### Recent Progress of Research and **Operational Activities of** Solar Weather Forecasting at NAOC

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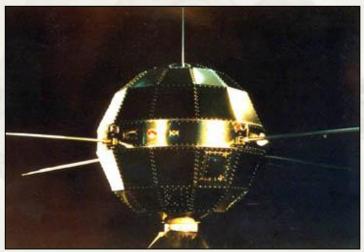
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### Solar weather - Origin of the space environment disturbances

Conditions or activities on the Sun that can influence or disturb the space environment -- solar active regions (sunspot groups) -- solar flare -- coronal mass ejection (CME) -- solar energetic particle (SEP) -- EUV, X-ray and radio radiation -- filament (prominence) -- coronal hole (origin of high speed solar wind) -- solar cycle

## History of solar weather forecasting activities at NAOC

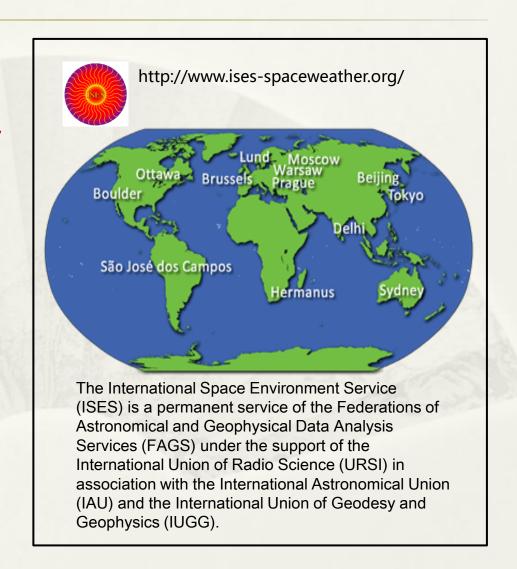
- ➤ Begin in 1969
  - short wave communication
  - space missions
- Services for Chinese first satellite mission in 1970
- Member of International Space Environment Services (ISES) in 1990



The first satellite of China (1970)

#### Regional Warning Center of China (RWC-China)

- > Setup in 1991
- > Four sub-centers
  - Solar Activity Prediction Center (SAPC) at NAOC (headquarters of RWC-China)
  - Space Environment Prediction Center (SEPC)
  - Ionospheric Disturbance Prediction Center (IDPC)
  - Geomagnetic Storm Prediction Center (GSPC)
- > RWC-China's tasks:
  - (1) Data collection
  - (2) User services
  - (3) Information exchange with other RWCs



#### Observations at NAOC

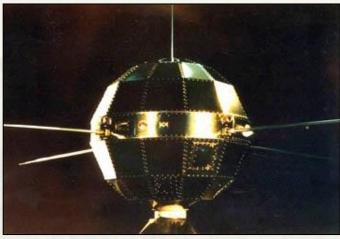


### Solar weather forecasting services at NAOC

- Short-term prediction (within 2 or 3 days)
  - -- solar X-ray flare class within 2 days (none, C, M, X)
  - -- solar proton event probability within 3 days
  - solar 10.7cm radio flux daily values within 3 days
- ➤ Medium-term prediction (within 1 or 2 weeks)
  - -- monthly mean sunspot number
  - -- solar X-ray flare activity level
- Long-term prediction (in time scale of solar cycle)
  - -- maximum value and phase of sunspot number

The daily solar activity forecasts are distributed both by web pages (http://rwcc.bao.ac.cn) and emails

### Special services



Chinese first satellite mission (1970)



Shenzhou series of manned space flight

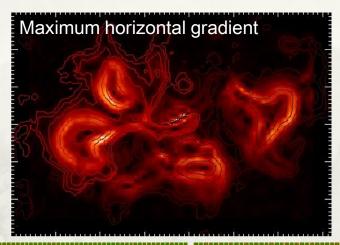


Chang'e series of moon exploration spacecraft

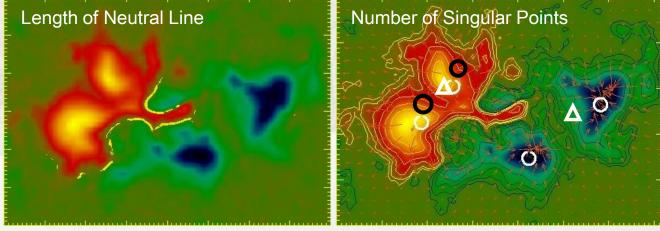
#### Researches on solar weather forecasting

- Currently available prediction models:
  - -- solar flare short-term prediction models
  - solar proton event short-term prediction model
  - -- solar 10.7cm radio flux prediction model
  - -- solar active longitude prediction model
  - solar active level quantitative assessment model
  - solar 3-D coronal magnetic field NLFFF extrapolation model
- > Forecasting models in development:
  - coronal mass ejection (CME) prediction model

### New physical measures of magnetic field as input factor for the flare and proton event prediction models

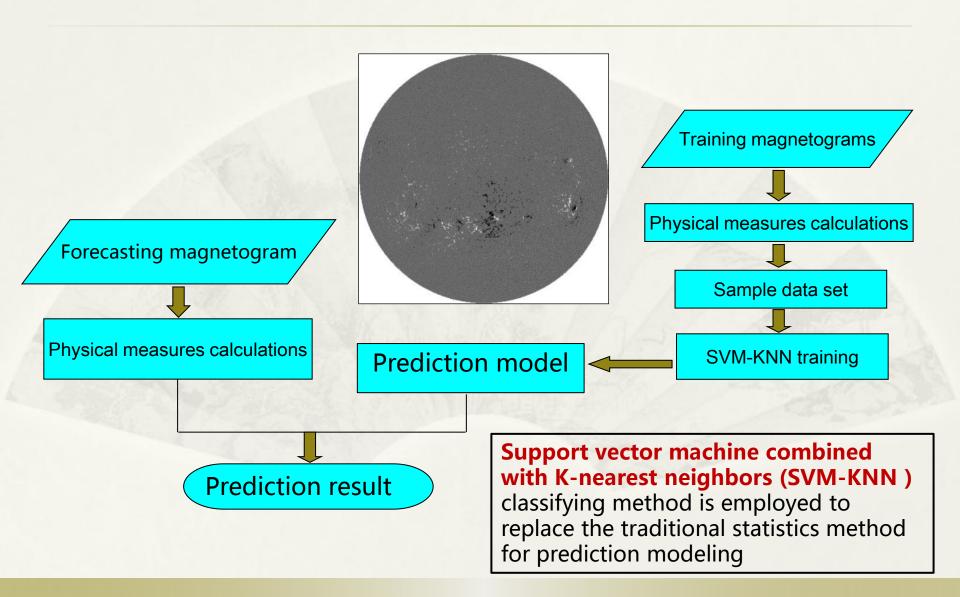


Active Region NOAA 9574 2001-08-11 UT



Physical measures reflect the complexities of the photospheric magnetic field

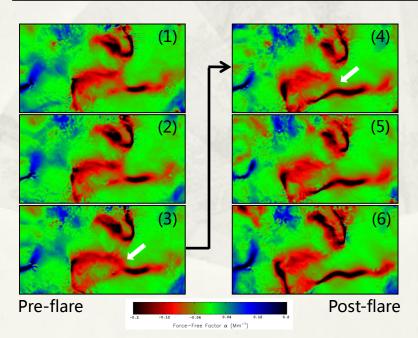
### New artificial intelligence classifying algorithm for flare and proton events prediction models



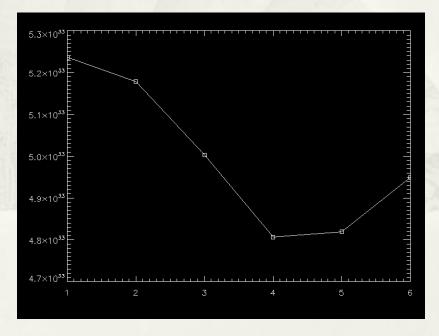
### Quantitative analyses of 3-D coronal magnetic fields for solar eruptive event prediction (being developed)

Quantitative analyses of the 3-D coronal magnetic fields associated with the X3.4 flare event of the solar active region NOAA 10930

- > Six magnetograms: 3 for pre-flare, 3 for post-flare
- Resolution: 1arcsec/pixel; grid number: 300x160x160
- Projection effect is corrected and the six magnetograms are co-aligned



Alpha distribution at layer 11 of modeling grid

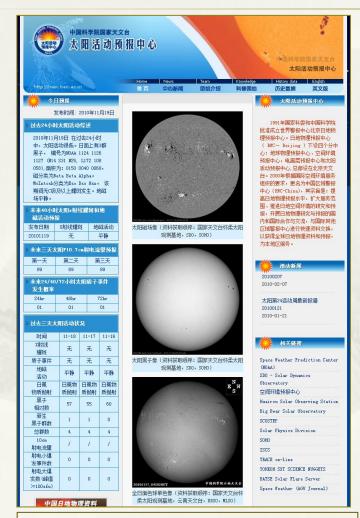


Total magnetic energy evolution

### Operational platforms for solar weather forecasting and distribution at NAOC

Operational Platform	Application time	Distribution media	Supporting computer system
First generation	2001 – 2006	Web page	Simple database system and data table; input observation data by hand; run prediction model by hand
Second generation	2006 – 2011	Web page; simple English language page	Simple database system; complex data table; grab observation data semi- automatically; prediction model can be controlled by platform
Third generation (being developed)	2011 -	Dynamic and Interactive web pages; Complete English language pages; 3-D computer simulation interface	Dedicated database server; Mass storage devices; grab and extract observation data automatically; run prediction model automatically; 3-D virtual reality (VR) technique

# Web interface of the 2nd generation operational platforms (in Chinese language)

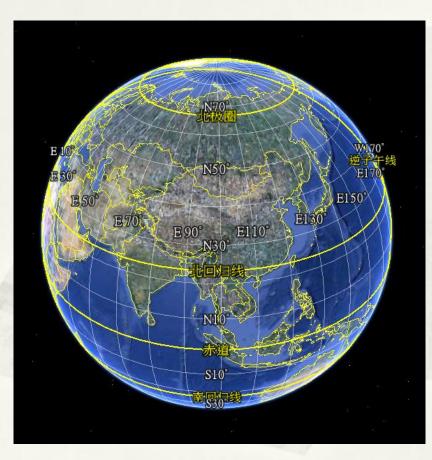


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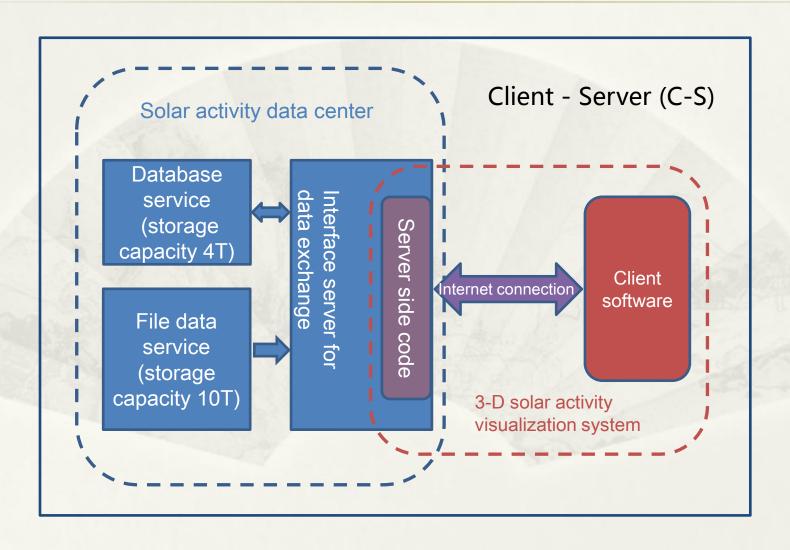
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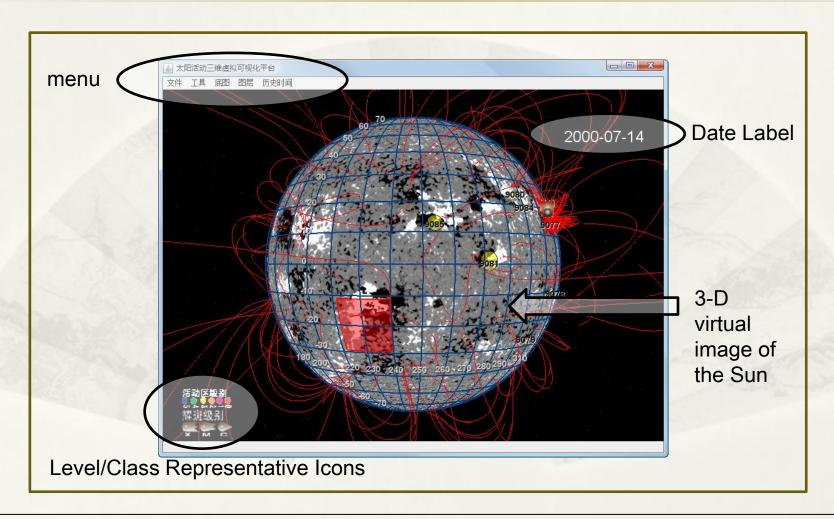
3-D Virtual Earth(Google Earth)

3-D Virtual Sun

# Computer system architecture of the 3-D solar activity visualization system



#### Virtual-Sun Client interface



For online experience (1996-2009 historical data), please visit: http://159.226.170.65/virtual-sun/

#### Perspective

- > Virtual-Sun
  - Monitoring real time solar activities
  - Running prediction models
  - Presenting forecasting results
- New observations
  - 1-meter Infrared Solar Telescope (Location: Yunnan Province, Fuxian Lake)
  - Chinese Spectral Radio-Heliograph (CSRH) (Location: Inner Mongolia of China)
  - Space-based solar telescope



A new generation operational solar weather monitoring and forecasting system is expected to be constructed in the near future at NAOC.

### Thanks!