Monitoring Space Weather with iSWA

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Introduction Monitoring Space Weather with iSWA

- iSWA Integrated Space Weather Analysis System
- Allows forecasters to customize a space weather monitoring layout
- <u>https://iswa.gsfc.nasa.gov</u>





Introduction iSWA Imagers

- SDO AIA for the earth facing solar surface
- SOHO LASCO coronagraphs for CMEs
- STEREO-A EUVI for farsided solar surface
- STEREO-A coronagraphs
- Magnetic Connectivity
 Solarscape Viewer





Introduction iSWA Graphs/Timelines

- GOES (X-ray, Proton, & Electron Fluxes)
- SOHO/COSTEP Proton Flux (Real-time & Forecast)
- DSCOVR Solar Wind (Speed, Magnetic Field, Temperature, & Density)
- SWMF Magnetopause
 Standoff Position
- Kp (Observed & Predicted)
- STEREO Beacon (Solar Wind & SEPs)
- ...and more!





Outline

- Solar Cygnets
 - Monitoring flares, eruptions, & CMEs
- Heliosphere Cygnets
 - Monitoring solar energetic particles, CME arrivals, and high speed stream arrivals
- Magnetosphere Cygnets
 - Monitoring geomagnetic storms, radiation belt enhancements, and magnetopause crossings
- Demonstration
 - Following the course of the June 21st 2015 CME



Solar Cygnets: Solar Flares

- GOES 0.1-0.8 nm X-rays flares
 - Threshold: 5x10⁻⁵ W/m² (M5.0)
- SDO AIA imagery flares, eruptions, & coronal holes
 - 193 Å EUV waves, dimming, posteruption arcades, off limb (field lines)
 - 171 Å off limb (field lines), posteruption arcades
 - 131 Å flares
 - 211 Å coronal holes
 - 304 Å filaments
- Magnetic Connectivity Solarscape
 Viewer
 - SDO backgrounds, lat/lon grid, active region labels, and magnetic connectivity





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Solar Cygnets: Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs)

- SOHO LASCO C2 & 3 imagery CMEs
 - C2 1.5 to 6 solar radii
 - C3 3.5 to ~30 solar radii
 - Threshold: measured >=500 km/s and modeled to impact Earth OR measured >= 800 km/s and modeled to impact other location
- STEREO A EUVI 195 Å imagery flares, eruptions, & coronal holes
- STEREO A COR2 imagery CMEs
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- <a>www.SolarMonitor.org (not on iSWA)
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Heliosphere Cygnets: Solar Energetic Particles

- GOES > 10 MeV and > 100 MeV protons
 - Threshold: > 10 MeV above 10 pfu and/or > 100 MeV above 1 pfu
- SOHO COSTEP > 15.8 MeV proton channels
 - Threshold: 10^(-1) pfu/MeV
- RELEASE forecast for > 15.8 MeV proton channels
 - Threshold: 10^(-1) pfu/MeV
- STEREO A and B 13-100 MeV
 protons
 - Threshold: 10⁽⁻¹⁾ pfu/MeV





Heliosphere Cygnets: Interplanetary Shocks/Arrivals

- DSCOVR
 - speed, magnetic field, temperature, & density
 - Threshold: significant shock passage at L1 (about >=10 nT amplitude jump)
- STEREO A IMPACT/PLASTIC
 - speed, magnetic field, temperature, & density





Magnetosphere Cygnets: Geomagnetic Storms

- Kp index
 - level (0 to 9) of geomagnetic activity in the Earth's magnetosphere
 - Threshold: >=6 (or larger than previous alert)
- GOES > 0.8 MeV electrons
 - state of the Earth's outer radiation belt
 - Threshold: 10⁵ pfu (or 70-80 % from the threshold two days after)
- Modeled magnetopause standoff distance
 - location of the boundary between magnetospheric and solar wind plasma
 - Threshold: 6.6 Re





Magnetosphere Cygnets: Radiation Belt Enhancement

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Magnetosphere Cygnets: Magnetopause Crossing

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Other Useful Cygnets

- CCMC SWAN Space Weather
 Timeline Ensemble
 - Quick check of flare, SEP, radiation belt, and solar wind conditions
- iSWA Super Timeline
 - Make interactive plots of static cygnets
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Activities

- iSWA basics demo
 - adding cygnets and navigating category tabs, using the super timeline, setting time periods locally and globally, and saving your layout
- Monitoring Space Weather with iSWA Assignment