## Initial Results from the Space Environment Data Acquisition

Equipment aboard the International Space Station

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#### Abstract

Space Environment Data Acquisition equipment (SEDA), which was mounted on the Exposed Facility (EF) of the Japanese Experiment Module (JEM, also known as "Kibo") on the International Space Station (ISS), had developed to measure the space environment of the orbit of ISS. This payload module is called SEDA – Attached Payload (AP). SEDA-AP started to measure space environment on Aug. 2009. This paper reports the mission objectives, instrumentation, and initial measurement results of SEDA-AP.

#### 1. Introduction

To support future space activities, it is very important to acquire space environmental data related to space radiation degradation of space parts and materials and spacecraft anomalies. Such data are useful for spacecraft design and manned space activity.

On several satellites of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) since the Engineering Test Satellite-V (ETS-V), Technical Data Acquisition Equipment (TEDA) and SEDA have been installed for obtaining the data described above (TEDA and SEDA were installed on 14 spacecrafts for over 20 years).

The SEDA-AP was launched by the Space Shuttle Endeavour (STS-127) on 16 July 2009 (JST) and attached to the JEM-EF on 24 July 2009 (JST). SEDA-AP started to measure space environment on 11 Aug. 2009. The SEDA-AP comprises common bus equipment supporting launch, RMS handling, the power/communication interface with JEM-EF, an extendible mast that extends the neutron monitor sensor 1 m separate from the bus structure, and equipment that measures space environment data. Figure 1 shows a picture of SEDA-AP and the Exposed Facility. Figure 2 depicts a perspective drawing of SEDA-AP.

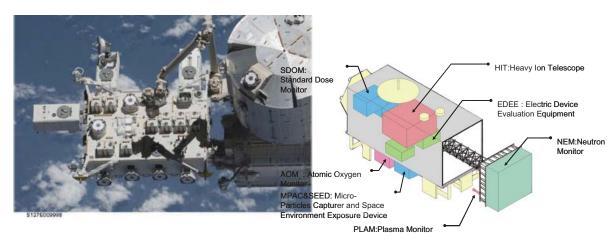


Fig. 1. Picture of the SEDA-AP(left) and EF on ISS/kibo

Fig. 2. Perspective drawing of SEDA-AP

#### 2. Instrumentation

Figure 2 shows that SEDA-AP has eight environment monitoring sensors. Its total weight is about 480 kg; its dimensions are  $1850 \times 1000 \times 800$  mm (neutron monitor storing condition). An overview and the principle of each instrument are as follows.

#### 2.1 Neutron Monitor (NEM)

Neutrons are very harmful radiation because of their strong permeability attributable to its electrical neutrality. The Neutron Monitor measures the energy of neutrons from thermal to 100 MeV in real time using a Bonner Ball Detector [1][2] and a Scintillation Fiber Detector [3]. The Bonner Ball Detector discriminates neutrons from other charged particles using 3He counters, which have high sensitivity to thermal neutrons. It also measures neutron energy using the relative response, which corresponds to different polyethylene moderator's thickness (6 pcs.). The Scintillation Fiber Detector measures the track of incident particles using a cubic arrangement sensor on which are heaped up 512 scintillator fibers. The sensor discriminates neutrons using differences of these tracks, and measures neutron energy by measuring its track length. Figure 3 depicts an image of NEM.

#### 2.2 Heavy Ion Telescope (HIT)

Using a Solid State Detector, the Heavy Ion Telescope measures the energy distribution of heavy ions (Li–Fe), which cause single event anomalies and damage to electronic devices. The Solid State Detector converts loss energy of heavy ions in the detector to electrical signals. The HIT measures an incident particle's mass from loss energy in each layer ( $\Delta E$ ) and the total loss energy of each layer (E) using the  $\Delta E \times E$  method. Figure 4 presents a picture of HIT.



Fig. 3. The picture of NEM



Fig. 4. Photograph of HIT

#### 2.3 Plasma Monitor (PLAM)

Using a Langmuir probe, Plasma Monitor measures the density and electron temperature of space plasma, which cause charging and discharge of the spacecraft. Figure 5 depicts the PLAM.

#### 2.4 Standard Dose Monitor (SDOM)

The Solid State Detector and scintillator of the Standard Dose Monitor measure the energy distribution of high-energy light particles such as electrons, protons, and  $\alpha$  particles, which cause single event anomaly and damage to electronic devices. Figure 6 shows a photograph of SDOM.

#### 2.5 Atomic Oxygen Monitor (AOM)

The Atomic Oxygen Monitor (AOM) measures the amount of atomic oxygen on the orbit of the International Space Station. Atomic oxygen interacts with the thermal control materials and paints, thereby degrading their thermal control ability. The AOM measures the resistance of a thin carbon film that is decreased by atomic oxygen erosion [4]. Figure 7 shows a picture of an AOM.

#### 2.6 Electronic Device Evaluation Equipment (EDEE)

The Electronic Device Evaluation Equipment measures single-event phenomena and radiation damage to electronic parts. Single-event phenomena are induced by the impact of an energetic heavy ion or proton. The occurrence of single-event phenomena is detected by bit flips of memorized data, the sudden increase of power supply current, etc. Figure 8 depicts the EDEE.

#### 2.7 Micro-Particle Capturer (MPAC)

The Micro-Particle Capturer is a device used to capture micro-particles that exist on orbit. Silica-aerogel and gold plates are used to capture micro-particles. After the retrieval of MPAC, the size, composition, and collision energy, etc. of captured particles are evaluated [5].

#### 2.8 Space Environment Exposure Device (SEED)

The Space Environment Exposure Device is a device used to expose materials for space use. After SEED retrieval, degradation of these materials caused by the space environment, such as high energy radiation, atomic oxygen and UV, will be evaluated. Figure 9 portrays a picture of both MPAC and SEED hardware [5].



Fig. 5. The picture of PLAM

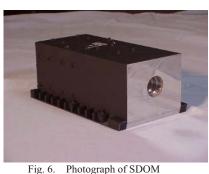
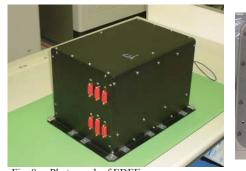




Fig. 7. Photograph of AOM





#### Fig. 9. Photograph of MPAC & SEED

### 3. Applications of the data

Applications of the data is as follows,

(1) Development of various space environmental data base for many utilization needs

- Making and maintenance of space environmental model for space craft design
- Support for astronauts exposed to space radiation
- Support for space weather forecasting
- Contributions to scientific fields
- Investigation of space radiation degradation of parts & materials and space craft anomalies caused by space environment

(2) On-orbit verification of the "Kibo" exposed facility utilization technology

- On-orbit verification of APBUS technology that utilizes the "Kibo" exposed facility
- On-orbit verification of experimental payload integration technology that utilizes the "Kibo" exposed facility

#### 4. Measurement Results

#### 4.1 BBND Nutron measurement results

Figure 10 shows BBND S-1 sensor's geographical plot data, and Figure 11 shows BBND S-6 sensor's geographical plot data on 350km altitude on 1 Oct.2009,

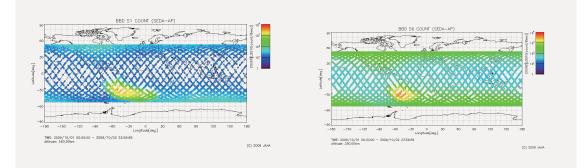
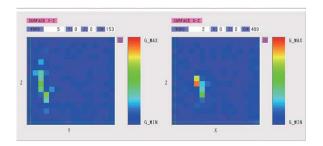


Fig. 10 BBND S-1 sensor's geographical plot data Fig. 11 BBND S-6 sensor's geographical plot data

#### 4.2 FIB Nutron measurement results

Figure 12 shows the neutron tracks actually obtained from the onboard sensor. The left side is Y direction of sensor, and the right side is X direction. The both direction has 256 (16x16) squares shows each scintillation fiber (6x3mm) output. Figure 13 shows proton tracks which started from the first layer of the fiber (in the case of the neutron measurement mode was off).



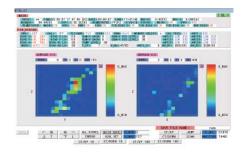


Fig. 12 a neutron track obtained on ISS

Fig. 13 a proton track obtaioned on ISS

#### 4.3 SDOM Measurement results

Figure 14 shows electron (0.28-0.79MeV) measurement results of SDOM, that is overlapped on the world map. SAA (South Atlantic anomaly), radiation enhanced region related to the offset of earth magnetic field, and horn region of outer radiation belt are clearly shown. Figure 15 shows proton (0.78-1.09MeV) measurement results of SDOM, that is also overlapped on the world map. SAA (South Atlantic anomaly) are clearly shown.

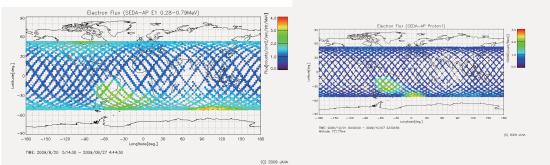


Fig. 14 SDOM Electrons (0.28-0.79MeV) plot data

Fig. 15 SDOM Protons (0.78-1.09MeV) plot data

#### **4.4 EDEE measurement results**

EDEE Observed Results (2009/8/15~2009/10/23) are showed with the name of devices under test and Single Event Upset (SEU), Single Event Latchup (SEL), and Single Event Burnout (SEB) measuremnt results, as following

—	V70-MPU	SEU/SEL : Not observed
_	1M SRAM	SEU : 5 upsets observed/512K
		SEL : Not observed

PowerMOSFET(@175V) SEB : Not observed

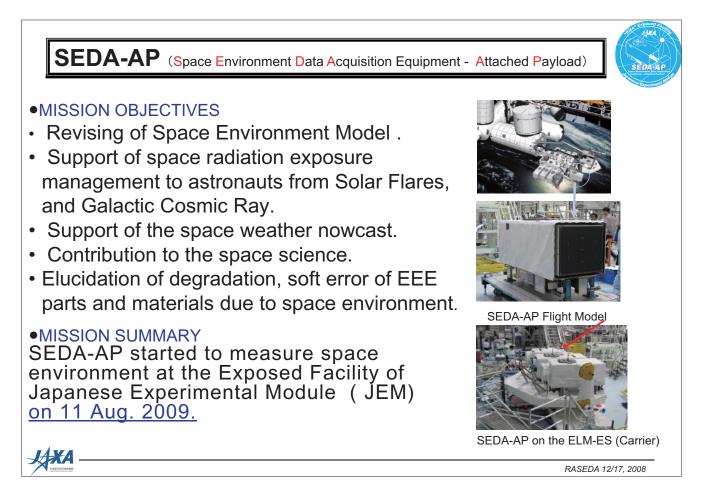
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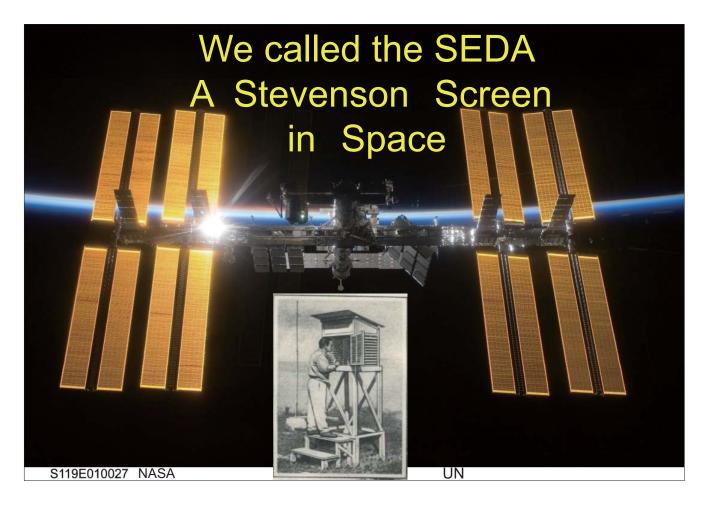
Space environment data in JAXA, which include data from SEDA-AP, are available to the public as data of the Space Environment and Effect System (SEES; http://sees.tksc.jaxa.jp). Those data will be used widely by academic and industrial users in laboratories, universities, JEM experiment investigators, and others in spacecraft operation, engineering fields, and scientific research. Data from SADA-AP will also be used to develop the Japanese space environment model [6].

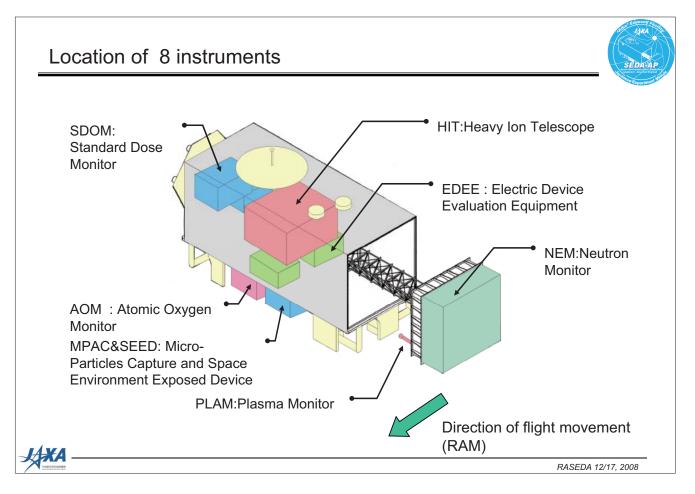
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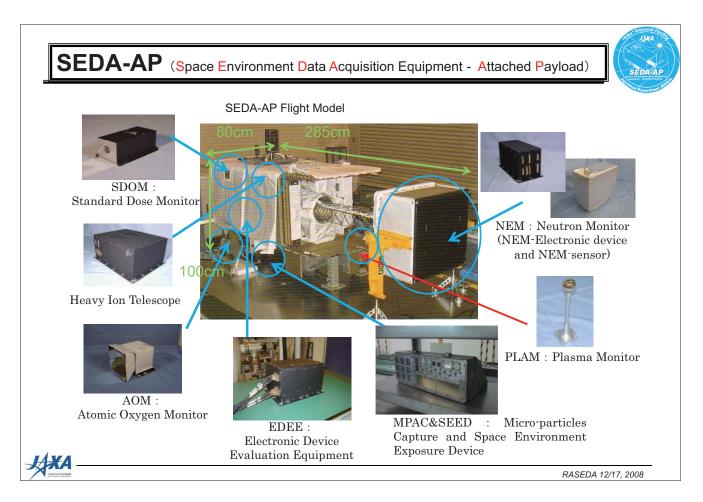
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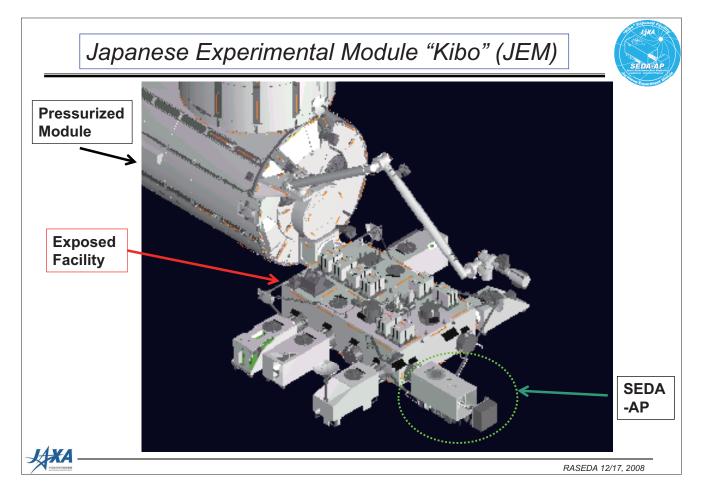


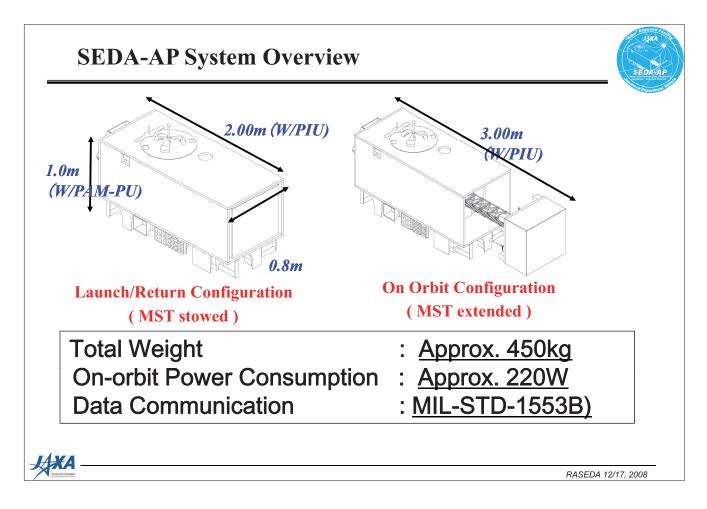


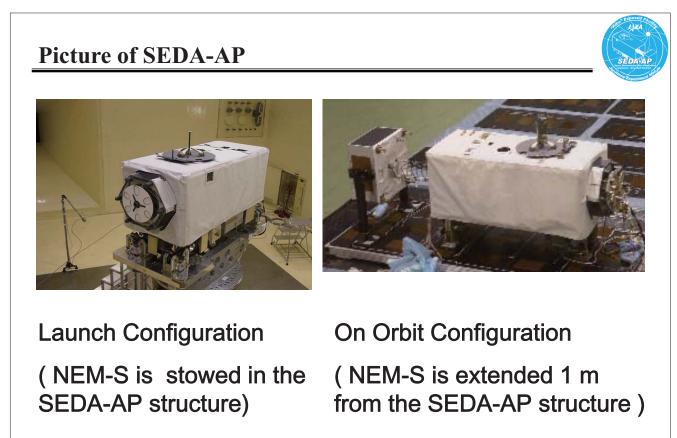


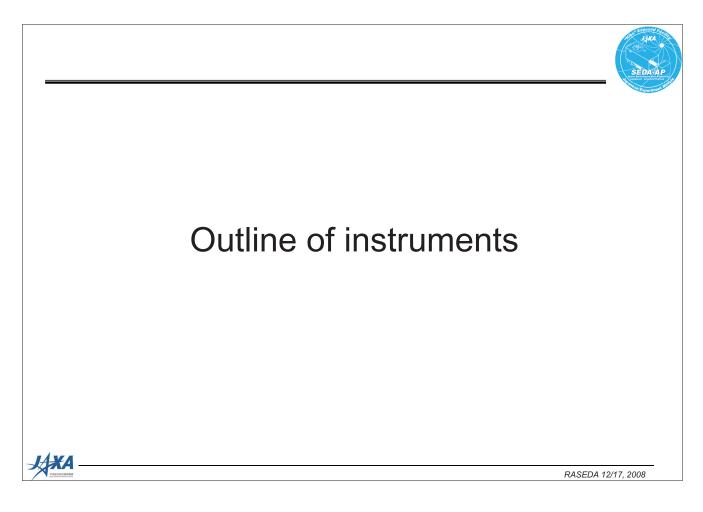


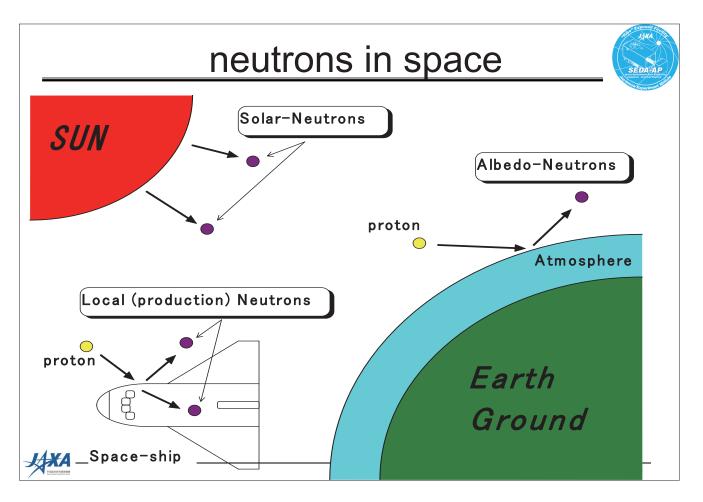


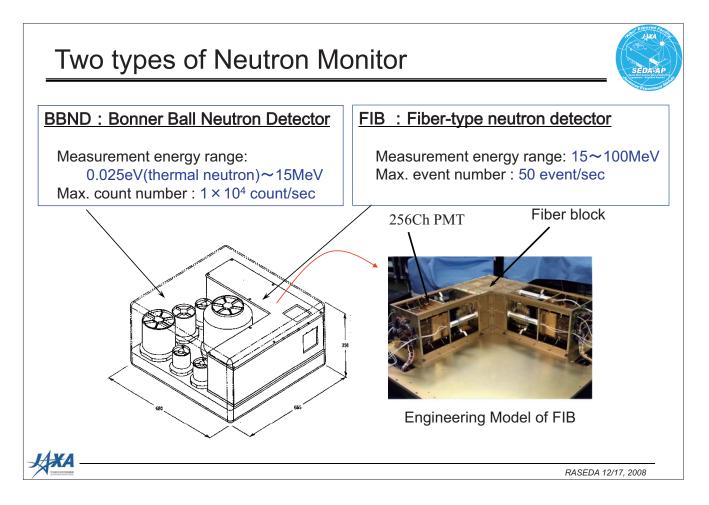


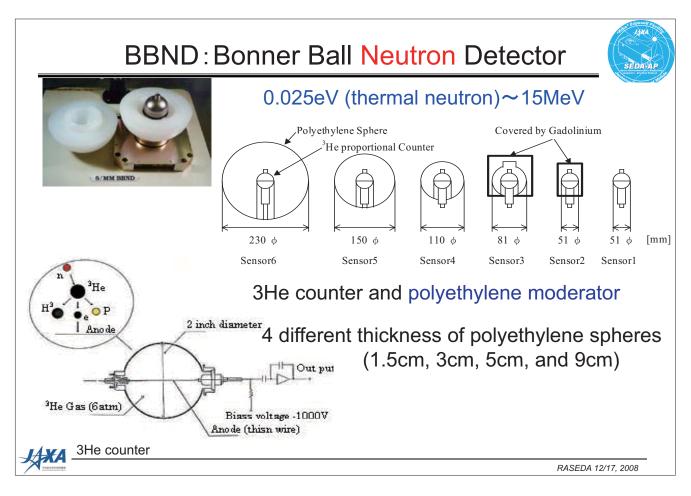


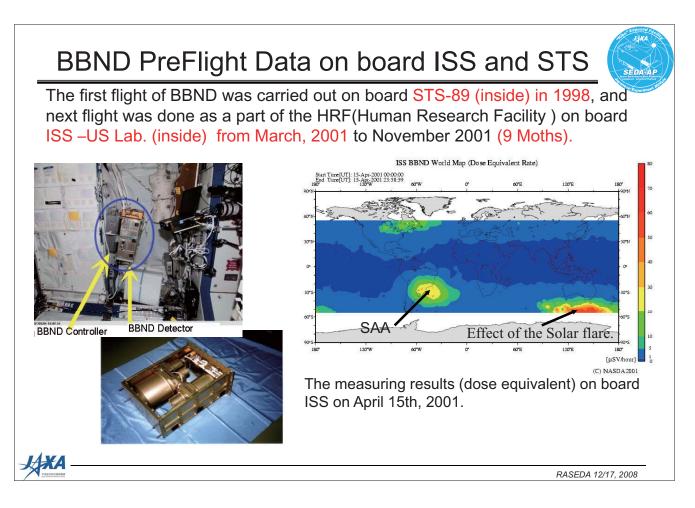


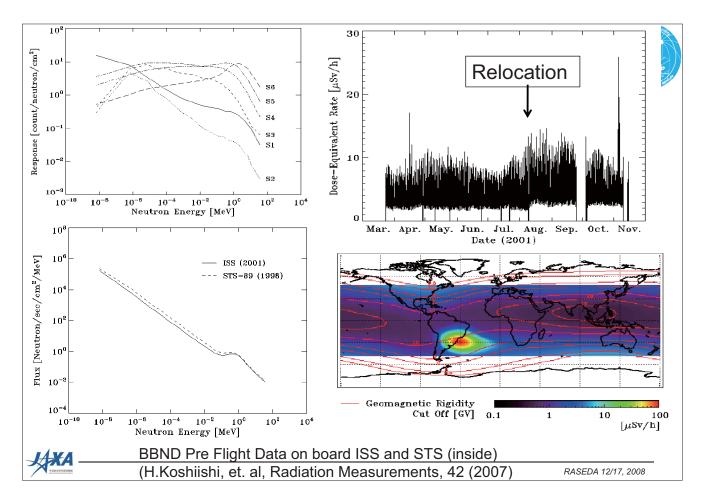


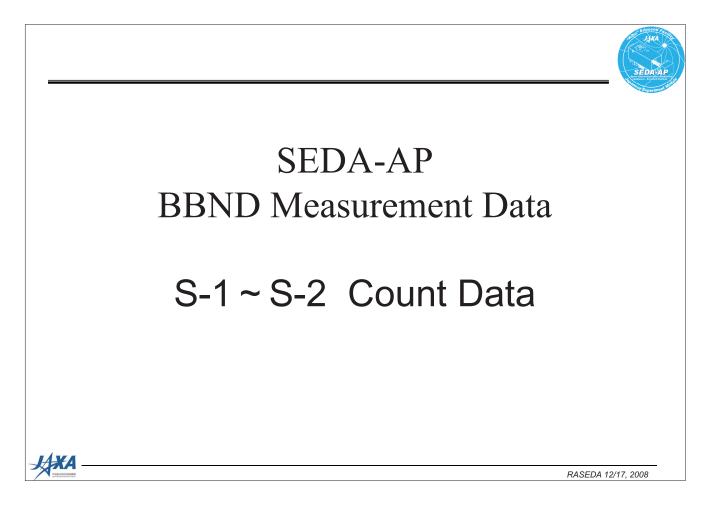


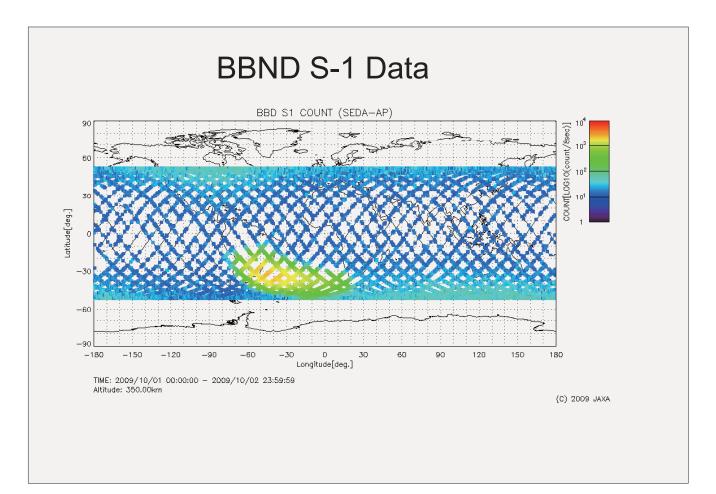


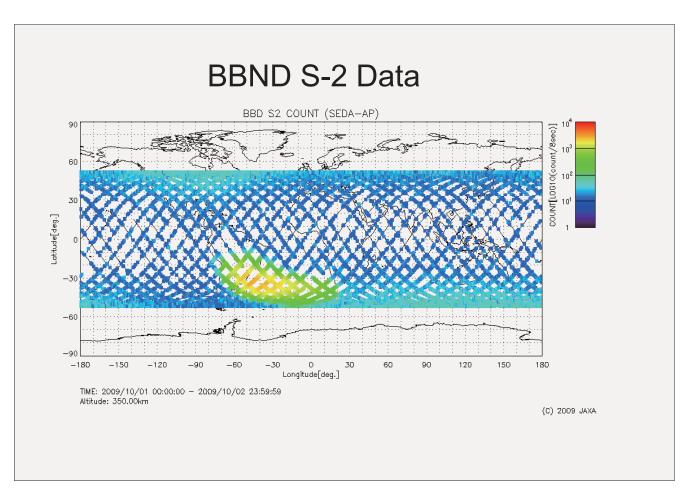


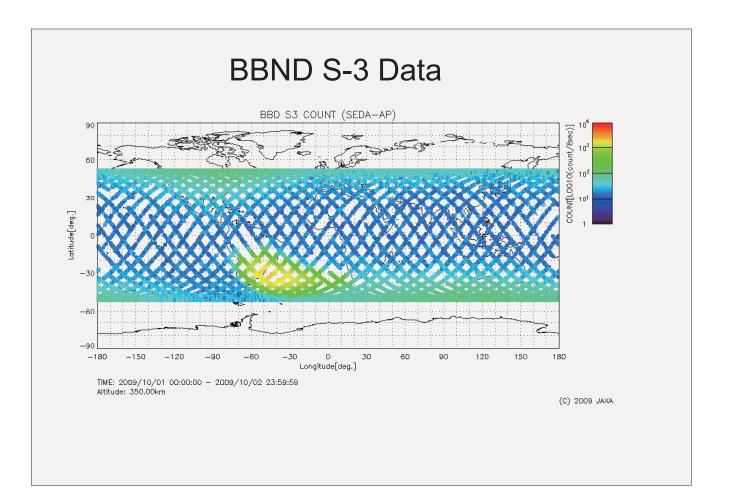


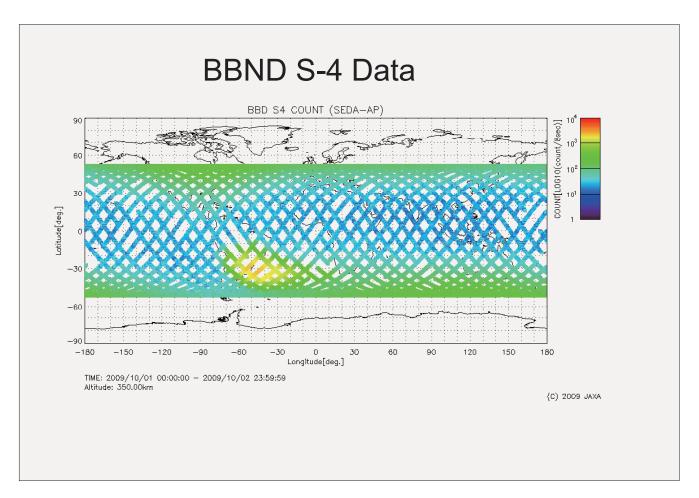


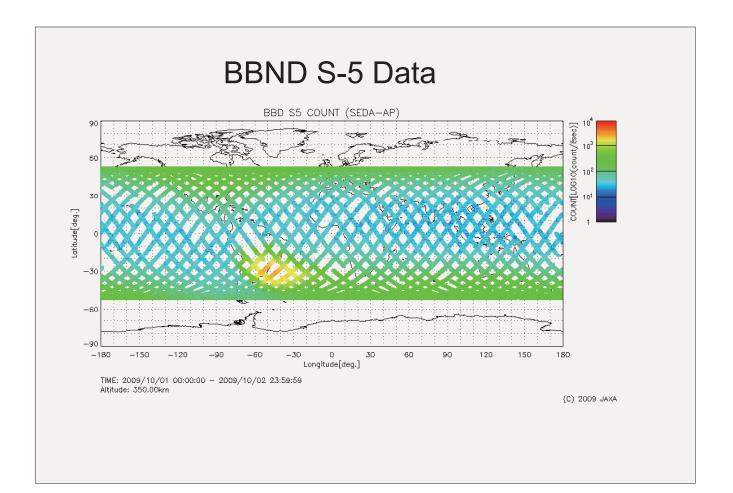


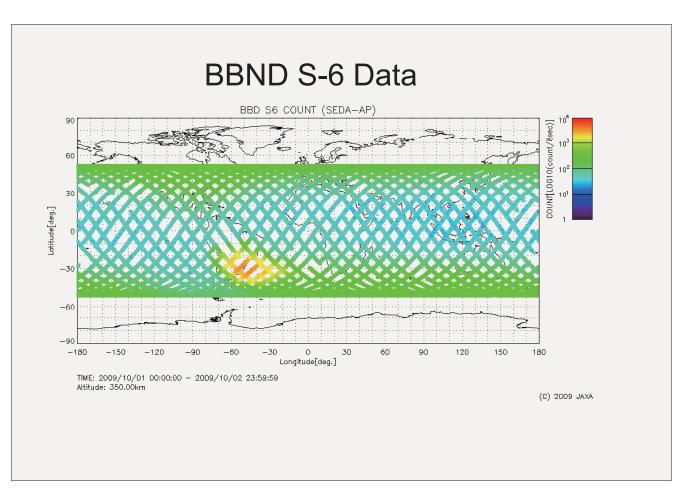


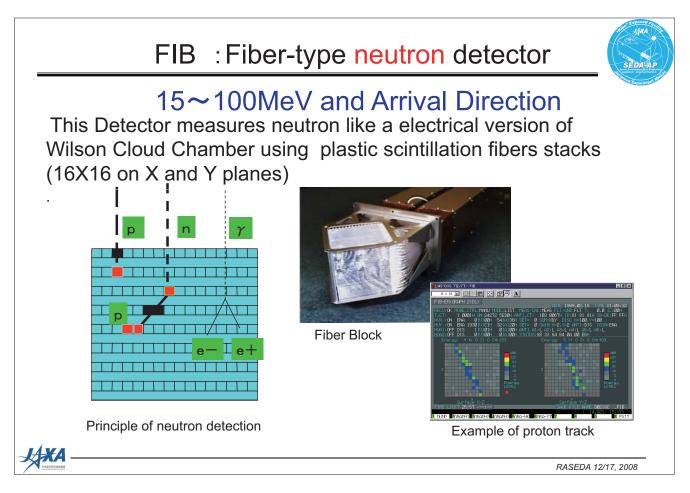






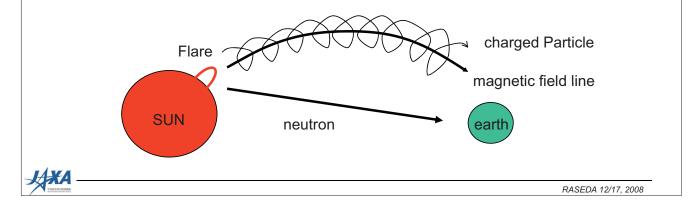


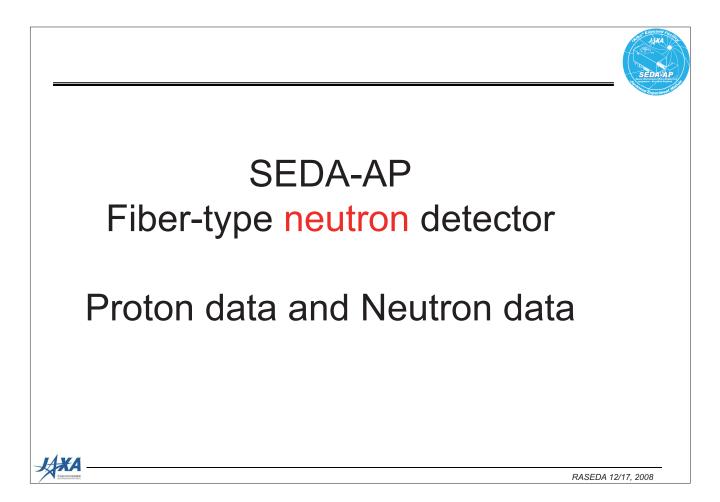


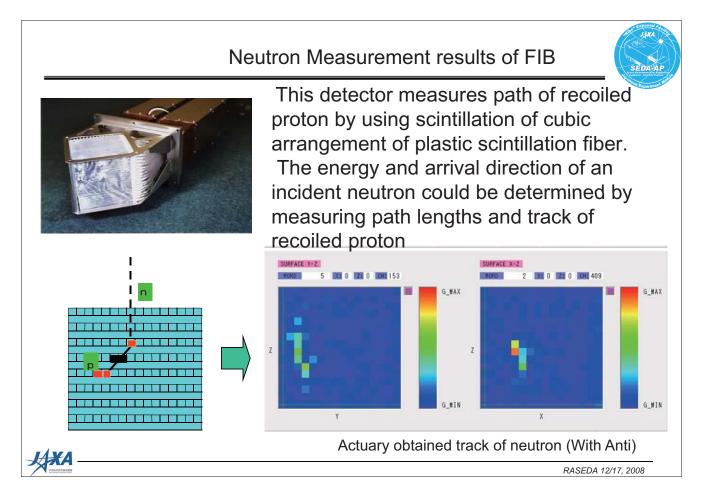


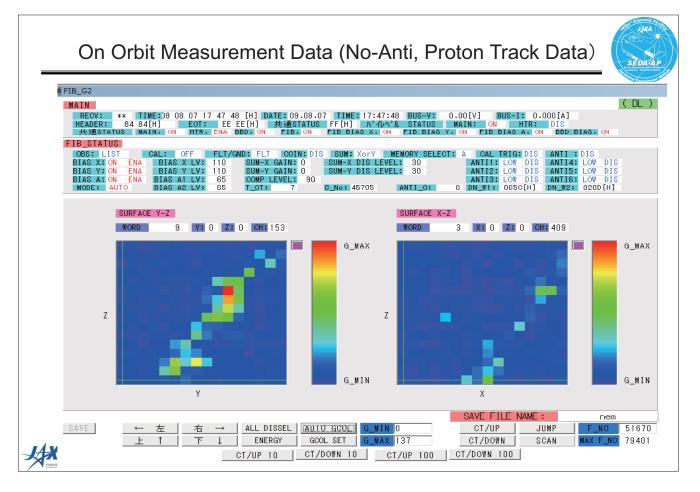
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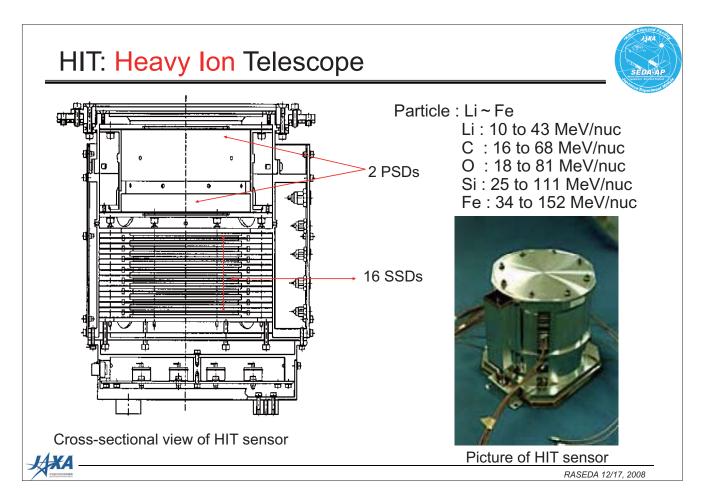
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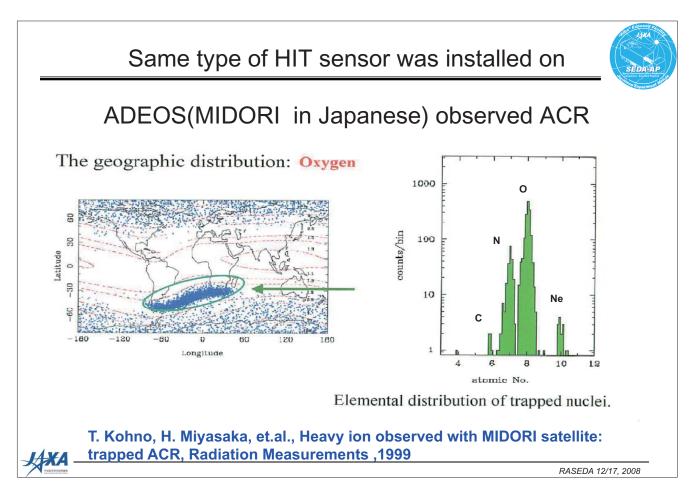


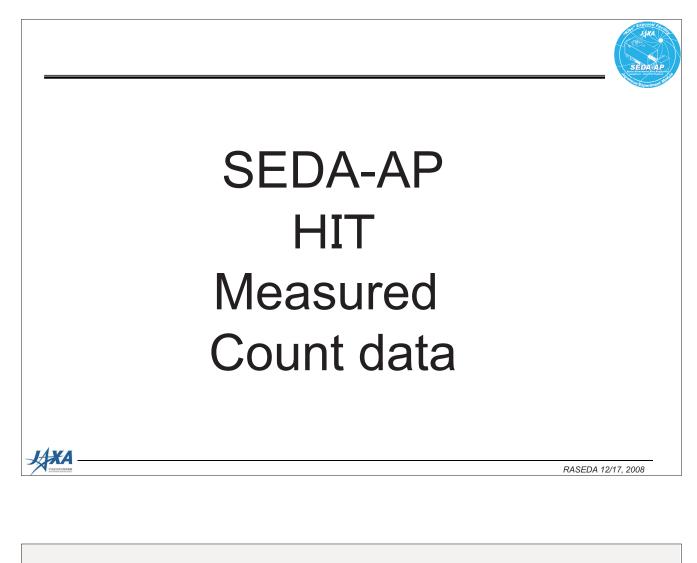


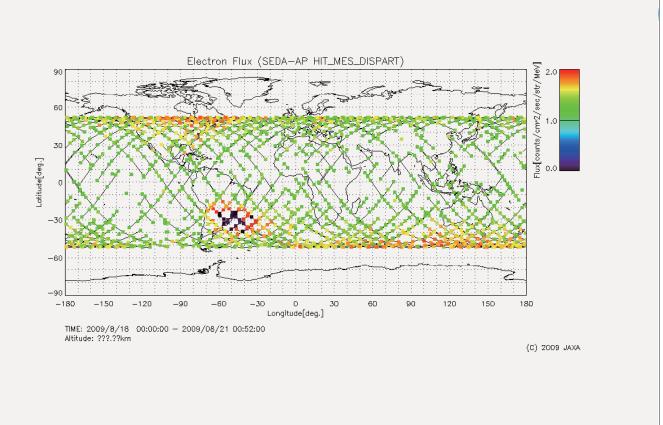


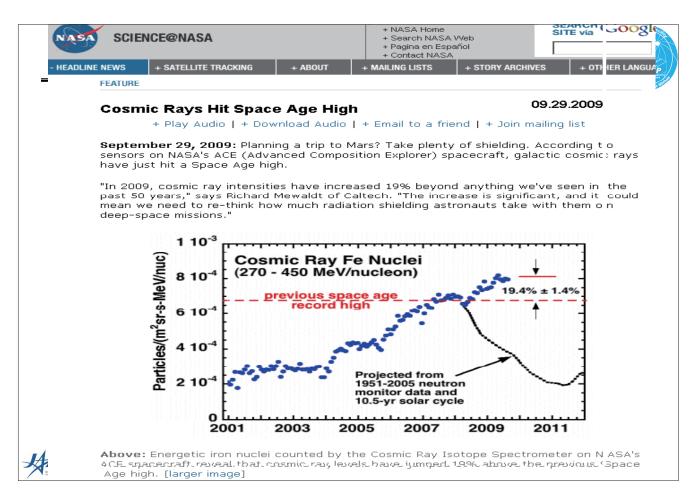


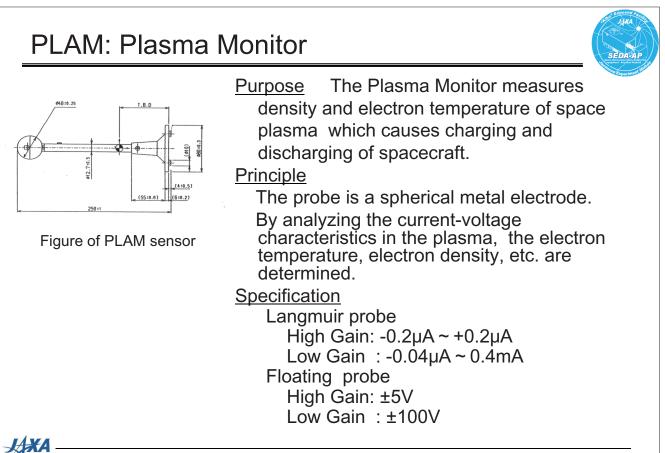










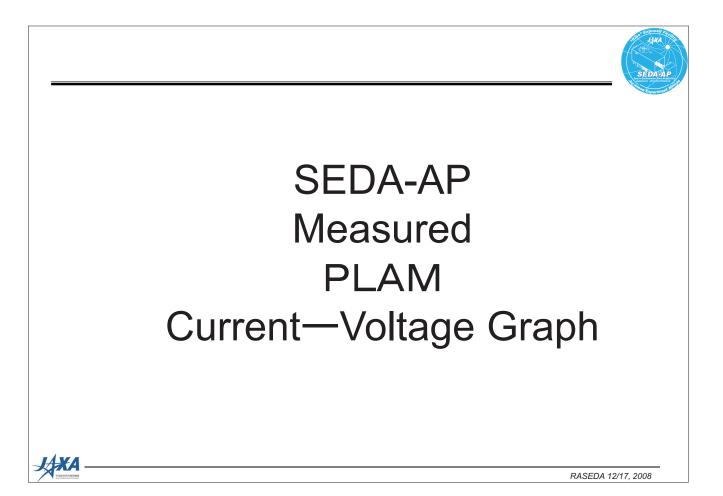


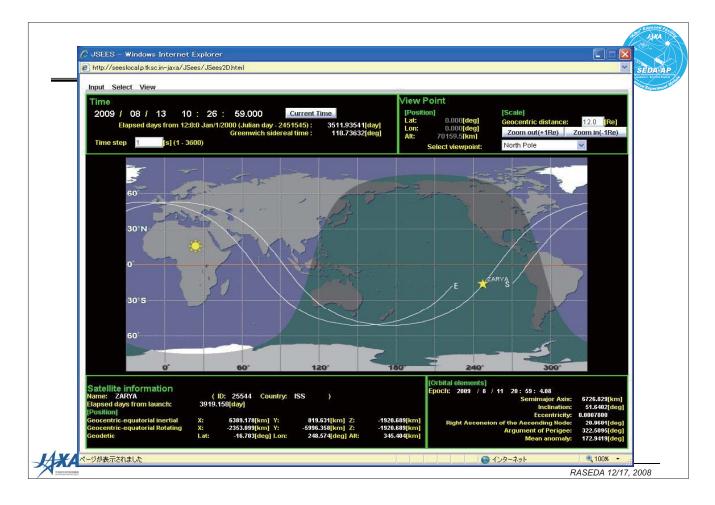
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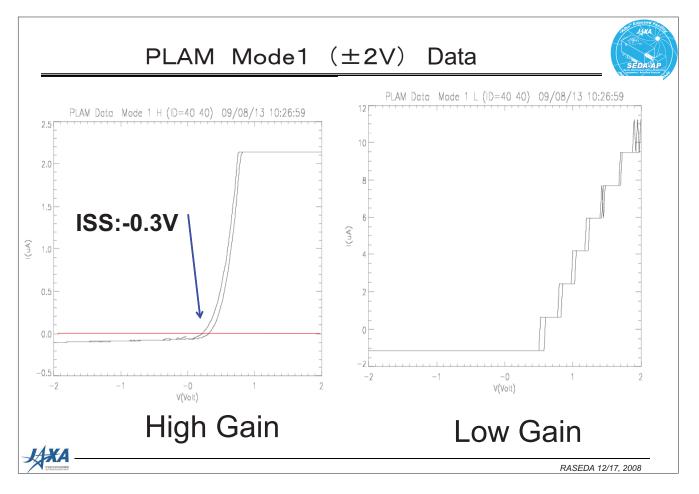


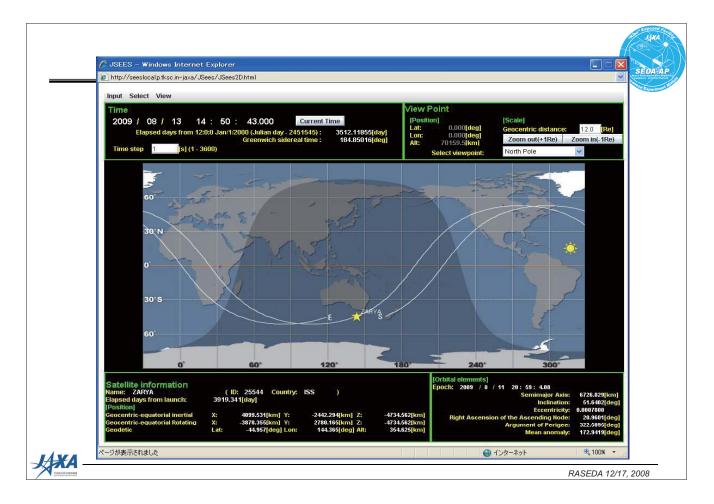
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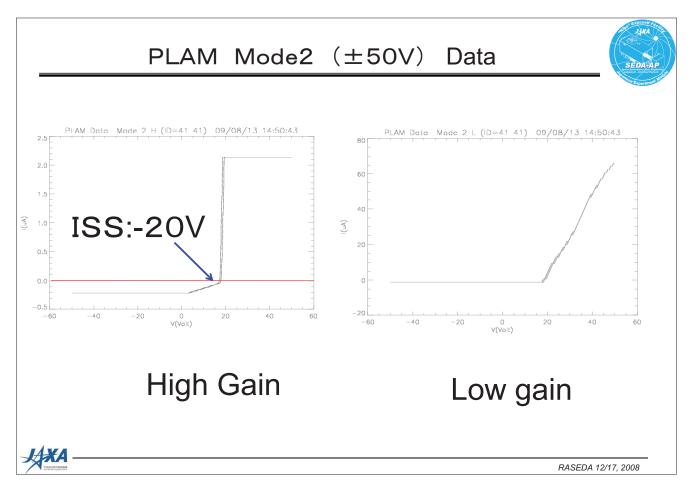












# SDOM :Standard Dose Monitor Purpose Measurement data of a

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Picture of SDOM

Cross-sectional view of SDOM sensor

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Scintillator PMI

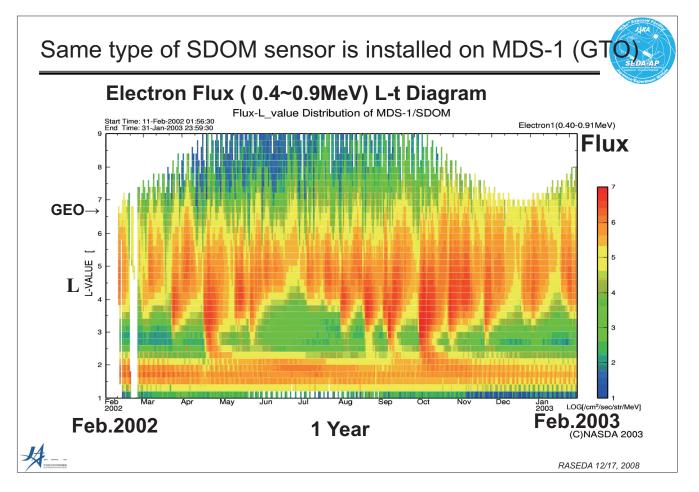
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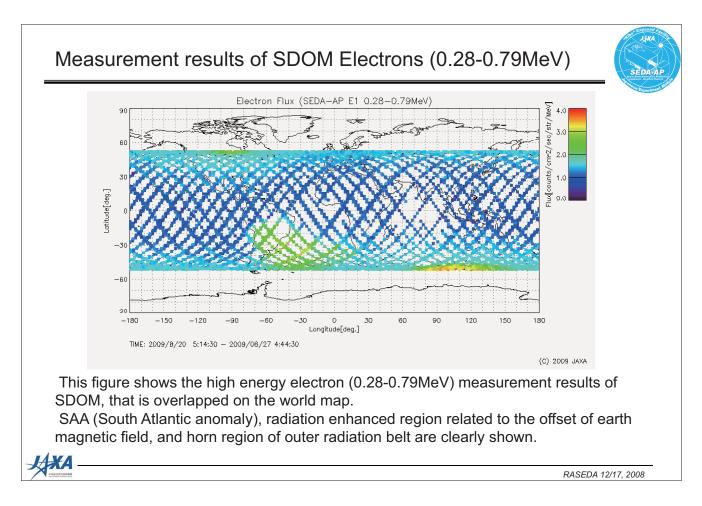
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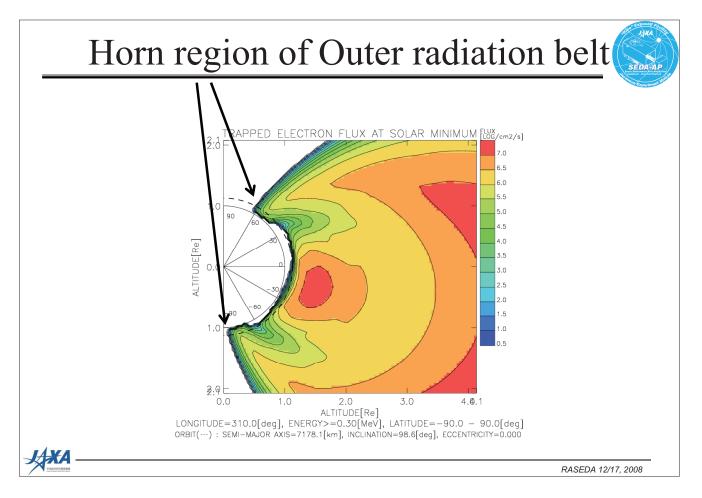
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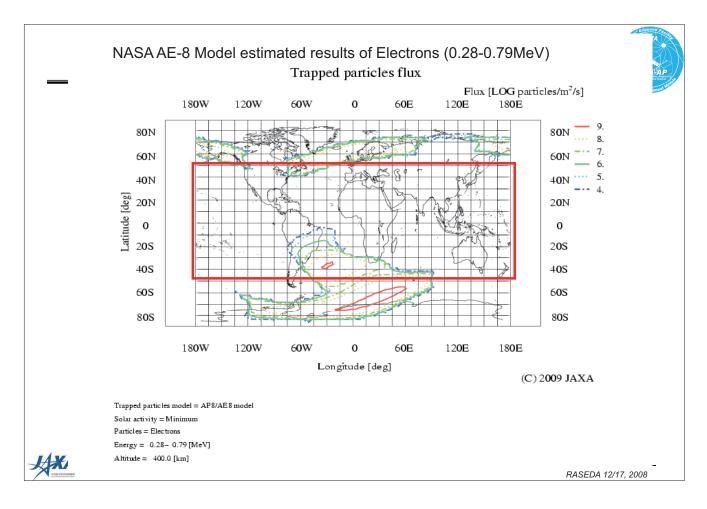
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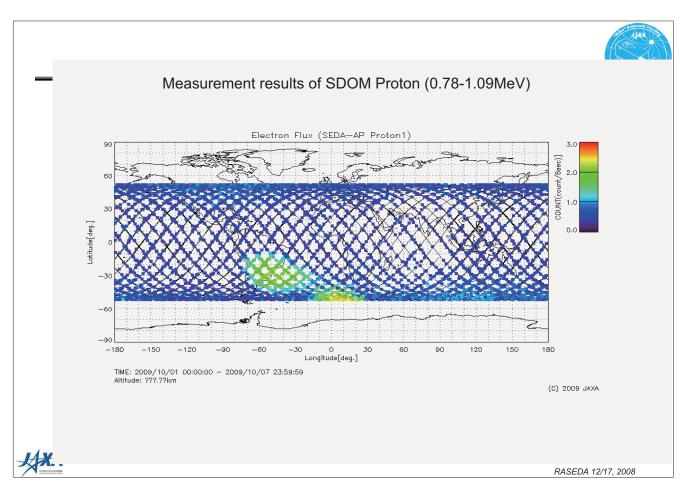


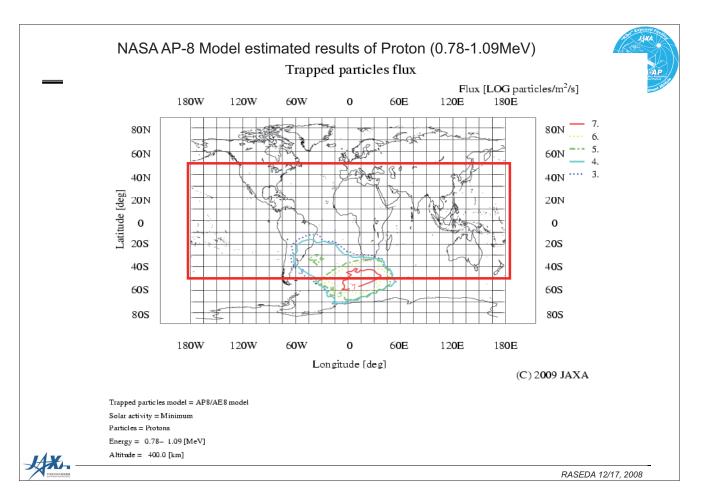
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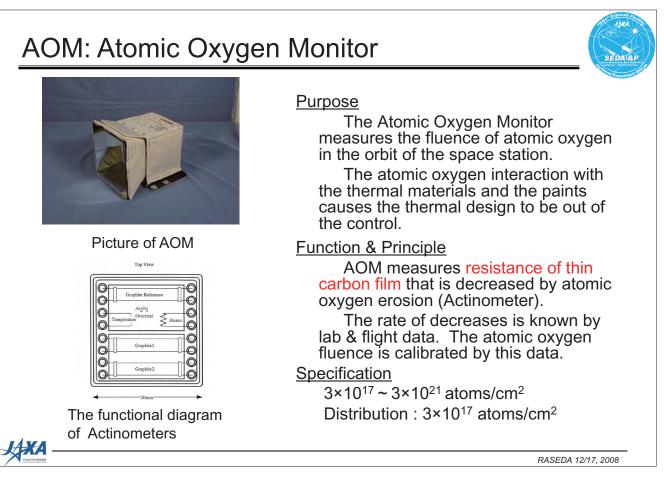


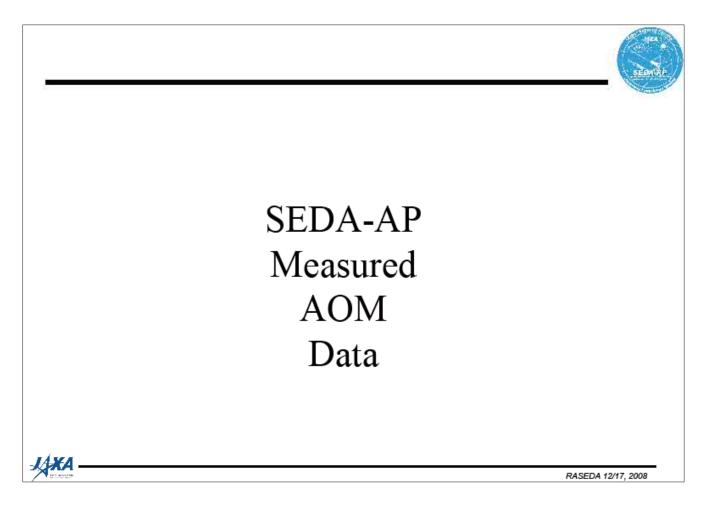


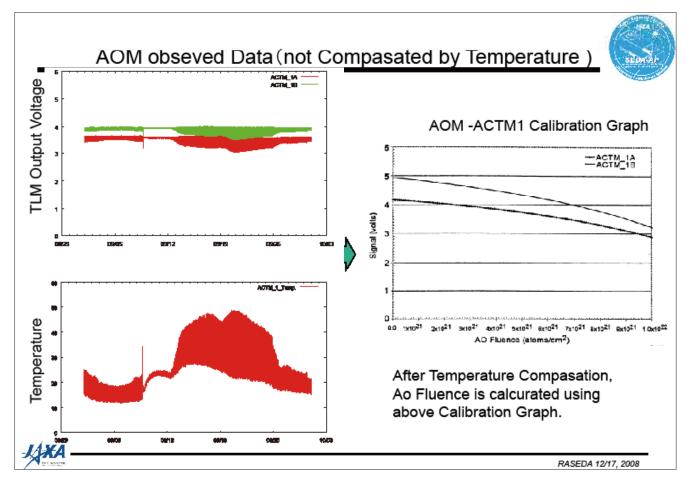












# EDEE: Electric Device Evaluation Equipment





Picture of EDEE

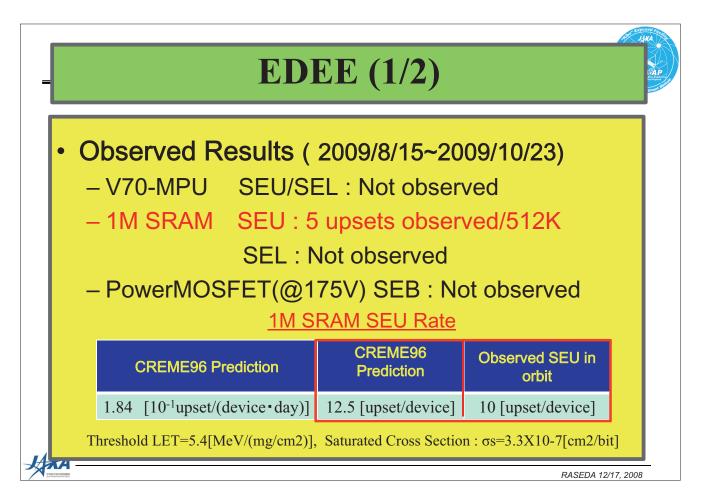
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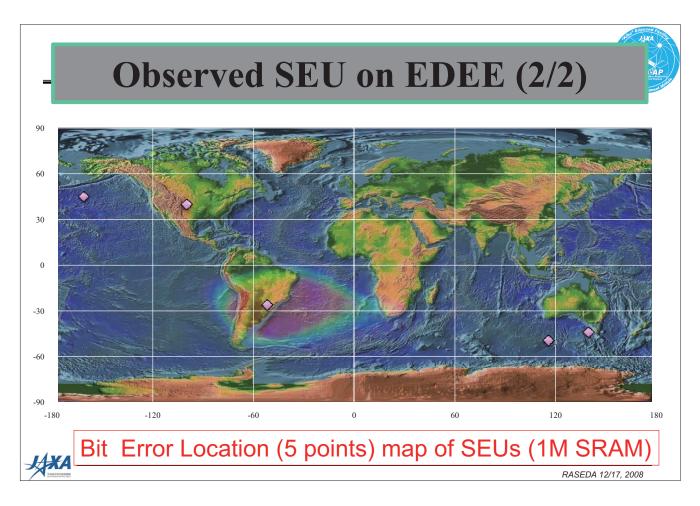
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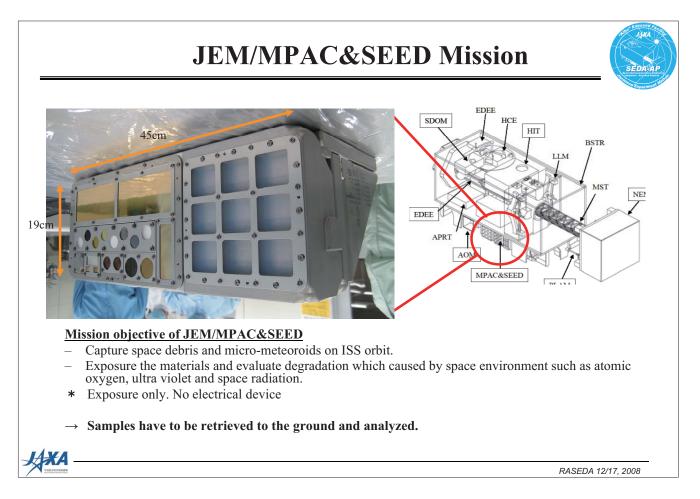
The purpose of EDEE is to monitor Single Event Effects (SEE) due to ionizing particles in space to electric devices used in JEM. Therefore, EDEE will carry several important devices among those used in JEM and evaluate their functions. The acquired data will be reflected upon trouble shoot if it happens in JEM, and also the improvement of the SEE prediction method on board.

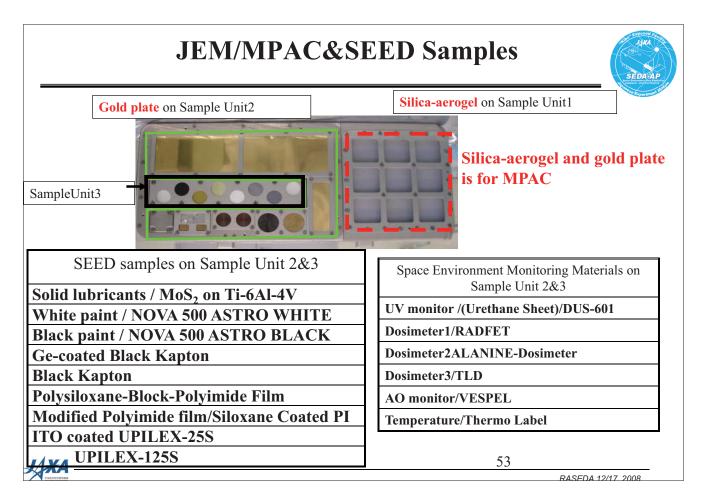
Specification

EDEE carries four types of devices, Memory, Micro-Processor Unit (MPU), and Power MOSFET.









# Precursor mission of MPAC&SEED, Service Module of IS





Inspection of SM/ MPAC & SEED inside ISS

