

Opportunity Title: Heliospheric Flux Rope

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Organization National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

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Description:

Heliospheric flux ropes (FRs) are dynamically evolving structures in the heliosphere. They evolve through expansion, rotation, deflection, and/or erosion due to their interactions with the prevailing local environments. This project aims to study the spatiotemporal variations of FRs, inspect the dependence of FR local deformation on the ambient environments, and quantify the impact of FR evolution on their structures and intrinsic properties. The applicant is expected to use physics-based models to define the in-situ observed FR structure (preferentially probed at multiple locations) and to quantify their evolution and erosion. In addition, to facilitate the FR research and space weather forecasting, the project aims to improve existing machine learning architecture to identify FRs and their orientations automatically using solar wind data.

Field of Science: Heliophysics Science

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Eligibility Requirements • **Degree:** Doctoral Degree.