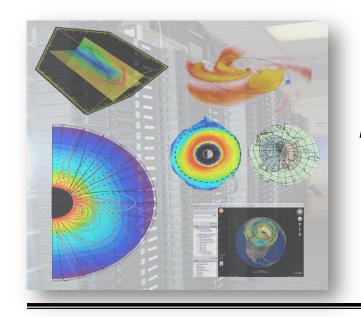


# GEM 2008-2009 Challenge: ground magnetic field perturbations



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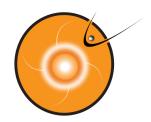








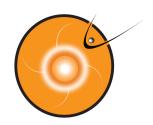




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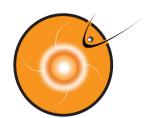
\*Including introduction of two new metrics. NOAA/ SWPC interests addressed.



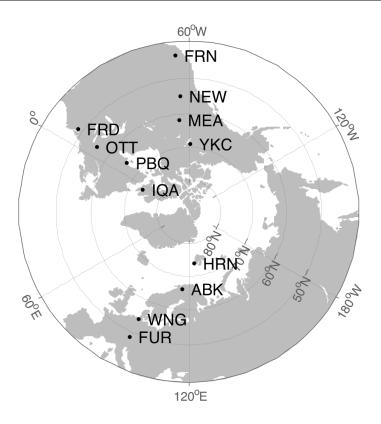
## **Challenge setup: events**

**Table 1.** Geospace storm events studied in the Challenge. The last two columns give the minimum Dst index and the maximum Kp index of the event, respectively.

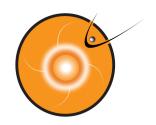
Event #	Date and time	$\min(\mathrm{Dst})$	max(Kp)
1	October 29, 2003 06:00 UT - October 30, 06:00 UT	-353 nT	9
2	December 14, 2006 12:00 UT - December 16, 00:00 UT	-139 nT	8
3	August 31, 2001 00:00 UT - September 1, 00:00 UT	-40 nT	4
4	August 31, 2005 10:00 UT - September 1, 12:00 UT	-131 nT	7



## **Challenge setup: stations**



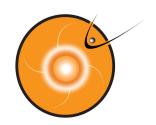
**Figure 2.** The locations and the station codes of the geomagnetic observatories used in the study. Geomagnetic dipole coordinates are used.



## **Metrics 1/4: prediction efficiency**

$$PE = 1 - \frac{\langle (x_{obs} - x_{mod})^2 \rangle_i}{\sigma_{obs}^2}$$

• Perfect model prediction: PE = 1.

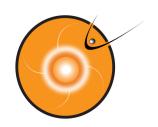


## **Metrics 2/4: log-spectral distance**

$$m_s(\omega) = \log \left[ \frac{|\tilde{B}_x|_{obs} + |\tilde{B}_y|_{obs}}{|\tilde{B}_x|_{mod} + |\tilde{B}_y|_{mod}} \right]$$

$$M_s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{\omega} m_s^2}$$

• Perfect model prediction:  $M_s = 0$ .

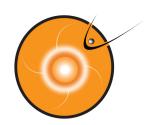


## **Metrics 3/4: utility metric (forecast ratio)**

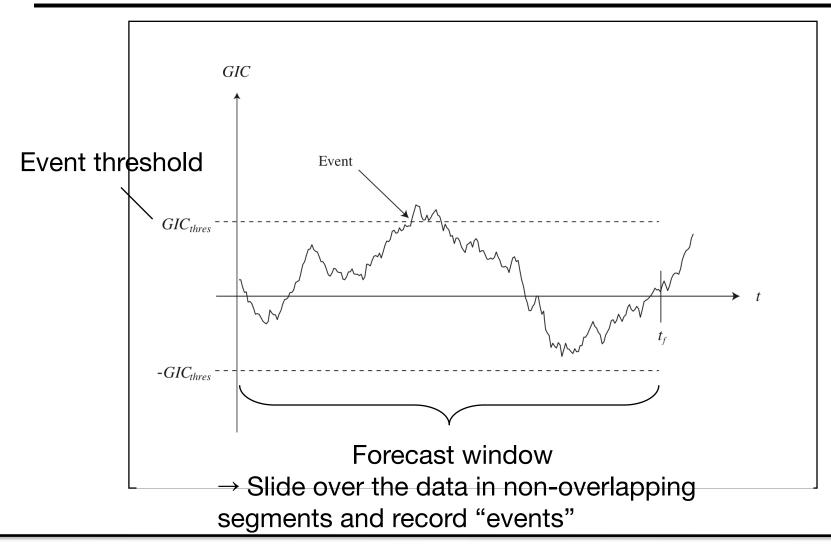
$$U_f = BN_H - CN_{\overline{H}}$$

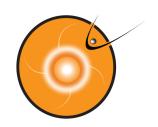
$$R_f = N_H/N_{\overline{H}}$$

- Perfect model prediction:  $R_f = Inf.$
- 45 min. forecast window used.
- Compute  $R_{\it f}$  for both  $|{f B}_h|=\sqrt{B_x^2+B_y^2}$  and  $|d{f B}_{\it f}|/dt|$



## **Metrics 3/4: utility metric (forecast ratio)**

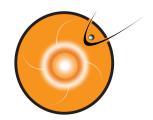




## **Metrics 4/4: ratio of maximum amplitudes**

$$R_{max} = \frac{\max(|x_{mod}|_i)}{\max(|x_{obs}|_i)}$$

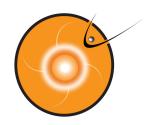
- Perfect model prediction:  $R_{max} = 1$ .
- Compute  $R_{max}$  for both  $|\mathbf{B}_h| = \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2}$  and  $|d\mathbf{B}_{i}|/dt|$



#### In addition, model ENSEMBLE

### **Model submissions**

Model description	Identifier
CMIT 2.0, LFM # of cells: 40000, min. res (RES. ?)	1_CMIT
LFM, # of cells 160000, min. res. 0.3 $R_e$	$1\_{\rm LFM}$
OpenGGCM v3.1 coupled to CTIM, # of cells: 3 million, min. res. 0.3 $R_e$	1_OPENGGCM
OpenGGCM v3.1 coupled to CTIM, # of cells: 6.5 million, min. res. 0.25 $R_e$	2_OPENGGCM
SWMF v7.73, BATS-R-US # of cells: 2 million, min. res. 0.25 $R_e$	$1\_SWMF$
SWMF v7.73, BATS-R-US # of cells: 700000, min. res. 0.25 $R_e$	$2\_SWMF$
SWMF v8.01 BATS-R-US coupled to RCM, $\#$ of cells: 2 million, min. res. 0.25 $R_e$	$3\_SWMF$
SWMF v8.01, BATS-R-US # of cells: 3 million, min. res. 0.125 $R_e$	$4\_SWMF$
SWMF v8.01, BATS-R-US coupled to RCM, $\#$ of cells: 3 million, min. res. 0.125 $R_e$	$5\_SWMF$
SWMF v20090403, BATS-R-US coupled to RCM, $\#$ of cells 900000, min. res. 0.25 $R_e$	$6\_SWMF$
Weimer, 2005 [@], 4-minute output interpolated into 1 minute	$1_{-}$ WEIMER
New empirical model by D. Weimer for ground magnetic field perturbations,	
4-minute output interpolated into 1 minute	$2_{-}$ WEIMER
Weigel et al., 2003 [@], 30-minute output	$1\_{\rm WEIGEL}$

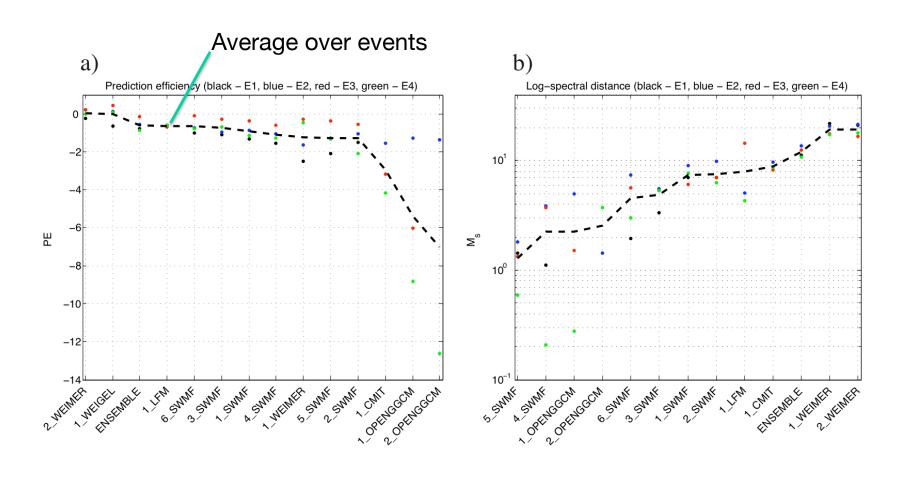


#### **Metrics-based results**

- In all figures averages (integration) over stations and, if applicable, over horizontal field components reported.
- Ranking based on averages (integration) over events.
- Caution: not all events included for all models/ setups.
- 1\_WEIGEL not included in ||dB<sub>1</sub>|/dt| based or spectral analyses.

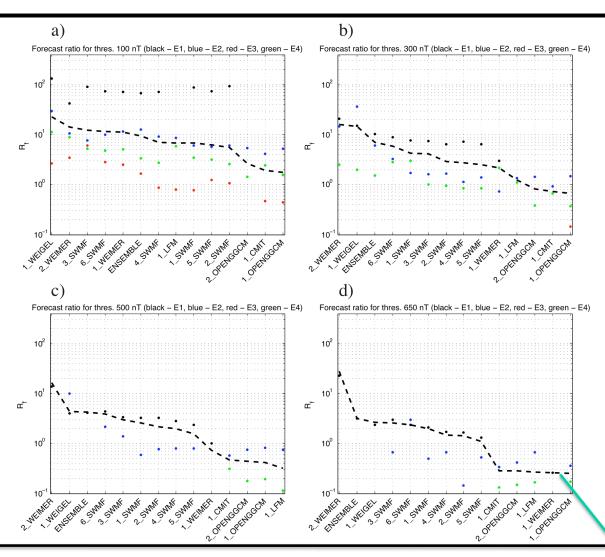


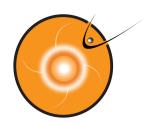
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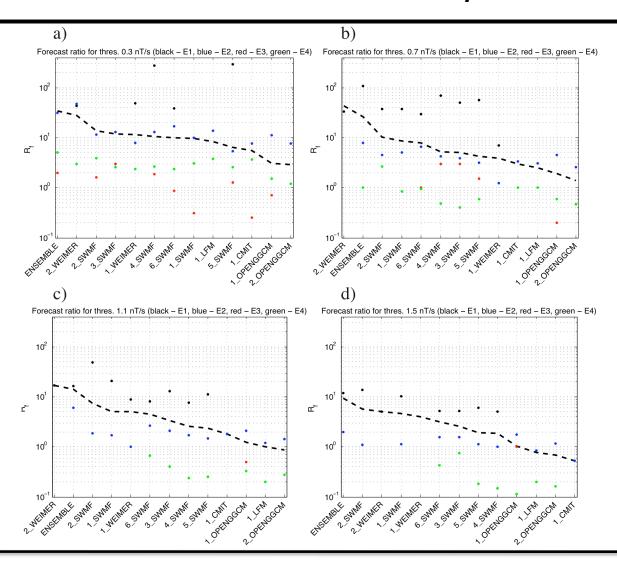


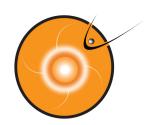
## Metrics-based results: $R_f$ for $|B_h|$



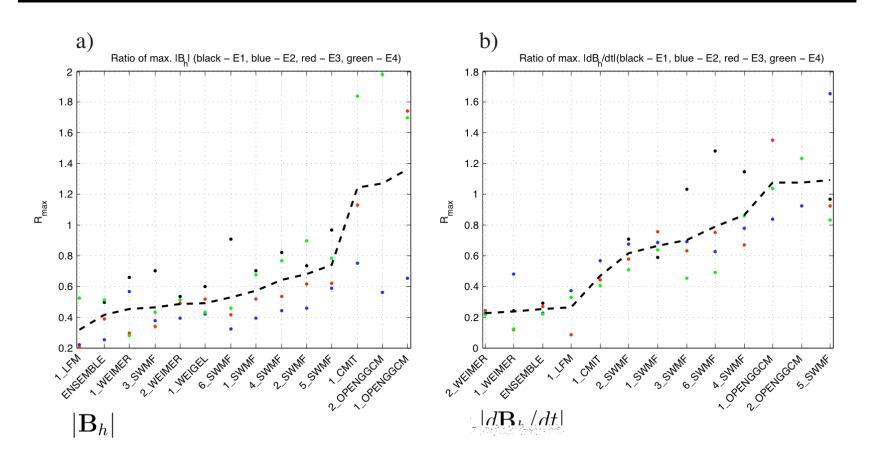


## Metrics-based results: $R_f$ for $|d\mathbf{B}_t|/dt$

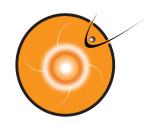




## Metrics-based results: $R_{max}$



Note: no ranking here



#### **Discussion**

- Ranking depends on the used metric.
- Results vary between storm events.
- Paper under preparation: Pulkkinen et al., Geospace Environment Modeling 2008-2009 Challenge: ground magnetic field perturbations, to be submitted to Space Weather, early 2010. (include all metrics?)