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New SpW Data Products and Accessibility in the TSRS Coronal Radio Surveillance



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Scheme of the Talk

Relevance of Solar Radio Emission to Space Weather

TSRS – The Trieste Solar Radio System

TSRS Data Products

TSRS Data Access

The TSRS WWW Site

Conclusions

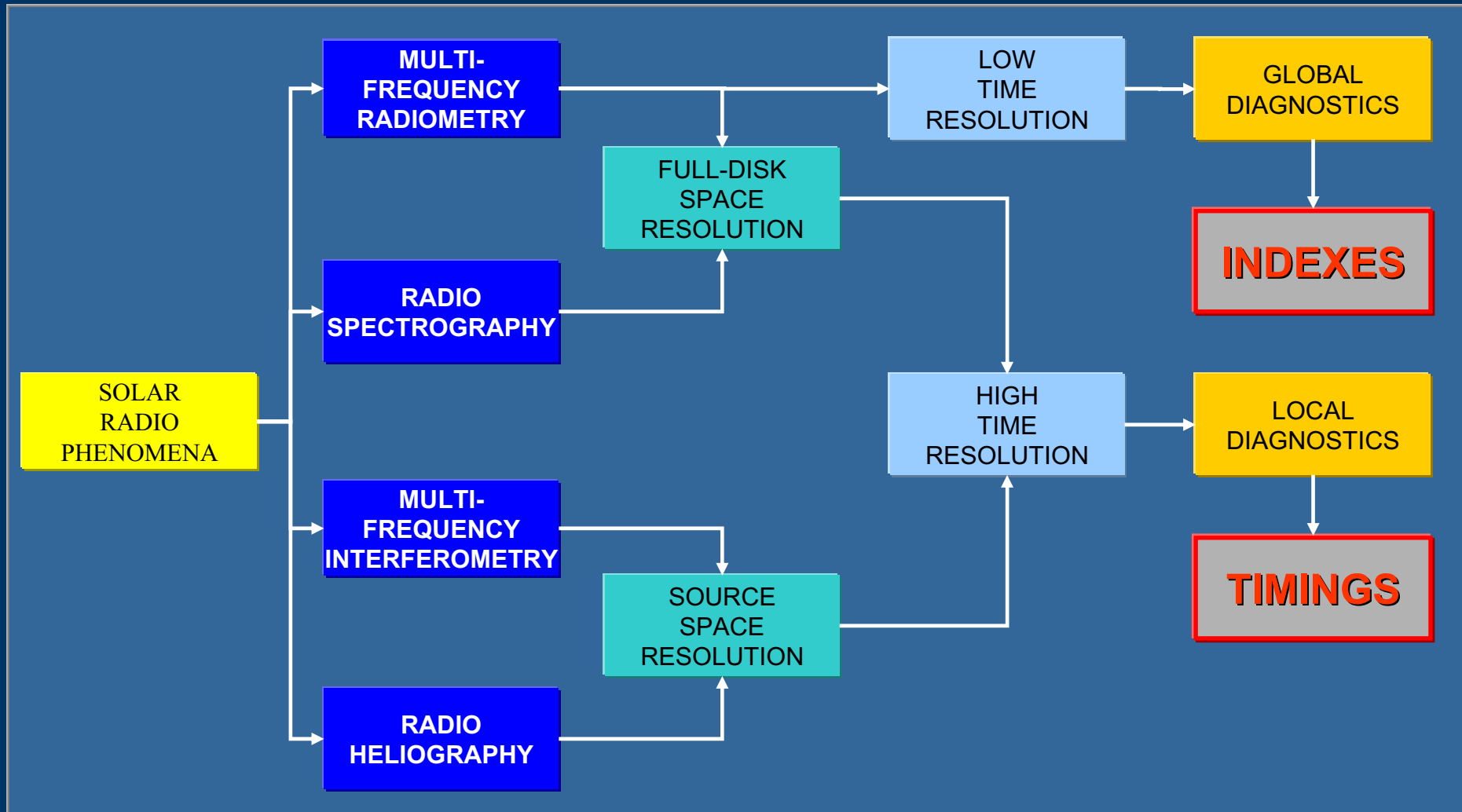
Relevance of Solar Radio Emission to SpW

- **PROXIES OF SOLAR DRIVERS**
 - Type I Bursts (magnetic topology changes)
 - Type II Bursts (propagating shocks; particle beams)
 - Type III Bursts (particle acceleration; particle beams)
 - Type IV Bursts (magnetic reconnection; acceleration)
 - Spikes (energy release fragmentation; acceleration)
 - Precursors (radio signatures preceding flares)
 - 10 cm / 2800 MHz (EUV enhancements)
- **DIRECT SOURCE OF GEOEFFECTS**
 - Radio Flares (Very Intense Broad Band Radio Noise)

The Sun as a Radio Noise Source

- **The Sun is a radio source**
 - non-directional
 - broad band
- **Solar radio noise can**
 - increase by several orders of magnitude during outbursts
 - persist at high levels for minutes to hours
- **Enhanced solar radio noise can perturb**
 - HF communications (**MIL!**)
 - Mobile communications (GSM, GPRS, **UMTS!**)

RADIO DIAGNOSTICS RELEVANT TO SPACE WEATHER APPLICATIONS



TYPE I

TYPE II

TYPE III

TYPE IV

TYPE V

CONTINUUM

BURSTS

R
Rise

GRF
Gradual Rise & Fall

PGS
In progress

PLS
Pulsations

FAL
Fall

ABS
Absorptions

RF
Rise and Fall

SPK
Spikes

S
Simple

PCL
Peculiar

C
Complex

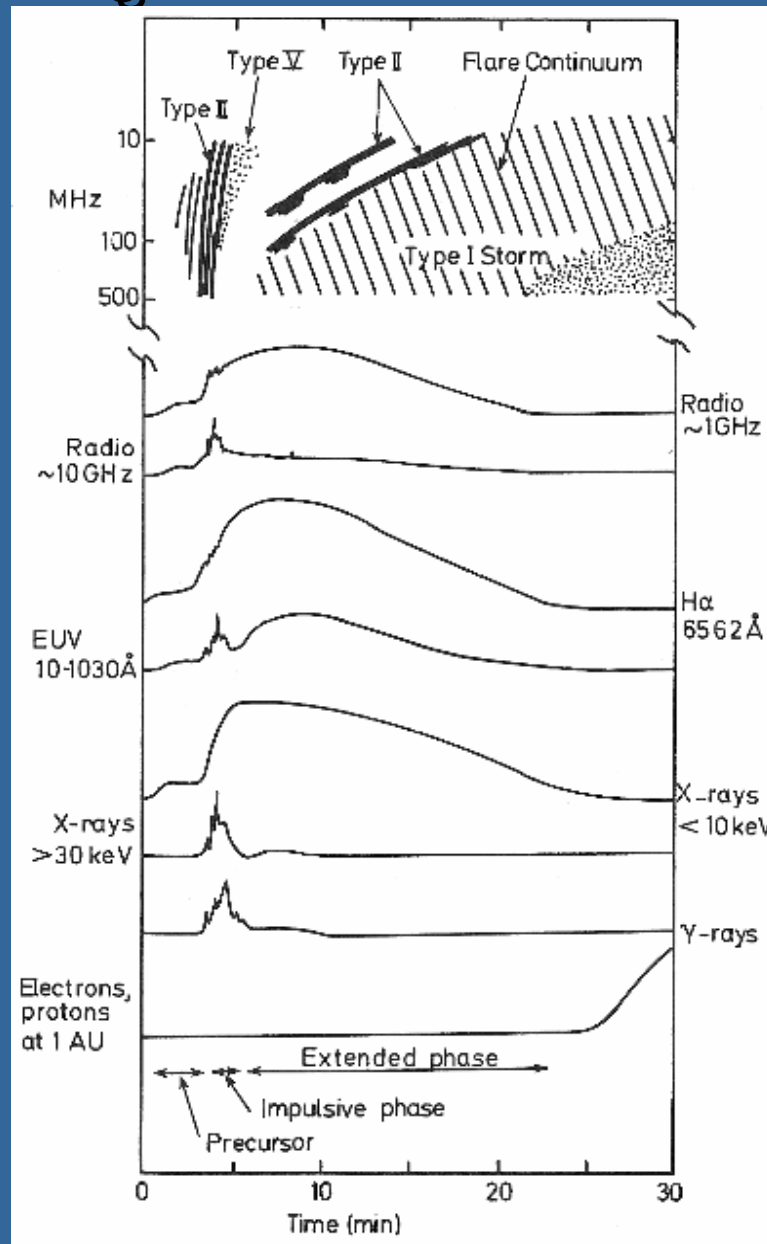
UNCL
Unclassified

GB
Great Burst

SER
Series of bursts

TSRS Single-Frequency Solar Radio Event Classification

Timing of Flare-Related Events



McLean & Labrum (1985)

SPACE WEATHER

SEC Alerts and Warnings

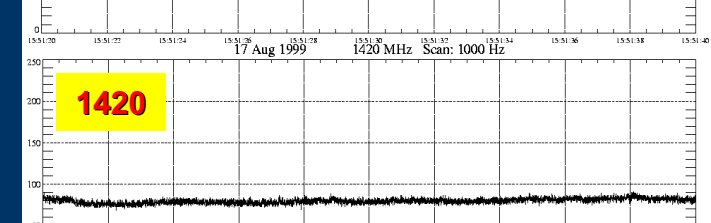
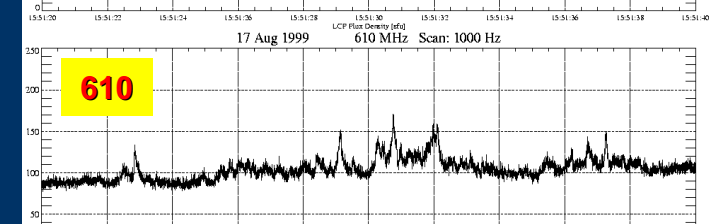
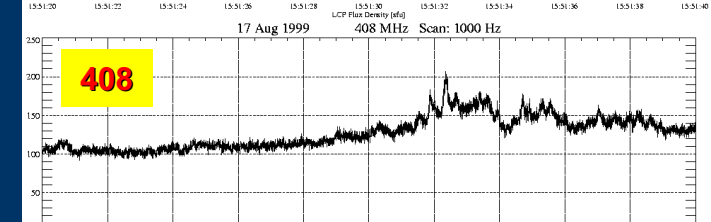
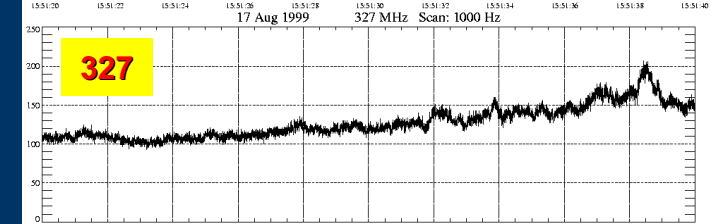
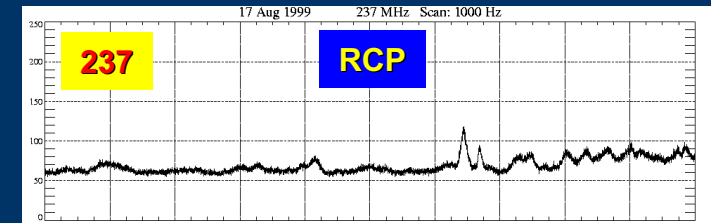
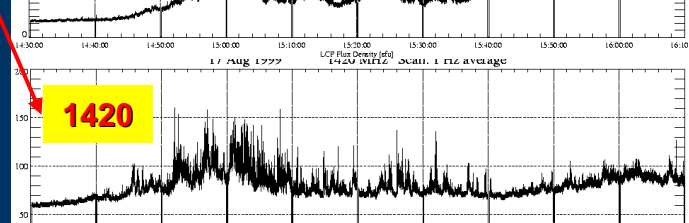
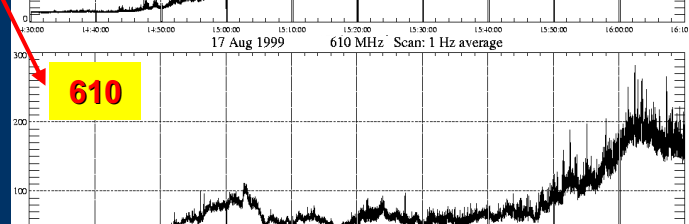
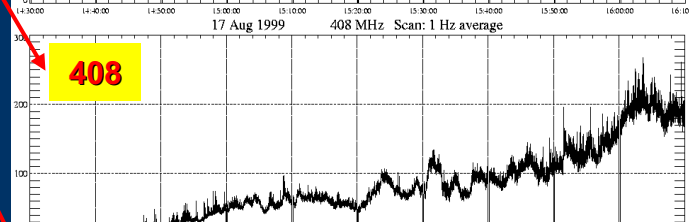
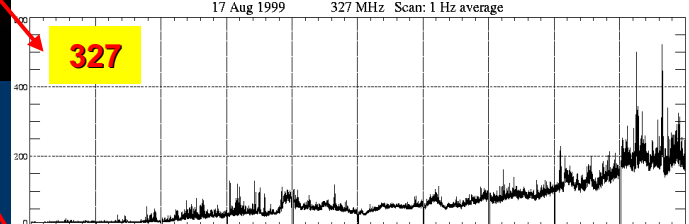
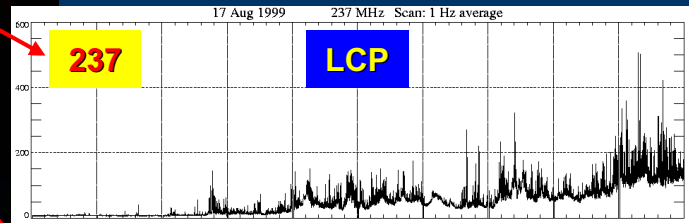
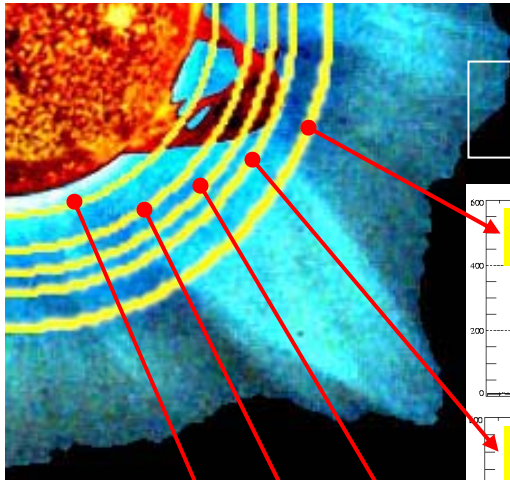
CATEGORY	TYPE	THRESHOLD	ALERT	WARNING
<i>Radio</i>				
	245 MHz burst	peak flux ≥ 100 s.f.u.	*	
	245 MHz noise storm	peak flux > 5 times background	*	
	10 cm burst	peak flux $\geq 100\%$ above background	*	
	Type II event	any	*	
	Type IV event	any	*	
<i>Particle</i>				
	Electron Event	peak flux 10^3 pfu @ > 2 MeV	*	
	Suspected Proton Flare	peak flux 10 p.f.u. @ > 10 MeV	*	
	P10 Proton event	peak flux 10 p.f.u. @ > 10 MeV	*	*
	P100 Proton event	peak flux 100 p.f.u. @ > 100 MeV	*	*
	SST Radiation Alert	$\geq 0.1^{-4}$ sievert/hour (≥ 10 millirems/hour)	*	*
<i>X-ray</i>				
	M5	peak flux $\geq 5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ W m}^{-2}$	*	
	X1	peak flux $\geq 1 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ W m}^{-2}$	*	
<i>Geomagnetic</i>				
	A Index ≥ 20	running $A_B \geq 20$	*	*
	A Index ≥ 30	running $A_B \geq 30$	*	*
	A Index ≥ 50	running $A_B \geq 50$	*	*
	K Index = 4	$K_B = 4$	*	
	K Index = 5	$K_B = 5$	*	
	K Index ≥ 6	$K_B \geq 6$	*	
<i>Atmospheric disturbance</i>				
	Stratwarm	stratospheric warming conditions	*	

- Sievert (Sv): effective (equivalent) dose of radiation received by a living organism 1 Sv = 100 rem
- particle flux unit (p.f.u.) [$\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$]

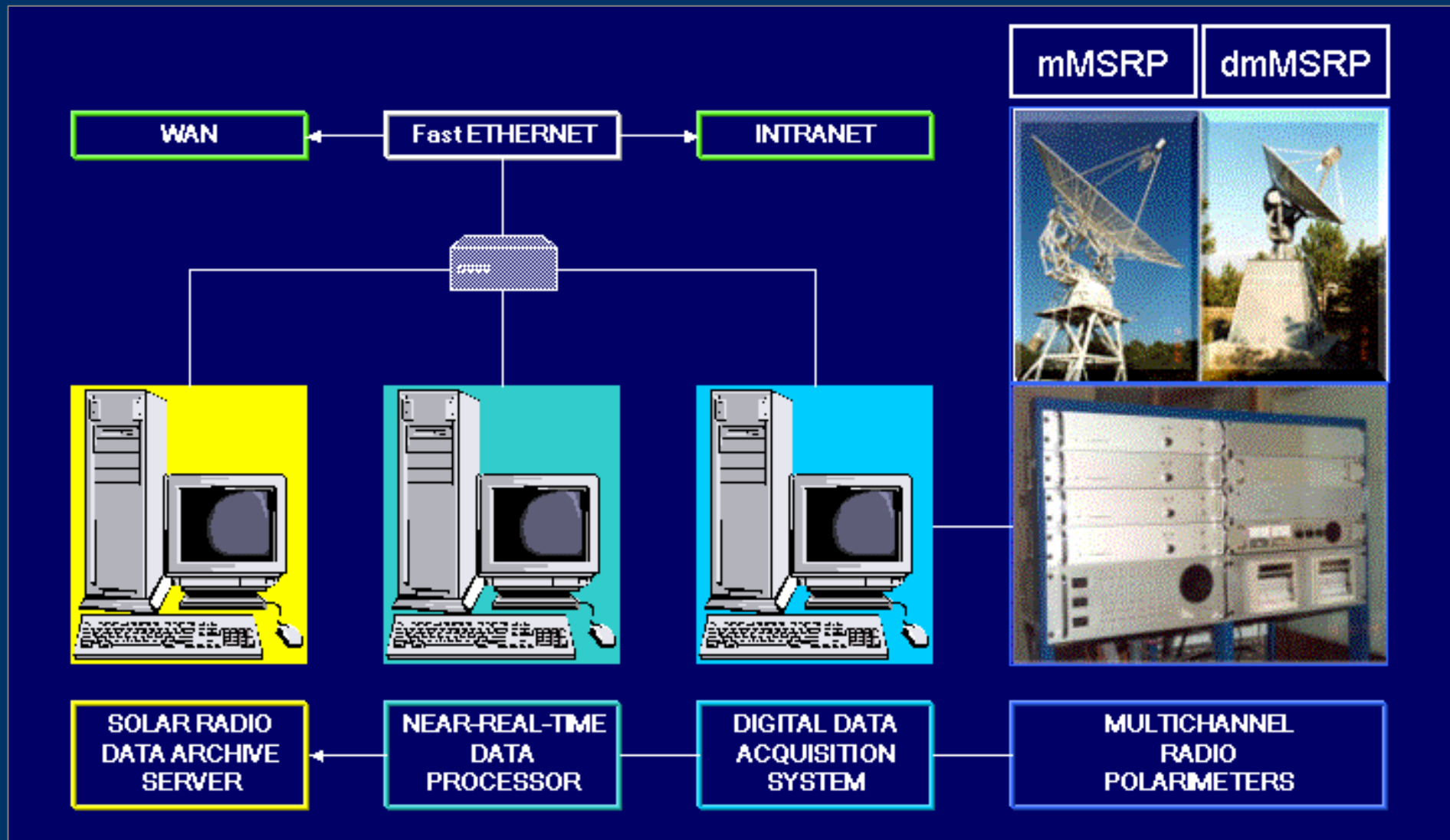
The Trieste Solar Radio System at a Glance

- TSRS (Trieste Solar Radio System)
 - MMSRP (237, 327, 408, 610 MHz)
 - DMMSRP (1420, 2695 MHz)
 - Flux density + Circular polarization
 - High time resolution (1 ms – 0.1 ms)
- Continuous coronal radio surveillance
- Radio indices published on the net in NRT
- SOLRA (SOLar Radio Archive) updated in NRT

Onset of a Strong Type IV Burst



Architecture of TSRS





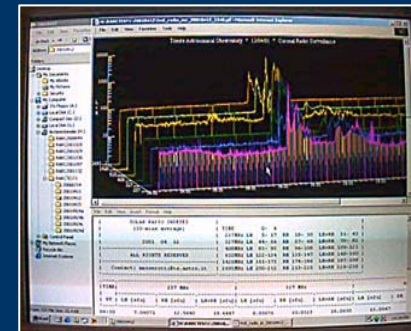
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TSRS WWW



DVD Juke-box

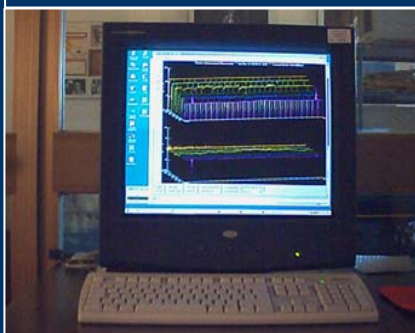


SOLRA Server



NRTAnalyzer

TSRS Control System



TSRS CONTROL ROOM

Scheme of Data Flow: Online and NRT Processing



Rx

LL Drivers

A/D

C Program

NRT

IDL Package

NRT DATA MANAGEMENT IDL PACKAGE

- Transfer Raw Data via Network Share
- Calibrate data on-the-fly
- Compute radio indexes
- Graph synoptic data and radio indexes
- Transfer SpW data to Web server
- Convert calibrated data to FITS format via an Object Library
- Manage data ingestion via an IDL COM (Component Object Model) by means of an ADO (ActiveX Data Object)

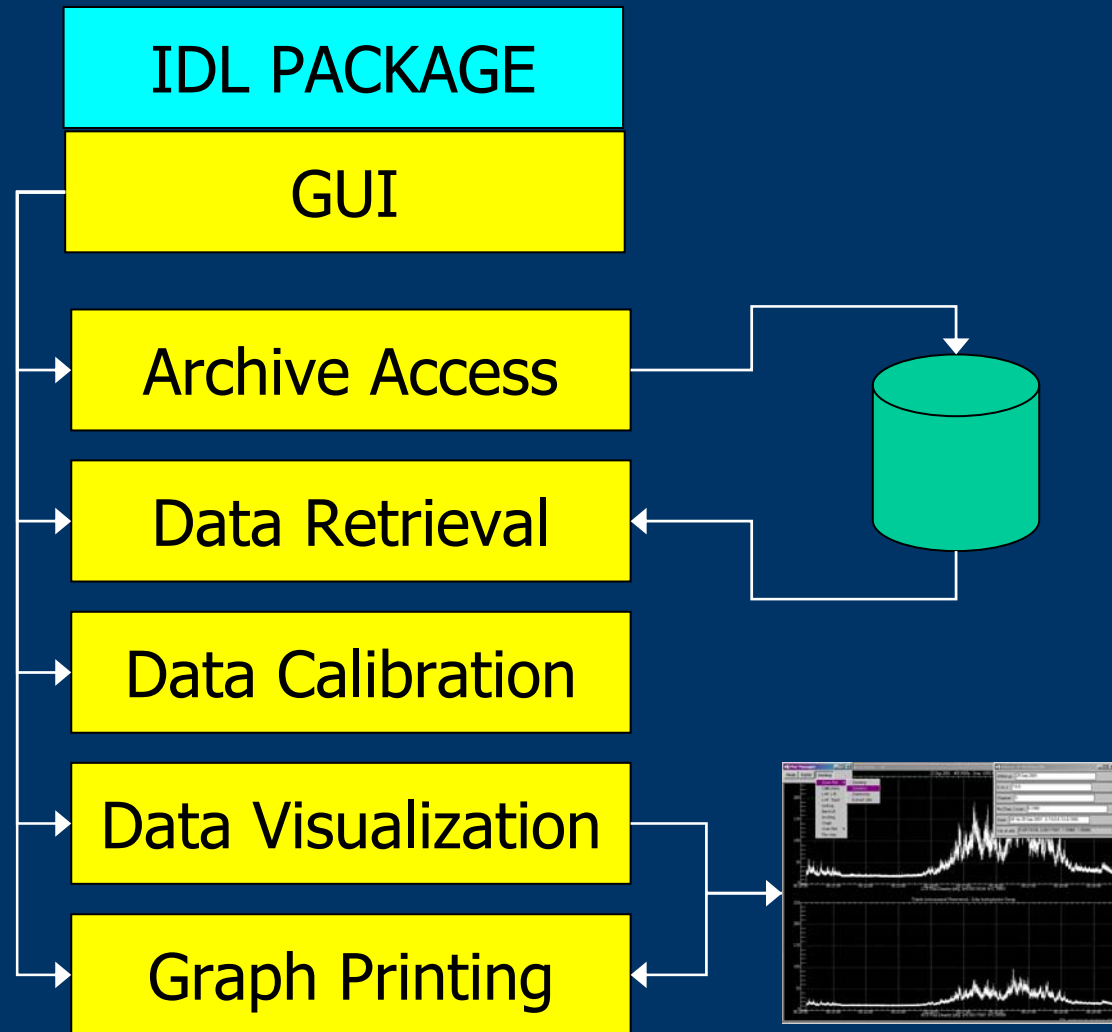
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SQL Server

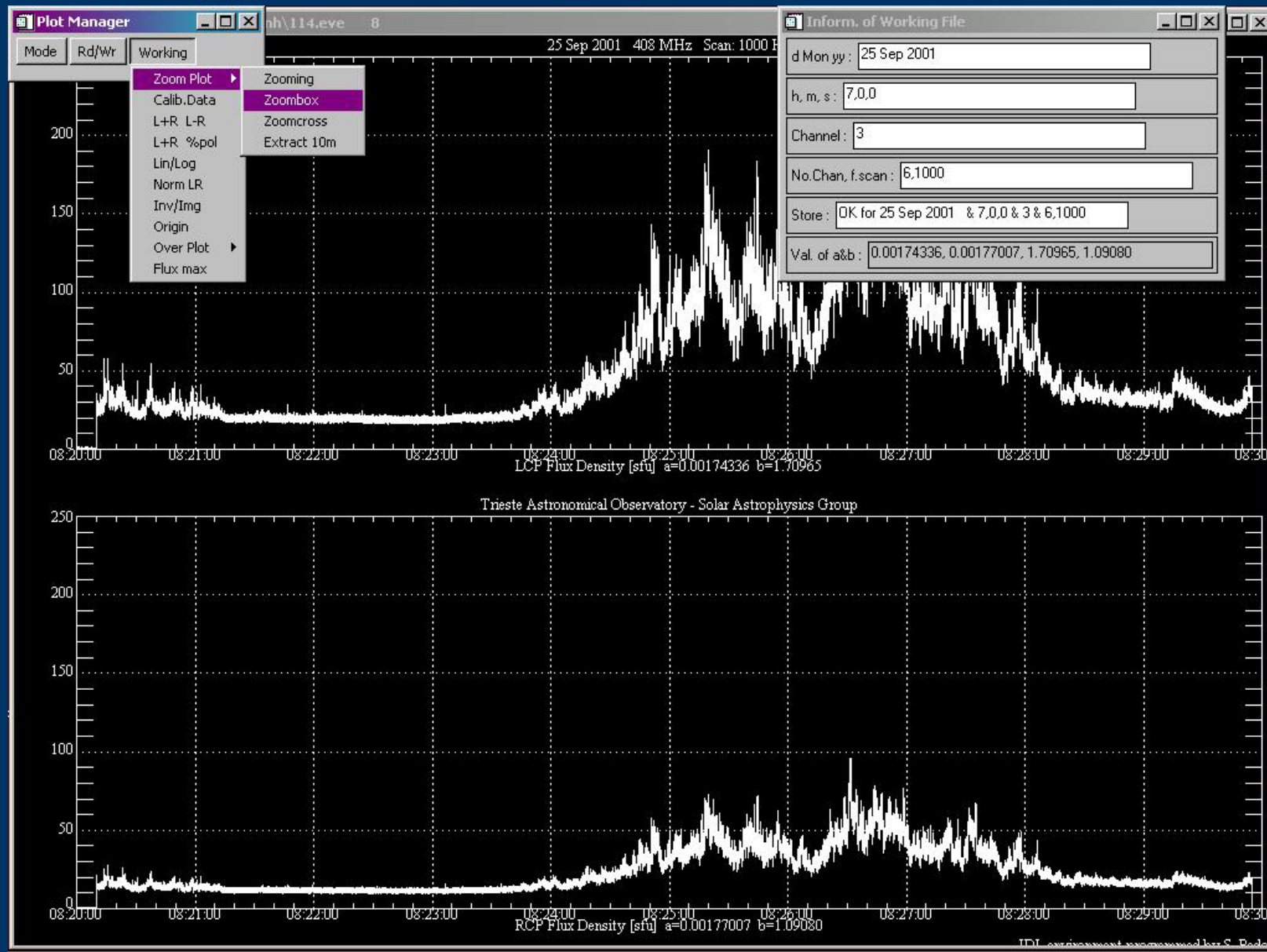
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Apache

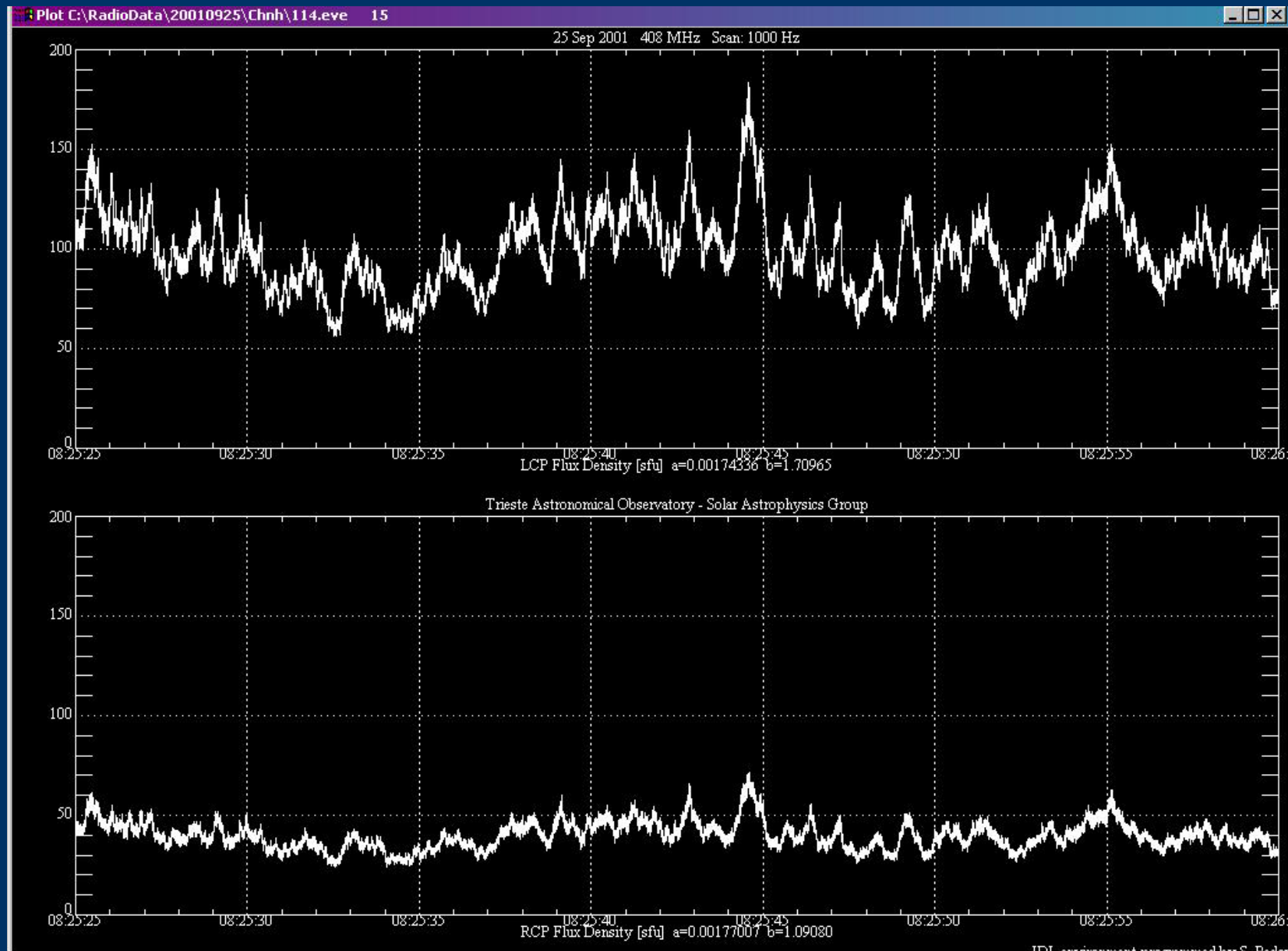
Scheme of Data Flow: Off-Line Analysis



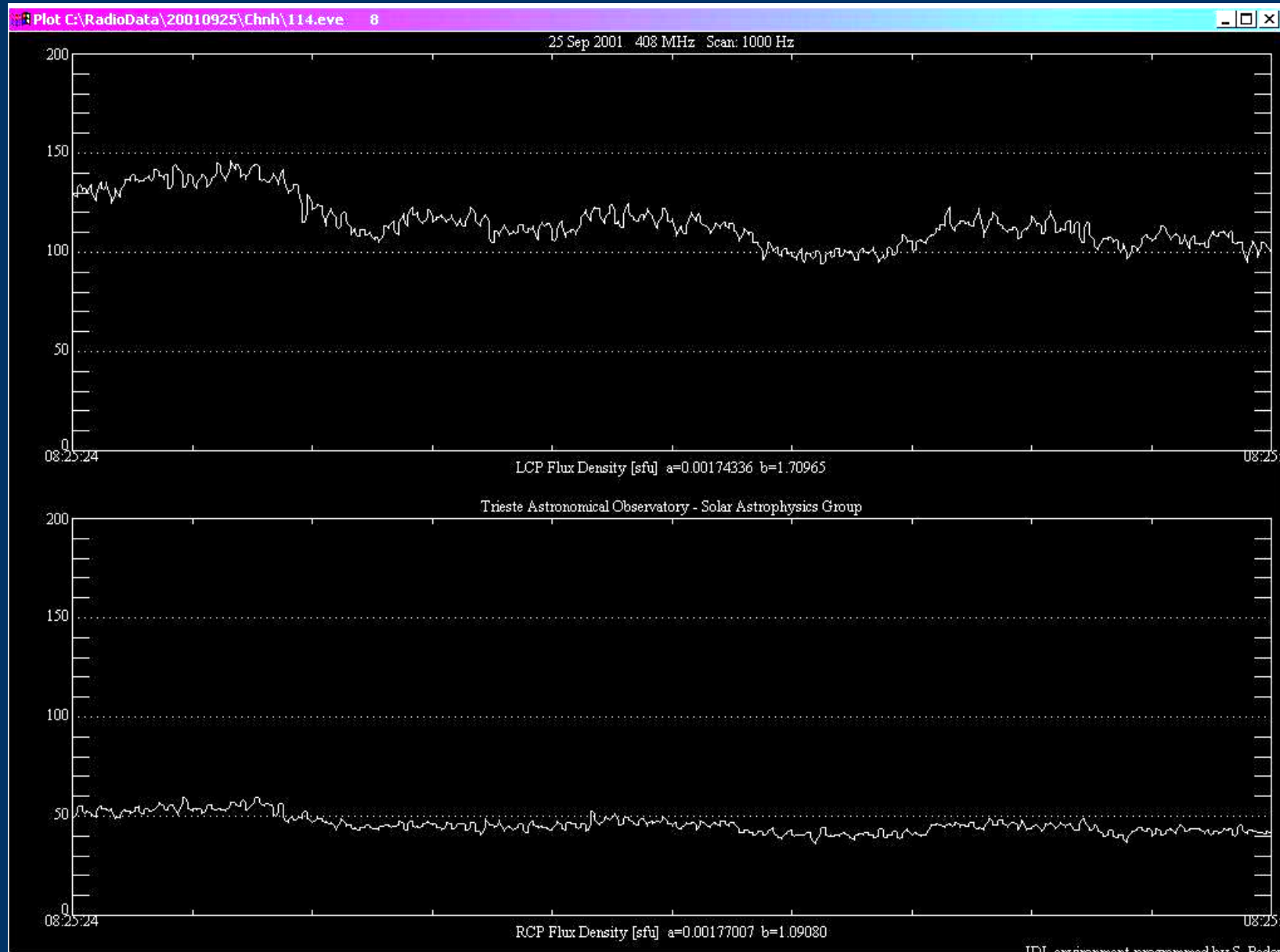
GUI of the Radio Data Processing Package



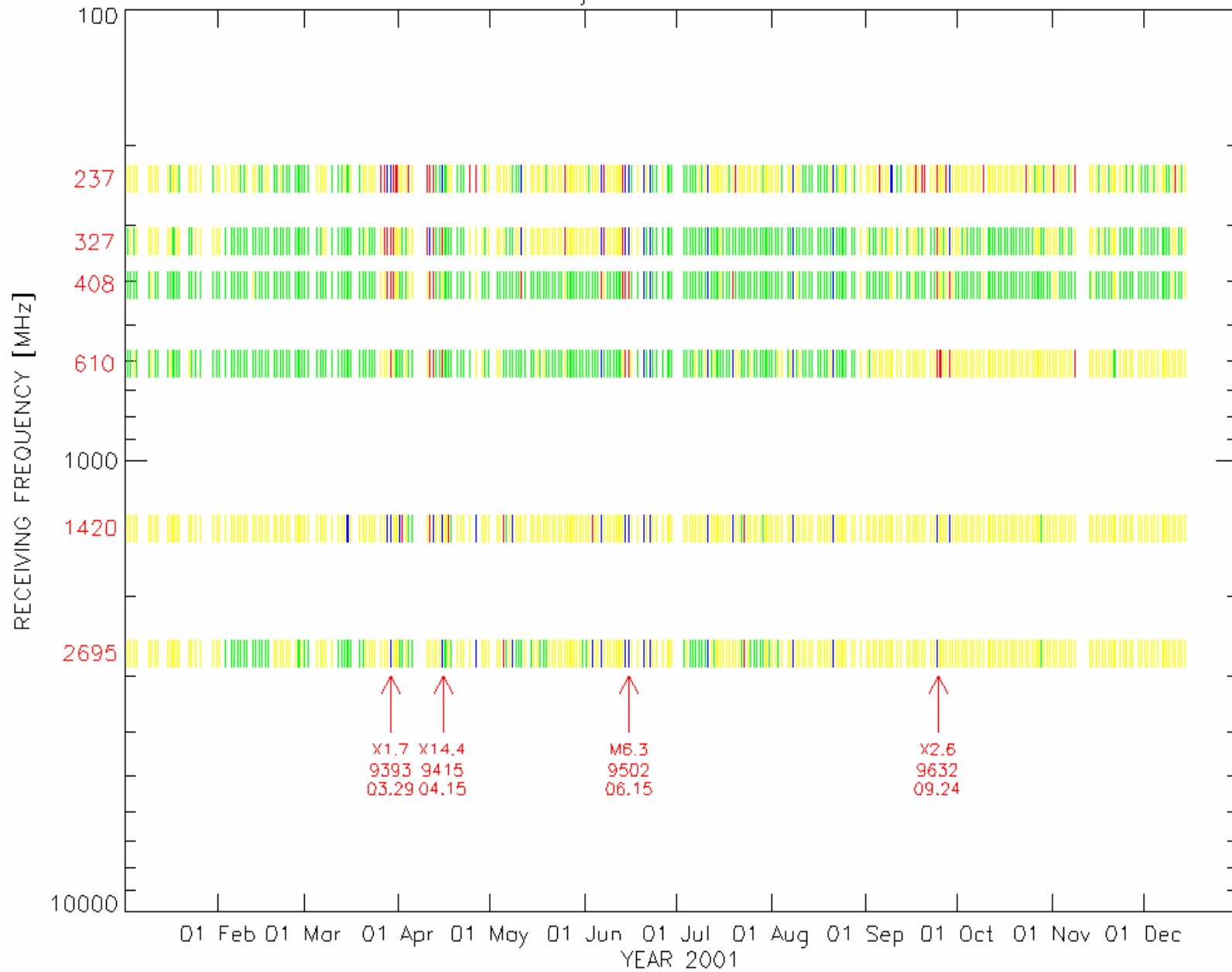
Interactive Selection and Zoom



High Zoom Factor



TSRS Daily Coronal Radio Indexes



TSRS Data Products

- High time res. calibrated data files (1kHz; 10min; FITS)
- High time res. uncalibrated data files (1kHz; 10min; BIN)

- 1-sec average calibrated data file (1 Hz; WD; FITS)
- 1-sec average calibrated data file (1 Hz; WD; BIN)

- 1-sec max. calibrated data file (1 Hz; WD; FITS)
- 1-sec max calibrated data file (1 Hz; WD; BIN)

- 1-sec median S+CP multichannel graph (WD; PNG)

TSRS Data Products Specific to Space Weather

- 1-min average radio index
 - whole day index values in text format (WD; TXT)
 - whole day LCP multichannel graph (WD; PNG)
 - whole day RCP multichannel graph (WD; PNG)
 - whole day (LCP+RCP) multichannel graph (WD; PNG)
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TSRS Data Products Specifications

- Radio indices are derived as 1-min average and 1-min maximum values, which are suitable to properly sample flare-associated emissions
- Indices values are expressed both in Solar Flux Units (SFU) and in dBm/Hz as in radio communications
- A 1-min ahead value of radio indices is derived via an autoregressive model to provide indices prediction
- Indices are computed over 1-min but updated every 10 minutes due to hardware constraints!

TSRS Solar Radio Noise (SRN) Level

- The Solar Radio Noise (SRN) level is derived according to a specific thresholding at each receiving frequency, which is based on the respective Quiet Sun levels via a multiplicative factor as

$$\text{SRN} = (\text{Quiet Sun level}) * (\text{Activity Factor})$$

- SRN is therefore classified as Low, Moderate, High
- Observed and predicted SRN values are published on the web site in NRT

TSRS Data Access

- All Space Weather Data Products are available online
- HTR FITS files of the last 2 months are online
- The archive is updated in NRT at a cadence of 10 mins
- Data access occurs via web through a simplified GUI
- Data are searchable, displayable and downloadable up to a maximum data volume otherwise sent on physical media upon request

TSRS Dedicated Web Site

- A dedicated web site is available at the URL:

<http://radiosun.ts.astro.it>

- The site is available also via WAP at the URL:

<http://radiosun.ts.astro.it/wap/en.wml>

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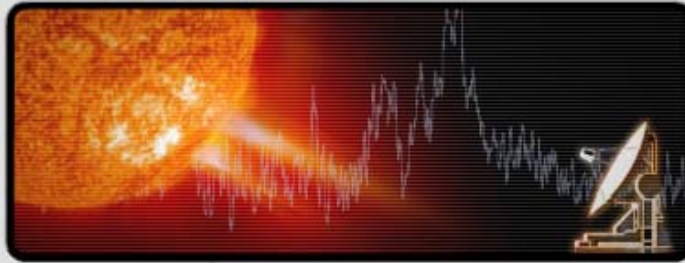
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NRT Solar Radio Noise

Freq [MHz]	237	327	408	610	1420	2695
SRN	H	H	H	H	H	H
predicted	H	M	M	M	M	M

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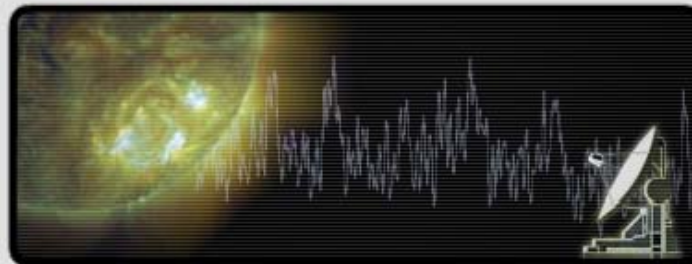
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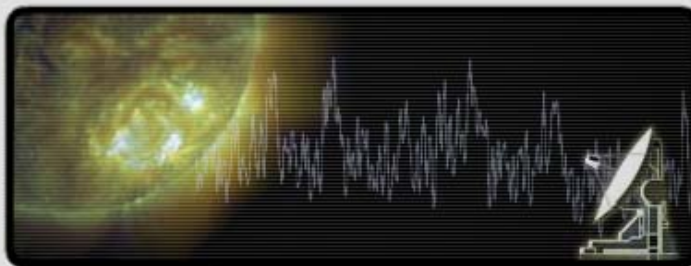


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Frequency [MHz]	Mean [SFU]	Max [SFU]	Mean [dBm/Hz]	Max [dBm/Hz]	SRN	Predicted [SFU]	Predicted [dBm/Hz]	Predicted SRN
237	7101	16222	-183	-179	H	2144	-188	H
327	3103	4072	-189	-188	H	368	-199	M
408	4334	13041	-190	-185	H	174	-204	M
610	4357	8863	-193	-190	H	179	-207	M
1420	3352	6257	-202	-199	H	184	-214	M
2695	4980	8032	-206	-204	H	342	-217	M

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SRN: Solar Radio Noise
 Q=Quiet sun
 L=Low
 M=Moderate
 H=High

SFU: Solar Flux Unit



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Frequency [MHz]	Mean [SFU]	Max [SFU]	Mean [dBm/Hz]	Max [dBm/Hz]	SRN	Predicted [SFU]	Predicted [dBm/Hz]	Predicted SRN
237	4173	6576	-185	-183	H	6639	-183	H
327	2703	4072	-190	-188	H	4097	-188	H
408	1704	4247	-194	-190	H	830	-197	H
610	947	4828	-200	-193	H	6157	-192	H
1420	591	1241	-209	-206	M	1517	-205	H
2695	1326	3557	-211	-207	H	3859	-207	H

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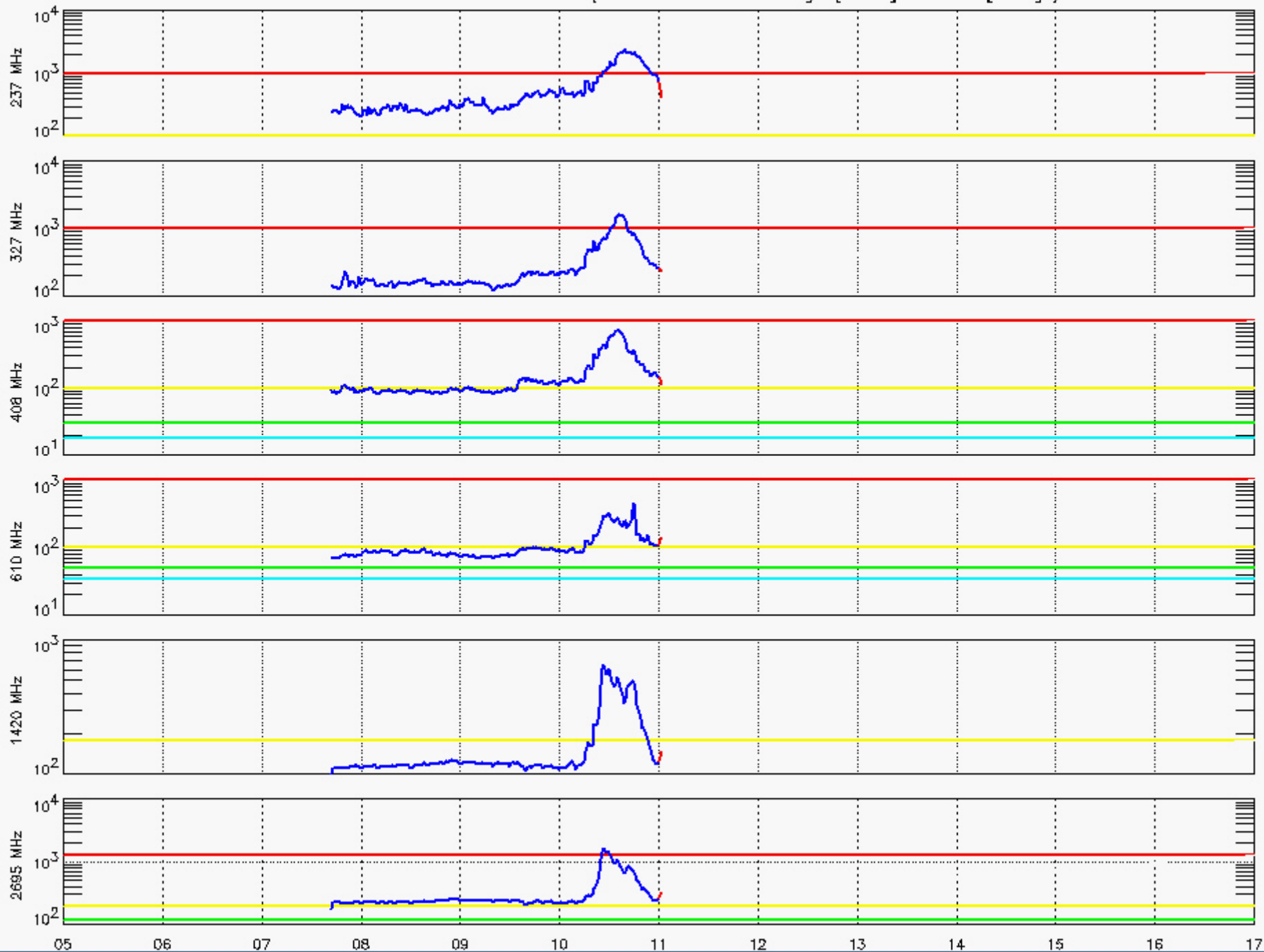
Frequency [MHz]	Mean [SFU]	Max [SFU]	Mean [dBm/Hz]	Max [dBm/Hz]	SRN	Predicted [SFU]	Predicted [dBm/Hz]	Predicted SRN
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327	1409	2239	-193	-191	H	2244	-191	H
408	957	2481	-196	-192	H	2162	-193	H
610	501	1522	-203	-198	H	1117	-199	H
1420	116	185	-216	-214	M	187	-214	M
2695	196	300	-220	-218	M	303	-218	M

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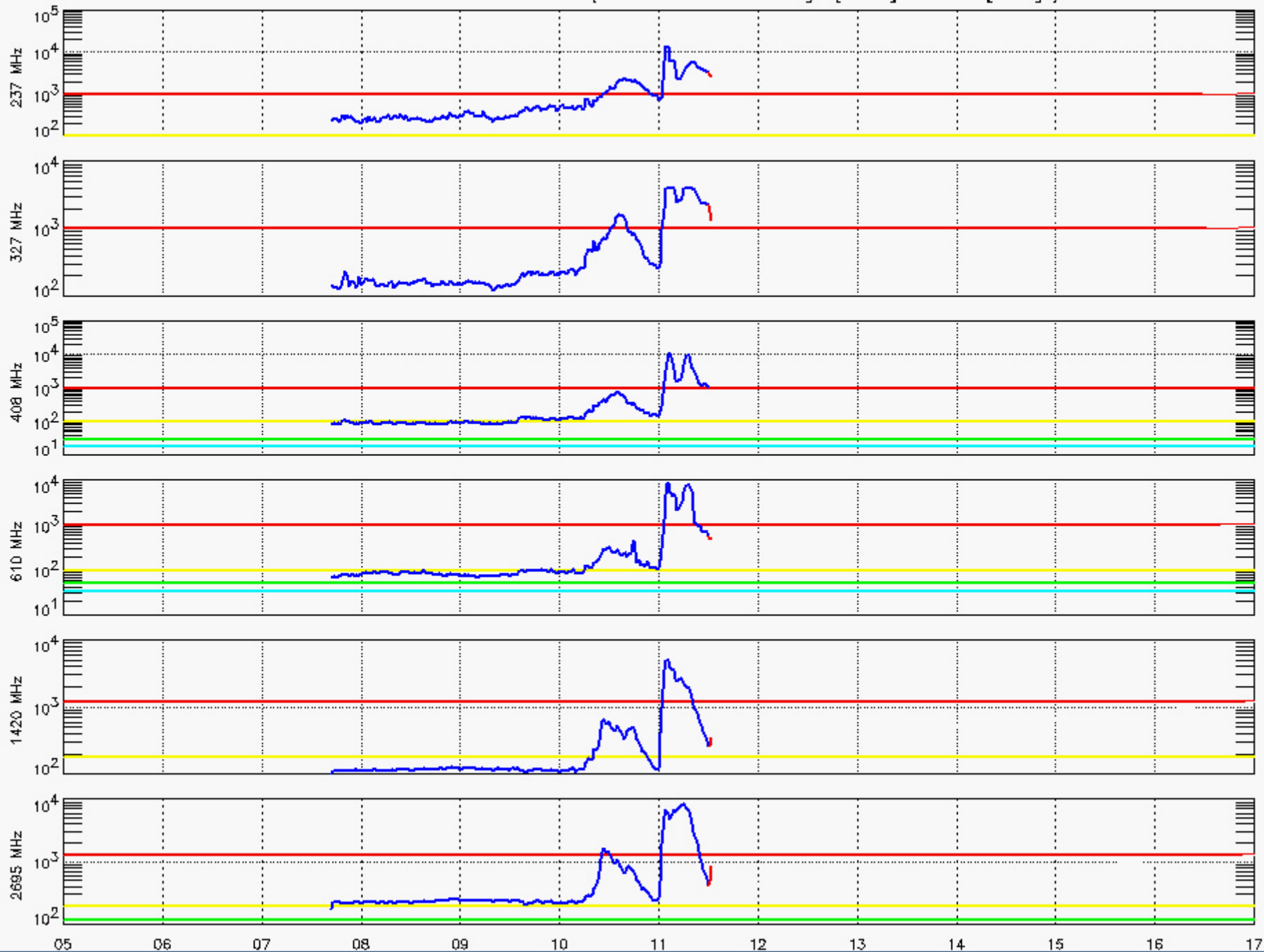
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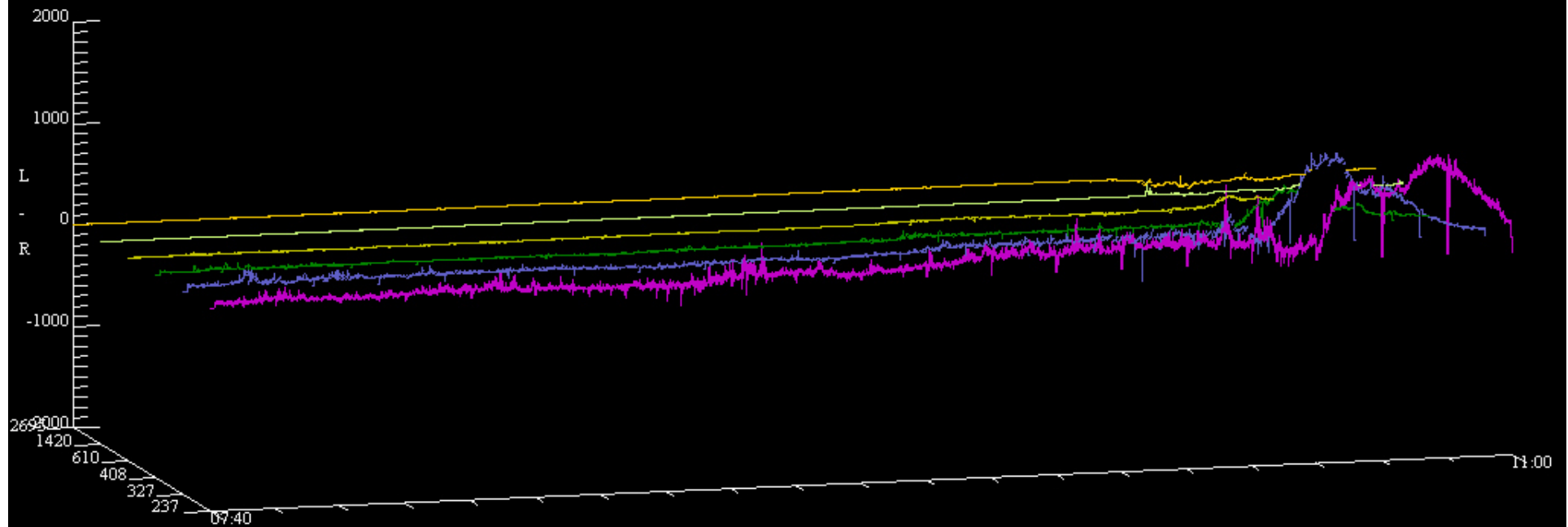
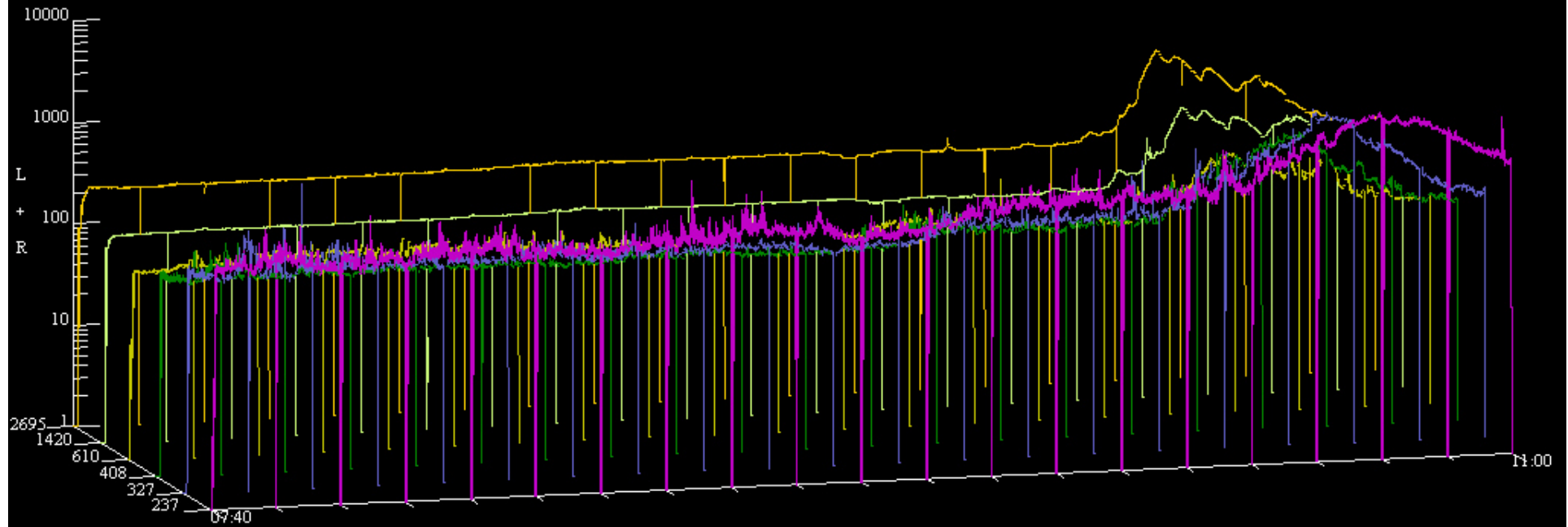
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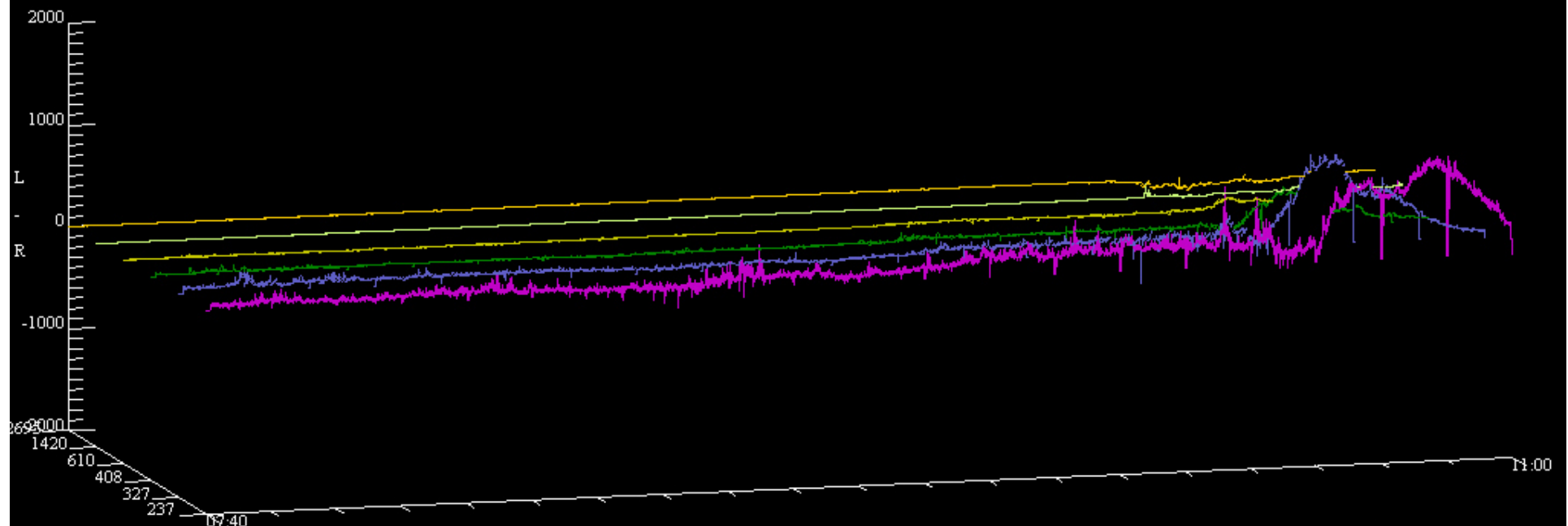
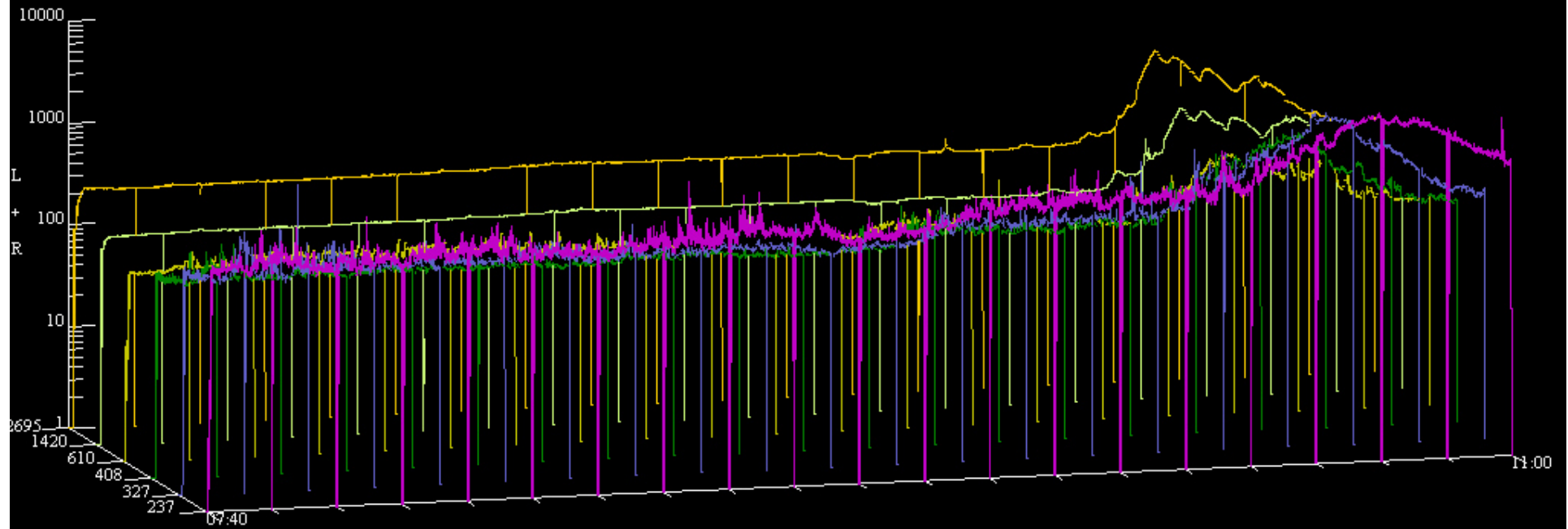


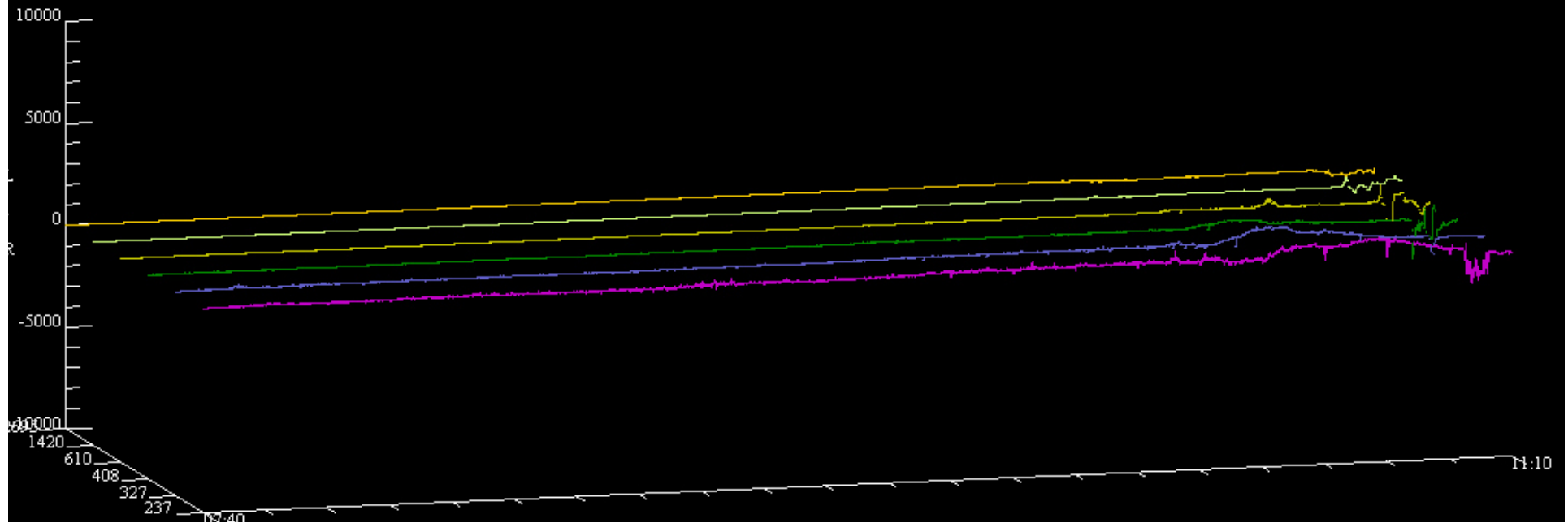
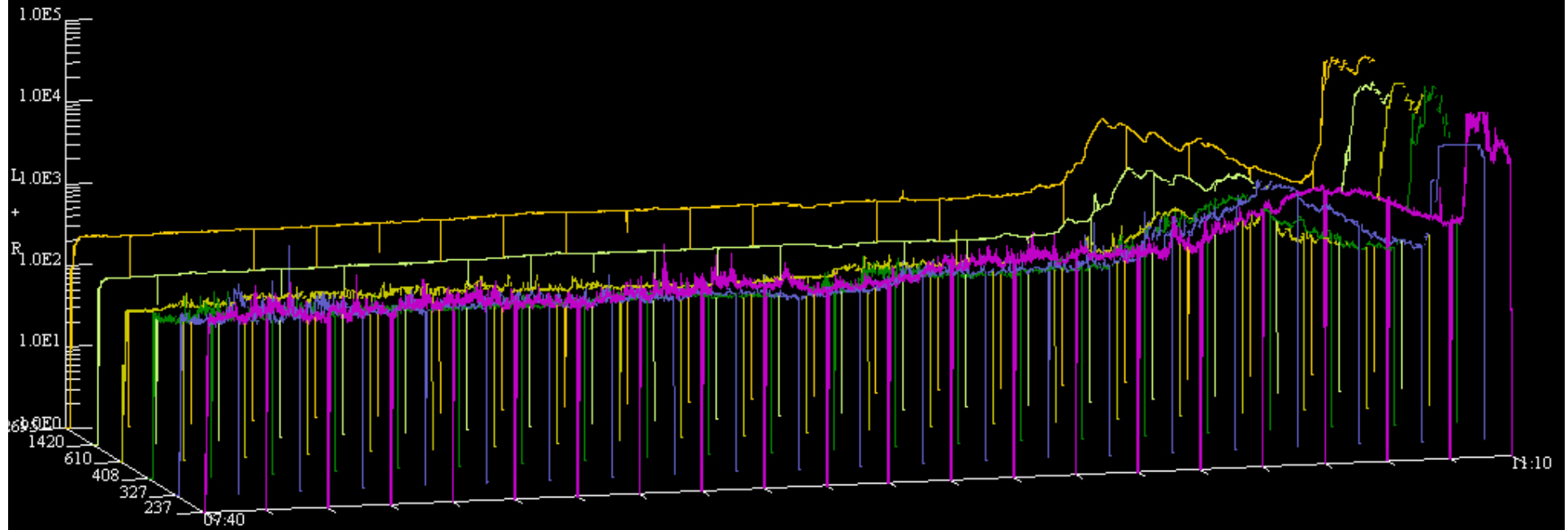
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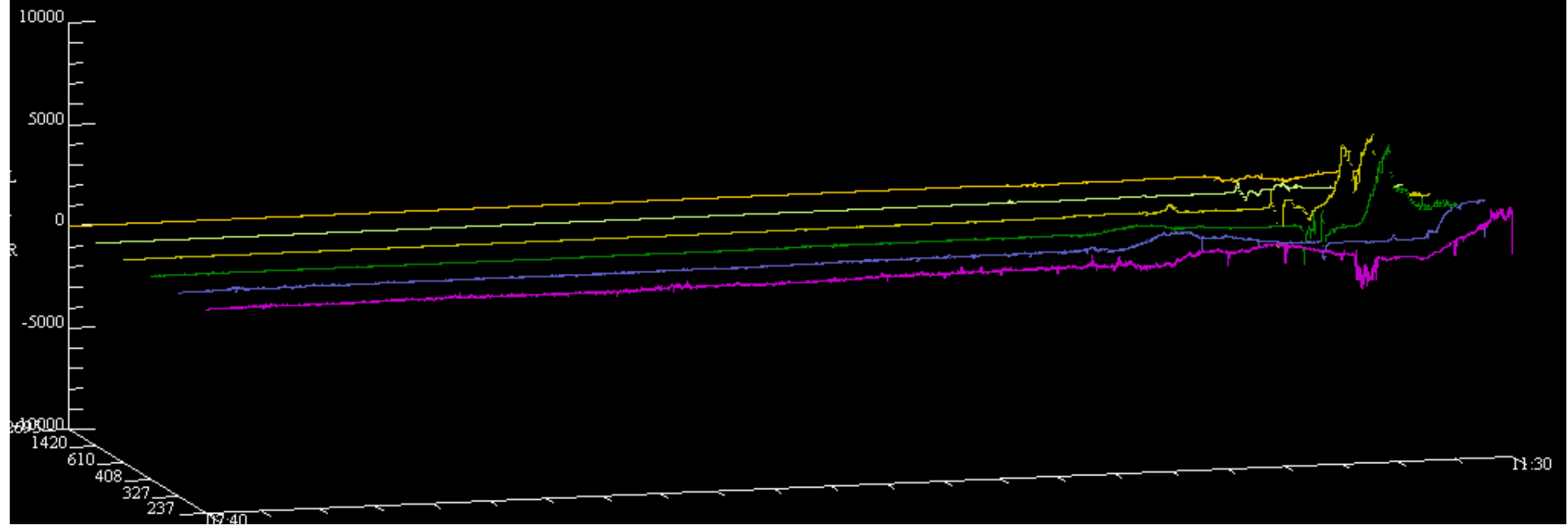
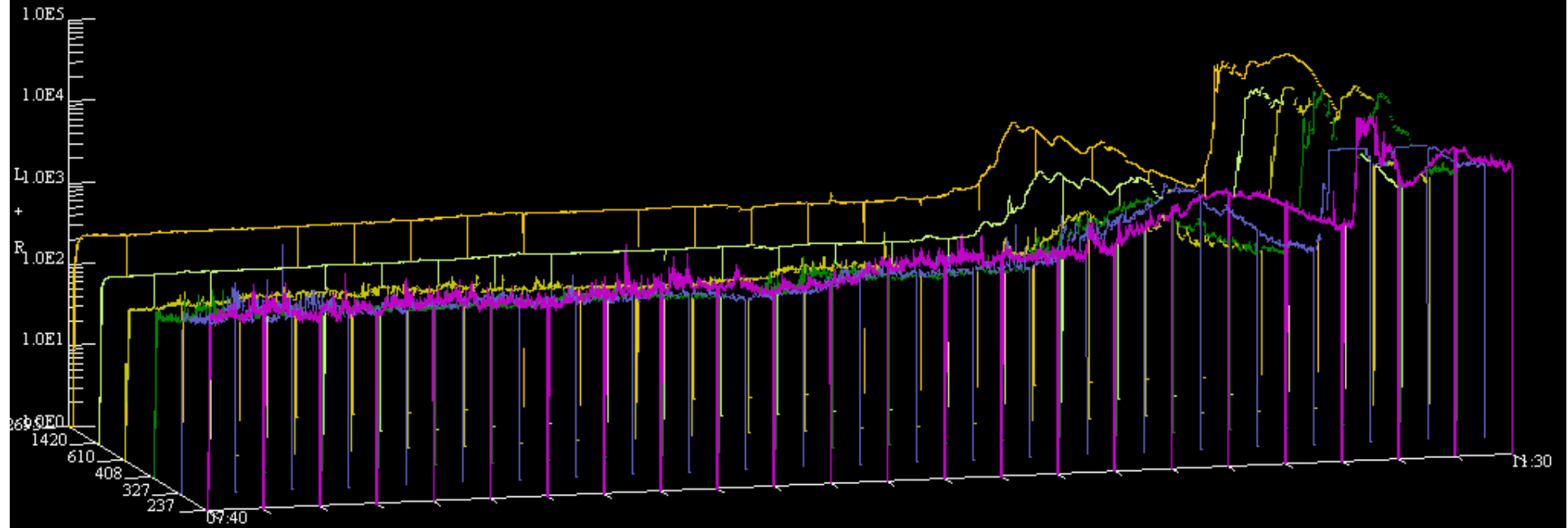


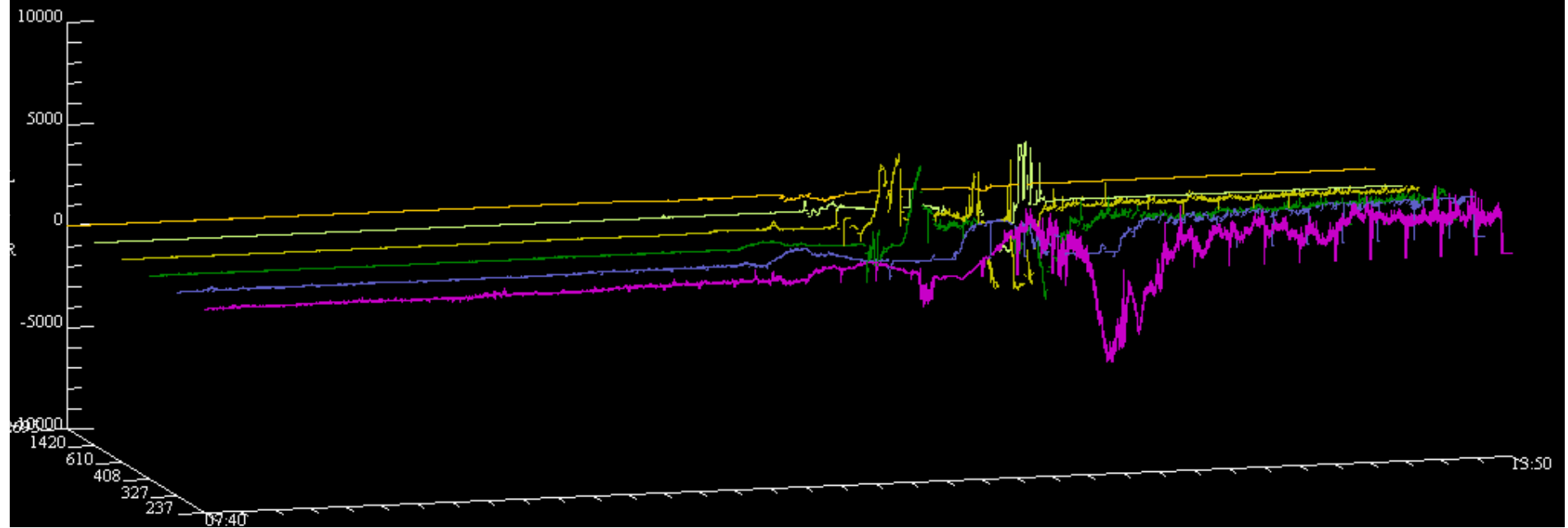
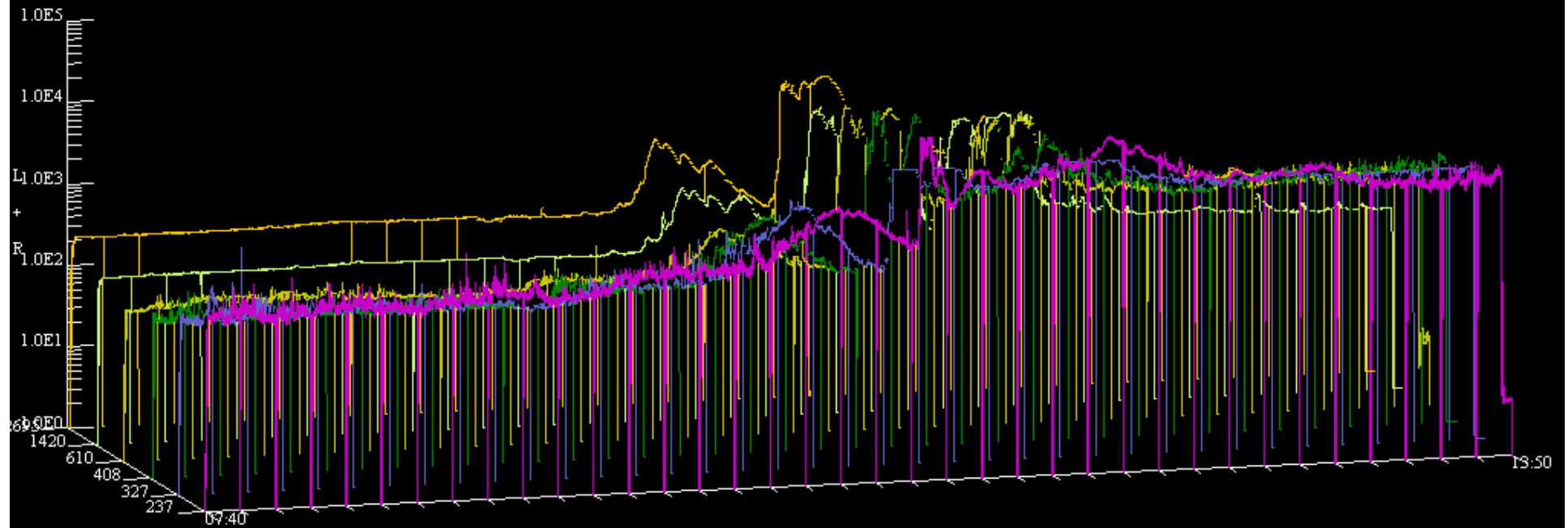
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The Trieste [Near-Real-Time Solar Radio Indices](#)

Solar radio indices are derived separately for each polarization channel (LH and RH flux density) at each receiving frequency (237, 327, 408, 610, 1495, 2695 MHz) and for the sum of the two polarization channels (LH + RH [total] flux density), by averaging the related radio flux density over 10-minutes intervals.

The relevant graphs are automatically generated and automatically updated in near-real-time with a time cadence of 10 minutes during the whole daily observing run, which spans from 06:00 UT to 17:00 UT at maximum.

In the graphs [black dots](#) indicate observed values and [red dots](#) indicate [10-minutes](#) forward-predicted values.

Click on the following links to open independent windows with the relevant graphs for the date:

- [Multichannel LCP 1-min-average index graph \(PNG\)](#)
- [Multichannel RCP 1-min-average index graph \(PNG\)](#)
- [Multichannel \(LCP+RCP\) 1-min-average index graph \(PNG\)](#)

- [Multichannel LCP 1-min-maximum index graph \(PNG\)](#)
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Click on the following links to open the FITS files:

- [1-min-average index values \(FITS\)](#)
- [1-min-maximum index values \(FITS\)](#)
- [Full Resolution Data \(FITS, last 10 mins\)](#)

Solar Radio Indices Graphs and numerical values in ASCII format for the previous days can be retrieved from the relevant [Solar Radio Archive](#).



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SOLRA - SOLar Radio Archive

Trieste Solar Radio System

- any time
- selected time interval

Starting date: 2003 November 1 00 00
Ending date: 2003 November 1 23 59

Time intervals are based on the UTC reference system

Data type: ALL

The data type depends on file contents: sampling rate, frequencies and polarization of the observed data, etc.

File format: ALL

The file format depends on how the file is physically stored. There are compressed or uncompressed files, text, binary or graphic files, etc.

File name:
(substring search)

Insert a string to search on matching file names, exactly or partially

Search! Reset



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- 1-min-average index values (FITS)
- 1-min-maximum index values (FITS)
- 1-min-average index values (BIN)
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- Multichannel synoptic graph (PNG)
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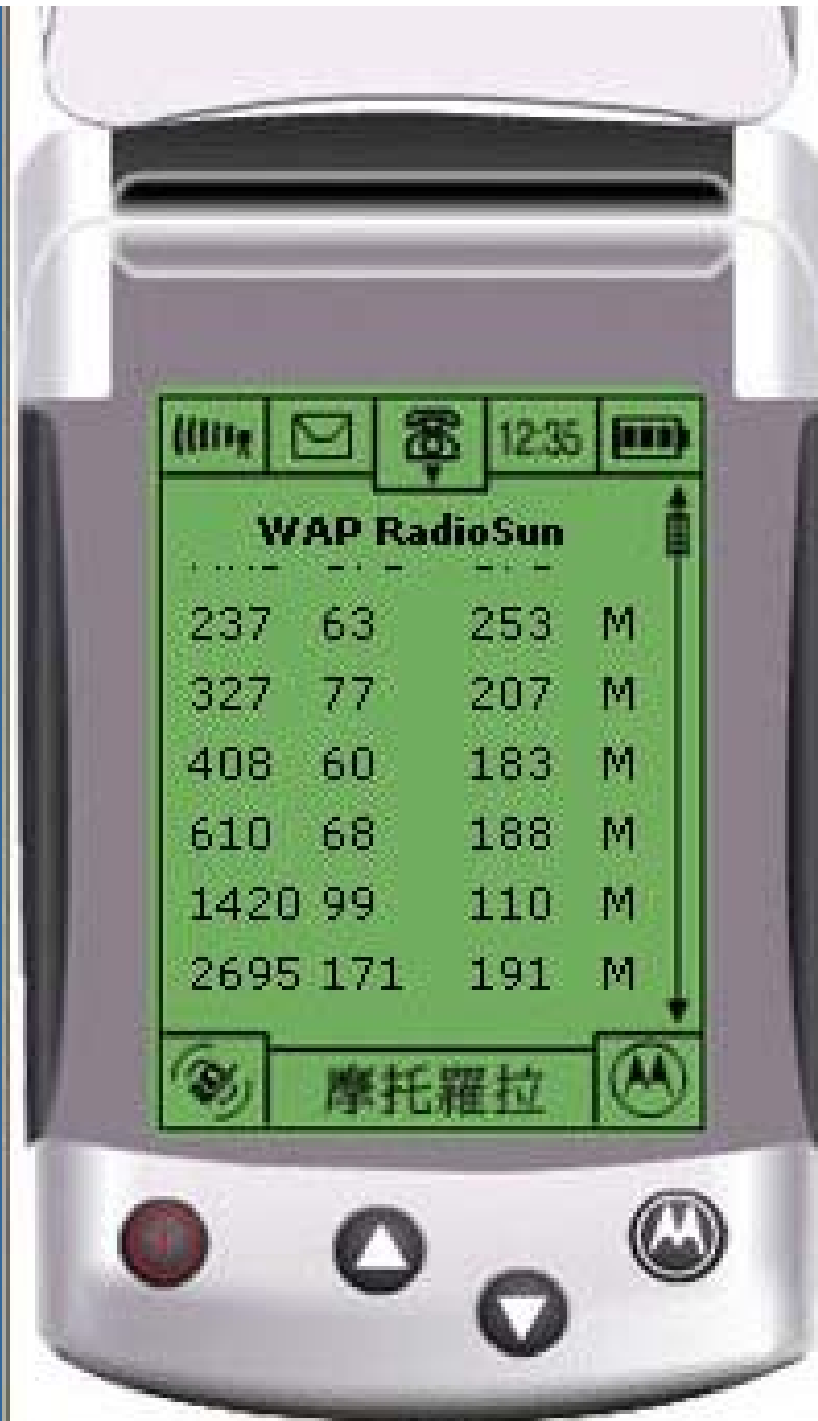














CONCLUSIONS

- TSRS is now **FULLY OPERATIONAL** in NRT
- The TSRS archive is now **UPDATED** in NRT
- Data access is available via **HTML and WAP**
- **TSRS** is an EFFECTIVE OBSERVATIONAL TOOL for CORONAL RADIO SURVEILLANCE PURPOSES
- **PROJECTS:** ESA SWENET, COST Action 724