

Coronal Seismology Requirements for Solar-C

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Coronal Seismology

Observe phase speed of waves in the solar corona

Speed of wave propagation is a function of density and magnetic field

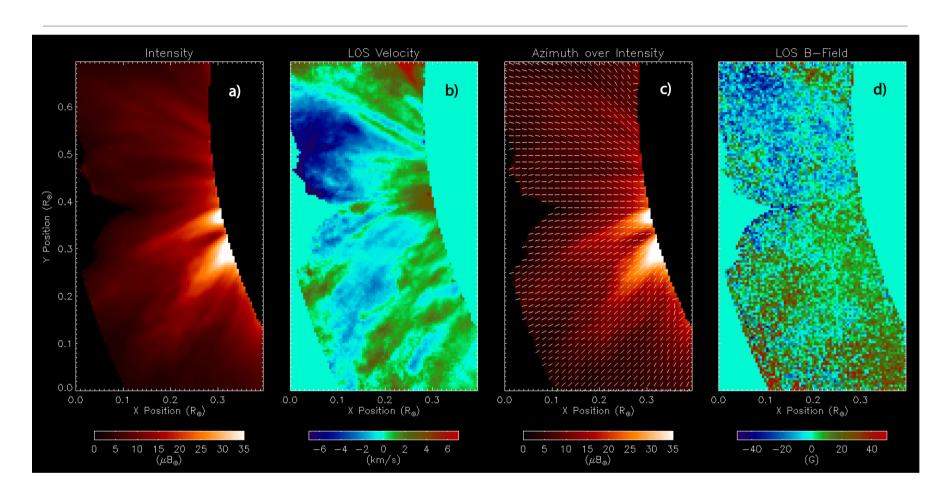
Transverse waves – LOS velocity perturbation constrain transverse component of magnetic field

This is complementary to Zeeman measurements

Combination provides coronal vector field measurement



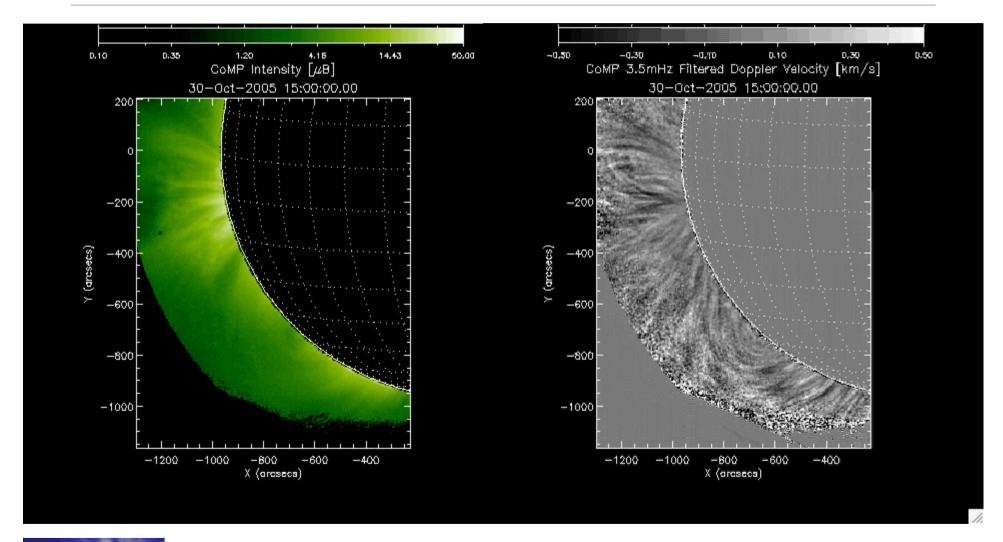
CoMP Measurements



- a) Intensity, b) LOS velocity, c) Magnetic Field Direction,
- d) LOS Magnetic Field Strength obtained on Oct 31, 2005.

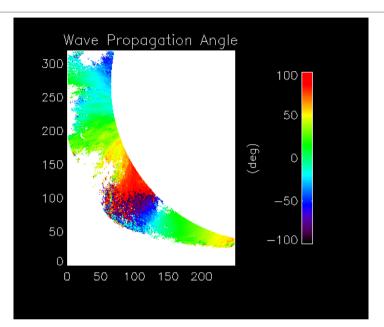


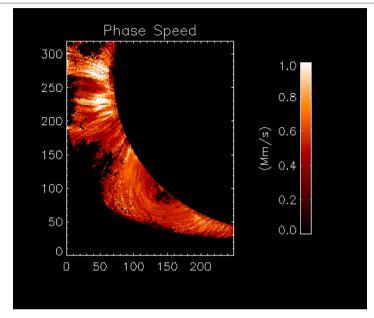
Waves

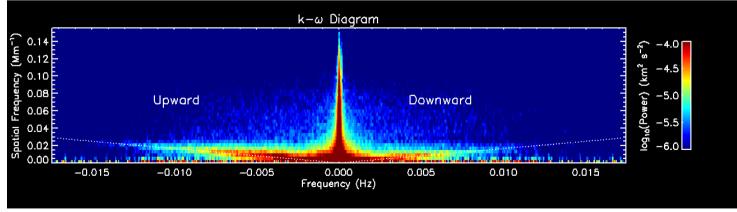




Observed Wave Properties









Noise Estimate

$$v_A = 1210 \left(\frac{B}{20G}\right) \left(\frac{n_e}{10^9 cm^{-3}}\right)^{-1/2} (km/s)$$
 (Aschwanden, 2004)

Then,
$$\sigma_{B} = \left(\frac{\sigma_{v_{A}}}{60 \,\text{km/s}}\right) \left(\frac{n_{e}}{10^{9} \,\text{cm}^{-3}}\right)^{1/2} (G)$$

An uncertainty in the phase speed of 60 km/s, and an electron density of 10⁹ cm⁻³ results in a 1 G magnetic field uncertainty

Need $n_e/\sigma_{ne} > ~3$; CoMP measurements: $\sigma_{vphase} < 50$ km/s (3 hours)



Wave Properties → **Requirements**

Velocity Amplitude: ~300 m/s rms

Period: ~300 s

Phase Speed: up to several Mm/s

1 Mm/s * 300 s = wavelength of 300 Mm

Velocity Noise < 100 m/s

FOV ≥ 0.5 solar radii

Cadence ≤ 15 secs

