SCM noise in-flight estimations

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SCM noise: Cluster measurements in the lobes

Magnetospheric lobes are 'empty' (n~0.1cm-3) => instrument measures itself



frequency but a random variable within a broad range of energies.

Localisation of the lobes in space ?

Modeling the Earth's Magnetosphere by Tsyganenko



http://geo.phys.spbu.ru/~tsyganenko/modeling.html

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- Dependence on the solar wind dynamical pressure and B-orientation => plasma sheet thickness varies a lot, positions of the lobes as well...

Strategy: measure the night-side magnetosphere everywhere we can do it and then we will surely get measurements in the lobes.



 $x < -3 R_{\rm E}$ $y \in (-30,30) R_{\rm E}$ $Z \in (-30,30) R_{\rm E}$

Lancement 2020 : Earth's magnetosphere crossings



Earth's magnetosphere crossings: fly-by 2021

