Status of the L2 and Lunar Charged Particle Environment Models

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The L2 Charged Particle Environment (L2-CPE) model is an engineering tool which provides free field charged particle environments for distant magnetotail, magnetosheath, and solar wind environments. L2-CPE is intended for use in assessing contributions from low energy radiation environments (~0.1 keV to few MeV) to radiation dose in thin materials used in construction of spacecraft to be placed in orbit about the Sun-Earth L2 point. This paper describes the status of the current version of the L2-CPE model including structure of the model used to organize plasma environments into solar wind, magnetosheath, and magnetotail environments, the algorithms used to estimate radiation fluence in sparsely sampled environments, the updated graphical user interface, and output options for flux and fluence environments. In addition, we describe the status and plans for updating the model to include environments relevant to lunar programs.

I. Introduction

Particles with energies from a few eV through 1 MeV interacting with spacecraft surfaces and thin materials used in spacecraft construction produce a number of effects which must be considered by the spacecraft designer including spacecraft charging and degradation of material surfaces. Standard radiation environment models used to characterize and define radiation environments for the Sun-Earth/Moon L2 environment 236 Earth radii (Re) from the Earth in the anti-solar direction typically emphasize the high energy, penetrating component of the space environment. Solar proton event models [*Feynman et al.*, 1990, 1993, 2002; *Xapsos et al.*, 1999, 2000; *Jun et al.*, 2006] and the Cosmic Ray Effects on Microelectronics code [*Tylka et al*, 1997] are widely used by radiation effects engineers for evaluating dose on spacecraft in interplanetary space but are primarily directed towards understanding the impact of solar particle events (SPE) and galactic cosmic rays (GCR) on electronic systems when planning missions for L2. These models are not appropriate for the low energy plasma populations in the solar wind, magnetosheath, magnetotail, and the low energy component of SPE's. The L2-Charged Particle Environment (L2-CPE) model (Figure 1) was developed to meet this need.

The origin of the L2-CPE model is the preliminary L2 Radiation (LRAD) engineering
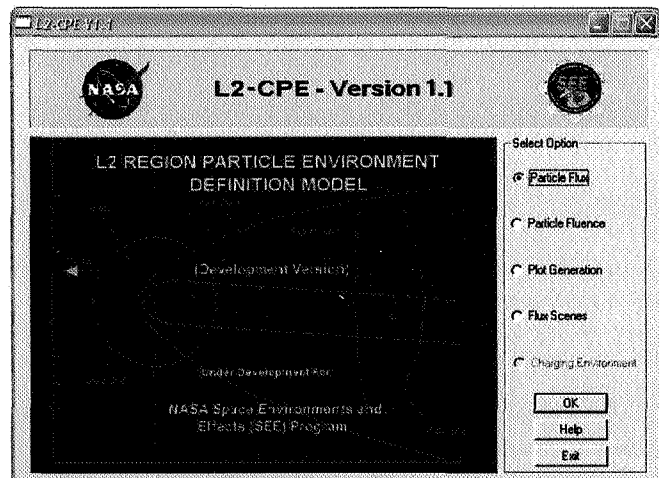

Figure 1. L2 CPE Model. The entry screen of the current version of the L2-CPE model provides options for users to evaluate flux and fluence, plot results, or generate scenes of distant magnetotail plasma regimes.

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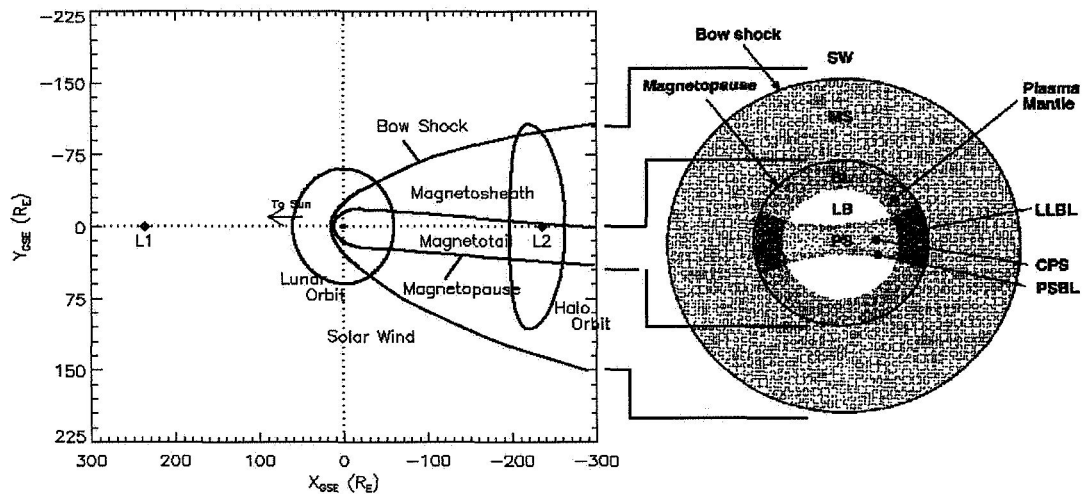
Figure 2. Magnetotail Plasma Environments. Plasma regime boundaries of the Earth-Moon system projected onto the ecliptic geocentric solar ecliptic (GSE) X-Y plane. The first and second Lagrange points, L1 and L2, are located ~236 Re from the Earth along the Earth-Sun line. A sample halo orbit about L2 is shown to demonstrate the magnitude of potential orbital amplitudes about L2 relative to the dimensions of the magnetotail and magnetosheath at L2 distances. Spacecraft in orbit about L2 can sample a range of plasma regimes including the solar wind (SW), magnetosheath (MS), boundary layer (BL), lobe (LB), plasma sheet (PS), low latitude boundary layer (LLBL), central plasma sheet (CPS), and plasma sheet boundary layer (PSBL) (adapted from Minow et al., 2000).

model [*Blackwell et al.*, 2000; *Minow et al.*, 2000] developed to provide estimates of thermal plasma flux and fluence spectra for spacecraft in halo orbits about L2, providing the information necessary for analysis of particle populations responsible for surface degradation and charging effects (through energies of a few tens keV) not available in the current SPE and GCR models. NASA's Space Environments and Effects (SEE) Program sponsored a significant development of the LRAD model currently known as the L2 Charged Particle Environment Model (L2-CPE) as well as an extension of the model to include environments relevant for lunar missions. This paper provides a status of the L2-CPE model as well as current efforts to complete the Luna Charged Particle Environment Model (Luna-CPE).

II. L2 Charged Particle Environment Model

Spacecraft in large amplitude halo orbits about L2 sample a wide range of plasma regimes during a single orbit. Although each orbit is on the order of six months, on shorter time scales the spacecraft may sample any of the distant magnetotail plasma regimes due to the great variability in the orientation of the magnetotail. Figure 2 demonstrates the nominal orientation of the magnetotail due to the combined effects of the average solar wind flow and the orbital velocity of the Earth. Extreme cases of large or small solar wind velocities result in large shifts of the magnetotail. Since time scales of solar wind variations are on the order of tens of minutes to hours, interactions with the distant magnetotail are possible during the entire halo orbit.

The solar wind driven variability in the dimensions and orientation of the distant magnetotail is an important consideration in determining which plasma regimes a satellite will most often encounter near L2. Plasma data acquired by a satellite in the vicinity of the deep tail Sun-Earth line cannot simply be assumed to be magnetotail plasma for this reason. Similarly, spacecraft halo orbits will bring the satellite into contact with a variety of plasma regimes due to the combined effects of the variable magnetotail orientation and dimensions as well as the time varying position of the satellite along the orbit. Solar wind encounters are most likely at the furthest excursions from the Sun-Earth line when the satellite is nearest the bow shock. Magnetotail encounters will be the most likely

for locations along the orbit closest to L2. In either case, the entire set of plasma regimes (solar wind, magnetosheath, and magnetotail plasmas) may be encountered depending on the solar wind conditions.

An assessment of L2 plasma conditions requires simultaneous consideration of bow orbital motion of the spacecraft, the plasma boundaries, and the individual variations within these plasma regimes. For example, rapid variability of the magnetotail and magnetosheath on minute time scales--much less than typical six month halo orbit period--requires the solar wind dependent variability to be treated for all times throughout a halo orbit. Computation of particle flux within individual plasma regions and fluence for complete halo orbits is accomplished in the LRAD model providing a framework for incorporating statistical variations in plasma parameters and fluctuations in magnetotail structure and position due to time dependent variations in the solar wind.

Table 1. L2-CPE Data

Database	Number of Records	
	LRAD	**L2-CPE**
Solar Wind		
--IMP 8 solar max	105,120	105,120
--IMP8 solar min	105,120	105,120
--Ulysses solar max	-----	32,342
--Ulysses solar min	-----	25,106
Magnetosheath		
--Geotail	2,649	212,426
Plasma mantle		
--Geotail	10,148	99,420
Plasma sheet		
--Geotail	8,605	71,752

The SEE Program sponsored an update of the LRAD code which resulted in the current version of the L2-CPE model. A number of number of modifications of the LRAD model are incorporated into the L2-CPE code. First, the distant magnetotail charged particle environment model was changed from the original text based, command line input version to a new format for use with a graphical user interface (GUI). The Winteractor Fortran 90/95 toolset was used to develop the GUI driver for running the modified code. Figure 1 is the starting screen from the model using the Winteractor GUI driver. Although a number of options for developing the driver were considered, the Winteractor toolset was chosen at the time the driver was developed because it provided the development team the convenience of bundling the core model with the modified flux reconstruction software and the graphical display features into a single Fortran executable. The resulting model is therefore easy to distribute as a single executable along with the required plasma regime databases the software utilizes to characterize the flux and fluence environments.

L2-CPE and its LRAD predecessor are empirical models based on electron and ion (proton, helium) moments derived from differential flux measurements in the distant magnetotail and solar wind. Data sources are given in Table 1. The original database used in the LRAD model was based on a six month time series of Geotail Comprehensive Plasma Instrument (CPI) Hot Plasma Analyzer (HPA) cold plasma moments from the first half of 1993 and then only records within 25 Re of the Earth-Sun line. The first database update incorporated into L2-CPE was to obtain the full set of late 1992 through the end of 1994 CPI/HPA records to fill out the database providing better coverage for not only additional magnetotail encounters but magnetosheath sampling as well. The Geotail data set does not provide extensive solar wind sampling at distances beyond -50 Re so ion moments from the Interplanetary Monitoring Probe (IMP) 8 Faraday cup were used for solar wind environments instead. In addition to providing the solar wind plasma environments for fluence estimates, the IMP-8 data set is used to drive the solar wind dependent orientation and dimensions of the magnetotail and magnetosheath.

LRAD only provided for flux reconstruction using cold plasma moments and Maxwellian distribution functions. This was adequate to represent the peak of the ion flux distributions and the core of the electron distributions but did not adequately represent the non-thermal particle distributions through MeV energies. A significant modification included in the L2-CPE model was the addition of electron and ion flux environments represented by kappa distribution functions [Minow et al., 2004, 2005]. Cold plasma moments are used for the number density, temperature, and convection velocity inputs to the kappa distribution functions and the kappa parameters adjusted until the non-thermal flux matches the measurements at 10's to 100's keV. The non-thermal tails of the distribution functions are constrained by energetic ion and electron flux provided by the Energetic Particle and Ion Composition (EPIC) Ion Composition Subsystem (ICS) instrument onboard the Geotail spacecraft.
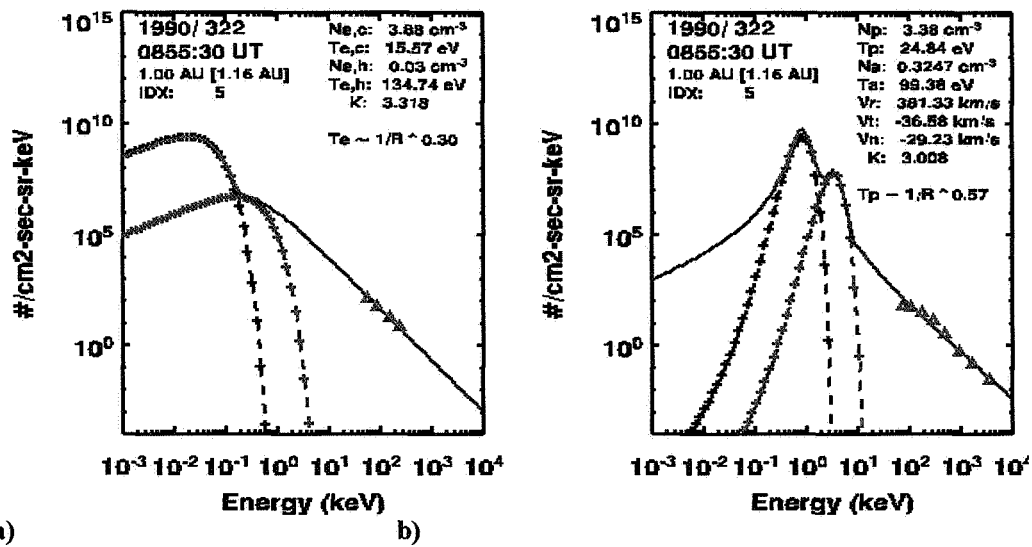
Figure 3. Flux Reconstruction. Example of reconstructed (a) electron and (b) ion differential flux using Ulysses data scaled to 1 AU. The green curve is the final fit obtained by modifying the kappa parameter until the derived flux matches the observed energetic particle measurements.

The data set provided by the instrument Principal Investigator (PI) at the Johns Hopkins University/Applied Physics Laboratory was a complete set of the azimuthally resolved differential flux measurements for the period corresponding to the CPI/HPA records. These records were averaged into flux arriving from four sunward, antisunward, dawnward, and duskward quadrants for use in the model database. Although a similar energetic particle data set from the Charged Particle Measurement Experiment (CPME) instrument on the IMP-8 satellite is available to constrain the solar wind distribution functions, to date we have only used average values of the kappa function reported in the scientific literature to provide the solar wind database [*Minow et al.*, 2005]. The final analysis and processing routines (Figure 3 is from the processing routine diagnostics package) provide a capability to effectively merge the EPIC/ICS energetic ion and IMP-8/CPME electron flux measurements with low energy Geotail Comprehensive Plasma Instrument (CPI) Hot Plasma Analyzer (HPA) plasma moments (number density, temperature, and velocity) and IMP-8 Faraday cup ion moments to yield a single, comprehensive differential ion and electron flux over an energy range of from 10 eV through 1 MeV.

A significant issue encountered in building the model is the sparse sampling of the distant magnetotail during the first two years of the Geotail mission shown in Figure 4. In addition, spacecraft orbiting L2 sampling the distant magnetotail plasma regimes with a different geometry than that provided by the elliptical Geotail orbits. In order to optimize the use of the sparse Geotail plasma records and provide a method for sampling distant magnetotail plasma regimes along orbits not sampled by Geotail, we have adopted a random sampling technique to build up fluence during integrations along orbits in the model. The technique approximates the flux along the spacecraft orbit by Monte Carlo sampling the relevant plasma regime database along the orbit. Over long periods of time (multiples of halo orbit periods) the technique provides an adequate representation of fluence environment along the
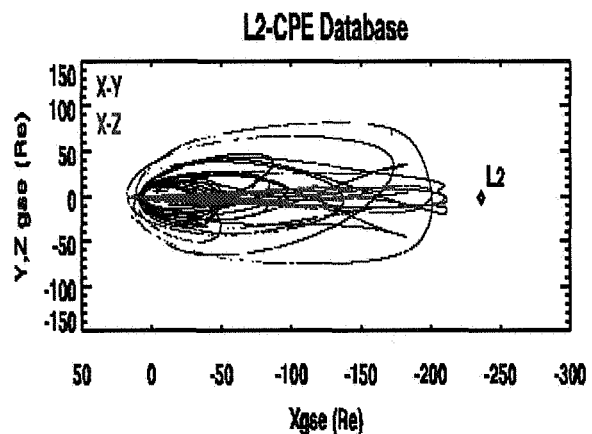
Figure 4. L2 CPE Distant Magnetotail Database. Geotail orbits from launch in late 1992 through the end of 1994 are shown here to demonstrate the sparse coverage of magnetotail environments beyond -100 Re from the Earth.
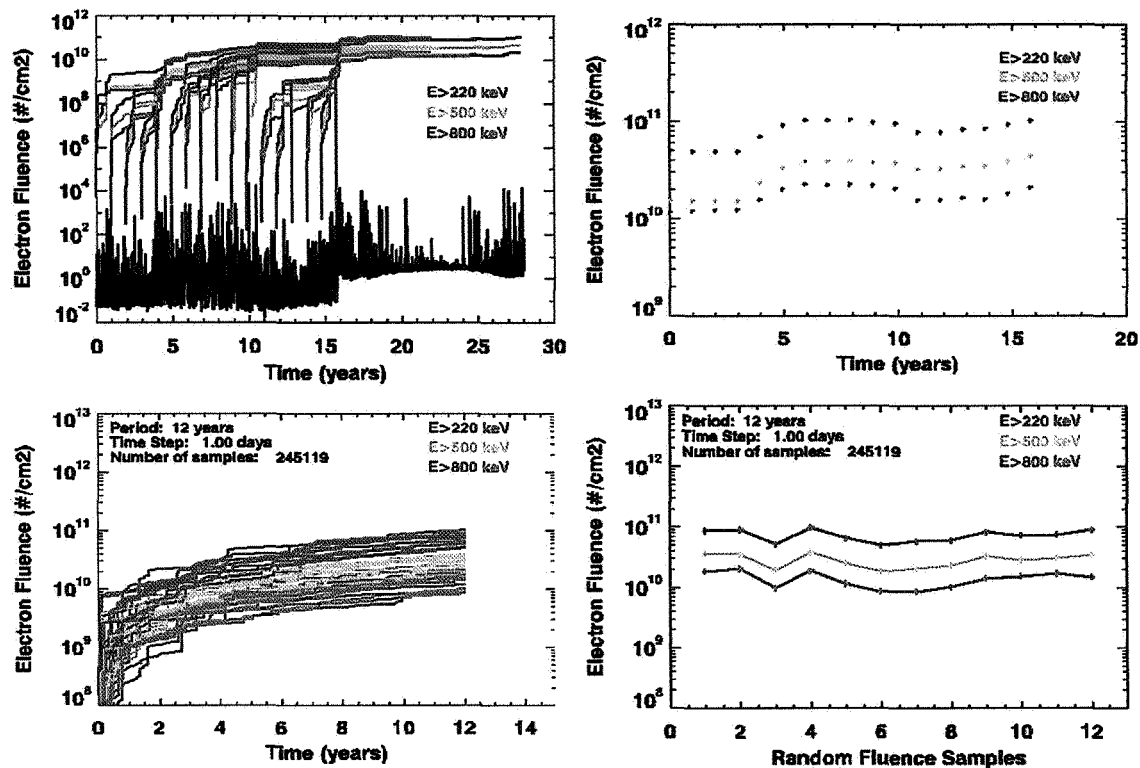
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Figure 5. CPE Data Sampling Technique. Exact (top panels) and random sampling (bottom panels) fluence estimates using IMP-8 energetic electrons as an example. Colored lines in the top left panel show the integrated 12 year fluence started at one year intervals for the indicated integral electron channel. Fluence results in the top right panel are 12 year integration results for a variety of start times. Accumulated fluence estimates in the bottom left panel are obtained by random sampling of the IMP-8 data set and the corresponding 12 year fluence results are given in the bottom right panel.

spacecraft orbit.

Figure 5 provides an example of the random sampling technique using the IMP-8 Charged Particle Measurement Experiment (CPME) for clarity. CPME integral >220 keV electron flux is shown in the top left panel (black line) for a 28 year period from 1972 through 2000. Fluence estimates obtained by integrating time series of the CPME >220 keV (red), >500 keV (orange), and >800 keV (green) channels over 12 year periods are shown where the starting time for each of the individual fluence integrations are shifted by one year intervals. The top right panel shows only the final fluence values for a number of 12 year integration periods. In comparison, the bottom left panel shows 12 year fluence estimates obtained by random sampling the IMP-8 electron flux time series and integrating to obtain accumulated fluence. Final fluence values for the numerical experiments are given in the lower right panel. Comparing the range of exact 12 year solar wind fluence accumulations in the top right panel with the random sampled values in the lower right panel demonstrate the method provides good estimates of fluence over long periods of time. For example, the exact integral solar wind fluences for the >800 keV electron channel range from 1×10^{10} e-/cm^2 to 2×10^{11} e-/cm^2 and the random sampled version yield the same range of values.

The fluence analysis control screen is shown in Figure 5 along with an example fluence estimate output for a 12 year period. In the case of the L2-CPE model, the Monte Carlo sampling of the plasma regime data is modified by the changing orientation and dimensions of the magnetopause and bow shock. As the model steps along the spacecraft orbit about L2, a spacecraft regime (solar wind, magnetosheath, boundary layer, plasma sheet) is assigned to each step based on a modified version of the *Petrinec and Russell* [1993, 1996] magnetopause model and *Bennett et al.* [1997] bow shock model. The individual plasma databases are then randomly sampled using the technique just described in the IMP-8 example.
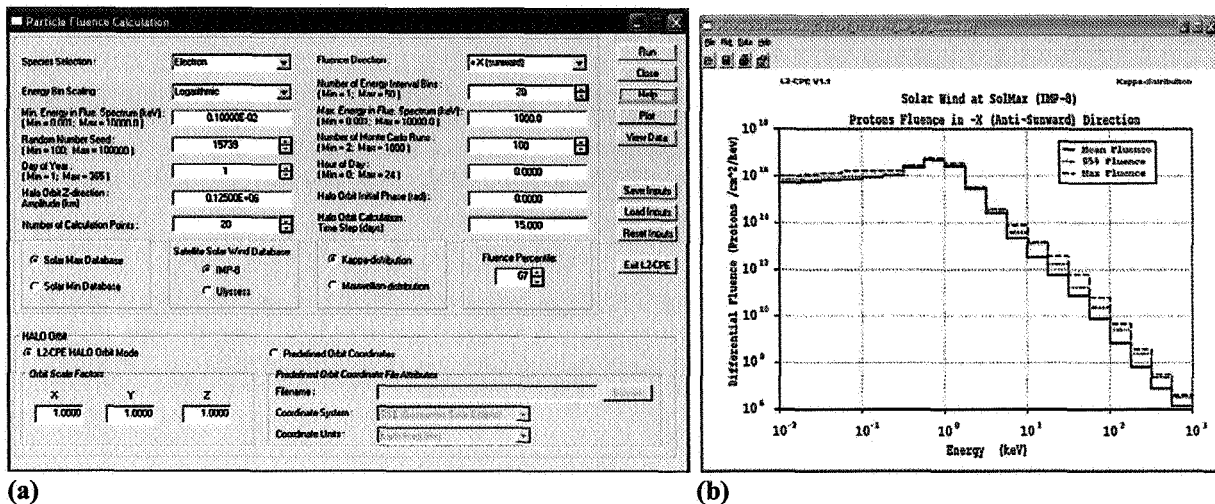
Figure 6. L2 CPE Fluence Analysis. (a) L2-CPE fluence screen controls user selected options for conducting fluence estimates along spacecraft orbits. (b) Example fluence results for a halo orbit about L2.

At the time of writing, the current version (L2-CPE Version 1.1) is still considered preliminary because the documentation and web-based help files are still being finalized but the model itself is currently available for use and is distributed by NASA's Environments Branch at Marshall Space Flight Center (http://see.msfc.nasa.gov/). Current plans are to freeze L2-CPE Version 1.1 and incorporate any further changes, updates, or corrections in the model in future versions of the software.

III. Lunar Charged Particle Environment

The Lunar Charged Particle Environment (Luna-CPE) is an extension of the L2-CPE model which will include environments relevant to lunar missions. The magnetopause and bow shock models used in the original L2-CPE model are generally applicable over a range of distances from the subsolar point ~10 to 14 Re upstream of the Earth to L2 and beyond and no modifications were required to incorporate the lunar environments. Additional plasma records were added to fill out the database between the Earth and the Moon. L2-CPE includes 1992 through 1994 Geotail records for over the distance range of -50 Re < X_{GSE} < -220 Re which does include lunar orbit at ~60Re from the Earth. To supplement this database we have added the remaining Geotail records from the 1992 to 1994 period for distances less than 50 Re from the Earth and incorporated two additional years (1995 and 1996) of Geotail records after the spacecraft trajectory was modified to a 8 Re x 30 Re orbit. A lunar orbit generator providing options to orbit spacecraft about the Moon and sample plasma environments as the Moon moves around the Earth once a month has been incorporated into the code. The current version of the model requires a user to provide a spacecraft ephemeris for trans-lunar and trans-earth trajectories. Plasma densities and temperatures are greatly modified in the lunar wake to distances of some 20 to 30 lunar radii [*Schubert and Lichtenstein*, 1974; *Olgilvie et al.*, 1996;*Clack et al.*, 2004; *Trávníček*, 2005]. Finally, the lunar wake is currently being incorporated as a perturbation of the free field environment provided by the model. Lunar wakes are an important feature of the plasma environment in lunar space because spacecraft have been shown to charging to negative potentials of a few hundred volts within the lunar wake [*Halekas et al.*, 2005].

Current plans are to release a beta version of the Luna-CPE model in late 2007.

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Introduction

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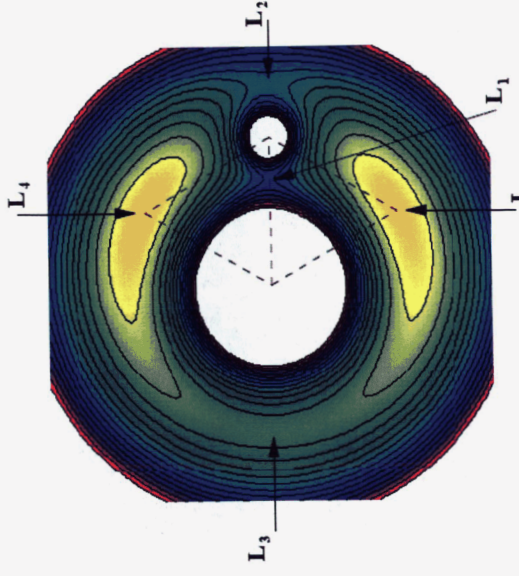
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V, dV/dt = 0 at libration points

L1, L2, L3:
--Gravity potential saddle points, unstable
--Small fuel requirements for station keeping

L4, L5:
--Local gravitational potential maxima, stable

SUN-EARTH L$_2$

MOON

L$_2$

L$_1$

MOON'S ORBIT

1.5 MILLION km

L$_4$

EARTH

L$_5$

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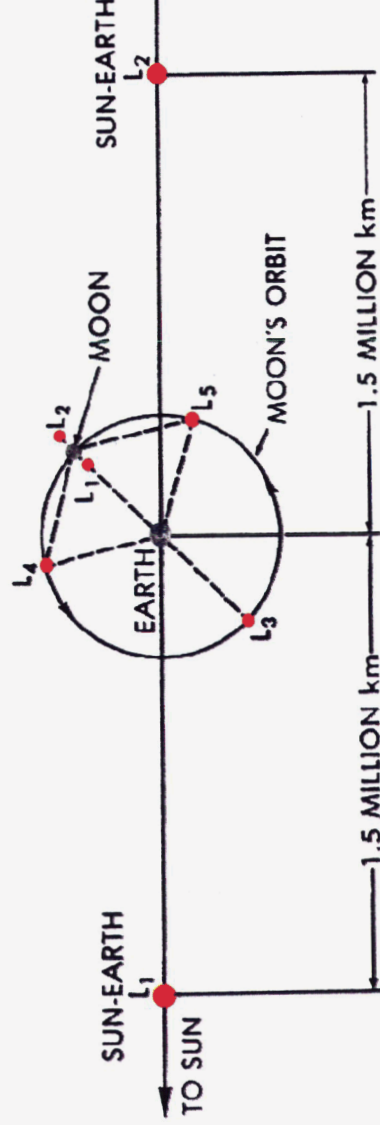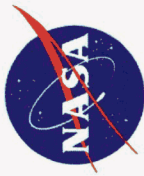
Libration Point Use

Spacecraft	Agency	Location	Mission	Status
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Geotail	JAXA/NASA	L2	plasma, particles	1995, 1997
WIND	NASA	L1,L2	plasma, particles	1996
SOHO	ESA/NASA	L1	plasma, particles, UV/EUV	1997
ACE	NASA	L1	plasma, particles	2001
WMAP	NASA	L2	cosmic microwave background	2001
Genesis	NASA	L2	solar wind composition	2001
Spitzer	NASA	L5*	infrared astronomy	2003
Triana	NASA	L1	plasma, particles, UV/EUV	uncertain
Stereo	NASA	L4, L5**	plasma, particles, UV/EUV	2006
Herschel	ESA	L2	far infrared telescope	2007
Planck	ESA	L2	cosmic microwaves background	2007
Eddington	ESA	L2	stellar observations	uncertain
SIM	NASA	L5*	planet finder (interferometer	uncertain
LISA Pathfinder	ESA	L1	multi-spacecraft technology demo	2009
JWST	NASA/ESA	L2	infrared telescope	2013
Constellation-X	NASA	L2	x-ray astronomy	2012
GAIA	ESA	L2	galactic structure, astrometry	2011
DARWIN	ESA	L2	planet finder	2015
TPF	NASA	L2	planet finder (mid-IR, vis)	2014
LISA	NASA/ESA	L5*	gravity wave detector	2015
SAFIR	NASA	L2	infrared observatory	2015-2020

*1 AU drift-away orbit following Earth **1 AU drift-away orbit leading, following Earth

Plasma Environments

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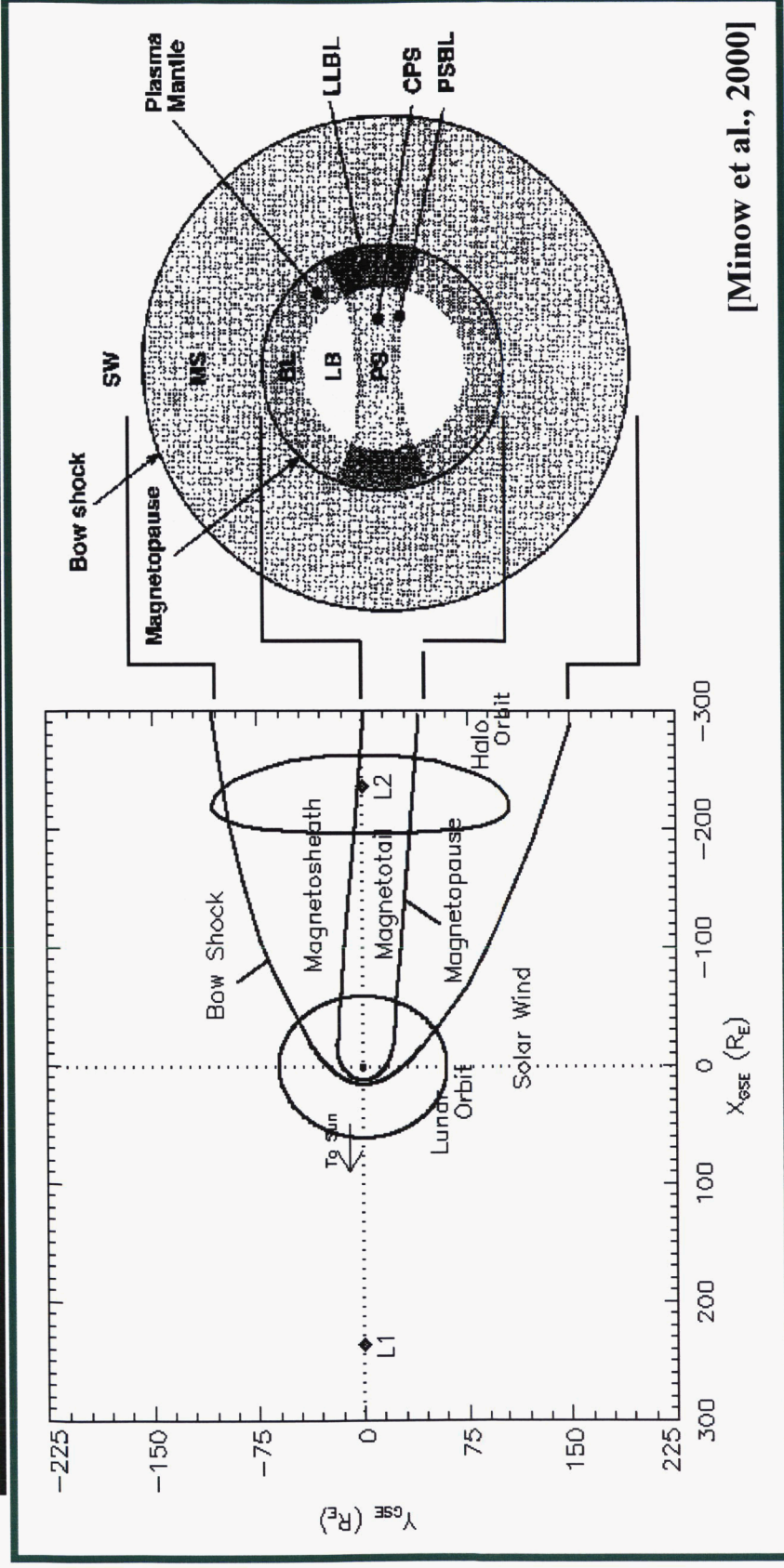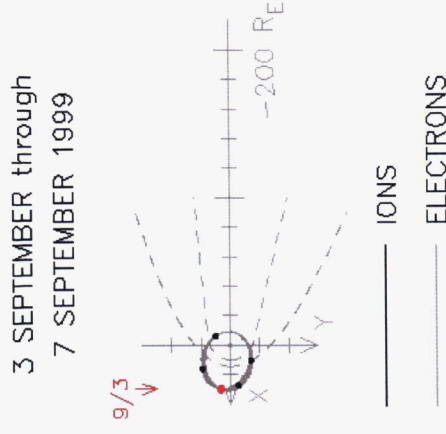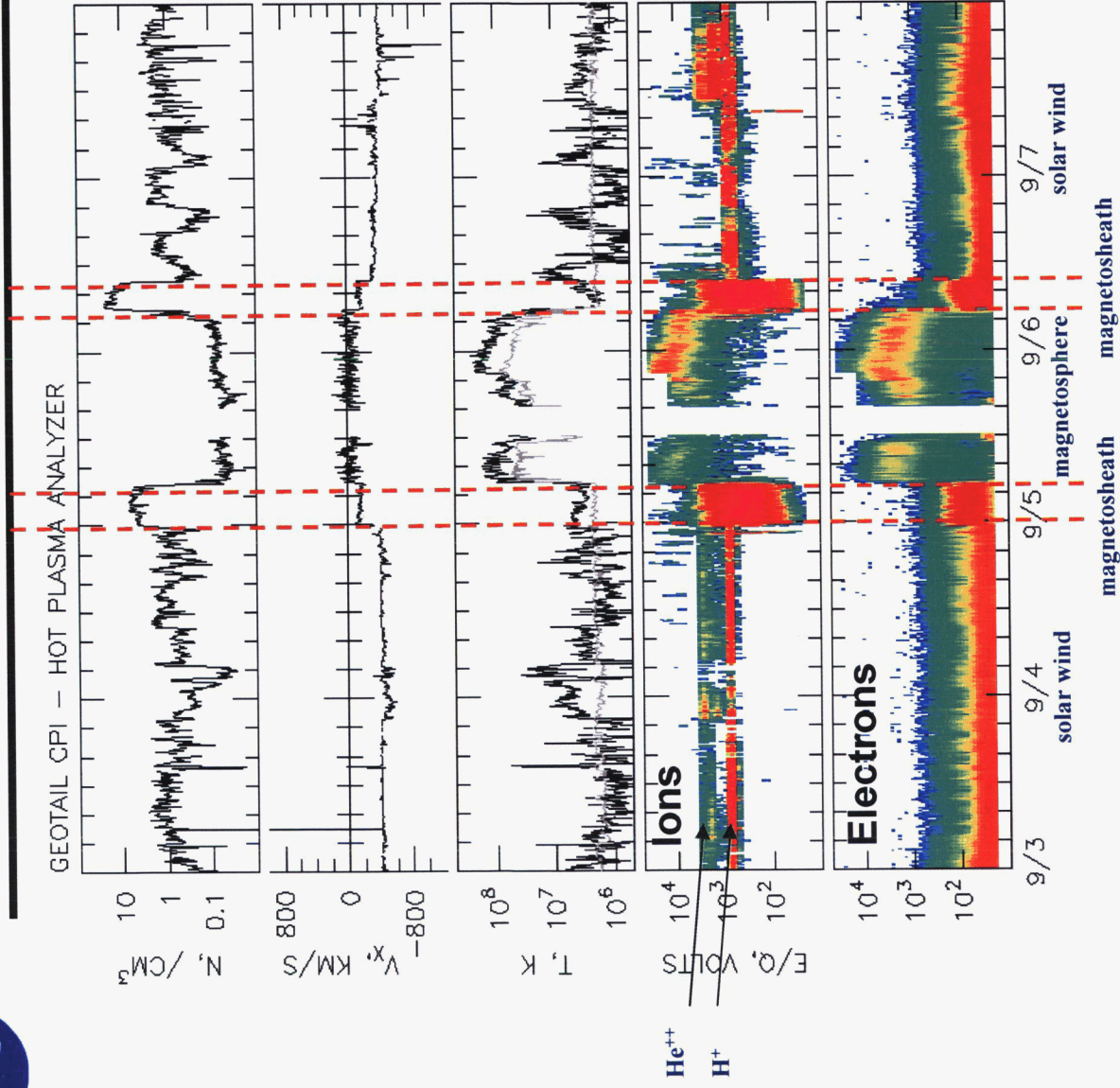
- **Sun-Earth L1, L3, L4, L5 all in solar wind**
- **Sun-Earth L2 located nominally near edge of magnetotail with magnetosheath encounters, solar wind is rare**
- **Earth-Moon L1, L2, ..., L5 all pass through the magnetosheath and magnetotail once a month but spend most time (~75% in solar wind)**
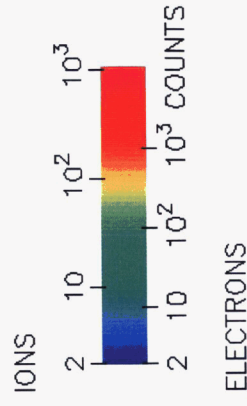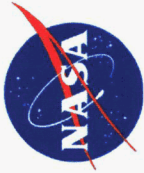
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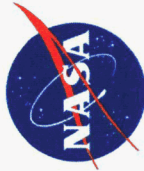
Plasma Regime Identification

Near Earth plasma regimes are well ordered at low energies

Relatively easy to identify bow shock and magnetopause, plasma regimes by plasma characteristics

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Distant Magnetotail Environments

Identification of distant magnetotail plasma regimes is a challenge but plasma properties can be used to characterize plasma regimes into solar wind, magnetosheath, plasma mantle, boundary layer, and plasma sheet.
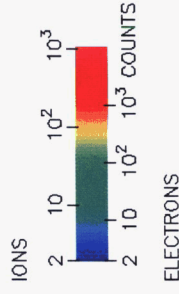

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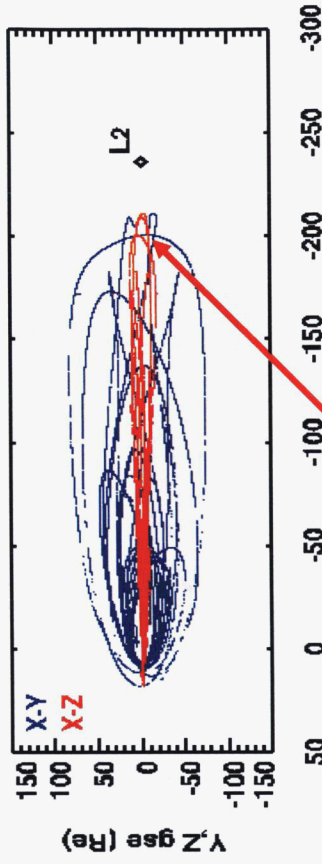
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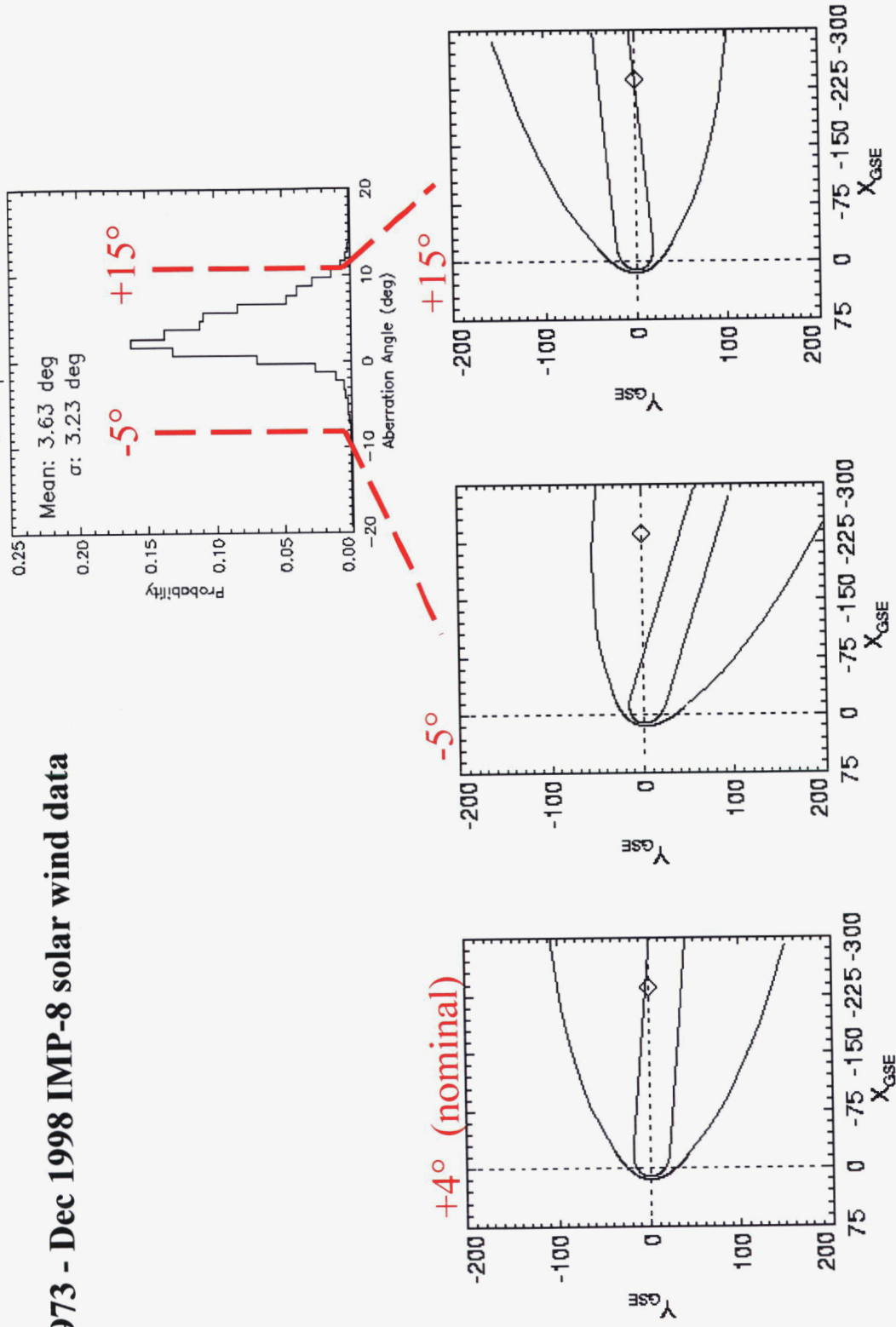
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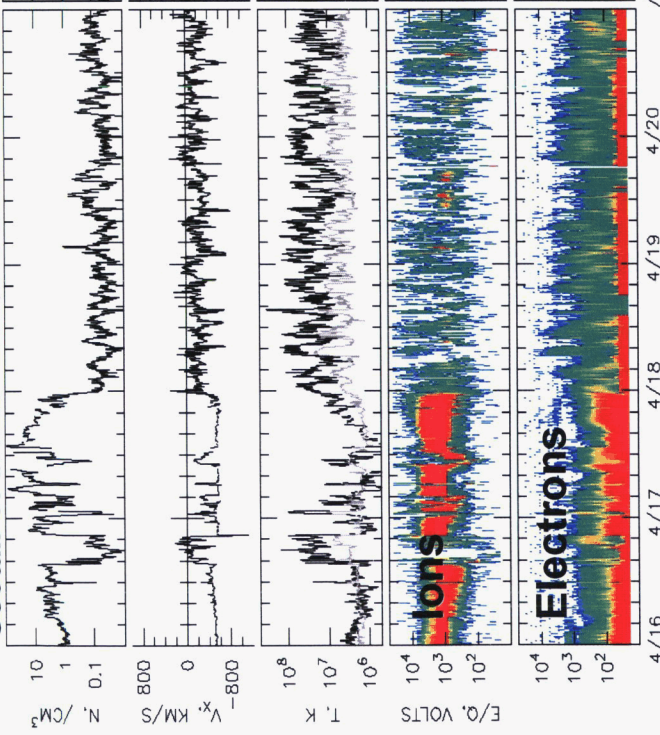
Magnetotail Aberration

Nov 1973 - Dec 1998 IMP-8 solar wind data

Magnetotail Aberration In Ecliptic Plane

Mean: 3.63 deg
σ: 3.23 deg

+15°

-5°

+4° (nominal)

[Blackwell et al., 2000]

L2-Charged Particle Environment Model

- L2 free field plasma environments engineering model

- Limits:

  -300 $R_E < X_{GSE} < 300\ R_E$

  ~0.1 keV < E < ~1 MeV

- Based on in-situ satellite measurements of plasma properties (< 1 MeV) in solar wind and distant magnetotail plasma regimes

- Solar wind, magnetosheath, and magnetotail plasma environments ordered by solar wind dependent bow shock and magnetopause boundaries

- Empirical model flux, fluence output traceable to observations

L2-CPE includes complete 2+ years Geotail distant magnetotail records

L2-CPE Database

X-Y
X-Z

Xgse (Re)

Y,Z gse (Re)

Only data with X < -50Re used in model

L2-CPE V1.1

L2-CPE - Version 1.1

L2 REGION PARTICLE ENVIRONMENT DEFINITION MODEL

(Development Version)

Under Development For:

NASA Space Environments and Effects (SEE) Program

Select Option
- Particle Flux
- Particle Fluence
- Plot Generation
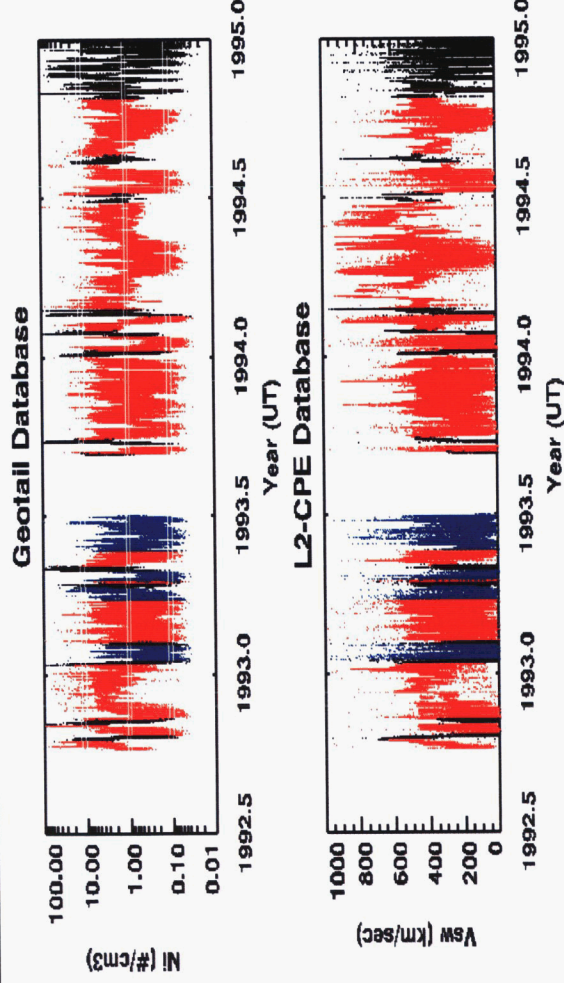- Flux Scenes
- Charging Environment

OK
Help
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Databases, Orbit Propagation

- **Halo orbit generator**
  - Analytical halo orbits [*Farquhar*, 1970; *Richardson*, 1980] convenient method for conducting trades
- **User provided ephemerides**
  - Lissajous orbits about L2, trajectory to and/or from L2, and other trajectories treated with user provided ephemeris
- **L2-CPE is a two-dimensional model**
  - Y_{GSE}, Z_{GSE} position determines if spacecraft is in the solar wind, magnetosheath, or magnetotail
  - No X_{GSE} variation in plasma environments
  - L2-CPE is applicable for $-300\ R_E \leq X_{GSE} \leq -100\ R_E$
  - Geotail data from $X_{GSE} \leq -50\ R_E$ is included in the database due to sparseness of the data

L2-CPE Plasma

Database Records		
Solar Wind		
–IMP 8 solar max	105,120	(Δt = 10 min)
–IMP8 solar min	105,120	(Δt = 10 min)
–Ulysses solar max	32,342	(Δt = 60 min)
–Ulysses solar min	25,106	(Δt = 60 min)
Magnetosheath		
–Geotail	212,426	(Δt = 10 min)
Plasma mantle		
–Geotail	99,420	(Δt = 10 min)
Plasma sheet		
–Geotail	71,752	(Δt = 10 min)

All Geotail

LRAD

LRAD + L2-CPE

Remaining records in black are >-50 Re from Earth and not used in L2-CPE

Geotail Database

L2-CPE Database

Data Sources

Spacecraft/Instrument	Application	Source
Geotail	**Magnetotail, magnetosheath**	
10 Re x 210 Re, near ecliptic		
--Comprehensive Plasma Instrument/Hot Plasma Analyzer (CPI/HPA)	core plasma moments	Univ. of Iowa
--Energetic Particle and Ion Composition/Ion Composition Subsystem (EPIC/ICS)	non-thermal ion, electron flux	JHU/APL (ions) NSSDC/JHU/APL (electrons)
--Geotail plasma regime identification	database organization	EPIC Science Team, JHU/APL
IMP-8	**Solar wind**	
~35 Re circular, near ecliptic		
--MIT Faraday Cup	core plasma moments	MIT
--Magnetic Field Experiment	interplanetary magnetic field	NSSDC (GSFC)
--Charged Particle Measuring Experiment (CPME)	non-thermal ion, electron (not implemented)	JHU/APL
--Energetic Particle Experiment (EPE)	non-thermal ion, electron (not implemented)	JHU/APL
Ulysses	**Solar wind**	
1 to 5.5 AU, 1.3 AU x 5.4 AU, 78°		
--Solar Wind Observations Over the Poles of the Sun (SWOOPS)	core/halo electron, core ion plasma moments	NSSDC/SwRI
--Low Energy Magnetic Spectrometer (LEMS)	non-thermal ion, electron flux	NSSDC/Lucent Technologies
--Low Energy Foil Spectrometer (LEFS)	non-thermal ion, electron flux	NSSDC/Lucent Technologies

Bow Shock, Magnetopause Models

Bennett et al., 1997 bow shock model

- Model applicable for bow shock from subsolar point to –400 R_E < X_{GSE}

- Note bow shock radius at L2 distance of ~236 R_E is ~120 R_E.
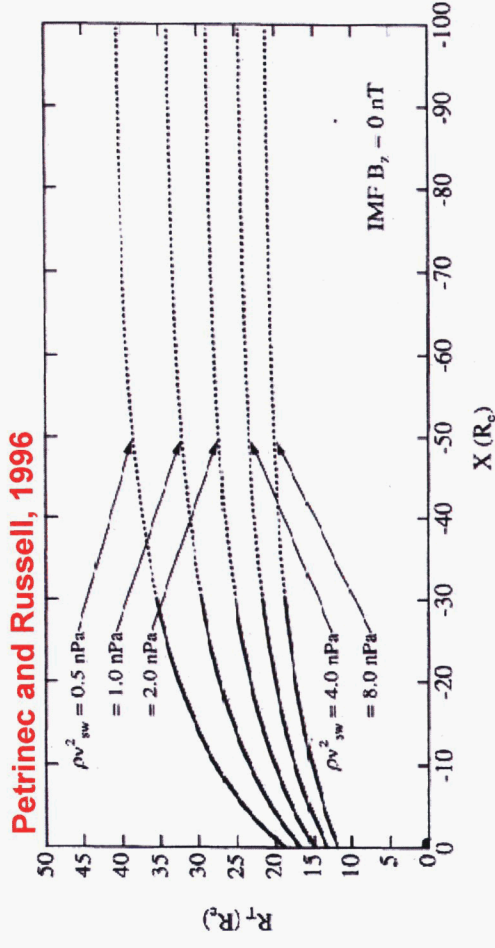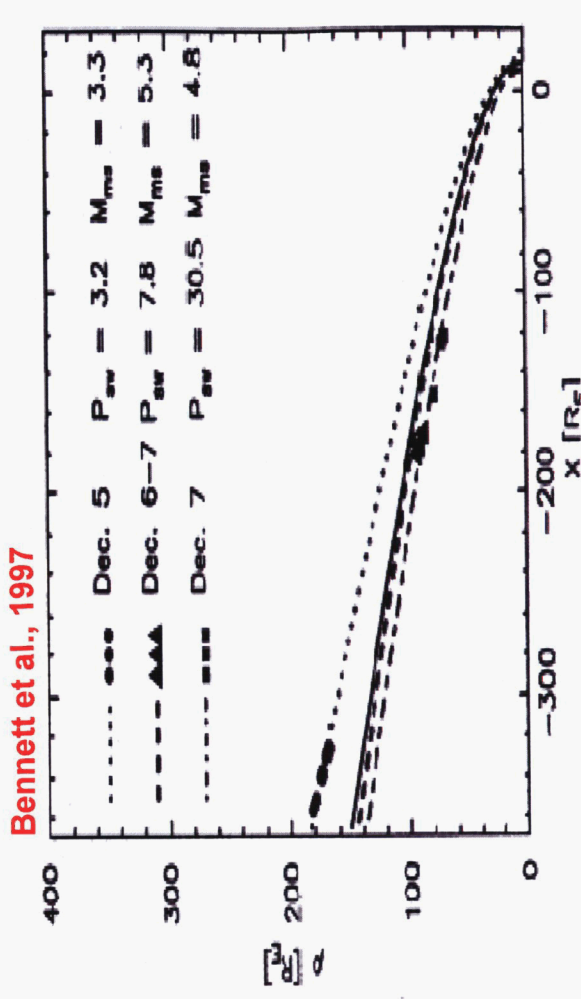
Petrinec and Russell [1996] magnetopause

- Model validated for –30 R_E < X_{GSE} but extrapolated to greater distances

- Extrapolation to L2 distances used in L2-CPE based on information from ISEE-3, Geotail spacecraft magnetopause encounters
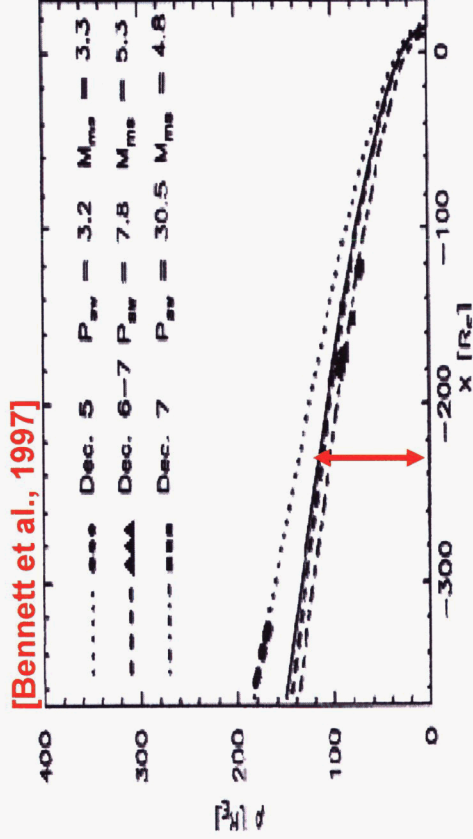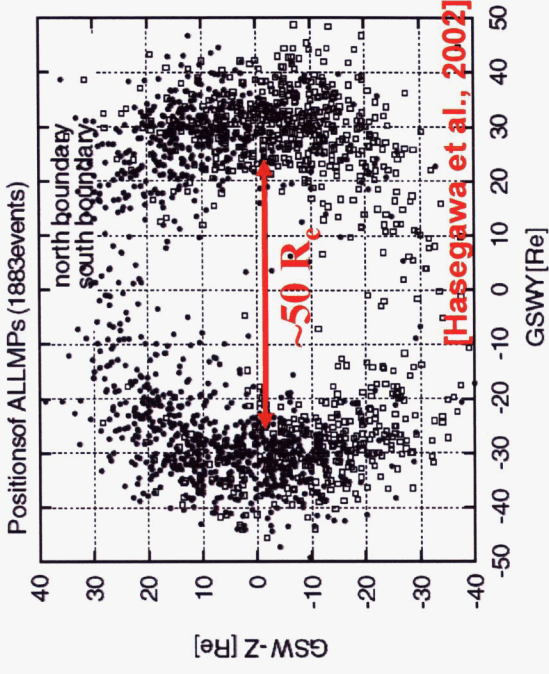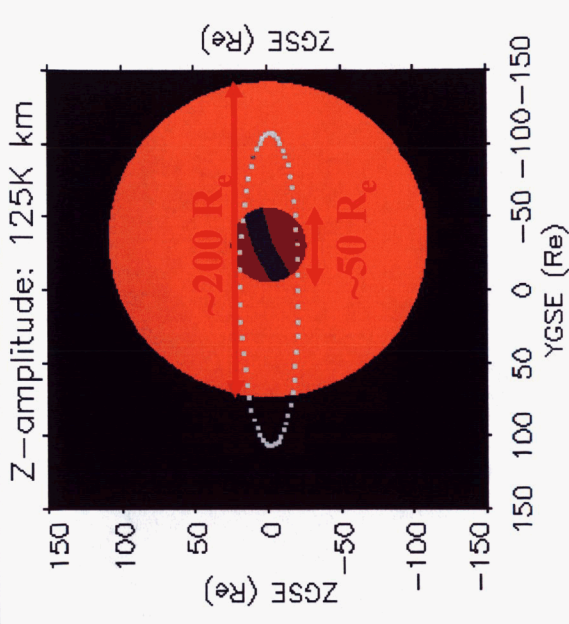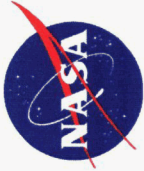

Bennett et al., 1997

Petrinec and Russell, 1996

Distant Magnetotail Boundaries

Extrapolated *Petrinec and Russell* [1996] magnetopause and *Bennett et al.* [1997] bow shock boundaries consistent with Geotail, ISEE-3 magnetopause encounters reported in the literature including *Sibeck et al.* [1986], *Fairfield* [1992], *Christon et al.* [1998], *Maezawa and Hori* [1998], *Hasegawa et al.* [2002] and the numerous references included *Lui* [1987] and *Nishida et al.* [1998].

Examples:

-- *Hasegawa et al.* [2002] Geotail magnetopause encounters from -210 $R_E \leq X_{GSE} \leq$ -100 R_E consistent with L2-CPE

--Bennett et al. [1997] bow shock radius at L2 consistent with L2-CPE model
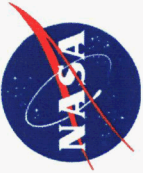

Z-amplitude: 125K km

~200 R$_e$

~50 R$_e$

ZGSE (Re)

YGSE (Re)

Positions of ALLMPs (1883 events)

north boundary
south boundary

~50 R$_e$

[Hasegawa et al., 2002]

GSWY [Re]

GSW-Z [Re]

[Bennett et al., 1997]

Dec. 5   P$_{sw}$ = 3.2   M$_{ms}$ = 3.3
Dec. 6-7 P$_{sw}$ = 7.8   M$_{ms}$ = 5.3
Dec. 7   P$_{sw}$ = 30.5   M$_{ms}$ = 4.8

x [R$_e$]

ρ [R$_e^3$]

Bow Shock and Magnetopause Variability

Bow Shock and Magnetopause

Bennett et al. [1997] bow shock

BS

Petrinic and Russell [1993, 1996] magnetopause

MP

[Blackwell et al., 2000]
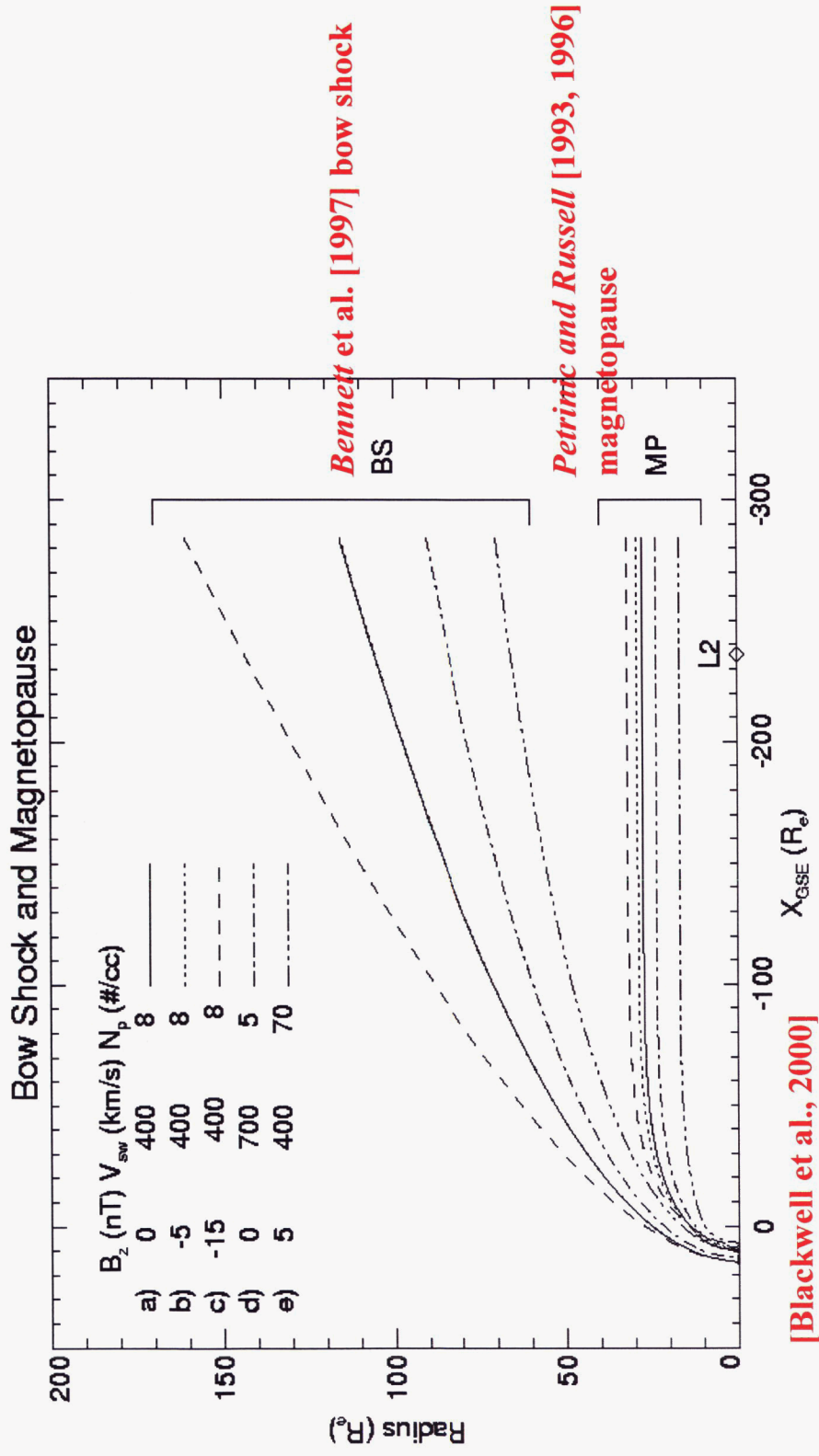
IMP-8 plasma parameters with mean Parker spiral orientation for IMF provide variations in bow shock, magnetopause orientation and dimensions
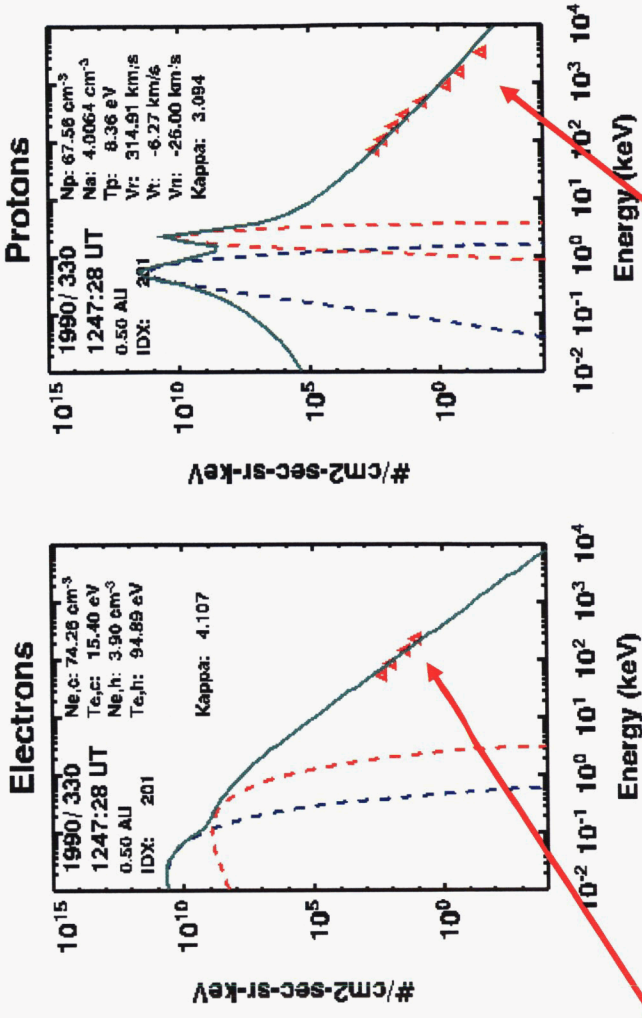
Ulysses Differential Flux Reconstruction

Protons

1990/ 330
1247:28 UT
0.50 AU
IDX: 201

Np: 67.56 cm⁻³
Na: 4.0064 cm⁻³
Tp: 8.36 eV
Vr: 314.91 km/s
Vt: -6.27 km/s
Vn: -26.00 km/s
Kappa: 3.094

#/cm2-sec-sr-keV

Energy (keV)

Electrons

1990/ 330
1247:28 UT
0.50 AU
IDX: 201

Ne,c: 74.26 cm⁻³
Te,c: 15.40 eV
Ne,h: 3.90 cm⁻³
Te,h: 94.89 eV

Kappa: 4.107

#/cm2-sec-sr-keV

Energy (keV)

LEMS, LEFS protons

LEMS, LEFS electrons

- Ulysses Solar Wind Over the Poles of the Sun (SWOOPS) plasma moments provide low energy environments

- κ parameter constrained by matching Low Energy Magnetic Spectrometer (LEMS), Low Energy Foil Spectrometer (LEFS) differential flux measurements

- LEMS (LEFS) at 30°, 120° (60°, 150°) from Ulysses spin axis
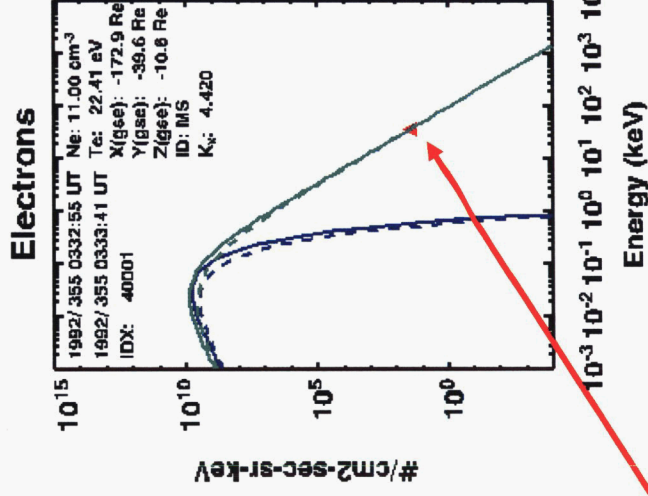
Maxwellian differential flux distributions

$$f(v) = \frac{n_o}{(\sqrt{\pi}\,\theta_{MB})^3} \exp\left[-\frac{(\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{u})^2}{\theta_{MB}^2}\right] \qquad \theta_{MB} = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T_i}{m_i}}$$
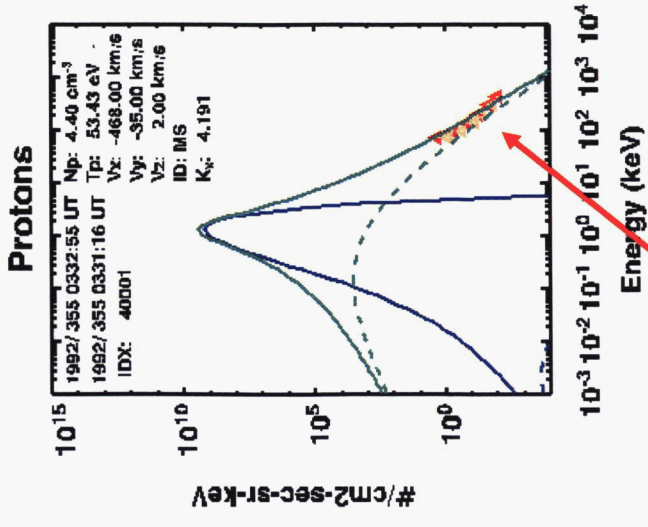
Kappa differential flux distributions

$$f(v) = \frac{n_o}{(\sqrt{\pi}\,\theta_\kappa)^3} \frac{\Gamma(\kappa+1)}{\sqrt{\kappa^3}\,\Gamma(\kappa-\frac{1}{2})}\left[1+\frac{v^2}{\kappa\theta_\kappa^2}\right]^{-\kappa-1}, \qquad \kappa > \frac{3}{2}$$
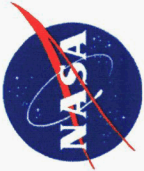
$$\theta_\kappa = \sqrt{\frac{(2\kappa-3)k_B T}{\kappa m}}$$

Geotail Differential Flux Reconstruction

Protons

1992/ 355 0332:55 UT
1992/ 355 0331:16 UT
IDX: 40001

Np: 4.40 cm⁻³
Tp: 53.43 eV
Vx: -468.00 km/s
Vy: -35.00 km/s
Vz: 2.00 km/s
ID: MS
Kκ: 4.191

#/cm2-sec-sr-keV — Energy (keV)

10^{15} 10^{10} 10^{5} 10^{0} — 10^{-3} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 10^{0} 10^{1} 10^{2} 10^{3} 10^{4}

EPIC/ICS protons

Electrons

1992/ 355 0332:55 UT
1992/ 355 0333:41 UT
IDX: 40001

Ne: 11.00 cm⁻³
Te: 22.41 eV
X(gse): -172.9 Re
Y(gse): -39.6 Re
Z(gse): -10.6 Re
ID: MS
Kκ: 4.420

#/cm2-sec-sr-keV — Energy (keV)

10^{15} 10^{10} 10^{5} 10^{0} — 10^{-3} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 10^{0} 10^{1} 10^{2} 10^{3} 10^{4}

EPIC E>38 keV electrons

Maxwellian differential flux distributions

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Kappa differential flux distributions

$$f(v) = \frac{n_o}{(\sqrt{\pi}\,\theta_\kappa)^3} \frac{\Gamma(\kappa+1)}{\sqrt{\kappa^3}\,\Gamma(\kappa-\tfrac{1}{2})} \left[1 + \frac{v^2}{\kappa\theta_\kappa^2}\right]^{-\kappa-1}$$

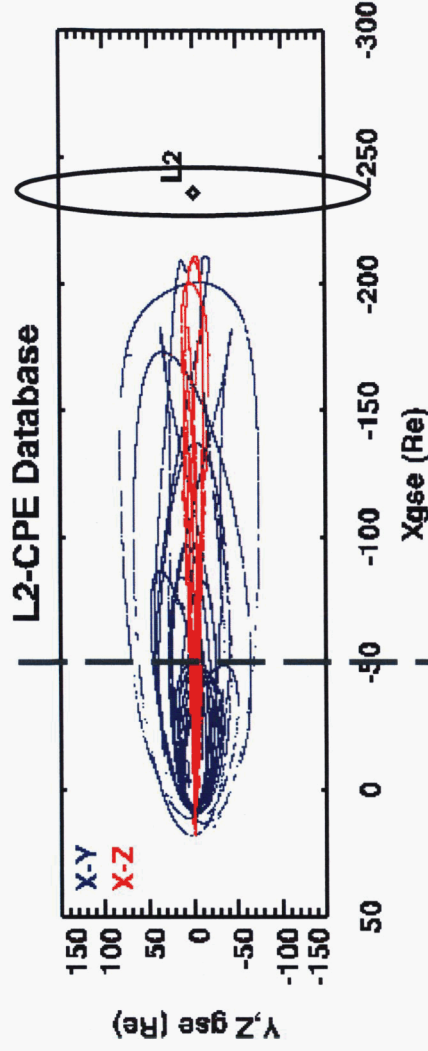$$\theta_\kappa = \sqrt{\frac{(2\kappa-3)k_B T}{\kappa m}}, \qquad \kappa > \frac{3}{2}$$

- Geotail Comprehensive Plasma Instrument (CPI) Hot Plasma Analyzer (HPA) plasma moments provide low energy environments

- κ parameter constrained by matching Energetic Particle and Ion Composition (EPIC) Ion Composition Subsystem (ICS) differential ion flux, integral electron flux measurements

- Ions in 16 azimuths, electrons are spin averaged

Sparse Data

L2-CPE Database

X-Y
X-Z

Y,Z gse [Re]

Xgse (Re)

L2

Data with $X_{GSE} < -50Re$ used in models

- **L2-CPE uses all 2+ years Geotail records appropriate for distant magnetotail**
  - Database is still sparse!

- **All Geotail magnetosheath, plasma mantle, boundary layer, lobe, and plasma sheet records beyond -50 Re are used in database**
  - Source of plasma in distant magnetotail is solar wind mirroring in plasma mantle and local entry beyond ~ -50 Re [*Baker and Pulkkinen*, 1998]

- **Plasma mantle, boundary layer, lobe are combined in a single "plasma mantle" environment**

- **Insufficient Geotail solar wind records to provide good statistics**
  - Solar wind environment provided by IMP-8, Ulysses data sets which also drive the magn

- Insufficient records to model spatial variations of plasma environments as function of distance from Earth-Sun line within plasma regimes

- Insufficient records to model X_{GSE} variations of plasma regimes

- No spatial variations within the individual plasma

  --Halo, Lissajous orbits about L2 are not represented by the Geotail orbit

  --Integrating Geotail environments along the Geotail orbit would not provide a good representation of particle fluences accumulated while in orbit about L2

  --L2-CPE utilizes a technique of random sampling the Geotail records to model environments which vary in time and space

--Statistics of environment variations are constrained by the data base
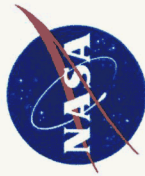
EPIC Science Team Region Identifications

- EPIC Science Team plasma regime identifications (RID) for 1 Oct 1992 through 31 Oct 1994 [*Eastman et al.*, 1998; *Christon et al.*, 1998] are adopted for L2-CPE

- Geotail records (CPI/HPA moments, EPIC flux) time tags compared to regime identification file to determine into which plasma regime database (SW, MS, PM, or PS) to place the record in the model

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Geotail Regime IDs for: 94-106 0000 to 94-115 0000
   Start        End    Interval    Kp      Start_Pos_(GSE Re)  Stop_Pos_(GSE Re)
  Date/Time  Date/Time  minute  min avg max    X     Y    Z     X     Y    Z    Region = ## Notes
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  94-105 2016 - 94-106 0805    709   2.7 3.5 3.7  -196.6 28.0 -5.1  -196.8 26.8 -4.7  MS = 44
  94-106 0805 - 94-106 0814      9   3.3 3.3 3.3  -196.8 26.8 -4.7  -196.8 26.8 -4.7  BL/MS = 34
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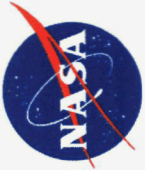
Kappa Flux Reconstruction Process

1. Compute Kappa distribution functions from plasma moments, initial guess for κ parameter
2. Differential flux is computed from distribution functions using the relationship $J = p^2 f$
3. Differential flux at energies of 10's to 100's keV is compared to flux measurements
4. If measured and computed flux is not within specified error tolerance, value of κ parameter is adjusted and steps 1 to 3 are repeated. The iterative process is used to obtain a κ parameter which gives the best differential flux based on comparison with measured differential flux
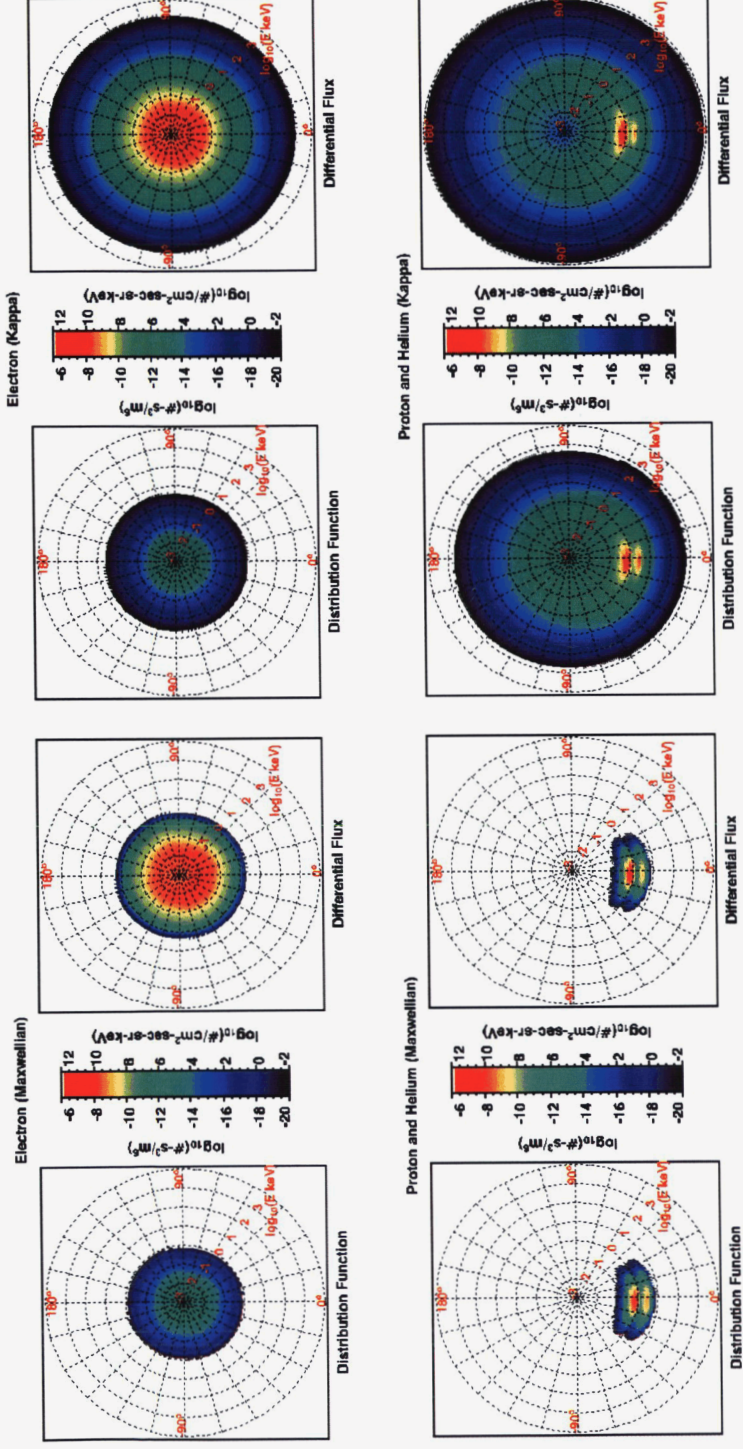
L2-CPE Halo Orbit Fluence (10 years)

Max. proton flux

Mean: 0.216×10^{17} #/cm^2

95%: 0.240×10^{17} #/cm^2

Max: 0.265×10^{17} #/cm^2

Maximum environment is a credible worst case environment because it is the largest fluence derived from integrating real flux measurements in the database

5% chance that the 95% fluence will be exceeded for a given integration period
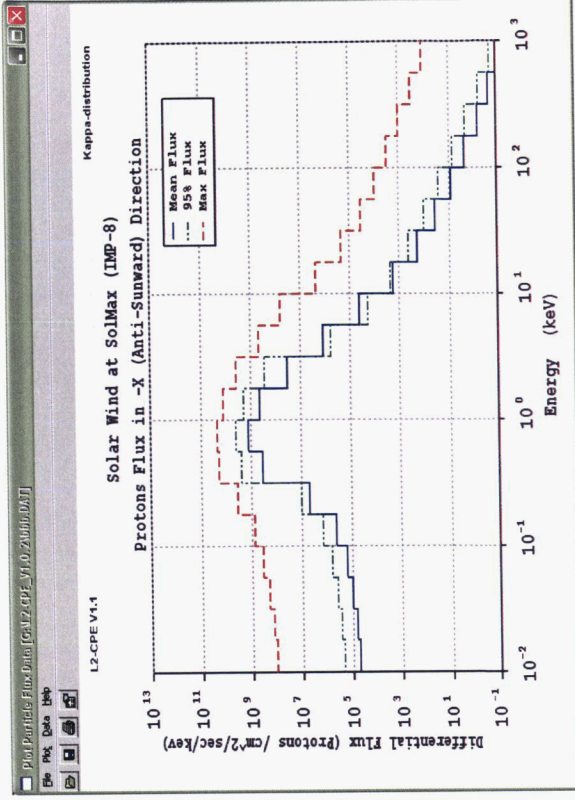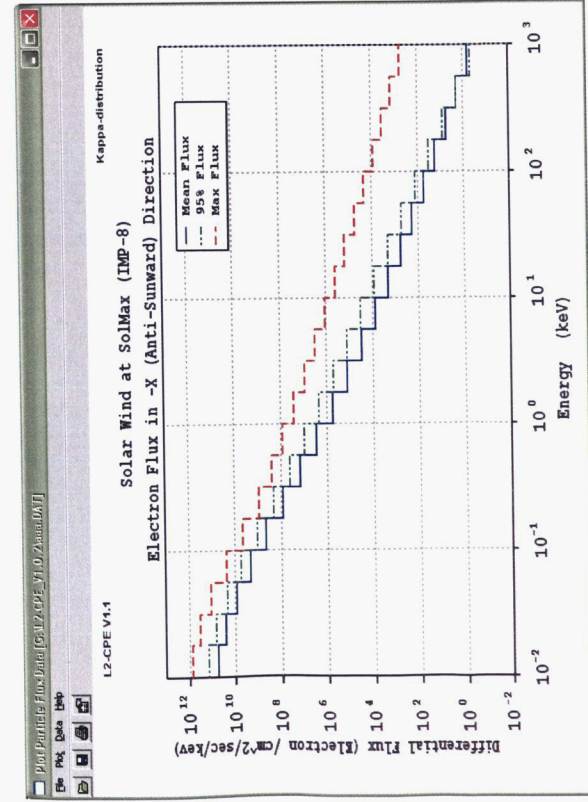
Compare with solar wind for ten years:

fluence $\sim (3 \times 10^8$ H$^+$/cm^2-sec)$(3 \times 10^7$ sec)$(10$ yrs$) = 9 \times 10^{16}$ H$^+$/cm^2-sec

$\sim 10^{17}$ H$^+$/cm^2-sec

Plot Particle Fluence Data [GAL2-CPE_V1.0.2VPro_IMP_5yr_fluence.dat]

File Plot Data Help

L2-CPE V1.1

Kappa-distribution

Solar Wind at SolMax (IMP-8)

Protons Fluence in -X (Anti-Sunward) Direction

— Mean Fluence
···· 95% Fluence
- - - Max Fluence

Differential Fluence (Protons /cm^2/keV)

Energy (keV)
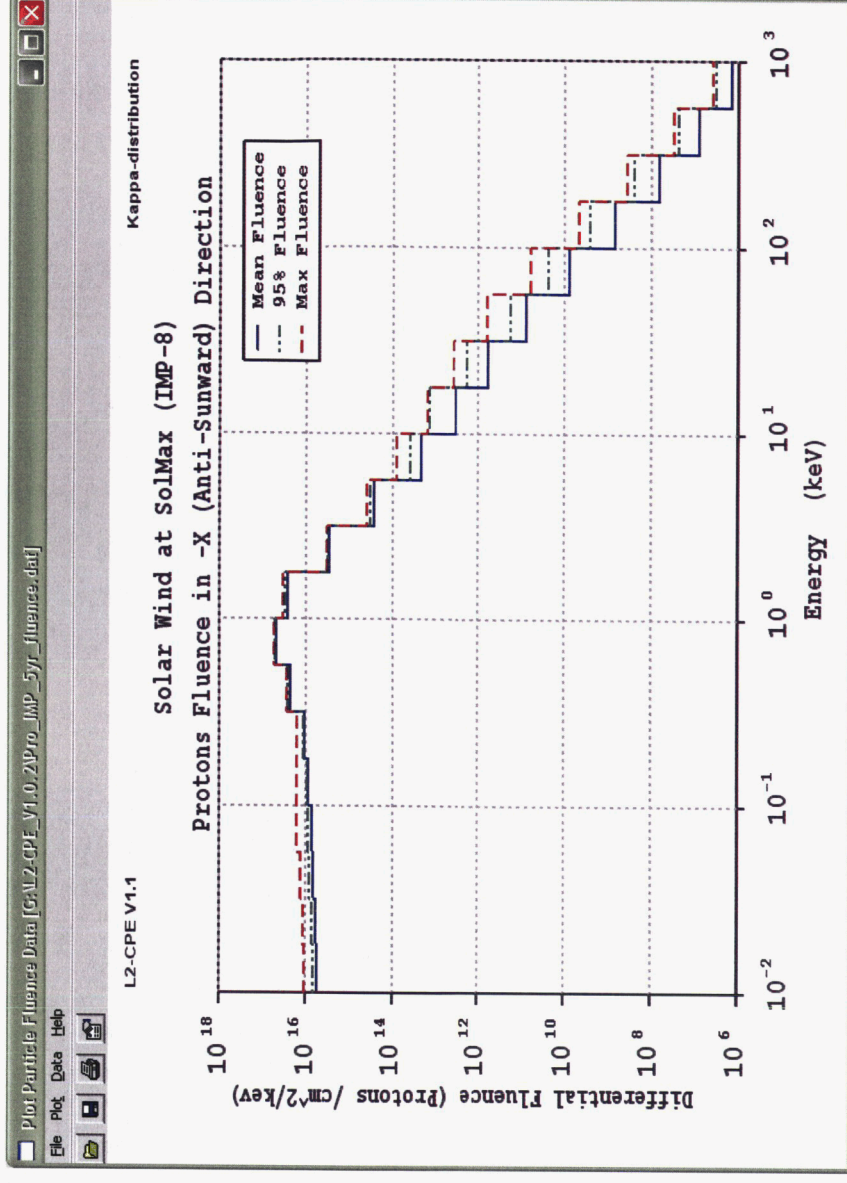
L2-CPE Solar Wind Flux
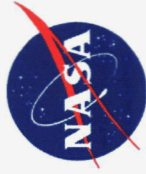
Halo Orbit Size and Plasma Regimes

Satellite Location Summary

Plasma Regime
— Solar Wind
—·—·— Magnetosheath
— — — Magnetotail

% in region

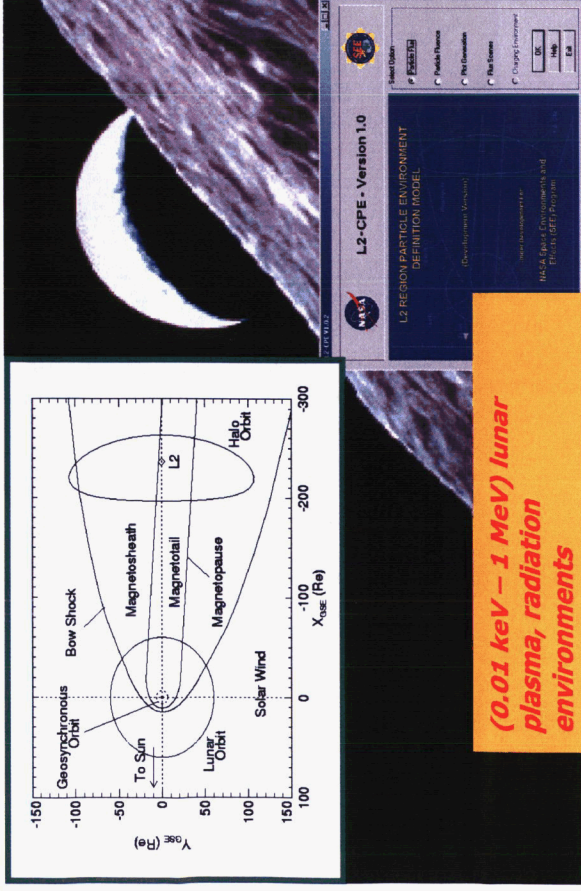Halo orbit z-amplitude
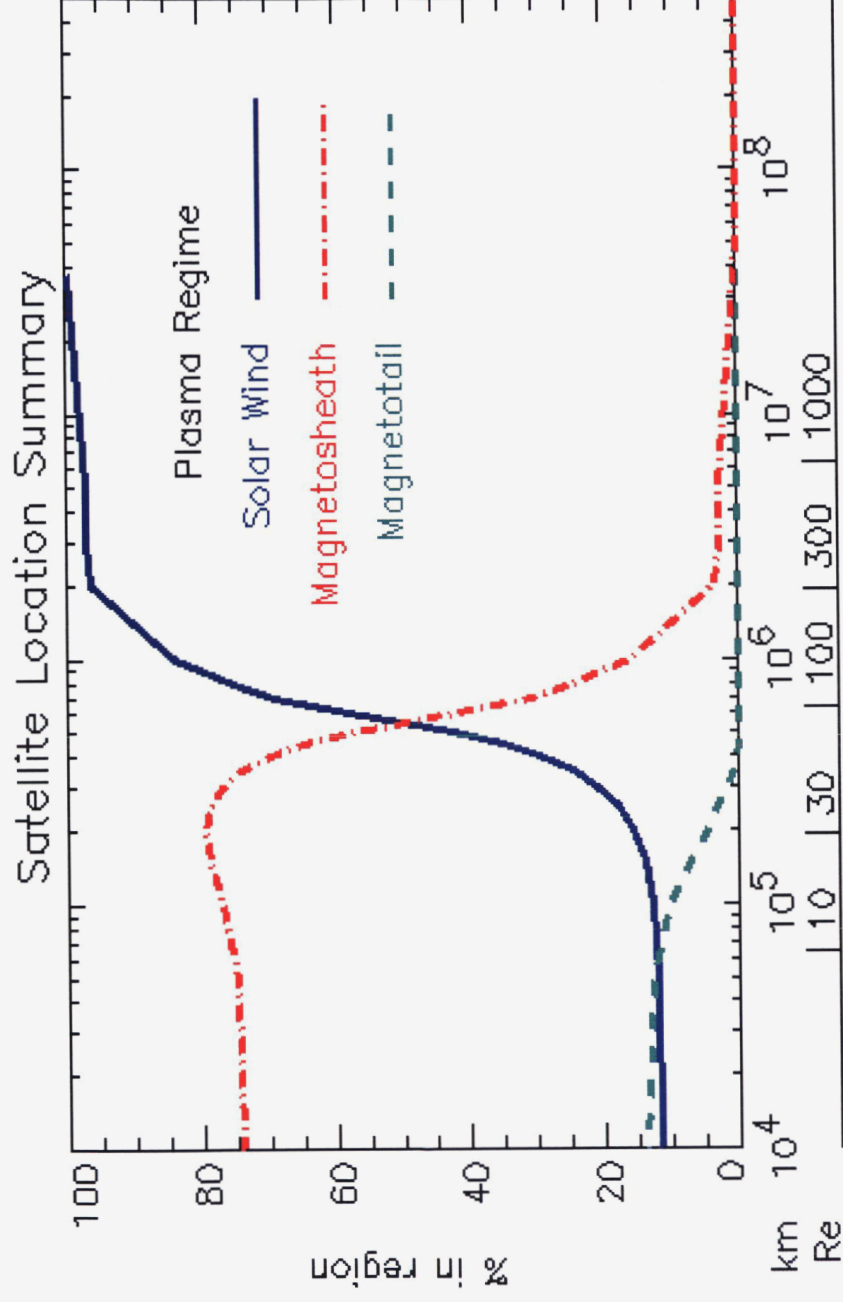
[Minow et al., 2004]

Luna - CPE

- Modifications to L2-CPR funded by SEE Program to include environments relevant to lunar missions

  - Update database (additional Geotail data)
  - Lunar wake
  - Lunar orbits

Lunar-Charged Particle Environment (Lunar-CPE)

Space Environments and Effects (SEE) Program

Description:

- Update L2-Charged Particle Environment (L2-CPE) model (applicable over -100 Re < X$_{GSE}$ < -300 Re) to include outer magnetosphere (>6 Re), through lunar (60 RE), and lunar to –100 Re environments;

- Space plasma (0.01 keV to 500 keV) and low energy ionizing radiation (500 keV to 10's MeV) engineering environment model provides ion, electron flux and fluence for spacecraft charging and radiation degradation analysis;

- Model derived from ion, electron flux measurements which provides statistical environments (e.g., percentile electron, ion flux at 50%, 95% level) to support spacecraft design and program decisions on environment risk.

Schedule & Cost:

FY04

- **Process in-house data and acquire additional electron, ion flux data sets**
- **Modify L2-CPE structure for new data**
- **Incorporate near Earth, cis-lunar magnetotail, magnetosheath, and solar wind data into L2-CPE structure**
- **Release beta-test version of Lunar-CPE**

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Reno, NV January 2007

(0.01 keV – 1 MeV) lunar plasma, radiation environments

Benefits to NASA:

- Engineering ion, electron environment model provides flux, fluence spectra for ions, electrons from 0.1 keV through 1 MeV for use in spacecraft design and mission analysis;

- Graphical user interface provides user friendly access for spacecraft design engineers, radiation health physicists, materials scientists, and space environments analysts to environment data for cis- and trans-lunar missions;

- Leverages L2-CPE funding from NASA's SEE and JWST programs and MSFC/ED44 experience in space plasma and radiation environments support for the Chandra, ISS, and MSFC/Transportation Directorate Solar Sail programs to develop tools for space environments analysis.
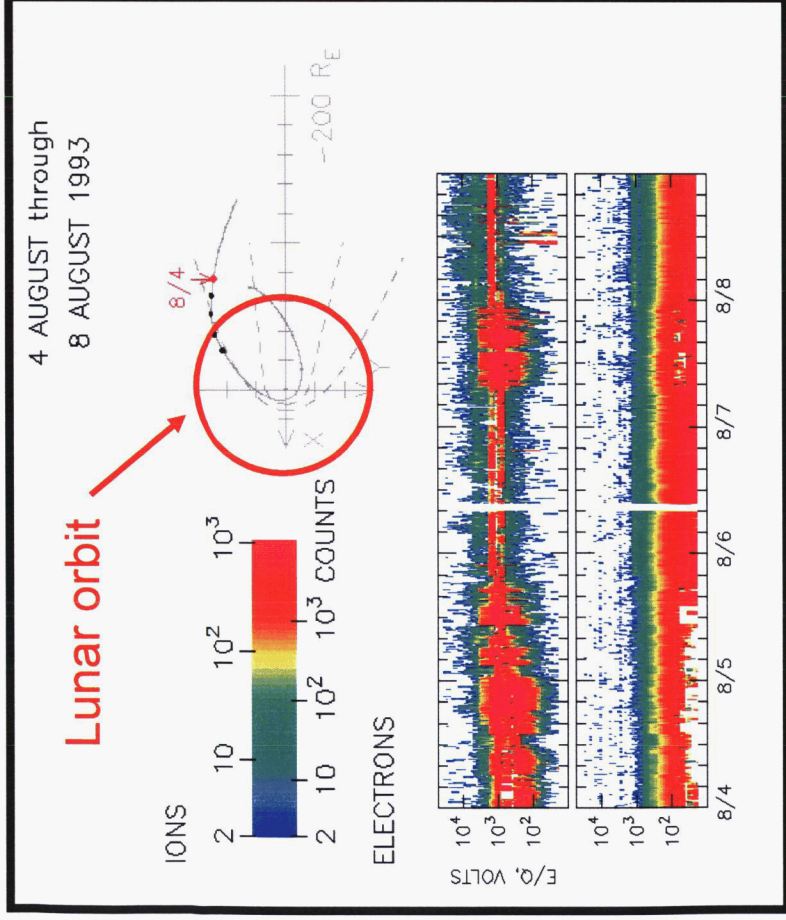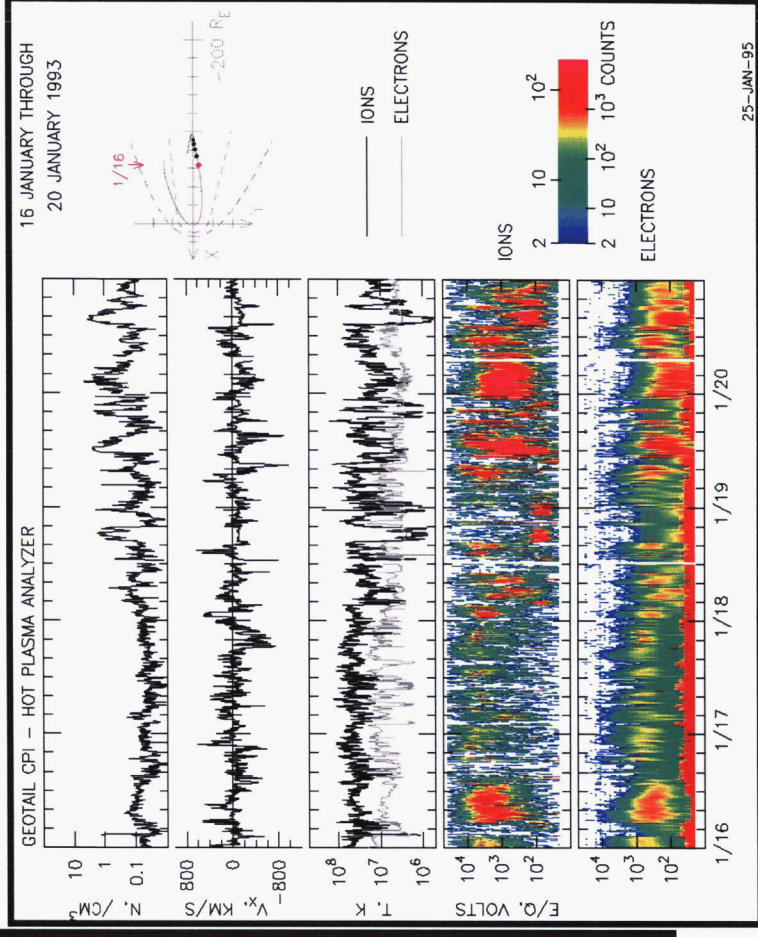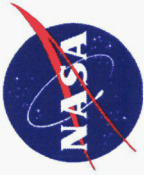
Magnetotail Plasma at Lunar Distances

- Lunar plasma environment includes encounters with magnetotail and magnetosheath
  - Variability due to solar wind driven motion of magnetotail
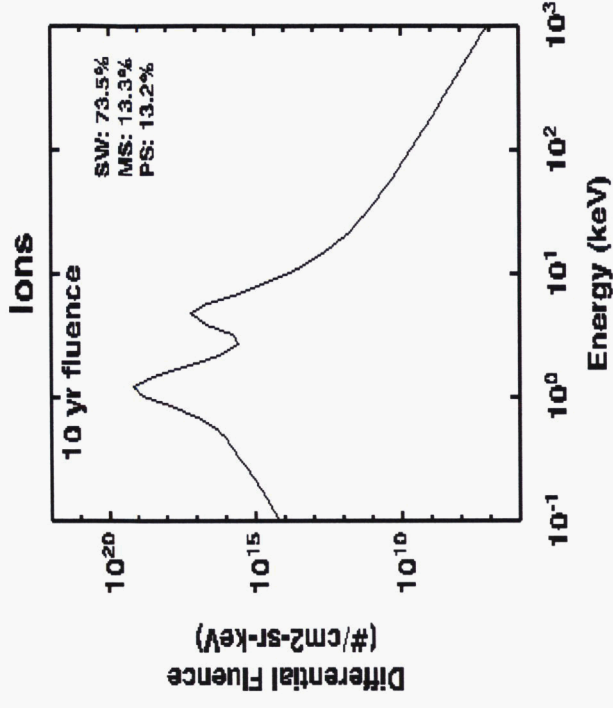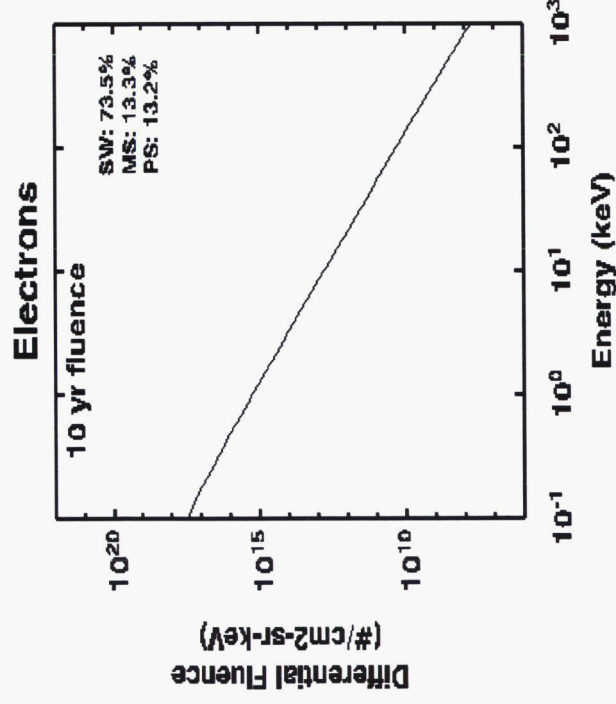- High temperature, low density plasma environments in magnetotail
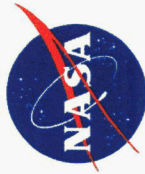

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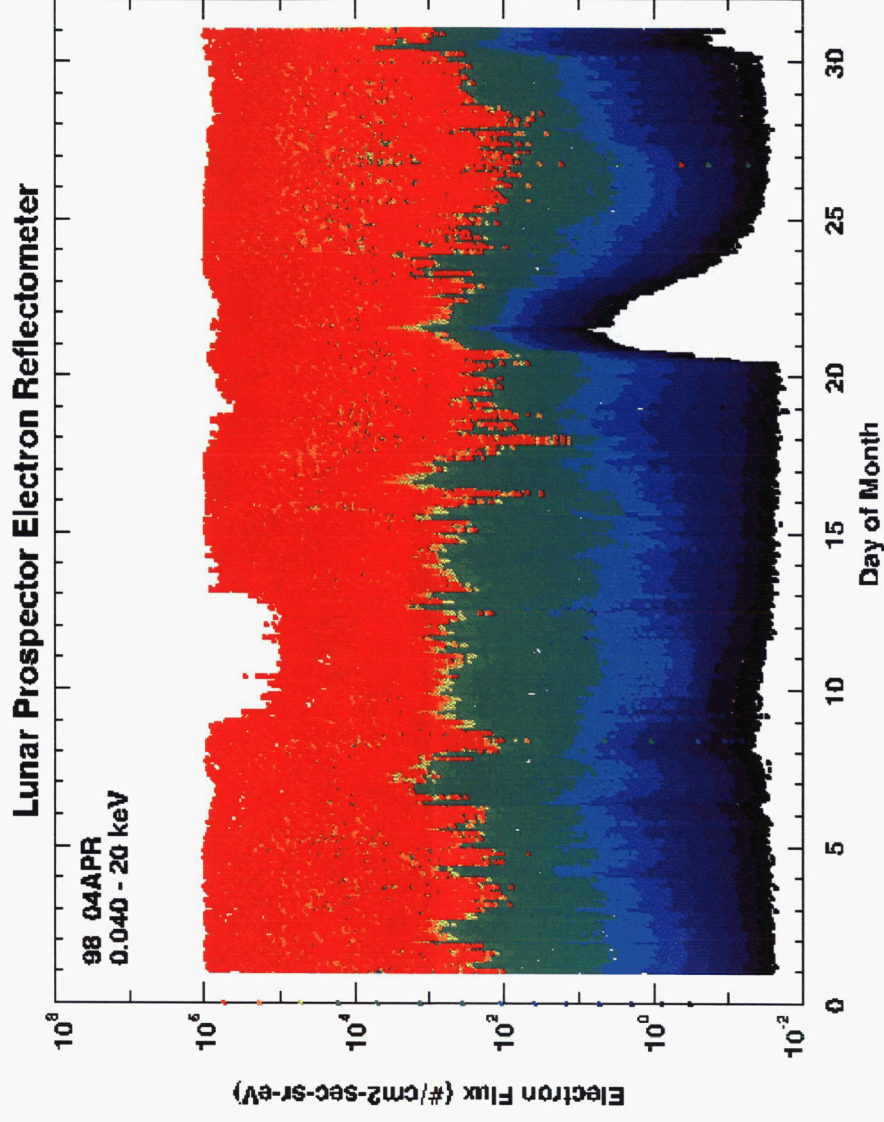
Free Field Plasma Environments

- Moon spends

    ~73.5% solar wind

    ~13.3% magnetosheath

    ~13.2% magnetotail

- Solar wind fluence

    $\sim (3 \times 10^8 \text{ protons/cm}^2\text{-sec})(3 \times 10^7 \text{ sec/yr})$
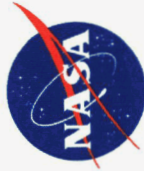
    $\sim 9 \times 10^{15} \text{ protons/cm}^2$

Lunar Plasma Environments

Lunar Prospector Electron Reflectometer

98 04APR
0.040 - 20 keV

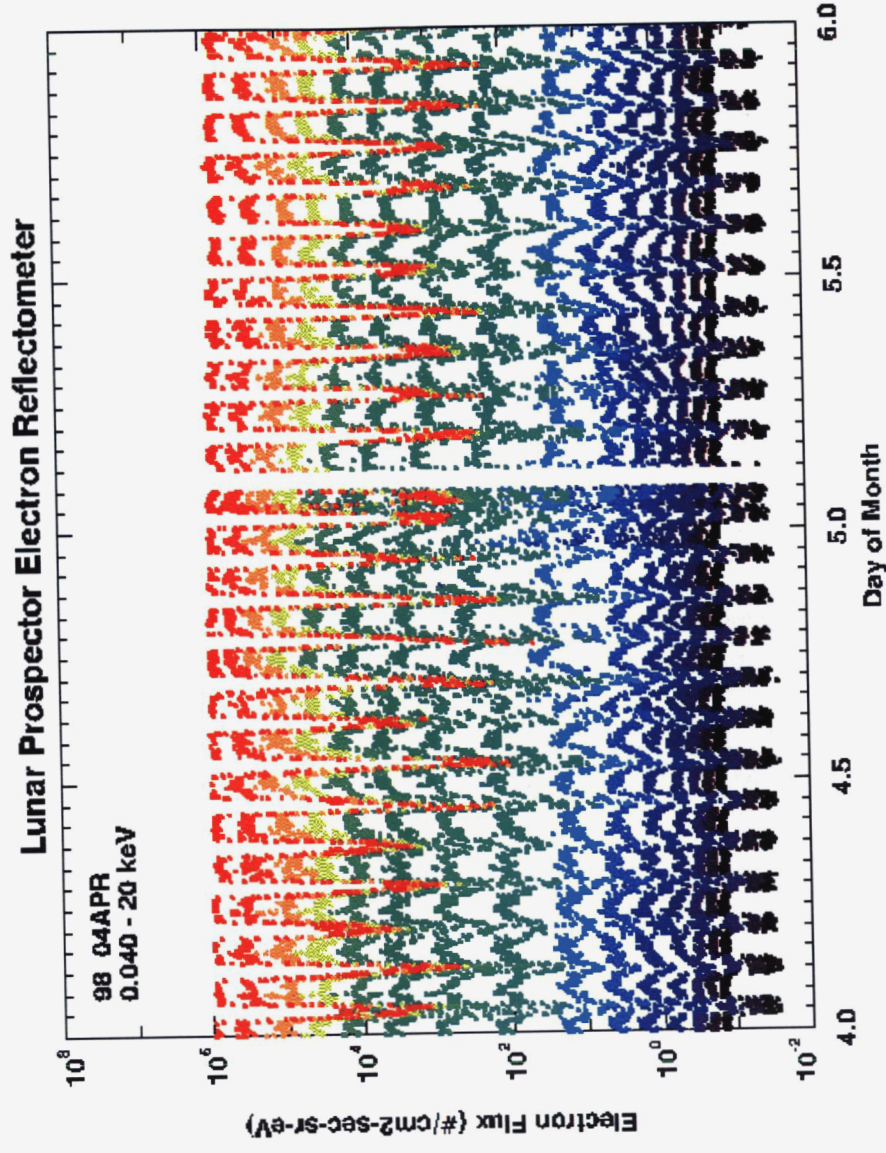Electron Flux (#/cm2-sec-sr-eV)

Day of Month

- Lunar Prospector Electron Reflectometer
  - Spin average electron flux
  - ~40 eV to ~20 keV

- April 1998
  - Earth's magnetotail
  - Solar energetic particle event
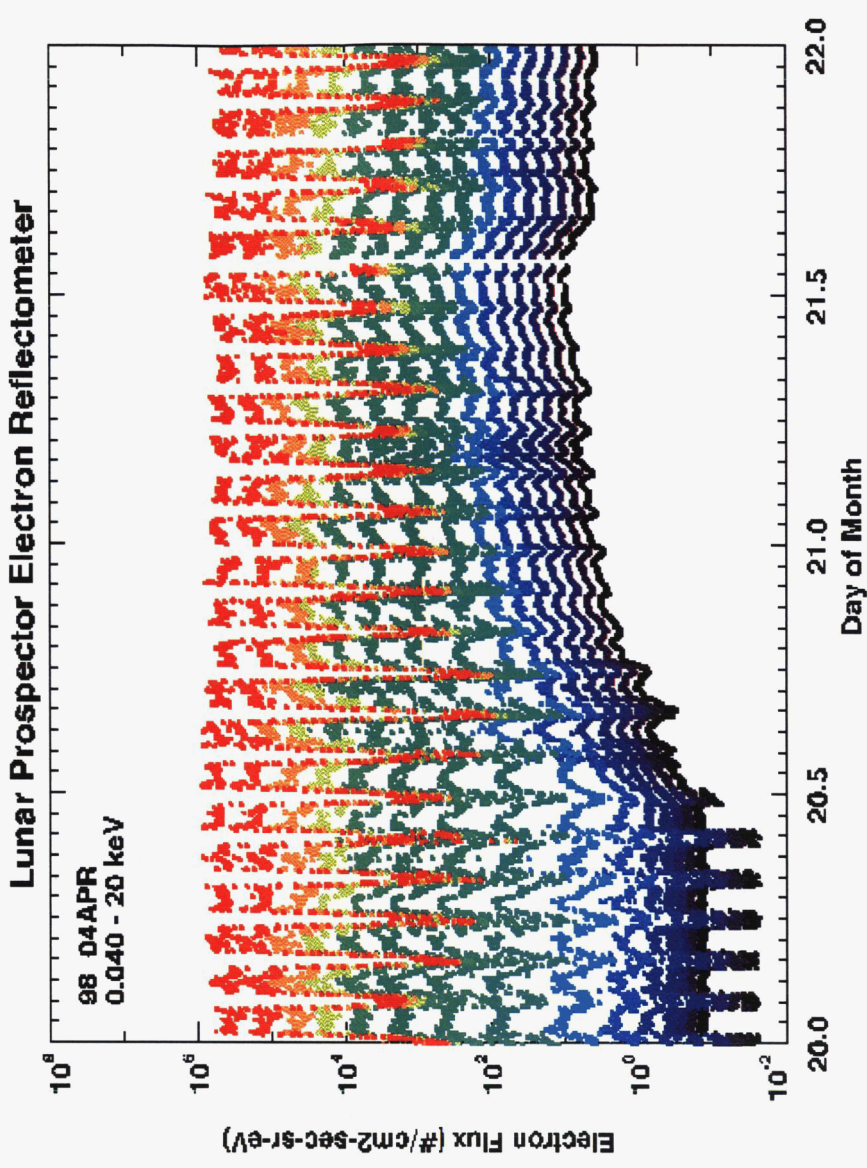
Lunar Plasma Environments

Lunar Prospector Electron Reflectometer

98 04APR
0.040 - 20 keV

Electron Flux (#/cm2-sec-sr-eV)

Day of Month

- Lunar Prospector Electron Reflectometer
  - Spin average electron flux
  - ~40 eV to ~20 keV
- 4-5April 1998
  - Moon in solar wind
  - Plasma wake

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Lunar Plasma Environments

- Lunar Prospector Electron Reflectometer
  – Spin average electron flux
  – ~40 eV to ~20 keV

- 4-5April 1998
  – Moon in solar wind
  – Plasma wake
  – Solar particle event and wake

Lunar Prospector Electron Reflectometer

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0.040 - 20 keV

Electron Flux (#/cm2-sec-sr-eV)

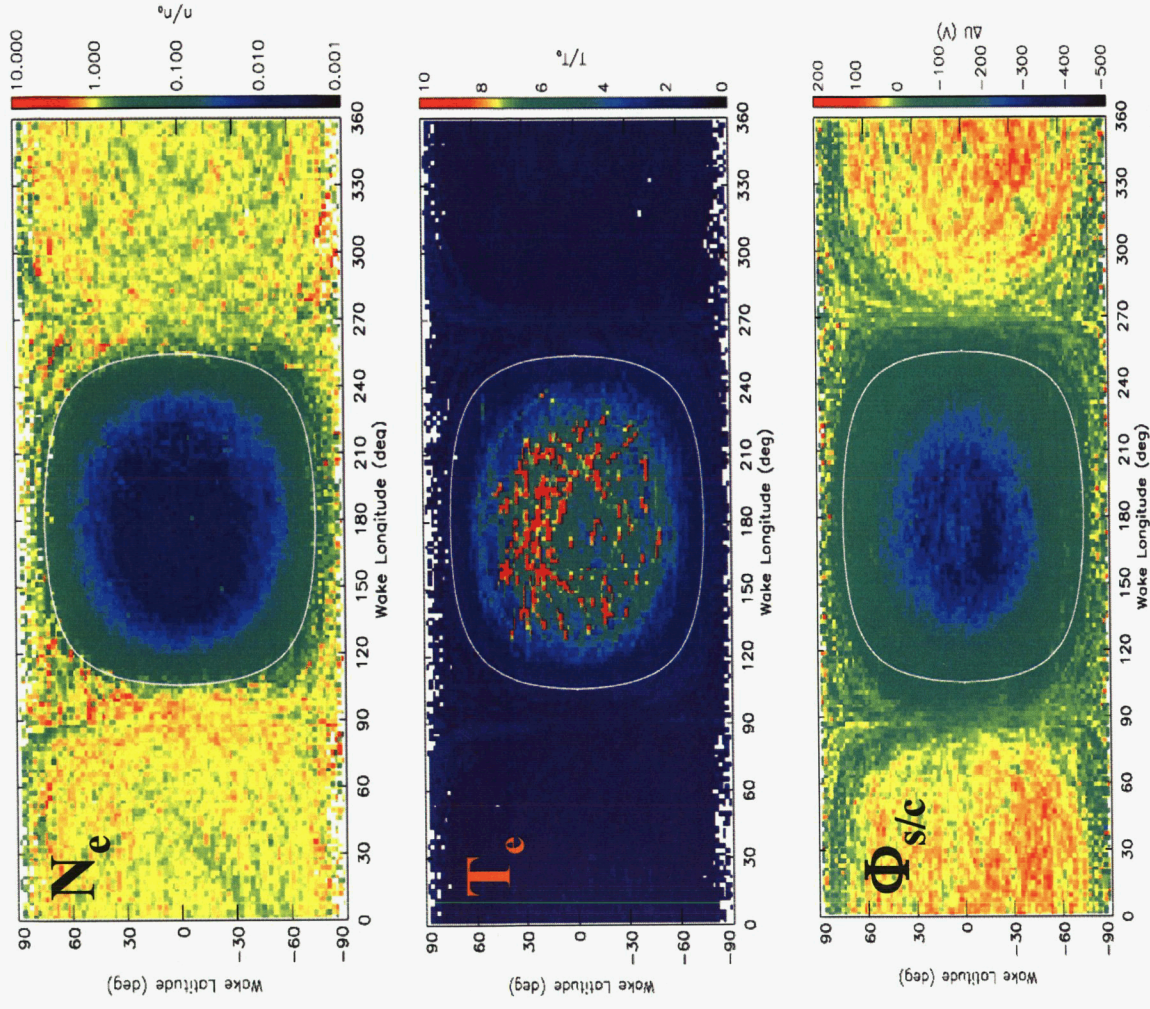Day of Month

Charging in Lunar Wake
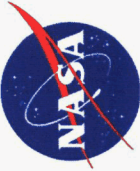

Lunar Prospector
20-115 km

Wake properties relative
to ambient solar wind

[Halekas et al. 2005]

Spacecraft potentials

day   +10 V to
+50V

night   -100 V to -300 V

Summary

- **Libration orbit radiation and plasma environments dominated by solar wind, solar energetic particles, and galactic cosmic rays**
  - SPE, GCR considered relatively benign compared to trapped radiation belts
  - Plasma environments are interesting due to perturbations by terrestrial magnetic field, lunar wake

- Libration points are good locations for monitoring:
  - Solar input to Earth/Moon system
  - Magnetotail dynamics at lunar orbit distances
  - Foreshock phenomenon

- L2-CPE model developed by NASA/MSFC provides plasma environments to ~1 MeV for Sun-Earth/Moon L2 point
  - Sun-Earth/Moon L1, L3, L4, L5 available by disabling magnetotail environments
  - Lunar modification in work to include all lunar libration points