



The 3D dynamic kinetic model of the plasmasphere BPIM <https://esc.pithia.eu/>



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Provides:

Plasmapause location

Density

Temperature

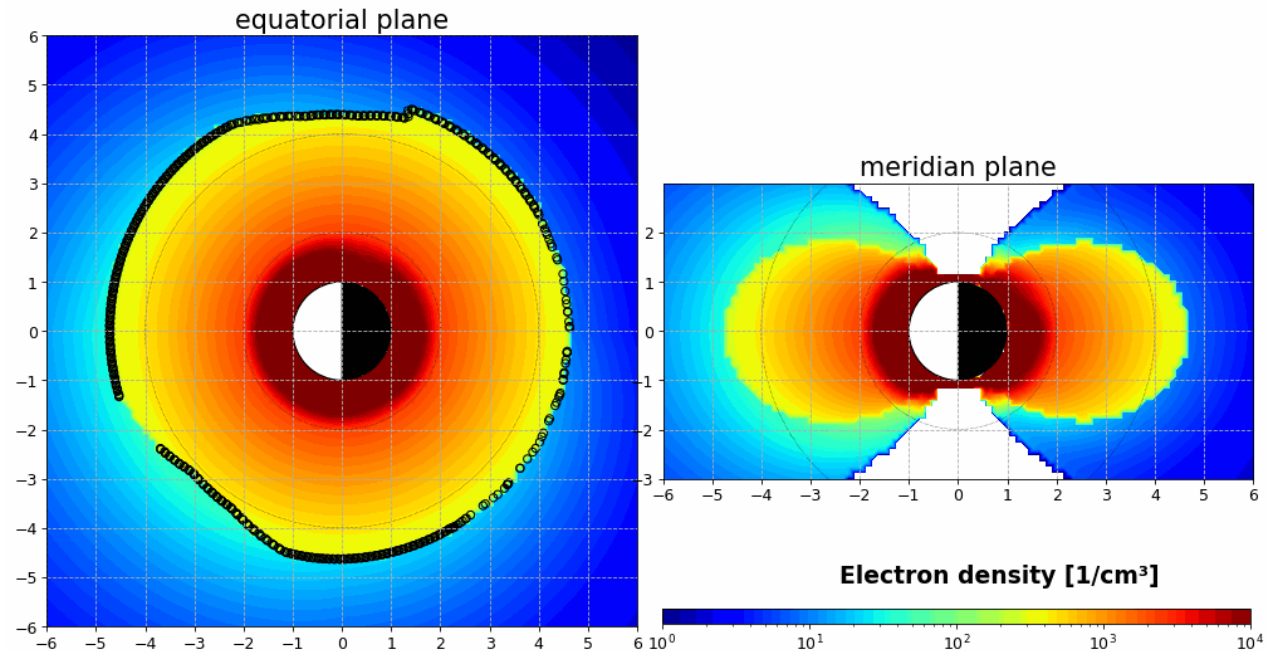
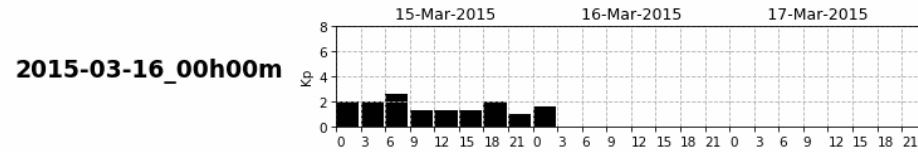
Coupling with ionosphere IRI

Plasmatrough VAP

Plume

Physics-based and semi-empirical

In Python



Pierrard and Stegen, JGR, 113, A10209, 2008.

Pierrard and Voiculescu, GRL, 38, L12104, 2011

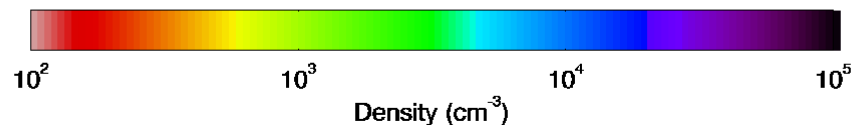
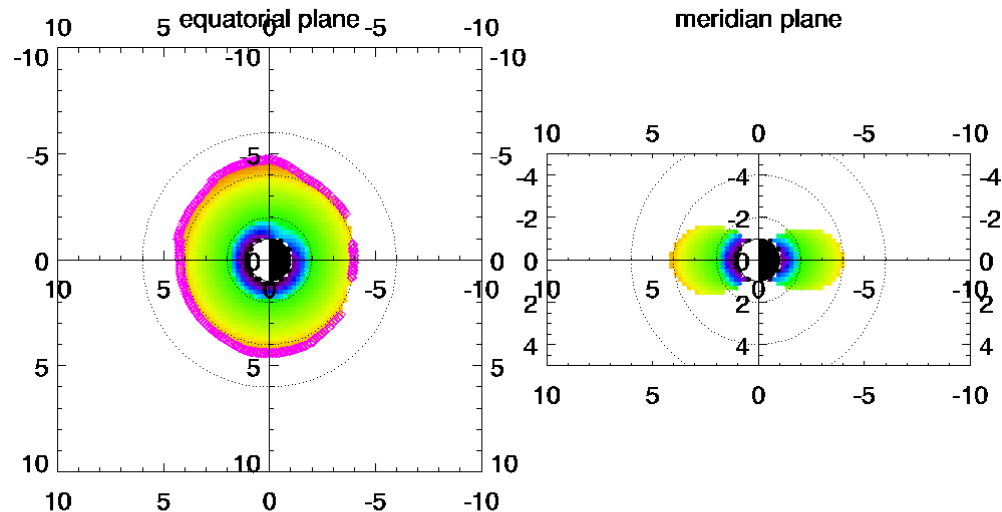
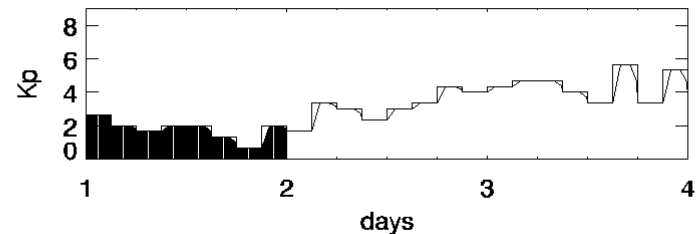
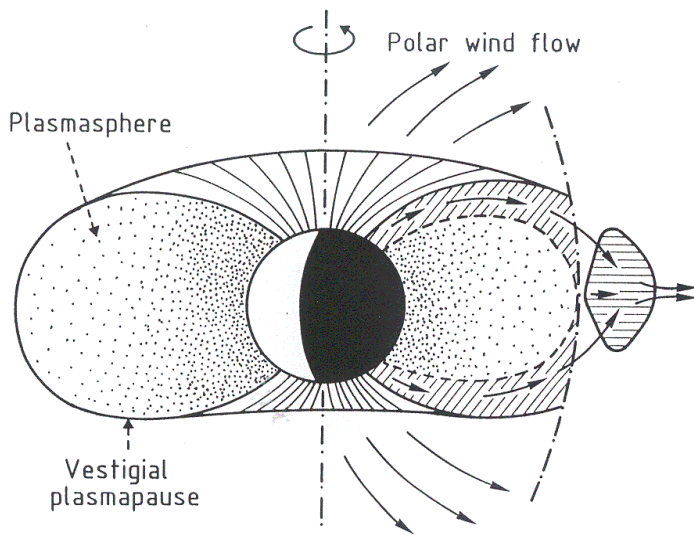
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Plasmapause

formed in the equatorial plane in the post-midnight sector due to the mechanism of interchange instability (launch of plasma elements)

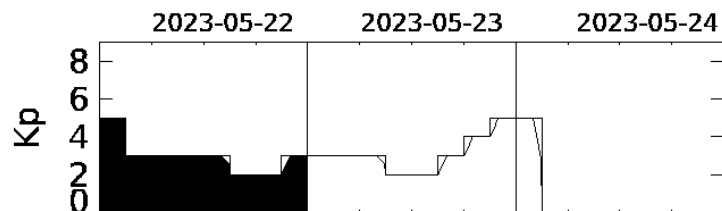
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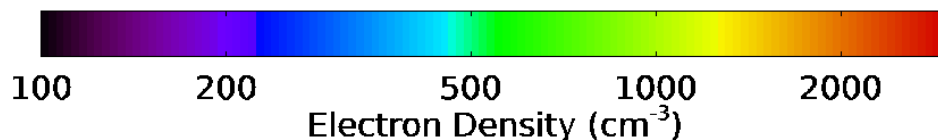
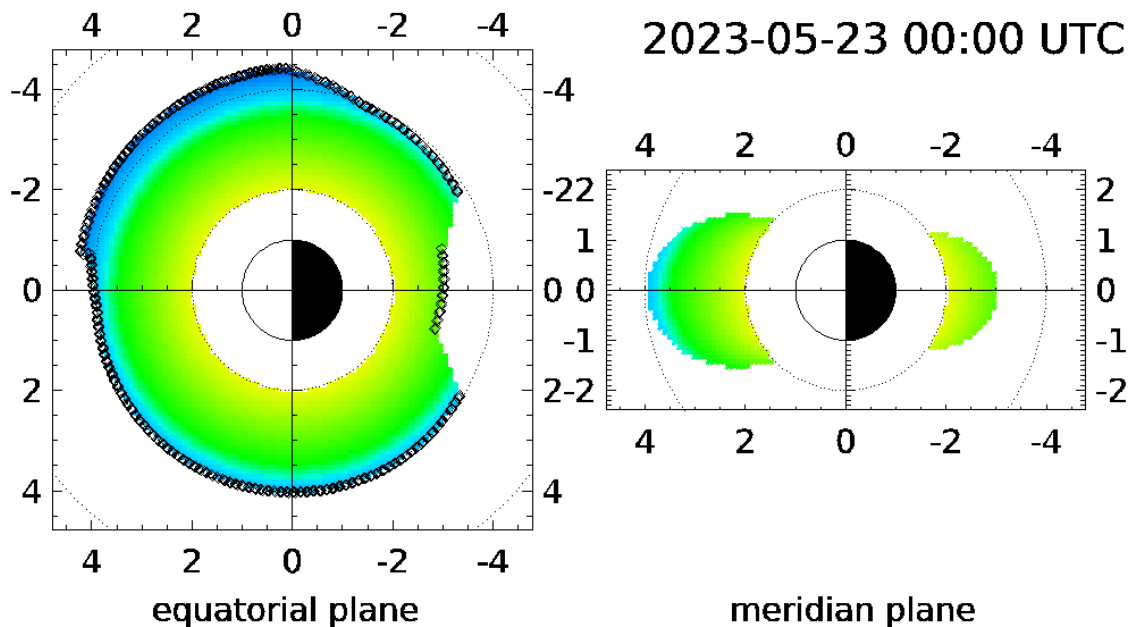
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SPM in real time or at a given date after 2017

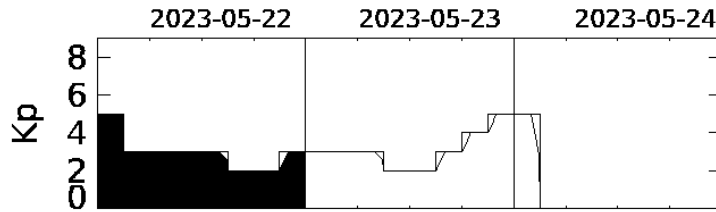
(Fortran+idl)



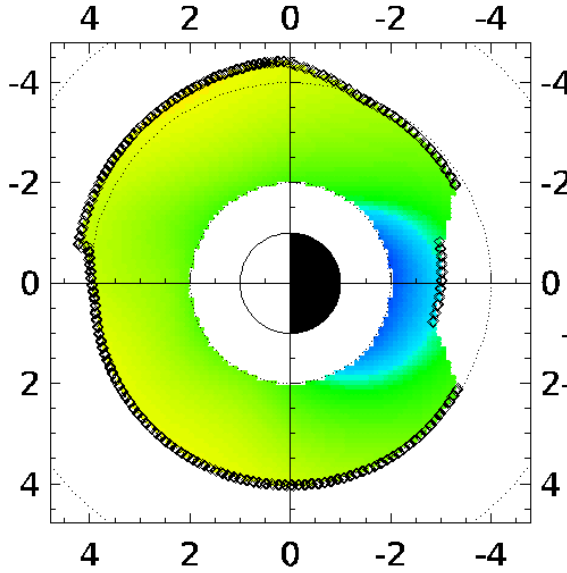
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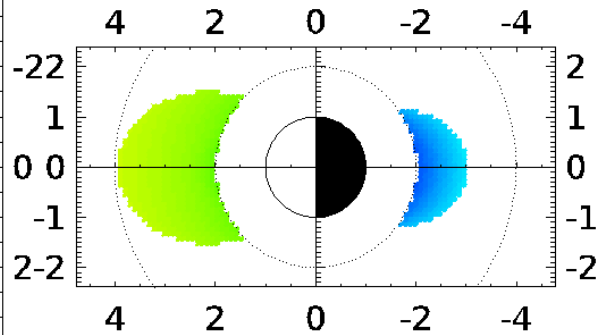
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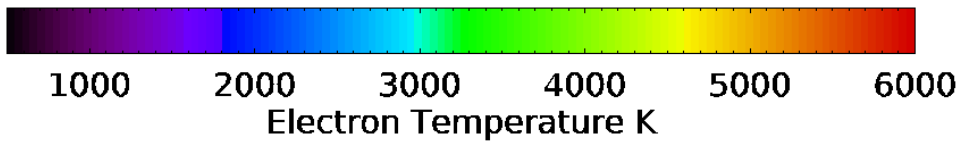
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equatorial plane



meridian plane



New model predictions based on Kp, compared and improved in the trough using RBSP

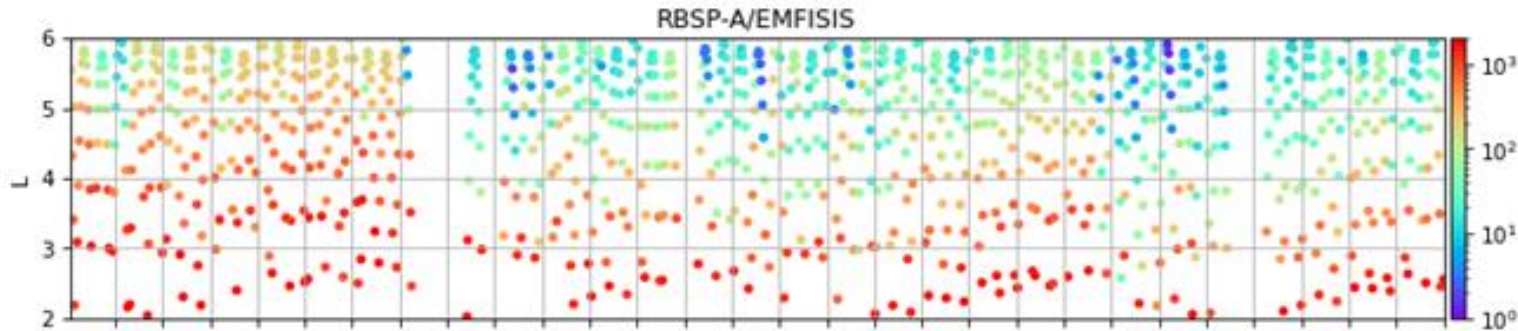
Trough BSPM: CA92 extrapolated to all MLT

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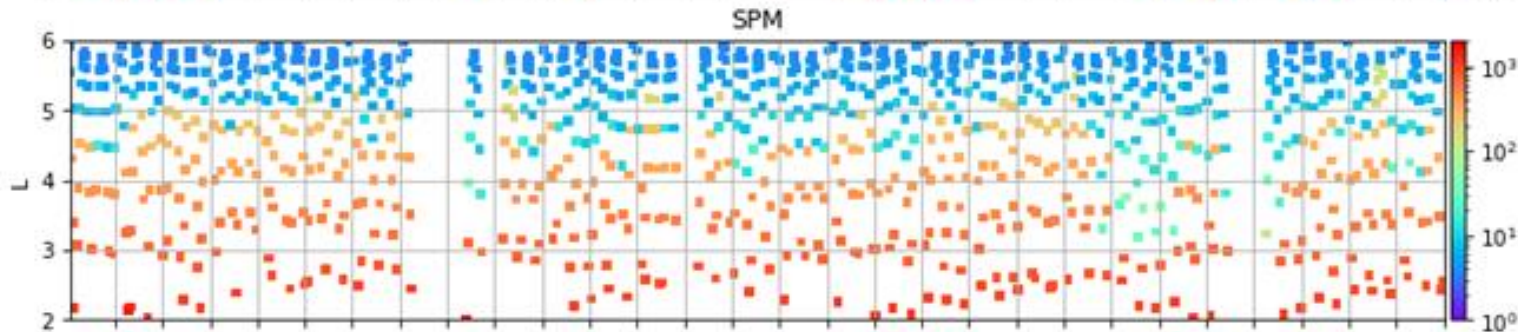


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Ne [cm⁻³] for June 2015

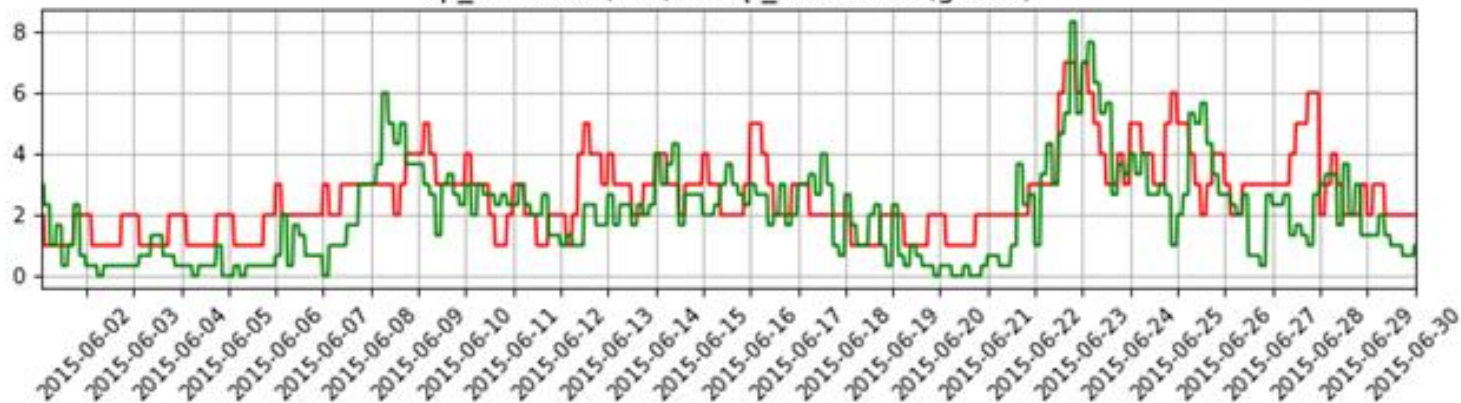


Ne observed
by RBSP



Ne predicted
by BSPM
model

kp_forecast (red) vs kp_definitive (green)



Kp forecast
(NOAA)
Kp definitive
(Potsdam)

3D BPIM dynamic model



Number **density** (e, p, He) provided inside and outside the plasmasphere with MLT dependence, from analytical empirical relations, **coupling with ionosphere (IRI2016)** used below 600 km, circulating along B

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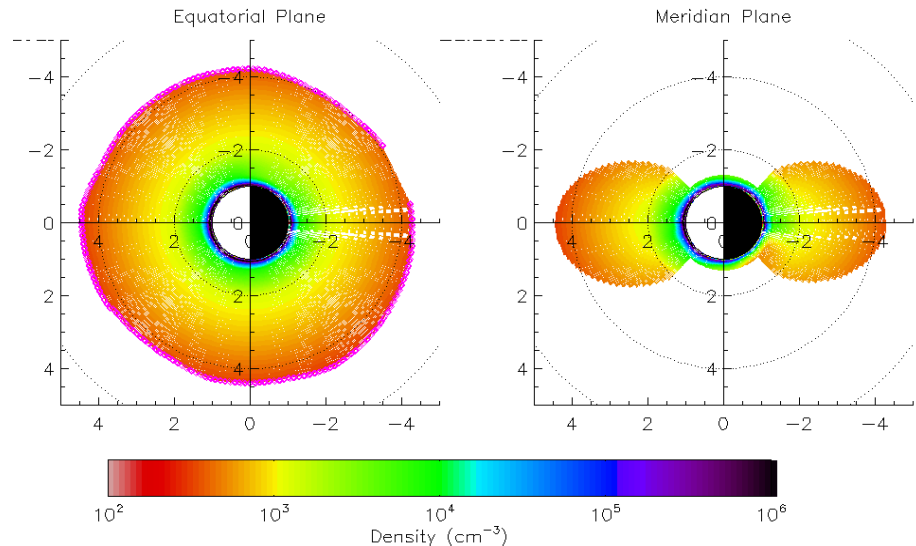
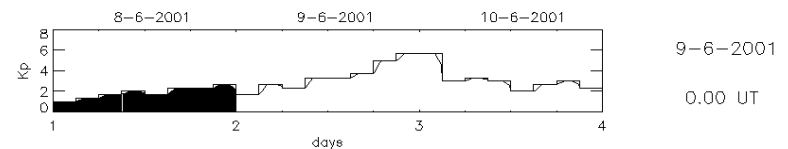
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<https://swe.ssa.esa.int/kul-cmpa-federated>

Projects: H2020 SafeSpace

<https://safespace.ufa.cas.cz/> (prediction 6h)

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BPIM 3D kinetic model

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NEW RUN', Filter chain (right) 'BPIM' in the 'By Model' window.

3 different chains of models where BPIM is available:

- 1) EUHFORIA + Indices + ODI F10.7 + CTIP + BPIM ;
- 2) EUHFORIA + SNGI (NARMAX) + ODI F10.7 + CTIP + BPIM ;
- 3) ODI KP + BPIM.

Date 31/01/2023

Start the run

History: success results $r(\text{RE})$, MLT (h), density (cm^{-3})
+ movie (gif file)



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[BPIM: 3D-Kinetic plasmasphere model](#)

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▶ Ionosphere

▼ Magnetosphere

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▼ Inner

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Radiation Belt

Ring Current

Magnetopause

Maagnetosheath




BPIM: 3D-Kinetic plasmasphere model

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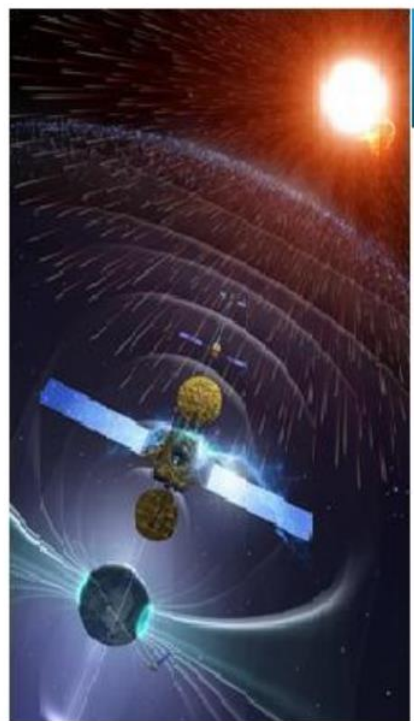
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The BPIM is a 3D-Kinetic semiempirical model of the plasmasphere developed by the Solar Wind Division of the Royal Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy. Based on physical mechanisms for the plasmopause formation and trajectories of particles trapped in the Earth's magnetic field, it provides the number density and the temperature of the electrons and protons inside and outside the plasmasphere, as well as the position of the plasmopause, as a function of the geomagnetic activity driven by the Kp index. During geomagnetic storms, the plasmasphere is eroded and structures like plasma plumes and channels can appear. During quiet times, the ionosphere refills the plasmasphere. The model is coupled to the International Reference Ionosphere (IRI) model used to determine the number density and temperatures of the particles between 60 and 600 km of altitude (<http://irimodel.org/>). The values at 600 km are used as boundary conditions to provide the density and temperatures up to 10 Earth radii inside and outside the plasmasphere. The model is running in a near-real-time basis by the name of 'SPM' at the Space Situational Awareness site (<https://swe.ssa.esa.int/bira-swiff-federated/>) of ESA (European Space Agency) using a previous IDL-Fortran version that evaluates the electron density and temperature without the ionosphere coupling, and providing animations of the equatorial and meridian plasmasphere dynamics for all the archived dates since 2017. In the present implementation, a PYTHON-Fortran version is used, which is essentially the same model version as the IDL-Fortran one. This implementation is available in the frame of the ESA Virtual Space Weather Modeling Center (<https://swe.ssa.esa.int/kul-cmpa-federated/>) for on-demand executions

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NEW RUN

Parametrize ODI KP + BPIM

Start Date

Date *



The model ODI datasets start from 1932-01-01T00:00:00 UTC. The 2023-09-06T09:00:00 UTC.

The infrastructure for this run is provided free of charge under a fair-use policy. Runs may g when they show signs of excessive use or when the system is undergoing maintenance.

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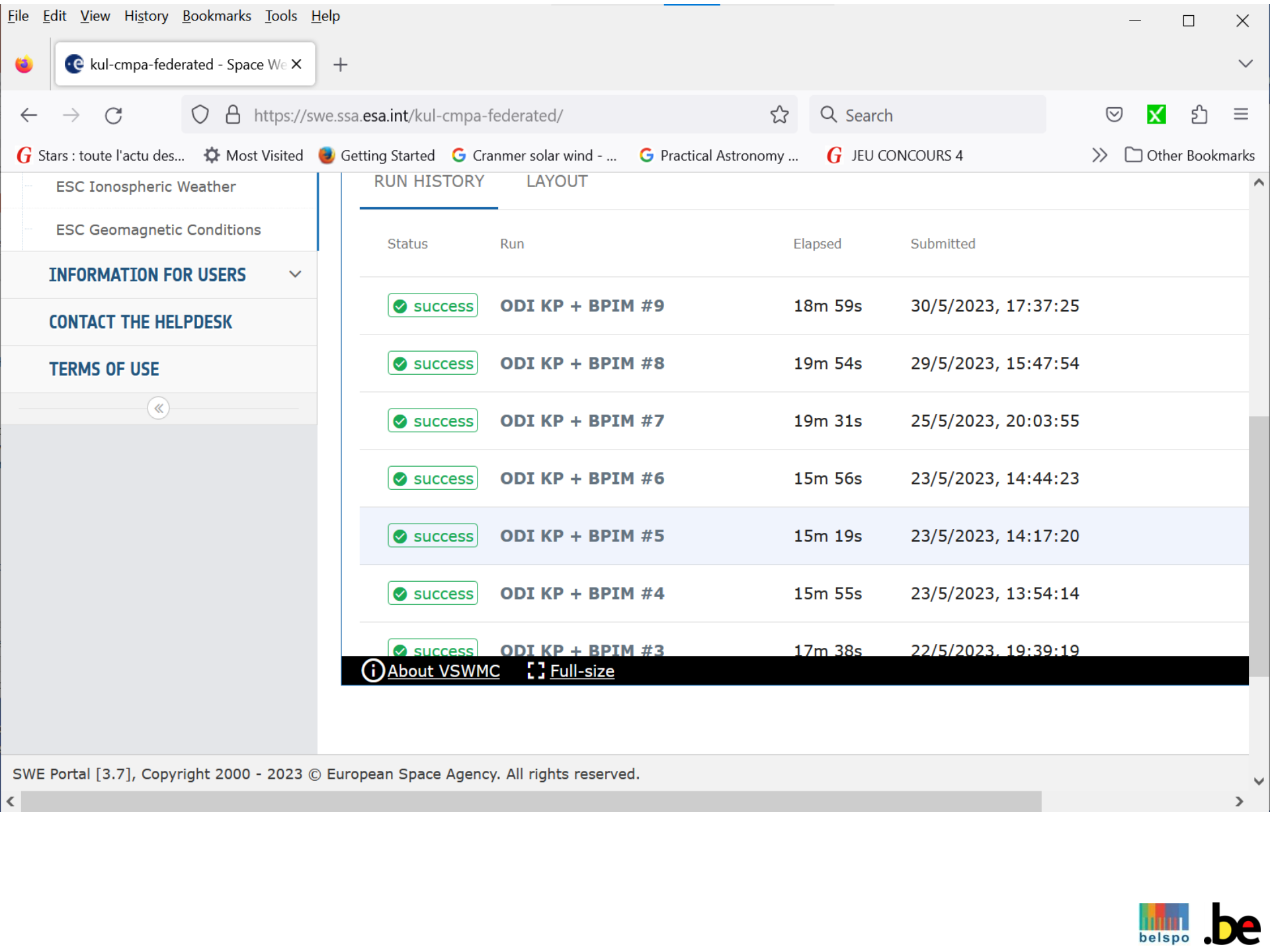
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My Simulations

Name	Latest Run
EUHFORIA Corona	#1 success 3 years ago
EUHFORIA	#1 success 3 years ago
ODI KP + BPIM	#9 success 3 months ago





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RUN HISTORY LAYOUT

Status	Run	Elapsed	Submitted
success	ODI KP + BPIM #9	18m 59s	30/5/2023, 17:37:25
success	ODI KP + BPIM #8	19m 54s	29/5/2023, 15:47:54
success	ODI KP + BPIM #7	19m 31s	25/5/2023, 20:03:55
success	ODI KP + BPIM #6	15m 56s	23/5/2023, 14:44:23
success	ODI KP + BPIM #5	15m 19s	23/5/2023, 14:17:20
success	ODI KP + BPIM #4	15m 55s	23/5/2023, 13:54:14
success	ODI KP + BPIM #3	17m 38s	22/5/2023, 19:39:19

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← **ODI KP + BPIM #6** Started by viviane at 23/5/2023, 14:44:23

PARAMETERS LOG RESULTS

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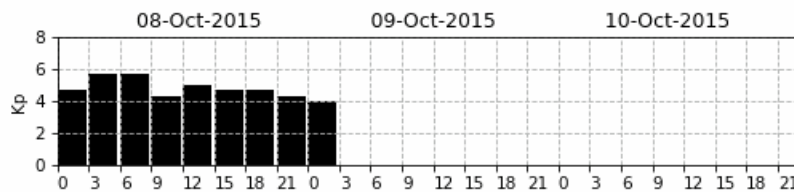
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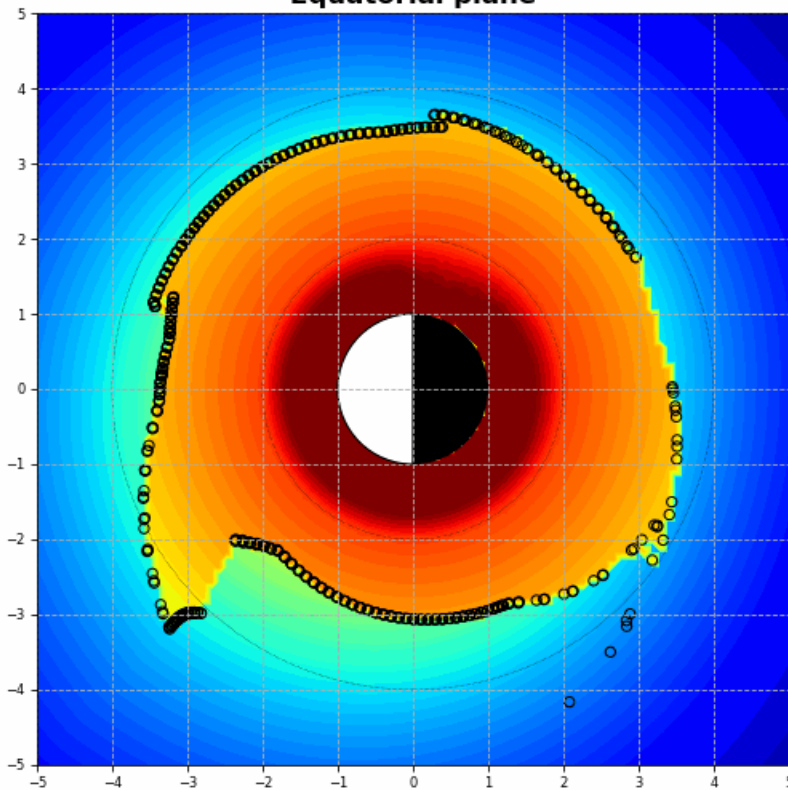
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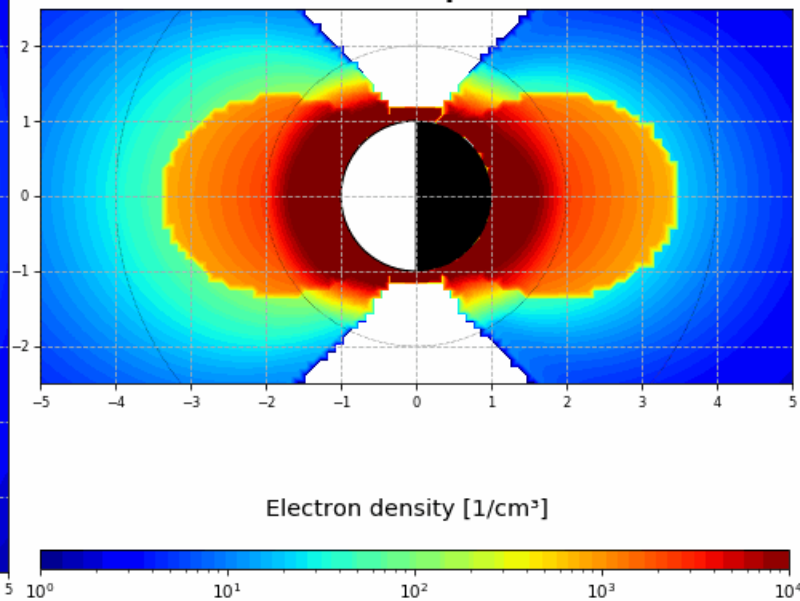


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Axes units in Re

Meridian plane



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3	5.545	0.000	-25.622	2.131						
4	5.502	0.000	-24.664	2.219						
5	5.460	0.000	-23.691	2.315						
6	5.420	0.000	-22.703	2.418						
7	5.381	0.000	-21.701	2.528						
8	5.344	0.000	-20.684	2.643						
9	5.309	0.000	-19.654	2.764						
10	5.276	0.000	-18.610	2.890						
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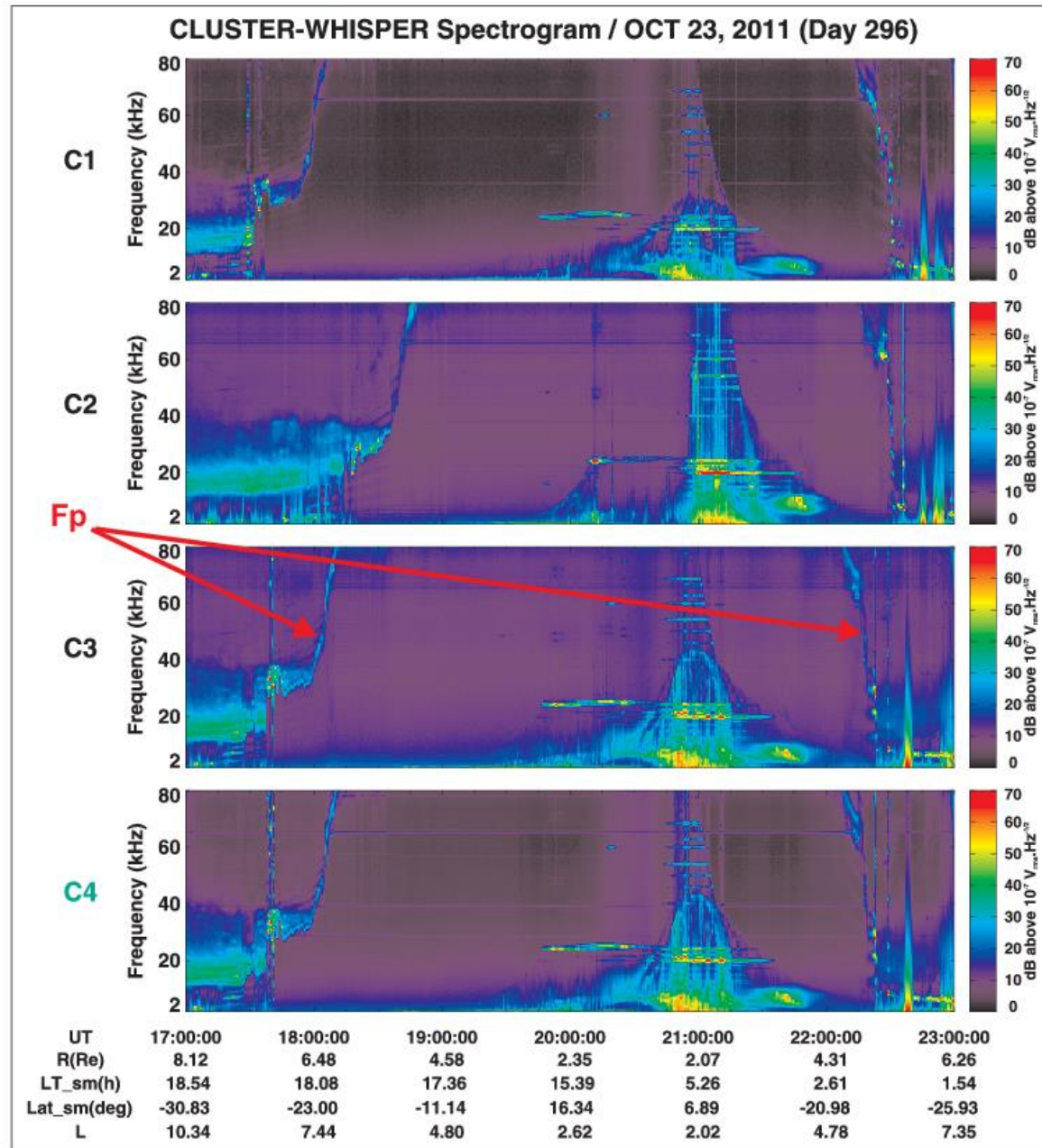
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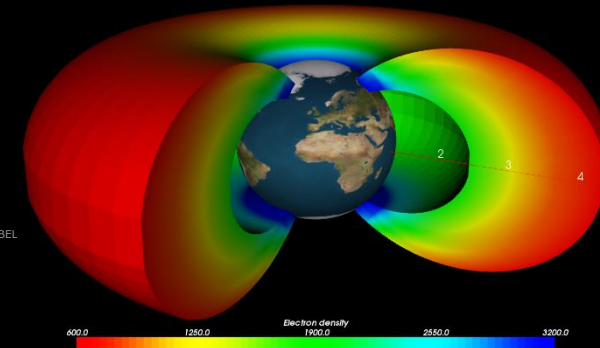
Waves of High frequency and **Sounder** for Probing of Electron density by Relaxation

$$N(\text{cm}^{-3}) = f_p^2(\text{kHz}) / 81$$

Time-frequency electric field spectrograms for a plasmasphere crossing



Conclusions



Plasmasphere model available on <https://esc.pithia.eu/>
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- Input: date, time (for Kp PP and coupling with IRI)
- Output: Density, temperature inside PS, outside (trough)
- Plasmopause by interchange instability
- Animated PS in equatorial and meridian planes + data files
- Semi-empirical Kp dependent McIlwain E-field
- Plasmaspheric wind and refilling on request

Pierrard, Botek, Darrouzet, *Front.* doi:10.3389/fspas.2021.681401, 2021 (PS)

Botek et al., *JGR*, doi: 10.1029/2021JA029737, 2021 (trough)

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