

CLOSING REMARKS: REFLECTING THE PAST AND THE FUTURE

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Why is the dynamics of the solar gas flows so much more complex than the waves at the beach? I will review the contributions to the Symposium in the perspective of plasma physics, the common ground of a large variety of phenomena observed and modeled in the solar corona. The most fundamental processes can be put into a reasonable order. We are still in a situation in which we do not understand the basic processes in detail but may conjecture which are important. The consequences for the history of the Sun and its formation are also of great interest. Theories may explain what has been observed. Are there predictions we can test in the future? If possible, it will be based on solar observations. It is essential to concentrate on the important ones.