Solar-Terrestrial Effects Sun-Weather-and-Climate Relationship

What are the Causes of Climate Variations?

- Internal oscillations in atmosphere-ocean system
- Variations in energy received from the sun
- Variations in energy radiated from away from the Earth

How do we define Solar Variability?

- Total Solar Irradiance
- UV-radiation changes
- Changes in the Solar Wind (Heliosphere)
- Changes in Cosmic ray amount (Heliosphere)

Coupling





Everything is coupled!



EFFECTS

Atmospheric

- Modifications on ozone
 - Increased UV amounts on the surface
 - Cancer,
 - Immune system problems,
 - Catarakts etc.
- Upper Atmospheric Heating
 - Auroral Heating
 - Joule Heating
 - Magnetospheric Heating
 - Solar energetic particle Heating
 - Cosmic Ray Heating
- Modifications on upper atmospheric wind systems
- Ionospheric TEC Modifications
- Modifications on Climate

Technological systems

- Satellite technology
 - Spacecraft charging
 - Astronauts
- Communication
 - Navigation
- Electrical Systems
 - Power lines
 - Pipelines
- Earth's global circuit
 - Ionospheric currents
- Radars
 - Radar Range
- Ionospheric Radio Propagation
 - Absorption, Reflection
- GPS Systems

Remember: Heat Sources in Upper Atmosphere

Heat Production

- Absorbtion of solar ultraviolet and X-ray radiation
 - \rightarrow photodissociation, ionization and censequent reactions that liberate heat
- Energetic charged particles entering the upper atmosphere from the magnetosphere
- Joule Heating by ionospheric currents
- Dissipation of tidal motions and gravity waves by turbulence and molecular activity

UV Variability of Solar Spectrum



Solar Radiation and Upper Atmosphere



Molina and Molina (1986) for O₃. Earlier versions of these curves appeared in Lean (1987) and Chamberlain (1978). From R. R. Meier Ultraviolet Spectroscopy and Remote Sensing of the Upper Atmosphere, Space Science Reviews, vol. 58, No.1-2, 1991.

Heat Sources in Upper Atmosphere



- Electrojets and particles from magnetosphere are additional sources for heat
- Auroral Electrojets can dissipate as much as 0.5 W/m2 in the ionospheric E-region heights during a severe storm disturbance
- The energy flux of EUV which drives the normal tide is much smaller than this, about 0.5 mW/m2 above 120 km.







Magnetospheric energy input









0.5 W/m2 versus 0.5 mW/m2 above 100 km

Zerefşan Kaymaz





Thermospheric Temperature and Composition and Solar Activity





Robble et al., 1977

Stratospheric Ozone



Ozone and SEPs





BASTILLE DAY EVENT JULY 14, 2000

Ionization down to 10 km

Early in the event ionization at lower altitudes

In the time course of the event ionization shifts to higher altitudes

Ion pair production rates up to about 10^4 #/cm³s

Ozone and Solar Cycle



- Ozone depletion more pronounced during maximum than minimum
- Ozone depletion extends down to midlatitudes (during solar maximum, even to low latitudes) although particles are incident only over the polar cap

IONOSPHERE







Ionospheric Regions and Solar Activity



Ionospheric Storms



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- substorms
- Mendillo, 2007, Reviews of Geophysics

Ion Pair production due to Cosmic Ray flux over Thule



"The meteorological variable subject to the largest solar-cycle modulations in the dense layers of the atmosphere is the ionization produced by cosmic rays"

E.P. Ney, 1959, Nature

Charged Particle Density profile



Leieişalı Nayıllaz

Viggiano and Arnold, 1995

Solar Connection

• Why/What is the issue with Cosmic Rays?

Sunspots – an "indicator" of Solar energy output



DAILY SUNSPOT AREA AVERAGED OVER INDIVIDUAL SOLAR ROTATIONS













1996

Variable Sun





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Solar Magnetism, Sunspots and Climate





Earth's magnetic field and the Heliosphere



 Earth's magnetic field and production rate of Carbon 14 caused by cosmic rays

 Solar wind variations affect the production rate of C14



Production rate C14 and Be 10



Past Temperatures



Maunder Minimum



Figure 3. Annual mean sunspot number, AD 1610-1975, from Waldmeier (1) and Eddy (14), based on controlled observation from 1853 and reconstructed from less complete observations in earlier periods. Period from 1645-1715 is the Maunder Minimum.



Yearly Mean Sunspot Number



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Maunder Minimum

- Reconstructions of Solar irradiation indicate very small variations at a very low level
- Beryllium-10 isotope indicate a significant modulation caused by changes in the cosmic ray flux-likely caused by changes in solar magnetic fields
- Reconstructed temperatures follow Be-10



Solar activity and Tree Rings



Andrew Ellicott Douglass (1867-1962). (photo by Charles W. Herbert, Western Ways, courtesy of the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, University of Arizona.)



Figure 1. Section of a Scotch pine from a tended forest at Eberswalde, Prussia, planted in about 1820 and cut in 1912. Arrows, placed by Douglass, mark years of maximum sunspot number, showing, in this selected sample, an apparent correlation with maximum annual tree growth. From Douglass (4), Vol. I, pp. 37-39, 74-76.

Solar activity, icebergs, temperature, winter severity index



Figure 5. Interpretation of radiocarbon deviations in terms of solar effects, with climate correlation from Eddy (28). Curve (a): persistent radiocarbon deviations from Figure 4, plotted schematically and normalized to feature 2 (Maunder Minimum): downward excursions, as in Figures 2, 4 indicates increased 14 C and imply decreased solar activity. Circled numbers identify features described in Table 1. Curve (b): interpretation of (a) as a long-term solar activity envelope (of possible sunspot cycle). Curve (c): four estimates of past climate. Step curve G₁: times of advance and retreat of Alpine glaciers, after Le Roy Ladurie (35); curve G₂: same, for worldwide glacier fluctuations, from Denton and Karlen (36); curve T: estimate of mean annual temperature in England (scale at right) after Lamb (34); curve W: winter-severity index (colder downward) for Paris-London area, from Lamb (33, 34).

Solar activity and C-14







Figure 2. Radiocarbon deviation derived from dated tree-ring samples, AD 1 to present, from Damon (15). Deviations of ¹⁴C relative to ¹²C, in parts per mil, are plotted with positive excursions (increased relative ¹⁴C) downward, in the direction of decreased solar activity. Zero level is arbitrary norm for 1890. Arrows mark persistent features identified as possible solar anomàlies: right to left, Maunder Minimum, Sporer Minimum, Medieval Maximum.

Global temperature and Sunspots



Fig. 3. (Top) 22-year running mean of the <u>amount of sea ice</u> around Iceland from 1740 to 1970 during summer months (represented by the number of weeks when ice was observed). (Bottom) Smoothed sunspot cycle lengths from 1740 to 1970 (left-hand scale) and Northern Hemisphere mean temperature (right-hand scale).

Friis Christensen, 1991

Cosmic Rays and Clouds



COSMIC RAYS AND THE SOLAR CYCLE



- Solar activity rises and falls with a period of about 11 years.
- The number of sunspots indicates the level of solar activity.
- Emissions of matter and electromagnetic fields from the Sun increase during high solar activity, making it harder for Galactic cosmic rays to reach Earth.
- Cosmic ray intensity is lower when solar activity is high.

Cosmic Rays and Cloudiness



Figure 2. Composite figure showing changes in the Earth's cloud cover from four satellite cloud data sets together with cosmic rays fluxes from Climax (*solid curve*, normalized to May 1965), and 10.7 cm solar flux (*broken curve*, in units of 10^{-22} W m⁻² Hz⁻¹). Triangles are the Nimbus7 data, squares are the ISCCP_C2 and ISCCP_D2 data, diamonds are the DMSP data. All the displayed data have been smoothed using a 12 months running mean. The Nimbus7 and the DMSP data are total cloud cover for the Southern Hemisphere over oceans, and the ISCCP data have been derived from geostationary satellites over oceans with the tropics excluded.

Cosmic Ray and Cloud Types

Cosmic Ray Intensity at Huancayo)



GCR \rightarrow 2 % absolute change in low cloud cover over a solar cycle corresponds to a Change in net cloud forcing of ~ 1.2 W/m²

Ion induced nucleation



Fig. 3. An "ion-aerosol clear-air" mechanism proposed to link variations in cosmic ray intensity with cloudiness. The diagram shows the ioncatalyzed nucleation of new ultrafine condensation nuclei (UCN) from trace condensable vapors in the atmosphere, which may then grow into new cloud condensation nuclei (CCN).



Summary of sun-cosmic ray-climate

- Changes in total irradiance
- Changes in UV-radiation
- Changes in energetic particle flux
- All components may work together

Consequences

- Variations in neutral density above 100 km
- Variations in thermospheric circulation
- Variations in ionospheric electron density
- Variations in ozone amount
- Variations in cloud cover/cloudyness