



## Space-based Astronomy and Space Weather

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## Objectives:

- I. To acquire the basic concepts of scientific space missions.
  - Technological aspects, scientific drivers, management, requirements and limitations that play a role in the design of a scientific mission.
  - Astronomical observations: review of the results of various recent Missions of ESA and NASA, at different wavelengths (and of future missions scheduled).
  
- II. To understand what Space weather and the heliosphere are.
  - Relevant solar and heliospheric physics phenomena.
  - Effects of solar storms in spacecraft and at Earth.  
Prediction and forecasting.
  - Review of the results of recent solar and heliospheric missions of ESA and NASA.

## Program. Part I

# Space-based Astronomy

### 1. Elements of a mission

Orbits. Launch windows. Payloads  
Subsystems. Launchers

### 2. Space mission analysis and design

Development phases  
Analysis.

Selection and implementation

The main agencies: ESA and NASA  
ESA's Cosmic Vision 2015–2025

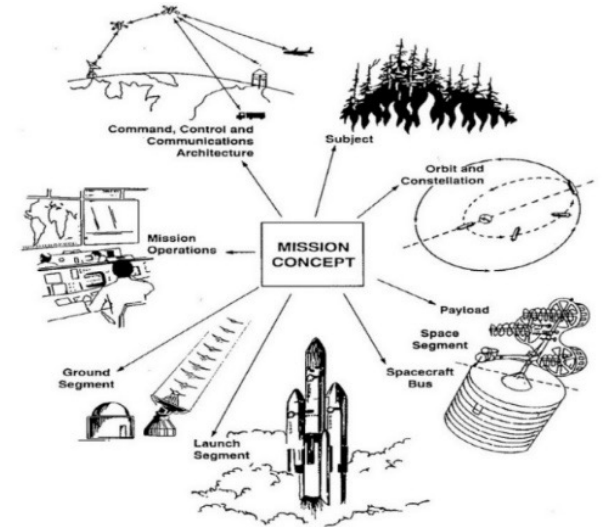
### 3. Astronomy from the space

Scientific goals.

Missions: Types and Payloads

Data bases and exploitation

Future missions (JUICE,  
Euclid, PLATO, etc.)



## Program. Part II

# Space Weather

### 1. Space Weather

Effects of solar storms in spacecraft and Earth. Extreme stormy events  
Prediction. Radiation risks  
ESA/EU and US programmes

### 2. Heliospheric physics

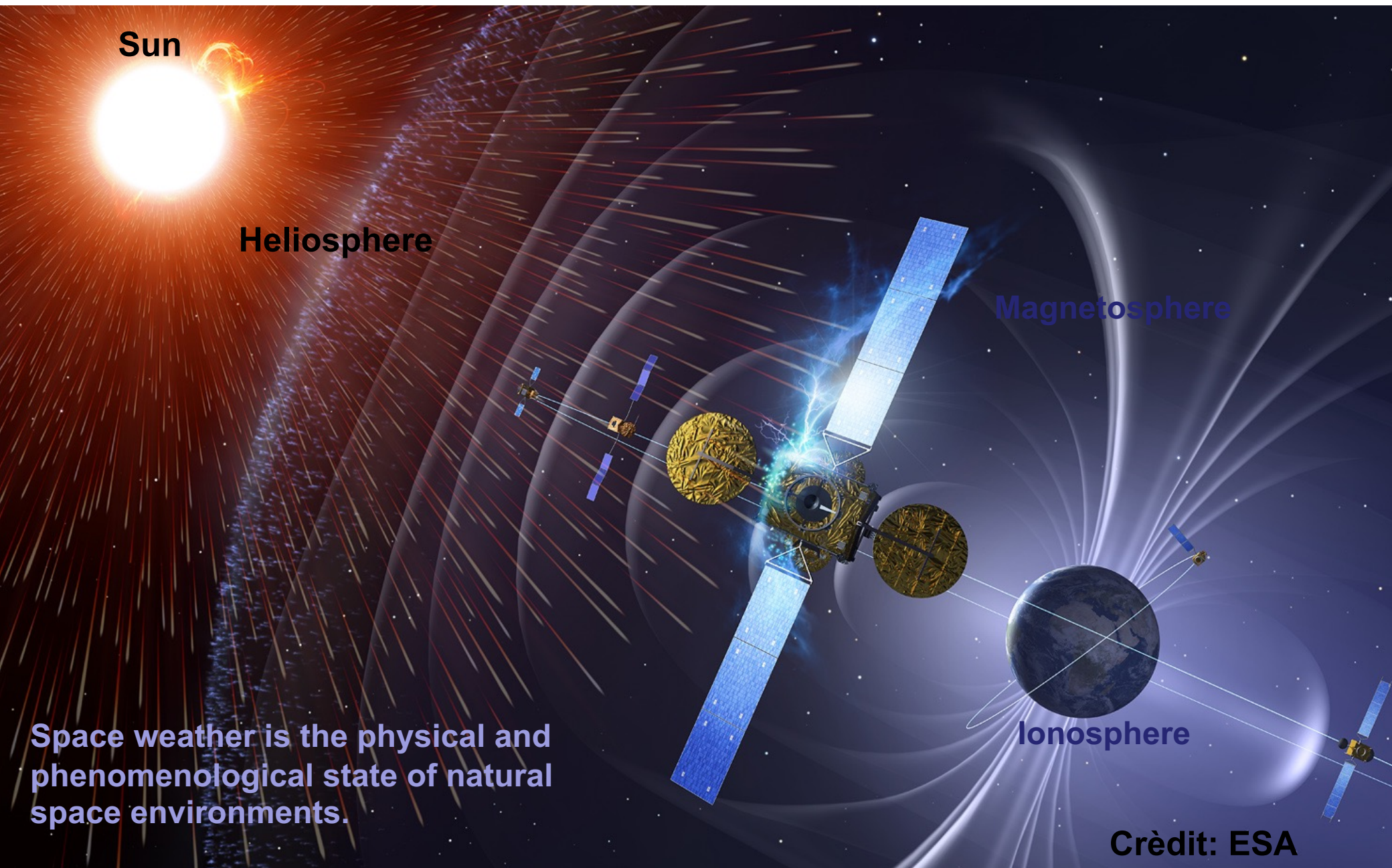
Solar wind plasma and interplanetary magnetic field. Earth magnetosphere  
Solar activity: Flares, Coronal mass ejections and CIRs. Solar activity cycle  
Solar energetic particles.

### 3. Heliophysics and space weather missions

STEREO, ACE, SDO, PSP ,  
Ulysses, SOHO. Solar Orbiter.  
Data bases and exploitation. In-situ instrumentation



# Space Weather: Definition and Domains



Sun

Heliosphere

Magnetosphere

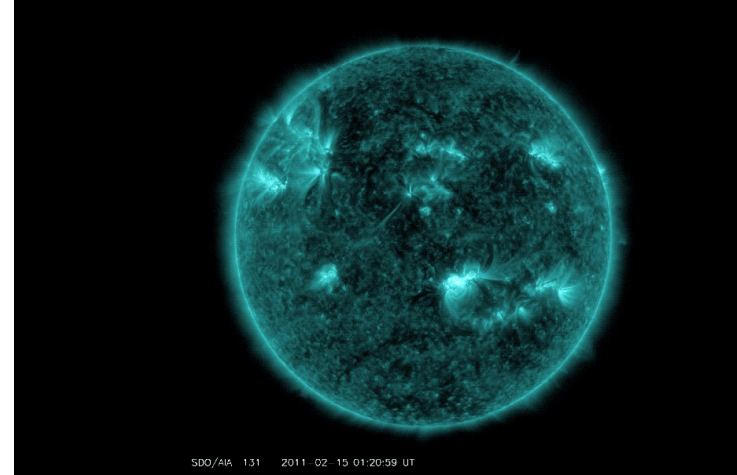
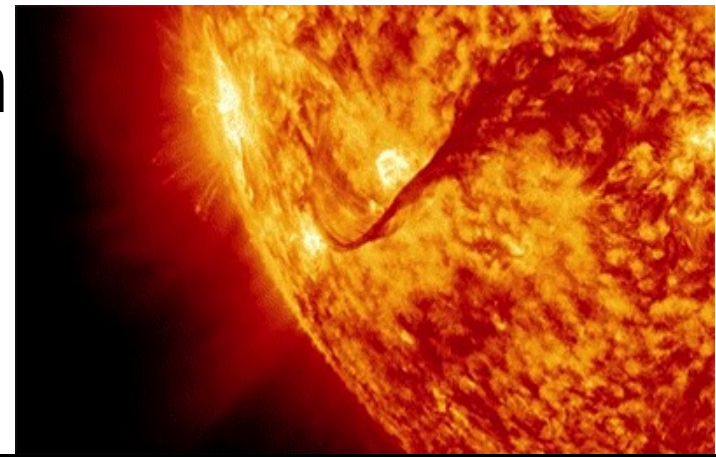
Ionosphere

Space weather is the physical and phenomenological state of natural space environments.

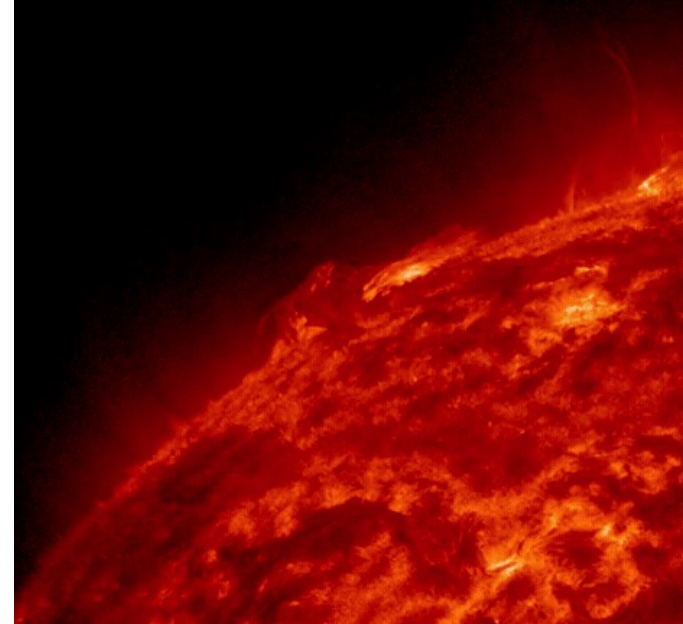
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# Text-Book Space Weather Storm

- Solar eruptive event:
  - Solar Flares
  - Coronal Mass Ejections (CME)
- Timeline at Earth:
  - **8 minutes:** EUV and X-ray emission reach earth:
    - Radio frequency (HF) losses, GPS signal disturbed, , astronauts endangered
  - **1 hour:** energetic particle onset
    - HF loss, GPS signal disturbed, satellites damaged, astronauts endangered
  - **1- 4 days:** CME arrives at earth
    - Disturbed GPS signal, Radio communication affected, Polar lights

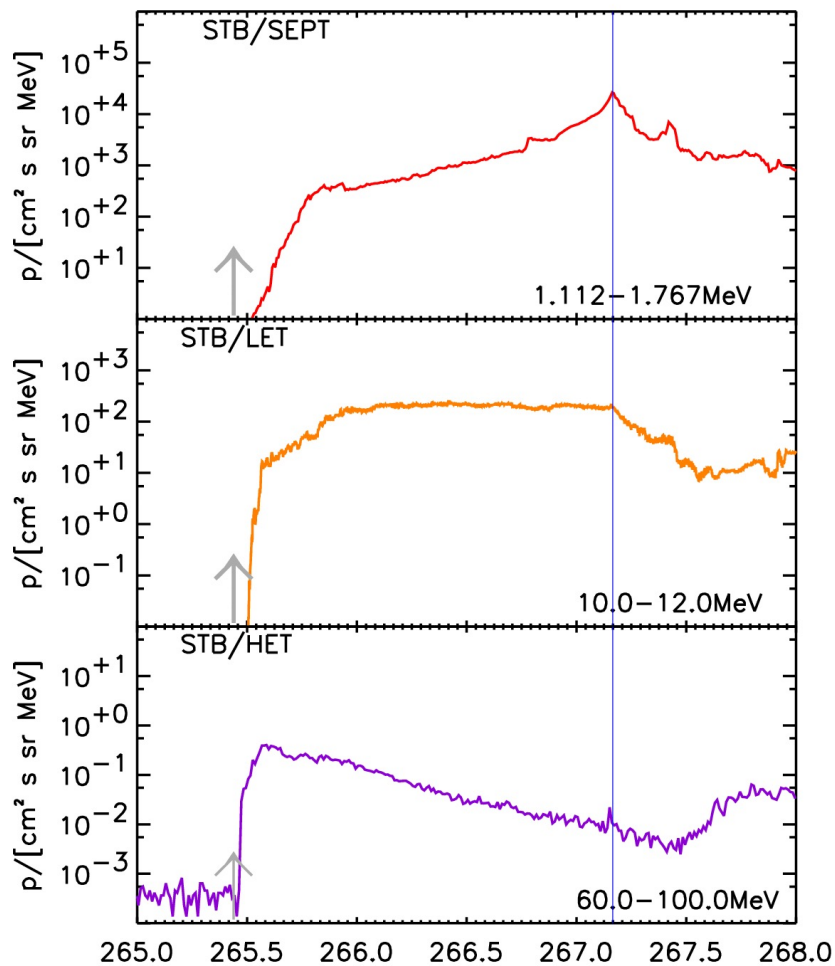


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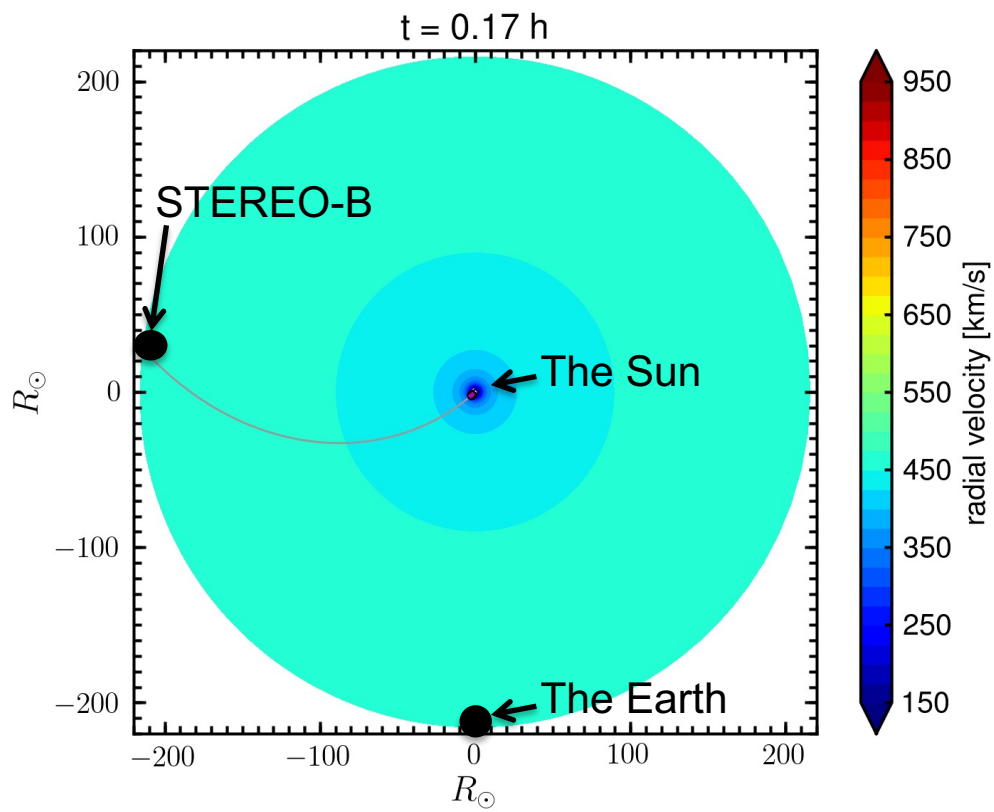


# Shock-and-particle model (SaP)

## Proton Intensities at STEREO-B



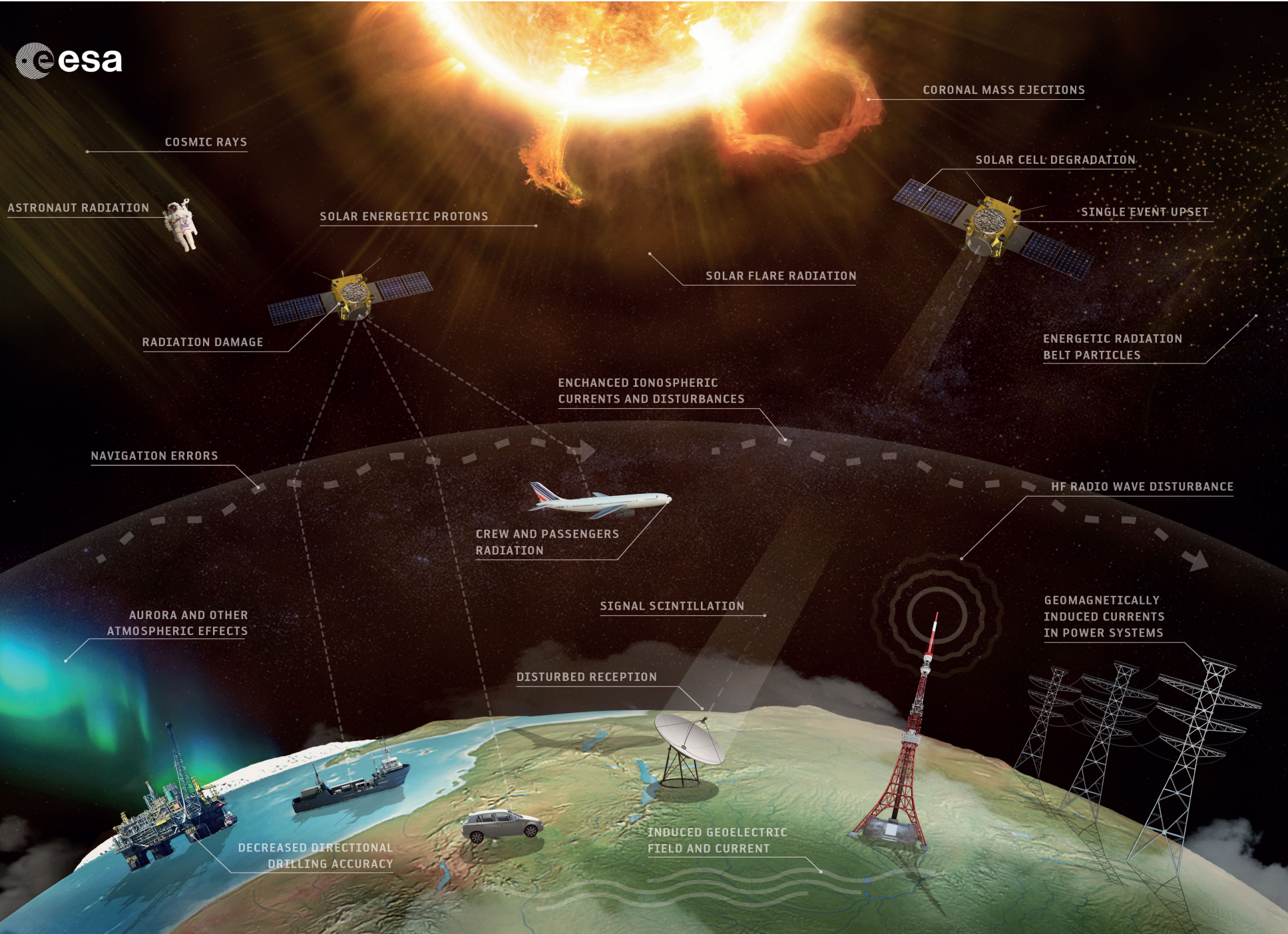
SaP Model was developed by KU Leuven and UB in the EU's FP-7 SPACECAST Project.



Simulation of Particle transport. Mobile source

COBPOINT ← MHD Simulation of the Interplanetary shock propagation

- The model seeks to reproduce particle intensities and plasma jumps at the observer, to produce predictions of SEP intensities at other locations (e.g., SEPEM).



COSMIC RAYS

ASTRONAUT RADIATION

RADIATION DAMAGE

SOLAR ENERGETIC PROTONS

SOLAR FLARE RADIATION

CORONAL MASS EJECTIONS

SOLAR CELL DEGRADATION

SINGLE EVENT UPSET

ENERGETIC RADIATION  
BELT PARTICLES

ENHANCED IONOSPHERIC  
CURRENTS AND DISTURBANCES

NAVIGATION ERRORS

HF RADIO WAVE DISTURBANCE

CREW AND PASSENGERS  
RADIATION

AURORA AND OTHER  
ATMOSPHERIC EFFECTS

SIGNAL SCINTILLATION

GEOMAGNETICALLY  
INDUCED CURRENTS  
IN POWER SYSTEMS

DECREASED DIRECTIONAL  
DRILLING ACCURACY

DISTURBED RECEPTION

INDUCED GEOELECTRIC  
FIELD AND CURRENT



# EVALUATION

3 ECTS

From 17th November to 14 January

Compulsory attendance

## 1st Part:

Design an astronomical satellite, simulate a cubesat proposal for a Space Agency

- Oral presentation

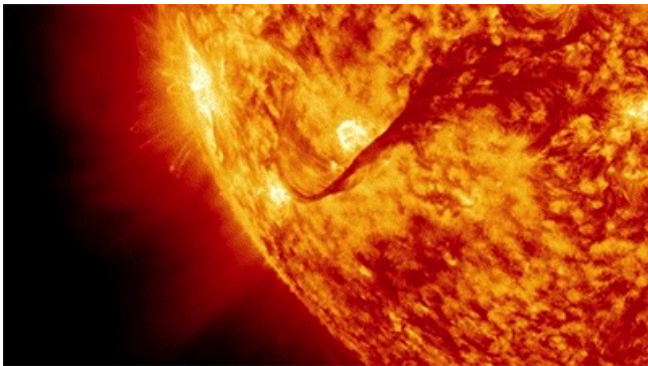
## 2nd Part:

a) Oral Presentation on a selected topic

b) Daily questions

c) Hands-on study on a real Solar Energetic Particle event

-Paper Presentation (~5 pages)



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