

usage of the VSO Web interface over the last three quarters.

Figure 3. VSO usage trends, calendar year 2008 Q3 – 2009 Q1: (*Above left*) Number of data “carts” created by interaction with the VSO Web interface; (*above right*) number of data objects in VSO data “shopping” carts, the most direct measure of the number of distinct searches carried out by live users of the VSO Web interface; (*left*) total volume of data *identified* (and links provided) by VSO Web interface searches. We have at present no way of knowing how much of the data was downloaded as a result of a VSO search, since the data are obtained directly from the distributed data providers.

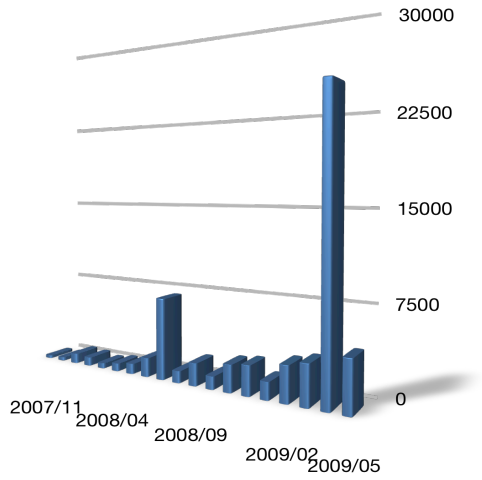


Figure 4. Monthly accesses of the Virtual Solar Observatory (VSO) using the IDL VSO_SEARCH function rather than the Web interface. (Figures for 2009 May represent only the first 15 days of the month.)