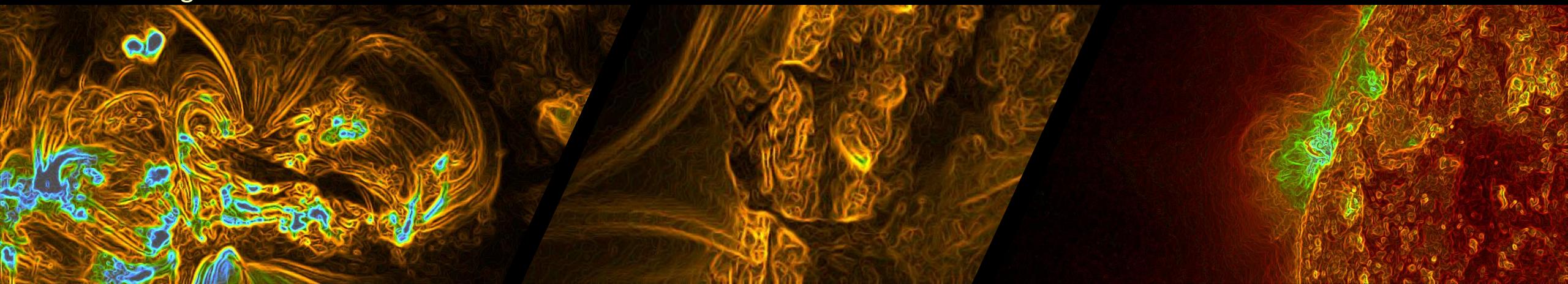


CME modelling with FRi3D in EUHFORIA using **EUI** data for input parameter estimation: twist and magnetic flux associated with a solar magnetic flux rope

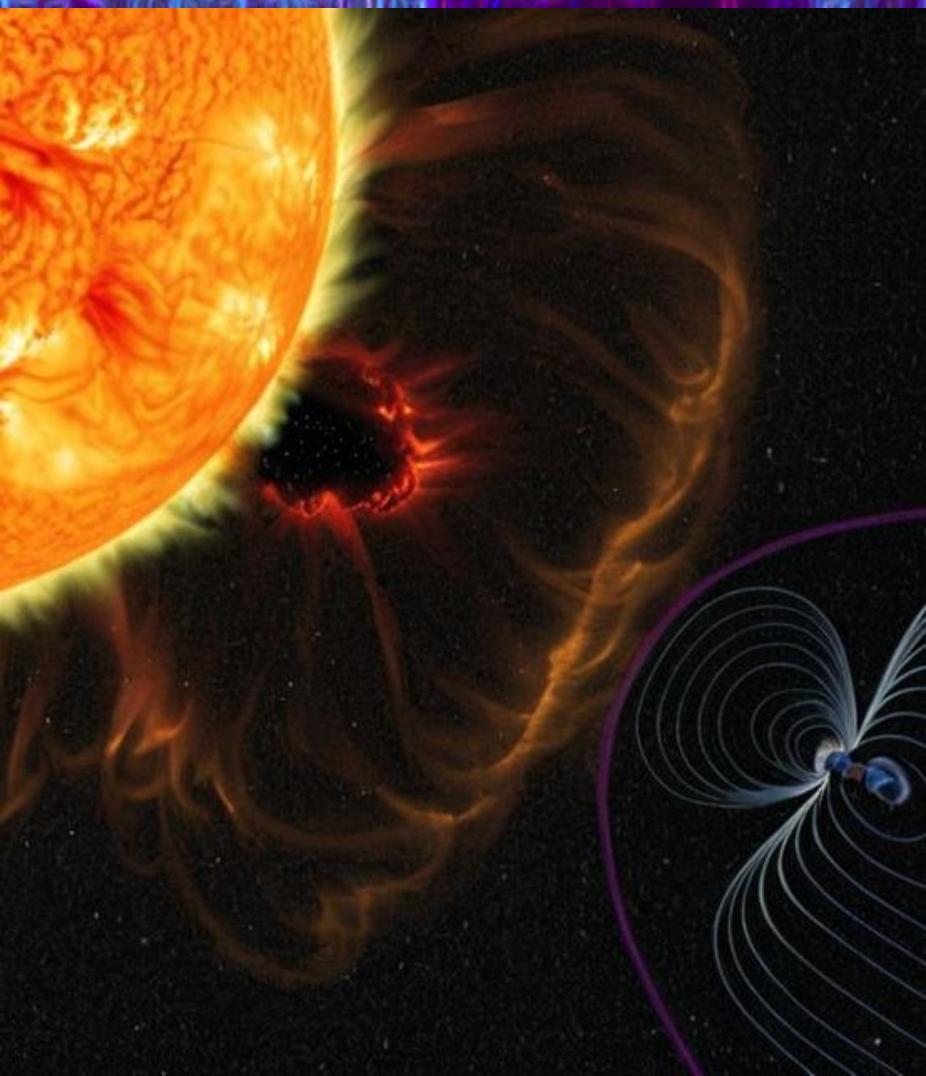
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Introduction – *Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs)*

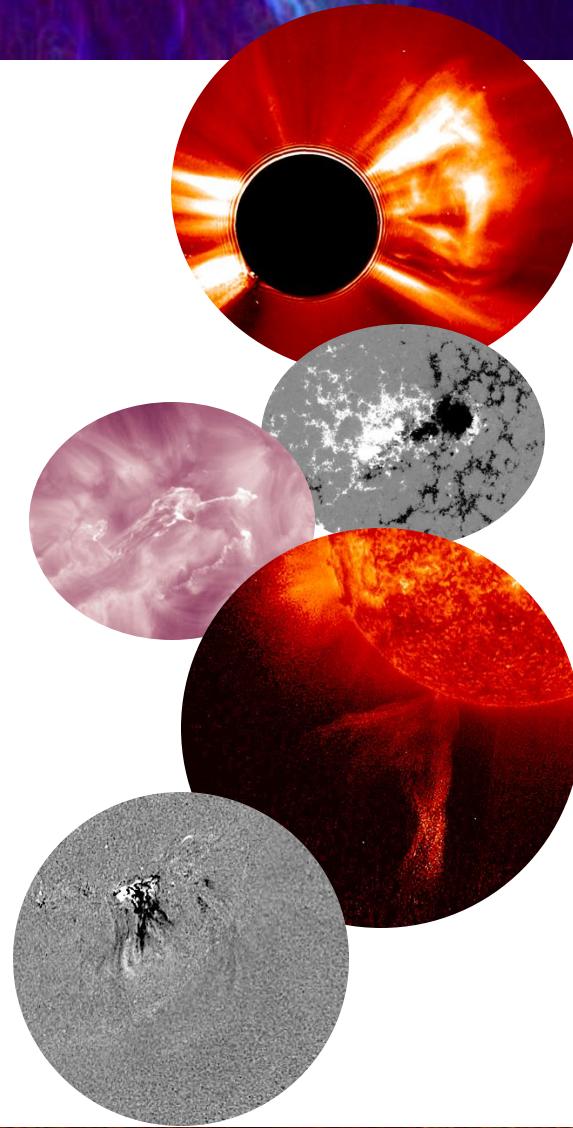


Eruptions of plasma and magnetic field from the Sun's corona.

Drivers of the most intense geomagnetic storms.

Key CME parameters for analysis: angular width, speed, direction, and magnetic field (inferred from *spacecraft* data).

Improving accuracy of space weather prediction.



Introduction – EUHFORIA

European Heliospheric FOresting Information Asset.

Pomoell & Poedts 2018.

Space weather forecasting-targeted inner heliosphere model.

Two major components

Coronal model:

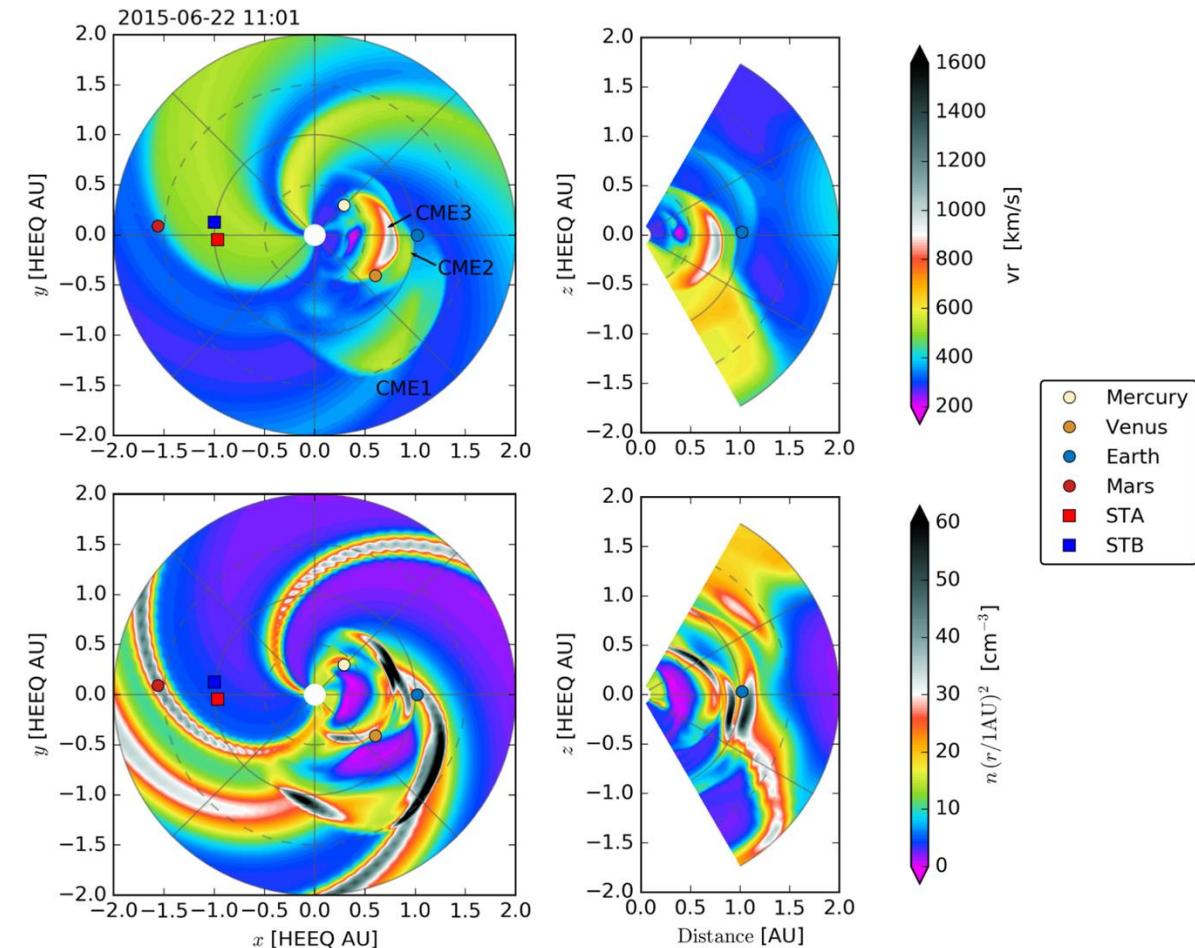
Provides data-driven solar wind plasma parameters at 0.1 AU.

Heliospheric model:

Use boundary conditions to drive a 3D time-dependent MHD model of the inner heliosphere up to 2 AU.

CMEs are injected at the inner boundary of EUHFORIA.

Different **CME models** can be implemented.

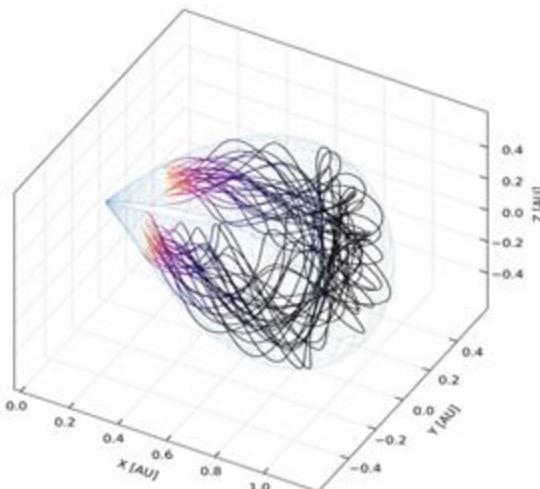


Introduction – FRi3D model

Flux rope with extended geometry.

17 CME input parameters:

- Plasma.
- Geometrical.
- Deformation.
- Magnetic field.



Total magnetic flux.

Twist.

Chirality.

Polarity.

Tilt.

Estimated from the EUV & magnetogram data.

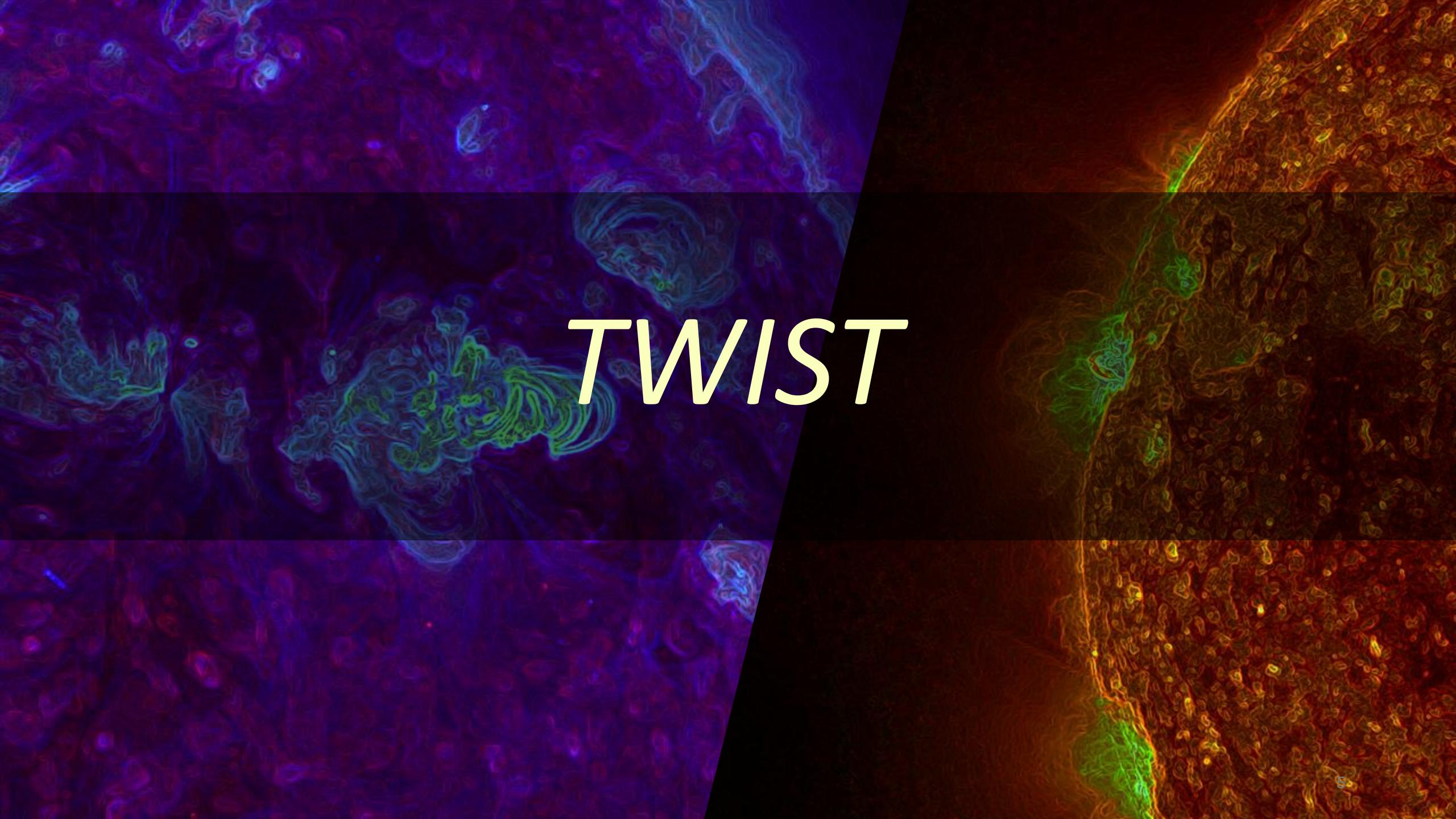
Quantifies the rotation of the magnetic field lines around its axis.

Difficult to estimate; a **default** value is often used in CME modelling.

Handedness and direction of the axis of the flux rope.

→ Obtained directly from analysis of EUV images.

Angular orientation of the CME axis.
→ Retrieved from 3D reconstruction.



TWIST

Twist – Motivation

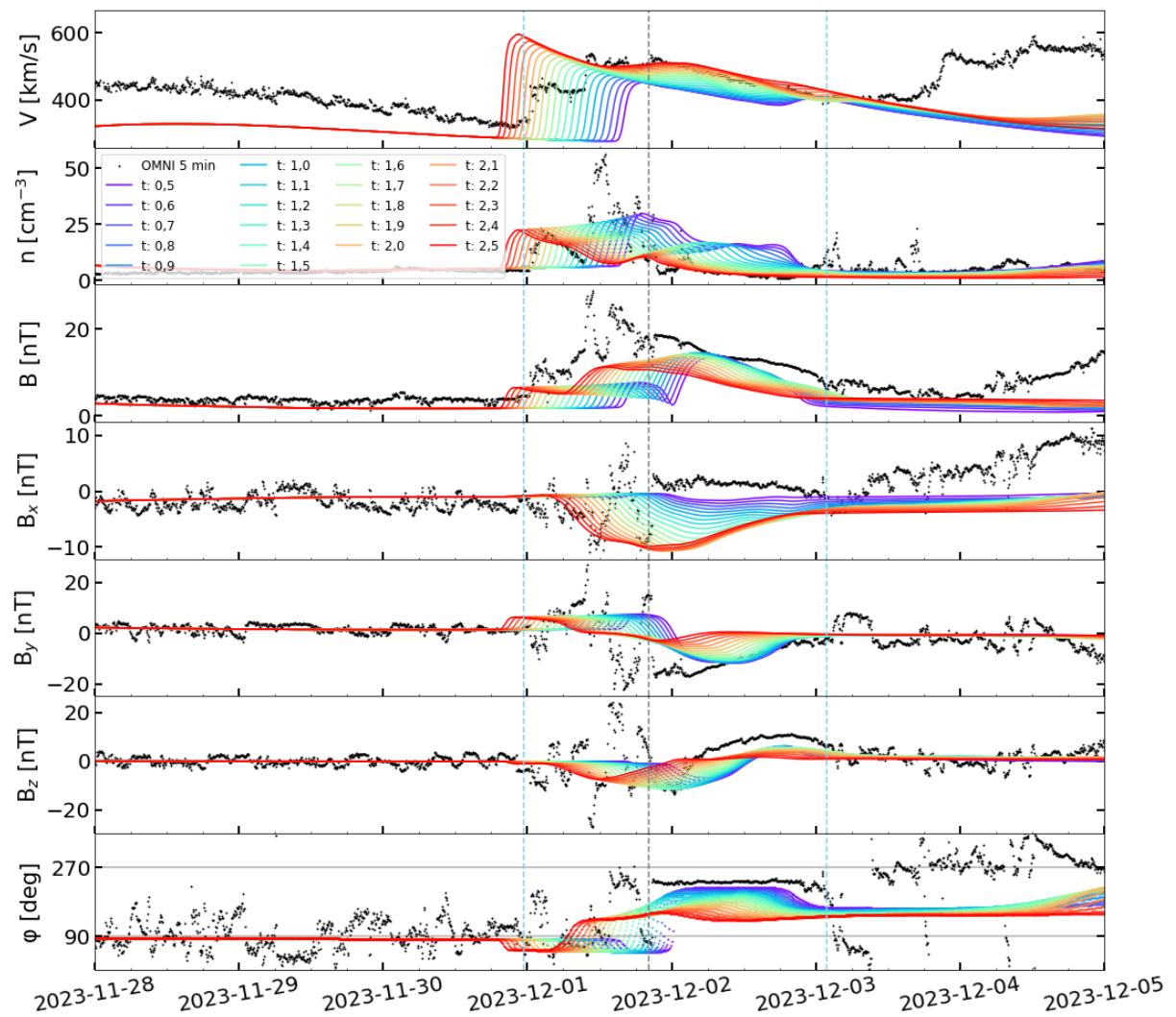
How accurate is to use a default twist value?

We performed number of runs with FRi3D for one CME event, **changing the twist** value in each run.

Results demonstrated the parameter's impact on simulation results.

Affects mainly speed & magnetic intensity.

This highlights the **importance** of having a method to **constrain** the twist.



Twist – Constraining methodology

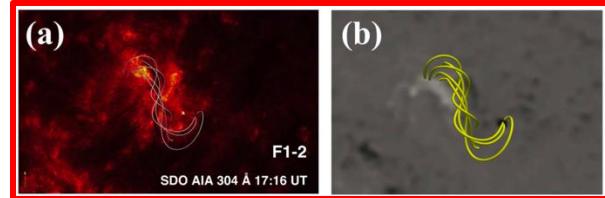
We aim for a methodology that:

- Is suitable also in operational forecasting.
- Employs data available in real-time.

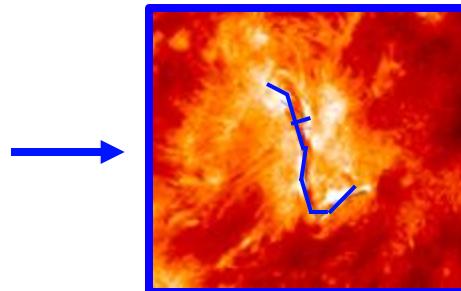
$$|T_w| = 0.26 \frac{L}{r} - 0.15$$

J. H. Guo, et al., 2021.

L & r Length & small radius of a flux rope.
3D reconstruction

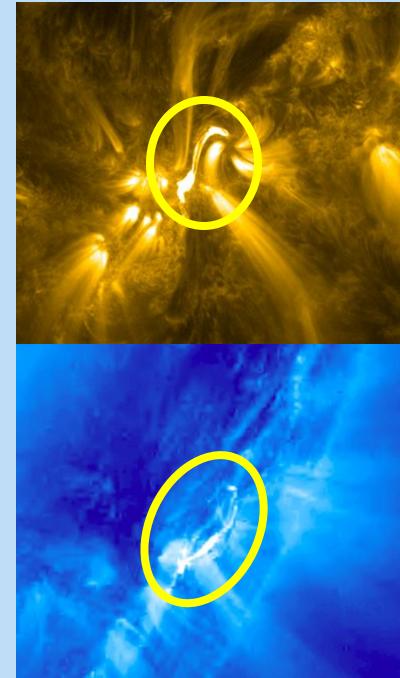


We propose to use a EUV image, i.e., **2D approach**, using the **width** instead of the small radius.

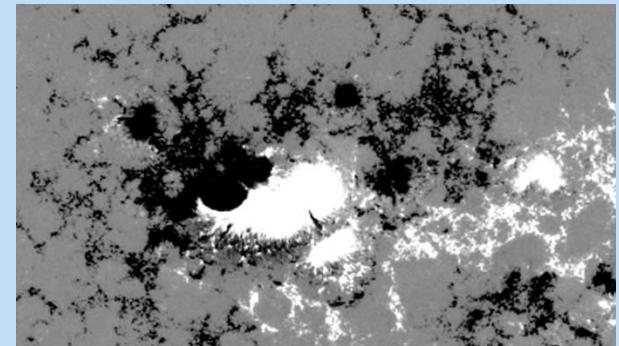


Limitations.

Projection effects.



Complexity of the region.

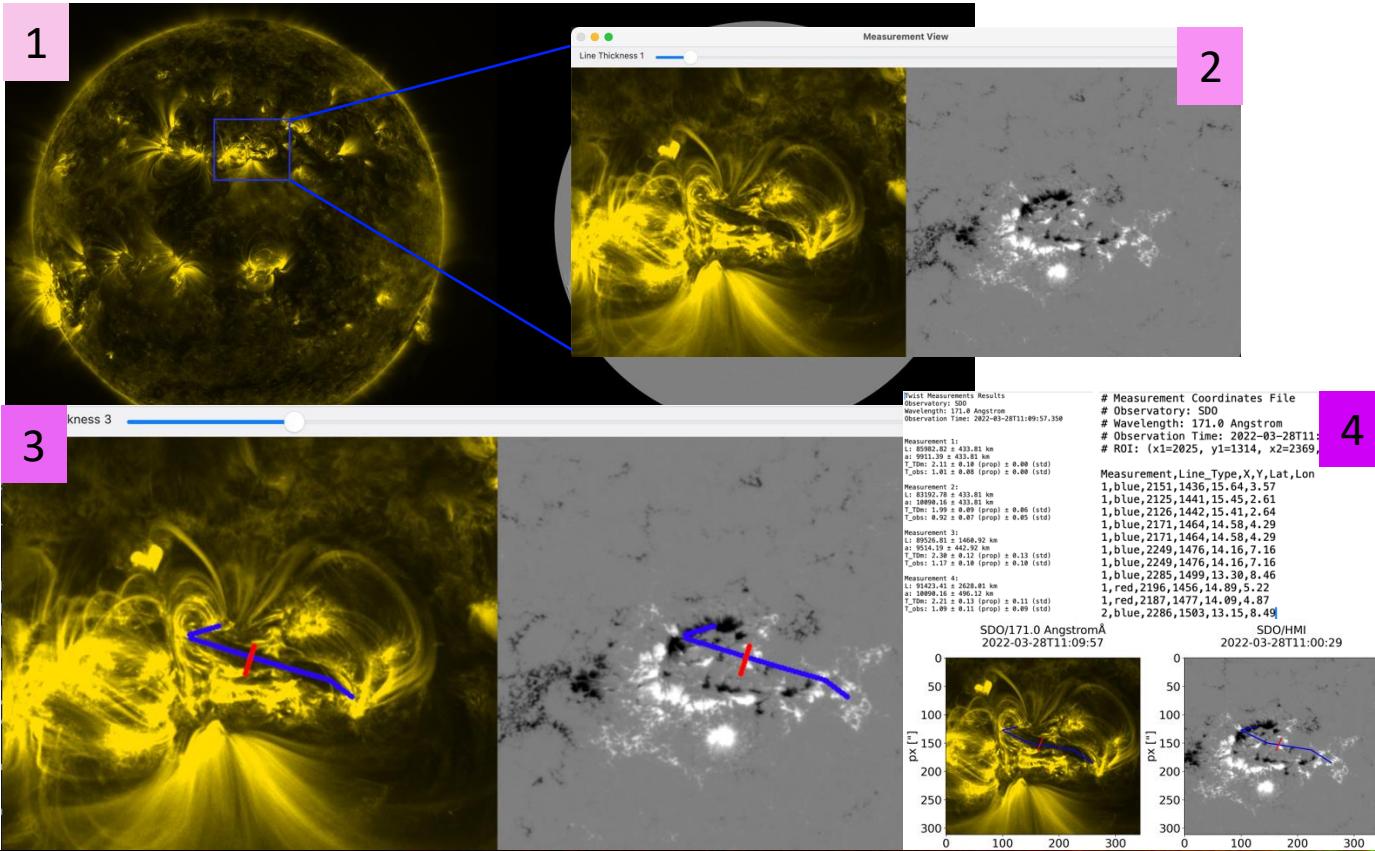


EUV wavelength.

Solar structures visible in the specific EUV image employed.

Twist – tool development

Interactive tool.



1- Region selection.

2- **Interactive** pop-up window with selected region. EUV image on the left. HMI magnetogram on the right, to help with identification of flux rope foot points.

3- Drawing of flux rope length (blue lines) & width (red line). **Measurements** can be repeated few times before closing the interactive window.

4- Saving measurements information.

Twist – Study

We measured characteristics of **34** solar flux ropes, were a CME was associated.

We used: **SoI**, **SDO** & **STEREO**.

5 measurements per event & instrument, we take the average value.

By using observations from **multiple spacecraft**, we address the **projection effect**.

CME kinematics form 3D reconstruction.



Use of coronagraph images.

No	Date [aaaa-mm-dd]	Time [UT]	Instrument	$ \overline{T_w} $ (turns)	Lon ¹ [°]	$ \overline{T_{wp}} ^2$ (turns)	\bar{L} [Km]	\bar{a} [Km]	L/a	V_{CME} [Km/s]	Flare ³	AR ⁴
1	2012-07-12	16:10	AIA 171 Å	1.93 ± 0.11	0	1.93	141472	17749	8	1335	X	$\beta\gamma$
2	2014-09-10	17:18	AIA 171 Å	1.28 ± 0.06	5	1.28	112352	20521	5	1136	X	$\beta\gamma\delta$
3	2020-12-07	14:33	AIA 171 Å	2.77 ± 0.49	8	2.90	58327	5213	11	1179	C	α
4	2021-10-28	15:24	AIA 171 Å	2.77 ± 0.24	0	2.77	119623	10744	11	1078	X	$\beta\gamma$
5	2022-01-29	20:50	AIA 171 Å	2.15 ± 0.32	0	2.10	61437	6998	9	671	M	$\beta\gamma\delta$
		20:50	EUVI 171 Å	1.63 ± 0.22	28		55887	8288	7			
		20:52	EUI 174 Å	1.80 ± 0.40	12		61941	8703	7			
6	2022-02-06	12:04	AIA 171 Å	2.89 ± 0.43	2	2.90	255524	22302	11	650	C	β
		12:02	EUVI 195 Å	2.31 ± 0.37	36		239944	25646	9			
		12:02	EUI 174 Å	2.47 ± 0.41	21		264895	26600	10			
7	2022-03-28	11:09	AIA 171 Å	2.13 ± 0.13	5	2.13	87853	10020	9	636	M	$\beta\gamma$
		11:09	EUVI 171 Å	1.59 ± 0.31	40		71446	10775	7			
		11:10	EUI 174 Å	1.31 ± 0.37	80		71177	13075	5			
8	2022-03-28	18:48	AIA 171 Å	1.84 ± 0.14	9	1.95	57352	7493	8	836	M	$\beta\gamma$
		18:45	EUVI 195 Å	1.41 ± 0.22	44		53444	8901	6			
9	2023-10-16	10:50	AIA 171 Å	1.93 ± 0.18	49	2.63	103126	13192	8	787	C	α
		10:51	EUVI 1795 Å	1.63 ± 0.42	53		98573	14790	7			
		10:50	EUI 174 Å	2.50 ± 0.43	7		125142	12571	10			
10	2023-11-27	18:14	AIA 171 Å	3.07 ± 0.56	15	3.63	192583	15892	12	540	C	α
		18:15	EUVI 195 Å	2.90 ± 0.38	21		209885	18066	12			
		18:13	EUI 174 Å	3.46 ± 0.44	5		236521	17439	14			
11	2023-11-27	23:00	AIA 171 Å	3.78 ± 0.41	47	4.59	647844	43276	15	1000	-	-
		23:00	EUVI 195 Å	3.37 ± 0.18	55		622676	43245	14			
		23:00	EUI 174 Å	3.86 ± 0.39	33		683017	44828	15			
12	2023-11-28	19:13	AIA 171 Å	1.98 ± 0.57	0	1.98	118057	14815	8	791	M	$\beta\gamma$
		19:13	EUVI 171 Å	1.8 ± 0.3	5		121735	16621	7			
		19:13	EUI 174 Å	1.54 ± 0.41	12		115459	18833	6			
13	2024-01-02	18:11	AIA 171 Å	1.86 ± 0.35	52	2.79	81371	10712	8	510	M	$\beta\gamma$
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		18:11	EUI 174 Å	2.07 ± 0.2	36		87444	10442	8			
14	2024-01-09	20:09	AIA 171 Å	1.69 ± 0.17	72	2.66	102193	14574	7	717	-	-
		20:09	EUVI 171 Å	1.38 ± 0.15	82		127898	21913	6			
		20:11	EUI 174 Å	1.84 ± 0.4	53		118091	15601	8			
							09:01	EUI 1/4 Å	2.15 ± 0.26	29		
20	2025-01-21	09:39	AIA 171 Å	2.43 ± 0.24	25		206537	20953	10	760	M	$\beta\gamma$
		09:38	EUVI 171 Å	2.22 ± 0.72	53		159198	17971	9			
		09:36	EUI 174 Å	2.83 ± 0.44	6		259151	22708	11			
21	2025-01-22	10:37	AIA 171 Å	2.33 ± 0.25	11	2.68	135363	14356	9	572	M	$\beta\gamma$
		10:38	EUVI 171 Å	1.99 ± 0.30	17		138659	17154	8			
		10:37	EUI 174 Å	1.61 ± 0.55	30		138436	20812	7			

¹ Absolute longitude relative to the spacecraft.

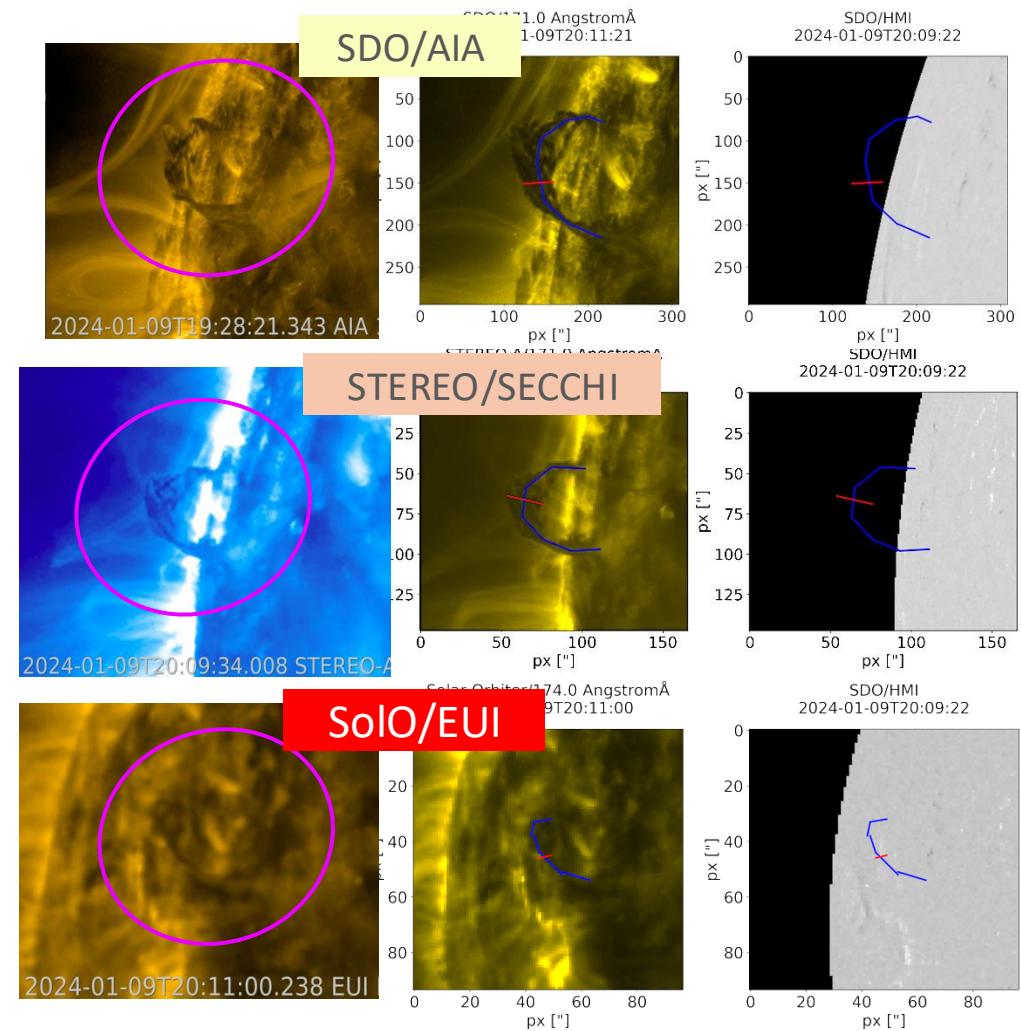
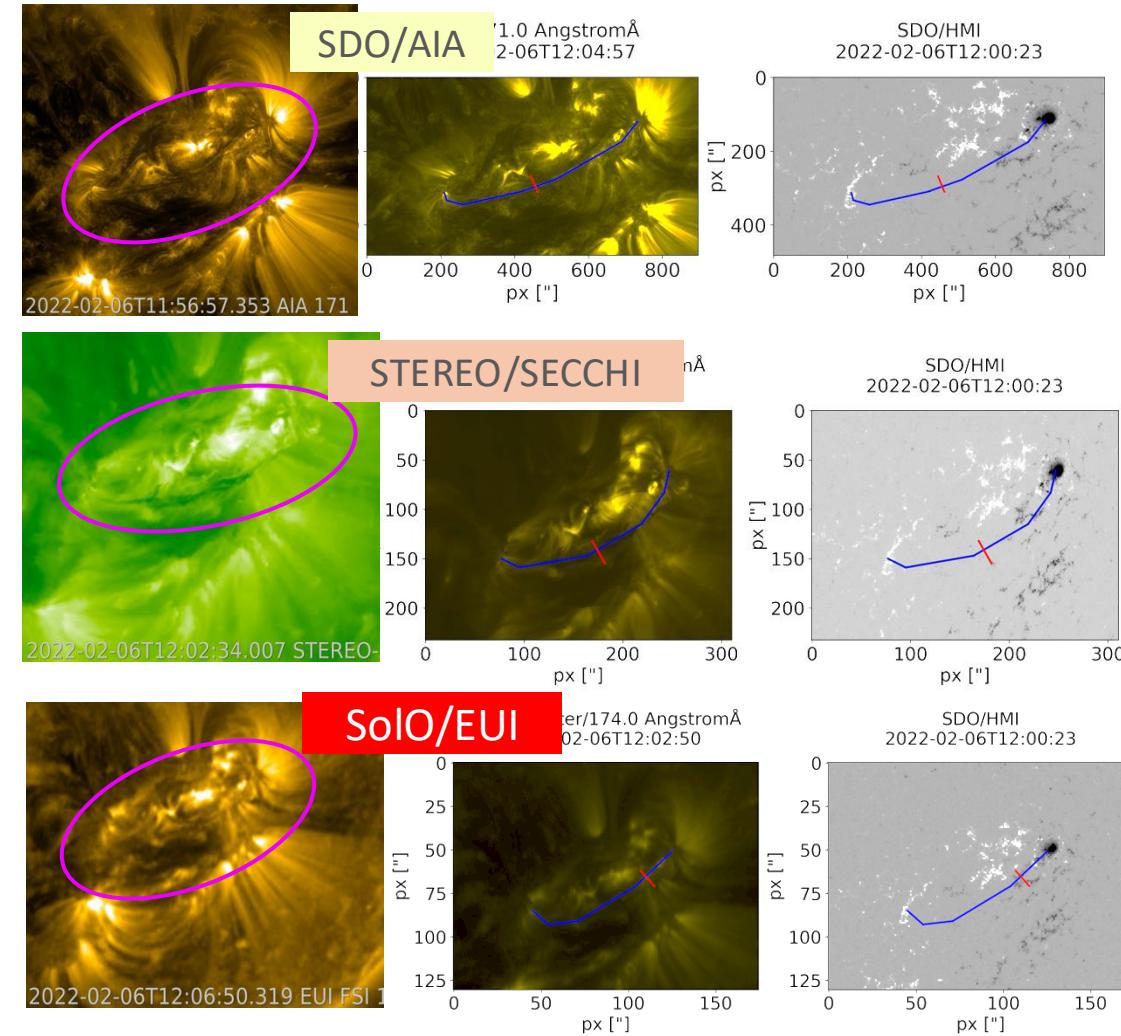
² Average twist value de-projected to the central meridian.

³ Flare class.

⁴ Hale classification.

Twist – Study

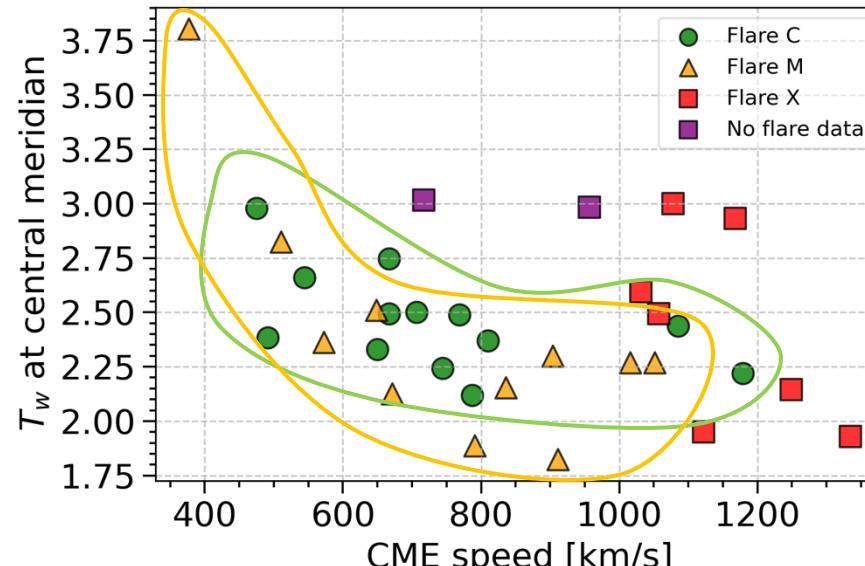
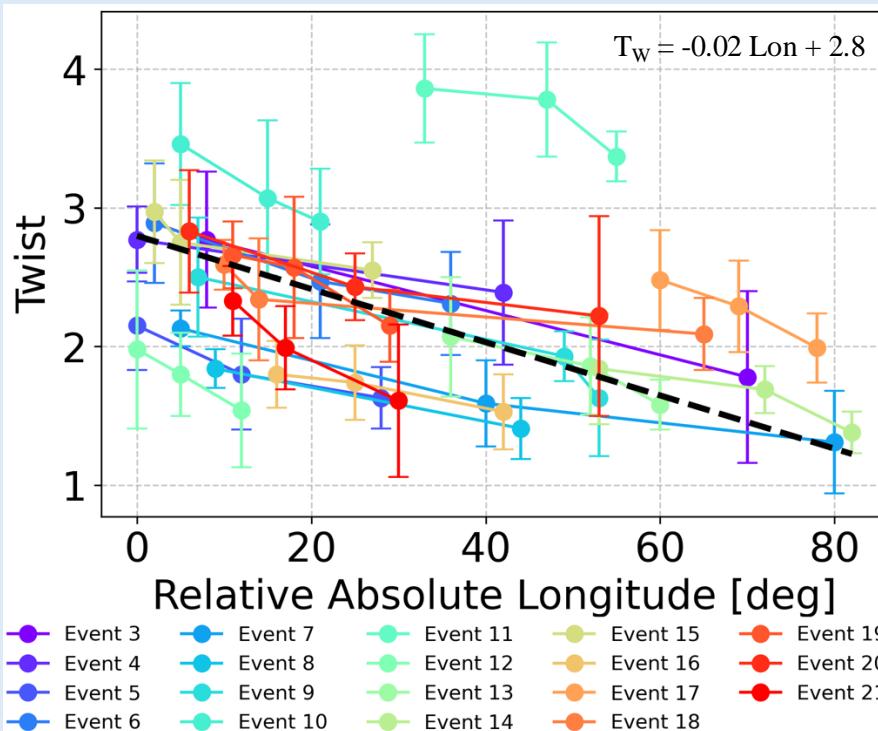
Examples.



Twist – Study

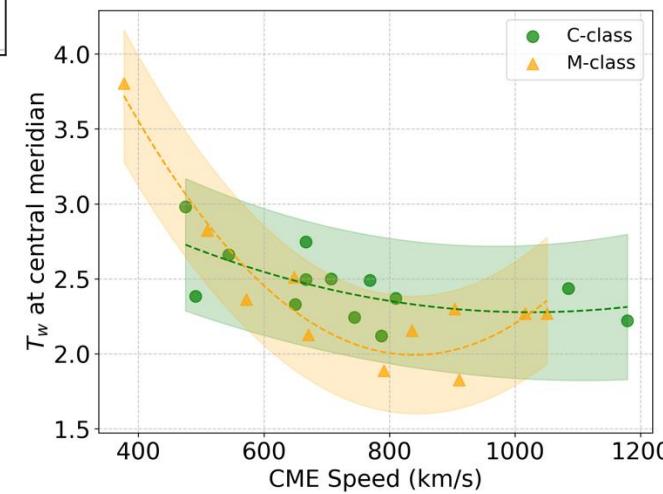
Coherent dependence of twist with relative longitude of the event.

The twist value decreases closer to the limb.

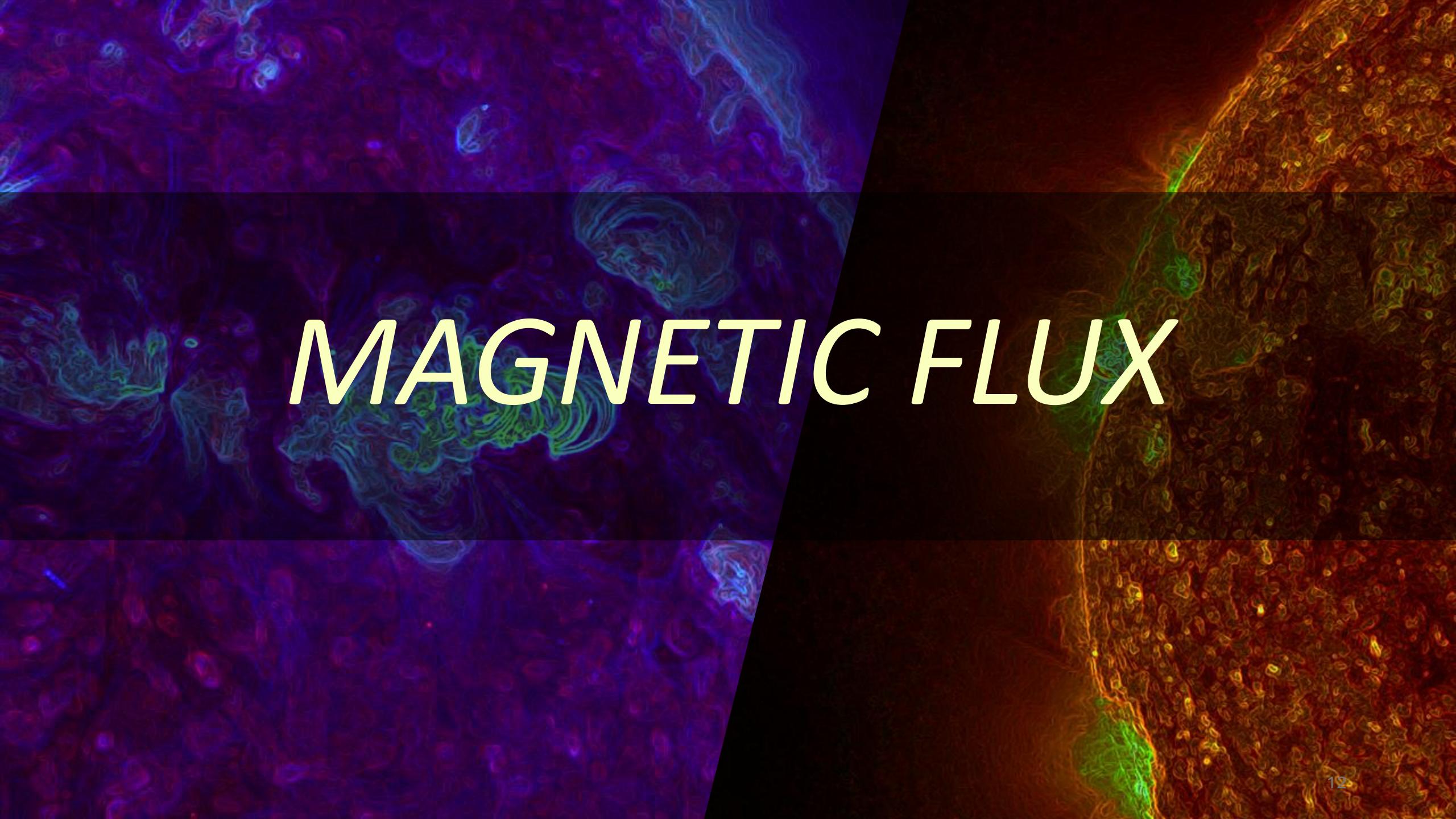


Subgroups showing different behaviour?

Data suggest a relationship between T_w and CME speed, in particular for events associated to C-class and M-class flares subgroups.



No conclusive relation for events associated to X-class flares.

The background of the image is a complex, swirling pattern of magnetic field lines. The lines are primarily in shades of purple, blue, and green, set against a dark, almost black, background. The pattern is dense and organic, resembling a celestial nebula or a microscopic view of a fluid. In the lower right quadrant, there is a distinct vertical band of color, transitioning from dark red at the bottom to bright yellow and green at the top, suggesting a different physical phenomenon or a different part of the same system.

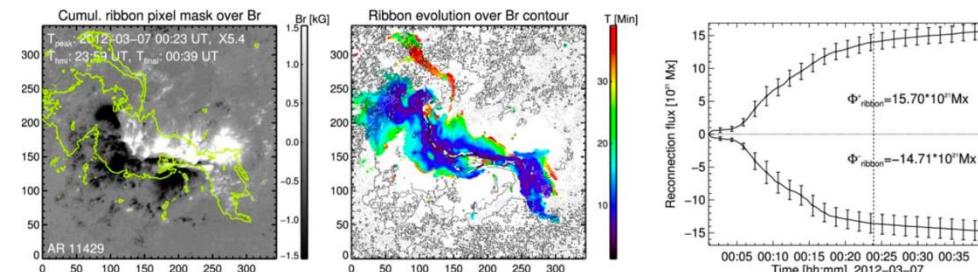
MAGNETIC FLUX

Magnetic flux – Constraining methodology

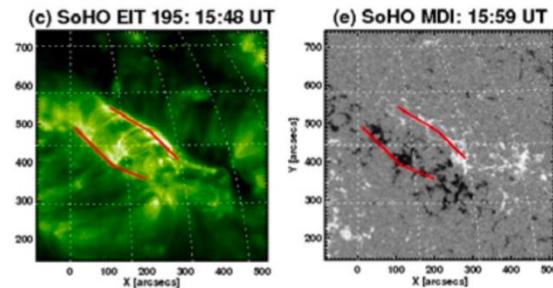
Reconnection flux can be equated to the **poloidal flux** of the flux rope.

Estimation:

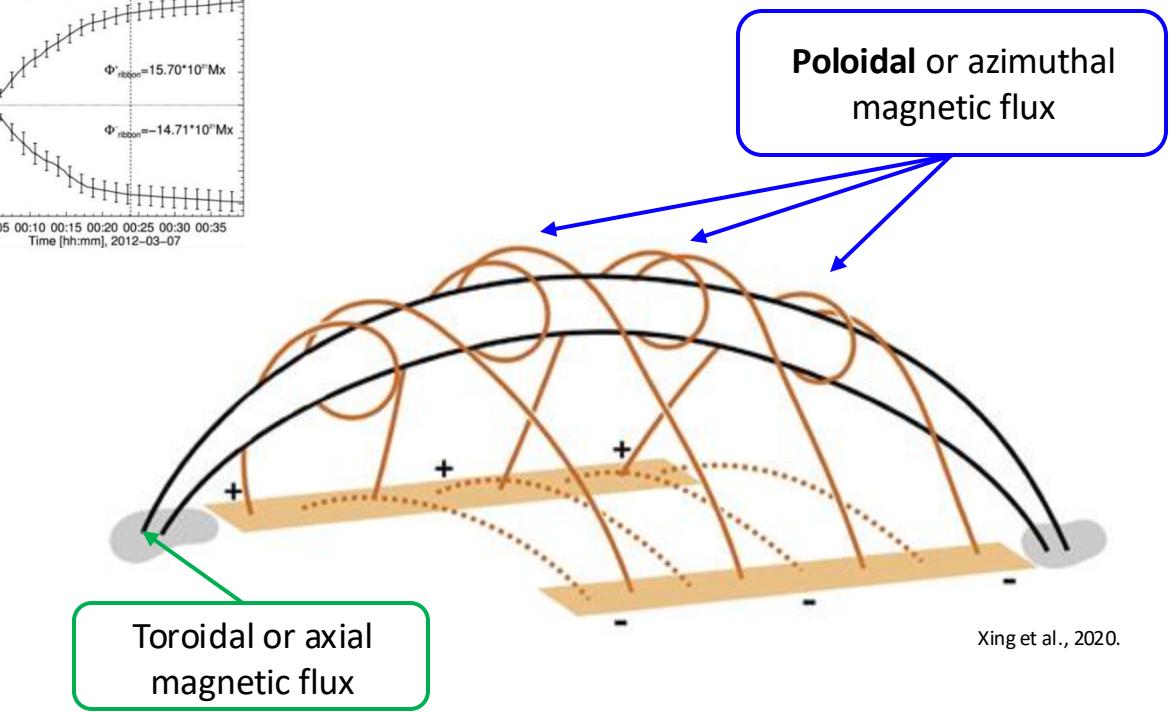
→ Ribbon method.



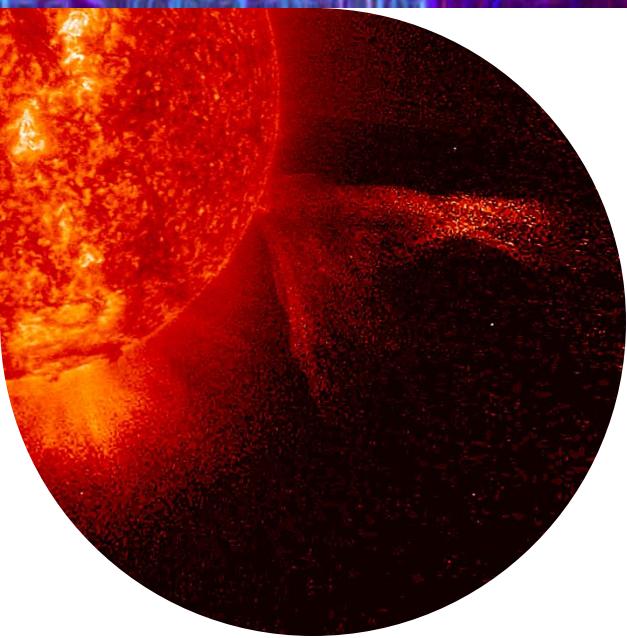
→ PEA (Post-Eruption Arcades) method.



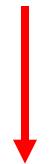
Gopalswamy et al., 2017.



Magnetic flux – Constraining methodology



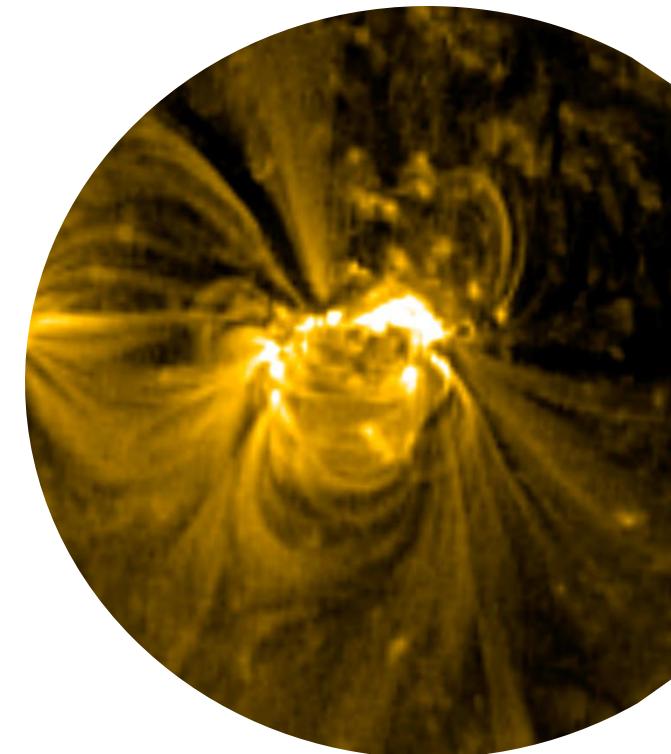
Contrary to Ribbon method, **PEA method** does not need data with high cadence.



1 EUV file.
1 magnetogram file.

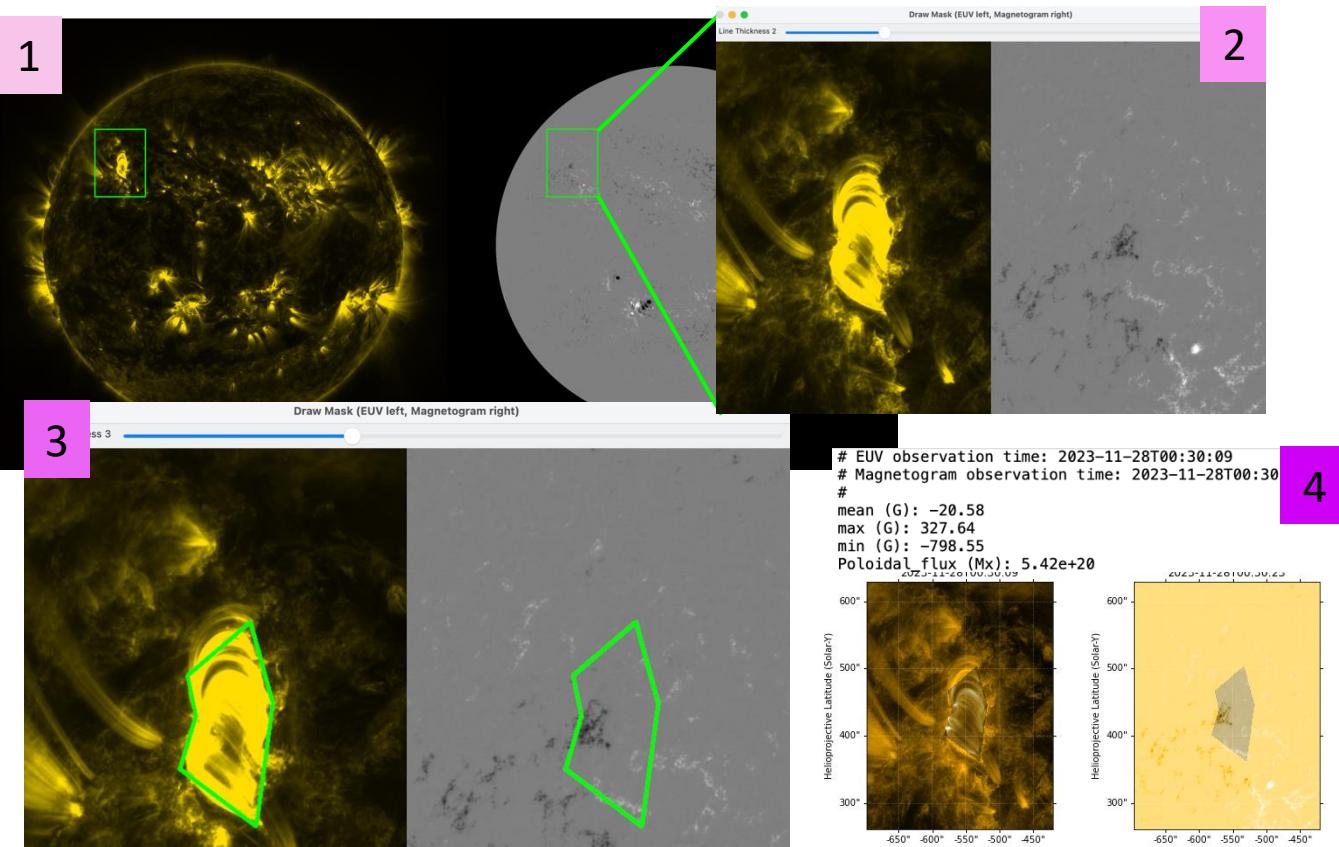
Better for the forecasting workflow.

SolO data can be used →
EUI + PHI



Magnetic flux – tool development

Interactive tool.



1- Region selection.

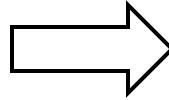
2- Interactive pop-up window with selected region. **EUV** image on the left. **Magnetogram** on the right.

3- Drawing the PEA region to create a mask that will be used to **calculate** the poloidal magnetic flux **from the magnetogram**.

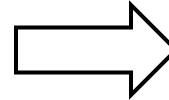
4- Saving measurements information.

Magnetic flux – Implementation

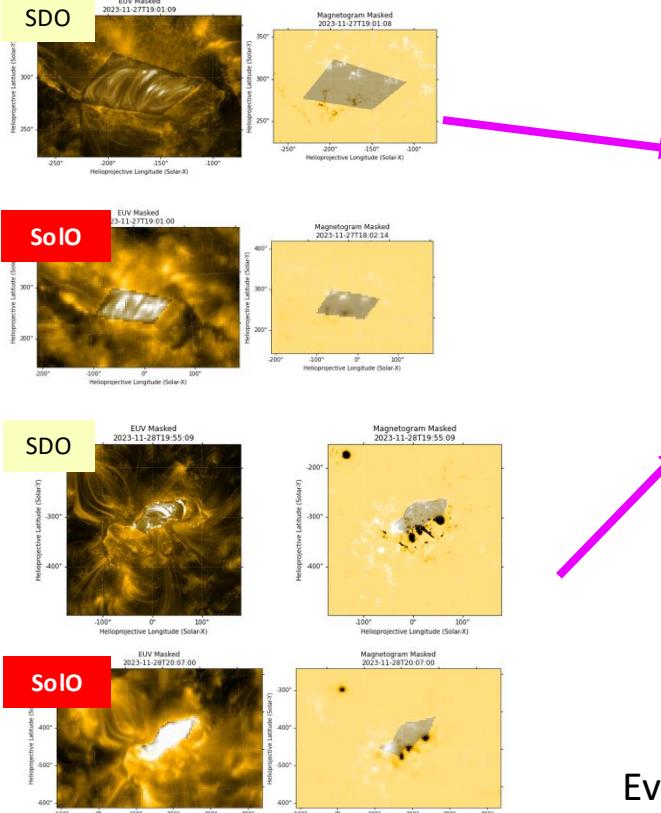
Developed python code to calculate
poloidal flux with SDO.



Adapt the code to use it
with Solo.



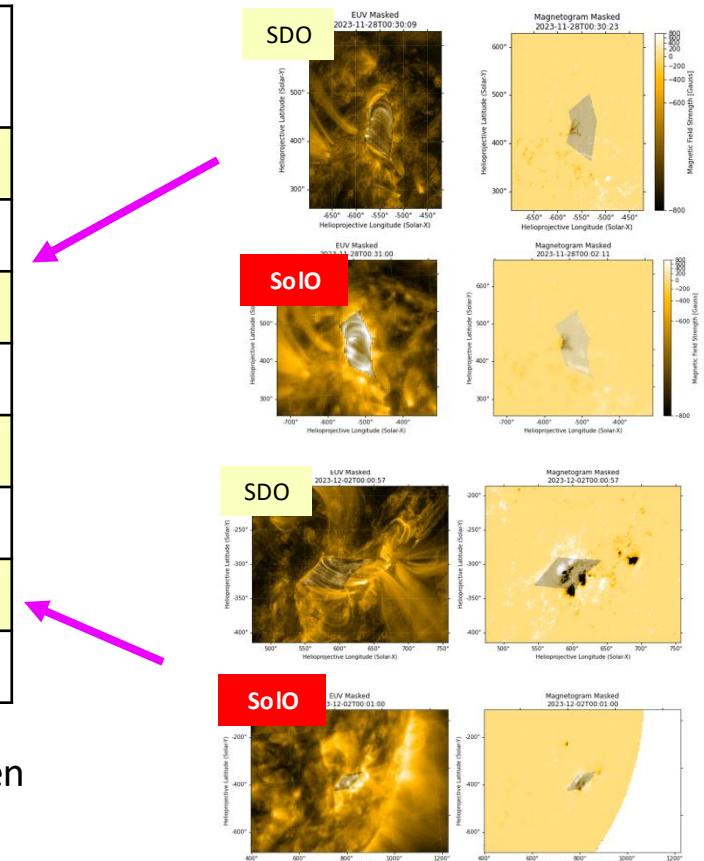
Validation.



Date	Spacecraft	Poloidal magnetic flux [Mx]
2023-11-27	SDO	$0.490e^{21}$
	Solo	$0.496e^{21}$
2023-11-28	SDO	$0.542e^{21}$
	Solo	$0.562e^{21}$
2023-11-28	SDO	$1.62e^{21}$
	Solo	$1.49e^{21}$
2023-12-02	SDO	$1.65e^{21}$
	Solo	$1.14e^{21}$

Events where spacecraft
have a **similar FOV**.

Separation angle between
SDO & Solo ~ 11 deg.



Summary & Conclusions

- Is important to **constrain** the twist parameter and not relying on a default value for CME modelling.
- We adapted a formula that estimates twist from the ratio L/a for use with a ratio derived from an **EUV image & we developed a tool** to apply the methodology.
- We **developed a tool** to estimate **magnetic flux** from the PEA method for magnetized CME models, using **EUI & PHI data**.
- We studied the ***twist*** for **34 flux rope** events, observed with SDO, **SolO (EUI)** & STEREO.
- **Projection effect:** Twist measurements show a consistent dependence on the structure's projection, regardless of the spatial resolution of the instruments used.
- Data suggests a relationship between **T_w** and **CME speed**, in particular for **C-class** and **M-class** flare subgroups.

THANK YOU!!

