

European space assets of potential interest to the GDC STDT

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- Very brief overview of ESA related assets in next few years in magnetosphere...



Mission Summary

Planned Launch: Feb 2020

Cruise Phase: 1.8 years (for Feb 2020)

Nominal Mission: 4 years

Extended Mission: 3.5 years

Orbit: 0.28–0.91 AU (P=150-180 days)

Out-of-Ecliptic View:

Multiple gravity assists with Venus to increase inclination out of the ecliptic to $>24^\circ$ (nominal mission), $>33^\circ$ (extended mission)

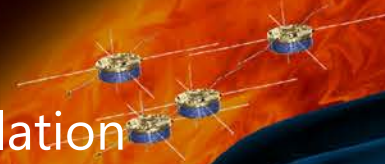
Reduced relative rotation:

Observations of evolving structures on solar surface & in heliosphere for almost a complete solar rotation



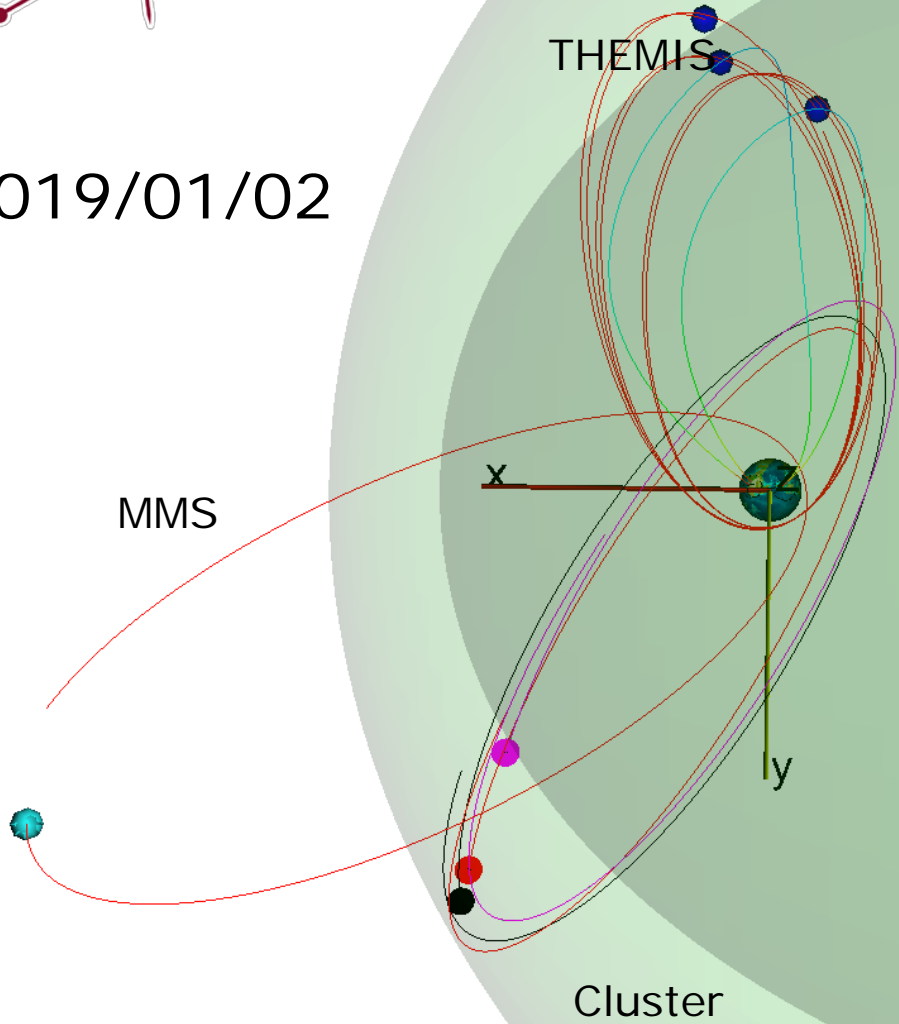
cluster

- Since 2001
- Sun-Earth connection
- Four identical spacecraft in constellation
- 44 instruments with 76 sensors
- Ions, electrons
- Magnetic field
- Electric field
- Electromagnetic waves
- Spacecraft potential control
- Operations up to 2020 currently
- Originally in a high inclination orbit $\sim 4 \times 19 R_E$

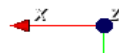
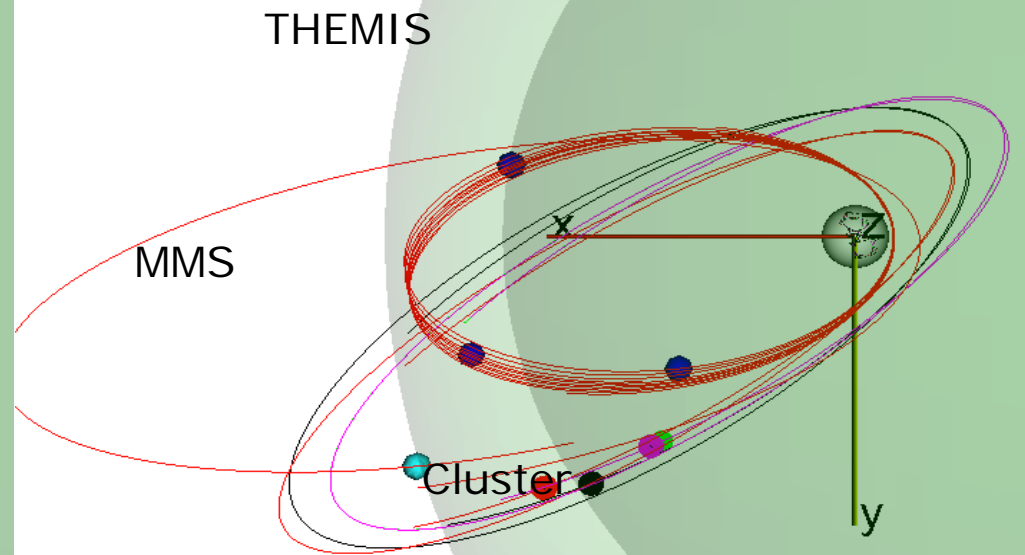




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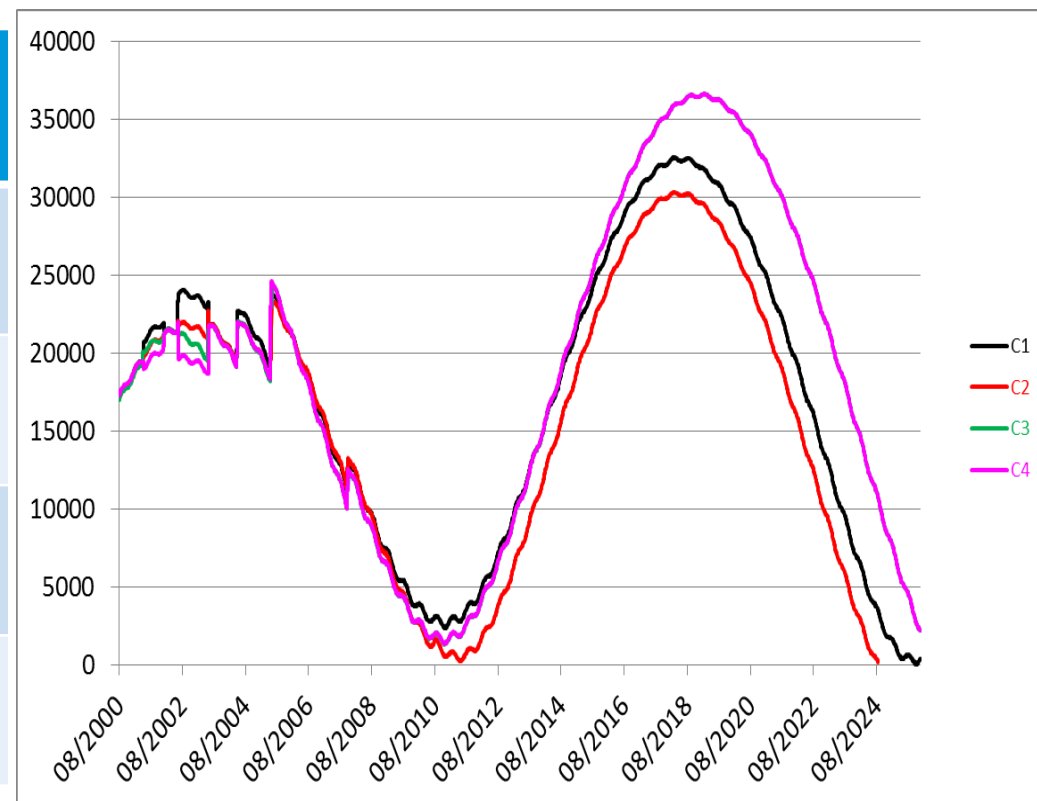
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cluster

Name	ID	Prediction Q2 2017	Prediction 2018-01-09
Rumba / 1 / FM5	2000-045A, 26463	2025-11-04	2025-11-04T18:38
Salsa / 2 / FM6	2000-041B, 26411	2024-09-07	2024-09-08T09:47
Samba / 3 / FM7	2000-041A, 26410	2026-08-21	2026-08-22T14:59
Tango / 4 / FM8	2000-045B, 26464	2026-08-21	2026-08-22T06:25



SMILE

Call issued in January 2015

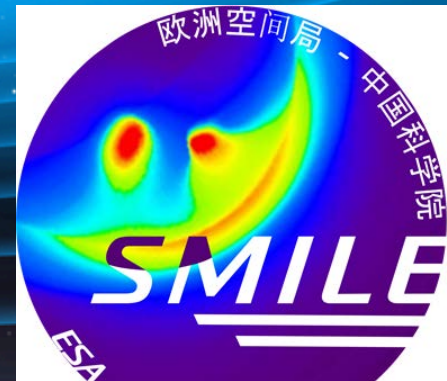
SMILE recommended in June 2015 by a joint European and Chinese scientific committee as candidate for a collaborative science mission

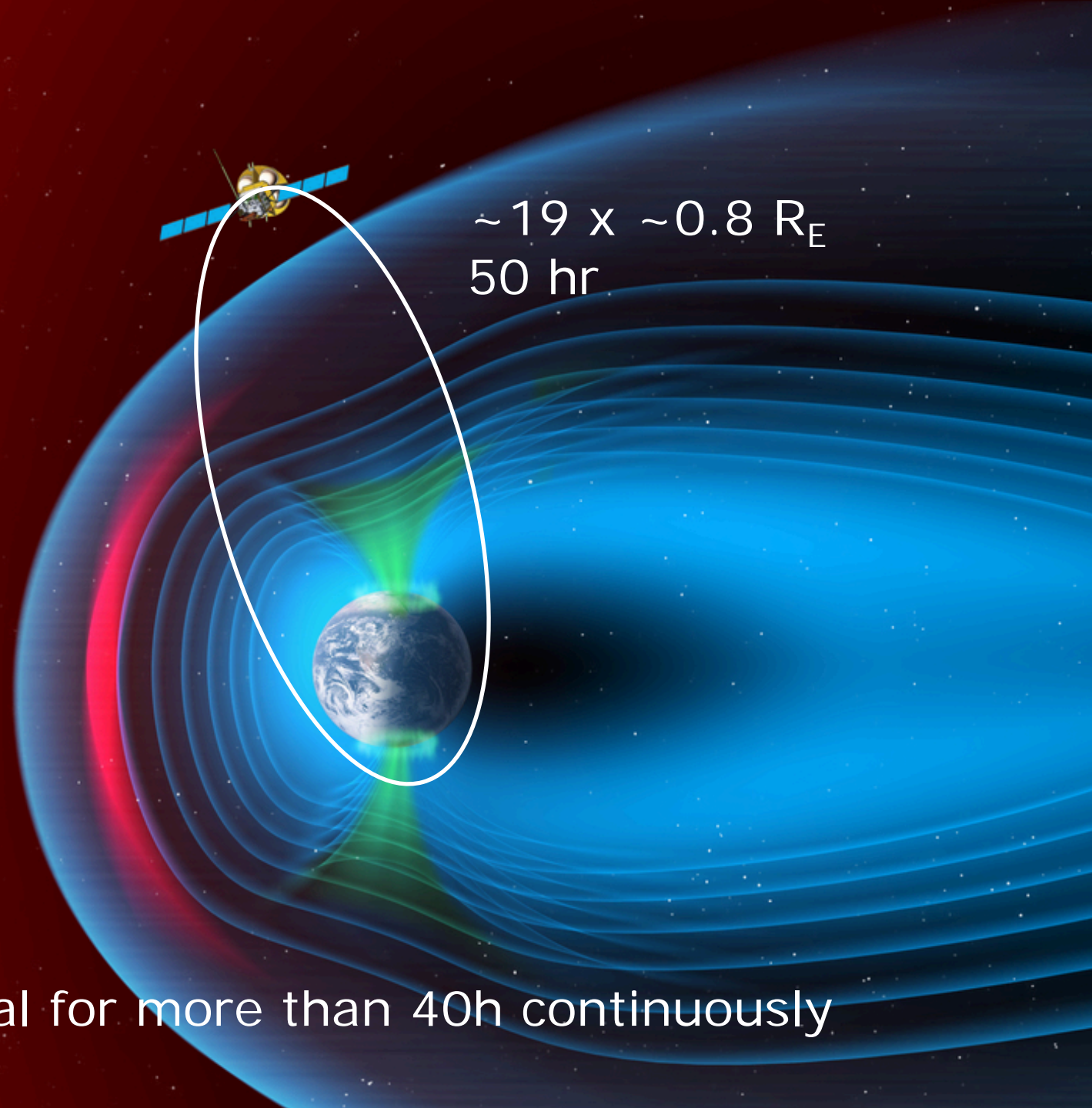
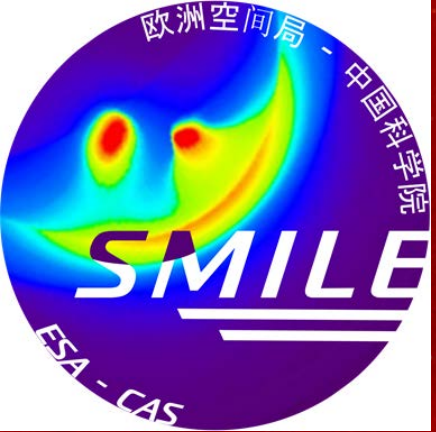
SMILE selected by ESA Science Programme Committee in November 2015

Adoption by ESA at the end of 2018

Launch end of 2023, then 3 years operations (+2 years extension)

Ion analyser
Magnetometer
X ray imager
UVI imager

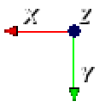
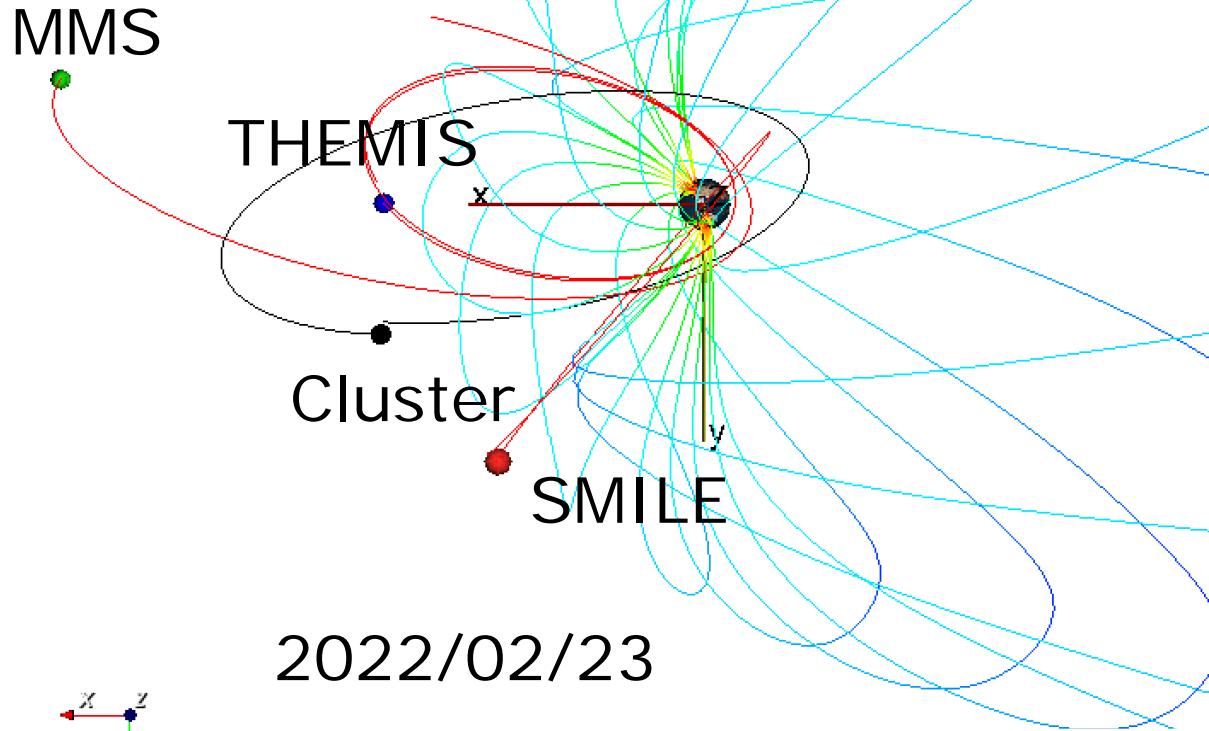




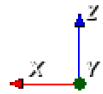
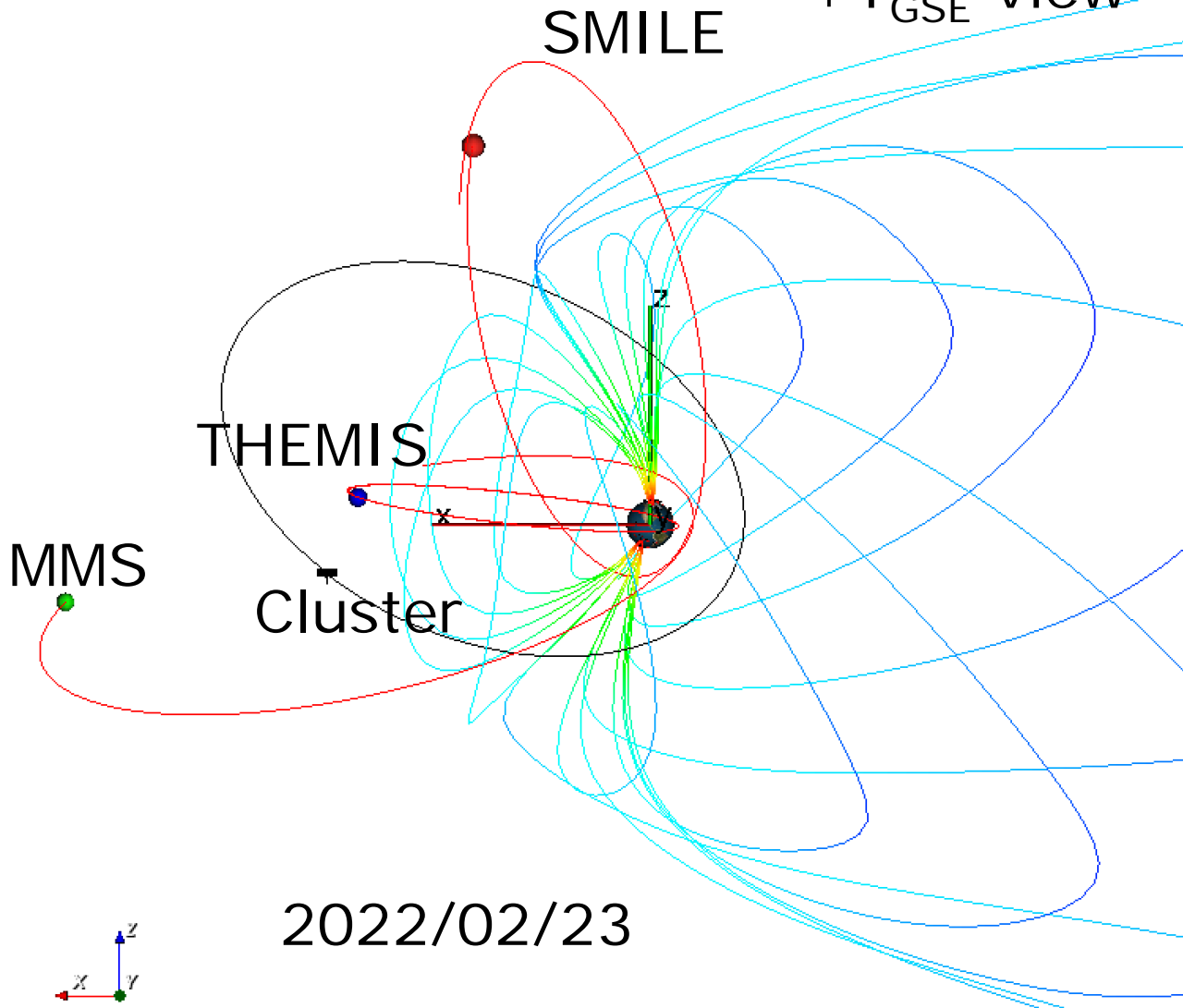
Observe the auroral oval for more than 40h continuously



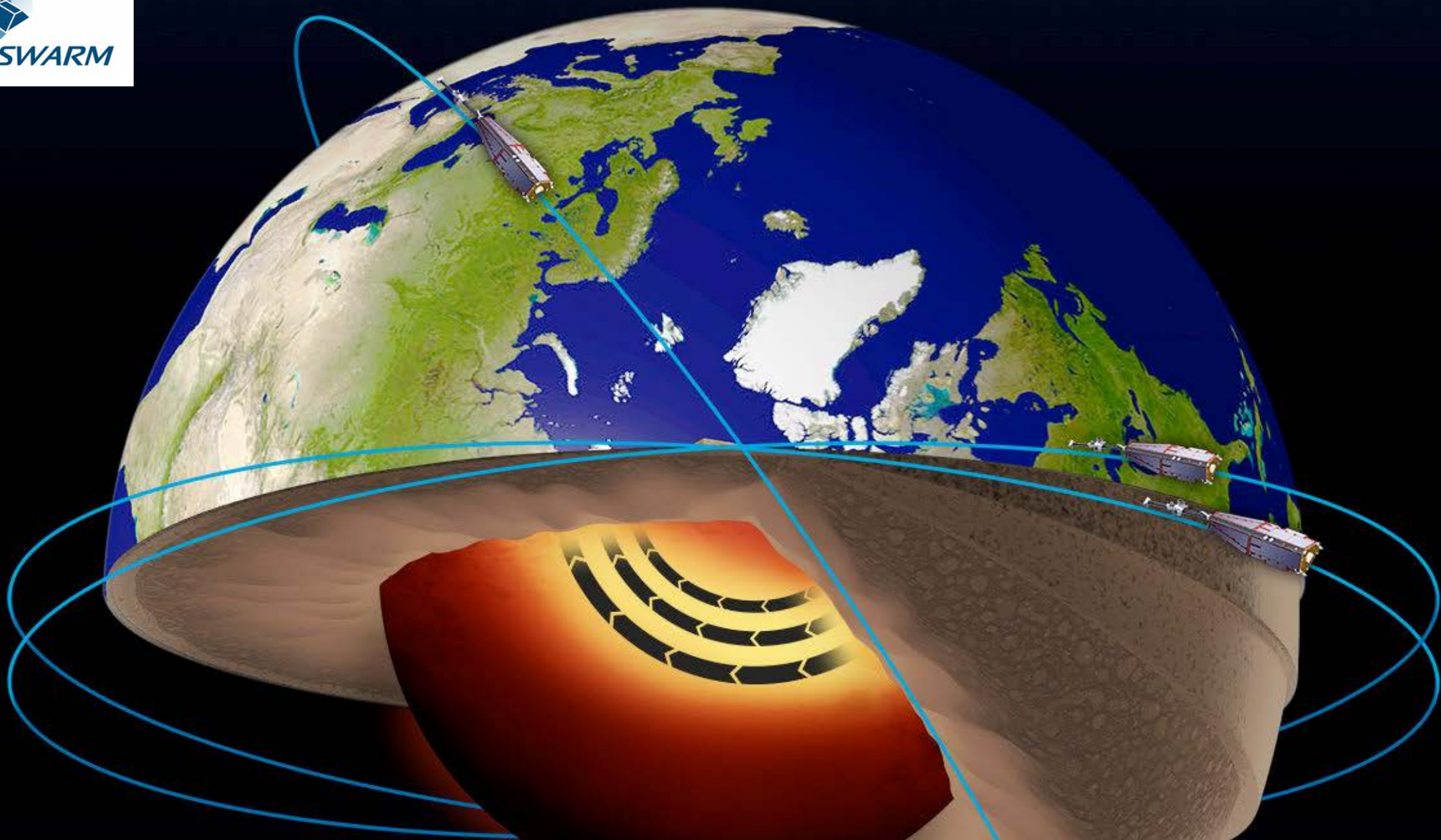
+ Z_{GSE} view



+ Y_{GSE} view



SMILE very complementary to Cluster, THEMIS and MMS
(remote sensing and in-situ)





<https://earth.esa.int/swarm>

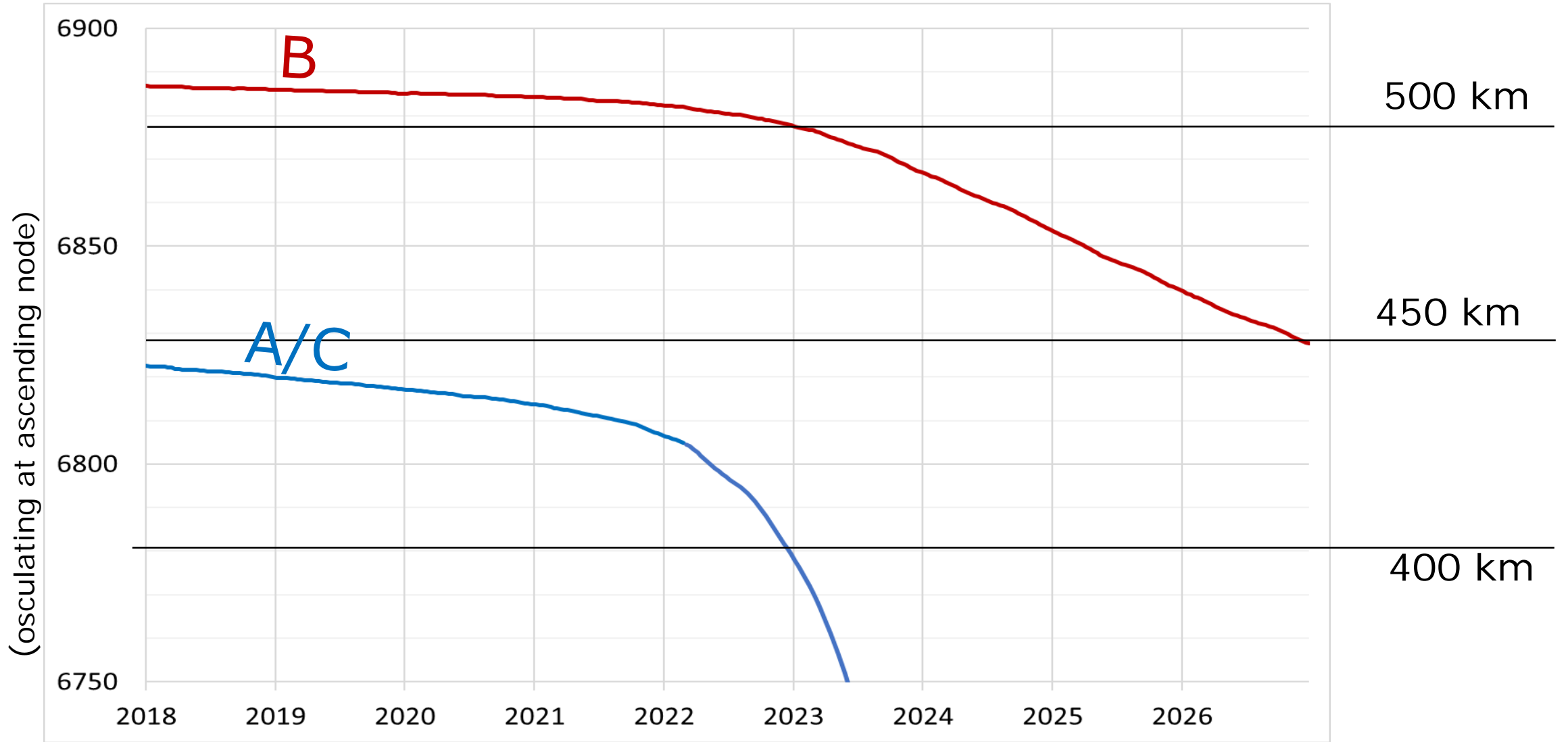
Alpha+ ~ approx. 450 km
Charlie

Bravo ~ approx. 510 km
~ 90 minute orbit

High res. B fields
Langmuir probe and 3D
thermal imager –
thermospheric density
and winds

Altitude Evolution (Medium Solar Activity)

Semi major axis [km]

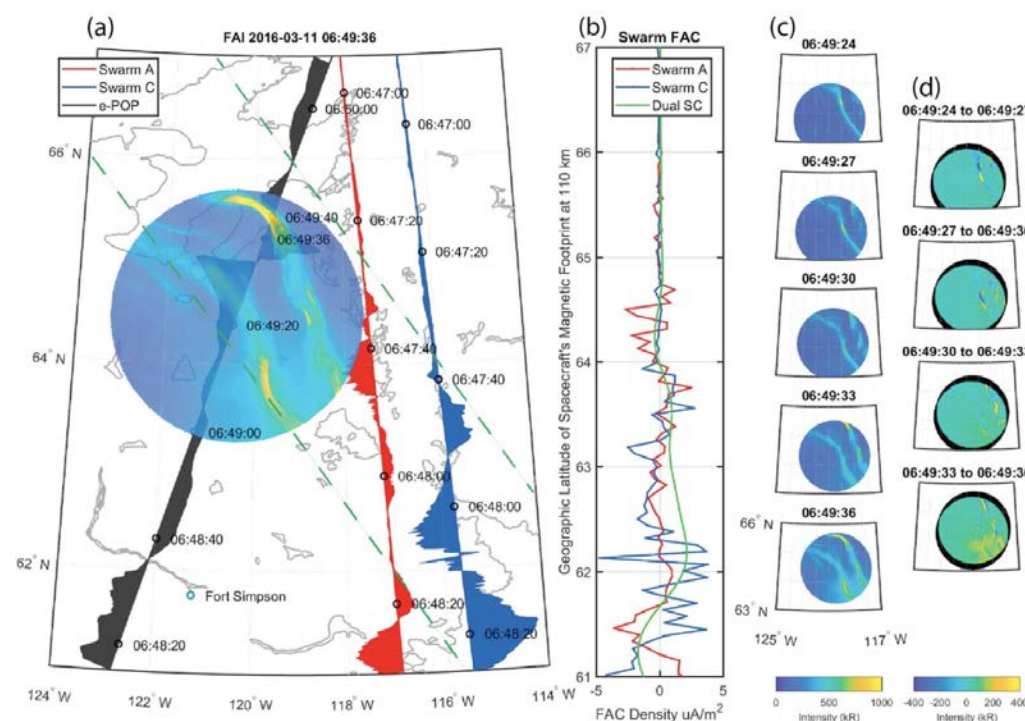




CAScade, Smallsat and IO nospheric Polar Explorer" (CASSIOPE) enhanced polar outflow probe

As part of the Third Party Missions programme, the e-POP instrument of the Canadian Space Agency's CASSIOPE mission joined the constellation in February 2018, as Swarm 'Echo'

325 x 1500 km, 80.99° inclination
103 minutes (14 orbits per day)



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https://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Observing_the_Earth/Three_Earth_Explorer_ideas_selected



Daedalus:

A Low-Flying Spacecraft
for the Exploration of the Lower
Thermosphere - Ionosphere



Daedalus:

150x2000 km orbit – 85° inclination

Earth Explorer candidate mission –

Potential selection May 2022

Launch 2027-28 timeframe

And now to science perspective from Rumi and Jonathan