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## **RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SPACE WEATHER-INDUCED EFFECTS ON GNSS PERFORMANCE IN CROATIA**

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  - Overview of space weather effects on GNSS
  - Rationale behind raising public awareness of GNSS space weather effects
  - Methods for raising public awareness of GNSS space weather effects in Croatia
  - Conclusion

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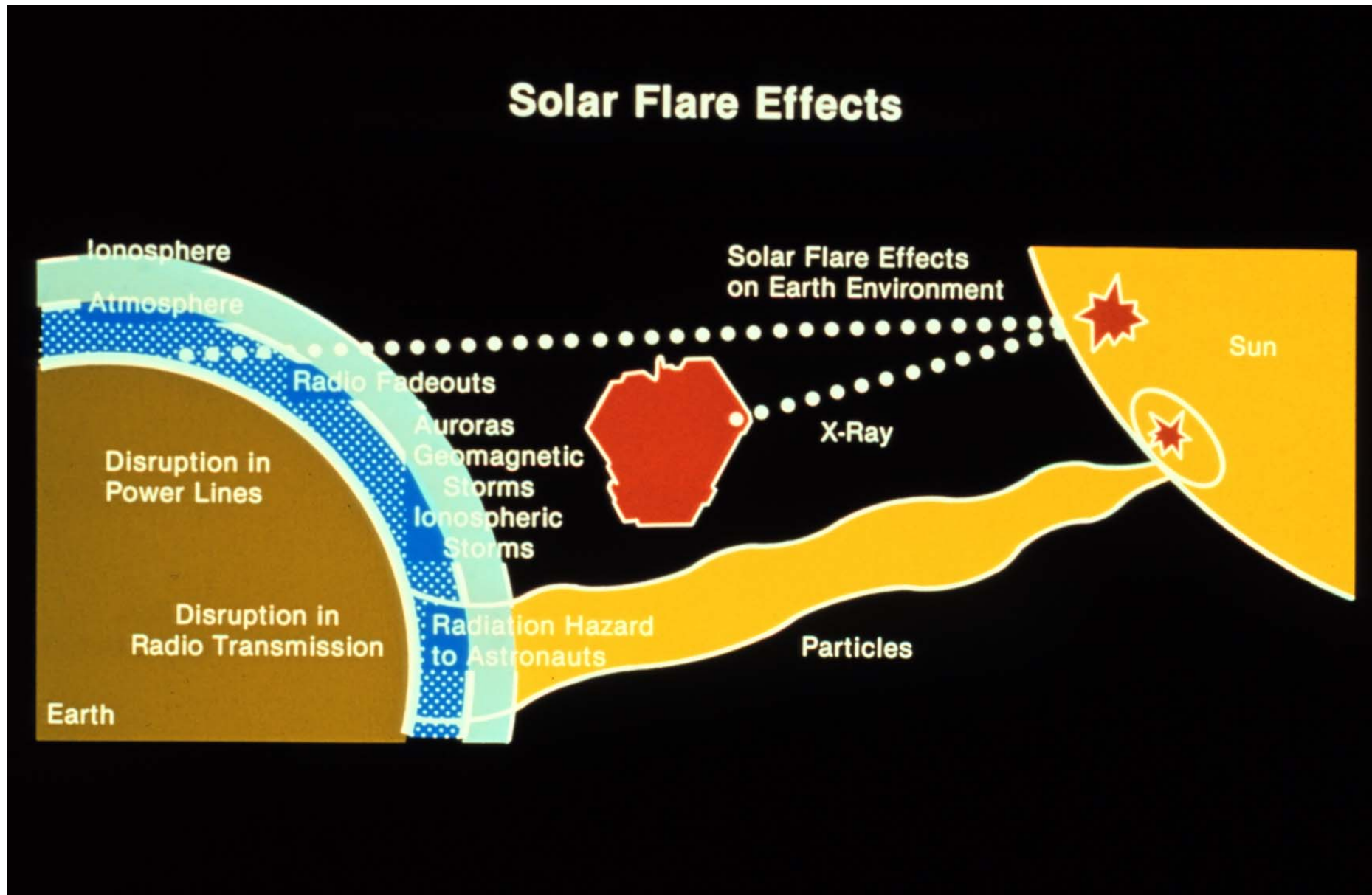
- Introduction

- Space weather – major natural contributor to GPS performance deterioration and operation failure
- GNSS performance deterioration due to ionospheric effects, caused mostly by space weather disturbances
- GNSS operation failures results from solar activity's effects on GNSS infrastructure
- All subjects of GNSS utilisation need GNSS space weather risk assessment and continuous awareness of space weather effects on GNSS performance and operation

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- Space weather effects on GNSS performance and operation
  - Space weather – major natural contributor to GPS performance deterioration and operation failure
  - Increased reliance on GNSS calls for mitigation measures, following from problem awareness
  - Public awareness as the means for space weather-induced GNSS effects mitigation

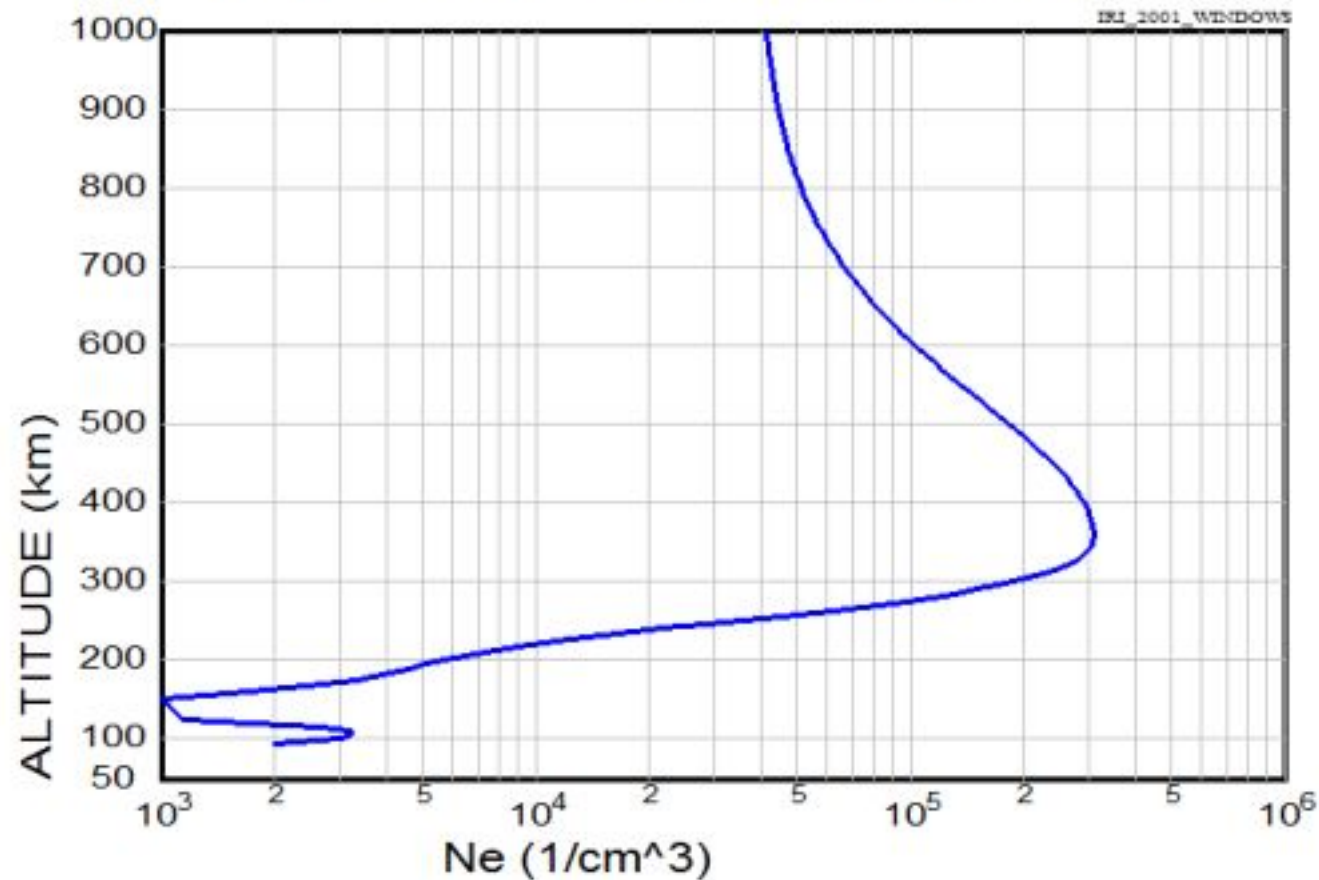
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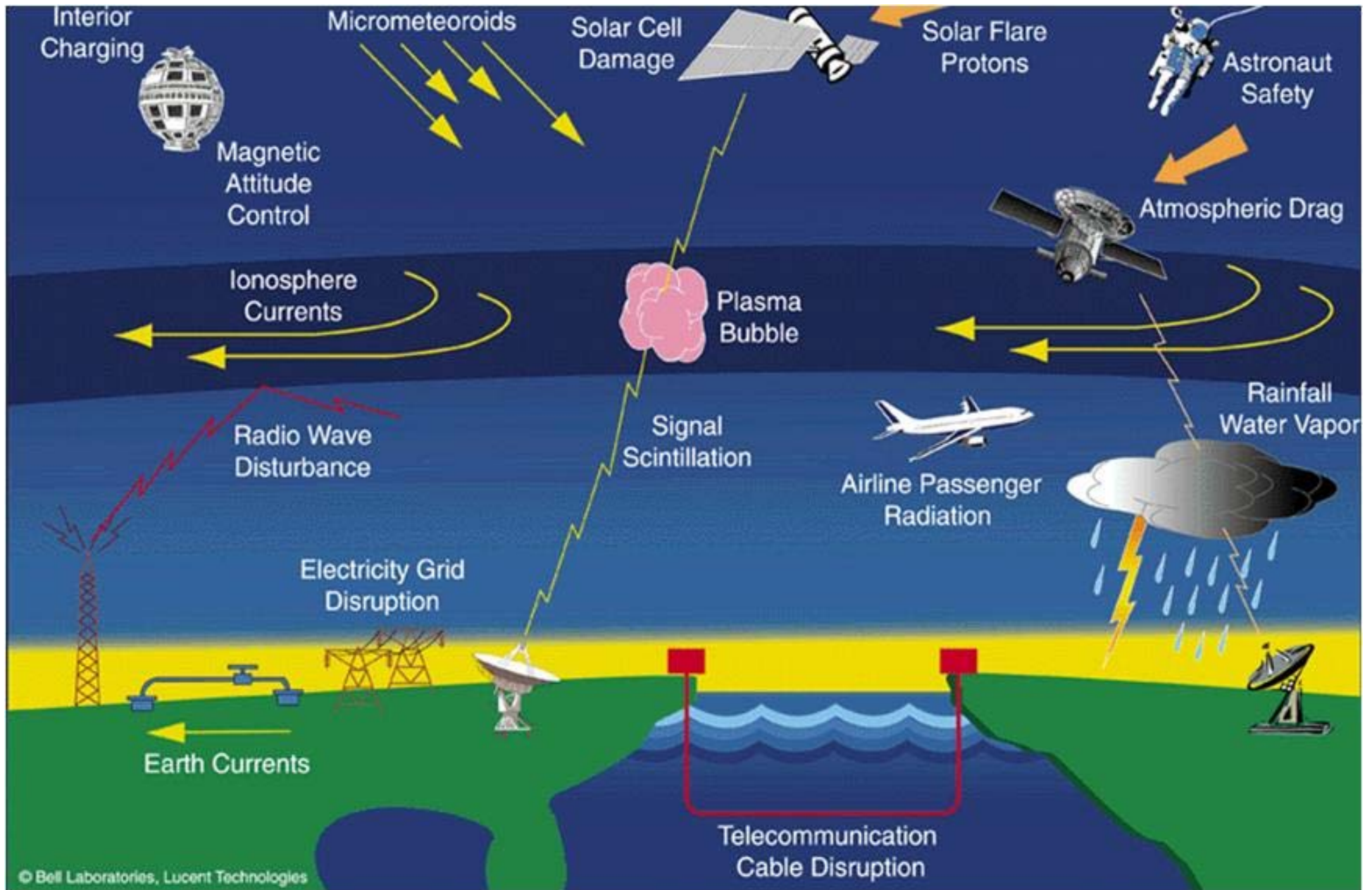
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- Rationale behind raising public awareness on GNSS space weather effects
- GNSS as enabling and underlying technology
- GNSS end-users do not realise dependence on technology -> non-awareness causes lack of proper risks mitigation actions



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- Methods for raising public awareness in Croatia
- Academic education and professional advancement
- Seminars and public lectures for general audience
- Continuous monitoring of space weather and (local) ionospheric conditions
- Internet-based dissemination of space weather and ionospheric status data and forecasts

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- Academic education and professional advancement
- Academic courses at graduate and post-graduate level
- Visiting lecturers under national and EU schemes
- Theoretical and practical scientific activities in accordance to requirements of specific market segments (GNSS applications)

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- Seminars and public lectures for general audience
- Croatian scientists traditionally present the latest developments in their fields of scientific expertise to general audience
- Seminars and public lectures organised by faculties/universities and professional organisations (The Royal Institute of Navigation, IEEE Croatian Section etc.)

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- Continuous monitoring of space weather and (local) ionospheric conditions
- No history of systematic space weather & ionospheric research in Croatia
- Faculty of Maritime Studies in Rijeka has established GNSS-space weather laboratory to provide research facility
- Croatian LION network



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- Internet-based dissemination of space weather and ionospheric status data and forecasts
- Results of GNSS performance analysis available on the web-site [www.ionosphere.hr](http://www.ionosphere.hr) (in Croatian), along with space weather analysis, local ionospheric observables and ionospheric disturbances forecasts



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- Conclusion

- Causes of GNSS performance deterioration and operation failures are essential for developing mitigation techniques and actions for sustainable positioning.
- GNSS users needs risk assessment and continued up-date on space weather effects on GNSS.
- Continuous efforts needed in education and information of a broad area of GNSS users on space weather-induced GNSS effects.
- Croatia as a case-study.





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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