



With current instruments we resolve dynamics on macroscopic scales, where magnetohydrodynamics is applicable.









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SDO / AIA

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5000 10000 15000 20000 Distance above photosphere (km)

The Solar atmosphere













The corona is optically thin, filled thermal part emits through linewith rarified plasma at millions emission from minority species excited by collisions. This gives rise to emission line spectra, visible in the EUV and X-ray. of degrees Kelvin and its

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THE SOLAR X-RAY SPECTRUM 365

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Culhane & Acton (1974)





We measure the light as a vector in the plane of the sky using polarizing filters.

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	$ \begin{array}{l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l l $	The Stokes parameters contain	information about the magnetic field: +0	 Line-of-sight magnetic field from V 	(Zeeman, tricky in corona as $V/I < 0.001$)	•Plane-ot-sky magnetic tield direction trom	$V \propto B \cos \theta_B \left(\frac{1}{d_{i,i}}\right)$

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 $\propto \sin^2(\theta_B) I$

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An EUV imager takes images of the Sun through a broadband wavelength filter in which one (or several) dominant EUV emission line(s) are present.

You cannot use refraction (lenses) in the EUV domain because matter absorbs this light. EUV telescopes thus need to use reflection (mirrors). One traditional method is using diffraction grating (e.g. Skylab, MOSES rocket).







eclipse Al-filters block out the visible part of the solar spectrum (just as glasses would). They are mounted on two filter support grids.

sector wheel allows to select one of the four quadrants of the optics \checkmark

are multi-layer coated with Mo and Si. Each quadrant is different, with a The optics are a Ritchey-Chretien design (a bit like a Cassegrain). They different EUV wavelength window.



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CCD

Stray-light filter

Filter wheel

Shutter

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The filter wheel allows to add some additional Al-filtering

stray-light filter eliminates any reflections off instrument parts. \triangleleft

Primary mirror

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Secondary mirror

Sector wheel

Entrance filters

CCD is 1024x1024 back-illuminated.





To compare with other instruments we use the Effective Area: $A_{\mathrm{eff}}(\lambda)$

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Rsm(A): Secondary Mirror reflectivity [1] **Tsl(***\lambda*): Stray-Light Filter transmissivity [1] [Er(\lambda): Entrance Filter transmissivity [1] **A**: open aperture area [cm²] = 11.97 RPM(A): Primary Mirror reflectivity [1] IFw(\lambda): Filter Wheel transmissivity [1] **D(A, H):** CCD quantum efficiency [1] **D(A, H):** Degradation over time [1]











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throws a shadow onto the CCD, those pixels in the shadow have seen Example of degradation of the CCD. Because the entrance filter grid less total light and have less degraded. Hence, their gain is higher. In images we see the grid as a bright feature!



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Temperature bandpass ratio

temperature, where the ratio is monotonic and near the peak responses of We can take the ratio of two bandpasses and in a certain interval of the two bandpasses, we can estimate the temperature crudely.

Assume the coronal plasma is isothermal, i.e. DEM(T) = EM₀ δ (T-T₀). Then,

$$I_1 = H_1(T_0) EM_0 \\ I_2 = H_2(T_0) EM_0 \\ EM_0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{H_1(T_0)}{H_2(T_0)} = F_{12}(T_0) \Rightarrow T_0 = F_{12}^{-1}(I_1/I_2)$$







generation of EUV imager but works on similar principles as EIT but at higher The Atmospheric Imaging Assembly (AIA) on board SDO is the current spatial and temporal resolution and with more bandpasses.



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What advantages does the SDO-era bring?

- o Same spatial resolution as TRACE
- ^o An improved time resolution but not dramatically different from TRACE
- o Full-sun FOV and synoptic program means no event will be missed.
- o SDO/AIA can be relied upon for spectroscopic studies
- o Statistical studies are now only limited by man-power!
- o No SAA occurring just when it is interesting
- o Multiple simultaneous bandpasses: explore phenomena beyond bulk to hot and cool coronal plasma.
- Combination with STEREO is useful for geometry estimates



Combining bandpasses (171,193 and 211) in threecolour channels gives an idea of temperature.



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DEM method

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Again, we may estimate single temperature and density in the line-of-sight.

1) We assume that DEM(T) is of the form:

$$\mathrm{DEM}(T) = \mathrm{EM}_0 \, rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Delta T} \, \exp\left[-rac{1}{2}\left(rac{T-T_0}{\Delta T}
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which in the limit of $\Delta T \rightarrow 0$, becomes DEM(T) = EM₀ $\delta(T-T_0)$.

2) The intensity (DN/s) of each bandpass is then of the form:

$$I_i = \text{EM}_0 \int_0^\infty \frac{H_i(T)}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Delta T} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{T-T_0}{\Delta T}\right)\right] \, \mathrm{d}T = \text{EM}_0 \ h_i(T_0, \Delta T)$$

3) For every value of T_0 and ΔT , we calculate EM₀:

$$ext{EM}_0 = rac{\sum\limits_i I_i}{\sum\limits_i h_i(T_0, \Delta T)}$$

4) We find the best values of T_0 and ΔT , and hence EM₀, by minimizing the 2 difference with the observations

$$\chi^2 \,=\, rac{1}{n_\lambda-2} \sum_i \left(rac{I_i - \mathrm{EM}_0 \, h_i(T_0, \Delta T)}{\sigma_{\mathrm{noise}}}
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DEM method





Note that this is an approximate method as the DEM(T) is highly idealised.

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More formally, you can write DEM(T) as made from many temperature bins:

$$DEM(T) = \sum_{j} DEM_j(T_j)$$

where DEM_i(T) are known profiles. Then the intensity (DN/s) has the form:

$$I_i = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \int_{0}^{\infty} H_i(T) \operatorname{DEM}_j(T_j) \operatorname{d}T = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} H_i(T_j) \operatorname{DEM}_j(T_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} h_{ij} \operatorname{DEM}_j$$

The problem then becomes a matter of inverting the matrix n_{ij} to ting DEM j from I:



However, this inversion is often ill-posed as the information from a limited number of bandpasses is not enough. Careful regularization techniques then need to be employed and image noise taken into account.

> 6.5 Log₁₀ T [K]

6.5 Log₁₀ T [K] Hannah & Kontar (2012)

Photon noise

The measured intensity is subject to errors. It is important to know about to avoid mistakes. An inherent image noise is photon noise (or shot noise).

The more photons collected the better resolved (crisper) the image



Photon noise

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Photon noise

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Photons hitting a CCD pixel are independent random events (similar to rain drops hitting the pavement). The distribution of the photons follows Poisson 0.40_Γ statistics (for large intensity it becomes Gaussian).

The standard deviation of N photons is $\sigma = \sqrt{N}$. Relating back to the formula for image intensity, N relates to I for exposure time Δt as

\lambda = 1
 \lambda = 4
 \lambda = 10

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P(X=k) 0.25

0.15

$$N = \frac{I \, \Delta t}{\int G(\lambda) \, \mathrm{d} \lambda}$$

where $G(\lambda)$ is the gain [DN/photon]. The photon noise then becomes

Poisson distributions as a function

of number of occurrences k

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$$\sigma^2 = \frac{I\Delta t}{\int G(\lambda) \,\mathrm{d}\lambda}$$

Hence the signal-to-noise ratio SNR becomes

SNR =
$$\frac{I\Delta t}{\sigma} = \sqrt{\int G(\lambda) d\lambda \sqrt{I\Delta t}}$$

The larger the exposure time, the less effect of photon noise.

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The processing of the measured light by the electronics is a source of noise. 1) Dark current noise : even if the CCD is un-exposed, the finite temperature induces spurious signals. That is why CCD are cooled. $\sigma = \sigma(T_{CCD})$.
2) Read-out noise : in a CCD the signal per pixel (photon-induced electrons) are collected in rows towards one direction.
3) Digitization noise: the signal is converted to an integer (range of power of two), this introduced an uncertainty of σ = 0.5 DN.
4) Compression noise : to save bandwidth in storing and sending images to Earth, JPEG compression is used.
5) Processing noise : e.g. de-spiking to remove cosmic-ray hits (sometimes better not to do).
$\sigma^2 = \sigma_{\mathrm{photon}}^2 (I\Delta t) + \sigma_{\mathrm{dark}}^2 (T_{\mathrm{CCD}}) + \sigma_{\mathrm{read}}^2 + \sigma_{\mathrm{dig}}^2 + \sigma_{\mathrm{comp}}^2 + \sigma_{\mathrm{proc}}^2 + \dots$
Example: typical AIA 171Å image: $\sigma \approx \sqrt{2.3 + 0.06 I \Delta t}$ DN Aschwanden et al. (2000), Ding & Nakariakov (2012)
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We look at an example study of using EIV imaging data:



Typical data-analysis chain

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Observation

Selection of the best data-set for the problem. What temporal, spatial, spectral resolution is there?









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Typical data-analysis chain





What temporal, spatial, spectral resolution is there? Selection of the best data-set for the problem.

e.g. background subtraction, running-difference, Enhancement of the feature or event to detect, gradient filters. Detection of the feature or event. This can be done in an automated way (objective and scaleable) or by hand (mouse-clicking and tennis arms).

quantities, statistical trends and theoretical models. Characterisation of the results: connect to physical





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minimum when there are not many active regions and bright points are clear. We select a month worth of data from STEREO-A and STEREO-B during solar

live long enough and can be used as tracers of the rotation of the Sun. Bright points are nice local point-like features (mini active regions) that





We filter the EUVI images using a two-dimensional wavelet transform:

$$\mathcal{W}_a(I)(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{a^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} I(\vec{r}') \psi\left(\frac{\vec{r}' - \vec{r}}{a}\right) \,\mathrm{d}^2\vec{r}'$$

which is basically a 2d convolution of the image with $\Psi(x,y),$ which is the mother wavelet with the special characteristic that its average is zero. The transform enhances anything that looks like the wavelet at a certain scale a. Here we take the Mexican Hat wavelet, which is of the form:



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Wavelet filtering to enhance bright points

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An original image









Looking at extracted bright-points from different times, their movement on the disk, and hence their siderical rotation rate can be determined!



And using both STEREO's we can find the height of the bright-points in the solar atmosphere!

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onal bright points	14.6 ± 0.3			22
onal bright points	14.530 ± 0.032	2.68 ± 0.13		23
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σ Stereoscopy means using two view points to reconstruct a 3d picture of structure if the angle between the views is not too large.

This does not give a unique solution as we need 3 non co-planar views to (such as loop) are oriented in the epipolar plane of STEREO-A, B and Sun. have all information. So with STEREO it works well except when structures



<u>Stereoscopy</u>

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assume that a loop is planar (all points in the same plane). Then one adjusts the inclination of the loop plane to find the best match between the two One may add a model to aid 3d reconstruction. For instance one may views. This works well for large separation angles between views, but is always approximate.

This can be done between two instantaneous views (e.g. STEREO-AIA) or between two times (dynamic stereoscopy).



The full sun, high-cadence synoptic, multi-wavelength view from AIA/SDO provides rich pickings in oscillation events (>200 events!). The combination with STEREO allows for a good estimate of 3d structure.



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