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Challenges and Opportunities in Aviation

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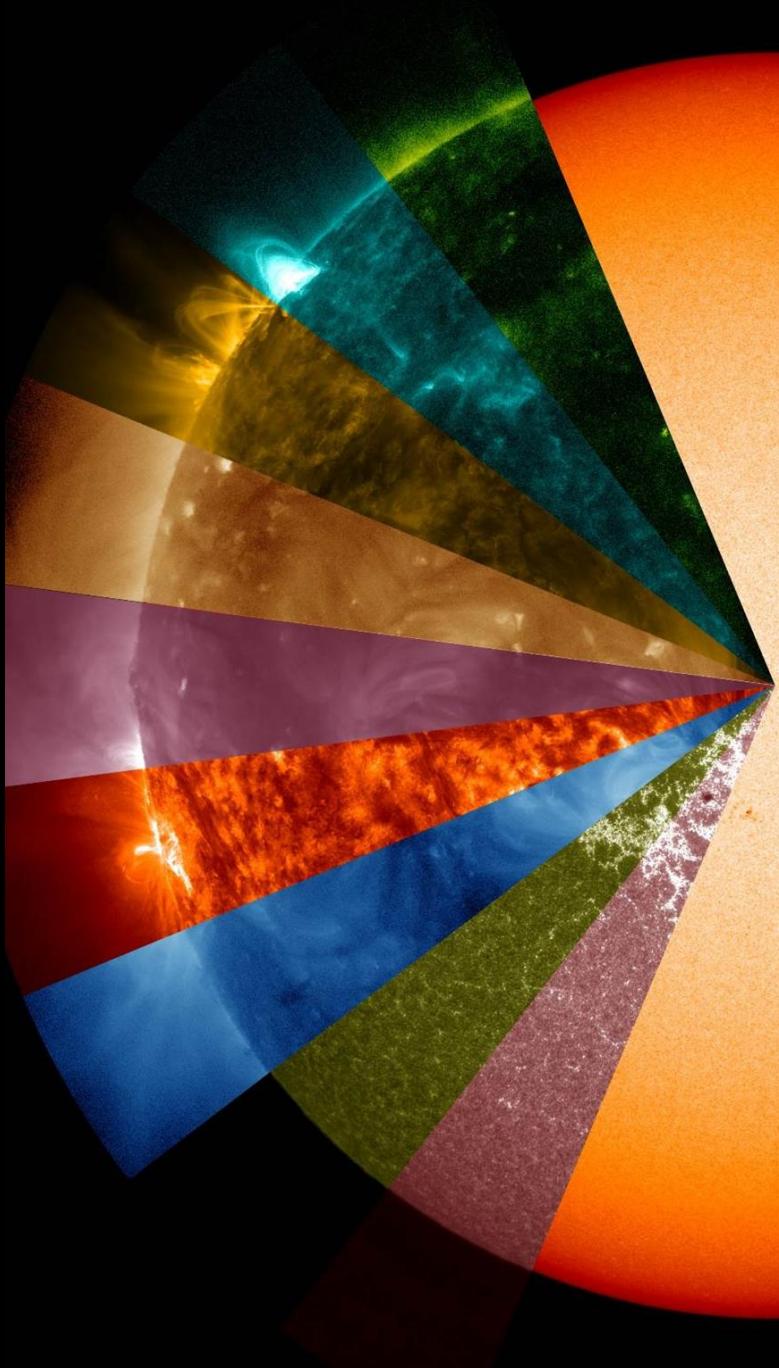
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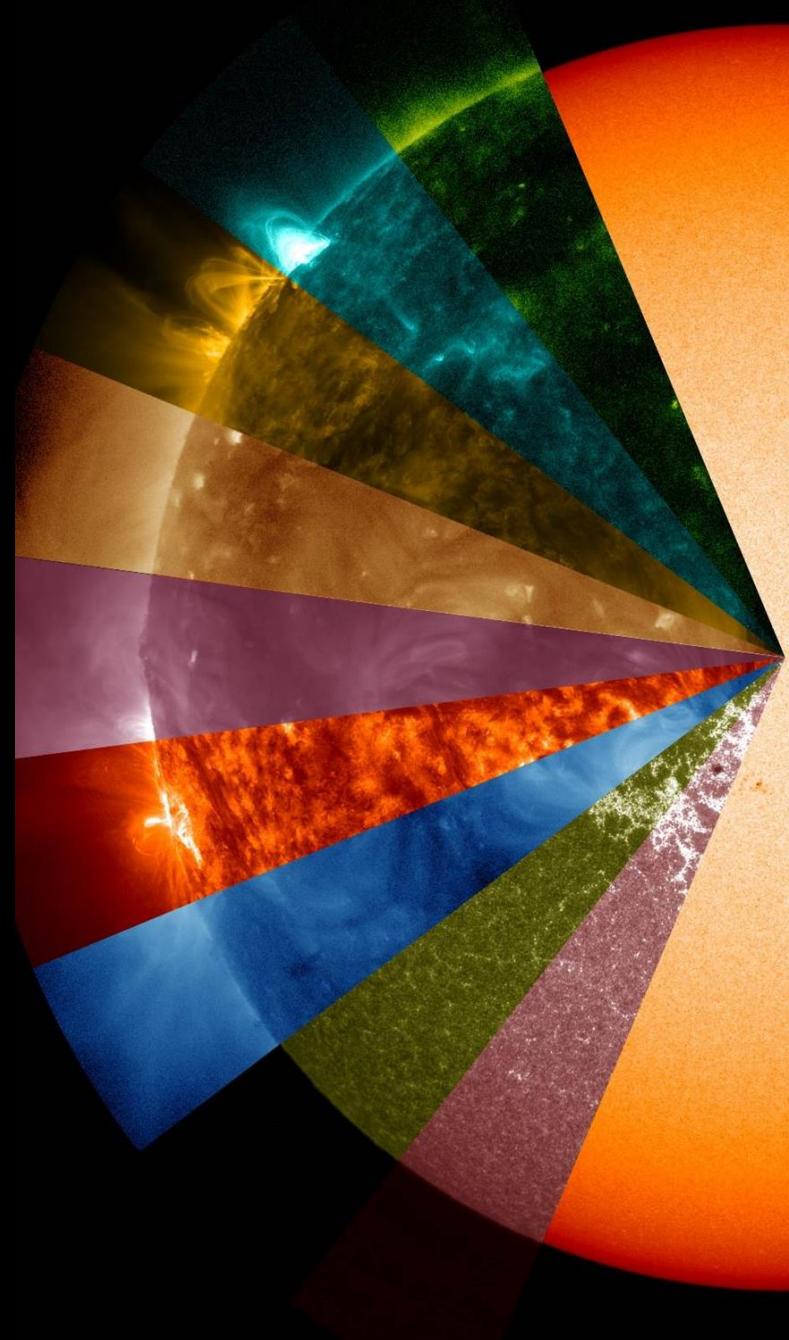
Outline

- ✈ Aviation services/services within ICAO
- ✈ Challenges in service provision
- ✈ Evolution of services and needs



Services Within ICAO

- ✈ Services proposed for inclusion in Amendment 78 to Annex 3
 - ✈ HF Communications (propagation, absorption)
 - ✈ Communications via satellite (propagation, absorption)
 - ✈ GNSS-based navigation and surveillance (degradation)
 - ✈ Radiation at flight levels (increased exposure)
- ✈ Event-driven advisories for Moderate or Severe effects
- ✈ Applicability in November 2018
- ✈ Global/regional service model



Services Within ICAO – Example Products

Example A2-4: Space weather advisory message (RADIATION effects)

(communication header)	
SWX ADVISORY	
DTG:	20161108/0000Z
SWXC:	(to be determined)
SWX EFFECT:	RADIATION MOD
ADVISORY NR:	2016/2
FCST SWX:	20161108/0100Z HNH HSH E18000 – W18000 ABV FL350
FCST SWX +6 HR:	20121108/0700Z HNH HSH E18000 – W18000 ABV FL350
FCST SWX +12 HR:	20161108/1300Z HNH HSH E18000 – W18000 ABV FL350
FCST SWX +18 HR:	20161108/1900Z HNH HSH E18000 – W18000 ABV FL350
FCST SWX +24 HR:	20161109/0100Z NO SWX EXP
RMK:	RADIATION LEVELS HAVE EXCEEDED 100 PERCENT OF BACKGROUND LEVELS AT FL350 AND ABOVE. THE CURRENT EVENT HAS PEAKED AND LEVELS ARE SLOWLY RETURNING TO BACKGROUND LEVELS. SEE WWW.SPACEWEATHERPROVIDER.WEB
NXT ADVISORY:	NO FURTHER ADVISORIES

Example A2-3: Space weather advisory message (GNSS and HF COM effects)

(communication header)	
SWX ADVISORY	
DTG:	20161108/0100Z
SWXC:	(to be determined)
SWX EFFECT:	GNSS MOD AND HF COM MOD
ADVISORY NR:	2016/1
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RMK:	LOW-LEVEL GEOMAGNETIC STORMING IS CAUSING INCREASED AURORAL ACTIVITY AND SUBSEQUENT MOD DEGRADATION OF GNSS AND HF COM AVAILABILITY IN THE AURORAL ZONE. THIS STORMING IS EXPECTED TO SUBSIDE

Adding Value

✈ Radiation

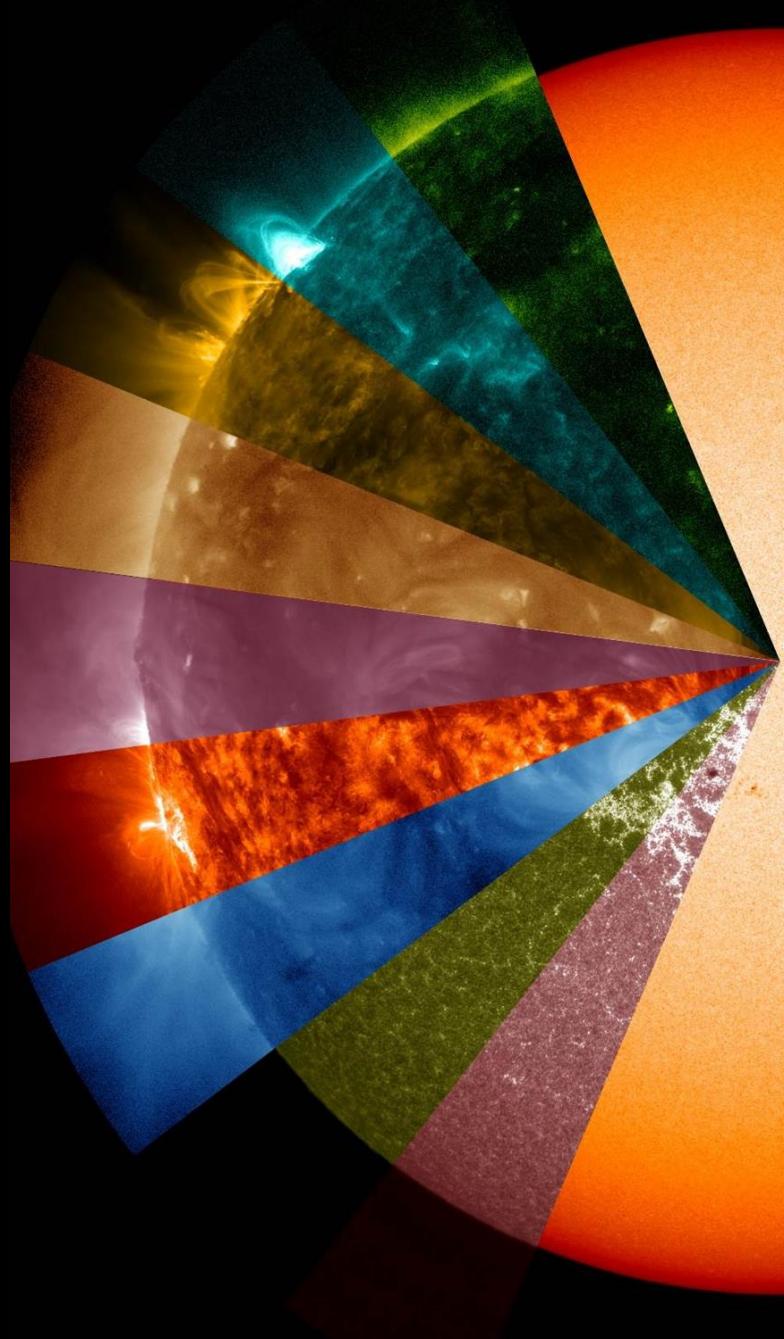
- ✈ For the September GLE/radiation storm, operations were affected, but to what degree should they have been? Peak of the event on the order of the ICAO Moderate event threshold

✈ GNSS

- ✈ Augmentation systems generally monitor performance and shut down accordingly, but knowing that ahead of time may lead to different flight planning

✈ Communications

- ✈ For the same September event, reports of loss of communication with a US cargo aircraft for ~90 minutes between ATC in French Guyana and New York
- ✈ ATC in Miami had issues with lost communications for aircraft flying oceanic routes around Hurricane Irma



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A common substance example:

Median Lethal Dose (LD_{50})

- 192 milligrams per kilogram in rats
- (Estimated) \sim 150-200 milligrams per kilogram in humans

Holmgren, et al. 2004

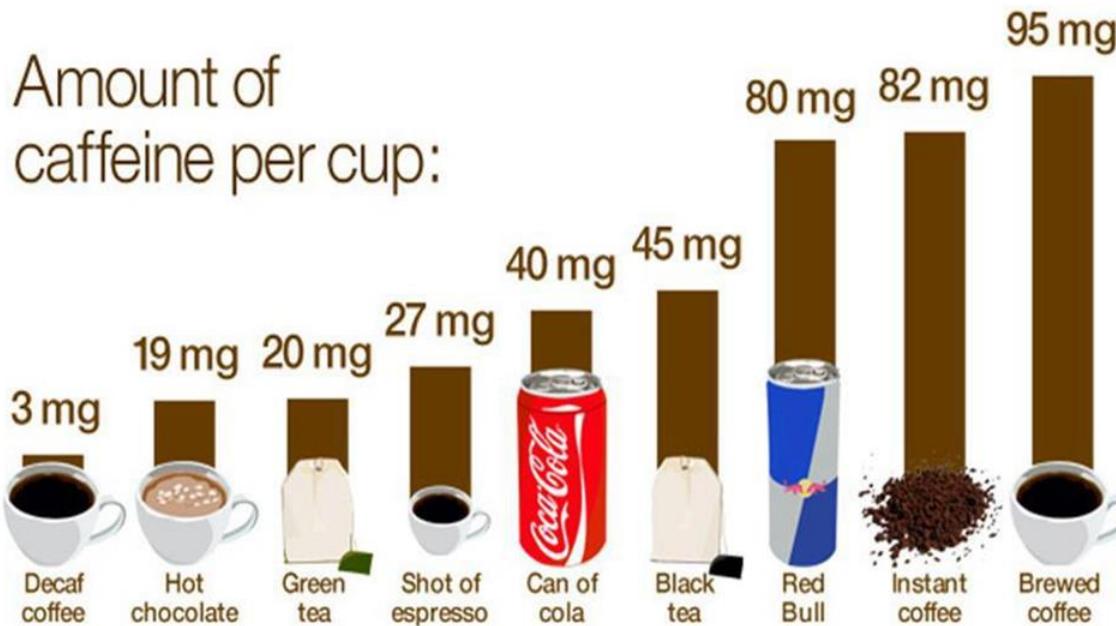
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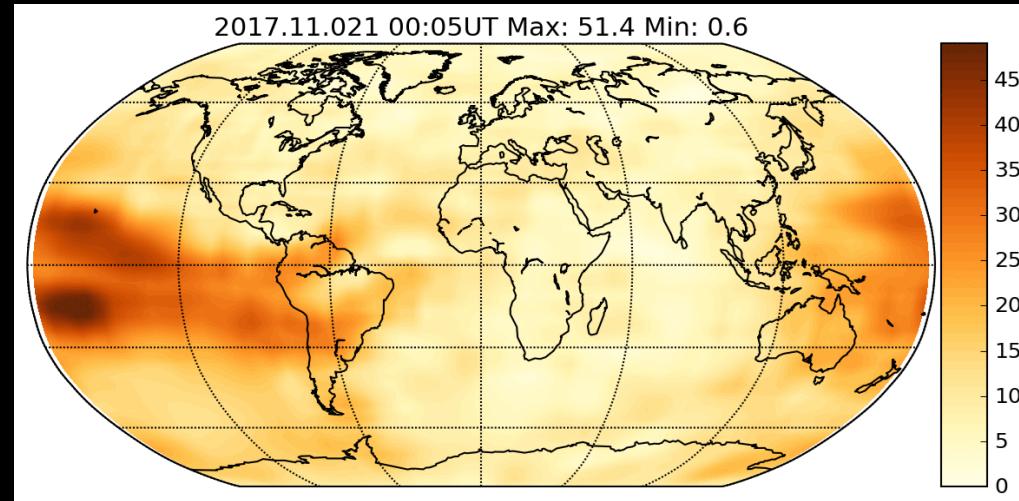
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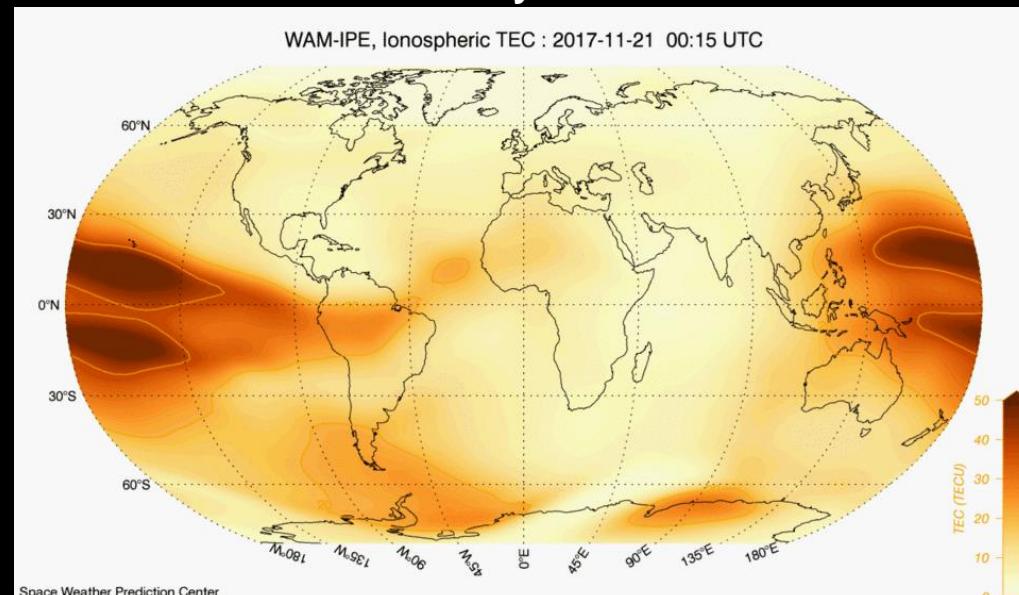
<http://www.mountainstrongdenver.com/caffeine-and-sports-performance/>

Modeling Progress....

GloTEC TEC: Data Driven Assimilative Model



WAM-IPE TEC Physics-based Model



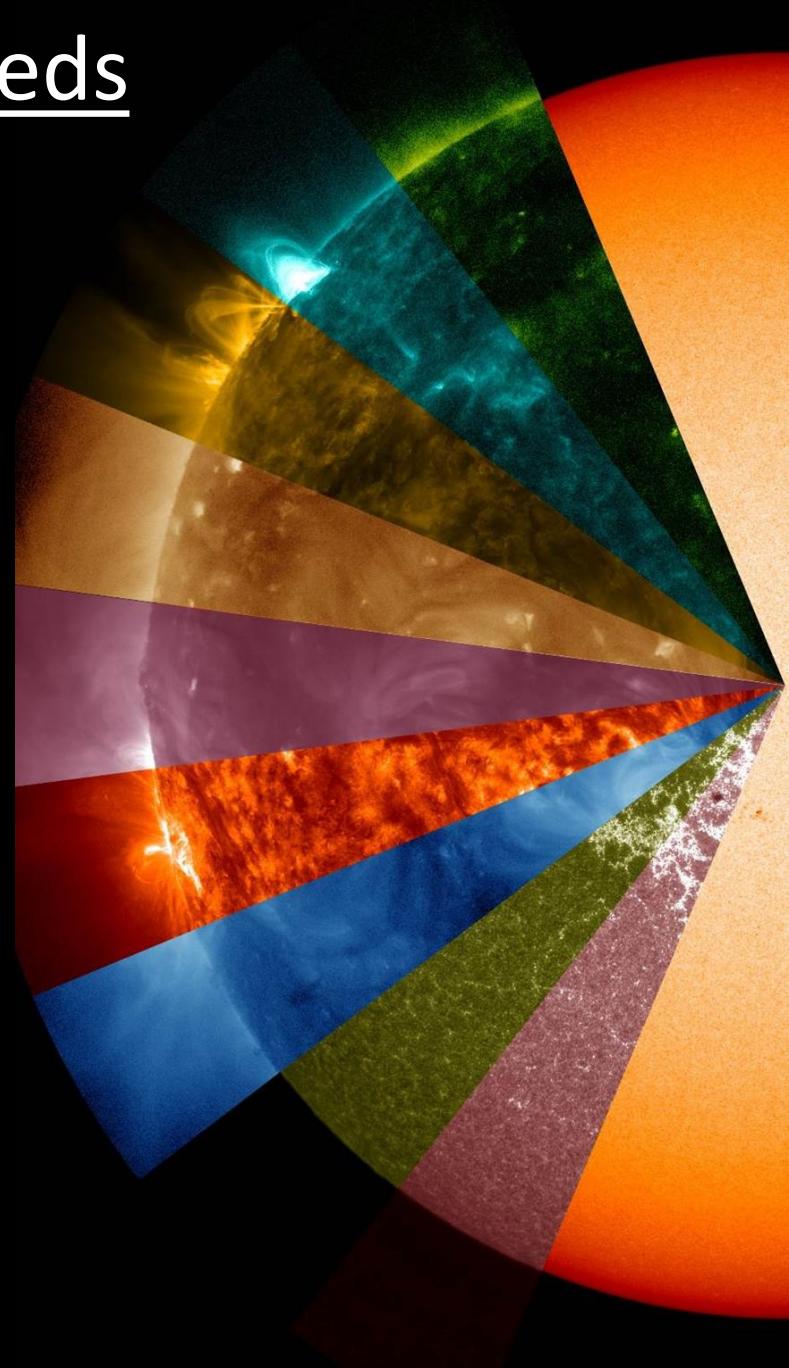
Evolution of Services and Needs

✈ Radiation

- ✈ As aircraft fly farther and longer, exposures will increase
- ✈ In situ observations will help with model validation, data assimilation, and operational decision making

✈ GNSS

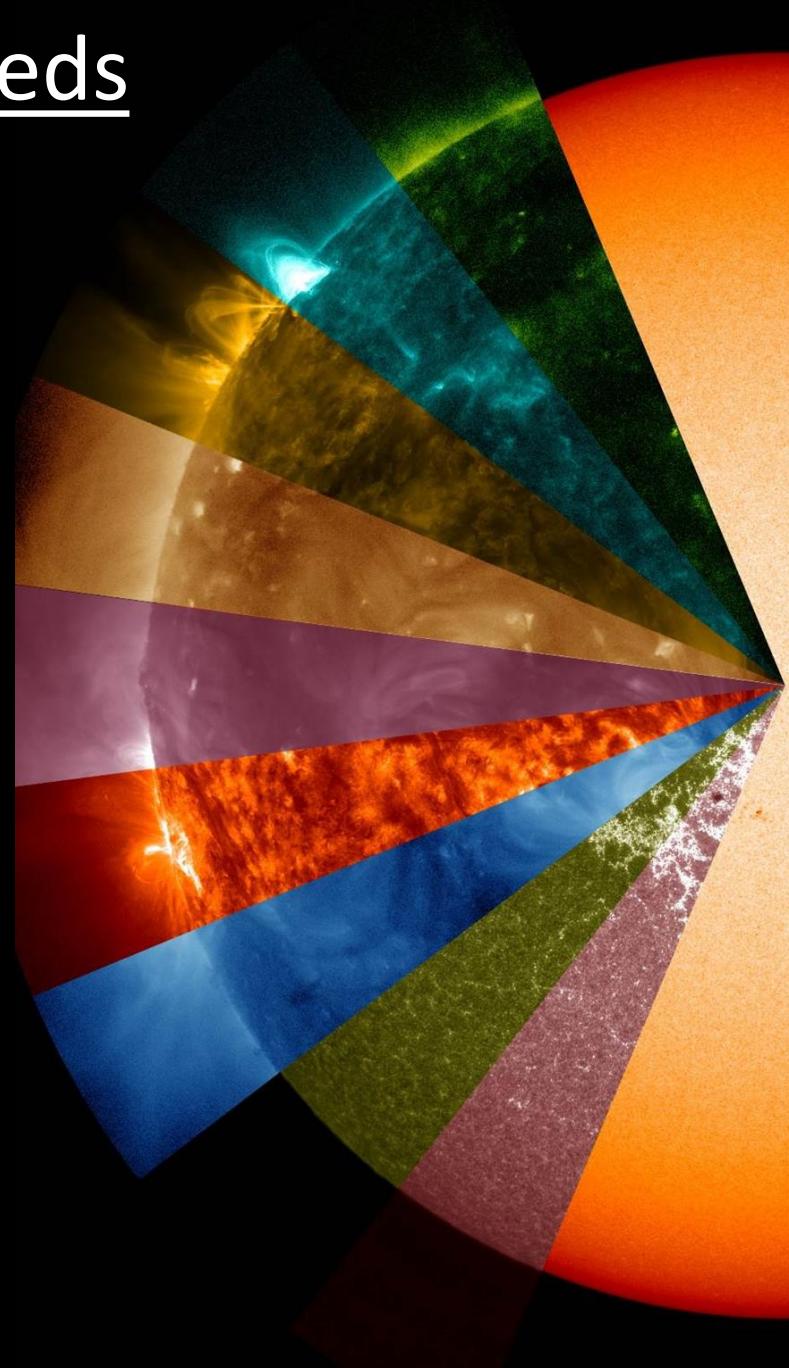
- ✈ Additional GNSS frequency adoption can largely eliminate ionospherically-induced position errors
- ✈ Engineers with time and money can engineer around some challenges, but some will remain
- ✈ Scintillation will likely remain the primary issue



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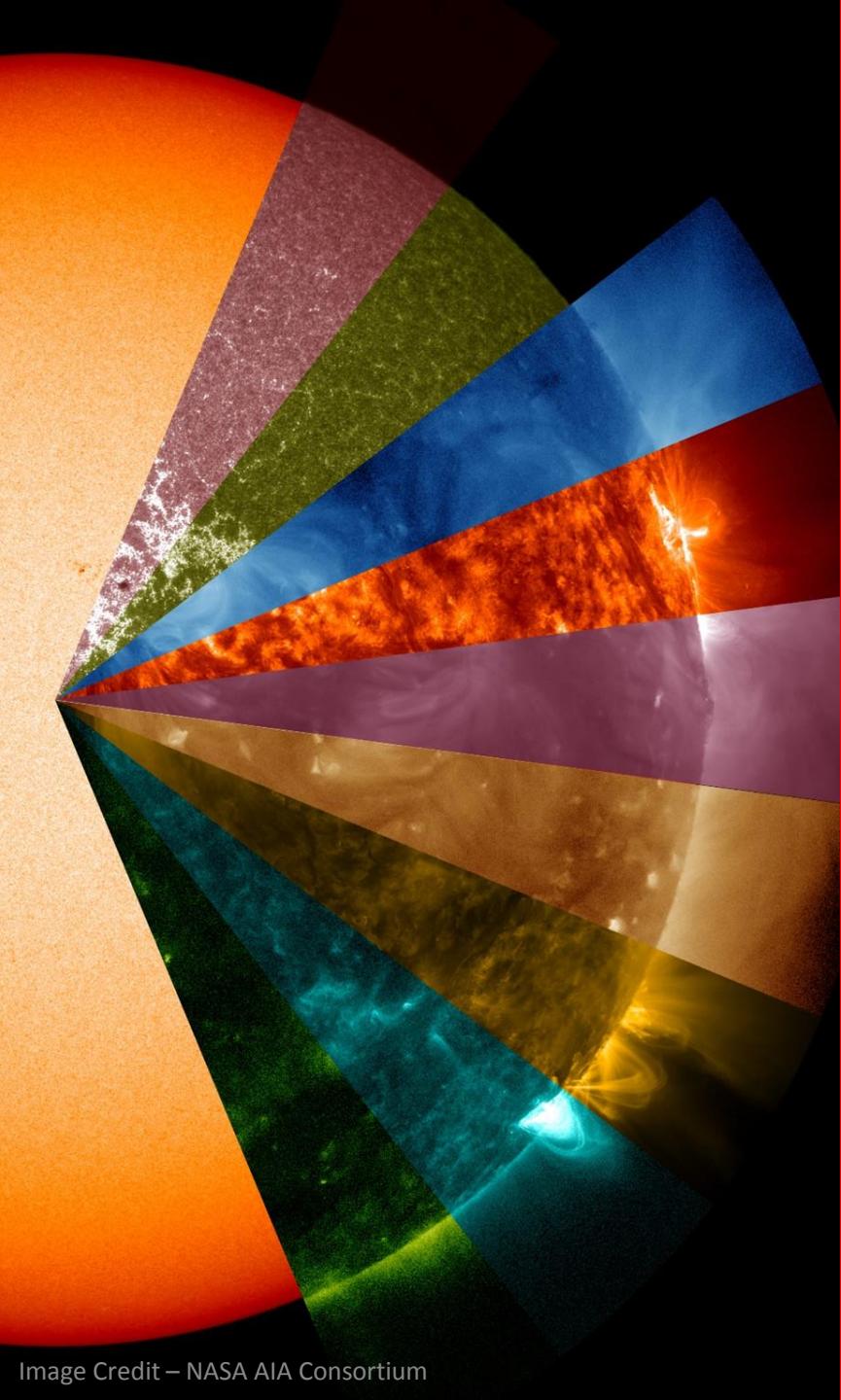
✈ Communications

- ✈ Application of HF is changing. HF datalink use still increasing...
- ✈ Geosynchronous and LEO-based satellite communication
- ✈ Short-term forecasting gains are coming
- ✈ However, no paradigm shifts in multi-day forecasting are likely in the foreseeable future
- ✈ **Given the chaotic, eruptive nature of the phenomena, space weather may never be like weather, but we can try...**



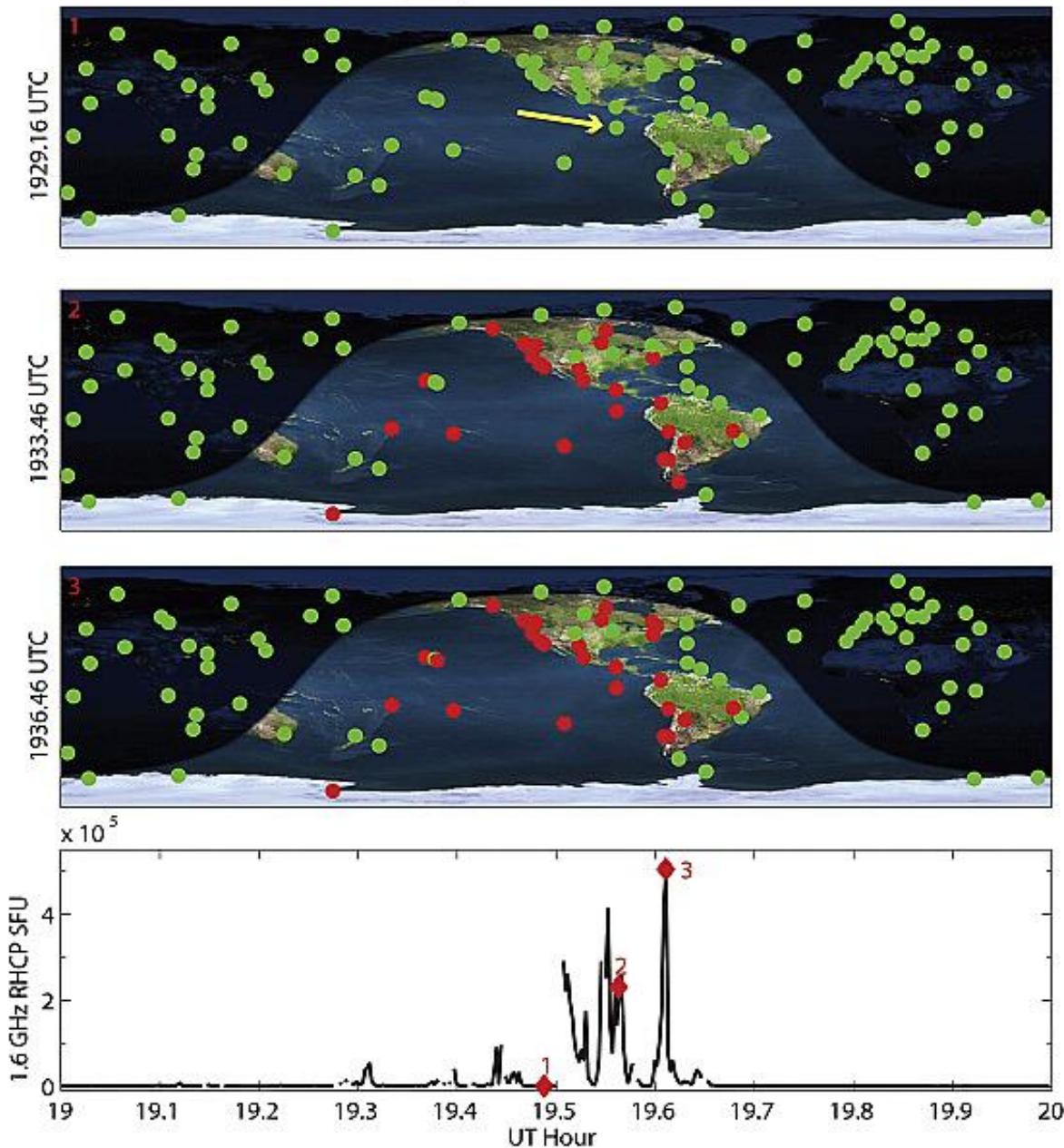
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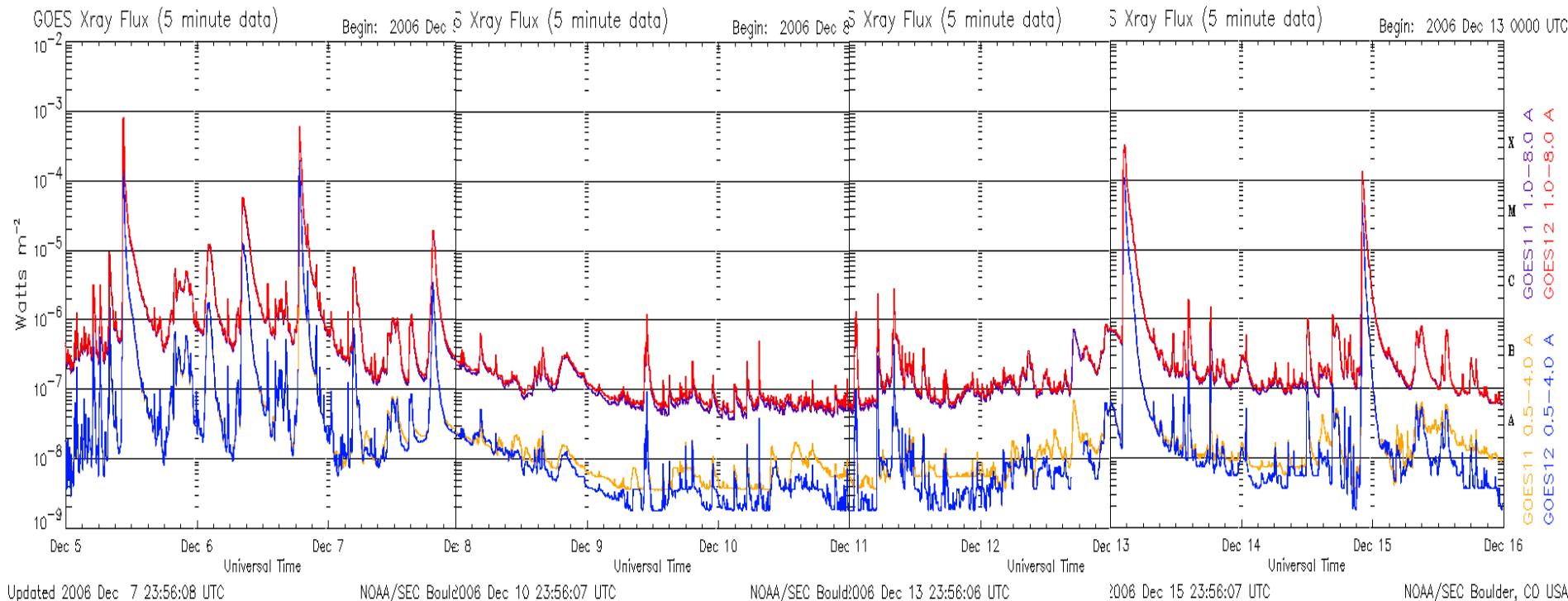
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December 2006 – 1415MHz Radio Bursts



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