

Space Weather Highlights
10 April - 16 April 2017

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17 April 2017

Solar activity was at very low levels throughout the summary period. Region 2650 (N11, L=193, class/area=Cao/40 on 11 Apr 2017) produced numerous B-class flares throughout the period and was the only active region with sunspots this period. No Earth-directed CMEs were observed.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit reached moderate levels on 16 Apr and high levels on 10-15 Apr with a peak flux of 3,860 pfu observed at 1715 UTC on 10 Apr.

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet levels on 10, 13, and 16 Apr. Quiet to unsettled levels were observed on 12 and 15 Apr, and quiet to active levels were observed on 11 and 14 Apr due to waning CH HSS influence and a solar sector boundary change.

Space Weather Outlook
17 April - 13 May 2017

Solar activity is expected to be very low with a chance for C-class flare activity throughout the outlook period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach very high levels on 29-30 Apr and high levels on 18-28 Apr and 01, 06-12 May. Moderate flux levels are expected throughout the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to reach G2 (Moderate) geomagnetic storm levels on 23 Apr and G1 (Minor) storm levels on 17, 24-27 Apr, and 01 May due to the influence of recurrent CH HSSs. Active conditions are expected on 19, 28 Apr and 05-06 May with generally quiet or quiet to unsettled levels likely throughout the remainder of the period.



Daily Solar Data

Date	Radio Flux 10.7cm	Sun spot No.	Sunspot Area (10 ⁻⁶ hemi.)	X-ray Background Flux		Flares						
						X-ray			Optical			
						C	M	X	S	1	2	3
10 April	74	13	40	A5.8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
11 April	75	12	40	A4.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 April	71	13	20	A4.7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
13 April	74	12	20	A4.8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
14 April	73	11	10	A4.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 April	73	11	10	A4.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 April	75	0	0	A7.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Daily Particle Data

Date	Proton Fluence (protons/cm ² -day -sr)			Electron Fluence (electrons/cm ² -day -sr)		
	>1 MeV	>10 MeV	>100 MeV	>0.6 MeV	>2MeV	>4 MeV
	10 April	8.7e+06	1.5e+04	3.8e+03	1.3e+08	
11 April	8.5e+06	1.5e+04	3.8e+03	4.1e+07		
12 April	7.3e+06	1.6e+04	4.0e+03	7.9e+07		
13 April	1.0e+07	1.6e+04	3.8e+03	1.2e+08		
14 April	1.5e+07	1.6e+04	3.8e+03	5.9e+07		
15 April	1.5e+07	1.6e+04	3.9e+03	3.2e+07		
16 April	1.6e+07	1.6e+04	3.7e+03	3.6e+07		

Daily Geomagnetic Data

Date	Middle Latitude Fredericksburg		High Latitude College		Estimated Planetary	
	A	K-indices	A	K-indices	A	K-indices
	10 April	5	2-1-1-1-2-1-1-2	4	2-0-0-0-1-2-3-1	5
11 April	10	1-1-3-3-3-2-3-2	17	1-0-3-6-3-2-3-1	12	1-2-3-4-3-2-3-2
12 April	6	3-2-2-1-2-1-1-0	10	2-3-4-4-1-0-0-0	6	3-3-2-2-1-0-0-0
13 April	4	0-1-1-1-2-1-2-1	2	0-1-0-0-1-1-1-1	5	1-2-1-0-1-1-2-2
14 April	10	3-3-3-2-2-2-2-2	25	2-3-4-5-5-5-2-1	14	3-4-3-2-3-2-3-2
15 April	5	2-2-2-1-2-1-1-0	4	2-3-2-0-1-1-0-0	7	3-2-2-1-1-1-1-1
16 April	4	1-1-2-2-1-1-1-1	5	1-0-2-4-0-0-0-0	4	1-1-2-2-0-1-1-1

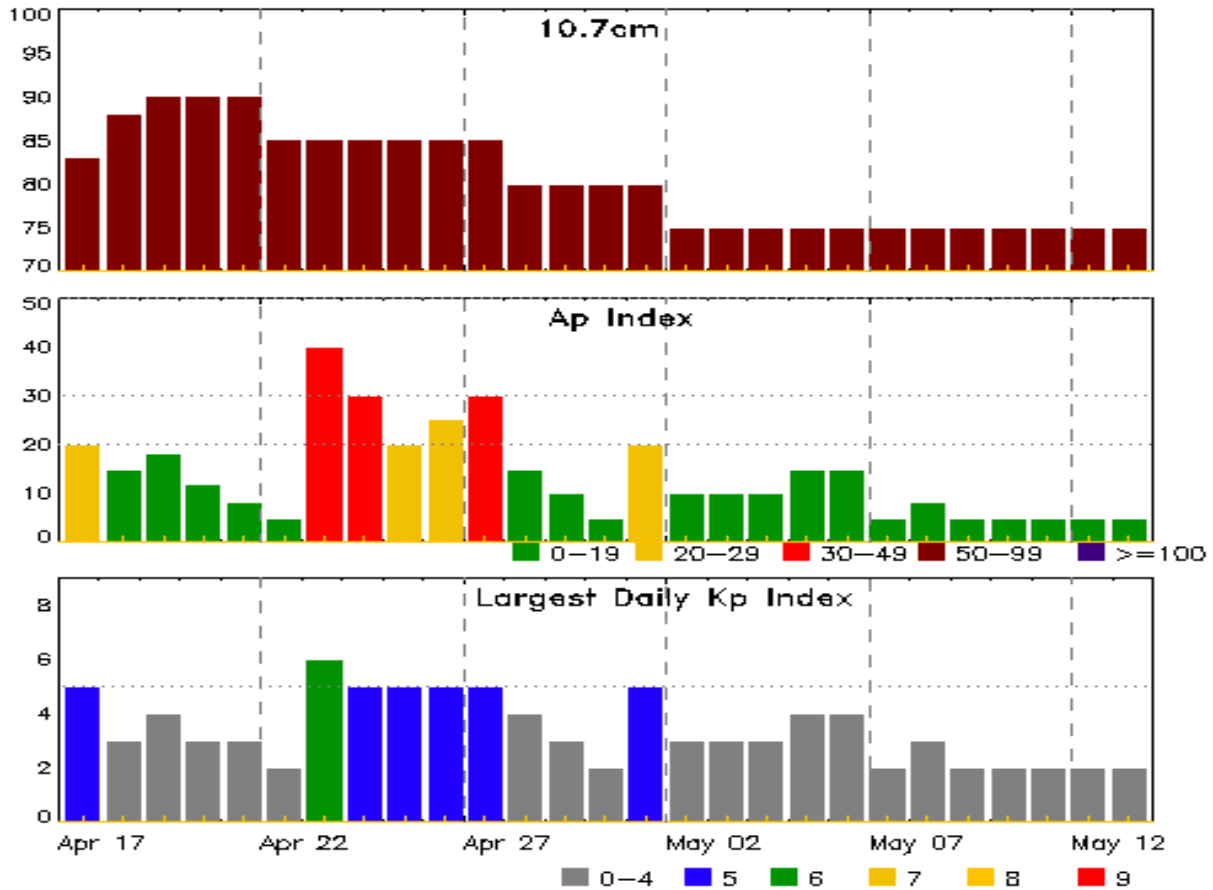


Alerts and Warnings Issued

Date & Time of Issue UTC	Type of Alert or Warning	Date & Time of Event UTC
10 Apr 1121	CONTINUED ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux \geq 1000pfu	09/1330
11 Apr 1030	WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	11/1030 - 1500
11 Apr 1203	ALERT: Geomagnetic K = 4	11/1159
11 Apr 1454	EXTENDED WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	11/1030 - 2100
12 Apr 0159	WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	12/0200 - 0900
12 Apr 1127	ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux \geq 1000pfu	12/1115
13 Apr 0851	CONTINUED ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux \geq 1000pfu	12/1115
14 Apr 0133	WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	14/0135 - 0600
14 Apr 0557	EXTENDED WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	14/0135 - 1200
14 Apr 0601	ALERT: Geomagnetic K = 4	14/0559
14 Apr 1147	EXTENDED WARNING: Geomagnetic K = 4	14/0135 - 1800
14 Apr 1248	CONTINUED ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux \geq 1000pfu	12/1115
14 Apr 1918	WATCH: Geomagnetic Storm Category G1 predicted	
15 Apr 1546	CONTINUED ALERT: Electron 2MeV Integral Flux \geq 1000pfu	12/1115



Twenty-seven Day Outlook



Date	Radio Flux 10.7cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index	Date	Radio Flux 10.7cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
17 Apr	83	20	5	01 May	80	20	5
18	88	15	3	02	75	10	3
19	90	18	4	03	75	10	3
20	90	12	3	04	75	10	3
21	90	8	3	05	75	15	4
22	85	5	2	06	75	15	4
23	85	40	6	07	75	5	2
24	85	30	5	08	75	8	3
25	85	20	5	09	75	5	2
26	85	25	5	10	75	5	2
27	85	30	5	11	75	5	2
28	80	15	4	12	75	5	2
29	80	10	3	13	75	5	2
30	80	5	2				



Energetic Events

Date	Time			X-ray	Optical Information			Peak		Sweep Freq	
	Begin	Max	Half Max	Class	Integ Flux	Imp/ Brtns	Location Lat CMD	Rgn #	Radio Flux 245	Radio Flux 2695	Intensity II

No Events Observed

Flare List

Date	Time			X-ray Class	Imp/ Brtns	Optical		Rgn #
	Begin	Max	End			Location Lat CMD	Rgn #	
10 Apr	0423	0436	0447	B2.7				2650
10 Apr	0836	0839	0847	B1.1	SF	N12E65		2650
10 Apr	0953	0958	1012	B1.3				2650
10 Apr	1816	1823	1828	B4.8	SF	N14E66		2650
10 Apr	2117	2122	2126	B1.6				2650
11 Apr	0256	0300	0304	B3.9				2650
11 Apr	0345	0400	0412	B1.3				2650
11 Apr	1059	1111	1116	B1.3				2650
11 Apr	1846	1850	1854	B1.0				2650
11 Apr	1938	1945	1953	B1.4				2650
12 Apr	0007	0011	0032	B1.3				2650
12 Apr	1427	1432	1438	B2.1				
12 Apr	1441	1441	1444		SF	N15E40		
13 Apr	1554	1554	1600		SF	N14E26		
14 Apr	1618	1621	1625	B1.2				
16 Apr	2153	2158	2210	B2.6				



Region Summary

Date	Location		Sunspot Characteristics				Flares											
	Lat CMD	Lon	Helio 10 ⁶ hemi.	Area	Extent (helio)	Spot Class	Spot Count	Mag Class	X-ray			Optical						
									C	M	X	S	1	2	3	4		
Region 2648																		
01 Apr	S03E72	293	10	3	Bxo	2	B											
02 Apr	S03E61	291	20	5	Cro	3	B											
03 Apr	S03E50	288	30	7	Dro	6	B											
04 Apr	S03E37	288	30	8	Cro	8	B	1				1						
05 Apr	S02E22	288	50	7	Bxo	5	B											
06 Apr	S03E07	292	20	4	Bxo	4	B											
07 Apr	S03W04	290	0	3	Axx	2	A											
08 Apr	S03W19	291	plage															
09 Apr	S03W34	293	plage															
10 Apr	S03W49	295	plage															
11 Apr	S03W64	297	plage															
12 Apr	S03W79	299	plage															
									1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	

Crossed West Limb.
Absolute heliographic longitude: 290

Region 2650																		
09 Apr	N08E71	188	20	4	Cro	3	B											
10 Apr	N09E56	190	40	6	Cao	3	B					2						
11 Apr	N11E40	193	40	6	Cao	2	B											
12 Apr	N10E27	193	20	7	Cso	3	B											
13 Apr	N08E14	192	20	7	Cso	2	B											
14 Apr	N08W02	194	10		Hrx	1	A											
15 Apr	N08W16	196	10	1	Axx	1	A											
16 Apr	N08W30	197	plage															
									0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	

Still on Disk.
Absolute heliographic longitude: 194

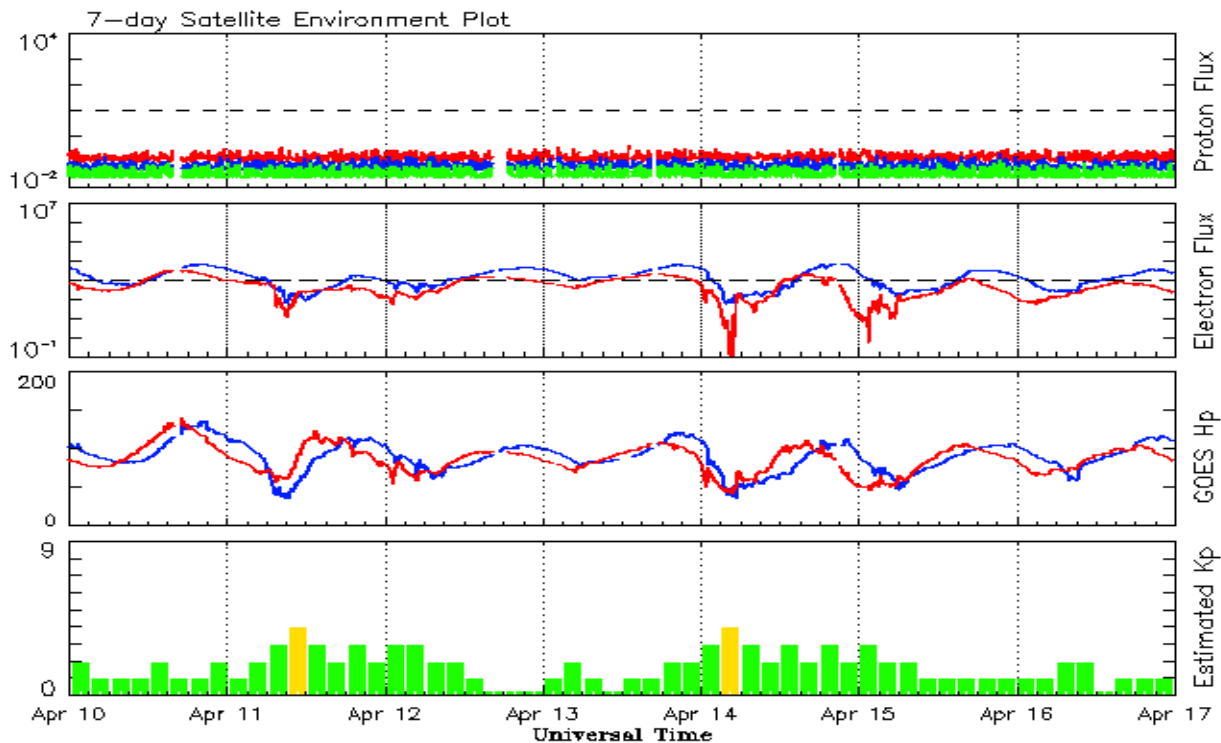


Recent Solar Indices (preliminary)
Observed monthly mean values

Month	Sunspot Numbers					Radio Flux		Geomagnetic	
	Observed values		Ratio	Smooth values		Penticton	Smooth	Planetary	Smooth
	SEC	RI	RI/SEC	SEC	RI	10.7 cm	Value	Ap	Value
2015									
April	72.5	45.2	0.75	80.5	47.3	129.2	127.3	12	12.4
May	83.0	53.3	0.71	77.5	45.7	120.1	123.3	9	12.7
June	77.3	39.9	0.53	73.1	43.3	123.2	119.5	14	13.0
July	68.4	39.5	0.58	68.2	41.0	107.0	116.0	10	13.1
August	61.6	38.6	0.63	65.5	39.8	106.2	113.3	16	13.1
September	72.5	47.2	0.65	64.0	39.5	102.1	110.8	16	12.8
October	59.5	38.2	0.62	61.8	38.6	104.1	107.9	15	12.5
November	61.8	37.3	0.61	59.0	36.7	109.6	105.3	13	12.5
December	54.1	34.8	0.64	55.1	34.7	112.8	102.5	15	12.5
2016									
January	50.4	34.2	0.67	51.4	32.6	103.5	99.9	10	12.3
February	56.0	33.8	0.61	49.6	31.5	103.5	98.1	10	12.0
March	40.9	32.5	0.80	47.7	30.2	91.6	96.6	11	11.8
April	39.2	22.7	0.58	45.0	28.7	93.4	95.3	10	11.8
May	48.9	30.9	0.64	42.1	26.9	93.1	93.2	12	11.7
June	19.3	12.3	0.65	39.0	24.9	81.9	90.4	9	11.4
July	36.8	19.4	0.53	36.5	23.1	85.9	87.7	10	11.2
August	50.4	30.1	0.60	34.2	21.6	85.0	85.5	10	11.2
September	37.4	26.8	0.72	32.1	19.9	87.8	83.7	16	11.3
October	30.0	20.0	0.67			86.1		16	
November	22.4	12.8	0.57			78.7		10	
December	17.6	11.1	0.64			75.1		10	
2017									
January	28.1	15.5	0.55			77.4		10	
February	22.0	15.7	0.71			76.9		10	
March	25.4	10.6	0.42			74.6		15	

Note: Values are final except for the most recent 6 months which are considered preliminary.
Cycle 24 started in Dec 2008 with an RI=1.7.





*Weekly Geosynchronous Satellite Environment Summary
Week Beginning 10 April 2017*

The proton flux plot contains the five-minute averaged integral proton flux (protons/cm²-sec -sr) as measured by the SWPC Primary GOES satellite, near West 75, for each of three energy thresholds: greater than 10, 50, and 100 MeV.

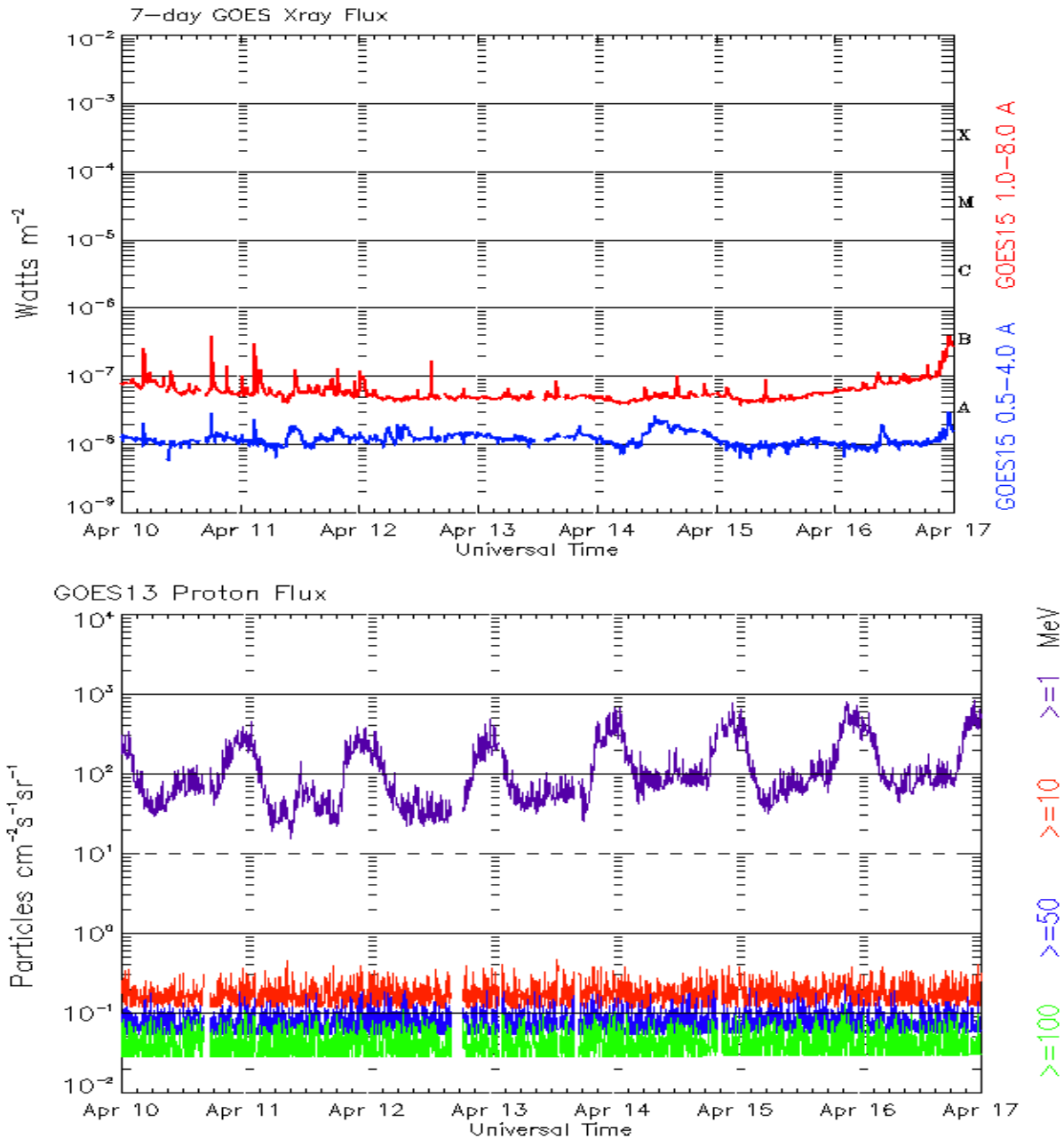
The electron flux plot contains the five-minute averaged integral electron flux (electrons/cm²-sec -sr) with energies greater than 2 MeV by the SWPC Primary GOES satellite.

The Hp plot contains the five minute averaged Hp magnetic field component in nanoteslas (nT) as by the SWPC Primary GOES satellite. The Hp component is parallel to the spin axis of the satellite, which is nearly parallel to the Earth's rotation axis.

The Estimated 3-hour Planetary Kp-index is derived at the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center using data from the following ground-based magnetometers: Boulder, Colorado; Chambon la Foret, France; Fredericksburg, Virginia; Fresno, California; Hartland, UK; Newport, Washington; Sitka, Alaska. These data are made available thanks to the cooperative efforts between SWPC and data providers around the world, which currently includes the U.S. Geological Survey, the British Geological Survey, and the Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris.

The data included here are those now available in real time at the SWPC and are incomplete in that they do not include the full set of parameters and energy ranges known to cause satellite operating anomalies. The proton and electron fluxes and Kp are 'global' parameters that are applicable to a first order approximation over large areas. H parallel is subject to more localized phenomena and the measurements generally are applicable to within a few degrees of longitude of the measuring satellite.

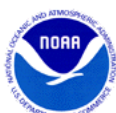




*Weekly GOES Satellite X-ray and Proton Plots
Week Beginning 10 April 2017*

The x-ray plots contains five-minute averages x-ray flux (Watt/m²) as measure by the SWPC primary GOES X-ray satellite, usually at West 105 longitude, in two wavelength bands, 0.05 - 0.4 and 0.1 - 0.8 nm. The letters A, B, C, M and X refer to x-ray event levels for the 0.1 - 0.8 nm band.

The proton plot contains the five-minute averaged intergral flux units (pfu = protons/cm² -sec -sr) as measured by the primary SWPC GOES Proton satellite for each of the energy thresholds: >1, >10, >30, and >100 MeV. The P10 event threshold is 10 pfu at greater than 10 MeV.



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