On Determination of 3D Morphology and Plasma Properties of the Solar Corona

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An earlier analysis performed and published (Solar Physics, 183, 45-76, 1998) is revisited and applied to SECCHI-like observations. Using coronal models and imaging-rendering techniques we investigate several important facts regarding the solar stereographic mission. A synthesized image is presented formed from integrating the emission from the volume elements along the line-of-sight path through a 3-dimensional volume. We used analysis of pairs of these synthesized images with various angular perspectives to investigate the effect of angular separation on mission objectives. The resulting images and analysis provide guidelines for developing a stereographic mission analysis program.



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Conclusions

$3D^{\lambda}{}_{(x,y,t)} {\longrightarrow} 4D^{\lambda}{}_{(x,y,z,t)} {\longrightarrow} nD_{(x,y,z,t,\rho,T,v,B,..)}$

Temporal set of stereographic 2D images to a MHD physical model –the challenge(EUVI analysis as per paper but CORs analysis is complex)

A priori information – The all important input

Location of centroid (large-scale structures)

Principal axis of symmetry (origin: near or far-side)

Principal axis of radial expansion (evolutionary track)

Region of origin and footpoints

Temporal history

Global magnetic field

Specific triangularization (location) of point sources (micro-structures)

Physical nature of the object

Observational constraints

Self-similar modeling

Serendipity – The magic of the mission

STEREO- Solar Terrestrial Relations Observatory

Launch of Dual Spacecrafts: 5 May 2006 Launch Solar-B: 5 OCT 2005

Mission Concept: The STEREO mission will provide a totally new perspective on solar eruptions and their consequences for Earth. Achieving this perspective will require moving away from our customary Earth-bound lookout point. To provide the images for a stereo reconstruction of solar eruptions, one spacecraft will lead Earth in its orbit and one will be lagging. Each will carry a cluster of telescopes. When simultaneous telescopic images are combined with data from observatories on the ground or in low Earth orbit, the buildup of magnetic energy, and the lift off, and the trajectory of Earthward-bound CMEs can all be tracked in three dimensions. When a CME reaches Earth's orbit, magnetometers and plasma sensors on the STEREO spacecraft will sample the material and allow investigators to link the plasmas and magnetic fields unambiguously to their origins on the Sun. Mission Scientist Davila-GSFC

SECCHI (Sun Earth Connection Coronal and	
Heliospheric Investigation) is a suite of	
remote sensing instruments consisting of two	
white light coronagraphs (1.2-3 and 3-15	
Rs) and an EUV imager (2x EIT), collectively	
referred to as the Sun Centered Imaging	
Package, and a heliospheric imager (12-	
84Rs; 66-318Rs). PI Howard-NRL	

IMPACT (In-situ Measurements of Particles and CME Transients) includes a Solar Wind (SW) experiment to measure ~0-100 keV electrons, a magnetometer (MAG) experiment to measure the vector magnetic field, and a Solar Energetic Particle (SEP) experiment to measure electrons and ions. PI Luhmann-UCB SWAVES (Stereo Waves) measures interplanetary type II and type III radio bursts, both remotely and in situ. Type II radio bursts are associated with the propagation of CMEs in the corona and interplanetary medium (IPM).

PI Bougert-CNRS, France

PLASTIC (PLasma And SupraThermal Ion Composition investigation) measures solar wind protons and alphas, the elemental composition, charge state distribution, kinetic temperature, and velocity of heavy ions, and measures suprathermal ions.

PI Galvin-UNH





Review of Previous Analysis

Synthesized coronal loop images of optical thin flux tubes



Conclusions of that analysis:

- Maximum information at a specific angular separation
- Benefits of time differential imaging
- A priori information improves volume reconstruction



Stereographic Pairs

Employing time separated images

Review of Previous Analysis

Tomography by Discrete Reconstruction Techniques

(See paper for details)

Frey's Modified Multiplicative Algebraic Reconstruction (MART) Importance of temporal subtractive techniques and a priori information



Z-projection X-projection Y-projection Constraining Volume Constra

Restricted volume based on magnetic field extrapolation

Three-view of the render coronal loops seen along the x, y, and z axes.

(Top triplet: Input model Bottom triplet: Derived model)

Data Analysis Flow of coronal loops:

Triangulation

- Magnetic Field Extrapolation
- **Coronal Rendering**

Tomographic analysis

Iteration

- 3D geometric location
- Interacting loops located.
- 3D direction of motion determined.
- Importance of photospheric motion.
- Nonpotentiality magnetic field determined.
- Foot points of coronal loops determined.
- Determine the 3D dynamical changes in the coronal structure.
- Determined the importance of flux emergence and reconnection of CMEs.
- Assesses the important of dynamical change and configuration on coronal heating.
- Density and temperature models.

Scientific Objectives

Achieved at Each Step

Analysis of geometric structures in 3D of coronal loops, coronal walls, helmet streamers, and coronal mass ejections

Interacting loops located or discounted.

3D direction of motion determined.

Foot points determined by downward extrapolation.

Importance of photospheric features on heating of coronal loops established.

Nonpotentiality of the magnetic field determined by comparison with potential, force-free, and MHD models.

Foot points determined by downward extrapolation of the correct magnetic model

Determine the 3D dynamical changes in the coronal structure.

Determined the importance of flux emergence and reconnection of CMEs.

Assesses the important of dynamical change and configuration on coronal heating.

Models for density and temperature of the coronal loops.



Full 3D dynamical model of the corona [x,y,z,t,T,p]

Synthesized Solar Active Region in Rotation

SXT image type



Various Instrumental Response Functions





Movie

EIT image Type

Large Scale vs. Fine Scale Structure



C2 1999-10-12 11:50UT



C2 1998-12-08 14:30UT

Solar & Heliospheric Observatory Large Angle Spectrographic Coronagraph



C2 2000-02-7 09:42UT



C2 1998-06-02 13:31UT

Coronal Transient Models

Deformation models & standardizing against similarity transformations





Mouschovias & Poland (1978,AJ,200,657) Coronal loop Pneuman (1980,SP,65,369) Coronal loop

CME Ejection Models

Ref: Klimchuk, J. A., 2001, Geophys. Mono. 125, AGU

Subclass I

Storage and Release Models:

- 1) Mass loading and release
- 2) Magnetic tether release
- 3) Magnetic tether straining



Gibson & Low (1998,AJ,493,460) Closed bubble +...



Wu et al. (2000,AJ,545,1101) Closed bubble+...

Subclass II

Directly Driven Models:

- 1) Thermal impulsive blast
- 2) Dynamo inflation

Movies

Simple Synthesized Models

- ► Optically thin
- ► Fixed, random fine structure
- Added point sources

(Large scale vs small scale)



Closed Bubble





A priori information:

Location of centroid (large-scale structures) Principal axis of symmetry (origin: near or far-side) Principal axis of radial expansion (evolutionary track) Region of origin and footpoints Temporal history

Velocity Vector

Global magnetic field



Specific triangularization (location) of point sources (micro-structures)

Physical nature of the object

Classification: CME, streamers, plumes

Temporal evolution: Expansion rates

Density constraint (positive definite, maximum density limit)

Continuity – connectivity - cohesiveness of features.

Observational constraints

Limit on micro-structures (spatial resolution)

Density gradients

Self-similar models



The discrete reconstruction problem

y = R x + e

Penalized Residual Minimization Problem

Min $X^{2}(x) = |y-R x|^{2} + \gamma |x C^{(p)} x|$

 $C^{(p)} = \Delta^{(p) \top} \Delta^{(p)}$ where $\Delta^{(p)}$ is the difference matrix to generate the Pth derivative.

The inverse problem for STEREO: Minimization of the solution space.

How to describe the "Penalized Residual Minimization Problem" taking into account the a priori information?

And

What is the best iterative method to employ to solve for a solution?



 γ =relaxation parameter

Backward Projection

Radon transform: $y(\rho, \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x[\rho \cos \theta + s \sin \theta, \rho \sin \theta + s \cos \theta)] d s$ Backward projection: $x_B(\eta, \xi) = \int_{0}^{\pi} y[\theta, \eta \cos \theta + \xi \sin \theta)] d \theta$

The output x_B is the volume x blurred by the Radon transform.

m=4

Reference IDL routine: RADON



m=3

m=2



m=5

m=6

m=9



MART: Multiplicative Algebraic Reconstruction Technique

- Initial Guess of all the emission values via backward projection
- Updating scheme by modifying elements
- Elements which have zero emission remain void

Result yields reconstruction with lowest information content for the voxels consistent with the given images, i.e., the solution of the maximum-entropy problem.

The desire is to use all the a priori information and the 3D input of a series of time images of an event and reconstruct an 4D representation (e.g., the volume as a function of time) of the coronal transient.

Stereographic Pairs 30⁰ Separation



A priori information= none



A priori information = Volume



Stereographic Pairs 30⁰ Separation



A priori information = Shape



A priori information= Volume (~9%)



Stereographic Pairs 90⁰ Separation



A priori information = Shape



Time-differential imaging



Reference: Dere, K. P., et al. 1999, ApJ, 516,465, Fig. 5

<u>Cause of variations</u> Line of Sight effects Density fluctuations Multiple events Background



"Image" of CME at Fixed Radius

Coronal Mass Ejection 11-Nov-96

Movie

Are there similarity transformations associated with CME outflow which can defined the associated volume?

Same

Rs=5.5 Rs=3.0 1996/11/06 18:13

1996/11/04 00.05



TRACE movie of filament eruption





Plasma beta model over an active region. The plasma beta as a function of height is shown shaded for open and closed field lines originating between a sunspot of 3000 G and a plage region of 150 G.

What role does this β -transition play in the CME early evolution?

(Ref. Gary, G. A., 2002, Solar Phys., 203, 71)

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