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Structure and Dynamics of the Solar Corona: Modeling and Observations

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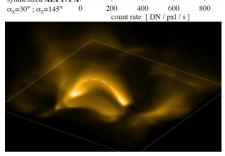


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Institute in Freiburg, he build up a group focussing on modeling the corona of the Sun. Now at the Max-Planck-Institute his main interests still revolve around physical processes sustaining the million Kelvin hot corona. Besides his research work he is also teaching at the University of Göttingen. $\frac{\text{synthesized AIA 171 A}}{\alpha_x = 30^\circ; \alpha_x = 145^\circ 0 200 400 600}$

Abstract

One of the great questions in Astrophysics is how a cool star can sustain a hot outer atmosphere, the corona. The Sun presents us with a detailed view of the structure and dynamics of the million Kelvin hot plasma. Modern numerical



experiments can show how these structures form and how they evolve. Realistic 3D magnetohydrodynamic models can be used to synthesize coronal emission lines that allow a direct comparison between model and observations. This let us understand, e.g., what causes the persistent line shifts in the corona or why loops observed in extreme ultraviolet appear to have a constant cross section. In the end these results let us draw some conclusions on the spatial and temporal distribution of the heat input, bringing us closer to answering the question of coronal heating.

All are welcome! Tea, coffee, biscuits will be served at 9:45 A.M.

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