

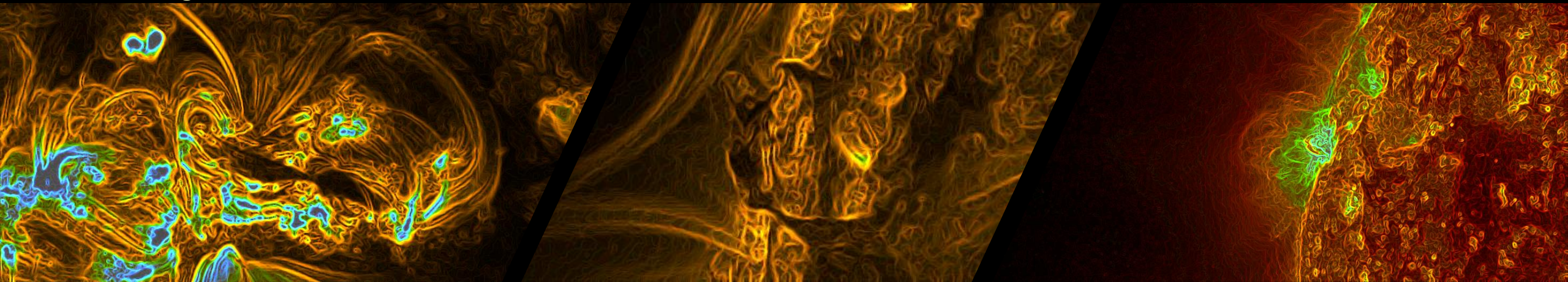
CME modelling with FRi3D in EUHFORIA using **EUI** data for
input parameter estimation: twist and magnetic flux
associated with a solar magnetic flux rope

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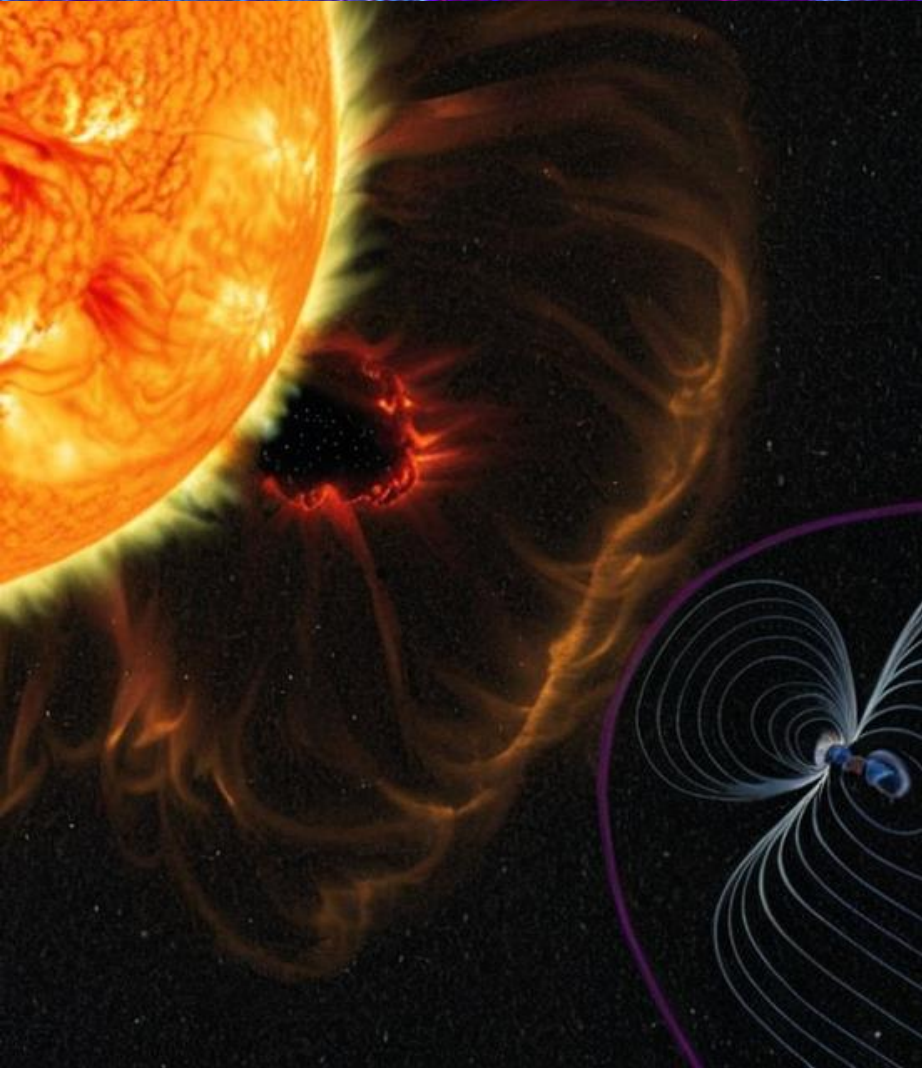


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Introduction – *Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs)*

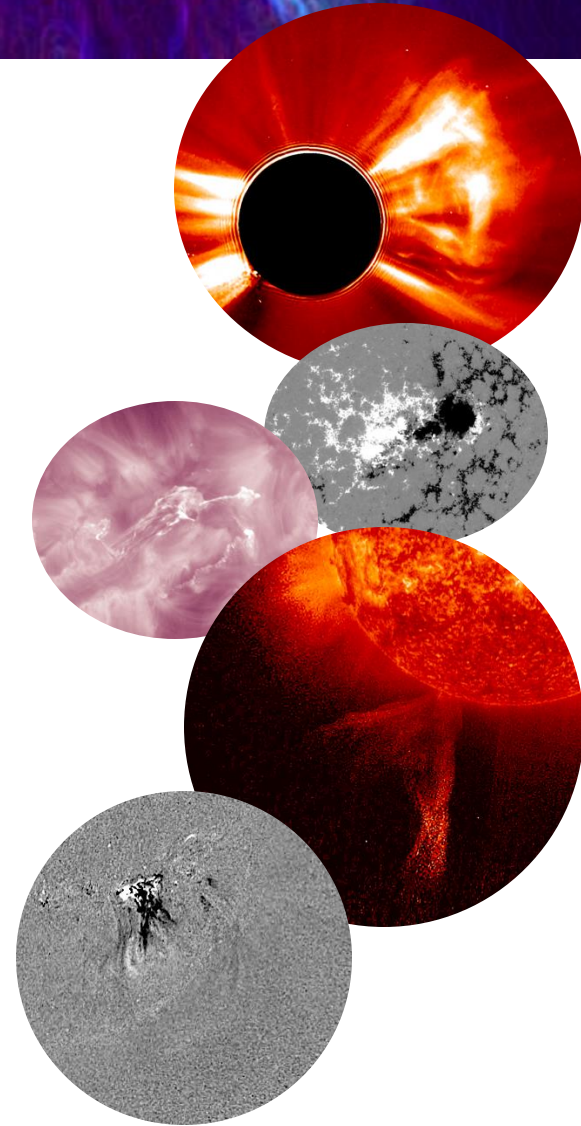


Eruptions of plasma and magnetic field from the Sun's corona.

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 FORecasting Information Asset.

Pomoell & Poedts 2018.

Space weather forecasting-targeted inner heliosphere model.

Two major components

Coronal model:

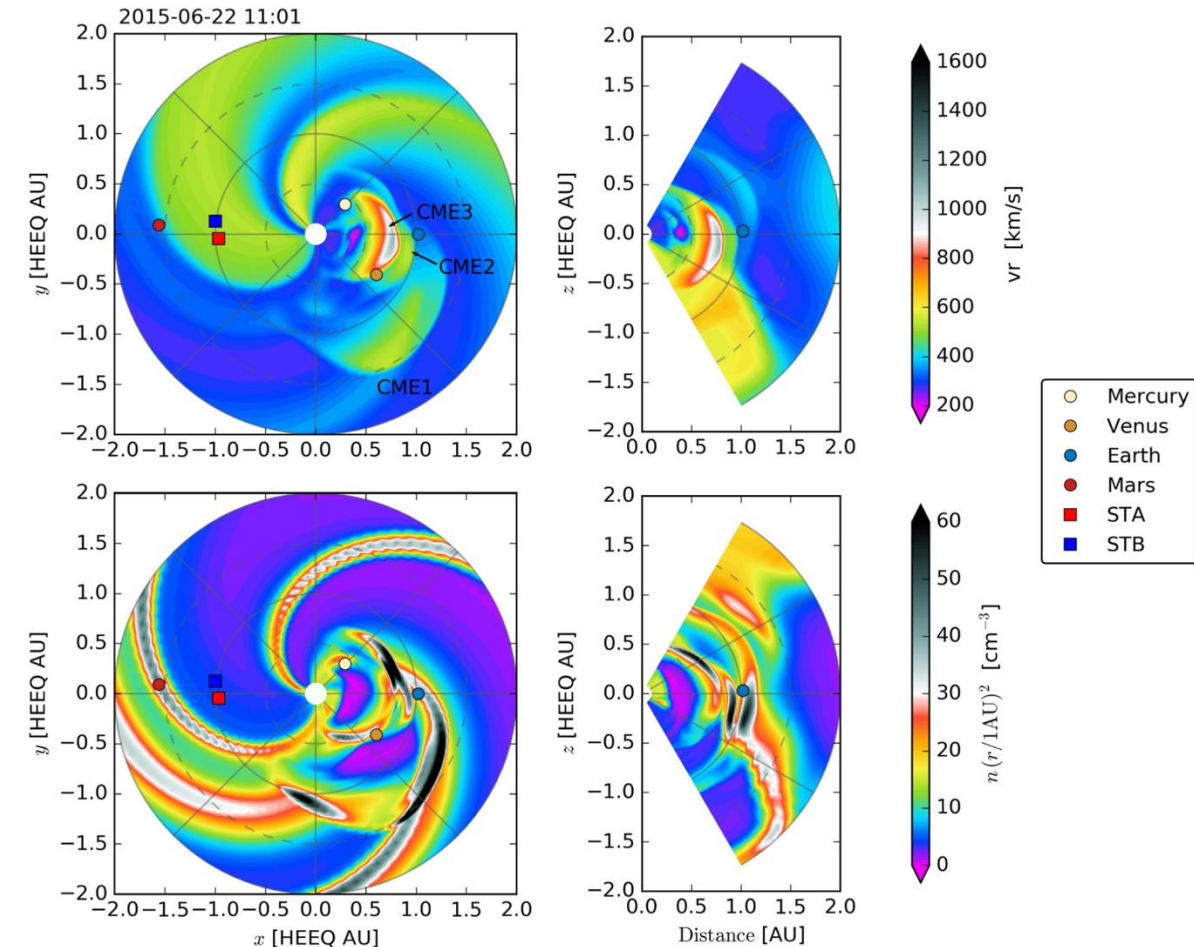
Provides data-driven solar wind plasma parameters at 0.1 AU.

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.

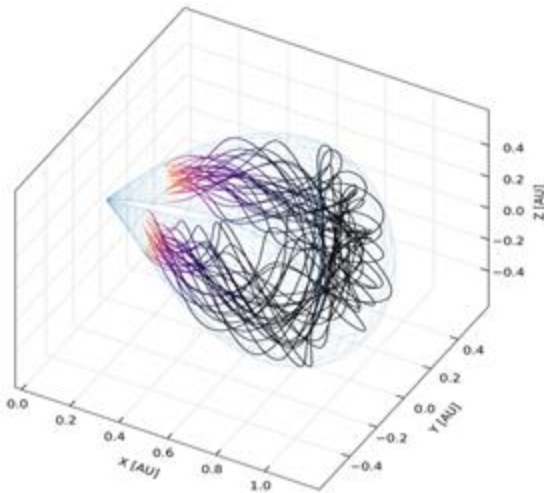


Introduction – FRi3D model

Flux rope with extended geometry.

17 CME input parameters:

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



Total magnetic flux.

Estimated from the EUV & magnetogram data.

Twist.

Quantifies the rotation of the magnetic field lines around its axis.
Difficult to estimate; a **default** value is often used in CME modelling.

Chirality.

Polarity.

Tilt.

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*

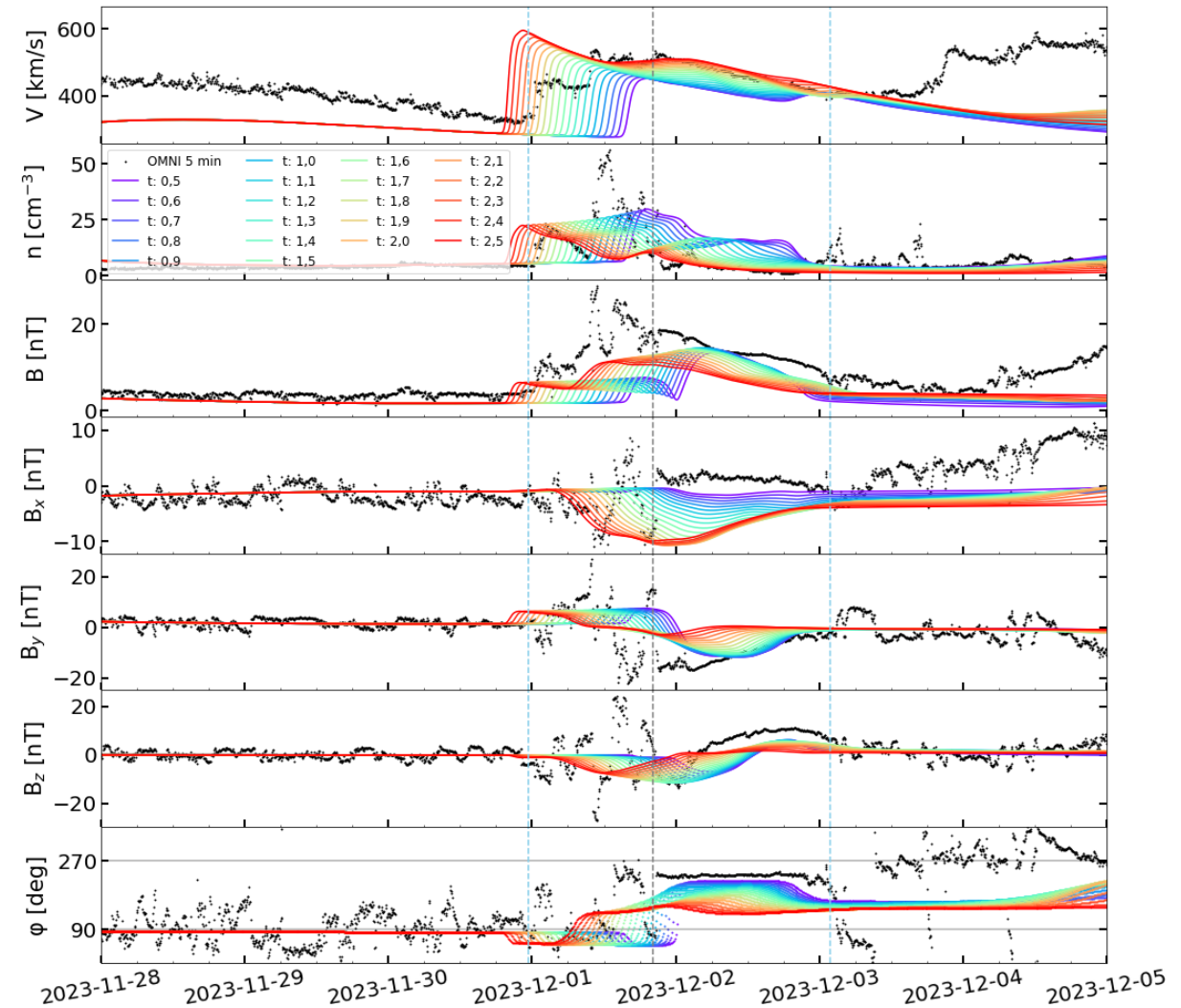
How accurate is to use a default twist value?

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.

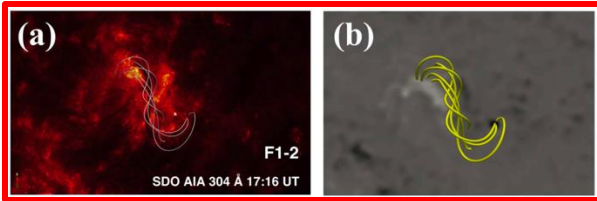
$$|T_w| = 0.26 \frac{L}{r} - 0.15$$

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

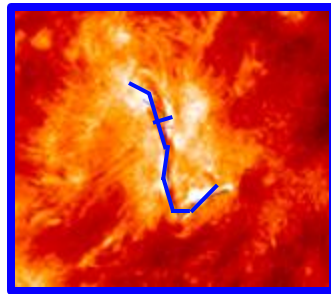
L & r

Length & small
radius of a flux
rope.

3D reconstruction

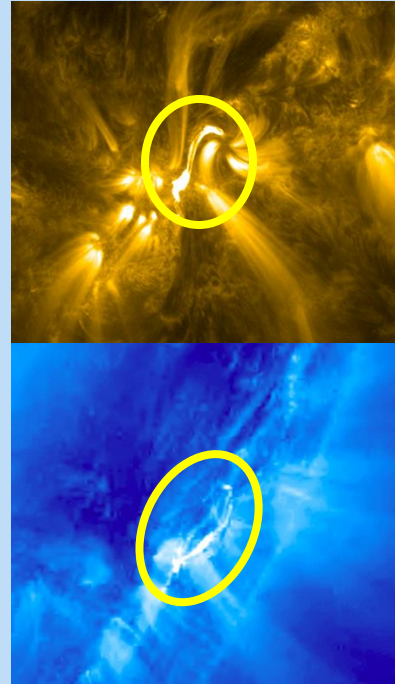


We propose to use a EUV image, i.e., **2D approach**, using the **width** instead of the small radius.

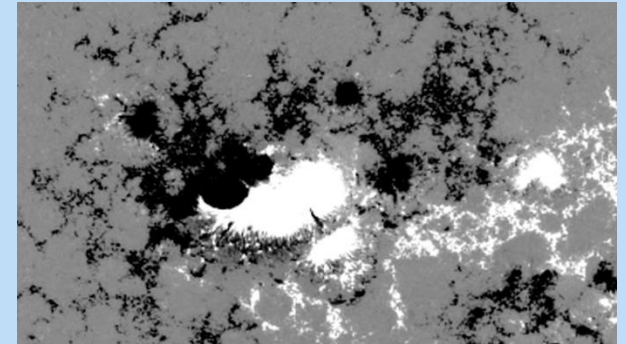


Limitations.

Projection effects.



Complexity of the region.

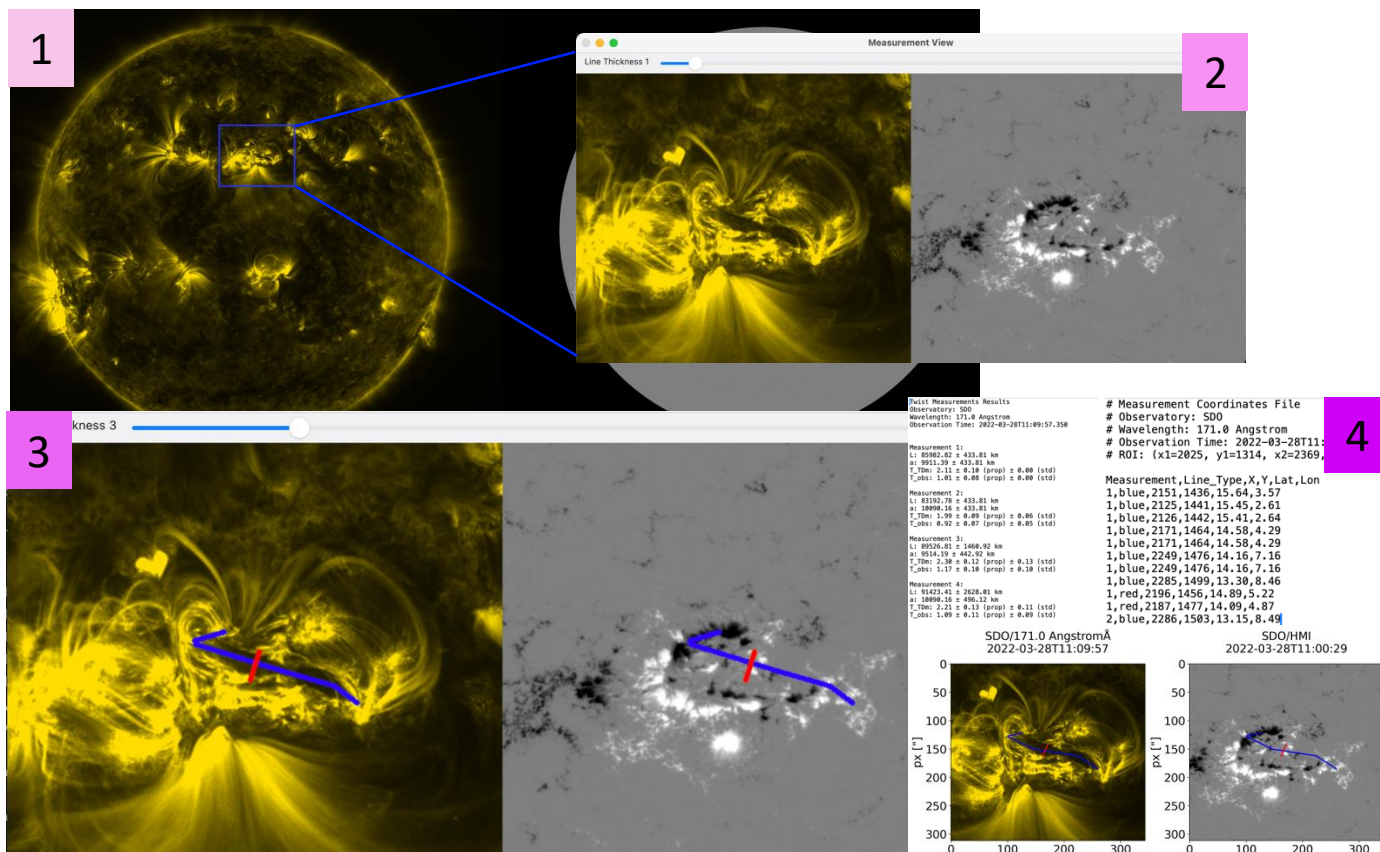


EUV wavelength.

Solar structures visible in the specific EUV image employed.

Twist – *tool development*

Interactive tool.



1- Region selection.

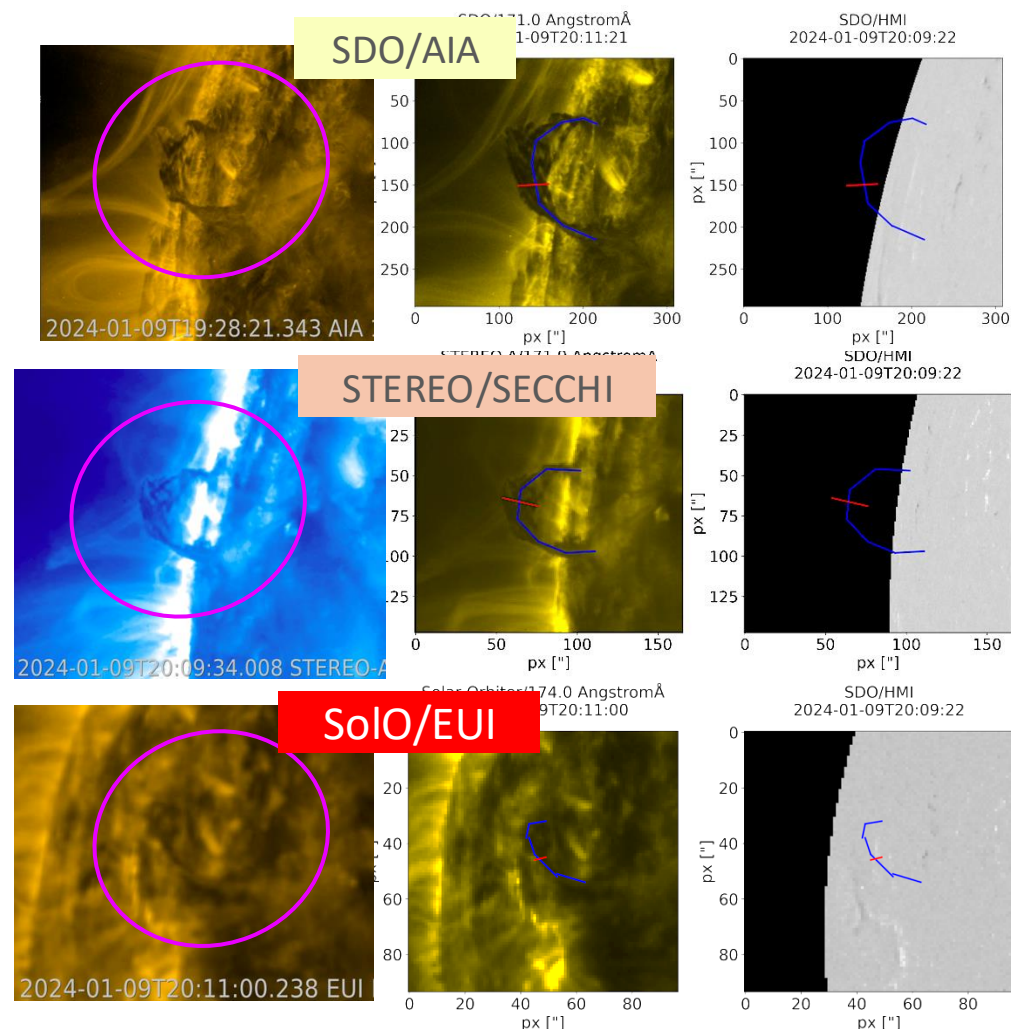
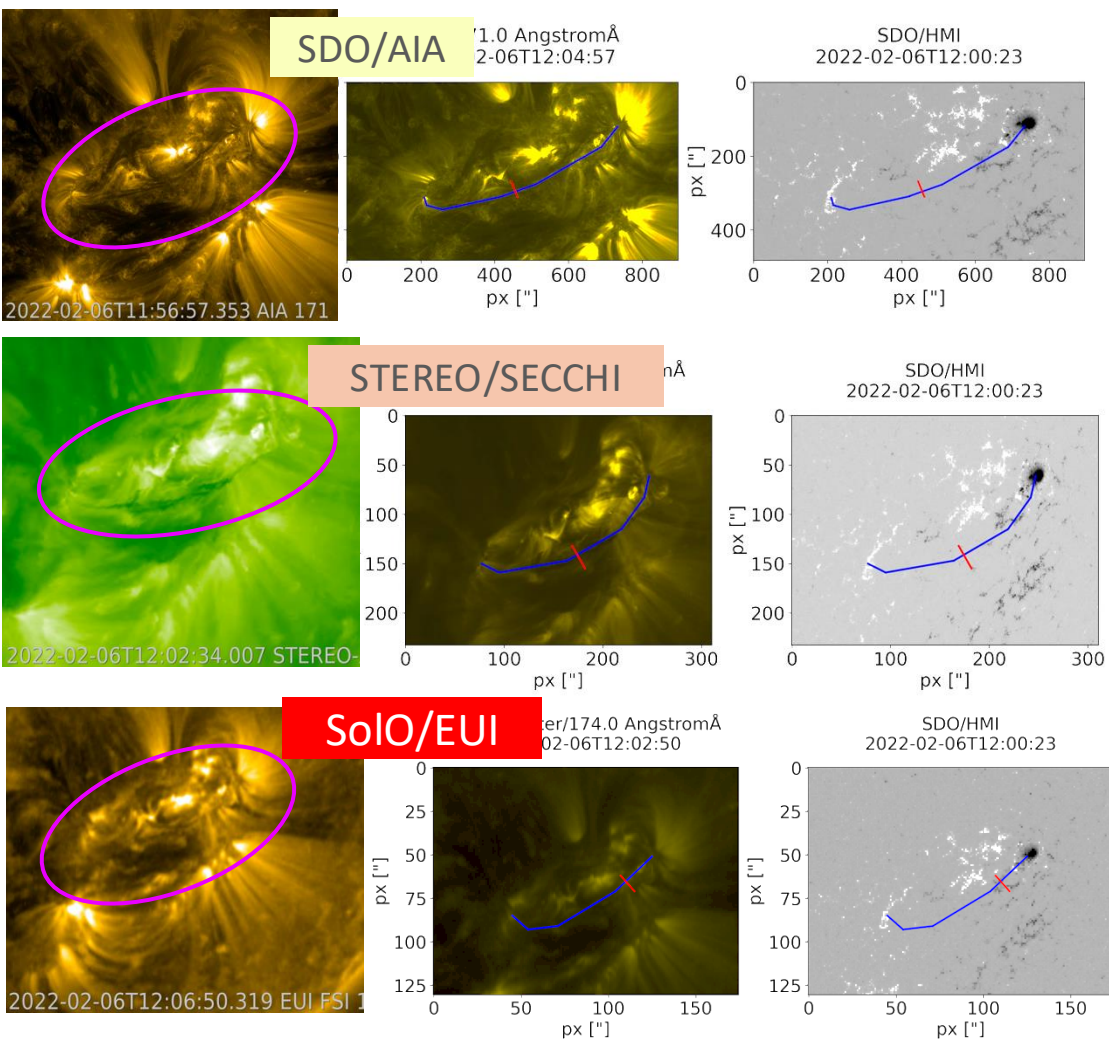
2- **Interactive** pop-up window with selected region. **EUV** image on the left. HMI **magnetogram** on the right, to help with identification of flux rope foot points.

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*

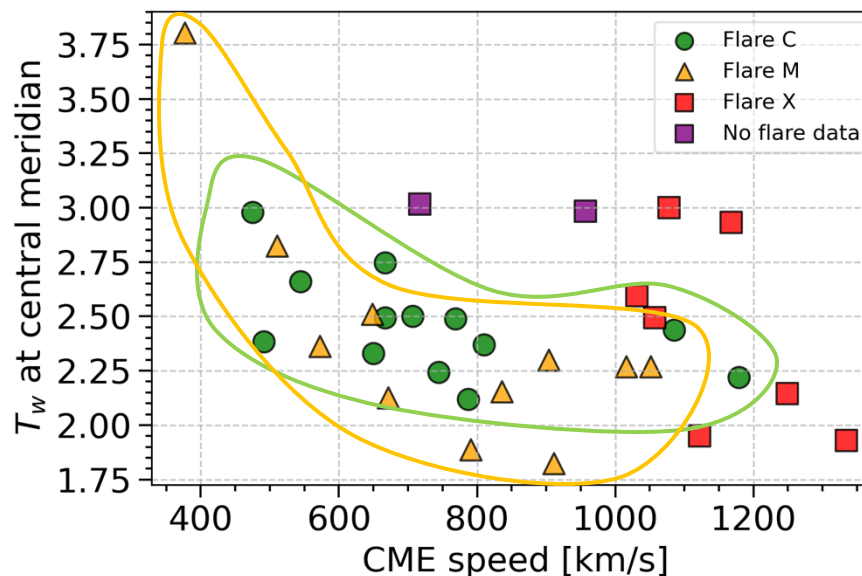
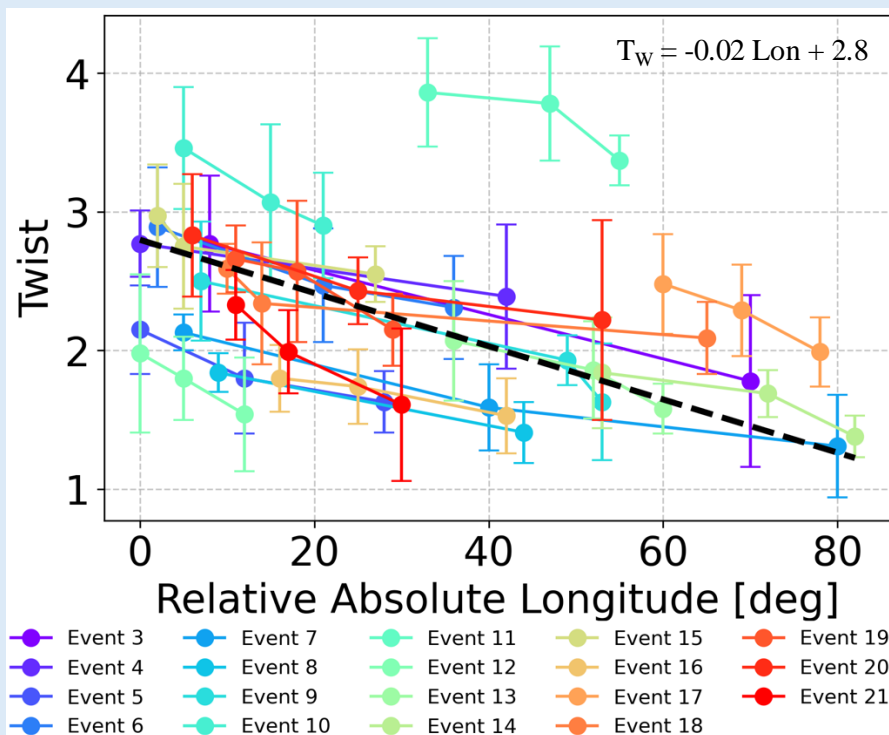
Examples.



Twist – *Study*

Coherent dependence of twist with relative longitude of the event.

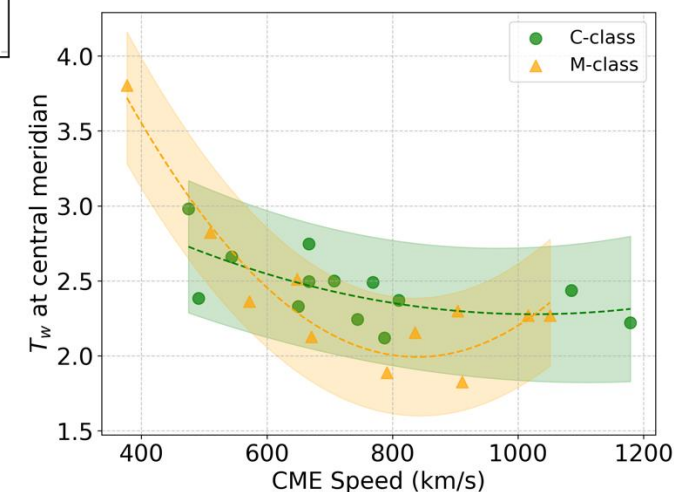
The twist value decreases closer to the limb.



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 slide is a composite image showing magnetic field structures in space. The left half features a dark blue and purple field with intricate, swirling patterns of lighter blue and green, representing magnetic field lines. The right half shows a more turbulent, orange and red field with bright, filamentary structures and a prominent greenish-yellow region, possibly indicating a different type of magnetic field or a specific astrophysical phenomenon. A diagonal black line separates the two halves.

MAGNETIC FLUX

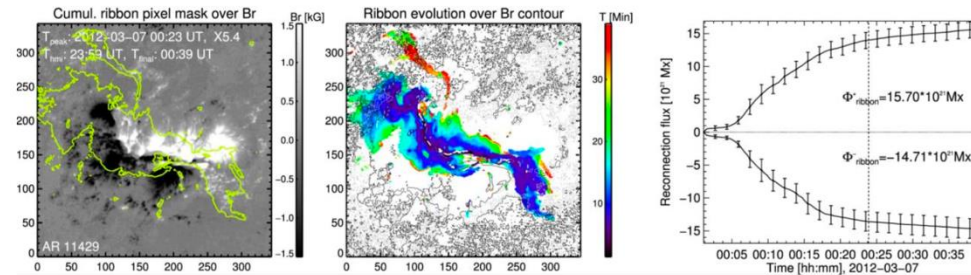
Magnetic flux – *Constraining methodology*

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

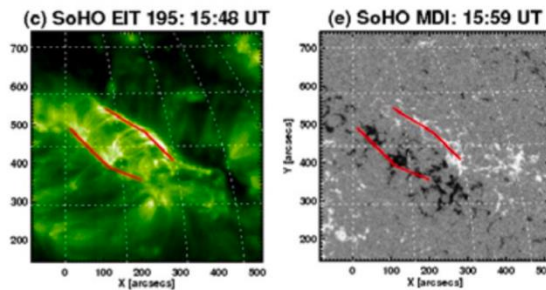
Estimation:



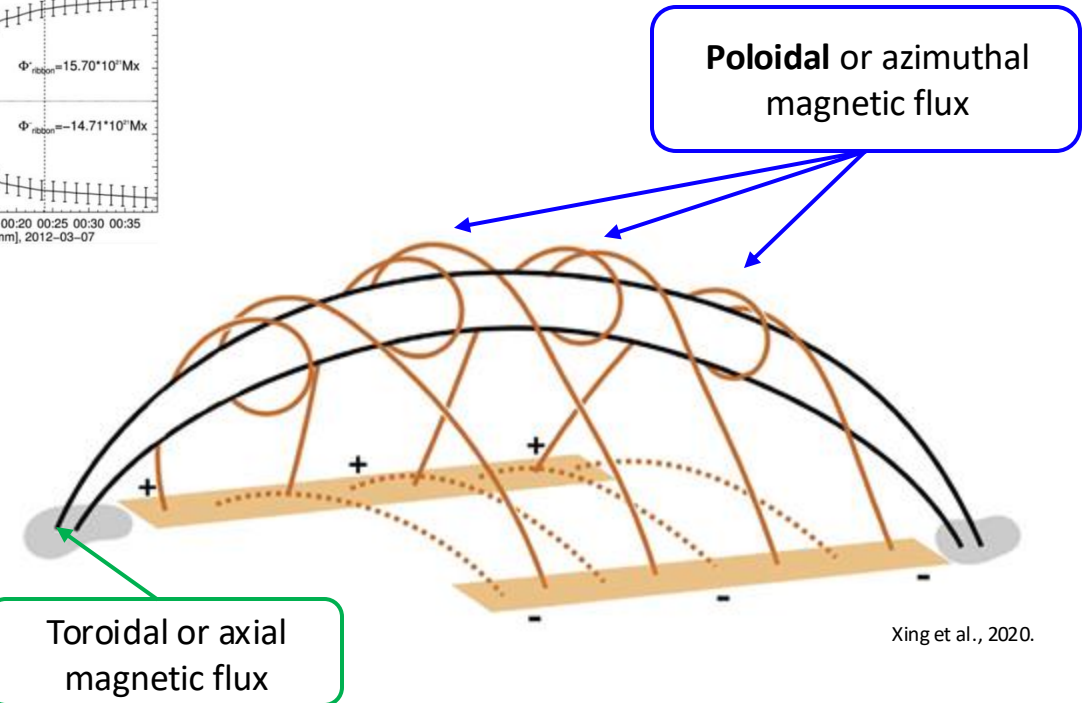
Ribbon method.



PEA (Post-Eruption Arcades) method.

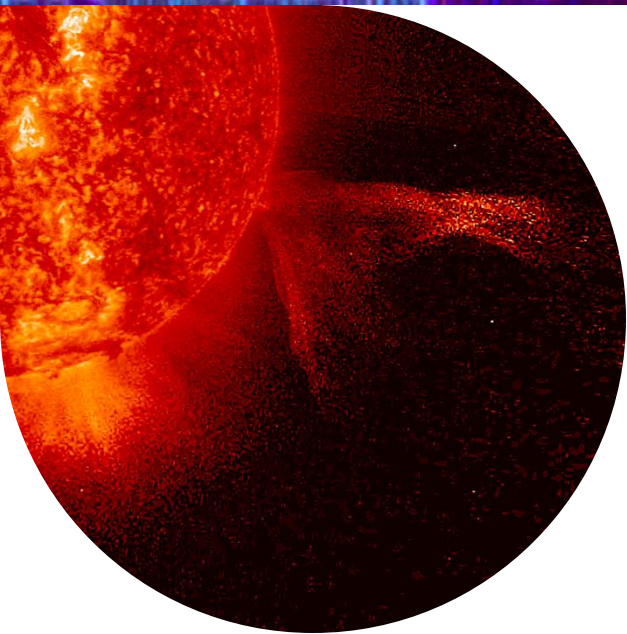


Gopalswamy et al., 2017.



Xing et al., 2020.

Magnetic flux – Constraining methodology

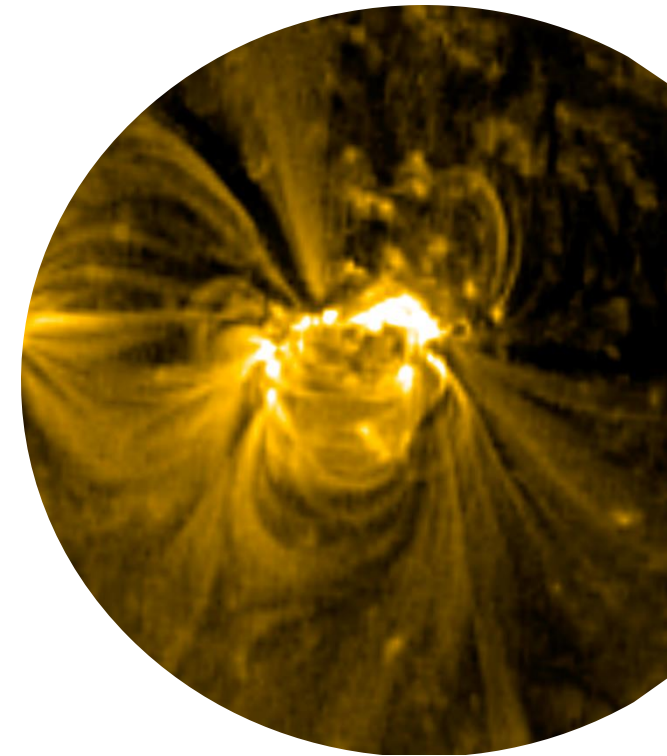


Contrary to Ribbon method, **PEA method** does not need data with high cadence.

1 EUV file.
1 magnetogram file.

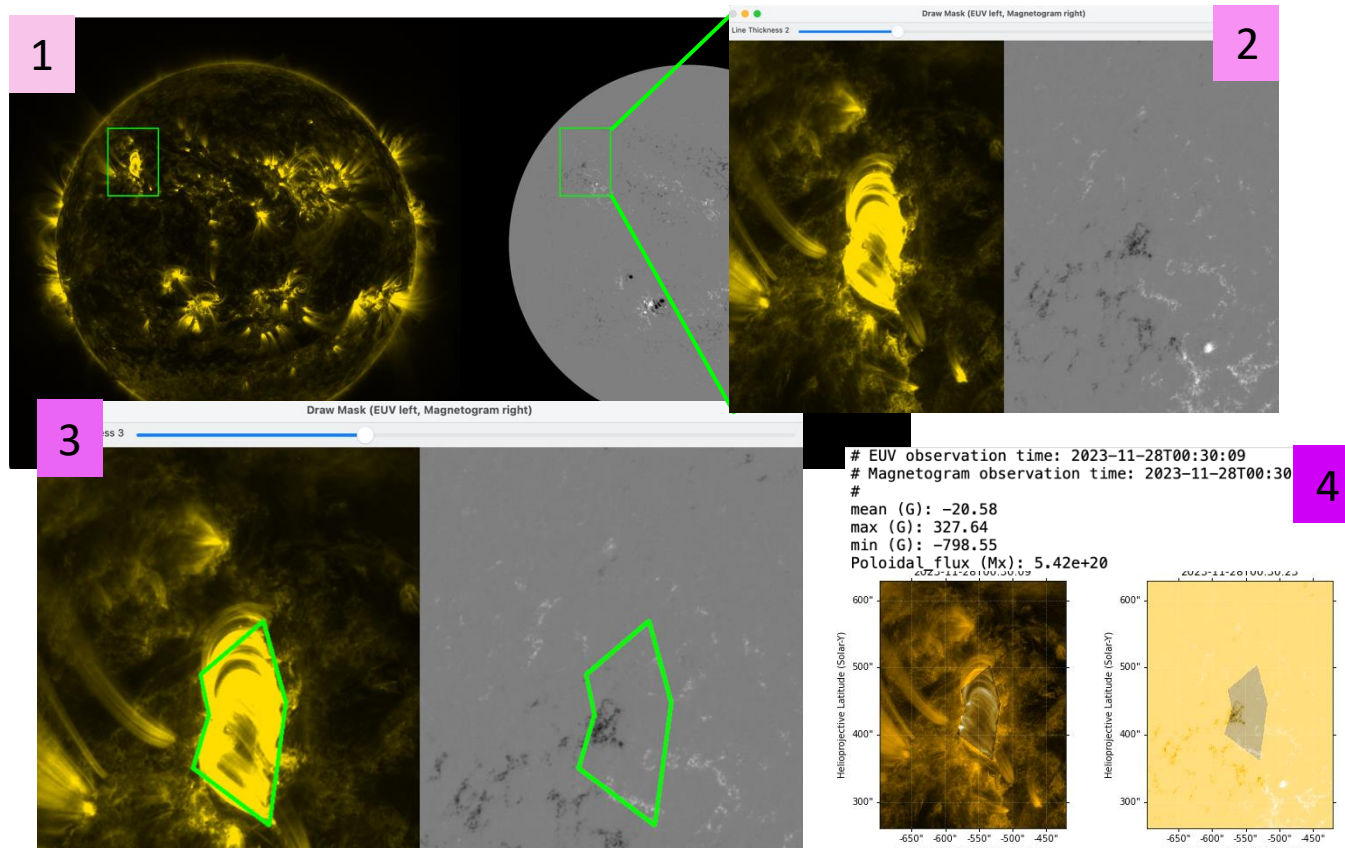
Better for the
forecasting workflow.

Solo data can be used →
EUI + PHI



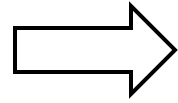
Magnetic flux – tool development

Interactive tool.

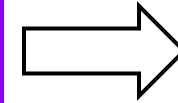


Magnetic flux – Implementation

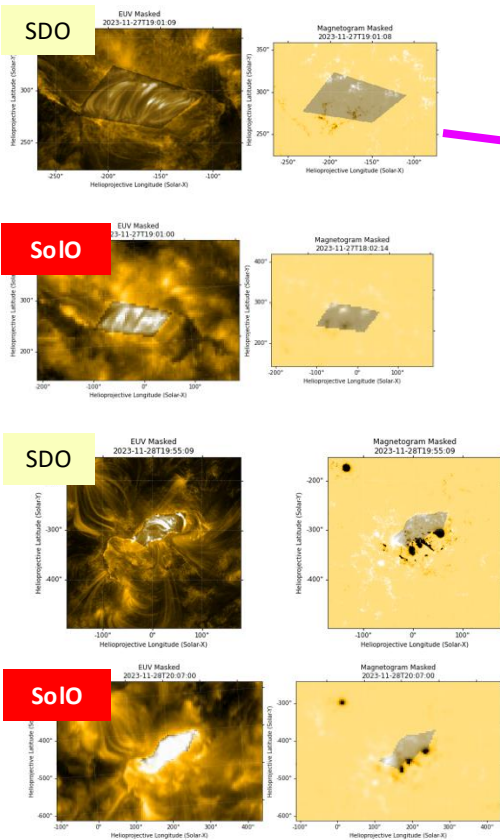
Developed python code to calculate poloidal flux with SDO.



Adapt the code to use it with SoLO.



Validation.

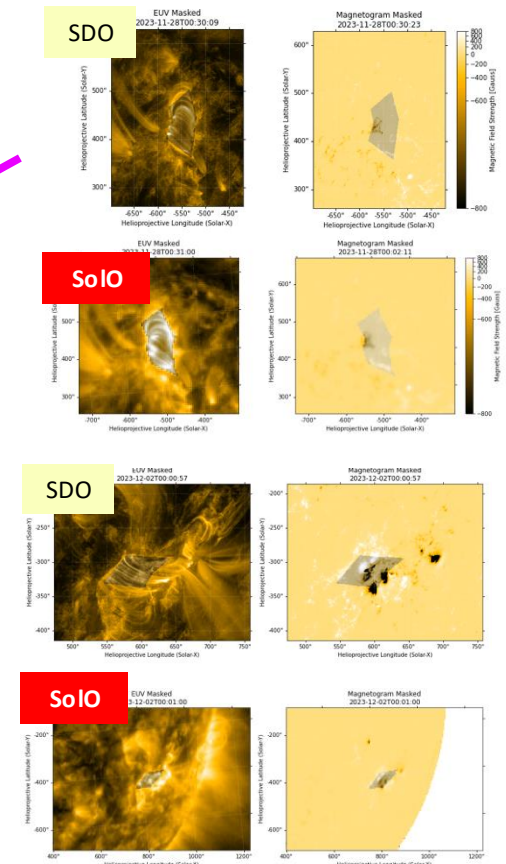


Date	Spacecraft	Poloidal magnetic flux [Mx]
2023-11-27	SDO	$0.490e^{21}$
	SoLO	$0.496e^{21}$
2023-11-28	SDO	$0.542e^{21}$
	SoLO	$0.562e^{21}$
2023-11-28	SDO	$1.62e^{21}$
	SoLO	$1.49e^{21}$
2023-12-02	SDO	$1.65e^{21}$
	Solo	$1.14e^{21}$

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, **SoHO (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!!

