

Performance Evaluation of Automated Flare-CME Event Recognition System for WASAVIES

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Solar Energetic Particles (SEPs) are accelerated by interplanetary shocks driven by coronal mass ejections (CMEs). The intensity of the SEP events is closely related to the CME speed, width, and source location. SEPs pose significant radiation hazard to space systems and aviation, so it is important to predict the SEP events. The WARNING System of AVIation Exposure to SEPs (WASAVIES) is an initiative to forecast the expected exposure to SEP events at the latitude of commercial aircraft. The aim of this work is to obtain the CME parameters in real-time for better prediction of SEP events. The work involves the identification of CME source regions using soft X-ray flares and CME kinematics using automatic recognition of CMEs.

NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center has issued X-ray flux alert when flare X-ray flux exceeds the M5 level. Twenty four major flare alerts were issued between February 2010 and January 2012. Out of the 24 flares, 18 were associated with the CMEs. Our automated CME recognition system could detect all the CMEs but the obtained CME speeds were significantly lower than the CME speed measured by human eyes. We need to optimize parameters in the CME recognition system to obtain the better results.

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