

ARTEMIS-JEAN LOUIS STEINBERG (ARTEMIS-IV/JLS)

MULTICHANNEL SOLAR RADIO SPECTROGRAPH

UPGRADING THE INSTRUMENT & A STUDY OF TYPE III BURSTS



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Outline

- *The ARTEMIS-JLS Multichannel Radio Spectrograph*
- *Topology – Antennas – Records – Data*
- *Upgrading the instrument*
- *A study of Type III bursts*
- *Combined observation with other instruments (ground and space)*
- *Summary*



ARTEMIS IV J.-L. STEINBERG

Appareil de Routine pour le Traitement et l'Enregistrement Magnetique de l'Information Spectral

The Franco Hellenic Solar Radio Spectrograph at Thermopylae, Greece

observing the Sun at 20 to 650 MHz 365 days/year

□ The Solar Radiospectrograph (ARTEMIS-IV) is in operation at the Thermopylae Satellite Station since 1996.

□ It was developed by the late professor Costas Caroubalos, in collaboration with J.-L. Bougeret (Observatoire de Paris-Meudon) and their groups. Initially operated by A.Kontogeorgos and P. Tsitsipis of the Lamia TEI

□ The HERON LAB, Department of Physics, University of Thessaly has undertaken its development, in close collaboration with the University of Athens and the University of Ioannina.

□ The observations extend simultaneously from the base of the Solar Corona (650 MHz) to about 2 Solar Radii (20 MHz) with time resolution 1/10-1/100 sec. The operation is fully automated and is controlled by standard PCs.

□ The ARTEMIS-IV publications and Quicklook Spectra are available at the ARTEMIS-IV web page (<http://web.cc.uoa.gr/~artemis>); high resolution data are made available to collaborating groups on request.

□ ARTEMIS dynamic spectra are used by the Radio Monitoring site, at <https://secchirh.obspm.fr/>

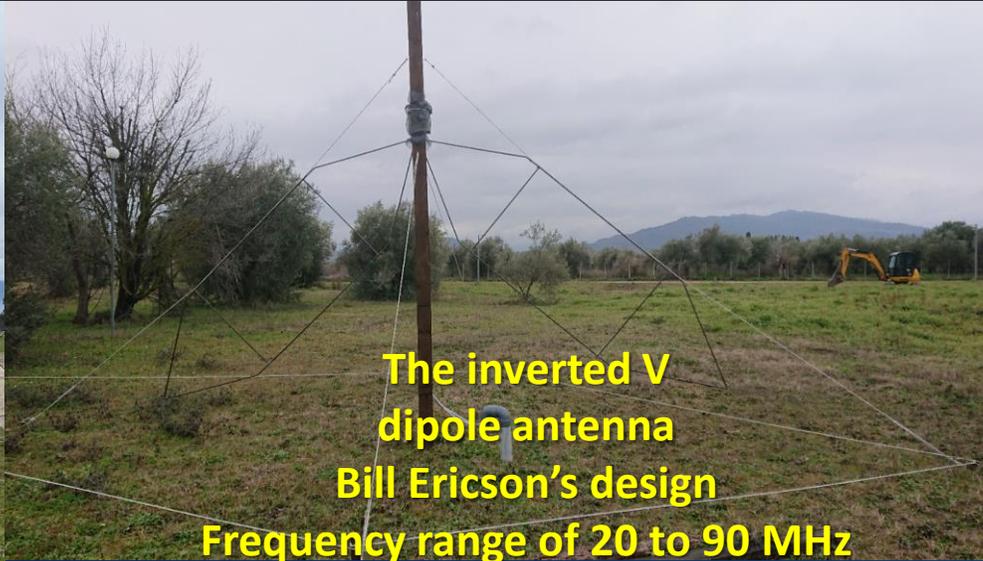


Multichannel Radio Spectrograph ARTEMIS IV-JLS

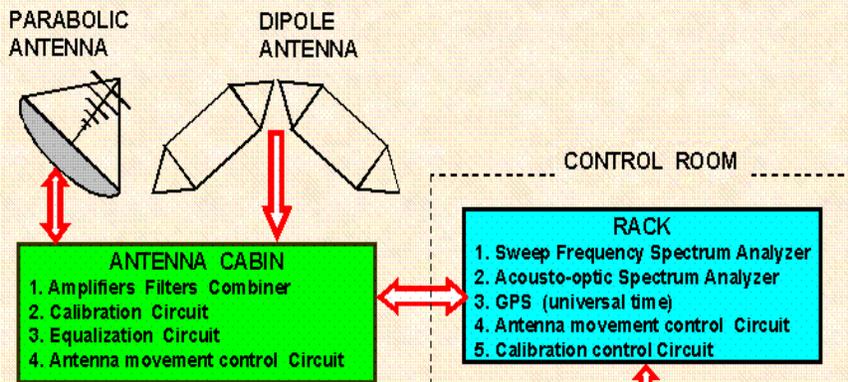


- The instrument records dynamic spectra (radio flux as a function of time and frequency); our observations can be combined with images from the Nançay Radioheliograph, for 3D positional information.
- The ARTEMIS-IV contribution in the study of solar radio bursts comprises two main aspects :
 - Firstly, the investigation of new spectral characteristics, since its high sampling rate favours the study of fine structures in radio events.
 - Secondly, the combined study of solar bursts with NRH, the Nançay Decametric Array, the WAVES receivers, as well as with microwave, optical and EUV data.

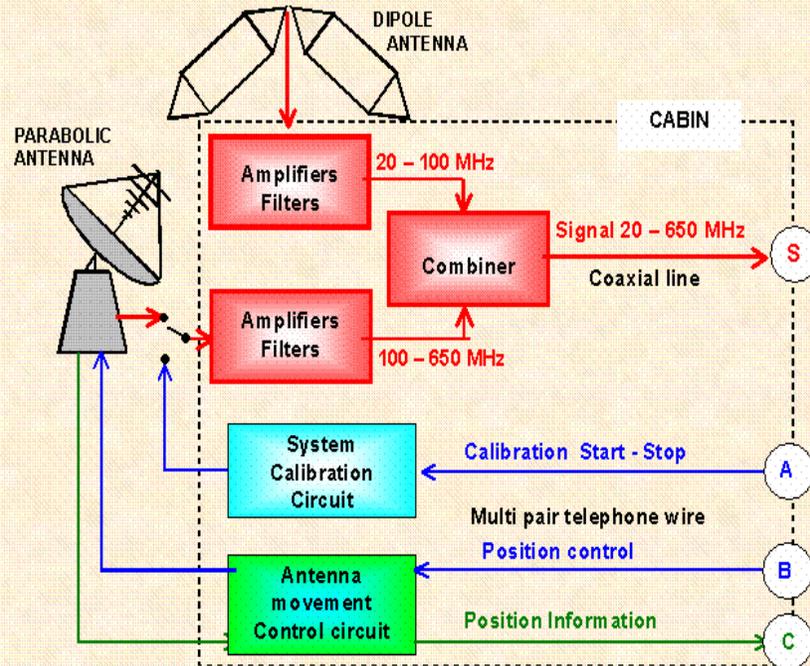
Topology - The previous system



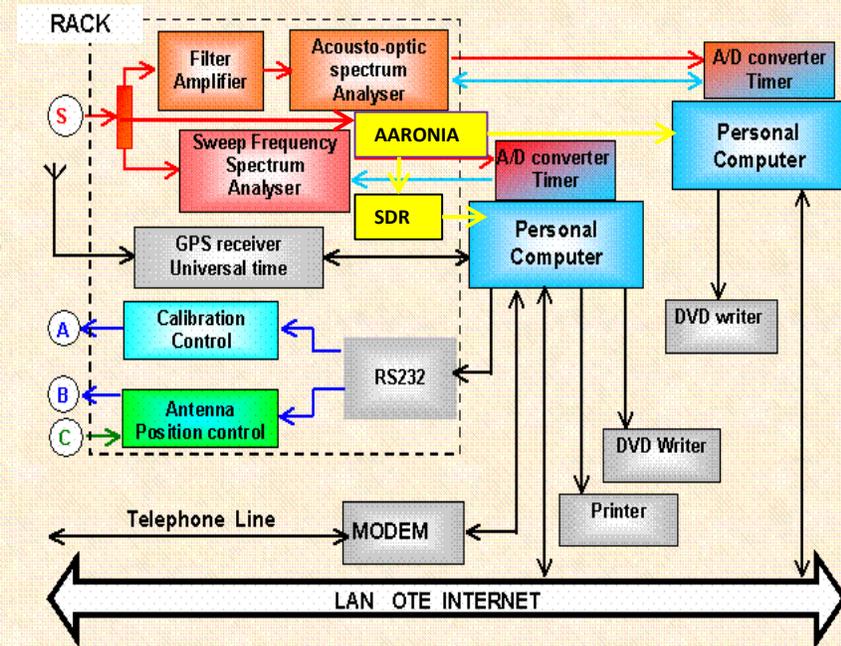
Topology of solar radiospectrograph at Thermopylae



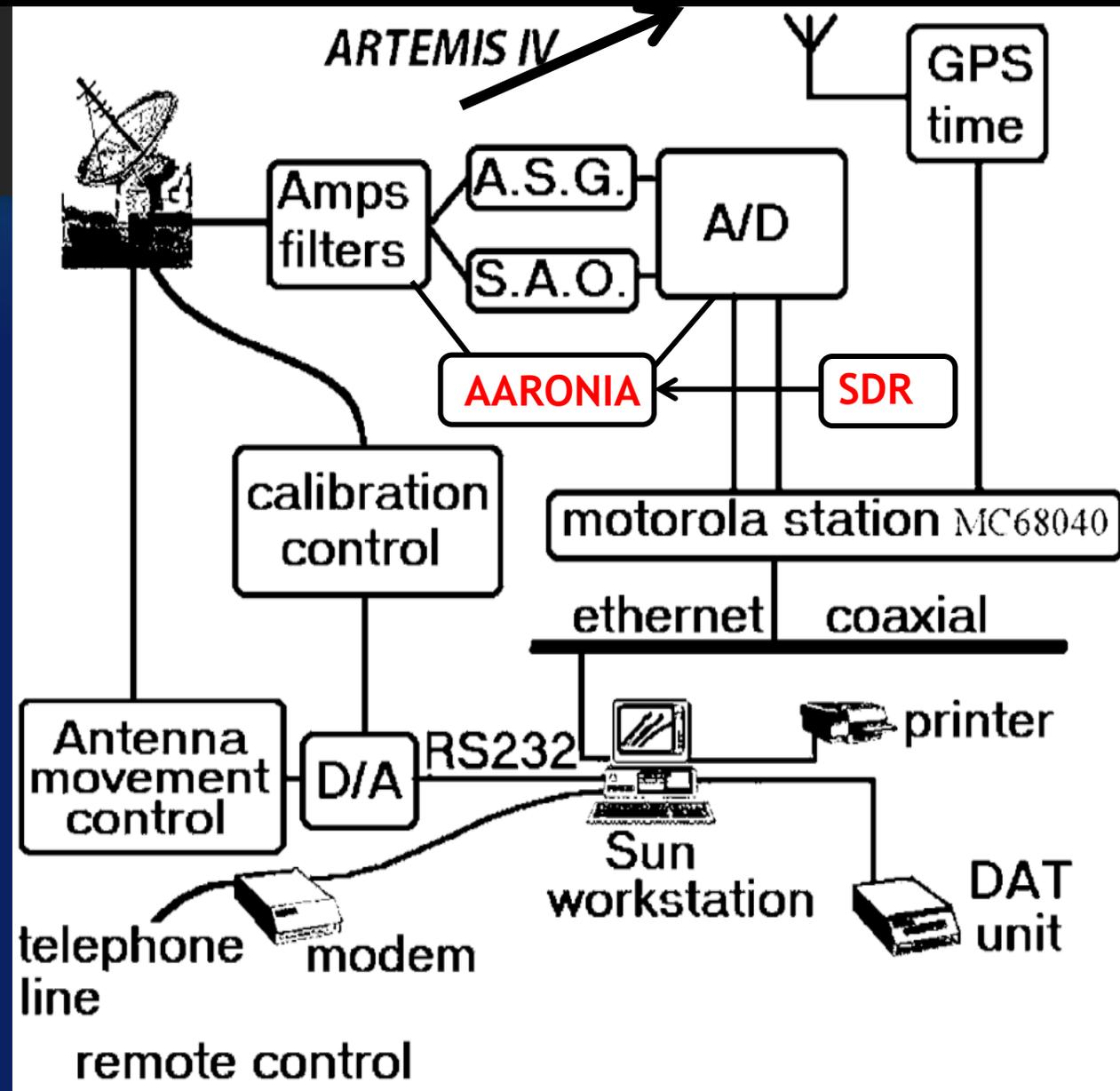
Antennas and cabin



Control room



ARTEMIS - J.L.S. block Diagram



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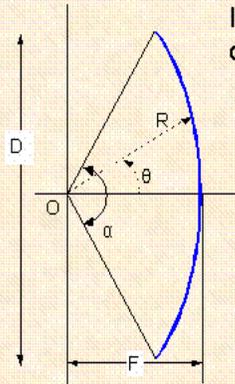
- Spectral range: 20MHz – 650MHz
- Sampling : 10 values/sec
- Observation Height : $\approx 1.02 - 1.8 R_{\odot}$

❖ SAO

- Spectral range: 270MHz – 450MHz
- Sampling : 100 values/sec

The reception

The parabolic reflector



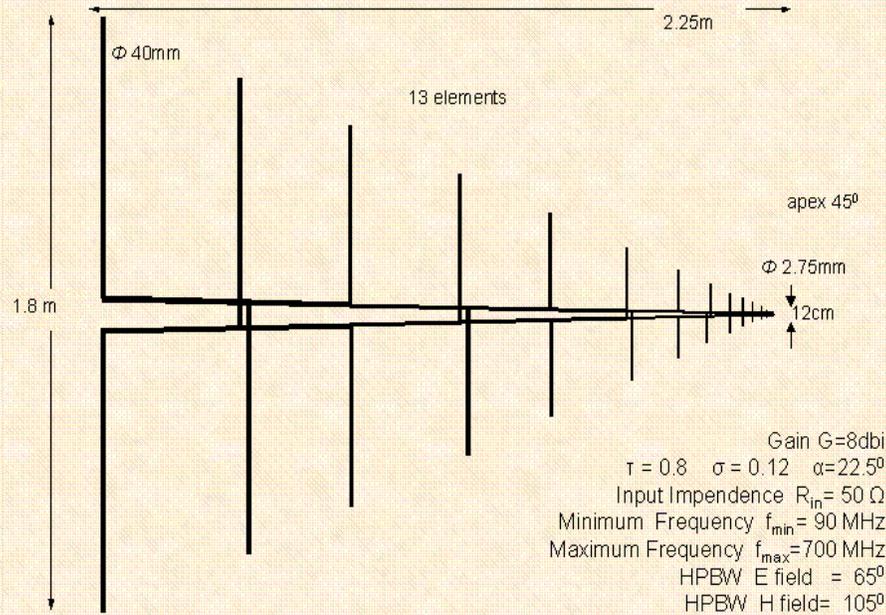
In polar coordinates the radial distance R from the center O is

$$R = \frac{2 \cdot F}{1 + \cos(\theta)}$$

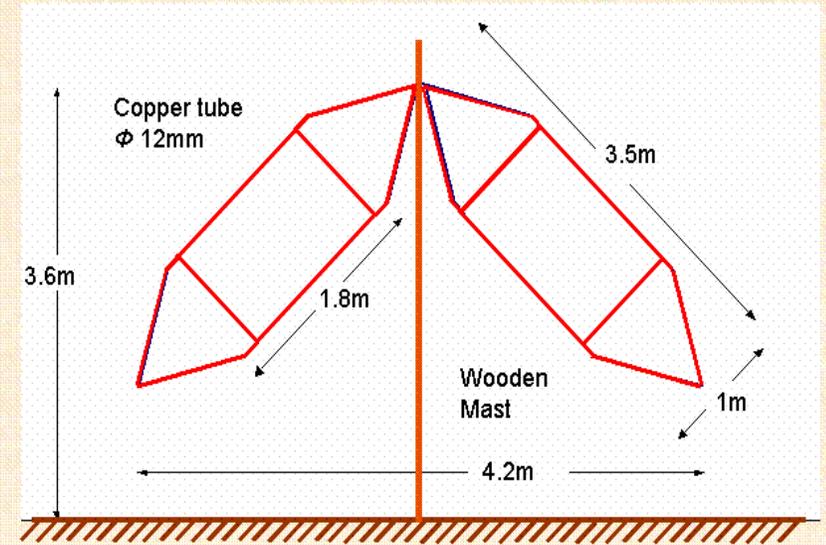
θ the angle from the x axis

- Focal length $F = 3 \text{ m}$
- Angular span $\alpha = 120^\circ$
- Diameter $D = 7 \text{ m}$
- Effective Aperture $A_{ef} = 38.5 \text{ m}^2$
- Gain $G = 17 \text{ dBi}$ @ $f = 100 \text{ MHz}$
- Gain $G = 26 \text{ dBi}$ @ $f = 300 \text{ MHz}$
- Gain $G = 32 \text{ dBi}$ @ $f = 600 \text{ MHz}$

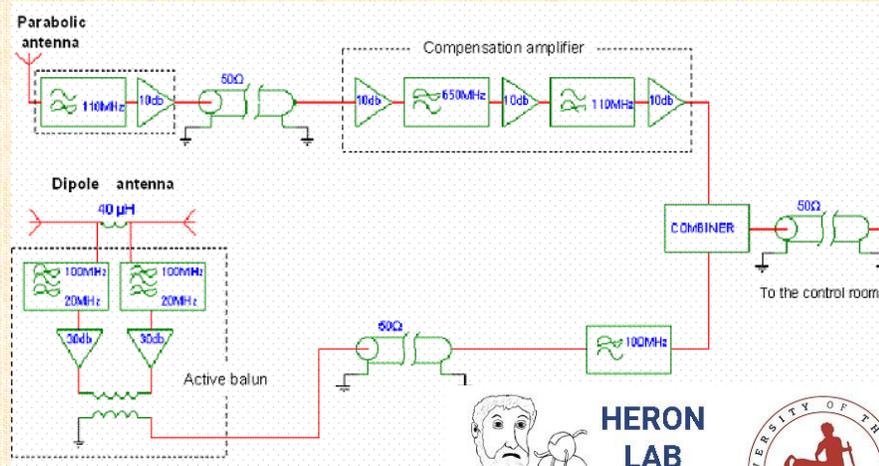
The log-period antenna



Inverted V Dipole Antenna for 20 - 100MHz Band



From the antennas to the control room



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The Rack

Antenna Position Control

Sweep Frequency Analyzer

GPS

Calibration Control

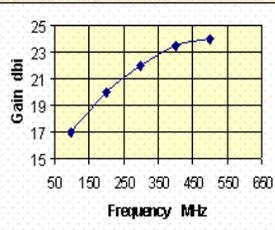
Acousto-optic Frequency Analyzer

Computers

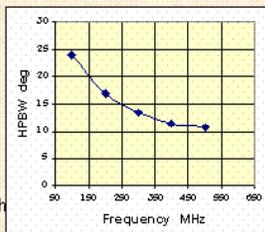
Aaronia Spectran V5 RSA



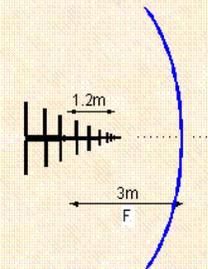
The log-period antenna feeding the parabolic reflector



The whole antenna gain for the receiving frequencies



The whole antenna Half Power Beam Width in degrees for the receiving frequencies



The log-period vertex is at a distance of 1.2m from the focal point of the parabola dish and 1.8m from the parabola vertex



Database



The ARTEMIS–Jean Louis Steinberg (ARTEMIS-IV) Multichannel Radiospectrograph of the University of ATHENS

Last Update: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

LOCATION: Thermopylae, GREECE
(Lat: 38° 49' N, Lon: 22° 41' E)



The ARTEMIS IV Parabolic Antenna

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Photograph by S. Armatas

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[Link to the ATHENS NEUTRON MONITOR](#)

[The RADIO AND PLASMA WAVE INVESTIGATION on the WIND Spacecraft](#)

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[The CESRA list of data centres \(observatories\) providing solar radio observations](#)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

QUICK LOOKS and ARTEMIS IV Type II List (1998-2011):
For ARTEMIS IV FITS files please use the ARTEMIS\JLS [DATABASE](#).

The compilation of the Data Base was supported by the Onassis Foundation Grant 15153 and the University of Athens Research Committee Grant, 15018.

For assistance you may contact Assistant Professor P. Preka-Papadema or Dr Alexander Hillaris.

PUBLICATIONS:

[SOLAR SURVEY ARCHIVE](#)

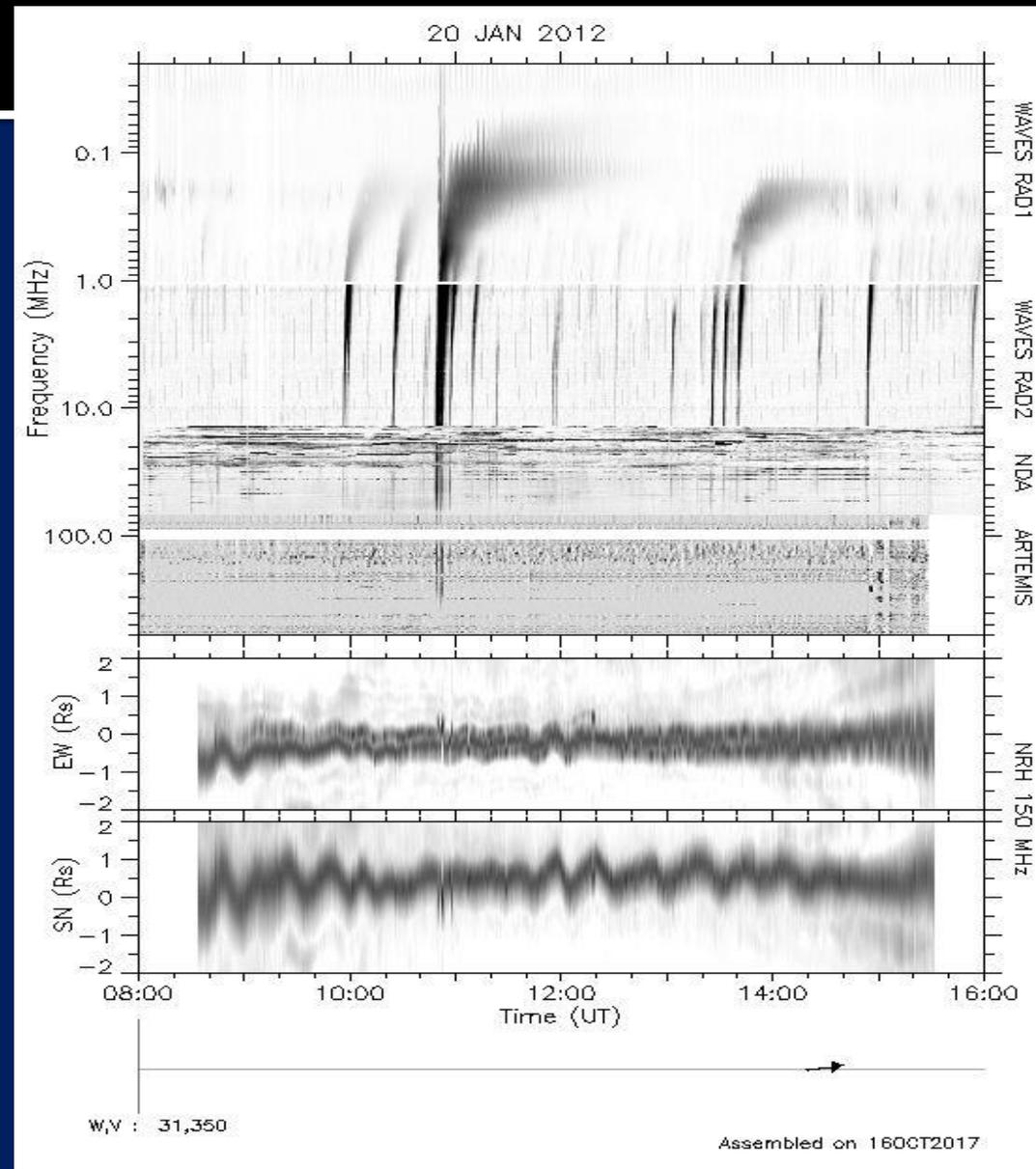
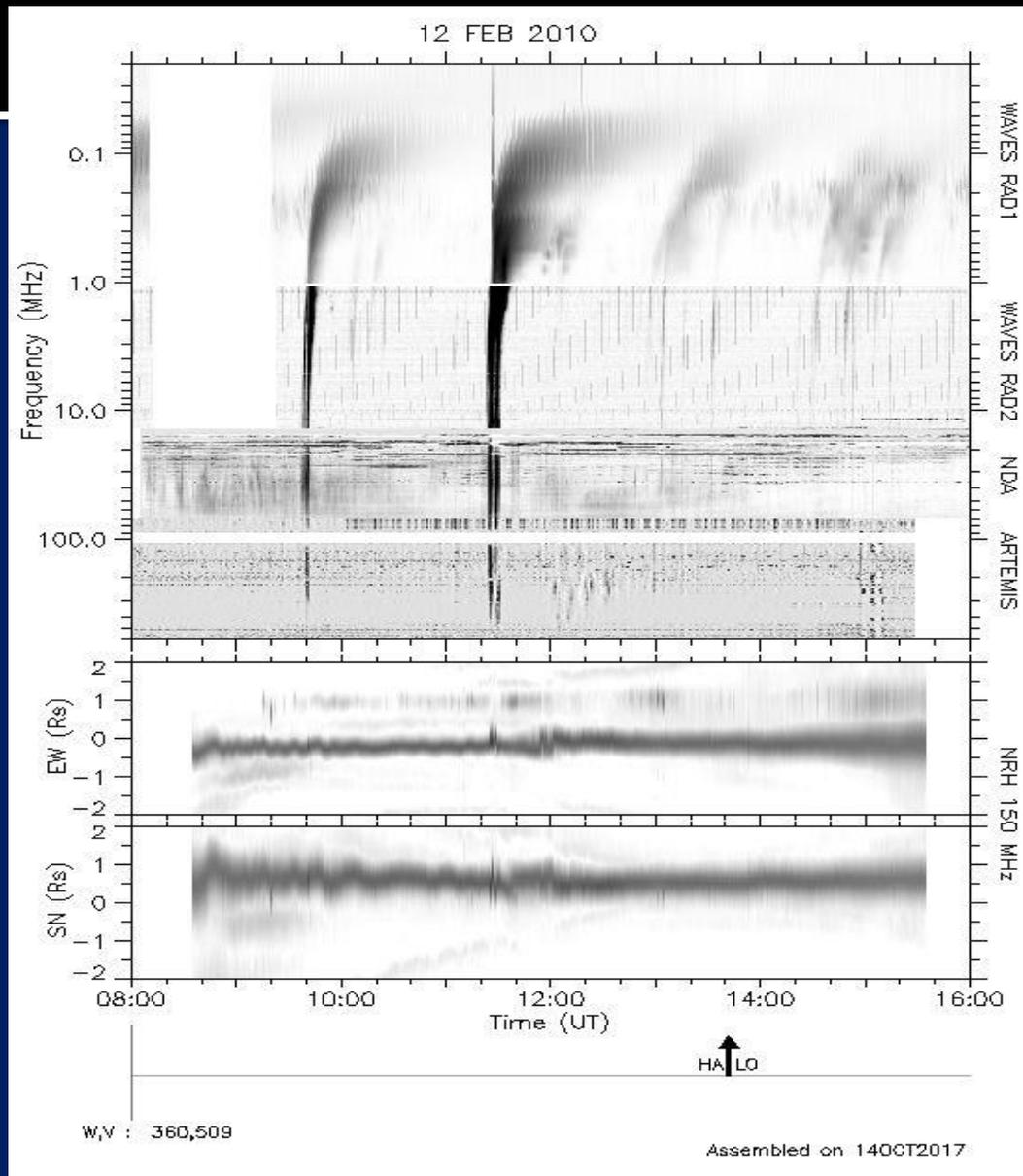
The ARTEMIS–Jean Louis Steinberg Radiospectrograph (ARTEMIS-IV) GALLERY of Selected Dynamic Spectra

Date	Dynamic Spectrum	Description (and links to publications)
1999-June-30		ASG Dynamic Spectrum 630-110 MHz Type IV preceded by Type III G See Caroubalos & al (2004)
1999-July-13		ASG Dynamic Spectrum 630-110 MHz Type II/IV preceded by Type III G See Caroubalos & al (2004)
2000-February-08		ASG Dynamic Spectrum 630-110 MHz Type II/IV preceded by Type III G See Caroubalos & al (2004)
2000-March-02		ASG Dynamic Spectrum 630-110 MHz Type III GG, and type II/IV See Caroubalos & al (2004)

<http://artemis-iv.phys.uoa.gr/>

Gallery

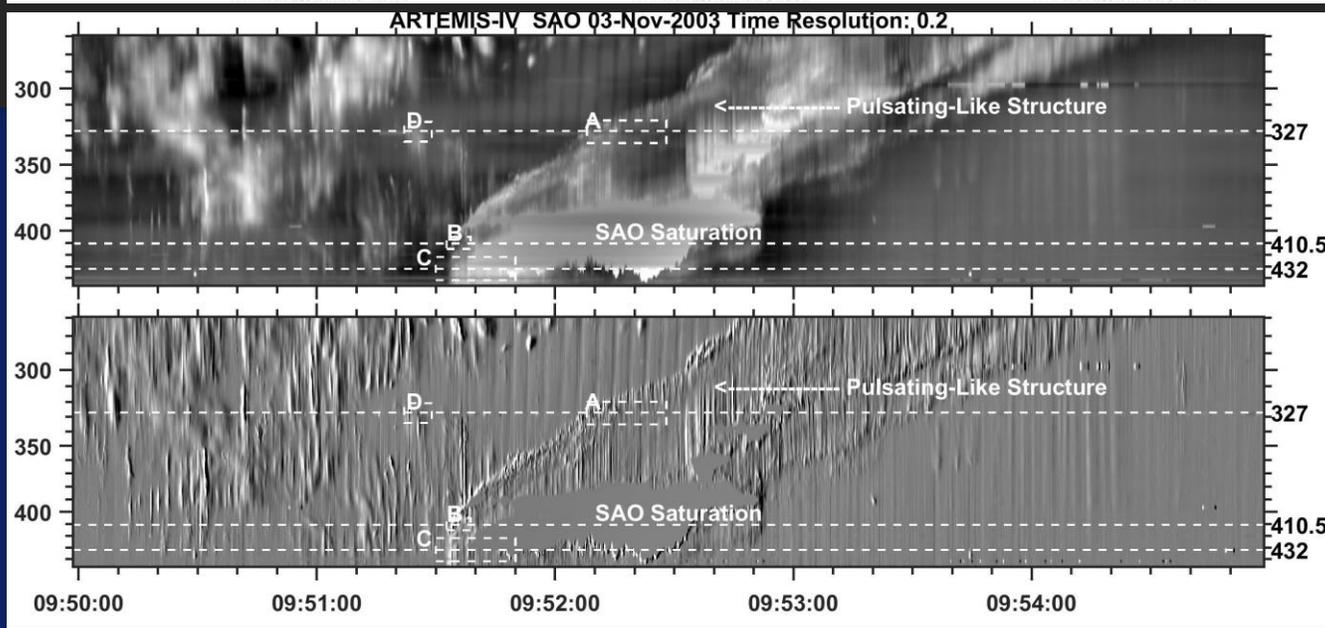
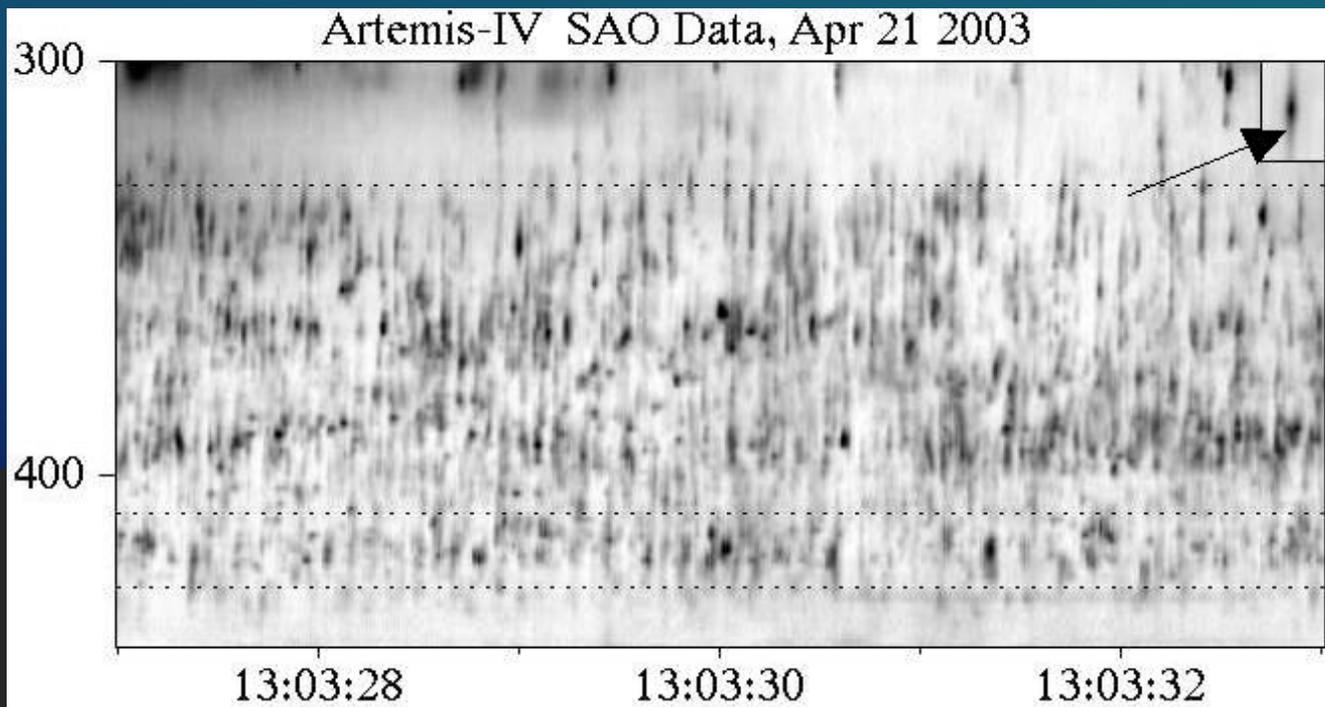
SAMPLE RESULTS from <https://secchirh.obspm.fr>



Sample results

spikes

Bouratzis et al., 2016

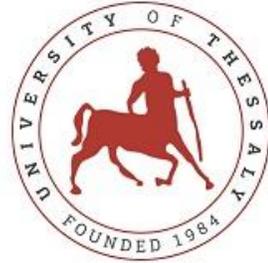


a complex event

Armatas et al., 2022



ARTEMIS
Solar radio spectrograph



2022



□ The University of Athens has granted the right of usage of ARTEMIS-IV/JLS to the HERON LAB

- The HERON LAB scientific team has undertaken:
- a) both the operational support and the modernization of the solar radio spectrometer ARTEMIS-IV/JLS by designing and forming new microwave devices by using the technology of metamaterials and
 - b) participation to the analysis, study and data processing that will be received by the solar spectrometer .

The ARTEMIS team of HERON LAB

Dr. Giorgos P. Veldes, Head of the HERON LAB

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Thesis: Solar Physics

- **Ioannis Georgiou**, (member of Adv. Committee, Dr. A. Hamini, LESIA)

Thesis: Design and implementation of a prototype digital receiver using metamaterials technology for the ARTEMIS- IV/JLS solar radio spectrograph

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Thesis: Design and implementation of a prototype analogue receiver using metamaterials technology for the ARTEMIS-IV/JLS solar radio spectrograph

Postgraduate Students (Adv: Dr. Giorgos Veldes)

- **Aikaterini Maria Nika**,

Thesis: Energetic electron populations in space and its correlation with type III radio bursts

- **Konstantinos Bakopoulos**

Thesis: Programmable metamaterials

- **Evangelos Koumpouras**

Technical Laboratory Staff

- **Konstantinos Sagias**



After visiting Nancay in France and following the standards of ORFEES the improvements of the facilities with the new shelter and control room are in order for the new ARTEMIS at Thermopylae in Greece



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ARTEMIS / THEMOPYLAE / GREECE

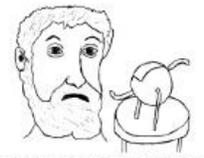


The old ARTEMIS IV topology

vs

The new ARTEMIS IV/JLS Shelter & Control room



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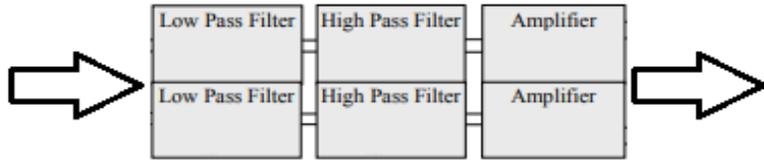


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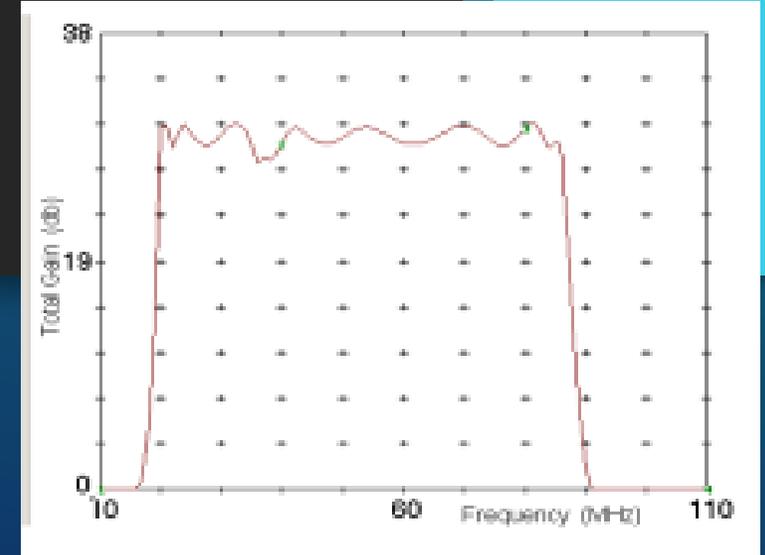


New Filter Design with transmission lines metamaterial technology

From:



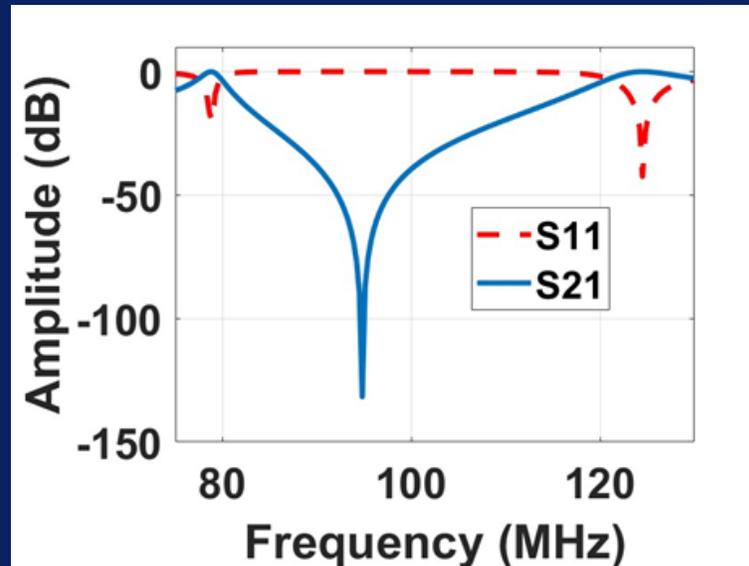
The combination of a LPF and a HPF pass the signal of a frequency band from 20 MHz to 88 MHz using conventional analog technique



To:



Band-Reject Filter (BRF) rejects the signals of a frequency band from 80 MHz to 120 MHz using Composite Right/Left-Handed (CRLH) elements.



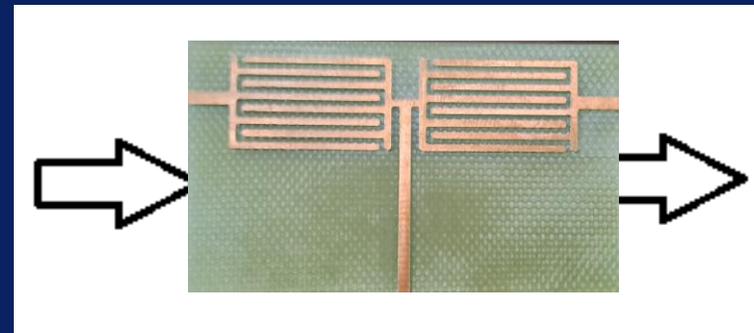
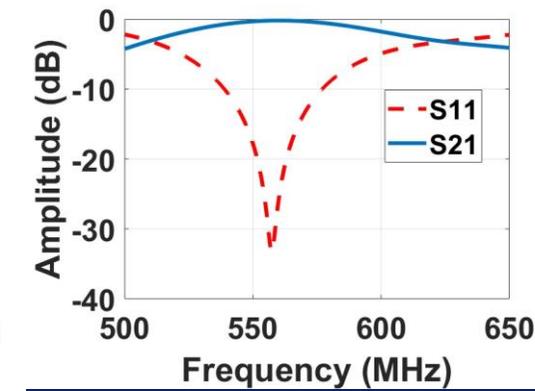
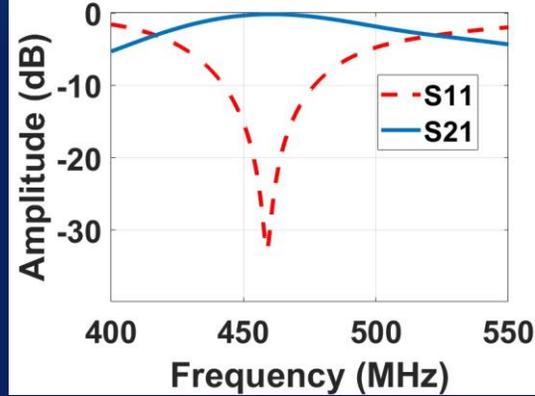
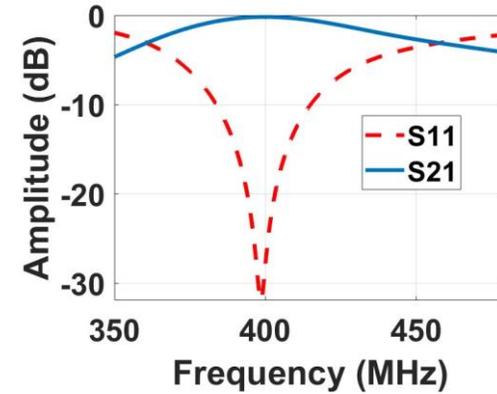
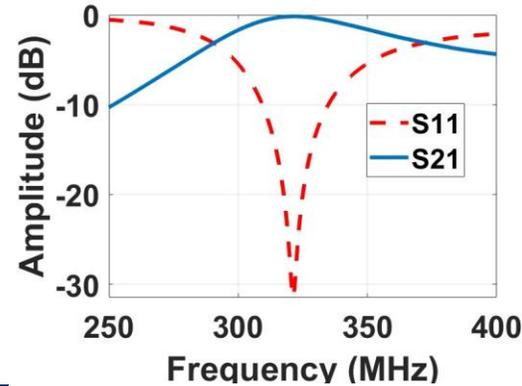
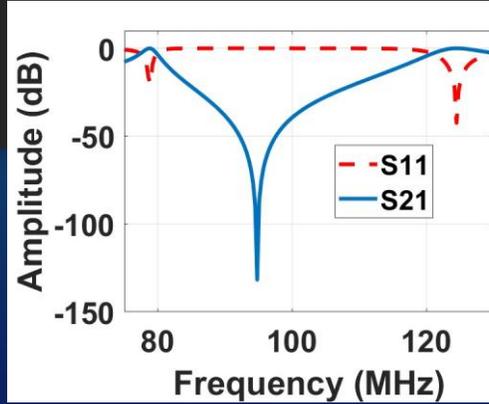
The logo for HERON LAB, featuring a stylized drawing of a man's head and a heron. The text 'HERON LAB' is prominently displayed. Below it, the text reads 'The High frEquencies, metamateRials and nONlinear waves LABORatory'. To the right is the circular logo of the UNIVERSITY OF THESSALY, featuring a red silhouette of a centaur and the text 'FOUNDED 1984'.

New Filter Design with transmission lines metamaterial technology

Band Bank Filter

BRF Band Reject Filter

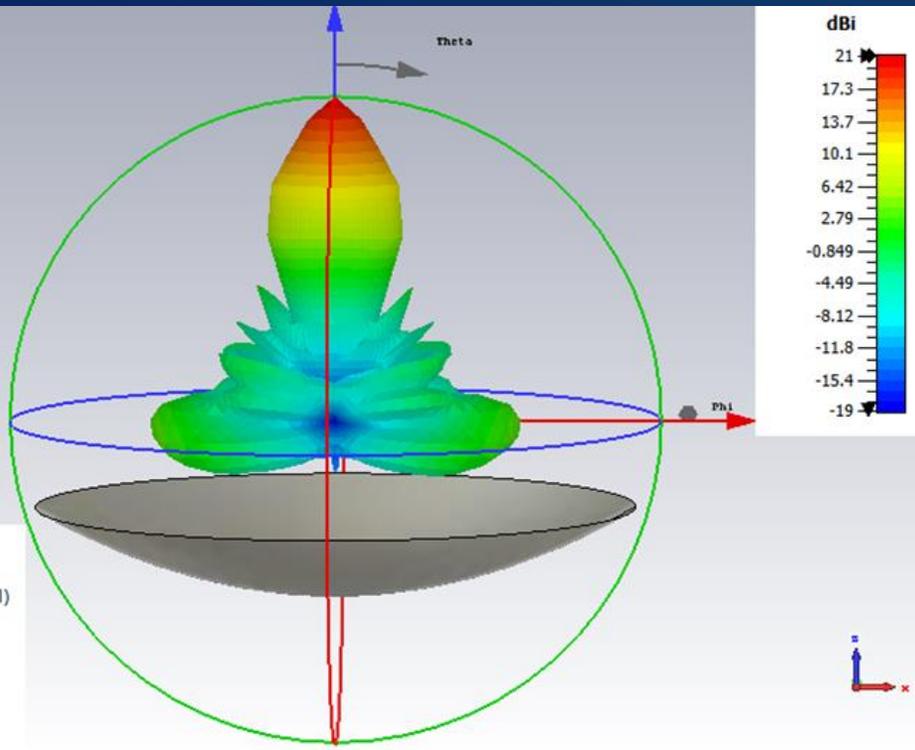
BPF Band Pass Filter



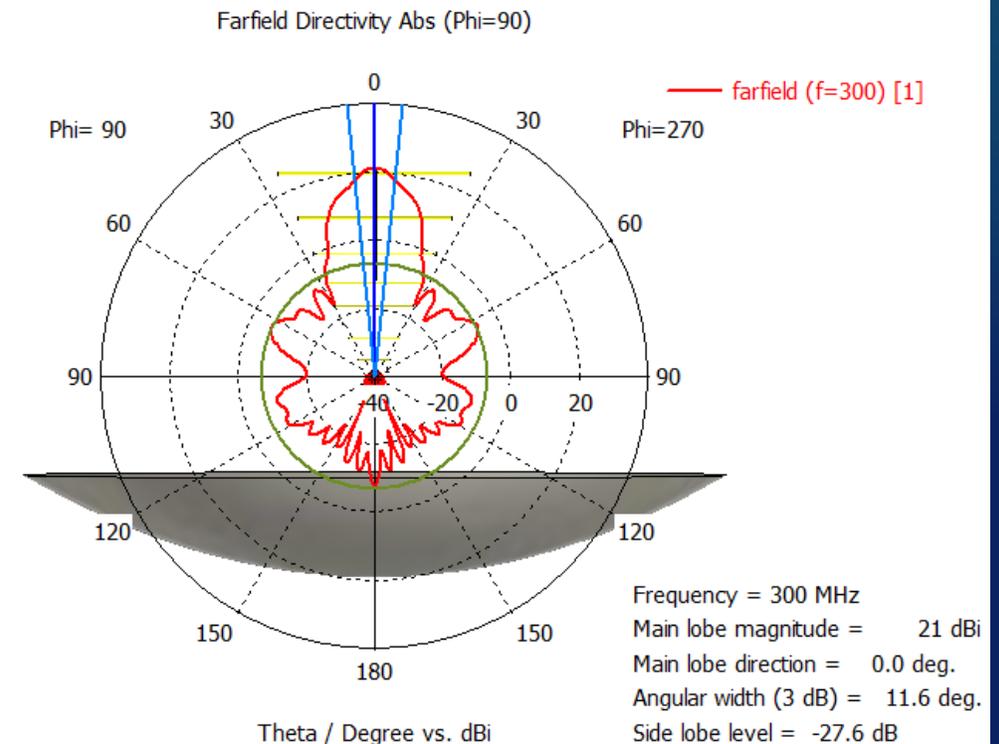
Computed Directivity of the Parabolic and log periodic (feed) antenna system

Frequency: 300MHz

3D far field pattern



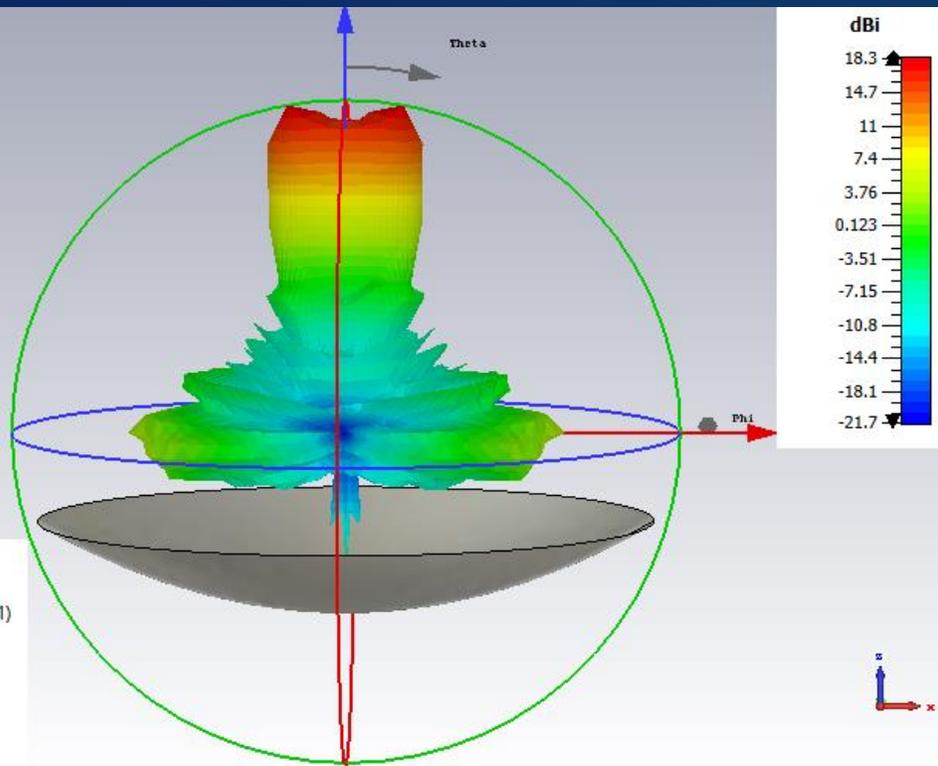
2D far field pattern



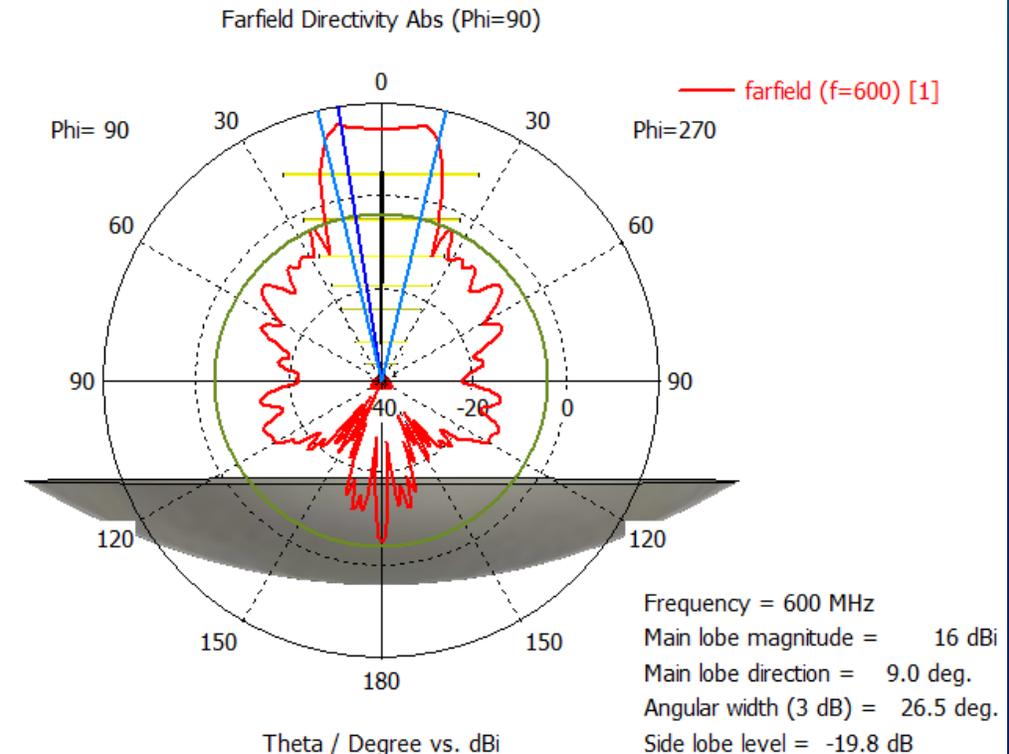
Computed Directivity of the Parabolic and log periodic (feed) antenna system

Frequency: 600MHz

3D far field pattern



2D far field pattern



Spectrum Analyzer

Frequency range

Analog to Digital Converter

ARTEMIS



ASG:

Frequency range 20–650 MHz
630 channels of 1 Mhz
Resolution time **0,1 sec**

225 Ksamples/sec
4096 values

SAO:

Frequency range 270–450 MHz
128 channels of 1,4 Mhz
Resolution time **0,01 sec**

225 Ksamples/sec
4096 values

New ARTEMIS

FPGA

Frequency range 20-650 Mhz
5 sub-bands of 125 MHz
with **2048 channels each**
Resolution time **0,01 sec**

250 Msamples/sec
16.192 values

Full configuration of the new system

FPGA

14 bit Analog to Digital Converter – 250 Msamples/s

Radio frequency Interpolation (RFI)

1st Receiver calibration

2nd Flux calibration

Average frequencies

Data storage or real time presentation

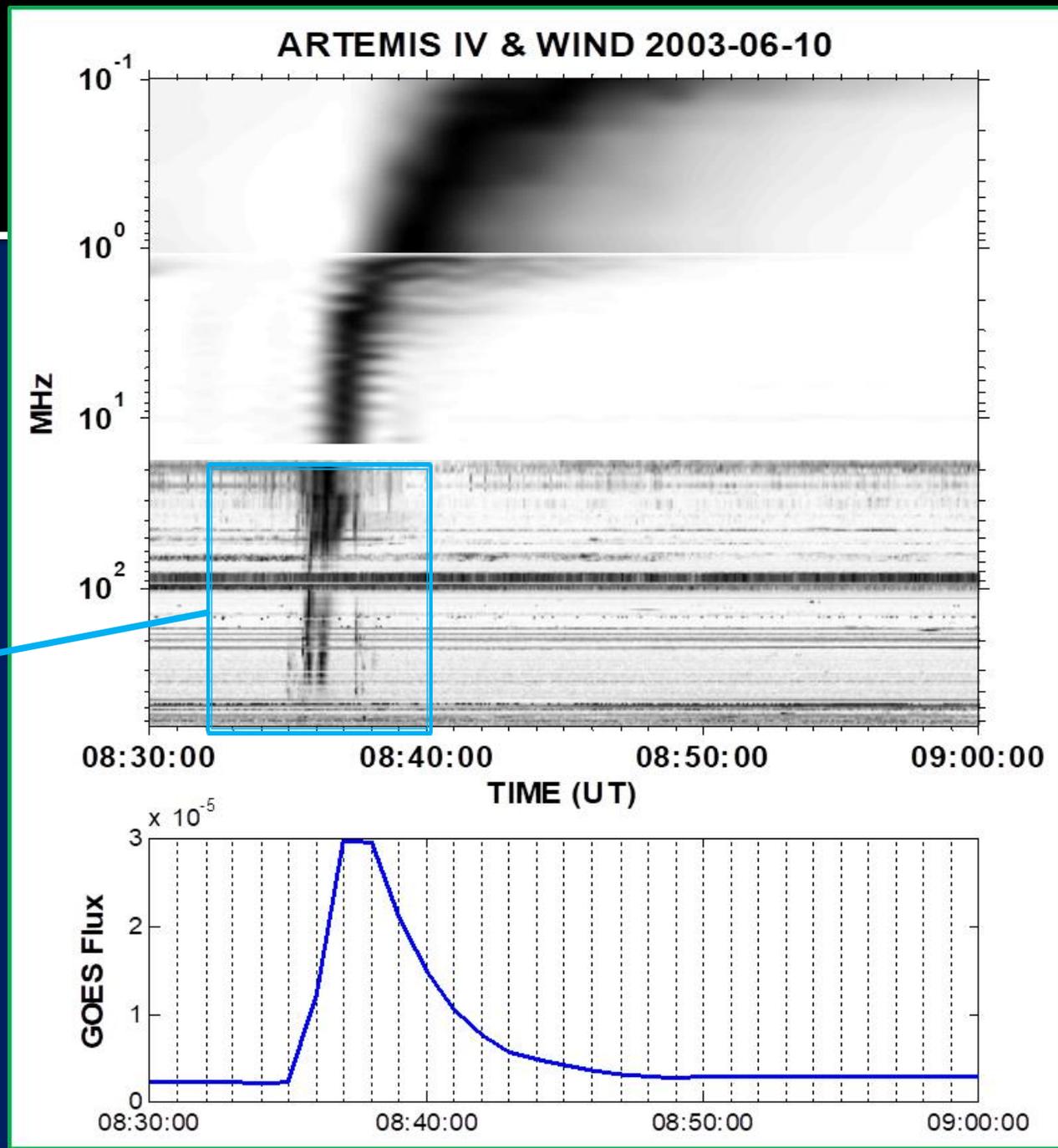
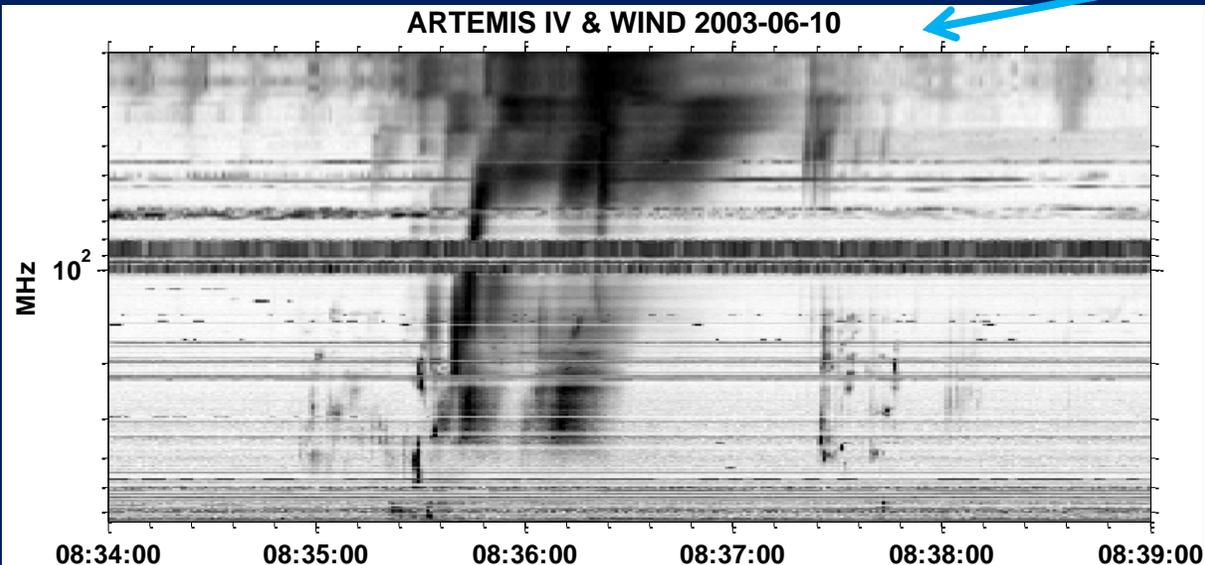


PART 2 Study of Type III bursts

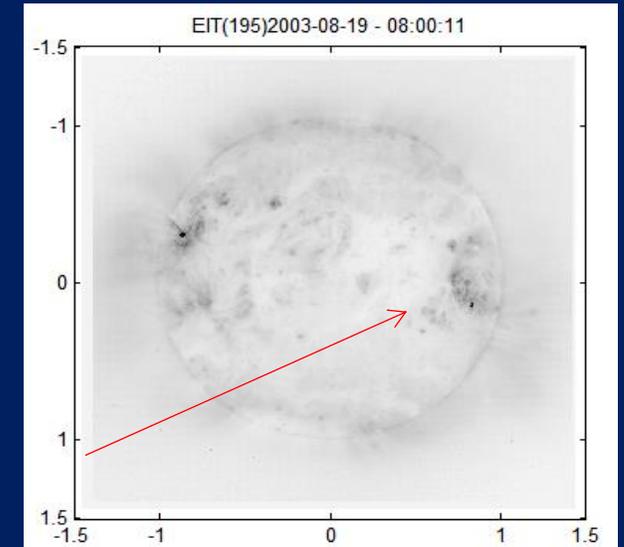
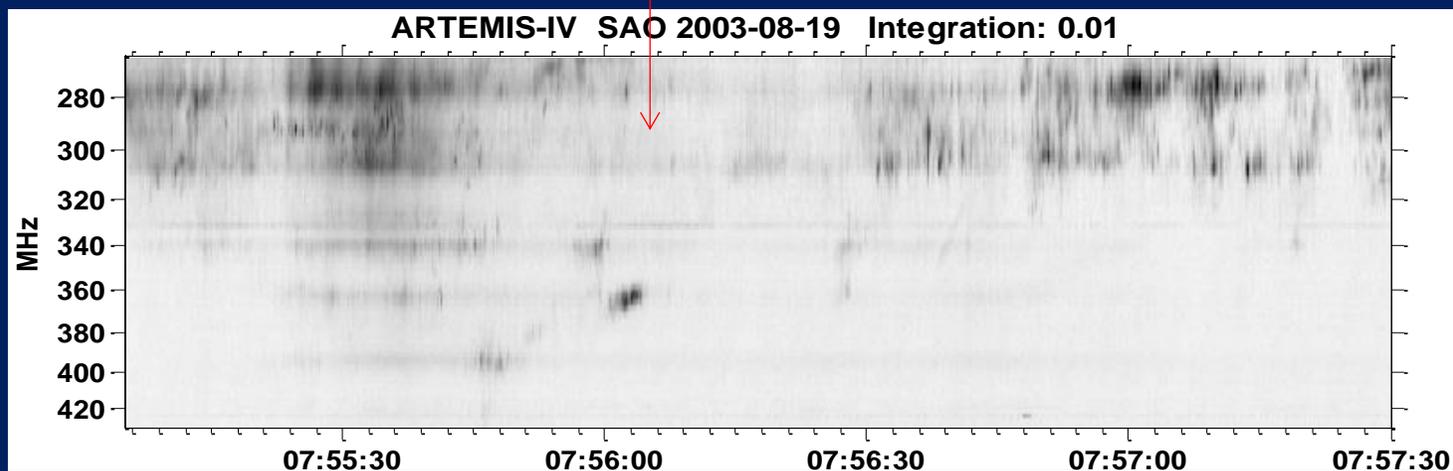
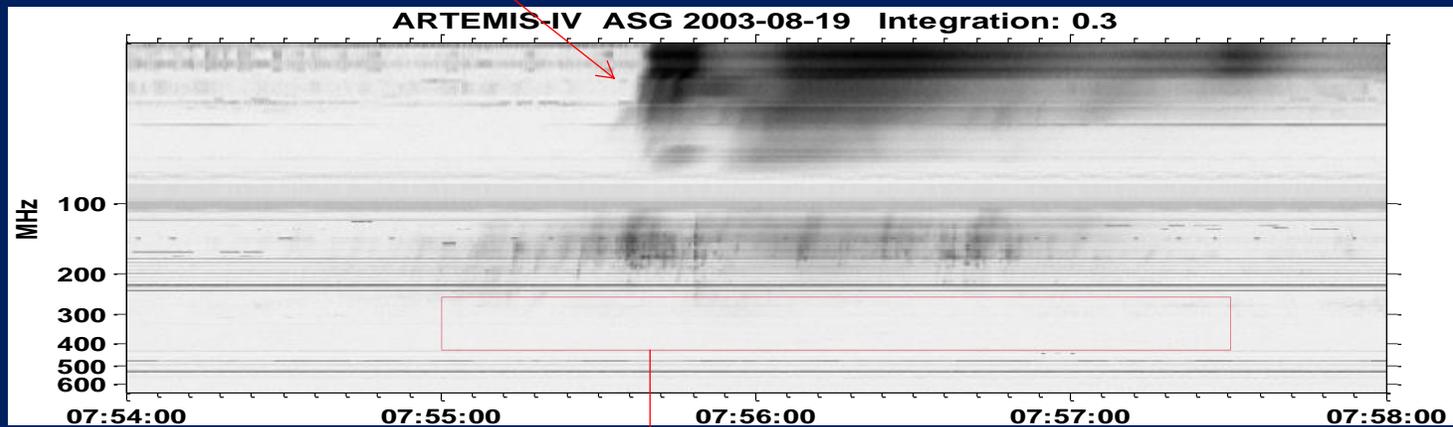
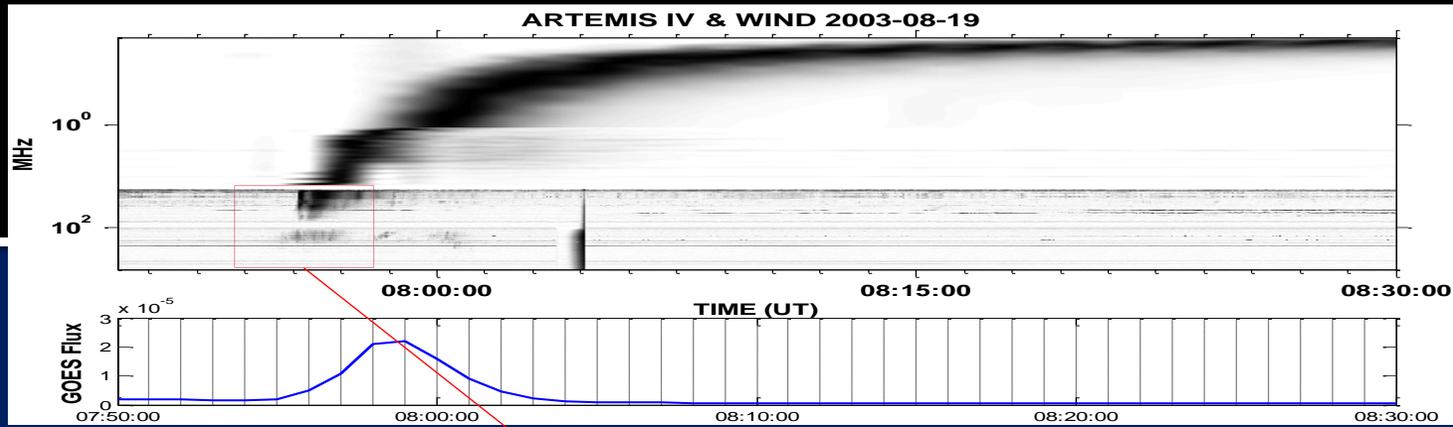
- **Search for spikes and narrowband structures to type III bursts.**
- **To this purpose we examine spikes near the onset time and the starting frequency in type III burst dynamic spectra.**
- **To compare the characteristics of narrowband structures and type IIIs such as the frequency drift rate.**
- **To trace the propagation of energetic electron beams, moving with a velocity of about $c/3$ along coronal magnetic field lines.**
- **The occurrence of a type-III radio burst as a precondition for the detection of near-relativistic electrons ahead of more hazardous protons from Solar Energetic Particle (SEP) events**

Groups of type III bursts

- Their duration increases with time due to exciter dispersion.
- They appear in groups of ten or more, often at the impulsive phase of flares.
- Low frequency (large scale) isolated events appear as extensions of high frequency (small scale) groups of type III bursts.

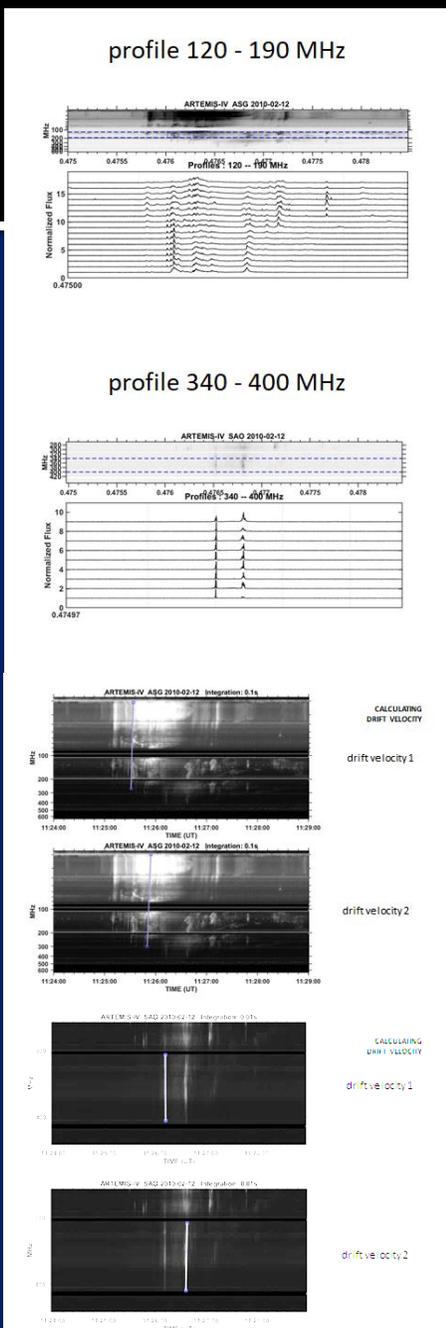
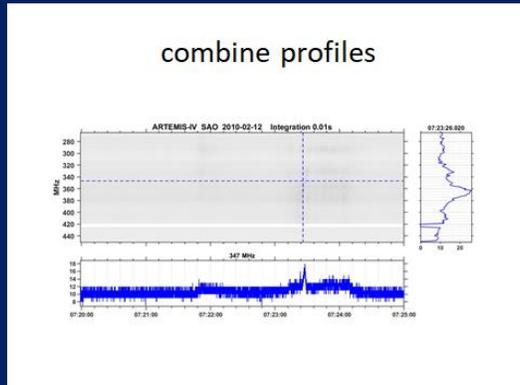
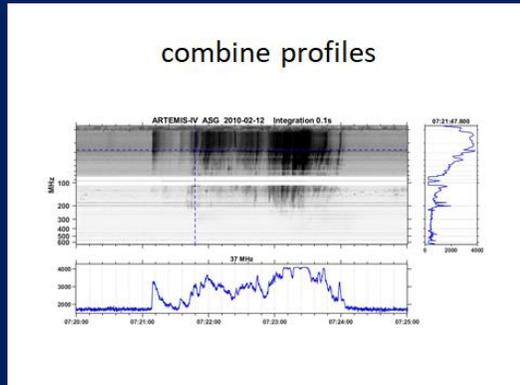
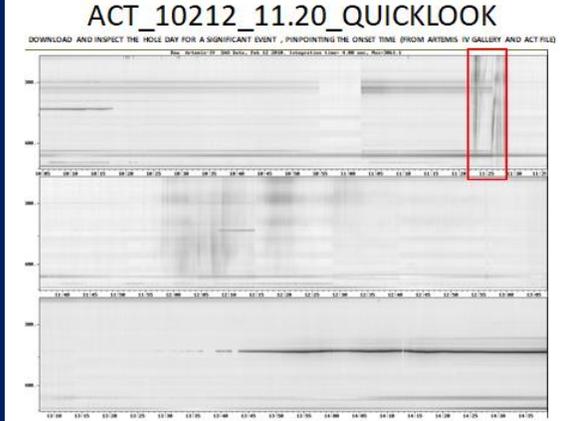
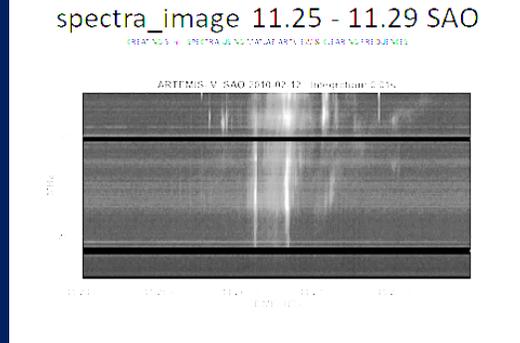
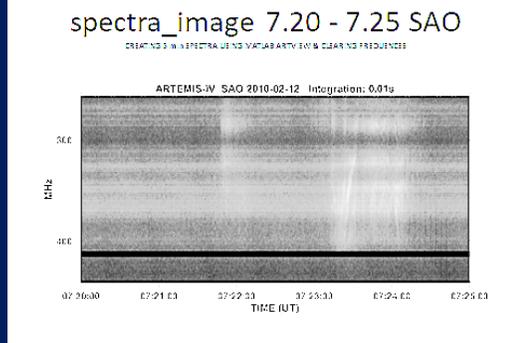
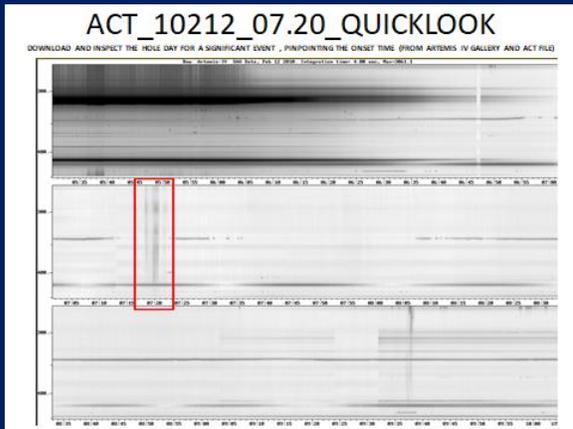
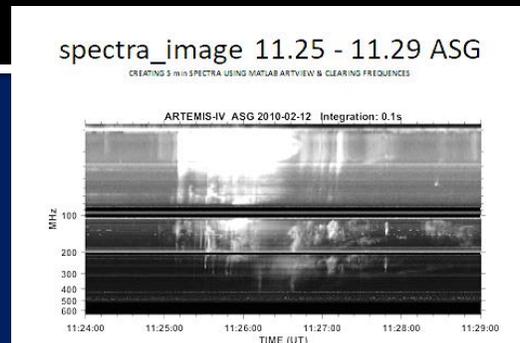
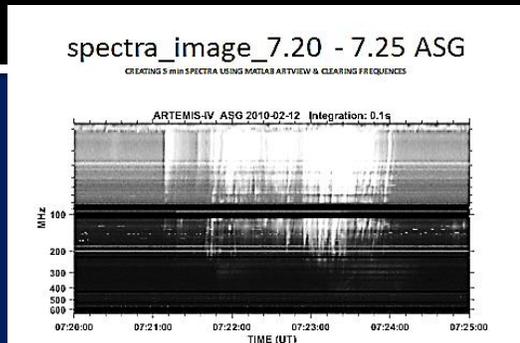
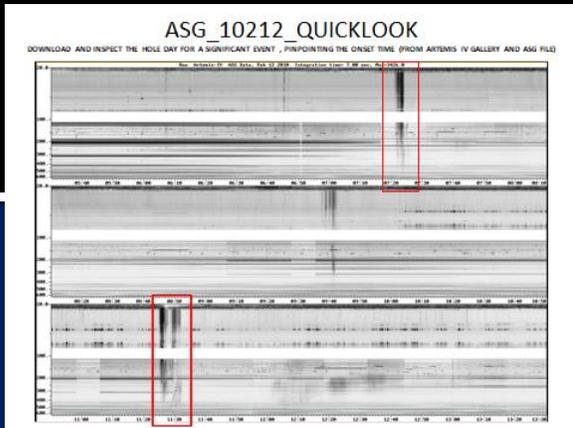


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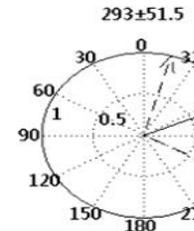
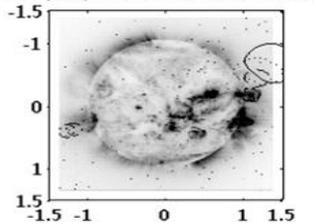


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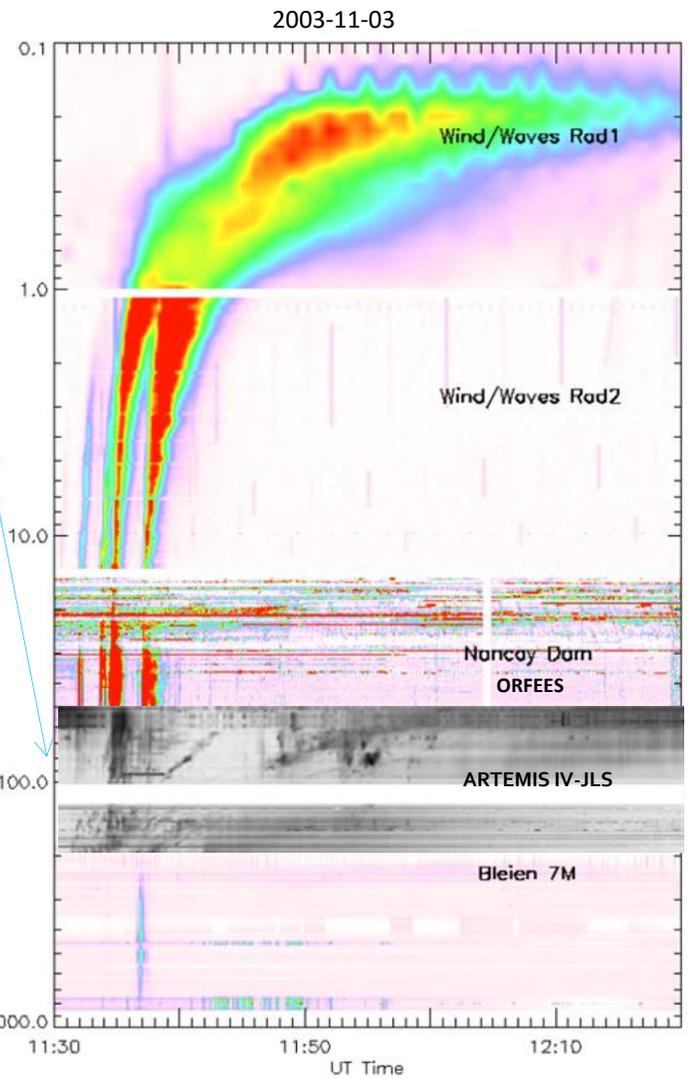
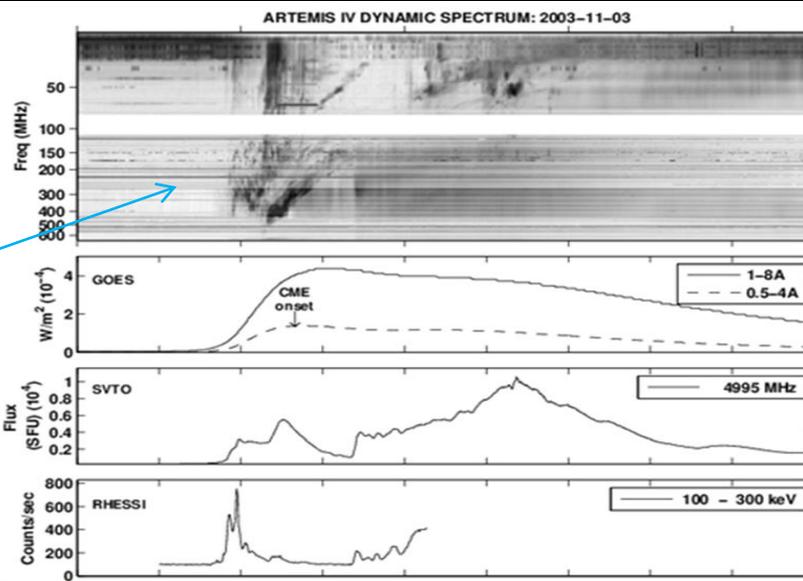
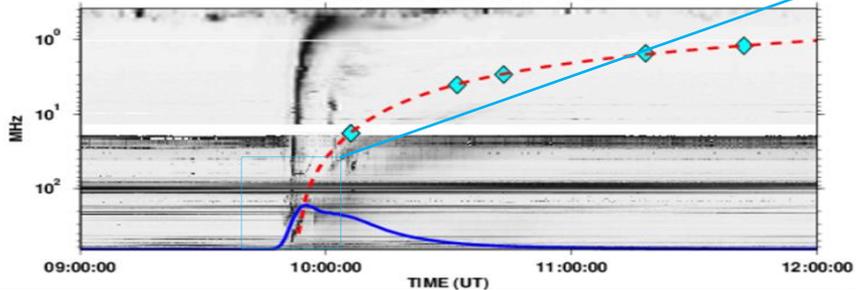
Spectra from our data base



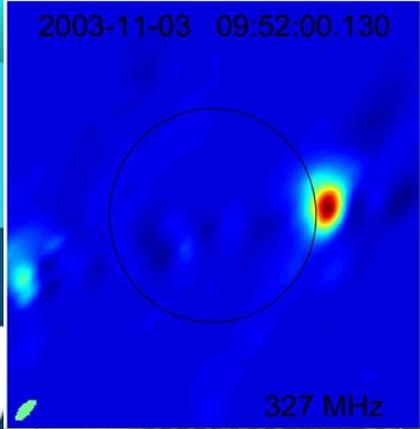
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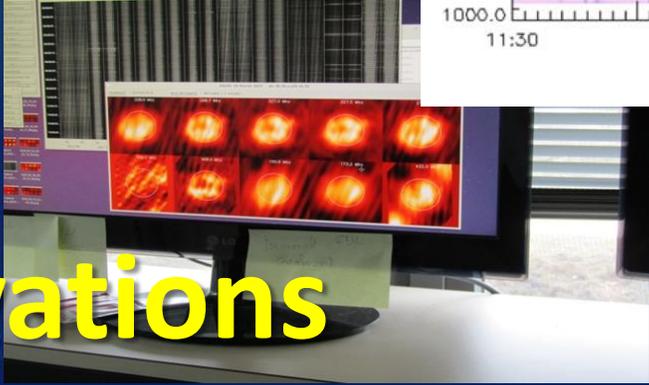
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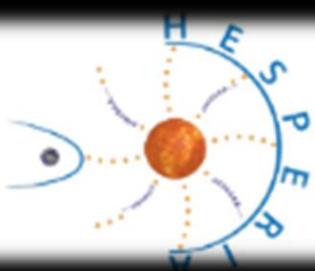


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Combined Observations





Combined Observations (Type III's – electrons - protons)

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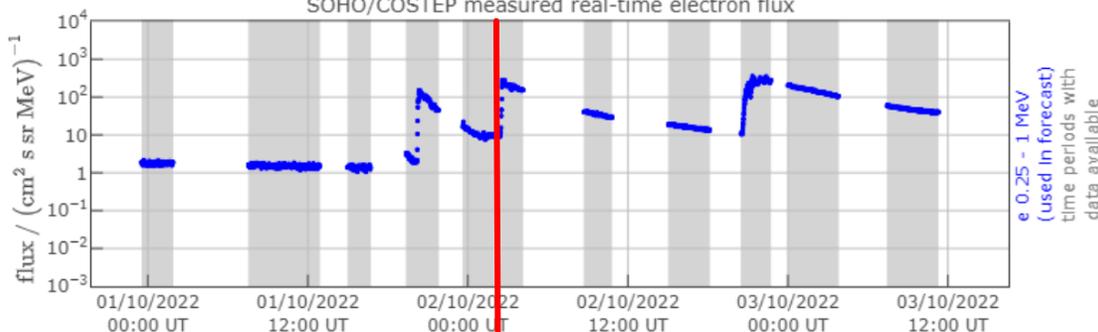
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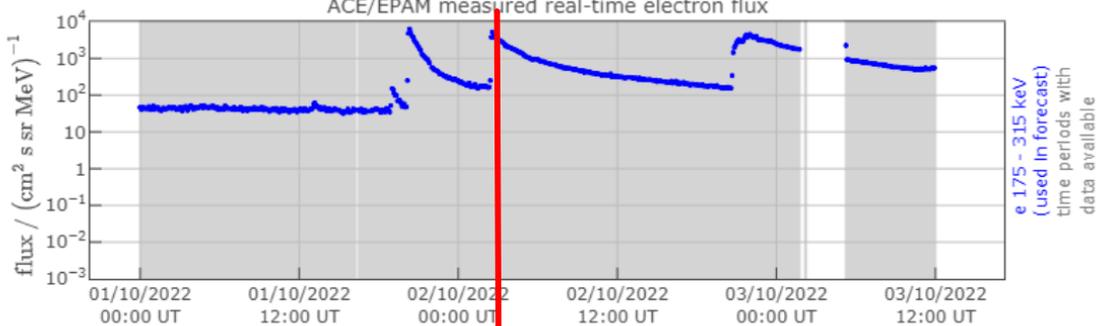
SOHO/COSTEP measured real-time proton flux



SOHO/COSTEP measured real-time electron flux

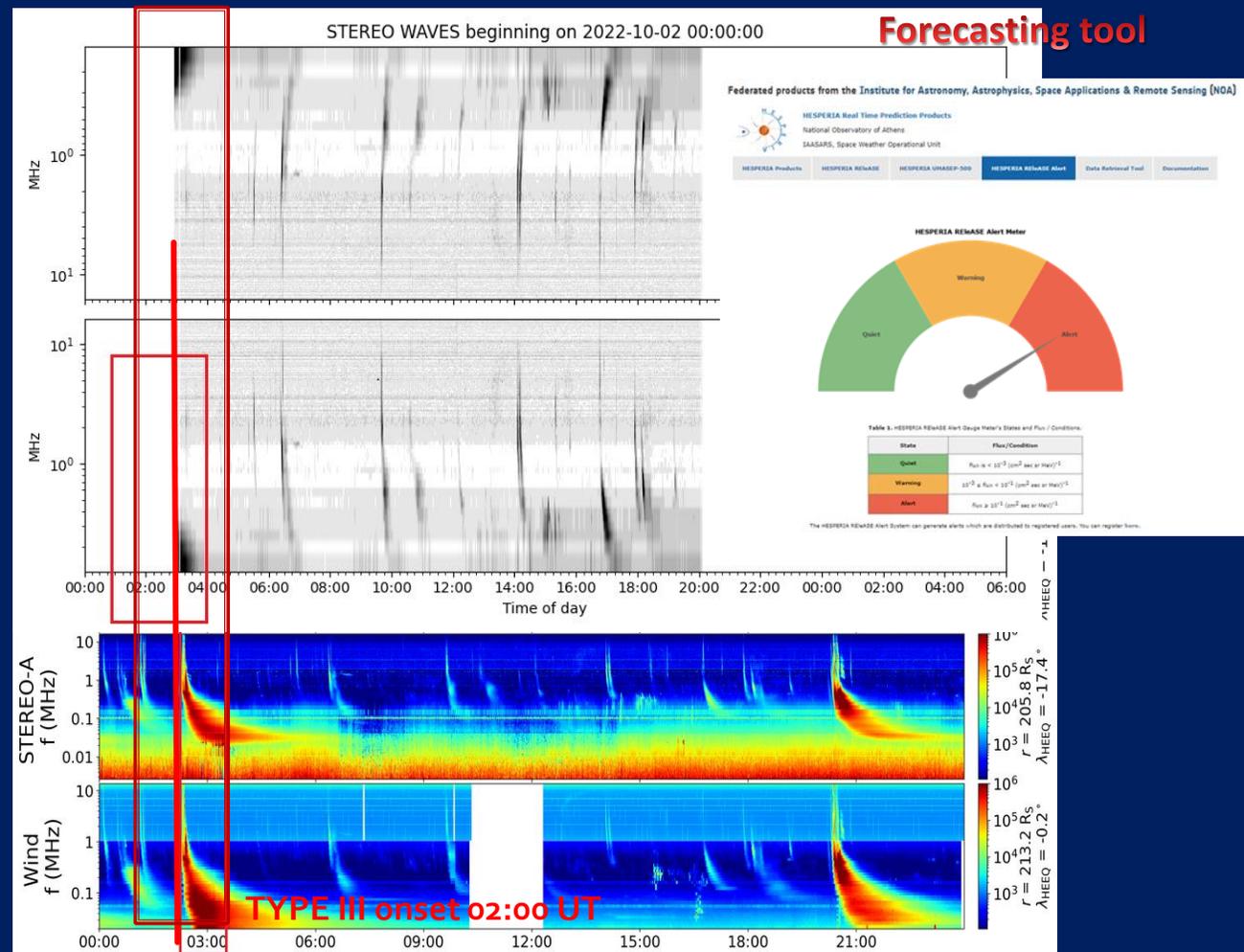


ACE/EPAM measured real-time electron flux



Arik Posner et al 2024 , Space Weather

Forecasting tool



Data Set

(the importance of being faint)

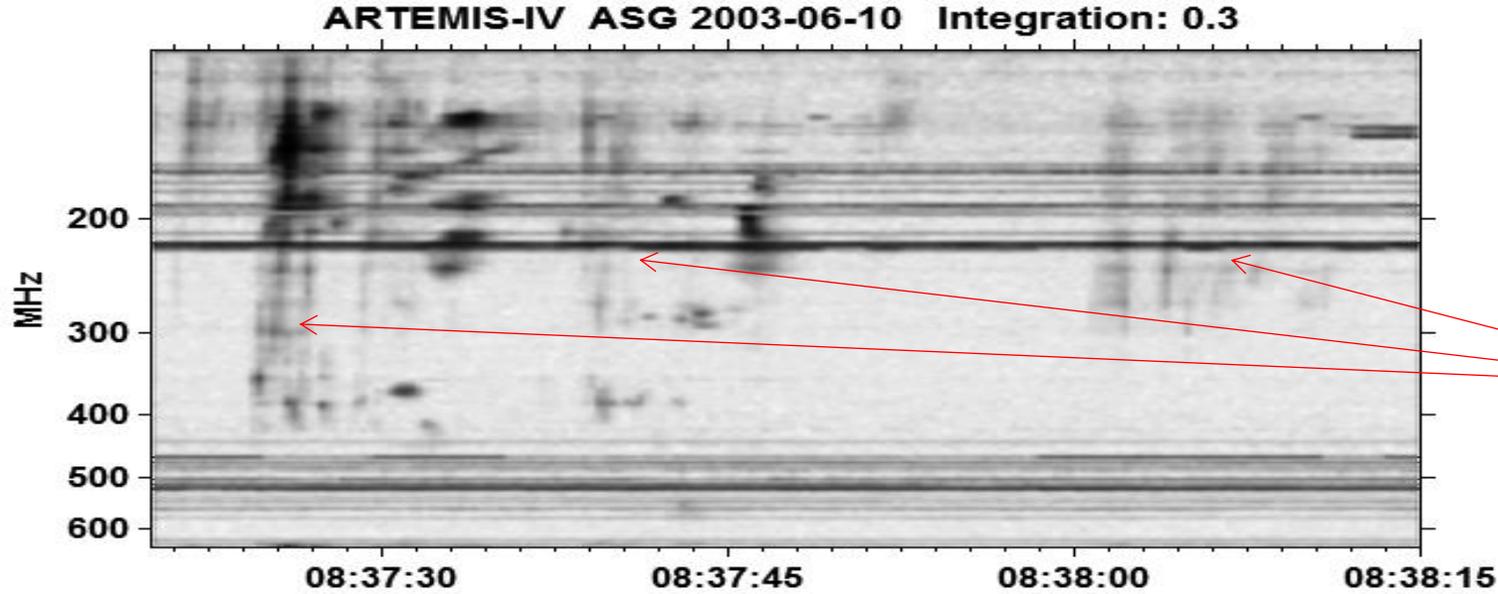
- We are studying faint and isolated type III bursts with narrowband fine structures at the starting frequency in order to avoid confusion from complex groups. Our data set comprises 12 type III bursts, 5 of them isolated . A good number of faint events appear on 10 June, 2003.
- Another precondition for selection of an event with spikes, was that the starting frequency of type III had to be within the frequency range (270 – 450 MHz) of the high resolution receiver (SAO).

What is the smallest time scale?

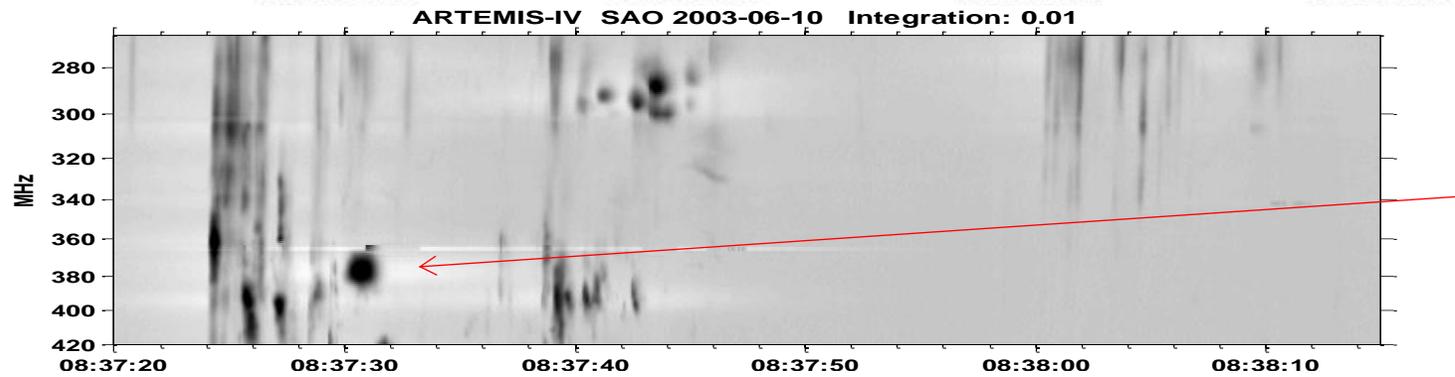
- Near the starting frequencies of type III bursts (m-dm range), short and narrowband bursts – spikes abound.

10 June, 2003

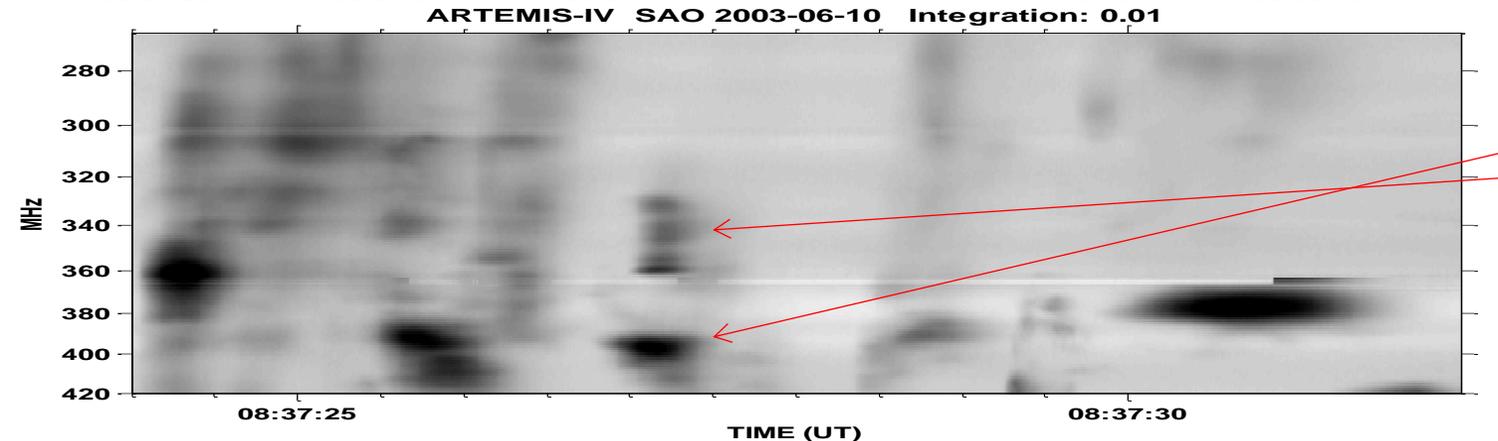
Detail of the event



Groups of type III bursts.



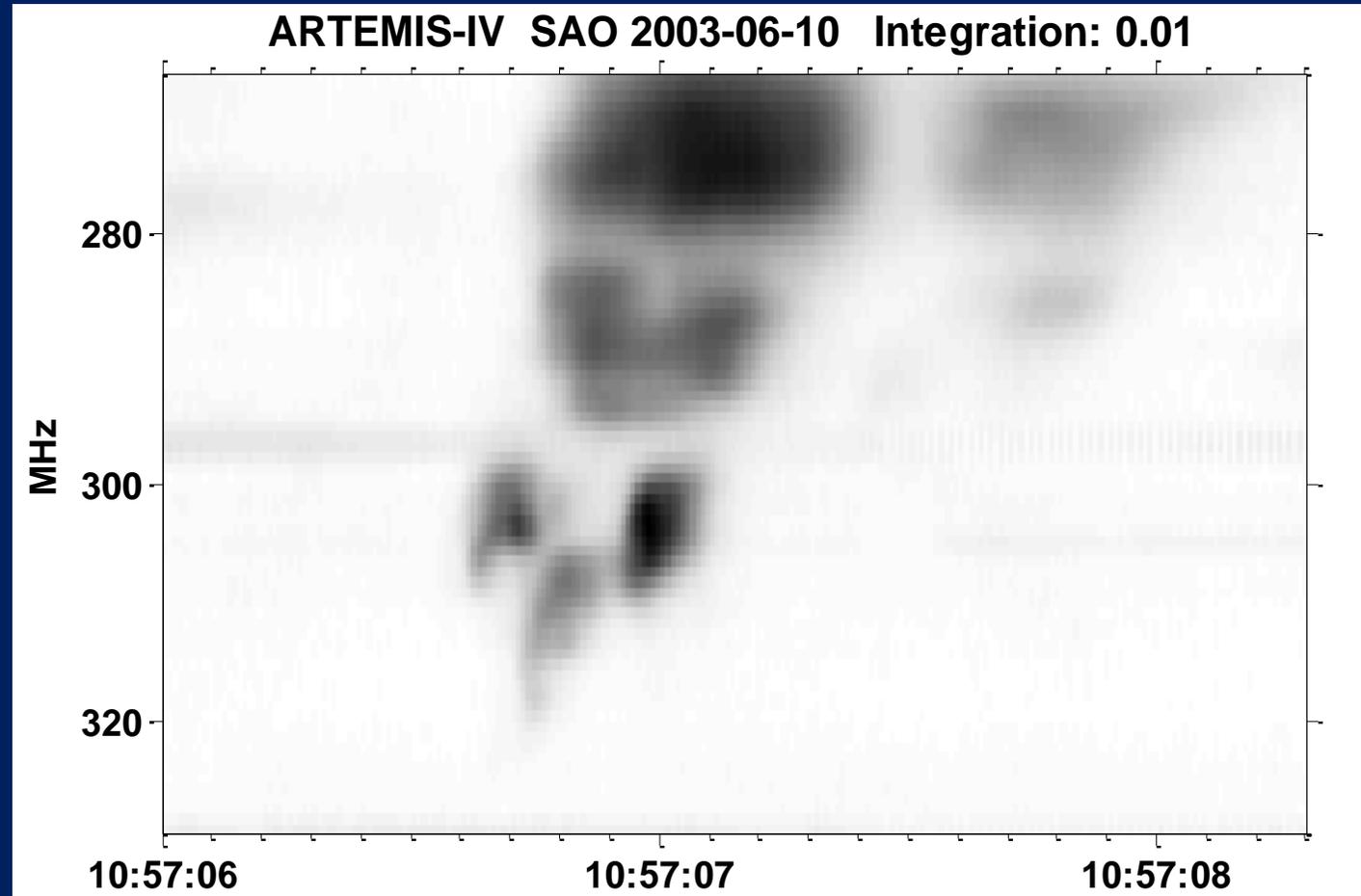
Details of type III groups. Bi-directional structures appear on dynamic spectrum.



Negative and positive drifting structures suggest a possibility small scale reconnection!

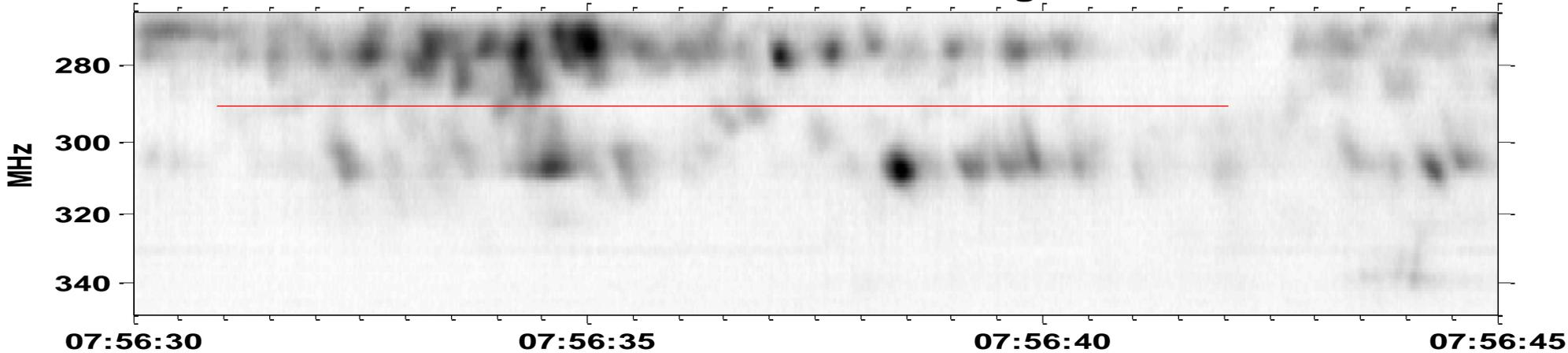
Narrowband Bursts of the Type III Family

Narrow band bursts of the
type III family (J - U)
with duration (~ 100 ms) and
bandwidth ($\sim 2.5\%$)
comparable to the typical spike.



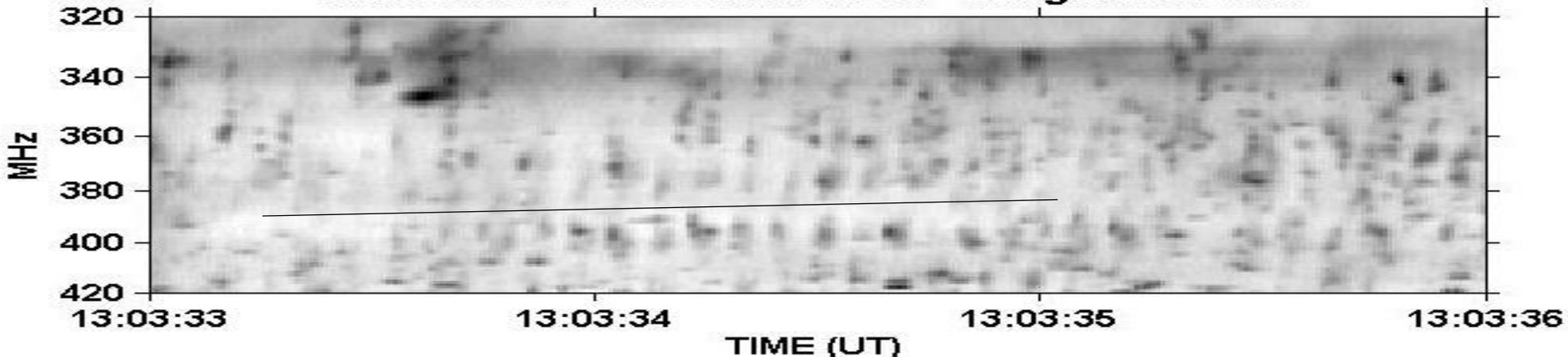
Bidirectional spikes separated by a straight line

ARTEMIS-IV SAO 2003-08-19 Integration: 0.01



Type III onset

ARTEMIS-IV SAO 2003-04-21 Integration: 0.01

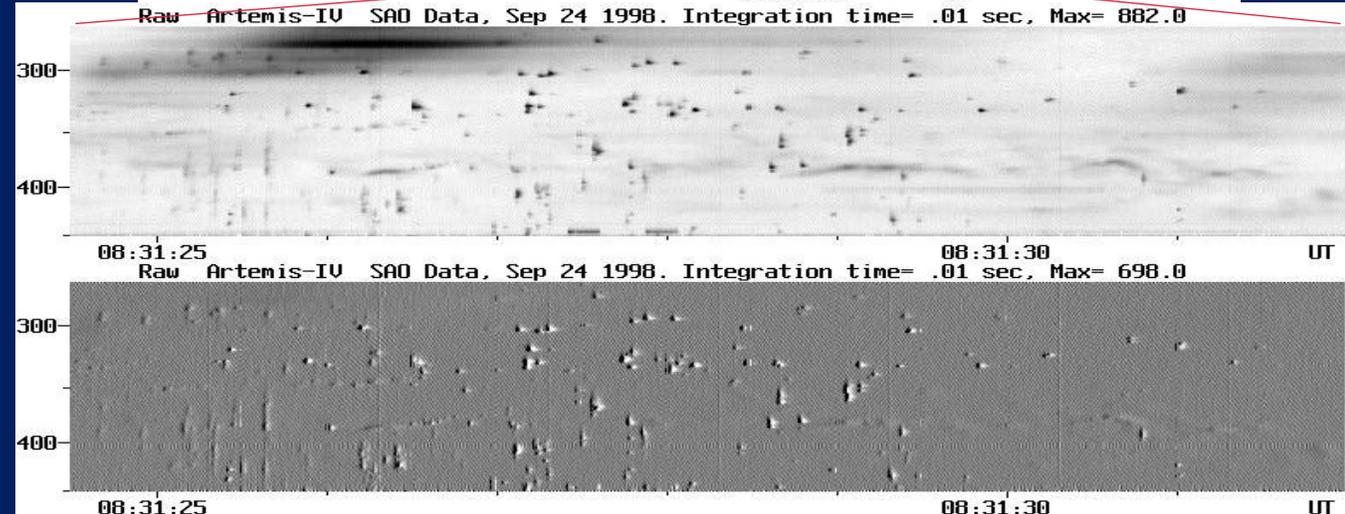
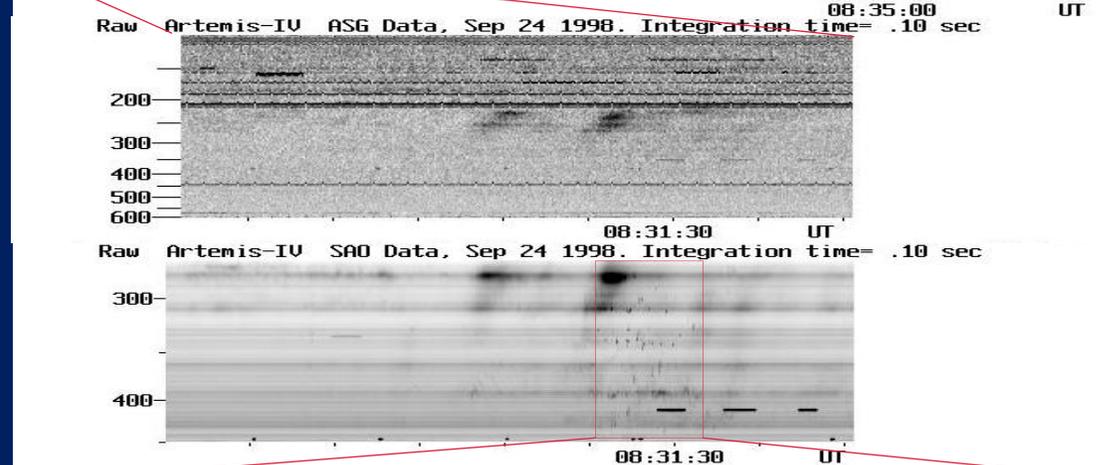
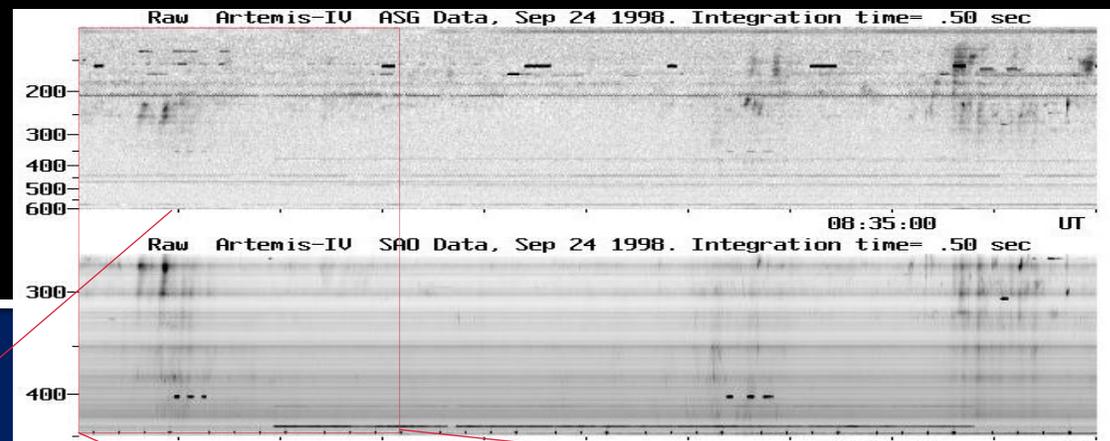
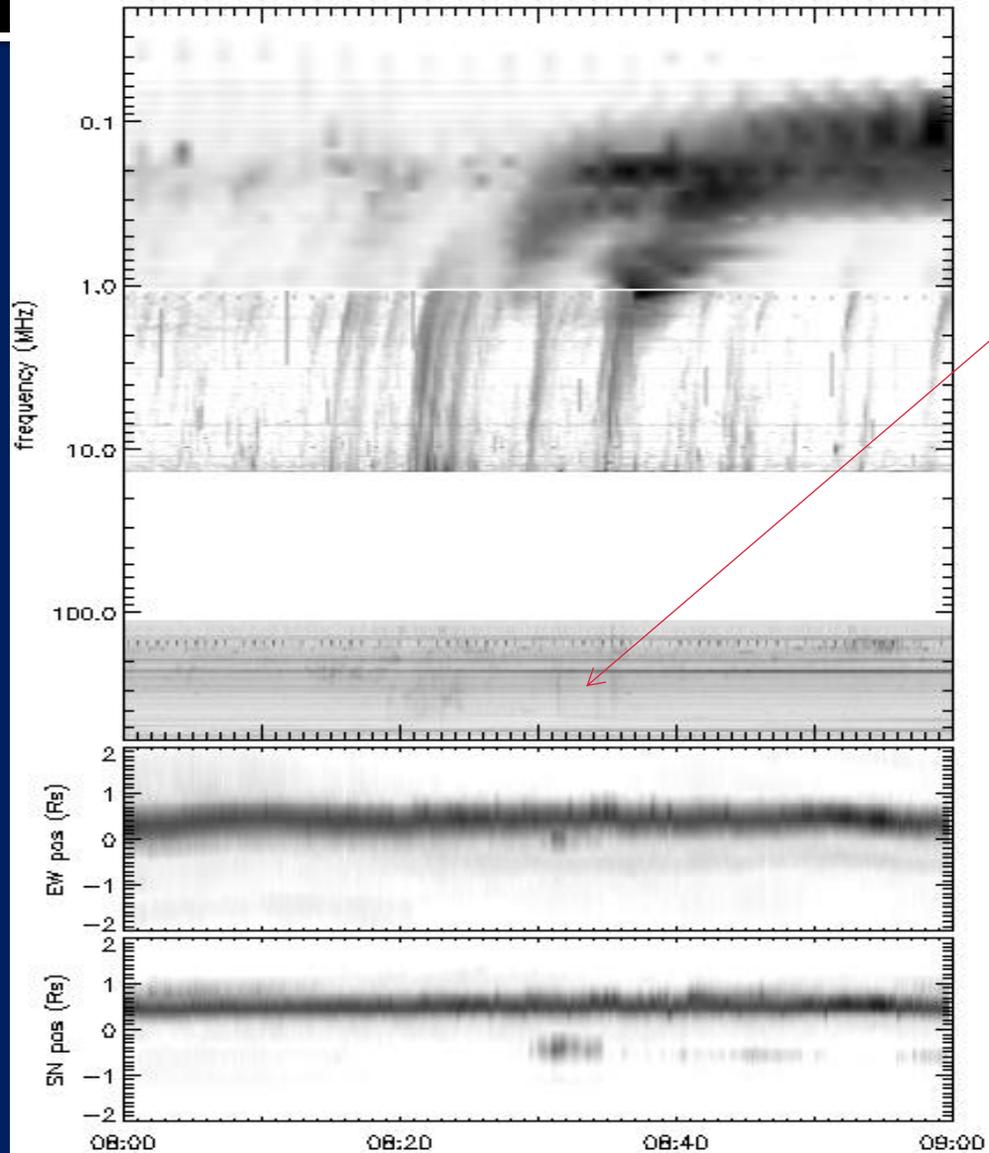


Type IV
fine structure

Bouratzis et al 2016

24 September, 1998

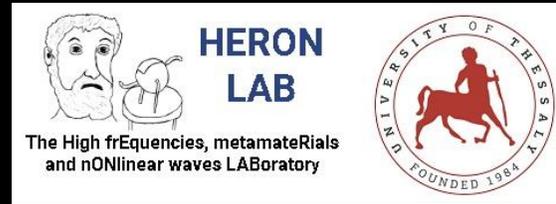
WIND/WAVES, DAM, ARTEMIS, NRH, CME, 24SEP1998



Summary

- ❑ The multichannel radio spectrograph ARTEMIS-JLS (formerly ARTEMIS-IV), records data from the Sun, in the radio spectral range of 20 – 650 MHz and sampling 10 spectra/sec (ASG) and 100 spectra/sec (SAO).
- ❑ Various structures have been observed, for the first time, in extraordinary detail, not possible with any other instrument.
- ❑ The study of phenomena helped in their understanding and their physical interpretation, as well as the correlation with other needed aspects, such as the forecasting tools to predict solar weather and the hazards of solar wind, making space travelling safer in the near future.
- ❑ For the comprehensive study of phenomena, the combination with data from other observatories is required. Thus, on the one hand, the information is extended to other spectral regions, and, on the other hand, we obtain a two-dimensional image (from the Nançay radio heliograph) or other solar orbiting spacecrafts , in order to understand the geometry of the phenomena.

Summary

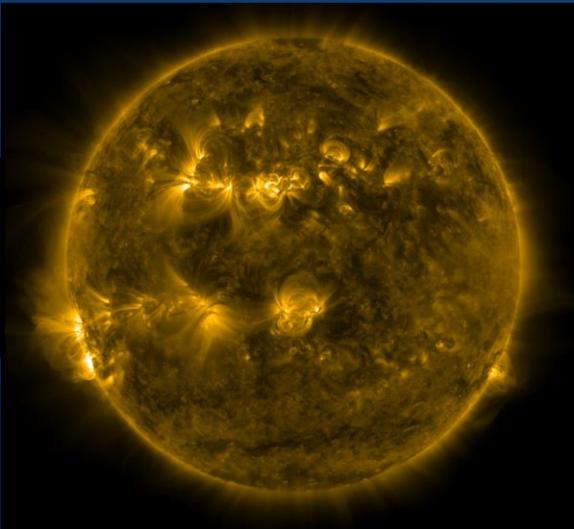
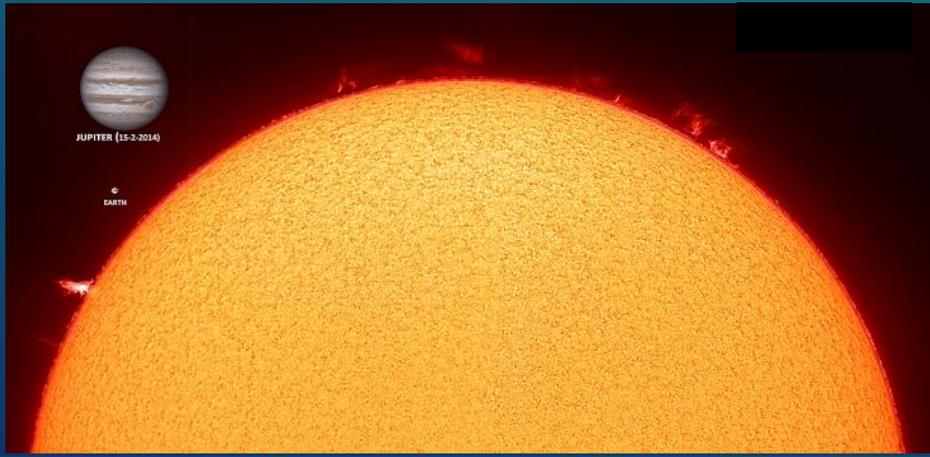


- We are studying the relationship of type III bursts and narrowband structures (spikes) , from high temporal resolution recordings of ARTEMIS-IV.
- We presented a few well observed events, indicating the narrowband structures and spikes of Type IIIs.
- Further confirmation requires radio imaging data and a lucky coincidence, that spikes will be at some frequency channel of the NRH.
- Further studies involving imaging data should shed more light to this relationship.

And in the future;



- ❑ A database is created for easier data access.
- ❑ There is a very large number of phenomena (type II, III and IV) that need to be addressed.
- ❑ The fine structure that is embedded in these phenomena is of great interest to the scientific community.
- ❑ The relationship between type III electron beams and SEP events has been established and the need is to calibrate all the measurements of Type IIIs or solar radio bursts experiments, in order to validate and improve the performance of our forecasting tools.
- ❑ Solar weather and forecasting tools must implement and correlate solar eruptive events and its structure, in order to secure space travelling and exploration in the near future.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!!

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