



TOWARDS A NEXT-GENERATION *eCallisto* NETWORK

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CELESTINA project: Castillian E-callisto Leading Experimentation in Solar-Terrestrial Interaction with Novel Antennas

***SPARC project:** SPace Awareness and Research Center (Casa del Doncel, Sigüenza, Spain)



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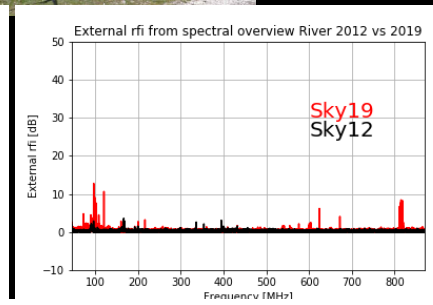
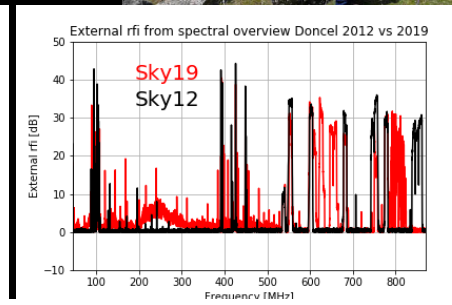
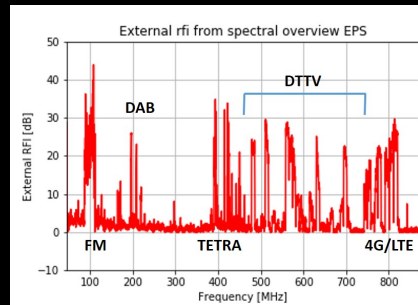
E-CALLISTO SPAIN

HISTORY:

2012 Prof. Monstein's RFI measurement campaign

2013-14 Callistos installed: Alcalá, Peralejos, Sigüenza

2014-18 Run on spare-time basis, no funding



2019 Rolling grant: CELESTINA project

Castillian E-callisto Leading Experimentation in Solar-Terrestrial Interaction with Novel Antennas <https://celestina.web.uah.es>

2023 New application: SPARC project

SPace Awareness and Research Center
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Increase in Interference Levels in the 45–870 MHz Band at the Spanish e-CALLISTO Sites over the Years 2012 and 2019

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E-CALLISTO NETWORK

<http://e-callisto.org> ETH Zürich: Benz, Monstein, +

HISTORY – GOALS:

A worldwide network of low-cost solar spectrometers

An ISWI instrument, prompted by the IHY2007

Solar Radio Bursts (SRB) as key tool for Space Weather:

solar storm precursors

Science case: understanding transient phenomena in the solar corona

STRENGTHS:

Low cost: easy installation/operation, educational/humanitarian side

Geographical coverage, geo redundancy

Broad frequency range: 45 – 870 MHz native, 20 – 80 MHz with LWA

Only global network monitoring 24/7 the solar corona at m/dam wlengths

UPDATE: 218 CALLISTO receivers

48 locations, 73 instruments (as of last week)

New/upgraded/first light after pandemic: Spain (Peralejos+Sigüenza), ASSA, DLR Germany, Thailand, Arizona, Uruguay, Norway-Randaberg+Aalesund+Egersund, IRSOL, Alaska-HAARP, Egypt-Alexandria+Cairo, Malaysia-Banting, Arecibo, Mexico-LANCE, Romania, Paraguay, Finland-Siuntio, Siberia-SSRT, Rwanda-Kigali,...



e-Callisto
International Network of Solar Radio Spectrometers, a Space Weather Instrument Array
Goal: Understanding Transient Phenomenon in the Solar Corona

Logo

World map update rate – 15 minutes, press reload to see latest status.
One dot can represent up to 5 instruments. Table of current [distribution](#) of Callisto.

Type II burst Ooty, India

GOES-16 X-ray Flux (1-minute data)

GOES-16 X-ray flux

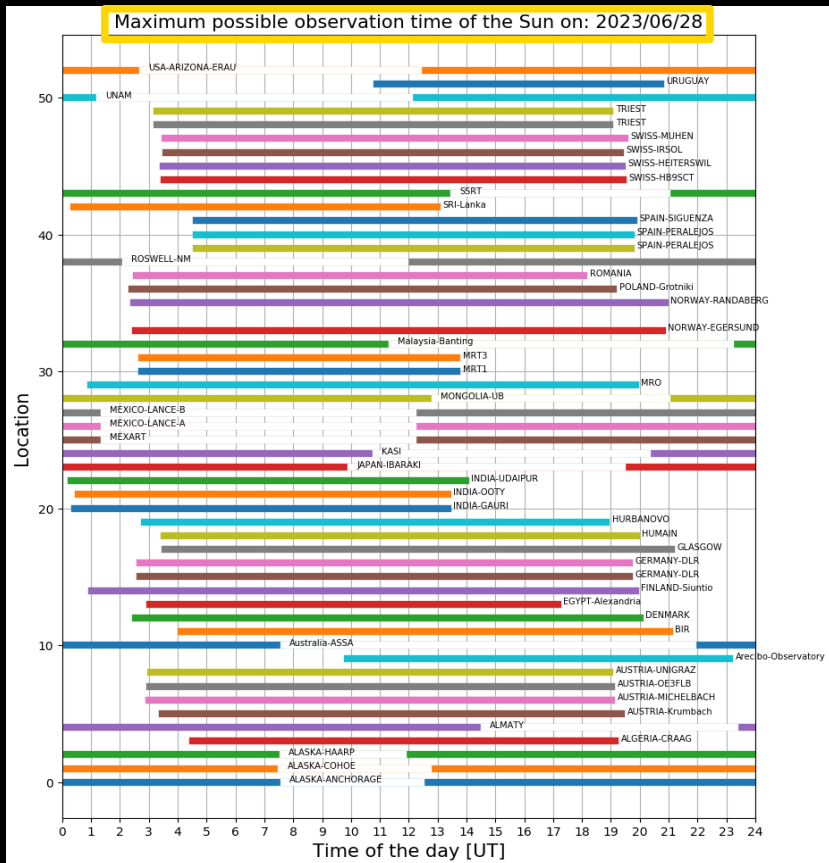
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LASCO C3 Coronagraph (coronal mass ejections)

Solar radio burst of the day
X-axis = time in UT,
Y-axis = frequency in MHz and
Z-axis = intensity in ADU

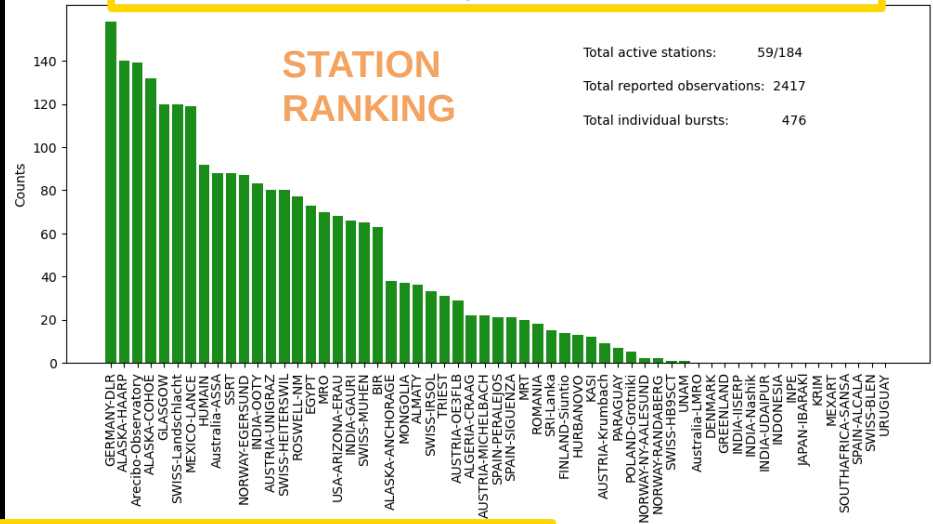
spectrogram

Solar Activity now (courtesy SWPC/NOAA) and GSFC/NASA. [GOES 16](#)
[e-Callisto Journal 2023 18 today](#)
Version: 2023-02-17 - Contact: [Christian Monstein](#) - [Riveste Solar Locarno BSL](#), Via Patocchi 57, 6605 Locarno-Monti, Switzerland

E-CALLISTO NETWORK



Number of solar radio bursts observed in May 2023 within the ISWI instrument network e-Callisto



Product: e-CALLISTO 2023 05.txt
Prepared by PI e-Callisto
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SRB EVENT REPORT

Missing data: ##:##:###:##

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E-CALLISTO NETWORK

LEGACY:

- Worldwide instrument deployment + training + tech assistance, supplies
- Centralized data storage: fits + png quicklook
Archive: 2012 – now (just a few stations before 2012)
- Daily reports since 2020 by human **visual inspection**
- Practical web site: data, s/w and h/w documentation, coverage maps, papers, tools, newsletter, ... + Facebook and other comm channels

TOWARDS A NEXT-GENERATION INSTRUMENT:

Gradual takeover of responsibilities, shared by many institutions

- **Automated SRB identification** +classification [urgent need]
- **Data calibration** in Solar Flux Units (SFU)
- **Open-access services:** elaborated products, alerts, pipeline
- **Instrument improvement** and standardization
- **Network expansion**, site testing (RFI)

→ Make the network more **USEFUL** + **VISIBLE** to the community



SRB IDENTIFICATION + CLASSIFICATION (Spanish contribution)

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RESEARCH

Automatic Burst Detection in Solar Radio Spectrograms Using Deep Learning: deARCE Method

deep Automatic Radioburst Compilation Engine

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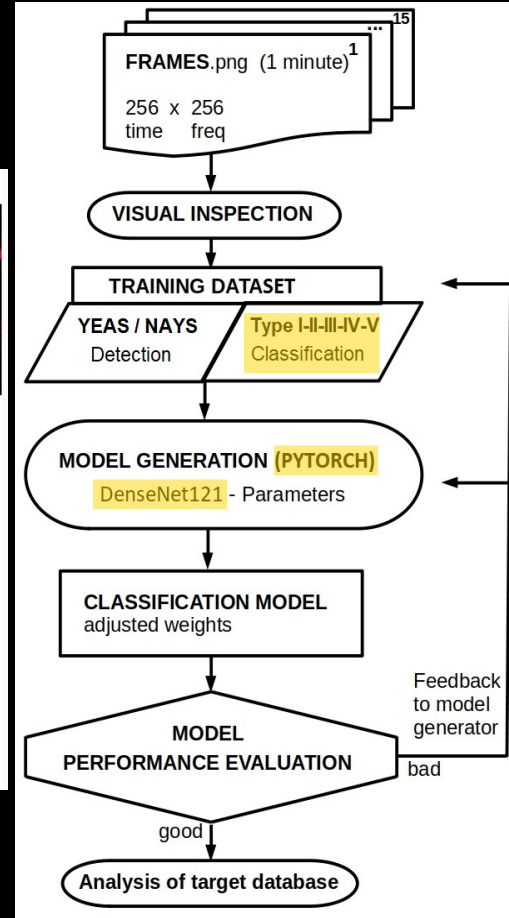
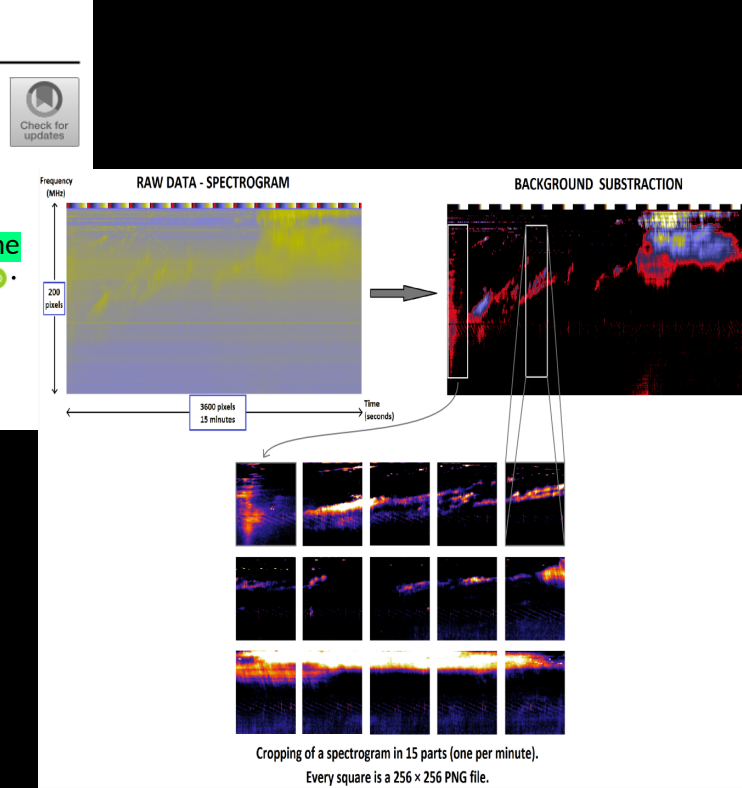
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RESULTS (for models currently in use):

Detection model: FN: 14.71% ; FP: 4.36%.

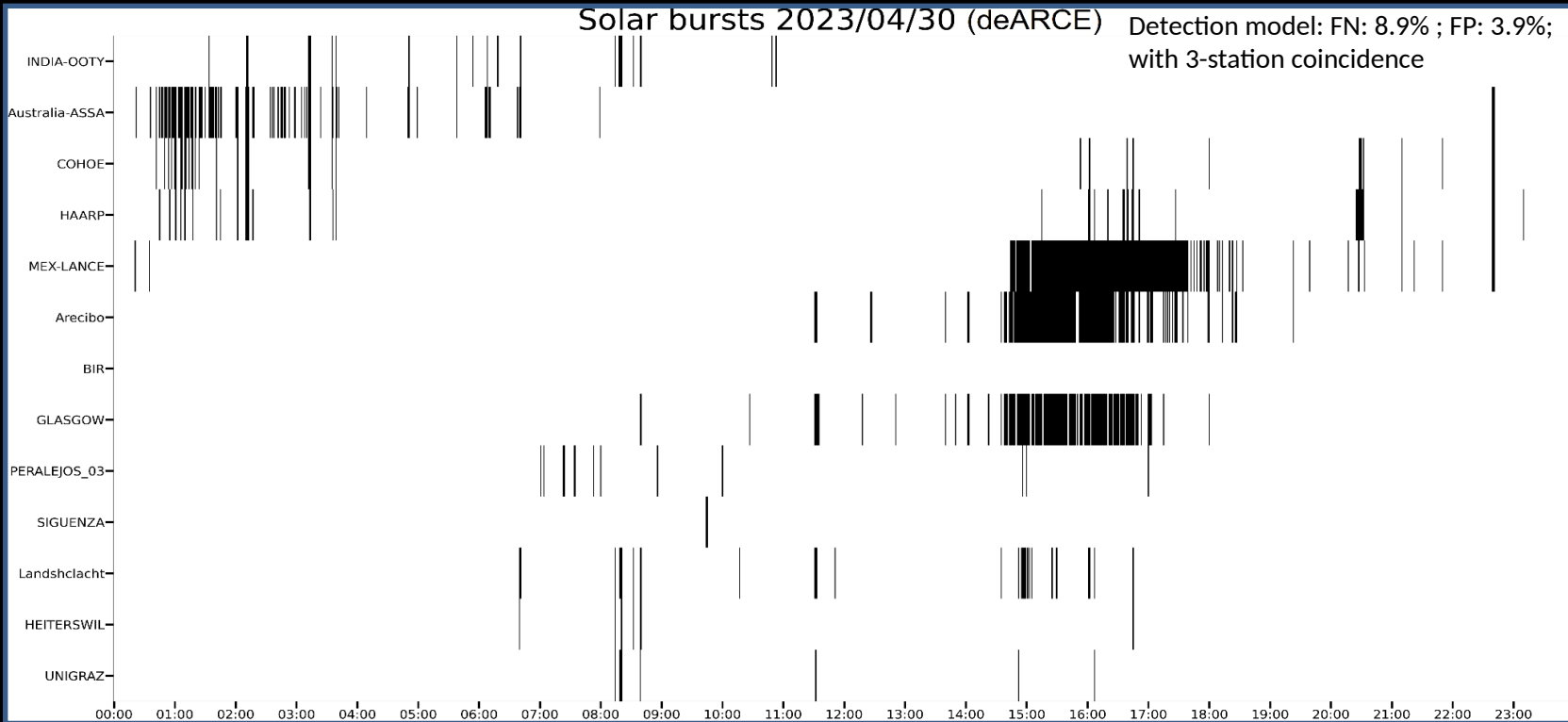
Classification model: Type I: 88.9%; Type II: 95.1%;

Type III: 92.3%; Type IV: 97.19%; Type V: 81.3%.



* In preparation: paper on eCallisto SRB's during the 2012-2019 reportless period

CROSS-MATCH FUNCTIONALITY



OTHER APPROACHES: ROBUST two-station correlation + freq. masking (UniGraz), thresholding + multi-station majority classif. (Trieste), Humain, Birr, Glasgow, DLR Germany ... → WG

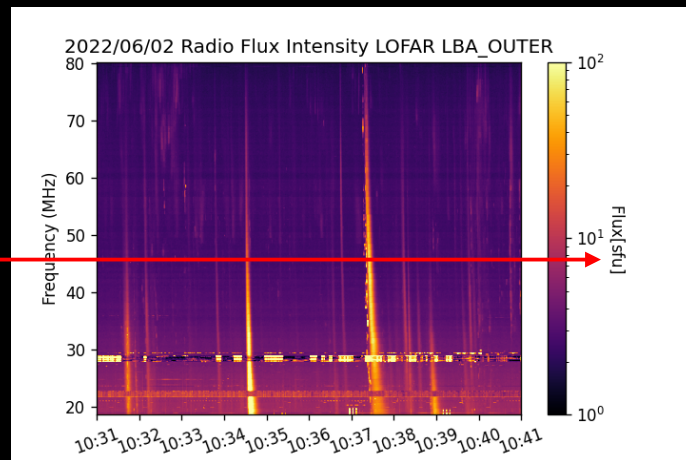
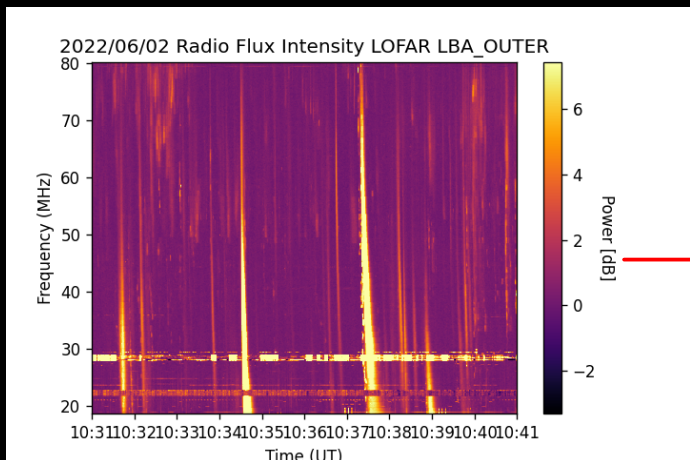
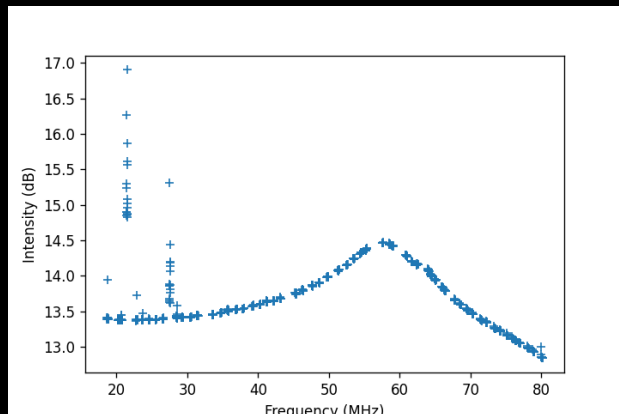
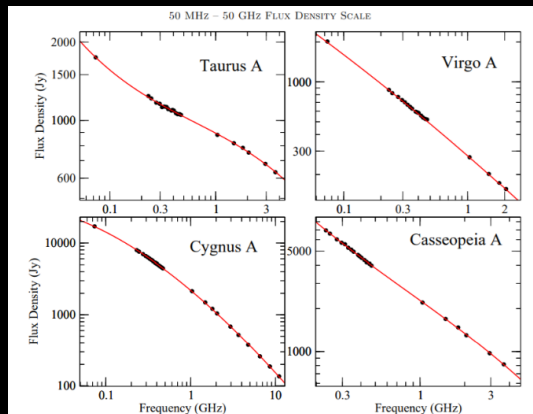
Spectral Model

Bandpass (quasi real time)

CALIBRATION

LOFAR / eCallisto inter-calibration (Zucca+)

- Use calibrated LOFAR flux to adjust eCallisto instruments
- Bandpasses for various sites to be issued and updated every season
- Pass-on option: proceed by geo-zone in 4-5 steps



DATA COMPATIBILITY

- LOFAR and Learmonth data conversion to eCallisto format now available

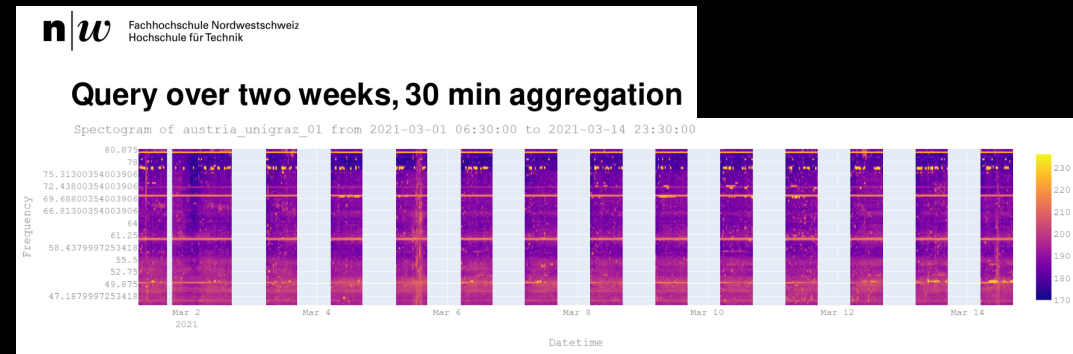
OPEN SERVICES / PRODUCTS (Data Center)

Fach Hochschule Nord WestSchweiz
(FHNW, A. Csillaghy, V. Timmel)

- Centralized eCallisto Data Archive

Now also:

- Solutions for faster data queries + browsing
- RadioSpectra.py package, PANDAS, Rest-API on top
- eCallisto spectrograms treated as TimeScaleDB

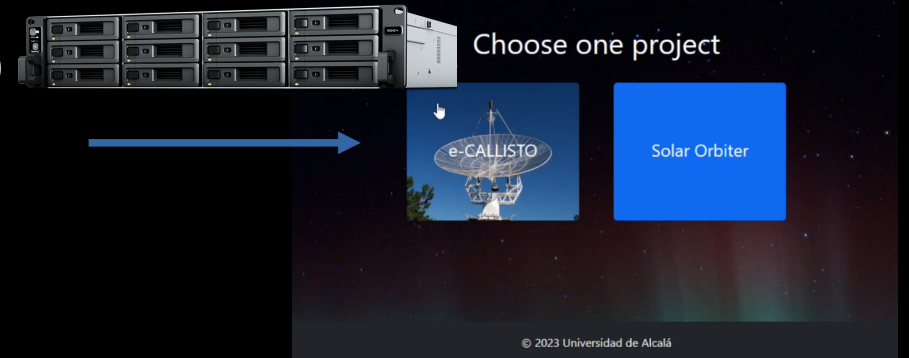


SPARC project: SPace-weather Awareness + Research Center
Casa del Doncel, Sigüenza, Spain (in progress)

- NAS: Synology2421RP+, 12-24 bay storage server (144 TB)
- Data/Service Center for eCallisto and beyond (SWx): other ground-based data (Learmonth, NOAA), Solar Orbiter, ...

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

eCallisto Website Mirror (UNAM, E. Aguilar), ... → WG



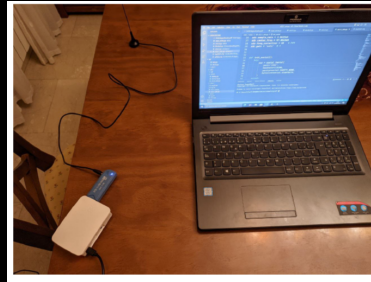
Stations Map



INSTRUMENT IMPROVEMENT – RECEIVERS, ANTENNAS

REQUIREMENTS DEFINITION (WG):

- Time resolution
- Frequency resolution
- Frequency range(s)
- Sensitivity



RaspberryPi4 + hackRFOne
1 MHz to 6 GHz operating frequency
Sampling rate: 20 Msps
Compatible with GNU Radio
TX/RX

Yes, but ... RETHINKING OUR INSTRUMENTATION

Portable, autonomous equipment:

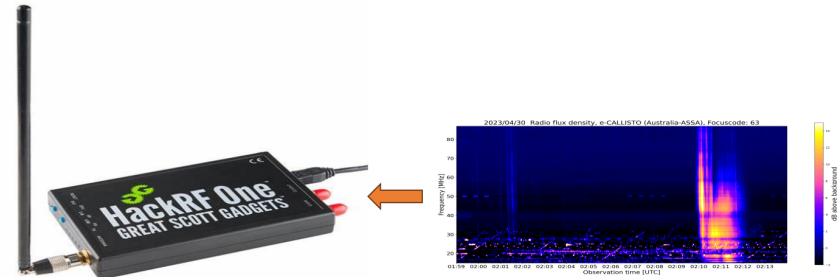
- could eCallisto2.0 be powered by solar panels/batteries?
- make use of 4G/5G, Starlink?
- reduce uploaded (raw) data volume via front-end IA?
- lighter rotors? → handier antennas
- single-board computers (RaspberryPi, BeagleBone, Arduino)?

New operating systems, platforms, tools, languages (bye MSoft)

Digital vs Analog Receiver → Software Digital Radio



- Receiver development. SDRs and “In-place” calibration
 - SDR device with transmission features
 - Calibration file with reference solar radio burst as input



INSTRUMENT IMPROVEMENT – RECEIVERS, ANTENNAS

Signal processing and electronics for future spectrometers:

Wideband FFT, PCB, ... (Finland, Norway, Malaysia, Paraguay,...)

LWA Front-End Electronics revision (ASSA+)

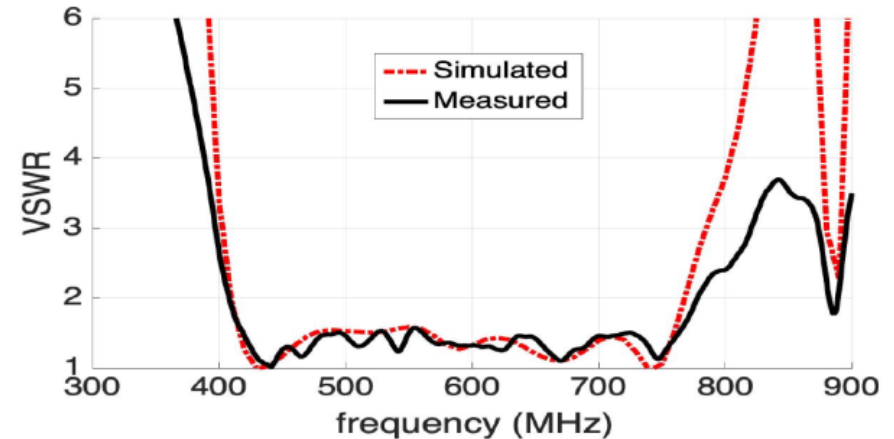
ANTENNA DEVELOPMENTS (UAH+UPCT, Spain):

Wide band vs “sweet band” antennas (ASSA)

Geometry modification of standard CLP-5130 (UAH)

Propose new antennas: lighter, easy to deploy/relocate (UAH, MWA)

New antenna concepts: leaky-wave (UPCT) for rough imaging



THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MUCHAS GRACIAS

Any questions?

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