

### What We Think We Know About CIRs/SIRs

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Satellite View in RTN Coordinate System



From: Borovsky & Denton, 2010.



What is a CIR? What is an SIR?

- Is an SIR a rapidly evolving CIR?
- Or is a CIR a steady-state SIR?
- Does it matter?

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# What is a CIR? An "Artist's" View



From: Tsurutani et al., 2006.

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# What is a CIR? An Analytical View



From: Lee, 2000.

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From: McPherson & Weygand, 2006.



# What is a CIR? White-Light View



#### From: Wood et al., 2010.



### What is a CIR? Reconstruction from White Light



### From: Wood et al., 2010.

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From: Tappin et al., 1984.

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Much more can be said about cirs

- deflections in solar wind flow direction at the stream interface
- formation and orientation of shock fronts
- Most of what we know has been learned from in-situ measurements
- A recent, thorough review can be found in Richardson [LRSP, 2018]

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- PUNCH will use remote sensing
- РUNCH will measure scattered brightness from line-of-sight integrated mass
- PUNCH observations will be used to reconstruct the 3D structure of CIRS

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## Simple, Ideal Coronal Holes





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#### Two movie files can be viewed

- Solar wind from an equatorial circular coronal hole
- Solar wind from a tilted streamer belt
- Note: Dark is high brightness; white is low brightness

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2008-11-19 STEREO observation From: Tappin & Howard, 2009.



РUNCH will provide a new observational perspective on CIRS
Will РUNCH confirm our understanding of CIRS, tweak our understanding, or revolutionize our understanding?

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