Space Environment 2020/2021

Syllabus

- The atmosphere (and ionosphere) of Earth
- Motion in a magnetic field (single particle orbit, MHD)
- The sun, its atmosphere and magnetic field.
- Solar Wind
- Magnetospheres. Earth's magnetosphere and radiation belts
- NEO and space debris Kessler syndrome. Mitigation strategies
- Radiation effects on spacecraft and humans
- Thermal balance of spacecraft

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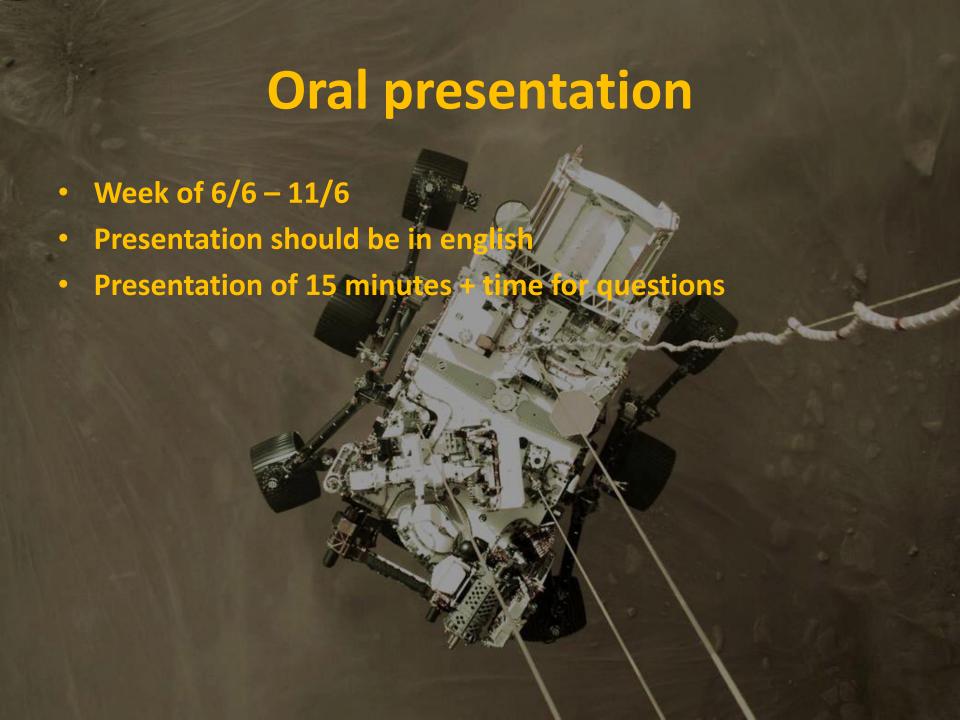
- Three components:
 - 2 minitests written in class (dates to be discussed today)
 - Written project
 - Oral presentation (of the written project)
- Final grading (over 20);

 $G = 0.25 \times (MT1 + MT2) + 0.4 \times WP + 0.1 \times OP$

Written project

- Students are strongly encouraged to suggest topic
- 20-40 pages (these are NOT hard limits)
- In english or portuguese
- Deadline: 4th of June (last day of classes)
- Could be:
 - Discussion of 1 or a few recent research papers
 - Discussion of a recent technology
 - Review of technologies used for specific purpose
 - Discussion of new ideas in space exploration

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Important Dates

- Classes: from 2021/03/03 to 2021/04/30
- 1st MT: 2021/04/09
- 2nd MT: 2021/05/07
- Deadline for choosing topic for WR: 2021/04/30 (send me an email with your idea)
- Deadline for WP: 2021/06/04
- Oral presentations: week of 6th to 11th of June.