Heliospheric physics by plan-A

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- Heliospheric imager
- Cosmic ray

Heliospheric imaging by bringing STEREO/HI-like imager to high latitude

Interplanetary Coronal Mass Ejections (iCME) and Corotating Interaction Region (CIR) have been imaged by STEREO/Heliospheric Imager (HI)

Top-view different from side-view



CIR can be imaged by ~6hour exposure (Hara-san's talk)



Figure 3.7. A map is shown of the location of various SEP population and phenomena with respect the CME and shock. The observation of these phenomena at a particular energy will depend upon width and speed of the CME, the strength of the shock, and the path of the spacecraft through the panding structure.

•CME-CIR interaction

•Magnetic connection of Earth and CME

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Combination with in-situ observation



Identification of lowcorona and on-disk counterpart of interplanetary CME



Solar energetic particles (SEP)

Heliospheric imaging



3D MHD simulation Kataoka+09

Cross-scale observation of space plasma

- Ion inertia length 100~1000 km in solar wind
- STEREO/HI 2's pixel size 70"... 50000km/pix for 1AU
- Scale gap not desperately huge
- Cross-scale observation from global MHD to kinetic scales in space plasma is most likely to happen by heliospheric imaging (+ in-situ).
- Solar wind speed ~400km/s. Exposure should be <30 s to resolve 10000km. Need 3-4 orders of magnitude increase in sensitivity from STEREO/HI...

Out-of-ecliptic observation of cosmic rays (CR)

Data available from
 Voyager1 (<40°),
 Voyager2 (<30°),
 Pioneer 11 (<20°),
 Ulysses (>80°)





Ulysses orbit

Ulysses result

- CR intensity increases ~30% from ecliptic to high latitude, despite the theoretical prediction of factor >10 increase
- Challenge to transport theory.
- More data definitely necessary to see the latitudinal gradient as a function of 11- and 22cycle
- Fast, continuous, and longterm latitudinal scans by plan-A will be of great advantage



Duldig 2000

Anomalous Cosmic Ray

- 1-100Mev/nucleon
- Origin has been believed to be pick-up ions accelerated by the heliospheric termination shock
- Prove for local interstellar medium (LISM)



Voyager observations of termination shock





 ACR intensity doesn't peak at TS by keeps increasing monotonically Inconsistent with theoretical prediction of shock acceleration

 Acceleration by magnetic reconnection in heliospheric current sheet? (Lazarian & Opher 2009, Drake et al. 2010)

•Similar to pulsar wind

 Different latitudinal /longitudinal dependence from TS?

Probing local interstellar medium (LISM)

•Interstellar Boundary Explorer (IBEX) obtained all-sky map of Energetic Neutral Atoms (ENA).

•ENAs are (believed to be) pick-up ions that are heated (~1keV) near termination shock and then exchange the charge with surrounding plasma

• Strange ribbon-like structure found... effect of interstellar B?





CR and dynamo



- GCR-origin isotopes (C14, Be10 etc) are the most direct proxy for long-term (>400 year) solar activity and cyclic behavior during grand minima
- Understanding and precise modeling of CR transport in heliosphere is essentially important to reconstruct the past solar activity from isotope recodes

Required instrument and trajectory

- Ulysses/COSPIN.... 5kg/detector
- Measurements of solar wind plasma and magnetic field are desired. Jupiter option preferred.
- Higher is better, but >40° allows measurement outside the tilted heliospheric current sheet
- Data rate negligible
- Synergy with other projects
 - Solar Orbiter / Energetic
 Particle Detector (EPD)
 - ISS / Calorimetoric Electron
 Telescope (CALET, 2014~)



Summary

- Heliospheric imager
 - Ultimate observation for space weather
 - only practical possibility to directly observe from global
 MHD to kinetic scales in space/astrophysical plasmas
- Cosmic ray measurement
 - still too little data... any new information, particularly latitudinal dependence, useful to improve the CR production and modulation models
 - reconstruction past solar activity from CR-related isotopes
 => Dynamo

Personal view

- If we go for plan A, HI and CR could have priority over coronal observation
 - polar corona already seen from side
 - jets, waves and fast wind... can be studied in disk coronal hole
- They are not the option for "someone". There are young Japanese scientists (incl. myself) who are willing to do this