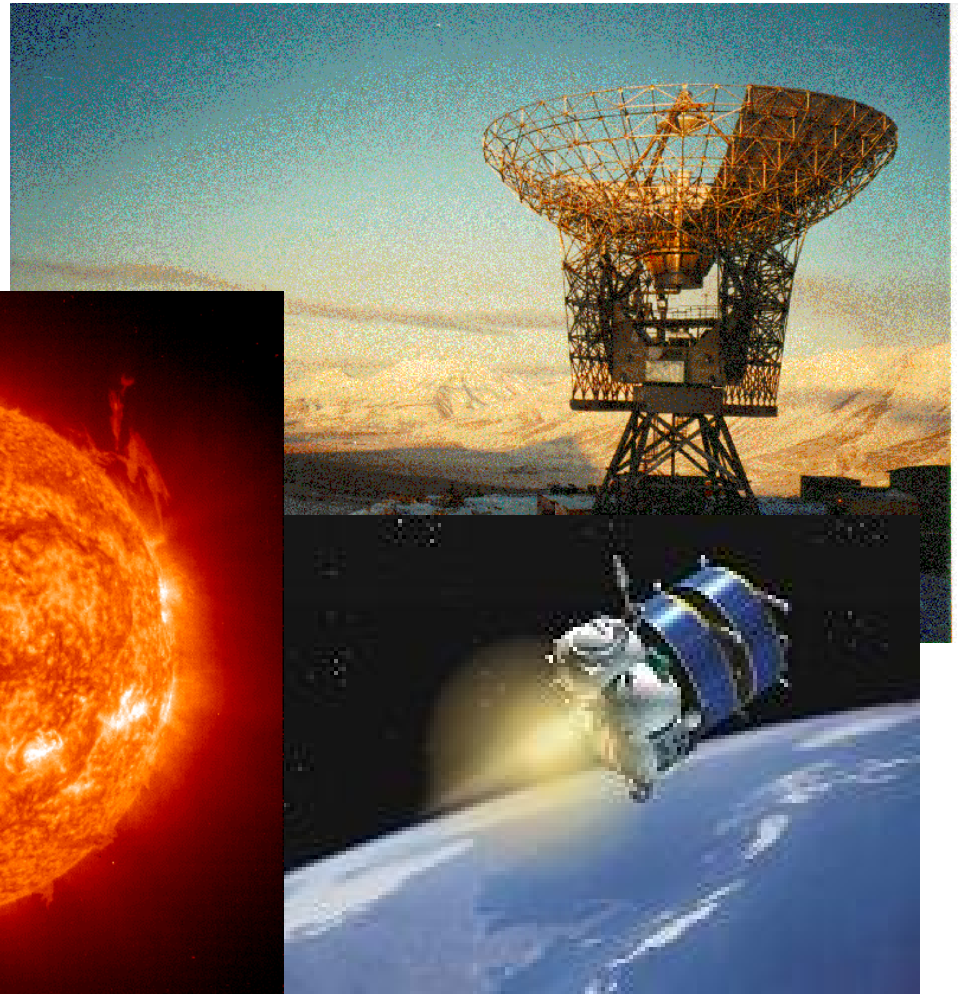
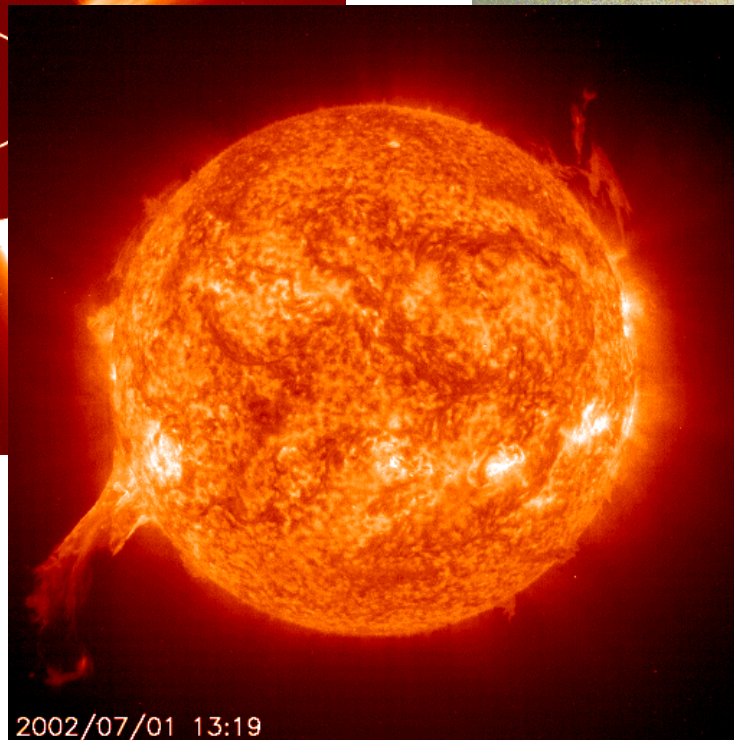
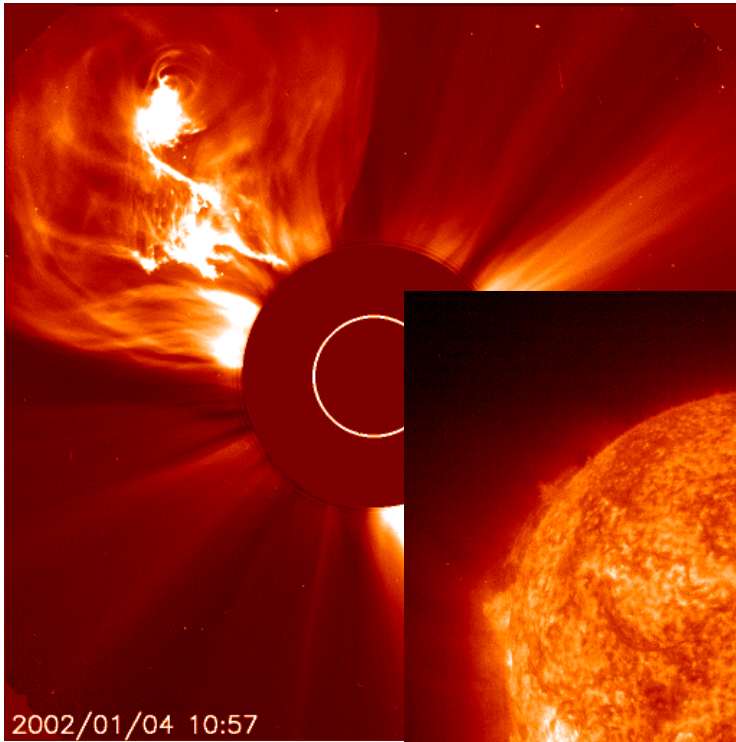


The Practical Aspects of Running the IHY Project

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What we are not about:

- This is not yet another monster red-tape activity with yet another list of meetings and working groups that have little influence on our research progress!
- This is not just a celebration of IGY + 50 years!

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What we are about:

- The aim must be to ensure the best links (for observational campaigns, data access, collaboration) to enhance multi-disciplinary programmes.
- It has to excite the 'grass roots' - it is an enabling exercise.
- The aim is to centre our efforts on the co-ordination of observations on one year (2007) - to enhance the exploitation of the fleet of spacecraft, ground-based systems and theory from around the world.

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How?

- Observations: Super-JOPs? User-driven? Central information/planning with minimum effort (e.g. expanded SOHO). Each JOP has a lead planner who makes the arrangements within the IHY umbrella.
- Data: Make use of new technology to link archives (e.g. GRID).
- Communication: Web site, use existing meetings (EGU, AGU, AAS etc...)
- Committee 'maps out' plans for the year: Who & how?
- Aim: minimise red-tape/extra meetings; maximise co-ordination of observations/mission exploitation.

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How?

- Executive Committee: Lead group with officials representing groups such as COSPAR, IAU, SCOSTEP, NASA & ESA, to establish/seek 'official' support for IHY, to set up basic foundation, release AOs, advertise the project and oversee IHY concept. Seek funding?
- IHY Office: Web site, information, coordination...
- Management Committee: One representative from each discipline – must be people who will interact with the community, i.e. not the usual faces on international working groups! Main task is to oversee the collection of JOPs. Note: we should not need to seek people to write JOPs – they should just come from the 'grass roots' scientist.

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How?

- Discuss...