

Automated recognition of jumps in GOES satellite magnetic data

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As a part of the space environment monitor instrument suite, Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite carries two boom-mounted magnetometers that measure the local magnetic field vector with a 0.5 second sampling rate. These data contain occasional baseline perturbations not of geophysical origin. One source of contamination is due to switching heaters that are installed along with each magnetometer and used to stabilize the temperature of the instrument. Detection of the heater induced field is complicated by the fact that in most cases these jumps are so small that they are hard to distinguish visually. In the present work we have developed the algorithm JM (from JUMP) aimed at automated and uniform recognition of jumps in GOES 2 Hz vector magnetic measurements. We present the performance of the JM algorithm to a full day of measurements on 3 April 2010. On this date, almost all jumps were recognized by the JM algorithm. The results demonstrate that the algorithm might be used to improve the existing data set from GOES 13, 14 and 15 series, and perhaps find use with the next generation of GOES satellites, beginning with GOES 16 launched on 19 November 2016. **KEYWORDS:** GOES; satellite measurements; magnetic field; artificial disturbances; time series; magnetograms; pattern recognition; fuzzy logic; baseline jumps.

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1. Introduction

Over the last decades, the number and size of geophysical digital data sets have been rapidly increasing due to the expanding use of satellites and

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ground-based observational networks and an increase in sampling rate. Consequently, the role for automated tools for data handling and intellectual analysis is becoming more crucial. An expert is can deal easily with small amounts of data to extract useful information about geophysical phenomena; however, as data volumes increase, it becomes impossible to mine efficiently desired information, and other particularities, without adequate automated methods for big data analysis. Therefore, useful knowledge extraction needs to be formalized in an objective and uniform process.

Many geophysical studies rely on the analysis of observed time-dependent parameters in the form of one- or multidimensional time series. In geomagnetism, a prime source of information about the evolution of Earth's magnetic field are continuous

recordings of the magnetic field components made by ground-based observatories [*Love and Chulliat, 2013*] and low-orbit satellites [*Friis-Christensen et al., 2006*]. Currently there are more than 200 stations and observatories operating worldwide, providing real-time data on Earth’s magnetic field sampled every second, and even more frequently. Taking into account a great variety of spectral-temporal characteristics of the physical signals under consideration, it is crucial to have geomagnetic data corrected for any instrumental or non-natural disturbances in a timely manner. Automated data processing for man-made/natural classification of anomalies is a non-trivial problem, attaining a classical status. This is one of the reasons, why at many worldwide observatories such filtering is still carried out manually [*Reda et al., 2011; Zhang et al., 2016*], which in turn leads to long time delay in preparation of verified data.

Probabilistic-statistical methods for detecting disturbances in magnetic records, such as frequency-time analysis [e.g., *Balasis et al., 2013*], wavelet analysis [e.g., *Mandrikova et al., 2013*] and neural networks [e.g., *Ouadfeul et al., 2015*] are effective in the presence of a priori information. In many cases, a priori information about the disturbances under consideration is very limited and concerns only some basic ideas about observed conditions and patterns. The shape of the anomaly is a rather fuzzy concept, and its correlation properties are unknown. Since the nature of the phenomena reflected in the recorded data is a priori not known, and variable in time, the methods for their detection need to be highly adaptive. We need methods of time series analysis that will allow solving anomaly recognition problems in the most general case.

For many years, we’ve been developing a general mathematical theory “Discrete Mathematical Analysis (DMA)” [e.g., *Agayan et al., 2016, 2018*] and a set of methods based on it for the recognition of anomalies in various geophysical observations [*Gvishiani et al., 2014; Kulchinsky et al., 2010; Soloviev et al., 2012a, 2012b, 2013, 2016; Zlotnicki et al., 2005*]. The creation of a common formalized methodology ensures the independence of results of processing from subjective factors (e.g., differences in the approaches of different experts to the data analysis).

In this paper, we apply the DMA approach to the

detection of non-natural, instrumentally induced jumps in geomagnetic recordings. One of the main reasons for the baseline jumps in magnetograms is a sharp temperature change in the vicinity of the vector magnetometer (for example, in the observatory pavilion). Temperature variations are also the reason for the baseline drifts in some modern ground-based magnetometers that are characterized by a value of around 0.1–0.5 nT/°C. Drifts might be long-term of more than 2 nT per year.

2. Method

The informal logic underlying jump detection is expressed in the following way: “A jump is an anomaly on a record leading to its baseline shift.” We call the algorithm JM, reflecting its task. An essential element of the algorithm is the fuzzy measure of jumpiness, demonstrated in Figure 1. It is derived from the original time series and defined in the same domain (registration period) as a functional ranging between 0 and 1. Higher values correspond to baseline shifts in the primary record. This functional is defined using fuzzy comparisons, described in [*Gvishiani et al., 2008a, 2008b, 2014*].

We interpret a record (magnetogram) as a time series $y = \{y_t = y(t)\}$, defined in the interval (registration period) T on the discrete semiaxis $\mathbb{R}_h^+ = \{t = kh, h > 0, k = 1, 2, \dots\}$, where h is the discretization step and k is the observation node. Without loss of generality we assume $h = 1$.

The algorithm relies on the so-called fuzzy margins, which we define below. Basically they reflect a typical range of variation of an arbitrary numerical set. Let $A = \{a_i\}_1^n$ be a finite numerical set and $B \subseteq A$ is its arbitrary subset. Then $|B|$ is an order of this subset, $\sum B = \sum b: b \in B$ is a sum of its elements and $S(B) = \sum B/|B|$ is their average. Fuzzy iterational upper and lower scalar margins $S^+(A)$ and $S^-(A)$ are defined for A inductively with the use of the intermediary subsets A_k^+ , A_k^- .

At the beginning of induction, for $k = 0$ we assume

$$S_0^+(A) = S_0^-(A) = S(A)$$

$$A_0^+ = \{a \in A : a \geq S_0^+(A)\}$$

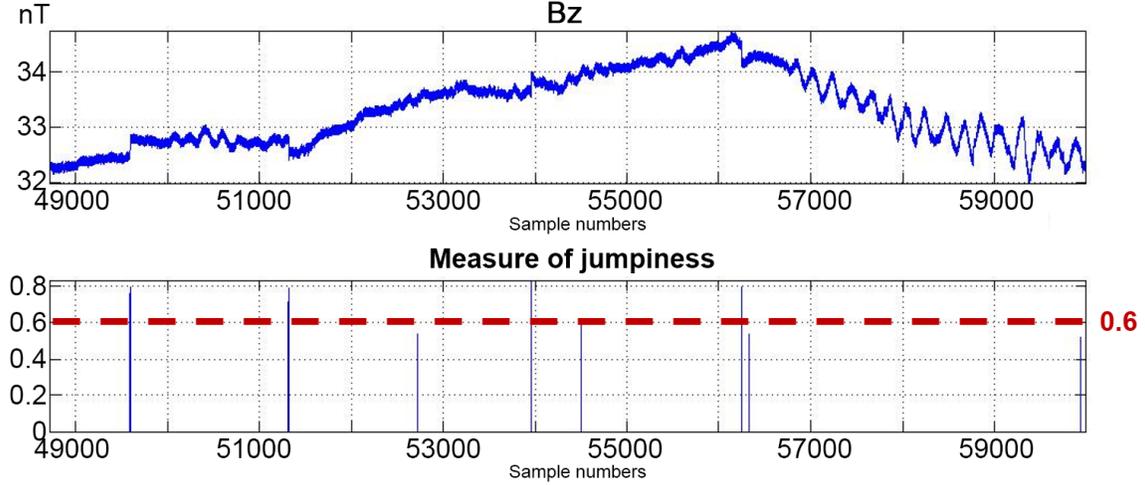


Figure 1. Original time series (upper panel) and derived measure of jumpiness (lower panel). The β parameter of the JM algorithm is taken as 0.6 indicated by the red dashed line.

$$A_0^- = \{a \in A : a \leq S_0^-(A)\}$$

If margins $S_k^+(A)$, $S_k^-(A)$ and the sets A_k^+ , A_k^- are already defined, we assume

$$S_{k+1}^+(A) = \frac{\sum A_k^+ - |A_k^+| \cdot S_k^+(A)}{|A|} + S_k^+(A)$$

$$S_{k+1}^-(A) = \frac{\sum A_k^- - |A_k^-| \cdot S_k^-(A)}{|A|} + S_k^-(A)$$

$$A_{k+1}^+ = \{a \in A : a \geq S_{k+1}^+(A)\}$$

$$A_{k+1}^- = \{a \in A : a \leq S_{k+1}^-(A)\}$$

As fuzzy upper and lower margins $\overline{\text{sup}}A$ and $\overline{\text{inf}}A$ for A we select S_k^+ and S_k^- for the given order k . Figure 2 illustrates fuzzy margins calculated for the orders from 0 to 5 for the specified time series.

Fuzzy bounds partition number scale \mathbb{R} with respect to A with different rigidity degree into four segments: small, insignificantly small, insignificantly large, large. The higher k , the partition is more rigid and the specificity of A is less taken into account.

Extremely rigid partition is gained with $k = \infty$, assumed that $S_k^- = \min A$, $S_k^+ = \max A$:

$$P \in \mathbb{R} \begin{array}{ll} S_\infty \text{ small} & (-\infty, \min A] \\ W_\infty \text{ small} & (\min A, S_0] \\ W_\infty \text{ large modulus } A \Leftrightarrow p \in & (S_0, \max A] \\ S_\infty \text{ large} & (\max A, +\infty] \end{array}$$

The difference $W_k(A) = S_k^+(A) - S_k^-(A)$ might be naturally referred as stochastic width of A of the k -th order. $W_k(A)$ flexibly reflects traditional standard deviation $\sigma(A) = \sqrt{d(A)}$.

Now we can proceed to detection of jumps using FCARS (Fuzzy Comparison Algorithm for Recognition of Signals) [Gvishiani et al., 2008a, 2008b] and the methodology of the fuzzy margin calculation. Since jumps are treated as anomalies (see informal logic), we apply the FCARS algorithm to recognition of all anomalies (time disturbances) on a record $y(t)$. Let $A = y|_{[c,d]}$ be an arbitrary anomaly on $y(t)$, recognized by FCARS algorithm (Figure 3). Hence, the supposed jump in anomaly A on $y(t)$ has to lead to a significant shift of a record level in the vicinity of A . Therefore, by choosing the observation parameter $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}_h^+$ we

$$P \in \mathbb{R} \begin{array}{ll} S_k \text{ small (significant)} & (-\infty, S_k^-(A)] \\ W_k \text{ small (insignificant)} & (S_k^-(A), S_0(A)] \\ W_k \text{ large (insignificant)} \text{ modulus } A \Leftrightarrow p \in & (S_0, S_k^+(A)] \\ S_k \text{ large (significant)} & (S_k^+(A), +\infty] \end{array}$$

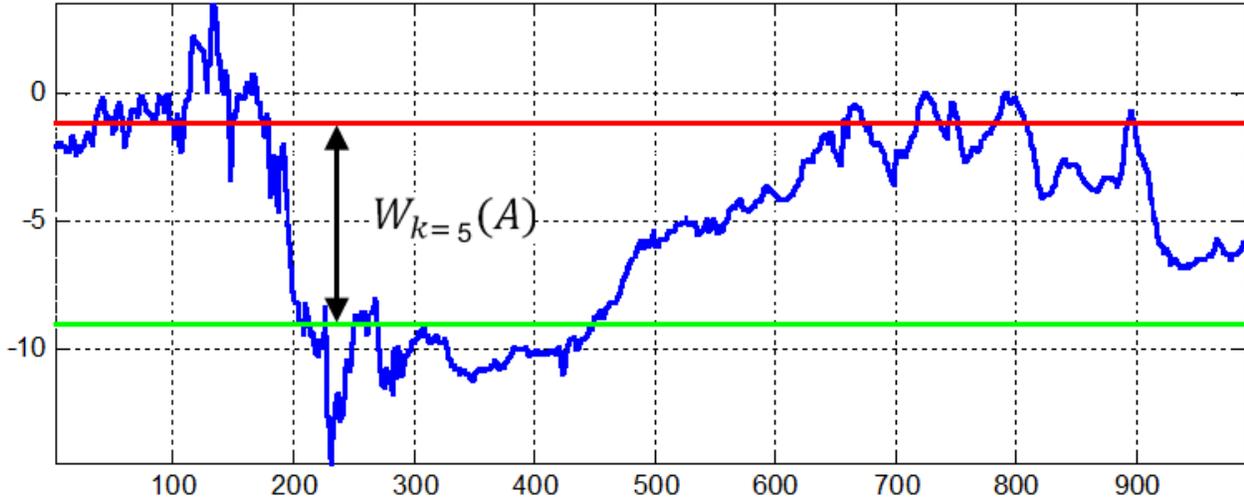


Figure 2. Examples of calculating fuzzy margins for the order $k = 0, \dots, 5$ are presented on different levels of this Figure. For $k = 0$ fuzzy upper and lower margins are given in purple ($S_{k=0}^+(A) = S_{k=0}^-(A)$), in the other cases upper margin is given in red ($\overline{\text{sup}}(A) = S_1^+(A), \dots, S_5^+(A)$) and lower margin is given in green ($\underline{\text{inf}}(A) = S_1^-(A), \dots, S_5^-(A)$). *Editorial note:* To view selected level click on the corresponding number in red square, i.e. $k = 0$, $k = 1$, $k = 2$, $k = 3$, $k = 4$, or $k = 5$. Make one more click to return back.

turn from the anomaly A to its Λ -neighborhood: $A(\Lambda) = y|_{[c-\Lambda, d+\Lambda]}$. We then proceed to detection of jump $j(A) = [a, b]$ on the interval $[c, d]$ for $A(\Lambda)$. Its detection is carried out using the calculation of fuzzy margins of a finite numerical set: fuzzy supremum $\overline{\text{sup}}$ and fuzzy infimum $\underline{\text{inf}}$ (their definition is given above).

For each interval $[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \subseteq [c, d]$ we define soft corridors using fuzzy margins, which the fragments $y|_{[\bar{a}-\Lambda, \bar{a}]}$ and $y|_{[\bar{b}, \bar{b}+\Lambda]}$ fit. From the left side we denote their lower and upper borders as $\text{linf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}]$ and $\text{lsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}]$, respectively, and from the right

side as $\text{rinf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}]$ and $\text{rsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}]$, respectively:

$$\text{linf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] = \underline{\text{inf}}\{y(t) : t \in [\bar{a} - \Lambda, \bar{a}]\}$$

$$\text{lsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] = \overline{\text{sup}}\{y(t) : t \in [\bar{a} - \Lambda, \bar{a}]\}$$

$$\text{rinf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] = \underline{\text{inf}}\{y(t) : t \in [\bar{b}, \bar{b} + \Lambda]\}$$

$$\text{rsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] = \overline{\text{sup}}\{y(t) : t \in [\bar{b}, \bar{b} + \Lambda]\}$$

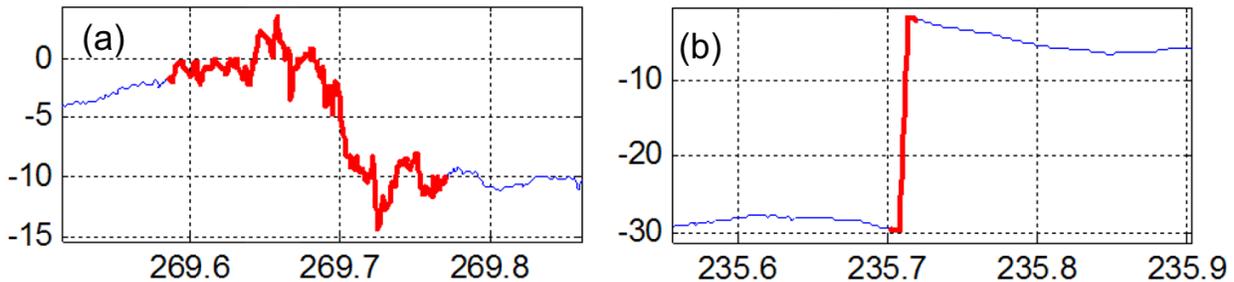


Figure 3. Examples of two events (red color) recognized by the FCARS algorithm in synthetic data (units are dimensionless).

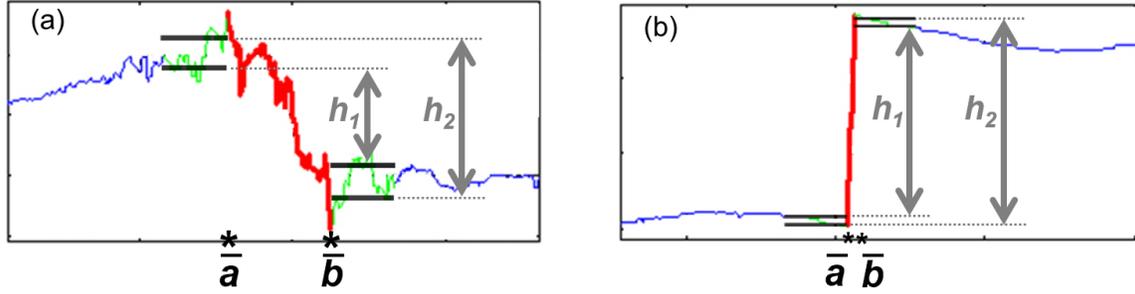


Figure 4. Potential jump (red) and fuzzy margins (black) defined for the fragments $y|_{[\bar{a}-\Lambda, \bar{a}]}$ and $y|_{[\bar{b}, \bar{b}+\Lambda]}$ (green).

If the interval $[\bar{a}, \bar{b}]$ is a jump then constructed Λ -corridors of the record $y(t)$ to the left and to the right from the interval $[a, b]$ have to be located at significantly different levels. This leads to two successive tests that we denote T_1 and T_2 (Figure 4). The first test T_1 is fulfilled if

$$T_{1,\mu} : \text{linf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \leq \text{lsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] < \text{rinf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \leq \\ \text{rsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \text{ (jump up)}$$

or

$$T_{1,d} : \text{lsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \geq \text{linf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] > \text{rsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \geq \\ \text{rinf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \text{ (jump down)}$$

Let us agree that the record $[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \in T_1$ signifies feasibility of the test T_1 for the interval $[\bar{a}, \bar{b}]$. For $[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \in T_1$ we define the measure of jumpiness $jmes A[\bar{a}, \bar{b}]$ of the anomaly A on the interval $[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \subseteq [c, d]$ using fuzzy comparison of inner and outer distances h_1 and h_2 (see Figure 4):

$$jmes A[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] = n(h_1, h_2)$$

where

$$h_1 = \begin{cases} \text{rinf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] - \text{lsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \\ \text{linf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] - \text{rsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \end{cases}$$

$$h_2 = \begin{cases} \text{rsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] - \text{linf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \\ \text{lsup } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] - \text{rinf } y[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \end{cases}$$

$$[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \in \begin{cases} T_{1,\mu} \\ T_{1,d} \end{cases}$$

and $n(\cdot)$ is a fuzzy comparison (see [Gvishiani et al., 2008a, 2008b, 2014]).”

The measure $jmes$ enables further test of the anomaly A for the jump presence in it: we consider that the anomaly $A = y|_{[\bar{a}, \bar{b}]}$ on the fragment $[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \subseteq [c, d]$ undergoes a jump, if the test T_2 is valid:

$$T_2 : jmes A[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] < \beta$$

If the anomaly $A = y|_{[c, d]}$ satisfies the tests T_1 and T_2 , as its jump $j(A)$ we consider the fragment $[a, b] \subseteq [c, d]$, for which the measure $jmes A[\bar{a}, \bar{b}]$ is minimal:

$$j(A) \stackrel{def}{=} [a, b] = \underset{[\bar{a}, \bar{b}] \in (T_1 \wedge T_2)}{\text{argmin}} jmes A[\bar{a}, \bar{b}]$$

The tests T_1 and T_2 will not change, if the fragment $A(\Lambda) = y|_{[c-\Lambda, d+\Lambda]}$ is replaced with the multiple fragment $\lambda A(\Lambda) = \lambda y|_{[c-\Lambda, d+\Lambda]}$ for $\lambda > 0$. In other words, the tests T_1 and T_2 are uniform. This is the consequence of the uniformity of the constructions $\text{inf}(\cdot)$, $\text{sup}(\cdot)$ and fuzzy comparison $n(\cdot)$. Therefore the jumps on a record $y(t)$ satisfying the tests T_1 and T_2 might have insignificant absolute magnitude. The example in the Figure 4a illustrates that: the anomaly recognized by the FCARS algorithm leads to insignificant level shift.

Thus, we need one more test of the potential jump for its absolute magnitude. Its logic is the following: if the anomaly A contains a jump $j(A) = [a, b]$, then after its removal from the record $y(t)$ a new record $\tilde{y}(t) = y(t) - y|_{[a, b]}$ should also undergo a jump in the newly neighboring points $a - h$ and $b + h$, in particular, these points will be classified as anomalous by the FCARS algorithm. We proceed to the test T_3 , based on the FCARS algorithm:

$$T_3 : \min(F_{\tilde{y}}(a - h|\Delta), F_{\tilde{y}}(b + h|\Delta)) \geq \alpha_s$$

$F_{\tilde{y}}(\cdot|\Delta)$ is a rectification of the record \tilde{y} based on the local observation $\Delta \in \mathbb{R}_h^+$, $\Delta < \Lambda$, α_s is the anomalousness level in the FCARS algorithm.

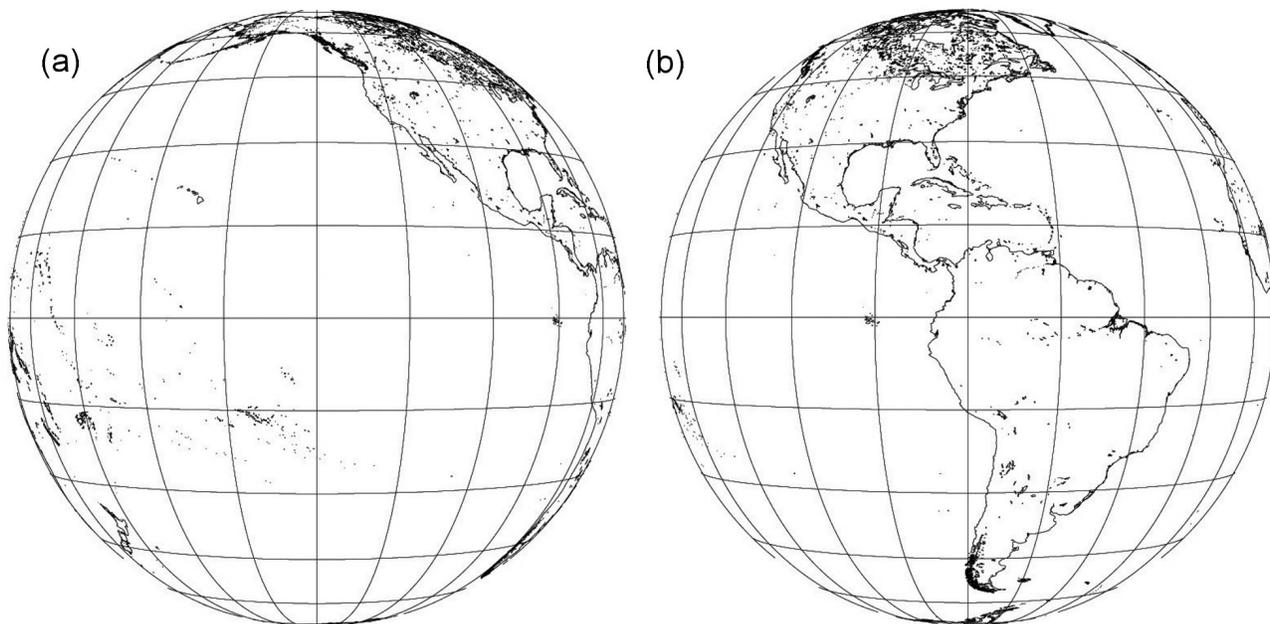


Figure 5. Earth's coverage by GOES 15 (GOES-West, left) and GOES 13 (GOES-East, right) satellites. Each satellite views almost a third of the Earth's surface.

Successive implementation of the steps described above provides the objective recognition of jumps on a time series $y(t)$ and represents a self-sufficient algorithm for their search. The specific implementation of the JM algorithm is defined by choice of the following free parameters:

- $\Delta \in \mathbb{R}_h^+$ – local observation parameter of the FCARS algorithm,
- $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}_h^+$ – global observation parameter,
- $\alpha \in [-1, 1]$ – anomalousness level in the FCARS algorithm (typically $\alpha \in [0.9, 1]$),
- $\beta \in [-1, 1]$ – jumpiness level of anomaly (typically $\beta \in [0.5, 1]$) (in Figure 1 β is taken 0.6).

3. Data and Application

The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) constellation provides information on the state of the geospace Earth environment from Earth's atmosphere to the magnetosphere. The measured characteristics are used by NOAA's National Weather Service for short-term weather and space weather forecasting, and the data are further distributed by the US

National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service to a broad community including various research and commercial centers, universities, US and international space weather partners. GOES travel in a geosynchronous orbit around Earth with the same speed as Earth's rotation, which makes it possible to carry out continuous observations of the same area on Earth's surface. At an altitude of 35,800 kilometers above Earth in the equatorial plane, GOES 13 and GOES 15 satellites provide information about Earth's surface and near-Earth space. The monitoring coverage is shown in Figure 5: GOES 13 is located at 75°W and covers North and South Americas, and most of the Atlantic Ocean; GOES 15 is located at 135°W and monitors North America and Pacific Ocean. The two operate together to produce a full-face picture of the Earth, day and night.

Along with meteorological measurements, GOES satellites sample the Earth's magnetic field [Singer *et al.*, 1996]. These measurements represent three orthogonal component variations, recorded by two vector magnetometers with 2 Hz frequency. The magnetic field recordings are burdened with numerous baseline jumps. Mainly those (but not all) are due to automatic switches of the heater systems, which are paired with each magnetometer. Hence, a problem of the satellite data filtering is broadly

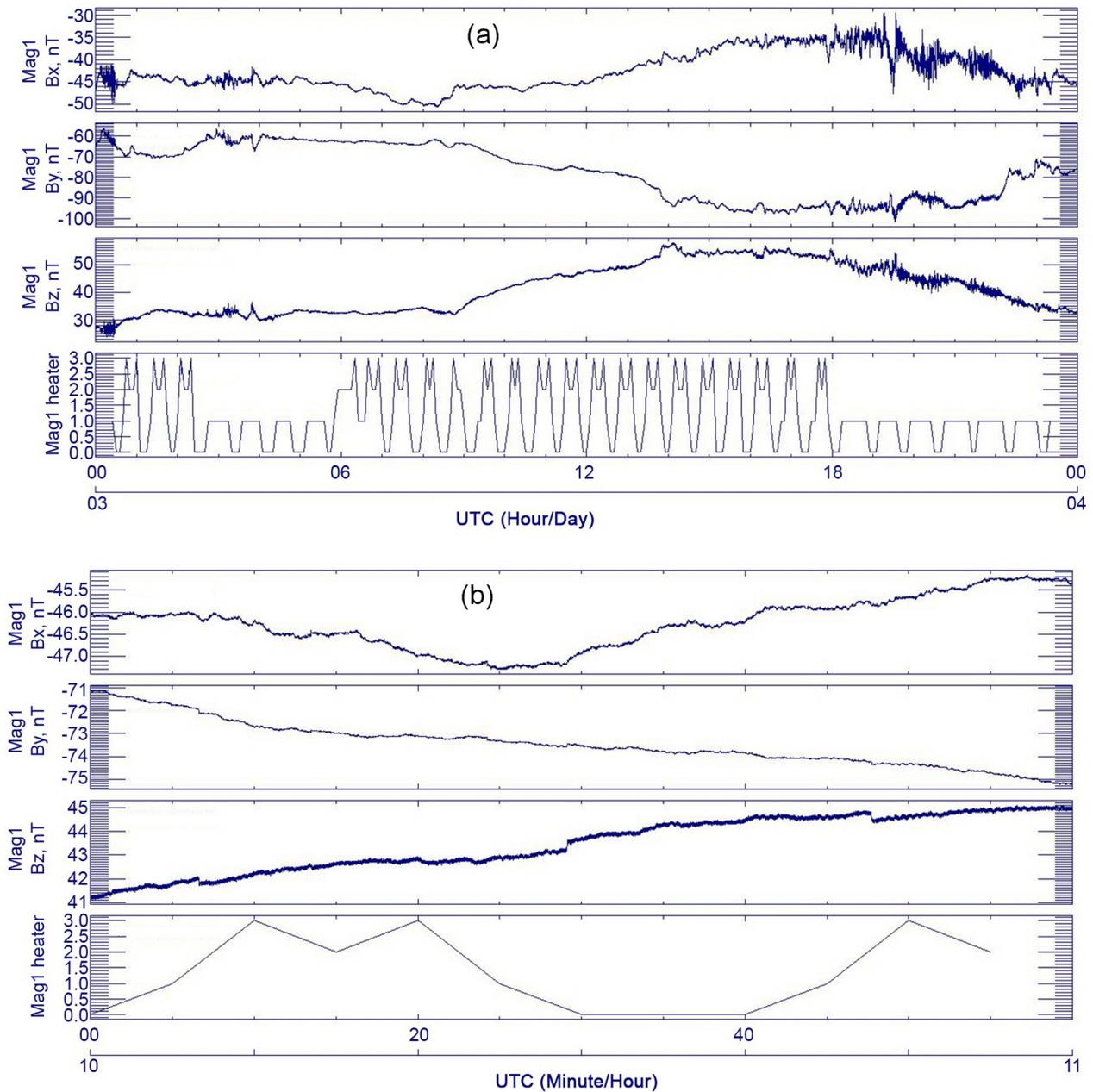


Figure 6. 1-day plot (3 April 2010) (a) and 1-hour plot (1000–1100 UTC, 3 April 2010) (b) plots of 2 Hz magnetograms (B_x, B_y, B_z) and heater status. Heater status changes are step-wise as captured in 5-minute housekeeping packets.

connected with baseline jump removal. The situation is complicated by the fact that in most cases, the jumps are so small that it becomes very difficult to recognize them visually. For this purpose, we apply the JM algorithm, which enables automatically and uniformly recognize jumps in GOES magnetograms.

The algorithm validation was carried out using

daily magnetograms of the three magnetic field components (B_x, B_y, B_z), recorded by GOES 15 satellite on 3 April 2010. The supplementary information includes time series with a 5-min sampling rate reflecting the status of two heaters paired with a magnetometer. The status values are 0 (both heaters are off), 1 (1-st heater is on), 2 (2-nd heater is on) and 3 (both heaters are on) (Figure 6).

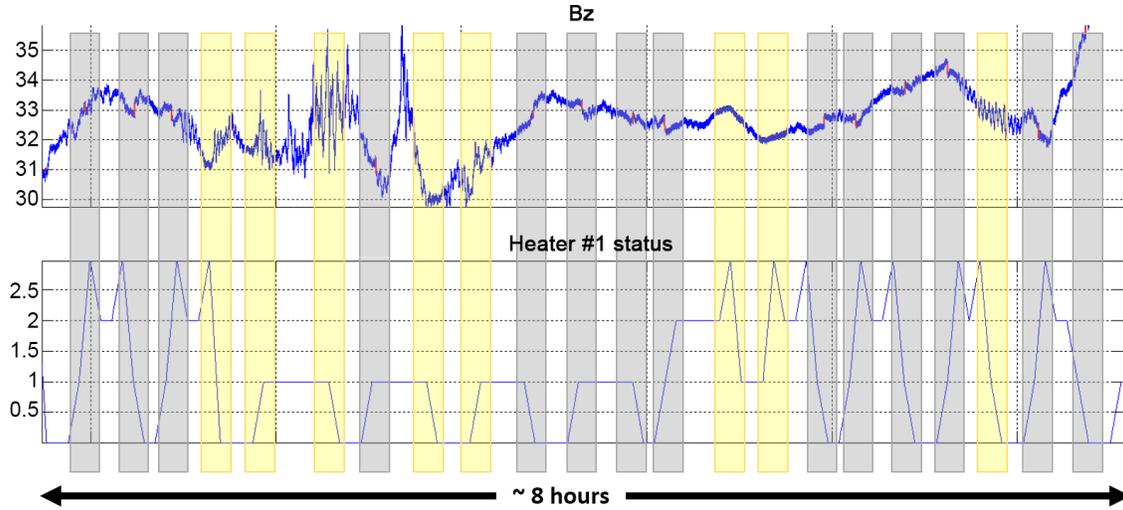


Figure 7. Examples of jump detection using JM algorithm. The original magnetogram is given on the upper plot; recognized jumps are marked with red. The lower plot provides the heater status information within the same period. Vertical rectangles outline the heater transition state between “on” and “off”. Grey rectangles correspond to correlation between jumps and heater switches. Yellow rectangles correspond to correlation absence, i.e. no jumps associated with heater switches.

For each component, we empirically defined the same set of the free parameter values of the algorithm: $\Delta = 5$, $\Lambda = 60$, $\alpha = 0.9$, $\beta = 0.5$. Of course, the recognition results depend on the choice of the free parameter values. Therefore, they will have to be carefully adjusted for effective processing of the new generation GOES 16 data, in particular having different sampling rate (10 Hz).

4. Discussion

As a result of the visual inspection it was concluded that almost all jumps were recognized by the JM algorithm in magnetograms recorded on 3 April 2010. Notably, most of the jumps are hardly detectable by eye, as it is shown in Figure 7–Figure 8. They are typically less than 1 nT.

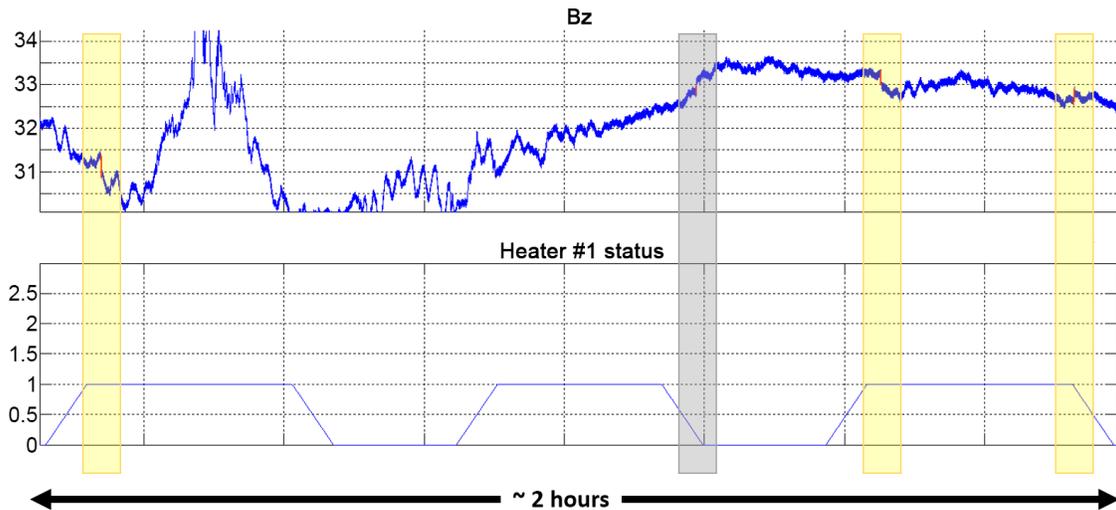


Figure 8. Examples of jump detection using JM algorithm. The legend is the same as in Figure 7. This example shows that jump occurrence is not necessarily associated with heater switches (yellow rectangles).

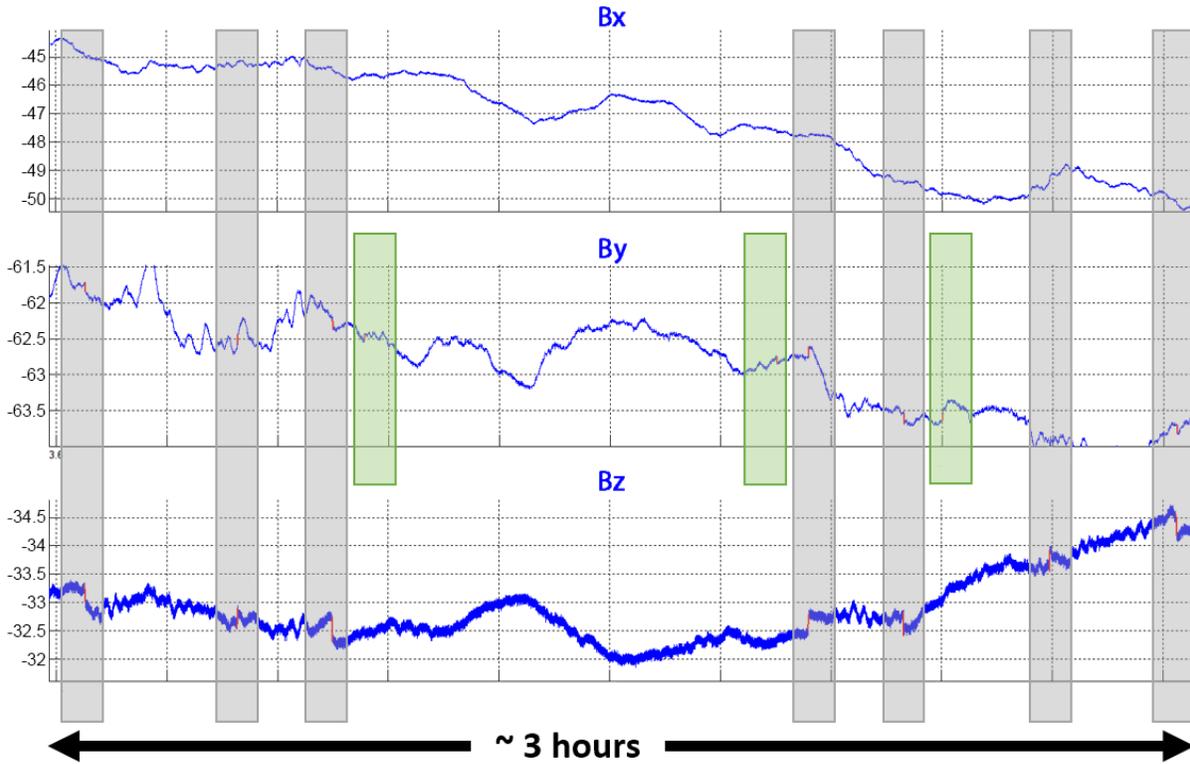


Figure 9. Jump recognition results for each component B_x , (upper plot), B_y (middle plot) and B_z (lower plot). B_x component does not contain jumps. Grey rectangles outline the simultaneous occurrence of jumps in B_y and B_z components; green rectangle outline jumps, which are present in the B_y component only.

Each of the figures contains fragments of the original magnetic record and corresponding heater status plot. It is worth mentioning that, in addition to a clear dependency of jumps on heater switches, some cases demonstrate only a partial correlation, i.e. either heater switches are not producing jumps (Figure 7) or jumps occurred during constant heater status (Figure 8). Some of these situations arise from incomplete heater status monitoring and the lack of high-data rate heater status.

Separate and combined analysis of each compo-

nent record led to the following additional conclusions, illustrated in Figure 9:

1. B_x record is not affected by jumps at all, while B_z is affected much more than B_y in terms of jump number and amplitudes;
2. jumps not necessarily occur simultaneously in different components.

A more detailed statistics on the recognition results is given in Table 1. Unfortunately, we could not quantitatively estimate the recognition results

Table 1. Jump Recognition Statistics

Component	Total	Amplitude, nT		Duration, seconds		Intersections	Unseen in other components
		Min	Max	Min	Max		
B_y	23	0.03	1.20	1.54	4.10	11	12
B_z	35	0.03	0.51	1.02	4.10		24
Total	58						

in terms of target misses and false alarms by comparing them with manually filtered and adjusted magnetograms, as the latter was not carried out.

5. Conclusions

Detection of anthropogenic jumps in geomagnetic records by using simple algorithms, e.g. based on threshold exceedance of time derivatives, is not valid – such disturbances, as anthropogenic spikes or geomagnetic pulsations (= two consecutive jumps of a different sign), as well as high amplitude rapid variations during magnetic storms are also characterized by large derivatives. The difficulty of detecting jumps is, in particular, in additional estimation of the shift in the recording level. Herein, we present a new algorithm for recognition of jumps of unnatural origin in magnetograms. It is based on discrete mathematical analysis theory, which in turn relies on fuzzy logic principles. In particular, it involves such notions as fuzzy comparison and fuzzy bound, which allows introduction of “measure of jumpiness” functional. The latter is used directly to classify each value of original record as jump-related or not. The algorithm’s free parameters ensure its flexibility and adaptivity, as they may be adjusted for processing different types of time series.

We demonstrate the algorithm performance by example of the three component magnetograms, recorded by GOES 15 satellite on 3 April 2010. Most of the detected jumps coincide with automatic switches of the heater systems paired with each magnetometer; the origin of the other ones is unknown. If needed, the detected jumps can be further removed from the records by operators or decision makers. Our plans include more systematic JM application to the new generation GOES 16 data (Loto’aniu et al., 2018, The GOES 16 Spacecraft Science Magnetometer, in-preparation for submission to *Advances in Space Research*) and its efficiency estimation as applied to data under different geomagnetic conditions, contaminated by geomagnetic pulsations, etc. For that reason, the algorithm will have to be adjusted by choosing proper set of free parameter values, as GOES 16 data have different sampling rate and some other features.

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