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NASA Heliophysics Division Update

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The Dawn of a New Era for Heliophysics



The Heliophysics Division (HPD), in collaboration with its ***partners***, is poised like never before to –

Explore uncharted territory from pockets of intense radiation near Earth, right to the Sun itself, and past the planets into interstellar space.

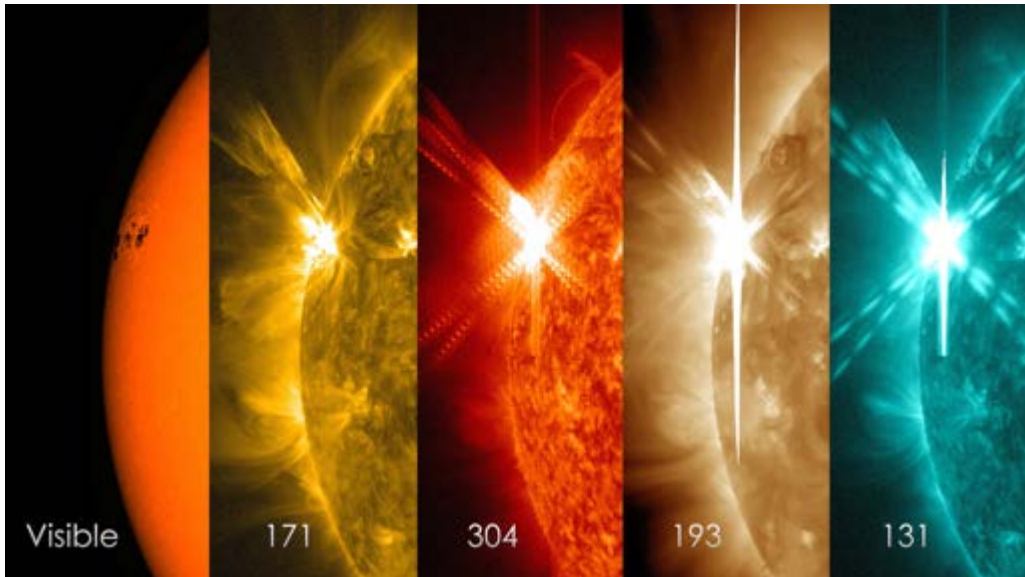
Strategically ***combine research from a fleet of carefully-selected missions*** at key locations to better understand our entire space environment.

Understand the interaction between Earth weather and space weather – ***protecting people and spacecraft***.

Coordinate with other agencies to fulfill its role for the Nation enabling advances in ***space weather knowledge and technologies***.

Engage the public with research breakthroughs and citizen science.

Develop the ***next generation*** of heliophysicists.



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Mission Highlights

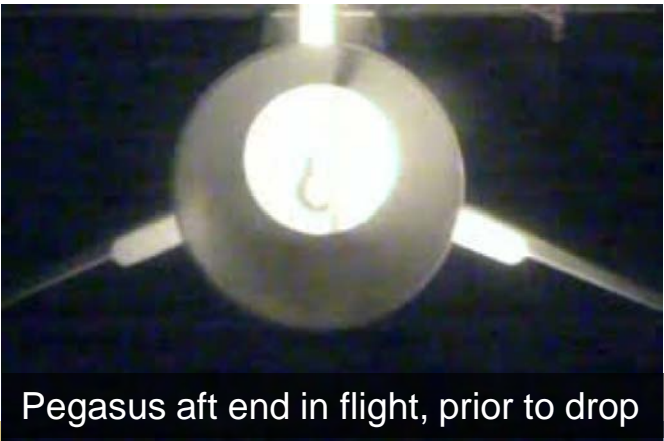
- A Northrop Grumman Stargazer L-1011 aircraft took off at 8:31 p.m. EDT carrying ICON on a Northrop Grumman Pegasus XL rocket.
- **ICON** successfully launched at 9:59 p.m. EDT on October 10 from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS) as it was released from the L-1011.
- **ICON** spacecraft bus is healthy, fully operational, with stable attitude control, power and thermal functionality.
- After an approximately month-long commissioning period, ICON will begin sending back its first science data in November.



L-1011 landing at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS) from VAFB



Night of launch, at the skid before taxi



Pegasus aft end in flight, prior to drop



Pegasus flying in the night sky



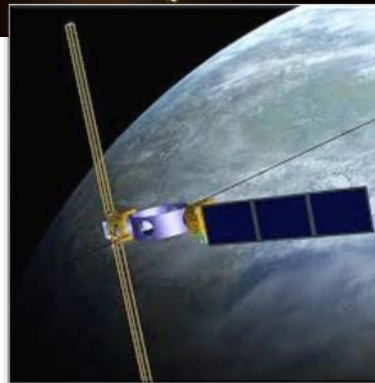
SET-1 and E-TBEx Launch Aboard Falcon Heavy



Launch: Jun 25, 2019



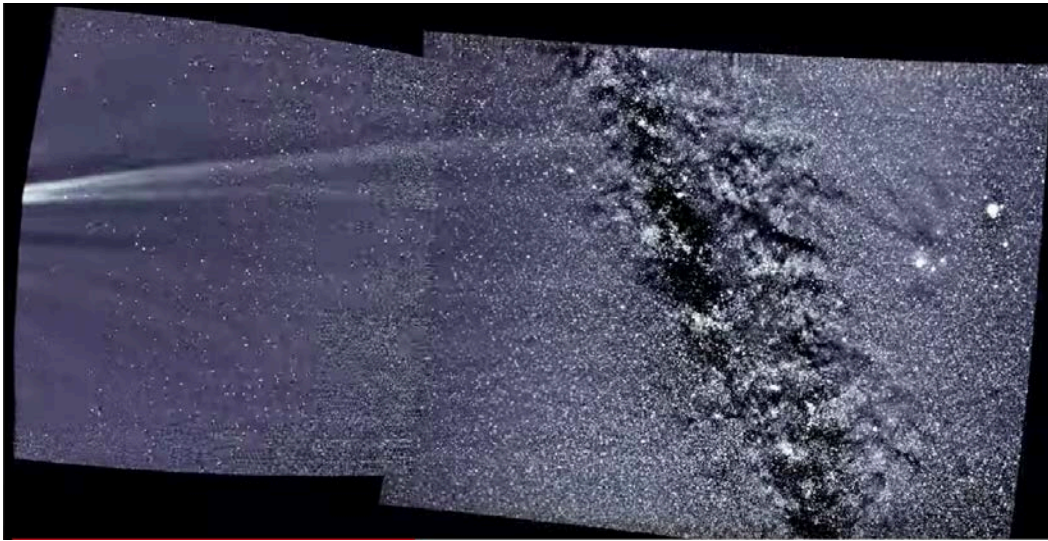
Above: SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket carrying 24 satellites as part of the Department of Defense's Space Test Program-2 (STP-2) mission launches from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida Tuesday, Jun 25, 2019.



- **Space Environment Testbeds-1 (SET-1)** hosted payload on Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Demonstration and Science Experiments (DSX) spacecraft
 - Define the mechanisms for induced space environment and effects
 - Reduce uncertainties in the definitions of the induced environment and effects on spacecraft and their payloads
 - Improve design and operations guidelines and test protocols so that spacecraft anomalies and failures due to environmental effects during operations are reduced
- **Enhanced and Tandem Beacon Experiment (E-TBEx)**
 - Pair of 3U CubeSats each carrying tri-frequency radio beacons
 - Measures how radio signals can be distorted by large bubbles that form naturally in the Earth's charged upper atmosphere



Parker Solar Probe

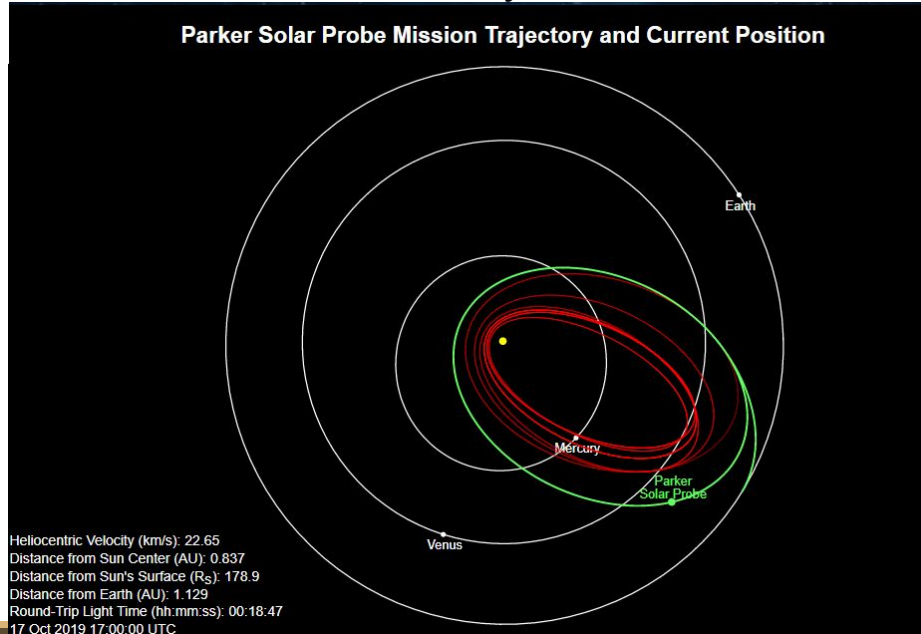


Above: Parker Solar Probe's WISPR instrument saw the solar wind streaming past during the spacecraft's first solar encounter in Nov 2018.

Credits: NASA/Naval Research Laboratory/Parker Solar Probe

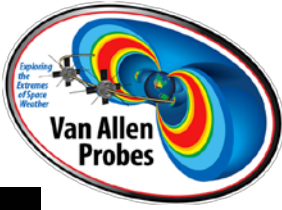
Parker one-year on orbit – Aug 12, 2019

- First, Second, and Third Solar Encounters complete
 - Perihelion #3 occurred on Sep 1, 2019
- Venus Flyby #2: Dec 26, 2019
- Perihelion #4: Jan 29, 2020
 - Solar Encounter #4 occurs Jan 23 - Feb 4, 2020
 - Minimum perihelion of ~0.13 AU with max speed of 224,200 mph
- Parker performance sufficiently characterized to reduce the RF margin as well as increase instrument on-time and data production.



Parker Solar Probe science results will be published in a Nature Special Edition coming this fall!

Van Allen Decommissioning



Van Allen Probes (VAP) successfully conducted a combined Decommissioning Review and Disposal Readiness Review on July 11 for both spacecraft.



- **Spacecraft B:**

- Jun 20: East-West precession maneuver performed and approximately half the planned distance was reached
- Jul 19: remaining passivation activities were completed

- **Spacecraft A:**

- Aug 29: East-West precession maneuver performed but planned distance was not reached
- Oct 18: passivation activities will complete



Credit: NASA/Johns Hopkins APL/Craig Weiman

Above: Mission controllers John Eichstedt and Janis Flynn (seated, center), prepare to send the command from Johns Hopkins APL's 60-foot satellite dish to spacecraft B that will end its operations after seven years of scientific discovery.

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Heliophysics Missions

Heliophysics System Observatory

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| ■ | FORMULATION |
| ■ | IMPLEMENTATION |
| ■ | PRIMARY OPS |
| ■ | EXTENDED OPS |

- 19 Operating Missions with 27 Spacecraft
- 2 Missions in Implementation
- 4 Missions in Formulation

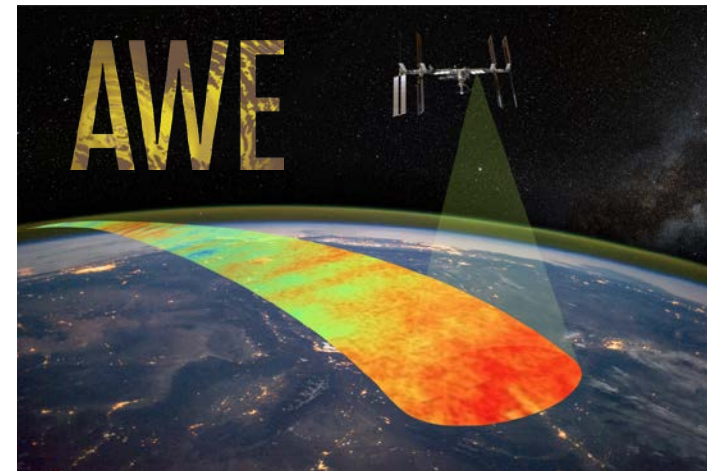




2016 Explorers MO Selections

Atmospheric Waves Experiment (AWE)

- Attached to the exterior of the ISS, AWE will focus on airglow to determine what combination of forces drive space weather in the upper atmosphere.
- **Principal Investigator:** Mike Taylor at Utah State University
- Launch Readiness Date (LRD) no early than Aug 2022



Sun Radio Interferometer Space Experiment (SunRISE)

- Selected for a seven-month, \$100,000 extended formulation study.
- SunRISE would be an array of six CubeSats operating like one large radio telescope to investigate how giant space weather storms from the Sun are accelerated and released into planetary space.
- **Principal Investigator:** Justin Kasper at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor



Credit: [University of Colorado at Boulder](https://www.colorado.edu/boulder)

2018 STP Science MOs to ride with IMAP

Two missions selected (Aug 13) for nine-month concept studies; down-selection in 2020

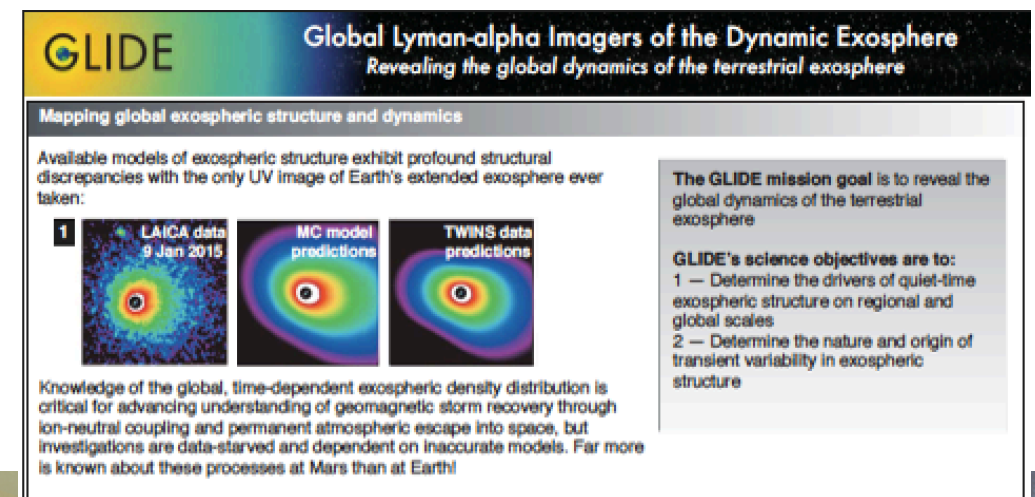
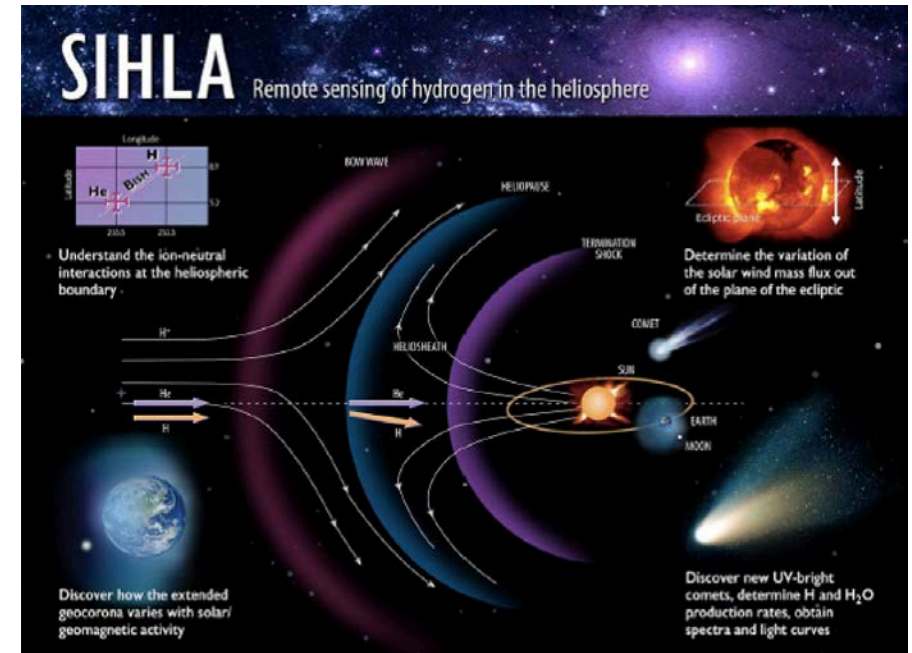
Spatial/Spectral Imaging of Heliospheric Lyman Alpha (SIHLA)

- Focus on mapping the velocity and distribution of the solar wind helping to resolve our understanding of what drives structure in the solar wind and heliopause.
- **Principal Investigator:** Larry Paxton at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland.

Global Lyman-alpha Imagers of the Dynamic Exosphere (GLIDE)

- Gather ultraviolet light emitted from hydrogen at a high rate, with a view of the entire exosphere.
- **Principal Investigator:** Lara Waldrop at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Launch Readiness Date (LRD) Oct 2024



2018 STP Technology Demonstration MOs

Two missions selected (Aug 15) for nine-month concept studies; down-selection in 2020.

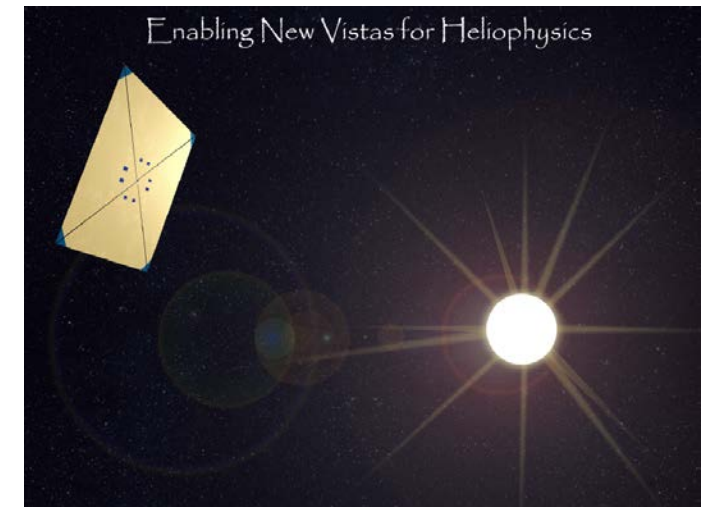
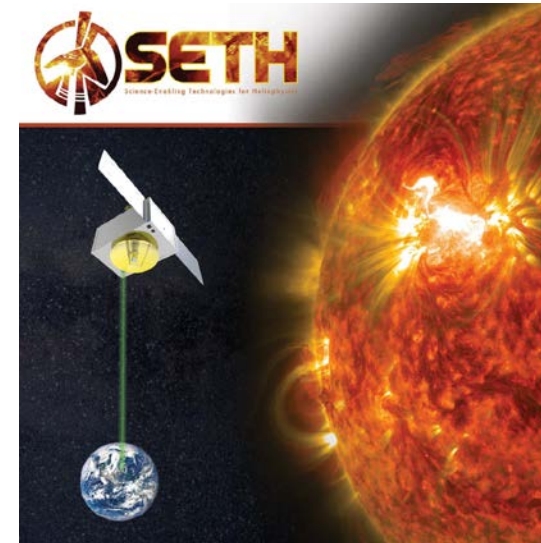
Science-Enabling Technologies for Heliophysics (SETH)

- Demonstrate technologies in two areas:
 1. Deep space small satellite optical communications; and
 2. Solar energetic neutral atom (ENA) detector that detects X-rays and energetic charged particles as well.
- **Principal Investigator:** Antti Pulkkinen at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland

Solar Cruiser

- Designed to mature solar sail technologies and demonstrate a novel solar coronagraph for SmallSat applications.
- 1666m² solar sail would be the largest ever flown
- **Principal Investigator:** Les Johnson at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama

Launch Readiness Date (LRD) Oct 2024





Explorers AO 2016 SMEX Selections

Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere (PUNCH)

- Focuses directly on the Sun's corona, and how it generates the solar wind
- Image and track the solar wind as it leaves the Sun.
- Track coronal mass ejections to better understand their evolution and develop new techniques for predicting such eruptions
- Composed of four suitcase-sized satellites
- **Principal Investigator:** Dr. Craig DeForest at Southwest Research Institute

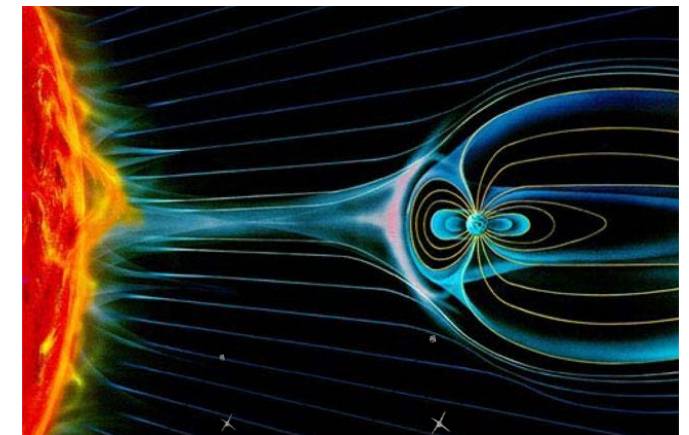


Tandem Reconnection and Cusp Electrodynamics Reconnaissance Satellites (TRACERS)

- Observe particles and fields at the Earth's northern magnetic cusp region and study how magnetic fields around Earth interact with those from the Sun.
- First space mission to explore this process in the cusp with two spacecraft, providing observations of how processes change over both space and time.
- **Principal Investigator:** Craig Kletzing at University of Iowa

Launch Readiness Date no later than Aug 2022

"We carefully selected these two missions not only because of the high-class science they can do in their own right, but because they will work well together with the other heliophysics spacecraft advancing NASA's mission to protect astronauts, space technology and life down here on Earth" – Thomas Zurbuchen





3 Explorers Missions of Opportunity to Advance Understanding of Heliophysics

Three missions selected (Sep 3) for nine-month concept studies; down-selection in 2020.

Extreme Ultraviolet High-Throughput Spectroscopic Telescope (EUVST) Epsilon Mission

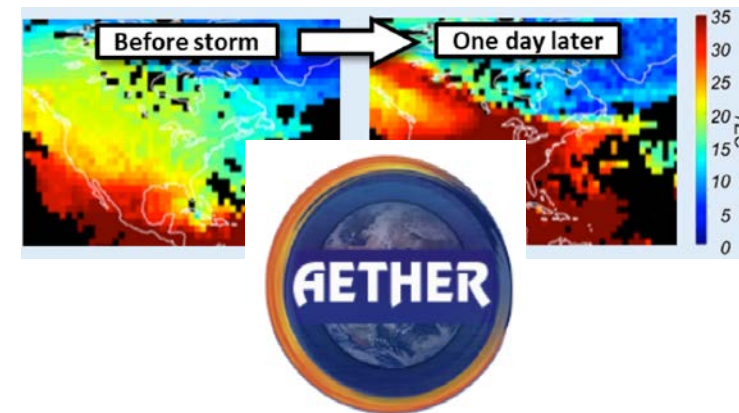
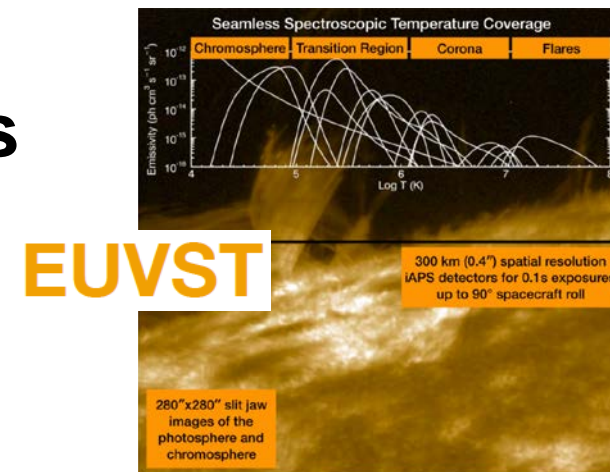
- EUVST would observe simultaneously, for the first time and over a wide range of the lower solar atmosphere, how magnetic fields and plasma interact.
- Instrument to fly on JAXA's Solar-C mission
- **Principal Investigator:** Clarence Korendyke at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C.

Aeronomy at Earth: Tools for Heliophysics Exploration and Research (AETHER)

- AETHER would explore the ionosphere-thermosphere system and its response to geomagnetic storms from a position aboard the International Space Station.
- **Principal Investigator:** James Clemmons at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Electrojet Zeeman Imaging Explorer (EZIE)

- EZIE would focus on an electric current known as the auroral electrojet, which circles through the atmosphere around 60 to 90 miles above Earth, near the poles.
- **Principal Investigator:** Jeng-Hwa Yee at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland.




Each potential mission has a separate launch opportunity and time frame.

Heliophysics Operating Missions

| Mission | Launch Date | Phase | Extension | M-3 | M-2 | M-1 | Cur. M. | Remarks |
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| Voyager 1 + 2 | 8/20/1977 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | |
| Geotail | 7/24/1992 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | |
| Wind | 11/1/1994 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | |
| SOHO | 12/2/1995 | Extended | 9/30/2024 | | | | | |
| ACE | 8/27/1997 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | s/c will conduct another Solar Exclusion Zone crossing on 10/19 with a minimum sun-earth-vehicle angle of 0.56 degrees |
| TIMED | 12/7/2001 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | |
| Hinode | 9/23/2006 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | |
| STEREO | 10/25/2006 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | |
| THEMIS+Artemis | 2/17/2007 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | |
| AIM | 4/25/2007 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | |
| IBEX | 10/19/2008 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | |
| SDO | 2/11/2010 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | 9/28, SDO observed a lunar transit of the Sun; the transit was only a seven percent shadow, and as predicted the SDO battery did not discharge. |
| Van Allen | 8/30/2012 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | VAP-B decommissioned Jul 19, VAP-A decommissioning to be complete by Oct 18 |
| IRIS | 6/27/2013 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | |
| MMS | 3/12/2015 | Extended | 9/30/2021 | | | | | |
| GOLD | 1/25/2018 | Prime | 10/17/2020 | | | | | |
| Parker | 8/12/2018 | Prime | 9/30/2025 | | | | | All instruments green, EPI-Hi instrument currently powered-off |
| SET-1 | 6/25/2019 | Prime | 7/1/2020 | | | | | SET was powered ON , The SET POCC is receiving data |

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| | Mission proceeding to meet science requirements | | Area of concern - possible reduction in capability | | Significant problem – possible or probable loss of mission | | Mission Decommissioned |
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Future Missions & Opportunities

Solar Orbiter Collaboration (with ESA)



Launch Vehicle: U.S. provided Atlas-V 411

Launch Site: Cape Canaveral

LRD: Feb 5, 2020

Solar Orbiter Collaboration Project Scientist: Chris St. Cyr

U.S. Provided Instruments:

- HIS (Heavy Ion Sensor), part of Solar Wind Analyzer (SWA), and SoloHI (Heliospheric Imager)

Description:

- Aims to make significant breakthroughs in our understanding both of how the inner heliosphere works, and of the effects of solar activity on it.
- Will take a unique combination of measurements: in situ measurements will be used alongside remote sensing close to the Sun to relate these measurements back to their source regions and structures on the Sun's surface.

Next Step: *Shipment to Kennedy, earliest arrival Oct 31*



Interstellar Mapping and Acceleration Probe (IMAP)

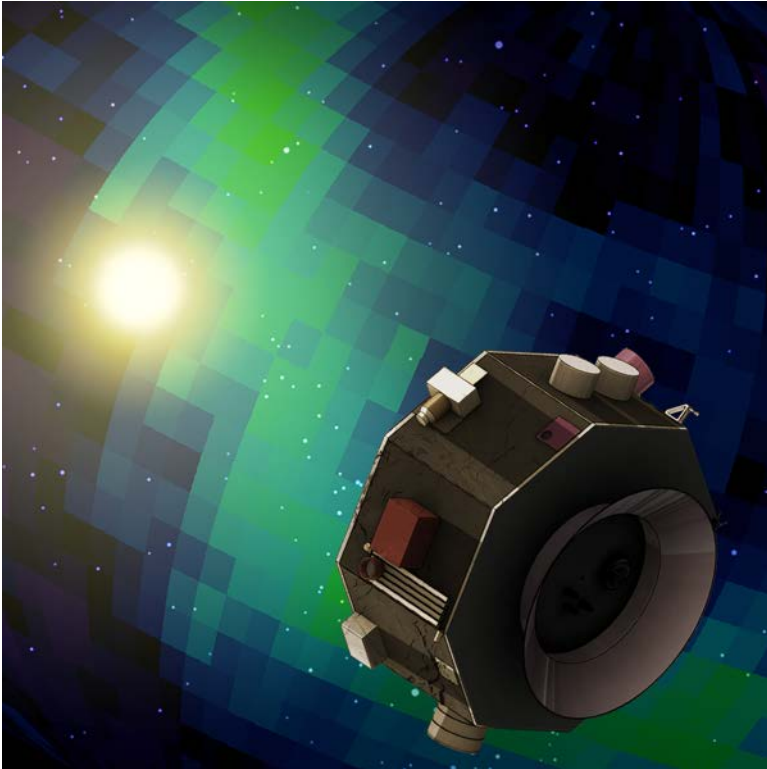


Photo: NASA artist concept of IMAP observing the IBEX Ribbon

Selected: Jun 1, 2018

LRD: Oct 2024

Project Scientist: David McComas, Princeton University

- Project Management and Mission Operations Center at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland

Orbit: L1 Lagrangian point

Description:

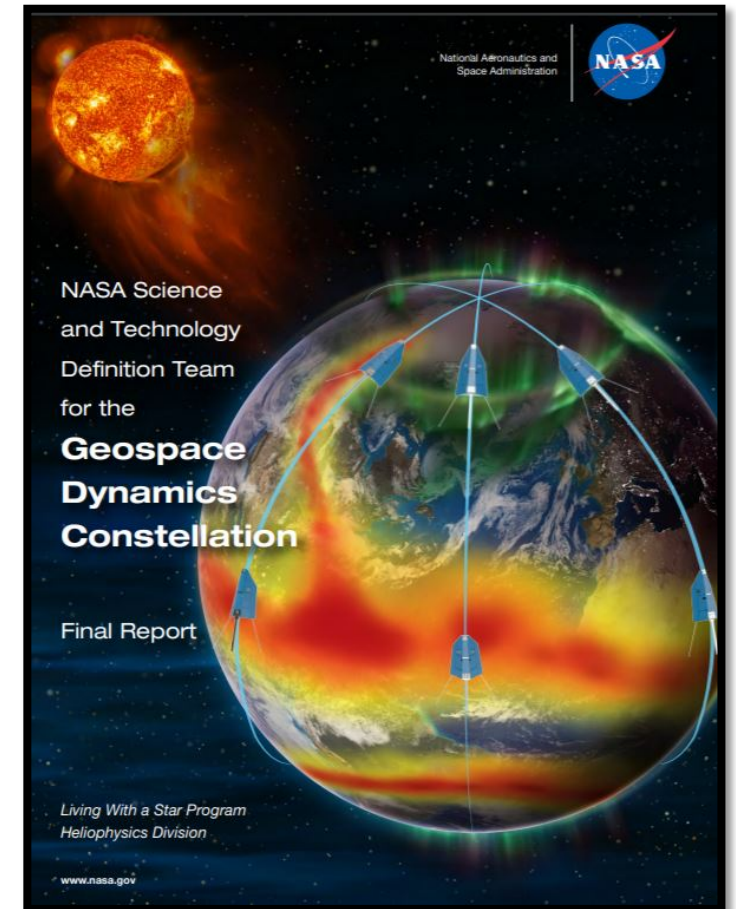
- Sample, analyze, and map particles streaming to Earth from the edge of interstellar space.
- Investigate the generation of cosmic rays in the heliosphere and beyond.
- 10 scientific instruments
- Real time solar wind data – I-ALIRT

Rideshare opportunities on the ESPA Grande:

- Competitive Missions of Opportunity including Tech Demo and Science
- SIMPLEX: Trailblazer (lunar)
- NOAA Space Weather Follow-On L-1

Geospace Dynamics Constellation (GDC)

- Decadal Survey identified GDC as the next Living With a Star (LWS) large strategic mission:
 - "...provide the first simultaneous, multipoint observations of how the ionosphere-thermosphere system responds to, and regulates, magnetospheric forcing over local and global scales..."
- Science and Technology Definition Team
 - Convened in May 2018
 - Final report delivered to HPAC Oct 2019, available [here](#)
 - Goddard Space Flight Center initiating mission formulation phase
- Heliophysics Division targeting Launch Readiness Date (LRD) no early than 2026

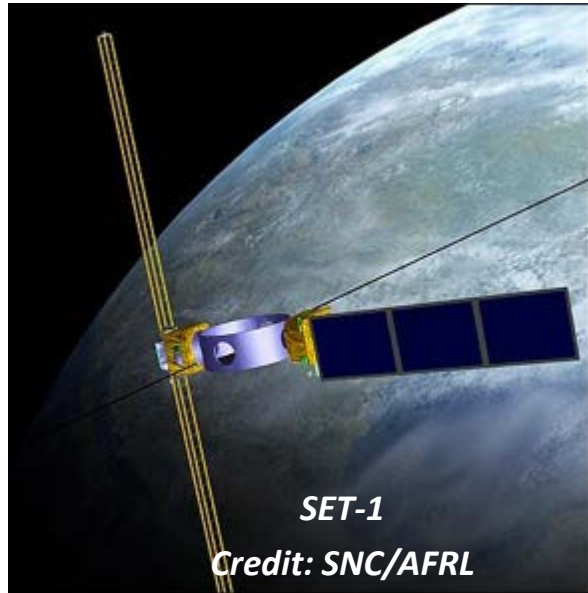




Medium-Class Explorers (MIDEX19)

- Draft Announcement of Opportunity (AO) release date: May, 2019
- Final AO release date: July 2, 2019
- Step-1 proposals received: September 30, 2019
- PI managed Cost Cap: \$250M

Ability to take advantage of any future Rideshare opportunity



- SMD has embraced Rideshare opportunities as a standard practice to maximize mass to orbit
 - Enabling additional opportunities for science community
- SMD has developed a rideshare policy and a policy team to develop standard rideshare processes
- Rideshare opportunities on IMAP ESPA Grande
 - Competitive Missions of Opportunity including Tech Demo and Science
 - SIMPLEX: Trailblazer (lunar)
 - NOAA Space Weather Follow-On L-1
 - If there are open ESPA ports after the above missions are accommodated, they will be offered to other SMD investigations under new Rideshare Policy.
- In support of rideshare, HPD is developing a mission-unique ESPA Systems Interface Specification

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Heliophysics Strategy

HPD Strategic Working Groups

To drive innovation within the upcoming Heliophysics Division's (HPD) Decadal Survey strategy, HPD formed 8 strategic working groups (SWG). The SWGs have outlined their high-level strategic objectives below. Across the working groups, three key themes have emerged as priorities for HPD: maximize the impact of HPD missions and research, ensure the sustainable management and innovative expansion of HPD science, and diversify the future of the science community.

- Assess, restructure, and modernize the HPD Archives

Archives



- Develop and implement the HPD Citizen Science policy and strategy

Citizen Science



- Enhance coordination between HPD, the science community, and the public

Communications



- Assess the optimal mix of future mission sizes in the HPD portfolio

Mission Size Mix



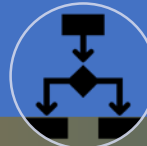
- Assess the R&A program's strategic balance and effectiveness in supporting the HPD community

Research & Analysis



- Better define and distinguish the goals and objectives of STP and LWS mission lines

STP and LWS



- Define overarching strategy for the Heliophysics Space Weather and science applications program

Space Weather



- Define technology strategy to enable advances in Heliophysics science

Technology





Heliophysics Vision 2050 Workshop

- **HQ-enabled, community-led workshop to lay the groundwork for the next Decadal Survey**
 - Short-, medium-, and long-term science goals and objectives
 - Technology, modeling, and other infrastructure/capabilities to enable those science investigations
- **Part of Division pre-Decadal preparation**
 - Based upon the idea of the Planetary Science Vision 2050, but modified to meet Heliophysics Division needs
 - Create a strategic framework that the community can leverage to provide background and context for their Decadal white papers
 - Focus community attention on work in the next decadal to enable potential missions in later decades
- **Community announcements in the near future**
 - Description of the workshop, schedule, and expected output
 - Solicitation for community organizers

Investments in Future Heliophysics Leaders

Opportunities

- 6 current Jack Eddy Fellows
- 12 Future Investigators in NASA Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) in 2019
- 11 selections for ROSES18 Early Career Investigator Program (ECIP)
- 24 early career professionals participated in Frontier Development Lab in 2019
 - 6 teams (4 early career, 2 domain experts, 2 computer/AI experts)

Collaboration with IMAP mission

- Heliophysics Future Leaders Program
 - Scientists are paired with diverse and high-achieving grad students and post-docs
- Student Collaboration CubeSat Development
 - University of New Hampshire teaming with Howard University

Summer Schools

- 35 students participated in Heliophysics Summer School 2019 hosted in Boulder, CO
- Coming in 2020, HPD mission formulation summer school at JPL

Sounding Rockets

- RockSat-X
 - 100+ students, launched Aug 12, 2019
- RockOn 2019
 - 88 students; launched Jun 20, 2019



Heliophysics Summer School 2019, Boulder, CO



RockOn 2019

NASA Heliophysics Summer Seminar



- HPD is enlisting JPL to create a new Heliophysics-oriented Summer Seminar based upon the Planetary Science Summer Seminar (PSSS)
- Participants selected from the Heliophysics community, both science and engineering disciplines
 - Post-docs, recent PhDs, doctoral candidates
- Participants will learn
 - the formulation of achievable science objectives and the Level-1 requirements that flow down from them
 - the NASA mission life cycle
 - roles of scientists and engineers in a mission environment; and
 - mission design interconnectedness and trade-offs

Heliophysics HQ Interns



Abigail Kimber

Georgia Technology University, Junior

- *Created instrument catalog using Heliophysics missions*
- *Sources include instrument papers, instrument websites, and cost information from SOMA*



Sam Holloway

Virginia Tech, Junior

- *Created CubeSat/Small Sat catalog for Heliophysics missions*
- *Developed poster and presented at Small Satellite Conference in Logan, Utah from Aug 3-8*

Early Career Investigator Program (ECIP) – ROSES18



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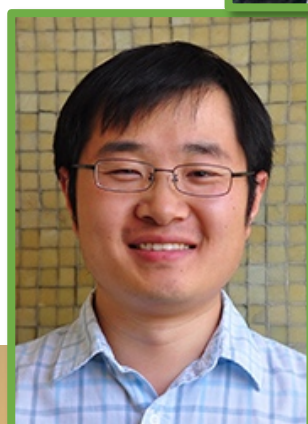


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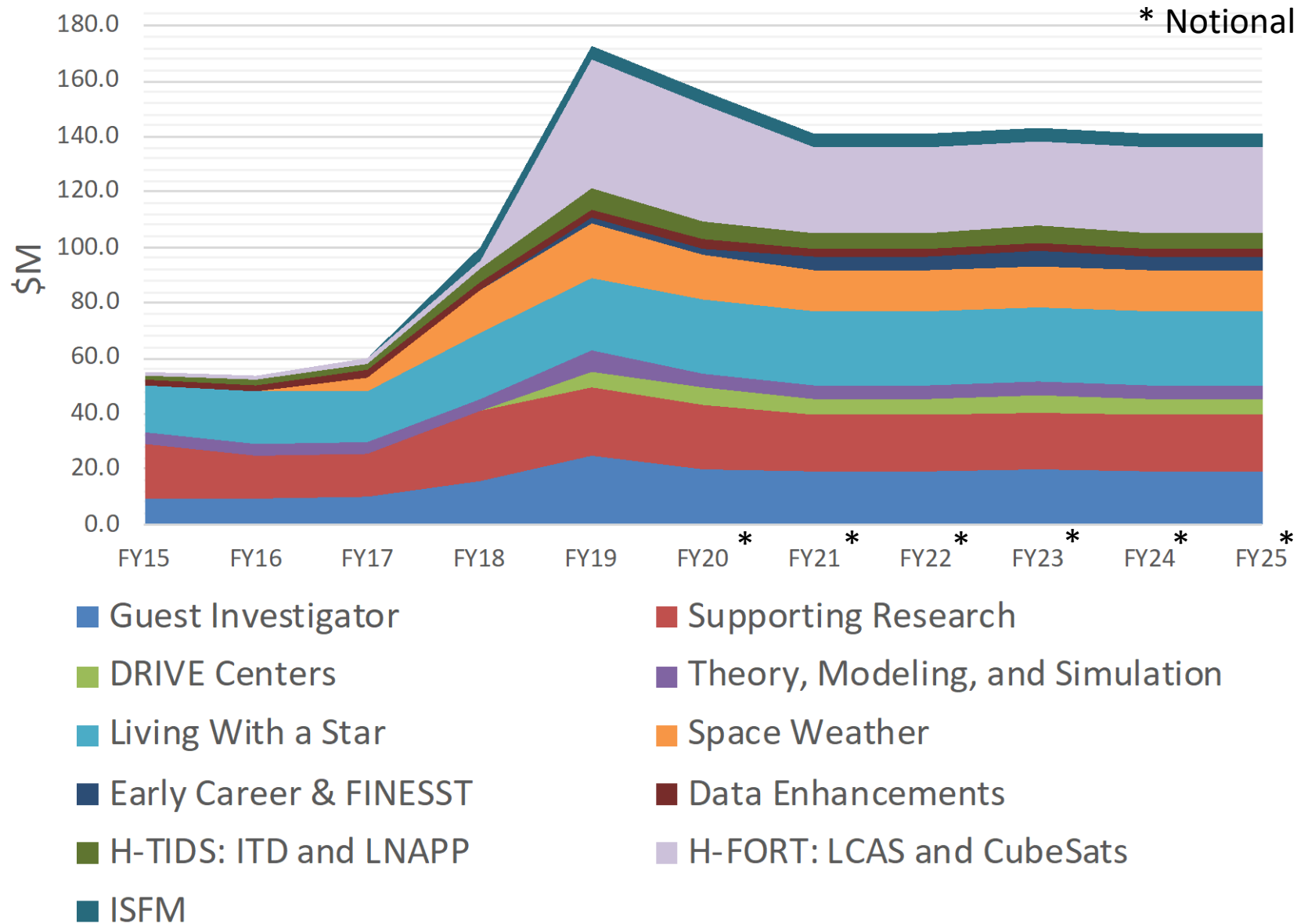
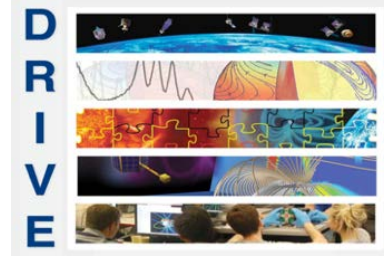


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Research

Fully Implemented DRIVE Initiative

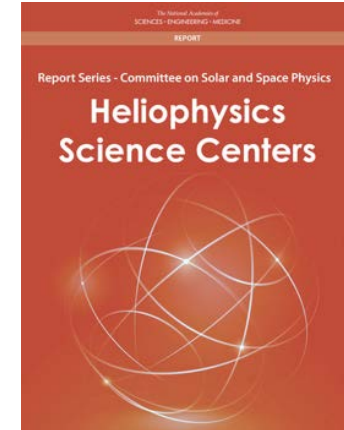


- DRIVE initiative is now part of the Heliophysics R&A baseline
- Space Weather is in addition to this baseline
- 1st ever Heliophysics DRIVE Science Centers kicking off in 2019

DRIVE Science Centers (DSC)

Report Series: Committee on Solar and Space Physics:
Heliophysics Science Centers, 2017

- Received 39 proposals
- Collaboration with NSF
- Solicitation included several quotes on diversity:
 - “The characteristics of a successful DSC, include: “creative, substantive activities aimed at enhancing education, diversity, and public outreach” and “a talented, diverse, multi/inter/trans-disciplinary, and fully integrated team to execute the research program.”





Living With a Star (LWS) Program

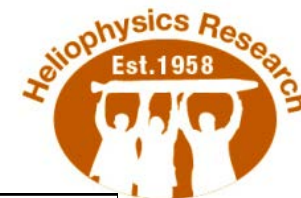
Overall Status:

- Continue using LPAG to provide community perspective on various issues related to LWS, including future ROSES Focused Science Topics
 - LPAG met in Jul 2019
- Maintaining LWS Institutes, Summer Schools, and Postdoctoral Program
- Plans for international collaboration:
 - Parker Solar Probe includes international science Co-Investigators
 - Solar Orbiter with ESA collaboration, LRD in Feb 2020
 - International participation in the GDC project is under discussion

LWS Opportunities in ROSES

- ROSES 19:
 - Five Focus Science Topics (FSTs)
- ROSES 20:
 - Strategic Capabilities with five-year awards
 - Tools and Methods with a topic on AI applications
 - Additional FSTs

Heliophysics Research: ROSES 18



| | ROSES Element | | | Proposal Due Date | Notify Date | Days Since Received | # Proposals received | # Proposals selected | % selected |
|------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 2018 | HGIO | | Guest Investigators Open | 6/15/18 | 10/25/18 | 132 | 142 | 37 | 26% |
| | HTIDS | ITD & LNAPP | Technology and Instrument | 7/20/18 | 12/20/18 | 153 | 74 | 13 | 38% |
| | | LCAS | Development for Science | 7/20/18 | 2/11/19 | 206 | | 9 | |
| | | R&T Prime | Low Cost Access to Space Research and Technology Prime (>\$3.5M) | 4/30/19 | 8/27/19 | 119 | | 3 | |
| | HDEE | | Data Environment Enhancements | 7/20/18 | 12/20/18 | 153 | 4 | 4 | 100% |
| | SWO2R | | Space Weather Operations to Research | 8/3/18 | 10/23/18 | 81 | 19 | 9 | 47% |
| | HSR | | Supporting Research | 9/7/18 | 4/1/19 | 206 | 168 | 33 | 20% |
| | ECIP | | Early Career Investigator Program | 9/21/18 | 4/1/19 | 192 | 51 | 12 | 24% |
| | LWS Science | | Living With a Star Science | 5/9/19 | 10/18/19 | 162 | 104 | 28 | 27% |
| | SWO2R-2 | | Second Space Weather Operations to Research | 5/16/19 | | | 12 | | |
| | DRIVE Centers | | Phase I DRIVE Centers | 6/20/19 | | | 39 | | |

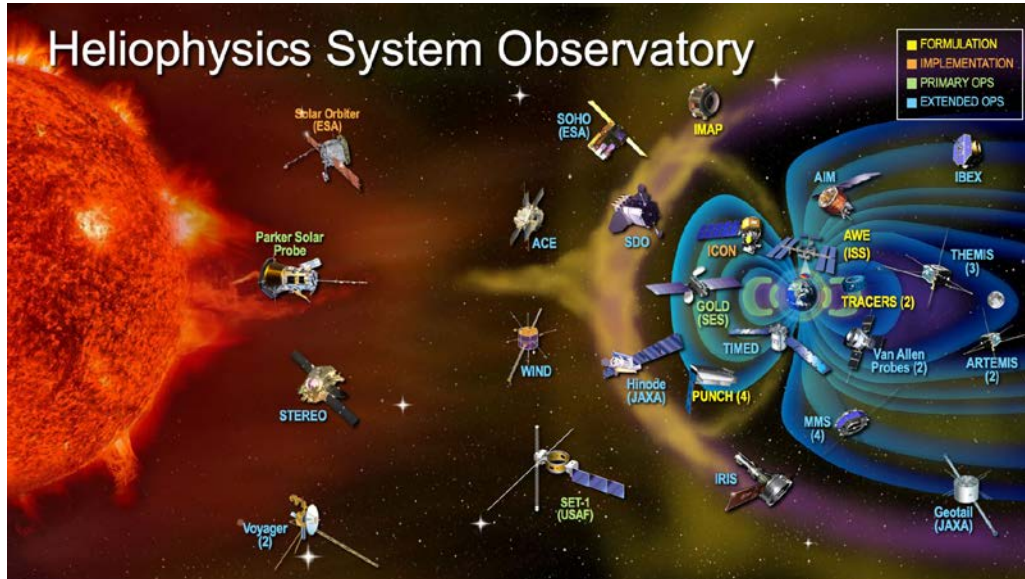
- HITDS, HSR and ECIP were impacted by the shutdown.
- LWS 2018 review just completed, selections in preparation.
- DRIVE review in October.

Heliophysics Research: ROSES 19



| | ROSES Element | | Proposal Due Date | Notify Date | Days Since Received | # Proposals received | # Proposals selected | % selected |
|------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 2019 | HDEE | Data Environment Emphasis | 6/20/19 | 10/21/19 | 123 | 15 | 11 | 73% |
| | HGIO | Guest Investigators Open | 7/17/19 | | | 128 | | |
| | HSODS | Heliophysics System Observatory Data Support | 8/15/19 | 9/30/19 | 46 | 6 | 4 | 67% |
| | HTIDS | Technology and Instrument Development for Science | 8/28/19 | | | 31 | | |
| | HSR | Supporting Research | 10/18/19 | | | | | |
| | HFORT | Flight Opportunities for Research and Technology | 9/17/19 | | | | | |
| | TMS | Theory, Modeling, Simulation | 12/3/19 | | | | | |
| | OHGI | Outer Heliosphere Guest Investigator | 12/3/19 | | | | | |
| | SWO2R | Space Weather Applications Operations 2 Research | 2/13/20 | | | | | |
| | LWS Science | Living With a Star Science | 2/27/20 | | | | | |

Three new R&A ROSES 2019 Programs



Heliophysics System Observatory Connect

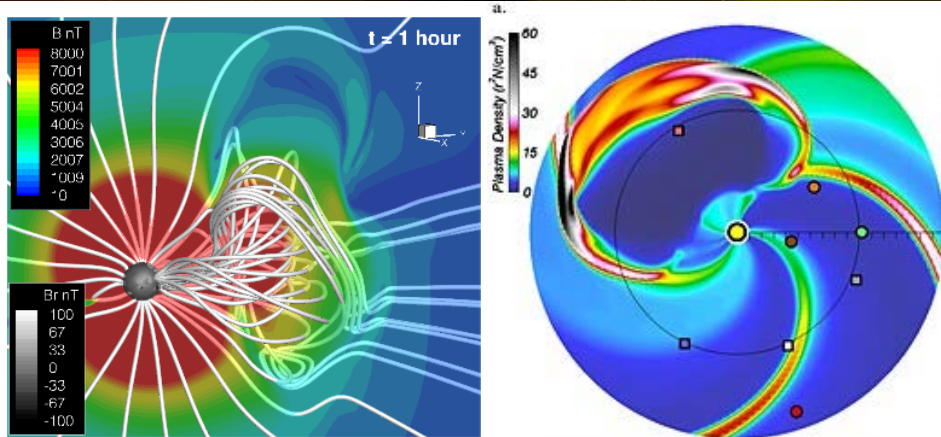
- Diverse interdisciplinary teams working together to use the HSO as an end-to-end system.
- Coordinated observations of Parker Solar Probe with currently operating space missions and ground-based observatories; and observatories not yet launched.

Heliophysics System Observatory Data Support

- Targeting ground based solar observatory data; a subset of HSO Connect
 - Received 6 proposals

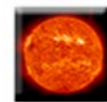
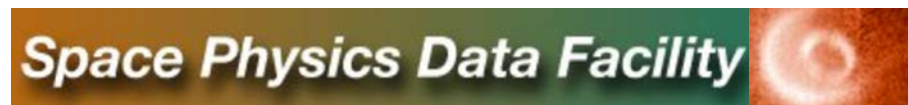
Outer Heliosphere Guest Investigators

- Focused on analysis of data from Voyager, IBEX, other space assets to study the outer heliosphere.
 - Step-2 proposals due Dec 3, 2019



Data Management

- Focus group reviewing current state of Heliophysics archives and determining future needs around:
 - Data Curation (greater than 50 years)
 - Open Source Code and algorithms
 - Accessibility and interoperability between data and models
 - Machine Learning/Artificial Intelligence to enable new science
 - High End Computing needs for modeling
- Exploring public-private-partnerships (PPP), with Amazon Web Services on viability of collocating data and analysis code on a Cloud with possibility of ML/AI application
- Assess the division's ability to serve and make public peer-reviewed publications funded by NASA, reference Executive Order and OMB Memorandum M-13-13 *"Making Open and Machine Readable the New Default for Government Information"*



Solar Data Analysis Center

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Technology

Heliophysics Technology Development

ROSES 18: (HTIDeS)

Laboratory Nuclear, Atomic, and Plasma Physics (LNAPP)

Instrument and Technology Development (ITD)

R&T Flight (Higher TRL: in-line with NPR7120.8)

- Split Low Cost Access to Space (LCAS) into CubeSats and LCAS (all suborbitals)
- non-prime proposals ($\leq \$3.5M$)

R&T Flight Prime – proposals received ($> \$3.5M$)

- Mandatory formulation study with down-select

ROSES 19

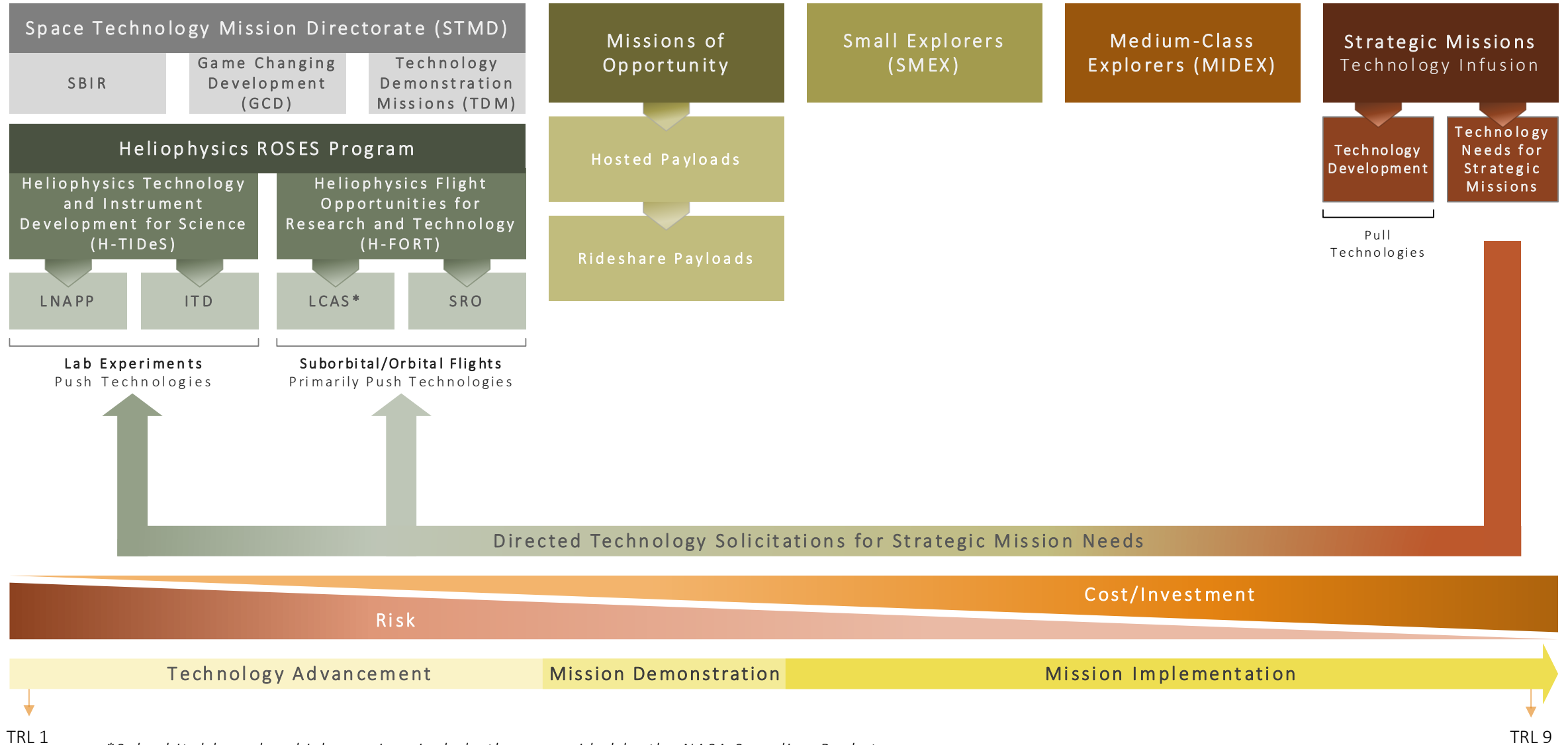
HTIDeS: Heliophysics Technology and Instruments Development for Science (Lower TRL)

- LNAPP
- ITD

H-FORT: Flight Opportunities for Research and Technology (Higher TRL: in-line with 7120.8)

- LCAS
- SmallSats and Rideshare Opportunities (SRO)

Heliophysics Division Technology Strategy to Enable Science



*Suborbital launch vehicle services include those provided by the NASA Sounding Rocket Program Office (SRPO), overseen by the Heliophysics Division

Heliophysics Suborbital & CubeSats (2018-2021)



Ongoing →

2018

2019

2020

2021

¹Solar

²Geospace

³Education

⁴Tech Development

⁵High Energy Astrophysics

⁶UV Optical Astrophysics

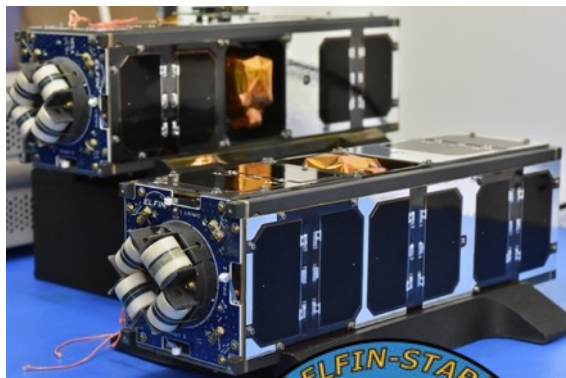
⁷Solar and Heliophysics

⁸Reimbursable

⁹Lab Astrophysics

Suborbital & CubeSats Highlights:

Providing low cost access to cutting edge research



ELFIN-STAR, 2-3U
CubeSats, launched Sep 15, 2018, with ICESat-2
Vandenberg Air Force Base,
PI Angelopoulos (Earth
Magnetospheric Particle
Precipitation)



CLASP-2 launched Apr 11, 2019, White Sands Missile Range, PI McKinzie (Solar Chromospheric Magnetic Fields)



BITSE launched Sep 18, 2019, Ft. Sumner, NM, PI Gopalswamy (Solar Coronal Temperature and Velocity)

HPD Suborbital Program

- 2018: 22 NASA missions + 4 reimbursable missions; 3 CubeSats; 4 balloon investigations
- 2019: 8 NASA missions launched as of Sep 5, 8 additional NASA missions planned for 2019 + 1 reimbursable mission (DoD); 3 CubeSats; 2 balloon investigations
- 2020: 14 NASA mission planned + 2 reimbursable missions; 4 CubeSats; 1 balloon investigation

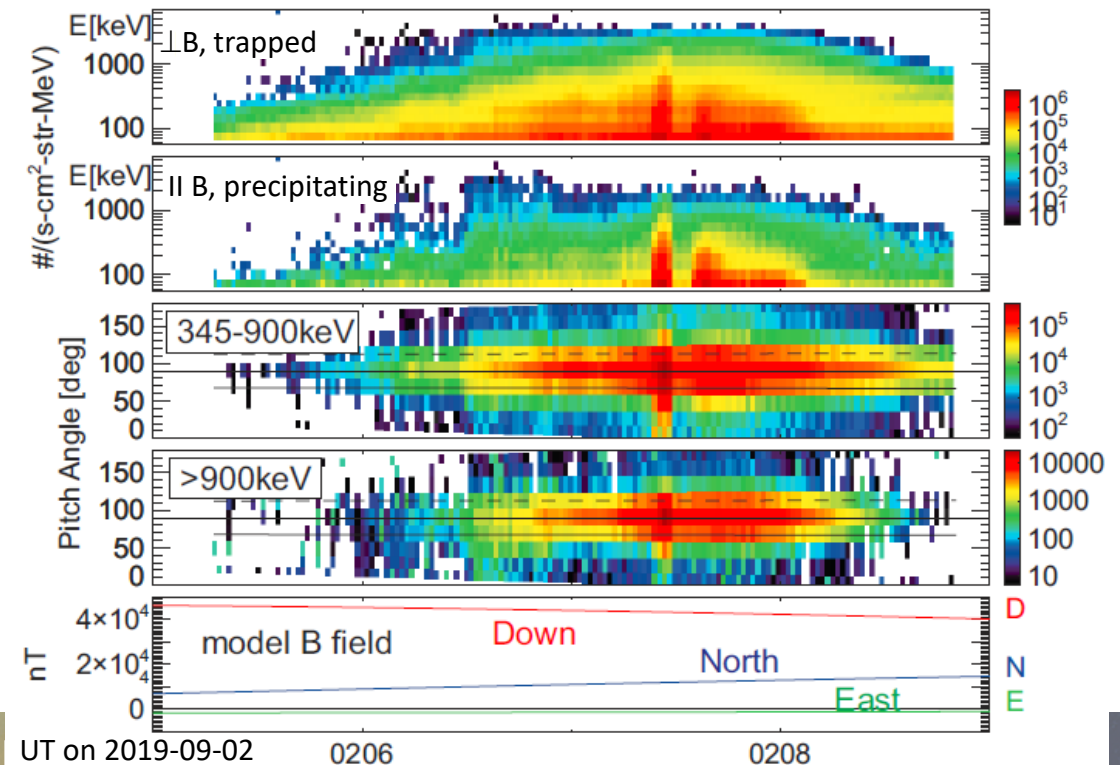
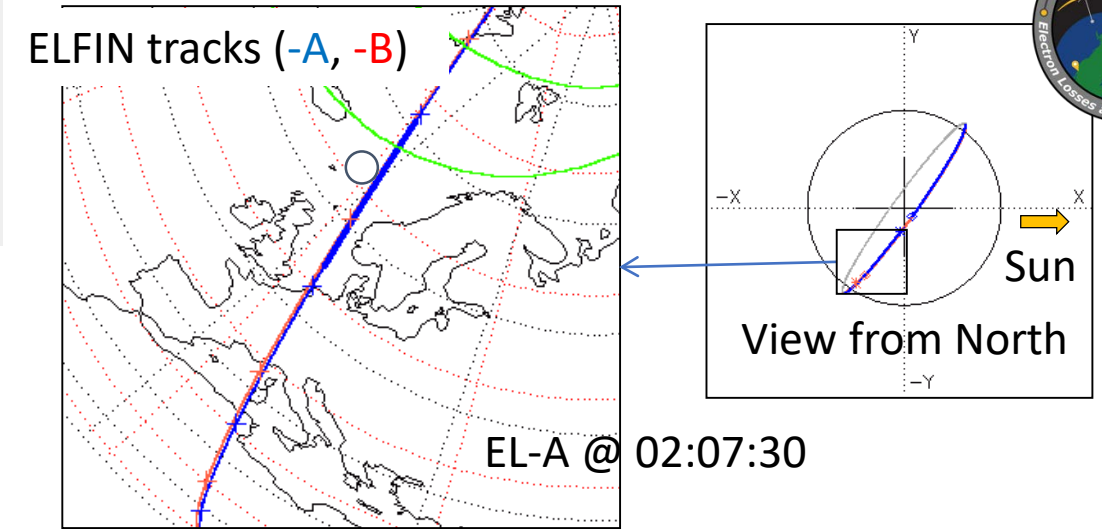
Upcoming campaigns:

- 4 Astrophysics missions targeting May 2020 launch window using new launch location – Australia

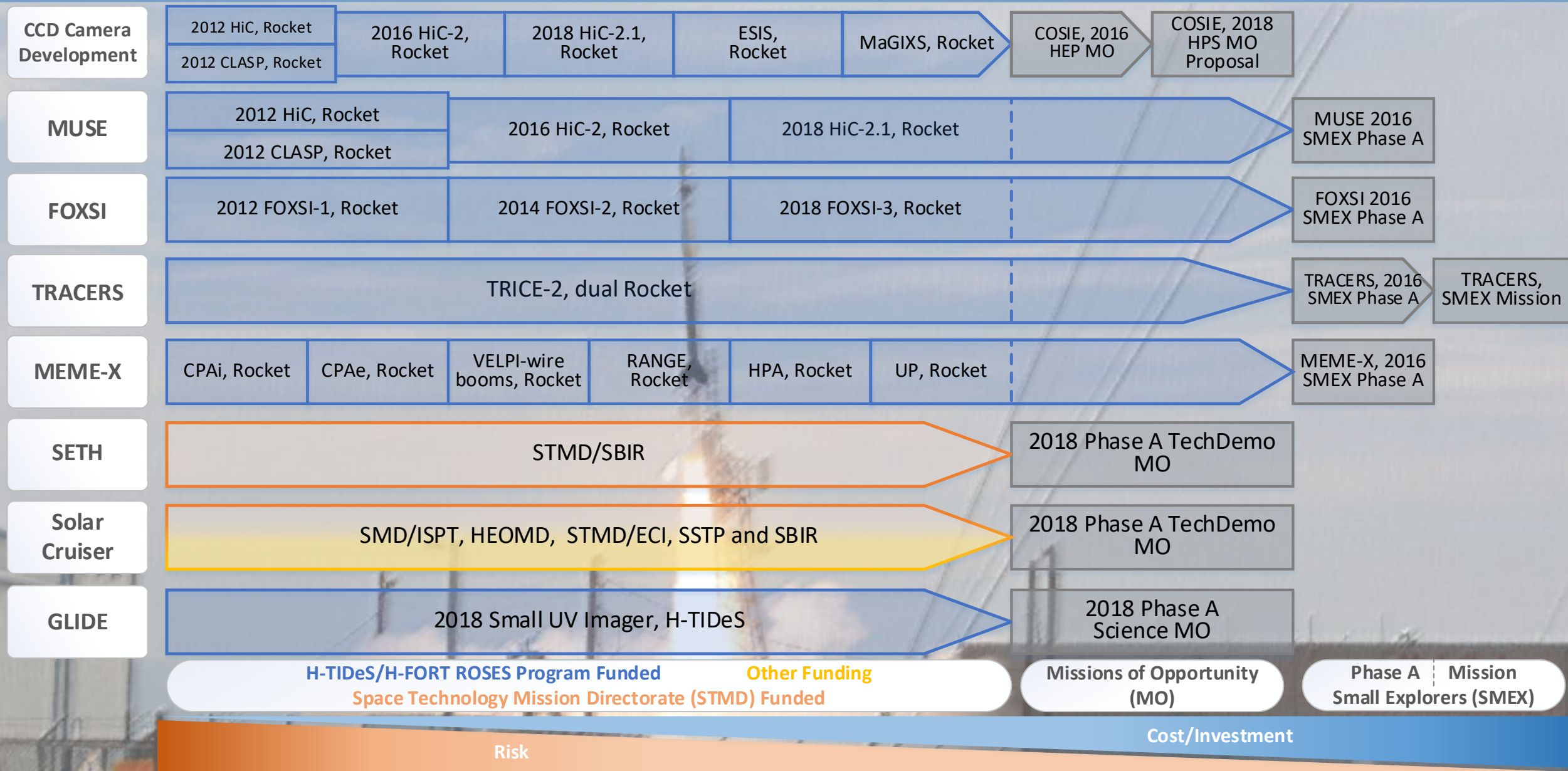
ELFIN captures the first pitch-angle resolved relativistic electrons precipitating to the atmosphere



- The scattering of such electrons has been theorized to be due to electromagnetic ion cyclotron waves at the equator.
- ELFIN set-out to detect the pitch-angle spectra of the electrons just prior to their loss, to determine if they have the theoretically expected pitch-angle and energy spectral signatures.
- Shown are trapped and precipitating electron energy spectra from 50 keV to 6 MeV, and pitch angle spectra at ~500keV and ~1MeV. All clearly show the presence of precipitation from 50keV to 1.5 MeV.
- These and similar spectra to be collected over the next 1.5 years together with models will definitively answer whether EMIC waves are responsible for the scattering or if other waves (e.g., whistlers) may be also contributing to the scattering.



Heliophysics Technology Infusion Examples



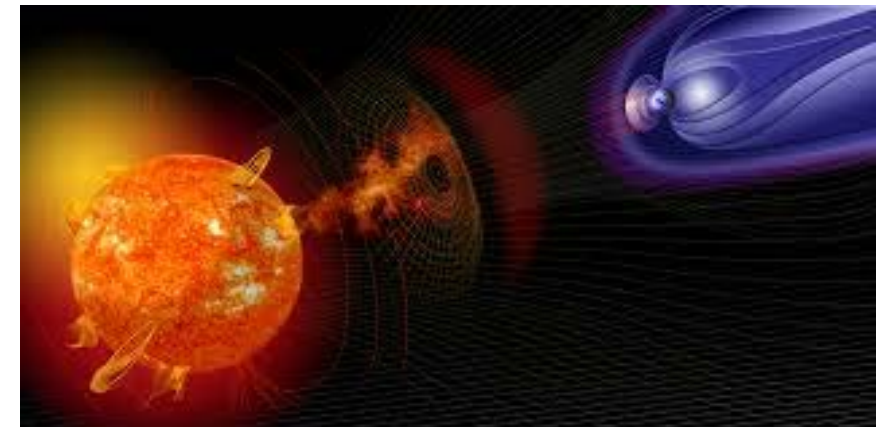
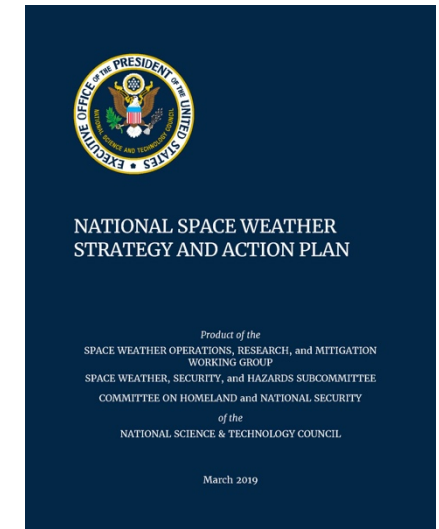
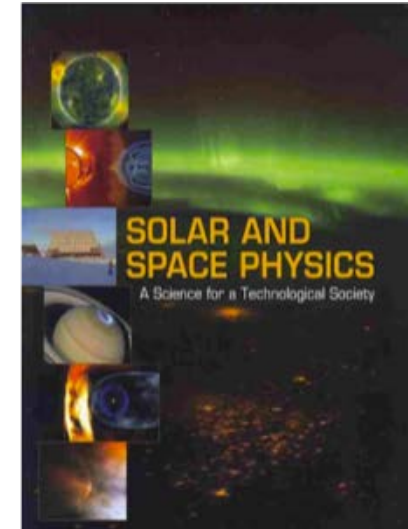
"Sounding rockets are an *ideal* technology development arena: Higher risk tolerance encourages innovation; rapid development cycles and frequent flight rates permit iteration; build experienced and coherent teams, train future instrument, mission, and scientific leaders"; Doug Rowland

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Space Weather

Space Weather Science and Applications (SWxSA)

- Establishes an expanded role for NASA in space weather science under single budget element
 - Consistent with the recommendation of the NRC Decadal Survey and the OSTP/SWORM [2019 National Space Weather Strategy and Action Plan](#)
- **Competes** ideas and products, **leverages** existing agency capabilities, **collaborates** with other agencies, and **partners** with user communities
- Distinguishable from other heliophysics research elements in that it is specifically focused on investigations that significantly advance understanding of space weather. This progress is then applied to enable more accurate characterization and predictions with longer lead time
- Transition tools, models, data, and knowledge from research to operational environments
- Focused on Artemis and National Space Weather Capability



Space Weather Science and Applications Update

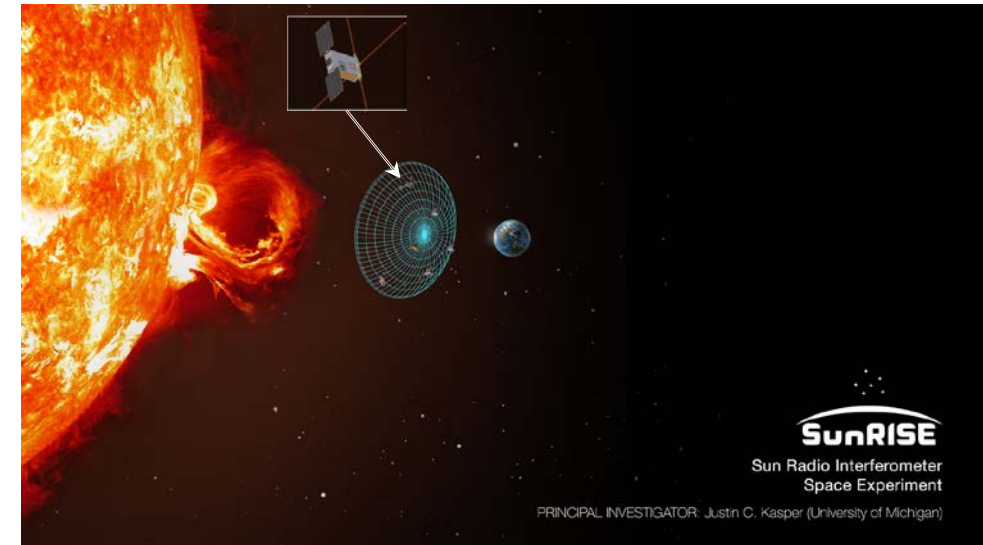
Space Weather Strategy: NASA, NOAA, OSTP, and OMB

- Aug 2, Strategic meeting held at GSFC
 - September-October, pilot test-bed process and architecture – considering cloud-based
 - Addresses objective #2 from National Space Weather Strategy and Action Plan
- Working Quad Agency MOU – adding DoD
 - Enables codified interaction with increased likelihood of resources
- Steve Hill is detailed to HQ from NOAA

Space Weather Mission of Opportunity under review:

Sun Radio Interferometer Space Experiment (SunRISE)

- Selected for a seven-month, \$100,000 extended formulation study.
- SunRISE would be an array of six CubeSats operating like one large radio telescope to investigate how giant space weather storms from the Sun are accelerated and released into planetary space.



Space Weather Science and Applications

ROSES & SBIRs

3 calls were made between ROSES 2017 and ROSES 2018 in Space Weather Operations-to-Research (SWO2R)

- 8 selections made for ROSES 2017 SWO2R
 - Focus: Improve predictions of background solar wind, solar wind structures, and CMEs
- 9 selections made for ROSES 2018 (1) SWO2R
 - Focus: Improve specifications and forecasts of the energetic particle and plasma encountered by spacecraft
- ROSES 2018 (2) SWO2R selections upcoming:
 - Focus: Improve forecasts of solar energetic particles and heavy ions

ROSES 2019 call released – no focus topic

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program for Space Weather

- 2018 – Selected 2 Phase II
- 2019 – Selected 4 Phase I
- 2020 – Language for Call has been approved





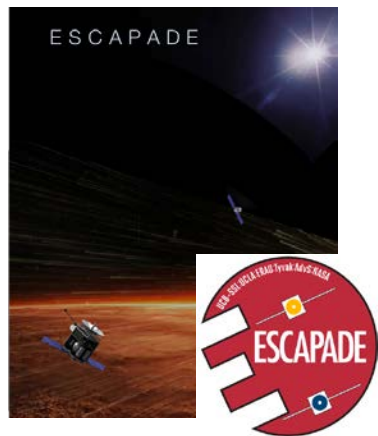
Space Weather Science and Applications

Ongoing Steps

- Develop NASA Heliophysics Space Weather Science and Applications Implementation Plan
- Define transition framework and implement pilot test-bed with NOAA SWPC
 - Define process
 - Transition one or two test cases
 - Implement a mirror test-bed capability to enhance transitioning
- Develop a lunar space environment capability with Human Exploration & Operations Mission Directorate (HEOMD) to safeguard human and robotic explorers beyond low-earth-orbit
 - Participating in Lunar Gateway Payload Working Group
 - Responded to 'Call for Information' for Heliophysics and space weather payloads
 - Energetic particles and solar wind sensor package rated high to launch with the Power and Propulsion Element of Gateway Phase 1
- Define
 - Strategic instrument development for ESA L5 mission
 - Robust multipurpose space weather package for additional rideshare opportunities
- Work in concert with the OSTP Space Weather Operations, Research, and Mitigation (SWORM) Working Group and in accordance to the 2019 National Space Weather Strategy and Action Plan (NSW-SAP)

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Cross Collaborations



Collaboration within NASA

Artemis:

- Four selections from Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) project support Heliophysics objectives:
 1. Lunar Surface Electromagnetics Experiment (LuSEE)
 2. Lunar Environment heliospheric X-ray Imager (LEXI)
 3. Lunar Demonstration of a Reconfigurable, Radiation Tolerant Computer System
 4. Lunar Magnetotelluric Sounder

Planetary Science Division:

- Co-selected LWS grants; joint ROSES Juno Participating Scientist Program
- EscaPADE mission, LRD 2024
 - Dual observatories rideshare hosted on Psyche mission
 - With unprecedented two-point plasma measurements, ESCAPADE will untangle temporal from spatial variability and definitively map out the transfer of energy and momentum that leads to ion and sputtering escape, enabling a much more reliable extrapolation of escape rates to early Mars.

Astrophysics Division:

- Joint “Impact of Stellar Properties on the Habitability of Exoplanets” research opportunity



Collaboration with Interagency Partners



NASA-NOAA (MOU):

- Collaboration between CCMC and NOAA/SWPC on space weather modeling capability
- Co-funding O2R proposals
- Accommodation for SWFO mission on IMAP launch

NASA-NSF:

- Coordinating ICON & GOLD opportunities (joint NASA mission GI and NSF CEDAR solicitations)
- Consulted on solicitation design for Science Centers
- Co-funding CCMC
- New opportunity focused on Computational Aspects of Space Weather

NASA-NSF-NOAA:

- Pilot O2R research activity, MOU signed

NASA-USGS

- NASA collaborating with USGS to enable Magneto-Telluric Survey in southwest

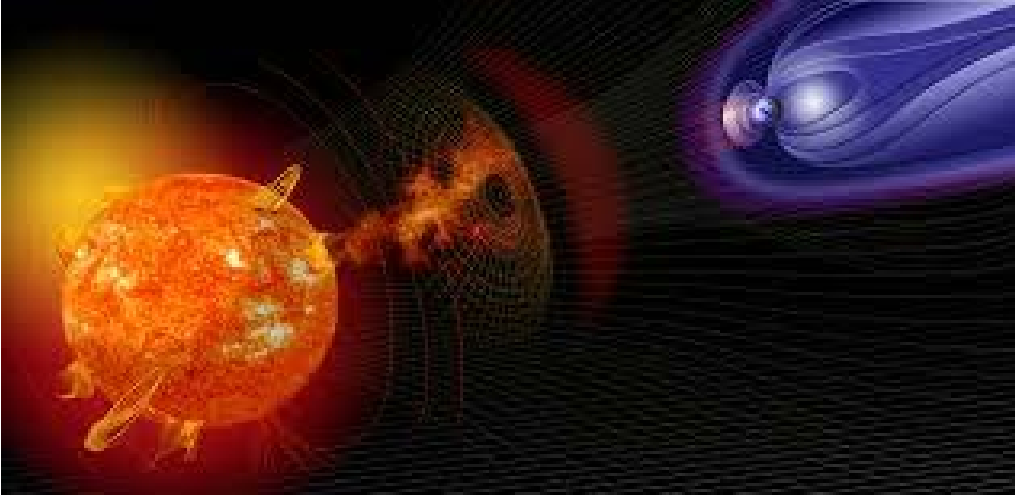
Collaboration with International Partners

| Partner | Mission(s)/Campaigns/Models |
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| Austrian Aeronautics and Space Agency | THEMIS, MMS |
| Belgium – University of Liege, Belgian Federal Science Policy Office (BELSPO) | ICON, SOC, Parker |
| Brazilian Space Agency (AEB) | Van Allen, SPORT |
| CNES, Centre National d'Études Spatiales | STEREO, MMS, LWS/SETI, SOC, Parker, SET, SOHO, THEMIS, WIND |
| CBK, Space Research Centre PAN, Polish Academy of Sciences | GLObal solar Wind Structure (GLOWS) instrument on IMAP |
| CONAE, National Commission on Space Activities of the Argentine Republic for Cooperation in Solar and Space Physics | Van Allen |
| CSA, Canadian Space Agency | THEMIS |
| Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic – Institute of Atmospheric Physics | Van Allen |
| DLR, Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt | STEREO, THEMIS, Parker, sounding rocket campaigns |
| ESA, European Space Agency | SOHO, SOC |
| ISRO, Indian Space Research Organisation | Aditya-1 mission collaboration, space weather modeling, long-term strategic collaboration focus areas |
| JAXA, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency | Hinode, MMS, Geotail, CLASP and CLASP-2 Sounding Rockets missions, EUVST |
| KASI, Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute | Van Allen, SDO, KASI Geomagnetic Storm Forecast Model, SNIFE, BITSE, CODEX, IMAP I-ALIRT |
| Norway Space Center | IRIS |
| Roscosmos, Russian Academy of Sciences | SDO, STEREO, WIND, Hi-C Sounding Rocket Mission |
| Swedish National Space Board | MMS |
| Swiss Space Office, University of Bern | STEREO, SOC, IBEX |
| UKSA, United Kingdom Space Agency | Hinode, STEREO, LWS/SETI, SOC, SET |

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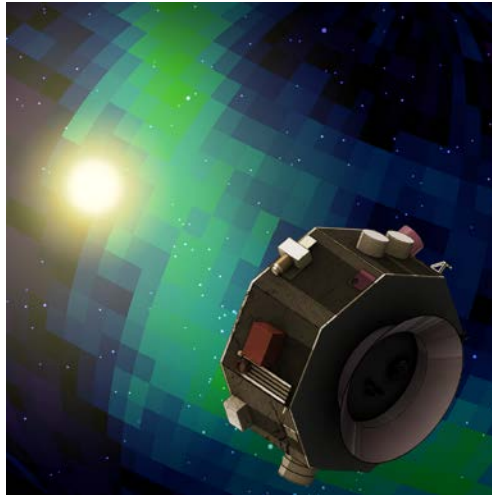
Summary

It is a Great Time to be a Heliophysicist!



The Heliophysics Division is poised like never before to:

- Capitalize on our unique opportunity to study the Sun and its effects throughout the Heliosphere
- Augment the Heliophysics fleet with new, innovative missions, a robust suborbital program, and an enhanced ride share program
- Make research and technology investments to enable science, e.g. interstellar probe, solar sails
- Develop the next generation of Heliophysicists and engage the public with science knowledge
- Fulfill our responsibility for the Nation enabling advances in space weather
- Play a critical role in Exploration supporting the Artemis mission
- Lean forward for success in the next decade



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#HelioRocks

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Back-Up

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Missions

NASA Selects 12 New Lunar Science, Technology Investigations

The selected investigations will go to the Moon on future flights through NASA's **Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS)** project and the NASA Exploration Campaign.

The following four missions support heliophysics science objectives:

- 1. The Lunar Surface Electromagnetics Experiment (LuSEE):** PI: Stuart Bale, University of California, Berkeley
 - LuSEE will integrate flight-spare and repurposed hardware from the **Parker Solar Probe** FIELDS experiment, the **STEREO/Waves** instrument, and the MAVEN mission to make comprehensive measurements of electromagnetic phenomena on the surface of the Moon.
- 2. The Lunar Environment heliospheric X-ray Imager (LEXI):** PI: Brian Walsh, Boston University
 - LEXI will capture images of the interaction of Earth's magnetosphere with the flow of charged particles from the Sun, called the solar wind.
- 3. Lunar Demonstration of a Reconfigurable, Radiation Tolerant Computer System:** PI: Brock LaMeres, Montana State University, Bozeman
 - Lunar Demonstration of a Reconfigurable, Radiation Tolerant Computer System aims to demonstrate a radiation-tolerant computing technology. Due to the Moon's lack of atmosphere and magnetic field, radiation from the Sun will be a challenge for electronics. This investigation also will characterize the radiation effects on the lunar surface.
- 4. The Lunar Magnetotelluric Sounder:** PI: Robert Grimm, Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio.
 - The Lunar Magnetotelluric Sounder is designed to characterize the structure and composition of the Moon's mantle by studying electric and magnetic fields. The investigation will make use of a flight-spare magnetometer, a device that measures magnetic fields, originally made for the MAVEN spacecraft, which is currently orbiting Mars.

Escape, Plasma Acceleration and Dynamics Explorers (EscaPADE)

Selection Date: Jul 8, 2019

Principal Investigator: Robert Lillis, University of California, Berkeley

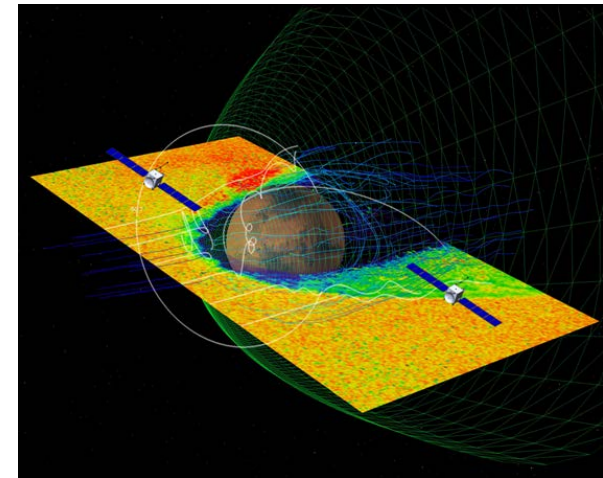
Observatory: Dual observatories rideshare hosted on Psyche mission


Instruments:

- EscaPADE Magnetometer (EMAG)
- EscaPADE Electrostatic Analyzer (EESA)
- EscaPADE Langmuir Probe (ELP)

With unprecedented two-point plasma measurements, ESCAPADE will untangle temporal from spatial variability and definitively map out the transfer of energy and momentum that leads to ion and sputtering escape, enabling a much more reliable extrapolation of escape rates to early Mars.

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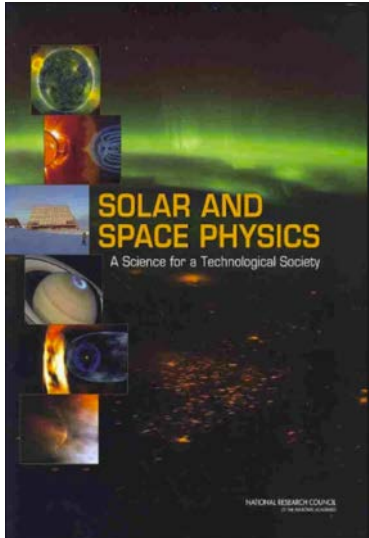
Decadal Survey

Alignment with Decadal Survey Recommendations

NASA FY20 Presidential Budget Request

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| R0.0 Complete the current program | Extended operations of current operating missions as recommended by the 2017 Senior Review, planning for the next Senior Review Mar/Apr 2020; 3 recently launched and now in primary operations (GOLD, Parker, SET); and 2 missions currently in development (ICON, Solar Orbiter) |
| R1.0 Implement DRIVE (Diversify, Realize, Integrate, Venture, Educate) | Implemented DRIVE initiative wedge in FY15; DRIVE initiative is now part of the Heliophysics R&A baseline |
| R2.0 Accelerate and expand Heliophysics Explorer program | Decadal recommendation of every 2-3 years; Explorer mission AO released in 2016 and again in 2019. Notional mission cadence will continue to follow Decadal recommendation going forward. Increased frequency of Missions of Opportunity (MO), including rideshares on IMAP and Tech Demo MO. |
| R3.0 Restructure STP as a moderate scale, PI-led flight program | IMAP mission (STP-5) selected in 2018 as a PI-led mission with an LRD in 2024 |
| R4.0 Implement a large LWS GDC-like mission | GDC STDT report will be delivered to HPAC Oct 3, 2019; planning to kick off mission formulation immediately afterwards |

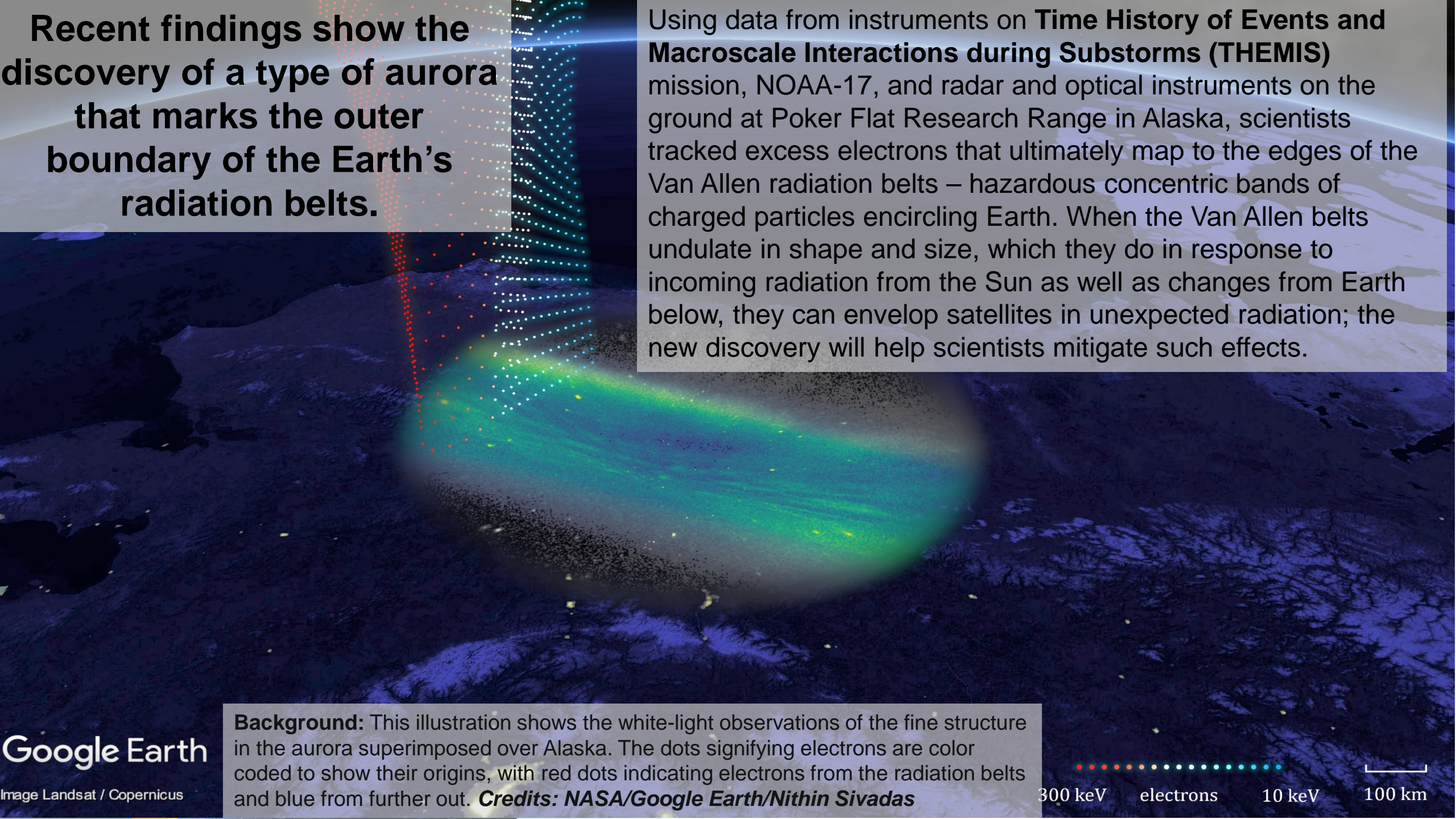
Review of Progress Toward Implementing the Decadal Survey Vision in Solar and Space Physics: A Science for a Technological Society



- The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has convened an ad hoc committee to review the responses of NASA's Heliophysics program and NSF's Geospace program to the 2013 Decadal Survey, "Solar and Space Physics: A Science for a Technological Society."
- Assess the degree to which the Agencies' current programs address the strategies, goals, and priorities of the Decadal Survey
- Provide guidance about implementation of the recommended portfolio for the remaining years of the current decadal survey given actual funding levels
- Recommend any actions that could be taken to optimize the science value of the Agencies' programs including how to take into account emergent discoveries and potential partnerships

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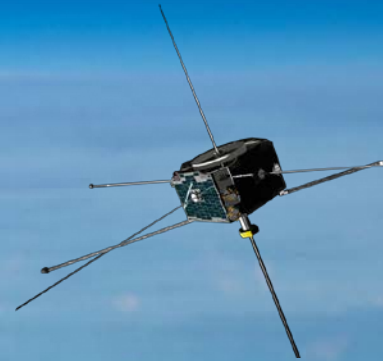
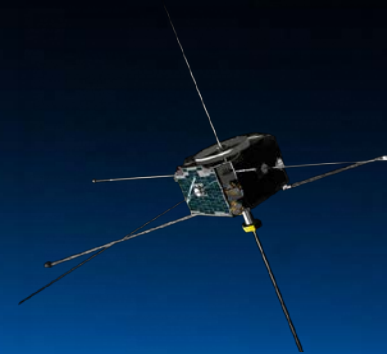
Science Results



THEMIS-ARTEMIS gains insight on the Moon's environment

The Moon actually possesses a very tenuous atmosphere. Ionization of this atmosphere, primarily by sunlight, creates a lunar ionosphere roughly one million times more tenuous than that of the Earth.

When the Moon passes through the near vacuum of the geomagnetic tail of the Earth each lunar month around full Moon, the lunar-derived charged particle density becomes comparable to the ambient value, and the presence of the lunar ionosphere can affect its surroundings. This can lead to better characterization of the lunar environment in anticipation of future human exploration of our closest planetary body.



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Operating Missions



Senior Review 2020

Overview:

- Conducted every 3-years to maximize scientific return within finite resources
- Typically proposals provide new science objectives for their operating mission

Modifying Senior Review

- To allow for a more strategic approach to the HSO
- There will be two proposal options moving forward (science investigation or HSO infrastructure)

Benefit to Community:

- HSO is based on more strategic decisions
- Long-lived missions are relieved of the need to develop new and compelling science justifications
- HSO retains long baseline measurements beneficial to Heliophysics community

***More details to come in the upcoming Senior Review presentation**

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Community Requests



Agile Responses to Short-Notice Rideshare Opportunities: Request for Community Input

The Heliophysics Division asked the National Academies Committee on Solar and Space Physics (CSSP) to prepare a short report discussing possible elements of a program with the flexibility and agility to respond to such emergent rideshare opportunities.

The CSSP received community input, in particular with regards to the following topics:

1. Kinds of solar and space physics science that would be enabled by an agile response to rideshare opportunities, at locations that would provide global perspectives, unique views, or continuous coverage, among others;
2. Types of payloads that are suited to rideshare opportunities, because they are scientifically valuable in single or multiple locations and rapidly deployable with short development times or that can be shelved until a launch becomes available;
3. Considerations for the development and implementation of a new HPD program that would allow agile responses to future short-notice rideshare opportunities.

Report delivered to CSSP October 1

Next steps: Community workshop on Rideshare, February 25-27 hosted by JHU/APL

Volunteer for a Proposal Review Panel!

- We rely on community participation to help with the R&A program's review panels – and we have a full schedule each year.
- This is your chance to see the process in action and provide feedback.
- The Senior Advisor for Research and Analysis (SARA) or SMD Lead for Research helps with the solicitation process; please click the link to the right and volunteer for a proposal review panel.

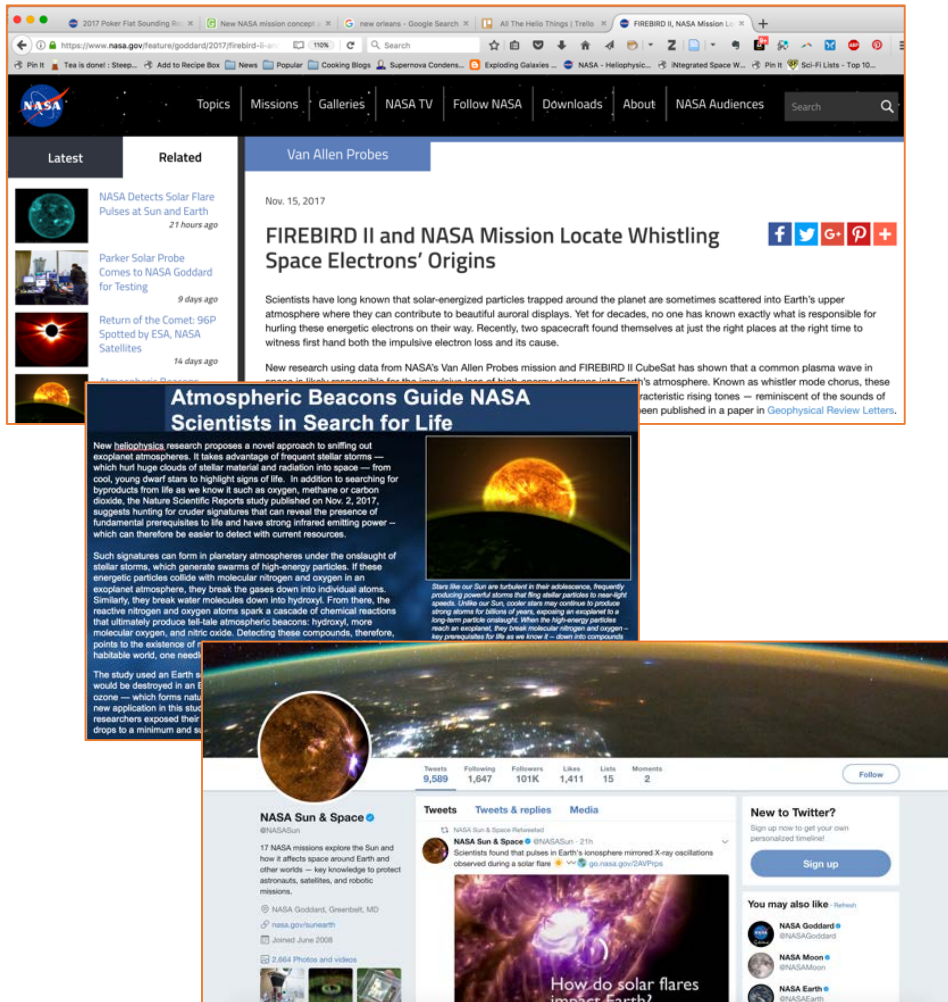


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