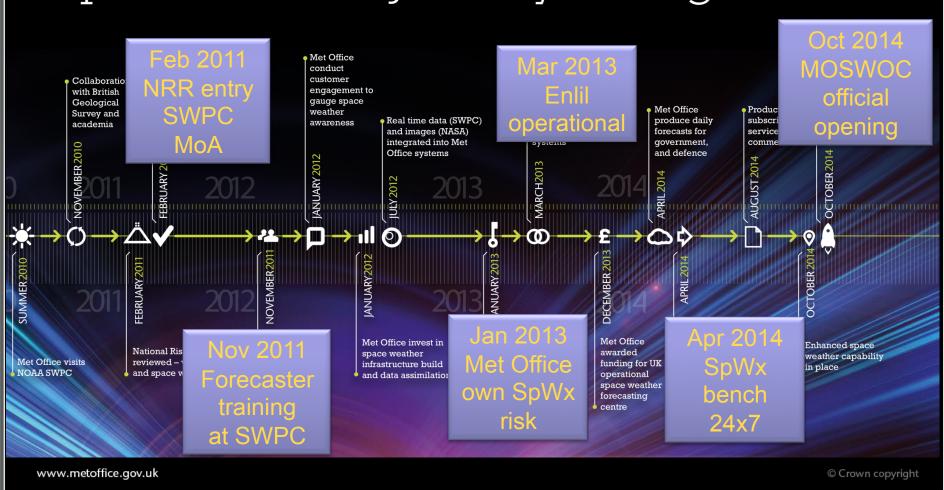




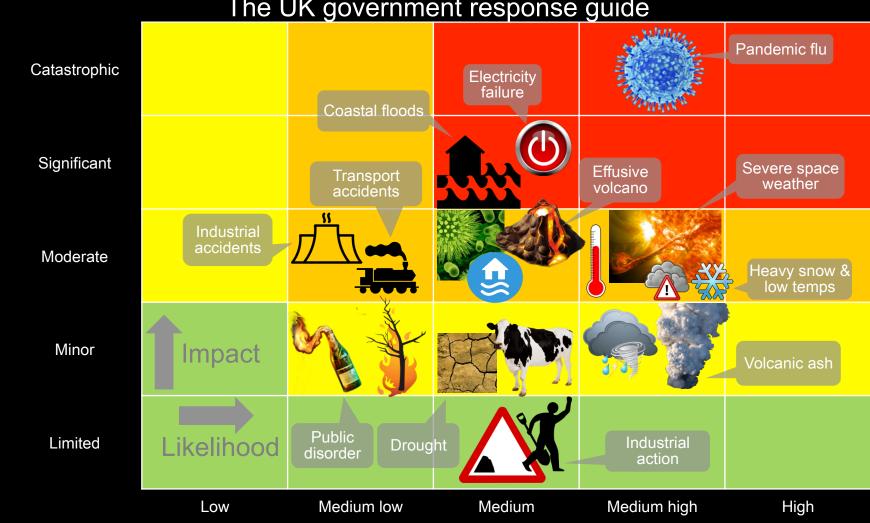


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National risk register

The UK government response guide



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Met Office Space Weather Met Office Operations Centre

- 24/7 Operations
- Fully integrated within Met Office Operations Centre
- National capability supporting government, military, and critical sectors
- Team includes
 - Space Weather Operational Meteorologists
 - Scientists
 - Programme managers
 - IT developers







Objectives and Services

Objectives

Source of UK centric advice to support critical infrastructures, deliver socio-economic benefit, meet customer requirements

Space Weather Services

- Subscription services (email) forecasts, alerts, warnings, guidance documents (situational awareness)
- Customer sector specific tailored webpages
- Public awareness pages

Tailored analysis

Forecast Products

- Synoptic maps
- CMEs
- Geomag forecasts
- Flare/radio blackouts
- Proton storms
- Electron fluence

Customer Sectors

Energy, Aviation, Marine, Satellite, Defence, and Rail







Adapting to Customer Needs

Met Office Space Weather Technical Forecast

Space Weather Technical Forecast (Ref: MO43)

ssued on Thursday, 04 December 2014 at 00:26 local

This scientific guidance document provides a four day assessment of space weather revents. The probabilities stated below are for reaching or exceeding the given levels. For more information about space weather impacts please see the NOAA Space Weather Scales

Space Weather Forecast Headline: I ow solar activity over the past 24 hours, but there



Space Weather Forecast

Space Weather Forecast (Ref: TBC)

Issued on Thursday, 04 December 2014 at 00:17 UTC

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Space Weather Forecast Headline: I ow solar activity over the past 24 hours, but there remains a chance for minor or moderate radio blackout periods

Space Weather Activity over the past 24 hours

Solar activity was low with a number of low common-class flares through the period. There are Sr currently seven sunspot regions on the visible disc, some are complex and one is fairly large frc (named AR2222) which has been the one mainly responsible for the flares recently. No Earth to directed Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) have been observed over the past 24 hours. The th solar wind has been slightly elevated today, but geomagnetic activity was mostly quiet. Solar or radiation levels remained below active levels

Four Day Space Weather Forecast Summary

Solar activity is likely to remain at low levels over the next few days, with a chance (45%) of the odd moderate flare, especially from the largest sunspot (AR2222). Geomagnetic activity is expected to be mainly quiet with isolated unsettled periods, due to the slightly elevated solar wind With no CMEs being observed to be heading to Earth, there is currently high confidence in this geomagnetic forecast. Solar radiation is also expected to remain at normal background levels.

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Geomagnetic Storms:

Over the past 24 hours the solar wind has been slightly elevated due to effects from the southern coronal hole, and fairly irratic. However, geomagnetic activity was mostly quiet. The period started with just over 400km/s and rising recently to average around 475km/s, with a brief peak of 536km/s at 03/1832 UTC. Maximum IMF peaked around 11nT between 1600 and 1800 UTC. Bz was mainly positive but some brief dips to -5nT in recent hours. Phi angle has

Over the next four days geomagnetic activity is expected to remain mainly quiet with isolated unsettled periods, mainly due to potential changes in the solar wind due to occasional



Space Weather Forecast

Geomagnetic Storms

Geo-Mag Stor		Level	Past 24 Hours	Day 1 (00-24 UTC)	Day 2 (00-24 UTC)	Day 3 (00-24 UTC)	Day 4 (00-24 UTC)
Probab (Exceed		2010.	(Yes/No)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Minor Mode		G1 to G2	No	10	10	10	10
Stroi	ng	G3	No	1	1	1	1
Seve	re	G4	No	1	1	1	1
Extre	me	G5	No	1	1	1	1

Radio Blackouts - X Ray Flares

X Ray Flares	Level	Past 24 Hours	Day 1 (00-24 UTC)	Day 2 (00-24 UTC)	Day 3 (00-24 UTC)	Day 4 (00-24 UTC)
Probability (Exceedance)	Level	(Yes/No)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Active	R1-R2 M Class	No	45	45	45	45
Very Active	R3 to R5 X Class	No	5	5	5	5

Solar Radiation Storms - (High Energy Protons):

Radiation Storms	Level (cm ⁻² sr	Past 24 Hours	Day 1 (00-24 UTC)	Day 2 (00-24 UTC)	Day 3 (00-24 UTC)	Day 4 (00-24 UTC)				
Probability (Exceedance)	1s-1)	¹s⁻¹) (Yes/No)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)				
Active	S1	No	10	10	10	10				
Very Active	S3 *	No	1	1	1	1				
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Forecasts issued 2x daily to **UK-based subscribers**

Choice of two versions

- Technical forecast
- Plain-language forecast

Technical forecast

Intended for use by experts

 Details such as Kp values, solar wind speeds, etc

Plain-language forecast

Adapted for use by nonexpert decision makers

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'Expert' forecast

Met Office Space Weather Technical Forecast

Space Weather Technical Forecast (Ref. MO43)

Issued on Sunday, 01 February 2015 at 17:44 local This coleratific guidance document provides a four-day assessment of space weather events. The probabilities stated below are for reaching or exceeding the given levels. For more information about space weather impacts please see the Med Cffice Space Weather boales http://www.meloffice.cov.uk/media/offities14 0822-c pace-uses ther-dap-dis VEEB.odf

Space Weather Forecast Headline: No Significant Activity. Chance of Minor Storm Sunday 01 and Monday 02 February.

Analysis of Space Weather Activity over past 24 hours:

Bolar activity has been Low over the last 24 hours, with the largest flare of the period a C1.8 hour suspect region 2088 at 21:35 UTC. Them are now six numbered surespot regions on the earth-facility solen disc, with 2088 and 2277 still large and complex, while 2276 and 2278 have both decayed to plage.

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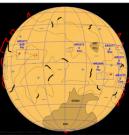
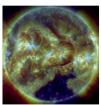


Figure 2: MOSWOC Solar Synoptic Map, valid 19 UTC Saturday 31 January

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Geo- Magnetio Storm	Level	Past 24 Hours	Day 1 (00-24 UTC)	Day 2 (00-24 UTC)	Day 3 (00-24 UTC)	Day 4 (00-24 UTC)
Probability (Exceedance)		(Yes/No)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Minor or Moderate	G1 to G2	N	30	30	10	5
8trong	OS.	N	10	10	1	1
Severe	G4	N	1	1	1	1
Extreme	96	N	1	1	1	1

Geometric Antivity - Earthhound Coronal Mass Elections

Date/time 21.6R (UTC)	Halo: Full or Partial		Estimated 8peed	Estimated Arrival Time	Comments
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Boar activity has been Low through Saturday, with the largest files of the day a C1.8 from surscot region 2284 at 21.88 LTD. Activity has been a maked contain in the past 24 hours, with the past of the Country broad. The control of the Country broad has been a control of the Country broad has been as the Country broad has an as the Country broad has been as the Co

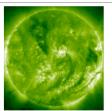








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X Ray Flares		Pact 24 Hours	Day 1 (00-24 UTC)	Day 2 (00-24 UTC)	Day 3 (00-24 UTC)	Day 4 (00-24 UTC)
Probability (Exceedance)	Level	(Yes/No)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Active	R1-R2 M	N	60	60	60	60

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No solar radiation storms were seen on Baturday, with >10MeV protons showing a slow decline from a peak of 1.5pt on Fliday evening. The possibilitied cause of the enhancement was recent face activity, most likely a rear-sided or eastern hemisphere event owing to the slow rise and fall. The presence of two Zurich Fignous on the disc means that proton event probabilities are

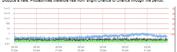


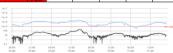
Figure 8: GOE8-13 high-energy protons since 25 January. The blue line is >10MeV, showing

Radiation 8torms	Level (om²sr	Past 24 Hours	Day 1 (00-24 UTC)	Day 2 (00-24 UTC)	Day 3 (00-24 UTC)	Day 4 (00-24 UTC)			
Probability (Exceedance)	16-1)	(Yes/No)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)			
Active	2 81	N	20	20	25	25			
Very Active	2.884	N	1	1	1	1			
* 83 ≥ 10 MeV ≥ 1000 ptu and / or ≥ 50 MeV ≥ 10 ptu. (ptu = cm²sr²sr²)									

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Probability (Exceedance)		(Yes/No)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Active	≥ 2 MeV ≥ 1x10°	N	1	10	20	30
Very Active	2 2 MeV 2 1x10 ²	N	1	1	5	10





Sector Specific Nowcast/Forecast webpages







Met Office operational standards

- 24/7/365 staffing of forecasting office.
- 99+% reliability of observing, processing & dissemination systems.
- Key web products ≥99.5% others ≥97.5%.
- All data and models mirrored across 2 computer halls (run models and systems in-house).
- Redundant power, cooling & networking at all facilities.
- Contingency plans for outages of all forecast-critical system elements: e.g., alternate processing sites, backup instruments for observations and backup computers for model runs, etc...

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MOSWOC: Resilience

Run all models & systems in-house

- All data & models mirrored across 2 computer halls
- BC laptop, relocate within building or outside

Use data, products etc from SWPC, BGS

Arrive via robust data transfer

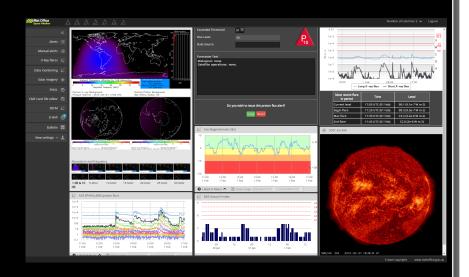
Forecaster suite developed in-house

Visualise models, monitor observations, issue alerts & warnings

Requirements

- Tried & tested models
- •Models run on Met Office resilient infrastructure







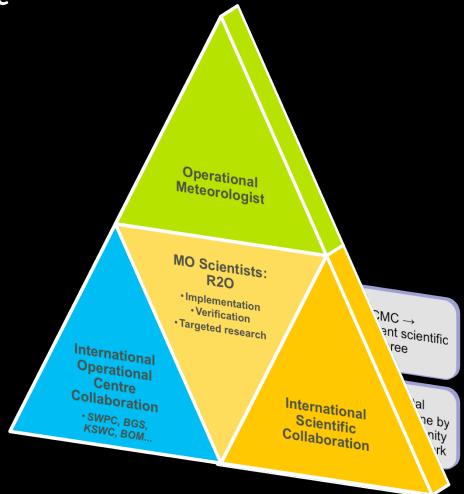
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Everything we do is based on world-leading science and enhanced by the close working relationships we have with partner organisations around the globe.



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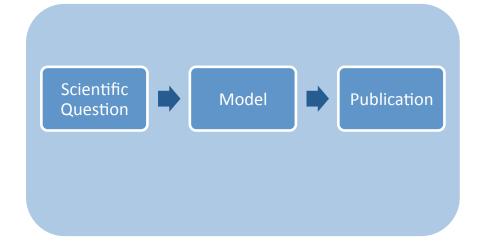
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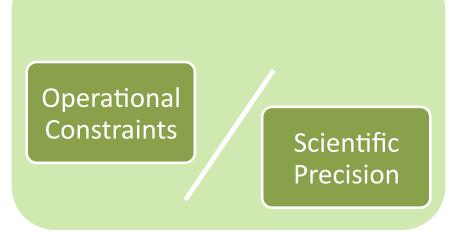


Operational Requirements

Research



Operations



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User & System Requirements

User Requirements

- **Timeliness**: Data assimilated (NRT) and f produced in a timely manner.
- Data Model: Models should be data dr

User

System Requirements

- **Robustness**: models should run successively for a range of space weather conditions and handle errors appropriately and informatively, allowing operational service and IT support teams to understand and resolve problems.
- •Forecast Cycle: The model should run fast enough to be used within a forecasting cycle excluding data latencies (varies by domain and conditions).
- Quality Assurance: High standard of code structure, documentation, error handling and version control allowing systematic model management i.e. perform acceptance tests, reviewing procedure for code changes and allow operational service and IT support teams to resolve problems.
- Environment: Dead using appropriate operating system of operational of the Office this is Linux operating system).
 - nguage: System

em liable and model written in

Could these be adapted to go from general NASA ARL to define an agreed space weather Operational Readiness Level?

scores defined to inform forecaster interpretation. Skill scores available to benchmark impact of replacing standalone model with coupled model, or to benchmark model upgrades.

- **Ensembles**: Ensemble operation possible (unless deterministic models are shown to perform better).
- Autonomy: Models should have the potential to run automatically, without human intervention, producing output for forecaster assessment.

should be parallelised to ensure HPC operation (supported OpenMP and MPI protocols).

- •Resilience: Fall back option of using a simpler configuration, other initialisation, repeat forecast, or alternative input data source to maintain continuous forecasting capability (e.g. solar or geomagnetic drivers as input) in case of technical issues (e.g. data availability).
- •Dependencies: Models should not have dependencies on nonstandard libraries not under the operational centre control (e.g. SolarSoft).
- **Coupling**: Model should be suitable for coupling to other appropriate models with compatible boundary conditions and input/output parameters.



Where does CCMC fit?



Transition to Operations

Operational providers (MO, SWPC, 557th, etc)

Operational Readiness Level

Science

- Validation
- Verification

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Technical

- Documentation
- Quality Assurance



Robustness

- Testing/ benchmarking
- Standardisation
- Optimisation

Is this the role CCMC could / should take on?

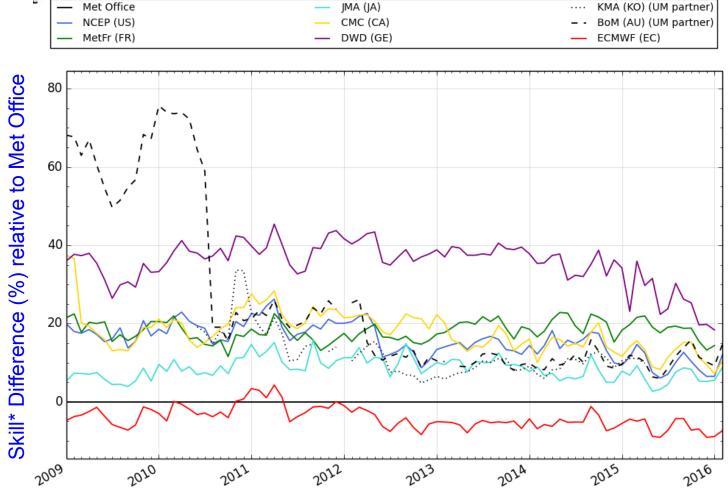
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Terrestrial NWP Model Science Indicator

Global ranking of Met Office Global Model forecast accuracy based on the WMO weighted global index components used by the WMO/CBS



^{*} Parameters: Surface pressure, 500hPa geopotential height, 250hPa/850hPa Winds; © Crown copyright Met Office Forecast ranges from T+24h to T+120h



Space Weather Model Verification

Space Weather needs equivalent internationally agreed science metrics

Space Weather models/ scoreboards Space Weather Science Indicator Metrics

- CME Science Indicator
- Flare Science Indicator
- SEP Science Indicator

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Drive science progress

Forecast service verification is responsibility of Op centre

Operational centre forecast service



Customer requirements



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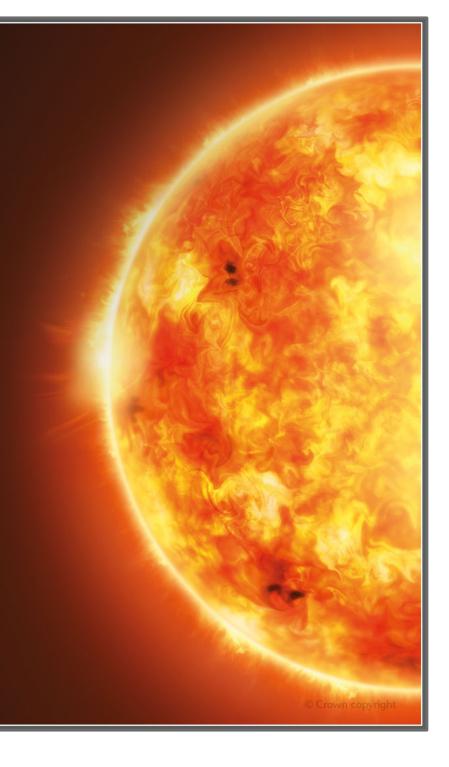


Met Office View of CCMC

- Independent judge
- Science basis of models
- Science indicator model rank
- Targeted studies directed by Ops Centers
- Verify models & techniques
 - Not services responsibility of Ops Centres



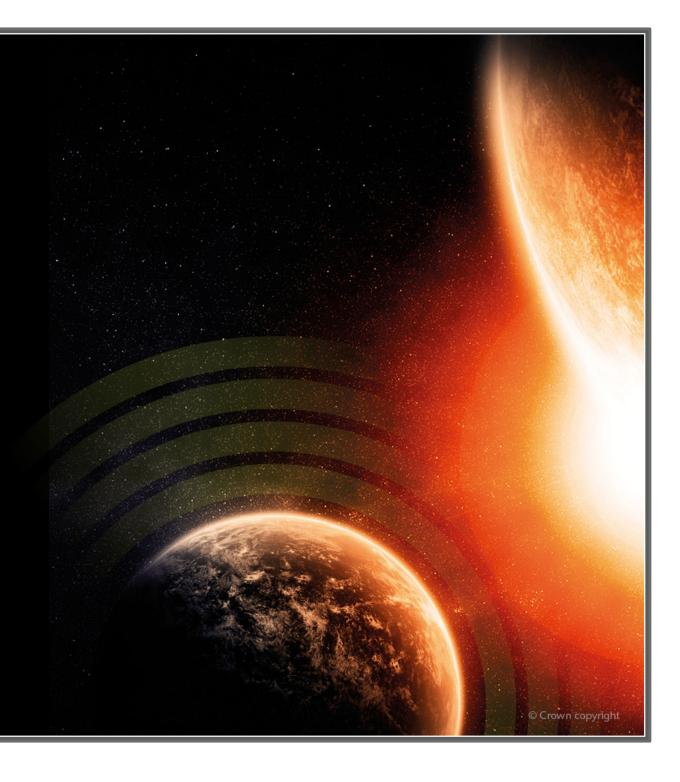
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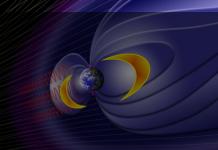
Research activities

Research to operations (R2O) role

- Relevant research for improvements
- Implementing models
- Verification

Collaborations are crucial

- Academic community best-placed to do fundamental research
- Work closely with other government research agencies and universities in UK and worldwide..





Category

UK Impacts

UK Effect

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	Scale	Descriptor	Duration of event will in	nfluence severity of effects			(1 Gyule - 11 years)	
			Geomagnetic st	torms		ollapse or blackouts. Transformers may be sive surface charging, problems with original sive surface charging, problems with original surface charging, problems with original surface charges, satellite navigation in some surface to two days, satellite navigation in some surface out for hours, and aurora has 40° geomagnetic lat.)**. control problems and some protective sy ce charging and tracking problems, correct preventive measures, HF radio propages, low-frequency radio navigation disrupt northern California (typically 45° geomage)		
			Geor	magnetic st	orms			
5	Extrem		wer systems: Localised voltage control and protective system problem obtential for localised loss of power. Transformers may experience dam		Power systems:widespread voltage control pr some grid systems may experience complete of damage.			
			acecraft operations: may experience extensive surface charging, drag th-orbit satellites, problems with orientation, uplink/downlink and tracking	Spacecraft operations: may experience extenuplink/downlink and tracking satellites.	sive surface char	ging, problems with orier		
		for effe	ner systems: HF (high frequency) radio communication may be impos one to two days, GNSS(GPS) satellite navigation may be degraded for ects on infrastructure reliant on GNSS (GPS) for positioning or timing, lo rigation can be out for hours, and aurora may be seen across the whole	days with possible ow-frequency radio	Other systems: pipeline currents can reach hu propagation may be impossible in many areas degraded for days, low-frequency radio navigal as low as Florida and southern Texas (typically	for one to two day tion can be out for	s, satellite navigation ma hours, and aurora has b	
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		hou	ner systems: HF radio propagation sporadic, GNSS(GPS) satellite nav irs, low-frequency radio navigation disrupted, and aurora may be seen UK.				radio navigation disrupte	
			Spacecraft operations: Corrective actions to orientation may be required by ground control; possible changes in drag affect orbit predictions.	possible changes in drag affect			(300 days per dydre)	
			Other systems: HF radio propagation can fade at higher latitudes, and aurora may be seen across Scotland.	low as New York and Idaho (typ	pagation can fade at higher latitudes, and aurora has been seen as ypically 55" geomagnetic lat.)**.			
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US and Global Effect

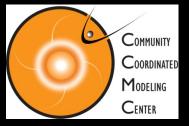
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Verification Flare Scoreboard





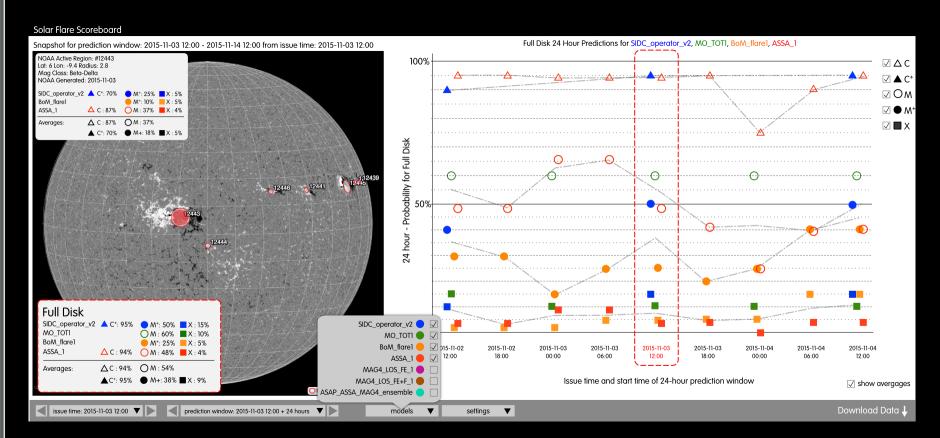




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CME forecasting

Arrival time prediction

Technical guidance

Date/time 21.5R (UTC)	Halo: Full or Partial	Source	Source Location	Estimated Speed	Estimated Arrival Time	Comments
12/1920Z	Partial	Filament eruption	20S35W	600	16/0200	nil

NASA Community Coordinated Modeling Ceneter CME Scoreboard

CME: 2015-06-25T08:36:00-CME-001

Actual Shock Arrival Time: 2015-06-27T03:30Z

Observed Geomagnetic Storm Parameters:

Max Kp. 3.0

CME Note: From AR12371. Associated with M7.9 flare.

Predicted Shock Arrival Time	Difference (hrs)	Confidence (%)	Submitted On	Lead Time (hrs)	Predicted Geomagnetic Storm Parameter(s)	Method	Submitted By	
2015-06-26T16:00Z (-12.0h, +12.0h)	-11.50		2015-06-25T10:51Z	40.65	Max Kp Range: 8.0	Other (SIDC)	Leila Mays (GSFC)	<u>Detail</u>
2015-06-27T10:00Z (-7.0h, +7.0h)	6.50		2015-06-25T13:21Z	38.15		<u>DBM</u>	Manuela Temmer (UNIGRAZ)	<u>Detail</u>
2015-06-27T05:00Z	1.50		2015-06-25T15:30Z			WSA-ENLIL + Cone (Met Office)	Met Office (Met Office)	<u>Detail</u>
2015-06-28T02:00Z (-7.0h, +7.0h)	22.50		2015-06-25T16:45Z	34.75	Max Kp Range: 3.0 - 4.0	WSA-ENLIL + Cone (GSFC SWRC)	Yaireska Collado (GSFC)	<u>Detail</u>
2015-06-27T15:18Z (-12.2h, +9.3h)	11.80	58.0	2015-06-25T21:33Z	29.95	Max Kp Range: 3.0 - 5.0	Ensemble WSA-ENLIL + Cone (GSFC SWRC)	Karin Muglach (GSFC)	<u>Detail</u>
2015-06-27T15:00Z	11.50		2015-06-26T17:26Z	10.07	Max Kp Range: 6.0	WSA-ENLIL + Cone (NOAA/SWPC)	Leila Mays (GSFC)	<u>Detail</u>
2015-06-27T11:28Z	7.97	58.0			Max Kp Range: 3.0 - 5.75	Average of all Methods	Auto Generated (CCMC)	<u>Detail</u>
2015-06-27T17:00Z	13.50		2015-06-27T01:10Z	2.33		WSA-ENLIL + Cone (KSWC)	RWC Jeju (KSWC)	<u>Detail</u>



