

Radio Jove Project: Overview 2014

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This is an overview of the Radio Jove Project as of 2014, our 15th year in existence.

Named Jove after the Roman mythological name for Jupiter, and sometimes written Radio JOVE, we use JOVE like the four call letters of a radio station.

Radio Jove Project Overview

<http://radiojove.gsfc.nasa.gov>

Radio JOVE is a hands-on educational activity that brings the radio sounds of the Sun, Jupiter, the Milky Way Galaxy, and terrestrial radio noise to students, teachers, and the general public. Participants may build a simple radio telescope kit (or record data from other telescopes), make scientific observations, and interact with professional radio observatories in real-time over the Internet.

Goals:

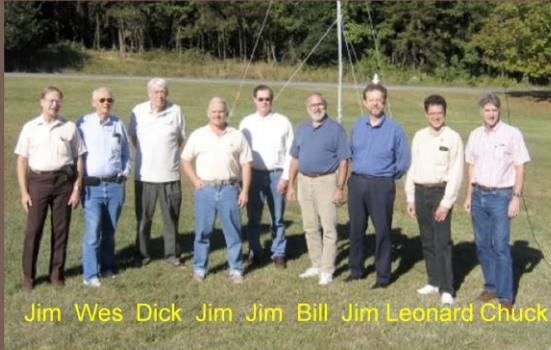
- Educate people about planetary and solar radio astronomy, space physics, and the scientific method
- Provide teachers and students with hands-on radio astronomy exercises as science curriculum support and special projects for clubs or individuals
- Enable access to on-line observatories providing real-time data via the Internet and facilitate the exchange of ideas and data

Radio Jove is first and foremost an education program with members that dedicate their time and talents to help students, teachers and individuals learn radio astronomy.

Radio Jove Team

Active Team Members

Jim Thieman – NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
Chuck Higgins – Middle Tennessee State University
Dick Flagg – RF Associates, LLC
Jim Sky – Radio-Sky Publishing
Leonard Garcia – QSS Group, Inc /
Goddard Space Flight Center
Jim Gass – Raytheon Corp.
Francisco Reyes – U. of Florida
Wes Greenman – U. of Florida, Retired
Kazumasa Imai – Kochi National College
of Technology, Japan
Jim Brown – Hawk's Nest Radio
Observatory, Pennsylvania
Dave Typinski – AJ4CO Observatory,
Florida



Jim Wes Dick Jim Jim Bill Jim Leonard Chuck

Passive and/or Former Team Members

Bill Pine (INSPIRE, Inc., retired)
Jim Green (NASA Headquarters)
Bill Taylor (Late of INSPIRE, Inc.)
Ron Parise (Late of NASA Goddard)
Tom Carr (Late of U. of Florida, Emeritus Professor)
Albie Davison (Radio JOVE Project)
John Kohus (INSPIRE, Inc., Radio JOVE Project)
Jaydeep Mukherjee* (Florida Space Grant Consortium)

Planning for Radio Jove began in 1997 and officially sold it's first kit in 1999.

Here is a list of our current and founding team members and their affiliations; pictured are many of them circa 2000.

If your name is Jim, you might already be a member. 😊

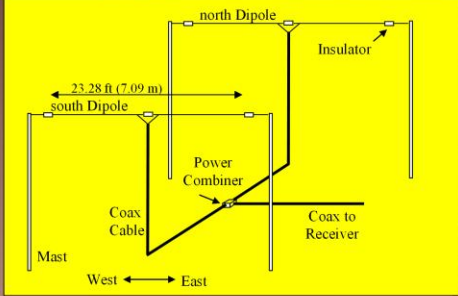
Radio JOVE Telescope



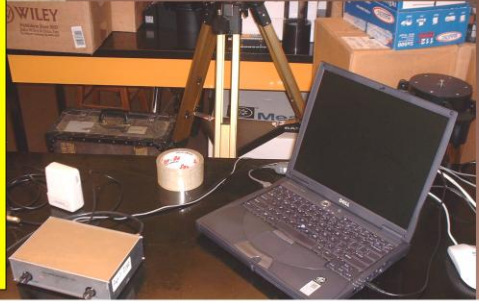
The Radio Jove Antenna



The Radio Jove Receiver



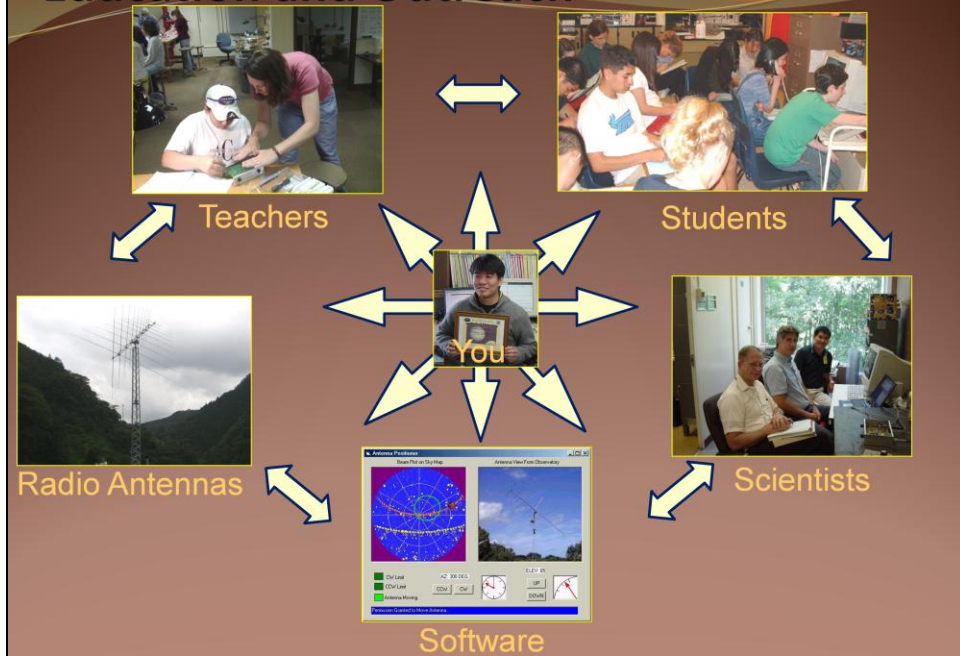
The Jove dual dipole schematic



Jove receiver with external speaker connected to a laptop running Radio-Skypipe software

Radio Jove is a hands-on, kit-based radio telescope that you build yourself. The radio has a center frequency of 20.1 MHz and a narrow bandwidth of 350 kHz by design. The dipole antennas, made of copper wire and coaxial cable, can be easily constructed to observe solar or Jupiter radio emissions. These are a few different pictures of the Radio Jove receiver, antenna and antenna schematic.

Education and Outreach



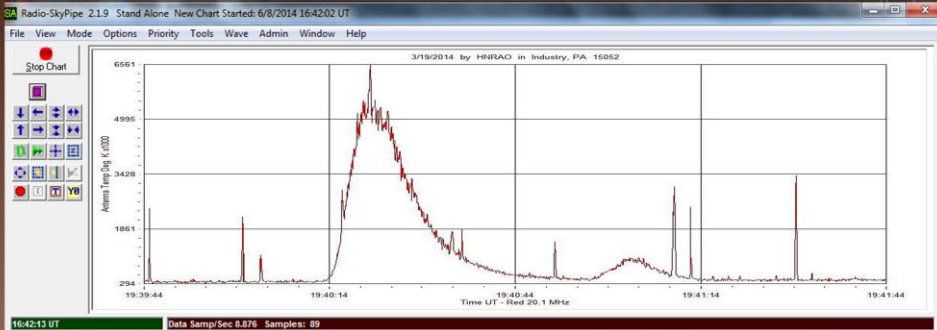
Participants are encouraged to interact with each other, teachers, scientists, software, and professional radio telescopes.

Radio Jove World Map



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Radio-Skypipe Software radiosky.com



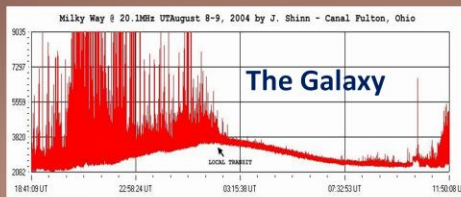
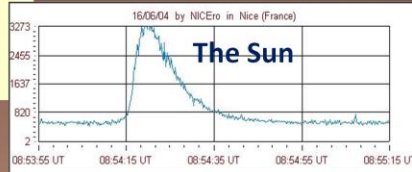
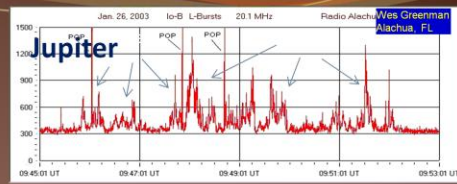
A Radio-Skypipe recording of solar bursts on 19-March 2014 with the y-axis calibrated to antenna temperature (Credit: Jim Brown).

Strip chart of Jove receiver signals
Data streaming over the Internet
Data analysis and sharing
Chat between observers

The Radio-Skypipe software allows you to easily digitize and record your observations on your computer. The software allows you to do data analysis, calibrations, sound file recordings, and share data with others, This graph is a Radio-Skypipe recording of solar bursts on 19-March 2014 with the y-axis calibrated to antenna temperature (Credit: Jim Brown).

Jove Activities

- Build a Radio Receiver / Antenna
- Learn Radio Science
- Plan / Observe Jupiter & Solar Radio Emissions
- Detect the Milky Way
- Analyze & Archive Your Data
- Join Coordinated Observations
- Present Your Data



Who Participates?

- High Schools
- Colleges & Universities
- Middle Schools
- Interested amateurs

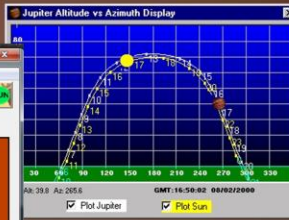
Radio Jove allows participants a relatively inexpensive way to build their own radio telescope. One can fairly easily detect Jupiter and solar radio emissions, as well as detect the Milky Way. Learning science by doing allows one to learn basic physics and radio science. The Jove team helps you detect and analyze your observations and upload them to our data archive. Targeted for high school students, we also encourage individuals and middle school and college students to become involved.

Radio Jupiter Pro Software

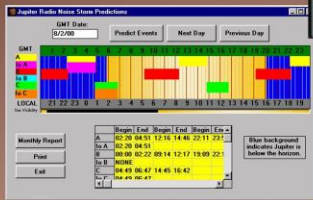
Program Courtesy of Jim Sky



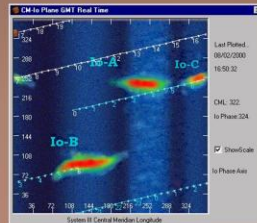
Observer Location



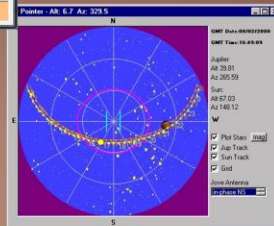
Alt - Az Graph



Storm Prediction



Longitude - Io Phase Diagram

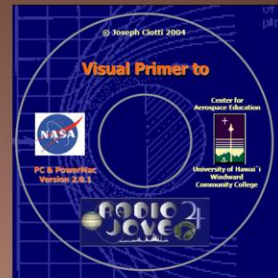
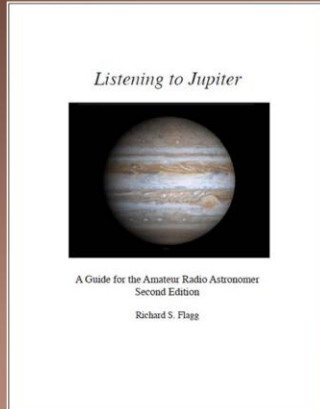


Sky Map

Radio Jove Kit CDs

The Radio Jove CD

- Software PRO licenses
- Classroom Lesson Plans
- Listening to Jupiter Book 2nd Ed. by Dick Flagg



The Educational CD by Dr Joe Ciotti

A multimedia educational primer covering

- Multispectral astronomy
- Radio Astronomy
- Jupiter
- Jupiter Radio emissions and theories
- A treasure trove of Jovian information

The Radio Jove kits include two CDs: The Radio Jove CD contains the Pro versions of Radio-Skypipe and Radio Jupiter Pro, several lesson plans and a PDF copy of Richard Flagg's Listening to Jupiter, 2nd Ed. The Education CD, written by Joe Ciotti is a multimedia education primer on radio astronomy and Jupiter.

Data Archive

www.radiojove.org

- Upload and Download data
- File types: Skypipe data, images, spectrographs, sound files
- Create Graphs for analysis
- Look at long-term trends

Archive Statistics March 2014

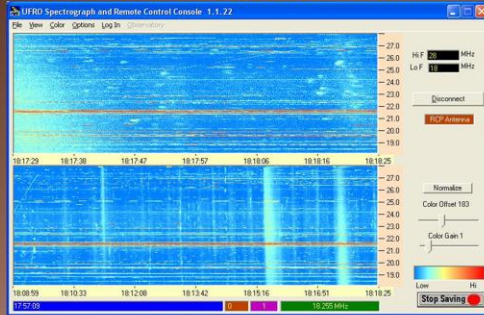
Types of Files	Number	Targets of Observation	Number
Images (jpg, etc.)	5890	Sun:	4970
Radio-SkyPipe (.spd) files	3736	Jupiter:	1464
WAV format sound files	897	Galaxy:	33
Text files	906	Interference:	28

The Radio Jove data archive calendar view is shown with the Jupiter and solar data entries for March 2014.

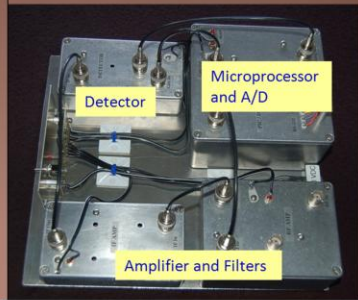
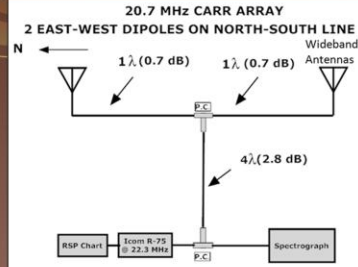
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Hardware & Software

Radio Sky Spectrograph Software



This is an example display of some solar bursts using the Spectrograph software. The upper panel is a 1-minute window and the lower panel is a 10-minute window (Credit: Jim Sky).



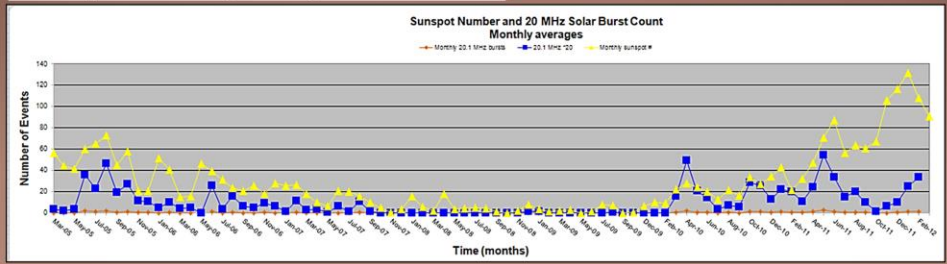
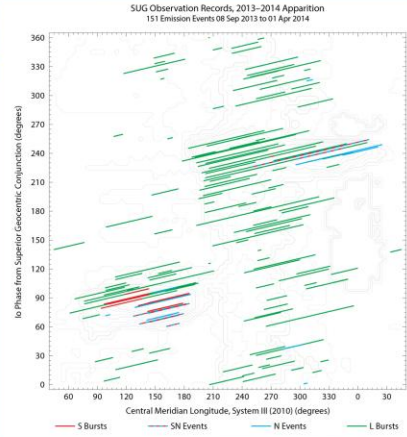
Top: Schematic for a spectrograph antenna system (Credit: Wes Greenman). Bottom: Hardware for FSX-5 spectrograph (Credit: Richard Flagg)

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Long-Term Projects

Io-phase vs. Jupiter longitude graph for the 2013-2014 observing season (Credit: Dave Typinski)

Monthly averaged sunspot numbers (yellow) and 20 MHz solar burst counts (blue) are graphed over seven years from 2005-2012. (Credit: Joe Kimball, MTSU Undergraduate)



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The WVO vision is to enable sharing of Heliophysics wave data and expert knowledge. The goal of VWO is therefore to make Heliophysics wave data searchable, understandable and usable by the scientific community.

Over 3.8 million wave data files are accessible from VWO.

VWO Services

Data Query
The methods you can use to find data.

Tutorial
A Primer on the use of wave data in Heliophysics research and examples of the VWO in action.

Related Sites

- [SPASE - Space Physics Archive Search and Extract](#)
- [Heliophysics Data Environment](#)

This is an image of the Virtual Wave Observatory website for heliophysics wave data. (Credit: NASA)

Summary

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The Radio JOVE Project

JOVE Team

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- University of Florida
- RF Associates
- The INSPIRE Project, Inc.
- Radio-Sky Publishing
- U. of Hawaii, Windward Community College
- Kochi National College of Technology

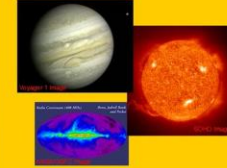


Image: Lunar



The Radio JOVE Project

Learning Science by Observing and Analyzing Radio Signals from Jupiter, the Sun and our Galaxy



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- Radio Jove can make 20.1 MHz observations of Jupiter, the Sun, and the Galaxy
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- Citizens Can Make Significant Contributions
- Advanced Users Can Do Amazing Science
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Here is a summary of the Radio Jove project: 1) Radio Jove participants DO radio astronomy, 2) Radio Jove can make 20.1 MHz observations of Jupiter, the Sun, and the Galaxy; 3) Current Kit Cost: \$210.00; 4) Share Data and Join Coordinated Observations; 5) Citizens Can Make Significant Contributions; 6) Advanced Users Can Do Amazing Science; 7) Data Archive is Growing; 8) Radio Jove Plans to Make Observations During the June Mission to Jupiter, 2015-2017