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# Brazilian Space Weather Program:

## EMBRACE

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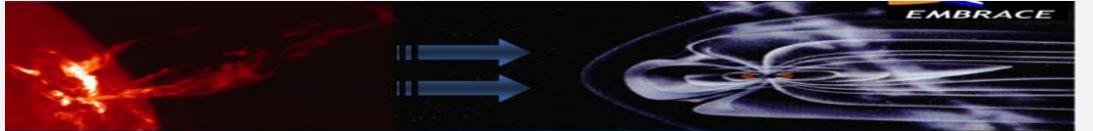
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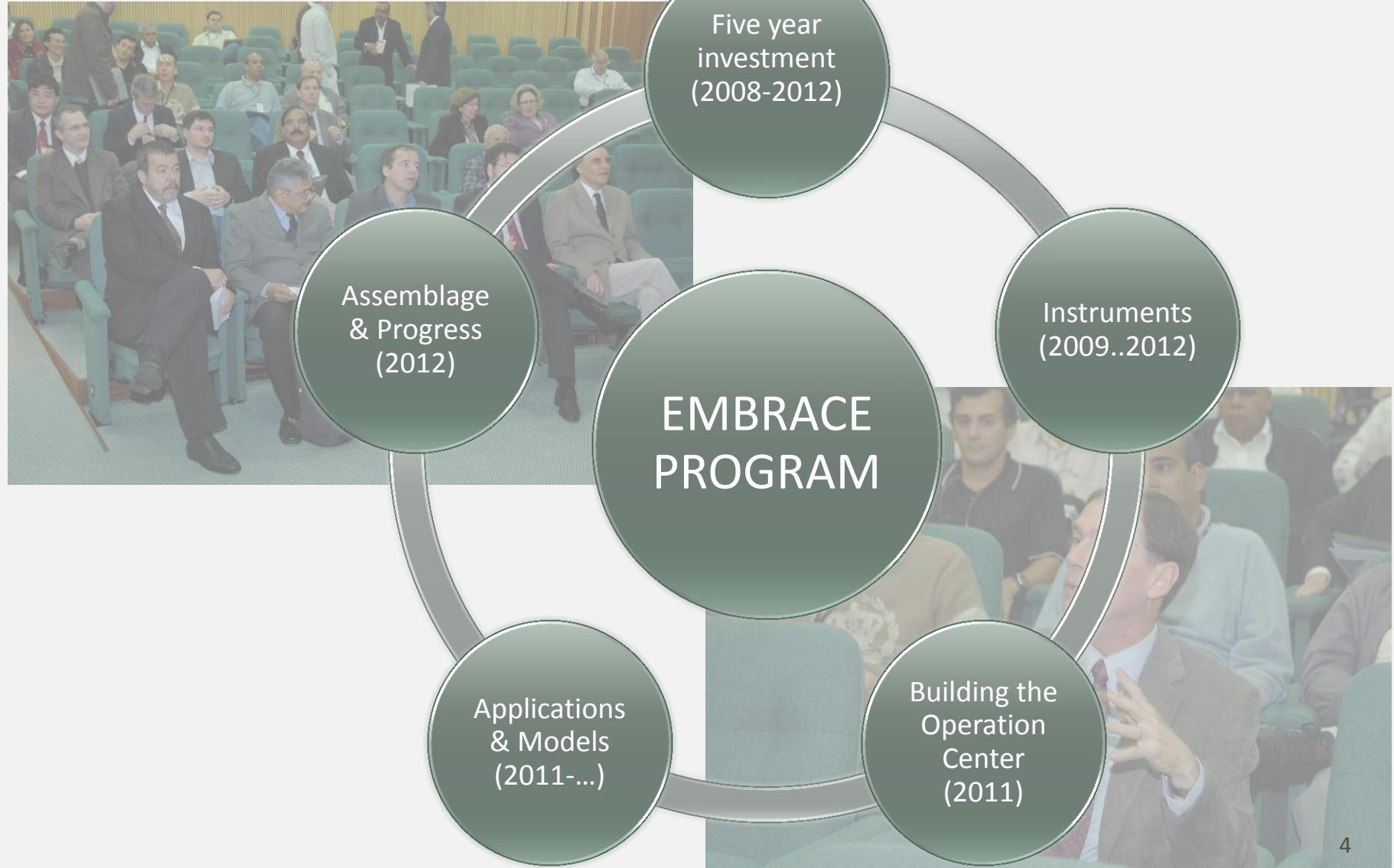


# OUR PLAN

**The program has a focus on monitoring the regions of the equatorial Ionosphere and the SAMA (South America Magnetic Anomaly). The main concerns are to model peculiarities of the Brazilian Ionosphere such as equatorial electrojet, the ionization anomaly, the plasma bubbles and the consequences for radio propagations**

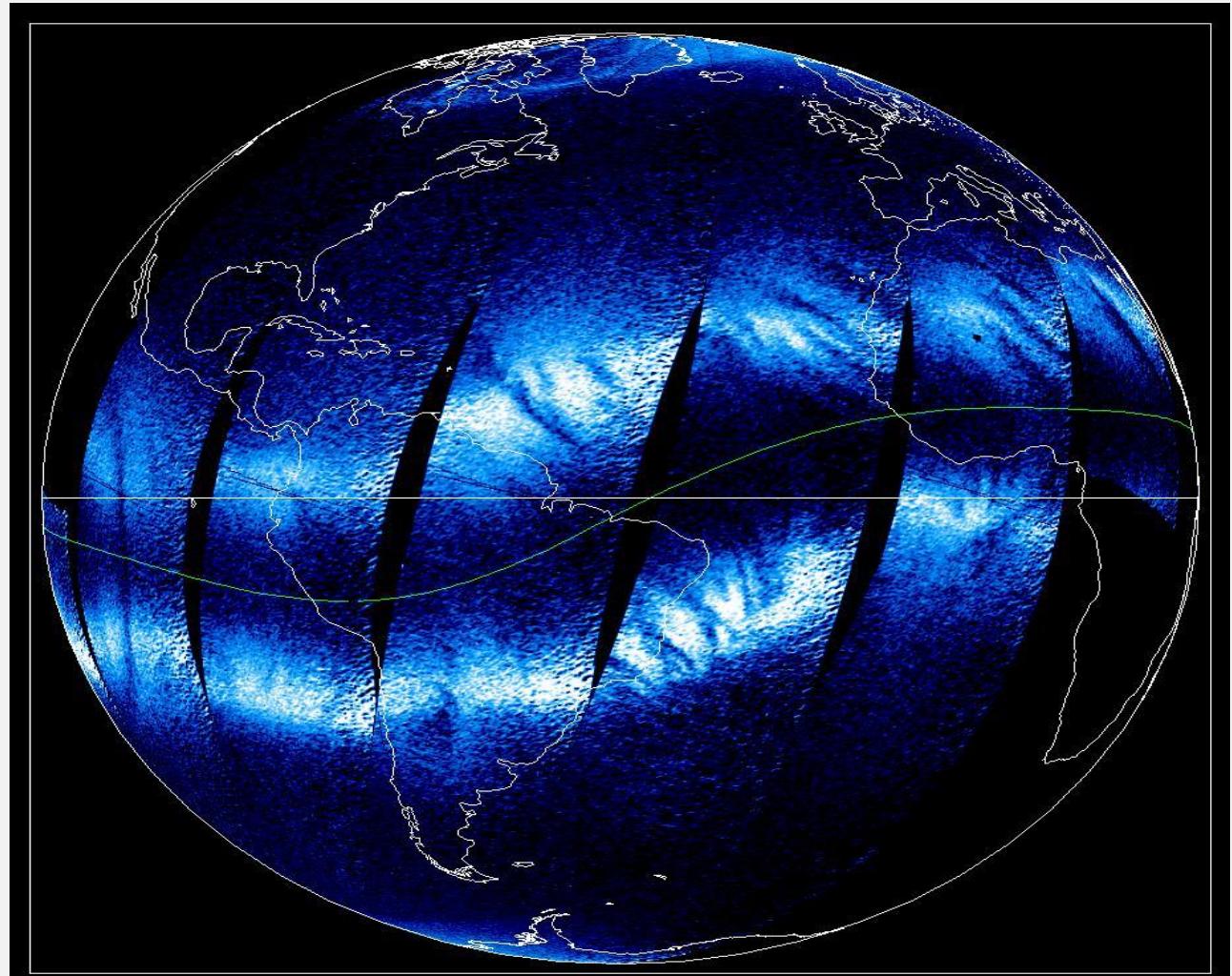
- Program started in 2008 with a four-year installation plan (plus one).
- EMBRACE is aimed to establish a “Space Weather Information and Prediction Centre”.
- Plans to establish and enhance INPE’s ground based monitoring systems.
- Ionospheric modeling with IT applications on the web for alerts, monitoring and predictions.

# ROUTE TO TODAY



South  
America  
Singularities

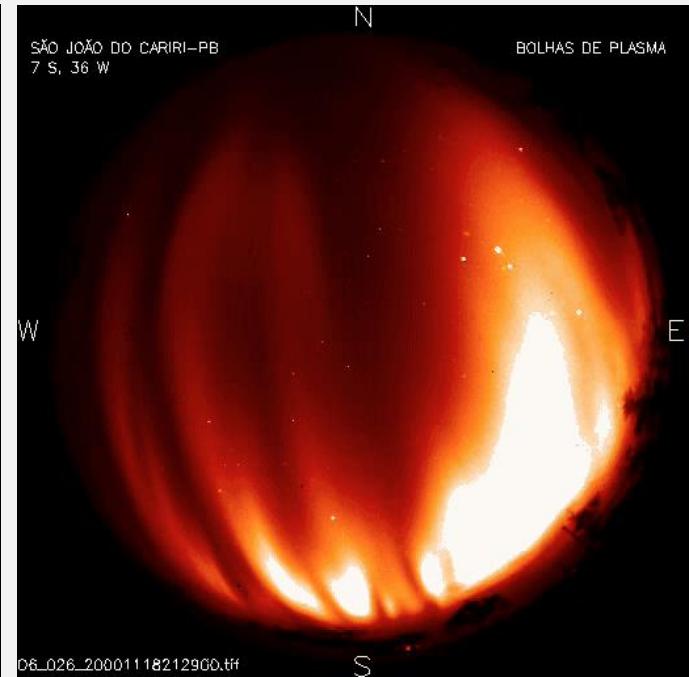
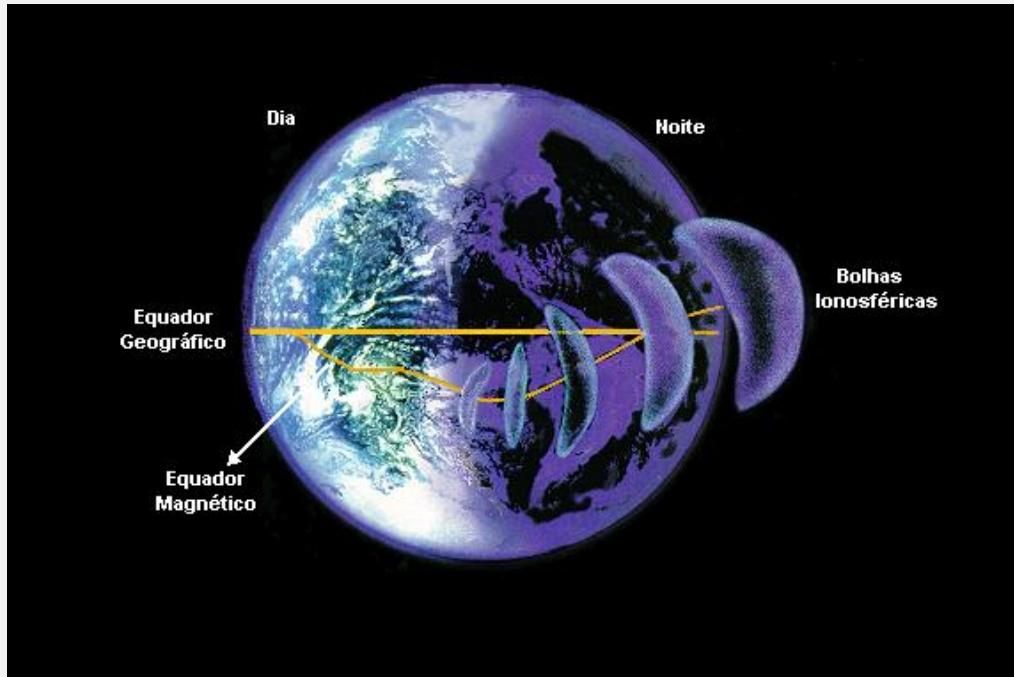
# EQUATORIAL ANOMALY AND PLASMA BUBBLES



# Ionosphere Irregularities



## EQUATORIAL PLASMA BUBBLES

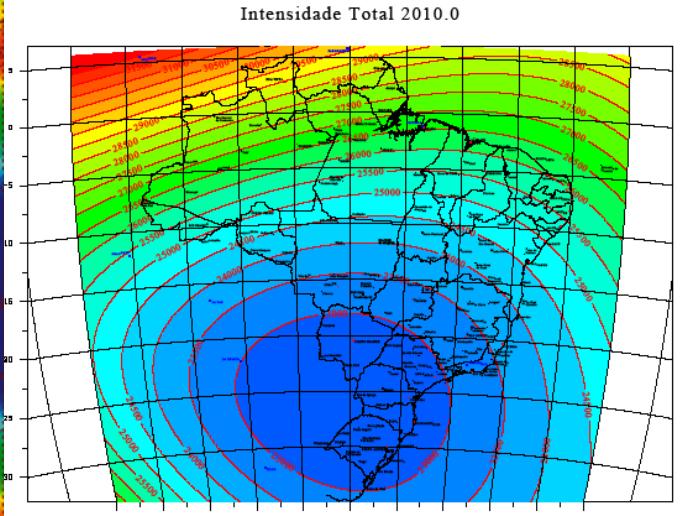
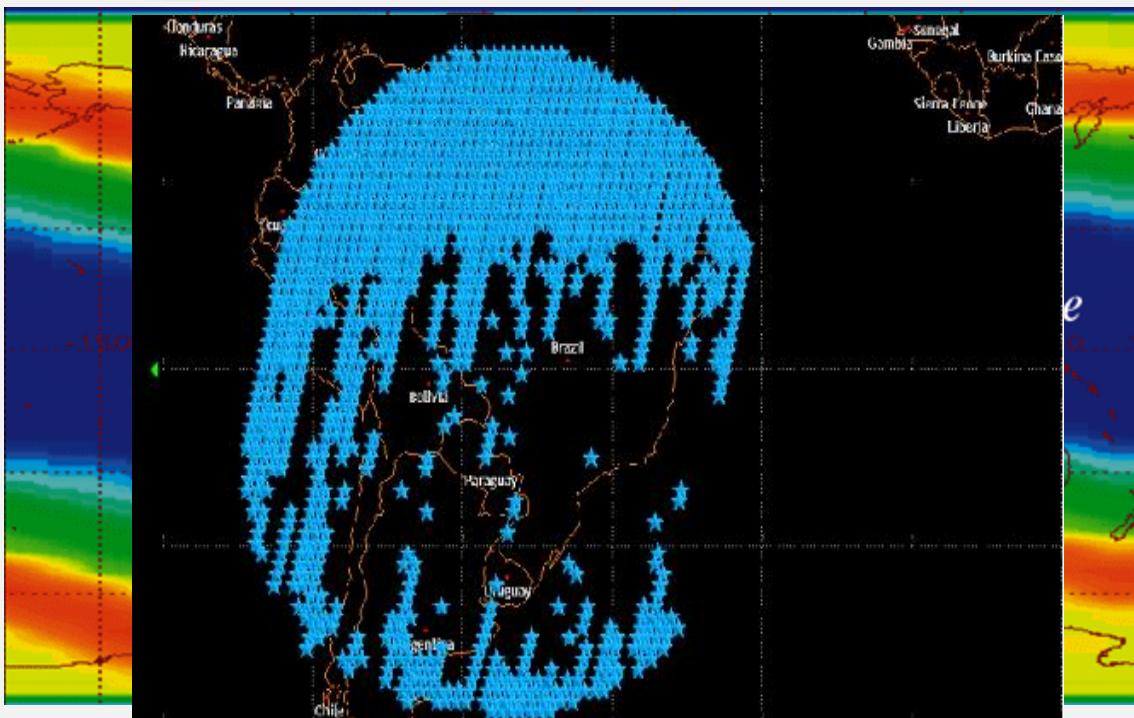


# South America Singularities



## SOUTH AMERICA MAGNETIC ANOMALY

### GEOMAGNETIC FIELD INTENSITY OVER SOUTH AMERICA



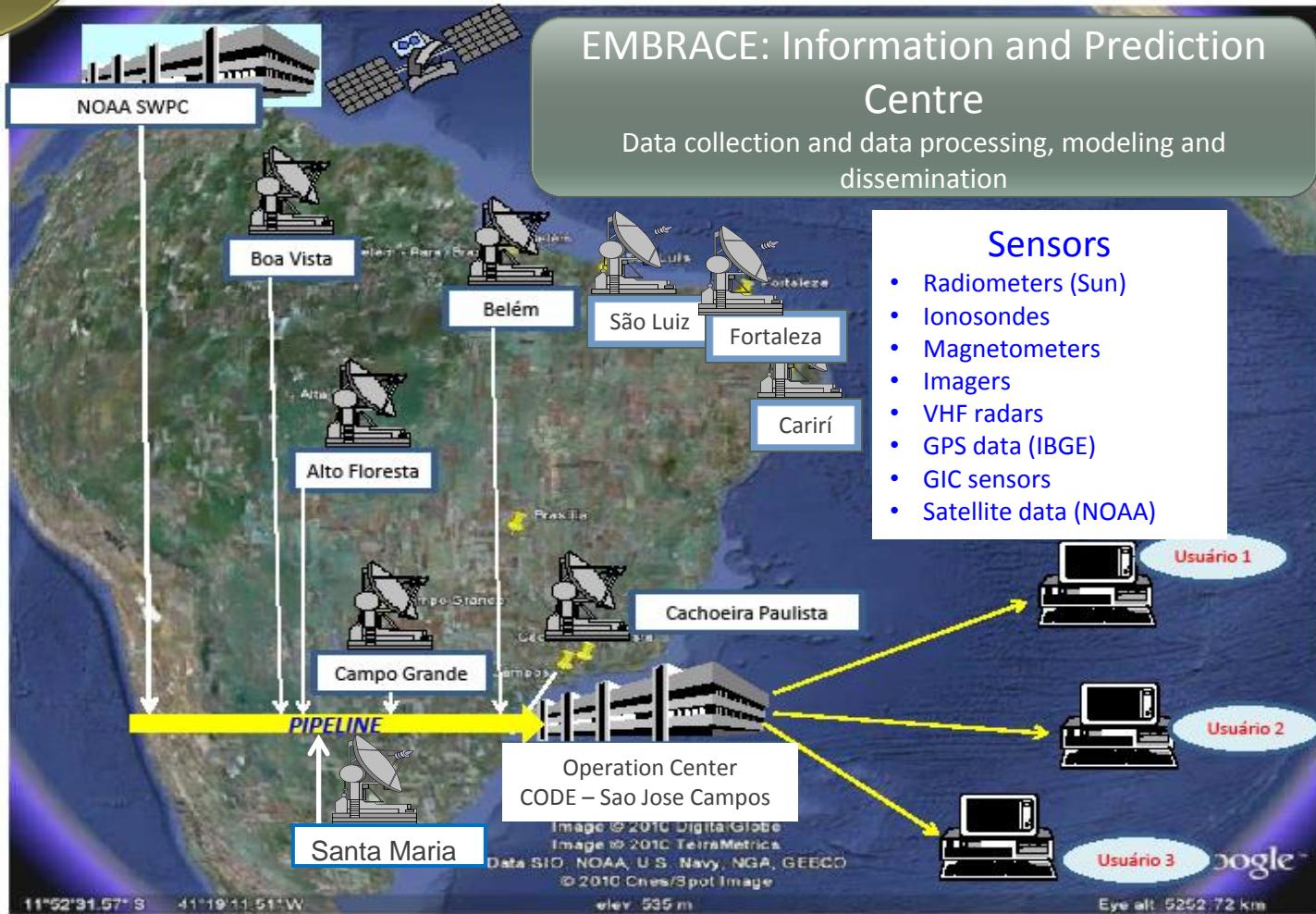
Courtesy of National Observatory, Brazil

Figure: Protons and electron flux greater than 0.5 MeV in low Earth orbit measured by the NASA/SAMPEX satellite.  
 SAMPEX (Solar Anomalous and Magnetospheric Particle Explorer)  
 (Source: [www.aero.org](http://www.aero.org))

SAMA region:

from 26,000 to 23,000 nT  
 in the last 100 years,  
 12 % of decrease

# EMBRACE'S DATA COLLECTION AND FLOW



## Solar 10.7cm Images

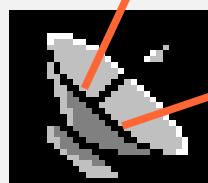
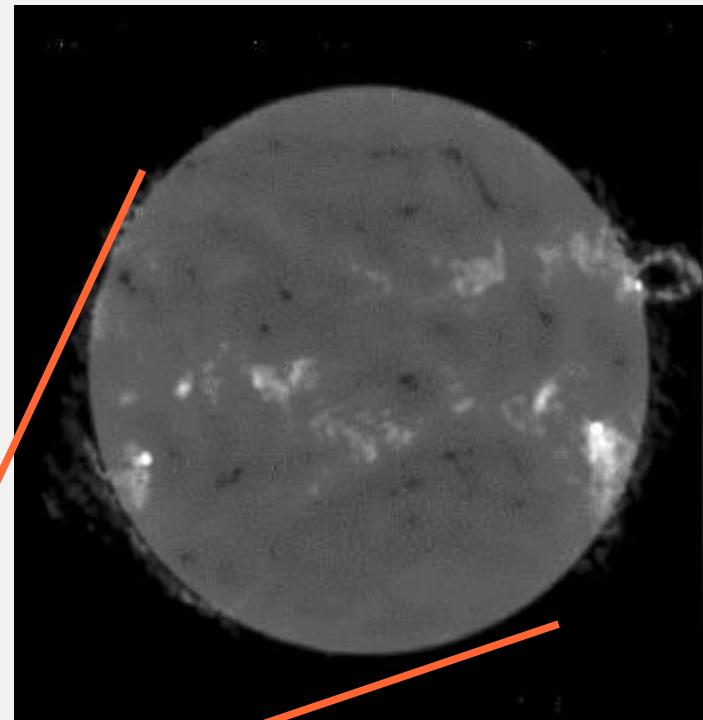
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# FLUX DENSITY MEASUREMENTS

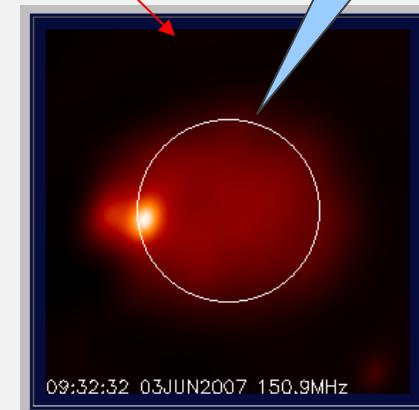
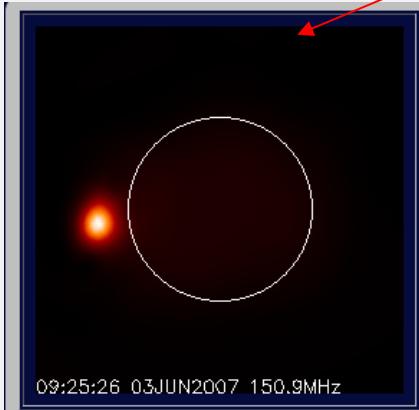
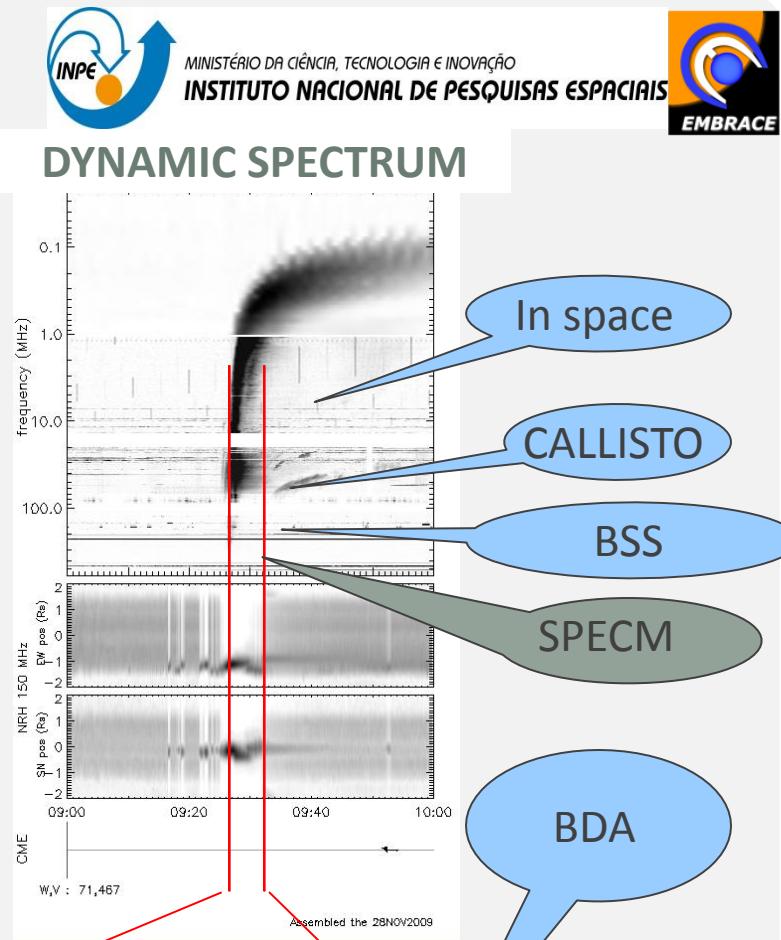
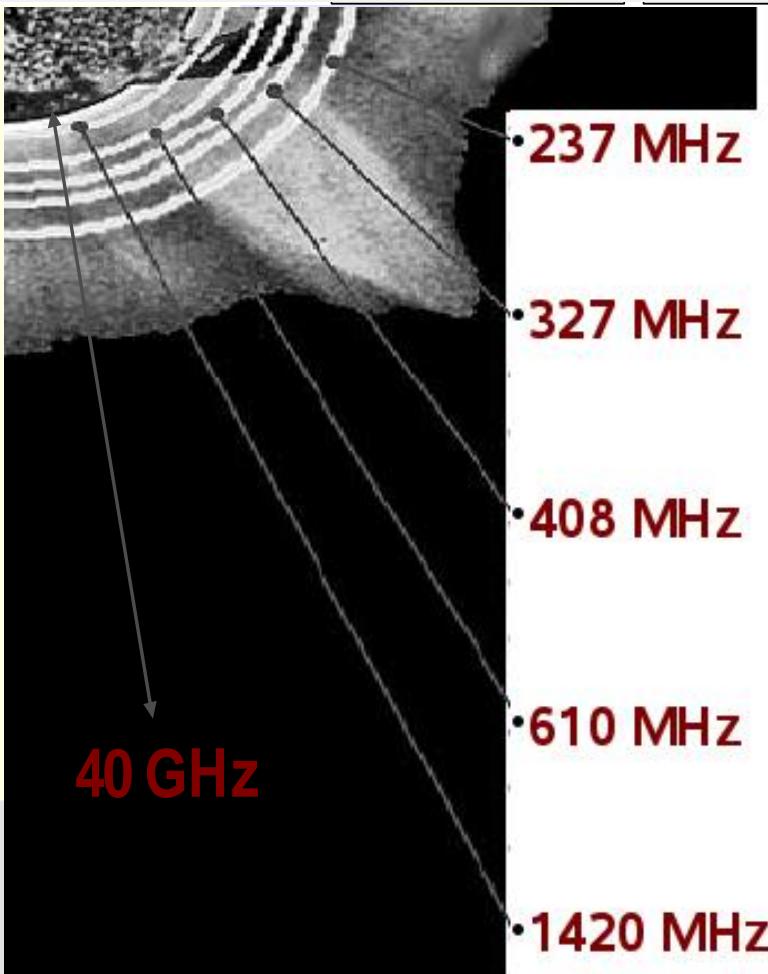
*Today radio emission at 10.7 cm (2.8 GHz) is spatially integrated and is the best solar activity index*

- *F10.7cm (**2.8 GHz**) measures the magnetic field organization of the active regions.*
- *BDA will make maps of the Sun from 1.2 à 1.7 GHz in future will observe **2.8 GHz**.*
- *BDA operations will start late this year. EMBRACE will look forward changes in the atmosphere are more relevant*



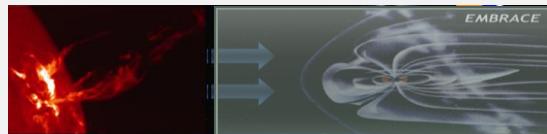


## SIGNATURE OF DYNAMICAL PHENOMENA



Solar  
Instruments  
Cachoeira  
Paulista

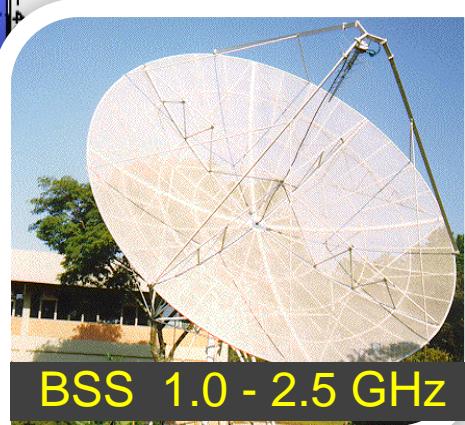
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# SOLAR MONITORING



**Cachoeira Paulista**



SPECM 1-40 GHz



## Solar Instruments Atibaia



# SOLAR MONITORING

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Atibaia



SPUA 12 GHz

7 GHz

# Solar Instrument SPUA

Sun



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# SOLAR MONITORING

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12GHz

No Flares  
for now

SPUA  
Operation Mode:  
Sun Tracking

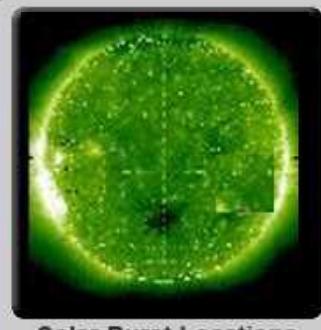
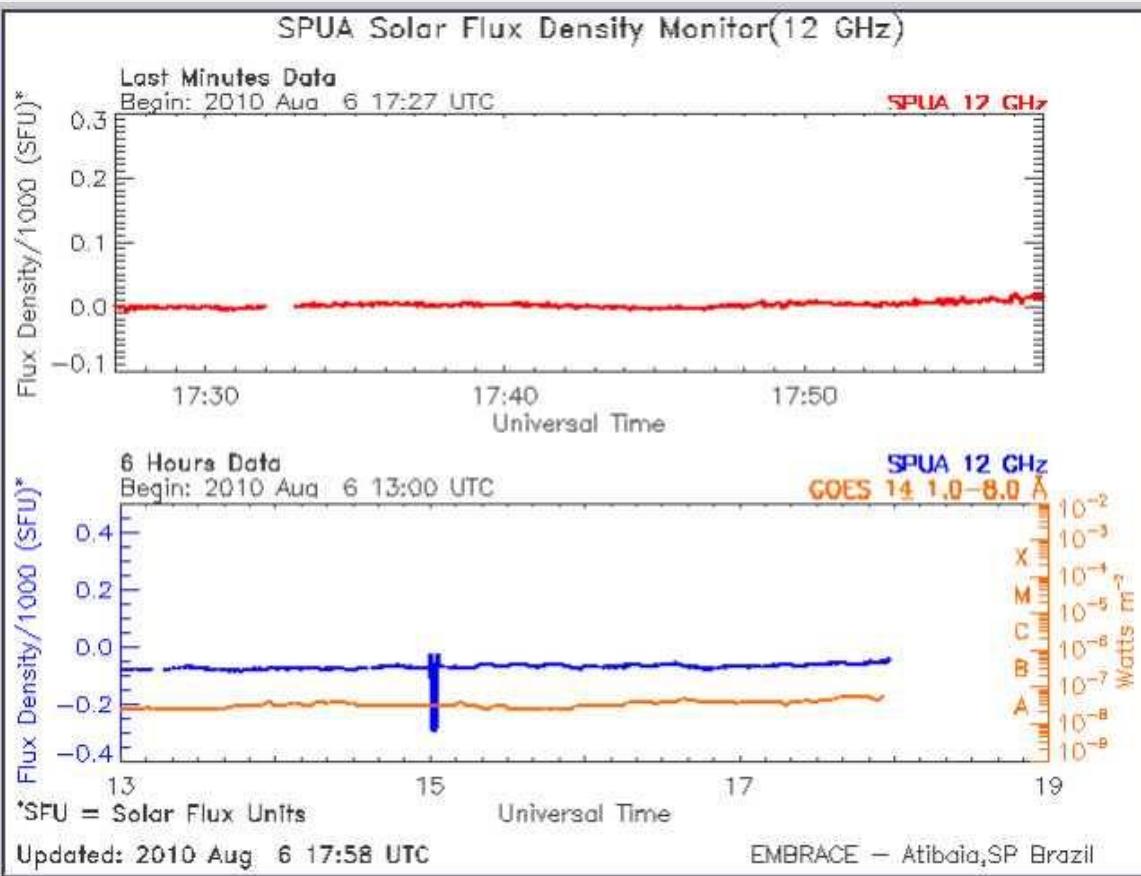


Solar Patrol  
Un-phased Array (SPUA)

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Solar Burst Locations  
(external source maps)

Last Burst  
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The observed flux density time profile at 12 GHz with 0.1 s resolution is calibrated in Solar Flux Units (SFU) above the solar background.

The observing period is about 11:00 to 20:00 UTC.

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# Solar Instrument SPUA

Sun



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# SOLAR MONITORING

## ALERT SYSTEM: SPUA

NOW  
BURSTING

SPUA  
Operation Mode:  
Sun Tracking



Solar Patrol  
Un-phased Array (SPUA)

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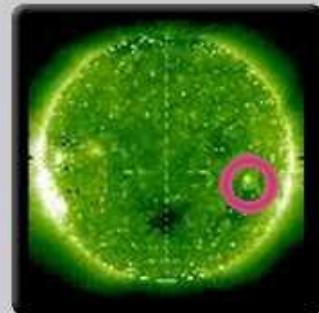
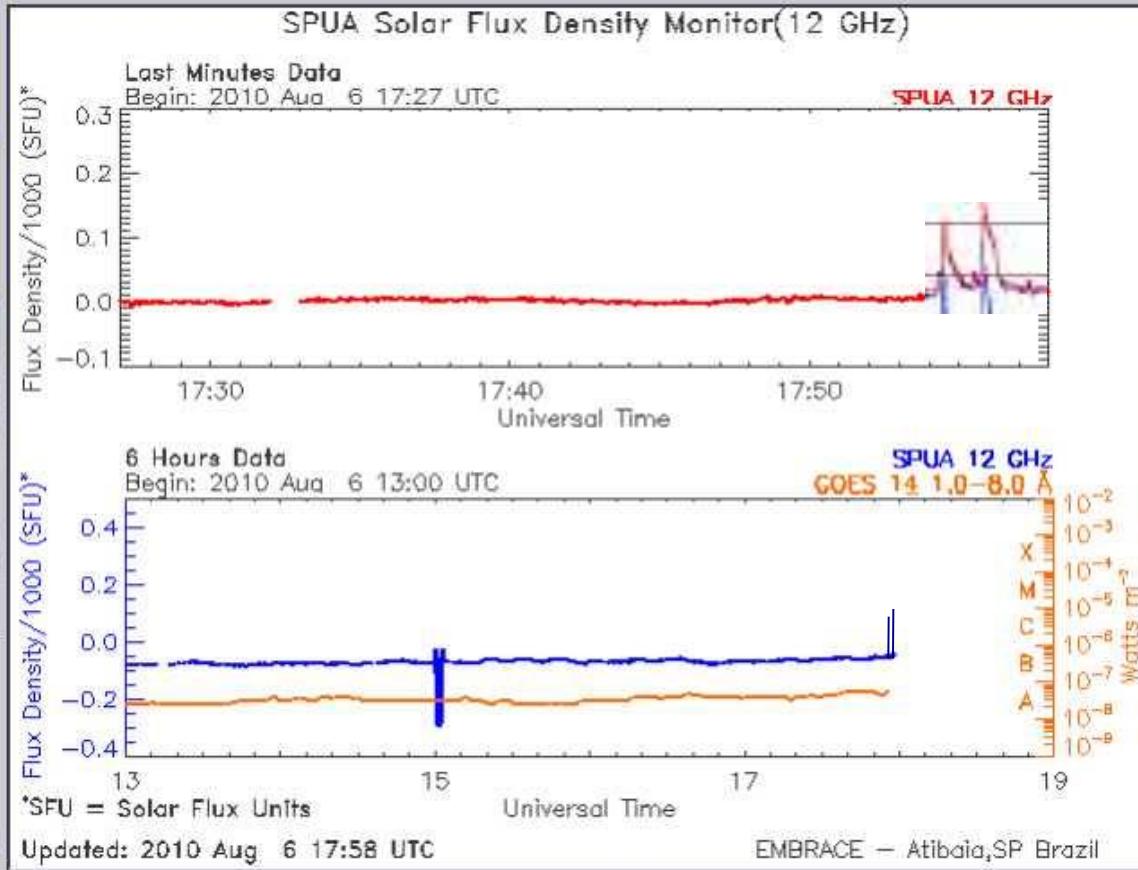
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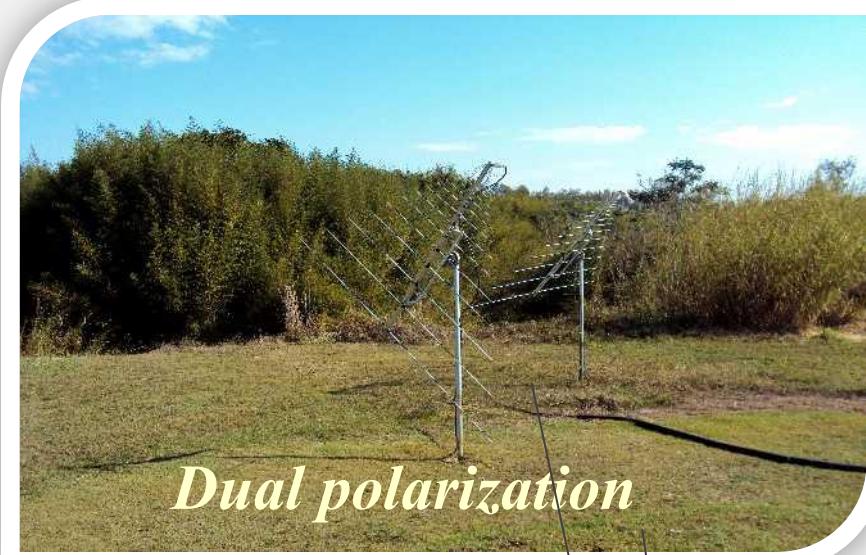
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# Solar Instrument CALLISTO

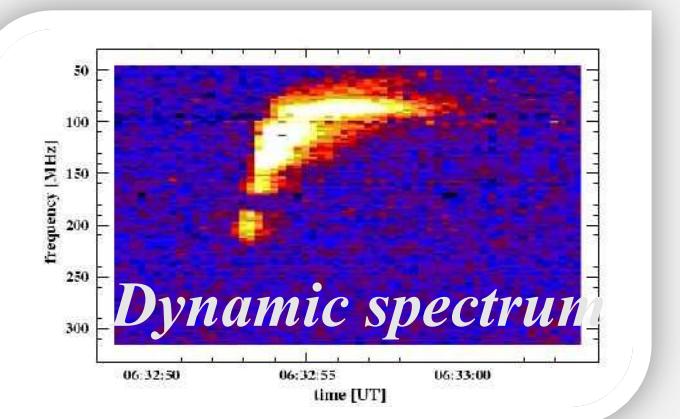
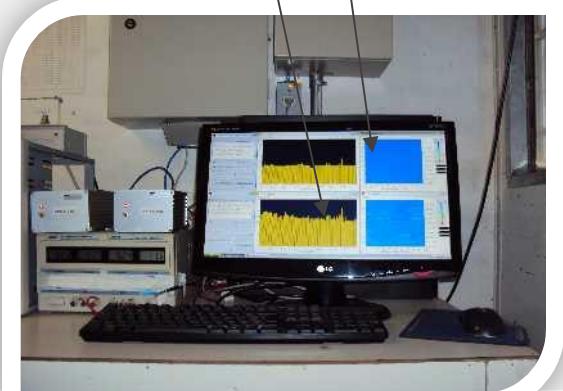
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# SOLAR MONITORING



40-840MHz



Solar  
Instrument  
BSS

Sun



# SOLAR MONITORING

Feed 1-2.5GHz



Control  
Room



Receiver

Solar  
Instrument  
SPECM

Sun



# SOLAR MONITORING

➤ Ultra High Band under Construction



➤ feed 26-40GHz



➤ feed 1-18GHz

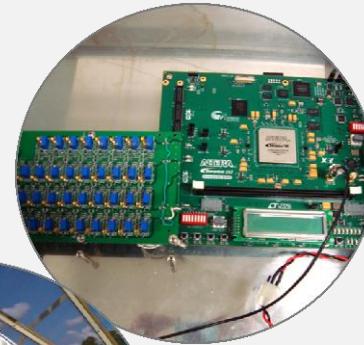


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# SOLAR MONITORING



Feed & Preamp  
1.2-1.7GHz

Receivers

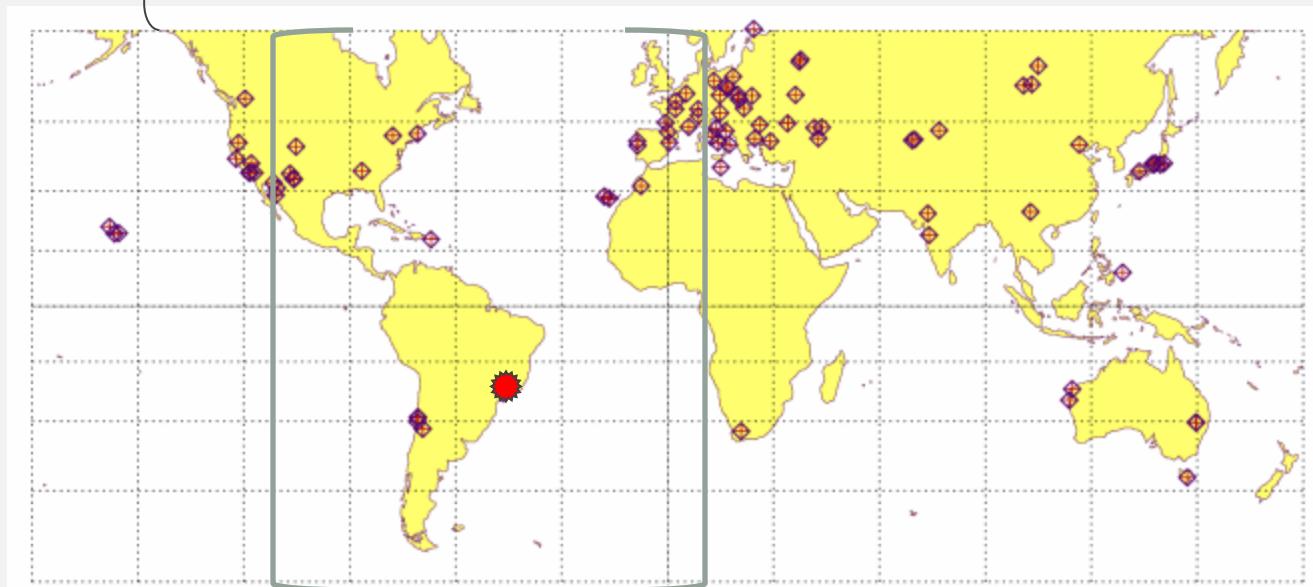
Optical  
connections

## Solar Ground Based Observatories

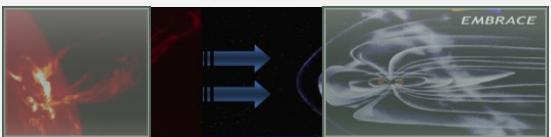
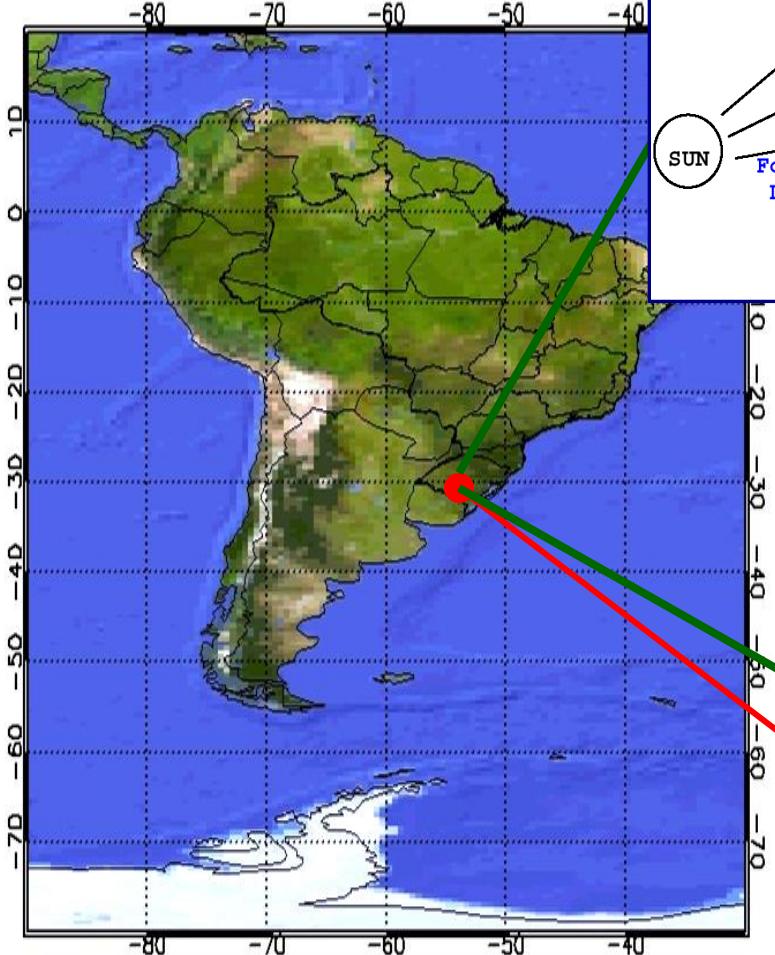


# SOLAR MONITORING

- SPECM (1-40 GHz, HPBW:0.6-10°)
- BSS (1-2.7 GHz, HPBW:1.0-1.2°)
- BDA (1-6 GHz , HPBW:0.6-1 arcmin)
- Itapetinga (22, 48 GHz , HPBW: 4, 2 arcmin)



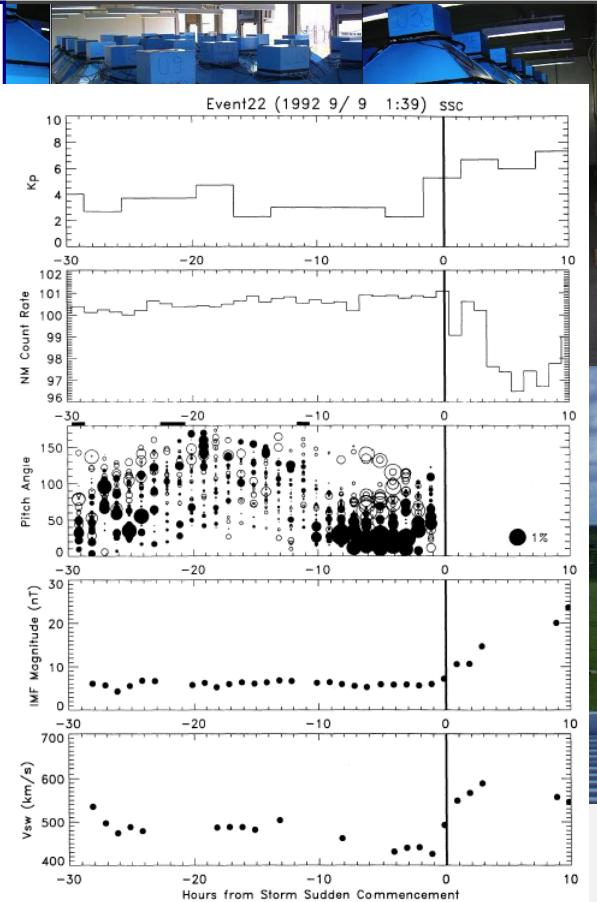
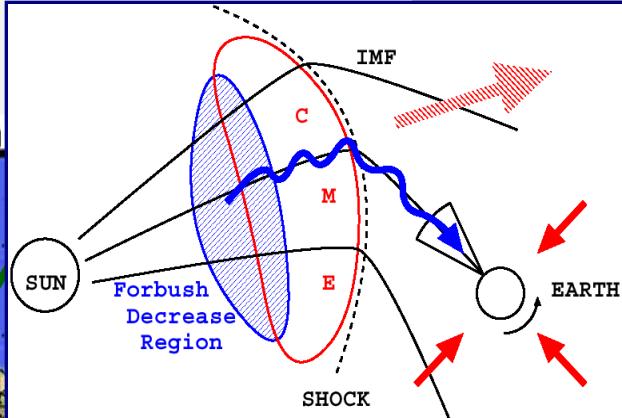
I.M.  
Instrument  
Muon



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## COSMIC RAY MONITORING BY MUON DETECTOR TO PREDICT MAGNETIC STORM IN 6-8 HOURS

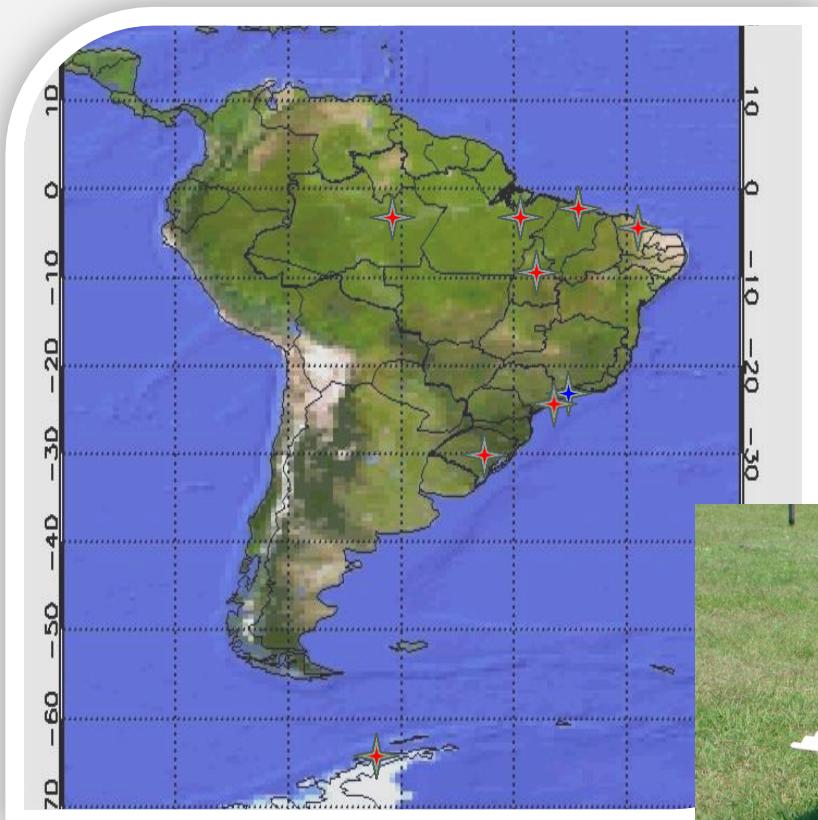


Munakata et al, JGR.2000

**São Martinho da Serra  
Santa Maria (S29, W53)**



# MAGNETOMETERS NETWORK



- ★ **BLM** (  $01^{\circ}26'28''$  S,  $48^{\circ}26'40''$  W )
- ★ **MAN** (  $02^{\circ}54'52''$  S,  $59^{\circ}59'40''$  W )
- ★ **SLZ** (  $02^{\circ}35'36''$  S,  $44^{\circ}12'43''$  W )
- ★ **EUS** (  $03^{\circ}52'48''$  S,  $38^{\circ}25'28''$  W )
- ★ **PAL** (  $10^{\circ}17'50''$  S,  $48^{\circ}21'41''$  W )
- ★ **CXP** (  $22^{\circ}42'07''$  S,  $45^{\circ}00'52''$  W )
- ★ **SJC** (  $23^{\circ}12'38''$  S,  $45^{\circ}57'23''$  W )
- ★ **SMS** (  $29^{\circ}26'36''$  S,  $53^{\circ}49'22''$  W )
- ★ **FRZ** (  $62^{\circ}05'06''$  S,  $58^{\circ}24'12''$  W )



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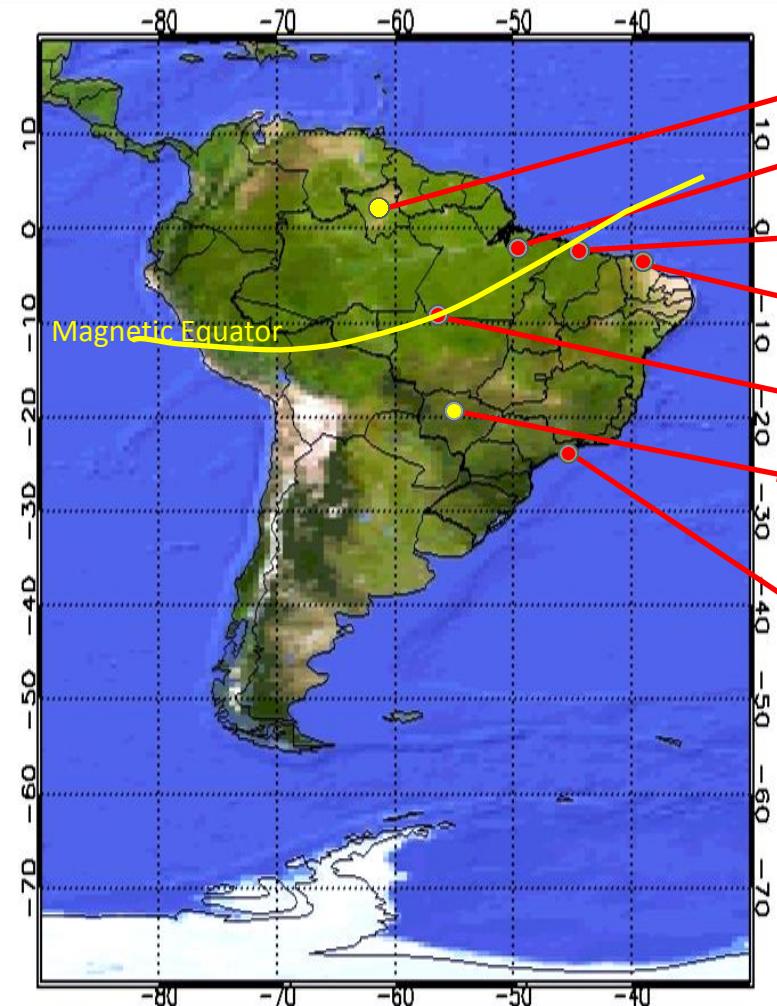
Ionosphere&Earth



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# IONOSONDES



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Belém

São Luiz

Fortaleza

Alta Floresta

Campo Grande

Cachoeira Paulista

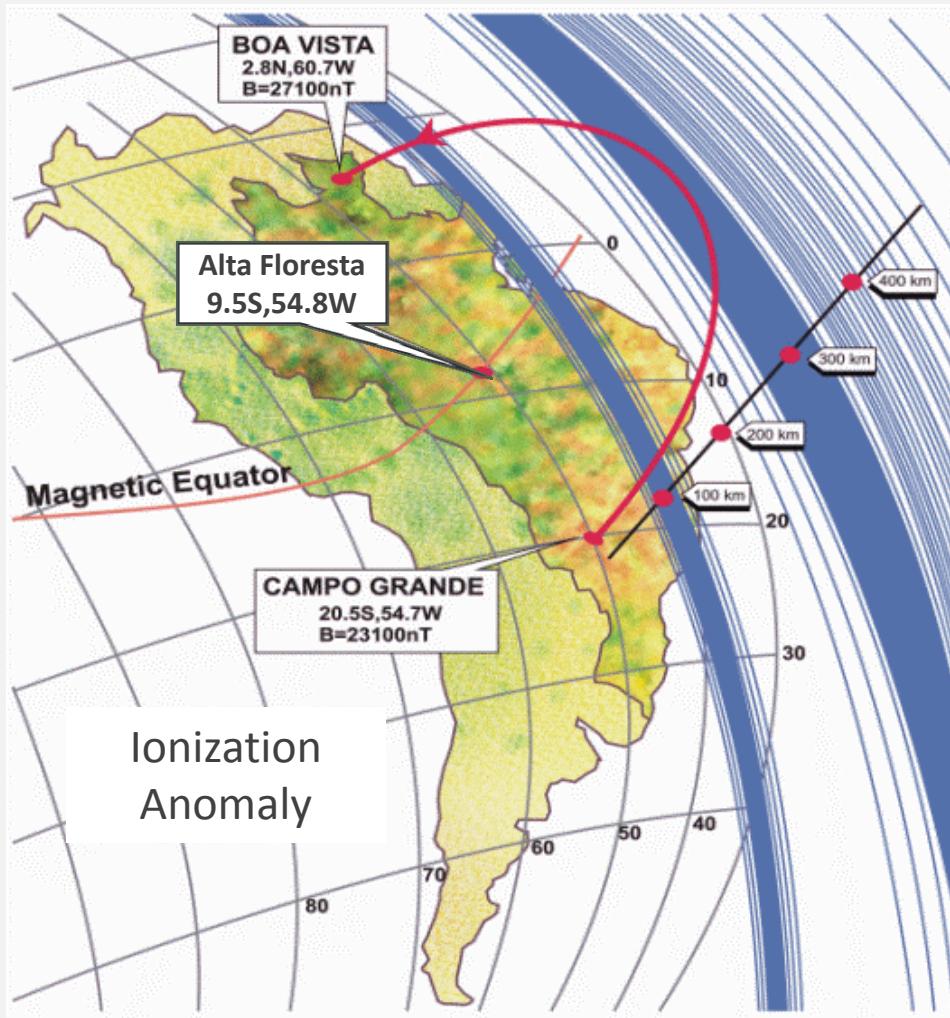
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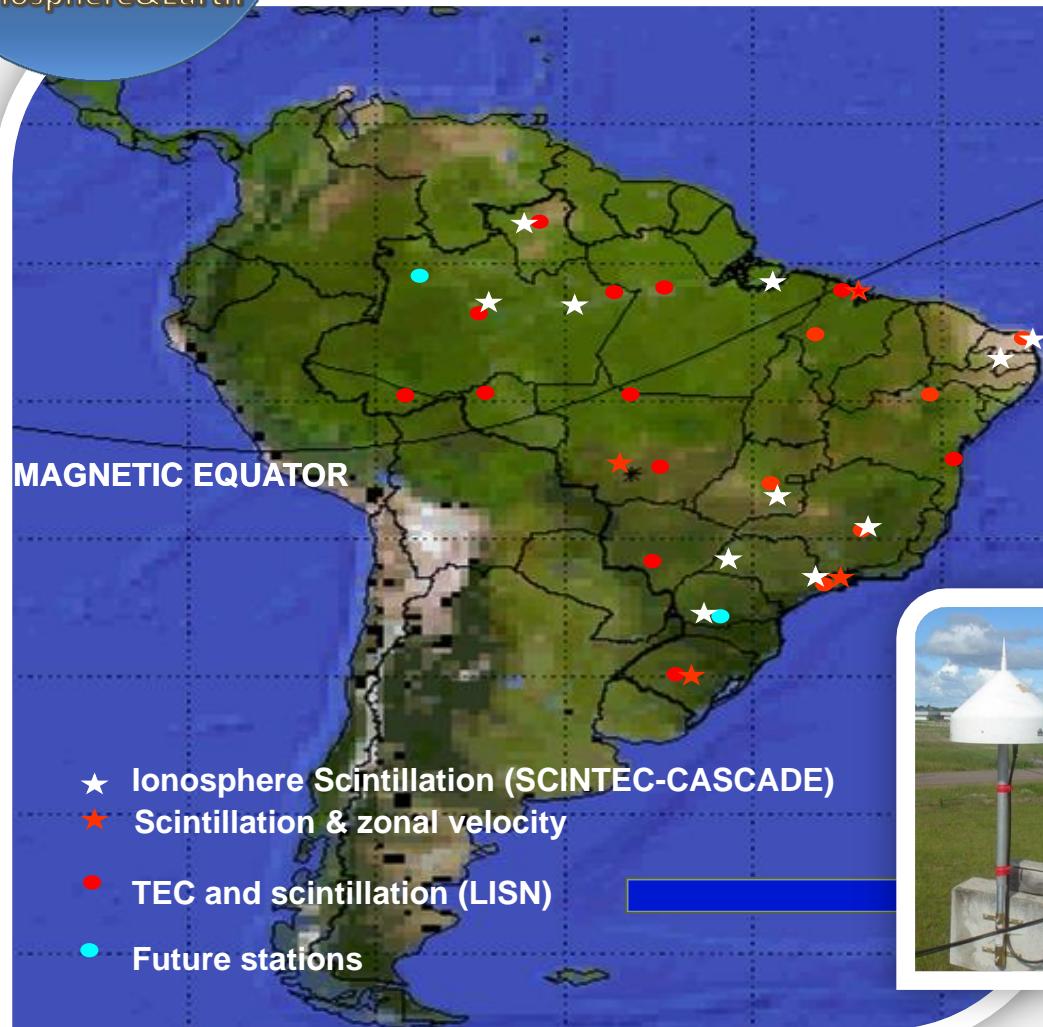


# CONJUGATE POINTS





# GPS RECEIVERS FOR SCINTILLATION MONITORING



## LISN / NSF

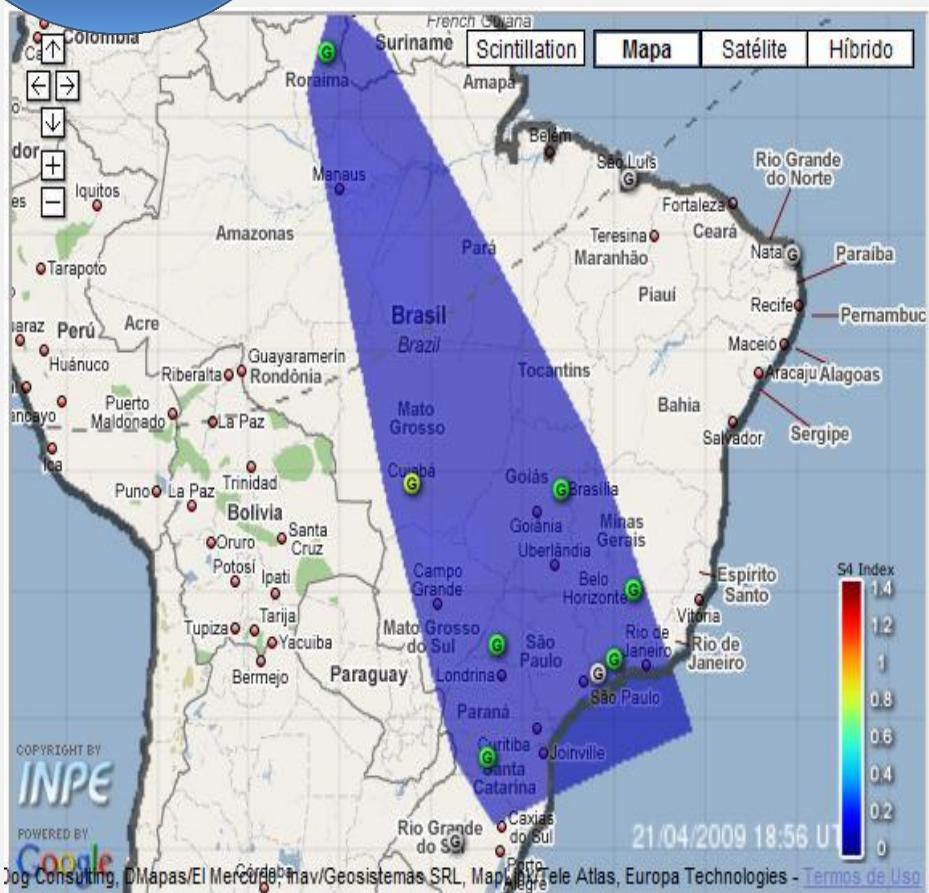
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Natal-RN  
Parintins-AM  
Petrolina-PE  
Porto Velho-RO  
Rio Branco-AC  
Santa Maria-RS  
São Luís-MA  
São José dos Campos-SP  
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Tefé-AM

## SCINTEC ★★

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Brasilia-DF  
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Natal-RN  
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# Ionosphere Instrument

## GPS Ionosphere&Earth



# S4 AND POSITIONING ERROR RANGES

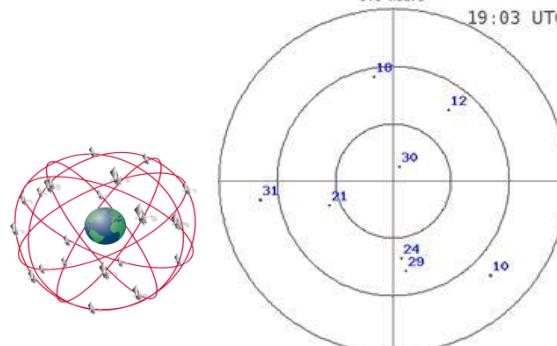
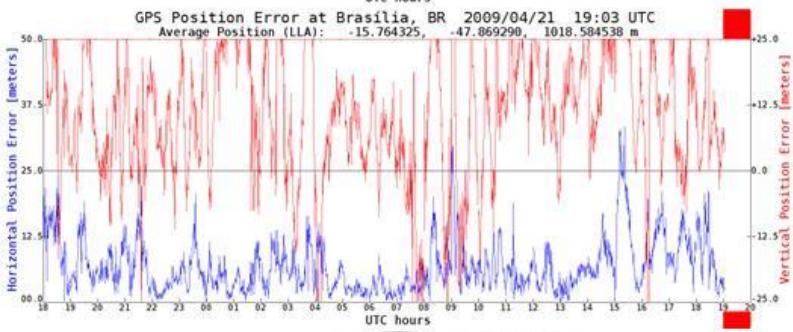
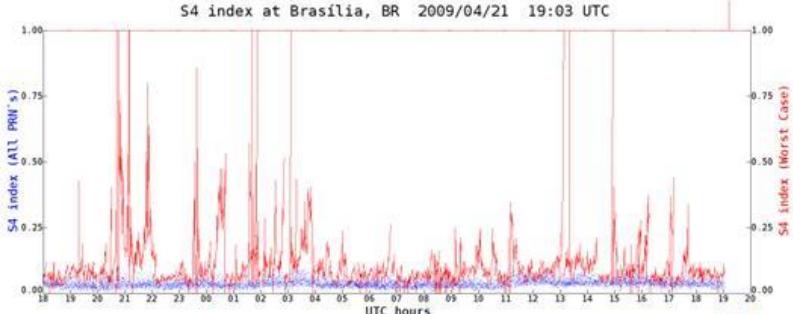


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## Real Time Ionospheric Scintillation - BRASIL

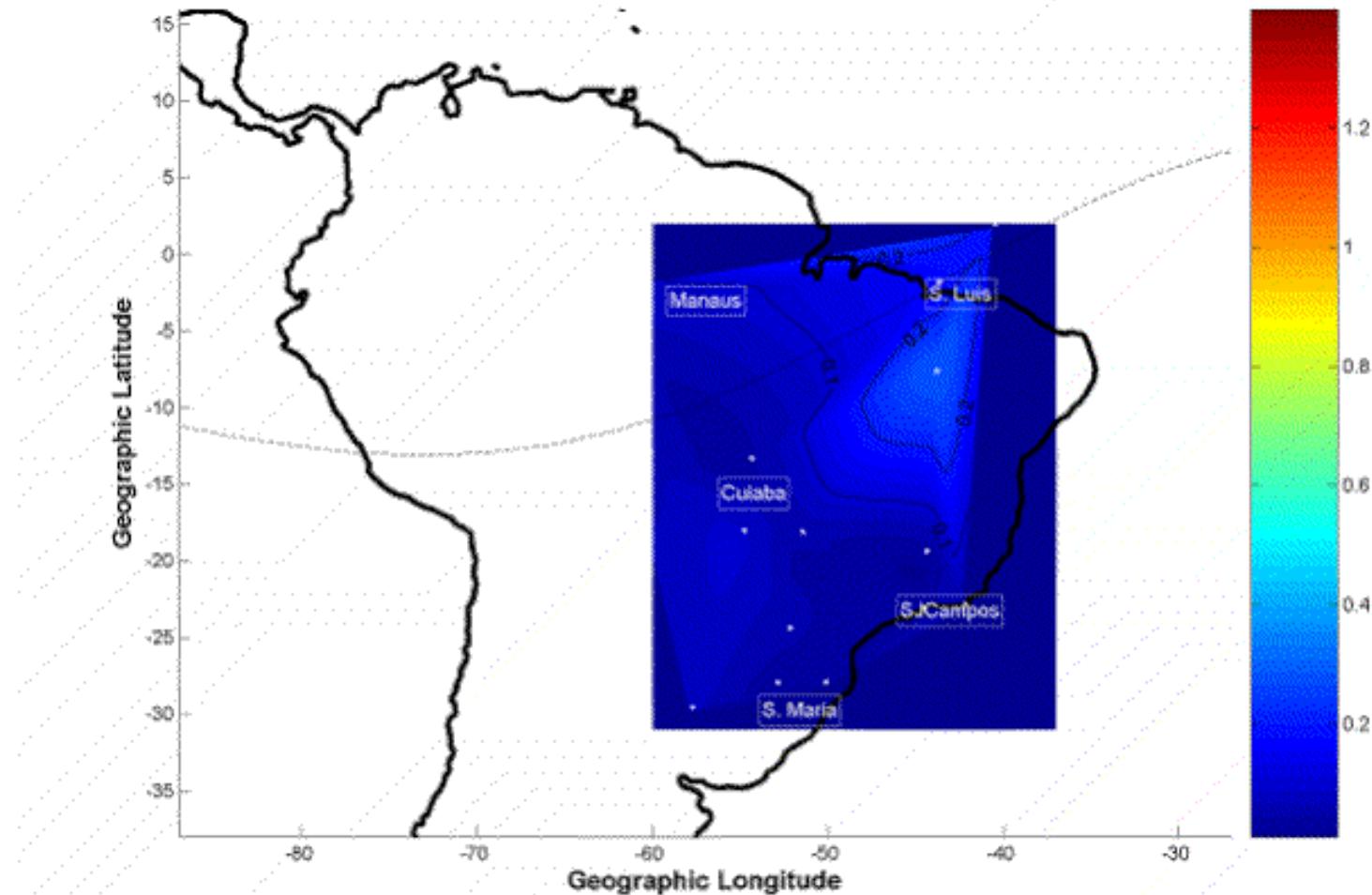
Current GPS S4 Data Display - Brasilia, DF - Station A





# IONOSPHERE SCINTILLATION MAP OVER BRAZIL

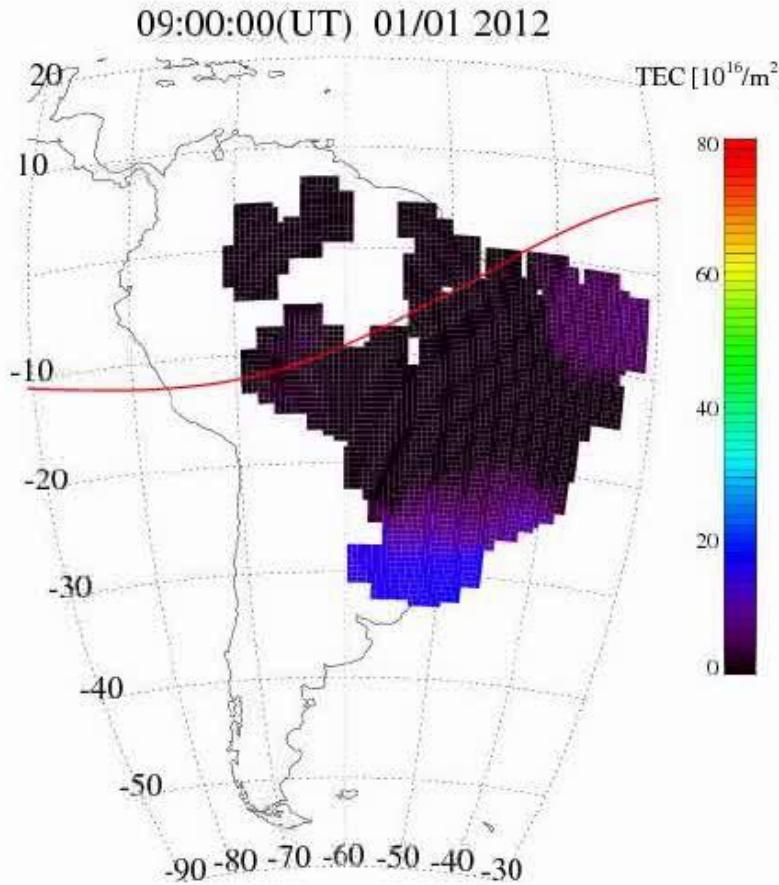
MAPPING OF PLASMA BUBBLES OVER BRAZILIAN TERRITORY  
DATA: 2002-1-22-2402 UT





# GPSTEC MAPPING: 24 HOURS

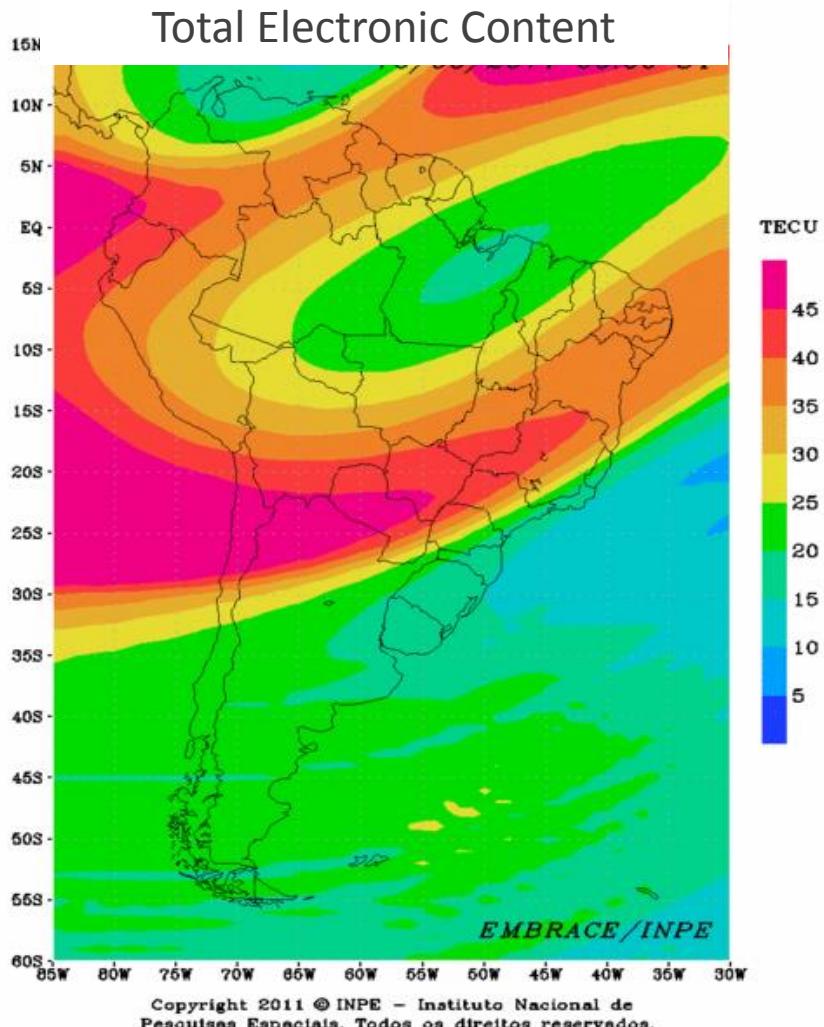
2012 January 01, 9:00 – 02, 9:00 UT (24 hours)



IBGE RINEX data file

TEC Mapping code by STEL Nagoya University (Y. Otsuka)

# SUPIM – IONOSPHERE MODEL



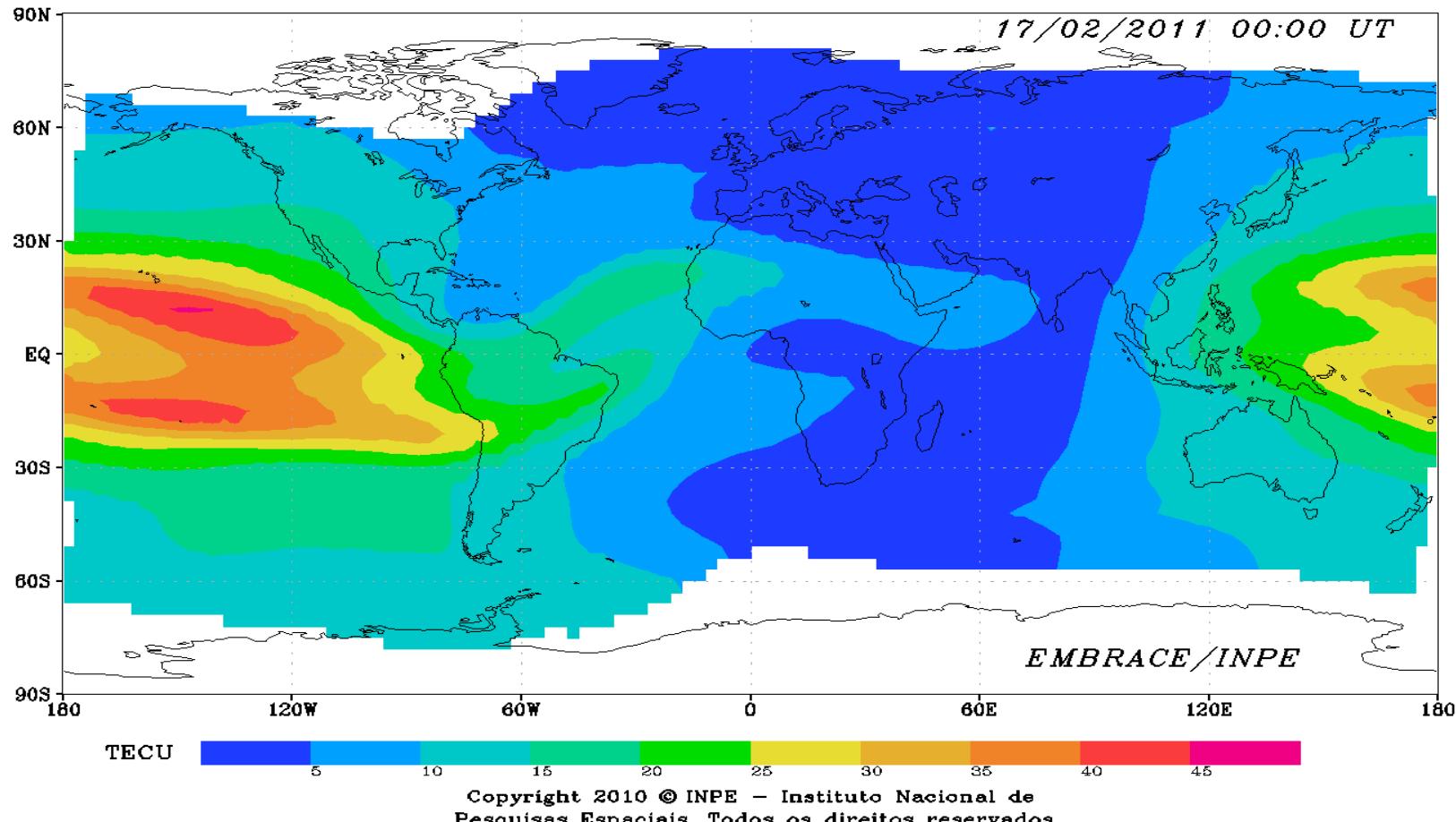
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# Sheffield Ionosphere Model



# GLOBAL MODEL

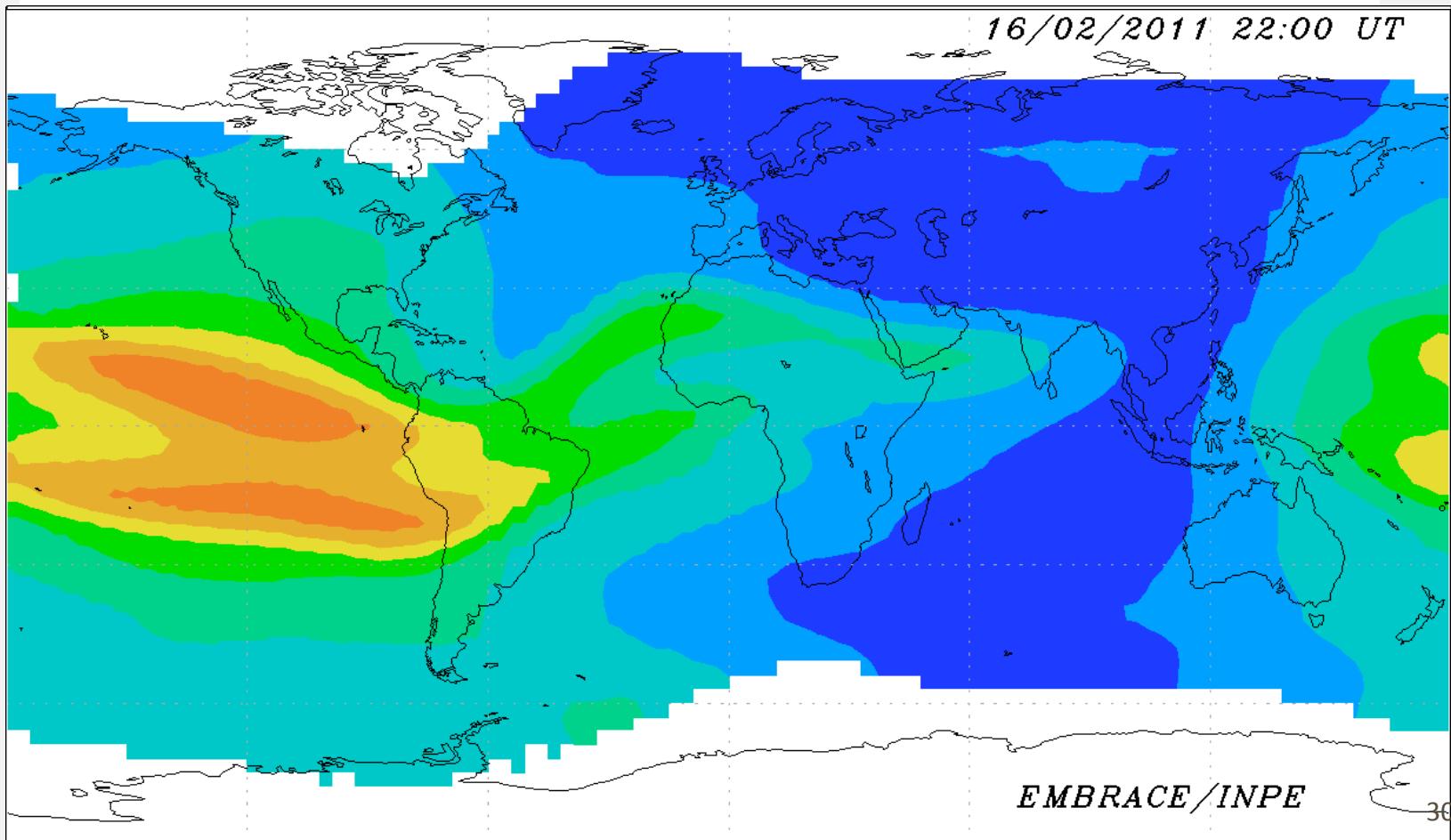
## TOTAL ELECTRON CONTENT





# COMPARING MODELS

TOTAL ELECTRON CONTENT

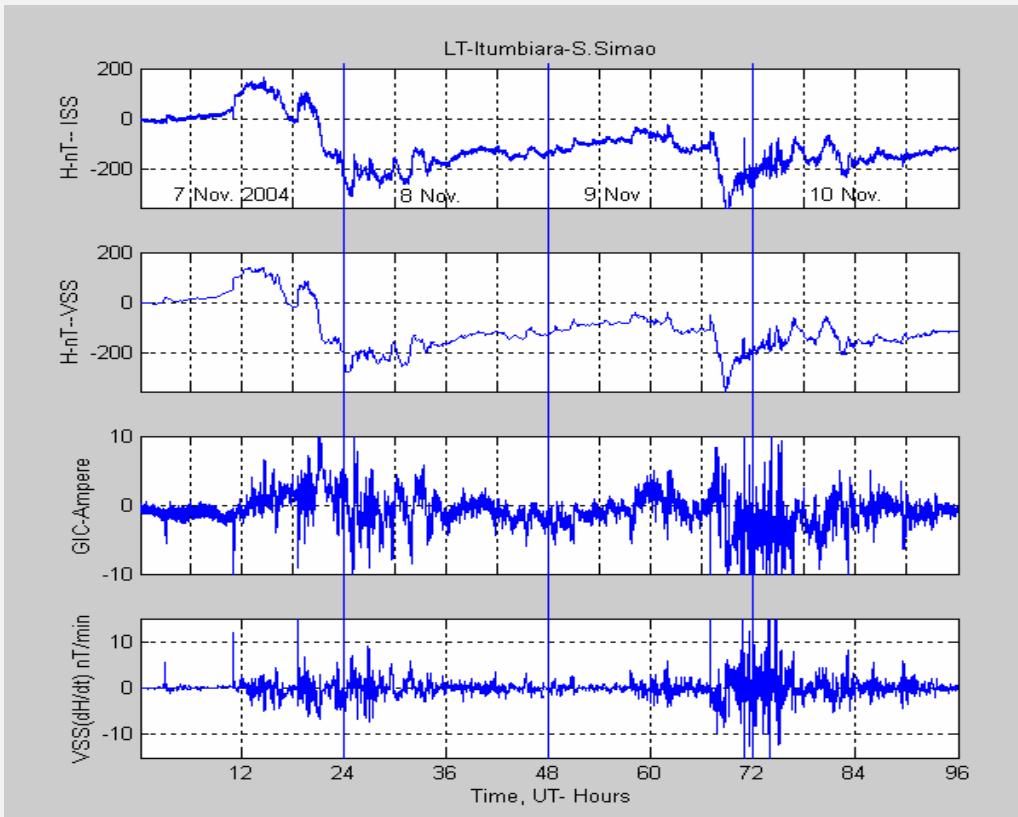


GIC

Instrument  
FURNAS



## GIC DETECTED IN FURNAS DURING THE GEOMAGNETIC STORM:



- Magnetic variations under the power line similar to the nearest Observatory in Vassouras (RJ)
- GIC measured correlated to the derivative  $dB/dt$  em Vassouras (RJ)

EMBRACE  
Building  
CODE:Operation  
Center Demídio  
Simões

# INAUGURATION YEAR



# EMBRACE in WMO

From Brazilian Space weather information and prediction center to WMO Space weather center:  
GPSTEC map and scintillation map over Brazil.

1. Ionospheric total electron content over Brazil:  
<http://www.inpe.br/climaespacial/wmo/iTec.php>

2. Ionospheric scintillation map over Brazil:  
<http://www.inpe.br/climaespacial/wmo/iLisn.php>



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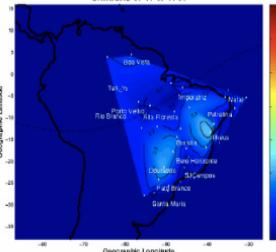
# WMO SPACE WEATHER WEB SITE

## INPE EMBRACE Space Weather Information and Prediction Center

### Ionospheric Scintillation S4 Index Products

#### Scintillation S4 Index over Brazil

MAPPING OF IONOSPHERIC SCINTILLATION OVER BRAZILIAN TERRITORY - LISN  
DATA: 2012-01-11-00-11 UT



#### Product Description:

GNSS signal scintillation monitored by ground-based receivers (LISN network). The map displays location of the receivers, near realtime S4 index. The movie shows 2-D plot of ionospheric scintillation during the evening to night time period of the previous day, represented by the S4 index, that impact telecommunication systems and GNSS signal availability.

#### Target Users:

Key product users include industries relying on high-accuracy GNSS positioning: surface and air navigation systems, agriculture, surveying, construction, drilling, and scientific users

[Link to Map of Scintillation S4 Index over Brazil](#)

[Link to Video of Scintillation S4 Index over Brazil](#)

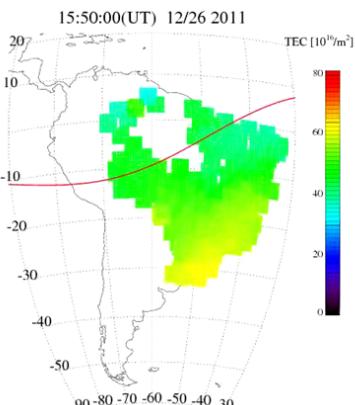
Cadence: 10 min.

Data Source: Ground-based GPS receivers

## INPE EMBRACE Space Weather Information and Prediction Center

### Ionospheric Total Electron Content Products

#### Total Electron Content over Brazil



#### Product Description:

This ionospheric product provides a measurement of the ionospheric total electron content (TEC) over Brazil. It is designed to estimate the signal delay for single and dual frequency GNSS applications. The map over South America displays TEC in color shade. The movie shows temporal variation of TEC from 00:00 UT to 24:00 UT of the previous day with the time interval of 10 minutes. It was produced under collaboration of STEL (Nagoya University), Kyoto University, NICT, Japan, and IBGE, Brazil.

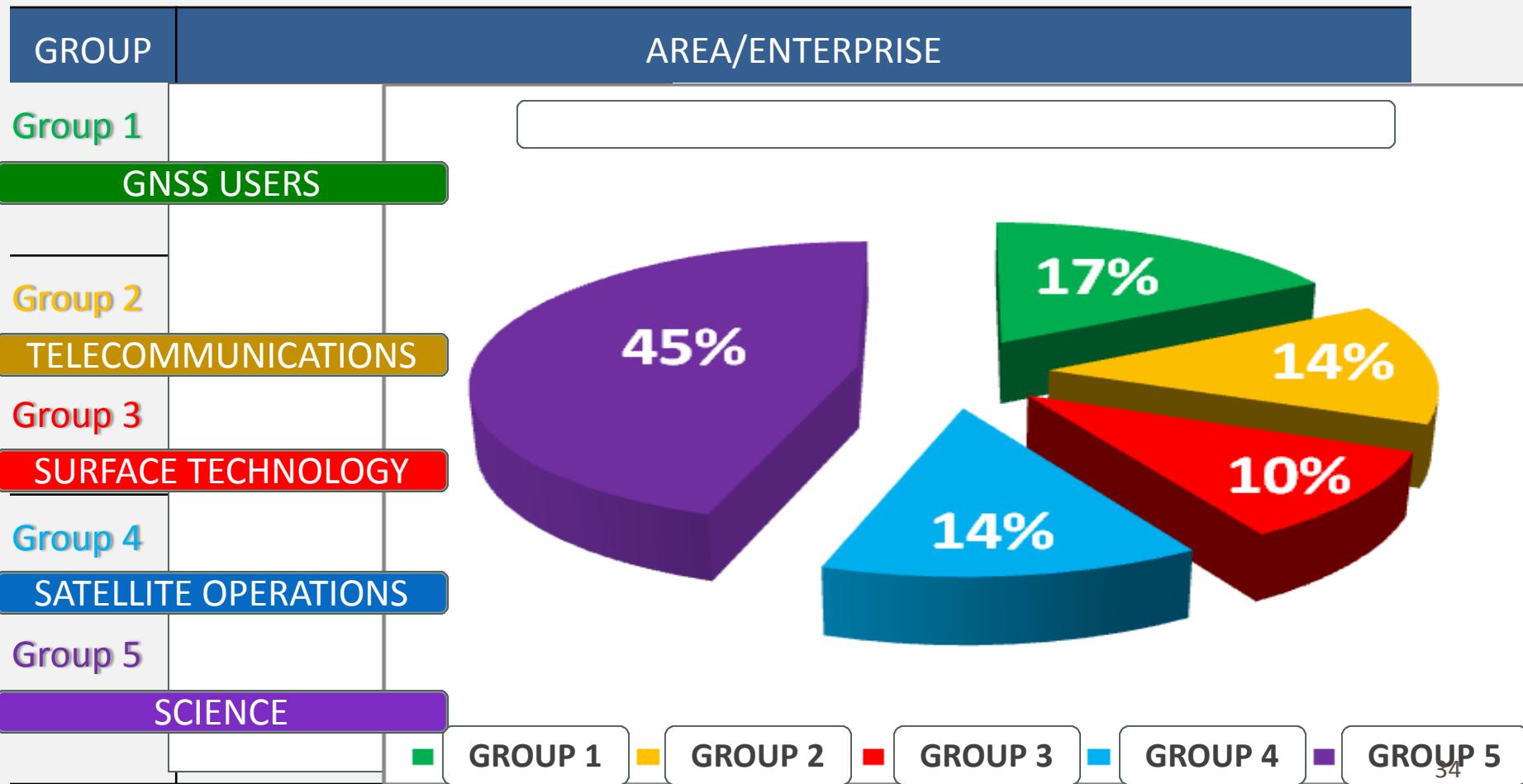
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[Link to Video of Total Electron Content over Brazil](#)

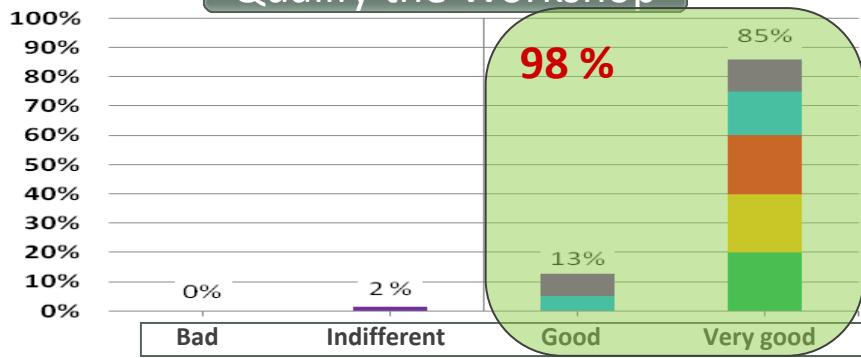
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# EMBRACE WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

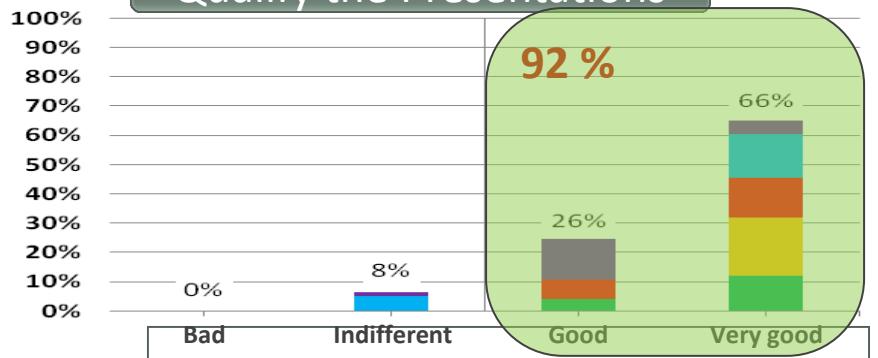


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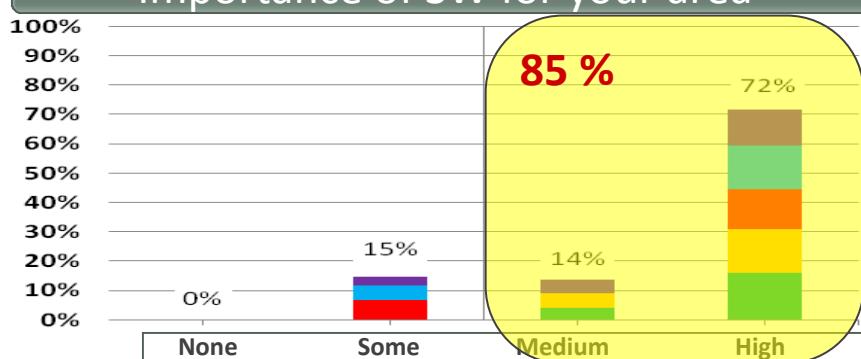
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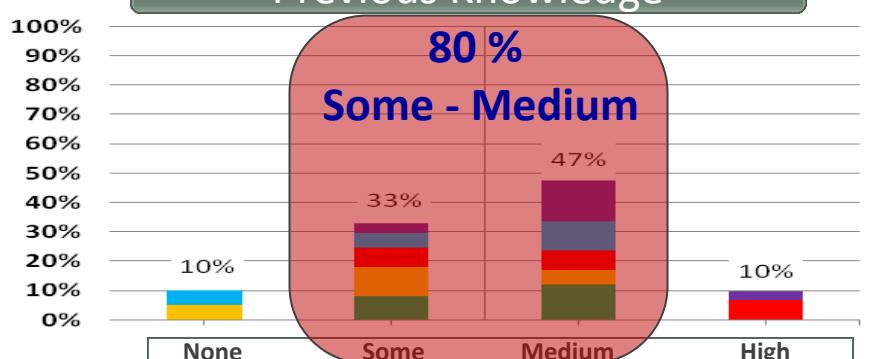
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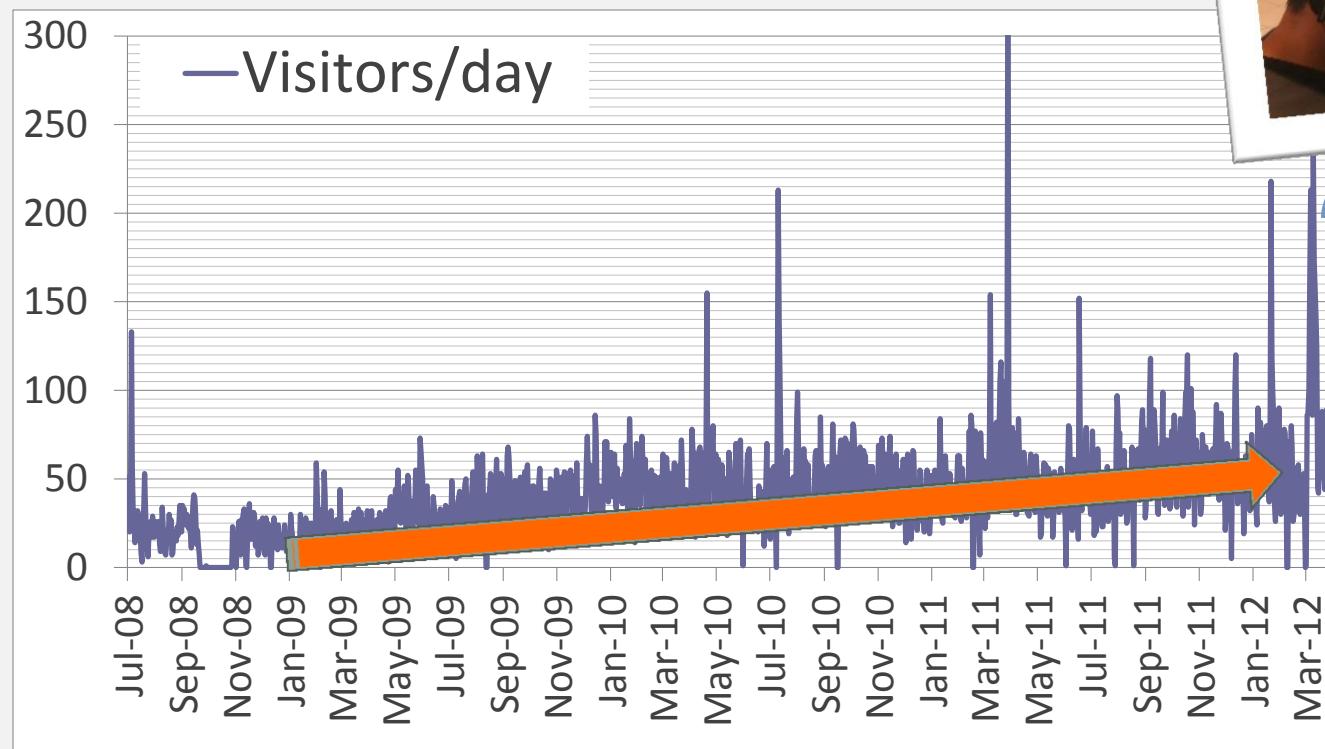
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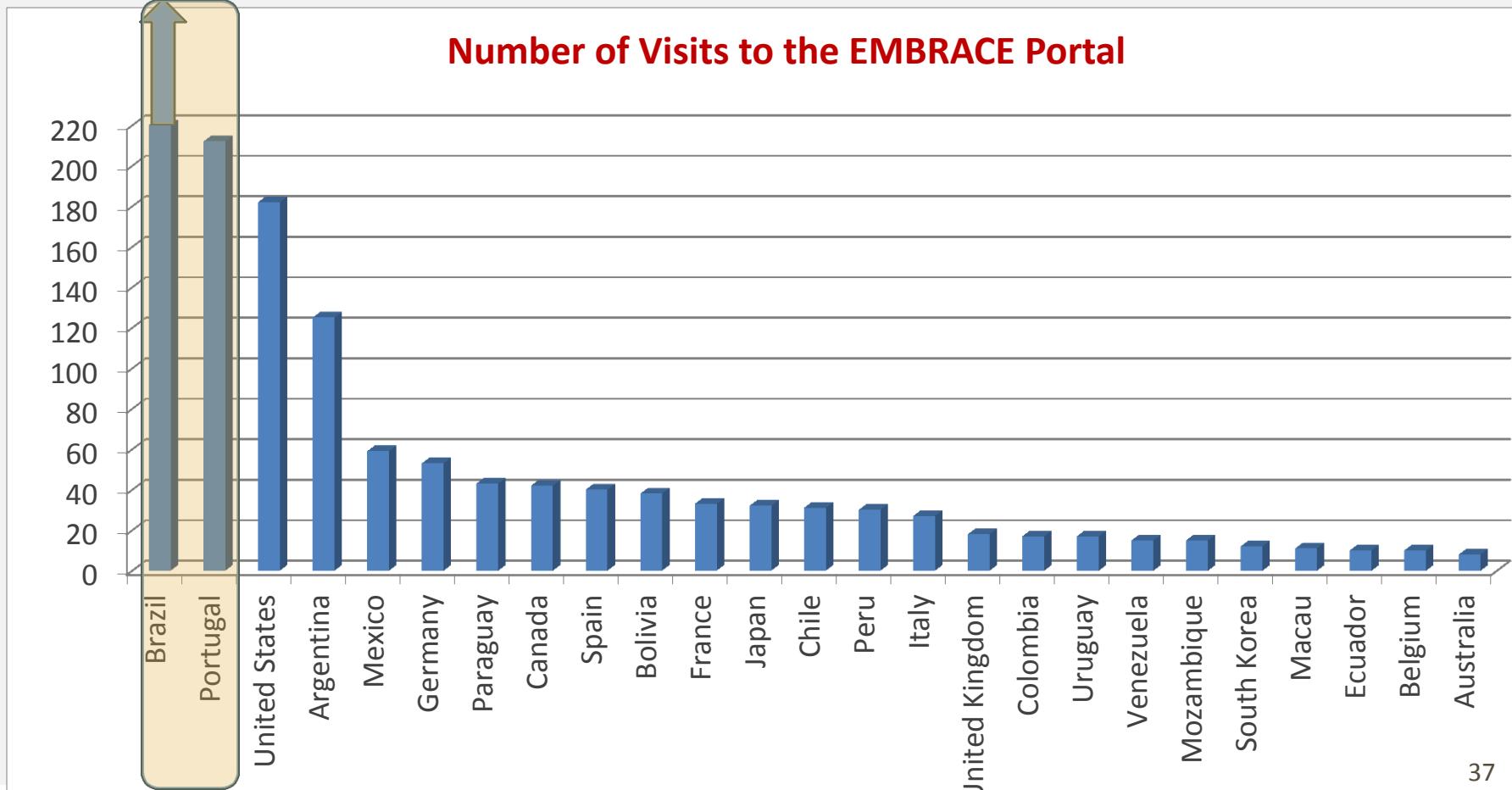
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