

# Space Weather

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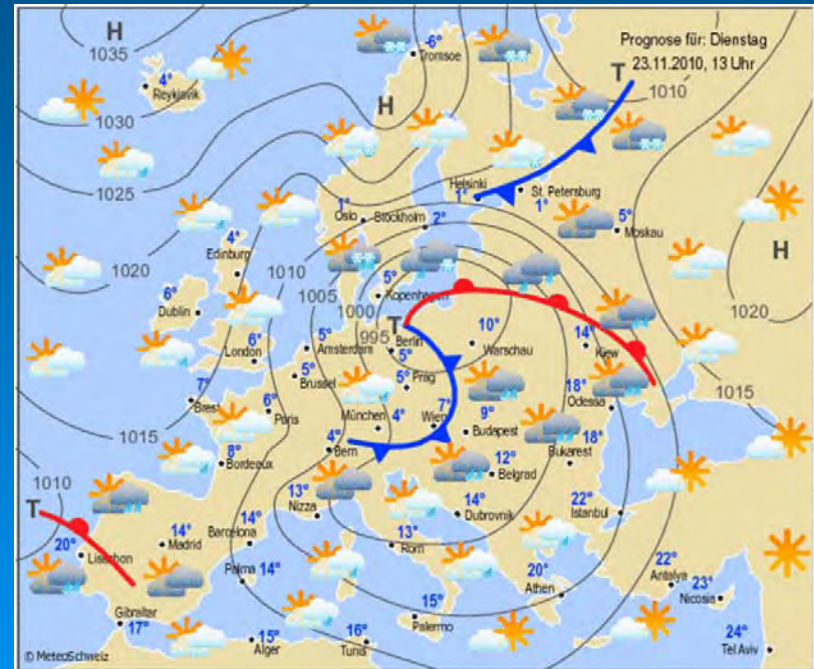
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# Wetterbericht & Vorhersagen

## Schweiz - Europa



<http://www.meteoschweiz.admin.ch/>

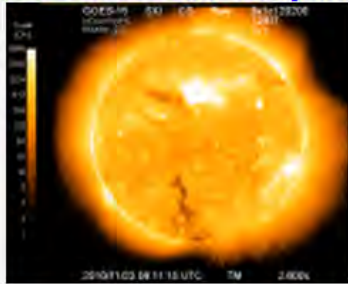


Von Mittwoch bis Samstag oft stark bewölkt und zeitweise Schneeschauer, vor allem am Donnerstag. Dazwischen auch Aufhellungen, besonders am Mittwoch sowie am Freitag und Samstag. Temperatur von 4 Grad allmählich gegen 0 Grad sinkend.

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## Weltraum

Latest GOES Solar X-ray Image



### Alerts / Bulletins

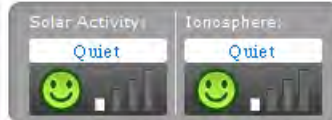
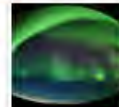
Latest Alert: Nov 20 1150 UTC CONTI  
Electron 2MeV Integral Flux exceeded  
Last Advisory Bulletin: None in last 7 d

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/SWN/>

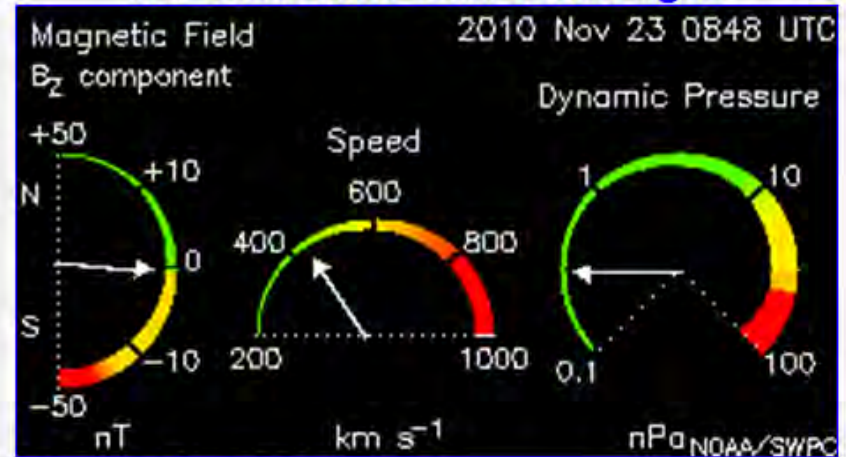
<http://www.nict.go.jp/>

### Space Weather Forecast

This page announces the latest information on Space Weather such as solar flares, magnetic storms and aurora activity, etc.



ACE Real-Time Solar Wind Pages



Average over last 15 minutes



10 frames/sec

### 24-hour Forecast:

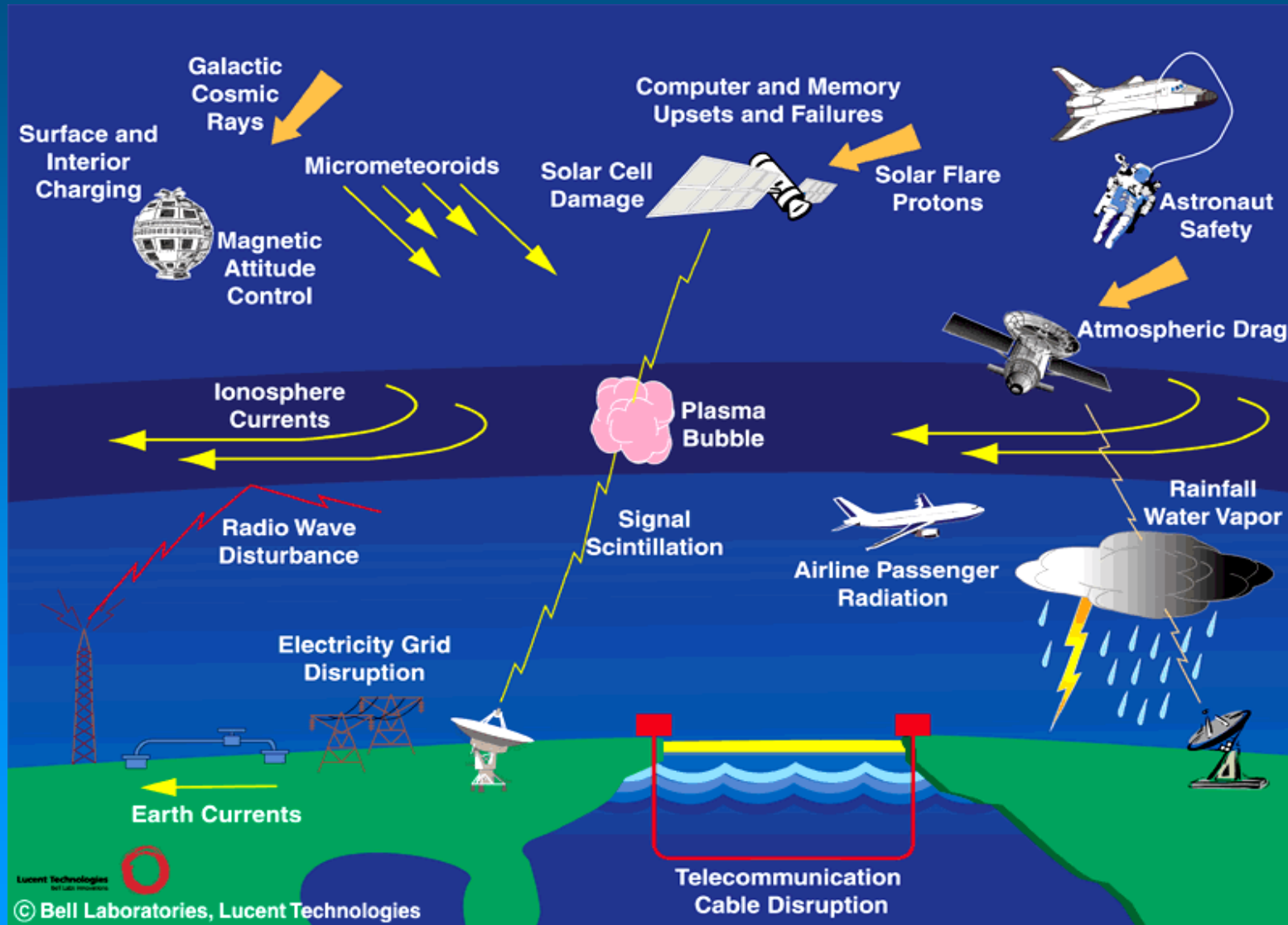
Solar Activity: Solar activity is expected to be very low for the next three days (23-25 November).

Geophysical Activity: The geomagnetic field is expected to be mostly quiet for the next three days (23-25 November).

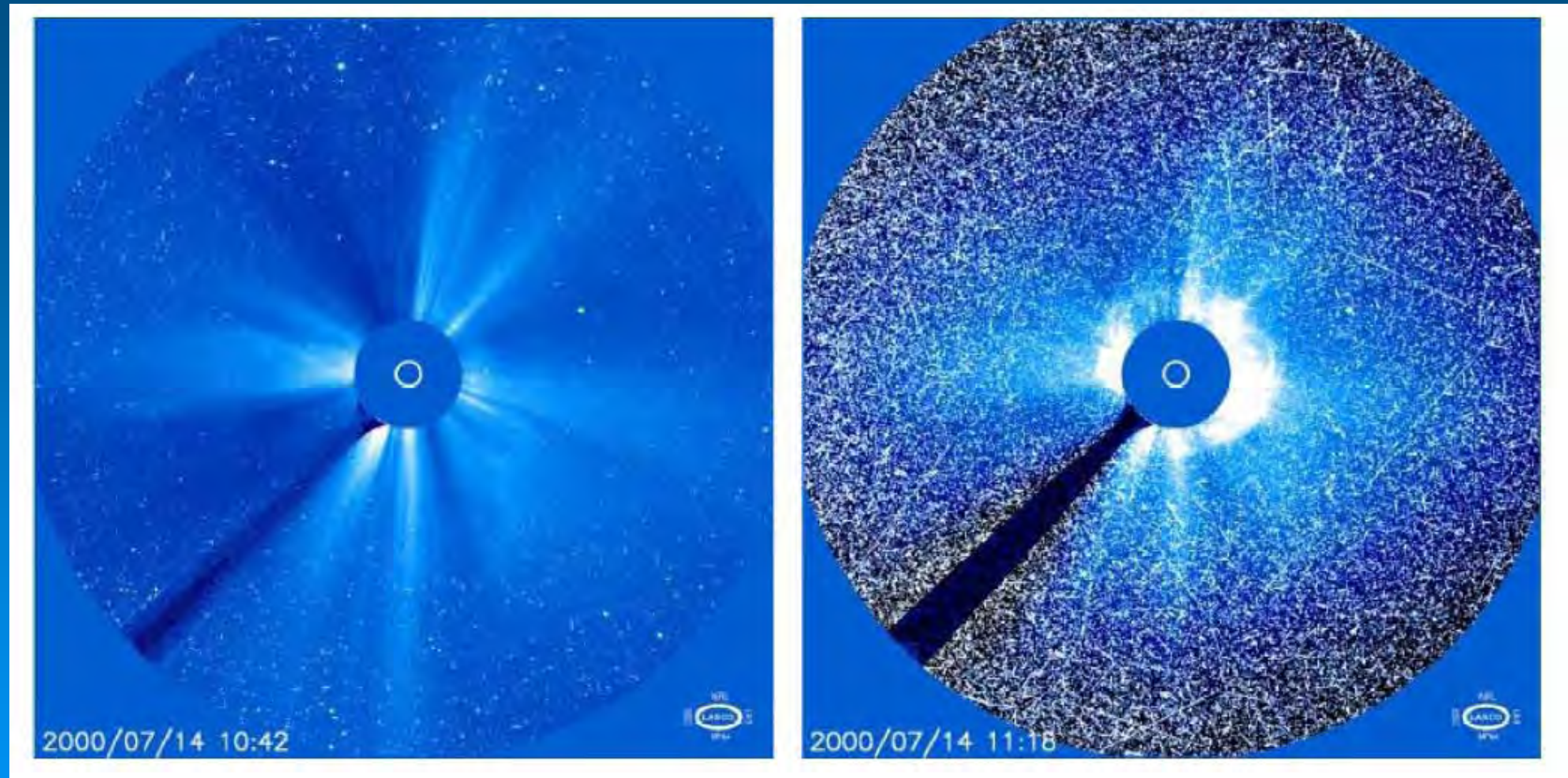
# Nordlichter - Aurorae



# Effekte auf technische Systeme



# Effekte: Satellitenelektronik



[http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/hotshots/2000\\_07\\_14/](http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/hotshots/2000_07_14/)

Bilder des LASCO Coronagraphs auf SOHO während des „Bastille-Ereignisses“ 2000

Brekke et al., 2004

# Effekte: Sonnenkollektoren

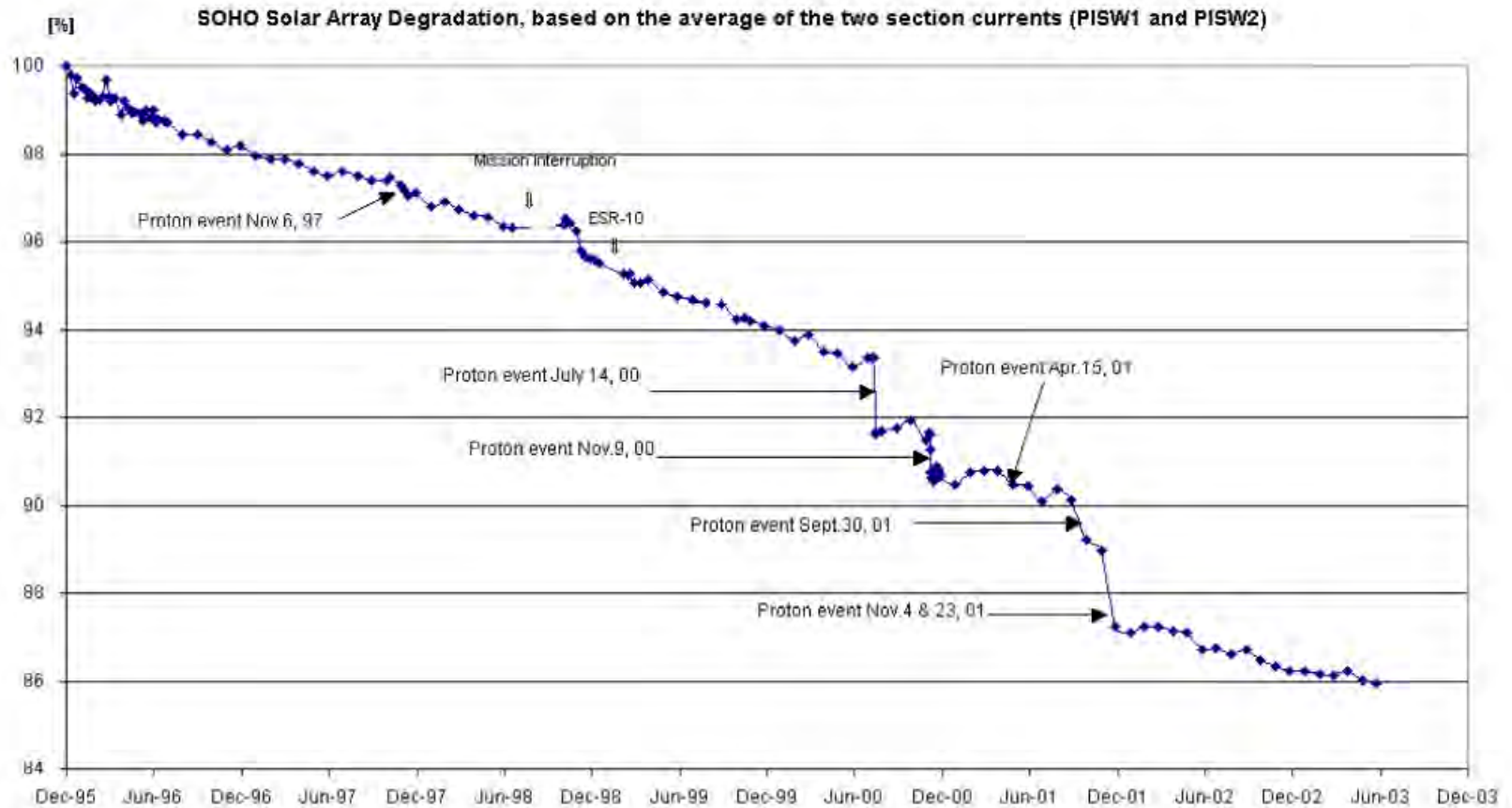
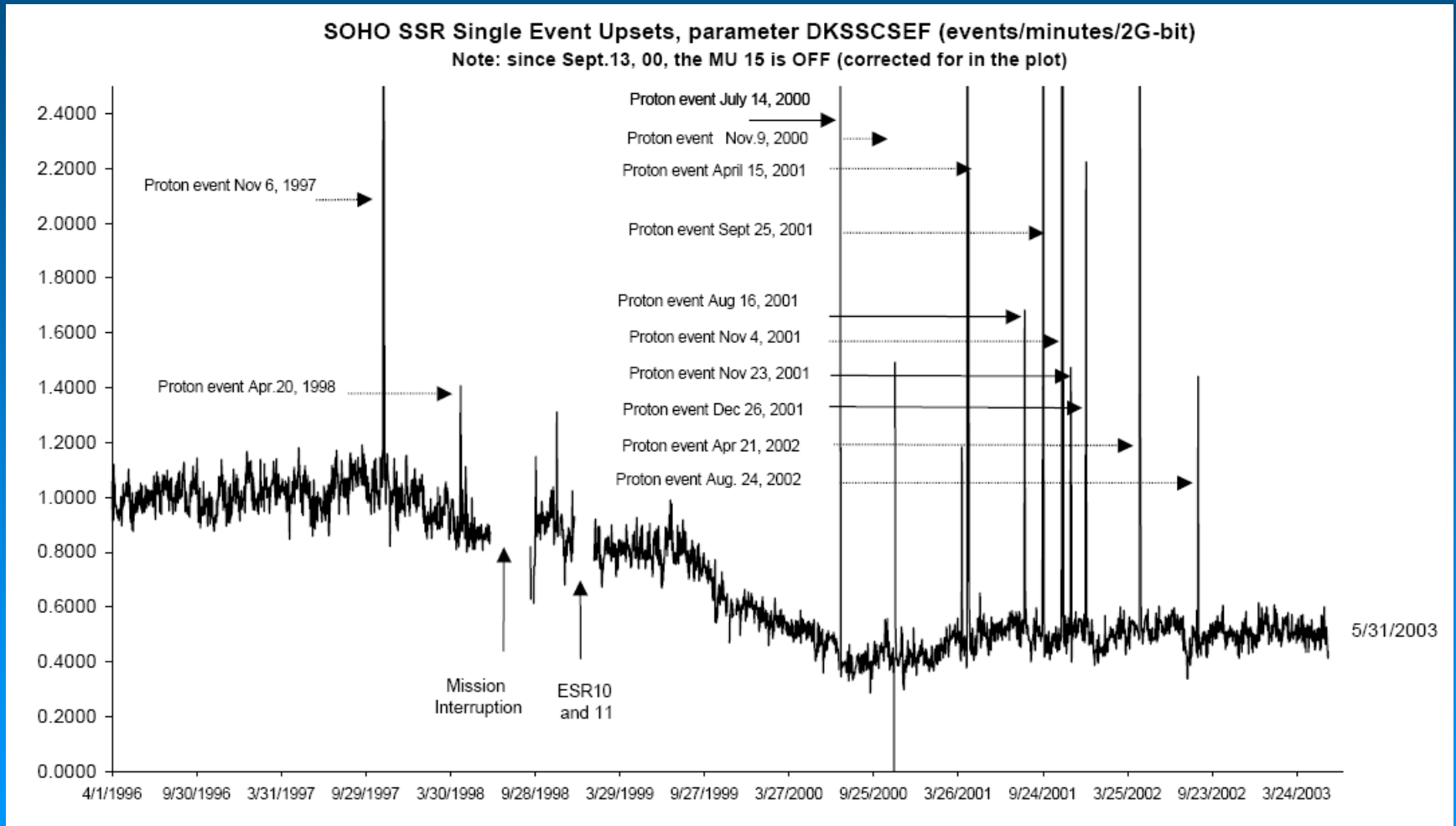


Figure 3. SOHO solar array degradation since the launch in 1995. The drop in sensitivity due to individual proton events is evident.

# Effekte: Bordcomputer





# Effekte: Verlust von Satelliten

## Dangers lurk in growing reliance on satellites

### Radio, TV faced 'serious situation'

By John H. Johnson  
WASHINGTON

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## Satellite's death puts millions out of touch

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## Problem triggers pager stock sell-off

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## PanAmSat Scrambles To Restore Service

### Galaxy 4 Failure Stretches Fleet to Limit

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## The Day the Beepers Died

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# Was ist also Space Weather?

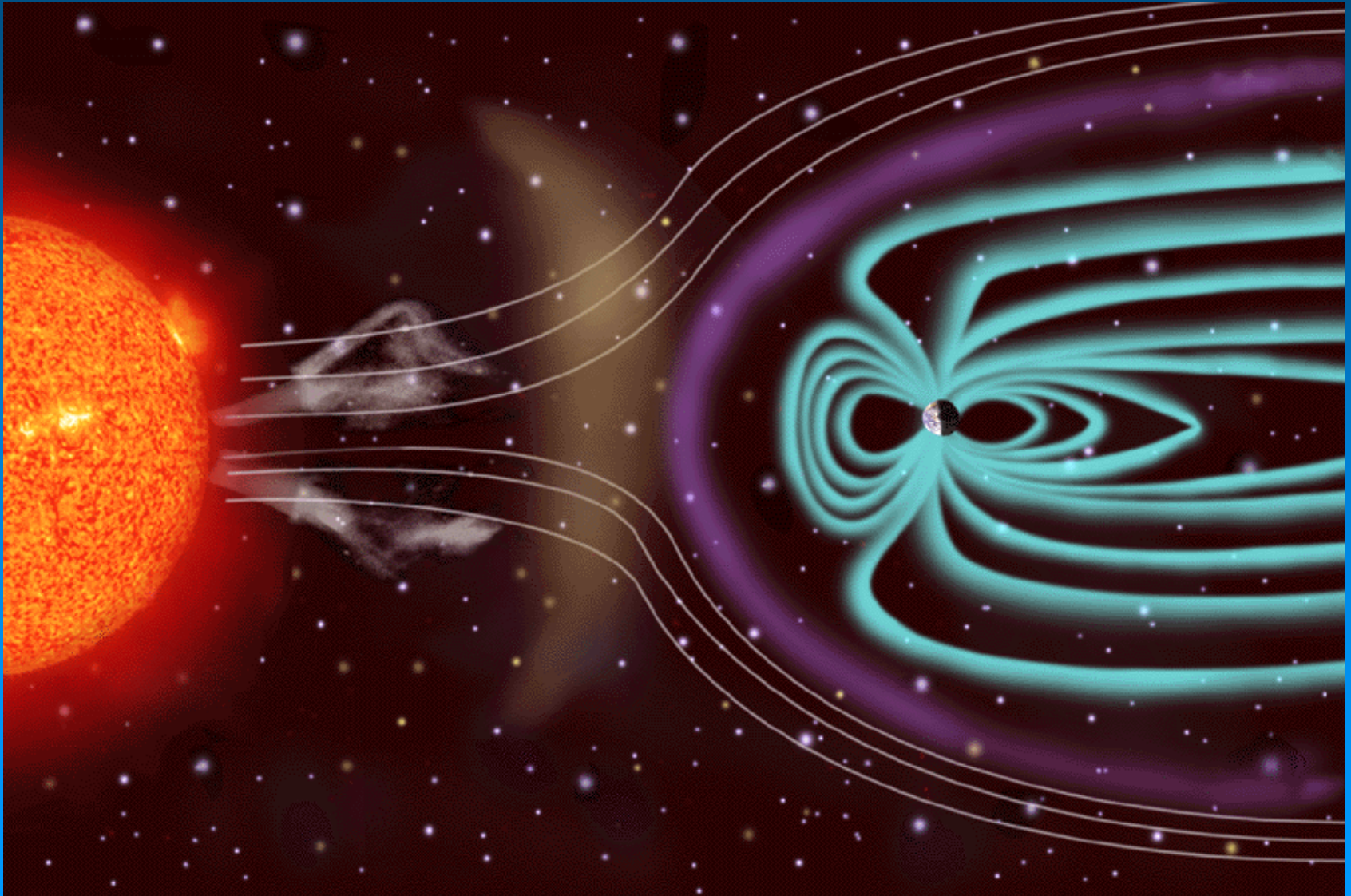
***„The conditions on the sun and in the solar wind, magnetosphere, ionosphere, and thermosphere that can influence the performance and reliability of space-borne and ground-based technological systems and endanger human life or health.“***

US National Space Weather Programme

***„Space weather is the physical and phenomenological state of natural space environments. The associated discipline aims, through observation, monitoring, analysis and modelling, at understanding and predicting the state of the sun, the interplanetary and planetary environments, and the solar and nonsolar driven perturbations that affect them; and also at forecasting and nowcasting the possible impacts on biological and technological systems.“***

COST Action 724

# Die Ursache(n)

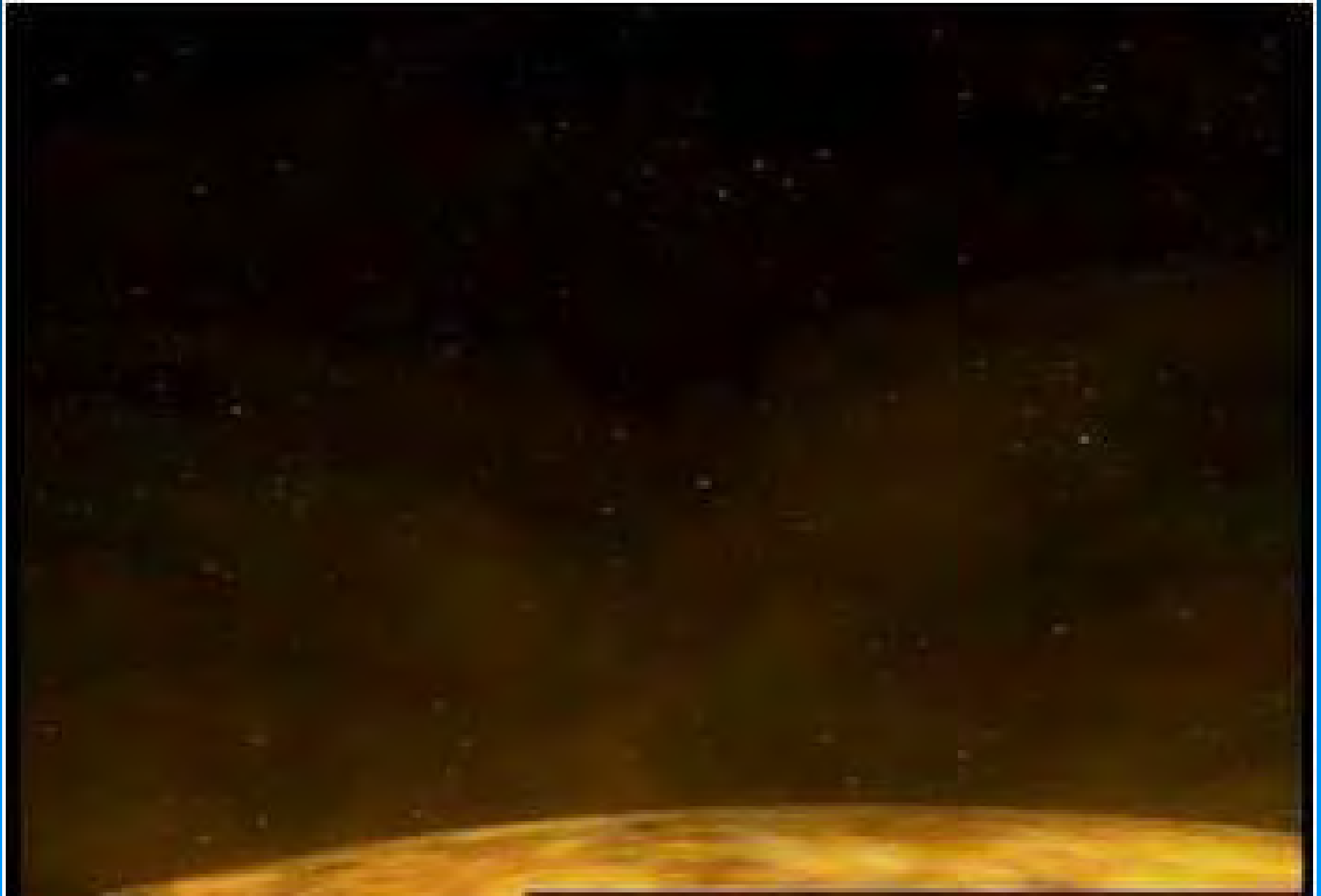


# Die Ursache: Sonnenaktivität

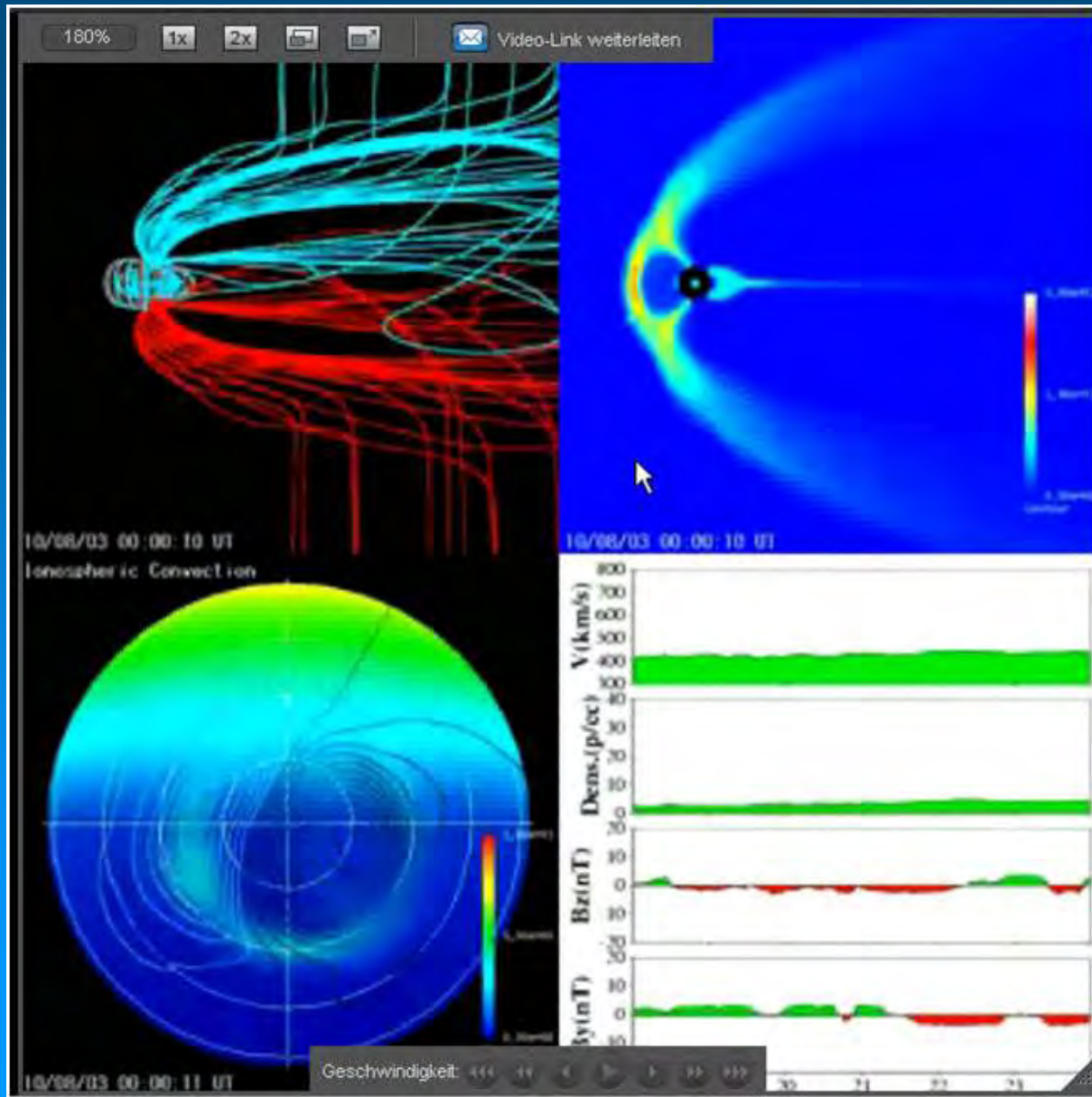


<http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/gallery/Movies/10th/> (Spectacular.mpg)

# Solar-Terrestrische Kopplung



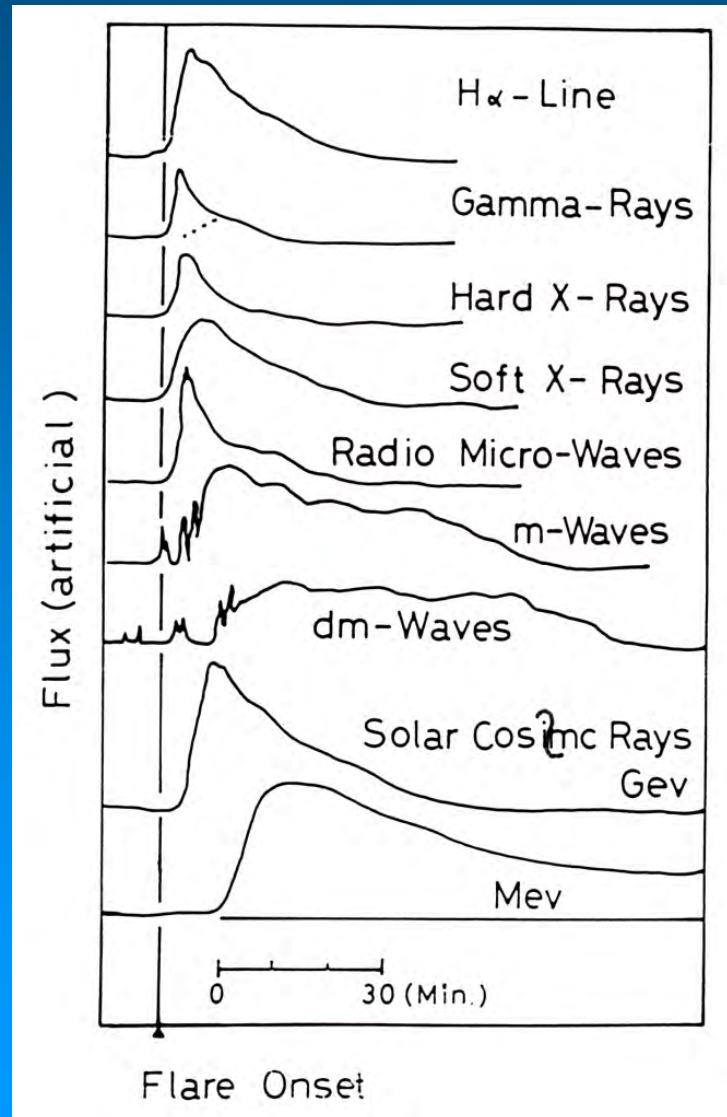
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<http://www2.nict.go.jp/y/y223/simulation/realtime/enter.html>

# Solare Flares

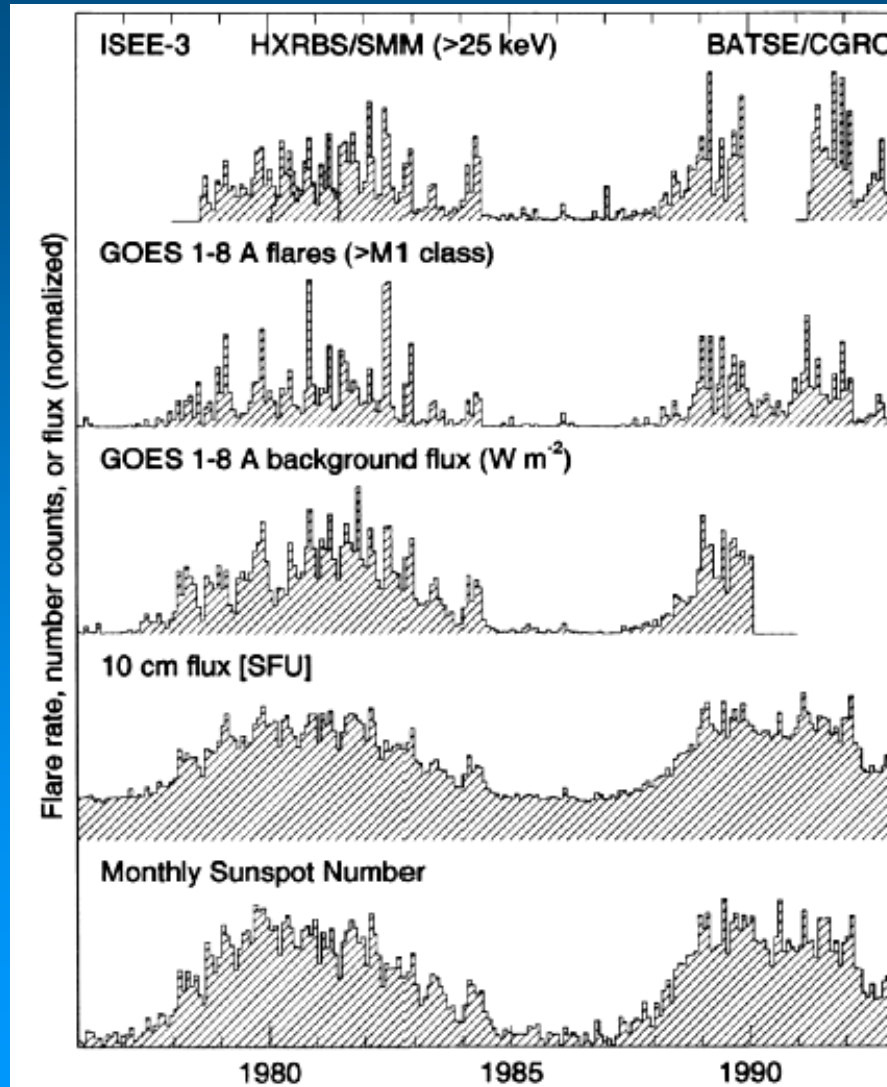
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Sakurai, 1989

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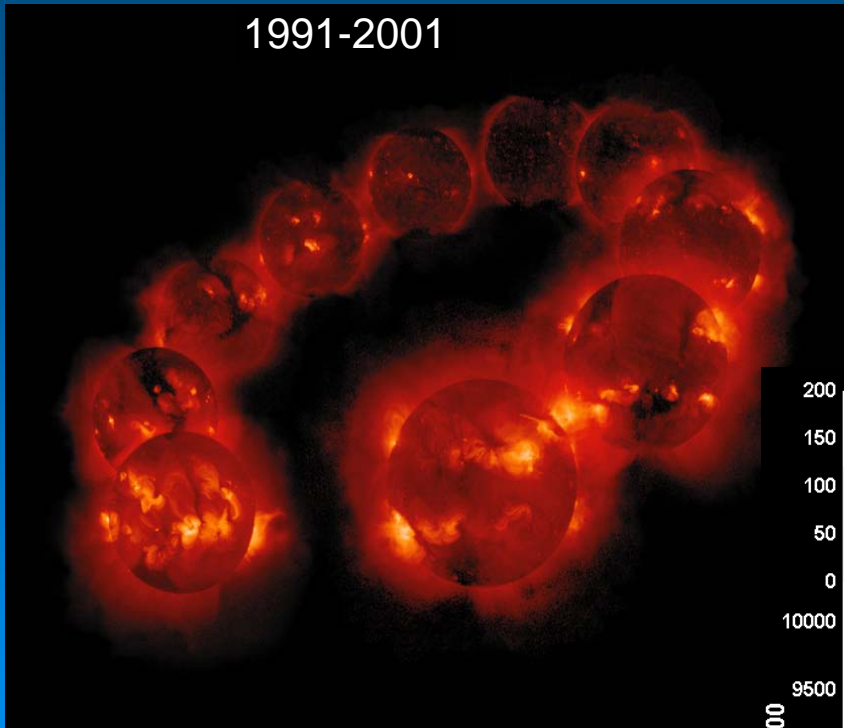
Eigenschaften: Häufigkeit – Sonnenzyklus



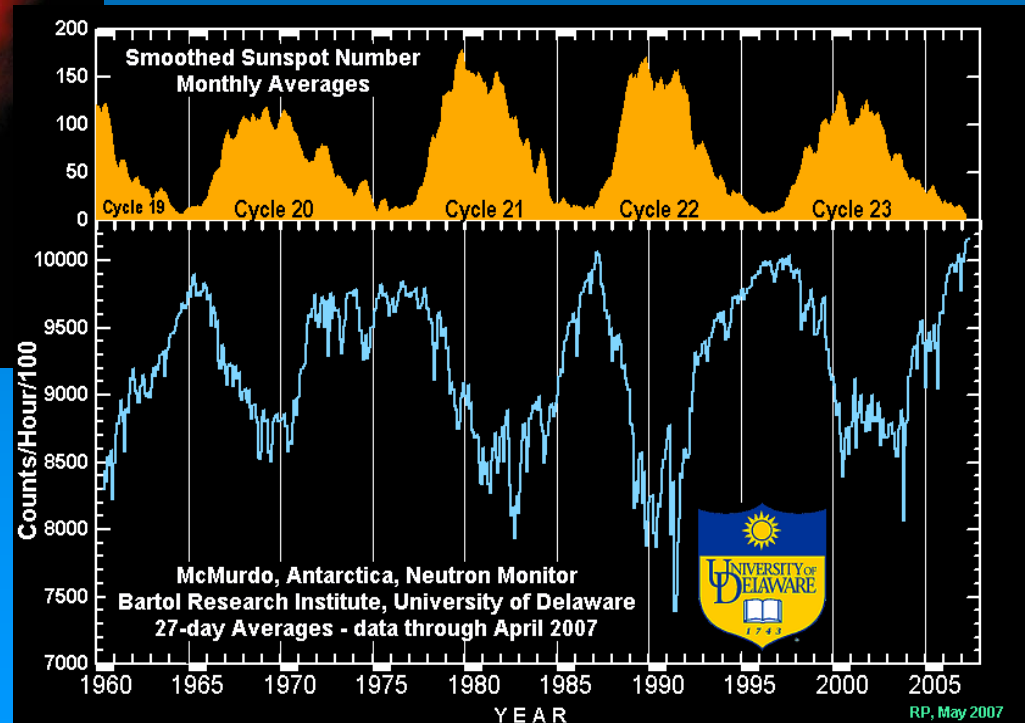
from Aschwanden, 1994



# Sonnenfleckenaktivität



<http://www.lmsal.com/SXT/homepage.html>  
(Yohkoh -- A Decade of Discovery) /

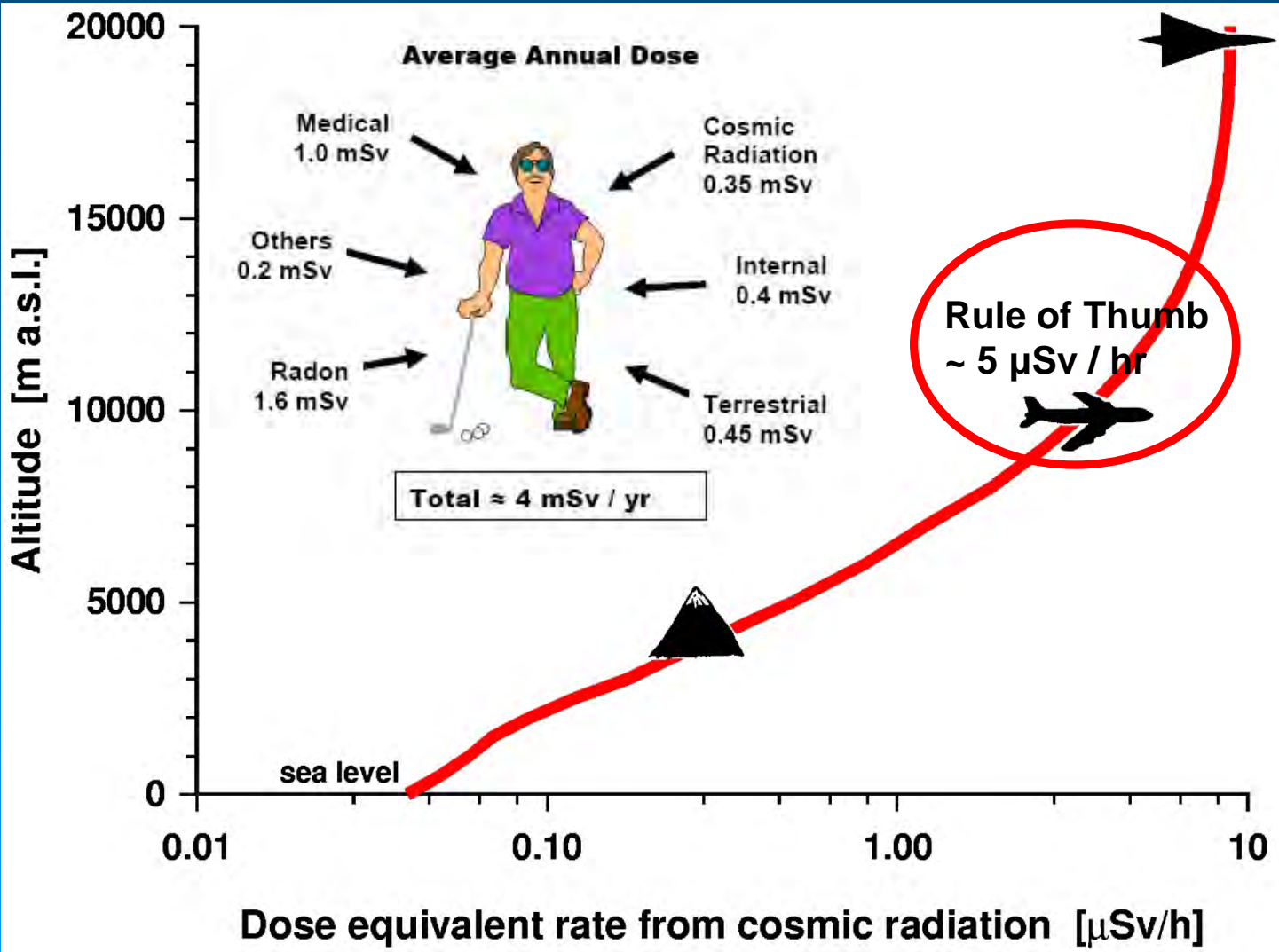


<http://neutronm.bartol.udel.edu/> (Solar Modulation)

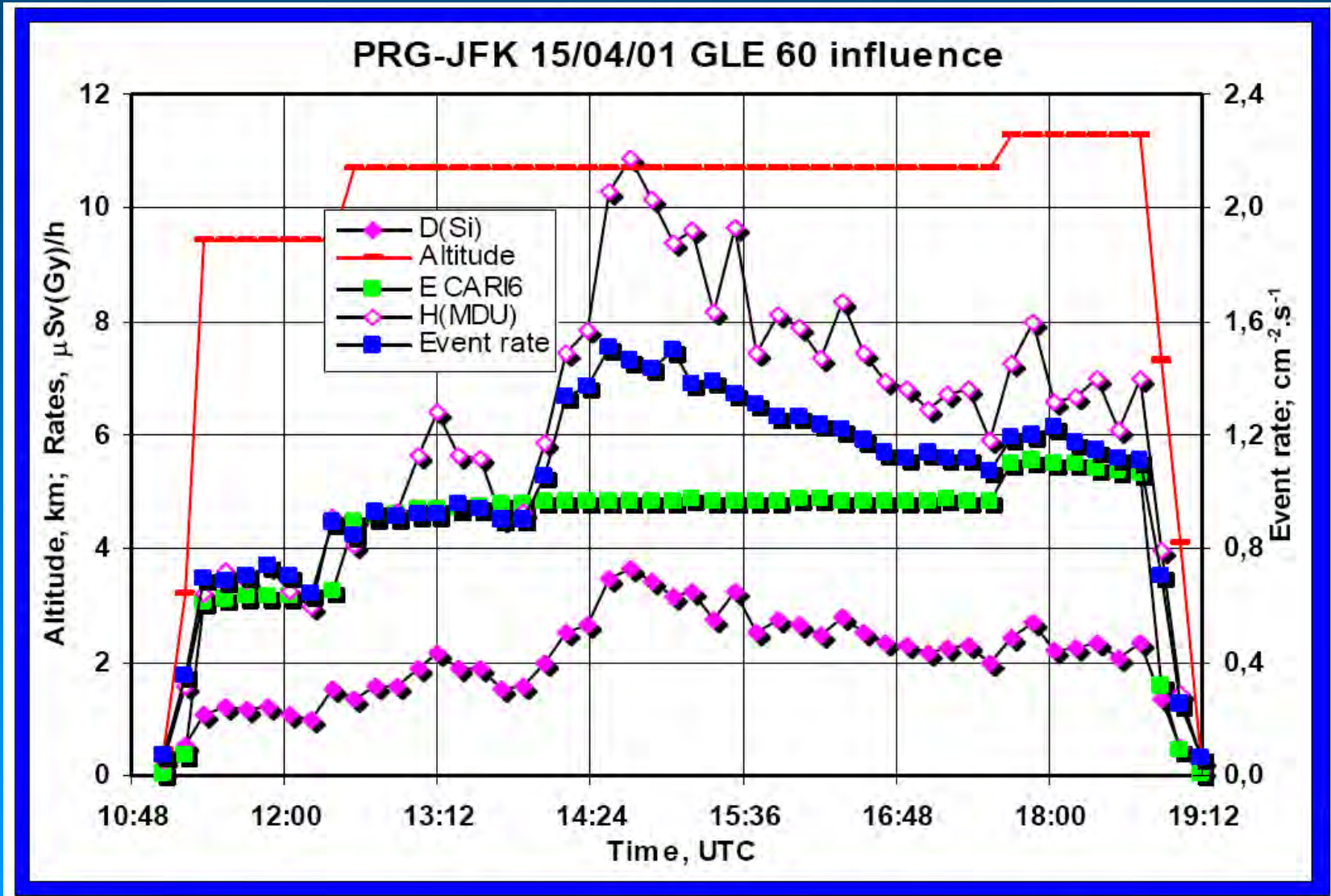
# Detailliertes Beispiel 1: Stahlenbelastung in Flugzeugen

Siehe auch: <http://kspc22.unibe.ch/>

# Beitrag der Kosmischen Strahlung zur Strahlendosis



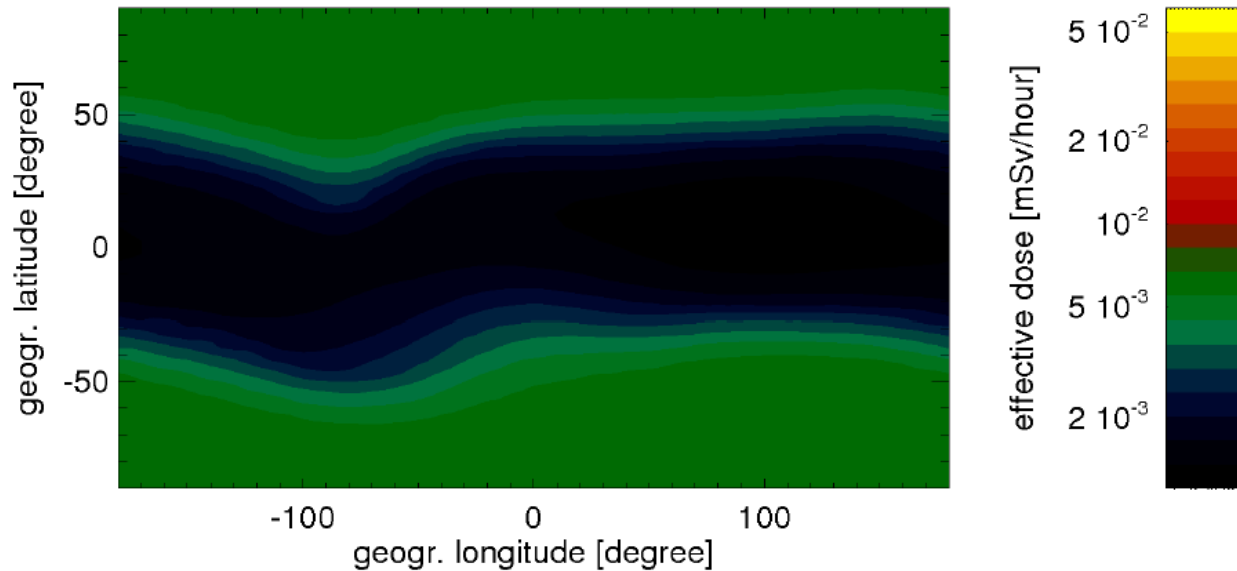
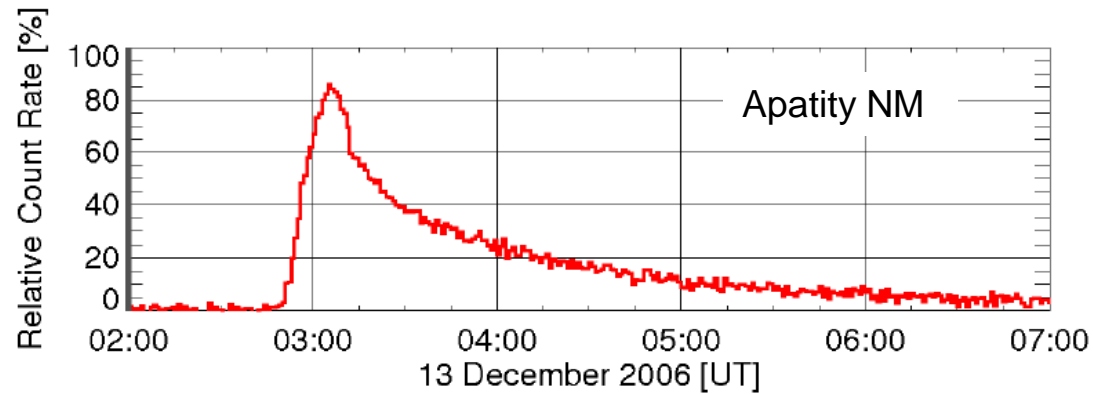
# Strahlenbelastung in Flugzeugen



LIULIN measurements of GLE 60 during PRG-JFK flight

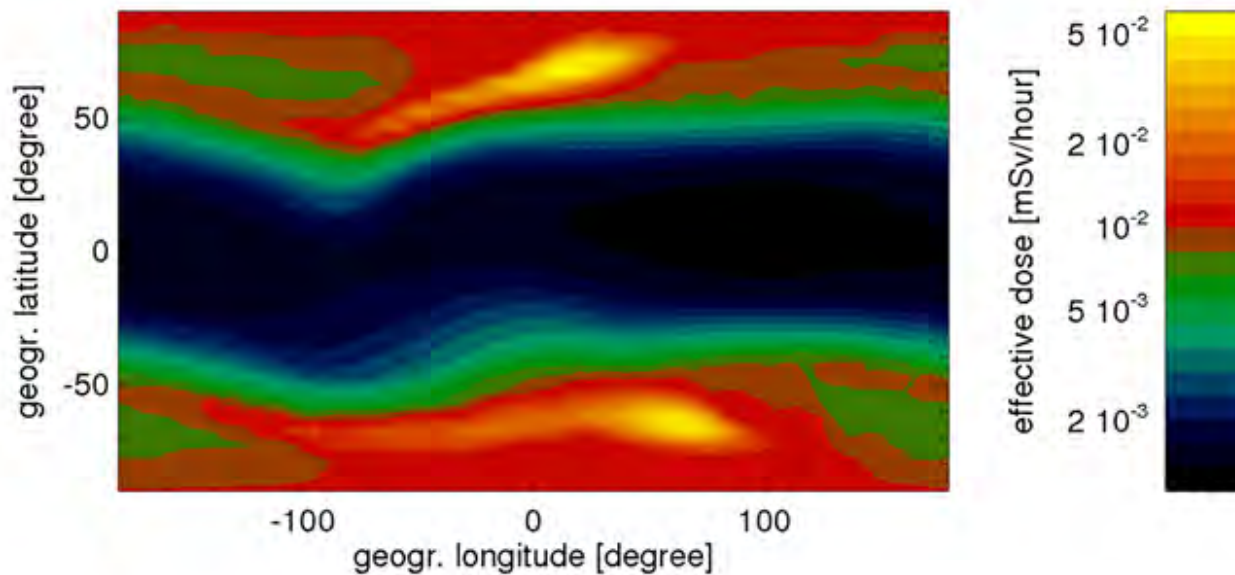
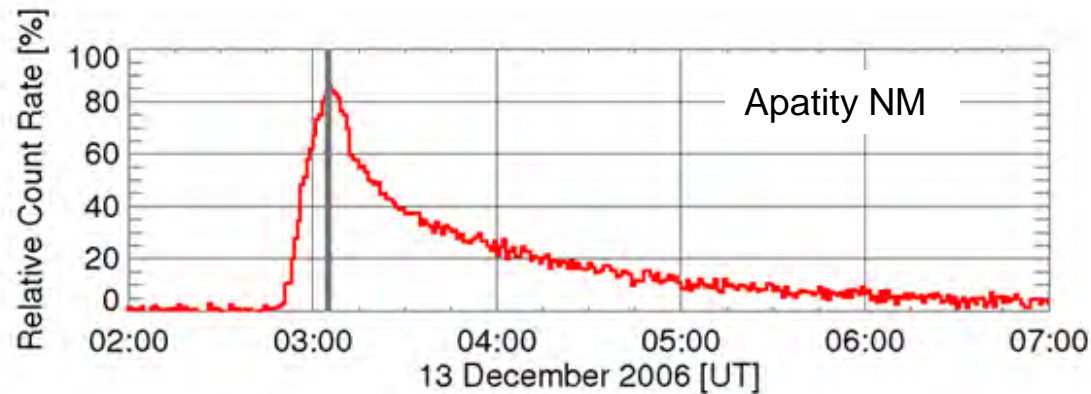
# Das Solar Particle Event vom 13. Dezember 2006

## Strahlenbelastung in Flugzeughöhe



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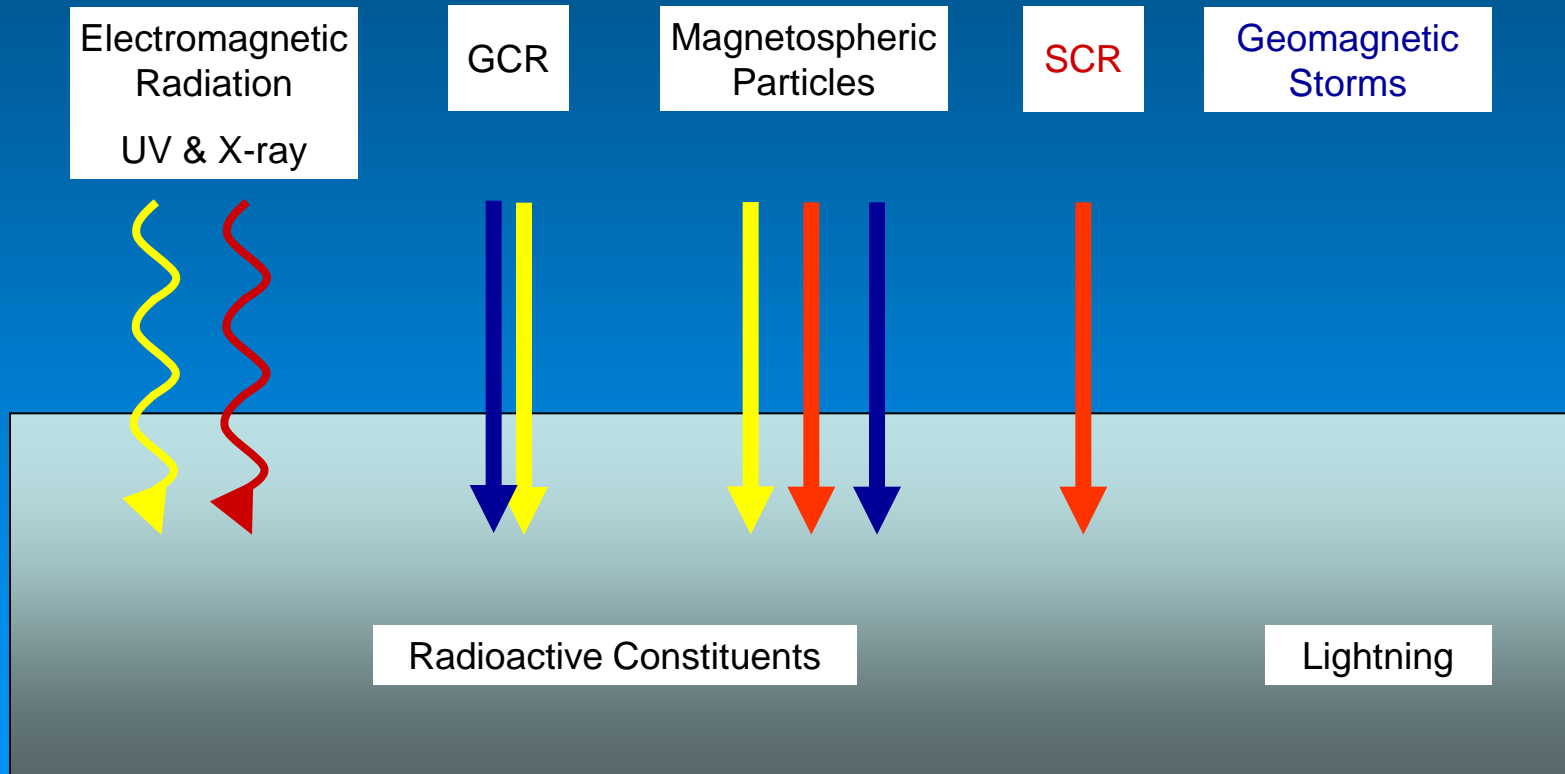
**Ionisation in der Atmosphäre**

**Ionosphärische Effekte**

**Radiokommunikation**

**Satellitennavigation**

# Ionen-Produktion in der Erdatmosphäre

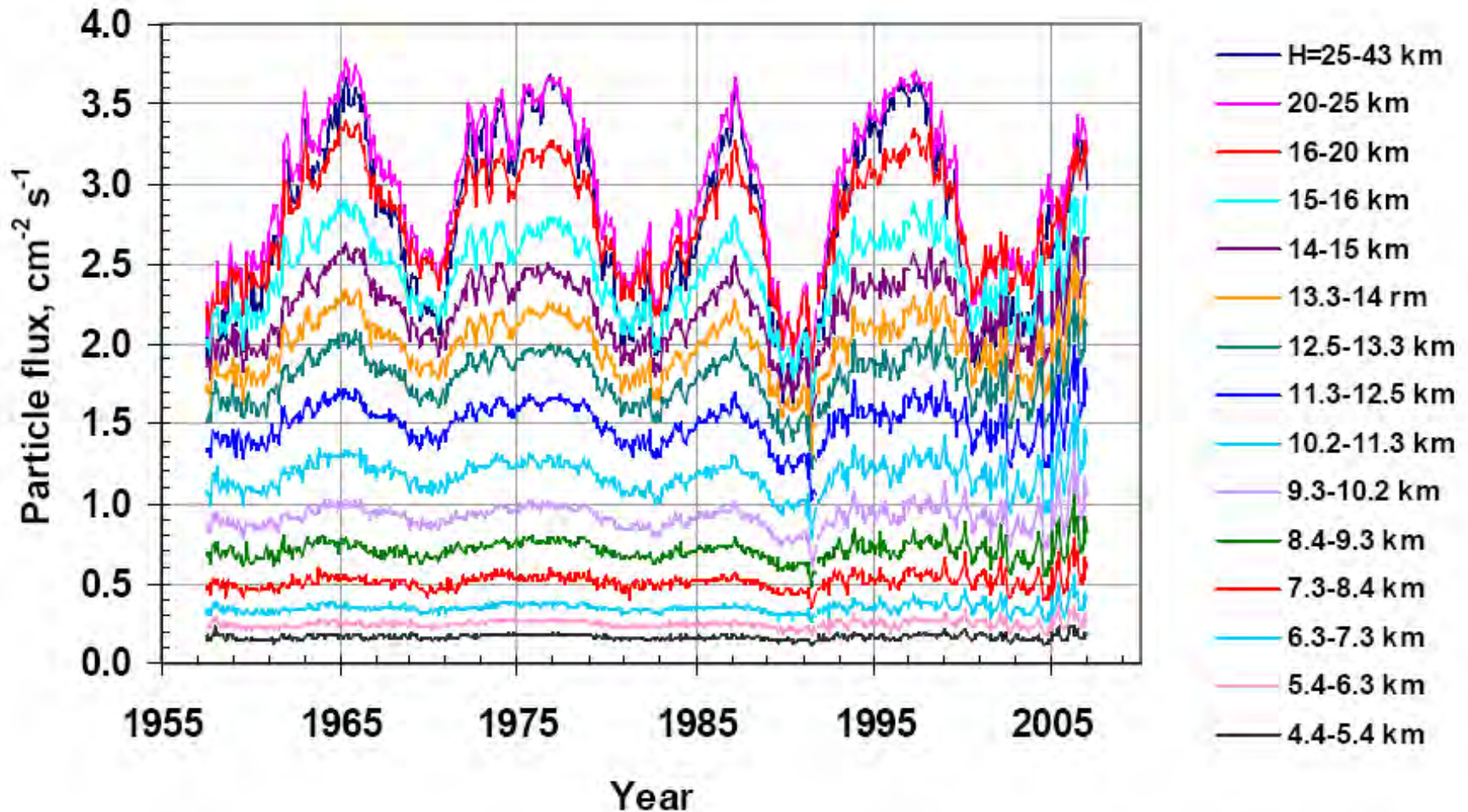


Oberhalb ca 50 km: UV/Röntgen-Strahlung

~3 to 35 km: Kosmische Strahlung



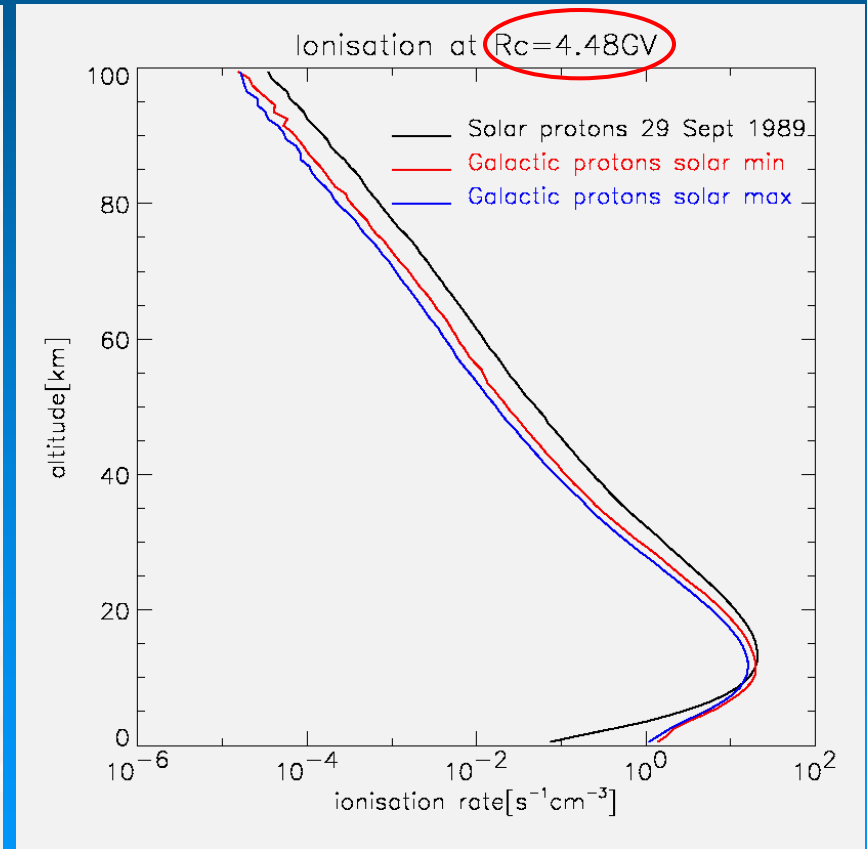
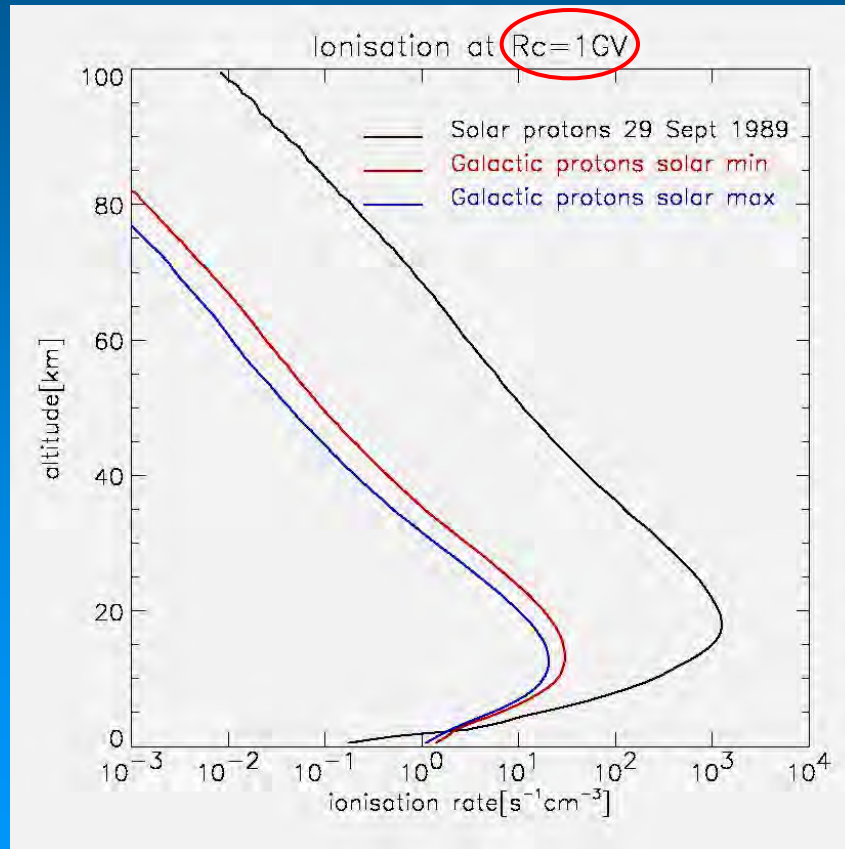
# Ionisation durch GCR



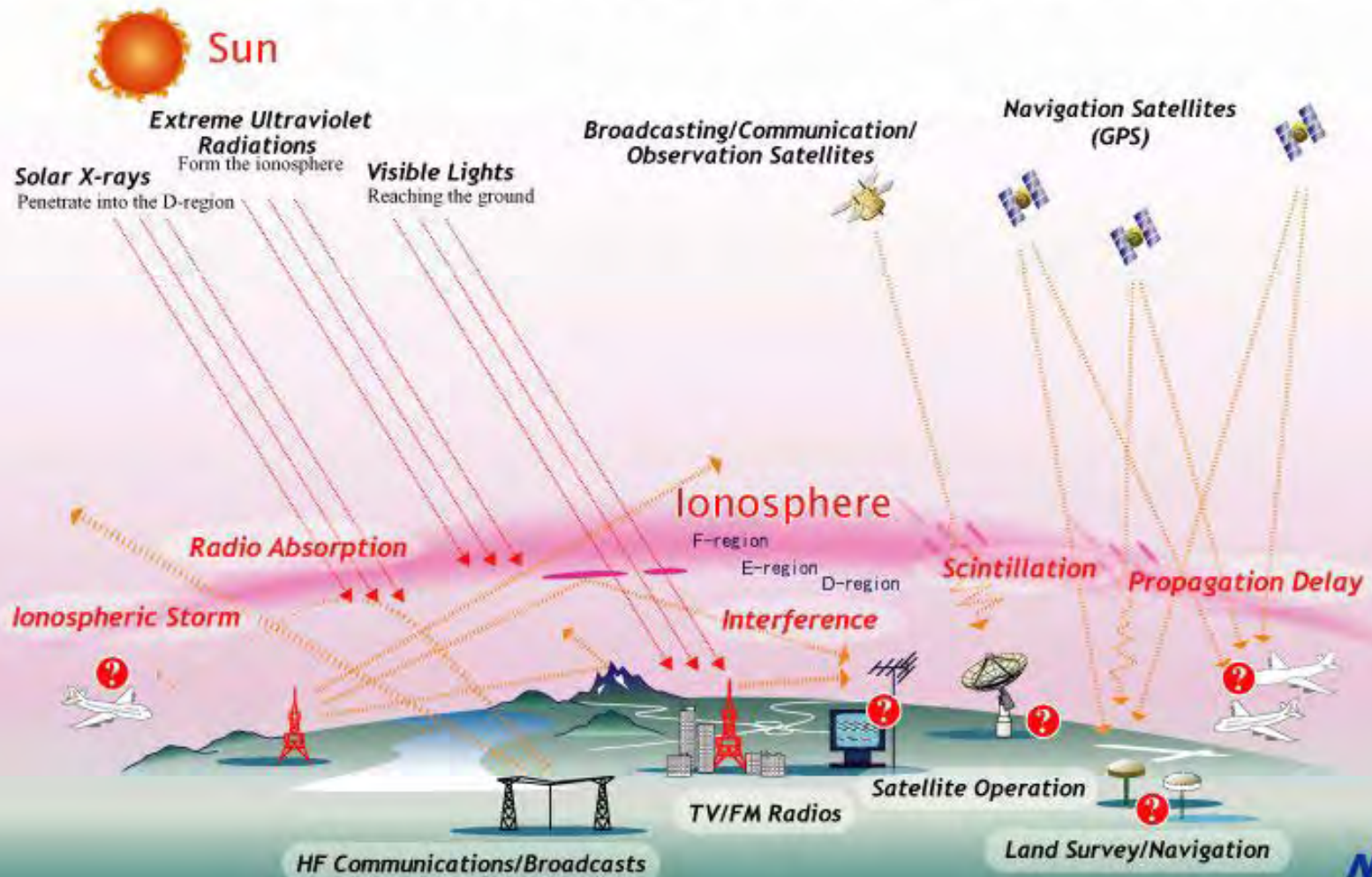
Monthly averaged fluxes of ionizing particles in the atmosphere over Murmansk region as measured by an omnidirectional Geiger counter

# Ionisation durch GCR & SCR

Bern Model: <http://cosray.unibe.ch/~laurent/planetocosmics>



# Ionospheric Effects on Radio Applications



# Space Weather Effekte auf Satellitenkommunikation

## ORBIT Variation

due to drag (especially on LEO sats)



## RADIATION

•Spacecraft electronics  
(especially on HEO sats)



Mobile links  
 $f < 3$  GHz

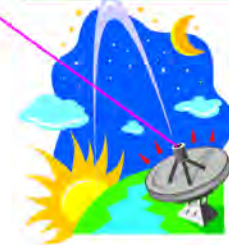


## IONOSPHERE

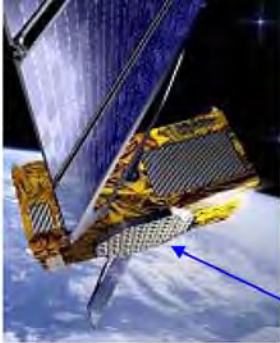
•Scintillations  
•Faraday rotation

Fixed links  
 $f > 4$  GHz

no effect

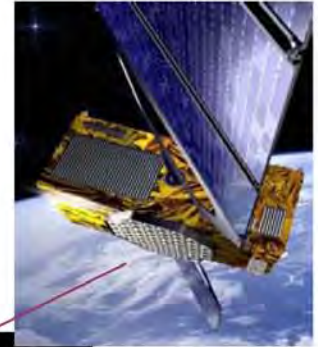


# Space Weather Effekte auf Satellitennavigation



## RADIATION

- Spacecraft electronics



## IONOSPHERE

- TEC variations** affect position for single frequency receivers (UERE budget)
- TEC gradients and irregularities** can affect the integrity

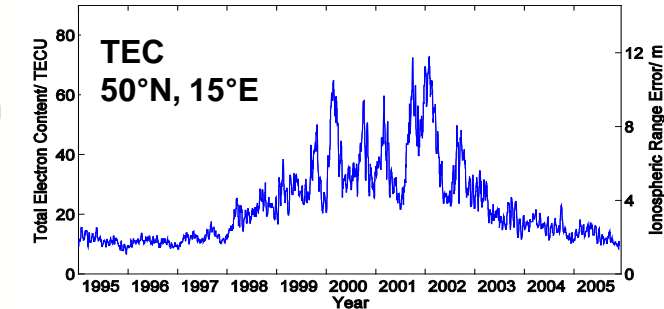
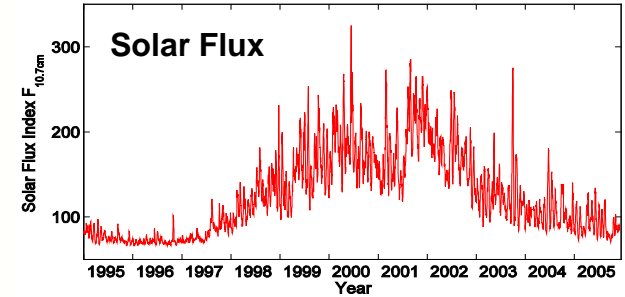
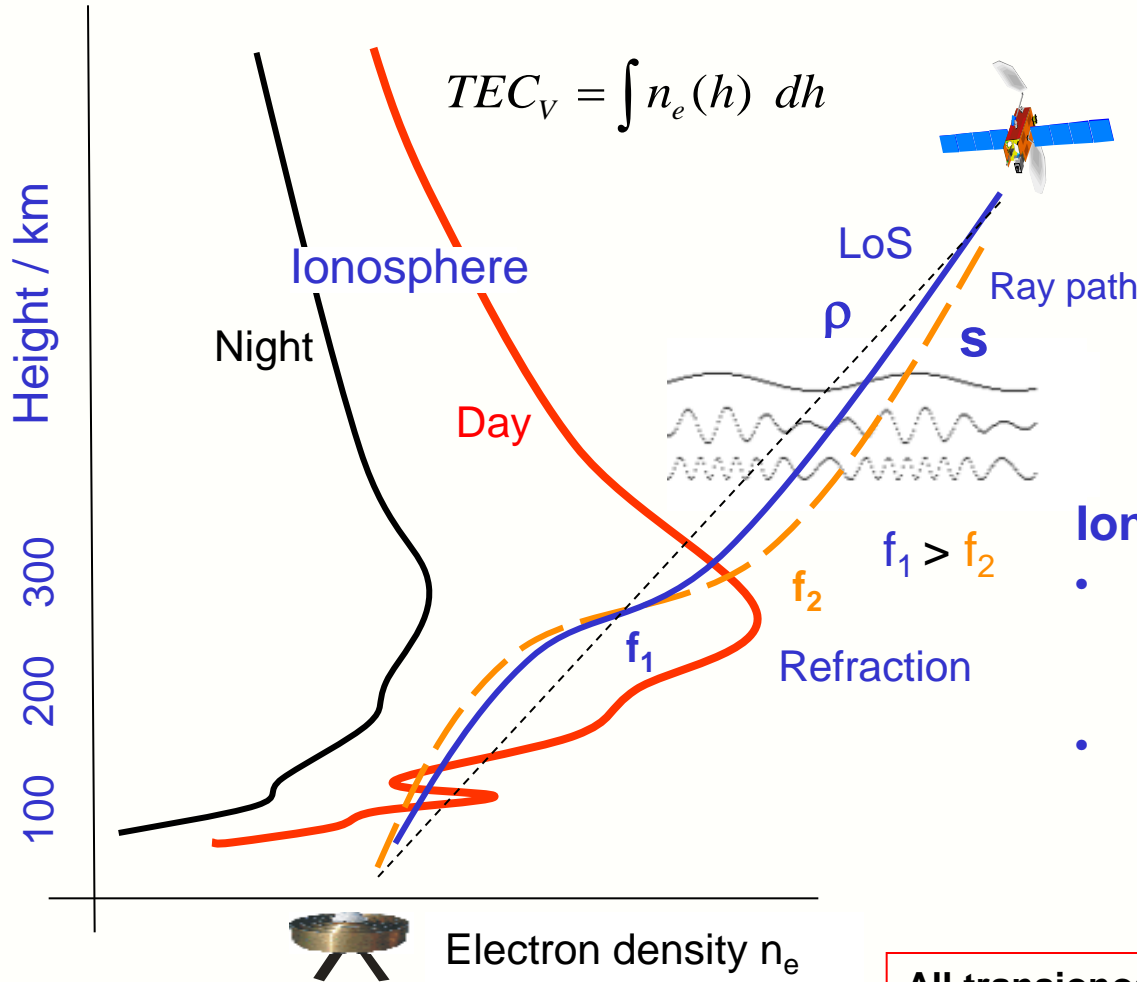


## IONOSPHERE

- Scintillations** affect continuity/availability

# Transionospheric Radio Wave Propagation

Electron density  $n_e$  & Total Electron Content (TEC) are closely related to the solar irradiance

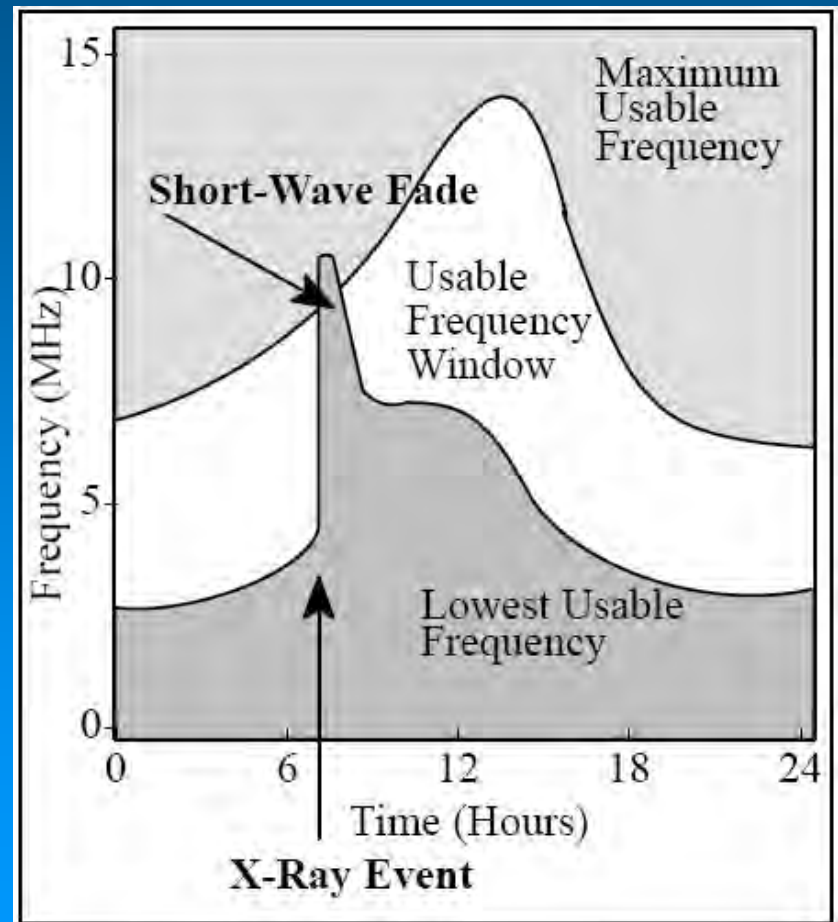
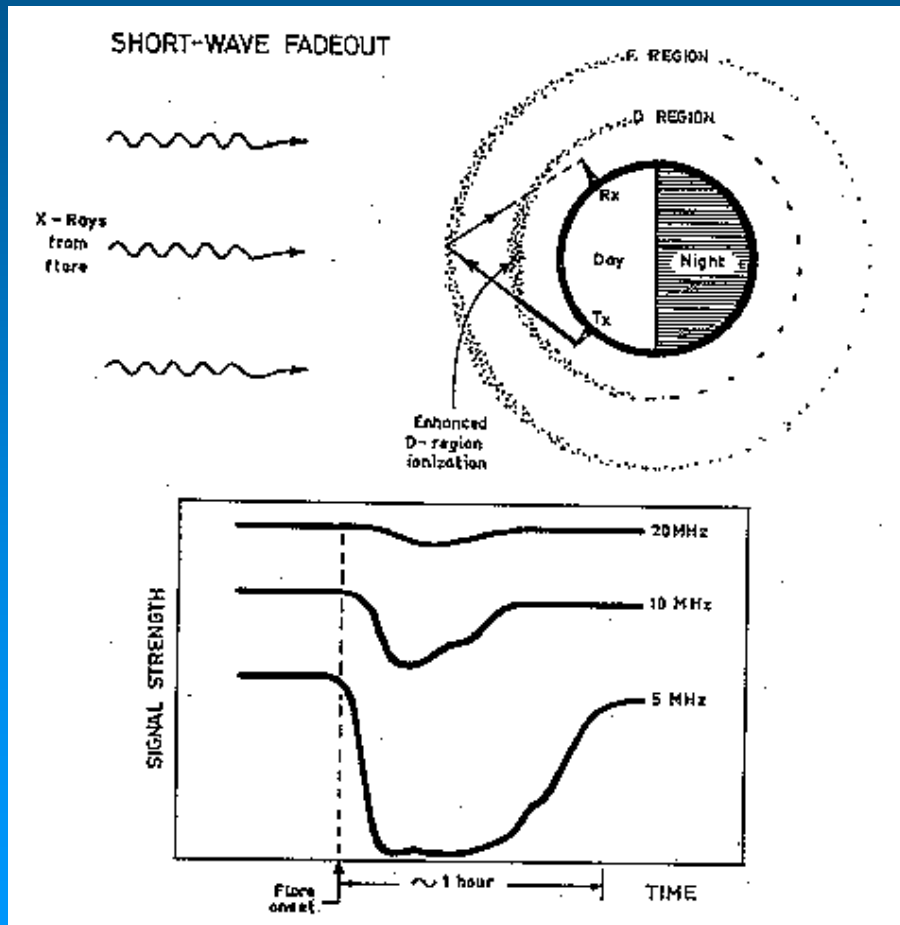


## Ionosphere causes

- **Regular effects**
  - signal delay, range errors
  - rotation of polarisation plane
- **Irregular effects**
  - Radio scintillations,
  - Defocussing of radar images
  - Hazardous misleading information

**All transionospheric radio systems operating at frequencies < 10 GHz are affected**

# Space Weather Effekte auf Kurzwellenkommunikation



# Space Weather Aktivitäten

## Forschung / Austausch

## „Weltraumwetter-Dienste“

z.T kommerziell

- Nowcasting / Alerts!
- Forecasting
- Post Event Analysis

## Benutzer / Kunden

Konfektionierte Lösungen

z.B. Radiokommunikation:

[http://hfradio.org/swp\\_proplab/](http://hfradio.org/swp_proplab/)

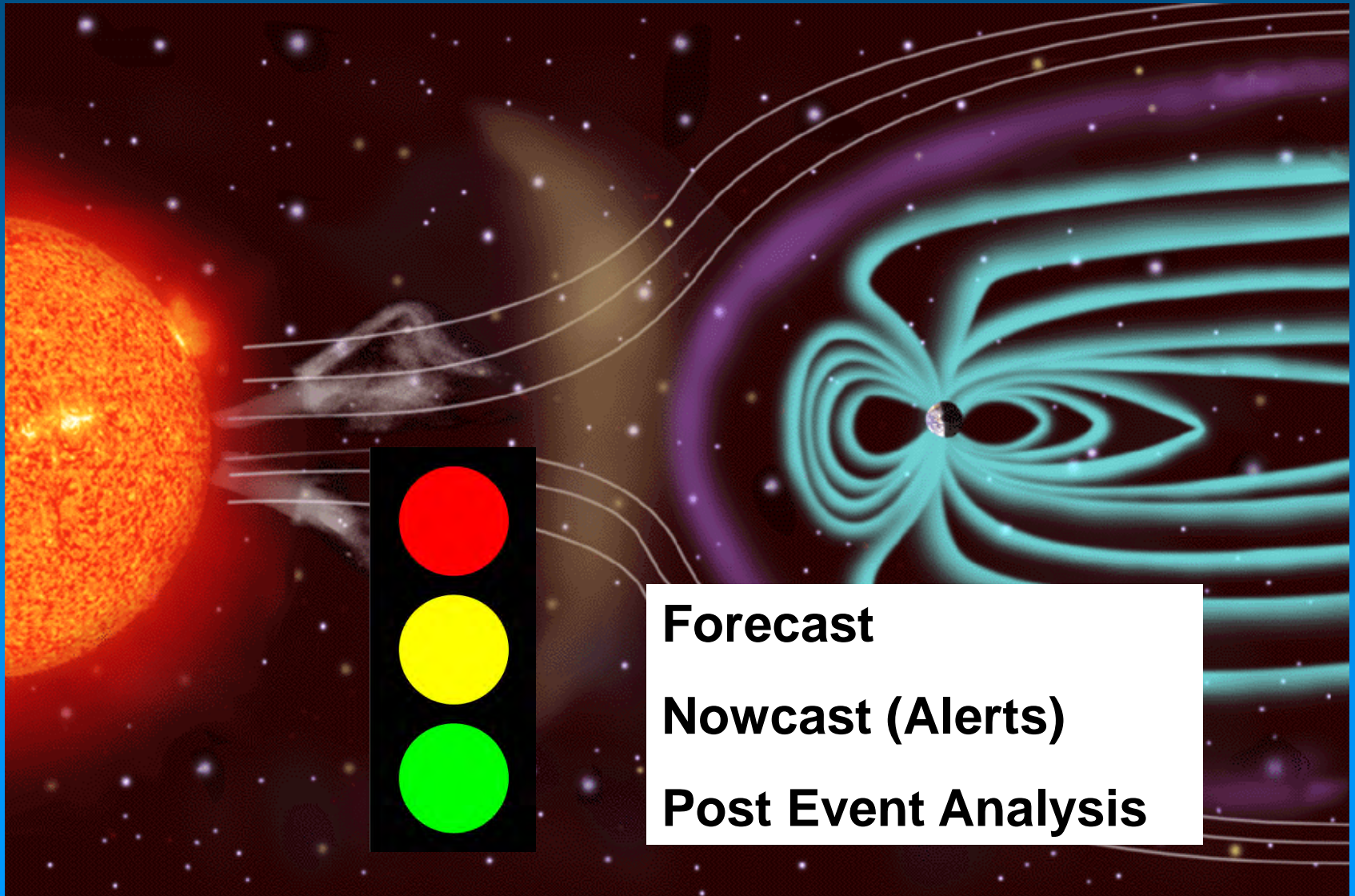


# Space Weather Aktivitäten

## Forschung / Austausch

- **Messungen**
- **Entwicklung von Modellen**
- **International koordinierte Forschungsprojekte**
- **Expertengruppen (ESA SWWT, EURADOS)**
- **Konferenzen / Workshops**  
z.B. regelmäßige  
„Space Weather Weeks“  
in USA und Europa

# Space Weather Services



**Forecast**

**Nowcast (Alerts)**

**Post Event Analysis**

# Space Weather Aktivitäten

## Weltraumwetter-Dienste

z.B.

- **ESA European Space Weather Web Server**  
<http://www.esa-spaceweather.net/>
- **Japan NICT Space Weather Information Center**  
[http://swc.nict.go.jp/contents/index\\_e.php](http://swc.nict.go.jp/contents/index_e.php)
- **Australian IPS Radio and Space Services**  
<http://www.ips.gov.au/>
- **NOAA / NWS Space Weather Prediction Center**  
<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>
- **Space Weather Center**  
<http://www.spaceweathercenter.org/stormalert/04/04.html>
- **China Solar Activity Prediction Center, NAOC**  
[http://rwcc.bao.ac.cn:8001/English/Rwcc\\_En.asp](http://rwcc.bao.ac.cn:8001/English/Rwcc_En.asp)
- .....

# Space Weather Aktivitäten

## Weltraumwetter-Dienste (Fortsetzung)

- TESIS, Russland  
<http://www.thesis.lebedev.ru/en/>
- Aktuelle Sonnendaten (von NOAA)  
<http://www.n3kl.org/sun/noaa.html>
- <http://www.spaceweather.com/>
- Space Weather Resources  
<http://space.rice.edu/ISTP/>
- .....
- Beispiele privater Initiativen  
<http://www.solarcycle24.com/>  
<http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/>  
<http://prop.hfradio.org/>  
<http://www.astrowetter.com/events/polarlichter/polarlichtwetter.php>
- Beispiel eines kommerziellen Anbieters:  
<http://www.spacew.com/swim/>
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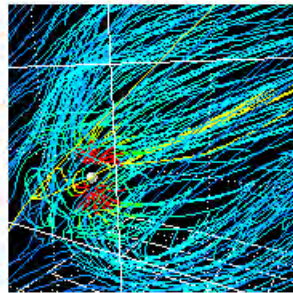
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## Weltraumwetter-Dienste

Real-time Magnetosphere Simulation 3D preview page

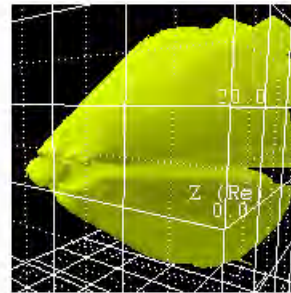
3次元プレビューWeb

現在時刻 (世界標準時) 2010/11/23 10:41:51 UT



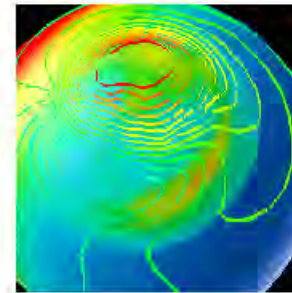
#01 磁力線 (地球磁場構造)

▶ 3D preview



#02 プラズマ圧  
(バウショック、磁気圏境  
界)

▶ 3D preview



#03 電離層

▶ 3D preview

3DAVS player

⚠ ご利用時には次の点にご注意ください。

○このページはWindowsでのみ動作します。3次元表示にはKGT社の3D AVS Playerが必要です。

○データサイズが大きいのでブロードバンド環境 (1Mbps以上推奨) でご利用ください。

<http://www3.nict.go.jp/y/y223/simulation/3d/HTML/index.htm>

# Space Weather Aktivitäten

## Weltraumwetter-Dienste / Alerts

**CME Nowcast-Prediction [95 customers]**

**PLAIN PRESTO CULGOORA 03/0131UT NOV 2003**

**SOLAR RADIO EVENT 1: DRIFTING: 200 - 30 MHZ**

**START TIME: 0124 UT**

**END TIME: 0129 UT**

**SPECTRAL TYPE: TYPE II BURST**

**IMPORTANCE: STRONG**

**FUNDAMENTAL AND HARMONIC VISIBLE**

**ESTIMATED SHOCK SPEED 699 KM/S**

**FLARE OBSERVED IN REGION 10488**

**SHORTWAVE FADEOUT OBSERVED**

# Space Weather Aktivitäten

## Weltraumwetter-Dienste / Detailliertes Beispiel

### Space weather Application Center Ionosphere (SWACI)

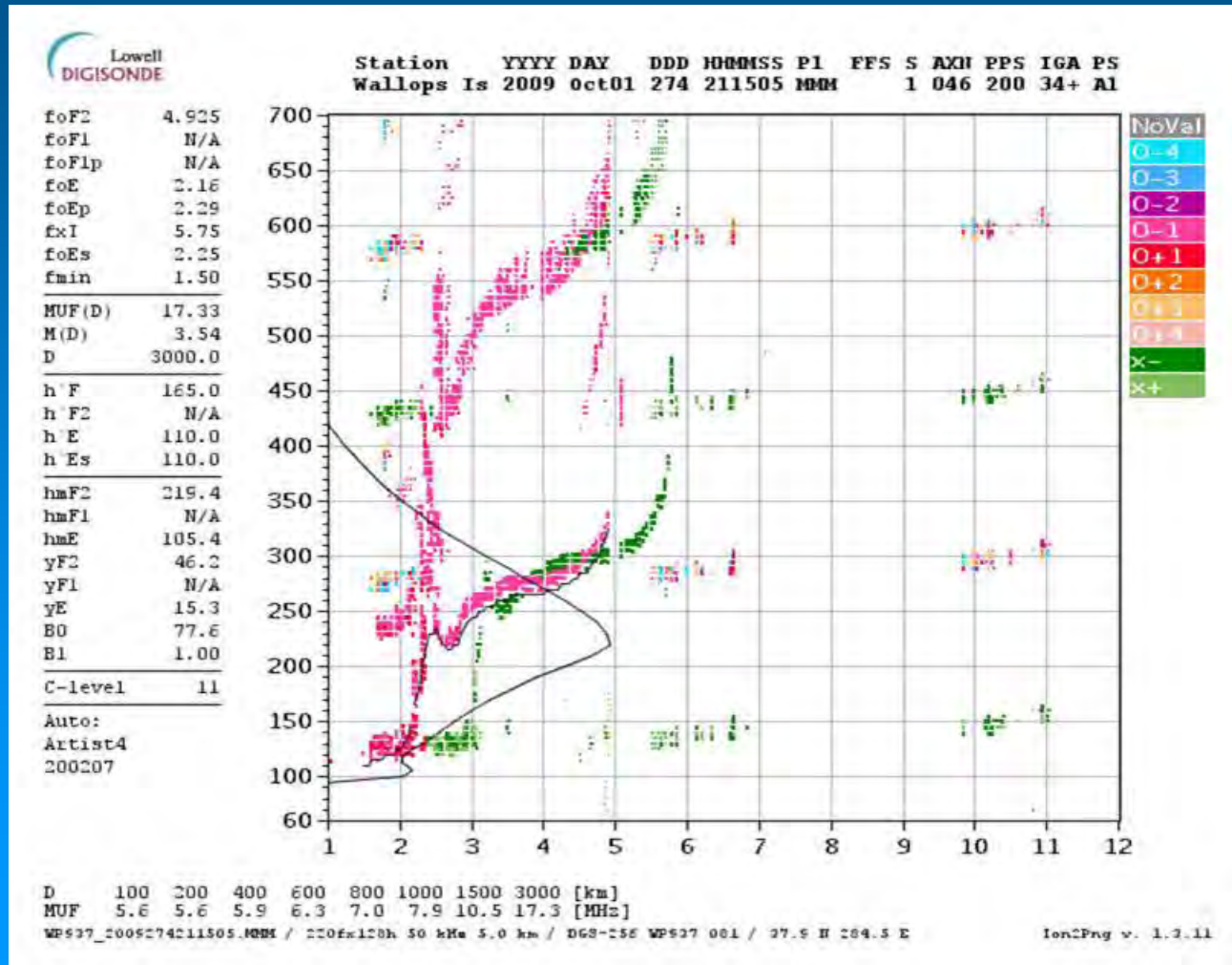
- The **Space Weather Application Center - Ionosphere (SWACI)** is a joint project of the Institute of Communications and Navigation and the German Remote Data Center of DLR.
- The project is essentially supported by the German State Government of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, will be finished in March 2011.
- SWACI data base is mostly related to ground and space based GNSS measurements.
- Data in particular suited to characterize ionospheric conditions along transionospheric radio links.
- SWACI information shall support operators and users of transionospheric radio systems in communication, navigation and remote sensing.

<http://swaciweb.dlr.de>

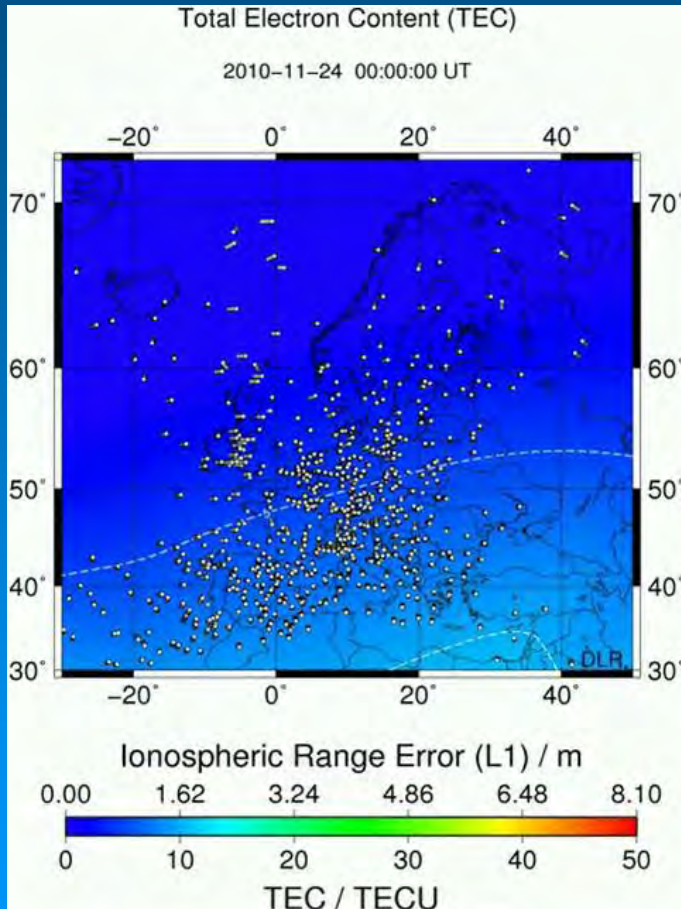


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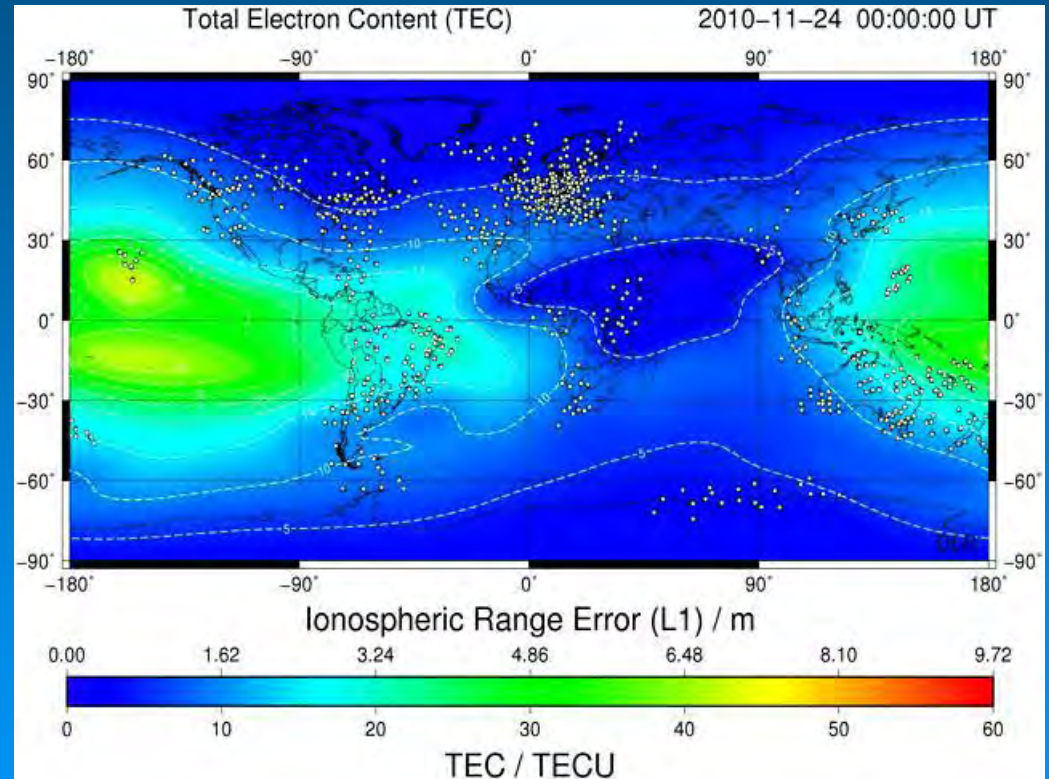
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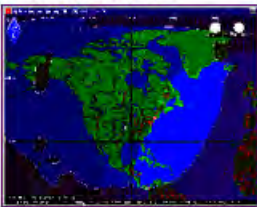
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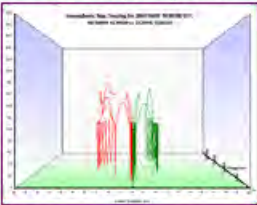
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I recommend the following...

- + **NEW! ACE HF Pro**  
Best propagation modeling and circuit simulation software for Amateur and Shortwave Radio Operators



- + **PropLab Pro**  
Best ionospheric ray-tracing software for Radio Operators



- + Take a listen to the Space Weather Podcast!

[NW7US Space Weather / Radio Propagation Podcast, Ed](#) - Subject: **No more sunspots by 2015?** It is possible, if the trend revealed in current sunspot research at Kitt Peak, AZ, continues. Listen now!

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- + Gain the on-air edge: This article explains how the ANTENNA is the key! -> [Read this introduction to Antenna Modeling](#)

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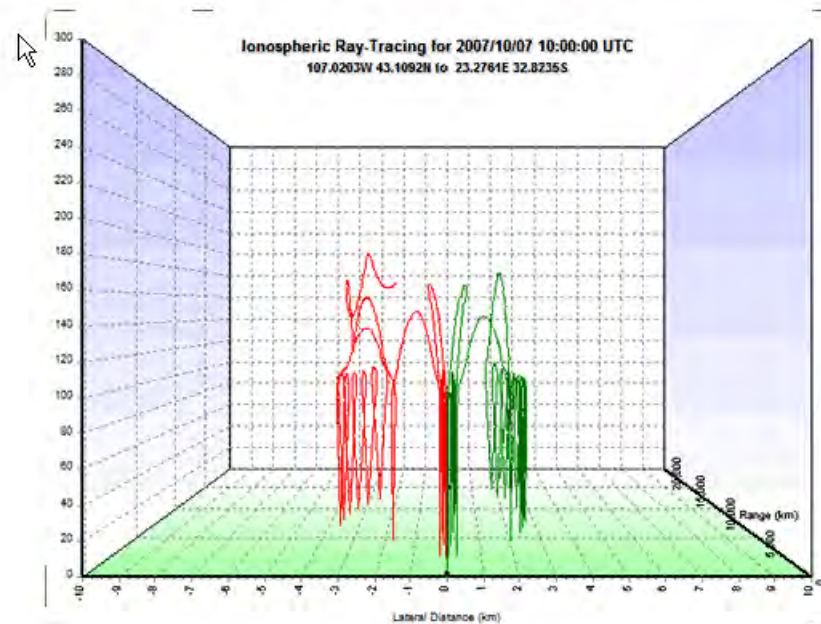
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**How-To Articles:**

Purchase the STD PropLab Professional Propagation Forecast and Modeling Software : PROPLAB-PRO Version 3.0

**Complex Radio Signal Analysis, made Elegant**

Animation assembled from numerous 3D frames of the PropLab-Pro Version 3 output, showing ordinary (red) and extraordinary (green) ducted signal components.



PropLab-Pro Version 3 is a sophisticated ionospheric radio communications tool, capable of handling and diagnosing some of the most complex radio propagation problems that nature can provide.

At the heart of it are two fully independent ray-tracing engines: a two-dimensional engine and a three-dimensional engine. Each one has advantages over the other. For example, the 2D engine is much faster than the 3D engine, but is not capable of handling ionospheric tilts that can lead to non-uniform ionospheric refraction and non-great-circle signal propagation. The 2D engine is capable of handling three-dimensional tilted ground-hops (i.e. off-direction ground reflection in mountain ranges, etc.) using a high-resolution global topographical database.

All of the engines use the new 2007 International Reference Ionosphere, which provides the most realistic simulation of the Earth's ionosphere, even during geomagnetically disturbed intervals. It even includes effects for such things as Winter Anomalies and Stratospheric Warming events.

PropLab-Pro Version 3 is easy enough for the novice to use, yet powerful enough to provide research-grade results for professional or scientific purposes.

# **Weltraumwetter und Funkamateure**

**Beispiel: Projekt SIMONE**

**Sun & Ionosphere MOnitoring  
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# Sun & Ionosphere MOnitoring NETwork

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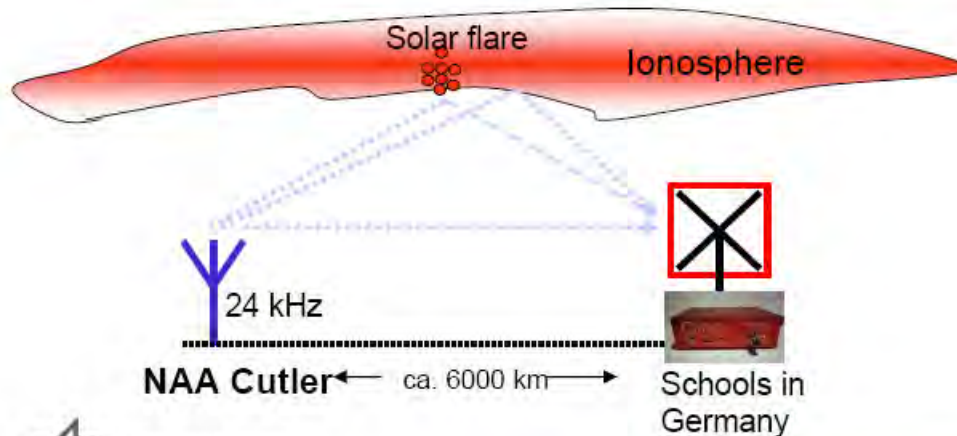


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# Solar & Ionosphere - MOnitoring NEtwork

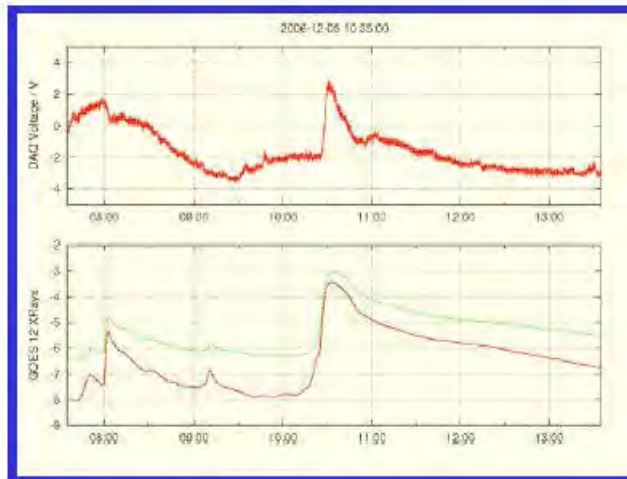
## Historical Background

- The national project SIMONE was initiated in the framework of the United Nation's world-wide International Heliophysical Year (IHY) campaign in collaboration with the Solar Physics Group at the University of Stanford, USA (Dr. Deborah Scherrer), USA
- Establishment of the project 'Sun & Ionosphere MOnitoring NEtwork' in April 2007 including schools in Northern Germany by V. Bothmer (University of Göttingen) and N. Jakowski (German Aerospace Center)
- VLF receivers from the University of Stanford, sponsored by Astrium GmbH Friedrichshafen, were provided to schools to measure the signal strength of VLF signals at 24kHz from the US transmitter Cutler (Maine/USA).



# Solar & Ionosphere - MOnitoring NEtwork

- A number of Sudden Ionospheric Disturbances (SIDs) due to solar flares have been detected.
- After the Kick-off meeting in April 2007 at DLR Neustrelitz, several progress meetings were held. Here the participants learnt about the solar and ionospheric fundamentals of their measurements.  
With great enthusiasm they discussed their own observation results.



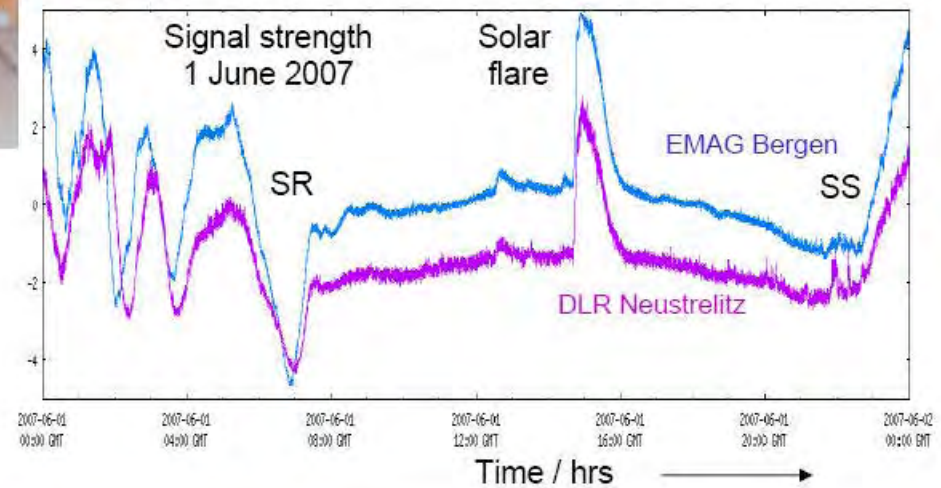
Strong correlation between GOES and SID monitor records



# Sun & Ionosphere MONitoring Network -SIMONE



Perfect measurements made by the EMAG school



# Solar & Ionospheric - MOnitoring NETwork

- To be well prepared for the upcoming solar cycle, DLR started the development of a simple construction set for a single frequency VLF receiver (24 kHz). The receiver has successfully been tested recently.
- Supported by the **DLR school\_lab** and the **SWACI project** a limited number of SIMONE construction sets were distributed to various schools, among them a school in Finland.



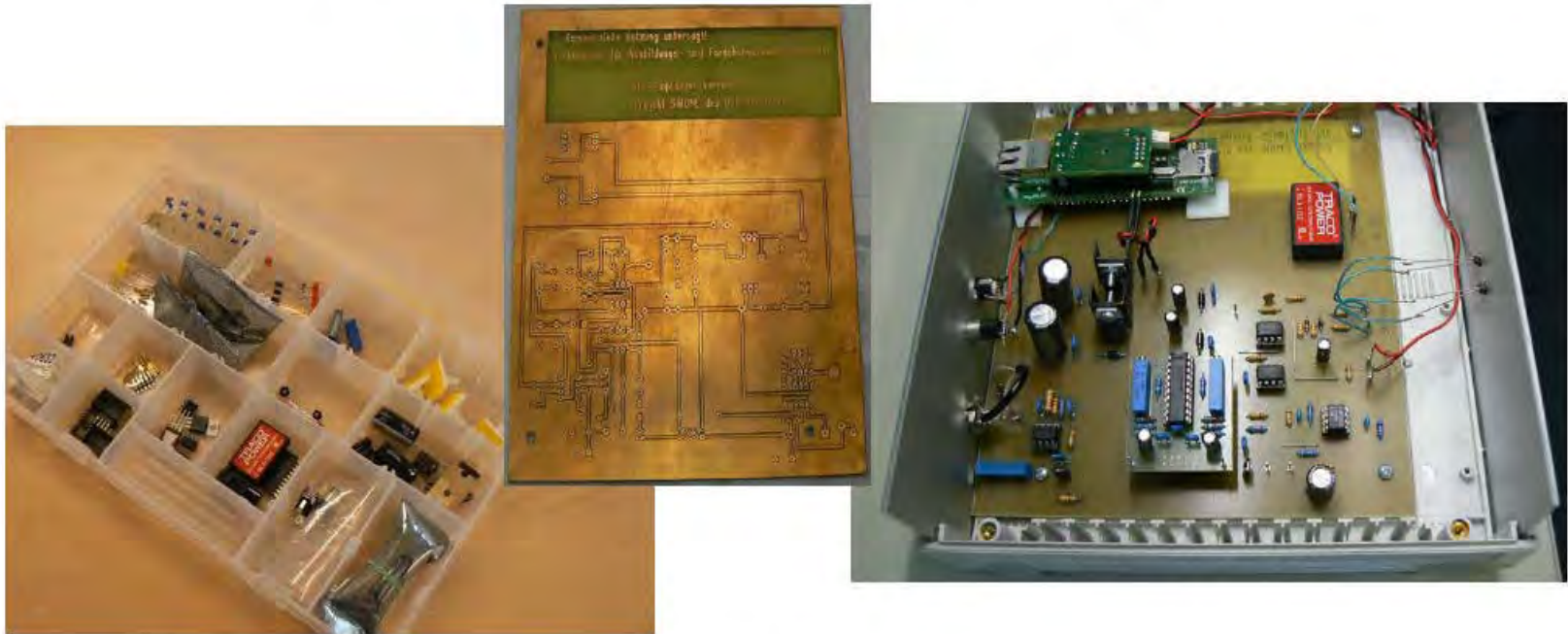
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Receiving antenna  
built by students



# Receiver/server construction set



- Limited number of construction elements
- Construction can be managed by children following a construction guide
- Costs about 200 €



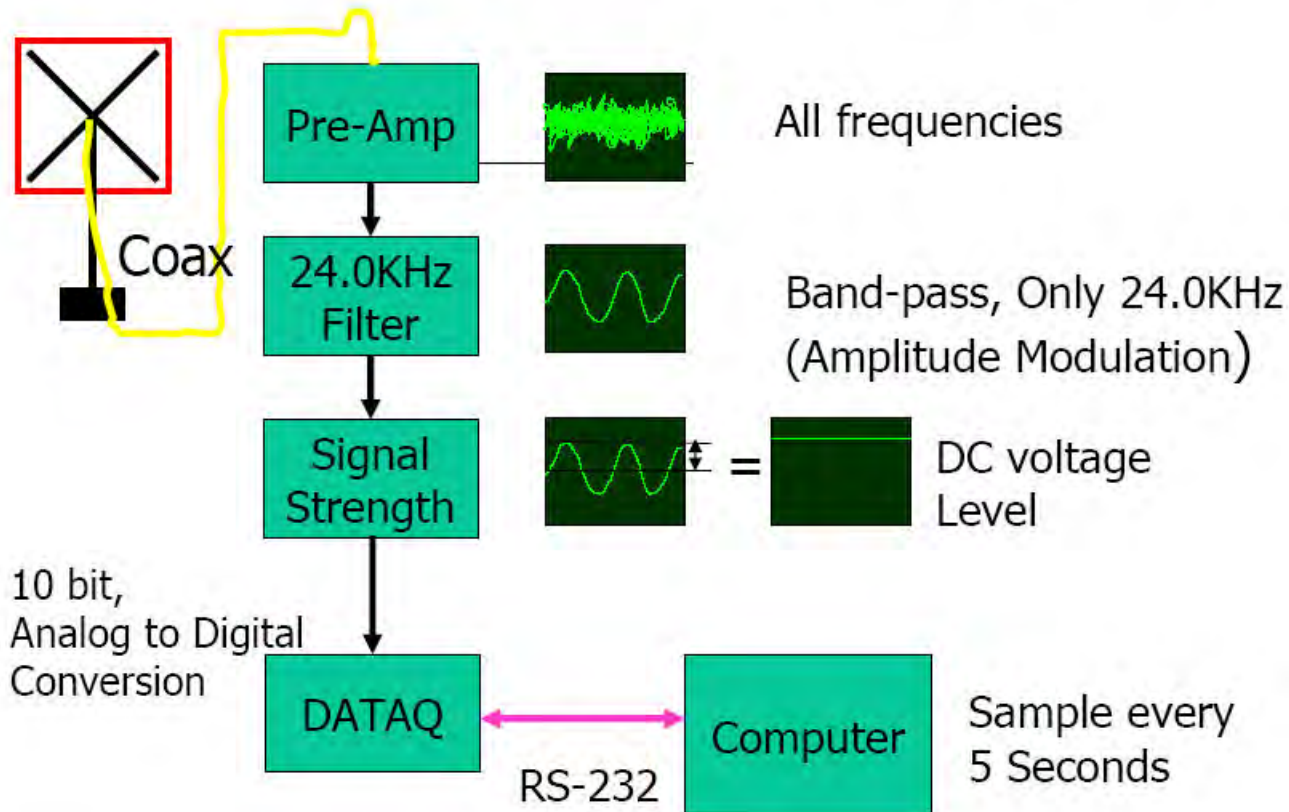
## The Equipment




- Antenna and receiver/server box prepared by student work in the DLR School\_Lab Neustrelitz
- The equipment doesn't need a PC for collecting the data, there will be real-time connection to SWACI system or internal storage of data



# Functionality of the SID Monitor





## Solar & Ionospheric - MOnitoring NETwork

- It is expected that the testing phase is finished end of January 2011. After reconfiguration according to suggestions, the Web platform will be open for all interested students participating in SIMONE hopefully in March 2011.
- In case of broad interest, SIMONE has the potential to become a European activity and even become an ISWI activity.

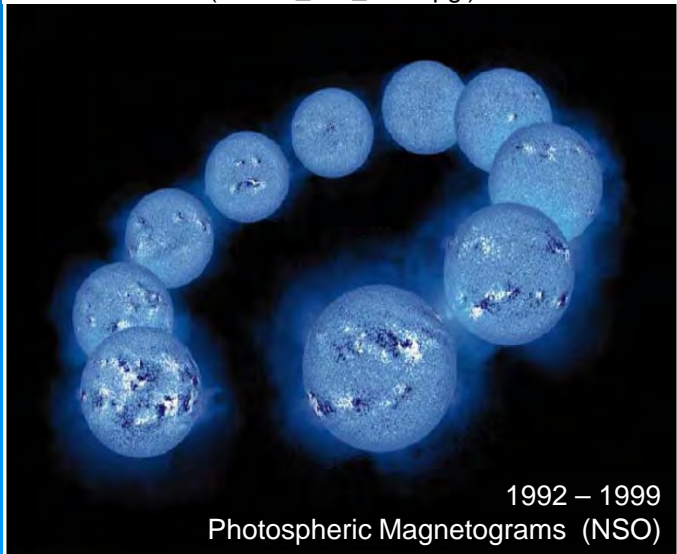
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# Sonnenzyklus

## Rückblick und Prognose



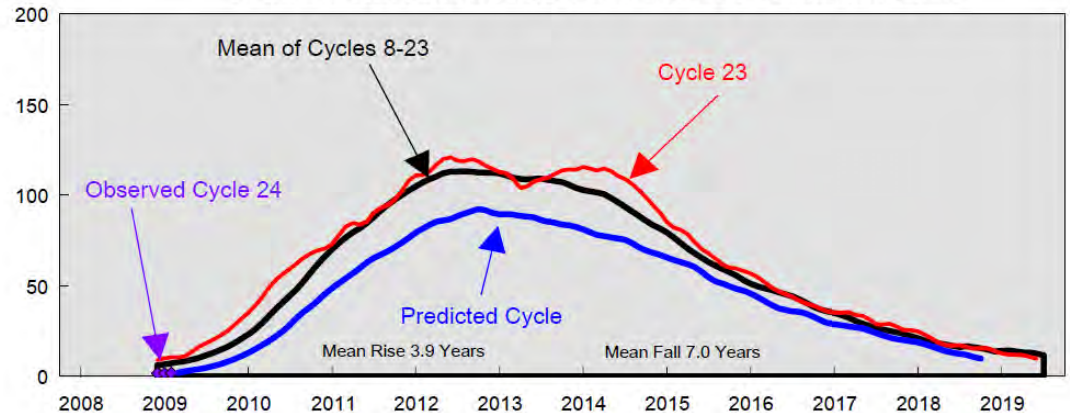
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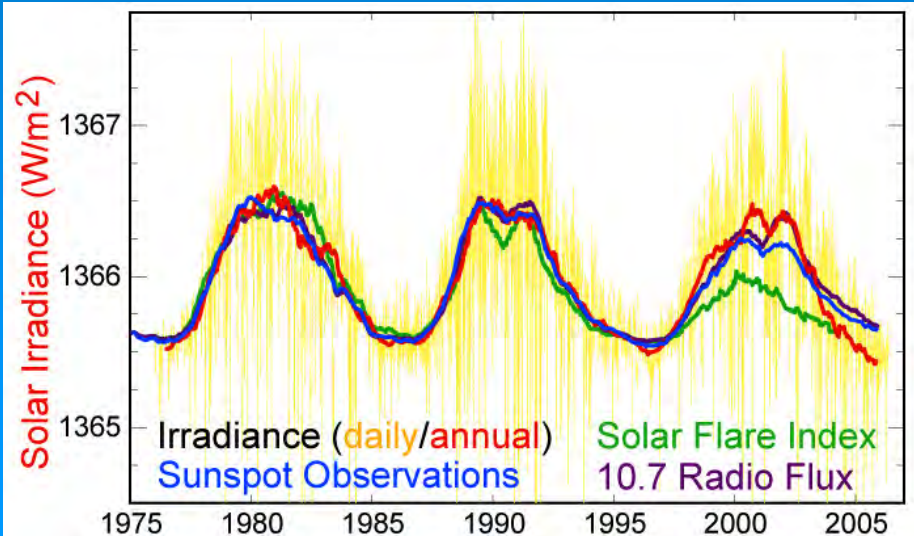
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Cycle 24 Smoothed Sunspot Numbers: Observed and Predicted  
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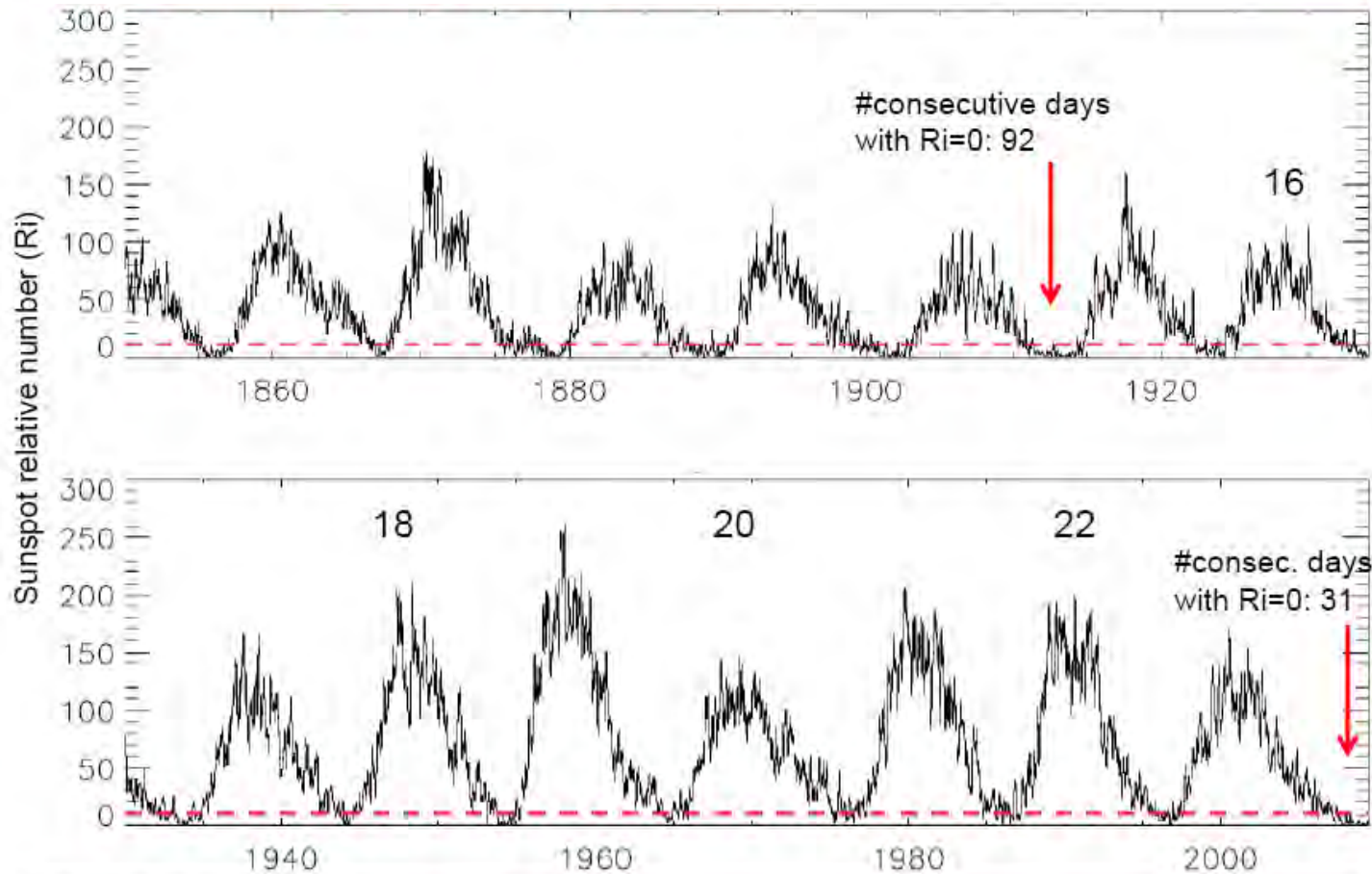


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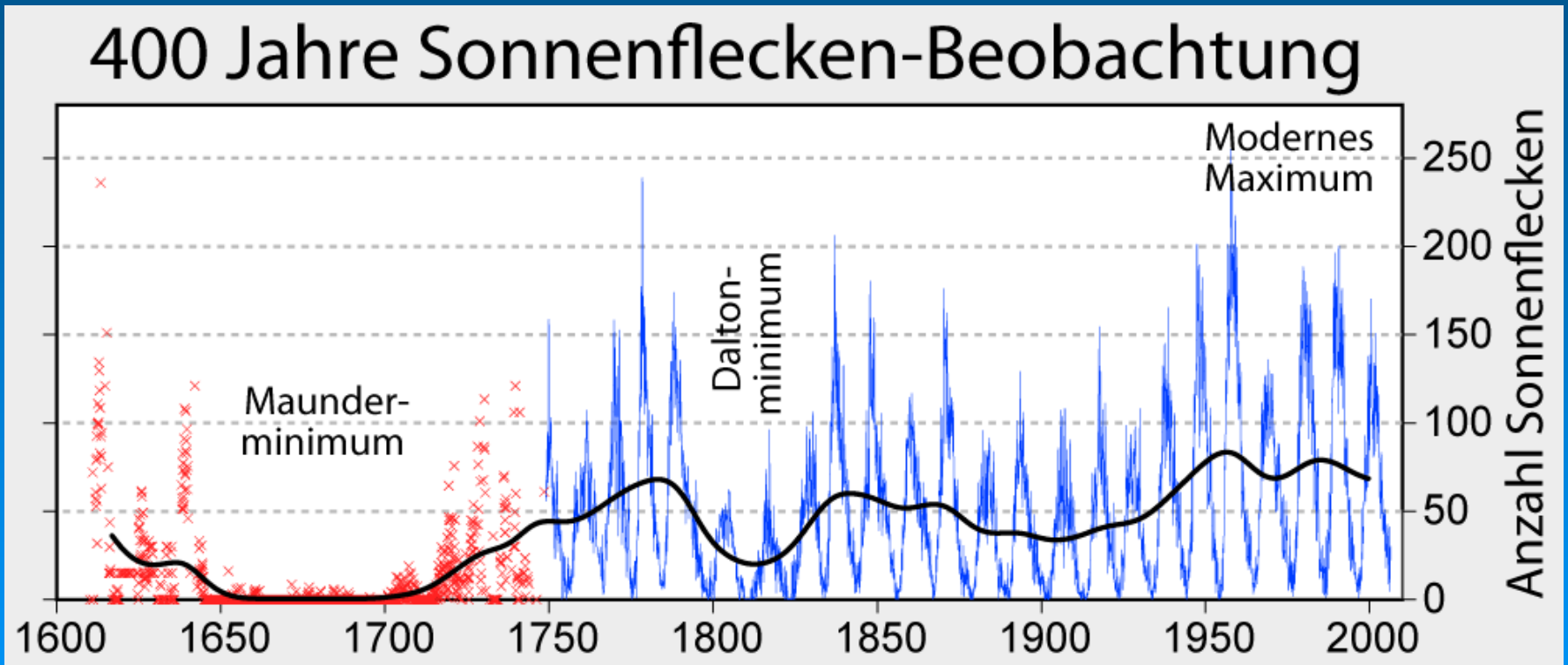
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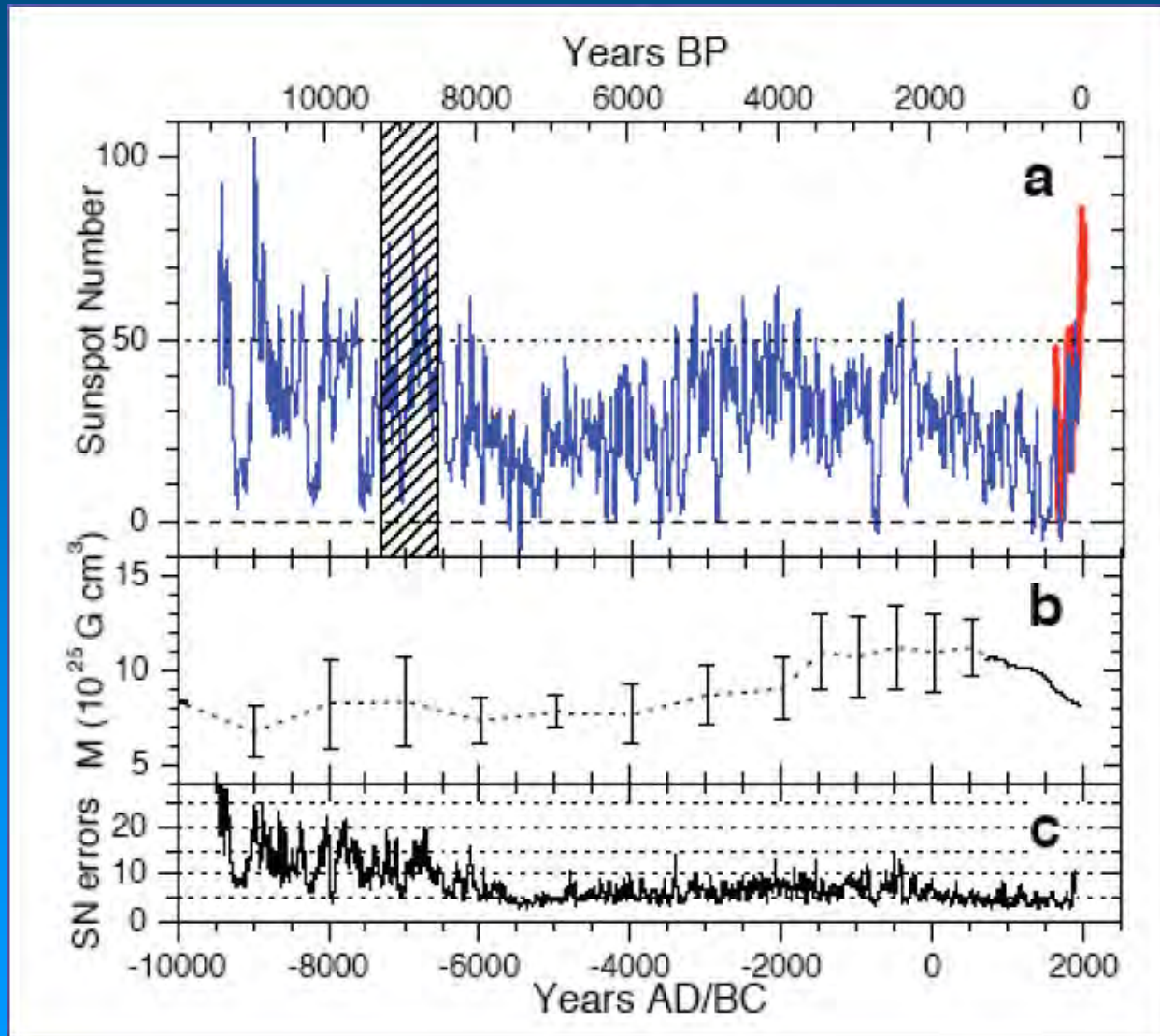
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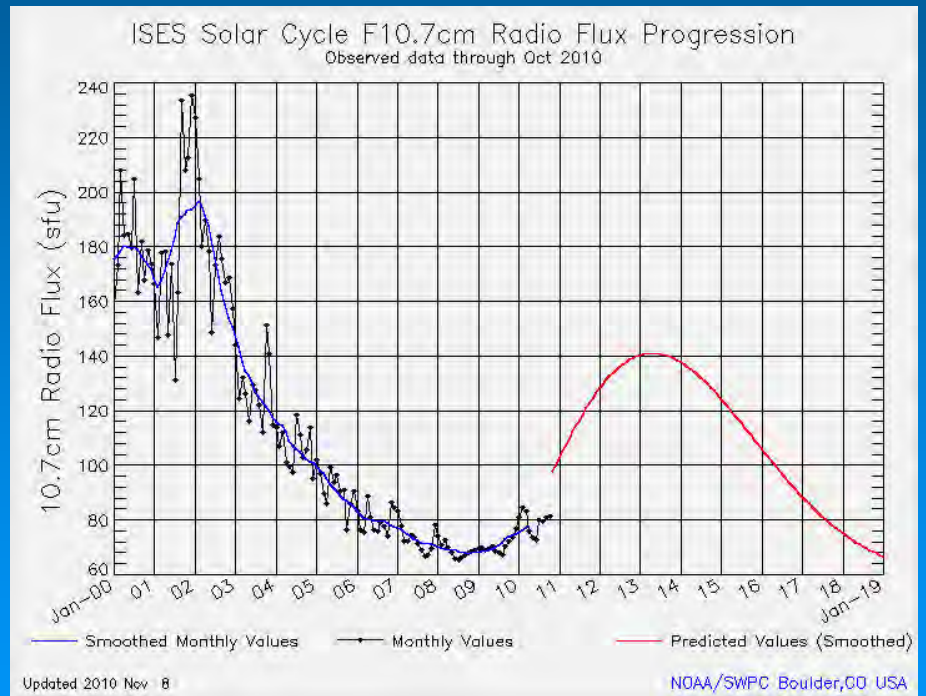
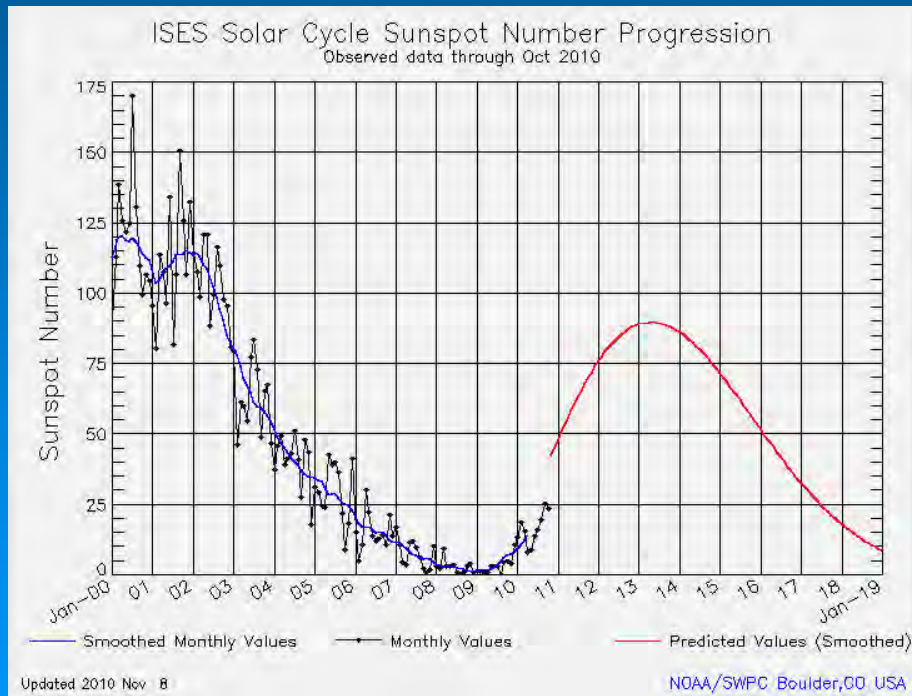
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# Zusammenfassung & Ausblick

- Weltraumwetter betrifft uns alle
- Bedeutender Fortschritt in der Entwicklung von Modellen
- Weltraumwetter-Dienste in Echtzeit
- Starke Kommerzialisierung
- Prognosen aber z.T. immer noch sehr unsicher

**extrem spannend!**

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