



# SCIENCE CONOPS FOR APPLICATION OF SPORT MISSION DATA TO STUDY LARGE (~1000KM) IONOSPHERIC PLASMA DEPLETIONS

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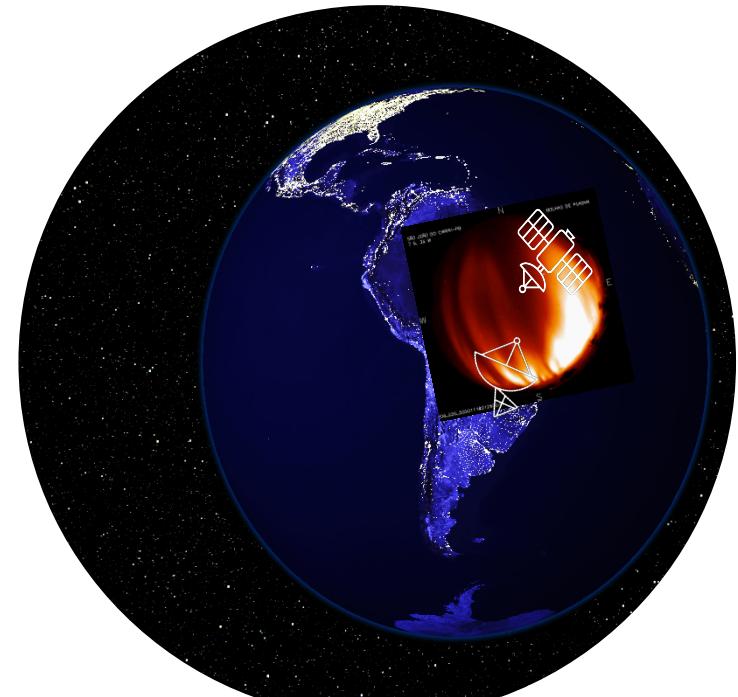
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# MOTIVATION: Enhance Space Weather Ops

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EMBRACE DETECTS IONOSPHERIC DISTURBANCE OVER THE SOUTH AMERICA DUE TO THE VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN THE TONGA ARCHIPELAGO

The underwater volcanic eruption that occurred in the Tonga archipelago (175.4° W; 20.6° S) on January 15, 2022, at 4:15...

X-Ray Flux

X-Ray Flux (GOES-16)  
1 minute data - (06/10/2022)

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EMBRACE Magnetometers Network

Ksa Index - (06/10/2022)

Courtesy of NASA/SDO and the AIA, EVE, and HMI science teams. [More details.](#)

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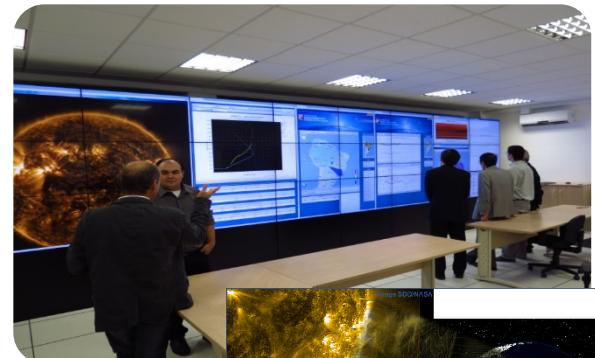
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- A portal for space weather monitoring
- Data and Products
- Free data access



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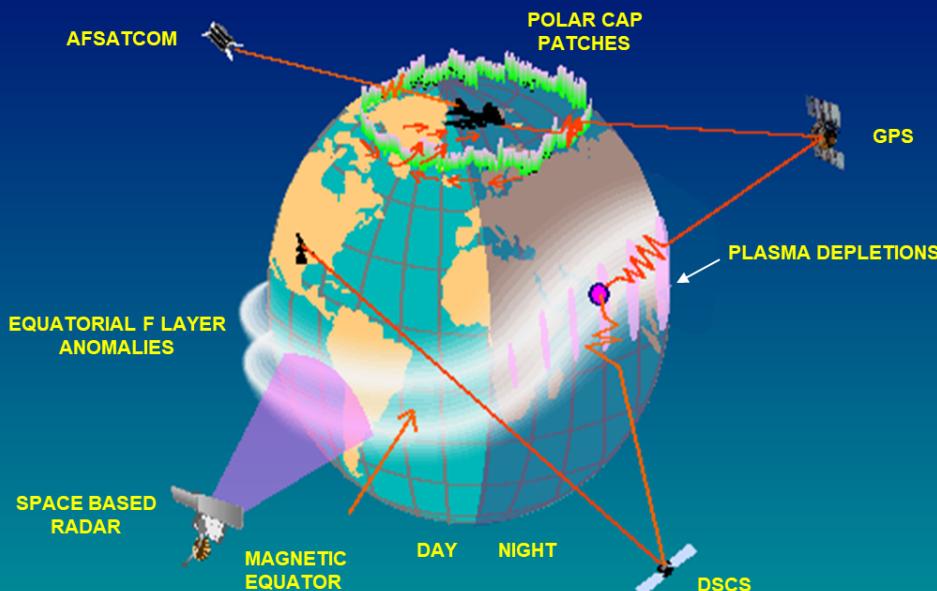
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# MOTIVATION: Enhance Ability to Predict Comm/Nav Outages



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## GLOBAL COMM/NAV OUTAGE REGIONS

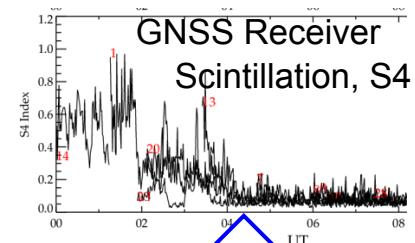
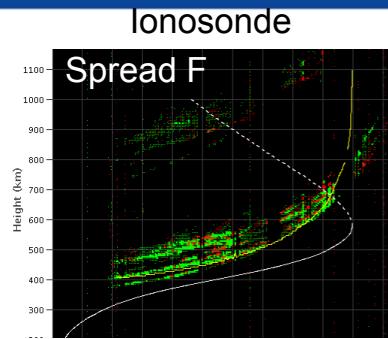


- **Space Weather** storms create turbulent plasmas in our upper atmosphere
- Plasma turbulence can lead to radio wave scrambling (AKA “**Scintillation**”)
- GPS and other GNSS signals can experience **outages**, sometimes for hours

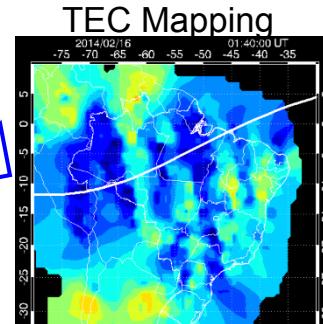
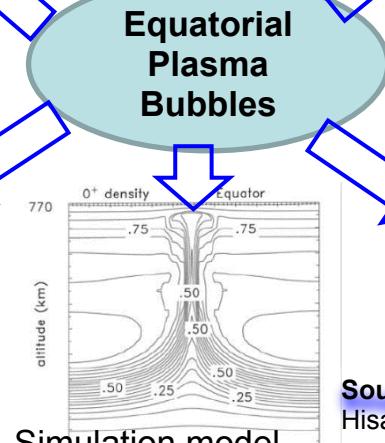
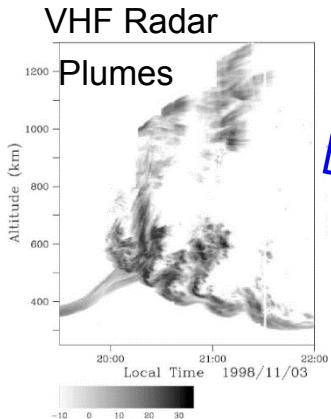




# The Culprit: Equatorial Plasma Bubbles



6300 airglow imager

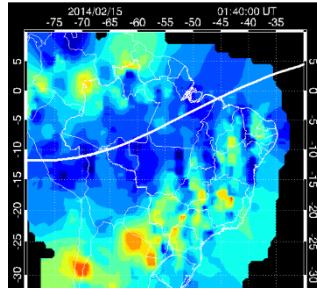


Source: Workshop for EPB Campaign, 25-26 September 2019  
Hisao Takahashi

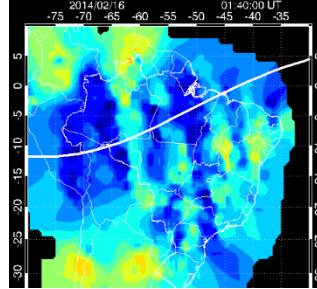


# Background: Periodic Plasma Bubble structures

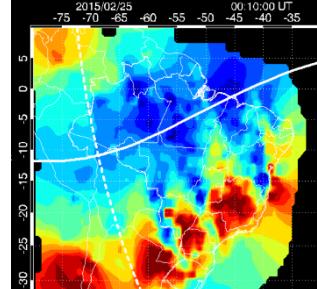
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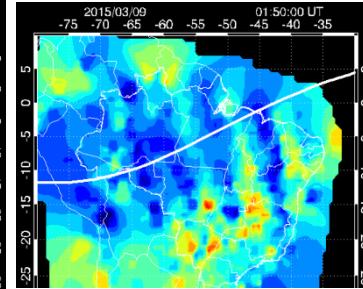
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2015 March 9,  
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Bubble scales: 1 - 1000 km

Periodic structures occur most frequently in February and March.

BUT this is for the Brazilian longitude sector. What about the others?



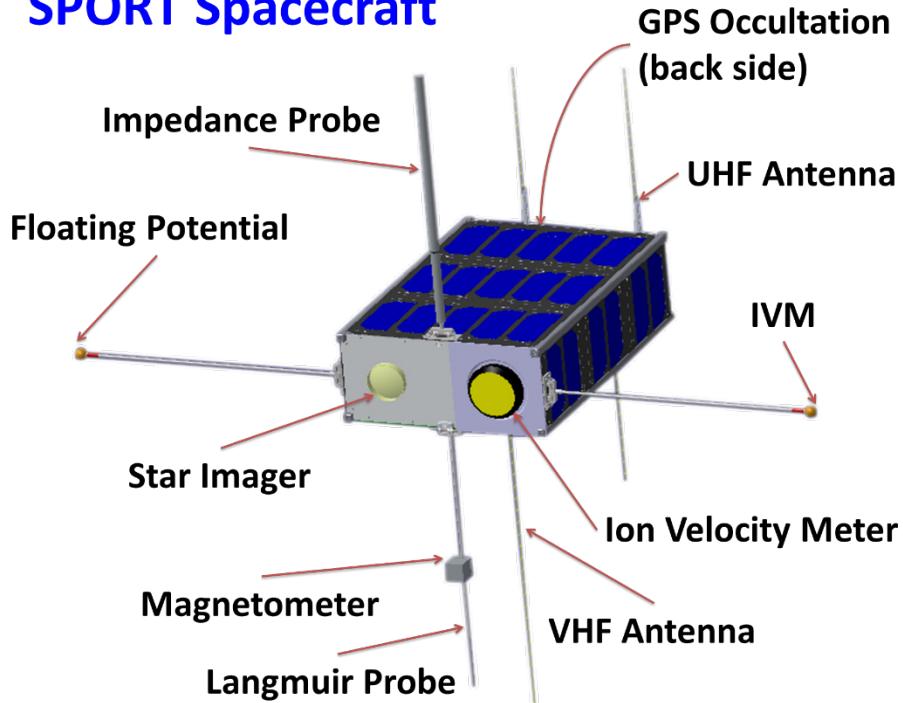
# Scintillation Prediction Observatory Research Task (SPORT)



## Science Goals

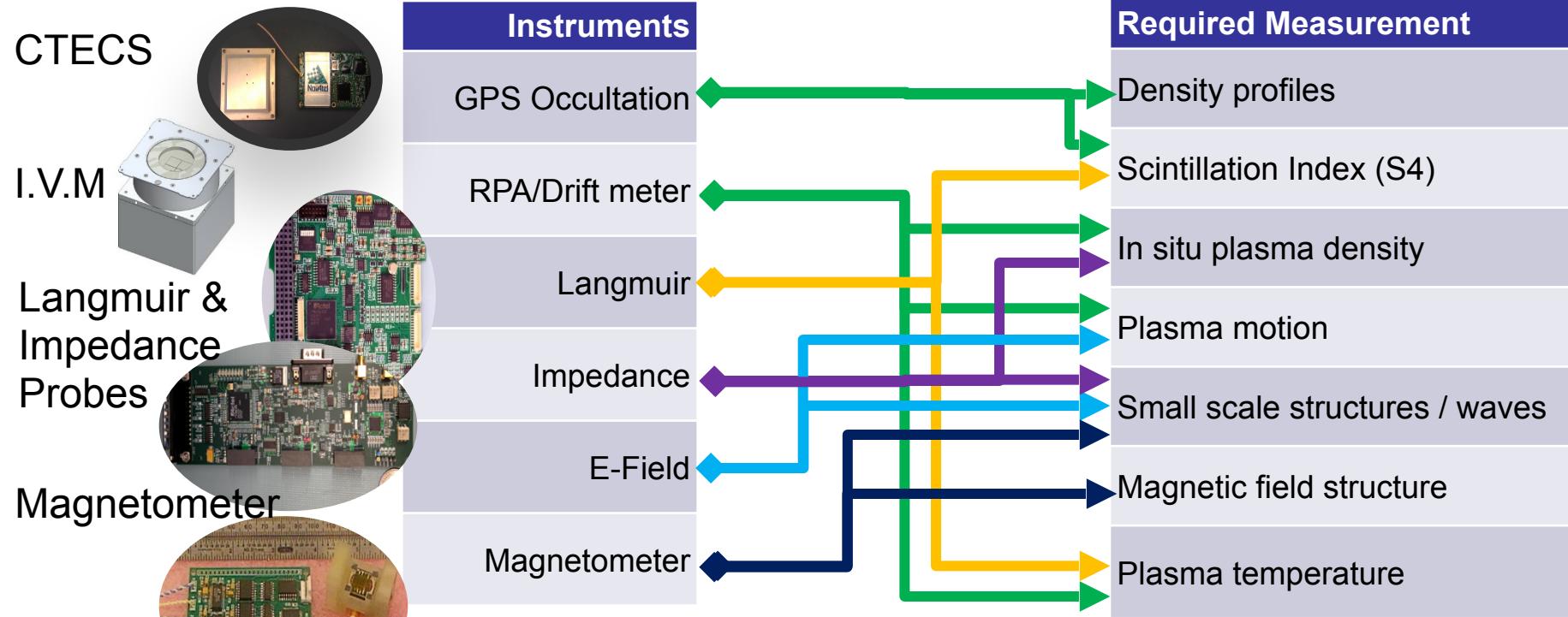
1. What is the state of the ionosphere that gives rise to the growth of plasma bubbles that extend into and above the F-peak at different longitudes?
2. How are plasma irregularities at satellite altitudes related to the radio scintillations observed passing through these regions?

## SPORT Spacecraft





# SPORT Instrument Measurement Mapping



# Instruments network and Services in Latin America

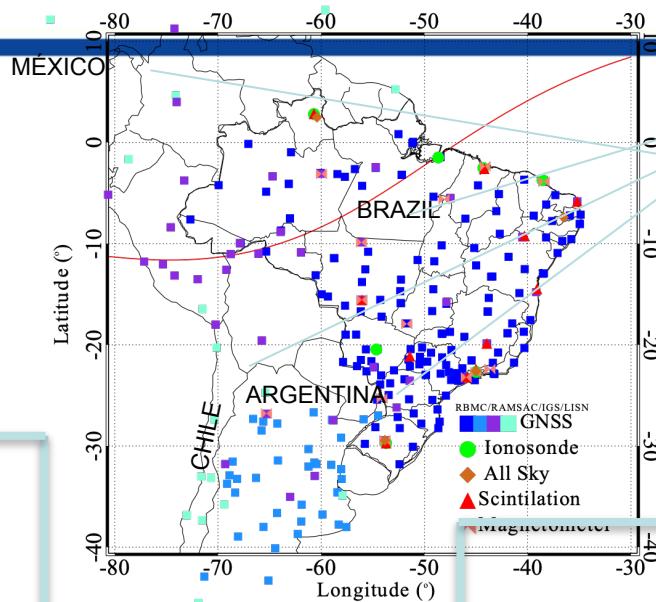
## Instruments



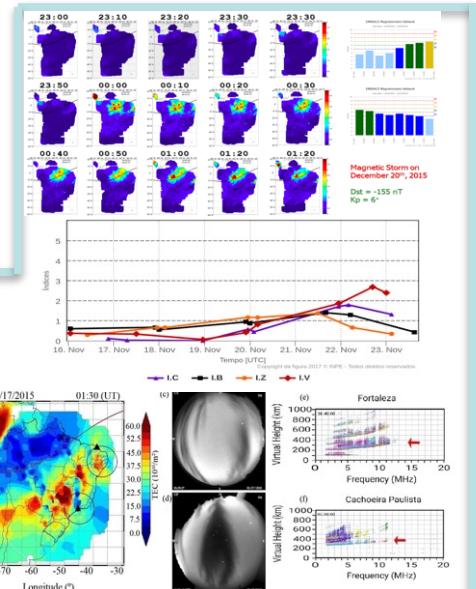
All-Sky imagers



Cosmic Ray Detectors



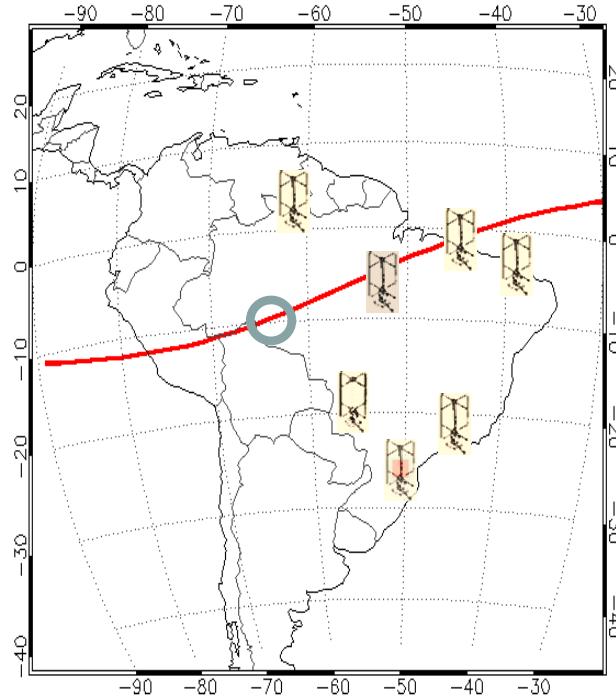
## International Cooperation Products



# Ground-Based Digital Ionosondes → Plasma Density

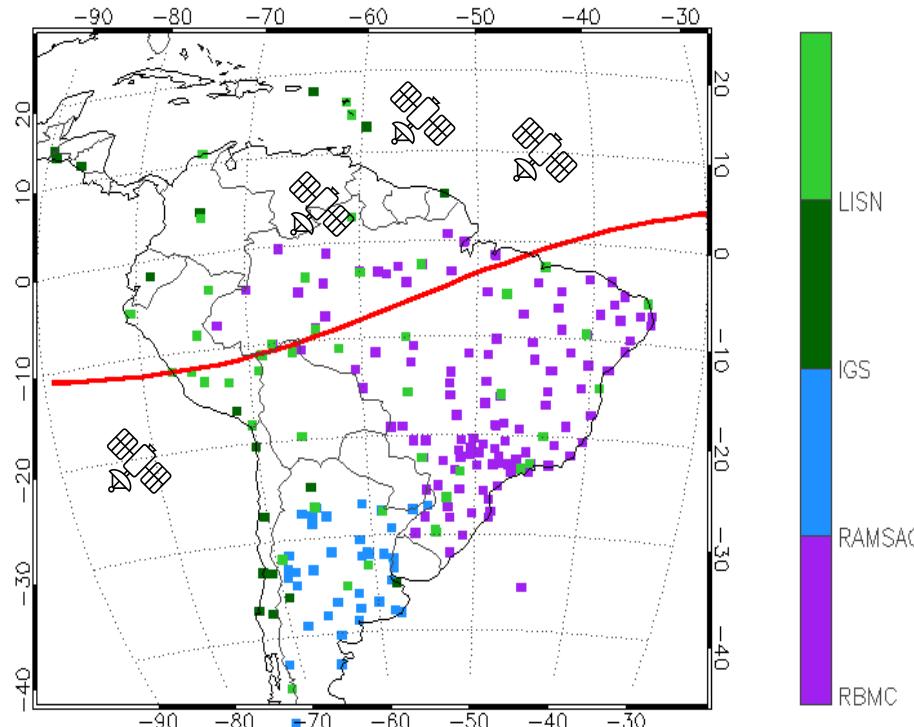


- **Digisonde** network that monitors ionosphere of **E** and **F** layers in **seven** locations over Brazil

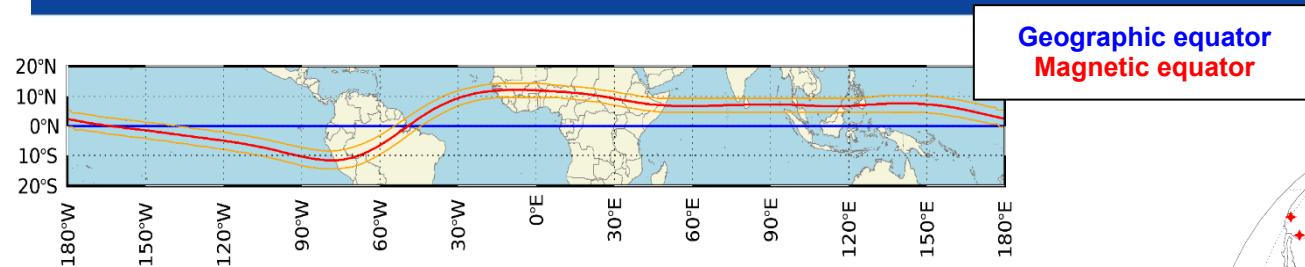


# Ground-Based GNSS Receivers → TEC

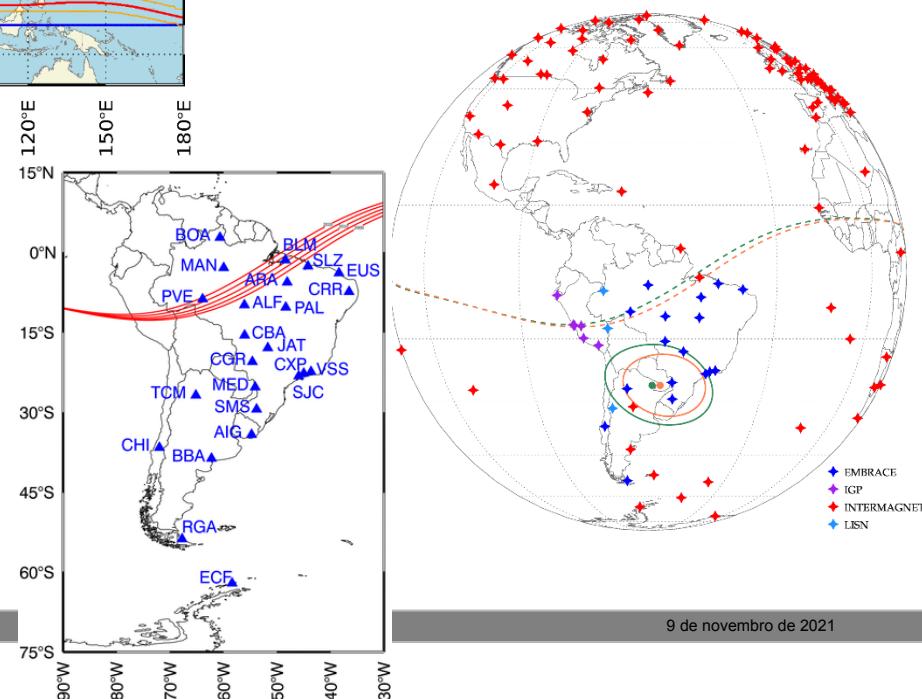
A network of over  
 200 **GNSS'**  
**monitors**  
 (sixteen of them  
 measuring  
**S4 index** ).



# Ground-based Magnetometers



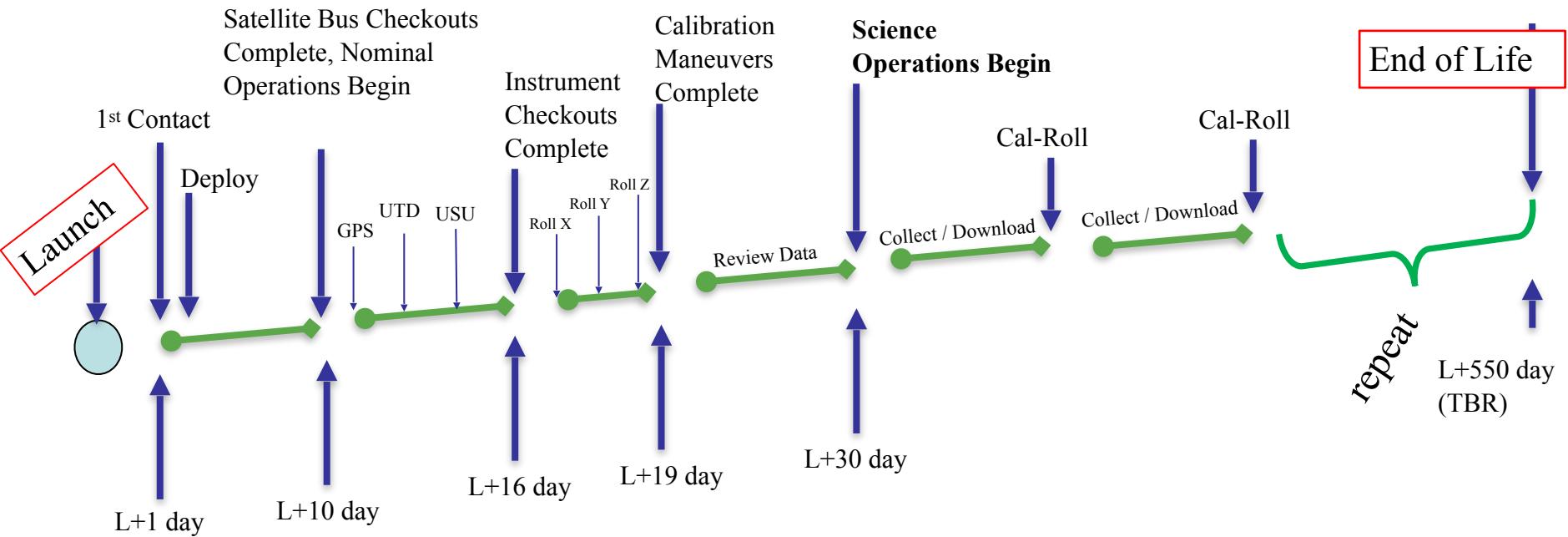
- 19 magnetometers installed by EMBRACE magnet (three outside the Country)
- 5-year plan for 30



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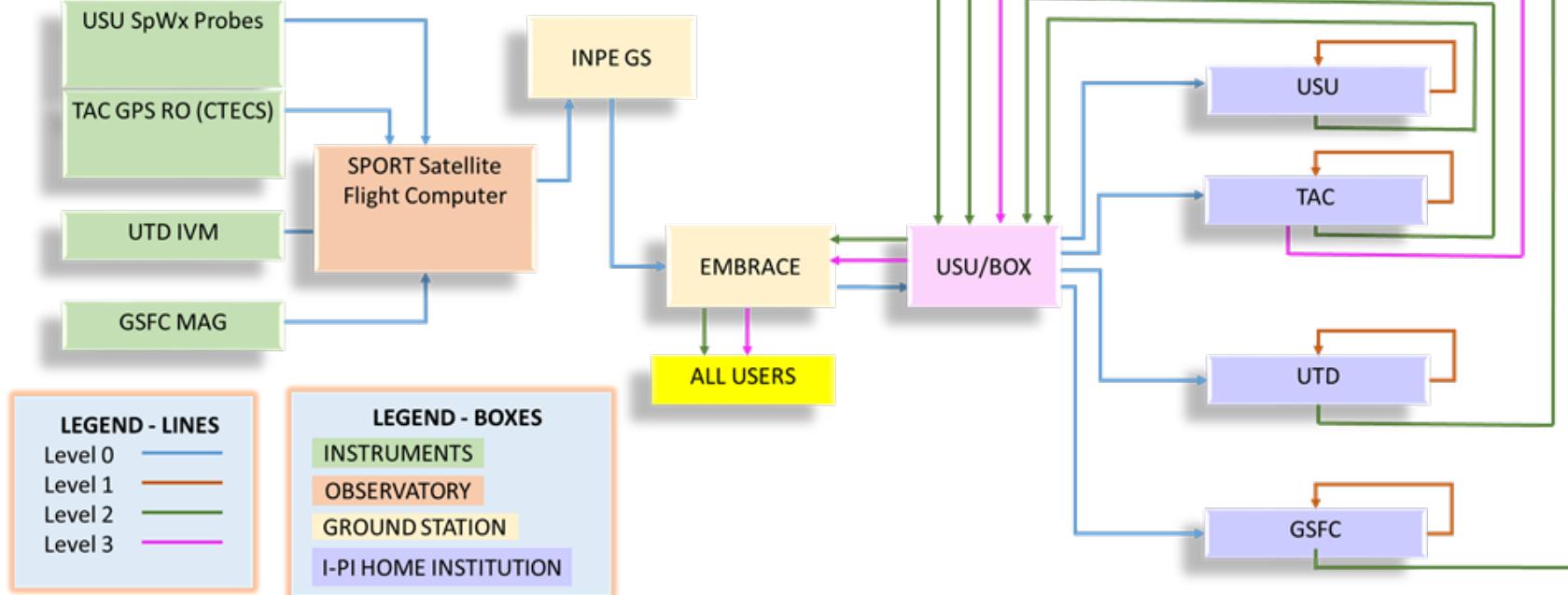
# SPORT Mission Timeline Concept



# SPORT Mission Data Flow



## On-Orbit Data Flow from Instruments to Users



# Data Sharing

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