Tracking Solar Type II Bursts with Space Based Radio Interferometers

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Outline

What are Solar Radio Bursts?
SunRISE Array Pipeline
Lunar Surface Array Pipeline
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Why Space? Ionospheric Cutoff < 10 MHz



Solar Type II & III Bursts











Ultra fine detail reflects turbulent transport

Strong Type IIs seen with every major SEP event, Space Weather Forecasting?

- & Winter et al. *ApJ* 809:105 (19pp), 2015 August 10
- ℵ Kontar et al. 2017 using LOFAR data

SunRISE – Earth Orbiting Array

- & SunRISE Sun Radio Interferometer Space Experiment
- & Heliophysics Explorers Mission of Opportunity
- & Currently in Phase A
- & Will launch 2022 if funded
- & Track Bursts to 20 Rs



Signal to Noise Calculation

- Assume 5 m dual polarization isotropic dipoles (electrically short)
- & 4096 channel Polyphase Filter Bank,
 0-25 MHz, 6100 Hz channels, 6.6 ms
 / sec integration, 0.1 sec cadence
- k Type II Signals ≈ Galactic & Plasma Noise



$$\sigma = \frac{2 \, k_B \, T_{sys}}{\eta_s \, A_{eff} \, \sqrt{N(N-1)(N_{IF} \, \Delta T \, \Delta \nu)}}$$

Radio Interferometry Basics



CASA by McMullin, J. P., et al. 2007, Astronomical Data Analysis Software and Systems XVI, 127.

SunRISE Localization





Legend

Big Dashed Line: All Disturbed

Small Dashed Line: 1/3 Size of CME Base Requirement

> Black Ellipse: Truth Input

Green Ellipse: Array Reconstruction

Error Bars: 1 sigma 5 S/C error Over 80 Trials



SunRISE Performance on Localizing 'Small' Sources





Orbiting Arrays are Irregular



Evaluating Performance over Orbit



Lunar Surface vs Orbiting Arrays

- & Stable
- & Little Earth AKR Noise
- **&** Easier to sample all scale sizes
- & Large Day/Night Difference

- & Dynamic
- 100% Sun Visibility
- & AKR Noise in 10s-100s kHz+
- & Cheaper Baseline Cost
- No Day/Night Difference



UV Coverage & Synthesized Beam



Simulated Date 1/14/2020

CASA by McMullin, J. P., et al. 2007, Astronomical Data Analysis Software and Systems XVI, 127.

2 Fluid MHD AWSoM Models of CME Eruption On 2005/05/13 17:20:00, 20 minutes into event



Magnetic Field Lines

Compression Ratio Shock

Entropy Ratio Shock

W. B. Manchester, IV et al. Plasma Phys. Control. Fusion 56 (2014) 064006



Importing Shock Data & Calculating Plasma Parameters



Applying Data Cuts & Exporting to CASA Readable File

20^m 10^m



Conclusions

- & SunRISE can do basic localization of Type II & III Bursts
- Lunar Surface a good location for an array for detailed imaging of Solar Radio Bursts
- Simulation Pipeline is functional and can model response of Orbiting & Lunar Arrays

Future Work

- & Extend MHD models further into Heliosphere
- Iterate Lunar Array Design & Location(s)
- Create simulated spectra over time, identify correlated plasma parameters
- & Address Hardware & Engineering concerns (Lunar Temp & Power)

Questions?

Thank you SunRISE team!

Thank you NESS!

Max and Min scale sizes

1 Rs = .265 deg, 0.5 AU = 28.5 deg, 1 AU = 215 Rs

60 Rs => .07 MHz => λ = 4285.7 m => Θ *D = 299575 (deg meters) 60 deg Θ => 4992.9 m baselines, 6Rs = 1.59 deg Θ => 188412 m baselines , **resolve 10% the distance out from Sun**

4 Rs = 2.0 MHz $\Rightarrow \lambda = 150 \text{ m} \Rightarrow \Theta *D = 10485 \text{ (deg meters)}$.1 deg $\Theta = 104850 \text{ m}$ 'down to 10% the dist out from sun' 60 deg $\Theta = 175 \text{ m}$ resolve largest scale size

 $heta=1.220rac{\lambda}{D}$

Min = 150 m (75 m radius) Max = 200 km (100 km radius)



$$\& \langle V_{amp}^2 \rangle = SD \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} 4R_{ant} \frac{|z_{amp}|^2}{|z_{amp}+z_{ant}|^2}$$

D Directivity in frequency range, the directivity is 1.7 dBi, as expected from a Hertzian dipole, and it never exceeds 2 dB, allowing continuous, unobstructed view of the inner heliosphere

S flux density (W $m^{-2} Hz^{-1}$)

 λ is the wavelength of the radiation,

Rant is the resistance of the antenna,

Zant complex impedance of the antenna

Zamp complex impedance of the amplifier

Fraction determined by method-of-moments codes, is ~-6 to -3 dB



DH Signal Chain Voltage