



# *Overview Field Measurement*

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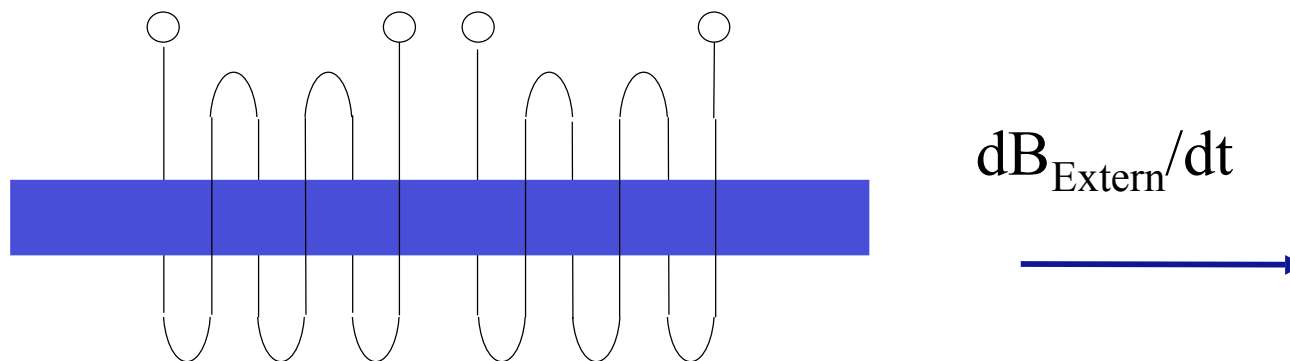


# Types of Magnetometers

Type of magnetometer	Basic Principle	Output quantity / limits	Space application?
Classical Instruments	manipulation with magnets	field direction (compass) field variation (e.g. QHM) horizontal force (Theodolites) <i>100pT / (minutes ... DC)</i>	No
<b>Search Coil</b>	Faraday's law of induction	field vector (dB/dt) <i>0.01..10pT / (50kHz ... 1Hz)</i>	Yes
<b>Fluxgate</b>	saturated transformer	field vector <i>10pT / (100Hz ... DC)</i>	Yes
Optical Pumped	Zeeman splitting, Lamour frequency	scalar magnetometer with coil system vector <i>1pT (1kHz ... DC)</i>	Rubidium in 60th He onboard Cassini
<b>Proton /Overhauser</b>	proton precession, gyro magnetic ratio	scalar magnetometer with coil system vector <i>10pT (1Hz ... DC absolute)</i>	Yes
SQUID	Josephson effect	field vector (dB/dt) <i>0.1pT / (100kHz ... 0.001Hz)</i>	No
Magneto resistive	Anisotropic Magnetoresistive Effect	field vector <i>10nT / (100Hz ... DC)</i>	(attitude control)
Hall	Lorentz Force	field vector <i>1mT / (30kHz ... DC)</i>	No

# *Search Coil Magnetometer*

**Pickup      Feedback**



$$U = \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \frac{d(nA\mu_0\mu_r H(t))}{dt}$$

- Principle of Operation

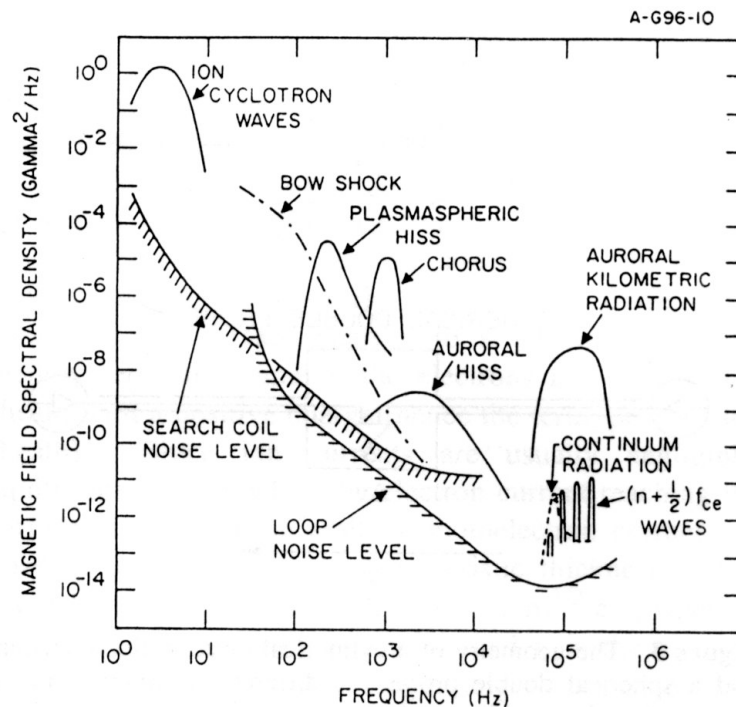
- Application of Faraday's law
- Output signal depends on  $\mu_r$  (long core to keep the demagnetisation factor low),  $N$  (weight of copper) and  $A$  (weight of softmagnetic material)
- Sensitivity depends on frequency due to (dB/dt) behaviour and resonance of coil-electronics system.

- Parameter

- Noise at 1Hz: 10pT/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- Noise at 10 kHz: 0.01pT/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

- Application

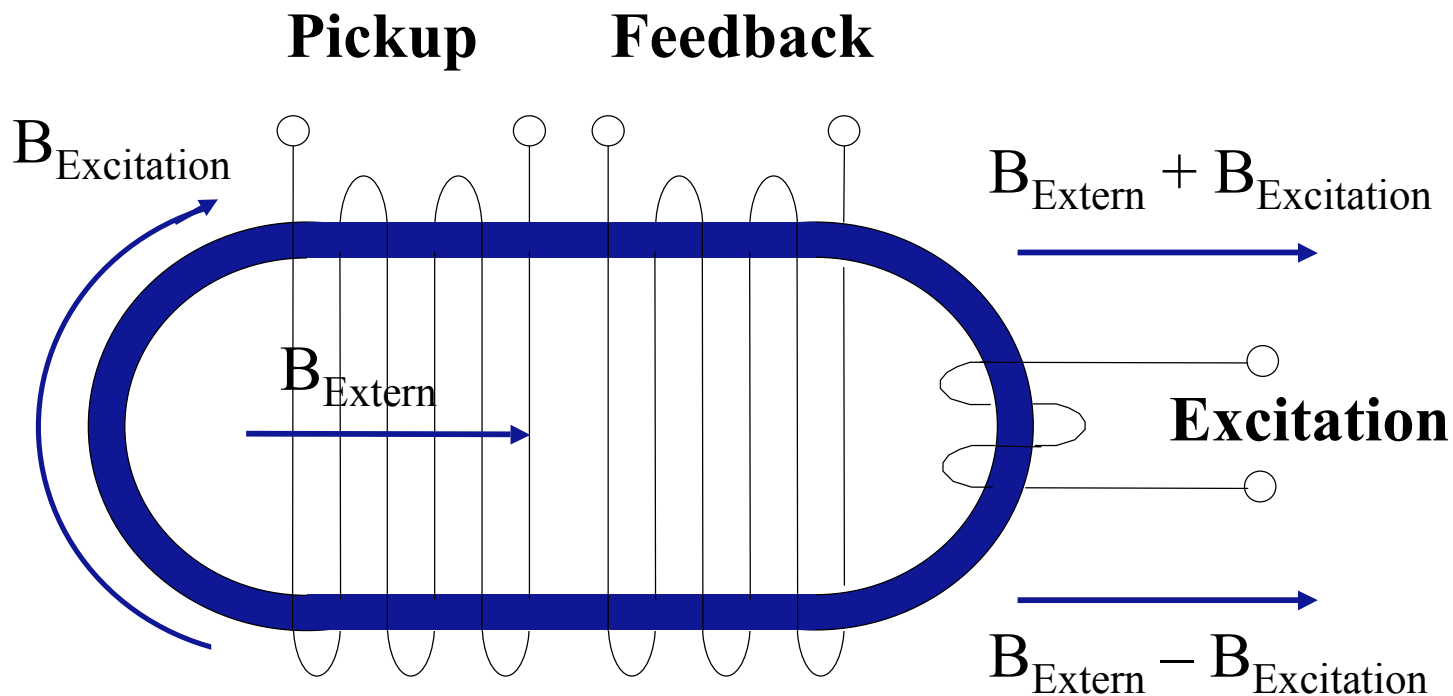
- Ground application:  
Audio EMT-sounding
- Space application:  
all magnetosphere missions  
partly on planetary missions



**Figure 2.** Representative magnetic field spectrums for various plasma wave phenomena observed in the Earth's magnetosphere.

[D.A.Gurnett, 1998]

# *Fluxgate Magnetometer*



$$U = \frac{d\Phi}{dt} = \frac{d(nA\mu_0\mu_r(t)H(t))}{dt}$$



## ■ Principle of Operation

- Magnetic material saturated by symmetric AC ( $f_0$ ) drive current
- Secondary signal becomes asymmetric if external field disturbs the symmetry by shifting the zero point on the hysteresis
- Second harmonics of drive frequency is quantity for asymmetry = magnitude of external field
- Field feedback holds working point close to zero

## ■ Parameter

- Measurement range: Solar Wind (10th of nT) - Earth field 60.000nT
- Frequency range: 100Hz ... DC
- Stability: 1nT...10nT/year
- Noise: 10pT/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at 1Hz

## ■ Application

- Ground application: e.g. observatories, EMT-sounding, applied physics
- Space application: all magnetosphere, nearly all planetary missions, attitude control for low Earth missions

# Proton Magnetometer (NMR)

## Fundamental properties of a proton:

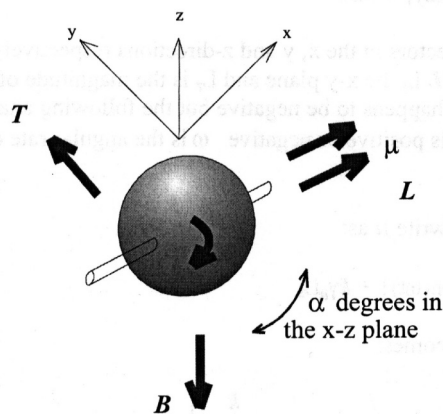
Angular momentum:  $\mathbf{L} = 5.27 \cdot 10^{-35} \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Magnetic moment:  $\mathbf{i} = 1.41 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ Am}^2$

Relation between both:  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = \gamma_P \mathbf{L}$

gyro magnetic ratio  $\gamma_P = 267515528 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ T}^{-1}$

## Properties of a proton in a B-field



Torque:

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{B}$$

Relation between  $\mathbf{L}$  and  $\mathbf{T}$ :

$$\mathbf{T} = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt}$$

Precession:

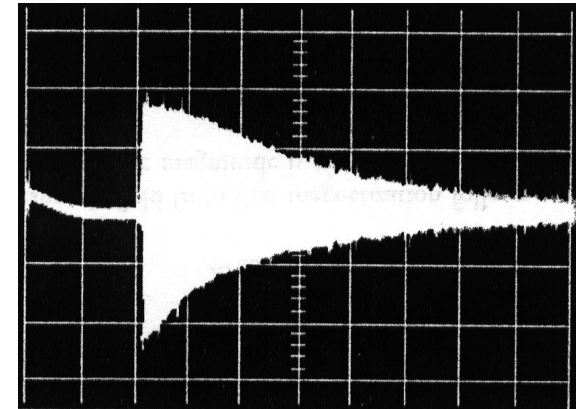
$$\omega_\gamma = \gamma B_0$$

## ■ Principle of Operation

- Sensor is a bottle of water (alcohol) + coil for polarisation and pick up
- Polarisation aligns all proton,
- Fast change from polarisation to pick up provides a in phase precession
- Frequency is measured, signal amplitude depends on time (relaxation)
- Polarisation can be done continuously via electrons (Overhauser)

## ■ Parameter

- Measurement range: 20.000nT ... 100.000nT
- Frequency range: 1Hz ... DC
- Relaxation time: 1sec
- Accuracy: 0.1nT absolute



## ■ Application

- Ground application: observatories, applied physics
- Space application: missions investigating the Earth field



# Vector measurement by scalar sensors

- Measurement of field components using a scalar magnetometer
  - Sensor has to be equipped with a coil system for bias fields
  - Applying fields in + and - direction, field components can be derived by a set of three scalar measurements

$$F^2 = H^2 + Z^2$$

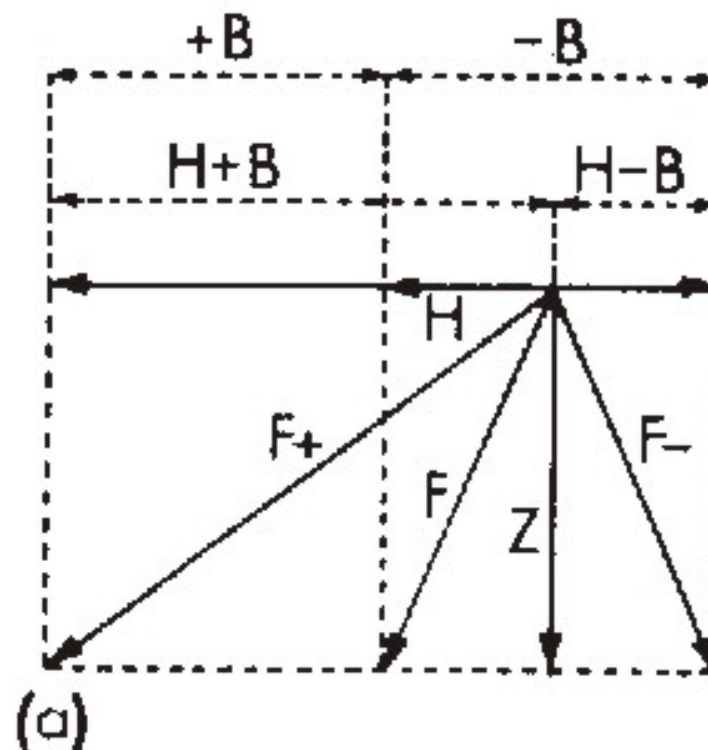
$$F_+^2 = (H + B)^2 + Z^2 = F^2 + B^2 + 2HB$$

$$F_-^2 = (H - B)^2 + Z^2 = F^2 + B^2 - 2HB$$

$$F_+^2 + F_-^2 = 2(F^2 + B^2)$$

$$F_+^2 - F_-^2 = 4HB$$

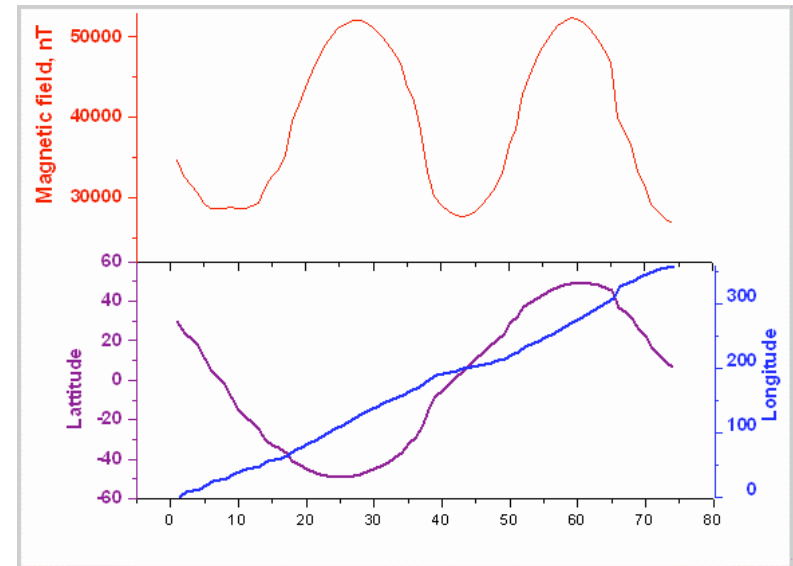
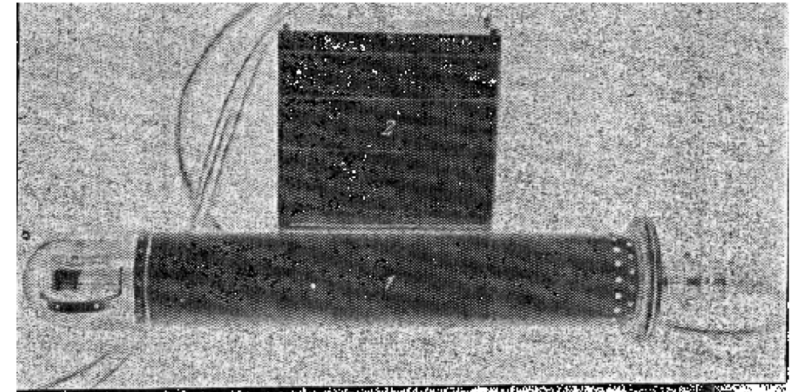
$$H = \frac{F_+^2 - F_-^2}{2\sqrt{2(F_+^2 + F_-^2 - 2F^2)}}$$



# *First Measurement in Space*

In situ studies by spacecraft of the magnetic field of Earth and all the planets except for Pluto began with the USSR's launch of Sputnik 3 in 1958. The study of the geomagnetic field by the USA followed with Vanguard 3 in 1959. Since then the US Explorer, Mariner, Pioneer, Voyager, Ulysses and Galileo missions have surveyed all the planets from Mercury to Neptune as well as the Earth's Moon. The USSR repeatedly studied Earth's Moon, Venus and Mars with their Luna, Venera, Mars and Phobos missions.  
*N.F.Ness „Planetary and Lunar Magnetism“, 2004*

- 15. 05. 1958, Sputnik 3
  - Three component fluxgate magnetometer
  - PI: Dolginov / Zhuzgov
  - No attitude data: Scalar field only
- 18. 09. 1959, Vanguard 3
  - Proton magnetometer
  - PI: Heppner



*Results of Sputnik 3 Magnetometer*



# *Interplanetary Missions*

## ■ Earth Moon

- 1959 Luna 1 & 2
  - 1968 Lunachod
  - 1969-71 Apollo 12,14,16
- „No“ magnetic field*

## ■ Mercury

- 1974: Mariner 10
- Weak dipole*

## ■ Venus

- 1962-67: Mariner 2,4,5
- 1967: Venus 4
- 1978: PVO
- 2005: Venus Express

*Induced magnetosphere*

## ■ Mars

- 1964 Mariner IV
- 1974 Mars 4
- 1988 Phobos 2
- 1997 MGS

*Induced magnetosphere*

*Surface magnetisation*

## ■ Outer Planets

- Jupiter: 1973 Pioneer 10
- Saturn: 1979 Pioneer 11
- Uranus: 1986 Voyager 2
- Neptune: 1989 Voyager 2

*Large dipoles with various orientations*



## Status 1965:

TABLE 12-1. LIST OF SPACE-PROBE INSTRUMENTS

*Instruments for Studying the Interplanetary Medium (Chap. 13)*

<i>Phenomenon</i>	<i>Instruments and Experiments*</i>	<i>Page</i>
Magnetic field (temporal and spatial variations of flux)	Search-coil magnetometer	298
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Track imagers	Spark chamber	345
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Interplanetary plasma (flux, species, and velocity distributions)	Curved-surface electrostatic analyzers	351
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\* It is important to distinguish between the experiments and the instruments used in the experiments. See text.

- **Magnetic Field Instruments**

- Status 1965 = Status 2007

- **Electric Field Instruments**

- Not available in 1965

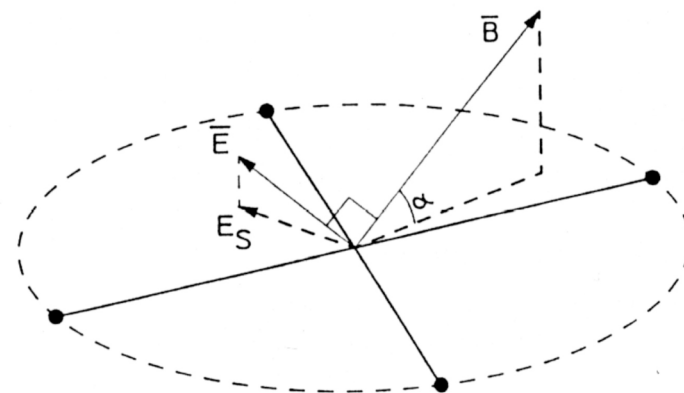
[Van Nostrand, (1965),  
Space Probes and Planetary Exploration]



Type of E-field Instr.	Basic Principle	Output quantity / limits	Space application?
<b>Double Probe</b>	direct potential measurement	wave form up to 10Hz <i>0.5mV/m (10Hz ... DC)</i> compressed data up to 100kHz <i>50nV/m/Hz</i>	Yes
<b>Electron Drift Instrument</b>	<b>E</b> $\times$ <b>B</b> drift of emitted electrons (displacement or time of flight measurement)	E field normal to B <i>0.05mV/m (10Hz ... DC)</i>	only
All particle Instruments	E-field derived from measured velocity distribution and B-field	E field normal to B <i>0.1..1mV/m depends on plasma (spin period... DC)</i>	only

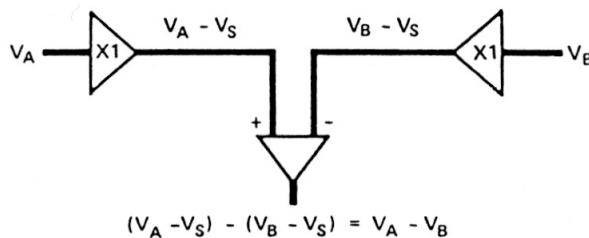
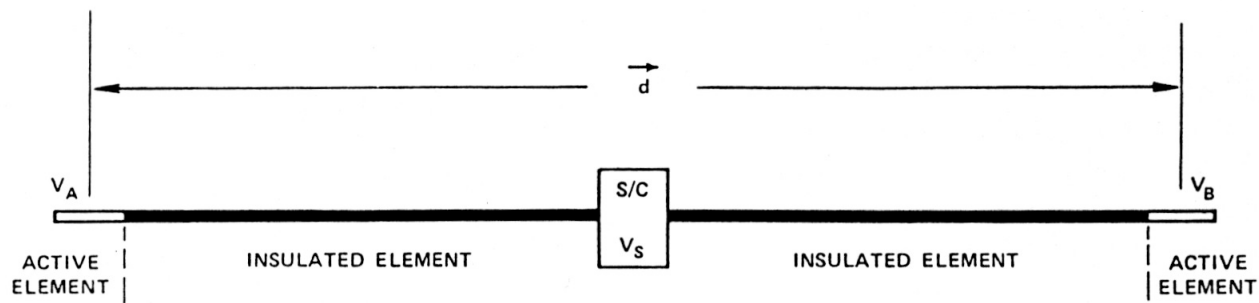
# Double Probe

$$(\Phi_1 - \Phi_2) / |d| = (\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \mathbf{d}$$



b)

VIKING (100m)  
CLUSTER (100m)  
POLAR (100m+130m)

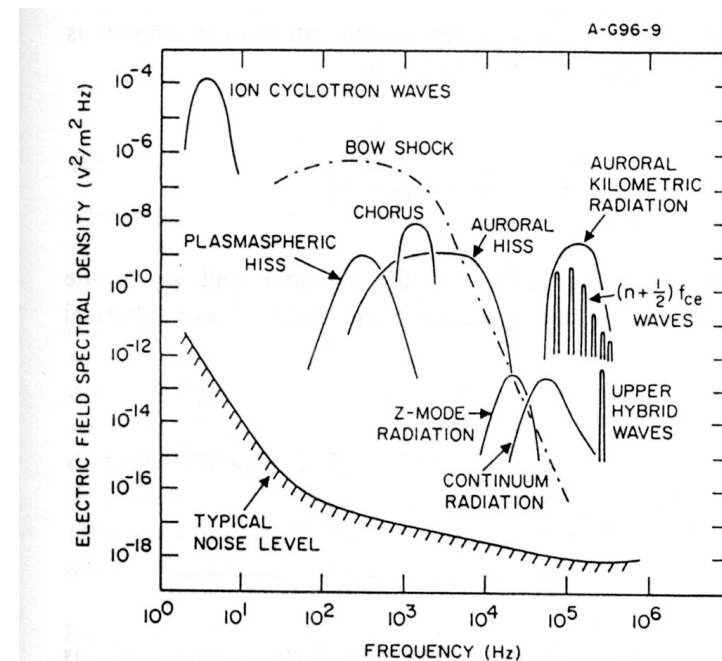


[Pedersen et al., 1998]

[N.C.Maynard, 1998]

E-field measurement - Double Probe (1)

- Principle of Operation
  - Direct measurement
  - Only method which can be used to measure  $E_{\parallel}$
  
- Parameter
  - Noise at 1Hz:  $10^{-5}$  V/m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
  - Noise at 100 kHz:  $10^{-9}$  V/m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
  
- Application
  - Ground application:  
EMT-sounding
  - Space application:  
sounding rockets and  
all magnetosphere missions  
since late 60th



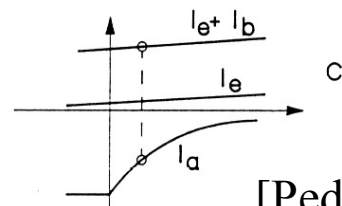
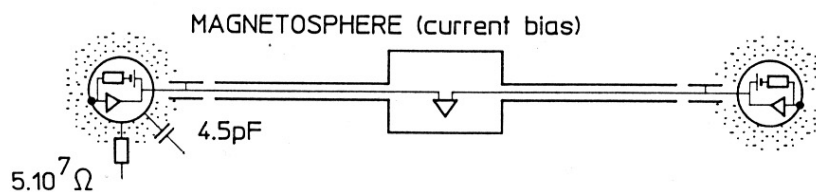
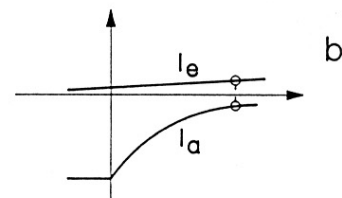
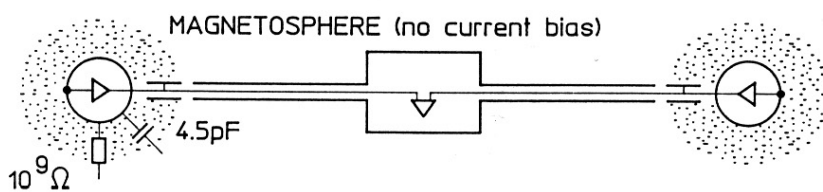
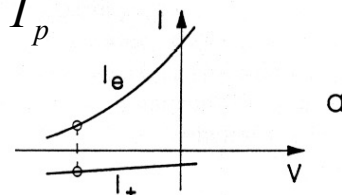
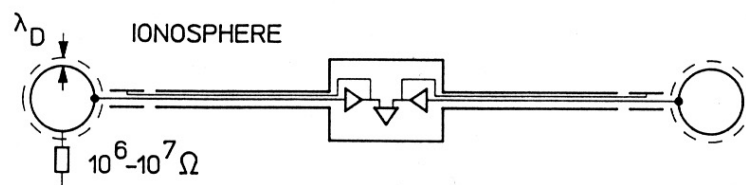
**Figure 1.** Representative electric field spectrums for various plasma wave phenomena observed in the Earth's magnetosphere.

[D.A.Gurnett, 1998]

## ■ Problem areas

- Large probe separation necessary to increase signal, wire booms are used normal to spin axis, boom for spin axis component more difficult
- Resistance between probes is not infinite (S/C & measurement current), effective distance is smaller, has to be calibrated
- Potential of plasma is not potential of probes - coupling to plasma by bias current

$$I_{ph-e} + I_{ph-e-r} + I_{ph-e-sc} + I_m = I_e + I_p$$



E-field measurement - Double Probe (3)

[Pedersen et al., 1998]



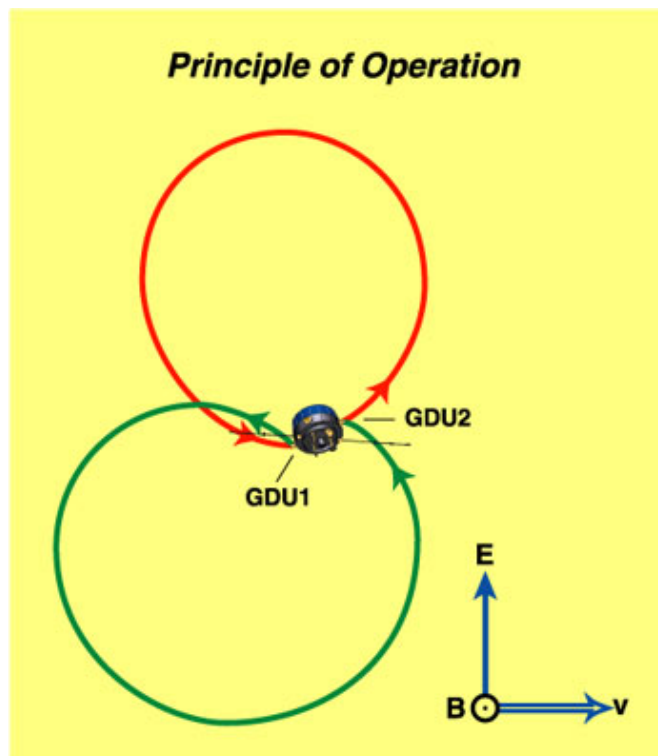
# *Electron Drift Instrument*

Measurement of displacement

$$\mathbf{v}_D = \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{v}_D T_g = \frac{\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}}{B^2} T_g$$

$$d[m] = 3.57 \cdot 10^4 \frac{E_{\perp} [mV/m]}{B^2 [nT]}$$



Measurement of time of flight

$$\mathbf{v}_D = \frac{\Delta T}{2T_g} \mathbf{v}_e$$

$$|\mathbf{B}| = \frac{2\pi m}{eT_g}$$

[Paschmann et al., 2001]



## ■ Principle of Operation

- E-field normal to **B** derived by measurement of **E** $\times$ **B** drift of emitted electrons
- Two modes: (1) measurement of displacement for high fields, (2) time of flight measurement for moderate fields.
- In mode (2) magnitude of **B** can be derived by gyration period
- Gradient **B** drift can be separated by different energies of test electrons

## ■ Parameter

- Mode and Applicability depends on **B**-field magnitude and variability
- Accuracy: 0.05 mV/m (absolute)

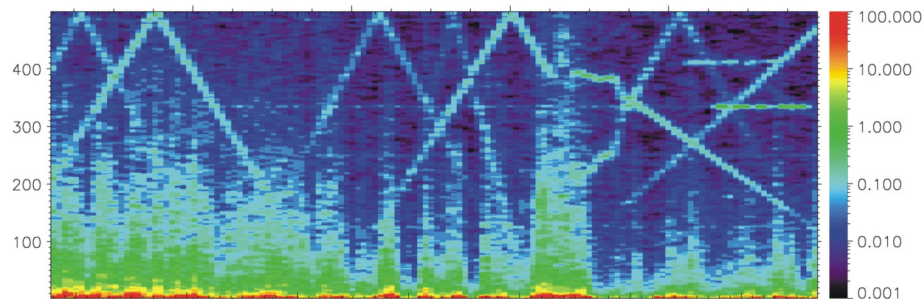
## ■ Application

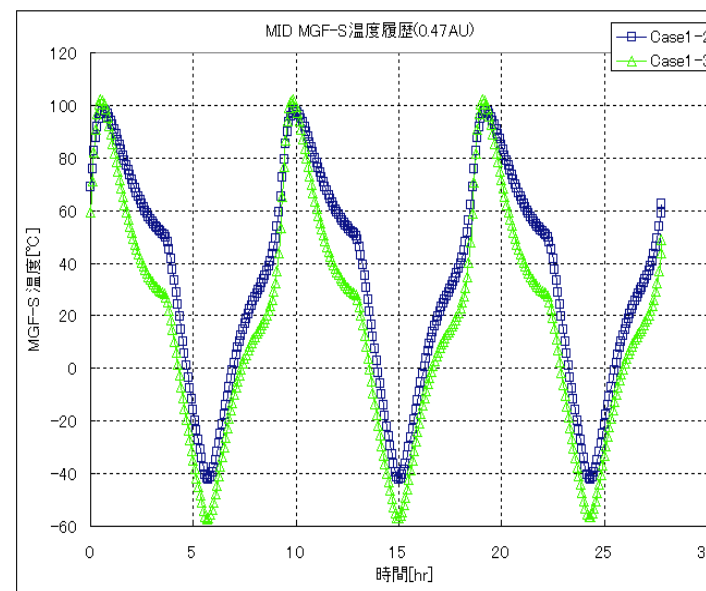
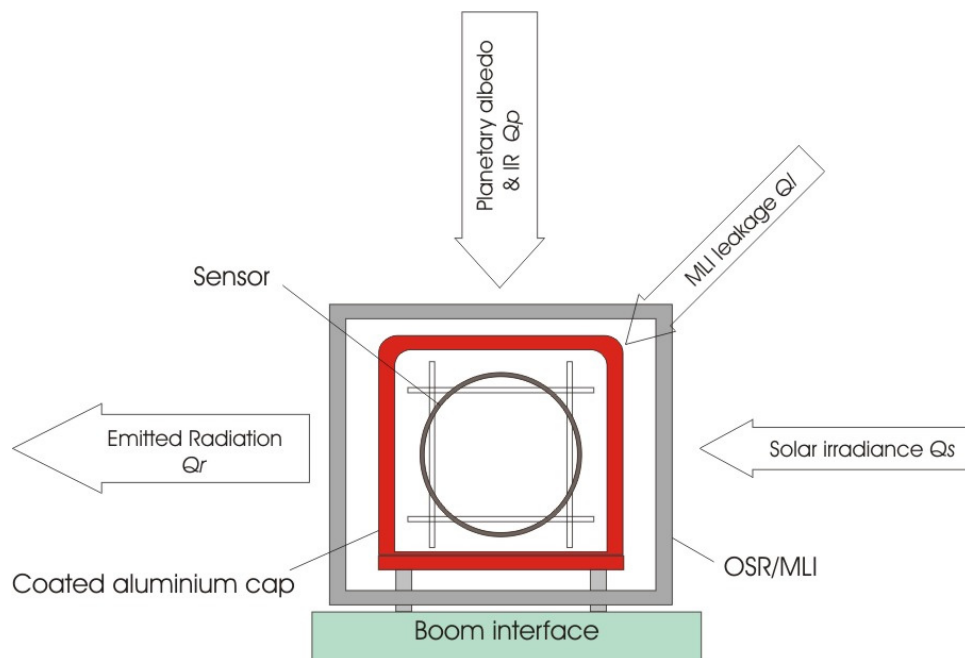
- Ground application: not applicable
- Space application: GEOS, Geotail, prove of principle  
Equator-S, Cluster fully operational



- Attitude information
  - Sun sensors, attitude lost during eclipse
  - Star sensors
  - Required accuracy about  $0.1^\circ$
  - Spin rate must be known much better for despinning the data (averaging necessary)
- Synchronisation between Experiments
  - Master clock (used for small spacecrafts like Equator-S, Themis) for all instruments
  - Low frequency synchronisation (spin pulse or second pulse available)
  - Inter experiment links
  - Capabilities of SpaceWire Interface
- Housekeeping (offline)
  - Temperature
  - Power
  - S/C status

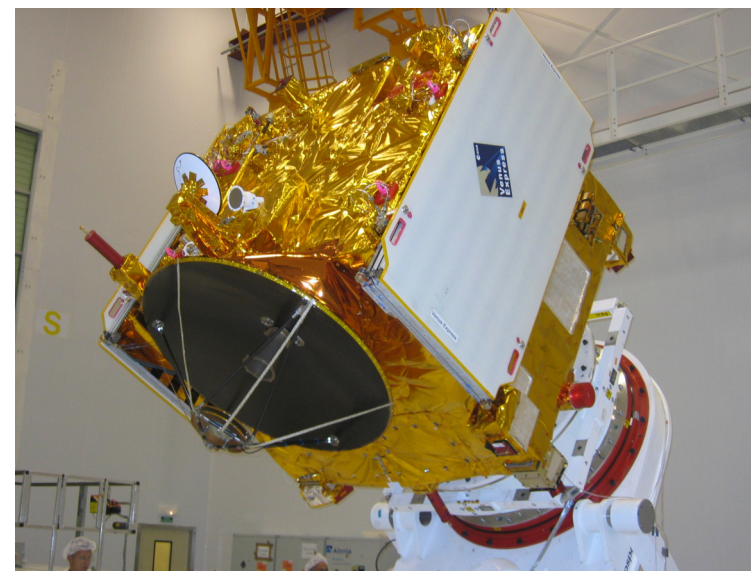
- Classical EMC
  - 300Hz ... MHz
  - Specs well defined, Facilities exist, Tests mandatory
- Special requirements of field experiments
  - Remanent (DC) magnetic field
  - Time variable (AC) interferences
  - Electrostatic requirements
- Disturbance Sources
  - Thrusters, Reaction Wheels, SADM, Solar Panels, Batteries, Ground loops, Torquer ...
- Practicable solution
  - Working groups established by Agencies (ESA), S/C provider and field experimenters to find the balance between
    - S/C design based on proved elements, funding, boom length, acceptable magnetic interference



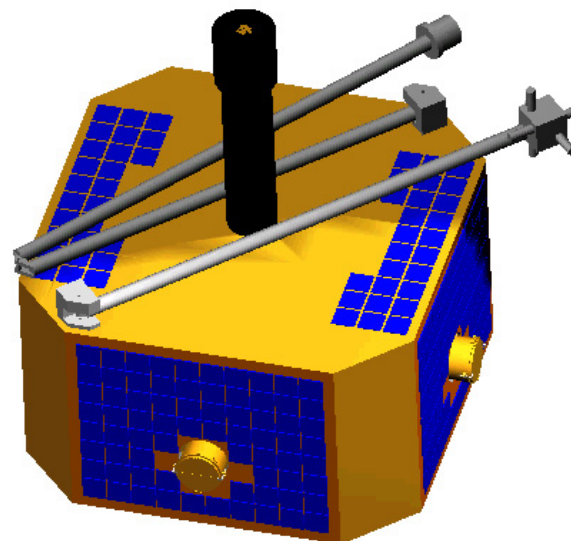


## ■ Thermal requirements

- Sensors have wide temperature range, but sensible for temperature changes
- Eclipse crossings must be buffered by high thermal capacity & low epsilon
- Averaged temperature depends on alpha/epsilon ratio of MLI/OSR



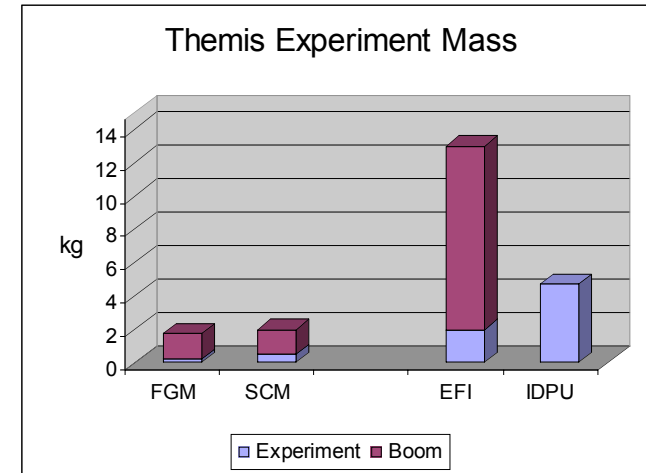
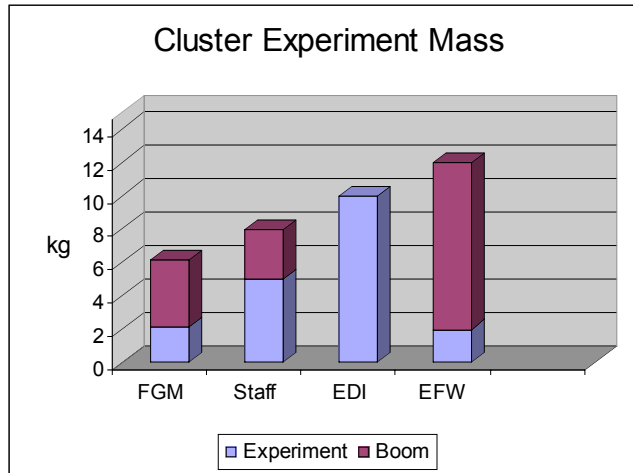
- Boom Geometry
  - 1-3 segment boom (Cluster Double Star, Themis ...)
  - Boom made by spring elements (MMO)
  - Wire Booms (Cluster, Themis ...)
- Release & launch lock mechanism
  - Pyro
  - Melting band,
  - Motor driven
- Deployment force
  - Centrifugal force
  - Spring driven
  - Motor driven



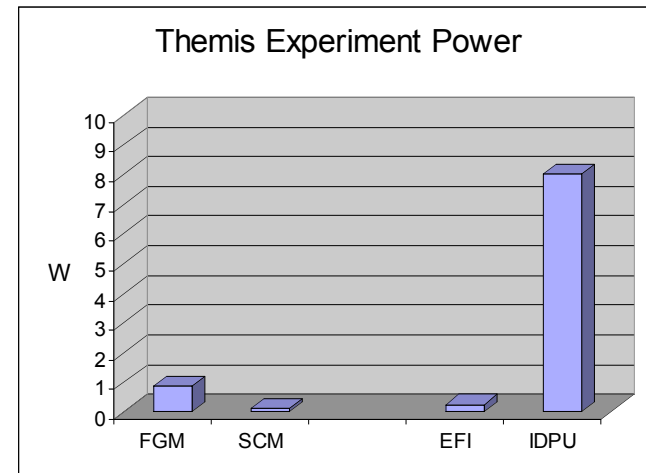
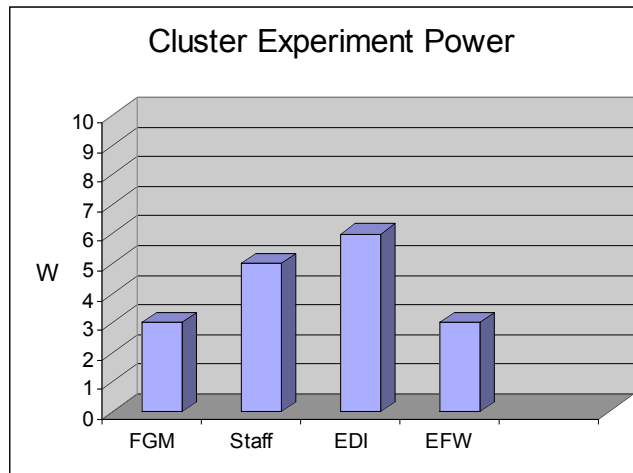


# Required Resources

## ■ Mass



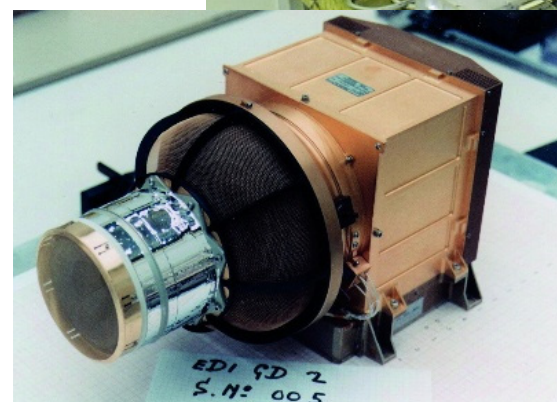
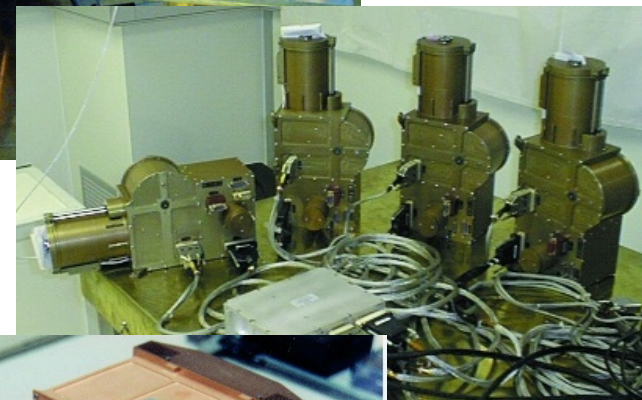
## ■ Power



## ■ Telemetry

- Onboard data processing (spin fit, fft, filtering, compression, event control ...)

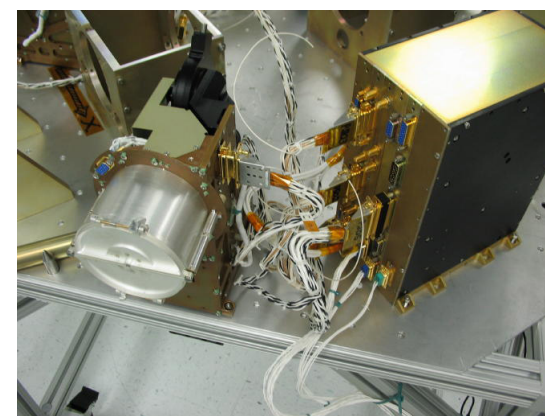
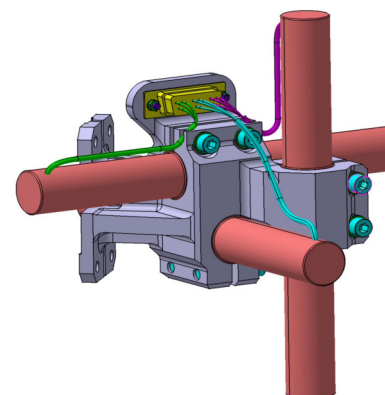
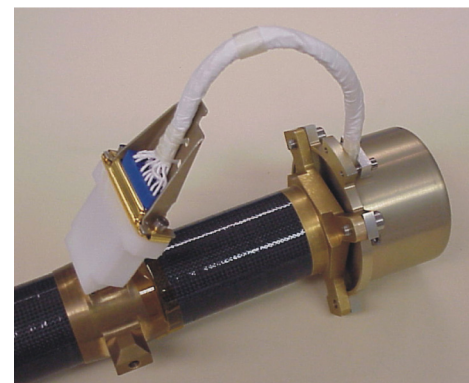
- Fluxgate Magnetometer, FGM
  - PI: Andre Balogh IC London
  - Dual Sensor (3.1m & 5.1m distance)  
analogue FG
  
- Search Coil Magnetometer, STAFF
  - PI: Nicole Cornilleau-Wehrin,
  - Three component boom mounted  
sensor
  
- Double Probe, EFW
  - PI: Mats Andre, IRFU Uppsala
  - Two sets of wire booms in spin plane
  
- Electron Drift Experiment, EDI
  - PI: Götz Paschmann, MPE Garching
  - Two gun/sensor system





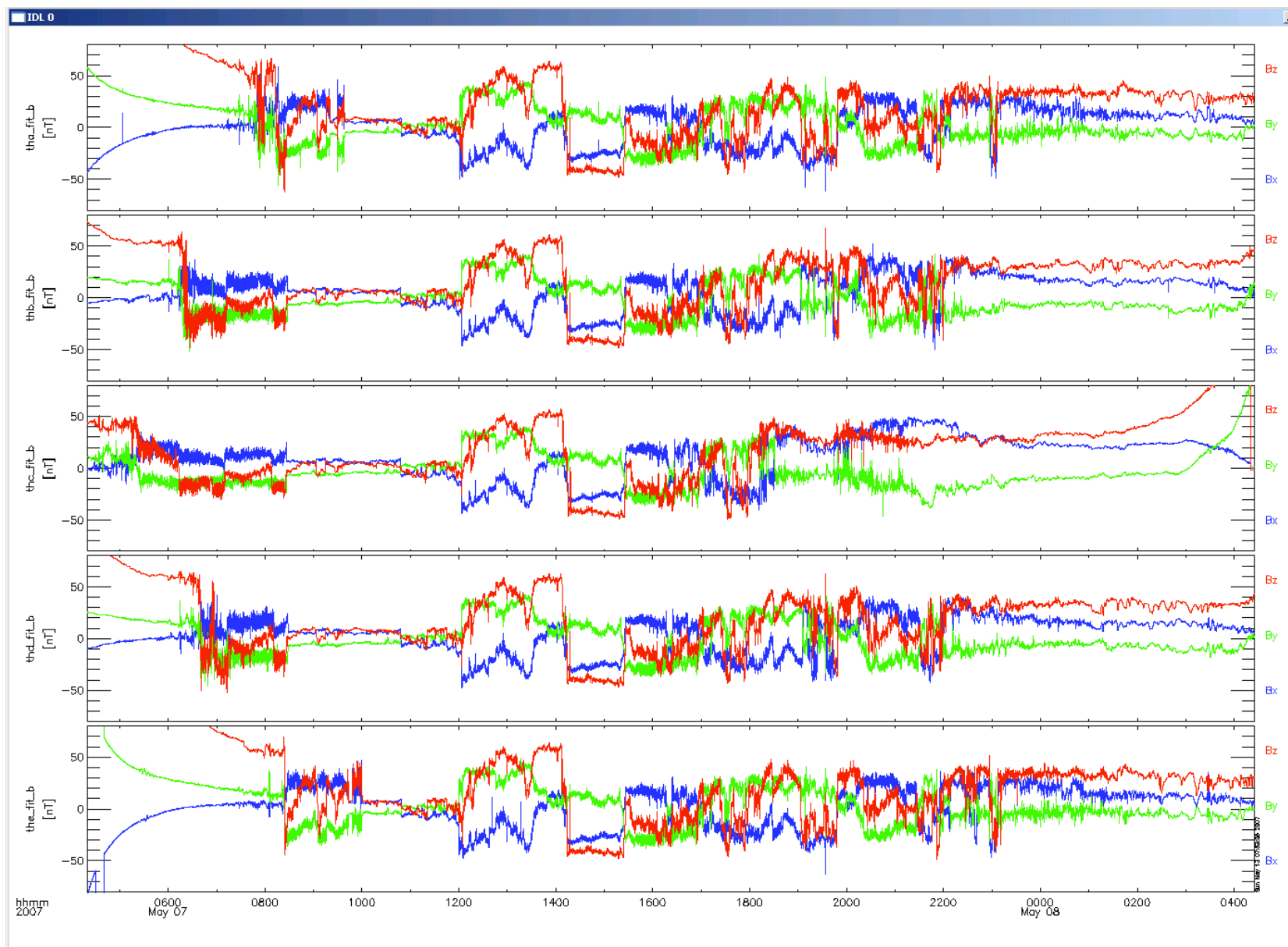
# *Instrumentation on Themis*

- Fluxgate Magnetometer, FGM
  - PI: K.H. Glassmeier, TU-Braunschweig
  - Single sensor (2m boom), digital electronics
  
- Search Coil Magnetometer, SCM
  - PI: A.Roux, CEPT
  - The SCM 3-axis antennas are located at the end of 1 meter SCM boom
  
- Double Probe, EFI
  - PI: J.Bonell, UCB
  - Two sets of wire booms in spin plane
  - one set of axial booms





# *B-Field Example*

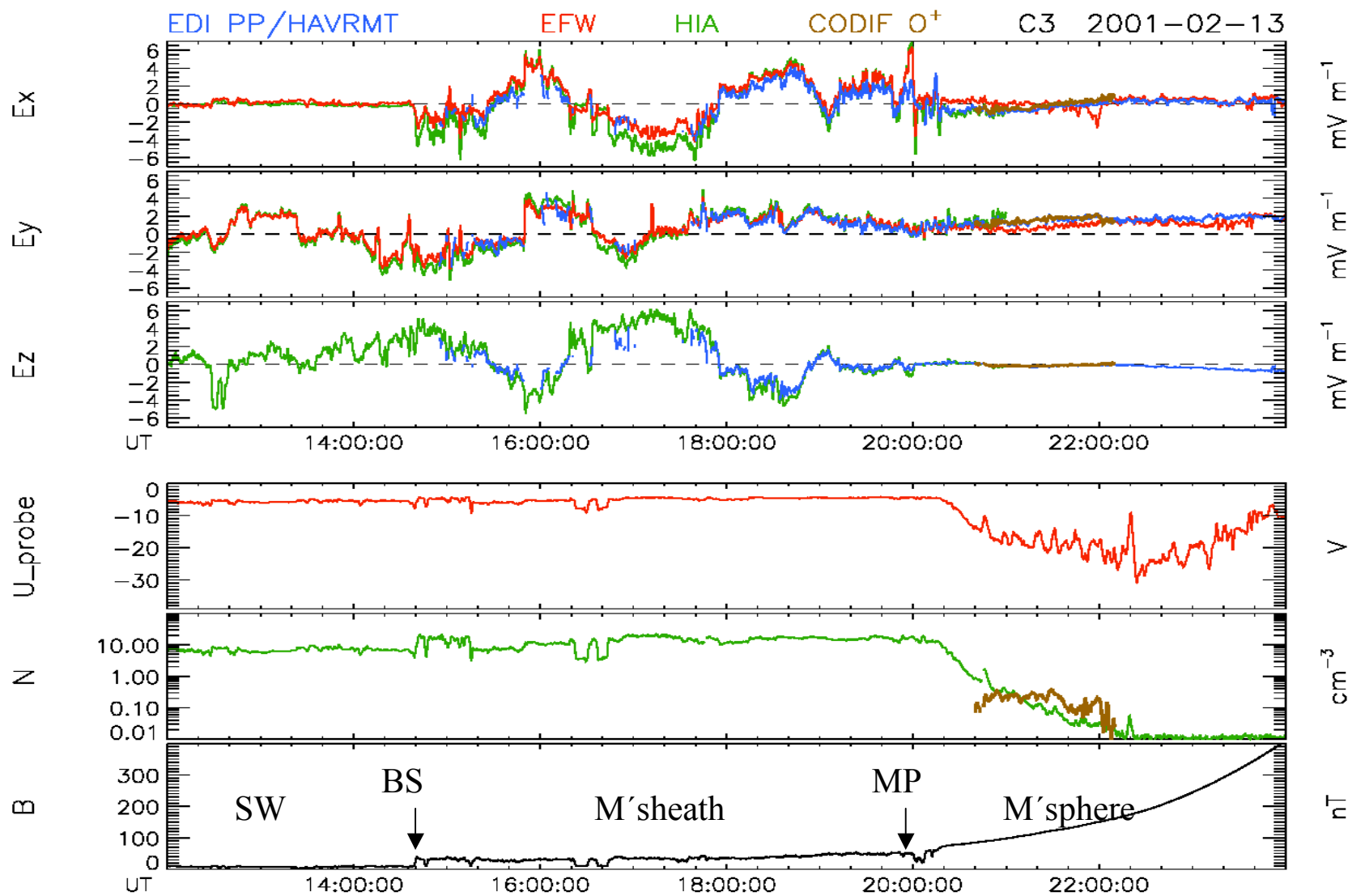


Examples - B-field

Magnetic Fields from Themis A-E; [V. Angelopoulos]



# *E-Field Example*



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Electric Fields from EFW, EDI & CIS; [Eriksson et al., 2003]



- **Magnetic Field measurement**
  - Early satellites already equipped with magnetometers
  - Fluxgate / Search Coil magn. on magnetospheric missions
  - Fluxgate / Proton magnetometer on Earth field missions
- **Electric Field Measurement**
  - On the first view simple, but in practice much more difficult.
  - Double probes (one - three components) standard instrumentation
  - EDI complements E-field measurement and supports B-field measurement
- **Measurement environment**
  - 50% instrumentation, 50% environment
  - EMC, tests on ground, service on board, timing on board, event detection, data compression, navigation information, data processing, calibration, .... archiving