

Open Science Challenges in Heliophysics

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Sharing is not an option

open science since early 1998

Studied object requires sharing data, using multiple sources.
Standardisation of accessibility is key for re-use or fundability.

- CDF+ISTP (1998): data standards for data exchange
- SPASE as a common metadata registry (2005)
- Inception of the Virtual Solar Observatory (2005)
- solar events in HEK (2007)
- FITS+WCS for solar physics (2011)
- simulation extension for SPASE (2014)
- HAPI for accessing time series (2021)

Heliophysics now on the way to FAIR

FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Re-usable)

- Findable:
 - VSO (<https://sdac.virtualsolar.org/>),
 - HDP (<https://heliophysicsdata.gsfc.nasa.gov/>)
 - VESPA (<https://vespa.obspm.fr/>)
 - AMDA (<http://amda.cdpp.eu/>)
- Accessible:
 - All data are public, with community standard format
 - Python modules to access data (PyHC)
- Interoperable
 - HAPI implements interoperable standard for time series
 - Data format (CDF, FITS)
- Reusable:
 - SPASE registry now includes DOI for data citation
 - Python modules to process data (PyHC)

The screenshot shows the Heliophysics Data Portal interface. At the top, it features the NASA logo, 'GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER Space Physics Data Facility', and navigation links for 'Goddard Home' and 'Visit NASA.gov'. The main header includes 'Heliophysics Data Portal' with the tagline 'Find it. Browse it. Get it.' and a 'SPASE inside' logo. Below the header are navigation tabs for 'Help', 'Geo Orbits', 'Heli Orbits', 'SPASE Registry', 'ADS Abstracts', and 'Feedback'.

The interface is divided into several sections:

- Text Restriction:** A search bar with an 'Add' button.
- Time Span Restriction:** A section with 'from:' and 'to:' fields and an 'Add' button.
- Element Restriction:** A list of filter categories including Resource type, Measurement type, Observatory Group, Observatory, Instrument, Observed region, Spectral range, Cadence, Repository Name, Access rights, and Format.
- Current Product Restrictions:** A section indicating 'No restrictions are currently set' and showing 'Showing 1 - 20 of 3121 Results'.
- Product List:** A table listing various data products with columns for '# Products (& SPASE descriptions)' and 'Information and Access Links'. Each row includes a product number, a description, a DOI link, and a list of access methods (e.g., FTPS from SPDF, CDAWeb, HAPI Server).

Search for Solar Physics Data Products:

If you're new to the VSO, see [How To Search](#), the [FAQ](#) or click the icons for online help.

Please select which values you wish to use to search for data products:

- Time**
Search by time interval.
[Derive time intervals from event catalogs](#)
- Observable**
Search based on physical observables
- Instrument / Source / Provider**
Search based on instruments or data archives
 - Compact listing
 - Instrument / Source (not provider dependent)
 - Instrument Only (not source or provider dependent)
- Spectral Range**
Search based on a spectral range
- Nicknames**
Search based on common terms used to describe data products
Note: Nicknames generate an intersection with other search terms, so searching for a nickname, and a physical observable (or other parameter) when a nickname defines other physical observables will result in no matches.
 - Show Nickname Definitions

Searching against current VSO instances

[Generate VSO Search Form](#)

VSO Documentation



Projects

To add a project to this page, please refer yourself to the [project addition instructions](#).

Core packages

These packages each offer a wide range of functionality in their area, and conform to the PyHC community [standards](#).

Table Cards

Search:

Name	Description	Code	Docs	Site	Contact	Community	Documentation	Testing	Software Maturity	Python 3
SunPy	Python for Solar Physics				Stuart Mumford	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
SpacePy	Space science library for Python. Includes file I/O, time and coordinate conversions,				Steve Morley	Good	Good	Partially met	Good	Good



Refine your search [ADQL Query](#)

Data Services

Main Parameters

Target Name

Target Class

Dataproduct Type

Instrument Host Name

Instrument Name

Processing level

Time

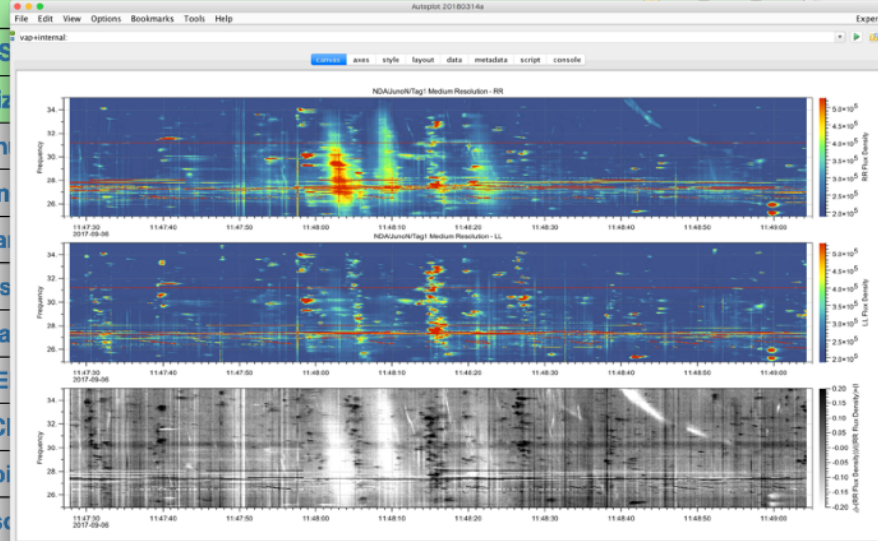
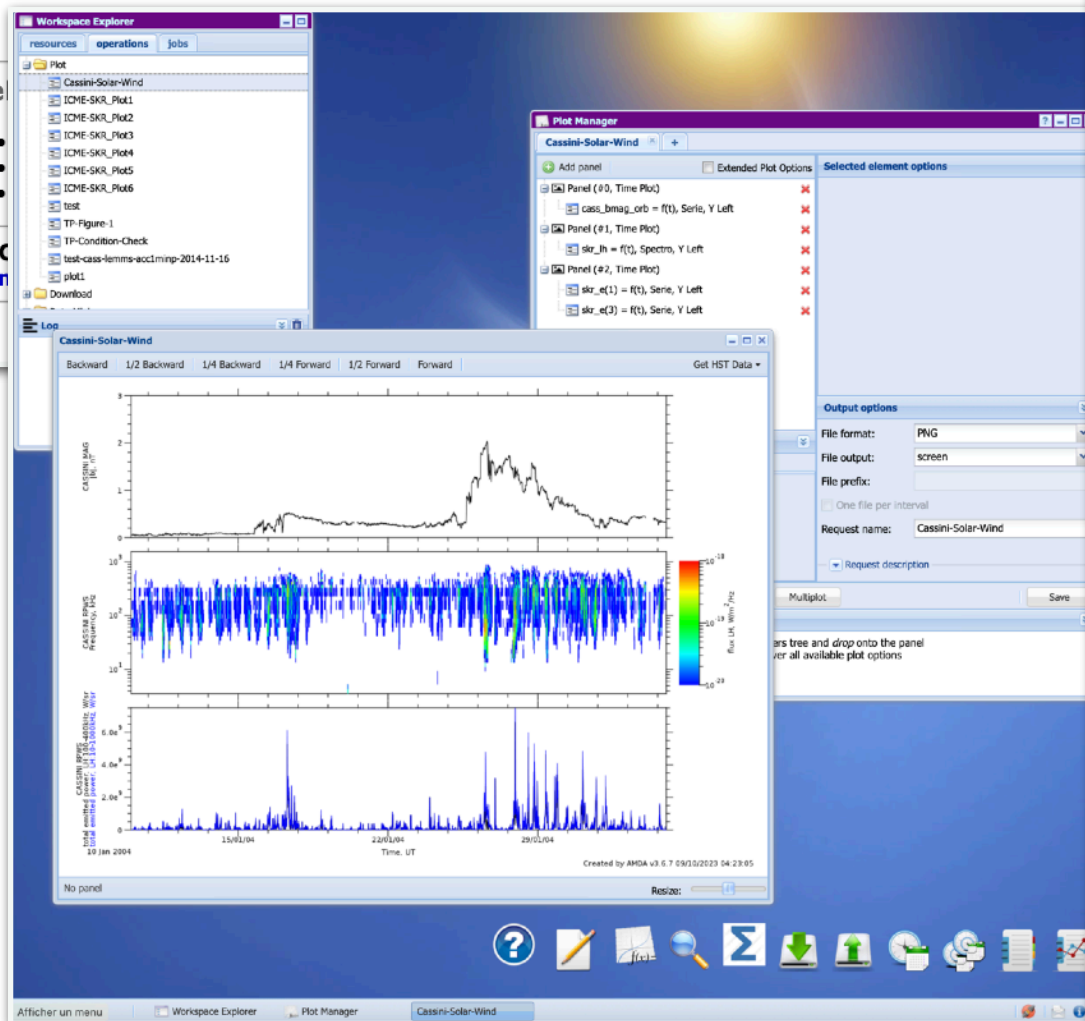
Location

Spectral

Illumination

Data Reference

- [AMDA - Planetary and heliophysics plasma data at CDDP/AMDA](#) 743128 results
- [bass2000 - Bass2000 solar survey archive](#) 219295 results
- [CLIMSO - CLIMSO coronagraphs at Pic du Midi de Bigorre](#) 1098499 results
- [eit_syn - Synchronous synoptic maps of the solar corona from EIT/SoHO](#) 18482 results
- [Gaia-DEM - Thermal structure maps of the solar corona from SDO](#) 783668 results
- [HFC1AR - Heliophysics Feature Catalog active regions](#) 1211449 results
- [HFC1T3 - Heliophysics Feature Catalog type 3 radio bursts](#) 90845 results
- [NDA Obs. Database - Nancy Decameter Array observation database](#) 9811 results
- [spectro_planets - S](#)
- [VizieR_planets - Viz](#)
- [abs_cs - Data for n](#)
- [APIS - Auroral Plan](#)
- [BaseCom - The Na](#)
- [BDIP - IAU databas](#)
- [cassini_jupiter - Ca](#)
- [cpstasm - CLUSTE](#)
- [CRISM_speclib - C](#)
- [DynAstVO - Astero](#)
- [ExoPlanet - Extrasc](#)
- [Exotopo - Simulated Topography of Exoplanets](#) 0 result

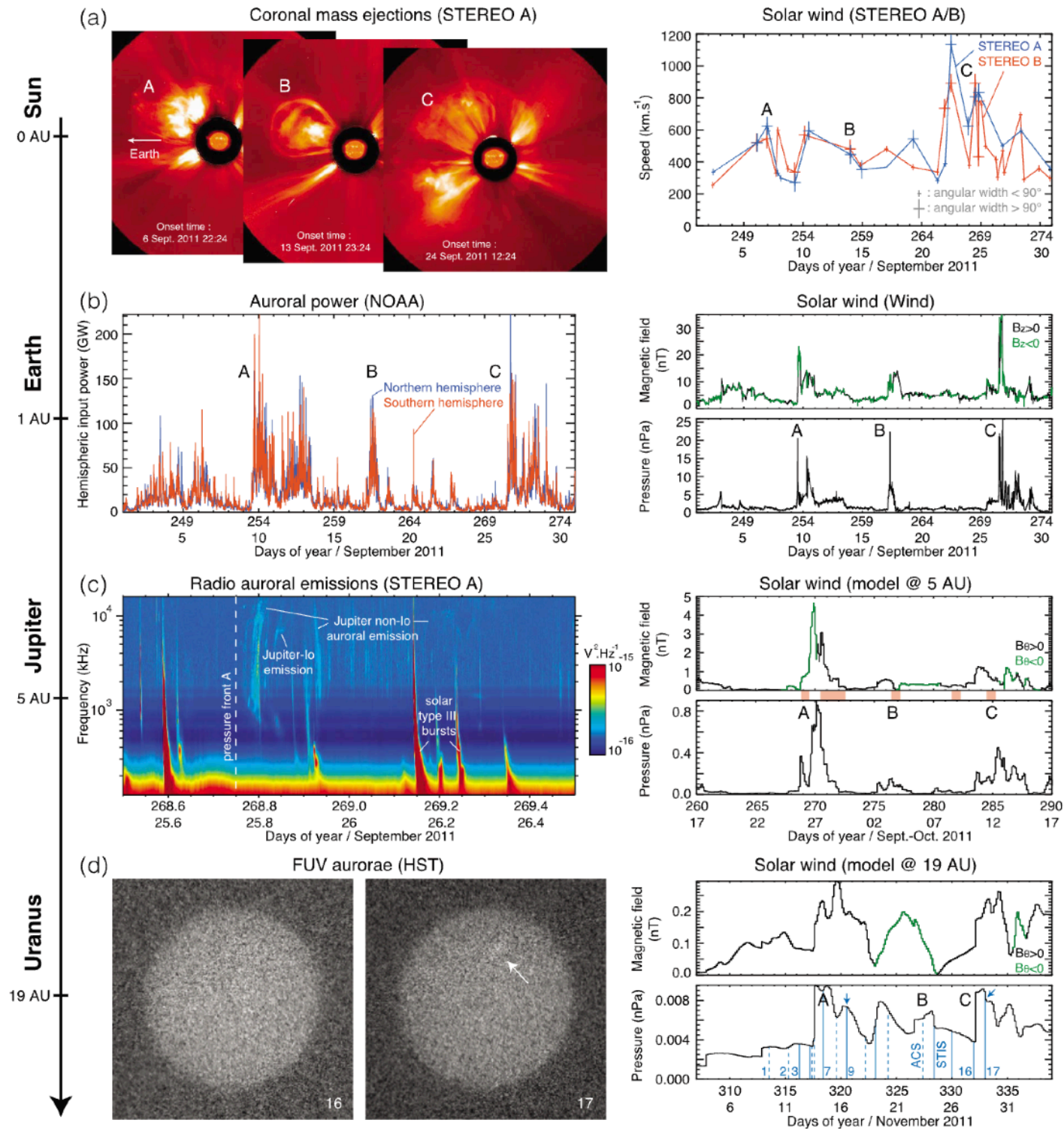


Interplanetary use case

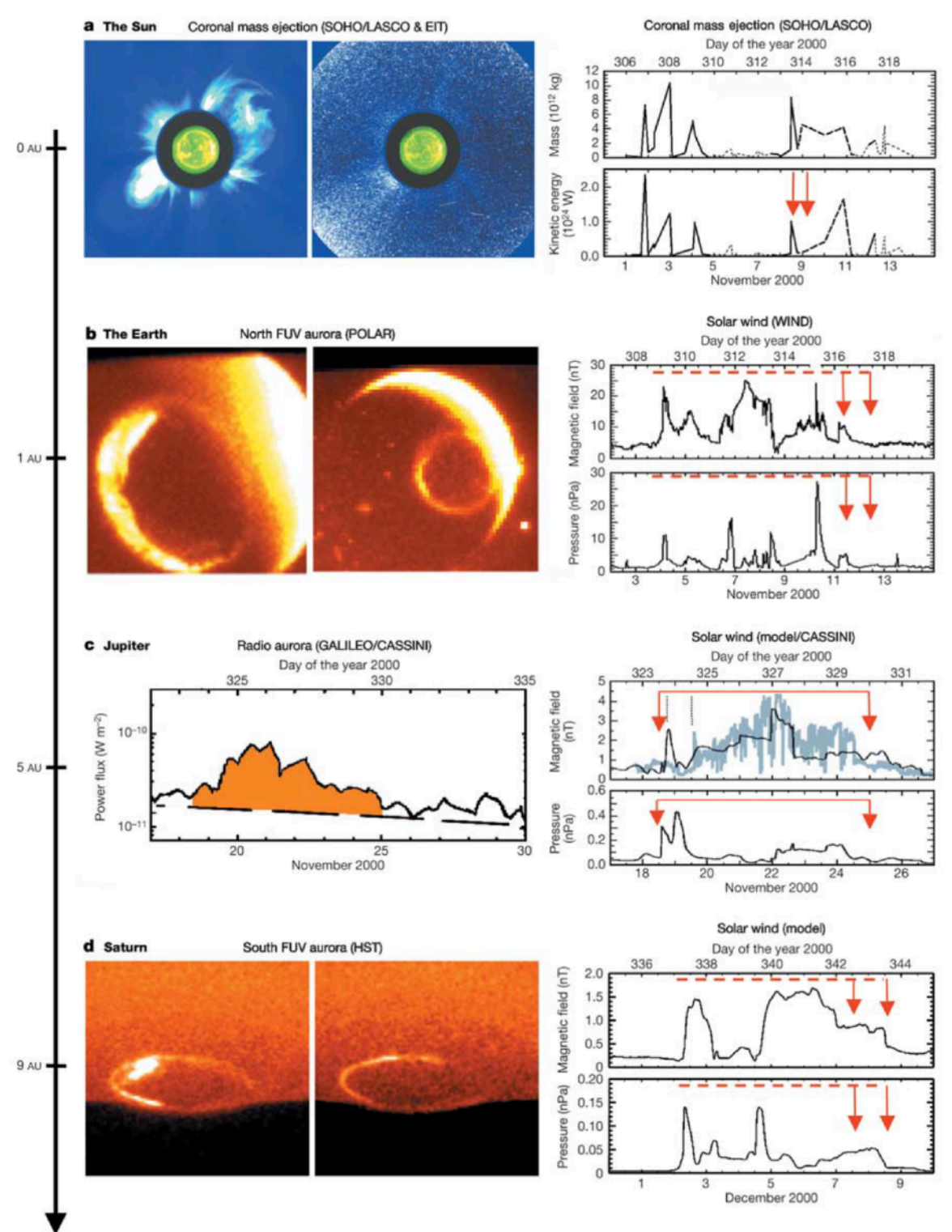
tracking event throughout the solar system

- Use case: solar event impact at planets.
 - analyze observed feature => go back to drivers
 - propagate event => test if feature is observed
- Requires:
 - data discovery (e.g.: space in-situ data, HST data, ground radio emissions)
 - data display / processing
 - model discovery => solar wind conditions (propagation tool)
 - model input parameters => data discovery
 - running model
 - gathering results into platform with initial data
- Many studies (hand-made)
 - Cecconi et al. FrASS 9, (2022) doi:10.3389/fspas.2022.800279
 - Witasse et al. JGR 122, 7865–7890 (2017) doi:10.1002/2017ja023884
 - Lamy et al. GRL 39, (2012). doi:10.1029/2012gl051312
 - Prangé et al. Nature 432, 78–81 (2004). doi:10.1038/nature02986

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Heliophysics data access

open data

- Heliophysics data are open access
 - images, timeseries, events...
- Tools and portals for data discovery
 - many solutions
 - need for interoperability
- Open source software (Python, IDL) for data processing
 - PyHC 🙌🙌

Heliophysics simulations

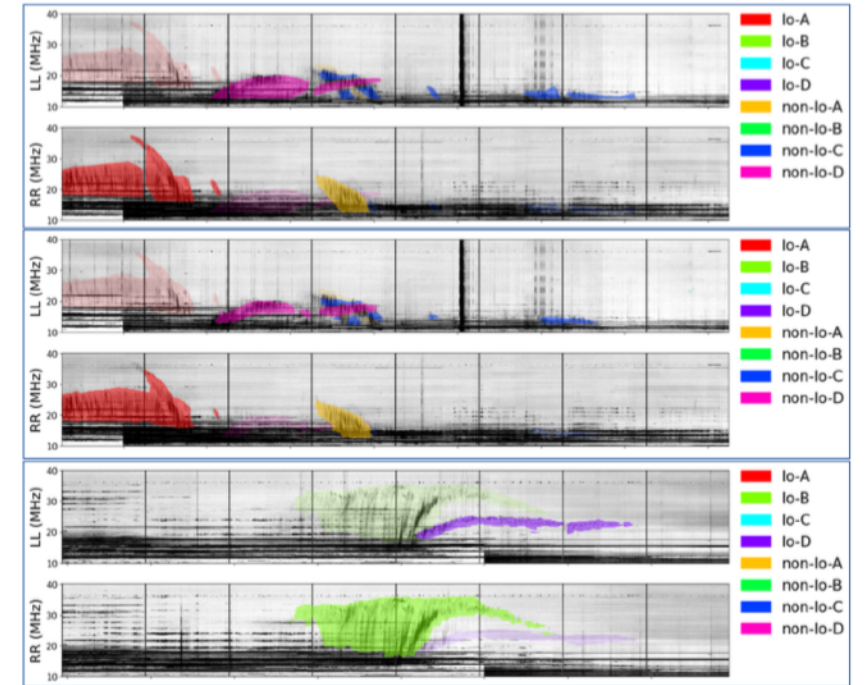
modelling and running

- Simulations: modelling, interpretation or prediction
- Local codes to community codes
- Opening code: for reuse (run on demand) and contribution (open source).
- Run-on-demand issues: scaling, maintenance, interfaces, storage, authorizations...
- Current status:
 - SPASE can describe models and simulation runs (IMPEX contribution)
 - CCMC or IMPEX have run-on-demand, but not standardised
 - IVOA has standardised run-on-demand interface
- Can the cloud help for scaling and authorisation ?

ML for heliophysics

event detection

- Main application of ML to heliophysics is event/feature detection. E.g.: radio burst detection (remote), solar wind event (in situ)
- Need access to
 - training set (what about rare events)
 - quality (or controlled) input data (local or stream)
- Storing results for reuse:
 - are there enough community standard for this?
- Storing provenance for reproducibility:
 - generic issue of reproducibility of ML algorithm
 - sharing code is not enough
 - sharing container with trained code?



Heliophysics tomorrow

to the cloud and beyond

- Big data requires to bring code to the data.
 - requires in turn interoperability and portability (rather than optimisation?) of code.
 - workflow management capabilities, reproducibility
 - common infrastructure for software and deployment
- NASA <http://heliocloud.org/>
ESA <https://datalabs.esa.int/>
many other initiatives in other domains
- Cloud of clouds:
workflows across clouds / science platforms

IHDEA Cloud meeting (July 2023)

main highlights

- IHDEA-Cloud workshop organised in Paris (July 2023) with contributions from heliophysics and astronomy community
- Unconference topics:
 - *Sharing code*: metadata, testing, licensing, containers,
 - *Use Cases*: sharing notebooks, accessing platforms
 - *Discoverability*: finding, registering, shipping code
 - *Reproducibility*: containers, provenance
 - *Workflows*: workflow/pipeline manager, languages, sync/async
 - *Cross-platforms and operations*: user identity, funding, policies, orchestration
 - *User shared software stack*: seamless running of code across platforms

Summary

Heliophysics & open science

- Open science by-design since the beginning
- Core drivers: access to and reuse of data
- Standardisation of interfaces: improve or reuse
- Modelling: need to standard interfaces (description, run, access)
- ML: need quality input, community standards outputs and reproducibility challenge
- Next step: cloud with many challenges