

# Meteoroid Ablation in the Martian Atmosphere : Observations and Modeling



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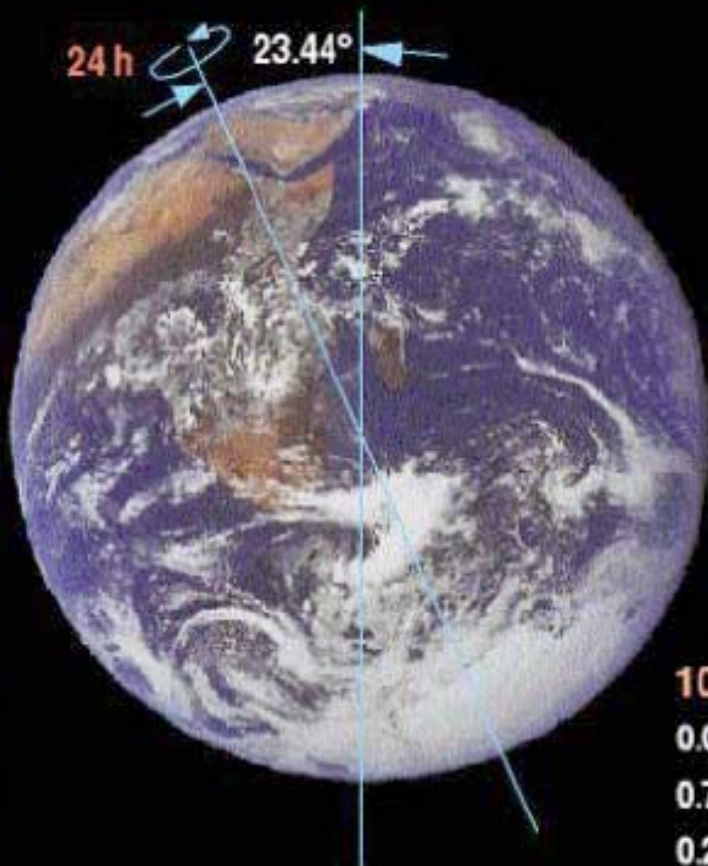
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# EARTH

# COMPARISON

# MARS



## YEAR

365 Days    686 Days

## GRAVITY

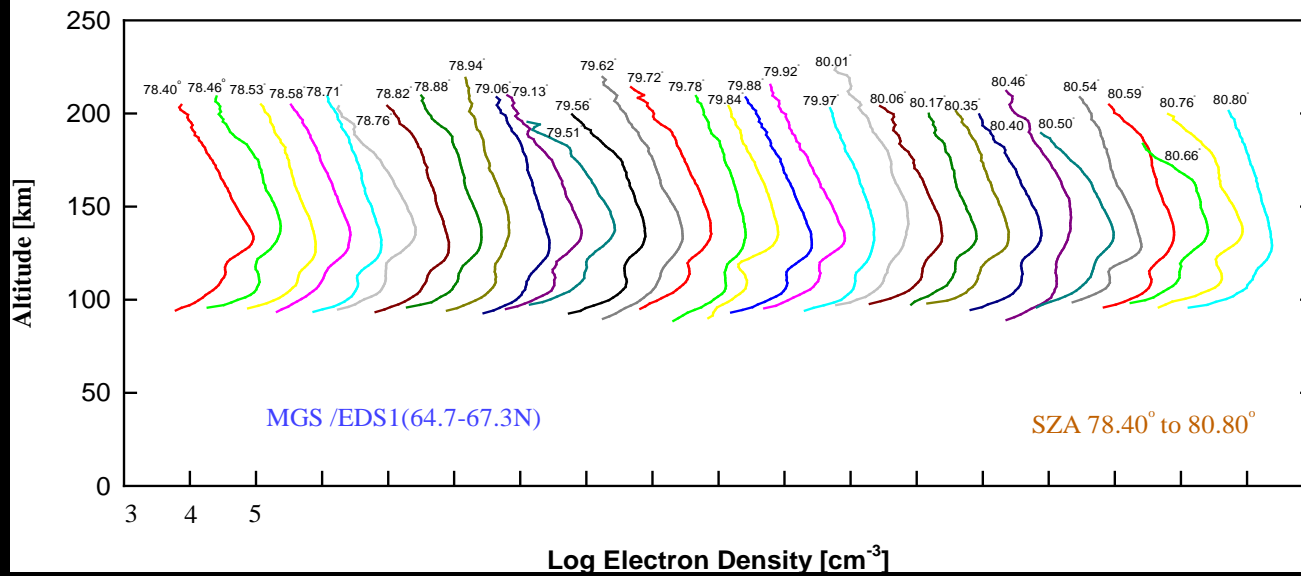
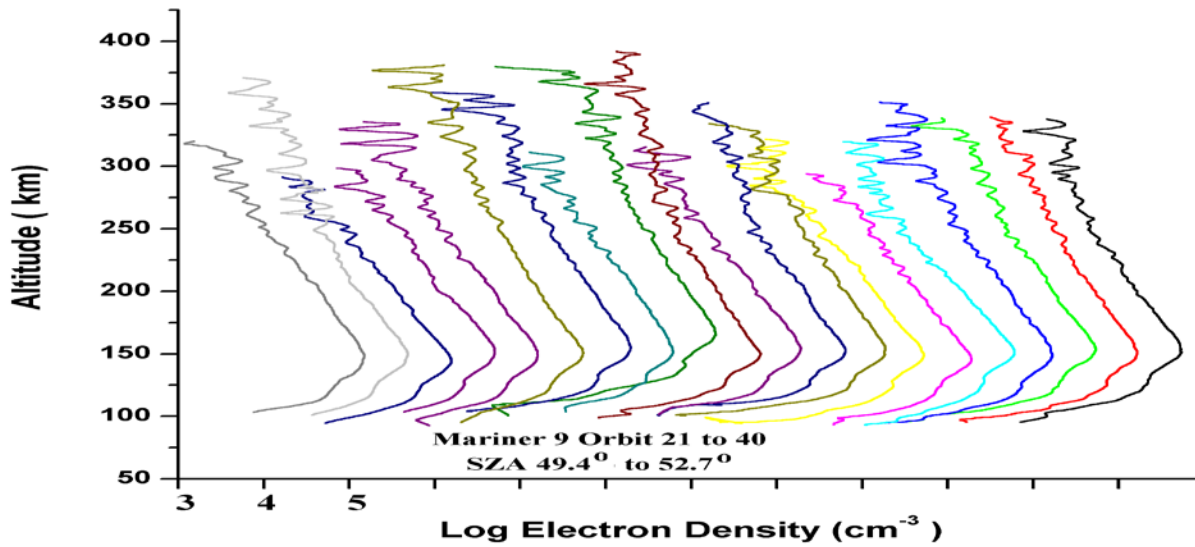
38% of earth

## SUNLIGHT

44% of earth

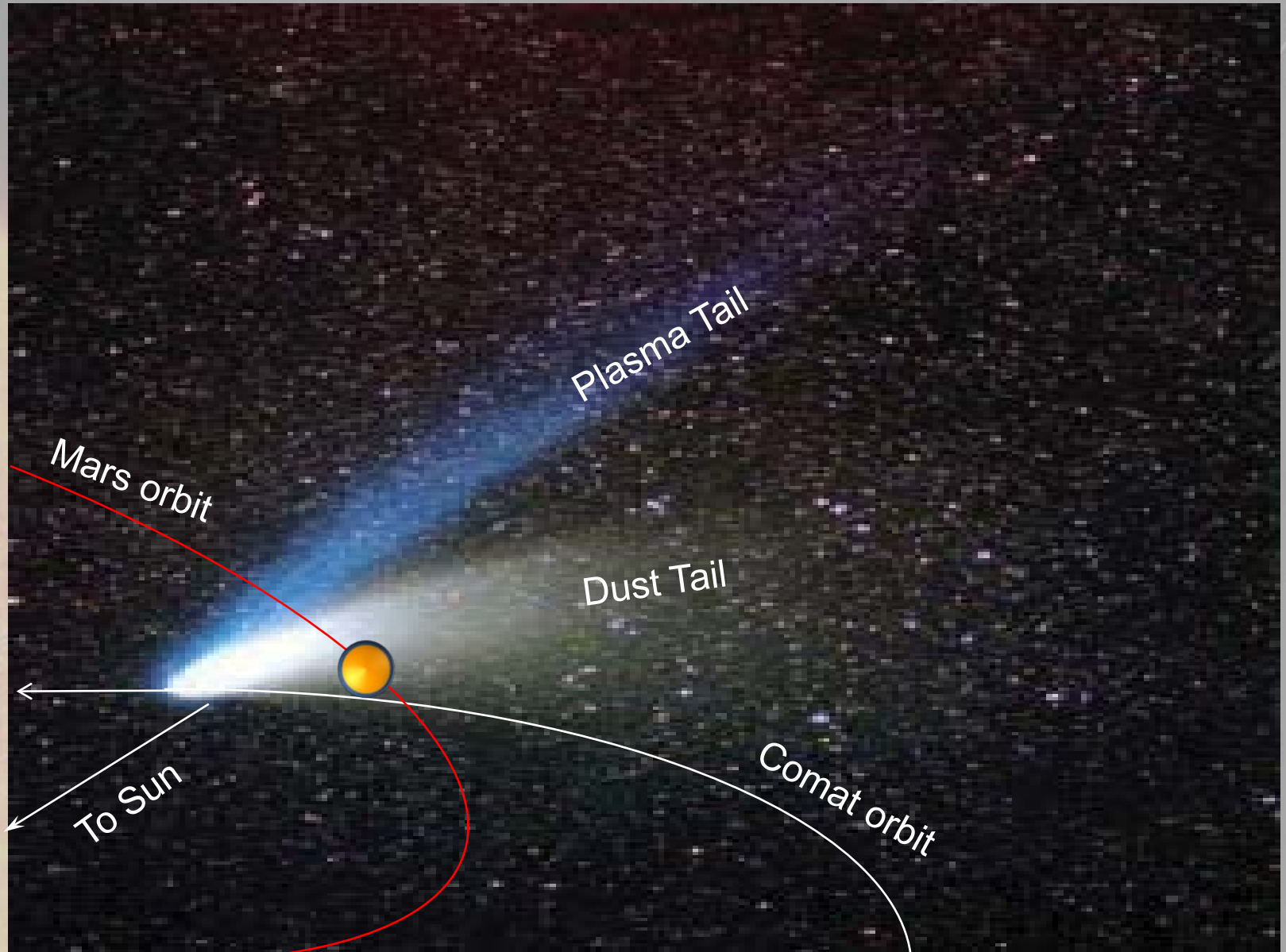
## ATMOSPHERE

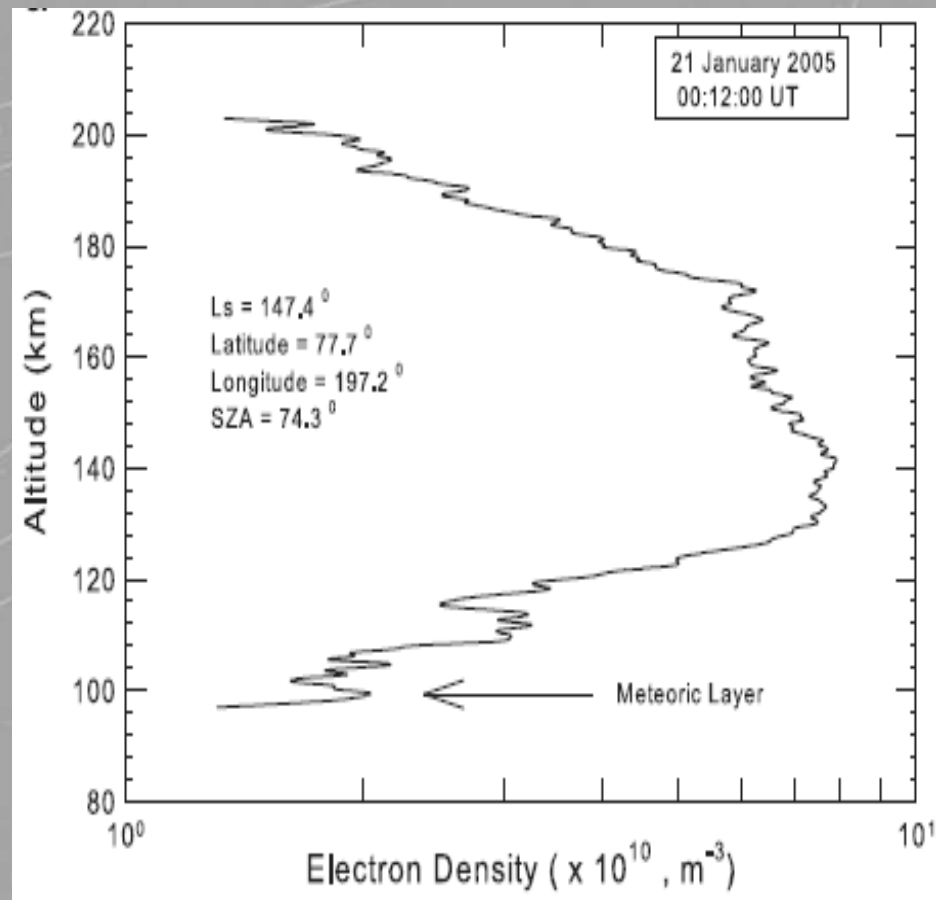
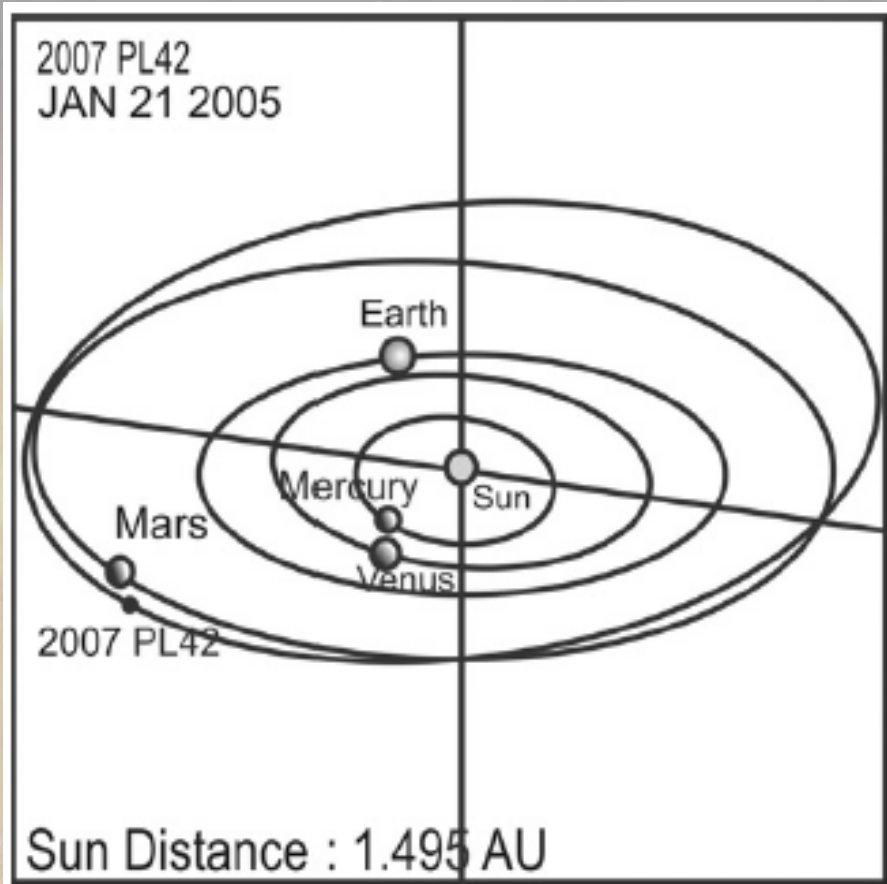
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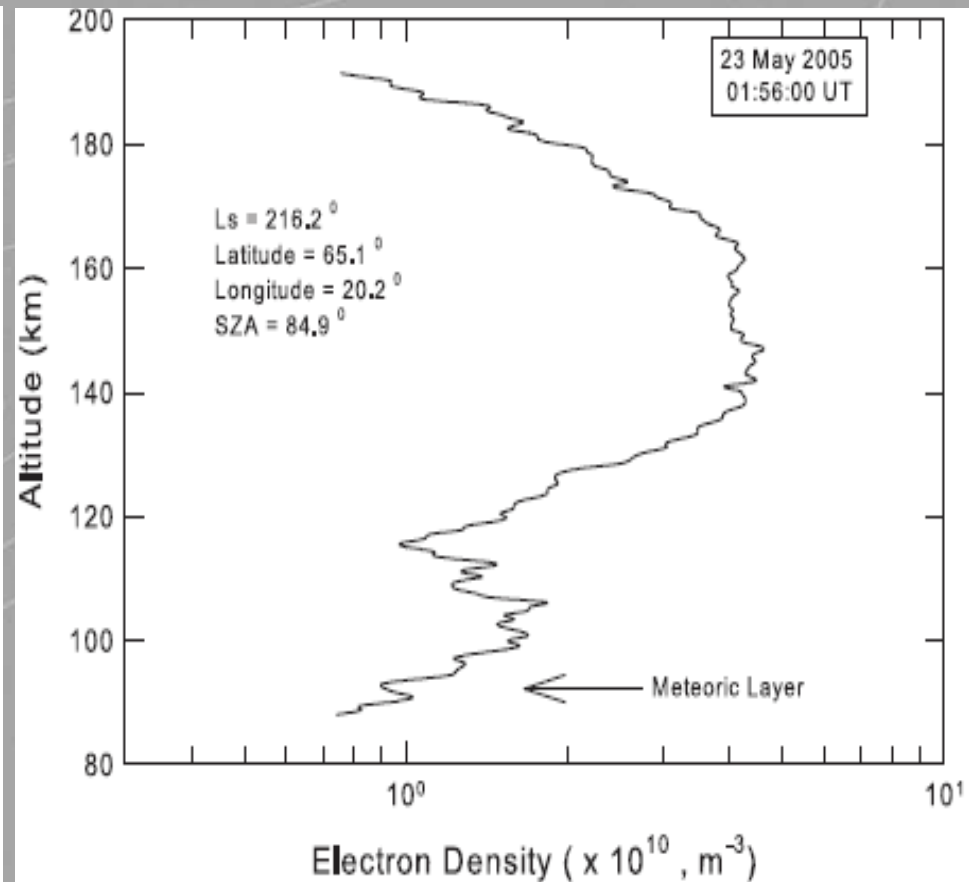
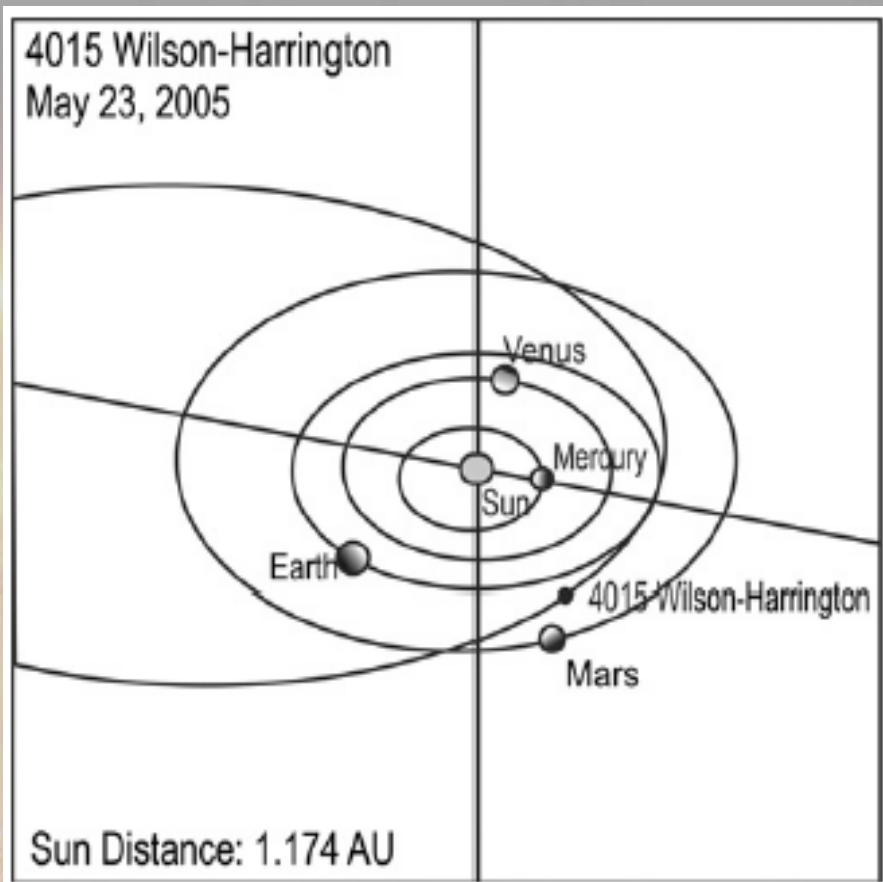


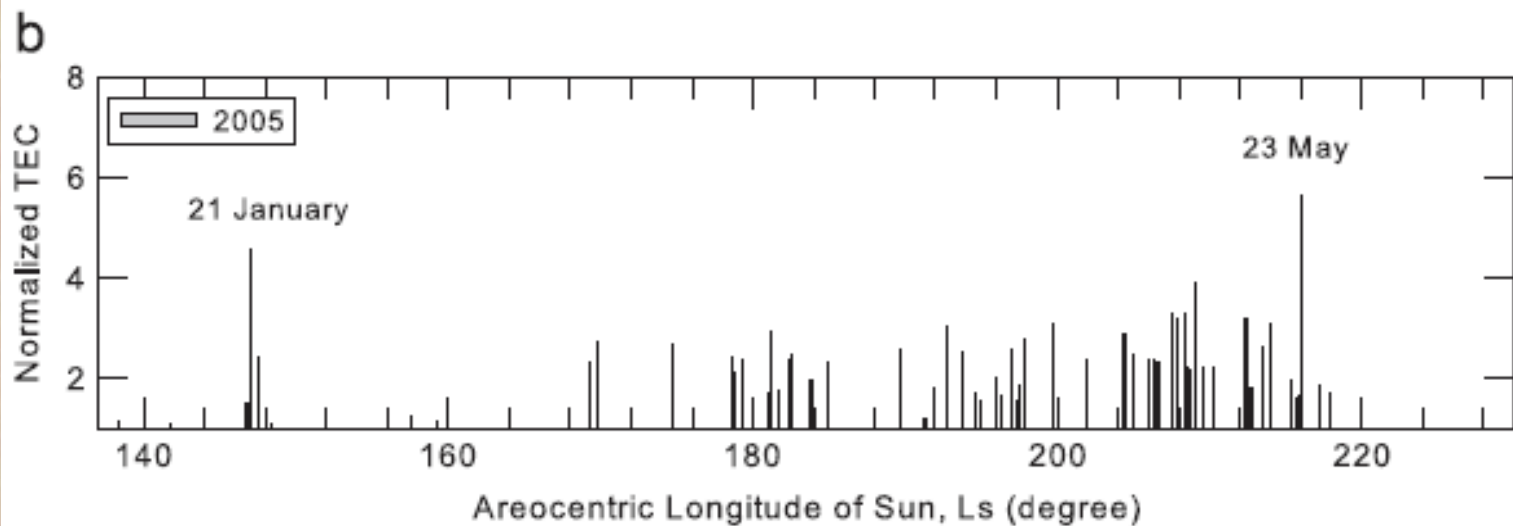
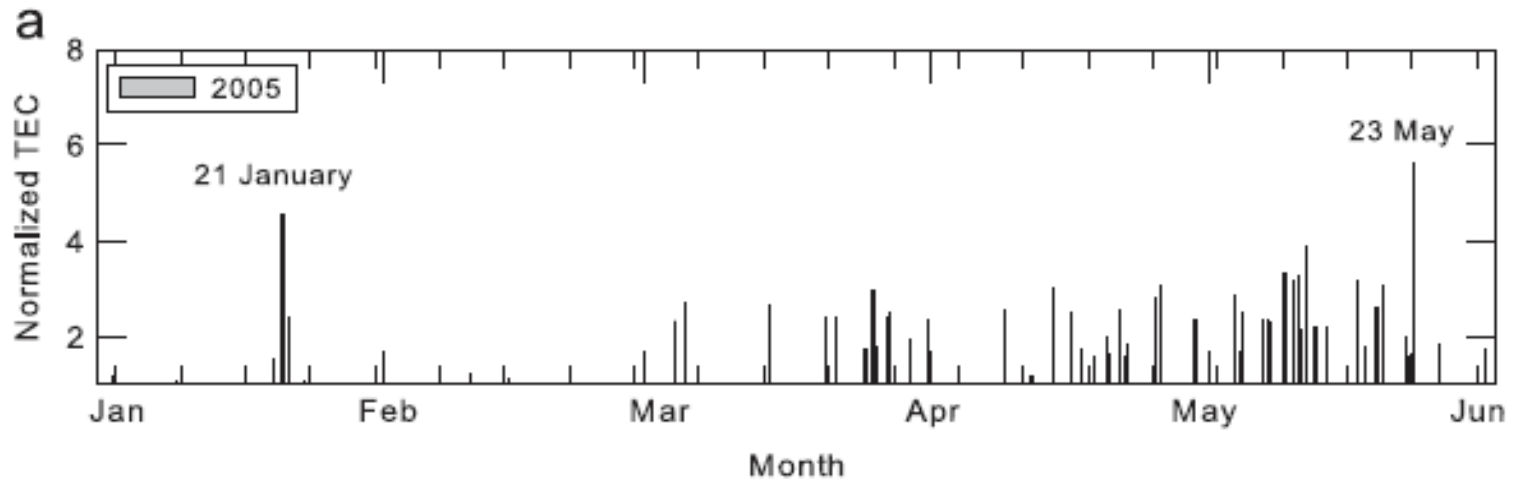
Haider et al.  
 Icarus (2006)

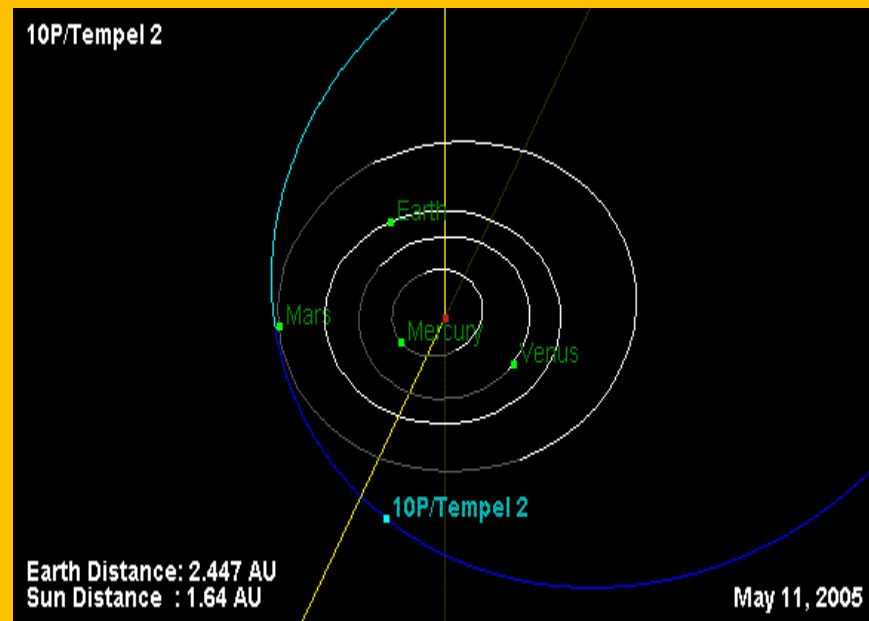
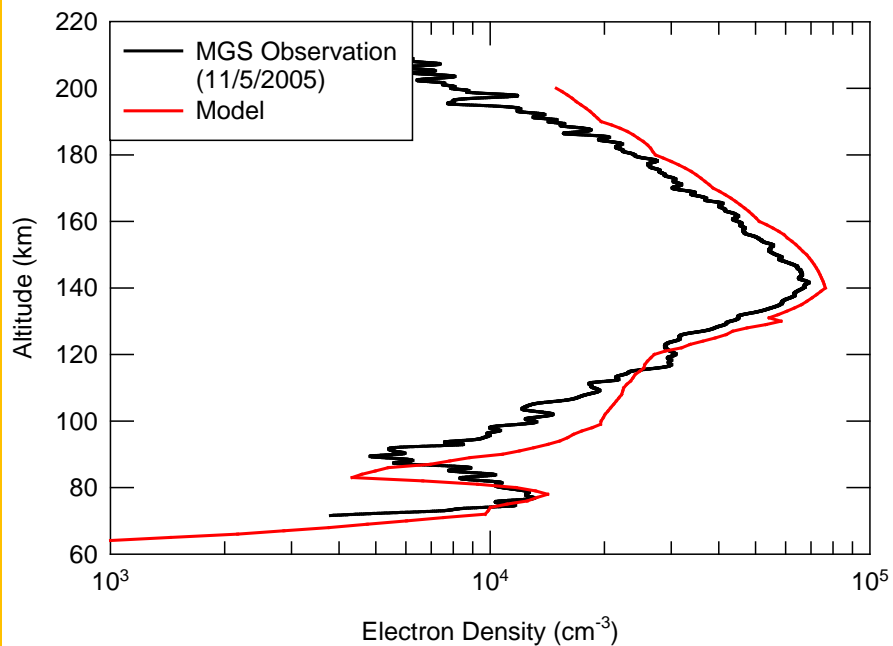
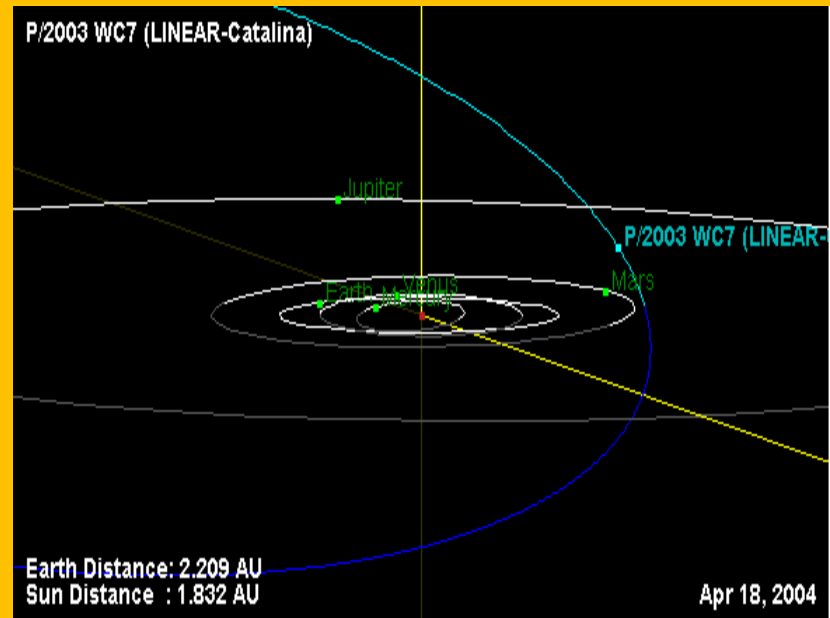
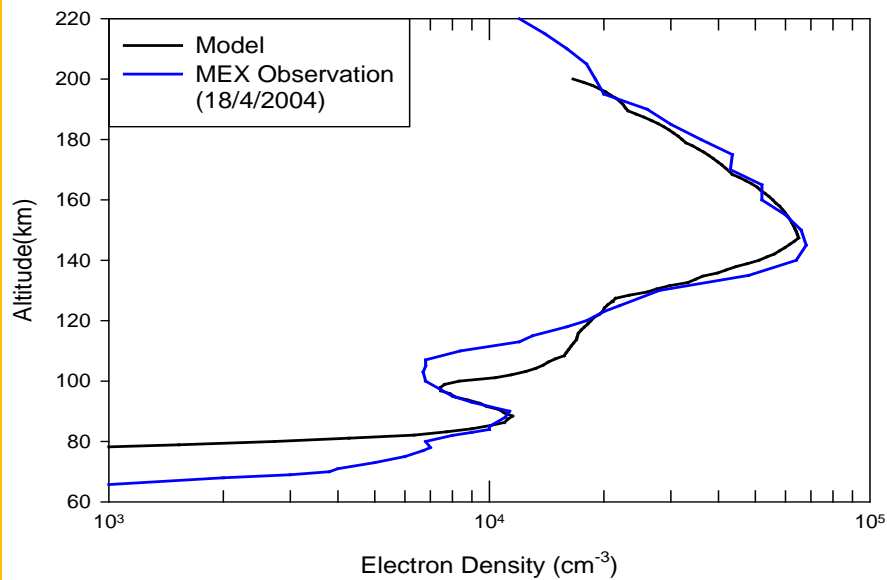
# Comet Intersection





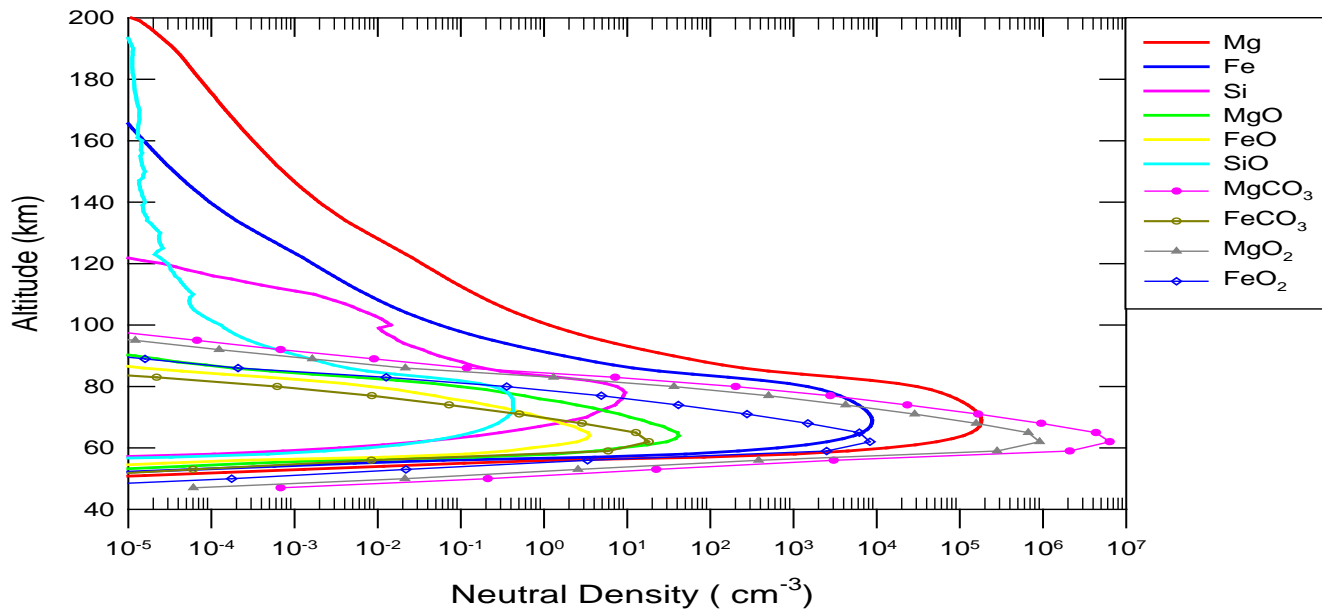
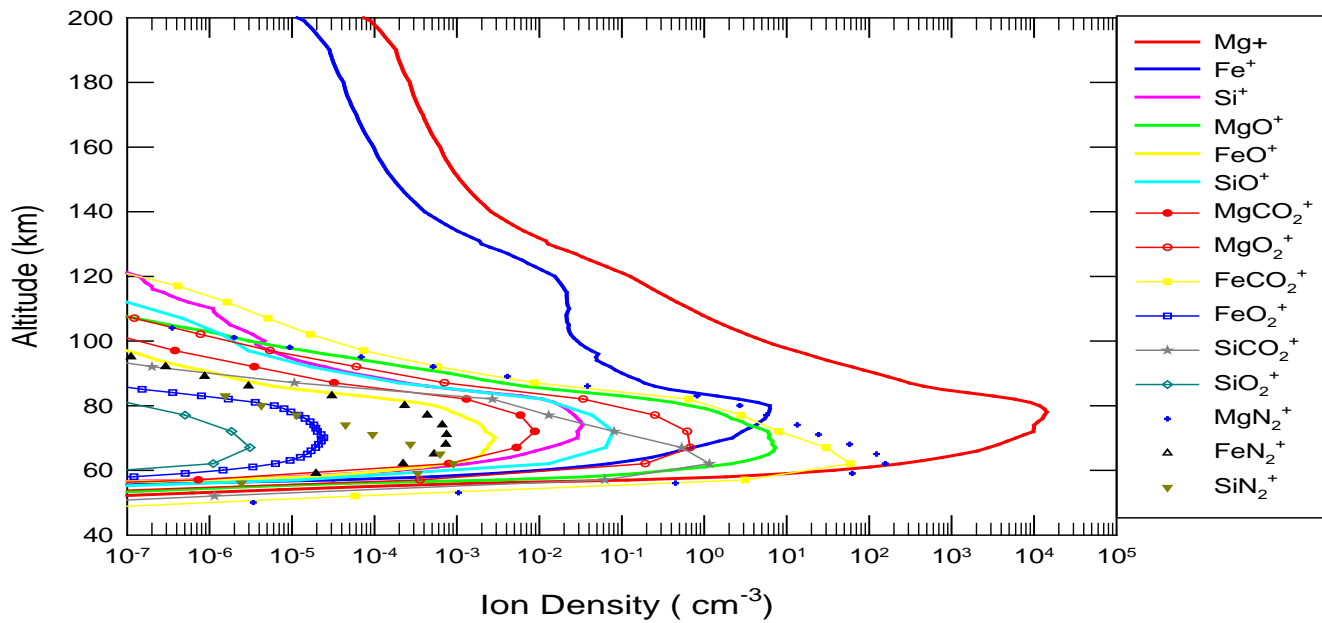






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# Future Missions to Mars:

## MAVEN-Orbiter (NASA)

Determine Current State of the Atmosphere/Ionosphere/Solar Wind Interaction, Escape of Neutrals & Ions from Mars

## Indian Mars Mission-Mangalyaan

Atmosphere/Ionosphere, Escape of Neutrals & Ions from Mars

## MELOS-Orbiter & Lander (Japan)

Atmosphere/Ionosphere/Surface Science, Magnetic Field & Solar Wind Interaction

# WEAK CAPTURE MISSION STRATEGY



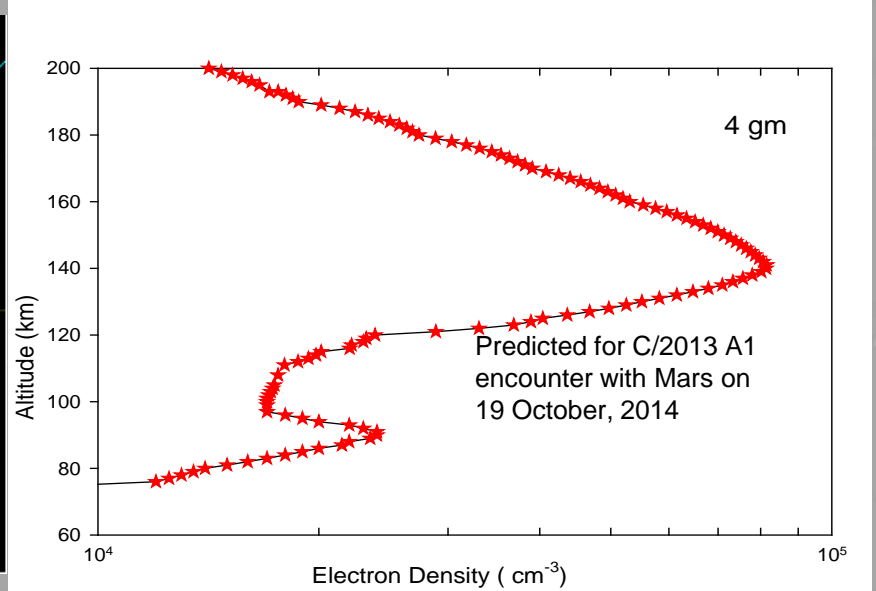
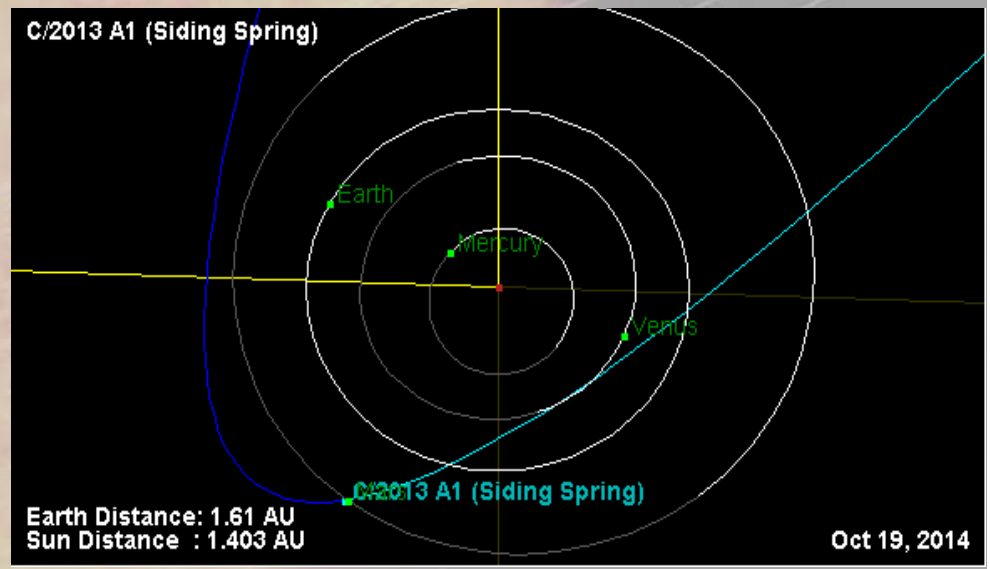
75° inclination, 4.5-hour period orbit  
One year of Science Operations



Five 5-day "deep dip" campaigns

## MAVEN Orbit

## Mangalyaan Orbit





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