





# Introduction to NOAA Space Weather

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### Introductions

### **NOAA**

### **NESDIS**



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Observations

### **NWS**

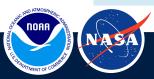


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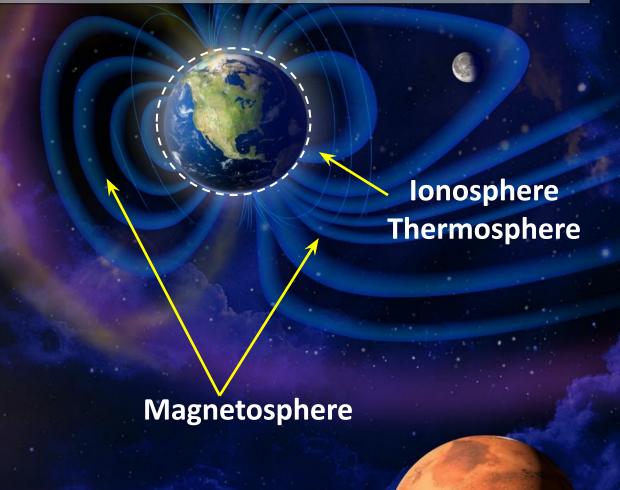
### Three Agents of Space Weather

Space weather refers to the variable conditions on the Sun and in space that can influence performance and reliability of space and ground-based technological systems, and endanger life or health.

Electromagnetic Radiation (R-scale)

Energetic
Charged Particles
(S-scale)

Magnetic Field (Magnetized Plasma) (G-scale)



Credit: NASA

93 Million Miles from Sun to Earth

## Space weather impacts infrastructure and activities vital to national security and the U.S. economy

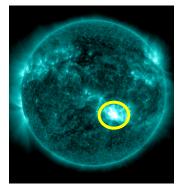


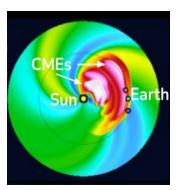
Space weather-induced blackout of the electric grid in North America (potential damages totaling over \$1 trillion): Daily domestic economic loss in the U.S. equal to \$41.5 billion, plus an additional \$7 billion loss through the international supply chain.

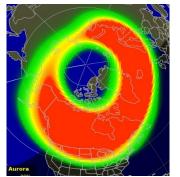
### NOAA's Space Weather Mission - PROSWIFT Act Public Law 116-181

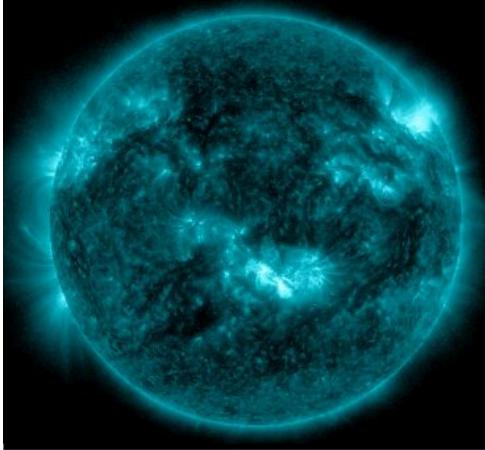
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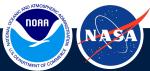




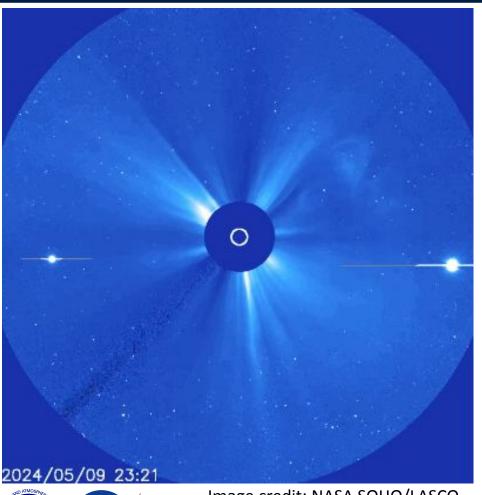


### **NOAA** provides:

- Observational Data
- Impact-basedDecision Support
- Science and Model Development
- Data Management



## Space Weather in the News: May 7-15, 2024



G5 Conditions Observed

Updated 2024-May-10 1930 FDT

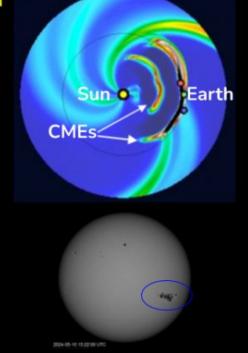
WHAT: First Observed G5 Since October 2003

<u>KEY MESSAGES</u>: EXTREME (G5) conditions reached Earth at 6:54 pm EDT. Geomagnetic storming is likely to persist through the weekend as several additional Earth-directed Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) are in transit.

IMPACTS: HF/VHF/UHF communications, GPS, power grids, spacecraft, satellite navigation, and other technologies may be affected. Critical infrastructure operators have been notified.

CONTEXT: The last Extreme (G5) event occurred with the Halloween Storms in October 2003. That event resulted in power outages in Sweden and damaged transformers in South Africa.

CAUSE: The source has mostly been a large, complex sunspot cluster (NOAA Region 3664) that is 17 times the diameter of Earth. Additional activity from this Region is still expected.





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Space Weather Prediction Center; Boulder, CO

Image credit: NOAA/SWPC

## NOAA's Space Weather Vision ...

## A Space Weather-Ready Nation



New and improved capabilities



A robust space weather workforce



Enhanced collaboration and partnerships across the broader space weather community

