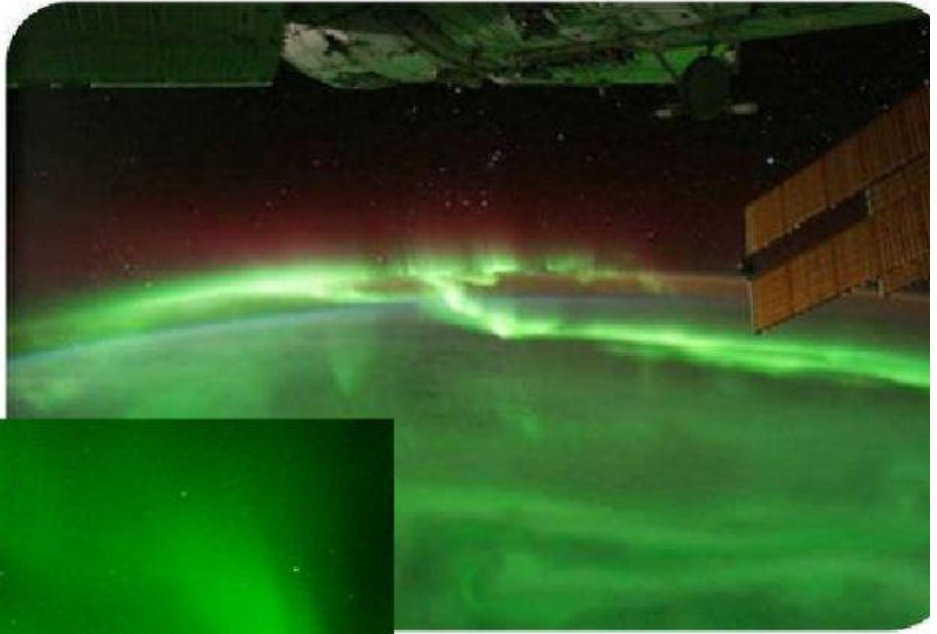


## 10.8 Thermosphere and Beyond



1. What is the ultimate cause of the aurora borealis?
2. What occurs in the Sun to release energy?
3. What is plasma? What does it do?
4. What is a solar storm?
5. How long does it take a solar storm to reach Earth?

6. What protects us from solar storms?

7. Why do the aurora typically take place only in the polar regions?