Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere



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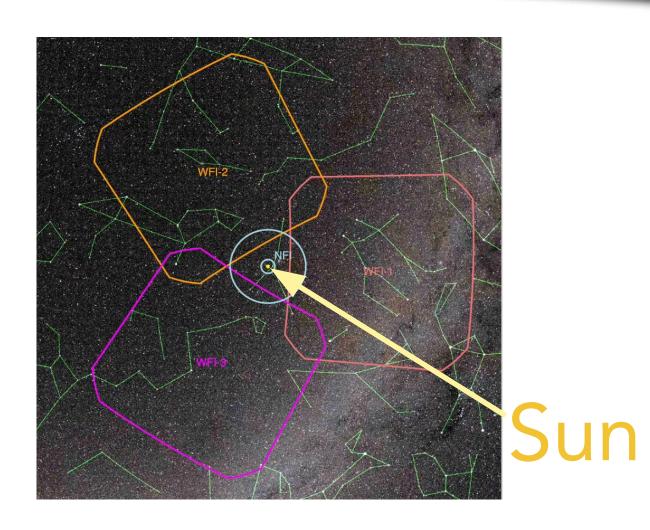


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What is PUNCH?

- PUNCH will be a constellation of four smallsats to study the solar wind
- Launch early next year
- Complicated processing pipeline of stitching together images from multiple satellites
- Software will be completely open



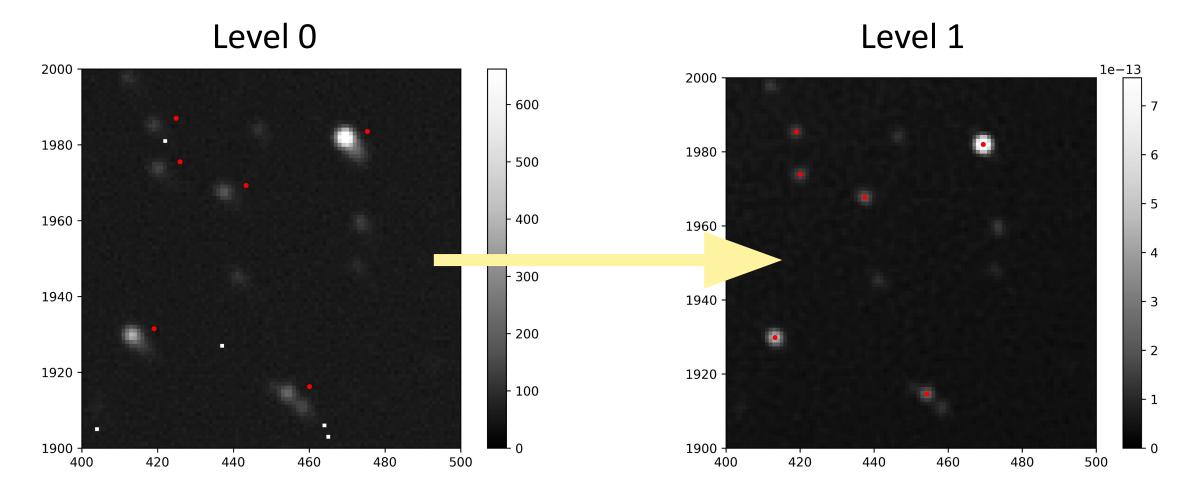


What Makes PUNCH Software Special?

- Implements science code completely separate from automation logic
 - Enables more scientist interaction and easily added custom flows
 - Can be run on any machine with or without database set up
- Tracks uncertainty
 - Every step of the pipeline tracks the uncertainty in observed values so it can be reported with the observations
- Allows for reprocessing of data while prioritizing space weather products
- Includes novel algorithms
 - Point spread function regularization
 - WCS alignment
 - Starfield removal

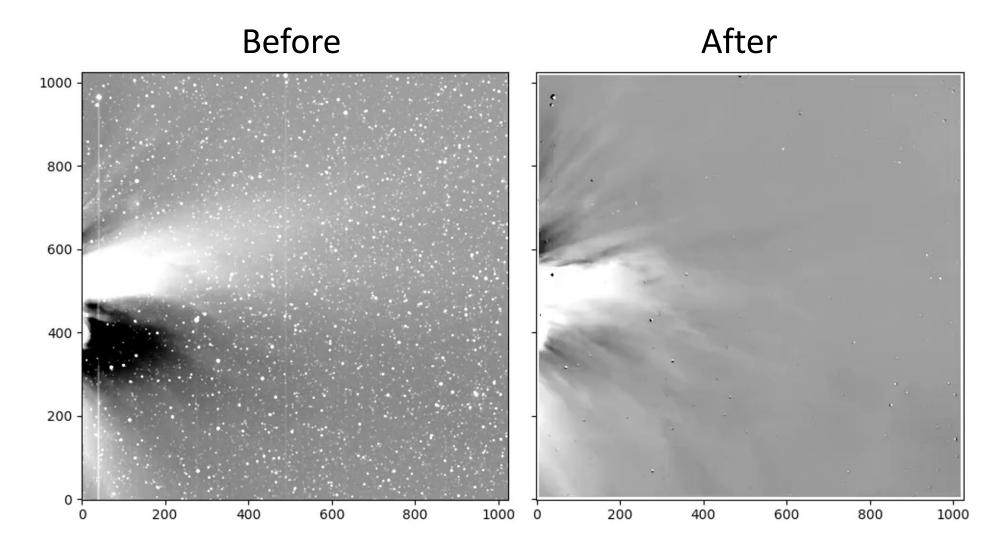


Sneak peek: Simulated PUNCH Data



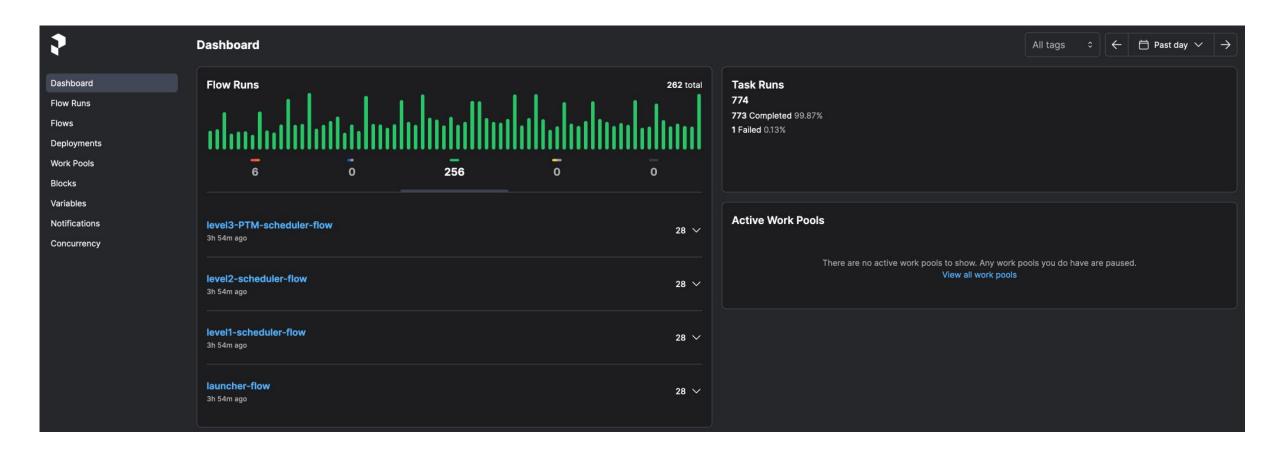


Sneak peek: Removing Stars





Prefect: the Orchestrator behind the PUNCH pipeline



Prefect provides easy observability and automation.



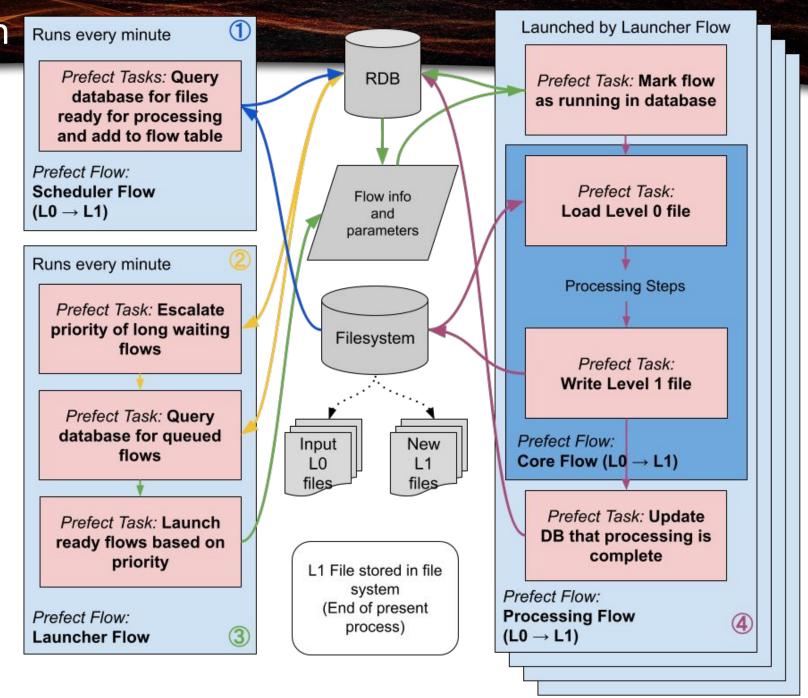
Prefect Integration

All science code exists in a package called *punchbowl* and is represented by the dark blue

Automation is in punchpipe package

4 types of flows:

- 1. Core
- 2. Processing
- 3. Scheduler
- 4. Launcher





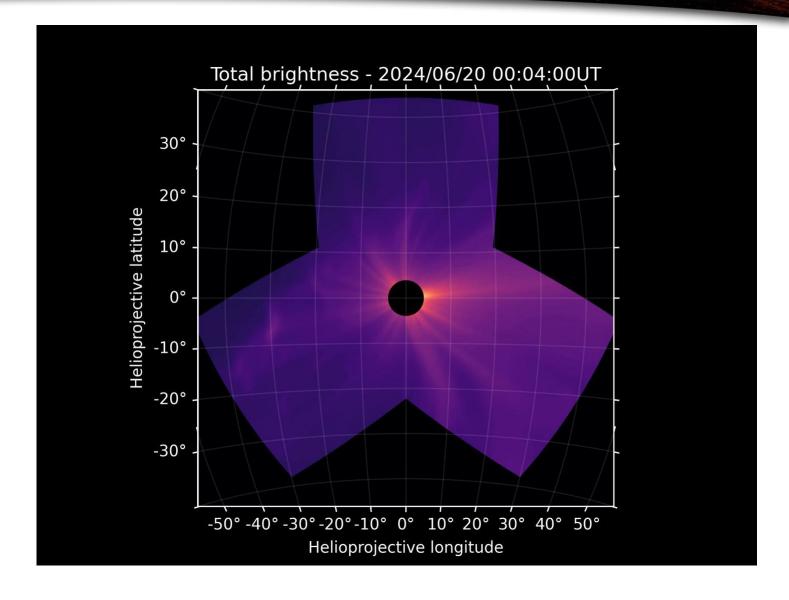
Lessons Learned

- Create simulated data early so you can test early
 - Start with bare bones simulation and gradually make it more sophisticated
- Don't neglect code documentation
- Don't overdo official documents
 - They can eat up the entire development schedule
- Continuous integration is wonderful
- Clearly define your releases and release early



Where We're Headed

- Launch early next year
- Data available as soon as commissioning ends



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Follow PUNCH

https://github.com/punch-mission

PUNCH is an open mission comprised of four satellites that will change our understanding of the solar wind.

The novel algorithms and software are freely available.