

Observation of suprathermal neutral atom fluxes with SOHO/CELIAS and the thickness of the heliosheath

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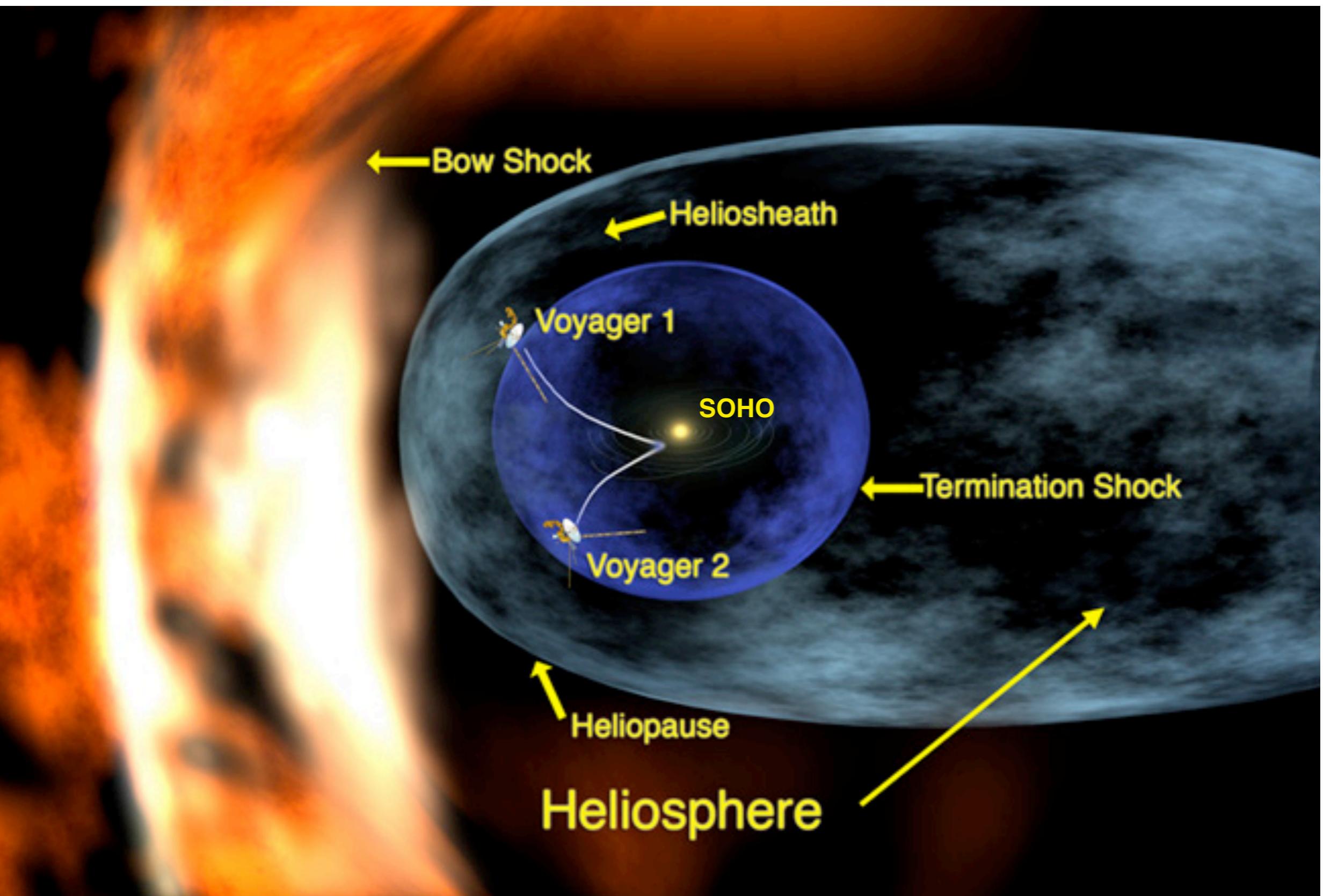




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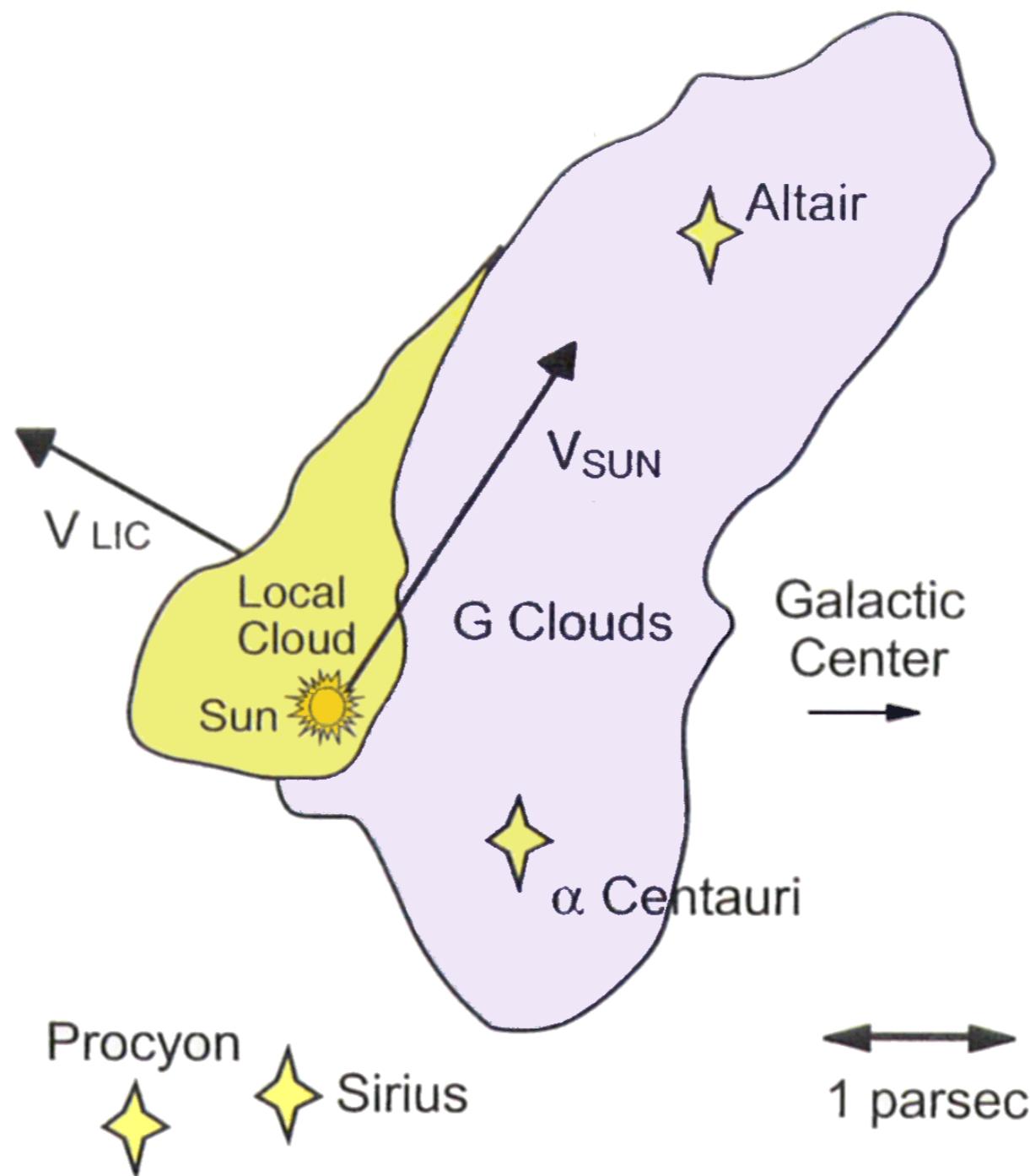


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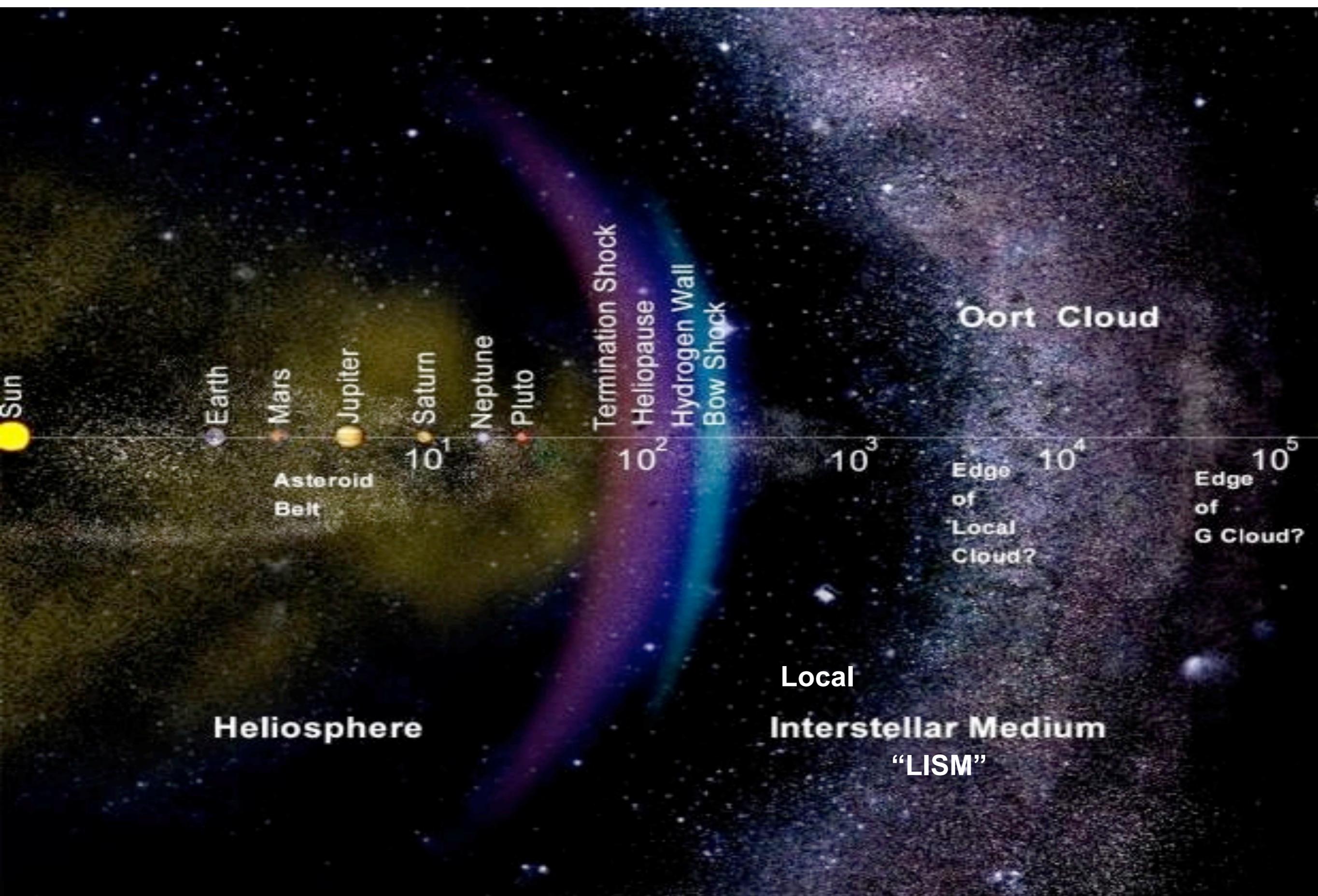
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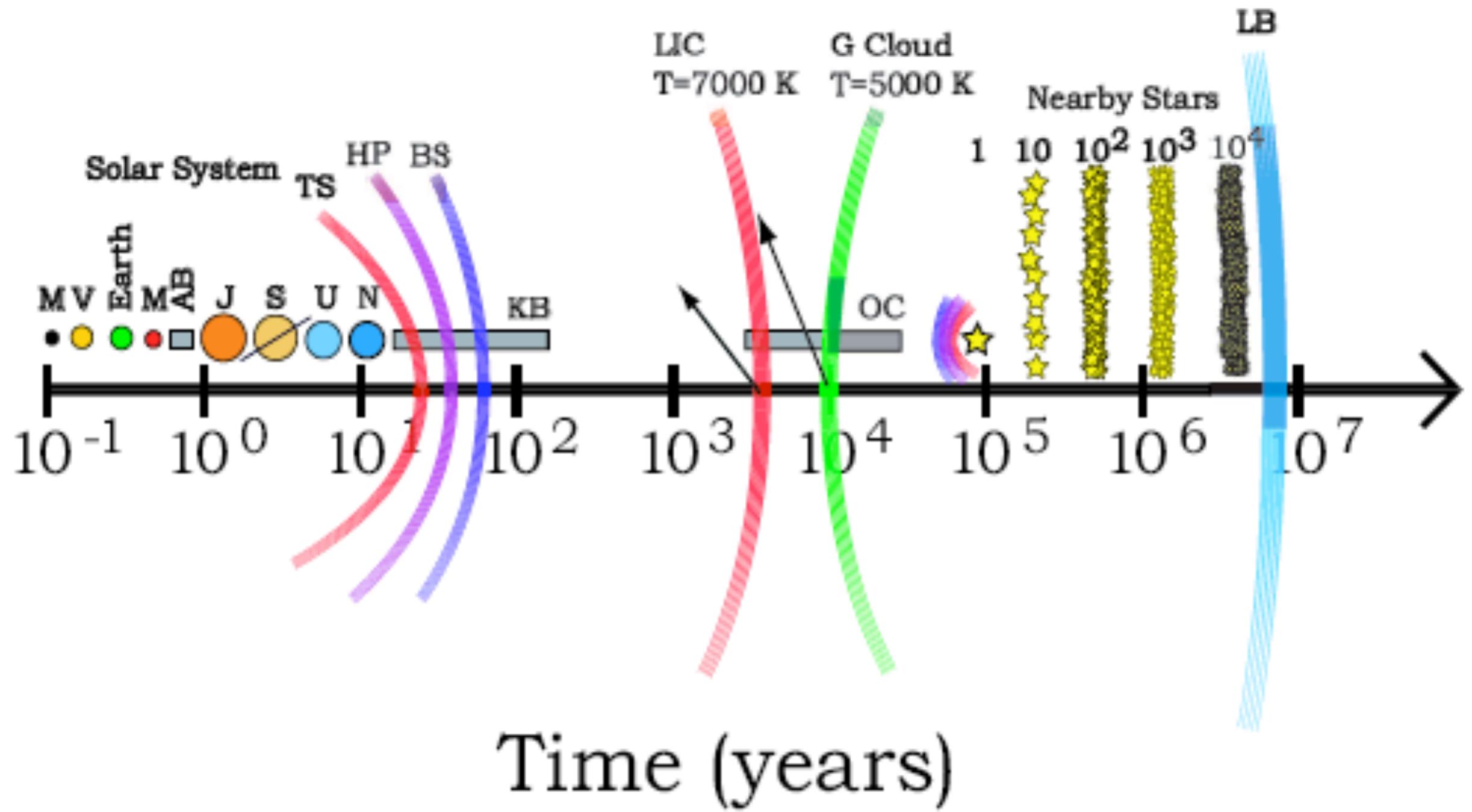
Map of the Local Interstellar Cloud



Solar system regions



Local environment in time frame



Redfield 1998

History: Passages of solar system through ISM

Table 1: Solar movement in the ISM

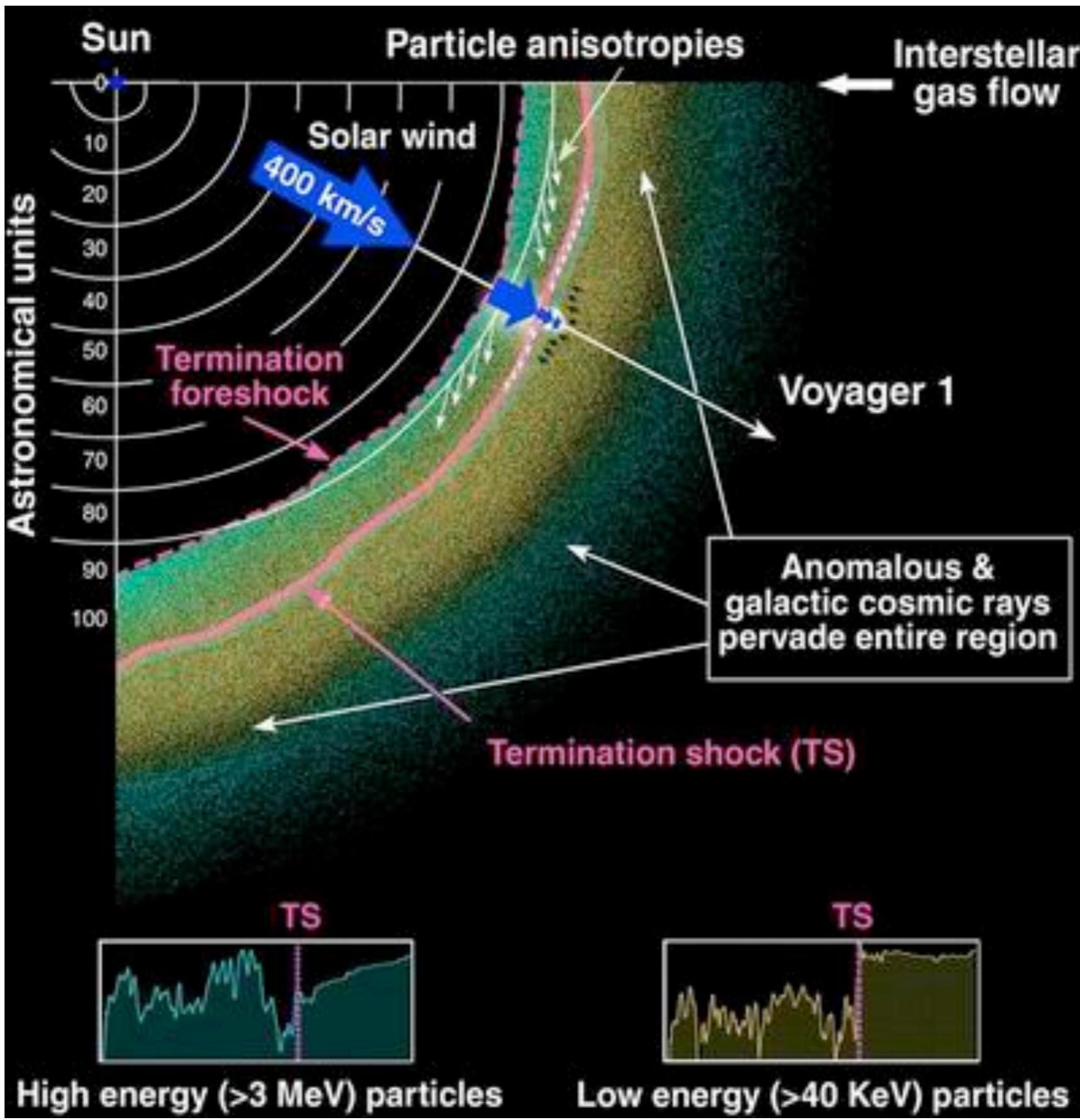
| Time (yBP)(a) | | dT | Region | Den. (cm ⁻³) | Comments(b) |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---|
| Start | End | (y) | | (Temp (K)) | |
| 0 | $1.0 \cdot 10^4$ | $1.0 \cdot 10^4$ | fluff | 0.08 (7000) | Size 5 pc, From SCA, moving in orthogonal direction to Sun 20 km/s $B = 1.5 \mu G$. Highly Inhomogeneous (1) |
| $1.0 \cdot 10^5$ (a) | $3.1 \cdot 10^5$ | $6.0 \cdot 10^3$ | SN(?) | 4 (104) | Geminga? (2,3) |
| $1.0 \cdot 10^4$ | $1.0 \cdot 10^5$ | $(0.1-1) \cdot 10^5$ | bubble | 0.04 (106) | Expanding bubble from SCA. Age 15 My vel $\approx 4 \cdot 10^4 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ orthogonal to Sun $B = 1.5 \mu G$ crossed the Sun 250,000to 400,000 y ago (1,3,4,5) |
| $1.0 \cdot 10^5$ | $1.0 \cdot 10^7$ | $(0.01-1) \cdot 10^7$ | Inter-arm | 0.0005 (100) | (1,6) |
| $1.0 \cdot 10^7$ (a) | $2.5 \cdot 10^7$ | $3.0 \cdot 10^6$ | HI shock | 4 (10^4) | From Gould belt (7). Duration is taken as that for the earlier SN.(3,6) |
| $2.5 \cdot 10^7$ (a) | $4.0 \cdot 10^7$ | $5.0 \cdot 10^5$ | Orion belt | 10^4 (10) | Size 5pc, Sun must have $5 \cdot 10^5$ taken yrs to cross at current velocity (7,8) |
| $4.0 \cdot 10^7$ | $5.0 \cdot 10^7$ | $(2.5-4) \cdot 10^7$ | inter-arm | 0.005 (10) | (6) |
| $5.0 \cdot 10^7$ | $6.0 \cdot 10^7$ | $(4-5) \cdot 10^7$ | Persius arm | 1 (1000) | Duration uncertain(6) |
| $\leq 6 \cdot 10^7$ | | | | | (9) |

(a) For SN the start and end time are the interval between which the SN spike crossed the earth (b) Bracket numbers in comments refer to notes.

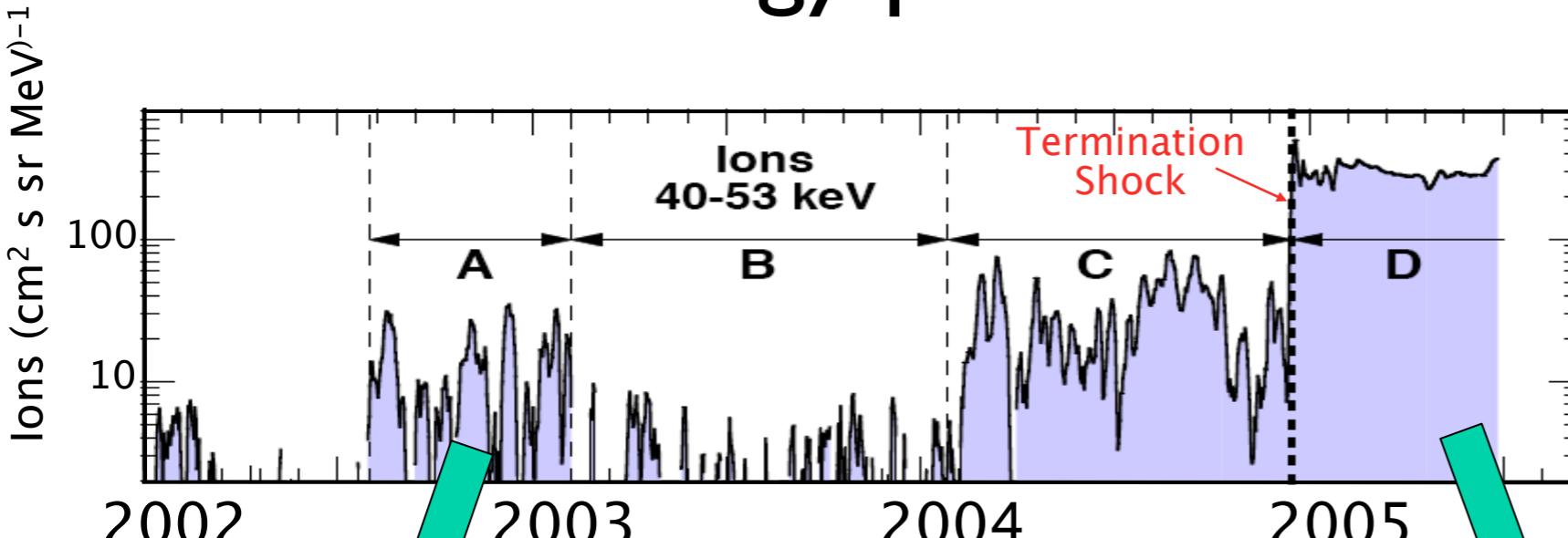
References: 1 Frisch (1995); 2 Ramadurai(1993); 3 Sabalska et al(1991) 4 Egger et al(1996) 5 Van der Walt and Wolfendale (1988) 6 Bash (1987) 7 Clube and Nupier (1984)

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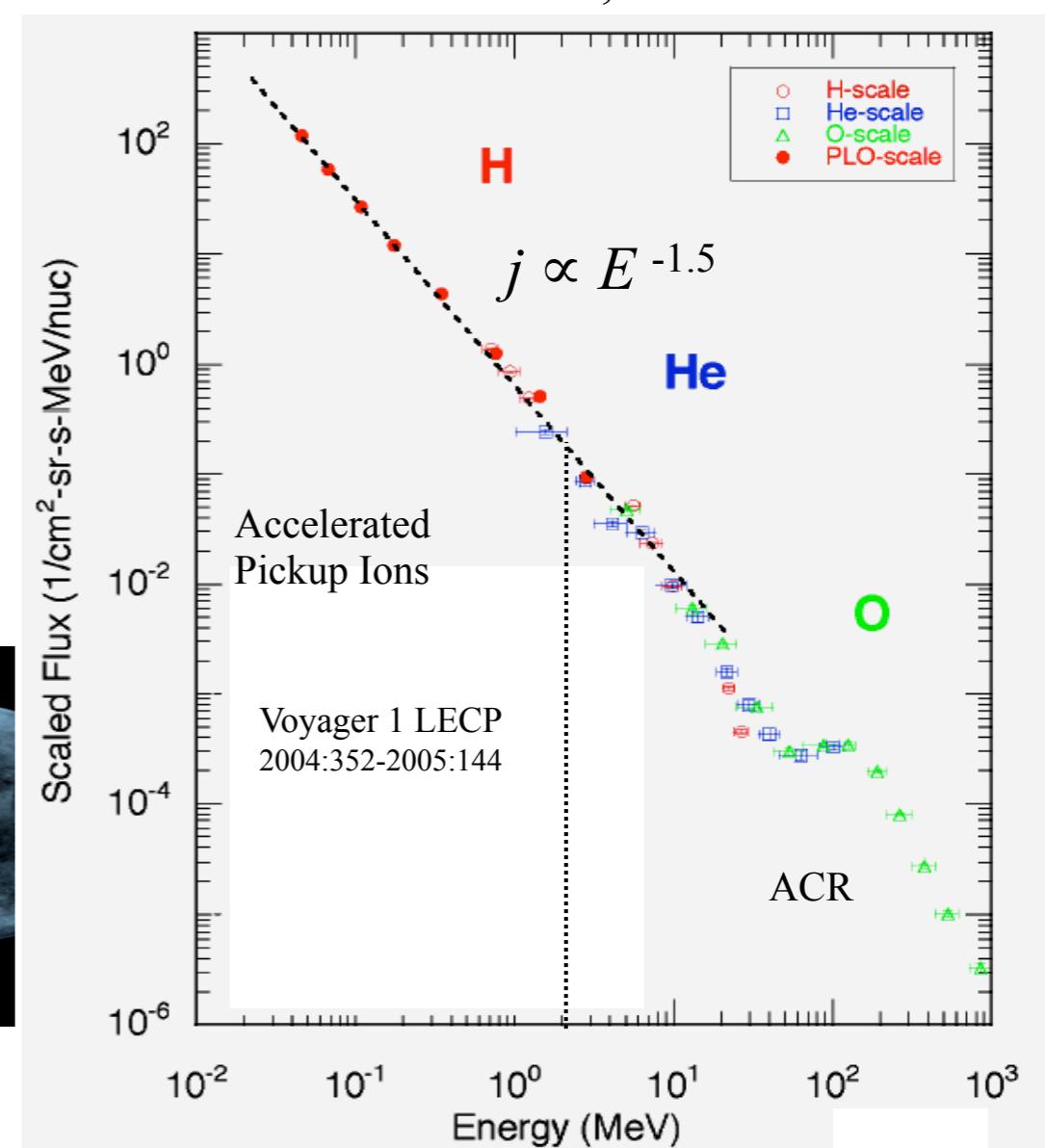
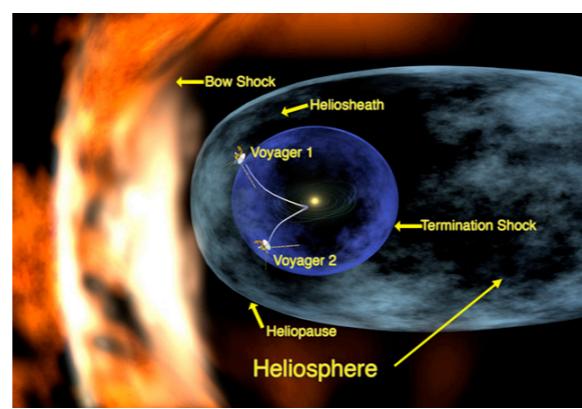
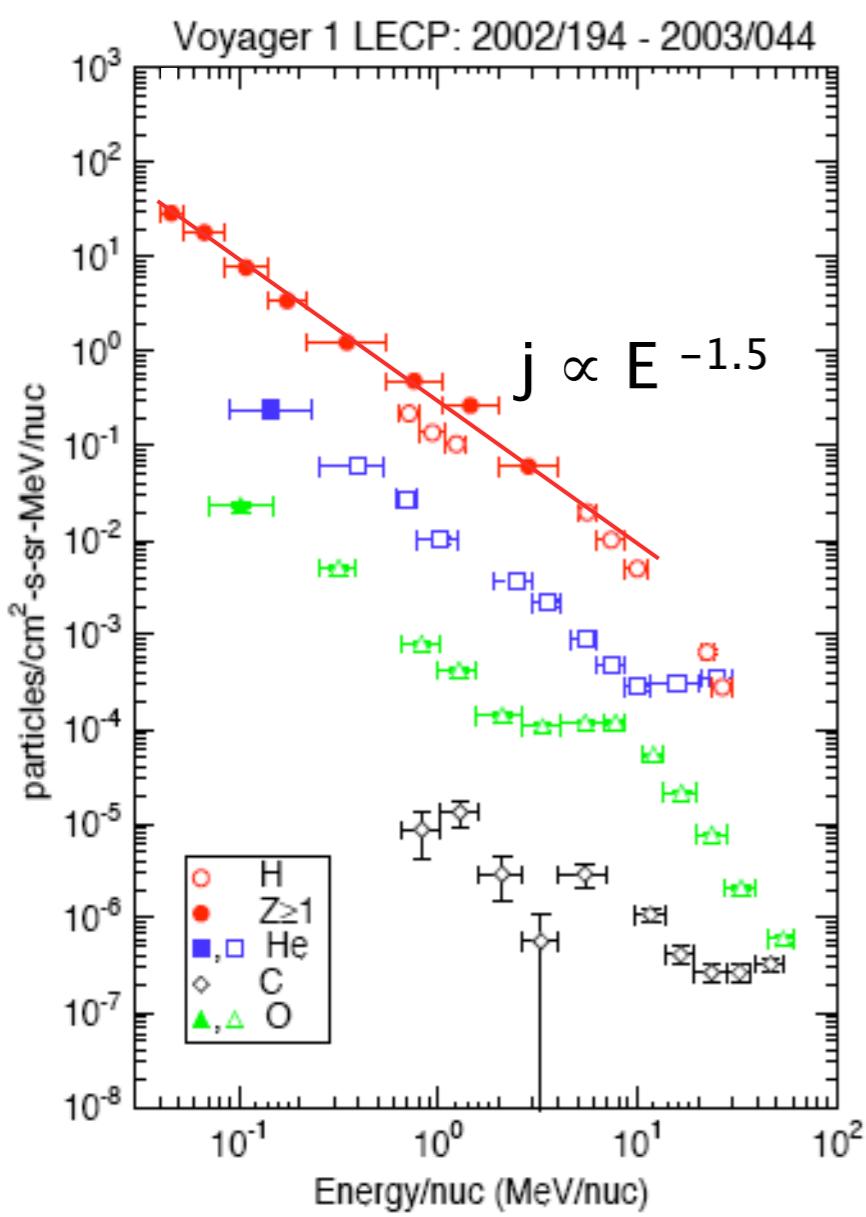
Voyage to the edge of heliosphere ...



Low-energy particles accelerated at TS

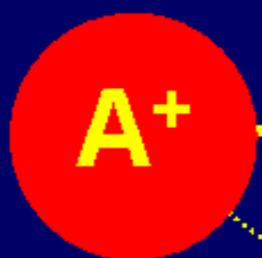


Anomalous Cosmic
Rays are not accelerated
at the Termination shock
where Voyager I
crossed it



Origin of energetic neutral atoms

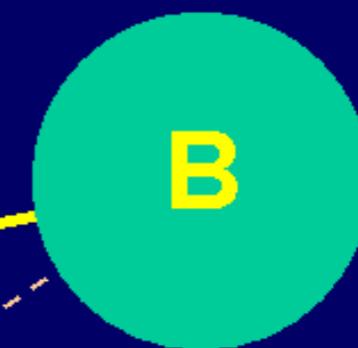
Energetic Ion



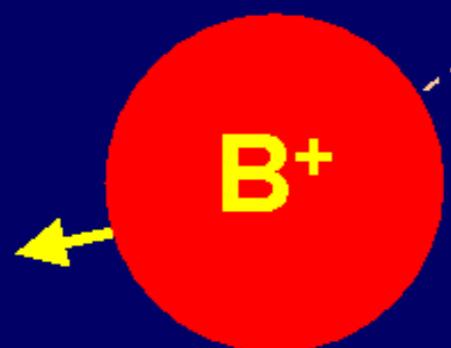
Charge exchange reaction



Neutral

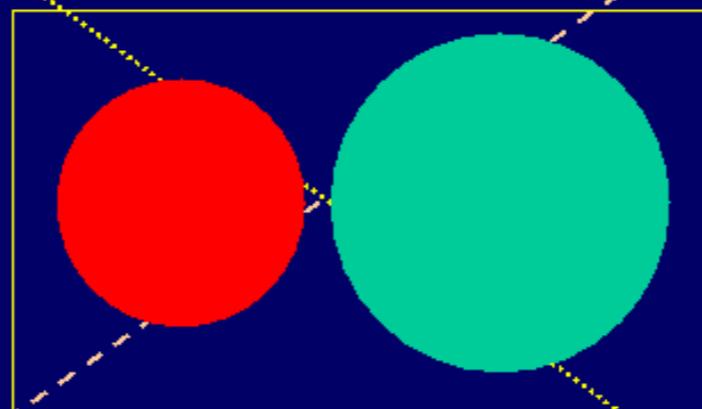


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Ion

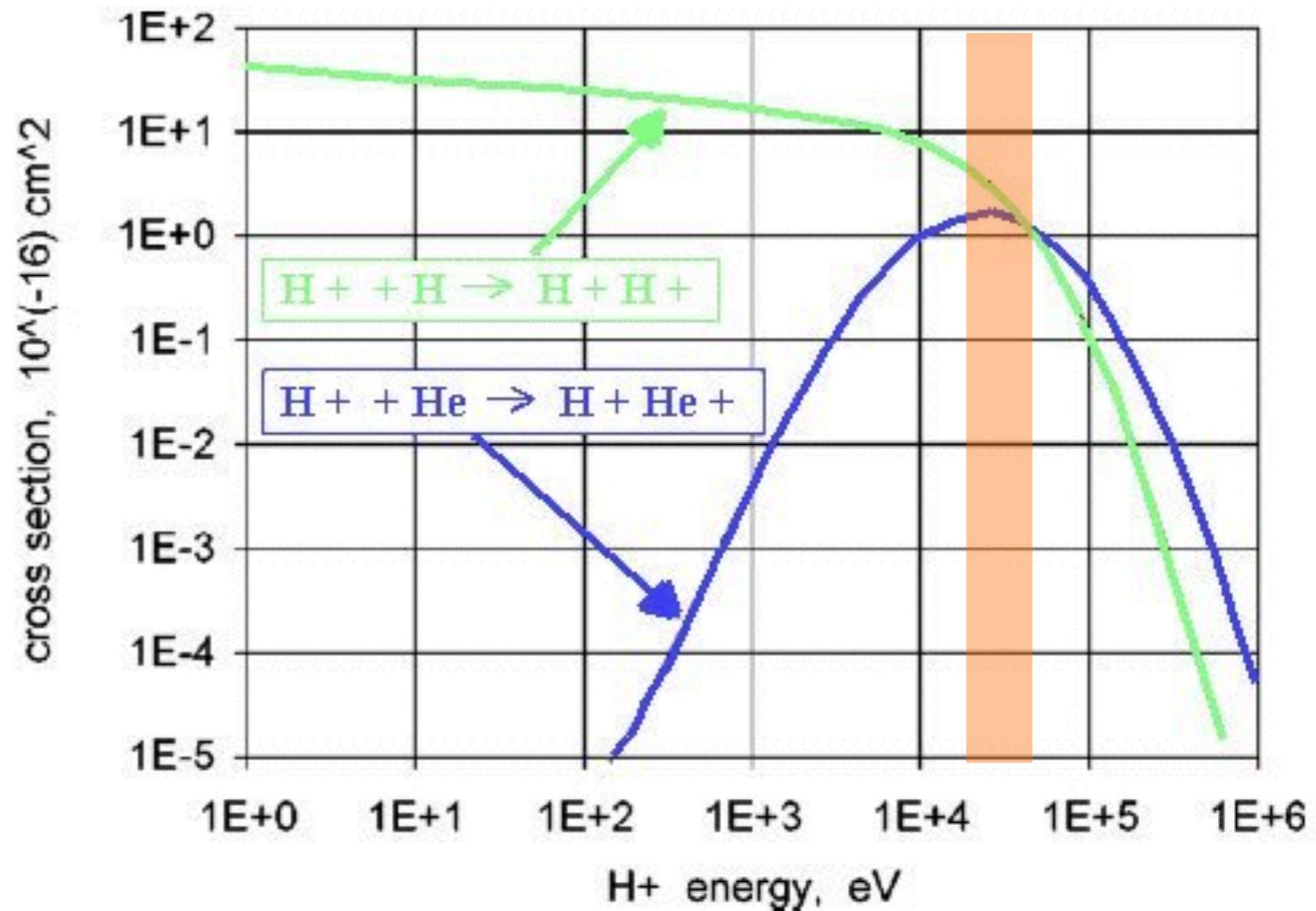
Energetic Neutral Atom



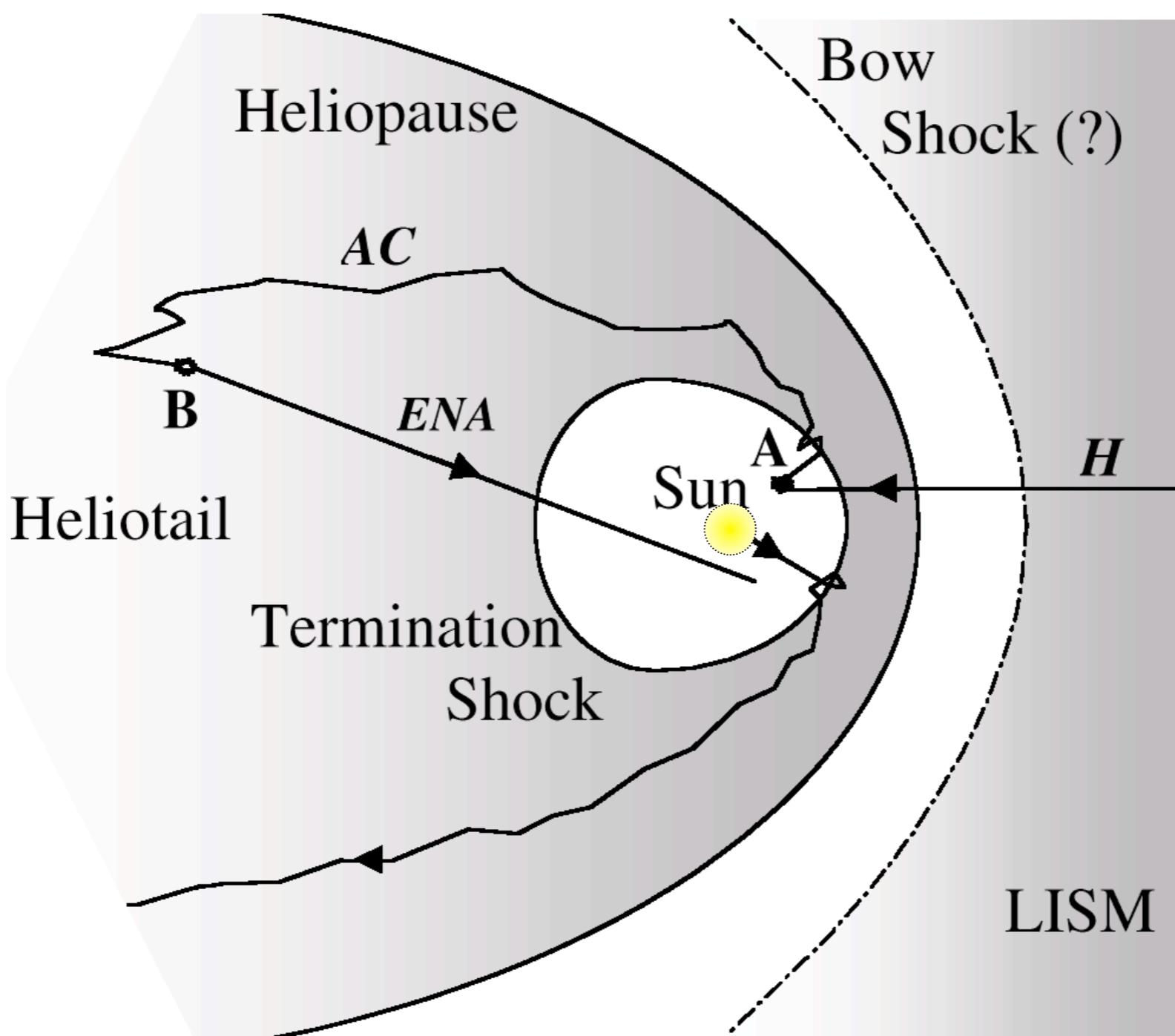
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H^+ Charge Exchange Cross Sections

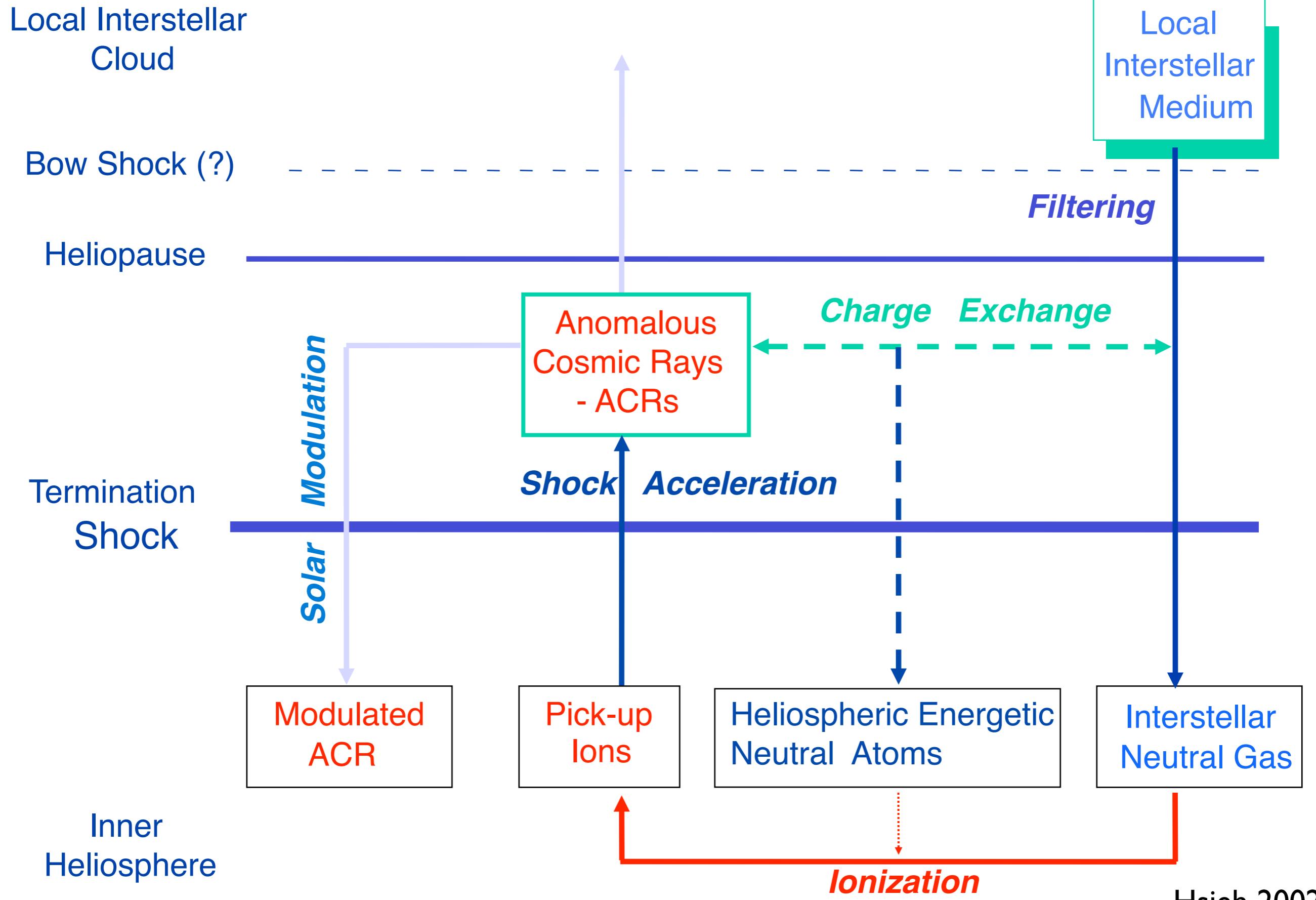
In the energy region of interest - 58 to 88 keV - the cross sections of protons with hydrogen and helium are very similar!



Energetic neutral atoms (ENA) and the Heliosphere



Solar Neighborhood Recycling of Particles



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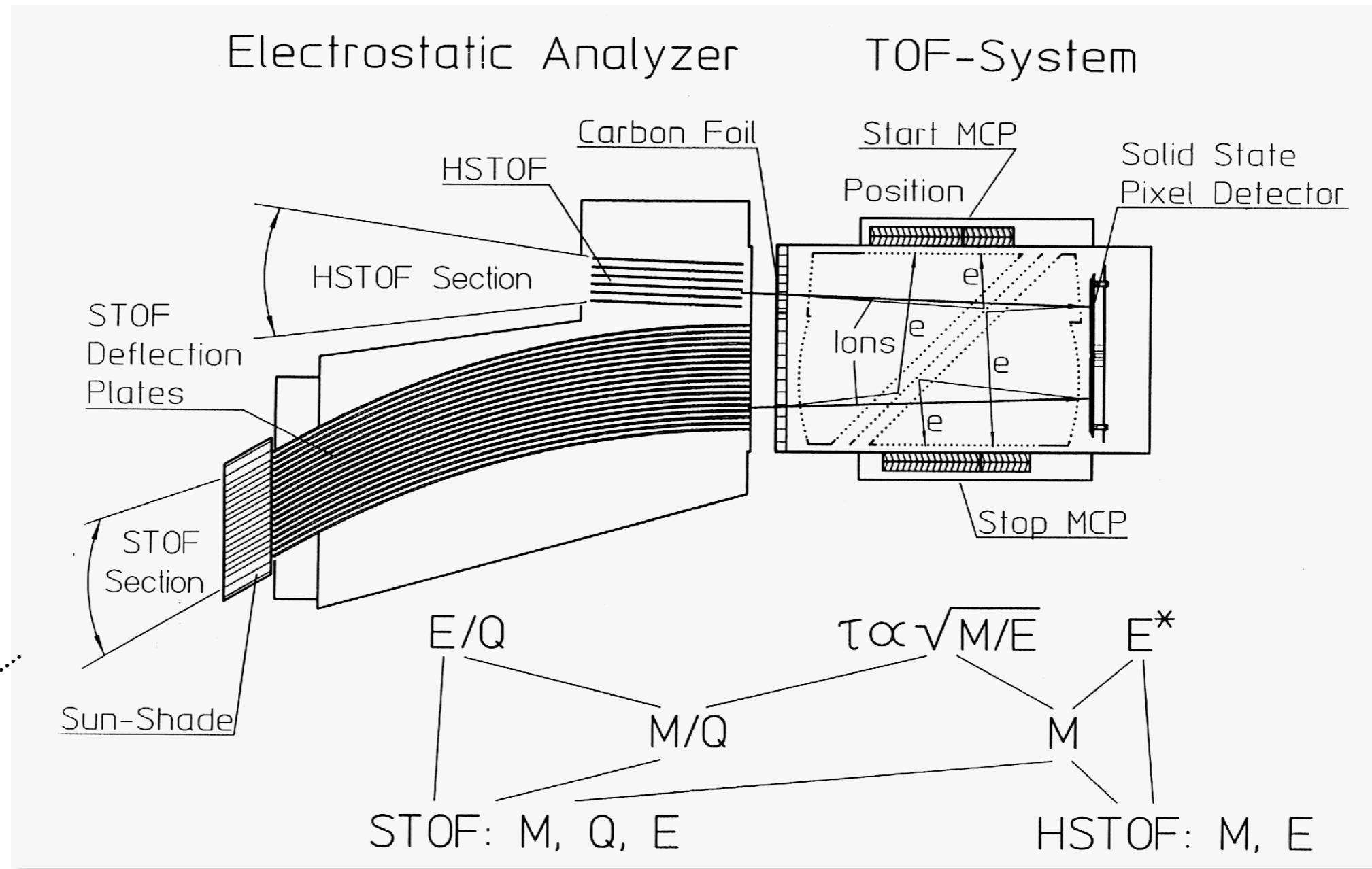
View of heliospheric research about 250 years ago



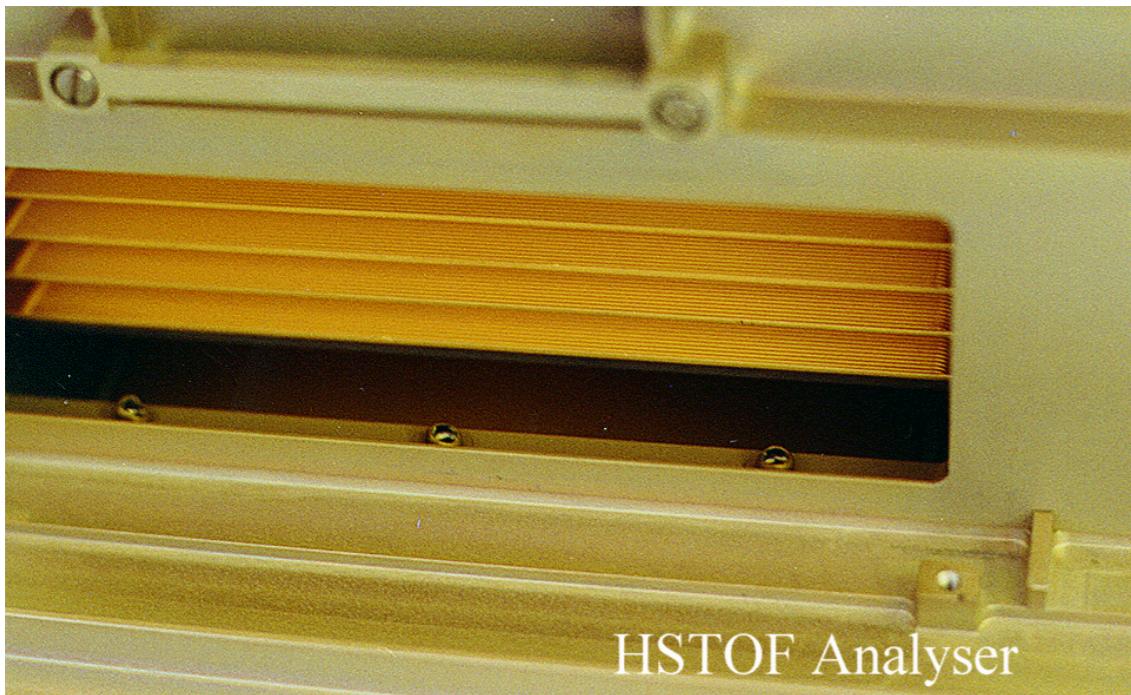
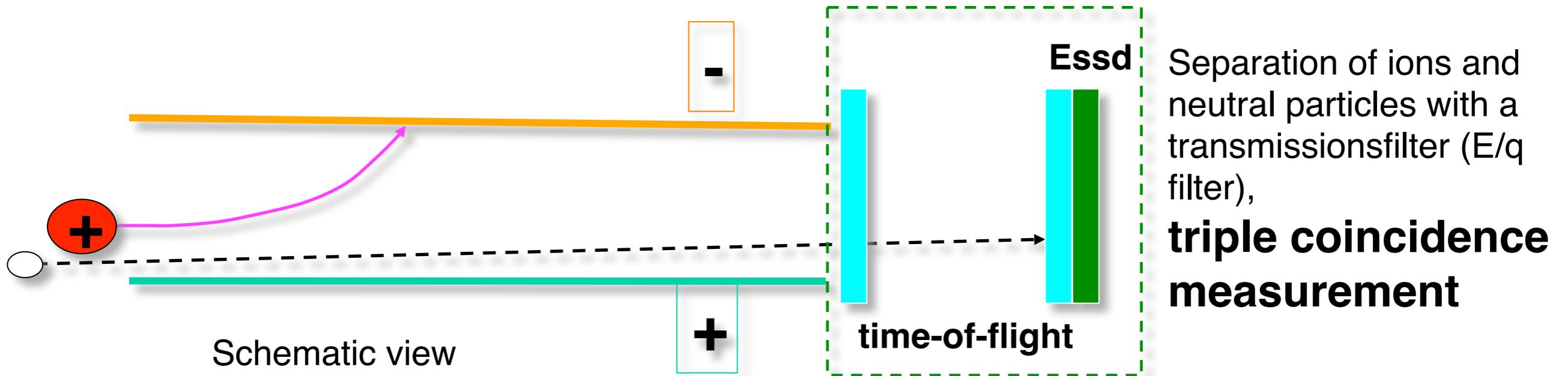
SOHO/CELIAS/HSTOF instrumentation

FOV $\pm 17^\circ$ out of ecliptic plane

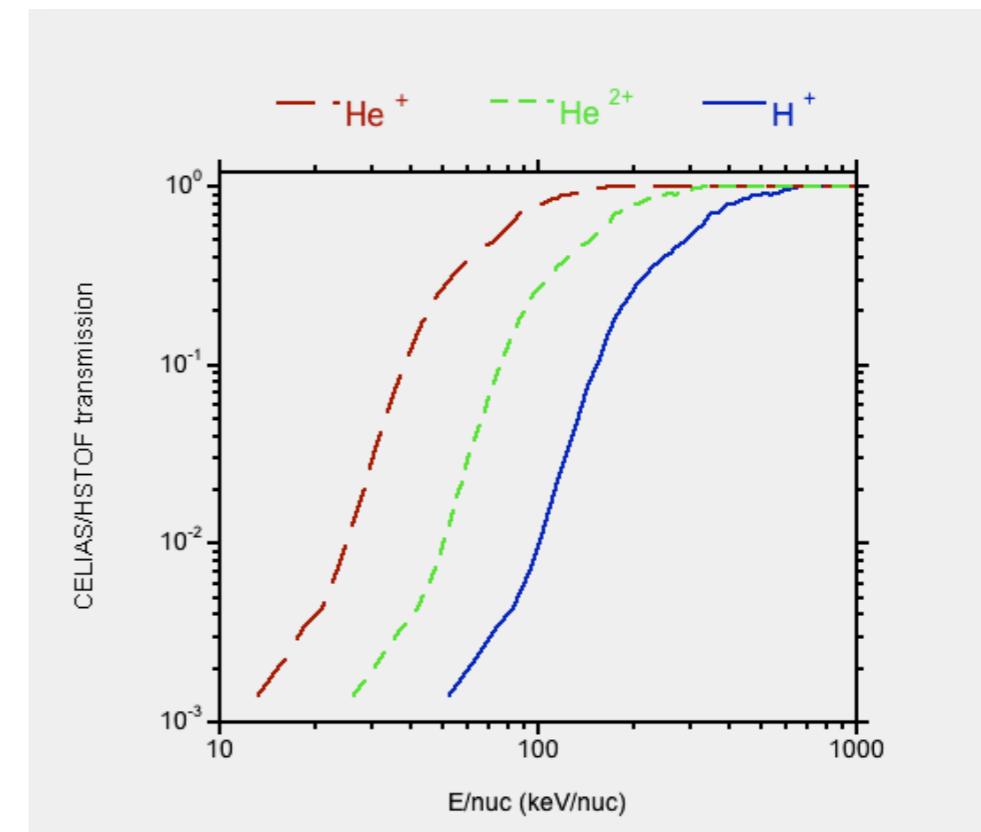
FoV 37°
 $\pm 2^\circ$ in
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Observation of ENAs



Picture of CELIAS/HSTOF filter



CELIAS/HSTOF Transmission
from in-flight data

Energetic Proton Quiet Time Fluxes

TABLE 2

QUIET-TIME SPECTRA FOR < 10 MeV PER NUCLEON IONS: $dJ/dE \sim E^\gamma$

| Source | γ (Proton) | γ (He) | Year(s) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|
| This work | -2.5 | -3.0 | 1978–1984 |
| This work | -3.1 | -2.6 | 1984–1987 |
| Wenzel <i>et al.</i> 1990 | -2.4 ± 0.1 | ... | 1978–1981 |
| Mason <i>et al.</i> 1979 | -3.2, -4 | -2.6 | 1977 |
| Krimigis <i>et al.</i> 1977 | -2.3 ± 0.3 | ... | 1975 |
| Gloeckler <i>et al.</i> 1975 | -1.8 | ... | 1974 |
| Krimigis <i>et al.</i> 1975 | -3.1 ± 0.2 | ... | 1973 |
| Mewaldt <i>et al.</i> 1975 | -4 | -3.6 | 1972–1973 |
| Zamow 1975 | $-(2.2-3.3)$ | $-(1.9-3.2)$ | 1964–1972 |
| Simpson and Tuzzolino 1973 ... | -3.0 ± 0.3 | -3.0 ± 0.3 | 1972–1973 |
| Fan <i>et al.</i> 1970 | -1.6 | -2.1 | 1964–1967 |
| Fan <i>et al.</i> 1968 | -2.4 | -2.4 | 1964–1965 |

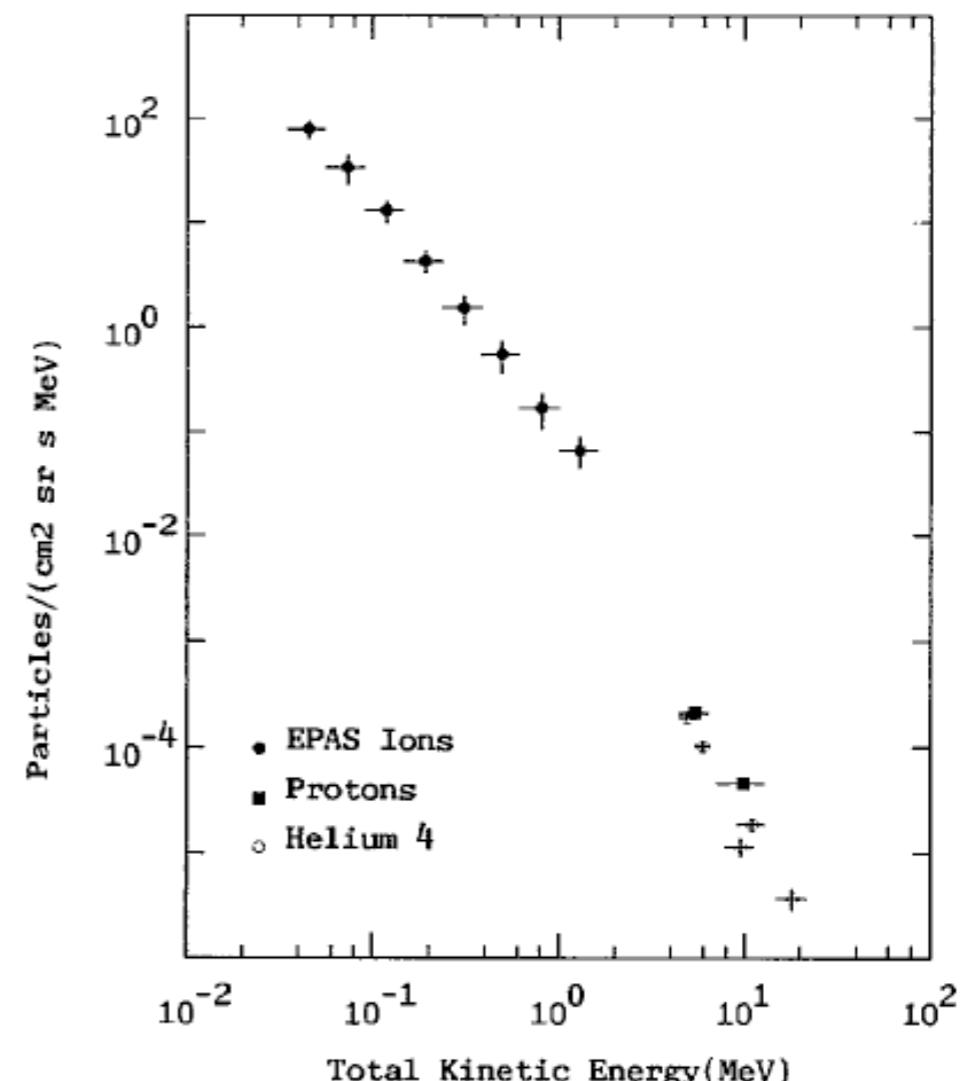
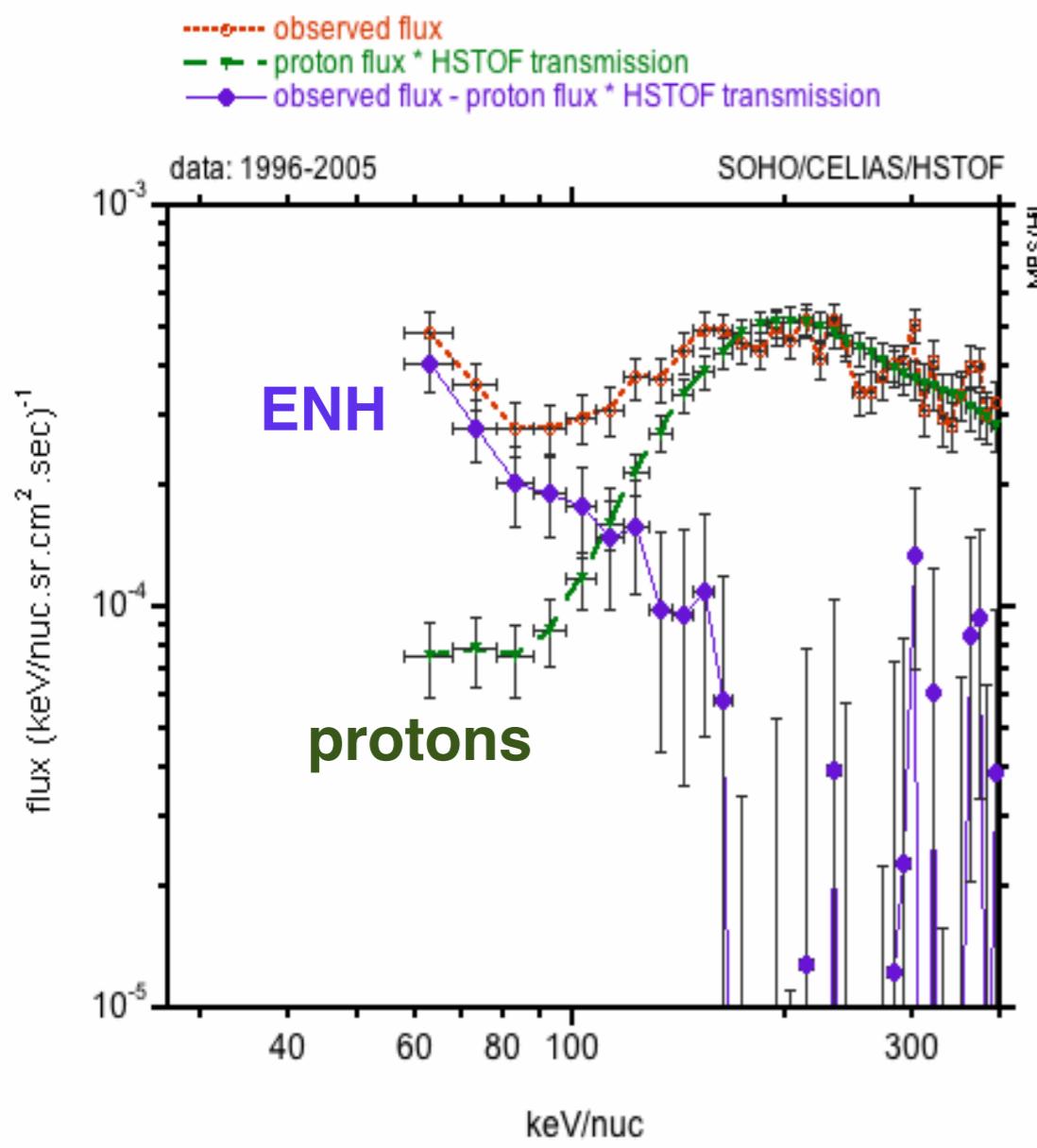


FIG. 3.—Comparison of solar maximum 35–1600 keV ion spectrum (a) Wenzel *et al.* 1990 with ≤ 20 MeV proton and ${}^4\text{He}$ spectra plotted in terms of total kinetic energy. While the low-energy and MeV ion spectra are reasonably consistent, the similar MeV proton and ${}^4\text{He}$ fluxes suggest that ${}^4\text{He}$ may be a significant contributor to the lower energy spectrum in addition to protons.

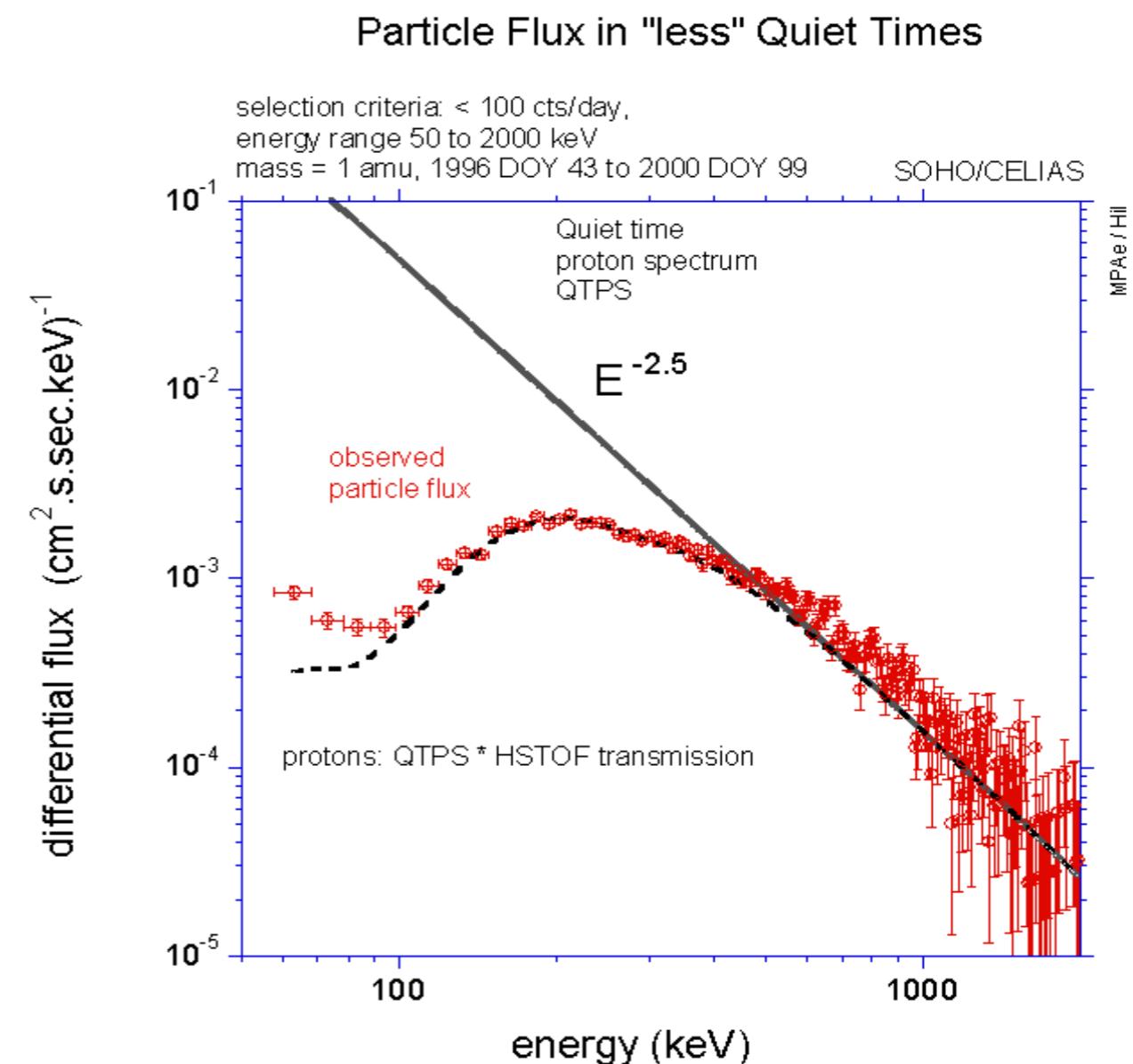
SOHO/CELIAS/HSTOF

“Quiet time” energy spectra

ENH and protons

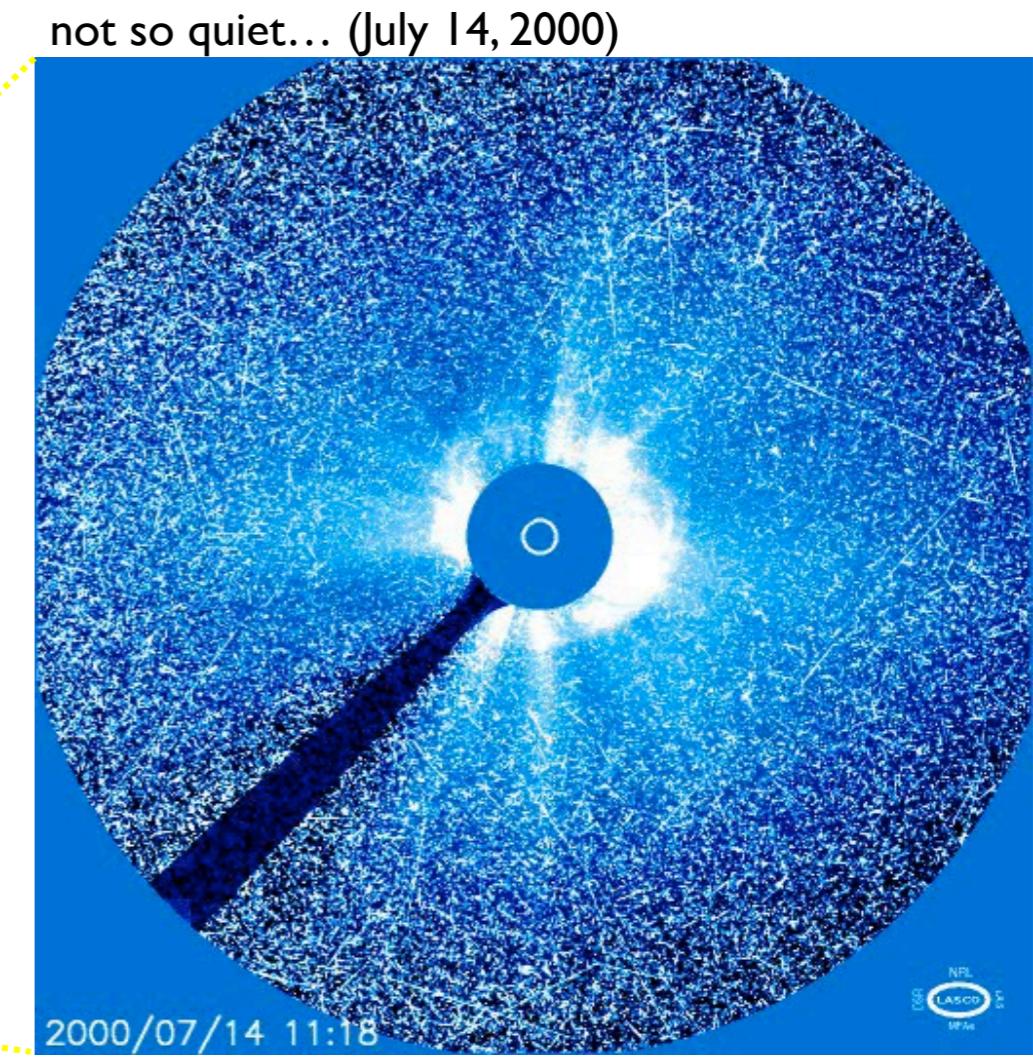
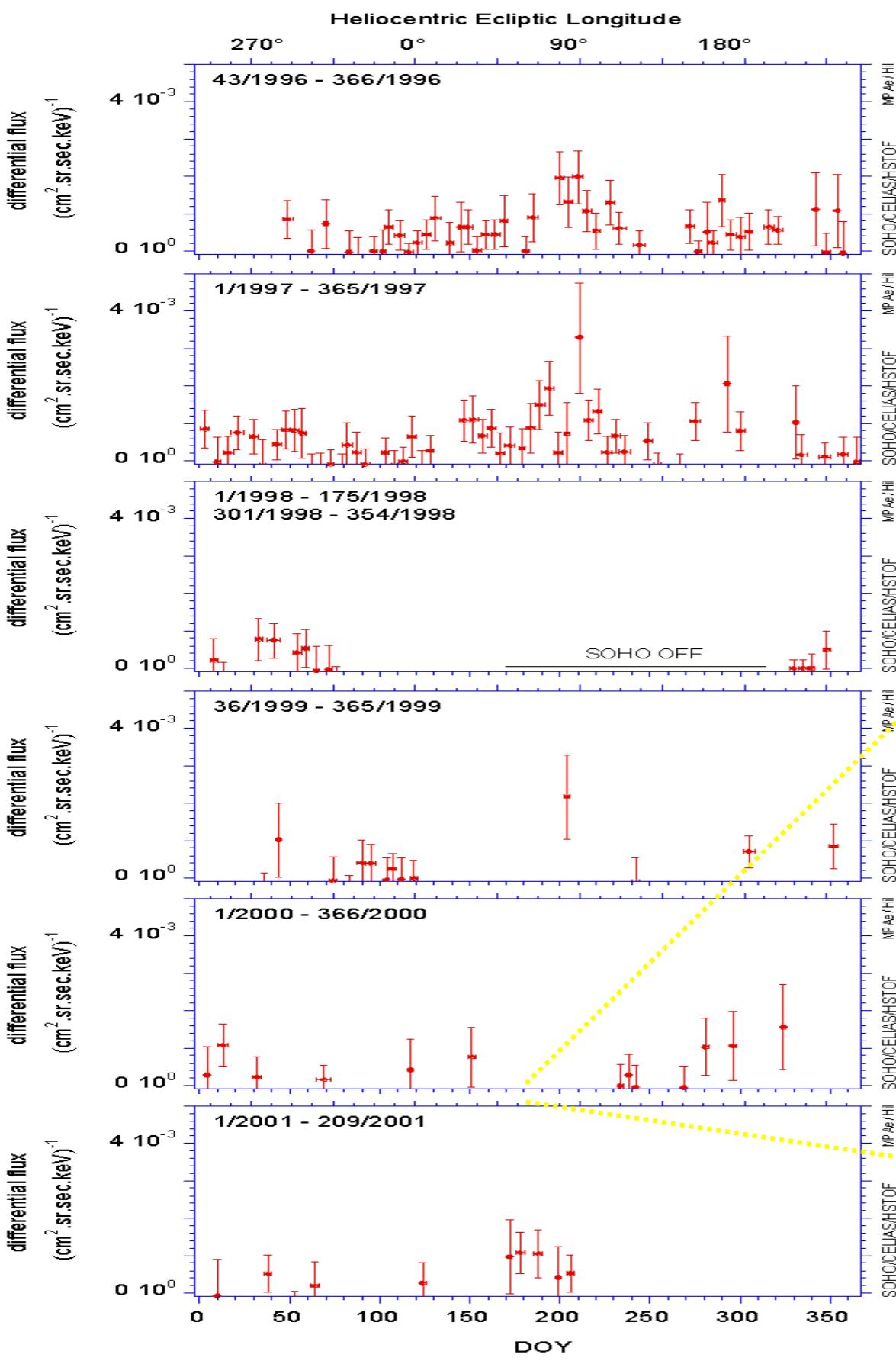


ENH: 58 - 88 keV/n



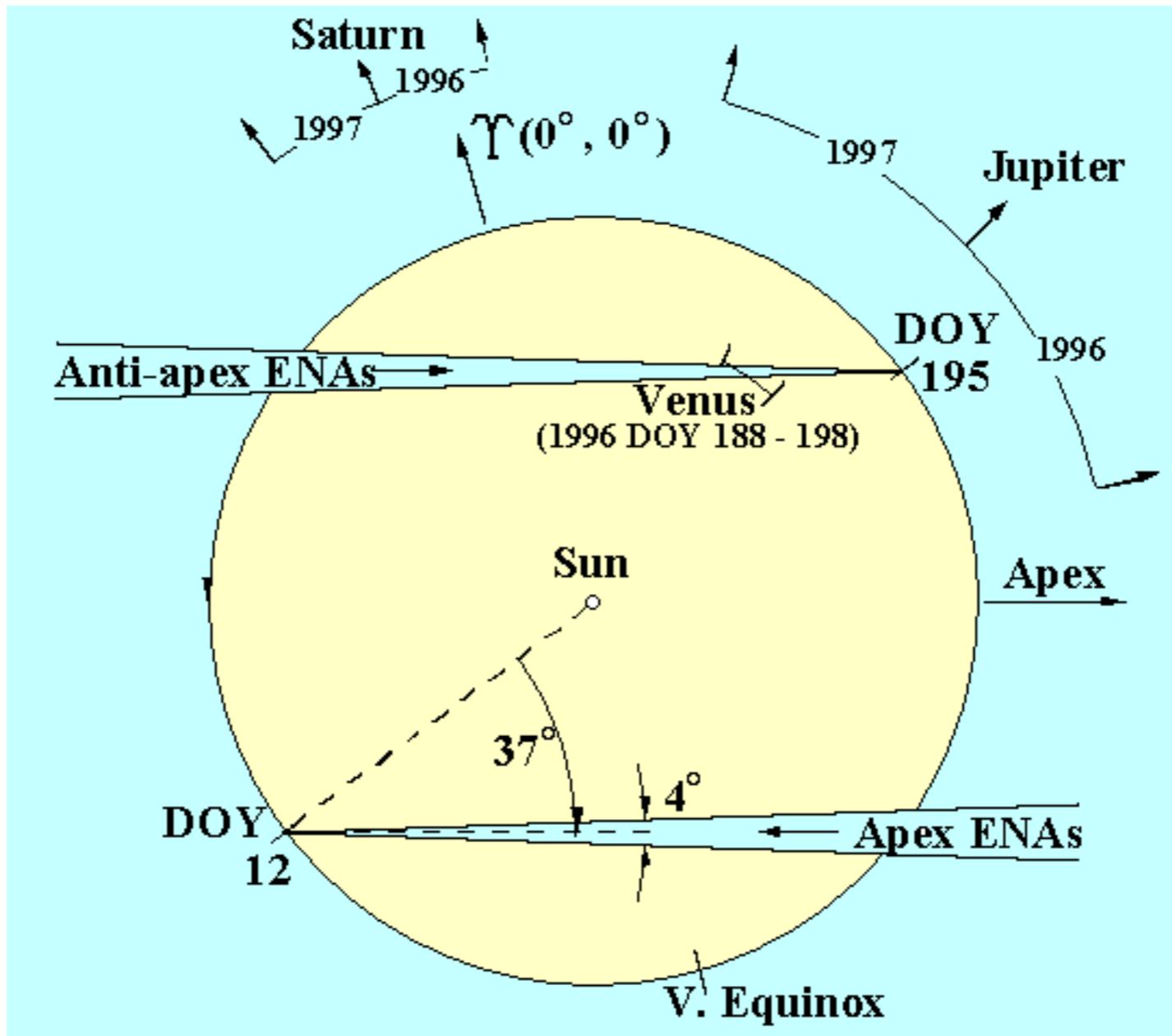
Hilchenbach 2000

Quiet time energetic neutral hydrogen atom (EHA) flux 1996-2001



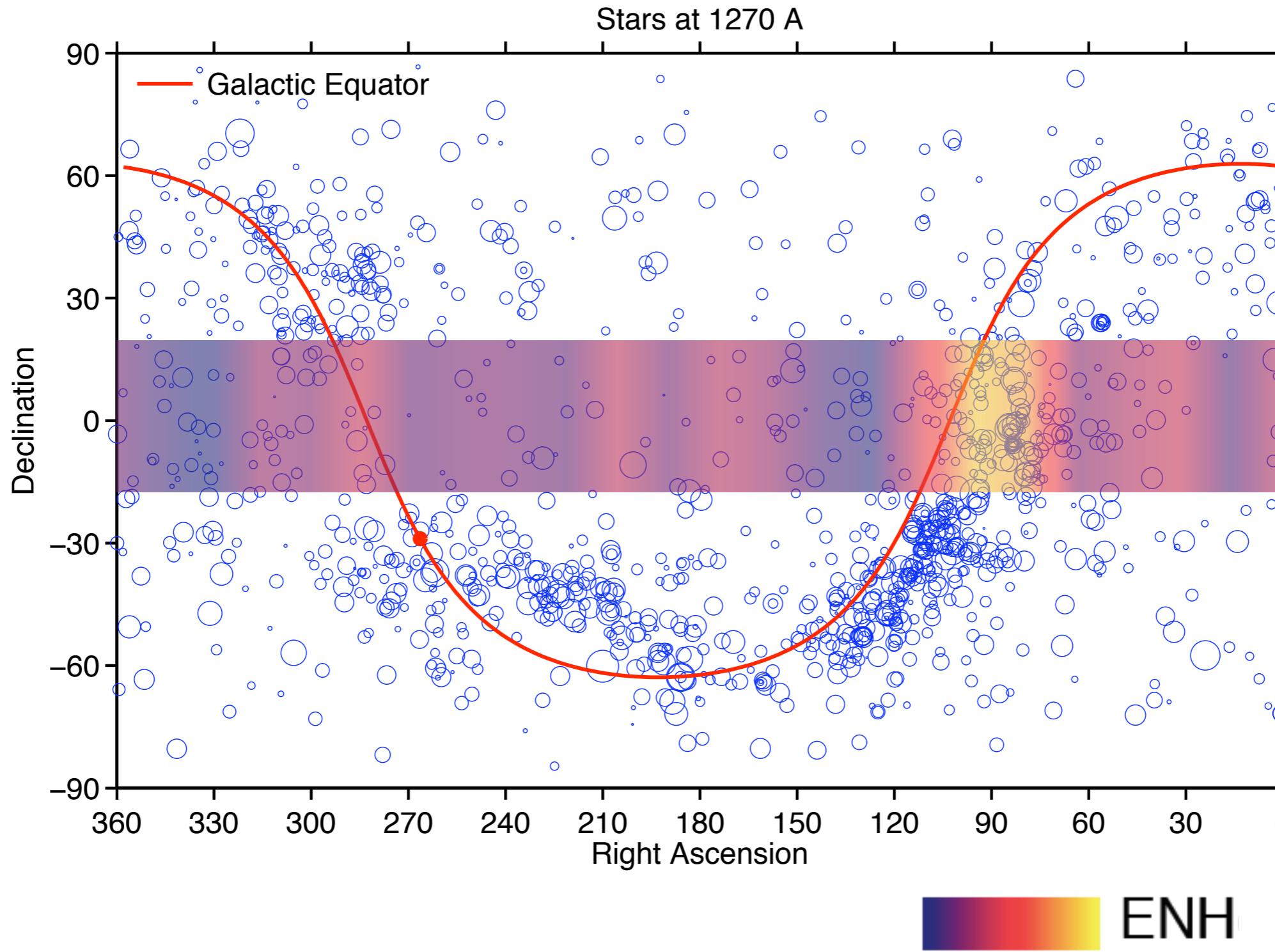
SOHO
LASCO
C3

SOHO/CELIAS/HSTOF “field of view”

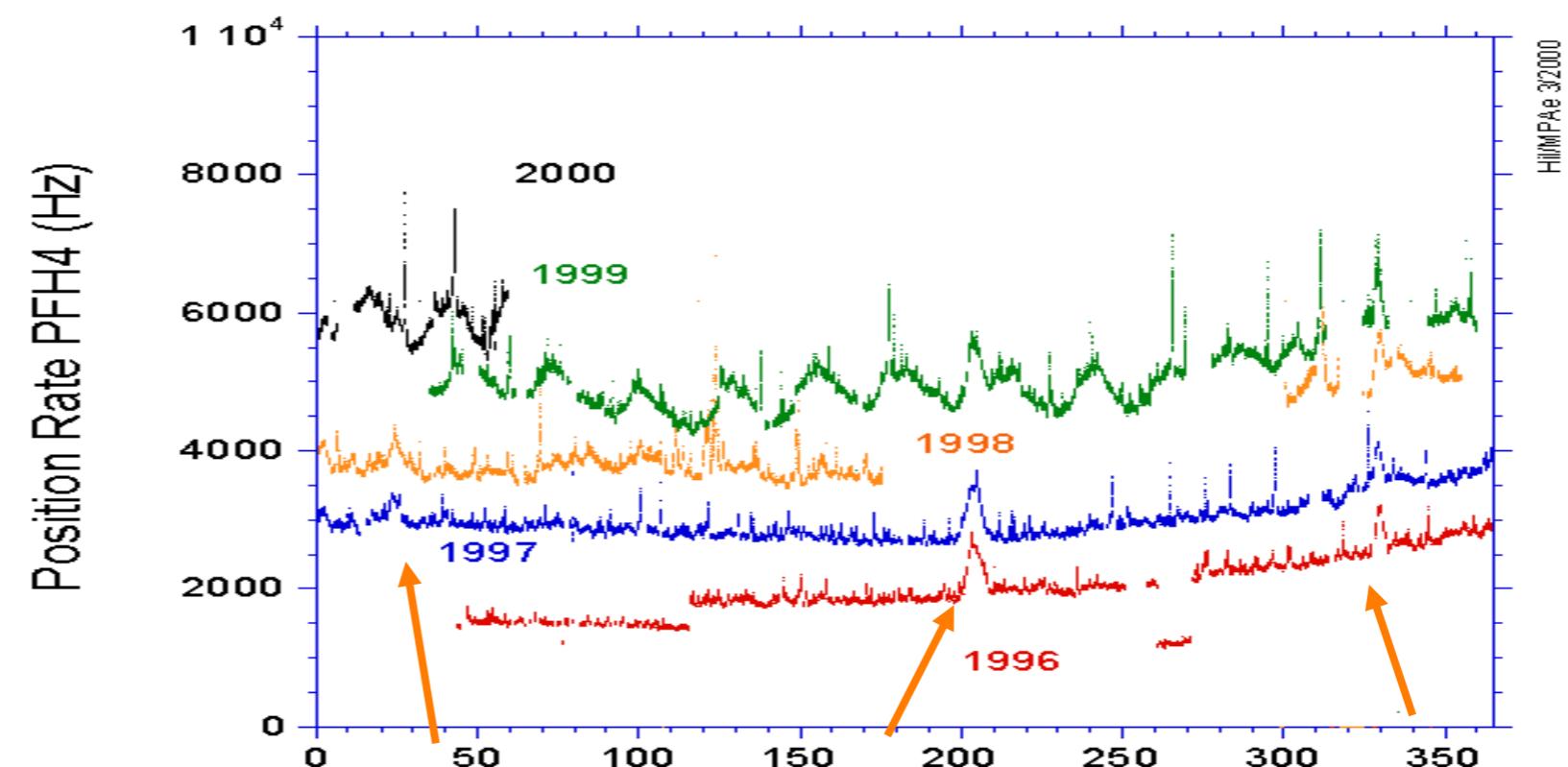


SOHO/CELIAS/HSTOF
Observational field of view in the ecliptic plane

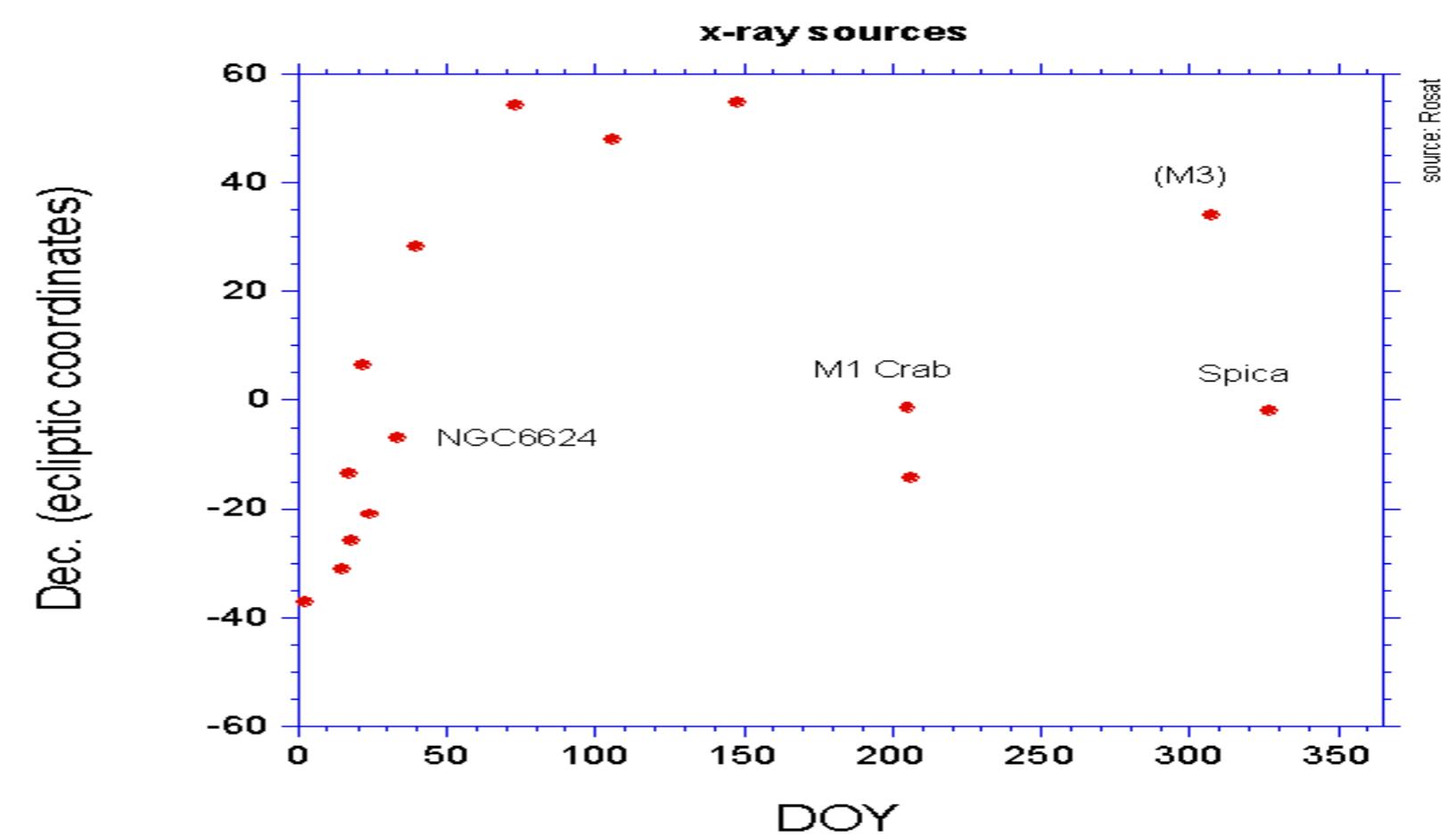
UV Stars - Background?



HSTOF Position Single Rate



X-ray sources (Rosat)

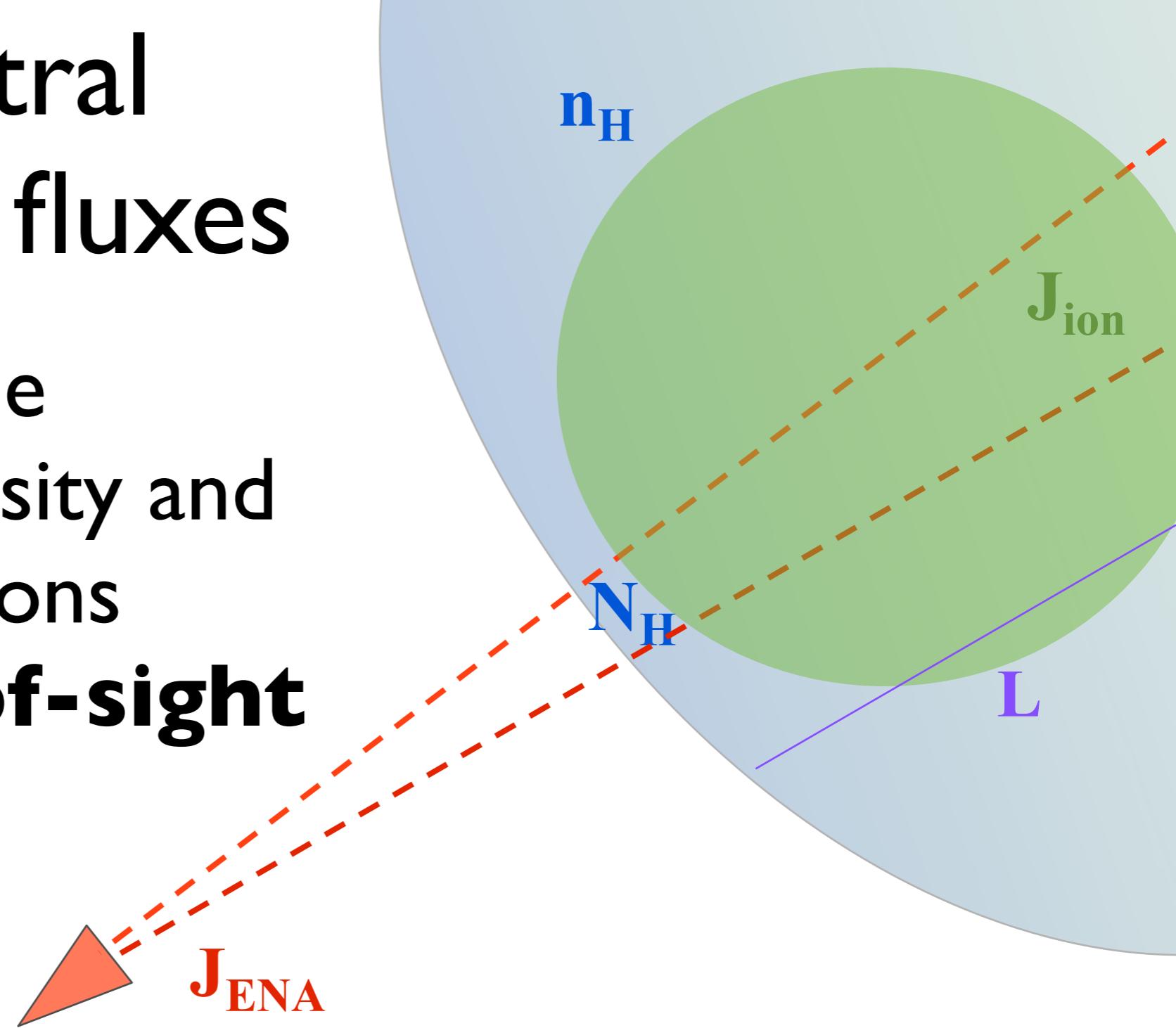


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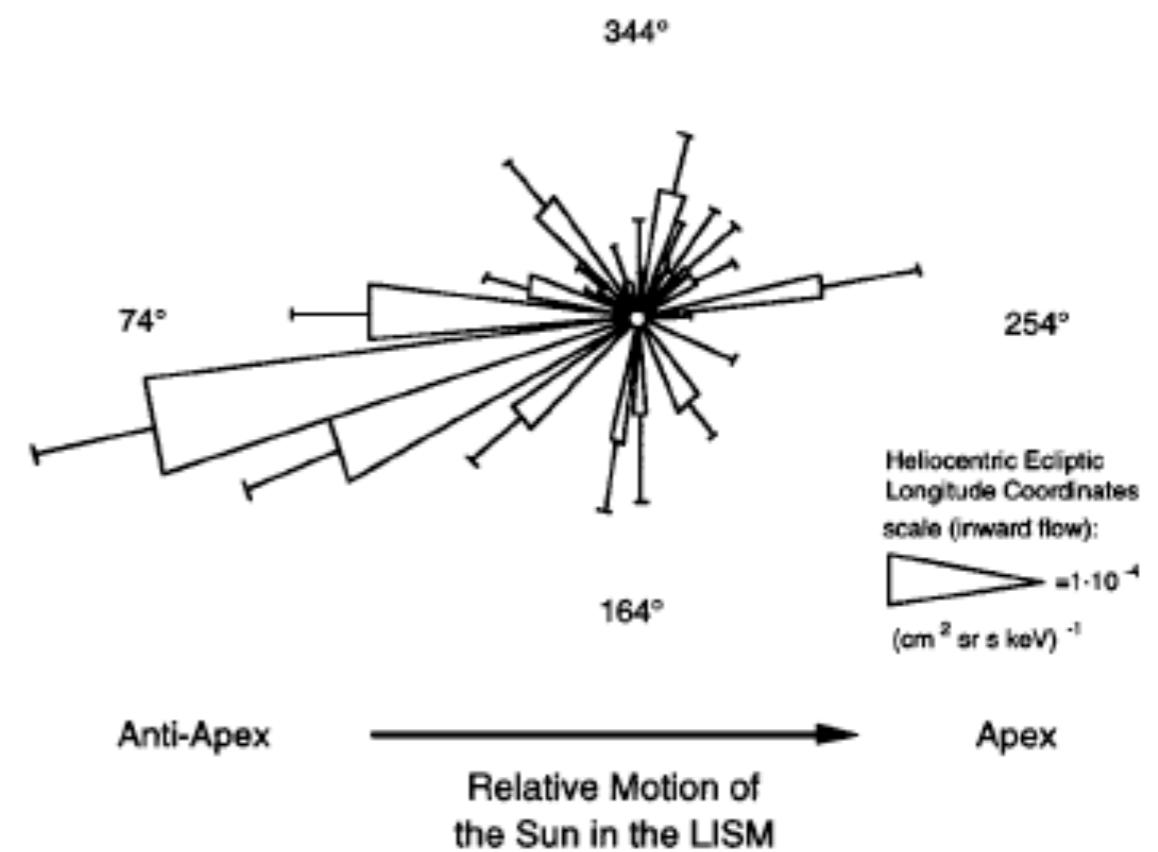
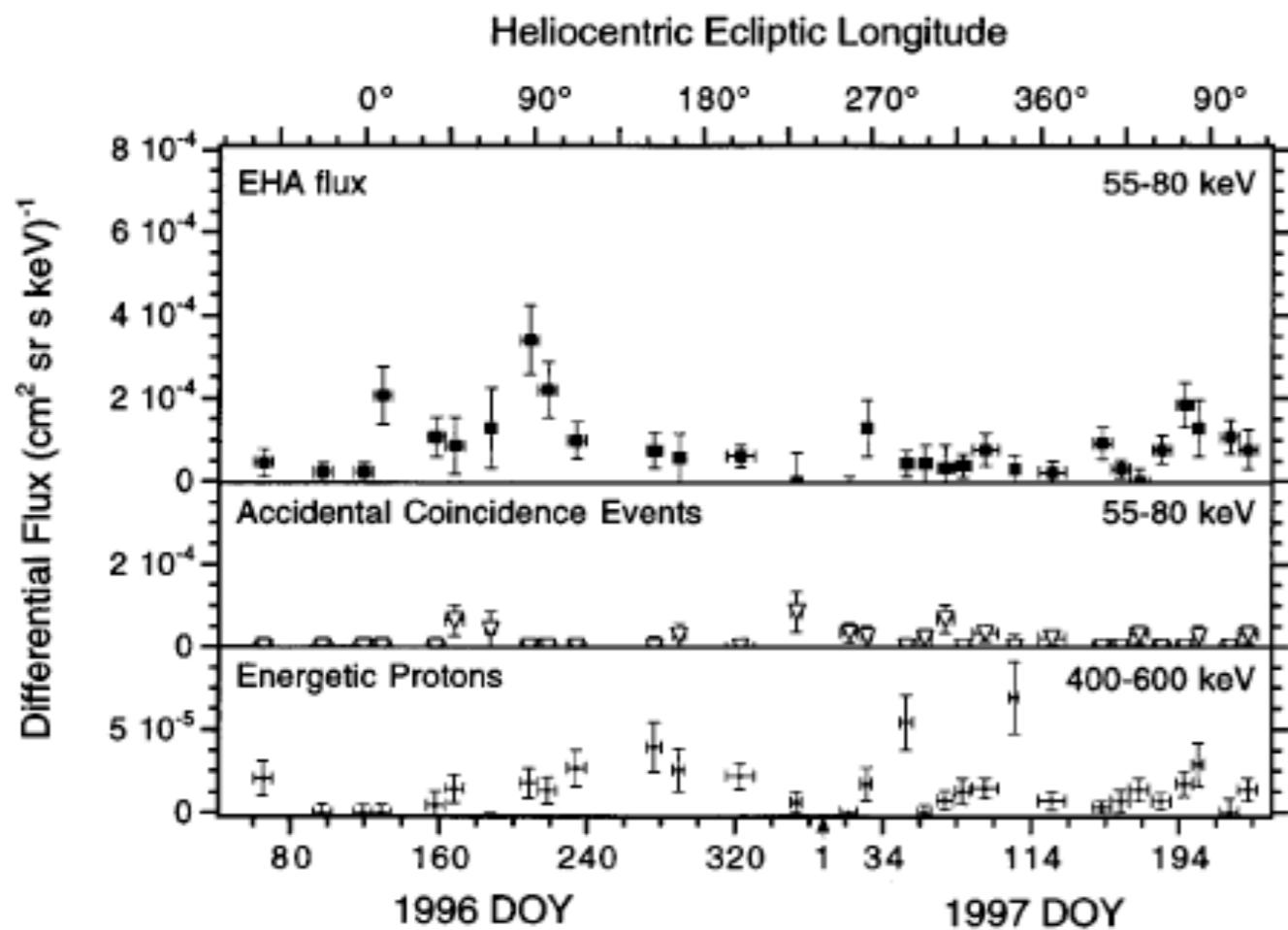
Energetic Neutral Atom - ENA - fluxes

Projections of the neutral column density and plasma ion populations along the line-of-sight



- 1) $J_{\text{ion}}(E)$ (observed by V1/ V2 in apex, but not in tail region of heliosphere)
- 2) J_{ENA} (e.g. SOHO at 1 AU)
- 3) $J_{\text{ENA}}(E)$ and $J_{\text{ion}}(E)$ flux measurement yields the neutral column densities along the field-of-view
 $J_{\text{ENA},H}(E) / (J_{\text{ion}}(E) * \sigma_{\text{ex}}) = N_H$
- 4) from the column density N_H and the ISM density n_H , one can calculate the extension L of the source region $N_H / n_H = L$

SOHO: First suprathermal neutral hydrogen (ENH) observations



Hilchenbach 1998

A potential explanation of the SOHO ENH heliotail observations

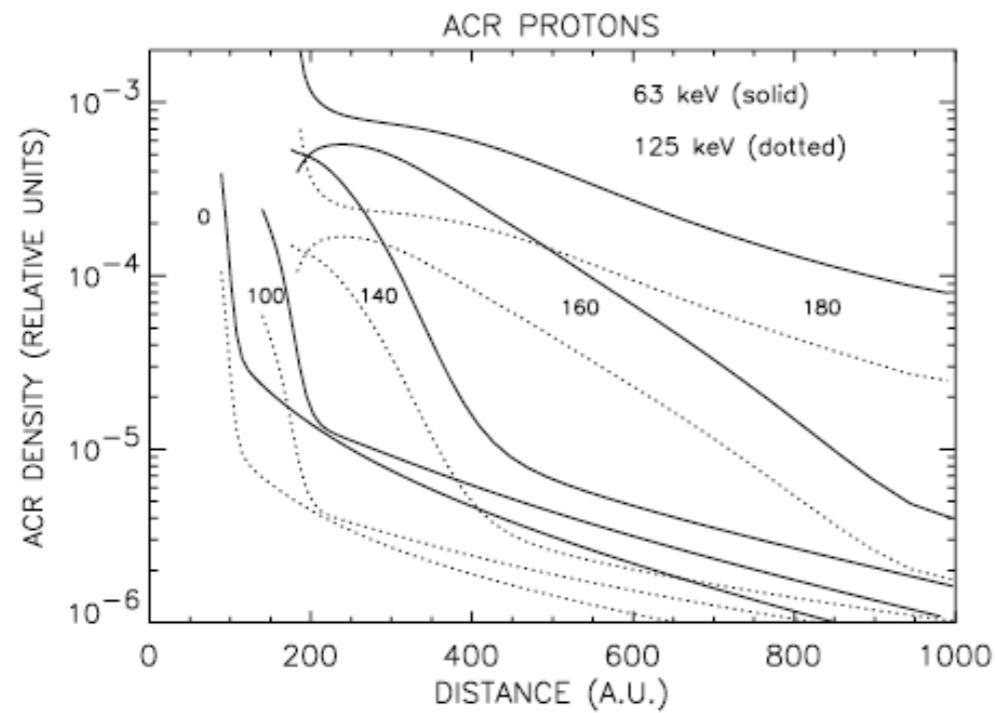


Figure 2: ACR proton distribution presented as constant θ (angle from the apex) density profiles plotted against distance from the Sun, for $\theta = 0, 100, 140, 160$ and 180 deg.

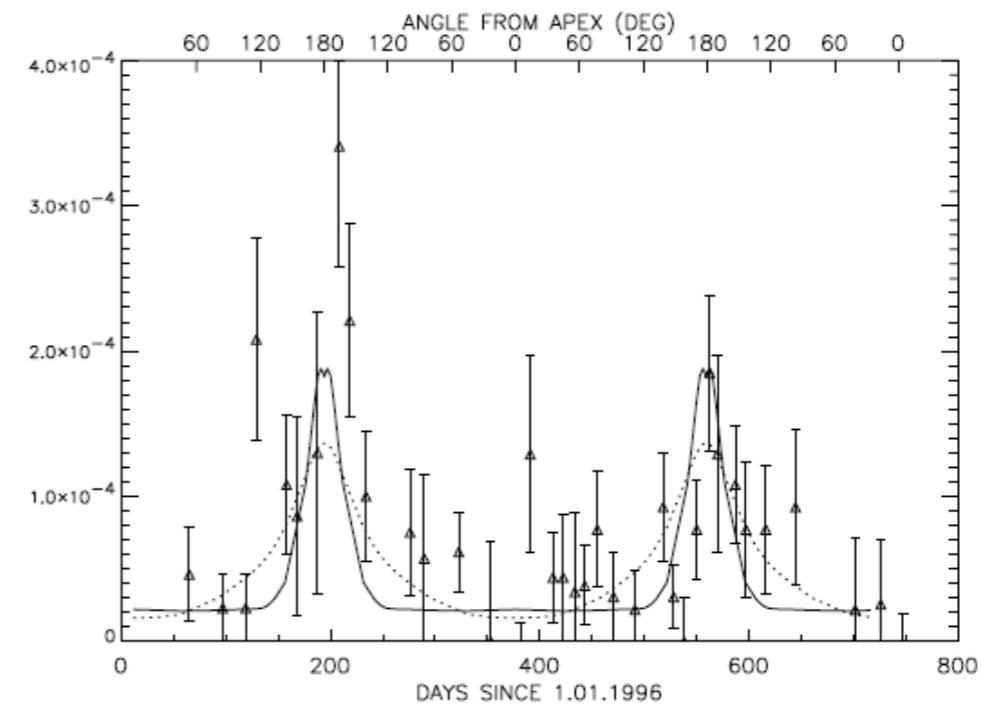


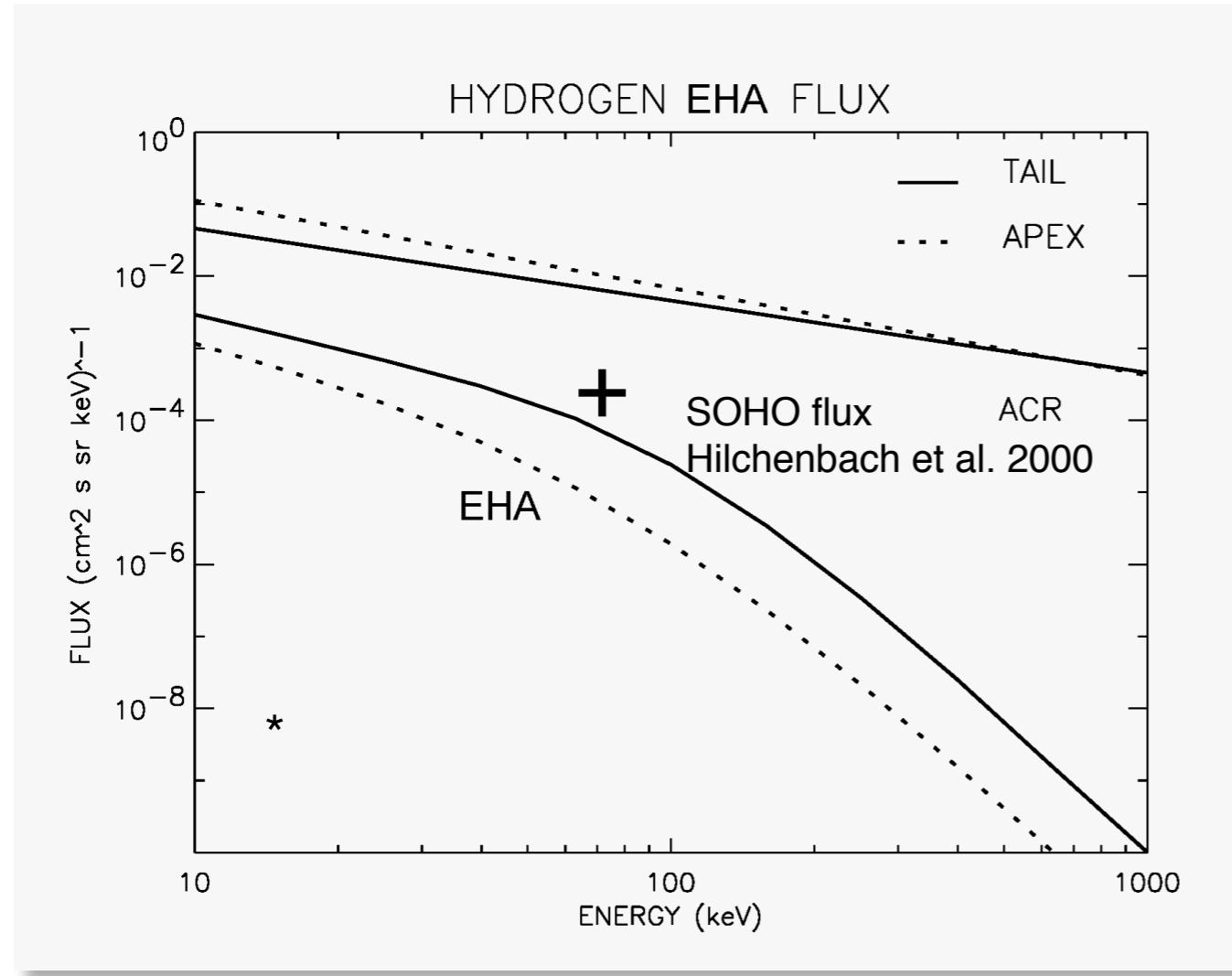
Figure 3: ENA flux: the data points show the flux (units $(cm^2 s sr keV)^{-1}$) of mass=1 particles in low energy channels ($\sim 55\text{--}80$ keV) observed during quiet times (low ion flux) by CELIAS/HSTOF instrument. The calculated flux of 63 keV hydrogen ENA from ACR transcharging in the field of view of the instrument is shown for the cases of Kausch's (solid line) and Parker's (dotted) models of the heliosphere.

Due to convection and diffusion, the ACR density and consequently the ENA flux along the line-of-sight could be increased.

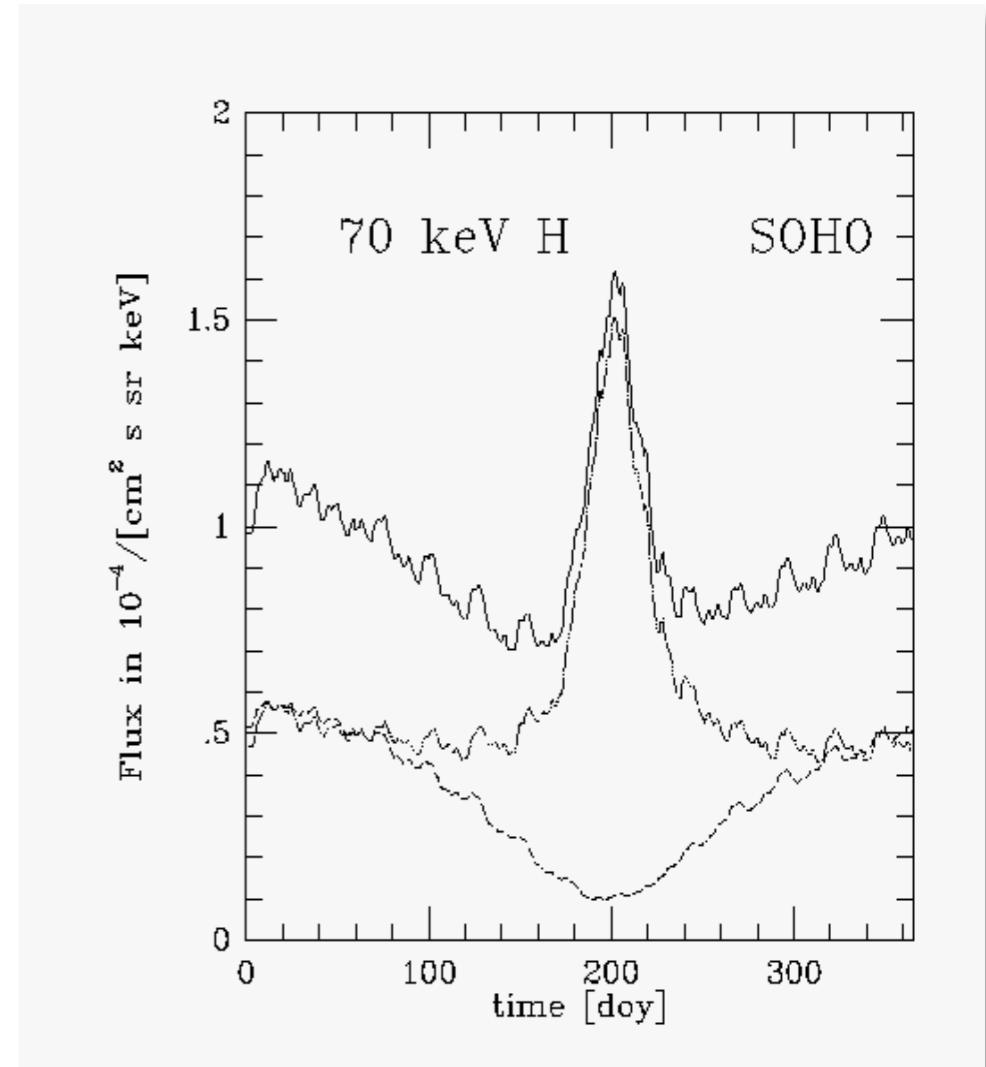
Grzedzielski 1993
Czechowski 1995, 1999

ENH in the inner and outer heliosphere: ENH sources and expected ENH flux and flux anisotropy

ACRs



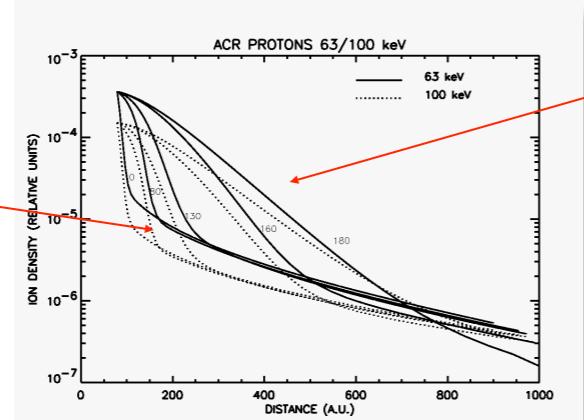
CIRs



Czechowski et al. 2001 (based on Kausch's model)

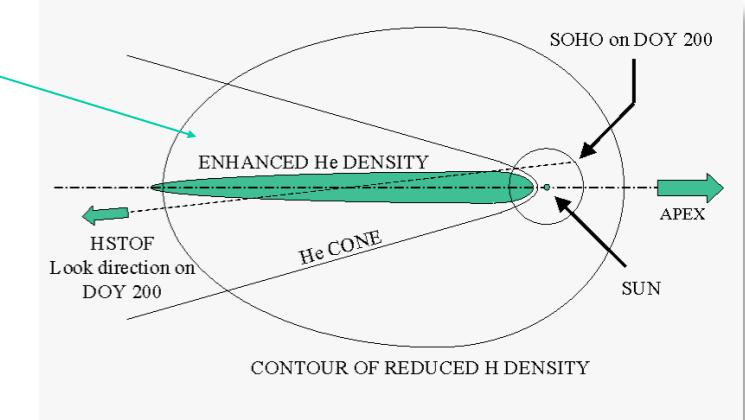
Apex region

**ACR
density**



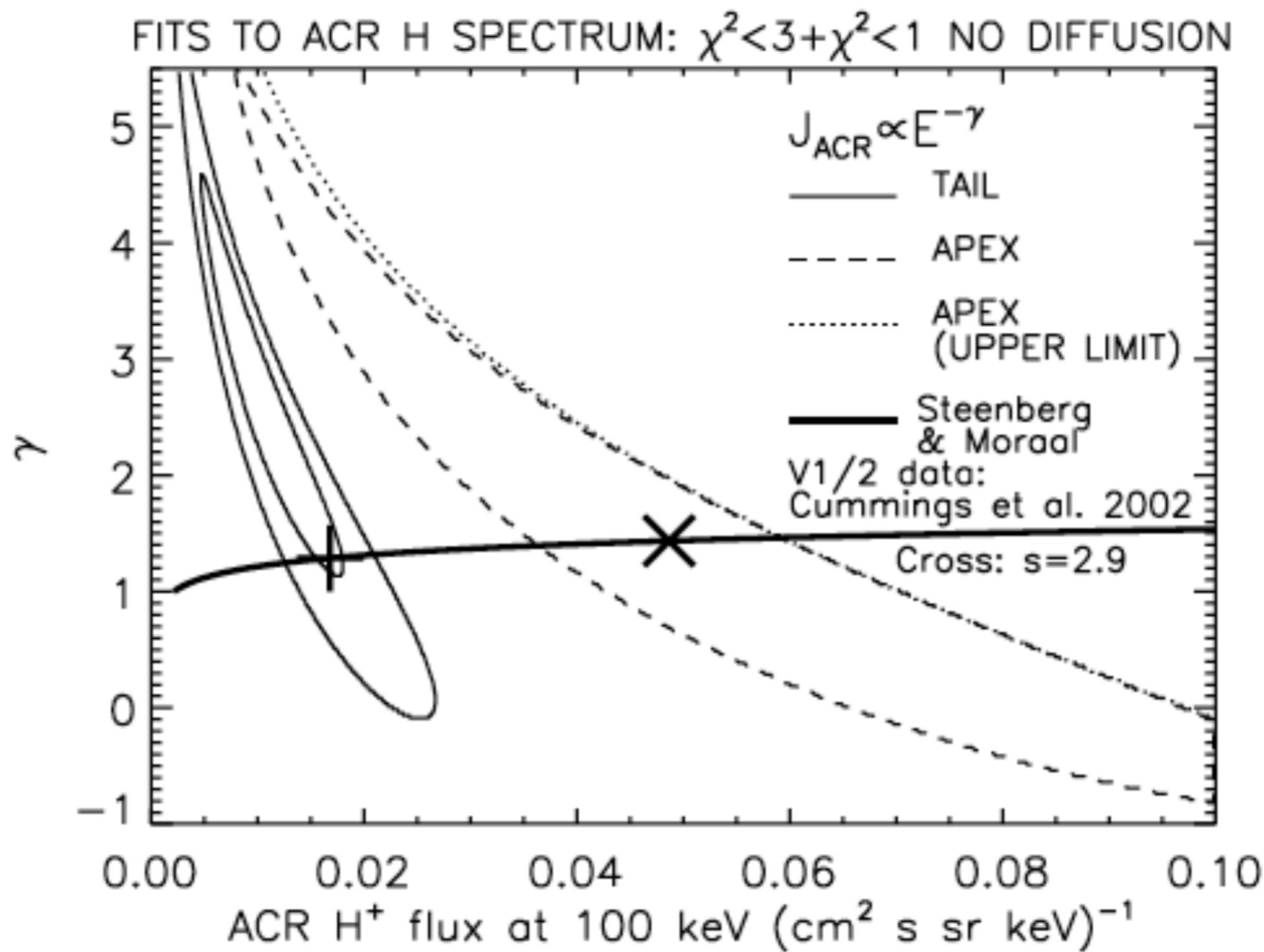
Anti-Apex or
tail region

LISM -
Helium
Cone

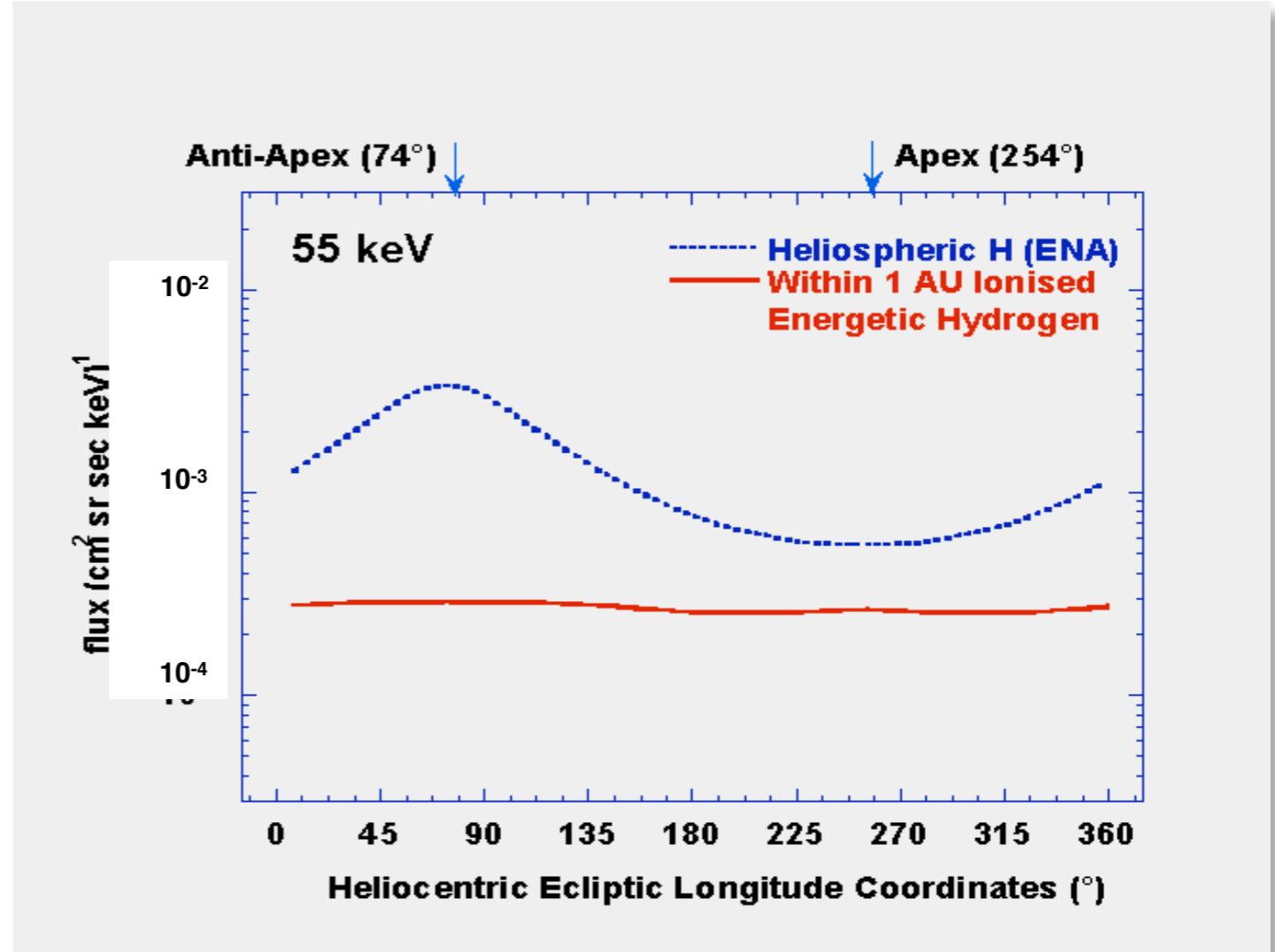
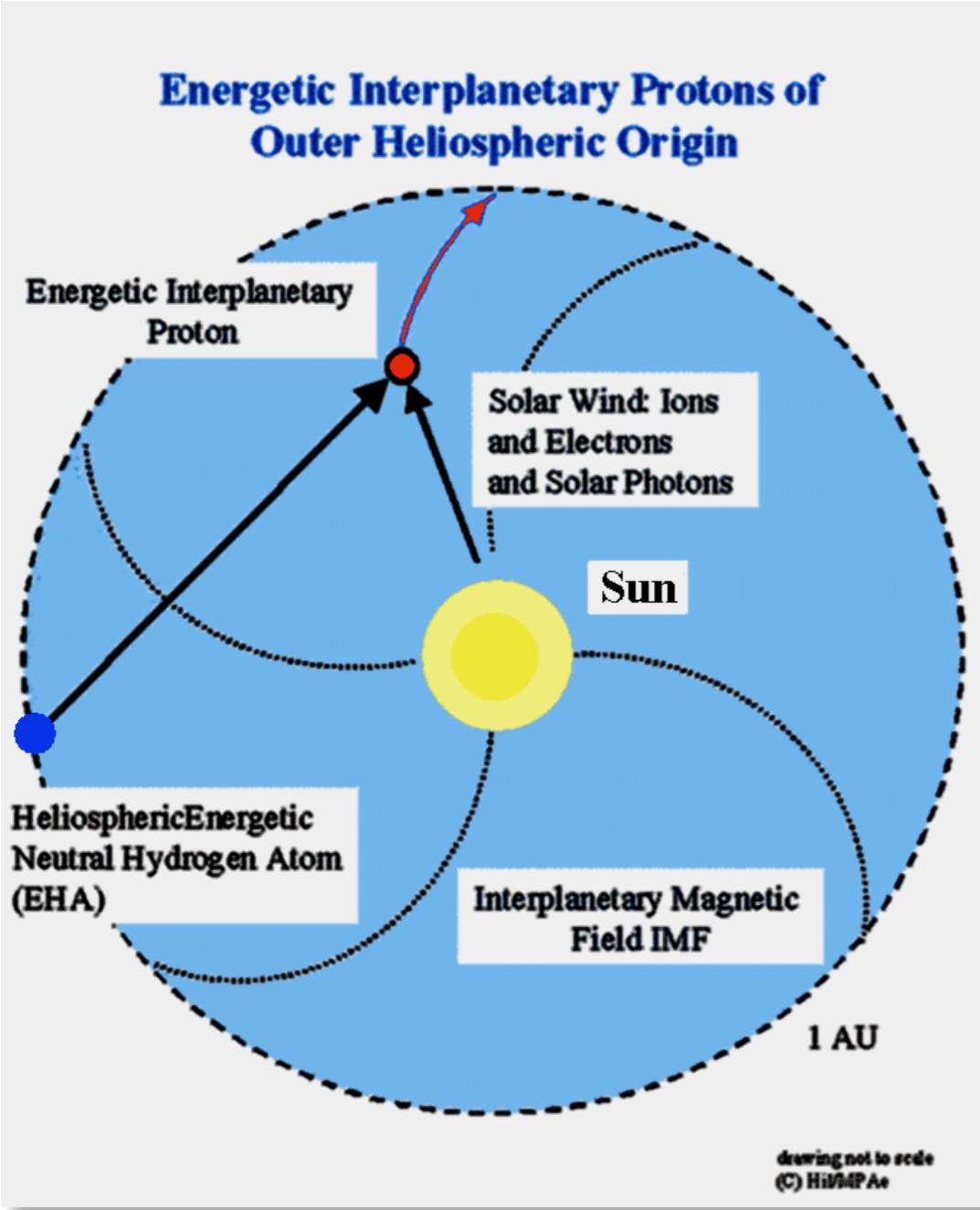


Kota and Hsieh 1999, 2001

ENH and the Termination Shock



Are EHAs a source of the quiet time energetic proton flux in the inner heliosphere ?

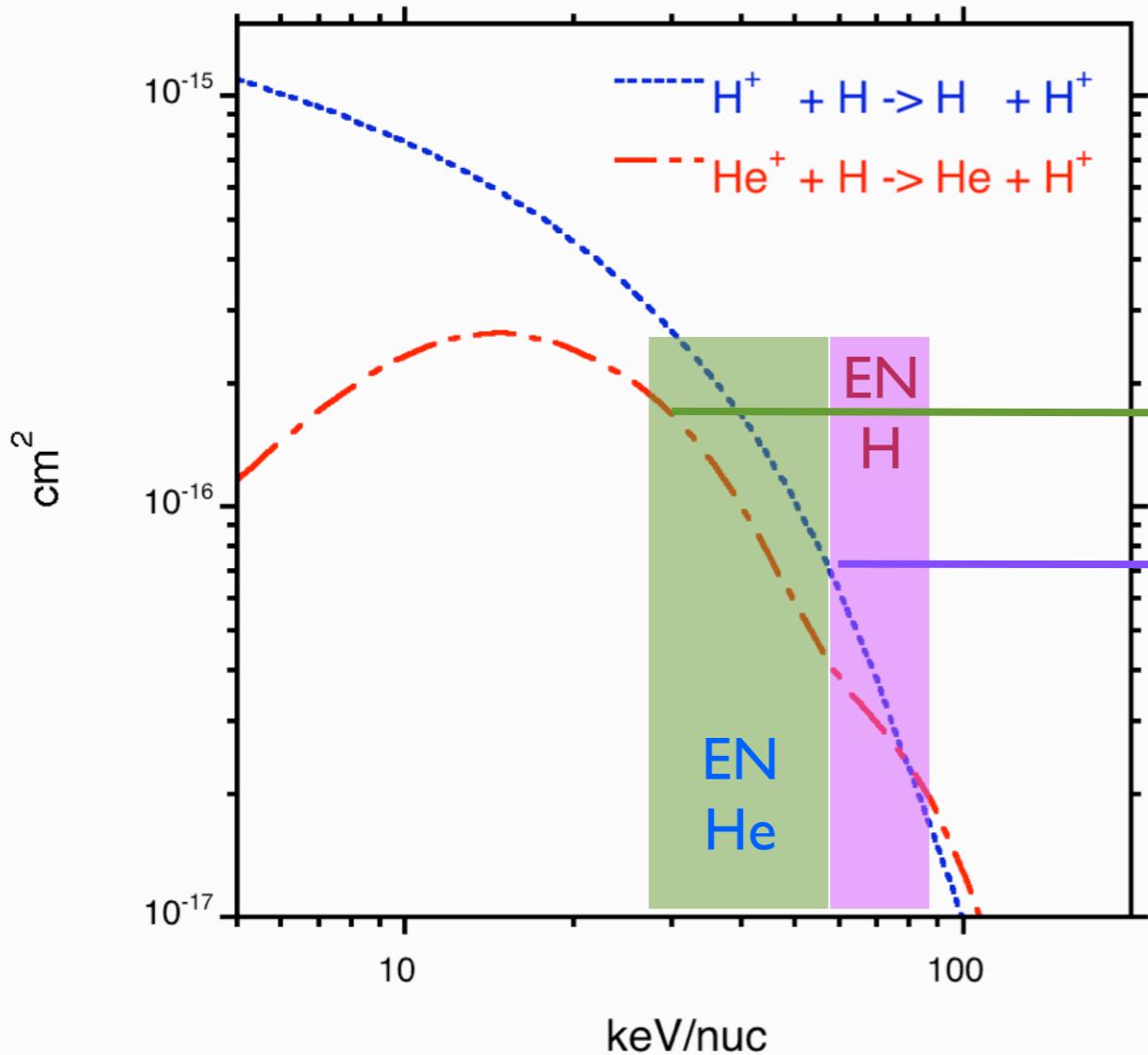


adapted from Hilchenbach et al. 1999

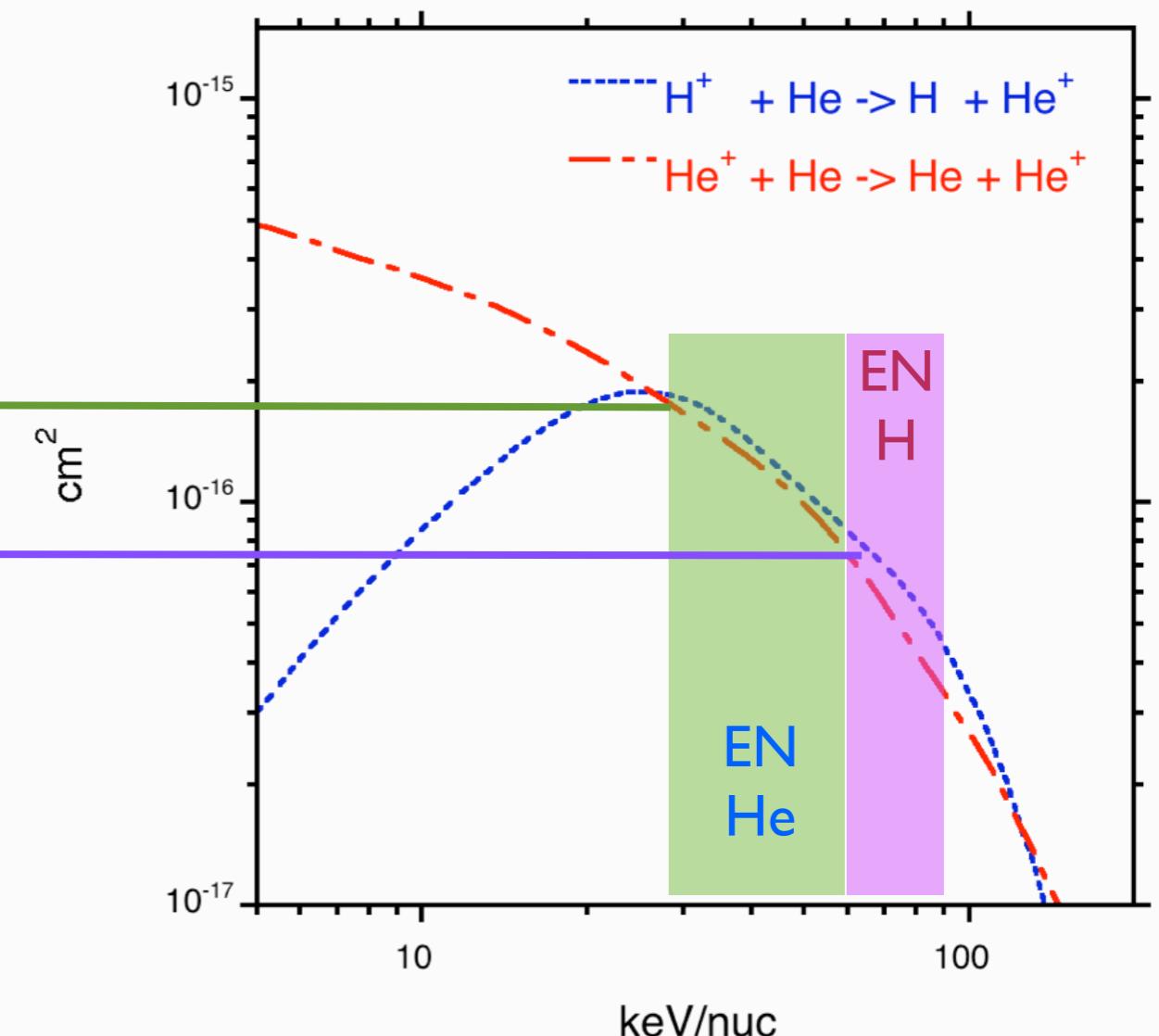
Estimated proton flux of EHA origin at 1 AU: $\sim 10^{-4} (\text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{sec} \cdot \text{sr} \cdot \text{keV})^{-1}$
(Energy range: 58 to 88 keV)

H^+ and He^+ Charge Exchange Cross Sections

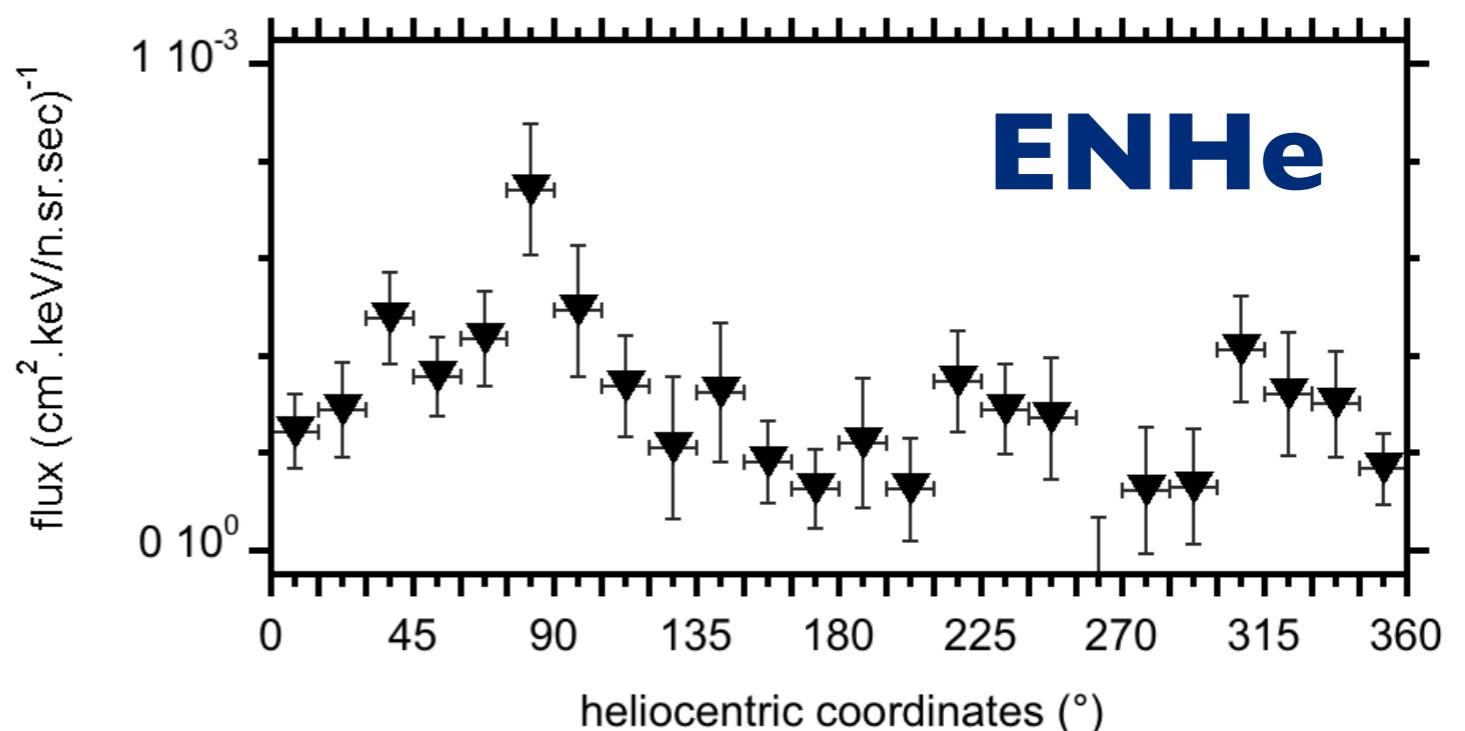
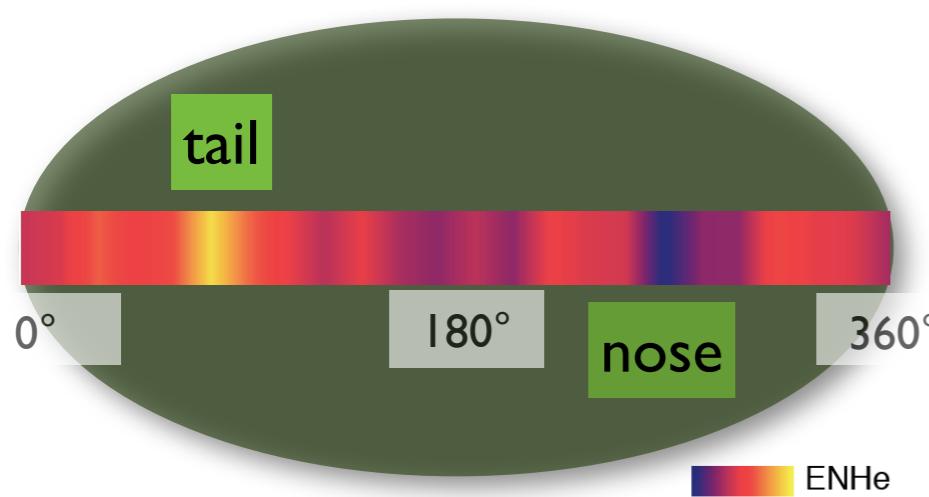
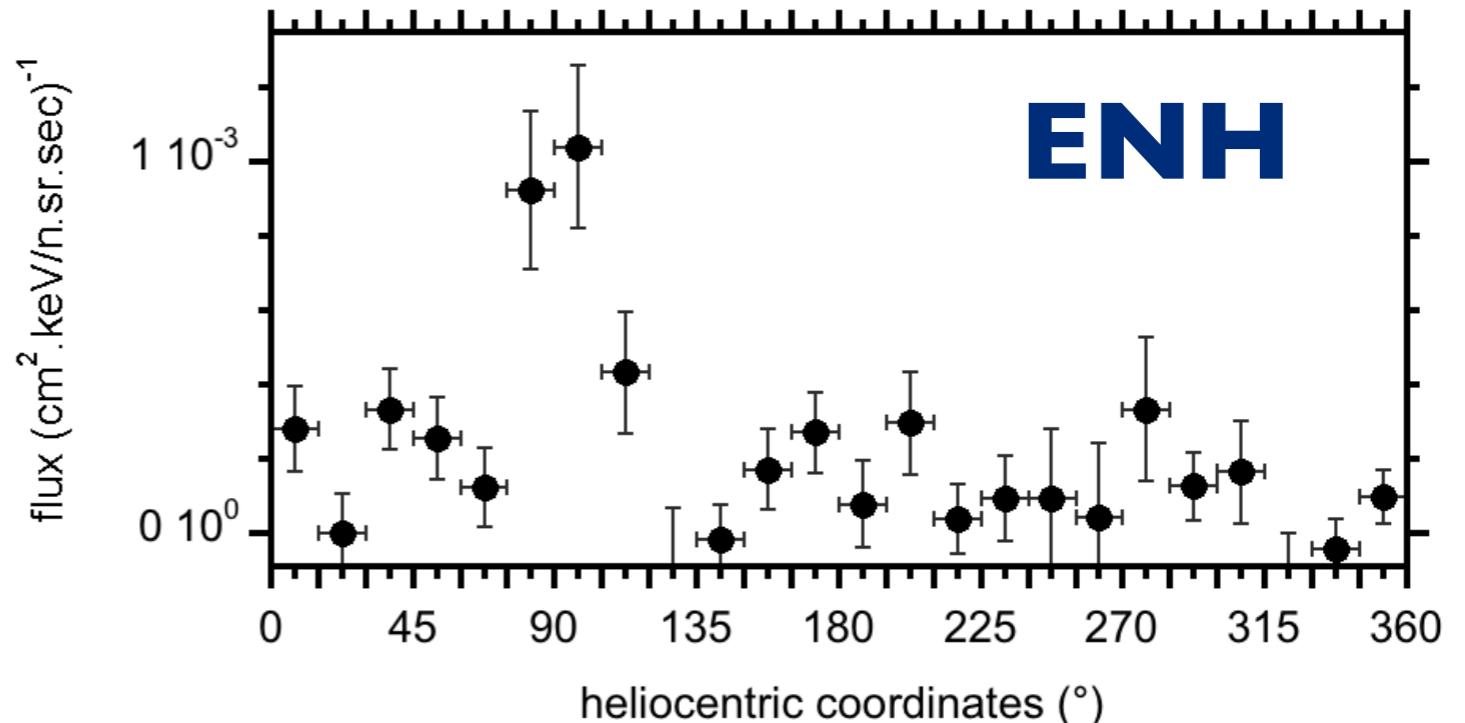
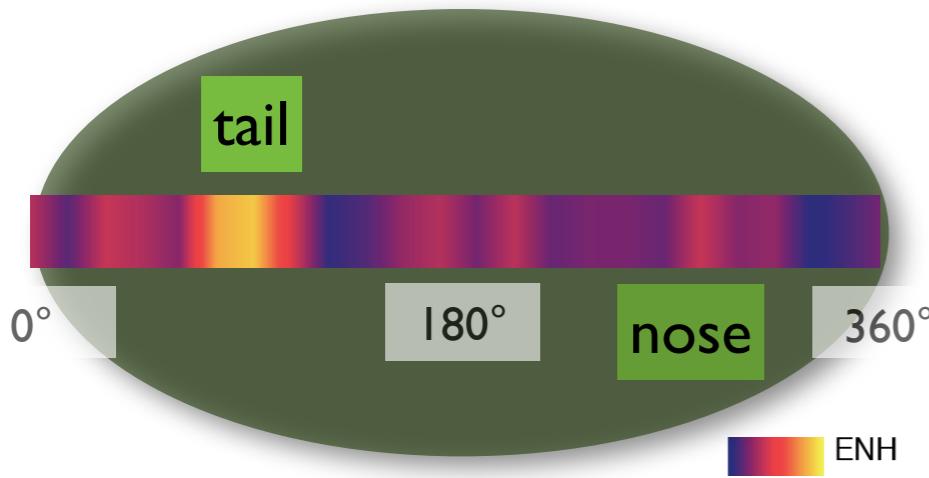
cross sections (Red Book)



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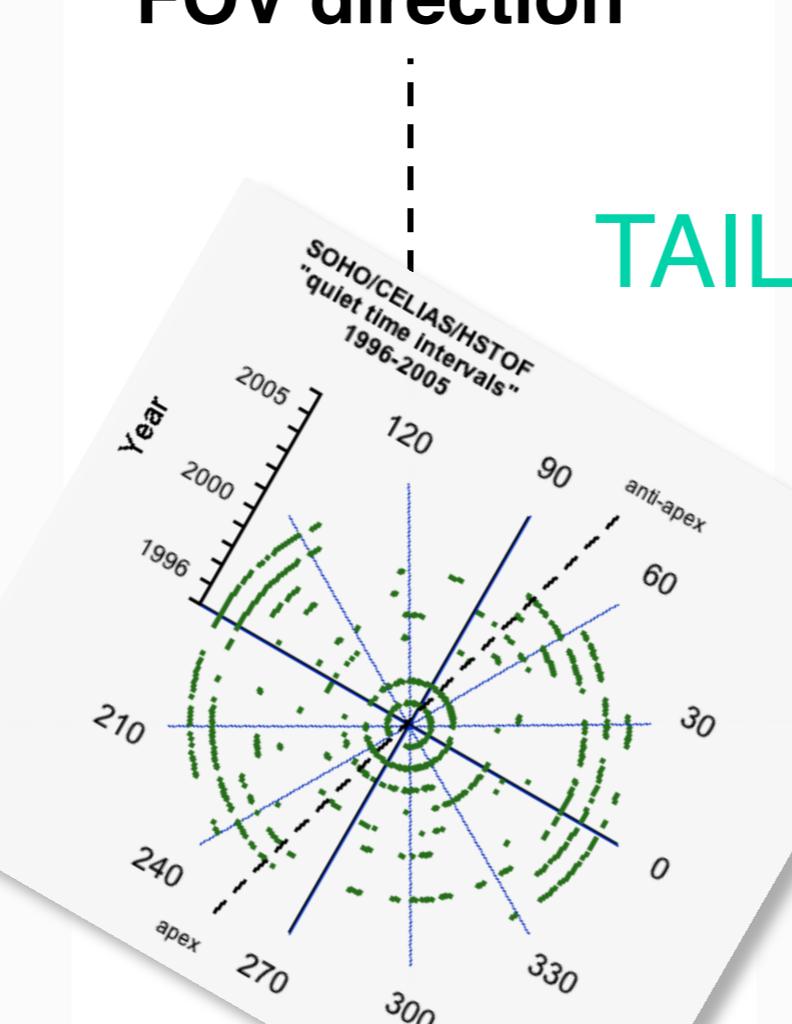
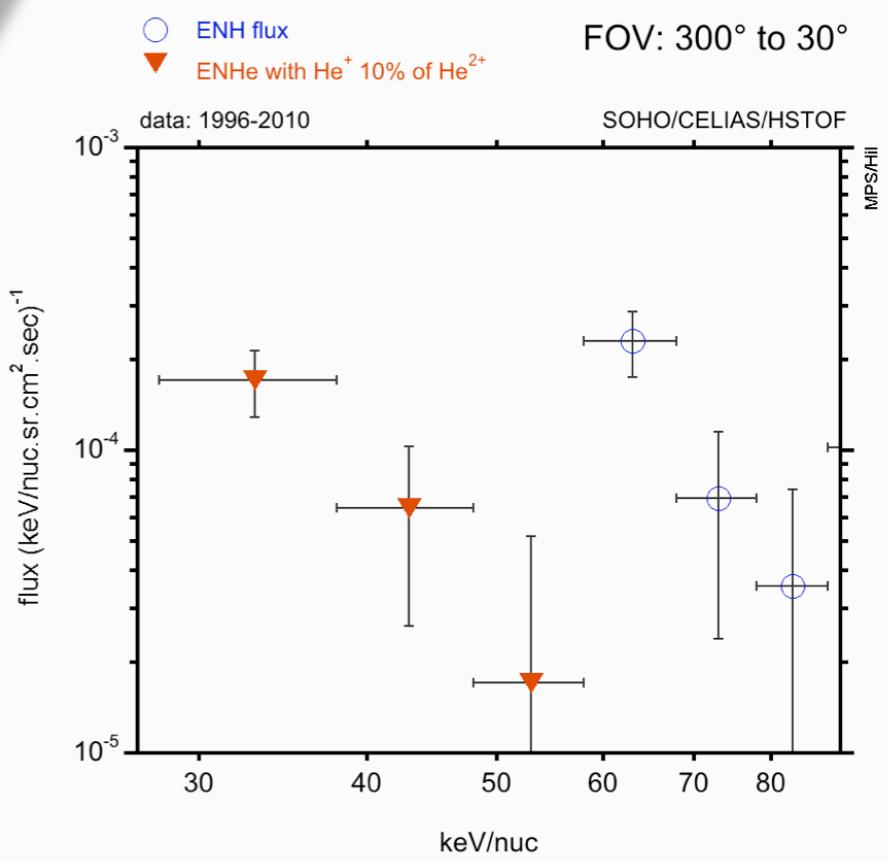
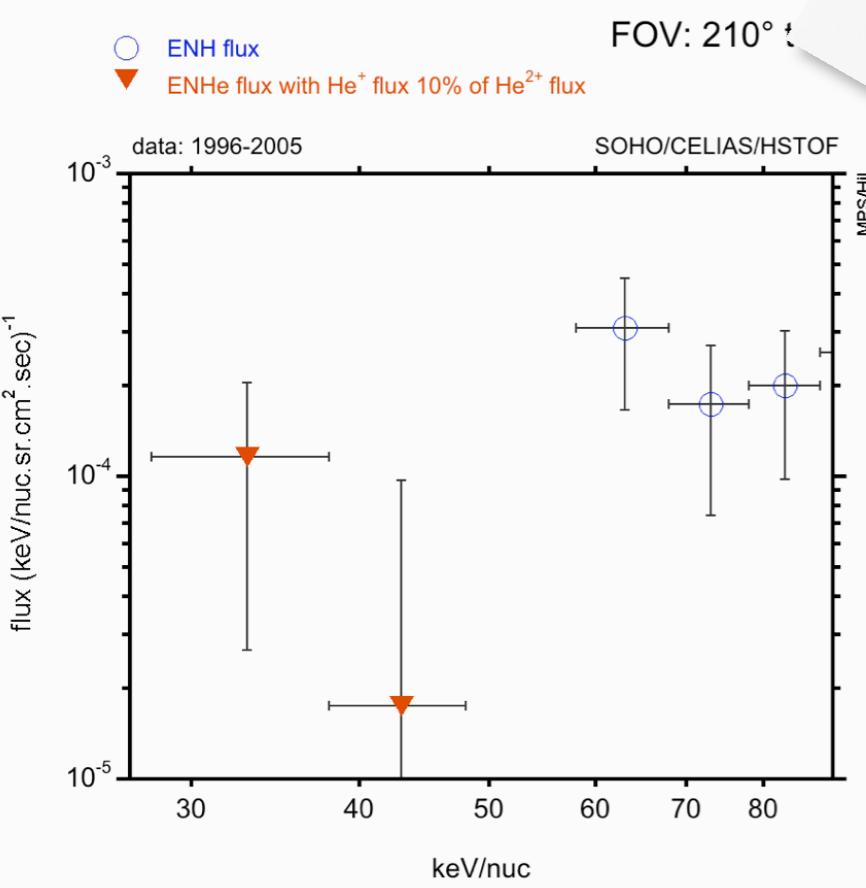
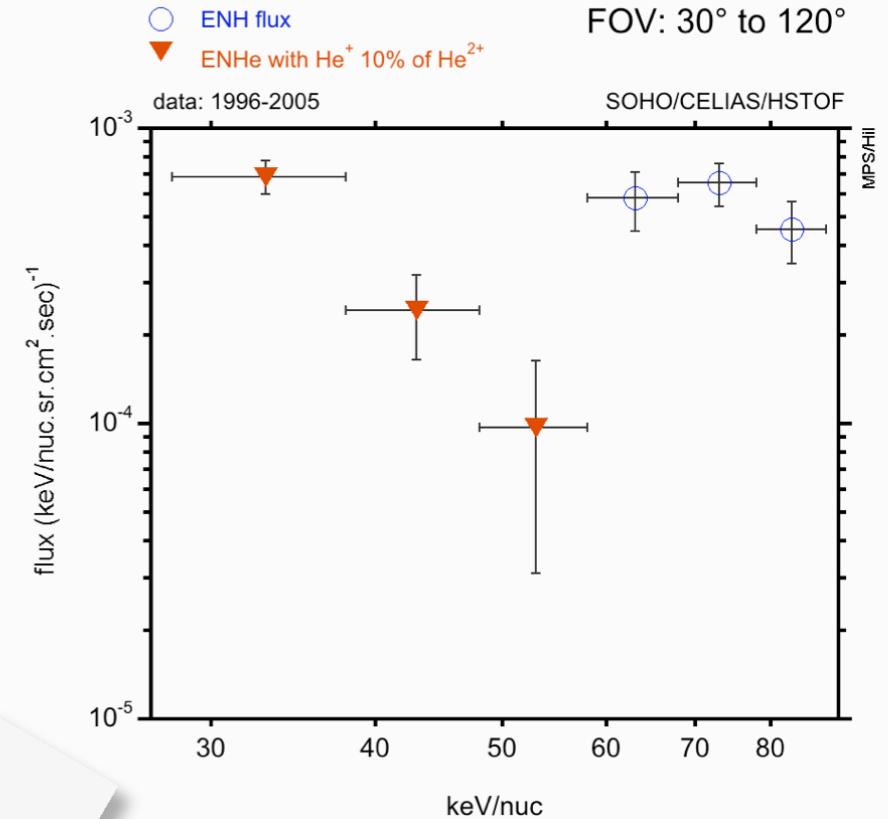
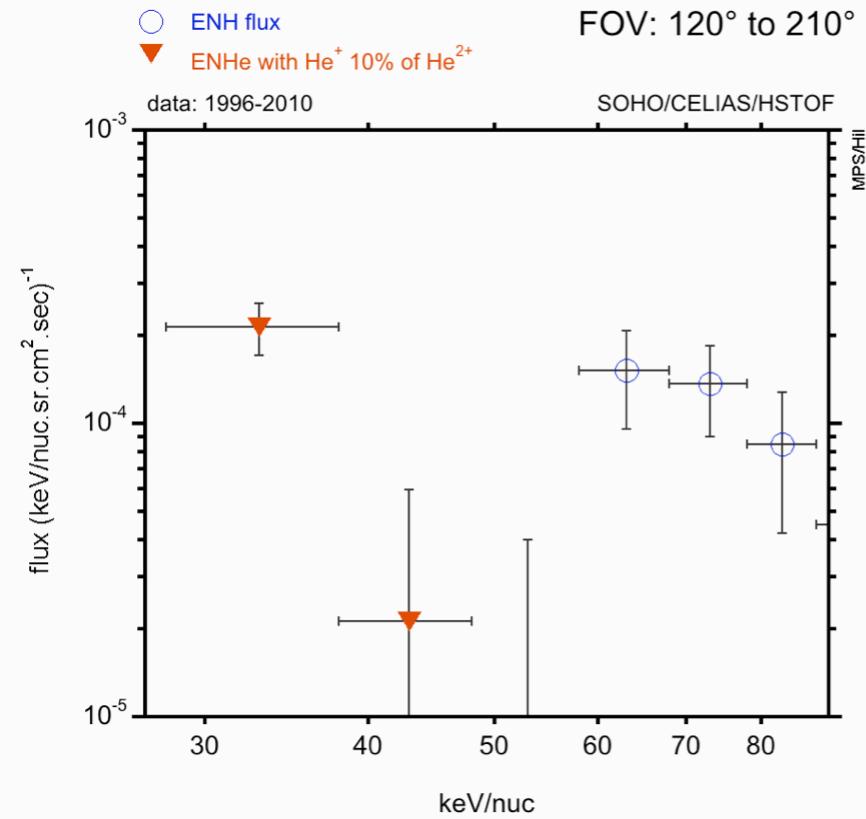


SOHO/CELIAS:Averaged neutral energetic hydrogen (**ENH**) and helium (**ENHe**) fluxes (time interval 1996-2006 *)



*further onwards, the tail and apex directions are not scanned anymore by SOHO/CELIAS field-of view due to a SOHO onboard antenna motor failure in 2003.

ENH and ENHe energy spectra: FOV direction



Anomalous Cosmic Ray Helium Ions as Source of ENHe in the Outer Heliosphere

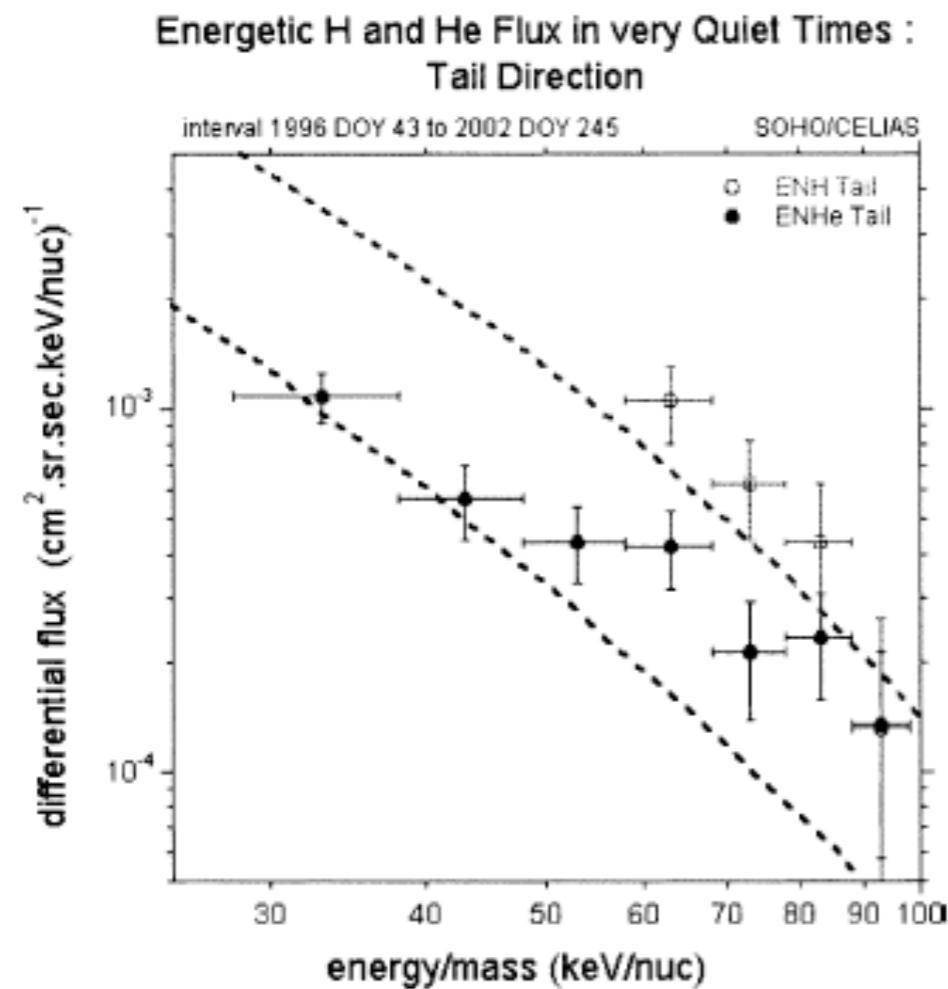


Fig. 5. H and He ENA spectrum from the heliotail direction compared with the ACR ENA model (dotted lines, the lower one for helium).

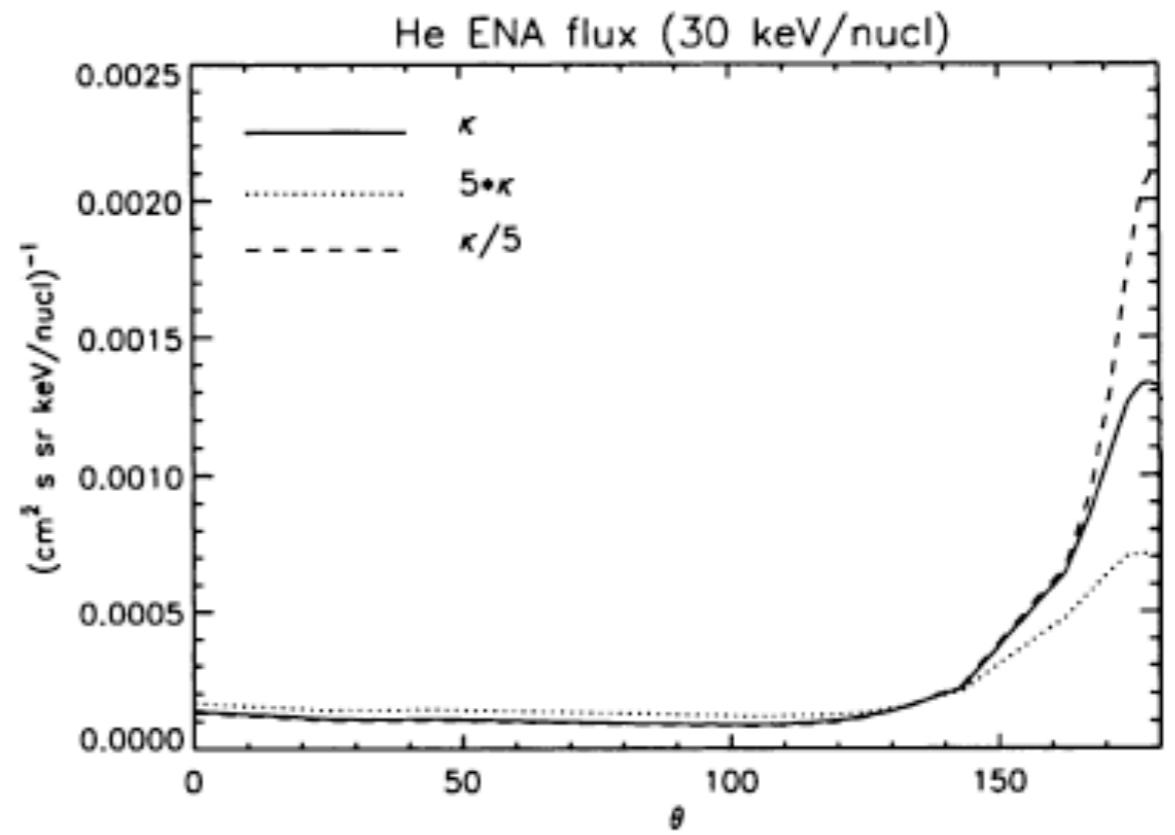
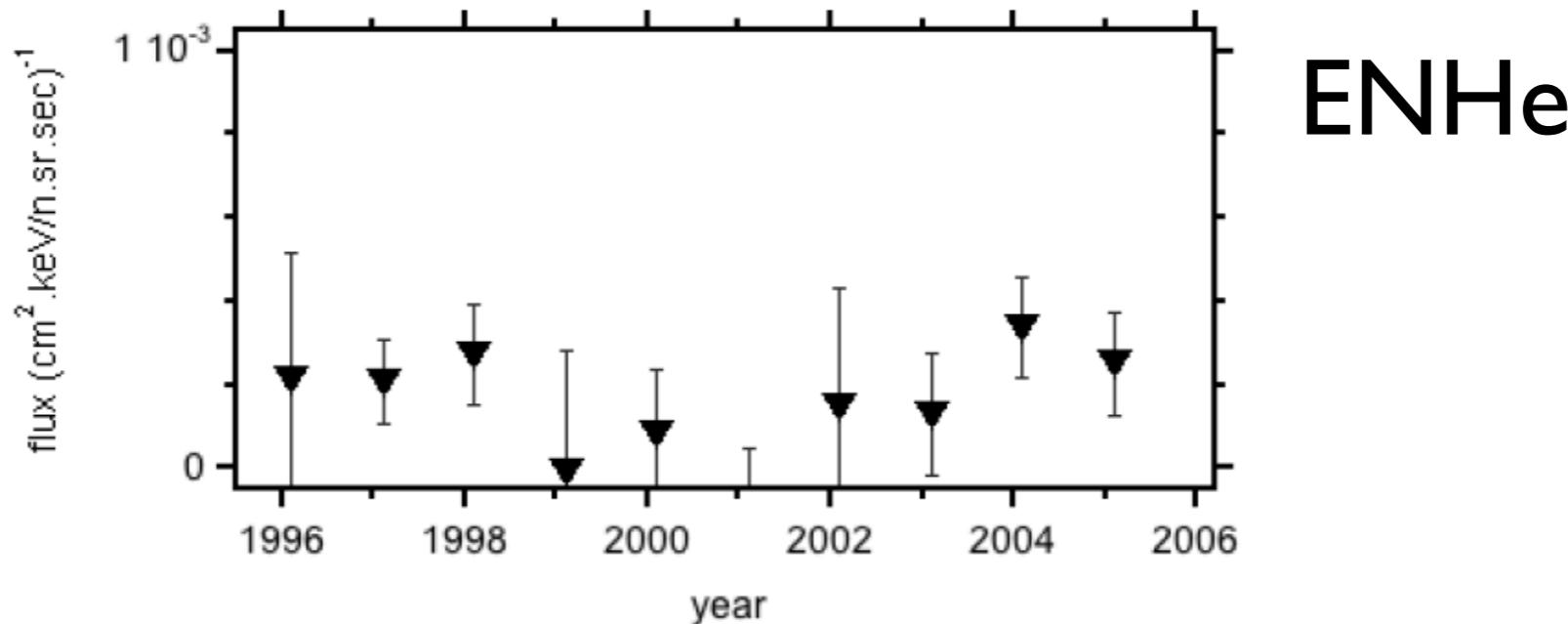
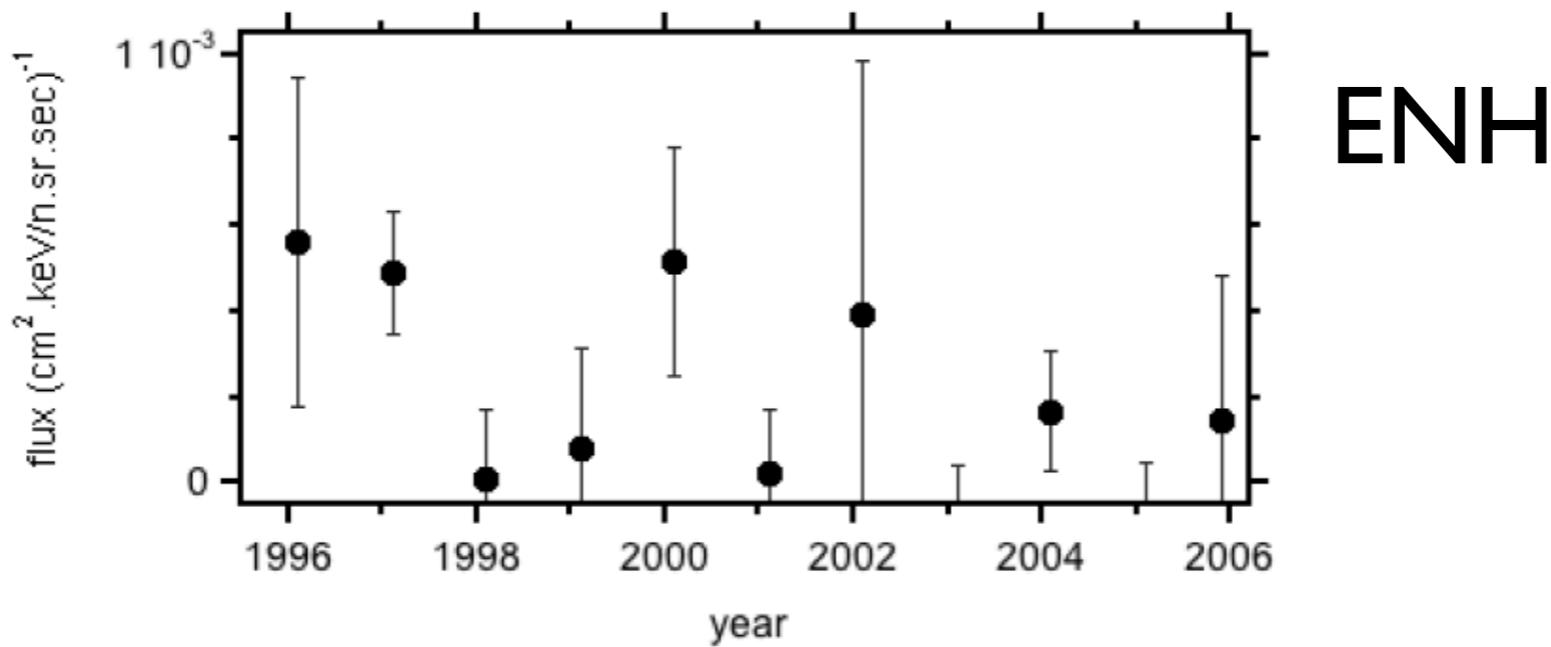


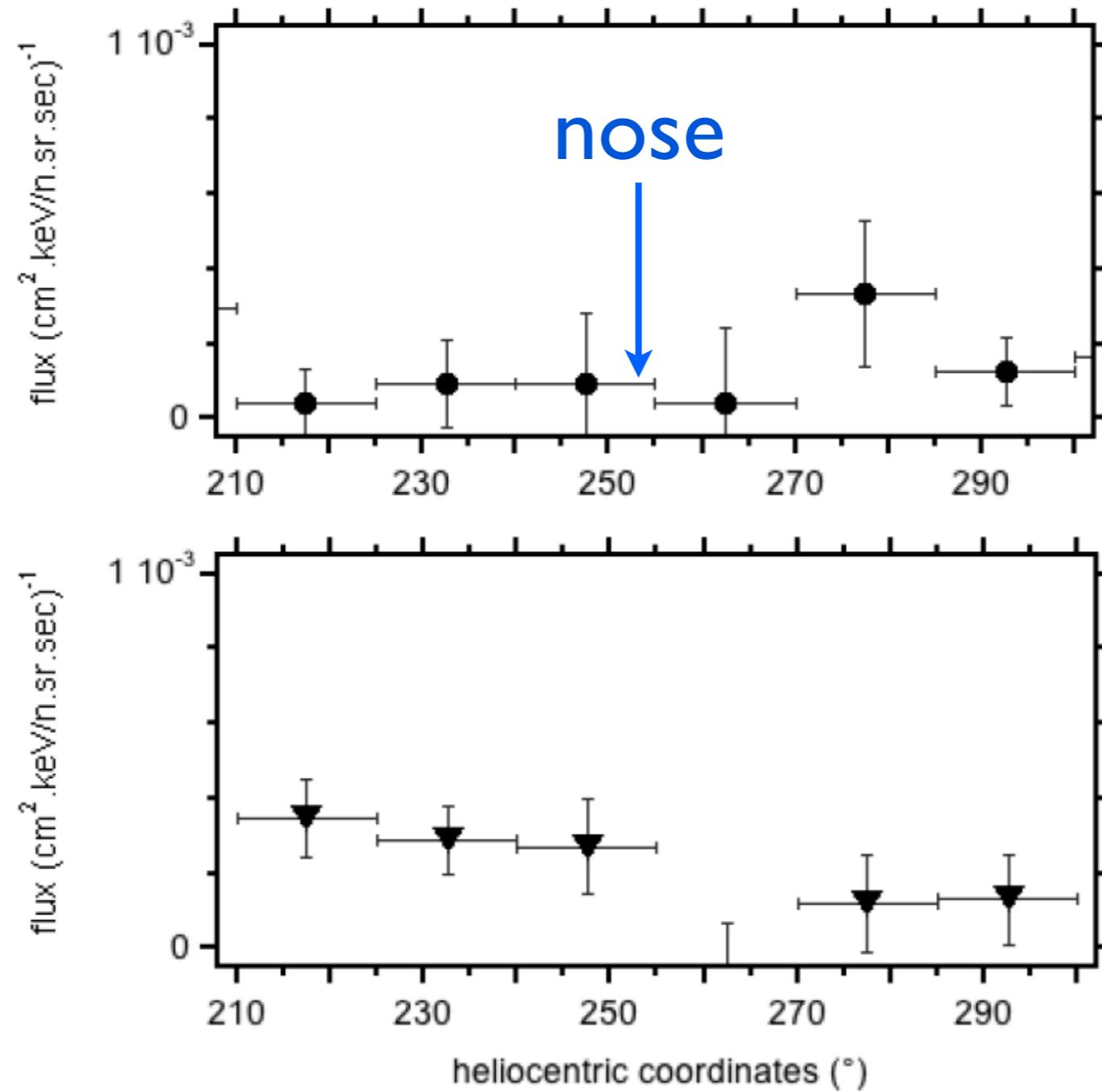
Fig. 4. Calculated He ENA flux in the inner heliosphere as a function of direction. The angle θ is counted from the LISM apex direction, $\theta = 180^\circ$ corresponds to the flux from the heliotail. The dashed (dotted) curve corresponds to the ACR diffusion coefficient increased (decreased) by a factor of five. The anisotropy is much reduced if a higher value of the diffusion coefficient κ is assumed.

ENH and ENHe Fluxes 1996-2005

Fluxes from apex direction of heliosphere

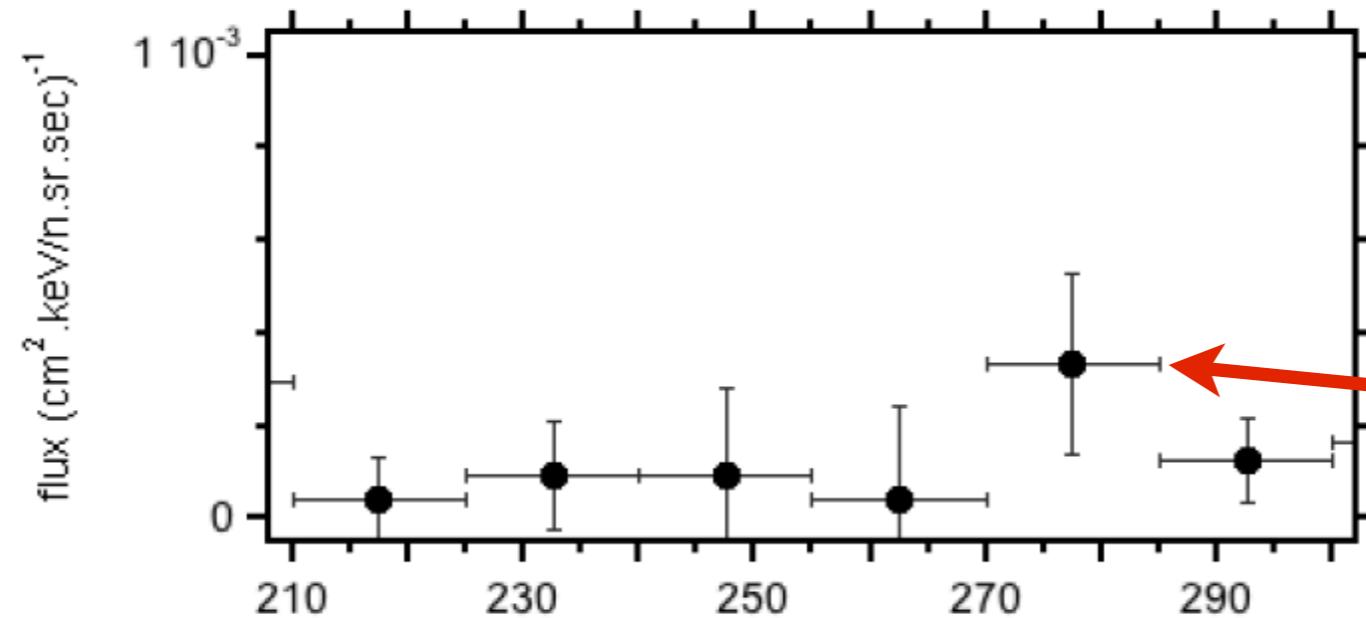


ENH and ENHe Fluxes 1996-2005 in the apex-sector of the heliosphere



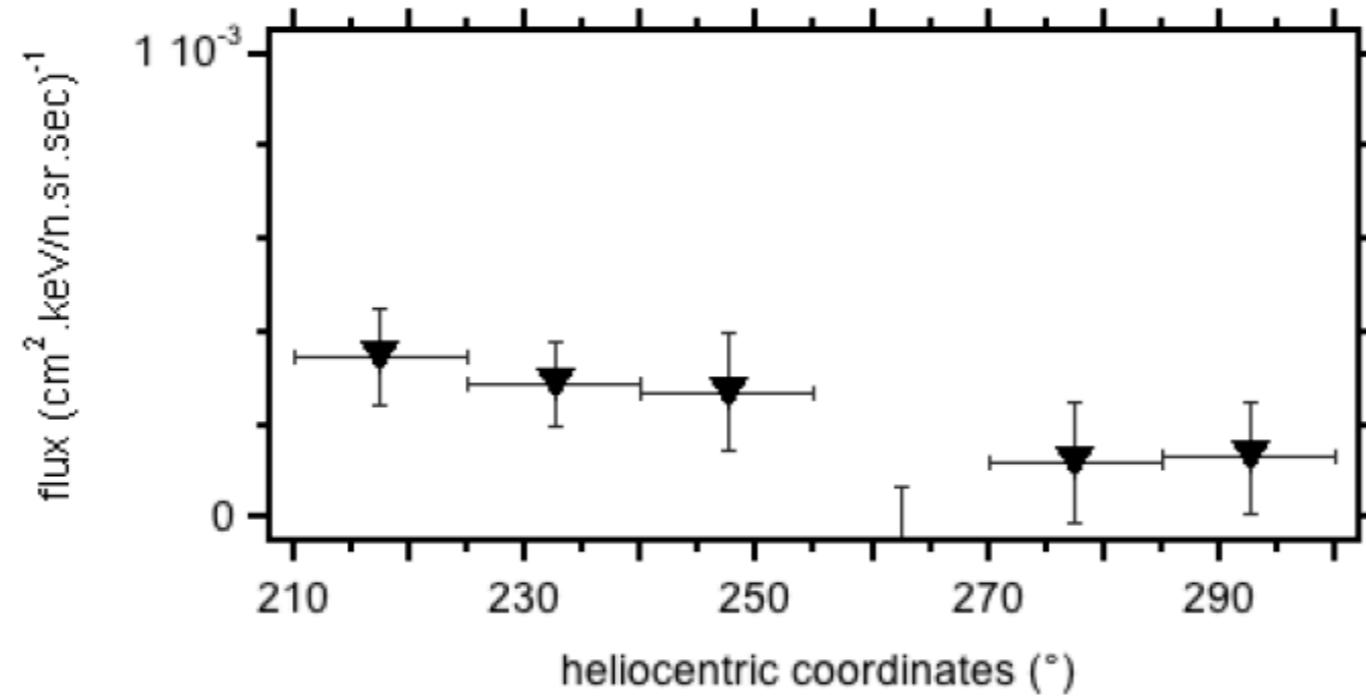
Hilchenbach
2006

ENH and ENHe Fluxes 1996-2005 in the apex-sector of the heliosphere



ENH

same position as
"ribbon" in IBEX
observations at
lower energies



ENHe

ENH Fluxes and a Time-Dependent Heliosphere

Assumptions: No diffusion, only convection and no loss processes ...

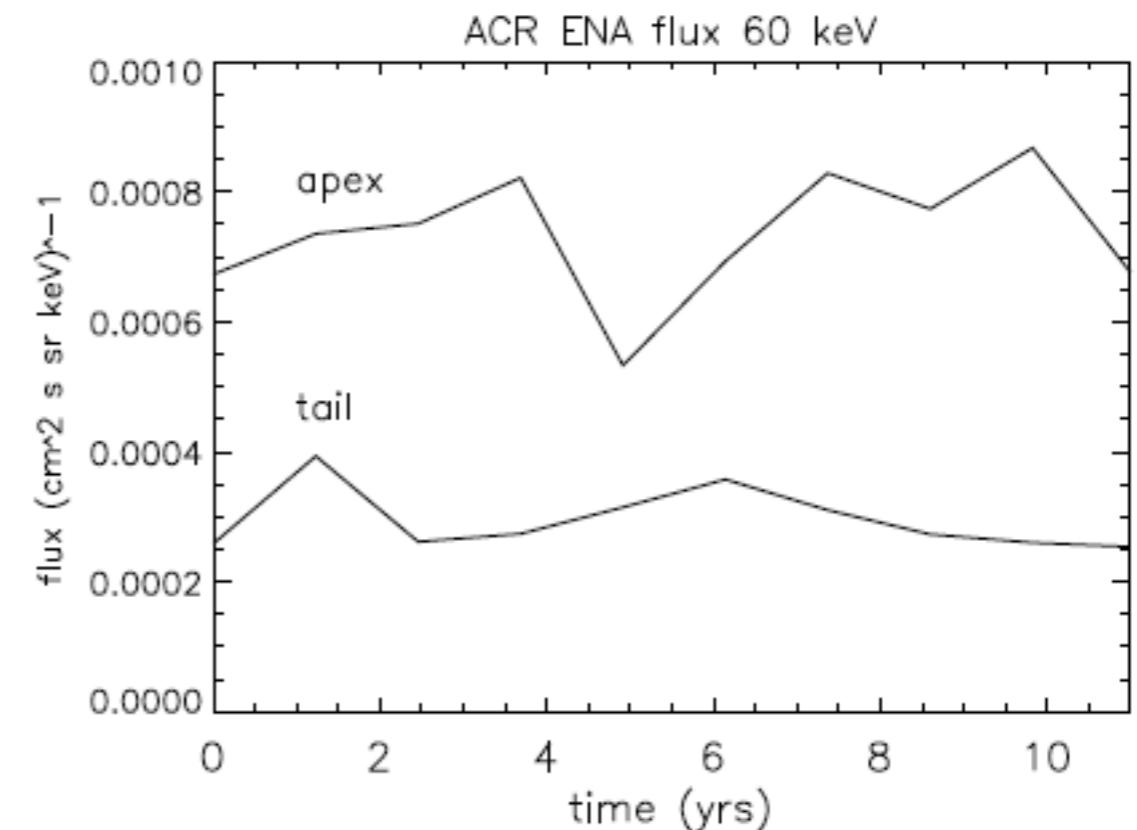
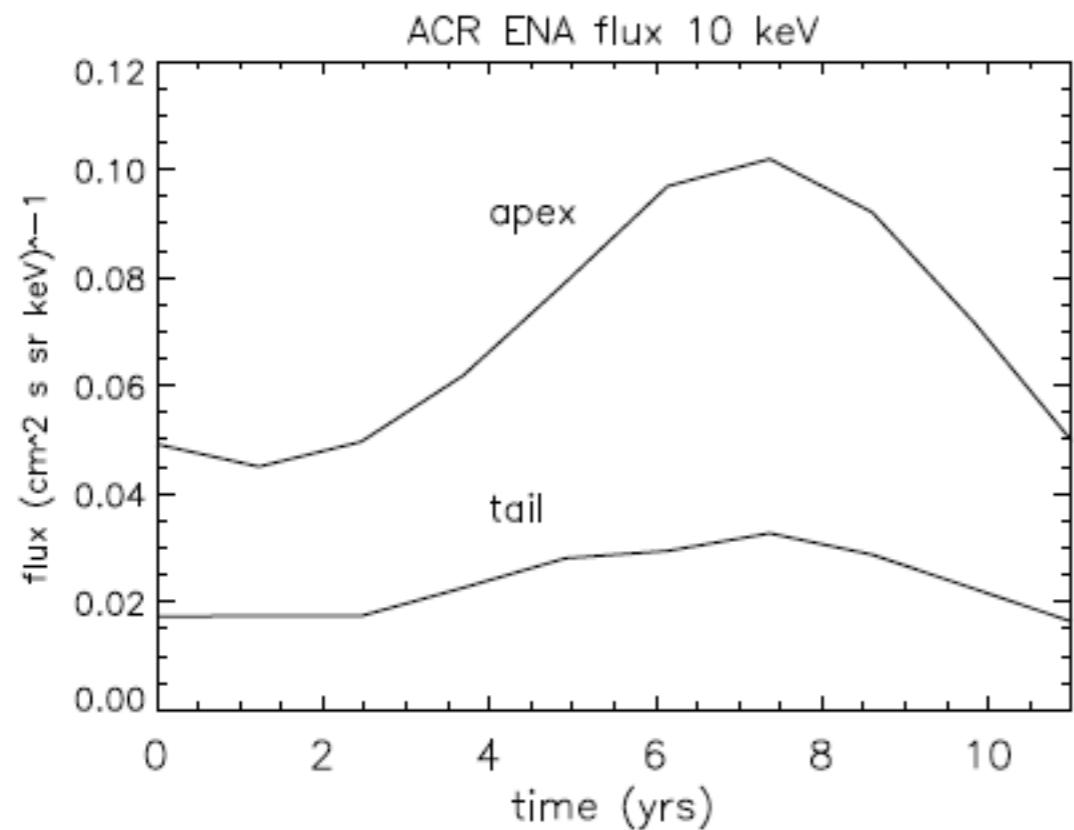


Figure 8. Energetic neutral hydrogen flux at 10 keV from the apex and the heliotail directions as a function of time. The peak of the flux occurs near "solar maximum".

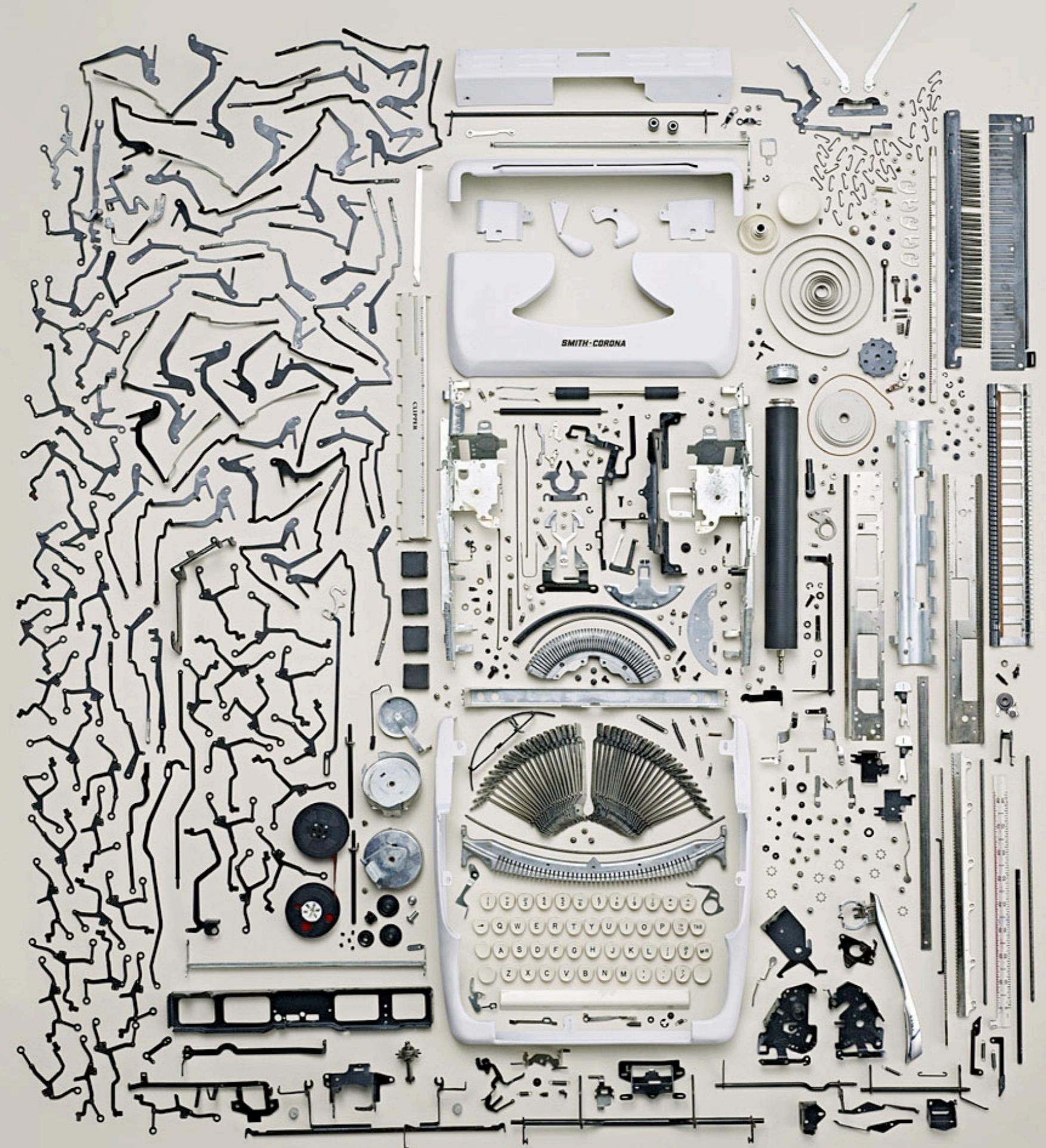
Figure 9. Energetic neutral hydrogen flux at 60 keV from the apex and the heliotail directions as a function of time. There is no peak at the "solar maximum".

Time variations of the ENA fluxes should show up more pronounced in the energy region $< 10 \text{ keV}$.

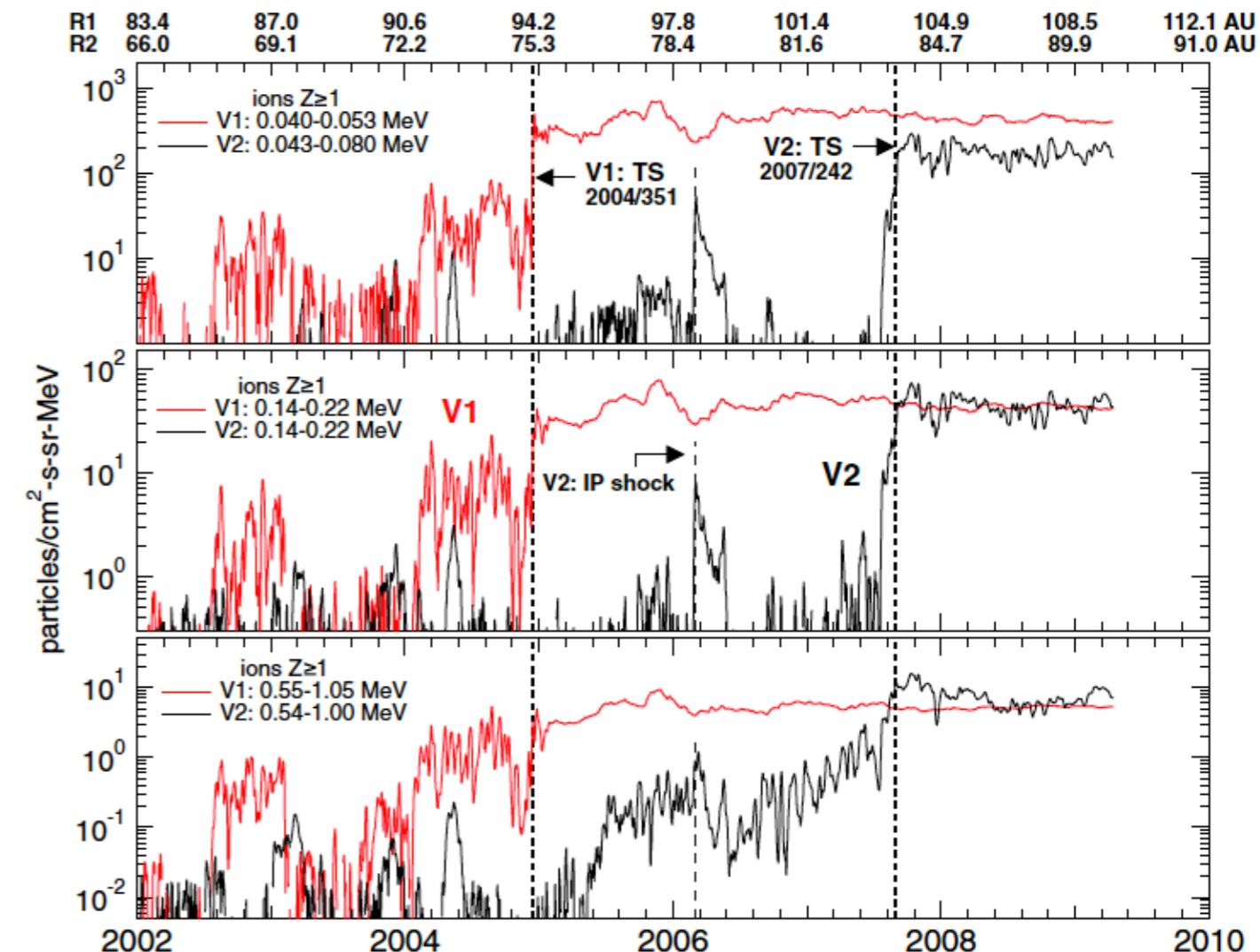
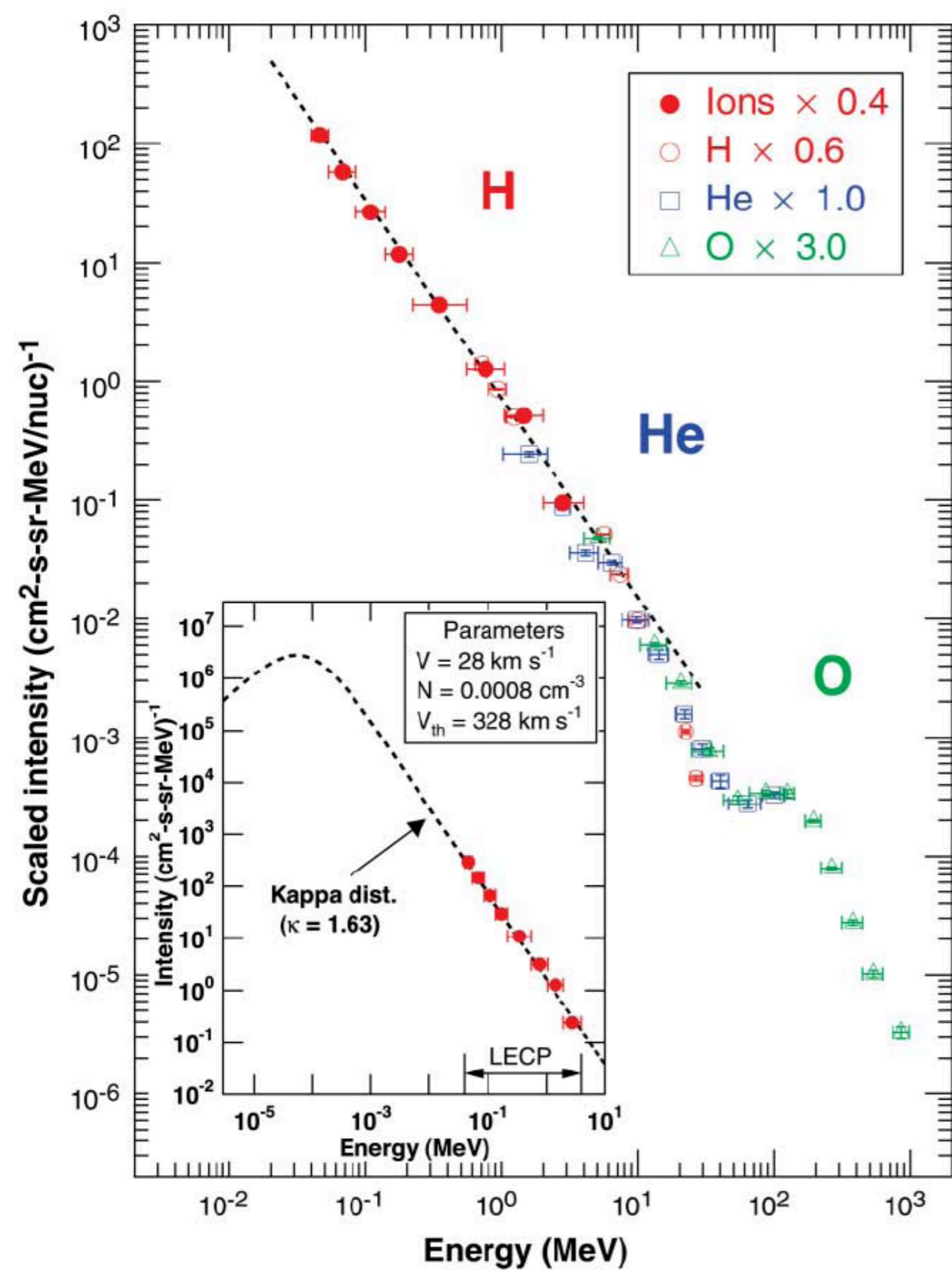
Furthermore, the model parameters applied in these calculations led to an increased ENA flux from the apex region.

Hilchenbach 2005
Scherer 2005

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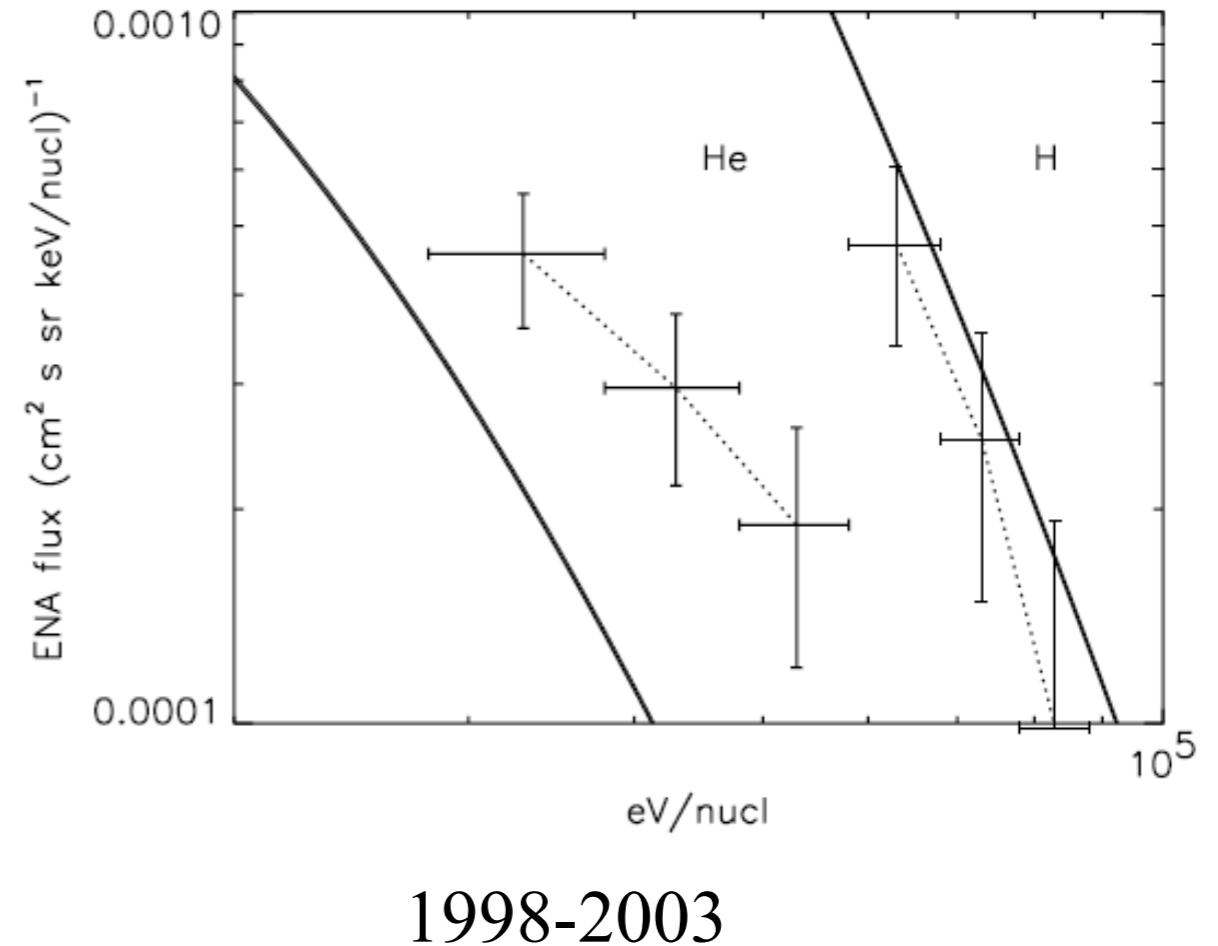
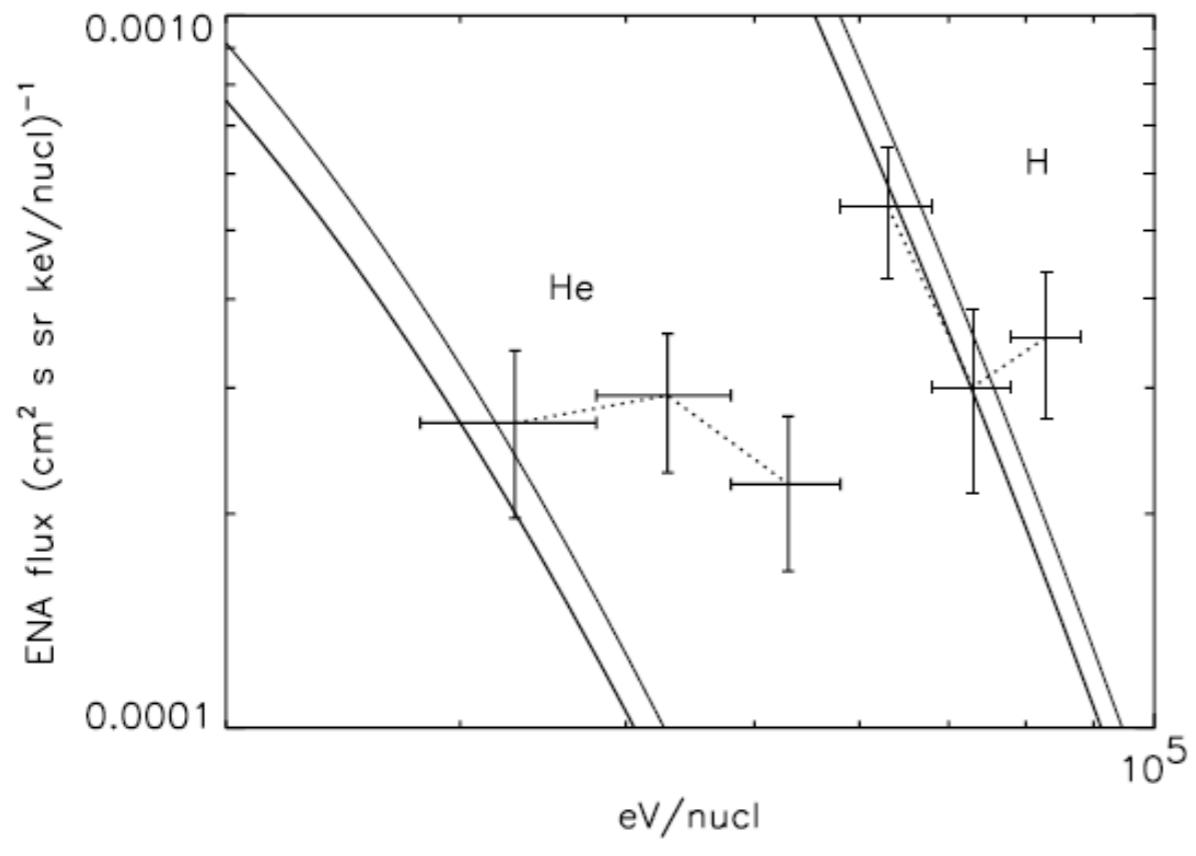
Energetic ions of the Heliosheath



Decker 2005

Decker 2009

Thickness of the heliosheath in apex direction (SOHO/CELIAS/HSTOF and Voyager I)



->Average thickness of heliosheath L (n_H about 0.1 cm^{-3}): about 75 AU -> in apex direction (“nose”) about 30 AU....

Thickness of the Heliosheath

Table 2. Results from numerical models.

| Model | $n_{\text{p,LISM}}$ (cm $^{-3}$) | $n_{\text{H,LISM}}$ (cm $^{-3}$) | $L(\text{apex})$ (AU) | $N_{\text{H}}(\text{apex})$ (cm $^{-2}$) |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 1 ^a | 0.1 | 0.1 | 39 | 0.36×10^{14} |
| 2 ^a | 0.04 | 0.2 | 45 | 1.1×10^{14} |
| 3 ^b | 0.04 | 0.24 | 47 | 1.1×10^{14} |
| 4 ^b | 0.1 | 0.1 | 33 | 0.23×10^{14} |
| 5 ^b | 0.1 | 0.14 | 25 | 0.21×10^{14} |
| 6 ^b | 0.1 | 0.24 | 27 | 0.44×10^{14} |
| 7 ^c | 0.1 | 0.2 | 55 | 0.9×10^{14} |
| 8 ^c | 0.07 | 0.2 | 75 | 1.3×10^{14} |
| 9 ^c | 0.04 | 0.2 | 85 | 1.6×10^{14} |

^a Bonn model: Fahr et al. (2000); ^b multifluid: Müller et al. (2006);

^c kinetic: Izmodenov et al. (1999).

Estimate of L based on SOHO/CELIAS/STOF ENH, ENHe and VOYAGER I LECP data

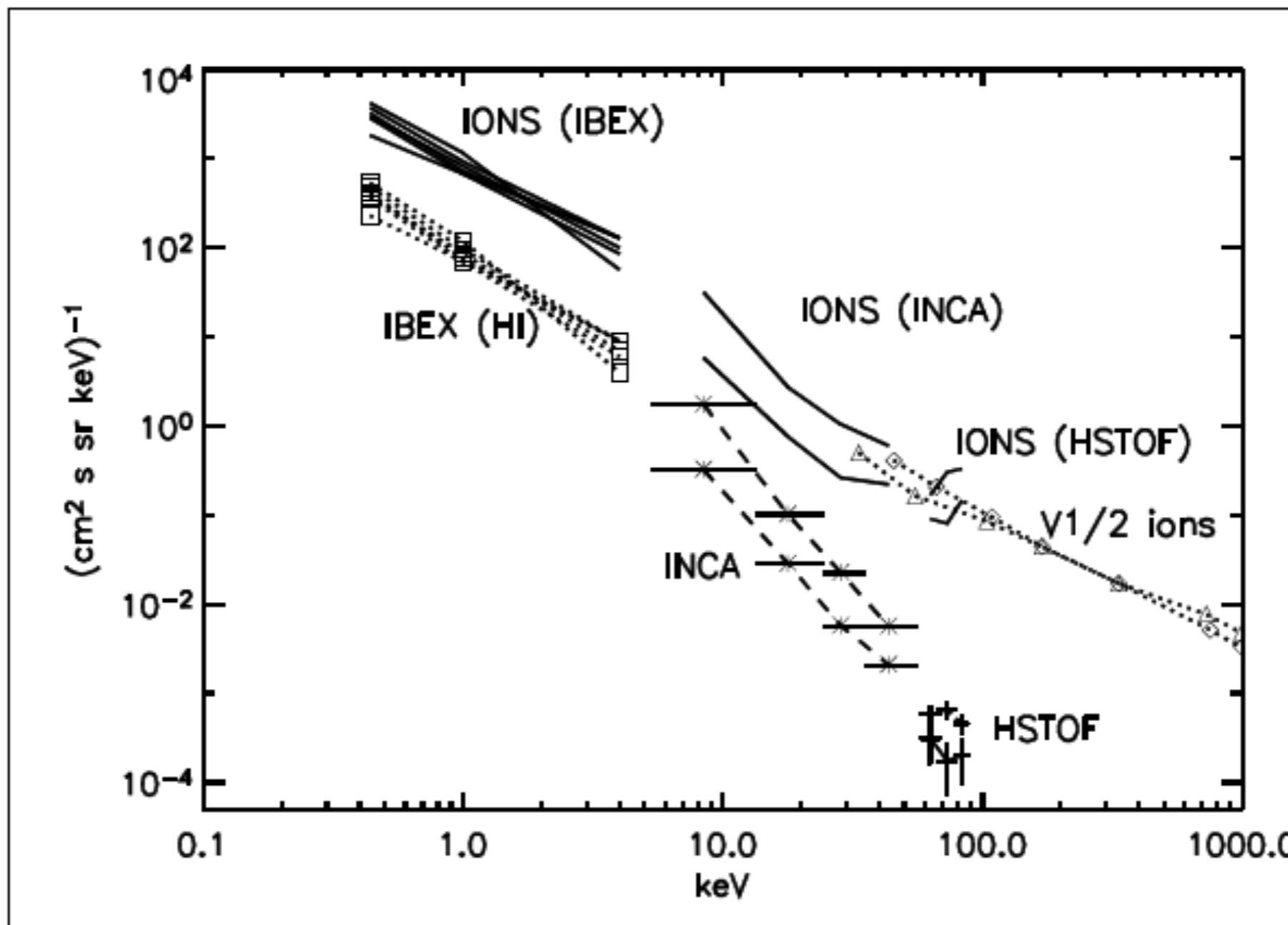
$$N_{\text{H}} = (0.63 \pm 0.19) \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

corresponding to a thickness of the heliosheath

$$\mathbf{L = 42 \pm 12 AU with n_H = 0.1 cm^{-3}.}$$

How SOHO/HSTOF data fit into the global picture of neutral and charged particle observations

(IBEX, CASSINI-INCA, SOHO-CELIAS-HSOTF, VOYAGER-LECP)



Thickness of the Heliosheath

Inner-heliosphere ENH & Heliosheath Protons

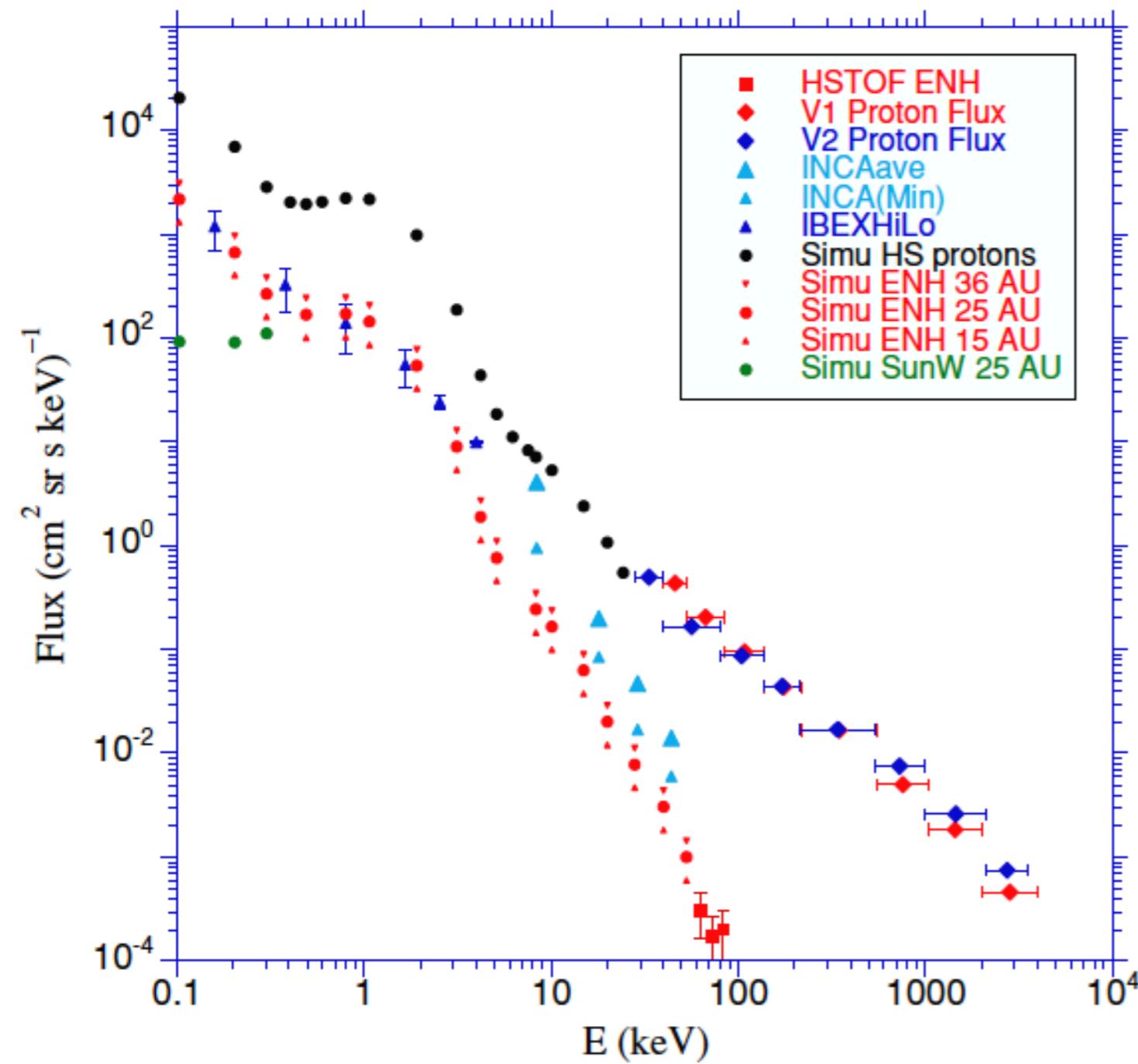


Table 1.
Estimated Characteristic Thickness of the Frontal Lobe of HS

| Proton Spectrum | A | γ | L (AU) | ΔL (AU) |
|-----------------|-------|----------|--------|-----------------|
| V1 | 183.5 | 1.60 | 21 | 6 |
| V2 | 57.5 | 1.39 | 28 | 8 |
| Combined | 99.3 | 1.49 | 25 | 8 |

Thickness of the Lobes of the Heliosheath

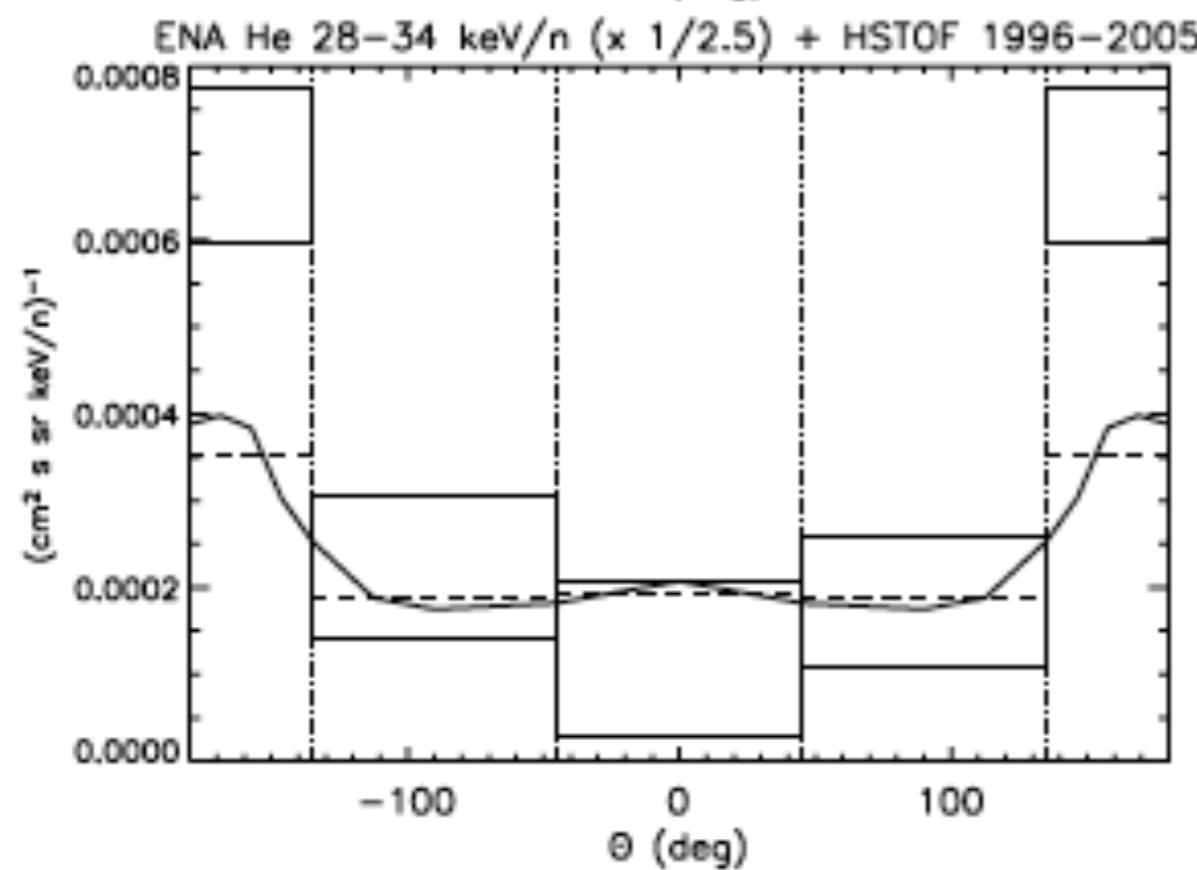
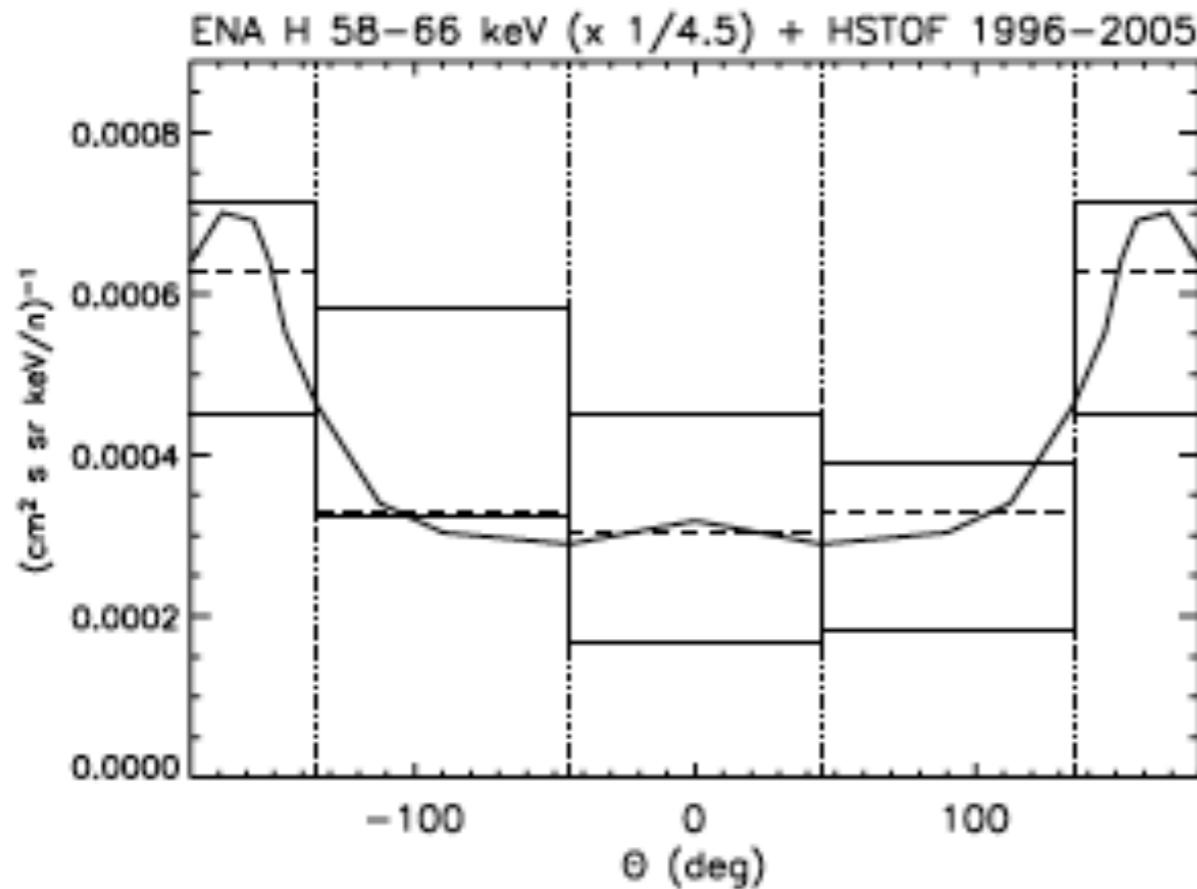
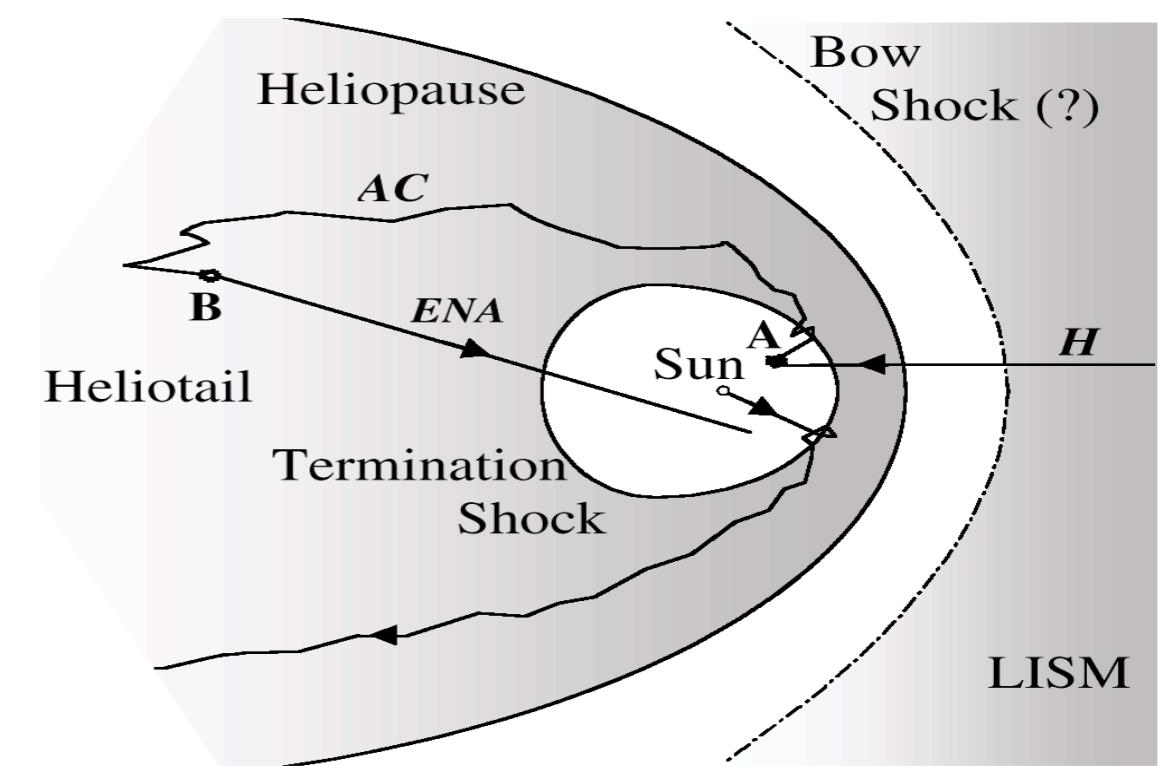


Table 2. L_{eff} derived from observations (HSTOF ENA and Voyager ion data).

| Sector | $L_{\text{eff}} (\text{V1})$ (AU) | $L_{\text{eff}} (\text{V2})$ (AU) |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1996–2005 | | |
| 210°–300° | 19.9 ± 6.2 | 31.0 ± 9.5 |
| 300°–30° | 13.8 ± 4.7 | 20.8 ± 7.3 |
| 120°–210° | 24.2 ± 5.7 | 37.3 ± 8.7 |
| 1996–2010 | | |
| 300°–30° | 11.2 ± 2.5 | 17.0 ± 3.9 |
| 120°–210° | 10.2 ± 2.6 | 16.1 ± 4.0 |



Conclusion

ENH and ENHe fluxes from apex direction observed by SOHO/HSTOF are consistent with a heliosheath thickness of **25 +/- 8 AU**

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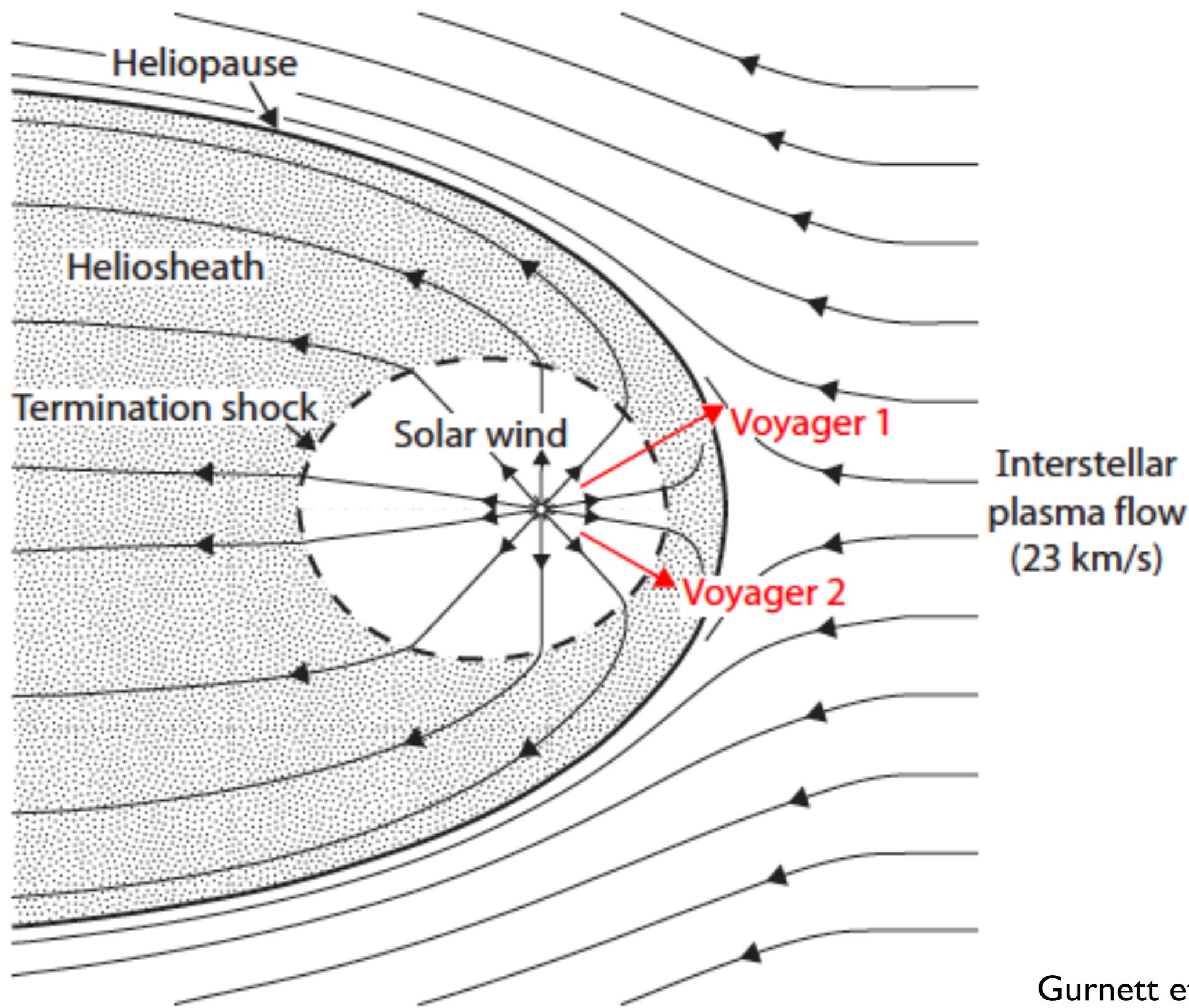
Shigeo Fukuda:

Projection of a piano ...



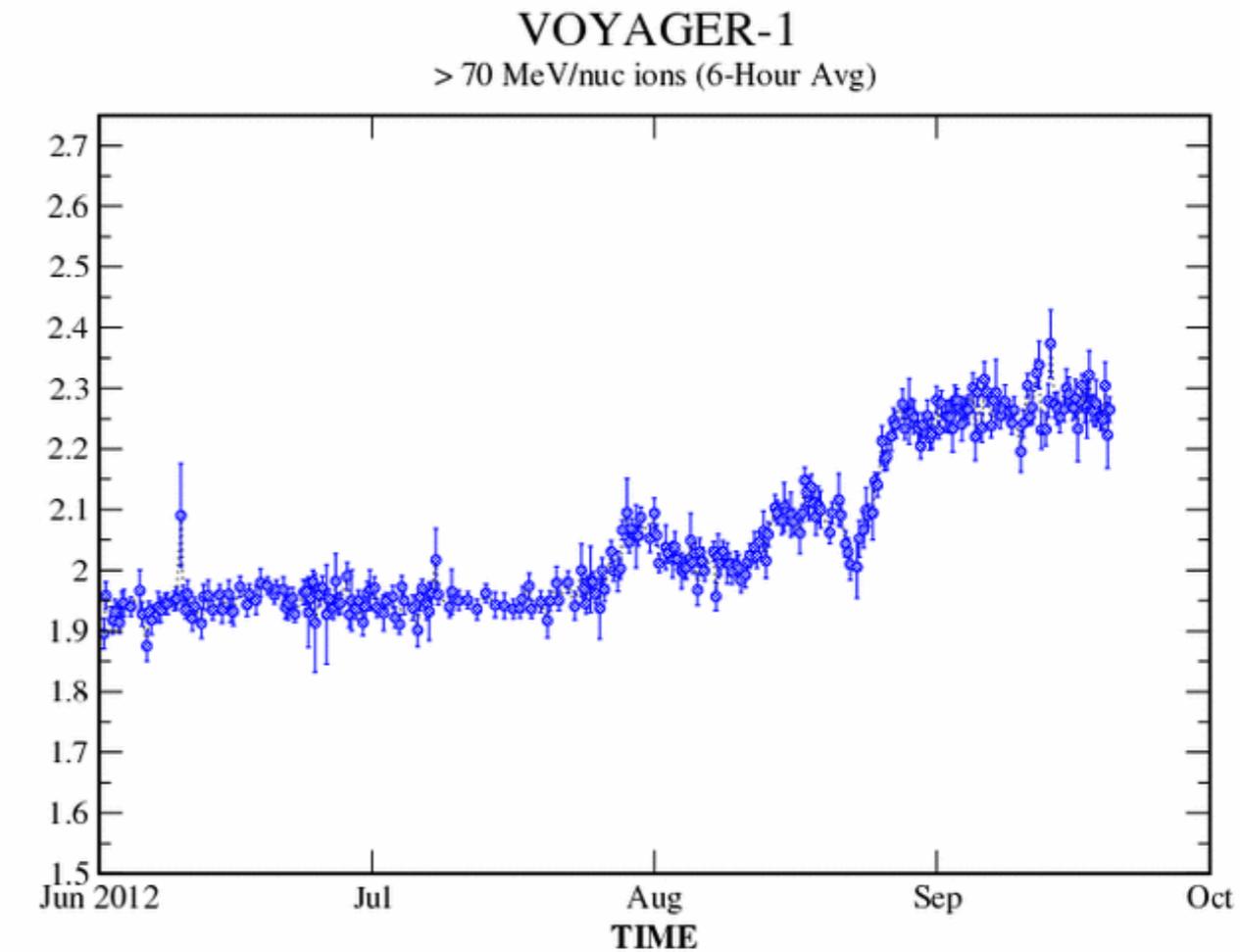
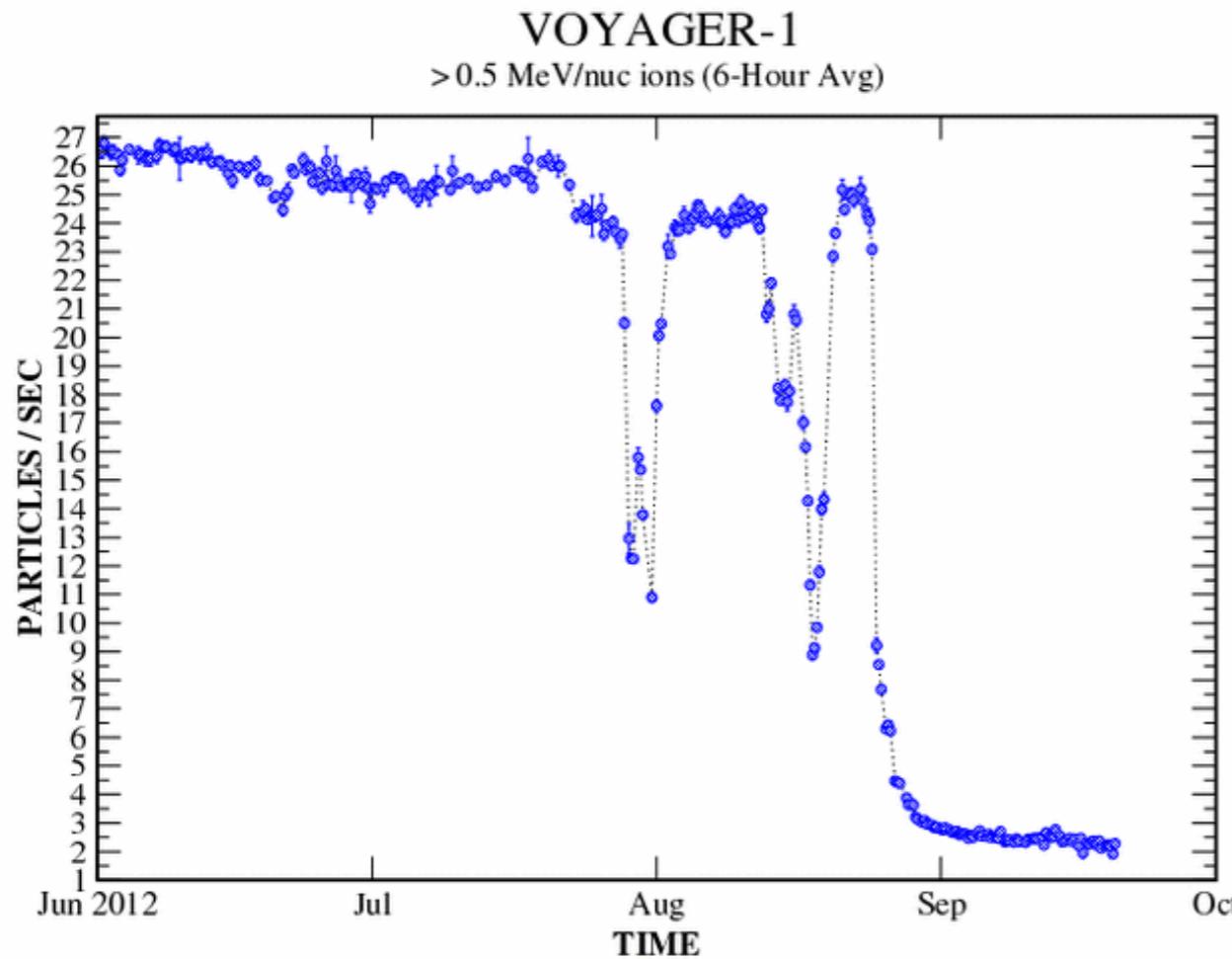
... and the full view

Voyager I and Voyager2



Gurnett et al 2013

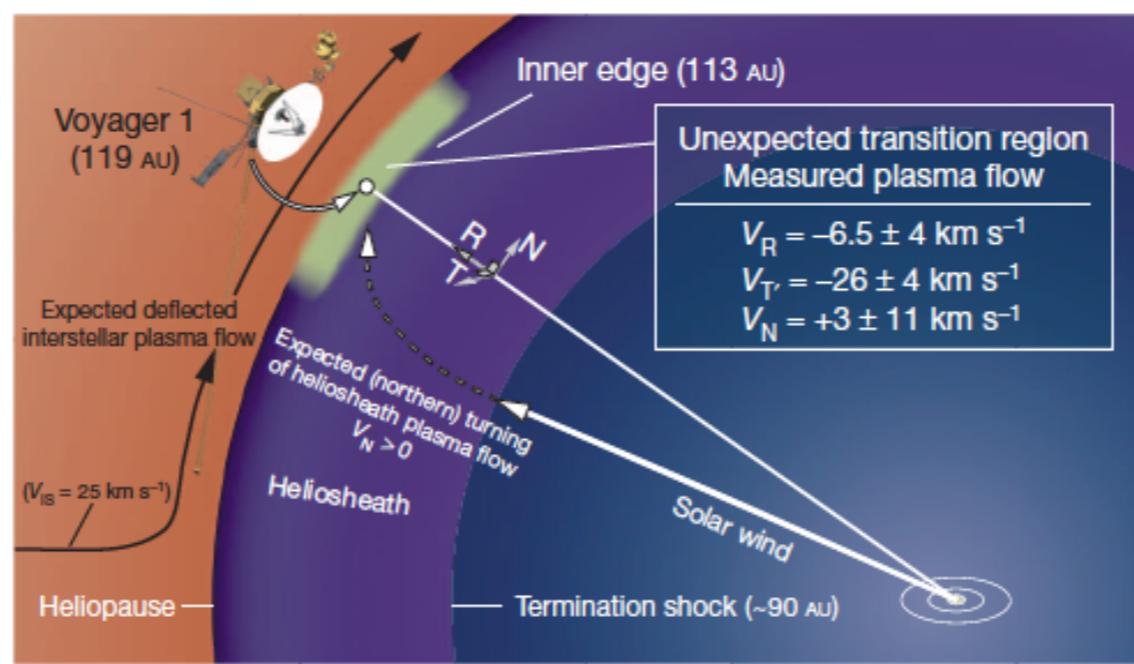
Voyager 1 at 121.94 AU (archive data...): Has Voyager 1 crossed into the heliopause?



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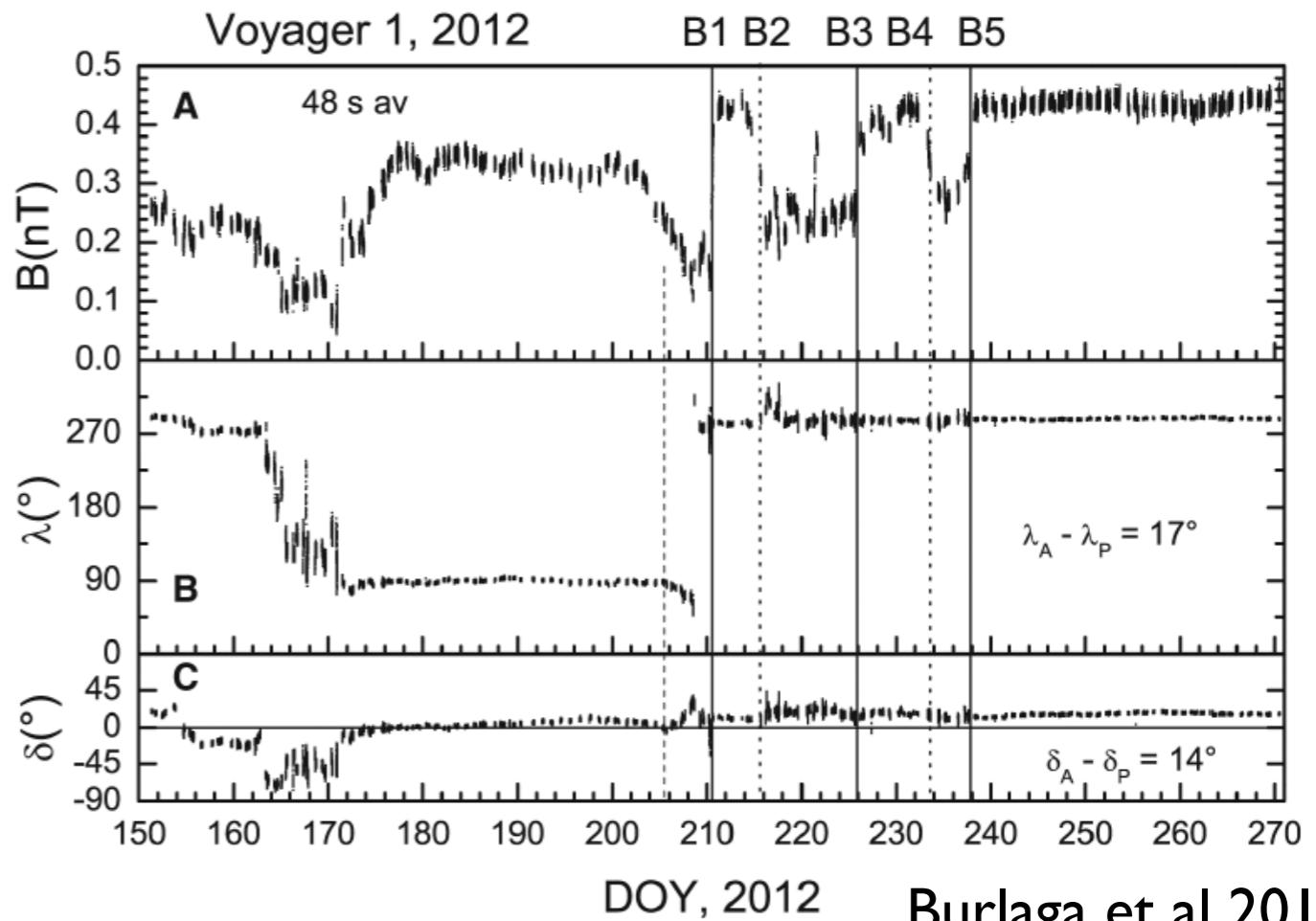
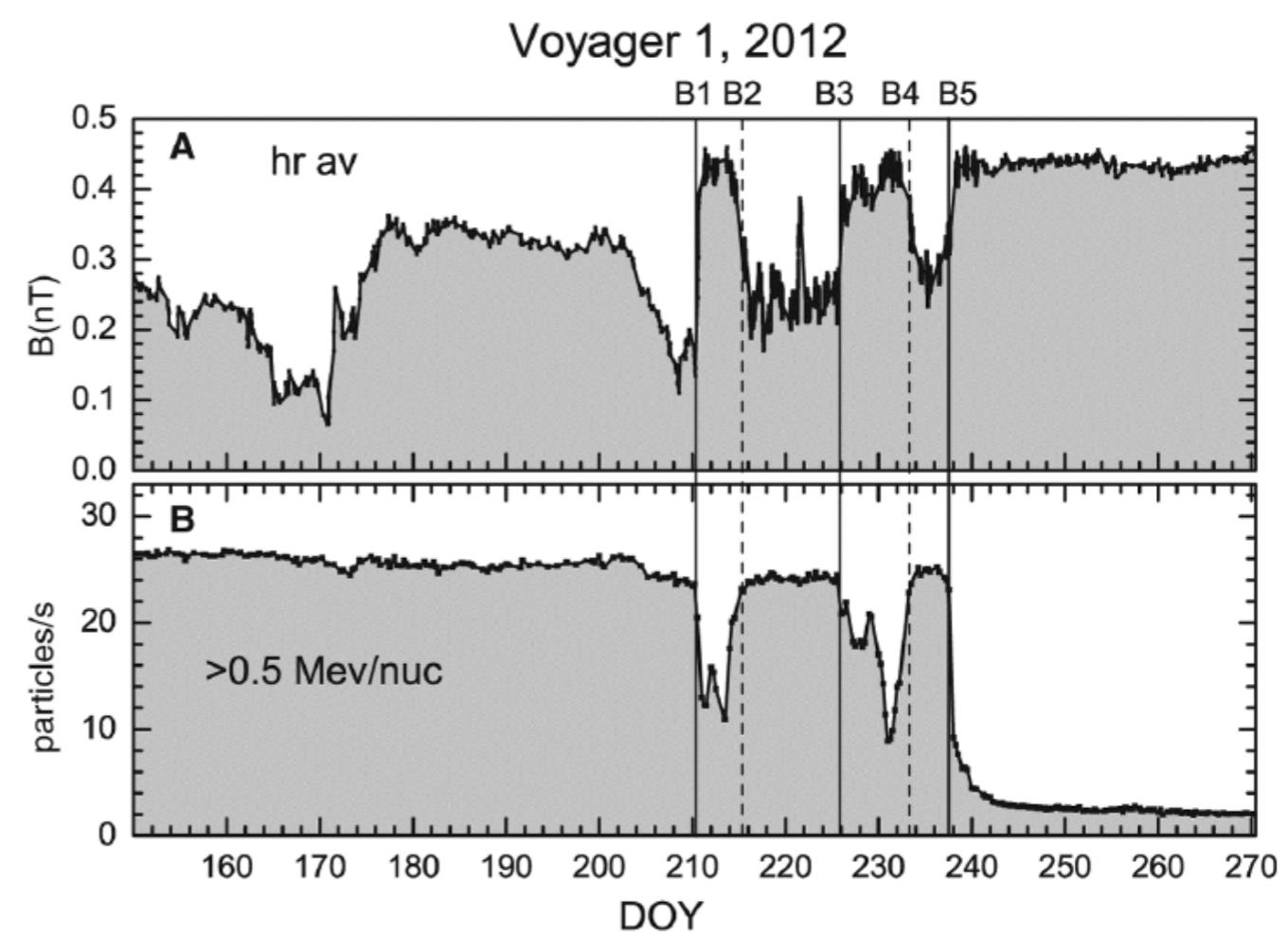
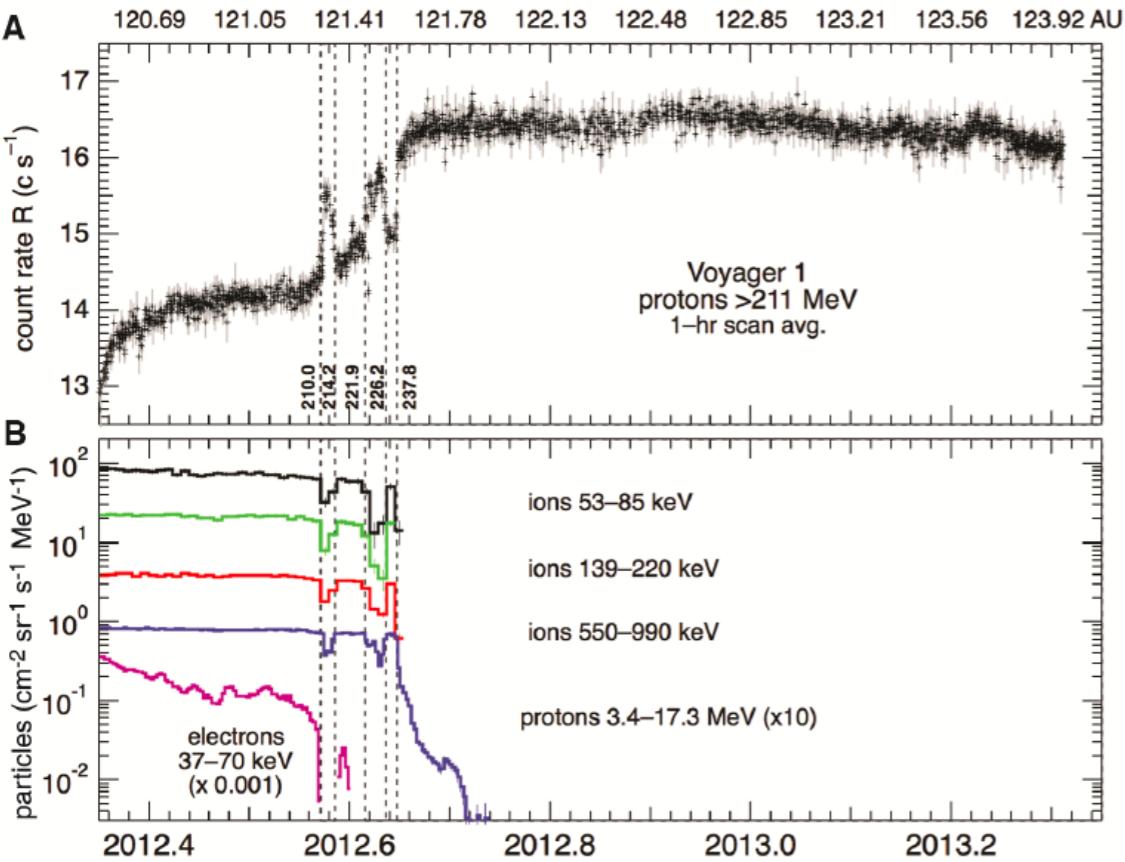
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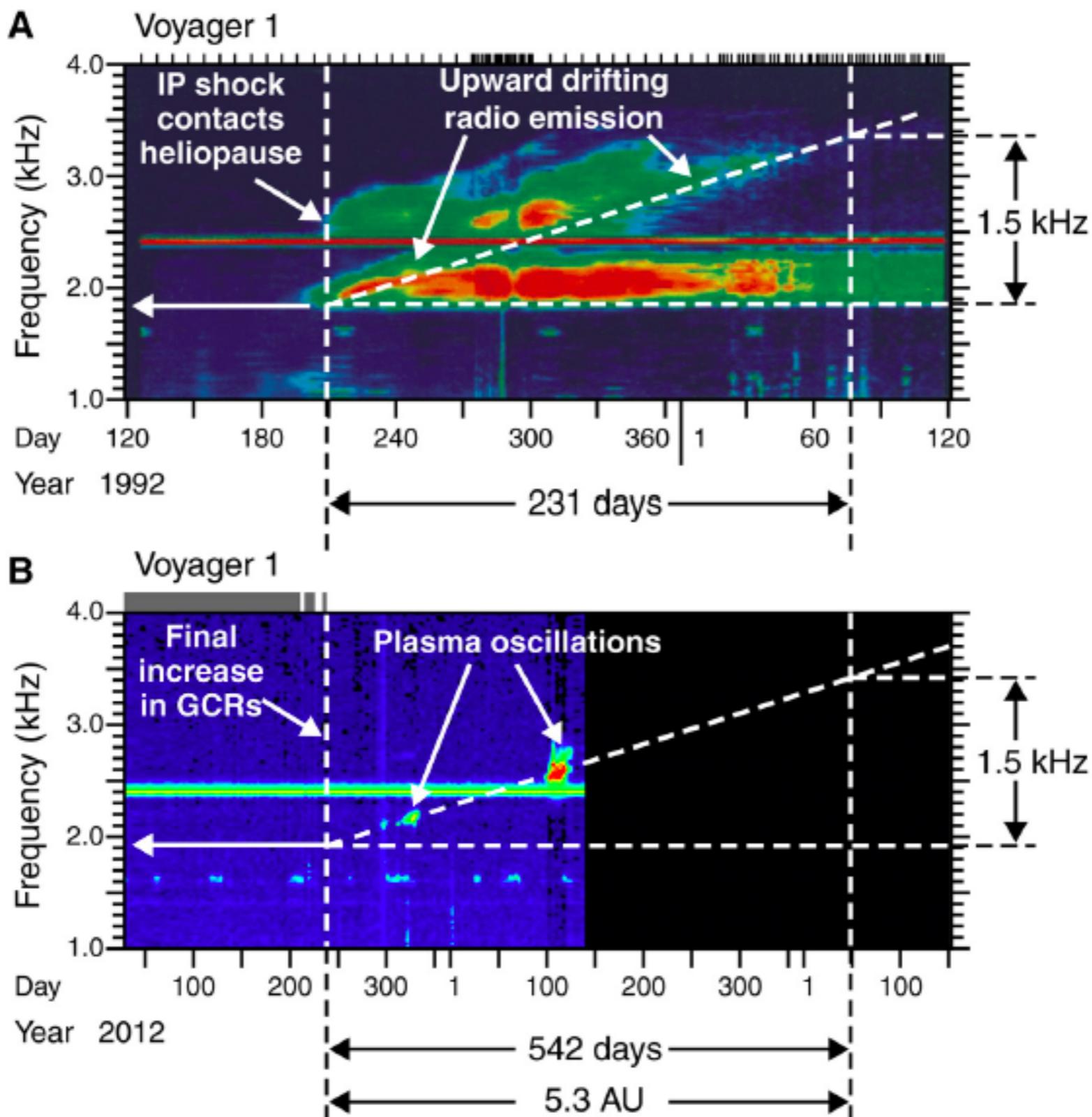


Decker 2012

Suprathermal energetic particles declined,
galactic cosmic rays - GCRs -increased and
magnetic field
increased, but still
aligned along Parker's spiral.



Plasma density increased - Voyager I crossed the heliopause into the interstellar plasma on or about August 25, 2012.



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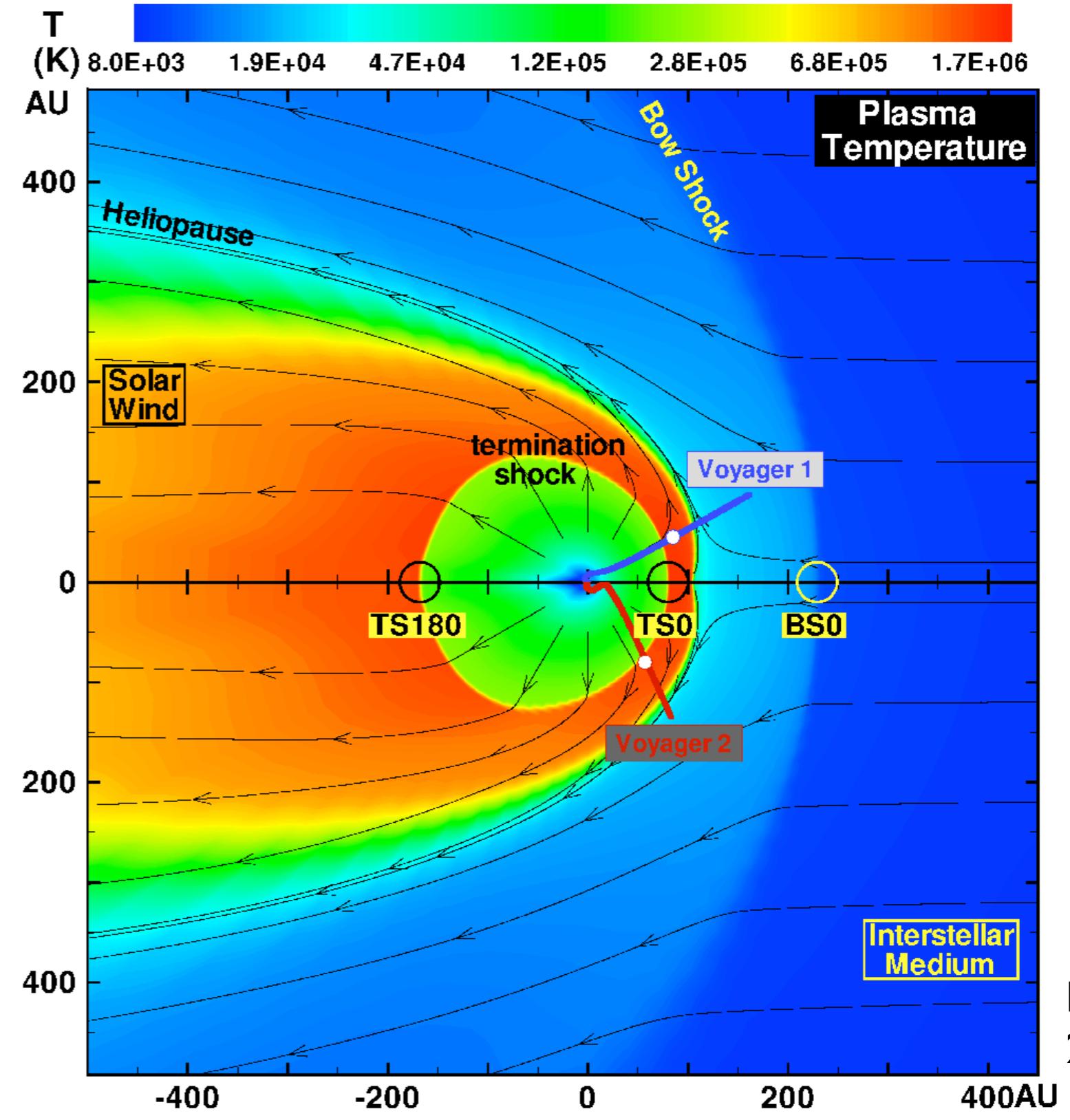
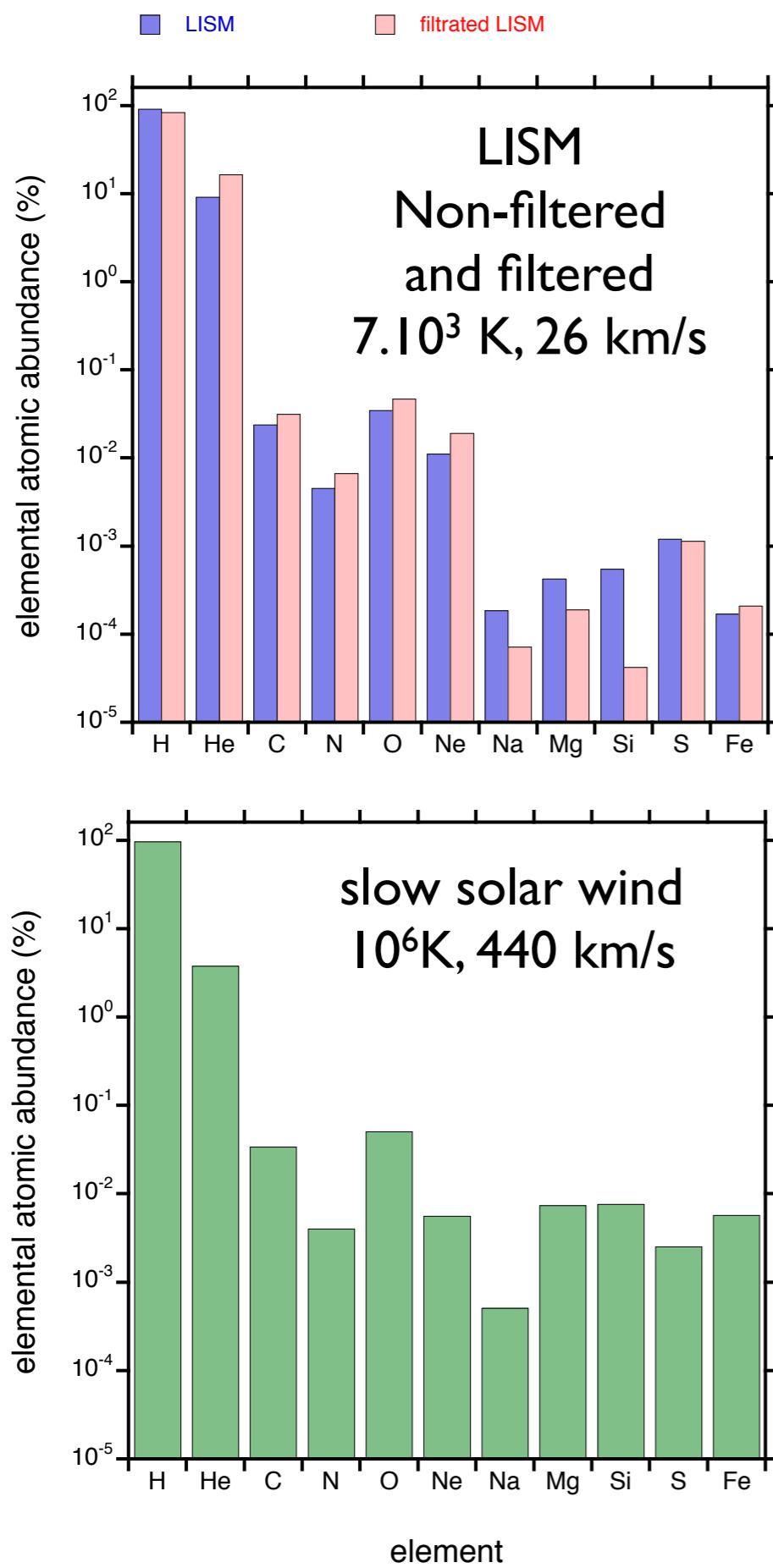
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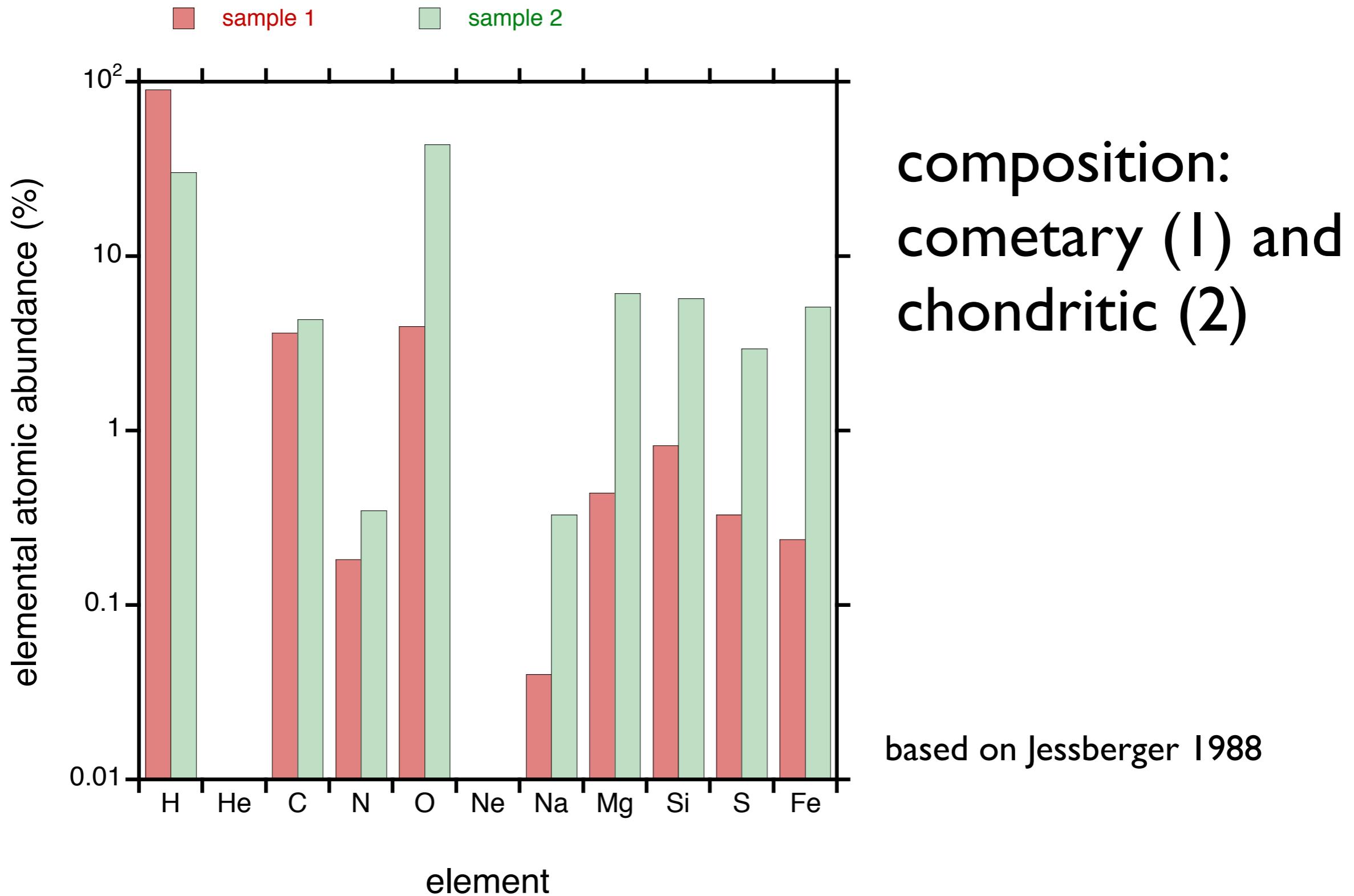


Rosetta lander Philae
Nov 2014

Heliospheric gas and plasma

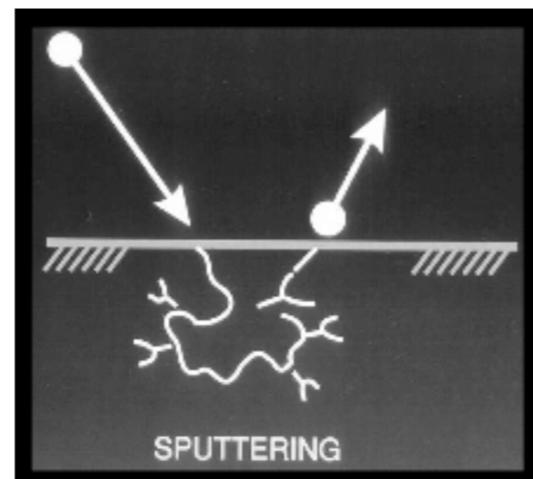


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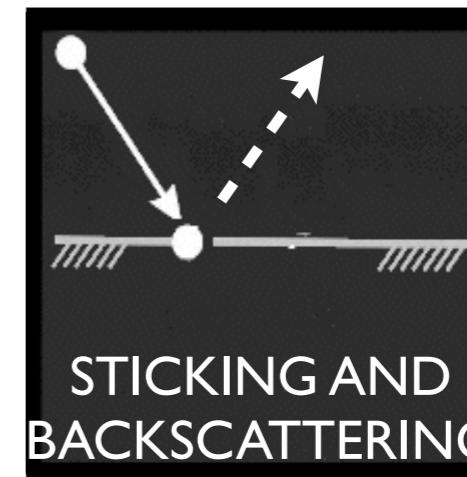


Weathering and matter

projectile
interaction region

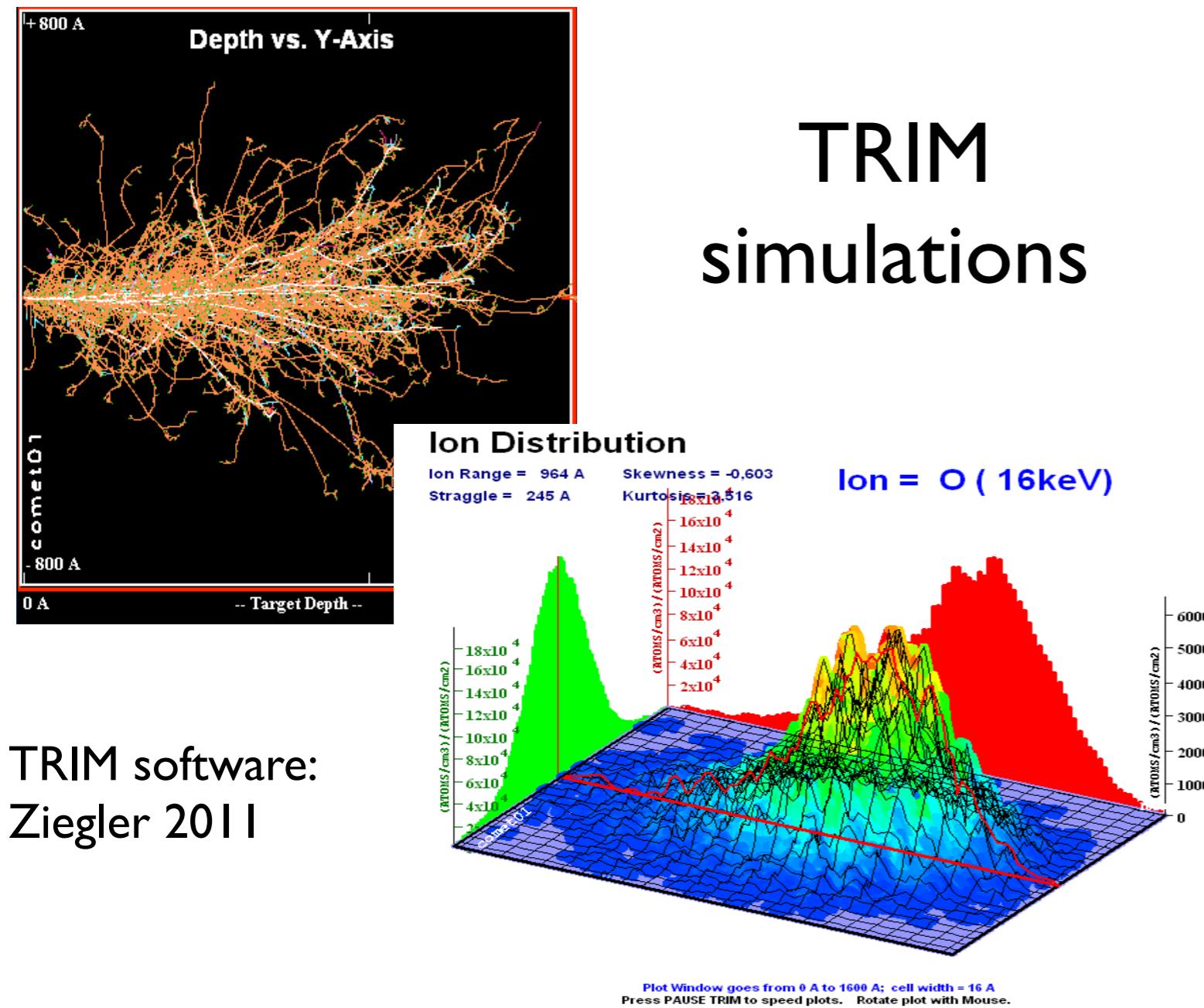


sputtered
particles



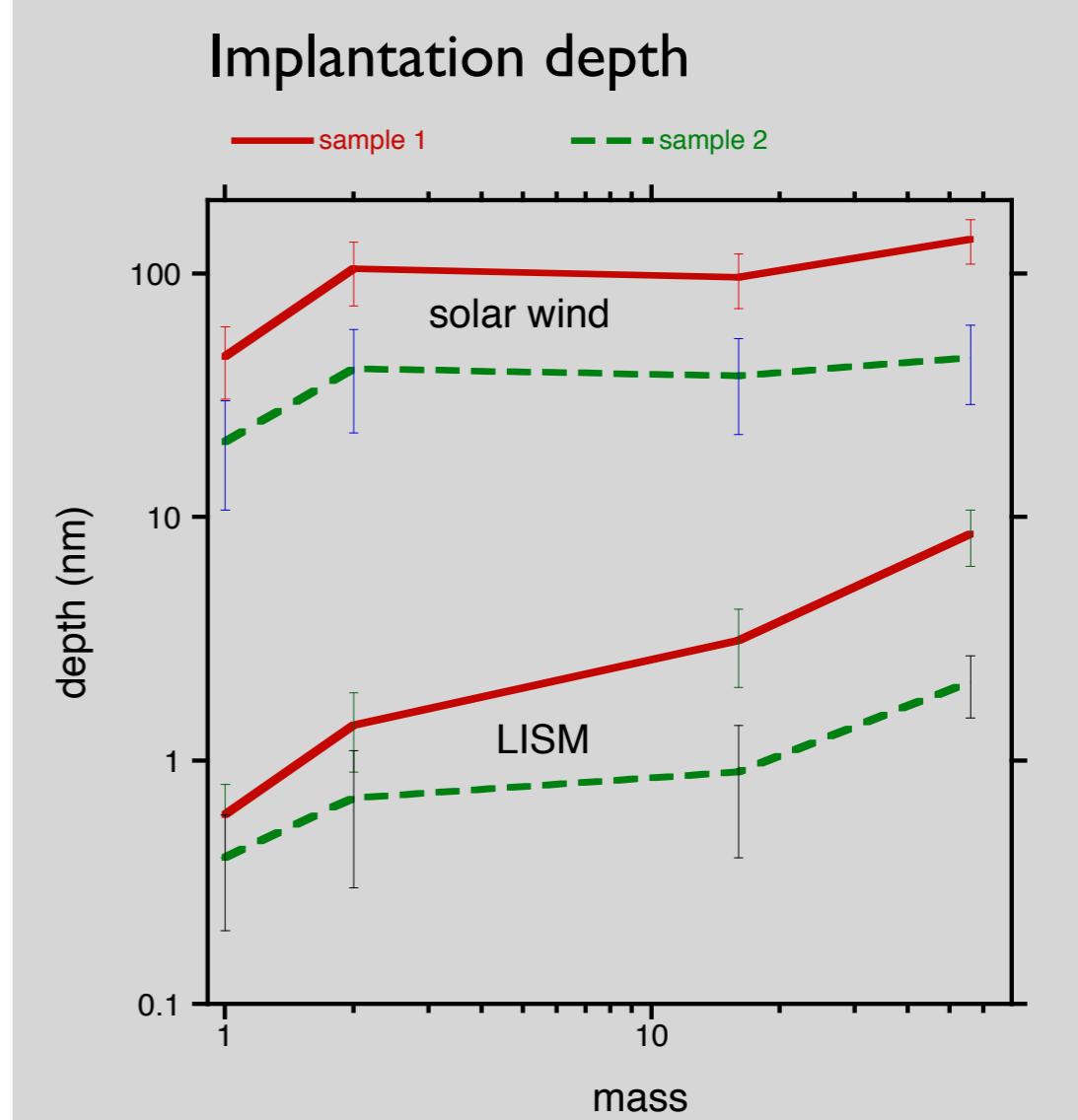
back scattered
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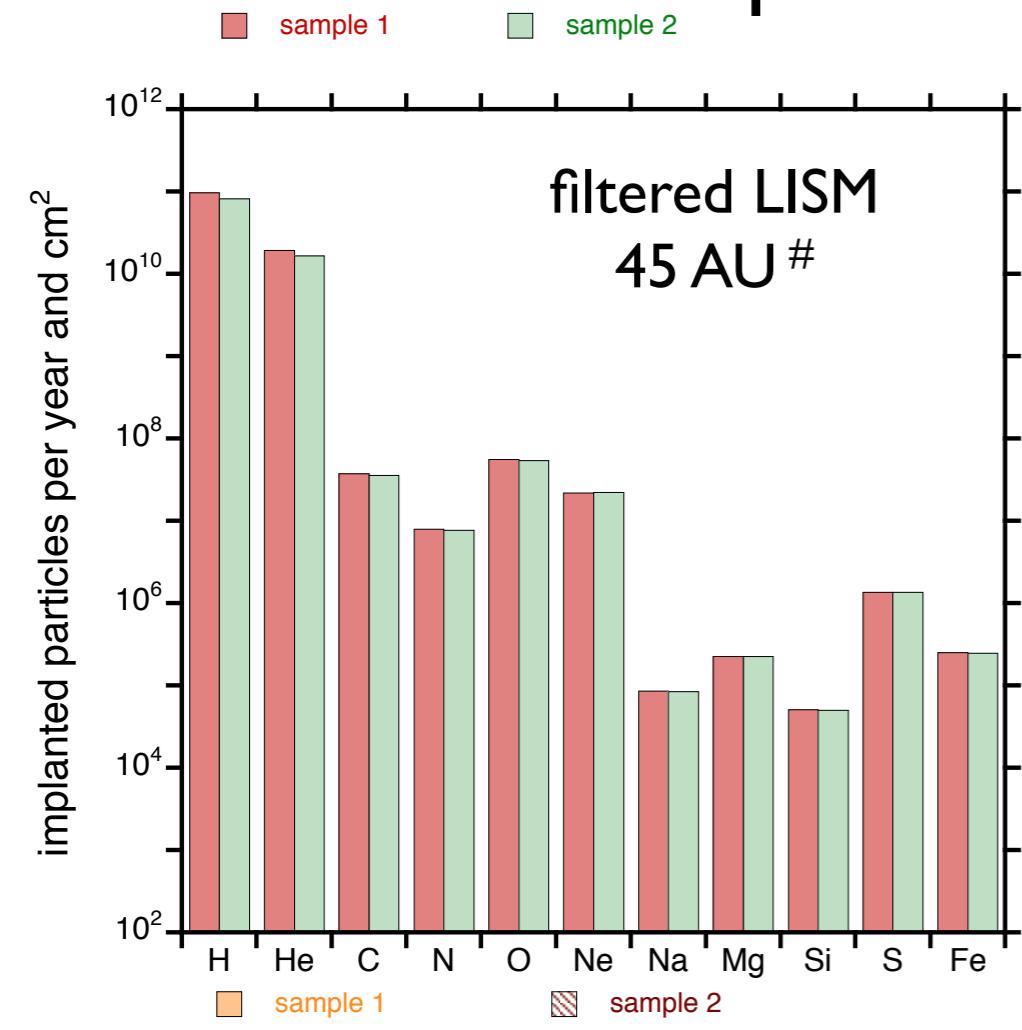
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TRIM software:
Ziegler 2011

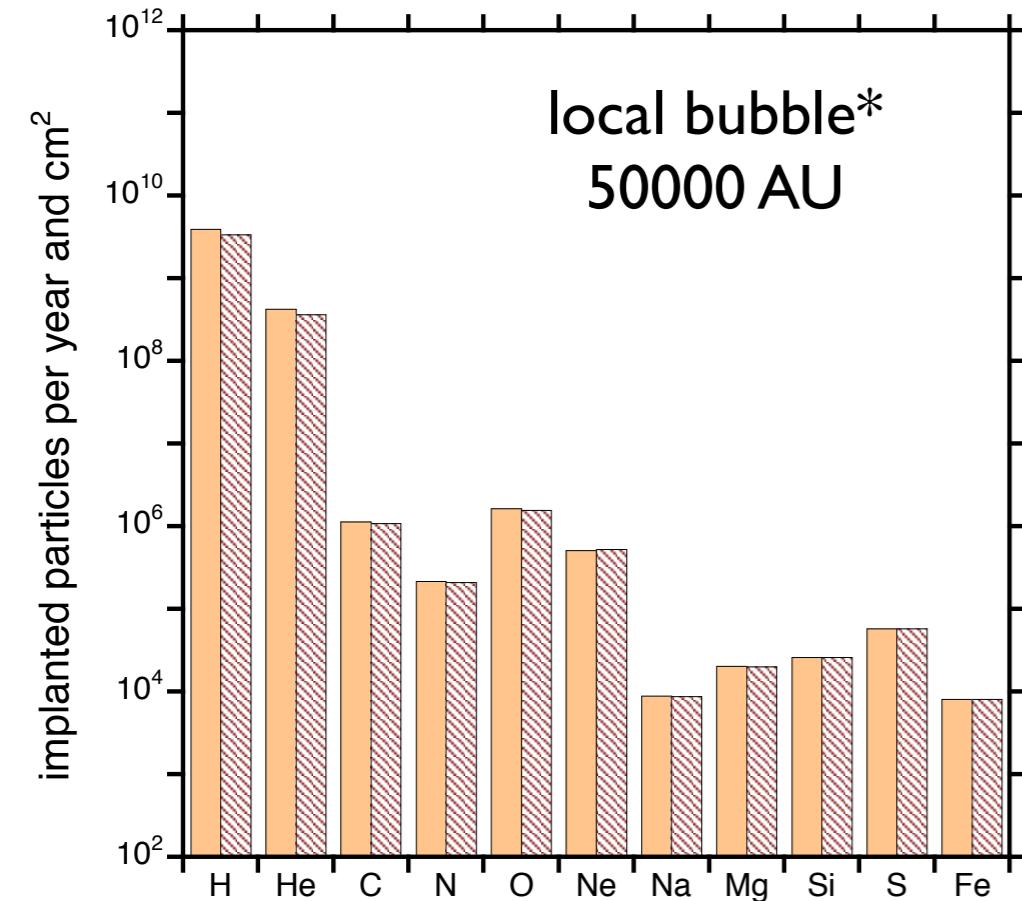
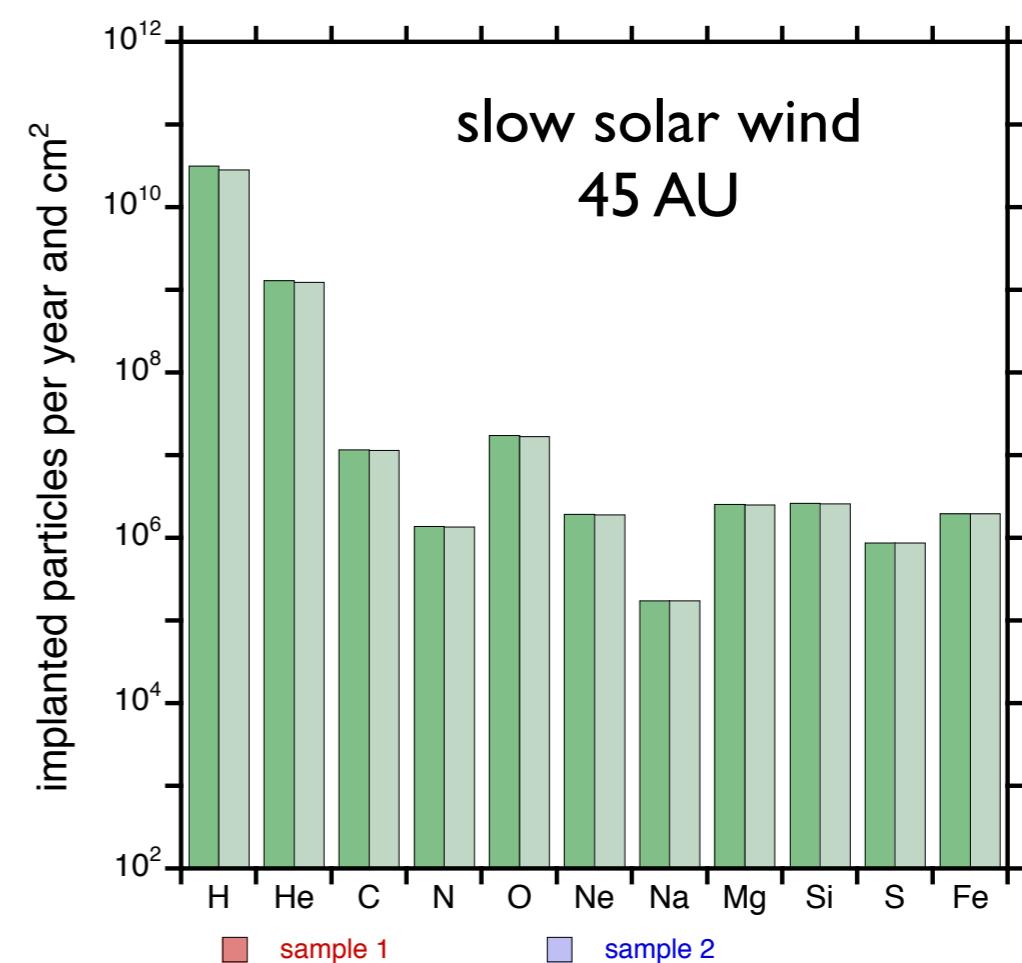


depth of interaction region < visible light
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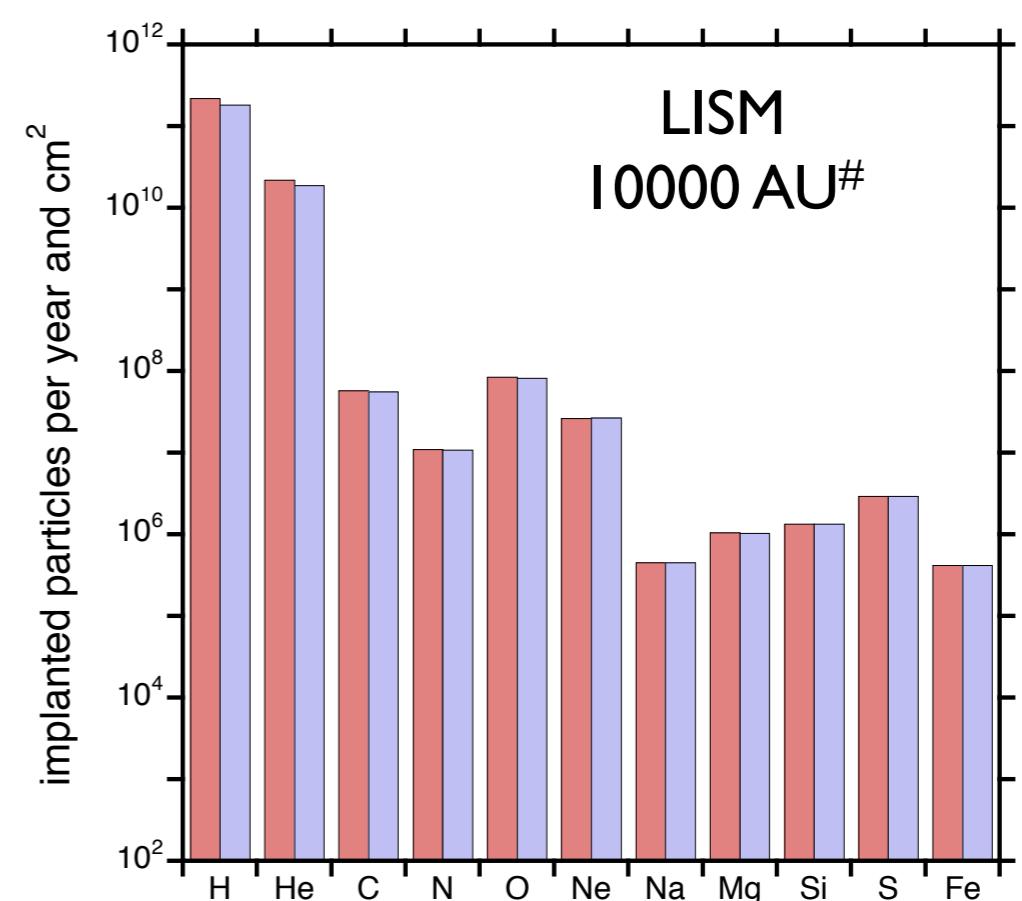
Implantation and sample composition



composition:
cometary (1)
and
chondritic (2)

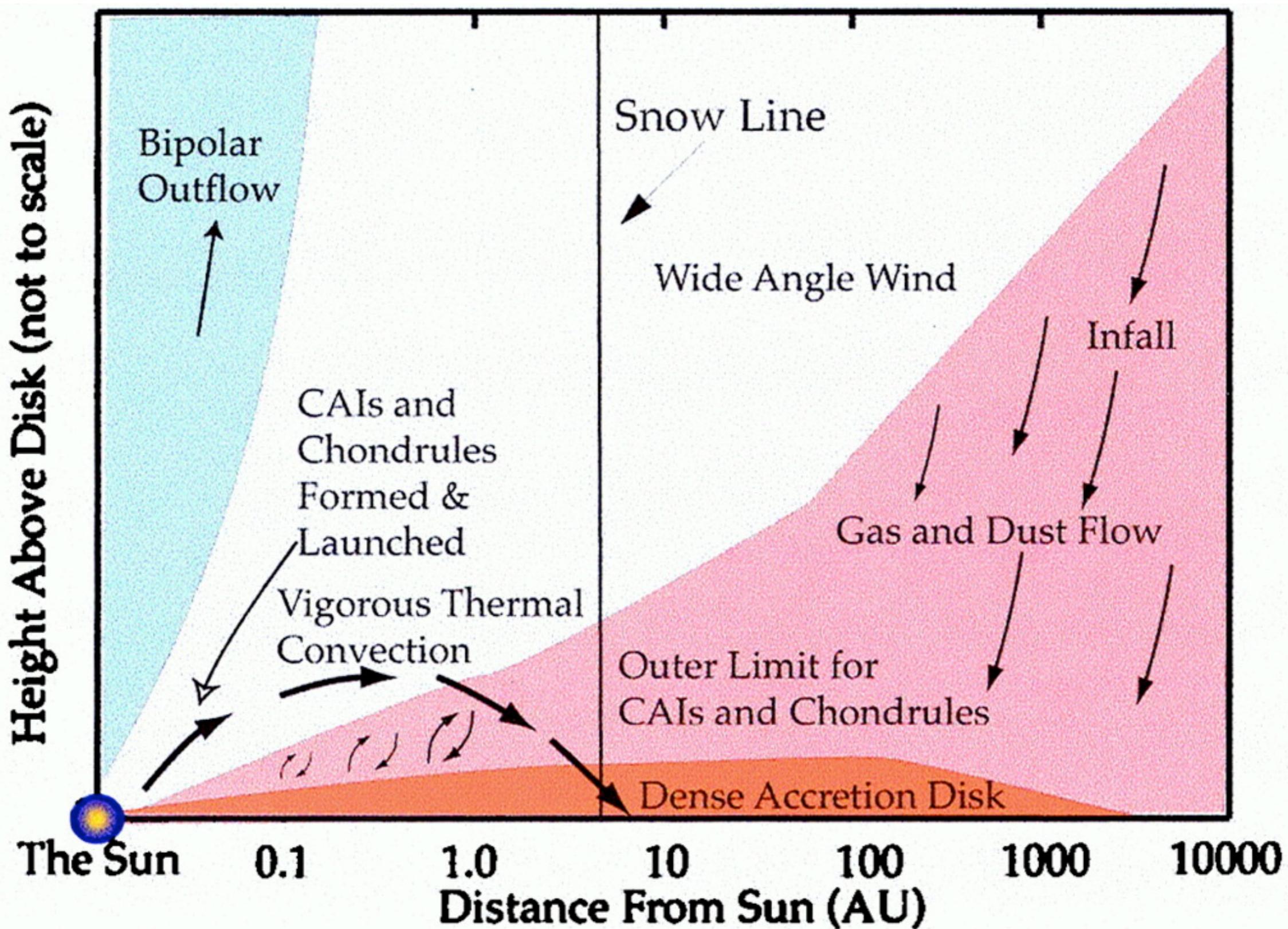


* hot plasma
 10^6 K
 10^{-3} cm⁻³



surface
potential
set to
0V

Ancient time of comet assembly.....



Can we explore the "ancient" weathering -
before the cometary dust grains were shielded
within the nucleus from the solar wind and
heliospheric environment
with the SIMS Instrument COSIMA onboard
Rosetta?

^{115}In projectiles ... cometary grain
sputtering from 2014 onward

Example: Si isotopes

Au-"Black" Nb. 9 - 2 uJ / 20080926

