



# SPACE WEATHER

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# **Summary**

## **Earth's motions**

## **Definition of Space Weather**

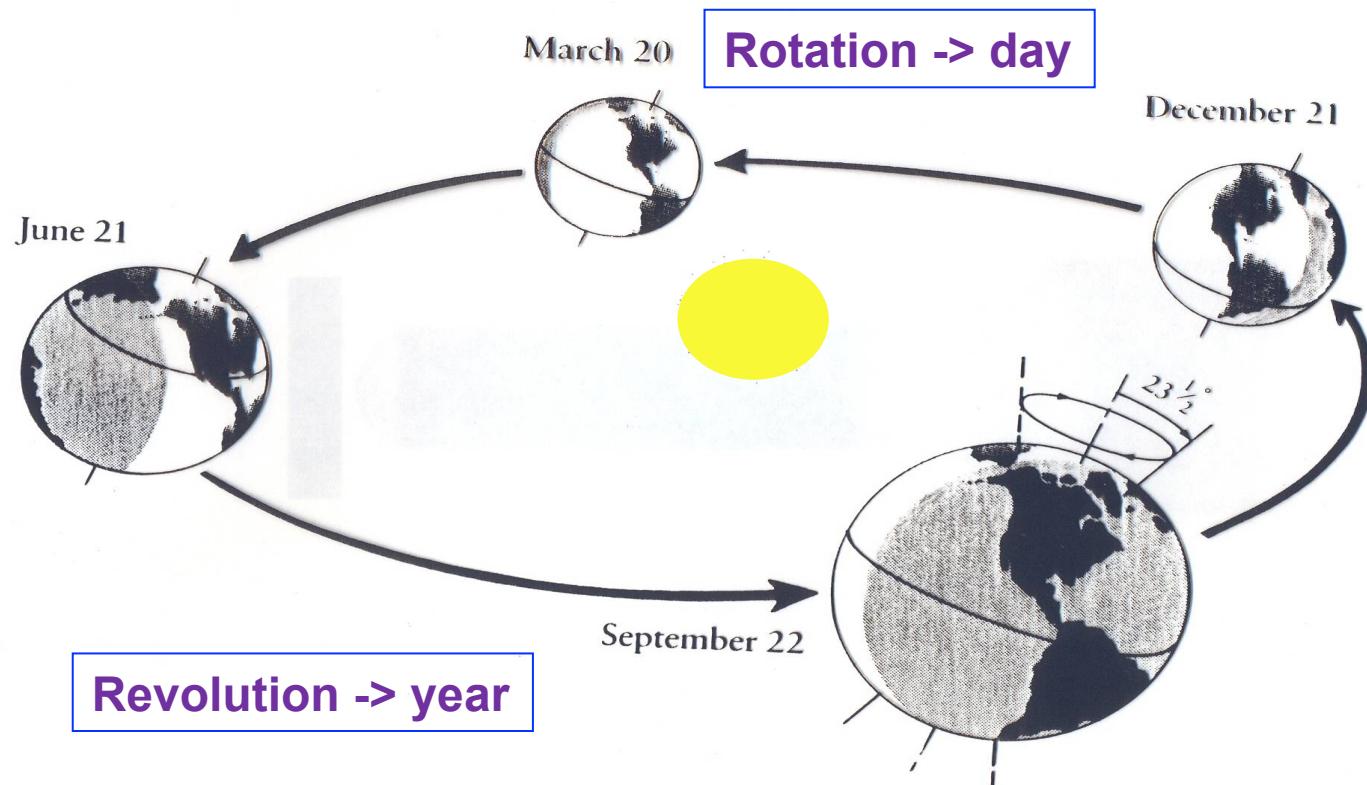
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## **Electric current Systems**

# Motion of planets

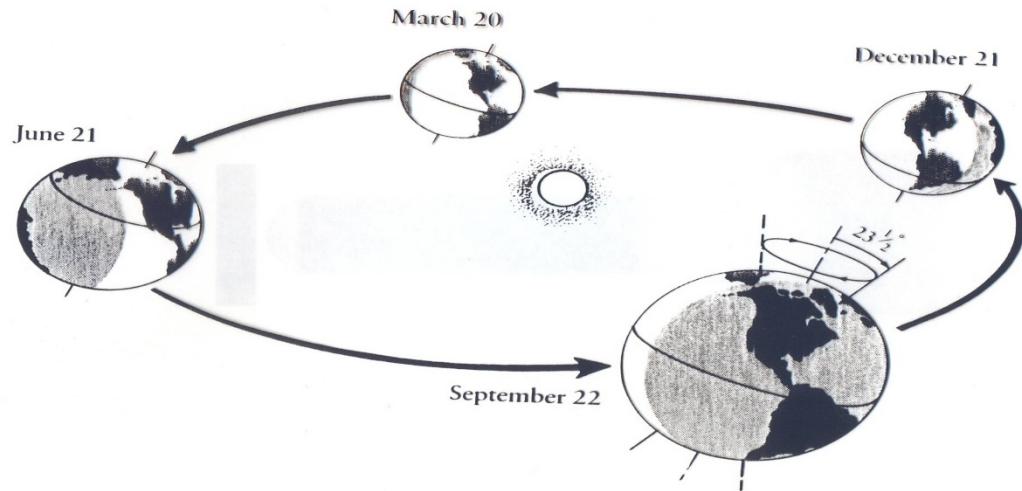
## Gravity force – Kepler 's laws



Diurnal variability -> rotation

Seasonal variability -> revolution

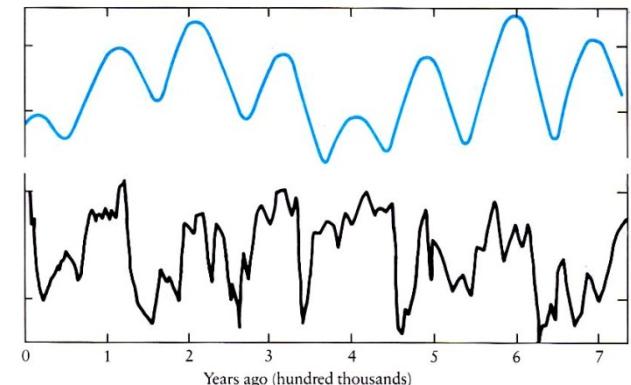
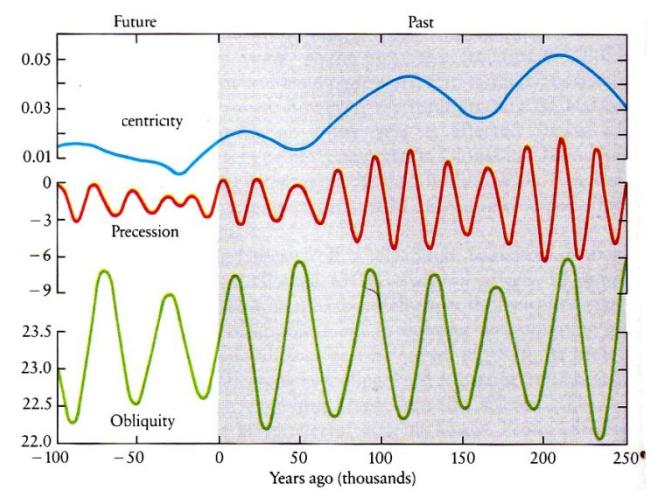
# Motions of the Earth and Climate



**Milankovitch 's theory**

**[1878-1958 ]**

**Three motions : precession, excentricity and obliquity explain the large periods of glaciation**



# Weather and Climate

## Short and long time variations

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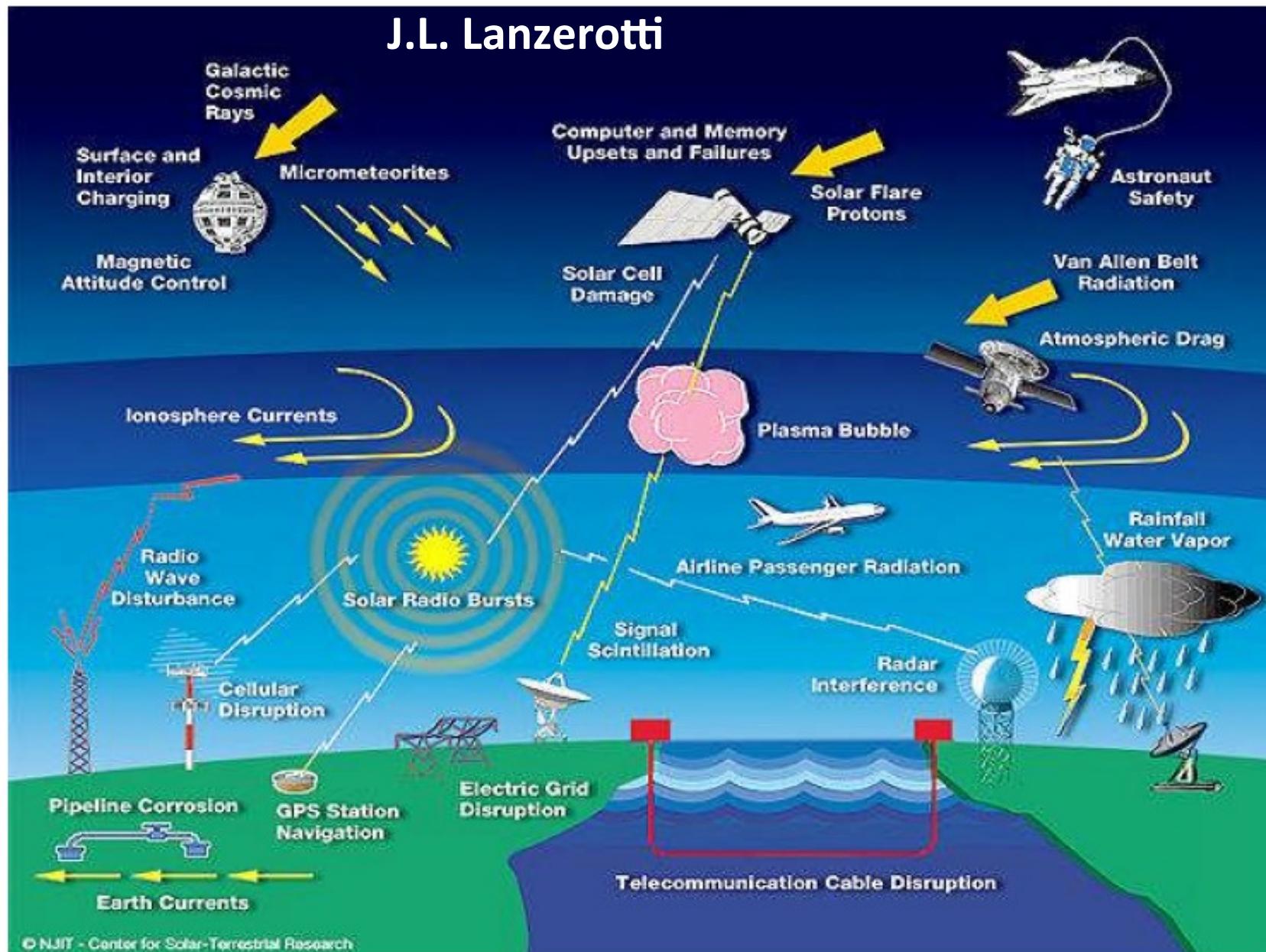
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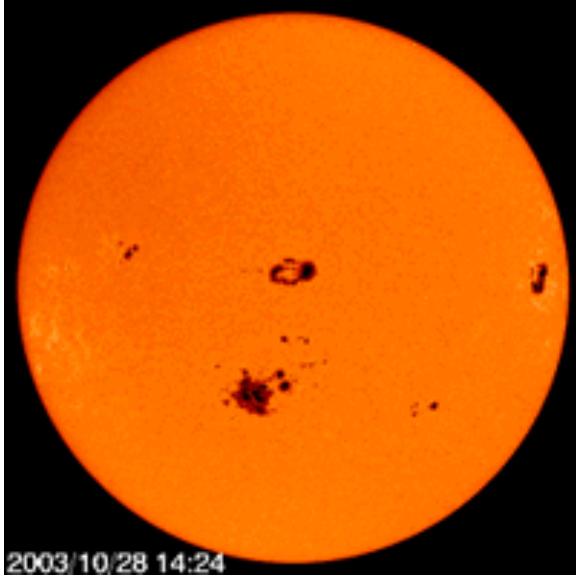
**Electric current Systems**

- 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 non-solar driven perturbations that affect them; and also at forecasting and nowcasting the possible impacts on biological and technological systems

# SPACE WEATHER (technological systems)

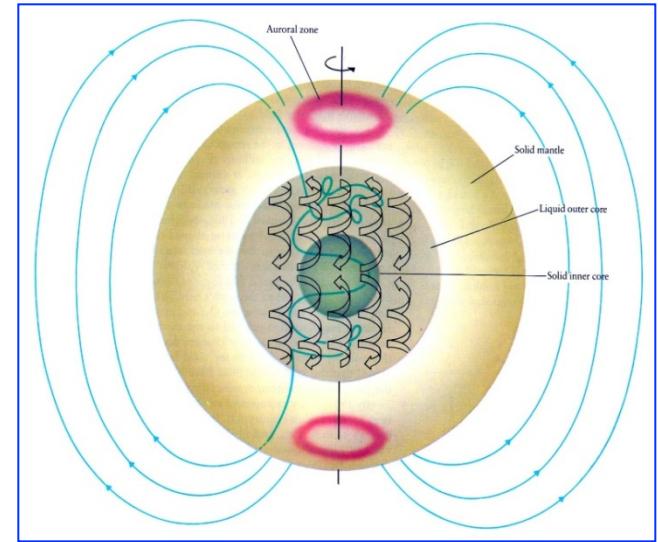
J.L. Lanzerotti





2003/10/28 14:24

**Sun and Earth  
are 2 magnetized  
bodies in motion**



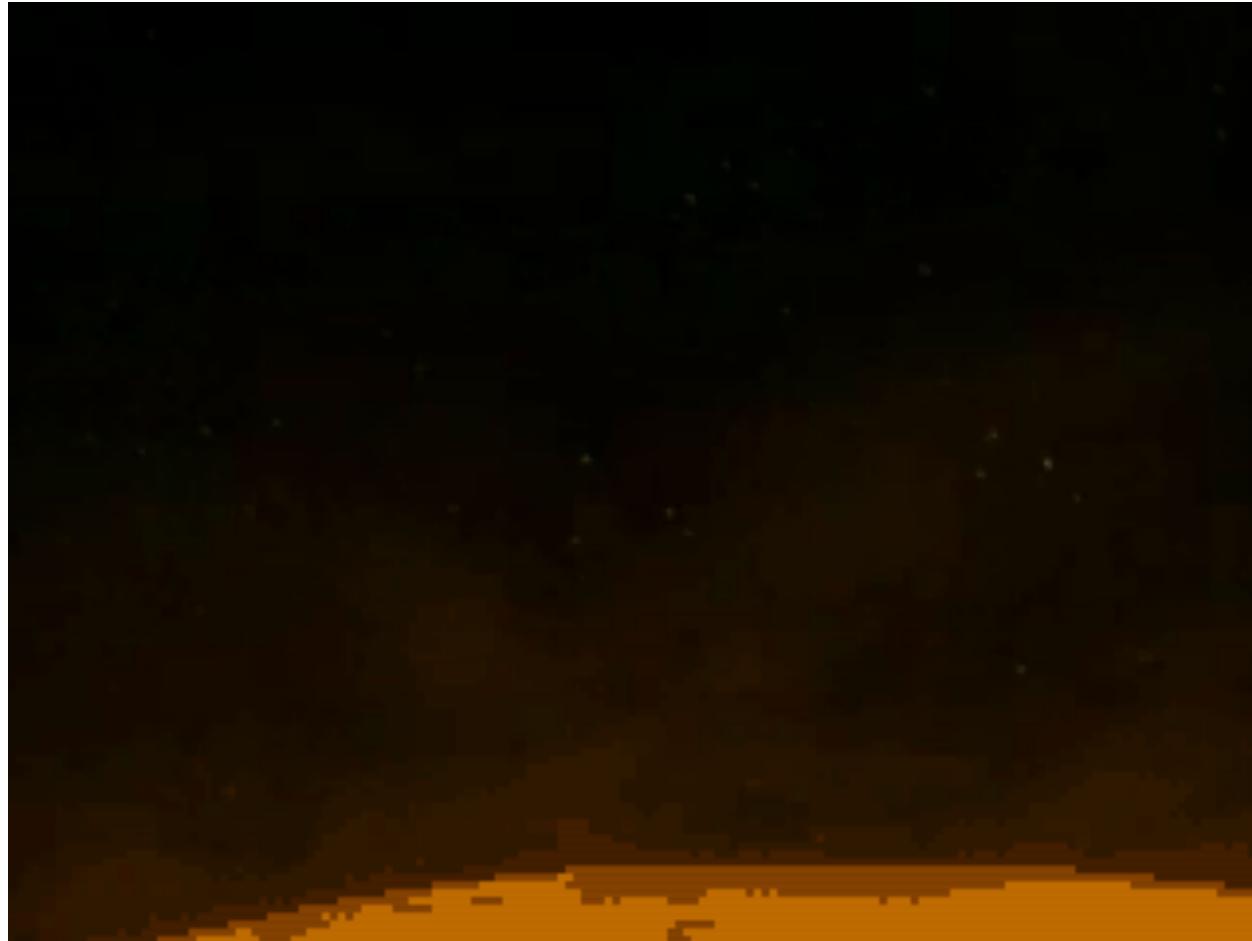
**Dynamo Processes in the Sun Earth System**



**Systemic analysis of the Sun Earth system**

## **SPACE WEATHER (physical approach)**

### **Links between Sun and Earth**

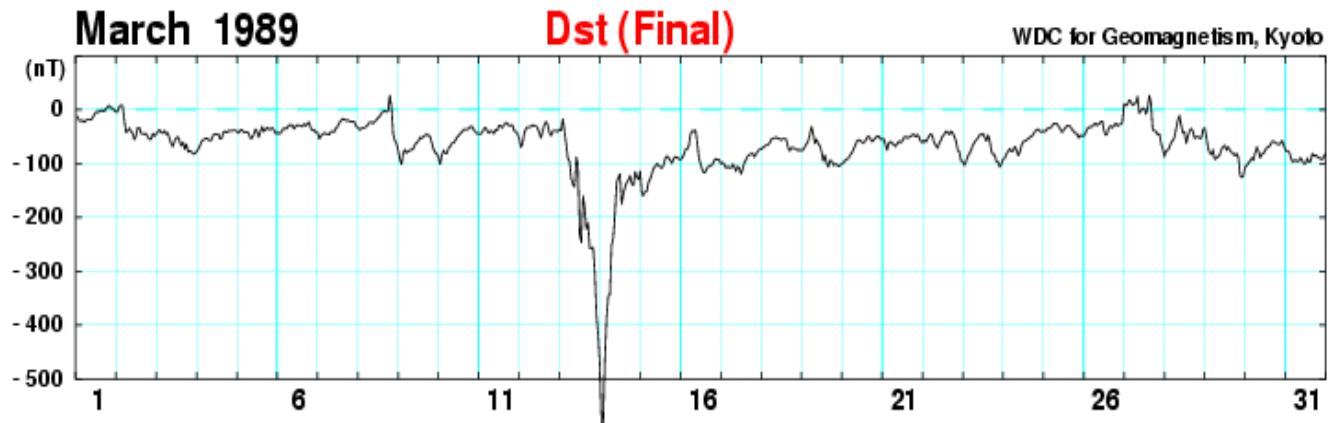
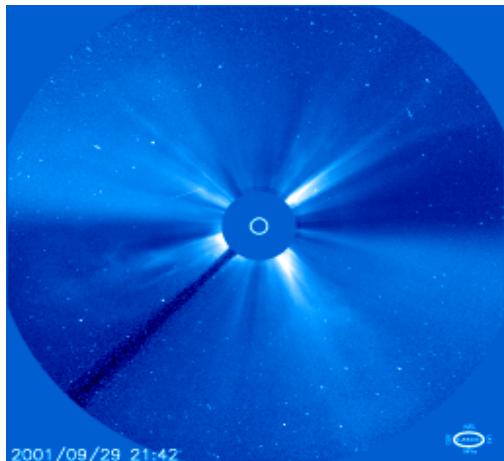


**Prevision of all the effects of a CME on the Earth and on technologies  
A work for the next decades**

Movie of NASA

# MAGNETIC STORM OF MARCH 15, 1989

## the auroral oval extends toward low latitudes



**Power failure**

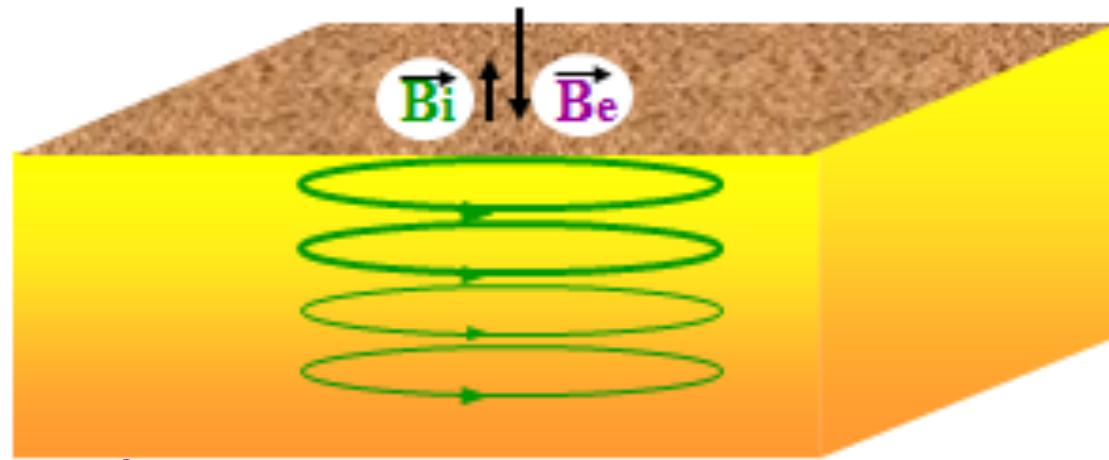
A composite image showing a solar flare on the Sun's surface on the left, and a diagram of the Earth with its magnetic field lines on the right. The diagram illustrates how the solar storm's magnetic field interacts with Earth's magnetic field.

March 13, 1989 - The Quebec Blackout Storm - Most newspapers that reported this event considered the spectacular aurora to be the most newsworthy aspect of the storm. Seen as far south as Florida and Cuba, the vast majority of people in the Northern Hemisphere had never seen such a spectacle in recent memory. Electrical ground currents created by the magnetic storm found their way into the power grid of the Hydro-Quebec Power Authority and the entire Quebec power grid collapsed. Six million people were affected as they woke to find no electricity to see them through a cold Quebec wintry night. This storm could easily have been a \$6 billion catastrophe affecting most US East Coast cities.

**External electric currents systems are complex  
they involved**

**Sun, Solar Wind, Magnetosphere, Ionosphere, Atmosphere**

**External electric currents**  **INDUCTION**



**Magnetotelluric soundings**

**GIC : Ground Induced Current => power failure**

**Space weather implies the knowledge of the complex Sun Earth System  
many disciplines are concerned**

**Solar physics**

**Studies on solar wind**

**Magnetospheric physics**

**Ionospheric studies**

**Atmospheric physics**

**Geomagnetism**

**Magnetotelluric studies Geology**

**Global Navigation Satellite System**

**Etc...**

**Necessity to break walls between disciplines**

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## Starting point

MOTION

V

B

$V \times B$

MAGNETIC FIELD

Variabilities  
Solar cycle  
Solar wind  
CME, solar Flare  
Coronal holes

LORENTZ 'S FORCE  
 $j \times B$

Dynamo Electric field

Polarisation Electric field

FARADAY'S LAW  
 $\sigma \times E = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$

OHM'S LAW  
 $j = \sigma (E + V \times B)$

B

E

j

AMPERE'S LAW  
 $\nabla \times B = \mu j$

## Principle of the DYNAMO ACTION

# **SOLAR DYNAMO**

Mark Miesch

## Observation of the Sun : Sunspots

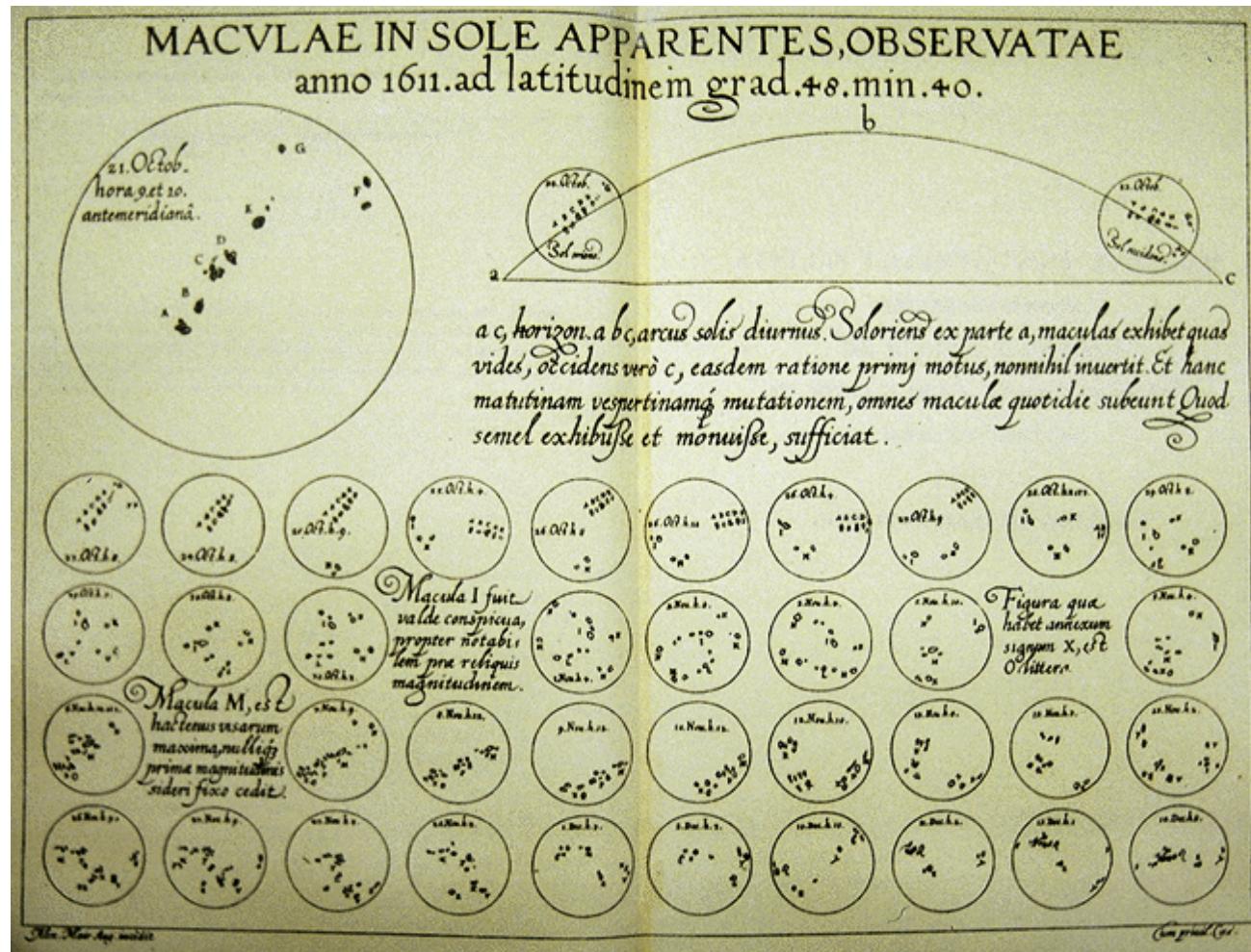


Hévélius  
1642- 1644

They used a telescope through an inverted wooden globe inserted in a circular width made in a shutter. They observed the sunspot by projection of its shadow on a cardboard

(Machinae Celestis, 1673  
Legrand et al., 1991)

# Observation of the Sun : sunspots



Galileo  
Spring 1611

Christophe  
Scheiner  
October 1611

Johannes  
Fabricius  
First publication  
Autumn 1611

## Observation of sunspots

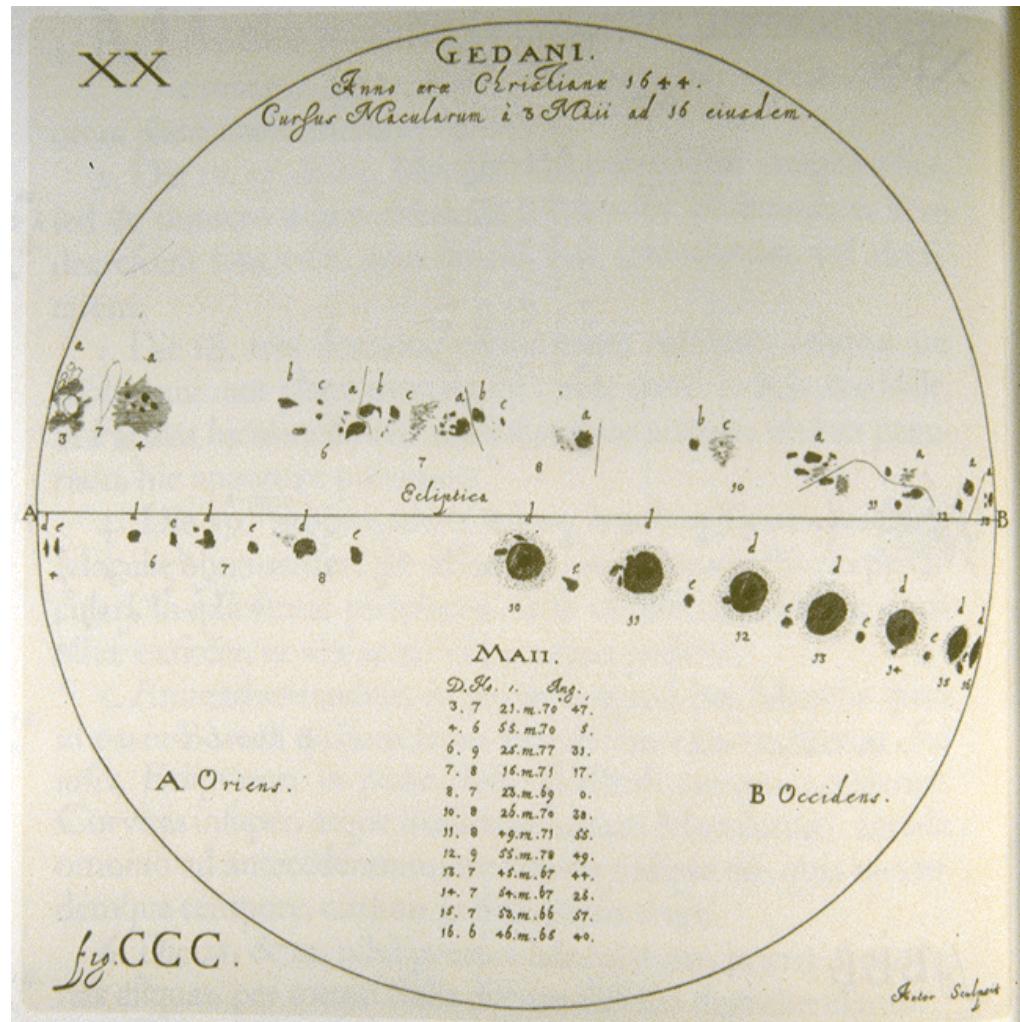
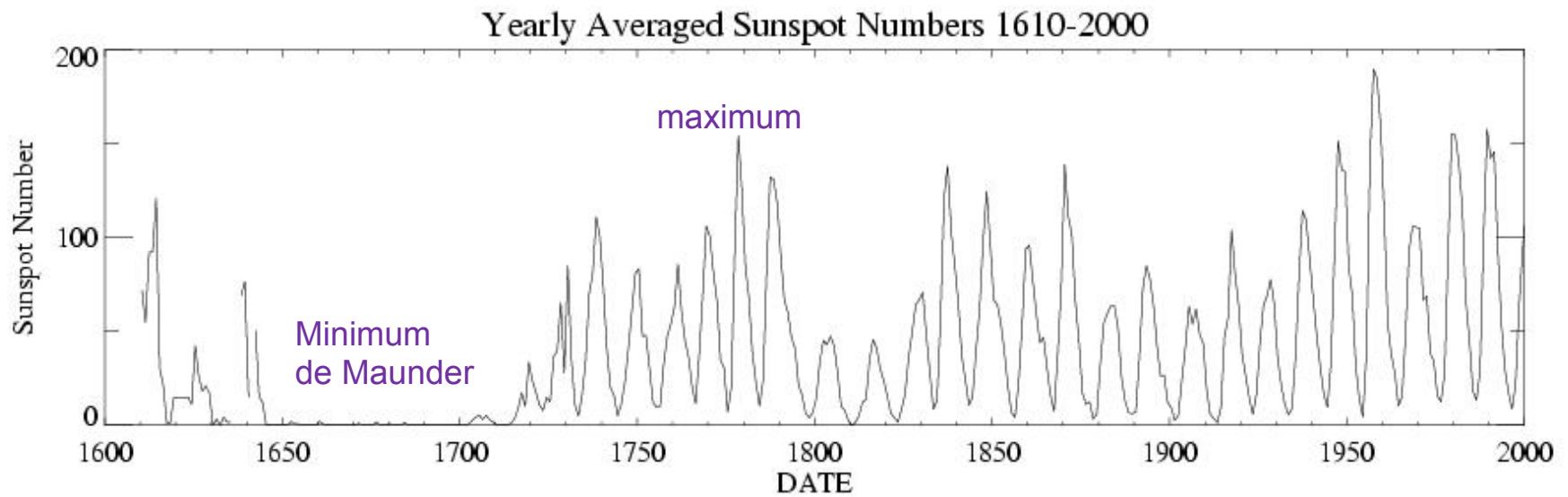


Figure of Father Scheiner  
Motion of the sunspots

Scheiner : Priest Jesuit  
mathematician working  
at the university of  
Ingolstadt  
(near Augsburg)

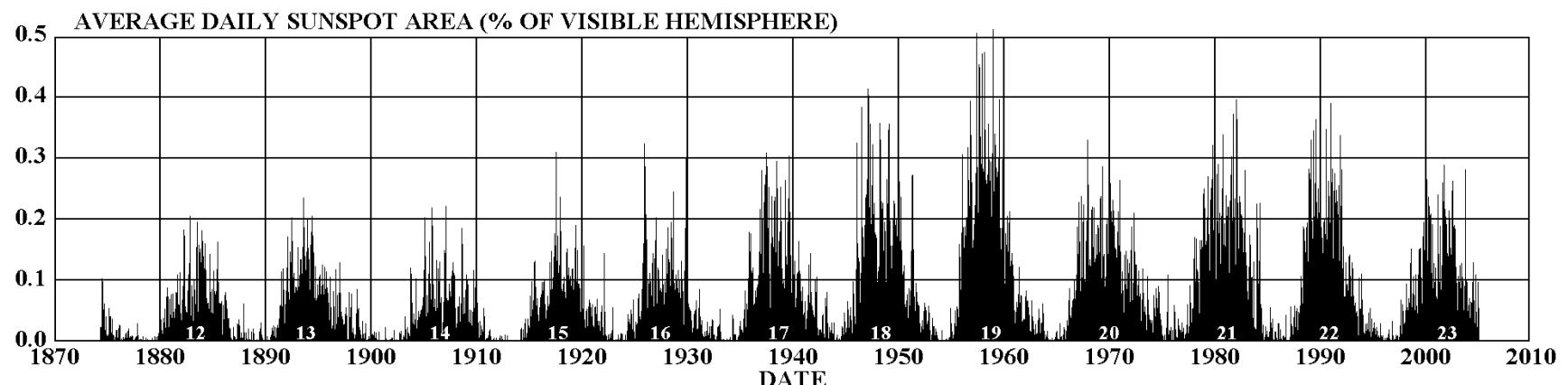
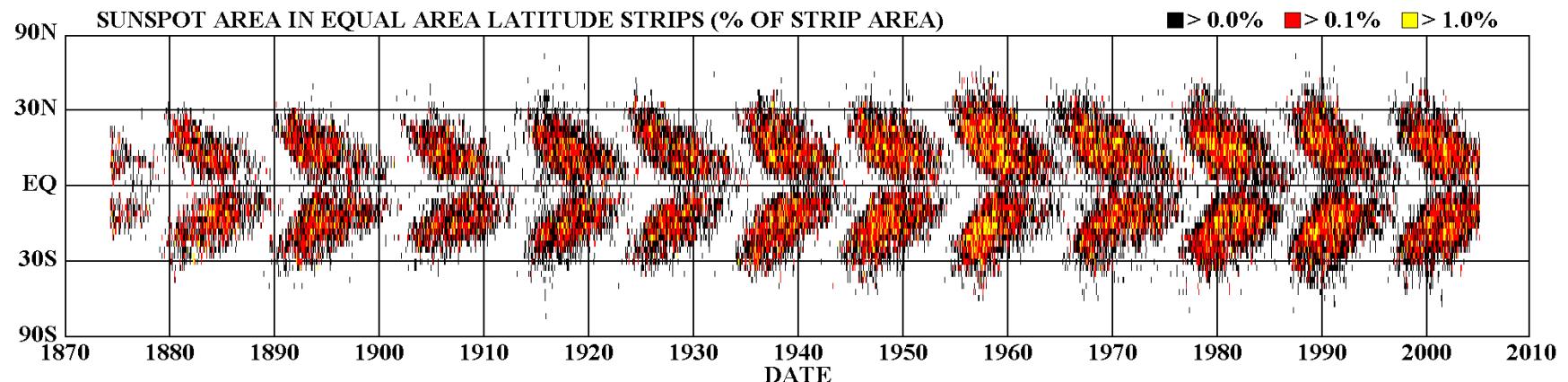
## Solar Cycle of 11 years : Heinrich Schwabe 1859



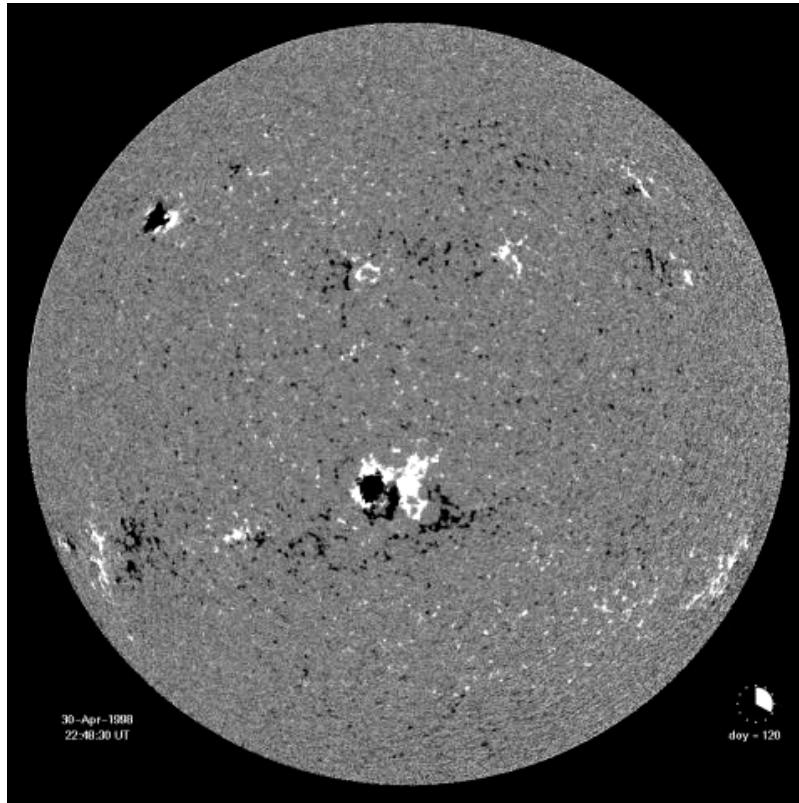
IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO KNOW THE VARIABILITY OF THE SUNSPOT CYCLE WITH A DATA SAMPLE OF 400 YEARS .

# Observation of the Sun : sunspots cycle

## DAILY SUNSPOT AREA AVERAGED OVER INDIVIDUAL SOLAR ROTATIONS

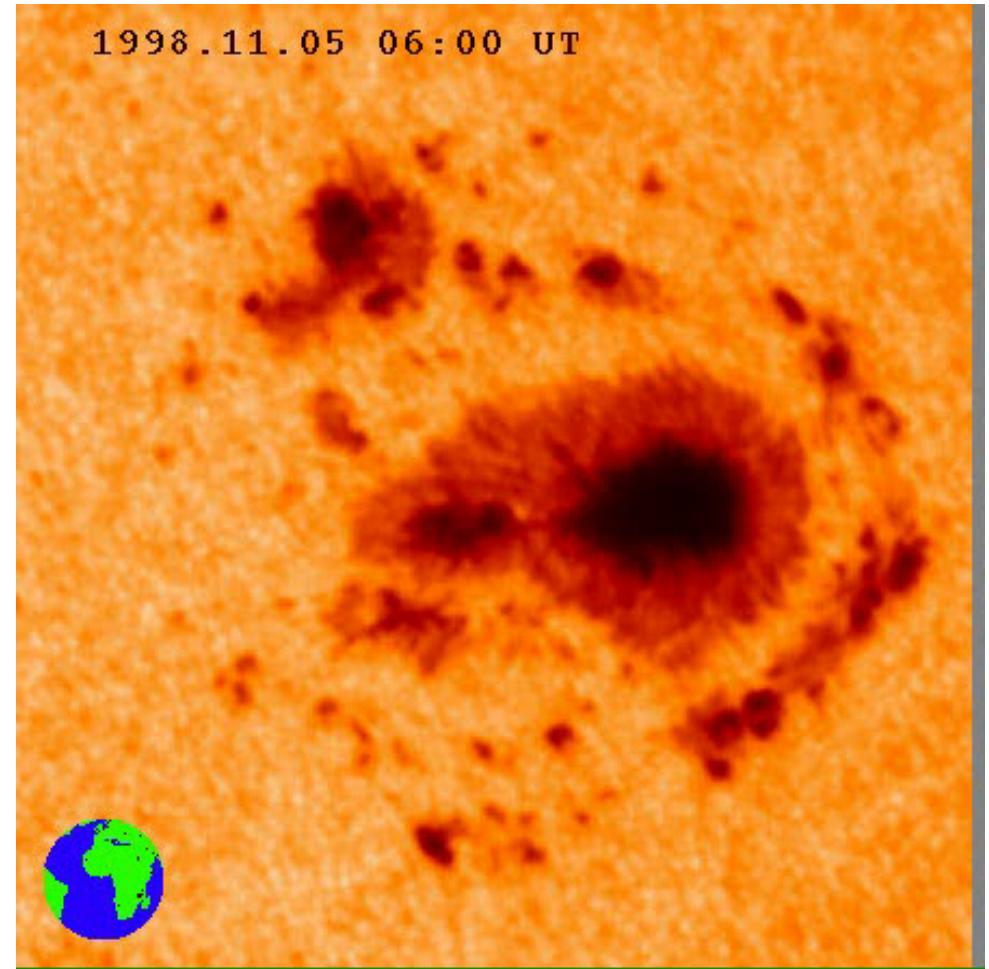


## Magnetogram of the sun



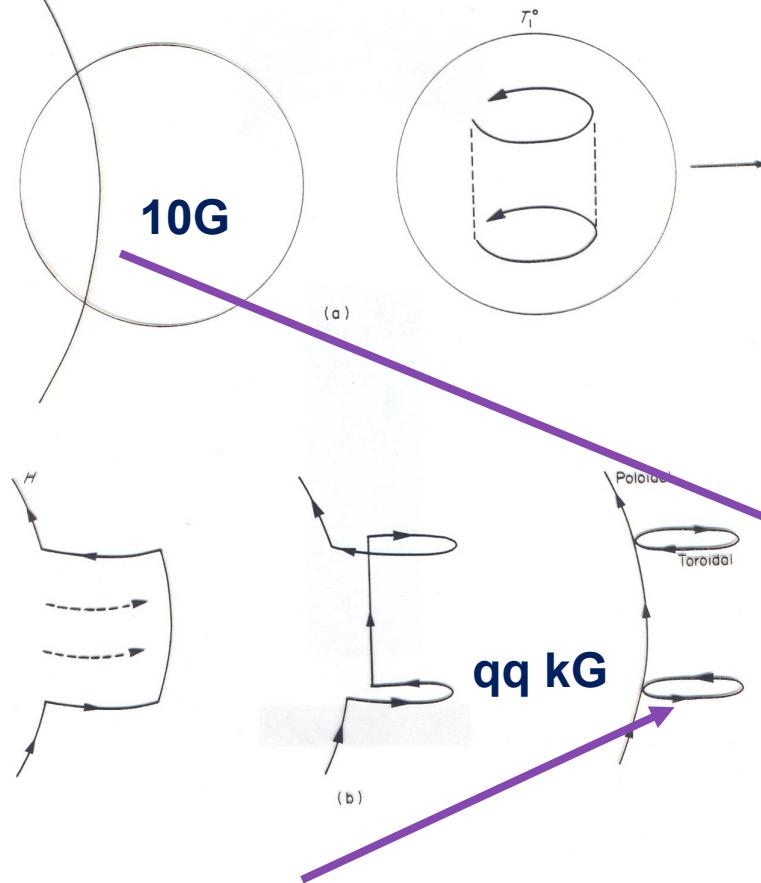
Observation of  
sunspots today

Question : How the sunspots are generated ?

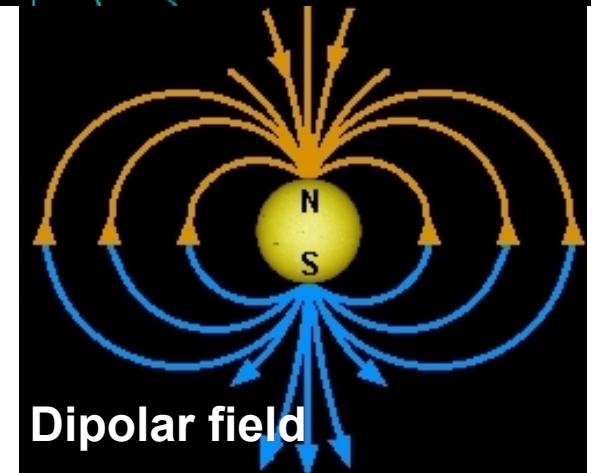
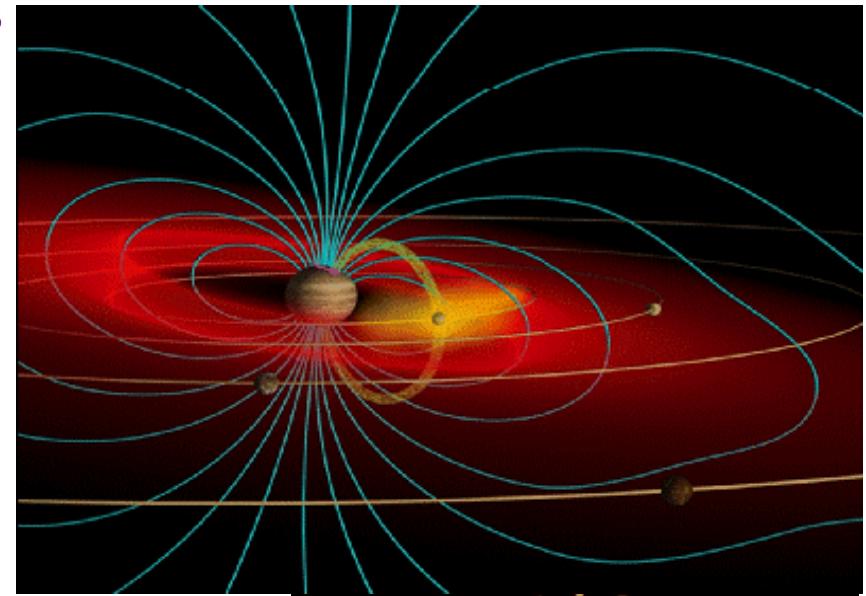


# Generation of a sunspot

Solar dipole field lines are distorted  
by the differential rotation of sun  
=> magnetic loops which are sunspots



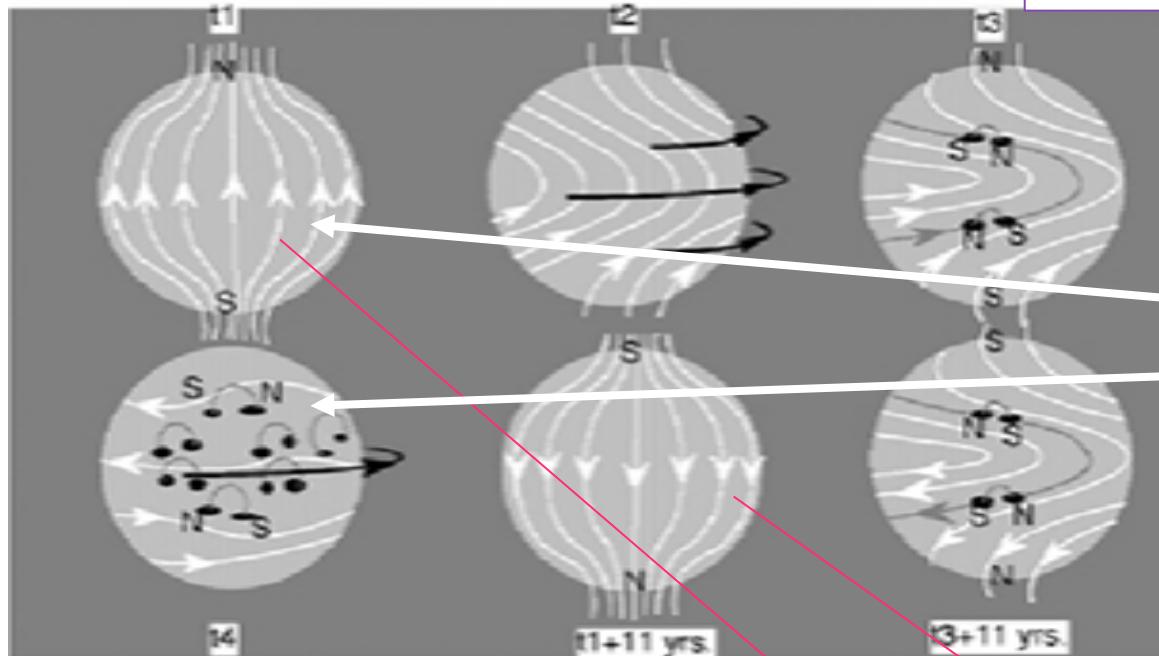
Multipolar field – Toroidal field



Dipolar field

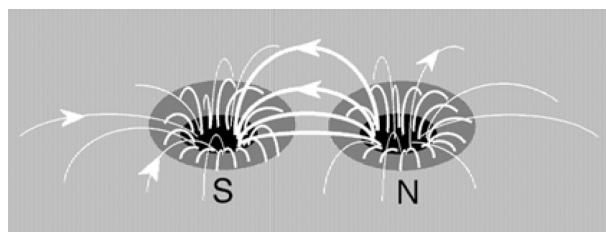
*A sketch of the formation of sunspots and the 22-years sunspot cycle due to the differential rotation of plasma in the photosphere*

## SOLAR DYNAMO

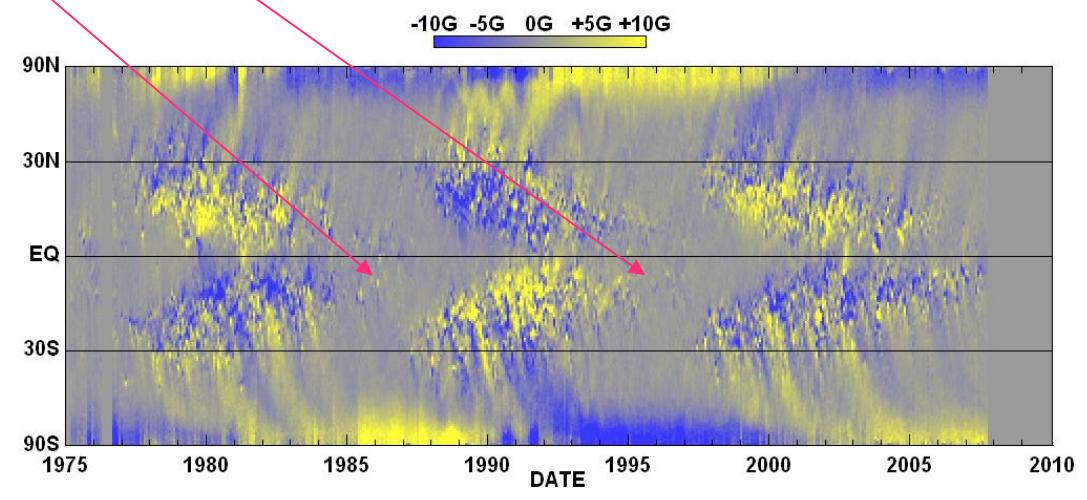


**Solar differential rotation**

**Dipolar and  
Toroïdal components**



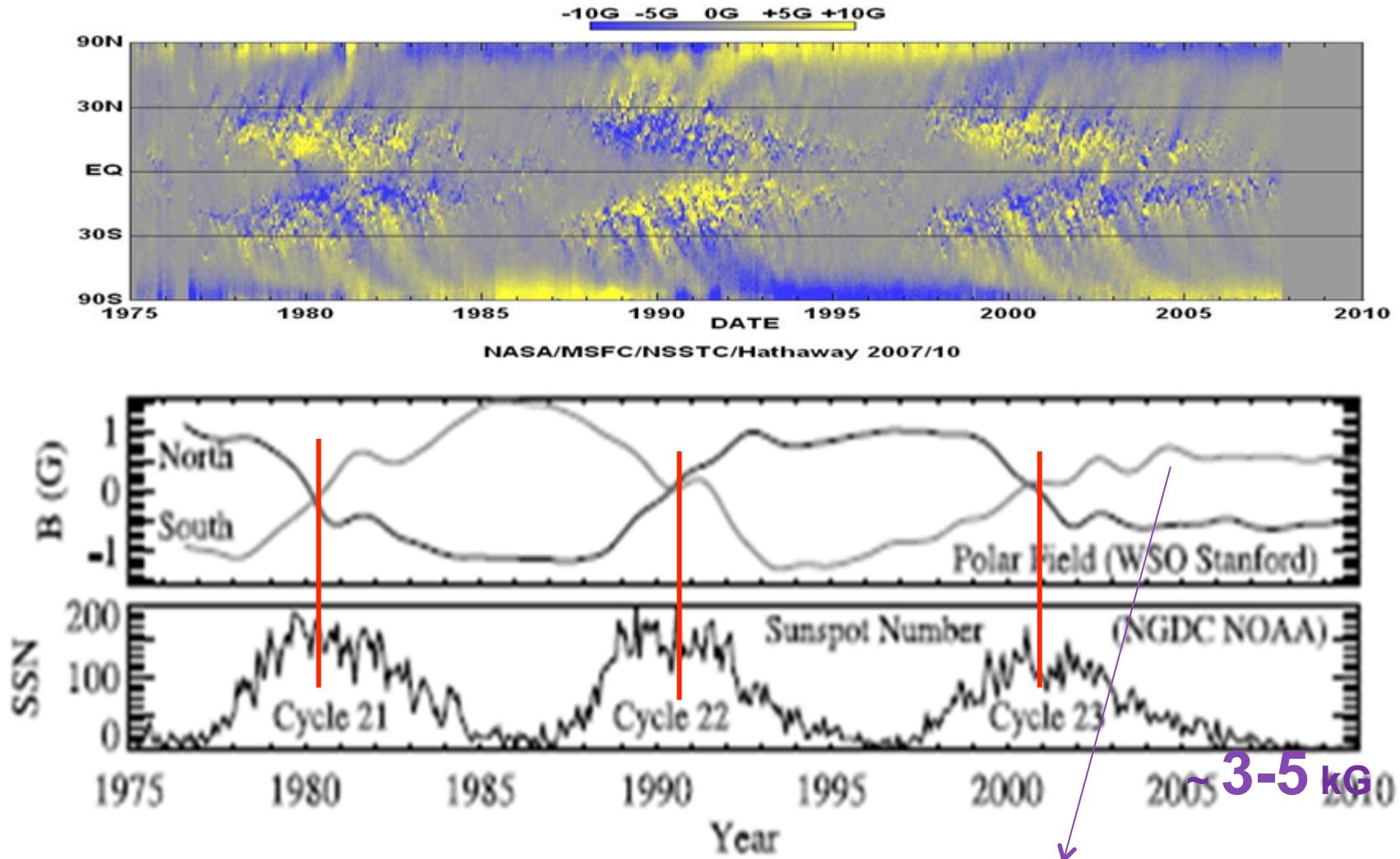
**Yellow –outward / +  
Blue – inward / -**



NASA/MSFC/NSSTC/Hathaway 2007/10

<http://solarscience.msfc.nasa.gov/dynamo.shtml>

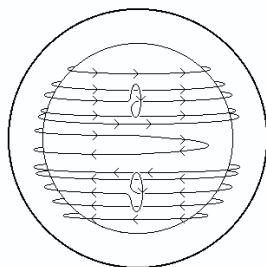
# Solar impacts on the Earth depend on 2 components of the solar magnetic field



Luhmann et al., 2011

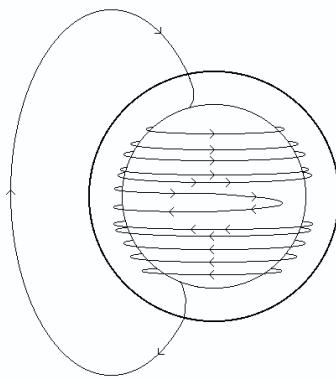
Decrease of the dipolar component of solar magnetic field => weak sunspot cycle 25

<http://solarscience.msfc.nasa.gov/dynamo.shtml>



Twisting of the magnetic field lines is caused by the effects of the Sun's rotation

The  $\alpha$ -effect

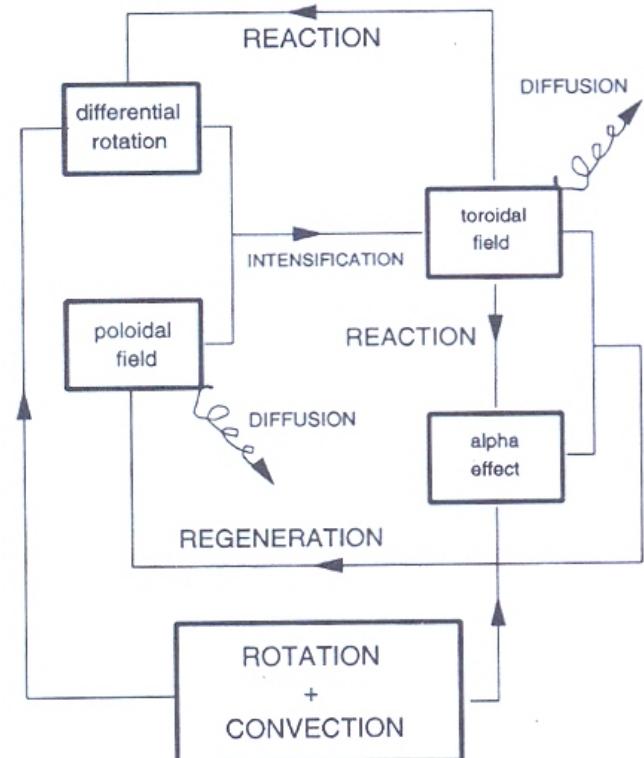


The  $\omega$ -effect

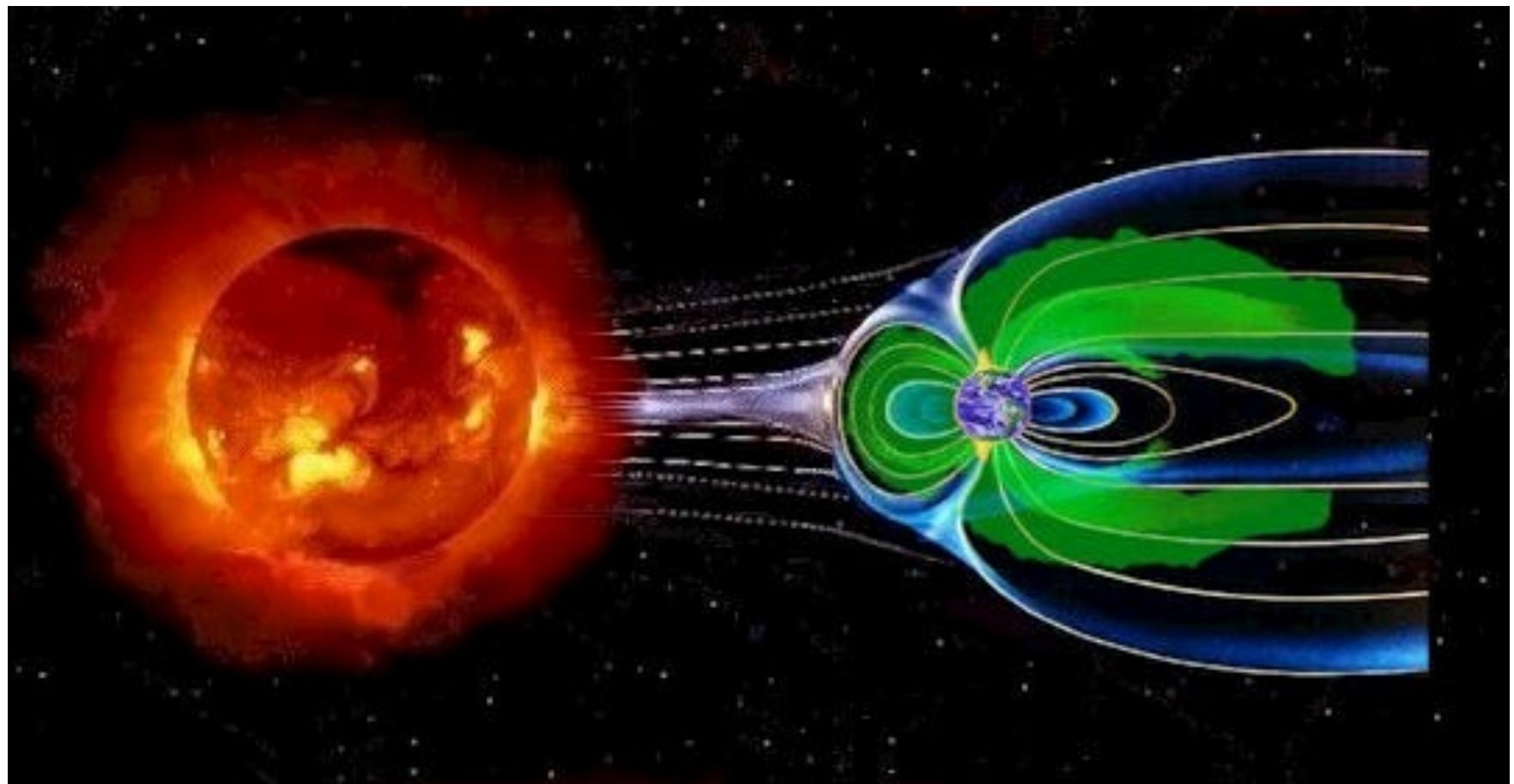
Differential rotation change in rotation rate as a function of latitude and radius within the Sun  $\omega(r, \theta)$

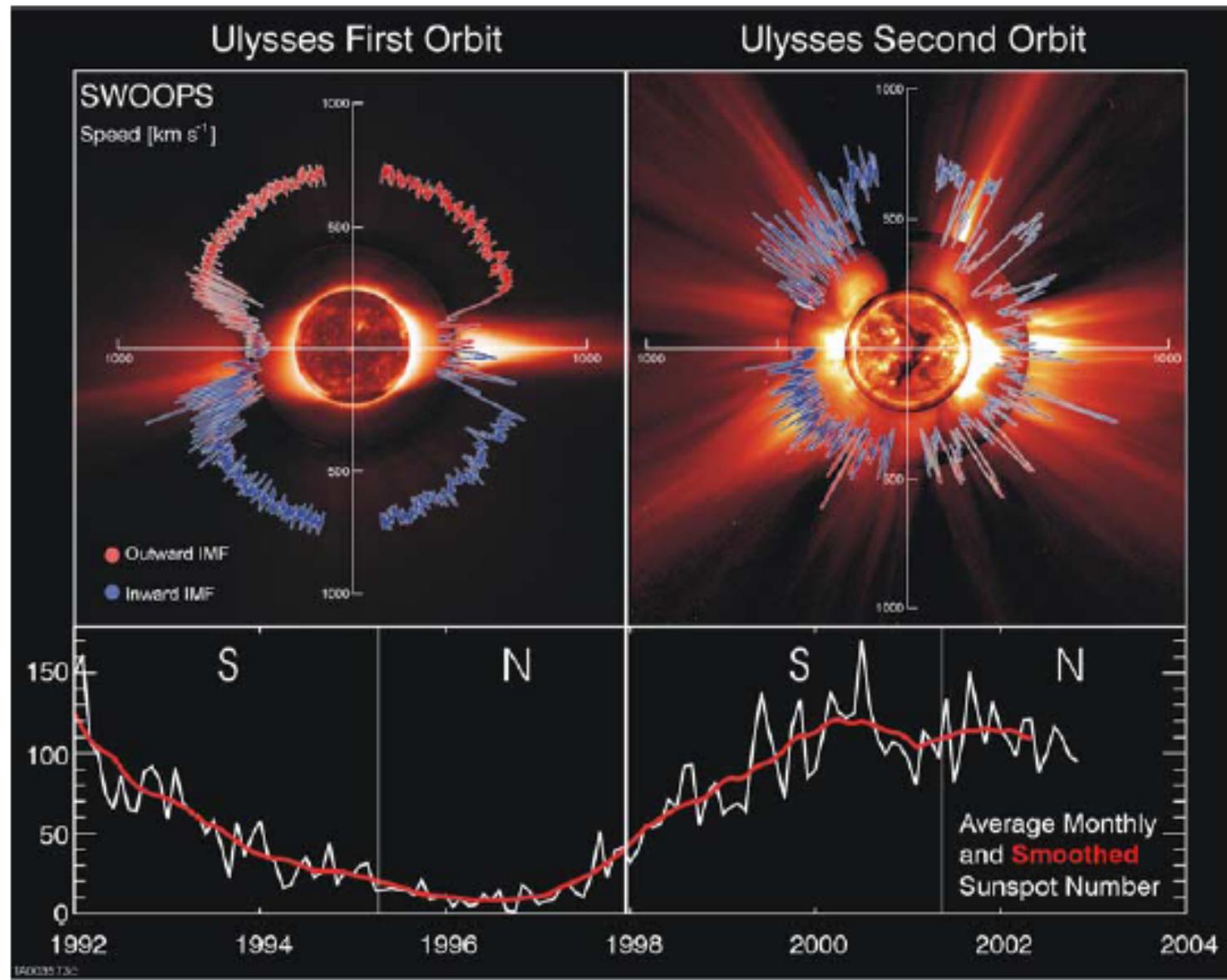
**The solar dynamo ingredients**  
**Motions : rotation and convection**  
**Magnetic field : dipolar component**

Diagram from L. Paterno, 2006

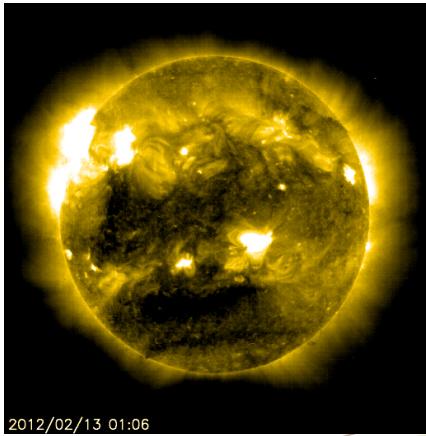


**The solar wind is a flow of particles, mainly electrons protons and heavy ions . Solar wind speed is 400 à 1000 km/s .**

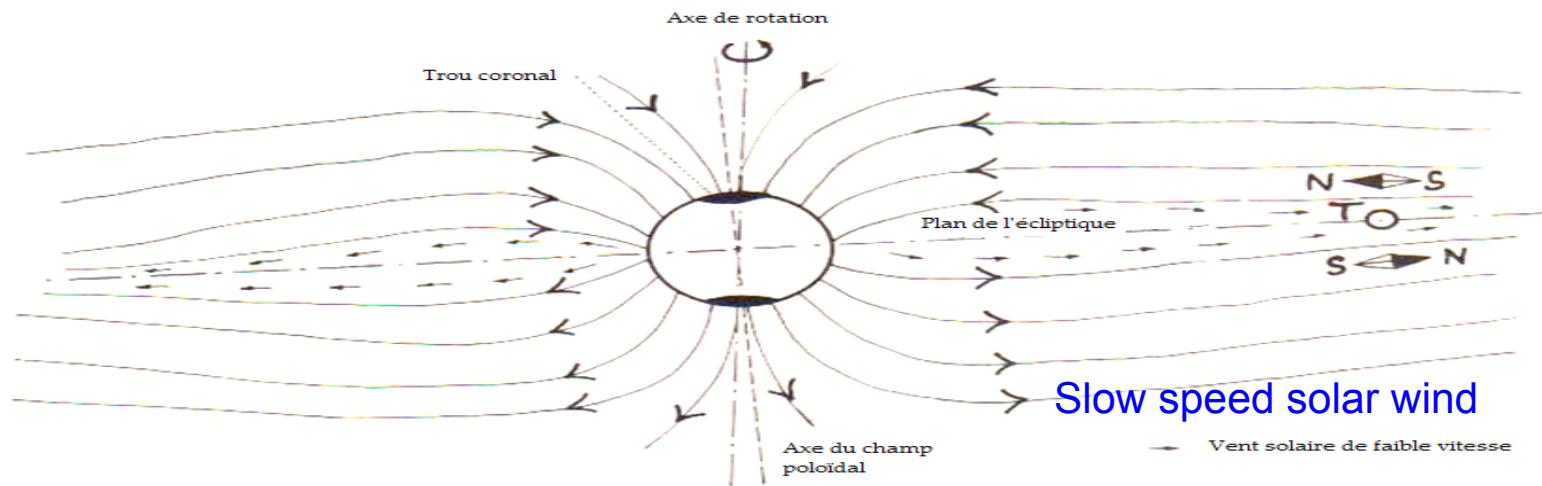
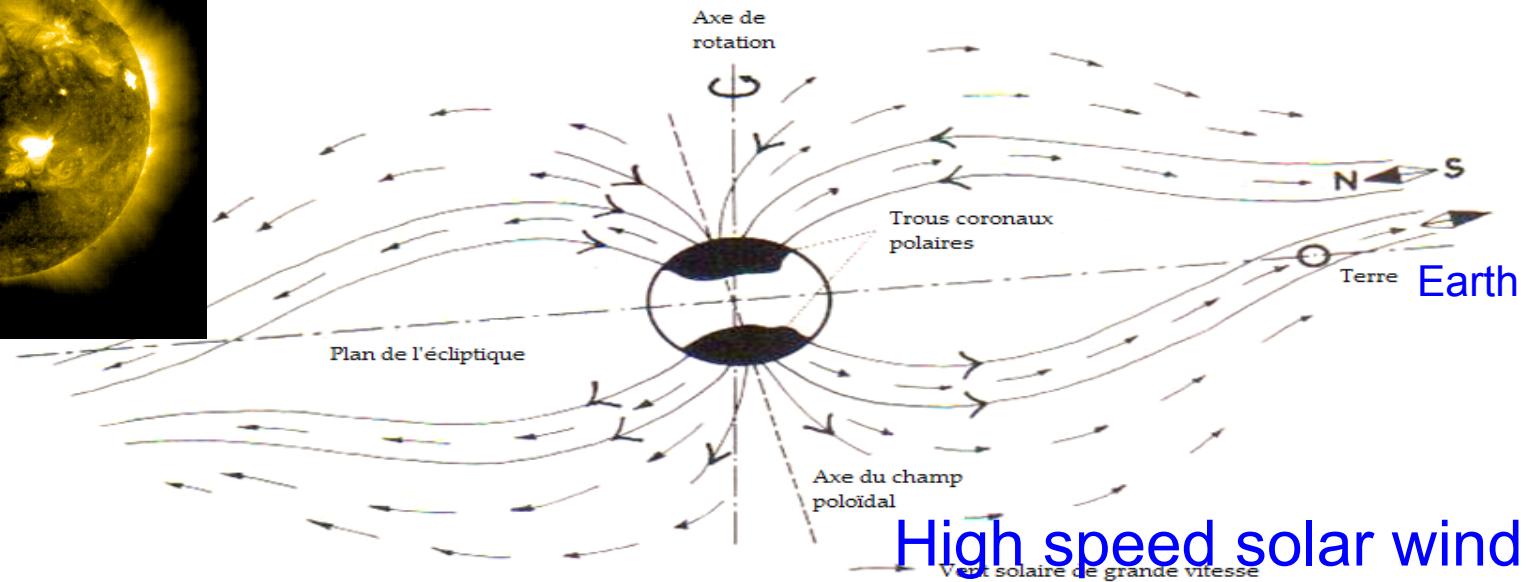


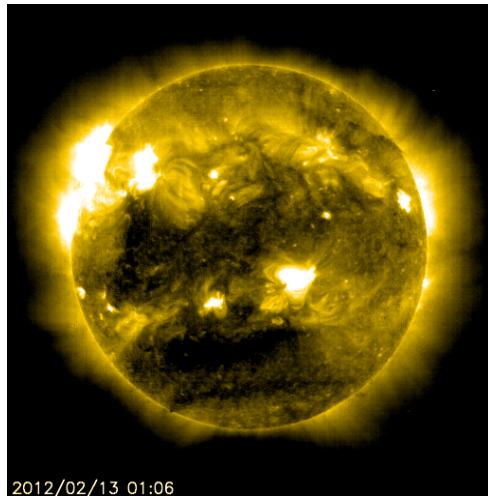


John Richardson, MIT



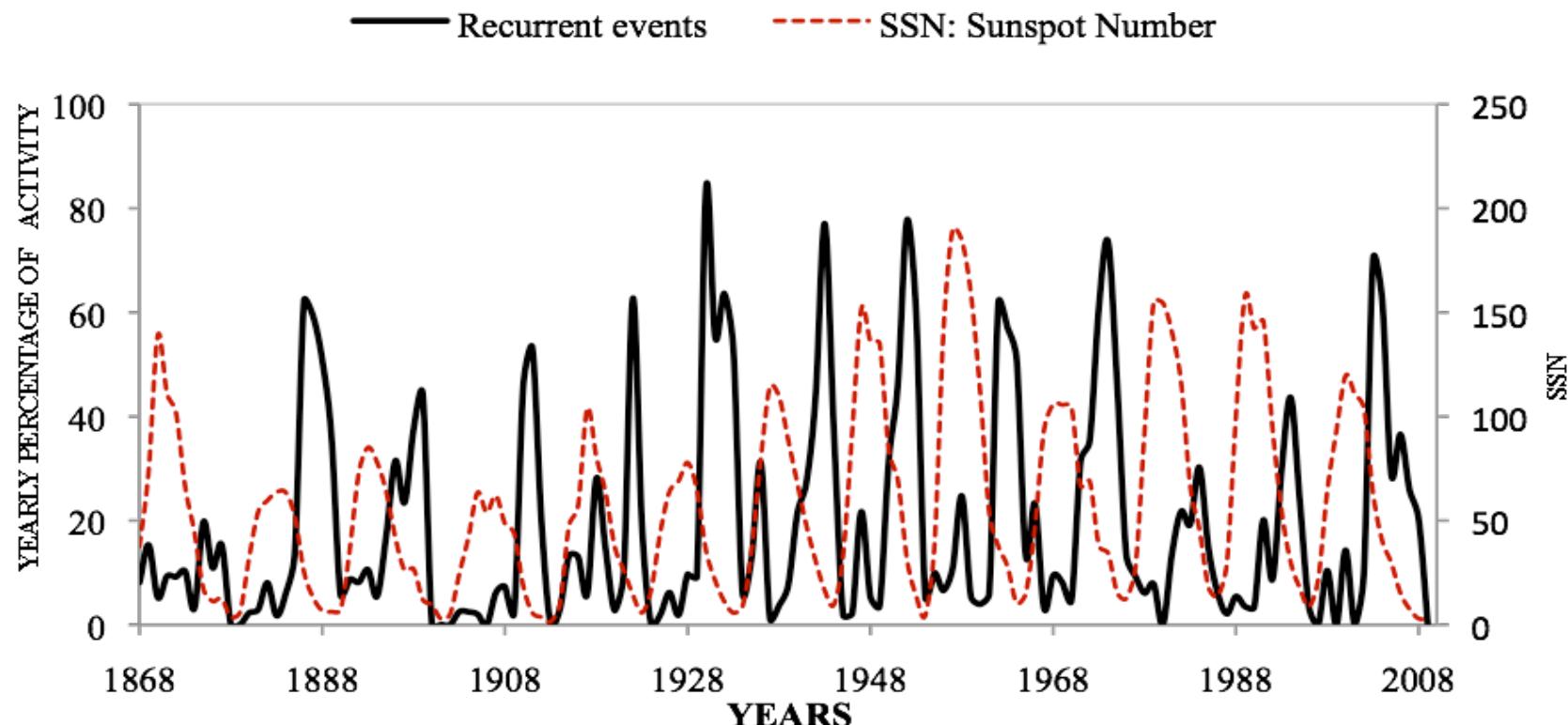
# Coronal hole

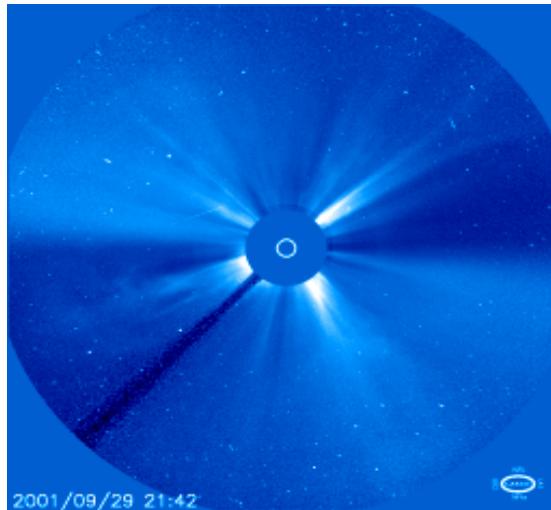




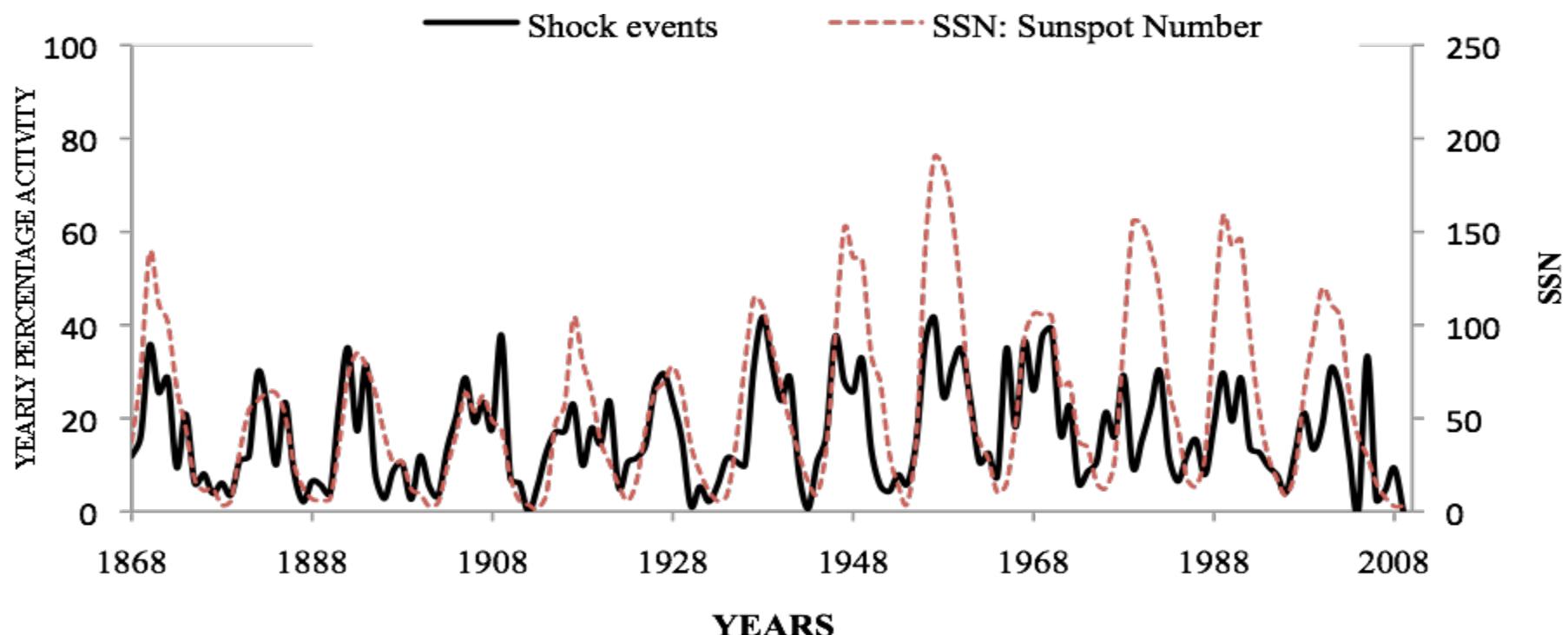
**POLOIDAL FIELD**  
**91,5% of geomagnetic activity is due to solar wind. High speed solar wind streams flowing from coronal holes are related to the poloidal component of the solar magnetic field**

**Legrand and Simon, 1989**  
**J-L. Zerbo et al., 2012**





**TOROIDAL FIELD = sunspot  
8,5% of geomagnetic activity  
Shock events -> CME  
are related to the sunspot cycle**

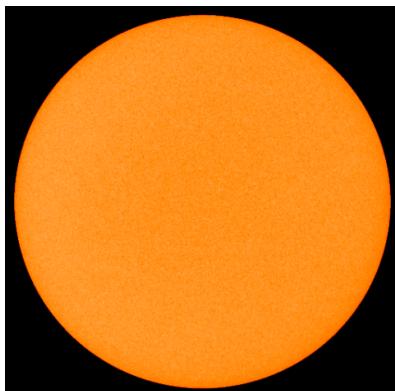


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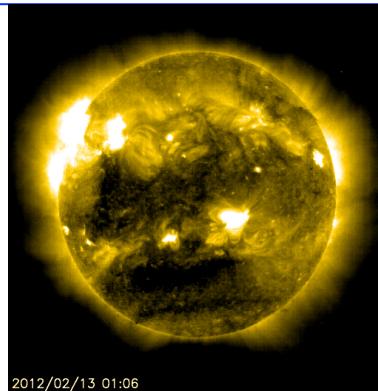
# Improving of the classification of Legrand and Simon using Aa indices, SSC, Solar events and empirical relation between solar wind and geomagnetic indices

By J-L. ZERBO et al. (*Annales Geophysicae* 2012)

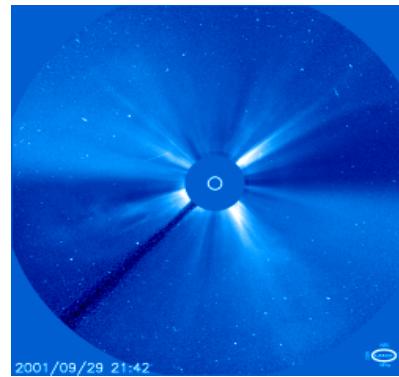
$Aa < 20 \text{ nT}$   
Quiet magnetic activity



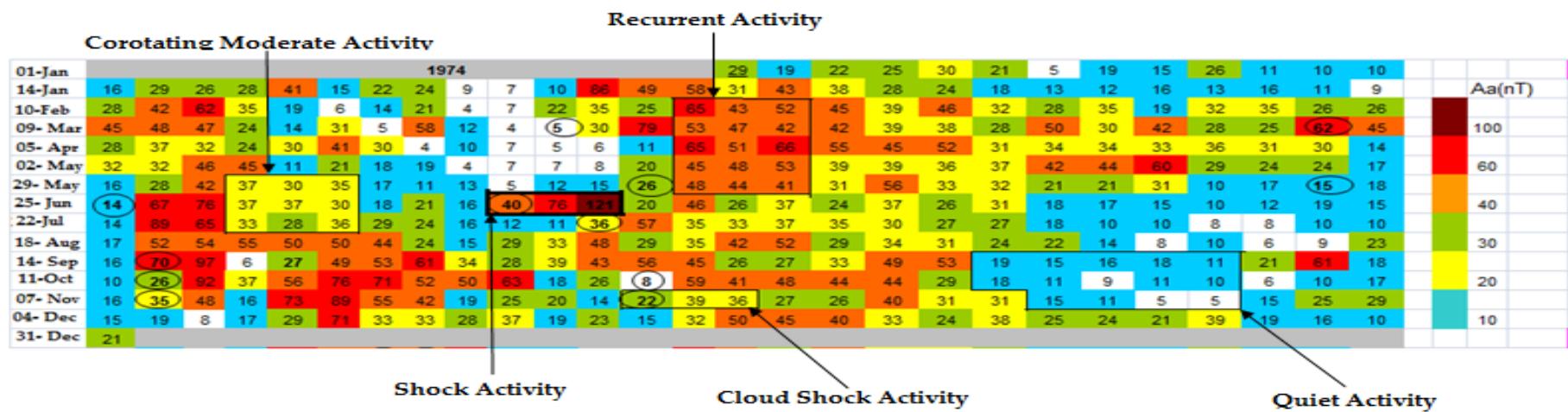
**Aa > 20 nT**  
**Recurrent activity**  
**High speed solar wind**  
**streams**  
**from coronal holes**



**Aa > 20 nT  
Shock activity /SSC  
CME**



All the other cases are classified in the fluctuating activity  $\sim 20\%$

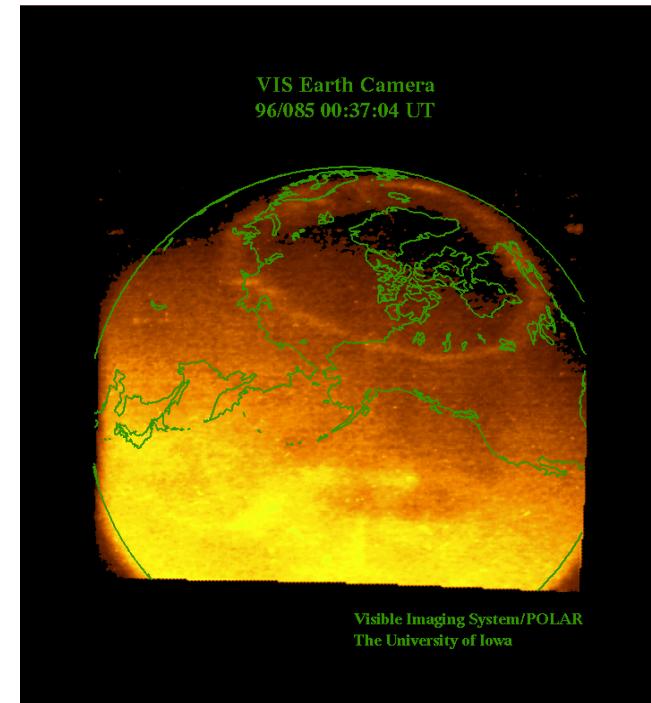
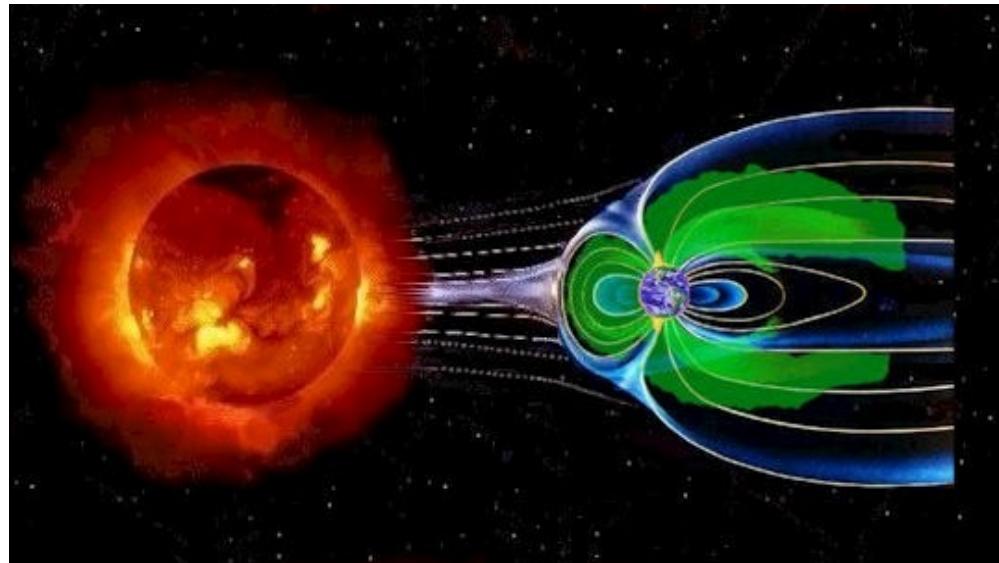


# Solar Wind – Magnetosphere Dynamo

Nikolai Ostgaard

# The Solar wind magnetosphere Dynamo : Magnetic storm

Vs : Solar wind , Bi : interplanetary medium



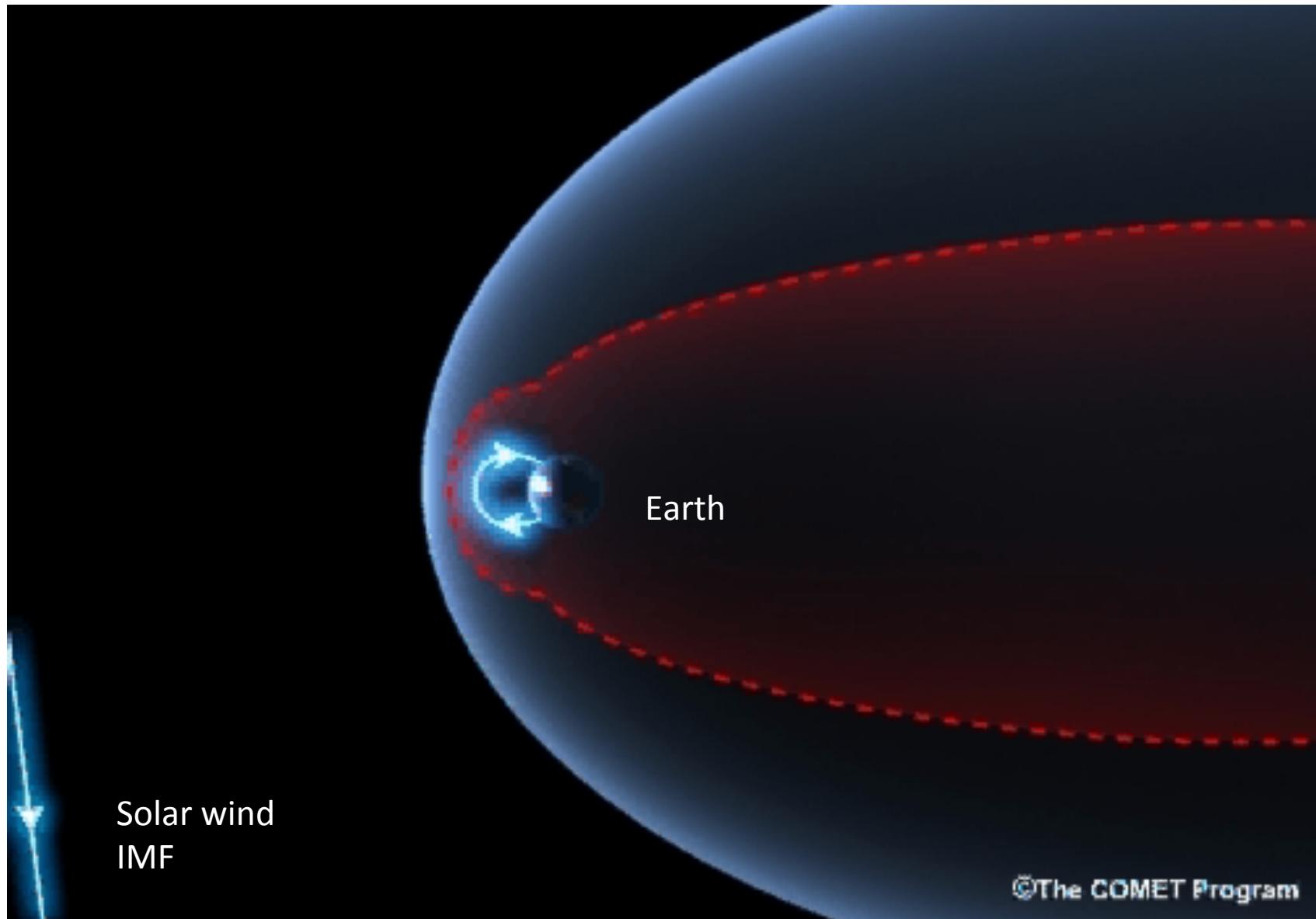
In the frame of the Magnetosphere

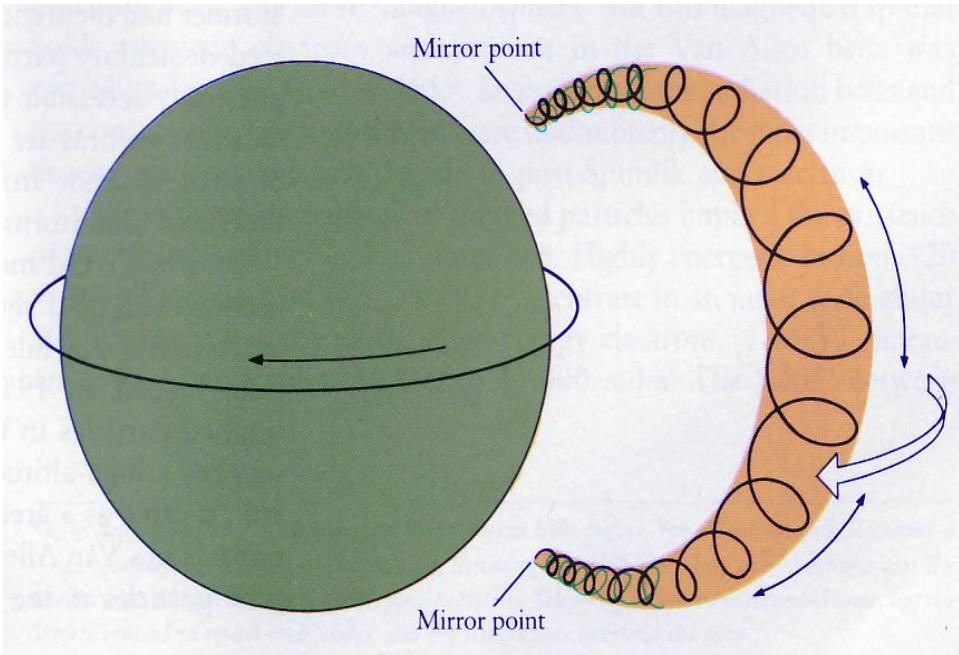
$$\mathbf{E} = -\mathbf{V}_s \times \mathbf{B}_i$$

the components of the magnetic field that are perpendicular to the solar wind velocity are important

Component  $B_z$  of the interplanetary Magnetic field directed toward the south is a condition for a magnetic Storm in the majority of the cases.

## MAGNETIC RECONNECTION (Dungey, 1961)





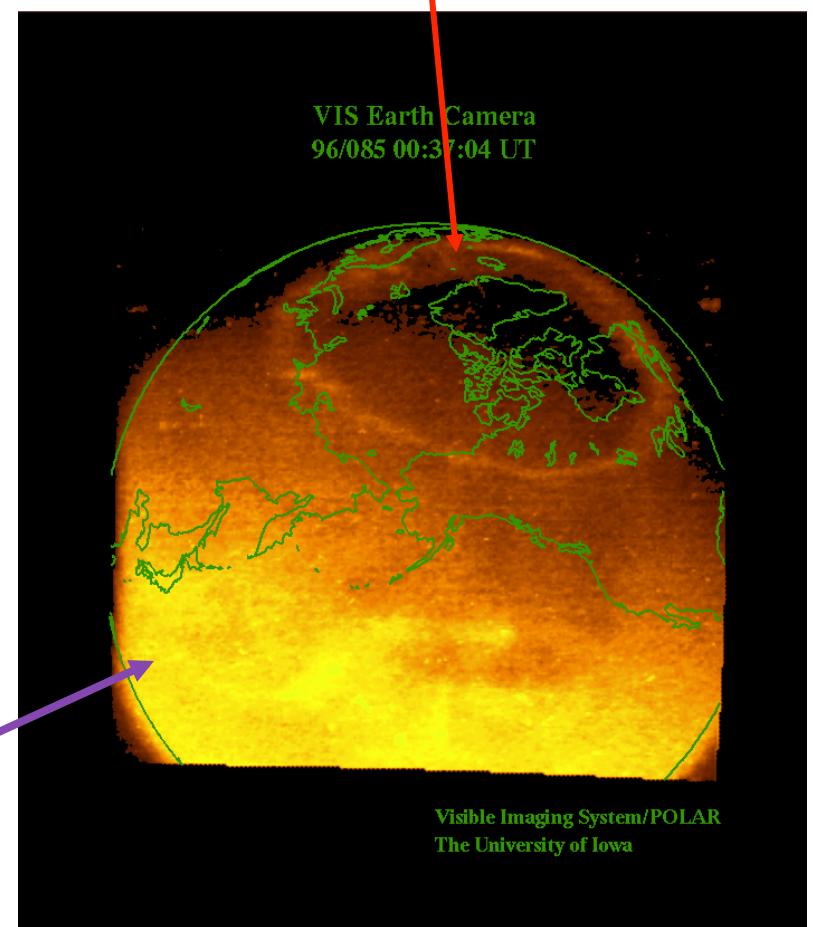
Friedman, 1987

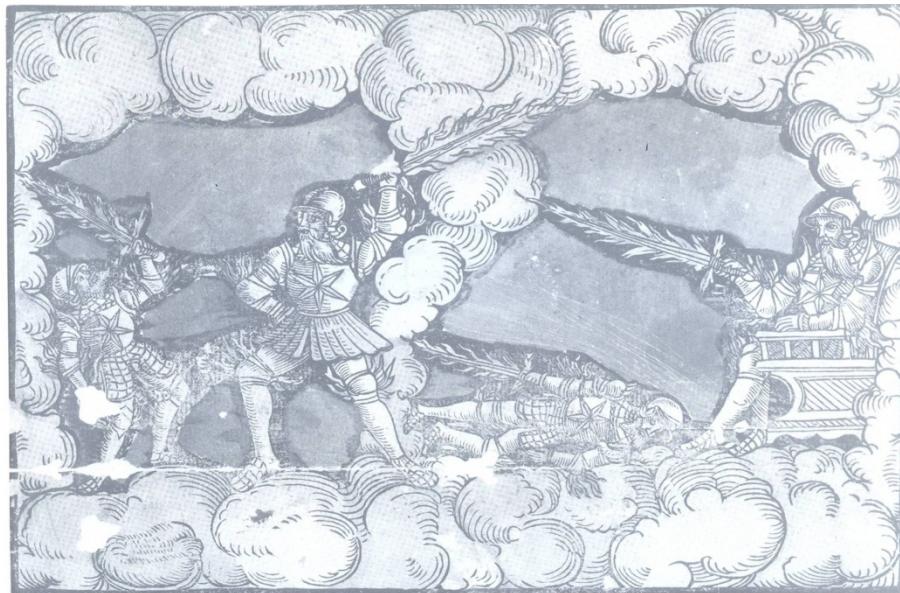
Motion of the electric particules in the  
Earth magnetic field

There are precipitations of particules  
In the auroral zone

Solar Radiations

Photo of the auroral zone





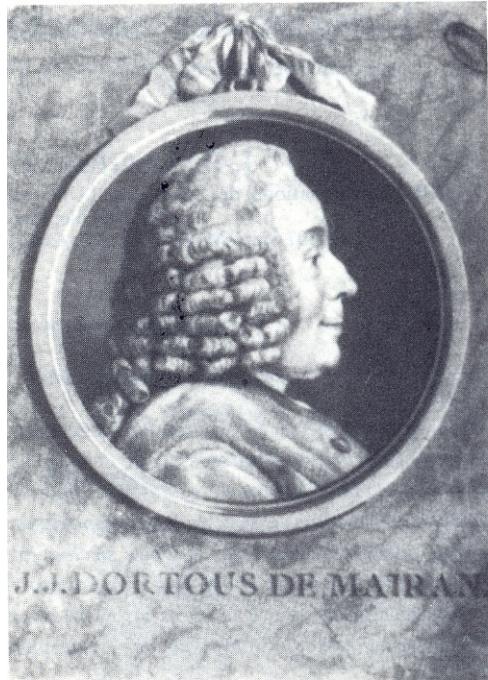
## Magnetic Storms

Picture of the By aurorae  
observed on June 24, 1554 in  
Germany and Switzerland  
Legrand et al. 1991  
The aurorae is at 100km height

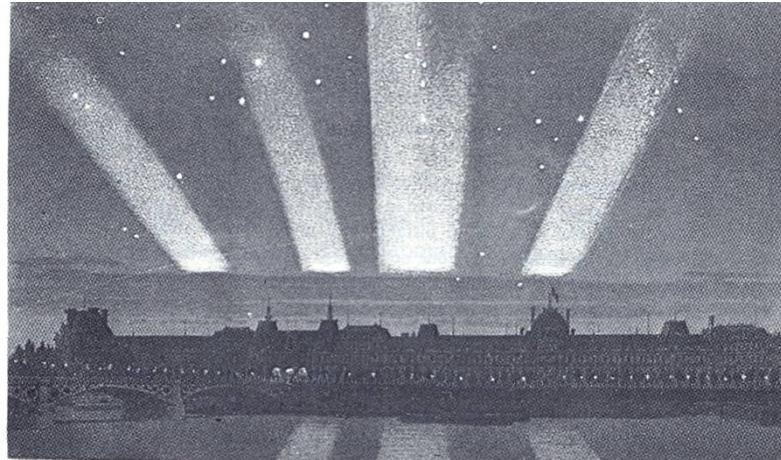
Aurora observed at Rouen  
(near Paris) on April 11 2001  
During strong magnetic  
storms, the effects are  
observed at equatorial  
latitudes



# Jean DORTOUS DE MAIRAN -17 33 Academician -> reign of the king LOUIS XIV



Explained  
the aurora

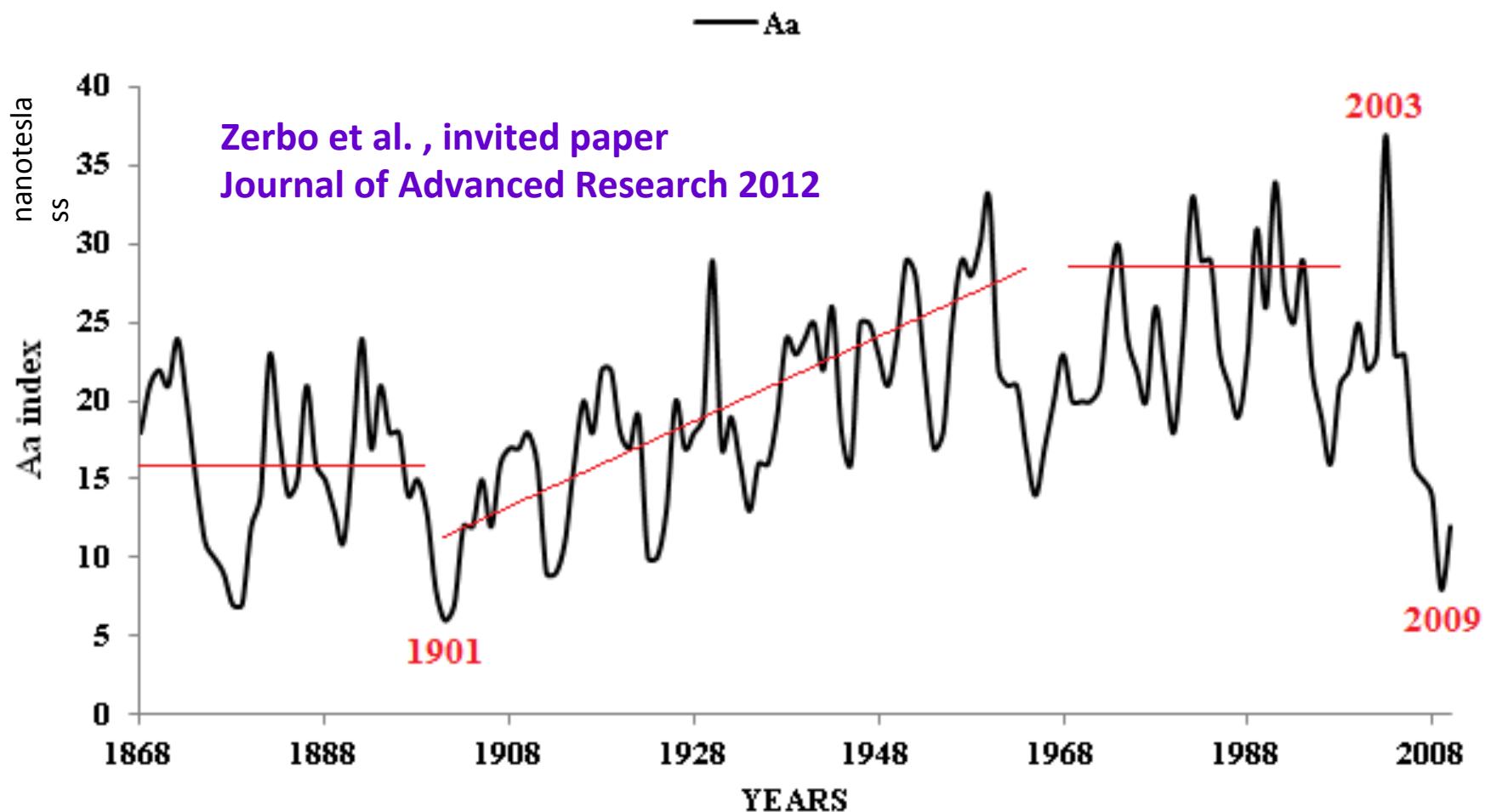


Aurora observed at Paris on May 13, 1869  
(L'Atmosphère Flammarion )



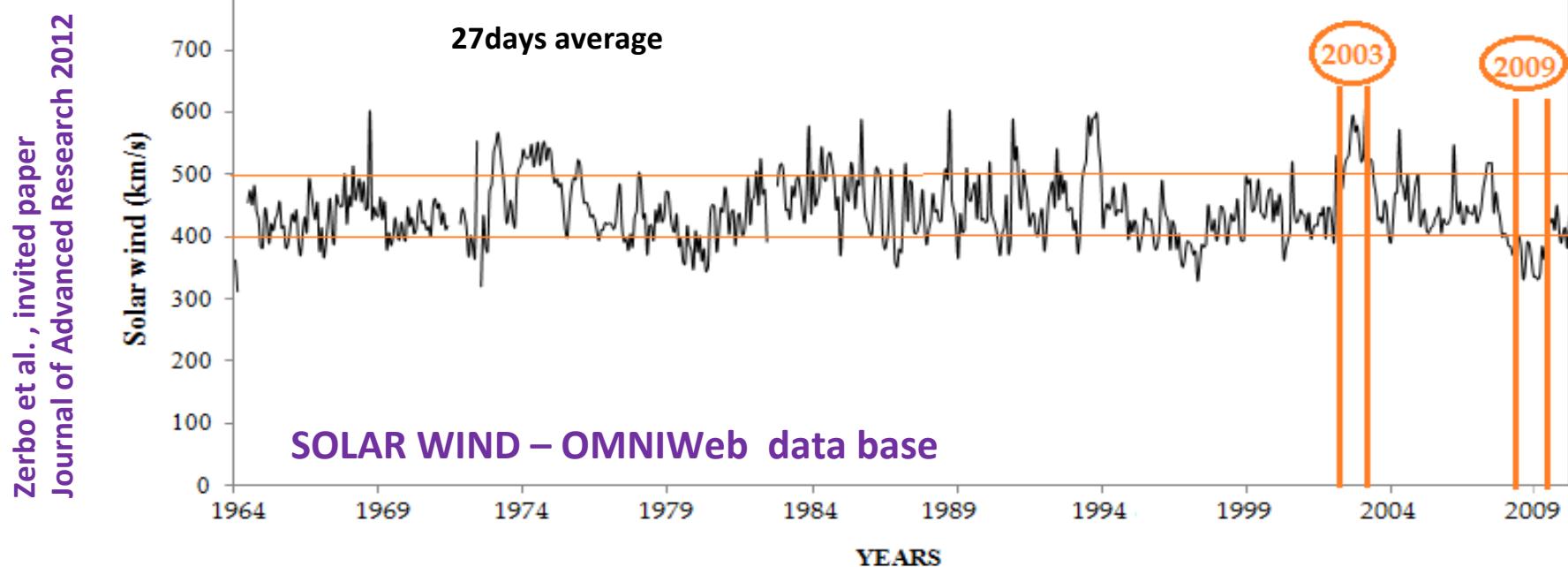
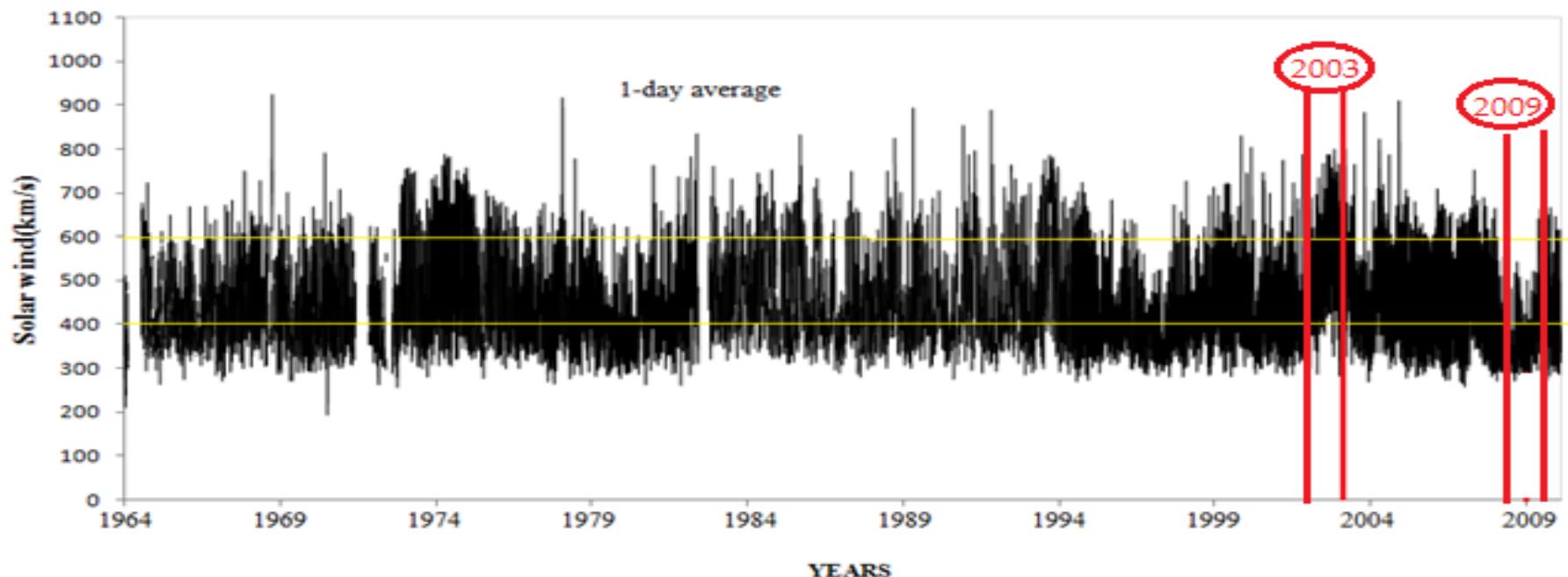
Arc auroral observed by A.E.  
Nordenskiold during his travel at  
Behring on March 21 1879  
Les aurores polaires Angot, Paris 1895

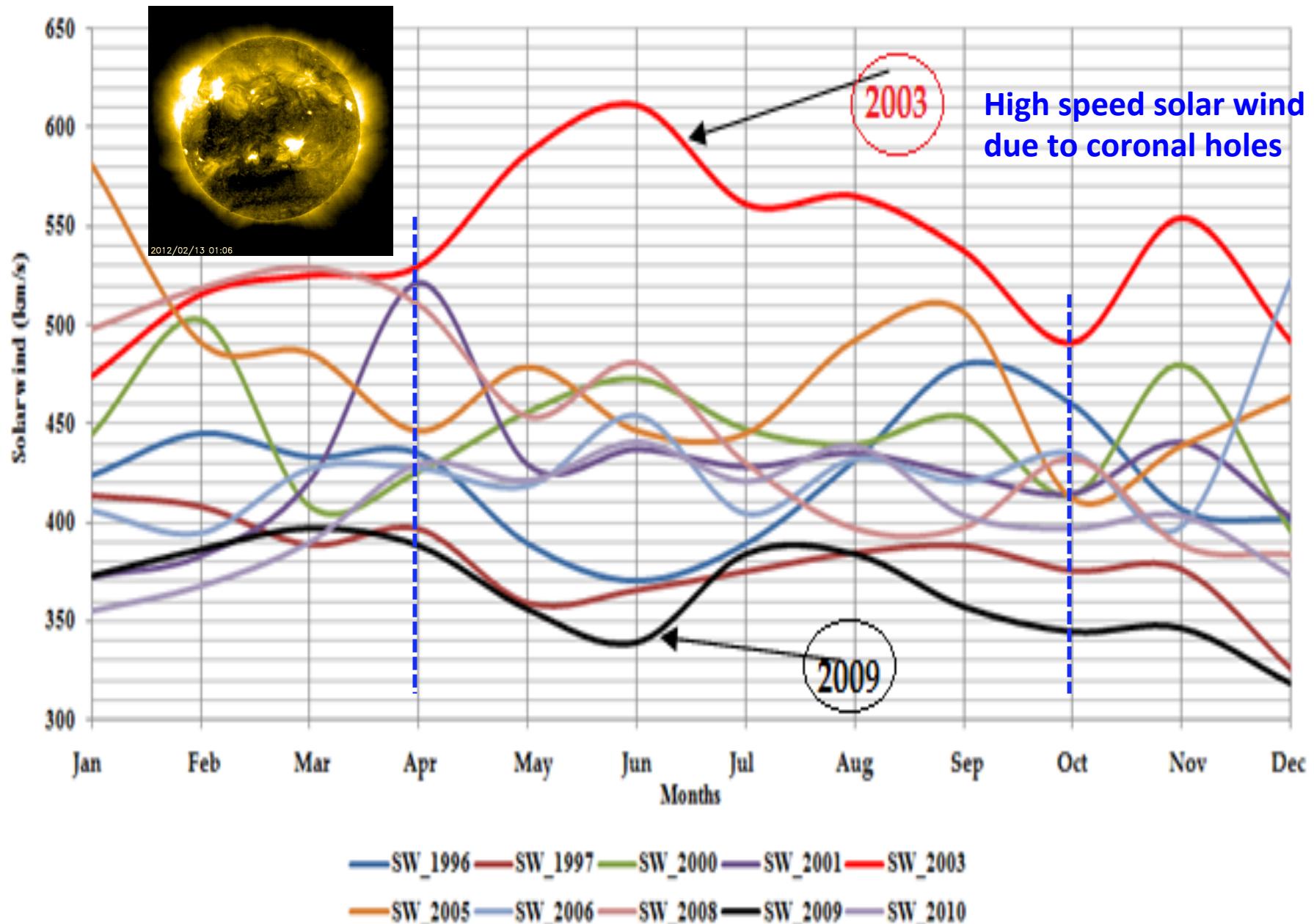
## Exceptionnal years : long term variations

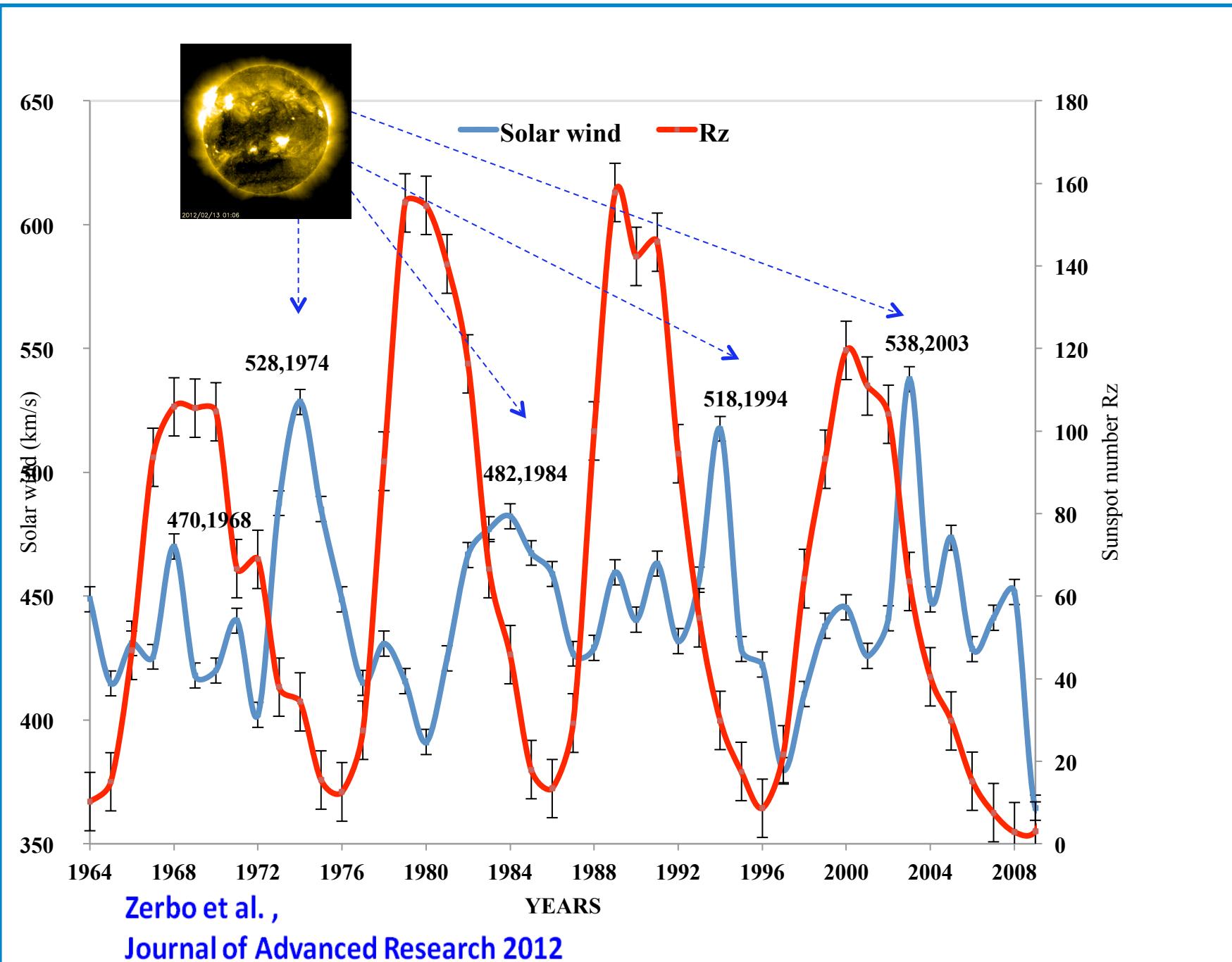


Year 2003 is the year the most magnetically disturbed since 1868

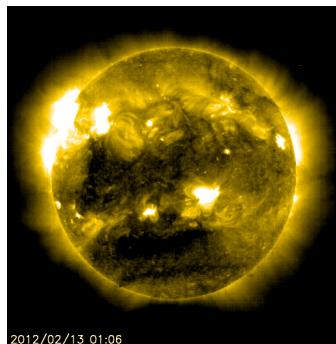
Year 2009 is the year the magnetically quietest year since 1901 39







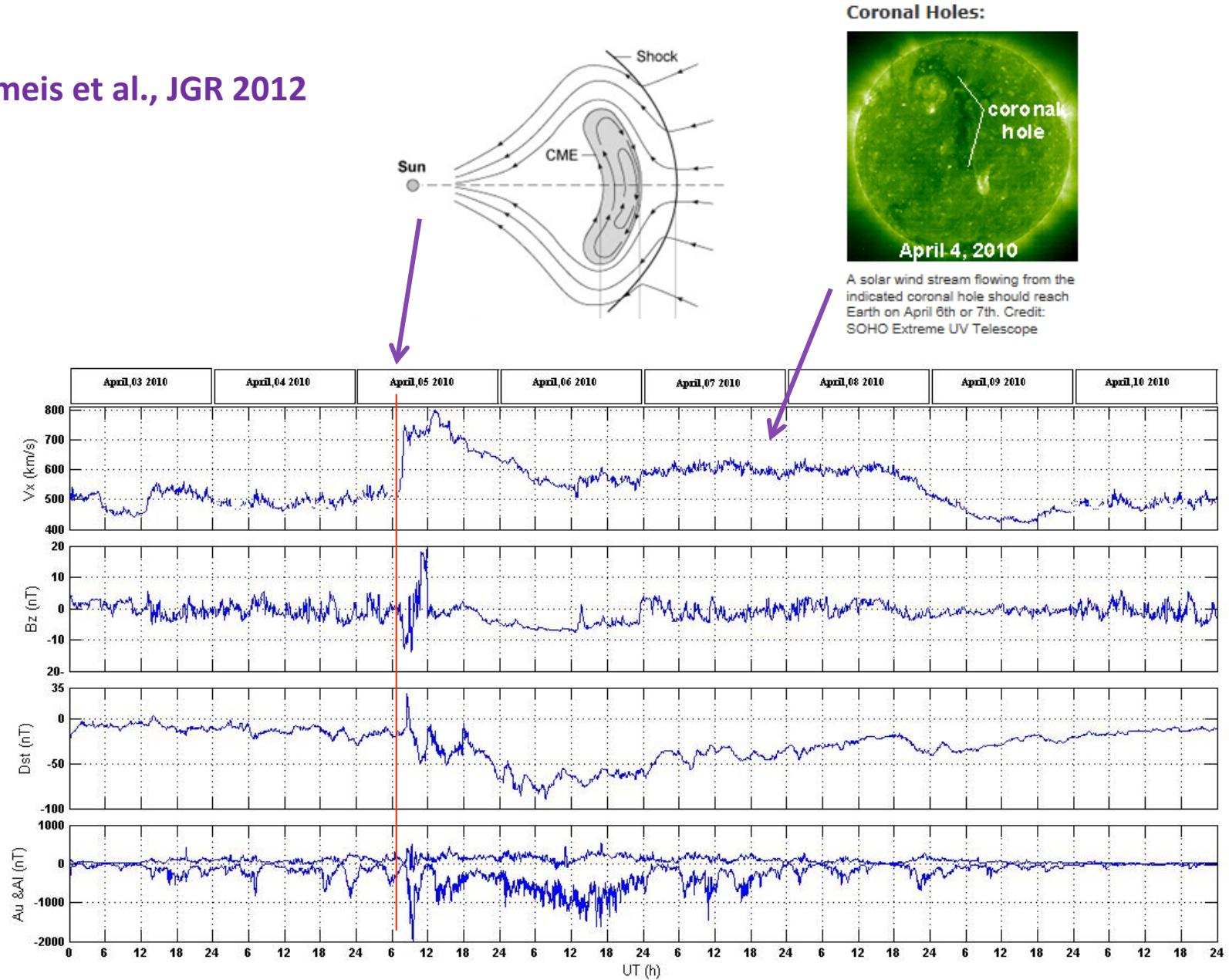
## Equatorial coronal holes during the solar dipole reversal



# Daily Aa 2003

## No coronal hole

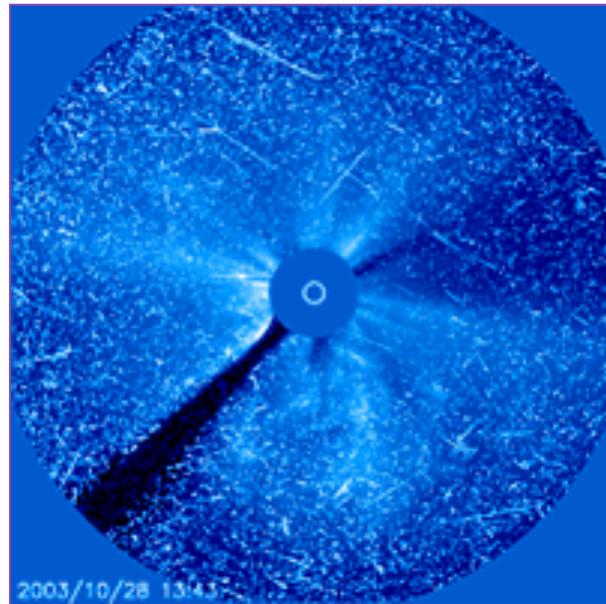
## Shimeis et al., JGR 2012



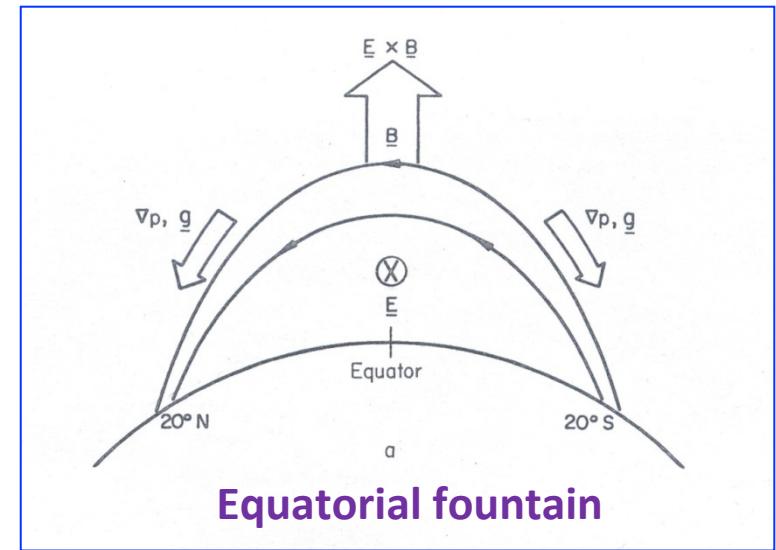
SSC at 08:26

# Sun Earth System

Coronal mass ejection  
affect the equatorial fountain

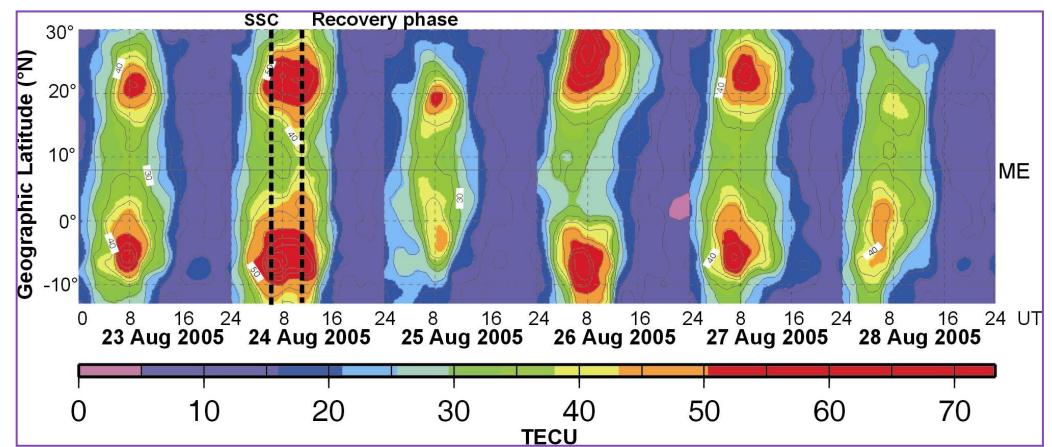


Images du satellite SOHO/NASA



Equatorial fountain

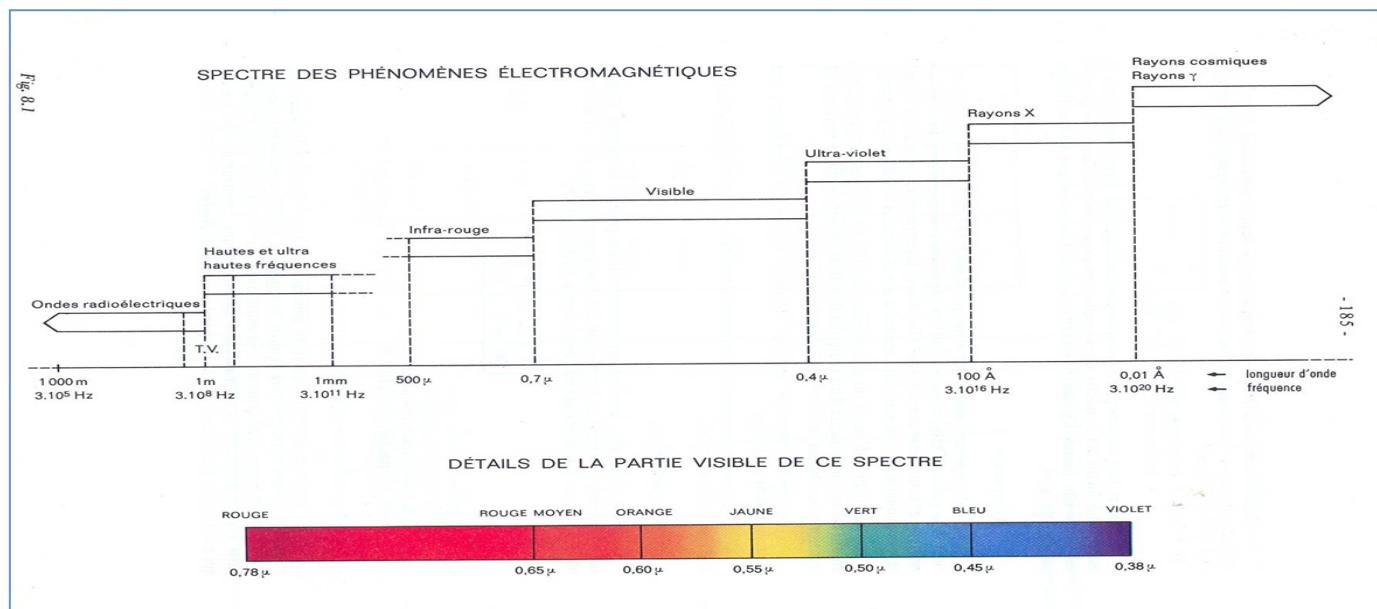
Maps of the TEC over Asia



Amory-Mazaudier et al, 2006

# IONOSPHERIC DYNAMO

## David Hysell



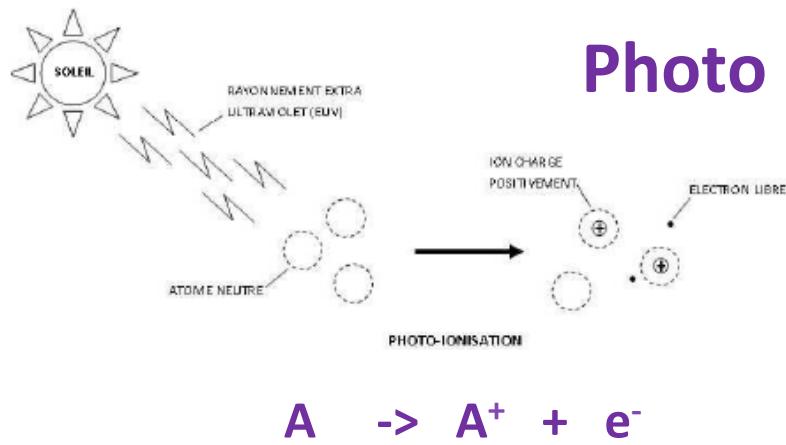
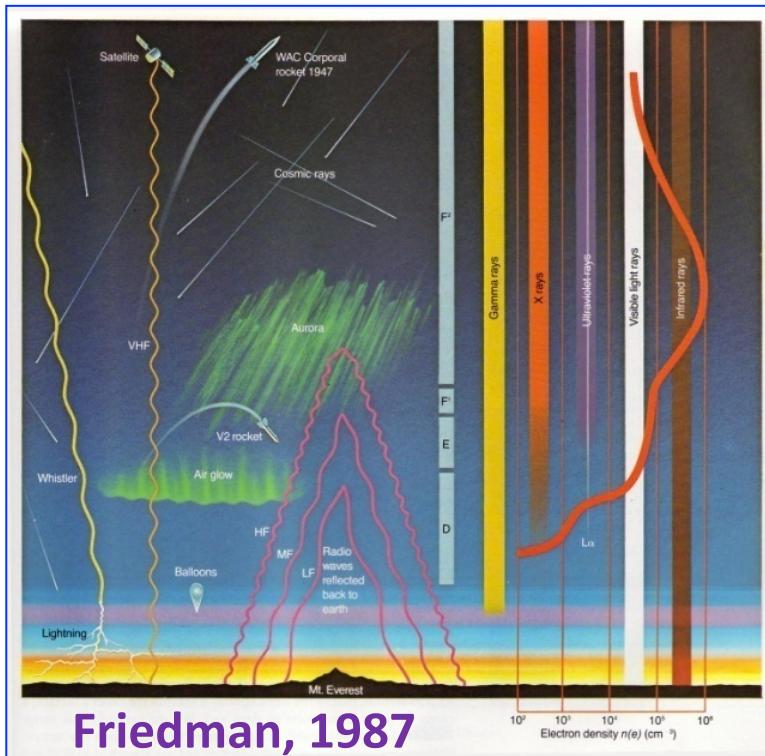
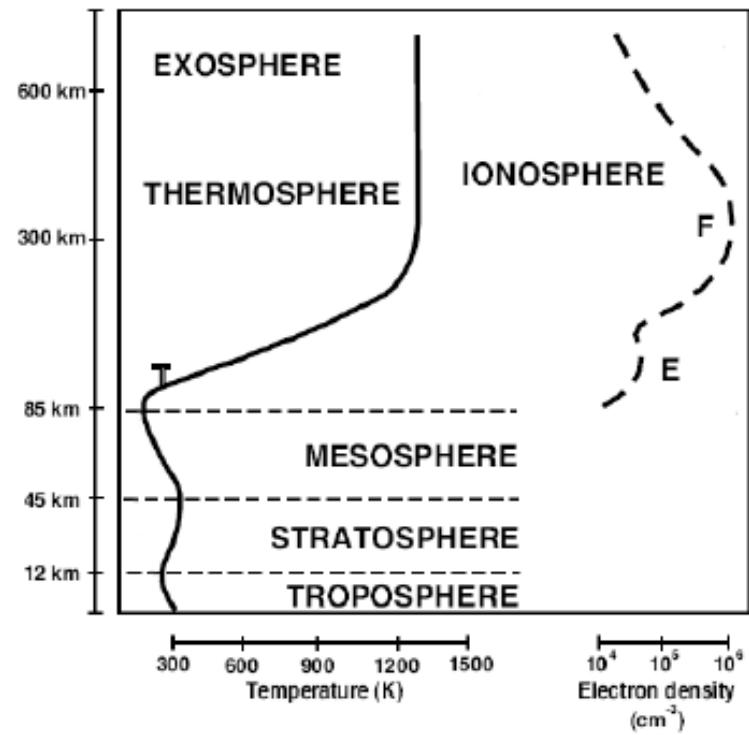


FIGURE 1.6 – Photoionisation d'un atome neutre A, par un rayonnement ultraviolet extrême (EUV) du soleil, produisant un ion chargé positivement A<sup>+</sup> et un électron libre e<sup>-</sup>.

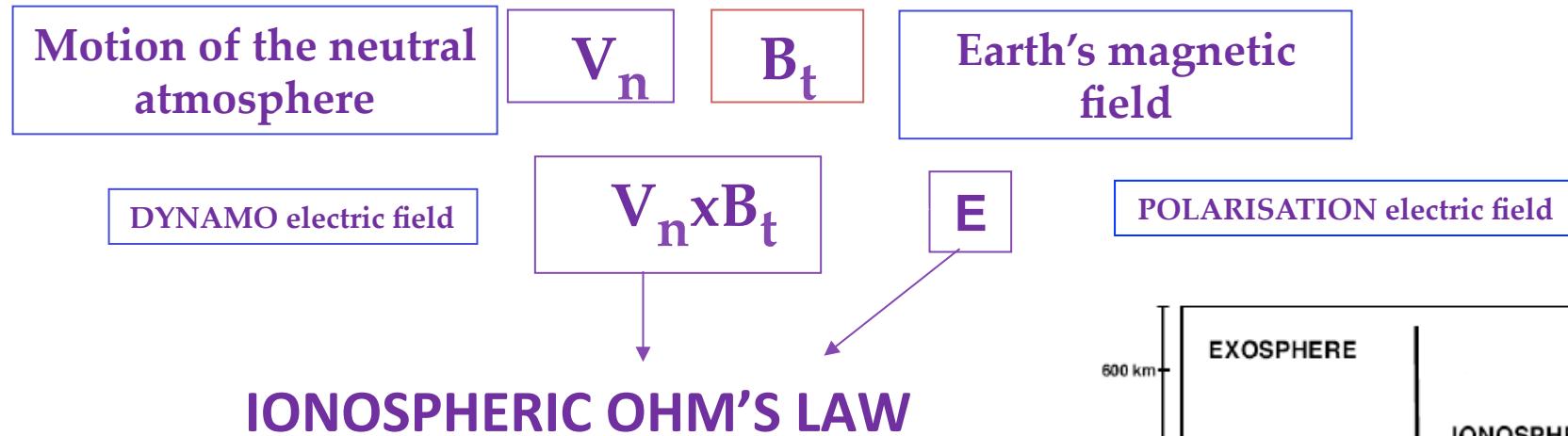


## Photo ionisation

# IONOSPHERIC DYNAMO SOLAR RADIATIONS UV , EUV



# IONOSPHERIC DYNAMO (Stewart 1882)



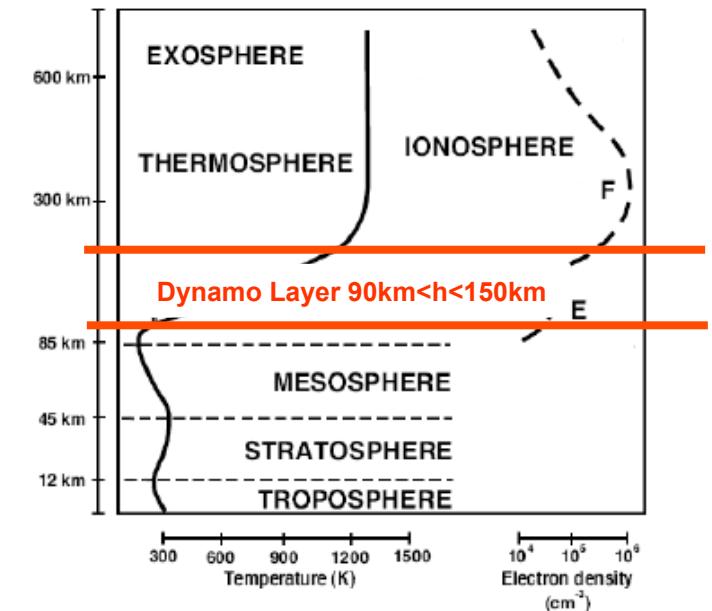
$$\vec{J} = \sigma_p (\vec{E}_\perp + \vec{V}_n \Lambda \vec{B}) + \sigma_h \vec{b} \Lambda (\vec{E}_\perp + \vec{V}_n \Lambda \vec{B}) + \sigma_{\parallel} \vec{E}_{\parallel}$$

$$\sigma_p = \frac{N_e e}{B} \left( \frac{\nu_{in} \Omega_i}{\nu_{in}^2 + \Omega_i^2} + \frac{\nu_{en} \Omega_e}{\nu_{en}^2 + \Omega_e^2} \right)$$

$$\sigma_h = \frac{N_e e}{B} \left( \frac{\Omega_e^2}{\nu_{en}^2 + \Omega_e^2} - \frac{\Omega_i^2}{\nu_{in}^2 + \Omega_i^2} \right)$$

$$\Omega_e = \frac{eB}{m_e} \quad \Omega_i = \frac{eB}{m_i}$$

Gyrofrequencies  
of electrons and ions



$\sigma_p$ : Pedersen conductivity  $\perp B$  et  $\parallel E$

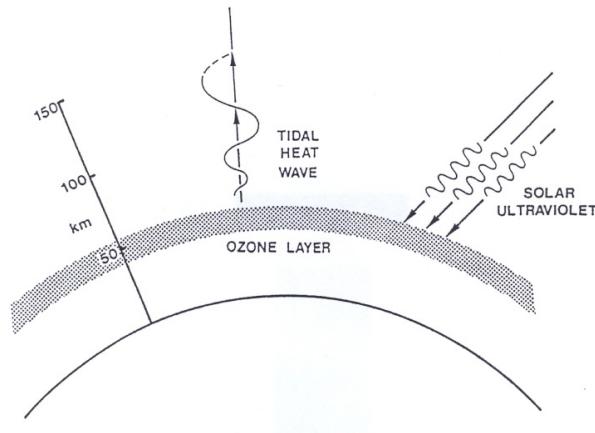
$\sigma_h$ : Hall conductivity  $\perp B$  et  $E$

$\nu_{in}$  et  $\nu_{en}$ : collisions frequencies

# IONOSPHERIC DYNAMO / Neutral winds

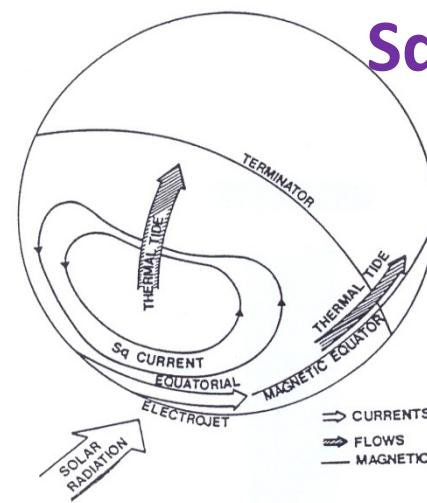
## John Meriwether

Stratosphere Atmospheric Tides , Evans 1977

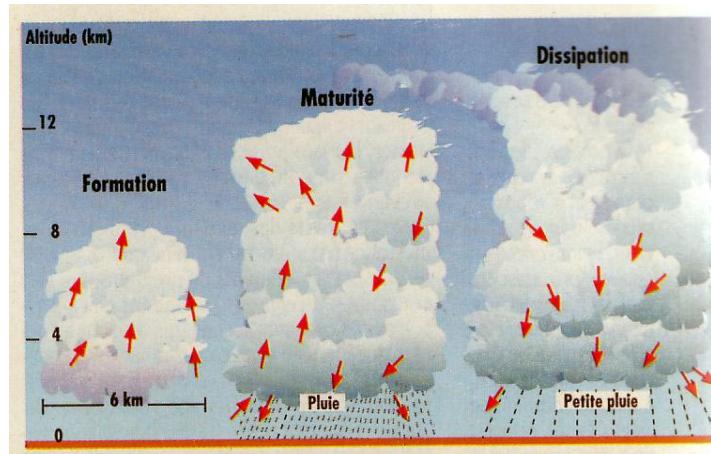


Diurnal process  
E Region of the  
Ionosphere  
( $90\text{km} < h < 150\text{km}$ )

$Sq/S_R$



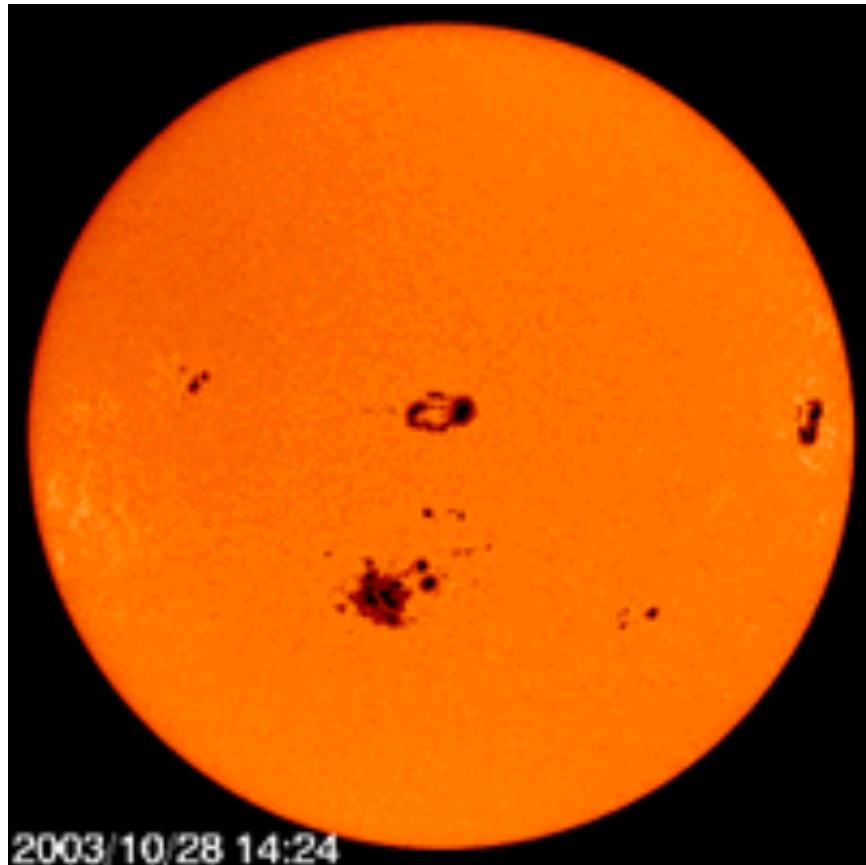
Deep convection in the troposphere : non migrating tides



Vertical coupling  
Stratosphere , troposphere  
Atmospheric electricity  
Earthquake, etc...

**Field to investigate**  
Nikolai Ostgaard

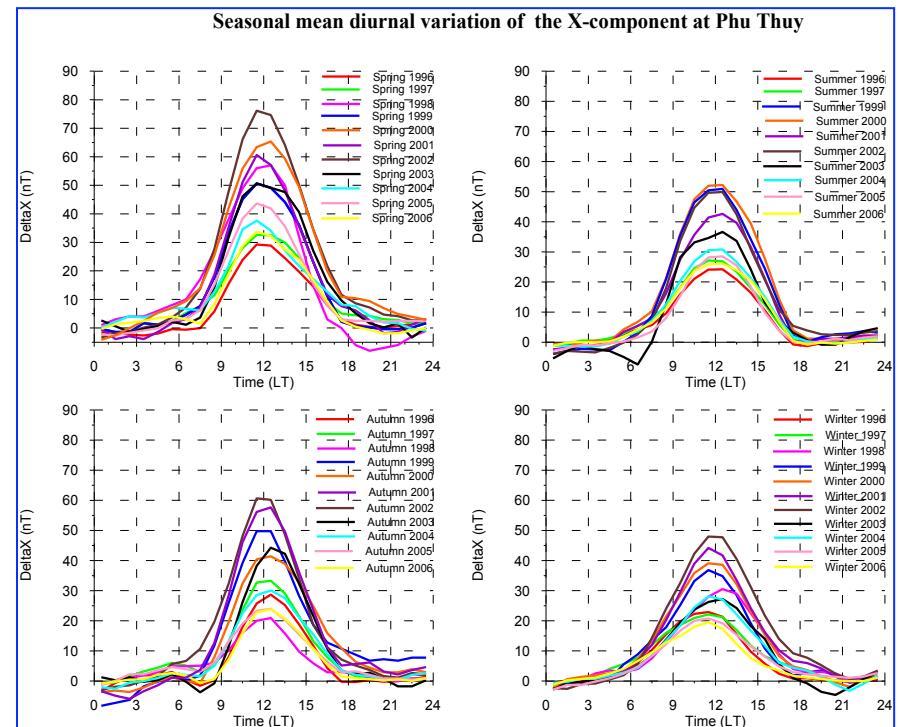
# Sun Earth System



Images du satellite SOHO / NASA - ESA

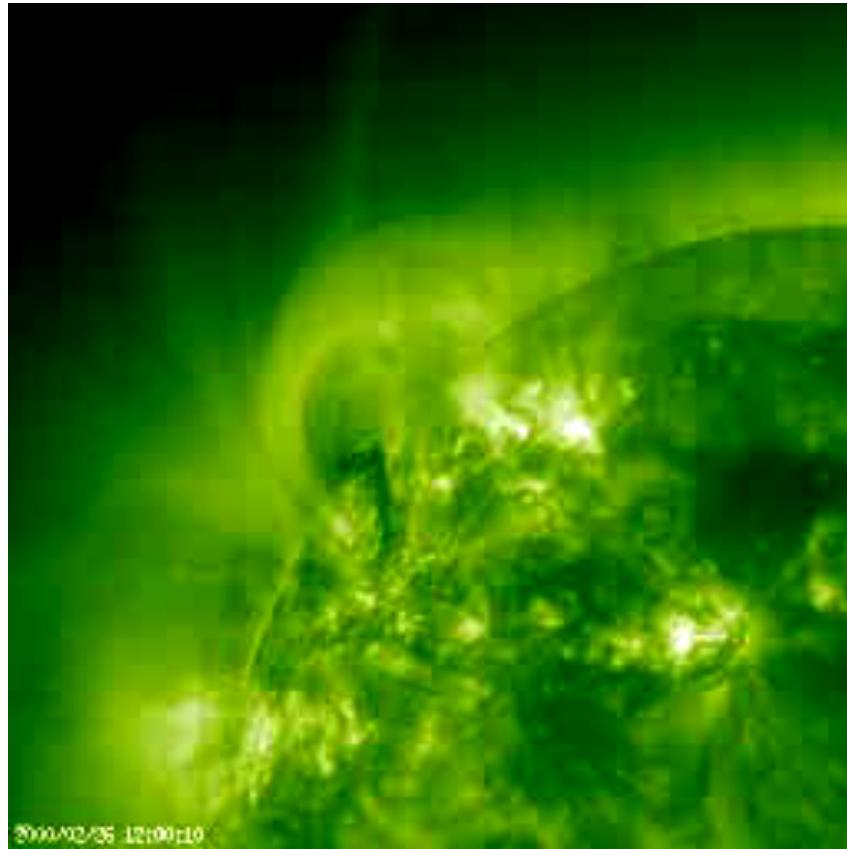
Sunspot  
Solar Radiations EUV, UV

Regular variation of the Earth's magnetic  
Field at Phu Thuy/ Vietnam



Pham et al, Ann. Geophys. 2011

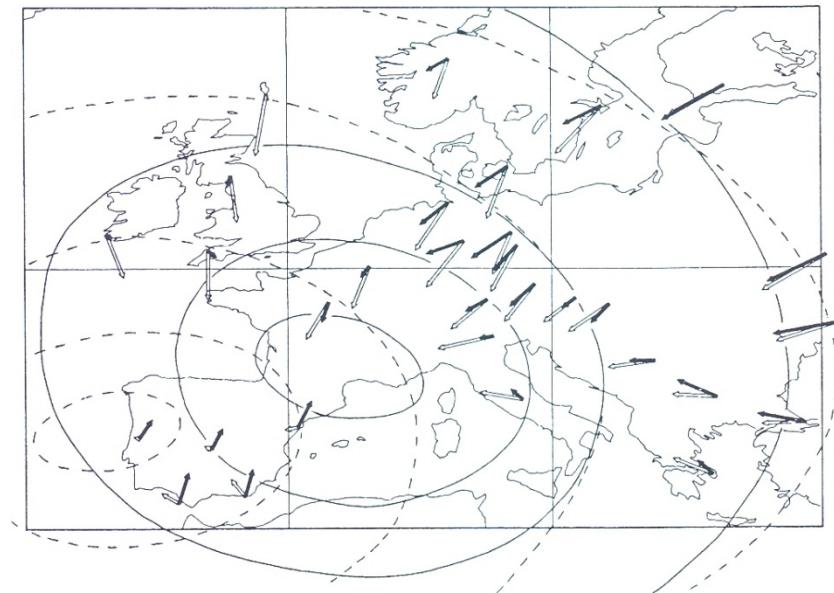
# Solar flare (Nat Gopalswamy) affects directly the ionospheric dynamo



Images du satellite SOHO/NASA

**Solar Flare -> Radiations X, EUV**

Geomagnetic disturbance due to  
A solar flare / black arrow



Curto et al., JGR, 1994

# Physics of the solar flare, PhD Curto 1992/ Curto et al. JGR, 1994

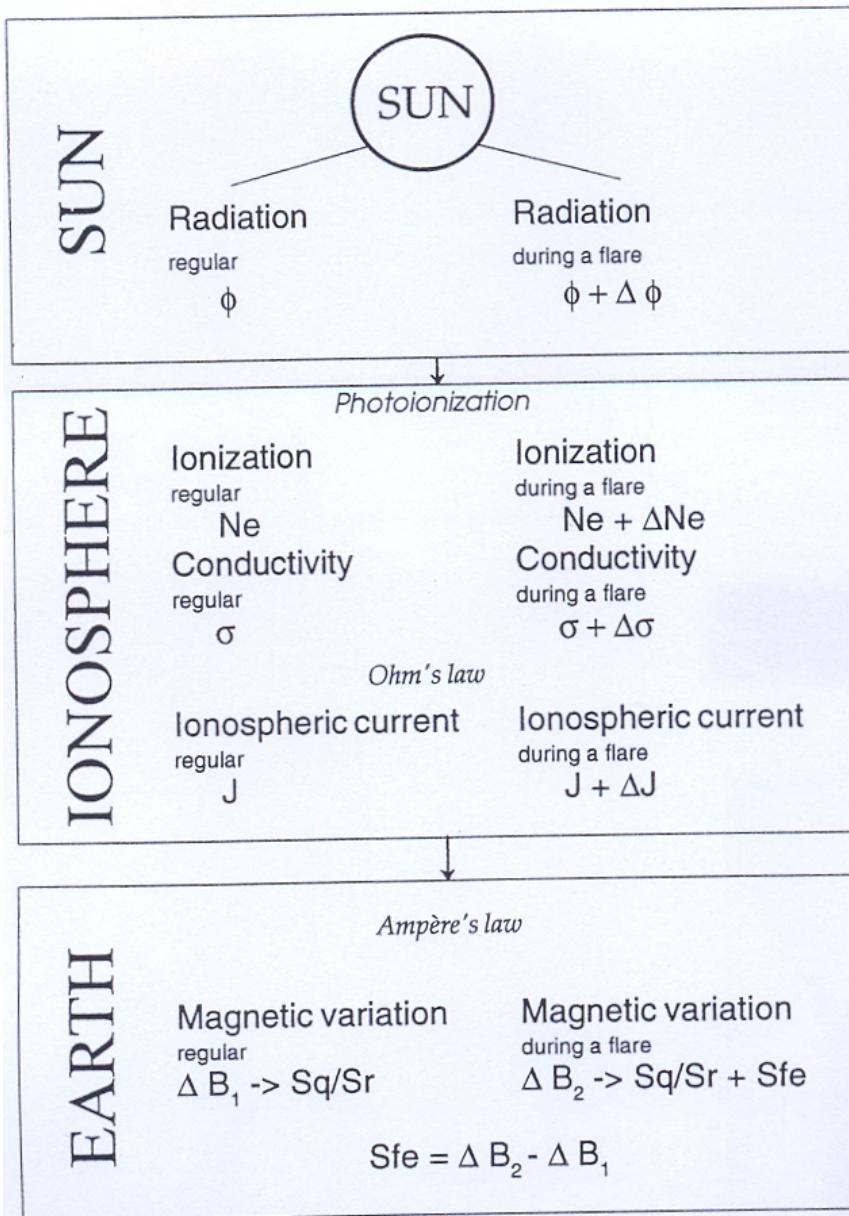
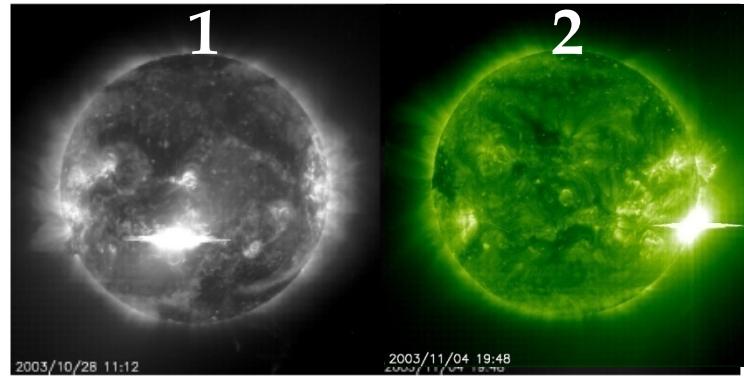


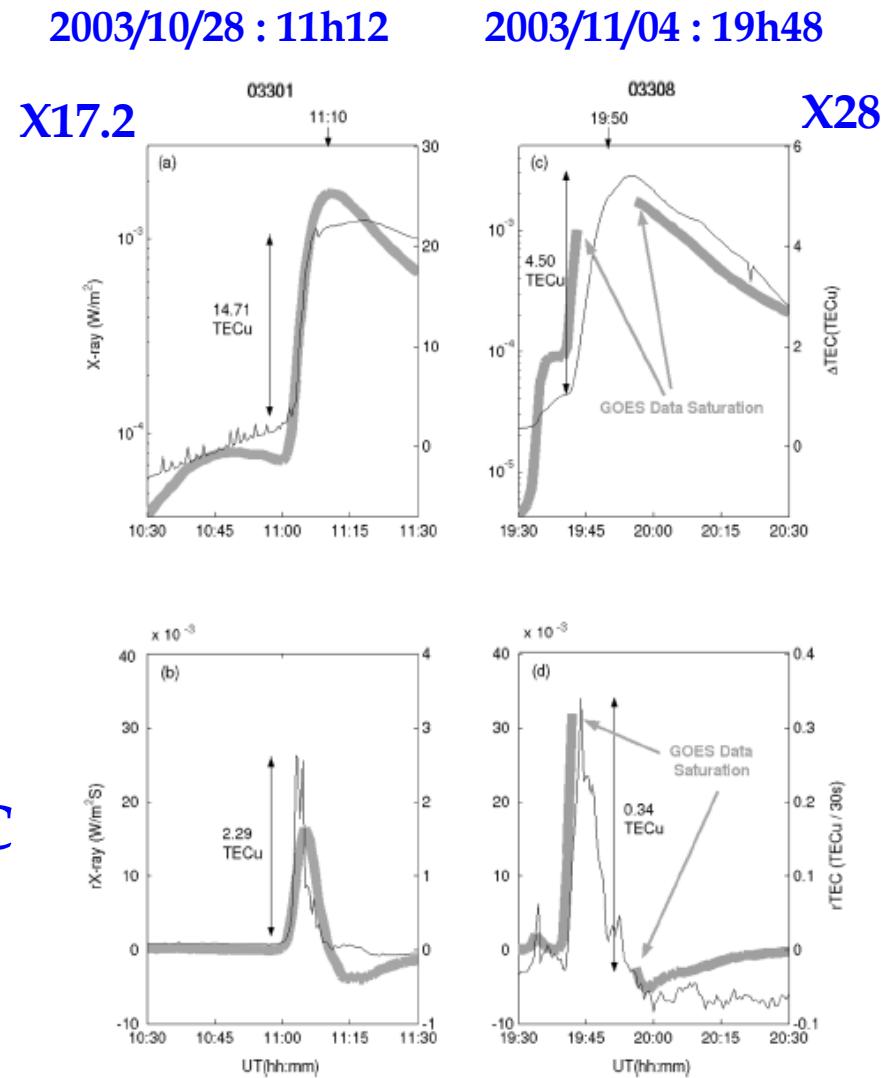
Table 1. Main Processes and Related Models Used.

Source
<i>Sun Processes</i>
Models
regular radiation flux      Heroux et al. [1974]
flare radiation flux      Donnelly [1976]
<i>Ionosphere Processes</i>
Equations
ion production rate      Dymek [1989]
continuity equation      Dymek [1989]
collision frequencies      Stubbe [1968]
Conductivity tensor ( $\sigma$ )
$\bar{\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_P & \sigma_H & 0 \\ -\sigma_H & \sigma_P & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_{  } \end{pmatrix}$
Ohm's law
Models
Neutral composition      Hedin [1987]
Ion composition      Oliver [1975]
Electric fields (Ep)      Blanc and Amayenc [1979]
Neutral winds (Vn)      Bernard [1978]
Electric current      Mazaudier and Blanc [1982]
<i>Ground Level Processes</i>
Ampere's law
$\Delta B = 2\pi / 10f \int j dz$



2003/10/28 : 11h12    2003/11/04 : 19h48  
**SOHO Extreme ultraviolet Imaging  
 Telescope (EIT) of the fourth largest (1)  
 and the largest solar flare (2)**

## SOLAR FLARES AFFECT TEC



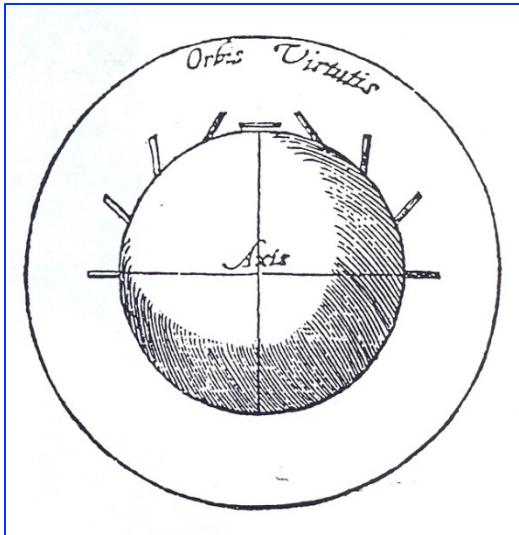
Liu et al, 2006, Solar flare signatures of the ionospheric GPS total electron content, JGR, vol 111, A05308

To analyze the ionospheric dynamo , it is necessary to select carefully the magnetic quiet days

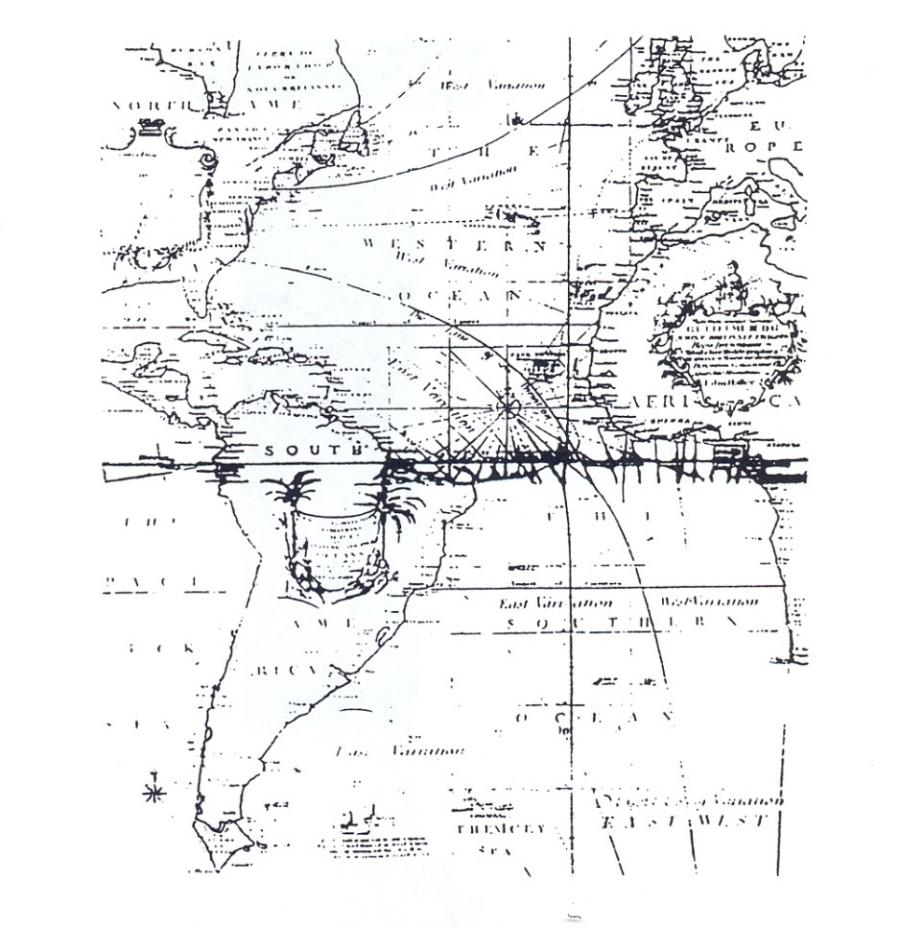
# Earth's Dynamo

## EARTH'S DYNAMO

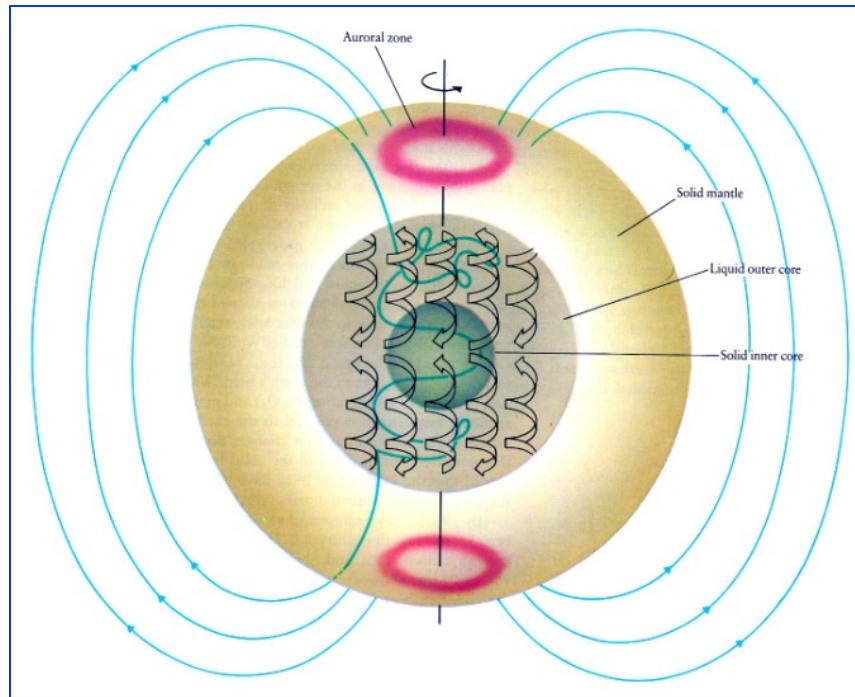
Earth's magnetic field known since more 2 millenaries



Gilbert, 1600 -> Dipole



First map of the Earth's magnetic field Halley 1701



Internal Earth's dynamo ->  $B_p + B_a$   
 $B_p$  : main field ,  $B_a$  : aimantaion field (Lithosphere)

Model of the terrestrial magnetic field IGRF  
[http://www.iugg.org/IAGA/iaga\\_pages/pubs\\_prods/igrf.htm](http://www.iugg.org/IAGA/iaga_pages/pubs_prods/igrf.htm)

Dynamo	Motions – V	Magnetic field B	Order of Magnitude
Sun	Sun Rotation and convection	Sun : 2 components Dipolar Toroidal = sunspot	rotation speed : ~ 7280km/h at the equator Dipolar component : ~10 G Toroidal component : ~3-5 kG
Solar wind Magnetosphere	Solar wind	Interplanetary medium -> Bi	speed ~ [ 400km/s to 1000km/s] Bi ~ qq 10 nT
Atmospheric wind Ionosphere	Atmosphere	Earth's -> Bt	speed ~ 100m/s Bt ~ qq 10 000 nT
Earth's Dynamo inside the Earth	Metallic core	Earth's -> Bt	Indirect measurements deduced from the Earth's planetary magnetic field and the secular variation Velocity ~ qq km/year Bt ~ qq 10 000 nT
<b>This last dynamo is not considered for Space weather effects</b>			

# First exercice : Solar Dynamo

## Sun and solar events

- Period 1-31 August 2010
- SUN
- [NASA website and NGDC website](#)
- [www.spaceweather.com](#)
- LASCO/SOHO Catalog

# SOHO LASCO CME CATALOG

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Nat Gopalswamy

# Second exercice : Solar wind –magnetosphere dynamo

Period 1-31 August 2010

OMNIWEB data base  
SPIDR data base

# Summary

**Earth's motions**

**Definition of Space Weather**

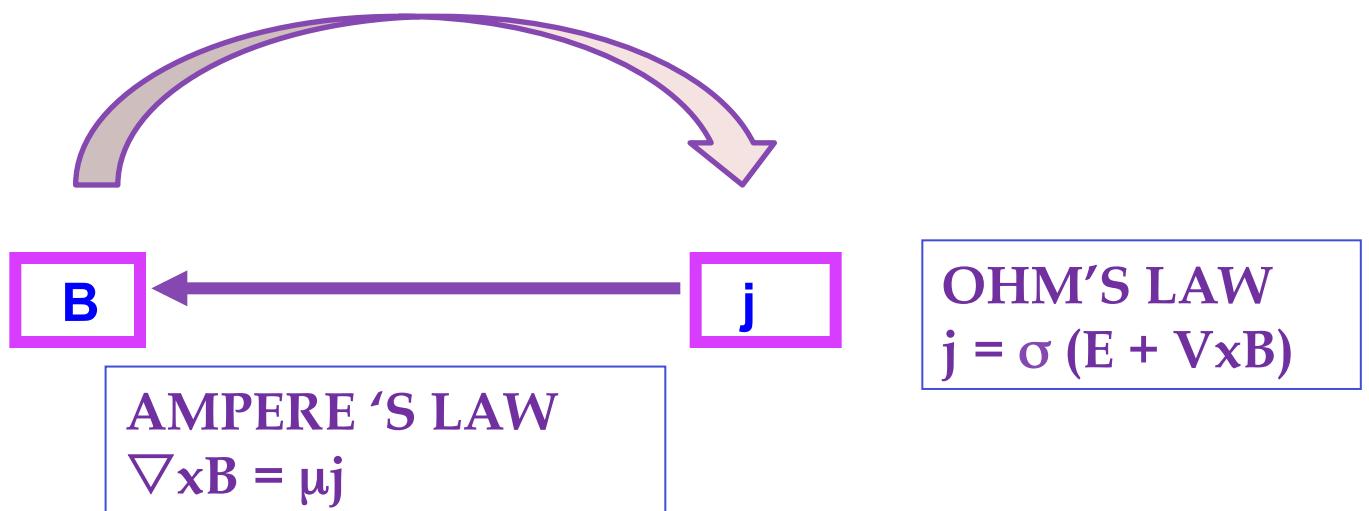
**Sun Earth Links through dynamo processes : the main permanent dynamos**

- Solar dynamo
- Solar wind/magnetosphere dynamo
- Ionospheric dynamo
- Earth's dynamo

**Electric current systems**

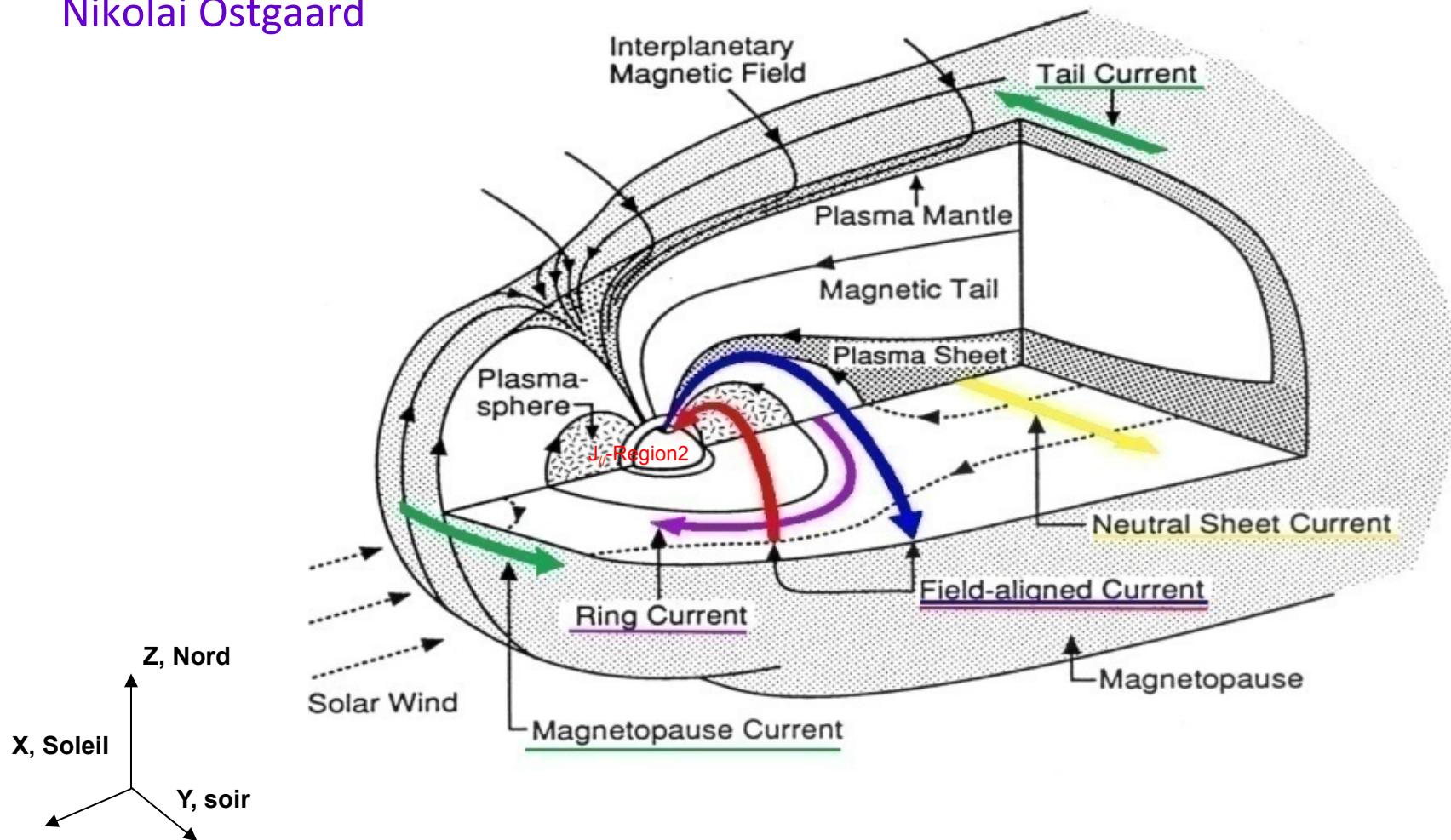
**There are very few measurements of electric currents and many measurements of magnetic fields**

We will use the magnetic data to approach the electric currents

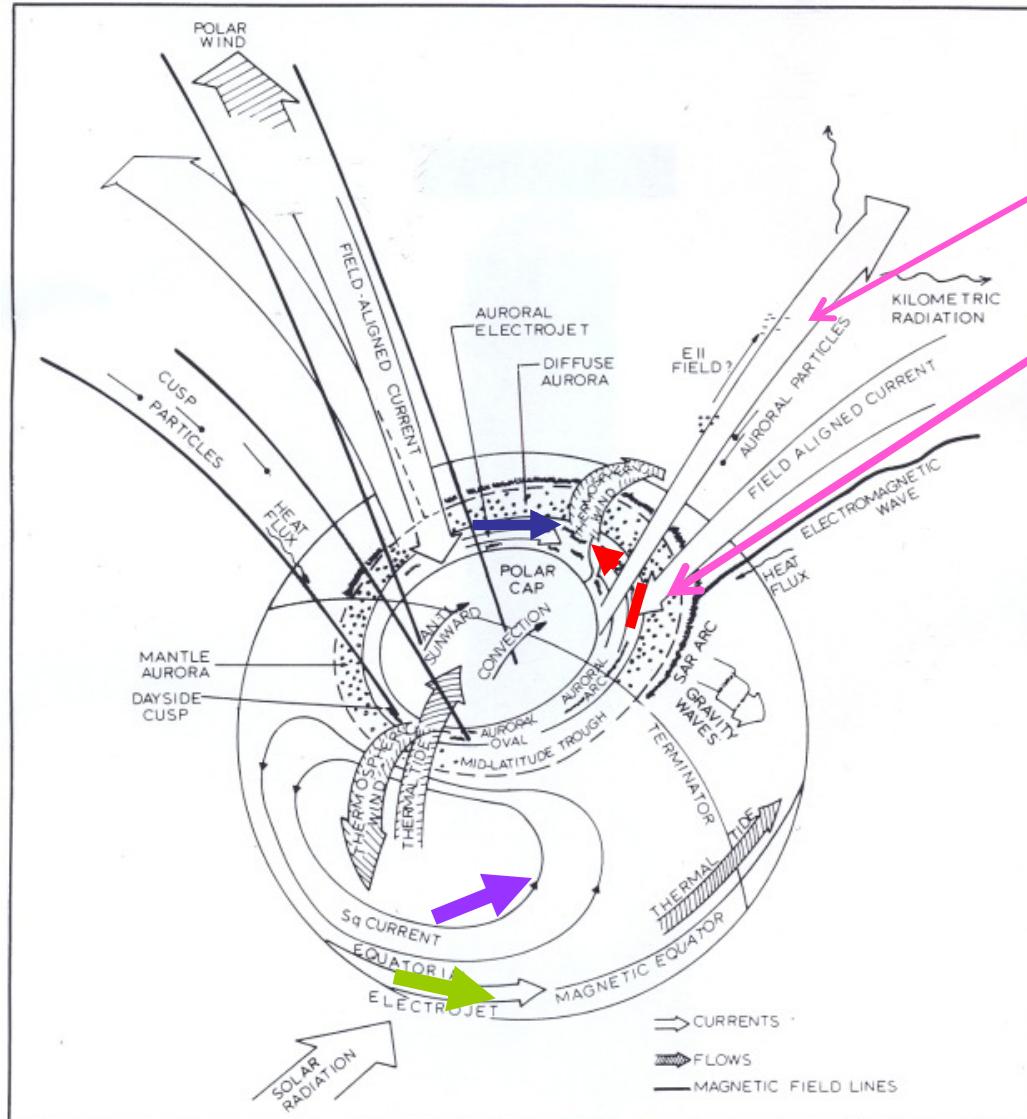


# Solar wind magnetosphere dynamo (Vs, Bi) Electric currents in the magnetosphere

Nikolai Ostgaard



# Ionospheric electric currents related to the solar wind magnetosphere dynamo and ionospheric dynamo



Field aligned current

Auroral electrojets

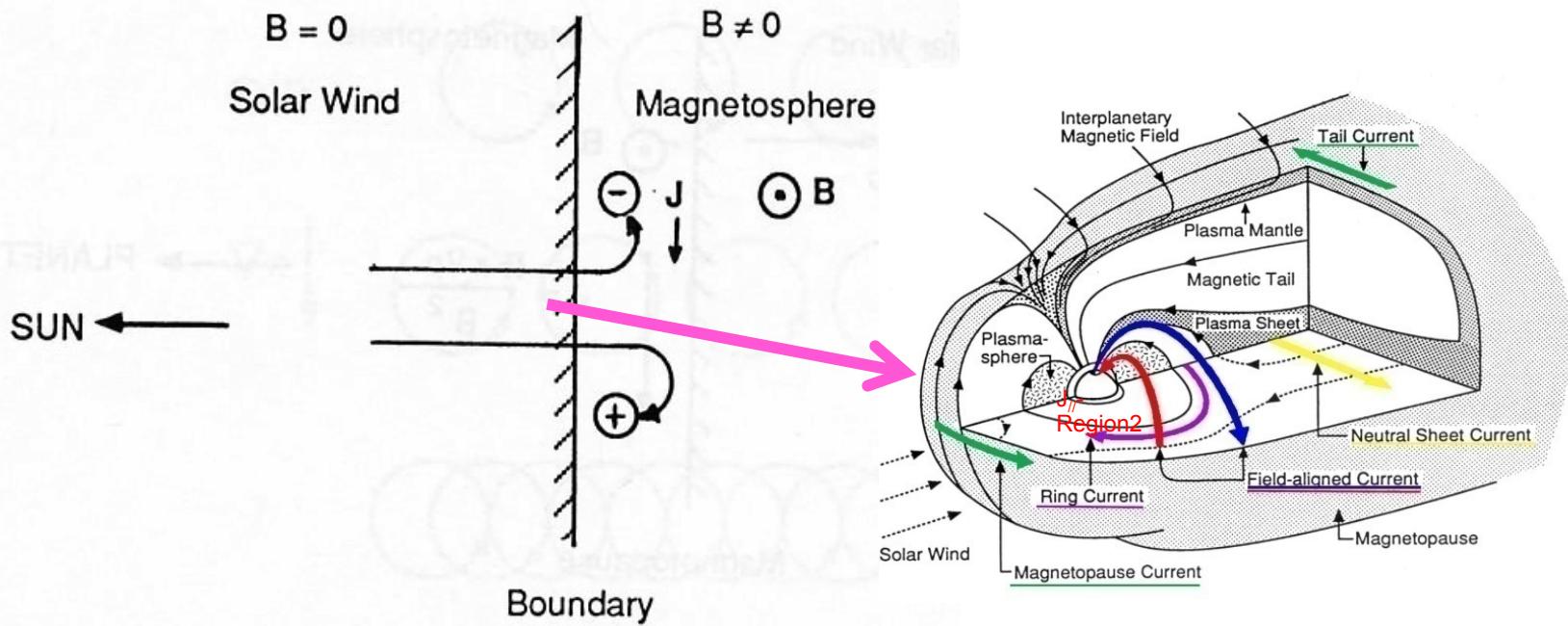
Precipitation of particles

Electric field

Auroral

Middle latitudes

Equatorial latitudes



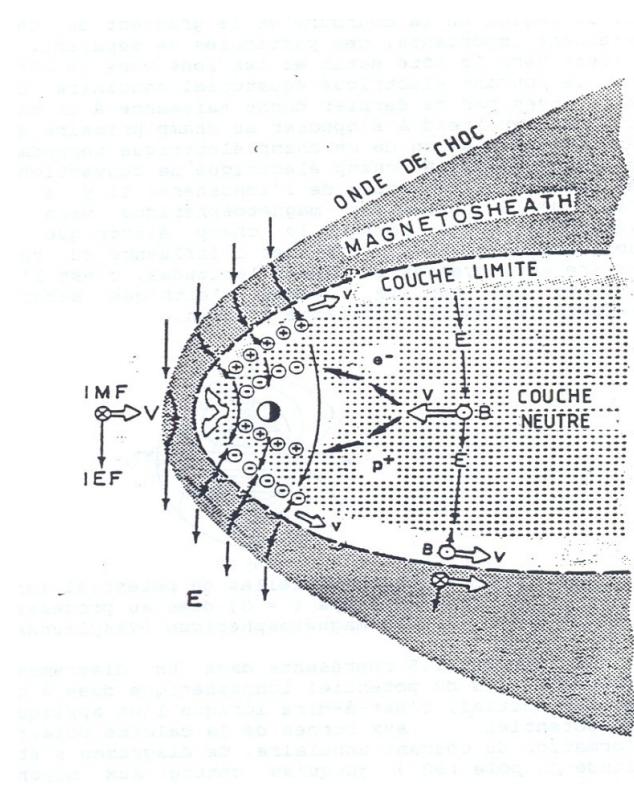
The Chapman Ferraro currents flow in the Magnetopause layer, the boundary between the solar wind and the geomagnetic field. At the nose of the magnetopause the geomagnetic field pressure is balanced by the dynamic pressure of the solar wind

$$K_1 N_i m_i V_i^2 = \frac{B_{mp}^2}{2\mu_0}$$

dynamic pressure of the solar wind  $\Leftrightarrow$  geomagnetic field pressure

$K_1$  is the correction factor for flow deflection in magnetosheath and compression of  $B$ . The order of magnitude of the Chapman Ferraro current is  $\sim 30$  nT (Gosling et al. 1990).

# Ring current



Dawn-dusk voltage drop difference



Particles follow trajectories from the tail of the magnetosphere toward the Earth



In the region where the curvature and gradient of the Earth's magnetic field are strong, particles are separated, the electrons are diverted to the morning side and the ions to the evening side.

Formation of the ring current

The expression of the drift due to gradient and curvature and the resulting current is:

$$\vec{V}_{gc} = \frac{1}{2} m V_{\perp}^2 \frac{\mathbf{B} \times \nabla \mathbf{B}}{q B^3} + m V_{LL}^2 \frac{\mathbf{B} \times (\mathbf{b} \cdot \nabla) \hat{\mathbf{b}}}{q B^2}$$

$$J_{gc} = N q V_{gc}^{ions}$$

This current is mainly carried by ions.

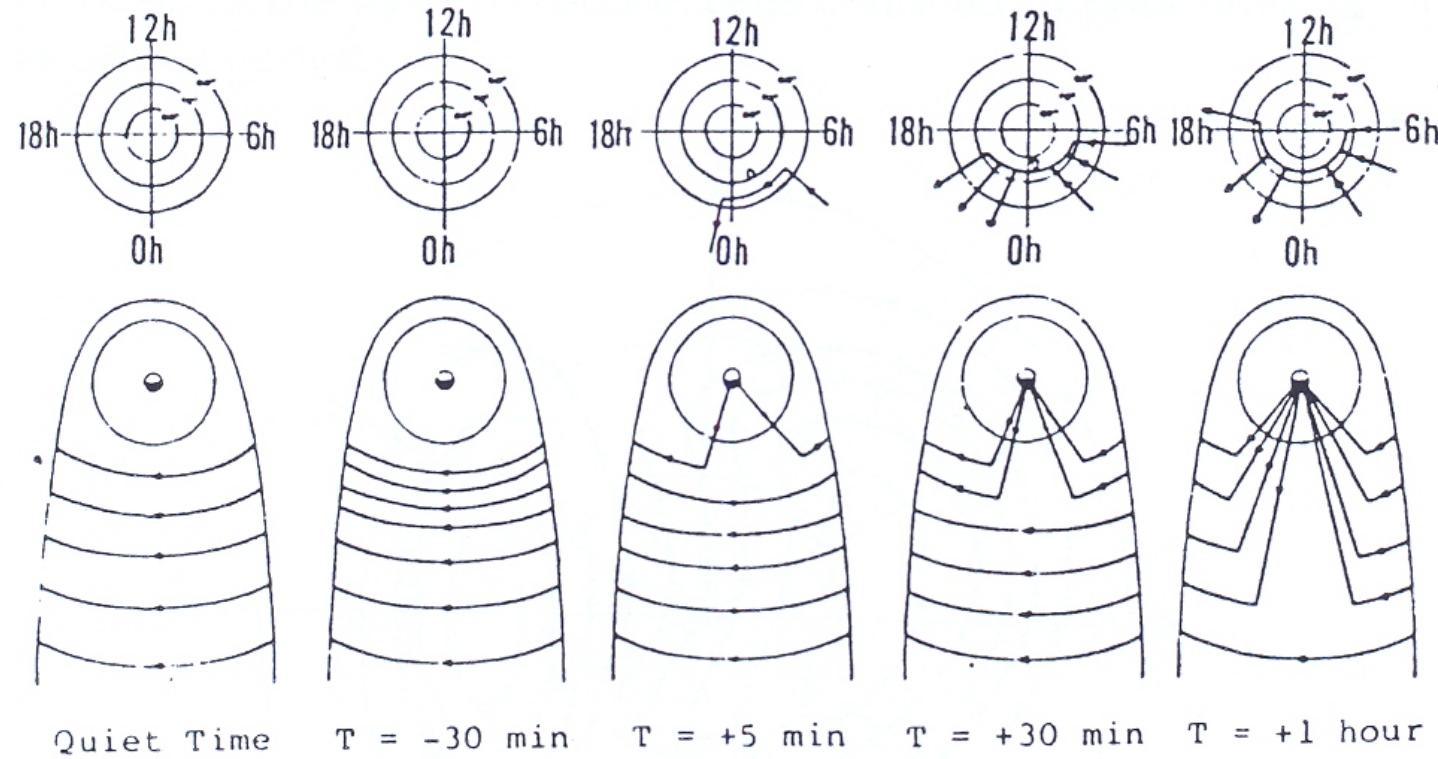
There is also an additional contribution of the magnetic moments of all particles:

$$\vec{M} = -N_i \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_i V_{i\perp}^2}{B} \hat{\mathbf{b}} - N_e \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_e V_{e\perp}^2}{B} \hat{\mathbf{b}}$$

$$\vec{J}_m = \nabla \times \vec{M}$$

The ring current keeps the pressure gradient and the Lorentz force in balance.

## Tail currents / 1972



Proposed by Akasofu in 1972, the tail currents flowing at the boundary of the plasma sheet are disrupted and deflected toward the Earth on the evening side. These currents via Birkeland (field aligned current) be converted to a westward electrojet

# Tail currents

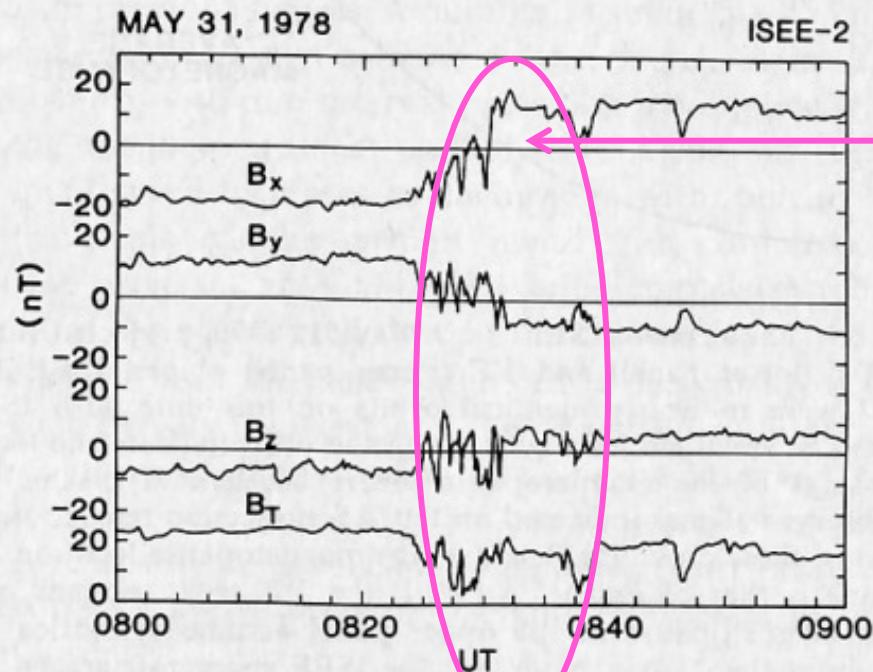
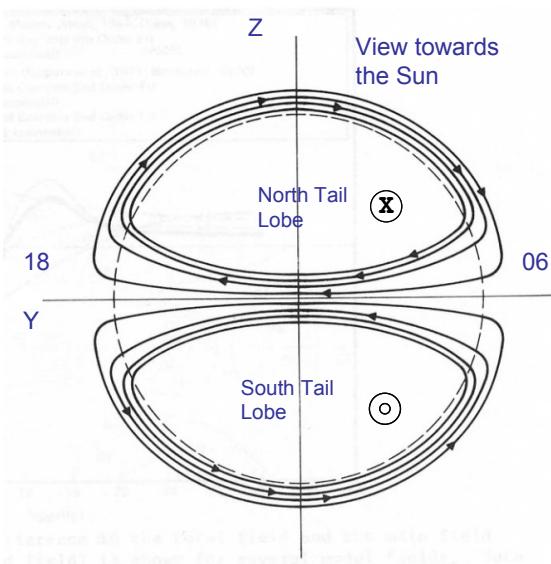
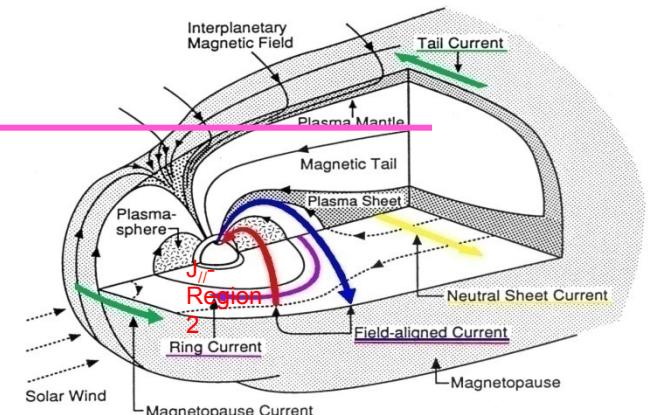


Fig. 2. Magnetic field data from ISEE 2 surrounding the  $\sim$ 0830 UT magnetopause crossing on May 31, 1978. From top to bottom the quantities plotted are the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  components (GSE coordinates) of the field and the total field magnitude.

crossing of the magnetopause



# Field aligned currents/1908

Birkeland, 1908

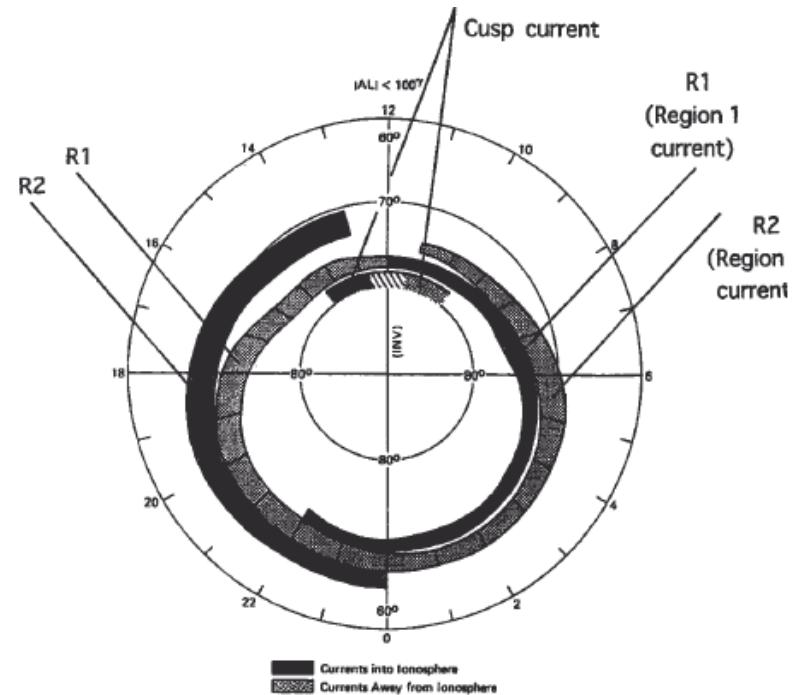
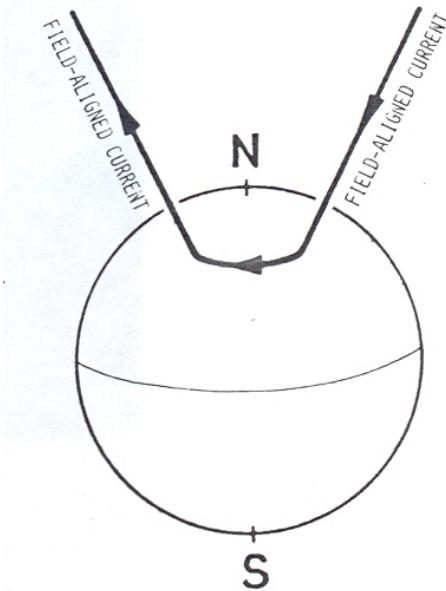
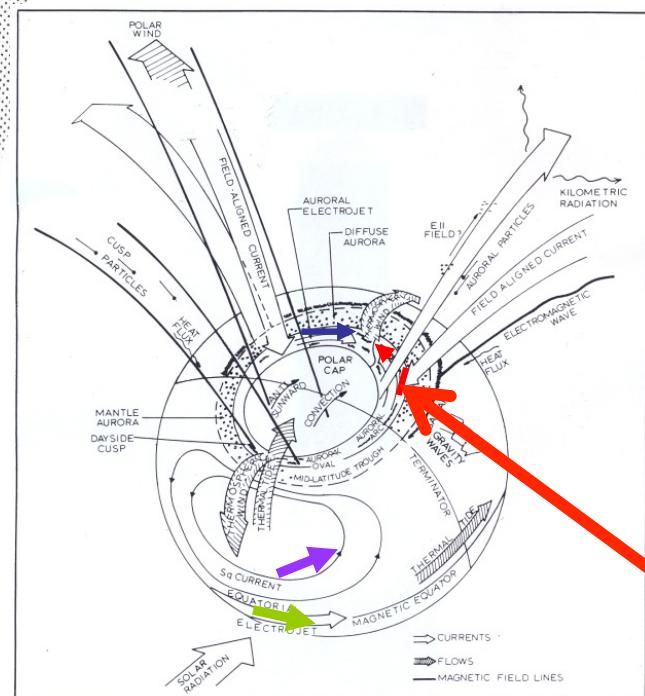
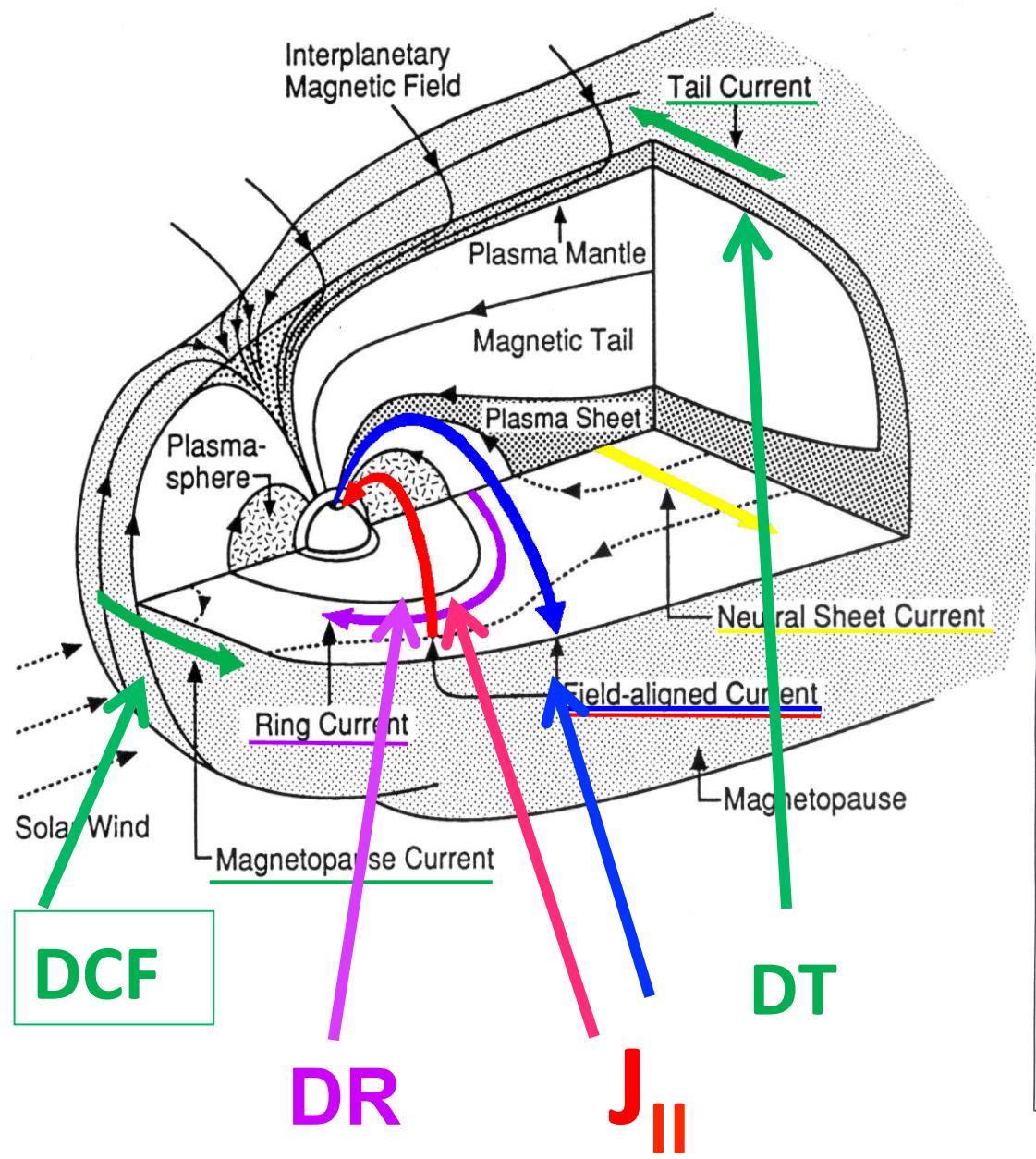


Figure 2.4 Pattern of field-aligned currents derived by Triad data (Iijima and Potemra, 1976a).

$$\nabla \vec{j} = \nabla_{\perp} \vec{j}_{\perp} + \nabla_{\parallel} j_{\parallel} = 0$$

The closure of the magnetospheric current loops requires field aligned currents flowing into and out of the ionosphere. The origin of the field aligned currents is near the equatorial edge of the magnetopause (region1), in the plasma sheet where the ring current is divergent (region 2) and at the magnetopause at high latitudes in the dayside.



**NECESSITY TO ANALYZE MANY PARAMETERS** in order to understand the magnetic field, TEC etc... observations

## **Sun**

- Sunspot cycle, poloidal cycle
- Solar event
- Solar wind parameters  $V, B$ 
  - Solar wind magnetosphere dynamo
- AU and AL
  - Auroral electrojets
- Dst  $\rightarrow$  [Hsym and H asym]
  - Ring current

## 4 DYNAMOS IN

SUN

poloidal /toroidal

## MAGNETOSPHERE

Solar wind

IMF

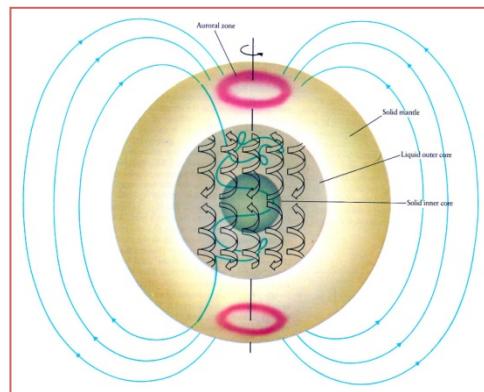
## IONOSPHERE

Earth's magnetic field

Neutral wind

## EARTH

Motions of the core



## CURRENT SYSTEMS

### MAGNETOSPHERE

Chapman Ferraro

Ring current

Tail current

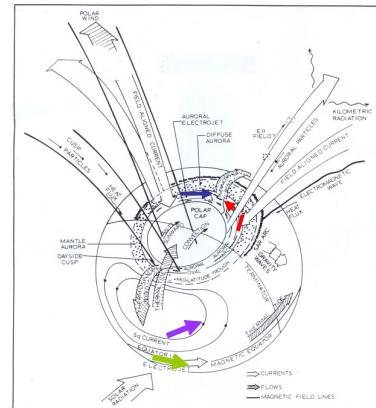
### FIELD ALIGNED

### IONOSPHERE

Auroral electrojets

Midlatitude currents

Equatorial electrojet



EARTH's MAGNETIC FIELD -> Transient variations

Indices -> disturbances

Dst

Aa, Kp, Ap

Km, Am

AU, AL

Equivalent currents

DP1, DP2

Ddyn

$S_R <Sq>$ ,  $Sq^P$

