



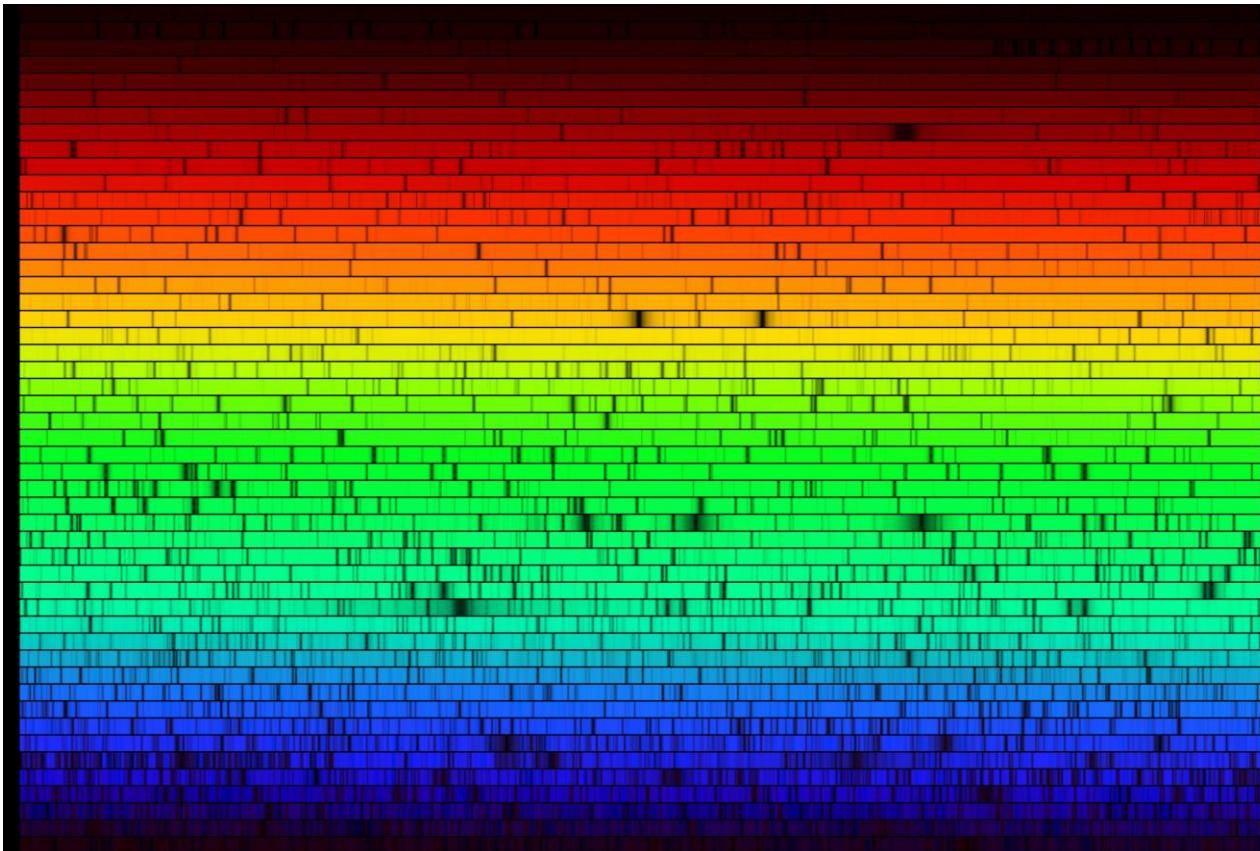
# NASA Outreach: Space Weather

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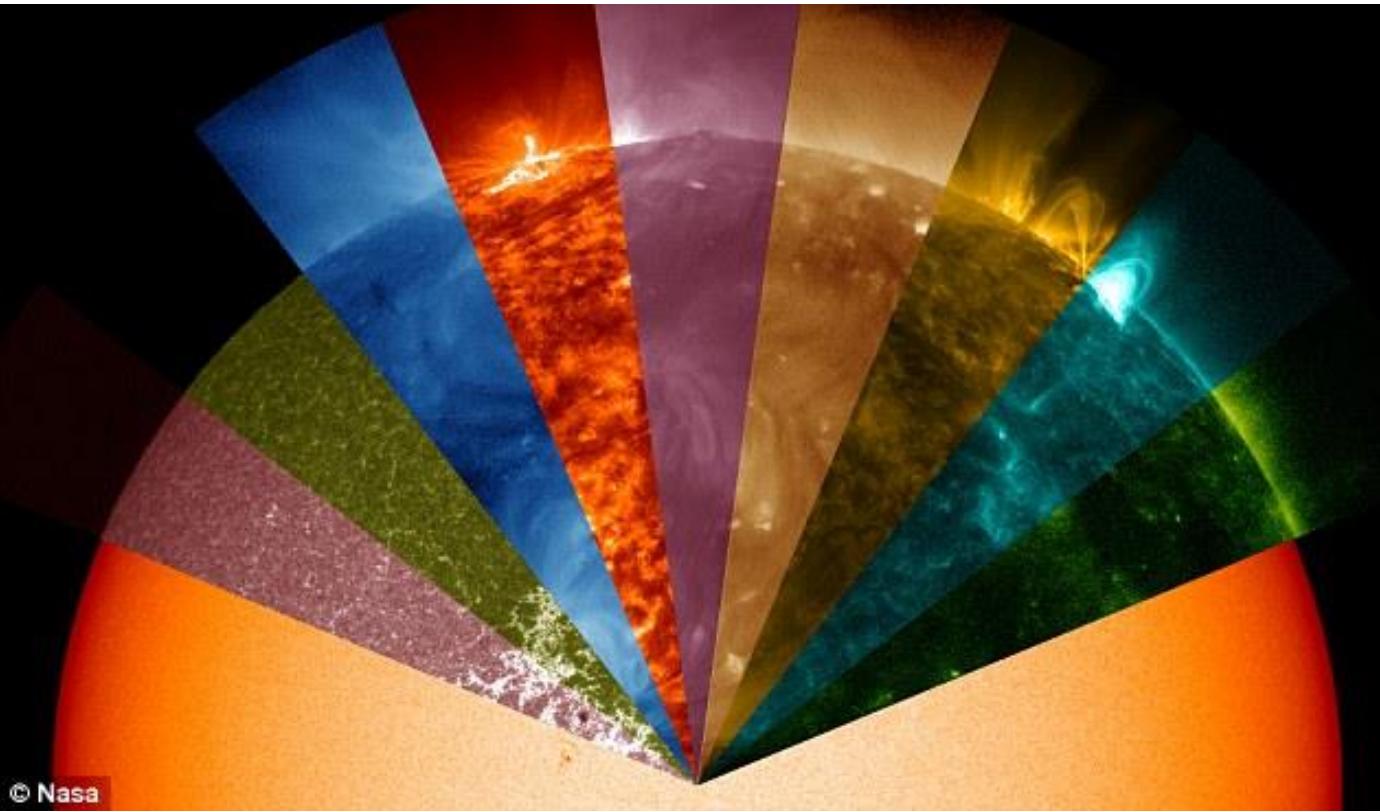


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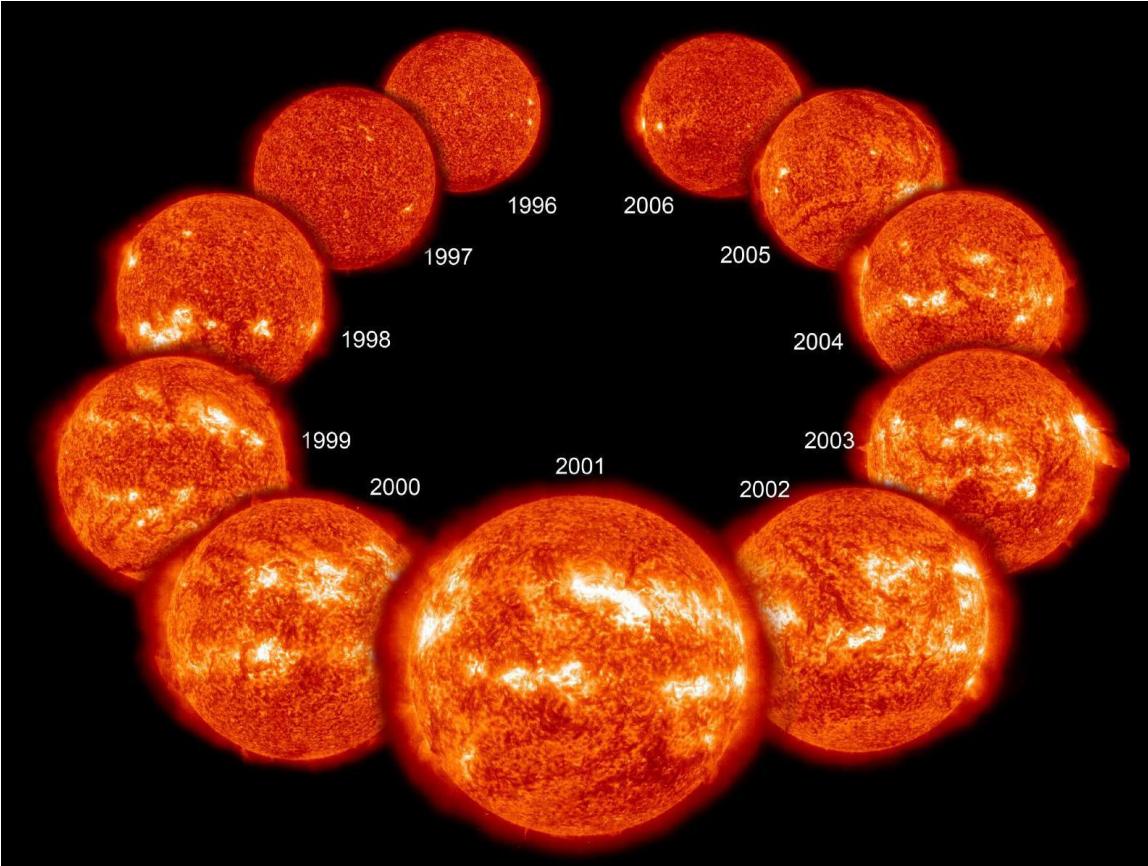


**Sunlight that we can see**

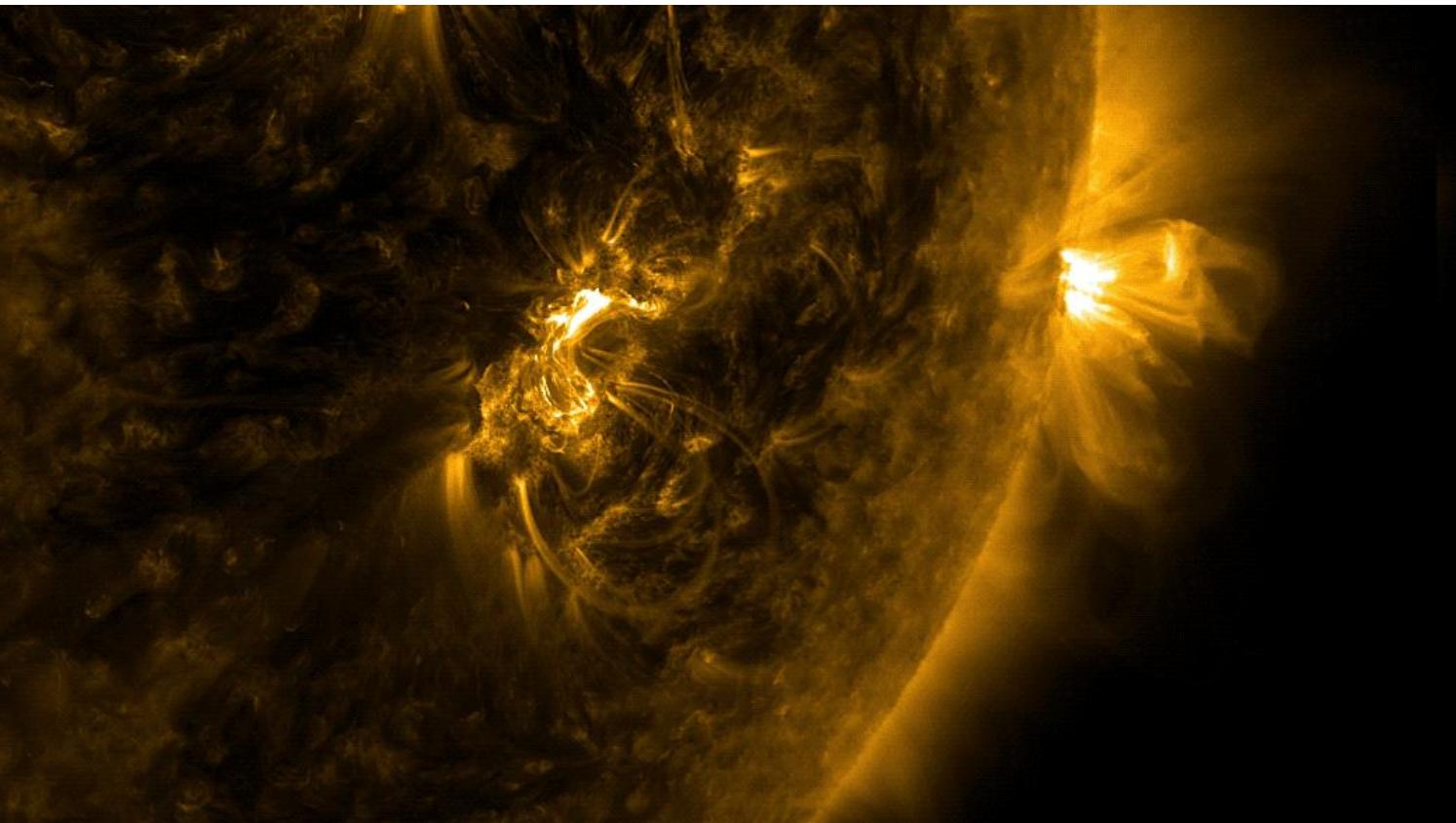




Sunlight in ultraviolet *colors*

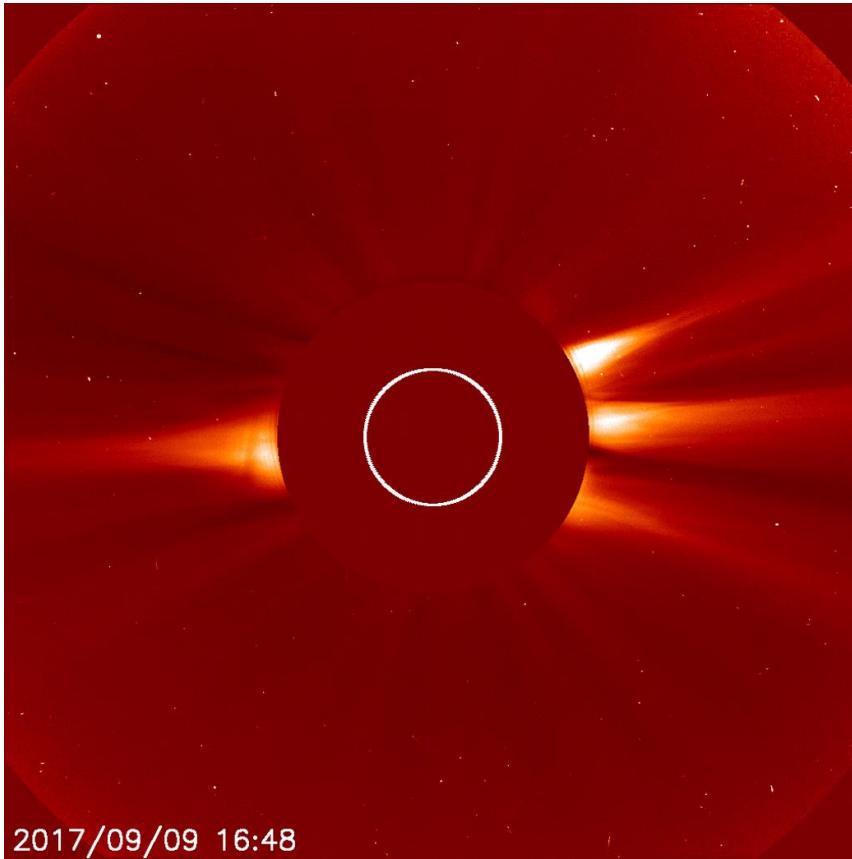


## Solar activity and the solar cycle



Solar flare on 9/6/2017





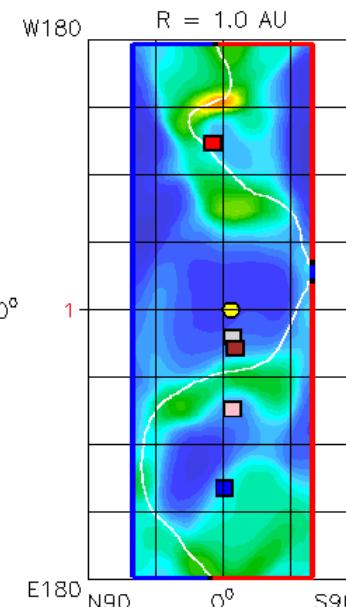
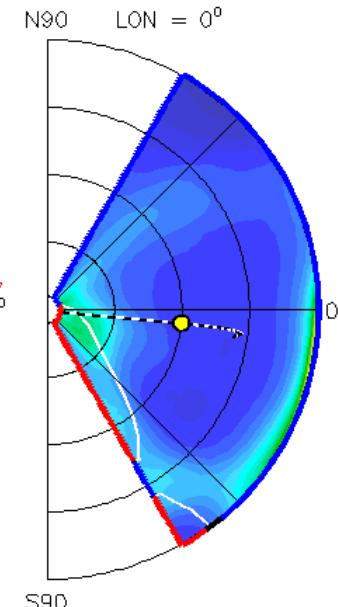
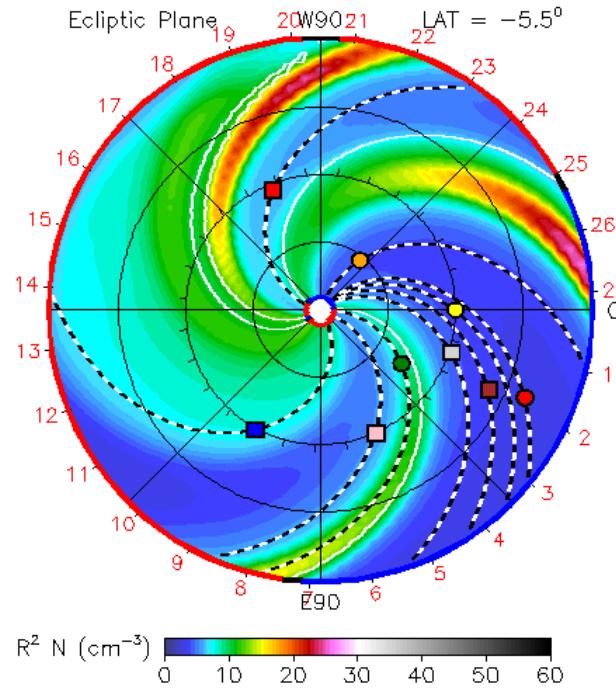
Coronal mass ejection on 9/9/2017

2012-04-15T00:00

2012-04-15T00 +0.00 day

Earth Mars Mercury Venus  
Stereo\_B

Kepler MSL Spitzer Stereo\_A

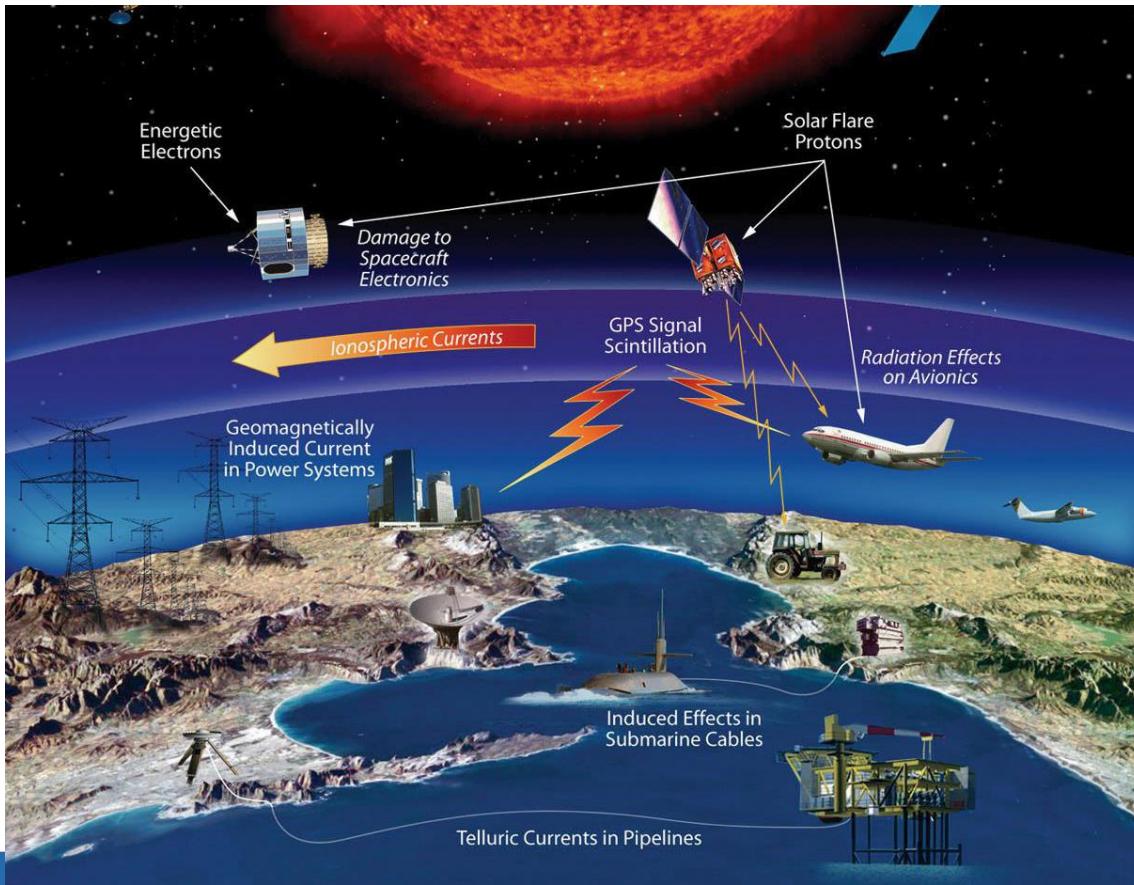


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CME during last solar maximum

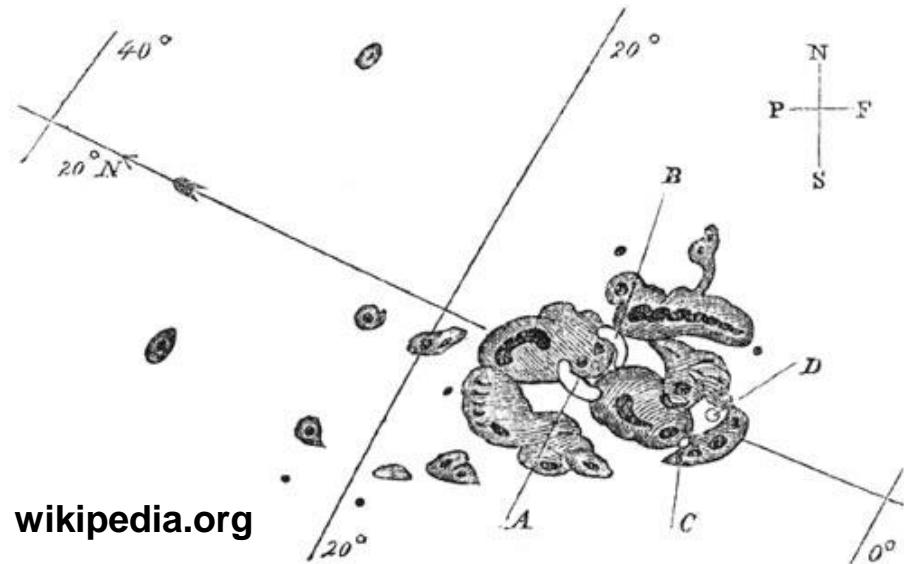


Northern lights from ISS on 9/15/2017



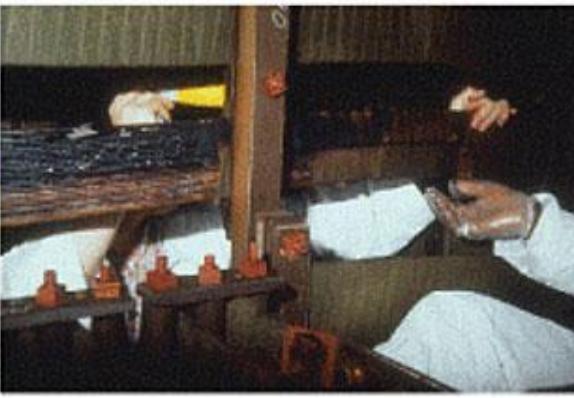
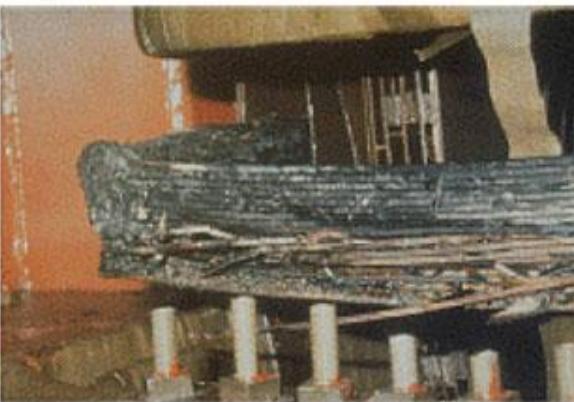
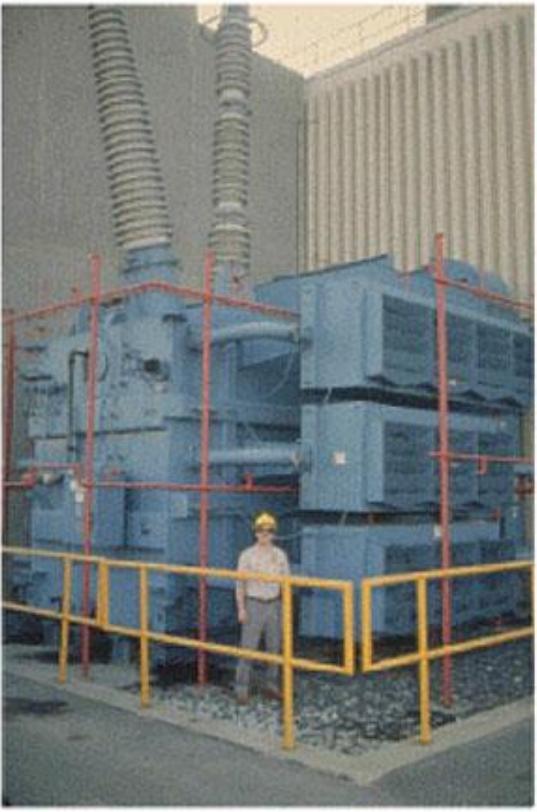
# Effects of space weather

- One of the largest geomagnetic storms on record
- Auroras seen as south as Mexico and Colombia
- Telegraph systems failed in Europe and North America



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# Carrington Event 1859



Permanent damage to the Salem New Jersey Nuclear Plant GSU Transformer  
caused by the March 13, 1989 geomagnetic storm. Photos: PSE&G



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A space-themed background featuring a large Earth at the bottom, a full Moon on the left, and a small Mars at the top. A bright beam of light originates from the upper right. An American flag is flying on a pole in the foreground, partially obscured by the beam of light.

Thank you!

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