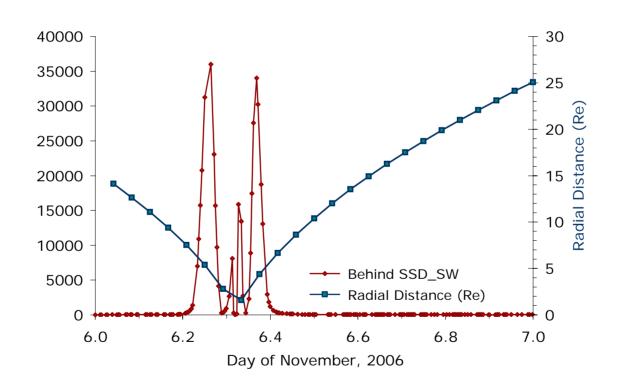


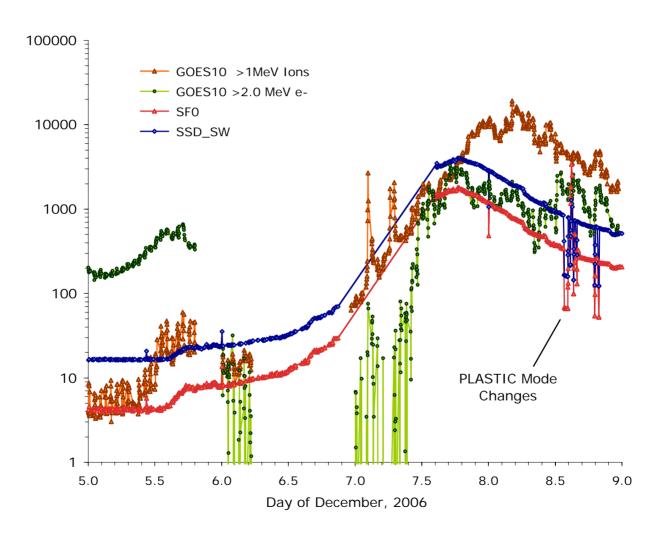
#### **Present State**

- Most high voltages are on to ~80% of operational values, except the entrance system.
- PAC (internal acceleration of ions prior to carbon foil) is -17.3kV on both units
  - -(eventually -21 kV)
- MCP (microchannel plate supply) is at:
  - 2300 (B)-2500V (A)
  - -(eventually 2800-3000 V)
- SSD is at full voltage (98V) on both units
- Instruments have been powered up 5x (A) and 4x (B)

## Radiation Belt Passage: Penetrating Particles (B)



## December 5, 2006 Event (A)



# Final Subsystem to Commission: Entrance System

- Entrance system was operated in a limited manner for the first time in flight on Dec 8, 2006 (both units).
- High voltages that are involved in the Entrance System:
  - ESA (top-hat),
  - out-of ecliptic deflectors
  - proton/He reduced aperture channel ("S-ch")
- Only the ESA was operated during this test. ESA was placed at fixed voltages in steps to admit ions from 7 to 86 keV/e.

### Solar wind conditions at time of test:

Real-time solar wind data from ACE was not available.

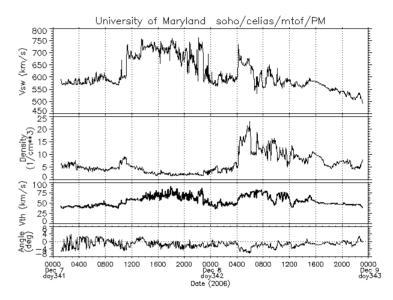
SOHO PM data became available, but not realtime.

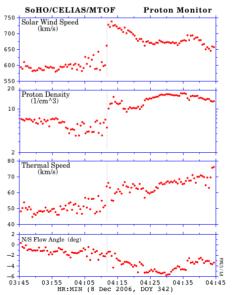
Solar wind from SOHO/PM shows we were in a high speed stream (from a near equatorial coronal hole), when a shock arrived (Dec 8 at 0411 UT).

Possible associated solar events: 06 Dec 1847 X6.5 x-ray flare in AR0930 with a 3B optical flare at S06E63; est. travel time 33 hours.

(courtesy F.Ipavich, PM LeadCol)

STA PLASTIC test started about 1400 UT.

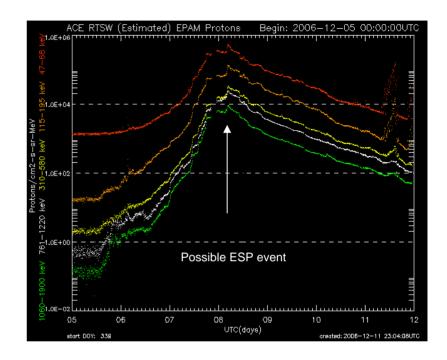


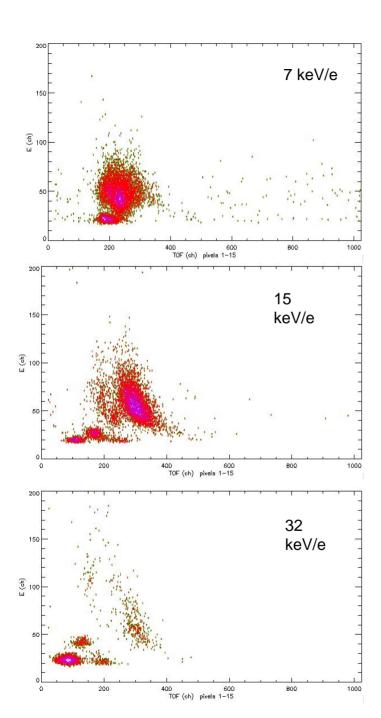


#### **ESP and SEP EVENTS**

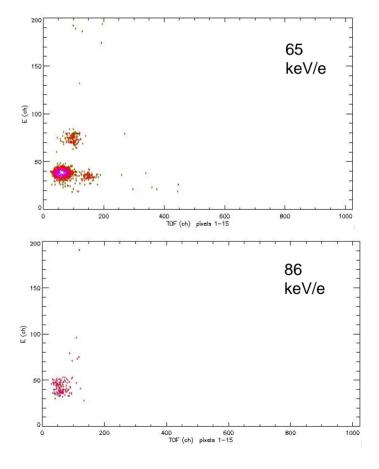
 Busy Day for solar wind. CH high speed stream. Shock earlier in the day, about 10 hours before PLASTIC test, maybe (?) from a solar event. An associated ESP event may be present in Epam.

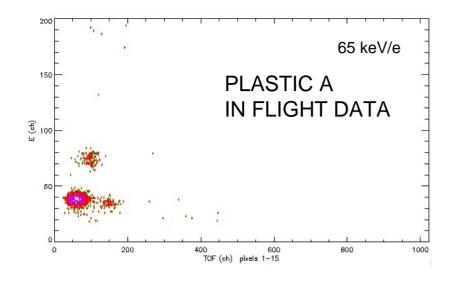
- (Thanks to Fred Ipavich, Murray Dryer, Ghee Fry --the HAFv.2 developer while at the Univ. of Alaska, and the USAF/AFWA forecasters for preliminary fast "analysis").
- AND there was an ongoing SEP event.

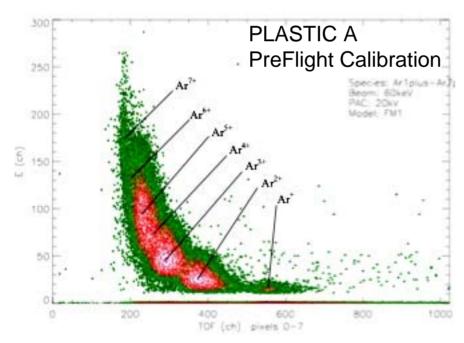


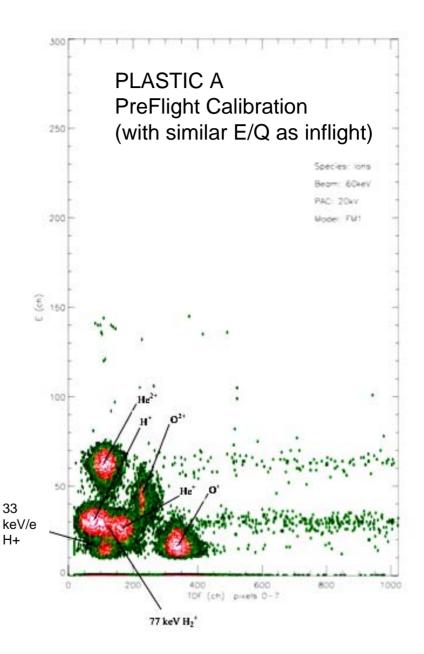


### STEREO A Entrance System Test PHA DATA vs. E/Q (Composition)



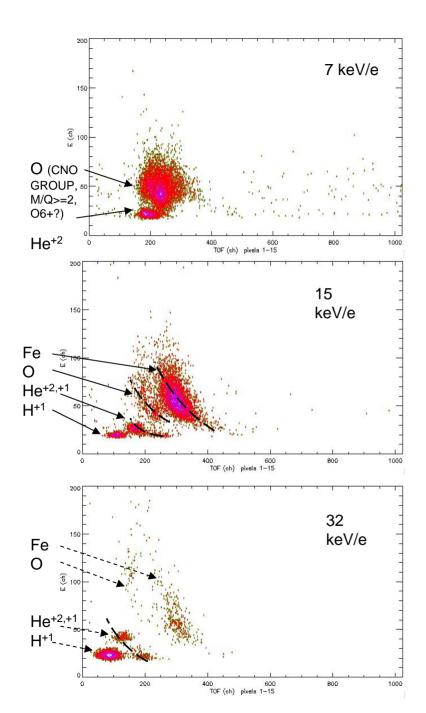




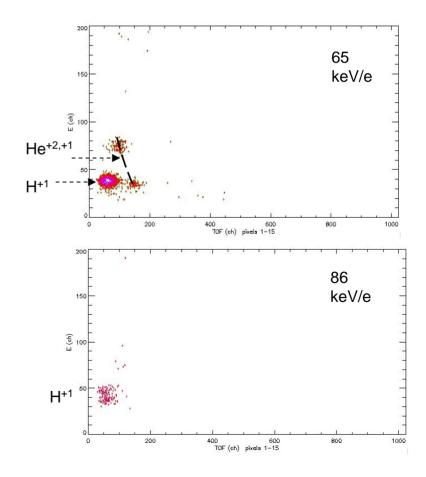


## Composition as "E-T Tracks"

- Each Element has its own track in Energy vs. Time-of-flight.
- Position on track depends on incident Energy. [Faster particles move to higher E and lower Time-of-flight.]
- For a fixed E/Q, different charge states of a given element will show as "clumps" in that species' E-T track.
- Now let's look at that data from STEREO A again...



- He+ may be from accelerated pickup ions (instrument points away from magnetosphere)
- S/W ions would tend to appear at a single TOF for a given E/Q
- The O, He and H ions have higher energies than expected from the S/W.



#### STEREO A - PLASTIC

- Background levels on PLASTIC "singles" rates due to SEP penetration were high, but did not interfere with coincidence composition measurements.
- Test was limited to high E/Q values, to provide an extra safety margin. Suprathermal ion populations observed (not bulk solar wind per se, possibly sw tails and local-shock acceleration of sw-like particles and of He+).
- PLASTIC A composition in the "solar wind sector" for this test case looks excellent.