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# Sharing and comparing simulation results

A key step for the HEWG community

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## Sharing and comparing... why?



Among the HEWG, several teams/scientists are computing numerical simulations of the Hermean environment.



Each simulation code is **different**, with its own **strengths** and **weaknesses**.

But put together, the ensemble of numerical codes among the HEWG is a powerful asset for the BepiColombo team.



Numerical simulations used for **scientific research** now need an **official structure** to go beyond the SHOTS project (see the YSG activities). Official simulation & modeling groups exist (i.e. the MADAWG at Solar Orbiter)

### Sharing and comparing... how?



Sharing and comparing require **trusting** each other. Simulation parameters, boundary conditions, equations, solvers, we must know as much as possible. ex. SHOTS: all parameters and BC are described in a shared document



In order to ease the comparison, an effort must be made to provide simulation results **in the MESO frame**, using **the same units** for the parameters ex: Lengths in R\_M, densities in cm^-3, magnetic field in nT, temperature in K.



The simulations results must be provided in the **same format**, to be analyzed with the same visualization tools ex: Netcdf, to use Paraview and 3DView (CDPP tool)







### Exemple of sharing and comparing: the SHOTS project

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7 numerical codes, more than 10 people involved, 1 poster at AGU, many videoconferences, under the supervision of Prof. Usui and Go Murakami



## Commun parameters:

Radius of Mercury RM in km	2440	Dipole offset in km	480
Resistivity of Mantle in Ohm m	1.2e+7	Exosphere	None
Core Size in RM	0.80	Minimum grid Resolution in	85
Dipole Moment in nT RM^3	190	Minimum Timestep in s	1



Plasma density in cm^-3	30	Plasma velocity in km/s	400
Temperature in MK	0.25	IMF magnitude in nT	20
Plasma beta	0.6	IMF direction	+-Z
Alfvèn Mach	5	Sonic Mach	4.8

# Exemple of sharing and comparing: the SHOTS project



Density (Magnetic Field Line)





#### **Using Paraview:**





**Using Paraview:** 













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Distances ( Rm = Mercury radius = 2439.700km )

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Frame MESO Center Mercury Start 2026/02/27 15:00:00 Stop 2026/03/01 15:00:00

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MMO	2026-02-27 22:14:59	1	-1.3	-2.6	
MMO	2026-02-28 00:28:19	1	-1.3	2.6	
MMO	2026 02 28 07 33 19	1	13	2.6	
MMO	2026-02-26 09:46:19	1	-1.3	2.7	
MMO	2026-02-28 16:49:59	1	-1.4	-2.6	
MMO	2026 02 28 19 06 39	0.9	14	27	
MMO	2026-03-01 02:00:19	0.9	-1.5	-2.6	
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#### Implementing the data/simulation model: the theory

- Make the right conversionssimulation units to commun shared units
  - simulation frame to MESO

#### Create the NetCDF file

- our original simulation grid = spherical, refined grid
- uniform cartesian grid (x,y,z)

#### **Create the XML file (« tree »)**

- The « parameter key » must have the same name as in the netcdf
- Store the netcdf file somewhere accessible by an URL, same for the XML file

Vizualise and do some science

Learn how to use Paraview and the CDPP tools

#### Implementing the data/simulation model

•	Exemple of an XML file for the
	description of a run

- Here for a 3D cube of magnetic field (LATMOS hybrid model for Mars)
  - Code/model description
  - Parameter description
  - Access URL
- The collection of these XML descriptors makes a *tree*
- Trees can be made visible in tools & databases

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Implementing the data/simulation model: in practice



#### Create the NetCDF file

Spherical refined grid was a big difficulty



Adapt the XML file



Create the XML file (« tree ») with only 1 parameter, the plasma density

Need to understand with information is necessary or not



**Fix the NetCDF file** 



Fix the XML file



Complete the XML file with the other parameters



Make the right conversions



#### Implementing the data/simulation model: you want to do it, too?



#### Try to create the NetCDF file by yourself, otherwise, please ask for help!

Do we have experts of file conversions within the BepiColombo team? Could ESA/JAXA/national agencies help? We could need specialists... It's important that, in the end, each team is able to produce the netcdf files



#### Store the netcdf file somewhere with an URL

If many teams participate, where do we store the simulations files?



#### Create the XML file (« tree »)

In Toulouse, many people would be happy to help you for the first one!



**Do exciting science :D** 



## **Conclusion:**

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Among the HEWG, Many simulation codes = great richness !

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BUT we need to work together!

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We need a better **organisation**, and **commun tools** (a webpage, Paraview, 3DView, ...)

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We need to decide of **commun units** for the physical quantities

The SHOTS team will show the way :)

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# Thank you!