Space Radiation Environment

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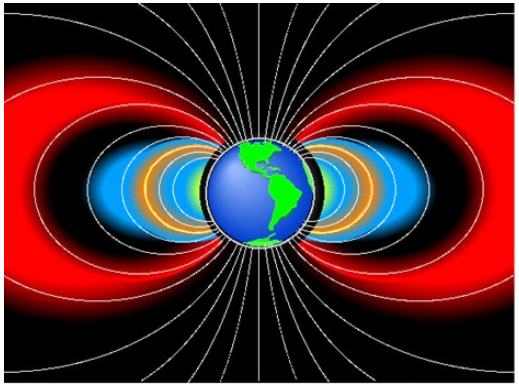

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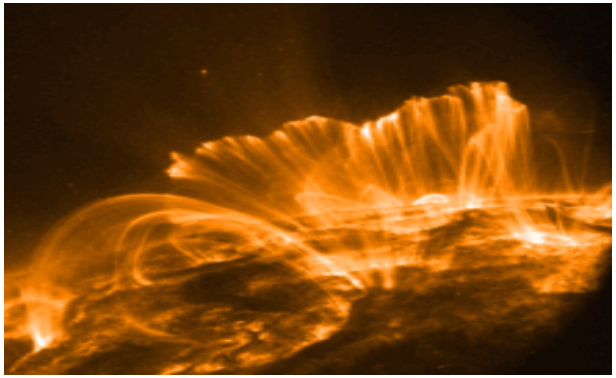

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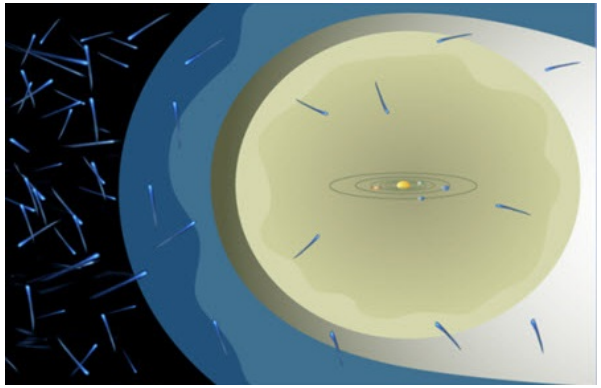

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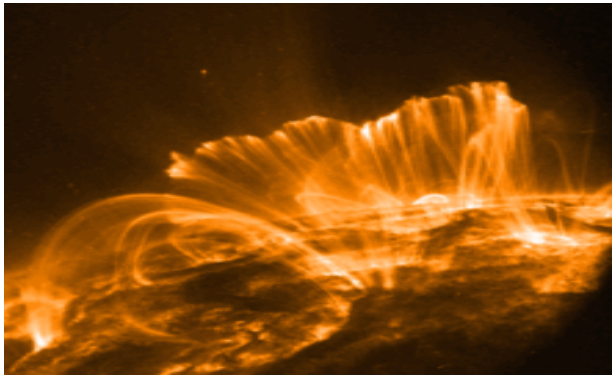

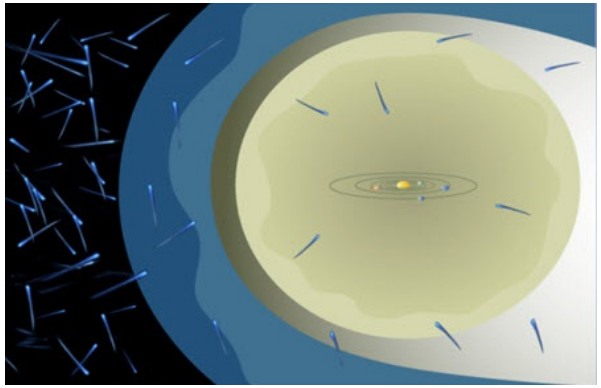

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Topics for Today

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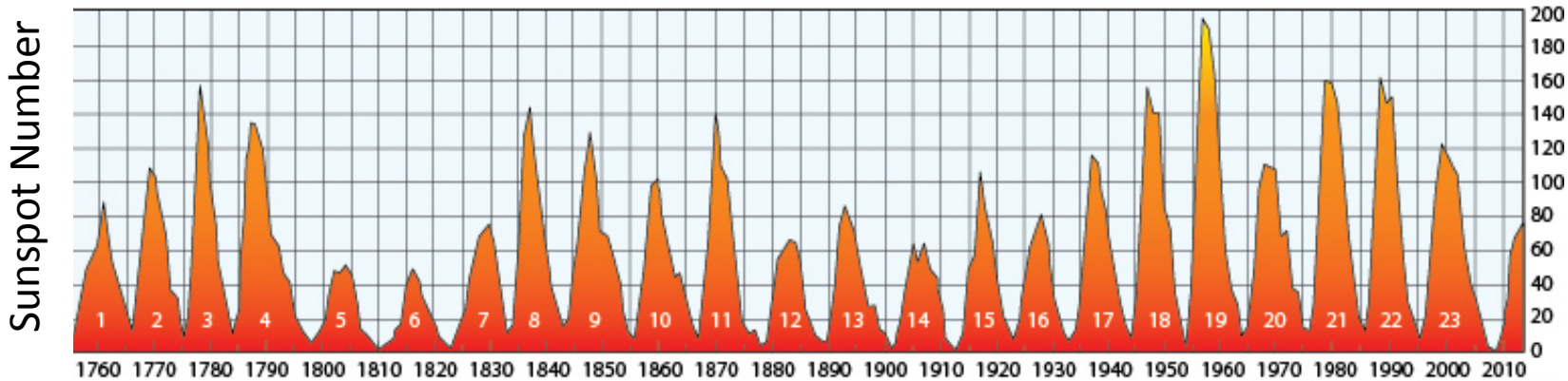

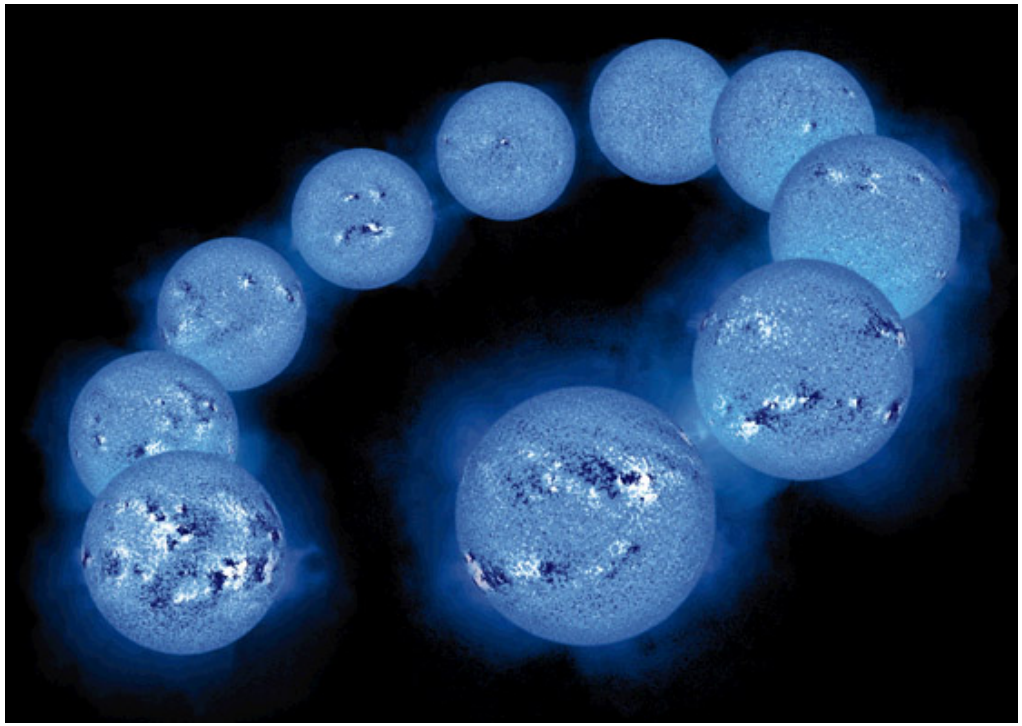

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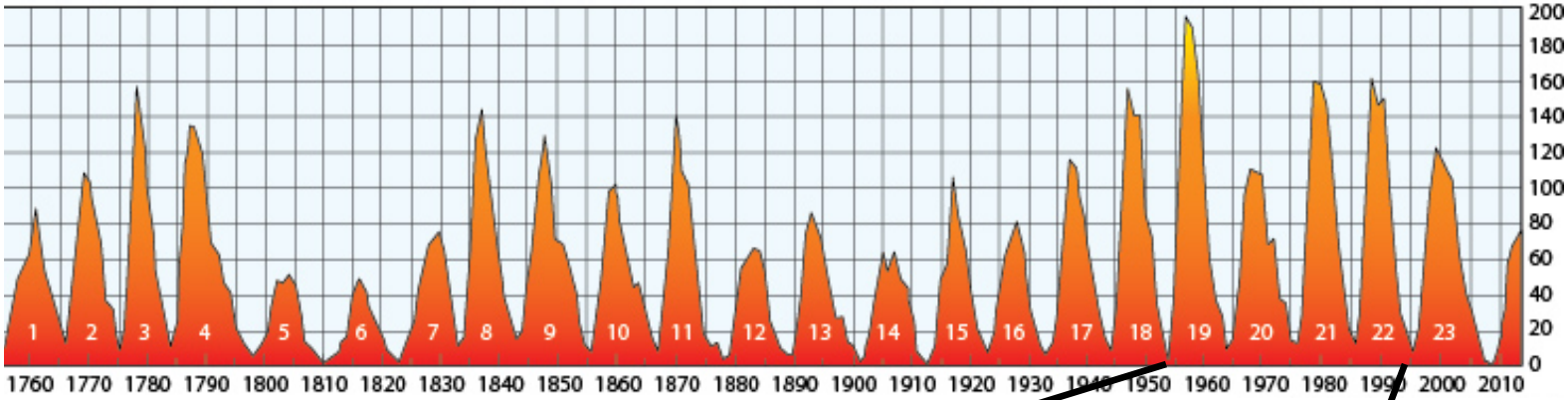

Most SEP events occur during solar activity maximum

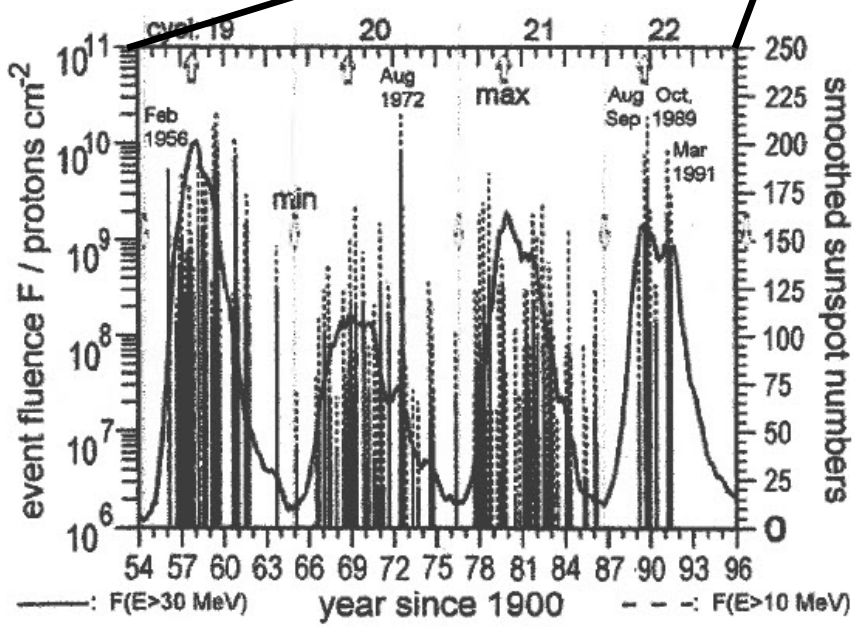

Figure 11.8. Occurrence of major and extreme solar particle events in solar cycles 19–22.

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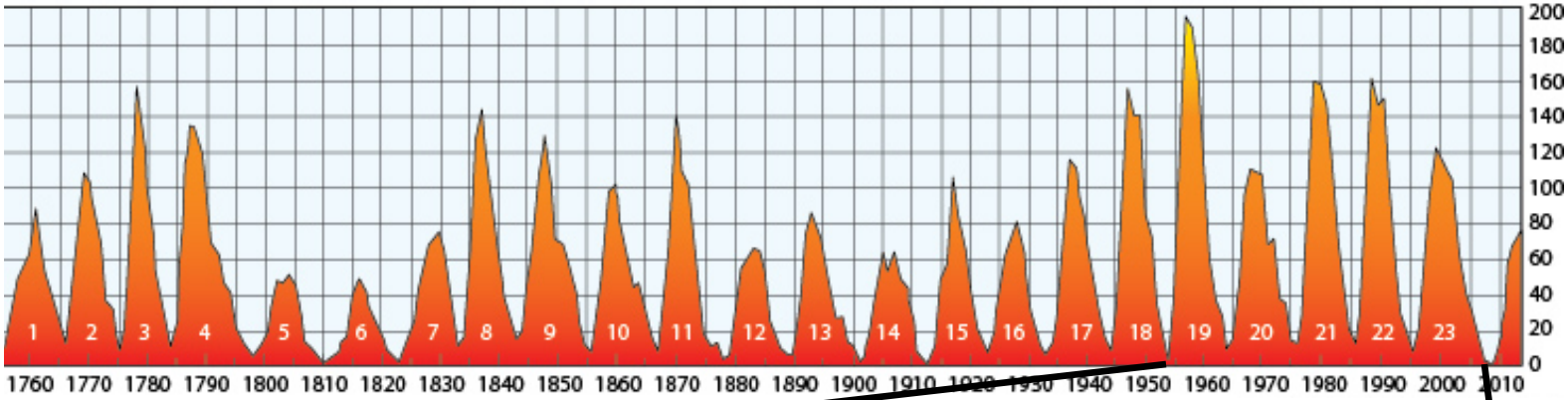

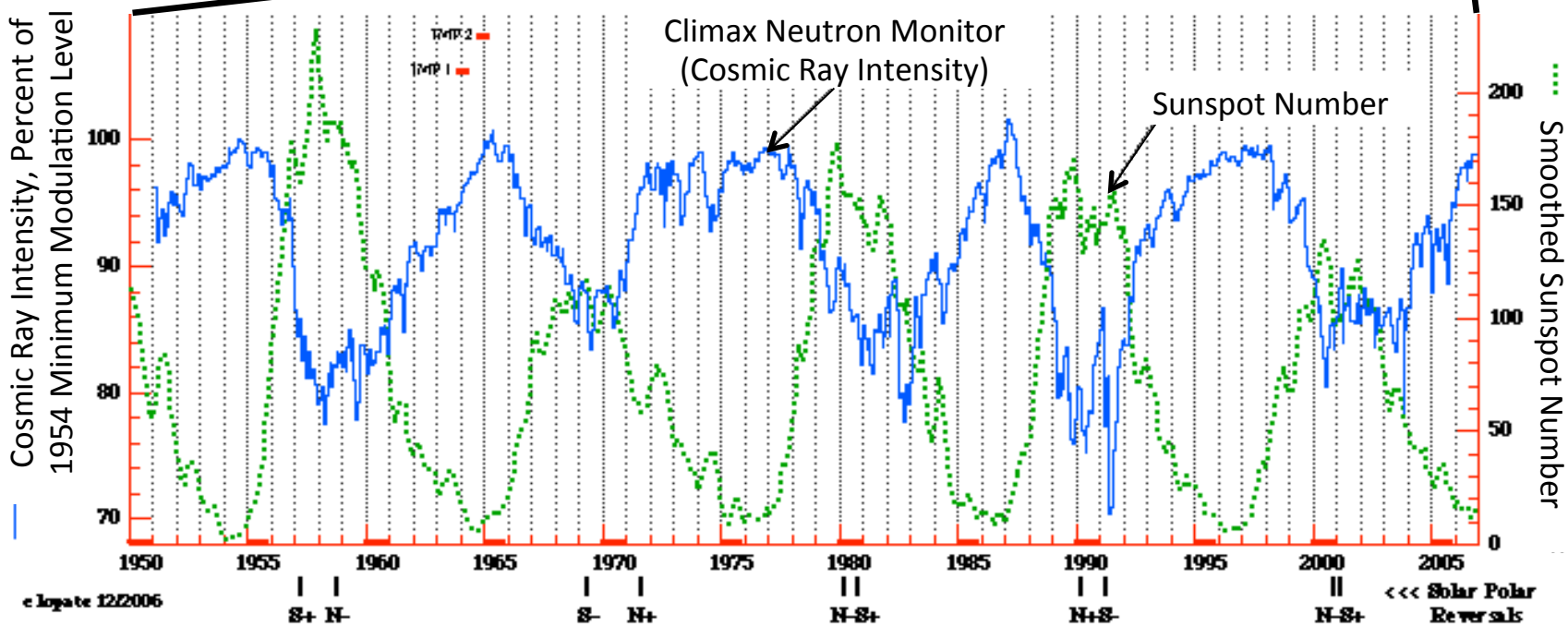

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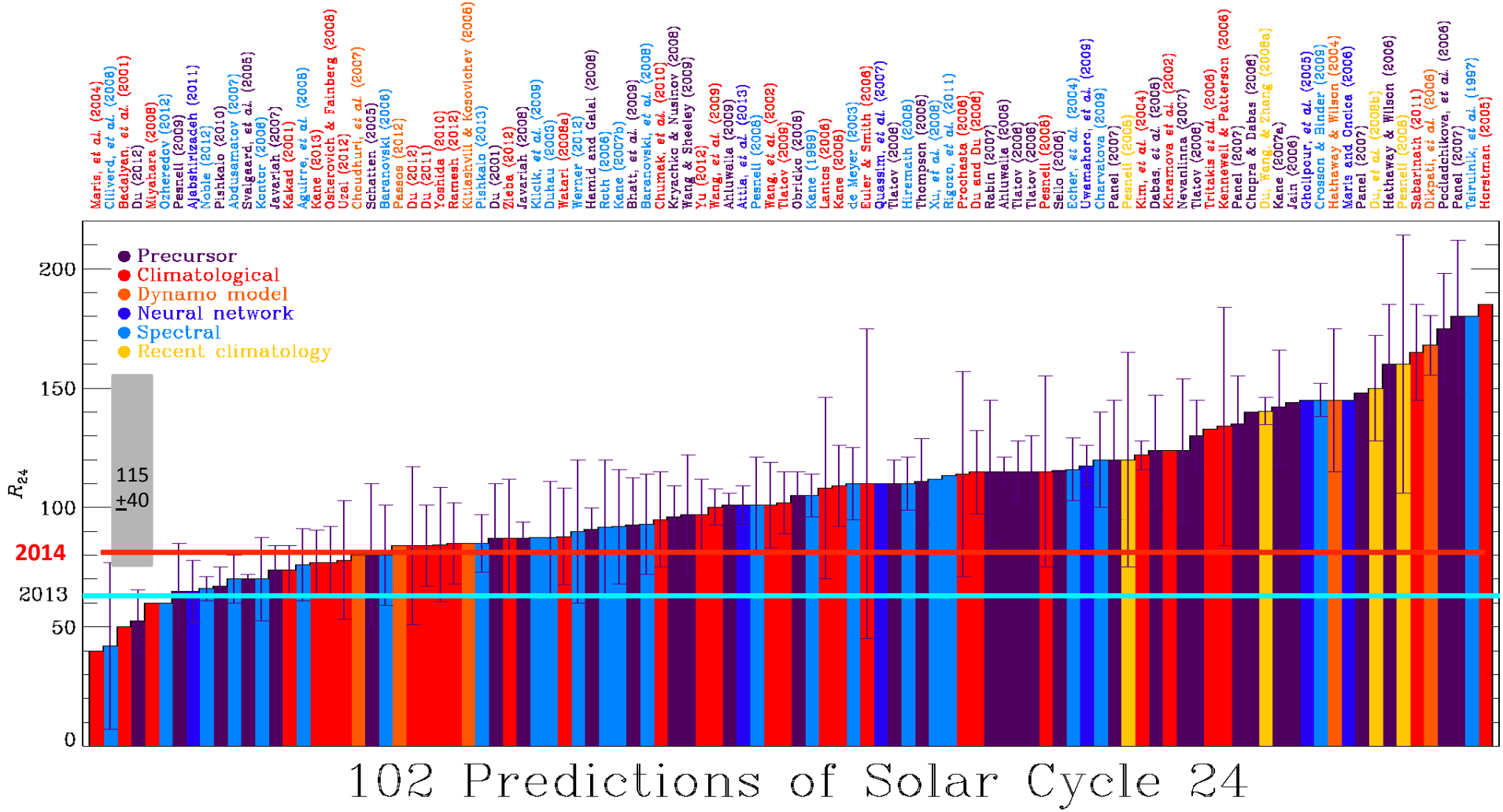

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Space Radiation Presentations

Overview

- Mars Mission and Space Radiation Risks — *Steve Davison, NASA-HQ, 30 min*
- Health Standards Decision Framework — *David Liskowsky, NASA-HQ, 10 min*

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- Introduction — *Chris St. Cyr, NASA-GSFC, 5 min*
- Solar Energetic Particles — *Allan Tylka, NASA-GSFC, 30 min*
- Comparison and Validation of GCR Models — *Tony Slaba, NASA-LaRC, 30 min*
- GCR Radiation Environment Predictions — *Nathan Schwadron, Univ. of NH, 30 min*
- Emerging GCR Data from AMS-2 — *Veronica Bindi, Univ. of Hawaii, 30 min*

Radiation Health Risk Projections — *Eddie Semones, NASA-JSC, 45 min*

- NCRP Recommendations, Permissible Exposure Limits, Space Radiation Cancer Risk Model, Operations and In-Flight Solar Particle Event Mitigations

Space Radiation R&T for Risk Mitigation — *Lisa Simonsen, NASA-LaRC, 45 min*

- Radiobiology Research Portfolio (Cancer, CNS, Cardio) and Spacecraft Shielding Design, Analysis, and Optimization