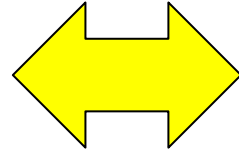
A photograph of Earth from space, showing the blue and white horizon of the planet against the blackness of space. The sun is visible as a bright, glowing orb just above the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Mientras que el  
Sol y el espacio  
entre nosotros  
puede ser visto  
como algo  
agradable y  
tranquilo desde  
nuestra  
perspectiva.

**Es todo  
menos  
pacífico!**

# Which Weather? ¿Qué clima?

Vivir en la atmósfera  
de la tierra



Si el espacio cerca de la Tierra importa, queremos tener una predicción del tiempo. Sin embargo, si hablamos de comunicaciones y posicionamiento con la nueva tecnología estamos hablando del tiempo espacial.

Vivir en la atmósfera  
del sol



# The Sun that we know

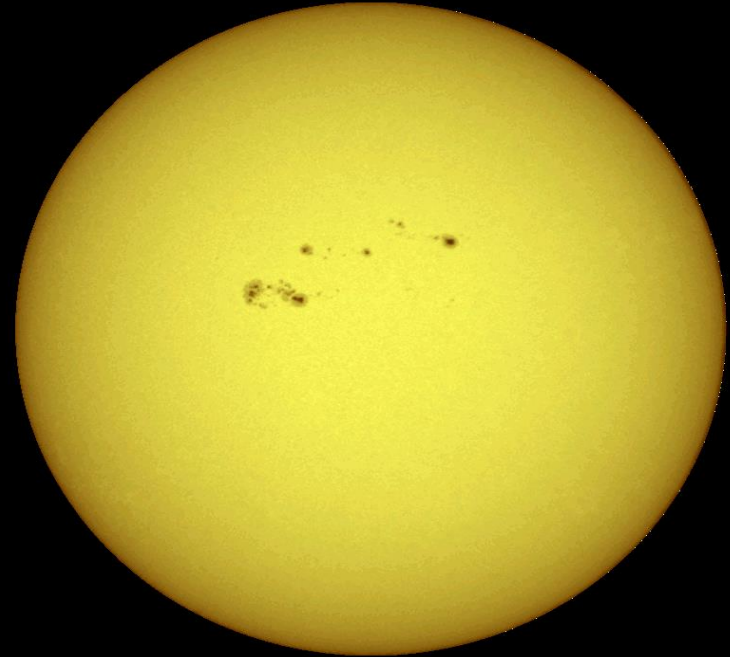
El sol en la luz blanca muestra manchas oscuras.

Estas manchas son conocidas desde hace al menos cuatro milenios.

Hoy sabemos que son regiones donde el campo magnético solar es muy intenso.

El sol tiene una rotación variada dependiendo de la latitud. En promedio da una rotación en 27 días.

## El sol que conocemos



# The Hertzsprung-Russel diagram

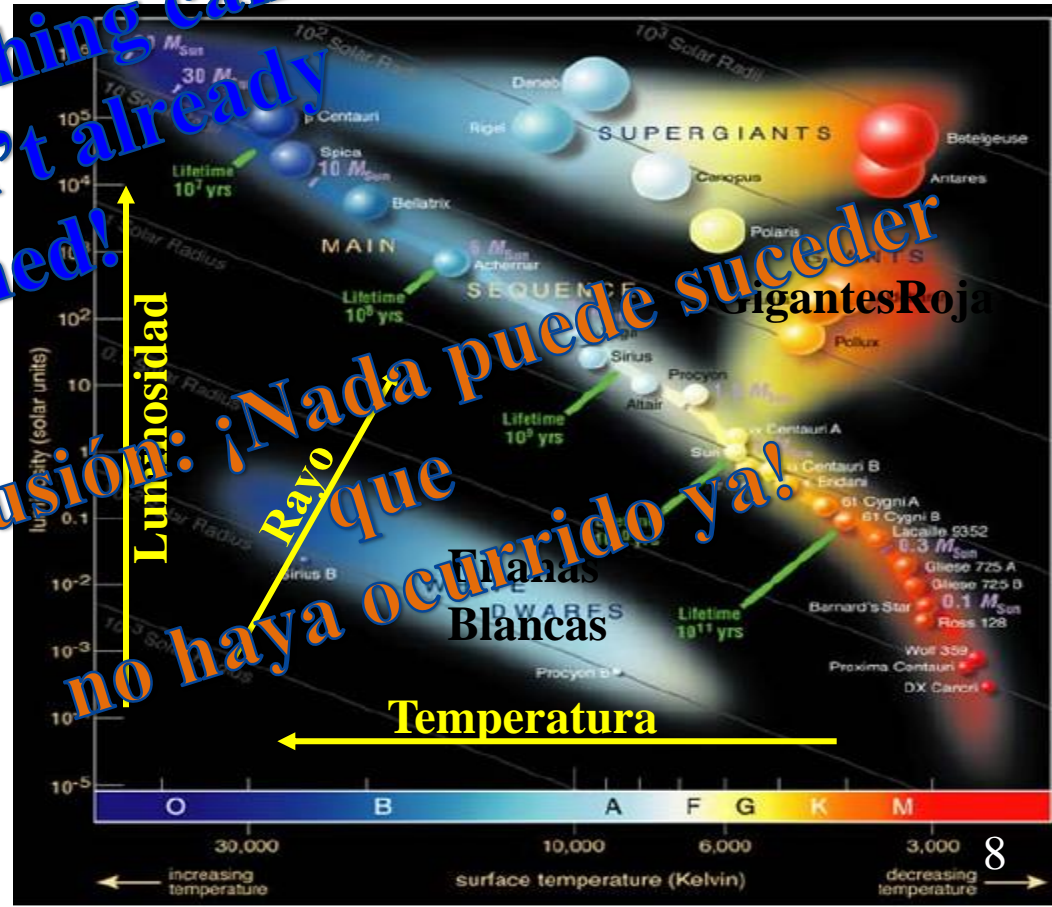
• El Sol se mantuvo estable en los últimos 4.500 millones de años.

• Va a tener otros 4.500 millones de años para vivir.

• Esta vida fue suficiente para garantizar que nada malo puede suceder a la Tierra.

**Conclusion: Nothing can Happen that isn't already Happened!**

**Conclusion: ¡Nada puede suceder no haya ocurrido ya!**



**We should not worry**

**No deberíamos preocuparnos**

**The Sun is a stable Star**

**El sol es una estrella estable**

# In equilibrium, but Active.

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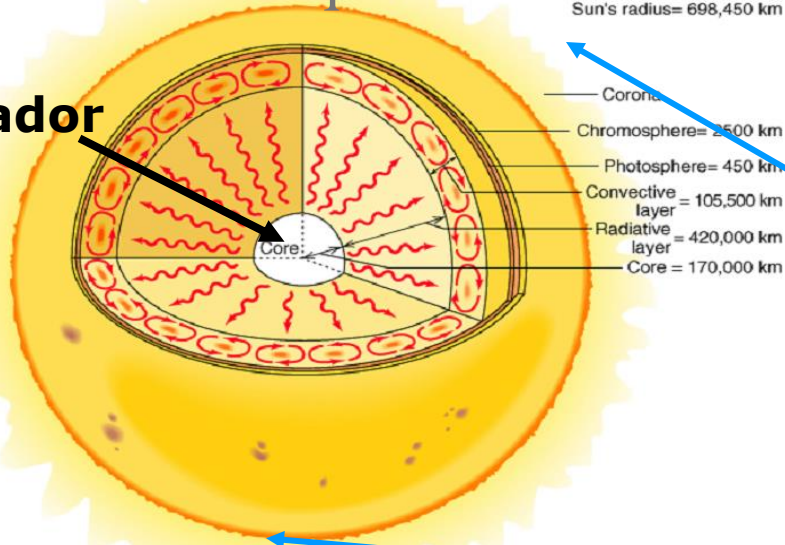
Equilibrado, pero ... altamente dinámico en toda su estructura interior y exterior.

# Composición del sol



## Modelo Esquemático

**Generador**



## Imágenes Compuestas



La energía se libera en el núcleo cuando el hidrógeno se funde en helio. Esta energía fluye como radiación, y luego como la ebullición (convección), y de nuevo como radiación fuera de la fotosfera, que es la porción del Sol que vemos.

# The Sun has atmosphere

## El sol tiene atmósfera

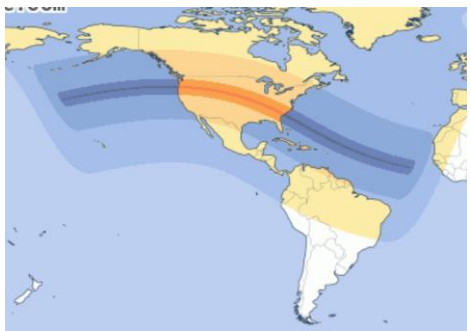


Proeminencias solares



Corona

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21 August 2017  
United States



# Forecasting what?

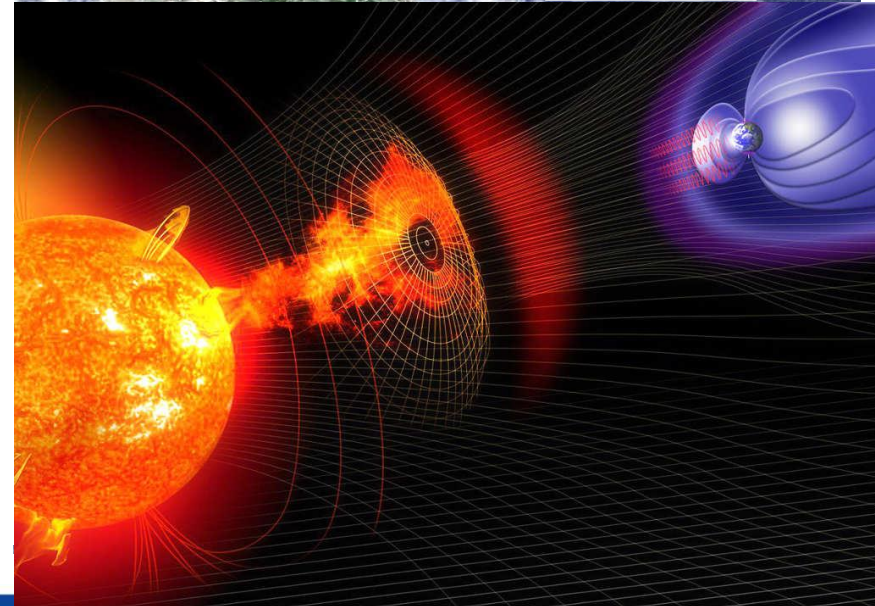
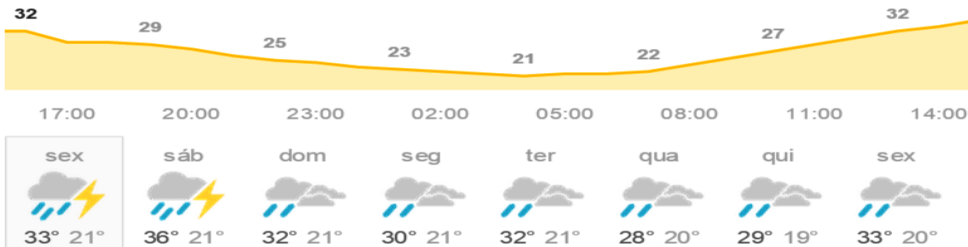


Jardim da Granja, São José dos Campos - SP  
 sexta-feira, 16:00  
 Nuvens esparsas

**32** °C | °F

Chuva: 50%  
 Umidade: 33%  
 Vento: 19 km/h

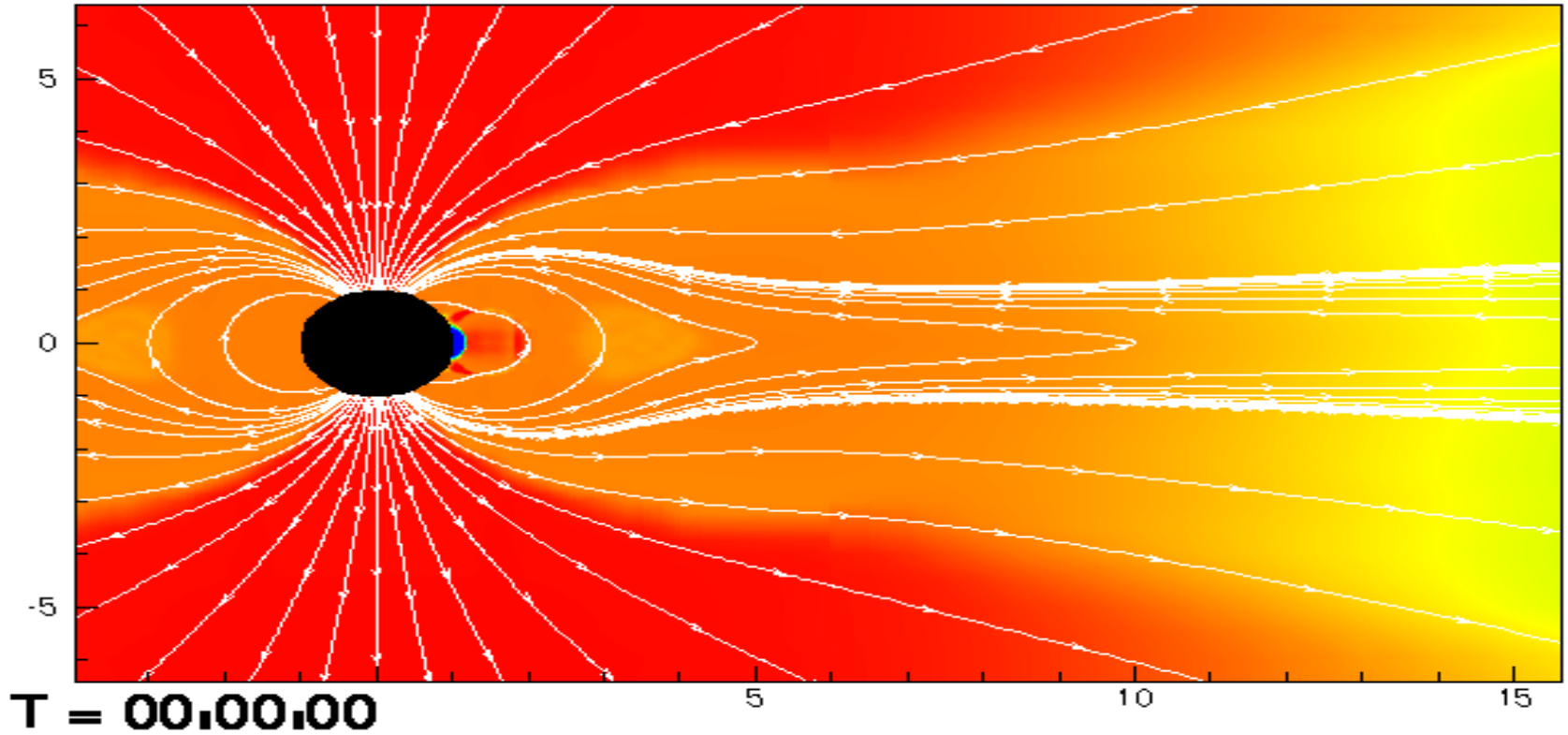
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# Important Features of Solar Observables

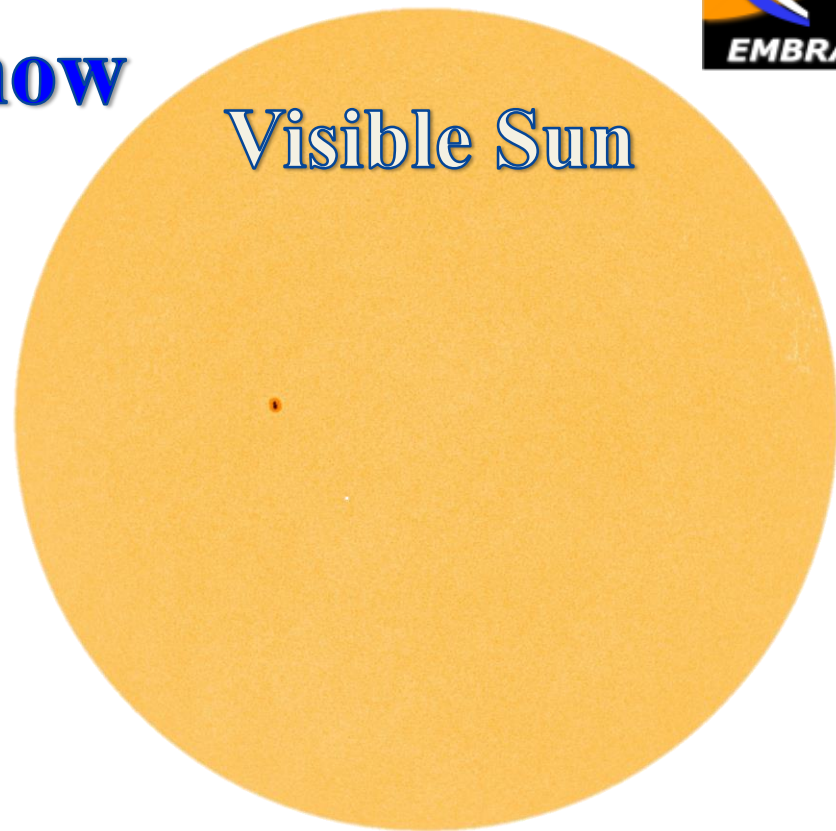
Características de Solar  
Observables.

# How big is the problem?

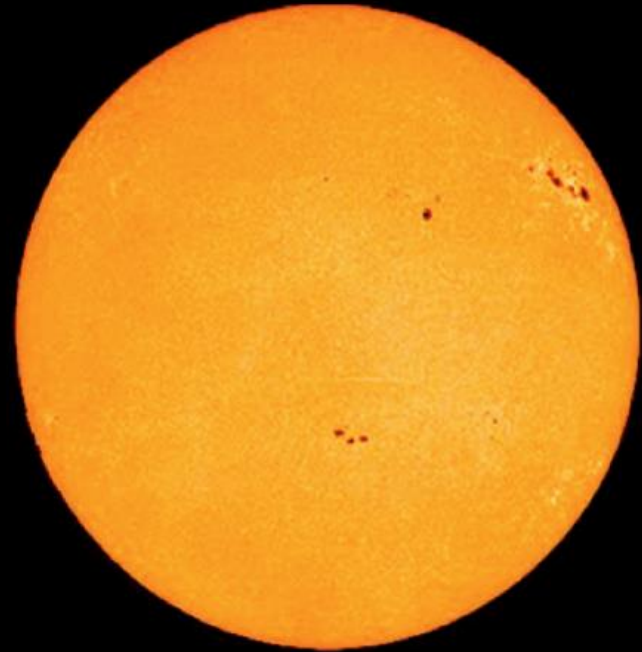
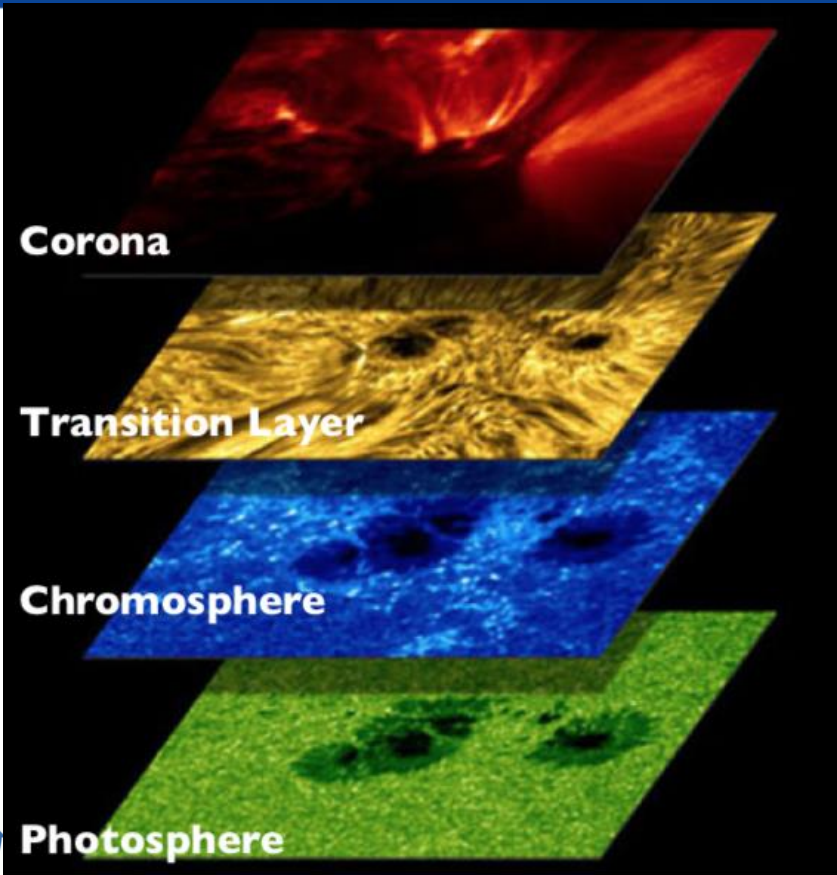


**Wouldn't you like to know  
the sun that  
you don't see?**

**No le gustaría conocer  
el sol que no ves?**



# Solar Atmosphere and Radiation



# Show Magnetic Fields

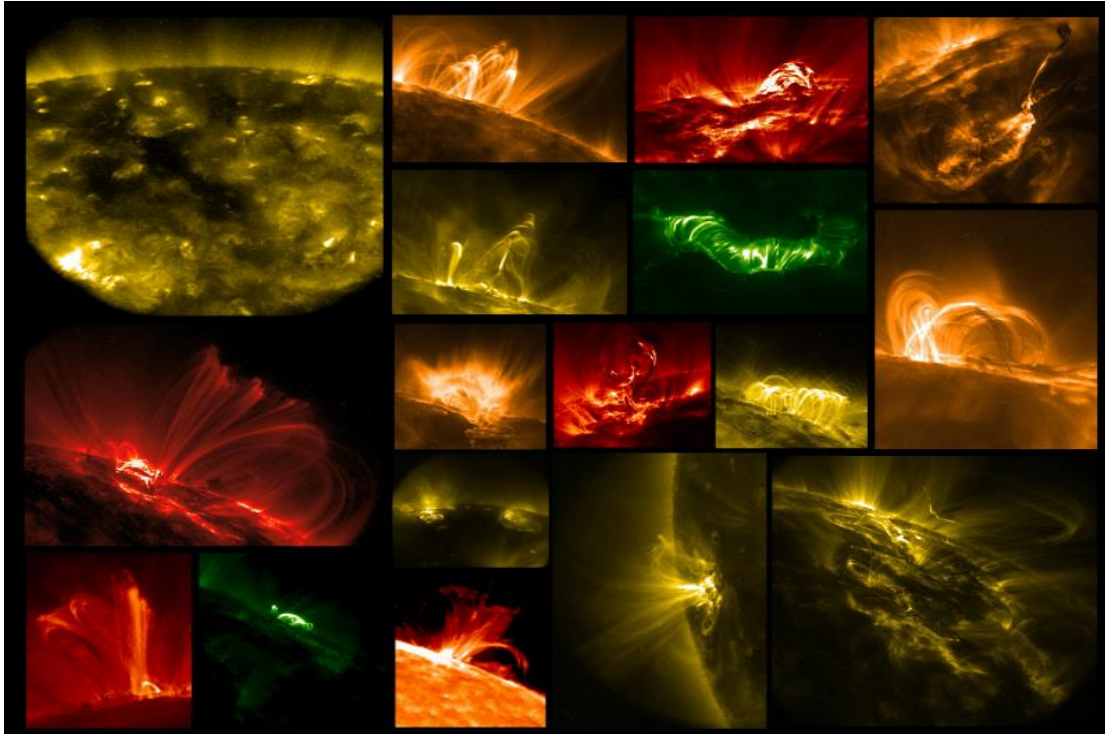
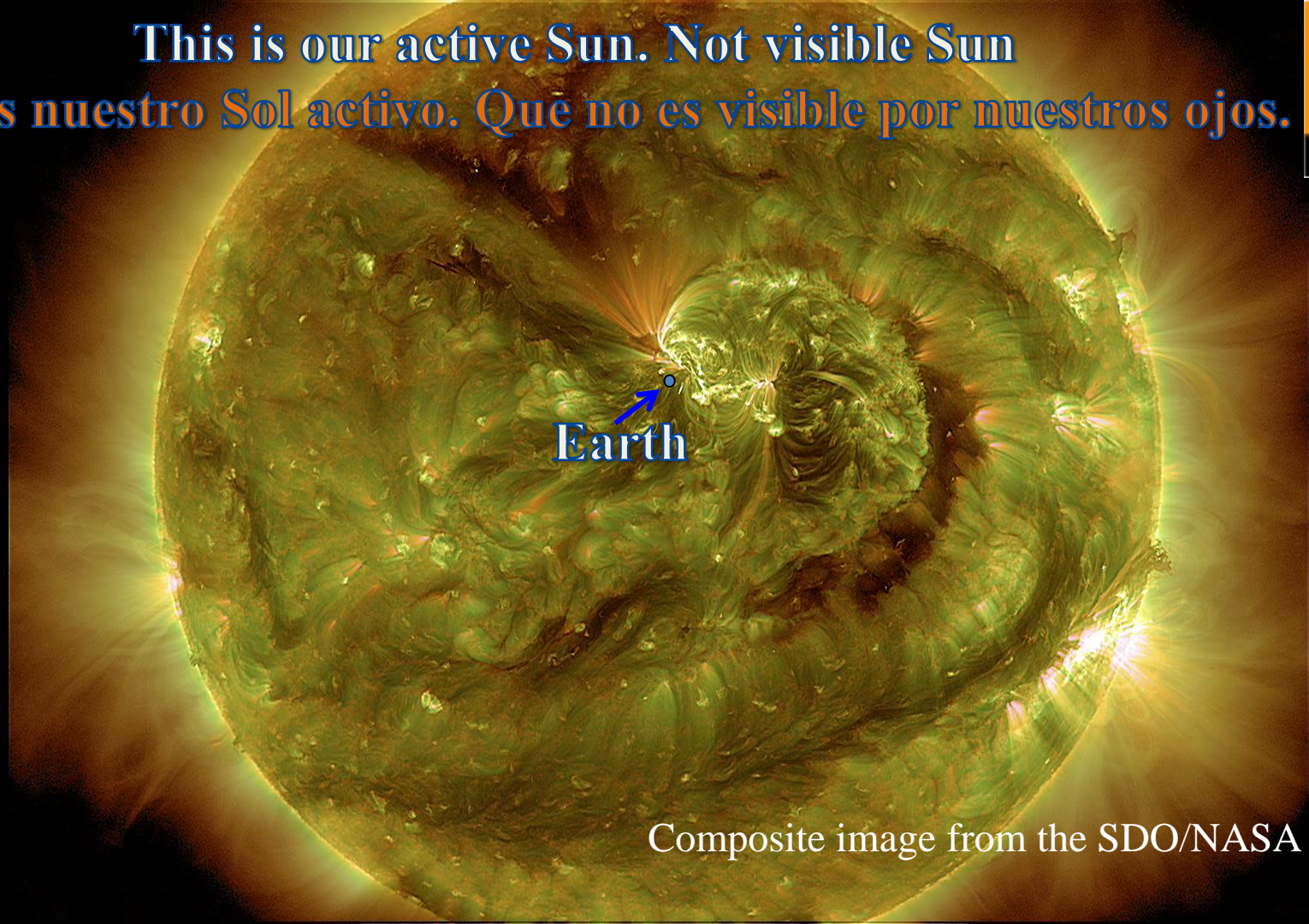


Fig. 2.1 - Mosaico de imagens obtidas pelo instrumento TRACE na faixa espectral do ultravioleta extremo, nos comprimentos de onda de  $171 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $195 \text{ \AA}$  e  $284 \text{ \AA}$ .  
Fonte: NASA/Lockheed Martin.

This is our active Sun. Not visible Sun

Este es nuestro Sol activo. Que no es visible por nuestros ojos.



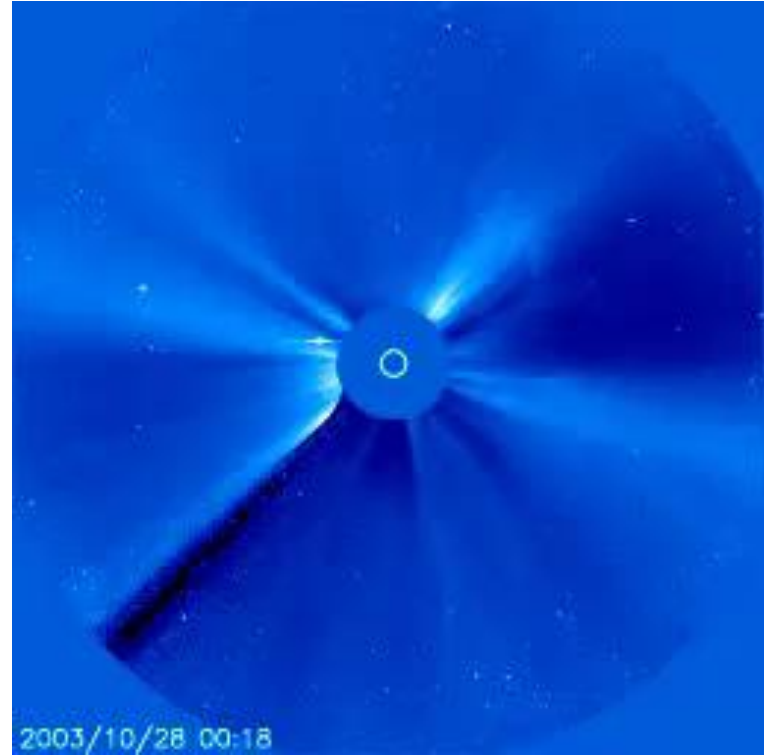
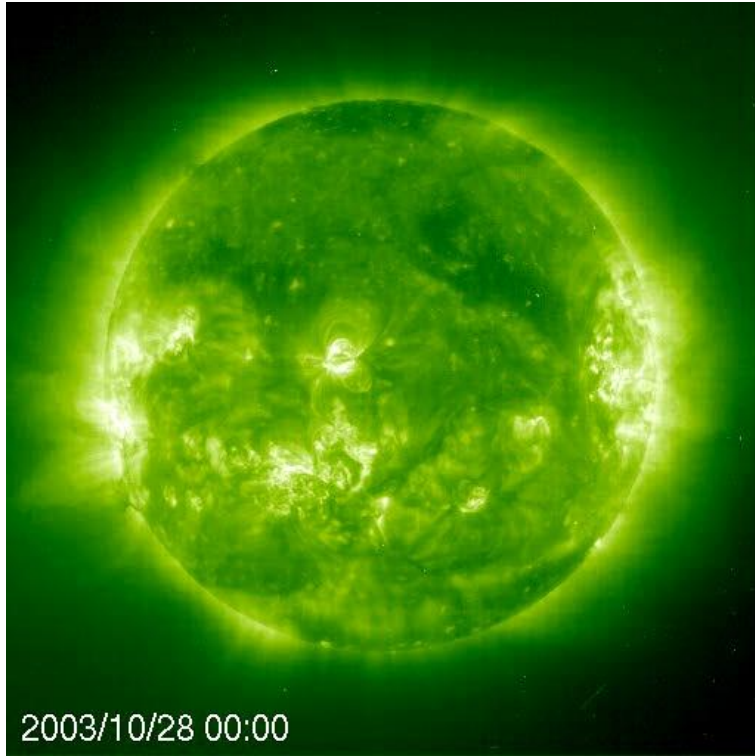
Composite image from the SDO/NASA

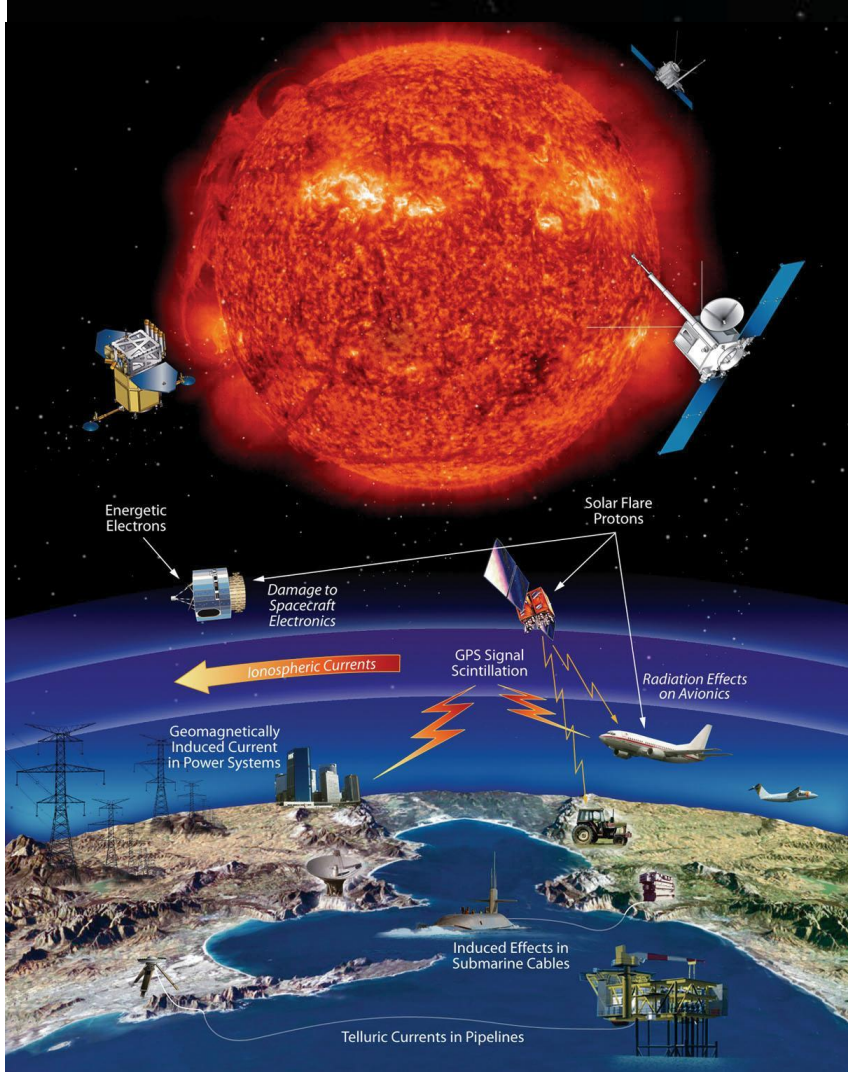
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In detail

# Flares and CME's





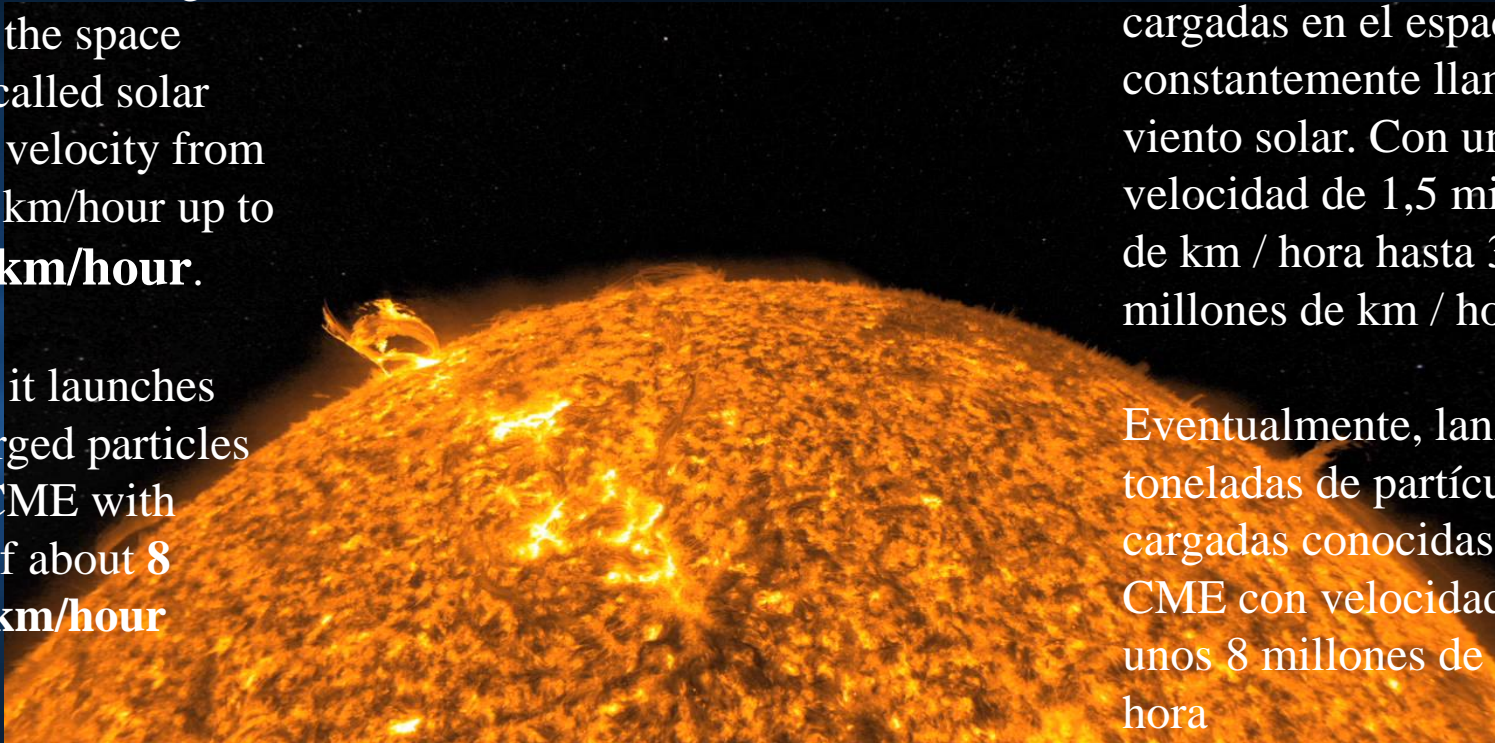
Why is this almost empty space important to us?

# Connection: Sun - Earth



The Sun release charged particles in the space constantly called solar wind. With velocity from 1.5 million km/hour up to **3 million km/hour**.

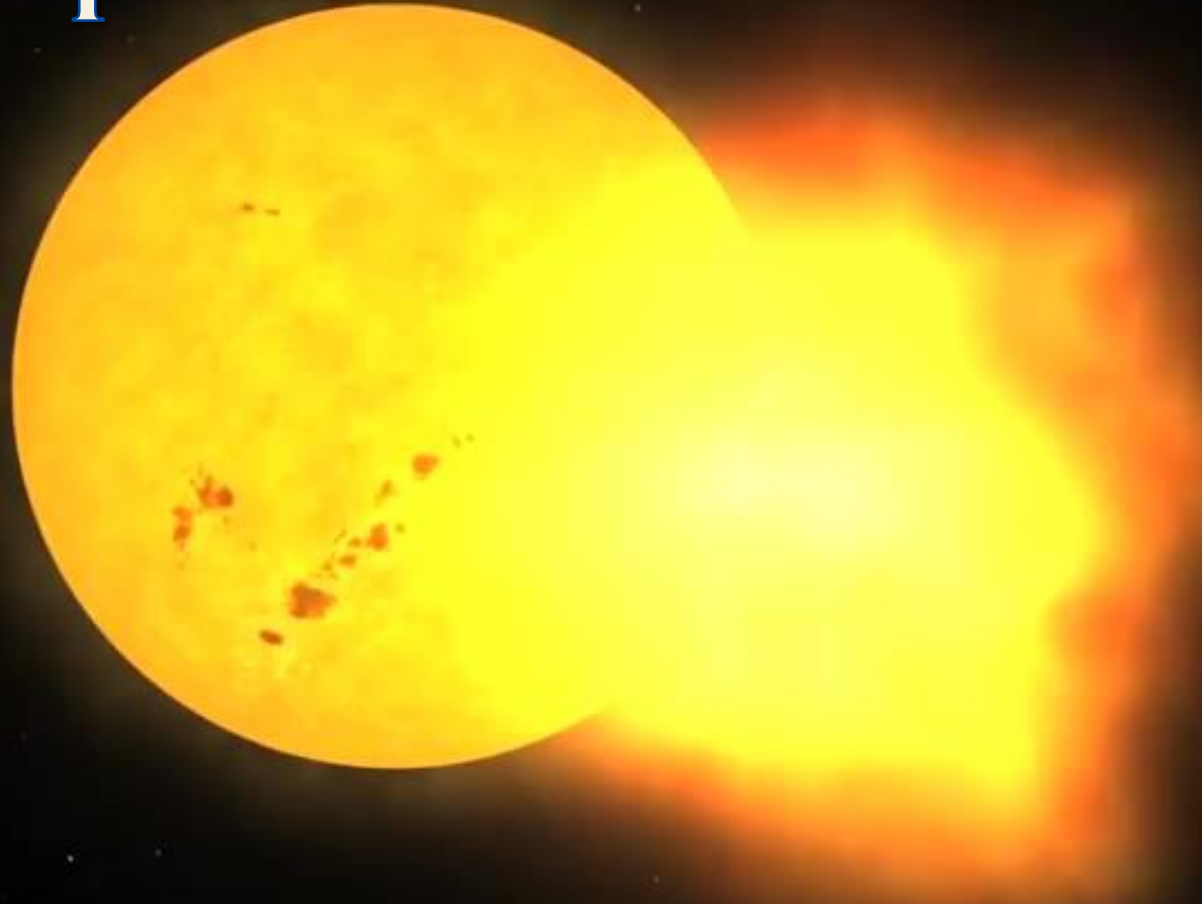
Eventually, it launches tons of charged particles known as CME with velocities of about **8 million of km/hour**



El sol libera partículas cargadas en el espacio constantemente llamado viento solar. Con una velocidad de 1,5 millones de km / hora hasta 3 millones de km / hora.

Eventualmente, lanza toneladas de partículas cargadas conocidas como CME con velocidades de unos 8 millones de km / hora

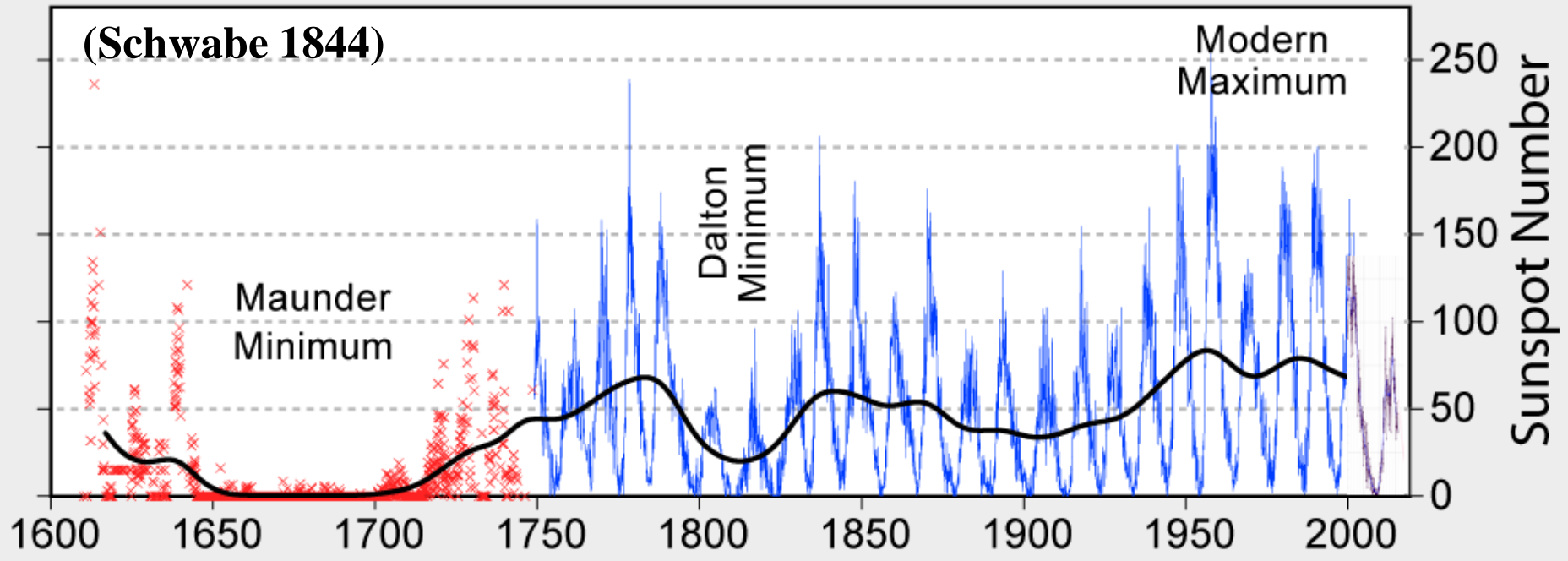
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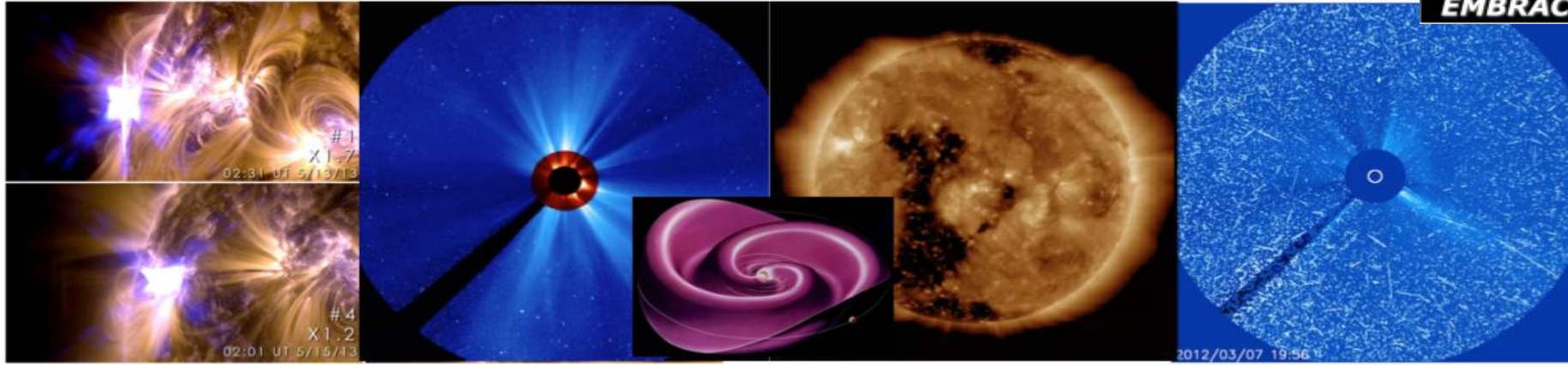


# The solar Cycle

## El ciclo solar

## 400 Years of Sunspot Observations

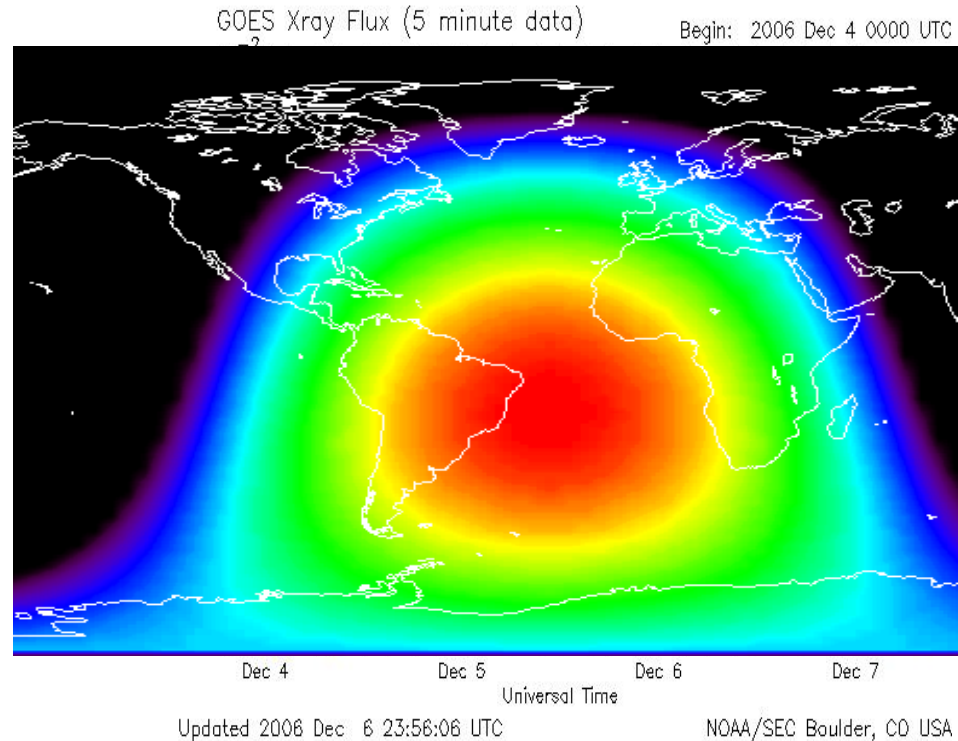




- Flare (excess of rad.)
- Filament disruption
- SEP
- Solar Wind
- CME or Magnetic Cloud
- Coronal Hole -> HSS
- Sector change
- CIR
- SEP
- SEP at near Earth

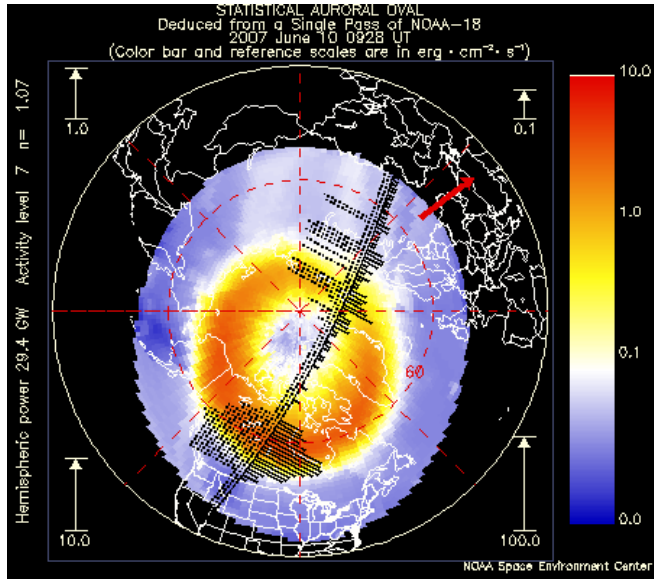
## 1. Radio Blackouts

- Solar Flares send out x-rays
- Arrive at Earth in 8 minutes
- Modify the ionosphere
- Disrupt HF radio communication
- Impacts:
  - Airline communication
  - HF radio operators
  - Defense Communications
  - Satellite Communications



## 2. Radiation Storms

- Solar Flares and Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) send out Energetic Particles
- Arrive at Earth in 15 minutes to 24 hours
- Modify the high latitude ionosphere
- Disrupt HF radio communication
- Impacts:
  - Airline communication
  - HF radio operators
  - Defense Communications
- Ionizing radiation penetrates into the atmosphere
- Impacts:
  - Astronauts (radiation)
  - Satellite failures



## 3. Geomagnetic Storms

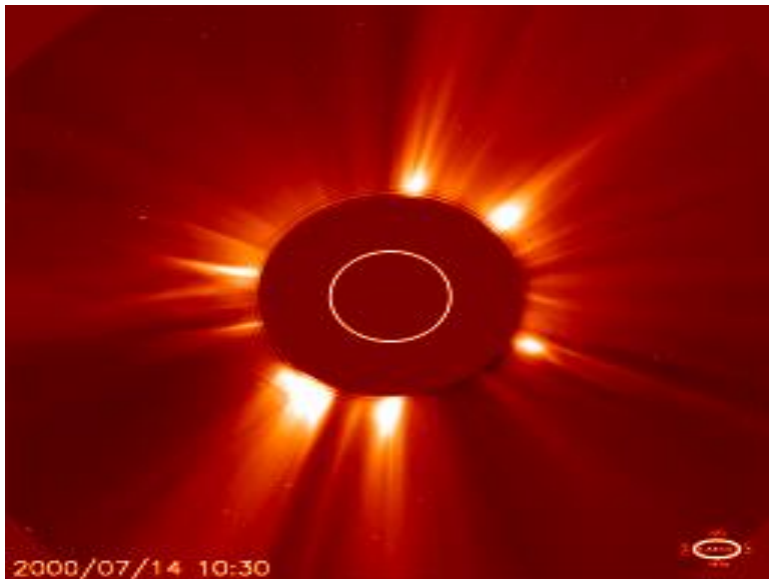
- Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) send out Magnetic Clouds
- Arrive at Earth in 1-4 days
- Accelerate particles within the magnetosphere and into the ionosphere
- Impacts:
  - HF radio communication
  - Radio Navigation (GPS)
  - Electric Power Grids
  - Increased Satellite Drag
  - Aurora



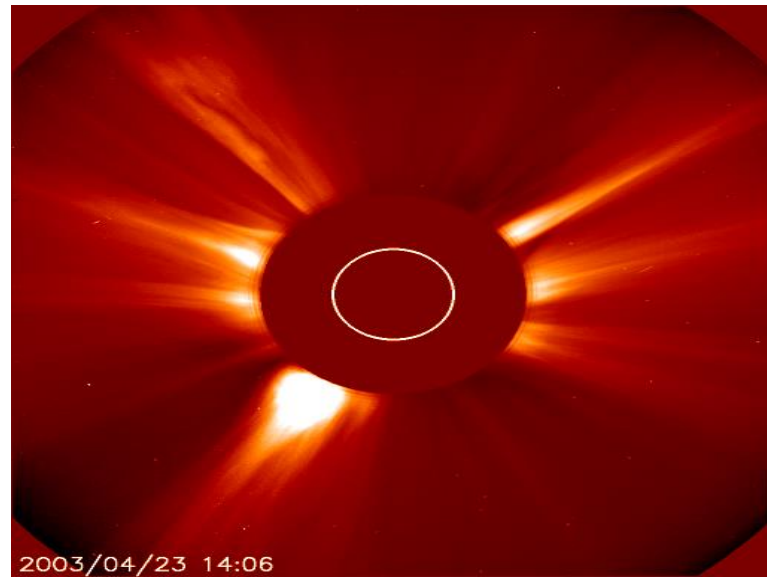
# Bastille Solar Event

Example of High Radiation Background anomaly

**July 14, 2000**- A powerful X class flare erupted from sunspot region 9077 at approximately 10:24- it was accompanied by a full halo **coronal mass ejection** that is Earth directed.



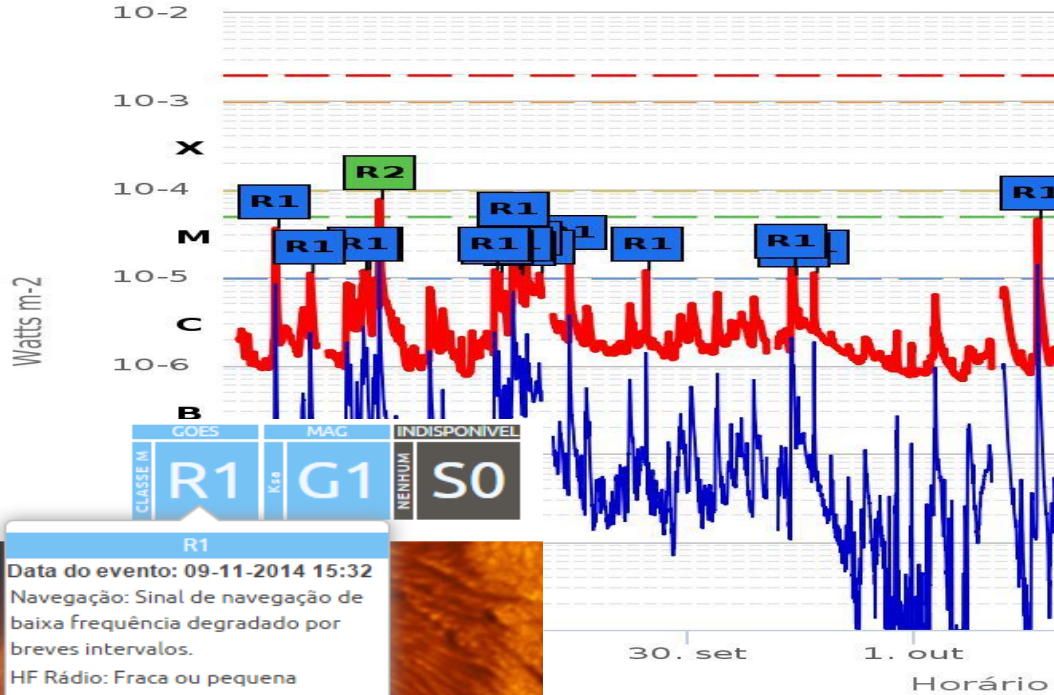
**SOHO LASCO C2 Images**



Source: Florian Nichitiu - Department of Physics, University of Toronto, Canada, July 2004-Frascati

## Fluxo Raio-X (GOES-15)

Dados de 1 minuto - (28/09/2015 - 01/10/2015)



## Flare Size Nomenclature

### Class Peak 1–8 Å Flux (W/m<sup>2</sup>)

A	$10^{-8} \leq \mathcal{F} < 10^{-7}$
B	$10^{-7} \leq \mathcal{F} < 10^{-6}$
C	$10^{-6} \leq \mathcal{F} < 10^{-5}$
M	$10^{-5} \leq \mathcal{F} < 10^{-4}$
X	$\mathcal{F} \geq 10^{-4}$

**R1**  
 Data do evento: 09-11-2014 15:32

Navegação: Sinal de navegação de baixa frequência degradado por breves intervalos.

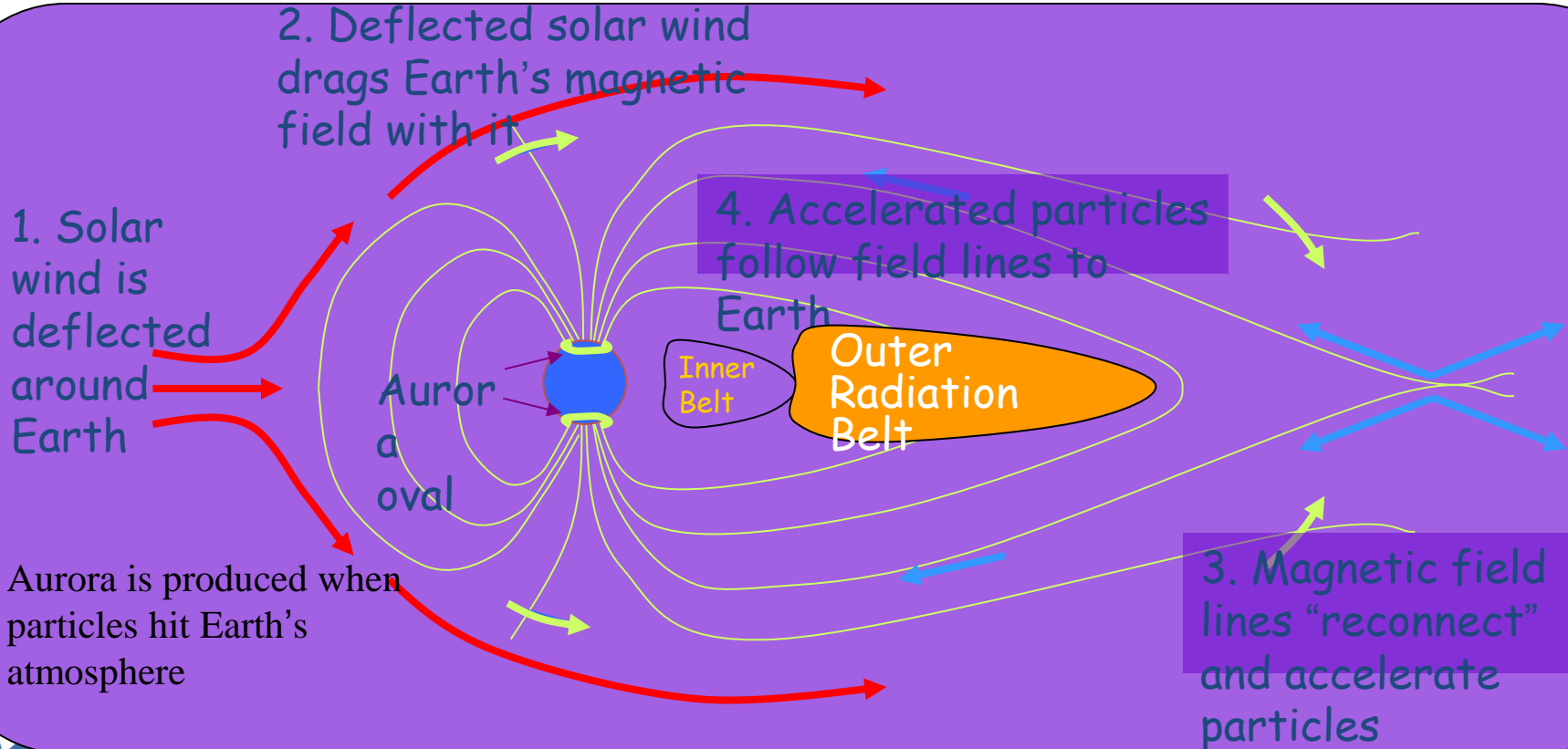
HF Rádio: Fraca ou pequena degradação de comunicação em HF na área iluminada da Terra, perda ocasional de rádio contato.

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# Magnetosphere (Wind and CME forming AURORA)



# Geo-magnetic storm from Space



Aurora vista del espacio.

# Geo-magnetic storm from Earth



Aurora vista de la Tierra.

# Space Weather Important Terms

- **Solar Flare:** An eruption on the sun that emits light (UV, x-rays, radio) and often particles (electrons and protons).
- **CME (Coronal Mass Ejection):** A disturbance in the solar wind caused by an eruption on the sun.
- **Solar Wind:** The outward flow of electrons, protons, and magnetic field from the sun.
- **Energetic Particles:** electrons and protons that have been accelerated to high speeds in the sun and in the I.M.
- **Geomagnetic Storm:** The disturbance in the near-Earth particles and magnetic fields that can upset technological systems and creates aurora. **The G-Scale (from G1-G5)**
- **Radiation Storm:** A large flux of solar energetic protons as measured near Earth. **The S-Scale (from S1-S5)**
- **Radio Blackout:** An enhancement in the lower ionosphere as a result of large x-ray flares. **The R-Scale (from R1-R5)**

# Indicators of Solar activity

**Solar and geomagnetic indices describes the activity levels of the Sun and the disturbance of the geomagnetic field.**

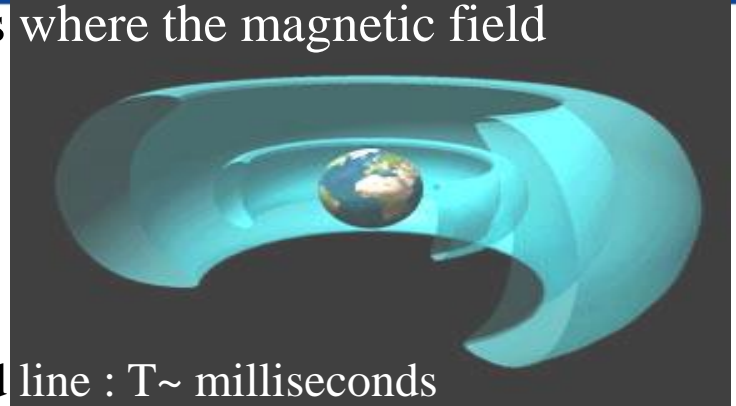
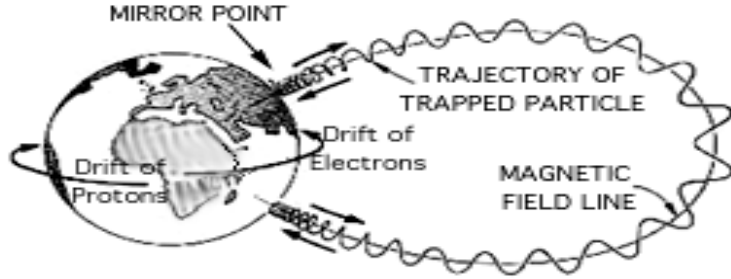
- **Sun Spot Number (SSN)**
- **Solar Radio emissions** : Flux of 10.7 cm ( Ottawa index). Are essential measurements of the total amount of thermal emissions from chromosphere and lower corona.The F10.7 index gives a good measure of the UV radiation output ( new E107).  
There are suggestions that 10.7 cm flux is also an excellent indicator of magnetic activity on the Sun.
- **UV flux, irradiance.**
- **Magnetic indices** ( aa, Ap, Kp, Dst, etc..).Geomagnetic indices typically describe the variations of the geomagnetic field over a certain time period. They provide a measure of the disturbance of the magnetosphere which has direct consequences for the charged particle space environment.
- **Trapped proton and electron fluxes** Creates radiation belts (Van Allen belts).
- **Galactic Cosmic Rays**, protons of very high energy and neutrons fluxes. Flux periodicity correlated with IMF and erosion effect of Earth atmosphere via Solar activity.





# The Geo-Space: Inner & outer belts

A charged particle became trapped in those regions where the magnetic field lines are closed

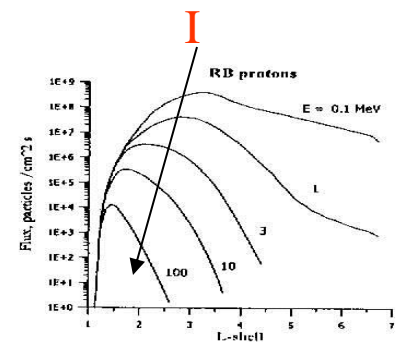
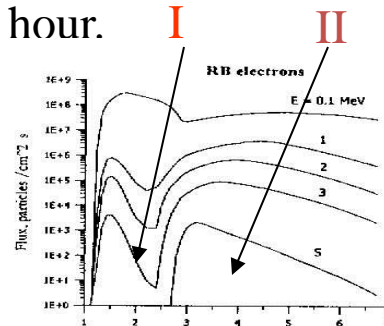


- 1) **Circular motions** with gyro-radius about the field line :  $T \sim$  milliseconds
- 2) **Bounce back and forth along a field line.** Reversing direction at a mirror point:  $T \sim$  seconds.
- 3) **Drift of particles around the Earth:**  $T \sim$  one hour.  
Electrons drift to east, protons drift to west

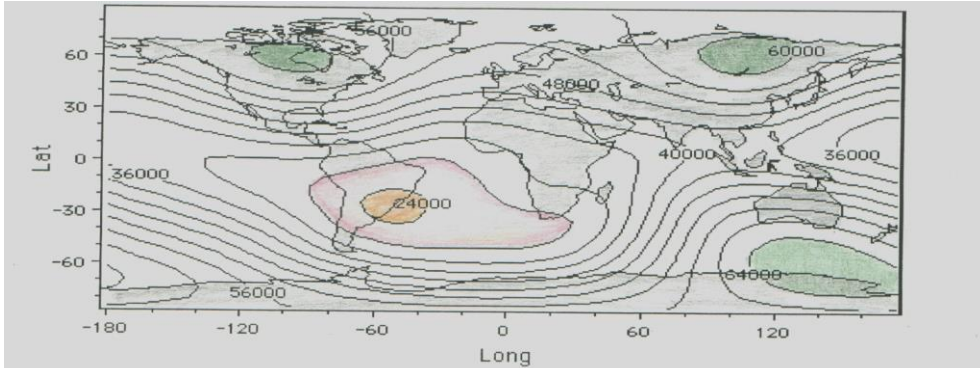
There are two main belts:

I- **inner belt** : e and p ( up to 2.4 Re)

II- **outer belt** : e (2.8 – 12 Re)

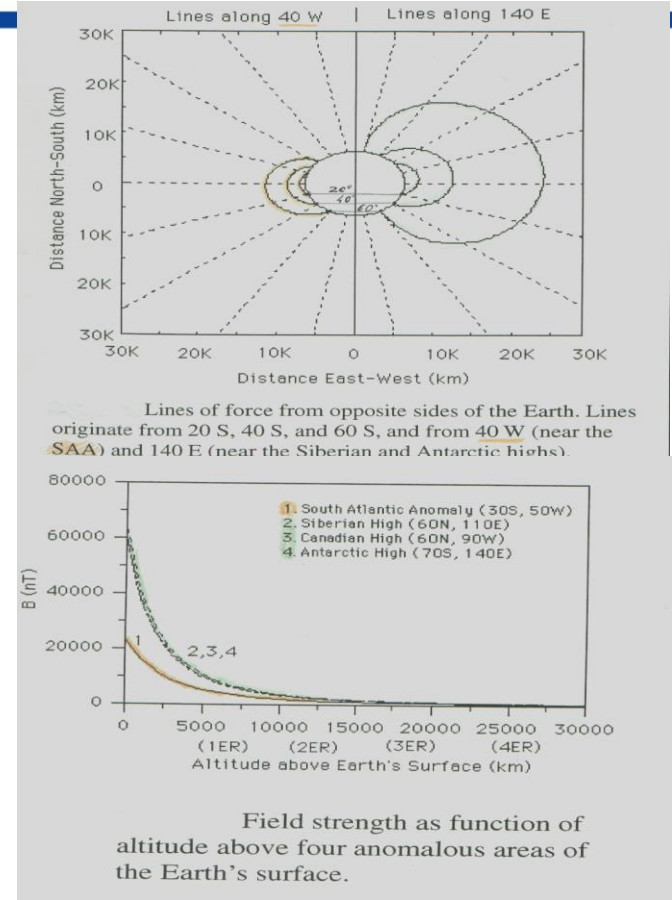


# The Earth's magnetic field is not symmetric



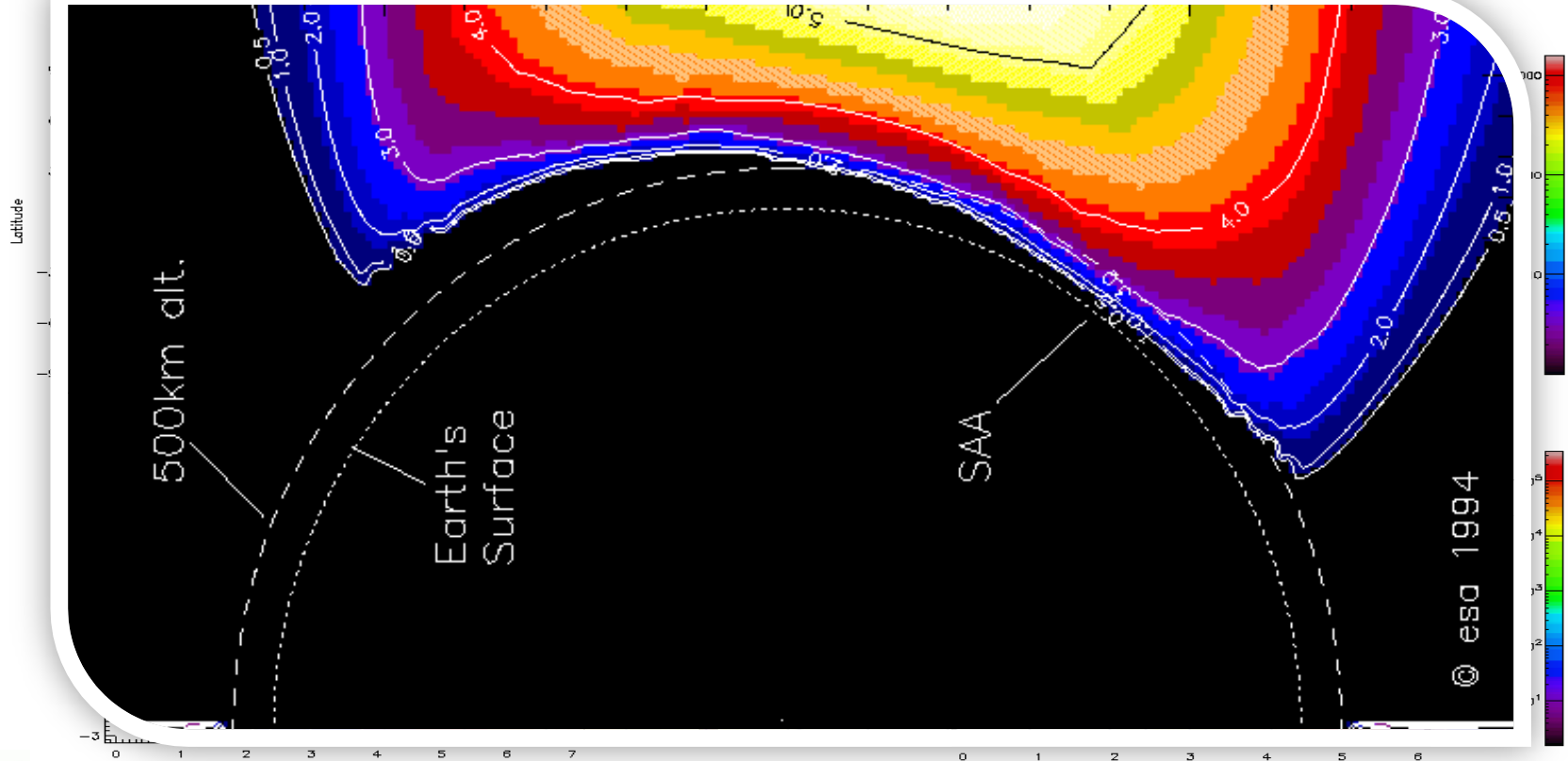
Contours of total field intensity, in nT, at the Earth's surface, using IGRF 95.

**South Atlantic Anomaly** ( also called Brazilian Anomaly or South America Anomaly) is a lowest magnetic field region located at 26S, 53W.



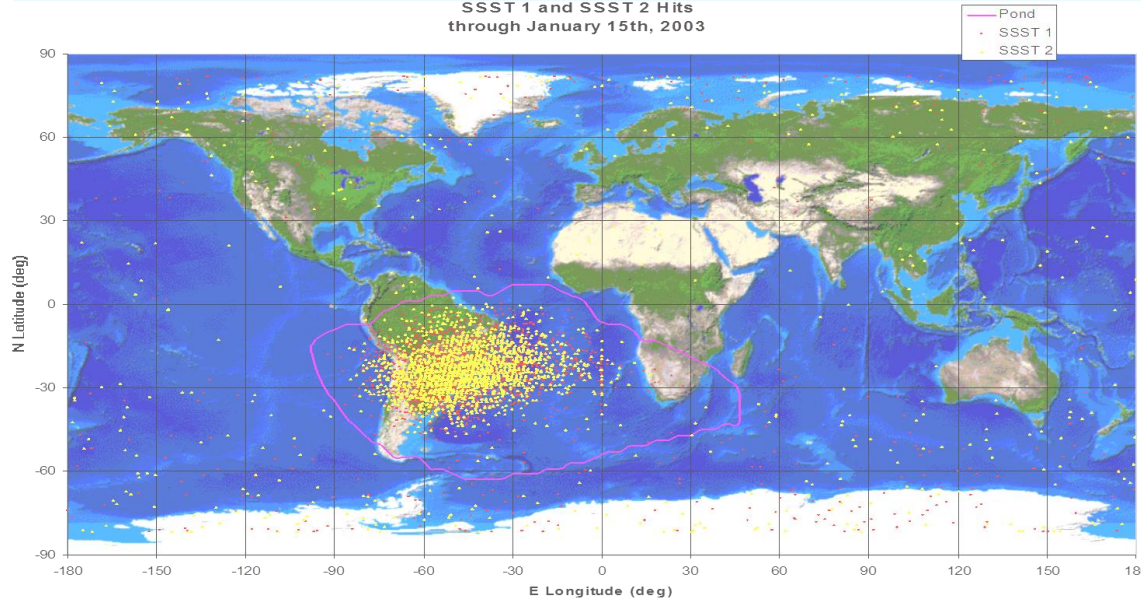
Field strength as function of altitude above four anomalous areas of the Earth's surface.

# Radiation Belt Models

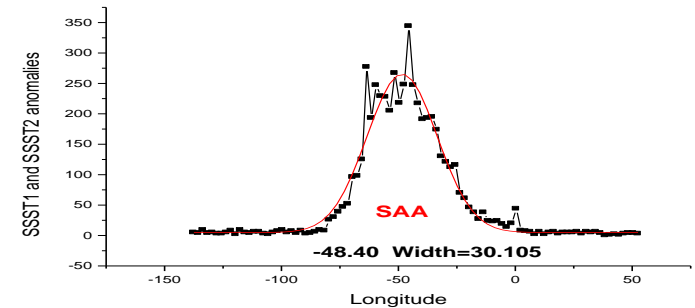
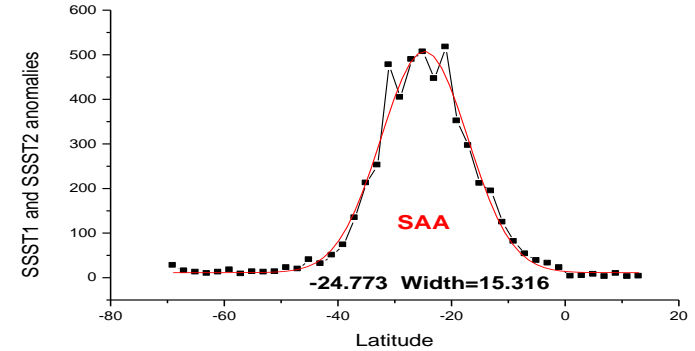


# TERRA - Solid State Star Tracker

SSST 1 and SSST 2 Hits  
 through January 15th, 2003



Anomalies  
 High Background



# Solar Energetic Particles

## SEP or SPE (Solar Proton Events)

(Solar Cosmic Rays)

**Origin:** Solar flares and Coronal Mass Ejections (CME)

**p, e & He** emitted by the sun in burst during ‘solar storms’

-energies  $> 10$  MeV/nucleon

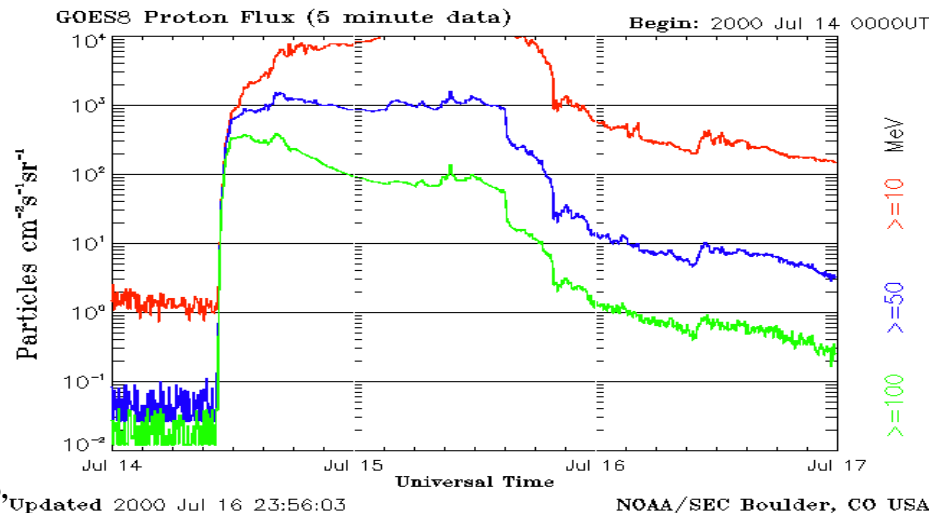
-access to open magnetic fields of polar cap.

Produce also : X-rays; gamma-rays, UV light burst and very fast wind flow which can inject protons into the trapping region ( even create ‘second proton belt’)

**Fluence:** from  $10^5$  to  $10^{11}$  part/cm<sup>2</sup>

**Duration of event:** from one to several days

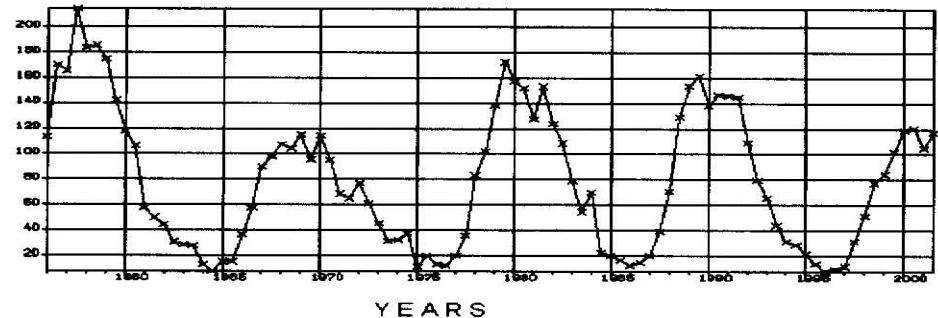
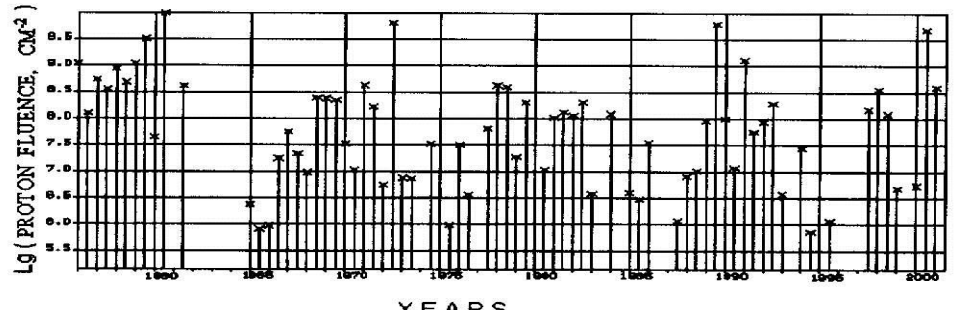
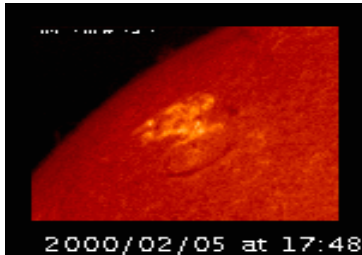
“Bastilia” Solar Event →  
 14 July 2000



# SPE Periodicity

Frequency spectra of solar proton fluence  
 of Energy  $> 30$  MeV  $\rightarrow$  periods of  $\sim 11$  years and 3-4 years.  
 Not predictable yet.

- greater occurrence frequency during **maximum** solar activity
- and **during decline** of cycle



# Cosmic Rays

## Galactic Cosmic Rays:

fully ionized particles of all stable elements (90% p ~7% He)

**Origin:** galactic and extragalactic; Energies up to TeV

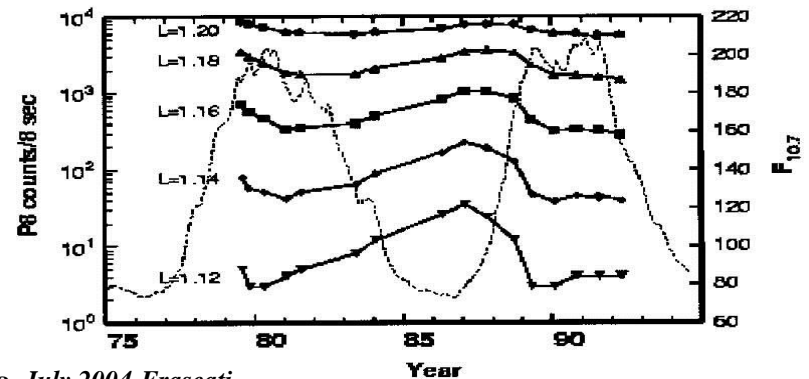
**Energy spectrum** max at 0.3-1 GeV/nucleon

The incoming charged particles are **'modulated'** by the **solar wind** and **IMF** which decelerates and **partially excludes the lower energy GCR** from the inner solar system. There is a significant **anticorrelation** between solar activity and the intensity of the CR with  $E < 10$  GeV.

Variations of proton counts

$E = 80-215$  MeV of MEPED detector

aboard the TIROS/NOAA spacecraft



# Natural Albedo Radiation

Is in fact the **secondary radiation** generated in the inner magnetosphere due to:

- **nuclear reactions** by GCR and SPE interactions with :

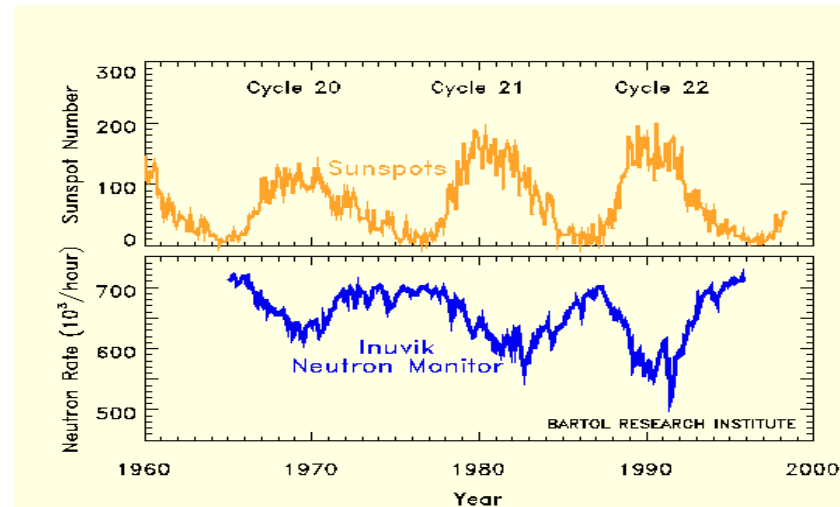
- protons of the inner belt
- and atoms of the atmosphere

- **secondary CR decay** ( pions, muons..)

This radiation component consists mostly of:

- neutrons
- e- and e+
- protons ( and antiprotons) , nuclei

There is also an **anticorrelation** between solar activity and the intensity of secondary radiation as a result of **atmosphere expanding** ( and increasing of **nuclear interaction rate**) during high solar activity.



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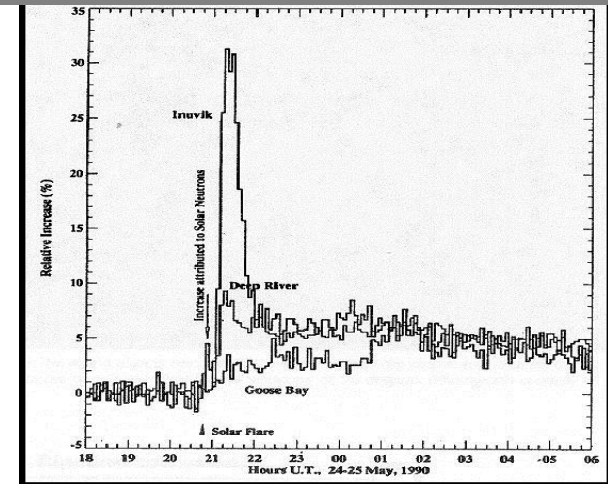
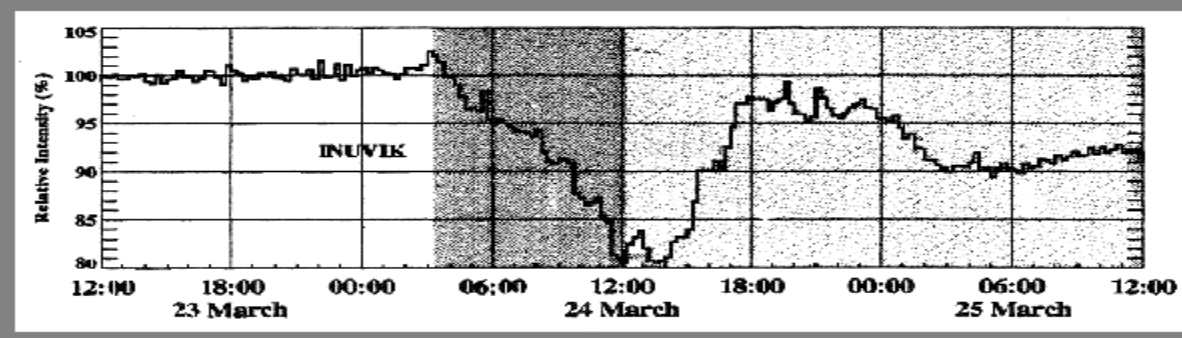
# Variations of Albedo Radiation

-When the Sun releases a large burst of matter and magnetic disturbance → a magnetic storm which **prevent many cosmic rays** from entering the atmosphere.

Forbush decrease detected by the Inuvik neutron monitor at 23 Mar 1991.

“**Solar cosmic rays**” produced by a **solar flare** are recorded as a sharp increase in secondary neutrons flux.

The event of May 24, 1990 seen by Inuvik, Deep River and Goose Bay neutron monitors.



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# Time to arrive at Earth

Radiation takes 8 minutes

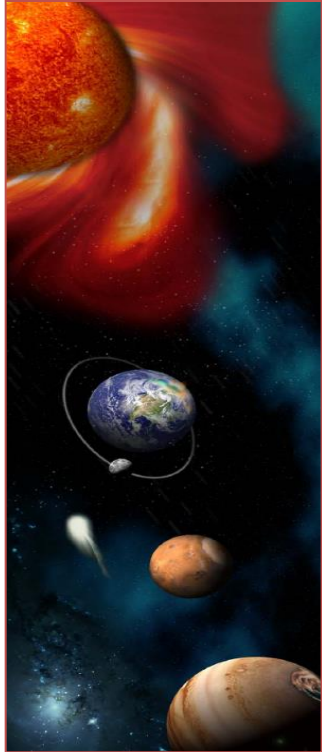
Slow solar wind takes 5-6 days

Fast solar wind takes 3-4 days

CME takes 2-3 days

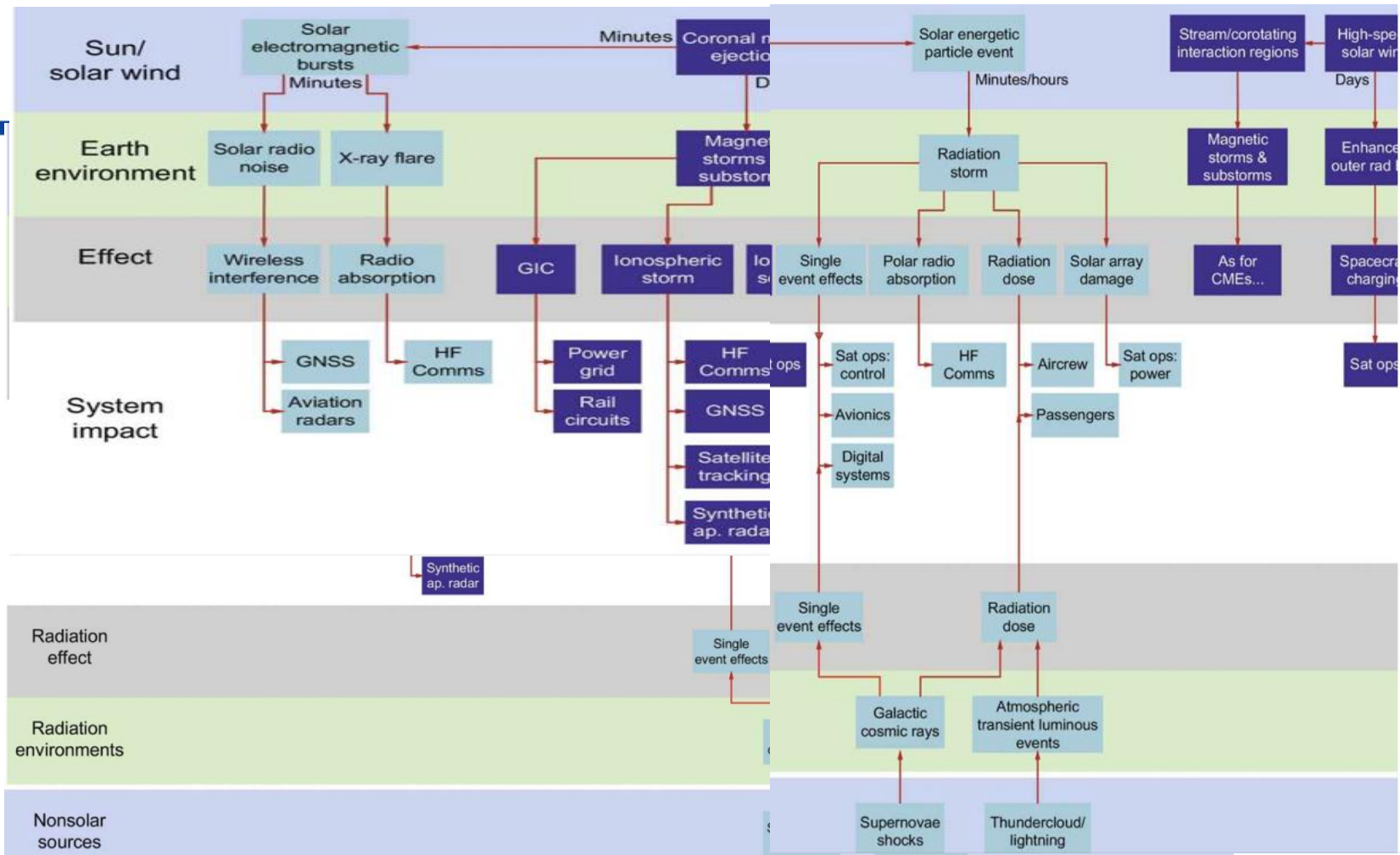
SEP takes 20-40 minutes

# SPACE WEATHER IMPACTS



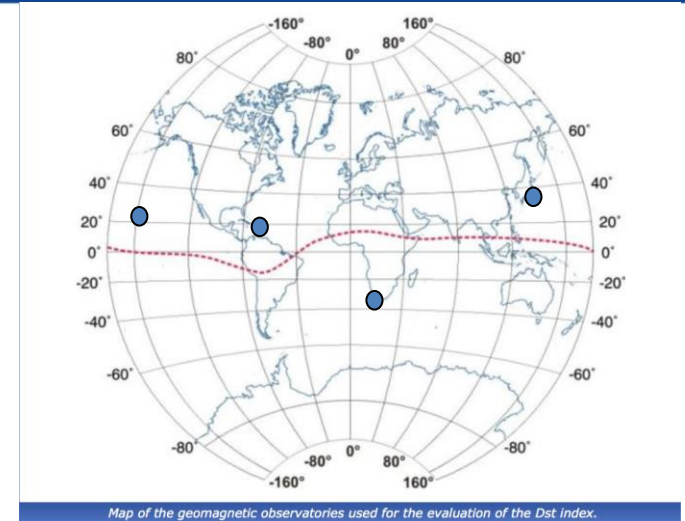
- ***Electric Power***
- ***Aviation***
- ***GNSS Applications***
- ***Satellite Operations***
- ***Deep Space Missions***
- ***Manned Space Flight***





# Dst Index

Storm type	Minimum Dst below
Weak storm	-30 nT
Moderate storm	-50 nT
Strong storm	-100 nT
Severe storm	-200 nT
Great storm	-350 nT



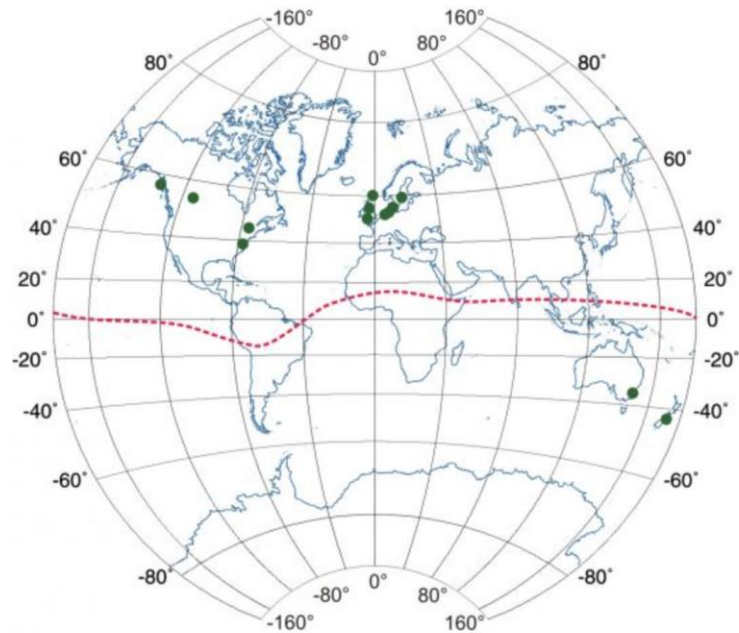
The **Dst** index (Disturbance storm time). Four geomagnetic observatories, Hermanus, Kakioka, Honolulu and San Juan are used, shown on the map. They are distributed as evenly as possible in longitude, and are at the same time sufficiently distant from both the auroral and equatorial electrojets so that they are not significantly influenced by either.

**Dst** index is the deviation of the horizontal components **H** of the magnetic field from the baseline. The baseline is calculated separately for each observatory and year. The "five quietest days" for each month form the database for the baseline.

K index is derived for each observatory by determining the maximum deviation  $\delta_{\max}$  for each component of the magnetic field. An indication of the level of geomagnetic perturbation on planetary scale is given by Kp index.

Kp is estimated as the average among K index values provided by 13 reference observatories.

It is measured every 3 hours since 1932.

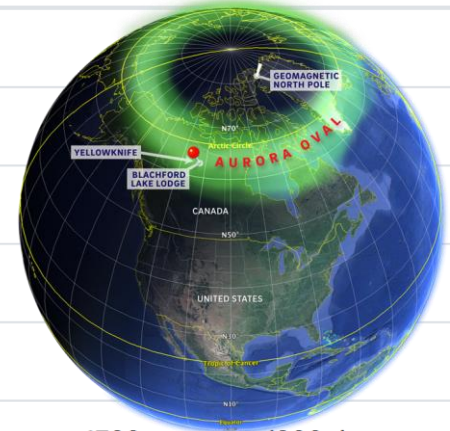


Map of the geomagnetic observatories used for the evaluation of the planetary Kp index.

# Kp index – related to G-scale

- The table shows the Kp-index scale.
- 10 values and G-scale.
- Each Kp-value represents, the boundary of the auroral oval at local midnight.

Kp	G-scale	Geomagnetic latitude	Auroral activity	Average frequency
0	G0	66.5° or higher	Quiet	
1	G0	64.5°	Quiet	
2	G0	62.4°	Quiet	
3	G0	60.4°	Unsettled	
4	G0	58.3°	Active	
5	G1	56.3°	Minor storm	1700 per cycle (900 days per cycle)
6	G2	54.2°	Moderate storm	600 per cycle (360 days per cycle)
7	G3	52.2°	Strong storm	200 per cycle (130 days per cycle)
8	G4	50.1°	Severe storm	100 per cycle (60 days per cycle)
9	G5	48.1° or lower	Extreme storm	4 per cycle (4 days per cycle)



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Thank you  
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