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CALLISTO status report #35

Data archive and QuickViews back on-line:

We are very happy to announce that the Callisto/Phoenix data archive as well as the generation of QuickViews is back on-line. Specialists from technical high school FHNW finally managed to get all necessary tools installed and configured (UNIX, Python, PERL, SSWIDL etc.) to provide data and QuickViews on this website:

<http://soleil.i4ds.ch/solarradio/callistoQuicklooks/>

rfi-survey Spain

In the meantime we had arranged an rfi-monitoring and observing-site survey between University of Alcalá, University of Murcia and ETH. The plan was to find a possible observation site for solar radio observations and outreach. Finally we found an extreme radio quiet area in a natural valley near Peralejos.

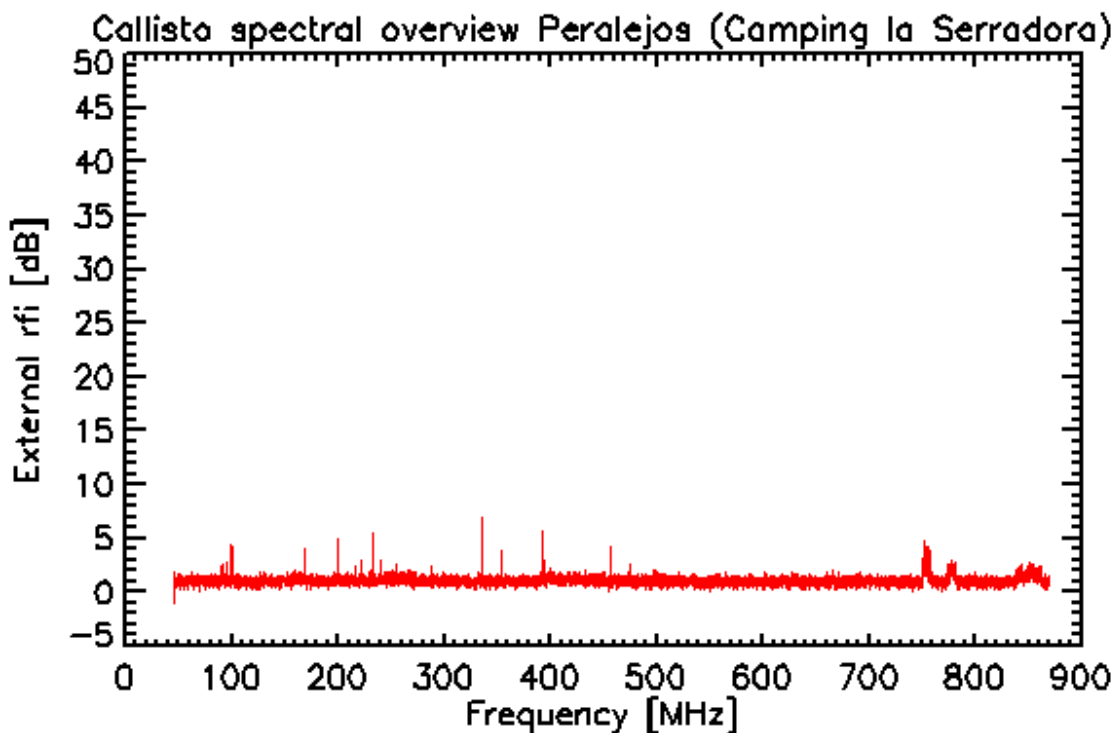


Fig. 1: Radio quiet area in Peralejos, Spain. No external interference above 6dB of receiver noise-level. This location is perfect for radio-astronomy.



Recent papers/articles

No. 174, A Shocking Type II, by Hazel Bain, Säm Krucker, and Lindsay Glesener: Global coronal waves getting sorted out, see http://sprg.ssl.berkeley.edu/~tohban/wiki/index.php/A_Shocking_Type_II.

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Phoenix-3, the FFT-spectrometer 1 GHz – 5 GHz in two polarizations is operating again. Latest burst observations look promising:

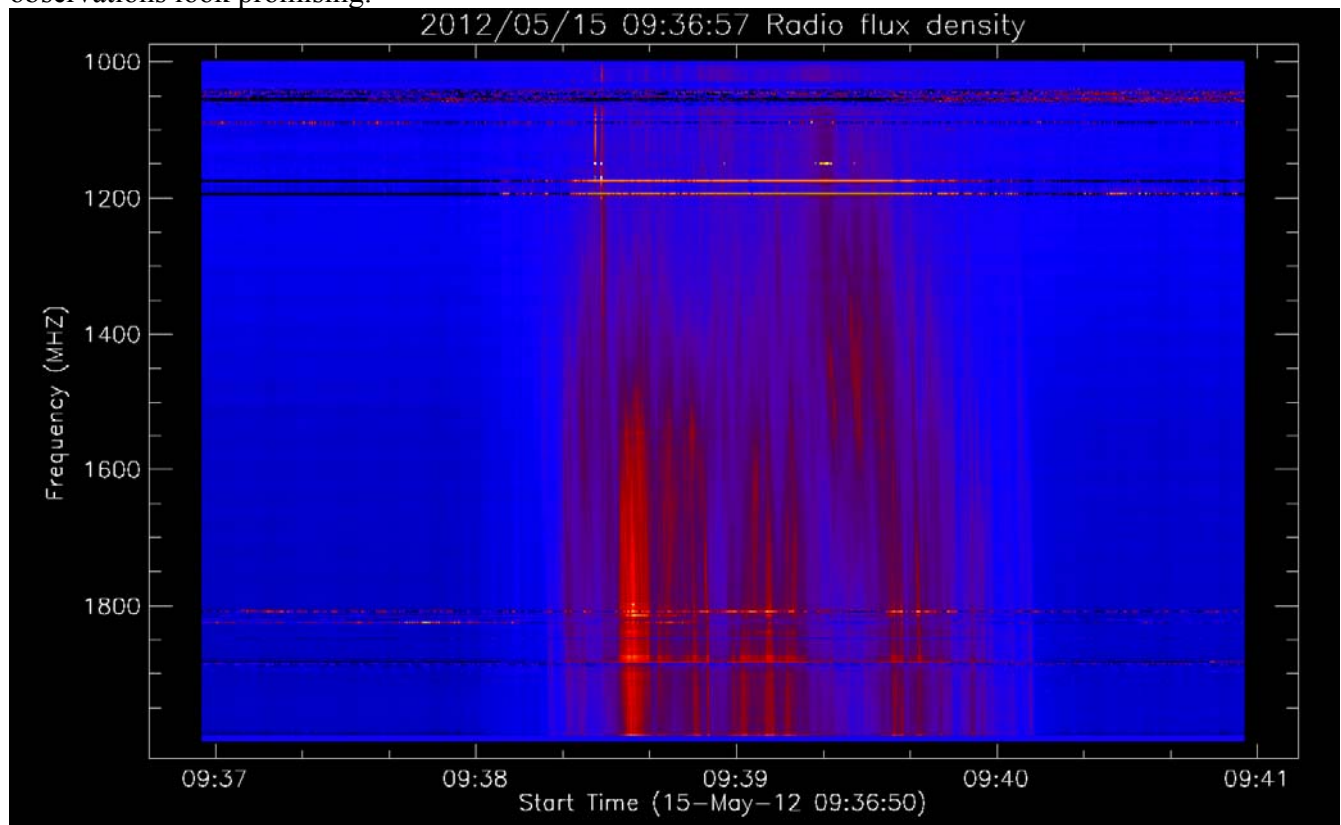


Fig. 2: Phoenix-3 FFT-spectrometer. Solar burst in L-band interfering with mobile phones at 1800 MHz.

New version of Callisto application is available as version 1.16 here:

<http://www.astro.phys.ethz.ch/astro1/Users/cmonstei/instrument/callisto/ecallisto/applidocs.htm>

Some minor software bugs have been eliminated.



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There will be the 21st national Solar Physics Meeting 18 - 22 June 2012 in Stará Turá, Slovakia. Brief information in English can be found here:

http://www.suh.sk/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=20&Itemid=137&limitstart=11

Request for spectral overviews

I'd like to prepare a catalog about the world-wide level of interference. With our network we are in a very comfortable situation to cover almost the whole planet. I beg you to do the following before sun-rise and/or after sun-set:

1. Change Callisto to manual mode and press the button 'Save Spectral Overview' under normal condition while the antenna is connected to the preamplifier. Repeat it 2 or 3 times at slightly different times of the day.
2. If possible do the same again while the antenna is replaced by a 50 Ω resistor. Repeat it 2 or 3 times at slightly different times of the day.
3. Rename the files in a way that I can recognize which files have seen the 50 Ω reference resistor.
4. Write some comment whether you operate with or without preamplifier and whether you operate with your 'normal' antenna or with an omni-directional antenna.
5. Send all files with comments to me: monstein@astro.phys.ethz.ch

Those who have more than one Callisto may repeat the monitoring process for all instruments.

This allows me to determine the external interference level. If you cannot attach a 50 Ω resistor then I'll subtract a 3rd order polynomial background. Out of that I'll produce a document which I then will provide to you and to CRAF. Each author of a providing location will be mentioned as author in the final paper.

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