Recent Italian advances in Space Weather

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Outline

Space weather-related thematic areas

- Italian strategic Initiatives
- •Research and Technology Development in the fields of:
 - \circ Solar physics
 - $\circ~$ Interplanetary space and Solar-Terrestrial physics
 - o Geomagnetism
 - $\circ~$ Upper atmosphere physics



Italian Space Weather strategic initiatives









Italy at United Nations – Office for Outer Space Affairs







GV and ASI are the Italian representatives at the Space Weather Expert Group of OPUOS (Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space)

pert Group on Space Weather is tended till 2021.

orkplan is in terms of examining

ture international coordination for ace weather Roadmap for international coordination and information exchange on space weather events

- A. Product and service selection
- **B. Information communication protocol**
- **C. Response procedures**
- D. Product sustainment and improvement and risk assessments

E. Improved understanding of fundamental physical processes we cause extreme space weather

F. Promote capacity building for space weather in COPUOS Merr States

Italy at ISWI



INGV and ICTP are the Italian co-coordinators in ISWI (International Space Weather Initiative).

is a program of international cooperation to nee the space weather science by a combination of ument deployment, analysis and interpretation of e weather data from the deployed instruments in inction with space data, and communicate the ts to the public and students.

http://www.iswi-secretariat.org/

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Italian contributions to SW studies: recent progress

Yenca Migoya-Orue, Vincenzo Romano et al. **"Italian contributions to SW studies: recent pro** Poster at ISWI workshop, August 2017, Boston Co

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Italy at SCAR – Scientific Committe for Antarctic Research

Italy leads the SCAR expert group called GRAPE (GNSS Research and Application for Polar Environment). GRAPE is a joint GeoSciences and Physical Sciences Expert Group lasting from 2012 to



2018

http://www.grape.scar.org

- n Objectives
- SS ionospheric network coordination
- velop space weather tools
- estigate physical mechanism
- trieve tropospheric PWV



Italy at ICAO



in collaboration with ENAC (the Italian Civil Aviation ority) is member of the PECASUS European consortium oved as one of the three **SPACE WEATHER INFORMATION AL PROVIDERS IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL AIR GATION**

JS SWxC will provide information on prevailing and forthcoming SWx visories compatible with the standardized ICAO formats. The ries will be given by a 24/7 service and in the areas of: Frequency (HF) communications

- vigation and surveillance based on Global Navigation Satellite s (GNSS), and
- ation exposure at flight altitudes
- llite Communication



Company/Organization	Country
Finnish Meteorogical Institute	Finland
(FMI)	
Solar-Terrestrial Centre of	Belgium
Excellence (STCE)	
Met Office (UKMO)	United Kin
Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und	Germany
Raumfahrt e.V. (DLR)	
Royal Netherlands	Netherlan
Meteorological Institute (KNMI)	
Centrum Badan Kosmiccznych	Poland
Polskiej Akademii Nauk (SRC)	
Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e	Italy
Vulcanologia (INGV)	
Seibersdorf Labor GmbH (SL)	Austria
The Cyprus Department of	Cyprus
Meteorology (DoM)	

INAF National Space Weather Service Network (NSWS)



- HELIOSPHERIC DATA AND SWX CENTRE
 SOHO & SOLAR ORBITER/METIS DATA ARCHIVES
- STE TRIESTE SOLAR RADIO WEATHER CENTRE
 - SOLAR RADIO ARCHIVE
- SVIRCO NEUTRON MONITOR
 - DOME C EAST HF RADAR IN ANTARCTICA (SUPERDARN
 - RY MAGNETOSPHERIC AND IONOSPHERIC OBSERVATIONS
 - SOLAR WIND AND IONOPHERE PLASMA SIMULATOR (S
 - SOLAR ACTIVITY MOF MONITOR (SAMM)
 - PRECISION SOLAR PHOTOMETRIC TELESCOPE (PSPT)
 - HR SPECTROPOLARIMETER IBIS DATA ARCHIVE
 - HISTORICAL SOLAR IMAGES DIGITAL ARCHIVE
 - SOLAR HR MOF IMAGING (VAMOS)
- AF-CATANIA SOLAR HR WL AND H-ALPHA IMAGING
- INAF-CAGLIARI K-BAND HR SOLAR RADIO IMAGING INAF-BOLOGNA INAF-CATANIA

Solar physics and Space Weather



pace Weather Research Activities in ASI

n: C. Plainaki, A. Ippolito, M. Giardino, B. Negri, M. Castronuovo

Research Fields and Activities

- nd Galactic Cosmic Ray physics
- terplanetary propagation
- LE coupling processes physics
- heric disturbances investigations and upper here physics;
- ary space weather (PSW) physics, with special is on the study of plasma-atmosphere interactions in an system
- on of payload science objectives for future SW and issions
- nation of the national Space Weather Working Group

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- etical and Numerical Modelling;
- Analysis;
- pation in projects related to circumrial SW or PSW
- larOrbiter/METIS
- ICE
- UNO
- XA BepiColombo/SERENA

Model-derived spatial distribution of the primary *1 GV* SEP flux on 17 May 2012







Recently, the **ASI Space Weather Working Gro** proposed through the creation of a related Road long-term strategy for the development of Space Weather scientific activities in Italy. In the contex strategy, the Italian Space Agency aims to asses possibility to develop a **National Scientific Space Weather Data Center (ASPIS¹)**, to host the exist tools and related data archives obtained by the It space weather assets, to encourage **synergies** between different science teams with interest in the field and to **motivate innovation** and **new miss concept development**.

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¹ASPIS stands for Asi SPace weather InfraStruc

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Plainaki, C. and the ASI Space Weather Working Group "ASPIS towards future perspectives in the field of Space Weather ", ASI Space Weather Workshop, 18 Dec 2018



Solar Physics Group in Catania

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ain Research Fields

rticipation in the European Solar Telescope Design Phase; Participation in the ar Orbiter mission; Participation to the ESA - Space Situational Awareness ogram; Emergence of magnetic flux tubes in the solar atmosphere; Formation d evolution of solar active regions; Flares and Coronal Mass Ejections: drivers, rly coronal propagation and effects on the space environment; ar Wind source regions, Space Weather.





Methods

•Coordinated observing Campaigns between ground-based and space-based satellites

•Analysis of spectroscopic and spectro-polarimetric data acquired from space and ground.

•Design and development of new instrumentation for future ground-based observations.

Solar Physics Group in Catania

Project Name	Short description	Role	Timeline
PRE-EST	To provide both the EST international consortium and the funding agencies with a detailed plan regarding the implementation of the European Solar Telescope.	Participation of UniCT and INAF-OACt Teams	2017 April 1 – 2021 March 3
SOLARNET	To integrate the major European infrastructures in the field of high-resolution solar physics and to define the exploitation of the future 4-meter European Solar Telescope.	Participation of UniCT and INAF-OACt Teams	2019 January 2022 Decemb
Metis	WL and UV Coronagraph for ESA-Solar Orbiter spacecraft \rightarrow first close-up (0.3 AU) observations of coronal plasmas	Participation to Science Team	Launch: Febru 2020, nomina mission 7.5 ye
ESCSOLAR-2	To provide near real-time full-disc images of the photosphere at 656.78 nm and of the chromosphere at 856.28 nm to the portal of ESA Space Situation Awareness Space Weather.	Participation of INAF- OACt Equatorial Spar Team	2017 Decemb 2019 June 10

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Solar Physics Group in Turin

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onucci, S. Fineschi, A. Bemporad, C. Benna, G. Capobianco, M. Casti, F. Frassati, S. Giordano, Iini, A. Liberatore, S. Mancuso, G. Massone, G. Nicolini, R. Susino, D. Telloni, L. Zangrilli.

in Research Fields

ics of the solar corona, understanding the origin and evolution of the drivers of Geomagnetic Storms on Earth: Solar Wind and Coronal Mass ions (CMEs).





Methods

•Coordination of observational campaigns from space and ground (total solar eclipses)

•Development of diagnostic techniques for the analysis of coronagraphic and spectroscopic data acquired from space and ground.

•Development of new instrumentation for future space missions and ground b observations.

Solar Physics Group in Turin

Project	Short description	Role	Timeline
METIS	WL and UV Coronagraph for ESA- Solar Orbiter spacecraft → first close- up (0.3 AU) observations of corona	Leader of the international science consortium (PI: M. Romoli)	Launch: February 2020, nominal mission 7.5 years
ASPIICS	WL coronagraph for ESA-PROBA3 satellite → first eclipse-like, long-term observations of the inner corona	Italian leader for Formation Flying metrology (Lead Co- I: S. Fineschi)	Launch: 2022, nominal mission 2 years
SCORE	Helium Sounding rocket coronagraph → first determination of coronal Helium abundance	Leader of the italian instrument consortium (PI: S. Fineschi)	First launch: September 2009, Second launch: 2020
ESCAPE	Coronagraph in Antarctica (Concordia base) → first long-term coronal magnetic fields monitoring	Leader of the italian instrument consortium (Co-PI: S. Fineschi)	Deployment: Antarctic summer 2018/2019, duration 3 years
SW HELIOSPHERIC DATA CENTER	Heliospheric Data Centre is a joint ALTEC & INAF-OATo effort → evolve the SOLAR (Soho Long-term Archive), and develop a Heliospheric Space Weather Centre for forecast	Hosted and maintained by ALTEC, developed in joint collaboration with INAF Turin Observatory	Established in 2017, currently under development

Solar Physics in Trieste



TSRWC TSRWC centre Solar Radio Weather Centre

Senior Advisor for Space Weather to the INAF President and INAF Science Director









Interplanetary space and Solar-Terrestrial physics





University of L'Aquila

M. Vellante, P. Francia, M. De Lauretis, E. Pietropaolo, A. Piancatelli, A. Del Corpo, S. Di Matteo, G. Napoletano, U. Villante

research fields:



Remote monitoring of the cold plasma in the inner magnetosphere

EMMA (European quasi-Meridional Magnetometer Array) 27 stations, 1.6 < L < 6.2

- CME travel time forecasting from
- coronagraphic images
- 📲 and models





Identification of fluctuations at disc frequencies in the solar wind and in

tific collaborations:

ute of Geophysics-PAS, Poland ogical and Geophysical Institute of Hungary, ary Finnish Meteorological Institute, Finland
 Space Research Institute (IWF), Austria
 University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy

> National Institute for Astrophysics, Italy

- National Institute for Geophysics and Volcanolog
- ✓ NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, MD, USA

Solar wind-magnetosphere-atmosp interactions at polar latitudes

GEOWAVES experiment at Concordia Station, Antarctica

ULF experiment at Zucchelli station, Terra Nova Antarctica





Solar-Terrestrial Physics at INGV

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Science: Ionospheric Turbulence

tification of proxies of the magnetospheric and ionospheric responses bace weather events oriented to the *forecast of magnetosphere and sphere dynamical status*. In particular of those proxies related to the elopment of *turbulence in the ionosphere* since it *strongly impacts on operability of all communication systems affected by the ionospheric ium*.

SA has recently funded a project within EO program to characterise IoNospheric TurbulENce level by Swarm constellation (INTENS)



parison between the average spatial distributions of Hurst exponent nated by Swarm magnetic data and the convection patterns obtained using rDARN.

Science: Geomagnetically Induced Currents

GIC index is a proxy of *geomagnetically induced currents* (GIC). GIC index estimation using 1magnetic data recorded in Italy (during the last two solar cycles) has been performed for *preliminary risk assessment of GIC over the Italian Territory*. Results has shown that *the impact space weather on the power grids in Italy, as well as in the Mediterranean countries, needs a dee assessment including the consideration of coastal effects, ground conductivity, and failure reports*



GIC index estimated from the magnetic observatory of Castello Tesino (Northern Italy). A "moderate" risk damage due to GIC has been reached during the 2003 Halloween geomagnetic storm.



Present stage of the tool: forecast 1 hour in advance of Dst index starting from interplanetary and magnetospheric data using ne networks.

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pace mission dedicated to environmental studies and LISA contribution t space weather

Personnel

- C. Grimani, S. Benella, M. Fabi, M. Villani
- Main Research Fields
- Solar activity and solar polarity modulations of galactic cosmic-ray fluxes
- Galactic cosmic-ray flux short-term variations
- Monte Carlo simulations of the role of galactic and solar cosmic rays in limiting the instrument performance in space
- LISA contribution to both space weather science and space weather: multi-point cosmic-ray and solar energetic particle observations at 1 a.u., 50x10⁶ km behind Earth after 2034

Methods

 The Fluka Monte Carlo program was used to estimate the test mass charging aboard the LISA Pathfinder mission and the dose released in the METIS coronagraph to be flown aboard the Solar Orbiter. See <u>https://pasme.uniurb.it</u>



ESA LISA

ESA Solar Orbiter





Physics of Space Plasmas and Space Weather @ INAF/IAPS – PSPSW Group

T. Alberti, A. Aronica, I. Bertello, D. Brienza, R. Bruno, G. Consolini, E. De Angelis, R. De Marco, P. Diego, M. Laurenza, F. Lazza V. Mangano, M.F. Marcucci, S. Massetti, A. Milillo, A. Mura, S. Orsini, G. Pallocchia, V. Quattrociocchi, F. Re, R. Rispoli, N. Vert

Research Fields:

•Solar wind and interplanetary space plasma physics and dynamics;

- •Solar-wind/magnetosphere and planetary environment interaction;
- •Solar Energetic Particles acceleration, propagation and forecast of particle flux;
- •Auroral observations;
- •Geomagnetic activity forecast; magnetospheric/ionospheric and geomagnetically induced currents modeling
- •Planetary Space Weather and effects of the solar variability on Earth's and planetary environment;
- •Studies of ionospheric parameters through INAF-IAPS plasma chamber;
- •Galactic Cosmic Rays modulation and impact on space missions and high energy astrophysical hazards for habitability.





A sample of Dst forecast by EDDA model [Pallocchia et al., 2006]



Forecasting horizon as estimated by Kolmogorov ent as a function of timescale [Consolini et al., JGR, 2018

Physics of Space Plasmas and Space Weather @ INAF/PSPSW











Solar Orbiter - A high-resolution mission to the Sun and inner heliosphere. The PSPSW group has a CoPi-ship in the plasma suite SWA (Solar Wind Analyzer) with the commitment of providing the common DPU (Dat Processing Unit) for the whole suite. The PSPSW group participates to SWA, a plasma feature instrument suite, wi the responsibility of the development of the on board DPU.

BepiColombo an ESA mission to Mercury – The PSPSW group has the Pi-ship of the SERENA (Search for Exospheric Refilling and Emitted Natural Abundances) particle package on Mercury Planetary Orbiter and is involve in the MEA (Mercury Electron Analyzer) and SIXS (Solar Intensity X-ray and particle Spectrometer) experiments onboard Mercury Magnetospheric Orbiter and Mercury Planetary Orbiter, respectively. The **ELENA** sensor, part of **SERENA** package, has been almost fully developed at INAF/ PSPSW with the participation of CNR and IRAP.

Super Dual Auroral Radar Network international network of HF ionospheric radars dedicated to the study of the magnetosphere ionosphere system - The PSPSW group is responsible for the Dome C East radar located at the research station Concordia (Dome C – Antarctica). During the 2018-2019 Antarctic campaign a new radar, manage by the IAPS PSPSW group, Dome C North, has been installed at the Concordia research station in collaboration w CNR and funding by the Italian PNRA.

The plasma chamber developed at INAF/IAPS is an facility capable to reproduce a large volume ionospheric environment, which is particularly suitable to perform studies on a variety of plasma physics subjects

CSES (China Seismo-Electromagnetic Satellite) is a scientific mission dedicated: to monitoring electromagnetic field and waves, plasma and particles perturbations of the atmosphere, ionosphere and magnetosphere induced by seismic events

The **SVIRCO** is the Roma Tre/INAF-IAPS observatory dedicated to the study of cosmic rays modulation and relativistic SEP generation. It provides real time data to the "Real-time database for high-resolution neutron monitor measurements" (NMDB) and to ESA-SSA for Space Weather services.

Geomagnetism





Upper atmosphere physics



Ionospheric Observatories



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Space Weather forec

Achievement of forecast and nowcasting the dimensional (3-D) elect density mapping of ionosphere.

EUROMAP forecasting mo 24 hours in advance FORECASTING OF CRITI FREQUENCY OF F2 LAYER

INGV GNSS receivers network for ionospheric scintillation and TEC (including Galileo)

irst receiver installed at Ny-Alesund (Svalbard) on 2003

olar ionosphere

- Svalbard islands (3|NyAlesund, Longyearbyen)
- Antarctica (5 | MZS, Concordia, SANAE)

1id latitude ionosphere

- Chania (Crete)
- Lampedusa (Sicily, Italy)

quatorial lonosphere

- Tucuman (Argentina)
- Sao Paulo (Brazil)









Quick Ionospheric model

VeQuick recommended by ITU-R for transospheric RP applications (Rec.P531). Basis of the model for the GALILEO single quency ionospheric correction algorithm. **eQuick** recommended by ICG Working oups.



ICTP Web services: <u>http://t-ict4d.ictp.it/</u>: NeQu 2 online and TEC online calibration



Last Publications related to SW studies: J.N. Yao, B. Nava, D.K. Obrou, S.M. Radicella (2018). Validation of

J.N. Yao, B. Nava, O.K. Obrou, S.M. Radicella (2018). *Validation of NeQuick2 model over West African equatorial region using GNSS-derive Total Electron Content data.* Journal of Atmospheric and Solar-Terrestri Physics, 181, A, 2018.

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KSHOP ON SPACE WEATHER EFFECTS ON GNSS OPERATIONS AT LOW LATITUDES, ICTP, Trieste, Italy 23 – **4 May 2018** The ICTP in partnership with Boston College and cosponsored by UNOOSA has been izing schools and workshops since 2009 in Trieste and in Africa to promote activities related to satellite ation science and technology, ionosphere and Space Weather studies.





Rate of change of total electron content index (ROTI), STEC and elevation angle computed for links to PRN#11 at 6 GPS stations located at middle latitudes on day 22 June 2015 showing a plasma bubble occurrence.



International Space

The international Space Weather initiative (ISWI) is a programme of

international cooperation to advance space weather science by a

combination of instrument deployment, analysis of space weather data from

these instruments in conjunction with other data, and the communication of

The ISWI activities are coordinated by a Steering Committee, supported by its

Secretariat A ISW newsletter is published by the International Center for Space

Weather Science and Education (ICSWSE) of Kyushu University, Japan, and the

ISWI websile is maintained by the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (www.iswi-

The aims of the workshop are deployment of instruments in developing nations and analysis of space weather data. A particular tocus will be on

new research results and findings and to encourage greater cooperation in developing partnerships and ISWI networks. International experts will lecture at

Weather Initiative



SW studies in the **ICTP** @Trieste

Workshop on lonospheric Forecasting for GNSS Operations in Developing Countries: Findings and Challenges

27-31 May 2019

Trieste, Italy

The workshop will give an introduction to Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) operations and the impact of the ionosphere on them. It will concentrate on forecasting ionosphere conditions with focus on Total Electron Content. Its relevance for developing countries will be highlighted.

lonosphere weather forecasts, that depend strongly on the ability to forecast Space Weather events that reach the Earth, are increasingly needed for radiocommunications, satellite navigation and positioning operations. This is becoming as relevant as it is weather forecast in meleorology. The state of the art in forecasting ionosphere conditions is far behind the level of accuracy reached by weather forecasts in the troposphere. Part of this limit is that the coupling of the ionosphere with the lower regions of the atmosphere is not adequately known, particularly in low latitudes where most of the developing countries are located.

- Computer Laboratory Work (data analysis of different ionosphere scenarios)

How to apply:	Grants:
Online application:	A limited number of grants are available
http://indico.iclp.il/event/0486/	to suggest the affendance of selected
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The International Committee on Global Navigation Salelitie Systems (ICG), Boston College and the Scientific Committee on Solar Terestrial Physics (SCOSTEP) and the US institute of Navigation are co-sponsors of this workshop.

Topics:

the workshop.

such results.

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- Instrumentation; Solar Physics: Magnelosphere, lonosphere, and Thermosphere;
- Solar-Terrestrial Coupling and Space Weather; Space Weather effects on Global Navigation Satellie Systems (GNSS);
- New Space Weather scientific results: Capacity-Building, Education and Outreach.

How to apply: Grants:







Topics: Introduction to GNES operations - Ionespheric impact on GNSS operation





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IONOSPHERIC WEATHER SERVICE



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