STEREO/WAVES Interplanetary Radio Burst Tracker

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Science Summary

The STEREO/WAVES (S/WAVES) experiment will:

- Track and probe CME-driven shocks from the corona to 1 AU
- Map the in situ structure of CME-driven shocks and flare electron beams
- Probe the density and IMF structure of the heliosphere before and after CMEs
- Understand the radio emission process and beam pattern of radio bursts
- Measure electron density and temperature of filament material in clouds
- A remote sensing instrument **and** an in-situ instrument in one
- Receivers in frequency domain **and** time domain

Sensitive receivers - require an electromagnetically clean spacecraft!

Radio emissions from the inner heliosphere

- Radio traces energetic electrons
 - propagating along magnetic field lines (type III)
 - accelerated at shock fronts (type II)
 - trapped in magnetic traps (type I, type IV)

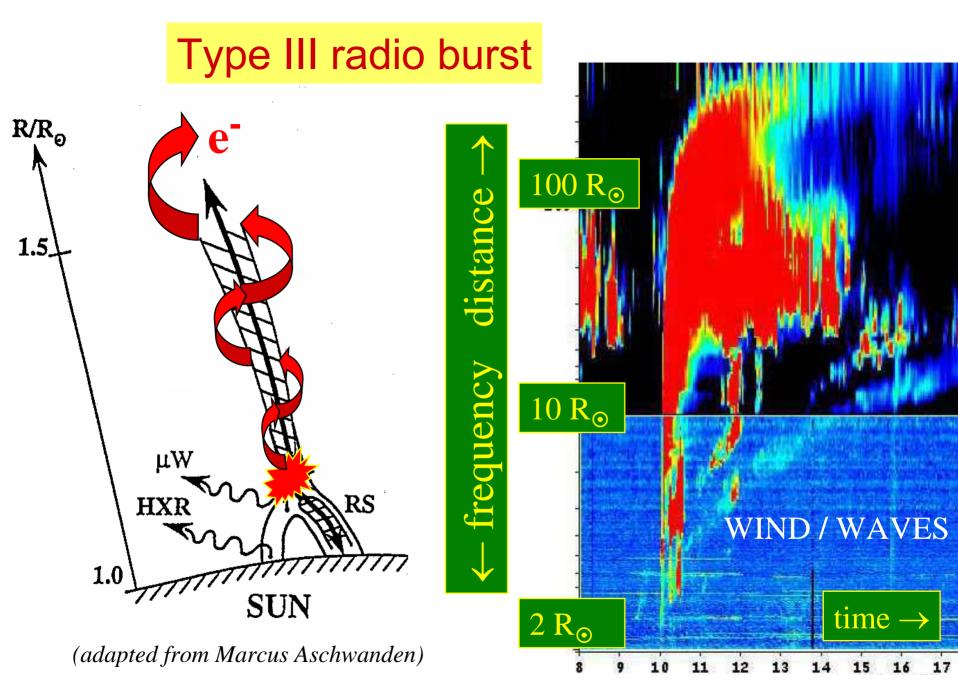
Radio emissions from the inner heliosphere

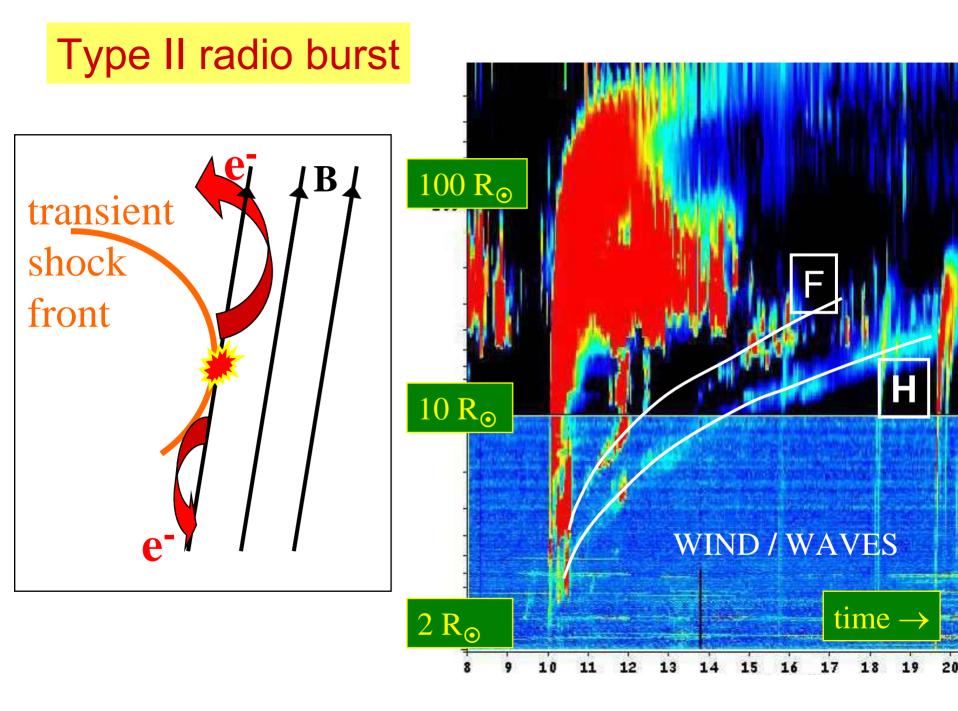
- Radio frequency is determined by the local electron density N_e at the source location
 - "plasma radiation" on local $f_p = 9 N_e^{1/2}$ or $2 f_p$
 - → essentially long wavelength radio astronomy $\Box \lambda > 10 \text{ m}$; f < 30 MHz (angular resol. = λ /D)

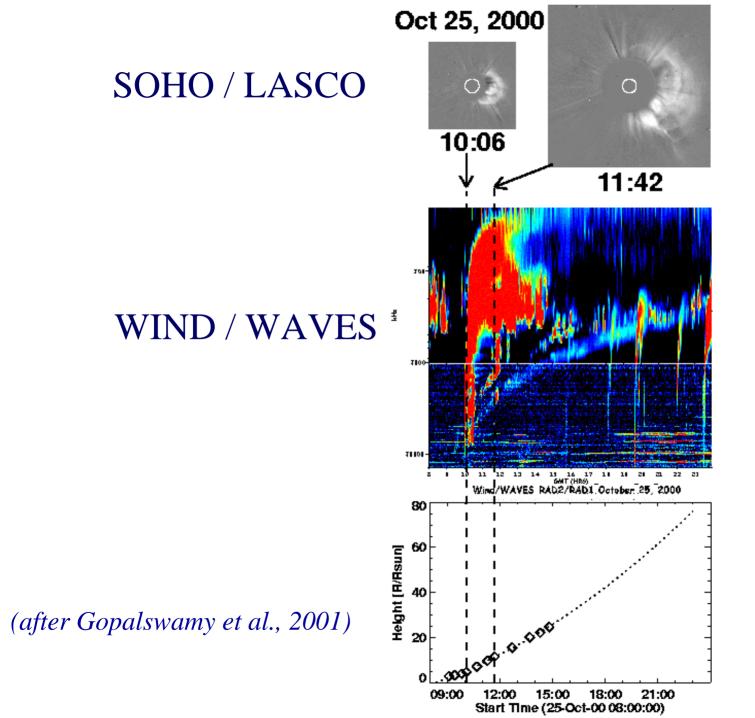
 \rightarrow relation observing frequency - distance from Sun

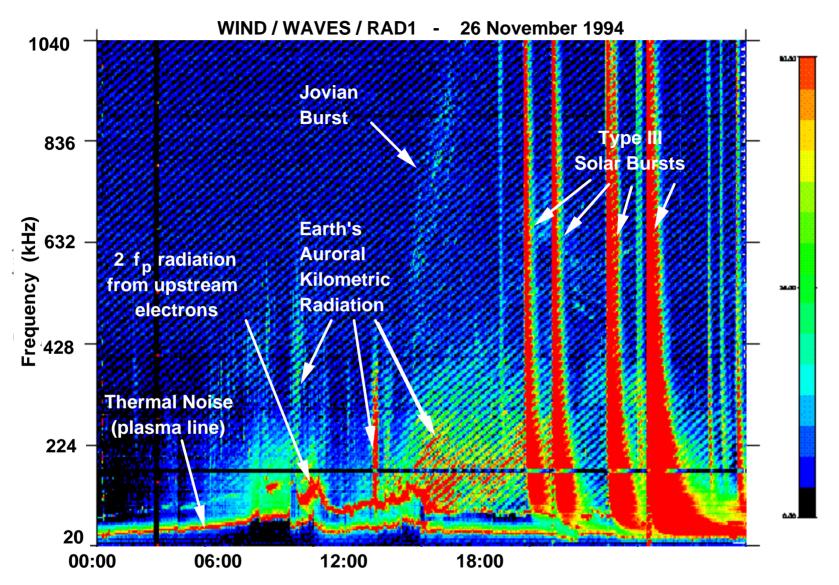
Radio emissions from the inner heliosphere

	$N_e (cm^{-3})$	fp
low corona	$\geq 10^8$	≥ 100 MHz
~ 10 R _☉	$\sim 10^4$	~ 1 MHz
~ 30 R _☉	$\sim 1.5 \ 10^3$	~ 350 kHz
~ 1 AU	~ 10	~ 30 kHz



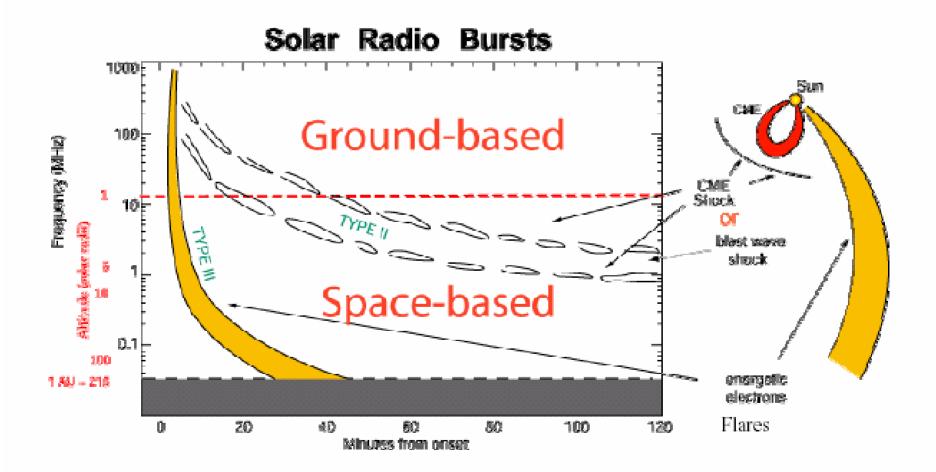






a range of diagnostics obtained with the same instrument and well discriminated on the dynamic spectrum

 $F_p(kHz)=9\sqrt{N_e(cm^{-3})} \rightarrow F_p \propto 1/R$



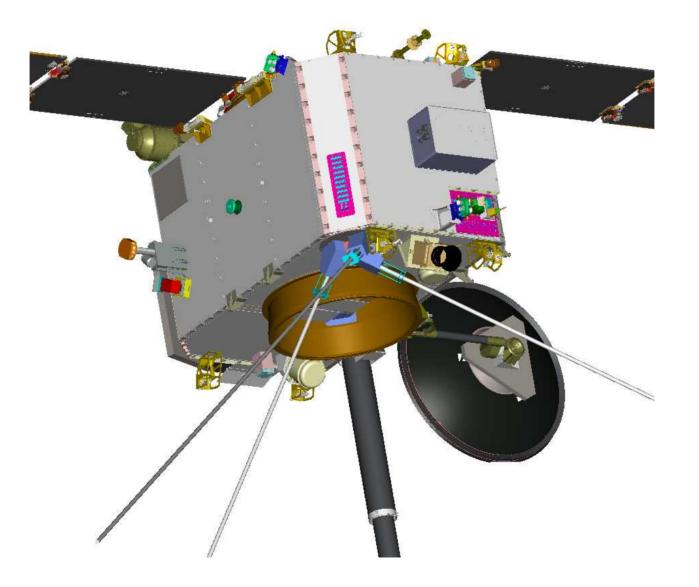
Radio emissions from the inner heliosphere direction finding

- presently (one spacecraft):
 - radio yields full direction + frequency-distance ranging
 - \rightarrow <u>full 3-D localization</u> in space with one instrument

BUT

- only position of source centroid and equivalent width
- need to use average or assumed density model
- STEREO \equiv major step :
 - will allow us to refine the density model,
 - will give us access to propagation effects (IPS-like),
 - will provide new information on <u>radiation mechanisms</u>, <u>source structure</u>, etc

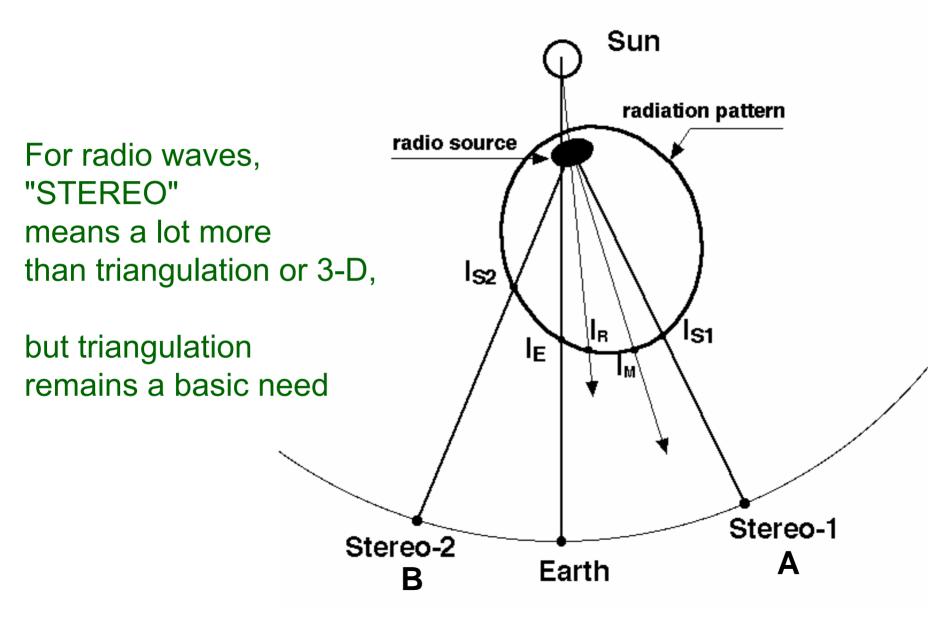
S/WAVES Investigation



S/WAVES Measurements

- Frequency Domain 2.5kHz to 16MHz
 - Low Frequency Receiver (LFR)
 - 1 channel, 3 bands (160kHz-40kHz), (40kHz-10kHz), (10kHz-2.5kHz)
 - 1 channel, 2 bands (160kHz-40kHz), (40kHz-10kHz)
 - High Frequency Receiver (HFR)
 - 2 channels, 125kHz to 16.025MHz in 319 steps of 50kHz (picket fence)
- Fixed Frequency Receiver (FFR)
 - 1 channel, 30MHz or 32MHz
- Time Domain 30mHz to 125kHz
 - Time Domain Sampler (TDS) has 4 wideband burst channels
 - Snapshots sampled at up to 250,000 samples/second/channel
 - 16Mbits/second acquired (24by7), **much** less sent to the ground
 - Interval Max 4 channels
 - LWS histogram
 - Low rate science (64S/s)
- Sensors
 - 3 orthogonal electric antennas
- S/WAVES package is **identical** on both spacecraft

Radio stereoscopy



Radio stereoscopy : Parameters and methods

• basic physical parameters :

- Detailed radiation pattern
- 3-D localization of radio sources + propagating effects
- group delays

measured parameters:

- radio intensity ---->
- polarization ----
- time-of-flight ---->
- dynamic spectrum ---->
- source direction ---->
- source diameter ---->
- methods :
 - dispersive diagrams of intensities
 - statistical analyses as a function of the stereo angle
 - triangulation
 - Study of time-of-flights
 - Correlation studies (in situ plasma, coronagraphs, imagers, ground data)

- directivity
- ----> directivity of modes, propagation
 - ----> localization, group delays
 - ----> radiation mecanism / propagation
 - ---> triangulation, propagation
 - ---> source structure, propagation

Radio stereoscopy

- Results have been sometimes surprising :
 - strong directivity (beaming ≈ 15° at HF, 50° at LF)
 - Non radial orientation of the beam patterns
 - Evaluation of time-of-flight and group delays

(often 'anomalous')

- Radio bursts seen behind the Sun

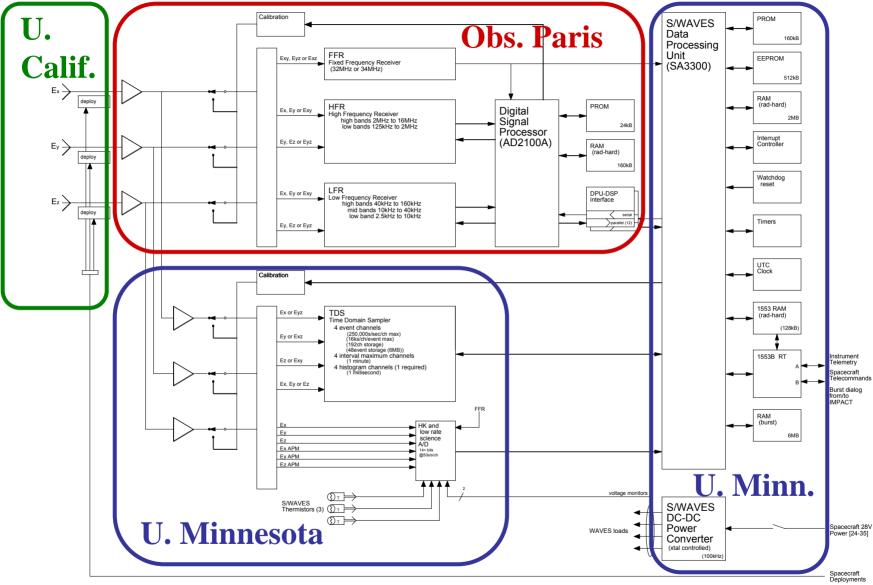
(quasi-isotropic halo at low level)

Very rich diagnostic with many tools

What can we learn from radio stereoscopy?

- radio radiation mechanisms (S/WAVES / IMPACT)
 - radiation modes (fundamental and/or harmonic : ambiguity is raised)
 - Wave-particle correlations (micro-physics)
 - constraints on theories
 - local structure and topology of the source
- type III bursts (energetic electrons) (S/WAVES / IMPACT / SECCHI)
 - Radiation mechanism, association with electron events
 - structure and topology of large scale magnetic fields (mapping)
 - understanding propagation phenomena (weak/strong scattering)
- type II bursts (shock waves) (S/WAVES / IMPACT / SECCHI)
 - association with Coronal Mass Ejections (3-D localization of the source)
 - formation and evolution of the shock (study of multiple sources)
 - acceleration of energetic particules from the shock
- interplanetary type III storms (long lasting electr. streams) (S/WAVES/SECCHI)
 - association with Active Regions and Heliospheric Current Sheet (study in 3-D)
 - relaxation of magnetic energy in active regions associated with CMEs

The S/WAVES instrument

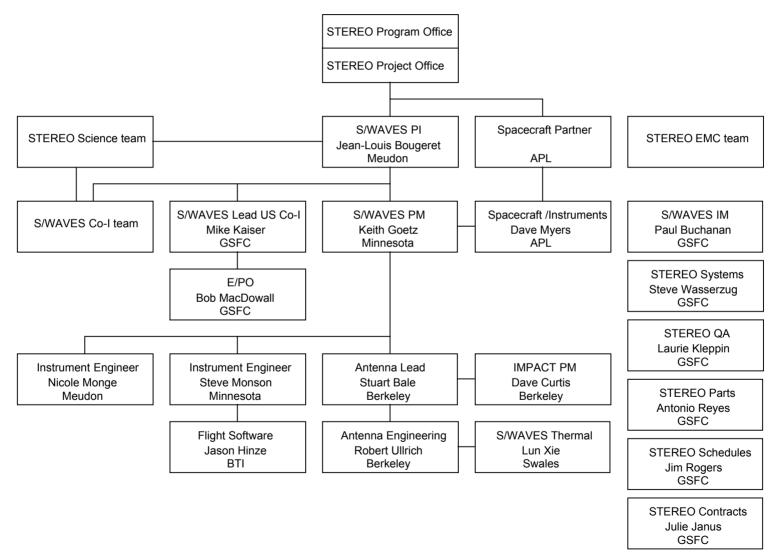


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S/WAVES hardware

- Main electronics package
 - Meudon
 - High Frequency Receiver (FFR, HFR, LFR)
 - Digital Signal Processor
 - Minnesota
 - Time Domain Sampler
 - Data Processing Unit (HK, LRS, FFR)
 - Power Supply
- Antenna Assembly
 - Berkeley
 - Antenna deployment units
 - Antenna mounting plate
 - Meudon
 - Preamplifier electronics
 - Minnesota
 - Preamplifier enclosure
 - Deployment filters
- Ground Support Equipment
 - Minnesota
 - Data acquisition/access/analysis hardware and software
 - · Test, analysis and display software
 - Meudon
 - Stimuli hardware
 - Test, analysis and display software
 - Berkeley
 - RF test caps

S/WAVES team



Resources

- All resources are probably in acceptable shape
- Mass 13.23kg against 14.1kg delivery NTE
- Power 15.4W against 14.0W delivery NTE 1.4W
 Bit rate 1,916b/s against 2,037b/s minimum allocation
- Schedule no slack APL is waiting
- Dollars Program is fully funded, slightly under budget
- Euros French program is fully funded
- Power has crept up
 - A request for a power increase is in process no problem
 - Current value has been reported to our S/C partners at APL

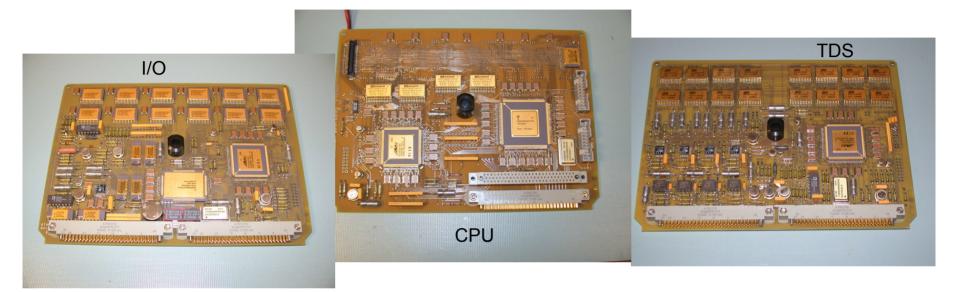
Receiver - FM1

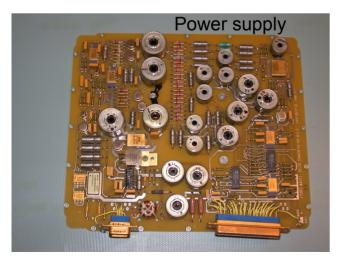


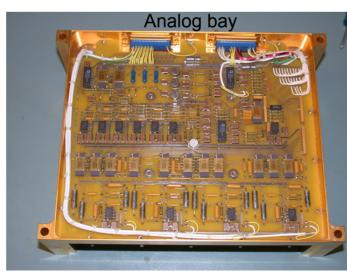
Receiver - FM2



Insides



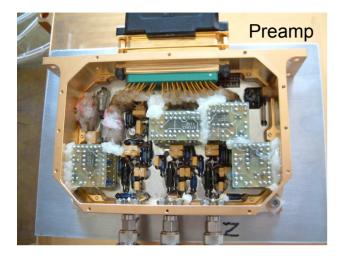


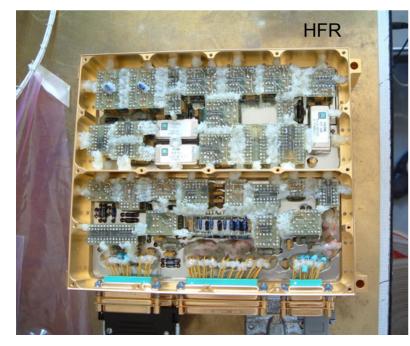


Antenna filter

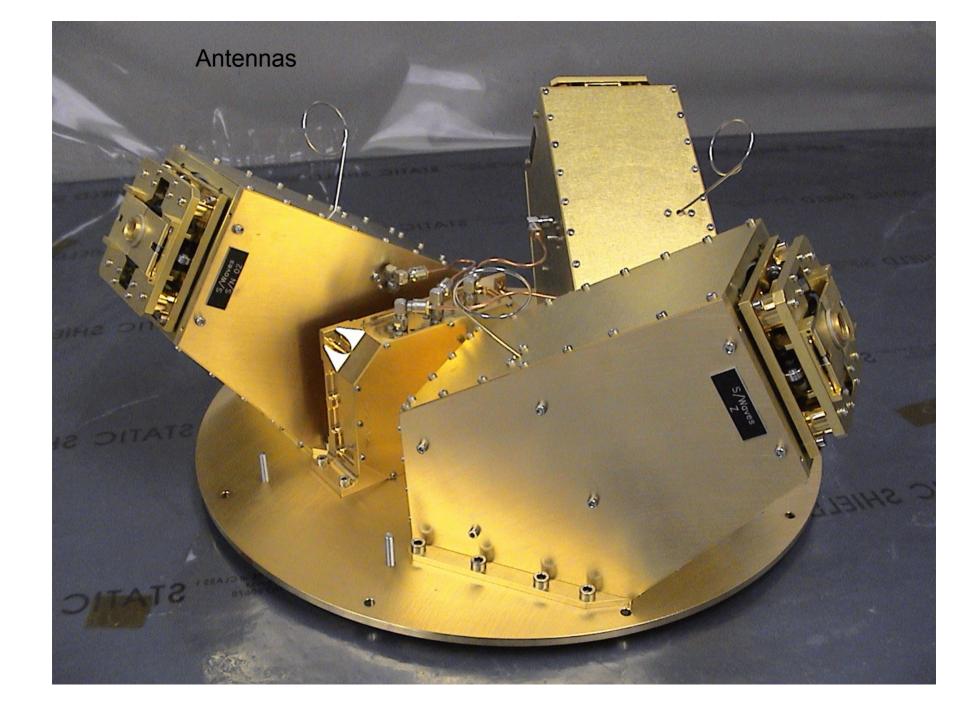


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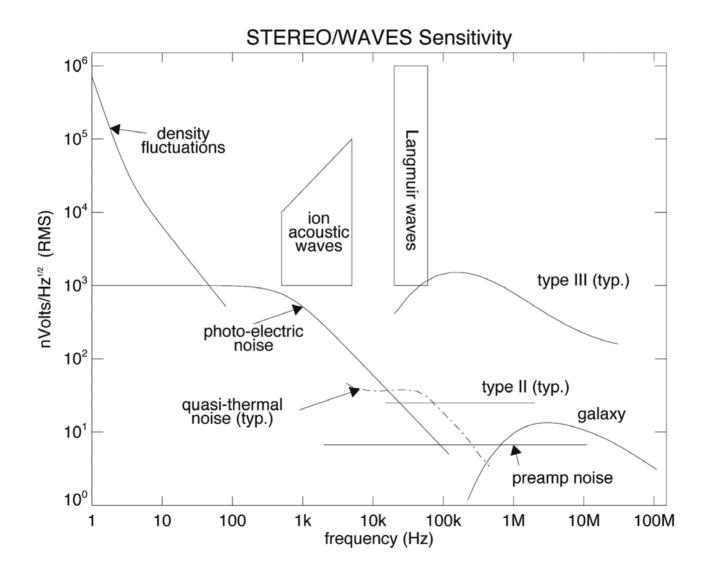




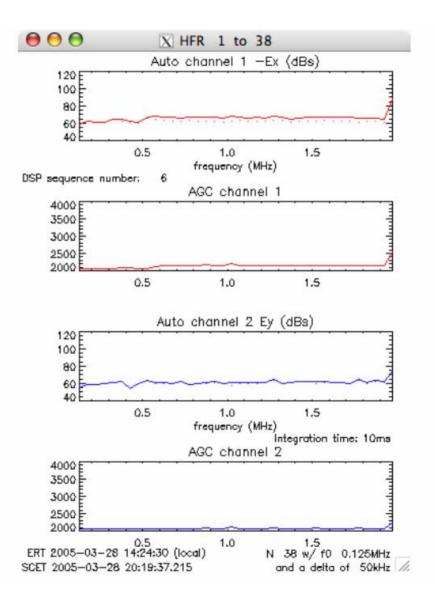




Sensitivity





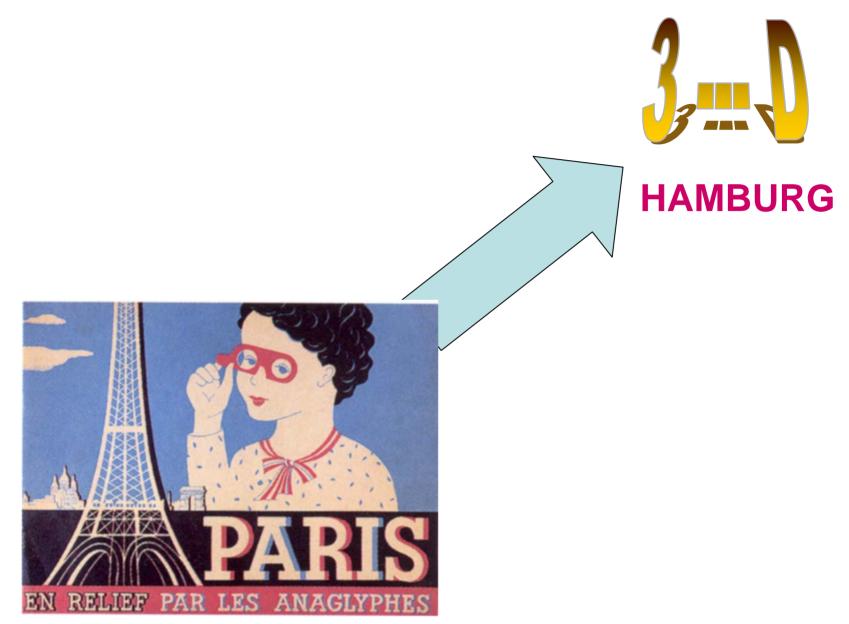


S/WAVES Sensitivity

Subsystem	Sensitivity/dB Requirement	Sensitivity Goal	Sensitivity Obtained
FFR	5μ V/56dB	500nV	$4\mu V/40$ dB
HFR1/2	$1.6\mu V/70 dB$	<1µV	$.7\mu V/80$ dB
LFR C	1.6µV/80dB	$1\mu V$.4µV/90dB
LFR B	1.6µV/80dB	$1\mu V$	$.4\mu V/104 dB$
LFR A	1.6µV/80dB	$1\mu V$.4µV/106dB
TDS	NA/72dB	NA/96dB	30µV/72+dB
LRS	$100\mu V/72 dB$	6µV/96dB	$22\mu V/75+dB$

SWAVES Current Status

- Both receivers are complete and work very well
- SWAVES PER held April 4, 2005 minor RFAs
- Vibration/EMC/Mag testing completed with no problems
 - Bake-outs were all very clean
 - Magnetics were clean too
- Thermal vacuum exposed some problems
 - VCOs in radio receivers (both units) failed at high temperature (qualification temp lowered)
 - Flight unit 2 seems to have an FPGA problem
 - Flight unit 1 needs circuit breaker tuning
- Both units back to U of Minnesota for rework
 - FM1 back to GSFC in about a week and then APL
 - FM2 a couple of weeks later



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