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Forecasting solar activity and climate change: An application at research and exploration stage



"Develop the scientific understanding necessary to effectively address those aspects of the connected Sun-Earth system that directly



Highest Priority!

"Determine how and why the Sun varies (for assessment of past & future role in global climate change).

Identify and understand mechanisms by which solar varibility affects climate (and possibly weather)" G. Withbroe

Space Weather Applications at different stages

Research and exploration stage

- 1) Applications based on forecasting solar activity (i.e. the driver of space weather) and climate (users: power and tourist industry and agriculture)
- a) Improved solar activity forecasts needed b) Improved solar-climate coupling knowledge needed

Implementation stage

- 2) Applications based on forecasting GIC (users: power industry)
- a) Integration of a current knowledge into an implementation
- b) Close collaboration with the users

Commercialization stage

- 3) Applications based on forecasting aurora (users: tourist industry and public)
- a) Marketing
- b) Selling products

Our new research tools and approach

- Physics based neural network models (the first of a series of papers has just been accepted GRL)
- New Wavelet transforms that can study very low S/N signals and detect new oscillations (three papers are ongoing)





Helioseismological results give new inputs to solar activity forecast models









Lund during the Middle Ages and the Maunder minimum





The Swedish king Karl X Gustaf looks at the

ice before the crossing of the Belts 1658.

The battle in Lund follows in December 4, 1676 and Lund becomes Swedish.

The Danish kingdom during Knud the great (1016). During the Middle Ages Lund prospered, Lund was called the capital of Denmark (Metropolis Daniea). Rich could drink excellent wine from England (e.g. from Abbey of Abingdon).

Today Bothy Vineyard, south of Oxford



Solar wind's effect on climate



11 ars, 1.3 variations are seen both in solar wind and NAO.



solar wind E, one month later! That might make forecasts one month ahead possible.

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Collaboration with power industry

We started to collaborate for over 20 years ago with the Swedish power company Sydkraft. Today we collaboarte with all the Swedish power companies through ELFORSK. The Nordic GIC Network was established in Lund 1993. The GIC pilot project will further strengthen the collaboration, e.g. involve Norway.







Latest information on forecasts of Kp, Dst, AE and GIC





