

# Working with PUNCH Data

A How-To Guide

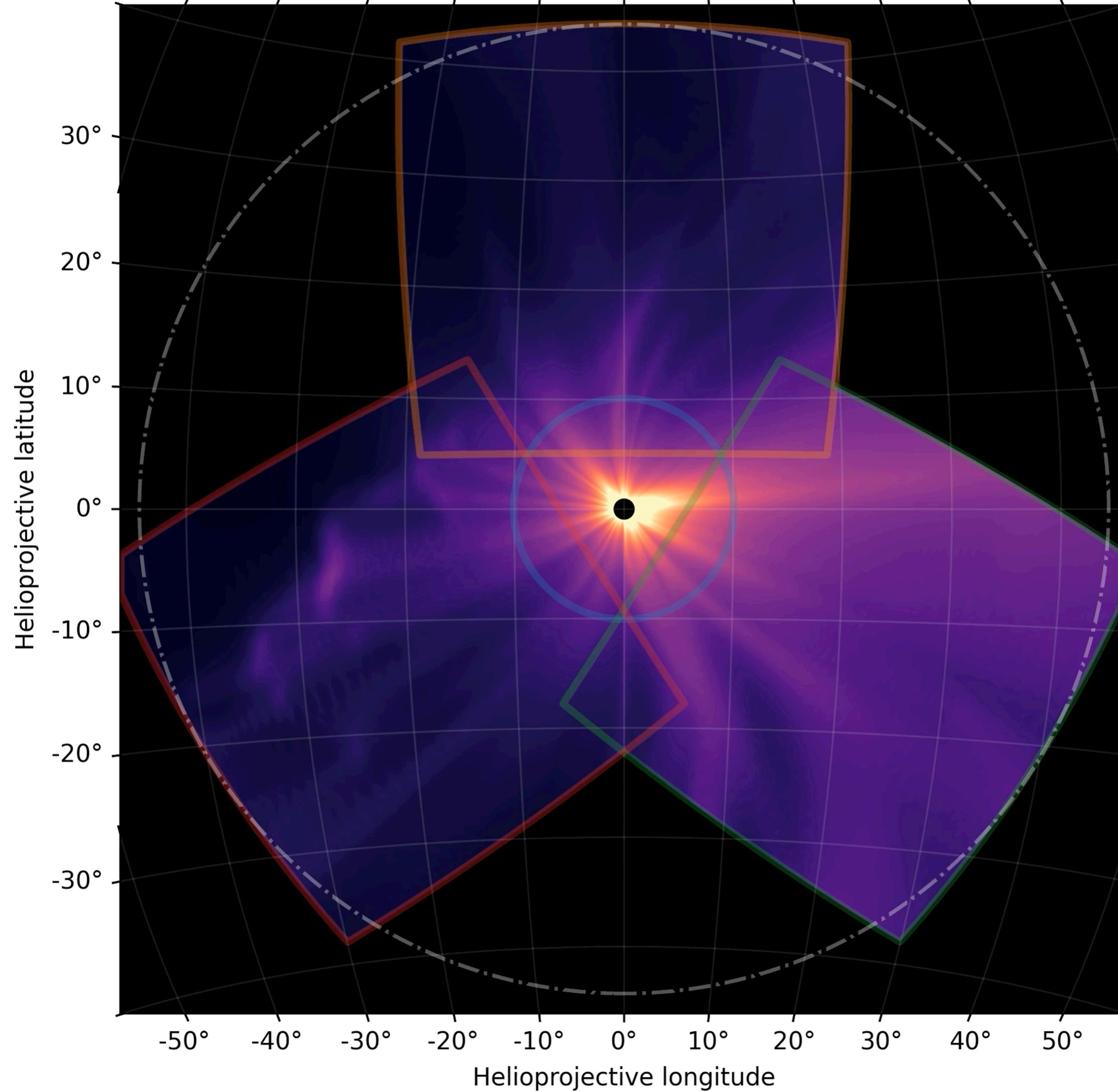
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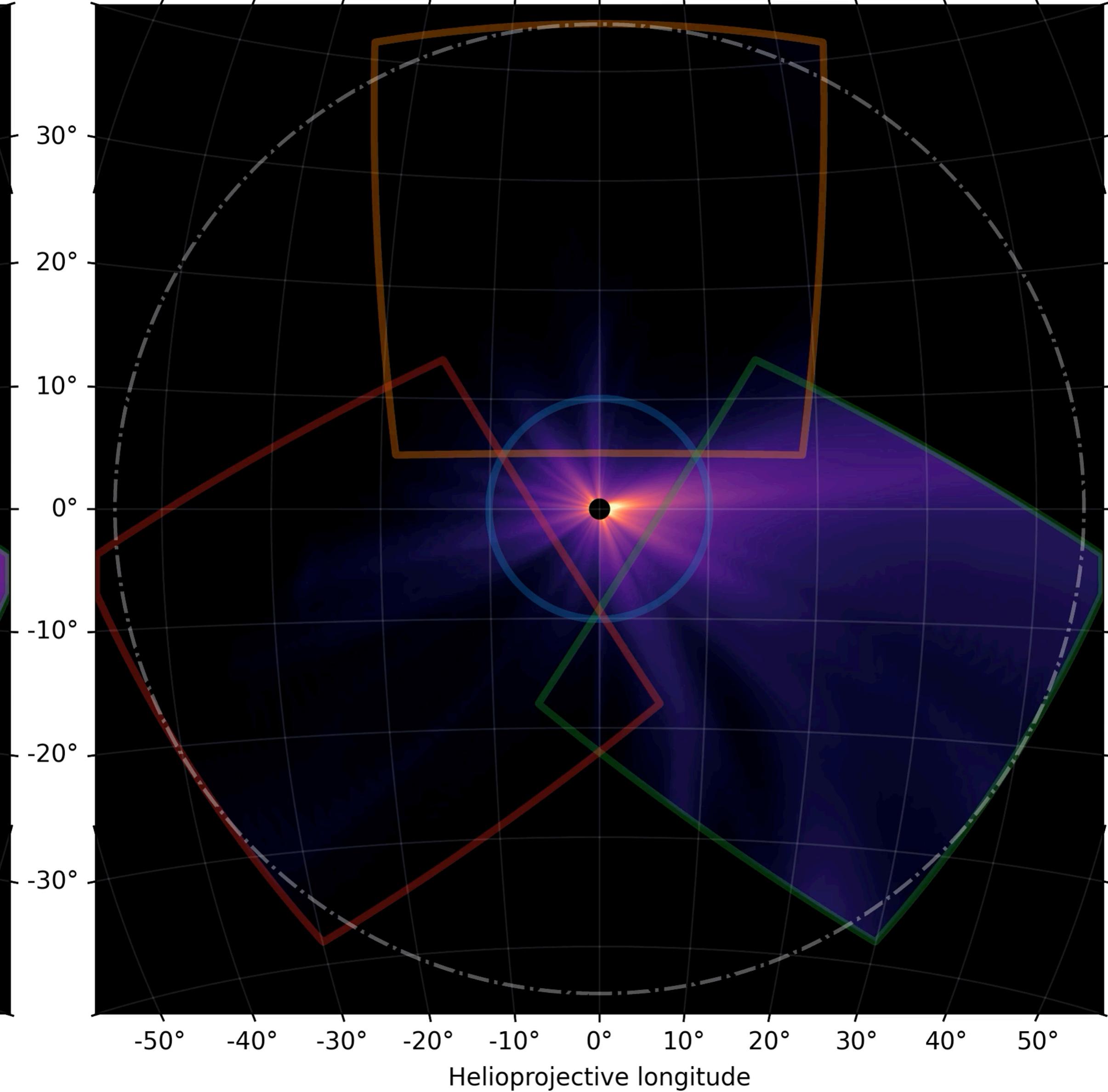
What is PUNCH?

What is PUNCHData?

PUNCH total brightness - 2023/07/04 00:00:00UT



PUNCH polarized brightness - 2023/07/04 00:00:00UT



# Data design principles

## Data and metadata

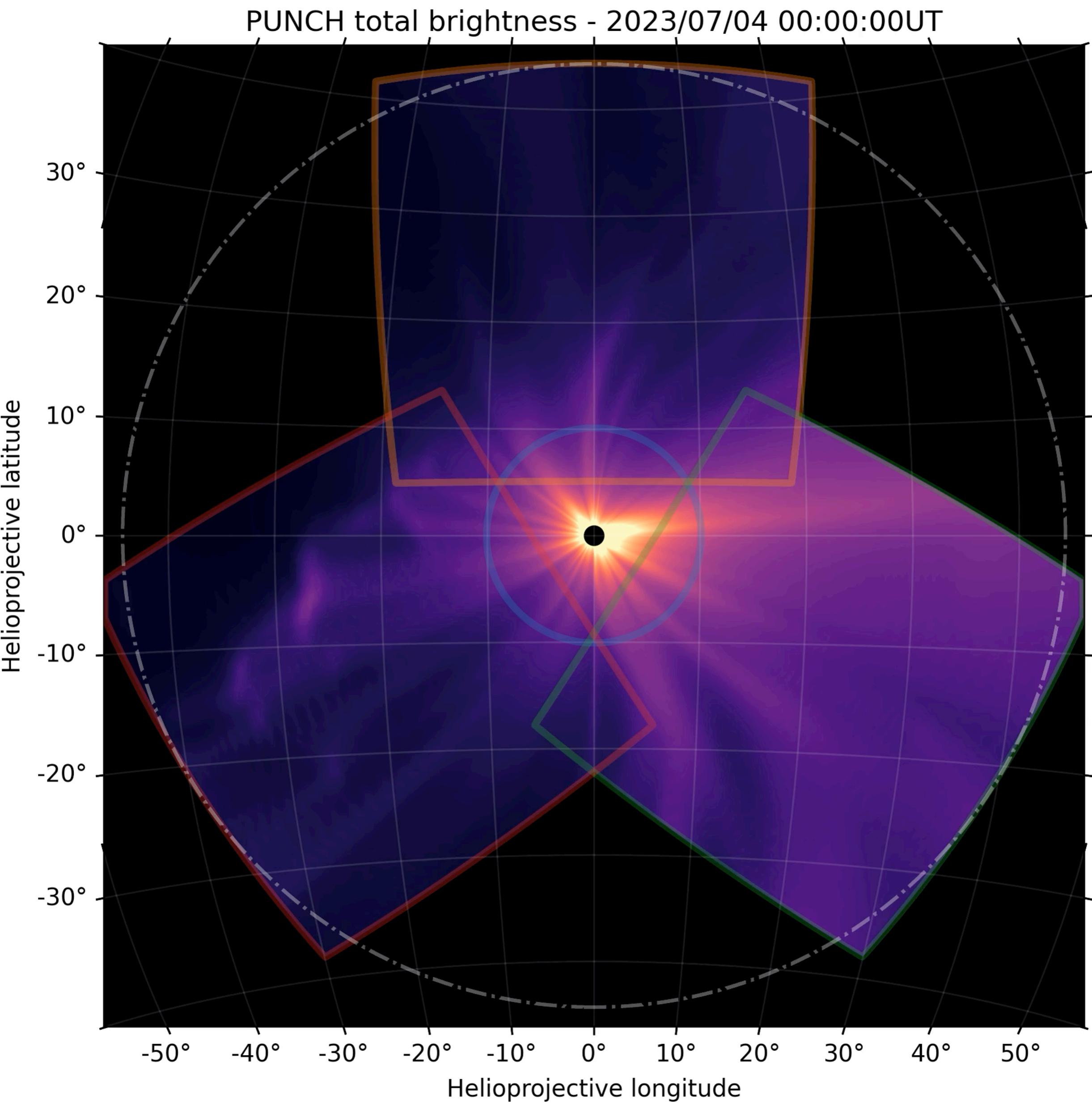
- Built on NDCube
  - Bundles data with associated uncertainties, world coordinate system (WCS), and metadata
  - Transparent & self-describing metadata
  - Fully standards (FITS 4.0) compliant
  - Human enjoyably readable
  - Uses FITS's multidimensional data capabilities to represent polarization, uncertainty, etc.

```
COMMENT ----- Documentation, Contact, and Collection Metadata -----
DOI      = 'https://doi.org/TBD' / Data reference DOI
PROJECT  = 'PUNCH '
TITLE    = 'PUNCH Level-3 Polarized Low Noise Mosaic'
KEYVOCAB= 'Unified Astronomy Thesaurus Keywords'
KEYWORDS= 'Solar Corona (1483), Solar K Corona (2042), Solar F Corona (1991), &
CONTINUE 'Solar Coronal Streamers (1486), Solar Coronal Plumes (2039), Solar &
CONTINUE 'Wind (1534), Fast Solar Wind (1872), Slow Solar Wind (1873), Solar &
CONTINUE 'Coronal Mass Ejection (310), Heliosphere (711), Polarimetry (1278)'
LICENSE  = 'Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International | CC BY 4.0'
DESCRIPTN= 'PUNCH Level-3 data, Composite mosaic in output coordinates'
DOC_URL = 'https://punch.spaceops.swri.org'
COMMENT ----- File Type and Provenance -----
FILENAME= '' / Name of file
LEVEL   = '3'          / Product Level
OBSTYPE = 'Polarized low noise mosaic' / Plain text observation
TYPECODE= 'PA'         / Observation product type code
OBSCODE = 'M'          / Observatory spacecraft code
PIPEVRSN= '' / PUNCHPipe software version number
FILE_RAW= '' / Raw telemetry filename
ORIGIN  = 'SwRI'        / Institution responsible for creating the file
COMMENT ----- Temporal Information -----
TIMESYS = 'UTC'        / Principal time system
DATE-BEG= '2024-06-20T00:00:00.000' / UTC time observation
DATE-OBS= '2024-06-20T00:00:00.000' / UTC reference time
DATE-AVG= '2024-06-20T00:16:00.000' / UTC reference time
DATE-END= '2024-06-20T00:32:00.000' / UTC time of observation end
DATE    = '2024-06-20T12:32:00.000' / UTC file generation date and time
COMMENT ----- Instrument and Spacecraft State -----
WAVELNTH= 530 / [nm] average peak response
WAVEUNIT= 'nanometer' / Unit of observation measurement
OBS-MODE= 'Polar_BpB' / Image Mode (Unpolarized, Polar_MZP, Polar_BpB)
OBSLAYR1= 'Polar_B'   / Image Mode for first datacube layer
OBSLAYR2= 'Polar_pB'  / Image Mode for second datacube layer
INSTRUME= 'WFI+NFI Mosaic' / Instrument name
TELESCOP= 'PUNCH 1-2-3-4' / Satellite name
OBSRVTRY= 'PUNCH'     / Observatory name
OBJECT   = 'Heliosphere white light' / Object observed
COMMENT ----- World Coordinate System -----
WCAXES  = 3 / Number of coordinate axes
CRPIX1  = 2047.5 / Pixel coordinate of reference point
CRPIX2  = 2047.5 / Pixel coordinate of reference point
CRPIX3  = 0.0 / Pixel coordinate of reference point
PC1_1   = 1.0 / Coordinate transformation matrix element
PC1_2   = 0.0 / Coordinate transformation matrix element
PC1_3   = 0.0 / Coordinate transformation matrix element
PC2_1   = 0.0 / Coordinate transformation matrix element
PC2_2   = 1.0 / Coordinate transformation matrix element
PC2_3   = 0.0 / Coordinate transformation matrix element
PC3_1   = 0.0 / Coordinate transformation matrix element
PC3_2   = 0.0 / Coordinate transformation matrix element
PC3_3   = 1.0 / Coordinate transformation matrix element
CDELT1  = 0.0225 / [deg] Coordinate increment at reference point
CDELT2  = 0.0225 / [deg] Coordinate increment at reference point
CDELT3  = 1.0 / Coordinate increment at reference point
CUNIT1  = 'deg'   / Units of coordinate increment and value
CUNIT2  = 'deg'   / Units of coordinate increment and value
CUNIT3  = '' / Units of coordinate increment and value
CTYPE1  = 'HPLN-ARC' / Coordinate type codezenithal/azimuthal equidist
CTYPE2  = 'HPLT-ARC' / Coordinate type codezenithal/azimuthal equidist
CTYPE3  = 'STOKES'  / Coordinate type
CRVAL1  = 0.0 / [deg] Coordinate value at reference point
CRVAL2  = 0.0 / [deg] Coordinate value at reference point
CRVAL3  = 0.0 / Coordinate value at reference point
```

# Data pipeline

## Overview

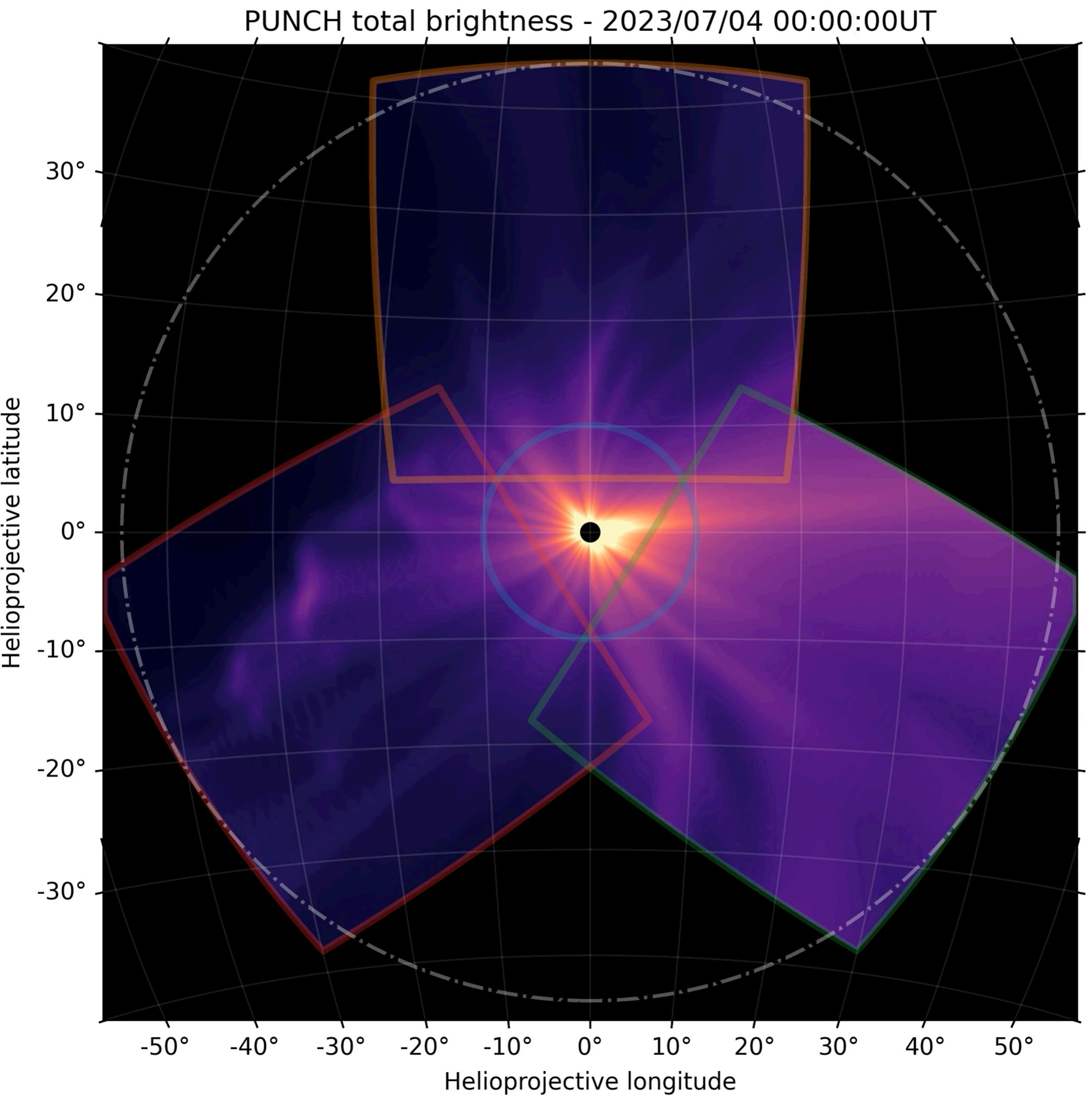
- Combining observations from four satellites into one virtual observatory with modern pipeline tools
- Prefect for pipeline orchestration
- NDCube for data handling
- Ease of use / extensibility
- Robust documentation



# Data products

## Overview

- Preliminary synthetic PUNCH data generated from GAMERA model data
- Simulates real PUNCH Level 3 data
- Does not include a starfield or F-corona
- The next iteration of this data will include realistic noise



# Data products

## Filenames

PUNCH\_L3\_PAM\_2023070400000\_v1.fits

Spacecraft

Data  
level

Product  
code

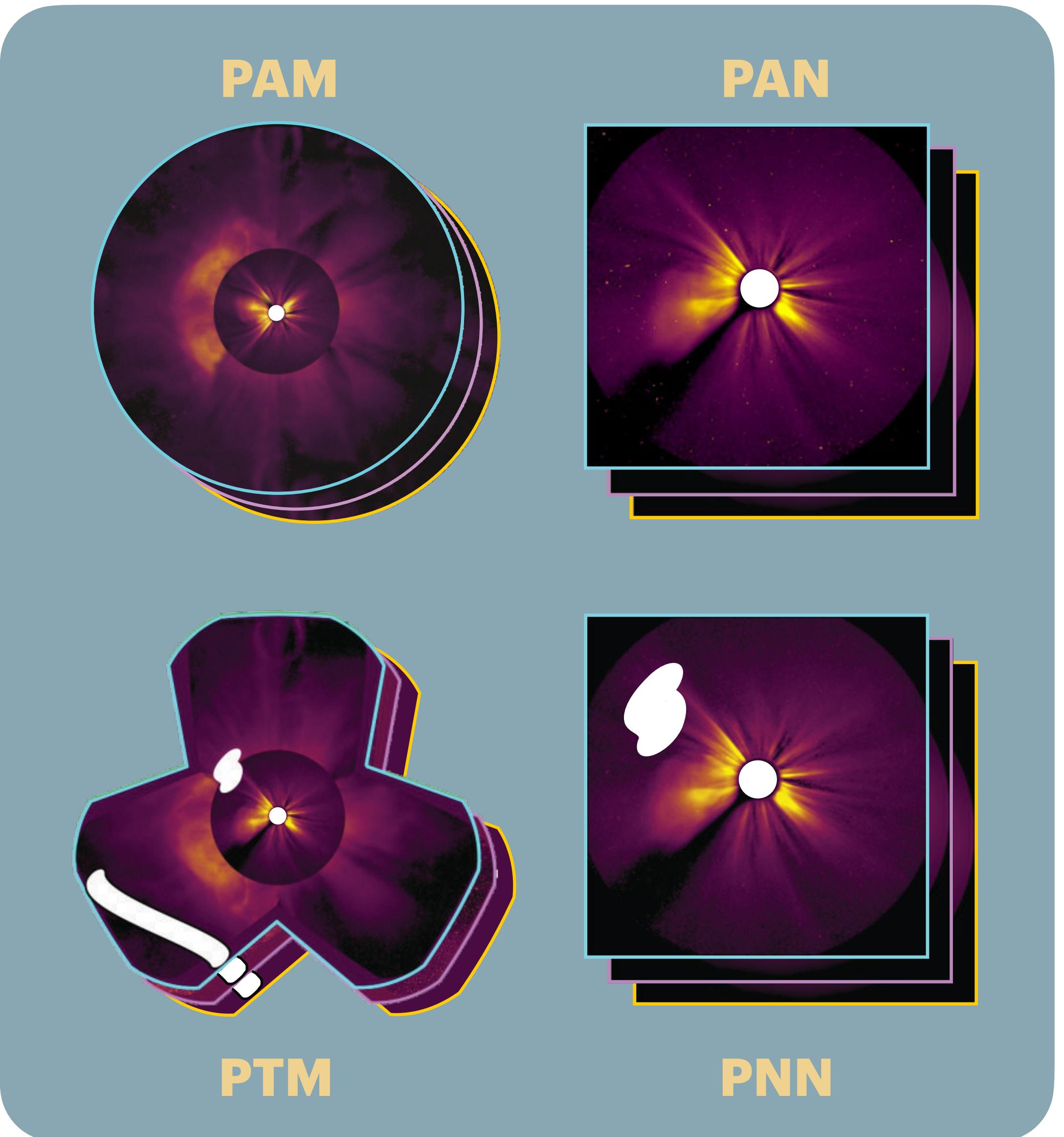
Timestamp

Version  
number for  
reprocessing

# Data products

## Primary data

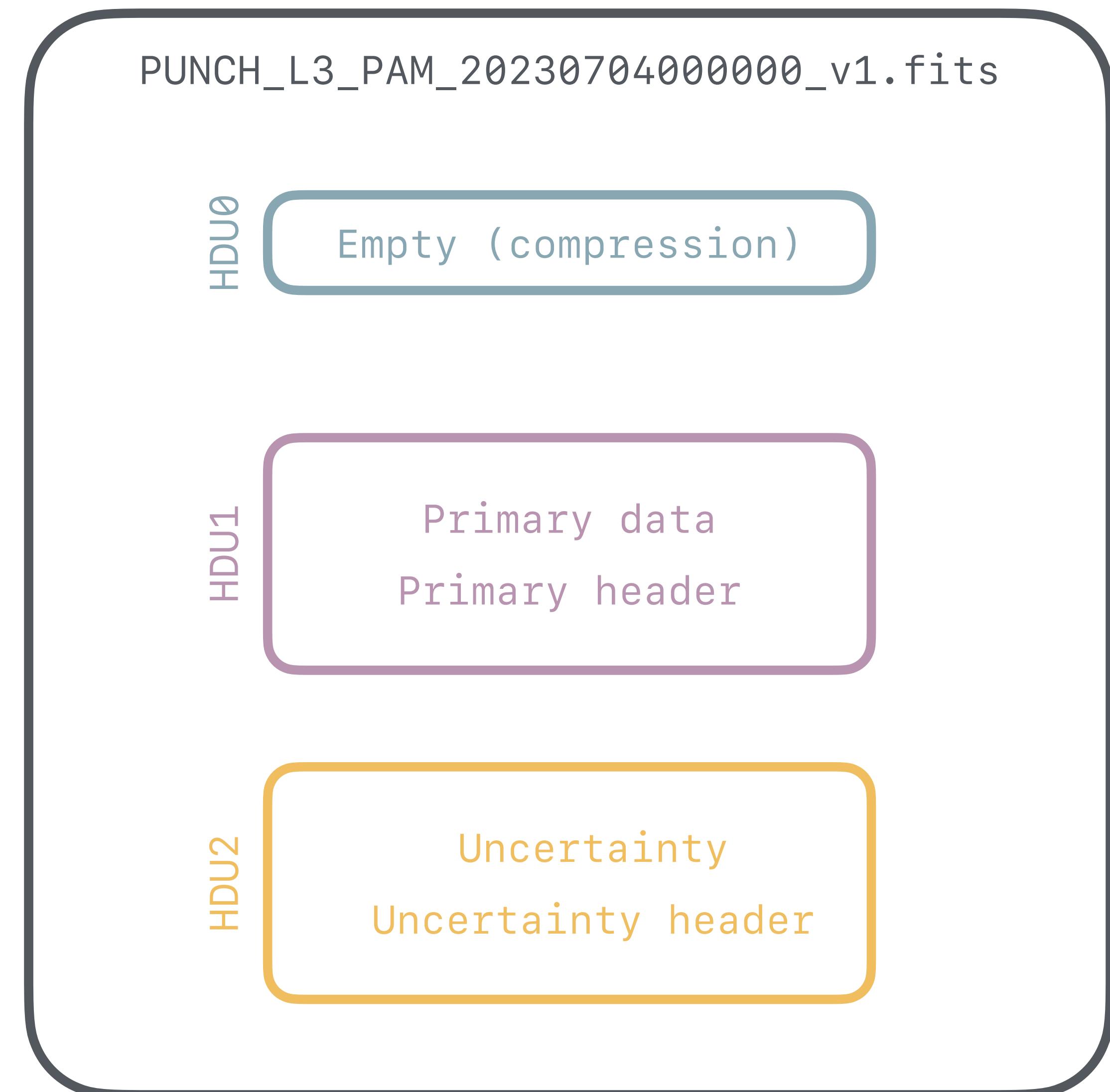
- L3 - Level 3 total brightness and polarized brightness
  - **PAM** - Polarized Low Noise Mosaic – 32 minutes
  - **PAN** - Polarized Low Noise NFI Image – 32 minutes
  - **PTM** - Polarized Trefoil Mosaic – 4 minutes
  - **PNN** - Polarized NFI Image – 4 minutes
- Corresponding clear data (**CXX**) also generated in data pipeline



# Data products

## Overview

- Data is RICE compressed, with primary data / header in the second HDU and uncertainty in the third HDU
- Data can be read with astropy FITS frameworks
- Bespoke data handler capable of reading PUNCH data and bundling the data and WCS information will be available at <https://github.com/punch-mission>
- A sample IDL script for reading PUNCH data is under development at: [https://github.com/punch-mission/PUNCH\\_IDL\\_Tools](https://github.com/punch-mission/PUNCH_IDL_Tools)



A notebook example

```
# Load libraries

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.colors import LogNorm
import numpy as np

from astropy.io import fits
from astropy.wcs import WCS

import astropy.units as u

from sunpy.map import Map

from ndcube import NDCube
```

```
# Specify data filepath
filename = 'PUNCH_L3_PAM_20240620000000.fits'

# Open the HDU list, and read out the appropriate data
# As the data is RICE compressed, the *second* HDU contains the main data frame

with fits.open(filename) as hdul:
    data = hdul[1].data
    header = hdul[1].header
    uncertainty = hdul[2].data
```

```
# Take a look at the data and uncertainty
array shapes
# For this data product, total brightness and
polarized brightness are stacked along the
first dimension
# The uncertainty array corresponds on a
pixel-to-pixel basis with the data array
data.shape, uncertainty.shape
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((2, 4096, 4096), (2, 4096, 4096))

```
# Take a look at the header for these data
header
```

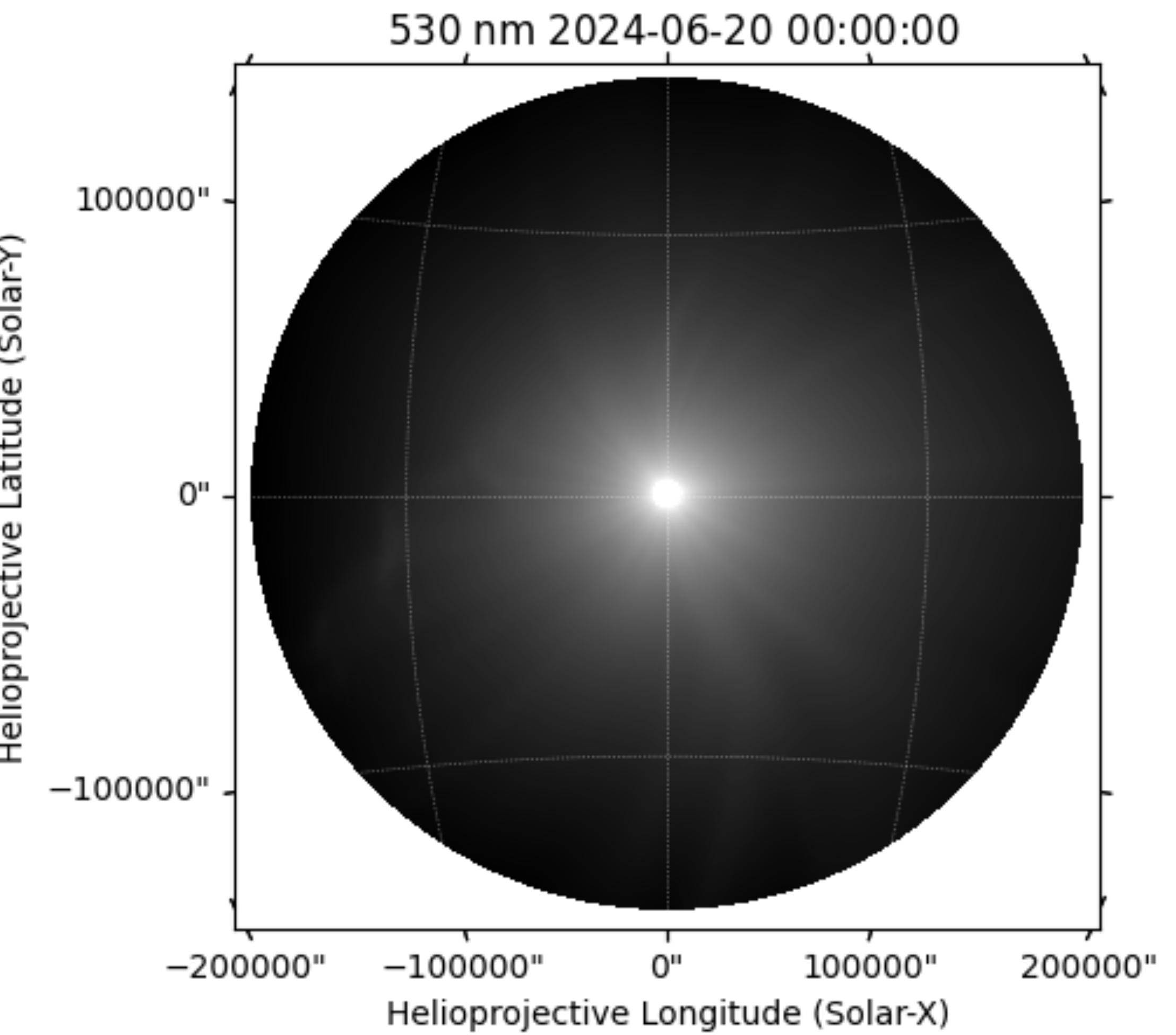
```
COMMENT ----- FITS Required -----
EXTNAME = 'PRIMARY DATA ARRAY' / Name of this binary table extension
LONGSTRN= 'OGIP 1.0'           / The OGIP long string convention may be used
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COMMENT ----- World Coordinate System -----
...
COMMENT ----- Fixity -----
CHECKSUM= 'EWh3HVh2EVh2EVh2'    / HDU checksum updated 2024-04-06T21:54:50
DATASUM = '1089768418'           / data unit checksum updated 2024-04-06T21:54:50
COMMENT ----- History -----
HISTORY Records of processing from pipeline
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```
# The header information can be converted  
into an AstroPy WCS object  
# Note that due to the stacked nature of this  
data, there is an additional STOKES axis  
  
data_wcs = WCS(header);  
  
data_wcs
```

## WCS Keywords

Number of WCS axes: 3  
CTYPE : 'HPLN-ARC' 'HPLT-ARC' 'STOKES'  
CRVAL : 0.0 0.0 0.0  
CRPIX : 2047.5 2047.5 0.0  
PC1\_1 PC1\_2 PC1\_3 : 1.0 0.0 0.0  
PC2\_1 PC2\_2 PC2\_3 : 0.0 1.0 0.0  
PC3\_1 PC3\_2 PC3\_3 : 0.0 0.0 1.0  
CDELT : 0.0225 0.0225 1.0  
NAXIS : 4096 4096 2

```
# Construct a SunPy Map object of out this data  
data_map = Map(data, header)  
  
# Plot the data using the SunPy Map object  
plotting function  
  
data_map.plot(norm='log')
```



```
# Construct an NDCube object out of this data  
  
data_ndcube = NDCube(data, wcs=data_wcs,  
meta=header)  
  
data_ndcube
```

```
<ndcube.ndcube.NDCube object at 0x17f9c31d0>  
NDCube  
-----  
Dimensions: [2.000e+00 4.096e+03 4.096e+03]  
pix  
Physical Types of Axes:  
[('phys.polarization.stokes',),  
 ('custom:pos.helioprojective.lon',  
 'custom:pos.helioprojective.lat'),  
 ('custom:pos.helioprojective.lon',  
 'custom:pos.helioprojective.lat')]  
Unit: None  
Data Type: float32
```

```

# Plot the data using matplotlib manually

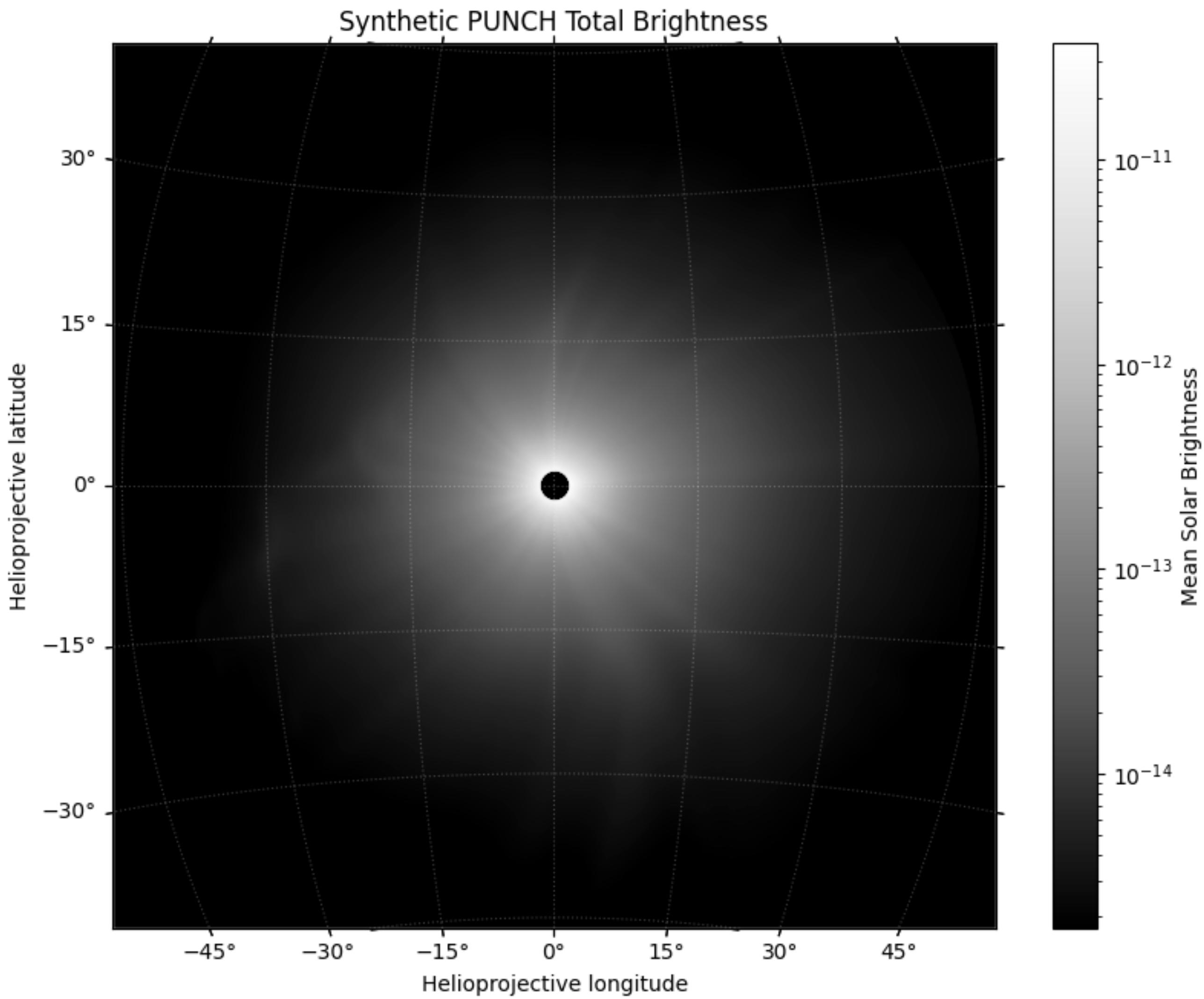
plt.figure(figsize=(9.5, 7.5))
ax = plt.subplot(111, projection=data_wcs[0,:,:,:])

plt.imshow(data[0,:,:,:], cmap='Greys_r',
norm=LogNorm(vmin=1.77e-15, vmax=3.7e-11))

lon, lat = ax.coords
lat.set_ticks(np.arange(-90, 90, 15) * u.degree)
lon.set_ticks(np.arange(-180, 180, 15) * u.degree)
lat.set_major_formatter('dd')
lon.set_major_formatter('dd')
ax.set_facecolor('black')
ax.coords.grid(color='white', alpha=.25,
ls='dotted')

plt.xlabel("Helioprojective longitude")
plt.ylabel("Helioprojective latitude")
plt.title('Synthetic PUNCH Total Brightness')
plt.colorbar(label='Mean Solar Brightness')

```



# Notebook / sample data



<https://github.com/punch-mission/punch-5-meeting>