## Exercises

## Become a forecaster in less then 3 hours

## A solar event: Aug 1



- August I event

An energetic trip from the Sun to the Earth

- Lasco was not available, STEREO A/B were
- Real time calculation based on coronographic images
- Post-check: Cactus

- August I event


## Real time calculation - STEREO A

- Solar diameter $=x^{\prime}$ pix
- 08:24:00 UT $\rightarrow$ y' pix
- 09:39:00 UT $\rightarrow$ z' pix
- 75 min $=4500 \mathrm{sec} \rightarrow z^{\prime}-y^{\prime}$ pix
- ( $z^{\prime}-y^{\prime}$ ) * $1392000 /\left(4500 * x^{\prime}\right) \mathrm{km} / \mathrm{sec}$


## SECCHI CME list

Automaticaly generated by CACTus using COR2 observations

Details and graphs for CME0003

Sample Image


## Real time calculation - STEREO A

- Solar diameter = x’ pix
- II:09:I5 UT $\rightarrow$ y' pix
- 13:24:00 UT $\rightarrow$ z' pix
- .... sec $\rightarrow$ z'-y’ pix
- $\left(z^{\prime}-y^{\prime}\right) * 1392000 /\left(. . . .{ }^{*} x^{\prime}\right) \mathrm{km} / \mathrm{sec}$



## ACE: at arrival



The August OI event

## At Earth - Geomagnetic response



The August OI event

## October 10, 2010

-What happened on the Sun?

- Could it be expected/predicted?
, EUV movies - (In)stable filament
- Would there be an effect on Earth and when?
b Find images from SOHO/LASCO - STEREO COR2/calculate the speed of the CME/direction
- Check with CACTus
- Arrival at LI can be checked in ACE-data:
http://www.srl.caltech.edu/ACE/ASC/browse/view_browse_data.html use 'day of the year' (google)
- How big was the effect on Earth? - Kp


## Speed calculation based on STEREO A/B

- Solar diameter $=\times$ pix
- 02:40:23 UT $\rightarrow$ y pix
- 06:55:23 UT $\rightarrow$ z pix
- 4 h I5 min $=15300 \mathrm{sec} \rightarrow z-y$ pix
- $(\mathrm{z}-\mathrm{y}) *$ I392000 / (I5300*x) km/sec
- Solar diameter $=x^{\prime}$ pix
- 01:24:24 UT $\rightarrow$ y pix
- 05:54:24 UT $\rightarrow$ z' pix
- $4 \mathrm{~h} 30 \mathrm{~min}=16200 \mathrm{sec} \rightarrow$ z'$^{\prime}-y^{\prime}$ pix
- $\left(z^{\prime}-y^{\prime}\right) * 1392000 /\left(15300 * x^{\prime}\right) \mathrm{km} / \mathrm{sec}$


## Report

- A filament located in the south east of the solar disk erupted late on Oct 10. In SOHO/LASCO images, the CME was seen as a partial CME. In STEREO Ahead/Behind COR2 it is seen from aside. The speed calculated from STEREO Ahead images by the CACTus software, is $297 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{s}$; from STEREO Behind images, $337 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{s}$.
- ACE data showed a rather sudden enhancement of the magnetic field carried in the solar wind on Oct 15. The speed jumped at 03UT from 280 $\mathrm{km} / \mathrm{s}$ to $290 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{s}$. The density increased slightly. This was possibly the passage through the shock in front of the CME associated with the filament eruption of late Oct IO. The IMF stayed turbulent until Oct I7. Probably, ACE passed side away along the shock. This glancing blow lead to one period with active conditions on Oct I7.


## October 06, 2010

-What happened on the Sun?

- X-ray flux
- SDO AIA 304/I93 - SWAP
- Could it be expected/predicted?
- Would there be an effect on Earth and when? -Earth directed - arrival time
, STEREO - LASCO
- CACTus
- ACE-data:
http://www.srl.caltech.edu/ACE/ASC/browse/view_browse_data.html
use 'day of the year' (google)
- How big was the effect? - Kp


## Report on this event

- Oct 06, a filament erupted. The shock and the CME arrived on Oct II. The total interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) rose to values between 10 and 15 nT . ACE passed the shock heading the actual CME. We suspect that ACE passed along a leg of the plasma cloud measuring a negative Bz for a long period. The Bz was shifting slowly to zero. This negative Bz of the IMF is optical for reconnection and lead to a short minor geomagnetic storm on Oct II.


## Oct 16, 2010

- What happened on the Sun?
, EUV movies - SWAP - STEREO - SDO
, X-ray data
- Could it be expected/predicted?
- SDO - magnetogram
- EUV movies - SDO - SWAP
- Was there an associated CME?
p Coronal dimming - EUV wave
- X-ray flux: Long duration event


## Report

- Oct I6, AR III2 was responsible for an M2.9 flare peaking at 19:I2UT. The event lasted only for 8 minutes. In SWAP images, a small coronal dimming is visible. Although the large filament in the vicinity of this active region did not erupt. SOHO/LASCO and STEREO/SECCHI didn't show any evidence of an associated, strong CME.



## Forecast

- http://sidc.be/previweb_demo

