

# Scientific results from observation of solar corona (during total solar eclipses)



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Solar Eclipse Conference 2007 (SEC 2007)  
Griffith observatory, Los Angeles, USA

Vojto Rušin:

„... there exists the physics of solar corona  
before and after 2001...”

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# Observatory Úpice and TSE



# Total solar eclipse in the past:

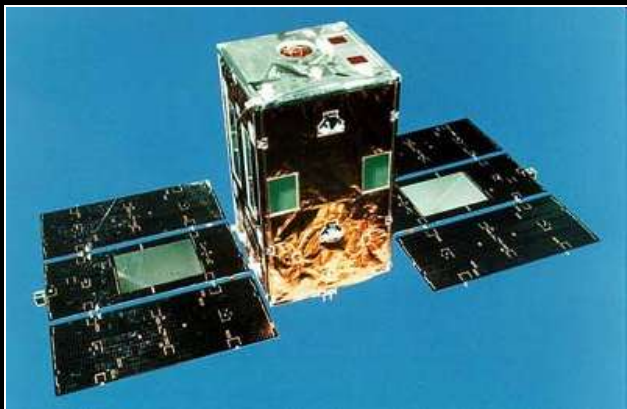
Unique possibility to study solar atmosphere - corona





# Space-born solar telescopes:

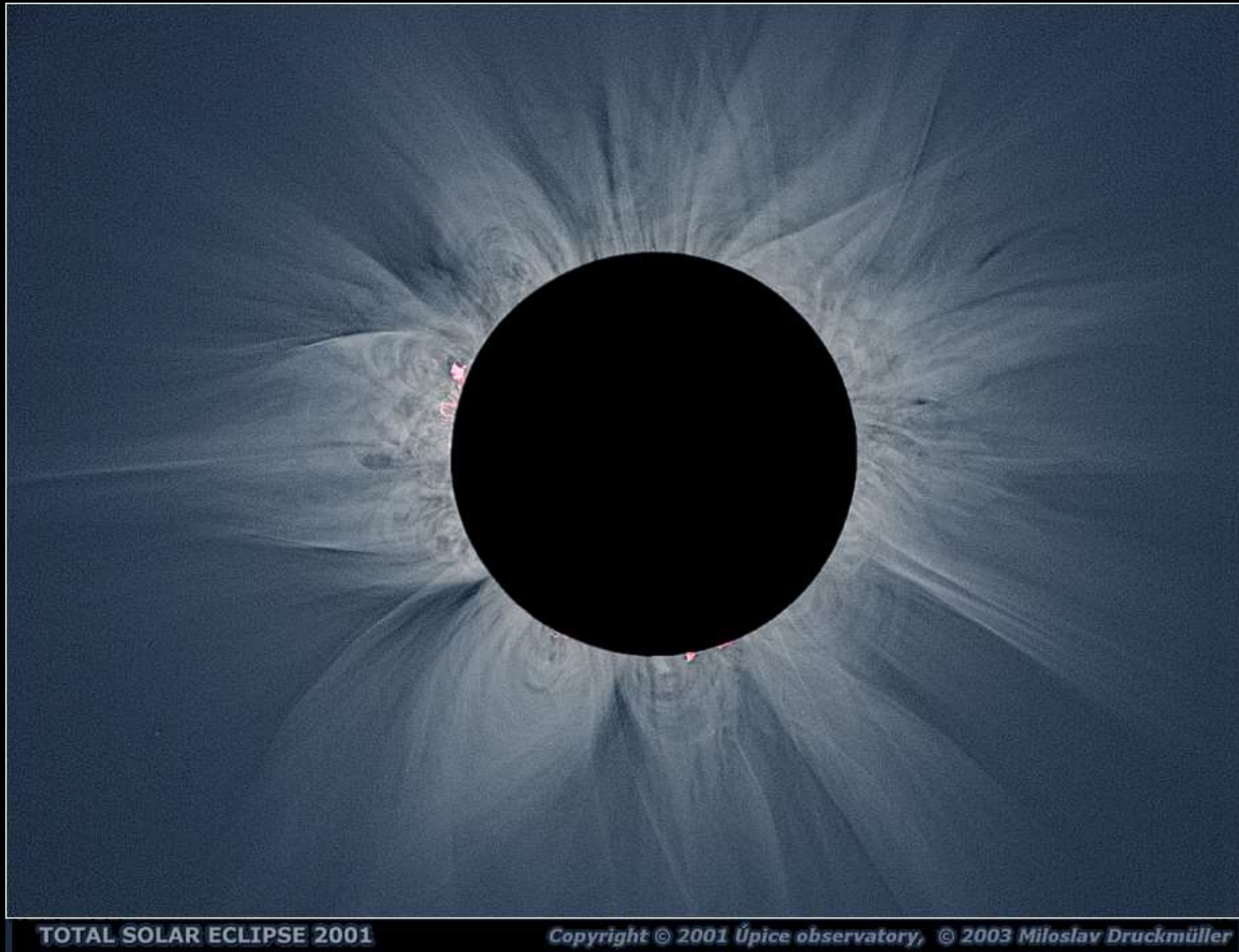
Temporary diminishing of TSE interest



Skylab, SOHO, Yohkoh, .....

# Turn of millennium:

## Renewal of TSE interest



# Role of the Úpice observatory:

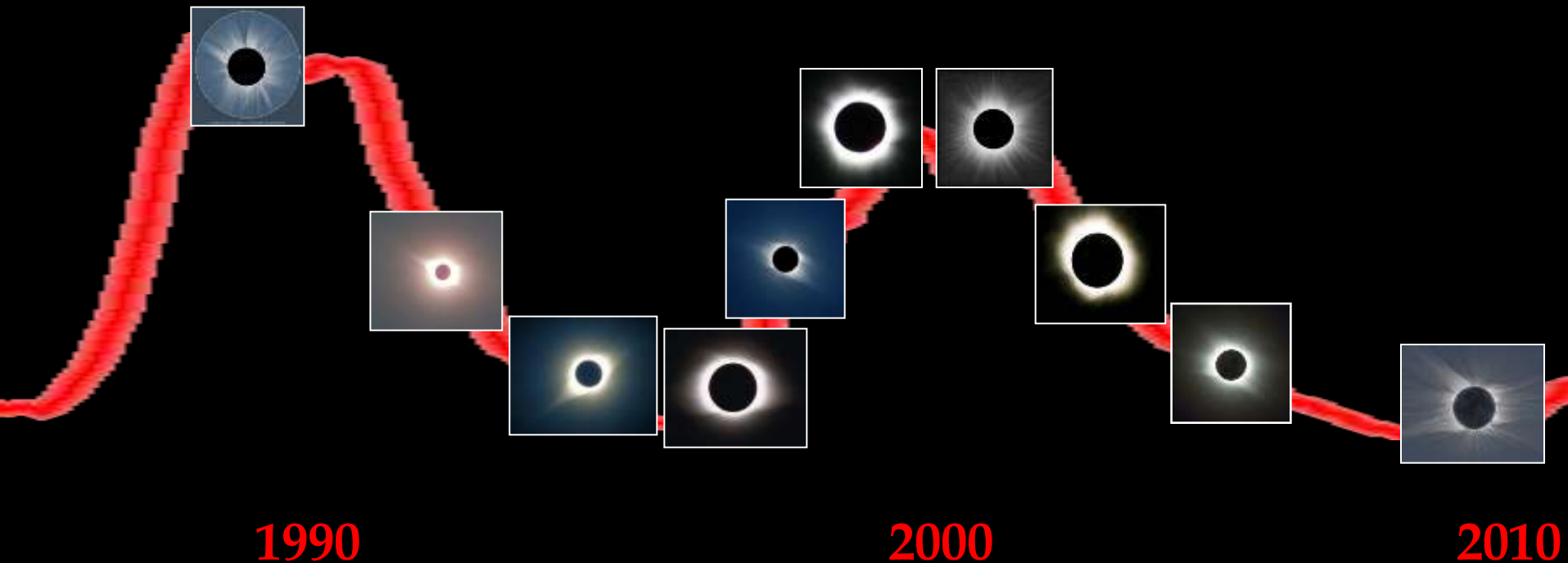
Úpice Observatory plays an important role  
in this renewal





# 21 years of TSE's:

1. 1990 - Czukotka
2. 1994 - Brazil
3. 1995 - India
4. 1997 - Siberia
5. 1998 - Venezuela
6. 1999 - France, Hungary, Romania
7. 2001 - Angola
8. 2002 - South Africa (JAR)
9. 2006 - Egypt, Turkey
10. 2009 - China
11. 2010 - Argentina
12. ....



# 1990 – 2001 – collection of experiences

Big and heavy telescopes and mounts

„Classical“ B&W or colour slide films

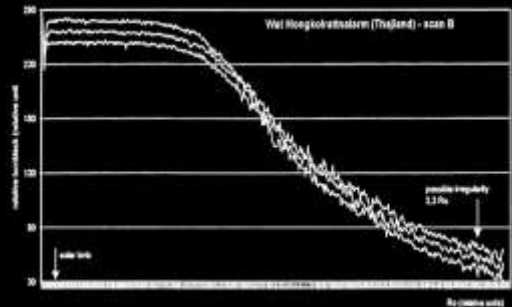
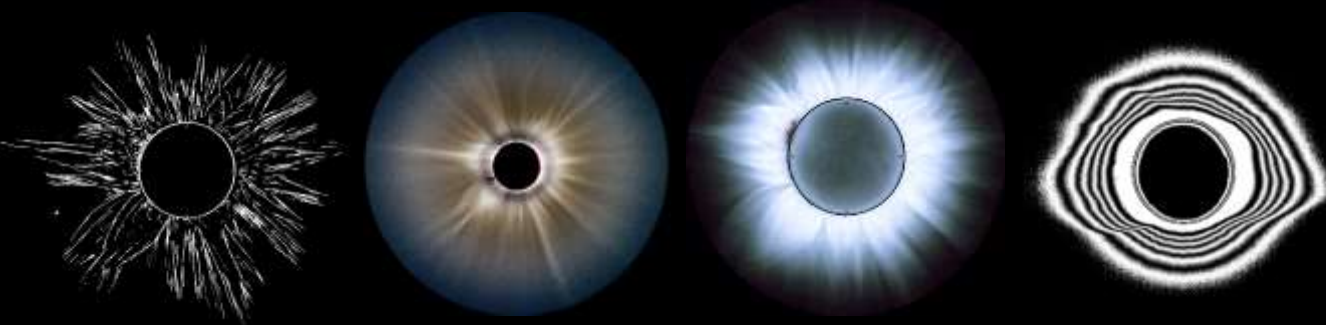
„Standard“ photo-cameras

„Classical“ processing of pictures

„Standard“ results ( ellipticity, structures, ...)

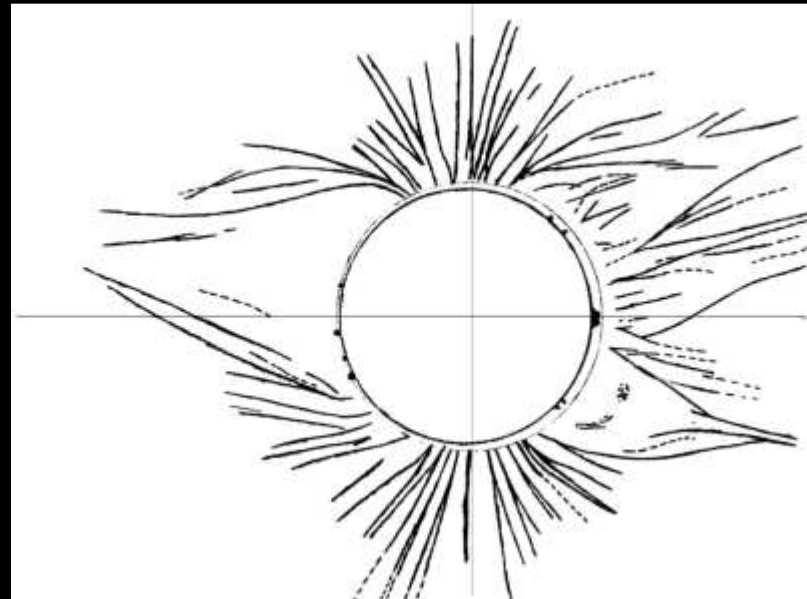
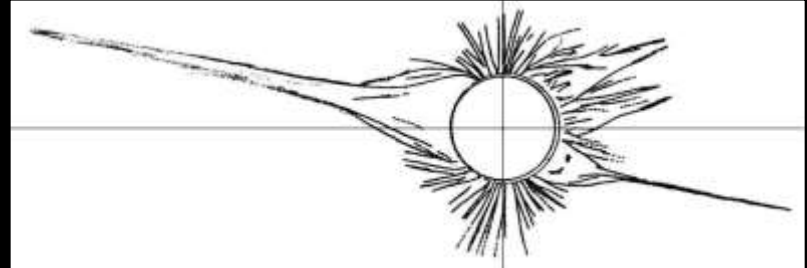
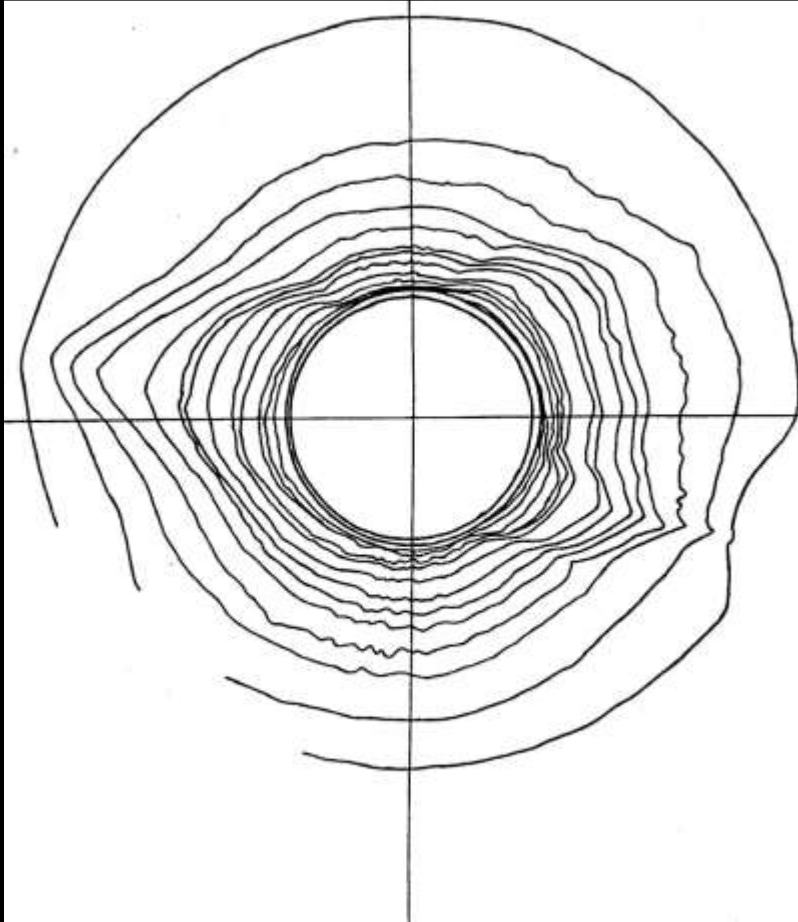
First steps to the „digital“ age (getting and processing of data)

First attempt to detect dynamic of coronal structures (different observation places)



1990 - 1999:

„classical“ processing of images

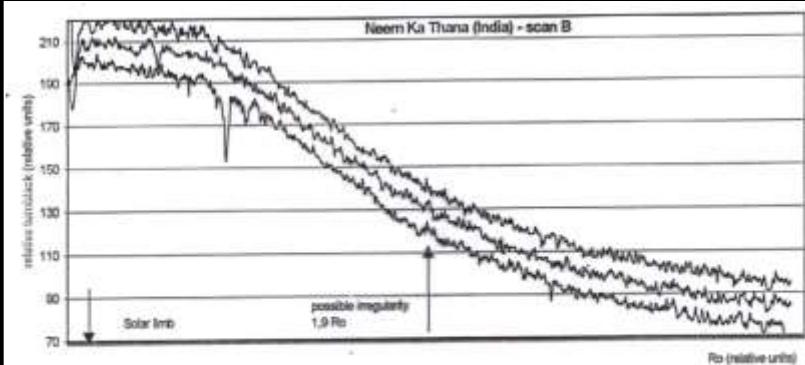


Shape of corona (isophoties, ellipticity), structures,

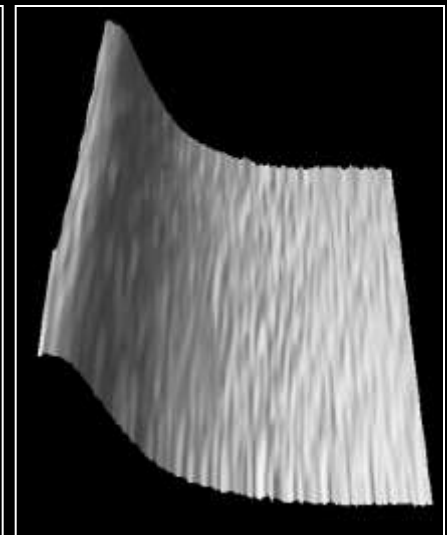
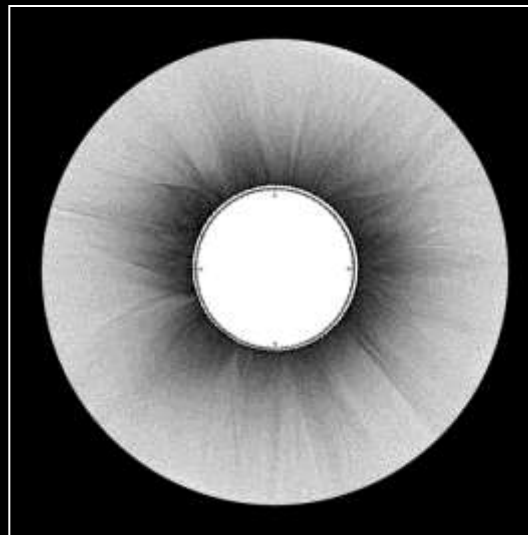
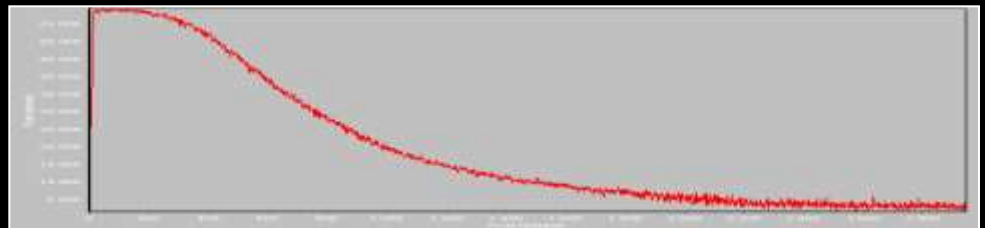
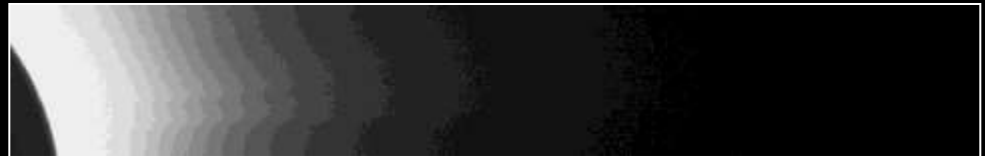
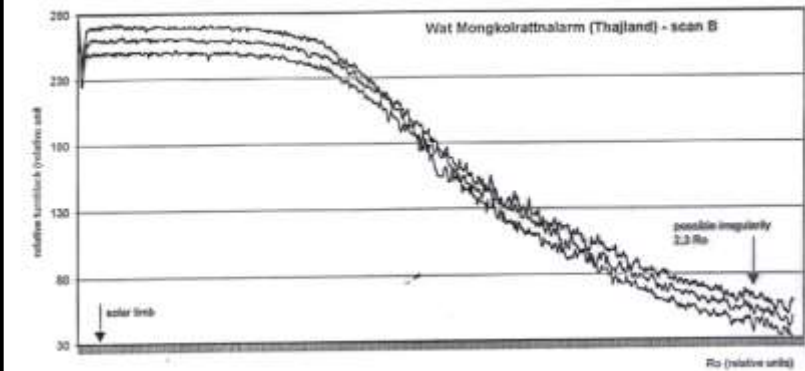
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# 1990 - 1999:

## „new “ tendencies of eclipse processing

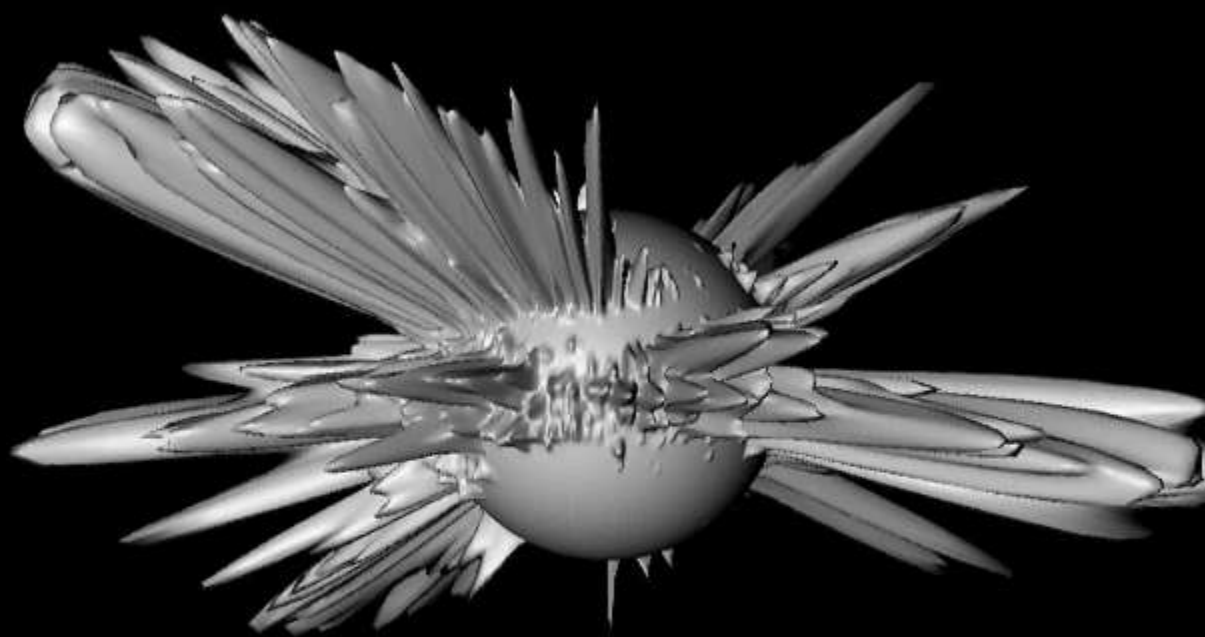


50 - 200 km/s



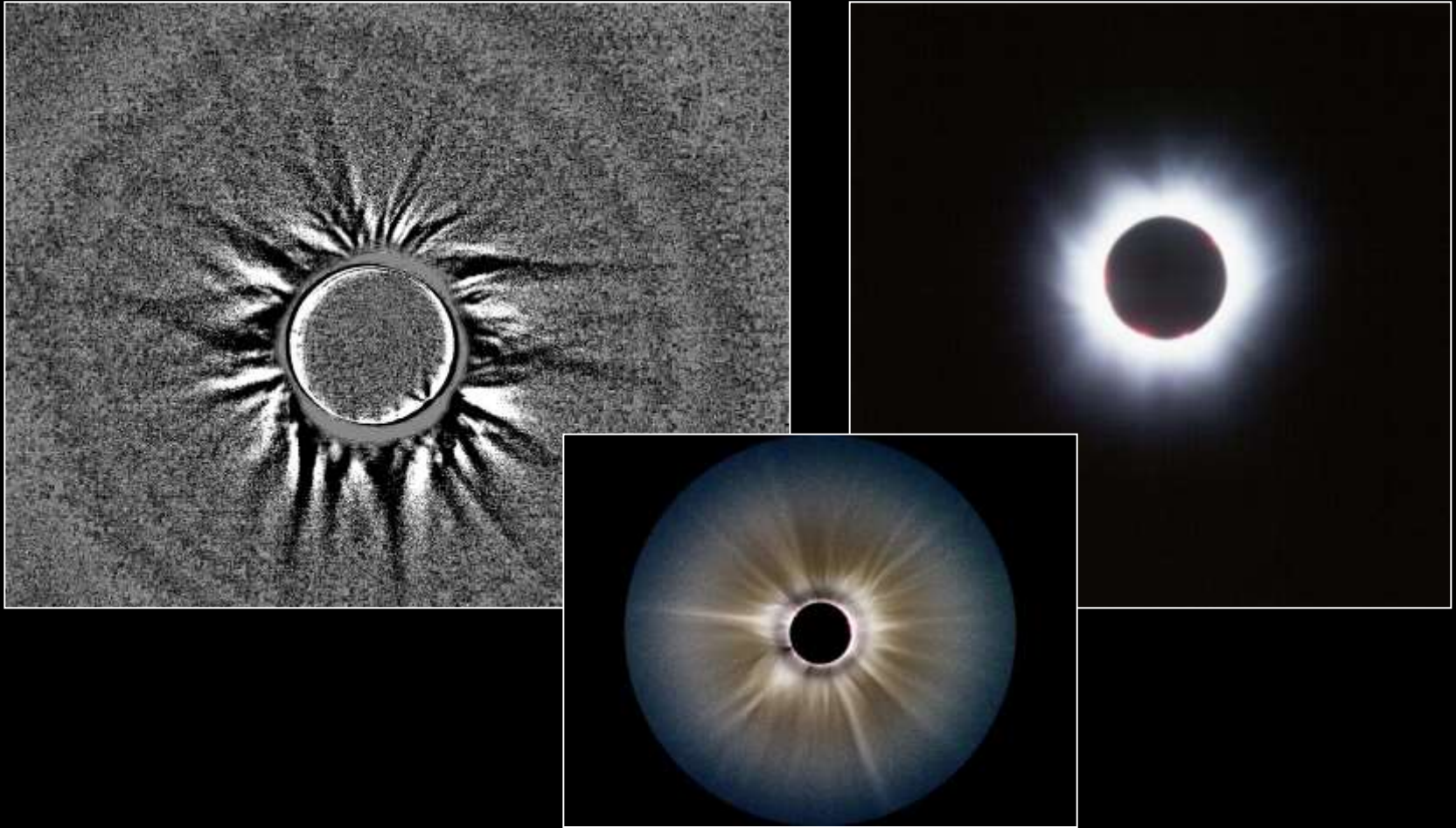
Comparison of observation from different places  
Large and small scale dynamic of coronal structures





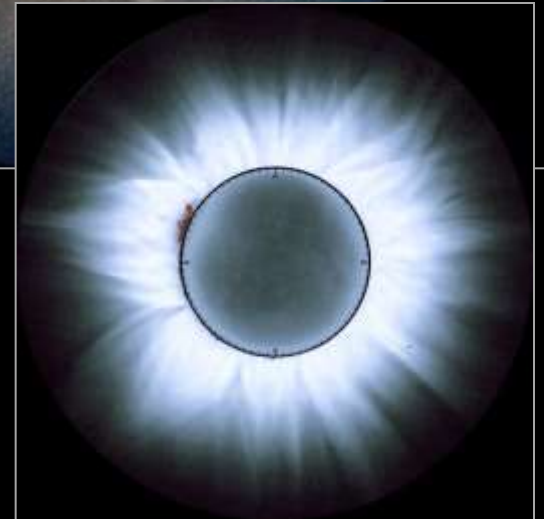
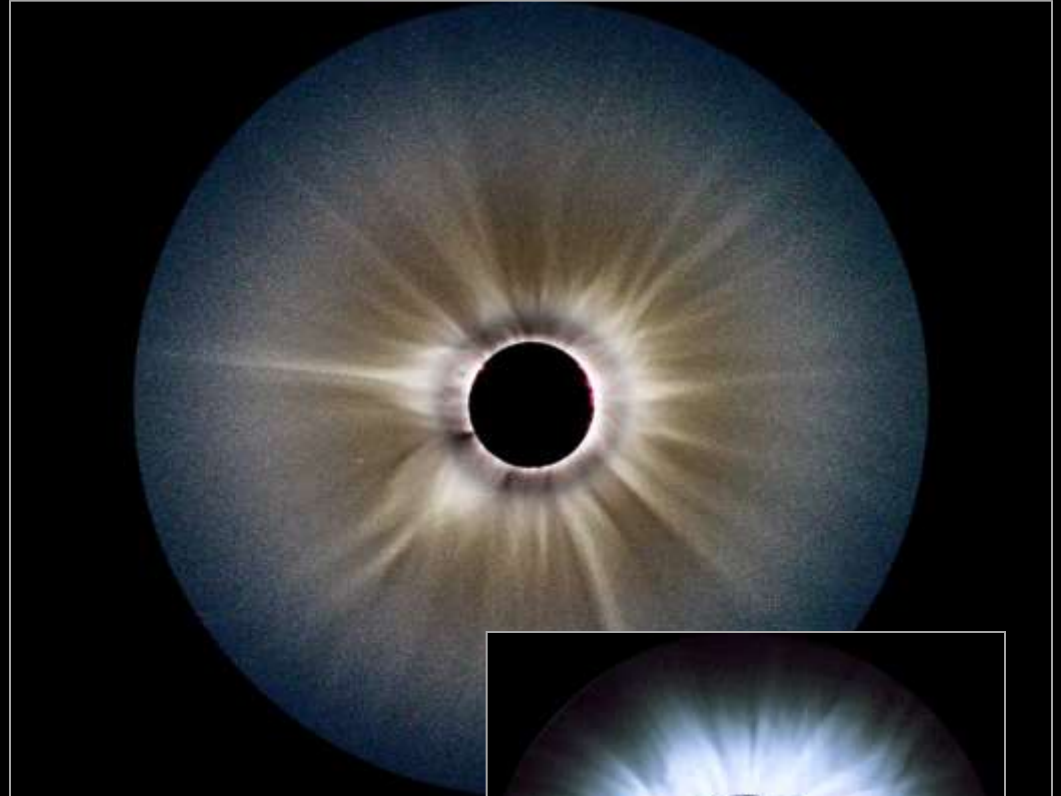
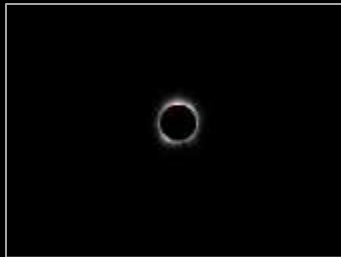
1999 – 2001:

„new “ tendencies of eclipse photography



Technical innovation, exposition planning,  
using of digital technique

# Digital „radial filter“



# PROJEKT M2V

Collecting of experiences  
and  
development of observing  
techniques  
1990 - 1999

New  
ASAHI Pentax

New telescope  
100/1875 mm  
(VOD Turnov)

Excelent  
meteorological  
conditions

Cooperation  
with VUT Brno  
num. processing  
(prof.  
Druckmüller)

2001  
ANGOLA



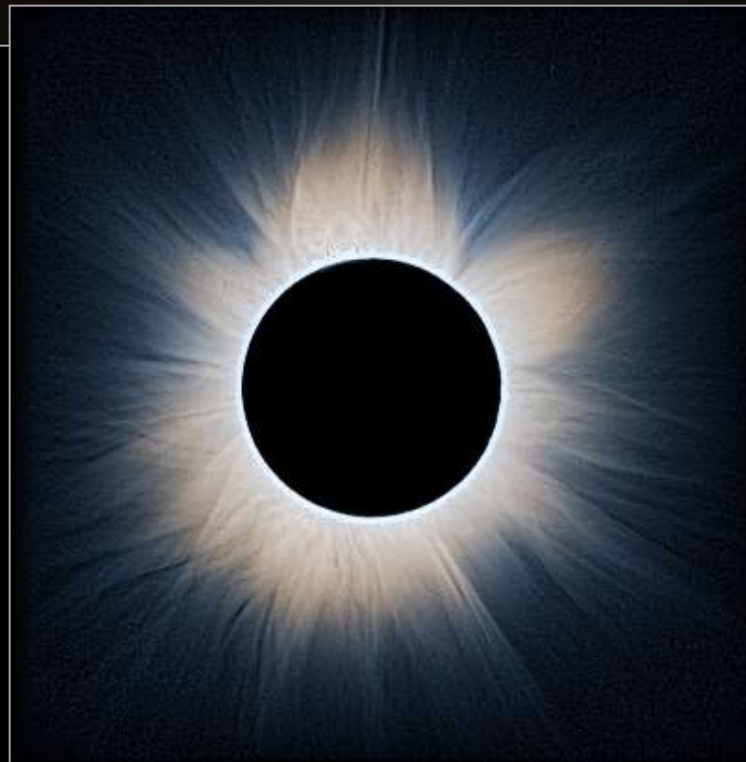
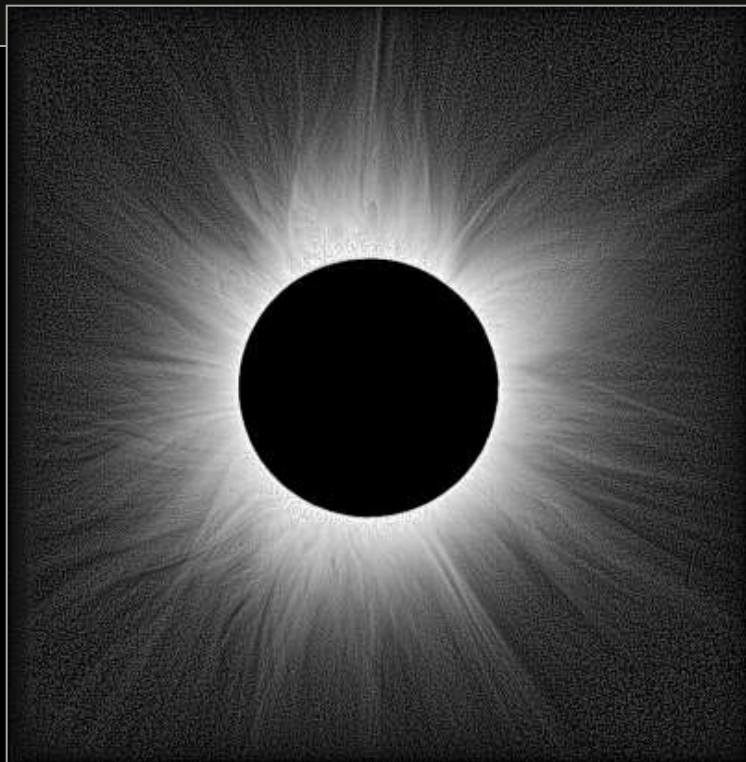
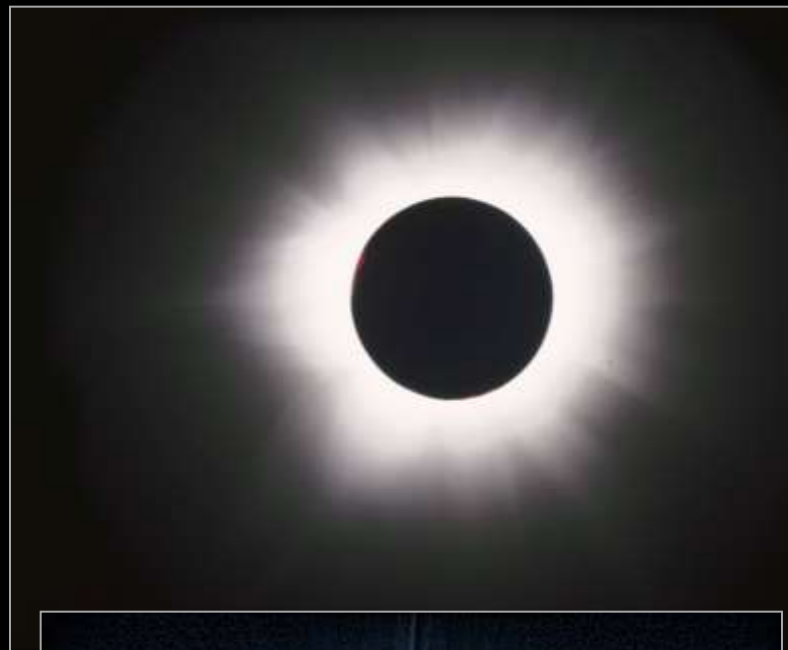


# Vizualizace detailů

Matematické numerické metody, které upravují algoritmus zpracování vzhledem k lokálním vlastnostem obrazu podobně jako lidské oko se nazývají

## adaptivní filtry

Tyto metody upravují vlastnosti zpracovávaného pixelu na základě histogramu blízkého okolí, jehož tvar je navíc závislý na vlastnostech tohoto okolí. Celý proces je následně kontrolován na překročení nastavených parametrů zpracování obrazu tak, aby nedocházelo k degradaci obrazu či tvorbě artefaktů.



A photograph of a total solar eclipse from 2001. The sun's corona is visible as a bright, wispy white ring against a dark blue sky. In the center of the image, there is a black circle containing the text "M2V" in a stylized blue font with a white outline. A thin orange ring is also visible behind the text.

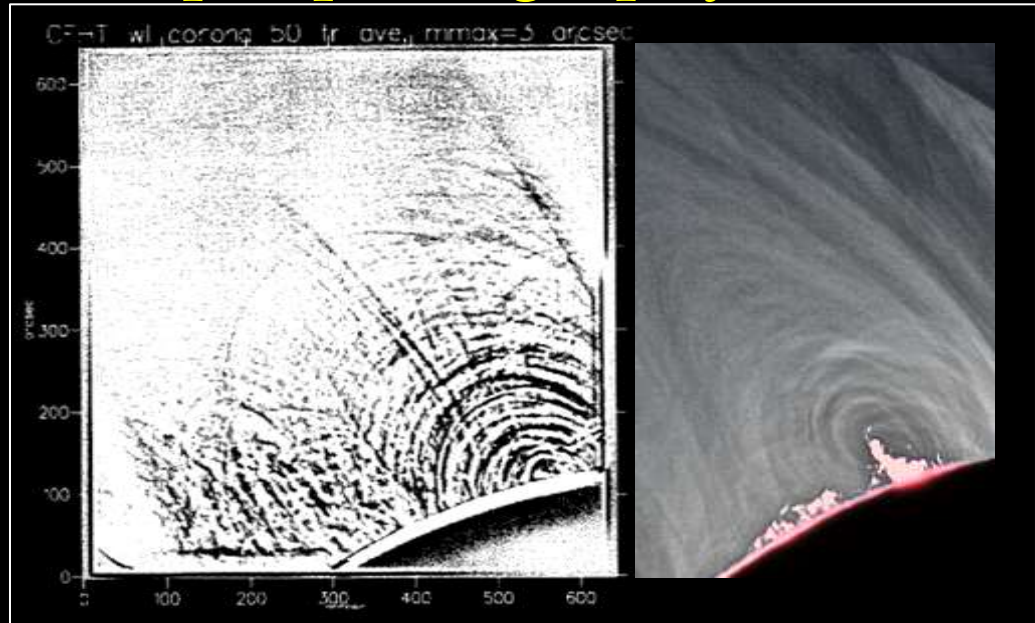
M2V



2001 – end of next millenium:



„new “ tendencies of eclipse photography and processing



Canada-French-Hawaii telescope (CFHT)  
diameter 3,6 m Mauna Kea (1991)



# 2001 – now – using of experiences

More transportable and quality mounts and optics

Digital cameras (included chips of  $40 \times 50$  mm), controled by computer. New numerical methods of image processing.

„New“ results (very faint coronal structures, dynamic of them in very faint ranges, best determination of closed structures, ...)

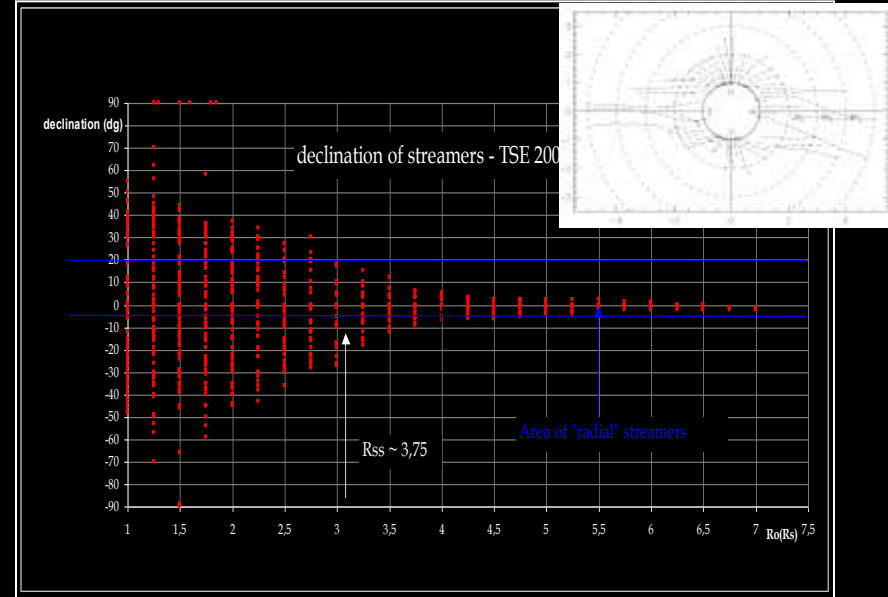
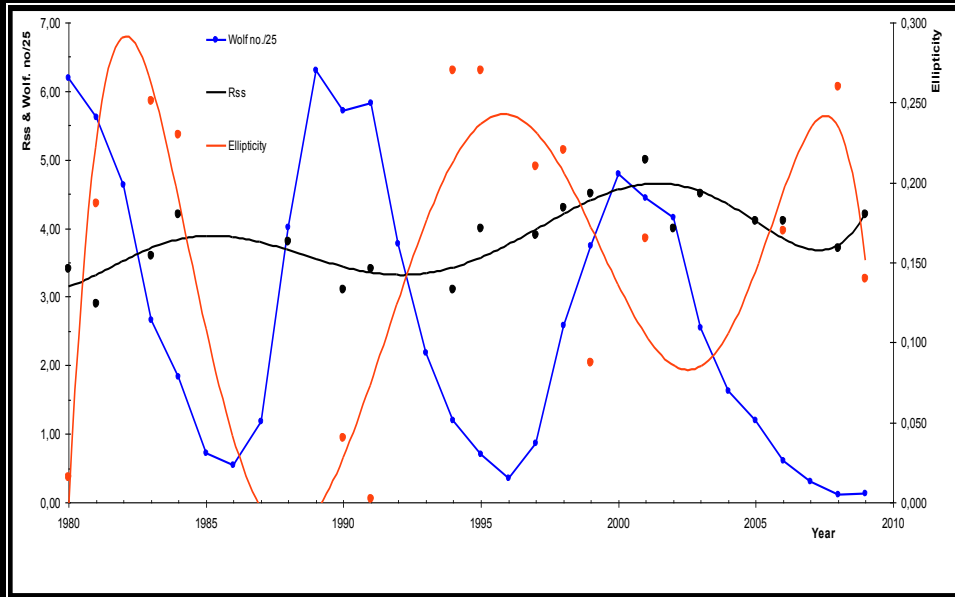
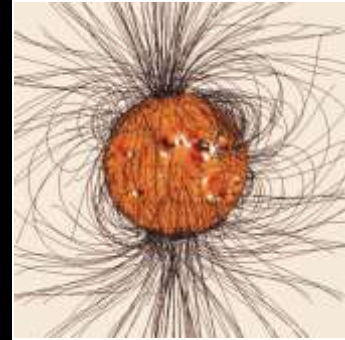
First steps to the absolute photometry (calibrated by stars)

New experiences in „digital“ age



# „New“ value of source surface radius and its development of during solar cycles

The source surface radius presents one of the boundary condition in the modeling of solar coronal magnetic field. Its value affect the shape of the computed coronal magnetic structures. The pictures of solar corona obtained during total solar eclipses and processed by special numerical method, show very faint structures, extended to the several solar radii. Under the assumption that these structures represent a real magnetic situation in the corona, a value of the source surface radius can be estimated through the analysis of their shapes.



The average value of  $R_{ss}$  determined from 30 year period was  $R_{ss} \sim 3,9$  and the maximum measured value was  $R_{ss} \sim 5,0$ . Moreover, the source surface radius show periodical tendency during described period of time.

Total solar eclipses observed on the long baseline allow us to obtain the pictures of white-light solar corona with the long temporal distance.

New numerical methods of coronal picture processing allow the visualization of very faint coronal structures and it enable to compare their position in corona with very high accuracy.

We can detect the moving of these faint structures by comparing of pictures obtained on the different places during the same total solar eclipse.

Such pictures are very well usable for study of disturbance propagation dynamic observed in polar plumes, for example.

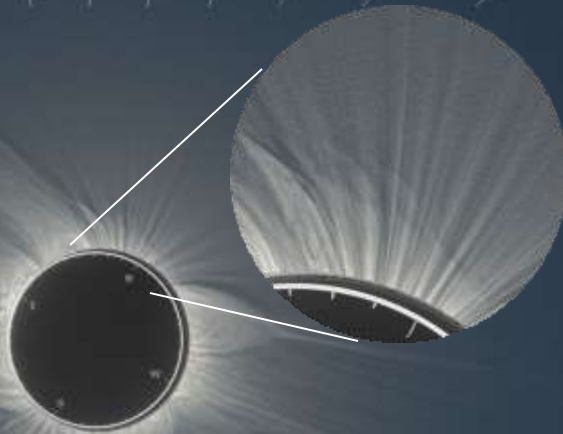


$$\Delta T = 2947 \text{ s}$$



# Dynamic of polar plumes

2006



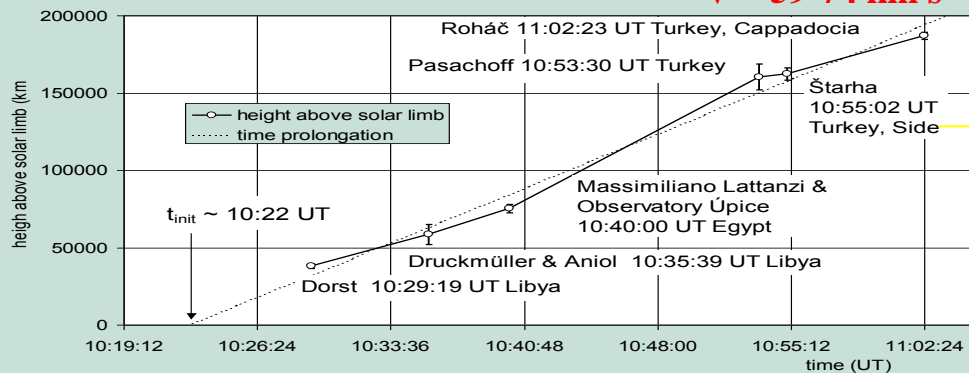
Libya

Turkey



9° polar plume - TSE 2006

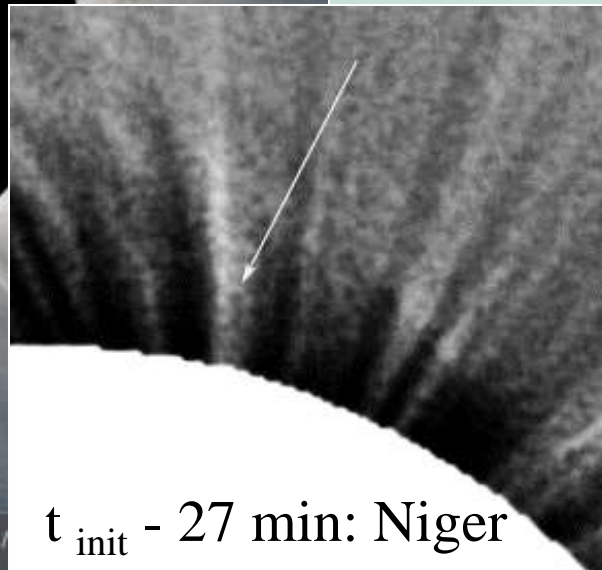
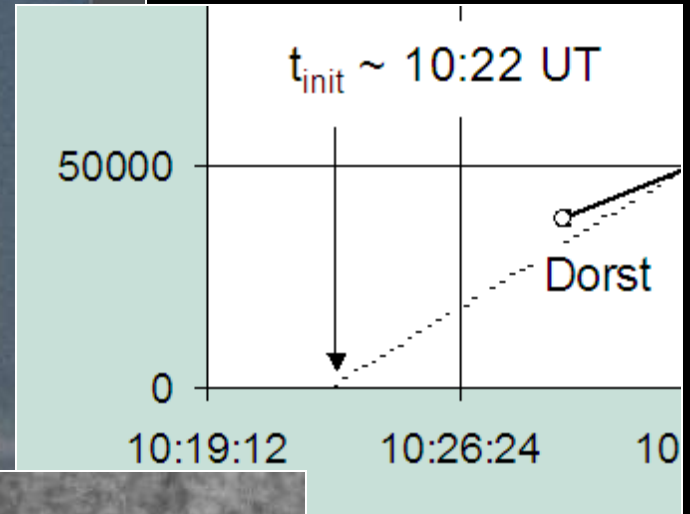
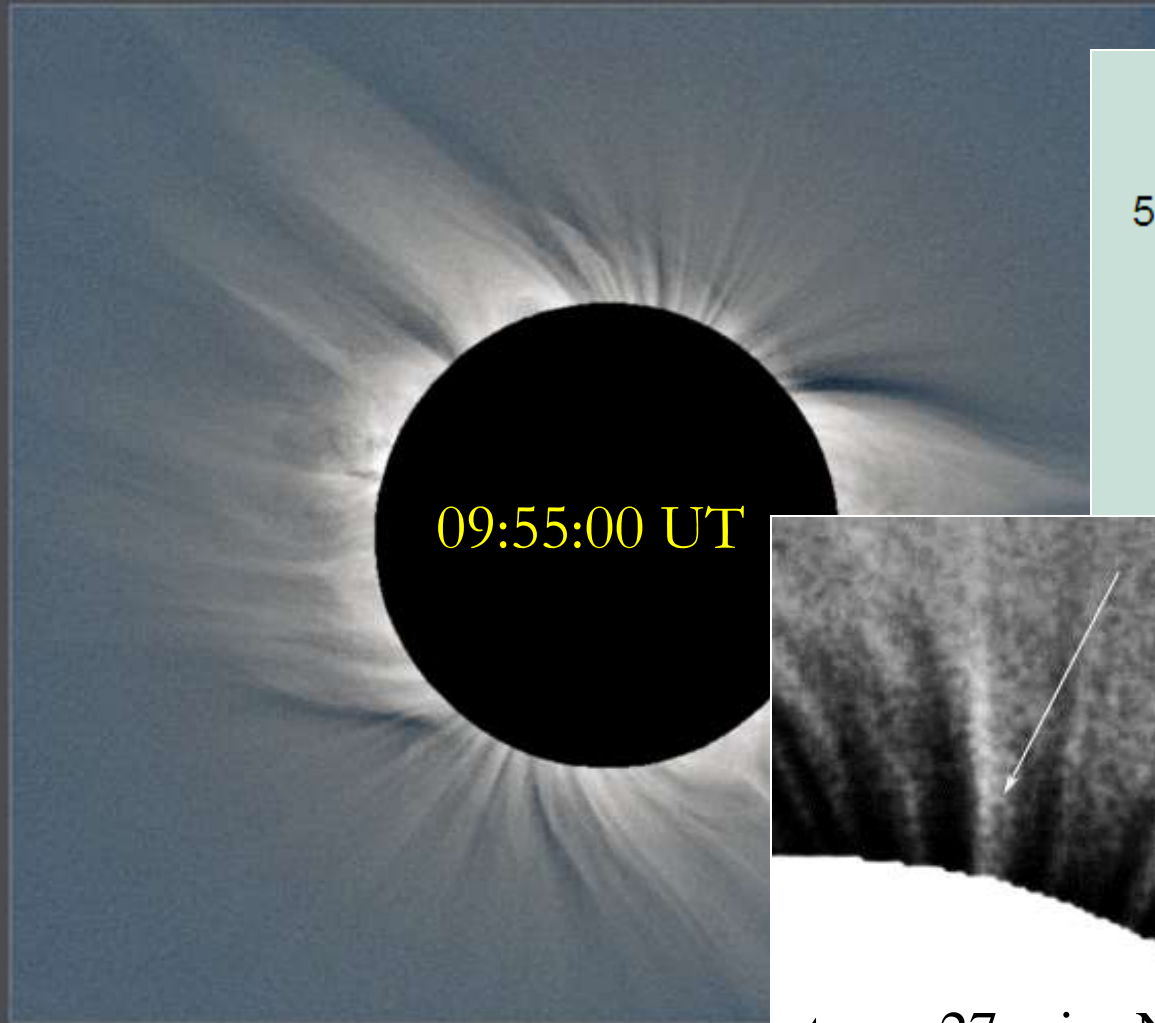
$v \sim 59-74 \text{ km s}^{-1}$



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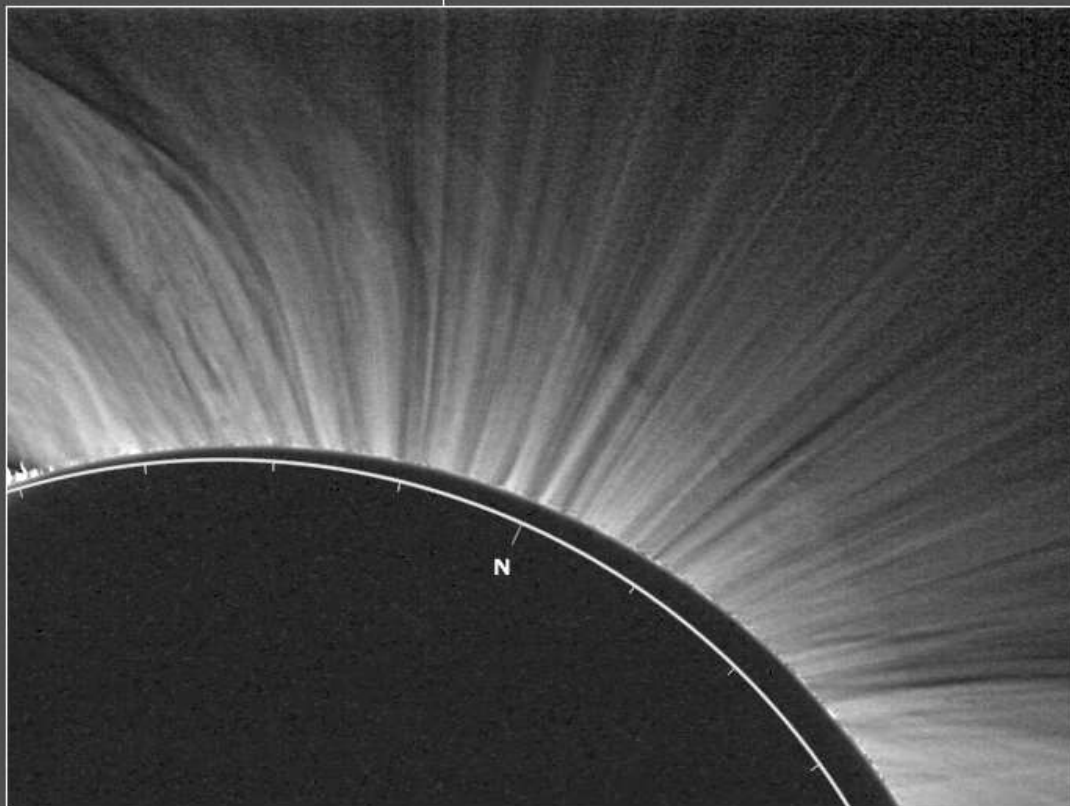


# Dynamic of polar plumes



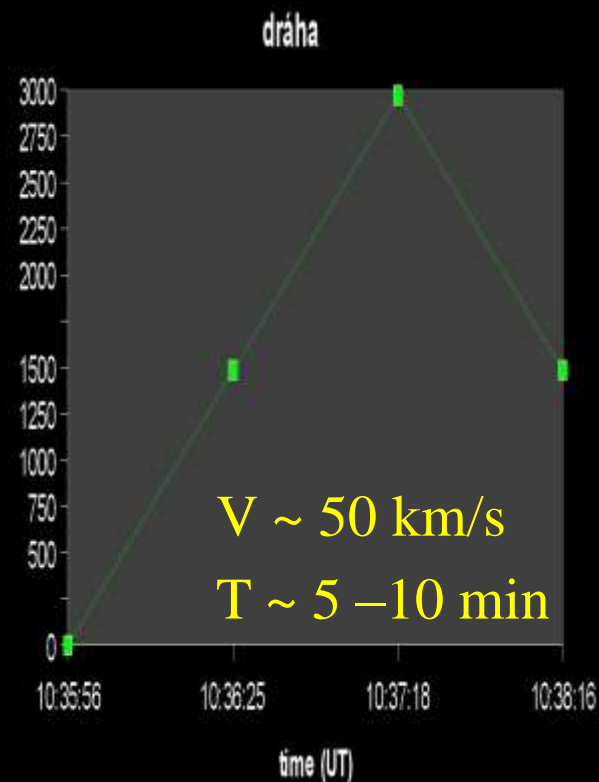
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at  $t_{\text{init}} - 27 \text{ min}$

# Dynamic of polar plumes



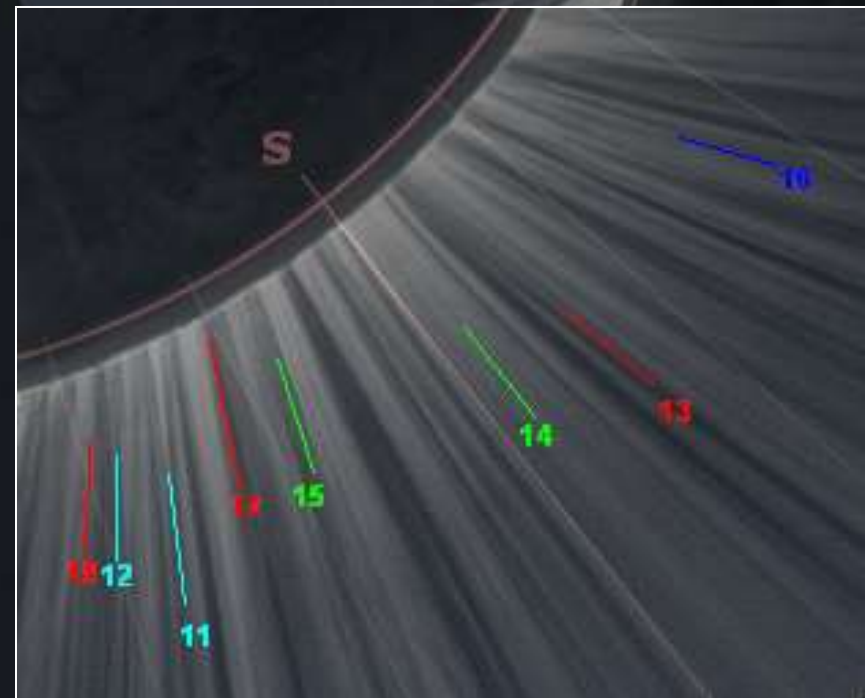
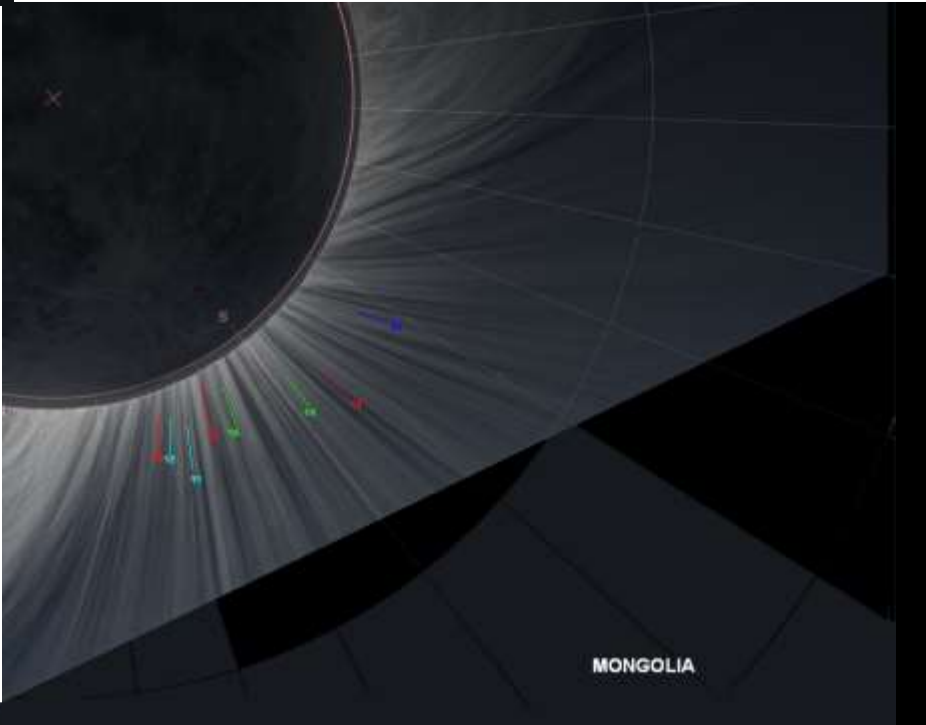
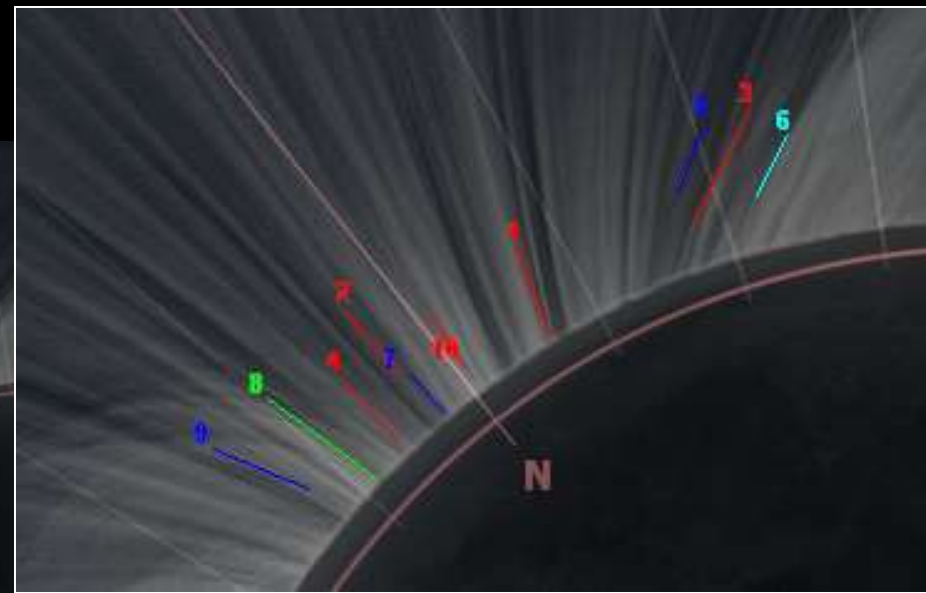
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TSE 2008

WL polar plumes

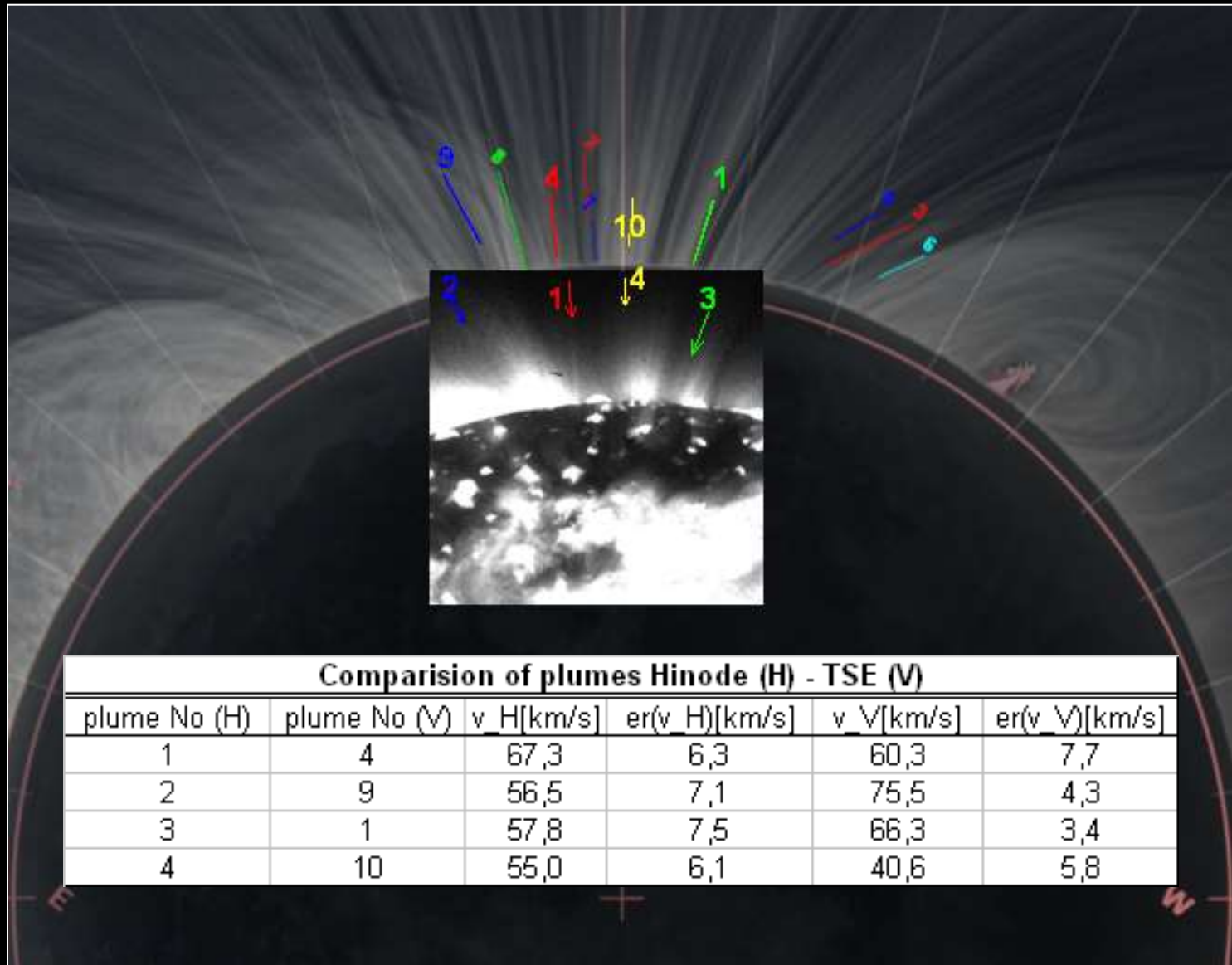


# TSE 2008 - WL polar plumes

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3	62,8	6,1	N	
4	60,3	7,7	N	
5	51	13	N	?
6	33,3	2,0	N	?
7	40,5	2,4	N	?
8	74,1	5,0	N	
9	75,5	4,3	N	
10	40,6	5,8	N	?
11	89	27	S	
12	68,6	5,3	S	
13	66,5	8,3	S	
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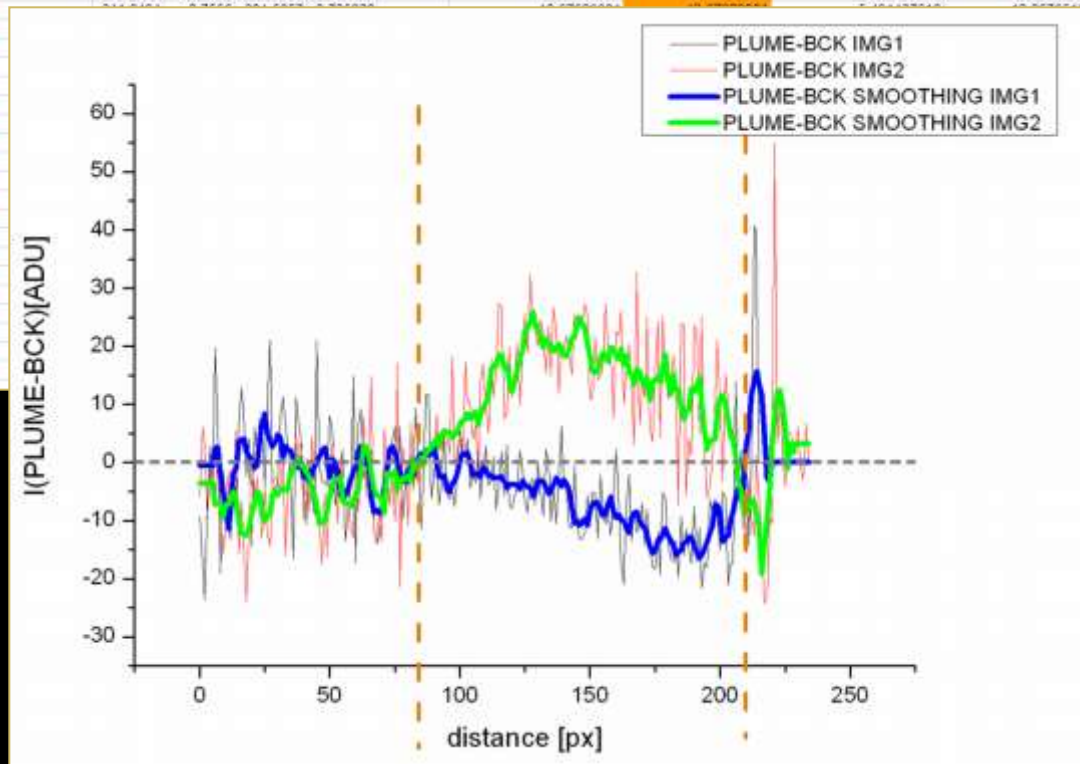
# TSE 2008 - white-light & HINODE



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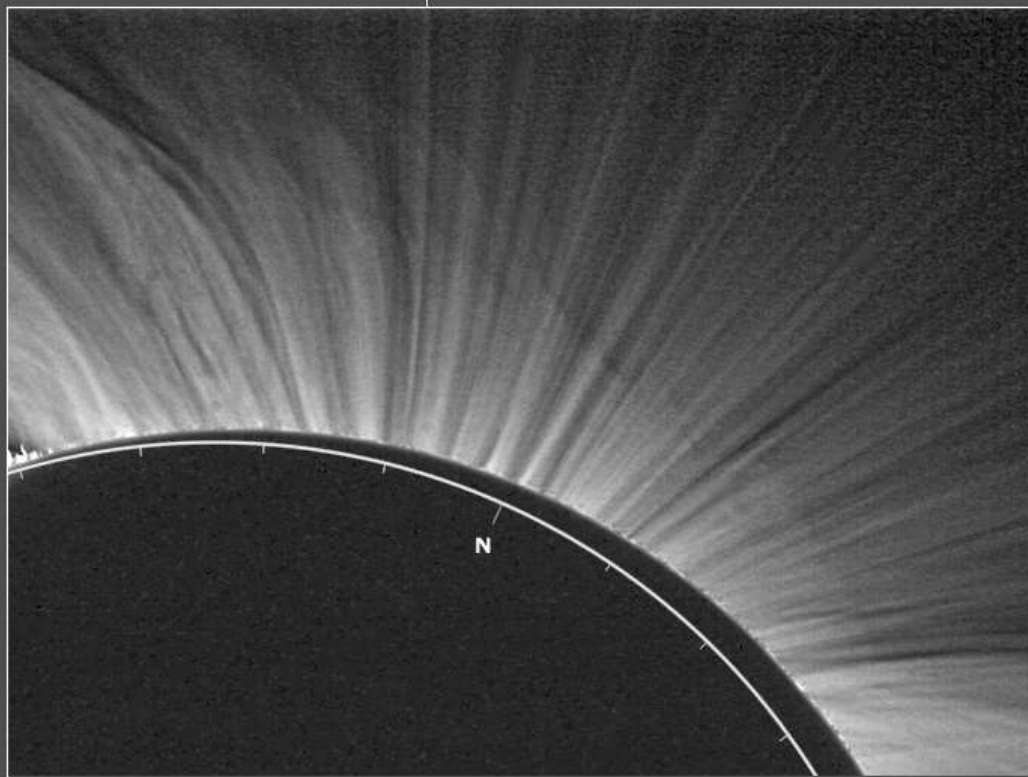
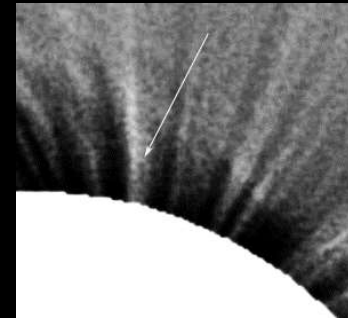
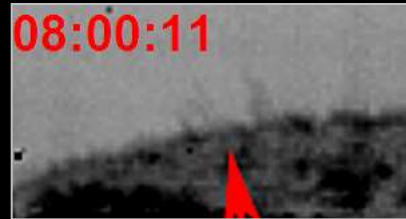


## „Statistic“ of observed plumes

Plume location	average speed [km.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	minimal speed [km.s <sup>-1</sup> ]	maximal speed [km.s <sup>-1</sup> ]
both regions	67	32	146
north region	68	33	146
south region	66	32	90

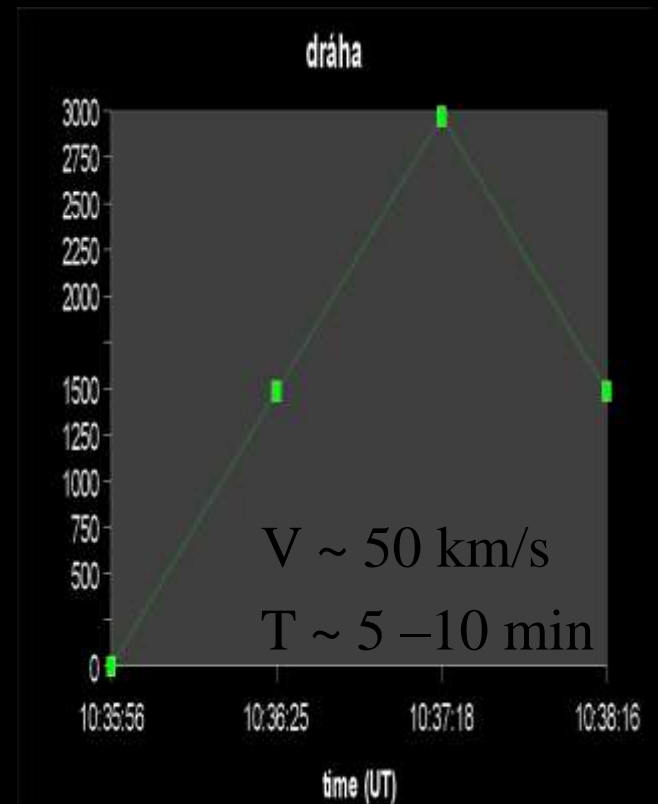
There were analyzed 3 plumes on 2006, 18 plumes in 2008, 14 plumes in 2009 and 8 plumes in 2010 total solar eclipse pictures. There is perceptible an unexpected amount of dynamic plumes observed during the 2006 total solar eclipse and smaller amount of them during 2010 eclipse in opposite to the observed amount of plumes exhibited some dynamic. The reason of this disproportion is not known now. We suppose that it is because of less quality of primary data (eclipse pictures). On the other hand we could not exclude the possibility of some dependence of plume dynamic on solar cycle, because the 2008 and 2009 total solar eclipse occurred during the minimum of solar activity. The 2006 and 2010 total solar eclipse occurred during declining and growing phase of this cycle.

# Release mechanisms – eruptive spicule or macrospicule



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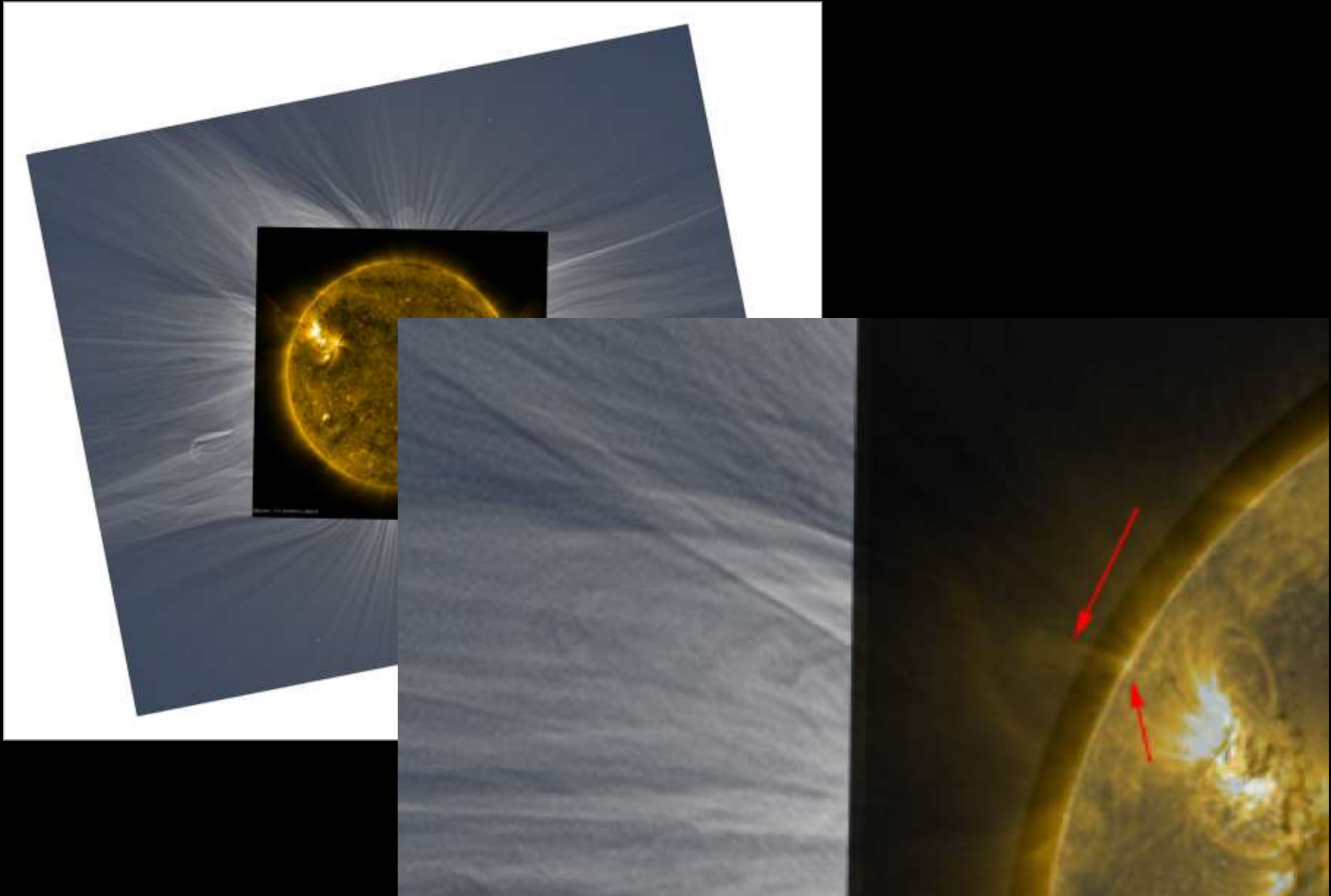


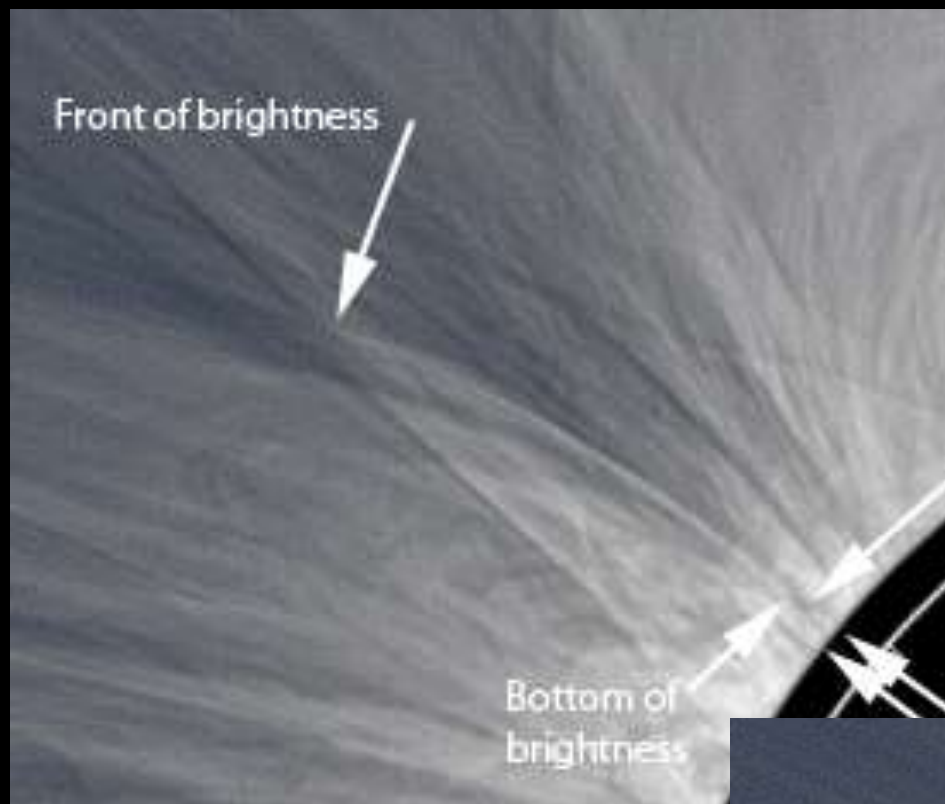
These data, presented in this paper, well correspond for example with the data from spectroscopic measurements from SOHO/SUMER that at the heights of 1.05 -1.35 solar radii the plume velocities are in excess of 60 km/s and are approximately constant throughout this height region (Gabriel, Bely-Dubay, and Lemaire, 2003).

Following the analysis done in this paper and in according with our knowledge about the plumes, spicules and macrospicules characteristics ((Yamauchi et al., 2005) for example) we would like to formulate the assumption, that observed dynamic in polar plumes should be in good correspondence with the spicule and the macrospicule erupting activity on their foots base.

The observed speeds, presented in this paper, corresponds very well the data obtained by DePontieu and others based on the SOT observations of spicules. The second type of spicules, reported in the paper (DePontieu et al., 2007), is very dynamic. The authors measured the speed of sending material through the chromosphere order 50-150 km/s. Similar results are described in the work of Karovska and Habbal (Karovska and Habbal, 1994). In our previous studies of polar plumes during observed during 2006 total solar eclipse we described not only the dynamic outow (Pasacho et al., 2008), but also the twisting moving of the plume (Belik et al., 2008). The twisting speed of the plume  $v \approx 50$  km/s well correspond with the dynamic properties of dynamic macrospicules (Parenti, Bromage, and Bromage, 2002).

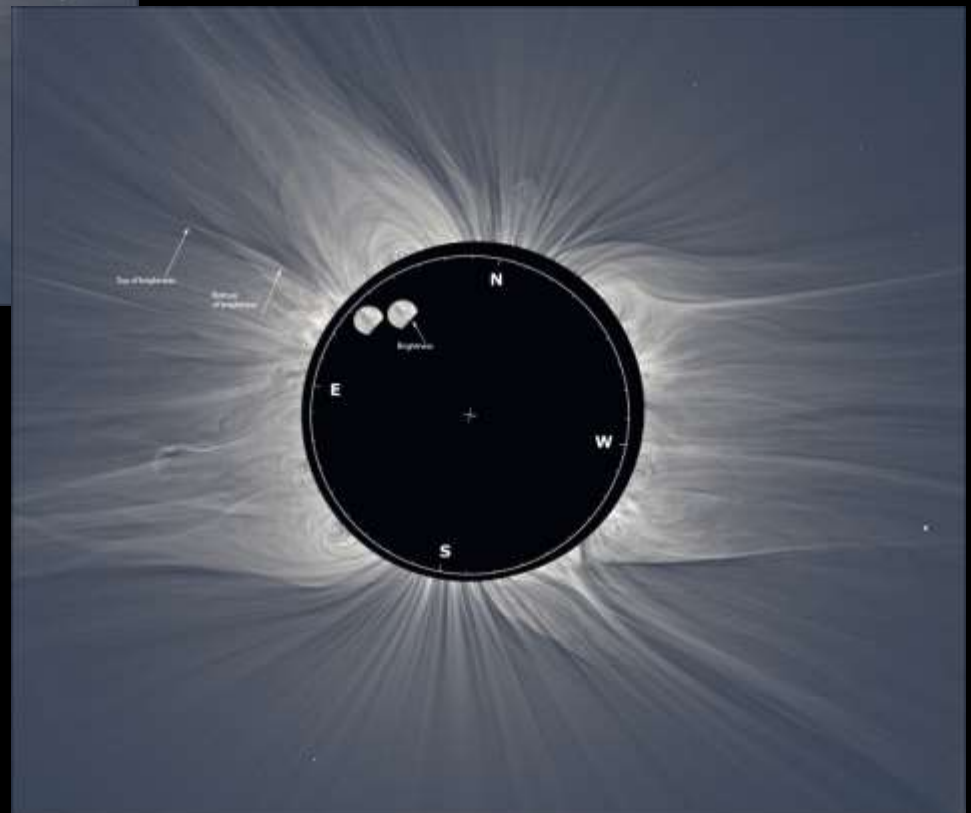
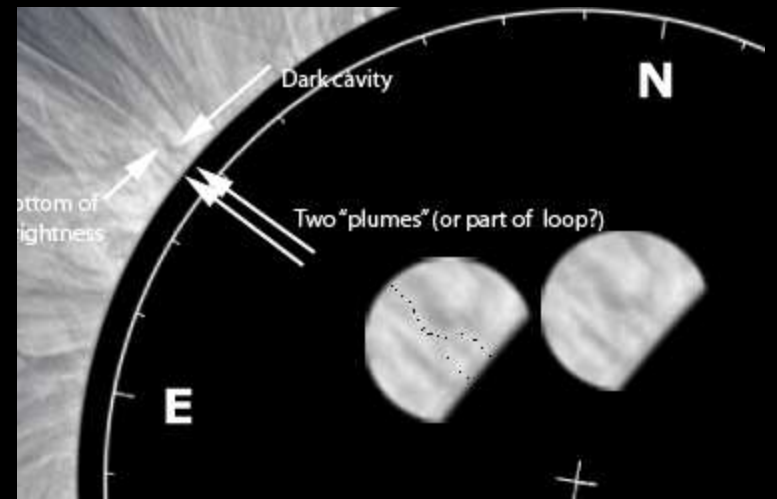
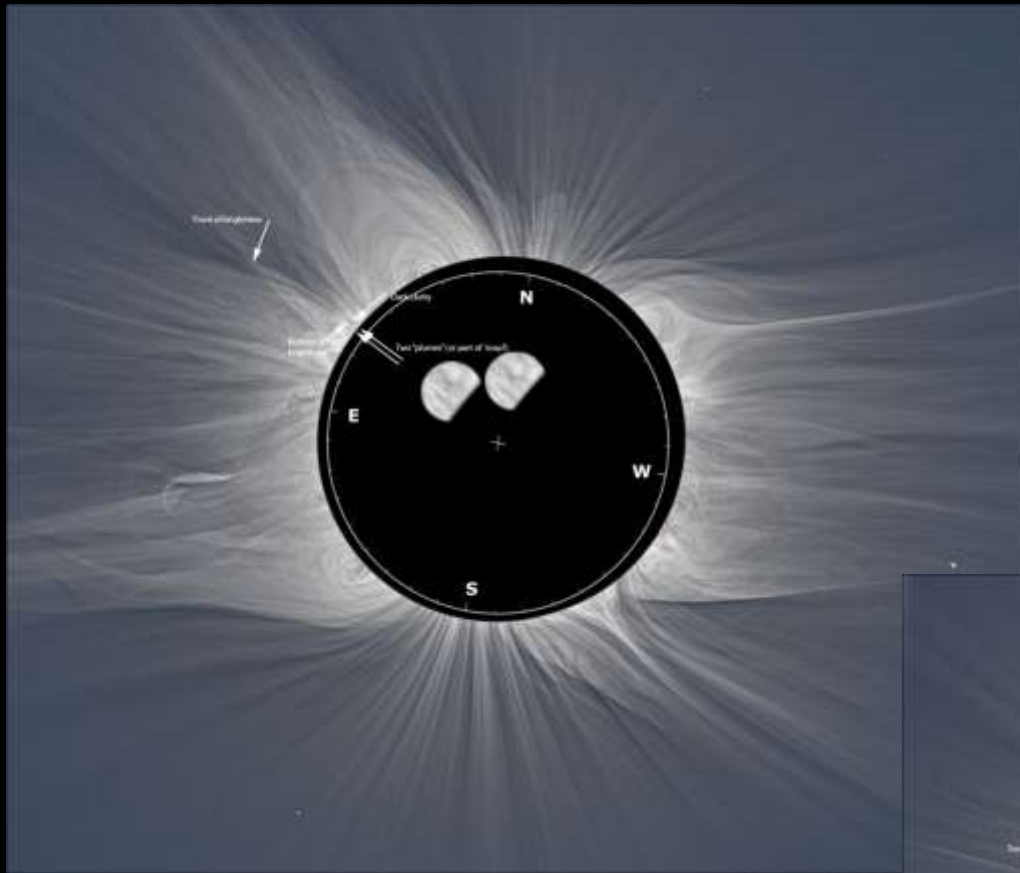
# Low-altitude plumes





**v 50 km/s**







# Outer corona and its connection with the „zodiacal light“



# Absolute photometry of corona



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