

STP Quarterly Review

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1QFY12



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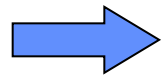
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STP Division Overview

Milestones & Performance Measures

Personnel Activities – *nothing to report*

Accomplishments & Updates

Special Interest Items

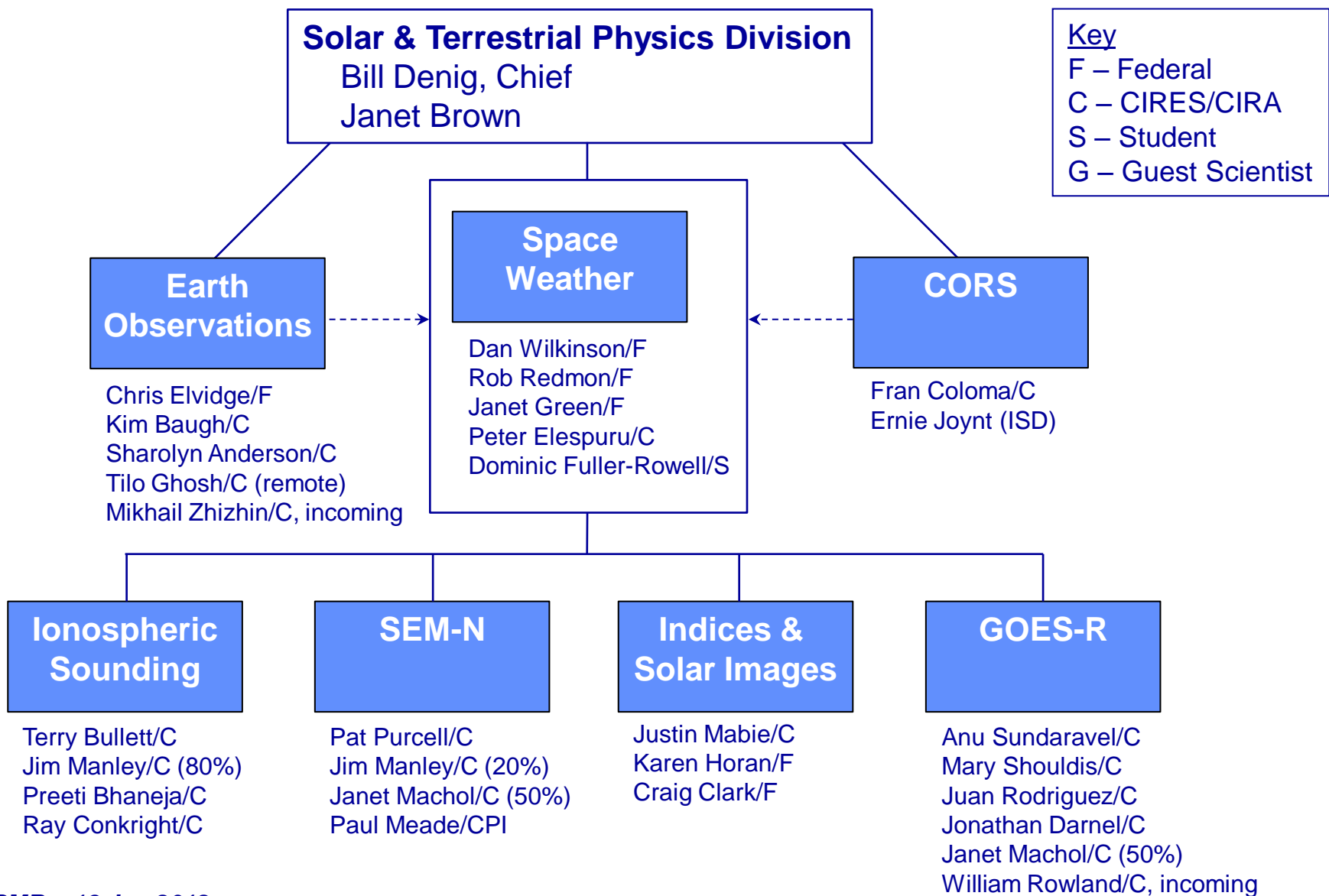
USAF Datasets At NGDC

Issues & Summary



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Personnel





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Personnel Changes



- **Gains**
 - None
- **Losses**
 - Pat Alken, transfer to MGG
- **Reassignments**
 - Janet Machol, transitioning to GOES-R algorithm development
 - Rob Redmon, GOES Space Environment Sensors (Magnetometer)
- **Inbound**
 - William Rowland, GOES-R Magnetometer Physicist (Algorithms)
 - Mikhail (Misha) Zhizhin – DMSP/VIIRS Nighttime Lights Developer
 - Jenny Mills (Northwestern University) – Hollings (Redmon) – Aurora
 - Ranjeetha Bharath (MIT) – Hollings (Rodriguez) – SEP Events
- **Vacancies**
 - Technology Manager (Fed) – Pending
 - Space Weather Physicist (Fed) – Solar Program/SXI-SUVI
- **Outbound**
 - None



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Agreements – Status



Agreements											
Scope	Team	Type	Partner	NOAA Legal	DOC Legal	NGDC Signed	Partner Signed	Start	End	Status	
CORS Support	CORS	AGR	NGS	n/a	n/a	X	X	10/01/2003	09/30/2013	G	<i>In place - wrapping up IC</i>
SWx Climatology	SWX	MOU	AFCCC	X	X	X	X	05/27/2004	10/01/2014	G	In place - no FY12 activity
GPS Data (CORS)	SWX	MOA	Multi	n/a	n/a	X	X	09/20/2004	TBD	G	<i>Biannual Review - waiting on NGS</i>
DMSP Archive	NTL	MOA	DMSP	X	X	X	X	05/30/2007	09-30/2009	G	<i>In process - Blanket MOA</i>
Ionosonde Sites	SWX	IA	USGS	X	X	X	X	04/03/2009	04/03/2014	G	<i>In place - FY12 site support</i>
ViRBO	SWX	MOA	NASA	X	X	X	X	04/15/2009	n/a	G	In place - no FY12 activity
SEM-N - AFRL	SWX	MOA	AFRL	X	X	X	X	05/11/2009	05/11/2014	G	<i>In place - DWSS cancelled</i>
Nighttime Lights	SWX	MOU	DOE	X	X	X	X	08/12/2009	08/12/2013	G	In place - nothing to report
NASIC	NTL	MOU	NASIC	X	X	X	X	03/09/2011	01/30/2015	G	In place - nothing to report
Gas Flaring	NTL	SA	WBank	X	X	X	X	05/13/2011	05/30/2012	G	<i>Awaiting funds</i>
Global CO2	NTL	AGR	NASA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	07/29/2011	09/30/2012	G	In place - Space Act (1958)
SEM-N Algorithms	SEG	MOU	SMC	X	X	X		08/01/2011	07/31/2013	G	<i>In place - DWSS cancelled</i>
Outage Detection	NTL	MOU	NPS	X	X	X	X	10/28/2011	07/30/2012	G	In place - nothing to report
											1/13/2012
										G	No Action Needed
										Y	Watch Item
										R	Action Required



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FY12 Funding [YTD]



STP Balance Sheet - FY12 (YTD)									
	Income			Expenditures					
	FY11 Carryover	FY12 New	Sum	Salaries	Travel	Miscellaneous	OD overhead	Sum	Notes:
Base			1,389,956	1,388,268				1,388,268	
NGDC Base	0	1,389,956	1,389,956						Use FY11 base allotment for FY12 - see Connie Craig (24 Jun 11)
Space Weather			110,000	115,971		19,489	2,500	137,960	
POES Processing	85,000	25,000	110,000			19,489	2,500		\$19,489 to ISD for K Tanaka
Nighttime Lights			593,000	379,917	4,800		54,800	439,517	
NPS (DHS)		198,000	198,000		4,800		19,800		
NASIC		100,000	100,000				10,000		
NASA - ASU	25,000	25,000	50,000				2,500		
NASA - Ames		25,000	25,000				2,500		
JPSS Cal Val		53,000	53,000				5,300		
World Bank		45,000	45,000				4,500		
Data Sales		30,000	30,000				3,000		
McMurdo	20,000	72,000	92,000				7,200		
Ionospheric Data Serv			0						
Northrop-Grumman		0	0						Terry Bullett - self-supporting
GOES-RRR			833,792	734,814		10,250	83,379	828,444	
GOES-R (PN76)		412,500	412,500			9,250	41,250		SWx Risk Reduction
GOES-R (PN77)		300,000	300,000			1,000	30,000		SWx Algorithm Readiness
GOES-R (Cal/Val)		121,292	121,292				12,129		GOES-R L1 Cal/Val
CORS			198,000	111,189	10,000	78,000	15,840	215,029	
CORS		198,000	198,000		10,000	78,000	15,840		OVHD is 8% of total; \$78K for Ernie
SEM-N			160,000	99,610	10,000	10,000	16,000	135,610	
DWSD-NGDC MOA	160,000		160,000		10,000	10,000	16,000		Federal oversight - received in late FY11
			3,284,748					3,144,827	As of 13 Jan 12



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GOES Spacecraft/Instrument Status



Spacecraft	Series	Operational Status	Status	Magnet1	Magnet2	Magnetometer 1	Magnetometer 2	MAG	XRS	XRS-EUV	EXIS	EPS	HEPAD	SEISS	XRP	SXI	SUVI
GOES 8	GOES I-M	Decommisioned	R	G	G				G			G	G		G		
GOES 9	GOES I-M	Decommisioned	R	G	G				G			G	G		G		
GOES 10	GOES I-M	Decommisioned	R	G	G				G			Y	G		G		
GOES 11	GOES I-M	Decommisioned	R	G	G				R			G	G		R		
GOES 12	GOES I-M	South America	G	G	G				R			Y	G		R	R	
GOES 13	GOES N-O-P	Operational East	G			G	R			Y		G	G			Y	
GOES 14	GOES N-O-P	On-orbit Storage	G			G	G			G		G	G			G	
GOES 15	GOES N-O-P	Operational West	G			G	G			G		G	G			G	
GOES R	GOES R	Acquisition						TBD			TBD			TBD			TBD
GOES S	GOES R	Acquisition						TBD			TBD			TBD			TBD

As of: 18 Jan 2012

Operational (or capable of)	G
Operational with limitations (or Standby)	Y
Operational with Degraded Performance	O
Not Operational	R
Status Unknown	TBD

Note: SWPC operations use GOES-15 SEM & SXI. GOES-13 SEM (no XRS) & SXI (sometimes) are also used for SWPC operations. All available GOES and POES Space Weather data flowing into NGDC.





STP Division Overviews

STP Annual Data Ingest¹ – 4QFY11



	CY10 GB	CY11 GB	CY12 TBD
GOES SEM	71	71	-
GOES SXI	870	1,731	-
POES SEM	30	29	-
DMSP OLS	5,000	5,760	-
CORS GPS	20,198	22,296	-
Ionosonde	1,400	900	-

¹Uncompressed data volumes



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Milestones & Performance Measures

FY12 AOP Milestones



Primary NGSP Goal: Objective	Performance Measures / Milestones (NOTE: Do not report Measure or Milestone Targets in the same row)				Measure or Milestone Targets (NOTE: Do not report Measure or Milestone Targets in the same row)													Milestone Progress		
	Measures/Milestone	Select any				10	11	12 Q1	12 Q2	12 Q3	12 Q4	13	14	15	16	17	18	Planned/ Actual Completion	Status	POC
		GPRA	NOAA BSC	LO/50 BSC	HPPG															
Weather:Environmental Information	Complete the historical data rescue of daily H-alpha solar images from the NOAA Boulder Observatory (1967-1994)							X										31-Dec-11	C	K. Horan
Weather:Environmental Information	Archive interplanetary data simulation runs for the Enlil operational space weather model per NWS request								X									31-Mar-11	G	W. Denig
Coastal:Marine Transportation	Achieve Initial Operating capability (IOC) for disseminating in real-time satellite data received via McMurdo Station in compliance with the Antarctic Treaty									X								30-Jun-12	G	S. Anderson
Weather:Environmental Information	Develop in-house capability to process NOAA POES Space Environment Monitor (SEM) data for satellite operations										X							30-Sep-12	G	J. Green
Weather:Environmental Information	Complete Phase 3 Preliminary Design Reviews for GOES-R Level 2+ space weather algorithms										X							30-Sep-12	G	M. Shouldis
Weather:Environmental Information	Maintain >95% of availability of Space Environment Monitor (SEM) satellite data archived on an annual basis					>95	100%	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	1QFY12 ' 2QFY12 ' 3QFY12 ' 4QFY12	100%	D. Wilkinson
Coastal:Marine Transportation	Acquire, process, and disseminate >95% of available real-time nighttime lights imagery within 3 hours of receipt					>95	100%	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	1QFY12 ' 2QFY12 ' 3QFY12 ' 4QFY12	100%	C. Elvidge
Weather:Environmental Information	Provide a >95% availability for Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) near real-time data to the NWS Space Weather Prediction Center					>95	100%	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	1QFY12 ' 2QFY12 ' 3QFY12 ' 4QFY12	100%	F. Coloma



Milestones & Performance Measures

FY12 AOP Milestones

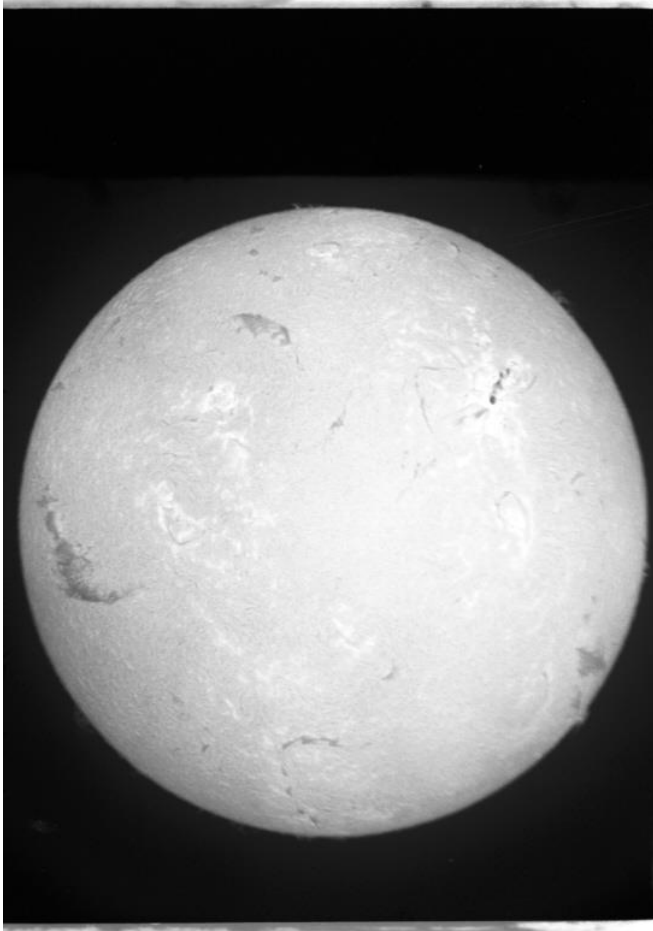


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Milestones & Performance Measures

Boulder Solar Observatory (BSO)



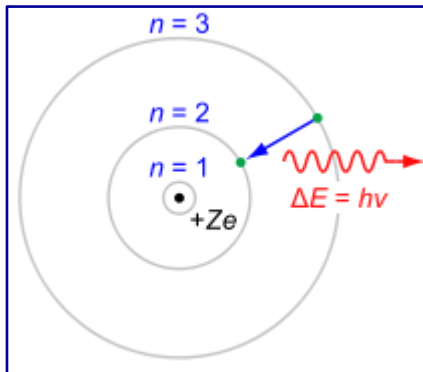
Solar H-alpha image for 12 March 1989

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Milestone: Complete the historical data rescue of daily H-alpha solar images from the NOAA Boulder Observatory (1967-1994)

- **Planned Completion:** 1QFY12 (31 Dec 11)
- **Actual Completion:** 1QFY12 (02 Dec 11)

Status: Between 15-Aug-67 and 22-Apr-94 the NOAA BSO photographed the sun in the H-alpha wavelength band (6563 Å). The over 88,000 digitized (jpg) solar H-alpha images available on-line have now been reconciled with the higher-resolution TIF images in the old and the new ADIC archive. A consistent file naming convention has been adopted. The old and new archives are ready for final merging (ISD).





Milestones & Performance Measures

FY12 Performance Measures



STP Annual Performance Measures								
Space Weather Metric								
LO	Goal	Objective	Performance Measure	POC	1QFY12	2QFY12	3QFY12	4QFY12
NWS	Weather-Ready Nation (NWS)	A More Productive and Efficient Economy Through Environmental Information Relevant to Key Sectors of the U.S. Economy	Greater than 95% (2 sigma) of available Space Environment Monitor satellite data are archived on an annual basis	Wilkinson	100%			
Nighttime Lights Metric								
LO	Goal	Objective	Performance Measure	POC	1QFY11	2QFY11	3QFY11	4QFY11
CS	Climate Adaptation and Mitigation (CS)	Improved Scientific Understanding of the Changing Climate System and Its Impacts	Acquire, process and disseminate >2 sigma (95%) of available real-time nighttime lights imagery within 3 hours of receipt	Elvidge	100%			
CORS								
LO	Goal	Objective	Performance Measure	POC	1QFY11	2QFY11	3QFY11	4QFY11
NOS	Resilient Coastal Communities and Economics (NOS)	Resilient Coastal Communities That Can Adapt To The Impacts Of Hazards And Climate Change	Provide a >2 sigma (95%) availability for Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) near-real-time data to the NWS Space Weather Prediction Center as per the '4-way' Memorandum of Agreement and subject to normal business-hour response times.	Coloma	100%			



Greater than 99% (3-sigma) Cumulative Distribution



Greater than 97% (2-sigma) Cumulative Distribution



Greater than 84% (1-sigma) Cumulative Distribution



Below 84.1% (1-sigma) Cumulative Distribution



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Accomplishment & Updates SWPC-NGDC Functional Transfer Plan



**Space Weather
Functional Transition Plan
between the
NWS Space Weather Prediction Center
and the
National Geophysical Data Center**



Space Weather Prediction Center

**NATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL
DATA CENTER**

Prepared By: National Geophysical Data Center
Title: NOAA Space Weather Functional Transition Plan
Version No: 1 (16-Dec-2011)

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The SWPC and NGDC support functions are now codified in the SWx Functional Transition Plan signed by the respective center directors. This plan provides the way-ahead for NOAA's space weather program. The transfer of function is scheduled for completion in 4QFY12.



SWPC-NGDC Re-Alignment



SWPC Focus Area

R/T Operational Support

- Space Situational Awareness
- Forecasting
- Model Transition
- Model Science
- Product Development
- Instrument Requirements
- Display Systems
- Customer Requirements
- Stakeholders

NGDC Focus Area

Satellite Data Services

- Scientific Data Stewardship
- Cal/Val Observation Systems¹
- Post Launch Testing¹
- Algorithm Research¹
- Post-Event Analysis¹
- Instrument Science/Research¹
- Instrument Performance¹
- POES Processing¹

¹Functional Realignment from SWPC to NGDC (Ongoing)



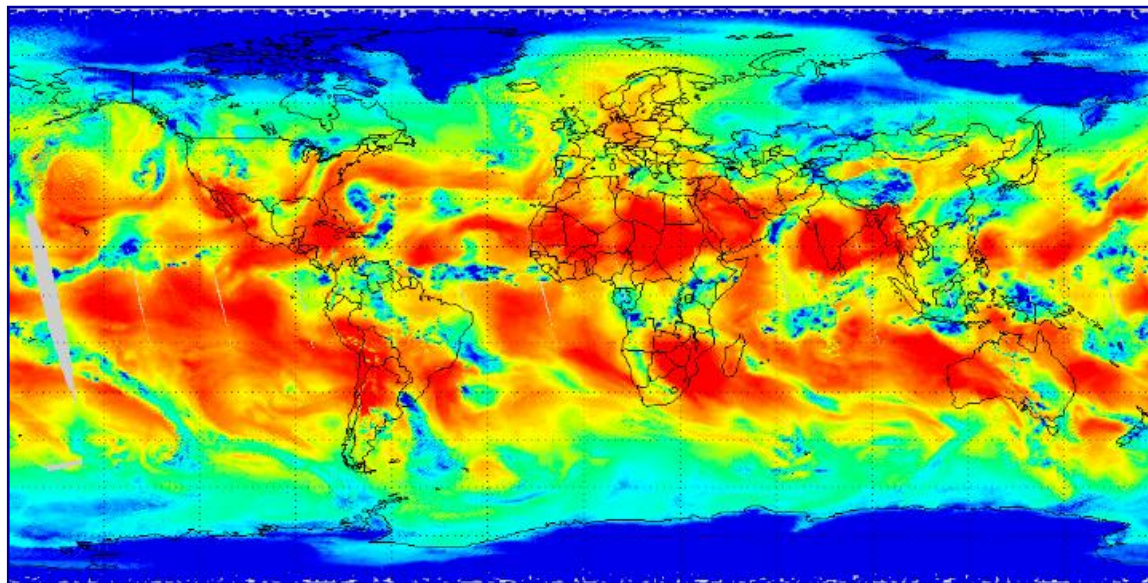
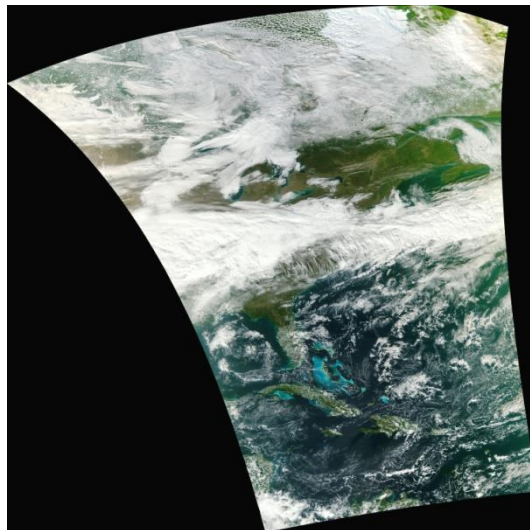
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NPOESS Preparatory Program Launch



After 13 years of planning NPP was successfully launched at 9:48 am UT on 28 October 2011. To date the satellite has been operating nominally with a few issues. The Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) is experiencing premature loss of sensitivity.

VIIRS first light



1QFY12 PMR – 18 Jan 2012

ATMS daily water vapor map

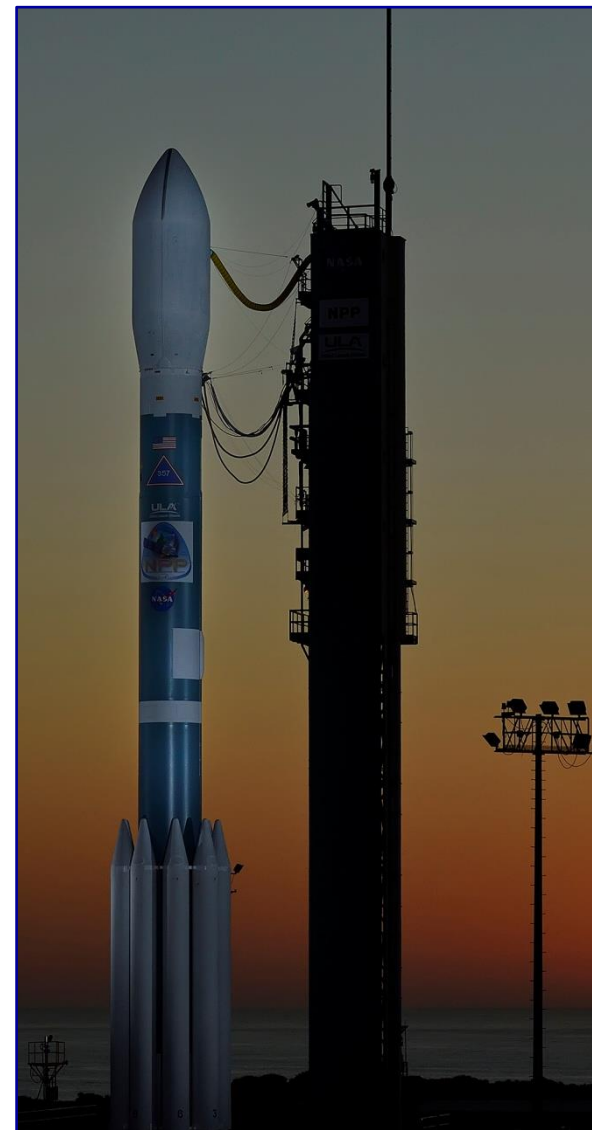
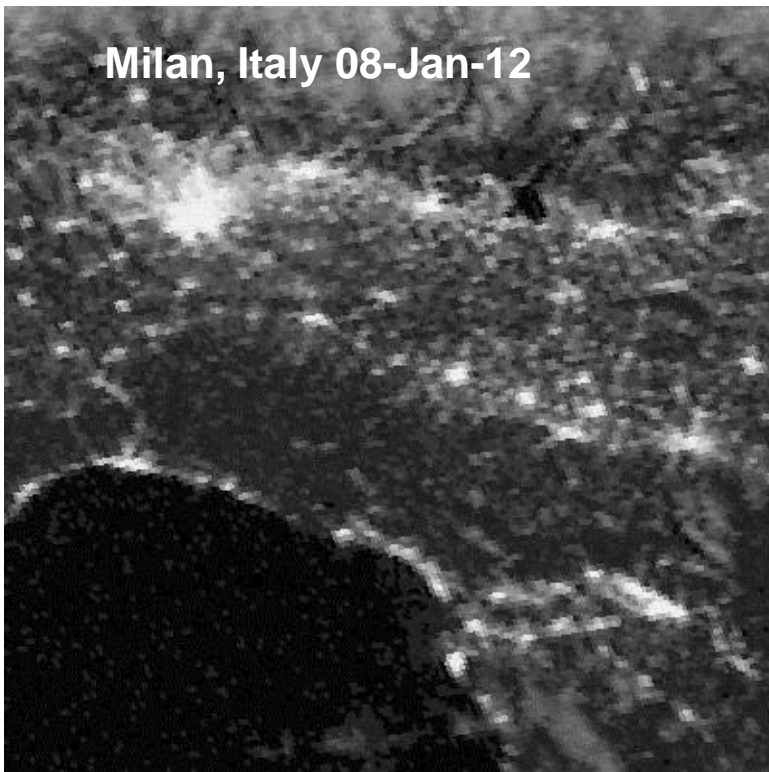


Photo Credit: Bob Murphy (NOAA)

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Improved Nighttime Lights with VIIRS DNB

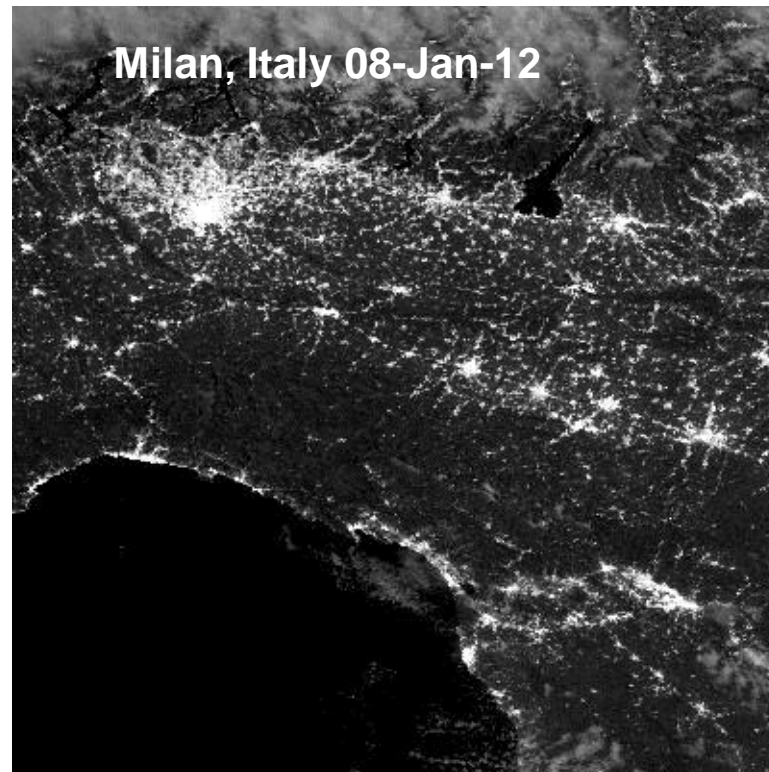
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DMSP OLS

- 6 bit quantization
- 2.7 km GSD
- 5 km+ GIFOV
- 8:00 pm overpass
- No in-flight calibration
- Urban lighting saturation

Milan, Italy 08-Jan-12



JPSS VIIRS

- 14 bit quantization
- 750 m GSD
- ~750 m GIFOV
- 1:30 am overpass
- Radiometric calibration
- No saturation



Accomplishments & Updates

JPSS Proving Ground Proposal



The Nighttime Lights group will submit a proposal to the JPSS Proving Ground program to provide an independent calibration of VIIRS gas flare monitoring using hot air balloon propane burners at night.

Previous assessments of gas flaring rates from DMSP relied on the availability of reported data. VIIRS has improved capabilities for gas flare detection and can detect major gas flares during the day in the thermal bands covering the 3-5 μm atmospheric window (M12 / M13 / I4) and at night using the Day-Night Band (DNB) plus the short and near infrared bands M7, M8, and M10.





Accomplishments & Updates

VIIRS Wavelength Bands – 22 Channels



		Band No.	Wave-length (μm)	Horiz Sample Interval (km Downtrack x Crosstrack)		Driving EDRs	Radiance Range	Ltyp or Ttyp	Signal to Noise Ratio (dimensionless) or NEΔT (Kelvins)		
				Nadir	End of Scan				Required	Predicted	Margin
VIS/NIR FPA	Silicon PIN Diodes	M1	0.412	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols	Low High	44.9 155	352 316	441 807	25% 155%
		M2	0.445	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols	Low High	40 146	380 409	524 926	38% 126%
		M3	0.488	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols	Low High	32 123	416 414	542 730	30% 76%
		M4	0.555	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols	Low High	21 90	362 315	455 638	26% 102%
		I1	0.640	0.371 x 0.387	0.80 x 0.789	Imagery	Single	22	119	146	23%
		M5	0.672	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols	Low High	10 68	242 360	298 522	23% 45%
		M6	0.746	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Atmospheric Corr'n	Single	9.6	199	239	20%
		I2	0.865	0.371 x 0.387	0.80 x 0.789	NDVI	Single	25	150	225	50%
		M7	0.865	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	Ocean Color Aerosols	Low High	6.4 33.4	215 340	388 494	81% 45%
CCD	DNB	0.7	0.742 x 0.742	0.742 x 0.742	Imagery	Var.	6.70E-05	6	5.7	-5%	
S/MWIR	PV HgCdTe (HCT)	M8	1.24	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Cloud Particle Size	Single	5.4	74	98	32%
		M9	1.378	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Cirrus/Cloud Cover	Single	6	83	155	88%
		I3	1.61	0.371 x 0.387	0.80 x 0.789	Binary Snow Map	Single	7.3	6.0	97	1523%
		M10	1.61	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Snow Fraction	Single	7.3	342	439	28%
		M11	2.25	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Clouds	Single	0.12	10	17	66%
		I4	3.74	0.371 x 0.387	0.80 x 0.789	Imagery Clouds	Single	270 K	2.500	0.486	415%
		M12	3.70	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	SST	Single	270 K	0.396	0.218	82%
		M13	4.05	0.742 x 0.259	1.60 x 1.58	SST Fires	Low High	300 K 380 K	0.107 0.423	0.063 0.334	69% 27%
LWIR	PV HCT	M14	8.55	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	Cloud Top Properties	Single	270 K	0.091	0.075	22%
		M15	10.763	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	SST	Single	300 K	0.070	0.038	85%
		I5	11.450	0.371 x 0.387	0.80 x 0.789	Cloud Imagery	Single	210 K	1.500	0.789	90%
		M16	12.013	0.742 x 0.776	1.60 x 1.58	SST	Single	300 K	0.072	0.051	42%

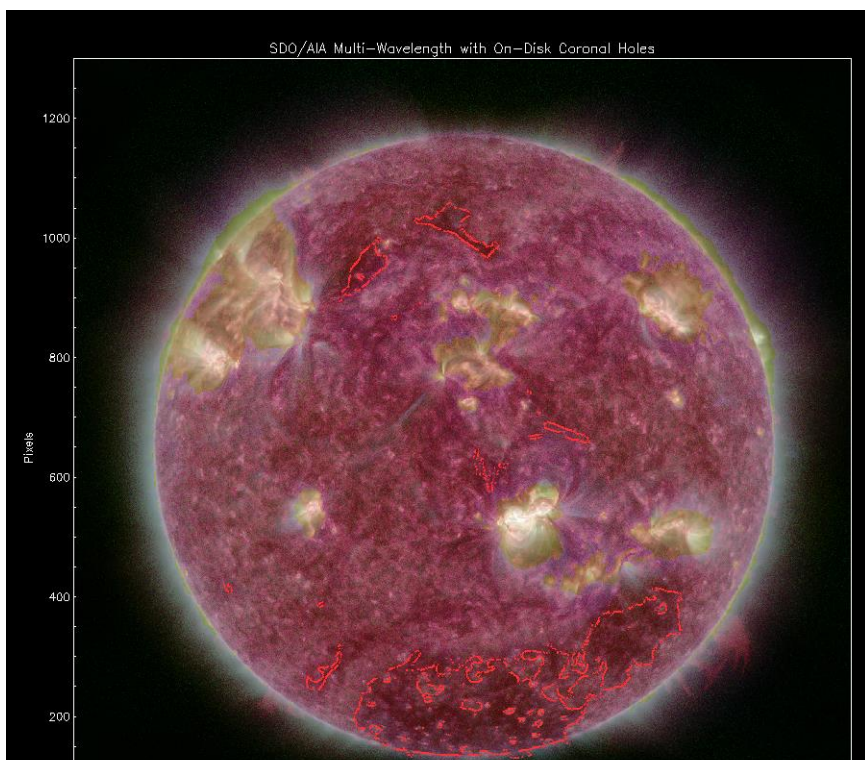


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GOES-R SWx Algorithm Development



Starting in February, STP will commence a series of Preliminary Requirements Reviews for the GOES-R Space Weather Data Products (Phase III). Completion of the PRR will allow for rapid development and testing of the GOES-R Risk Reduction Phase III algorithms. (4QFY12 Milestone)



Multi-wavelength composite SDO-AIA image used to demonstrate the GOES-R SUVI Coronal Hole Boundary product (Image provided by Jon Darnel).

Phase III Product Set

- **XRS.10: Flare Location**
- **EUVS.05: Multi-wavelength proxy**
- **SEISS.20: Event detection based on flux values**
- **MAG.12: Sudden Impulse (SI) detection**
- **SUVI.13: Bright Region Data**
- **SUVI.14: Flare Location (XFL) reports**
- **SUVI.15: Coronal Hole Boundaries**
- **SUVI.17: EUV Narrow Band Irradiance**

Legacy Product

New Product



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POES/MetOp Processing Project

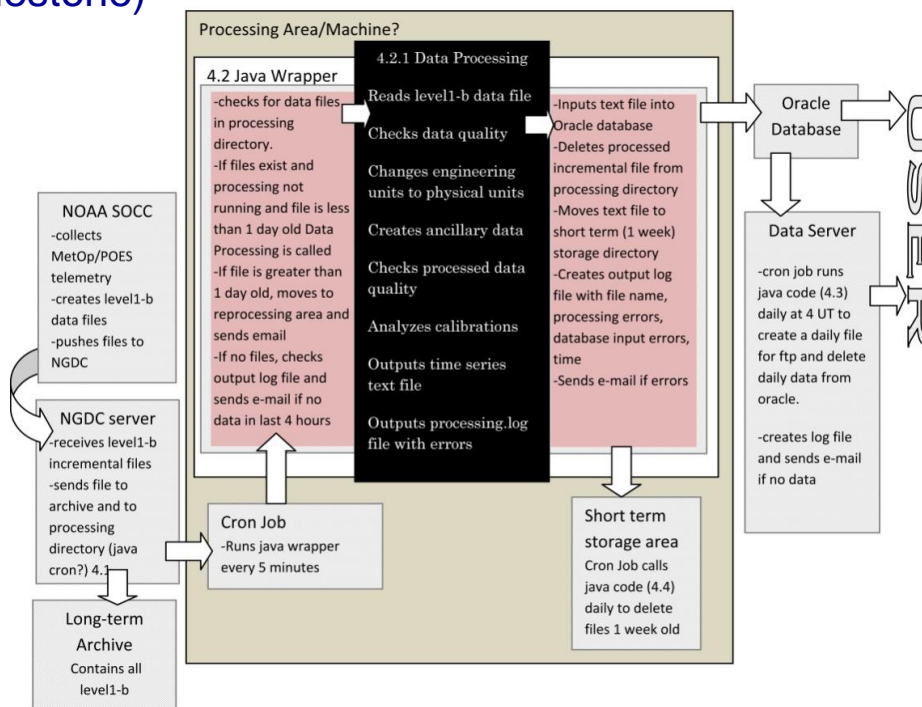


Goal: Transfer near real time processing of POES/MetOp SEM data from SWPC to NGDC

Status:

- NGDC now ingesting the L1b data files received directly from OSPO
- Anu completing code to transform raw data L1b data into higher-level products
- Ken Tanaka completing wrapper for running processing in real time

Target Completion: 4/2012 (3QFY12 milestone)





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Space Environment Monitor – Next (SEM-N)

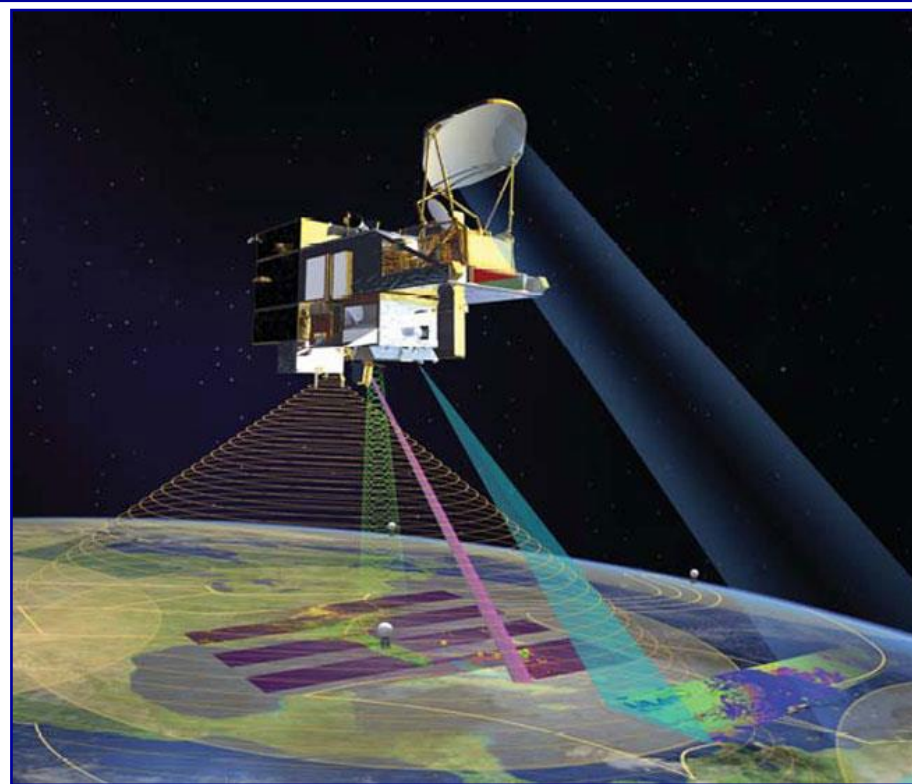


H.R.1540.ENR

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		DWSS program termination		[-444,900]
		Termination liability		[43,000]

The FY2012 Defense Authorization Bill terminates the DWSS program after its first year. On 11 Jan the Defense Weather Systems Directorate (DWSD) notified STP that it was halting the development of the SEM-N. No FY12 funding under the existing DWSD-NGDC MOU is planned at this time for continued SEM-N algorithm development. STP personnel working SEM-N have been re-assigned to other programs.

Note: Congress has apparently authorized ~125M for restarting the DWSS program but I cannot find any reference to this in H.R. 1540.



Credit: Northrop-Grumman Corp

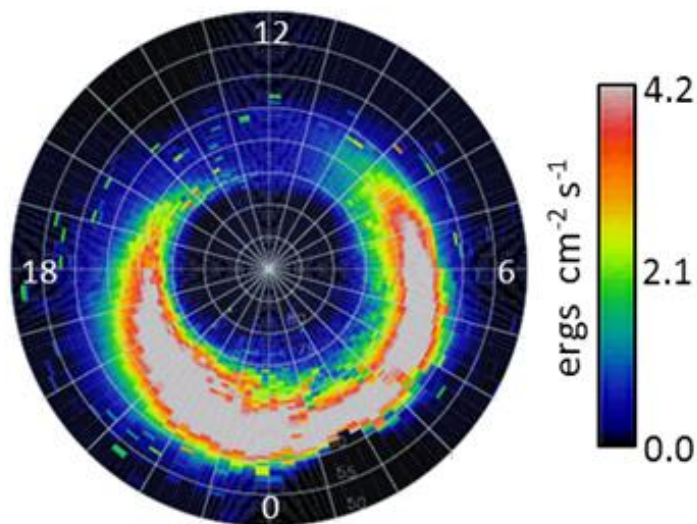


Accomplishments & Updates

Ovation Prime – R2O Transition



Ovation Prime is currently being transitioned to the SWPC. The paper, “Evaluation of OVATION Prime as a Forecast Model for Visible Aurorae” by Janet Machol et al. has been accepted for publication in Space Weather. The Ovation Prime code is currently available to developers via SourceForge. Within SWPC Rod Viereck’s group will be responsible for transitioning the code to operations.



Machol, J.L., J.C Green, R.J. Redmon, R.A Viereck and P.T. Newell (2011), Evaluation of OVATION Prime as a Forecast Model for Visible Aurorae, *Space Weather* [Accepted].

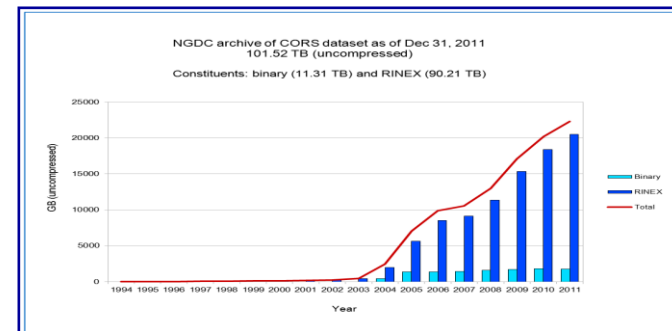


Accomplishments & Updates

CORS Status



- Operational ingest of CORS into CLASS initiated on 07-Oct-2011
- Archive volumes:
 - ADIC holdings: 101.52 TB (uncompressed)
31.57 TB (gzip-compressed)
 - CORS-in-CLASS: 563.77 GB (gzip-compressed)
- CORS archive dataset testing, comparison between ADIC and CLASS on Nov 23 – Dec 2 with Tom Carey/Dan Kowal. Status: PASSED
- CORS-in-CLASS team drafted a "Standard Operational Procedure" document for the ingest of NGDC data into CLASS. Awaiting final review by Kelly Predergast before dissemination to Senior Staff for comment.
- CORS Internet Collector – nearing completion (separate slide)



Accomplishment CORS-In-CLASS



The CORS-In-CLASS team has completed the operational implementation of NGDC's first dataset into CLASS. This effort is the pathfinder for the remaining NGDC datasets that will be transitioned to CLASS over the next few years. Way to go, Fran, Rob, Peter, Dan, Scott, Kelly, Ernie and Ben. *More exciting details to be revealed at Kelly's quarterly.*



4QFY11 PMR – 25 Oct 2011

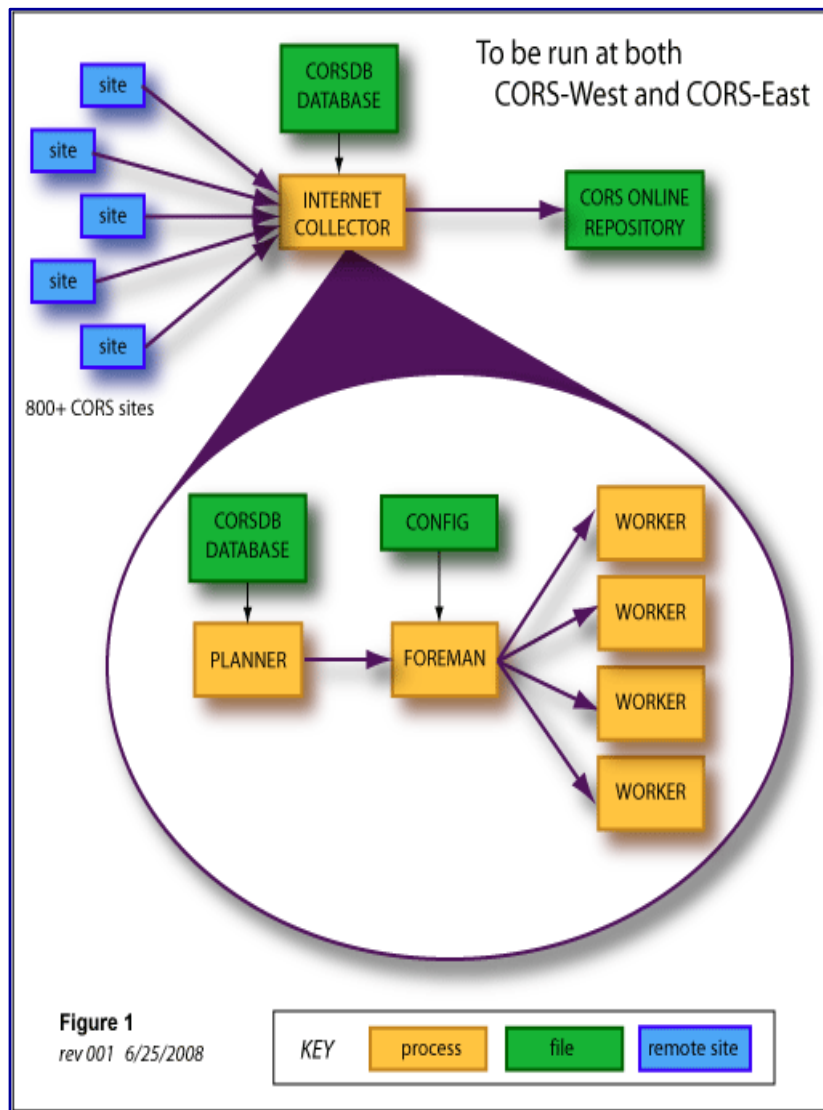
CLASS – Comprehensive Large Array-data Stewardship System

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Praise and glory reaped upon the CORS-to-CLASS team during the 4QFY11 STP PMR

Accomplishments & Updates

CORS Internet Collector (IC)



NGDC is nearing completion of the long-awaited CORS IC. The internet collector gathers GPS receiver data from numerous sites, processes these data into RINEX files and copies these RINEX files to the on-line CORS repository. Limited live testing of 50 sites will be completed by the end of January and then turned over to NGS for validation and deployment. At that time Rob Prentice will transition back to CLASS development.





Accomplishments & Updates

DMSP via McMurdo – Data Availability



United States Department of State

*Bureau of Oceans and International
Environmental and Scientific Affairs*

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 15, 2011

Ms. Ruth Moser
Acting Director
Space Programs and Policy Office of the Secretary of Defense
6000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-6000

*Subject: Antarctica Treaty compliance for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program
(DMSP) Data Recovery at McMurdo Station, Antarctica*

Dear Ms. Moser:

The State Department appreciates the information the Department of Defense has provided regarding its partnership with NOAA and the National Science Foundation to establish a downlink site for the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. We further understand that, as outlined in your April 2011 memorandum, all DMSP stored mission data down-linked to McMurdo Station will be made freely available to the public, without artificial delay, and that any data that cannot be made freely available without time constraints will not be down-linked at McMurdo Station.

We appreciate these commitments to ensure the DMSP downlink at McMurdo Station complies with the Antarctic Treaty. As you know, any limitation on the public availability of data down-linked to Antarctica risks inconsistency with the Antarctic Treaty's prohibition of any measure of a military nature. With this in mind, we appreciate your assurance that the Department of Defense will pre-clear with the State Department and National Science Foundation any changes to the DMSP data access policy that could undermine compliance with the Antarctic Treaty.

Sincerely,

Evan T. Bloom
Director
Office of Ocean and Polar Affairs

cc: Dr. Karl Erb, Director, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation

U.S. Department of State, “We further understand that, as outlined in your April 2011 memorandum, all DMSP stored mission data down-linked to McMurdo will be made freely available to the public”

Status: At 12:38 MST on 16 Jan 2012, the McMurdo DMSP data was first received via AFWA and immediately posted to the NGDC website for public availability. (2QFY12 Milestone)



Raw Data: <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/dmsp/mcmurdo/simple/>

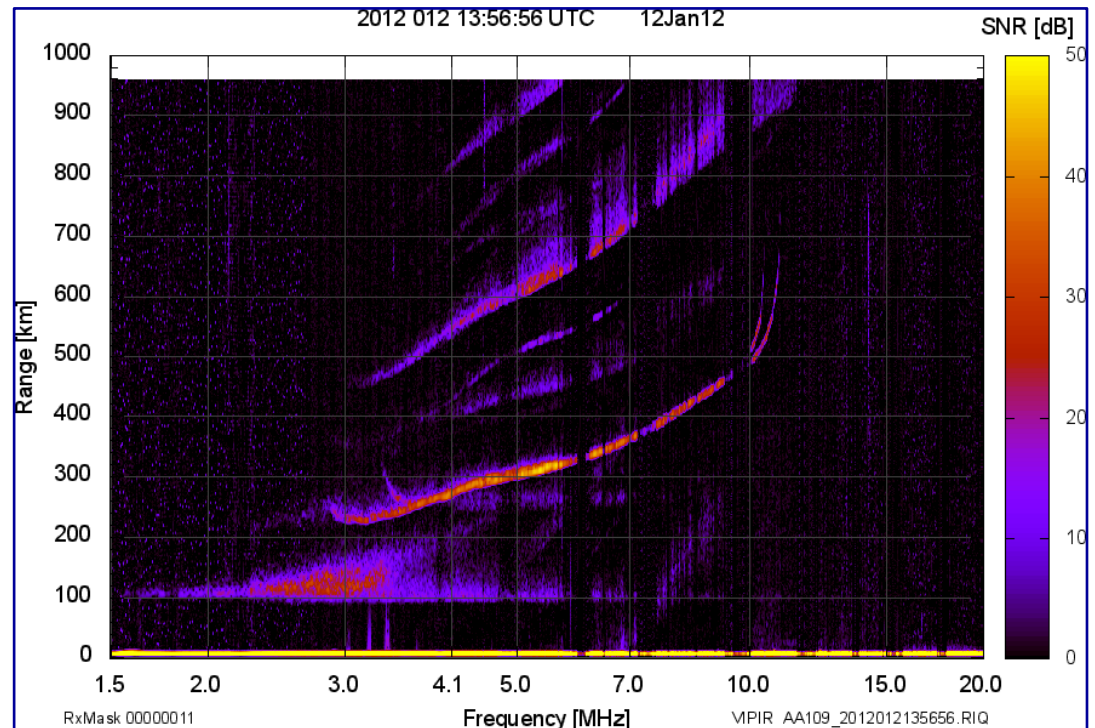
Processed OLS: <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/dmsp/mcmurdo/ngdcproc/dda/>

Accomplishments & Updates

VIPIR 1st Light in Ethiopia



Terry Bullett has reported “1st Light” from the new Addis Ababa Vertical Incident Pulsed Ionospheric Radar (VIPIR). This is the first ionosonde to be deployed in Ethiopia. The field site was established by hacking into the forest and building the infrastructure by hand. A second African VIPIR is planned for Kenya [TBD]. *I, for one, am glad that Terry likes to visit exotic locations.*





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➡ Special Interest Items

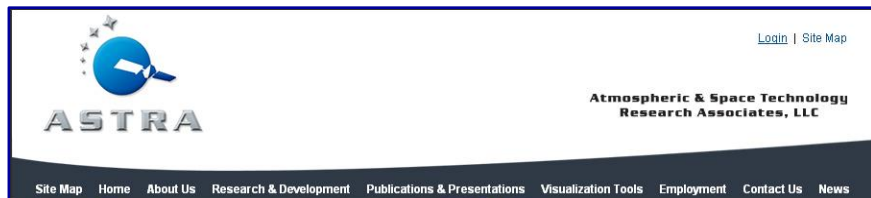
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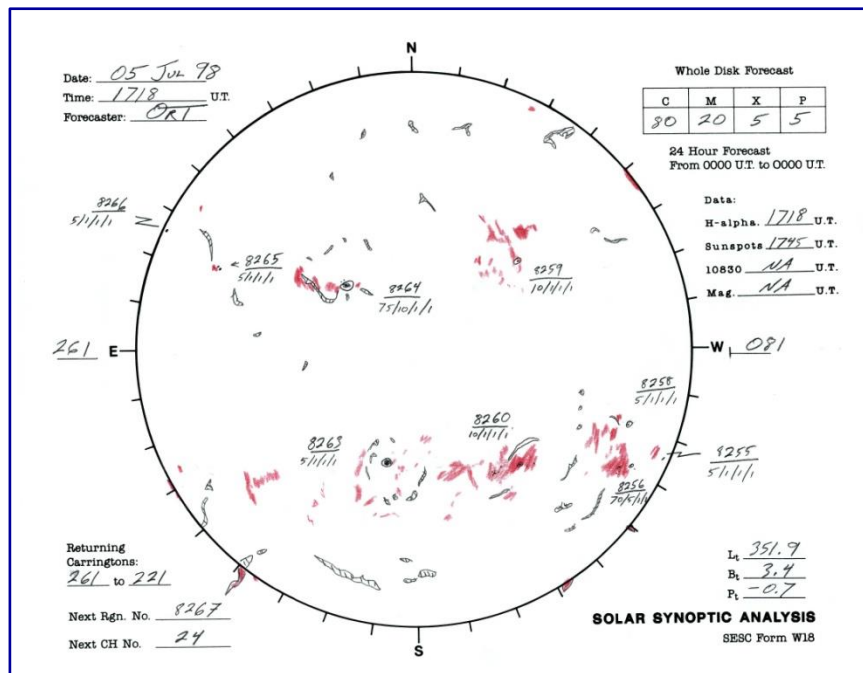


Special Interest Item

ASTRA Time Machine – Android APP



ASTRA has developed an Android APP for displaying solar synoptic drawings available from NGDC. The APP allows the user to determine what the sun looked like on the day he/she was born or any other day. The APP can be downloaded for free from the Android Market.



Boulder Neutral Line Drawing
05 July 1998



Special Interest Item

Site Visit: Russian Space Research Institute



NPOESS Preparatory Project (NPP) Seminar at Russian Space Research Institute

While in Moscow, Peter Elespuru presented a seminar¹ on the NPP project and a detailed look of the Visible/Infrared Imager/Radiometer Suite (**VIIRS**), focusing on comparisons to past instrumentation such as the Optical Linescan System (OLS) and the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS). The seminar was well attended and showed clear interest from the scientists at the Space Research Institute and the Russian Academy of Science, in general.

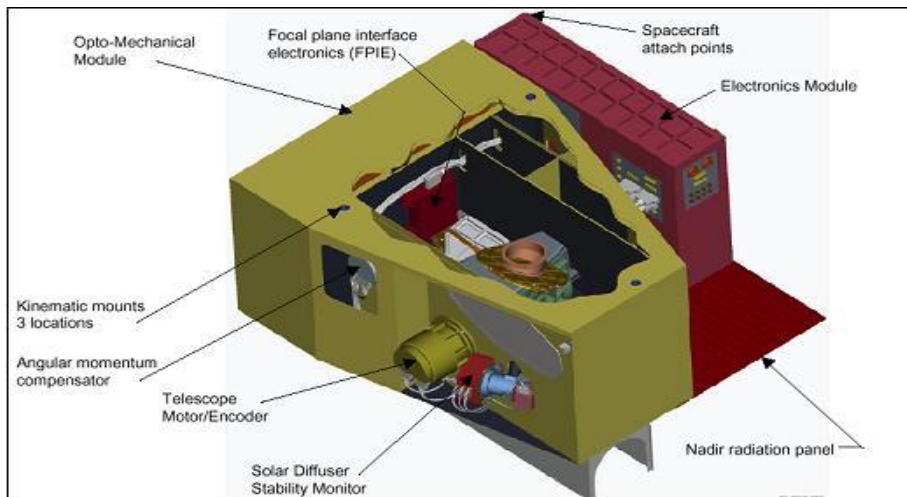


image credit: Raytheon SBRS



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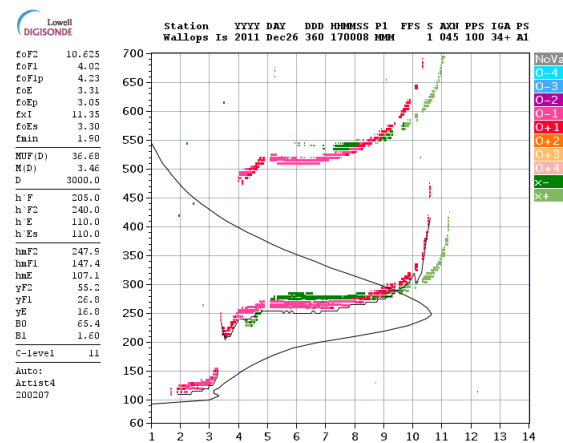
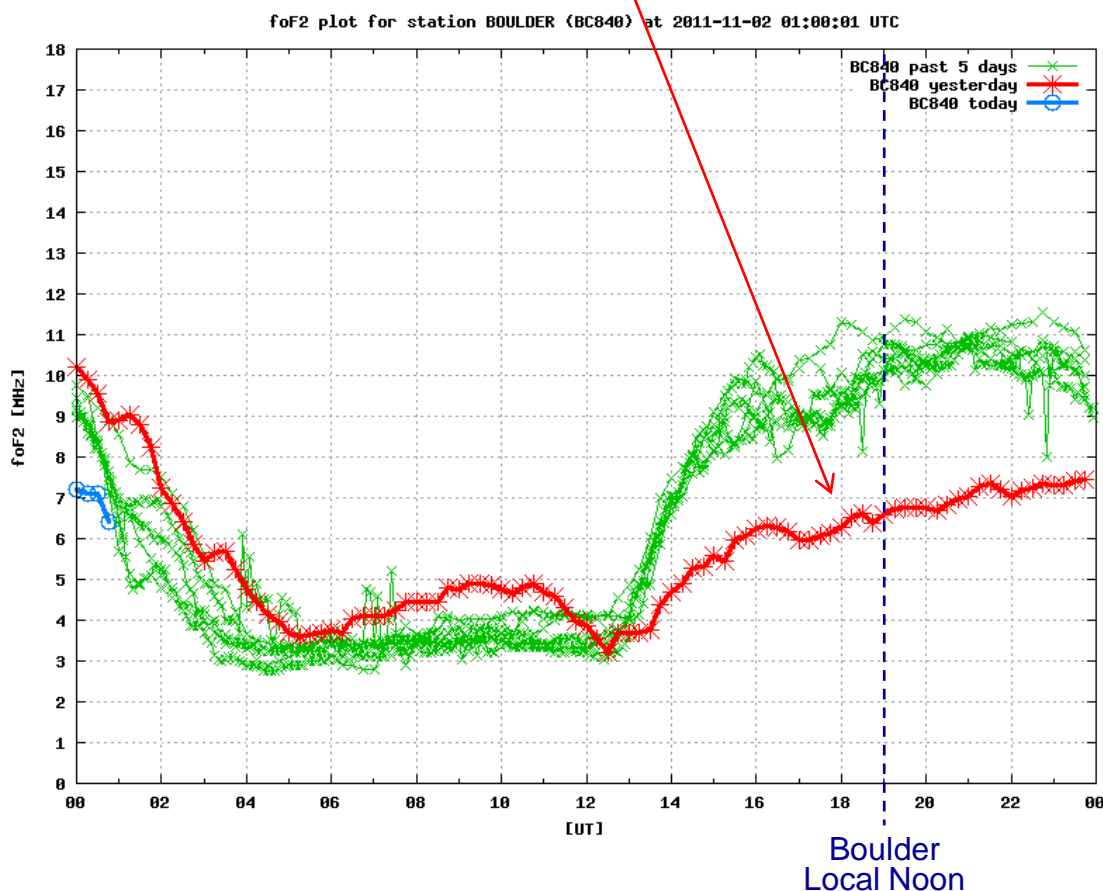


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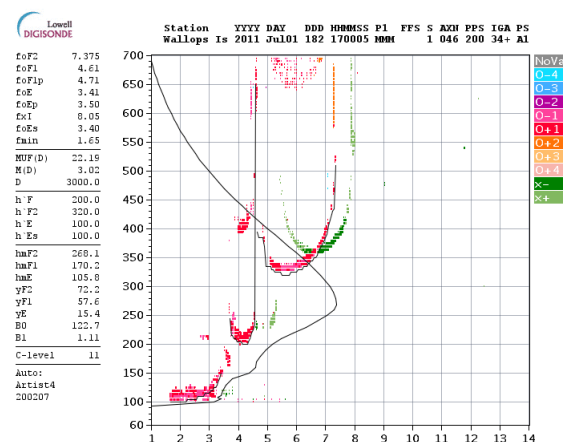
Anomalous Diurnal Profile - Ionosphere



The ionosphere at Boulder on 02 November 2011 apparently got tired of winter and adopted a more summer-like diurnal profile. The reason for this anomalous behavior is unknown.



“Typical” Winter Vertical Profile - Noon



“Typical” Summer Vertical Profile - Noon



Special Interest Item

Spacecraft Anomalies Meeting



Background:

Janet Green and Bill Murtagh are organizing a Satellite Anomaly Mitigation Stakeholders' Meeting on the Monday before Space Weather Workshop. The meeting will include featured speakers and open panel discussions for stakeholders interested in satellite anomaly mitigation. The meeting is consistent with NGDC's increasing environmental support to the satellite anomaly community.

Goals:

1. Solicit inputs from customers about satellite anomaly issues/impacts,
2. Provide customers with NOAA current and future plans for relevant environmental data and products,
3. Solicit feed-back on what other data, products and services NOAA should provide,
4. Ensure that the nation's fleet of satellites is responsibly prepared for large space weather events.

Satellite Anomaly Mitigation Stakeholders Meeting

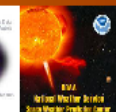
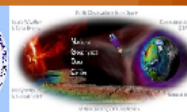
April 23 2012
Boulder, Colorado

Organized by the NOAA National Geophysical Data Center and the Space Weather Prediction Center

In conjunction with the Space Weather Workshop April 24-27

The Satellite Anomaly Mitigation Stakeholders Meeting will bring together commercial and government parties interested in developing strategies for mitigating satellite anomalies. Discussion topics will include

- Satellite anomaly issues/impacts faced today
- Current/future tools for mitigating impacts
- Impacts of extreme events

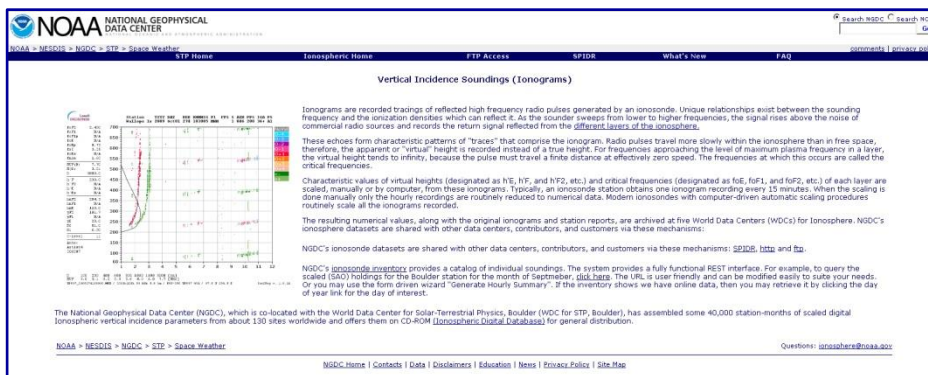
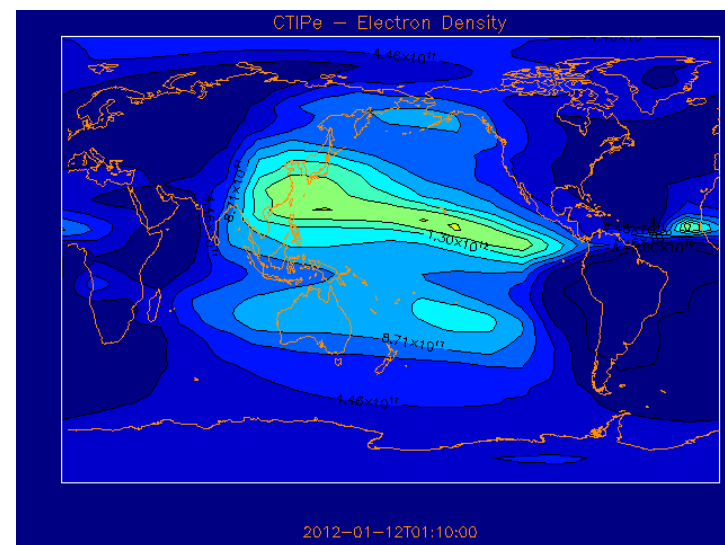
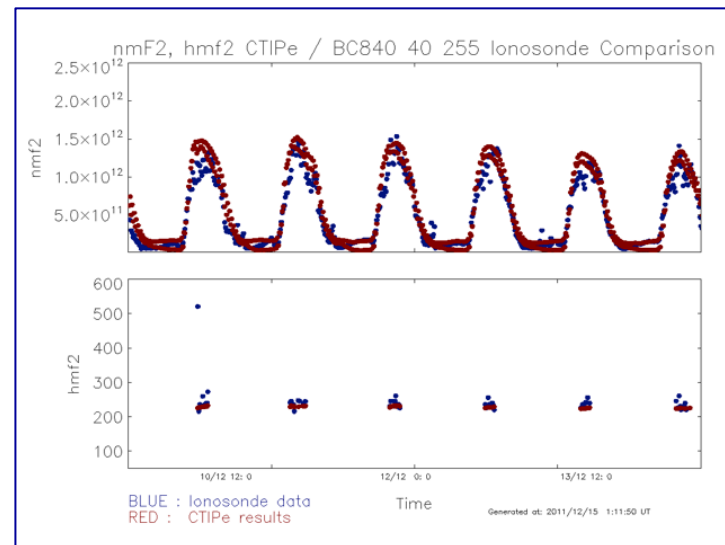


Special Interest Item

NGDC Data Used for Model Validation

Mihail Codrescu has used NGDC ionosonde data to validate the predictive Coupled Thermosphere Ionosphere Plasmasphere Electrodynamics Model (CTIPE) model.

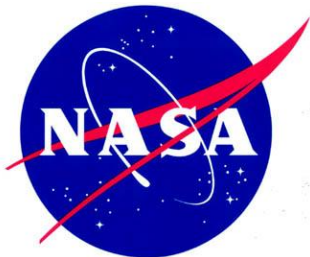
“CTIPE is a state of the art research tool used at the Space Weather Prediction Center to study thermosphere-ionosphere phenomena in order to develop nowcasting and forecasting algorithms for space weather. The objectives are to understand and quantify the importance of the upper-atmospheric mechanisms that affect human activities and to develop new monitoring and prediction techniques.”





Special Interest Item

Requests for STP Support



NASA and STP have discussed the possibility to host NOAA satellite SWx data on **CDAWeb**. This would significantly increase the exposure of NOAA environmental datasets to the scientific community. Attribution does not seem to be a problem. We are investigating whether this arrangement can be implemented within the context of a new umbrella MOU between NASA and NOAA.



Representatives of the NRO have approached STP with a request for NGDC to host the next-generation radiation belts model, **AE-9/AP-9**. Similar requests have been echoed by others in the community, including the Aerospace Corp and MIT/LL-AFRL. At this time it is unclear what level of effort would be needed to manage these models. No obvious source of funding has been identified to support this effort.



Caretakers for the ultra-violet imaging sensors on DMSP have requested that STP manage the operational data products for the **SSULI** and **SSUSI** sensors, including providing public access to these data. At the same time representatives of the scientific community have issued similar appeals. Scientific data stewardship of these products will be a topic for the NGDC-AFWA AAA discussions.





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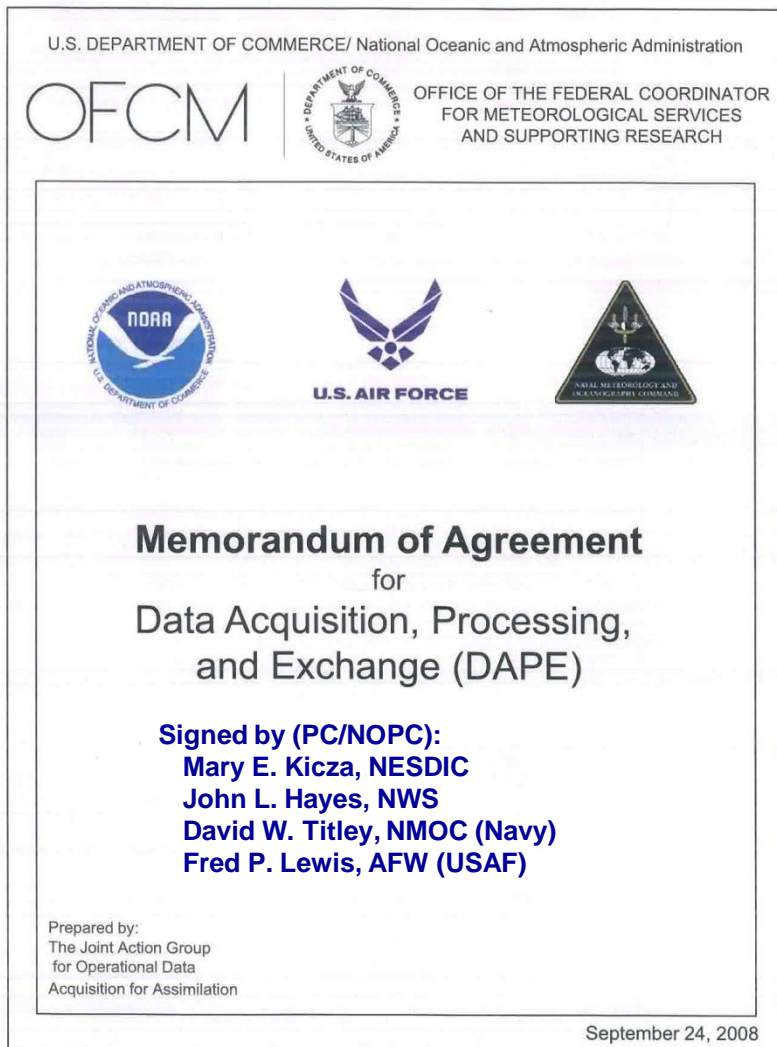
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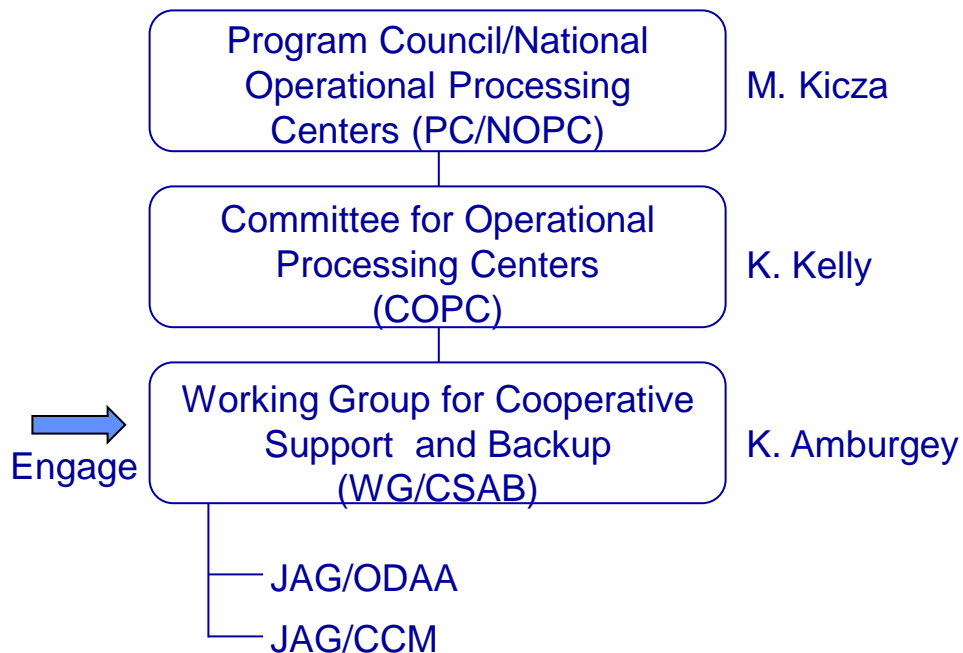
USAF Datasets

Renewing AFWA-NGDC MOA

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It is likely that the existing MOA-DAPE is an appropriate vehicle for a renewed agreement between AFWA and NGDC for the AAA of USAF satellite and space weather datasets. W. Denig is working with Mr. Ron Dunic to better define AFWA's needs and NGDC's capabilities.

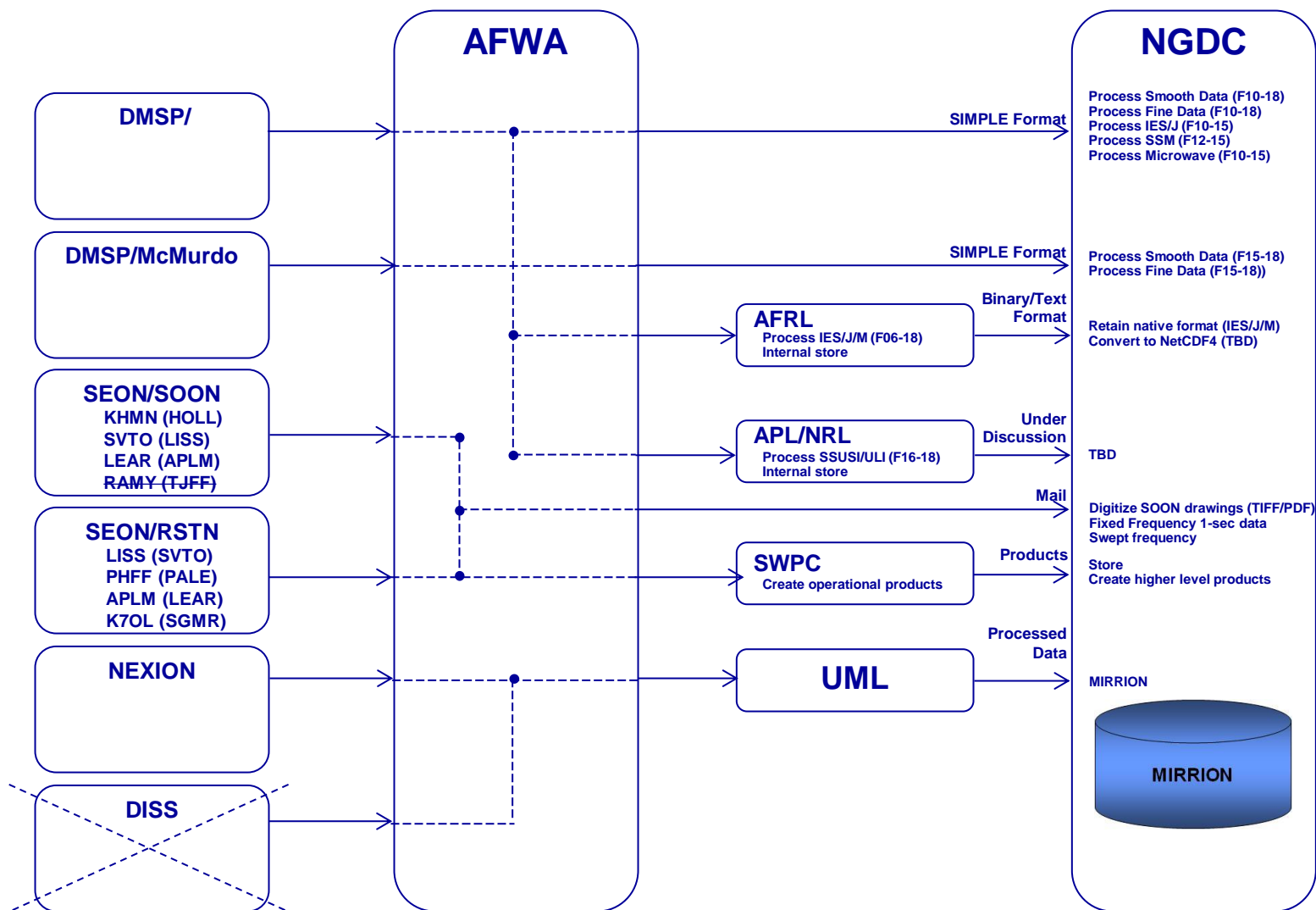




USAF Datasets

Data Flows - Overview

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USAF Datasets

USAF Data Contributors

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AFWA direct

- DMSP – full data stream (SIMPLE format) from Thule and McMurdo; smooth/fine
- NEXION – *tbd* – under discussion
- ISOON – *tbd* – future? (Interim GONG – *tbd*)

SEON (SOON & RSTN) Sites via Mail (monthly)

- SOON Sunspot Drawings – paper originals – *images to CU but status is unknown?*
- RSTN datafiles – CD – includes:
 - ✓ Metrics – Station metrics (up/down time, etc)
 - ✓ RIMS – Fixed frequency data – 1 sec, up to 8 frequencies
 - ✓ SRS – Swept frequency data
 - ✓ WNDS – Semi-automatic messages generated by the WNDS (operator input)

AFRL (APL & NRL – *tbd*) – Daily ftp

- Processed DMSP SWx sensor data (SSJ/SSIES/SSM; SSUSI/SSULI – *tbd*)

University of Massachusetts, Lowell

- Ionosonde – DIDBase – ionograms in SAO/XML format

Space Weather Prediction Center – next slide



USAF Datasets

Received via SWPC

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External Space Weather Data Store (E-SWDS)¹

- BURSTData – RSTN – Solar radio bursts (start, stop, frequency, type)
- DALASData – SOON – Disk & limb reports - filaments (locations)
- FLAREData – SOON – H-alpha flares (start, stop, peak, location)
- FLUXData – *TBD*
- SPOTData – SOON – Sunspots/groups
- STATSDData – SOON – Times of sun viewing for each day
- SWEEPData – RSTN observations – Solar radio type
- *X-RAYData – GOES observations - X-Ray flares*

Derived SWPC Daily Products² – Relies on SOON/RSTN data plus other sources

- Solar Event Reports (edited events) – H-alpha, solar radio, and H-alpha flares
- Solar Region Summaries – Region numbers, sunspots/groups and plague
- Summary of Space Weather Observations – Region numbers, sunspots and characteristics
- Space Weather Indices – sunspot numbers, background x-ray flux and solar radio flux
- Reports of Solar Geophysical Activity – Geophysical analyses and forecasts
- Solar Geophysical Event Summaries – Flares and burst events and daily particle fluences
- Space Weather Event Reports – Energetic solar events; flares and bursts, locations
- *Geoalerts – International Ursigram & World Data Service (IUWDS) listings*

¹Currently being acquired – not available online

²Daily files available online



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DMSP Data Holdings

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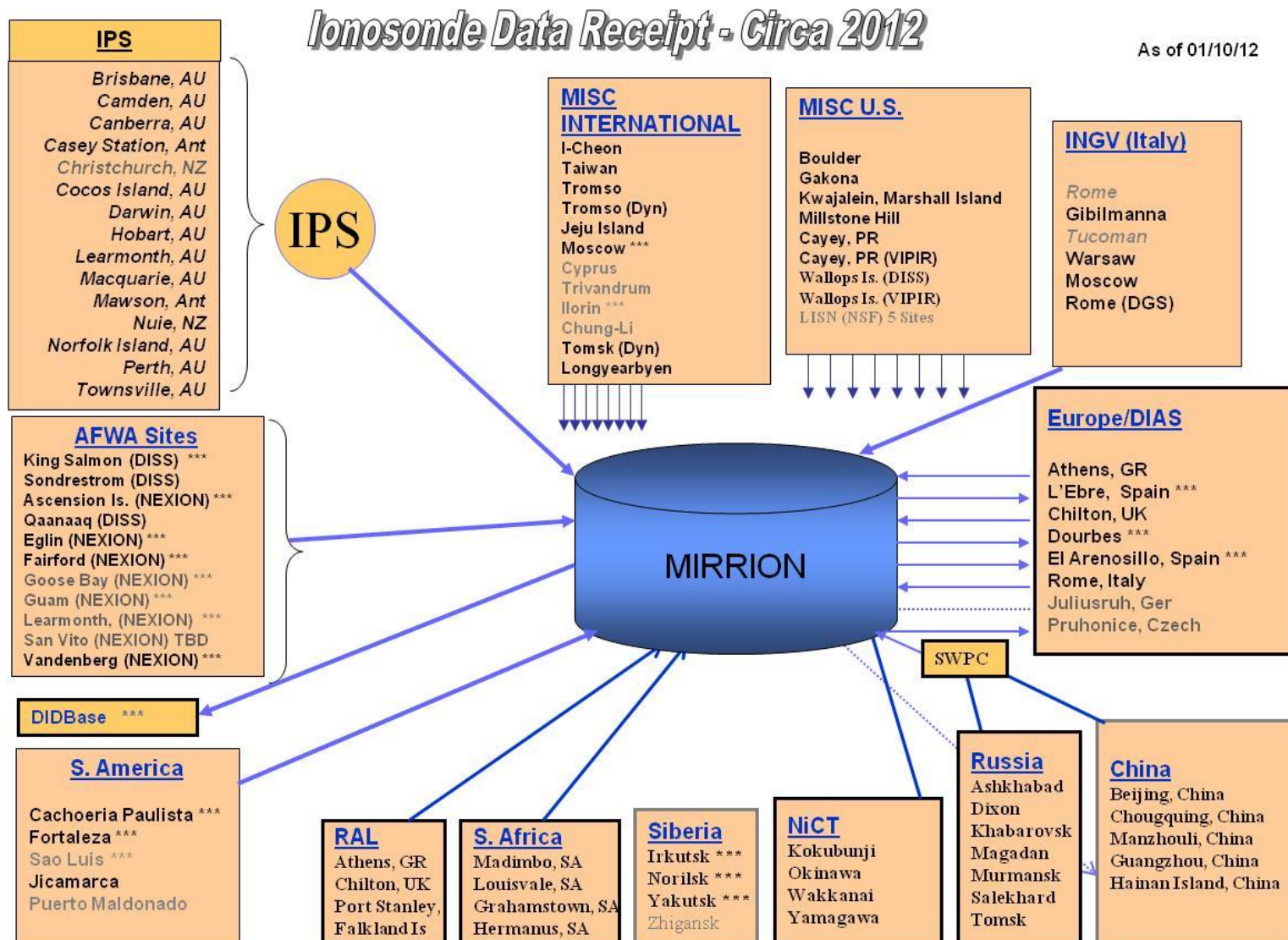
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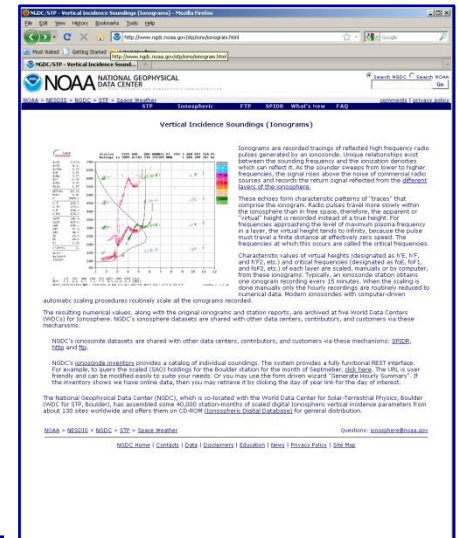
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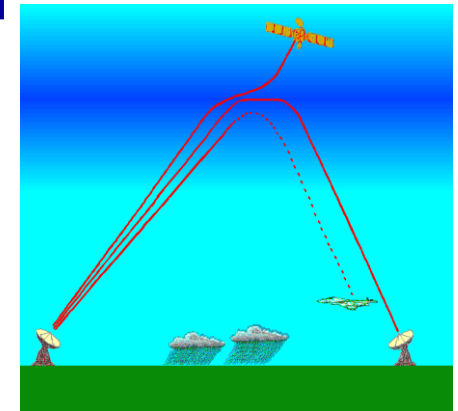
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MIRRION Data – Used by AFWA





Ionosonde Data





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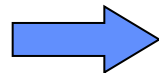
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Publications (YTD):

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Kristina H.Y., **S.J. Anderson**, R.L. Powell, D.G. Sullivan and P.C. Sutton (2011), Identifying Similar Biophysical Characteristics among Nesting Beaches of Green Turtles of Turkey Using Remote Sensing Techniques, *International Journal of Remote Sensing Applications (IJRSA)*, pp. 22-29, 31-Dec-2011.

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Presentations (YTD):

32nd Asian Conference on Remote Sensing (ACRS), 03-07 Oct 2011, Taipei, Taiwan

- Satellite observation of urban metabolism in China (Oral), **C.D. Elvidge**, P.C. Sutton, **K.E. Baugh**, **S. Anderson**, **T. Ghosh**, and **D. Ziskin**

US-UK Space Weather Workshop, 11-13 October 2011, Boulder, CO

- What are the requirements from satellite customers (Oral), **J.C. Green**

7th GOES Users' Conference, 15-21 October 2011, Birmingham, AL

- GOES Data and Products in the Space Weather Forecast Office (Oral), **M. Shouldis**, **R. Viereck**, **S. Hill**, **J. Rigler**, **J.V. Rodriguez**, and **P. Lotoaniu**

5th International Association for the Advancement of Space Safety, 17-19 October 2011, Paris, France

- Space Environmental Conditions at the Time of the Galaxy 15 Anomaly
J.M. Kunches, W. Denig, J. Green, D. Wilkinson, J. Rodriguez, H. Singer, P. Loto'aniu, W. Murtagh and D. Biesecker

Hokkaido University, 08 November 2011, Hakodate, Japan

- Long term trends in satellite observed lit fishing boat activity, **C.E. Elvidge**

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), 10 November 2011, Tsukuba, Japan

- Trends in fishing boat activity observed from space, **C.E. Elvidge**

National Institute for Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), 10 November 2011, Tsukuba, Japan

- Prospects for monitoring gas flares with ASTER data, **C.E. Elvidge**

Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR) Noontime Seminar, 14 November 2011, Boulder, CO

- Aurora, Space Physics and Nighttime Lights of the World (Oral), **W.F. Denig**

2nd Low Latitude Ionospheric Sensor Network Workshop, 07-10 November 2011, São José dos Campos, Brazil

- Advanced Ionospheric Sounding with Vertical Incidence Pulsed Ionospheric Radar, **T. Bullett**
- Detection of Spread-F and foF2 values using Digisonde and VIPIR instruments, **P. Bhaneja** and **T. Bullett**

European Space Weather Week-8 (ESWW8), November 28 - December 02, 2011, Namur, Belgium

- Space Environmental Data and Information Available from U.S. Civilian Operational Space Weather Systems (Poster), **W.F. Denig** and **J.V. Rodriguez**
- New Measurements of Magnetospheric Particle Fluxes, Densities and Temperatures on GOES 13-15 (Poster), **J.V. Rodriguez**, **J.C. Green**, **T. Onsager** and **H. Singer**

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Presentations (continued)

American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, 05-09 December 2011, San Francisco, CA

- Equatorial electron flux pulsations correlated with ground-based pulsating aurora observations (Poster), [SM13B-2038](#), Allison N. Jaynes, M. Lessard, **J.V. Rodriguez** and K.M. Rychert
- New Directions for the NOAA Solar and Terrestrial Physics Division (Poster), [SM21A-1997](#), **W.F. Denig**
- Extreme Events in GOES Space Environment Monitor Data 1974 – 2011 (Poster), [NG23A-1484](#), **D.C. Wilkinson** and **A.S. Sundaravel**
- Measured and Modeled O+ Upwelling at 800 km: Understanding the Dayside Asymmetry (Poster), [SM31A-2093](#), **R.J. Redmon**, W.K. Peterson, L. Andersson and P.G. Richards
- Evaluation of Ovation Prime as a Forecast Model of Visible Aurora (Poster), [SM31B-2101](#), **J.L. Machol**, **J.C. Green**, **R.J. Redmon**, R.A. Viereck and P.T. Newell
- Detailed Characterization of Substorm Dipolarization and Particle Injection from an Unprecedented Constellation of Geosynchronous Satellites (Poster), [SM31B-2114](#), **J.C. Green**, H.J. Singer, T.G. Onsager, **J.V. Rodriguez**, **W.F. Denig**, **D.C. Wilkinson** and **J.L. Machol**
- National Trends in Satellite Observed Lighting: 1992–2009 (Oral, Invited), [GC32C-03](#), **C.D. Elvidge**, P.C. Sutton, **K. Baugh**, **D.C. Ziskin**, **T. Ghosh** and **S. Anderson**
- The Unusual Response of the Magnetosphere to Solar Wind Conditions during the Galaxy 15 Substorm (Oral), [SM32A-05](#), H.J. Singer, R.L. McPherron, **J.C. Green**, **J.V. Rodriguez** and **R.J. Redmon**
- Spatial Resolution and Detection Limit Considerations for Low Light Imaging of Urban Land Use Patterns (Poster), [GC33B-1081](#), S. Anderson, **C. Elvidge** and P.C. Sutton
- Anatomy of a Radiation Belt Flux Dropout (Poster), [SM41B-2026](#), J.F. Fennell, R.H. Friedel, **J.C. Green**, T.B. Guild and J.E. Mazur
- Modeling and Observations of the East-West Effect in Solar Energetic Particle Flux at Geosynchronous (Poster), [SM31B-2103](#), Brian T. Kress and **J.V. Rodriguez**
- On the Relativistic Electron Injection Event in Early April 2010 (Poster), [SM51B-2079](#), J.B. Blake, P. O'Brien, **J.V. Rodriguez** and **J.C. Green**
- Comparison of Simulated and Observed Ring Current Magnetic Field and Ion Fluxes and ENA Intensity during the 5 April 2010 Storm (Oral), [SM54A-08](#), M.W. Chen, C. Lemon, T.B. Guild, M. Schulz, A. Lui, A.M. Keesee, J. Goldstein and **J.V. Rodriguez**

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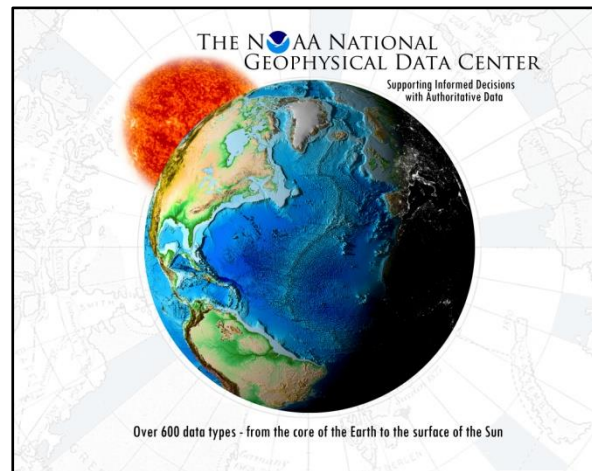


- ✓ **GOES-R L2+ SWx algorithms (3QFY11) – active (on-going discussions)**
- ✓ Loss of key personnel has a severe mission impact (3QFY10) - *NLAI*
- Satellite processing transition from SWPC (4QFY09) – *DOA/NLAI*
- ✓ Continuity of solar data services (1QFY09) – *NLAI*
- ✓ *Refocus of NWS/SWPC Objectives (2QFY08) – NLAI*
- **NightSat Mission Concept (1QFY08) – active (proposal under review)**
- ✓ *NGS Aerial Photography (1QFY08) – NLAI*

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