3D CMEs and CME-driven shocks reconstructed from three-viewpoint observations

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CMEs and CME-driven shocks



Mask Fitting Method





project each 3D grid point



A 3D point is considered to be within a CME only when its three projections are all located within the masks marked by red points in the left images.

Feng, Inhester et al. 2012, ApJ

Mask Fitting Method



Bezier curves are applied to smooth the reconstruction in each slice of CME.

The stack of all slices forms a CME cloud in 3D. Further analyses: geometric centre, eigen values along three principal axes.

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Extend to HI 1 observations



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Combined COR+HI1



Step 2: trace CME in HI 1

Using the traced CME at an earlier time to trace the CME periphery at a later time





Trace shock in HI1: running difference images



3D mask fitting reconstruction

Blue : 3D CME from STA+STB Red : 3D shock from STA+STB+LASCO/C3



Method comparison of 3D CMEs from COR+HI1



Earth

Moestl et al. 2014, ApJ

2012-07-12 CME

Morphological evolution (2012-07-12 CME)



17:24 UT

23:20UT

Link to in-situ observations



Moestl et al. 2014, ApJ

Magnetic field data of Messenger and VEX



VEX electron and ion spectral width probably heated plasma by the shock on July 14th



Validation of the 3D reconstruction



07-12 15:37 UT: Flare onset

2012-07-12 event does not have continuous LASCO observations, another event on 2012-06-14 being analysed has better data coverage













Conclusions and Outlook

We have reconstructed the 3D morphology of CMEs and CME-driven shocks using coronagraph and heliospheric images from three different viewpoints.

Outlook:

(1) Kinematics of CMEs and shocks along different directions
(2) Evolution of stand-off distance along different directions
(3) CME arrival time prediction at different planetary locations

(4) Link 3D reconstruction to the in-situ data at different planetary locations

Backup slides

Method Comparison of 3D CMEs from COR

2010-08-07 CME



Black: mask fitting; Red : GCS forward modelling

Polarization ratio: green and yellow

Advantage of mask fitting method : no a-priori assumption of the shape

Feng, Inhester, Mierla, et al., 2013, SoPh