



e-slot region radiation environment model

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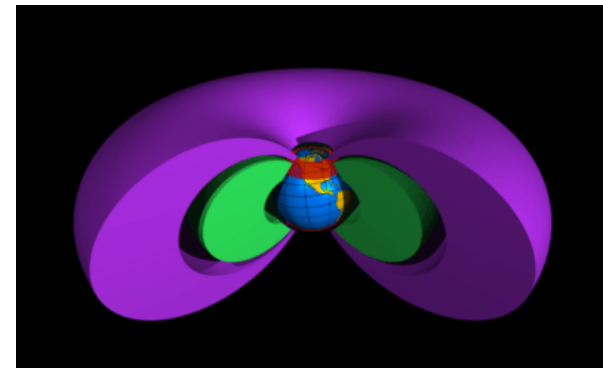


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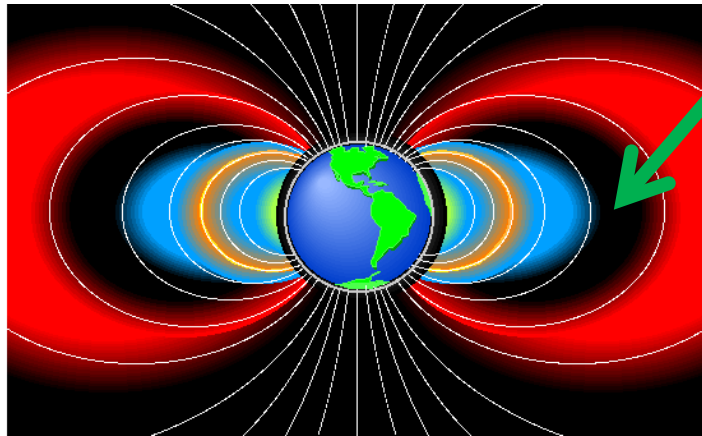


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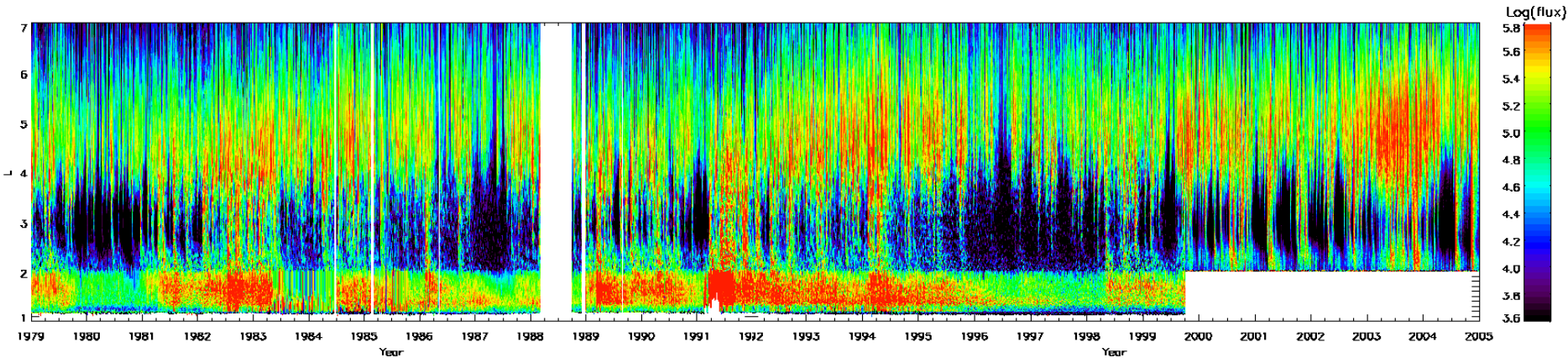
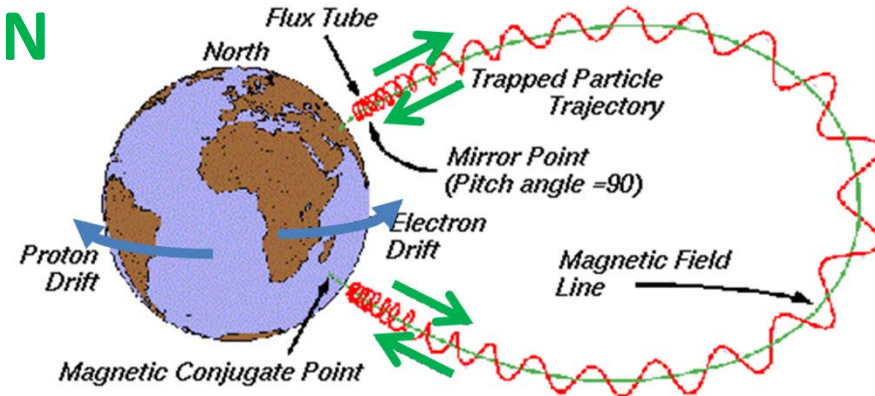
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Earth Radiation Belts



SLOT
REGION



NOAA/POES: 1979-1991 & 1992-2004



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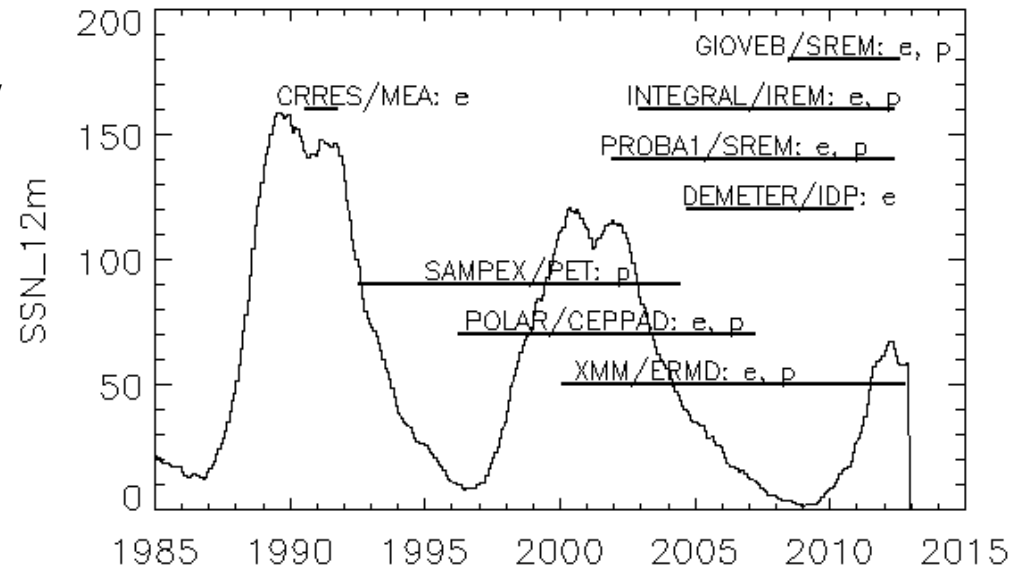
The Slot Region Radiation Environment Models (SRREMs) are **data-based statistical models**, that describe the particle radiation induced by **high-energy trapped charged particles in radiation belt slot region** for user-defined satellite **orbit** and **space weather conditions**.

e-SRREM

- Magnetic coordinates: L^* and α_{eq} (IRBEM lib)
- 30 bins for: $L^*=[1-6]$
- 27 bins for: $\alpha_{eq} = 0-\pi/2$
- 7 log bins for $E_e=0.1-7$ MeV
- **300 log** bins for histograms

Electron Bins		Centers
0.100	0.183	0.135
0.183	0.337	0.249
0.337	0.612	0.456
0.612	1.13	0.837
1.13	2.08	1.53
2.08	3.81	2.82
3.81	7.00	5.17

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Datasets



SPACECRAFT	Orbit	Period	Perig x Apog [Km]	Incl.	Coverage	Instrum
CRRES	GTO	2h	305 x 33350	18	1990-1991	MEA
DEMETER	LEO	1,40 h	710	98	2004-2010	IDP
GIOVE-B	MEO	14,1 h	23200	56	2008-20112	SREM
INTEGRAL	HEO	72h	10000 x 152700	52	2002-	SREM
POLAR	PEO	17,5 h	7500 x 50800	86	1996-2008	CEPPAD
PROBA1	LEO	97min	570 x 640	98	2001-	SREM
XMM	HEO	48h	7400 x 114000	70	1999-	ERMD



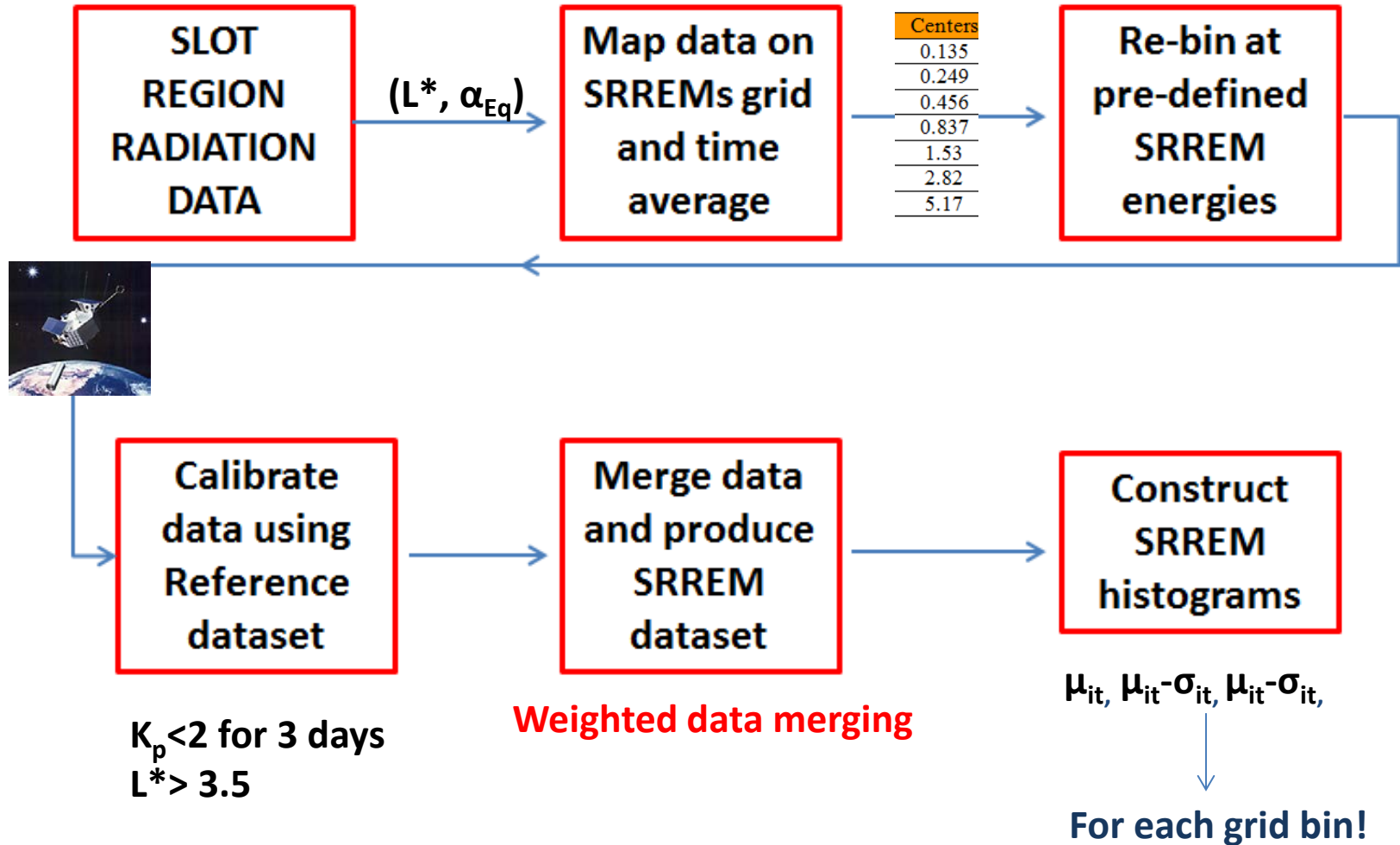
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From data to models

- Gather spacecraft data and ingestion in Open Data Interface (ODI), using common metadata
- Compute and add magnetic coordinates (L^*, α_0)
- Bin the data for each instrument and particle type over the (L^*, α_0) grid
- Re-bin the data in energy to a common set of energies
- Cross-calibrate the data
- Compute and store time average histograms in each (L^*, α_0) bin: 1 day, 3 days, 1 week, 1 month
- Run a spacecraft trajectory through the grid and compute the cumulative distribution function (CDF) and mean values of the flux (SPENVIS interface)

Build SRREM database: work flow



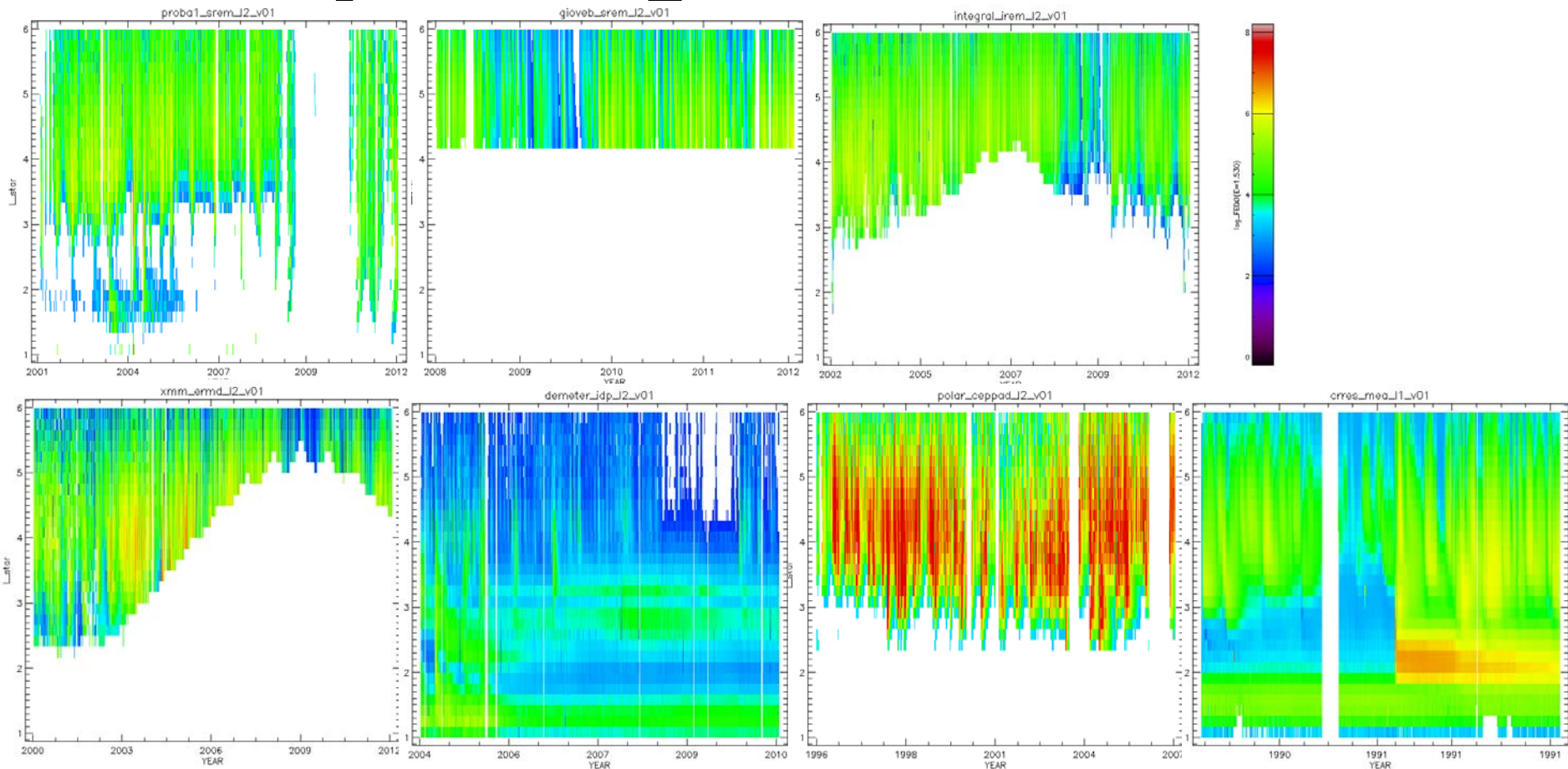
Map data on SRREMs grid

For each dataset, we extract and map the omni-directional differential fluxes on a numerical grid defined by the *Roederer L parameter* and the *equatorial pitch angle* geo-magnetic coordinates.

$$(L^*, \alpha_{Eq}) = (B_{eq} R_E^2 / J_3, B_{eq} / B_m)$$

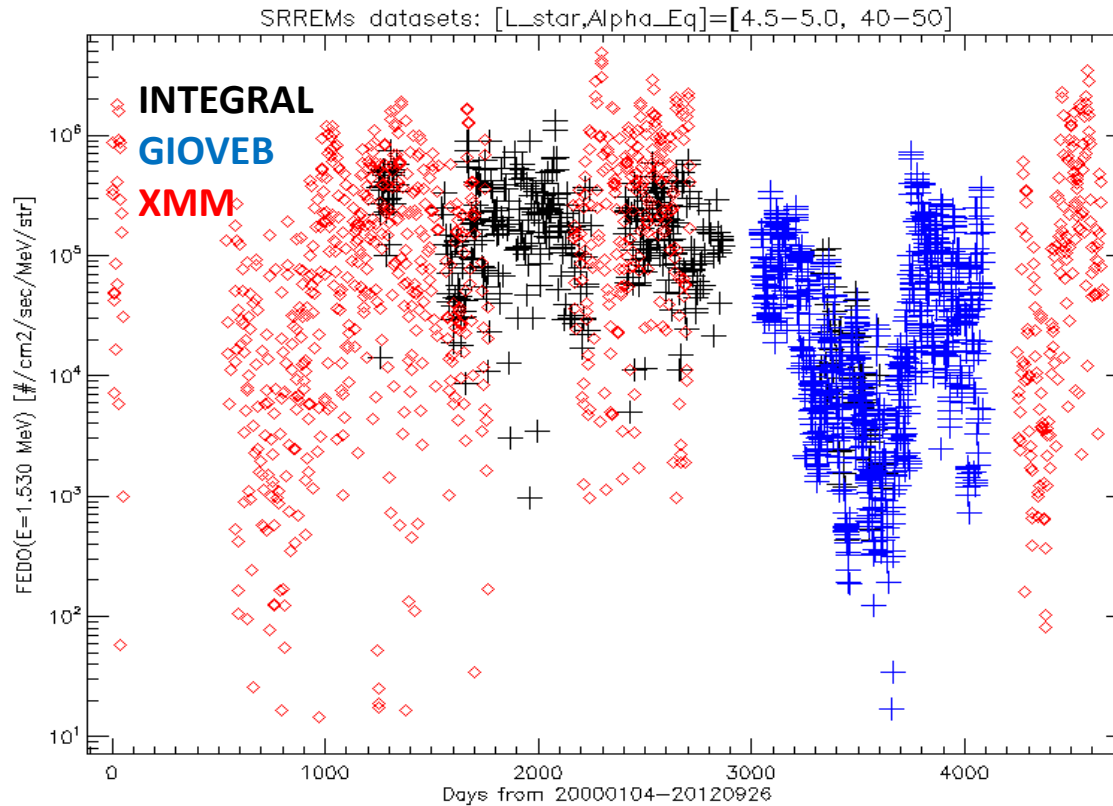
The data on each SRREMs grid bin are time (1-day) averaged & the following variables are retained and further processed:
the average: μ_{it} , the standard deviation: σ_{it} , and the integration time: τ_{it} ,

1 day averaged FEDO series



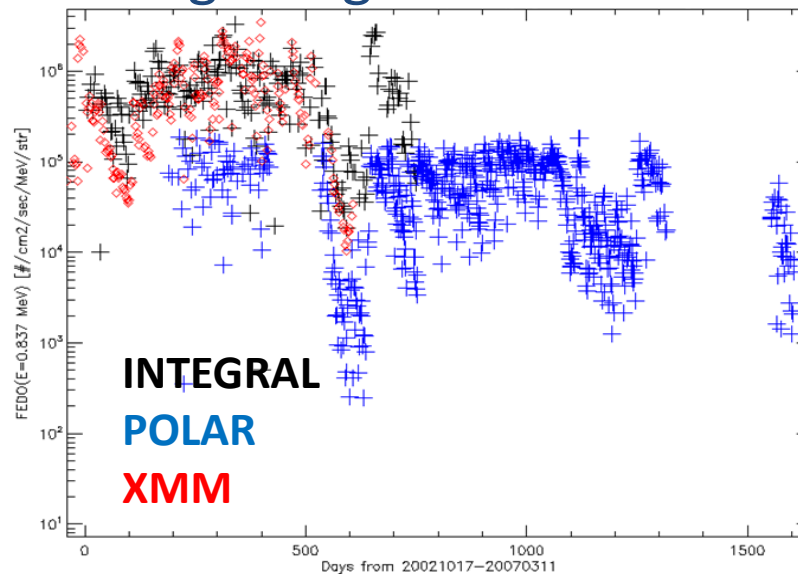
FOR EVERY hyper-bin histograms of the following variables are constructed: the average: μ_{it} , the standard deviation: σ_{it} , and the integration time: T_{it} ,

Data synergy

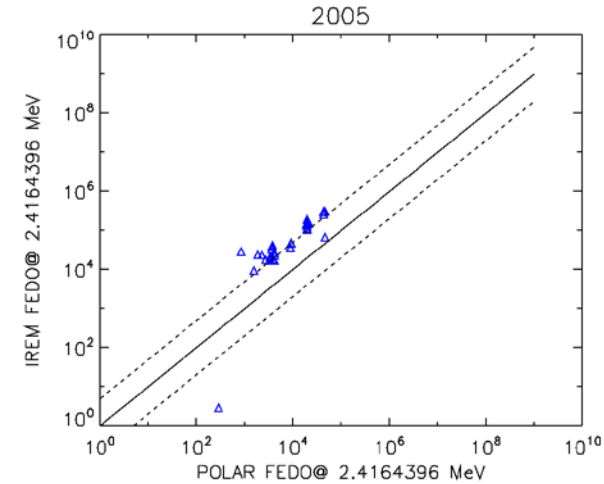
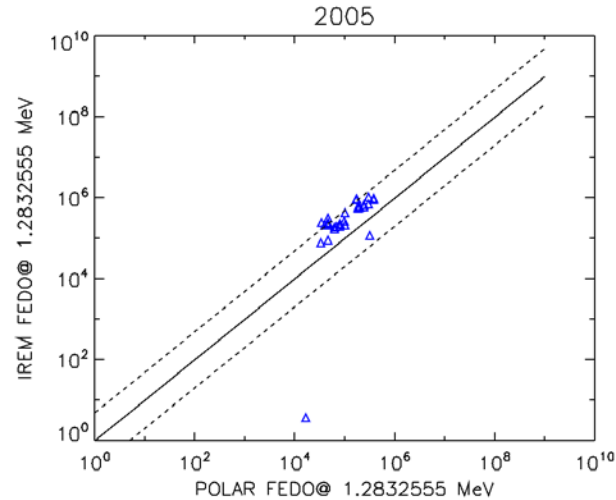
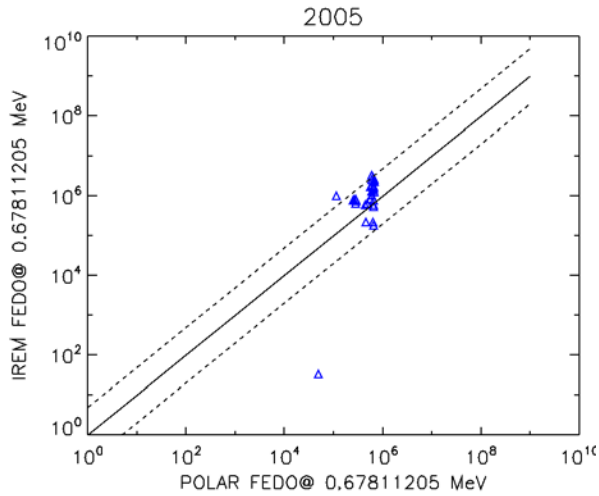


Calibration: the weak point..

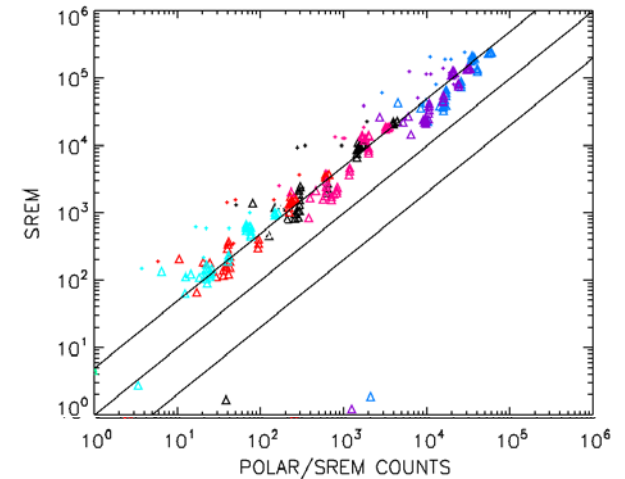
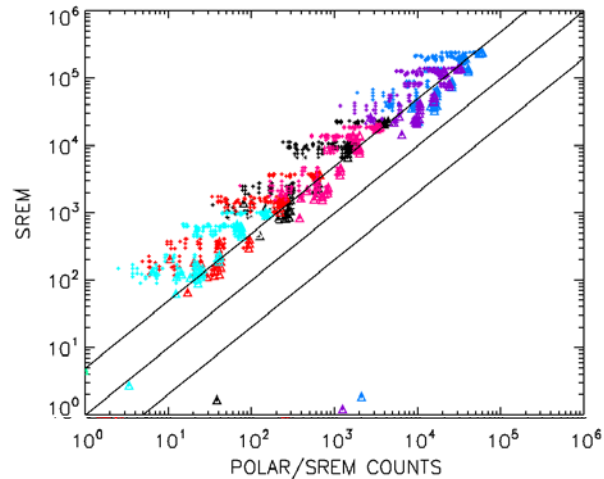
- Cross-calibration of trapped electron flux measurements is non-trivial
- The temporal coverage of CRRES dataset does not overlap with other datasets
- POLAR data do not seem that they can constitute a reference
- Limited conjunctions – strong flux gradients



SREM/INTEGRAL vs POLAR



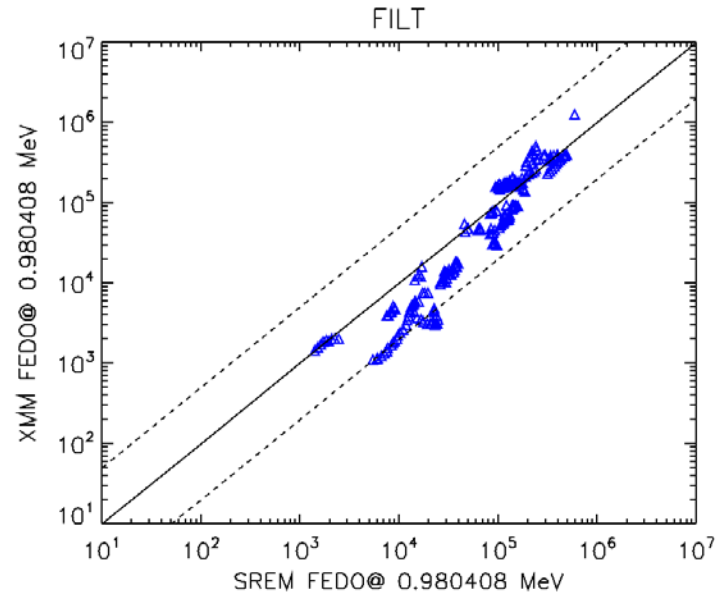
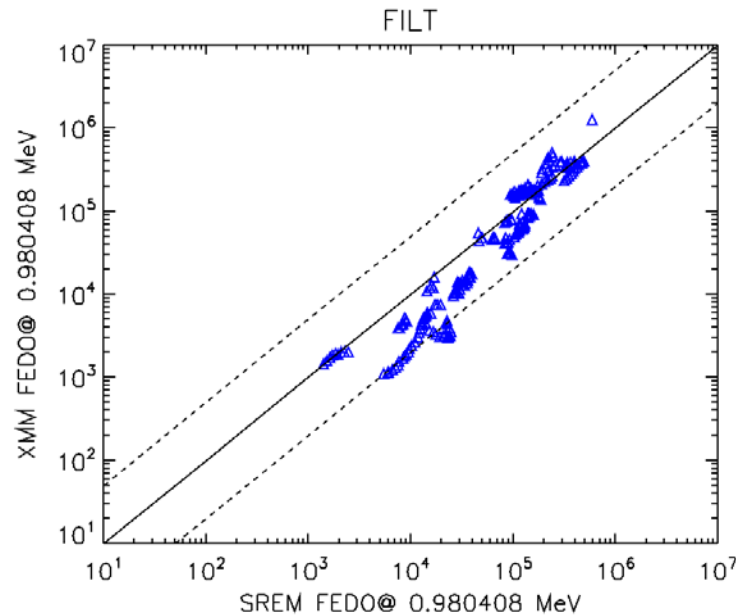
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SREM/INTEGRAL vs XMM

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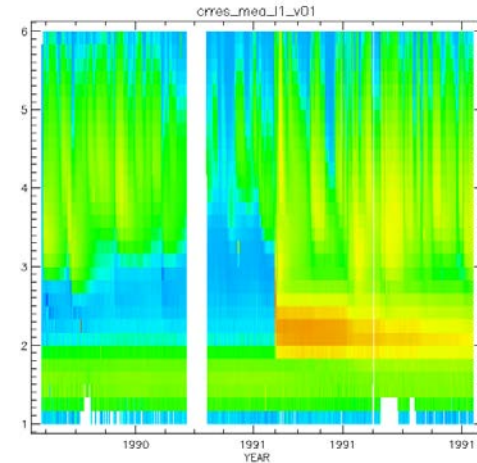
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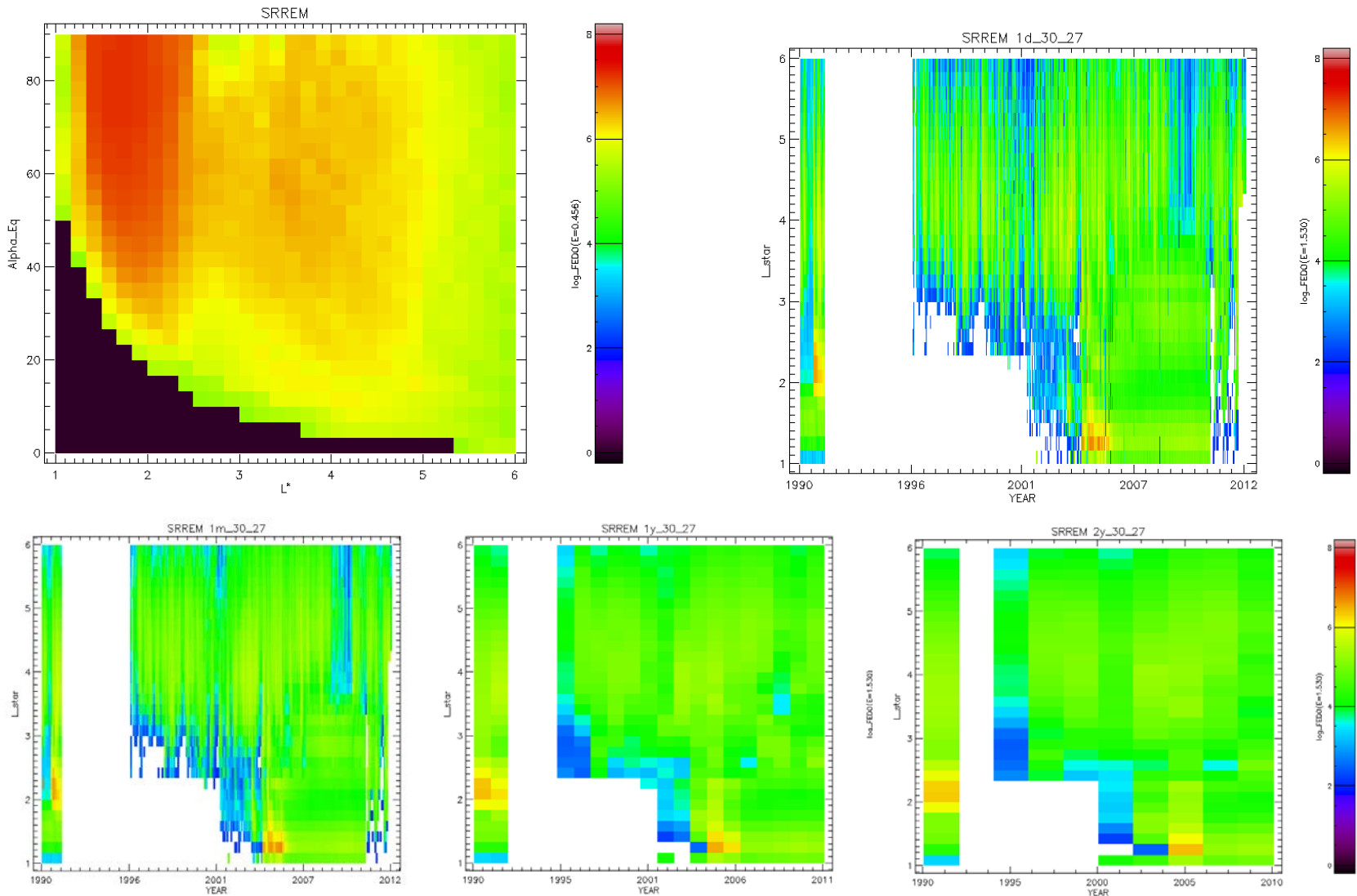
Current scheme

- Choose CRRES/MEA dataset as reference calibration dataset
- Restrict the calibration procedure using 1-day averaged data from the regions bounded by $L^* > 3.5$, in order to emphasize in the calibration procedure the measurements from the outer radiation belt region which present less variability compared to those in the slot region.
- Define as “quiet” space weather conditions the persistence of index $K_p < 2$ for 3 successive days
- Extract only the (daily averaged) data under “quiet” space weather conditions
- Map the averaged values on SRREMs grid
- Compare with reference datasets and calculate the calibration factors for each energy range.

- **ONLY channels 2-5 are currently calibrated..**
- **CRRES was operating during solar maximum..**



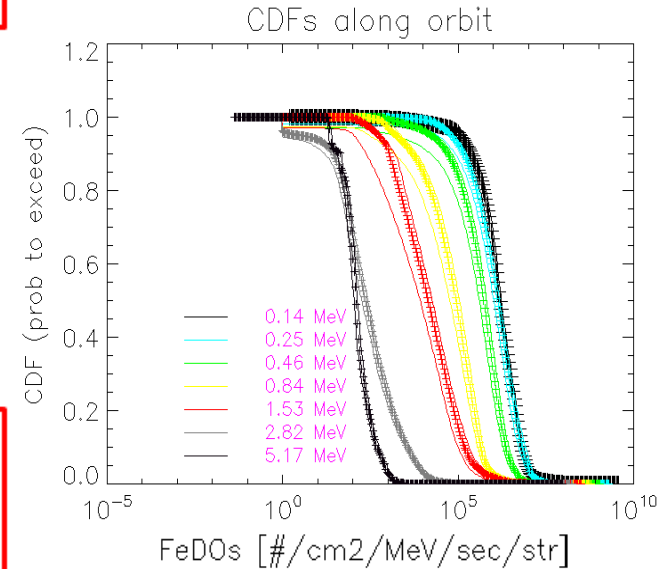
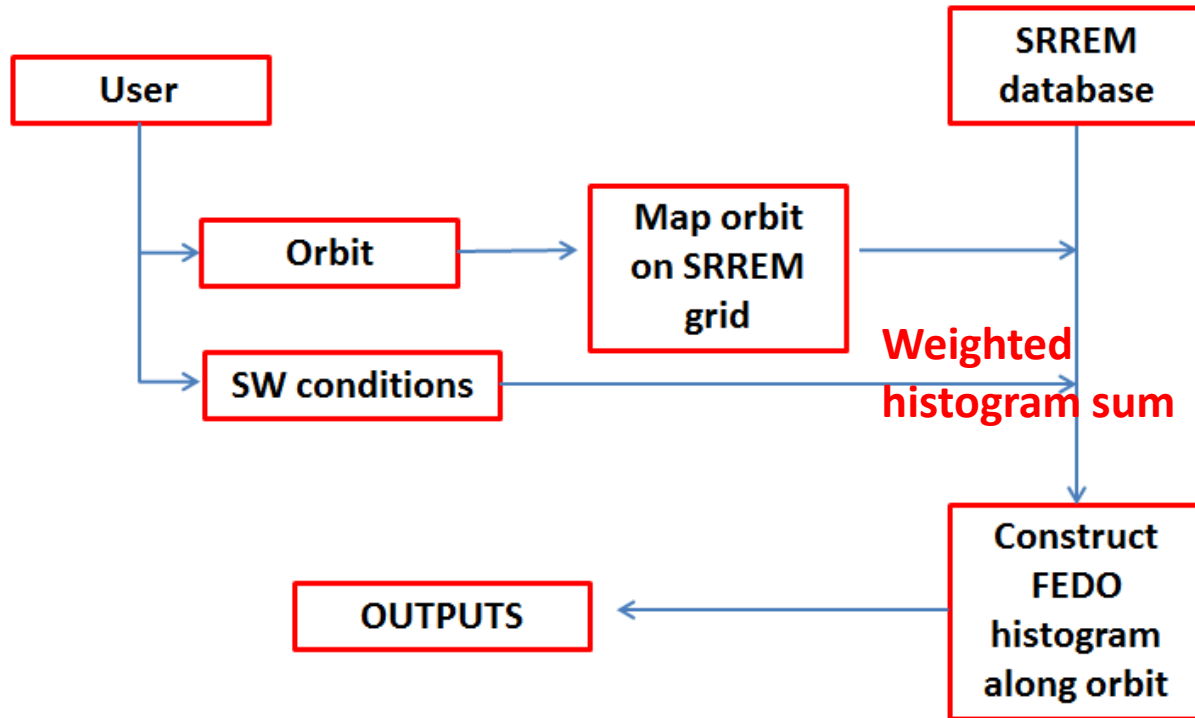
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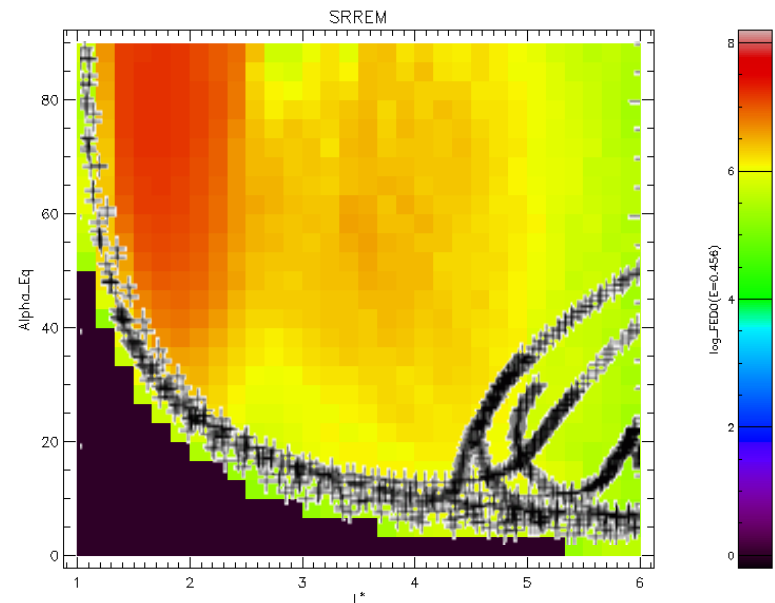
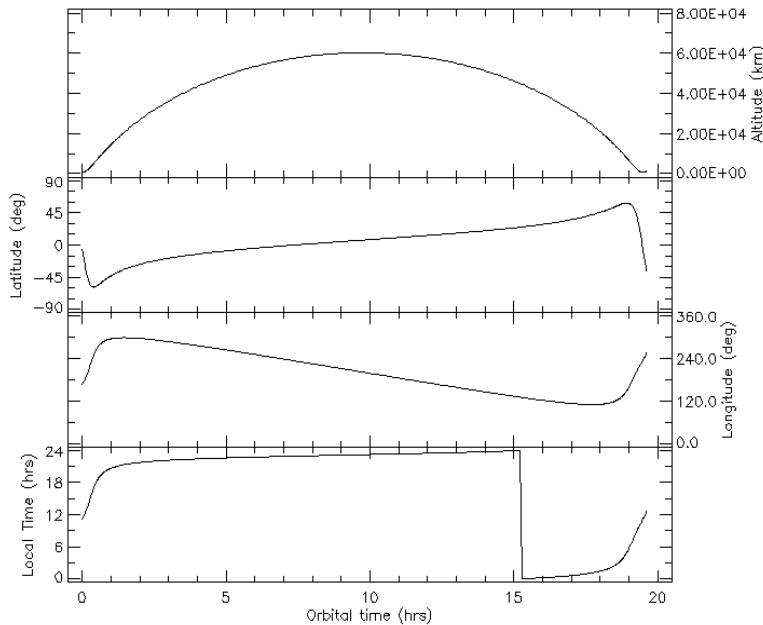
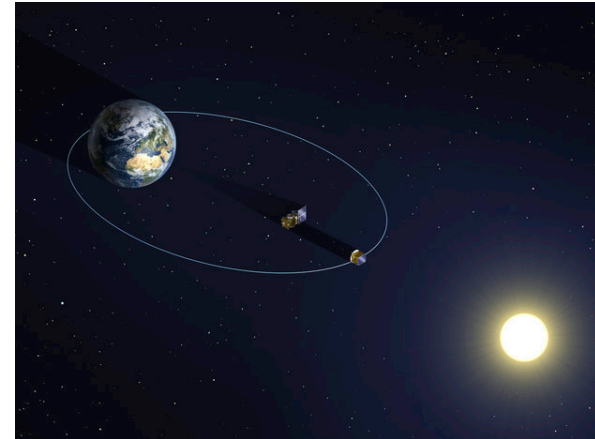
Run e-SRREM model: workflow



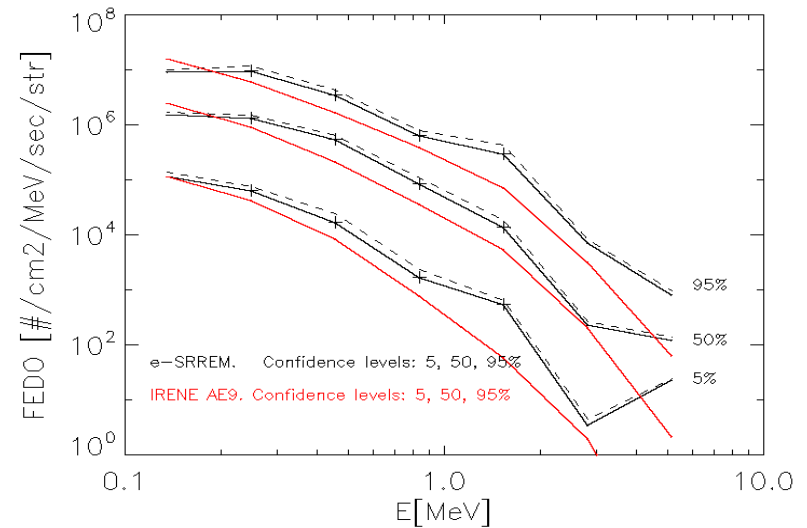
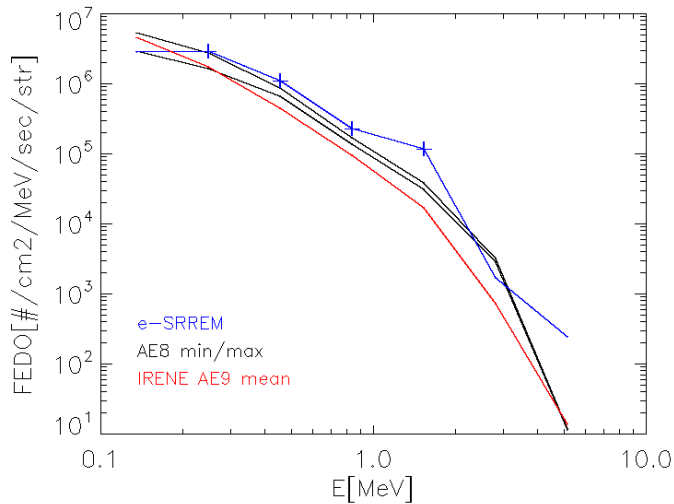
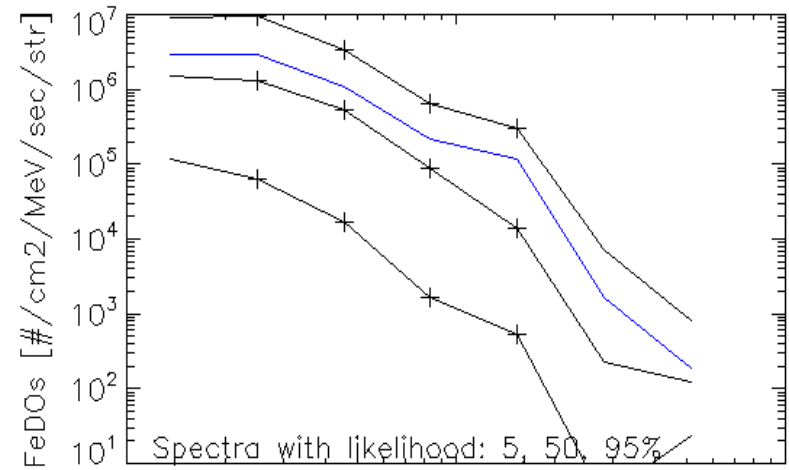
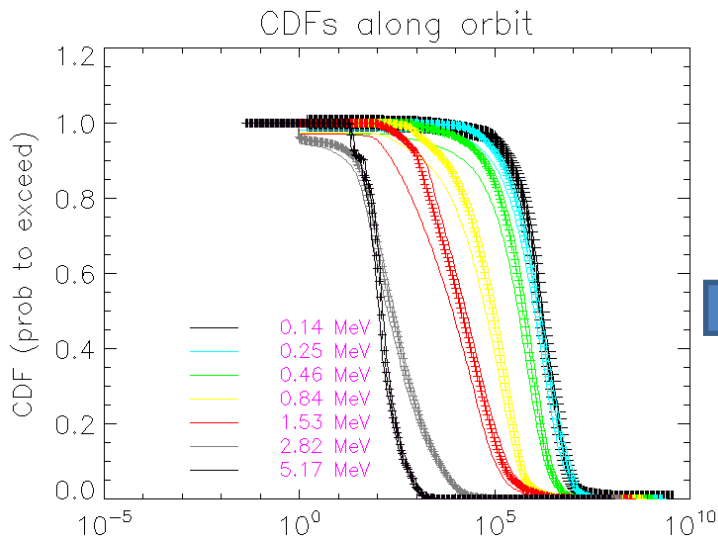
Fluxes: differential
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Example: ASPIICS/PROBA3 mission

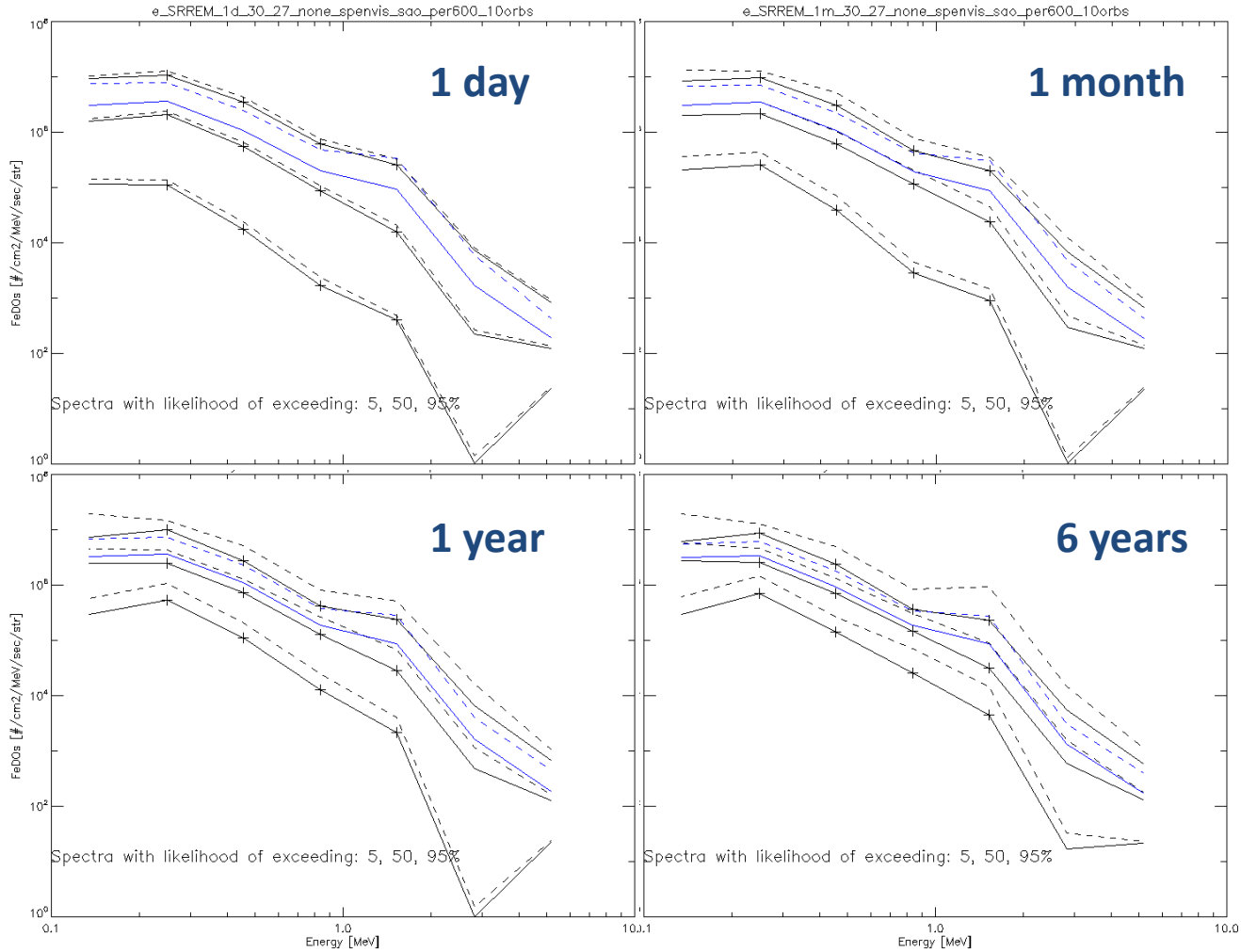
- Perigee altitude: 600 km
- Apogee altitude: 60530 km
- Inclination: 59 deg
- RAAN: 84
- Argument of perigee: 188 deg



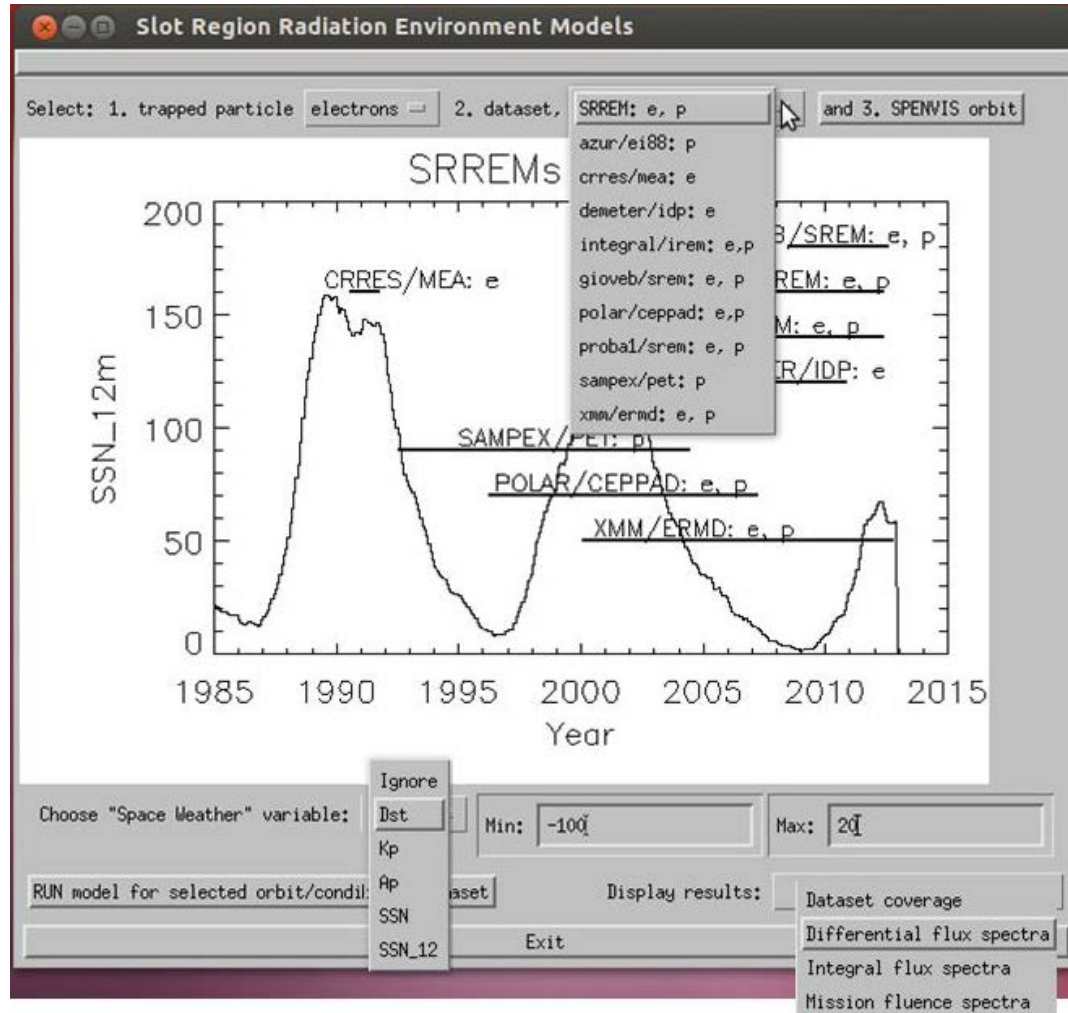
Output



Different averaging times



SRREMs capabilities



Conclusions

- A new data-based Slot Region Radiation Environment model has been developed
- e-SRREMs captures radiation belt variability providing flux histogram along the user-defined orbit
- The construction and the update of SRREM database is semi-automated
- The modelling region can be extended to include larger L-shells
- After the completion of independent validation studies, new calibration schemes will be applied
- The model is planned to become available through SPENVIS-NG

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