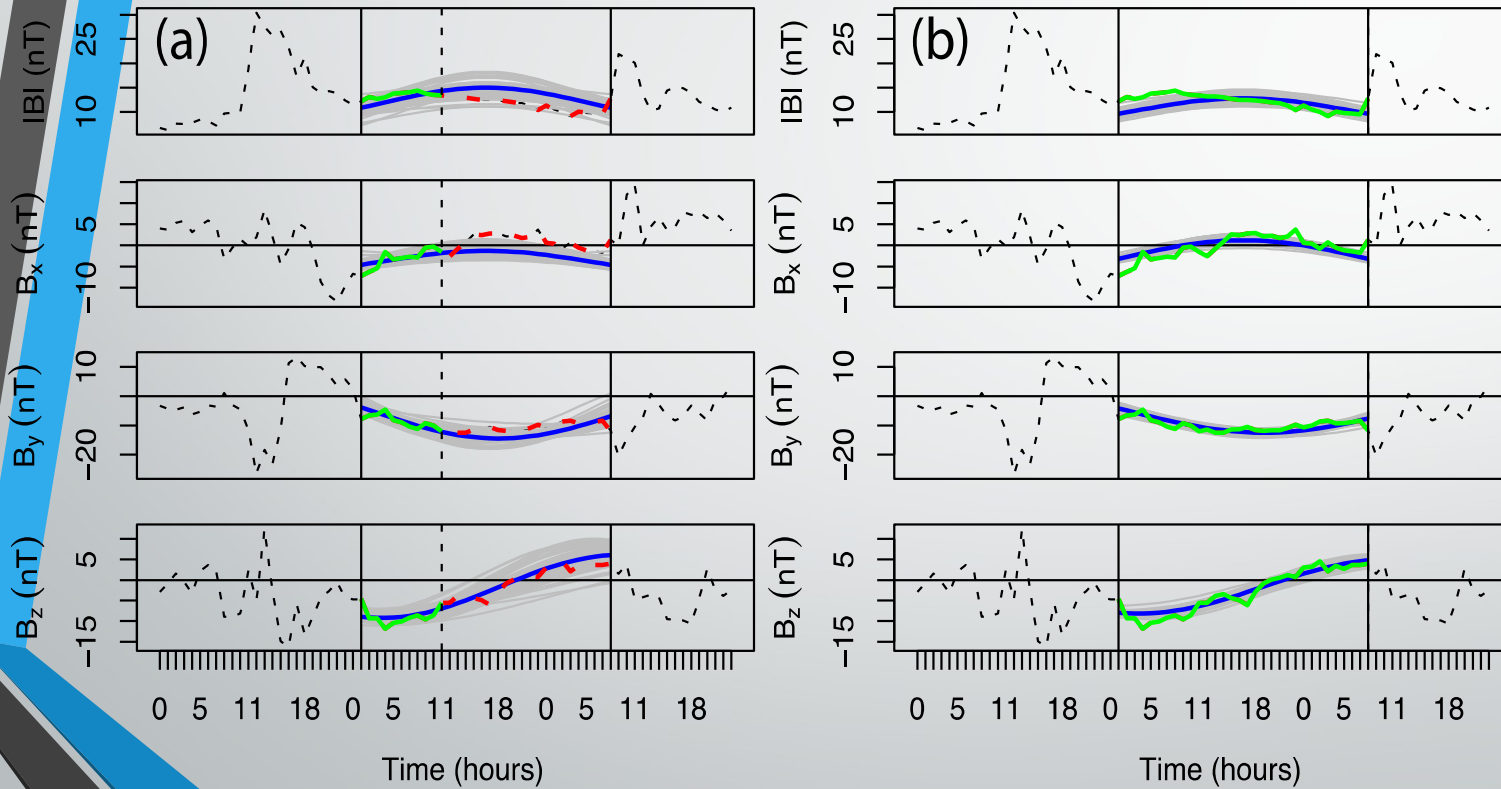
$$E(\Gamma, w_\infty; R_0, v_0) = \sum_{i=0}^N [v_i - v(\{\Gamma, w_\infty; R_0, v_0\}, R_i)]^2$$

$$v(R) \frac{dv(R)}{dR} = -\gamma(R) [v(R) - w(R)] |v(R) - w(R)|$$



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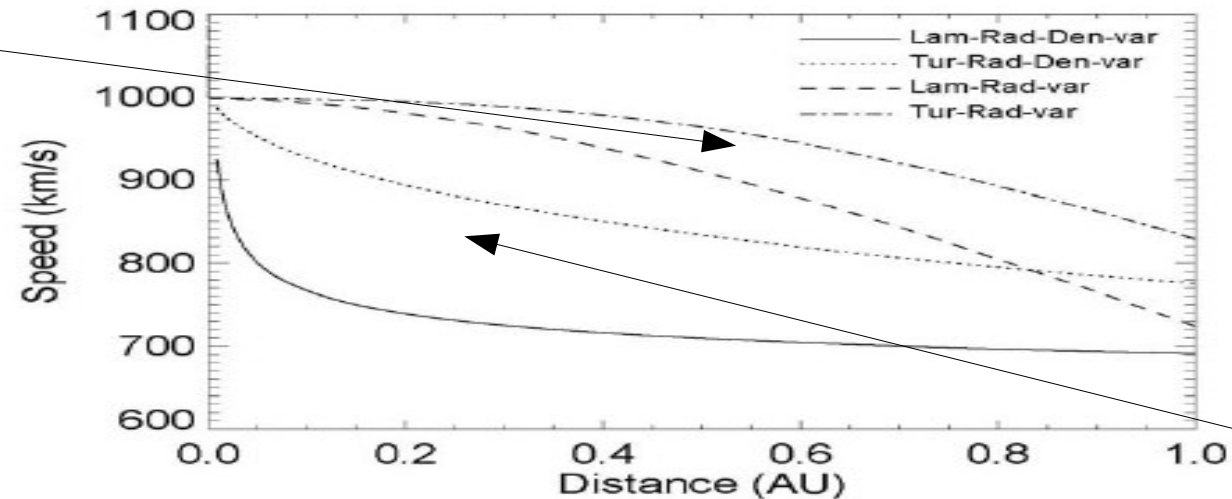
- **How to Predict Bz?(Pete Riley)**



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- **Coronal Mass Ejections: A Journey From Its Origin to Its Transport in the Interplanetary Medium** (Andrea Borgazzi, Invited)

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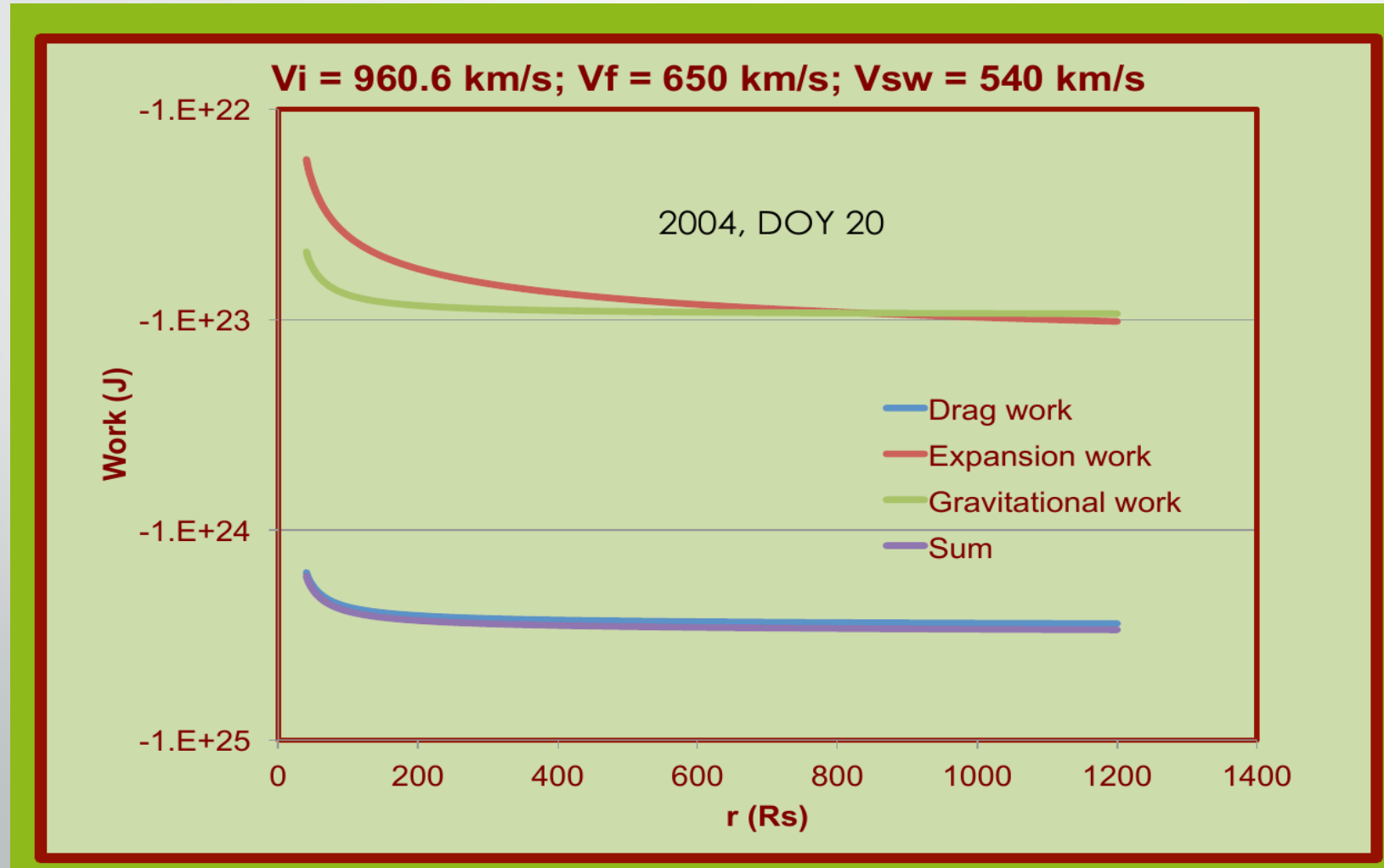


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FIGURE 6.20 - ICME speed versus distance for the four models analyzed in this work. a) laminar regime considering variability in ICME radius (Eq. 4.9) and $\mu = 0.175 \text{ g/cm}\cdot\text{s}$ (dashed line). b) turbulent regime considering variability in ICME radius (Eq. 4.10) and $C_d = 5 \times 10^4$ (dot-dashed line). c) laminar regime considering variability in ICME radius and SW density (Eq. 4.16) and $\nu = 8.75 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ (continuous line). and d) turbulent regime considering variability in ICME radius and SW density (Eq. 4.13) and $C_d = 1.1 \times 10^5$ (dot line).

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- **Balance of Energy in a CME** (Héctor J. Durand Manterola)



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- **Plasma Interaction Processes That Lead to Viscous Forces in the Solar Wind** (Héctor Pérez de Tejada)

CONTENTS

Viscous forces suitable for particle-particle (coulombian) and wave-particle (magnetic turbulent) interactions in the solar wind.

The solar wind interaction with planetary ionospheres

I - Transport of solar wind momentum to the Venus upper ionosphere (discussion of measurements and their interpretation).

II - Calculation of viscous forces at the region of interaction between the solar wind and the Venus ionosphere (wave-particle interactions in the solar wind, and particle-particle collisions in the Venus upper ionosphere).

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- **Synthetic Transits of Plasma Sheaths and Shocks: A Pathway to Predict in-situ Arrivals of Shock Waves Associated With Fast Halo CMEs** (Pedro Corona Romero*, J. A. González Esparza, V. de la Luz, J. C. Mejía Ambriz, L. X. González)

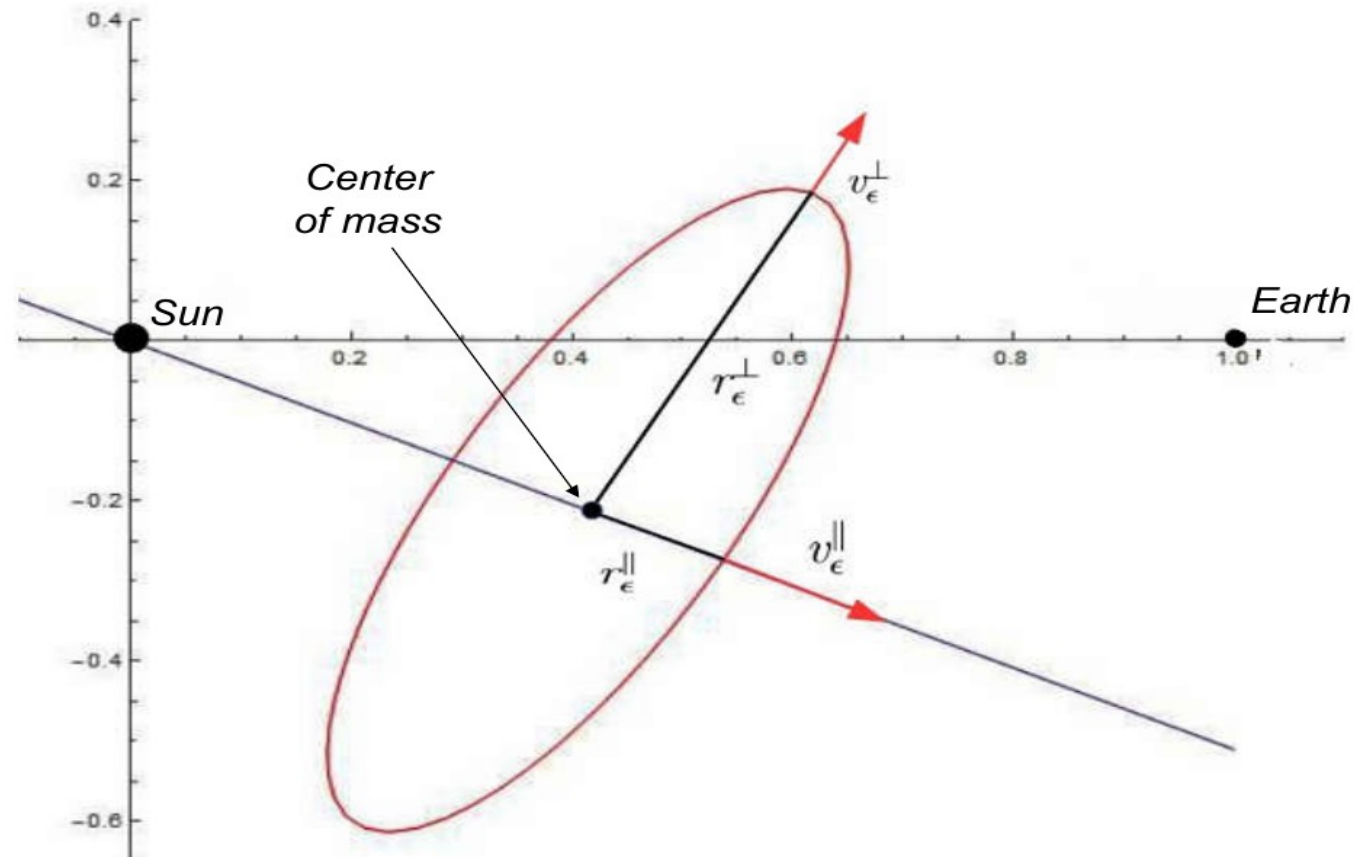
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- We developed an **analytical method** to approximate:
 - 1) **arrival of shocks** associated with halo CMEs, and
 - 2) **in-situ transit** profiles (synthetic transits) of plasma sheath
- All the method's inputs are initial data from the event, save the quotient between initial densities of CMEs and ambient solar wind.
- This is an experimental tool of SCiESMEX for space weather forecasting.

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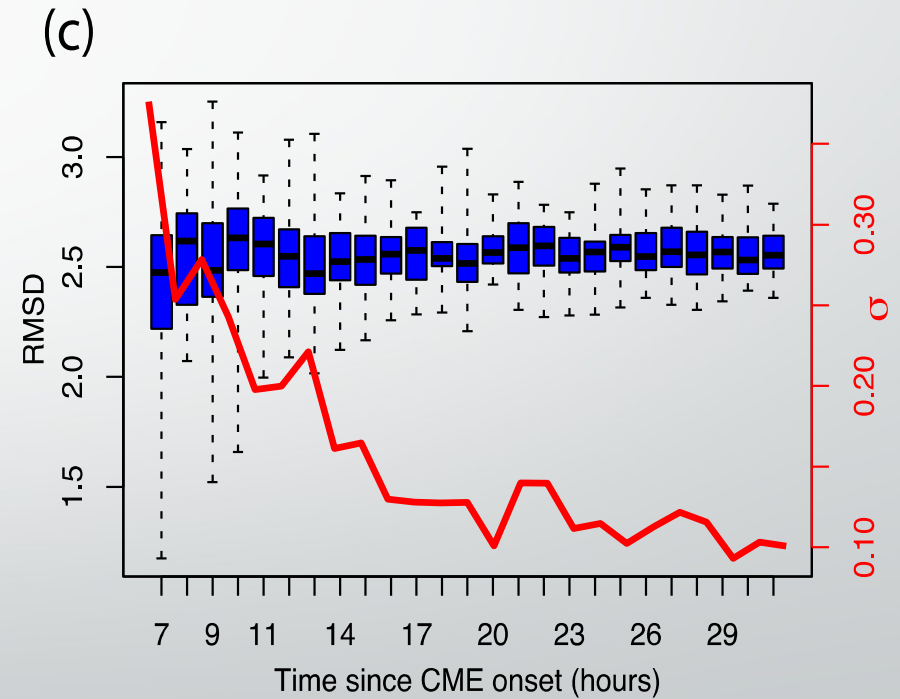
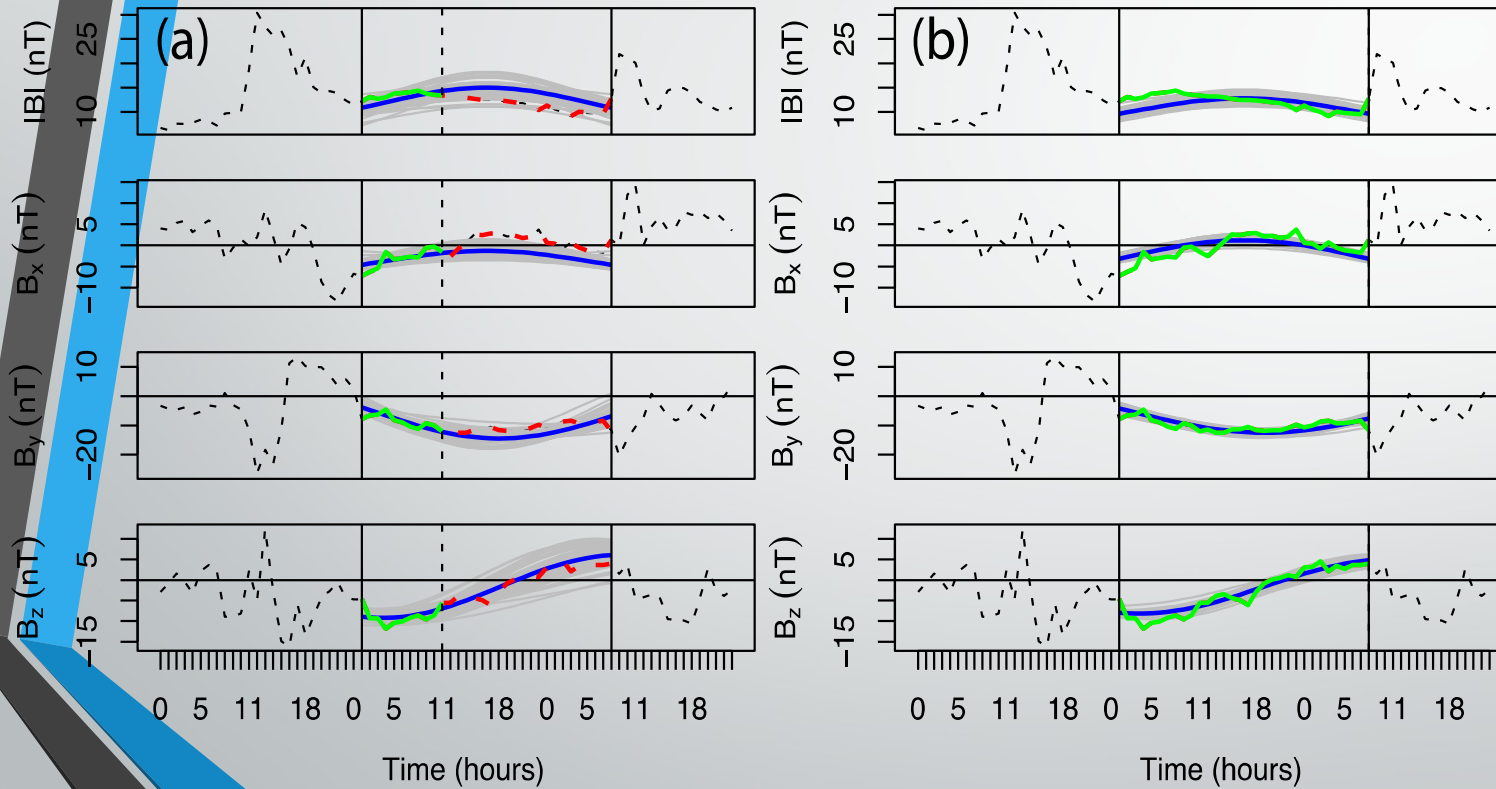
- **Dynamics of Coronal Mass Ejections in the Interplanetary Medium in Two Dimensions** (Juan Carlos González Marin)

2) Elliptical form for the leading edge of the CME and profiles for the position and the speed for any point of it.



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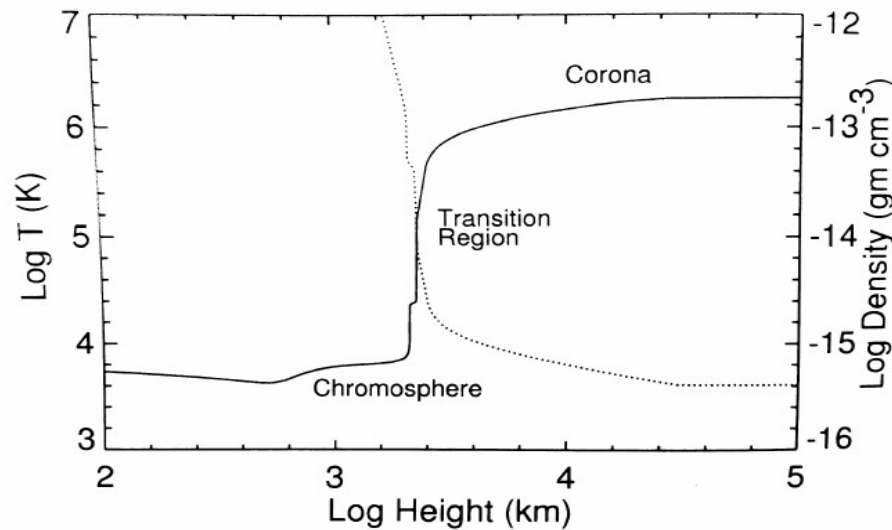


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- **Study of the Transport of Heat in the Solar Corona** (Diana Gamborino Uzcanga*, J. Martinell Benito, D. del Castillo Negrete)

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Abstract



-Solar Corona heating mechanisms still not clear.

- Energy released mainly in AR - propagated to other regions - maintain Corona at observed T.

- Global heat transport influenced by complex \vec{B} geometry that couples distant regions of Corona.

- Produce nonlocal effects in the transport.

- EUV images - AIA/SDO. Three cases: (a) following an explosive event, (b) five hours before the explosive event, same AR and (c) Quiet Sun region.

- SolarSoft - T Maps- full solar disk.

- Regions of interest - selected and analyzed with POD methods.

- (1) Topos-Chronos: Energy cascade process determined -subdiffusion.

- (2) GLRAM: $w \sim t^\gamma$. We found $\gamma < 1$: subdiffusion.

Summary

- WG2 has made good progress on the goals set at the previous workshop
- Aerodynamic drag continues to be a focus point for study
- Modeling and theory complementary and overlapping concepts – perhaps the distinction is that WG2 shouldn't focus on complex 3-D models, but rely on more idealized approaches to “explain” phenomena
- More work needs to be done regarding the relative contribution of the drag force and other forces as the CME leaves the Sun
- A crucial question for this group could be: What are the underlying physical processes (kinetic) in the solar wind that give rise to the drag force?

Prediction of B_z remains an overarching goal for WG2