

Using SunRISE as a Pathfinder for Detecting Low Frequency Radio Emission from Extrasolar Planets with Space Based Radio Arrays



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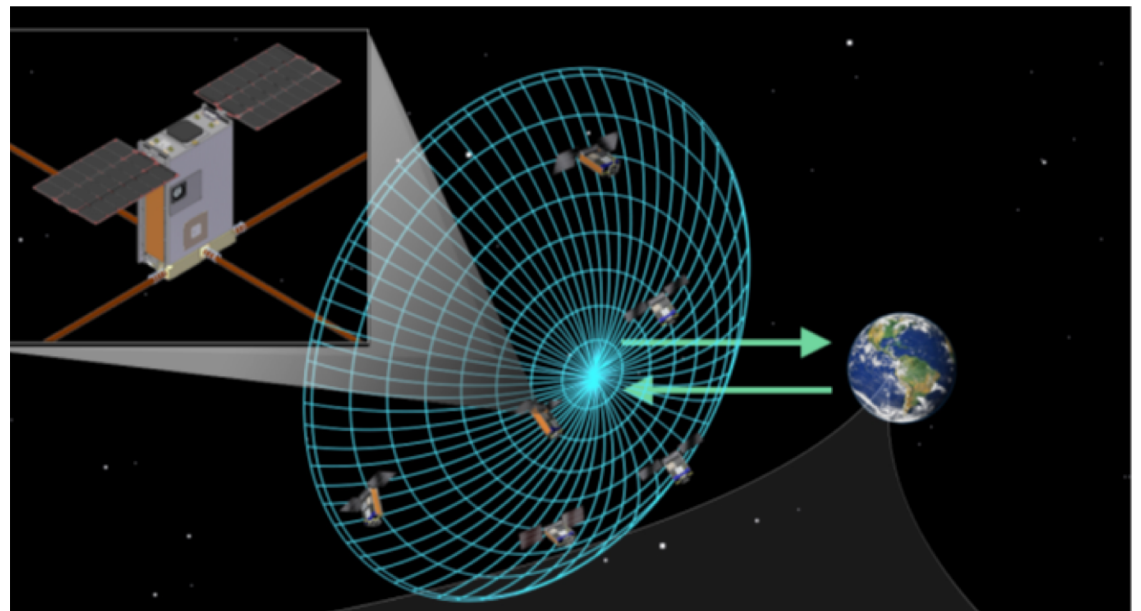
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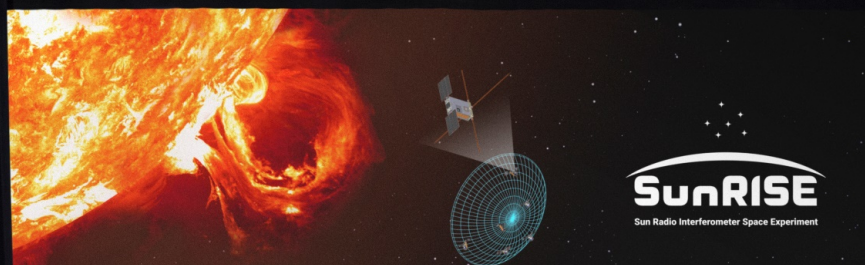
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- Introduction to SunRISE
- Primary Science Objectives
- Science Operation Pipeline
- Additional Science Targets
- Preliminary Sky Maps
- Planetary Emission & Other Weak Sources



- SunRISE – Sun Radio Interferometer Space Experiment
- Heliophysics Explorers Mission of Opportunity (\$55 M)
- Done with Phase A
- Will launch 2022 if funded
- 6 CubeSats in GEO Graveyard Orbit
- Can see below Ionospheric Cutoff



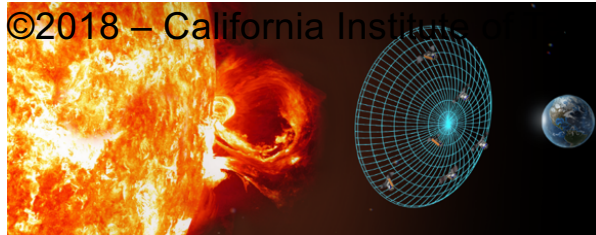


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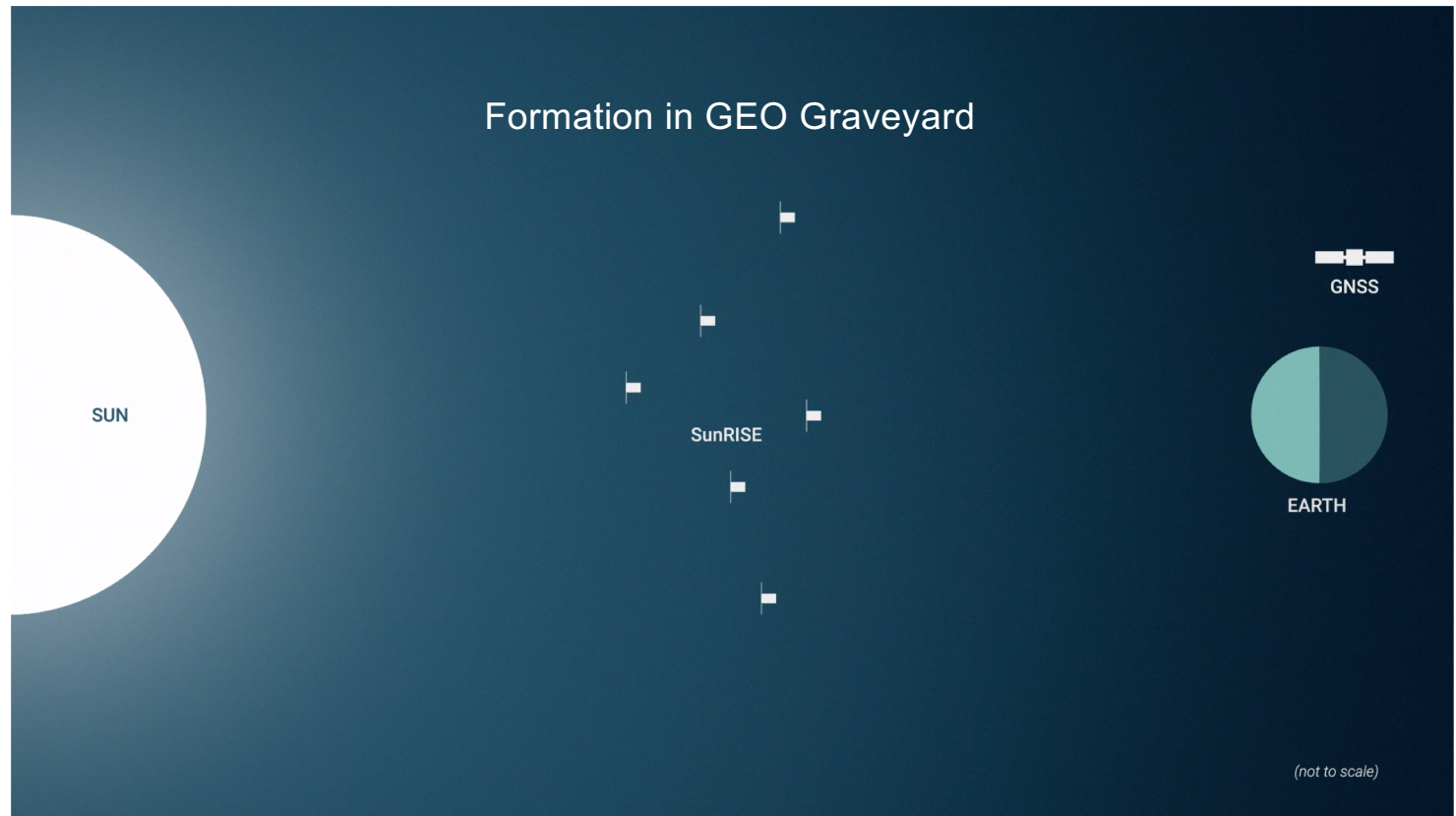
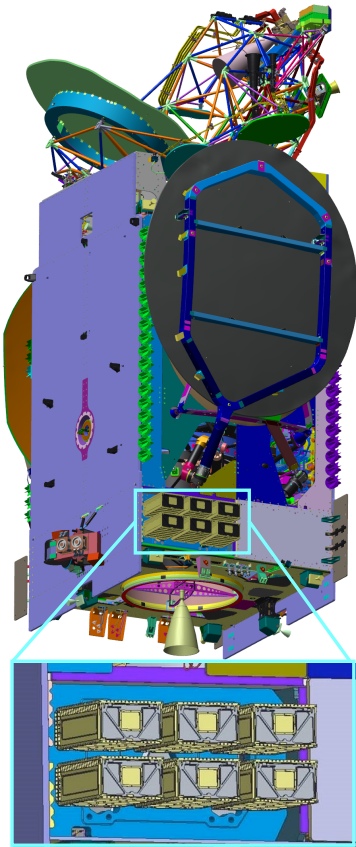




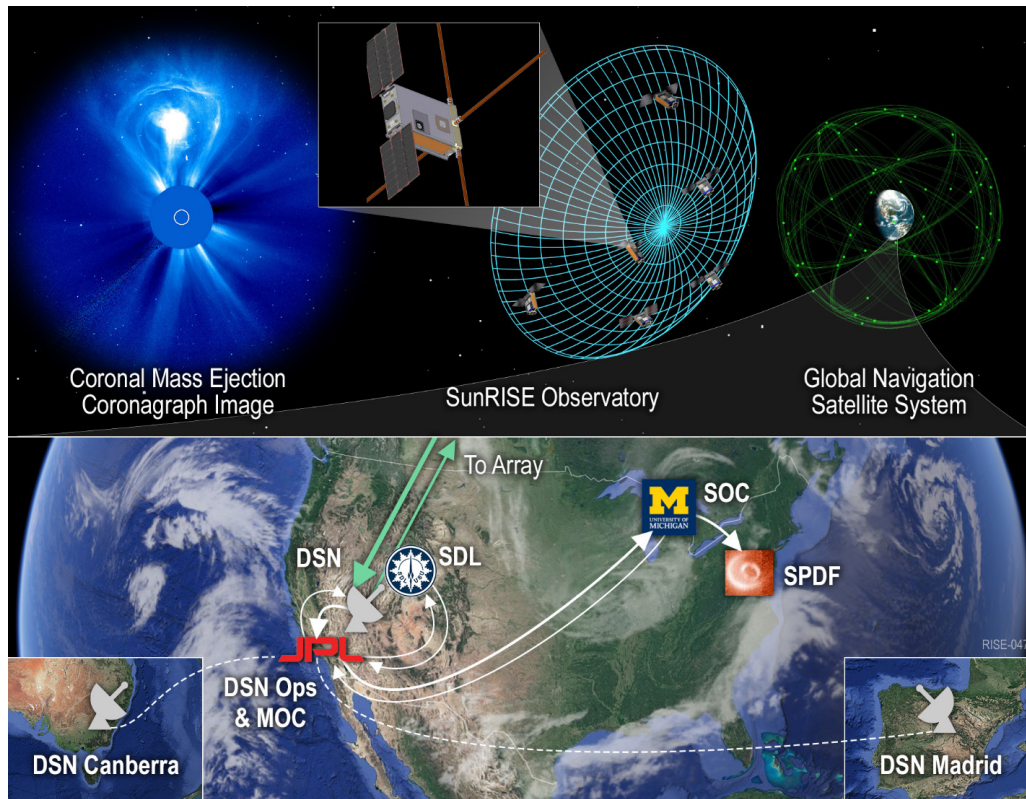
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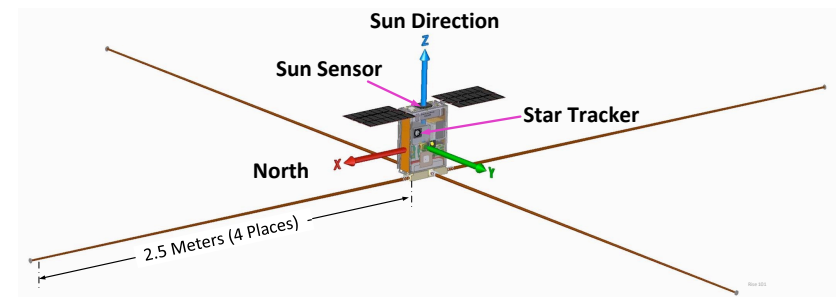
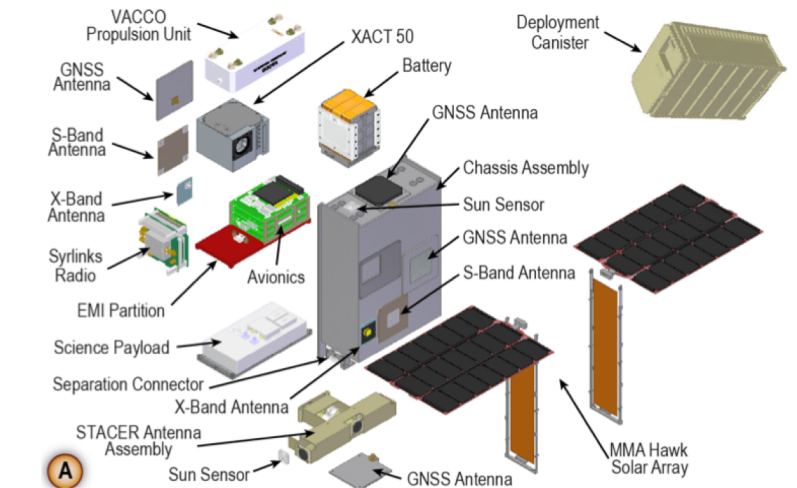
Formation in GEO Graveyard



SunRISE Mission & Spacecraft

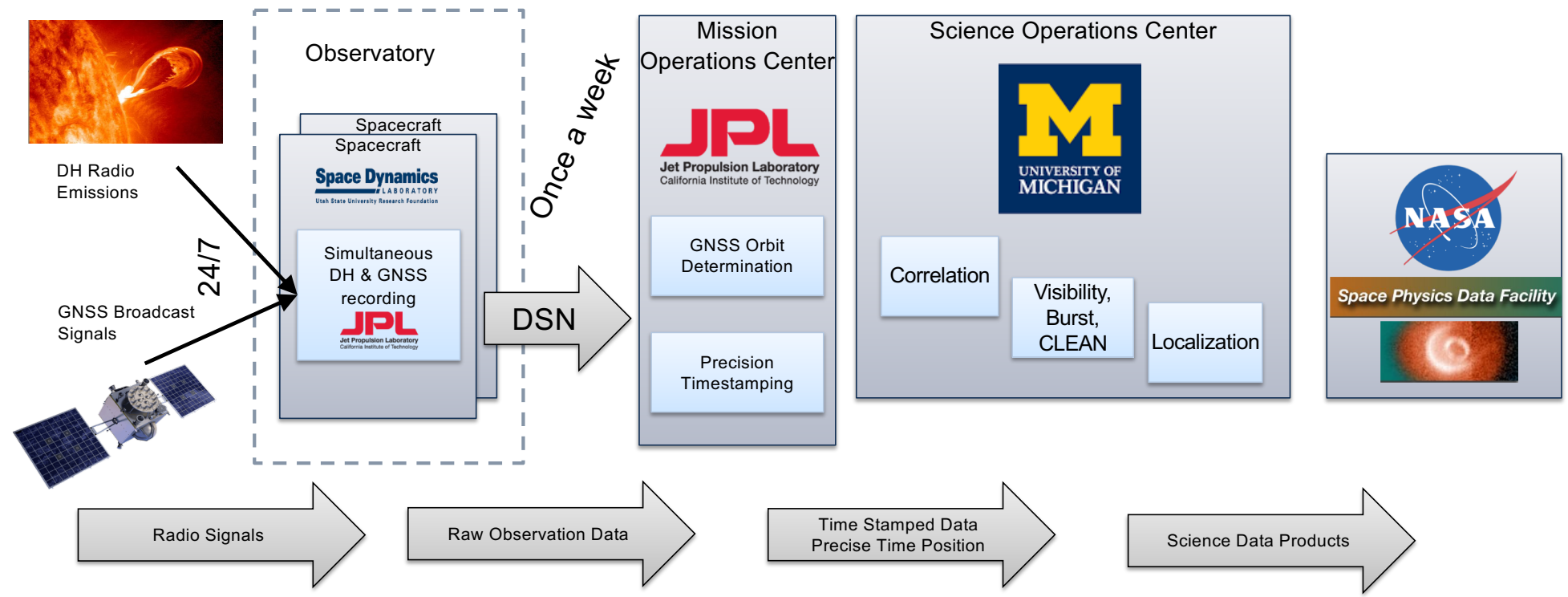


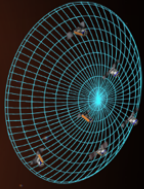
CSR Fig. D-1



Regular and Routine SunRISE Operations

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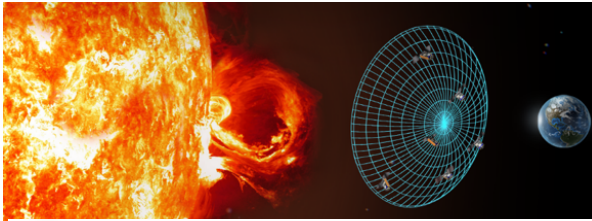


Weekly Downlink Budget Allocation



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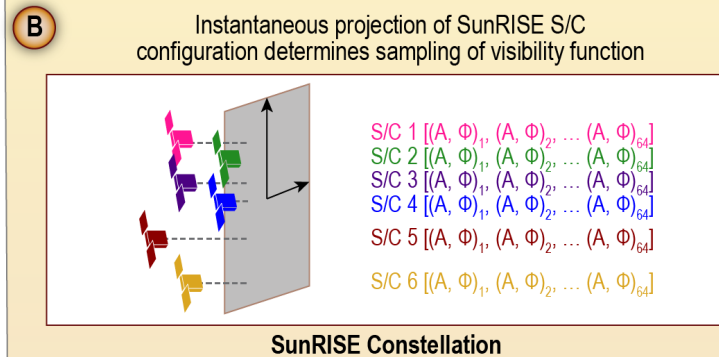
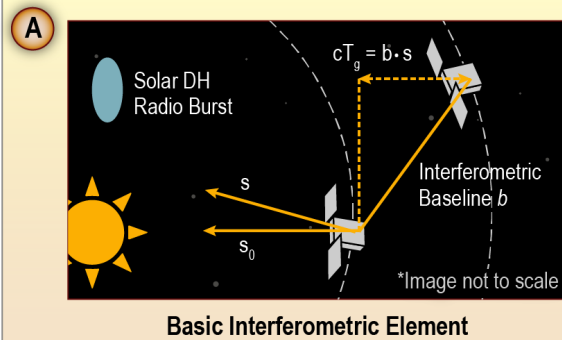
Data Type	Description	Cadence	Volume per downlink
Solar DH	Science Spectra (64 specified sub-bands \times 2 pol. \times complex amp. \times 8 bits + 128 bit header)	10 Hz	13.2 Gb
	Diagnostic Spectra (4096 sub-bands \times 2 pol. \times 2 complex amp. \times 24 bits + 128 bit headers)	0.3 mHz (1/hour)	66 Mb
	Diagnostic output (ADC samples; 32k \times 24 bits + 128 bit headers)	12 mHz (1/day)	7 Mb
GNSS	Observables (phase, pseudo-range; 12 ch. \times 2216 bits)	0.1 Hz	1.6 Gb
	On-board Navigation Solution (2088 bits)	0.1 Hz	0.13 Gb
Auxiliary	Log Messages (2776 bits)	0.1 Hz	0.17 Gb
	Housekeeping (1688 bits)	17 mHz (1/minute)	17 Mb
Total			15.2 Gb



Radio Interferometry Basics

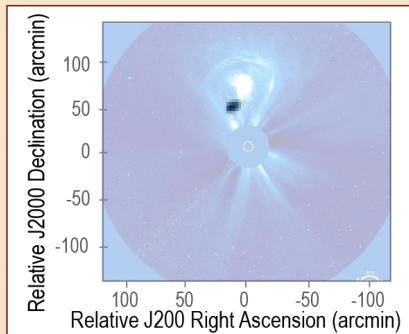


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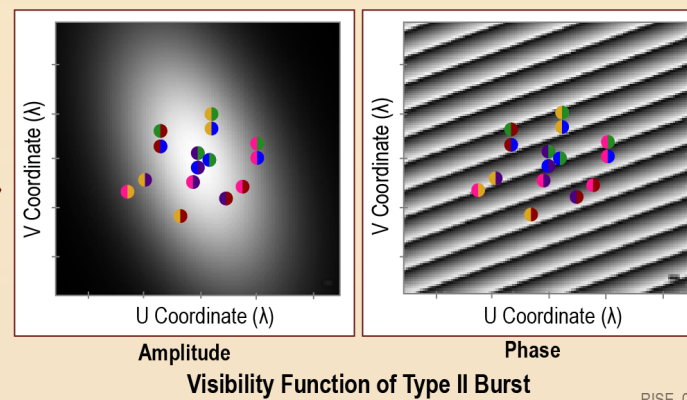


$$\mathcal{V}(u, v, w) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A_N(l, m) I(l, m) \times \exp \left\{ -j2\pi \left[ul + vm + w \left(\sqrt{1 - l^2 - m^2} - 1 \right) \right] \right\} \frac{dl dm}{\sqrt{1 - l^2 - m^2}}$$

- & Compute UVW from GPS Files
- & Compute Visibilities from Integral definition
- & Insert into CASA MS file
- & Add Thermal & Phase Noises
- & Image & Analysis

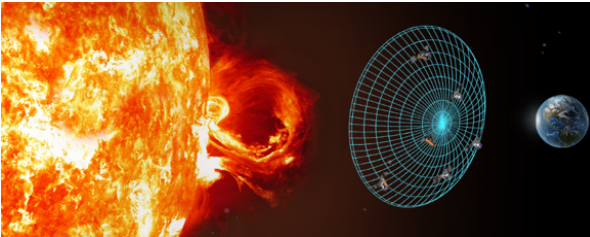


Fourier Transform



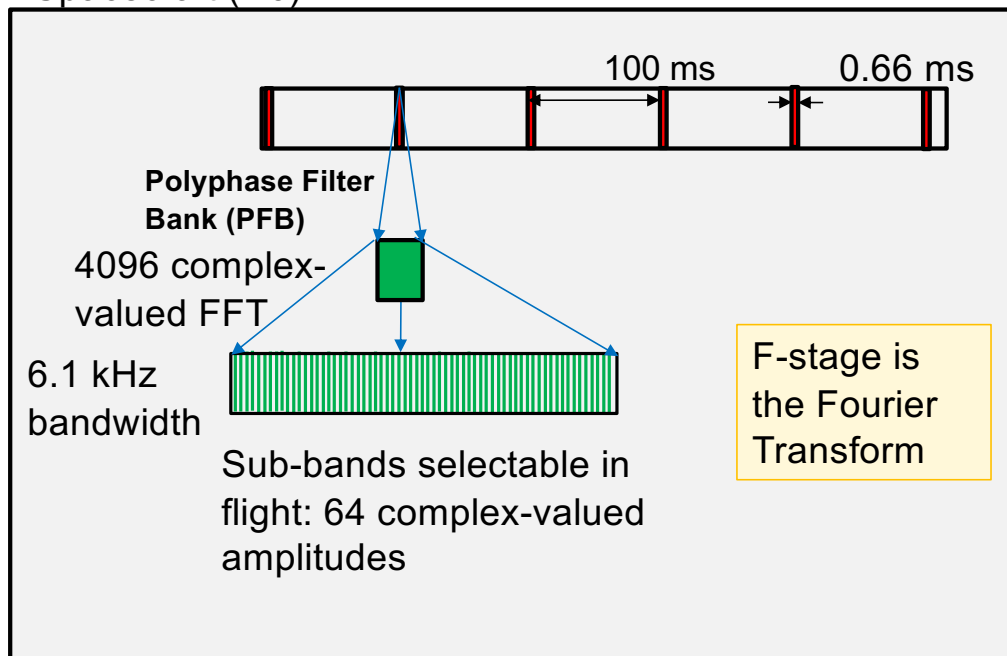
Taken from SunRISE CSR

CASA by McMullin, J. P., et al. 2007, Astronomical Data Analysis Software and Systems XVI, 127.



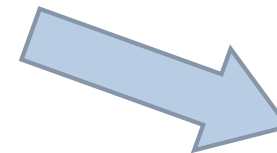
FX Correlation

Spacecraft (×6)



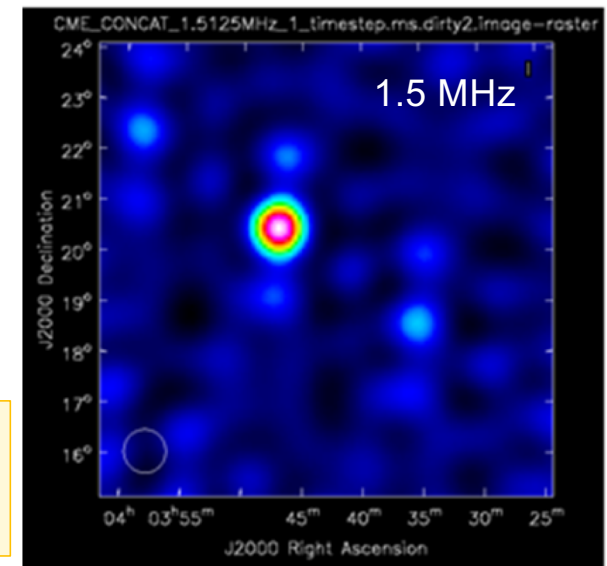
All spacecraft synchronized by GNSS.

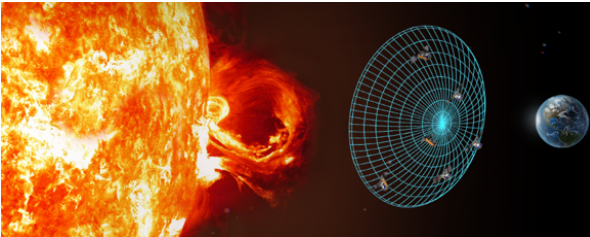
Data telemetered to ground



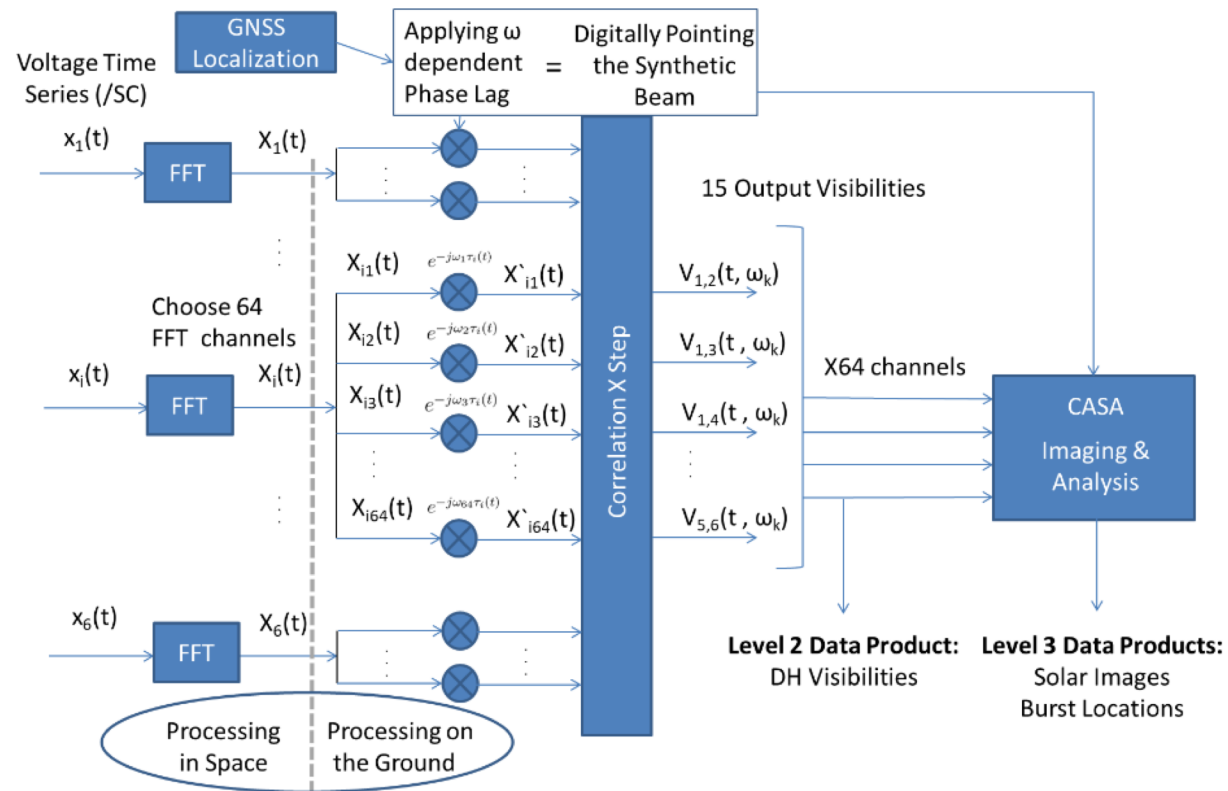
X-stage is the Correlation

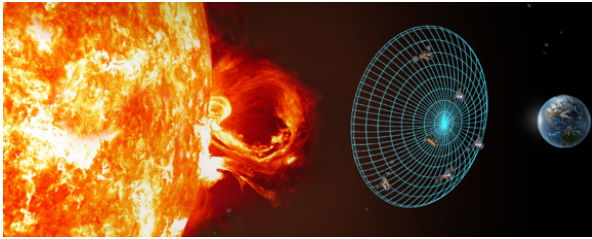
Fourier amplitudes are combined to form visibilities to form the CLEANed image.





FX Correlation cont.



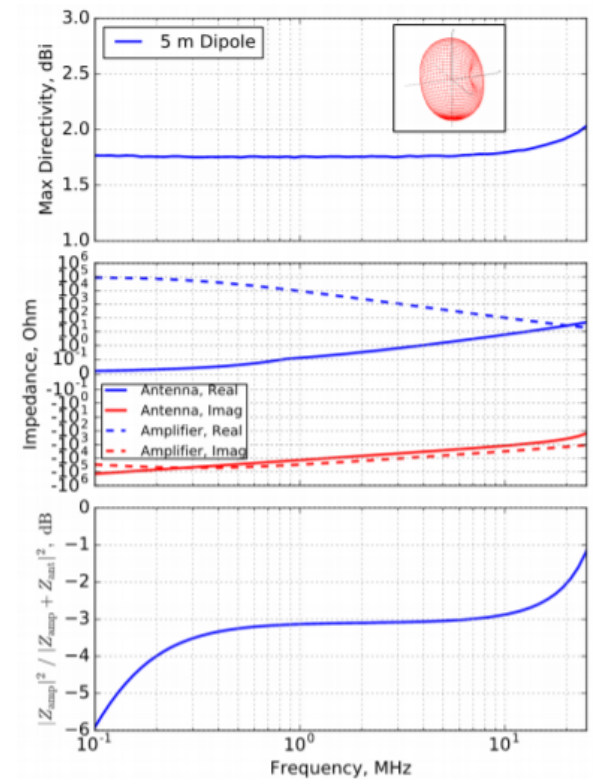
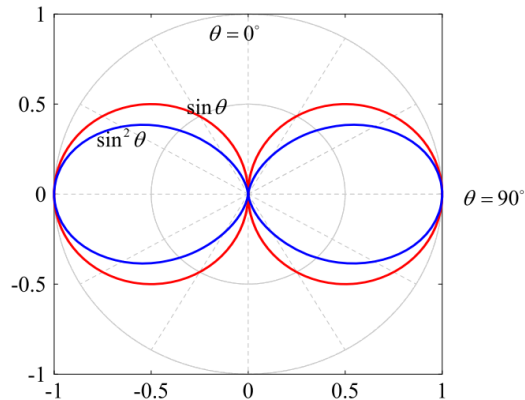


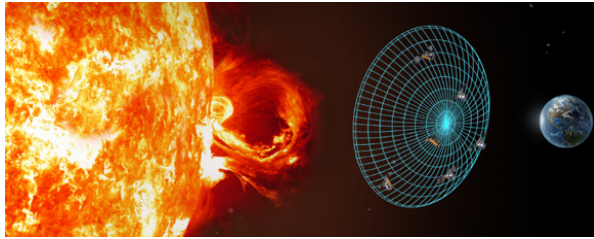
Antenna Patterns



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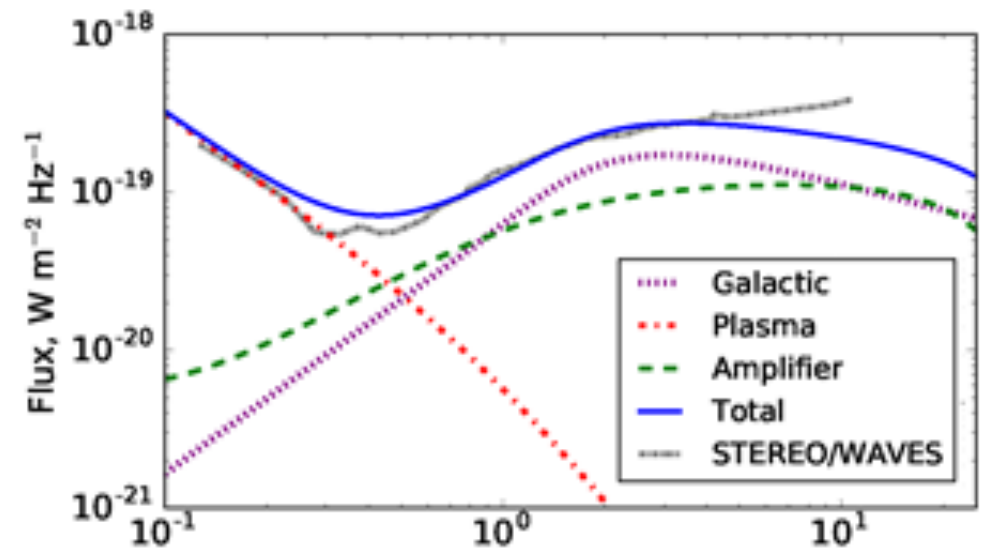
- Directivity of the Solar DH antenna as determined from a NEC2 simulation
- Directivity is 1.7 dBi, as expected from a short dipole
- Below, theoretical response for short dipole (red, $\sin(\theta)$), and a Half Wavelength dipole (blue, $\sin^2(\theta)$)





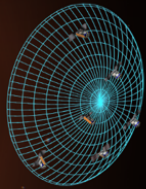
Signal to Noise Calculation

- Assume 5 m dual polarization isotropic dipoles (electrically short)
- 4096 channel Polyphase Filter Bank, 0-25 MHz, 6100 Hz channels, 6.6 ms / sec integration, 0.1 sec cadence
- Type II Signals \approx Galactic & Plasma Noise
- Array: 6 spacecraft, 2 polarizations improves the sensitivity by a factor of 8.5



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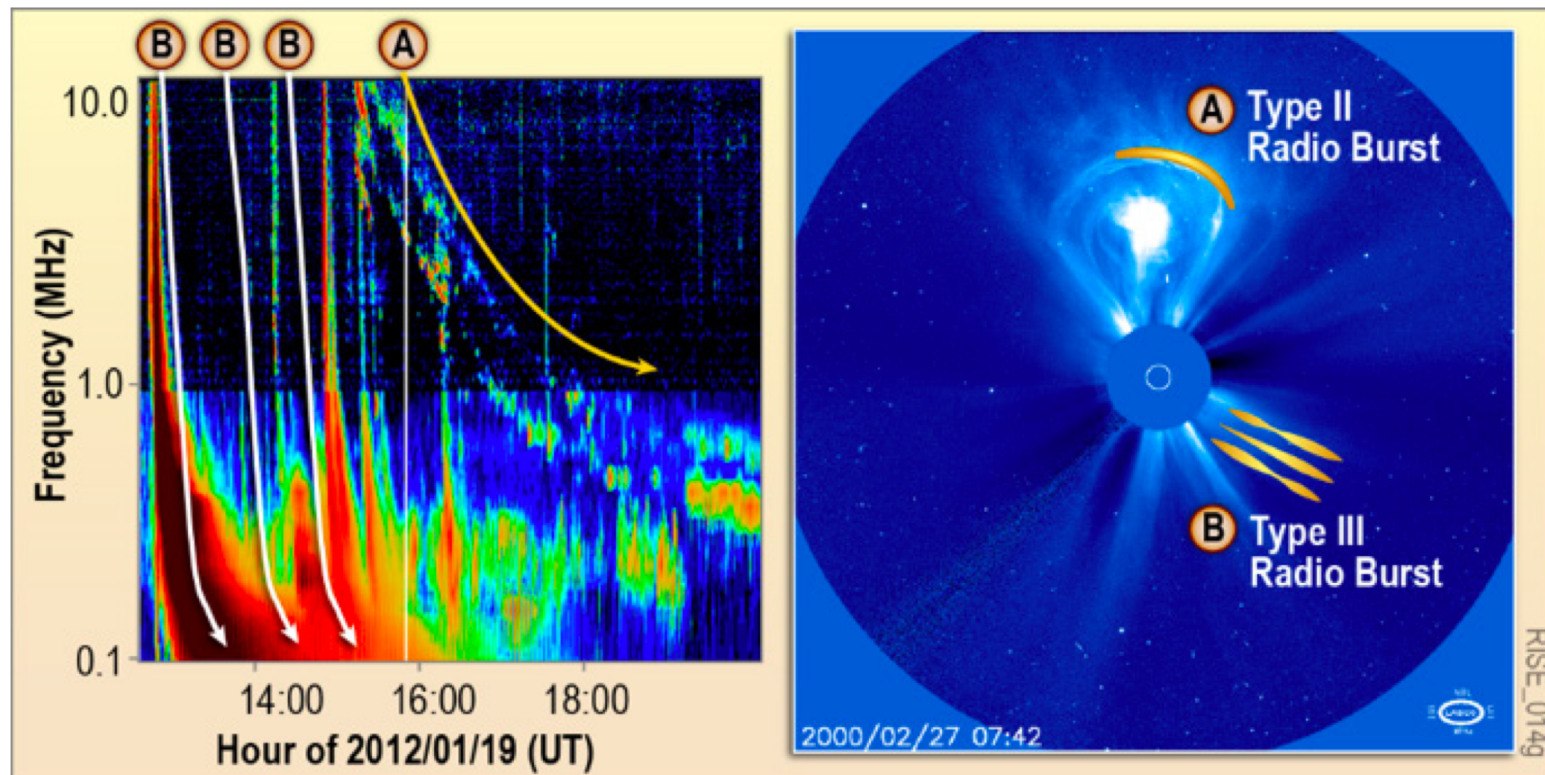
$$\sigma = \frac{2 k_B T_{sys}}{\eta_s A_{eff} \sqrt{N(N-1)(N_{IF} \Delta T \Delta \nu)}}$$



Primary Science: Solar Type II & III Bursts



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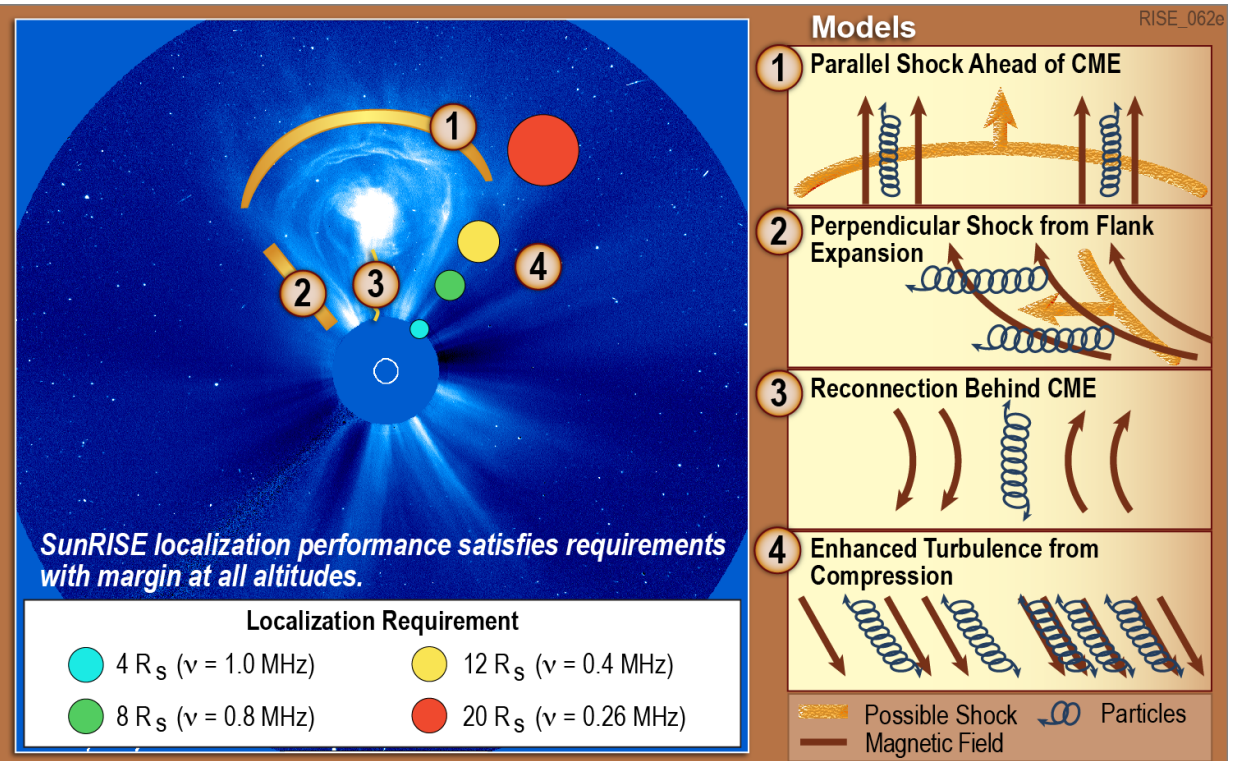
Connect Evolution of Radio Burst to One of Four Models

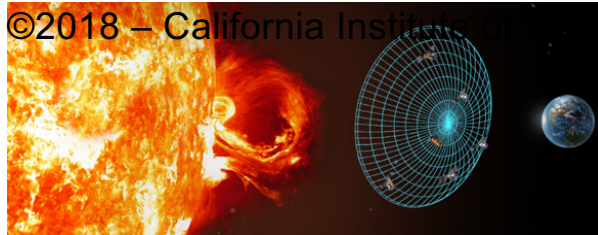


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SunRISE Objective 1

Discriminate competing hypotheses for the source mechanism of CME-associated SEPs by measuring the location and distribution of Type II radio emission relative to expanding CMEs 2–20 R_S from the Sun, where the most intense acceleration occurs.



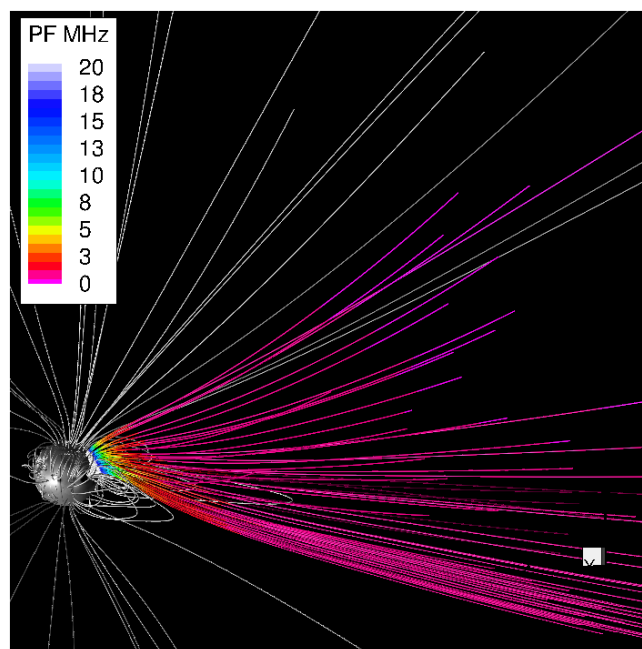


Mapping Magnetic Field Lines

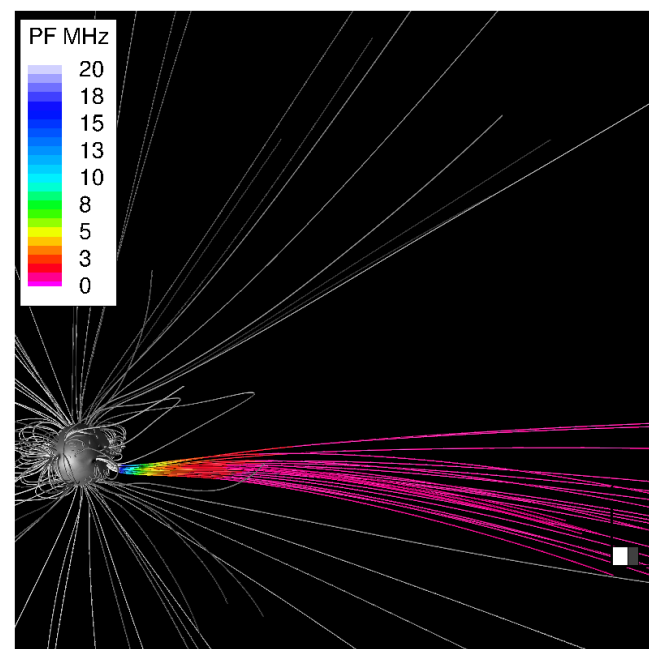
SunRISE Objective 2

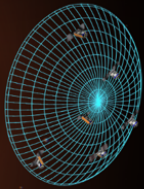
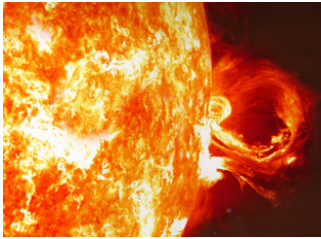
Determine if a broad magnetic connection between active regions and interplanetary space is responsible for the wide longitudinal extent of some flare and CME SEPs by imaging the field lines traced by Type III bursts from 2–20 Rs.

Separatrix-web Scenario (i)



Random Walk Scenario (ii)

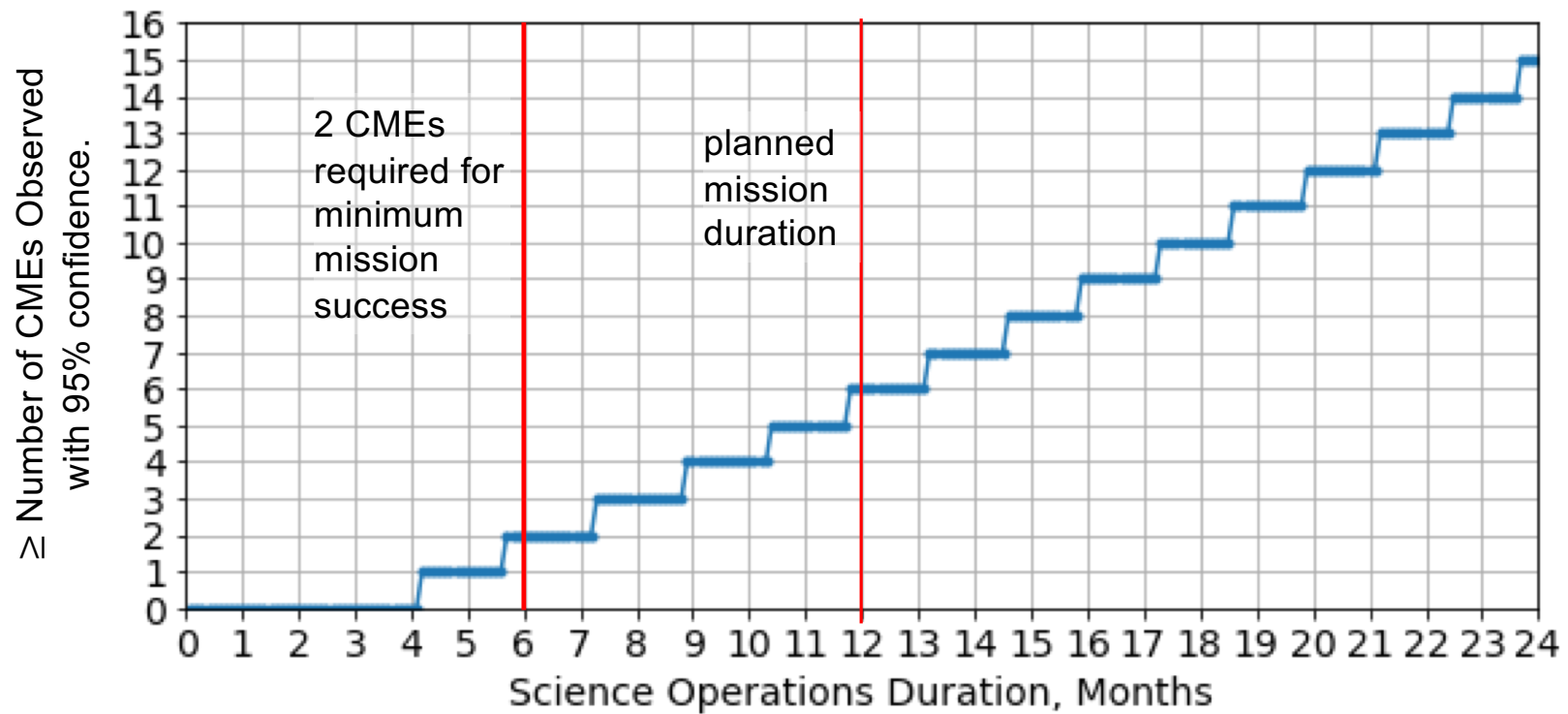


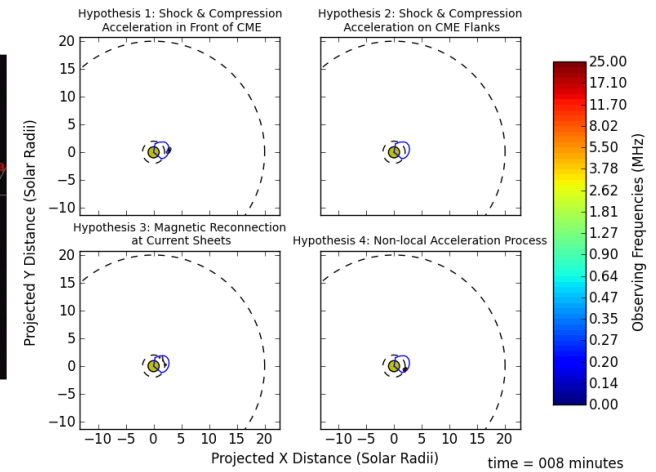
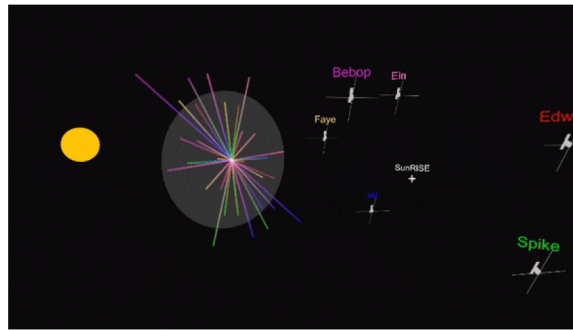
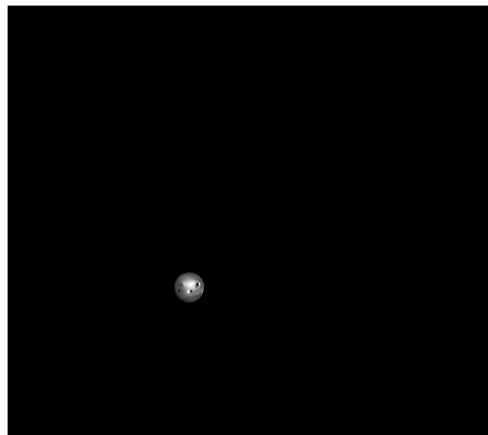


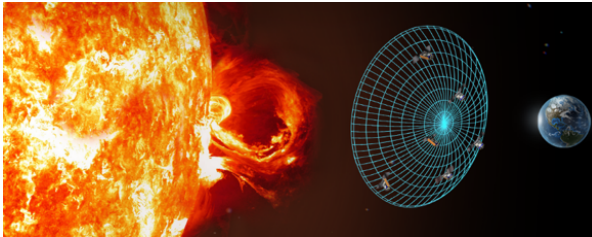
Number of CMEs and Mission Duration



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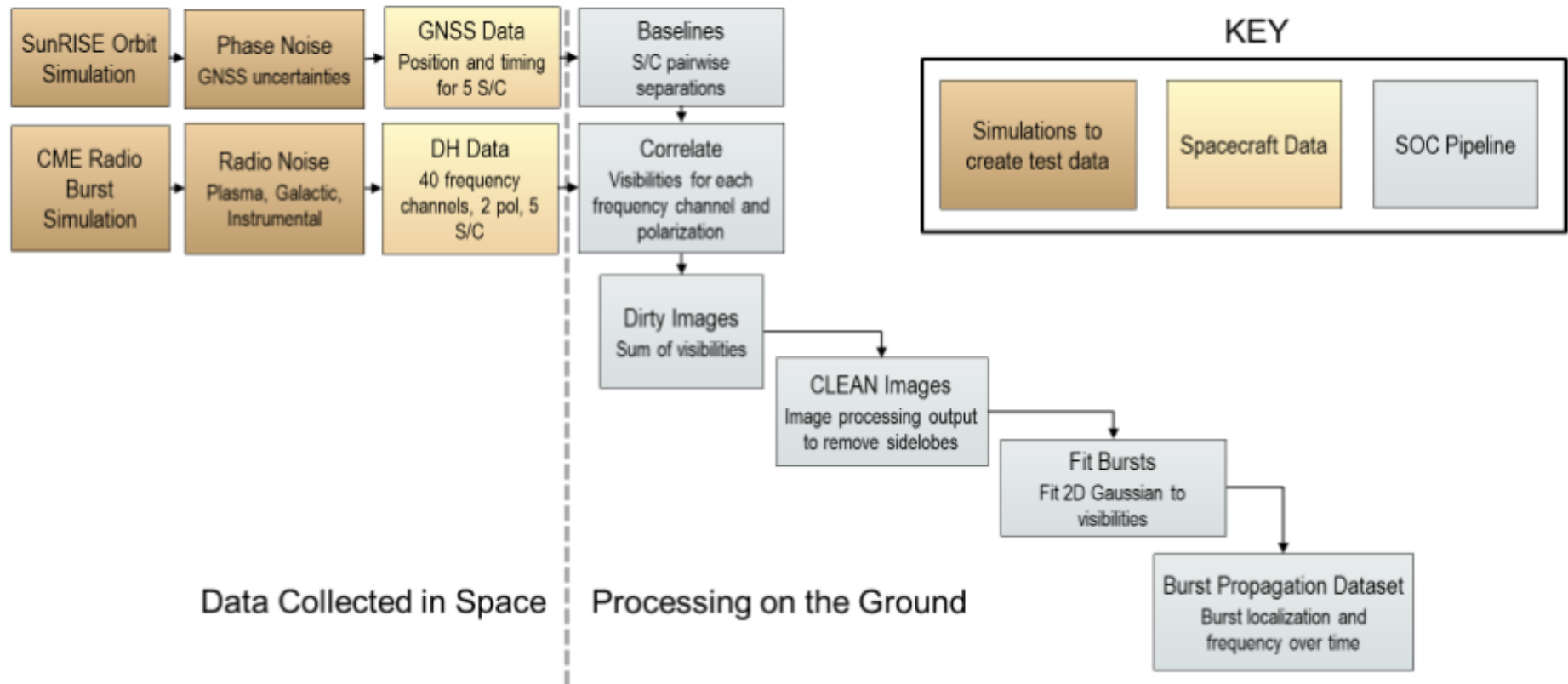




Pipeline Overview



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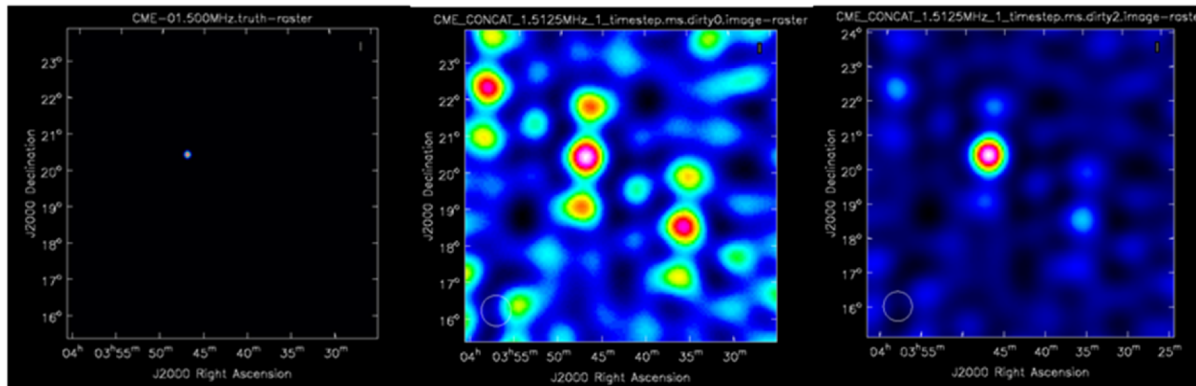




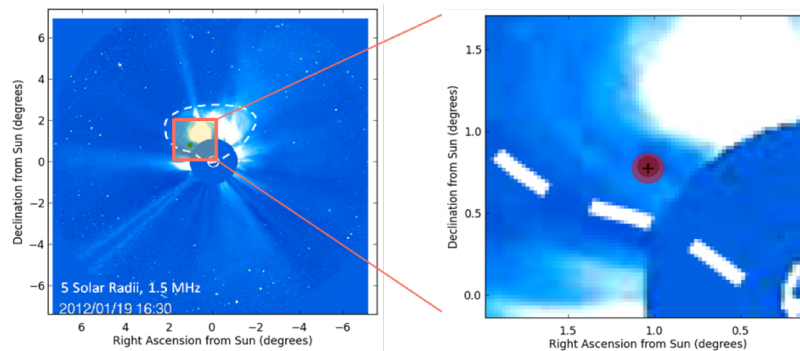
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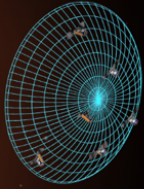
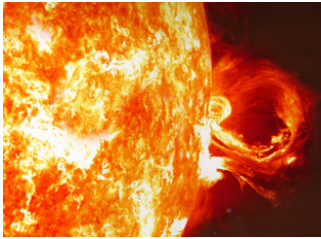
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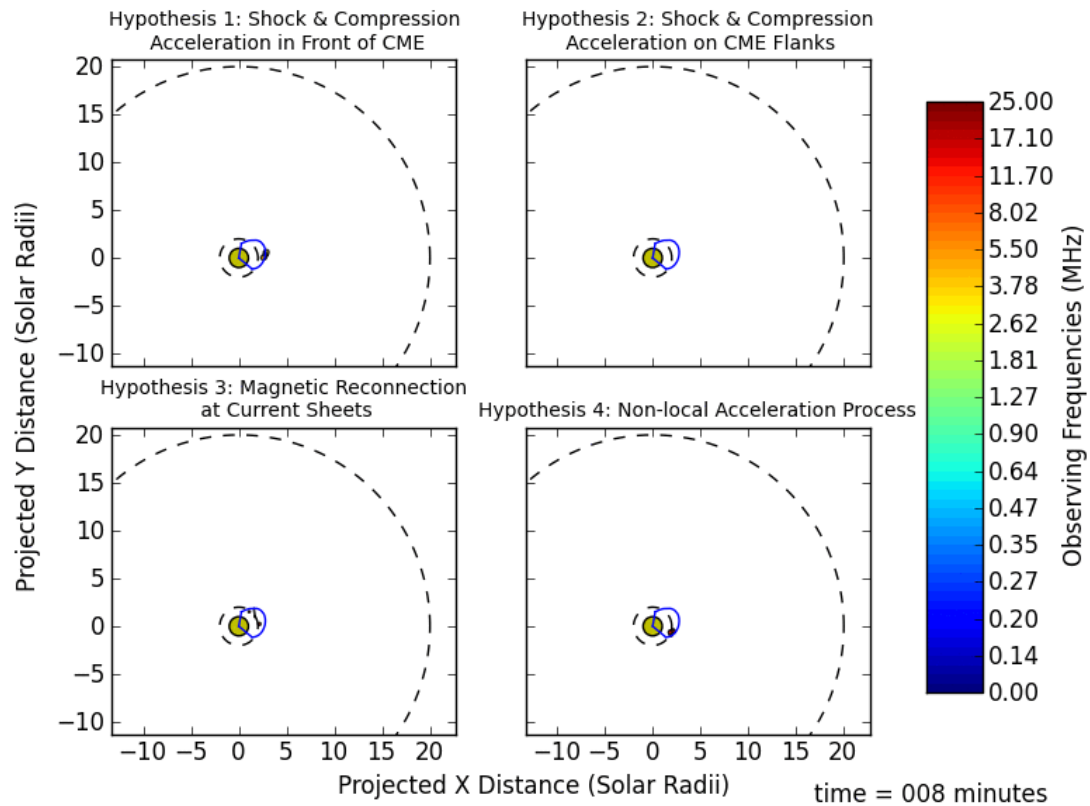
1. Simulation informed input emission distribution
2. Dirty Image with sidelobes
3. CLEANed Image with sidelobes removed
4. 2D Gaussian fit to data & put into context of CME Coronagraph Movie

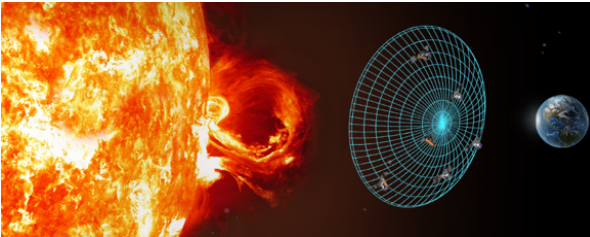


SunRISE Recovered Radio Emission



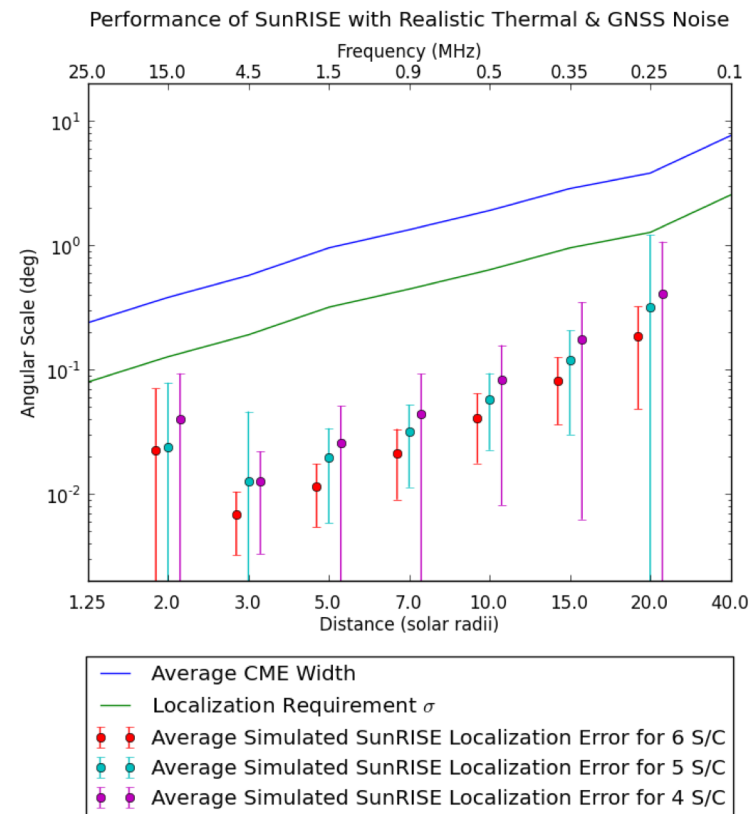
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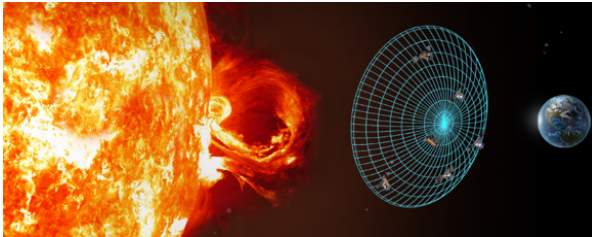




Localization Resolution

- Localization resolution determined by array configuration and frequency.
- SunRISE localization resolution ranges from 0.01 – 0.1 degrees (or 0.6 – 6 arcseconds)



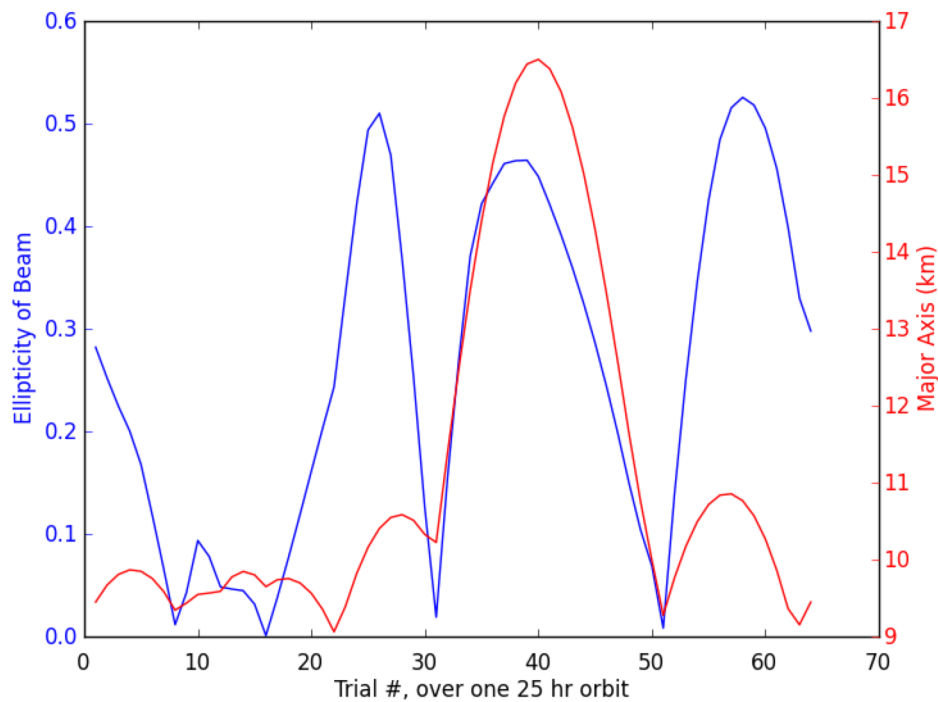


Orbiting Arrays are Irregular

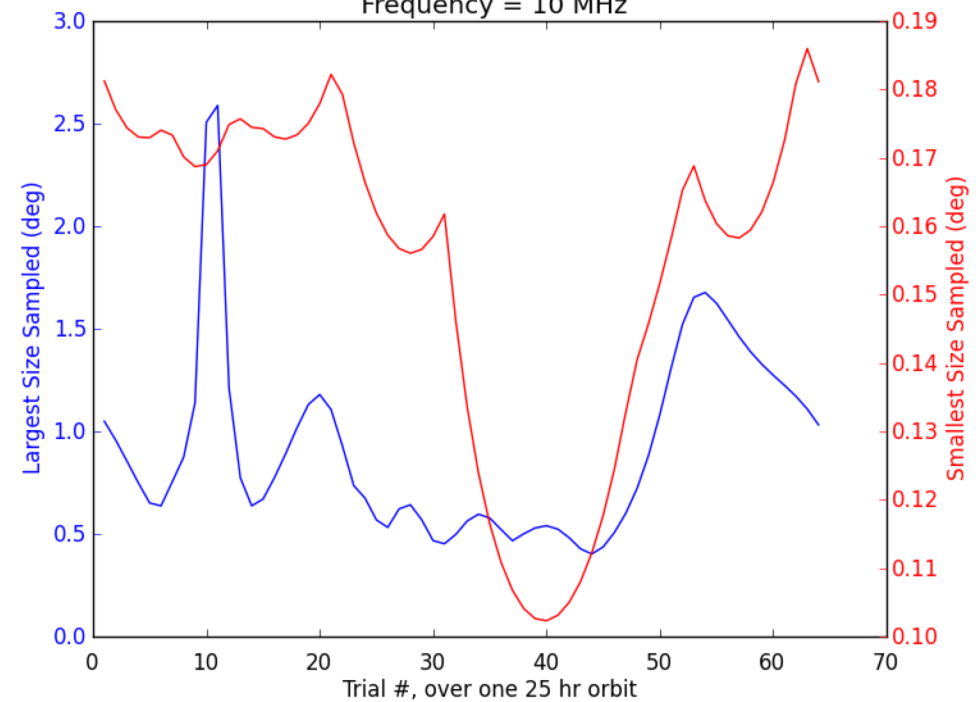


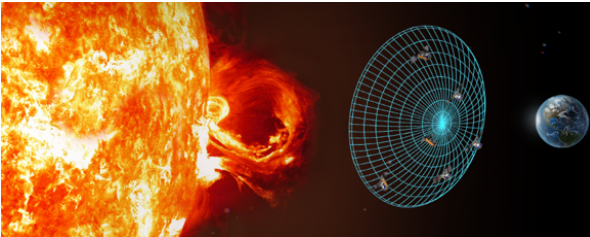
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Ellipticity & Major Axis of PSF Beam of array of 6 Spacecraft



Largest & Smallest Sizes Sampled by 6 S/C Constellation
Frequency = 10 MHz





Additional Science



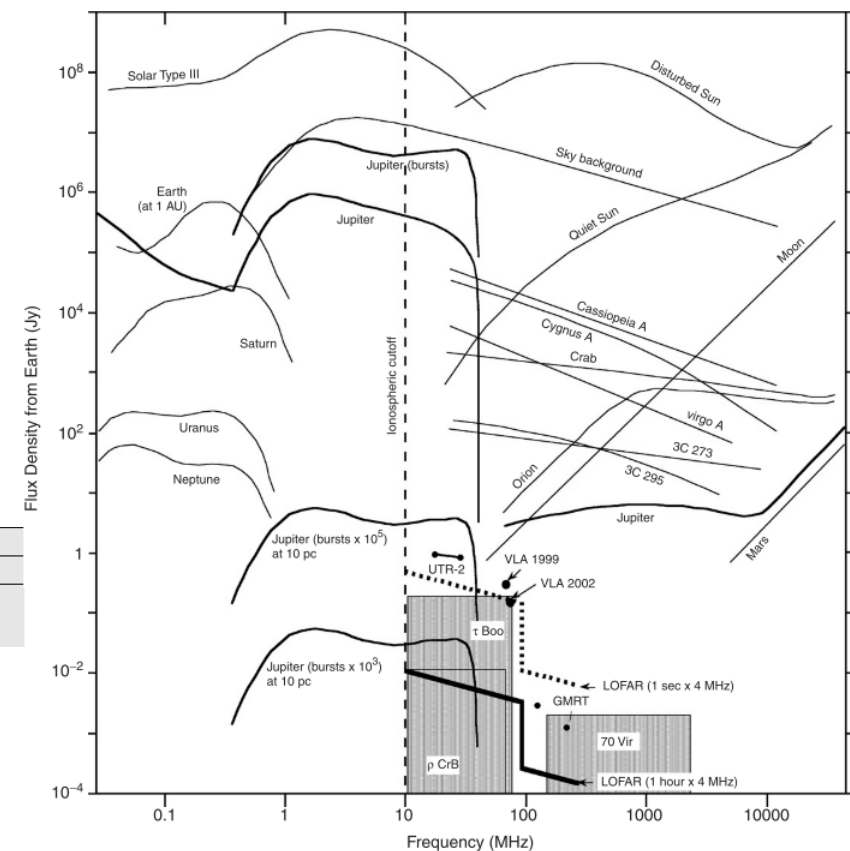
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- SunRISE might be first array that can make basic images at low Frequencies below Ionospheric cutoff
- New Window into the universe, plenty to look at
- Astronomy review papers have detailed requirements for every possible source

P. Zarka / Planetary and Space Science 55 (2007) 598–617

Topic	Our Sections	Requirements					
		Frequency/MHz	Resolution θ	Baselines/km	Expected signal ^a	N(Antennas)	t_{exp} (5- σ)
Transients	3.4						
Solar and planetary bursts	3.4.1	0.1–30	degrees	0.5–200	MJy	1–100	min–h
Extrasolar planets	3.4.2	0.5–30	$\lesssim 1'$	$\gtrsim 35$ –1000	1–10 mJy	$10^4 - 10^5$	15 min

S. Jester, H. Falcke / New Astronomy Reviews 53 (2009) 1–26

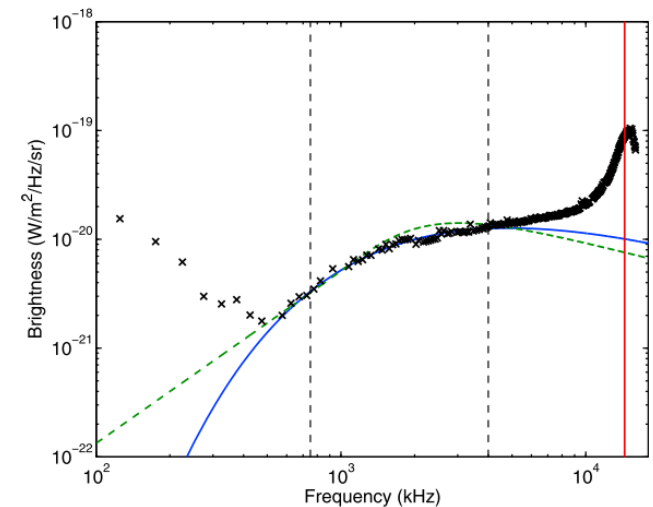




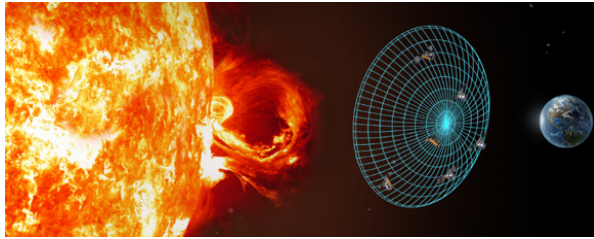
- Mirror galactic calibration of STEREO antenna from Zaslavsky et al 2011
- Must understand Antenna and Stray impedance, goes into Γ^2

$$V_r^2 = V_{noise}^2 + \Gamma^2 V_{QTN}^2 + \frac{4\pi}{3} Z_0 \Gamma^2 l_{eff}^2 B_f.$$

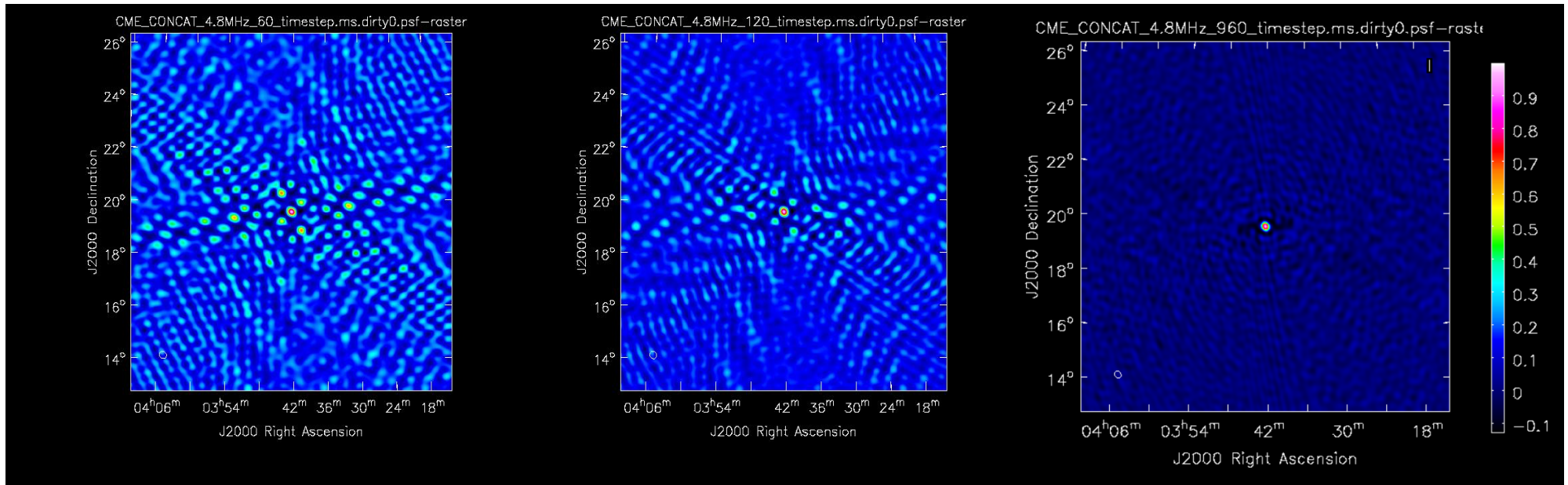
- Choose middle range where galactic noise is dominant
(Quasi Thermal Plasma Noise dominates at lowest freqs, short antenna approx. fails at higher freqs)
- Subtract off constant antenna noise to solve for effective antenna length
- Compare calibrated data (crosses) with Galactic brightness models
Novacco and Brown [1978] (blue solid line) and Cane [1979] (green dashed line)



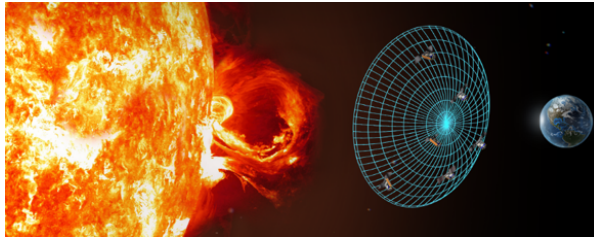
Zaslavsky et al. RADIO SCIENCE, VOL. 46, RS2008, doi:10.1029/2010RS004464, 2011



SunRISE Integration over time

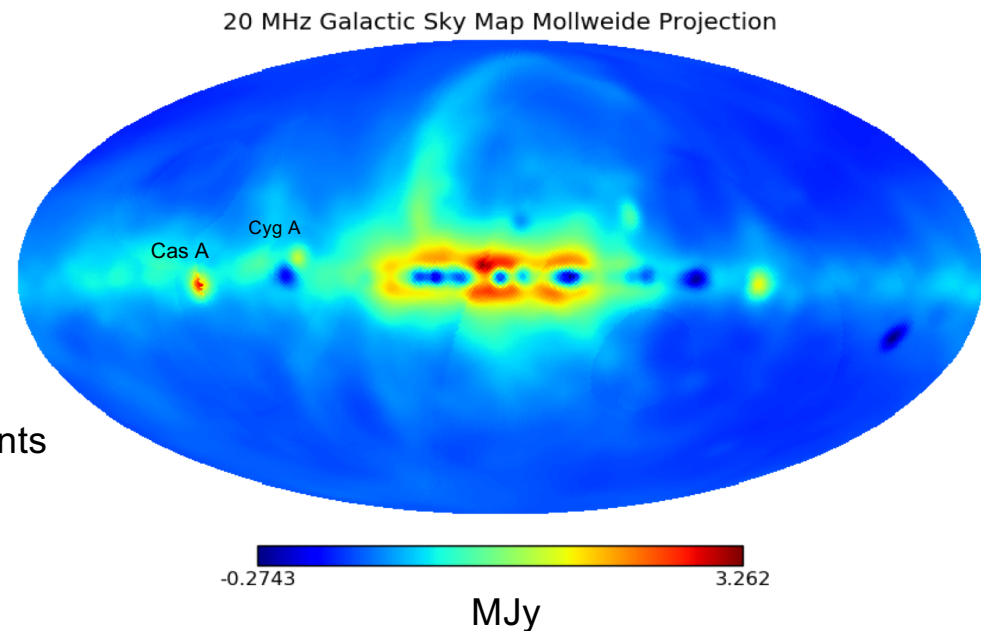


PSFs at 5 MHz after 1, 2 and 24 hours of integration. All images share the same color scale, normalized to 1.0.

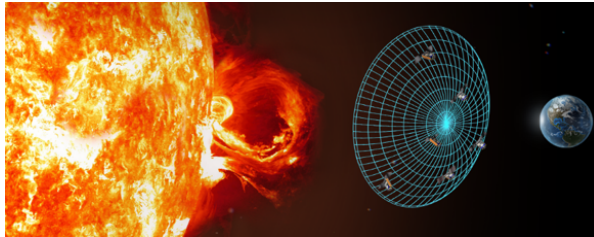


Preliminary All Sky Mapping

- Will have 1 year's worth of data to sift through
- Choose least bright periods to create constant Sky Maps
- For given area of sky, use SPICE to compute times when it is unobscured by Earth, Sun, Jupiter, etc.
- Can subtract constant sky model to look for weak transients
- Working on simulated SunRISE Global Sky Map



Created with gsm2016 Principal Component Analysis
Zheng et al. MNRAS 464, 3486–3497 (2017)



Looking for Planetary Emission

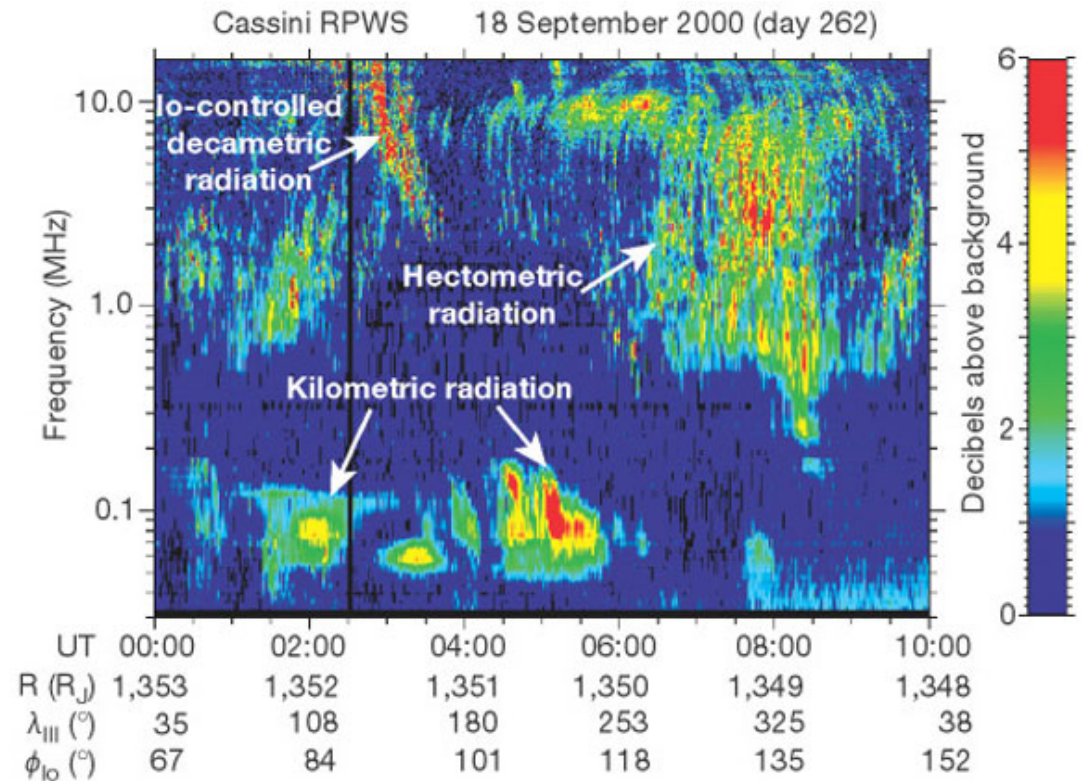


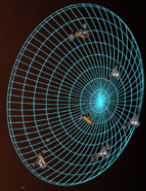
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May subtract out constant sky model to
look for weaker transients

A Jovian Io burst (strongest and most
predictable) will typically dwell on a
frequency for > 1 hour.

Processing of searching for Jovian
Emission mirrors that of extrasolar
planetary emission





Calibration / Validation with Jovian Bursts

Jupiter's Io Decametric Radiation as a Calibration Source

Property	Range	Notes
Frequency	0.3 MHz – 35 MHz	Significant overlap with SunRISE band.
Occurrence	~every couple of days	Predictable occurrence based on Io orbital phase and Jupiter's longitudinal phase.
Duration	~ 2 hours	Equivalent ~72,000 snapshots with SunRISE
Flux Density	10^{-20} to 10^{-19} W m ⁻² Hz ⁻¹	Flux is variable but strong when active. Stereo/Waves sees them regularly.
Structure	Point source	Source size < 400 km at 4.4 AU from VLBI measurements.

NOTE: These data are gathered while in science mode. It does not interfere with regular operations.



- SunRISE, designed for Solar Radio Bursts, can see the entire Low Frequency Sky over 12 month mission
- SunRISE could make first maps of the Sky at these Frequencies
- Could do preliminary Galactic foreground subtraction
- SunRISE can localize individual radio sources
- Data Processing mirrors that of a larger array that could detect Extrasolar Planetary Emission
- Space Based Interferometry will be huge, SunRISE could be the pathfinder