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Magnetic Field Structures over a Solar Cycle

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Outline

- PFSS Model for coronal field
- Solar cycle
- Babcock-Leighton mechanism & surface flux transport

PFSS Model for Coronal Field

PFSS Model

Assuming lower corona is current free,
B can be expressed as a scaler potential

$$\boldsymbol{B} = -\nabla \boldsymbol{\Psi}$$

• **B** vector in spherical coord

$$B_{r} = -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r}$$
$$B_{\theta} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \theta}$$
$$B_{\phi} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \phi}$$



Sun (2012)

• Coronal field governed by Laplace eq.

 $\nabla^2 \Psi = 0$

PFSS Model

• Inner boundary: photosphere radial field

$$\left. -\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \right|_{r=R_{\odot}} = B_r(\text{obs})$$

• Outer boundary: source surface where field becomes radial and open

$$\Psi\Big|_{r=R_s} = 0$$
$$R_s = 2.5R_{\odot}$$

• General solution of Laplace equation:



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$$\Psi = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} r^{-(l+1)} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} a_{lm} Y_{l}^{m}(\theta,\phi) + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} r^{l} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} b_{lm} Y_{l}^{m}(\theta,\phi)$$

PFSS Model Solution

• Matching outer boundary

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} R_s^{-(l+1)} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} a_{lm} Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) + \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} R_s^l \sum_{m=-l}^{l} b_{lm} Y_l^m(\theta, \phi) = 0, \text{ or, } a_{lm} = -R_s^{2l+1} b_{lm}$$

• Matching inner boundary

$$\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (l+1)R_{\odot}^{-(l+2)} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} a_{lm}Y_{l}^{m}(\theta,\phi) - \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} lR_{\odot}^{l-1} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} b_{lm}Y_{l}^{m}(\theta,\phi) = B_{r}(R_{\odot},\theta,\phi)$$

• Use normalization properties of spherical harmonics

$$\oint d\Omega Y_l^m(\theta,\phi) Y_{l'}^{m'}(\theta,\phi) = \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

• Surface integral of observed field

$$(l+1)R_{\odot}^{-(l+2)}a_{lm} - lR_{\odot}^{l-1}b_{lm} = \oint d\Omega B_r(R_{\odot},\theta,\phi)Y_l^m(\theta,\phi)$$

PFSS Widget

https://tinyurl.com/pfss-wid

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minumum value of 1 to a maximum value of 6. In the display, gray lines are closed field lines, red lines are open field lines (inward), and blue lines are open field lines (outwards). Small black circles map out the neutral line on the source surface, dividing the outward radial fields there from the inward radial fields. Regions with neither closed nor open field lines plotted here are regions with closed field lines that do not reach the source surface.

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Utility of PFSS Model

Mapping Solar Wind: WSA Model



Sun (2012)

$$v \propto f^{-1} = \frac{B_r(R_s)R_s^2}{B_r(R_\odot)R_\odot^2}$$

Topology Analysis for Sympathetic Flares



Titov et al. (2012)



Sunspot Number

Hevelius 3-16 May 1644







SDO/HMI 7 January 2014

Butterfly Diagram

Defining cycle minimum/maximum



Hathaway (2015)

Historic View



Total Solar Irradiance



G. Kopp, 07 Feb. 2019

Courtesy G. Kopp

Spectral Irradiance Variability



X-Ray View Over a Cycle



Credit: Yohkoh/ISAS/LMSAL/NAOJ/U. Tokyo/NASA

Cycle Parameters



Hathaway (2015)

Spörer's, Hale's, & Joy's Law

Spörer's Law





Evolution of Magnetic Field



Hathaway (2015)

Magnetic Butterfly Diagram

Spörer's Law; N/S asymmetry; polarity reversal



Hathaway (2015)

Minimum Phase



SoHO/MDI, EIT 19.5 nm

Ascending Phase



SDO/HMI, AIA 19.3 nm

Maximum Phase



SDO/HMI, AIA 19.3 nm

Declining Phase



SDO/HMI, AIA 19.3 nm

Magnetic Topology



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Total Solar Eclipse Images









Solar Wind Over a Cycle



 $\tan \theta \sim |k_{11}|/|k_{10}|$

Babcock-Leighton Mechanism & Surface Flux Transport

Babcock-Leighton Mechanism



B-L mechanism

Sanchez et al. (2014)

Surface Flux Transport

- B_r evolution within a thin spherical shell near surface
- Induction equation with source & diffusion

$$\frac{\partial B_r}{\partial t} = \nabla \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})_r + \kappa \nabla^2 B_r + S(\theta, \phi, t)$$

or,

$$\frac{\partial B_r}{\partial t} = -\omega(\theta)\frac{\partial B_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{R_{\odot}\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}[\sin\theta v(\theta)B_r] + \frac{\kappa}{R_{\odot}^2}\left[\frac{1}{\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial B_r}{\partial \theta}\right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2\theta}\frac{\partial^2 B_r}{\partial \phi^2}\right] + S(\theta,\phi,t)$$

- Surface flow: differential rotation & meridional flow; measurable
- Diffusion: supergranular dispersion, etc.; empirically determined
- Source: flux emergence; measurable

Surface Flux Transport

- Toroidal field (sunspot) conversion to poloidal field (dipole)
- Essential ingredient: Hale's law, Joy's law, & cross equatorial cancellation



Active Region Flux Dispersal

HMI CR 2102-2104



Active Region Flux Dispersal



SFT Model of Dipole Contribution

Jiang et al. (2019)

Polar Field





Polar Field Reversal

https://github.com/mbobra/plotting-polar-field



Application on Active Stars

Emergence rate 10 x + rotation period 6 d = polar field 30 x





Courtesy S. Solanki

Schrijver & Title (2001)

Cycle Prediction Based on B-L

Poloidal field (polar field at min) of Cycle N > Toroidal Field (SSN) of Cycle N+1



Upton & Hathaway (2014)

Constructing Better Synoptic Maps

Near-Real-Time Data Assimilation + Surface Flux Transport



Courtesy M. DeRosa