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Front page: *A view on one of the 17 (!) sessions that was organized during the 16th European Space Weather Week (ESWW16) that took place in Liège, Belgium from 18 till 22 November 2019. There were also 21 Topical Discussion Meetings, and plenty of other activities, making it once again a very successful conference. This ESWW was the last organized by the STCE (for the moment). This space weather conference will continue, but its set-up will now be provided by other institutes. (Credits: Olivier Boulvin)*

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A word from the STCE coordinator

Dear Readers,

I am happy to introduce to you the annual summary report 2019 of the Solar-Terrestrial Centre of Excellence.

The Sun was very quiet in 2019, which is clearly the minimum of the solar cycle, with activity heralding the next cycle gearing up towards the end of the year. Exactly how quiet things were is summarized in the solar-terrestrial highlights at the beginning of the report. It's been many years now since we had large solar events and severe geomagnetic disturbances! But of course we all know that that will change again in the future, and this makes the work of our researchers, forecasters and service providers important for the future. Some highlights of this work are further described in this report, but of course don't forget that we only lift the tip of the curtain! Many more continuous activities are going on in the STCE. It will be our pleasure to present some more of those in the future editions of our annual report.



But back to this year. Once again, the STCE played an important role in bringing the diverse communities interested in space weather together at the annual European Space Weather Week, organized by the STCE in Liège from 18 till 22 November. It was the 14th consecutive time that this was organized in Belgium, but alas also for the time being the last time, since we decided that it is time that ESWW moves around a bit. We are very proud of the heritage that we created by making ESWW grow from a relatively small workshop to a big, mature hallmark conference with attendance by hundreds of scientists, engineers, users,... from scores of countries from all over the world!

But it is not the only meeting we organized in 2019. We celebrated the 50th anniversary of ozone sonde measurements in Uccle with a well-attended symposium. And in Redu we co-organized a symposium at the occasion of PROBA2 becoming a teenager.

And then, of course, we have much to report about the data that we collect and distribute, the instruments that we build and deploy, and the research that we execute and facilitate through the STCE. Not to forget the space weather forecasts and operations that continue to grow, with e.g. the formal start of PECASUS operations in November. But I will let you read all about that - and more - yourself. Enjoy the reading!

Ronald Van der Linden
General Coordinator of the Solar-Terrestrial Centre of Excellence
Director General of the Royal Observatory of Belgium



Anne Vandersyppe (1959-2019)
Always Loved - Never Forgotten - Forever Missed

Structure of the STCE

The Solar-Terrestrial Centre of Excellence is a project of scientific collaboration that focuses on the Sun, through interplanetary space, up to the Earth and its atmosphere.

The solid base of the STCE is the expertise that exists in the 3 Federal Scientific Institutes of the Brussels Space Pole: the Royal Observatory of Belgium, the Royal Meteorological Institute and the Royal Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy. The STCE supports fundamental solar, terrestrial and atmospheric physics research, is involved in earth-based observations and space missions, offers a broad variety of services (mainly linked to space weather and space climate) and operates a fully established space weather application centre. The scientists act at different levels within the frame of local, national and international collaborations of scientific and industrial partners.

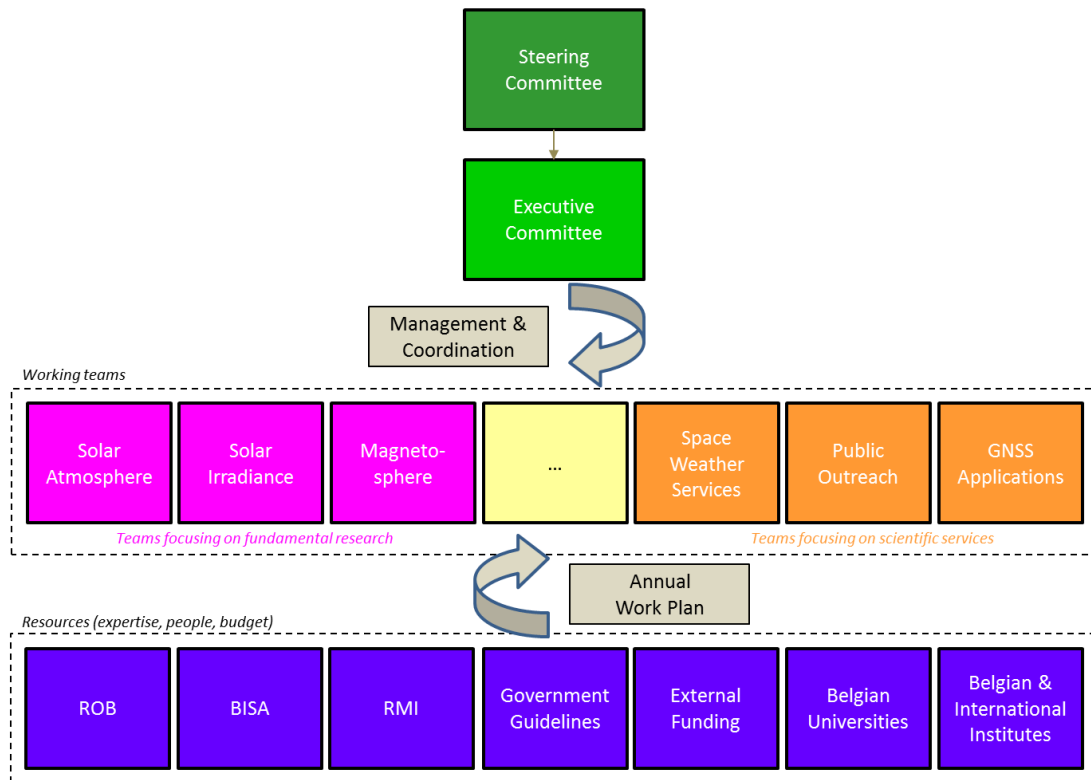


Figure 1: The STCE management structure

The STCE's strengths are based on sharing know-how, manpower, and infrastructure.

In order to optimize the coordination between the various working groups and institutions, as well as the available resources such as ICT, personnel and budget, a management structure for the STCE was put into place, consisting of a steering committee and an executive committee.

The **steering committee** takes all the final decisions on critical matters with regard to the STCE. It assures the integration of the STCE into the 3 institutions and the execution of the strategic plans. It is composed of:

- BELSPO Director General “Research Programmes and Applications”

Dr. Frank Monteny (BELSPO)

- Director General of each of the 3 institutions at the Space Pole

Dr. Ronald Van der Linden (ROB)

Dr. Daniel Gellens (RMI)

Dr. Martine De Mazière (BISA)

The **executive committee** assures the global coordination between the working groups and the correct use of the budgetary means for the various projects. It also identifies new opportunities and is the advisory body to the Steering Committee. It is composed of:

- STCE Coordinator

Dr. Ronald Van der Linden

- Representatives of the research teams in the 3 institutes

Dr. David Berghmans (ROB)

Dr. Carine Bruyninx (ROB)

Dr. Johan De Keyser (BISA)

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A promotional movie giving a flavor of the STCE’s tasks, interactions and various research programs can be found via the [STCE](#) website (in [English](#), and subtitled in [French](#) and [Dutch](#)).



Life at the STCE - Scientists studying interaction effects and drag parameters of snowballs. As one can see, they gave themselves completely to their research. (3 inset pictures by Matt West)

Monitoring space weather: solar-terrestrial highlights in 2019

The official annual sunspot number (SN) for 2019, as determined by the [WDC-SILSO](#) (World Data Center - Sunspot Index and Long-term Solar Observations), was 3.6. This is a further decrease compared to 2018 (7.0), and it is even lower than the previous deep minimum in 2008 and 2009 when the yearly sunspot number was at 4.2 and 4.8 respectively. The highest daily sunspot number (38) was recorded on 21 March.

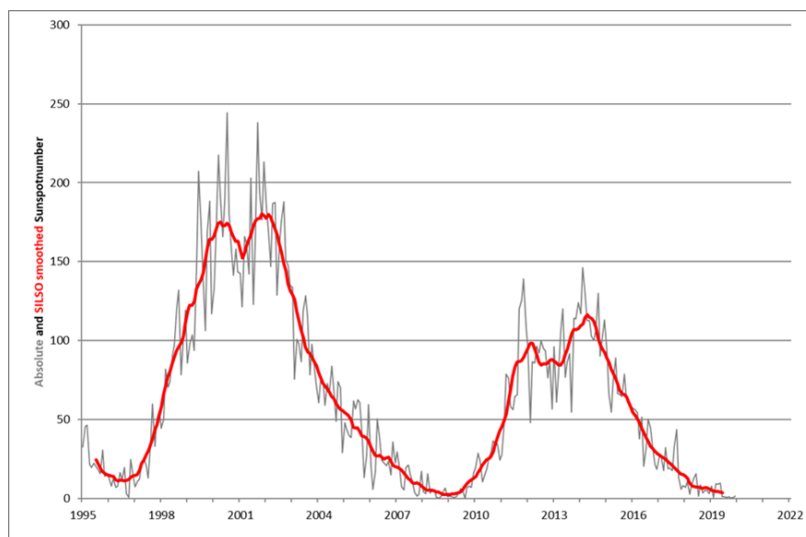


Figure 2: The evolution of the monthly and monthly smoothed SN (1995-2019). Pending the smoothing formula used, Solar Cycle 24 (SC24) reached its maximum of 116.4 in April 2014 ([SILSO formula](#)), or 118.2 in March 2014 ([Meeus formula](#)).

With 274 days, 2019 has ranked itself on the 4th place in the list of years with the most spotless days since 1849. This number dwarfs that of 2018 (208), and is -again- stronger than the numbers recorded during the years of the previous solar cycle minimum, i.e. 2008 (265 days) and 2009 (262). Only 3 years have produced more spotless days than 2019: 1878, 1901, and the year 1913 which is recordholder with a staggering 311 days. (see SILSO's [Spotless Days page](#)). The longest spotless stretch so far this solar cycle transit took place from 14 November 2019 till 23 December 2019, totaling 40 days during which not a single sunspot was visible.

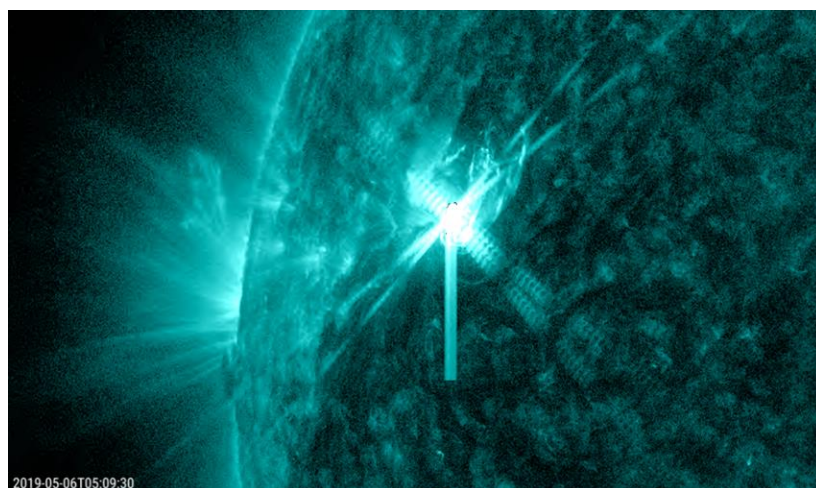


Figure 3: NOAA 2740 was the source of the most powerful flaring event in 2019: a C9.9 on 6 May. The peak of the flare can be seen in this image from [SDO/AIA 131](#). The blooming and diffraction fringes are image artifacts due to pixel saturation and not related to the flare itself (see note 1 in this [STCE Newsitem](#)).

Just as in 2018, the Sun did not produce a single M- or X-class flare in 2019. There were also no proton events or Ground Level Enhancements reported. The strongest event was a [C9.9 flare](#) generated by NOAA 2740 on 6 May. This region was the source of 12 C-class flares, as many as NOAA 2736 just a few weeks earlier. Combined, these two active regions accounted for three quarters of the total number of C-class flares recorded in 2019.

A moderate to strong geomagnetic storm took place on 14 May, with the estimated K_p reaching 7 and the (Quicklook) Dst index reaching -65 nT ([WDC Kyoto](#)). This was the strongest geomagnetic storm of 2019 and it resulted from eruptive activity near the Sun's central meridian on 10 and 11 May. The associated coronal mass ejections (CMEs) reached the earth environment on 14 May, with solar wind speeds up to around 570 km/s and B_z as negative as -15 nT. Further eruptive activity with coronal dimming south of NOAA 2741 took place on 12-13 May, but the main portions of the associated CMEs were mostly directed south of the ecliptic. Of note is that during this solar cycle, no extremely severe geomagnetic storm ($K_p = 9$) has been observed.

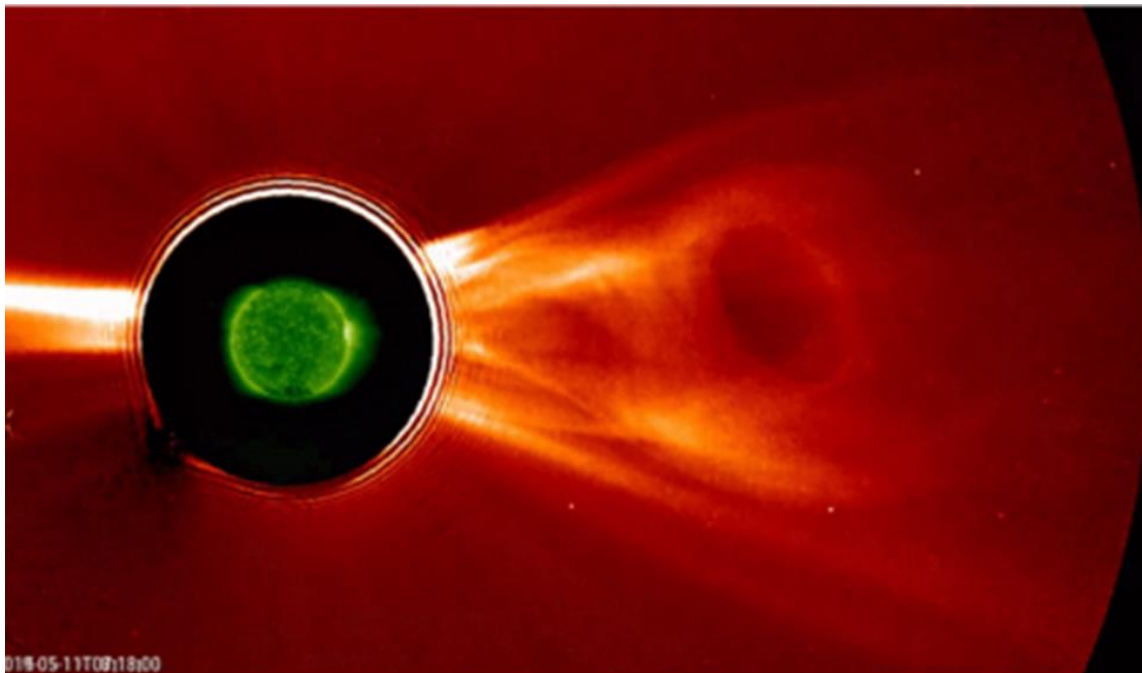


Figure 4: A view on the 11 May CME which was one of the sources responsible for a moderate geomagnetic storm on 14 May. The picture combines an image of the Sun taken by [STEREO-A / EUVI 195 in Extreme Ultraviolet \(EUV\)](#) with a coronagraphic image taken by its [COR2 instrument in white light](#).

The series of CMEs during the first half of May resulted in a 2-3% decrease of cosmic rays during 8-22 May compared to the rest of the year ([Oulu neutron monitor](#)). Due to the ongoing solar cycle minimum, cosmic rays were at very high levels and only slightly lower than during the previous solar cycle minimum transit in 2008-2010. Cosmic rays are known to pose a radiation hazard to passengers and crew on polar flights, and to astronauts. Increased cosmic ray levels affect the composition of the Earth's upper atmosphere, and it is also believed they may help trigger lightning and lightning-associated effects such as sprites.

Early July, a small coronal hole (CH) started to develop in the northern hemisphere, possibly from an extension of the northern polar coronal hole (positive magnetic polarity). One solar rotation later, this CH had substantially grown in size, and during its transit late August it had evolved into a [distinct shape](#) resembling the number "7". After its October passage, the CH started to dissolve, but continued to mark its presence in the solar wind until December. Solar wind speeds reached maximum values of 600 or more km/s during each of its transits, with highest values near 800 km/s late August.

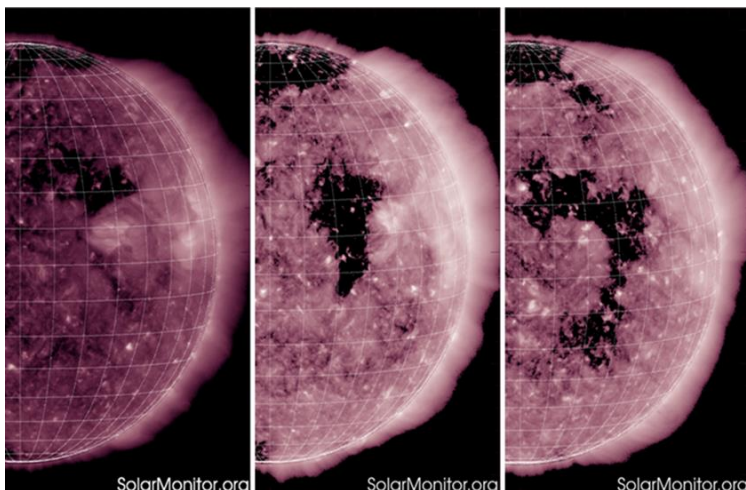


Figure 5: The James Bond of the coronal holes started to develop early July and transformed into a distinct number “7” two solar rotations later (late August). The high speed stream of this CH reached speed values near 800 km/s and drove the high-energy electrons to levels belonging to the highest of this solar cycle.

During that transit, it created also one of the strongest geomagnetic disturbances of the year (31 August-1 September; $K_p=6$; $Dst=-52nT$). Fast solar wind streams from coronal holes are known to drive highly energetic (energies of more than 2 MeV) electrons, which can lead to electrostatic discharges (ESD) resulting in malfunctions of a satellite and occasionally even in the satellite failure. The fluxes early September were very high, attaining values close to 90,000 pfu (1 pfu = 1 electron / cm^2 s sr) on 4 September, or 90 times above the alert level! These values belong to the highest > 2 MeV electron fluxes observed during this solar cycle.

The last 2 months of 2019 saw a significant increase in the number of sunspot groups from the new solar cycle 25 (SC25). It concerned all small and short-lived regions. NOAA 2750 was visible early November and produced a B1 flare when it was already spotless on 5 November. Its high southern latitude of -28 degrees and reversed magnetic polarity indicated this was a group of the new solar cycle.

On 24 December, 2 sunspot regions of the new solar cycle were visible on the solar disk at the same time. NOAA 2753, located in the southeast quadrant near latitude -30 degrees, developed late on 23 December. NOAA 2754 was located in the northwest quadrant near latitude +25 degrees, and developed during the morning hours of 24 December. The appearance of these groups halted a period of 40 spotless days that started on 14 November (preliminary SILSO data). It is the longest stretch of spotless days since 1996. The increased number of sunspot groups of the new solar cycle may indicate that the cycle minimum is close and that SC25 is ready to take off.

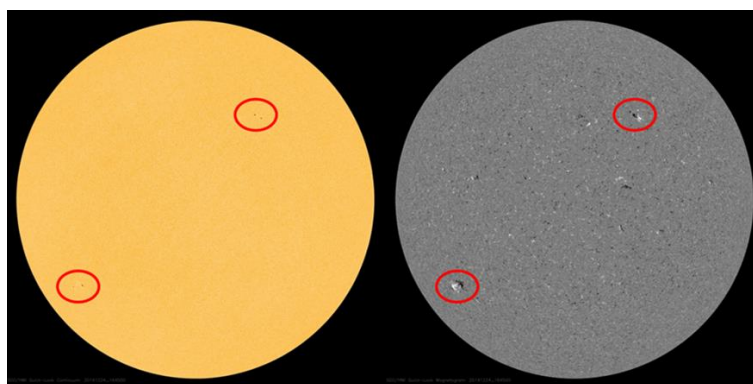


Figure 6: SDO’s view of the Sun on 24 December showing two regions of the new solar cycle present at the same time. The continued emergence of regions from SC25 may indicate that solar minimum is very near.

Public outreach meets Science

Space Weather - the key theme at the ESWW conference

The Earth's magnetic field and atmosphere protect us against the solar wind and the highly energetic radiation emitted by the Sun. This fairly continuous particle flow and energy emission can change abruptly in response to solar eruptions and high-speed streams from coronal holes, putting our natural defense mechanisms to the test and initiating space weather processes which impact satellites, navigation, radio communication and can cause an increase of radiation levels. These solar storms can also interfere with the proper functioning of long-distance pipelines and electric power grids. So, it is no surprise that space weather is a hot and important research topic.

Scientists need to talk to other scientists, work together and show their research results to each other. These conversations help them to adjust their research and get new insights. The methods to collect data and observations are usually not standardized and can be almost never just taken from the shelf. Innovative and "out of the box" ideas are often necessary. Interaction between scientists is crucial.



Figure 7: Poster for ESWW16.



Figure 8: Left all alone on the stairs at the end of the ESWW16, the conference bell has tolled for the very last time. Feared by many, it was more effective than using a whip to drive the conference attendees from the break facilities back to the lecture rooms.

The annual European Space Weather Week (ESWW) conference provides such a forum where the worldwide space weather community can gather. At ESWW, the discussion is about how to deal with space weather in science, observations, services and technology and how to bridge the distance between science on the one hand and practical applications and services on the other. The 2019 [ESWW](#) was the 16th edition, the 14th edition held in Belgium with the STCE as key player. It took place in Liège from 18-22 November, bringing together no less than 417 participants from 40 different countries. There were 17 open sessions and 21 (!) Topical Discussion meetings on a variety of topics, 2 poster sessions, a tutorial that focused on space weather services, a visit to the Centre Spatial de Liège, live space weather forecasts, and a keynote lecture by Belgian's former astronaut Frank De Winne. More relaxing events were the Medal award ceremony followed by the Welcome reception, the Music Café, and the Space Weather Fair (with beer

tasting). The conference dinner, offering delicious food, was concluded with strongly attended casino games. This was the last ESWW organized by the STCE (for now?). The conference will continue, but its set-up will be provided by other institutes. The next one will take place in Glasgow, UK.

Sun-Space-Earth for and by citizens

There's a considerable interest from the broad public in the space weather (SWx) domain. People want to understand what happens around them, what they are actually looking at, and why these things are happening. Understanding is the first step in getting a grip on situations and lives, so we want to optimize



Figure 9: Ten years and still going strong! A mock-up of the PROBA2 satellite surrounded by its team of passionate researchers and operators adorn its 10th anniversary picture.

our communication on space weather and make the SWx world better understandable.

The STCE wants to spread the Sun-Space-Earth story that its researchers are looking for in their daily routine. Our scientists are excited to communicate on the knowledge and beauty hidden in the STCE research. In 2019, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of [PROBA2](#), our micro-satellite. Reason enough to share it with the public with this STCE [press item](#).

When the Extreme Ultraviolet Imager, another instrument to which STCE researchers have contributed, was ready to be integrated in the spacecraft Solar Orbiter, we again shared our excitement about this important ESA/NASA mission with the public through a [press item](#).

Some enthusiasts go even further and want to have a concrete contribution in specific science areas. In its 2013 "[Green Paper on Citizen Science](#)", the European Commission defined the "citizen science" concept as "... the general public engagement in scientific research activities when citizens actively contribute to science either with their intellectual effort or surrounding knowledge or with their tools and resources. Participants provide experimental data and facilities for researchers, raise new questions and co-create a new scientific culture. While adding value, volunteers acquire new learning and skills, and deeper understanding of the scientific work in an appealing way. ..."

Several scientific tasks are not straightforward to be done by scientists because it is for example time consuming, or split into too many small parts that each have to be executed separately. Help from citizens can be crucial in these cases. We asked them to help us counting sunspots and sunspot groups by looking at old drawings. That way, our solar physicists were able to compare the counting from the past with



Figure 10: The logo of the citizen science project "Val-U-Sun". The [webpage](#) is also available in [French](#) and [Dutch](#)!

this recent recounting fairly quickly. If 500 citizens each recount 5 drawings, 2500 drawings are done with only a minimal effort. If 1 scientist has to recount all 2500 drawings, that would take a very long time indeed. Interested in the world of sunspots? Check out the [Val-U-Sun webpage!](#)

50 years of ozonesonde measurements at Uccle

Since January 1969, the RMI started the operational launches of ozonesonde instruments, attached to weather balloons. Those instruments, consisting of a very stable pump that sucks the ambient air in electrochemical concentration cells filled with solutions that interact solely with ozone molecules, provide the vertical distribution of the ozone concentrations in the atmosphere between the surface and 30-35 km altitude. In 2019, the time series of those measurements (done thrice a week) reached half a century.



Figure 11: Participants of the scientific symposium celebrating the 50 years of ozonesonde measurements at Uccle.

Therefore, on 19 September 2019, a scientific symposium with world-class leaders in ozone research as speakers (such as e.g. the president of the International Ozone Commission, and the Principal Investigator (PI) of the World Calibration Center for Ozonesondes) was organized on the premises of the Space Pole to celebrate the 50 years of ozonesonde measurements by the RMI. Also the president of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), who started his career with ozonesonde research, gave a very interesting speech and handed over a certificate to RMI for “the outstanding contribution to the advancement of the Earth Sciences and especially regarding the long-term observations and quality control of the ozone vertical distribution. Since 1969, these observations greatly enhanced the understanding of the atmospheric processes, supported environmental policy and contributed to the

activities of the WMO". Since the launch of the STCE in 2006, the instruments needed for those measurements (ozonesondes, radiosondes, balloons, parachutes) are funded by the STCE, as well as one FTE for the scientific exploitation of the ozonesonde time series.

On the two days preceding the celebration event (17 and 18 September 2009), a meeting of the panel on the Assessment of Standard Operating Procedures for OzoneSondes (ASOPOS) was organized in Brussels



Figure 12: The ozonesonde experts of the panel for the Assessment of Standard Operating Procedures of Ozonesondes that held a meeting in Brussels.

by the STCE. This panel, consisting of around 15 ozonesonde experts worldwide, aims at providing more consistent standard operating procedures in the global ozonesonde network to obtain high quality data, comparable between ozone sounding stations at the uncertainty level of 5% and traceable to a common reference instrument. It also identifies the outstanding, partly unsolved, instrumental and procedural issues on ozone soundings. One of the major goals of the Brussels meeting was the preparation of an update of the current GAW (Global Atmospheric Watch of the WMO) report on the Quality Assurance and Quality Control for Ozonesonde Measurements.

Finally, on 20 September 2019, a rather informal meeting, between the different PIs of the European ozonesonde stations, was organized and partly financed by the STCE. Its aim was to streamline the different operation and processing procedures and exchange recent findings and experiences with ozonesondes.



Life at the STCE - Following the ESWW16 conference dinner, some of the STCE researchers tried their luck in some casino games. Note that scientists are not rich: the chips are virtual and courtesy of the organizer!

Fundamental research

Long-term evolution of the solar corona using PROBA2 data

A group of mostly STCE researchers studied the evolution of the solar corona observed throughout solar cycle 24 (from 2010 to 2019), by using PROBA2/SWAP images, PROBA2/LYRA irradiance time series, and the latest version of the International Sunspot Number (ISN) dataset.

The SWAP EUV imager is monitoring both the changes on the solar disk and the changes in the large scale off-limb features, which can be seen to vary throughout the solar cycle. These large-scale structures trace out magnetic field lines, which are seen due to hot

plasmas trapped on them. In a standard SWAP image, the signal-to-noise ratio in these regions is too small to distinguish individual structures. However, Dr. Dan Seaton developed an image processing method that employs image stacking and median filtering techniques to improve the signal to noise and enhance the signatures of structures in these regions. The evolution of large-scale structures in solar corona throughout SC24 can easily be seen by examining different Carrington rotation (CR) stacked images throughout the PROBA2 mission. A CR is a period of time chosen to represent one rotation of the Sun, allowing the comparison of features such as sunspot groups or active regions. A period of 27.28 days was chosen to represent a single rotation that largely resembles the recurrence time of features near the equator.

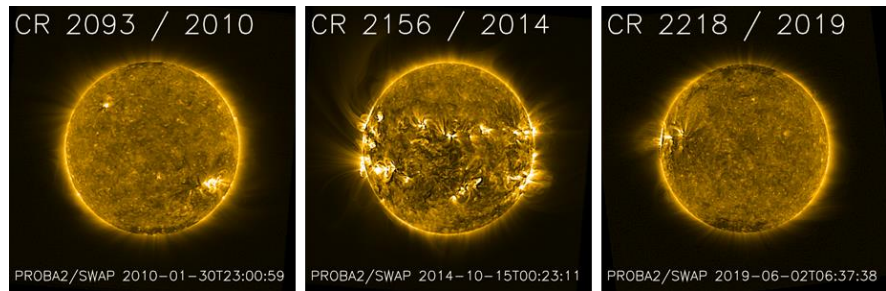


Figure 13: SWAP stacked images showing the solar corona at three moments of time between January 2010 and June 2019.

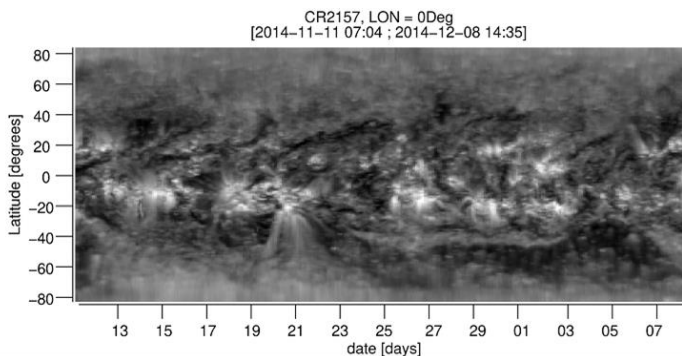


Figure 14: SWAP Synoptic Map of the Sun from 11 November to 8 December 2014. The image is constructed from the central meridian of the CR 2157 stacked images.

The large-scale off-limb structures can clearly be seen to change between the different phases of the solar cycle, where the overlying structures become more complicated at solar maximum. They were visible from around March 2011 to around March 2016, meaning they were absent at the minimum phase of the solar cycle. A fan-like structure in the northern hemisphere was seen to persist for more than 11

Figure 13 compares three stacked images of the Sun taken at different times during the solar cycle. The left image of Figure 13 shows the Sun on 30 January 2010 at the beginning of PROBA2 observations, which corresponds to the period when solar activity was increasing. The central image shows the Sun on 15 October 2014, at one of the peaks in the solar cycle when the Sun exhibited most activity. Finally, the right panel of Figure 13 shows the Sun on 2 June 2019, taken during the minimum phase of the solar cycle.

CRs (February 2014 to March 2015) and was observed out to 1.6 solar radii. These complicated field structures are generated by the evolving magnetic field and can drive solar activity and space weather.

From the synoptic maps (see Figure 14) one can see the evolution of the active regions (ARs) over a full CR as well as the evolution of coronal holes (CHs). A SWAP synoptic map (or a latitude-time map) is constructed by extracting 3 degree-wide vertical stripes from individual stacked images. Each stripe is averaged into a single vertical line to remove artifacts in an image that might be created by events such as cosmic rays and Solar Energetic Particles striking the detector, or from radiation from the Earth's radiations belts and the South Atlantic Anomaly. A Carrington Rotation's worth of images are then put together side by side to create an image such as that seen in Figure 14.

By inspecting all the synoptic maps one can see that more ARs started to appear (starting in the north-ern hemisphere) in February 2011 and they became less frequent beginning in December 2016, reaching a very low number from September 2017 onward, indicating the passage from solar minimum to maxi-mum and back again.

The coronal holes at the north pole were present from February 2010 to October 2011, with some short intermittent periods. No CHs were observed between November 2011 and June 2015, with some short intermittent periods also. They started to develop again in July 2015 and remained visible until June 2019 (end of the dataset). At the south pole, the CHs were present from February 2010 to May 2012, with some intermittent periods. No CHs were observed between June 2012 and May 2014. They started to develop again in June 2014 and remained visible until June 2019. The start of the development of the (polar) coronal holes were associated with peaks that were observed at both poles in SWAP intensity data.

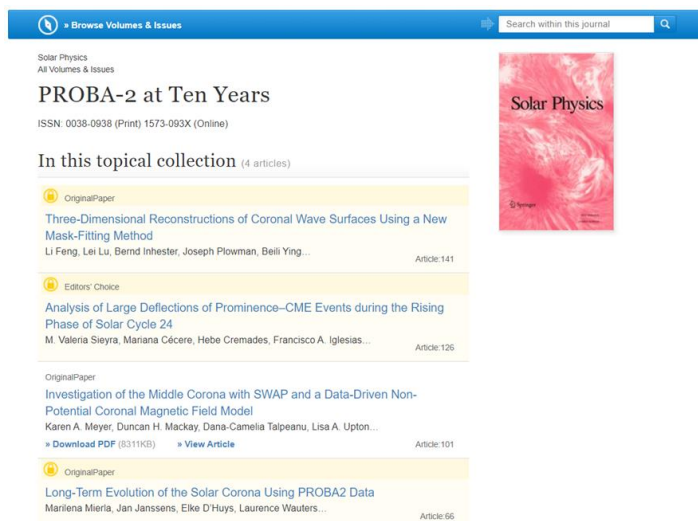


Figure 15: A screenshot from the Topical Collection in the journal “Solar Physics” on 10 years of PROBA2 observations. The paper of which the results are discussed here is number 4 on the list.

When observing the Sun for a long period of time, one can see that features on its surface and in its outer atmosphere do not rotate at the same rate. This is because the Sun is not a solid body, but a big ball of magnetized plasma, whose rotation is variable with position and height in the solar atmosphere. We found that the average rotation speed, for bright regions between latitudes of -40 and $+40$ degrees was approximately 14 degrees/day. The average rotation rate of bright features at latitudes of $+15$, 0 , and -15 degrees was around 15 degrees/day throughout the period studied. We also observed that the three data sets used in this study (SWAP

on-disk average brightness; LYRA signal and ISN) had a high degree of correlation (around 0.9), all following the SC evolution.

The present [work](#) was published in the journal “Solar Physics” in the frame of the [special issue “PROBA2: 10 Years of solar Observations”](#).

Probing coronal waves by radio observations

We continued our investigations of solar radio wave bursts related to some of the most energetic events in the solar atmosphere - solar flares and coronal mass ejections. Using data obtained by the large Ukrainian radio telescope URAN-2 (see Figure 16), some new properties of these radio bursts have been identified.



Figure 16: URAN-2 radio telescope of NASU, Ukraine, observes radio emission generated in the solar corona at heliocentric distances 2-3 solar radii.

The so-called “ALF radio wave bursts” are associated with solar flares and magnetic reconnection events at the coronal base; these are processes that are closely linked to solar activity. The sources of ALF radio waves propagate with Alfvénic velocities rather than with electron beam velocities (as other types of radio waves, such as the “type III bursts” do). This is a remarkable property that indicates that these radio waves have something to do with the overall reconfiguration of the plasma and the magnetic field in the solar corona. We distinguished two types of ALF bursts, (i) sporadic isolated ALF bursts (ALF-I bursts), and (ii) groups of ALF bursts partially overlapping with type III bursts (ALF-II bursts).

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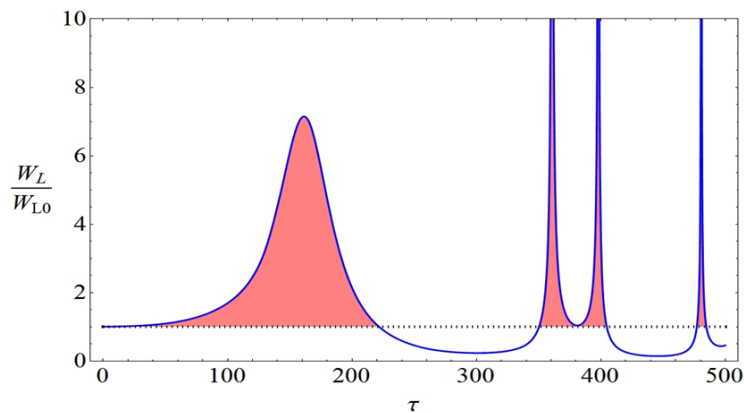


Figure 17: Time evolution of the energy W_L of Langmuir wave propagating through a KAW. In the pink areas the energy of Langmuir waves rises well above its initial background level W_{L0} .

A theoretical framework has been developed to explain the origin of these emissions and their differences. This framework considers two kinds of waves in the solar atmosphere: “Langmuir waves” (LWs) and “kinetic Alfvén waves” (KAWs). First, we demonstrated that LWs and KAWs interact. The energy contained in a LW is not conserved during such interactions and periodically rises well above the background level (see Figure 17 for the case of a pre-existing LW entering the KAW density profile at time $\tau=0$). Then we showed that the ALF-I bursts can be formed by pre-

existing LWs that are modified by KAWs, while the ALF-II bursts are formed by LWs generated within KAW density cavities and trapped there. These are situations that one can realistically expect to occur in the corona. In both cases, the high-amplitude LWs (highlighted by the pink shading in Figure 17) undergo a nonlinear conversion into radio waves, thus turning these phenomena into bright radio sources. It is highly probable that this kind of phenomena can be observed by the Parker Solar Probe and Solar Orbiter missions.

SOLARNET-SPRING: homogenization of images from ground-based stations

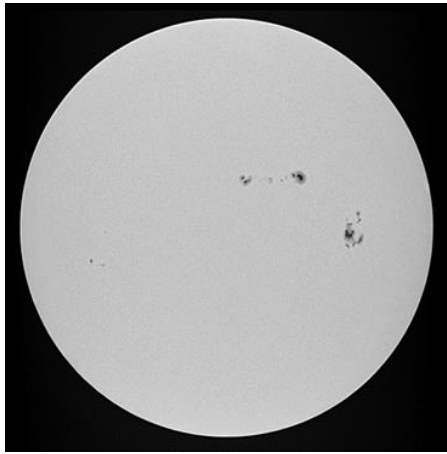


Figure 18: USET White-light image, with many sunspot groups (6 September 2017).

The Uccle Solar Equatorial Table (USET) located on the Space Pole records whole disk images of the Sun since more than a solar cycle. This continuous monitoring is essential for long-term solar activity study and space weather forecast. The possibility to record images in three different wavelengths (broad-band “White-light”, Calcium-II K and H-alpha) allows to visualize simultaneously different height of the solar atmosphere (the photosphere and the chromosphere). Hence it covers a broad range of solar activity manifestations such as sunspot groups, plages, solar flares and filaments as illustrated by Figures 18 and 19 showing one of the last periods with strong solar activity from solar cycle 24. These images have been processed with a new home-made image processing pipeline written in Python3 developed in 2018 and 2019. It contains original methods to automatically recenter the disk in the image and correct the limb darkening. This is the required base before the development of

more advanced image processing methods.

One limitation of monitoring the Sun with a ground-based instrument is its limited time coverage due to the night-day cycle and the variable observing conditions. In order to mitigate this, a solution is to consider a network of lightweight patrols, such as USET, at different geographical locations. Then, in order to merge

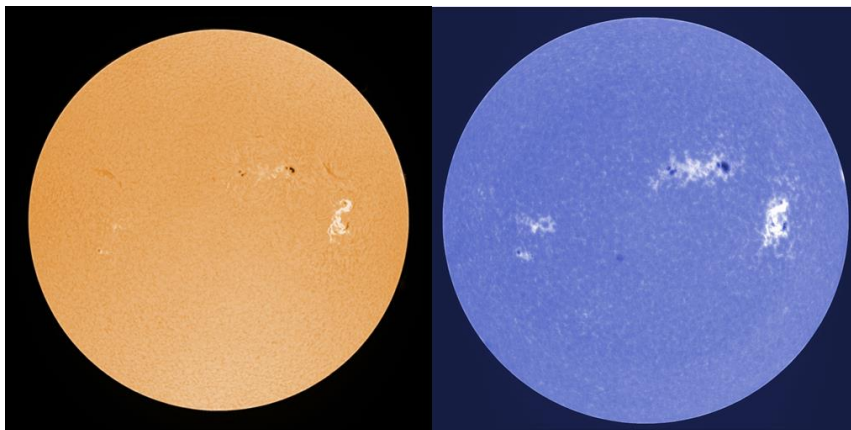


Figure 19: (left) USET H-alpha image with the two bright ribbons of a solar flare. (right) USET Call-K image with sunspot groups and plages. Both images were taken on 6 September 2017.

the data from different stations and to consider it as a unique, continuous and high-quality image sequence, we need to develop a layer of software to homogenize the images. Indeed, inhomogeneity between images can arise due to a different set-up (optical set-up, filter band-pass,...) or from different observing conditions (clouds, atmospheric turbulence,...). Correcting for these inhomogeneities is important for the scientific exploitation of the

images such as the automatic detection of solar flares. This work is foreseen in the context of an EU project in which the ROB is involved, SOLARNET-SPRING, that has started in 2019. The main goals of this project are on the one hand the correction of the atmospheric turbulence with dedicated methods such as lucky imaging, and on the other hand the correction of inhomogeneities arising from different instrumental set-up and weather conditions.

In order to develop and test dedicated methods for the image homogenization, there is a need for a good dataset in which the only differences are due to the acquisition method and not to the solar activity. To create this dataset, a multi-stations joint campaign has been organized in July and August 2019 with observatories located in Austria (Kanzelhöhe), and Italy (Rome and Catania) in order to take simultaneous images. Due to the variable weather conditions between the different stations involved, it was difficult to find periods with overlapping data as illustrated on the Figure 20, and the joint campaign needed to be extended on a longer period than expected. This confirmed the need for a network of ground-based stations to have a good temporal coverage.

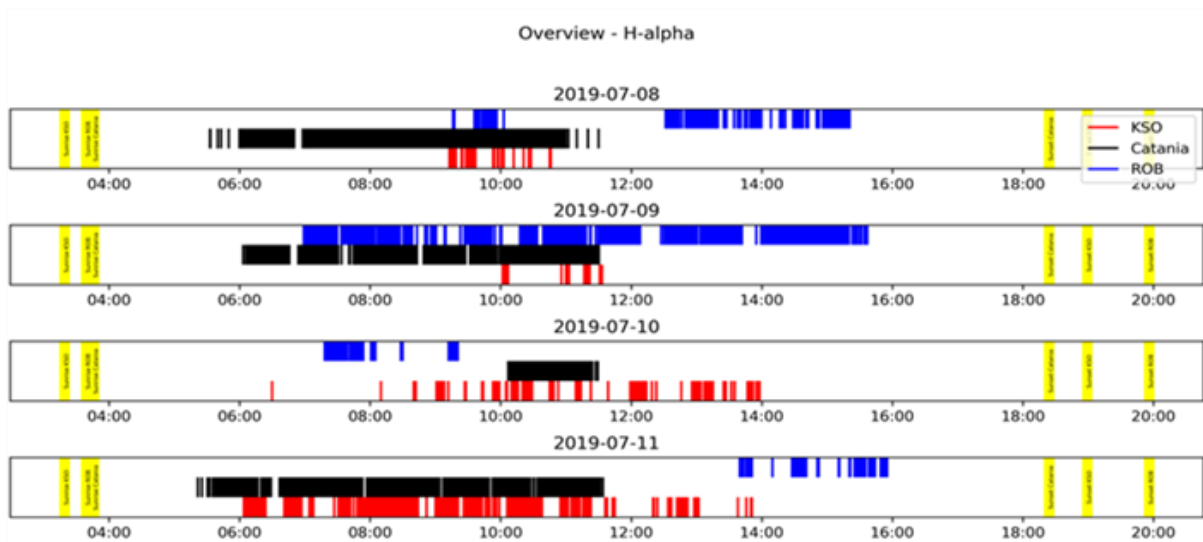


Figure 20: Overlapping period of observations between the different stations participating in the SOLARNET joint campaign in 2019. (Figure from Kanzelhöhe Observatory).

The methods that are currently being developed in the context of the SOLARNET-SPRING project will allow to merge images from different stations, paving the way to the creation of lightweight patrols networks monitoring the Sun. This will provide homogeneous and good temporal coverage data as if it was coming from a single instrument. These high-quality data will be useful for the study of long-term solar activity and for space weather forecasting.

Hazards of space weather to ground based electronic devices

Cosmic rays have been known and researched extensively for more than a century already. However, with the recent technological advancements towards higher automation and device complexity, understanding and monitoring the activity of cosmic rays became of crucial importance because of their potential hazardous effects on instruments as well as on public health.

Imagine that cosmic rays are like tennis balls randomly shot towards the light switch on the wall. The chance of flipping a switch depends on the number of balls (flux intensity) and number of switches (per unit area) representing in our case the number of electronic components of a device. The flux intensity in the case of cosmic ray balls (particles) will depend on the solar activity, and especially on the number of high-energetic solar particles propagating towards the Earth during major solar events. While some of the

effects were studied on spaceborne electronic devices, the effects on ground level infrastructure are less known. A sharp increase in the intensity of the solar energetic particles will result in elevated atmospheric radiation levels and a higher intensity of neutrons at ground level (known as Ground Level Enhancement, GLE). This increases the probability of upsetting the operation of an electronic device or even to physically (permanently) damage it.

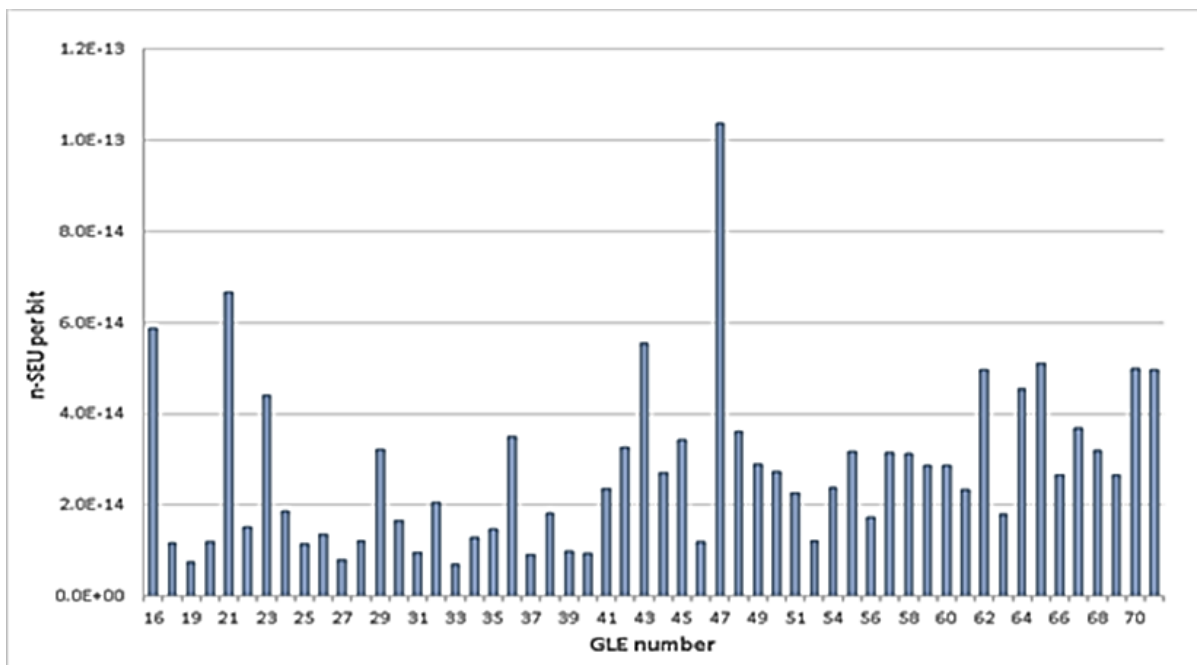


Figure 21: Neutron induced single event upsets (n-SEU) per bit from the calculated peak neutron flux (with energies > 14 MeV) during a GLE. Data from the RMI Neutron Monitor in Dourbes. GLE events detected by the instrument. The n-SEUs per bit are calculated using cross sections data from a commercial 4-megabit SRAM devices with a technology minimum feature size of 400 nm.

With the continuous miniaturization of electronic devices, the probability of upsets and hardware failures increases. Such failures are referred to as Single Event Upsets (SEU) or, when they are caused by neutrons, n-SEU. They are important both at ground level and at low altitudes within the atmosphere. To obtain the frequency or the total n-SEUs under given space weather conditions, we need the neutron flux at the location of interest and the cross section of the processes.

This cross section depends on a large number of parameters and is usually determined experimentally and complemented by computer modelling and simulations. The neutron flux at ground level in quiet and storm conditions is calculated from neutron monitor measurements. Neutron monitors are dedicated instruments to study and predict the probability for severe events, like the one in Dourbes. These instruments continuously measure the intensity of neutrons at ground levels. Due to the complexity of the interactions in the magnetosphere and the atmosphere, it is challenging to calculate the neutron fields at ground level from the measurements of the neutron monitor.

The fluence (the total number of neutrons during the event) and the peak neutron flux (at energies above 14 MeV) are calculated from the count rate using the neutron monitor response function. Finding the latter is a non-trivial problem solved by using Monte Carlo techniques. Other quantities necessary to evaluate the effects of space weather on ground-based electronics are the cross sections for the particular

events. These cross sections depend in general on the device construction: scaling (minimum feature size), the fabrication materials, and the typical charge levels associated with a logical state.

Figure 21 shows the calculated frequencies of neutron induced upset events for a commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) device, a 4-megabit SRAM with a minimum feature size of 400 nm. The calculations are performed for the GLEs observed by the Dourbes neutron monitor. The total faults frequency depends on the number of bits within the device. Clearly, the n-SEUs per bit vary significantly from one GLE to another, with a maximum value during the extreme GLE47 on 21 May 1990 that has also the highest recorded Neutron Monitor count rate increase.

To obtain the total number of fails within a device during an entire GLE event, the total number of neutrons (or the neutron fluence) was calculated. The results for the same 4-megabit SRAM device are presented in Figure 22. It is remarkable that total number of n-SEUs fall within a narrower band, that is, the values fluctuate less than the n-SEU per bit, an exception being again the intensive GLE47. Further research is underway to determine what the reasons are for this observation (saturation effects, or another reason related to the interactions between the solar particles and the atmospheric diffusion and sources of secondary neutrons).

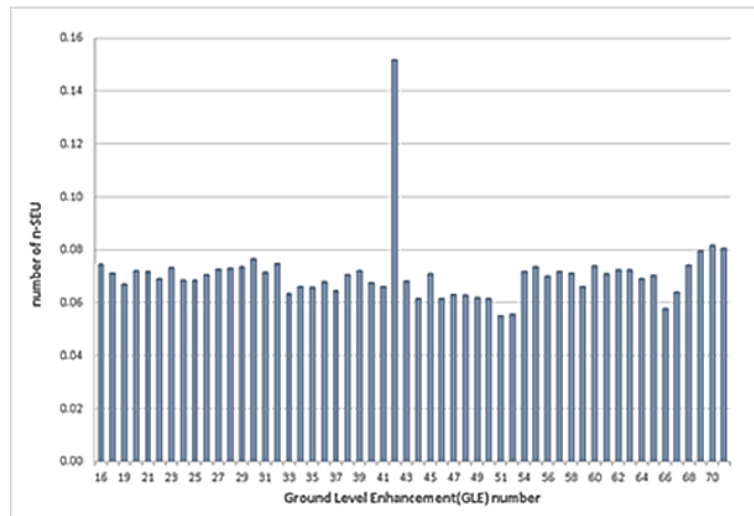


Figure 22: Total number of neutron induced single event upsets in a commercial 4-megabit SRAM during the GLE event observed by the neutron monitor in Dourbes. Besides the peak during GLE47 (21 May 1990) the total number of n-SEUs follows a rather constant value. The explanation of these results is a subject of ongoing research. Probably due to the complex structure of the electronics device, the cross sections for an event may depend on more detailed properties of the neutrons like the angular neutrons distribution etc.

The results presented in Figure 21 and Figure 22 will depend on the device type and the energy dependent cross sections for n-SEU for this device. The latter must be included in the device documentation, especially for devices intended to operate in critical systems at ground levels or at aviation altitudes within the atmosphere. The n-SEUs may cause insignificant error or, in an unlucky event, lead to catastrophic accident. Their occurrence is random. Therefore, the evaluation of their probability, the prediction of space weather conditions that may increase their frequency, and the development of mitigation techniques to compensate for or reduce the consequences of n-SEU and other atmospheric radiation induced device damage has to be continuously improved.



Life at the STCE - On Saturday, 21 September, an “Astronomy Day” was organized at the Space Pole. It was an event where the public could come and discover various aspects of astronomy. During the day, they could visit the various telescopes and experiment stands, attend lectures or do solar observations, whereas the night program had stargazing sessions, BRAMS radio meteor observations, and more. The organization was done in collaboration with associations of amateur astronomers from Brussels, Flanders and Wallonia, and with the support from RMI, BISA and the Planetarium. The occasion was the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the International Astronomical Union. The event was picked up by the media, and a movie featuring some of the activities as well as interviews with some of the researchers can be found at [BX1](#).

Instrumentation and experiments

PROBA2 - 10 years of observations

On 2 November 2019 the PROBA2 ESA micro-satellite celebrated 10-years of operations. PROBA2 is the second of the European Space Agency's (ESA) fleet of [PROBA](#) satellites. It hosts 17 new technological developments including two main solar instruments ([SWAP](#) and [LYRA](#)) designed for studying all events on the Sun that might have implications on the solar-terrestrial connection.

SWAP (Sun Watcher using Active Pixel System detector and Image Processing) provides images of the solar corona filtered at a wavelength around 17.4 nm, a bandpass that corresponds to a temperature of roughly 1 million degrees, allowing us to see the hot solar atmosphere while filtering out the relatively cooler solar surface. SWAP observes an exceptionally wide field-of-view (FOV), allowing it to see more structures around the edge of the Sun. A good example is reported in a [paper](#) published last year by O'Hara et al. "Exceptional Extended Field-of-view Observations by PROBA2/SWAP on 2017 April 1 and 3". Observing the structured nature of the extended solar atmosphere is one of SWAP's most important tasks.

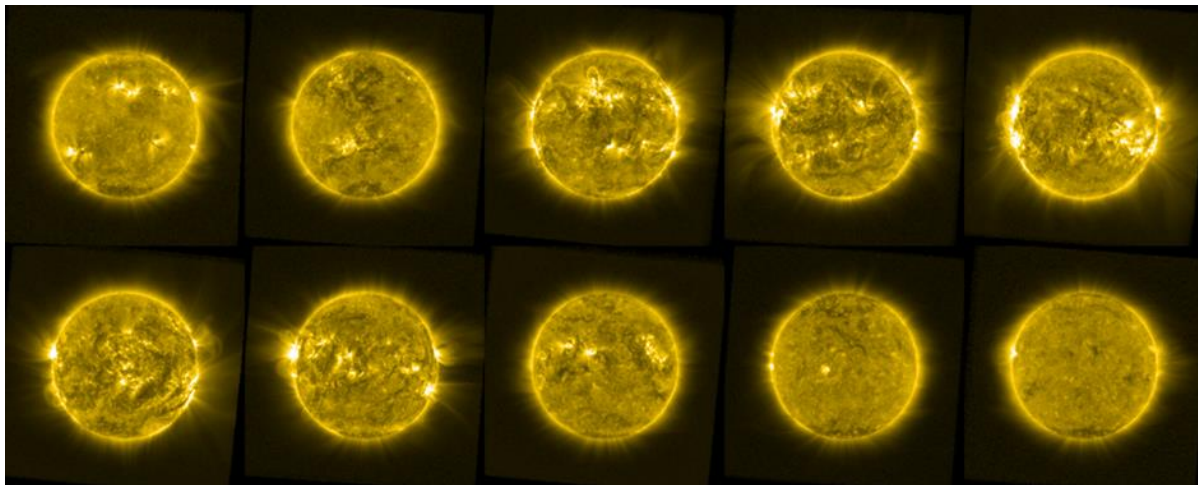


Figure 23: Ten years of SWAP observations, from 2010 to 2014 on the top row and from 2015 to 2019 on the bottom row, showing the changing face of the solar atmosphere.

Figure 23 shows SWAP images from each year of the mission. It has long been known that the Sun undergoes an 11-year activity cycle, where solar activity, such as the magnitude and number of flares and coronal mass ejections, fluctuates. The images in Figure 23 reflect this variability through the changing number of coronal holes (the dark regions) and of active regions (the bright structures), which are often the source of the more dramatic solar activity.

LYRA (Large Yield **R**adiometer) is a solar UV-EUV radiometer, monitoring the Sun through 4 channels relevant to Solar Physics, Space Weather and Aeronomy, and hosts one of the first Lyman-Alpha irradiance monitors. Unlike the SWAP imager, LYRA observes the Sun as a star, that is, as a single data point. The extremely high-cadence (up to 100 measurements per second) of LYRA is required for the detailed study of transient solar events such as solar flares. In particular, LYRA was able to characterize the strongest flare of the current solar cycle, on 6 September 2017, and make [rare observations](#) in its Lyman-Alpha and

Herzberg channels (Figure 24). LYRA detected small-amplitude oscillations called quasi-periodic pulsations in its rising phase. Such oscillations can only be made with high cadence observations, like those of LYRA. These observations are shedding new light on the flaring mechanism itself.

Space Weather - SWAP and LYRA were originally designed for studying the Sun and energetic events, such

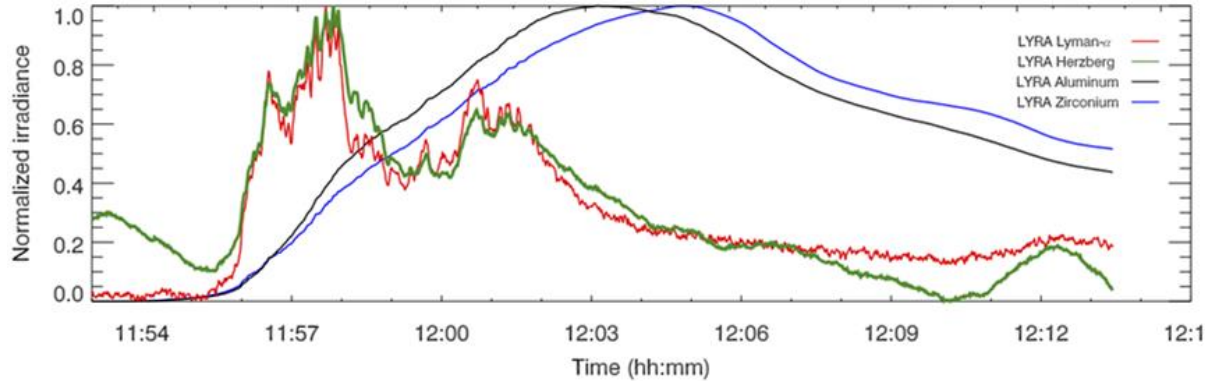


Figure 24: LYRA light curves of the 6 September 2017 X9.3 flare.

as solar flares, coronal holes and CMEs, that might have implications on the solar-terrestrial connection. Naturally, the observations have become an integral part of several solar-monitoring space weather forecasting centres, including the Regional Warning Center at the Royal Observatory of Belgium.

Figure 23 highlighted long-term changes in the Sun. Active regions (the bright structures) and coronal holes (the dark regions) can clearly be seen varying over time, both of which can have implications for space weather on Earth. SWAP and LYRA are also monitoring more transient, energetic and eruptive phenomena such as flares and CMEs, Figure 25 below shows SWAP’s ability to track eruptions into the extended solar atmosphere. Two papers, published last year, highlight PROBA2’s ability to track space weather events: "Multipoint Study of Successive Coronal Mass Ejections Driving Moderate Disturbances at 1 au" by [Palmerio et al.](#), and "Large non-radial propagation of a coronal mass ejection on 2011 January 24" by [Cécere et al.](#)

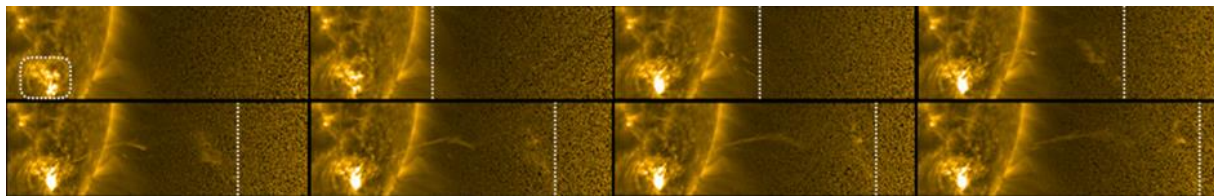


Figure 25: A flare (top left panel) and eruption observed by SWAP on 1 April 2017. The eruption was traced to over 1 solar radius, as highlighted by the dashed line.

Vital Statistics from launch to the 10-year anniversary - PROBA2 was launched under the ESA Technology, Engineering and Quality Directorate (D/TEC). After launch, the ESA Science Directorate (D/SCI) supported the scientific exploitation of the PROBA2 science instruments and the Belgian PI-teams were supported by [PRODEX](#).

By the time of the 10-year anniversary, PROBA2 had:

- been in orbit for 3653 days.
- Orbited the Earth ~53,000 times.
- Produced ~30,000 LYRA data files.
- Produced ~2,090,000 SWAP images.
- Passed our ground stations in Redu, Belgium and Svalbard, Norway (Arctic) 32,453 times.
- Helped produce over 100 peer-reviewed papers ([link](#)).
- Run 8 [guest investigator programs](#) from 2010 to 2018, and welcomed 64 teams, 81 team members from 16 countries.

What next for the PROBA2 mission? - As discussed above, the Sun undergoes an 11-year activity cycle, and next year will mark the 11th anniversary of the PROBA2 mission and therefore the monitoring of the Sun for a full solar cycle. This landmark period will allow PROBA2 to probe the Sun's evolution over the long term, comparing two solar minimum periods. The instruments themselves are proving robust in the harsh radiation environment. The detectors, which had never been used in space before, still produce a clean signal, with very low levels of noise. SWAP has seen less than 10% degradation in the number of active pixels, a remarkable number after 10 years of operations.

To celebrate 10 years of observations, the PROBA2 team are putting together a 10-year anniversary [topical collection](#) of articles (see Figure 15), a follow-up of the successful [2013 Topical Issue](#) that



Figure 26: Participants at the 7-8 February 2019 symposium in Redu celebrating nearly 10 years of PROBA2 operations and achievements.

highlighted the scientific and operational achievements after the first two years of the mission. The 10-year PROBA2 anniversary edition reports on the health and status of the mission as well as various studies ranging from the middle corona to solar flares.

With a 2-day PROBA2 [Symposium](#), organized at the ground station in Redu, we celebrated the achievements after nine years of smooth operations by summarizing the findings,

reflecting on the experiences, brainstorming on the lessons-learned, and looking into the challenges for the future. PROBA2 is ready for the next 10 years!

A new neutron monitor at Dourbes for SWx research and forecasting

In the beginning of this year, a new instrument designed to monitor the intensity of the cosmic ray particles commenced its full operation at the RMI Geophysical Center in Dourbes. The purpose of this instrument is to monitor continuously the intensity of the cosmic rays striking the Earth's atmosphere. This new instrument is complementary to the already existing neutron monitor that has been measuring the cosmic rays since the early 1960's. Together with the ionosonde and the GNSS receivers, the neutron monitor forms the core of the research equipment for now- and forecasting of the climate in the interplanetary space between the Sun and the Earth known as space weather (SWx). While the intensity of the cosmic rays arriving from the distant parts of the universe is constant, the cosmic rays originating from the Sun are not. The Sun and its activity are the principal driving force of the atmospheric climate as well as the space weather conditions. While our sensations have evolved to sense and feel the changes in the atmospheric weather (the cold, the heat, the humidity, etc.), we are unable to feel anything related to space weather (with the few exceptions of observing the Northern and Southern Lights). One may ask then - why are we interested in it? We live safely on the surface of the planet protected by its atmosphere and geomagnetic field against the violet radiation fields and streams of high energetic particles in the outer space.

The answer can be found if we look around us: our everyday life is now unimaginable without devices like smart phones, the navigation services, car and office computers, telecommunications and network. Even more - computers are in charge of the control and security of the train transport, airplanes, traffic lights, factory automation, power plants, and just about everything else. The

computers and other electronic devices play an important role in our everyday life not only as an entertainment, but also as a means to improve the quality and security of our life. However, they all



Figure 27: Construction of the new neutron monitor at Dourbes - from design to assembly, testing and start of the continuous monitoring of cosmic rays intensities.

contain microchips and electronic circuits that are susceptible to the cosmic ray particles, which may introduce faults and changes during normal operation, which in turn can result in important failures in - among others- power grid failures, airplane safety operation, and endanger our life by excess radiation exposure during long-haul flights, particularly on polar routes.

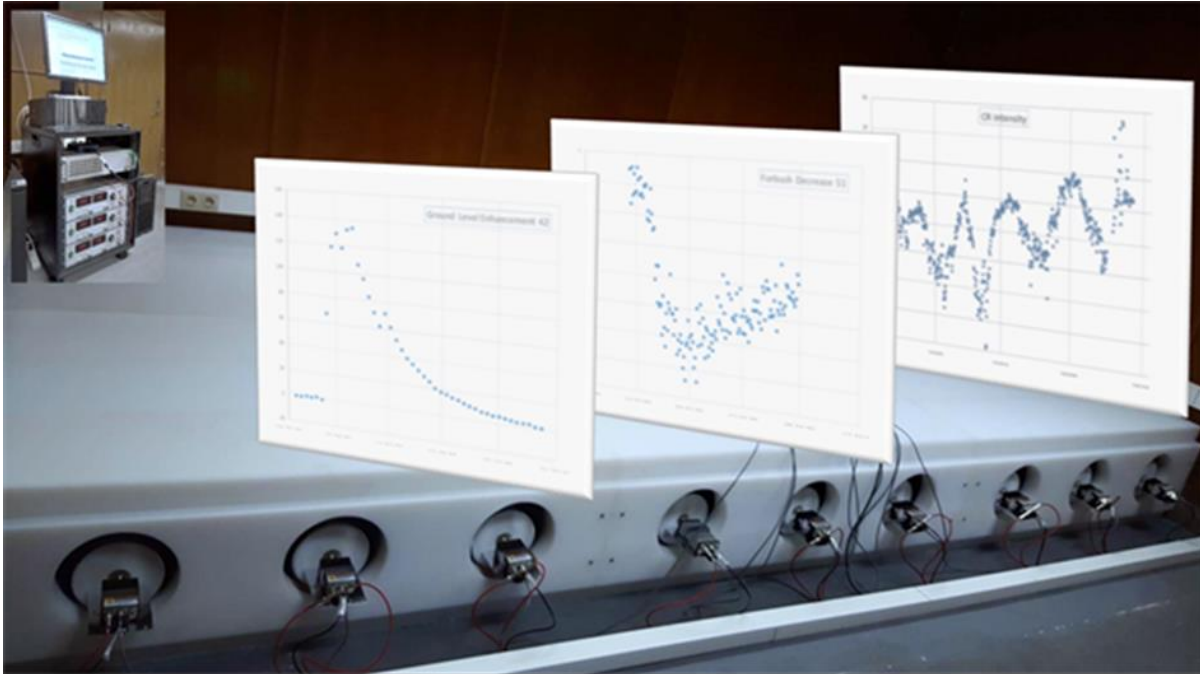


Figure 28: The new neutron monitor at Dourbes for SWx research and forecasting. The neutron monitor allows surface observations of Solar Energetic Particles (SEP) like ground level enhancement (GLE) and Forbush decrease. They provide an indirect means for monitoring the solar activity and the space radiation conditions. It provides real-time information about the atmospheric radiation levels and the neutron fields at the location of the instrument. The neutron monitor is a part of the international network of neutron monitors (NMDB) indispensable for SWx alerts and forecasting services.

How does the neutron monitor works? The cosmic rays from outer space (the primary component) and the Sun produce a large number of secondary particles on entering the atmosphere. Great fractions of these particles are neutrons. While neutrons are omnipresent due to the natural radioactivity, the neutron monitor is designed to detect the neutrons produced by the cosmic rays. A standard neutron monitor consists of 18 neutron detectors. In order to amplify the incident radiation, the detectors are surrounded by lead material which produces on average 9-10 more neutrons within the instrument. These neutrons are too fast to be “captured” by the detector and need to be slowed down in a similar way that neutrons are moderated and conditioned in a nuclear reactor.

Observing the intensity of the neutrons at ground level reveals, both directly and indirectly, the state of our Sun - the periodicity of the solar activity is readily visible in the cosmic ray intensity measurements. Besides these periodic observations - the neutron monitor also detects the random swings in the mood of the Sun - the solar storms. This however is of little use when trying to protect ourselves from the dangers that the space weather poses to our technological society. Because of the very high energies (and velocities) of the cosmic ray particles and the complex interactions in the space surrounding the Earth, a network of neutron monitors has the potency of forecasting in advance the arrival of the solar storms with sufficient lead time. This will allow us taking the necessary measures and preventing expensive

damages and accidents. Forecasting of dangerous solar storms is the main objective of the space weather research efforts.

RMI has many decades of experience in monitoring the intensity of the cosmic rays. It is one of the few institutes with access to a modern neutron monitor and as such will be able to continue the 55 years of constant measurements of the cosmic ray intensity at mid-latitudes in the following decades.

Moreover, neutron monitors are built to be "eternal" in the sense that they have to provide continuous series of measurements for decades. They are very robust and simple instruments based on significant theoretical and research efforts and remain the state-of-the-art instrument for the monitoring of the complex phenomena responsible for the space weather climate.

Analysis of the performance of the SLP Instrument in a plasma chamber

The Sweeping Langmuir Probe instrument SLP will fly on board the triple unit CubeSat PICASSO, an ESA in-orbit demonstrator. This instrument, fully developed at BIRA-IASB with substantial STCE support, comprises four small cylindrical probes mounted at the tip of the solar panels. The measurement principle is based on the conventional Langmuir probe theory: by sweeping the potential of one probe with respect to the plasma potential and measuring the current collected, the instrument will acquire a current-voltage (I-V) characteristic from which several plasma parameters are retrieved: the electron density and temperature, ion density and S/C (spacecraft) potential. SLP will perform in-situ measurements of those plasma parameters in the ionosphere along the PICASSO orbit, at about 500 km altitude.

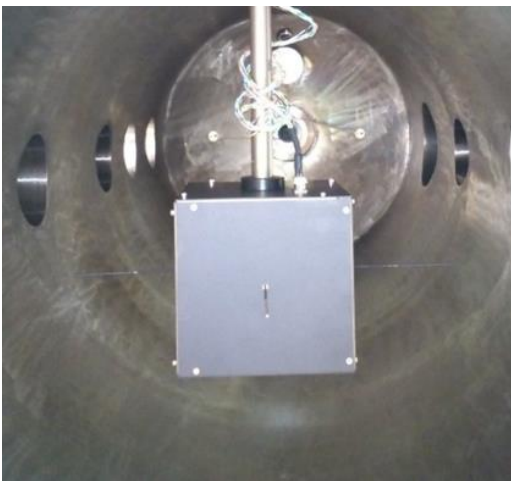


Figure 29: Picture of the electrically representative PICASSO mock-up in the plasma chamber.

The measurement principle of Langmuir probe instruments is relatively simple but the accurate computation of the plasma parameters is a much more challenging task because of many possible biases. Those biases are not only due to the imperfections of the instrument, but also arise from the complex coupling between the probes, the plasma and the S/C. For this reason, SLP, accommodated on an electrically representative PICASSO mock-up, has been tested in a plasma chamber at ESA/ESTEC, Noordwijk (The Netherlands) in February 2019, as shown in Figure 29. The aim was to validate the performance of the instrument in a relevant environment and to study, inter alia, two important elements for the proper interpretation and processing of the acquired data: the effects of a) the miniaturization of the probes and b) the contamination of the surface of the probes.

Most Langmuir probes used in space, and a fortiori on board nano-satellites, have a relatively small diameter so that the Orbital-Motion-Limited (OML) collection theory can be applied. Nevertheless, the OML theory requires that the length of the probe is infinite, making the end-effect negligible. Given the limited length of the probes of SLP and of other Langmuir probes instruments flying on CubeSats, this requirement cannot be fulfilled. Therefore, the OML theory cannot be applied directly for such

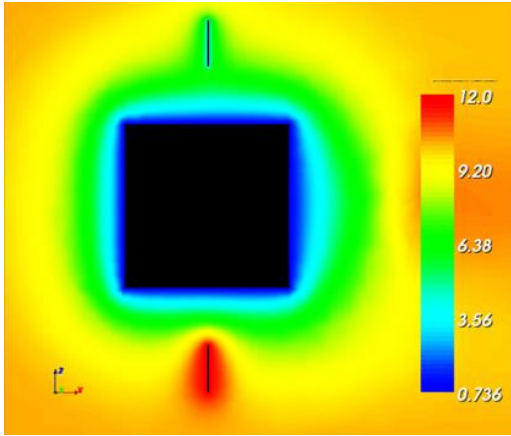


Figure 30: Electron density around the S/C mock-up when a 7.6 V is applied on the bottom probe (log scale, in part/m³).

contamination layer, this layer act as a capacitor C with a resistor R in parallel that will charge and discharge with an RC time constant during or between consecutive sweeps. This will decrease or increase the actual potential in contact with the plasma. When performing a series of measurements, the charging effect will induce a drift in the I-V characteristic from one sweep to another as can be seen in Figure 31 for three consecutive two-way sweeps (from negative to positive and back to negative bias voltages). If the contamination effect is not taken into account properly, it can be misinterpreted as an increase of the electron temperature. The contamination-induced error on the temperature has been found to be of the order of 50 % for series of nine consecutive sweeps.

This test campaign allowed the assessment of the performance of SLP, including on board processing capabilities, in a relevant environment. It gave insights into fundamental aspects that are essential to correctly interpret the measurement data not only for SLP but also for any Langmuir probe instrument on board satellites, especially those on board nanosatellites, which are more and more considered for scientific missions.

Status report from the VLF receiver for plasmaspheric radio waves

Thanks to a strong interaction with BELSPO and the International Polar Foundation (IPF), the VLF radio receiver instrument at the Princess Elisabeth station in Antarctica is now working well. A scientist of IPF successfully fixed the problems with strong electromagnetic noise in the VLF antenna data. As a result of this detective work, the source of the noise has been localized and it has been removed. Data collection will resume by the end of 2020.

instruments because the volume where the particles are attracted is not a true cylinder but rather an ellipsoid, as can be seen in the simulated electron density depicted in Figure 30 (top view of the PICASSO mock-up, with only two probes). As a result, the measured I-V characteristic is not as predicted by the OML theory, but tends to be like the one of a spherical probe. It should be noted that the intensity of this effect varies as a function of the plasma parameters encountered along the orbit. Due to these results, a modified computation method will be used so that for each measurement the deviation from the expected theoretical curve will be assessed and corrected for.

Surface contamination is a serious issue for Langmuir probe operation. When a probe is covered by a thin contamination layer, this layer act as a capacitor C with a resistor R in parallel that will charge and discharge with an RC time constant during or between consecutive sweeps. This will decrease or increase the actual potential in contact with the plasma. When performing a series of measurements, the charging

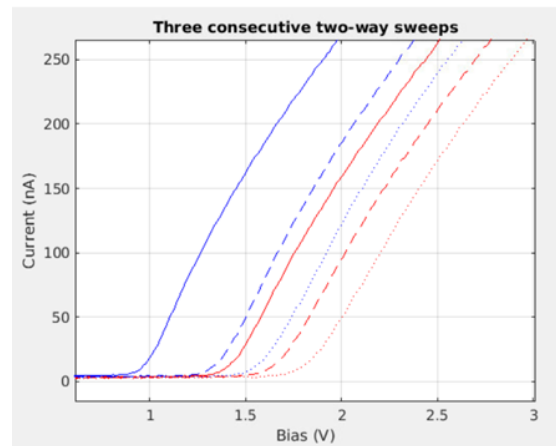


Figure 31: I-V characteristics of three consecutive two-way sweeps. The increasing and decreasing parts of the sweeps are in blue and red, respectively. The first, second and third sweeps are in solid, dashed and dotted lines.

The collaboration regarding the data analysis of the VLF antenna in Humain, consisting of two rhombus-shaped loops in perpendicular planes held up by the central mast and 4 tension wires, continues. The study involves the source location of whistlers, very low frequency (VLF) electromagnetic (radio) waves generated by lightning. A new method for identifying the source regions of these whistlers detected at Humain has been developed, by calculating the ratio of lightning discharges (from the World Wide Lightning Location Network data) transmitted into ground detectable whistlers as a function of location. The results show that the source region of whistlers corresponding to each station is around the magnetic conjugate point (two points on the Earth's surface connected by a geomagnetic field line) of the respective station. The size of the source region is typically less than 2000 km in radius with a small fraction of sources extending to up to 3500 km. A paper on this topic has been published.

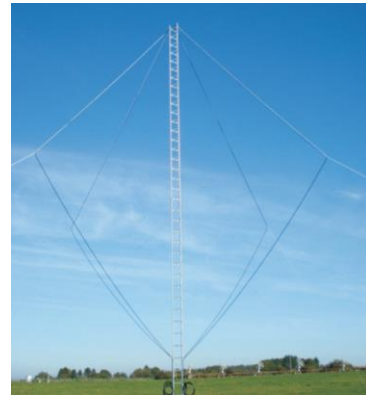


Figure 32: VLF antenna in Humain. The antenna consists of two rhombus-shaped loops in perpendicular planes, held up by the central mast and 4 tension wires.

The Belgian ALC network

In 2019, RMI continued to maintain and to expand its network of ALC (automatic lidars and ceilometers) that now consists of 4 fully operational ALC and a new one of which the installation in the south of Belgium is still pending. This ALC network with its high sensitivity offers the opportunity to monitor the vertical profile of aerosols on a continuous temporal scale. It benefits for the aviation and also for the air pollution monitoring.

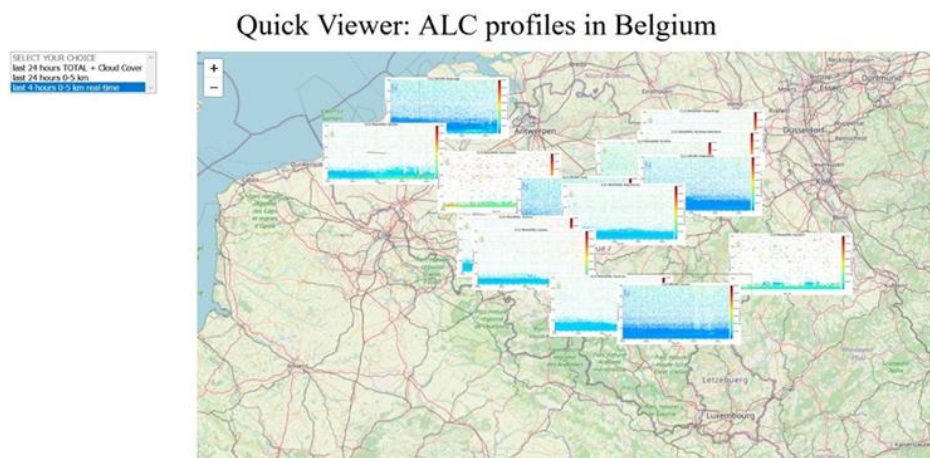


Figure 33: The dynamic graphical user interface with the 14 operational ALC sending data in near-real time.

RMI has expanded this ALC network, after at least 6 years of discussions with the Belgian Defense and its weather services (Meteo Wing). The RMI now receives the ALC data from the 10 ALC of Belgian Defense in near-real time (10 minutes). The data profiles of these ALC will permit to monitor the aerosol clouds

over Belgium with a better spatial distribution. In order to use these new data series in a homogeneous way with the already existing ALC data, a dynamic graphical user interface (Figure 33) was created allowing quick access to the forecasters. This interface will be completed in the future with other parameters (boundary layer height, fog prediction...) needed for weather forecasts.

RMI has settled all administrative steps in order to be able to exchange these new ALC data with the data-hub operated by E-PROFILE. E-PROFILE is part of the EUMETNET managing in near real-time the European network of ALC for the monitoring of vertical profiles of aerosols including volcanic ash. In addition to the aerosol cloud monitoring, the boundary layer height can be retrieved from vertical profiles of aerosols measured by ALC. It is a key parameter that an ALC network can provide to improve weather forecasts, air quality prediction, and climate model parameterization. In this framework, RMI participates in the PROBE project (COST-Action: CA18235 - PROFiling the atmospheric Boundary layer at European scale) that started at the end of 2019.

JUICE mission: development and validation of the laboratory facility for MAJIS

MAJIS (Moons And Jupiter Imaging Spectrometer) is part of the science payload of the ESA L-Class mission JUICE (Jupiter ICy Moons Explorer) to be launched in 2022 with an arrival at Jupiter in 2030. JUICE is planned to perform detailed observations of the giant gaseous planet Jupiter and three of its largest moons Ganymede, Callisto and Europa for at least three years. The MAJIS instrument is composed of two imaging array spectrometers combining two spectral channels: the visible and near infrared (VIS-NIR: 0.50 μm - 2.35 μm), and the infrared (IR: 2.25 μm - 5.54 μm). The objectives of its mission are mainly to characterize the Jovian atmosphere and magnetosphere, and to collect information about the surface composition of the icy moons.



Figure 34: The targets of the JUICE/MAJIS mission: Jupiter and its icy moons.

The subsystems of all space instrumentation, and particularly detectors, need to be characterized in a laboratory before their integration at instrument level, launch and operations in space. In this context, the Space Pole in Uccle was a key contributor for the characterization of the MAJIS VIS-NIR channel. Figure

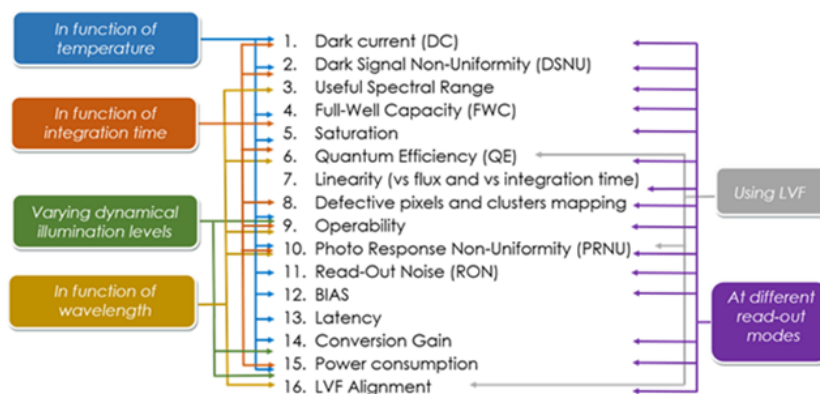


Figure 35: MAJIS VIS-NIR detectors characterization measurements.

35 summarizes the full electro-optical characterization that will be executed on both the Spare (SM) and the Flight (FM) models of the VIS-NIR detectors.

This work will be performed in 2020 in one laboratory of the Space optoelectronic and optical Technology and Calibration Laboratories (STCL). It is a joint structure between BIRA-IASB, KSB-ORB and KMI-IRM whose purpose is to

provide facilities and expertise, namely to support the characterization of sub-systems for space instrumentation. This part of the project is funded and supported by BELSPO and ESA (PRODEX Office), and supervised by CNES (Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, France). The characterization must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the MAJIS prime team from IAS (Institut d'Astrophysique Spatiale, France).

During the year 2019, scientists and engineers from BIRA-IASB developed and validated the MAJIS facility in their laboratory to prepare and ensure the characterization of the VIS-NIR detectors. For invaluable equipment such as flight model detectors dived in a simulated space environment (high vacuum and cold temperatures between -157°C to -120°C), the facility must guarantee a high level of cleanliness and safety conditions. For that reason, the facility was optimized in terms of security system, thermal-vacuum equipment and optical system. This facility (Figure 36) includes a cryo-cooling system, a customized detector mount designed to thermalize the detector inside a vacuum chamber, and well-designed optical equipment (quartz-halogen lamp, double monochromator, integrating sphere, filtering system) to illuminate the detector under specific conditions (beam uniformity, monochromatic light) for its characterization. Optics and Thermic Ground Support Equipment (OGSE, TGSE) manage the equipment for automatic and remote-control operations of the bench.

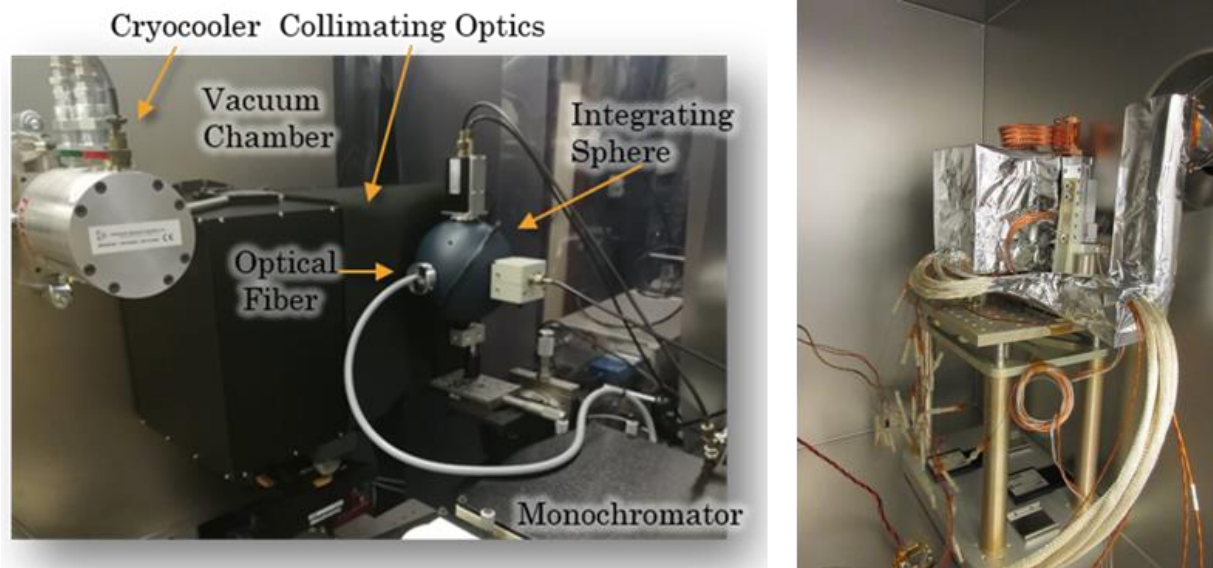


Figure 36: VIS-NIR facility external equipment (left) and cryogenic detector mount (right) inside the vacuum chamber.

The thermal vacuum validation of the facility was successfully done in the autumn of 2019 using Structural Model (STM) and Engineering Model (EM) of the detectors. During these campaigns, the Quality Assurance was provided by the B.USOC. The next steps for 2020 are additional validations of the facility, and particularly the characterization campaigns of both the MAJIS flight and spare models.



Life at the STCE - Many colleagues from the space pole took part in one or more of the numerous climate demonstrations that took place in 2019. These climate marches regularly mobilized several tens of thousands of teenagers and other sympathizers. At the Space Pole, it became a more regular practice to think about the consumption of energy (light, heating, laptop screens,...), of water (restrooms,...), of the necessity to travel abroad when a meeting could be held online as well, about recycling material,...

Applications, modeling and services

PECASUS - The European answer to ICAO's SWx call

Sporadic and massive eruptions of highly energetic matter and radiation from the Sun can trigger space weather processes in the Earth's atmosphere and magnetosphere causing problems in radio communication and navigation systems and an increase of harmful radiation levels at flight



Figure 37: The civil aviation is particularly interested in all SWx conditions affecting high frequency (HF) radio communications, GNSS-based navigation and surveillance, and radiation exposure at flight levels.

altitude. The aviation sector has grown considerably over the last decades. The airspace has become crowded, north-polar flights were opened, flight altitudes increased for long distance flights,... As planes have become more sophisticated, they also have become more vulnerable to space weather (SWx). Also, measures to guarantee the safety of onboard personnel and passengers against these space weather conditions remain an issue. Therefore, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) wants to be informed on space weather that is expected to affect communications, navigation and surveillance systems and/or pose a radiation risk to flight crew members and passengers.

In 2017, ICAO launched a call for a space weather safety program to meet this need. In particular, they wanted -on a 24/7 base- that space weather centres or consortiums informed civil aviation whenever space weather conditions could have an impact on high frequency (HF) radio communications, GNSS-



Figure 38: Another meeting to finetune the services offered by PECASUS and the two other consortiums to ICAO. Cookbook, dashboard, advisory,... all became household terms.

based navigation and surveillance, and radiation exposure at flight levels. For no less than 9 parameters, ranging from ionospheric scintillation to short-wave fades, moderate and severe thresholds were established for which advisories (coded messages for pilots and aviation services) were required to be sent. According to ICAO regulations, space weather advisories shall be issued only when very strong space weather events occur, but the advisories need to be sent within minutes after the threshold exceedance.

Already in 2001, the ROB started operating a space weather room where researchers continuously collect, analyze and interpret solar data. Indeed, the Solar Influences Data analysis Center ([SIDC](#)) issues every day a space weather bulletin that gives an update on how the Sun behaves, what the impact of a possible solar storm is and what can be expected for the coming days. For sudden changes in space weather conditions, PRESTO alerts are issued as soon as possible. So, in response to the ICAO call, the STCE teamed up with scientific institutes in other European countries, jointly creating the Pan-European Consortium for Aviation Space weather User Services - [PECASUS](#) for short. Finland has the lead in this consortium, but

relies on Belgium to collect and process data from all over the world. Indeed, the STCE's expertise in solar observations and research combined with the experience of the GNSS and solar particle radiation group proved to be crucial. PECASUS was selected as one of the three ICAO global space weather centres. This did not come without significant efforts from all involved, and required numerous onsite and online

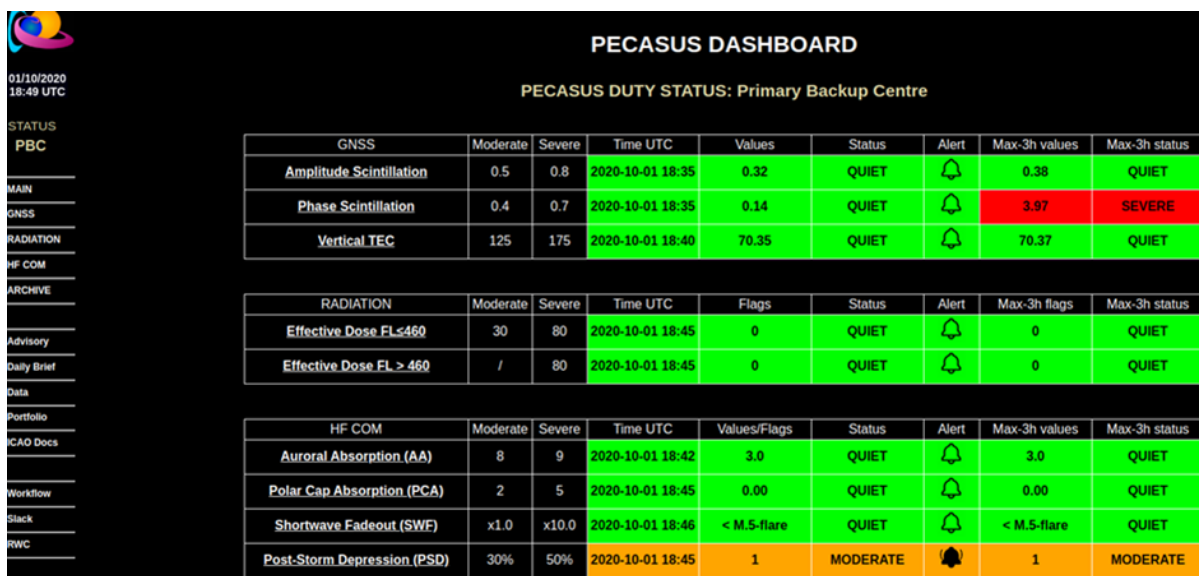


Figure 39: The finetuned PECASUS dashboard to monitor the 9 different parameters. An orange colour indicates that the moderate threshold for that parameter has been exceeded (currently, or over the last 3 hours), whereas a red colour indicates the severe threshold has been exceeded. In both case, the operator needs to check the conditions and send out an advisory as required.

meetings both internally as with the international consortium members. Specific guidelines for the operators had to be written, dealing with relevant issues such as when and how to write an advisory, or what to do when the data are lacking or corrupted. To support the monitoring and interpretation of the space weather data, a dashboard for the parameters was created with colours depicting the various conditions (missing data, thresholds exceeded,...) and links to maps of the underlying data. There's even a sound alert if a threshold has been exceeded. The dashboard also allows the writing of the advisories (a performant tool on itself), and provides links to relevant documents and discussion forums. A memorandum with the Meteo Wing of the Belgian Defense was agreed to assure the 24/7 requirement, and an internal shift system was put on rails. The STCE also developed and provides tailored info and training courses to the end-users of the PECASUS services that have to interpret the Space Weather Advisories.

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SWX ADVISORY
STATUS: TEST
DTG: 20170907/1437Z

SWXC: PECASUS
ADVISORY NR: 2019/28

SWX EFFECT: HF COM MOD
OBS SWX: 07/1434Z DAYLIGHT SIDE
FCST SWX +6 HR: 07/2100Z DAYLIGHT SIDE
FCST SWX +12 HR: 08/0300Z NOT AVBL
FCST SWX +18 HR: 08/0900Z NOT AVBL
FCST SWX +24 HR: 08/1500Z NOT AVBL
RMK: SOLAR FLARE HF COM ABSORPTION EVENT IN
PROGRESS. FURTHER FLARING AND PERIODIC
LOSS OF HF COM ON THE DAYLIGHT SIDE EXP.

NXT ADVISORY: 20170907/2034Z
  
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Figure 40: An example of a test advisory written in preparation of the official PECASUS start. The test campaign concerned September 2017, a period of enhanced solar activity.

The PECASUS Global Space Weather Center for aviation started its 24/7 operations on 7 November 2019. The Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI) leads the consortium, which comprises the ICAO member states Finland, Belgium, UK, Austria, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Cyprus, and South-Africa. Besides PECASUS, the two other services providing advisories are the Space Weather Prediction Center of NOAA ([SWPC](#)) and the [ACFJ](#) consortium formed by Australia, Canada, France and Japan.

The three centres are doing space weather monitoring in two week shifts with one of the centres serving as the On Duty Center (ODC) and the others as Primary and Secondary backup-centres (PBC, SBC). The ICAO space weather service started at the time of solar activity minimum and hence calm space weather conditions prevailed. However, intensive solar storms may still take place during the years of solar activity minimum, so the SWX centres remain vigilant all the time. During the next few years, the solar activity is expected to increase substantially with the approaching sunspot maximum of solar cycle 25.

A new empirical model of the Mars ionospheric total electron content

Radio-science experiments are used to obtain motions of spacecraft or assets (e.g. lander, rover,...) around or on planets or moons in space (Figure 41). One usually performs Doppler measurements alone on the radio signal between the Earth and the asset to reconstruct its position and velocity variations. Ranging is also used for obtaining ephemerides of planets or moons. For a spacecraft around Mars or an asset on the Martian surface, dedicated radio frequency bands for space communications are determined by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). The frequencies used are in UHF (0.3-3.0 GHz), S-band (2.0-4.0 GHz), X-band (8.0-12.0 GHz), and in the future, Ka-band (26.5-40 GHz). At present most of the spacecraft use UHF for inter-satellite links and X-band for Earth-Mars links. Previously, landers such as Viking or Pathfinder used the S-band.

Concerning recent and future missions, the NASA lander InSight (Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport), which landed successfully in November 2018, conducts a radio-science experiment called RISE (Rotation and Interior Structure Experiment, [Folkner et al. 2018](#)). The lander signal in X-band is routinely tracked from Earth, with the goal of measuring the rotational movements of the red planet, and to study its deep interior. A very similar and complementary radio-science experiment called LaRa (Lander Radio science, [Dehant et al. 2009, 2011, 2019](#)), was also designed to refine the rotation model of Mars and to further constrain its interior. LaRa is part of the scientific payload of the Russian surface platform of the ESA-Roscosmos ExoMars 2020 mission to be launched on 2022. The X-band measurements provided by these two missions have unprecedented accuracy (and low power level in the case of LaRa). In particular, at least centimeter accuracy in the position determined from the phase delay is required. Doppler measurements from RISE and LaRa instruments are at a precision as high as 0.02 mm.s^{-1} at 60 second integration time corresponding to the instrument precision requirement. However, the impact of a liquid core on Martian Orientation Parameters is lower than 0.004 mm.s^{-1} in the X-band ([Yseboodt](#)

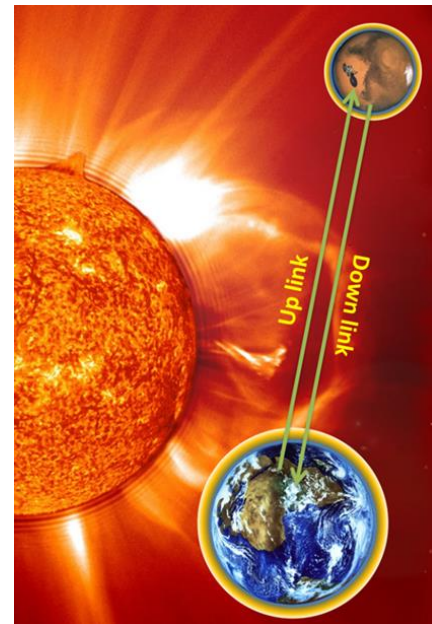


Figure 41: Schematic diagram of the radio science experiments using ground antenna at Earth and satellite or rover on Mars.

[et al. 2017](#)) and could be detected from data timeseries. To reach this accuracy, the ionospheres of Mars and Earth as well as the interplanetary plasma contributions need to be corrected for along the line-of-sight effects. Because the ionosphere and plasma effects depend on the frequency, an adequate combination of radio signals on two frequencies allows scientists to obtain corrected radio links (see Mars Express radio science experiment in [Pätzold et al. 2005](#)). However, landers have usually only one frequency disabling the correction for these effects. This is also the case for the radio-science experiments RISE and LaRa which use only one S-band frequency. It is thus important to consider the ionospheric effect on radio signals using external models to correct for ionospheric and plasma effects.

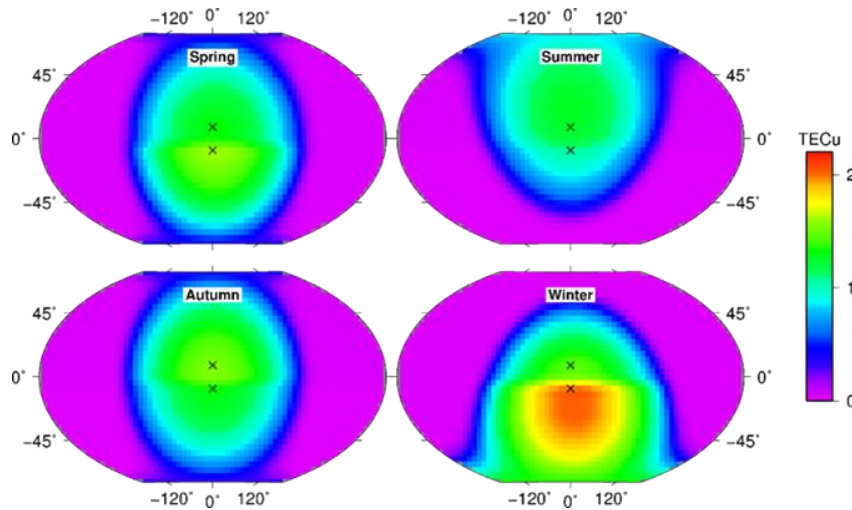


Figure 42: Global maps of Mars vTEC. The different maps correspond to the different outputs of the MoMo model for different seasons (in the North hemisphere) at local noon at the meridian origin. The F10.7P is fixed for a high solar activity level (170 sfu) corresponding to (F10.7P) of 70 sfu for spring, 61 sfu for summer, 79 sfu for autumn and 88 sfu for winter. The black crosses represent the location of two assets on the Mars surface (N10° and S10° in latitude; 0° in longitude).

In that frame, we developed a new empirical model of the Mars Total Electron Content (TEC) called MoMo ([Model of Mars Ionosphere](#)). The model provides values for the vertical TEC (vTEC) for a given solar zenith angle, solar activity, solar longitude (Ls) in the two Mars hemispheres. The model has been validated with external radio occultation data for high SZA (Solar Zenith Angle) and with the IPIM (IRAP Plasmasphere Ionosphere Model) physical complex model for low SZA. One of the main motivations for this work was to provide Mars ionosphere corrections for

radio-science experiments. We showed that, even if the expected noise of the radio-science instruments is large compared to the Mars ionospheric contribution, it is recommended to correct for this contribution, as its seasonal variations are of the same periods as those of the geophysical parameters determined by the experiments. It is advised to apply ionospheric corrections even during moderate solar activity level, above all for long term studies (i.e. more than one Mars sidereal year), such as those aiming at studying the deep interior of the planet.

The model provides key radio-science quantities like phase delay and Doppler shift, which can be used to calibrate radio science data like those acquired by RISE on the ongoing InSight mission, by LaRa on the future mission ExoMars 2020 mission, or by historical lander missions (Viking, Pathfinder, Mars Exploration Rover (MER)), especially for the Mars ephemeris calculations. From our results, the effect is of the order of 10^{-3} mm.s⁻¹ in Doppler observables especially around sunrise and sunset. Consequently, this new model could be used to support the data analysis of any radio-science experiment and especially for present InSight/RISE and future ExoMars LARA instruments aimed at better understand the deep-interior of Mars. This work has been published in the Journal of Space Weather and Space Climate ([2019](#)).

Advanced GNSS Tropospheric Products for Monitoring Severe Weather and Climate

About 9 years ago, ROB collaborated with international colleagues to elaborate an EU project proposal aiming at coordinating new and improved capabilities from parallel developments in GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite Systems, such as the American Global Positioning System (GPS) and the European Galileo), meteorological and climate communities: the COST Action ES1206, Advanced GNSS Tropospheric Products for Severe Weather Events and Climate (GNSS4SWEC). This 4-year project (2013-2017) was selected for funding, and in the course of the project, STCE members took leading roles at all levels (from leading research in all working groups to project management). STCE members were particularly active in the following research topics:

- Developing new and advanced products for monitoring the atmospheric water vapour on a wide range of temporal and spatial scales, from real-time monitoring and forecasting severe weather, to the highest quality post-processed products suitable for climate research;
- Studying the atmospheric water vapour anisotropy based on new GNSS products and 3D tomography reconstruction;
- Inter-comparing ground-based, satellite-based, and in-situ water vapour observations and using them to study the long-term variability of the water vapour;
- Tackling the pioneering work of the homogenisation of GNSS-derived water vapour time series as a mandatory step prior to using them for climate applications.

At the end of the project, the management committee decided to collect the contributions of all project participants in a book in order to summarize the main outcomes of the COST Action ES1206. STCE members contributed largely to this book, both as authors and as editors. This book ([Jones et al., 2019](#)) was published by Springer in 2019 and outlines in its 563 pages the present state-of-the-art in GNSS-meteorology in Europe, a summary of advanced GNSS processing techniques and tropospheric products, a unique set of case studies, experiments and data sets for monitoring severe weather and climate; hence including the main contributions of the last years from the STCE to the European research and services in this field.

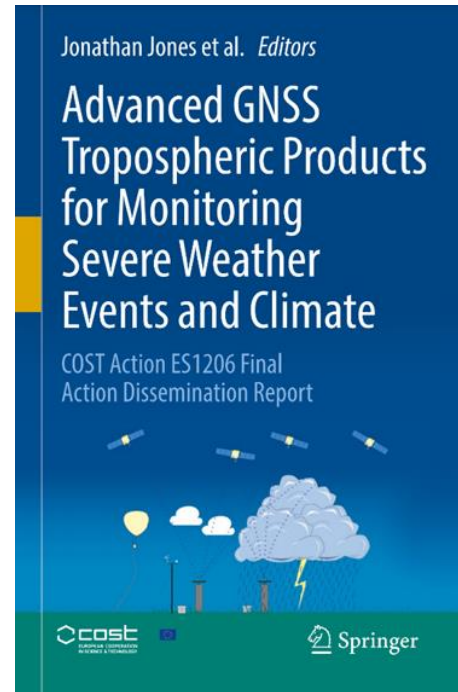


Figure 43: Frontpage of the book published by Springer in 2019, representing the state-of-the-art in GNSS meteorology in Europe.

SSA SWx Service Network coordinated communication exercises

Effective communication is a key factor in ensuring that consistent messages reach their intended audience. Regarding space weather, this is a huge challenge as its impact on society can be both regional and global, and as information may need to be tailored to different end-user communities with different communication standards.

Since 2017, the SSA Space Weather Service Network has initiated a series of coordinated communication exercises with the aim to develop and test a timely and coordinated communication within its extended network in case of a major space weather event and/or a significant media interest. The exercises are performed during normal working hours over a few days (typical duration of a major event) and follow a specific communication protocol. The target is to timely report, and in a consistent way, on the evolution of the space weather event and possible impacts on technology and human health ranging from satellite operation, space walks, aircraft operation and on-board crew and passengers up to critical infrastructure on the ground. To test the readiness of the participants to act, events are simulated based on data from past events and launched in the network without pre-announcement.

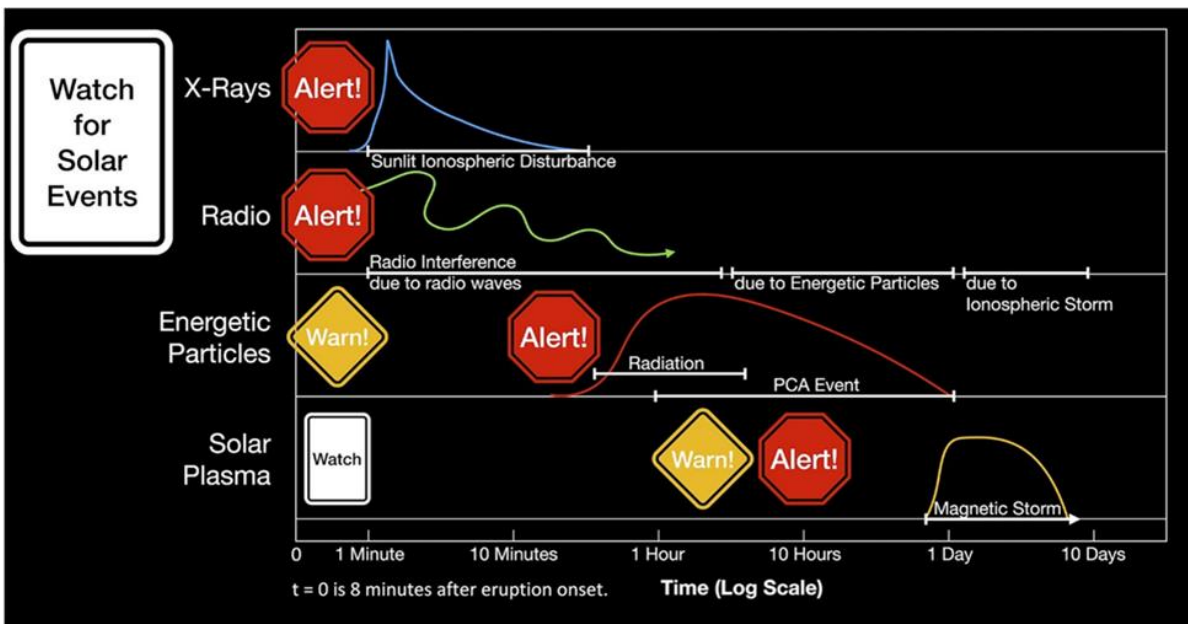


Figure 44: A forecaster's timeline. SWx forecasters are always watching for solar events as potential predictors of near-term technological impacts. This diagram provides a rough phenomenological timeline from X-ray and radio noise producing flares (top) to energetic particles (i.e., SEPs of both eruptive and CME origin) and the arrival of CME solar plasma. Watches, Warnings, and Alerts are invaluable tools for forecasters to disseminate critical space weather information. Adapted from SWPC's "Time Scale for Solar Effects". (Redmon et al. 2018)

Once an event of significant strength takes place, the network experts in the different fields, operators from the SSA Space Weather Coordination Centre (SSCC) and ESA key personnel join in daily telecons to evaluate and update the situation with an overview of the past 24 hours, actual conditions and expectations for the following days. The operators/forecasters closely monitor the space weather activity. At the end of each day, the team of experts and operators agree on a message to be sent out to the ESA communication office that will further disseminate the information via various channels to the outside world in case of a real situation. The exercise continues until the situation has evolved back to nominal conditions.

In its role as lead of the SSCC activities and as SSA Space Radiation Expert Service Centre (R-ESC) coordinator, the BIRA-IASB space weather team contributes to these exercises. This includes providing expertise on particle radiation storms and their effects on technology and human health, as well as coordinating the common efforts of the R-ESC expert groups present in the network.

The goal of the SSCC is to coordinate the whole protocol, contact the experts making sure a representative from each domain is participating, organize and chair the daily discussions and consolidate the overall information delivered in the messages during the exercises guaranteeing that it is as reliable and accurate as possible to be useful for the end-users.



Figure 45: SSCC room and operators

Aside from this activity the SSCC team also organizes user support campaigns in various application fields like aviation and GNSS services, but also for ESA mission operations (Gaia, Mars Express, BepiColombo, ...). These campaigns are performed in close collaboration with the end user. Building close relationships with the end user helps to better understand what information they need and how they want to receive it.



Life at the STCE - The year 2019 seemed to be an endless series of meetings, workshops and courses. A well-attended workshop on Cosmic rays took place in one of the BISA meeting rooms on 23 April (upper left). The STCE Annual meeting took place on 6 June, and brought the PECASUS project to everybody's attention (upper right). There were 3 installments of the Space Weather Introductory Course (SWIC), here showing participants intensively occupied with an URSIgram exercise (lower left). And there were many, many training courses given to all involved in the PECASUS-project, such as this one on 5 November to operators from the MeteoWing (lower right).

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This overview of publications consists of three lists: the peer-reviewed articles, the presentations and posters at conferences, and the public outreach talks and publications for the general public. It does not include non-refereed articles, press releases, the daily, weekly and monthly bulletins that are part of our public services,... These data are available at the [STCE-website](#) or upon request.

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133. Rodriguez, L.
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167. Van Lil E., Van Malderen R.
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168. Vansintjan, R.; De Patoul, J.; Andries, J.; Chabanski, S.; Calogera, A.; De Donder, E.; Glover, A.
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180. West, M.; Seaton, D.
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181. West, M.
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PROBA-2 Symposium: 9 Years of Proba-2 Operations, Redu, Belgium, 7-8 February 2019 (invited talk)
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Proba-2 as a Pathfinder to the SSA Lagrange Mission
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Inter-comparison between the Earth and Mars Ionospheres
SANSA, South-Africa, 2019
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STCE Annual Meeting, Uccle, 6 June 2019 (invited talk)
4. Berghmans, D.
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(invited talk)
5. Berghmans, D.; De Donder, E.; Andries, J.
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6. Calders, S.
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18. Decraemer, B.
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19. De Donder, E.
Space Particle Radiation and Effects
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20. De Donder, E.
Cosmic Rays and Space Weather Services for Aviation
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21. De Donder, E.
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22. De Donder, E.; Dierckxsens, M.
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Training for PECASUS Operators - MeteoWing, Uccle, 22 October 2019
23. De Donder, E.
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~	About, proportional to	B ₀	Heliographic latitude of the central point of the solar disk (The range of B ₀ is $\pm 7.23^\circ$)
1D	One dimensional	BE	Belgium
2D	Two dimensional	BELSPO	Belgian Science Policy Office
3D	Three dimensional	BeNELux	Belgium, The Netherlands, and Luxembourg
Å	Ångstrom (0.1 nm)	BIRA	Koninklijk Belgisch Instituut voor Ruimte-Aëronomie
A	Article	BISA	Royal Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy
AAS	American Astronomical Society	BRAIN-be	Belgian Research Action through Interdisciplinary Networks (BELSPO)
ABL	Atmospheric Boundary Layer	BRAMS	Belgian RADio Meteor Stations
ACE	Advanced Composition Explorer	BUKS	Belgium, UK, and Spain
ACFJ	Australia, Canada, France and Japan consortium	B.USOC	Belgian User Support and Operation Centre
ADA	Astronomical Data Analysis	Bz	Component of the IMF perpendicular to the ecliptic ("north-south" component)
AFFECTS	Advanced Forecast For Ensuring Communications Through Space	C	Capacitor
AGU	American Geophysical Union	C-class flare	Common x-ray flare
AIA	Atmospheric Imaging Assembly (SDO)	C/N ₀	Carrier-to-Noise density
ALC	Automatic LIDAR Ceilometer	CA	COST Action (COST)
ALF	faint narrow-band radio bursts from sources propagating with velocities close to the local Alfvén velocity	Ca II H	A blue line in the solar spectrum at 396.85 nm
AOGS	Asia Oceania Geosciences Society	Ca II K	A blue line in the solar spectrum at 393.37 nm
AP-RASC	Asia-Pacific Radio Science Conference	CACTus	Computer Aided CME Tracking software
APS	American Physical Society	CALLISTO	Compound Astronomical Low frequency Low-cost Instrument for Spectroscopy and Transportable Observatory
AR	Active Region	CAMS	Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service
ARCAS	Augmented Resolution Callisto Spectrometer	CCMC	Community Coordinated Modeling Center
ASGARD	An educational space programme for schools (no acronym)	CCSOM	Constraining CMEs and Shocks by Observations and Modelling
ASEC	Applied Space Environments Conference	CESPM	China-Europe Solar Physics Meeting
ASOPOS	Assessment of Standard Operating Procedures for OzoneSondes	CESRA	Community of European Solar Radio Astronomers
ASPIICS	Association of Spacecraft for Polarimetric and Imaging Investigation of the Corona of the Sun (PROBA-3)	CH	Coronal Hole
AT-RASC	Atlantic Radio Science meeting	CHARM	Contemporary physical challenges in Heliospheric and AstRophysical Models
AU, au	Astronomical Unit; about 150 million km		

CIR Cluster	Co-rotating Interaction Region ESA/NASA mission to study the Earth's magnetosphere (no acronym)	Dr. DSCOVR	Doctor Deep Space Climate Observatory
cm	centimeter	Dst	Disturbance Storm Time index (geomagnetic)
CME	Coronal Mass Ejection	DUSTER	Dust Study, Transport and Electrostatic Removal (for exploration missions)
CMOS	Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor		
CNES	Centre national d'études spatiales (France)	E	East
CNRS	Centre national de la recherche scientifique (France)	e-Callisto	extended Compact Astronomical Low-cost Low-frequency Instrument for Spectroscopy and Transportable Observatory
CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide		
COMESOP	COronal Mass Ejections and Solar Energetic Particles	E-GVAP	EUMETNET GNSS water Vapour Programme
COPUOS	COmmittee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UN)	EC	European Commission
COR (1/2)	Coronagraph (Inner/Outer) onboard STEREO	ECS ECSIM(-CYL)	European CubeSat Symposium Energy Conserving Semi-Implicit Method (Cylindrical)
CORS	Continuously Operating Reference Stations (GNSS)	ed.	Edition
COSPAR	COmmittee on SPACE Research	Eds. EGNOS	Editors European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service
COST	(European) COoperation in Science & Technology	EGNSS	European GNSS
COTS	Commercial off-the-shelf	EGU	European Geosciences Union
CR	Carrington Rotation	EISCAT	European Incoherent SCATter scientific association
CSL	Centre Spatial de Liège	EIT	Extreme ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SOHO)
CubeSat	A small satellite measuring 10cm x 10cm x 10cm	EM	(1) Electromagnetic (2) Engineering Model
Δ	Delta (difference)		
D/SCI	ESA Science Directorate	EPN	EUREF Permanent Network
D/TEC	ESA Technology, Engineering and Quality Directorate	EPOS(-PL)	European Plate Observing System (- Poland)
D2D	Digisonde-to-Digisonde	E-PROFILE	EUMETNET Profiling Programme
D3S	Distributed Space weather Sensor System	EPSC	European Planetary Science Congress
dB-Hz	decibel-Hertz (bandwidth relative to 1 Hz)	EPT	Energetic Particle Telescope (PROBA-V)
Digisonde	Digitally Integrating Goniometric IonoSONDE	erg	10 ⁻⁷ Joule
DIGISUN	A software application for digitization of scanned sunspot drawings	Es ES	Sporadic E-layer (ionosphere) Earth System (Science and Environmental Management (COST))
DKIST	Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope	ESA	European Space Agency
DLR	German Aerospace Center	ESAC	European Space Astronomy Centre
DOI	Digital Object Identifier		
DoY	Day of Year	ESC	Expert Service Centre
DPS	Division for Planetary Sciences (EPSC)	ESD	ElectroStatic Discharge

ESCAPE	European SpaceCraft for the study of Atmospheric Particle Escape	FReSWeD	Future Research on Space Weather Drivers
ESERO	European Space Education Resource Office	FRS	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique
ESOC	European Space Operations Centre	FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
ESPM	European Solar Physics Meeting	FUV	Far Ultraviolet
ESTEC	European Space Research and Technology Centre	Galileo	European GNSS
ESWW	European Space Weather Week	GAW	Global Atmospheric Watch (WMO)
EU	European Union	GB	Gigabyte (10 ⁹ bytes)
EUHFORIA	European Heliospheric Forecasting Information Asset	GBO	Ground-Based Observatory
EUI	Extreme-Ultraviolet Imager (Solar Orbiter)	GCR	Galactic Cosmic Rays
EUMETNET	Network of European Meteorological Services	GEANT-4	GEometry ANd Tracking (simulation platform)
EUMETSAT	European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites	GeV	Giga electronvolt (10 ⁹ . 1.6 . 10 ⁻¹⁹ Joule)
EURAVIA	European Association of Aerospace Students	GFZ	Deutsches GeoForschungsZentrum (German Research Centre for Geosciences)
EUREF	EUropean Reference Frame	GHz	Gigahertz (10 ⁹ Hz)
EUV	Extreme Ultraviolet	GIRO	Global Ionosphere Radio Observatory
EUVI	Extreme Ultraviolet Imager (STEREO/SECCHI; LGRRS)	GLE	Ground Level Enhancement
EUVM	EUV Monitor (MAVEN)	GLONASS	GLObal NAVigation Satellite System (Russia)
EVE	Extreme ultraviolet Variability Experiment (SDO)	GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
ExoMars	Exobiology on Mars (ESA, Roscosmos)	GNSS4SWEC	Advanced GNSS tropospheric products for the monitoring of Severe Weather Events and Climate
F _{10.7 cm}	Solar radio flux at 10.7 cm wavelength	GOES	Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite
F10.7P	Proxy for F _{10.7 cm} solar radio flux	GOME	Global Ozone Monitoring experiment (SCIAMACHY)
F ₂	Main ionospheric layer	GOMESCIA	GOME/SCIAMACHY/GOME-2
F ₃₀	Solar radio flux at 30 cm wavelength	GONG	Global Oscillation Network Group
FITS	Flexible Image Transport System	GPS	Global Positioning System (USA)
FM	Flight Model	GRETSI	Groupe d'Etudes du Traitement du Signal et des Images
FMI	Finnish Meteorological Institute	GSFC	Goddard Space Flight Center
FNRS	Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique	h	(1) hour ; (2) Planck's constant (6.62607004 × 10 ⁻³⁴ m ² kg / s)
foF ₂	Critical frequency F2-layer	H	(1) Hydrogen ; (2) Heat flux
FOV	Field-Of-View	H-alpha (H α)	A red visible spectral line at 656.28 nm created by Hydrogen
FP7	Framework Programme 7 (EU)		

H2020	Horizon 2020 (EU)	INGV	Istituto nazionale di geofisica e vulcanologia
HEK	Heliophysics Events Knowledgebase	InSight	Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport
HELSTOP	Harmonization and Evaluation of Lower Stratospheric and Tropospheric Ozone Vertical Profiles	INSPIRE	International Satellite Program in Research and Education
HESPERIA	High Energy Solar Particle Events forecasting and Analysis project	IOP	Institute of Physics
HF	High Frequency	IPAG	Institut de Planétologie et d'Astrophysique de Grenoble
HI	Heliospheric Imager (STEREO)	IPF	International Polar Foundation
h _m F ₂	peak density height of F ₂ -layer	IPIM	IRAP Plasmasphere
HMI	Heliospheric and Magnetic Imager (SDO)	IR	Infrared
HSRS	Humain Solar Radio Spectrograph	IRACON	Inclusive Radio Communication Networks for 5G and beyond
HSS	High Speed Stream	IRAP	Institut de Recherche en Astrophysique et Planetologie (France)
HuRAS	Humain Radio Astronomy Station	IRENE	International Radiation Environment near Earth
HXR	Hard x-rays	IRI	International Reference Ionosphere
Hz	Hertz (per second)	IRM	Institut Royal Météorologique
I/Ps	Ionosphere-Plasmasphere system	ISAS	Institute of Space and Astronautical Science
I-V	Current-Voltage	ISC	(1) International Science Council; (2) International Steering Committee
IAC	International Astronautical Congress	ISN	International Sunspot Number
IAG	International Association of Geodesy	ISS	International Space Station
IAGA	International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy	ISSI	International Space Science Institute
IAS	Institut d'Astrophysique Spatiale (France)	ISSS	(1) International School of Space Science; (2) International School/Symposium for Space Simulations
IASB	Institut royal d'Aéronomie Spatiale de Belgique	ISTP	International Symposium on Tropospheric Profiling
IASC	International Arctic Science Committee	IT	Information Technology
IAU	International Astronomical Union	ITU	International Telecommunication Union
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization	IUGG	International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics
ICME	Interplanetary CME	IVOA	International Virtual Observatory Alliance
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies	jHV	jHelioViewer
i.e.	"id est" (that is)		
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers		
IGS	International GNSS Service		
IMC	International Meteor Conference		
IMF	Interplanetary Magnetic Field		

JOSIE	Jülich Ozonesonde	LASCO	Large Angle Spectrometric Coronagraph (SOHO); small
JPEG	Intercomparison Experiment		(C2) and wide (C3) field of view
	Joint Photographic Experts Group		
JSWSC	Journal of Space Weather and Space Climate	Lat	Latitude
JUICE	JUperiter ICy moons Explorer	LATMOS	Laboratoire ATmosphères, Milieux, Observations Spatiales (France)
K	(1) Local K-index: A 3-hour geomagnetic index, ranging from 0 (quiet) to 9 (extremely severe storm); (2) degrees Kelvin	LDE	Long Duration Event
		LEO	Low Earth Orbit
		LGGRS-EUVI	LaGRange Remote Sensing instruments (EUVI)
K*	Local 1-minute resolution K index	LIDAR	LIGht Detection And Radar
		LIEDR	Local Ionospheric Electron Density profile Reconstruction
Ka-band	"Kürz above": Radio frequency band from 27-40 GHz	LMSAL	Lockheed Martin Solar and Astrophysics Laboratory
KAW	Kinetic Alfvén Waves	LOC	Local Organizing Committee
keV	kilo electronvolt ($10^3 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^{19}$ Joule)	LOFAR	Low-Frequency Array
kHz	kilo Hertz (10^3 /second)	Lon	Longitude
km	kilometer	Ls	Solar longitude
km/s	kilometers per second	LT	Local Time
KMI	Koninklijk Meteorologisch Instituut	Ly- α	Lyman-alpha, a spectral line in the VUV at 121.6 nm
KNMI	Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut	LYRA	Large Yield Radiometer, formerly called Lyman Alpha Radiometer (PROBA2)
K _p	A geomagnetic index, ranging from 0 (quiet) to 9 (extremely severe storm)	LW	Langmuir Wave
		LWS	Living With a Star
KSO	Kanzelhöhe Solar Observatory	μ m	micrometer (10^{-6} meter)
KSB	Koninklijke Sterrenwacht van België	M-class	Medium class satellite (ESA)
		M-class flare	Medium x-ray flare
KUL	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	m ³	Cubic meter
		MADAWG	Modelling and Data analysis Working Group (Solar Orbiter)
kV	kiloVolt (10^3 Volt)		
λ	wavelength	MAJIS	Moons And Jupiter Imaging Spectrometer (JUICE)
l/m ²	Liter per square meter	MAVEN	Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (NASA)
L-class	Large class satellite (ESA)		
L	Letter (manuscript)	MB	Megabyte (10^6 bytes)
L*	Set of Earth's magnetic field lines which cross the Earth's magnetic equator at * earth radii from the centre of the Earth (e.g. L = 2)	mbar	millibar
		MER	Mars Exploration Rover
		MeV	Mega electronvolt ($10^6 \cdot 1.6 \cdot 10^{19}$ Joule)
L ₀	Heliographic longitude of the central point of the solar disk	MHD	Magnetohydrodynamics
L1, ..., L5	First, ..., fifth Lagrangian point	MHz	Megahertz (10^6 /s)
L1, L2	GPS frequencies: L1 = 1575.42 MHz, L2 = 1227.60 MHz	MIT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
LaRa	Lander Radio science (ExoMars)	MJD	Modified Julian Day
		ML-Helio	Machine Learning in Heliophysics

MLT	Magnetic Local Time	ORFEES	Observation Radio Fréquences pour l'Etude des Eruptions Solaires
mm	millimeter (10^{-3} meter)		
mm/s	millimeter per second		
MoMo	Model of Mars Ionosphere	P	The position angle between the geocentric north pole and the solar rotational north pole measured eastward from geocentric north. The range in P is $\pm 26.3^\circ$
MPS	Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research		
ms	millisecond (10^{-3} second)		
MUV	Mid Ultraviolet		
ν	Frequency		
N	North	P2SC	PROBA2 Science Center
N-S	North-South	PB	Petabyte (10^{15} bytes)
n-SEU	neutron induced SEU	PBC	Primary Backup-Center (PECASUS)
N ₂	Nitrogen		
nA	nano Ampère (10^{-9} meter)	PEA	Princess Elisabeth Antarctic
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	PECASUS	Pan-European Consortium for Aviation Space weather User Services
NASU	National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine	PFSS	Potential Field Source Surface
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization	pfu	particle (proton) flux unit: the number of particles registered per second, per square cm, and per steradian
NeQuick	Electron density Quick calculation model (ionospheric model)		
Net-TIDE	Pilot Network for Identification of Travelling Ionospheric Disturbances in Europe	PhD PI PICASSO	Doctor of Philosophy Principal Investigator PICO-satellite for Atmospheric and Space Science Observations
NIR	Near IR	PRESTO	Fast warning message for important SWx events
NL	The Netherlands		
NM	Neutron Monitor	PROBA	PROject for OnBoard Autonomy
No.	Number of		
nm	nanometer (10^{-9} meter)	PROBA-V	PROBA-Vegetation
NMDB	Neutron Monitor DataBase	PROBE	PROfiling the atmospheric Boundary layer at European scale (COST)
N _m F ₂	peak density of F ₂ -layer		
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	PRODEX	PROgramme for the Development of scientific Experiments
NRT	Near Real Time		
ns	nanosecond (10^{-9} second)		
NSO	National Solar Observatory	ps	picosecond (10^{-12} second)
nT	nano-Tesla (10^{-9} Tesla)	PSF	Point Spread Function
NUV	Near Ultraviolet	PTB	Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (Germany)
NWP	Numerical Weather Prediction		
O	Oxygen	Q&A	Questions and Answers
O ₃	Ozone	QPP	Quasi-periodic pulsation
ODC	On Duty Center (PECASUS)	R	Resistor
OGSE	Optics Ground Support Equipment	R&D R-ESC	Research and Development Space Radiation ESC
OML	Orbital-Motion-Limited	RAS	Royal Astronomical Society
ORB	Observatoire Royal de Belgique	RC circuit	An electric circuit composed of resistors and capacitors
		RC time	The time constant (in seconds) of an RC circuit

ReSouRCE	Radio Sciences Research on AntarCtic AtmosphEre	SECCHI	Sun Earth Connection Coronal and Heliospheric Investigation (STEREO)
RF	Radio Frequency	SEP	Solar Energetic Particle
RHESSI	Reuven Ramaty High Energy Solar Spectroscopic Imager	SEP SEPTEM	Solar Energetic Particle Environment Modelling
RISE	Rotation and Interior Structure Experiment (InSight)	SEU SFU, sfu	Single Event Upset Solar Flux Unit ($10^{-22} \text{ W m}^{-2}$ Hz ⁻¹)
RMI(B)	Royal Meteorological Institute (of Belgium)	SHADOZ	Southern Hemisphere Additional Ozonesondes (JOSIE)
RMS	Root Mean Square		
ROB	Royal Observatory of Belgium		
Roscosmos	Russian Space Agency	SHINE	Solar Heliospheric & Interplanetary Environment
RSSB	Royal Statistical Society of Belgium	SIDC	Solar Influences Data analysis Center
R _{sun}	Solar radius (~ 696,000 km)		
RTIM	Real Time Ionosphere Monitoring	SILSO	Sunspot Index and Long-term Solar Observations
RWC	Regional Warning Center	SKA	Square Kilometre Array
σ	sigma (confidence level)	SLP	Sweeping / Segmented / Single / Split / Spherical Langmuir Probe
s	second		
S	South		
S-band	Radio frequency band from 2- 4 GHz	SLT SM sms	Solar Local Time Spare Model short message service
S/C	Spacecraft	SN SN	Sunspot Number Space weather and Near-earth objects
S-class	Small class satellite (ESA)		
S-SAIL	Solar System Atmospheres' Investigation and exopLanets	SOC SOHO	Science Operations Centre SOlar & Heliospheric Observatory
SAFIRE	SolAr Flux monItoring Equipment	SOLARNET	European network of solar physics researchers and facilities (H2020)
SANAE-IV	South African National Antarctic Expedition IV (Antarctic research base)		
SANSA	South African National Space Agency	SOLIS	Synoptic Optical Long-term Investigations of the Sun (NSO)
SBC	Secondary Backup-Center (PECASUS)	Solo	Solar Orbiter
SC24, SC25	Solar Cycle 24, Solar Cycle 25	SOLSPEC	SOlar SPECTrum
SCAR	Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research	SPADE	Small Phased Array DEmonstrator
SCIAMACHY	SCanning Imaging Absorption spectroMeter for Atmospheric CHartographY (ENVISAT)	SPD SPENVIS (-NG)	Solar Physics Division (AAS) SPace ENVironment Information System (- Next Generation)
SCK-CEN	Studiecentrum voor Kernenergie - Centre d'Etude de l'Energie Nucléaire	SPICE	Spectral Imaging of the Coronal Environment (Solo)
SCOPE	Solar Coronagraph for OPERations	SPIE	Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers
SDO	Solar Dynamics Observatory		
SDR	Software Defined Radio	SPRING	Solar Physics Research Integrated Network Group (SOLARNET)

SPS	Science for Peace and Security (NATO)		during Substorms (NASA mission)
sr	steradian	TID	Travelling Ionospheric Disturbance
SRAM	Static Random-Access Memory	TRACTEBEL	International company for consultancy and engineering; merger from Tractionel and Electrobél
SRB	Solar Radio Burst		
SREM	Standard Radiation Environment Monitor (Integral, Rosetta)	TREASURE	Training Research and Applications Network to Support the ultimate real-time high-accuracy EGNSS solution
SSA	Space Situational Awareness		
SSCC	SSA Space Weather Coordination Centre		
SSI	Solar Spectral Irradiance	TSI	Total Solar Irradiance
SSN	SunSpot Number	UCL	Université Catholique de Louvain
STAFF	Solar Timelines viewer for AFFECTS	UHF	Ultra High Frequency (0.3 - 3 GHz)
STCE	Solar-Terrestrial Centre of Excellence	UK	United Kingdom
STCL	Space Technology & Calibration Laboratories	ULB	Université libre de Bruxelles
STEREO	Solar-Terrestrial Relations Observatory	UNCOPUOS	United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Use of Outer Space
STM	Structural Model	URAN	Ukrainian Radio Interferometer of NASU
SUVI	Solar Ultraviolet Imager (GOES)	URSI	International Union of Radio Science - Union Radio-Scientifique Internationale
SWAP	Sun Watcher using APS detector and image Processing (PROBA2)	US(A)	United States (of America)
SWAVES	STEREO WAVES	USET	Uccle Solar Equatorial Table (Coordinated) Universal Time
SWE	Space Weather	UT(C)	Ultraviolet
SWEK	Space Weather Event Knowledgebase	UV	Velocity (speed)
SWIC	Space Weather Introductory Course	v	Volt
SWPC	Space Weather Prediction Center (USA)	V	Version 1, 2, ...
SWT	Science Working Team	V1, 2, ...	Variability of the Sun and Its Terrestrial Impact
SWx	Space weather	VarSITI	Visible Broadband Imager (DKIST)
SXR	Soft x-rays	VBI	Very High Frequency
SXT	Soft X-Ray Telescope (Yohkoh)	VHF	Very Important Person
SZA	Solar Zenith Angle	VIP	Visible
τ	Time	VIS	Von Karman Institute
TB	Terabyte (10^{12} bytes)	VKI	Very Low Frequency
TEC	Total Electron Content	VLF	Virtual Space Weather Modelling Centre
Tech-TIDE	Warning and Mitigation Technologies for TIDs Effects	VSWMC	Vertical TEC
TECu	TEC unit ($10^{16}e\cdot m^{-2}$)	VTEC	Vrije Universiteit Brussel
TGSE	Thermic Ground Support Equipment	VUB	Vacuum Ultraviolet
THEMIS	Time History of Events and Macroscale Interactions	VUV	Vereniging Voor Sterrenkunde (1) Watt; (2) West
		VVS	Watt per square meter
		W	
		W/m ²	

WAVES	Radio and plasma wave investigation (WIND, STEREO)	WS	Workshop
WDC	World Data Center	WSA	Wang-Sheeley-Arge (model for solar wind)
WG	Working Group	X-band	Radio frequency band from 8-12 GHz
W _L	Energy of a Longmuir wave	X-class flare	Extreme x-ray flare
WMO	World Meteorological Organization	XRT	X-Ray Telescope (Hinode)
WP	Work Package	ZTD	Zenith Total Delay
WRC	World Radiation Center		