

Residual Distortion

- using Venus transit data of June 5-6, 2012.

- level 1 data with distortion removed and PSF corrected

- for side camera and only along the path of Venus

- least-squares fit of CDELT1 and CROTA2 to minimize X & Y differences between measurements and ephemeris

residual distortion error
 ≤0.05"

- CROTA2 known better than 0.002 degrees,

- CDELT1 known better than 0.000042"/pixel

Side Note on HMI Distortion

obtained from ground data (random-dot target + moving alignment legs, Wachter *et al.* 2012)
distortion as a function of field position is expanded into Zernike polynomials up to 23rd order
when we correct images for distortion to obtain HMI observables, we use polynomials of order 6 separately for x and y. Distortion is mostly "pincushion" type in upper half, and "barrel" type in lower half (aka "mustache" distortion)

- elliptical distortion could be further corrected using roll data from space



Residual Fringe Pattern in the Observables



Front window acts like a weak Fabry-Perot interferometer: creates interference fringes on calmode images. Phase maps are produced from calmode, and are needed to produce look-up tables for MDI-like algorithm –> phase-maps have to be corrected



Correction not perfect: some small-scale fringes remain

Temperature Dependence of CCD Gain



CCD gain varies with temperature. Effect not corrected in the observables code.

Peak-to-peak daily variation in CCD temperature: about 2.5-3 degrees C -> relative intensity change of about 0.65%

Should not impact Dopplergrams and magnetograms, but impacts continuum intensity



Daily Focus Change



Sun Center Position Error In the Observables



- un-distortion algorithm estimates the center of the solar disk after distortion removal rather than rerunning limbfinder -> there is a difference with limb finder results
- error mainly in the Y axis, of the order of 0.15 pixels (CRPIX2)





Estimate of Systematic Error on Doppler Velocity

estimated from HMI rolls
median velocity across
the solar disk varies by
about 20 m/s peak-to-peak
with CROTA2

Estimate of Doppler Velocity Error Due to Photon Noise



Theoretical estimates of the photon noise on Dopplergrams at 3 different heliographic longitudes and for the MDI-like algorithm



24 Hour Oscillations in Magnetograms and Dopplergrams

- presented by Phil Here, I just summarize origin of problem :

- uncertainty on filter transmission profiles

- uncertainty on Fe I line profile

- problems with the polynomial correction

- oscillations larger in sunspot than quiet Sun.

 sunspots also affected by: saturation due to limited dynamic range of HMI



Analysis done with IBIS data (from Wachter & Rajaguru) on June 8, 2007 of NOAA 10960, and with HMI data: 3 days of December 2011, on NOAA 11384 Obtained from MDI-like algorithm applied to LCP and RCP line profiles observed by IBIS



Fe I line profile observed by IBIS at different locations in the quiet Sun and in NOAA 10960.

In red is the result of a fit by a Voigt profile.

24 Hour Oscillations in Solar Rotation Rate



15 days of solar equatorial rotation velocity, produced by Phil's code Calibration is poor near limb (for instance, center-to-limb variation of Fe I line is poorly known, and therefore look-up tables are probably sub-optimal)



Equatorial rotation velocity as a function of the Sun-SDO radial velocity (15 days worth of data).

Height of Formation Correction



R_SUN= R_SUN-0.445*exp(-(wl-10.-OBS_VR/(0.690/6173.*3.e8/20.)-wl0)²/wlw) Error on the correction translate into slight mis-registrations (up to about 0.02 pixels) with an annual period

Residual Flat Field Error



Difference between PZT/offpoint flat-field and rotational flat field is less than 0.1% -> this satisfies requirements