The Helioseismic and Magnetic Imager

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HMI OPTICAL LAYOUT



HMI Filter Profiles



HMI Observing Sequence

Time (sec)	0	8	16	24	32	40	45	53	61	69	77	85
λTuning	11	12	13	14	15	IC	11	12	13	14	15	IC
Doppler Seq	LR	R L	LR	R L	LR	С	L R	R L	LR	RL	LR	С
Vector Seq	1 2	2 1	1 2	2 1	1 2	С	3 4	4 3	34	4 3	3 4	С
Polarization L = I + V = LCP		R = I - V = RCP 1		= I + aQ + bV		2 = I – aQ + bV		3 = I + aU – bV		4 = I – aU - bV		
Details of the HMI observing sequence: <i>Time</i> indicates the beginning of the exposures at a given wavelength. The <i>Wavelength Tuning</i> positions I1 through I5 are spaced evenly 75 mÅ apart, with I3 centered on the line (see Figure												

C.8). Doppler Seq and Vector Seq indicate the order and polarizations settings for the two cameras, with the states L, R, 1, 2, 3, 4 identified by *Polarization*. For $a^2=2/3$ and $b^2=1/3$, Q, U and V have identical noise equal to 0.22% in the continuum. IC is a continuum filtergram taken in linear polarization.

Sample MDI Filtergrams



Sample MDI Observables



Data Completeness

- Minimizing data loss is critical in order to insure the highest quality observables.
- A typical HMI filtergram will require about 10,000 packets of one kilobyte length.
- A loss of 10 packets per image results in a filtergram data completeness of 99.9%.
- With 10 filtergrams per observable, this could result in a 1% loss of the primary science image data.