



SOLAR WEATHER

1 APR 2025

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W5IFQ

Aurora and Steve

Taken by [Erik Fraser](#) on March 21, 2021 @ Rangeley Maine USA

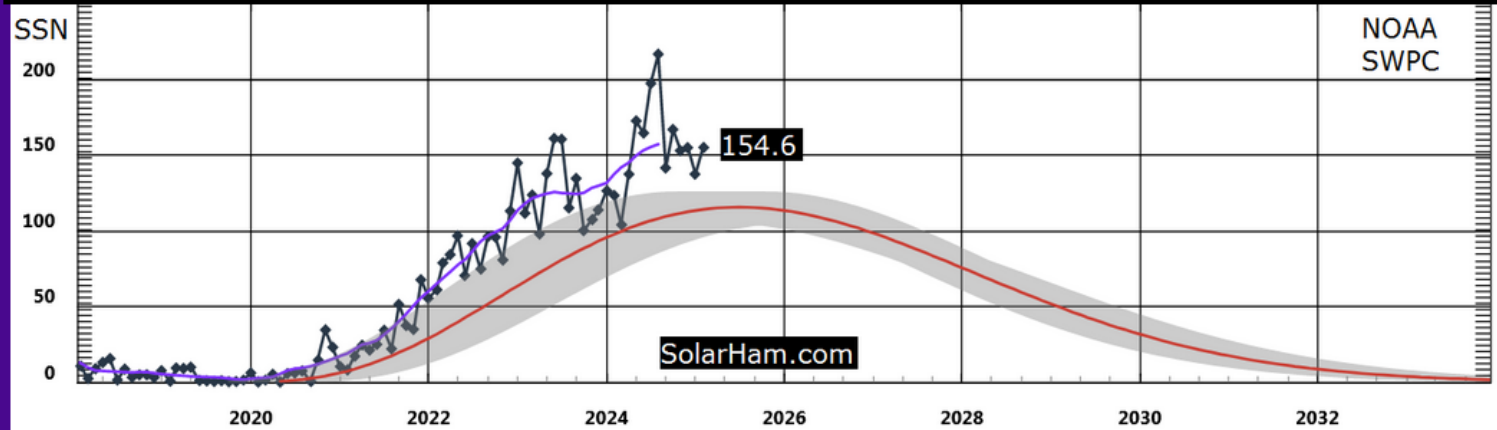
Steve – Strong Thermal Emission
Velocity enhancement

Solar Cycle 25 Progression

(Updated March 8, 2025)

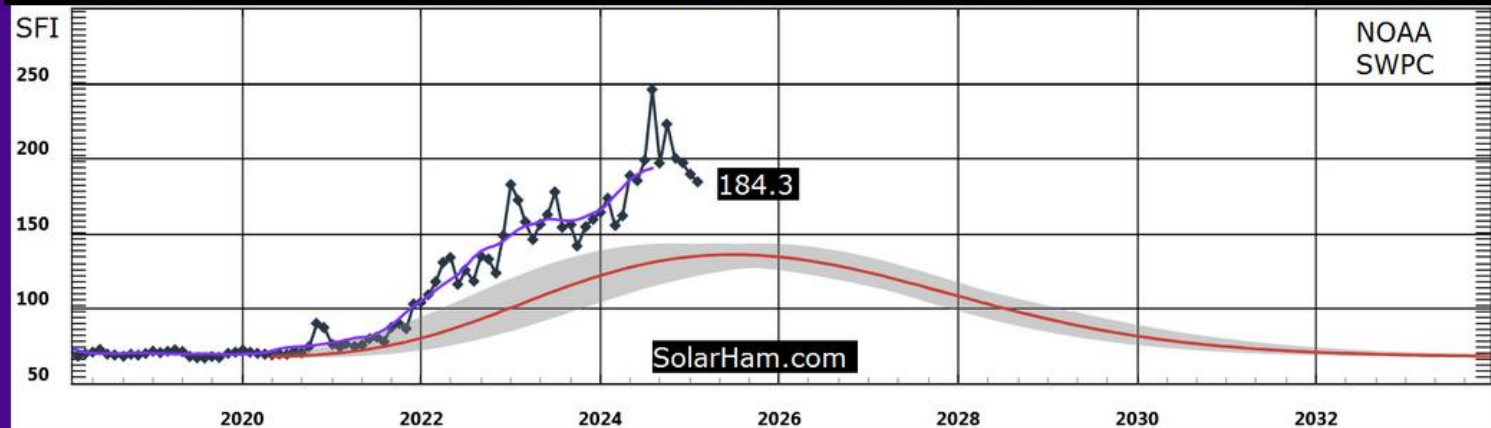
Sunspot Number Progression (February 2025)

Predicted SSN: 113.8 Actual: 154.6 Latest Smoothed Predicted SSN (8/2024): 107.8 Actual: 156.7



10.7cm Solar Flux Progression (February 2025)

Predicted SFI: 134.8 Actual: 184.3 Latest Smoothed Predicted SFI (8/2024): 130.6 Actual: 193.3



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Indices: (4/1 @ 00:35 UTC) SFI **171** ▲ 14 SSN **151**

3 Day Geomagnetic Forecast

Apr. 1	Apr. 2	Apr. 3
3 (G0)	2-3 (G0)	2 (G0)
<i>Max Kp</i>		
M-Lat 05% H-Lat 30%	M-Lat 05% H-Lat 30%	M-Lat 01% H-Lat 20%
<i>Probabilities</i>		

Latest SWPC Forecast (@ 00:30 + 12:30 UTC)

[Detailed Forecast](#)

Current Moon Phase:

14% Illumination
Waxing Crescent



Flare Events (M2+) Past 48 Hours

M5.6 AR 4046 4/1/25 @ 06:46 UTC

[Event Report](#) [Top Solar Flares](#)

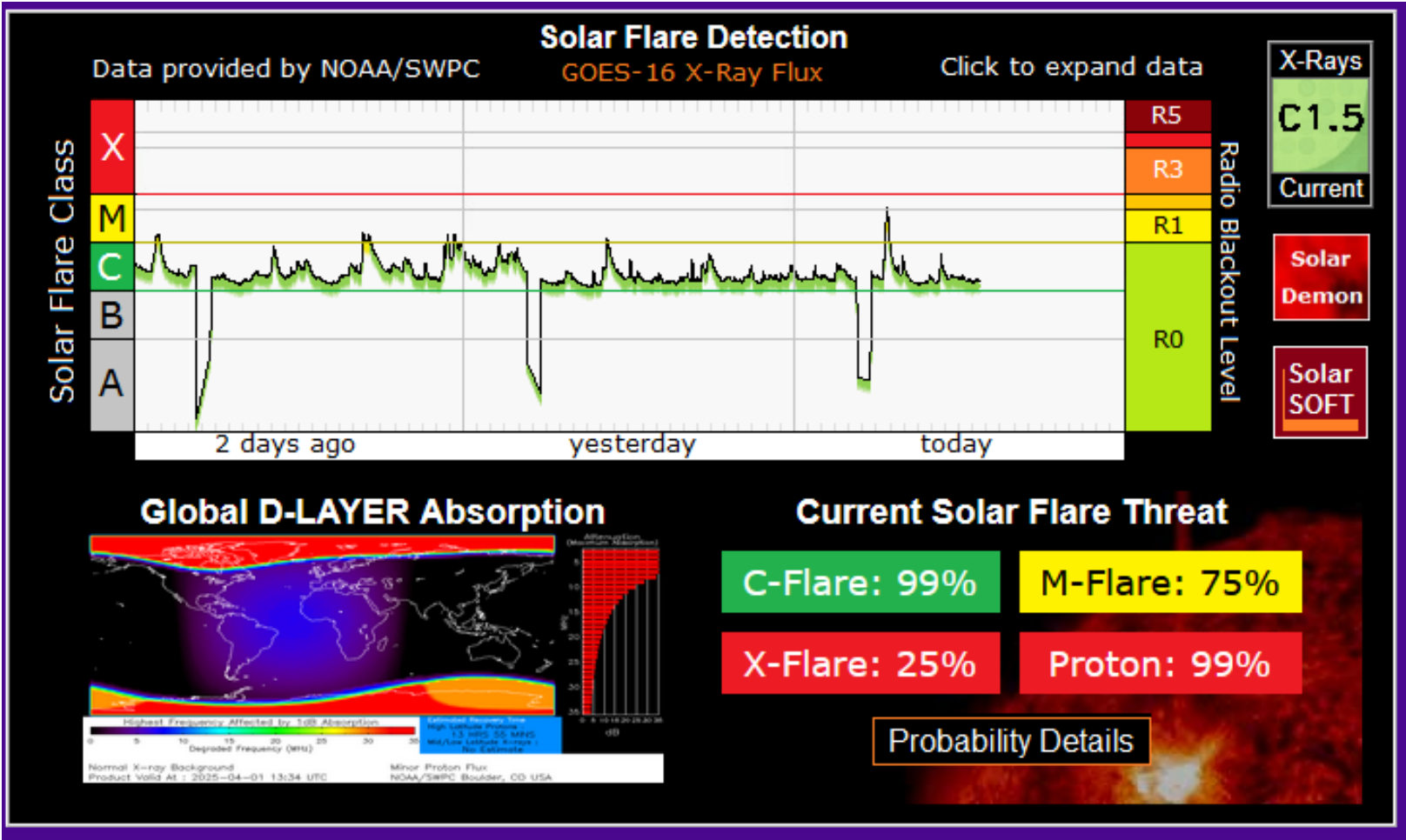
Visible Sunspot Regions

[Sunspot Summary](#) [SRS](#)

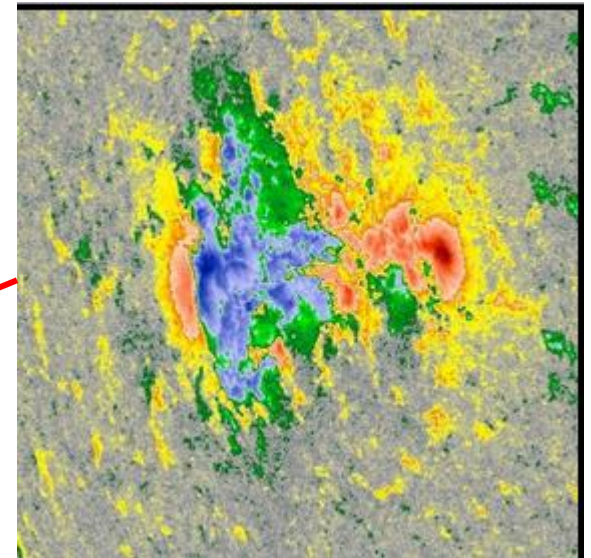
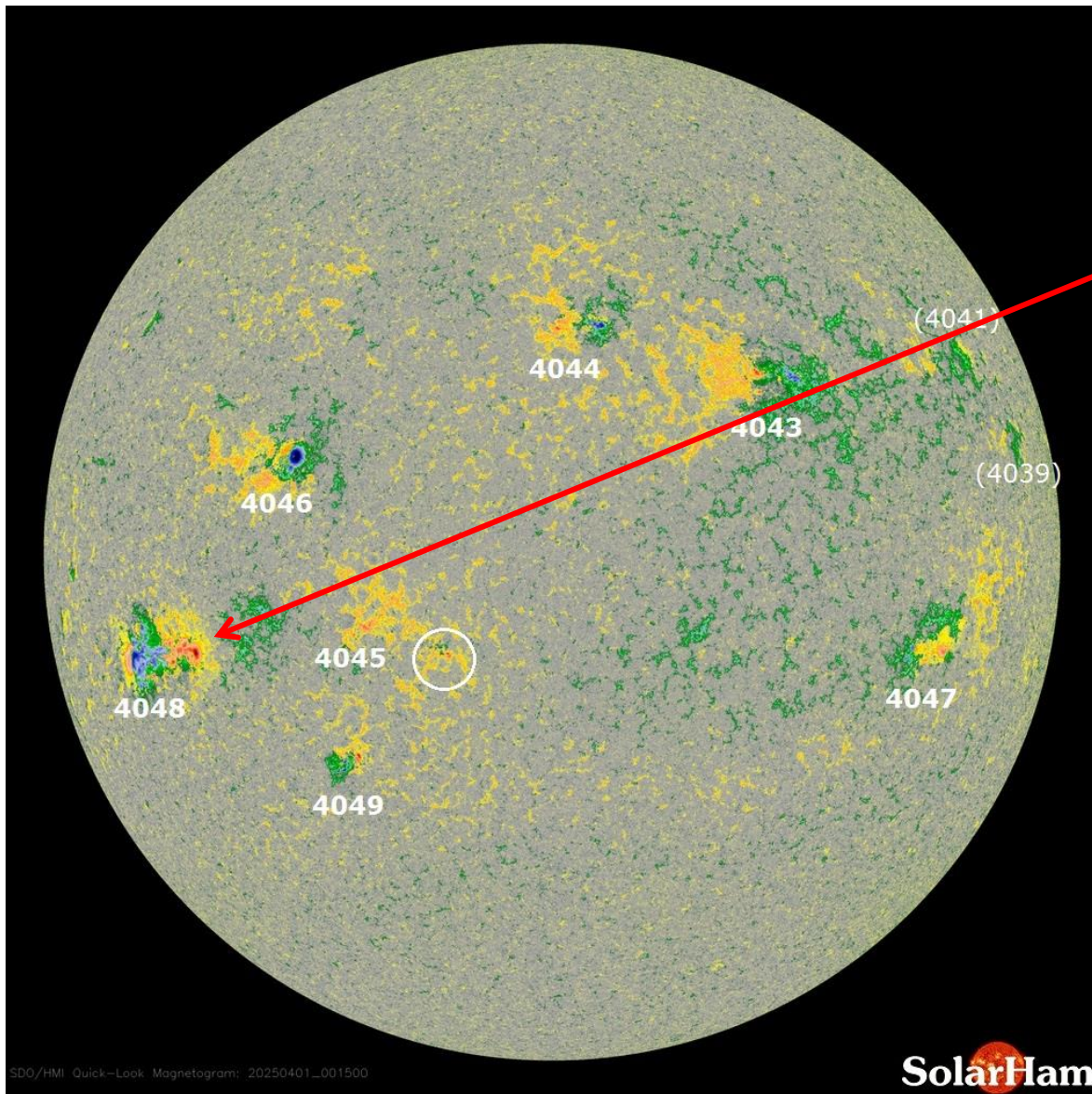
AR 4049	B	S31E27	-
AR 4048	BGD	S16E53	<i>Growing</i>
AR 4047	B	S16W50	<i>Stable</i>
AR 4046	BG	N05E31	<i>Declining</i>
AR 4045	A	S15E23	<i>Declining</i>
AR 4044	B	N20W04	<i>Declining</i>
AR 4043	B	N14W27	<i>Growing</i>

Updated @ 00:45 UTC (April 1)

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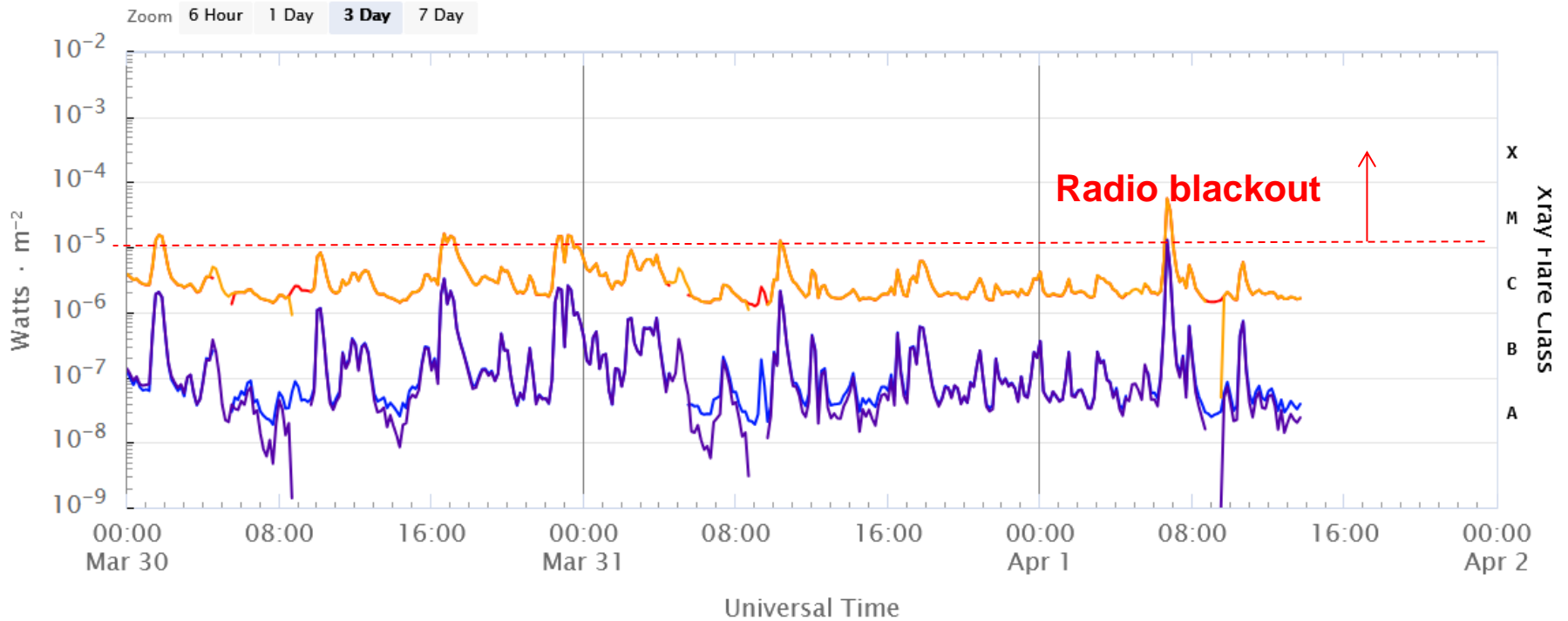


Sun Spots

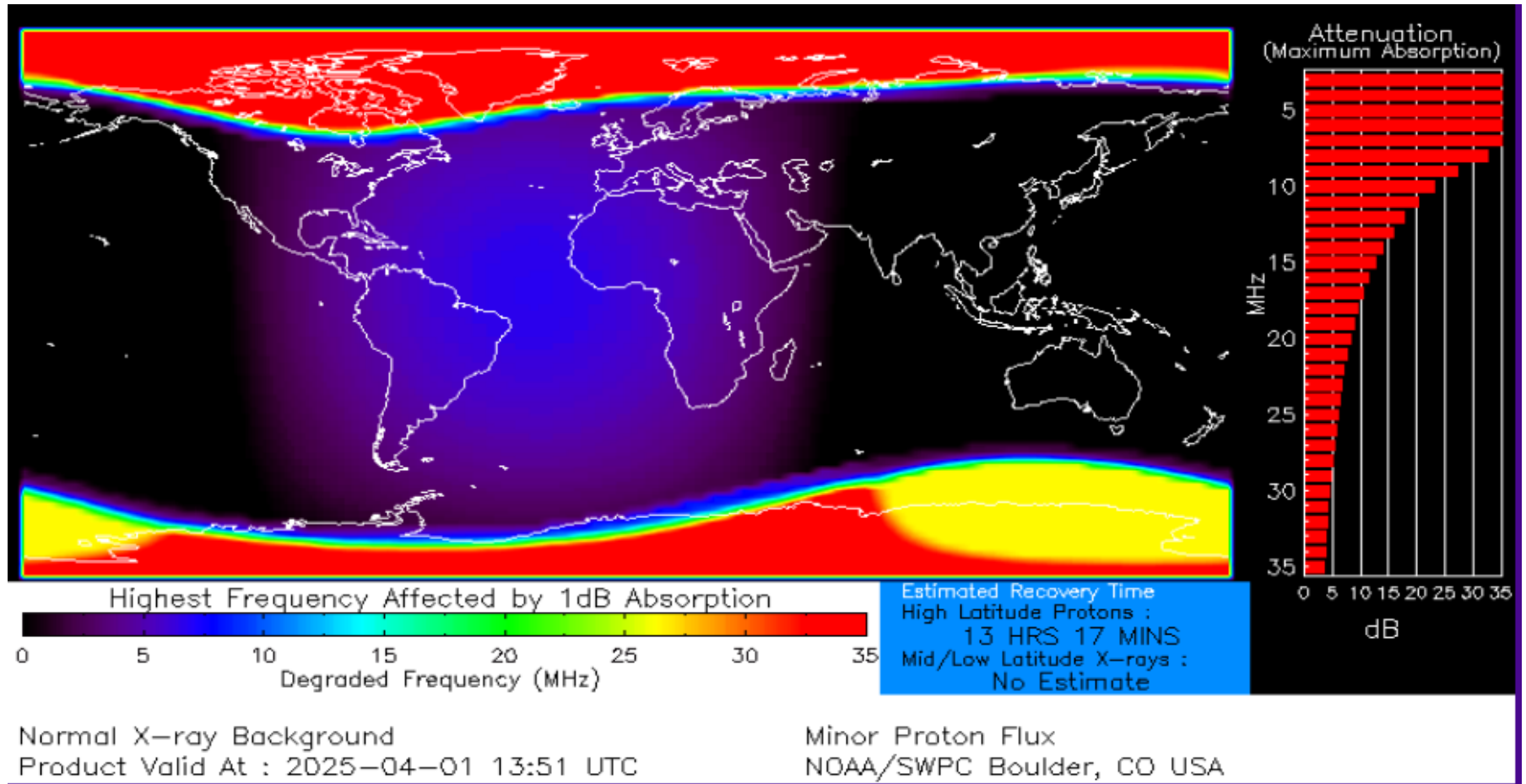


Beta-Gamma-Delta

Solar X-Ray Flux: 30 MAR – 1 APR 2025

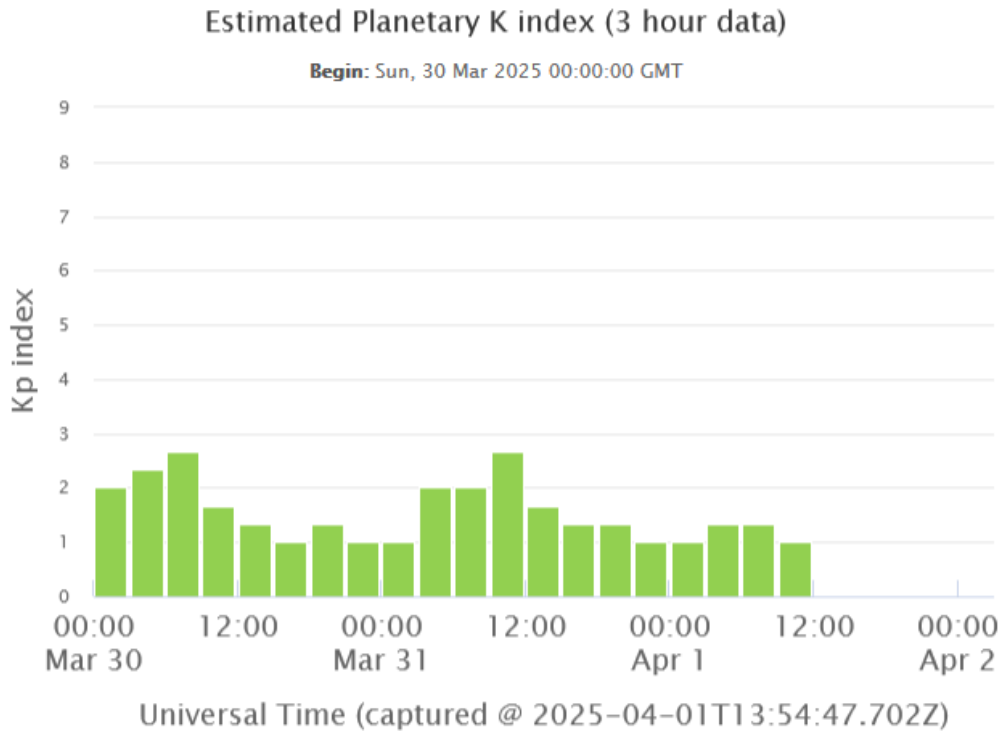


NOAA – D-Region Absorption Predictions



Earth's Geomagnetic Activity

PLANETARY K INDEX



Generally, as planetary K-Index rises, critical frequency is suppressed.

K-Index	Effect
0-2	Inactive/Quiet, no impact on HF
3-4	Unsettled/Active, minor HF fade in higher latitudes
5-6	HF fade at higher latitudes
7-8	HF sporadic
9	HF impossible above 40M

Geomagnetic Conditions: 1 APR 2025

Solar wind:

$B_z = 2 \text{ nT}$

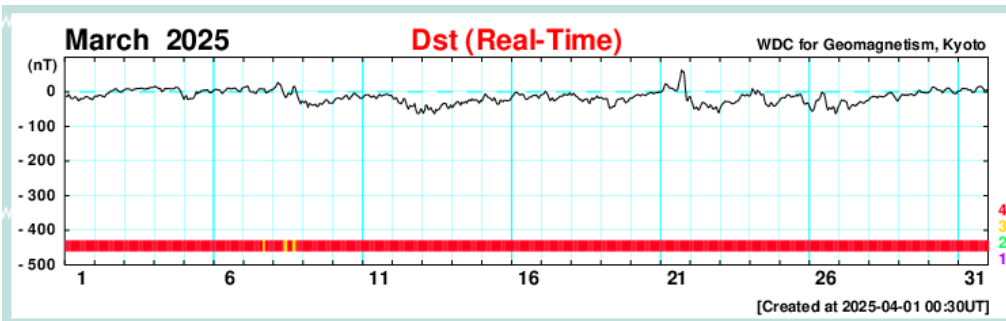
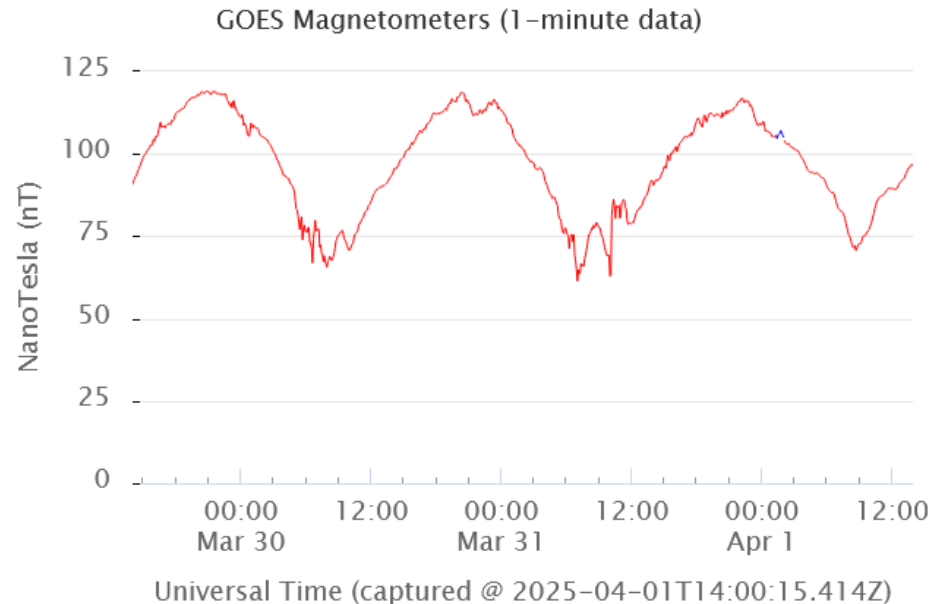
speed = 415 km/sec

density = 2.58 protons/cm³

(From – NOAA DSCOVR
In L1, Lagrange Point)

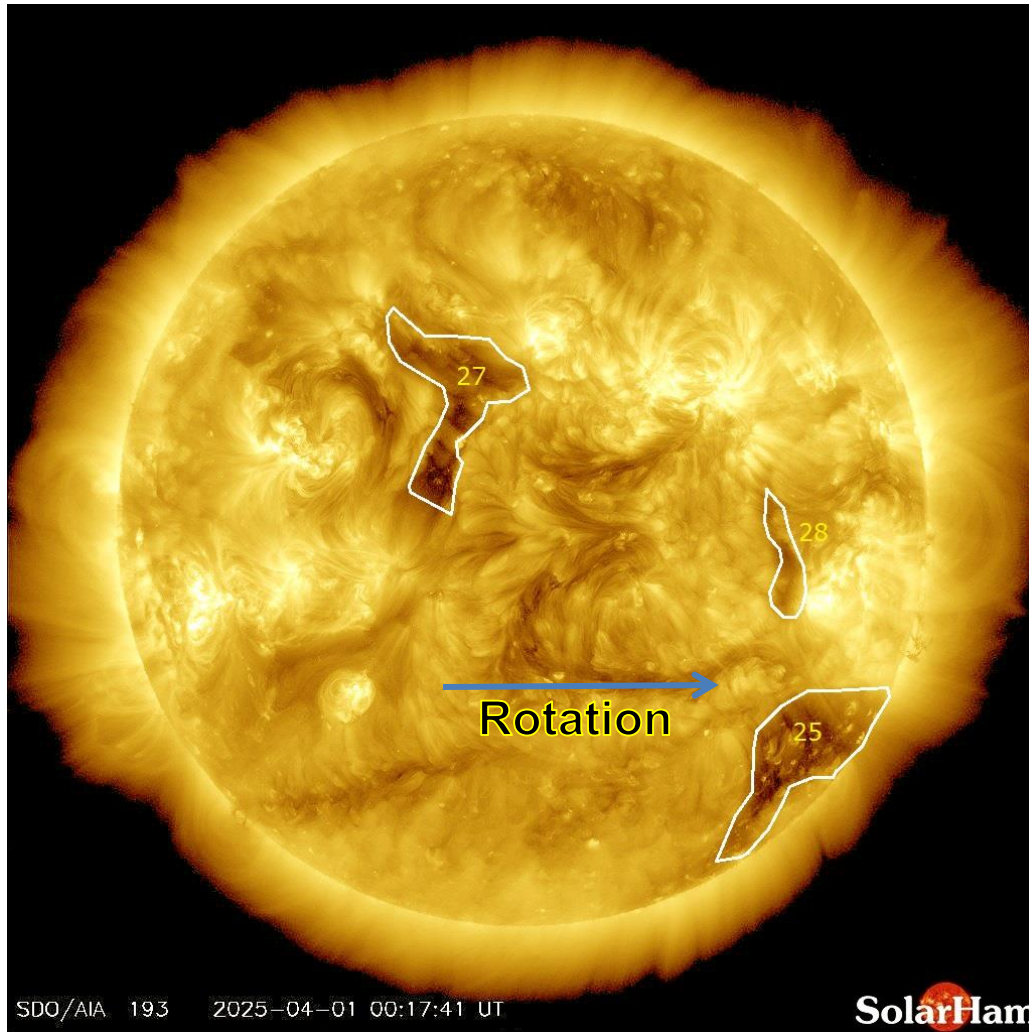
Dst = 14 nT (Ring Field)

(From – Data Analysis Center
For Geomagnetism and Space
Magnetism – Kyoto University)



From – GOES 16
In geostationary orbit

Coronal Holes – 1 APR 2025



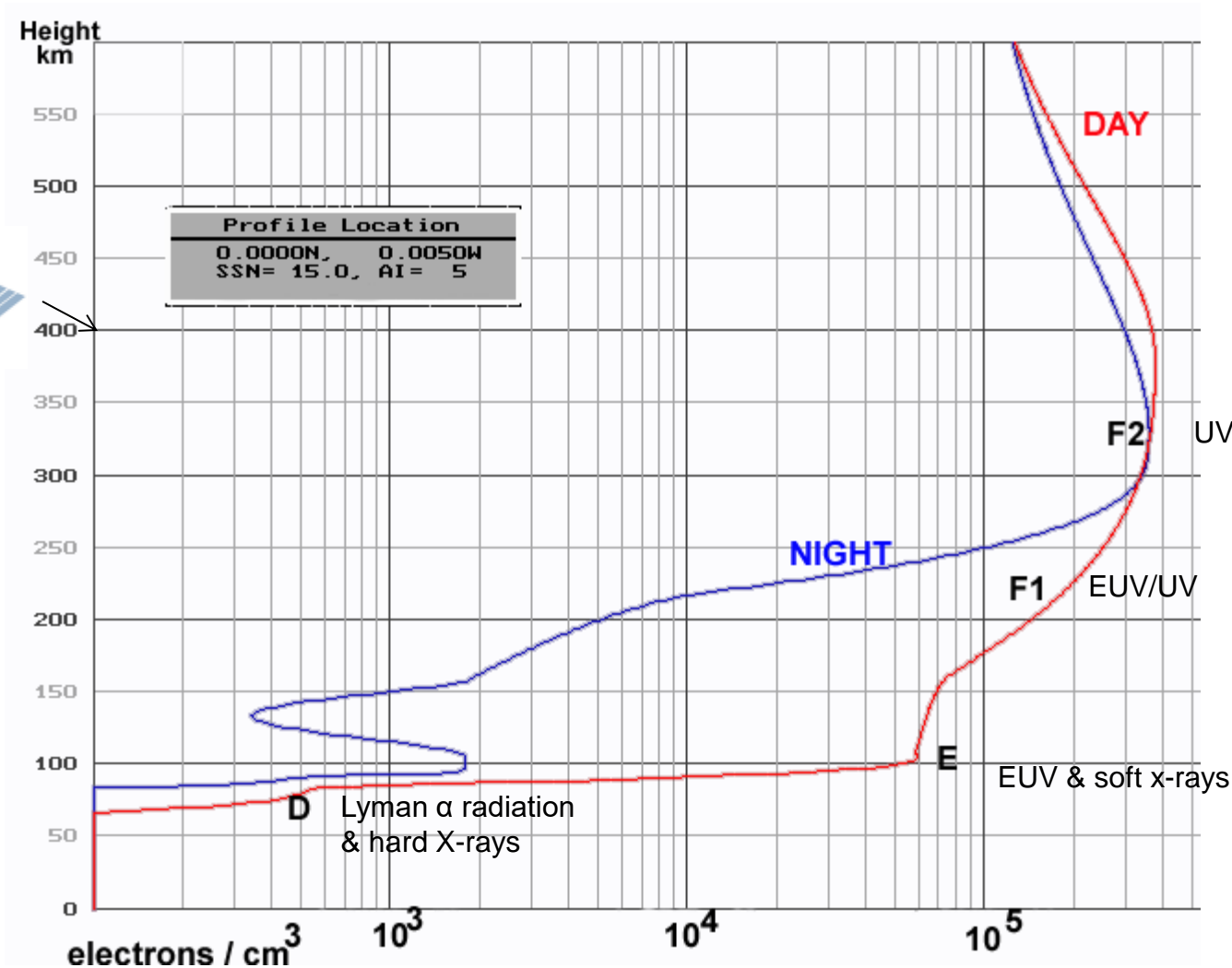
Analysis

There are currently no large coronal holes facing Earth.

Ionosphere Creation



Gravity
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Profile Location
0.0000N, 0.0050W
SSN= 15.0, AI= 5

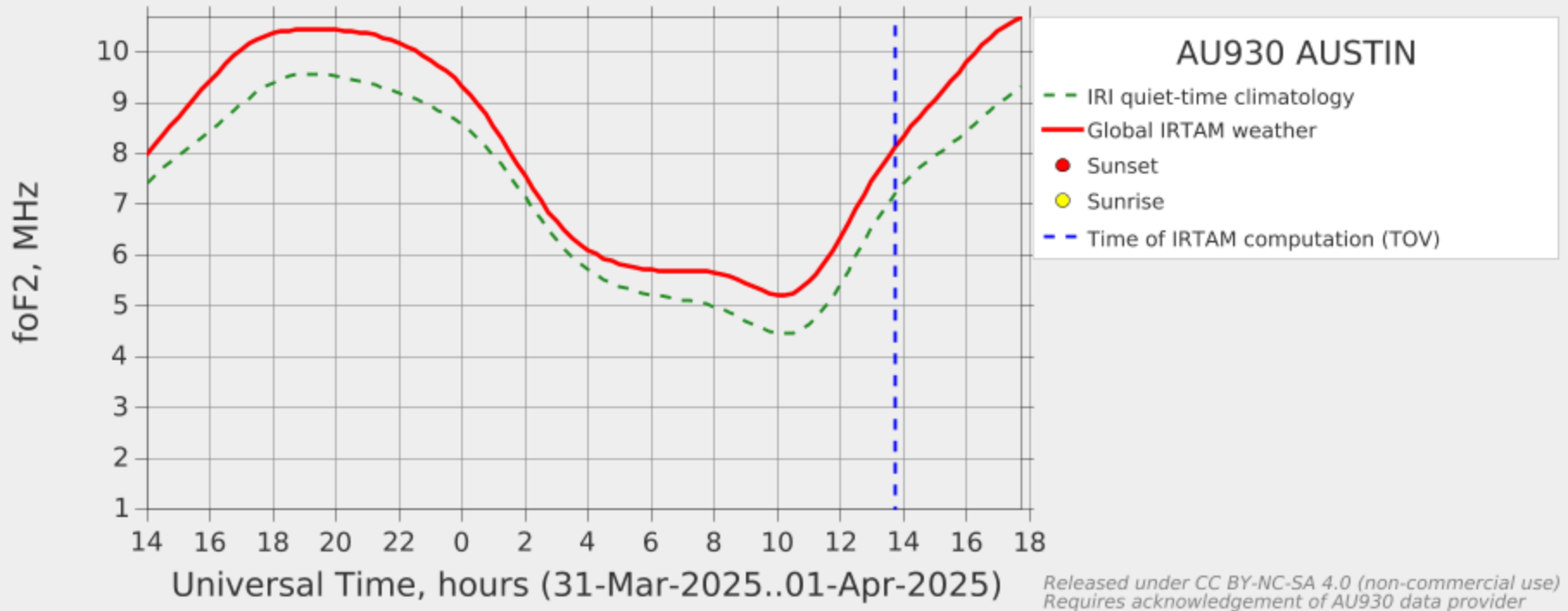
Solar Radiation
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Monoatomic oxygen

Austin Ionosonde Down

- The Austin Ionosonde is down due to a failed primary (C:) Hard Disk failure. ARL:UT is attempting repairs but has no funding.

GAMBIT – Trending Chart for Austin Ionosonde



Notable Recent Events

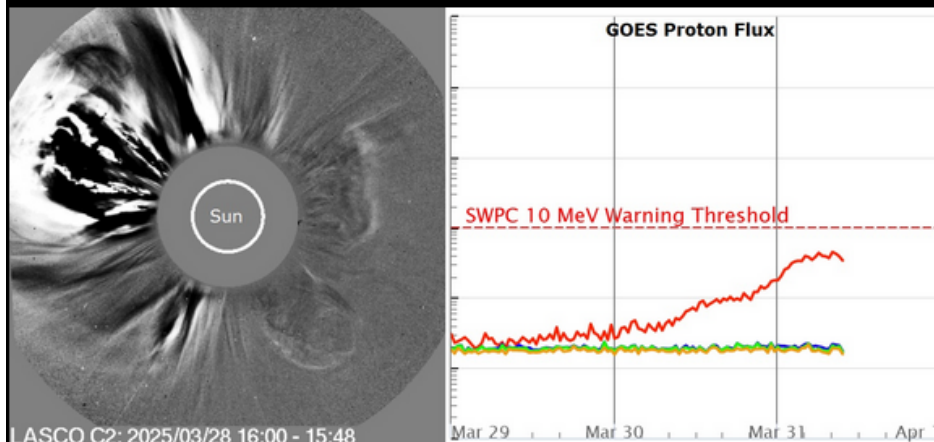
Moderate (S2) Radiation Storm

March 31, 2025 @ 10:15 UTC (UPDATED)

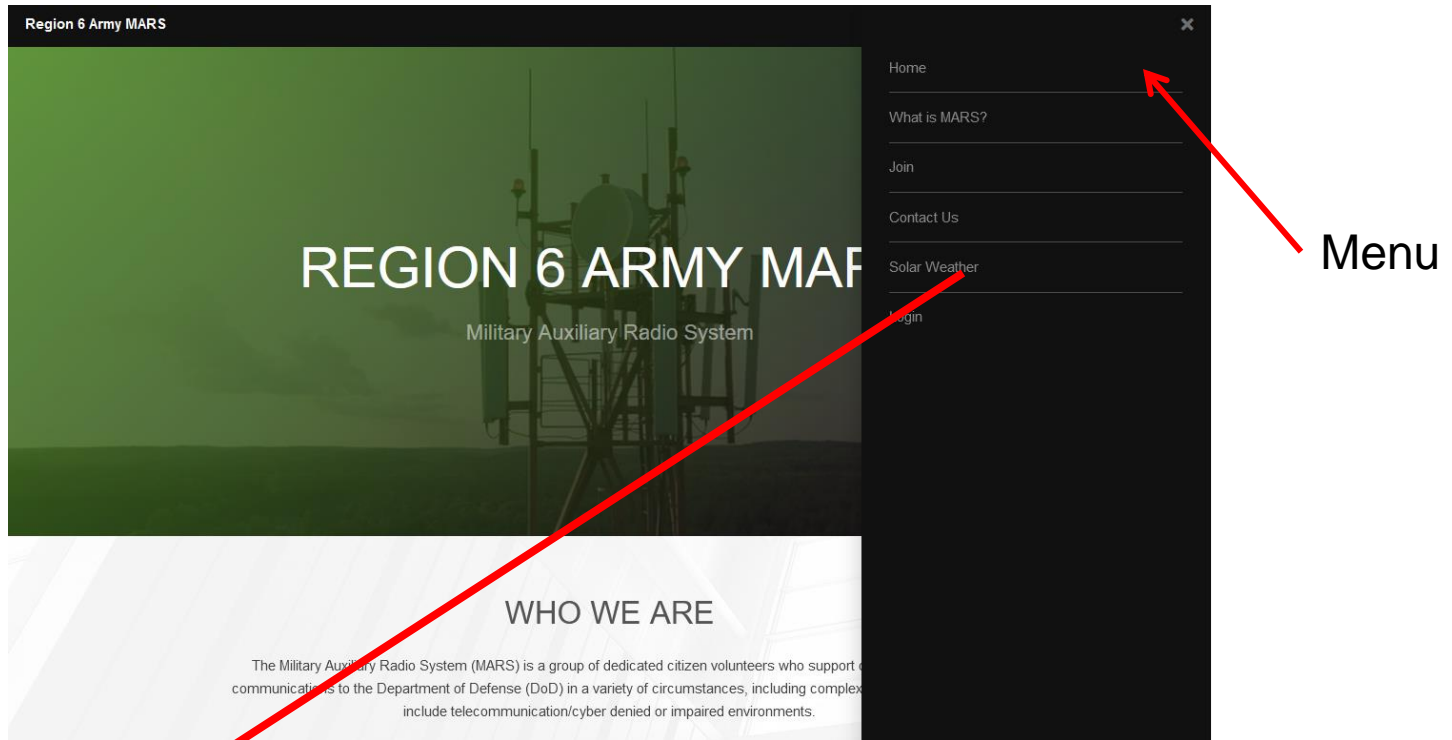
Proton levels streaming past Earth are at an elevated level, however remains below the minor (S1) radiation storm threshold for now. This is likely the result of particles finally finding their way past our planet following the large CME observed off the east limb on Friday. Had that eruption been Earth directed, we potentially would have seen geomagnetic storming that rivaled the May and October 2024 storms or perhaps even a tad stronger. For now we sit and wait patiently for the next big aurora show.

UPDATE: A minor (S1) radiation storm is currently in progress. The main impact with a minor (S1) storm is small effects on High Frequency (HF) radio signals through the polar regions.

UPDATE #2: The moderate (S2) radiation storm threshold was reached at 02:05 UTC (April 1).



Solar Weather Data



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All Ionosondes
GAMBIT URL
Austin Ionosonde

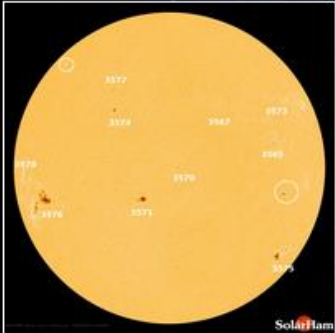
- [GAMBIT](#) - Global Assimilative Model of Bottomside Ionosphere Timeline
- [Austin](#)
- [Boulder](#)
- [Eglin](#)

- [NOAA Solar Weather](#) - Solar Weather plots of Kp and X-Ray and other solar emissions.
- [Solen Solar Weather](#) - Good general solar forecast from an individual.
- [Solar Ham](#) - SolarHam provides real time solar news, as well as consolidated data from various sources.

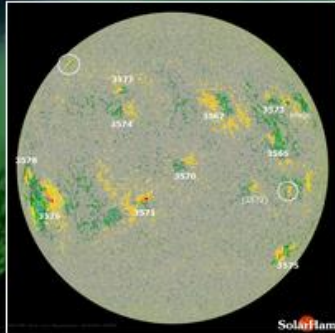
Space Weather for February 6, 2024

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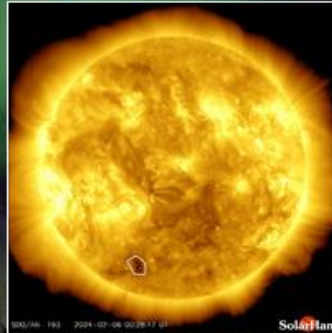
UTC Time 13:45:49 Tuesday



HMI Intensity
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HMI Magnetogram
[Latest](#) | [Movie](#)



Coronal Holes
[Analysis](#) | [Movie](#)



SUVI 131 (Latest)
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SUVI 304 (Latest)
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Current Conditions

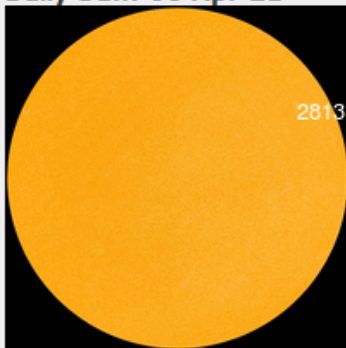
Solar wind

speed: **314.8** km/sec
density: **9.9** protons/cm³
more data: [ACE](#), [DSCOVR](#)
Updated: Today at 1225 UT

X-ray Solar Flares

6-hr max: **A1** 1027 UT Apr06
24-hr: **A1** 1515 UT Apr05
[explanation](#) | [more data](#)
Updated: Today at: 1230 UT

Daily Sun: 06 Apr 21



Sunspot AR2813 is decaying, and poses no threat for strong flares.
Credit: SDO/HMI

FLYING TO THE VOLCANO: Iceland's Geldingadalur volcano has turned into an popular tourist attraction—especially since auroras were sighted [above the glowing lava](#). Early this morning, Tuesday, April 6th, Brian Emfinger saw auroras before he even reached the Reykjanes peninsula:



QUESTIONS?

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