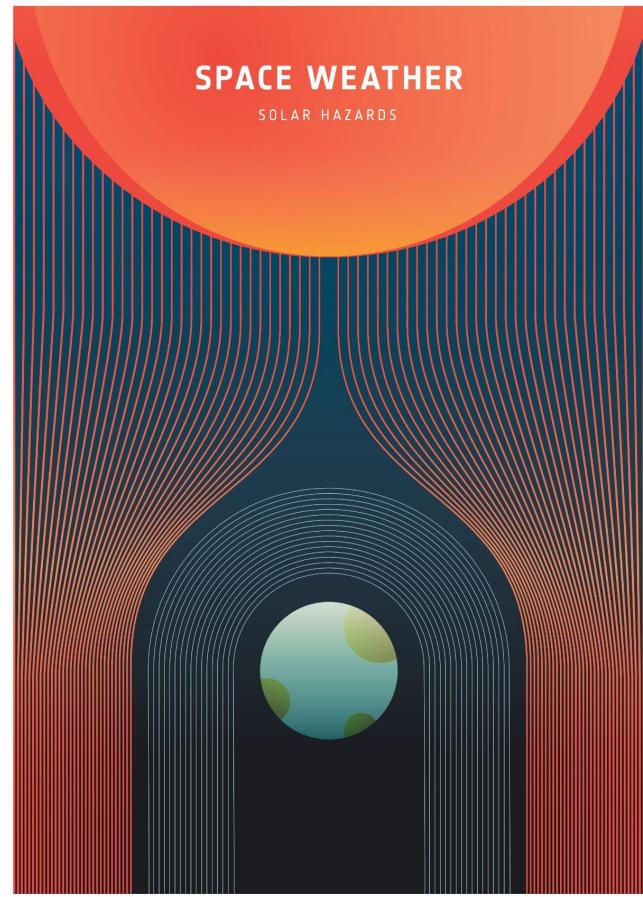


Capabilities in Slovakia related to SWE frameworks

SK-S2P workshop, 15 Feb 2022



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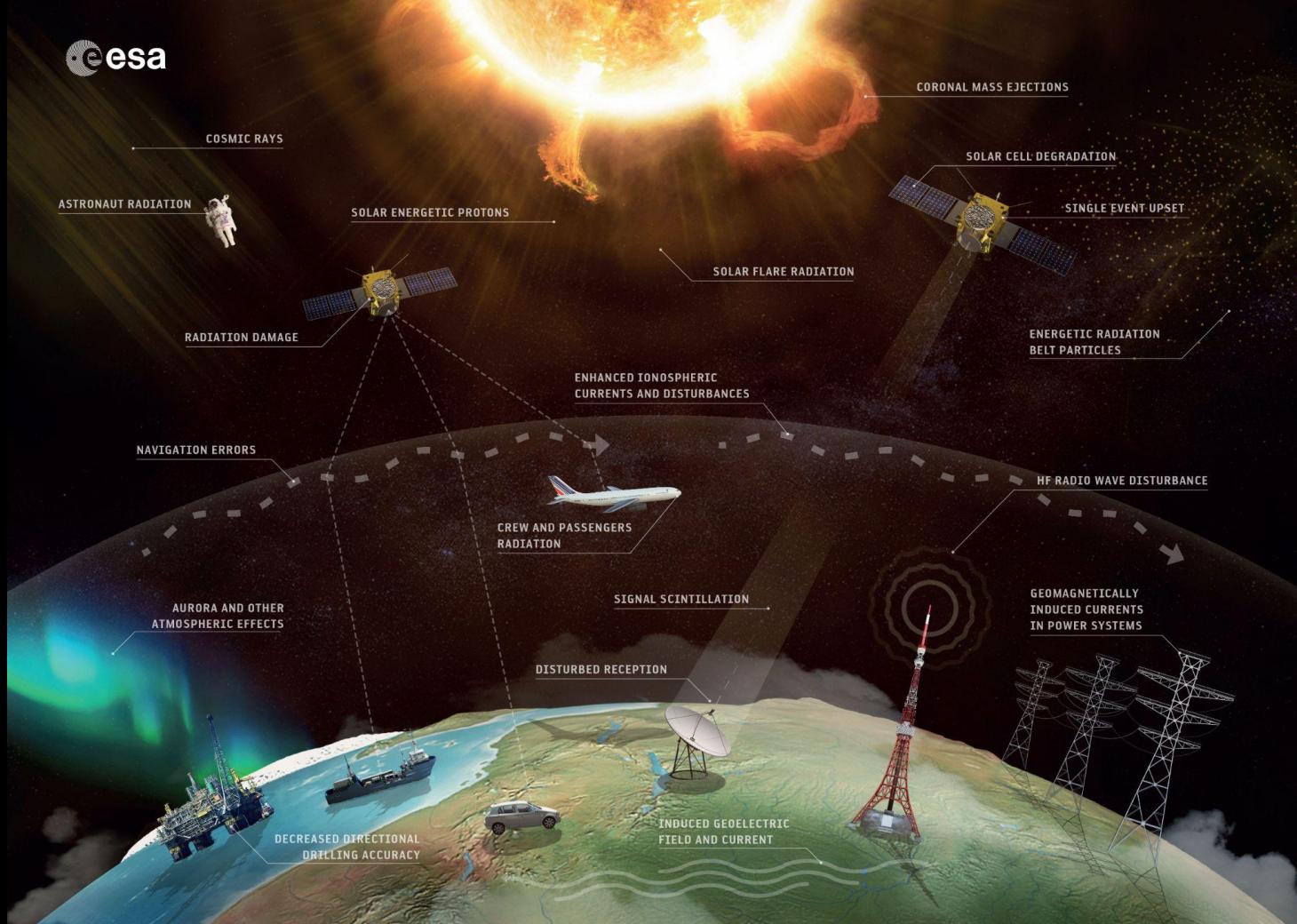
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Introduction to SWE

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Space Weather Services Network

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- Heliospheric
- Space Radiation
- Ionospheric
- Geomagnetic Conditions



The research related to space weather (SWE)
has one of the longest history
among other space research topics in Slovakia.



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Milan Rastislav Štefánik,
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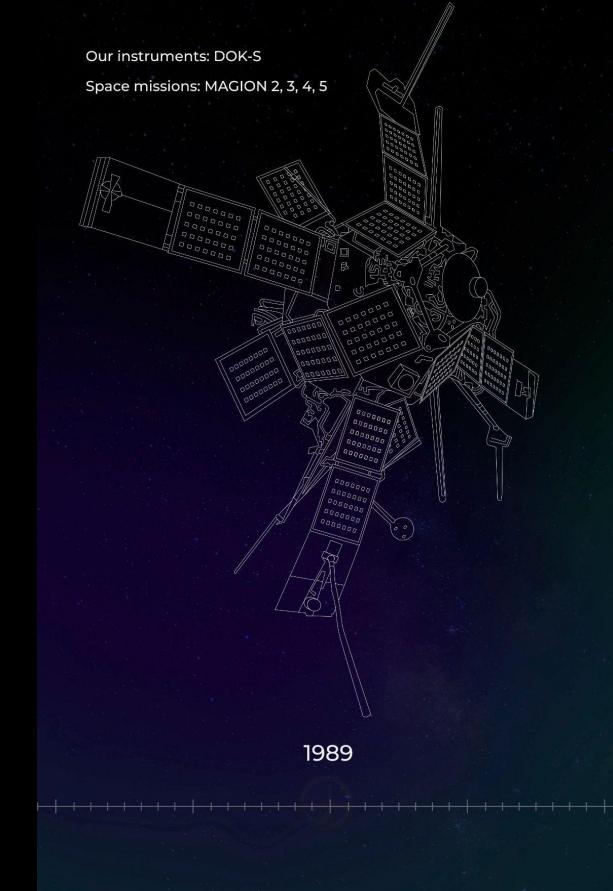


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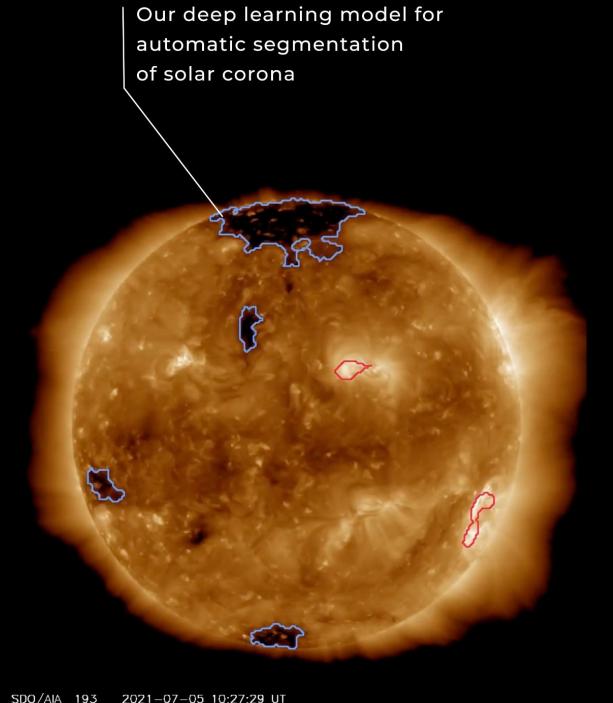
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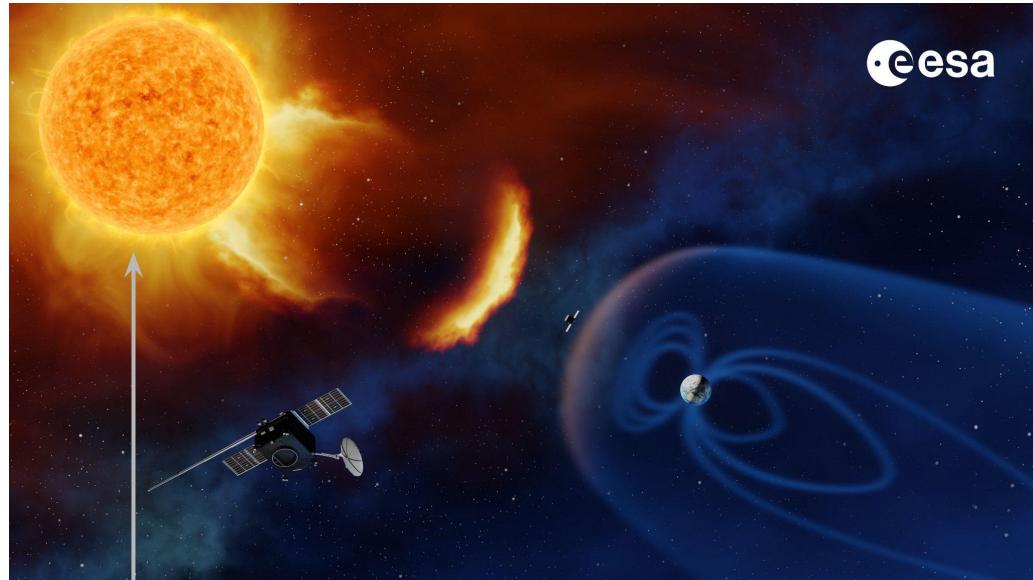


SWE Session - Agenda

SK-S2P workshop, online, 15 Feb 2022 - Space Weather session

Start	Duration	Name	Speaker	Organization
11:10	8	Intro about SWE	Dr. Šimon Mackovjak	IEP, SAS
11:18	12	Solar Weather SWE	Dr. Ivan Dorotovič, Dr. Ján Rybák	SUH; AI, SAS
11:30	7	Heliospheric Weather SWE	Dr. Ján Baláž	IEP, SAS
11:37	7	Space Radiation SWE	Dr. Ján Kubančák	IEP, SAS
11:44	7	Ionospheric Weather SWE	Dr. Šimon Mackovjak	IEP, SAS
11:51	7	Geomagnetic Conditions SWE	Dr. Fridrich Valach	ESI, SAS
11:58	10	New Slovak potential SWE players	Assoc. Prof. P. Butka; M. Varga	FEI, TUKE
12:08	17	ESA SWE network	Dr. Alexi Glover	ESA
12:25	10	Q&A		
12:35	60	Lunch break		

SWE: Solar Weather



Dr. Ivan Dorotovič

Slovak Central Observatory
Hurbanovo



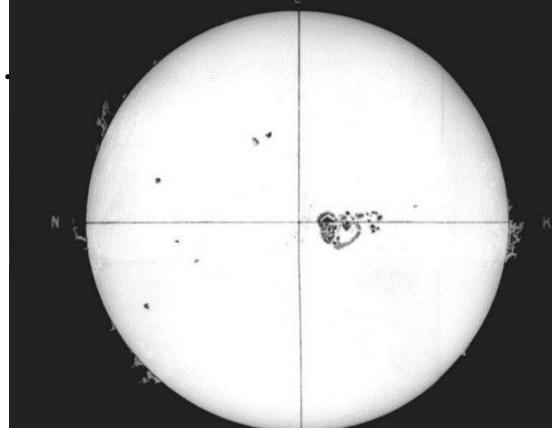
- The regular solar observational program began in Hurbanovo (Ó-Gyalla) in 1872 (150 years ago).

History: N. Thege Konkoly performed the first drawing of sunspots on May 16, 1872.

- Since **1885**: Wolf's sunspot number was determined daily in Ó-Gyalla.
- Since **1967** we have a continuous database of sunspot observations, contribution to various **55 years** databases (national in Prešov, SILSO, Sonne Netz)

- ❖ **Solar weather** (sunspots, chromosphere, prominences, total solar eclipses, solar spectrum, solar radio bursts - CALLISTO, spectral continuum near the Balmer jump vs. solar flares) and **heliospheric weather** (CME, cosmic radiation).

15 March 1873



micrometric measurements
of sunspots positions

Main activities and results

- MSc. Thesis: Five minute oscillation in the solar photosphere
- PhD. Thesis: Solar cycles in the solar corona
- Staff member of the Slovak Central Observatory since **1987**.
 - N-S asymmetry of Ca II K Plages and polar coronal holes
 - Plasma motions and MHD sausage waves in and around a solar pore
 - Statistics of CMEs during the solar cycle 23
 - Magnetic Turbulence in the Solar Wind and the Earth's Plasma Sheet
 - Evolution of several space weather events connected with Forbush decreases

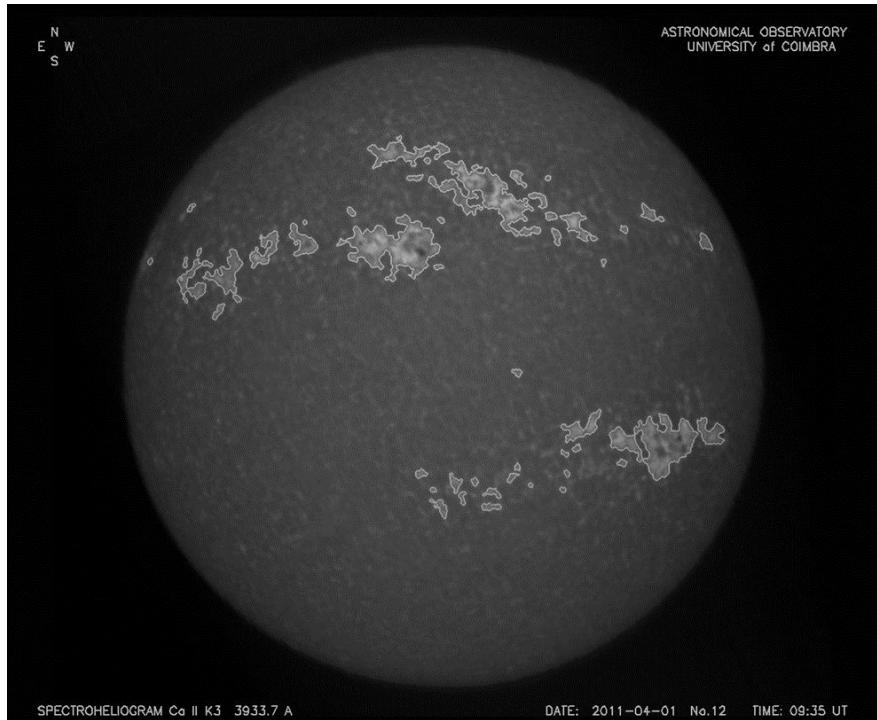
- Rotation of the solar corona / Differential rotation profile
- we used both the **tracer** and the **cross-correlation method**
- a) software tools for automatic **detection** and **tracking** of various solar features (tracers)



Full length article

Software tool for automatic detection of solar plages in the Coimbra Observatory spectroheliograms

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Automatic detection and tracking of coronal bright points in SDO/AIA images

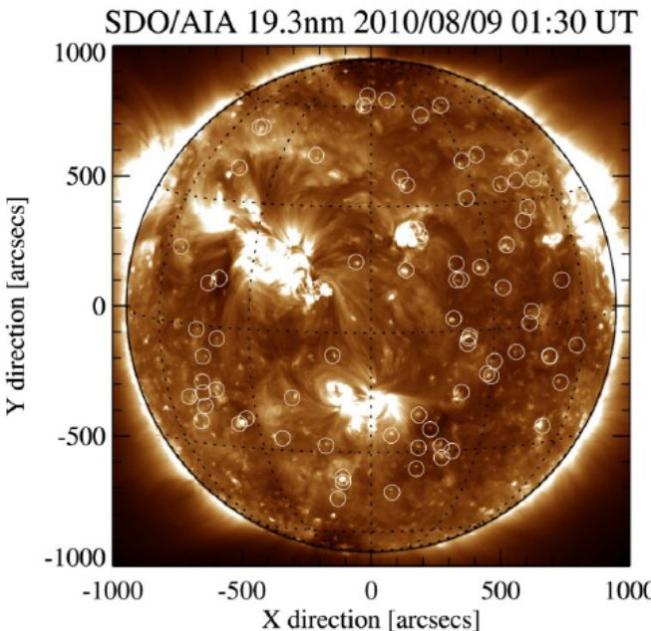
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Gradient Path Labeling (GPL) method:

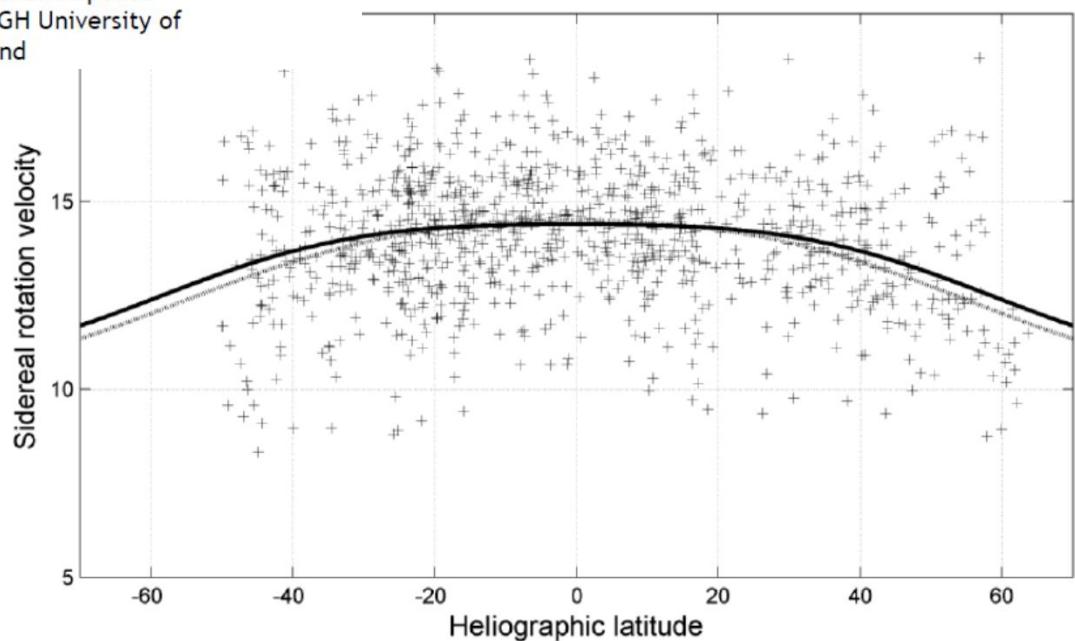
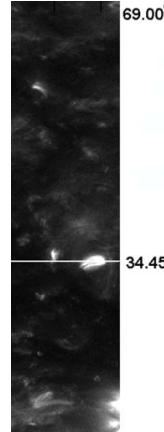
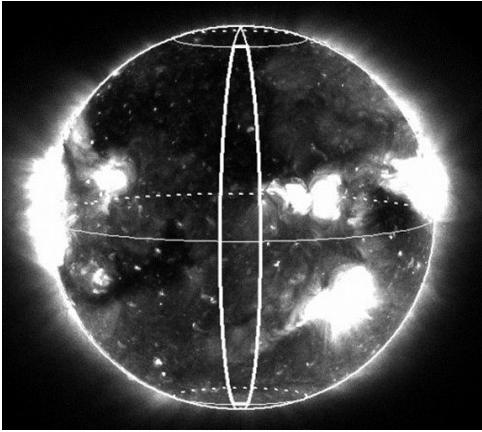


Figure 4. Individual observations of rotational velocity in respect to latitude. Thick solid black line indicates the best fit to these values. The values of the optimum fit (solid line) parameters A, B, C are $14.392 \text{ }^{\circ} \text{ day}^{-1}$, $-0.567 \text{ }^{\circ} \text{ day}^{-1}$, and $-2.8 \text{ }^{\circ} \text{ day}^{-1}$, respectively.



b) cross-correlation method: Rotation of Some Solar Coronal Bright Features as Derived from the *Solar Dynamics Observatory/Atmospheric Imaging Array (SDO/AIA)* 21.1 nm Images (for the Years 2011 – 2019)

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Solar corona on 30 August 2016 Northern part
of the selected region

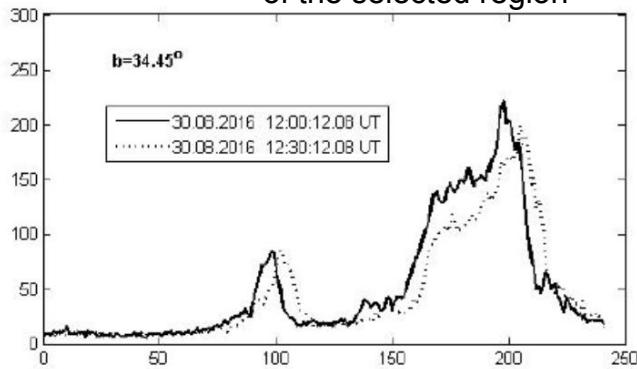


Figure 3. Evolution of intensities in two neighboring images from 30 August 2016 at the latitude of 34.45°.

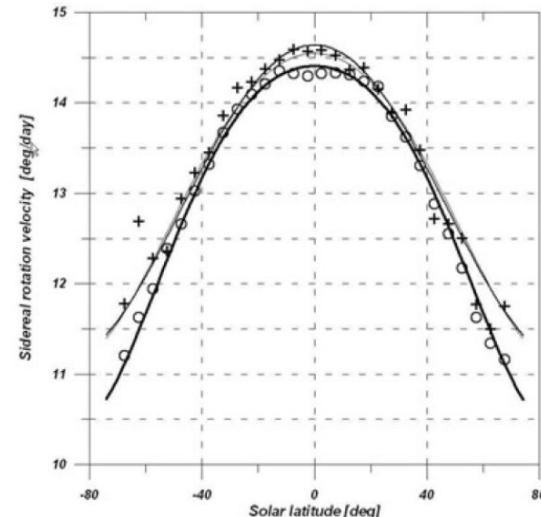


Figure 6. Profile of sidereal rotation velocity according to Table 2, showing BCG data (circles) and CBP data (crosses). Solid lines show approximations, for o: $\omega = 12.183 \sin^2 b - 1.955 \sin^4 b$ and for +: $\omega = 14.642 - 3.185 \sin^2 b - 0.304 \sin^4 b$. The thin line represents the profile presented by Brajs et al. (2004).

❑ Possible cooperation with ESA

SEIS: "Space Environment Information System" - Past Research Projects

- Scientific advisor in the ESA project SEIS (2003-2006) for solar weather features and space weather effects.



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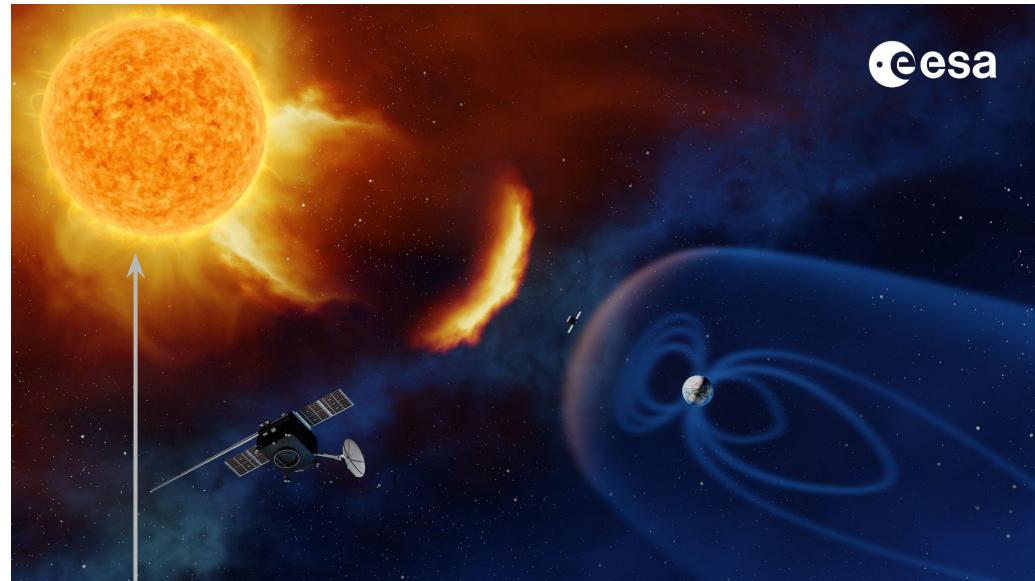


SEISOP - Space Environment
Information System for
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Financing: ESA / ESOC-ESAC

- Development of a software tool for automatic image processing, feature recognition and tracking.

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Astronomical Institute of SAS – Solar physics department:

- a small group of astrophysicists and engineers
- research on solar atmosphere and solar activity
- usage of the best European ground-based solar telescopes & data of different satellites for solar observations
- broad international cooperation
- involvement in the EST project

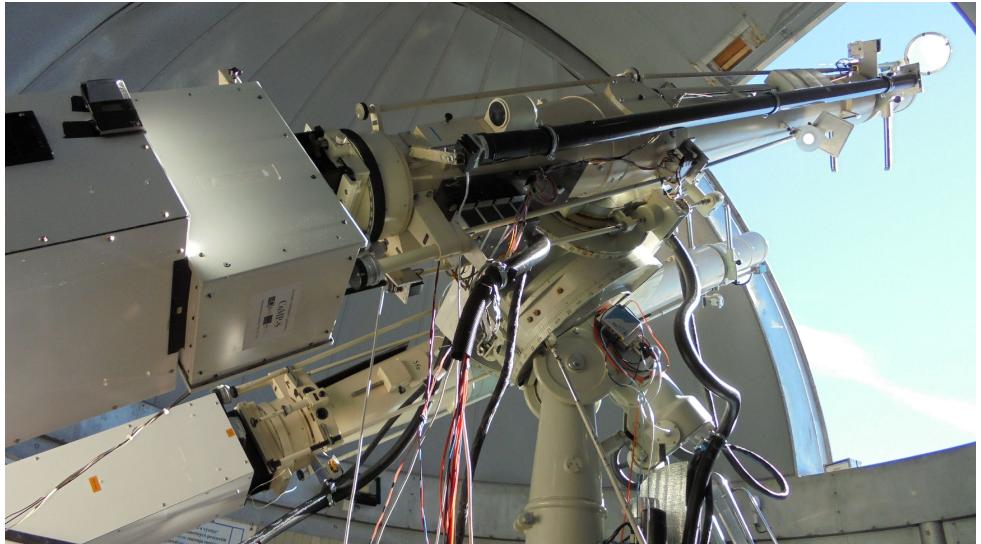
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Astronomical Institute of SAS – Solar physics department:

- expertise in classical solar **coronagraphic observations** of the emission lines of prominences and solar corona at the **high-altitude observatory**
 - AISAS is operating **Lomnický Štít Observatory** (LSO) - quite unique in Europe (*Pic du Midi (F), Kislovodsk (Russia)*)
- In our opinion the LSO might be of interest for ESA SWE activities

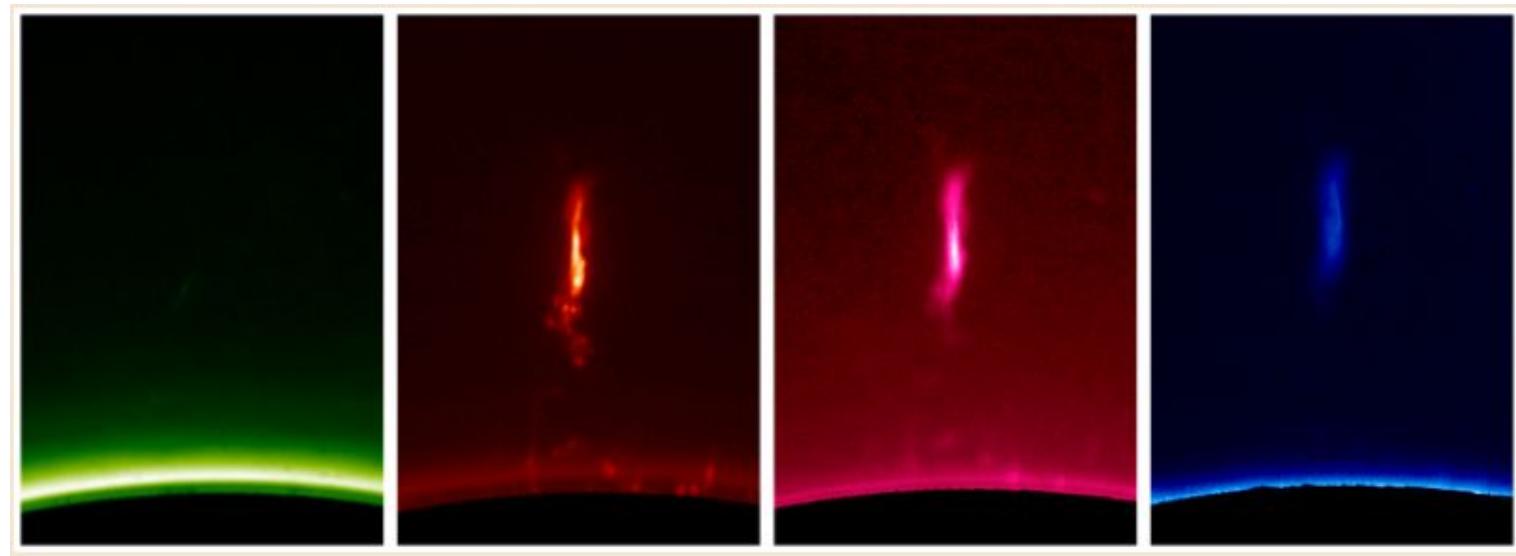
Lomnický Štít Observatory (2633 m asl):

- two ZEISS 200/3000/4000 coronagraphs @ common mount
- spectro-polarimetric post-focus instruments – CoMP-S, SCD
- all year round operation



Lomnický Štít Observatory (2633 m asl):

- CoMP-S instrument (tunable Lyot filter) observations:
 - sp. line profiles: He I D3 587, Fe X 637, H I 656, Ca II 854 + ...
 - maximum FoV: $\sim 430 \times 290$ arcsecs



He I D3 587

H I 656

Ca II 854

He I 1083

Suggestions of possible cooperation with ESA:

- a **test bed** for testing of the methods/instruments for future ESA instruments for solar coronagraphic measurements: two identical telescopes, pointing mechanisms, flexible coronagraph rear side interface for fixing of post-focus instruments

Previous activities:

- CorMag instrument – prof. S. Fineschi OAT, Torino (I), for PROBA-3 mission
- WAMIS instrument – Dr. Y.-K., Ko, NRL, Washington (USA), for NASA stratospheric balloon progra

Future activities:

- SLED instrument – Dr. P. Rudawy, for natural eclipse observations

Suggestions of possible cooperation with ESA:

- supporting of **coordinated measurements** with the ESA solar missions with solar coronagraphs (SolO, Proba-3,...)

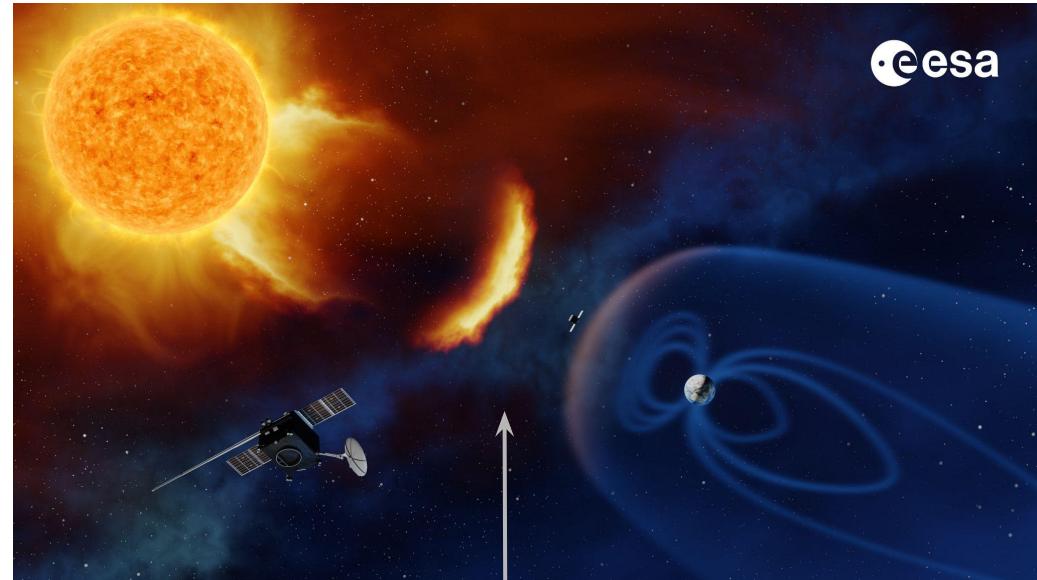
Previous activities:

- ESA PECS 5th call for Slovakia, 2019: proposal “*Lomnický Stit Observatory - instrumentation upgrade and the ground-based support of the ESA solar coronagraphy (LSOforESA)*”, support of the SolO/METIS PI (Dr. M. Romoli) and PROBA-3 PI (Dr. A. Zhukov), not supported (“no interest for ESA”)
- involvement in the Parker Solar Probe coordinated supporting campaigns

Future activities:

- SolO and PROBA-3 support

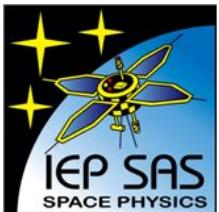
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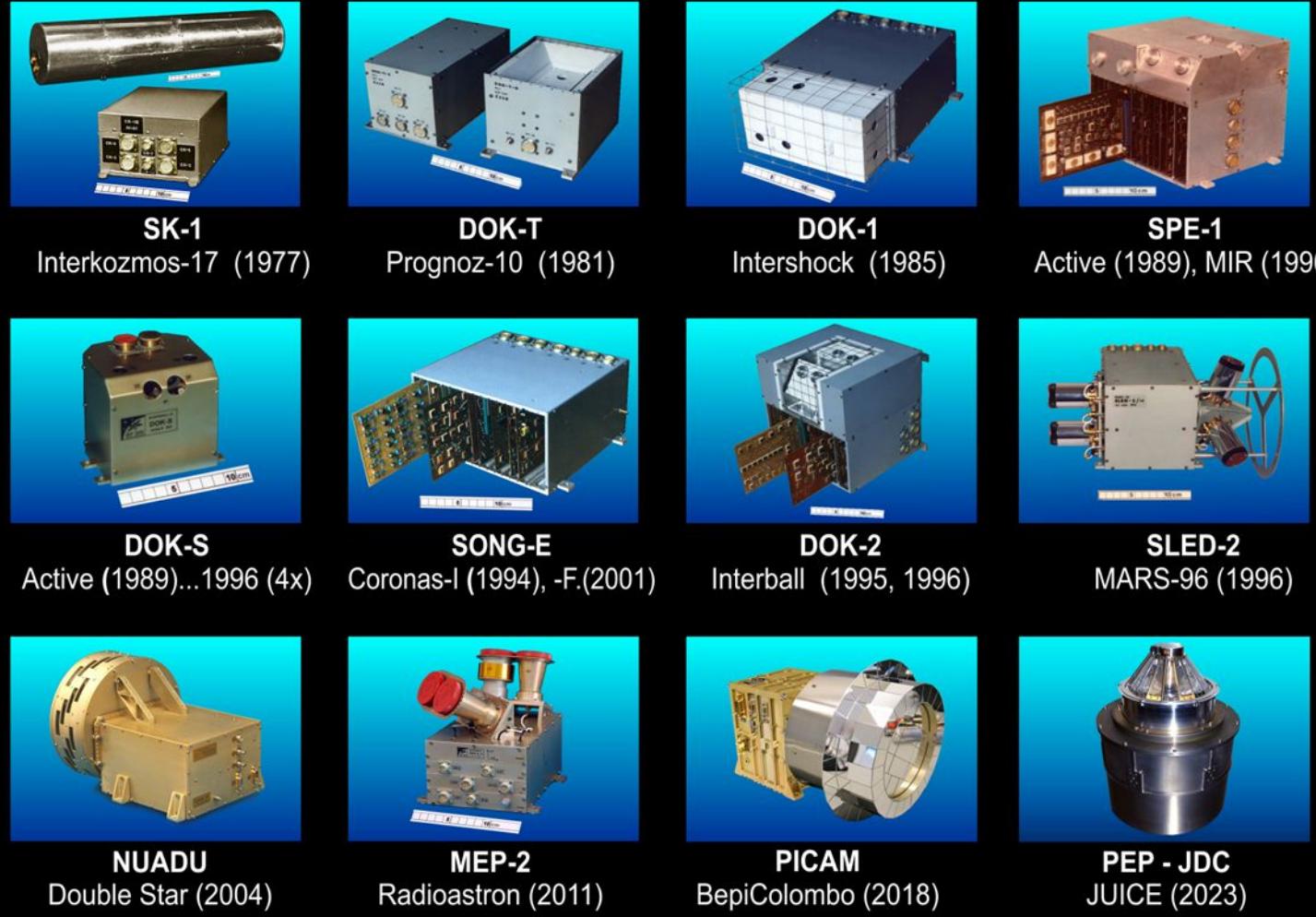
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Space Physics
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First

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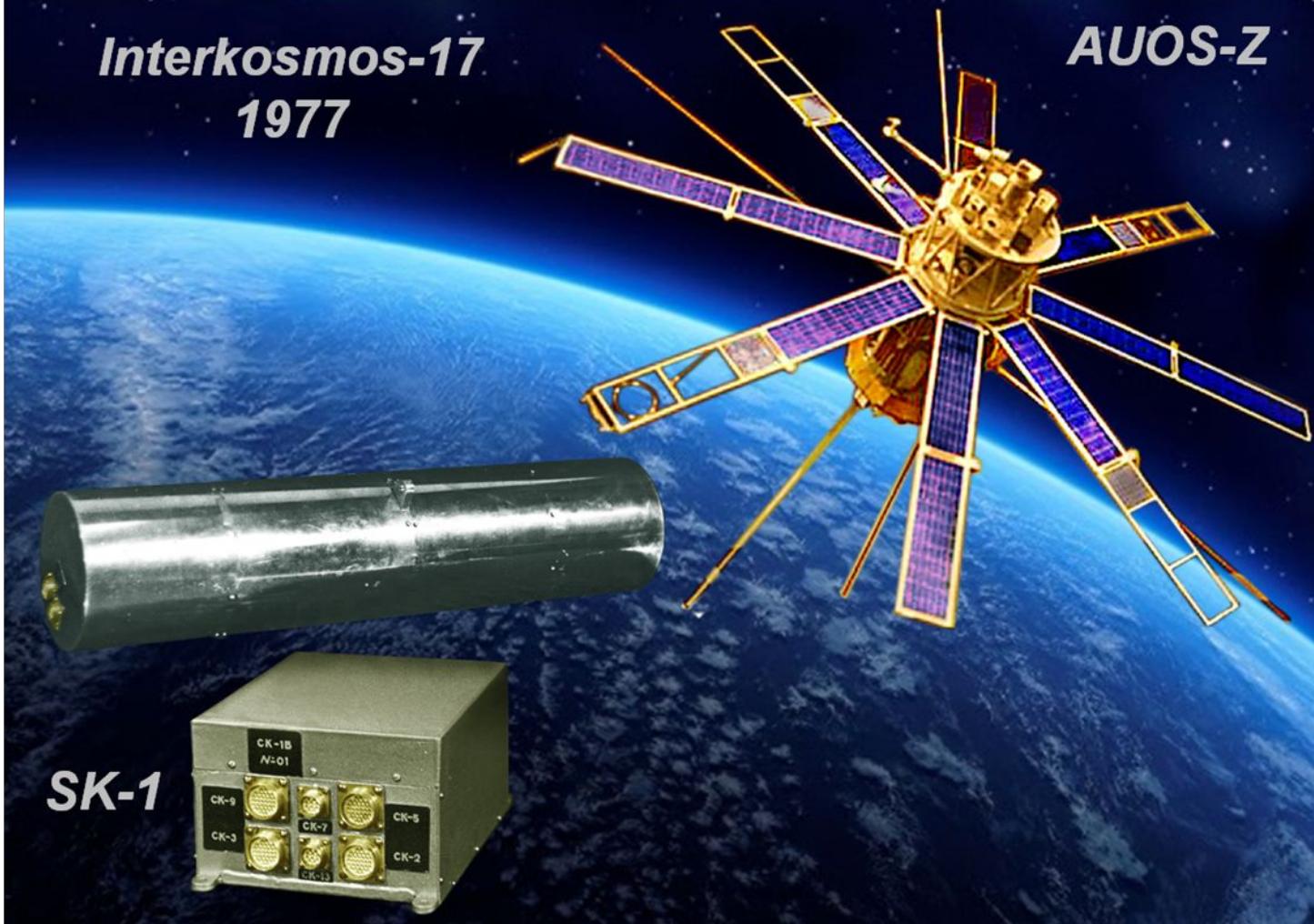
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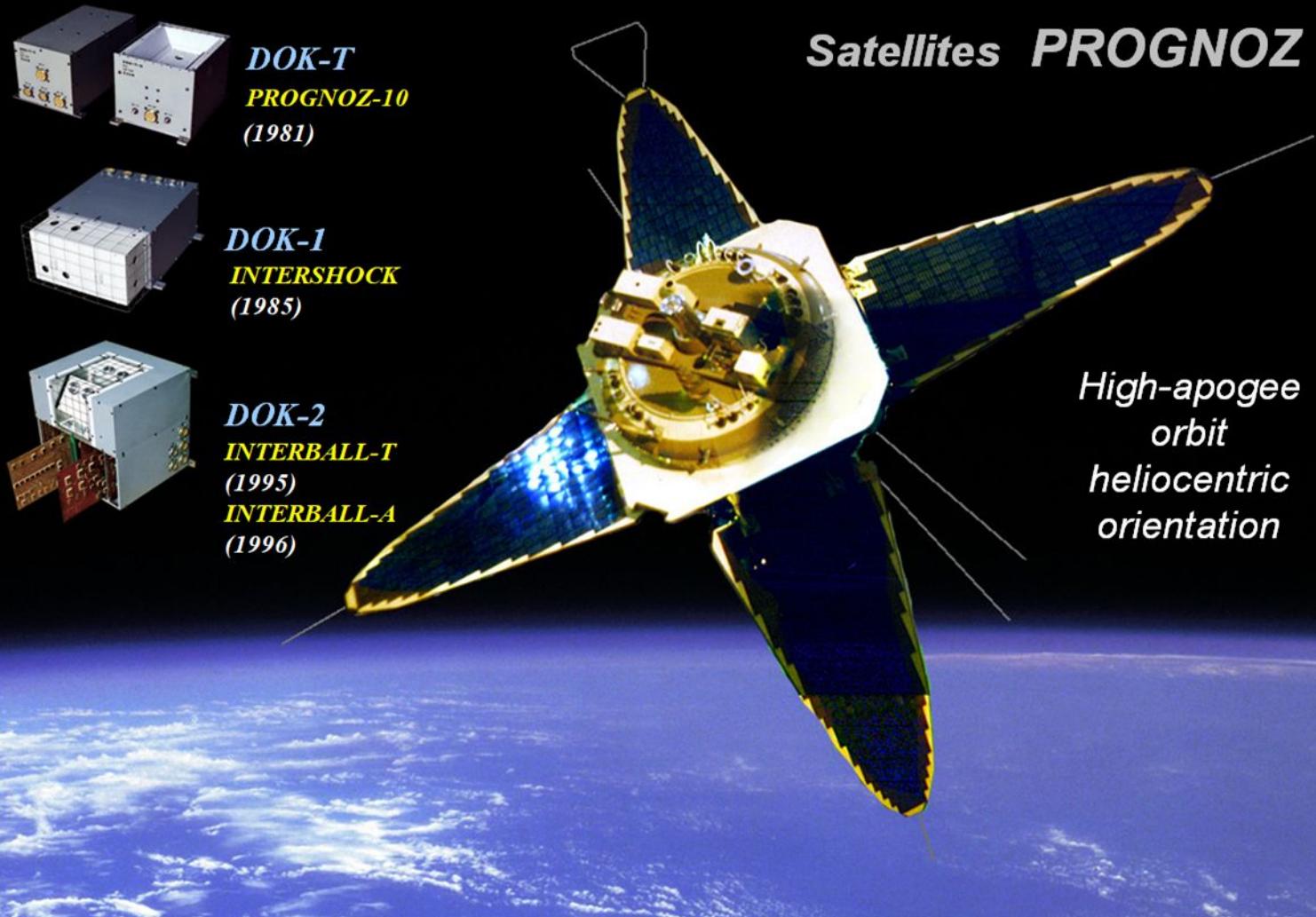
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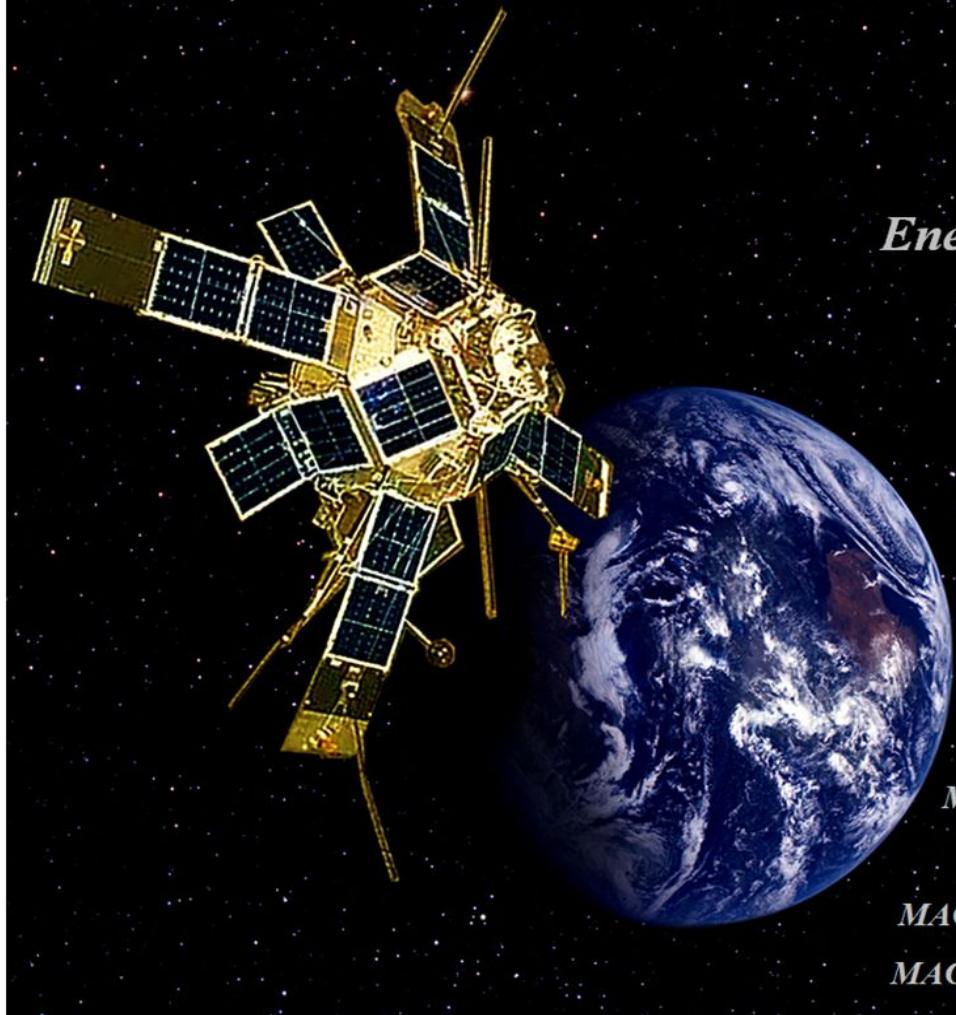
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MAGION-2, ACTIVE (1989)

MAGION-3, APEX (1991)

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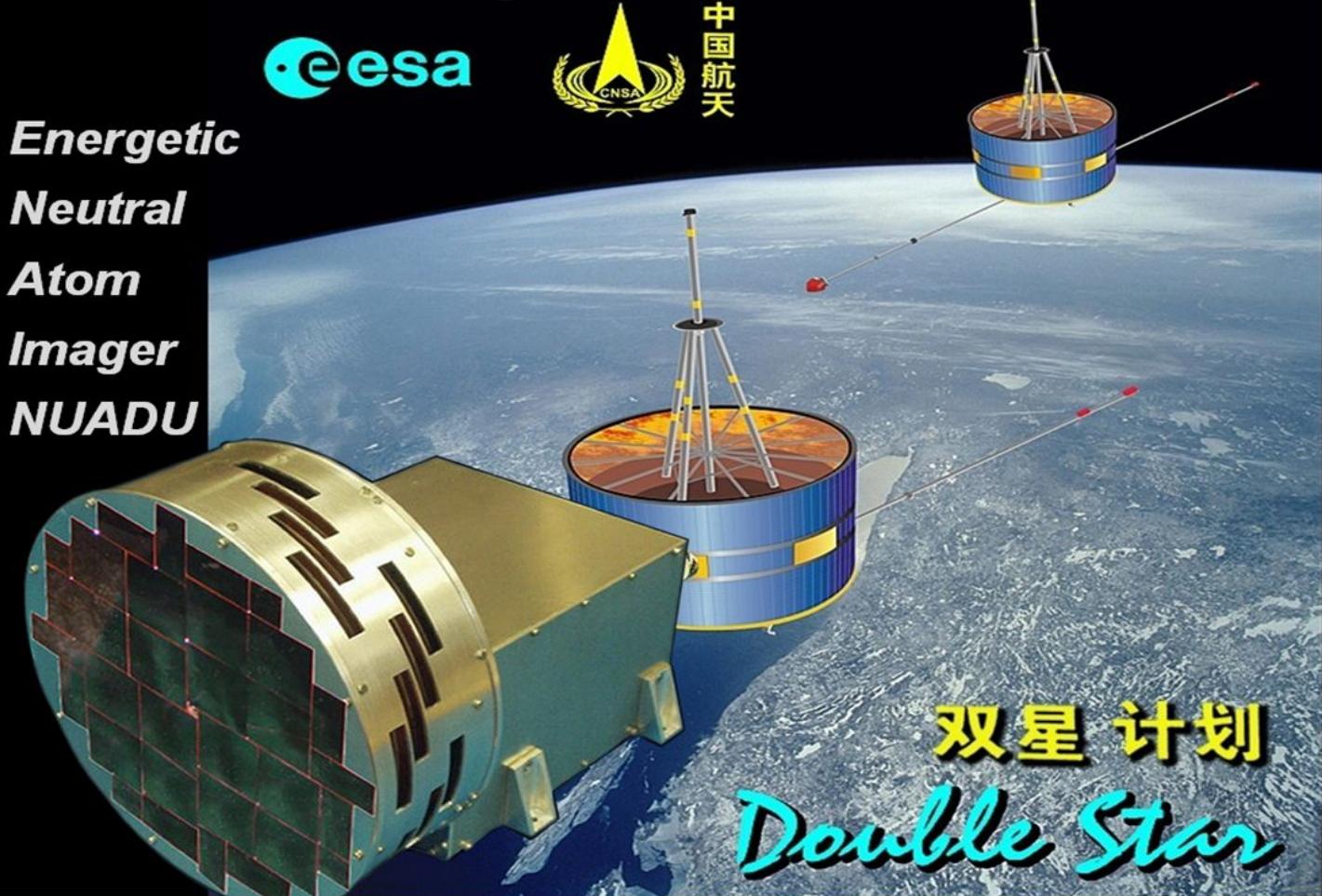
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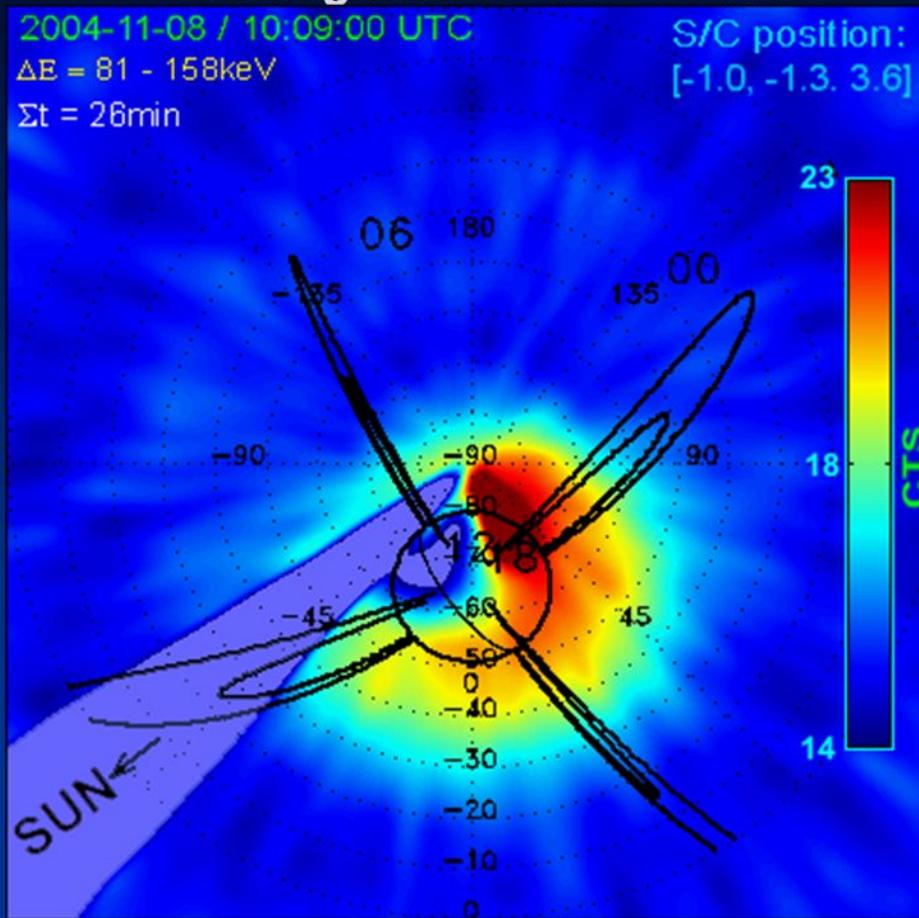
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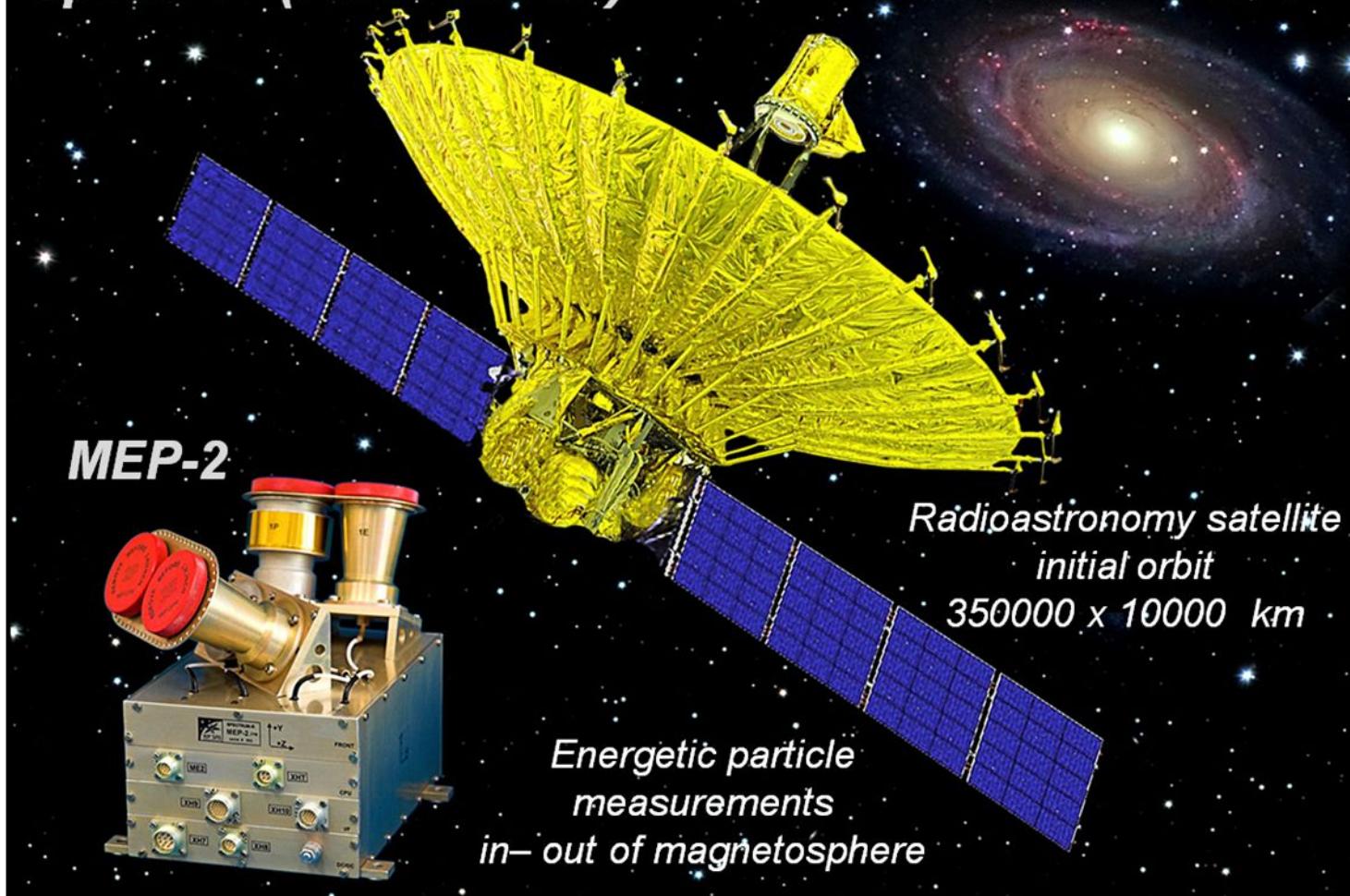
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Key Points:

- Oscillations of energetic ions are found in the foreshock
- Energy range is 4–400 keV, periods 10–60 s
- Events are related to fast solar wind

Supporting Information:

- Readme
- Data Set S1
- Table S1

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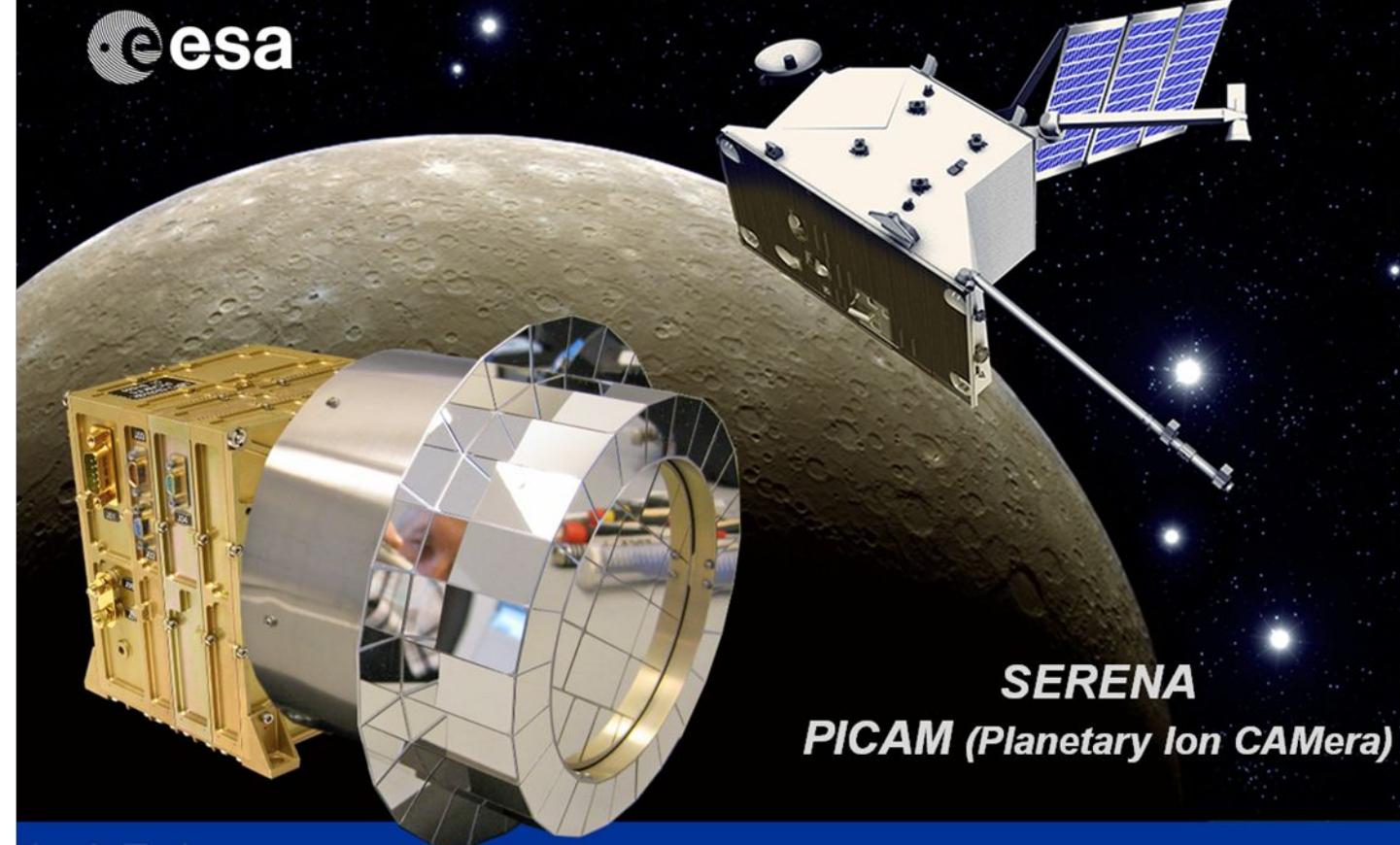
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to Mercury*

*Contribution
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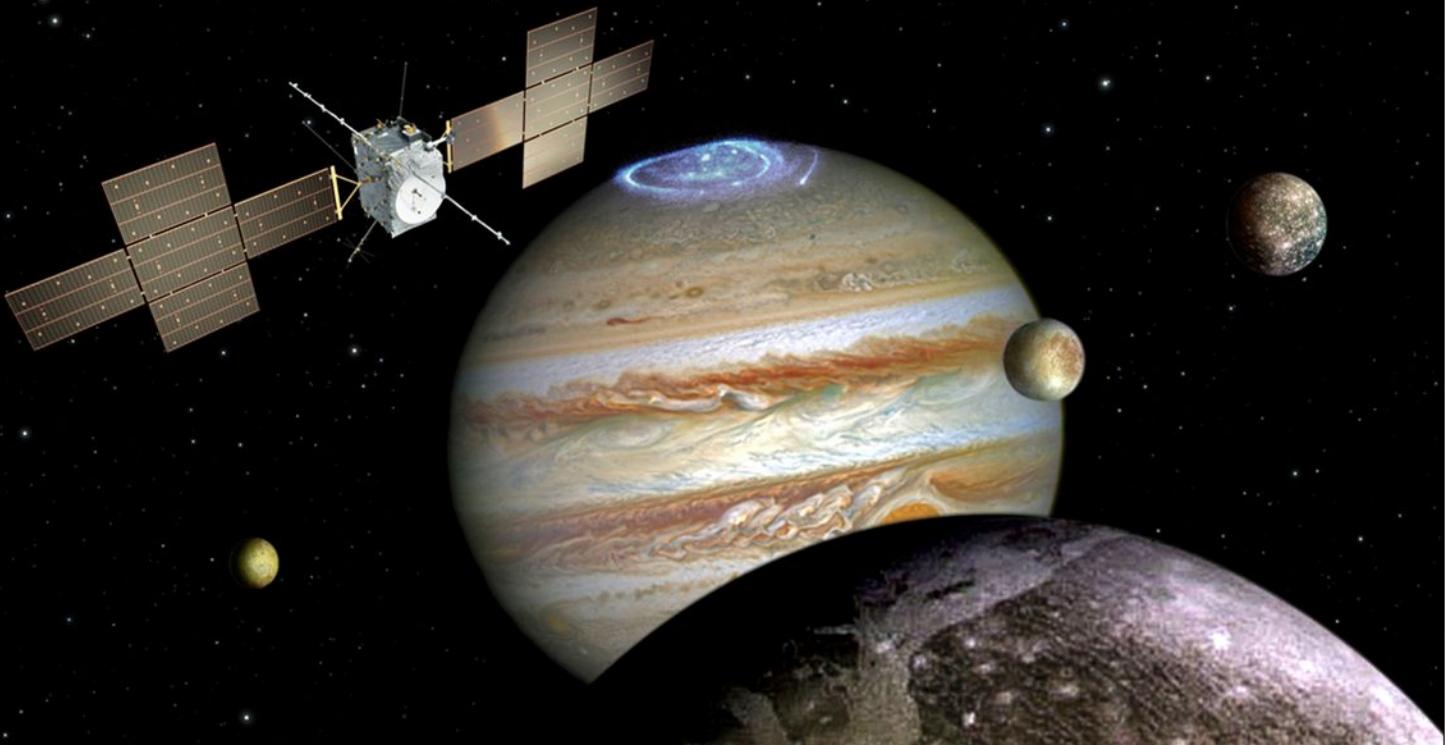
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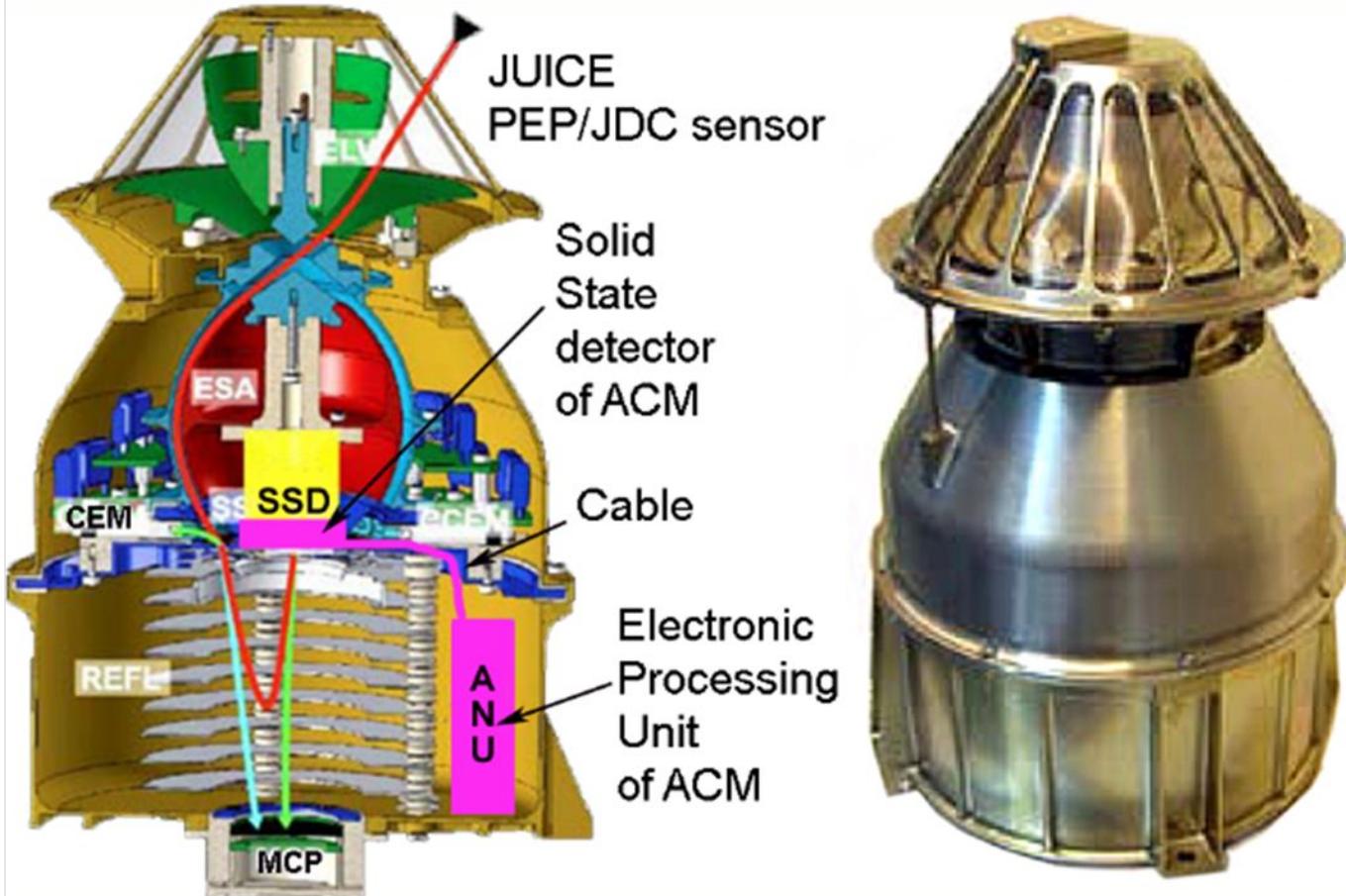
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Anti-coincidence detector module ACM for PEP-JDC

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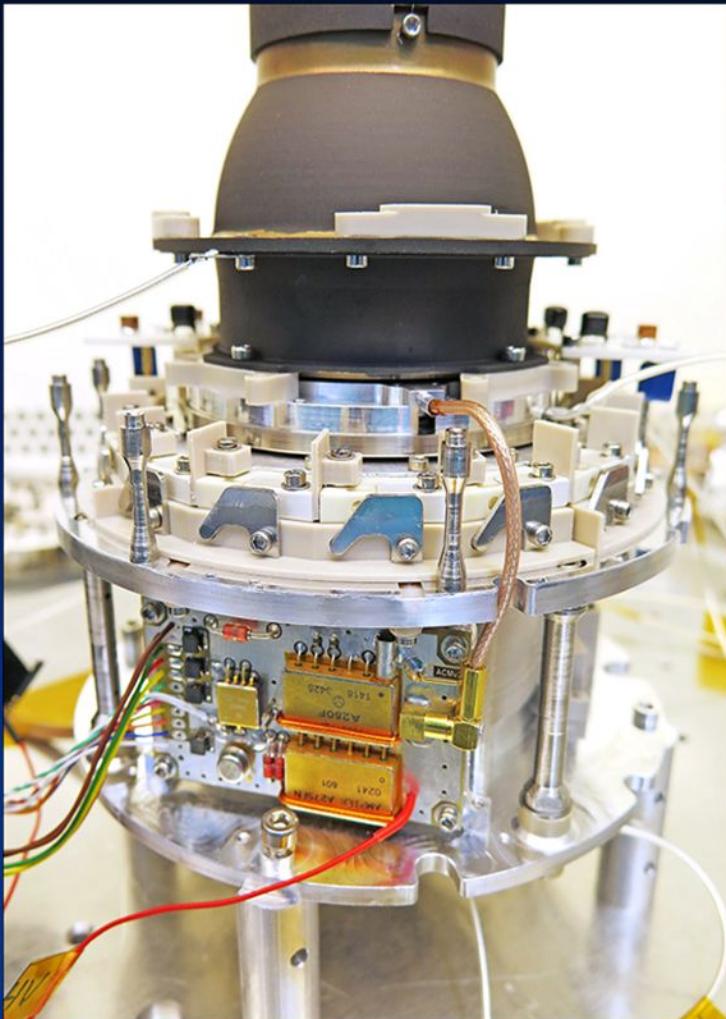
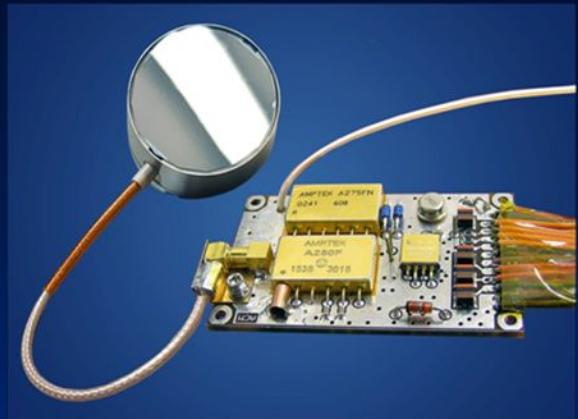
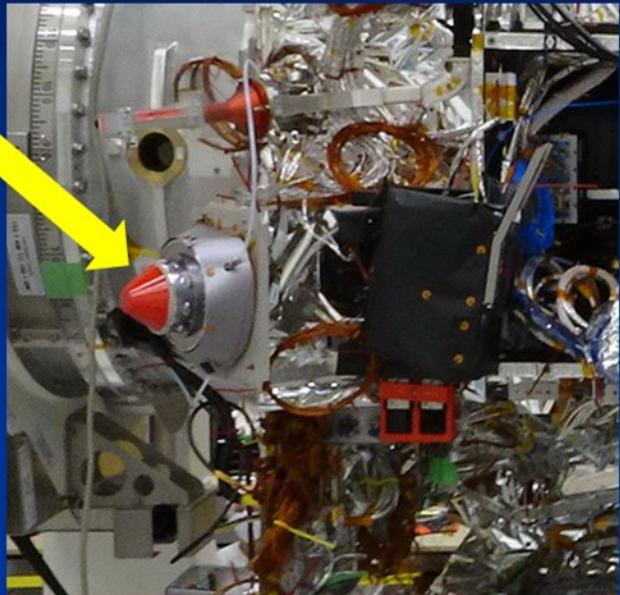


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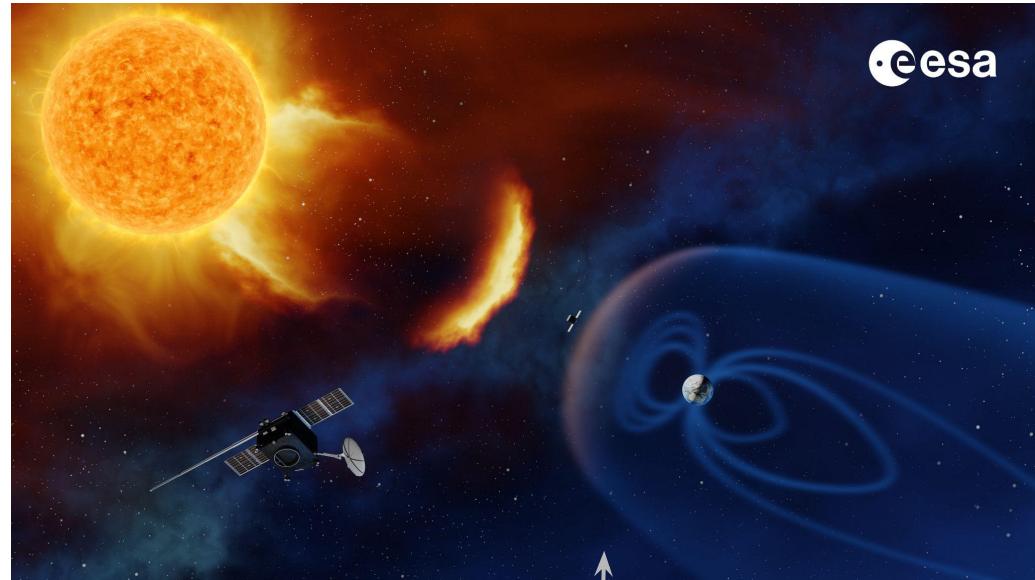
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SWE: Space Radiation



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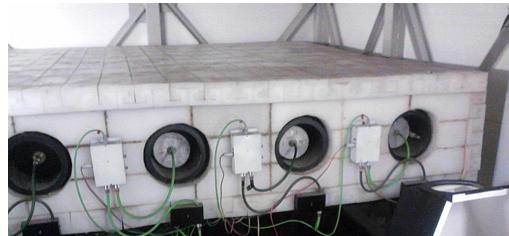
Cosmic rays observatory at the Lomnický štít (CROLS)

Introduction

- CROLS (GEO: 49.40°N , 20.22°E , 2634 m. a.s.l., vertical cut-off rigidity $\sim 4\text{GV}$) is operated by the Department of Space Physics of IEP SAS and its activities primarily focus on:
 - **long term observations** of cosmic rays and their secondary radiation fields induced in the atmosphere (incl. data evaluation)
 - **testing of instruments** for measurements of cosmic rays and mixed radiation fields
 - **radiation protection from cosmic rays**
 - measurement and computation of radiation protection quantities including Monte Carlo calculations
 - design of radiation shielding against cosmic rays

Cosmic rays observatory at the Lomnický štít (CROLS) Instrumentation

- CROLS instrumentation
 - 8 NM64 type **neutron monitor**
 - **SEVAN** instrument
- auxiliary equipment
 - Open Testing Platform (OTP)
 - aircrew doses calc. codes
 - Monte Carlo simulation codes
 - IT infrastructure



Because the Concorde flew at much higher altitudes than conventional aircraft, it carried instruments to measure the radiation levels to which passengers were being exposed. On days with increased solar activity, the Concorde would need to fly below 47,000 feet (14,325 meters).

Cosmic rays observatory at the Lomnický štít (CROLS)

Main activities and results

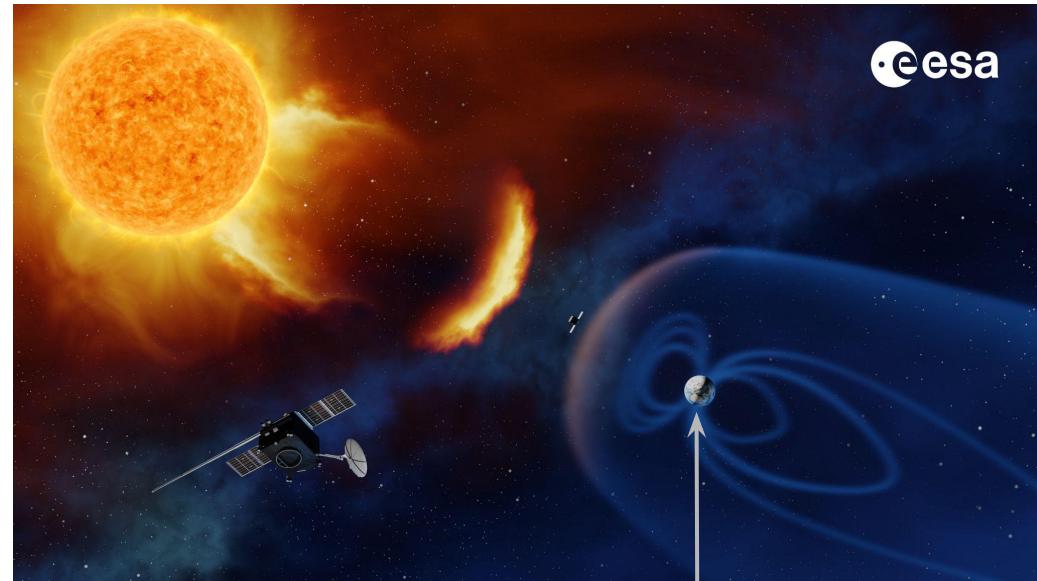
- **Basic research**
 - experience with cosmic rays measurements since 1957
 - On quasi-periodic variations of low-energy cosmic rays observed near earth, Karel Kudela, Ronald Langer, <https://doi.org/10.1093/rpd/ncv325>
 - Significant enhancements of secondary cosmic rays and electric field at the high mountain peak of Lomnický Štít in High Tatras during thunderstorms, J. Chum, R. Langer ... M. Kollárik, I. Strhársky ...
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- **Applied research**
 - Overview of aircrew exposure to cosmic radiation in the Czech Republic, Ján Kubančák ... Ronald Langer Igor Strhársky Karel Kudela
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Possible future cooperation with ESA

- ***current projects with ESA***
 - *ESA SIREN (Space Ionizing Radiation Experts Nursery)*
- ***future cooperation***
 - *long-term testing of radiation protection instrumentation for use in cosmic rays radiation environment within the OTP*
 - *short term testing in cooperation with other facilities like e.g. CERF field in CERN etc.)*
 - *“custom - tailored” aircrew and spacecrew radiation protection solutions (metrology and dosimetry, calculation of shielding etc.)*

SWE: Ionospheric Weather



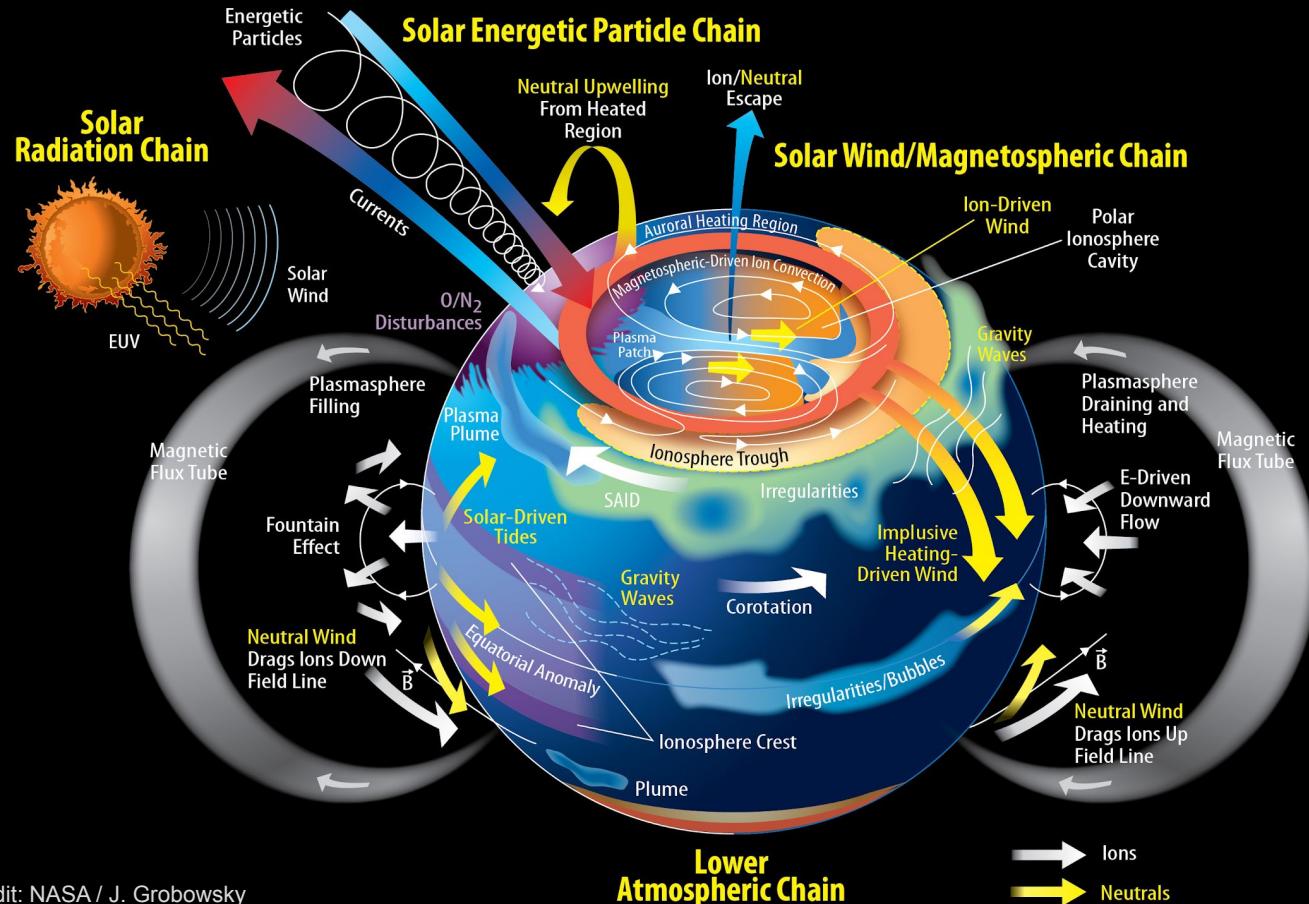
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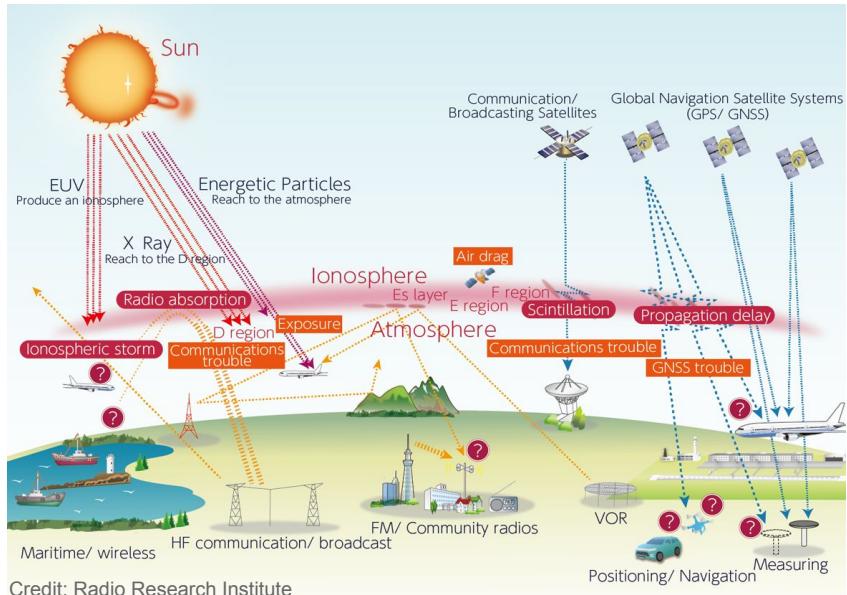
Terrestrial Atmospheric ITM Processes



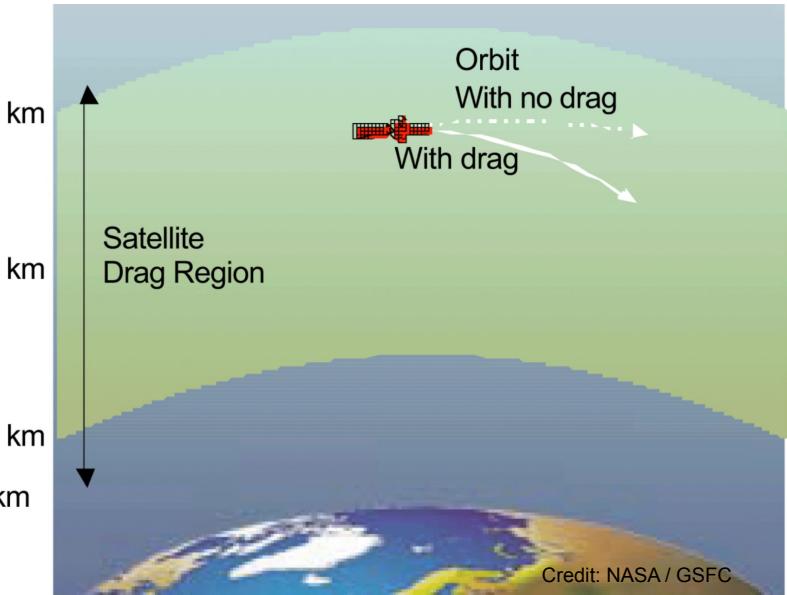
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Two main consequences:

- Communication problems



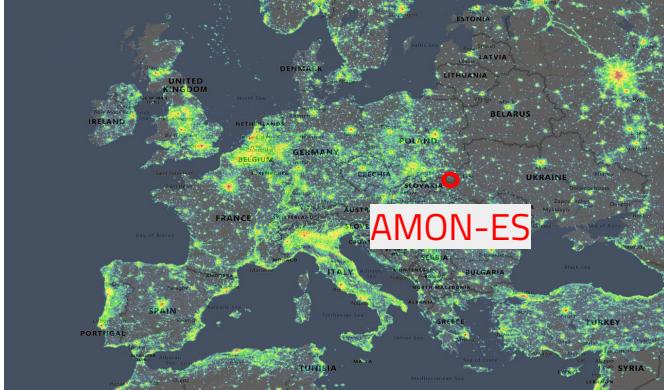
- Satellite Drag



Our main activities:

Own observations

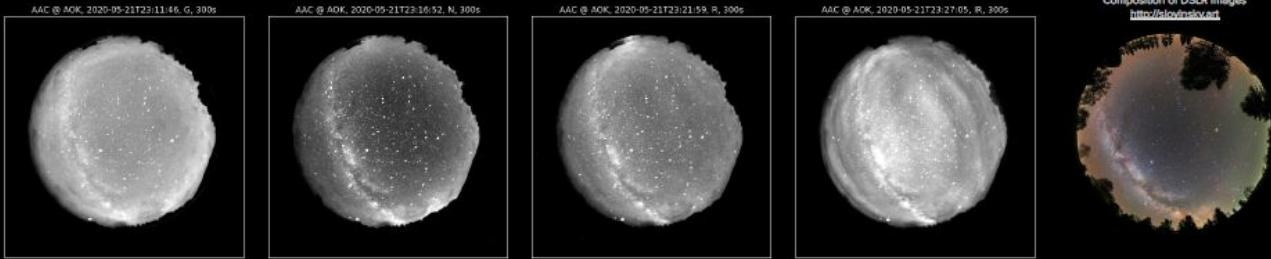
- AMON-ES at Astronomical Observatory at Kolonica Saddle



AMON-ES

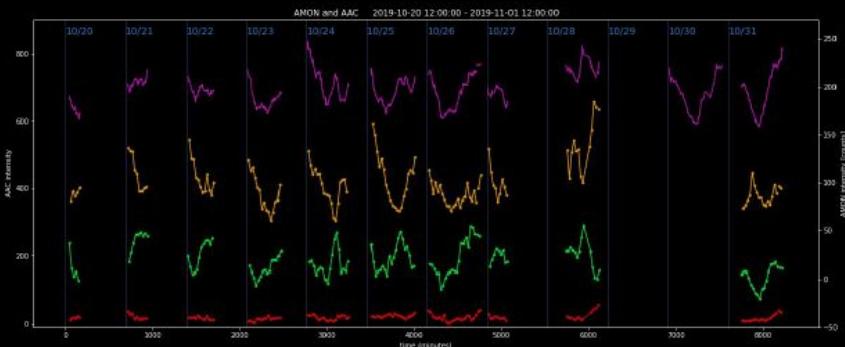
All-sky Airglow Camera

- 557.8 nm (OI - green line)
- 568.5 nm (no airglow)
- 630.0 nm (OI - red line)
- 700-900 nm (OH)



AMON photometer

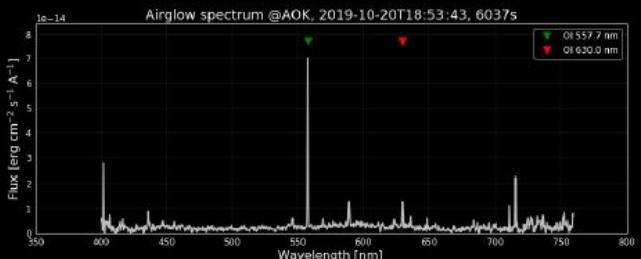
We've detected consistency between airglow variation measurements by AMON (Mackovjak et al. 2019, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2018.12.073>) UV photometer (300-480 nm) and All-sky Airglow Camera data



AMON-ES (Airglow MONitor - Extended Station) at Astronomical Observatory on Kolenica saddle

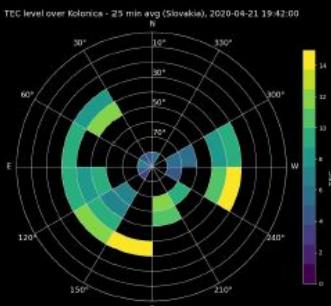


Spectrometer - airglow in physical units is ensured



GNSS receiver

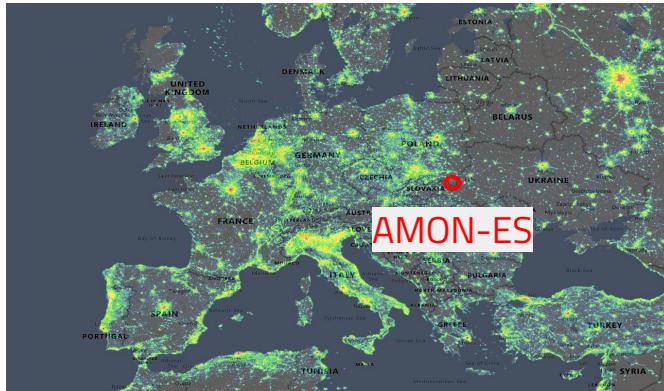
Ionspheric parameters (TEC, S4, Sigma phi) append airglow data and provide insights to presence of disturbances



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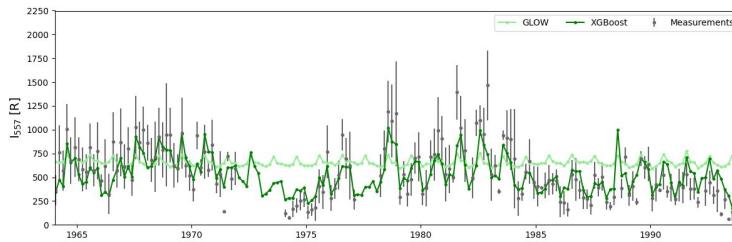
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- AMON-ES at Astronomical Observatory at Kolonica Saddle
 - Mackovjak et al. (2019, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2018.12.073>)
 - Amrich et al. (2021, <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/16/12/T12016>)
 - ESA / PECS projects: SK1-05, SK2-09 (<https://github.com/space-lab-sk/amon-es>)



Machine Learning approach

- Modeling of thermosphere-ionosphere variability
 - Mackovjak et al. (2021a, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020JA028991>)
 - ESA / PECS project: SK6-29 - ASPIS
- Automatic identification of variability drivers
 - Mackovjak et al. (2021b, <https://doi.org/10.1093/mnras/stab2536>)
 - Maslej-Krešňáková et al. (2021, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2021EA002007>)



Ongoing cooperation with ESA

Ionospheric Weather Expert Service Centre

- ESA MONITOR program
- DLR / IMPC - Ionosphere Monitoring and Prediction Center (DE)
- IAP CAS - Institute of Atmospheric Physics, CAS (CZ)



ESA Vigil mission (Lagrange 5)

- towards direct participation
- digital solution based on real-time data stream



SWE: Geomagnetic Conditions



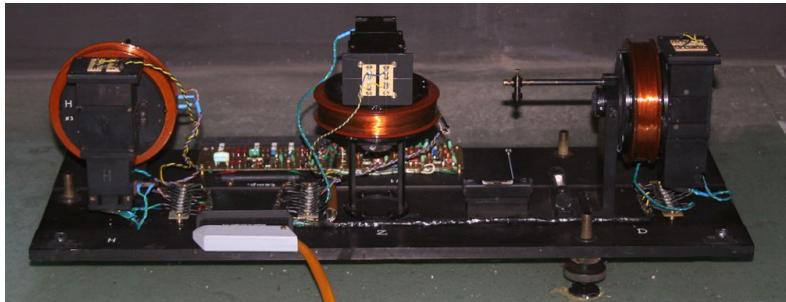
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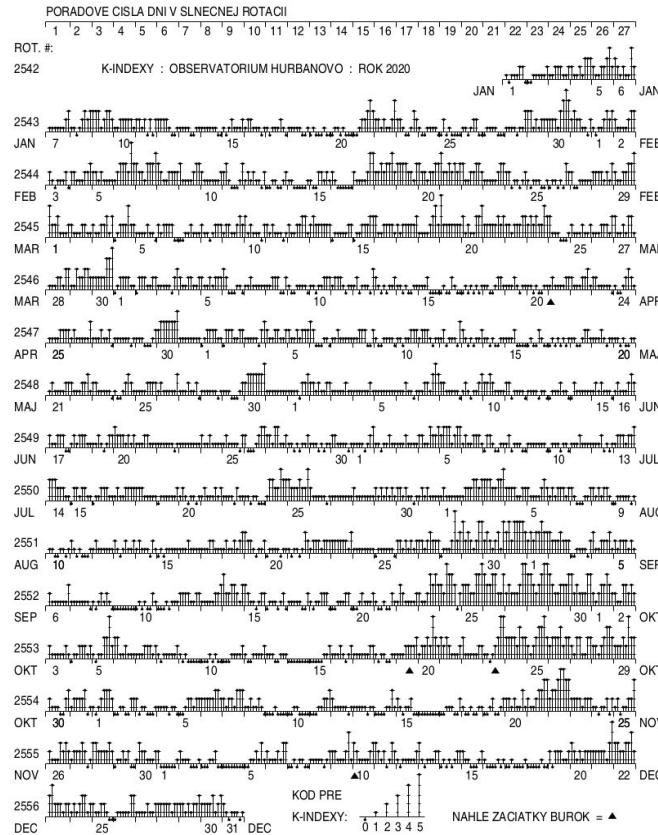


Geomagnetic observatory Hurbanovo

- member of the INTERMAGNET since 1997
 - monitoring the variations of the local geomagnetic field
- monitoring the local geomagnetic activity (GA)
- contributing to modelling the GA (e.g. Revallo et al., J. Atmos. Sol.-Terr. Phys., 110-111, 9-14, 2014)
- **studying historical extreme magnetic storms**



Torsion Photoelectric Magnetometer in Hurbanovo



Local K-indices in Hurbanovo

Historical storms are important

Some valuable data about geomagnetic storms have been observed for two centuries.

The most intense storms occurred long before the space era:

- Carrington event on 1-2 September 1859
- the superstorm on 4 February 1872

Interpretation of historical events from the modern point of view has considerably improved our understanding the mechanisms of extreme geomagnetic storms (e.g. ↙ →).

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The extreme magnetic storm of 1–2 September 1859

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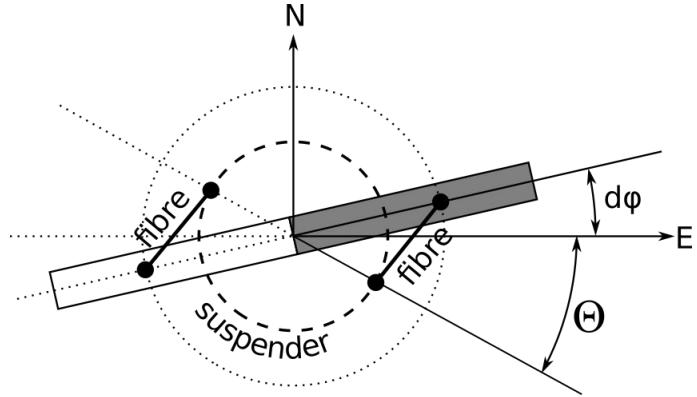
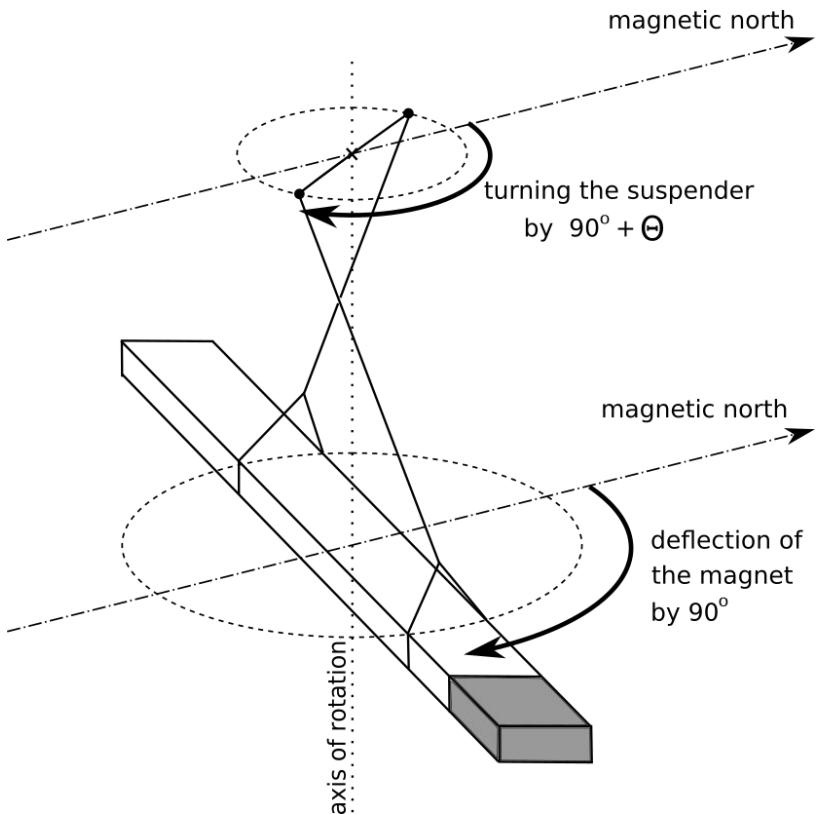
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Bifilar – almost forgotten device



Principle: a large magnetized needle – which hangs on two fibres.

The movement of the needle is in the horizontal plane.

By the torsion of the two fibres, the needle is hold in a position perpendicular to the magnetic meridian.

The variations of the horizontal intensity can be observed as a small deflection of the needle in the horizontal plane:

$$\frac{dB_H}{B_H} = \cotg \Theta \cdot d\varphi$$

Complications with the magnetic needle:

- the magnetization weakens with time
- the magnetization strongly **depends on temperature**

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The geomagnetic data of the Clementinum observatory in Prague since 1839

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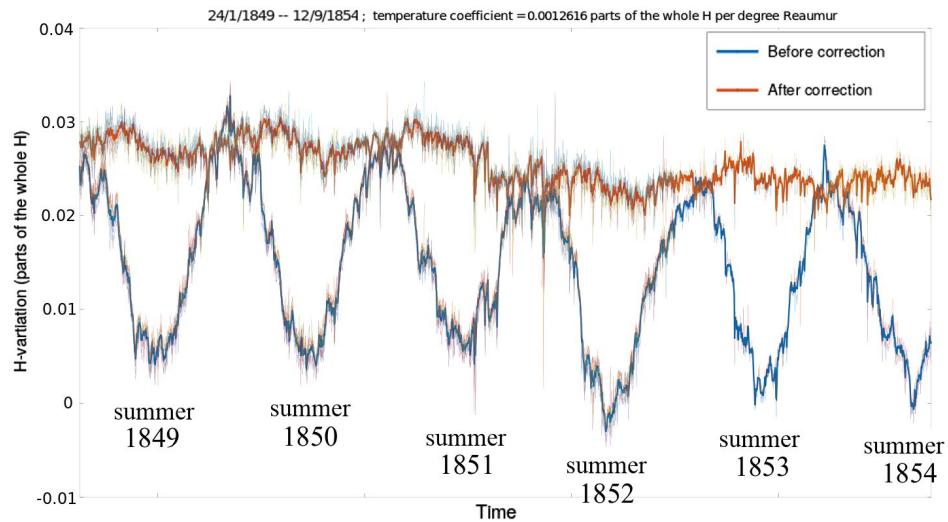
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Old geomagnetic storms in Prague



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Magnetic storm and term-day observations at the Prague observatory Clementinum in the mid-19th century

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We digitized, processed and made available the data on old geomagnetic storms recorded in Clementinum/Prague:

- number of events: 73
- time range: 1839-1849
- elements: H-intensity and declination



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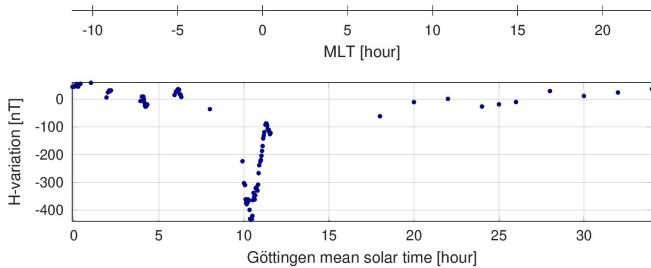
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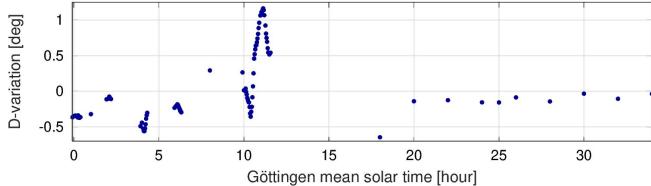
Possible role of auroral oval-related currents in two intense magnetic storms recorded by old mid-latitude observatories Clementinum and Greenwich

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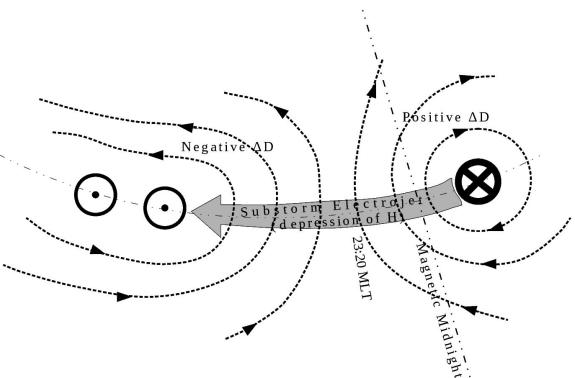


↗ Storm recorded at **Clementinum (in Prague)** on 17 November 1848

↗ The substorm electrojet then flowed at a magnetic latitudes lower than Prague.

The depression of H-intensity might be caused by the substorm electrojet.
(See also the Magnetic Local Time.)

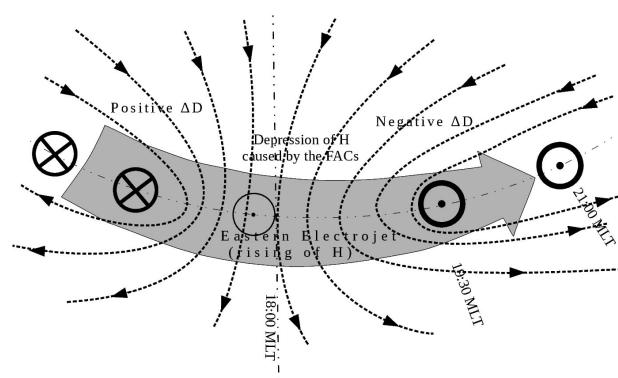
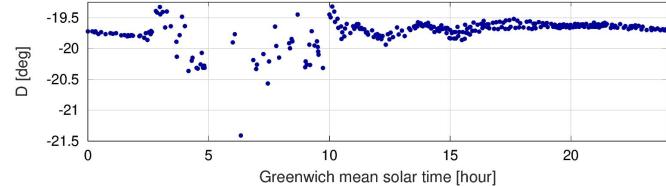
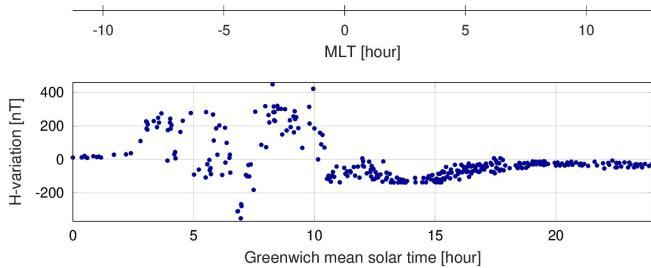
The variation in declination was most likely caused by field aligned currents (FACs).



↗ The storm on 4 February 1872, **Greenwich**.

The eastward electrojet flowed at lower magnetic latitudes than is the magnetic latitude of Greenwich.

The strange variations in the H-intensity were probably caused by the ring current and modified by FACs.



Suggestion of possible cooperation with ESA

- The benefits of ESA's activities for our work:
 - SOHO mission (the ESA cooperative mission with NASA): for studying the causes of the geomagnetic activity
 - new knowledge based on missions such as Cluster II and Swarm
- There may still be unprocessed old records from bifilar instruments in some archives in the world.

Therefore, our possible cooperation with ESA could be in the following fields:

- processing the geomagnetic observations from the middle of the 19th century, which require knowledge of the bifilar device
- participation in interpreting historical geomagnetic storms in the context of modern knowledge (interplanetary causes of the geomagnetic activity etc.)

New Slovak potential SWE players

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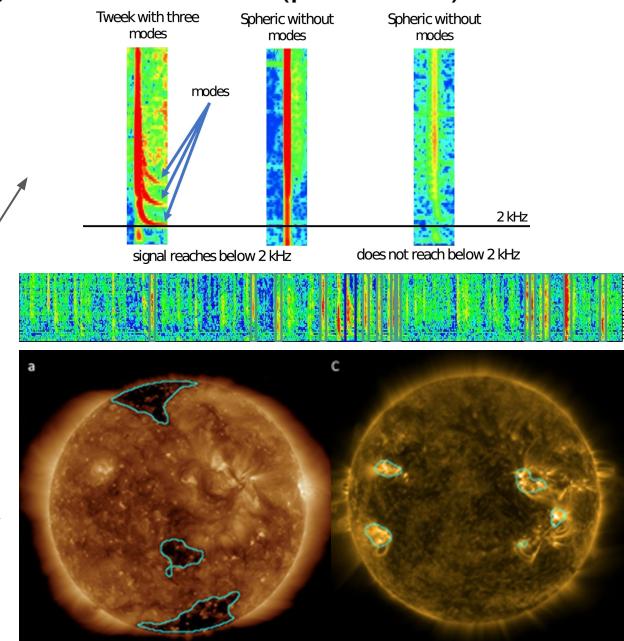
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Machine learning and its potential for SWE

- My institution: TU Košice, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics, *Department of Cybernetics and Artificial Intelligence*
 - research / education in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Analysis, etc. – for more than 30 years, our group - DA/ML projects in different domains (medicine, industry, e-gov, ...) => recently also new domains: **space/geo data**
- **Machine Learning**
 - Wide family of methods for analysis and modelling of data (e.g. neural networks / deep learning) => provide **data-driven approach** to analysis in science
 - Very versatile & robust way (with **efficient ML frameworks**) to **explore** and **process** data => to better solve classification, detection, prediction tasks and help with understanding domain
 - When it is useful?
 - Solid defined tasks or need for better understanding of data using data-driven analysis
 - Amount of the data or scope of analysis is beyond “human power”
- **Why ML in SWE ? Is there a “space” for Machine Learning in Space Weather ?**
 - There are many aspects fulfilling the usefulness of the ML application:
 - Interesting tasks (prediction of different indices, detection/segmentation/classification in analysis of image data, analysis of spatio-temporal measurements, etc.)
 - Large amount of high-quality data from ground and space observations
 - How is ML vs SWE application now ? ... small experiment: Web of Science => for query: ‘machine learning’ AND ‘space weather’ => **73 % of articles in last 3 years** ... It’s **HOT** topic!

Some of our results on processing space/geo data

- Beginnings: COST action TD1403 **BIG-SKY-EARTH - Big Data Era in Sky and Earth Observation**
 - machine learning and its application to analysis of different space/geo data (32 countries involved)
- Lead to more collaborations with partners on processing of astro/geo data
 - 5 international partners (Czech republic, South Africa, 2 x Finland, Canada), 3 Slovak partners (IEP SAS, UP JŠ in Košice, Comenius University Bratislava)
- Machine / deep learning for different classification, detection or segmentation tasks (published):
 - Morphological classification of radio galaxies (with partner from South Africa)
 - Morphological classification of compact and extended radio galaxies using convolutional neural networks and data augmentation techniques. *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society*, 505(1), 1464-1475, 2021.
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 - Automatic detection of atmospherics and tweek atmospherics in radio spectrograms based on a deep learning approach. *Earth and Space Science*, Volume8, Issue11, November 2021.
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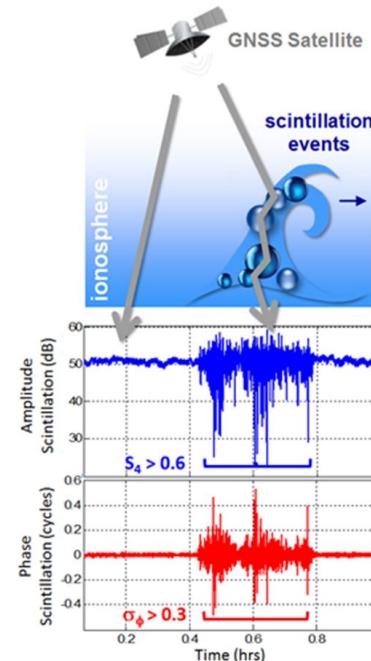
Existing cooperation due to new project in ESA 6th PECS call

ASPIS - Feasibility study of data-driven Autonomous Service for Prediction of Ionospheric Scintillations, started January 2022 (subcontractor, main contractor IEP SAS)

- Useful cooperation for running project
 - Help with understanding the available ESA products and users requirements
 - Access to high quality data can help to achieve better predictions

Possible place for us in the future

- As education institution
 - Preparation of ML engineers with the knowledge of S2P/SWE domain for Slovak/EU market (industry/research) => more / stronger partners for ESA
- As research institution:
 - Partner for Data analysis, ML, Explainable AI topics in processing of S2P/SWE data
- Help from ESA? ... Simple answer - access to high quality data, interesting tasks and domain experts => *then ML can be very useful tool*



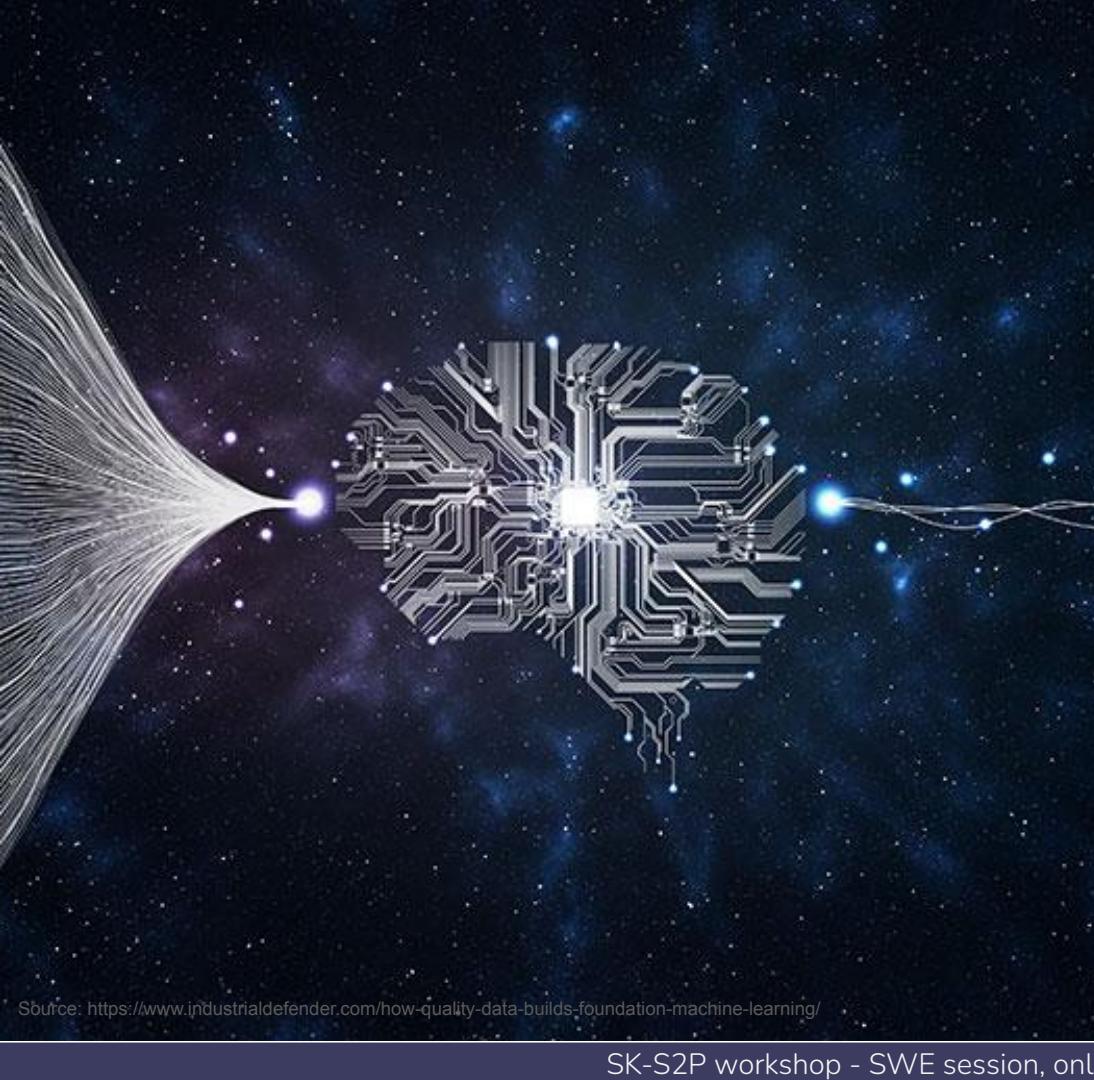
Data supplied by J.-M. Sleewaegen, Septentrio, Belgium

New Slovak potential SWE players

Matej Varga
SPACE::LAB startup

Problems

- Increasing number of satellites generates more and more data that needs to be processed
- Too long time from data acquisition through data processing to visualization
- Data cleaning and organizing takes 60-80 % of time during data science job
- Unused potential of modern IT technologies
- **Our customers:** scientists, satellite operators, space companies



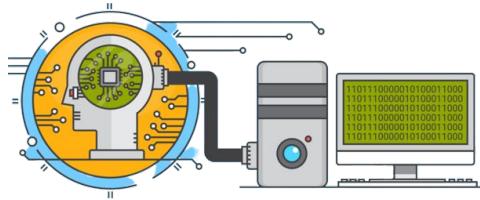
Solution

- Simple data organization
- Advanced analysis / classification / prediction
- Clear dashboard visualization
- **Make the most of your data with machine learning**

Our advantage



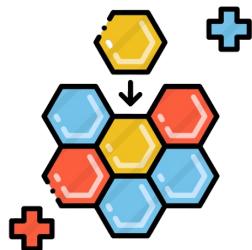
In-house Space expertise



ML technology



Fully customizable



Flexibility

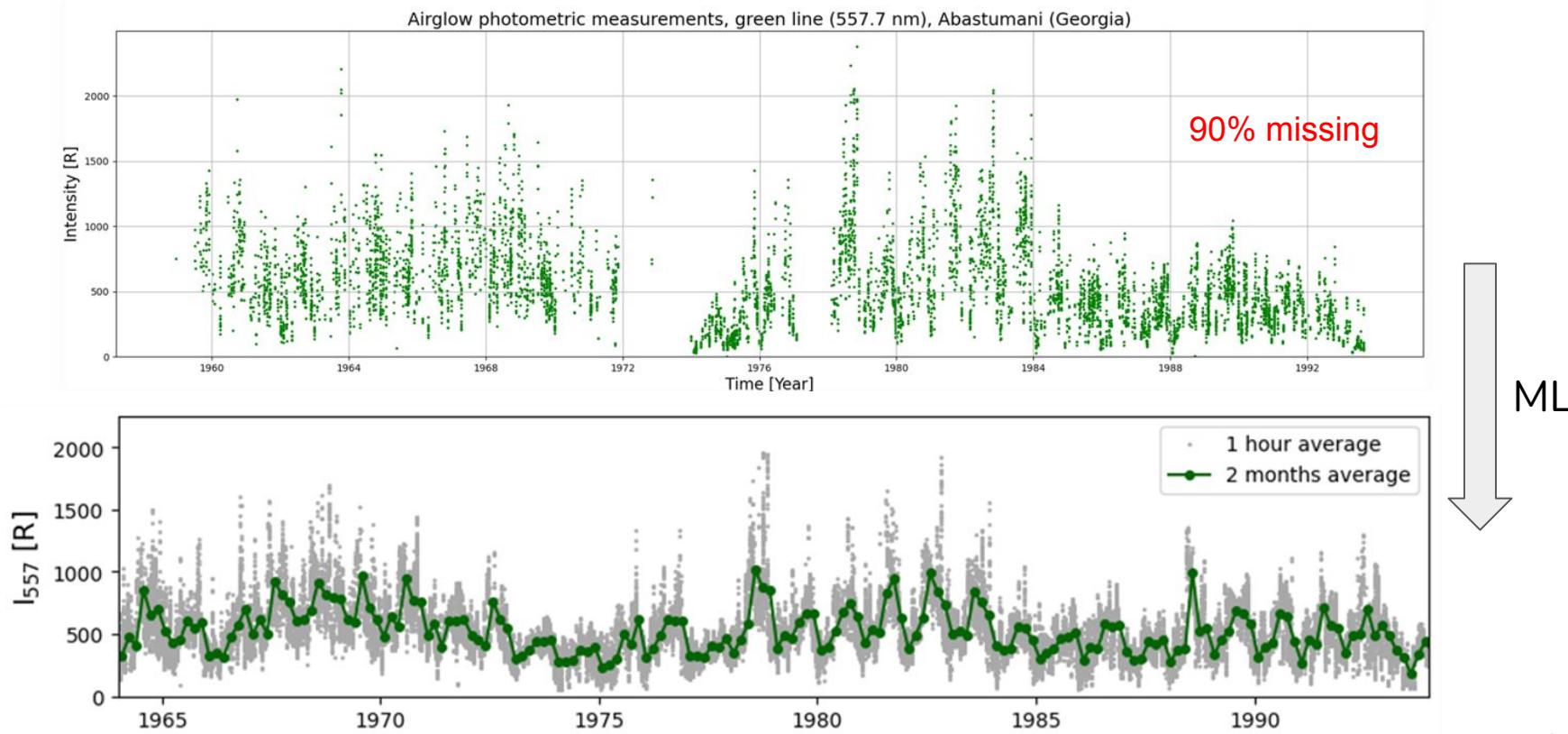


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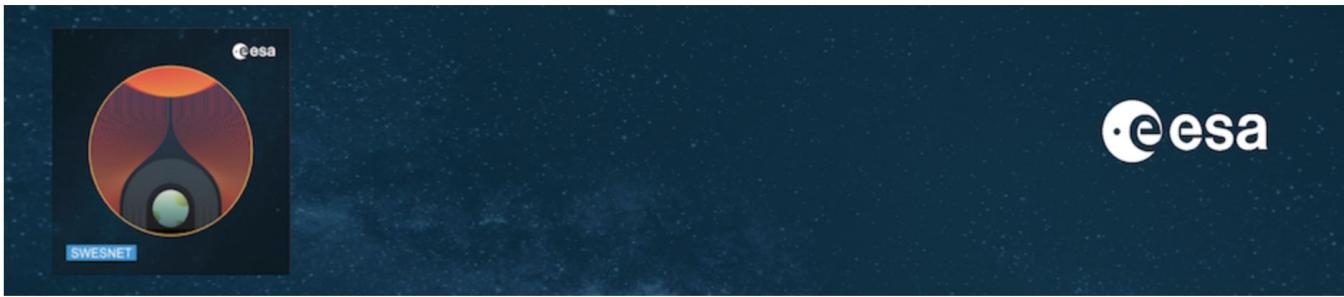


Agile methodology

Example: modeling of missing data



Follow-up events



ESA SWE Service Network Workshop 2022

10-12 May 2022

Europe/Berlin timezone

Overview

Survey

Sessions and Time table -
from March 18

Registration - from March
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Organising Committee

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The ESA SWE Service Network Workshop 2022 will take place from 10th to 12th May 2022 as a hybrid meeting (online in combination with in-person presence onsite in the ESA premises of ESOC at Darmstadt, Germany) or as fully online.

As part of the ESA Space Safety Programme, the ESA SWE Service Network aims to provide timely and reliable space weather information to end users. The Network builds on data from ground and from space, along with the latest forecasts and models in order to provide user-focussed products, tools and alerting covering the full Sun-Earth system. These individual elements are then combined with end-user support into pre-operational services targeting a wide range of affected sectors including spacecraft operation, aviation, navigation and power distribution networks amongst others.

This workshop addresses the full range of development and pre-operational service provision activities ongoing within the context of the ESA Space Weather Service Network and is organised within the

<https://events.spacepole.be/event/133/overview>



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Unlocking the Universe

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Hurbanove"

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"150 éves az ógyallai
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26th NSPM - brief english version



26th National Solar Physics Meeting, 6 - 10 June 2022, Piešťany, Slovakia

Slovak Central Observatory in Hurbanovo organises the **26th National Solar Physics Meeting** which will be held from **6 to 10 June 2022** in the [Hotel Magnolia in Piešťany](#).

Registration form No. 1 (in Slovak)

The goal of the Meeting is to present new results of solar physics and from the field of the Sun-Earth connections, to provide overview of present status in selected fields of solar physics and geophysics.

A separate space will be devoted to the presentation of research results of undergraduate and PhD students of university and academic departments and also to results of scientific and popularisation activities of Astronomical Observatories in the Slovak Republic and the Czech Republic. Invited talks, short contributions and posters should cover the following fields: physical phenomena in the solar atmosphere, solar activity, total solar eclipses, space weather and geoactivity.

The SCO plans to publish Proceedings of the meeting with presentations in PDF format on CD/DVD and at our webpage.

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<https://suh.sk/organizujeme/meetingy/26-celostatny-slnechny-seminar>