

# First European Space Weather Week



Space weather - atmospheres, drag,  
global change - future needs



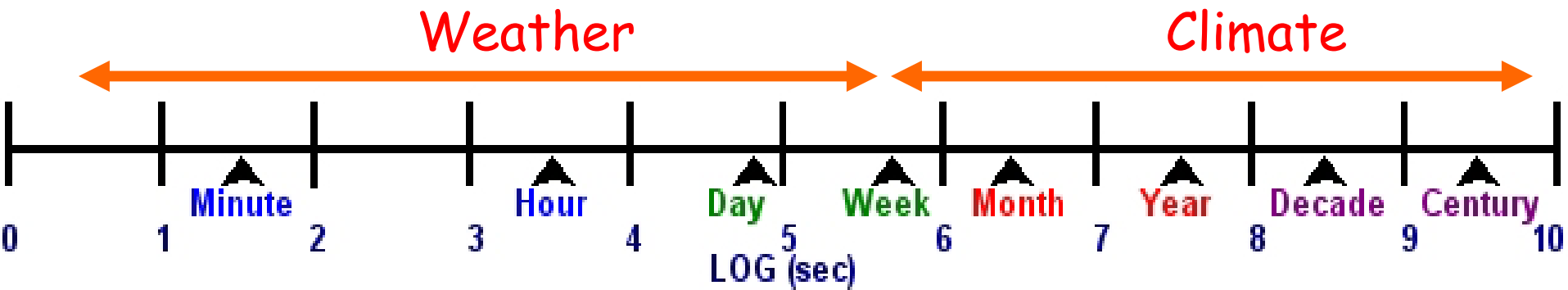
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# Timescales of important phenomena



Examples of time-sorted phenomena with linkage between traditional STP science:

Minutes-Hours	Days-Weeks	Months-Years	Decades-Centuries
Solar Flares CMEs Geomagnetic Storms Substorms Ionospheric Currents and Structure Gravity Waves Turbulence Reconnection Radiation Belt Enhancement	Solar Rotation Emerging Flux Features Trapped Particles Magnetic Clouds Geomagnetic Storms Radiation Belt Dynamics	Solar Cycle Solar Dynamo Solar Wind Variance Cosmic Rays Middle Atmosphere Composition, Dynamics, Temperature SAO & QBO	Solar Irradiance Changes Earth Surface Temperature Ozone Changes Galactic Cosmic Rays Maunder Minimum Climate Change

# Space Weather Effects

Interior  
Charging

Micrometeoroids

Solar Cell  
Damage

Solar Flare  
Protons

Astronaut

No single statement of requirement

Effects on Spacecraft & Aircraft

Power Distribution Networks and Pipelines

Oil and mineral Prospecting

Communication Systems

Risks to human health

Space weather influence on climate change

Insuring against space weather effects

26 Service Development Activities - SWENET

Telecommunication  
Cable Disruption

## User requirement

>95% reliability

Not easy to determine  
commercial in confidence

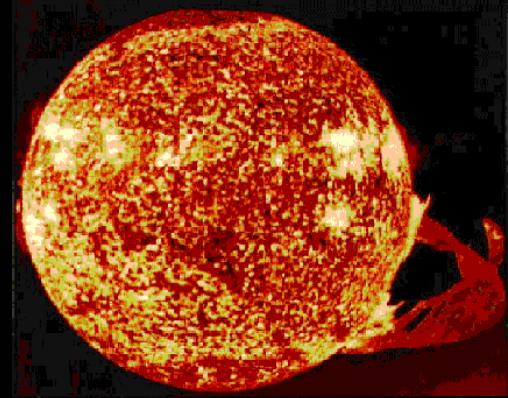
## Timescales

Weather and Climate  
Today, 5 years, 15 years

Why can't accurate predictions be made?

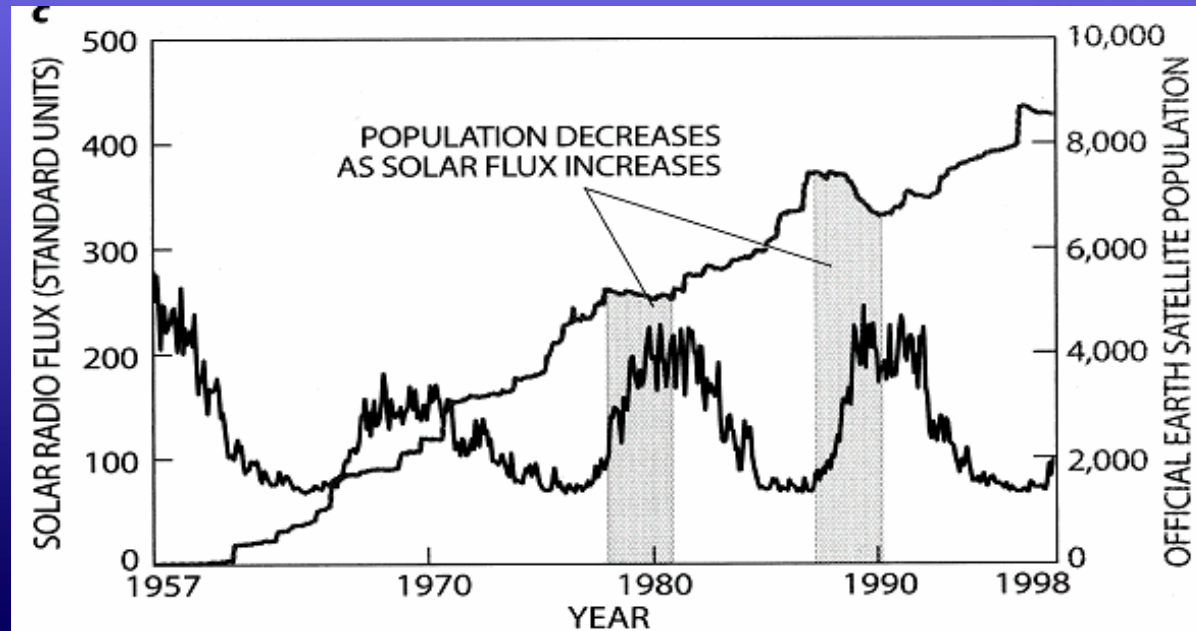
What do we need to do?

For prediction  
Underpinning scientific research  
Data provision



# Drag

- Long term solar output
- Extreme events
  - $10^{-1}$  TW to 10 TW @ magnetopause; electrojet  $10^6$  amps in minutes
  - Prediction/timing
  - Joule and particle heating
    - Electric field distribution
    - Conductivity

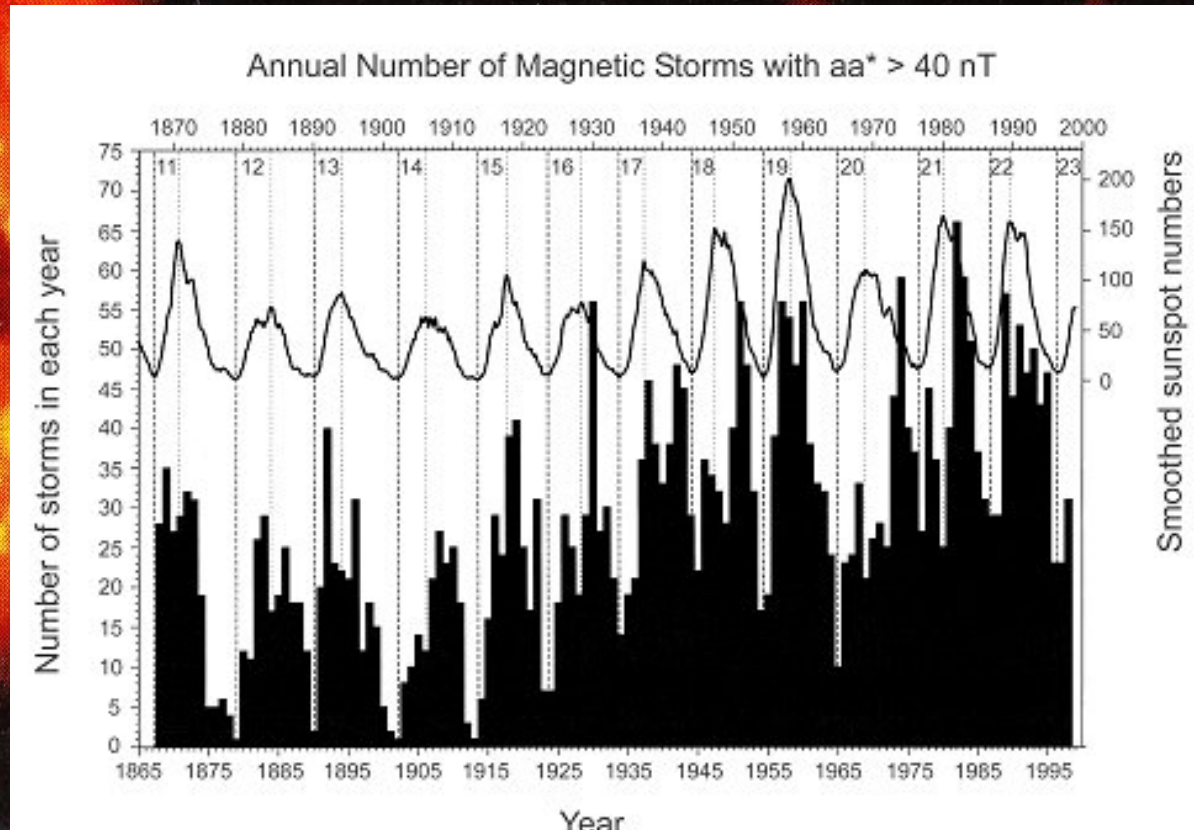


# Energy inputs - climatology

Solar output as a function of wavelength and time  
paleo proxies to extend the time series foE, Be10 etc

Magnetic flux

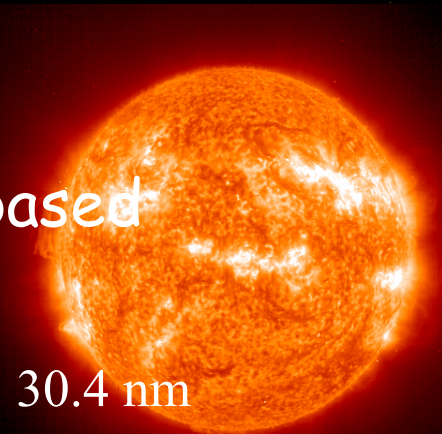
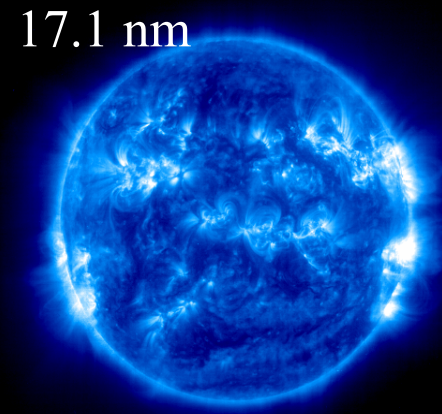
Climatology ☺



1999-Oct-20  
05:48:18  
dt = 0.0

55,000 km  
Earth to Scale

# Energy inputs - weather



What do we not know?

Which are "extreme" events as they lift off the Sun?

Research required - high priority

Phenomenology  $\longrightarrow$  Integration

The way forward

STEREO, Solar-B, Solar Orbiter and ground-based observations and theory

Timescale - 5+ years

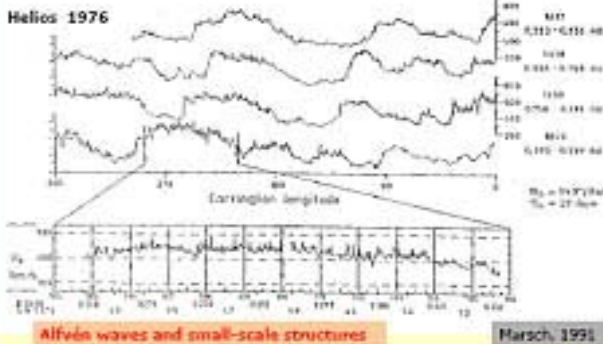
# The solar wind

Onset times

IMF orientation

Shock timing

## Solar wind fast and slow streams



## Stream interaction region

Dynamic processes in inter-planetary space



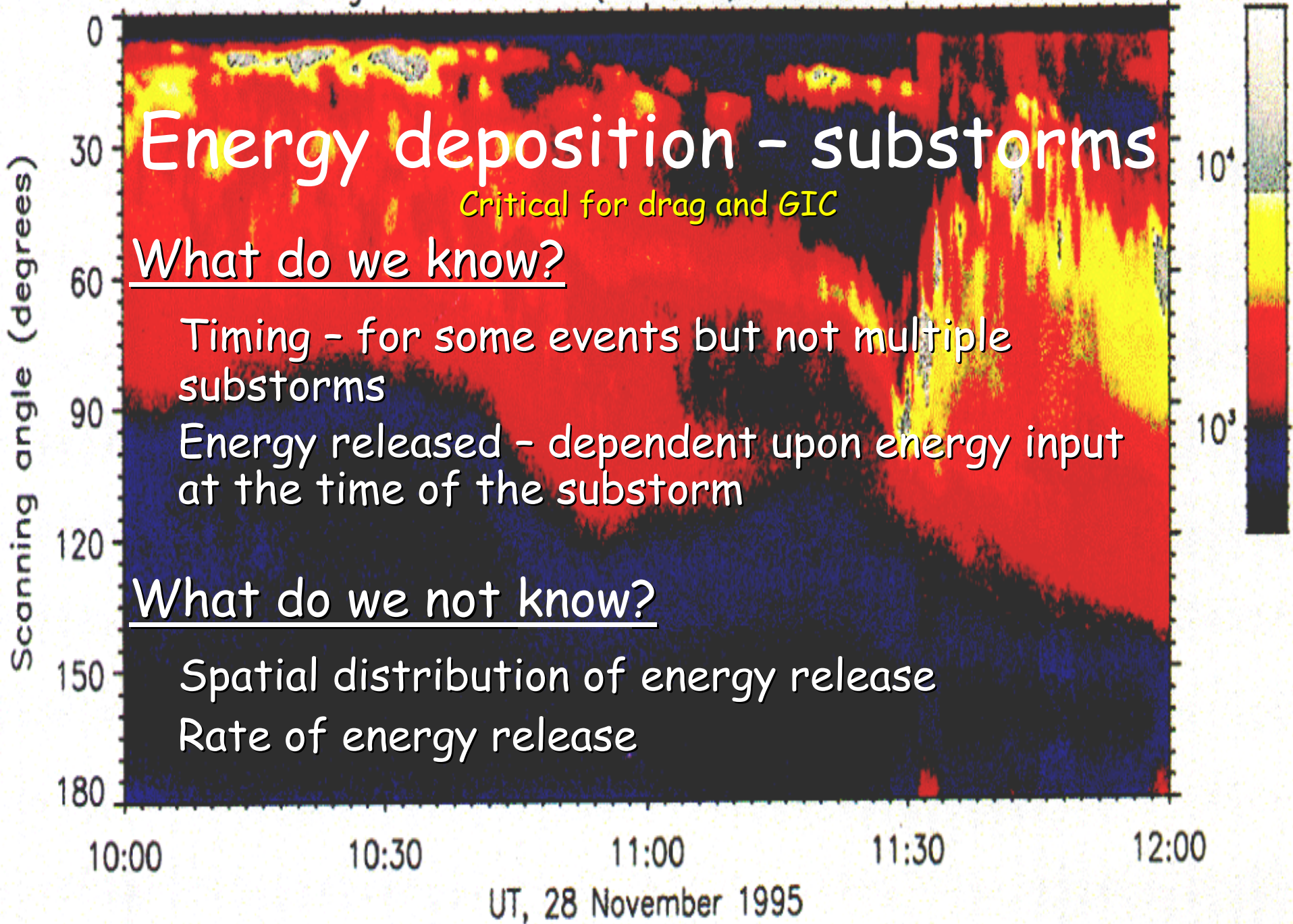
- Wave amplitude steepening ( $\propto r^{-2}$ )
- Compression and rarefaction
- Velocity shear
- Nonlinearity by advection ( $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{V}$ )
- Shock formation (co-rotating)

## Solar wind stream structure and heliospheric current sheet



Mass up to 10 billion tonnes  
Expands at speeds up to 2000 km/s





# Substorms

## What do we not know?

Spatial and temporal distribution of energy release

## Research required - high priority

Location - spatial distribution of pressure in the tail

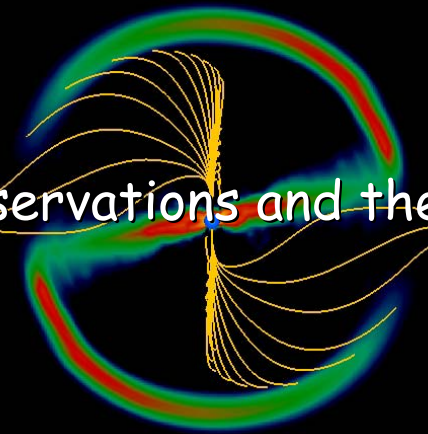
Latitude distribution - ????????

Longitude distribution - ????????

Rate of energy release - ????????

The way forward - Cluster and ground-based observations and theory

Timescale - 5 years



# Timescale of operational space weather forecasting

## Today

empirical + assimilation  
neural networks  
prediction filters

## 5 years

empirical + more physics

## 10+ years

Physics + empirical

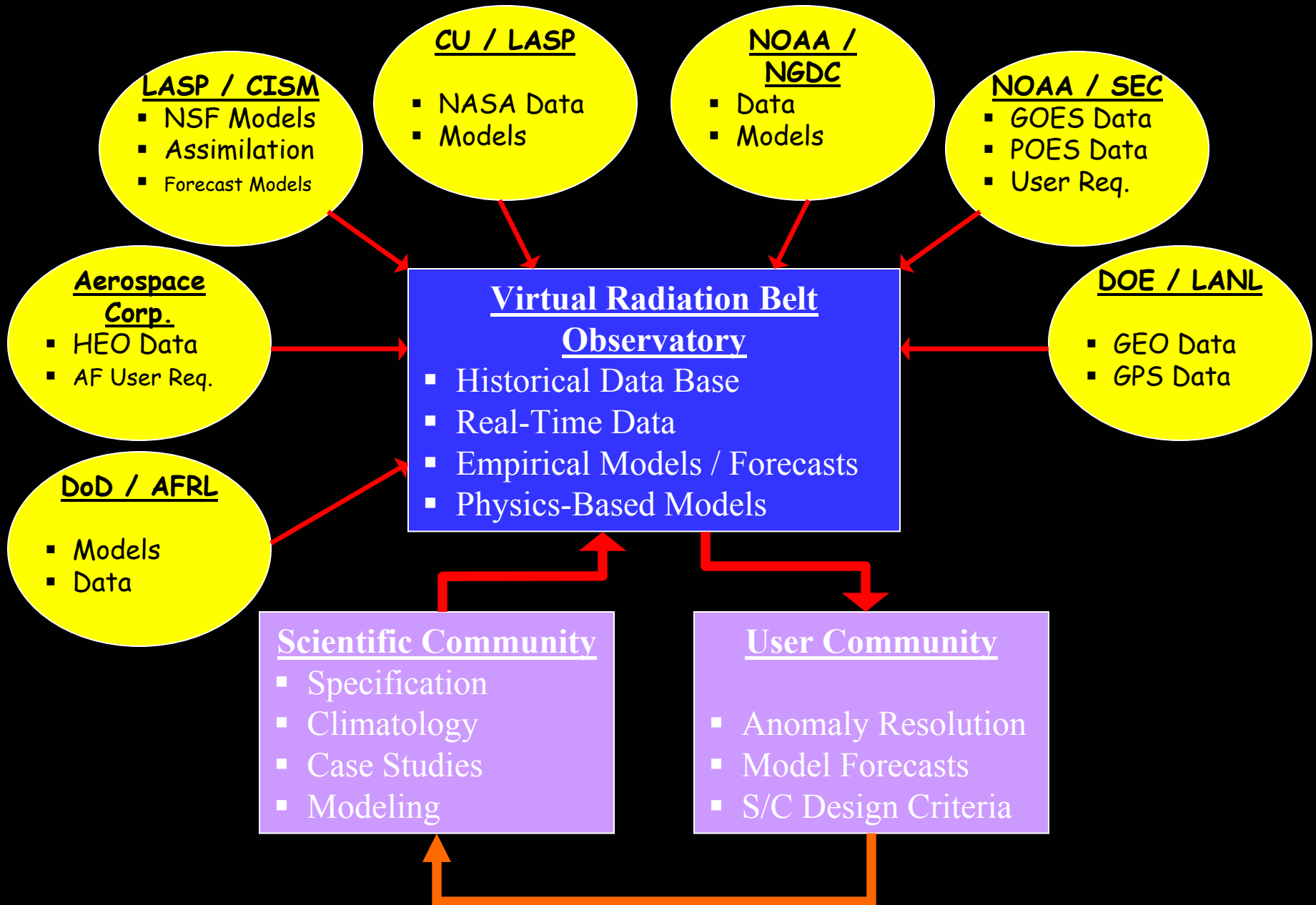
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# A Virtual Radiation Belt Observatory Concept



# High latitude irregularity operational model

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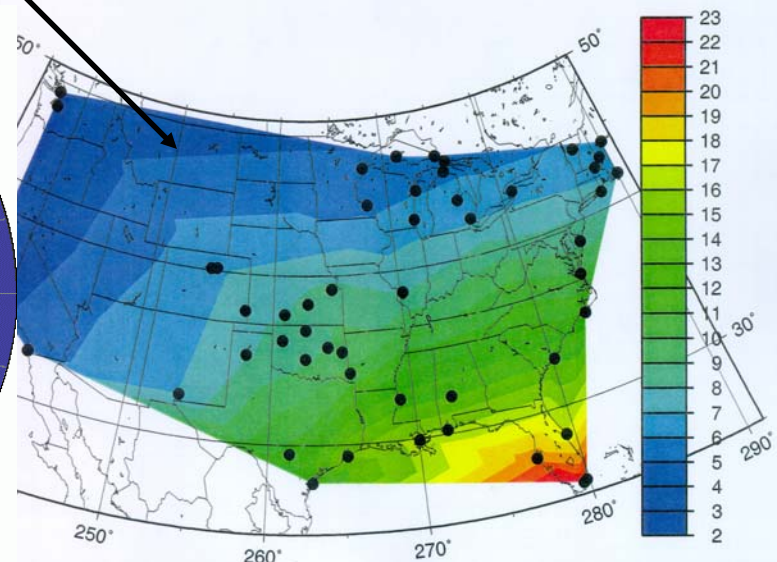
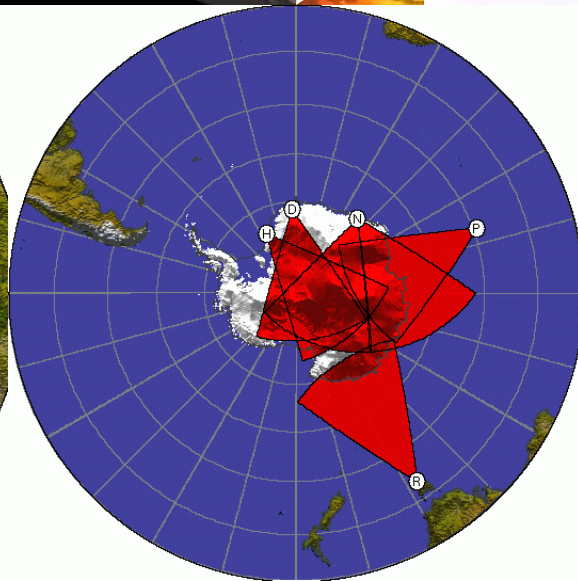
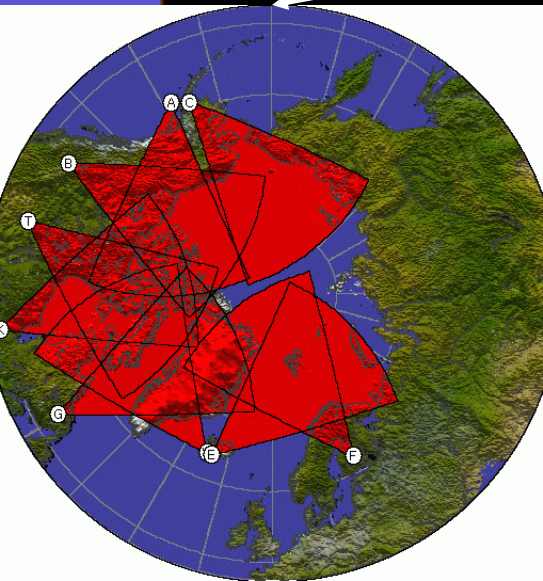
Oval Location

Conductivity from UV images + EUV model

Model neutral wind

SuperDARN electric field + model

TEC + Scintillation Maps



# Equatorial latitude

irregularity operational model

Spatial measurements of electric field

Spatial measurements of neutral wind

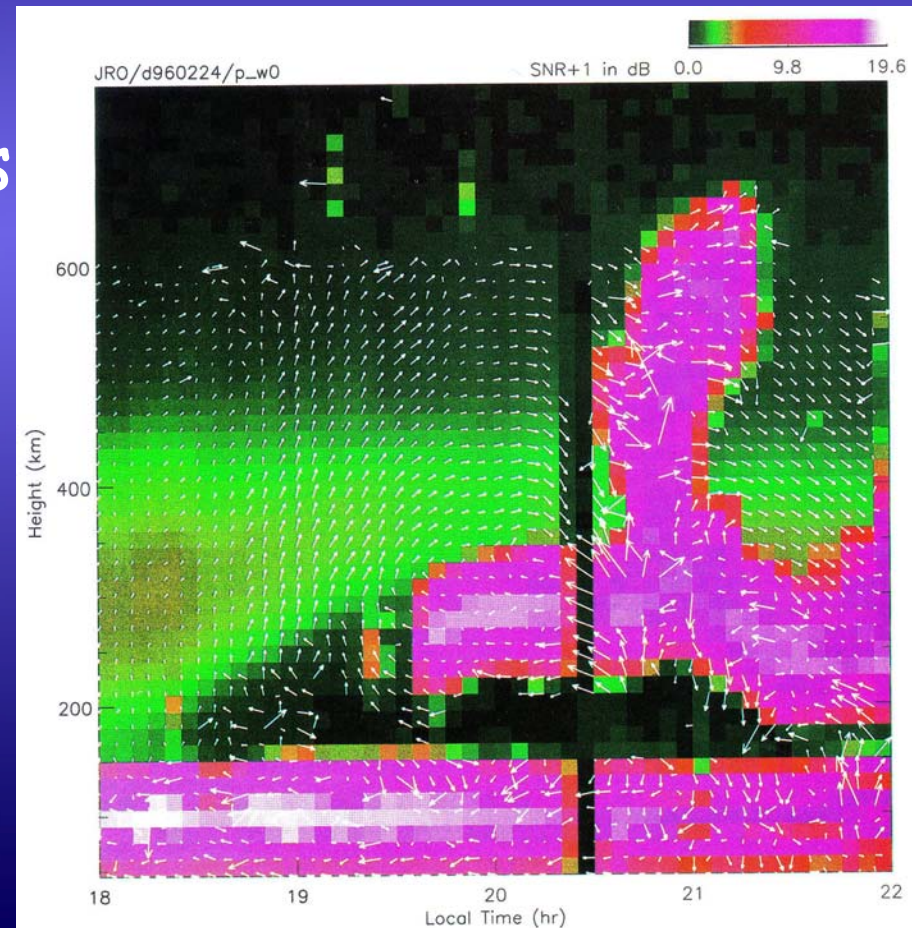
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Distribution of observations

Sensitivity of observations

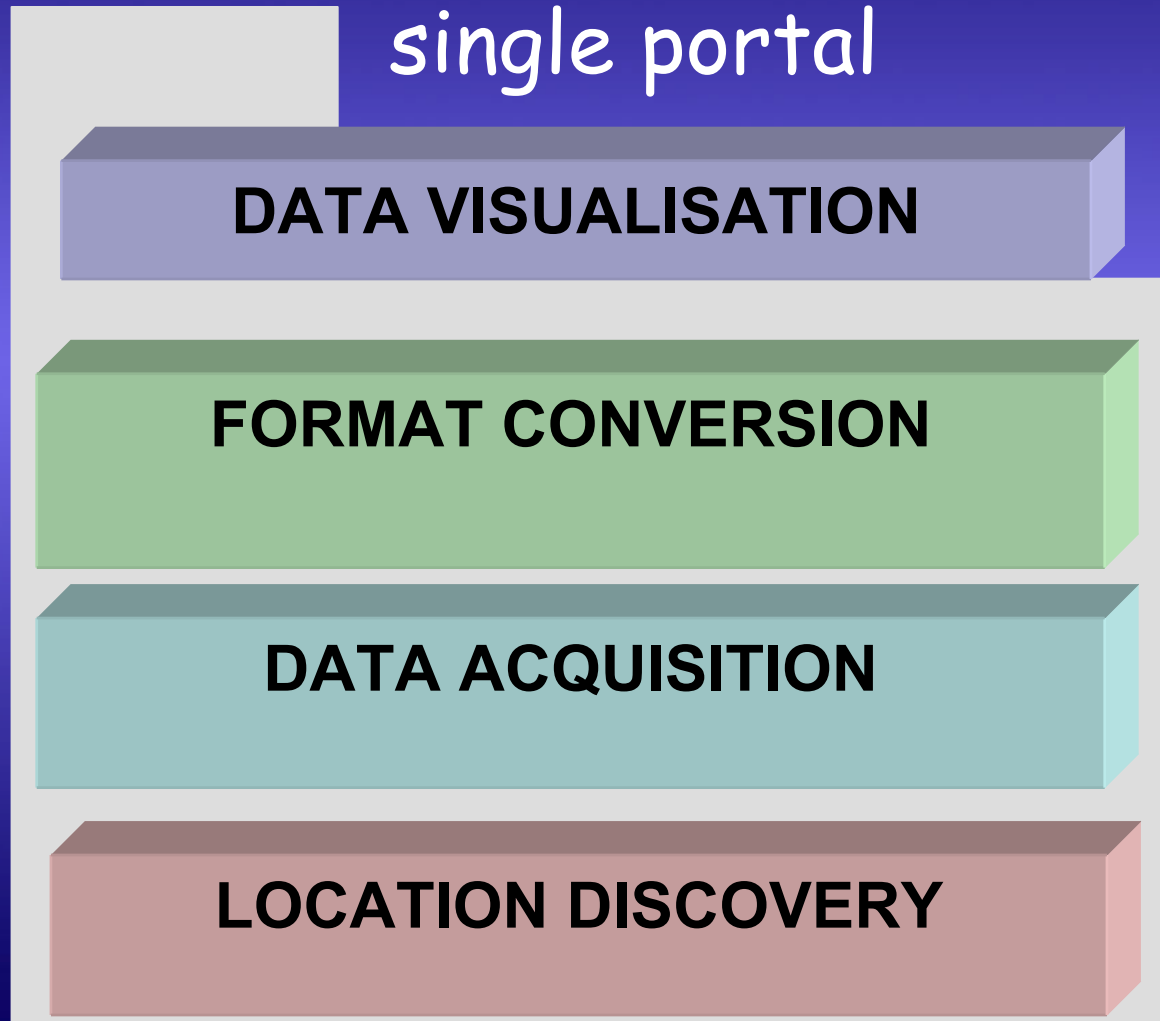
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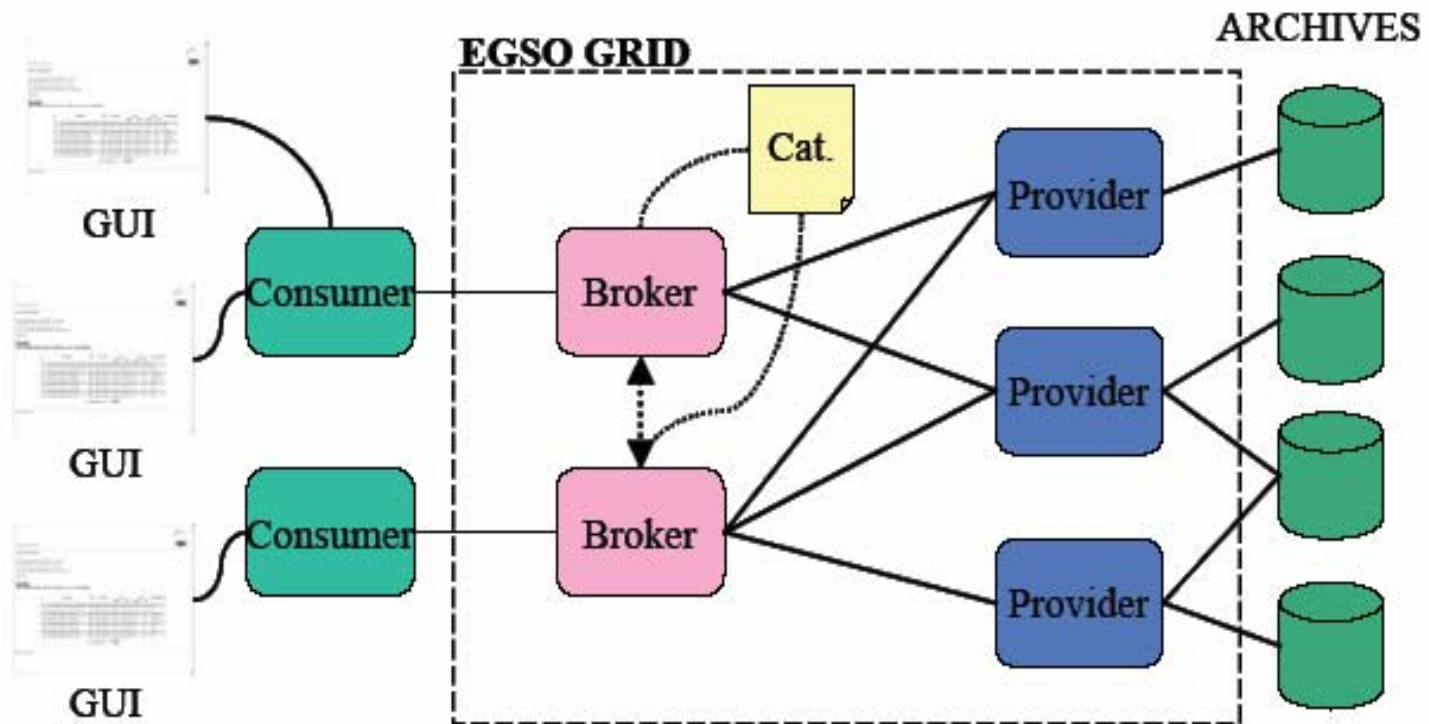
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# Virtual observatory components

Distributed data bases accessed through a  
single portal





**Architecture defined in terms of roles**  
Consumer, Broker and Provider



# Sun-weather/climate

Power:  $4 \times 10^{26}$  W

$2 \times 10^{17}$  W



- Issue:** Reduce the uncertainties in predictions
- Rationale:** To scope mitigation and adaptation strategies more accurately
- Links to national and international policy



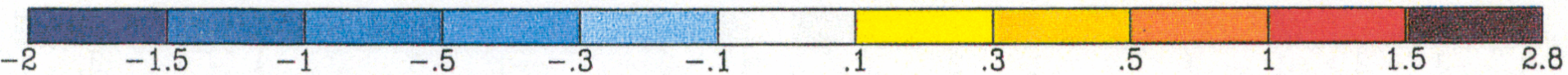
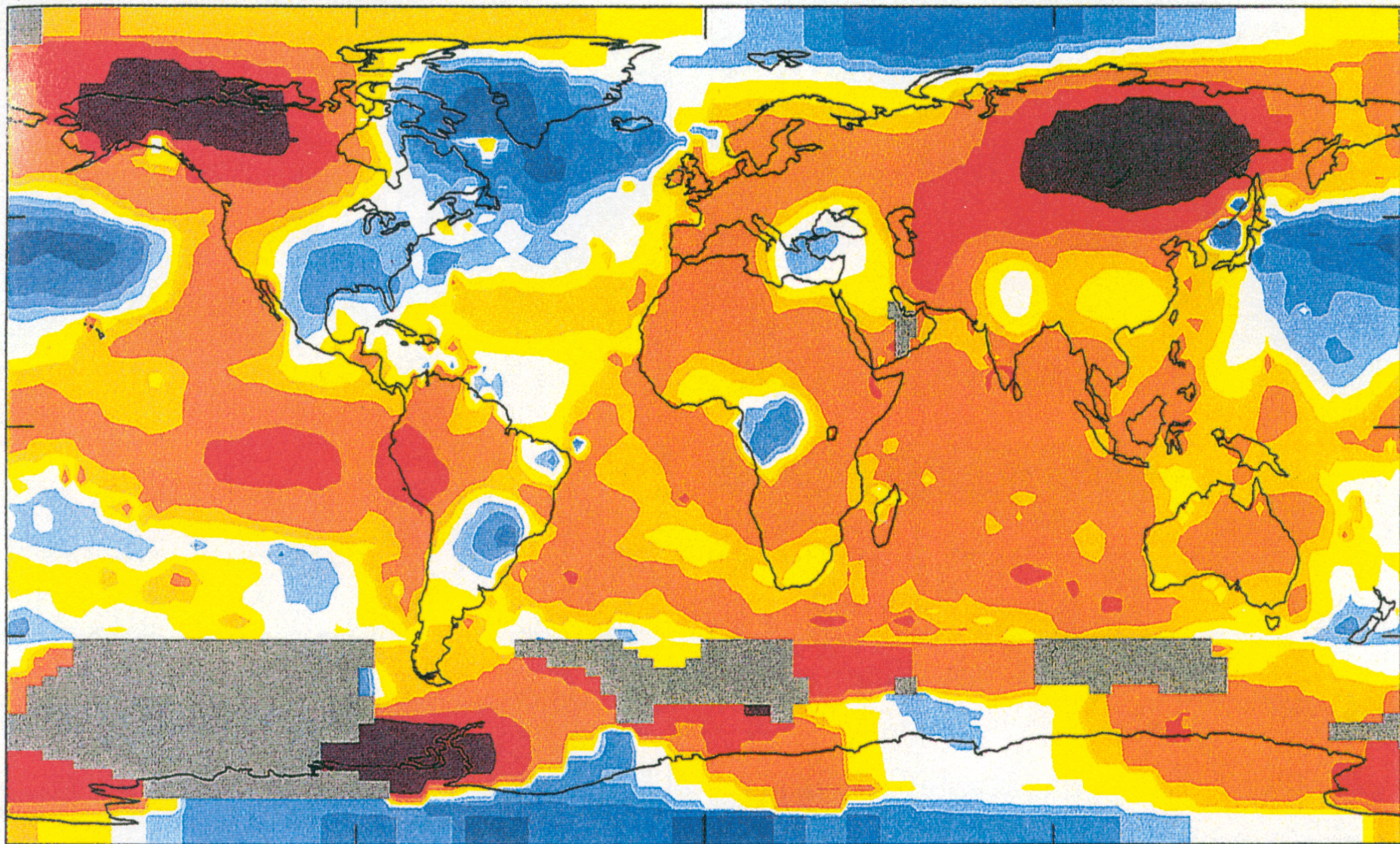
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# Change of Temperature Index Based on Local Linear Trends

(a) 1950 to 1998 Annual Mean

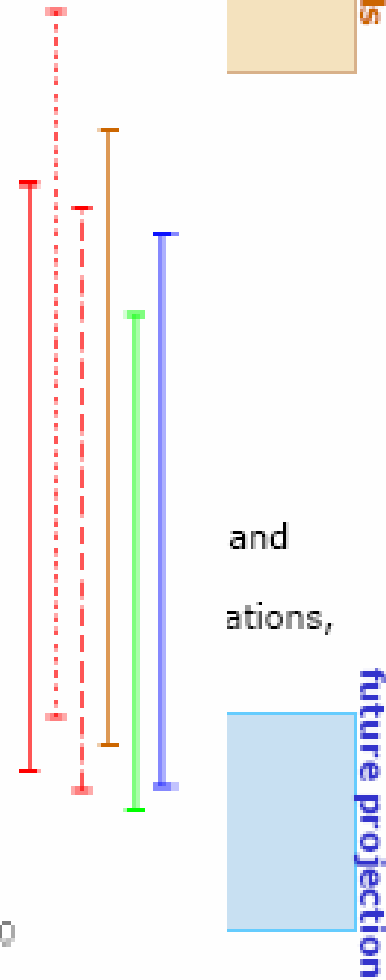
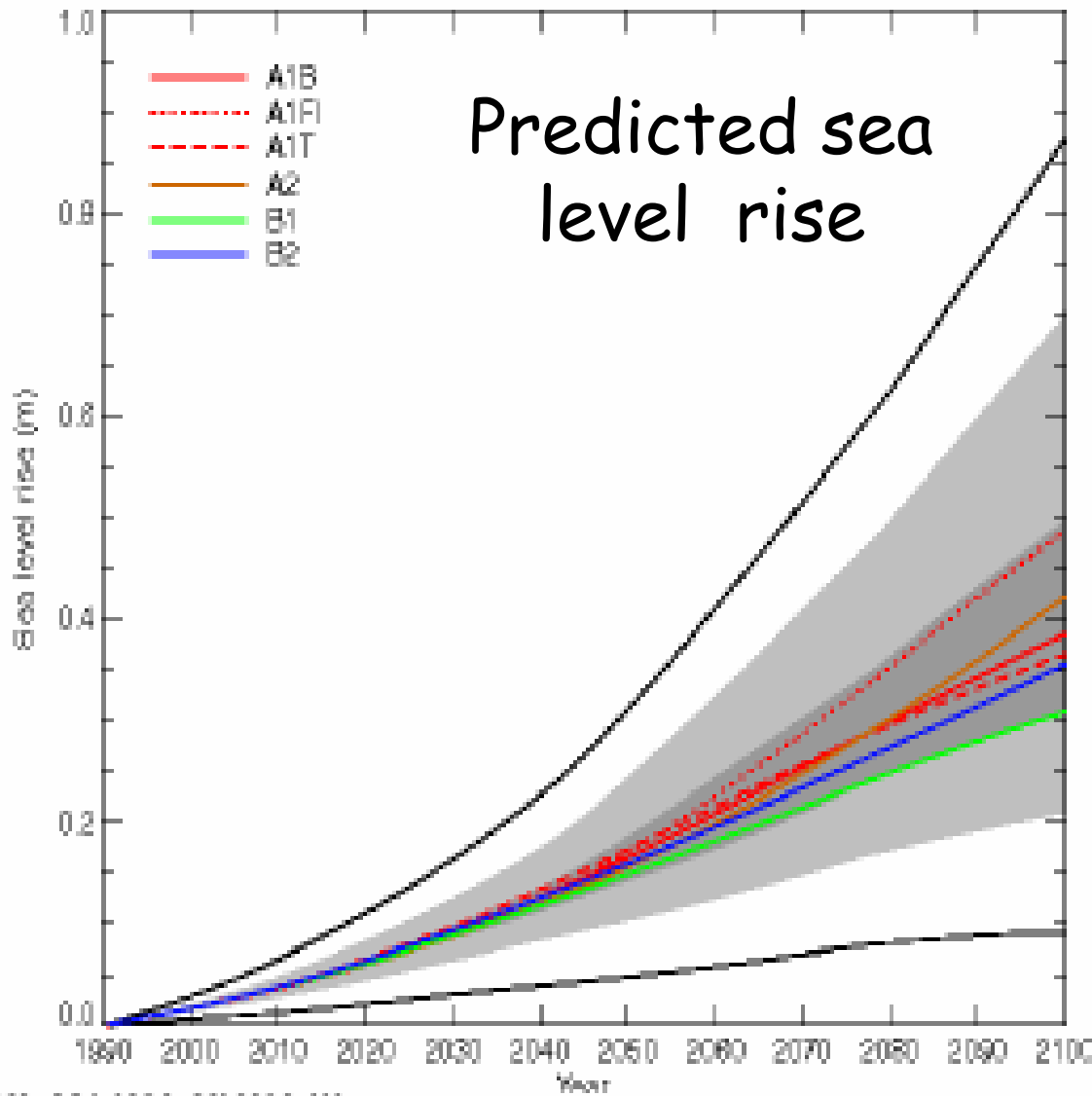
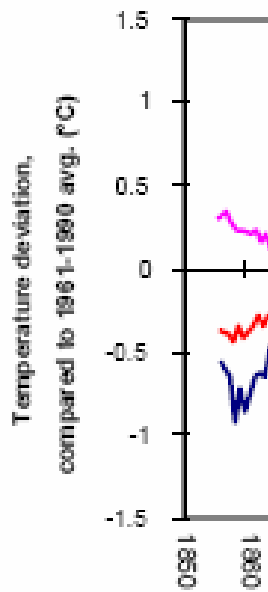
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# Air Temperature

past trends

- Global temperature...
- Europe: mean...
- Summer +0....

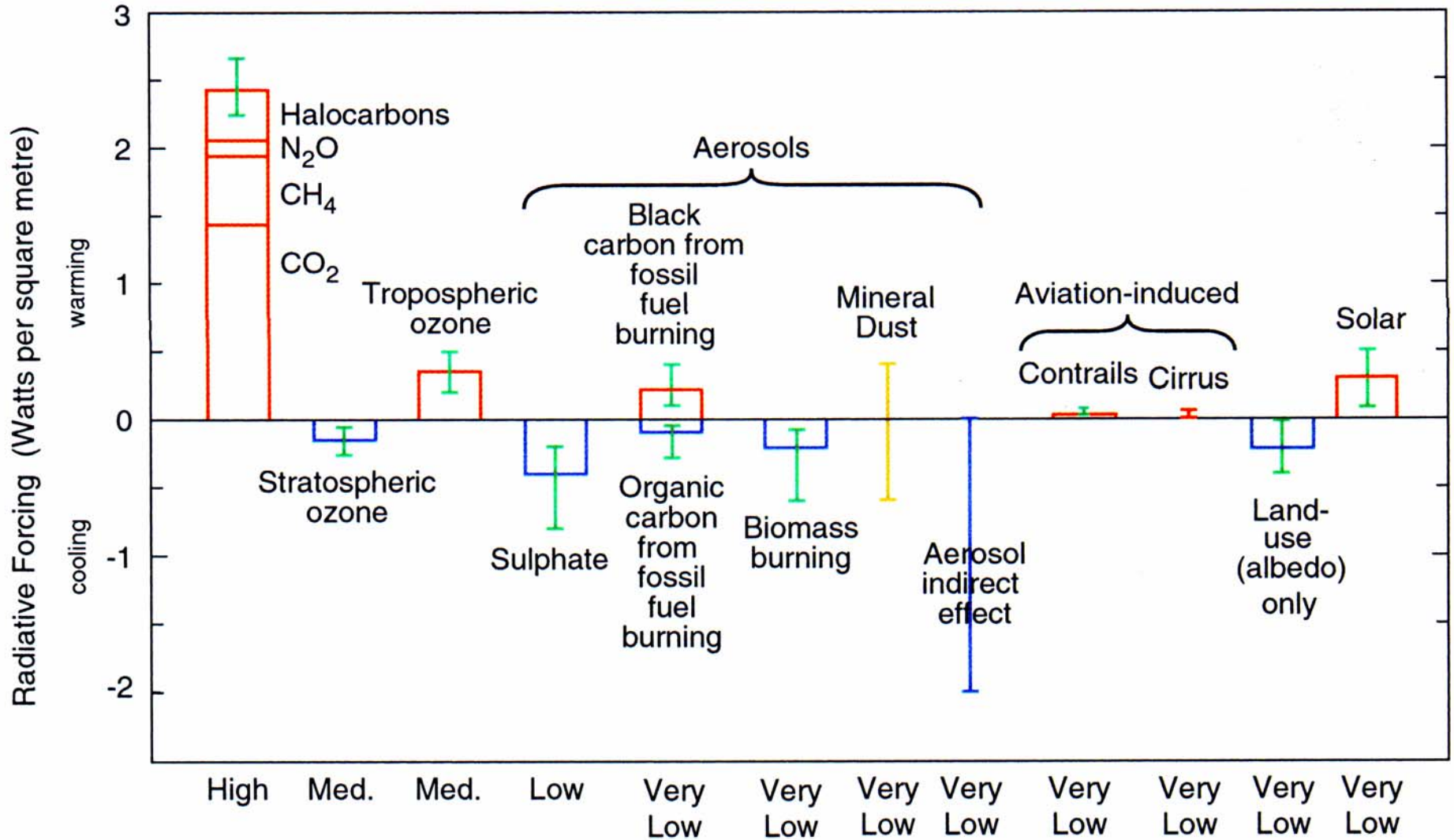


- Global projected...
- Europe: + 2....

Data-sources: IPCC...



# The global mean radiative forcing of the climate system for the year 2000, relative to 1750



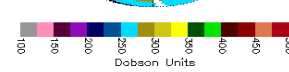
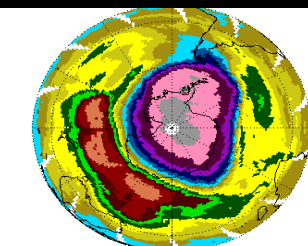
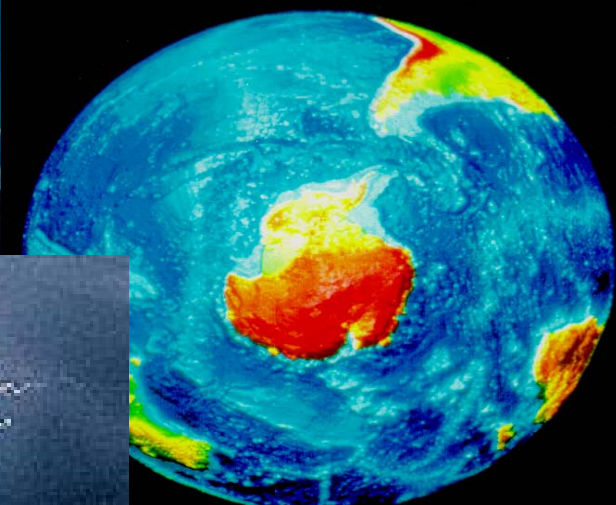
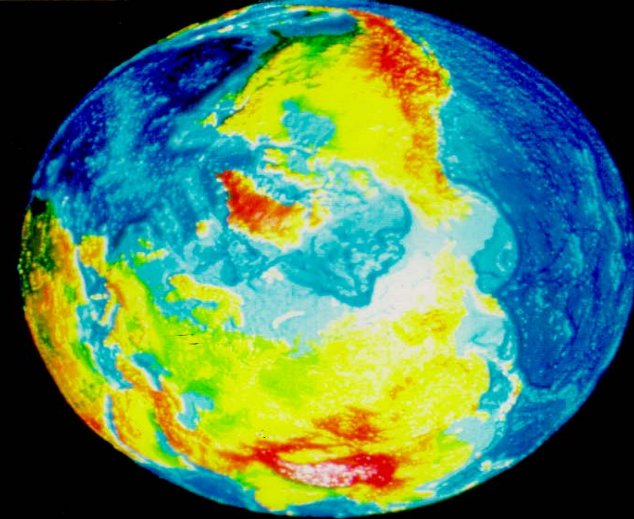
# Influence of the Sun on the Earth's climate

- Solar irradiance
  - Total solar + spectral
- Long term changes in solar activity
  - Paleo data constructions
- Planetary wave reflection
- Aerosols/clouds
  - electric fields
  - cosmic rays



# Impacts on dynamic, thermal, chemical and micro-structure of atmosphere

Vertical coupling



# Influence of the Sun on the Earth's climate

## Science Objectives

Review previous statistics to establish a robust baseline of facts

Quantify the magnitude of the various mechanisms in the troposphere to determine which ones are important

Transferring science results into policy

# Influence of the Sun on the Earth's climate National and international programmes

ISSI Workshop on Solar Variability and Atmospheric Composition, Temperature and Circulation Variations on Terrestrial Planets Bern, Switzerland, June 6 to 10, 2005

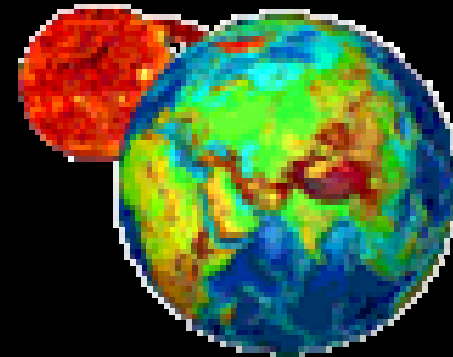


European Solar Terrestrial and Atmospheric Research (E STAR)



Climate And Weather of the Sun-Earth System (CAWSES)

International Living With a Star (ILWS)



## The future

Framework 7 2007-2013

Specific programme opportunity

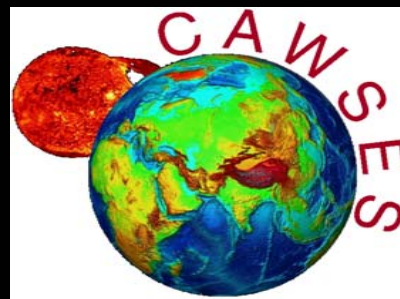
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) -2007

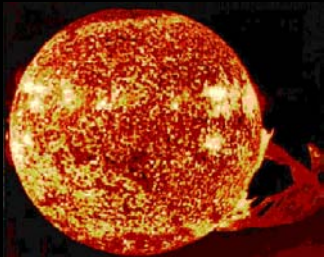


# International Year Initiatives

Several global "I\*Y" initiatives are under development

I*Y Years	Name	Main Sponsor	Website
eGY 2007-2008	Electronic Geophysical Year	IUGG	<a href="http://www.egy.org">http://www.egy.org</a>
IPY 2007-2009	International Polar Year	ICSU WMO	<a href="http://dels.nas.edu/prb/ipy/">http://dels.nas.edu/prb/ipy/</a>
IHY 2007-2008	International Heliophysical Year	NASA	<a href="http://ihy.gsfc.nasa.gov">http://ihy.gsfc.nasa.gov</a>
CAWSES 2004-2008	Climate and Weather in the Sun- Earth System	SCOSTEP	<a href="http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/stp/SCOSTEP/scostep.html">http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/stp/SCOSTEP/scostep.html</a>





# The way forward

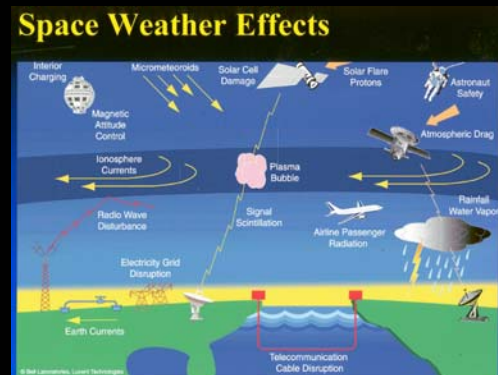


## Comparison with the meteorological community

National and international cooperation over data collection - funded by Governments

Specific forecasts and products produced by business enterprise

Further research funded by Governments



# European Sun/Space-Weather/Climate Data Network

Concept for multiple virtual observatories

## Objective

To bring existing data together to address sets of scientific and operational goals

## Need for coordination and investment

(European Digital upper Atmospheric Server, DIAS)

## World data centre role in 21<sup>st</sup> Century + Regional Warning Centres (ISES)

Common approach/feel/analysis tools/standards with a real time element



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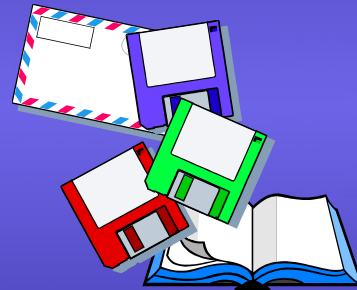
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# To get scientific data from various, mostly distributed sources, a scientist may have to:

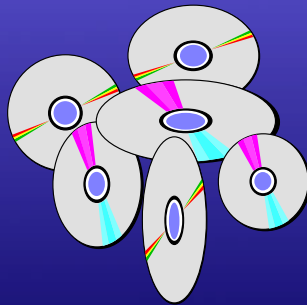
1. Search through a number of data centres, various institutions, observatories, contact colleagues...



2. Get data via snail-mail, air-mail, e-mail, Web...



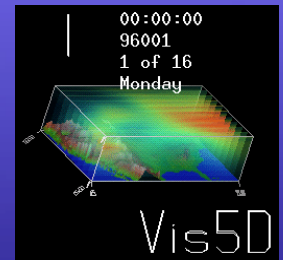
3. Then ingest retrieved data into a local database...



4. Process collected data using mostly proprietary codes, run models... and...



5. Finally, do some science



Increasing requirements  
Interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary science  
Higher resolution - space and time  
Assimilation into models

# Key Conclusions

## Space Weather/Climate

### User needs

- generic data collection - government
- individual forecasts for specialist sector

### Next objectives

- empirical approach with limited physics
- extreme event prediction

## Sun Weather/Climate

- robust review of existing literature
- focus on quantification

Maximise forthcoming opportunities

Integrate Space-Weather and Sun-Weather  
economic AND sustainability benefits