Space Weather Modeling

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Overview of the talk





Understanding space weather to shield society: A global road map for 2015–2025 commissioned by COSPAR and ILWS

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Space Weather Forecasting Goals

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Impacts:

- 1. Grid
- 2. Satellites and radiation
- 3. Ionosphere and signals

Focus:

- 1. Reducing impacts above
- 2. User-relevance:
 - 1. Geomagnetic disturbances that drive currents in the power infrastructure
 - 2. Variability of the ionosphere electron density
 - 3. Energetic particles for solar assets

Evaluation

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We cannot at present use observations of the Sun to successfully model the magnetic field in coronal mass ejections (CMEs) en route to Earth, and thus we cannot forecast the strength of the perturbation of the magnetospheric field that will occur.



we understand too little of magnetic instabilities to forecast the timing and energy release in large solar flares or in intense (sub) storms in geospace.

Advances in these areas will strengthen our ability to understand the entire web of physical phenomena that connect Sun and Earth, working towards a knowledge level to enable forecasts of these phenomena at high skill scores.

Research Recommendations

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1. Data driven models

 Advance the international Sun–Earth system observatory along with models to improve forecasts based on understanding of real-world events through the development of innovative approaches to data incorporation, including data-driving, data assimilation, and ensemble modeling.

2. Origin at the Sun

 Understand space weather origins at the Sun and their propagation in the heliosphere, initially prioritizing postevent solar eruption modeling to develop multi-day forecasts of geomagnetic disturbance times and strengths, after propagation through the heliosphere.

Research Recommendations

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3. Geospace

 Understand the factors that control the generation of geomagnetically-induced currents (GICs) and of harsh radiation in geospace, involving the coupling of the solar wind disturbances to internal magnetospheric processesand the ionosphere

4. Space Environment specification

 Develop a comprehensive space environment specification, first to aid scientific research and engineering designs, later to support forecasts.

Tasks identified in the survey



Three main pathways (each can be a project)

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Pathway I recommendations:

- to obtain forecasts more than 12 h ahead of the magnetic structure of incoming coronal mass ejections and their impact in geospace
- to improve alerts for geomagnetic disturbances and strong GICs, related ionospheric variability, and geospace energetic particles:

Pathway II recommendations:

 to understand the particle environments of (aero) space assets leading to improved environmental specification and nearreal-time conditions

Pathway III recommendations

 to enable pre-event forecasts
 of solar flares and coronal mass
 ejections, and related solar

energetic particle, Xray, EUV and radio wave eruptions for near-Earth satellites, astronauts, ionospheric storm forecasts, and polarroute aviation, including all-clear conditions.

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Past Experience in FP7

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SOTERIA



Coordinator: G. Lapenta

First Ever EC-funded project on space weather

Physics Coverage:

- Photosphere
- •Chromosphere/Corona
- •Heliosphere/Terrestrial effects
- Irradiance

Data dissemination

- •Virtual Observatory: SODA
- •Value-added data products

Participant	Participant short	Participant organisation name	Country
Number	name		
1	KU Leuven	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	Belgium
(coordinator)			
2	UNIGRAZ	Universitaet Graz	Austria
3	PMOD-WRC	Pyhsikalisch-Meteoroligisches Observatorium Davos and World Radiation Center	Switzerland
4	KO	Konkoly Observatory	Hungary
5	CNRS LPCE & LP	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique	France
6	ROB/SIDC	Koninklijke Sterrenwacht van Belgie	Belgium
7	OBSPARIS	Observatoire de Paris	France
8	SRC-PAS	Space Research Centre, Polish Academy of Sciences	Poland
9	MTA-KFKI- RMKI	MTA-KFKI-RMKI Research Institute for Particle and Nuclear Physics	Hungary
10	DTU	Technical University of Denmark	Denmark
11	UOulu	University of Oulu	Finland
12	UGOE	Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Stiftung Öffentlichen Rechts	Germany
13	HVAR	Hvar Observatory, Faculty of Geodesy, University of Zagreb	Croatia
14	NOVELTIS	Noveltis Sas	France
15	FIAN	P.N. Lebedev Physical Institute	Russia
16	IEEA	Informatique Electromagnetisme Electronique Analyse numérique	France

SOTERIA EC continued as eHeroes eheroes.eu

	Space Weather	Participant short name	Participant organisation name	Country
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Data (ground & space) and simulation on:	and their	NOVELTIS	NOVELTIS SAS	France
	Torrectric	LPI	P.N. Lebedev Physical Institute, Russian Academy of sciences	Russian Federation
	Impact	UOulu	Oulun Yliopisto	Finland
Collaborative Projec	t \	UCL	University College London	UK
FP7- Space		UNIGRAZ	Universitaet Graz	Austria
	Space Activities	ROB	Royal Observatory of Belgium	Belgium
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		КО	Konkoly Observatory	Hungary
		CNRS- OBSPARIS	Observatoire de Paris, LESIA	France
	eHeroes	UCT	University of Catania	Italy
		INAF	Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica - National Institute for Astrophysics	Italy
• Focus on data	eHeroes • adds emphasis to space ovelocation (space)	PMOD-WRC	Schweizerisches Forschungsinstitut für Hochgebirgsklimaund Medizin Davos	Switzerland
	manned missions to the Moon and Mars)	UGOE	Georg-August_Universität Göttingen Stiftung Öffentlichen Rechts	Germany

Overview of the Space Covered by Soteria and eHeroes



SWIFF: Space Weather Integrated Modelling Framework swiff.eu





Collaborative Project FP7- Space

Create a mathematical-physical framework to integrate multiple-physics (fluid with kinetic)

Focus on coupling small-large scales

Federation of models based on physical and amthematical understanding of the coupling

Physics-based rather than software-based

Founding approach: implicit, adaptivity and multilevel

G. Lapenta et al., J. Space Weather Space Clim., 3, 2013

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Challenges of space weather



HARDY

Swiff approach to space weather modelling



Distic: full model
based on first
principles

Multiscale
allenge: in each
gions processes
different scales

$$E = \rho$$

$$B = 0$$

$$E + \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$D = 0$$

$$Multiscale different models$$

Multiscale different models

Using implicit
moment method on
massivley parallel
computers

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = v$$

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = q(E + v \times B)$$

Three-way synergies







Multiscale – Multiphysis: Unification approach



Major Achievements

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Development of methods and software to couple different tools and software for space weather modelling and forecasting

Development of a global physics-based models

- Coupling small and large scales
- Coupling different processes
- Coupling different regions
- Coupling different codes

Validation and verification of methods and software for physicsbased space weather forecasting with specific events

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Need for Multilevel



Coupling of models

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Coupling

One way: spawn kinetic from fluid

Two way: the two keep exchanging info during evolution

Kinetic → Fluid : Well determined - Moments





Fluid \rightarrow Kinetic : Information needs to be created

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expansion

• Easiest case: LTE

One way Fluid to Kinetic coupling





New in 2014: From 2D to 3D

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Cycle 20,000 or time about 20 sec

This slide compares apples and oranges because dt is different in 2D and 3D. All plots are at 20k

so in 3D one has 4 times larger dimes for the same cycle



The onset is just the same, not shown also the Hall field in Bz develops just the same.

The striations is anything are stronger in 3D than in 2D.

New wave in3D HR: LHDI

This is still Bx but with different color scales to highlight different regions. The wave you see develop along code z (GSM y) is the LHDI (lowe hybrid Drift instability). The same wave happens also in LR.



LHDI: lower hybrid drift instability

Seen only in 3D because directed normal to B (mainly along x) and gradients (mainly along y). So it is directed along z
LHDI changes the nature of reconnection and of the waves seen in its vicinity Observed in satellite data

The challenge: full coupling



They speak a different language:

Moments versus distributions

They speak over a different range of channels:

• Kinetic waves have more characteristics to follow

Even on the channels they have in common the speed of communication differ:

• At high k the to channels become completely different

Example: waves in a cold plasma

Parallel

Perpendicular



The need



Filtering directly is inelegant and requires fiddling parameters They speak a different language:

- Moments versus distributions
- Use the Chapman-Enskog distribution They speak over a different range of channels:
- Kinetic waves have more characteristics to follow
- Filter the extra channels
 Even on the channels they have in common the speed of communication differs:
- At high k the to channels become completely different
- Filter the high k components

Kinetic method



The idea of the implicit moment method

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$$M^{n}(x) = \sum_{p} q_{p} v_{p}^{n} S(x_{p} - x)$$

Approximate the summation with a Chapman – Enskog expansion and use that to couple with Maxwell's equations

Idea of the implicit moment method





Implicit moment method



Coupling with the implicit moment method

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- The speak a different language:
- Moments versus distributions
- Chapman-Enskog is already used They speak over a different range of channels:
- Kinetic waves have more characteristics to follow
- The extra channels are numerically damped

Even on the channels they have in common the speed of communication differ:

- At high k the to channels become completely different
- The large k's all speeds converge

Implicit Moment method

 $\pi/\Delta t^{-1}=300$



Fastest to slowest: light, Langmuir, whistler and ion acoustic

Implicit Moment method



Fastest to slowest: light, Langmuir, whistler and ion acoustic

Coupling Example Algorithm









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⁻⁸⁰ -60 -40 -20 0 20 MHD with Embedded Particle-in-Cell (MHD-EPIC) method combines the efficiency of the global fluid code with the kinetic physics capabilities of the local PIC code (L. Daldorff et al. 2014 JCP)

Earth magnetosphere is challenging

- Large system size compared to ion inertial length
- Long time scales
- Daldorff et al. poster on Monday

Ganymede is a very appealing application

- Small system size compared to ion inertial length
- Short time scale (minutes)
- Galileo measurements for validation



3D Ganymede simulation with Hall MHD-PIC

Ganymede parameters: $R_g = 2634$ km, dipole strength = -750 nT Jupiter wind (sub-sonic and sub-Alfvenic) $n = 4/cc, V_x = 140 km/s, B_7 = -77 nT, T = 570 MK$ $M_i = 14$, so ion inertial length $d_i \approx 0.16 R_g$ Hall MHD domain: -128 $R_g < x, y, z < 128 R_g$ fix values at inflow and outflow boundaries (far away) Absorbing boundary condition at 1 R_g -2 < x < 4, Finest grid resolution 1/32 $R_g \sim 0.2 d_i$ within -3 < y < 3, -2 < z < 2 Coarsest grid cell size 4R_g, about 8.4M cells total 4 embedded PIC regions surrounding the moon $1/32 R_g \sim 0.2 d_i$ resolution: 3.6M total 216 macroparticles per species per cell: 1.5B total

 $M_{i}/M_{e} = 100$





Hall MHD vs. Hall MHD-PIC Meridional Plane



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Hall MHD vs. Hall MHD-PIC



Hall MHD vs. Hall MHD-PIC Equatorial Plane



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Hall MHD vs. Hall MHD-PIC



Conclusions

- A lot remains to be done for space weather, hopefully new projects in H2020 and other contexts will give us an opportunity to grow
- A key aspect is coupling macro and micro, a problem much more general than just space (material science, fusion for example)
- One way coupling where fluid spawns kinetic is easy
- Two way interlocked fluid/kinetic is much more challanging because of different wave characteristics and home space
- The implicit moment method provides a working framework for handling the coupling
- First successes in full coupling iPic3D and Bats'R'us

