

# Japanese Space Weather Activities and Asia-Oceania Space Weather Alliance

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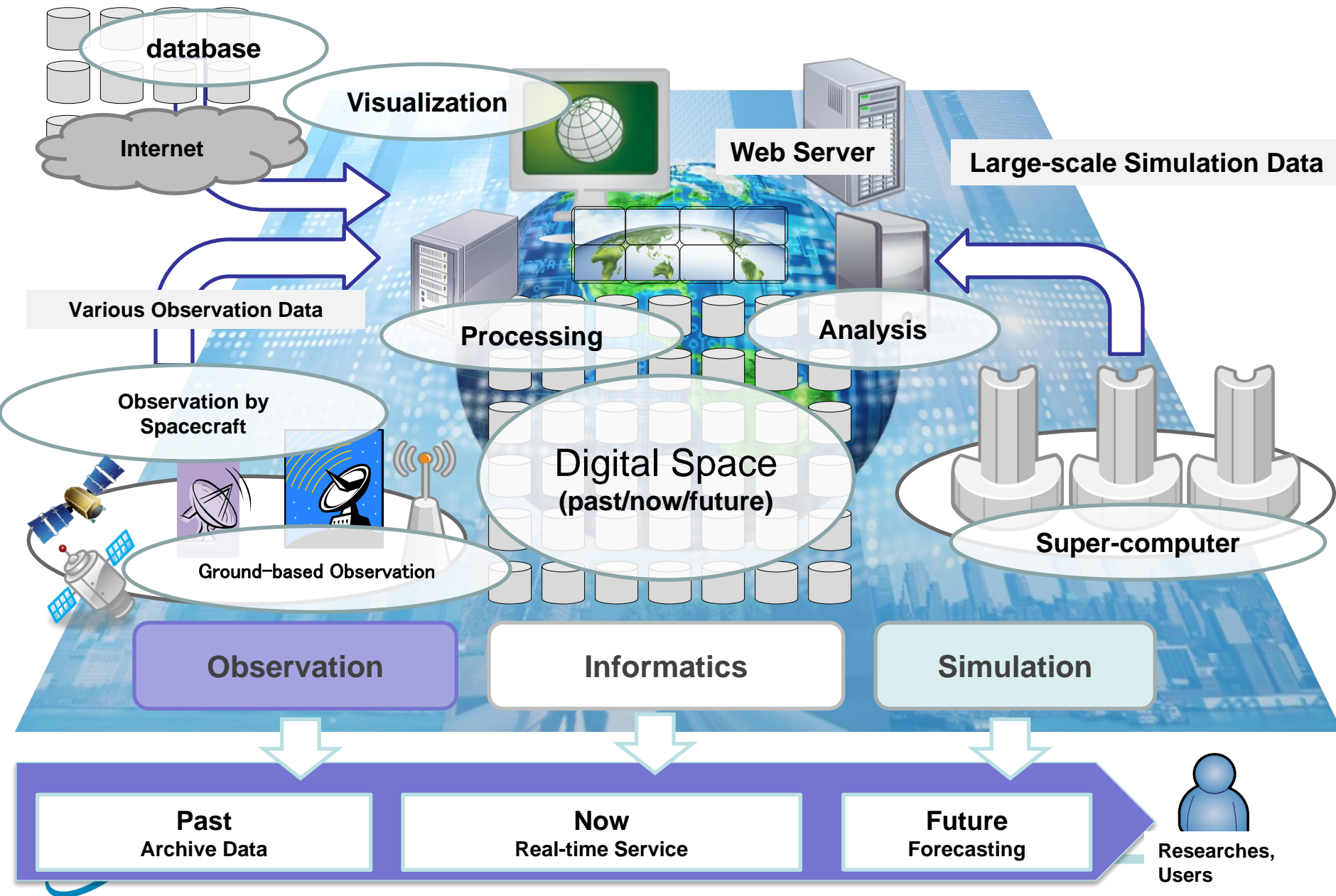
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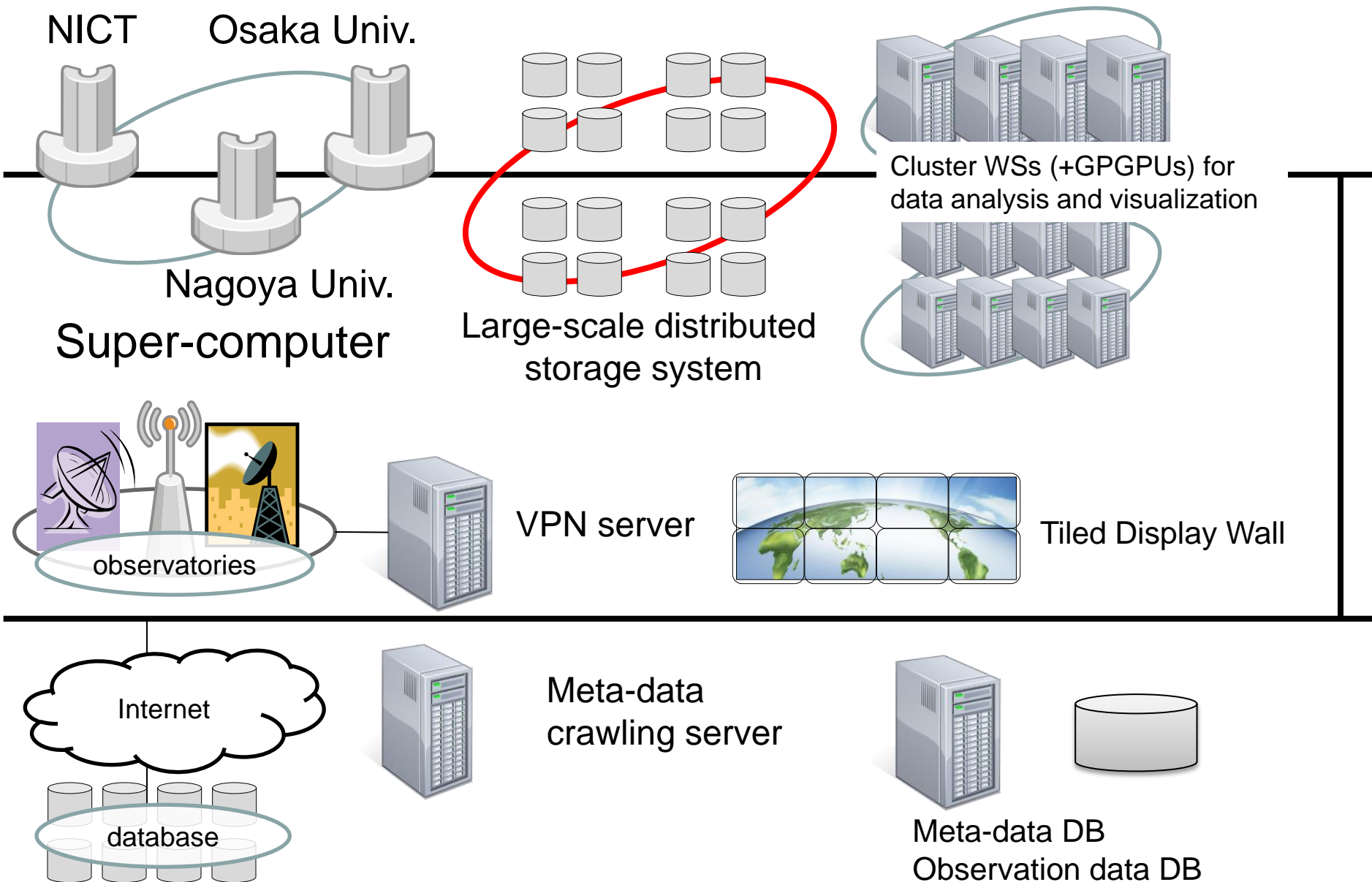
1. Activities of National Institute of Info. & Com. Thech. (NICT)
2. Asia-Oceania Space Weather Alliance (AOSWA)
3. Other activities

# 1. Activities of NICT

# NICT Space Weather Cloud



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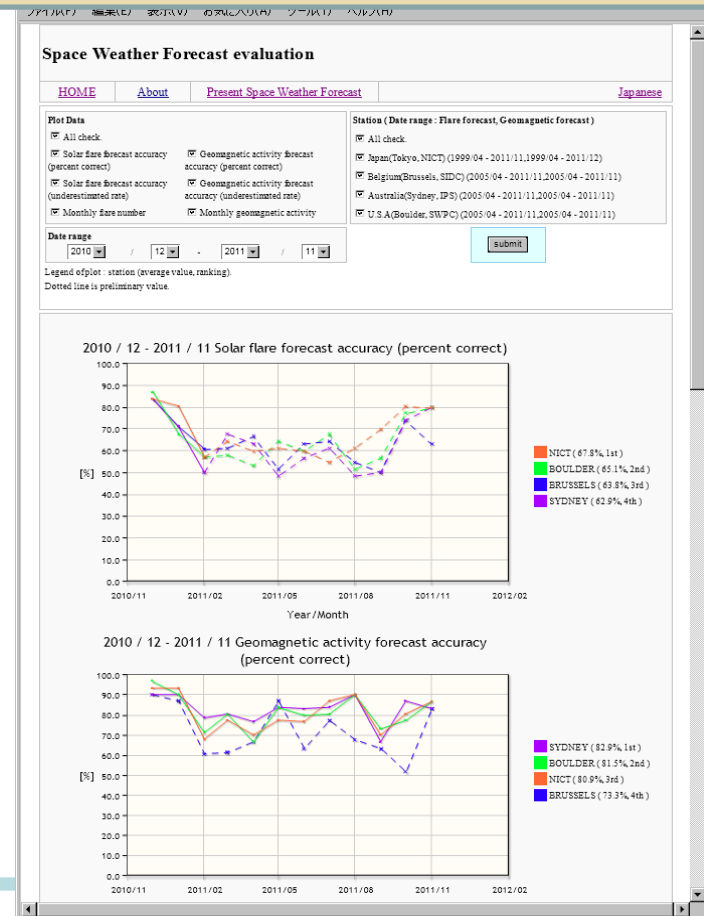
# Evaluation of ISES forecast centers

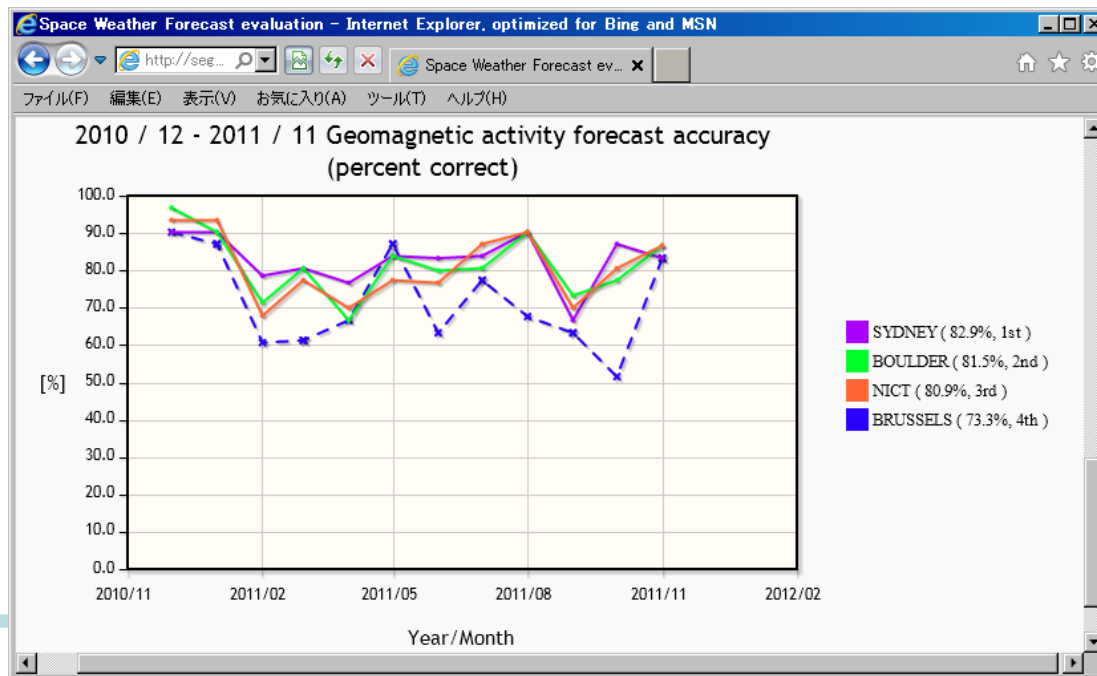
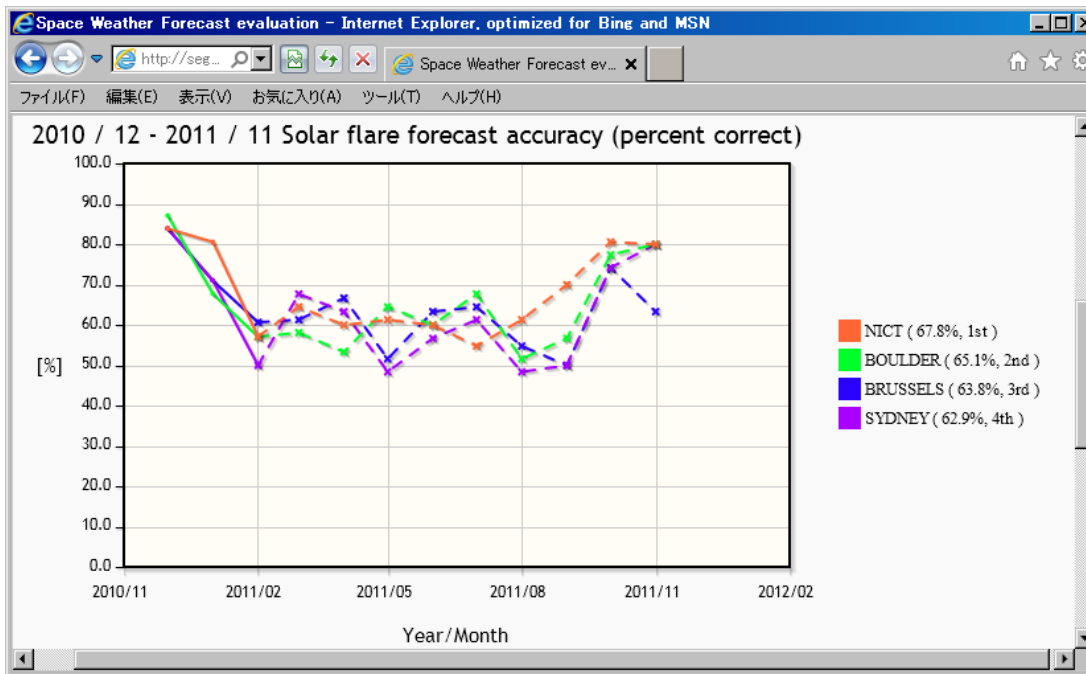
ISES forecast centers exchange their forecast using UGEOA code. NICT started evaluation of the forecasts under agreements of each forecast center.

[http://seg-web.nict.go.jp/cgi-bin/forecast/eng\\_forecast\\_score.cgi](http://seg-web.nict.go.jp/cgi-bin/forecast/eng_forecast_score.cgi)

[http://www2.nict.go.jp/aeri/swe/swx/swcenter/isesforecast\\_e.html](http://www2.nict.go.jp/aeri/swe/swx/swcenter/isesforecast_e.html)

[Present Space Weather Forecast from ISES]		
Tokyo[Japan] (1500JST)	Flare forecast on :18(1days)	Eruptive
	Magnetic forecast on :18(/days)	Quiet
	Proton forecast on :18(/days)	Quiet
Beijing[China] (1530JST)	Flare forecast on :17(2days)	Eruptive
	Magnetic forecast on :17(2days)	Quiet
	Proton forecast on :17(2days)	Quiet
Burussels [Belgium] (2010JST)	Flare forecast on :17(2days)	Active
	Magnetic forecast on :17(2days)	Quiet
	Proton forecast on :17(2days)	Quiet
Sydney [Australia] (0900JST)	Flare forecast on :18(1days)	Eruptive
	Magnetic forecast on :18(1days)	Quiet
	Proton forecast on :18(1days)	Quiet
Boulder[USA] (1230JST)	Flare forecast on :18(1days)	Eruptive
	Magnetic forecast on :18(1days)	Quiet
	Proton forecast on :18(1days)	Quiet



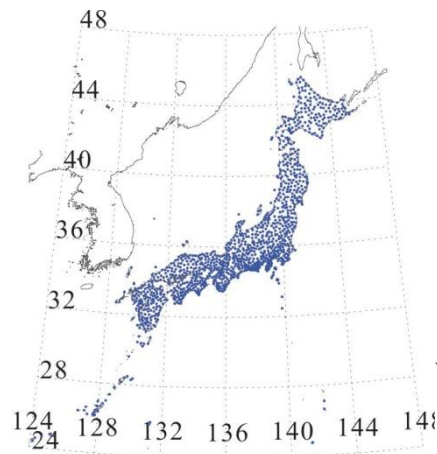




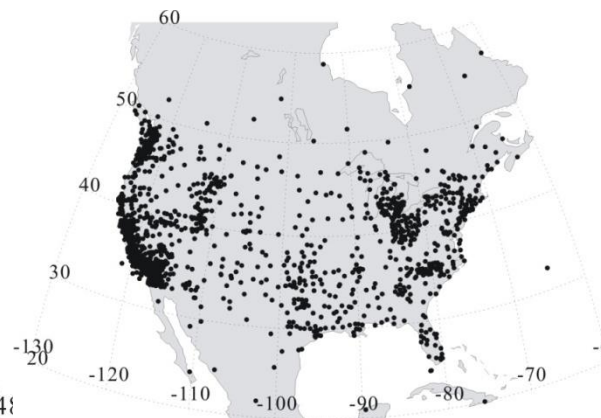
# Ionospheric Disturbance via High-Resolution GPS-TEC Maps

Number of GPS  
Receivers

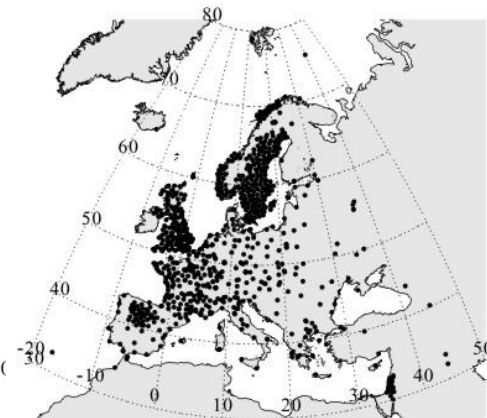
~1,200 receivers



~1,600 receivers



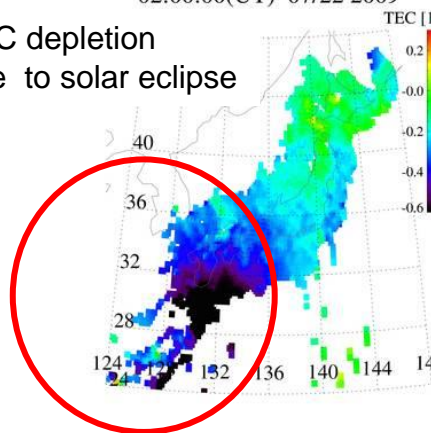
~830 receivers



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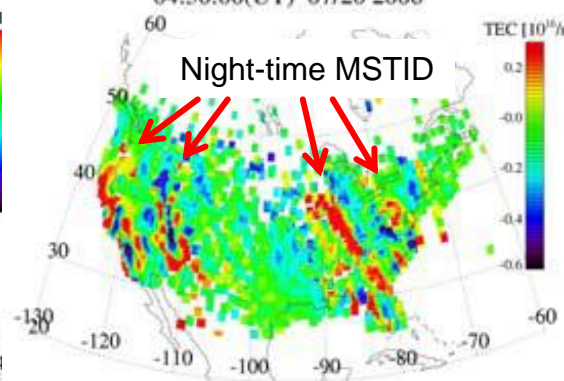
TEC depletion  
due to solar eclipse

TEC Map  
(30sec, 0.15°x0.15°)



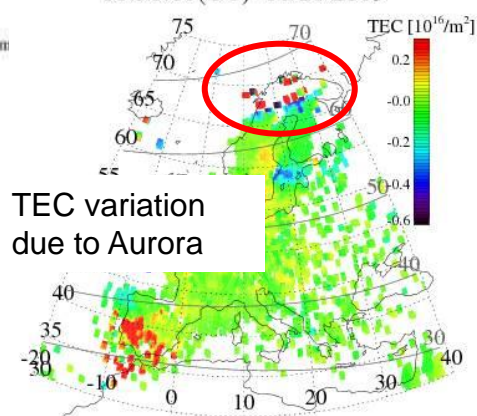
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Night-time MSTID



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TEC variation  
due to Aurora



Asia-Oceania GPS-TEC map...



# e-SW Web site (in Japanese)

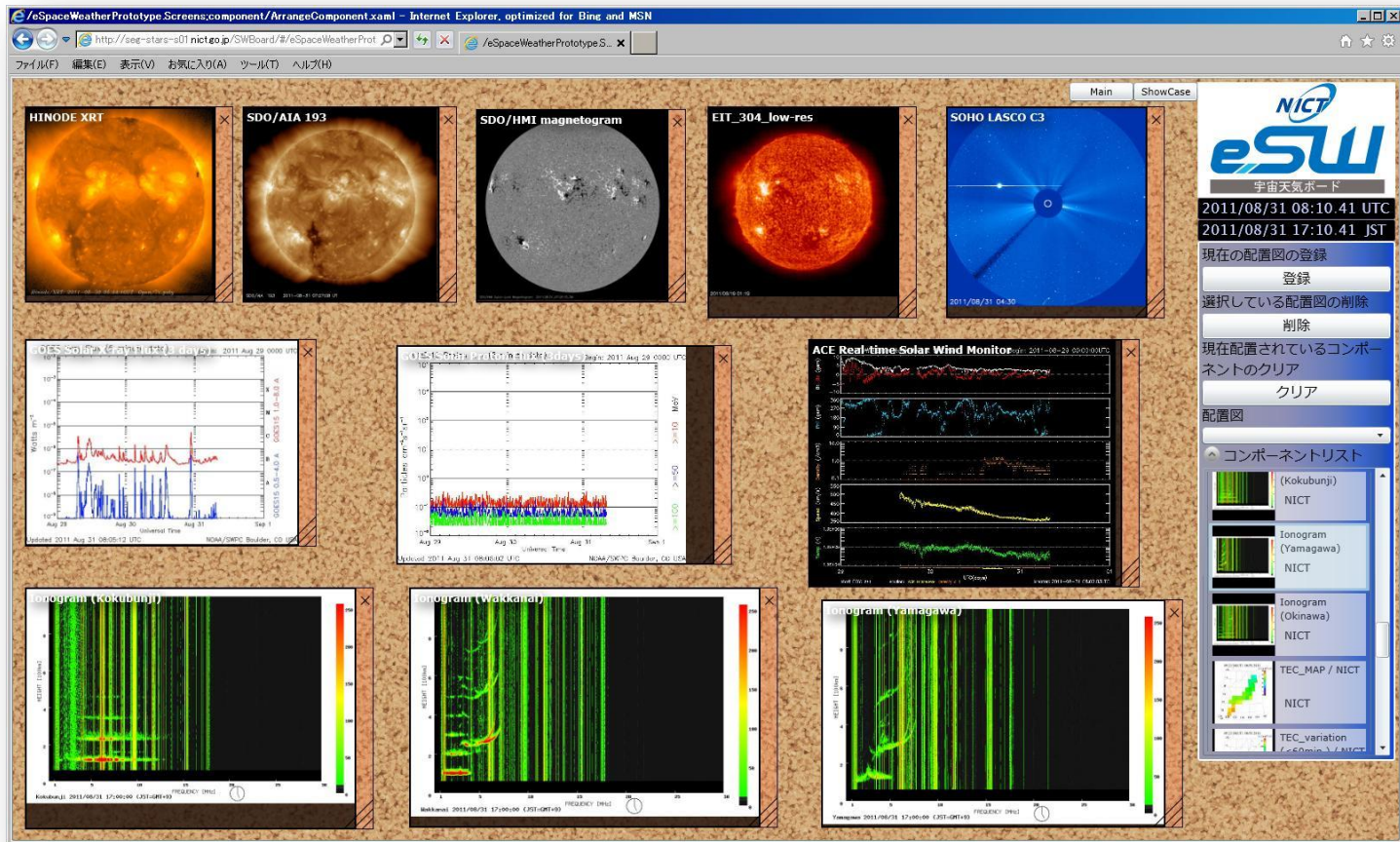
## Portal of products provided by NICT Space Weather Cloud



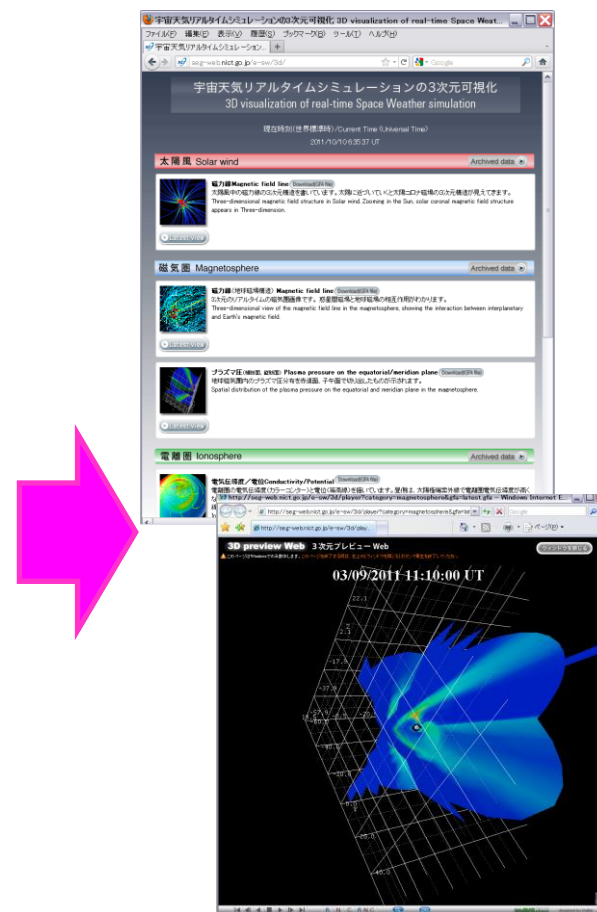
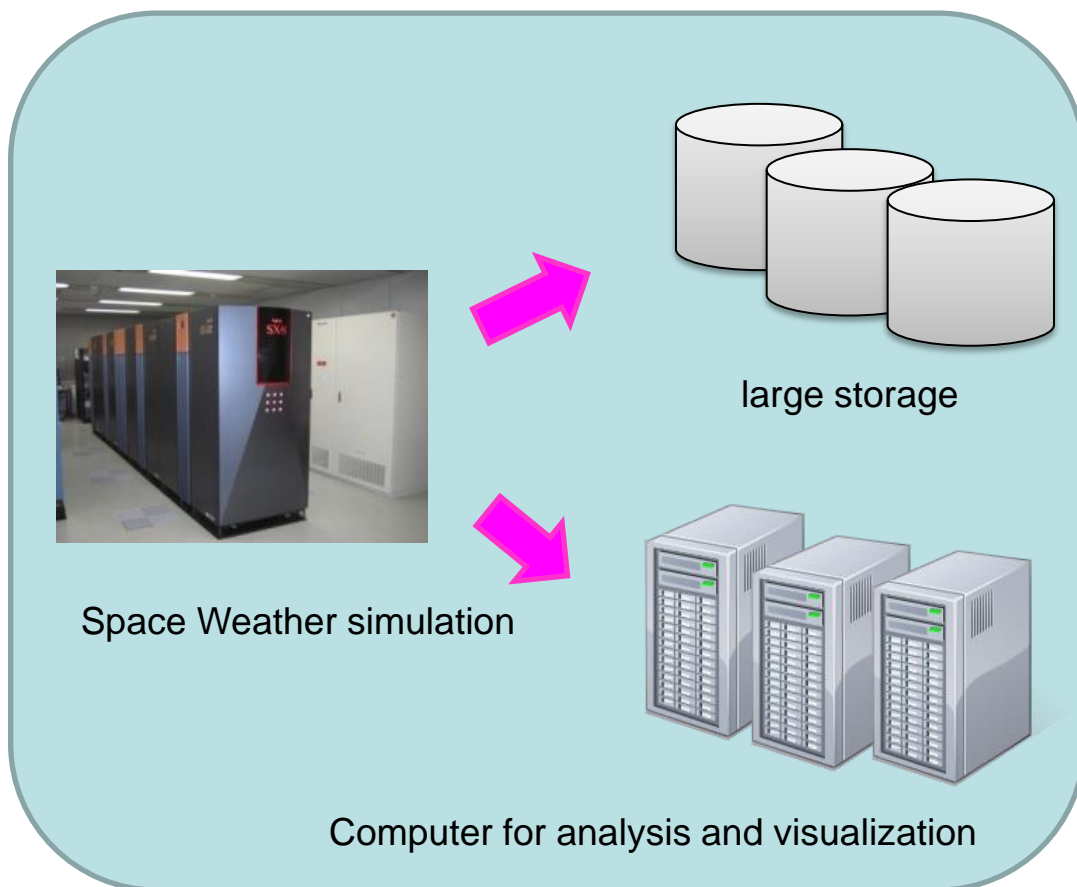
<http://e-sw.nict.go.jp>

# Space Weather Board

Users can arrange their favorite space weather data and can save their original layouts.



# Analysis and Visualization of Space Weather Simulation

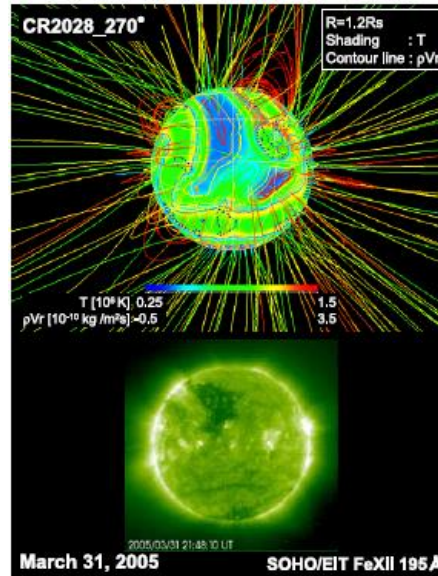
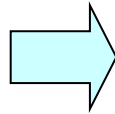
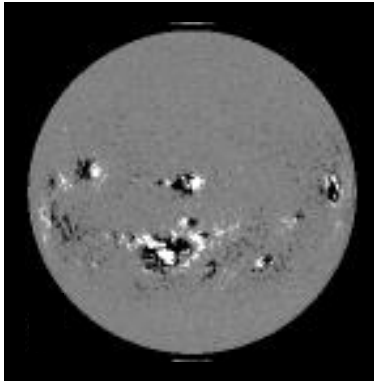


Web service

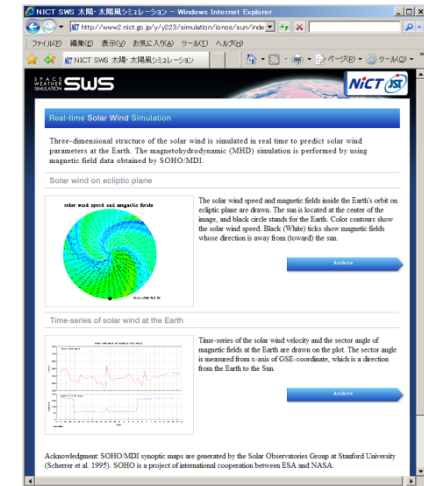
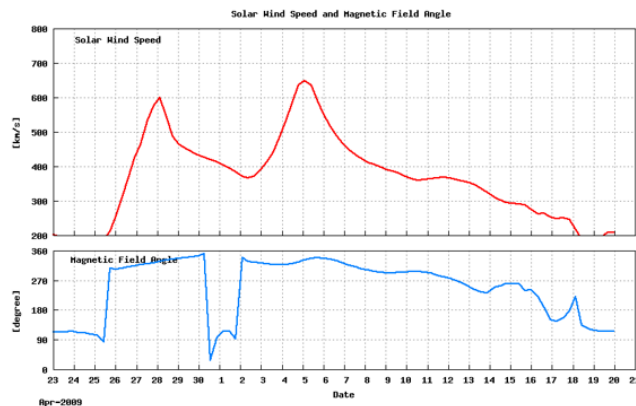
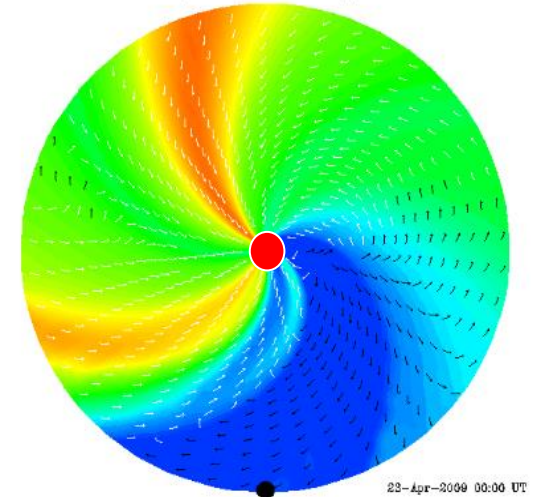


# Computer simulation of the Sun and solar wind

Magnetic field (solar surface) data via SOHO/MDI



solar wind speed and magnetic fields

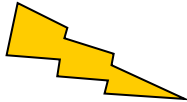


Publication on Web

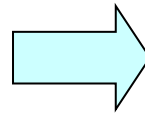
# Computer simulation of Earth's magnetosphere



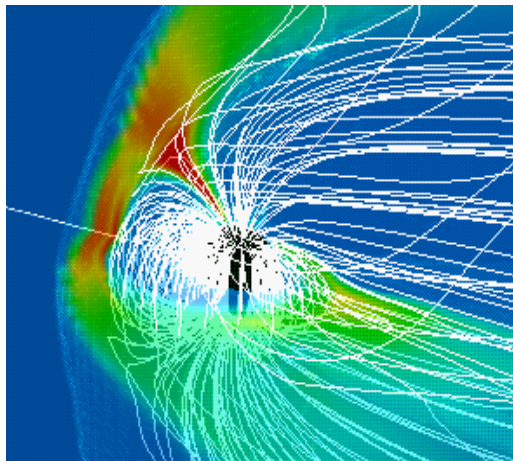
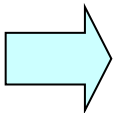
Real-time observation  
data of solar wind via  
ACE satellite



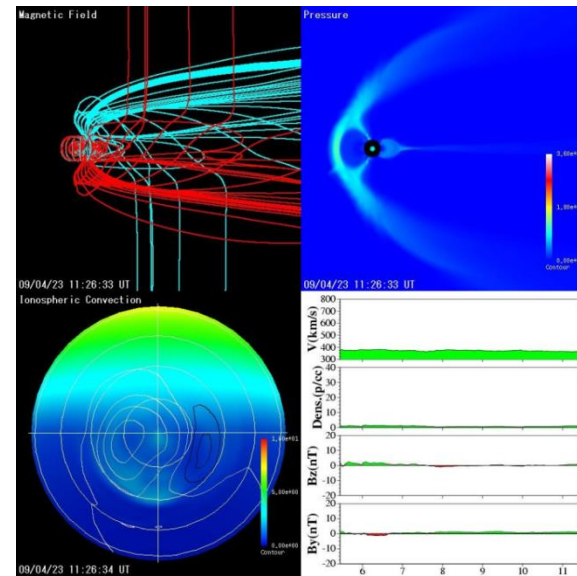
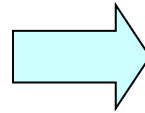
Real-time data receiving  
at NICT (Koganei)



Super computer (NEC SX-8R)  
at NICT (Koganei)



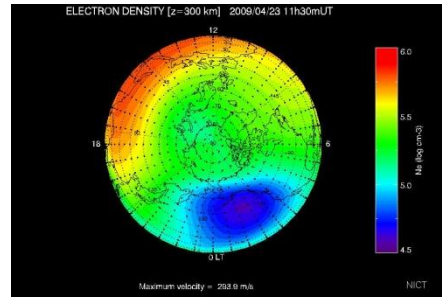
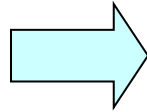
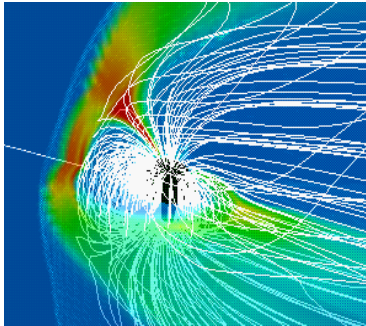
Visualization and database



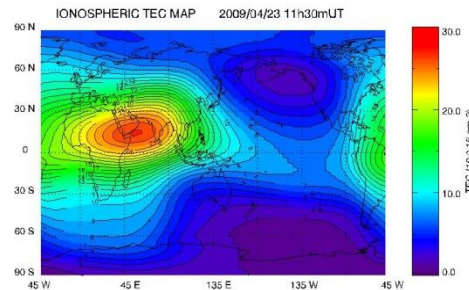
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# Computer simulation of Ionosphere and Thermosphere

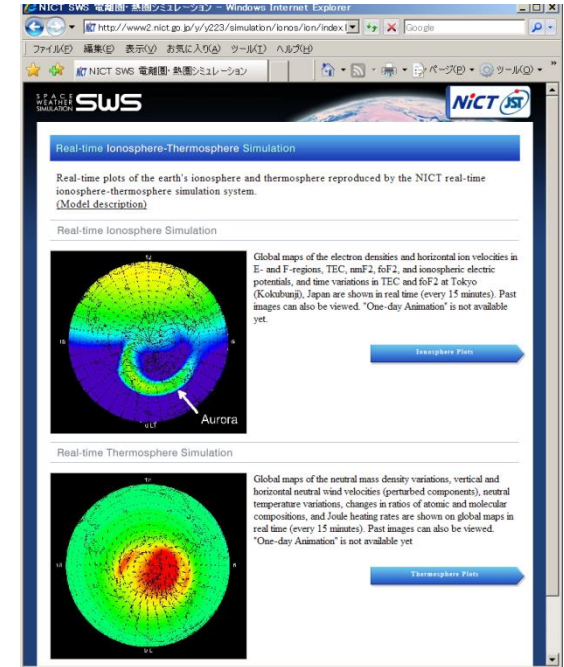
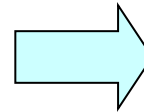
## Simulation results from Magnetosphere simulation



Electron density

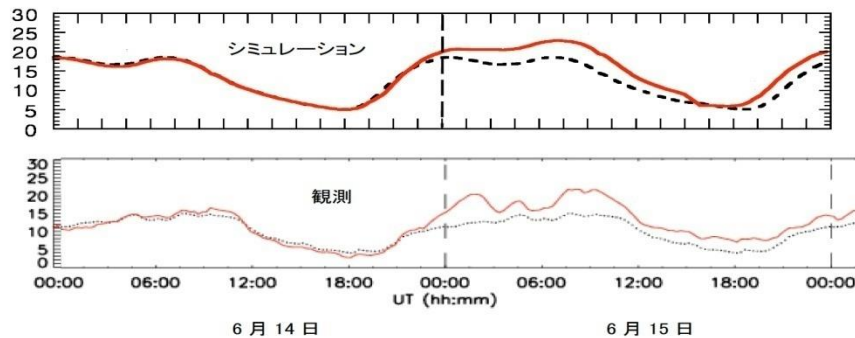


TEC map

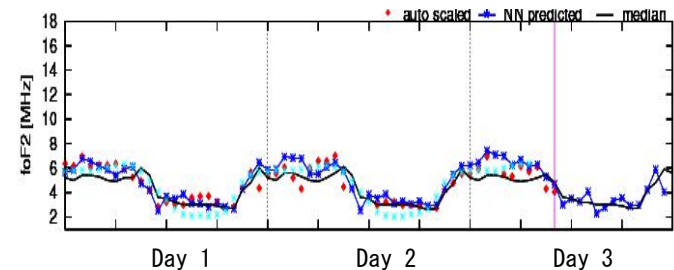


Publication on Web

## Example 1



## Example 2





# Weekly Space Weather News (in Japanese)

Space weather caster reports week summary of space weather.

<http://www.seg.nict.go.jp/wsw/index.html>



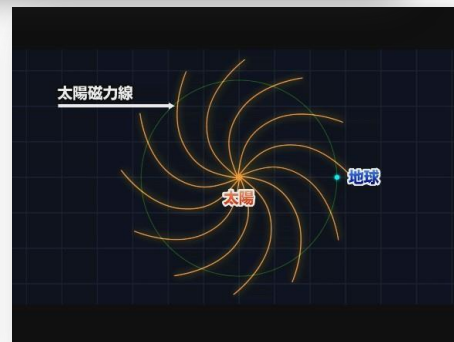
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# Brief explanation on Space Weather (in Japanese)



Solar wind

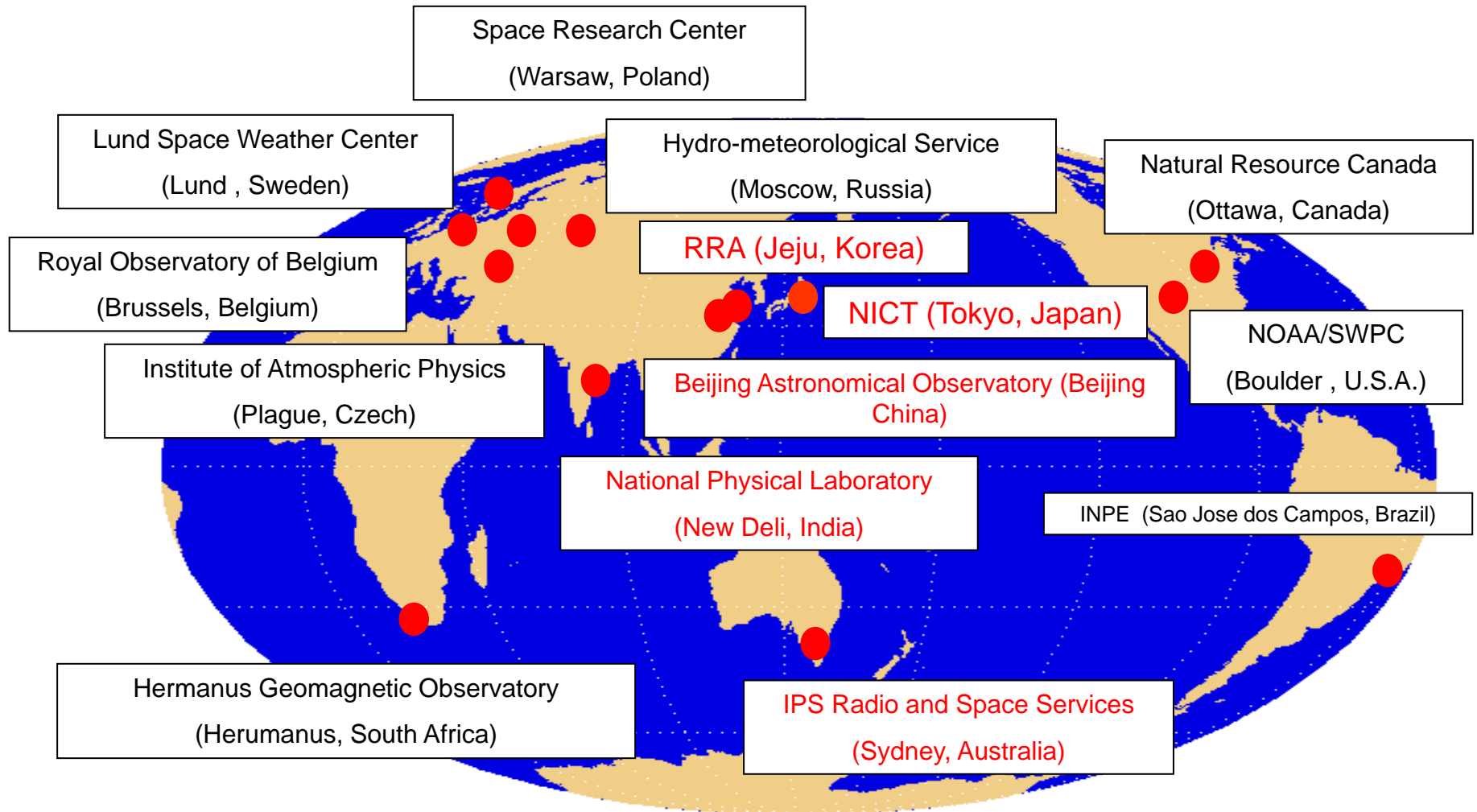


## Titles

1. Sunspot
2. Solar cycle
3. Ionosphere
4. Ionosonde
5. SWF
6. CME
7. Magnetosphere
8. SOHO
9. Aurora
10. Sporadic E
11. Solar wind
12. Proton Event
13. Radiation belt
14. F10.7
15. Solar flare
16. TEC observation using GPS
17. Solar radio bursts
18. Plasma babble
19. Geomagnetic index
20. Geomagnetic storm
21. Ionospheric storm

## 2. Asia-Oceania Space Weather Alliance (AOSWA)

# Regional Warning Centers of International Space Environment Service (ISES)



**Indonesia:** Space Weather Program in progress at LAPAN

**Thailand:** Princess Sirindhorn Neutron Monitor with the highest cut-off energy  
Plan of Thailand GPS and Ionospheric Data Center in KMITL



Operational Forecast, Data Preservation  
(Application and Stewardship)

Workshop/Collaboration/  
Data Exchange

Practical Use

Research  
Works



Four functions

International  
Activities

Information Exchange  
(Web site/News Letter)

Education/  
Capacity  
Building

Space Weather School/  
Text book & Contents

# AOSWA Associate Member

Associate member is 16 institutes in 10 countries.

## **Australia**

- Ionospheric Prediction Service (IPS) / RWC Australia

## **China**

- Center for Space Science and Applied Research (CSSAR)
- National Astronomical Observatories of China (NAOC)

## **India**

- National Physical Laboratory (NPL) / RWC India

## **Indonesia**

- National Institute of Aeronautics and Space (LAPAN)

## **Japan**

- National Institute of Info. & Com. Tech. (NICT)
- RISH, Kyoto University
- STEL, Nagoya University

## **Malaysia**

- National Space Agency of Malaysia (ANGKASA)
- Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

## **Pakistan**

- Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Commission (SUPARCO)

## **Republic of Korea**

- Radio Research Agency (RRA) / RWC Korea
- Korean Astronomy and Space Science Institute (KASI)
- Kyung Hee University

## **Thailand**

- ICAO Asia and Pacific Office

## **Vietnam**

- Institute of Geophysics

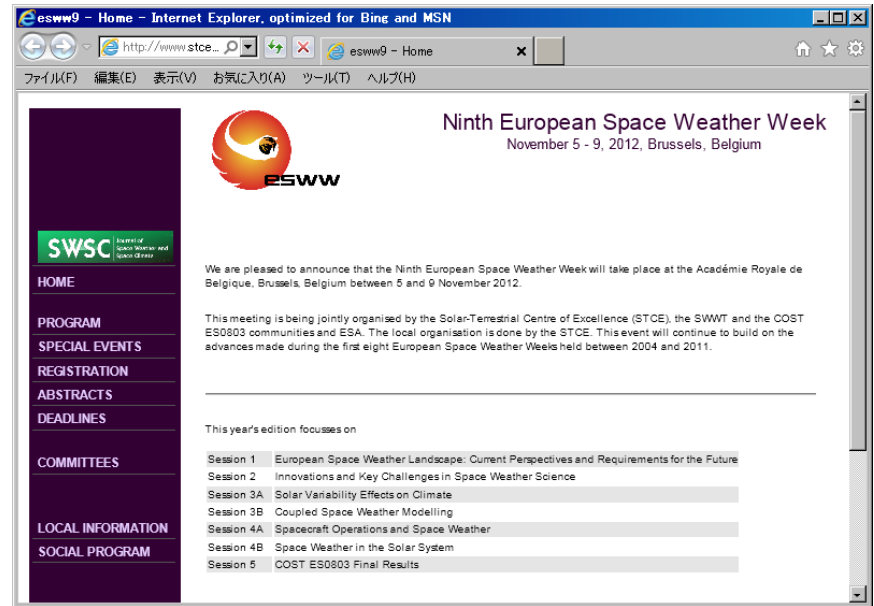


# Regional Space Weather Workshop

Space Weather Workshop @ USA since 1999



European Space Weather Week since 2004



**AOSWA**  
Asia-Oceania Space Weather Alliance

Asia-Oceania regional space weather workshop since 2012



# The 1st AOSWA Workshop

(22-24 February 2012, Imperial Mae Ping Hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand)

Asia-Oceania Regional Space Weather Workshop

Next workshop is in China hosted by NAOC, CSSAR, and CMA



Approximately 80 peoples from 30 institutes in 10 countries including the ICAO Asia and Pacific Office in Bangkok, Thailand



# AOSWA Web site

<http://aoswa.nict.go.jp>



**AOSWA**  
Asia-Oceania Space Weather Alliance  
Preparatory Committee

Top Introduction Workshop AOGS Associates Event Application Education Contact Link

**Event Information**

2012/04

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

2012/05

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**Associates of AOSWA**

•Number of Associates 16  
(10 countries)

•Number of Mailing List Member

Australia	2
China	4
India	2
Indonesia	10
Japan	25
Malaysia	2
Pakistan	1
Philippines	1
South Korea	7
Taiwan	1
Thailand	9
USA	1
Vietnam	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>

•AOSWA Friends  
---->Member List  
(A password is required to view the list.)

**What's New**

- 2012-03-30 Welcome our new associate, Pakistan Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO). **New**
- 2012-03-26 Added workshop's report. **New**
- 2012-02-23 Welcome our new associate, International Civil Aviation Organization, Asia and Pacific Office (ICAO APAC office).  
Added workshop's abstract.
- 2012-02-17 Updated workshop's program.
- 2012-02-13 Added workshop's program.
- 2012-01-05 The deadline for abstracts has been changed to Jan 11.
- 2011-12-14 Call for paper of the 1st AOSWA Workshop
- 2011-11-10 Welcome our new associate, National Astronomical Observatories, Chinese Academy of Sciences (NAOC).  
Update of STARS for Windows
- 2011-10-14 Introduction of NICT STARS Project
- 2011-08-09 Introduction of NICT Space weather Board
- 2011-08-08 AOGS2011(2011/08/08-12)
- 2011-05-30 Sample movie of NICT "Space Weather News" in English
- 2011-04-26 2011 Space Weather Workshop (April 26 - April 29 in Boulder, Colorado)

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## 3. Other Activities

# International Council for Science (ICSU)

NICT hosts the International Program Office (IPO) of the ICUS/WDS.

- **World Data Centre (WDC)**

- WDC for Solar Terrestrial Physics (NOAA/NGDC)
- WDC for Solar-Terrestrial Science (IPS)
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- **Federation of Astronomical and Geophysical Data Analysis Services (FAGS)**

- International Space Environment Service (ISES)
- Solar Influences Data Analysis Center (SIDC)
- International Service of Geomagnetic Indices (ISGI)
- International GNSS Service (IGS)
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since 2009

**World Data System  
(WDS)**

# Japanese contribution to Space Weather Activities of United Nation (UN)

UN/COPUOS (Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space)

ISWI (International Space Weather Initiative) WG

UN International Space Weather Science and Education Center started this April in  
**Kyushu University (Prof. Kiyofumi Yumoto).**

Long-Term Sustainability WG

Expert Group C (Space Weather)  
**Chair: Prof. Takahiro Obara (Tohoku University)**

# Ionospheric Studies Task Force (ISTF) of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Asia and Pacific Office

Chair of Ionospheric Studies Task Force

**Dr. Susumu Saito, Electronic Navigation Research Institute (ENRI), Japan**

The task force will develop strategies for collecting, analyzing and sharing ionospheric data and will discuss other issues related to the ionospheric studies as a step towards the implementation of GNSS applications including GBAS and SBAS.

First Meeting of Ionospheric Studies Task Force (ISTF/1)

February 27-29, 2012 in Tokyo

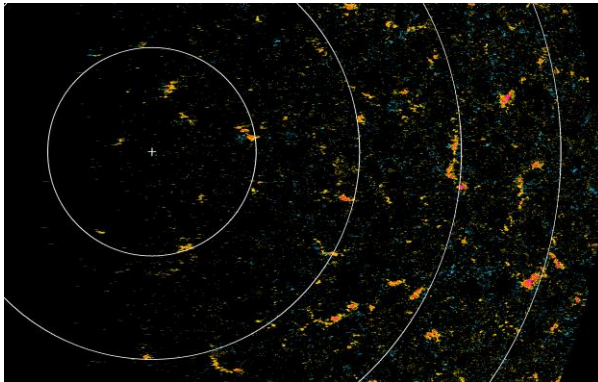
Participants from 9 countries (Australia, Hong Kong China, India, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, USA, Philippines, and Japan)

# Reversal of solar polar magnetic field revealed by Hinode (courtesy of NAOJ/JAXA)

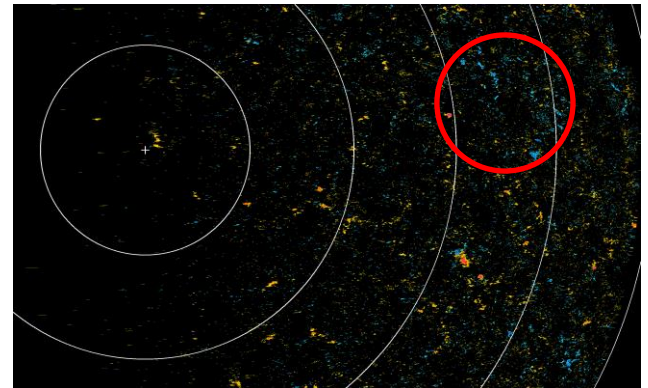
(Shiota, Tsuneta, Shimojo, & Hinode Team)

north pole

September 2008

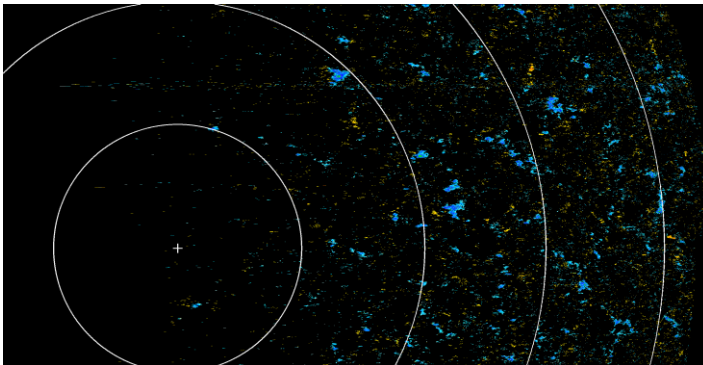


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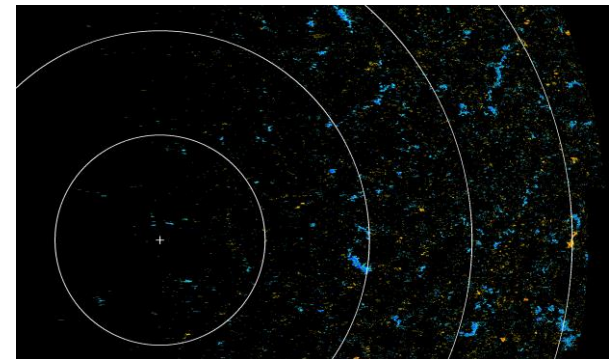


south pole

March 2009



March 2012



Than you !!

