

# SPACE WEATHER INTRODUCTORY COURSE



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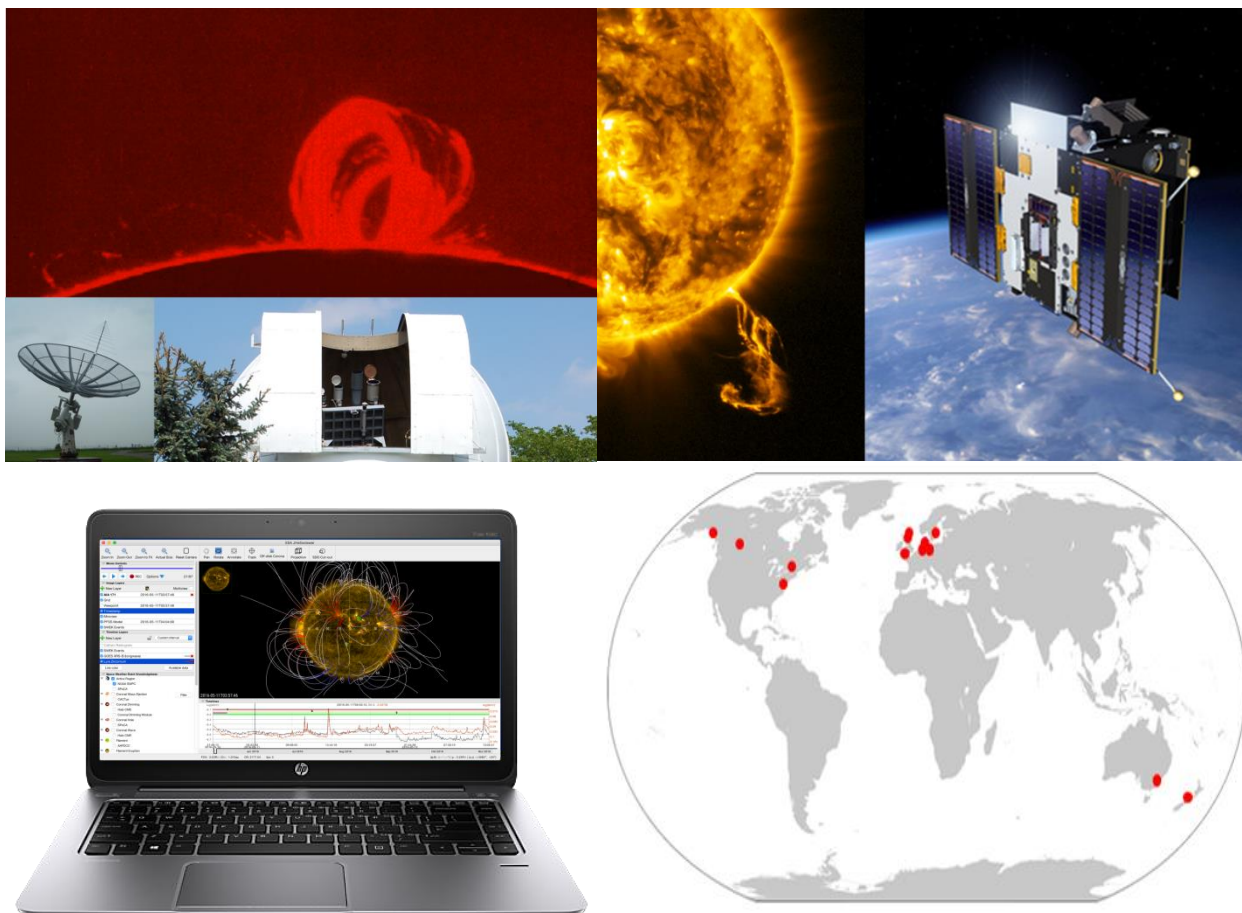
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## Sensors & measurements

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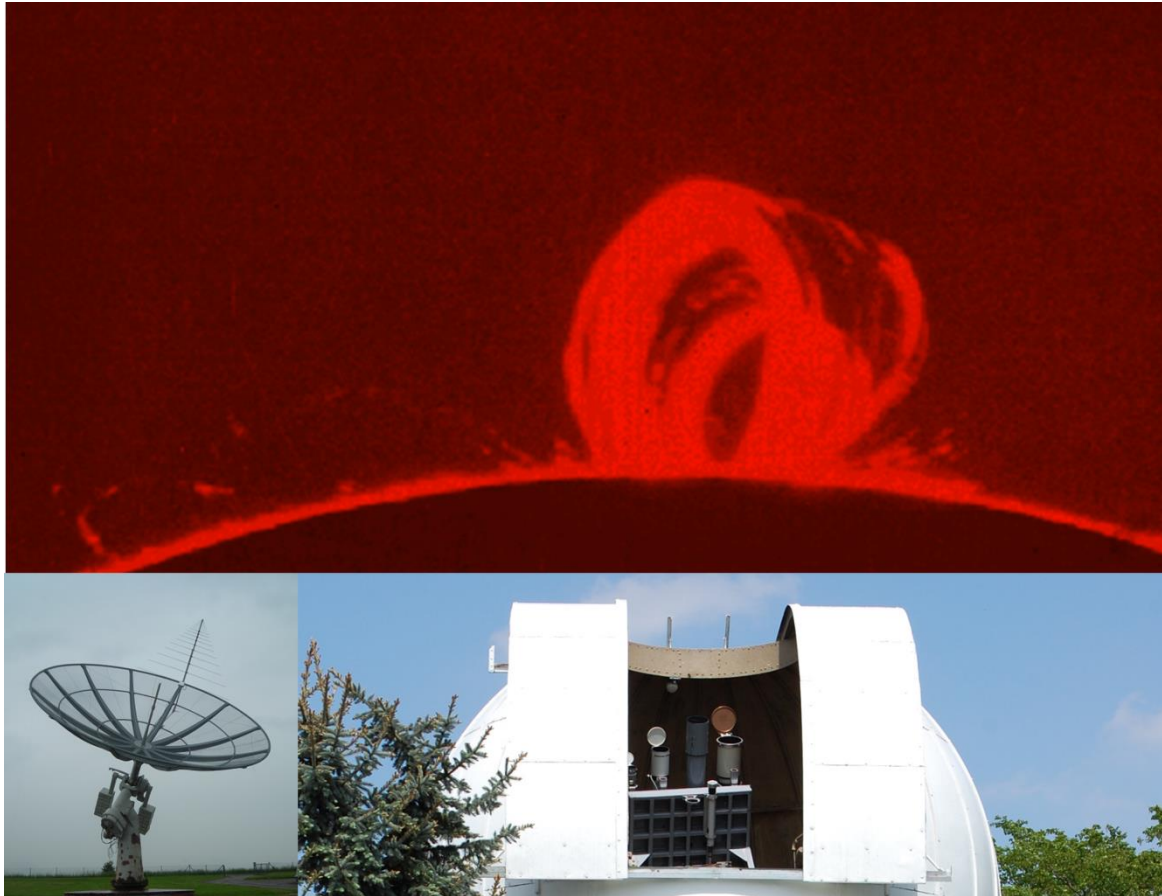
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## Groundbased sensors

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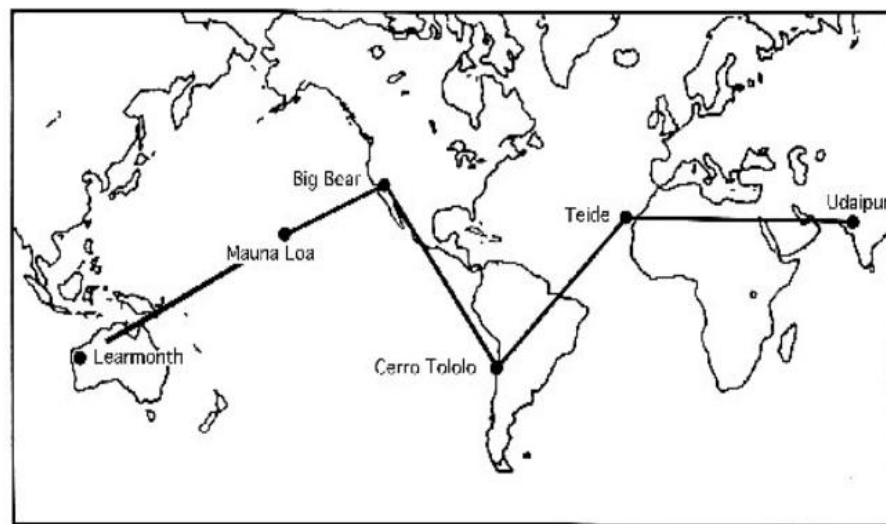
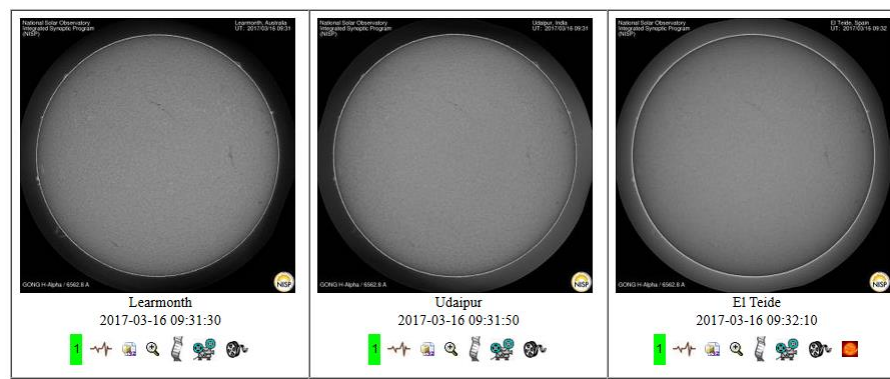
Global Oscillation Network Group

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Main View





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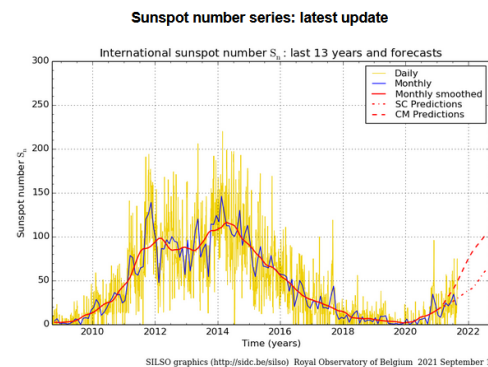
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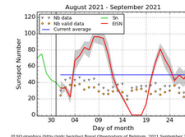
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World Data Center for the production, preservation and dissemination of the international sunspot number



**Latest Sunspot Bulletin**

**Daily estimated sunspot number**



**EISN DATA FILES**

24 September : 58  
25 September : 42  
26 September : 40

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**USET - The Uccle Solar Equatorial Table**



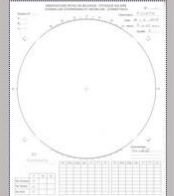
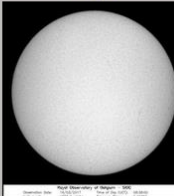
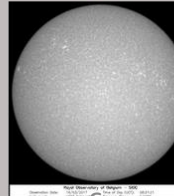


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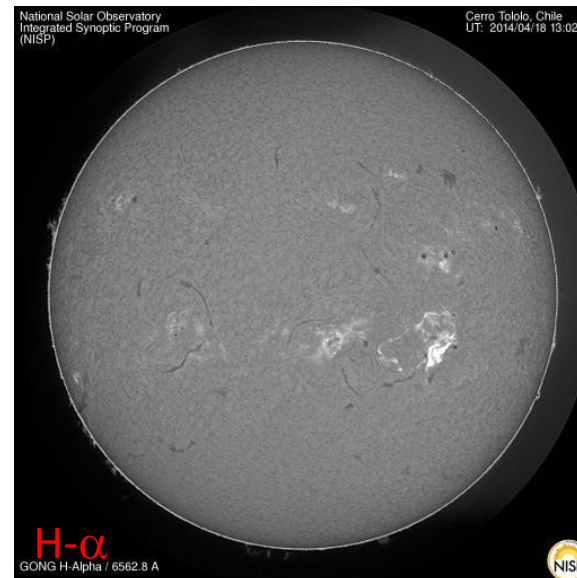
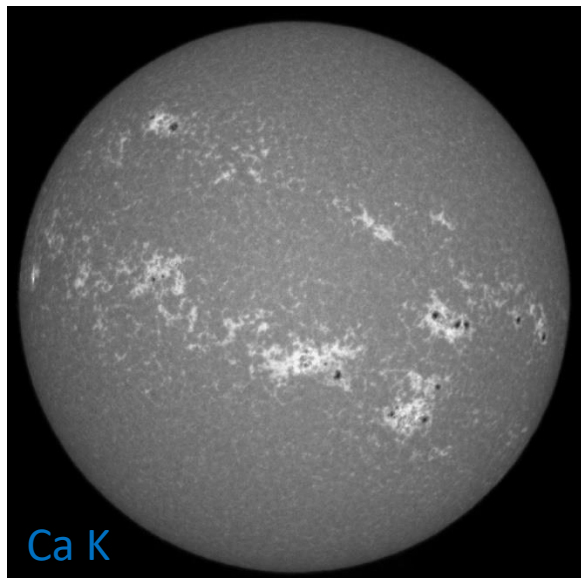
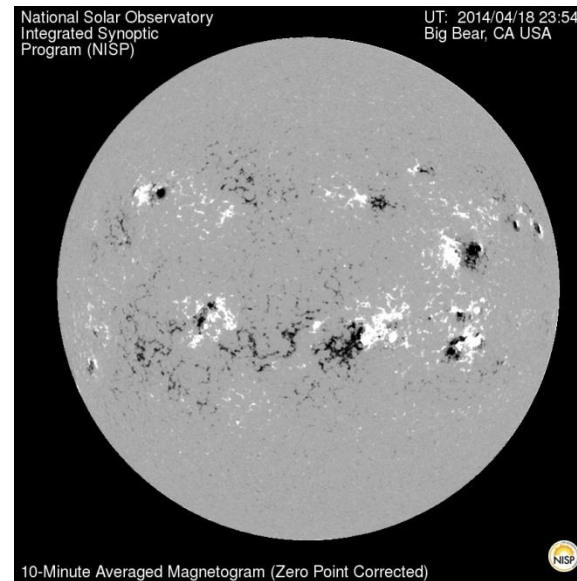
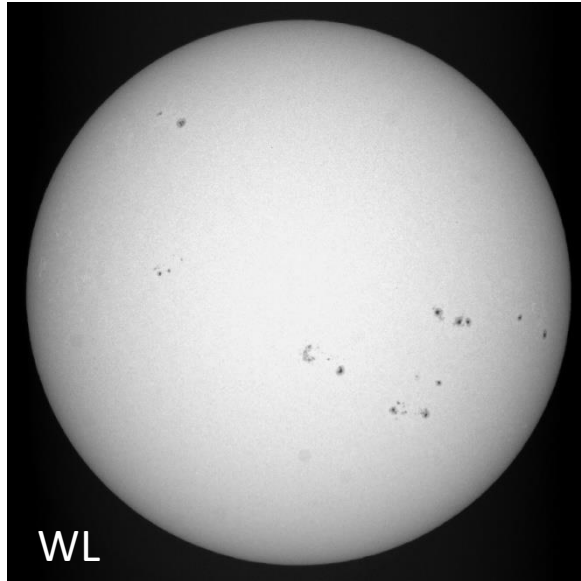
Latest images

White-light	Latest Drawing	H-alpha	Ca-IIK
			
16/03/2017 - 08h32	16/03/2017 - 08h25	16/03/2017 - 08h38	16/03/2017 - 08h31





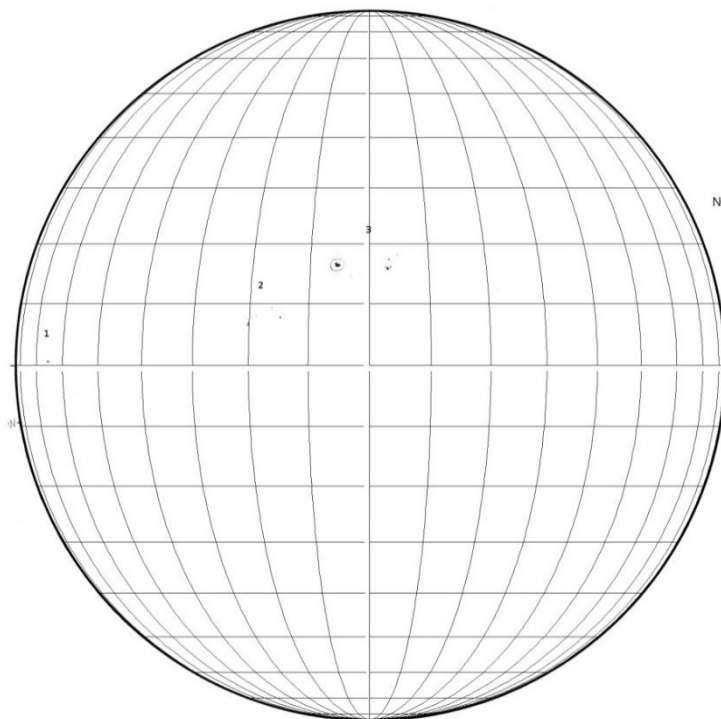
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INAF - CATANIA OSSERVATORIO ASTROFISICO

SUNSPOT OBSERVATIONS (U.T.)

year	month	day	hour	min	P	B <sub>0</sub>	L <sub>0</sub>
2012	JAN	24	09	20		-5.64	-9.40

Obs. P. COSTA S 2 Q 2 R 52

NOAA	g	cat	s	p	Z	lat	long	A(mm)
1	78	00	02	A	63.0	8.0		000.50
2	80	01	06	C	16.0	6.0		002.50
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Catania info ( Last update: 2017-Jan-24 )						NOAA info ( Last update: 2017-Jan-24 )					Probabilities for			
Number	area	nspots	Zurich	Longitude	Latitude	Number	Macintosh	Mag. type	Longitude	Latitude	C flare	M flare	X flare	Proton
78	1	2	A	66.0	7.0	2626	Hsx	Alpha	63.0	8.0	--	--	--	--
80	3	7	C	16.0	6.0	2627	Dai	Beta	12.0	6.0	--	--	--	--
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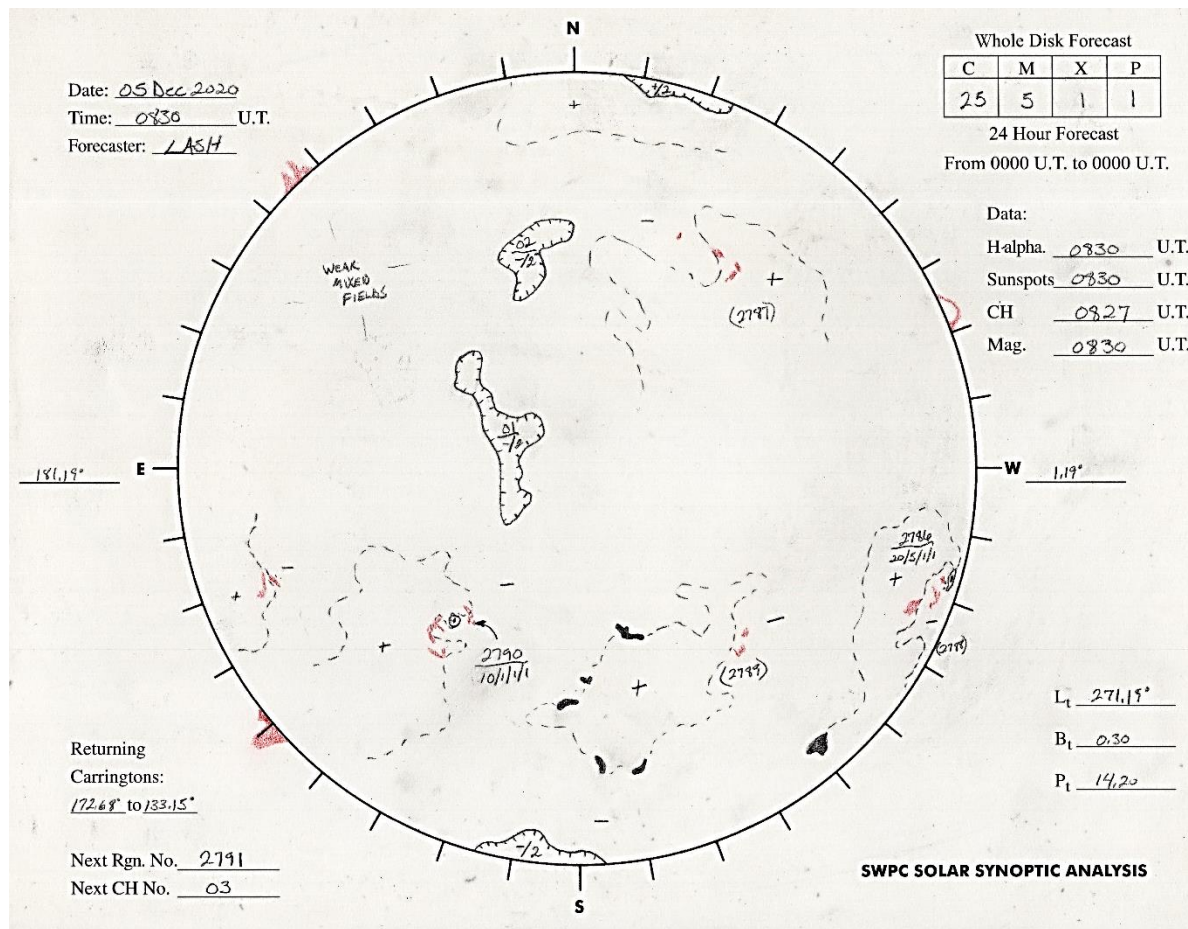






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# DAILY BULLETIN ON SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY from the SIDC #  
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SIDC URSIGRAM 40417  
SIDC SOLAR BULLETIN 17 Apr 2014, 1304UT

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AK CHAMBON LA FORET : 012  
AK WINGST : 004  
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NOTICEABLE EVENTS SUMMARY  
DAY BEGIN MAX END LOC XRAY OP 10CM Catania/NOAA RADIO\_BURST\_TYPES  
16 1954 1959 2004 S14E09 M1.0 1N 24/2035 II/2  
END



## Catania & NOAA regions

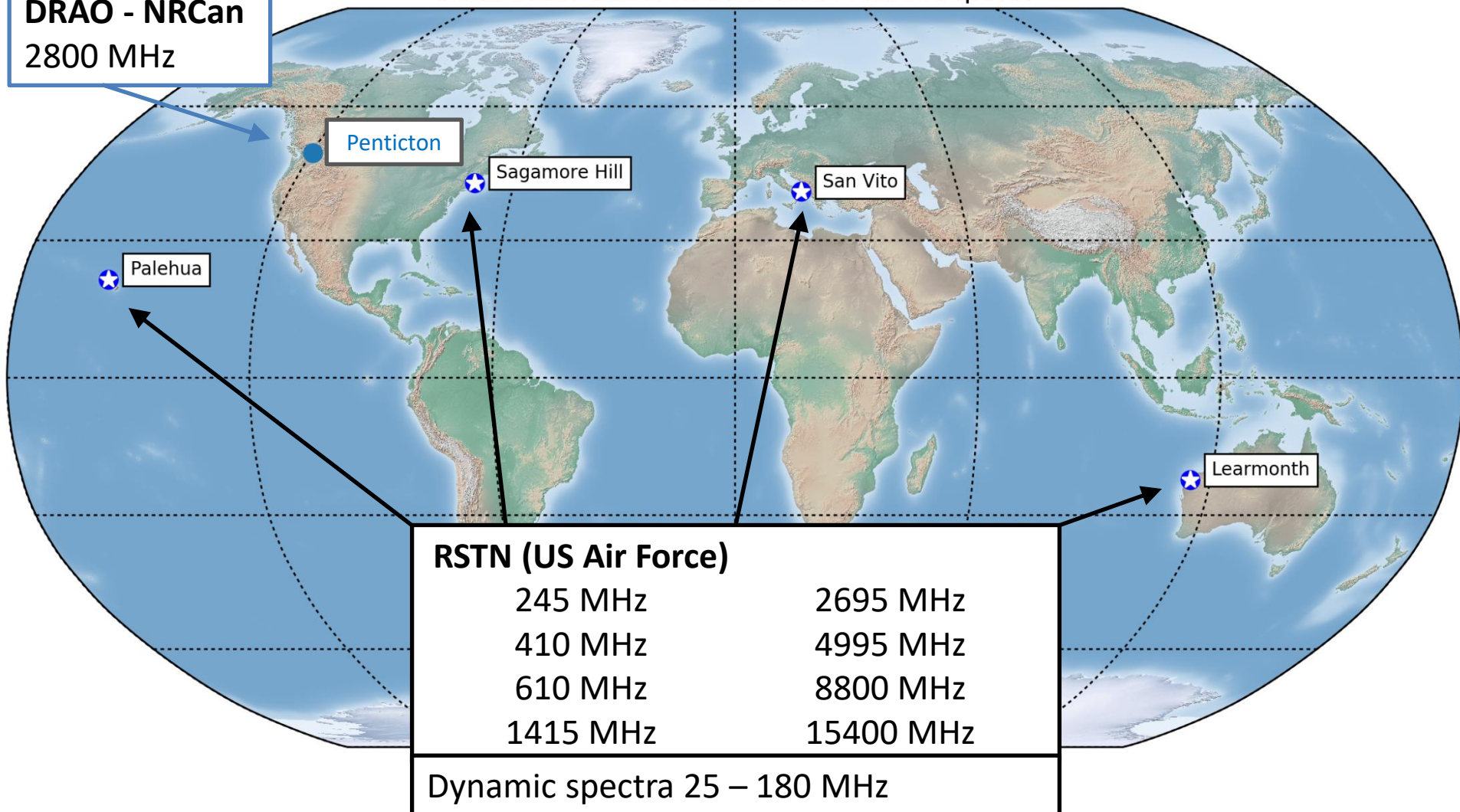
## Sunspot numbers



# Radio observations

Solar radio observations from NOAA reports

**DRAO - NRCan**  
2800 MHz





# Radio burst magnitudes

## Typ. Quiet Sun values [SFU]

Frequency	Solar min.	Solar max. (Z=200)
245 MHz	10	15
410 MHz	25	35
610 MHz	30	45
1415 MHz	50	100
2695 MHz	70	200
2800 MHz	70	200
4995 MHz	100	200
8800 MHz	220	290
15400 MHz	580	650

1 sfu = 1 solar flux unit =  $10^{-22} \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{Hz}^{-1}$

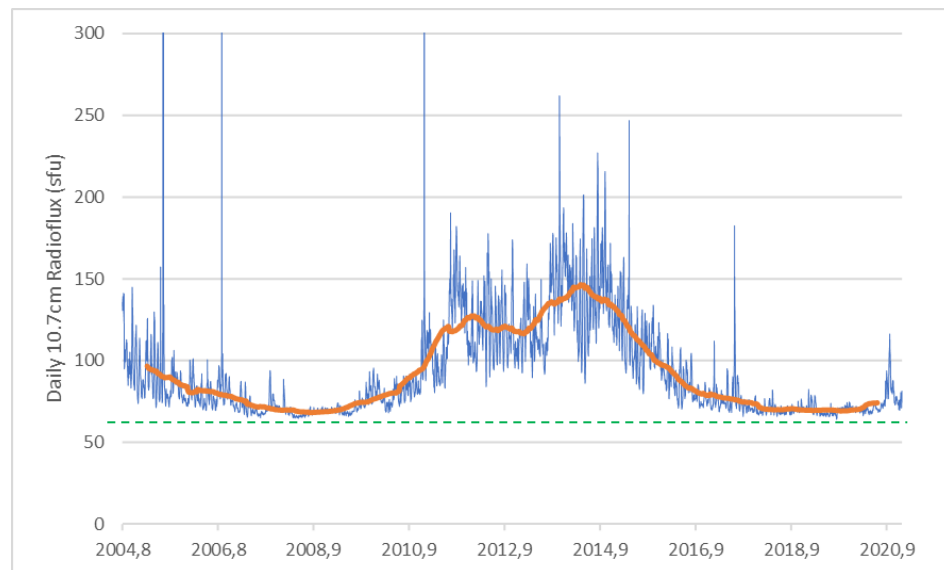






# Penticton

- Flux measurement at 2800 MHz (10.7 cm), 100 MHz bandwidth
- 3 times per day
- “official” value for the day is the one of 20:00 UT (local noon)
- Accuracy:
  - < 100 sfu: 1 sfu
  - > 100 sfu: 1% of flux
- Uncorrected for solar flares
- R-, S-, Q-component





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DAY	BEGIN	MAX	END	LOC	XRAY	OP	10CM	Catania/NOAA	RADIO_BURST_TYPES
16	1954	1959	2004	S14E09	M1.0	1N		24/2035	II/2

END



*10.7cm Radio flux*



# Humain: Solar instruments

- 6-m dish
- Automated operations, Sun tracking  $\sim 7\text{h}30 - 16\text{h}00$  UT
- VHF antenna (piggy back)
- UHF antenna at focus

- VHF antenna (45 – 450 MHz)
  - Callisto receiver
  - ARCAS receiver
- UHF antenna (275 – 1495 MHz)
  - HSRS receiver

Data available in near realtime  
<http://sidc.be/humain>



- VHF: Very High Frequency (30-300 MHz)
- UHF: Ultra High Frequency (300-3000 MHz)
- Callisto: Compound Astronomical Low cost Low frequency Instrument for Spectroscopy and Transportable Observatory
- ARCAS: Augmented Resolution Callisto Spectrometer
- HSRS: Humain Solar Radio Spectrograph





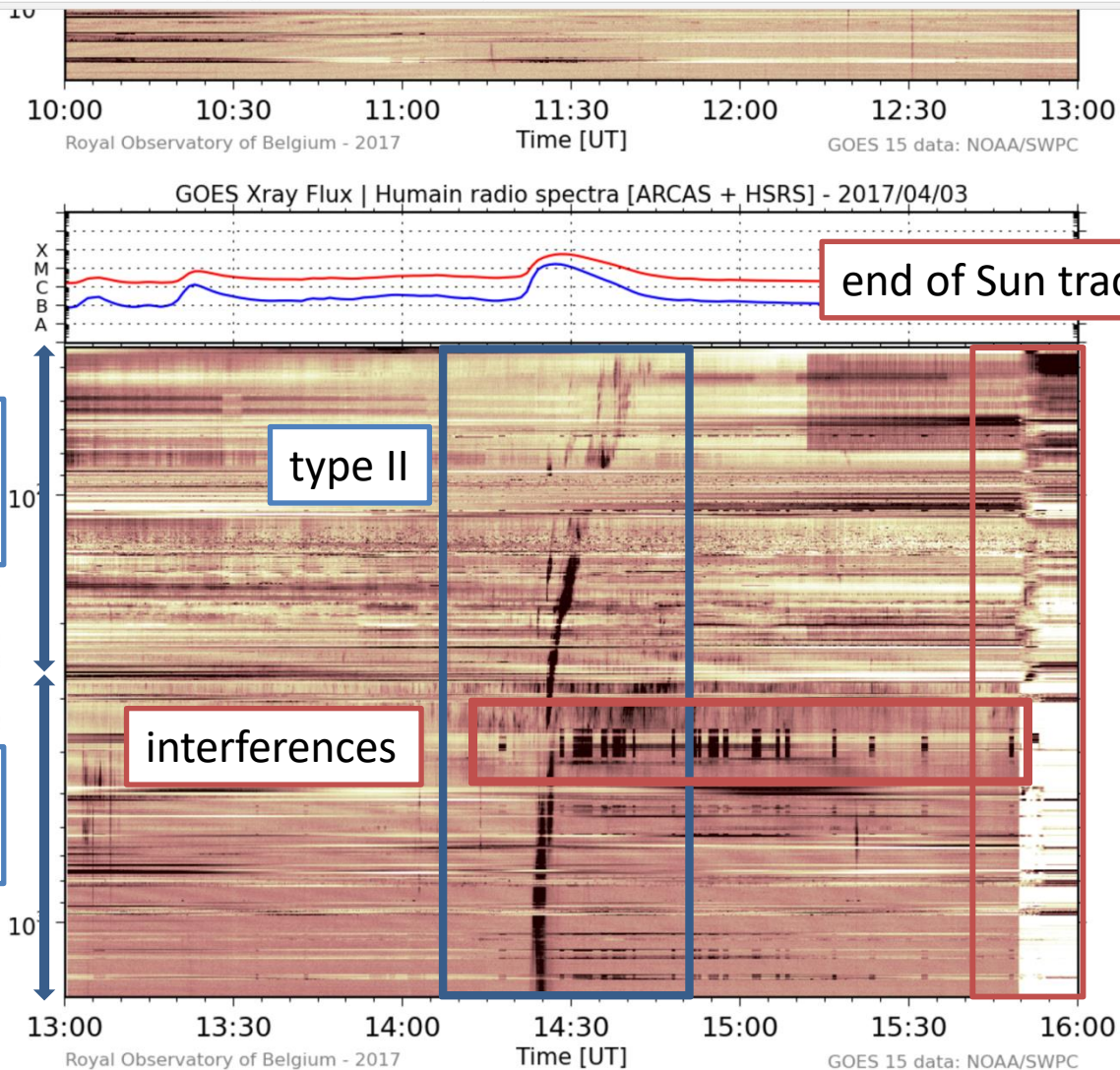
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ARCAS

HSRS

frequency [MHz]



## Sun observations in Humain

April 26, 2017

## Solar ephemeris

sunrise: 04:22:13 UT  
sunset: 18:51:04 UT  
transit: 11:36:39 UT

## Current observations

Observation status: **ON**  
ARCAS & HSRS  
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*Radio bursts*



# Magnetosphere - Ionosphere

## Magnetosphere

- Magnetometers
- Neutron monitors
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⇒ Magnetosphere

⇒ SWx effects



## Ionosphere

- Ionospheric sounders
- Riometers
- ...

⇒ SWx effects – Aviation

⇒ Ionosphere

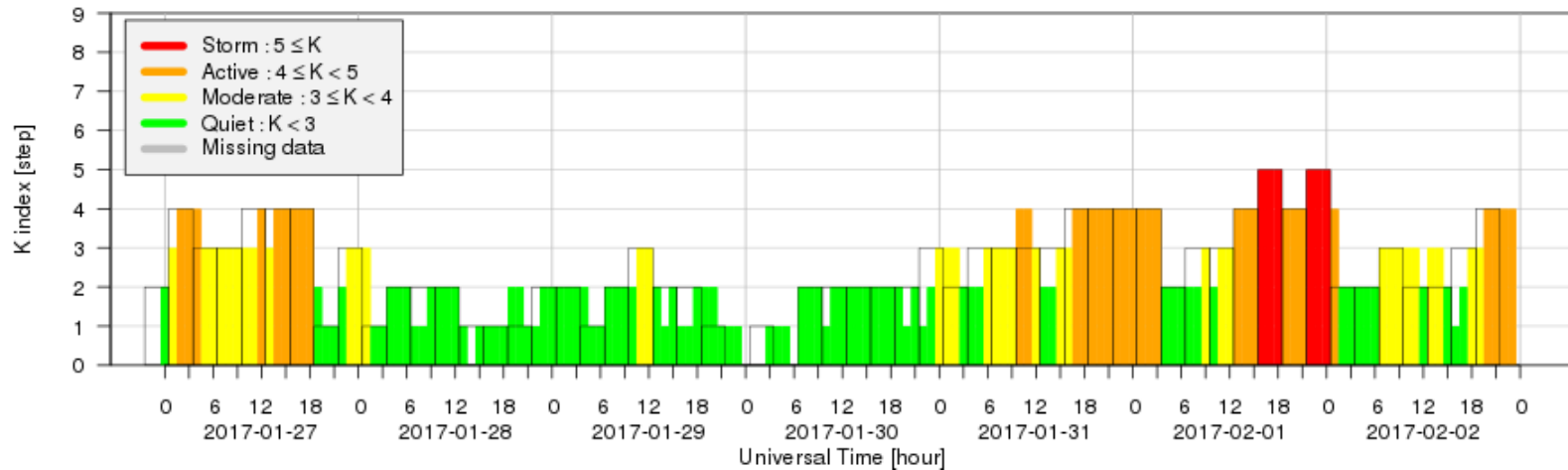






# Dourbes

K-type index of local magnetic activity, Dourbes (50.1°N, 4.6°E)  
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neutron monitor database

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**DATA & PRODUCTS**

**COSMIC RAYS NOW!**

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

**TRAINING**

**WHO WE ARE**

**USER LOGIN**

Username: \*

Posted May 21, 2008 - 5:11pm by Adlar Dragovic



**Dourbes Belgium**  
**DIGISONDE 4D**  
PORTABLE SOUNDER

Ionograms: 2017-May-11 -130 14:50 UT

Skymaps: 2017-May-11 -130 14:49 UT

Drift Velocities: 2017-May-11 -130

Directograms: 2017-May-11 -130

SYSTEM CONTROL

- DCART Screen Output
- Dispatcher Screen Output
- Latest System Status (BIT)

Storage Status: HD, CPU: 20% No backup to removable media

Thu May 11 06:10:26 2017

Thu May 27 06:52:28 2016



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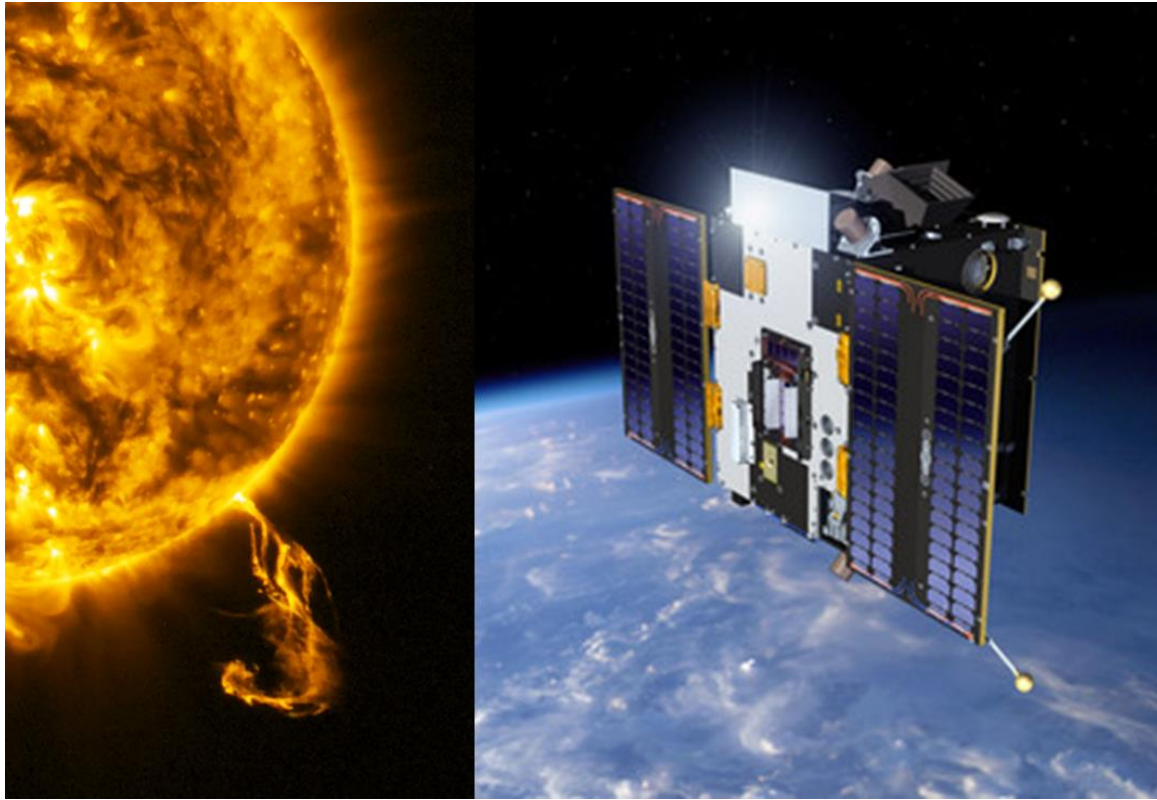
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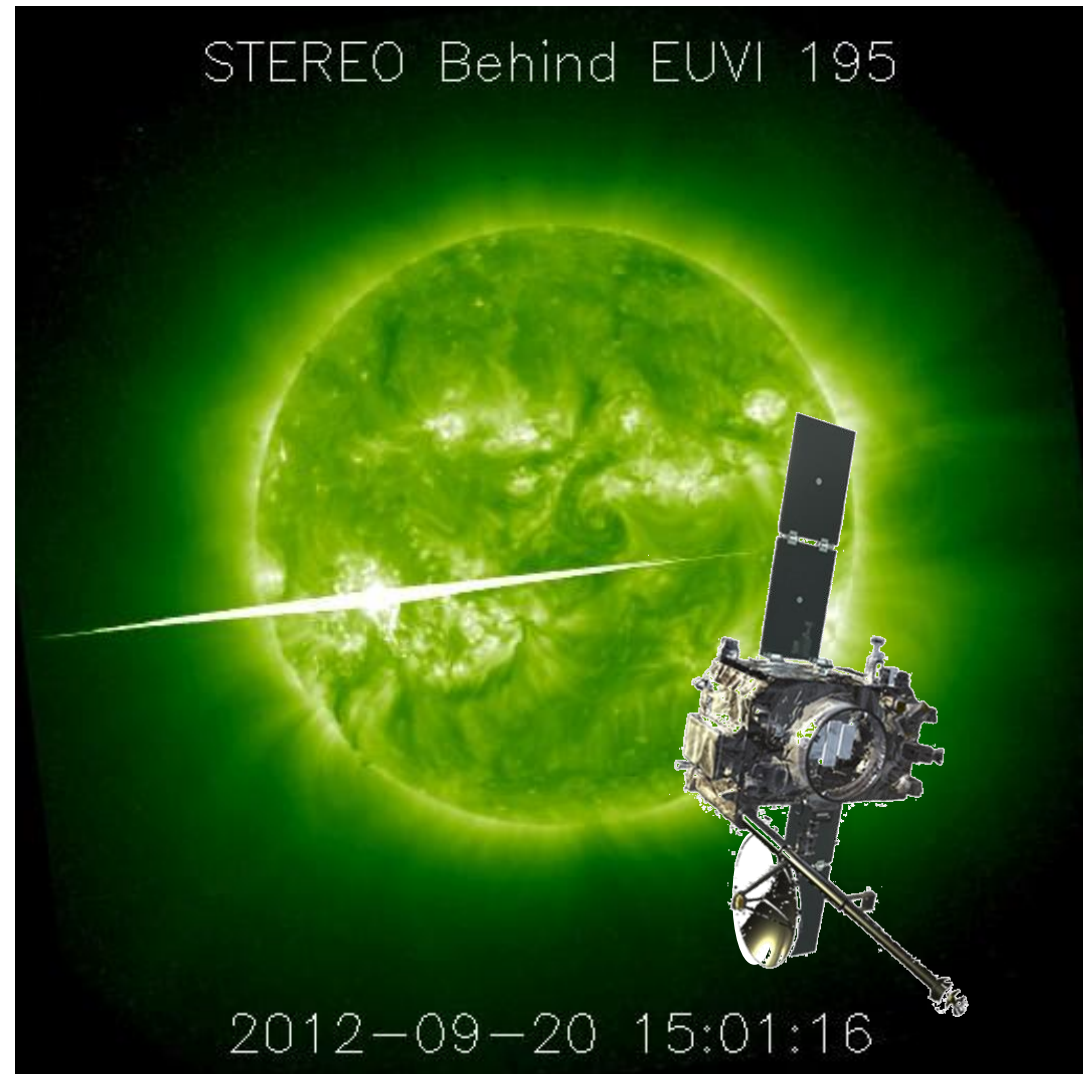
## Spacebased sensors

Jan Janssens



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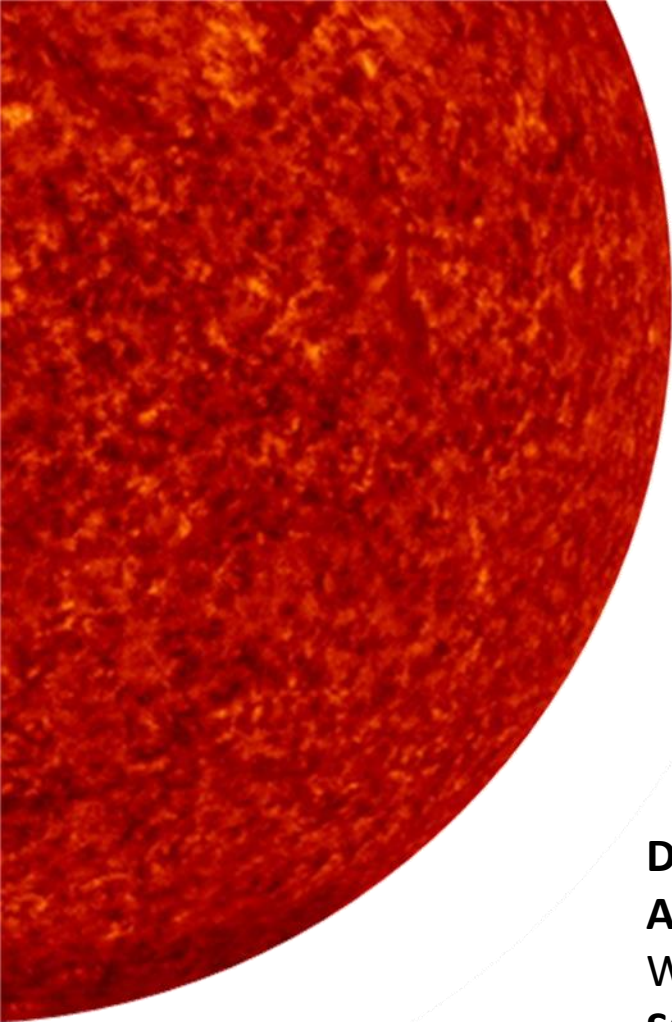
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  - Flares & Coronal holes
- Coronagraphs
- Solar wind (in-situ)
- Solar farside
  - 20 September 2012
  - 23 July 2012
  - ...
- Radio
  - Triangulation
  - Low frequencies
- Science
- White light (24hrs)
- ...







# Satellites



GOES  
SDO



INTEGRAL

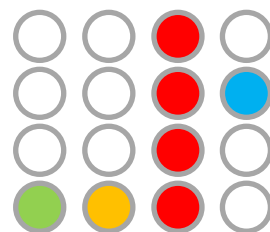


PROBA2  
Hinode



L1

DSCOVR  
ACE  
WIND  
SOHO



STEREO



- $\gamma$ /X-ray/EUV
- Coronagraph
- Solar Wind
- Particle flux







# GOES

Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite



- X-ray flux
  - X-ray Sensor (XRS)



- Proton flux

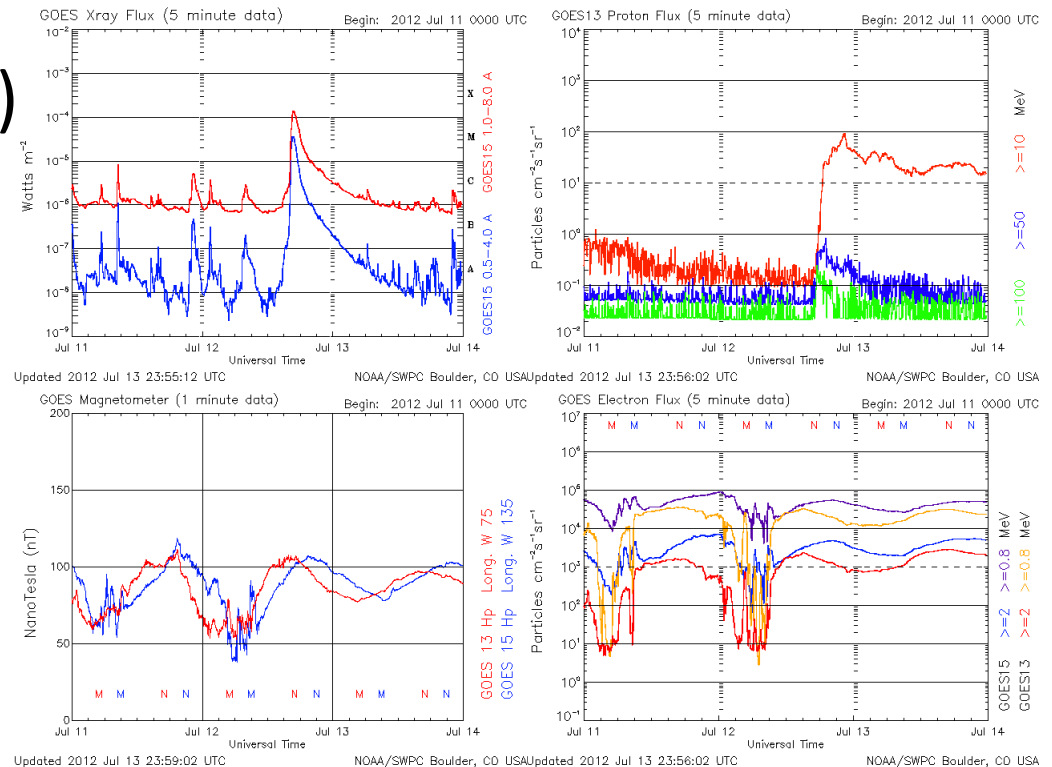


- Magnetic field



- Electron flux

- Imagery





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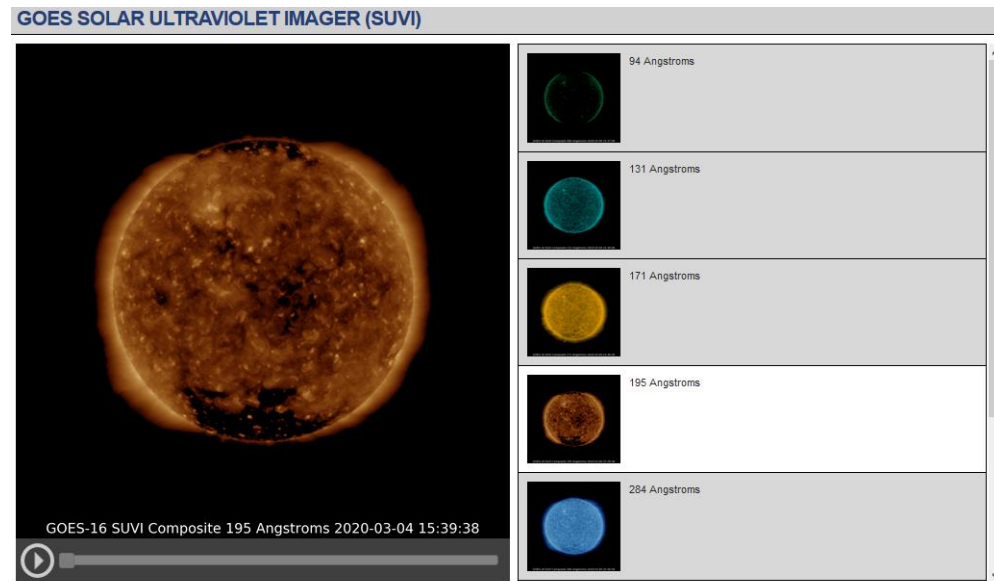
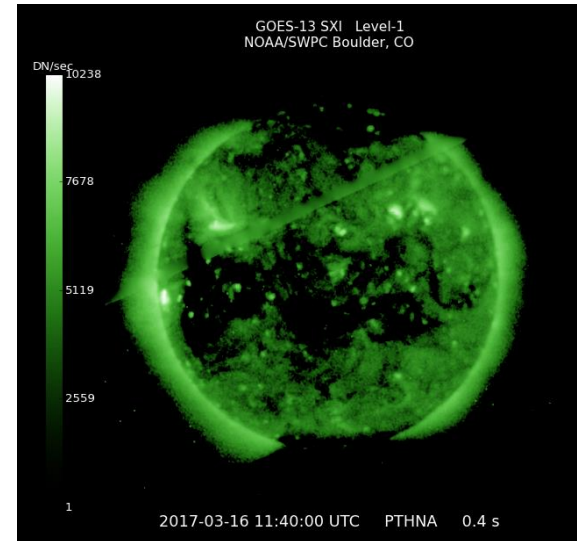
- Imagery

- GOES-12-15

- X-ray: SXI
      - Solar X-ray Imager
      - Discontinued

- GOES-16-17

- EUV: SUVI
      - Solar Ultraviolet Imager
      - Operational



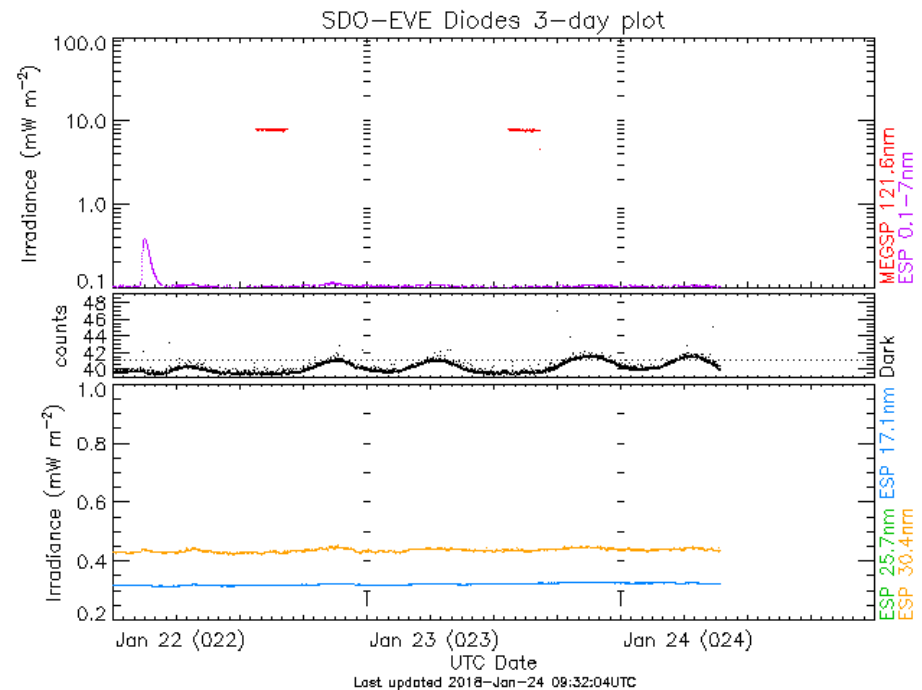
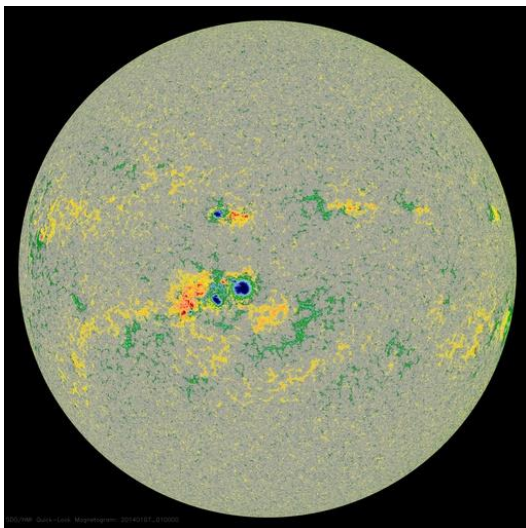
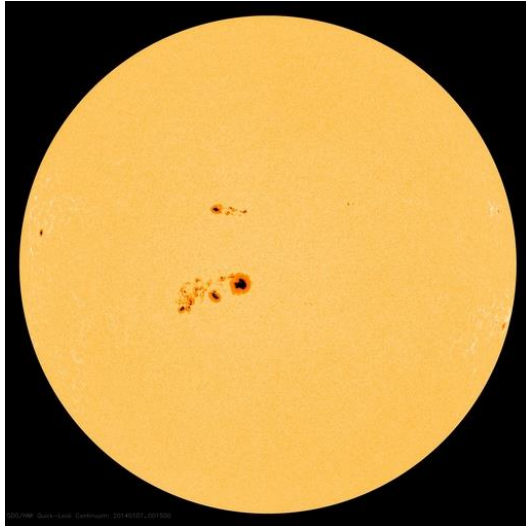


# SDO

Solar Dynamics Observatory

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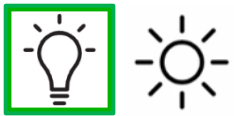
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- « White light » and Magnetograms



EVE ^

- Extreme ultraviolet Variability Experiment
- Scaled to GOES x-ray measurements

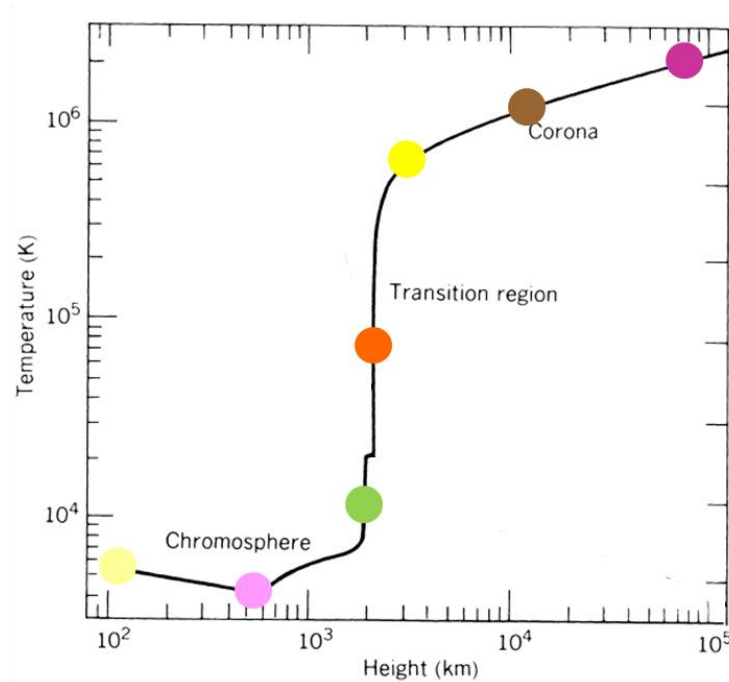




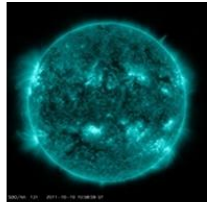
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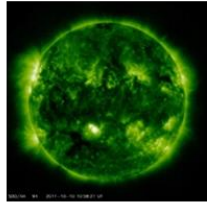
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  - Atmospheric Imaging Assembly
  - EUV imagery in 9 filters
  - Some filters peak at multiple temperatures
  - AIA 4500 no longer in use



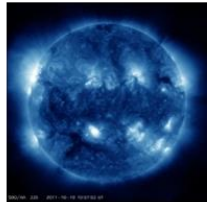
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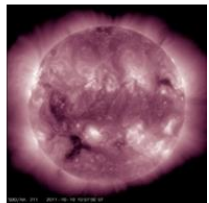
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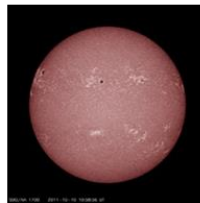
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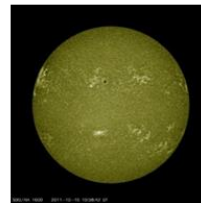
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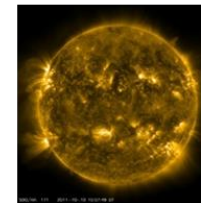
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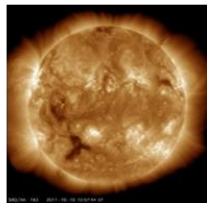
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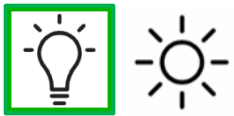
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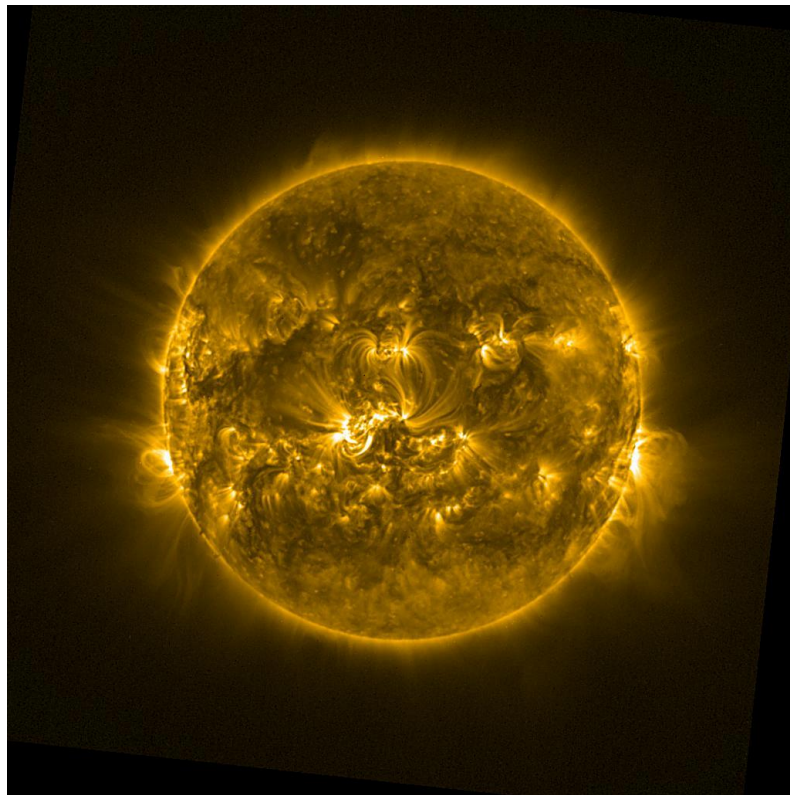
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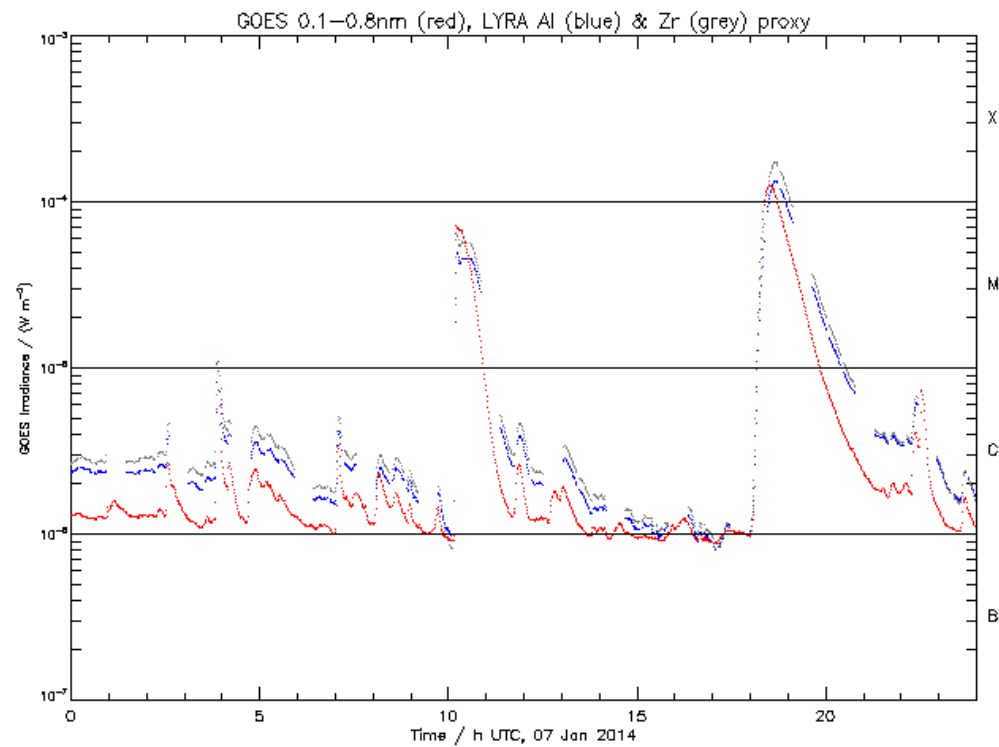
PRoject for OnBoard Autonomy

## SWAP



Sun Watcher using APS detector and image Processing

## LYRA



ROB/SIDC, Brussels, Belgium

Large Yield Radiometer

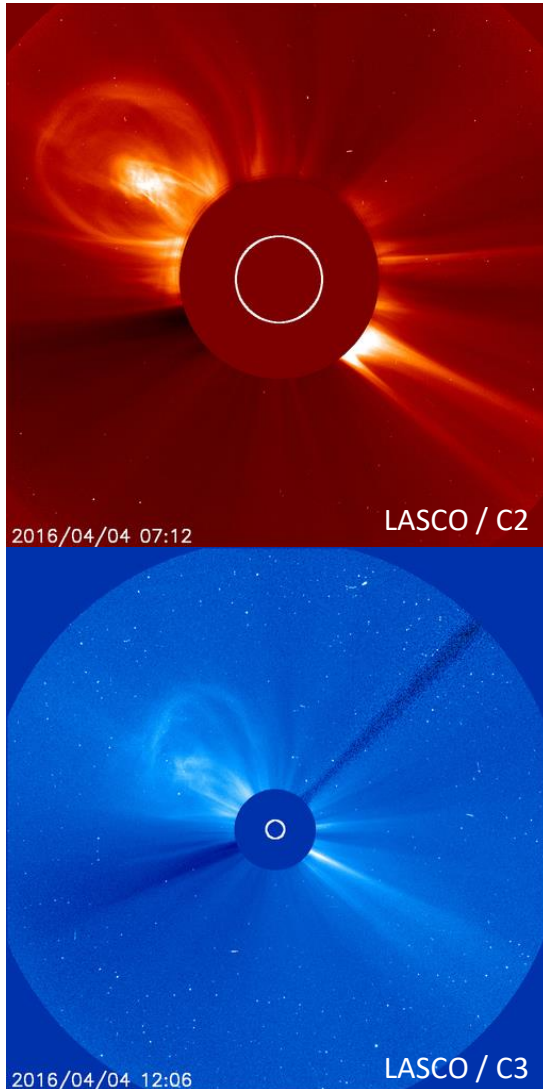




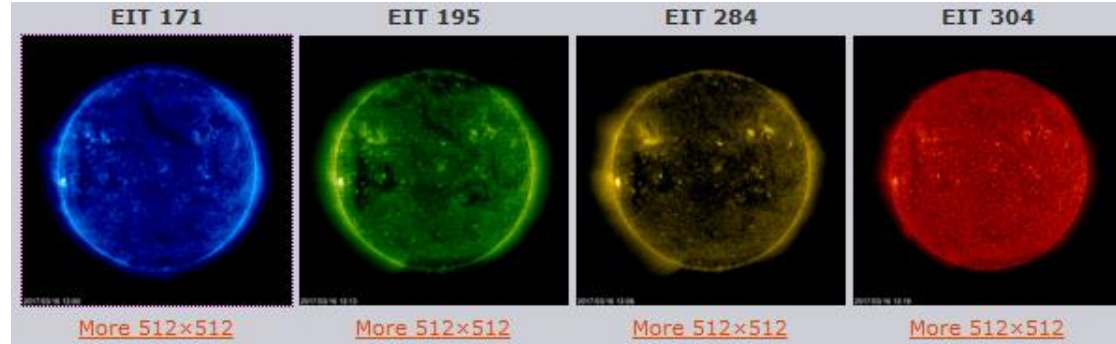


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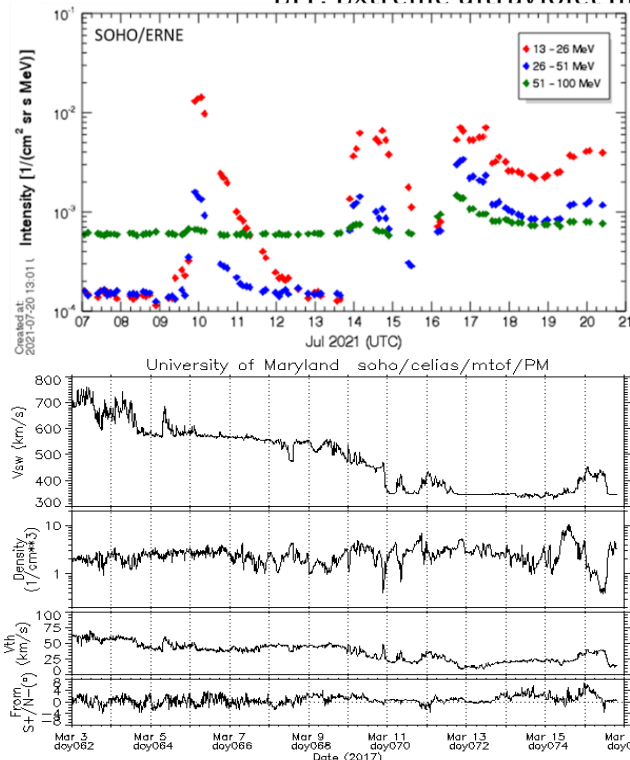
Solar & Heliospheric Observatory



LASCO: Large Angle Spectrometric Coronagraph



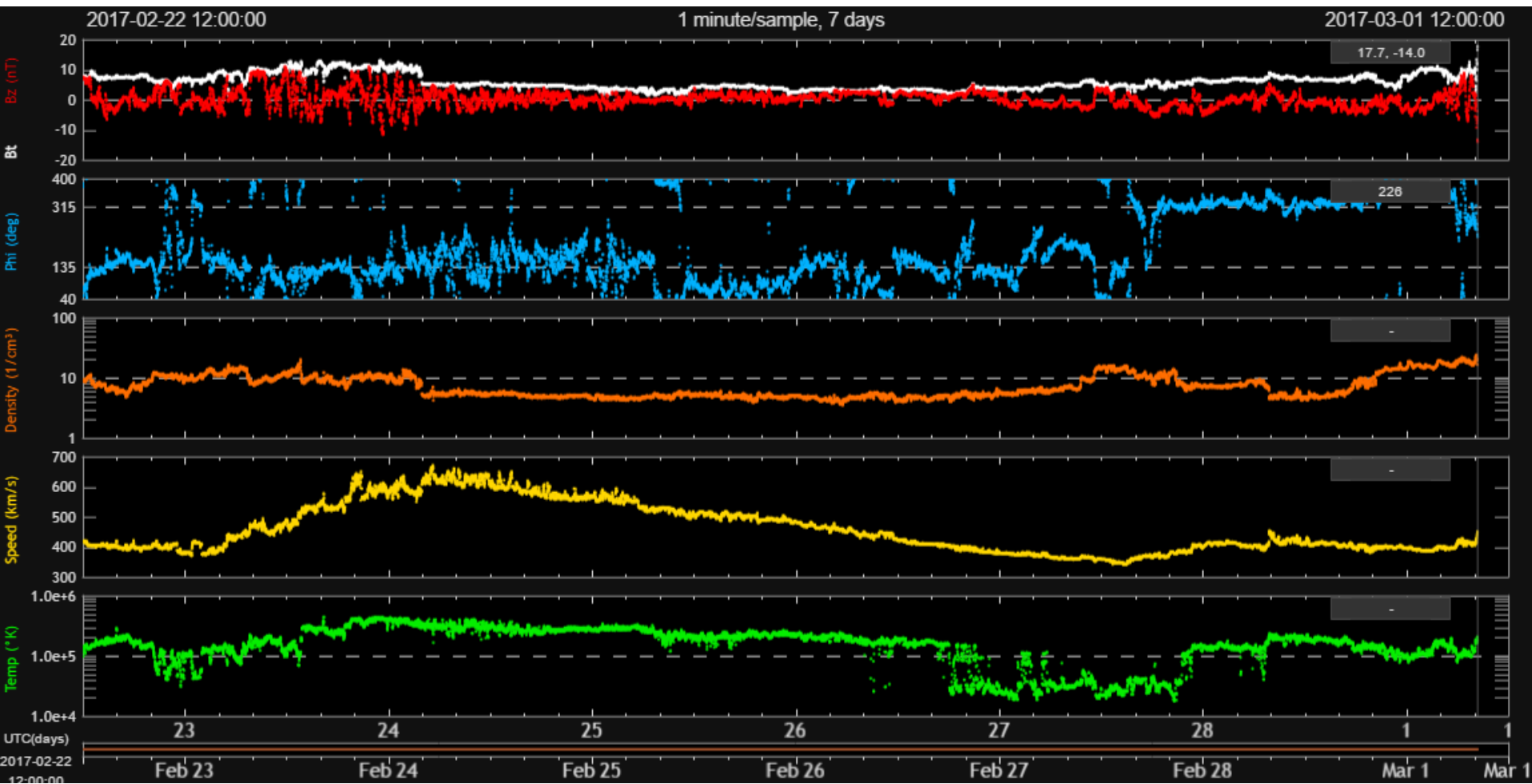
EIT: Extreme ultraviolet Imaging Telescope





# DSCOVER

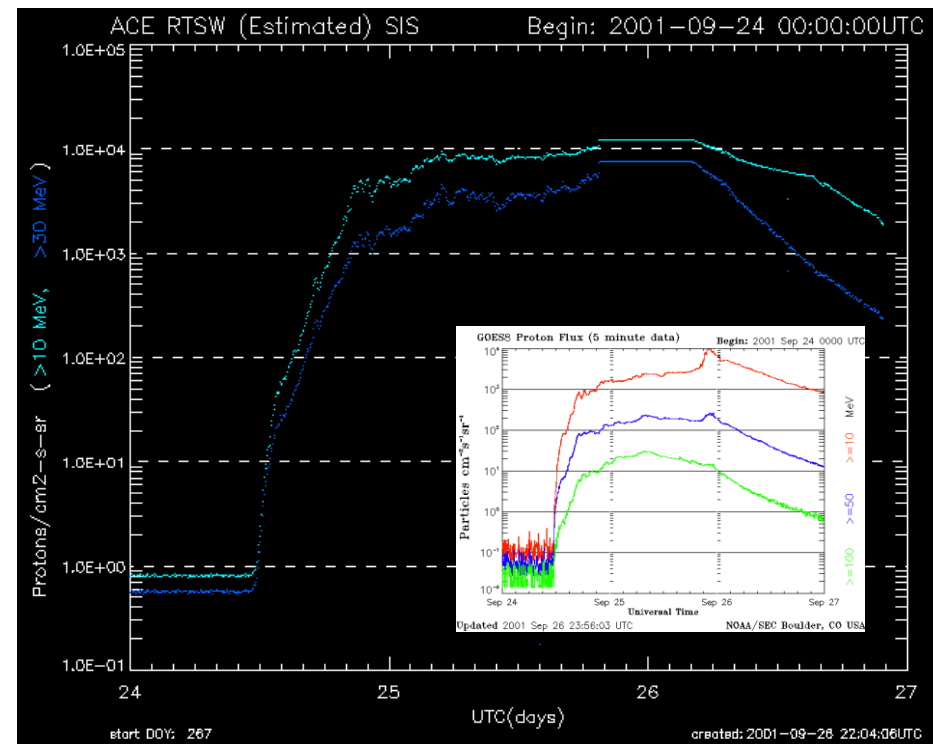
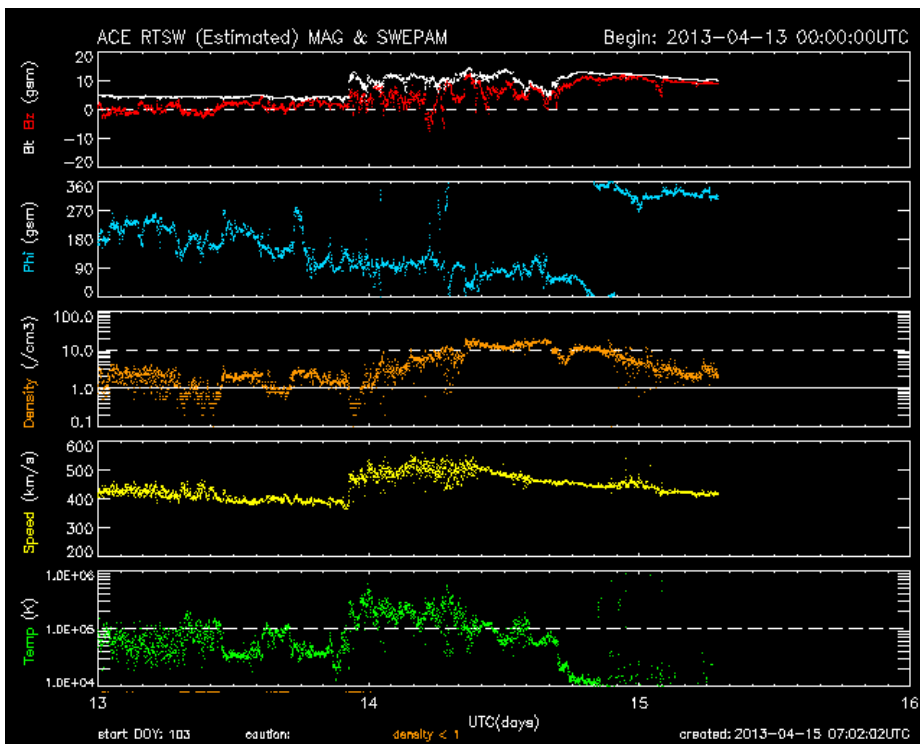
Deep Space Climate Observatory





# ACE

## Advanced Composition Explorer





STEREO/WAVES Daily Summary - 23-Jul-2012 (DOY 205)

Ahead

Behind

Time (UTC)

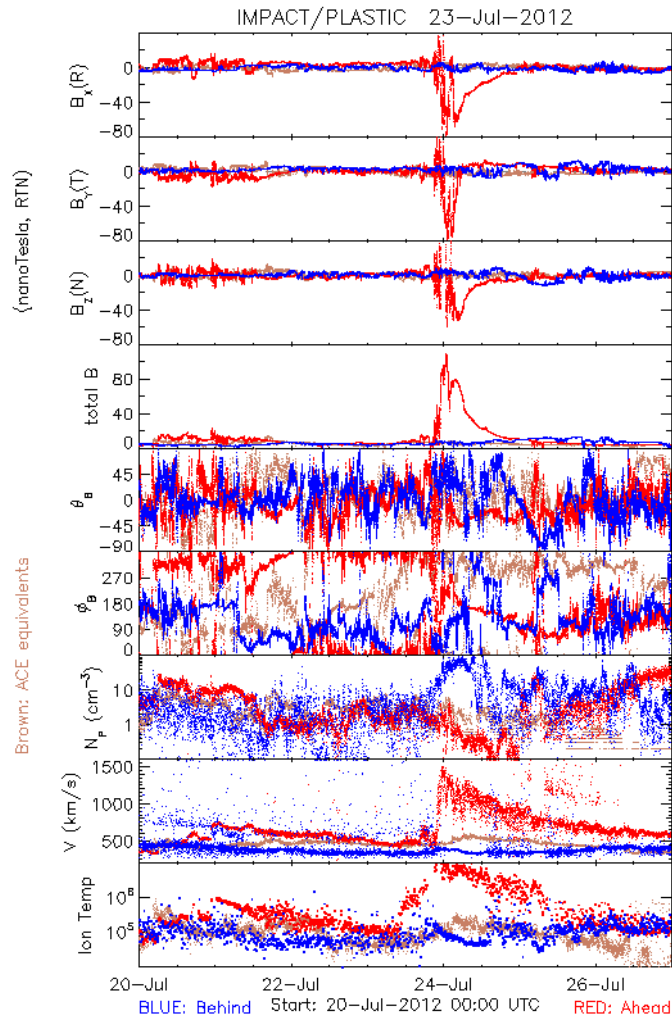
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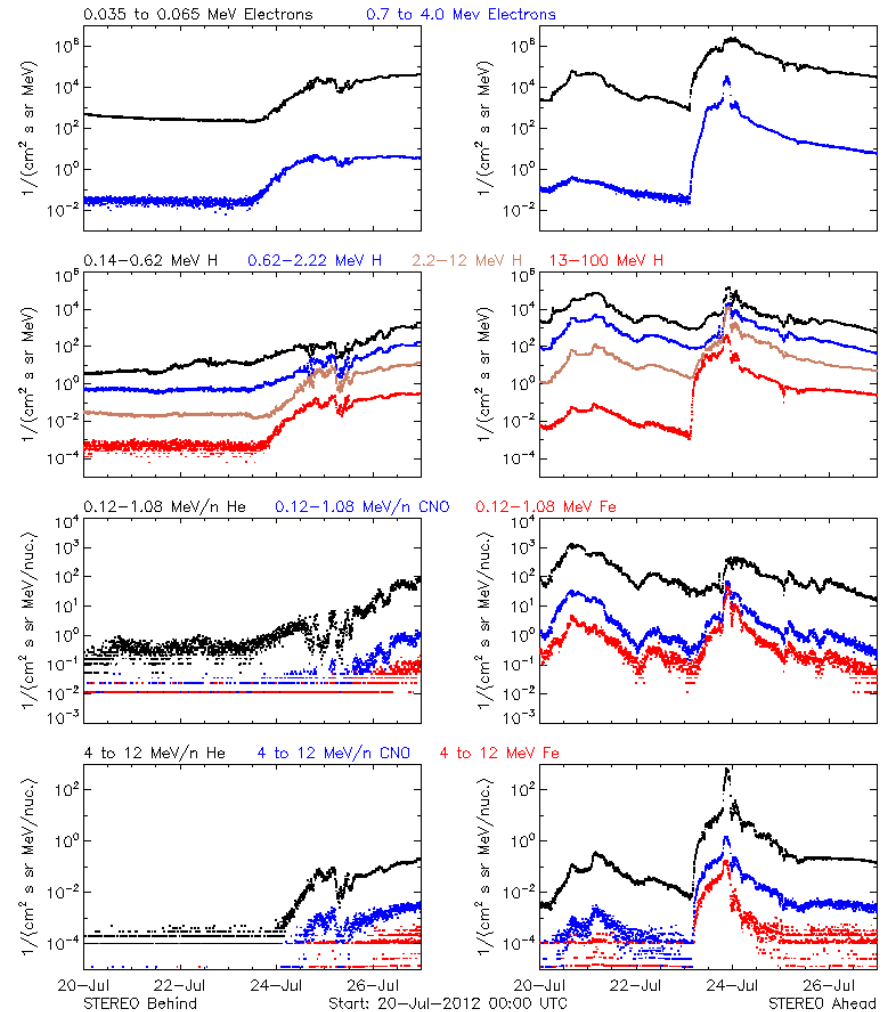


# STEREO

## Solar-Terrestrial Relations Observatory



PLASTIC: Solar wind data



IMPACT: Solar energetic particles





:Issued: 2014 Apr 17 1325 UTC  
:Product: documentation at <http://www.sidc.be/products/tot>  
#-----#  
# DAILY BULLETIN ON SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY from the SIDC #  
#-----#

SIDC URSIGRAM 40417  
SIDC SOLAR BULLETIN 17 Apr 2014, 1304UT

SIDC FORECAST (valid from 1230UT, 17 Apr 2014 until 19 Apr 2014)  
SOLAR FLARES : Active (M-class flares expected, probability >=50%)  
GEOMAGNETISM : Quiet (A<20 and K<4)  
SOLAR PROTONS : Quiet

PREDICTIONS FOR 17 Apr 2014 10CM FLUX: 180 / AP: 013  
PREDICTIONS FOR 18 Apr 2014 10CM FLUX: 184 / AP: 007  
PREDICTIONS FOR 19 Apr 2014 10CM FLUX: 188 / AP: 005

COMMENT: Eleven sunspot groups were reported by NOAA today. NOAA ARs 2035, 2036, and 2037 (Catania numbers 24, 25, and 26 respectively) maintain the beta-gamma configuration of the photospheric magnetic field. The strongest flare of the past 24 hours was the M1.0 flare peaking at 19:59 UT yesterday in the NOAA AR 2035 (Catania number 24). The flare was associated with an EIT wave and a weak coronal dimming, but the associated CME was narrow and is not expected to arrive at the Earth.

We expect further flaring activity on the C-level, especially in the NOAA ARs 2035 and 2037 (Catania numbers 24 and 26 respectively) as well as in the NOAA AR 2042 (no Catania number yet) that yesterday appeared from behind the east solar limb, with a good chance for an M-class event.

Since yesterday evening the Earth is situated inside a solar wind structure with an elevated interplanetary magnetic field magnitude (occasionally up to 10 nT). It may be a weak ICME or the compression region on the flank of an ICME that missed the Earth. The solar origin of this structure is not clear. The north-south magnetic field component Bz was not strong, so no significant geomagnetic disturbance resulted (K index stayed below 4). Currently the solar wind speed is around 380 km/s and the IMF magnitude is around 8 nT.

We expect quiet to unsettled (K index up to 3) geomagnetic conditions, with active geomagnetic conditions (K = 4) possible, but unlikely.

TODAY'S ESTIMATED ISN : 145, BASED ON 17 STATIONS.  
99999

SOLAR INDICES FOR 16 Apr 2014  
WOLF NUMBER CATANIA : ///  
10CM SOLAR FLUX : 184  
AK CHAMBON LA FORET : 012  
AK WINGST : 004  
ESTIMATED AP : 004  
ESTIMATED ISN : 139, BASED ON 29 STATIONS.

NOTICEABLE EVENTS SUMMARY  
DAY BEGIN MAX END LOC XRAY OP 10CM Catania/NOAA RADIO\_BURST\_TYPES  
16 1954 1959 2004 S14E09 M1.0 1N 24/2035 II/2  
END



*Satellites and instruments*

# Tools

- Various
  - Soteria
  - Solar Demon
  - CACTus
  - Drag model
  - JHV (SWHV)
  - STAFF
  - COR2 J-plots
  - COMESEP
  - EUHFORIA
    - WSA-ENLIL (SWPC)



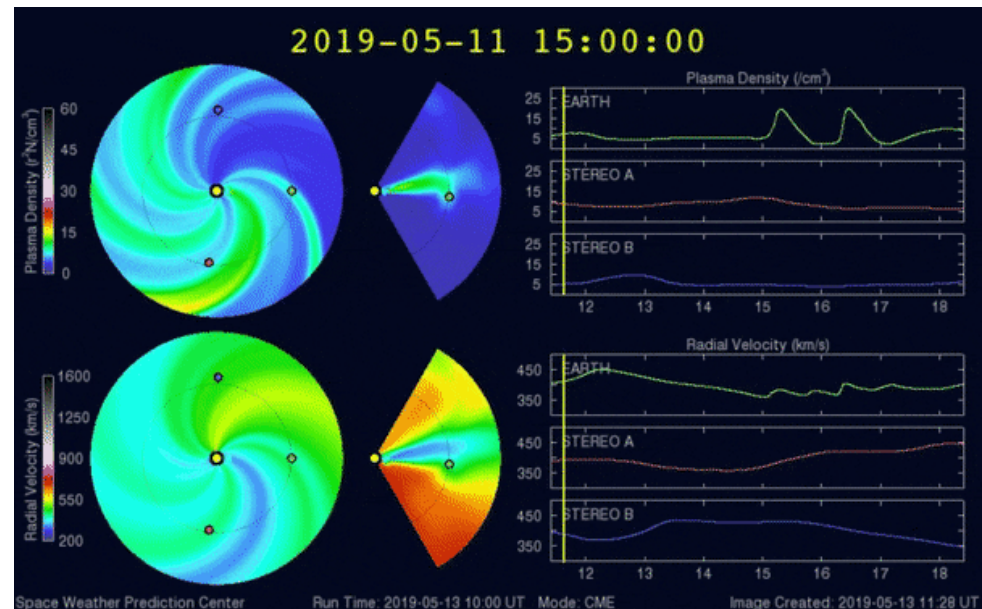
**CACTus 2.5.0**

A software package for 'Computer Aided CME Tracking'

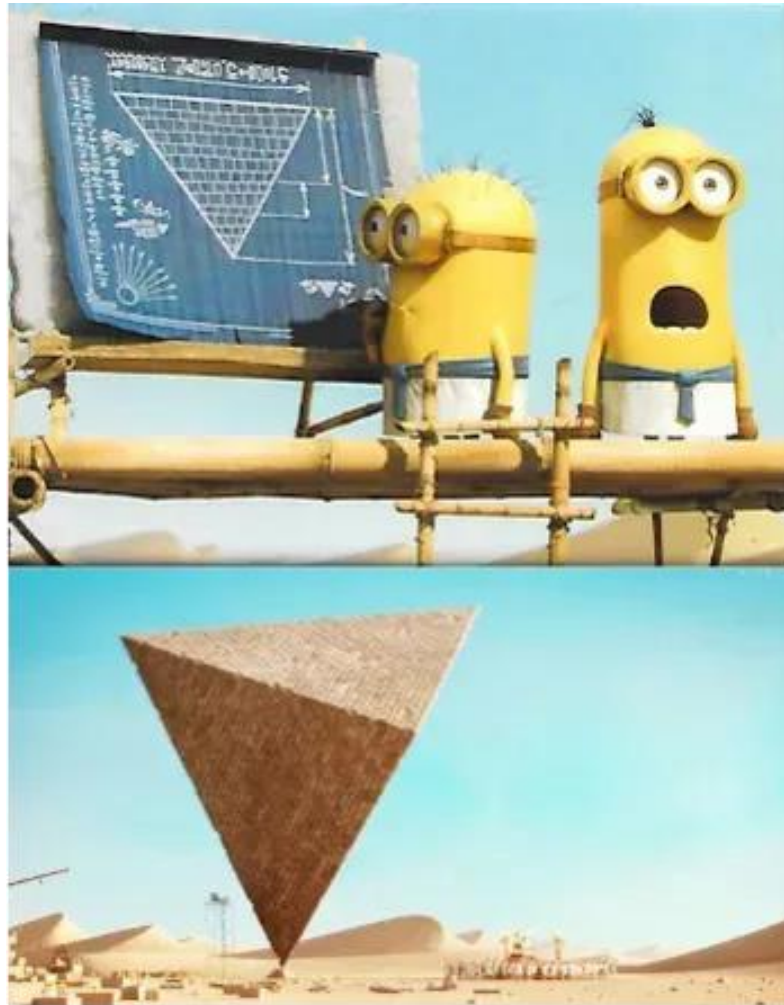
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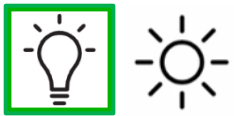
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:Product: CACTus catalogue (http://sidc.be/cactus)
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# Threshold : 0.30 | Factor : 2 | Minimal CME width: 5
#
first c2: 2021/10/21 00:00:07.942 23664539.fts
last c2: 2021/10/27 15:05:48.794 23665296.fts
first c3: 2021/10/21 00:06:07.438 33701775.fts
last c3: 2021/10/27 14:42:07.411 33702459.fts
#
-----
# Output: Detected cormap with the following characteristics:
#
# CME: CME number
# Flow: Flow number. Flows are suspicious detections, their color in the detectionmap is dark blue
# t0: onset time, earliest indication of liftoff
# dt0: duration of liftoff (hours)
# pa: principal angle, counterclockwise from North (degrees)
# da: angular width (degrees).
# v: median velocity (km/s)
# dv: variation (1 sigma) of velocity over the width of the CME
# minv: lowest velocity detected within the CME
# maxv: highest velocity detected within the CME
# halo?: 11 if da>90, 111 if da>150, 1V if da>270, indicating potential halo/partial halo CME
#
# CME | t0 | dt0 | pa | da | v | dv | minv | maxv | halo?
0025|2021/10/27 04:16| 01 | 044| 006| 0550| 0091| 0421| 0632|
0024|2021/10/27 04:00| 06 | 096| 074| 0222| 0039| 0147| 0322|
0023|2021/10/26 23:12| 01 | 075| 016| 0346| 0083| 0294| 0480|
0022|2021/10/26 20:24| 01 | 081| 024| 0276| 0097| 0171| 0428|
0021|2021/10/26 20:12| 01 | 130| 014| 0162| 0077| 0148| 0171|
0020|2021/10/26 20:00| 02 | 129| 060| 0179| 0039| 0129| 0260|
  
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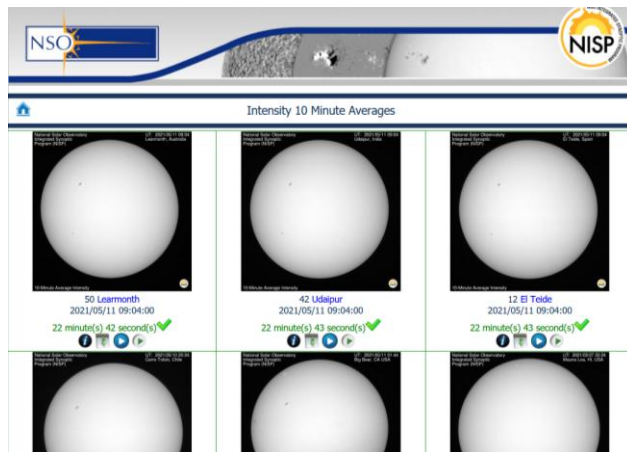
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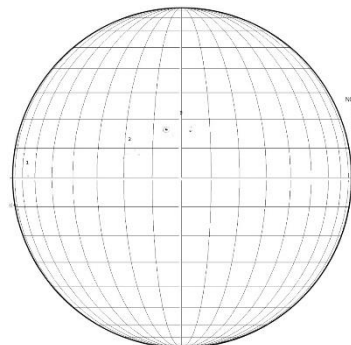
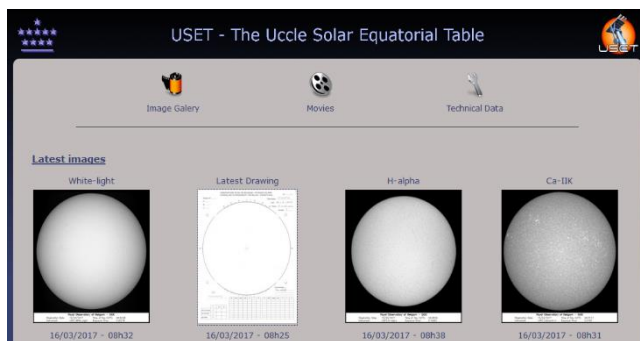
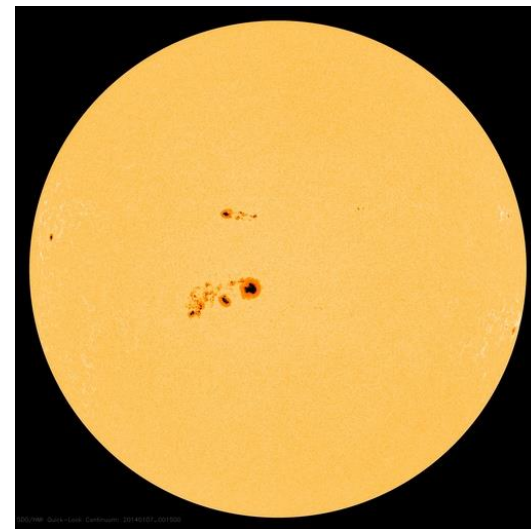


# White light solar imagery

Ground-based 

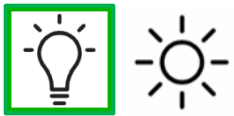


Space-based 



GONG: Global Oscillation Network Group  
USET: Uccle Solar Equatorial Table  
Catania Astrophysical Observatory  
SDO: Solar Dynamics Observatory  
HMI: Helioseismic and Magnetic Imager





# Sunspot number

Ground-based



Space-based



Sunspot Index and  
Long-term Solar  
Observations

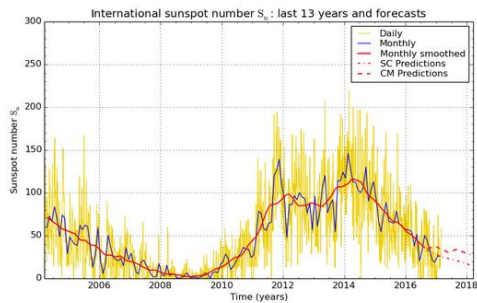
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World Data Center for the production, preservation and dissemination of the international sunspot number

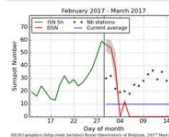
### Sunspot number series: latest update



SILSO graphics (<http://sidc.be/silso>) Royal Observatory of Belgium, 2017 March 1

### Latest Sunspot Bulletin

#### Daily estimated sunspot number



#### EISN DATA FILES

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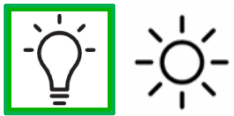
13 March : 0

14 March : 0

SILSO: Sunspot Index and Long-term Solar Observations

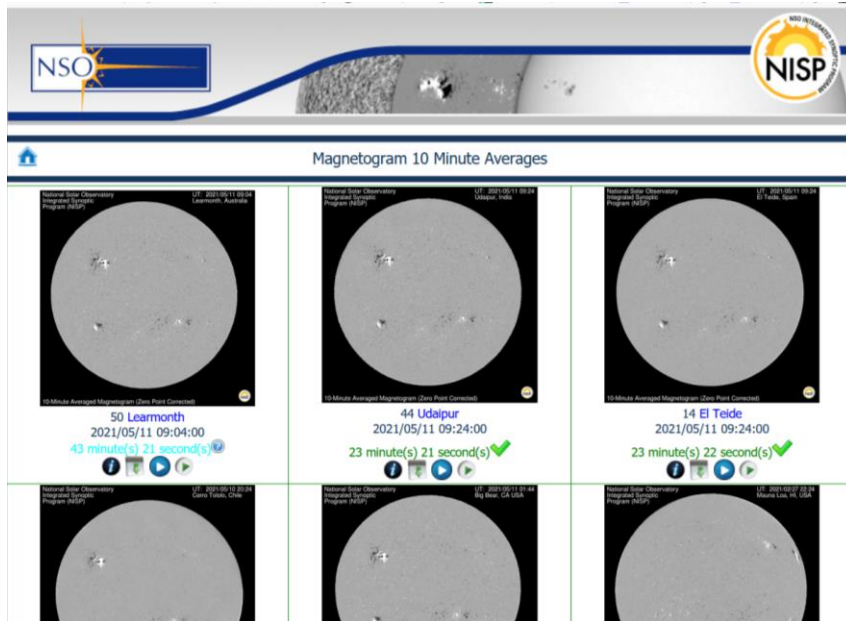




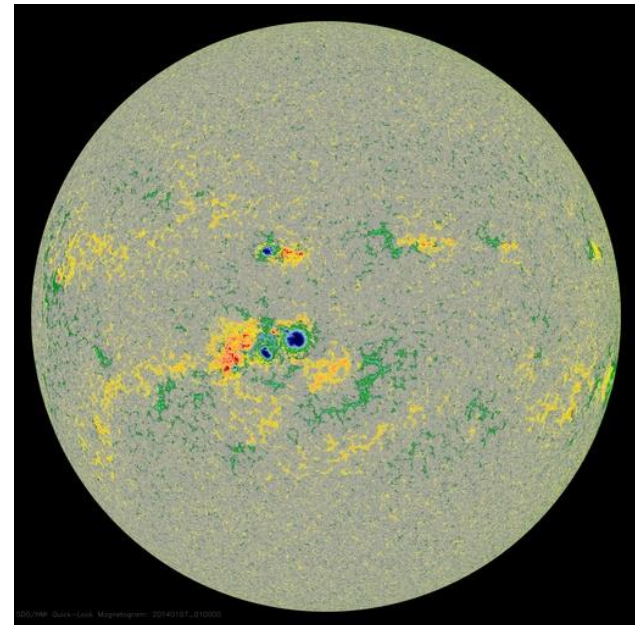


# Solar magnetograms

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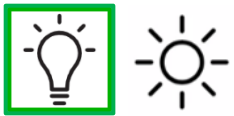


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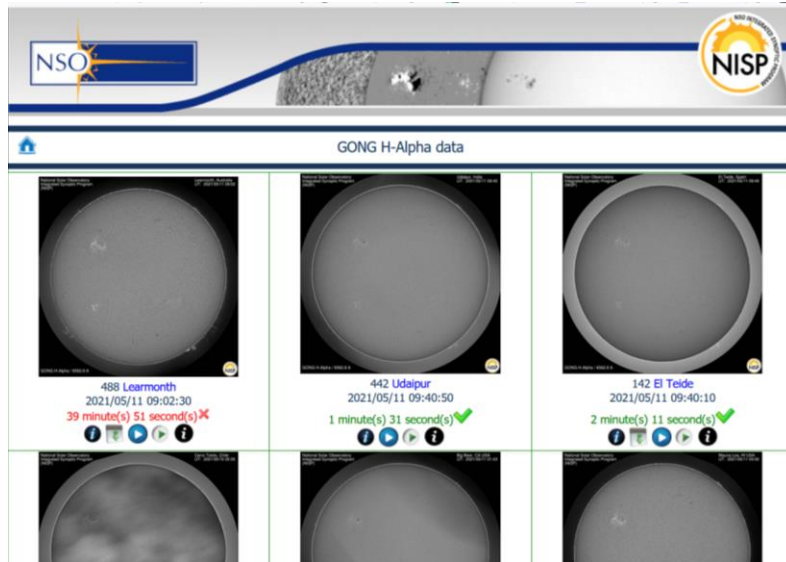
GONG: Global Oscillation Network Group  
SDO: Solar Dynamics Observatory  
HMI: Helioseismic and Magnetic Imager





# H-alpha solar images

Ground-based

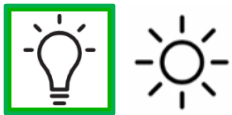


Space-based



GONG: Global Oscillation Network Group  
USET: Uccle Solar Equatorial Table  
Kanzelhöhe Observatory





# Solar radio flux

## Ground-based



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:Issued: 0602 UTC 10 May 2021
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# Prepared by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center
# Please send comments and suggestions to SWPC.Website@noaa.gov
# Units: 10-22 W/m2/Hz
# Missing Data: -1
#
# Daily local noon solar radio flux values - Updated once an hour
#
# Freq  Learmonth  San Vito  Sag Hill  Penticton  Penticton  Palehua  Penticton
# MHz   0500 UTC  1200 UTC  1700 UTC  1700 UTC  2000 UTC  2300 UTC  2300 UTC
#
2021 May 4
245    15      16      11      -1      -1      -1      -1
410    26      29      27      -1      -1      -1      -1
610    -1      -1      38      -1      -1      -1      -1
1415   55      50      56      -1      -1      53      -1
2695   75      -1      76      -1      -1      74      -1
2800   -1      -1      -1      71      70      -1      70
4995   112     107     120     -1      -1     112     -1
8800   231     217     231     -1      -1     219     -1
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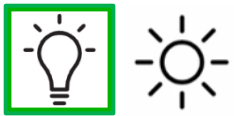
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1415   55      51      55      -1      -1     52      -1
2695   79      -1      75      -1      -1     73      -1
2800   -1      -1      69      -1      70      -1      -1
4995   109     102     119     -1      -1     114     -1
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## Space-based



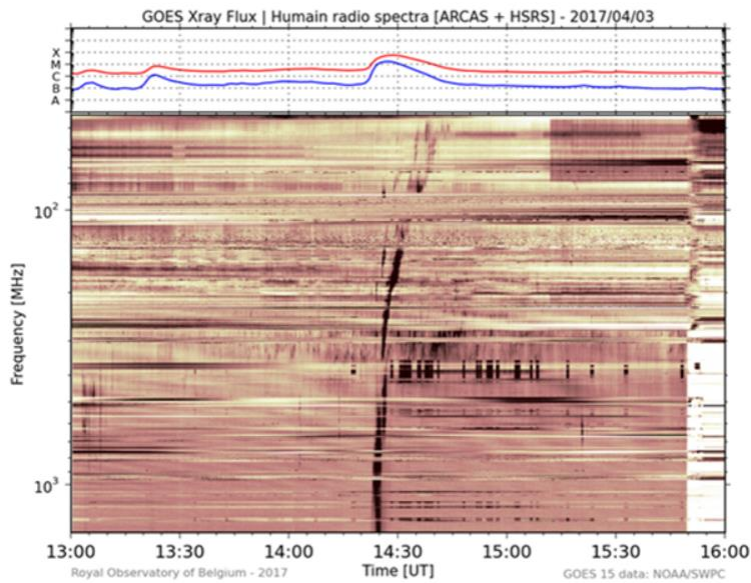
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NRCan: Natural Resources Canada  
RSTN: Radio Solar Telescope Network



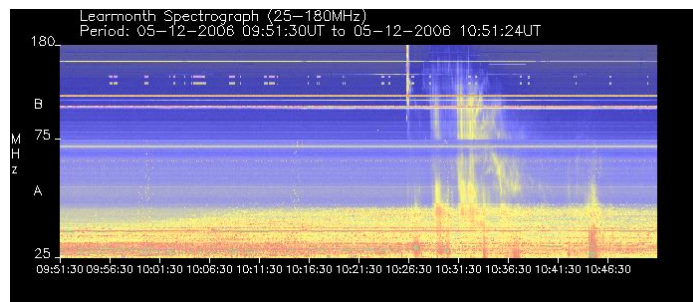
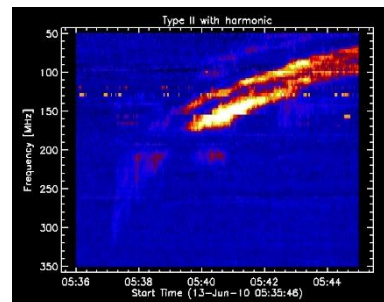
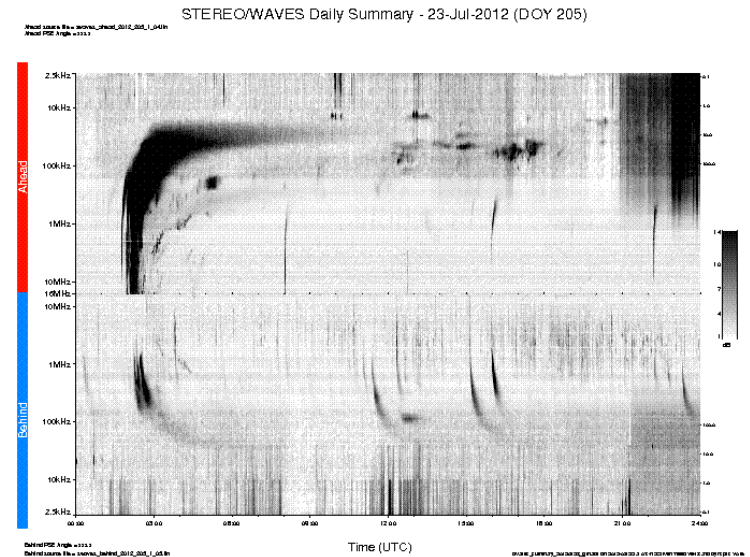


# Solar radio spectra

## Ground-based



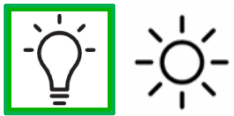
## Space-based



Humain Radioastronomy Station  
eCallisto  
Learmonth  
STEREO: Solar-TERrestrial Relations Observatory



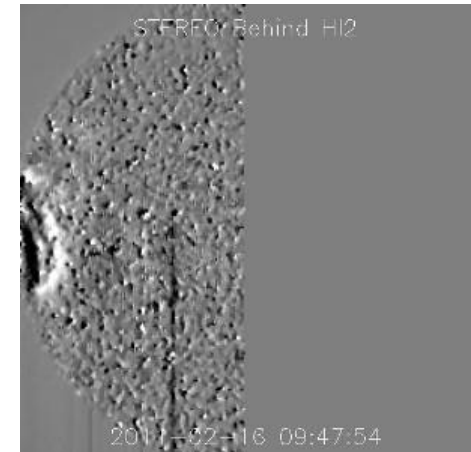
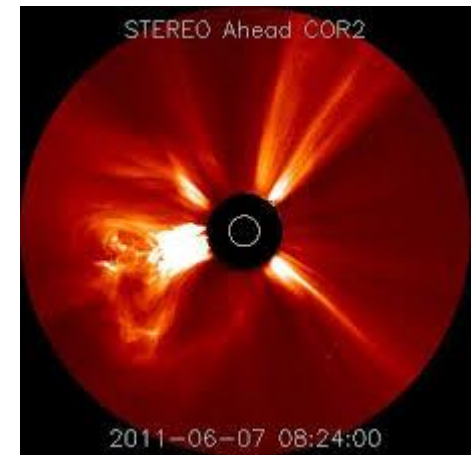
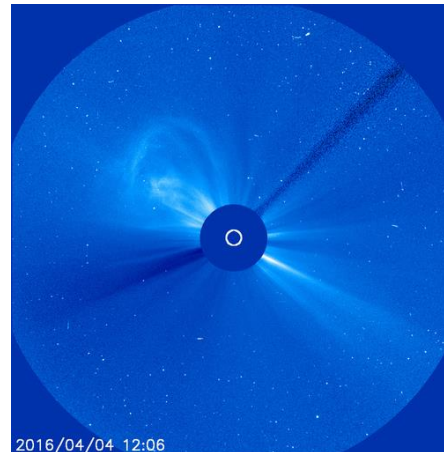
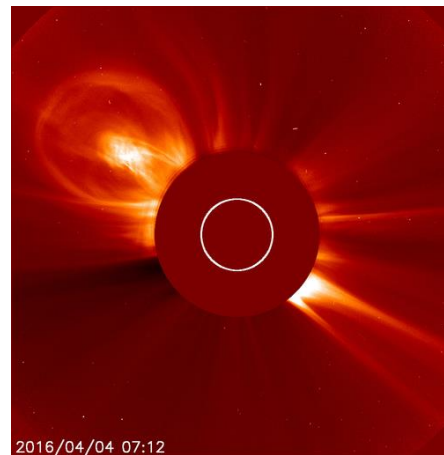




# Solar coronagraphic imagery

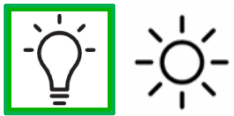
Ground-based 🌍

Space-based 🛰️



SOHO: Solar & Heliospheric Observatory  
LASCO: Large Angle Spectrometric Coronagraph  
STEREO: Solar-TERrestrial RELations Observatory  
COR: Coronagraph  
HI: Heliospheric Imager



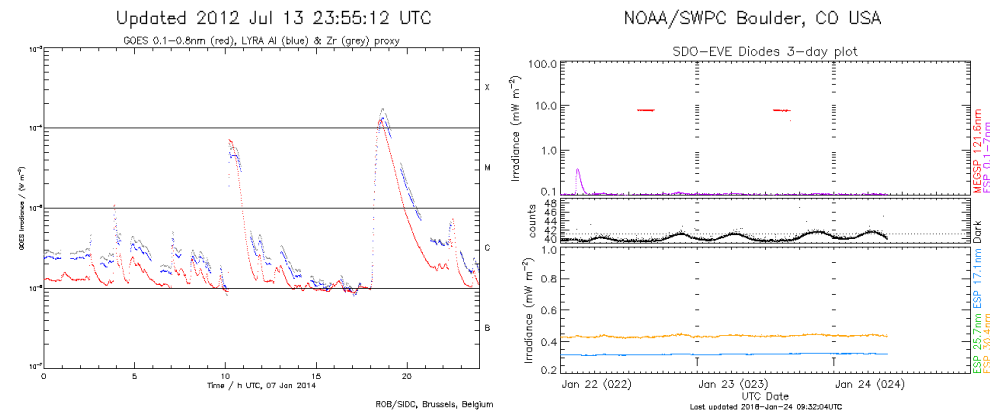
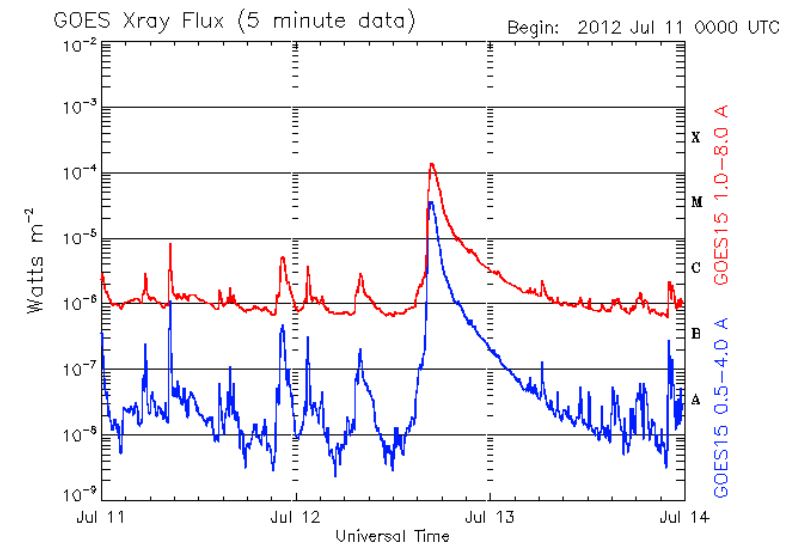


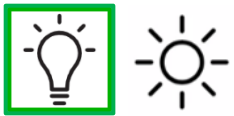
# Solar X-ray flux and proxies

Ground-based 

Space-based 

GOES: Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite  
XRS: X-Ray Sensor  
SDO: Solar Dynamics Observatory  
EVE: Extreme ultraviolet Variability Experiment  
PROBA2: PRoject for OnBoard Autonomy  
LYRA: Large YIELD RAdiometer



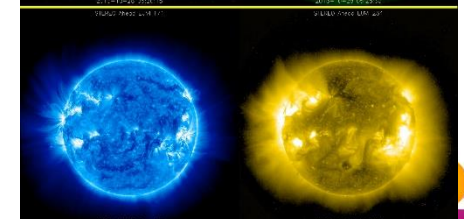
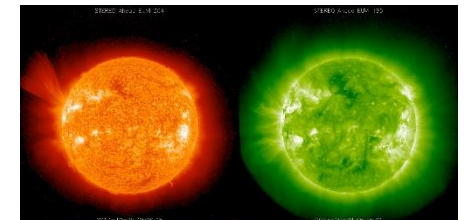
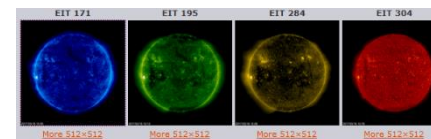
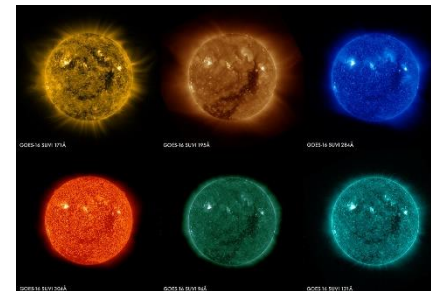
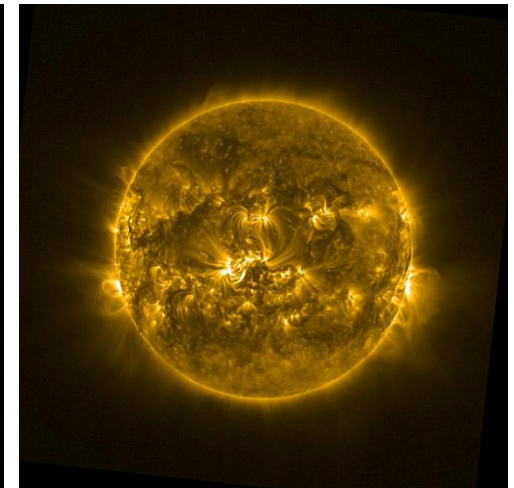
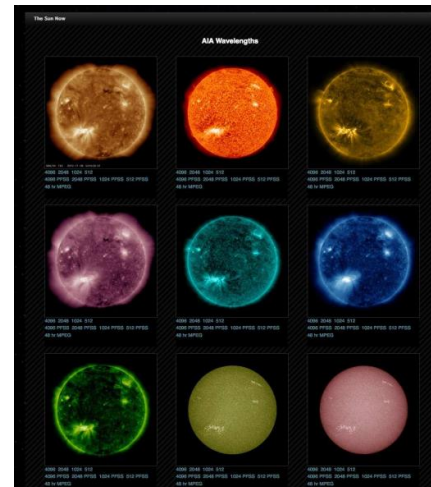


# Solar EUV imagery

Ground-based 

Space-based 

GOES: Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite  
 SUVI: Solar Ultraviolet Imager  
 SDO: Solar Dynamics Observatory  
 AIA: Atmospheric Imaging Assembly  
 PROBA2: Project for OnBoard Autonomy  
 SWAP: Sun Watcher using APS detector and image Processing  
 SOHO: Solar & Heliospheric Observatory  
 EIT: Extreme ultraviolet Imaging Telescope  
 STEREO: Solar-TERrestrial Relations Observatory  
 EUVI: Extreme UltraViolet Imager



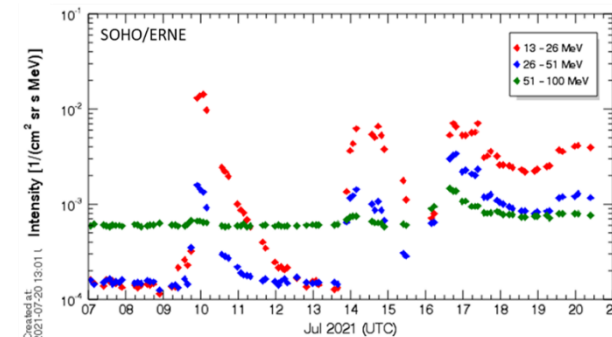
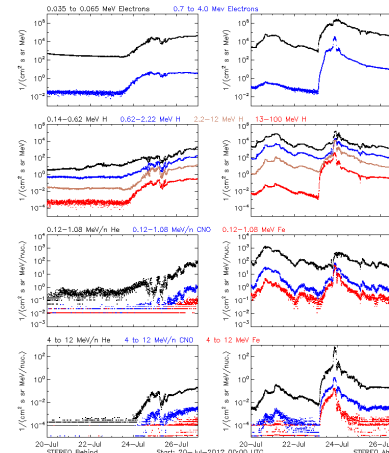
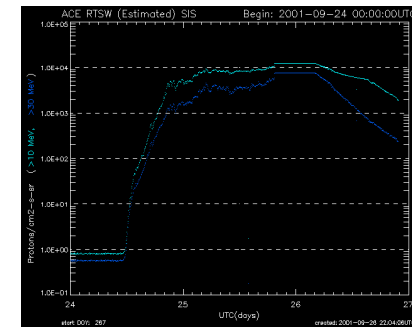
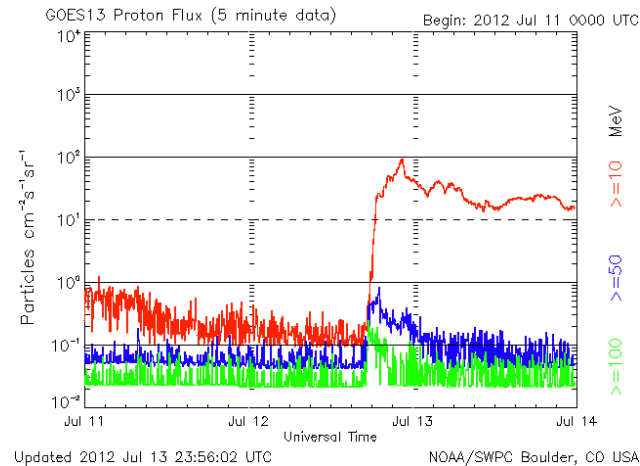


# Solar proton flux

Ground-based



Space-based



GOES: Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite  
 ACE: Advanced Composition Explorer  
 STEREO: Solar-Terrestrial Relations Observatory  
 SOHO: Solar and Heliospheric Observatory

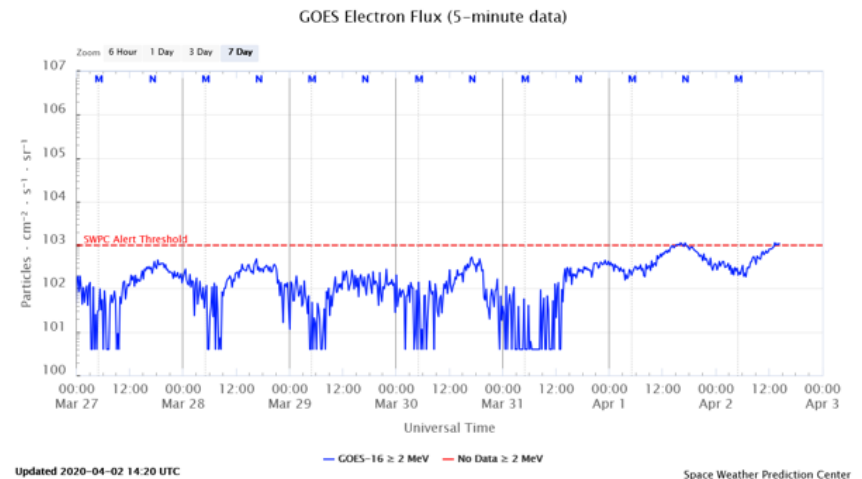




# $\geq 2$ MeV electron flux

Ground-based 

Space-based 



GOES: Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite

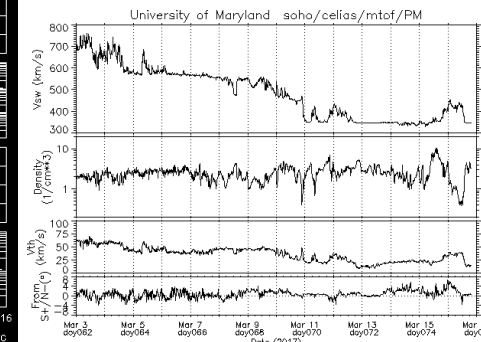
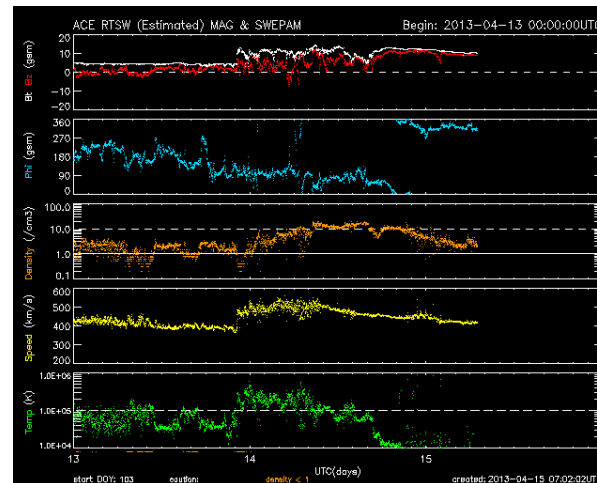
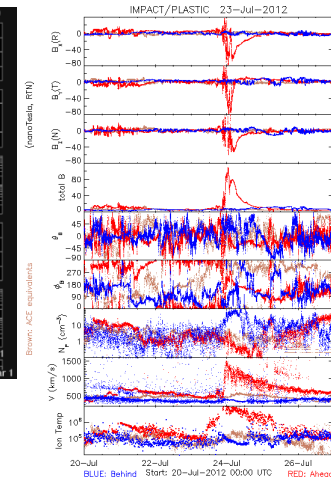
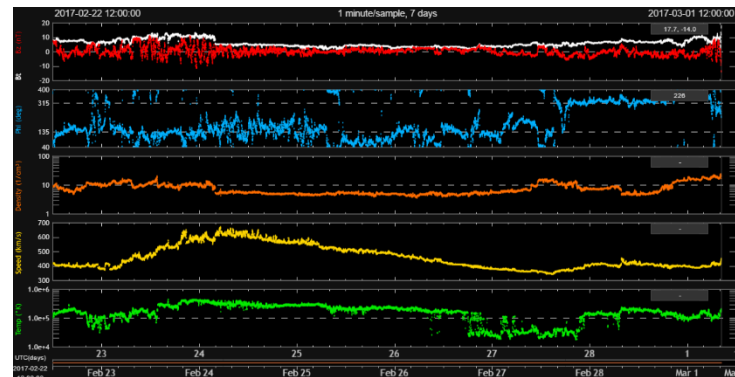




# Solar wind

Ground-based 

Space-based 



SOHO: Solar & Heliospheric Observatory  
 DSCOVR: Deep Space Climate Observatory  
 ACE: Advanced Composition Explorer  
 STEREO: Solar-TERrestrial Relations Observatory





# Exercises



*Identify the ground-based stations, satellites, sensors, tools,... in the following URSIgrams (Comment)*

# URSIgram 1

:Issued: 2020 Feb 27 1230 UTC

:Product: documentation at <http://www.sidc.be/products/tot>

#-----#  
# DAILY BULLETIN ON SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY from the SIDC #  
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SIDC URSIGRAM 00227

SIDC SOLAR BULLETIN 27 Feb 2020, 1230UT

SIDC FORECAST (valid from 1230UT, 27 Feb 2020 until 29 Feb 2020)

SOLAR FLARES : Quiet conditions (<50% probability of C-class flares)

GEOMAGNETISM : Quiet (A<20 and K<4)

SOLAR PROTONS : Quiet

PREDICTIONS FOR 27 Feb 2020 10CM FLUX: 071 / AP: 010

PREDICTIONS FOR 28 Feb 2020 10CM FLUX: 071 / AP: 006

PREDICTIONS FOR 29 Feb 2020 10CM FLUX: 071 / AP: 004

COMMENT: Solar activity was at very low levels. The Sun is still spotless, but this may change as two small active regions at resp. latitudes S10 and N25 are about to rotate over the east limb as seen in SDO/AIA and STEREO-A/EUVI imagery. No earth-directed coronal mass ejections (CMEs) have been observed in available coronagraphic imagery. The greater than 10 MeV proton flux was at nominal values. Some small and patchy equatorial coronal holes (CHs) are present on the solar disk.

Solar activity is expected to remain at very low levels.

Solar wind conditions were at background levels. Solar wind speed varied steadily between 330 and 370 km/s (ACE). Bz undulated between -5 and +5 nT. The direction of the interplanetary magnetic field (phi angle) was variable. Geomagnetic conditions were at quiet levels, with an unsettled episode (09-12UT) recorded at Dourbes.

Geomagnetic activity is expected to remain mostly at quiet levels, with an isolated unsettled interval remaining possible.



# URSIgram 2

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:Issued: 2018 Oct 13 1230 UTC
:Product: documentation at http://www.sidc.be/products/tot
#-----#
# DAILY BULLETIN ON SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY from the SIDC #
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SIDC URSIGRAM 81013

SIDC SOLAR BULLETIN 13 Oct 2018, 1230UT

SIDC FORECAST (valid from 1230UT, 13 Oct 2018 until 15 Oct 2018)

SOLAR FLARES : Quiet conditions (<50% probability of C-class flares)

GEOMAGNETISM : Minor storm expected ( $A \geq 30$  or  $K=5$ )

SOLAR PROTONS : Quiet

PREDICTIONS FOR 13 Oct 2018 10CM FLUX: 072 / AP: 006

PREDICTIONS FOR 14 Oct 2018 10CM FLUX: 072 / AP: 029

PREDICTIONS FOR 15 Oct 2018 10CM FLUX: 072 / AP: 021

COMMENT: Beta region NOAA AR 2724 near the East limb has produced a B2.1 flare peaking at 01:50UT on October 12, associated with a Type II radio burst observed at Learmonth, and a B7.1 flare peaking at 14:08 UT, associated with a Type II radio burst registered in Humain. The chance for a C flare in the next 24 hours is estimated at 35%.

No Earth-directed Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) were observed in available coronagraphic imagery.

The greater than 10 MeV proton flux was at nominal levels in the past 24 hours, and is expected to stay at nominal levels in the next 24 hours.

Solar wind speed near Earth as registered by DSCOVR decreased from about 400 to 340 km/s about in the past 24 hours. The Interplanetary Magnetic Field (IMF) was predominantly directed away from the Sun and its magnitude varied between about 1 and 8 nT.  $B_z$  was never below -5 nT. A high speed stream from a negative polarity equatorial coronal hole is expected to arrive at Earth near the start of October 14, enhancing the solar wind conditions.

Quiet geomagnetic conditions (K Dourbes between 1 and 2; NOAA Kp between 1 and 3) were registered in the past 24 hours. Quiet to unsettled levels (K Dourbes < 4) are expected on October 13. Active geomagnetic levels (K Dourbes = 4) are possible on October 14 and 15 due to the expected arrival of a high speed stream from a negative polarity equatorial coronal hole, with a chance for minor storm (K Dourbes = 5) intervals.



# URSIgram 3

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:Issued: 2017 May 24 1310 UTC
:Product: documentation at http://www.sidc.be/products/tot
#-----#
# DAILY BULLETIN ON SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY from the SIDC #
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SIDC URSIGRAM 70524

SIDC SOLAR BULLETIN 24 May 2017, 1310UT

SIDC FORECAST (valid from 1230UT, 24 May 2017 until 26 May 2017)

SOLAR FLARES : Quiet conditions (<50% probability of C-class flares)

GEOMAGNETISM : Active conditions expected (A>=20 or K=4)

SOLAR PROTONS : Quiet

PREDICTIONS FOR 24 May 2017 10CM FLUX: 076 / AP: 004

PREDICTIONS FOR 25 May 2017 10CM FLUX: 075 / AP: 007

PREDICTIONS FOR 26 May 2017 10CM FLUX: 076 / AP: 013

COMMENT: Over the past 24 hours solar activity has been very low. There has been one B4.4 flare peaking at 14:21 UT on 23-May-2017, coming from NOAA Active Region (AR) 2660 (McIntosh class:Bxo; Mag.Type:Beta). There are three more decaying NOAA AR on the visible side of the solar disk. Solar activity is expected to remain low over the next 24 hours with a probability of C-class flares.

A slow partial halo CME, with projected speed of about 192 km/s and angular width of about 122 degrees, was detected at 05:24 UT by CACTUS on 23-May-2017. The PROBA2/SWAP images analysis indicates strong dimming near solar disk centre as the source of the CME. WSA-ENLIL model predicts the arrival of CME at Earth around noon on 26-May-2017.

The total electron flux for electrons with energies above 2 MeV reached high levels. The total proton flux for protons with energies above 10 MeV remained at background level. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux is expected to reach high levels today and tomorrow (25-May-2017) in response to elevated solar wind speeds.

The solar wind speed decreased from about 520 km/s to values around 470 km/s during last 24 hours. The total interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) strength, as recorded by the DSCOVR satellite, was around 4 nT. Bz fluctuated between -3 and +3 nT being mostly negative. Geomagnetic conditions were ranged K Dourbes between 1 and 3; NOAA Kp between 1 and 2. The geomagnetic field is expected to be quiet today and tomorrow. Unsettled to active conditions are expected, with a minor storm possibility after noon 26-May-2017 due to the arrival of the 23-May-2017 CME.





# URSIgram 4

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:Issued: 2017 Oct 21 1236 UTC
:Product: documentation at http://www.sidc.be/products/tot
#-----#
# DAILY BULLETIN ON SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY from the SIDC #
#-----#

SIDC URSIGRAM 71021
SIDC SOLAR BULLETIN 21 Oct 2017, 1236UT
SIDC FORECAST (valid from 1230UT, 21 Oct 2017 until 23 Oct 2017)
SOLAR FLARES : C-class flares expected, (probability >=50%)
GEOMAGNETISM : Active conditions expected (A>=20 or K=4)
SOLAR PROTONS : Quiet
PREDICTIONS FOR 21 Oct 2017 10CM FLUX: 077 / AP: 017
PREDICTIONS FOR 22 Oct 2017 10CM FLUX: 077 / AP: 007
PREDICTIONS FOR 23 Oct 2017 10CM FLUX: 077 / AP: 007
COMMENT: From the East limb, returning NOAA region 2682 produced a long duration M1.1 flare peaking at
23:28 UT on October 20. An associated dimming was detected by Solar Demon, and an associated Type II
radio burst was observed by Palehua at 23:35 UT with a corresponding speed of 344 km/s. SOHO LASCO C2
and C3 and STEREO COR2 A have observed an associated bright CME, first seen in LASCO C2 at 00:00 UT on
October 21, from the northeast to the southeast. Analysis of COR2 A jplots revealed a plane of sky speed
of about 385 km/s, yielding a full speed of 770 km/s. Due to the position of the source, this CME will
not be geoeffective. C flares are likely in the next 24 hours (70% probability), with a chance for an
M flare (30% probability).

No Earth-directed Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) were observed in available coronagraphic imagery.

The greater than 10 MeV proton flux was at nominal levels.

A small, fast forward shock in the solar wind occurred at 5:16 UT on October 21. Solar wind speed
registered by DSCOVR jumped from about 340 to 365 km/s, while the magnitude of the Interplanetary
Magnetic Field (IMF) jumped from about 4 to 6 nT. Current solar wind speed is about 360 km/s and current
IMF magnitude is about 8.5 nT. The IMF was directed away from the Sun until it started pointing towards
the Sun around 7:40 UT on October 21. Quiet to unsettled conditions (K Dourbes between 1 and 3; NOAA Kp
between 1 and 2) were registered in the past 24 hours. There is a chance for active geomagnetic levels
(K Dourbes = 4) on October 21. Quiet to unsettled geomagnetic levels (K Dourbes < 4) are expected on
October 22 and 23.
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# Summary

- Both ground- and space-based data and imagery are used in SWx
  - Depends on the SWx user community and the purpose
  - Tools
- Multiple stations are a must
  - Back-up, cross-check & continuous monitoring
  - Reversed engineering

