

# STCE Newsletter

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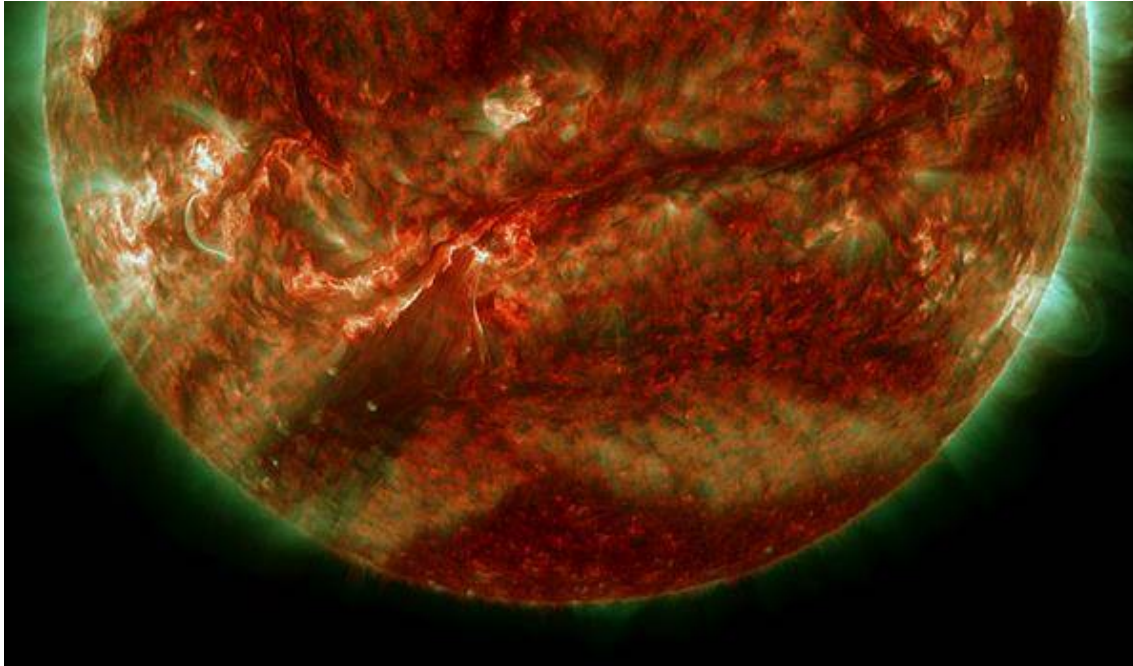
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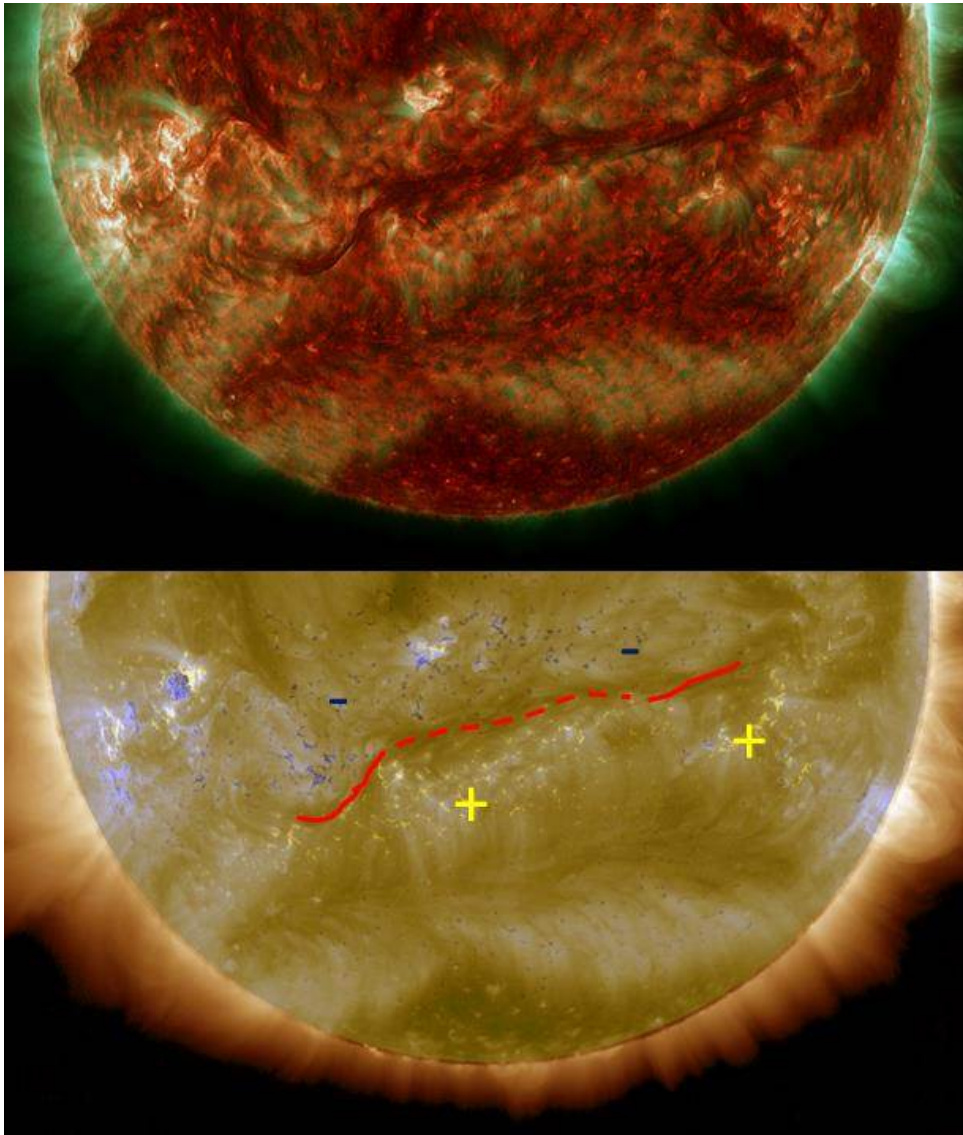
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## 1. Impressive filament eruption

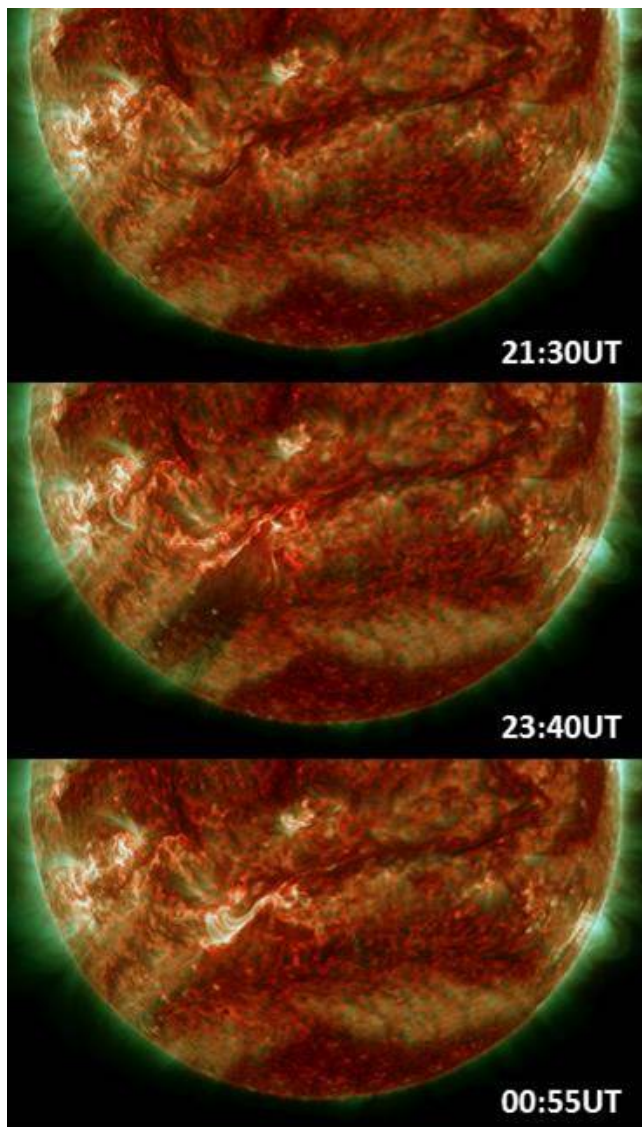
In absence of any large or complex sunspot group, this week's main event was another spectacular filament eruption. This eruption took place late on 4 April and was associated with a long duration C3.8 double ribbon flare that started at 22:16UT, peaked at 00:07UT, and ended at 01:45UT. "Double ribbon" here means that there are two bright ribbons parallel and along the location of the ejected filament.



The image above as well as the top part of figure underneath shows the combined view in extreme ultraviolet (EUV) from the SDO AIA 193 (green; 1.3 million degrees) and AIA 304 (brownish; 80,000 degrees) filters. In the bottom part, a magnetogram is overlaid showing how the filament is squeezed between magnetic fields of opposite polarity (yellow: positive, coming out; blue: negative, returning to the solar interior). The filament is indicated in red, and the filament channel is red-dashed.

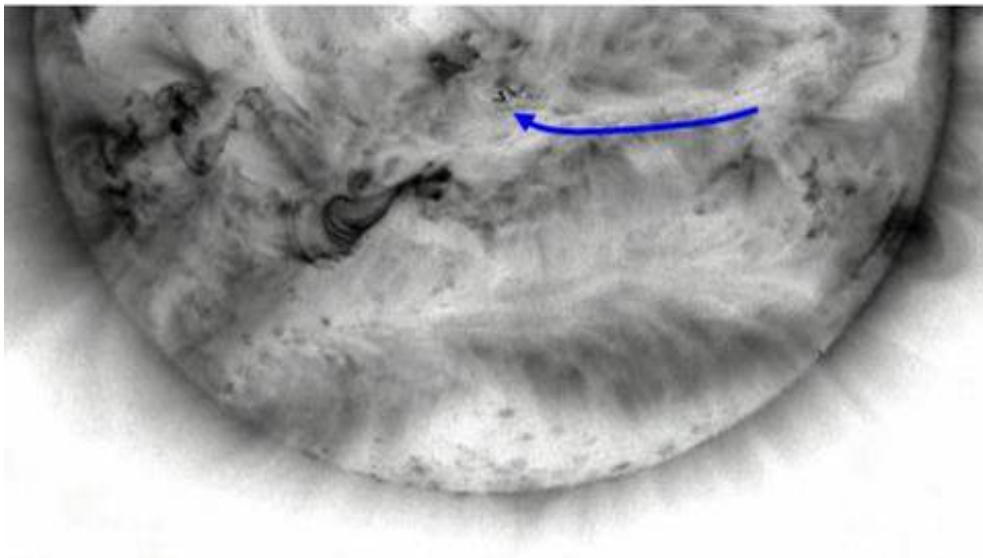
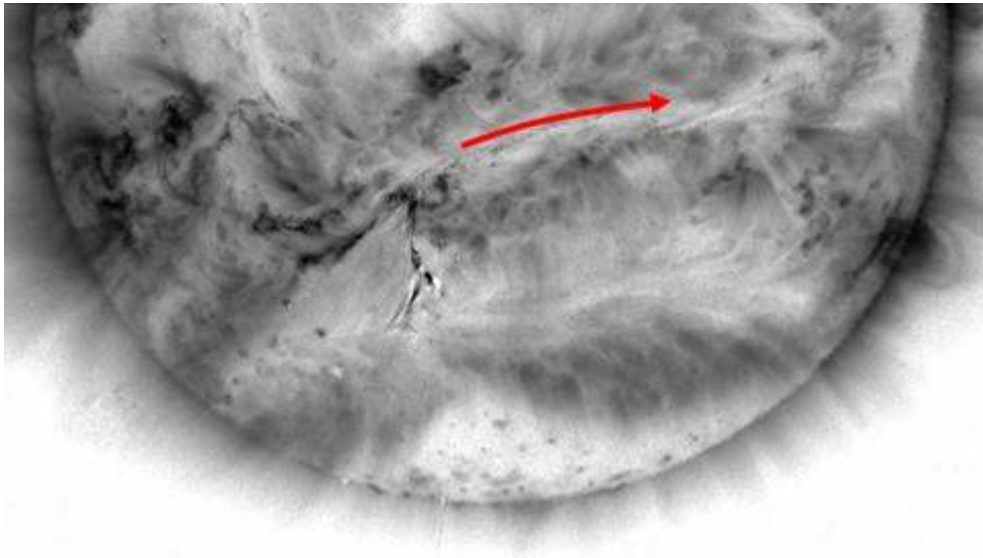


The first three clips in the movie at <https://youtu.be/6zA1nwESiWc> show the evolution of this filament eruption in the above mentioned filters, as well as a zoom. It shows the untwisting of the filament as it erupts, and the obscuration of the underlying solar atmosphere by the ejected material. Also, the series of post-eruption coronal loops -a so-called "arcade"- are well visible, with their footpoints rooted in the elements of opposite magnetic polarity along the filament channel.



The last two clips of the movie show the evolution of the eruption in AIA 193 and a difference movie (one image subtracted from the previous). The latter provides a more detailed view on the specifics of the eruption, in particular the movement of material all along the filament channel as annotated in the images underneath.





Credits - Images for the movie clips were taken from SDO (<http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/data/aiahmi/>) and JHelioviewer (<http://www.jhelioviewer.org/>).

## 2. PROBA2 Observations (30 Mar 2015 - 5 Apr 2015)

### Solar Activity

Solar flare activity fluctuated between quiet and low during the week.

In order to view the activity of this week in more detail, we suggest to go to the following website from which all the daily (normal and difference) movies can be accessed:<http://proba2.oma.be/ssa>

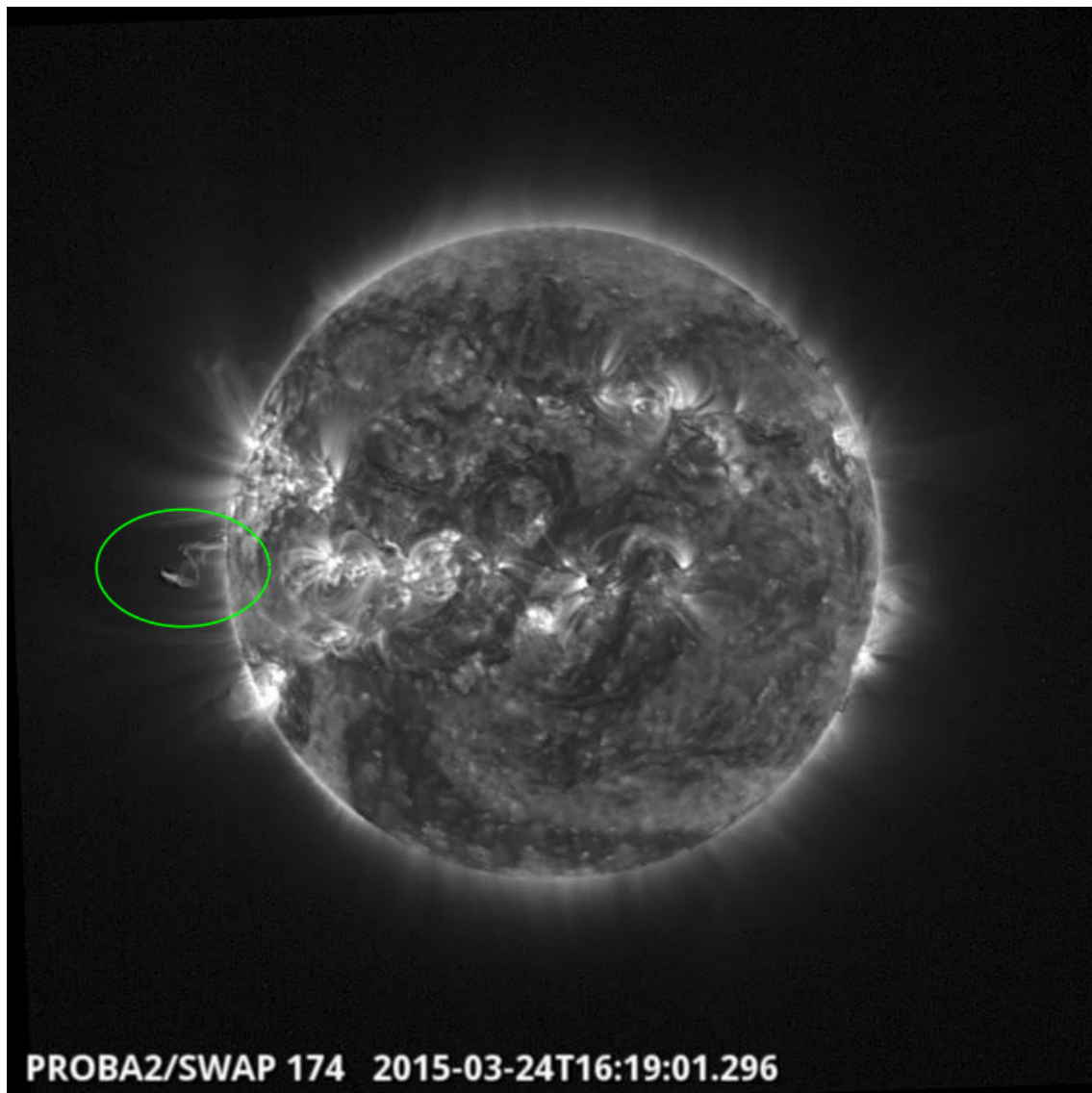
This page also lists the recorded flaring events.

A weekly overview movie can be found here (SWAP week 262).

[http://proba2.oma.be/swap/data/mpg/movies/weekly\\_movies/weekly\\_movie\\_2015\\_03\\_30.mp4](http://proba2.oma.be/swap/data/mpg/movies/weekly_movies/weekly_movie_2015_03_30.mp4)

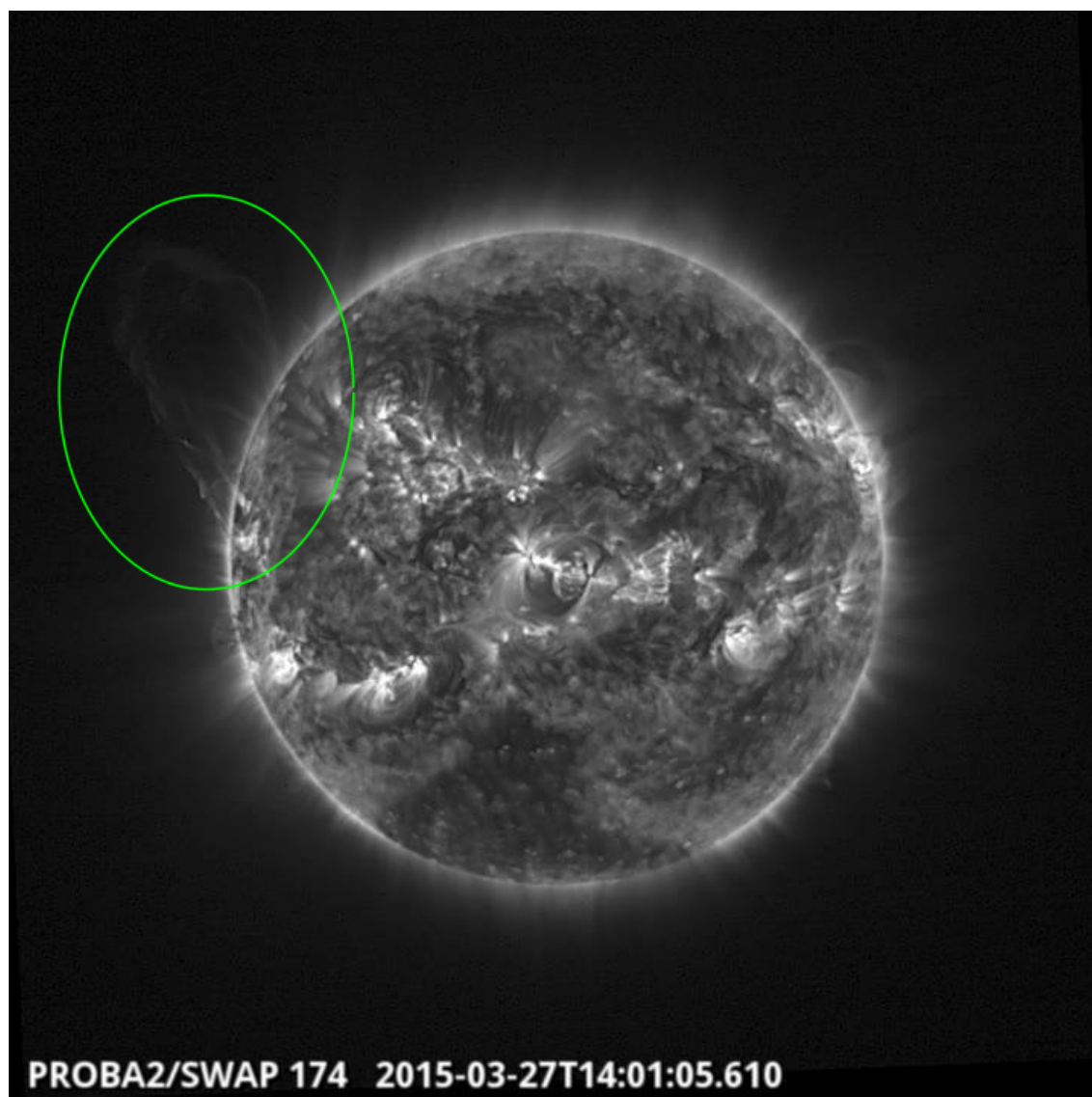
Details about some of this week's events, can be found further below.

Thursday Apr 02



Eruption on the east limb @ 05:28 SWAP image  
Find a movie of the event here (SWAP movie)  
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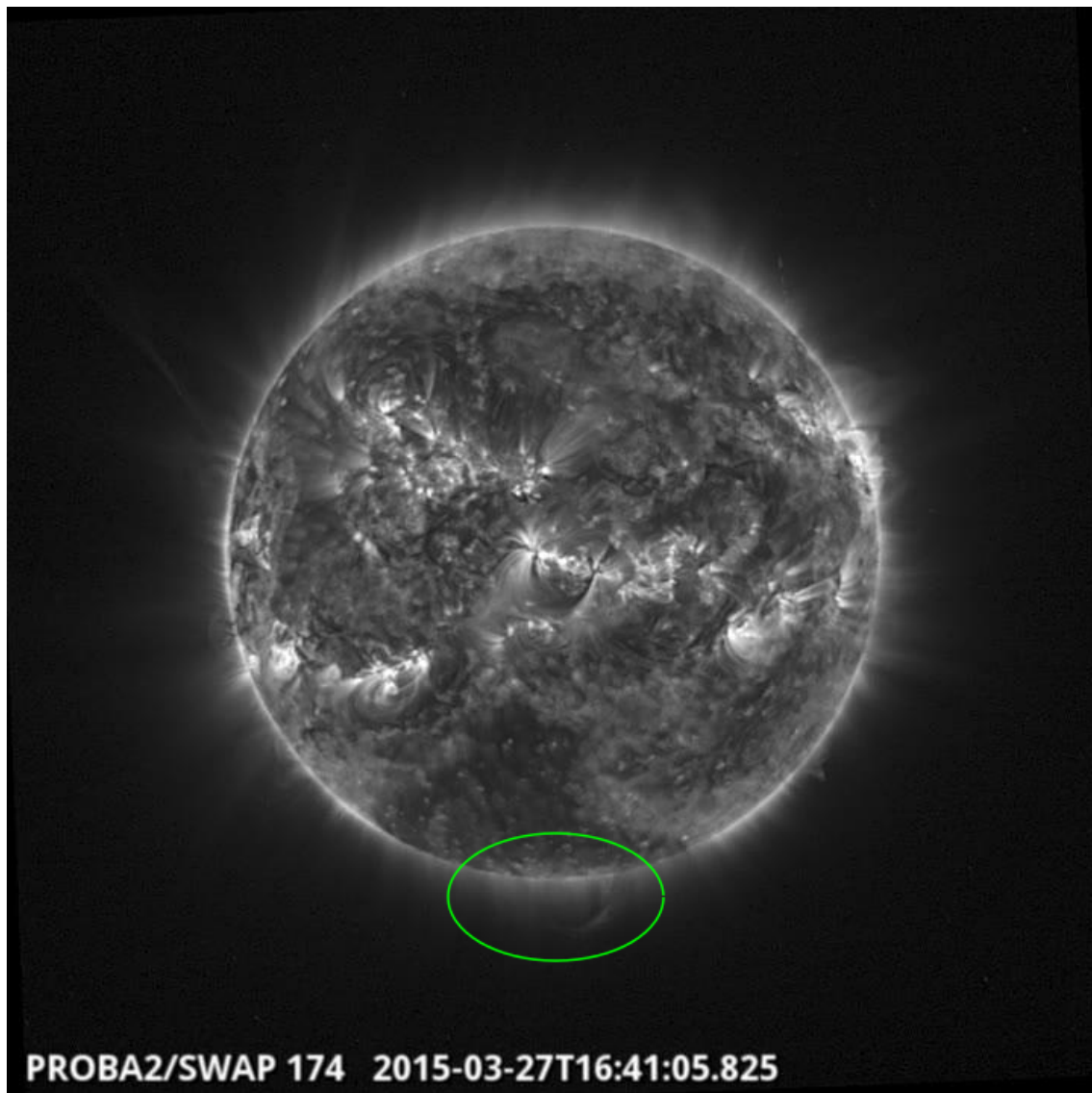


Eruption on the east limb @ 07:39 SWAP image

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**Saturday Apr 04**



Filament eruption in the South near disk centre @ 23:18 SWAP image  
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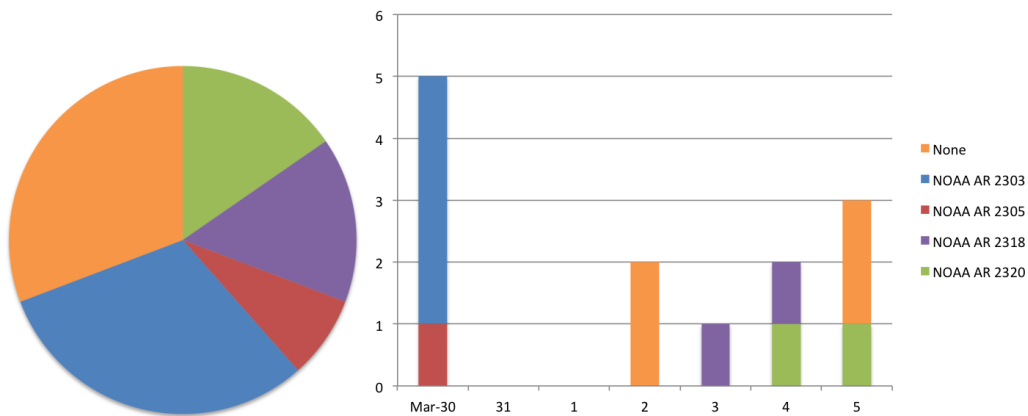
### **3. Review of solar activity**

#### **Active Regions**

Ten active regions were reported by NOAA during the week, with NOAA AR numbers 2303, 2305, 2312, 2313, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320. The strongest flare of the week was the C4.7 flare peaking at 01:52 UT on March 30 in the NOAA AR 2303 that at that moment just passed behind the north-west solar limb.



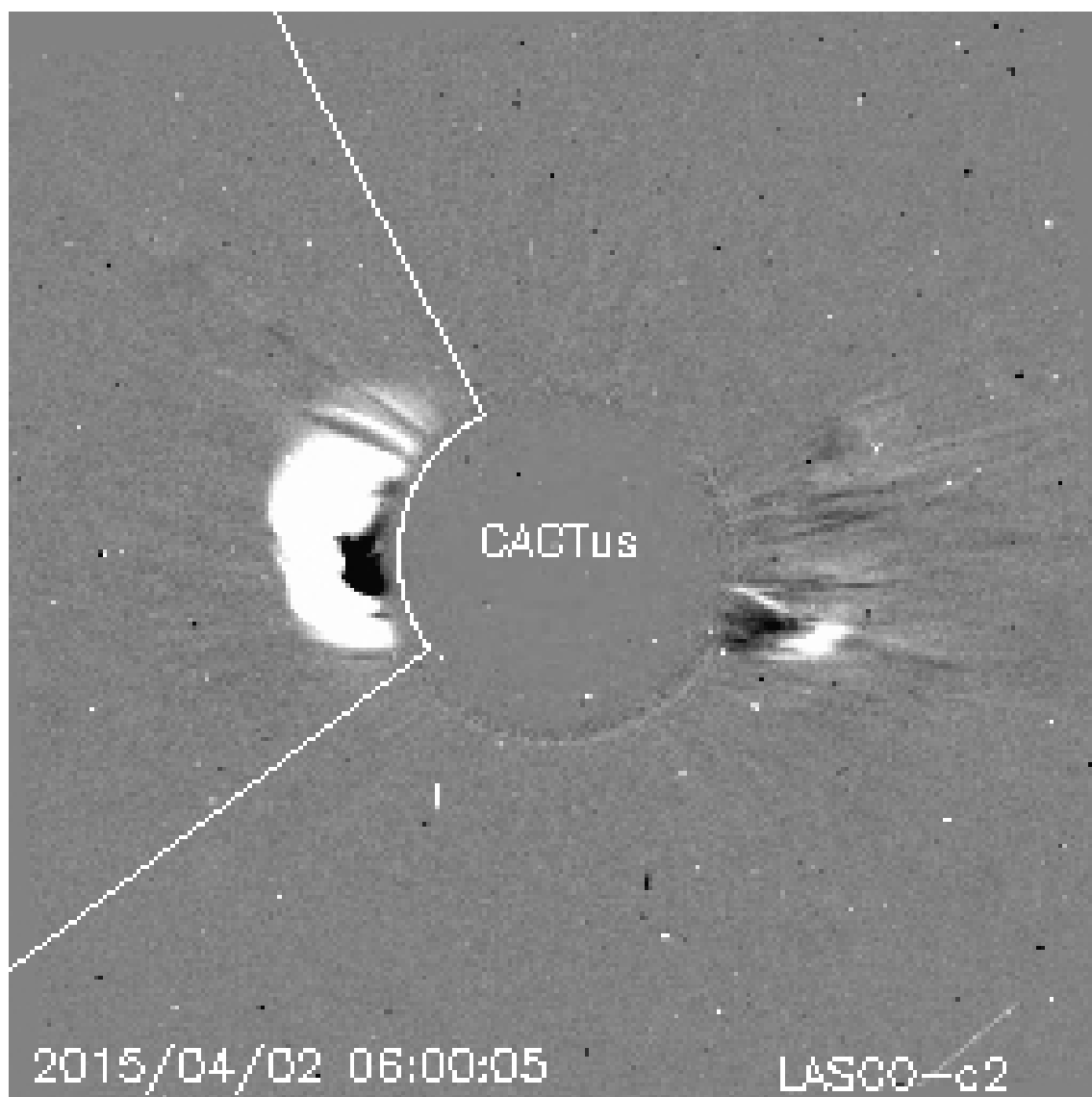
Distribution of >B flares, March 30 – April 5, 2015



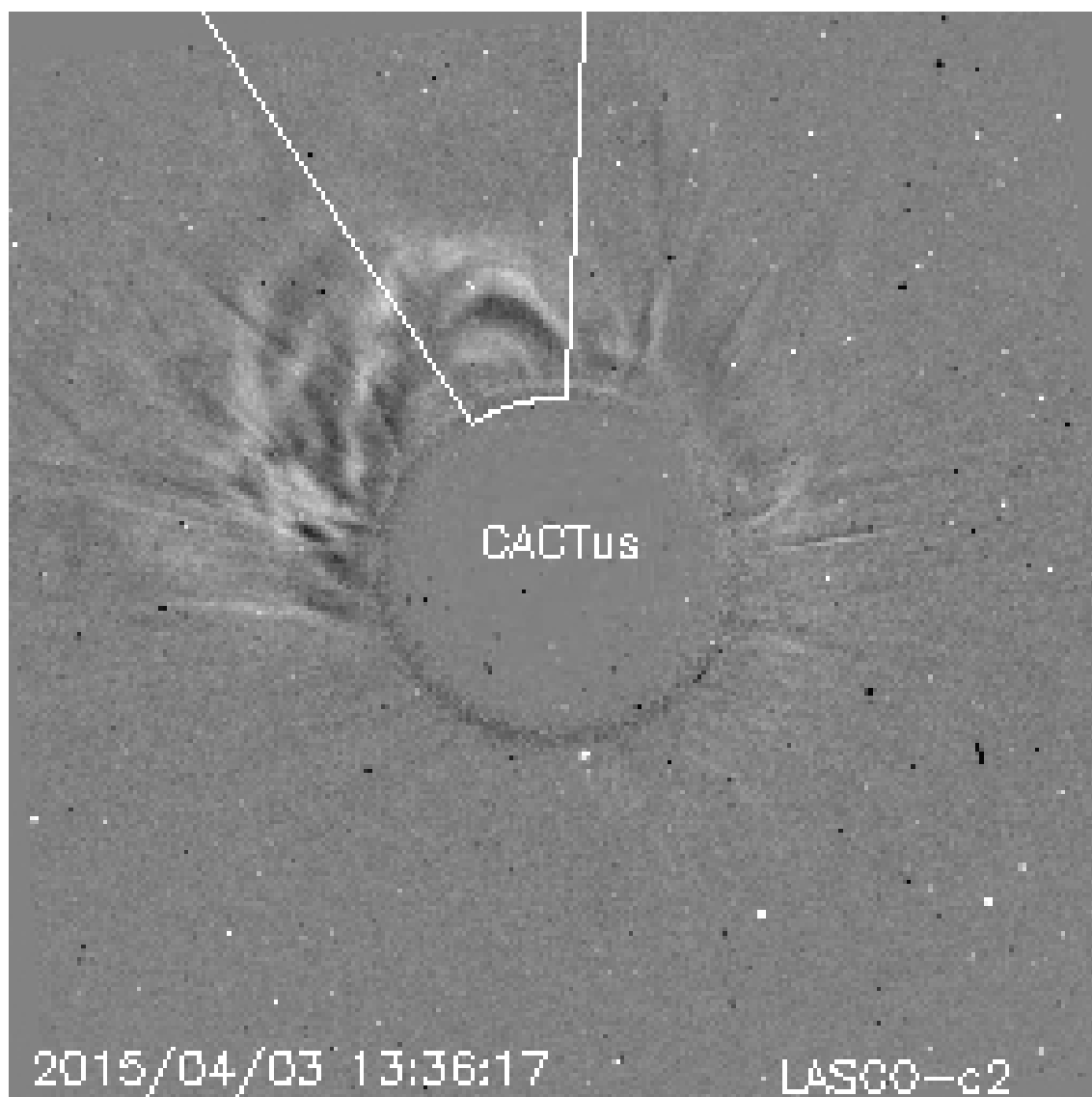
The left chart gives an overview of the total number of flares per NOAA AR region for the indicated week. *None* indicates that the flaring site is not linked with a particular active region. The right chart gives an overview of the flaring activity per NOAA AR per day.

## Plasma Eruptions

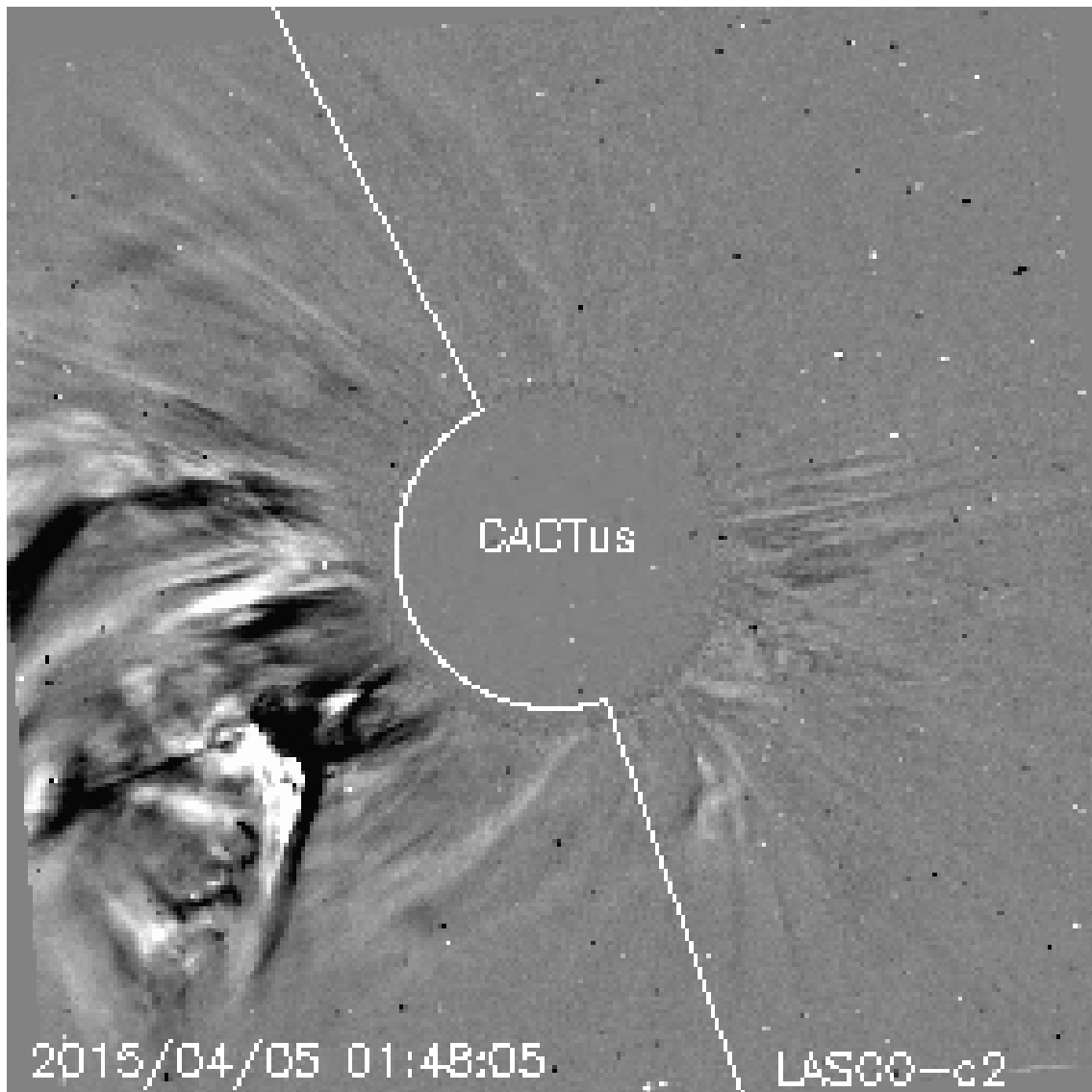
A partial halo CME (angular width around 150 degrees) was first seen in the SOHO/LASCO C2 field of view at 05:48 UT on April 2. It was associated with the C1.3 flare peaking at 05:34 UT on April 2 that occurred in the active region just behind the east solar limb (future NOAA AR 2318). It was therefore a far side limb event, so it did not arrive at the Earth.



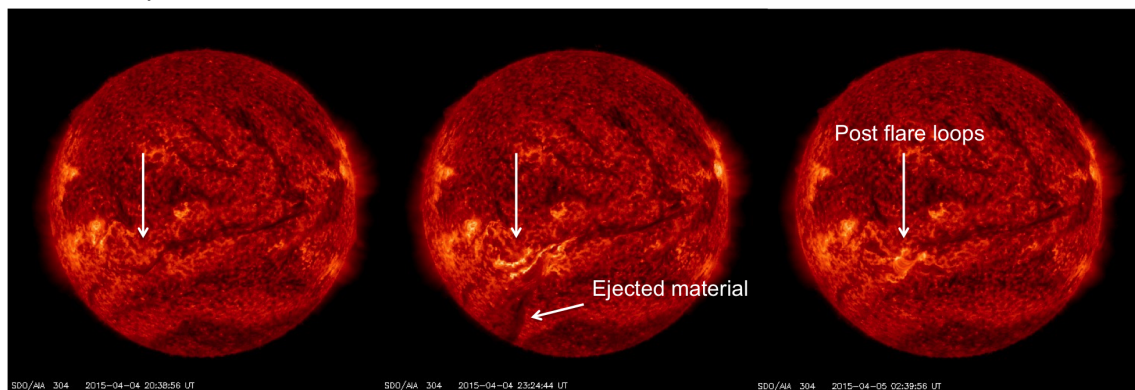
A weak full halo CME was first seen in the LASCO C2 field of view at 12:48 UT on April 3. Due to absence of EUV signatures of the CME in the SDO/AIA data at that time, we believe this CME is a far side event as well.



A partial halo CME was observed by SOHO/LASCO on April 4-5. It first appeared in the LASCO C2 field of view at 23:36 UT on April 4, had the angular width of 230 degrees and projected plane-of-the-sky speed around 760 km/s.



SDO/AIA data show that the CME was accompanied by a filament eruption in the south-east quadrant (to the south of NOAA ARs 2319 and 2320), coronal dimmings, a post-eruption arcade, and a C3.8 flare peaking at 00:07 UT on April 5. This flare is mentioned in the categorie 'None' in the chart above. It is not unthinkable that the second 'None'-flare peaking at 03:36 UT on April 5 is also linked with the filament eruption.

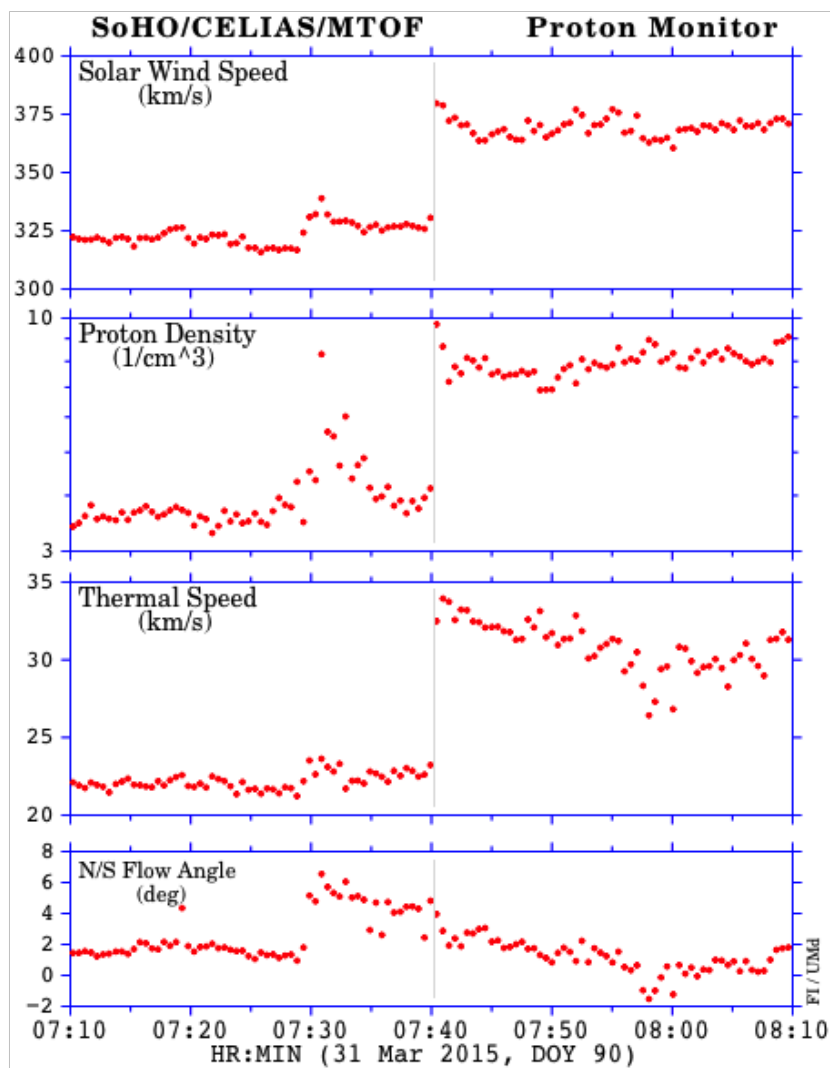


The bulk of the CME material was directed eastward of the Sun-Earth line.

On April 9, two shocks were seen in the solar wind, these are probably CME-driven shocks linked with the glancing blow from the April 4-5 CME.

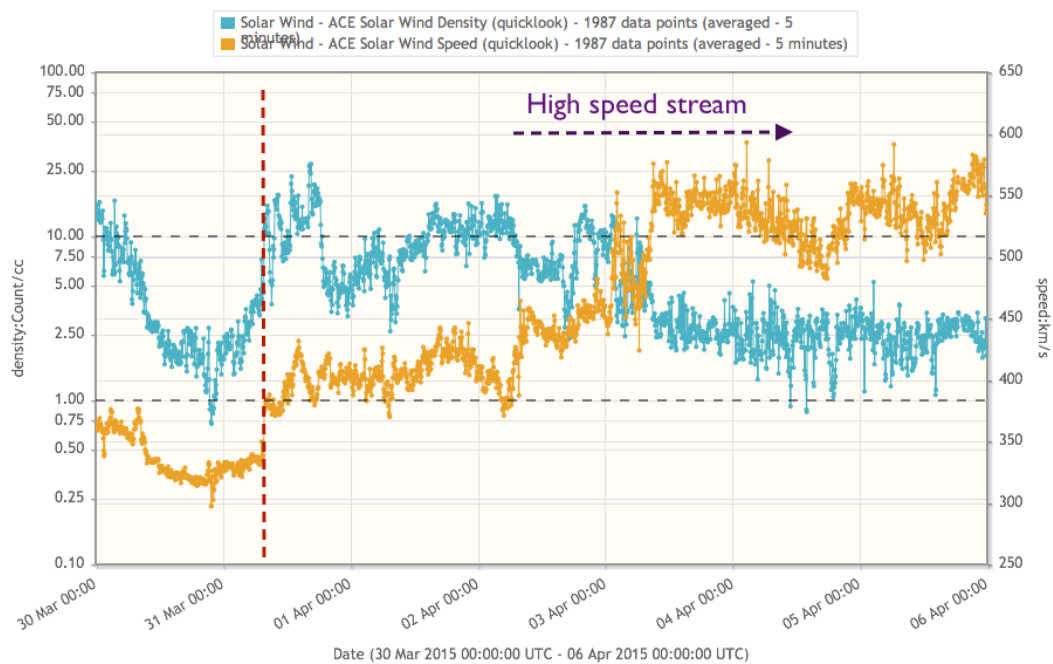
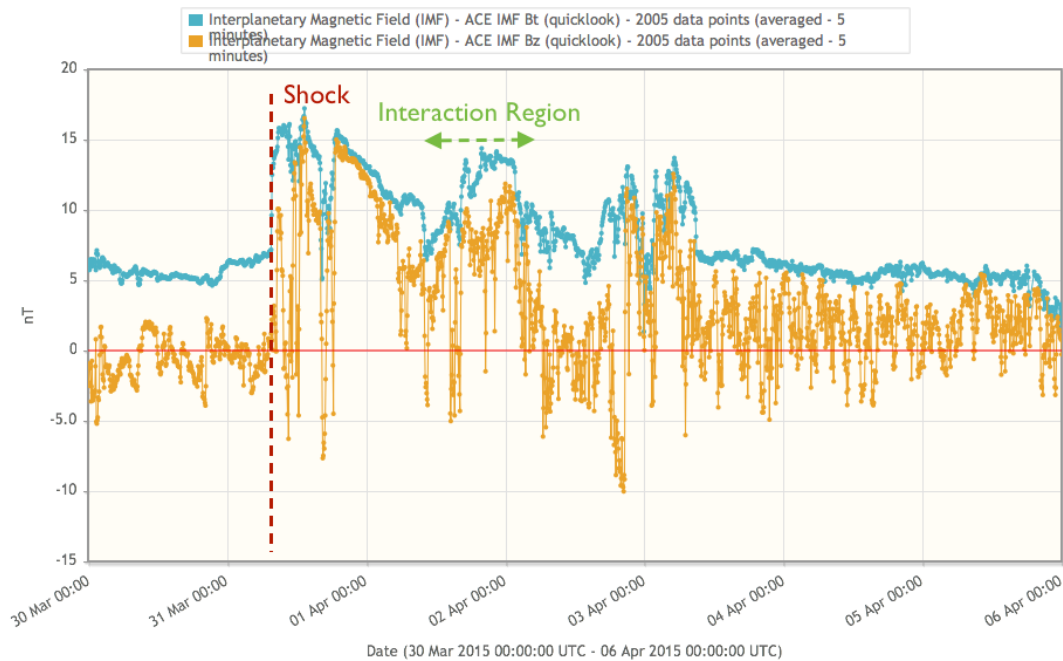
## 4. Review of geomagnetic activity

In the beginning of the week the Earth was inside a slow solar wind flow, and the geomagnetic conditions were quiet. On March 31 at 07:39 UT an interplanetary shock wave was detected by ACE and SOHO/CELIAS (see graph).



The shock was followed by an ICME with the interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) magnitude up to 18 nT. However, due to the predominantly northward direction of the IMF, the geomagnetic conditions remained on the quiet to unsettled level. The solar source of the ICME is not clear.



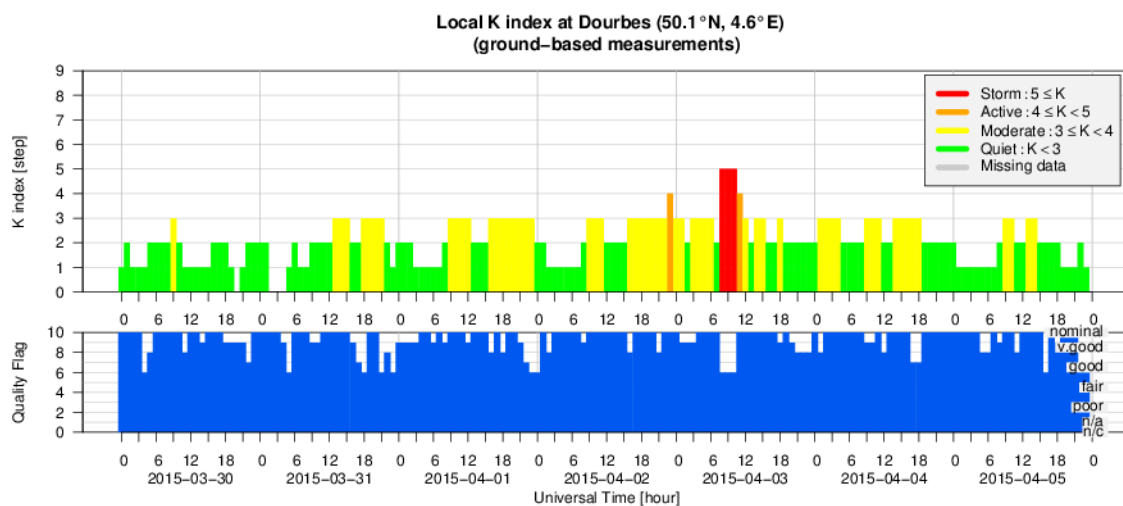


On April 2 the passage of the ICME was over, and the Earth entered a slow solar wind flow followed by the arrival (early on April 3) of the fast stream from a trans-equatorial coronal hole that reached the solar central meridian late on March 30.

In the evening of April 2, in the interaction region between the fast stream and the preceding slow flow, the IMF Bz component stayed negative (down to -10 nT) for around 3 hours, so active geomagnetic conditions ( $K = 4$ ) were reported by IZMIRAN and NOAA. (Intervals of  $K = 5$  reported on April 3

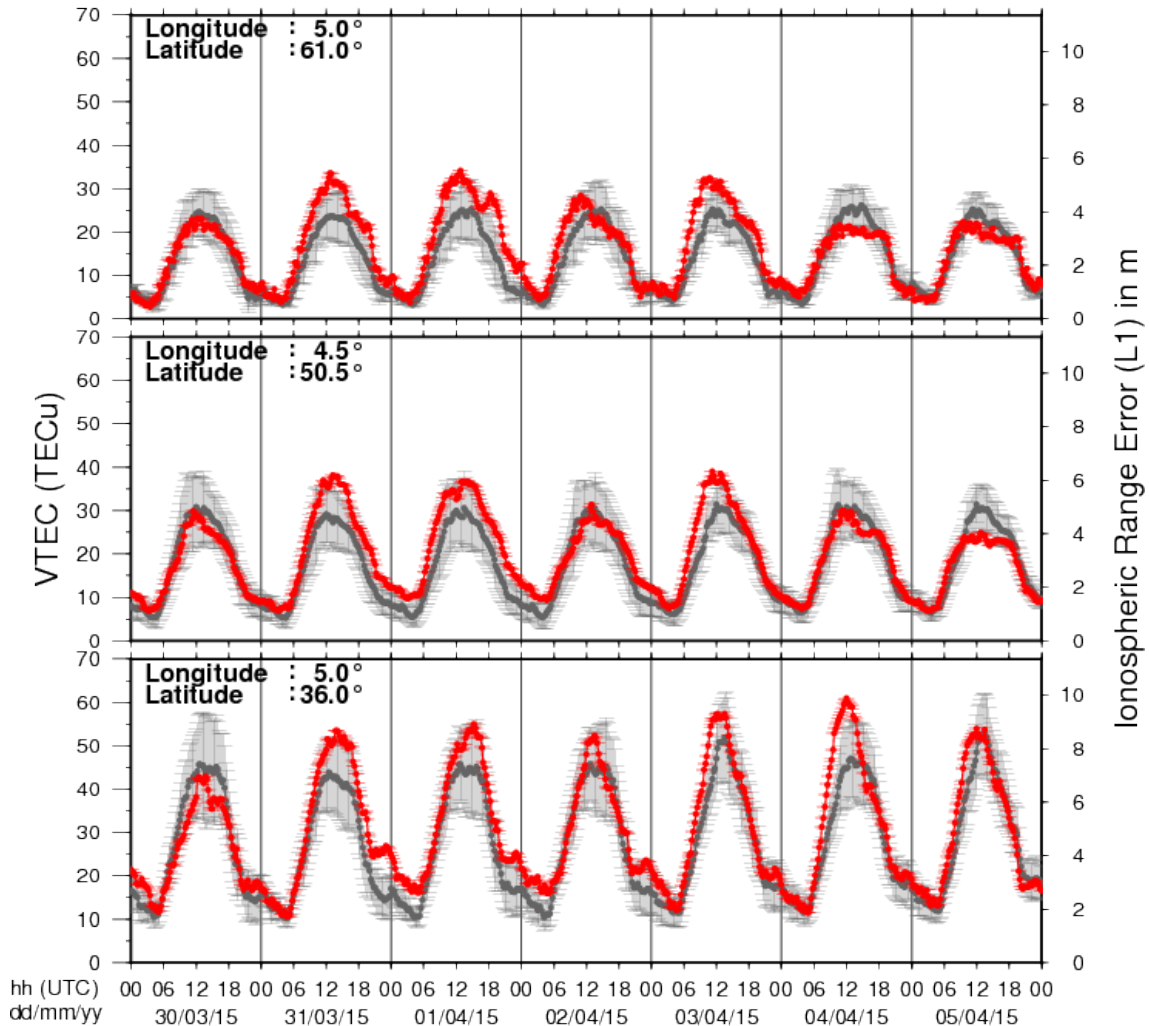
by Dourbes were most probably spurious.) During the passage of the fast stream, the geomagnetic conditions were on the quiet to unsettled level, with only one interval of active geomagnetic conditions (K = 4) reported by IZMIRAN on April 4.

## 5. Geomagnetic Observations at Dourbes (30 Mar 2015 - 5 Apr 2015)



## 6. Review of ionospheric activity (30 Mar 2015 - 5 Apr 2015)

### VTEC Time Series



The figure shows the time evolution of the Vertical Total Electron Content (VTEC) (in red) during the last week at three locations:

- a) in the northern part of Europe (N61°, 5°E)
- b) above Brussels (N50.5°, 4.5°E)
- c) in the southern part of Europe (N36°, 5°E)

This figure also shows (in grey) the normal ionospheric behaviour expected based on the median VTEC from the 15 previous days.

The VTEC is expressed in TECu (with  $\text{TECu} = 10^{16}$  electrons per square meter) and is directly related to the signal propagation delay due to the ionosphere (in figure: delay on GPS L1 frequency).

The Sun's radiation ionizes the Earth's upper atmosphere, the ionosphere, located from about 60km to 1000km above the Earth's surface. The ionization process in the ionosphere produces ions and free electrons. These electrons perturb the propagation of the GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) signals by inducing a so-called ionospheric delay.

See [http://stce.be/newsletter/GNSS\\_final.pdf](http://stce.be/newsletter/GNSS_final.pdf) for some more explanations ; for detailed information, see [http://gnss.be/ionosphere\\_tutorial.php](http://gnss.be/ionosphere_tutorial.php)

## **7. Future Events**

**For more details, see <http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/event/future>**

### **Space Weather Workshop in Boulder, USA**

Start : 2015-04-13 - End : 2015-04-17

Space Weather Workshop is an annual conference that brings industry, academia, and government agencies together in a lively dialog about space weather. What began in 1996 as a conference for the space weather user community, Space Weather Workshop has evolved into the Nation's leading conference on all issues relating to space weather.

The conference addresses the remarkably diverse impacts of space weather on today's technology. The program highlights space weather impacts in several areas, including communications, navigation, spacecraft operations, aviation, and electric power. The presentations and discussions at the Space Weather Workshop also focus on identifying the highest priority needs for operational services that can guide future research and identifying new high-value capabilities that can be transitioned into operations. The conference fosters communication among researchers, space weather service providers, and users of space weather services.

This year also marks the 50th anniversary of daily space weather forecasting, so please join us in celebrating this important milestone!

Website:

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/content/annual-meeting>

### **VarSITI-SCOSTEP conference in Kazrin and Tel Aviv, Israel**

Start : 2015-04-28 - End : 2015-05-01

At present, solar researches and study of active late-type stars achieve a significant advance thanks new observational facilities and progress of the theory. The problems of an evolution of activity at the billion year-time-scales start to be discussed. Superflares were detected on stars younger than the Sun, and the frequency of superflares occurrence was evaluated. The first hypotheses were proposed for evaluation of flare activity level and expected stellar wind fluxes at the epoch when the regular cycle on the Sun was only established. Now it is a time to discuss further directions of perspective investigations which are essential for evaluation of space factor affecting on geo- and bio-sphere in those epochs and space weather forecast.

Website:

[http://www.tau.ac.il/institutes/advanced/cosmic/Conferences/2015-VarSITI\\_Superflares/VarSITI-2015\\_ISR.html](http://www.tau.ac.il/institutes/advanced/cosmic/Conferences/2015-VarSITI_Superflares/VarSITI-2015_ISR.html)

### **Space Weather And Plasma in Space in Kazrin and Tel Aviv, Israel**

Start : 2015-05-02 - End : 2015-05-08

### **Science from an Operational Mission: An L5 Consortium Meeting, in London, UK**

Start : 2015-05-11 - End : 2015-05-14

Objectives for the meeting include:

- \* Agreeing the continuing need for an operational mission to L5
- \* Confirm good science can be achieved from an operational mission
- \* Discuss the instrumentation to be included within the spacecraft
- \* Demonstrate to key stakeholders that there is a global interest and need for an Operational Mission to L5

Website:

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/conference/L5-Consortium-workshop>

### **UKMHD 2015 in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK**

Start : 2015-05-14 - End : 2015-05-15

The annual UKMHD meetings are the premier gathering of the magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) community in the UK, held since 1978. The 2015 meeting will be hosted by the Solar Group in the Department of Mathematics and Information Sciences at Northumbria University.

The meeting brings together astrophysical, laboratory and industrial MHD research communities in the UK. It is the forum where recent progress is reported and future directions in the various aspects of MHD are discussed through invited and contributed talks, poster presentations and scheduled discussion sessions.

Invited speakers are drawn from different areas of MHD to celebrate the breadth of applications in the UK, and this year include Professor Alan Hood (University of St Andrews), Dr Andrew Hillier (DAMTP, Cambridge University), Dr Joanne Mason (Exeter University) and Dr Ken McClements (UK Atomic Energy Authority, Culham).

Website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/ukmhd2015/home>

### **URSI AT-RASC 2015 in Gran Canaria, Spain**

Start : 2015-05-18 - End : 2015-05-22

URSI AT-RASC 2015 will be the first edition of the newly established triennial URSI Atlantic Radio Science Conference as one of the URSI Flagship Conferences. AT-RASC 2015 will have an open scientific program composed of submitted papers within the domains covered by all ten Commissions of URSI.

Website: <http://www.at-rasc.com/>

### **Heliospheric Imaging - A new era of space science and space weather observations in Göttingen, Germany**

Start : 2015-05-19 - End : 2015-05-22

The HELCATS project (see <http://www.helcats-fp7.eu/>) is providing revolutionary new insights into solar wind structure through combining the comprehensive analysis of heliospheric imaging observations from the NASA STEREO spacecraft, in concert with associated remote-sensing and in-situ measurements, with a thorough assessment of appropriate techniques and models. The project recognises that the advent of wide-angle imaging of the inner heliosphere has revolutionised the study of transient and quasi-stationary structures in the solar wind, in particular Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) and Co-rotating Interaction Regions (CIRs). Prior to the development of wide-angle imaging of the inner heliosphere, signatures of such solar wind features could only be observed within a few solar radii of the Sun, and in the vicinity of a few near-Earth and interplanetary probes making in-situ measurements of the solar wind. Heliospheric imaging has, for the first time, filled that vast and crucial observational gap.

We will debate, in particular, the emotive issue of how we associate CMEs with related phenomena observed, for example, on the Sun or in-situ. How do we define (without bias and the need for assumptions such as the relationship between flares and CMEs), a standard set of 'rules', both temporal and spatial, for making such associations? Such standards are crucial when forward and backward-projecting data.

Website:

<http://www.affects-fp7.eu/helcats-meeting/>

### **MHD waves and instabilities in the solar atmosphere in Budapest, Hungary**

Start : 2015-05-25 - End : 2015-05-29

25-27 May 2015: BUKS 2015 - MHD waves: Observational aspects from ground to space - MHD waves: Theory - where are we? - MHD instabilities

27-28 May 2015: Ruderman Honorary meeting - Theory of linear MHD waves - MHD waves instabilities - Non-linear waves in plasmas



29 May 2015: Joint BUKS/Ruderman's conferences excursion - Boat excursion to Szentendre, Visegrad and Esztergom

Website:

[http://swat.group.shef.ac.uk/Conferences/BUKS\\_2015/index.html](http://swat.group.shef.ac.uk/Conferences/BUKS_2015/index.html)

### **Solar Influences on the Magnetosphere, Ionosphere and Atmosphere in Sunny Beach, Bulgaria**

Start : 2015-06-01 - End : 2015-06-05

Check the website for more information.

Website:

<http://ws-sozopol.stil.bas.bg/>

### **Los Alamos Space Weather Summer School, in Los Alamos, NM, USA**

Start : 2015-06-01 - End : 2015-07-24

The Space Weather Summer School at Los Alamos National Laboratory, established in 2011 under the founding Director Josef Koller, is dedicated to space weather, space science and applications. Every year we solicit applications for the Los Alamos Space Weather Summer School. This summer school is sponsored and supported by a number of organizations at LANL. This year our top sponsors include the Los Alamos Institute of Geophysics, Planetary Physics and Signatures (IGPPS) and the Laboratory Directed Research and Development Office (LDRD). The summer school brings together top space science students with internationally recognized researchers at LANL in an educational and collaborative atmosphere.

Website:

<http://www.swx-school.lanl.gov/>

### **RadioSun4 Workshop & Summer School in Irkutsk, Russia**

Start : 2015-06-08 - End : 2015-06-12

The RadioSun Workshop and Summer School 2015 is the fourth international academic seminar supported by the International Research Staff Exchange Scheme of the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union (FP7-IRSES-295272-RADIOSUN). The aims of this project are to establish close research interaction and collaboration between the key EU and non-EU research groups involved in the research of the Sun in the radio band; qualitatively advance our knowledge of the physical processes operating in the solar atmosphere, the basic mechanisms responsible for its evolution and dynamics and its effect on the Earth; and provide younger researchers with extensive training in relevant research techniques and with universal transfer.

Website:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/physics/staff/research/davidpascoe/radiosun>

### **Solar dynamo frontier workshop in Boulder, CO (USA)**

Start : 2015-06-09 - End : 2015-06-12

The last five years have seen substantial progress in our understanding of the solar dynamo, fueled by continuing advances in observations and modeling. With the launch of NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO) in 2010 came an unprecedented window on the evolving magnetic topology of the Sun, highlighting its intricate 3D structure and global connectivity. The Helioseismic Magnetic Imager (HMI) instrument on SDO in particular has provided potentially transformative yet enigmatic insights into the internal dynamics of the solar convection zone that underlie the dynamo. Attempts to detect subsurface convective motions from helioseismic inversions have yielded only upper limits on the large-scale convective amplitude, challenging our understanding of global solar convection. Yet, potential signatures of giant cells have been detected in photospheric Dopplergrams. Estimates of the meridional flow from HMI and complementary instruments (SOHO/MDI and GONG) have been equally tantalizing and enigmatic. Several disparate techniques, including local and global helioseismic inversions and correlation tracking of surface features, have yielded evidence of a multi-cellular meridional flow but they differ on the detailed flow structure and amplitude. This multi-cellular meridional flow has potentially

profound implications for flux-transport dynamo models that previously assumed a very different structure with a single circulation cell per hemisphere.

Website:

<https://www2.hao.ucar.edu/Workshop/Solar-Dynamo-Frontiers>

## **National Astronomy Meeting 2015 in Llandudno, UK**

Start : 2015-07-05 - End : 2015-07-09

We would like to invite you to submit contributed abstracts to the parallel session "The science of space weather: progressing our understanding" at the 2015 UK National Astronomy Meeting from 5-9 July (<http://nam2015.org>). The abstract-submission deadline is 1 April 2015. Observers, modellers, and theoreticians are all welcome. We also welcome participation from end users interested in how the science of space weather is advancing.

The science of space weather: progressing our understanding

The goal of this session is to provide an opportunity to discuss the scientific research that underpins space weather and how a new generation of operational space weather measurements could best be utilised to further progress our understanding. Specific topics are likely to include 1) gaps in our understanding of space weather and how to resolve them, 2) new space and ground-based data that are needed, 3) new science that can be carried out with the operational space weather measurements being planned today.

This session is motivated by the fact that the UK has a strong heritage in the science of the coupled Sun-Earth system, from both an observational and theoretical perspective. This research is increasingly being applied to the area of space weather monitoring and forecasting, a topic that is now nationally recognised as an important natural hazard for the UK (highly ranked in the National Risk Register) and the subsequent opening of the Met Office Space Weather Operations Centre in 2014.

Up until now, both the research and the space weather monitoring and forecasting have utilised mainly data from instrumentation (both space- and ground-based) designed to answer pertinent scientific questions, though some operational instruments (e.g. the X-ray and particle detectors on NOAA's GOES spacecraft) are also widely exploited for scientific use. However, there is now growing interest in deploying more instruments, in space and on the ground, designed to support operational space weather services. Such operational measurements can facilitate new science, as demonstrated by the extensive research use of GOES data, but it is important that the limitations imposed by operational needs are discussed.

Website: <http://nam2015.org/>

## **CISM Space Weather Summer School in Boulder, CO, USA**

Start : 2015-07-13 - End : 2015-07-24

The CISM Summer School is intended to give students a comprehensive immersion in the subject of space weather: what it is, what it does, and what can be done about it. Space weather is many things: beautiful when seen through the eyes of a sun-viewing telescope, fascinating when studied for its alien worlds of magnetic structures and phenomena, awesome when witnessed as a solar eruption or auroral storm, and devastating to the users of services it disrupts. Space weather links the Sun, the Earth, and the space in between in a branching chain of consequences. Weather systems on the Sun can spawn interplanetary storms of colossal size and energy that envelop the whole planet in electrical hurricanes. Such storms attack high-tech, complex, and expensive technological systems that provide much of the infrastructure that allows modern society to function.

Website:

<https://www2.hao.ucar.edu/Events/2015-CISM-Summer-School>

## **Loops7: Heating of the Magnetically Closed Corona in Cambridge, UK**

Start : 2015-07-21 - End : 2015-07-23

The conference will review past and recent achievements, as well as future challenges in the field of solar coronal loop physics.

Website:

<http://www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/user/astro/cl7/index.html>

### **Heliophysics Summer School 2015: Seasons in Space: Cycles of variability of Sun-Planet systems, in Boulder, CO, USA**

Start : 2015-07-28 - End : 2015-08-04

Heliophysics is all of the science common to the field of the Sun-Earth connections. This fast-developing field of research covers many traditional sub-disciplines of space physics, astrophysics, and climate studies. The NASA Living with a Star program, with its focus on the basic science underlying all aspects of space weather, acts as a catalyst to bring the many research disciplines together to deepen our understanding of the system of systems formed by the Sun-Earth connection.

Website:

<http://www.heliophysics.ucar.edu/>

### **34th International Cosmic Ray Conference (ICRC) in The Hague, The Netherlands**

Start : 2015-07-30 - End : 2015-08-06

The 34th International Cosmic Ray Conference (ICRC) will be held from July 30 to August 6, 2015, in The Hague, The Netherlands. It is an important and large conference in the field of Astroparticle Physics. The ICRC covers: cosmic-ray physics, solar and heliospheric physics, gamma-ray astronomy, neutrino astronomy, and dark matter physics.

Website: <http://icrc2015.nl>

### **SOLARNET III / HELAS VII: The Sun, the stars, and solar-stellar relations, in Freiburg (Germany)**

Start : 2015-08-31 - End : 2015-09-04

The purpose of this conference is to discuss the latest questions and results in solar and stellar physics. Solar and stellar seismology will be one particular focus but contributions on all aspects of solar-stellar relations will be welcome. We aim to establish links and synergies between the day- and night-time fields of astrophysics.

Website:

<http://www.iac.es/congreso/solarnet-3meeting/>

### **1st Joint Solar Probe Plus-Solar Orbiter Workshop, in Florence (Italy)**

Start : 2015-09-02 - End : 2015-09-04

The Workshop will address how the joint exploration of the corona and inner heliosphere will lead to advances in our understanding of coronal heating and solar wind acceleration, the magnetic and plasma structure of the heliosphere, and the acceleration of energetic particles at shocks and flares. The workshop will inspire research that will make use of SO and SPP observations within the context of the NASA Heliophysics Observatory System and identify key areas for preparatory research. Synergistic observations from other ground based and space based assets will also be addressed.

Website:

<http://www.solarprobeplus.org/2015/>

### **International Workshop and School on Solar System plasma in Mamaia, Romania**

Start : 2015-09-06 - End : 2015-09-13

The International Workshop and School on solar system plasma turbulence, intermittency and multifractals (STORM 2015) focus on the quantitative experimental, theoretical and numerical investigation of turbulence, intermittency, fractal/multifractal features, waves and coherent structures interaction, criticality and non-linear cross-scale coupling. As widely documented by in-situ satellite measurements and remote or ground-based observations, turbulence, intermittency and dynamical complexity are quite ubiquitous processes observed in the dynamics of solar, planetary and

interplanetary plasmas, as well as in the dynamical evolution of proxies linked to magnetospheric and ionospheric variability.

Unfolding the spatio-temporal structure of magnetic field and plasma fluctuations from experimental observations and numerical simulations provides further insight on the structure of plasma turbulence and intermittency. On the theoretical side, the understanding of such complex dynamical behavior cannot be simply surmised from the basic fluid/kinetic equations, but instead requires novel theoretical, experimental and data analysis approaches. The workshop is a forum to present and discuss latest results in these fields. The purpose of the school is to give to a young audience of Graduate, Ph.D. students, and postdoc scientists, which ideally represents the next generation of scholars in the physics of space plasmas, an overall view of both theoretical and data analysis tools apt to fully exploit unique and unprecedented observations that will be provided by future upcoming mission like Solar Orbiter and Solar Probe Plus.

Website:

<http://www.space-science.ro/conferences/storm2015/>

### **RADECS-2015 in Moscow, Russia**

Start : 2015-09-14 - End : 2015-09-18

The aim of RADECS conferences is to provide an annual European forum for the presentation and discussion of the latest advances in the field of radiation effects on electronic and photonic materials, devices, circuits, sensors, and systems. The scope of the conference encompasses technological processes and design techniques for producing radiation tolerant systems for space, aeronautical or terrestrial applications, as well as relevant methodologies for their characterization and qualification. The conference features a technical program, an Industrial Exhibition, and one day tutorial or "short course" on radiation effects. The technical program includes oral and poster sessions and round tables.

Website:

<http://www.radecs2015.org/>

### **Heliospheric physical processes for understanding Solar-Terrestrial Relations in L'Aquila, Italie**

Start : 2015-09-21 - End : 2015-09-26

A good understanding of solar-terrestrial processes is fundamental to modelling the influence of solar variability on the Earth's environment and climate. To capture all the physical aspects of the solar wind-magnetosphere-ionosphere-atmosphere interaction, and also the impact of solar variability on climate, the Sun-Earth system has to be studied as a whole. The main purpose of this school is to provide graduate, PhD students and also young post-doc researchers with a global view of the main physical processes by which solar variability affects the Earth's environment. In addition, an overview of different data analysis and methods for describing solar-terrestrial relations will be given. The school will provide a mix of lectures and activities requiring students participation.

Website:

<http://www.cifs-iss.org/>

### **Ground-based Solar Observations in the Space Instrumentation Era in Coimbra, Portugal**

Start : 2015-10-05 - End : 2015-10-09

This CSPM-2015 scientific meeting will cover various aspects of solar dynamic and magnetic phenomena which are observed over the entire electromagnetic spectrum: white-light, H $\alpha$ , Ca II, and radio from ground and in a variety of other wavelengths (white light, UV and EUV, and X-rays) from space. Emphasis will also be placed on instrumentation, observing techniques, and solar image processing techniques, as well as theory and modelling through detailed radiative transfer in increasingly realistic MHD models. The long-term (cyclic) evolution of solar magnetism and its consequence for the solar atmosphere, eruptive phenomena, solar irradiation variations, and space weather, will be in focus. Here, special attention will be devoted to the long-term observations made in Coimbra and also to the results of the SPRING / SOLARNET and SCOSTEP VarSITI studies. In particular, the weak solar activity

during the current solar maximum will be discussed. Finally, since this meeting is organised around the 90th anniversary of performing the first spectroheliographic observations in Coimbra, a session will be specially dedicated to new solar instruments (both ground-based and space-borne) that will give access to unexplored solar atmospheric features and dynamic phenomena over the coming years.

Website:

<http://www.mat.uc.pt/~cspm2015/>

### **Third Remote Sensing of the Inner Heliosphere and Space Weather Applications Workshop in Morelai, Michoacan (Mexico)**

Start : 2015-10-19 - End : 2015-10-23

The workshop aims to gather experts from the various fields of remote sensing observations of the inner heliosphere, including white light, EUV, and radio observation, together with modellers in order to tackle key outstanding science and space weather operational issues, establish closer working relations, and devise the best ways to move the field forward as a whole. In addition, the science learned from remote sensing observations is critical to improving our capabilities of space weather forecasting. The workshop aims to look at ways in which we can more easily and efficiently share and access the various types of data between individual groups and subcommunities and to officially launch the IPS Common Data Format v1.0 (IPSCDFv1.0) now in use. It also aims to allow investigations into ways in which we model the inner heliosphere looking at the advantages and disadvantages of the available modelling, updates on present and future remote sensing capabilities, and investigating further the ways in which these data sets all complement each other and are necessary to gain knowledge and understanding of the fundamental physical processes that occur within the inner heliosphere. These are critical processes that are key to both Heliophysics science as well as to space weather operations and forecasting.

Website:

<http://www.sciesmex.unam.mx/workshop2015/>

### **2015 Sun-Climate Symposium in Savannah, Georgia, USA**

Start : 2015-11-10 - End : 2015-11-13

Observations of the Sun and Earth from space have revolutionized our view and understanding about impacts of solar variability and anthropogenic forcing on Earth climate. For more than three solar cycles since 1978, the total and spectral solar irradiance (TSI and SSI) and global terrestrial atmosphere/surface have been observed continuously, enabling unprecedented quality data for Sun-climate studies. The primary objective of this symposium is to convene climate scientists, solar physicists, and experimentalists together for a better understanding how Earth climate system changes and responds to solar variability.

Website: <http://lasp.colorado.edu/home/sorce/news-events/meetings/2015-sun-climate-symposium/>

### **41st COSPAR Scientific Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey**

Start : 2016-07-30 - End : 2016-08-07

The 41st COSPAR Scientific Assembly will be held in Istanbul, Turkey from 30 July - 7 August 2016. This Assembly is open to all bona fide scientists.

Website:

<https://www.cospar-assembly.org/>



## **8. New documents in the European Space Weather Portal Repository**

See <http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository>

### **STCE - De verschillende vormen van zonneactiviteit en hun invloed op de mens en zijn technologie**

e Zon, Helios, Sol, ... er bestaan vele namen voor die gele bol die dagelijks ons hemelgewelf doorkruist en onze warmte- en lichtbron bij uitstek is. Dankzij satellietwaarnemingen hebben we onze ster leren kennen als een dynamisch en explosief hemelobject dat aan de basis ligt van het zogenaamde ruimteweer dat een belangrijke impact heeft op onze technologie. Bijdrage aan een editie 'Zonnestormen en hun impact op elektrische netten' van het Revue E tijdschrift - 130ste jaargang - nr 2-2014(juin/juni 2014)  
<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=566>

### **STCE - Earth's magnetosphere and ionosphere**

The Earth's magnetic field creates a cavity in interplanetary space, called the magnetosphere. Physical processes in this region of space determine how mass and energy from the solar wind reach the ionosphere, the partially ionized upper atmosphere. Magnetosphere and ionosphere are strongly coupled. Together, they modulate the impacts of solar activity on man and technology. This paper presents a brief overview of the magnetosphere-ionosphere system under quiet conditions, followed by a summary of the most important dynamic effects during disturbed conditions. Contribution to the edition 'Zonnestormen en hun impact op elektrische netten' van het Revue E tijdschrift - 130ste jaargang - nr 2-2014(juin/juni 2014)  
<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=567>

### **STCE - The Geomagnetic Field: an Actively Changing Global Phenomenon**

The Earth's magnetic field varies on a wide range of timescales, from long time trends caused by internal processes to rapid fluctuations caused primarily by solar events. Nowadays, the magnetic field is continually being monitored by worldwide networks of observatories. Different indices have been developed to characterise the magnetic activity, and various services exist to alert users in case of a magnetic disturbance. Contribution to the edition 'Zonnestormen en hun impact op elektrische netten' van het Revue E tijdschrift - 130ste jaargang - nr 2-2014(juin/juni 2014)  
<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=568>

### **SOLSPEC - On solar radius measurements during the rising phase of solar cycle 24**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.  
<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=569>

### **SOLSPEC - The COSIR Model and the Solar Cycle 24**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.  
<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=570>

### **SOLSPEC - The future life of SOLAR ISS data, long term preservation and distribution**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.  
<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=571>

### **SOLSPEC - B.USOC SOLAR Operations, Concept and Services**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=572>

### **SOLSPEC - General description of SOLAR/SOLSPEC**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=573>

### **SOLSPEC - History of the SOLSPEC instrument**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=574>

### **SOLSPEC - SOLAR/SOLSPEC IR status**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=575>

### **SOLSPEC - SORCE - Spectral Irradiance Monitor**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=576>

### **SOLSPEC - Seven years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC on ISS**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=577>

### **SOLSPEC - Comparison of SOLSPEC and SORCE SOLSTICE in the Ultraviolet**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=578>

### **SOLSPEC - Absolute radiometry, status of our knowledge Sovim on SOLAR\_ISS**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=579>

### **SOLSPEC - workshop presentation**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=582>

### **SOLSPEC - Using SSI to understanding the effect on stratospheric ozone**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=580>

### **SOLSPEC - The Future of SSI UV Measurements with the Dual Solar Spectral Irradiance Monitor on the ESA-CAS Small-size Mission SU**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=581>

### **SOLSPEC - Impact of the solar rotational cycle on middle atmospheric ozone**

Presentation given at the workshop Six Years of SOLAR/SOLSPEC mission on ISS - Achievements and prospects.

<http://www.spaceweather.eu/en/repository/show?id=583>