

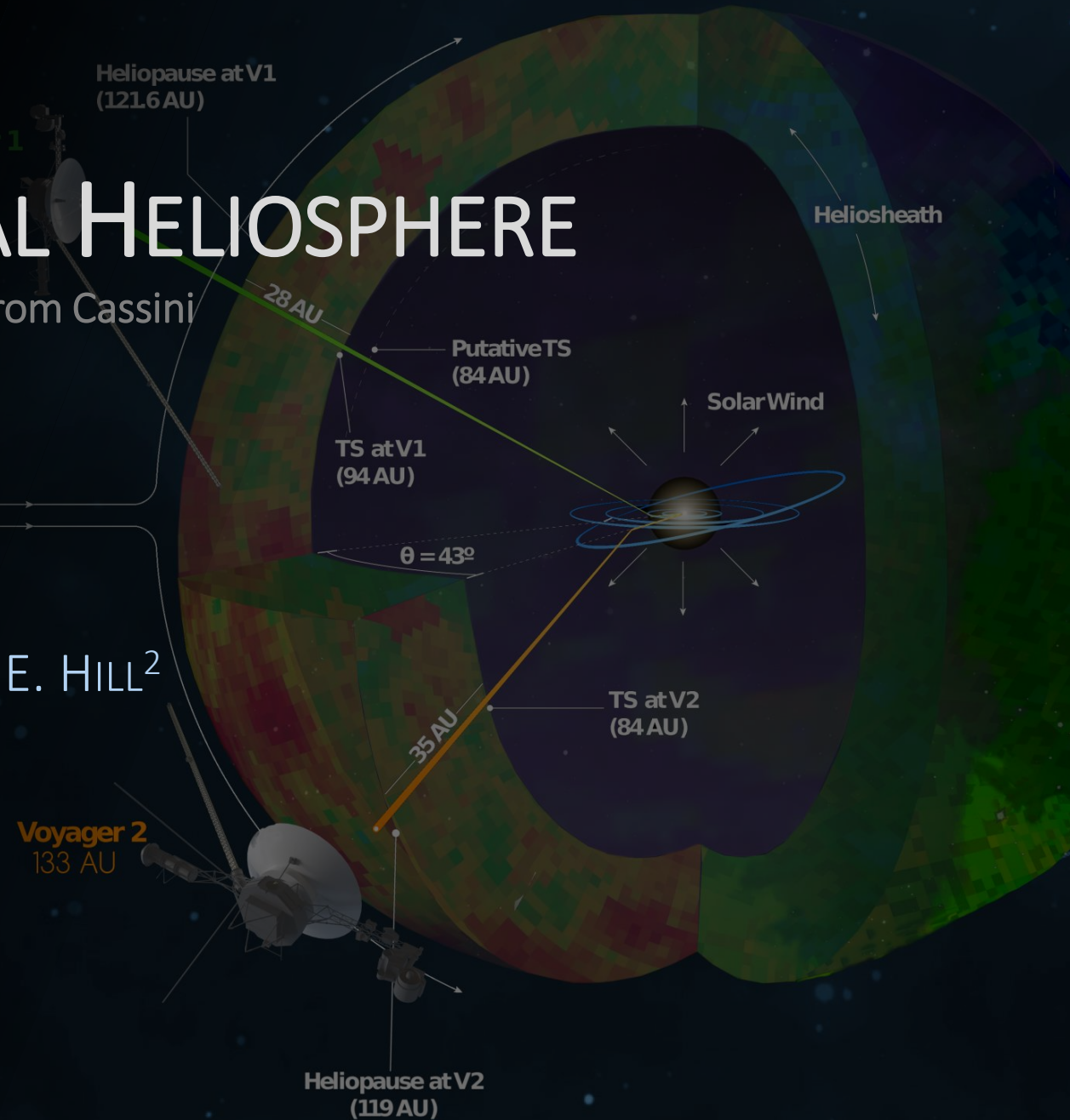
# THE SCIENCE OF THE GLOBAL HELIOSPHERE

in-situ ions from the Voyagers and remotely sensed ENAs from Cassini

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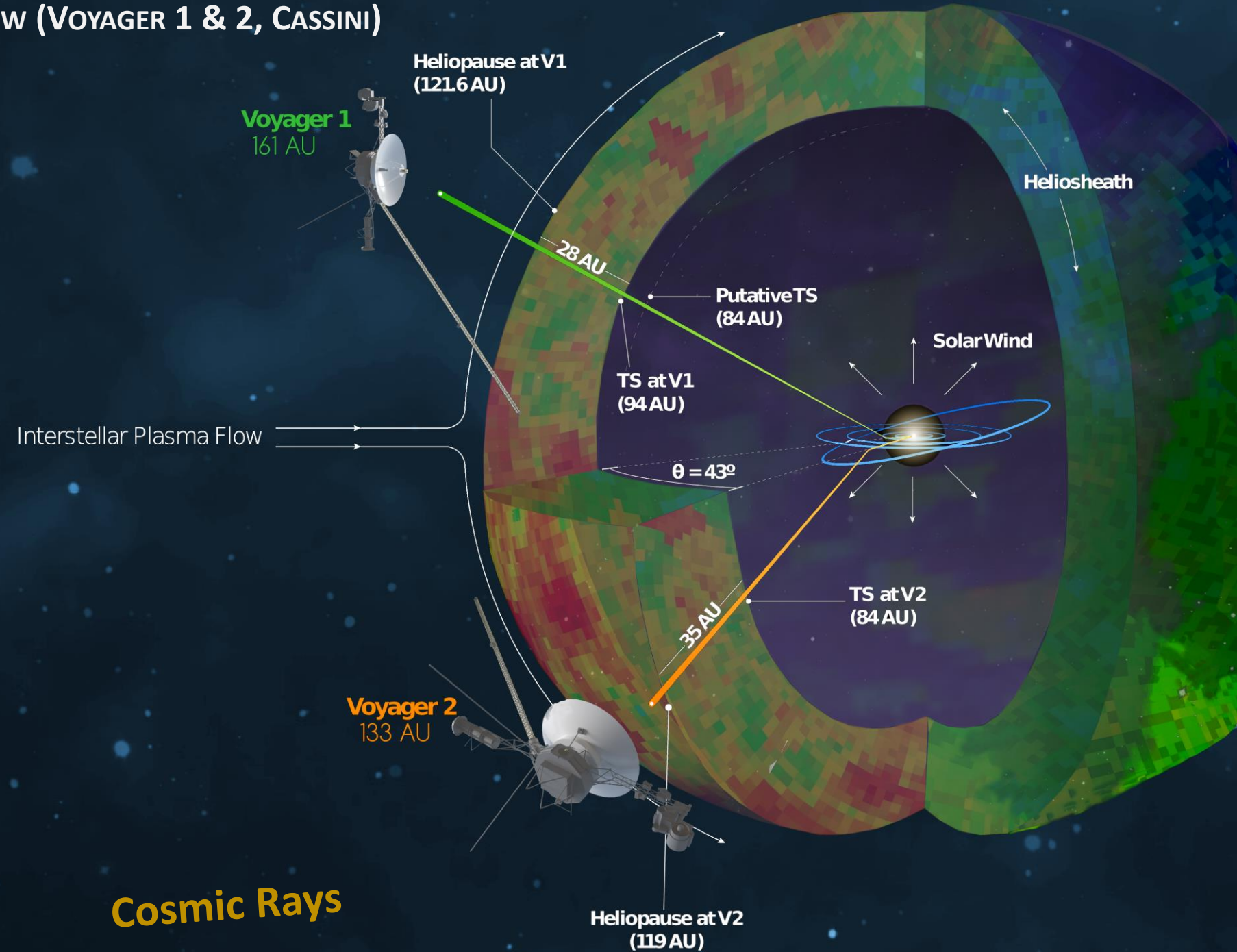
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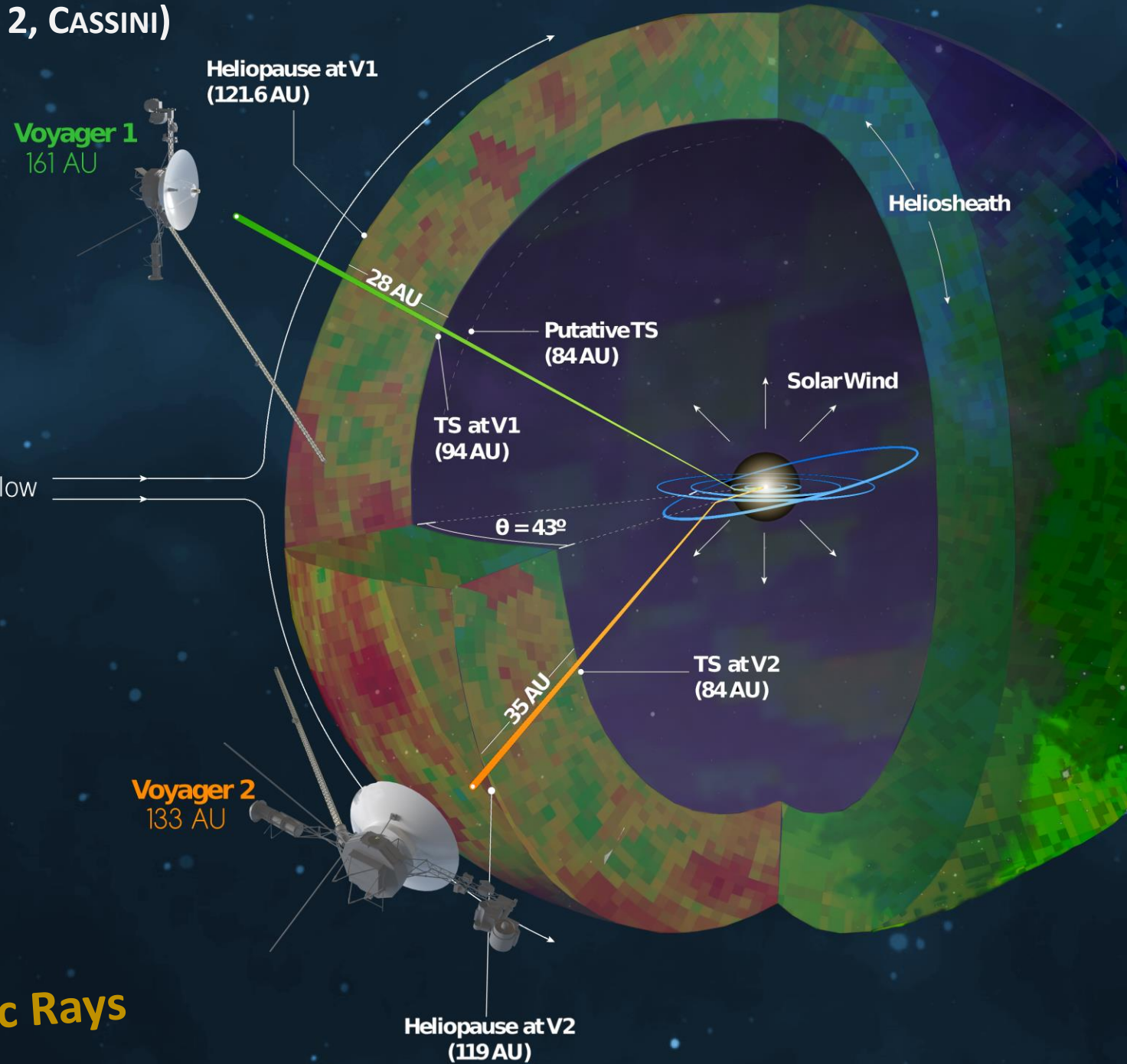
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McComas+[2012]

Bow Shock?  
Bow Wave?

Scherer & Fichtner+[2014]

Cosmic Rays



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Cosmic Rays



Voyager 1  
161 AU

Heliopause at V1  
(121.6 AU)

28 AU

Putative TS  
(84 AU)

TS at V1  
(94 AU)

$\theta = 43^\circ$

35 AU

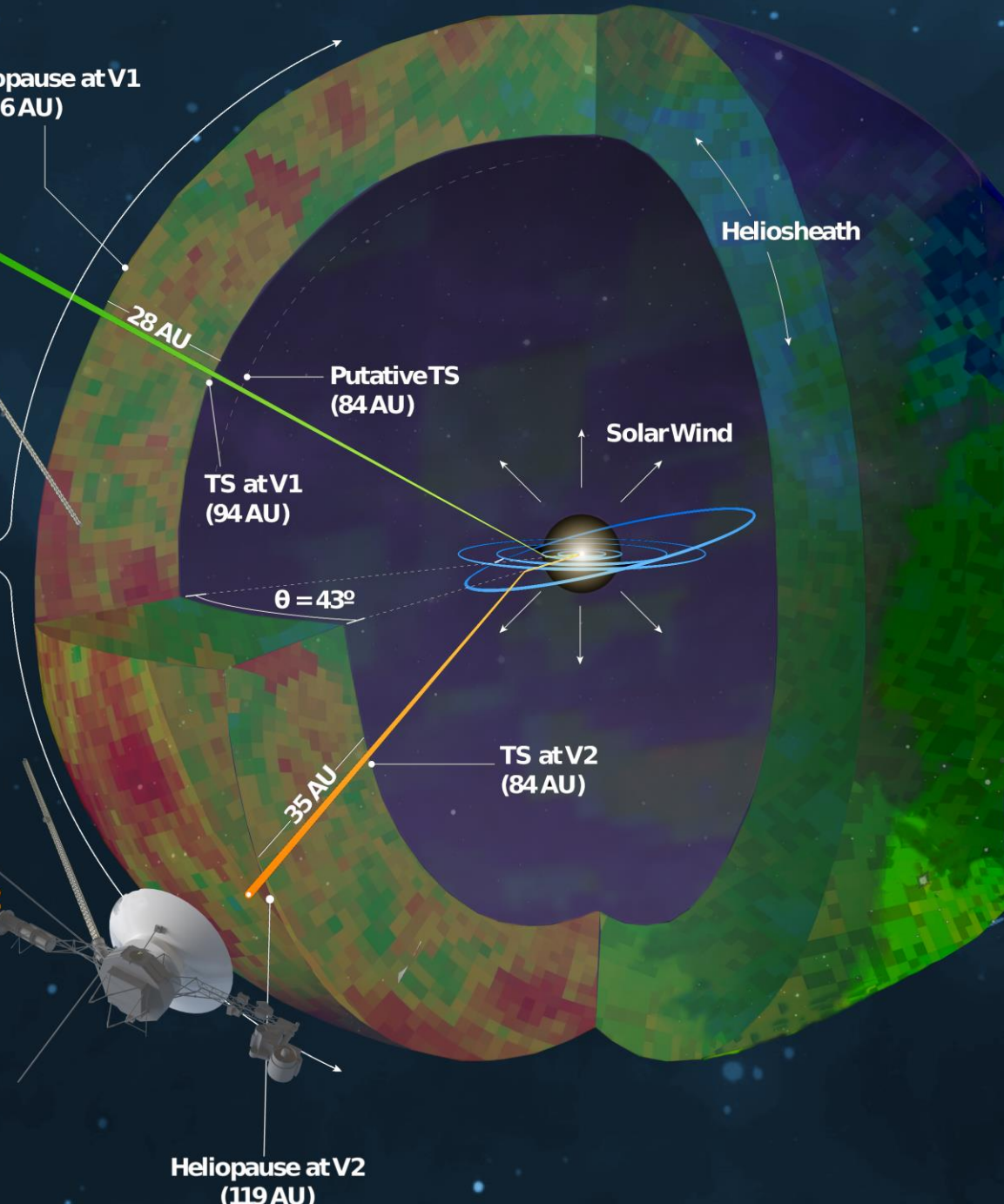
TS at V2  
(84 AU)

Voyager 2  
133 AU

Heliopause at V2  
(119 AU)

Heliosheath

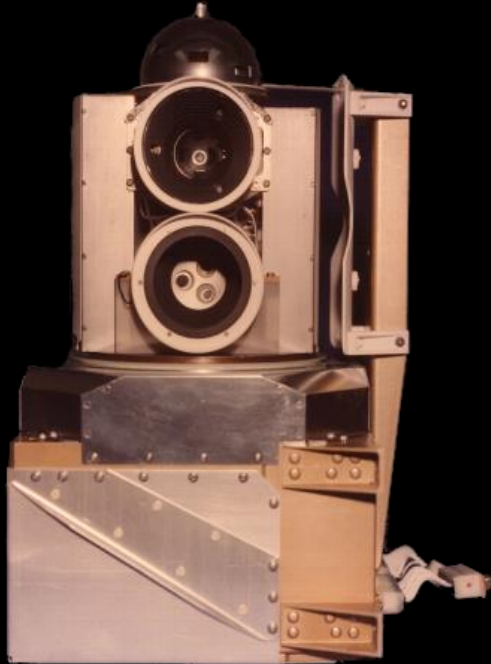
Solar Wind



# INSTRUMENTATION // LECP on V1/V2 & MIMI/INCA on Cassini

## LECP

Krimigis+[1977]



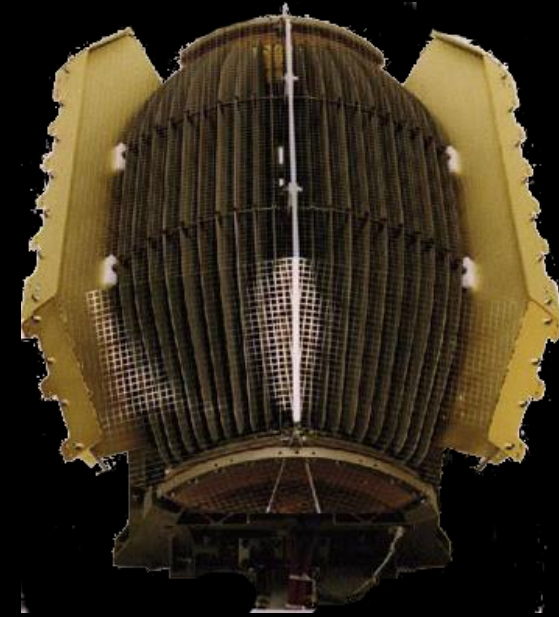
**V1/LECP:** ions ~40 keV to 60 MeV/Nuc and and electrons ~26 keV to >10 MeV, together with an integral ion measurement of > 211 MeV

**V2/LECP:** ions ~28 keV to ~60 MeV/Nuc and electrons ~22 keV to >10 MeV, along with an integral ion measurement of > 213 MeV.

The detectors are capable of providing **angular information** via a mechanically stepped platform.

## Cassini/INCA

Krimigis+[2004]



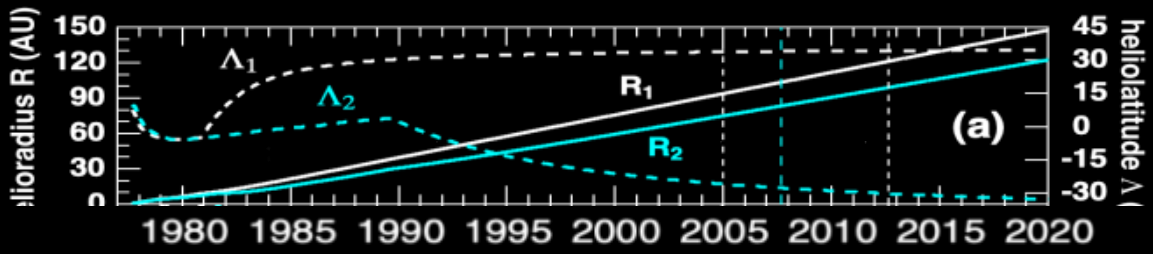
Geometry factor:  $\sim 2.4 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sr}$

Field of view (FOV):  $90 \times 120^\circ$

Analyze: composition (H and O groups), velocity, and direction of the incident ENAs within 5.2-55 keV (TOF7-4: 5.2-13.5 keV, 13.5-24 keV, 24-35 keV, 35-55 keV)

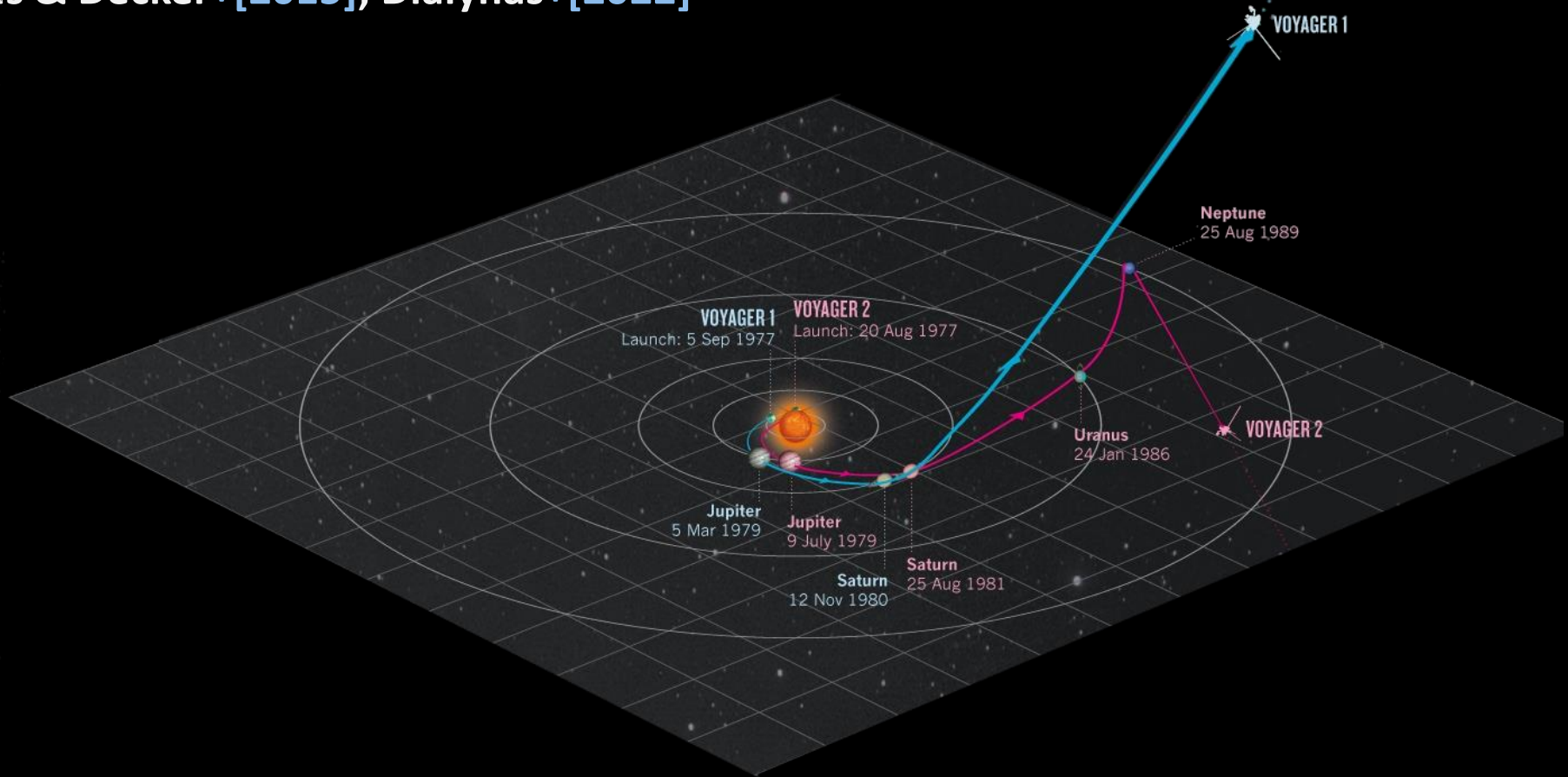
**High sensitivity** to detect very low ENA intensity events in the heliosphere and **image large parts of the sky sphere.**

# IN-SITU ION MEASUREMENTS FROM V1 & V2 LECP // A 46 YEAR CRUISE THROUGH THE HELIOSPHERE

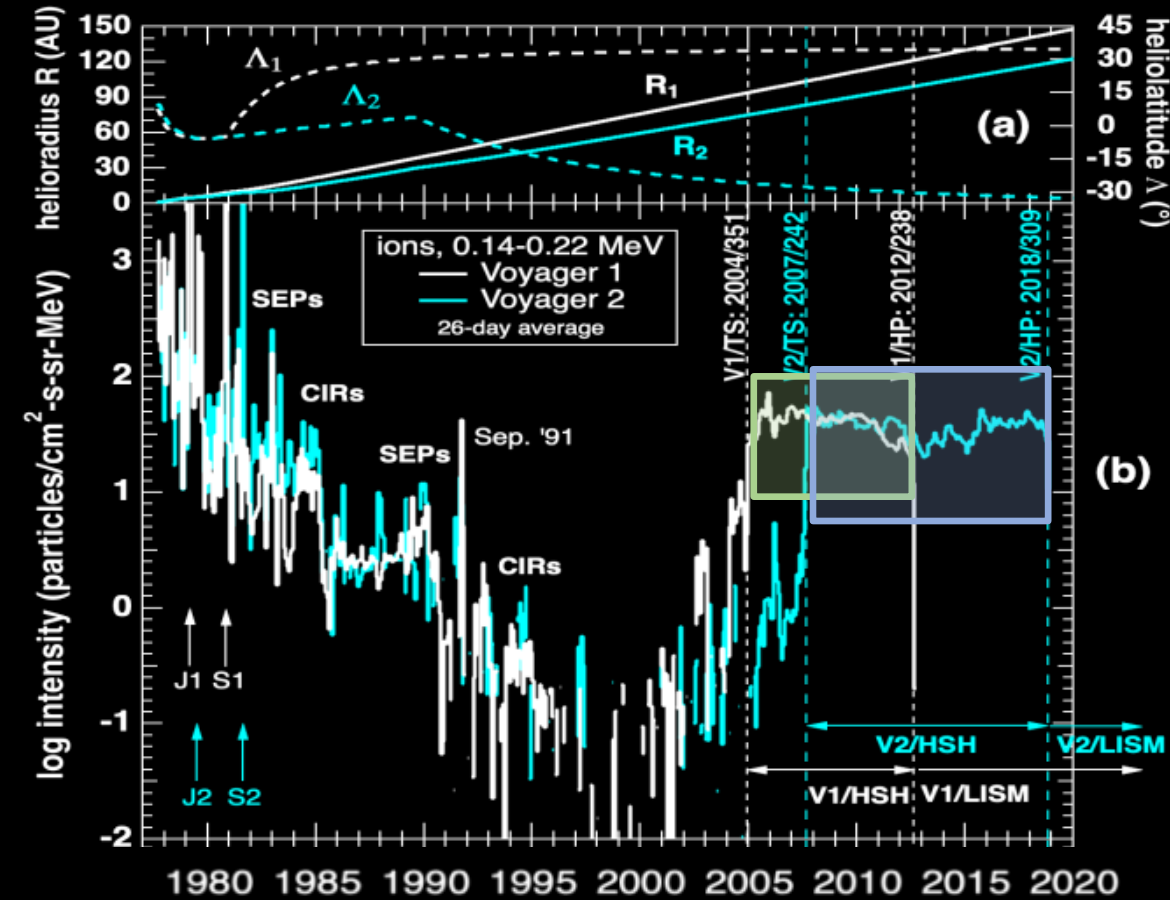


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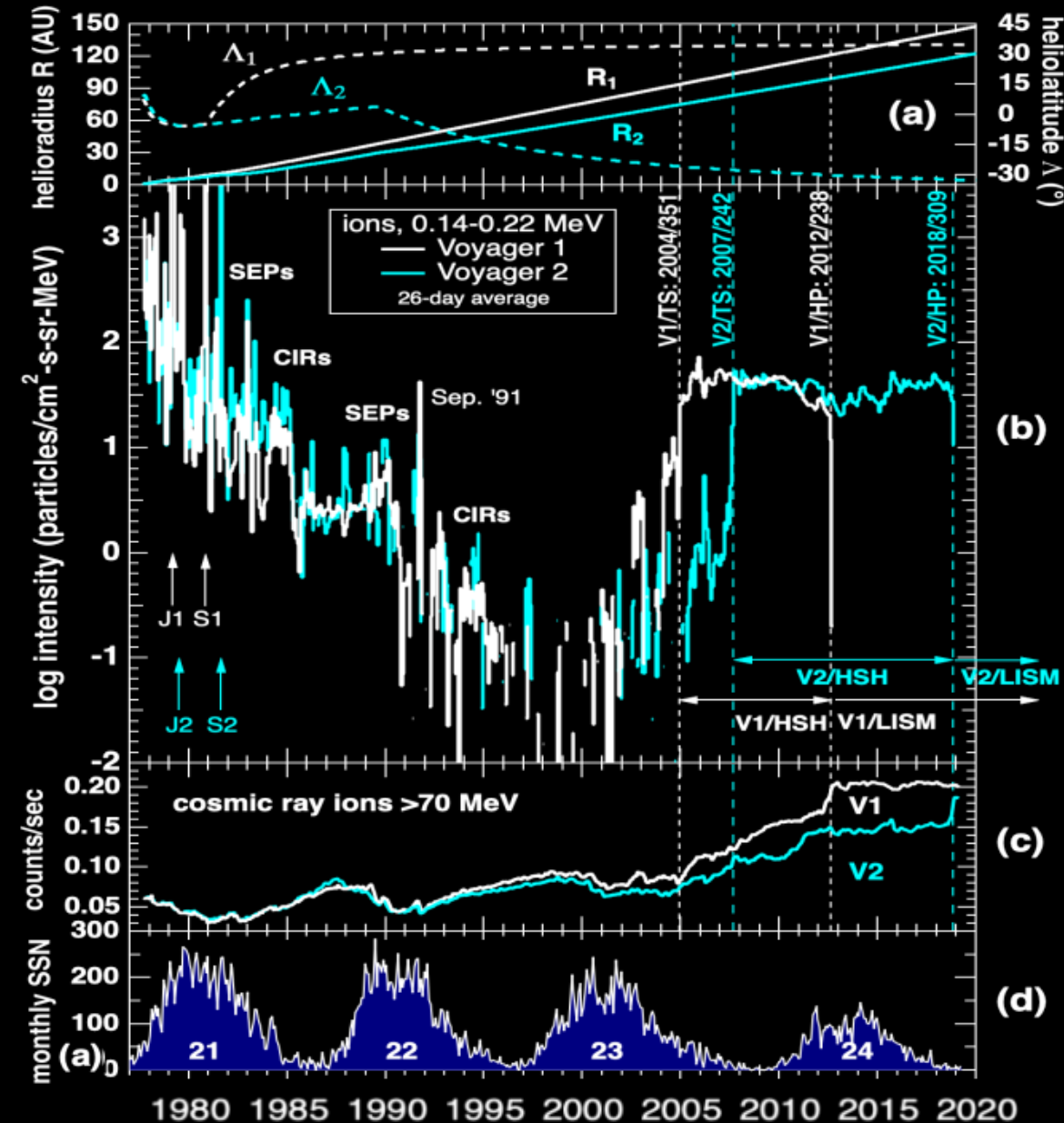


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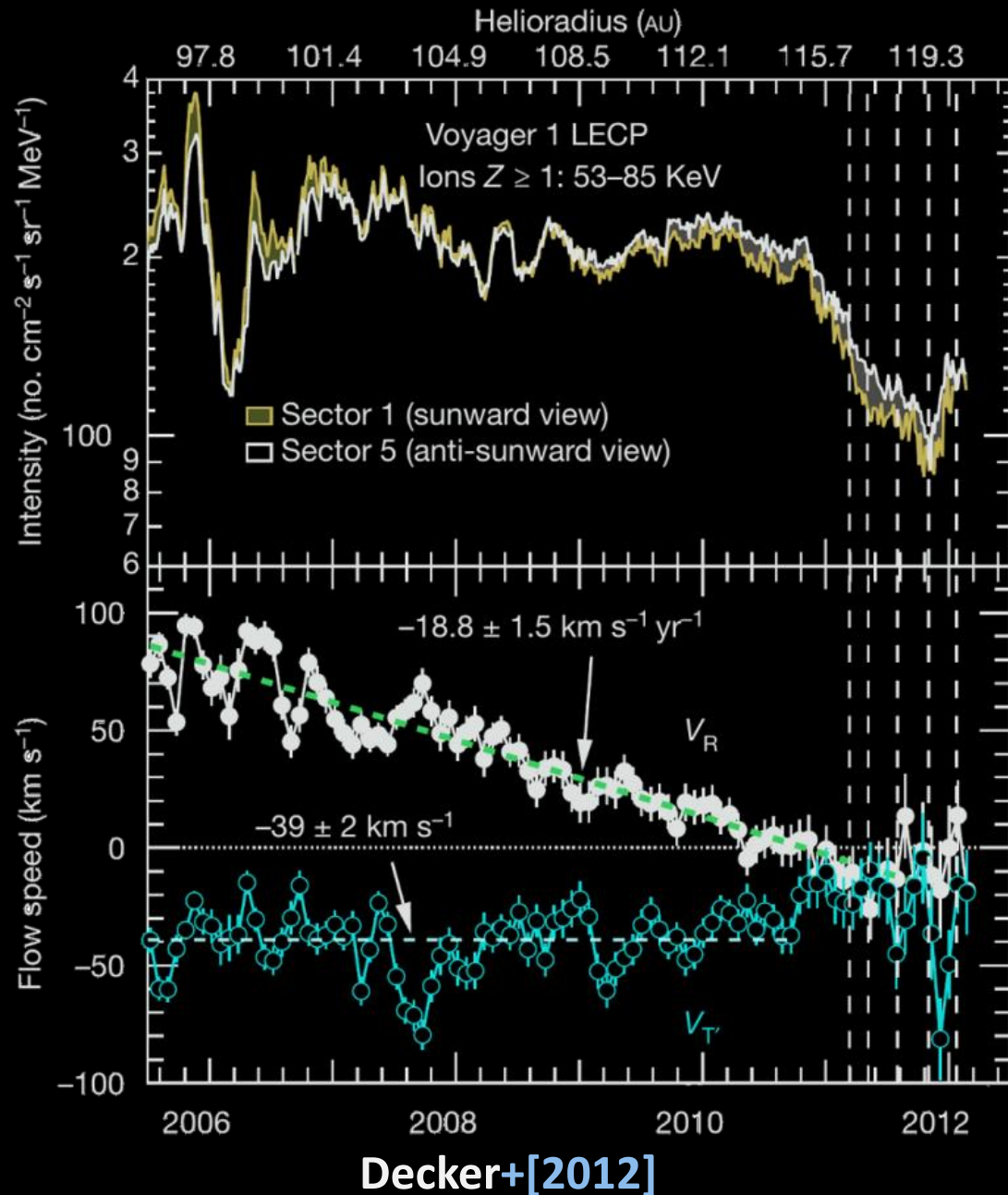
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A general increase of GCR intensity, with dropouts in anti-correlation with the solar activity over the solar cycle.



# In-situ ion measurements from V1 & V2 LECP // THE HELIOSHEATH (IN BRIEF)



**V1 surveyed the HS for ~8 yrs** (~28 AU past the TS)  
**V2 surveyed the HS for ~11 yrs** (~35 AU past the TS)

**The V1&V2/LECP ion intensities** were very similar throughout the HS.

**Gradual decrease of the radial velocities** ~70 km/s to ~0 km/s at ~116 AU from the sun.

**A finite transition layer of zero radial and meridional plasma flow velocity** for several AU within the heliosheath.

# ORIGIN OF ANOMALOUS COSMIC RAYS

VERY LOCAL  
INTERSTELLAR MEDIUM

**Fisk+[1974]**

*Solar wind acceleration to  
>10 MeV/nucleon*

Acceleration of  
ACRs at the TS

Termination Shock

Ionization

**Pesses+[1981]**

*Acceleration at the  
Termination Shock*

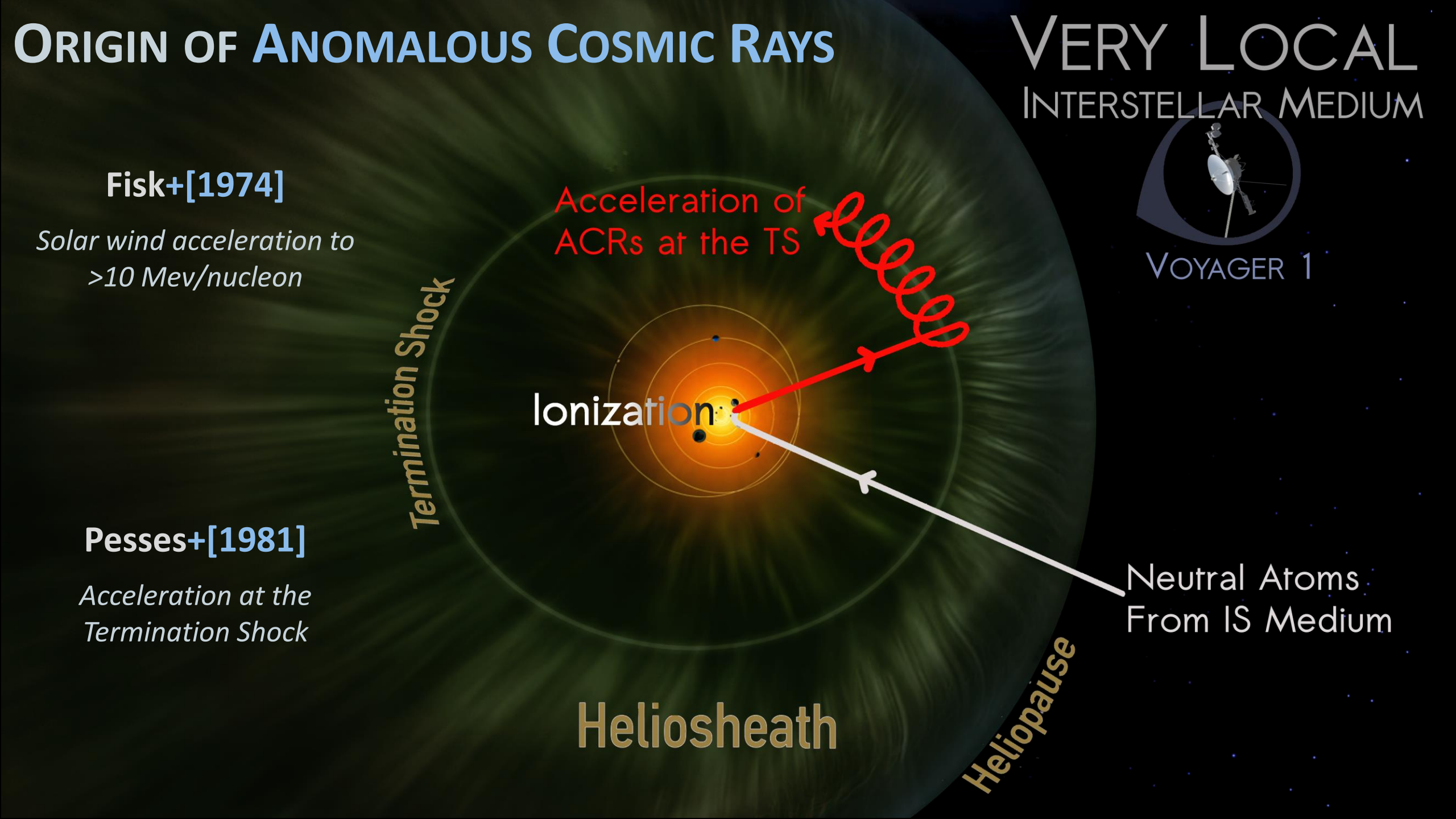


VOYAGER 1

Neutral Atoms  
From IS Medium

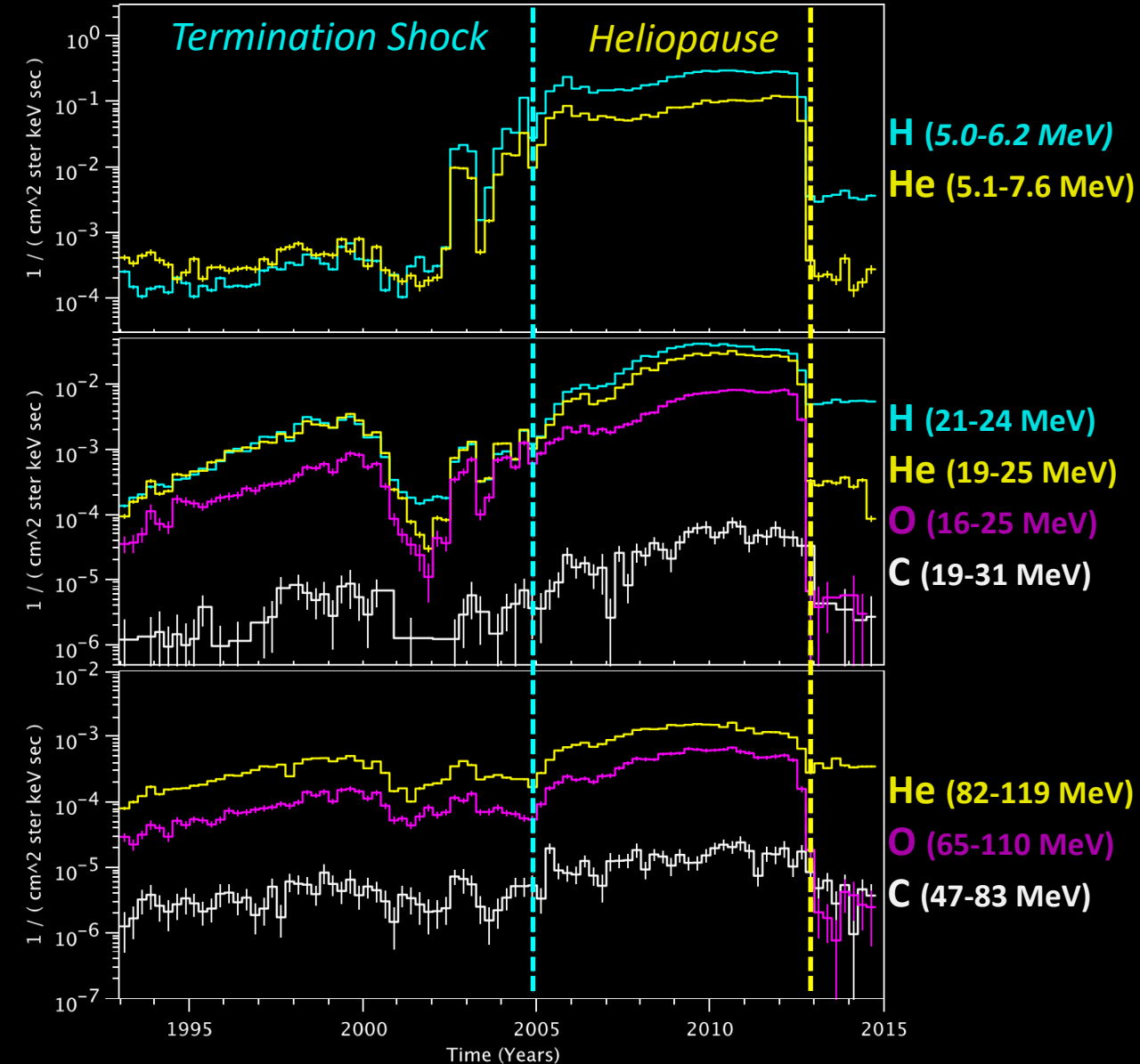
Heliosheath

Heliopause



# VGR1 ACR HISTORIES FOR GROUPS OF SPECIES WITH SAME TOTAL ENERGY/CHARGE

Voyager 1 LECP 3-month Diff. Intensity vs Time (sectors 1-3,5-7)



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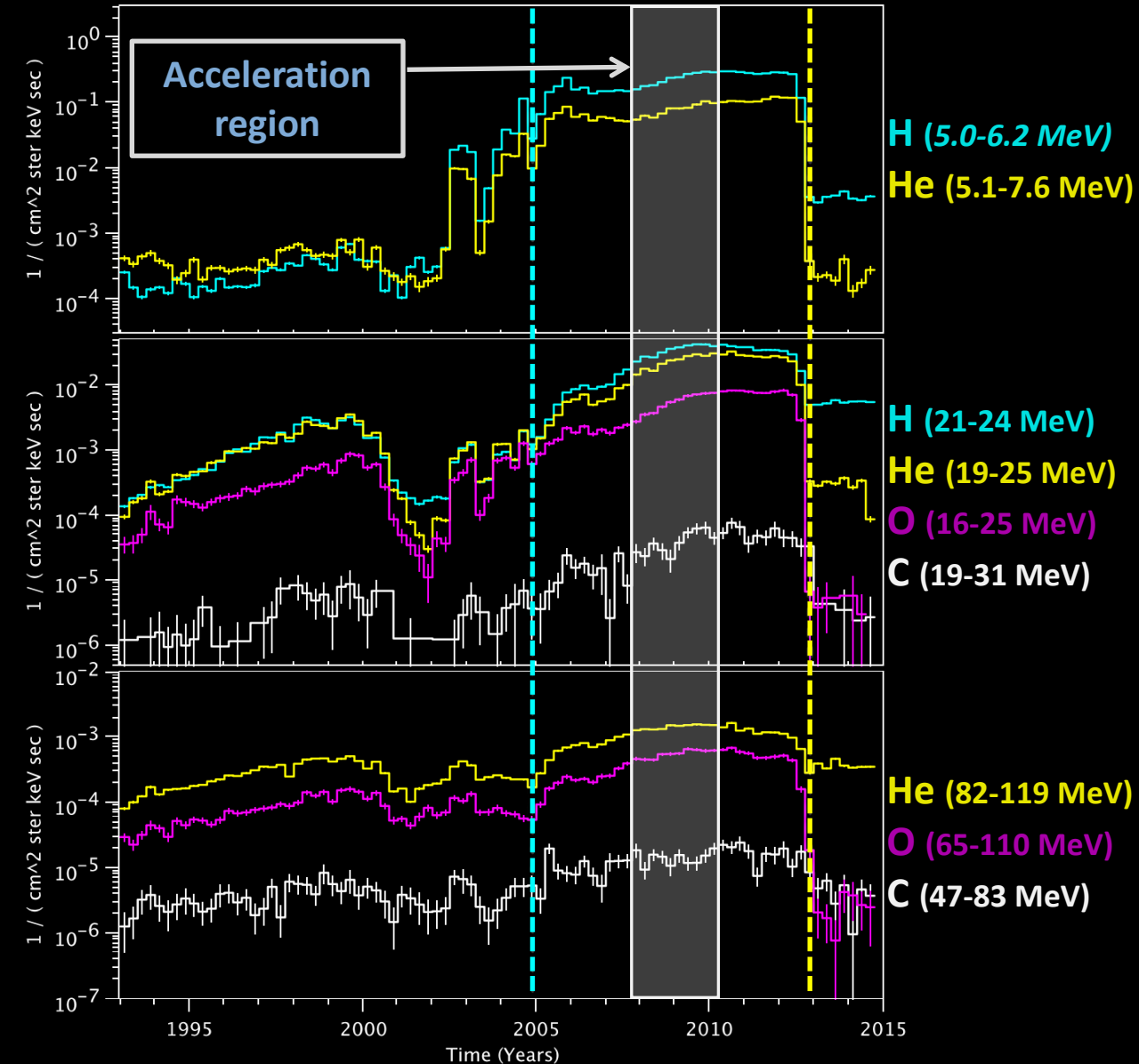
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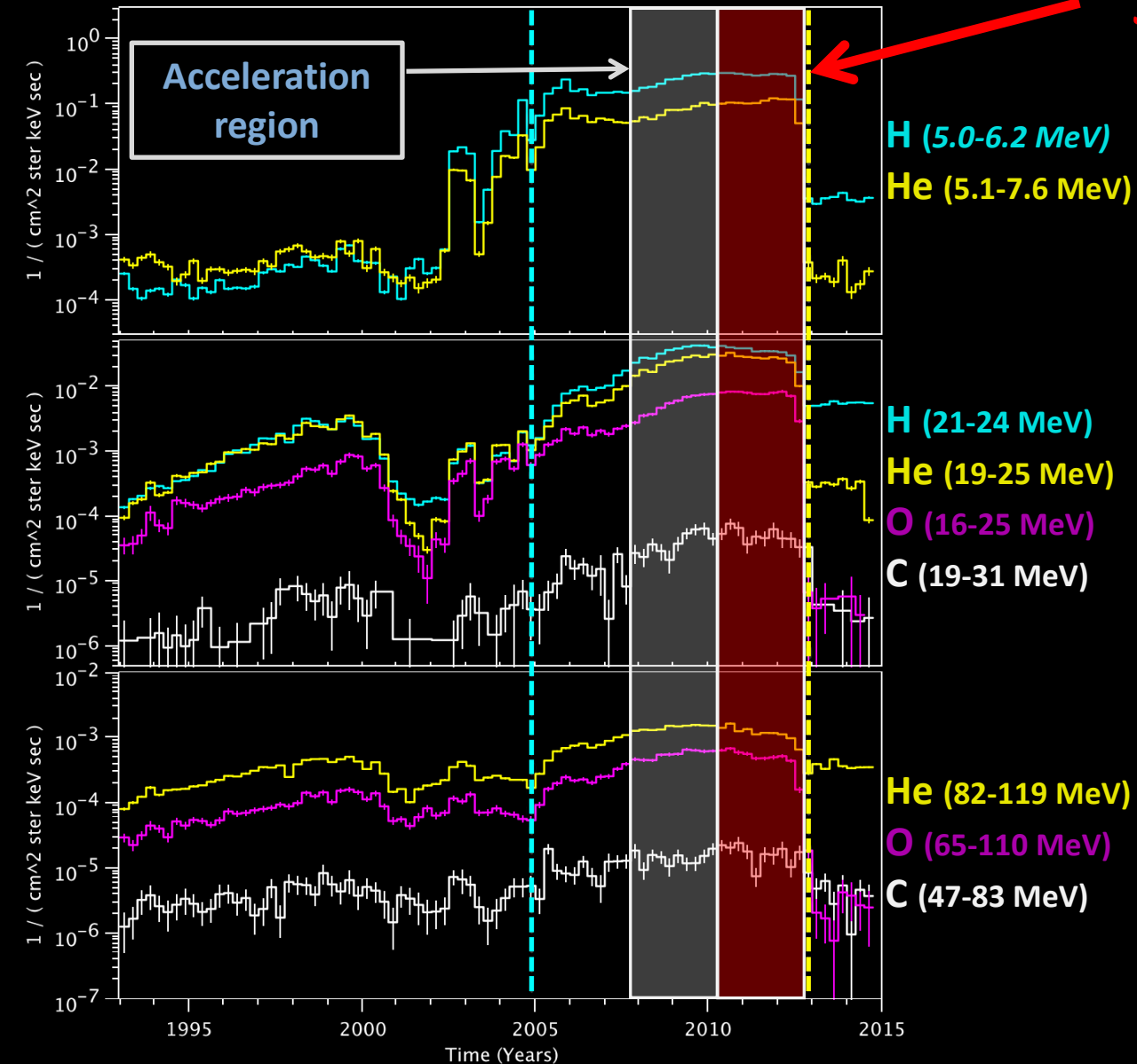
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**ACR acceleration occurs inside the heliosheath**  
**not at the nose or the flanks of the Termination Shock**

# Krimigis+[2023]

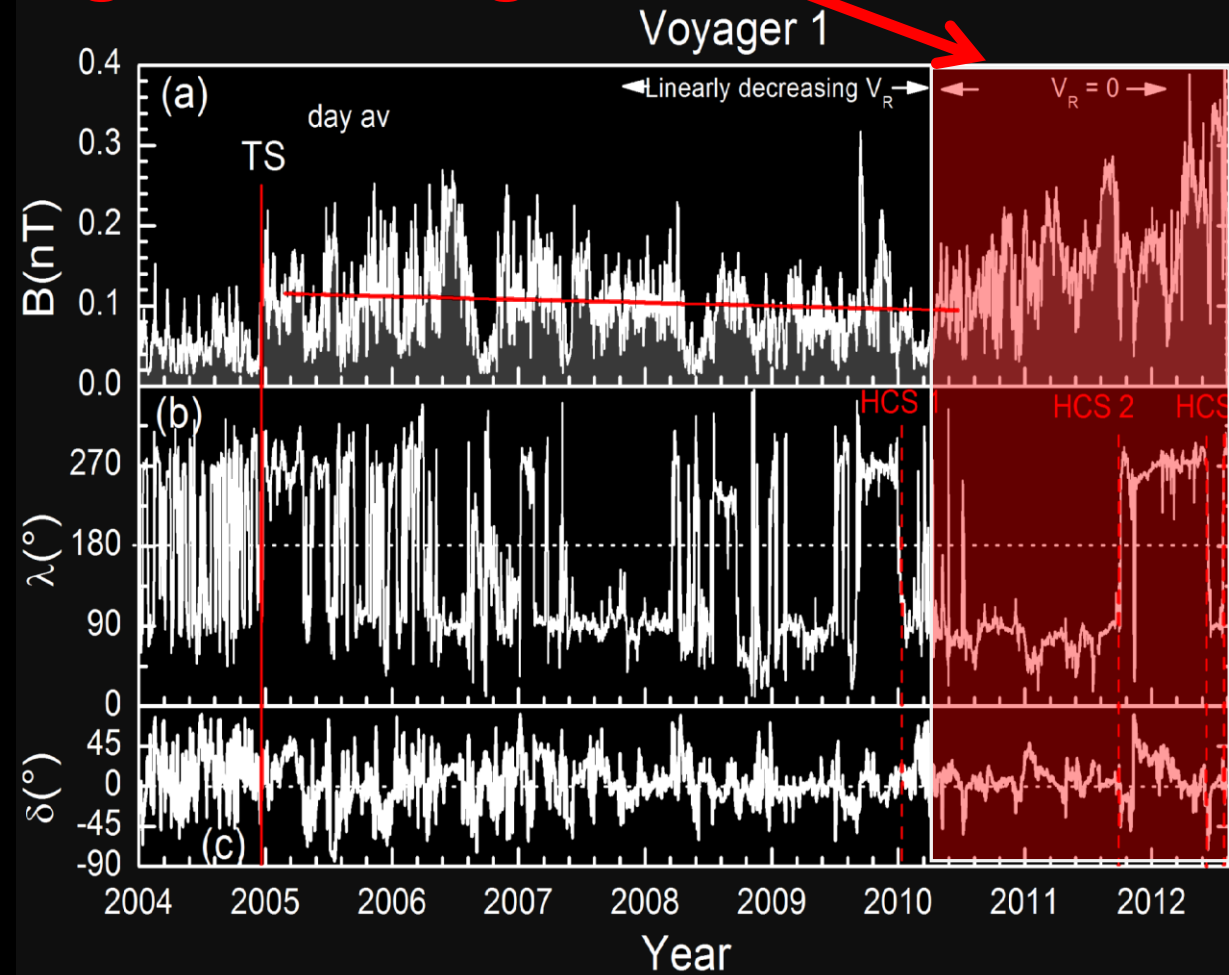
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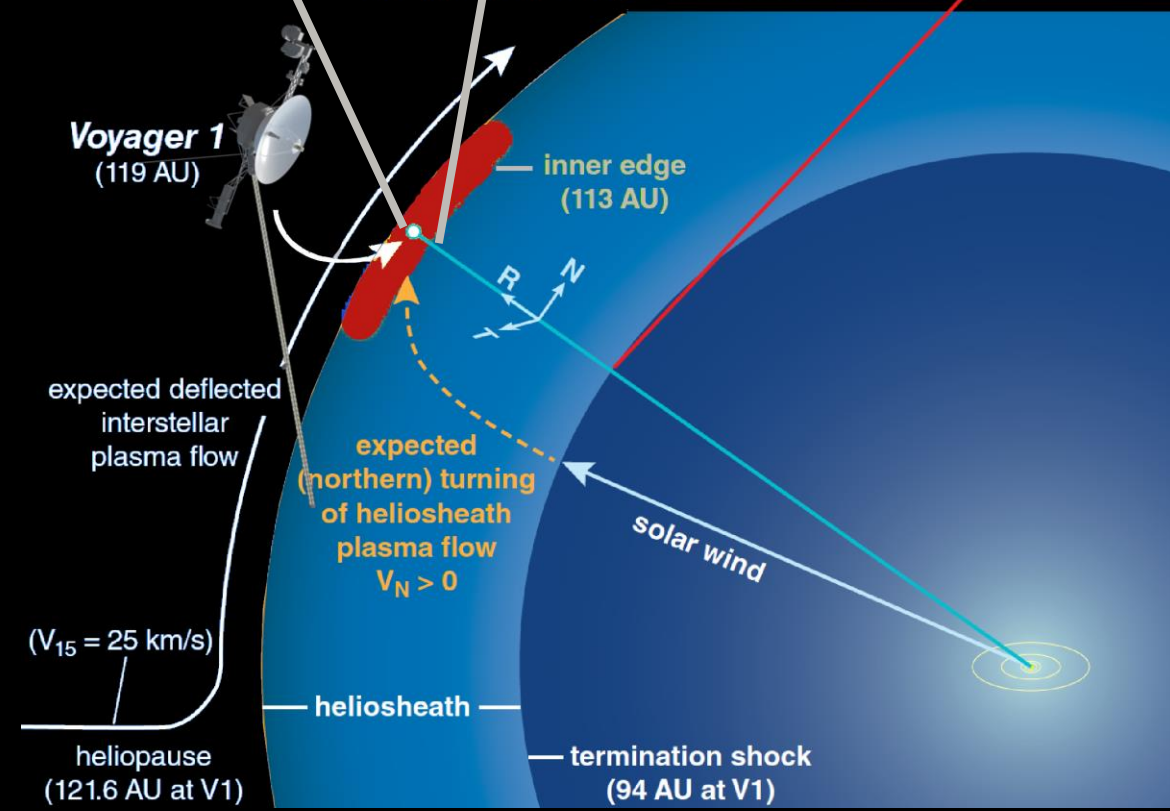
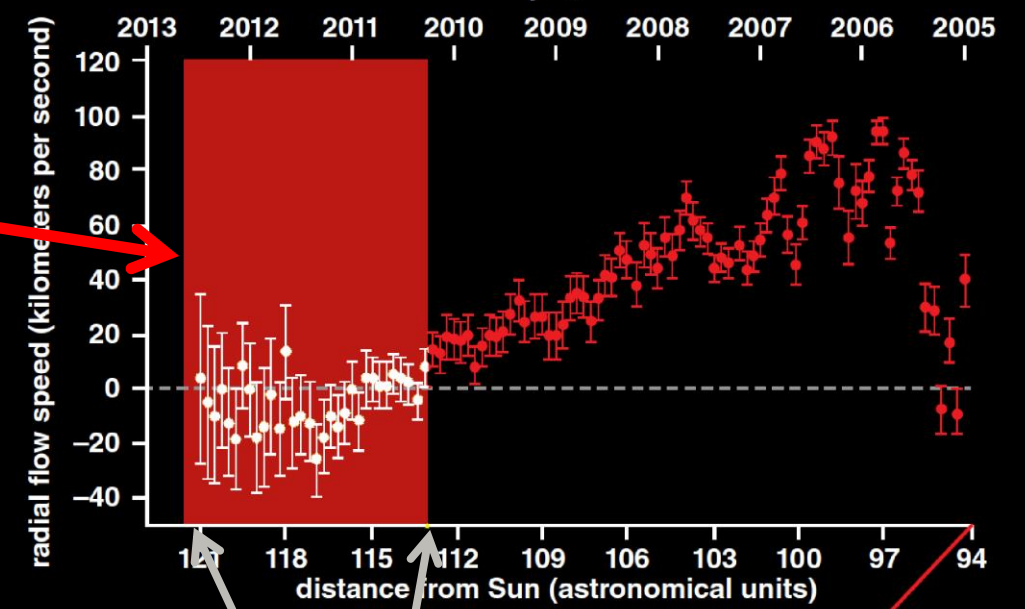
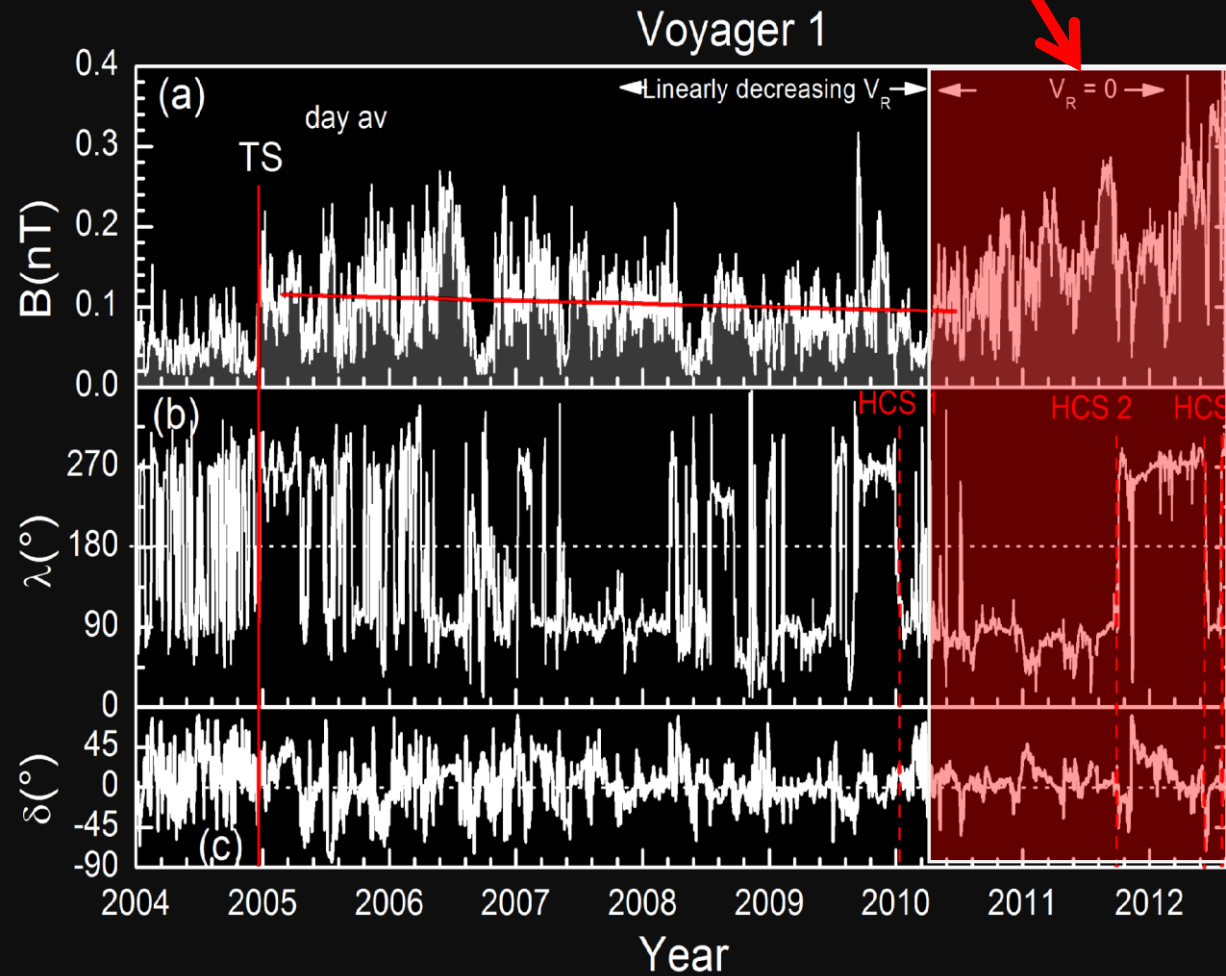


Burlaga & Ness

American Geophysical Union Dec. 2, 2012

# RADIAL PLASMA FLOW IN THE HELIOSHEATH

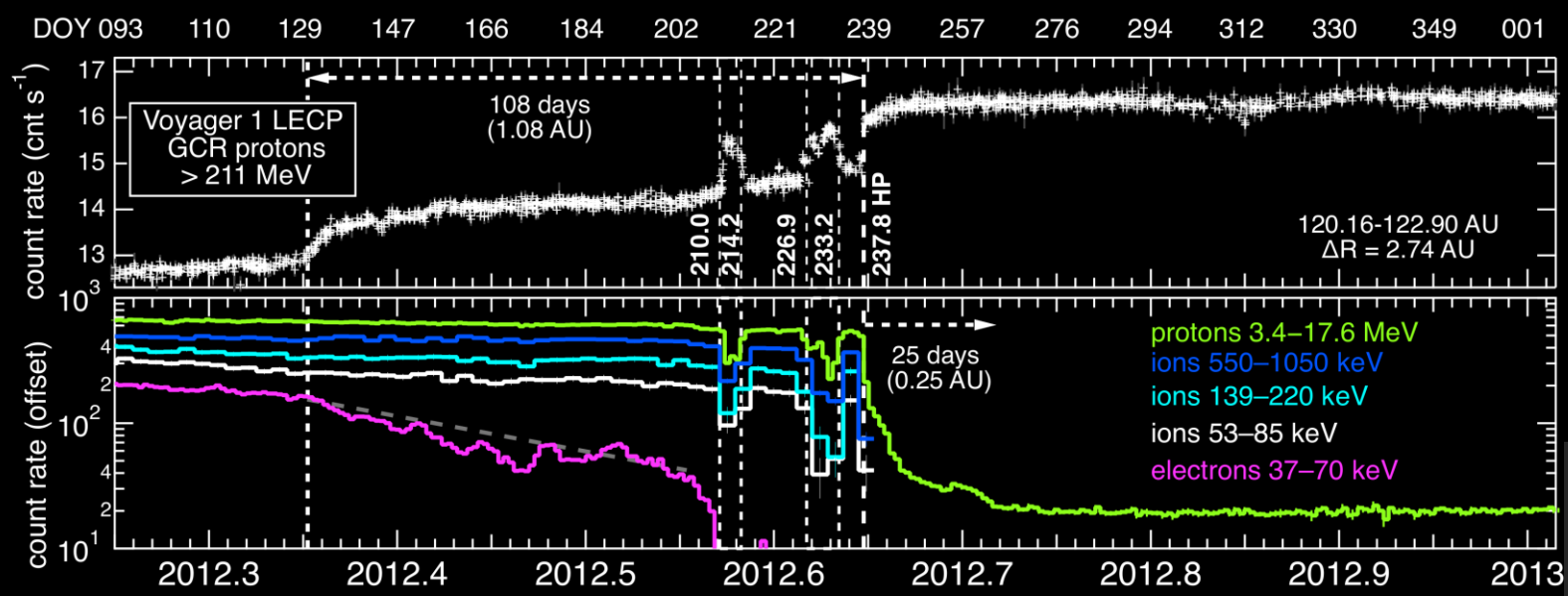
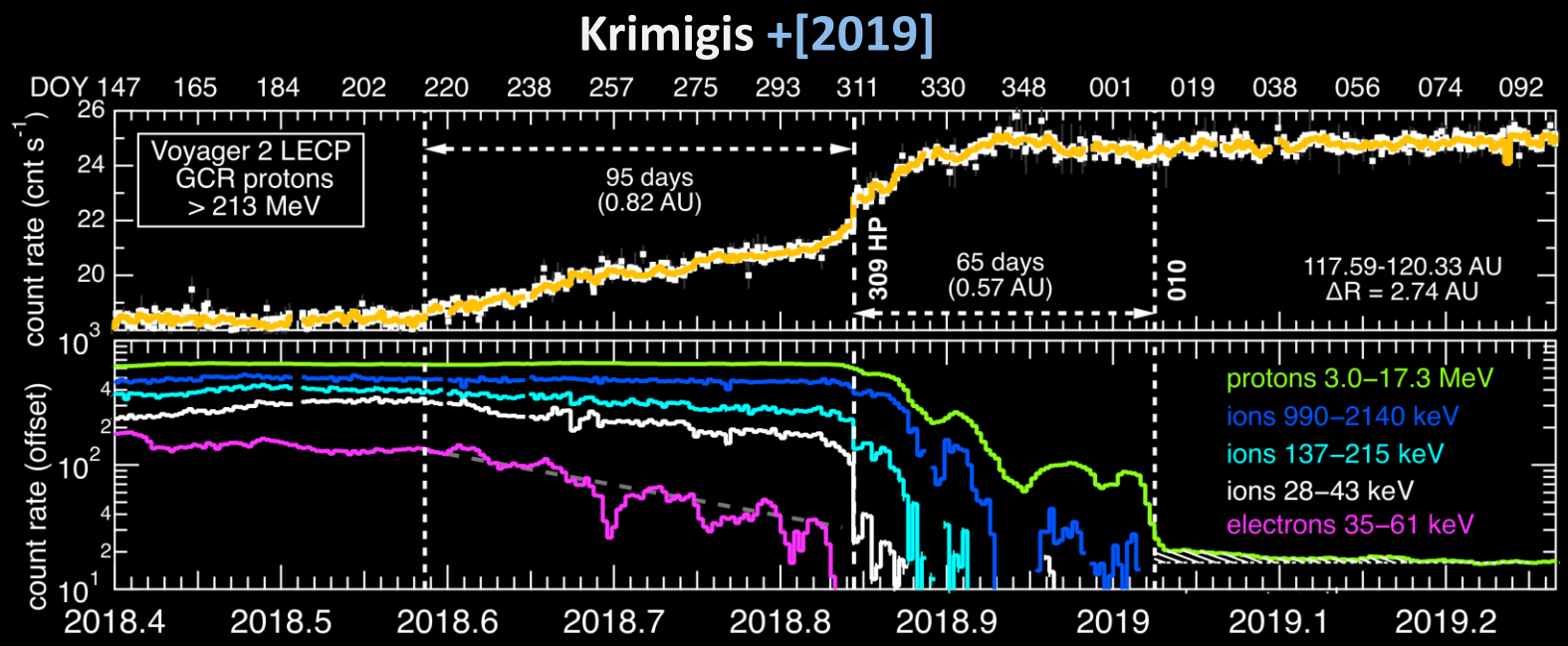
## Stagnation Region



Data: Krimigis et al, Nature, 2011,

Figure: Krimigis & Decker, American Scientist, 2015

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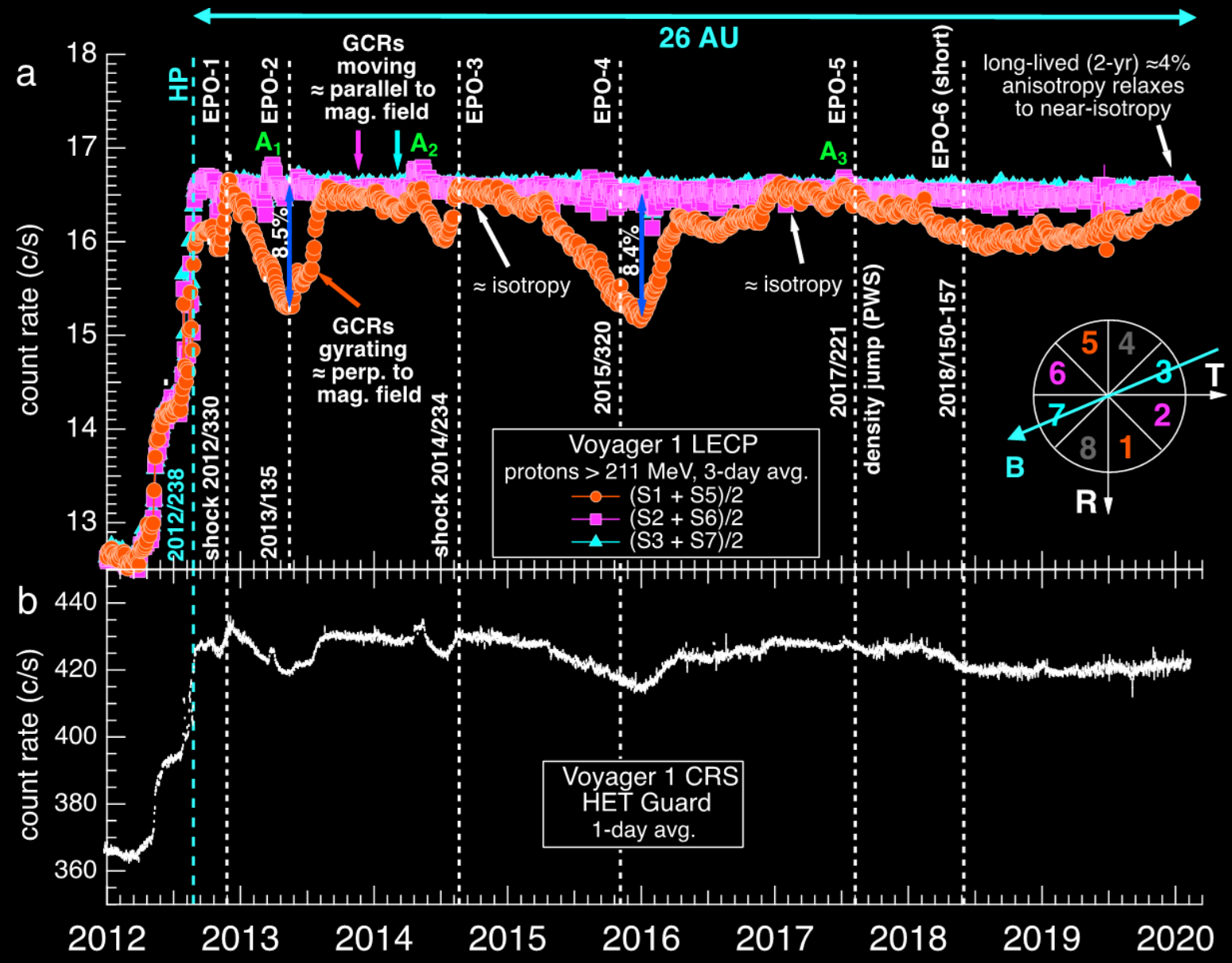


**Comparison of GCR and HS particles at V1 and V2 over about the same distance scale of 2.74 AU.**

- Virtual depletion of “solar” particles
- Abrupt increase of GCR
- Increase of B-field & plasma density
- Temperature in Voyager 2 was found substantially higher than expected

See also in *Nature Astronomy* 2019: Richardson et al. (PLS), Stone et al. (CRS), Gurnett & Kurth (PWS), Burlaga et al. (MAG)

# IN-SITU ION MEASUREMENTS FROM V1 & V2 LECP // THE VLISM



**Krimigis+[2020];  
Hill+[2020]**

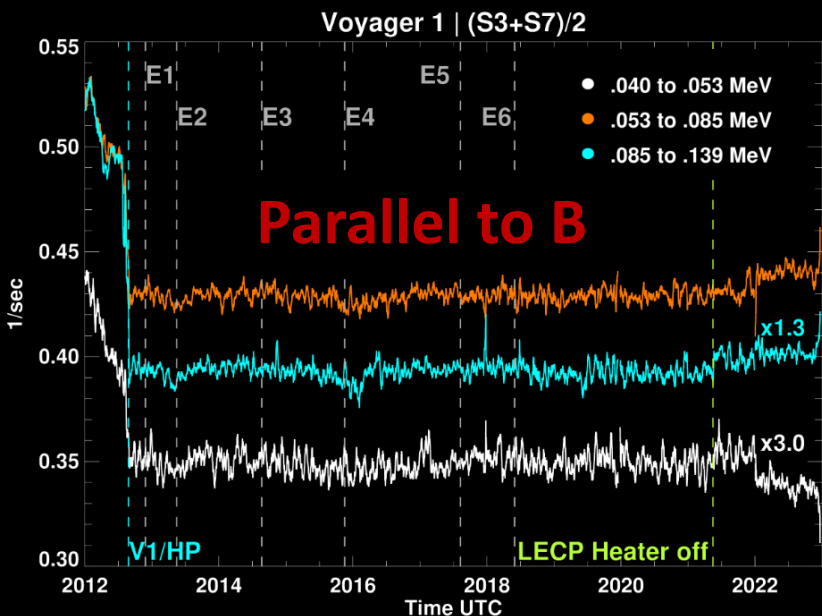
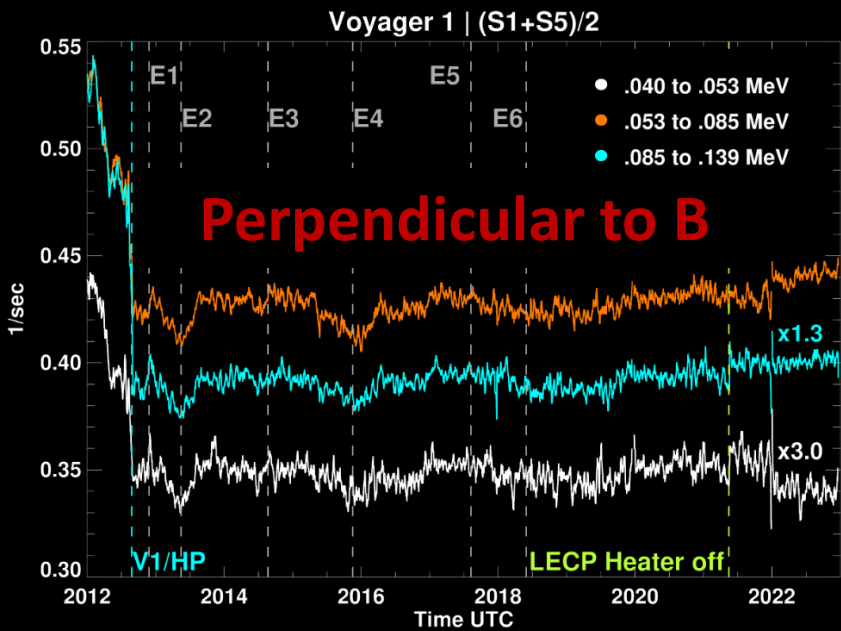
Intensity dropouts at nearly 90° pitch angle seen in the >211 MeV GCRs.

**Gurnett+[2015; 2021]**

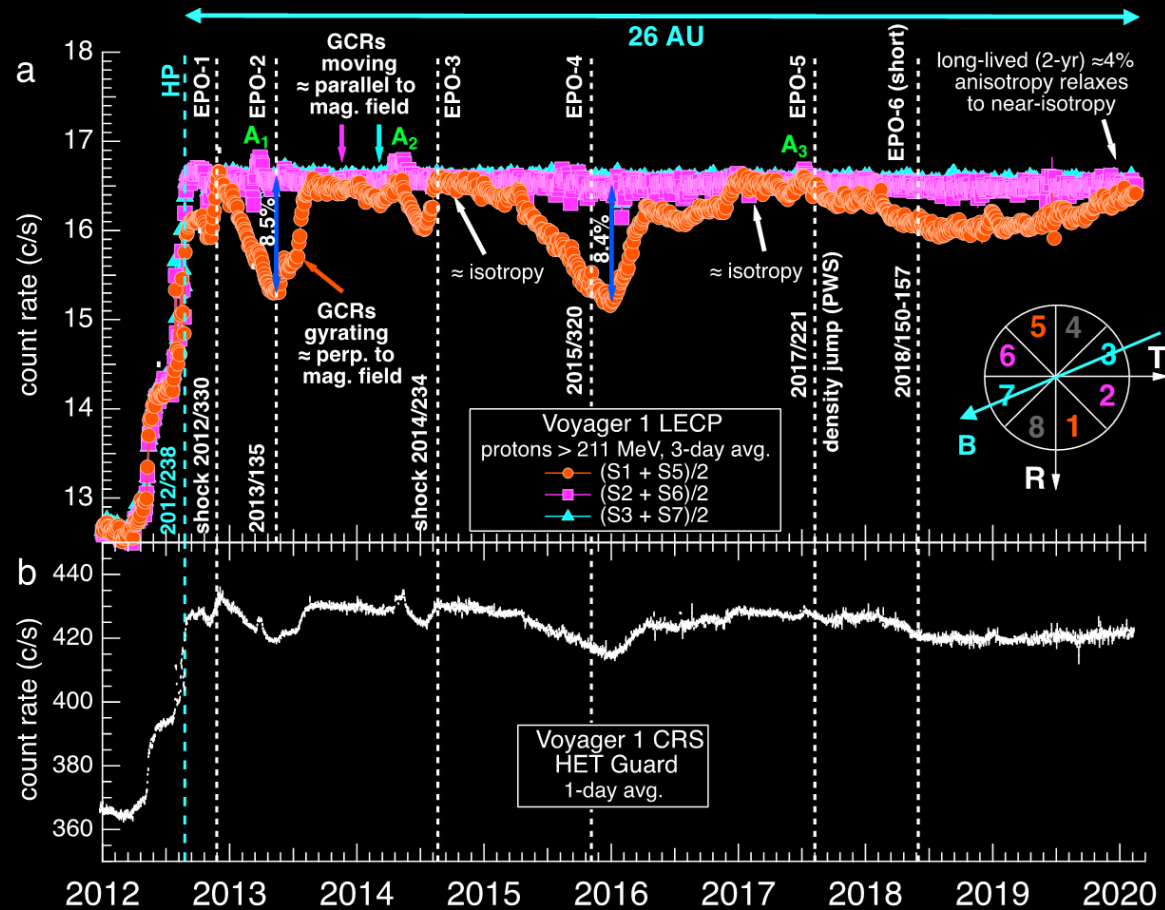
Response to transient shocks and compressions



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**PL01-3**  
40-139 keV

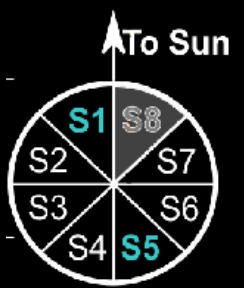
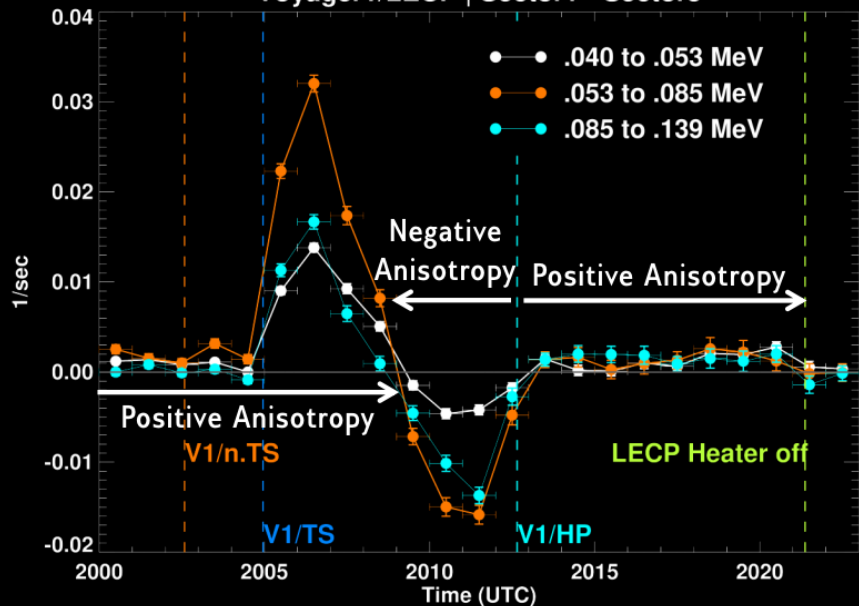


**Dialynas+[2021]**

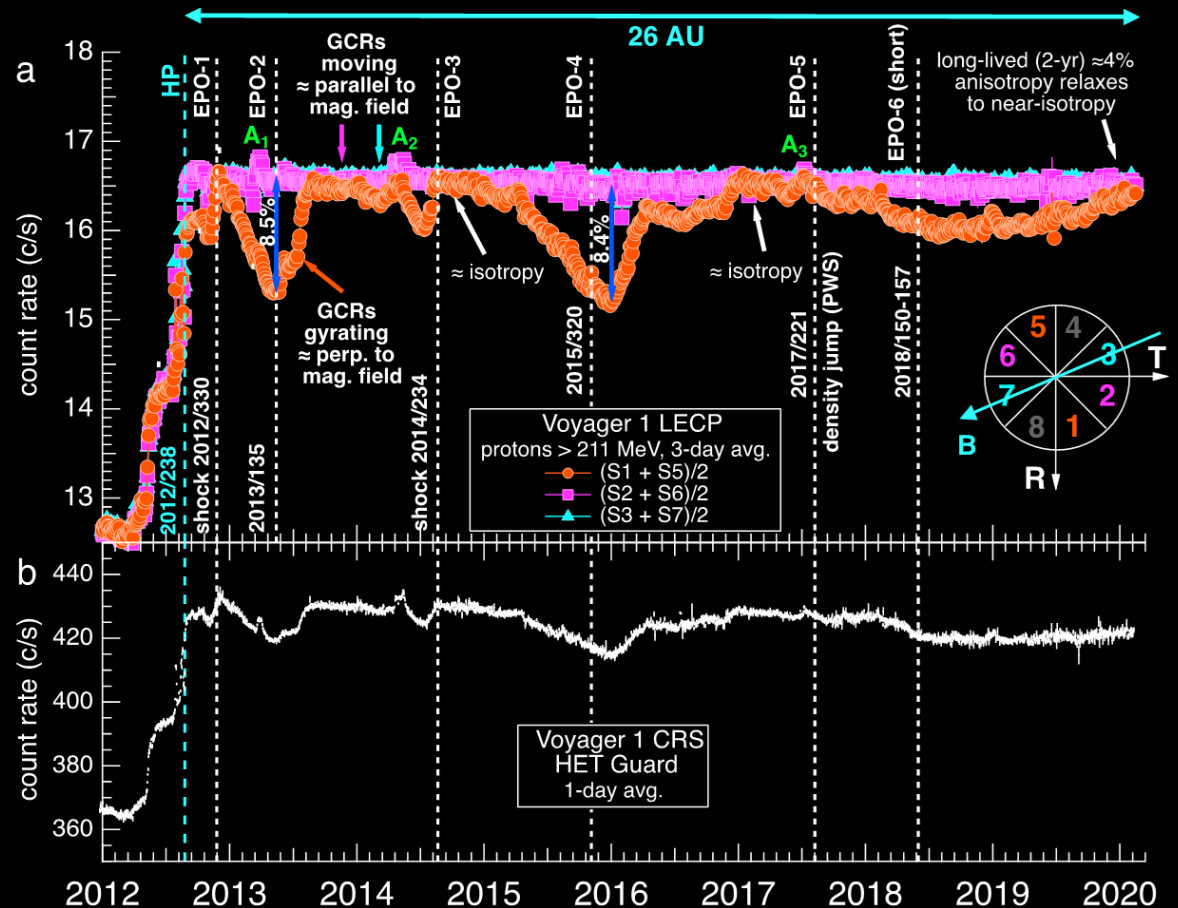
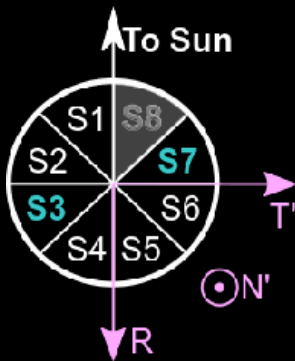
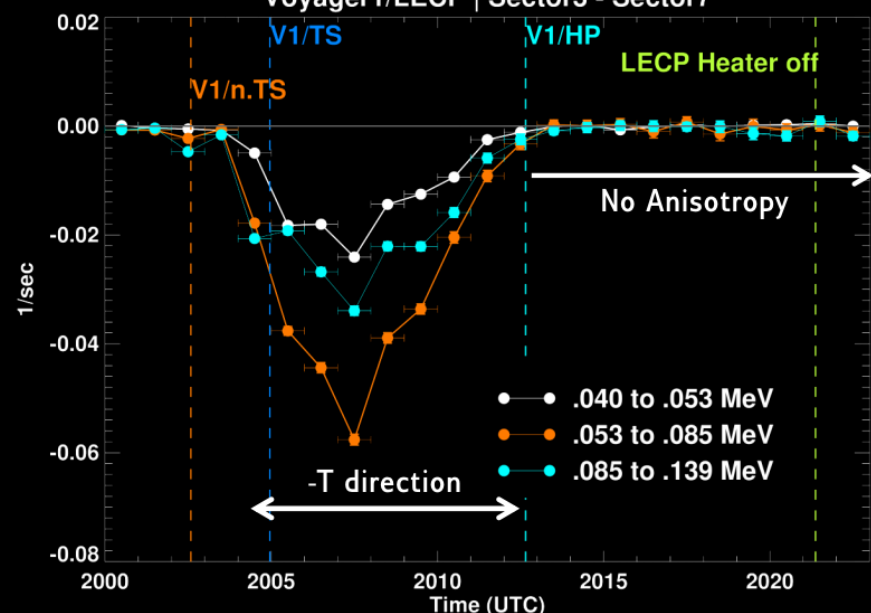
- Distinct Intensity dropouts in the S1 and S5 PL01-3 channel rates ( $E_i$ ,  $i=1..6$ ).
- The S3 and S7 PL01-3 channel rates remain stable.

# IN-SITU ION MEASUREMENTS FROM V1 & V2 LECP // THE VLISM

Voyager1/LECP | Sector1 - Sector5



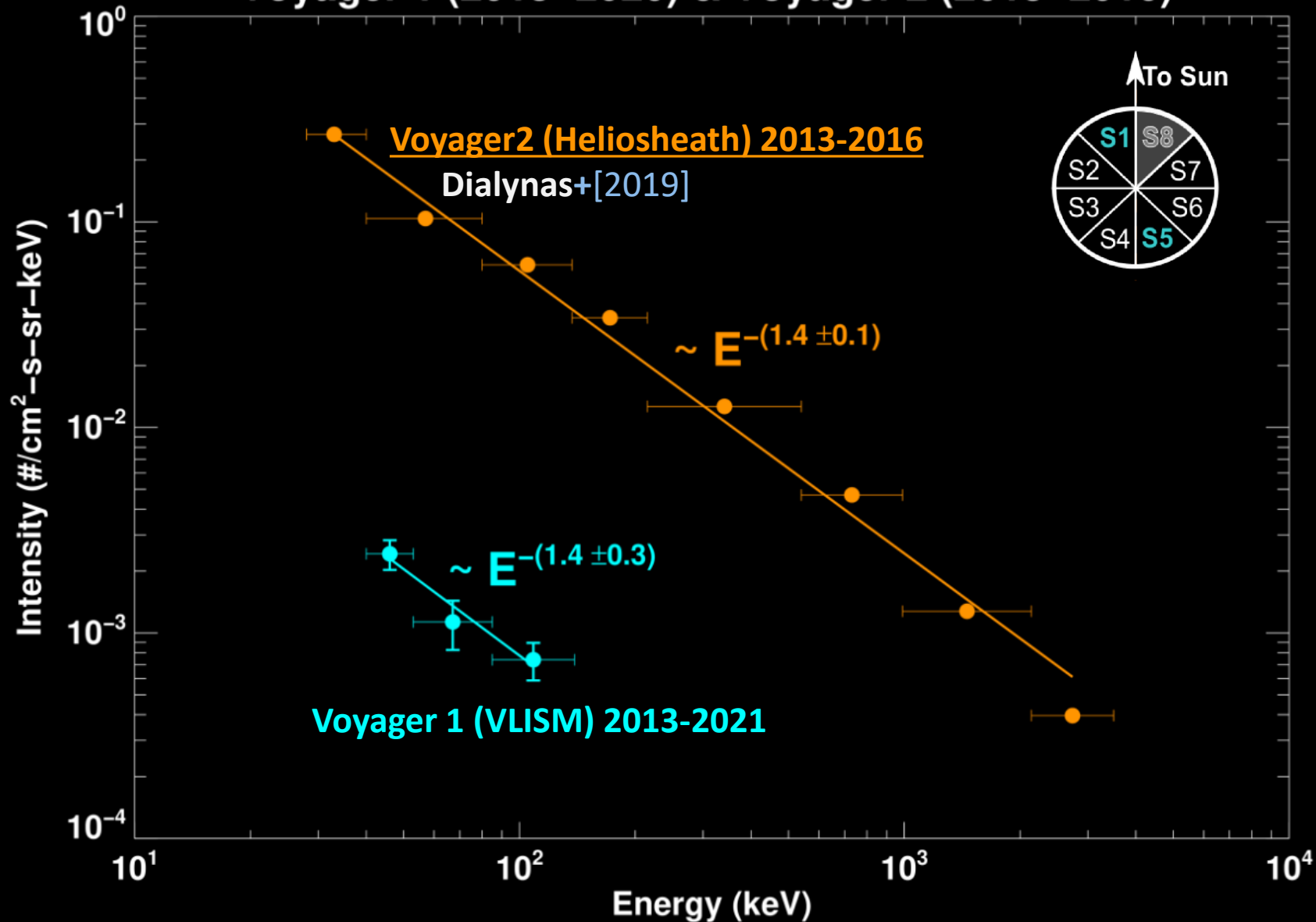
Voyager1/LECP | Sector3 - Sector7



Dialynas+[2021]

- An inflow of 40-139 keV ions for ~9 AU before the HP
- An outflow of 40-139 keV ions for ~30 AU past the HP

## Voyager 1 (2013–2020) & Voyager 2 (2013–2016)



## Dialynas+[2023]

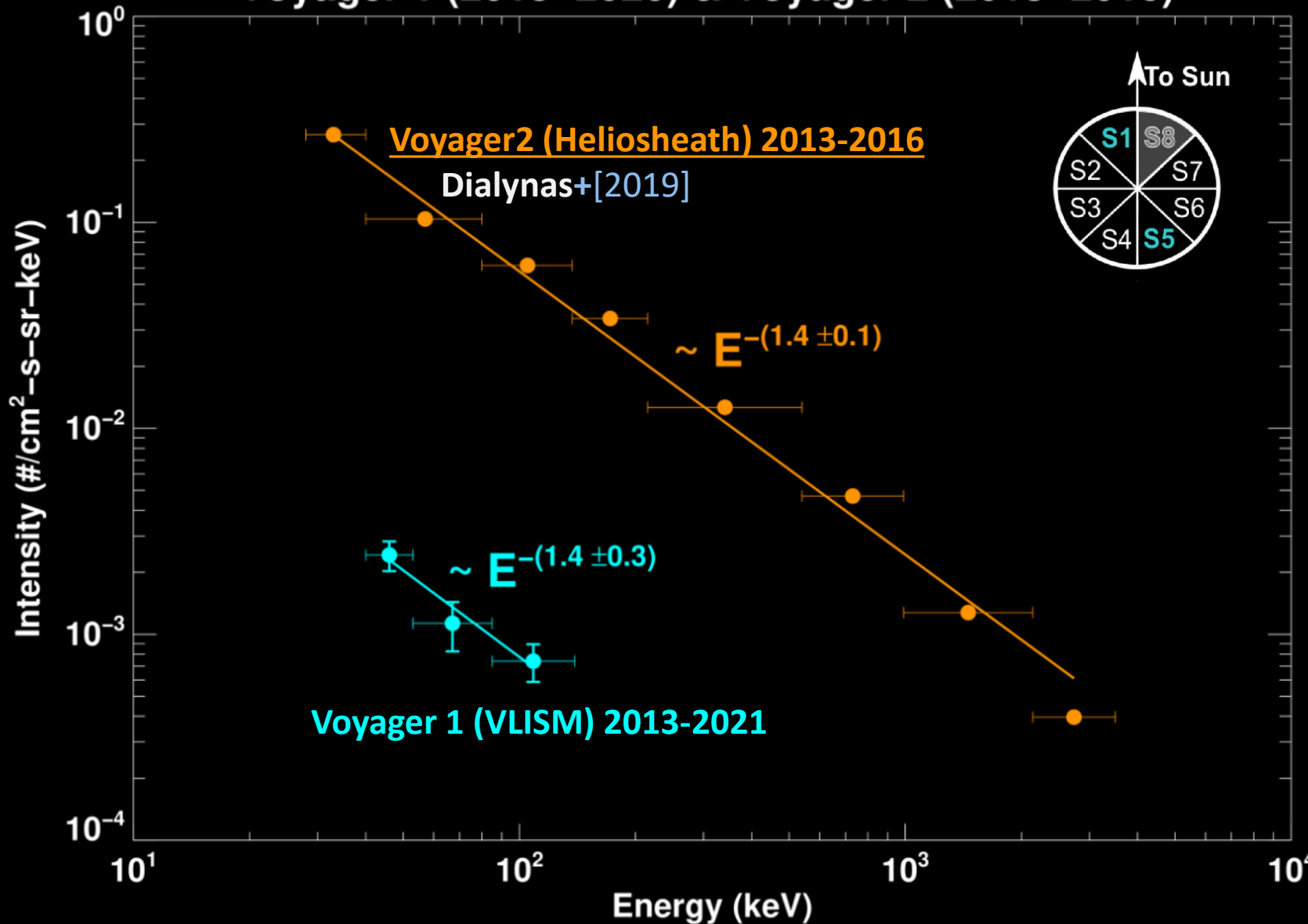
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A 40-139 keV ion population escaping from the HS radially outward, out of  $\sim 30$  AU past the HP, that has no azimuthal component.

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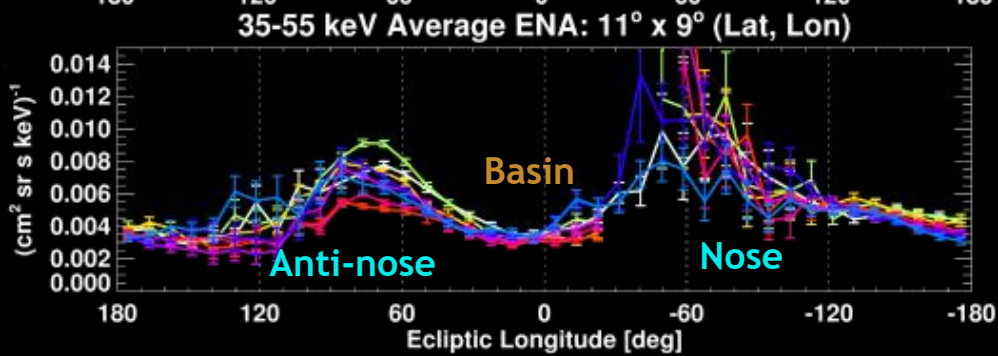
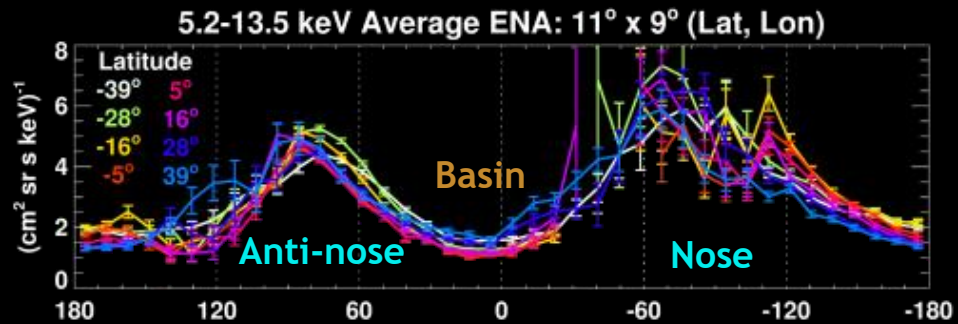
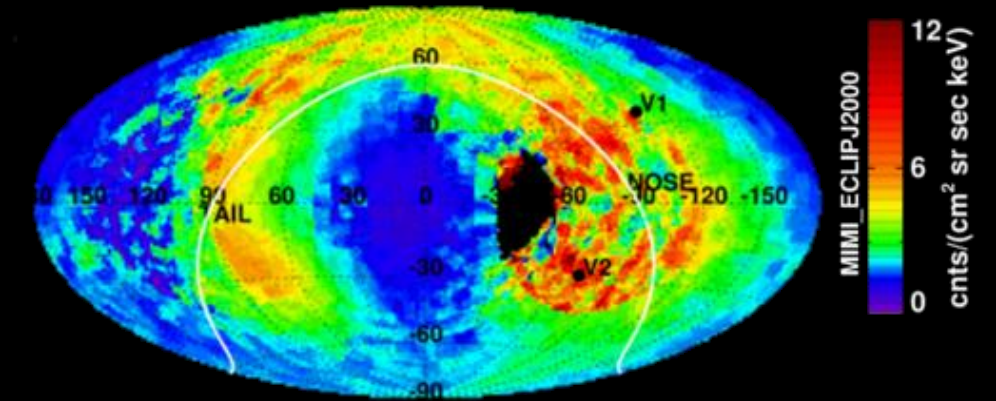
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**Fisk & Gloeckler+[2022]**

V1 did not cross the heliopause in 2012 and is not now in interstellar space.

# REMOTELY SENSED ENAs FROM CASSINI // THE GLOBAL HELIOSPHERE (>5.2 keV)



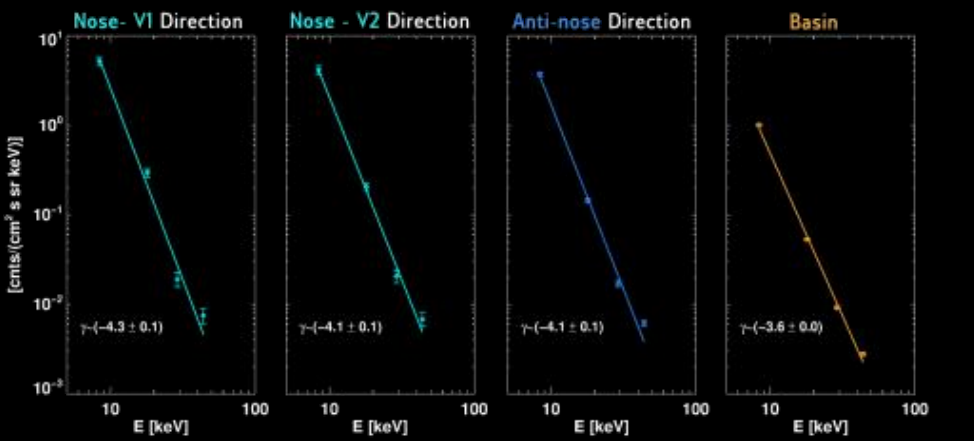
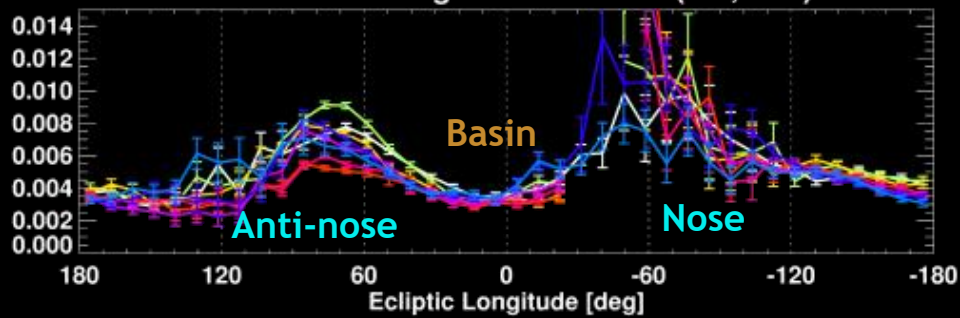
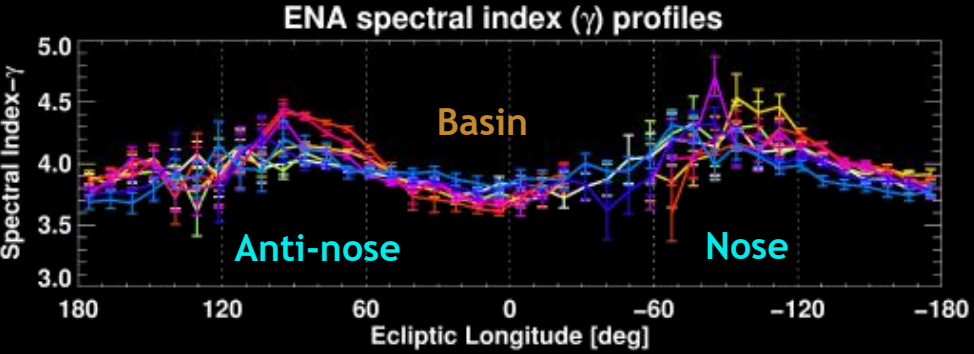
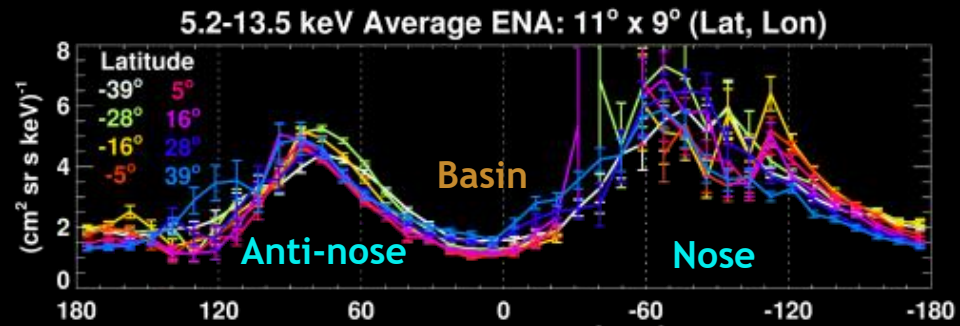
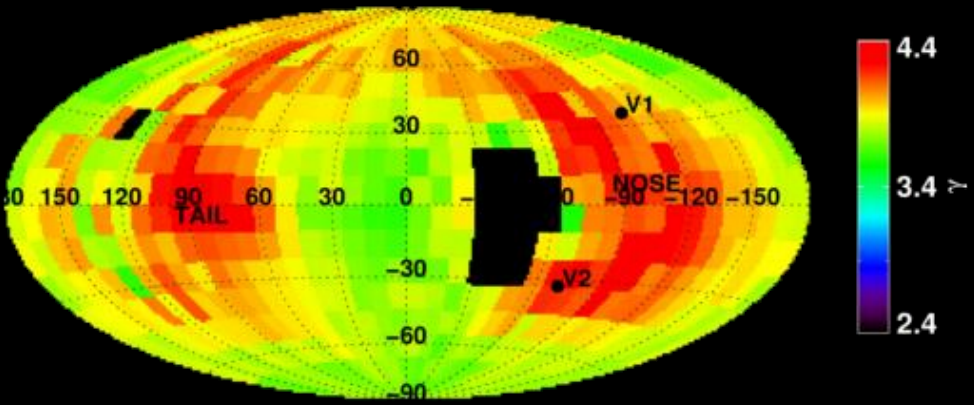
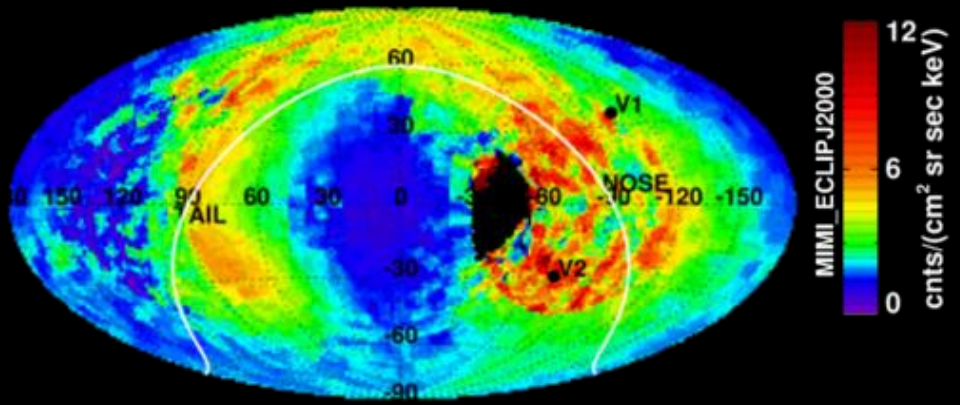
The INCA Belt is a broad band of emission in the sky that corresponds to the reservoir of electrons and ions that constitute the heliosheath.

The INCA Basins are extended heliosphere lobes where the ENA minima occur.

Dialynas+[2017b]

Dialynas+[2013]

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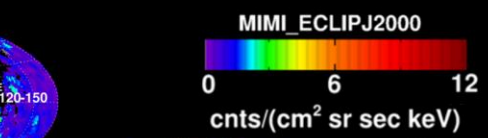
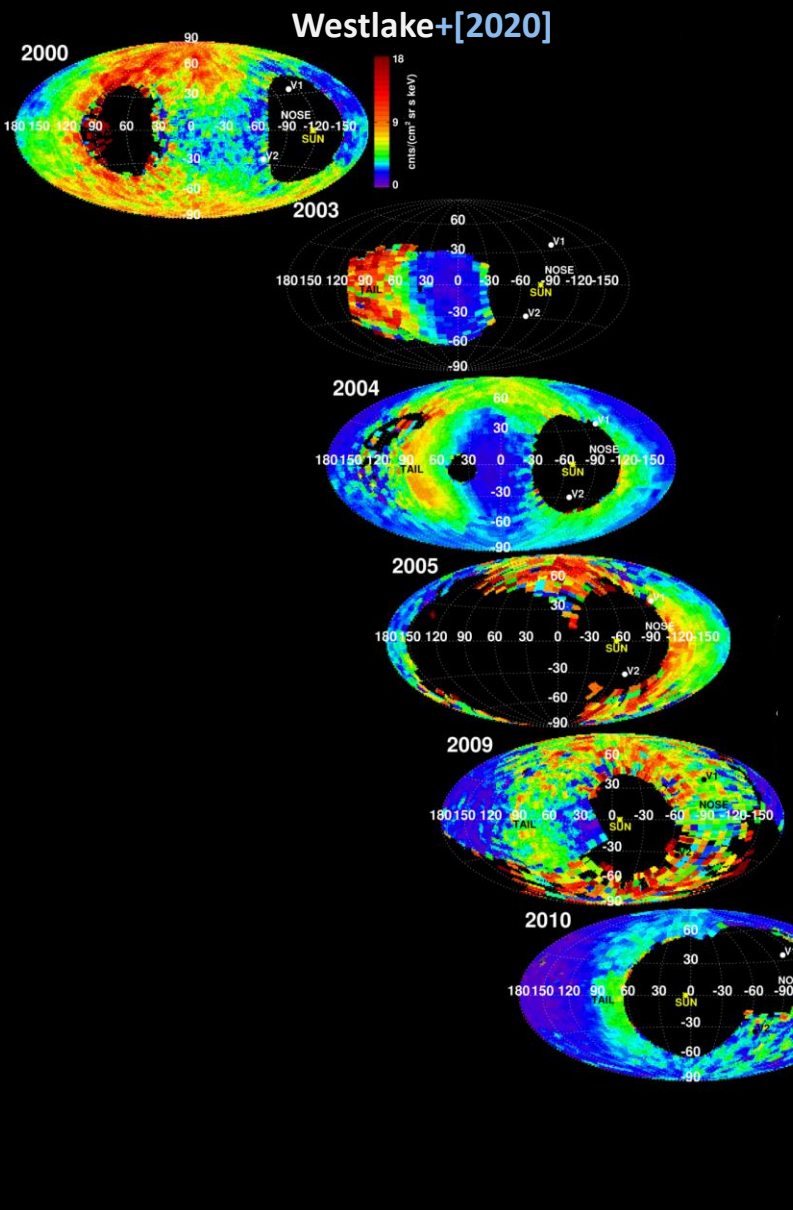


ENA spectra show a power law form in energy and spectral properties follow the ENA intensity changes

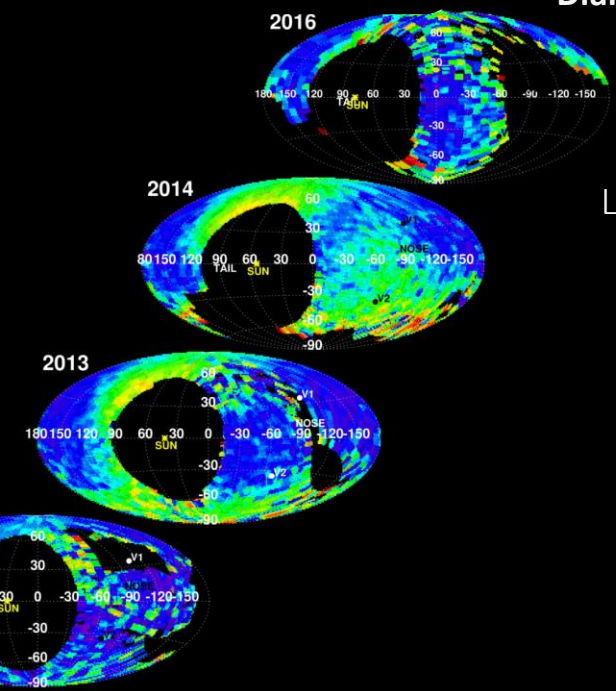
Dialynas+[2017b]  
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# GROUND TRUTH FROM THE VOYAGERS IN THE HELIOSHEATH // ENA MAPS OVER SC23 & SC24 (2000-2017)

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## GLOBAL HS

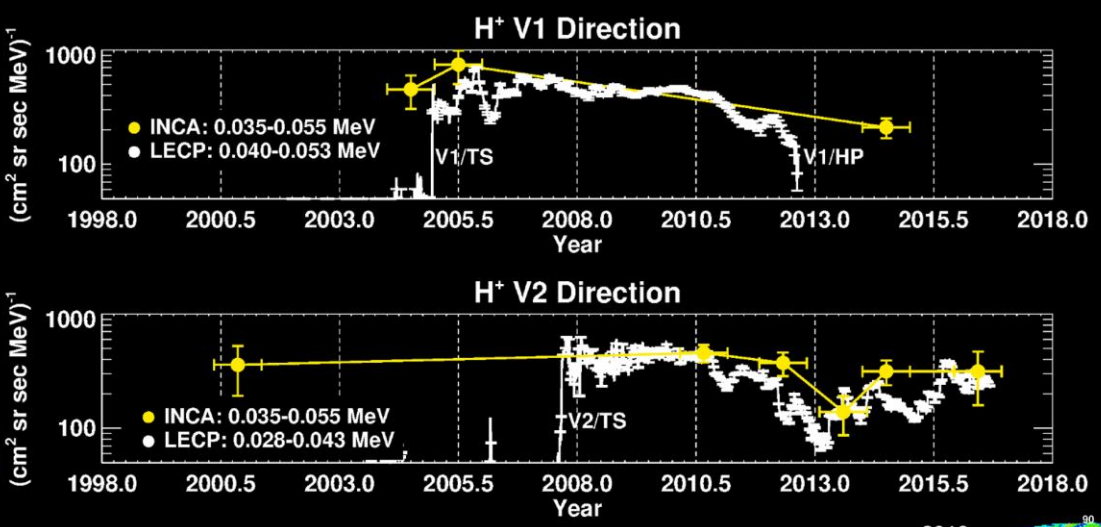
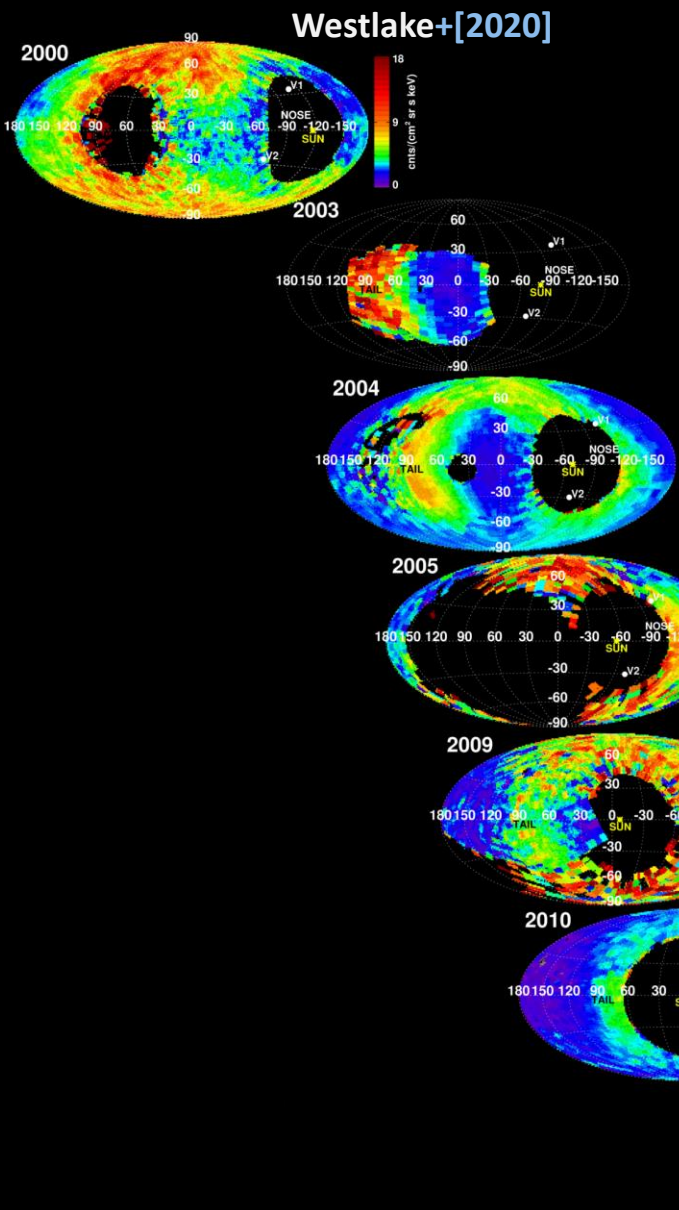
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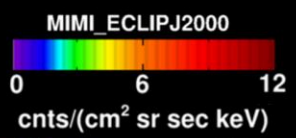
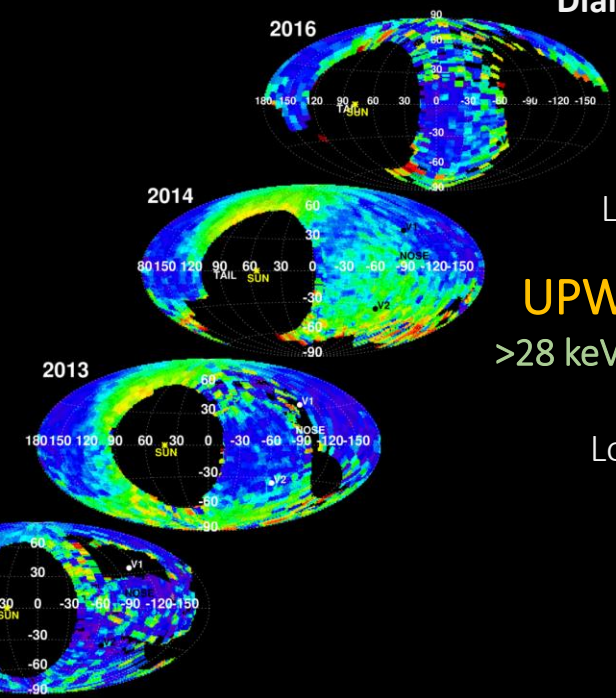
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### UPWIND (NOSE) HEMISPHERE

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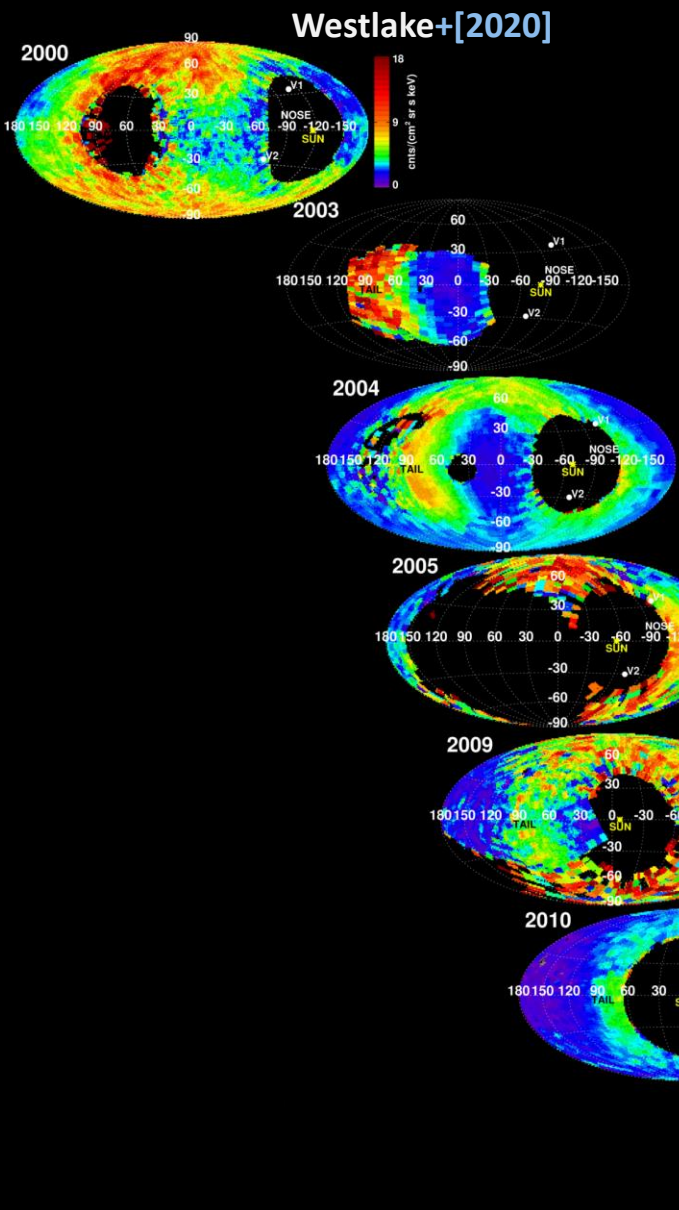
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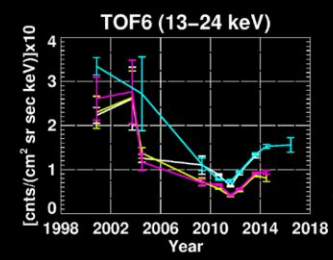
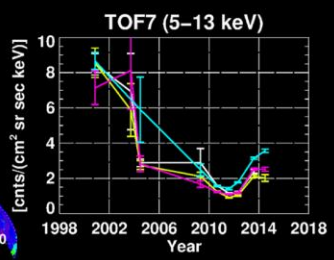
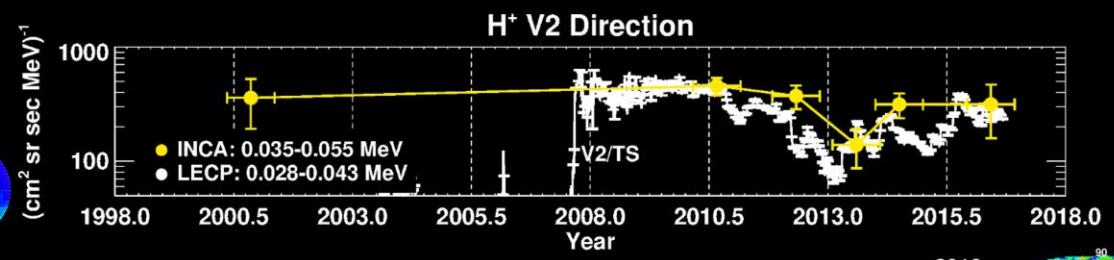
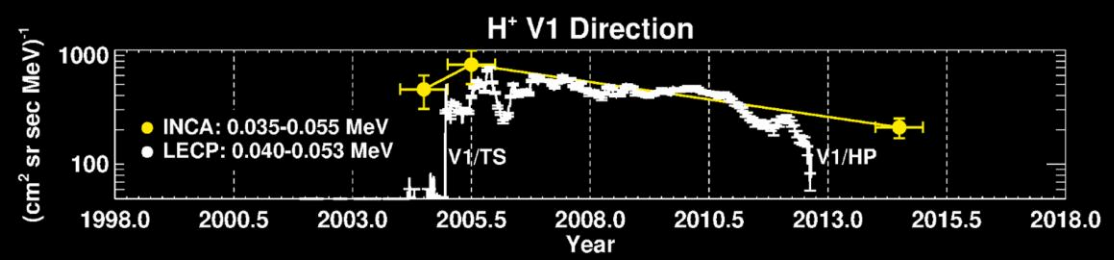


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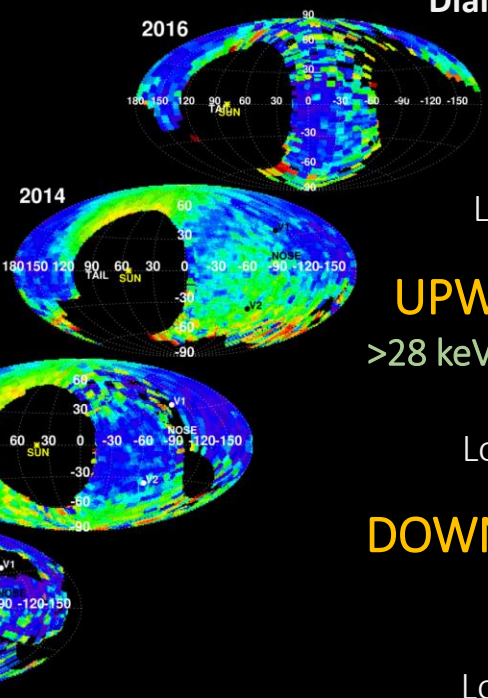
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Westlake+[2020]



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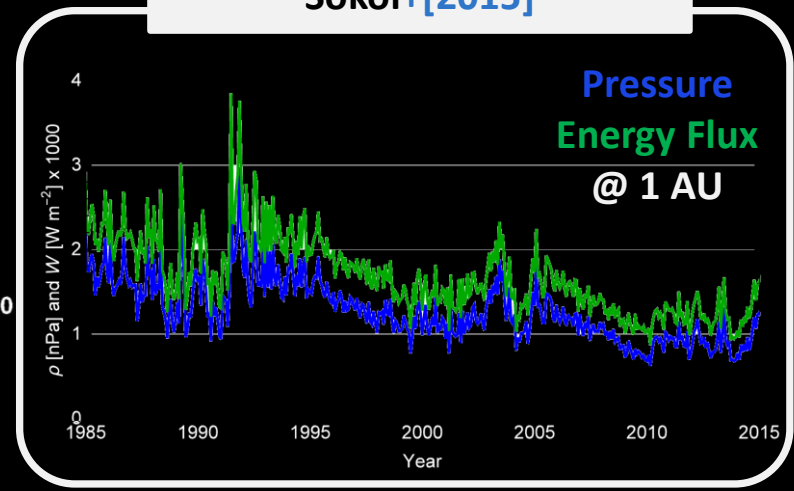
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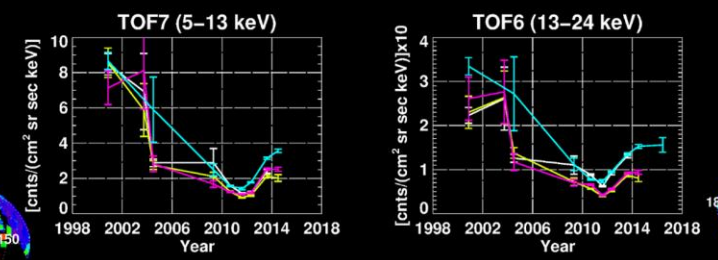
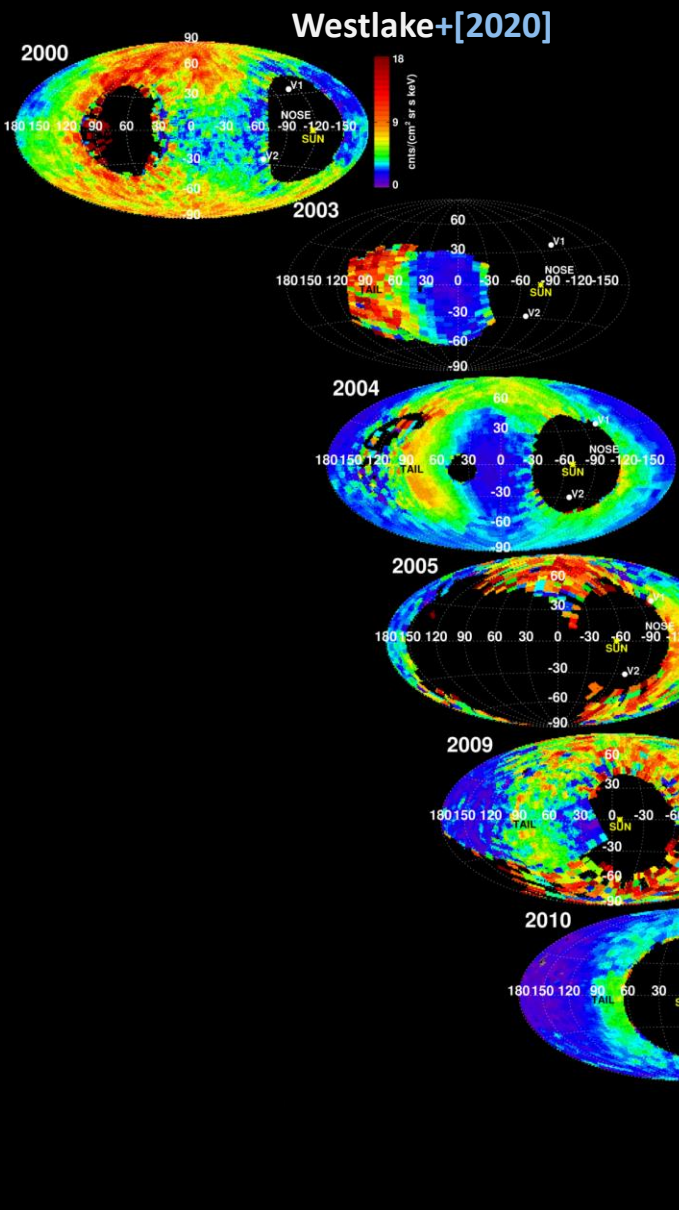
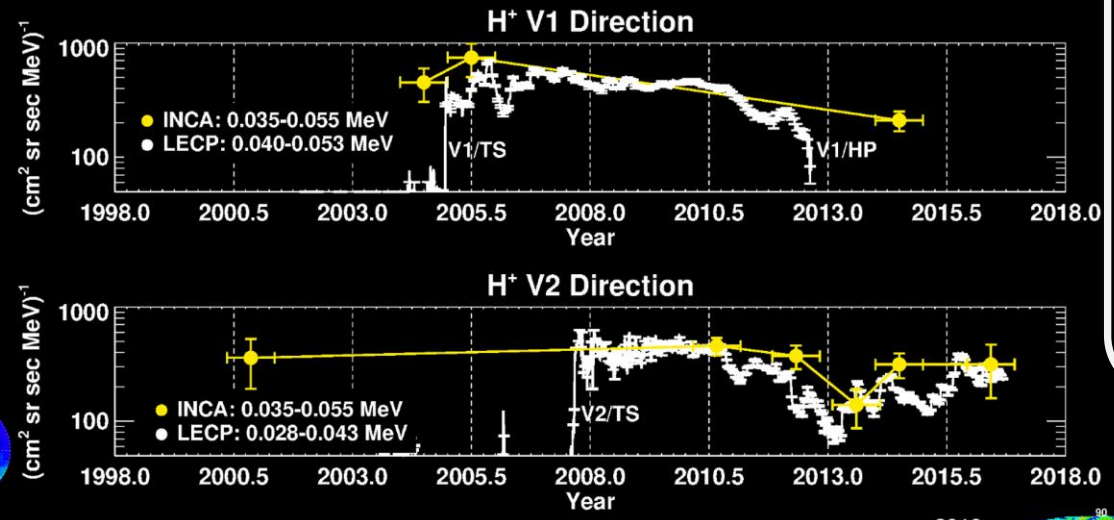
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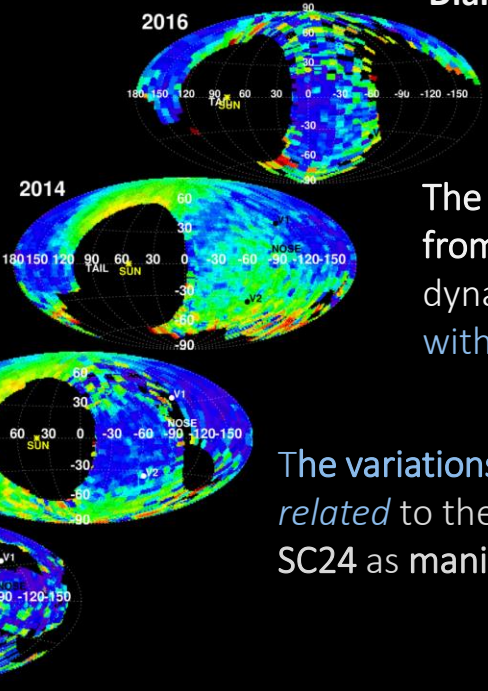
Sokol+[2015]



## Dialynas+[2017]



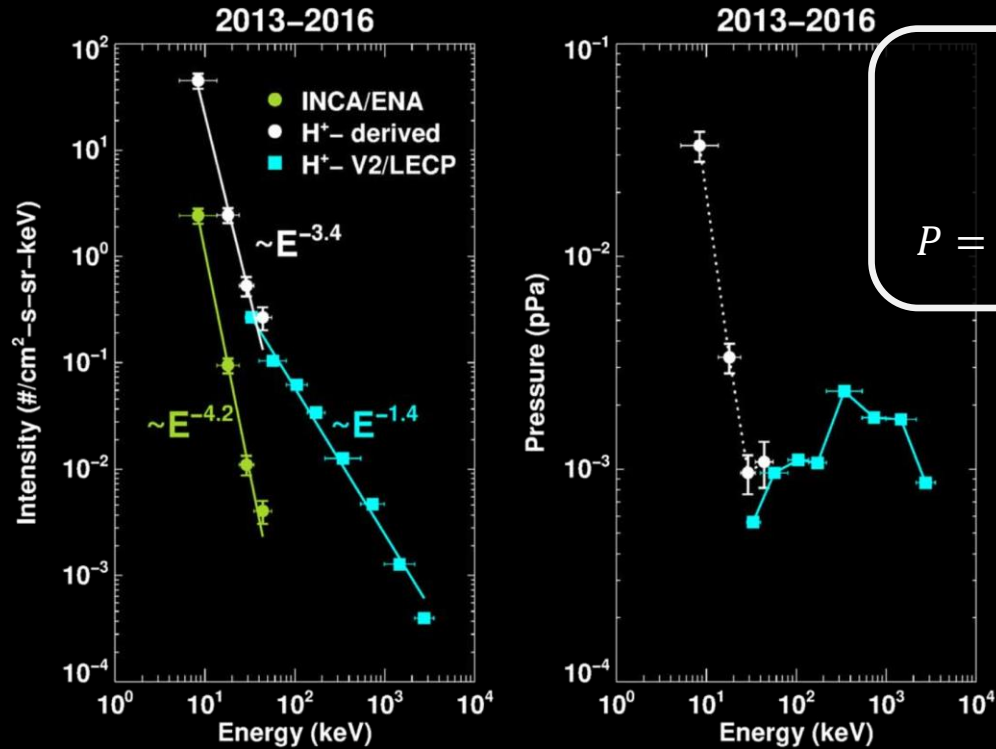
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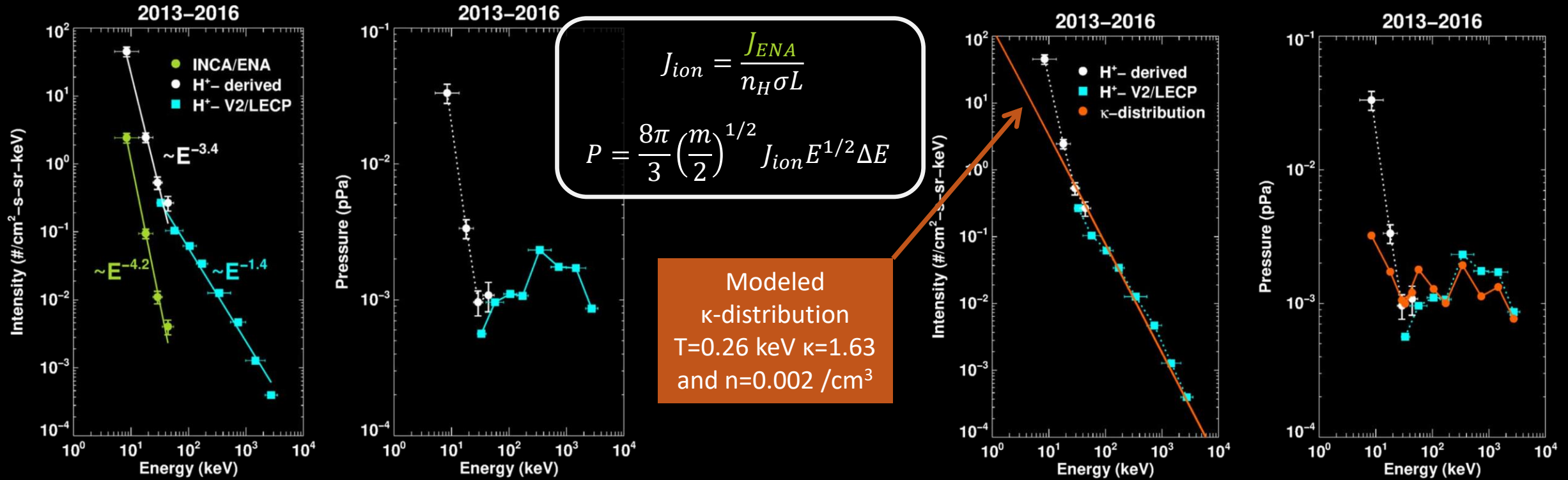
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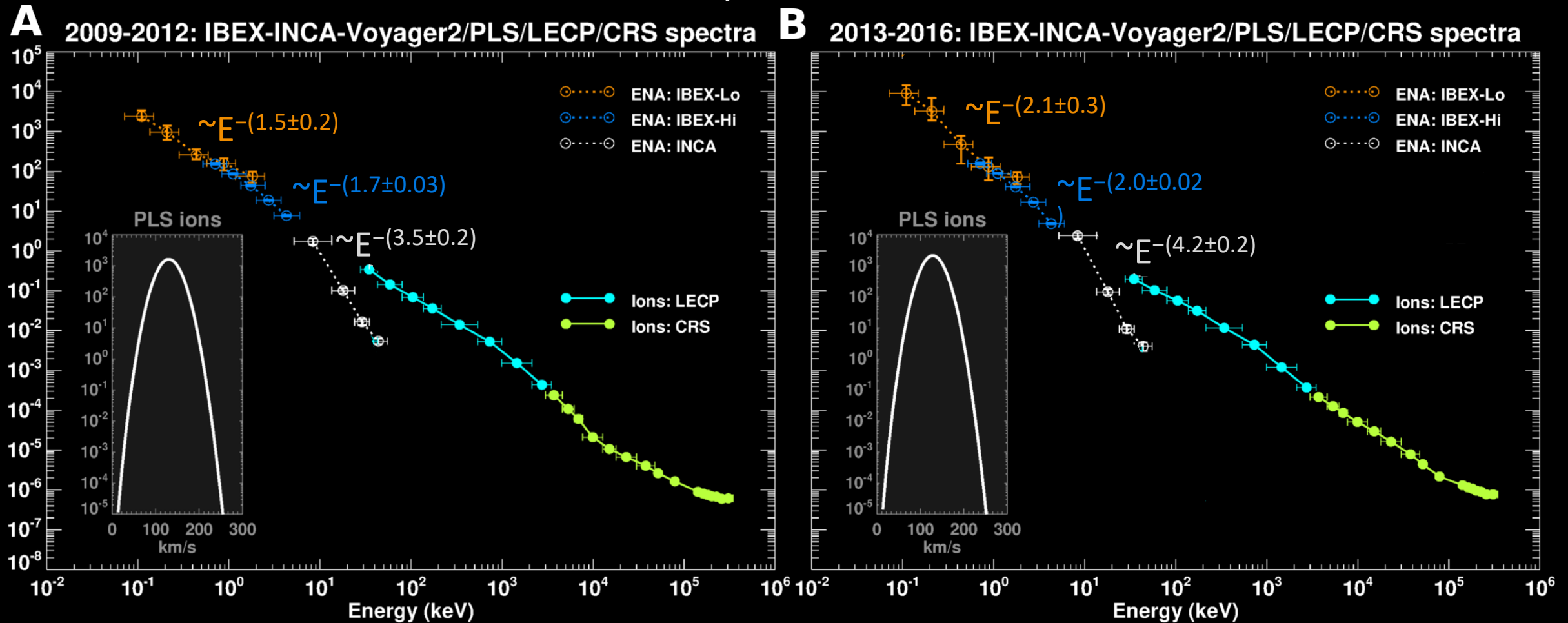
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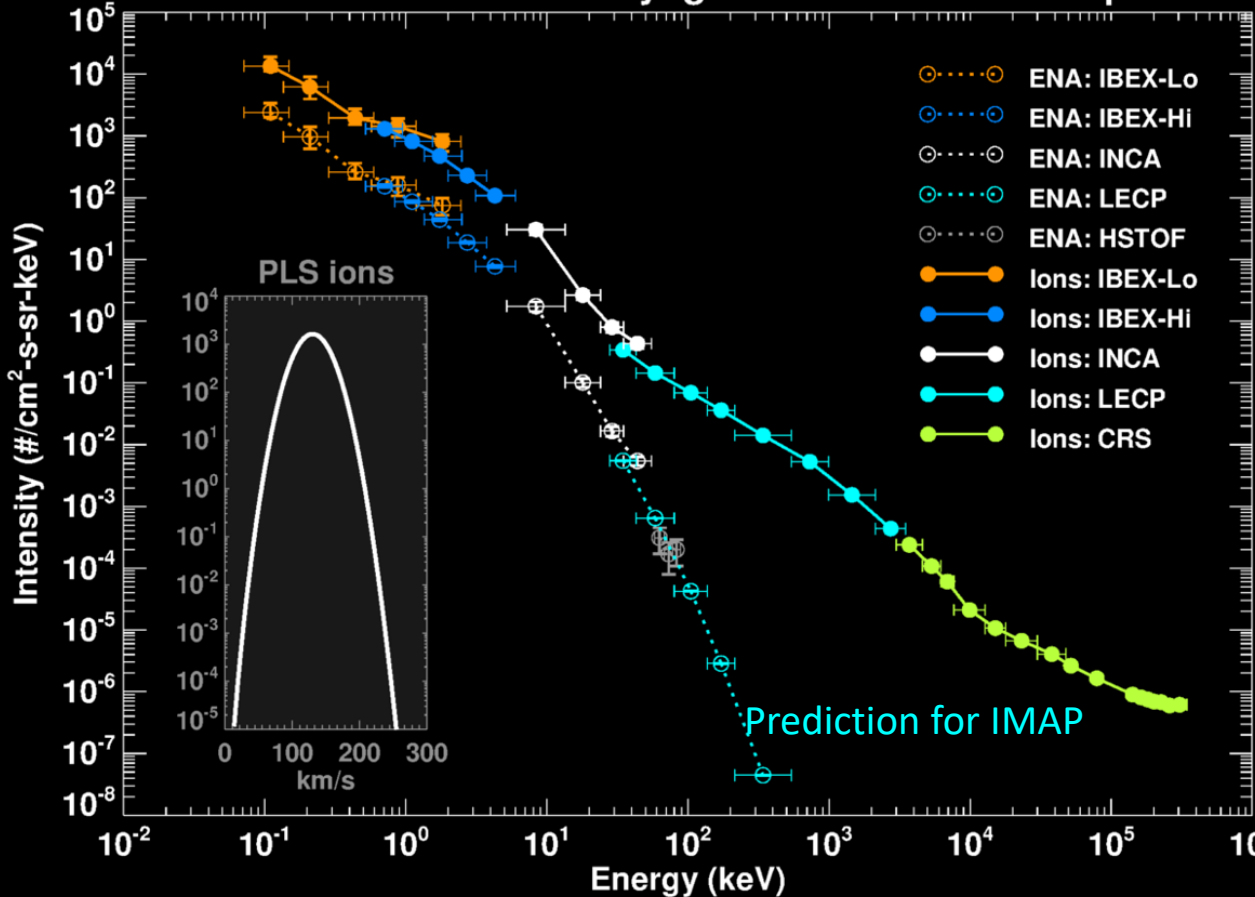


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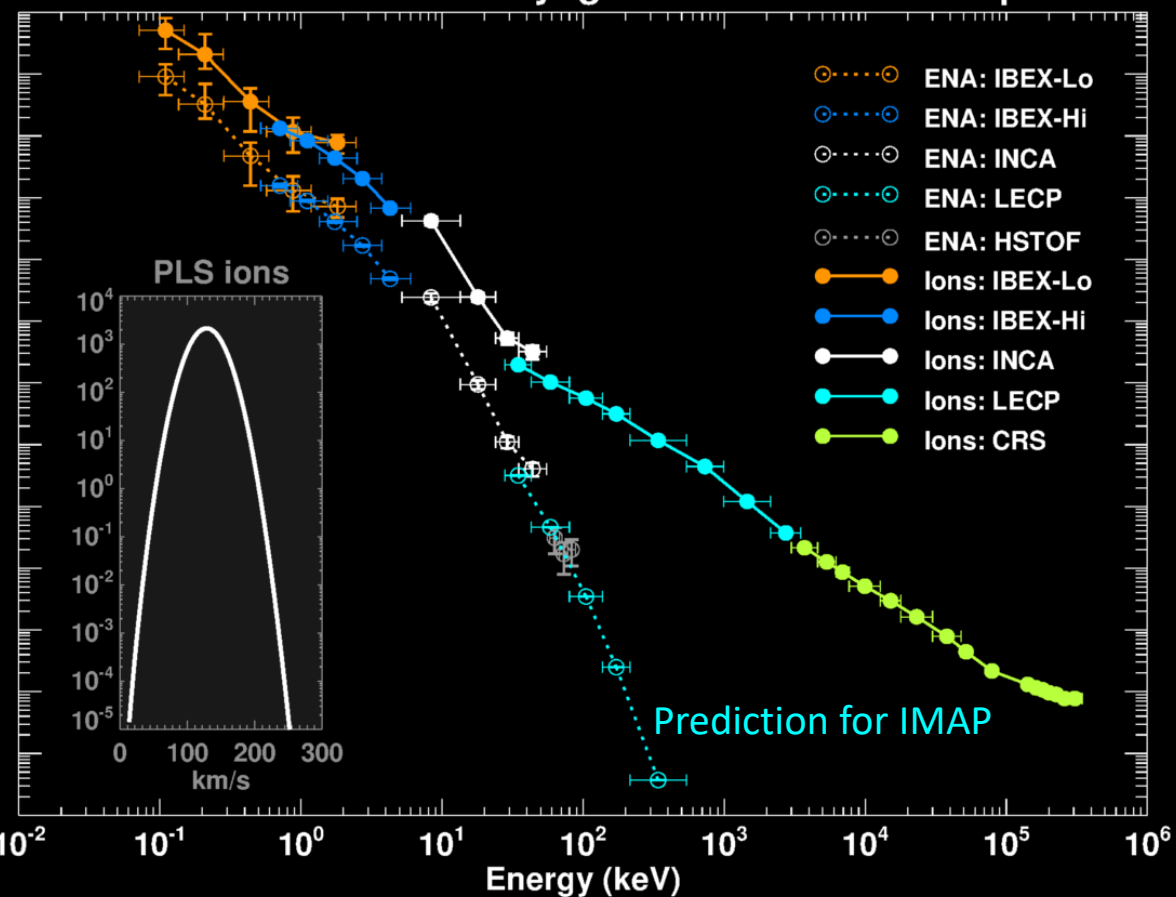
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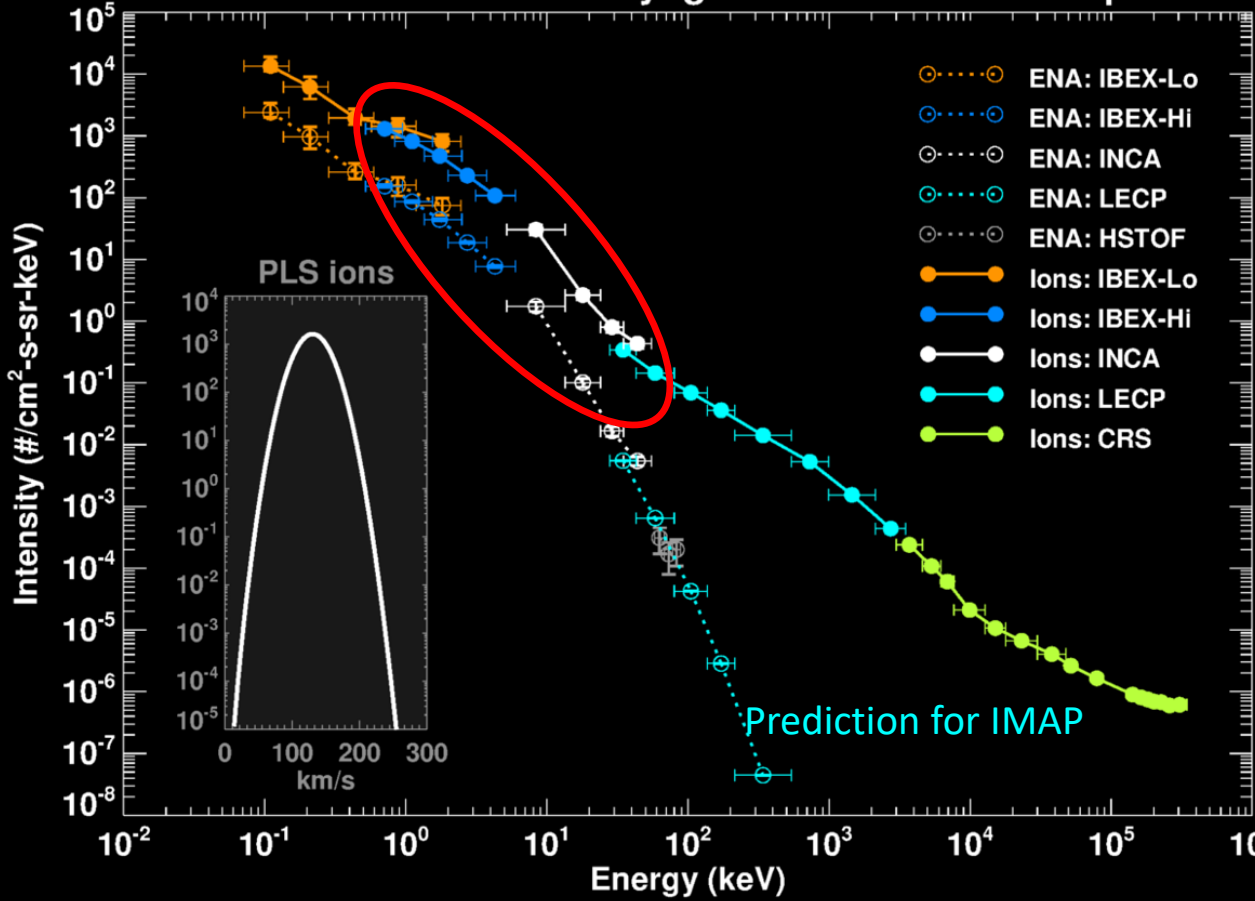
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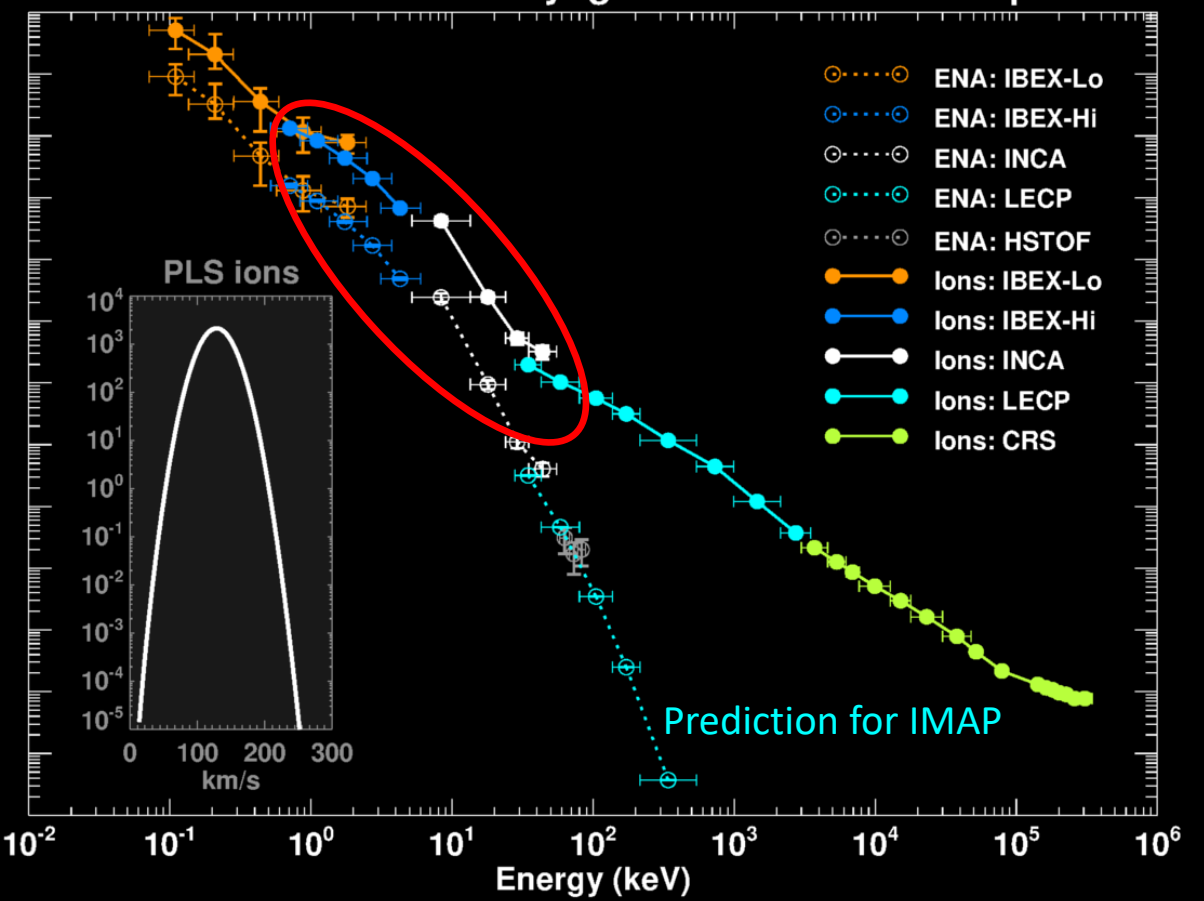
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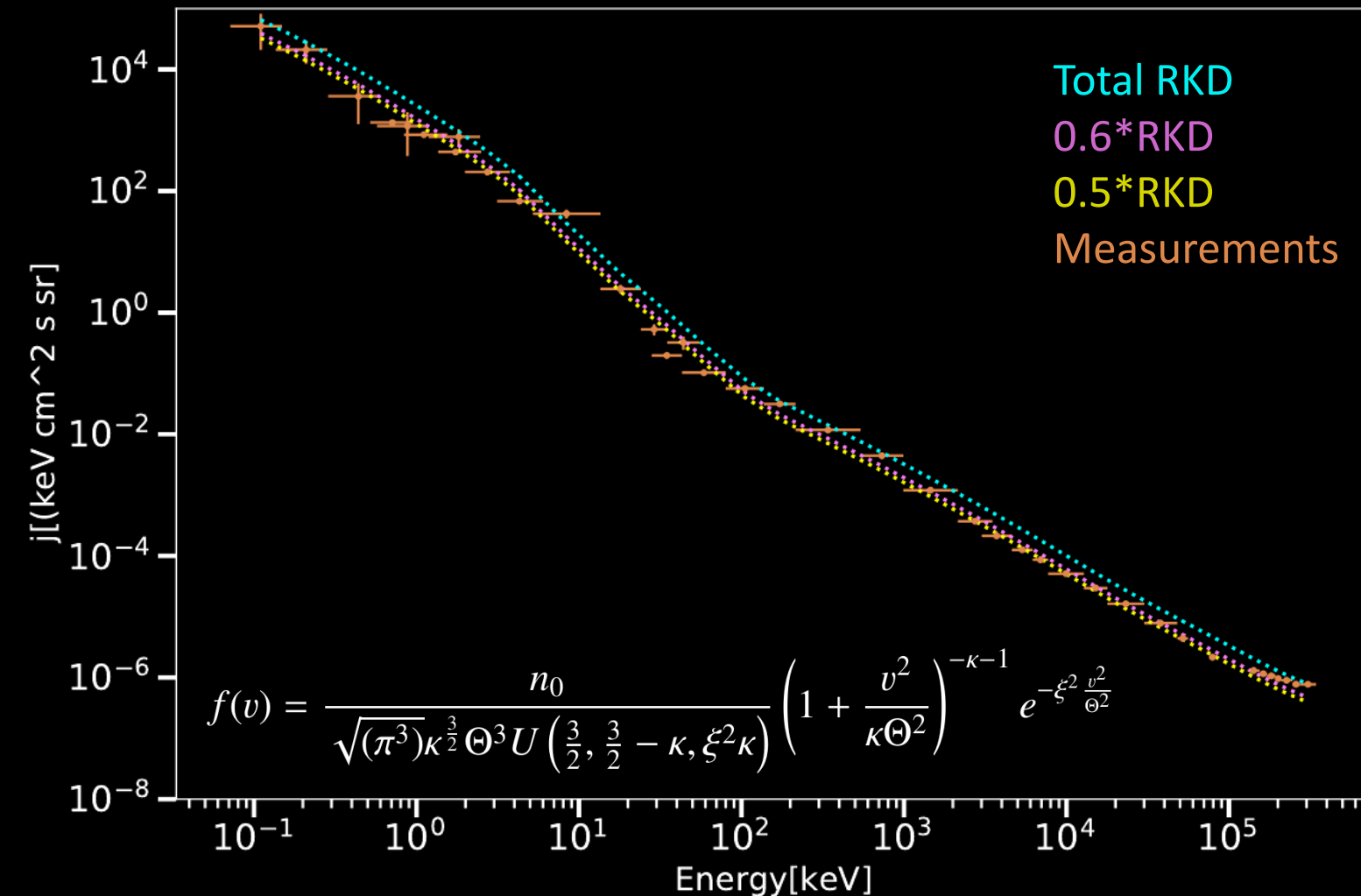
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Sophisticated Heliosphere models underestimate the ENA (and ion) fluxes that correspond to the ~0.52 to 55 keV energies by ~1.5-4 (or more).

### Scherer, Dialynas+[2022]



$u$  = speed,  $\vartheta$  = normalization speed,  $n_0$  = number density,  $\kappa > 0$ ,  $\vartheta/c < \xi < 1$ ,  $U(a,b,z)$  = Kummer-U funct.

A very good agreement between the model and data for 2009-2013

**BUT**

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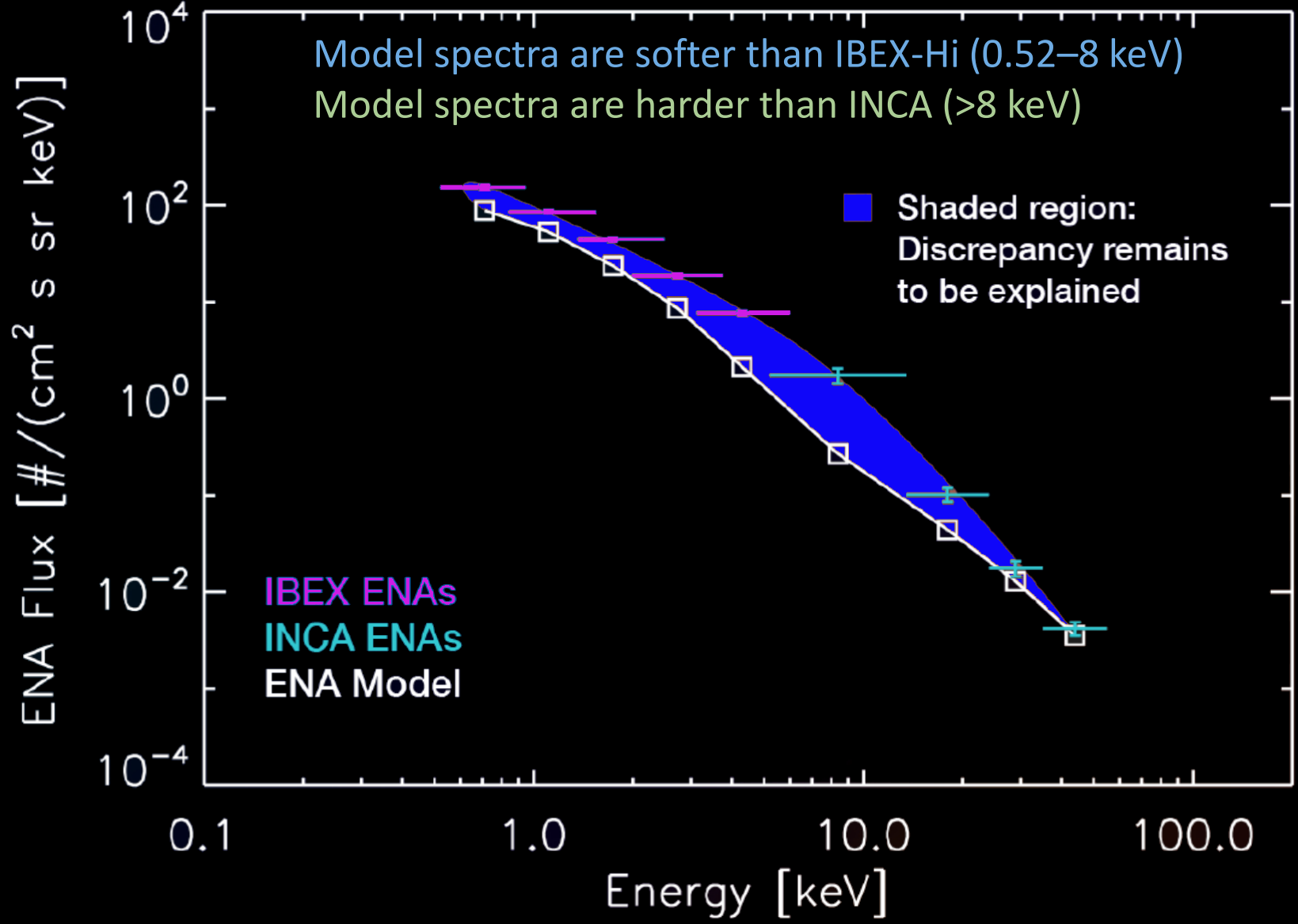
#### Explanation:

- The ascending phase of SC24 (2013 to 2016) has not yet filled the entire IHS, and thus we have a combination of the proton fluxes from the previous cycle 23 and the ascending cycle 24.
- PUI and ACR shock accelerated particles that undergo additional acceleration inside the HS





**Gkioulidou+[2022]**



**Giacalone+[2021]**

Self-consistent, kinetic treatment of SW protons and pickup protons, showing high-energy tails for both the SW (~3 keV) & PUIs (~5 keV).

**Kornbleuth+[2021]**

- Partitioning of the plasma energy
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- PUIs being reflected at the TS.

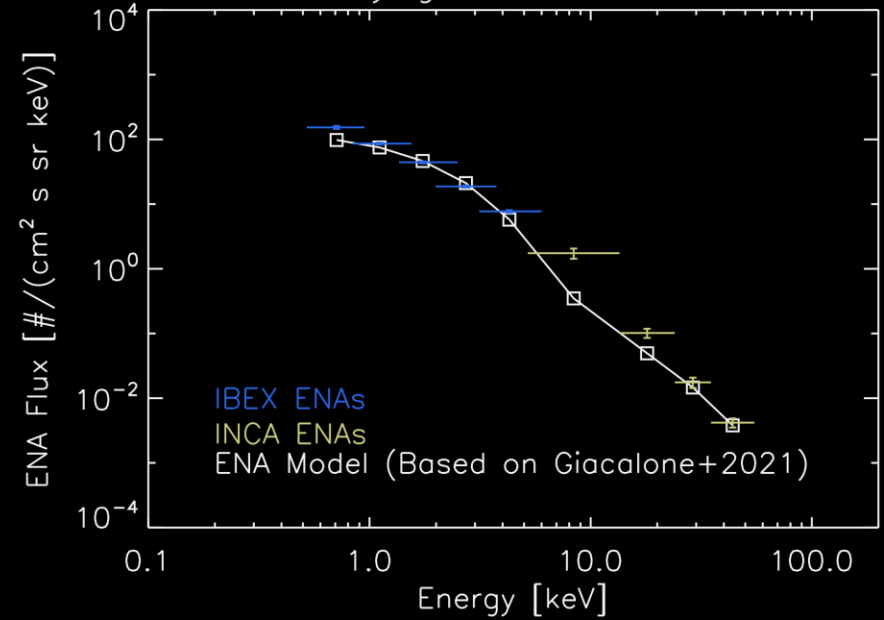
Fit the spectra with

- Maxwellian distribution (cold SW protons)
- $\kappa$ -Distributions (transmitted PUIs)

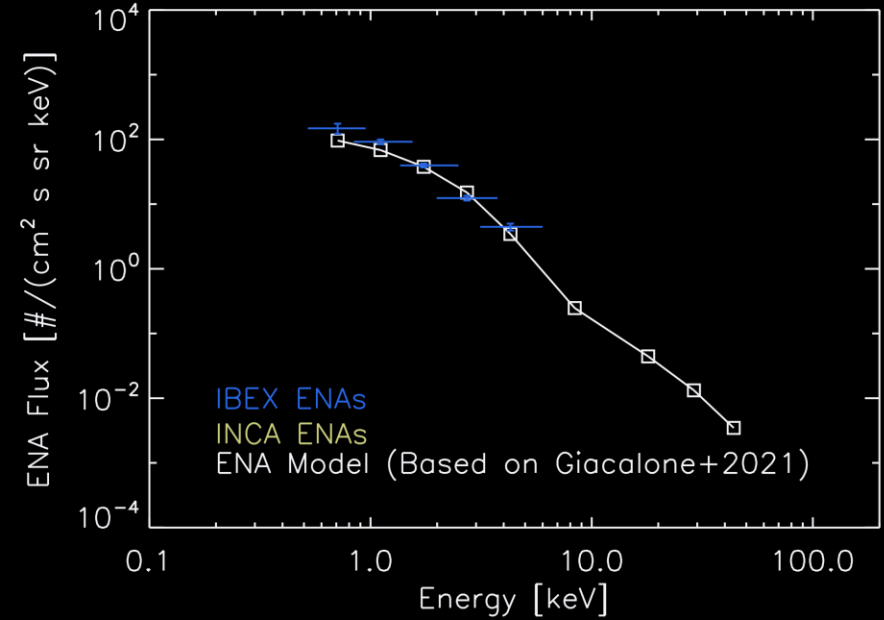
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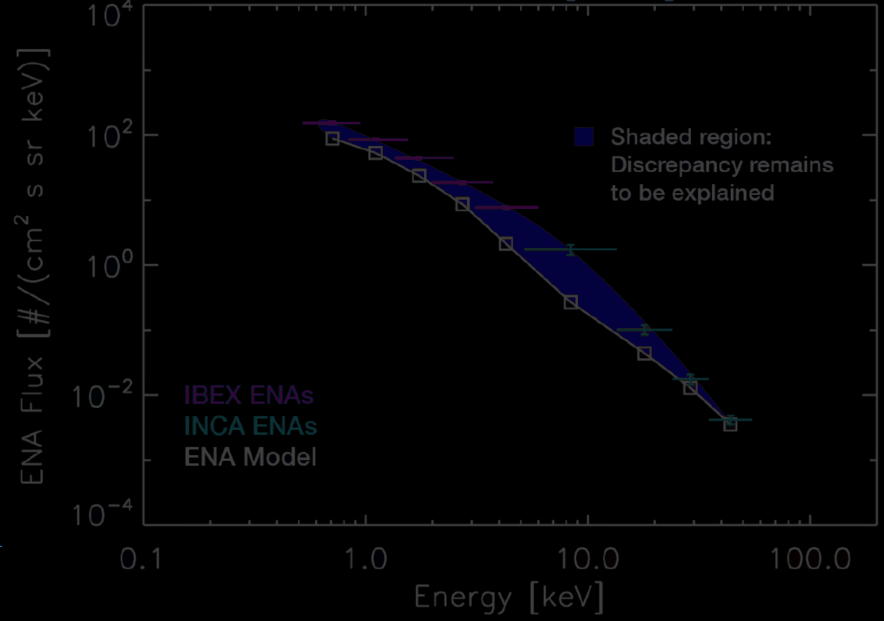
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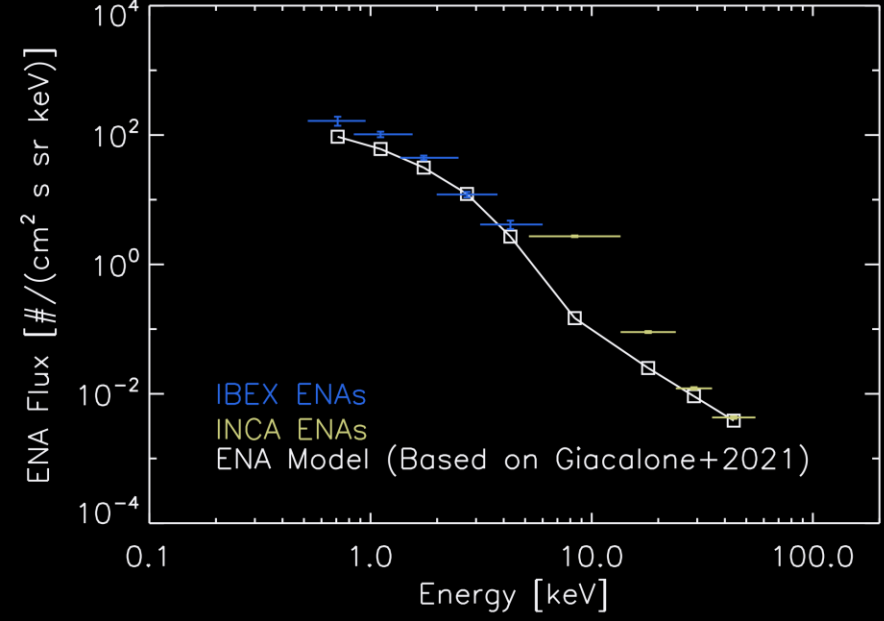
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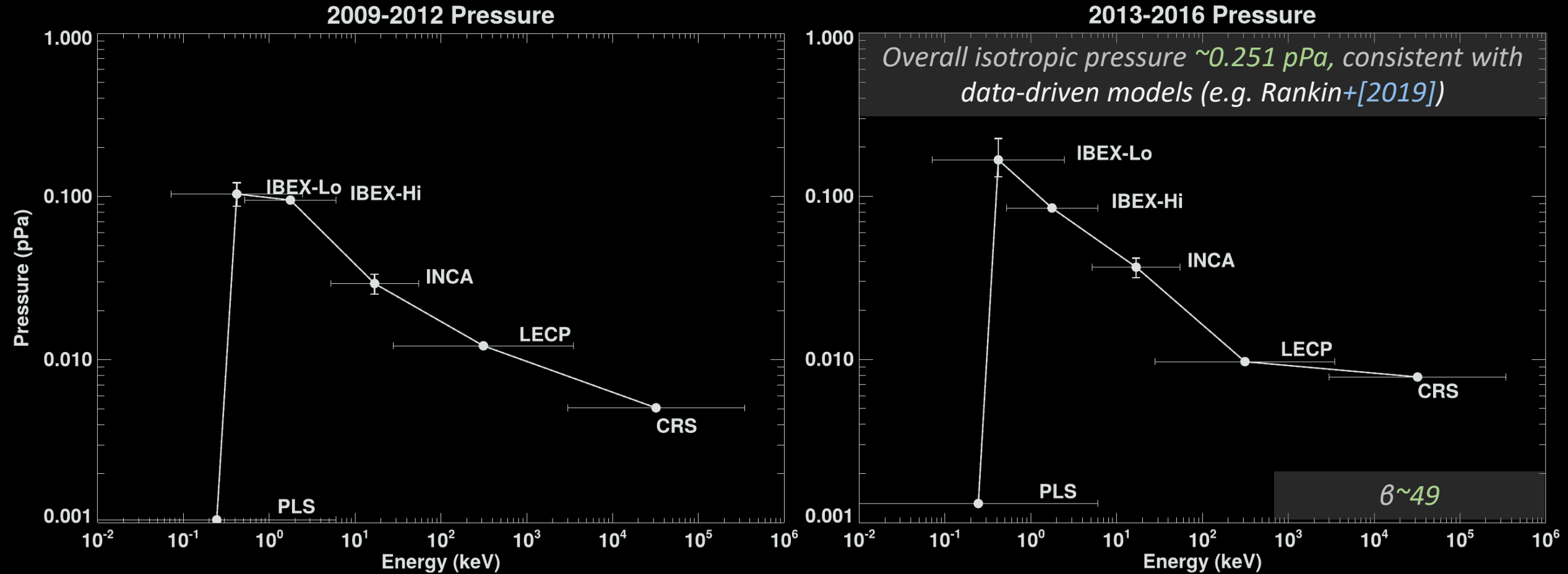
## Kornbleuth+[2023]

Provides an update to the Gkioulidou+[2022] model, by adding a PUI population that gets accelerated by Diffusive Shock Acceleration due to turbulence at the TS.

The 0.5-4 keV discrepancy is no longer there, but the discrepancy between 4-20 keV persists..

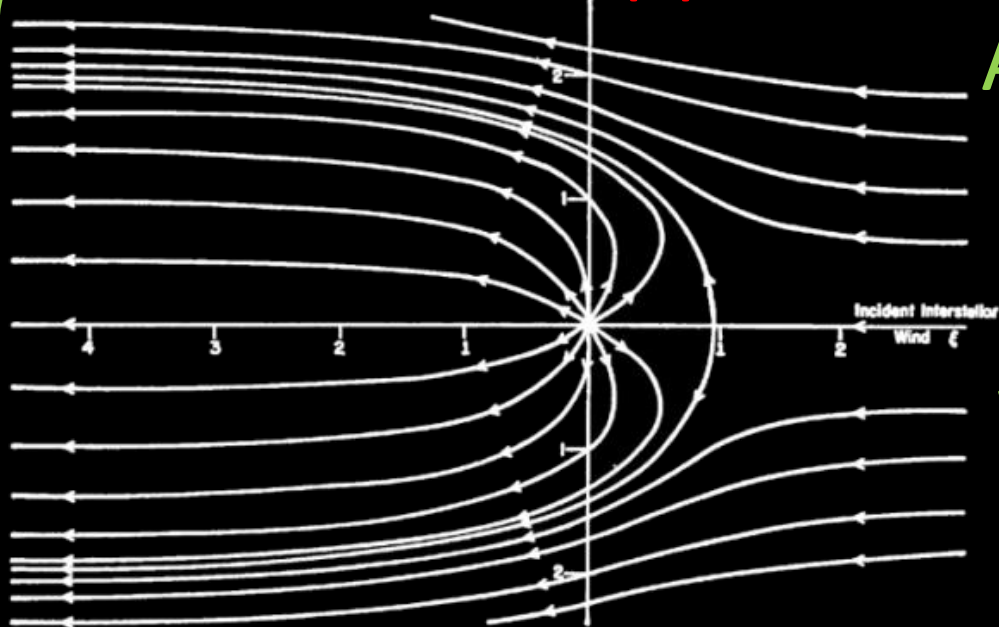
Further acceleration in the HS is needed.

# Dialynas+[2020]



- V2 (Dialynas+2020): B required to balance the pressure from the HS  $\sim 0.67$  nT (Burlaga+[2019];  $\sim 0.68$  nT).
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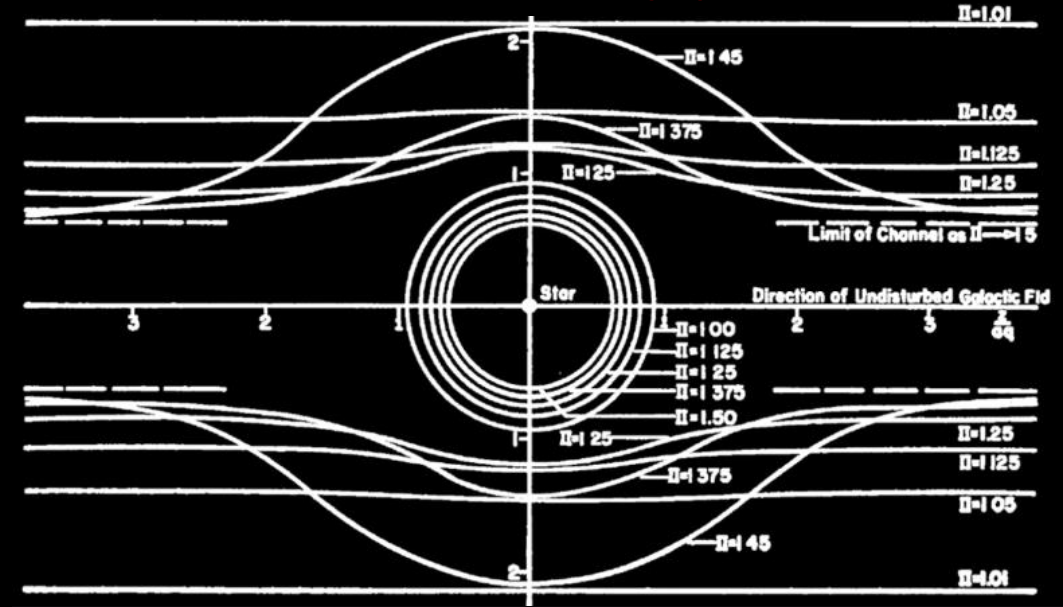
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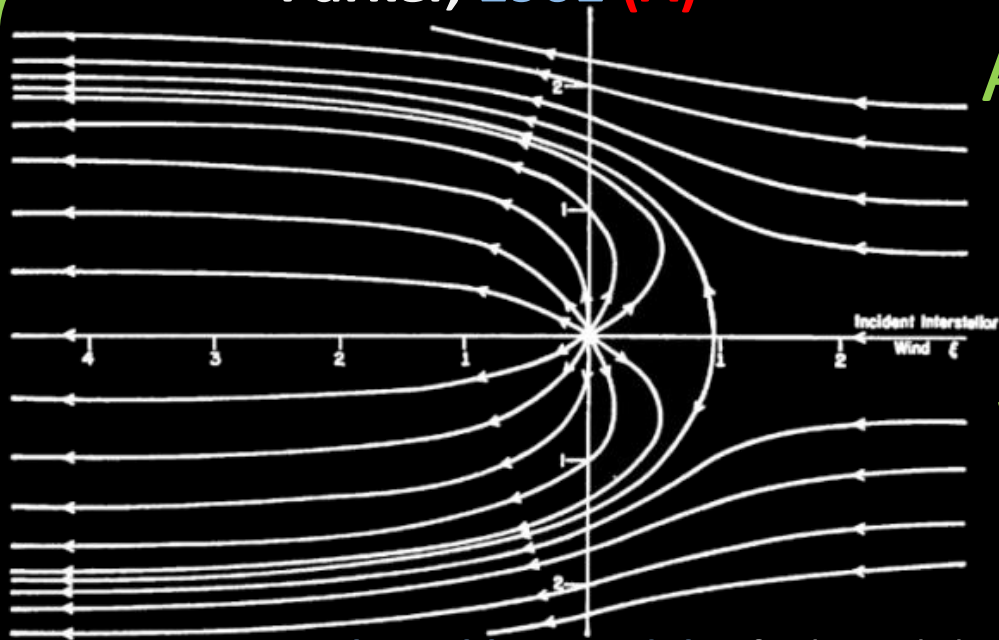
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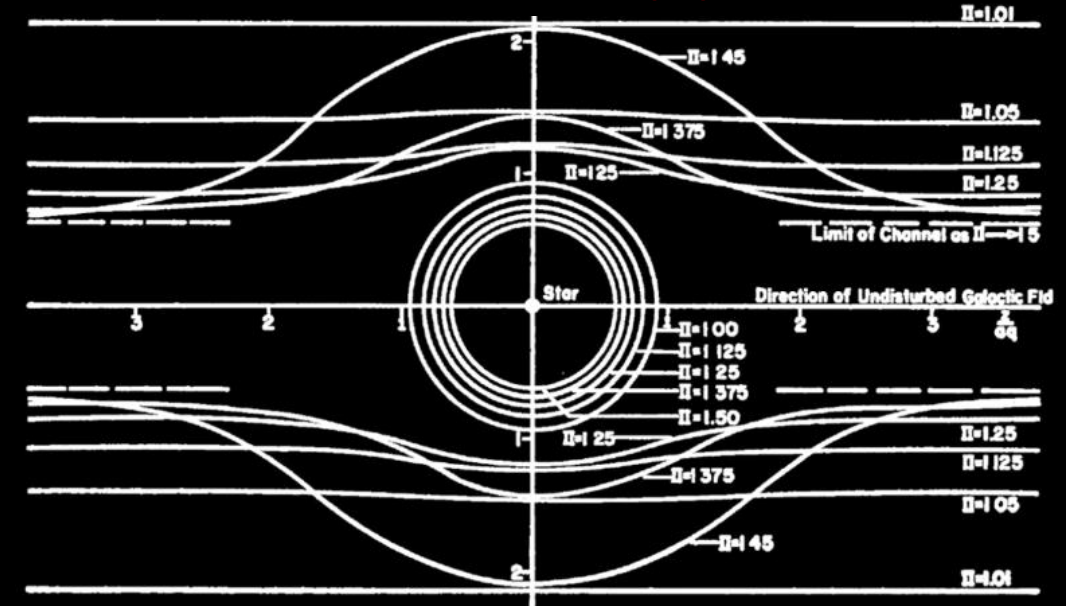
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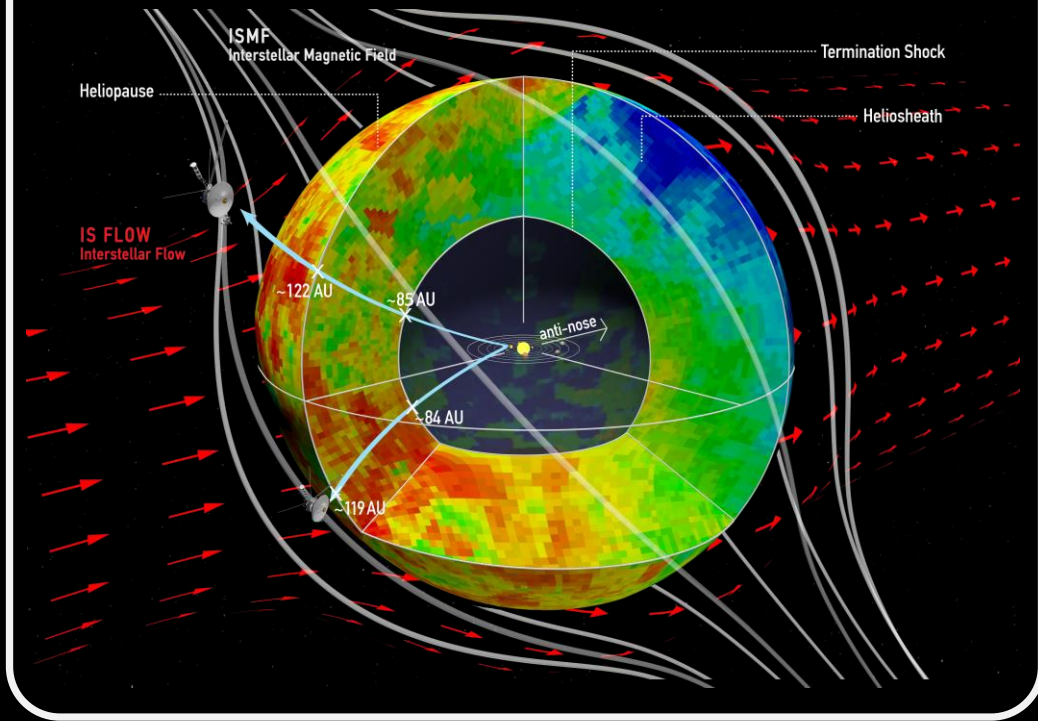


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- c) High HS pressure  $P_{\text{tot}} \sim 0.230 - 0.267$  pPa (Krimigis+2010; Dialynas+2020; Rankin+2019).
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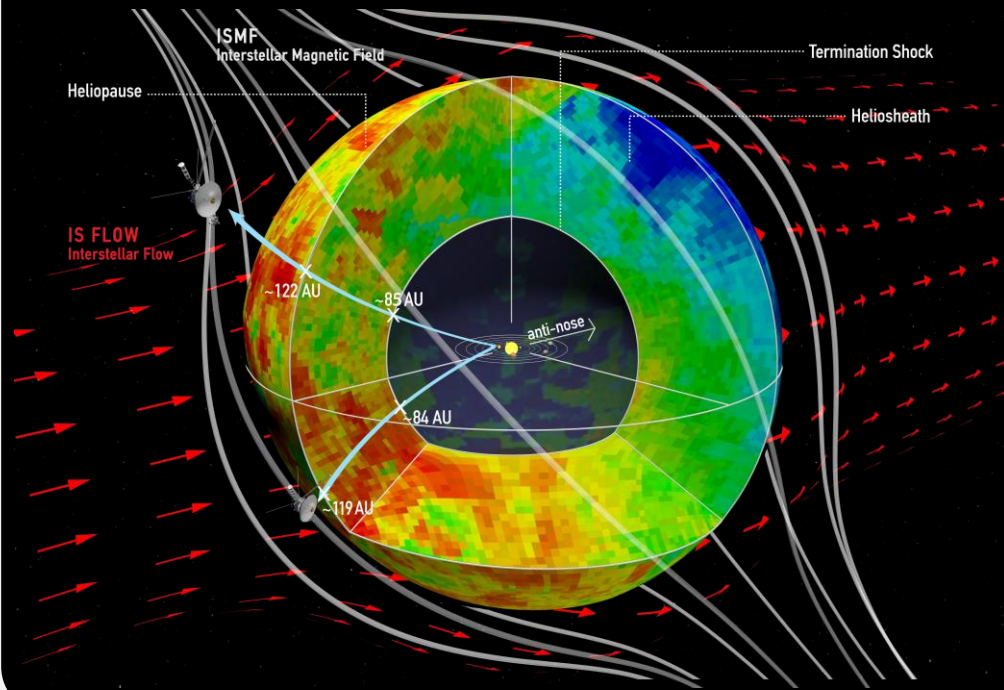
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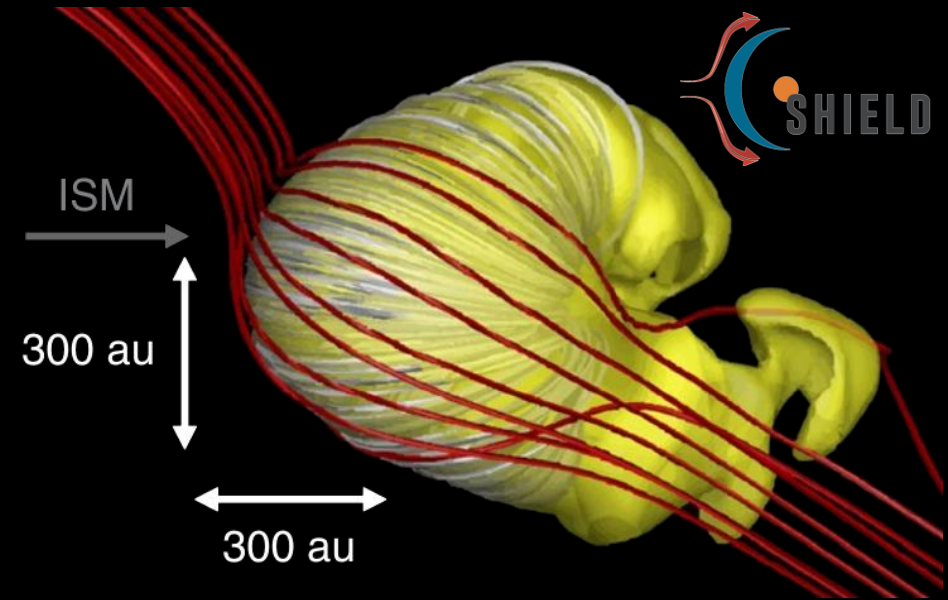


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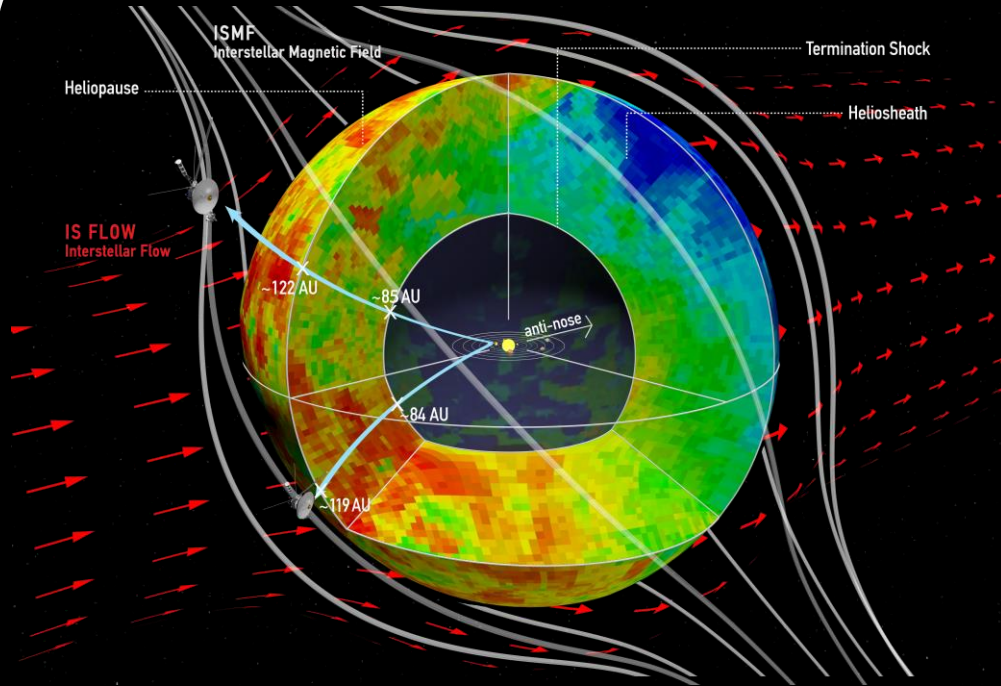


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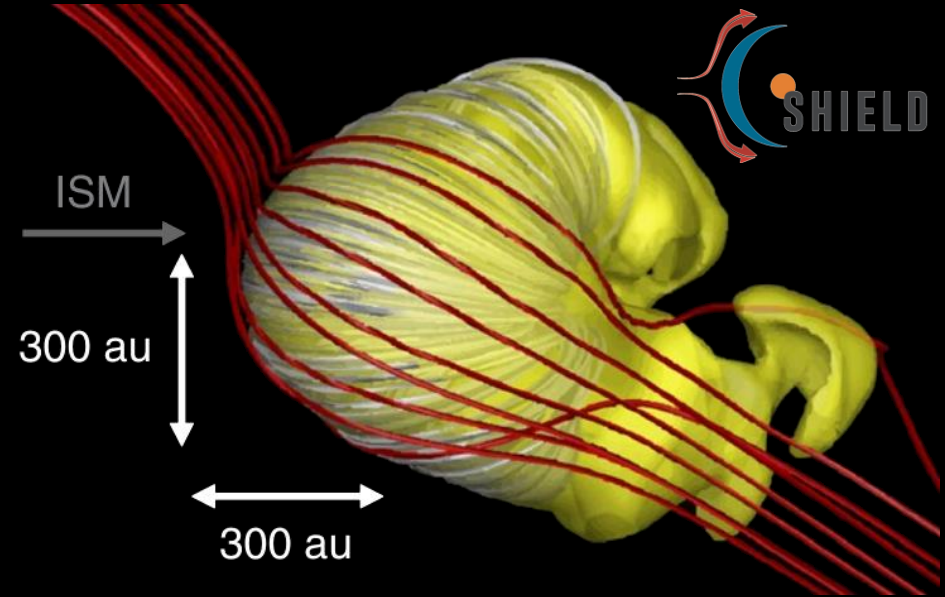


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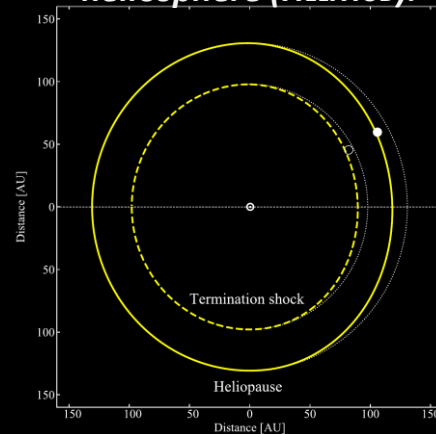


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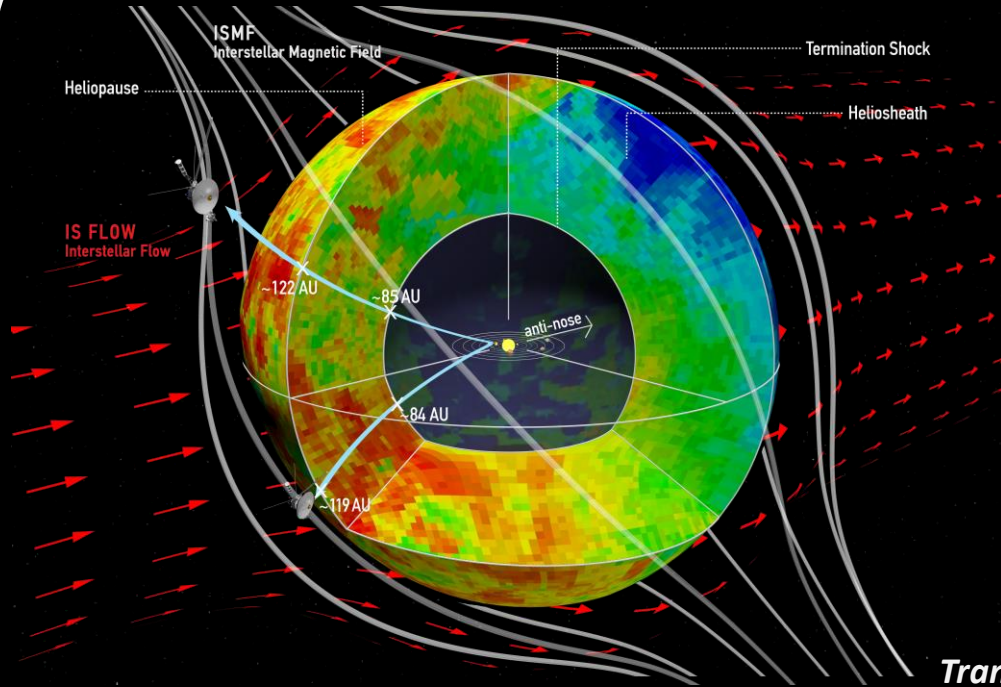
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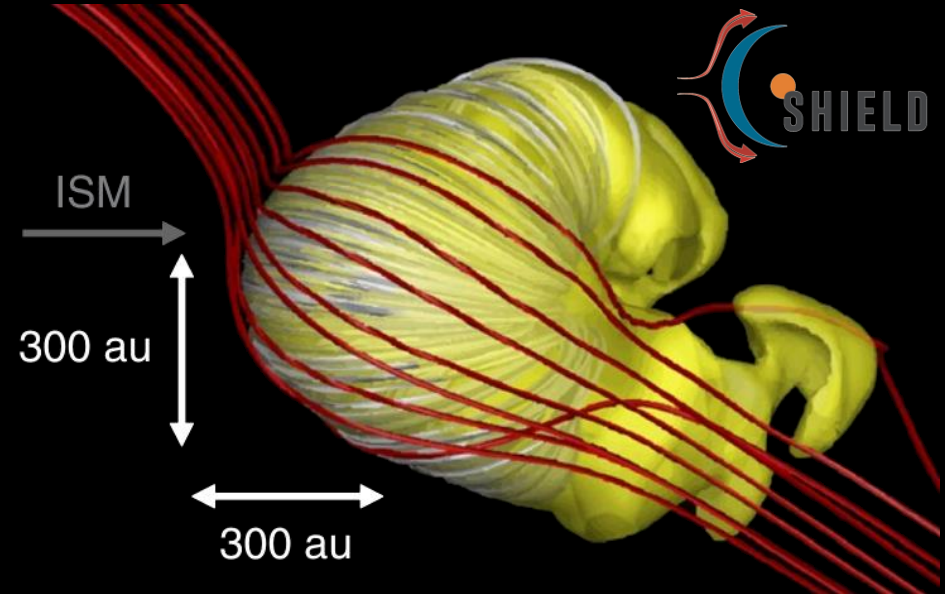


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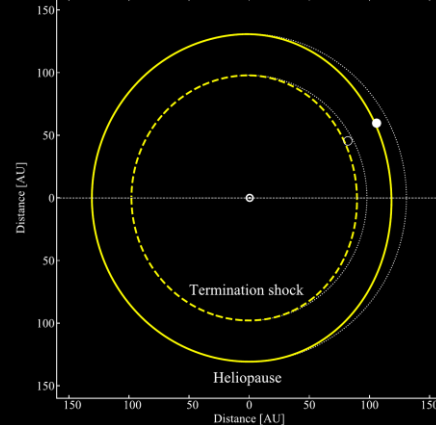


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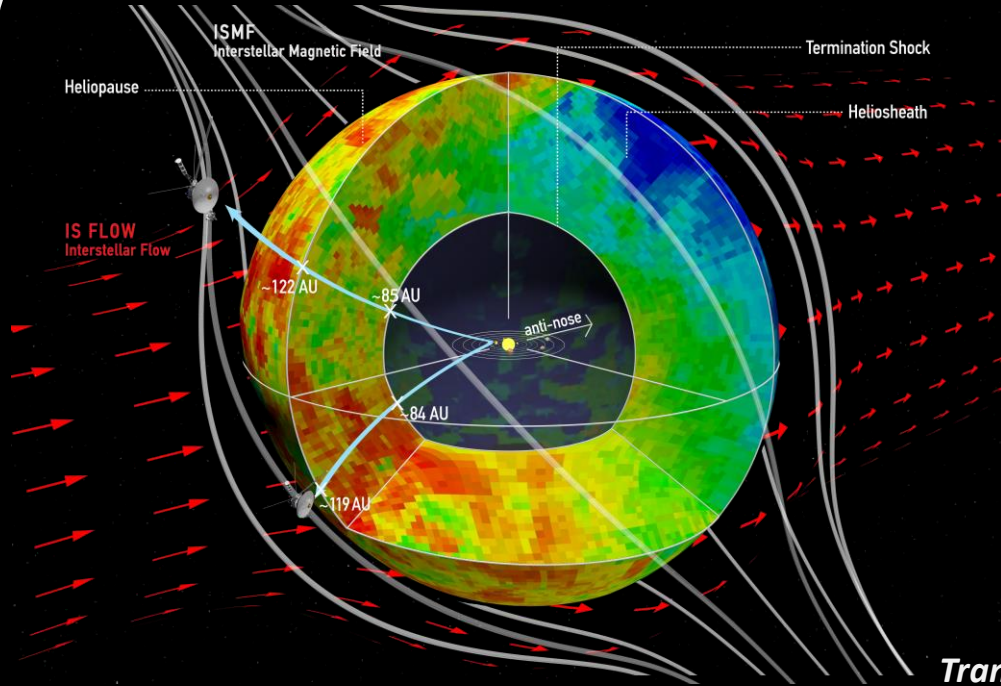
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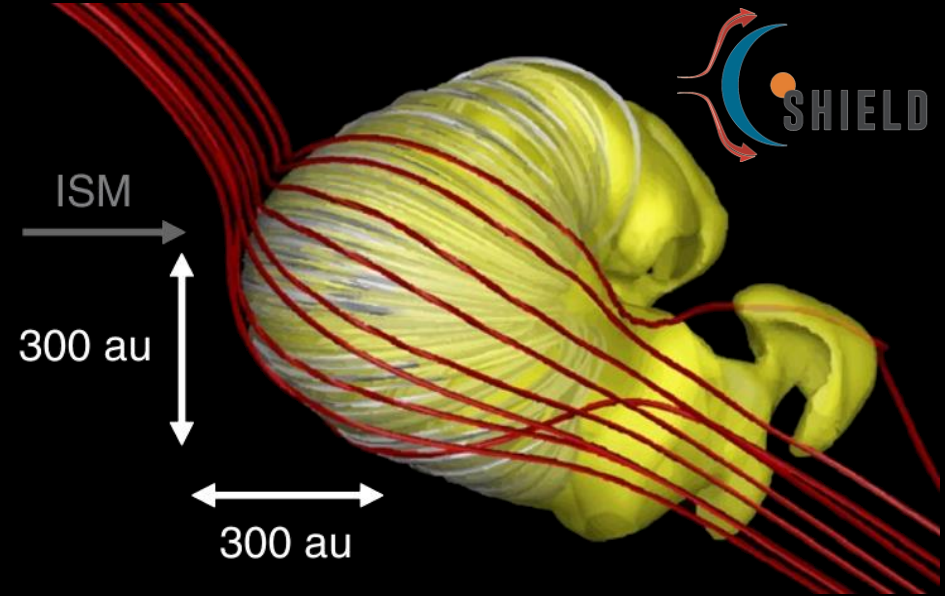
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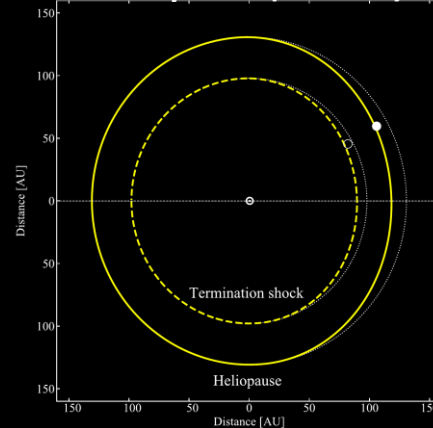


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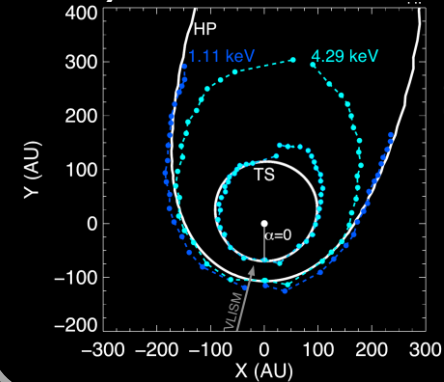
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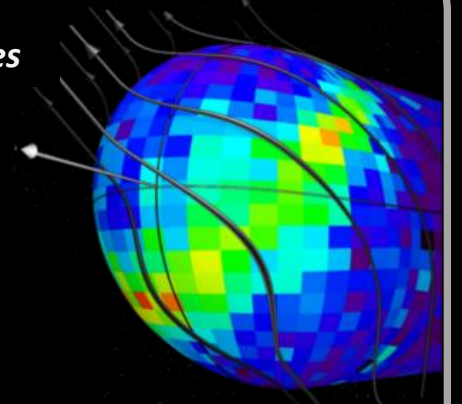
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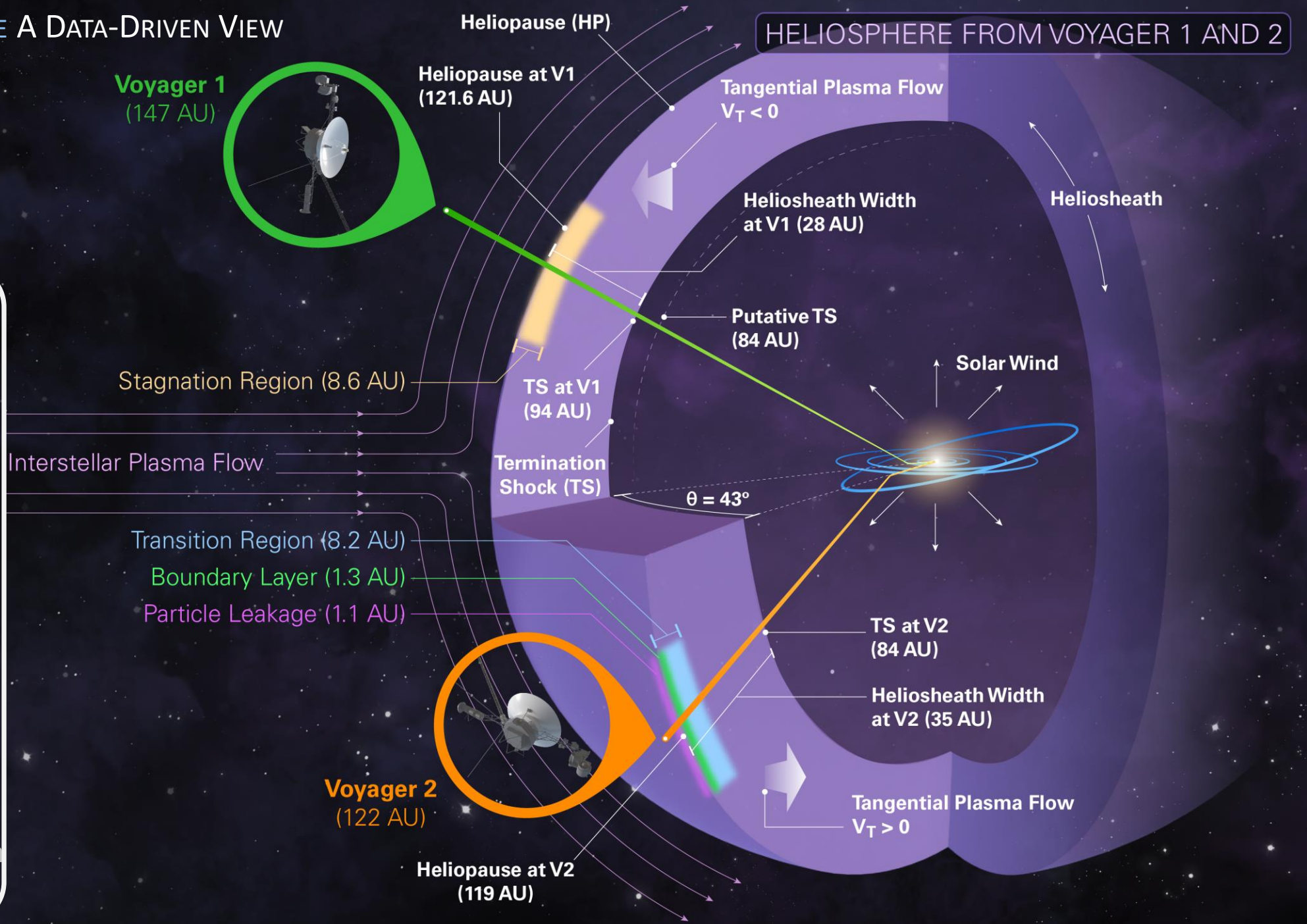
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# Summary // Conclusions

We know that  $>5.2$  keV ENAs are created in the HS

We know how many ions it takes to make one ENA in the HS

We know that the particle spectrum inside the HS is complex

We know that there is communication between the HS and the VLISM

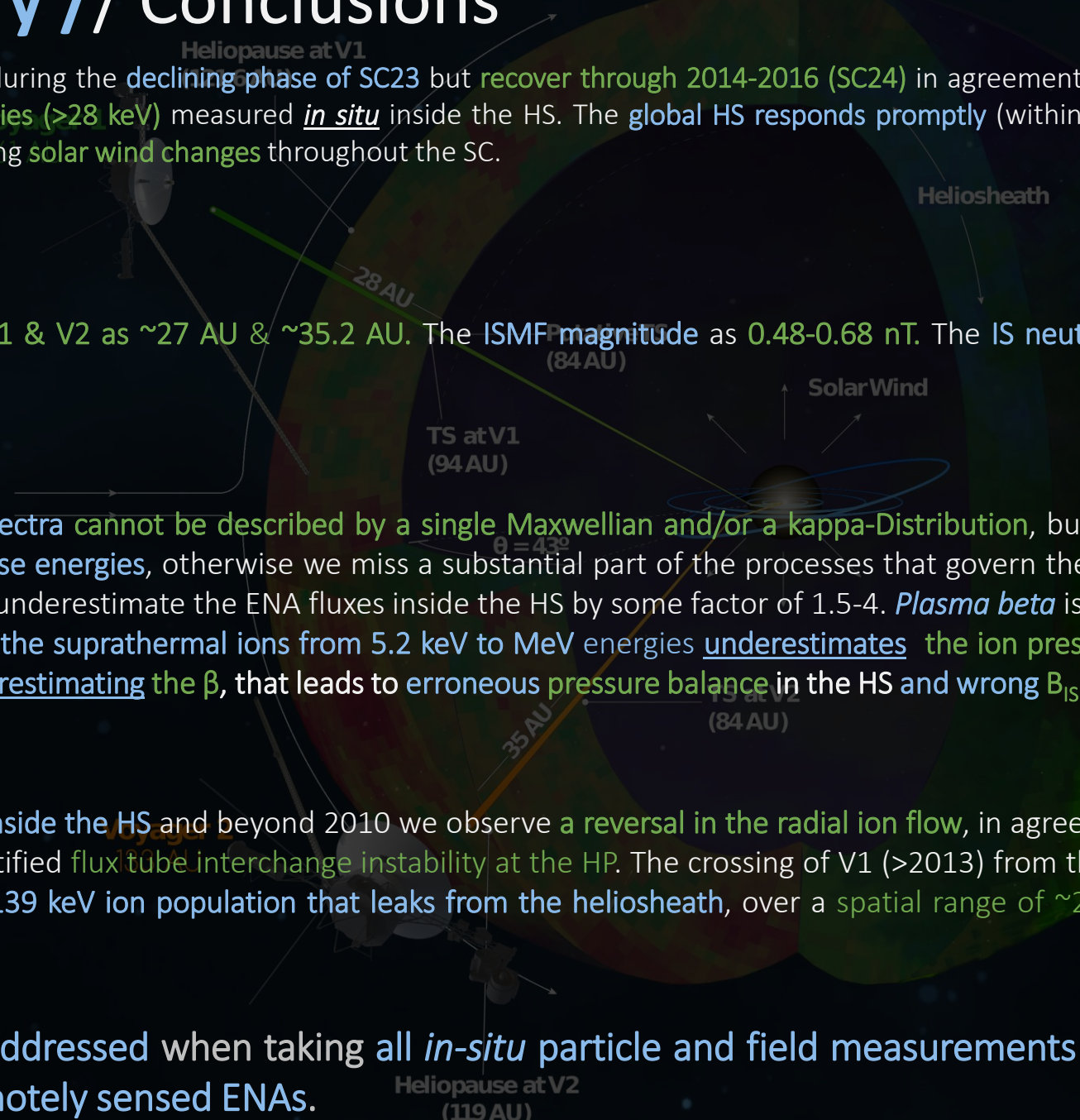
ENAs ( $>5.2$  keV) decrease during the declining phase of SC23 but recover through 2014-2016 (SC24) in agreement with the V1,2/LECP ion intensities ( $>28$  keV) measured *in situ* inside the HS. The global HS responds promptly (within  $>2.5$  yrs) to outward-propagating solar wind changes throughout the SC.

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Ion velocities decrease inside the HS and beyond 2010 we observe a reversal in the radial ion flow, in agreement with the previously identified flux tube interchange instability at the HP. The crossing of V1 ( $>2013$ ) from the HP is associated with a 40-139 keV ion population that leaks from the heliosheath, over a spatial range of  $\sim 28$  AU from the HP.

The phenomenology of the heliosphere can only be addressed when taking all *in-situ* particle and field measurements into account (from eV to MeV energies), together with remotely sensed ENAs.



# Thank You

