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Acronyms

- CIR Corotating Interaction Region
- CME Coronal Mass Ejection
- CSV Comma-Separated Values
- GUI Graphical User Interface
- HFC Heliophysics Features Catalogue
- HFE HELIO Front End (Main GUI interface of HELIO)
- HQI Helio Query Interface
- IVOA International Virtual Observatory Alliance
- PQL Parameterized Query Language
- REST REpresentational State Transfer
- SQL Standard Query Language: Language used to query databases
- VO Virtual Observatory

1. Introduction

HFC contains the morphological description of features obtained from codes of automatic features detection. The description of the codes as well as information about the features can be found in the documentation mentioned in Section 5 of this manual. HFC consists of:

- a database that holds all the description of the proposed features, as well as some information about their processing. Several ways of access are provided, as described in Section 2.

- a web interface (graphical user interface, GUI) that allows to query the HFC in several ways, some pre-defined, and others which may be tuned by users.

- SOAP, TAP, and REST web services that allow to query the HFC us ing PQL.

- a few added values that enrich the results of a query, providing some basic context information.

1.1 About the HFC

The HFC is available at <u>http://voparis-helio.obspm.fr/hfc-gui/</u>. Hereafter, all references to the HFC GUI mean this web site.

	HELIOH	leliophysics	s Feati	ure Cata		
Query form	Database and fi	elds description	Databa	se content	Free SQL query	Web Service
		Ał	oout HFC			
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		c	uery form			
1 - Date and	time selection	2 - Features sele	ction 3	- Output op	tions	
The list of the fe	atures for which data ar	e currently available in	the HEC is si	ven in the follow	ing table	Submit
Feature	Instrument	Recognition code	the fire is gi	Bibliogra	-	Tracking information
Active Region	SOHO/MDI	SMART		Higgins et a	l., 2010	No
Coronal Hole	SOHO/MDI + SOHO/EIT 195 A	CHARM		Krista and Galla	agher, 2009	No
Filament	Meudon H Alpha Spectroheliograph	SFC_Filaments & TrackFil	Fuller e	t al., 2005 - Bonr	in et al., submitted	Yes
Prominence	Meudon CAII K3 Spectroheliograph	SoSoPro		N. Full	er	No
Sunspot	SOHO/MDI SDO/HMI	SDOSS	http://adsa	Zarkhov et a bs.harvard.edu/a	al., 2005 bs/2005SoPh228361Z/	No
Type III	Wind/Waves, STEREO/Swaves	RABAT3		X. Bon	nin	No
Coronal radio emission	Nancay Radio Heliograph	NRH2D		C. Renié, X.	Bonnin	No

Fig. 1: Main query page of the HFC GUI.

Figure 1 shows the main query page of the HFC. On top is a set of buttons giving access to the full functionality of the HFC. Initially, the Query form is selected. Below is a collection of tabs allowing to specify the parameters of a query by selecting time, the concerned features and the desired output information. At the bottom of the main page information about the features and the detection codes is provided.

2. How to Access the HFC

HFC can be accessed several ways. The easiest for human beings is the GUI. Software programmes can connect through a Web-service.

2.1 The Graphical User Interface

As mentioned above, the main access to the HFC GUI is through <u>http://voparis-helio.obspm.fr/hfc-gui/</u>. It corresponds to the page shown in Figure 1.

2.2 The HQI Interface

<u>The HELIO Query Interface (HQI) provides SOAP, TAP</u>, as well as REST interfaces to access to the <u>HFC</u> database. These interfaces are fully compliant with latest VO standards : gueries are submitted using parameters following the syntax of the IVOA Parameterised Query Language (PQL), and the HQI returns VOTable format files which include UCD/Utype IVOA keywords.

The <u>SOAP endpoint of the HFC web services</u> can be found at the following URL:

http://voparis-helio.obspm.fr/hfc-hqi/HelioService

Section 5 describes in detail how to query the HFC using the REST web-service interface through the HTTP (GET/POST) protocol.

<u>More information</u> about the HQI can be found in the dedicated document "Service Interface Specification".

2.3 Other possible ways

A description of the use of IDL to access the services is available at <u>http://www.helio-vo.eu/documents/help/ssw/helio_ssw_intro.html</u>. A branch of the SolarSoft package provides basic codes that help to query the HFC directly from the IDL language. After having installed all of the required packages, to test simple queries on the HFC, compile and run the demo_hfc_overplot program from the IDL interpreter.

IDL> demo_hfc_overplot

Discussions about how to access some characteristic information of the HFC directly through the HELIO Front End (HFE) are in progress. A document describes the needs (HELIO_HFE-HFC_connection_v01.pdf).

3. How to use the HFC Query form

This section focuses on the use of the HFC GUI Query form, which provides a very wide range of possibilities to query the HFC, and which is probably the most usable at first for the users. Once they get familiar with the HFC content, they could shift to access from IDL, if more advanced use is needed.

3.1 Overview

The query interface is based on three tabs. Each tab allows to specify a part of the query as shown in Figure 2. The first tab concerns date and time selection. The second tab covers selection of features to take into account in the query. The third tab allows to specify the desired output results of the query.



Fig. 2: Copy of the tabs used to specify the query.

Note that at any time, clicking on the 'Query form' tab near the top of the page, will bring back the 'Date and time selection' tab.

3.2 Specify query

3.2.1 Date and time selection

In this first tab, the user selects a time range for the query. When clicking in the small 'From' or 'To' fields, a calendar appears (Figure 3), where the user can select year, month, day, hour and minute. Once the 'From' form is completed, the 'To' form is automatically filled with a 15 days interval. The end time can be changed either by clicking in the 'To' field or by changing the duration in the 'Duration' field.

From					to		
Or	0	Dec		\$ 2	011	\$	Ø
	Su	Мо	Ти	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
The list	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
F	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Acti	Time	00:	00				
Cor	Hour	s					
F	Minu	ites					_
Pro							

Fig. 3: Calendar for date and time selection



It is also possible to get query values from a file in VOTable format (see section 4.3). After clicking the 'Upload dates sample from VOTable' button (see Figure 4 above), the user is asked for the file to load from the user's computer. Then, the list of dates is extracted from the file, and a dedicated dialogue allows to select one or several dates of interest. Multi-selection is possible by holding the 'Control' or 'Command' key while clicking on the date. Note that in order to avoid huge amount of query results, the time interval is restricted to 60 days. The only way to avoid this limitation is to use the SQL query directly (see Section 4).

3.2.2 Features selection

When clicking on the 'Features selection' tab, a list of features appears. It gives the list of features available at that time, and the instrument which recorded them (see Figure 5). When you select a feature, a new pull-down menu appears, which proposes criteria that can be used to restrain the selection (see Figure 6). If you choose one of these options, a new panel appears, which gives the possibility to enter values in order to restrict the specific field of the query. The extreme values found in the HFC database are shown, so the user can manually check the plausibility of the input.

			Query form	
L - Date and tin	e selection	2 - Features selection	3 - Output options	
Feature type		Observatory		
□ Filament	Meudon Obs	ervatory/Spectroheliograph ervatory/Spectroheliograph de Paris/Spectroheliograph	1997-03-07 2002-09-2	7
Prominence	Observatoire	de Paris/Spectroheliograph	2010-01-02 2011-12-3	30
Active region	SoHO/Magne	togram 1996-04-23 2011-	02-22	
Coronal hole	SoHO/EIT 19	96-04-23 2009-07-05		
Sunspot		10-05-01 2011-03-07 996-05-19 2011-03-11		
🗆 Type III	STEREO_A/Sv	1996-01-01 2011-12-31 vaves 2007-01-01 2011-12 vaves 2007-01-01 2011-12		
🗆 Radio source	Nancay/Radi	oheliograph 2000-10-06 20	11-11-10	
Solar region sel	ection			
Latitude Min.	Max. to symmetric	in degrees (-90, 9 latitude band	0)	Position query provide a way to search for features having a specific position on the Sun. Specify at least a latitude band.
Longitude Min.	Max	in degrees (0, 36	:0)	

Submit ?

Fig. 5: The features selection window.

Filament criteria 🗸 None	Filament criteria Length 🛟
Length Orientation Area Disappearance	Min. Max. in degrees (0,180) Max. in degrees (0,180) Min and Max length currently in the database:0/118
Fig. 6: Optional criteria for filaments	Fig. 7: Entry panel to restrain filaments

length

At the bottom of the list of features, a part of the interface allows to query on a solar location, instead of features characteristics. For latitude, a checkbox allows to extend the query to the symmetric latitude band on the opposite solar hemisphere. (See bottom of Figure 5)

3.2.3 Output options

When clicking on the 'Output options' tab, the list of available features appears. When pressing the small triangle in front of the name, a list of fields appears. Some are already ticked, which correspond to the default output fields. (See Figure 8) The user is then free to select/deselect any field in the list. Note that the database and field description (see Section 4) gives the complete list of fields available. So users can use the direct SQL query to return any available field.

			Query form		
1 - Date and ti	me selection	2 - Features selection	3 - Output options		
Fields to include	in results:				
✓ Carringto ✓ Length o ○ X Helioce ○ Y Helioce ○ Index of ○ Orientati ○ Area of t	M) on latitude of th on longitude of f the filament ii entric coordinat curvature of th on of the filam he feature in sc	he filament skeleton gravity of the filament skeleton gravity n degrees (SKE_LENGTH_DEG tes of the filament skeleton g tes of the filament skeleton g te skeleton (SKE_CURVATURE ent (SKE_ORIENTATION) quare degrees (FEAT_AREA_D QS instensity ratio (FEAT_MEA	y centre in degrees (FEAT ;) gravity centre in arcsec (F gravity centre in arcsec (F) DEG2)	CARR_LONG_DEG) :EAT_X_ARCSEC)	
For promin	ences				
For active	regions				
→ For corona	l holes				
For sunspo	ots				
For type III					
> For radio s	ource				
Additional outpu Daily map: Piz		OTable ASCII (CSV) Iton Daily Synoptic map	2		
				Submit	?

Fig. 8: Output options for filaments. The ticked fields are the default output fields.

The output of the query appears as a HTML table in a web page, but they could be saved (see section 3.3) in VOTable format (xml-based standard for virtual observatories, see

section 4.3) or in ASCII – CSV (using comma as a separator such that the file can be read by any spread sheet program). Also, the output page offers drawing on the fly maps of the Sun where selected features are plotted. You can select maps plotted in pixels or in Carrington coordinates. The Daily Synoptic map option allows to plot all of the features at their location on the solar disk. (See Figure 9 for an example of a synoptic map).

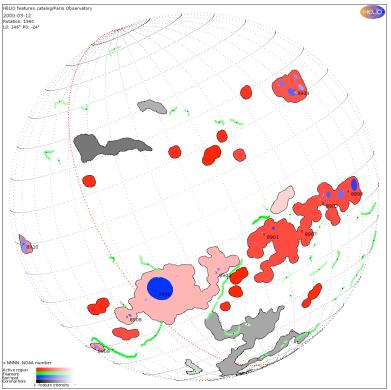


Fig. 9: Daily Synoptic map. Each colour corresponds to a specific feature, and the intensity of the colour to <u>a</u> <u>criterion of</u> 'importance' <u>(intensity, contrast, size, ...)</u> of the feature. The red-dotted line gives the location of the 0-longitude in Carrington coordinates.

3.3 Submit the Search

At the end of each tab window, a 'Submit' button is available. Clicking it will retrieve the result of the query taking all selected options into account

3.3 Get Search Results

After pressing the 'Submit' button, a new page is displayed,. It gives the result for the start day of the query and displays the daily maps if asked for. An example of the upper part of a result page is shown in Figure 10. At the top, the number of obtained features is given next to a link that allows saving the output in VOTable (cf. section 4.3) or CSV format (note that the complete answer, including all dates is saved in a separate file per feature). Below this header appears a page selector and below a list of days in the current page. The Daily Synoptic map is displayed, and then a list of tabs give the various available times for the concerned day. So the results are ordered by date, feature and hour.

Below the maps a section called 'Tab results' is shown. When the user clicks on it, a detailed table with the results will appear. (see Figure 12)

When the tracking of a feature is available (only for filaments, at the time of writing this document), the user can click on the feature's ID (i.e. the first column of the result, on the left), and a new window pops up, showing the behaviour of the feature during all the time it was observed (Figure 13). Arrows at the top of the window allow to scroll between the images within the full observing time.

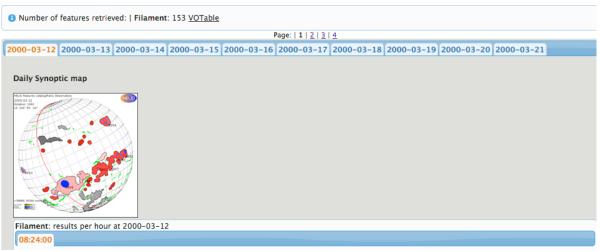


Fig. 10: Top of a result page. Number of results, number of pages to display, and a tab per day are displayed.

Tab results

Fig. 11: Section	to open to disp	lav the results in	tabular form
1 18. 11. Section	to open to dispi	ay meresuits m	i uoniui joim.

Index of the feature during a rotation Click for tracking info	Id of filament's component(s)	Name of the observatory/spacecraft	Phenomen ?	Carrington latitude of the filament skeleton gravity centre in degrees	Carrington longitude of the filament skeleton gravity centre in degrees	Length of the filament in degrees
40359	40503	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph	~	-41.3	33.18	25.6
<u>40371</u>	40509 40512	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph	Disparition brusque	0.88 5.19	68.36 59.33	12.37 1.99
40380	40517	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph	ā.	31.53	355.22	4.89
40395	40505	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph		-13.36	331.24	14.15
40406	40514 40516	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph		26.15 27.92	329.31 313.26	35.22 10.26
40422	40507	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph		-11.9	60.31	12.14
40458	40504	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph	Reappearance after disparition brusque	-31.66	329.44	5.05
40466	40508	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph	Reappearance after disparition brusque	-2.75	319.22	11.04
40468	40511	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph		6.18	32.69	6.47
40488	40506	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph		-12.18	310.24	23.68
40495	40513	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph		15.44	58.37	4.76
40510	40510	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph		-0.28	288.29	8.94
40529	40515	Meudon Observatory/Spectroheliograph/Spectroheliograph	2	24.75	59.66	4.84

Fig. 12: Tabular view of the results

Results for filament tracking ID 40458

2001-12-11 09:47:00 2001-12-16 09:09:00 2001-12-16 09:55:00 > < uo Filament component(s) Observation date Phenomen 2001-12-08 10:13:00 Disparition brusque 5.22936 58.8714 327.838 40458 -29.8938 329.435 5.05451 -24.4329 -31.659 2001-12-10 09:04:00 Reappearance after disparition brusque 40504 2001-12-11 08:55:00 40519 6.59384 18.5375 328.362 -31.9544 2001-12-11 09:47:00 Disparition brusque 40537 5.21823 7.00182 328.407 31.9598 2001-12-16 09:09:00 -8.22533 329.465 40625 2.35677 -33.6422 -16.2403 2001.12.16.09-55-00 40653 2 92934 329 291 -33.3186 2001-12-17 09:20:00 4.59883 -52.4874 330.514 -31.7605 40683

Fig. 13: When clicking on a feature's ID, this new window appears, giving information on the feature during all the time it was observed.

As shown in Figure 14, additional plots complete the table. For filaments, it gives the evolution of length, orientation, intensity and area.

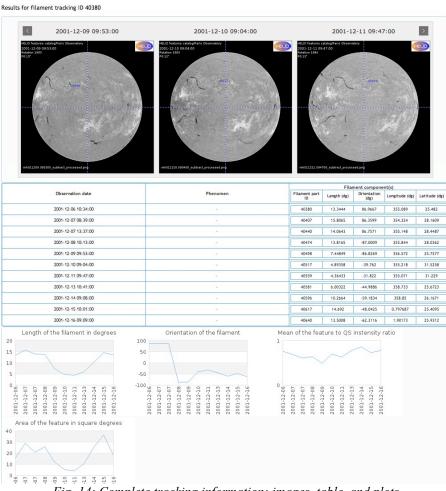


Fig. 14: Complete tracking information: images, table, and plots.

4. Advanced Features

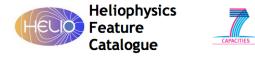
4.1 General information

In order to allow wider user of HFC, an additional set of information is available. They can be reached through the buttons that appear at the top and bottom of each page of the HFC GUI (Figure 15).

Query form	Database and fields description	Database content	Free SQL query	Web Service	About HFC
	Fig. 15: Button bar giving	g access to all infor	mation concerni	ng HFC.	

The first button (Query form) is the way to go back to the standard query interface described extensively in the previous sections.

The second button (Database and fields description) displays a window giving the name of all tables of the HFC database as well as the name of all fields (see Figure 16). This will allow the user to know all the information needed to build SQL queries.



Database tables and fields description

FIELD	COMMENT
ID_OBSERVATIONS	
OBSERVATORY_ID	Ref. to OBSERVATORY information
DATE_OBS	Start date of the observation
DATE_END	End date of the observation
JDINT	Julian day of the observation, integer part
JDFRAC	Julian day of the observation, fraction part
EXP_TIME	Exposure time (if available), in seconds and fraction of s
C_ROTATION	Carrington rotation
BSCALE	as extracted from the header
BZERO	As extracted from the header
BITPIX	Coding of the original image
NAXIS1	First dimension of the original image (X)
NAXIS2	Second dimension of the original image (Y)
R SUN	Radius of the Sun in pixels

Fig. 16: Top of the window giving HFC tables and fields, when clicking the 'Database and fields description' button.

The next button (Database content) shows in detail what is available in the HFC. (Figure 17)

HFC content						
Date range						
Feature	Observatory/Instrument/Telescop	First date	Last date			
Filament	Meudon Spectroheliograph	1996-01-05	2011-12-30			
Prominence	Meudon Spectroheliograph	2005-01-02	2011-12-30			
Active region SoHO MDI Magnetogram		1996-04-23	2011-02-22			
Coronal hole	Soho eit eit	1996-04-23	2009-07-05			
Sunspot	SoHO MDI Continuum	1996-05-19	2011-03-11			
Sunspot	SDO HMI continuum	2010-04-30	2011-03-27			
Type III	Wind Waves Rad2	1996-01-01	2011-12-31			
Type III	STEREO_A Swaves HFR	2007-01-01	2011-12-31			
Type III STEREO_B Swaves HFR		2007-01-01	2011-12-31			
Radio source Nancay Radioheliograph		1997-01-02	2007-05-02			
Radio source Nancay Radioheliograph		2000-10-06	2012-03-10			

Fig. 17: List of features available in the HFC

The first table shows the availability of data per feature and time range.

Then, a plot visualised this information and lets the user see in which time period data is available but also when it is missing. (Figure 18).

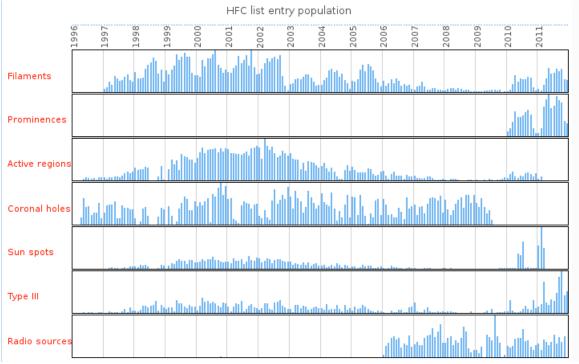


Fig. 18: Availability and abundance of the features at the HFC

Then, for each year, a monthly plot gives the number of features detected, as shown in Figure 19.

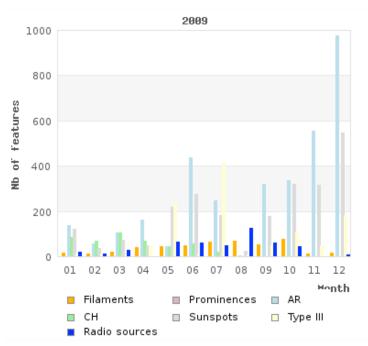


Fig. 19: Number of detected features for a given year, grouped by months.

The use of the 'Free SQL query' button will be explained in the next section. The 'Web service' button displays a window providing a link towards web service information (Figure 20).

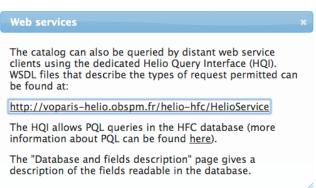


Fig. 20: Web service information

Last, the 'About HFC' button displays general information concerning HELIO project and a link to its web page (Figure 21).

About HFC
Feedback
The HFC is still under development, so any feedback is much appreciated. Please send your comments to Jean dot Aboudarham at obspm dot fr and Christian dot Renie at obspm dot fr.
About the HELIO project
The HFC is a service of the Heliophysics Integrated Observatory <u>HELIO</u> a virtual observatory dedicated to solar and heliophysics.
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Fig. 21: 'About HFC' button.

4.2 SQL query

A powerful tool of HFC is the possibility to build one's own SQL query. The user does not need to know SQL syntax to use it. (Appendix gives the general aspect of a standard SQL query)

The easiest way to use it consists in building through the HFC GUI a query as close as possible to your needs. After clicking the 'Submit' button, at the bottom of the result page, a line writes 'SQL log'. When clicking the '+' at the end of the line, the full query you asked for appears in SQL (Figure 22). There is one query per feature.

SQL log

SELECT v_fil.*, t_trckfil.* FROM VIEW_FIL_GUI v_fil, FILAMENTS_TRACKING t_trckfil WHERE (DATE(DATE_OBS) BETWEEN DATE('2001-12-10 00:00') AND DATE('2001-12-25 00:00')) AND (v_fil.ID_FIL = t_trckfil.FIL_ID) ORDER BY TRACK_ID ASC

Fig. 22: An example of the display of the SQL query build when using HFC GUI.

It is then possible to copy the query by selecting it and choosing 'Copy' in the 'Edit' menu of your Internet browser. Then, click the 'Free SQL query' button to go to the corresponding page and paste the previous query in the Free SQL search window. (Figure 23). You can edit the content of this window. For example, if you make a very restrictive search and want to extend it to more than the 60 days allowed, you can change the end date in the query. Be careful not to build a query which may send back thousands or tens of thousands results!

select observat,instrume,telescop,units,wavename from observatory

Fig. 23: Free SQL search window. The user can edit it to enter his own SQL query.

4.3 VOTable

In order to upload a VOTable usable in the HFC query interface, it must contain one of the <u>following fields:</u> 'DATE_OBS', 'date_obs', 'AR_DATE', 'OBS_DATE', 'time_start', 'time_end', 'time' The date format must be as follows: YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MN:SS

There could be several dates in the VOTable.

When exporting the results of a query as a VOTable, the format used takes into account UCD and Utypes of the ANNOTATIONS table. An example of such a VOTable is given in the Appendix.

4.4 Link to SHEBA propagation model

It is possible for the user to apply the TCD's SHEBA propagation model (http://cagnode58.cs.tcd.ie:8080/PropagationModelGUI/) directly to the features obtained from a query. Figures 24 and 25 show respectively the result of a query concerning filaments and coronal holes. As you can see, on the right part of the results list, a link, named 'CME' for filaments and 'CIR-SW' is available. It refers to the various options of the SHEBA propagation model.

Index of the feature during a rotation Click for tracking info	ld of filament's component(s)	Name of the observatory/spacecraft 🏺	Phenomen 👌	Length of the filament skeleton in degrees	X Heliocentric coordinates of the filament skeleton gravity centre in arcsec	Y Heliocentric coordinates of the filament skeleton gravity centre in arcsec	Link to the SHEBA forward propagation model
23785	24273	Meudon//	Abnormal behavior	7.53	322.31	-865.86	CME
23939	24298	Meudon//	-	10.68	793.99	362.74	CME
<u>23974</u>	24287 24288 24290 24291 24294	Meudon// Meudon// Meudon// Meudon// Meudon//	-	8.26 1.38 7.18 2.28 6.31	704.14 773.77 789.49 663.71 647.99	93.21 122.41 158.35 178.56 259.42	CME CME CME CME CME
24044	24308	Meudon//	÷	25.02	279.64	865.86	CME

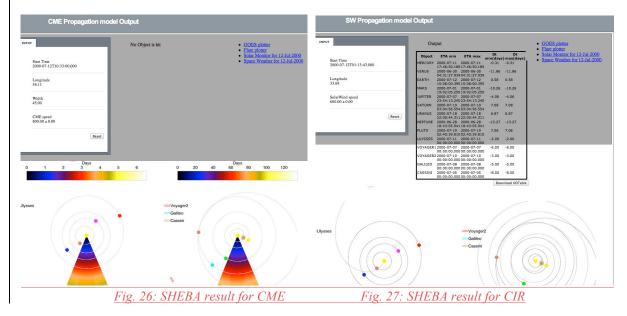
Fig. 24: Result of a query for filaments. On the right side of the screen copy, clicking on the 'CME' link send directly information to the SHEBA propagation model.

ID_CORONALHOLES	Name of the observatory/spacecraft	Area in Mm2 of the CH	Bounding rectangle heliographic coordinate North West most point in degrees	X Heliocentric coordinates of the CH gravity centre in arcsec	Y Heliocentric coordinates of the CH gravity centre in arcsec	Link to the SHEBA forward propagation model
2752	SoHO/EIT/EIT	50851.6	37.69	284.46	-732.3	CIR-SW
2753	SoHO/EIT/EIT	604.66	33.68	411.46	-603.34	CIR-SW
2754	SoHO/EIT/EIT	12145.8	26.6	300.47	-113.32	CIR-SW
2755	SoHO/EIT/EIT	5637.24	41.96	237.32	767.97	<u>CIR-SW</u>

Fig. 25: Result of a query for coronal holes. On the right side of the screen copy, clicking on the 'CIR-SW' link

send directly information to the SHEBA propagation model.

When the user clicks on the corresponding link, it sends the central coordinates of the concerned feature to SHEBA; a new window pops up and the user arrives on the result page of the propagation, as shown on Figure 26 for a CME deduced from a filament, and on Figure 27 for a CIR deduced from a coronal hole.



5. Documentation related to HFC

Currently the following documentation, related to the HFC, exists:

- *HELIO_HFC_V2.0.pdf*: General description of the organization of the database of the HFC, with the tables common to all features.
- *HELIO_OBSPM_S2_005_TN_HFC_Developers_Guide_v1.0.pdf*: HFC user manual for developers.
- *HELIO_Feature_Description_CHARM.pdf*: Description of the CHARM code for the detection of coronal holes, with information about the available fields in the HFC.
- *HELIO_Feature_Description_NRH2D.pdf*: Description of the NRH2D code for the detection of radio sources, with information about the available fields in the HFC.
- *HELIO_Feature_Description_SMART_v1.1.pdf*: Description of the SMART code for the detection of active regions, with information about the available fields in the HFC.
- *HELIO_Feature_Description_TypeII.pdf*: Description of the radio type II bursts detection code, with information about the available fields in the HFC.
- *HELIO_Feature_Description_TypeIIIBurstsV01.pdf*: Description of the radio type III bursts detection code, with information about the available fields in the HFC.
- *HELIO_Feature_Description_FilamentV2.pdf*: Description of the filaments detection code, with information about the available fields in the HFC.
- *HELIO_Feature_Description_FilamentTrackingV2.pdf*: Description of the filaments tracking code as well as of the corresponding fields available in the HFC.
- *HELIO_HFC_Level3_Data_V03.pdf*: Information concerning the various levels of data provided in the HFC appears there.

- *HELIO_HFE-HFC_connection_v01.pdf*: Description of how HFC can be used as a service included in HFE.
- *Service Interface Specification.docx*: Gives the specifications of all the interfaces available through HELIO, and how to access them, including HFC.
- *REC-VOTable-1.2.pdf*: Official document describing the structure of the VOTable standard (available through the IVOA web site: http://www.ivoa.net/ in the Documents and standards repository).
- *PQL-0.2-20090520.pdf*: Official document describing the PQL syntax (available through the IVOA web site: http://www.ivoa.net/ in the Documents and standards repository).

Appendix

SQL basics

A standard SQL query looks like:

Select [field1, field2, ...] from [table1, table2,...] where [condition] order by [field] [ascldesc]

Where:

- field1, ... correspond to the name of the fields you want as an output

- table1, ... correspond to the name of the tables (or views) which the above fields belong to

- condition is a set of constraints where you can define for each field (which should exist in

the table mentioned above) the min and max values with the following syntax:

field BETWEEN val_min AND val_max

Conditions can be concatenated using AND and/or OR boolean operators.

(note that the **where** *conditions* is optional, but if you omit begin and end dates, you may retrieve a huge amount of results!)

- field and *asc* or *desc* options indicate the way to sort the results using the corresponding field.

The '*' symbol is a wildcard which replaces any letter

Example:

SELECT FEAT_AREA_DEG2, FEAT_MEAN2QSUN FROM VIEW_AR_GUI WHERE (DATE(DATE_OBS) BETWEEN DATE('2000-07-10T00:00') AND DATE('2000-07-20T00:00')) AND (FEAT_HG_LAT_DEG BETWEEN 20 AND 30) AND (FEAT_AREA_DEG2 BETWEEN 100 AND 10345) ORDER BY DATE_OBS ASC

In this query:

- FEAT_AREA_DEG2, FEAT_MEAN2QSUN

correspond to the fields we want to retrieve. (to write SELECT * FROM ... would provide an answer with all the fields of the corresponding table/view)

- VIEW_AR_GUI

is the view the various fields of the query belong to

- (DATE(DATE_OBS) BETWEEN DATE('2000-07-10T00:00') AND DATE('2000-07-20T00:00')) is a first condition to satisfy (a date interval)

- (FEAT_HG_LAT_DEG BETWEEN 20 AND 30)
is a second condition to satisfy (due to the AND keyword): location on the disk
- (FEAT_AREA_DEG2 BETWEEN 100 AND 10345)
is a third condition to satisfy (due to the AND keyword): size of the active region in square degrees
- ORDER BY DATE_OBS ASC
indicate we want to order the results by ascending order.

Output VOTable example

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