

A TSIS & SORCE Status Overview



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Welcome to the 2018 Sun-Climate Symposium

***The State of the TSI and SSI Climate Records at the
Junction of the SORCE and TSIS Missions***





Mission Status

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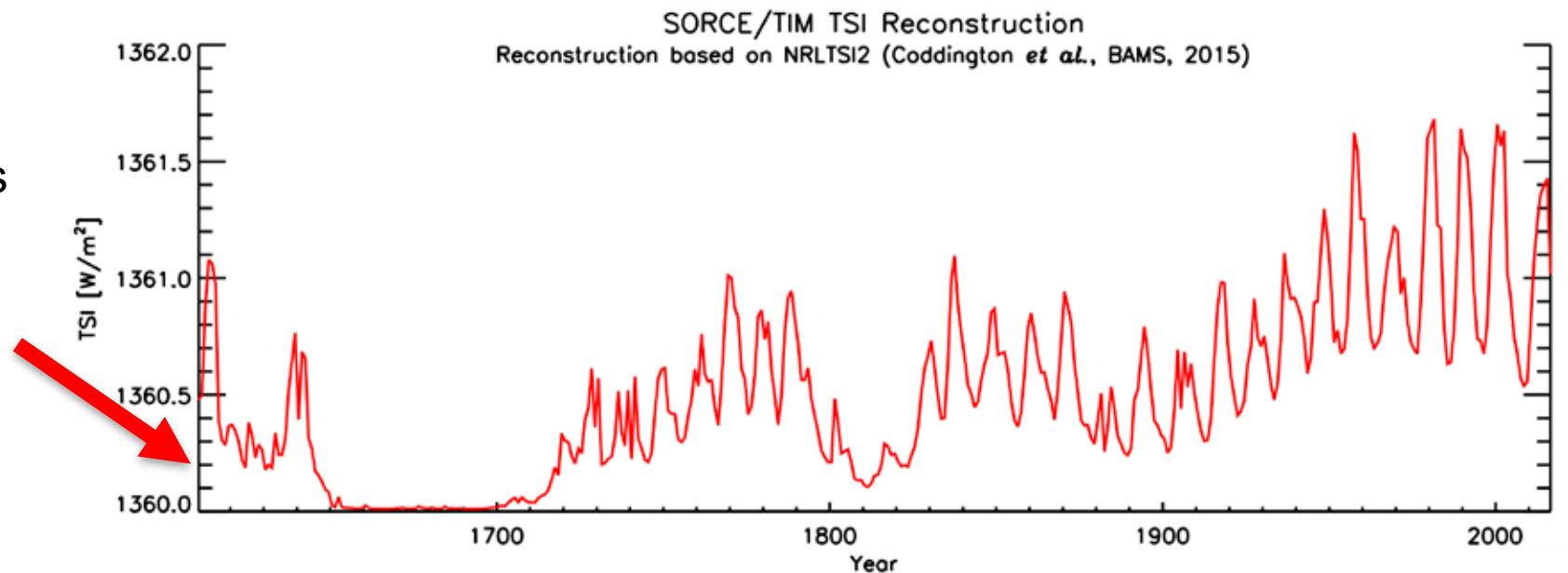
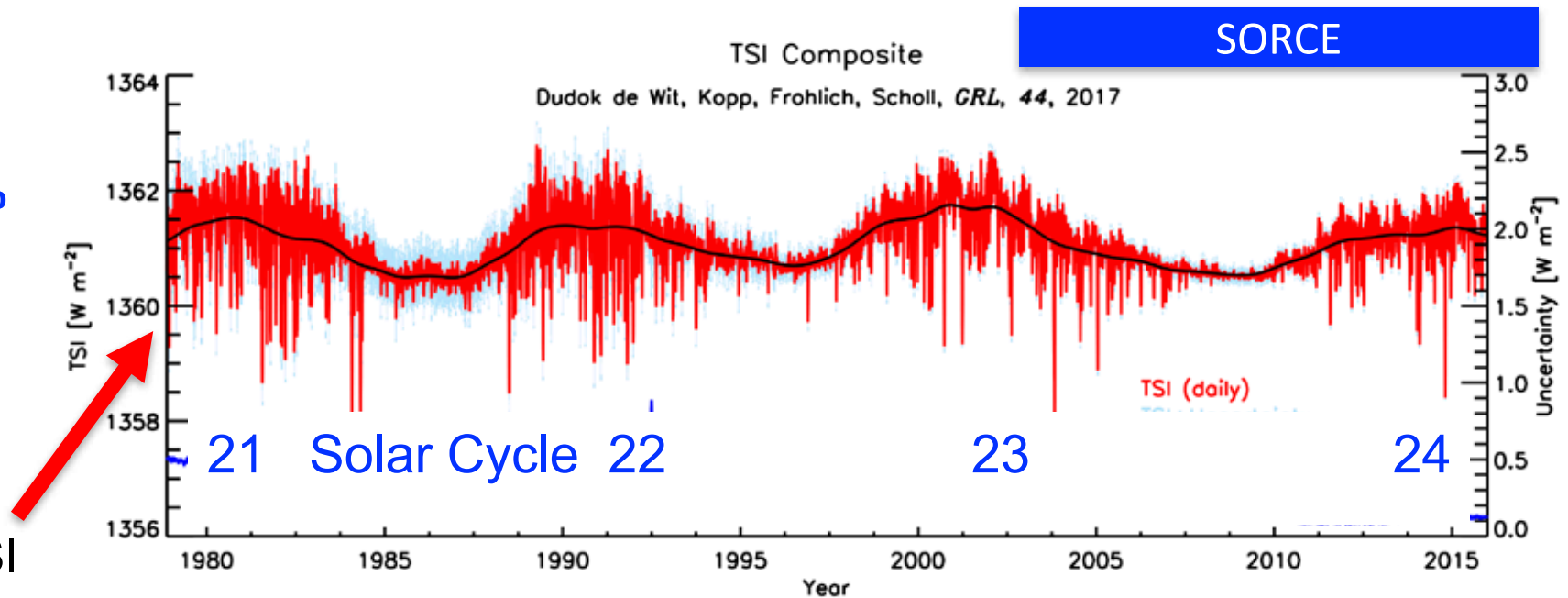
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SORCE TIM Extends the TSI Record

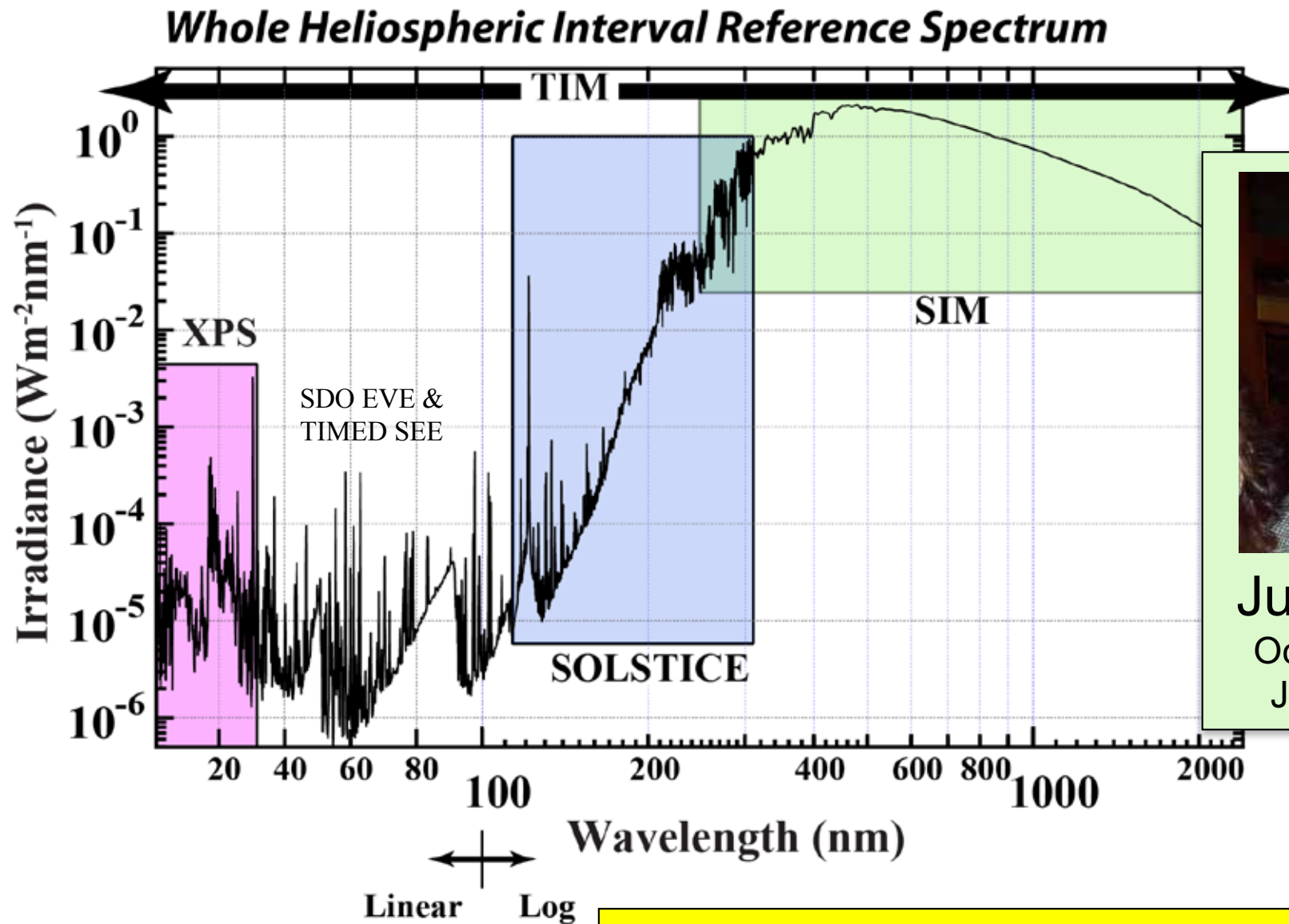
SORCE
covers 40%
of the TSI
Climate
Record

Accurate TSI
Record

New Models
of TSI
Variability



SORCE Starts New SSI Record for Visible-NIR



Juan Fontenla

October 28, 1948 –
January 11, 2018

Integrated SORCE 200-2423nm = 1324.49 Wm^{-2}
~ 97.3% of TSI
Infrared portion >2423nm ~ 36.32 Wm^{-2}

SORCE Mission Overview

A Mission of Solar Irradiance for Climate Research

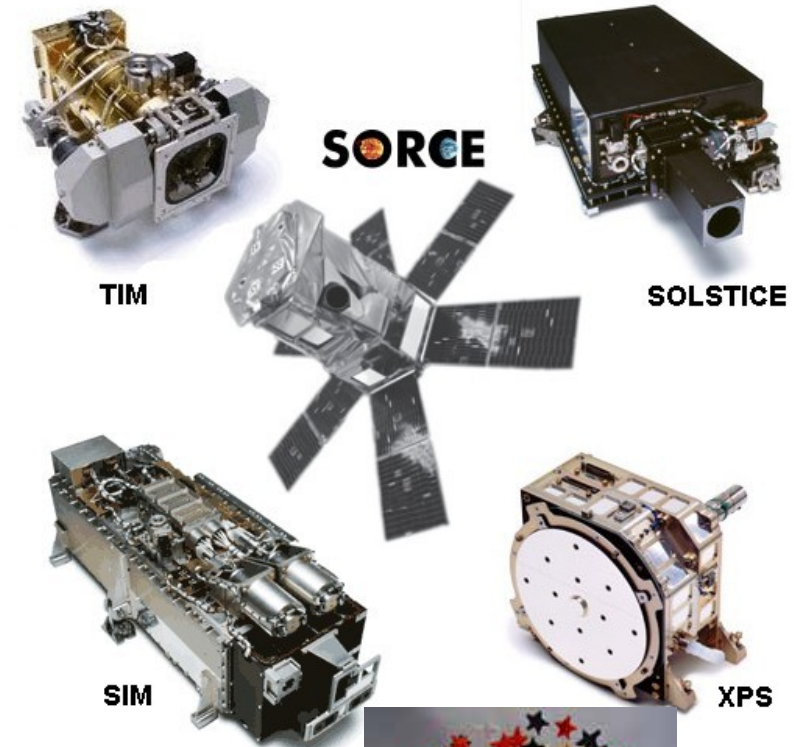
- SORCE Measurements

- Total Solar Irradiance (TSI)
- Solar Spectral Irradiance (SSI)
 - 0.1-27 nm and 115-2400 nm
- Important Earth science measurements for studying radiative forcing, dynamics, and photochemistry in atmosphere

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- SORCE Mission

- Launched in 2003
- Its mission has been extended to overlap with ISS-TSIS in 2018-2019
- Spacecraft and instruments are making routine daily measurements in its Day-Only Operations (DO-Op) mode (due to battery issues)



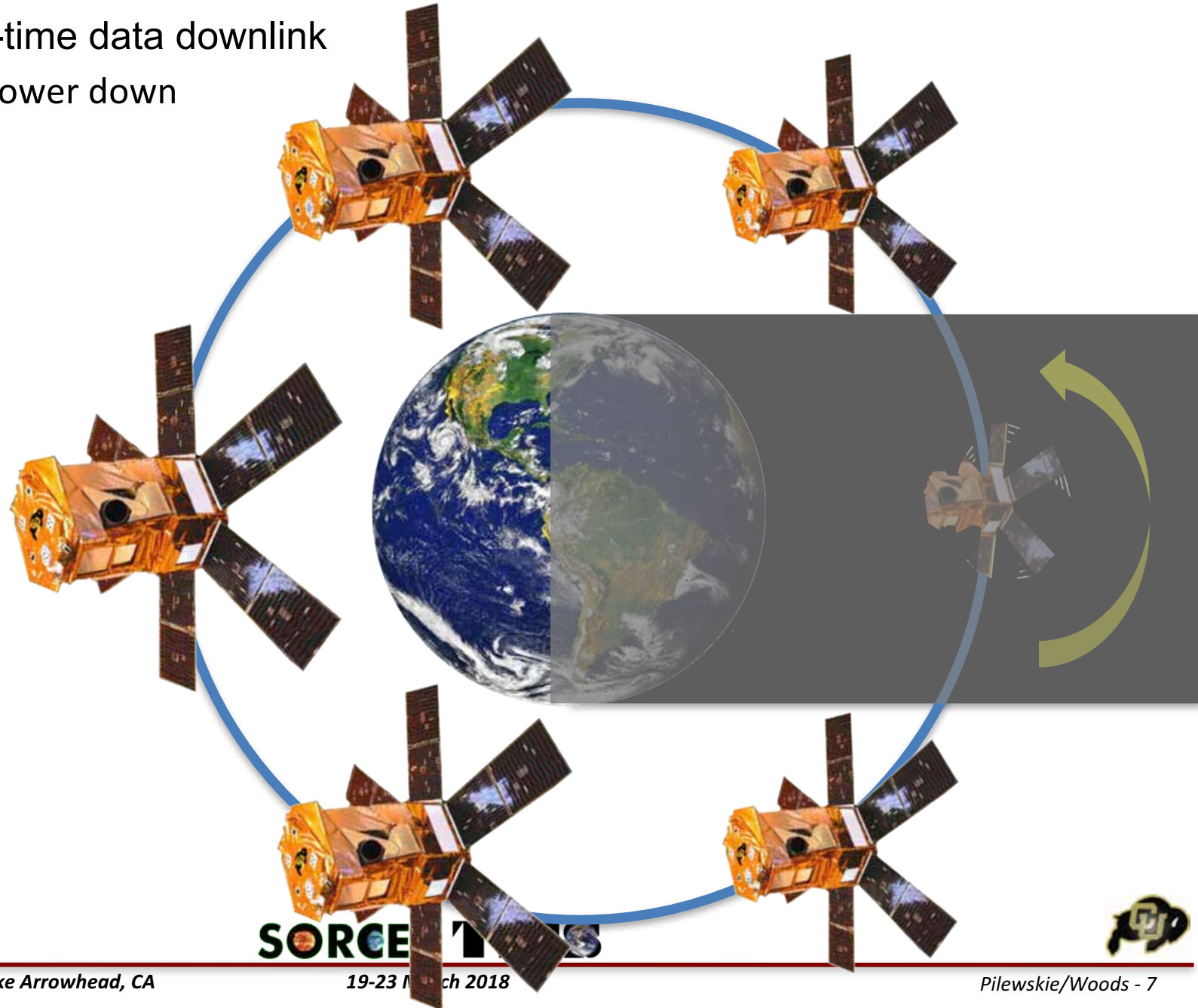
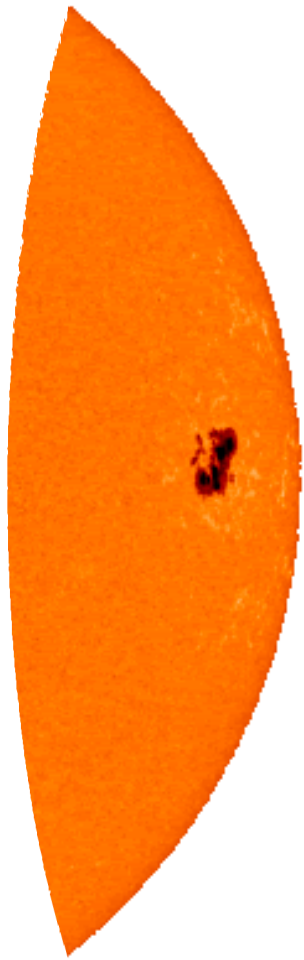
15-years in Orbit



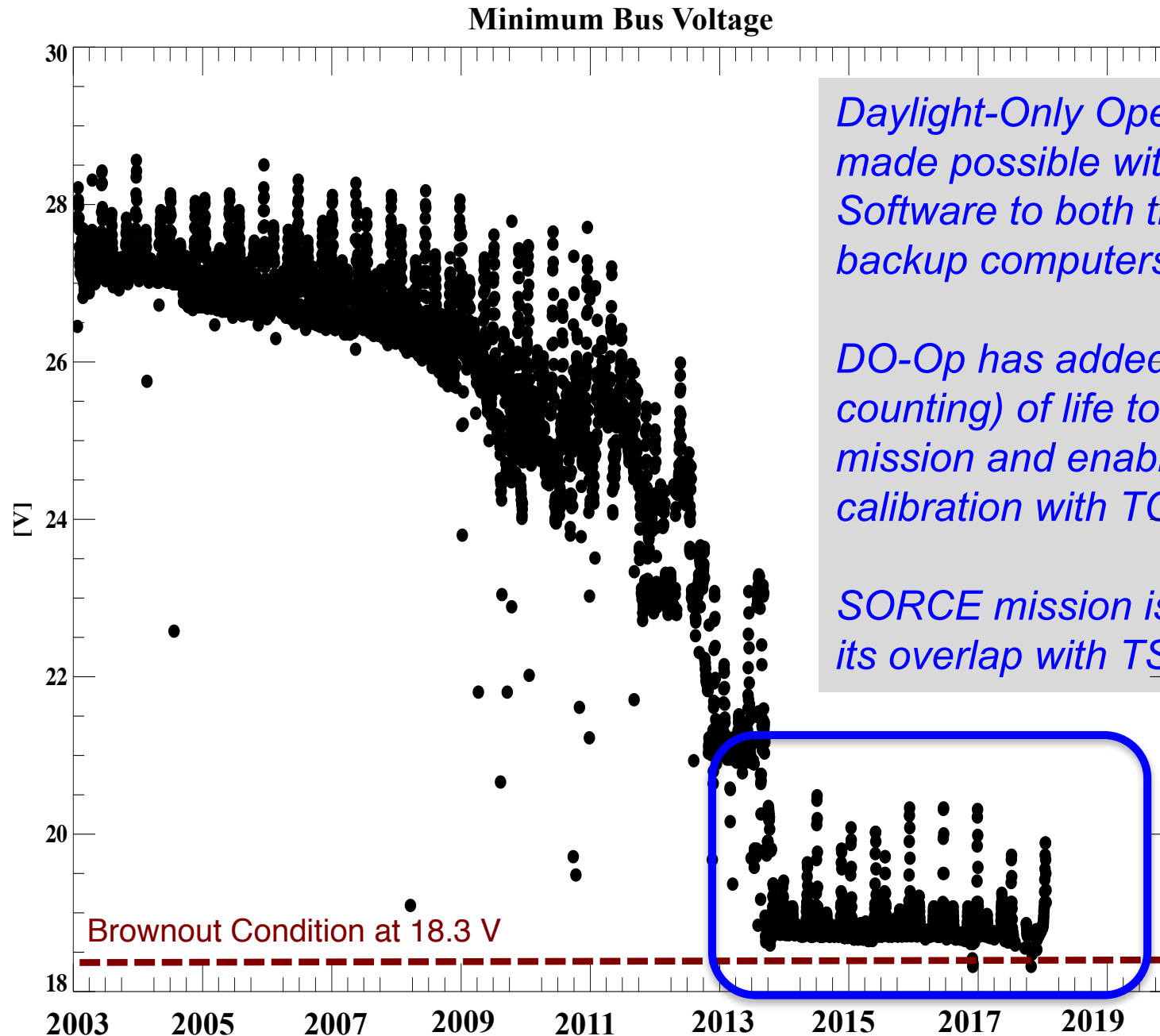
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SORCE Day Only Operations (DO-Op)

- Sunlight: power up, de-spin, solar observations
 - TDRSS real-time data downlink
- Eclipse: spin up, power down



SORCE Battery Has Stabilized in DO-Op

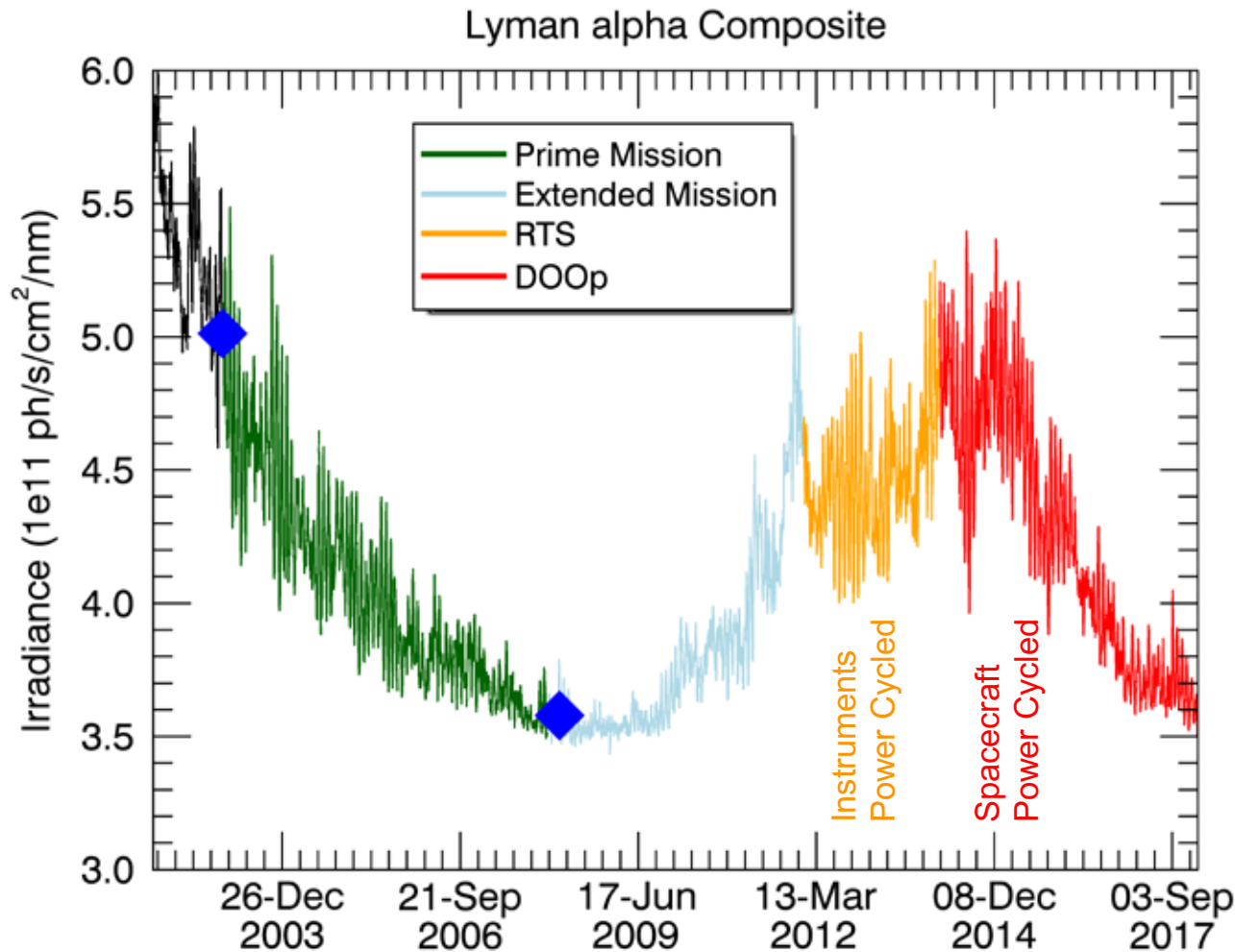


Daylight-Only Operations (DO-Op) made possible with new Flight Software to both the primary and backup computers aboard SORCE.

DO-Op has added 4+ years (and counting) of life to the SORCE mission and enabling the cross-calibration with TCTE and TSIS-1.

SORCE mission is scheduled to end its overlap with TSIS-1 in June 2019.

SORCE Observations Remain High Quality During Extended Mission

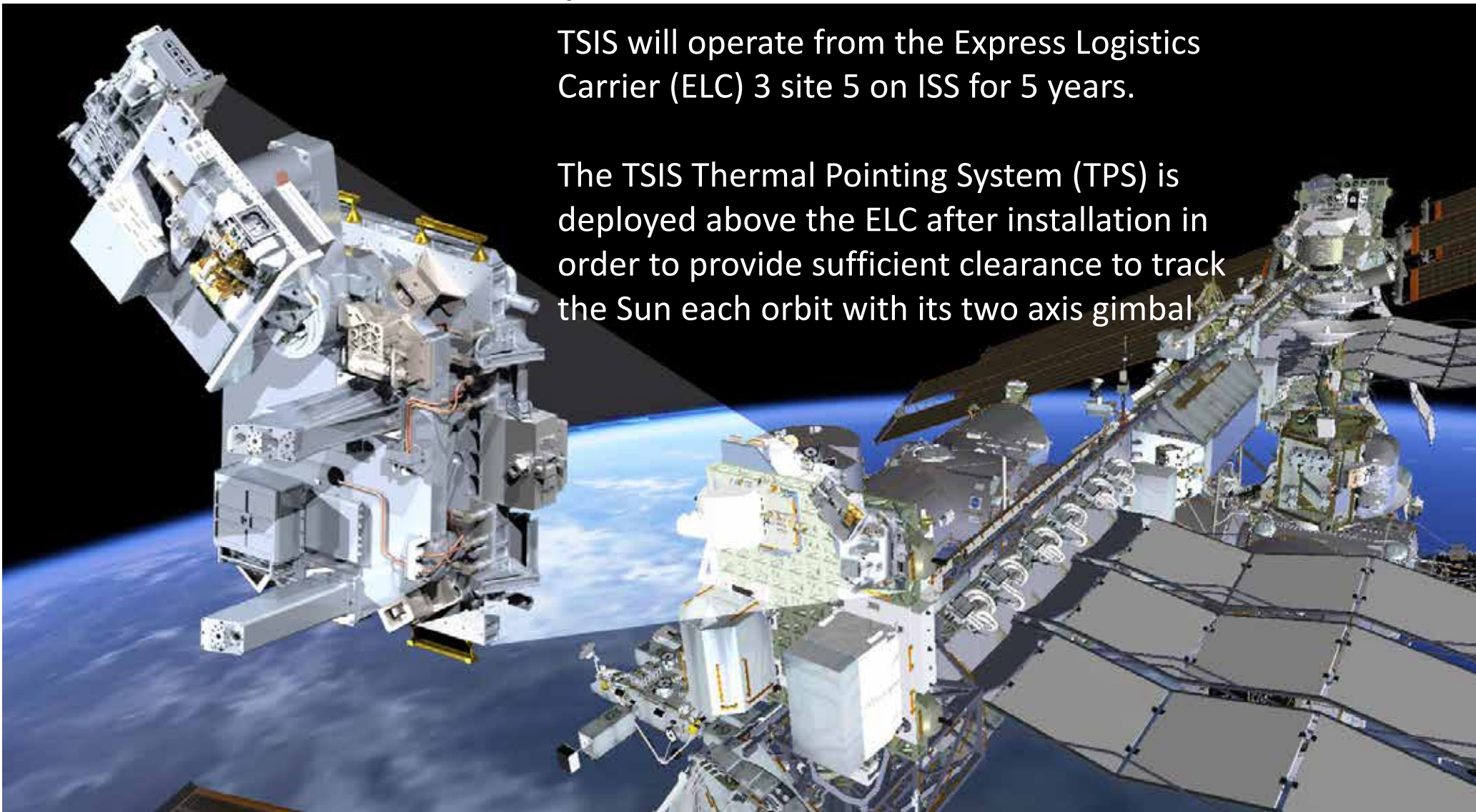


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The Total and Spectral Solar Irradiance Sensor

TSIS will operate from the Express Logistics Carrier (ELC) 3 site 5 on ISS for 5 years.

The TSIS Thermal Pointing System (TPS) is deployed above the ELC after installation in order to provide sufficient clearance to track the Sun each orbit with its two axis gimbal



- TSIS delivered to KSC in July 2017; launched to ISS in December 2017.
- Launched in the SpaceX-13 Dragon trunk, externally on an Express Pallet Adapter (ExPA) using a Flight Releasable Attachment Mechanism (FRAM).

A TSIS Timeline

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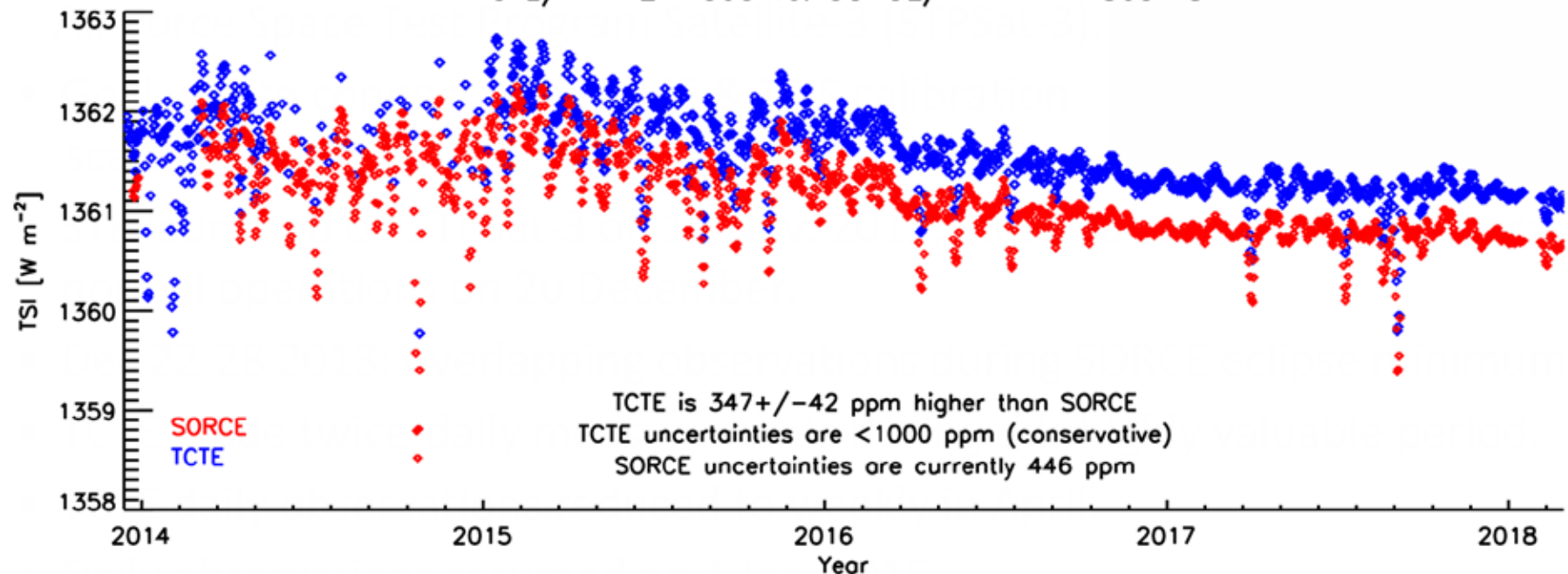
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TSI Calibration Transfer Experiment: TCTE

- 6-month implementation began in 2012 to refurbish a SORCE TIM ground spare to fly on the



TCTE/TIM V2-1803 vs. SORCE/TIM V17-1803 TSI



G. Kopp, 08 Mar. 2018

- STPSat-3 mission extended through 2018 overlap with TSIS.

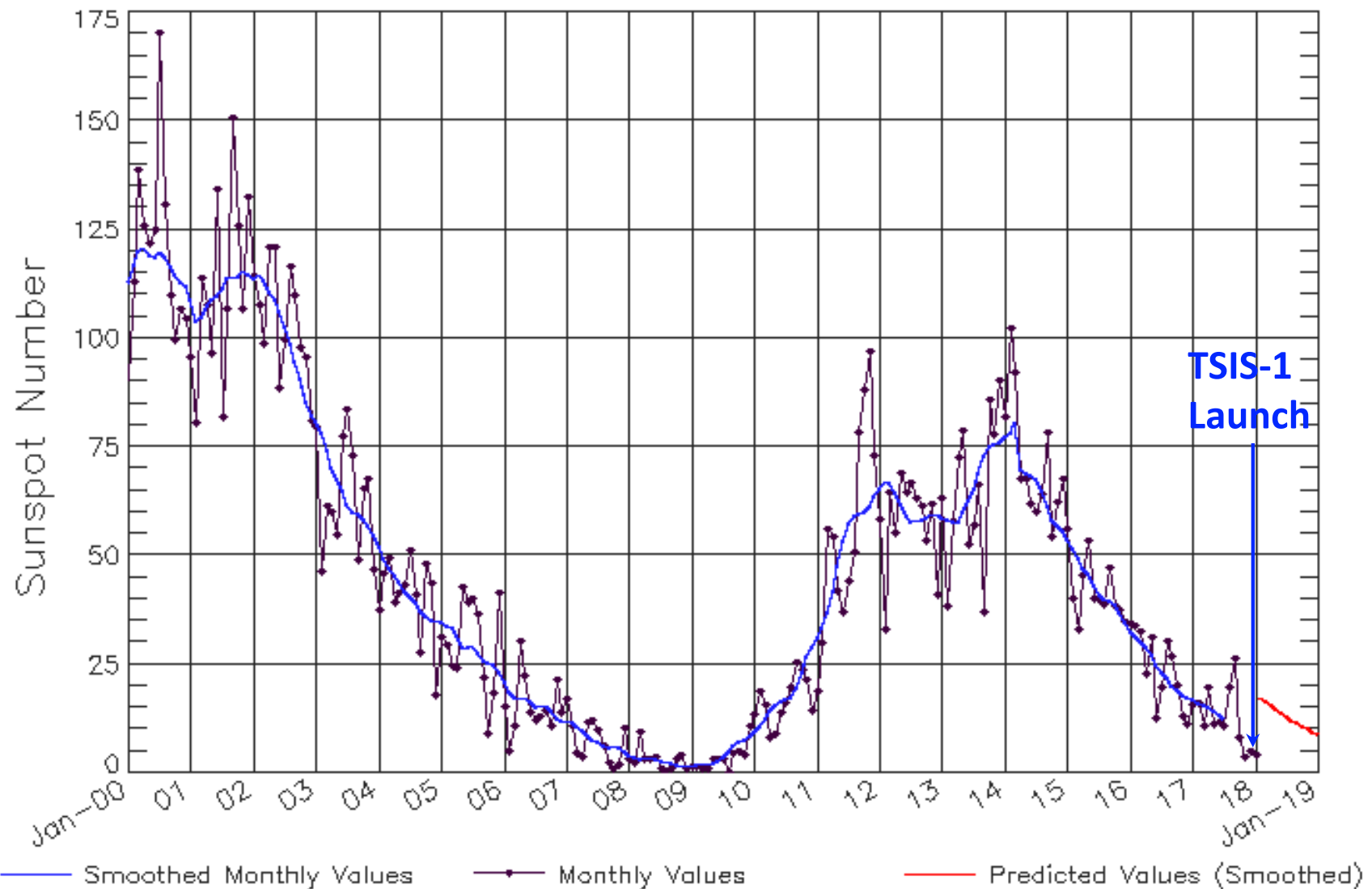
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Requirement for a Timely TSIS Launch

ISES Solar Cycle Sunspot Number Progression
Observed data through Jan 2018



TSIS Launch on 15 December 2017

TSIS Launch on SpX-13



Dragon Separation



TSIS Launch on 15 December 2017



TSIS TPS Going Through its Paces



TSIS Makes Two Measurements

The Total and Spectral Solar Irradiance Sensor-1 (TSIS-1) provides two measurements critical for understanding solar influences on Earth climate.

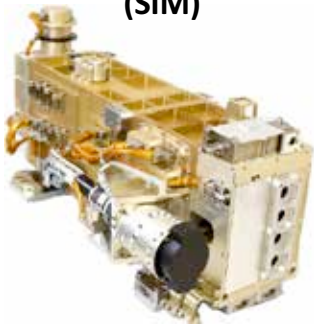
Total Irradiance Monitor
(TIM)



Total solar irradiance (TSI)

- Earth's predominant energy source.
- The TSIS-1 Total Irradiance Monitor (TIM) will continue a 40-year long uninterrupted measurement record of TSI.

Spectral Irradiance Monitor
(SIM)

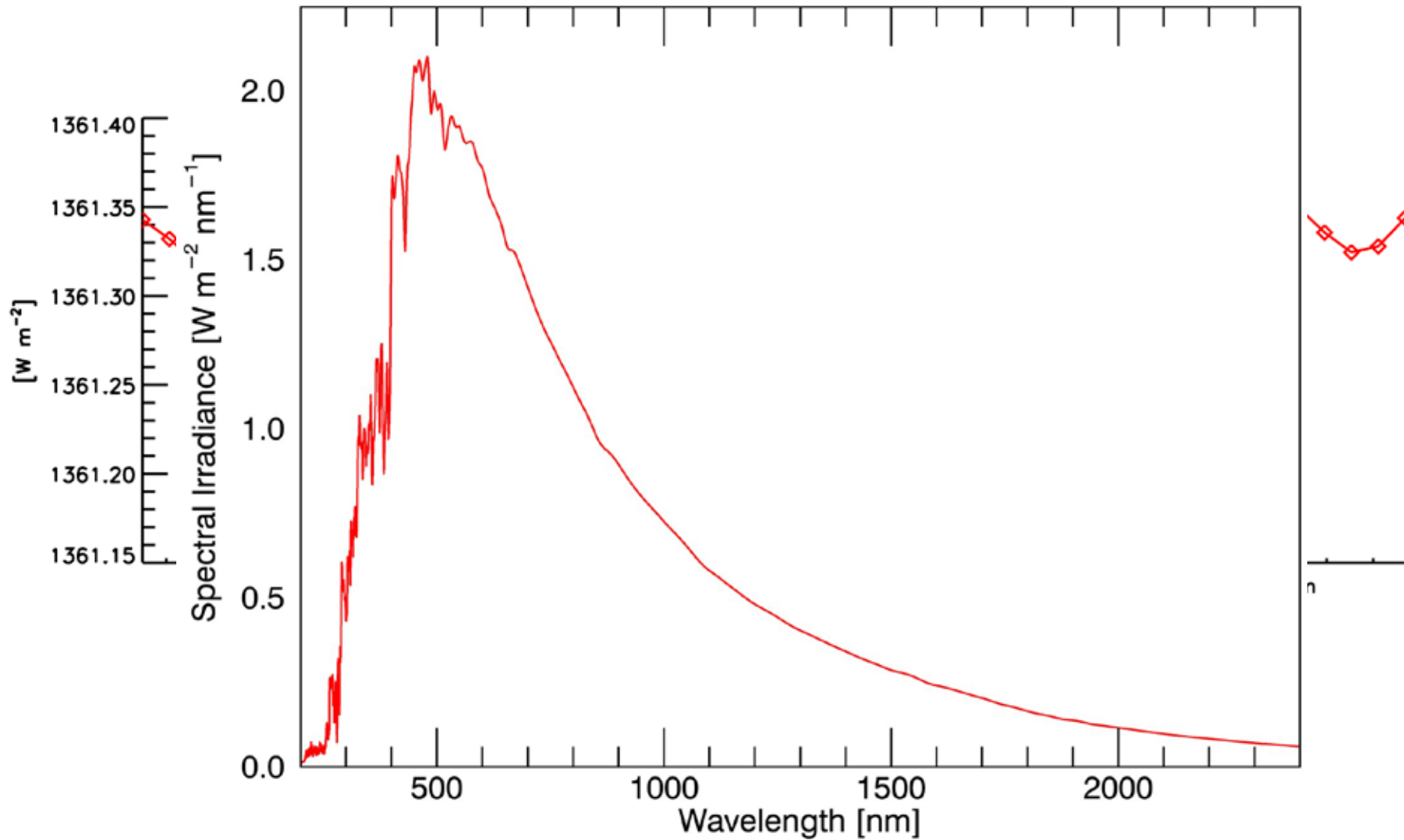


Solar spectral irradiance (SSI)

- Measured by the TSIS-1 Spectral Irradiance Monitor (SIM).
- Identifies the regions of atmosphere that are affected by solar variability and the mechanisms of response.

SIM First Light

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TSIS First Light

Session 2 this afternoon: *The state of the TSI and SSI climate records near the end of the SORCE Mission*

2:15 PM: Greg Kopp, *The TIM Trilogy*

3:10 PM: Erik Richard, *TSIS SIM Solar Spectral Irradiance: First Light and Early Observations*

TSIS Summary

- Science requirements are being met or are expected to be met.
- Greatest challenge is obscurations – but this was anticipated.
- Predictions needed to reduce uncertainties.
- First light data come with disclaimers – but results thus far are promising.

Introduction to the 2018 Sun-Climate Symposium

1. The creation, significance, and applications of accurate Climate Data Records (Chairs: *Odele Coddington & Peter Pilewskie*)
2. The state of the TSI and SSI climate records near the end of the SORCE Mission (Chairs: *Marty Snow & Greg Kopp*)
3. Next generation of solar and atmospheric observations (Chairs: *Erik Richard & Tom Sparn*)

Poster Session I

4. Impacts of solar variability on the terrestrial environment during Solar Cycle 24 (Chairs: *Jerry Harder & Dong Wu*)
5. Stellar variability and connections to the Sun (Chairs: *Doug Rabin & Charles Ichoku*)

Poster Session II

6. What are the expectations for the next solar minimum and Solar Cycle 25? (Chair: *Tom Woods*)

Wednesday, 21 March, Afternoon & Evening

Big Bear Solar Observatory

12:15 pm **Bus #1 (GOLD coin) departs LACC (arrives BBSO 1:15 pm)**
1:00 pm **Bus #2 (GREEN coin) departs LACC (arrives BBSO 1:15 pm)**
2:45 pm **Bus #1 departs BBSO (arrives LACC 3:45 pm)**
3:30 pm **Bus #2 departs BBSO (arrives LACC 4:30 pm)**

Poster Session/ Reception I

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Special Evening Presentation 8:00 – 9:00 PM

Gary Rottman, LASP, University of Colorado – Boulder

How the Sun abandoned the Incas during the Maunder Minimum



Thank you!

Organizing Committee

Odele Coddington, Jerry Harder, Charles Ichoku, Greg Kopp, Jae Lee, Doug Rabin, Erik Richard, Marty Snow, Tom Woods, & Dong Wu

And a special thank you to Vanessa George

