

あかつき

## - Observing Venus with Akatsuki -

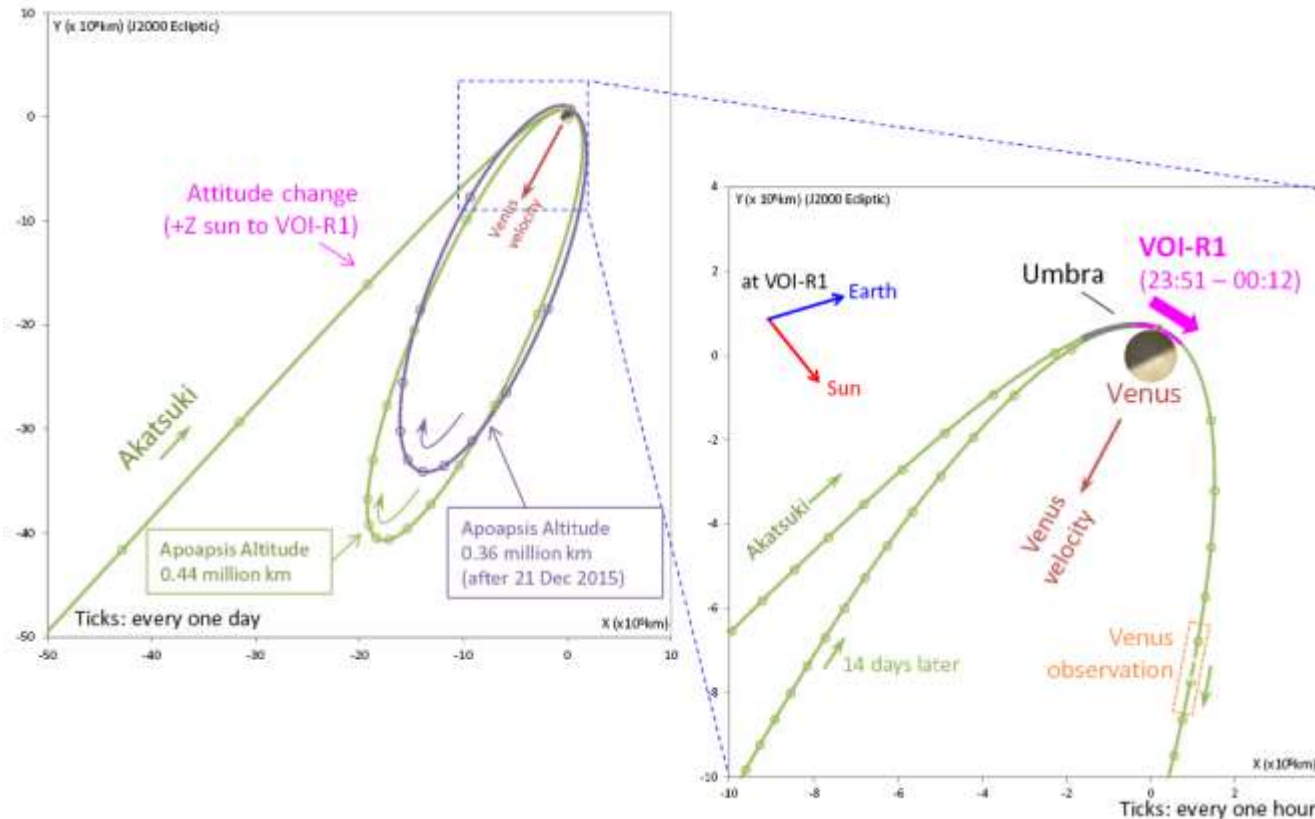
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# あかつき in a good condition!

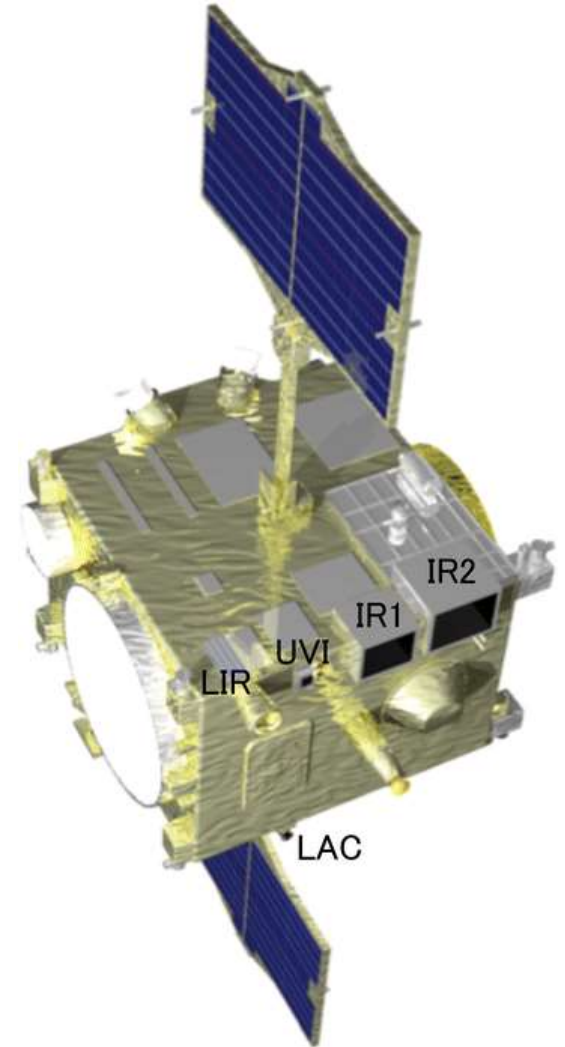
- Since 2015 Dec 7, Akatsuki has been observing Venus.

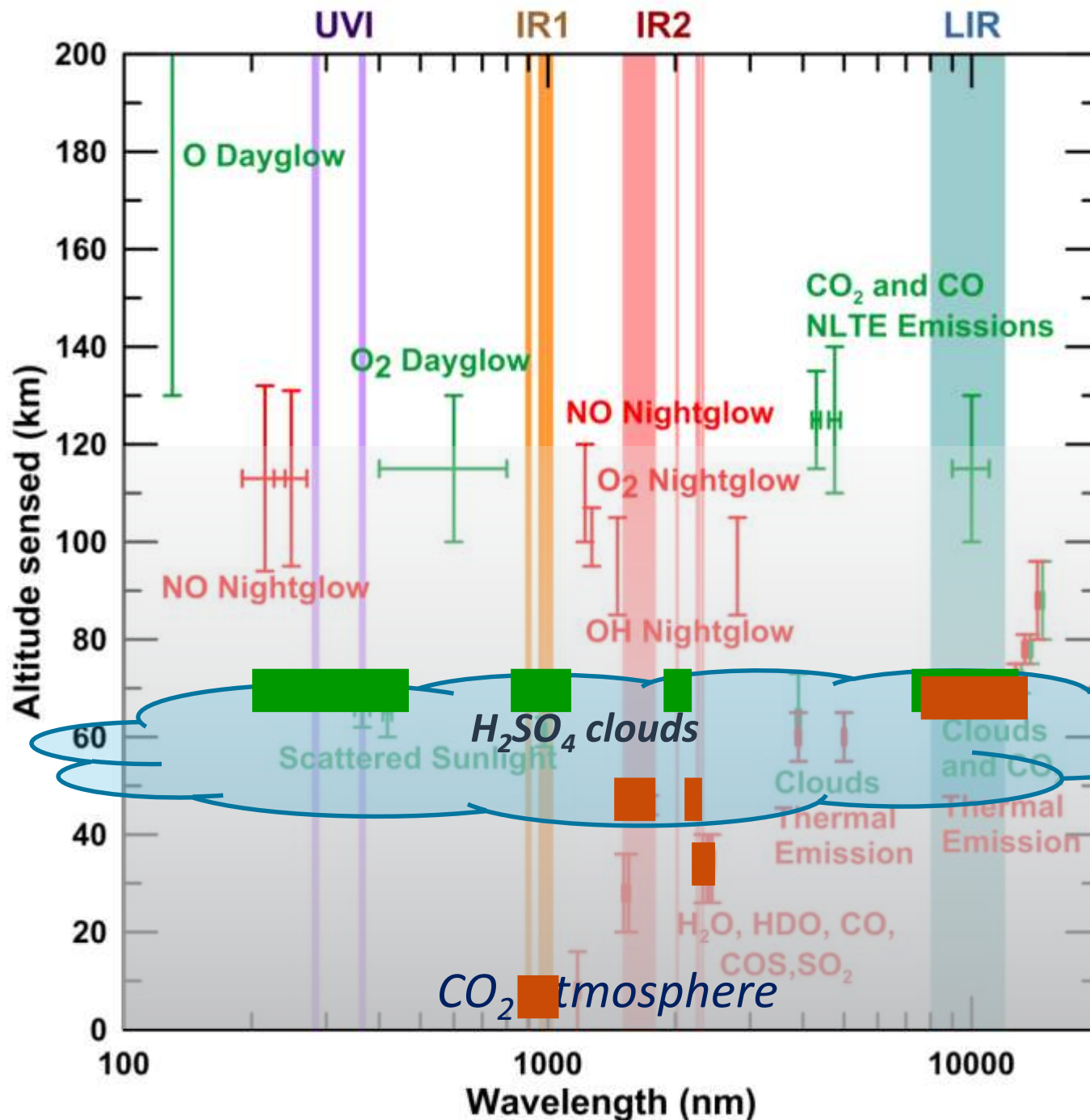
*At the time right after the successful orbit insertion*



# あかつき instruments

- 5 cameras;  
Imaging Venusian atmosphere and surface
  - LIR (Long wave InfraRed camera)
  - IR1 (1  $\mu\text{m}$  camera)
  - IR2 (2  $\mu\text{m}$  camera)
  - UVI (UltraViolet Imager)
  - LAC (Lightening and Airglow Camera)
- 1 ultra stable oscillator;  
Retrieving temperature profiles using radio occultation technique





— DAYSIDE  
— NIGHTSIDE

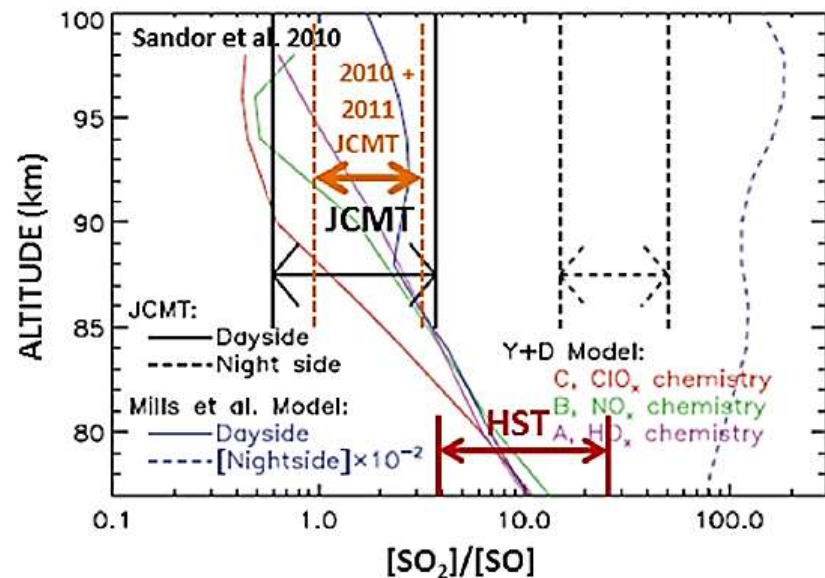
# Ground/space-based coordinated observations

- Have been used for Venus atmosphere observations

- **Same target, but different wavelength**

e.g. Mesospheric SO<sub>2</sub> abundance vertical distribution using UV spectra of Hubble Space Telescope (HST) and ground-based sub-mm observation [Jessup et al. 2015]

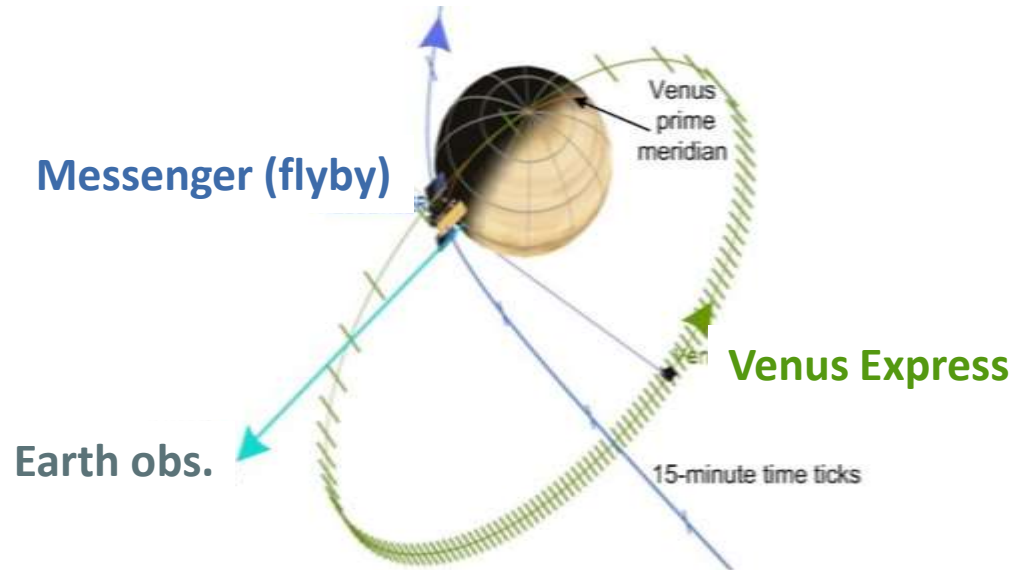
(Note, Venus Express data was also used.)



[Jessup et al. 2015]

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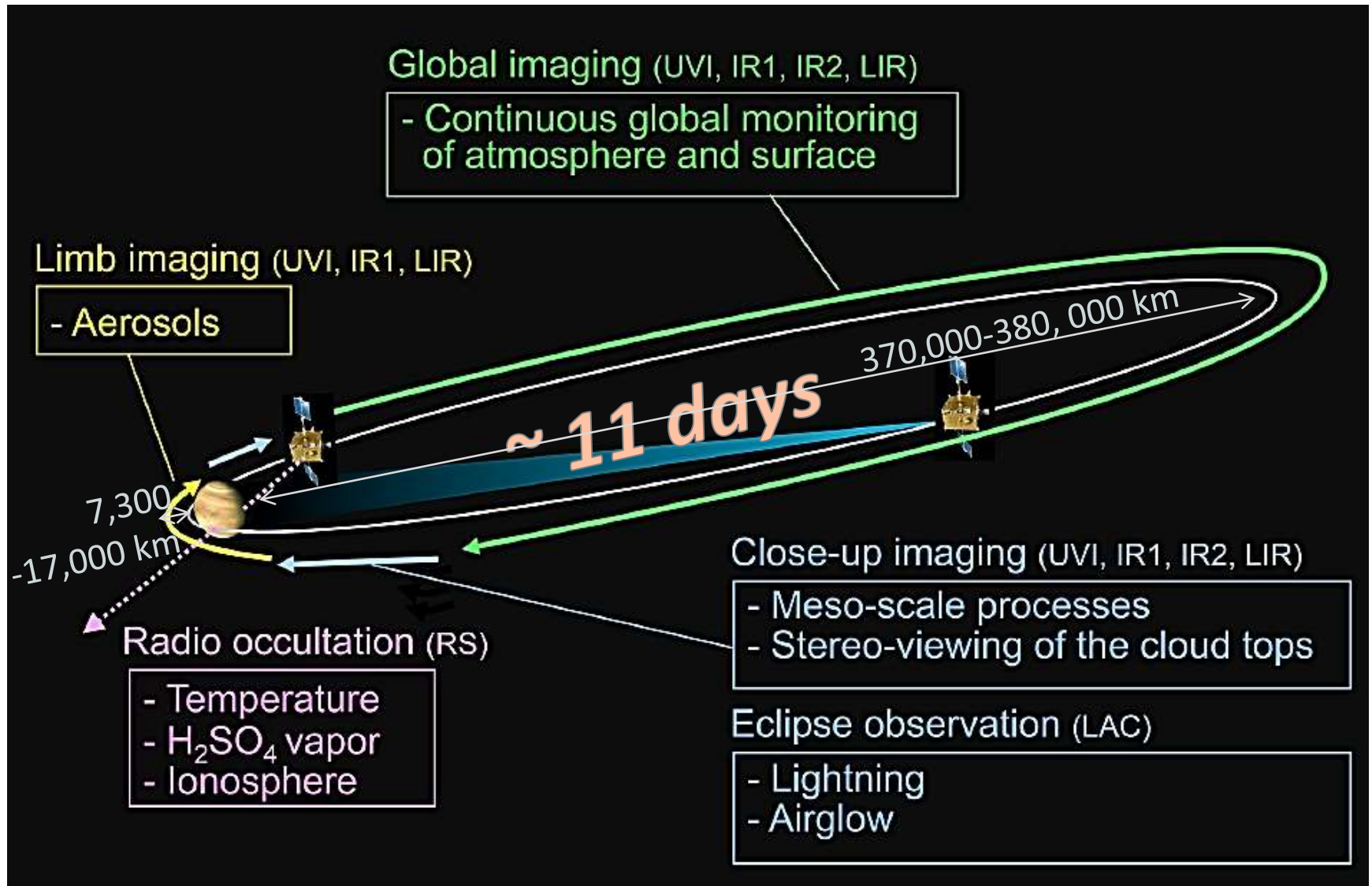
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  - **Different targets using different methods**  
e.g. Vertical wind profile; winds measurements from  
Ground-based telescopes, Messenger (flyby) and Venus Express  
[Peralta et al. in prep.]



[McNutt et al. 2008]



# Akatsuki's observational plan

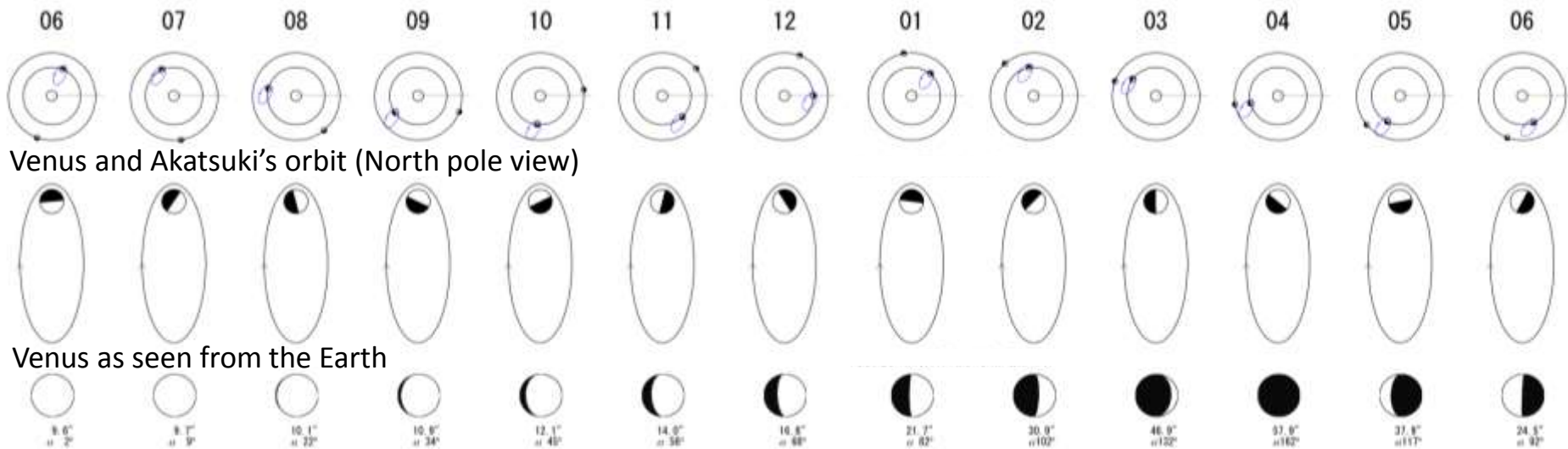


# 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> half – 2017 1<sup>st</sup> half

- Akatsuki's last delta-v was conducted in April 2016, and a next one is scheduled at the end of 2018.  
→ We can make a plan for 2016-2017 observations

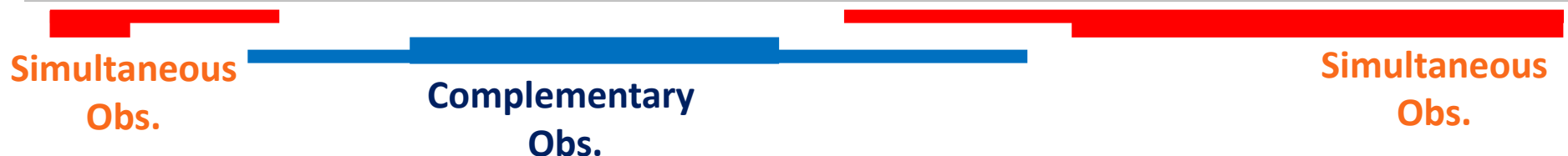
2016

2017



Venus and Akatsuki's orbit (North pole view)

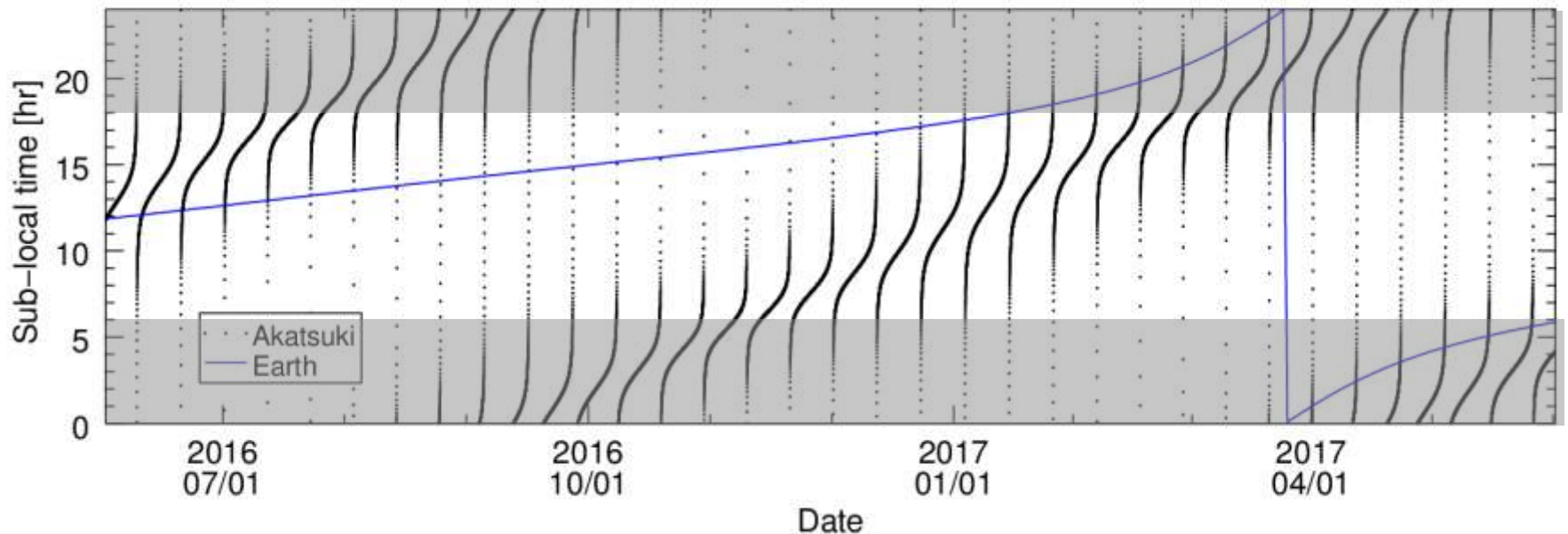
Venus as seen from the Earth





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- Akatsuki and ground-based observations



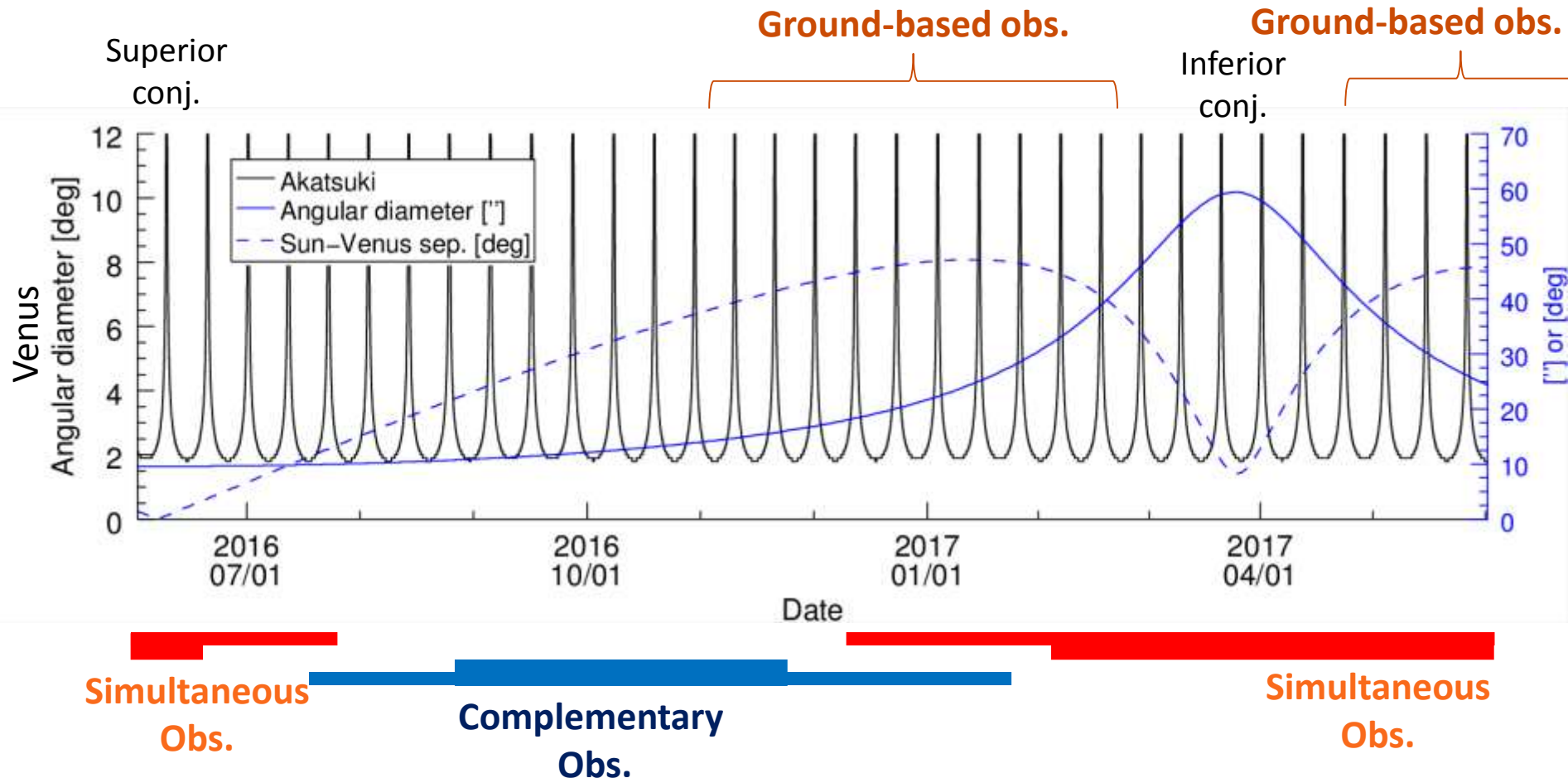
**Simultaneous  
Obs.  
(Dayside)**

**Complementary  
Obs.**

**Simultaneous  
Obs.  
(Nightside)**

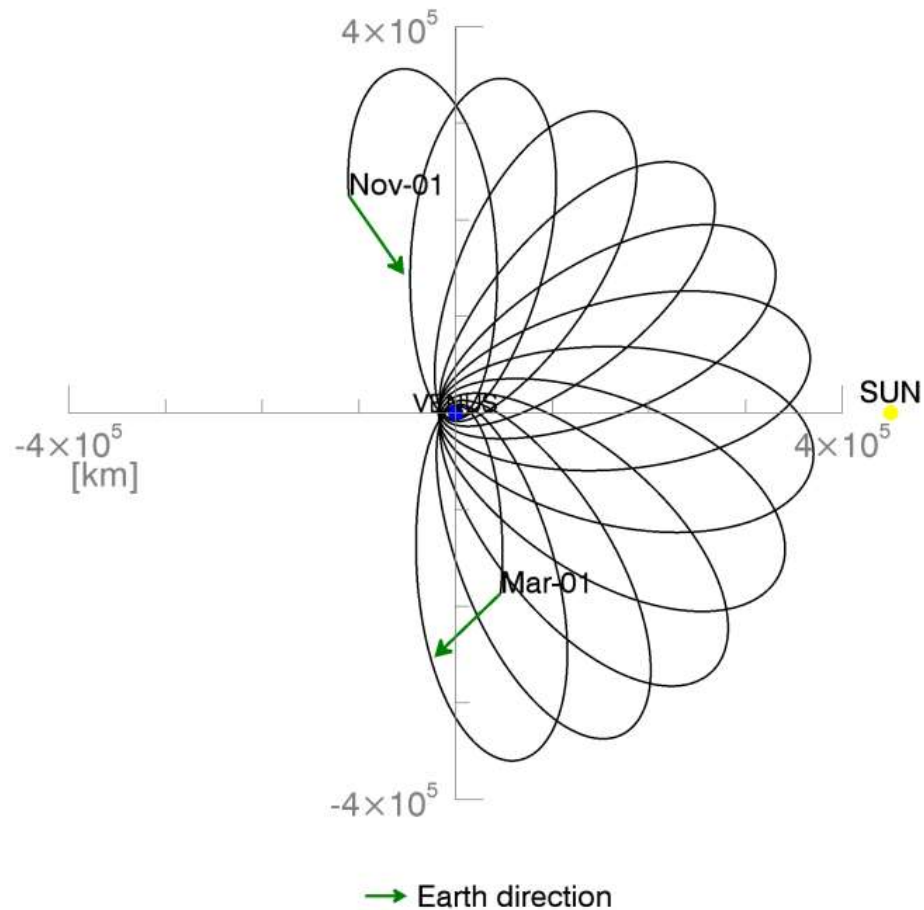
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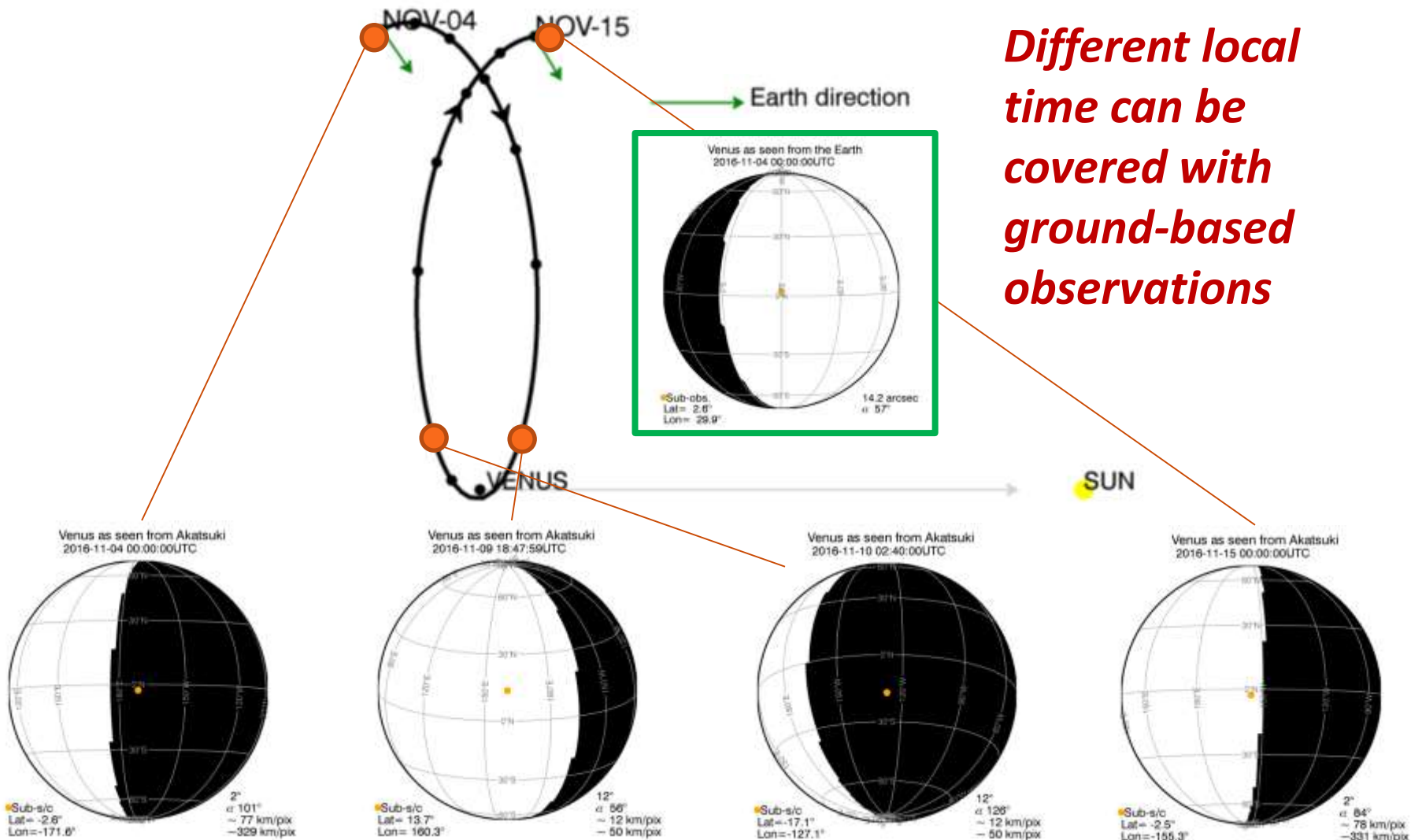


# Akatsuki's observation

- Nov 2016-Feb 2017



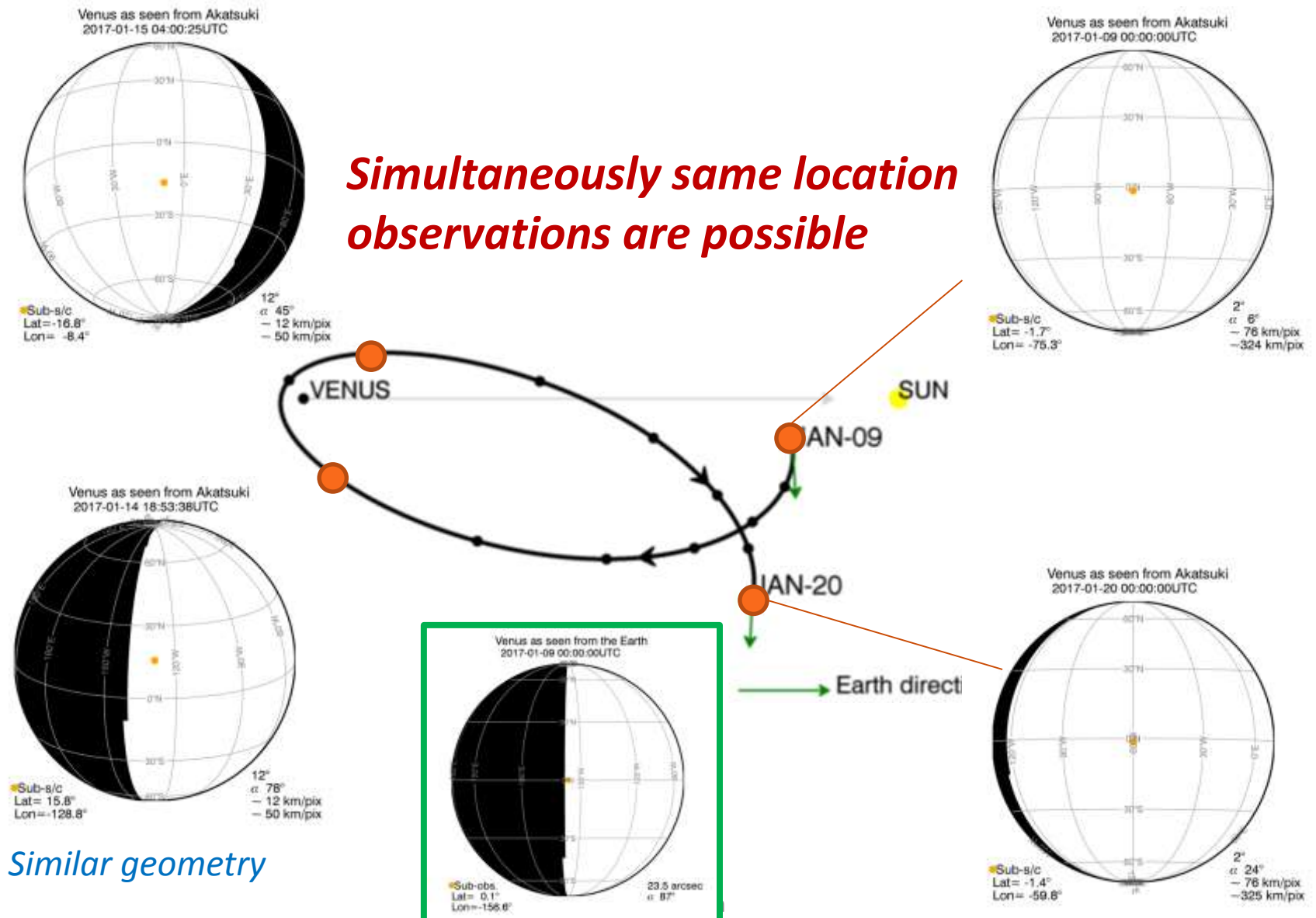
# Observation plan; Nov 2016



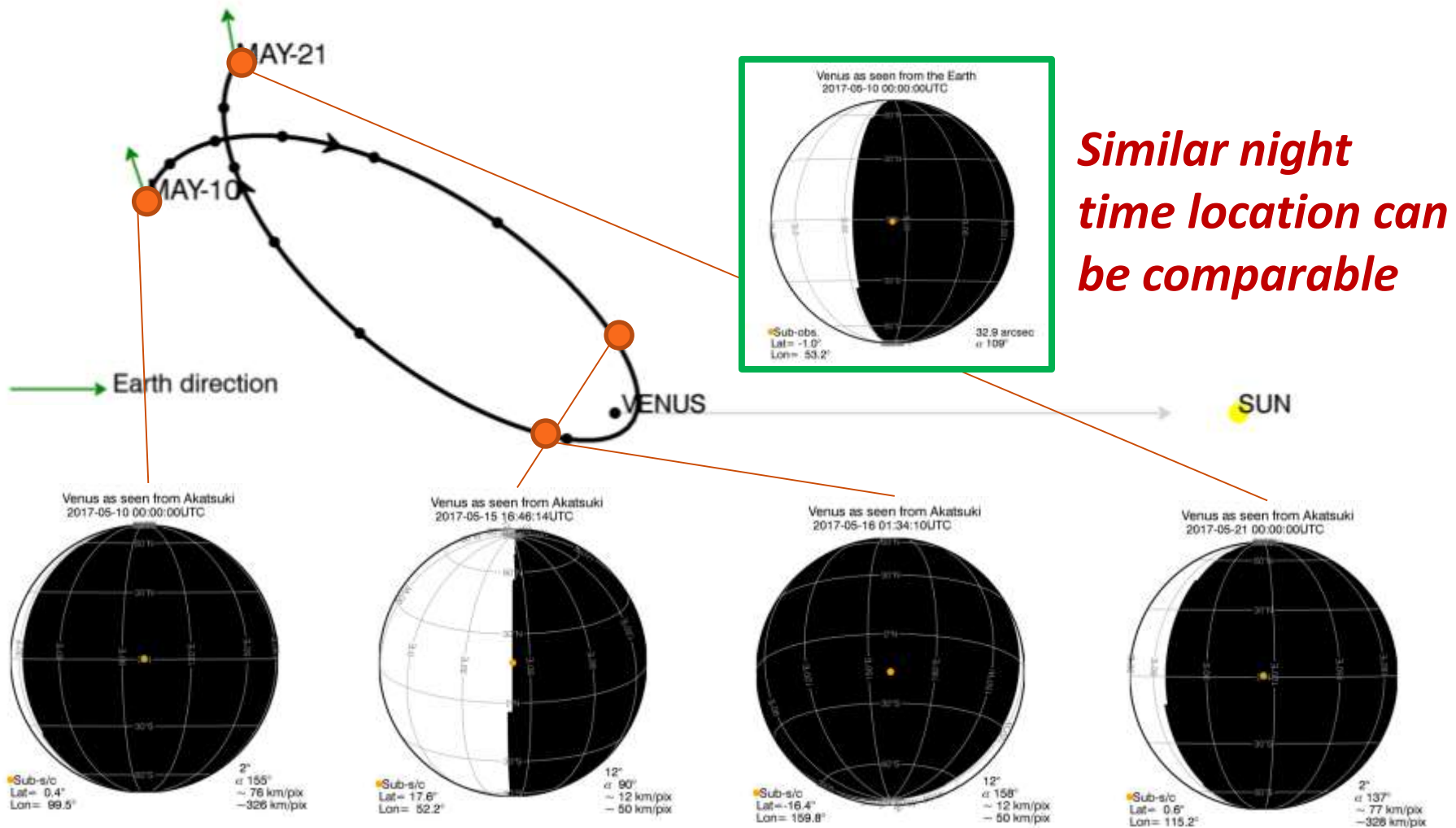
*Different local time can be covered with ground-based observations*

*Almost opposite geometry*

# Observation plan; Jan 2017

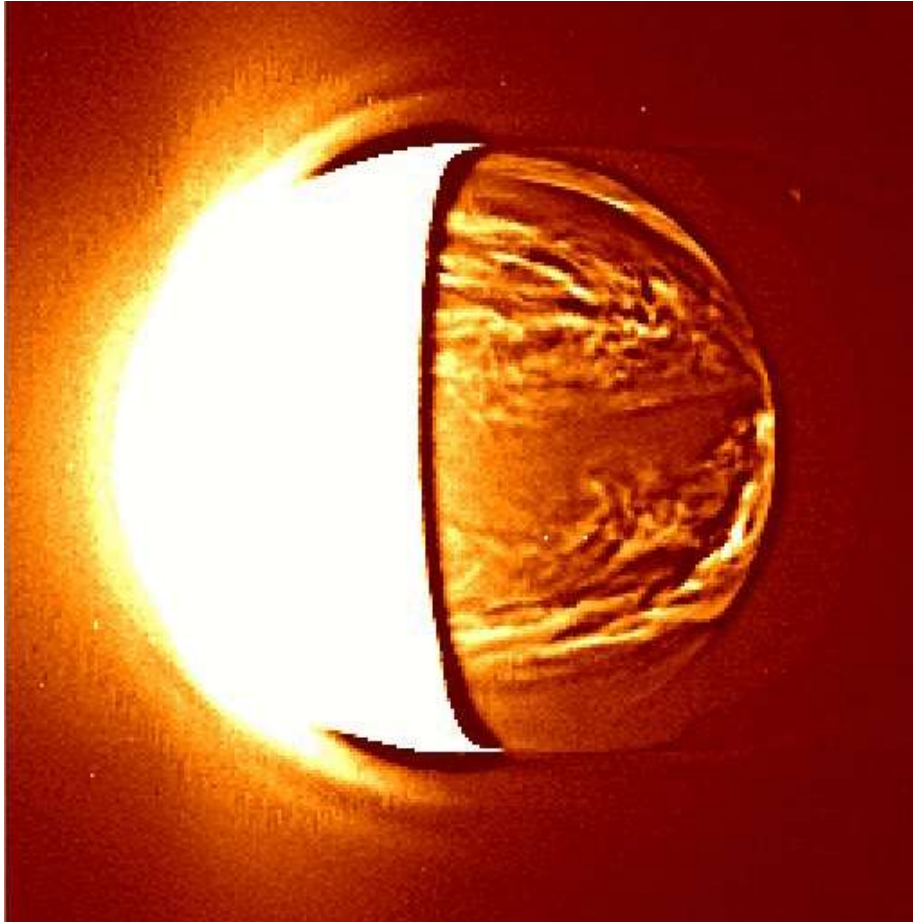


# Observation plan; May 2017

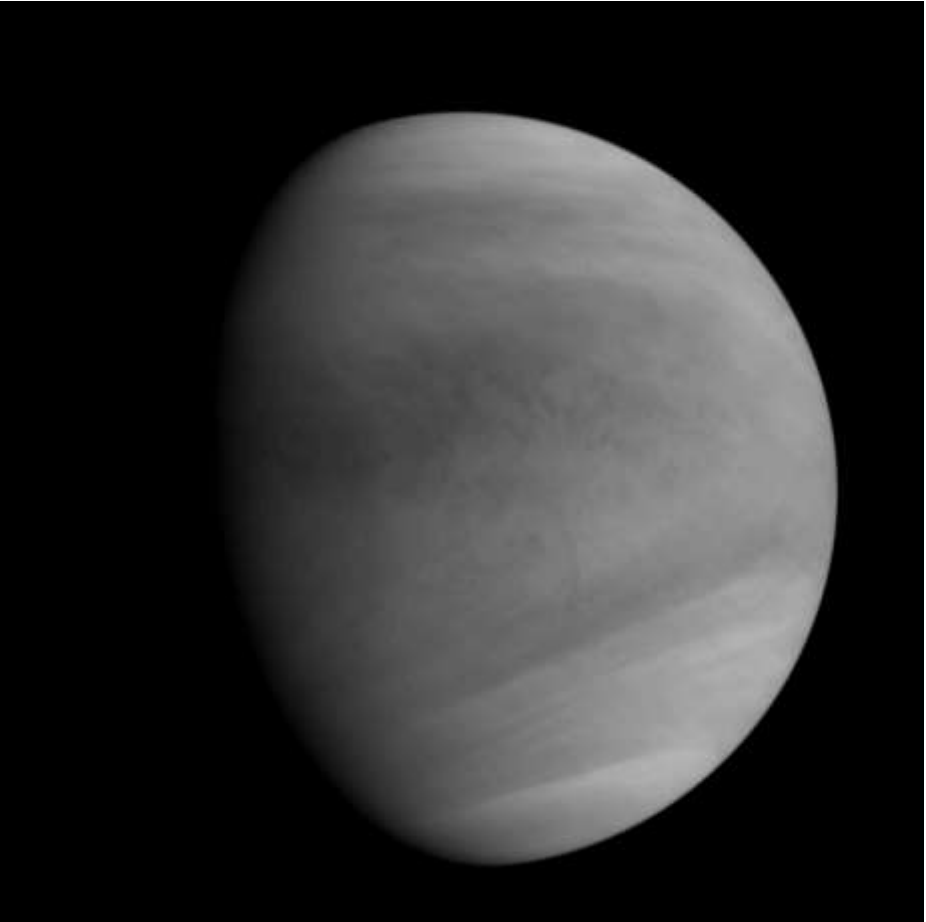




The night side (lower) clouds of Venus  
29 Mar 2016



The day side (upper) clouds of Venus  
7 Dec 2015



[JAXA]