HELCATS WP 5: Update on the CIR catalogue

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Elongation profile of the blob



6/22/08 0249 UT 22/08 1209 UT 6/22/08 2210 UT 6/23/08 1810 UT 6/24/08

In ecliptic pixel band extracted from actual images.



A blob having a constant speed seen from a satellite (Fixed phi approx.):

$$\mathcal{A} = \arctan\left(\frac{\hat{P}_{blob}t\sin b}{R_A(t) - V_{blob}t\cos b}\right)$$

Sheeley and Rouillard (2010)



A series of structures from the same solar region but at different times, moving radially outward with the same speed.





- Visual signature of a SIR
- Reasonable unique speed estimation for all tracks
- Does not give value of the density (running difference images)

Propagation Tool (J-maps)



- User friendly tool developed by Alexis Rouillard and a team of software engineers at IRAP and CNES.
- Takes account of the orbital motion of the satellite.
- Fit one track reproduces the whole SIR signature with periodically emitted structures, tipically every 8 hours.

Fit results and quality



One event information:

Blob origin time, V_{blob}, ß, Carrington longitude, HAE longitude.

 \rightarrow Recorded in the catalogue.

- Carrington maps with the source point Parker spiral assumed.
- SECCHI Carrington Maps in EUV provide information about Coronal Holes location. Helioviewer might give better estimate.



To be taken into account:

- Passage of the Milky Way prevents some events to be identified.
- CME presence: perturbation in J-maps.
- When successive CIRs are in too close proximity it becomes tricky to distinguish.
 Need in the in-situ feedback.
- Corotating sources of small scale transients can be misidentified as CIRs.
- Stereo B J-maps are sometimes of insufficient quality to identify clearly SIRs.

Catalogue update



- Mean SIR speed: 310.7 ±31 km/s
- Hean beta (one fitted blob / CIR): 49 deg.



Done on the Catalogue of CIRs:

- A list of events and track fits from 2007 up to 2014
- Subset of arrival times at different probes.
- Incorporated into the Propagation Tool (CIR fits database)
- About to be included into AMDA database (arrival times at different probes).

In progress:

- In situ catalogue.
- Feedback from in-situ data: false events rejection, identify undetected ones.
- Identification of Coronal Holes in association with every SIR event.