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Development of WASAVIES (WArning System of AVIation Exposure to SEP): Science Modeling

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The prediction of solar energetic particles (SEP) is important to mitigate the space weather hazard toward increasing solar activities, and is also an ultimate problem for physics-based modelers because of the hybrid nature of MHD fluid and particles. We are developing a forecast system called Warning System of AVIation Exposure to Solar energetic particles (WASAVIES). The trigger of WASAVIES is the automated detection of ground level enhancement (GLE) onset by multiple ground-based neutron monitors [Kuwabara et al., Space Weather, 2006]. We then obtain basic parameters of flare and coronal mass ejections (CME) as input parameters for focused transport of SEP [Kubo et al., JpGU2013]. Realistic inner heliosphere is also dynamically reconstructed at the same time [Shiota et al., JpGU2013], and additional control parameters (e.g., mean free path of SEP) are evaluated for solving the focused transport of SEP. Tracing the SEP particles in a Tsyganenko model, we obtain the time-varying proton rigidity spectra at the top of atmosphere, and the aviation route doses based on the predicted dose-rate are finally evaluated by air shower simulations [Sato et al., JpGU2013]. We show first results and discuss the limitation of the science modeling and possible further development.

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