

CLS (Collecte Localisation Satellites)

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- is involved in missions such as Topex-Poseidon, Jason, ERS, Envisat,...

At the end of 1999, CNES awarded CLS a contract to take into account part of the Meudon Observatory daily operational solar forecast activities.

Since January 2000, CLS produces estimated and predicted solar activity parameters (F10.7 cm flux, geomagnetic indices) 365 days per year. CLS is also involved in CNES R&T studies (SWAN Lyman α data, sun coronal magnetic field).

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