

# D14 Space Weather Group

## - Space Radiation and Effects -

- Product/service development & operation
- Radiation analysis (engineering)
- Applied research
- Training/Outreach

protons, neutrons, electrons, heavy ions, ... with  $E > 100$  keV

## SPENVIS → Space environment and Effects

**LUNAR GATEWAY → radiation analysis around/at the Moon (GCR+SEP)**

VSWMC → coupling of models from sun to Earth (SEP + TRAP)

HMT → solar energetic particle propagation (SEP)

DENSER → machine learning for predicting solar energetic particle (SEP)

RB-FAN → trapped radiation nowcast & forecast (TRAP)

GLORAB → modelling trapped radiation at low altitude (TRAP)

**PECASUS → SWX service for aviation (GCR + SEP)**

ALARM → (space) weather hazards for aviation (GCR+SEP)

ESERO → education (GCR+SEP+TRAP)

### ESA S2P SWE Service Network

→ R-ESC

s/c design & operation  
launch operation  
human space flight  
aviation

→ SSCC

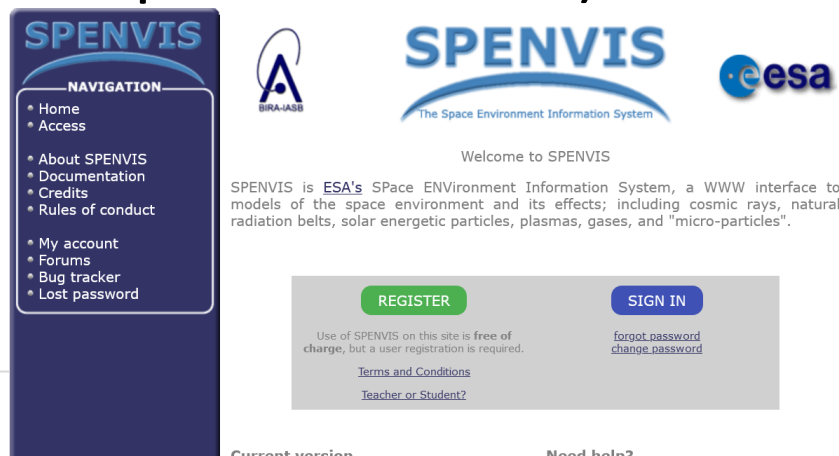
1<sup>st</sup> line support  
user support campaigns



# Preparing a space mission: will spacecraft+payload survive in the space environment (radiation, plasma, microparticles, ...)?

## Radiation & Effects Analysis

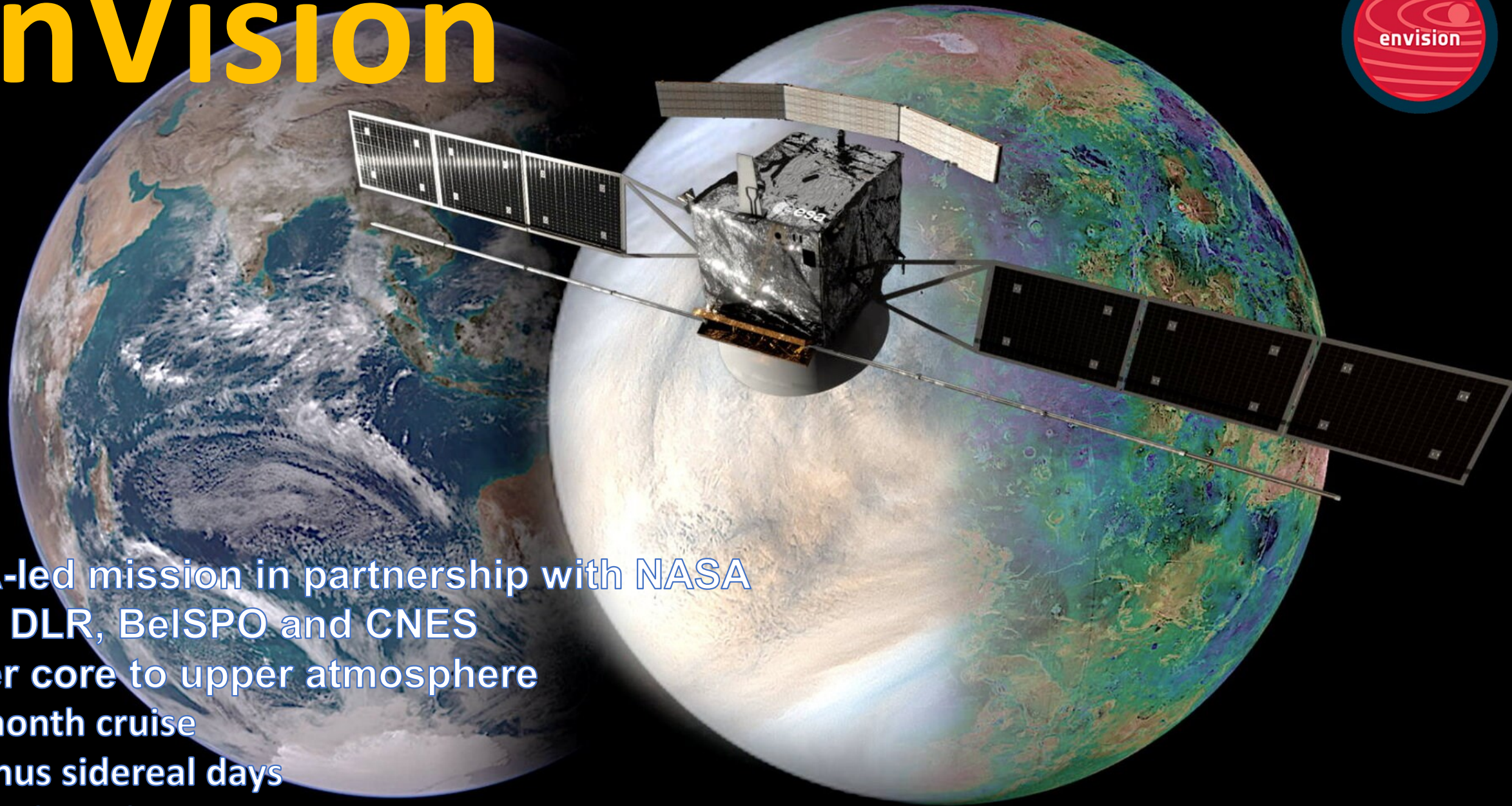
- When, where, how long?
- Computer models
- SPENVIS: quick estimate  
([www.spennis.oma.be](http://www.spennis.oma.be))



## Radiation testing

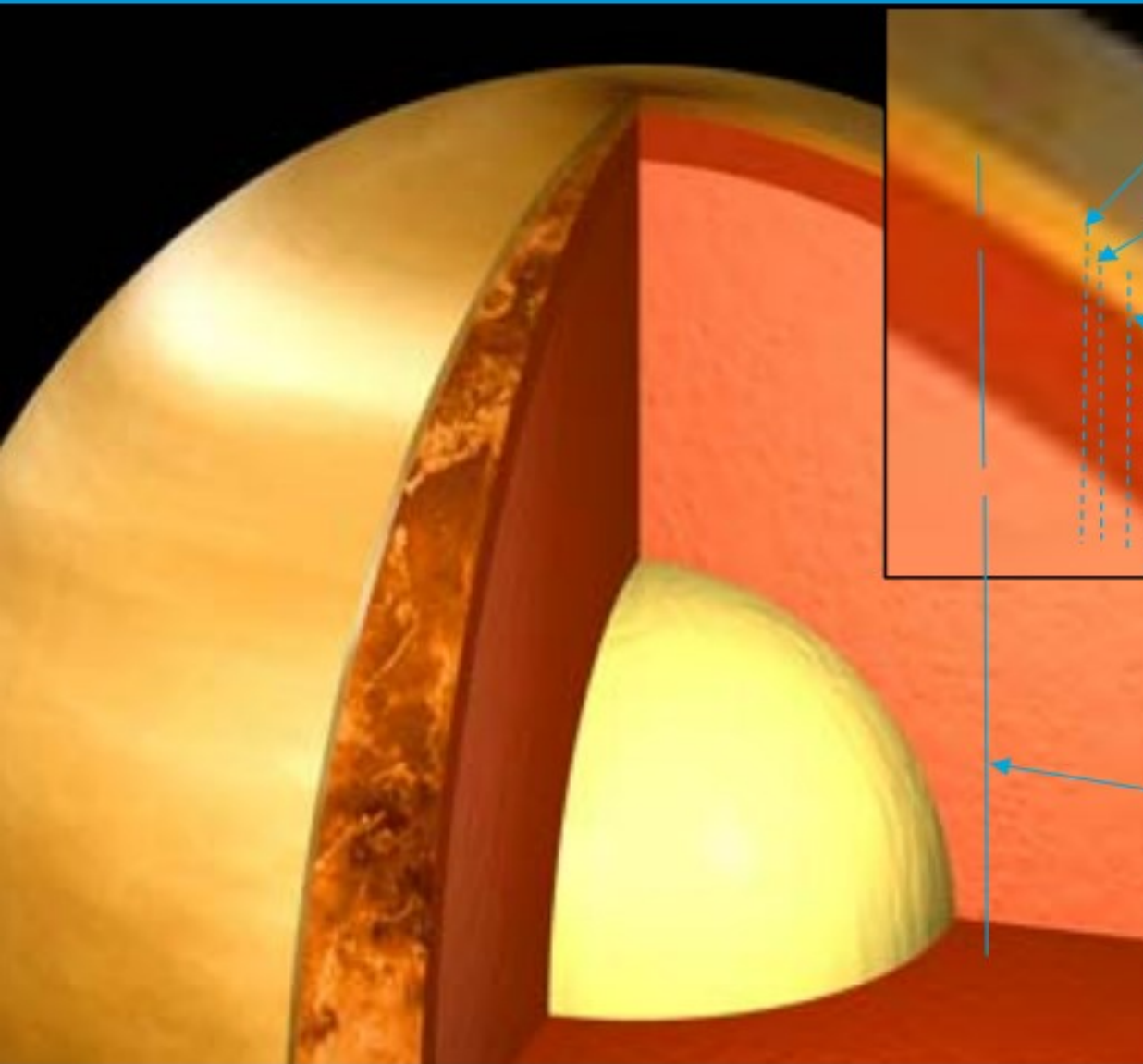
- System level + parts level
- Which tests?
  - Radiation dose
  - Single event effects
- Where?
  - CYCLONE (UCL, Belgium)
  - CHARM (CERN, Switzerland)
  - ...

# EnVision



- ESA-led mission in partnership with NASA
- ASI, DLR, BelSPO and CNES
- inner core to upper atmosphere
- 15-month cruise
- 6 Venus sidereal days
- Target launch 2032

# Detecting active geologic processes on Venus -past and today-



## Measurement

Higher atmosphere

### VenSpec-U

Mapping SO, SO<sub>2</sub> and UV absorber at cloud top. @210-240nm (0.2nm), @190-380 (2nm), ~100 km spatial resolution

Lower atmosphere

### VenSpec-H

Mapping of near surface atmosphere H<sub>2</sub>O, HDO at 0-15 km @1.08-1.2 μm, H<sub>2</sub>O, HDO, OCS, SO<sub>2</sub> at 30-40 km @ 2.44-2.47 μm, ~100 km spatial resolution

Surface

### VenSpec-M

mapping mineralogy by surface emission at 6 channels 0.82-1.2 μm at <50 km resolution

Crust profile

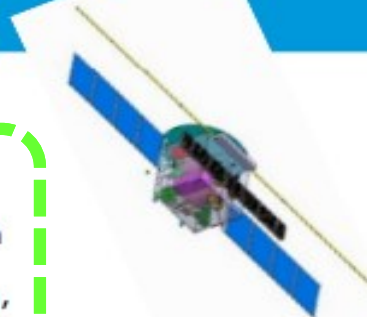
### SRS

Subsurface radar down to 1000 m depth and ~10m resolution @ 9 MHz

atmosphere, crust, planet mantle and core

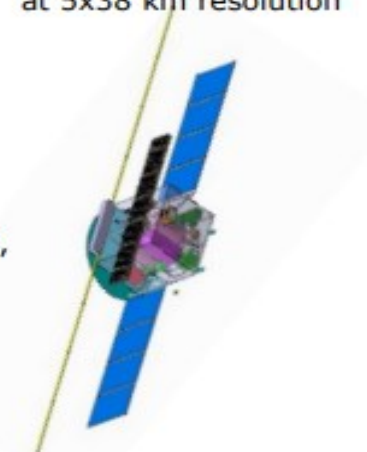
### RadioScience

2-way mapping, radio occultations, gravity field, love number k<sub>2</sub>

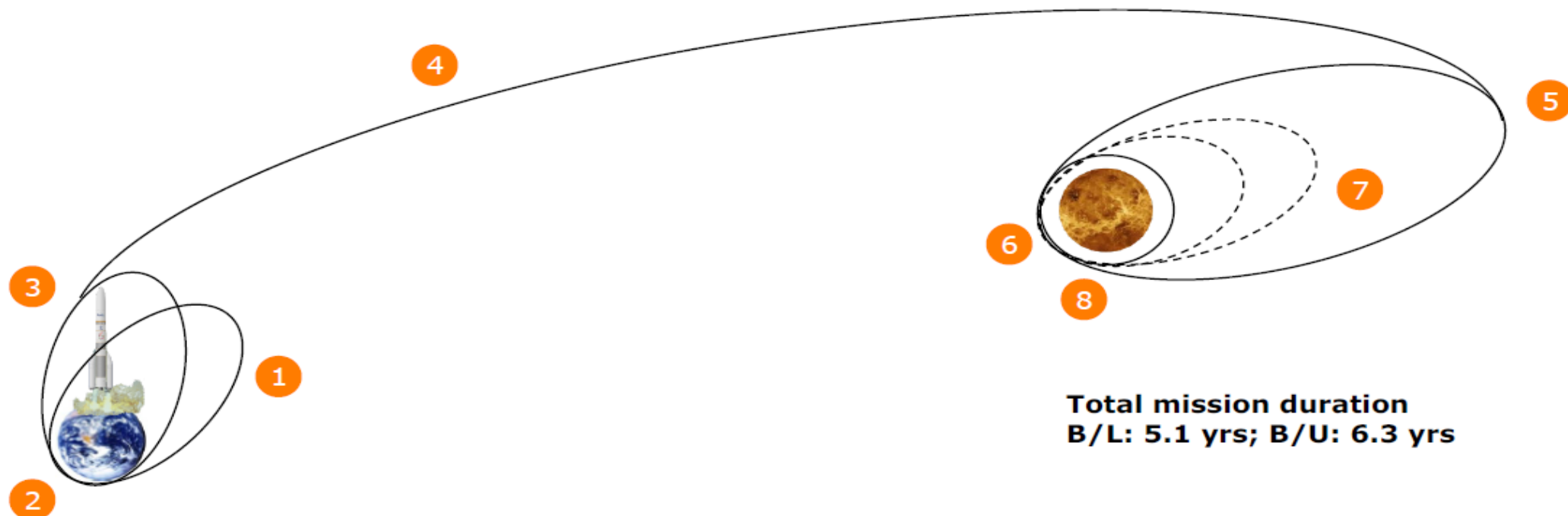


### VenSAR

Surface morphology, 1-30 m, cm changes by inter-ferometric measurements, @ 3.2 GHz, radiometry with relative precision of 1K at 5x38 km resolution



# Mission Timeline - Chemical Propulsion



**Total mission duration**  
B/L: 5.1 yrs; B/U: 6.3 yrs

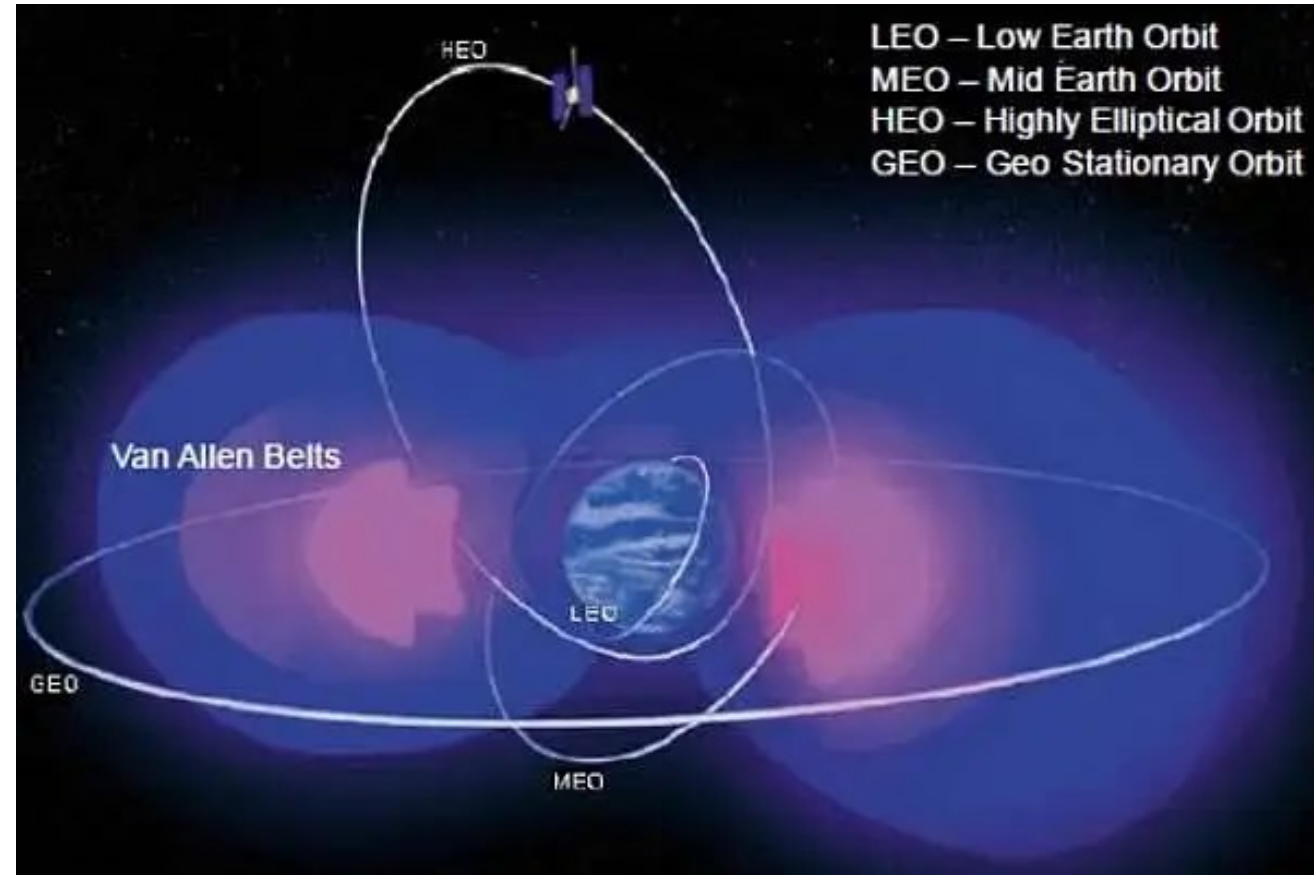
- 1 Launch into HEO with Ariane 62  
B/L: 24/11/2032; B/U: 12/05/2033
- 2 Escape Sequence Manoeuvre 1
- 3 Escape Sequence Manoeuvre 2  
B/L: 24/12/2032

- 4 Interplanetary transfer  
B/L: 134 days;
- 5 VOI  
B/L: 7/5/2033
- 6 Apocytherion lowering

- 7 Aerobraking  
B/L: ~25 months  
Note: 4 months margin applied
- 8 Science Operations  
2.66 yrs / 4 Venus cycles

# SPACE RADIATION ENVIRONMENTS

- Inside Earth's magnetosphere:
  - Mainly trapped radiation belts
  - Short-term
- Outside Earth's magnetosphere:
  - GCR + SEP
  - Long-term



## INNER BELT

- ~200 km – 6000 km
- mainly protons (0.04 – 100 MeV )
- primary source: CRAND
- rel. stable
- SAA

## OUTER BELT

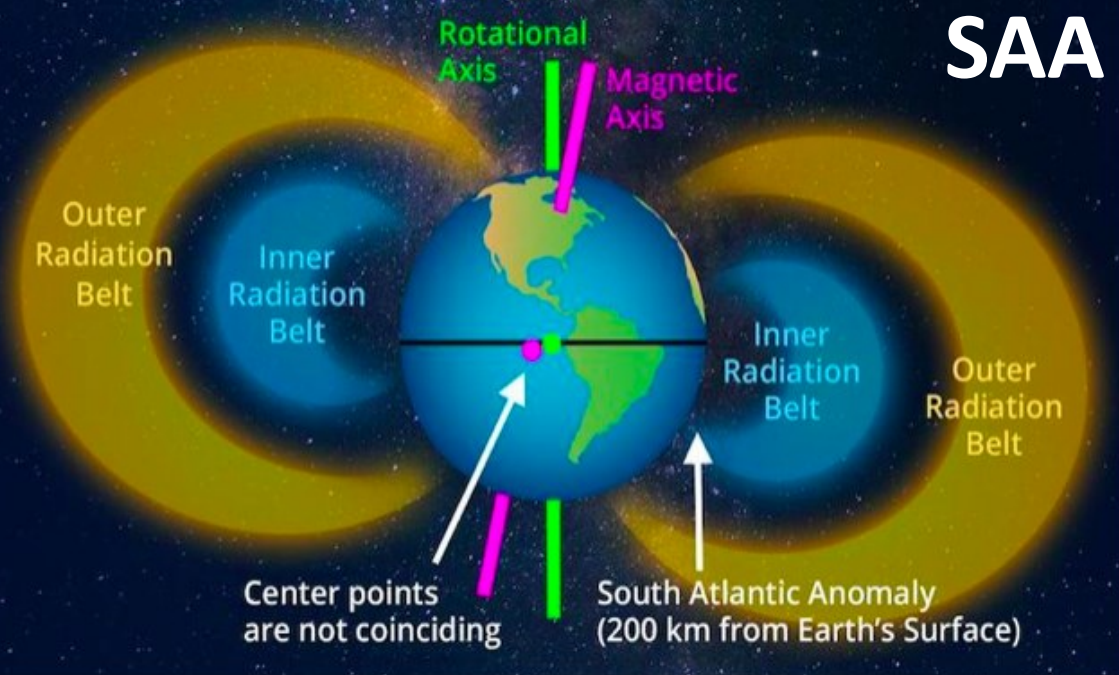
- ~13000 – 60000 km
- mainly electrons (0.04 – 7 MeV)
- source: magnetotail electrons, solar wind
- highly dynamic

## Slot region

- low- medium energy electrons & protons (0.01 – 100 MeV)
- very low flux wrt inner and outer belt

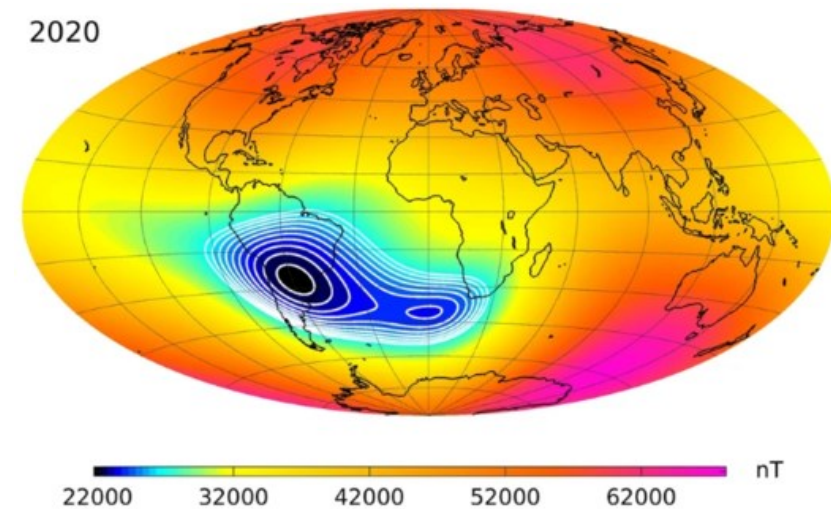
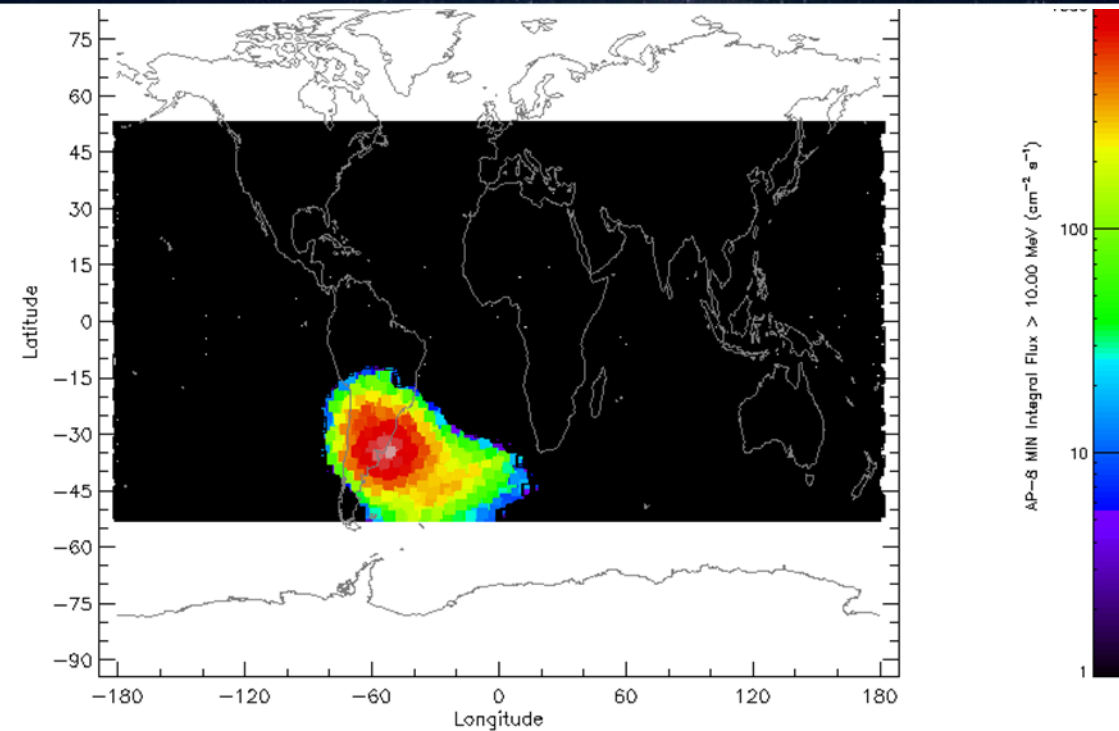


# SAA

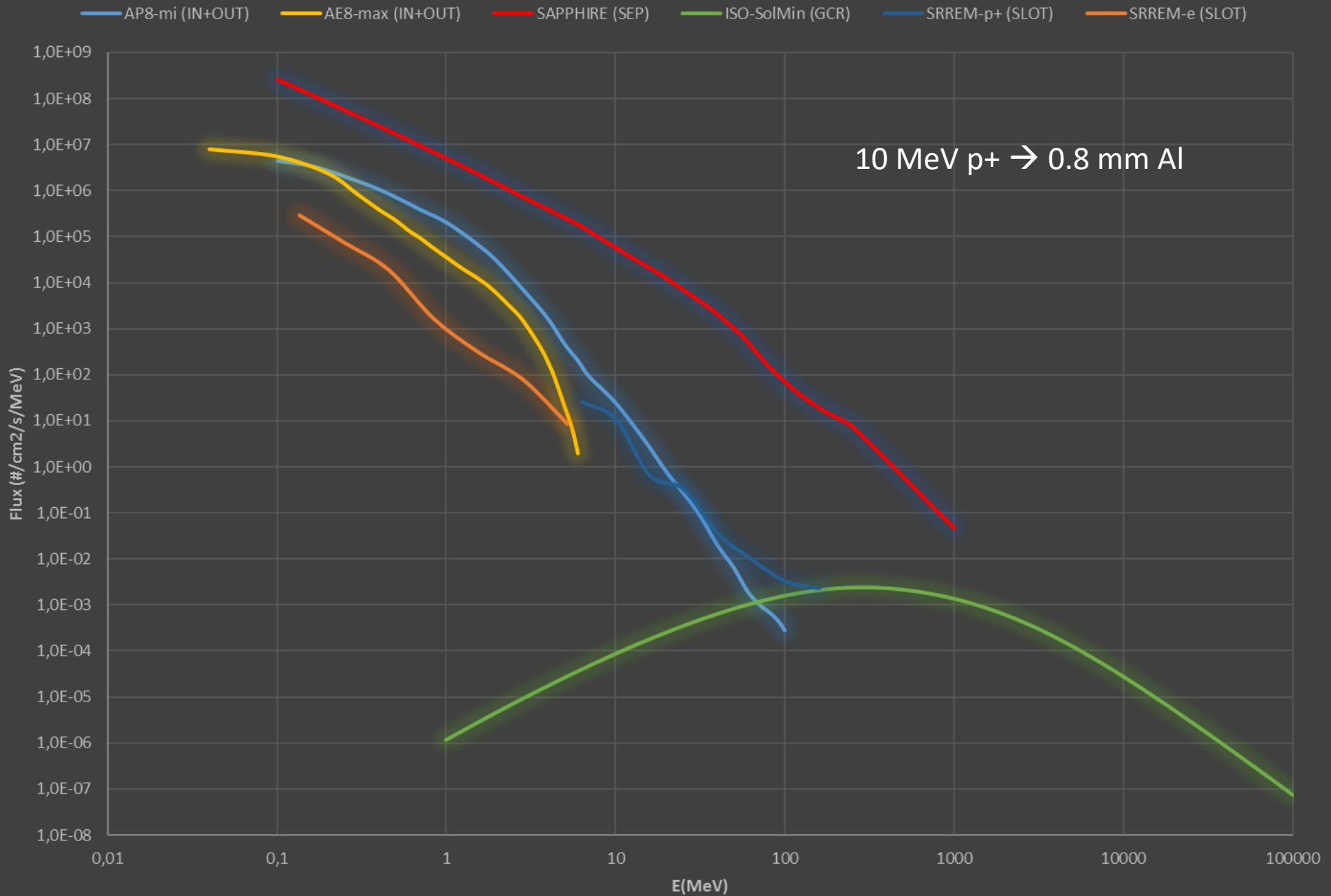


West drift:  $0.3^\circ/\text{yr}$

- extra shielding on ISS
- false alarms on Skylab Apollo Telescope Mount's solar flare sensor
- HST no observations
- astronauts "shooting stars" (phosphenes)
- failures of the Globalstar network's satellites in 2007
- PAMELA experiment: antiproton levels
- Crashing laptops on Space Shuttle flights
- transient problems on SpaceX CRS-1 Dragon spacecraft
- destruction of the Hitomi, Japan's most powerful X-ray observatory
- ...

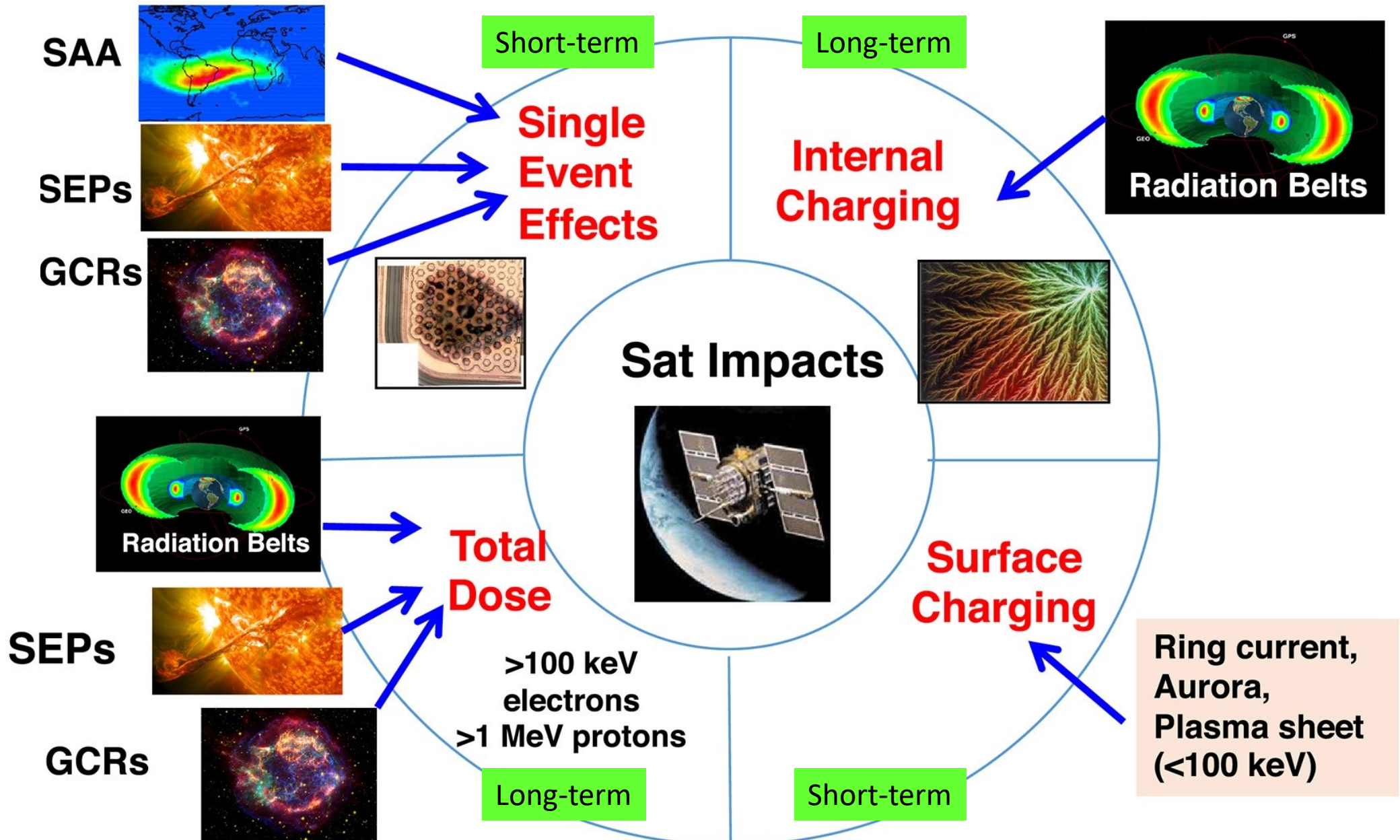


# TRAP+SEP+GCR at HEO (9000-150000 km, 56°)

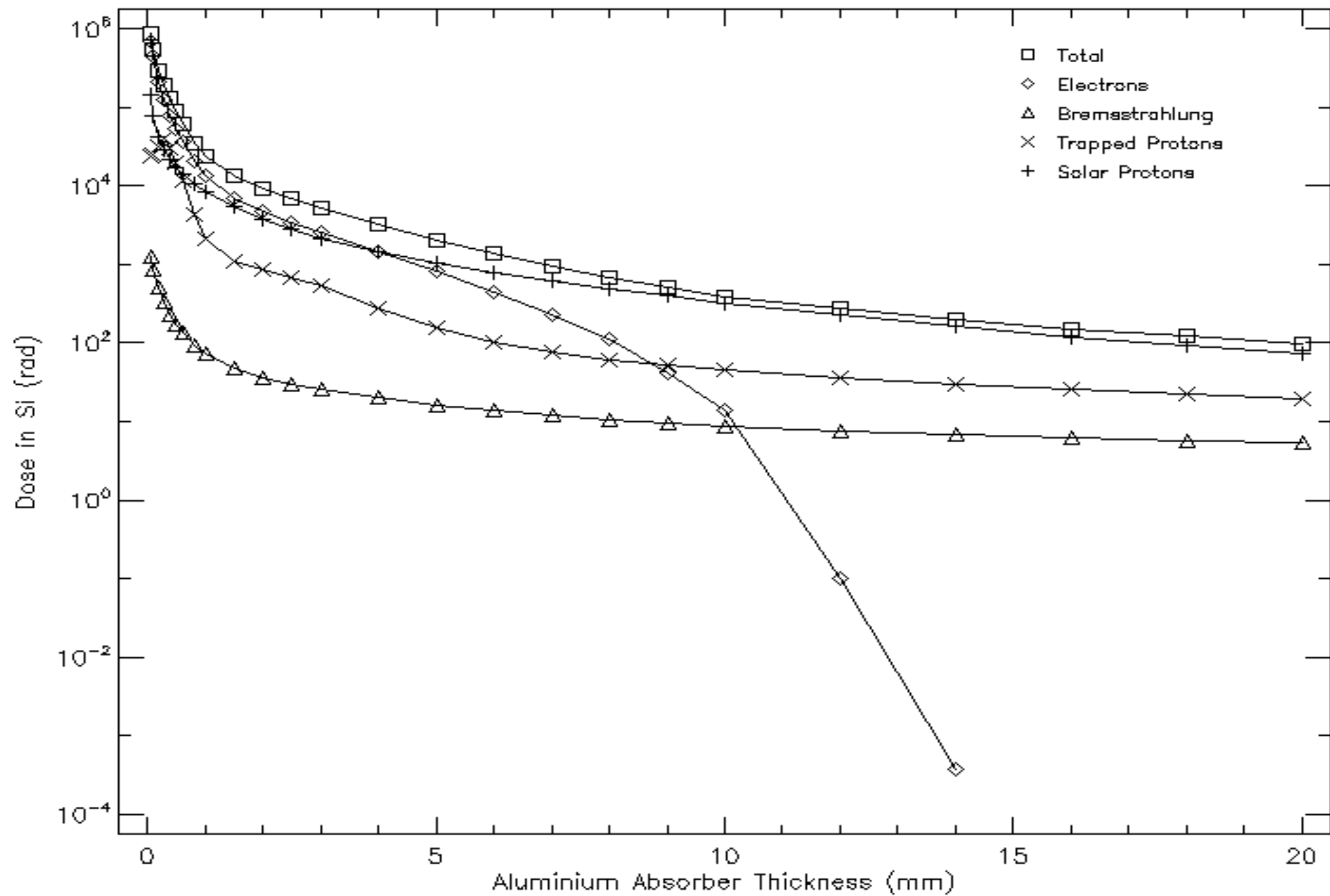


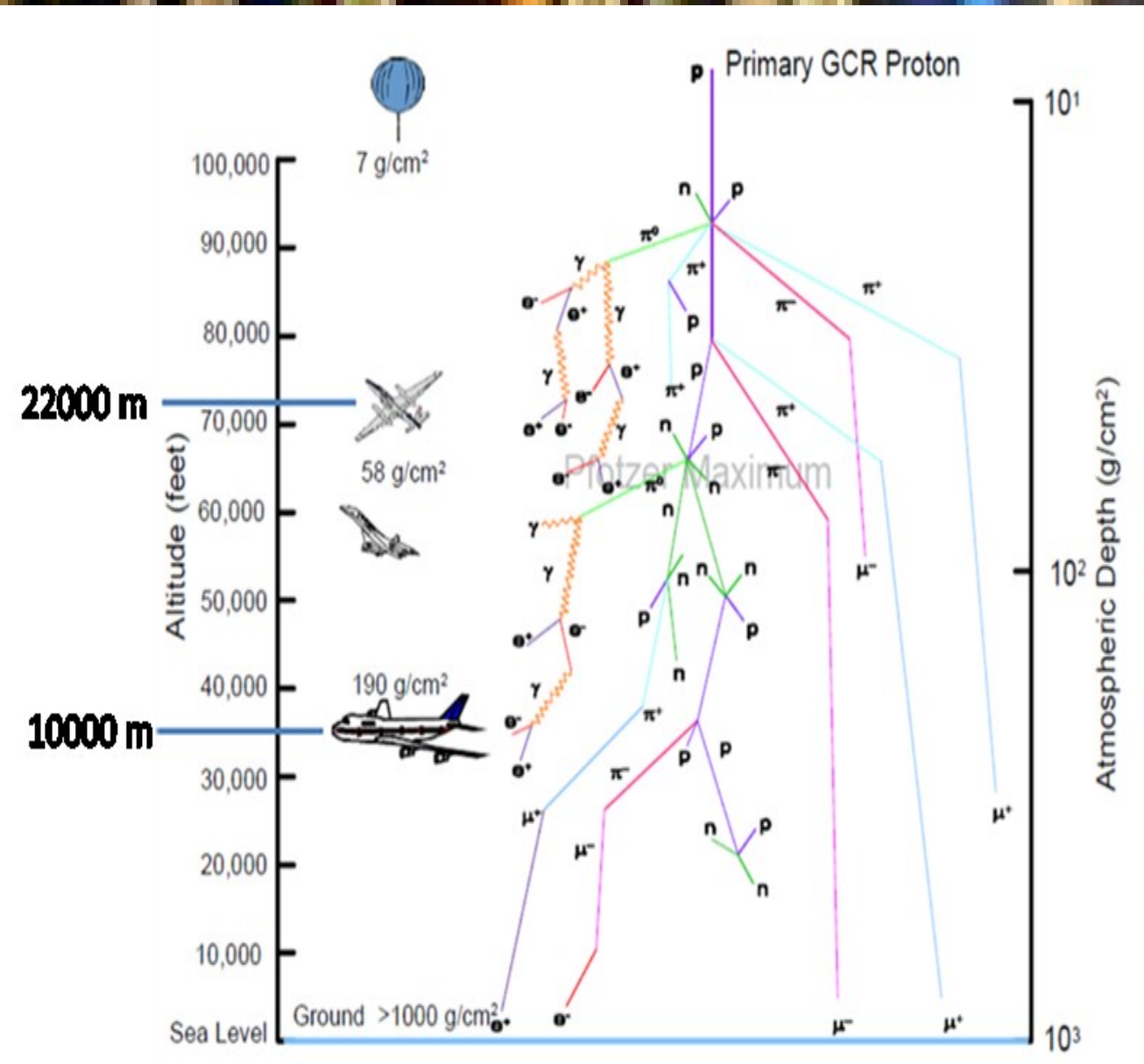
# Ion Radiation Storms

# e- Radiation Storms



4pi Dose at Centre of Al Spheres





Devices are becoming smaller and more sensitive



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