Space Weather Monitoring for Space Weather Services

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Abstract

This lecture will give an introduction to space weather services and underpinning monitoring requirements. Space Weather is a broad field, with comprehensive space and ground-based monitoring requiring measurements of widely varying phenomena taking place on a range of temporal and spatial scales.

Example end-user service requirements will be presented. Corresponding measurement requirements and necessary elements of a space weather monitoring service will then be discussed. An introduction to the trade-offs needed in system design analysis will be given.

The role of space agencies and international organisations in space weather data and service provision will be discussed. In particular, The European Space Agency's activities in the area will be presented including space weather developments planned within the scope of the new Space Situational Awareness Preparatory Pogramme.

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