

BAKU STATE UNIVERSITY: achievements and perspectives for cooperation in science, education and innovation

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Outline

- Space Weather activities and collaborative investigations in Azerbaijan
- Studies on Solar and Solar-Terrestrial Physics
- Recent SW related events
- International collaboration: current state and perspectives







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Main organizations dealing with Astronomical and Space Researches/Applications and Space Weather studies in Azerbaijan

- Baku State University (BSU), Including Dpt of Astrophysics
- Shamakhy Astrophysical Observatory (ShAO), Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences (ANAS)
- Batabat Astrophysical Observatory (BatAO), ANAS
- AzerCosmos OJSC
- National Aviation Academy (NAA)
- National Aero-Space Agency (NatASA)
- Research Institutes of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences Physics, Radiation Problems, Control Systems, etc.
- Some departments of the Azerbaijan Technical University, Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University, etc.
- Other related small organizations



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Carl Zeiss Jena 2-meter telescope



Batabat Astrophysical Observatory (BatAO)







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Solar and Solar-terrestrial physics studies in Baku State University and ShAO

Among modern problems of astronomy and astrophysics we conduct studies on:

- Solar physics (theoretical and experimental);
- Helioseismology (theoretical), global solar oscillations;
- Solar-terrestrial physics interplanetary magnetic field, solar wind, large-scale magnetic fields on the Sun, etc.;
- Space weather effects' studies.

Space Weather Effects' Studies particularly cover some tasks of international programmes and projects, like:

- Impact on technologies (space-borne and on Earth);
- Public health problems;
- Environmental problems.



Studies on Space Weather effects and Solar-Terrestrial Relations

- These studies mainly were/are conducted in the:
- Department of Astrophysics, Baku State University;
- Department of Cosmic Plasma and Heliogeophysical Problems, Shamakhy Astrophysical Observatory;
- Other organisations.
 - Scientists and specialists from different fields of science and technology astrophysicists, geophysicists, physiologists, engineers, etc.;
 - Contacts, collaboration at regional as well as at international levels.

Activities:

- monitoring and analysis;
- theoretical and experimental studies of space weather effects;
- application of obtained results (industry, public health and security, etc.);
- preparation of young specialists (Ph.D. students, lectures);
- public awareness (mass-media, TV, radio, newspapers, web site).



Space Weather effects' on geosphere and related studies

Potential influence of space weather factors are studied in the following research areas:

- <u>space weather influence on technical and engineering systems</u> (electric power supply grids, oil production activity, functioning of long pipelines, etc.);
- space weather effects on <u>human life and health</u> (bioelectrical activity of human brain and its functional state, cardiovascular parameters, diseases, biologically active points of human body, traffic accidents, virus-epidemic diseases, etc.);
- <u>ecological systems</u> (Caspian Sea level variations, climate changes, etc.);
- Distant investigation of propagation of very low frequency (VLF) electromagnetic waves in the Earth's ionosphere;
- Investigation of solar wind magnetic field distribution near the Earth;
- Study of relationship between the contrast of coronal holes on the Sun and parameters of the solar wind streams;
- other tasks, such as solar activity and comet's brightness, etc.



Collaboration

with several "clusters":

- Solar-terrestrial relations (H.Mavromichalaki and others in Greece)
- Heliobiological and Helioecological studies IZMIRAN Team (V.Obridko, O.Khabarova, M.Ragulskaya and others)
- Heliobiological studies Bulgarian Team (Svetla Dimitrova and others in Bulgaria)
- Cosmobiology (Eliyahu Stoupel and others in Israel)
- □ Space weather studies Belgium (*Norma B.Crosby*)
- Solar-terrestrial relations (*Michael Rycroft in UK*)
- Chronobiology (Germaine Cornelissen in USA)
- Biorhythmology (*R.Baevsky, T.Breus, S.Rapoport, S.Chibisov, others in IKI, MSU, et al*)
- Low frequency solar eigen-oscillations and long-term climate changes Potsdam, Germany (J. Staude, et al)







- The theory of propagation and transformation of linear MHD waves in a strongly inhomogeneous plasma is developed taking into account the interaction of oscillations and radiation.
- The theory of eigen-acoustic p-modes of the Sun is developed taking into account the influence of tunneling effect. It is shown that the inclusion of tunneling leakage of wave energy through the atmosphere could resolve the "frequency" problem of helioseismology.





Solar studies



- Within recent theoretical studies the general theory of propagation and linear transformation of non-adiabatic MHD waves in the non-uniform radiating plasma is developed. The obtained wave solutions allow solving correctly a boundary-value problem of solar helioseismology. The theory of eigen acoustic p-modes of the Sun taking into account of influence of tunnel effect is developed. It is shown that the account of tunnel infiltration of wave energy through an atmosphere acoustic barrier can resolve a "frequency" problem of helioseismology.
- For the first time it was advanced and mathematically elaborated the new idea about generation near to the center of the Sun of wave noise with the necessary characteristics which can essentially affect the process of neutrino oscillations. This model enables using data of solar neutrino to determine a physical situation (size and configurations of a magnetic field, speed of rotation) in the core of the Sun; that creates theoretical basis for the solar neutrino tomography.
- The theory of global vortical oscillations of the Sun is developed. It is shown that on the Sun the wave modes with very greater periods of 1-3, 18-30, 100 and 1500-20000 years may be generated which can influence on integrated luminosity of the Sun. For the first time the idea that these fluctuations can become an original cause of global change of a climate on the Earth is put forward.
- The fluid MHD theory of anisotropic collisionless space plasma is developed. The full spectrum of stable and unstable turbulent wave modes is found. It is shown that the obtained hydrodynamic instability criterions of plasma are in the good agreement with the kinetic approach in the plasma physics.



Space Weather and its Potential Influence on Functional State/ Bioelectrical Activity of the Human Brain

(experimental electroencephalographic studies of geomagnetic storm effects on the human brain's bioelectrical activity)







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Frequency histogram and frequency cartogram during the major geomagnetic storms Frequency histogram and frequency cartogram at the comparatively geomagnetically quiet conditions



EEG and total (summary) amplitude cartogram during the severe geomagnetic storms



EEG and total (summary) amplitude cartogram at the comparatively geomagnetically quiet conditions



Total (summary) amplitude cartograms during the major geomagnetic storms along the whole length of hyperventilation



Total (summary) amplitude cartograms at the geomagnetically quiet conditions along the whole length of hyperventilation







EEG and correlogram during the major geomagnetic storms

EEG and correlogram at the comparatively geomagnetically quiet conditions



SPACE WEATHER CHANGES and HUMAN CARDIO-VASCULAR HEALTH STATE in different locations on Earth

- cardiovascular diseases
- sudden cardiac death
- acute myocardial infarction mortality
- acute myocardial infarction morbidity
- RR intervals
- heart rate variations
- blood pressure





Data handling

Emergency and First Medical Aid calls – outpatients
 Cardio-vascular related morbidity and mortality
 SCD, AMI, etc.
 "Indirect indicators"

They are essentially epidemiological data showing the temporal and spatial distribution of defined events or health disturbances involving considerable numbers of test subjects over several years.

These indirect indicators are: *temporal distribution of emergency calls and hospital admissions*, dynamics of industrial (work) and traffic accidents, etc.

Temporal distribution of cardio-vascular related deaths







Data handling

"Direct indicators"

They are **physiological parameters**, which can be objectively verified and which are acquired either <u>in vivo</u>, directly on the subject (*heart rate and its variability, blood pressure*, *microcirculation parameters, reaction time*), or <u>in vitro</u> by **laboratory diagnostics** or tissue investigations.





Experiments

- Digitized electrocardiograms (ECGs) registration in the <u>permanent group</u> consisting of healthy persons on working days and Saturdays
- RR intervals (time series of beat-to-beat heart rate intervals or heart rate period in msec) (minimal RRmin, maximal RRmax and average RRavg) and HR values are derived from digital ECGs.
- The obtained digital recordings are subjected to analysis.
- The experiments are conducted in a special room, which are designed for medical examinations, isolated and providing the possibility for full relaxation of the persons examined.
- This room is also free as much as possible from electrical cables and devices with electromagnetic radiation.
- In order to avoid inducing possible psychological effects prior to the experiments, the test subjects are not familiarized with the space weather conditions before and during the experiments.
- Personality and individual physiological characteristics as well as daily problems of the examined persons are taken into account. In some cases when the examined persons reported strongly express disturbances in their psycho-psychological state (stress, emotional experiences, an additional pathology influenza, cold, etc.) then their measurements are neither conducted nor considered.







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Study of effects of different types of solar activity caused geomagnetic storms on AMI and SCD

- Acute myocardial infarctions (AMI) morbidity [number of nondeaths];
- AMI mortality [number of deaths];
- sudden cardiac deaths

Study in two geographical regions (Sofia, Bulgaria and Baku, Azerbaijan), situated at middle latitudes but at different longitudes

- "Direct indicators"

- "Indirect indicators"





High Speed Solar Wind Streams (**HSSWS**) and low speed streams interact with each other and alternately pass by the Earth as the Sun rotates.



agnetic Storms

Temporary disturbance of the Farth's

magnetosphere caused by a disturbance in space weather.

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Speed (km s⁻¹

Magnetic Clouds (MC) are produced in the solar wind when solar eruptions (flares and coronal mass ejections) carry material off of the Sun along with embedded magnetic fields.

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Materials and methods



Studies are based on <u>medical data</u> from <u>Sofia, Bulgaria (42°43' N; 23°20' E)</u> and <u>Baku, Azerbaijan (40°23' N; 49°51' E)</u>

(different longitudes!)

• **<u>BULGARIAN</u>** medical data concerned the daily distribution of patients admitted in the hospital with acute myocardial infarction (AMI) diagnose

• **AZERBAIJANI** data concerned pre-hospital incidences and contained AMI incidences, AMI mortality cases and sudden cardiac deaths (SCD) cases Data were collected from emergency and first medical aid stations in the Grand Baku Area (including Absheron Economical Region with several millions of inhabitants).







The rate of heart contractions is equal to the <u>pulse</u>, which is how many times a minute that our arteries expand because of the <u>increase in blood</u> <u>pressure</u> originated by our heartbeat.

Heart rate is the speed of the heartbeat, specifically the number of heartbeats per unit of time. The heart rate is typically expressed as beats per minute (bpm).

RR intervals are time series of beat-tobeat heart rate intervals or heart rate period (in *msec*)





GMA effect estimated by Ap-index (upper panel), Dst-index (middle panel) and CRI effect (bottom panel) on heart rate of the whole group for the days before (-), during (0) and after (+) the corresponding

0

Day

+1

+2

+3



Synthetic spectrum for power distribution system failures





Main characteristics of the middle-latitude ionospheric scintillations

Scintillation activity level	Generally very quiet to moderately active. The probability of occurrence of scintillations as well as their intensity is very low at middle latitudes			
Cause of scintillation	 The daytime random scintillations occur because of the sporadic-<i>E</i>. The nighttime random scintillations are caused by the spread-<i>F</i>. Quasi-periodic scintillations originate from traveling ionospheric disturbances (<i>TIDs</i>) mainly in the <i>F</i> region on from sporadic-<i>E</i> disturbances 			
Frequency dependence	Usually scintillation index $S_4 \propto f^n$, where $n=1.38$ for nighttime, and $n=1.52$ for daytime. The percentage of occurrence decreases with the frequency			
Diurnal Dependence	The occurrence peaks between 20.00 LT and 21.00 LT in summer. In other seasons they occur between 24.00 LT and 04.00 LT. According to the solar cycle, they are also observed rarely during daytime, between 09.00 LT and 15.00 LT. Maximum – nighttime; Sporadic – daytime.			
Seasonal dependence	Random scintillations occur mainly in the summer and seldom during the other seasons. Quasi-periodic scintillations occur mainly in summer. Maximum: winter; Minimum: equinox and early summer (May-July)			
Solar activity dependence	The probability of scintillations occurrence and their intensity increases with the solar activity			
Magnetic activity dependence	Generally independent of Kp			

Space Weather Center

- Currently there is functioning Space weather center with several instruments for continuous space weather monitoring.
- Branch of Astrophysics Dpt of the Baku State University



There is conducted a daily monitoring of ionosphere state by the help of AWESOME VLF receiver and Sudden-Ionospheric-Disturbance (SuperSID) monitor recently installed in ShAO were delivered as a part of the United Nations Basic Space Science Initiative (UNBSSI).



VLF remote sensing of the lower ionosphere in middle latitude site of the Azerbaijan using AWESOME receiver











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VLF receiver control room



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Very Low Frequency Magnetospheric and Ionospheric Research



The AWESOME Monitor

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Sudden Ionospheric Disturbance Space Weather Monitor http://solar-center.stanford.edu/SID

SuperSID





Days with solar flare NS JJI Amplitude Data Starting



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Induction magnetometer: coil Induction magnetometer LEMI-121 is manufactured by Lviv Centre of Institute for Space Research (National Space Agency of Ukraine, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine) and is intended for the study of magnetic field fluctuations in the frequency band 0.0001-500 Hz in land conditions.



It is intended for use both autonomously with any analogy registration unit and as a part of any geophysical equipment, e.g., magnetotelluric station. Extremely high sensitivity ensures excellent signal-to-noise ratio for exact measurements. Low power consumption and wide frequency range allow long term measurements at remote sites. Strengthened rugged housing and output connector prolong sensor active lifetime and increase overall reliability.



Horizontal solar telescope

Horizontal solar telescope "ATsU-5": was installed in 1963. This telescope is used for the solar spectral researches and photometric investigations of the Sun.



- The diameter of its heliostat, secondary and primary mirrors is 440 mm, the diameter of the Newtonian mirror is 200 mm, the Newtonian focal length is 17500 mm and equivalent focus distance in the Cassegrain system is 60540 mm. The Newtonian focus is used for spectral and magnetic observations.
- The one-camera auto-collimated spectrograph ASP-20 (with the grating of 150x120 square mm ruled area and 600 lines/mm, with the focal length of 7000 mm, dispersion in the second working order is 1.12 AO/mm and ranges of the spectral field is 360 AO, diameter of the image is 160 (mm) is used for the obtaining of spectrograms of solar flares, for visual observations of the magnetic fields of sunspots, studies on the development and dynamics of coronal prominences and spicules, fine structure of the solar spectral lines.



- The International Conference "Variability of the Sun and Sun-like stars: from Asteroseismology to Space Weather" was organized in 06-08 July 2015, Baku, Azerbaijan (Baku Solar Conference-2015)
- It aimed to highlight all aspects of modern solar physics research, including observation and theory that span from the interior of the Sun out into the wider heliosphere, as well as solar-terrestrial physics and particularly, sun-like stars. This Conference provided a broad, yet stimulating, environment for domestic and international scientists to share the findings of their research in solar and solar-terrestrial physics.





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EDP SCIENCES PROCEEDINGS

Variability of the Sun and Sun-like Stars: from Asteroseismology to Space Weather

J.-P. Rozelot and E.S. Babayev, Eds



- The International Space Weather Initiative (ISWI) School on Space Weather (SW) and Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) was organized in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 8 – 12 October 2018.
- The School was an excellent learning and enrichment opportunity for scientists and graduate students from Asia and Eastern Europe. The purpose of the School was to advance the topics of Space Weather and Global Navigation Satellite Systems to scientists, engineers and graduate level students, who are pursuing doctorate (PhD) in solar physics, space science and engineering.





Scientific events

The School was hosted by SDF and ShAO and sponsored by the International Committee on GNSS (ICG) through the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), ISWI and the Scientific Committee on Solar Terrestrial Physics (SCOSTEP). Scientific-technical support: "Azercosmos" JSCo and National Aviation Academy (Azerbaijan).

School directors were: Dr. Natchimuk Gopalswamy, Goddard Spaceflight Center, NASA, USA, Dr. Patricia H. Doherty, Institute for Scientific Research, Boston College, USA, Dr. Sharafat Gadimova, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and Mr. Elchin Babayev, Azerbaijan.





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International Workshop "Actual Problems of Solar-Terrestrial Physics" was organized on April 4th – 7th, 2019, at Pirgulu, Shamakhy, Azerbaijan. The event brought together representatives of the Pushkov Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism, Ionosphere and Radio Wave Propagation (IZMIRAN,) Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) and BSU, ShAO.

Main purpose of the workshop was the cooperation in the field of Solar-Terrestrial Physics, further expansion of bilateral ties between the two countries. The format of the workshop combined working group sessions, with oral contributions.





The International Workshop "Actual Problems of Solar-Terrestrial Physics"
 4th – 7th, 2019, Pirgulu, Shamakhy, Azerbaijan





















Public awareness

Azerbaijani group pays an attention to the public awareness and publication of scientific information about Space Weather, impending hazards from space, especially the prediction of solar and geomagnetic storms, etc. It is carried out, in particular, in domestic media, newspapers, television and radio broadcasts, as daily space weather information, weekly interviews, monthly newspaper columns, which are addressed mainly to public, medical and technical specialists. Scientific-popular articles are usually published in special journals, such as "Science and Life".





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Public awareness – TUSI-BOHM planetarium, Astrofestivals, Olympiads





Certificate of Membership

The International Institute of Space Law presents this Certificate of Membership to

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in recognition of its institutional membership of the International Institute of Space Law

Signed this 21st day of October 2019



Elina Morozova, Director



Collaboration perspectives

- UNIVERSITY-5.0. development strategy (education, science, innovations, internationality, sociality)
- 16 faculties, 122 departments
- 2 research institutes (physics and mathematics)
- 3 research centers (including nano-research-center)
- 24 000 students
- 1500 academic staff
- The only university in Azerbaijan included in all rankings
- Establishment of Excellence Center in University







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Collaboration perspectives

Becoming an active member of Azerbaijani group of Space Weather Community and device and instrument deployment allows:

- intensifying of conducted research works through stepby step involving this team in the European and other projects,
- installation of scientific and tutorial instruments,
- exchanging ideas, discussion of results,
- initiating bilateral and multilateral collaborative investigations within SW Community members,
- preparing or training of specialists for Azerbaijan, using Azerbaijani ground-based facilities (i.e., observatories) for filling of gaps in latitude or longitude.



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Center of Excellence





Recent result of ISWI Collaboration

- SOFIE (SOlar Flares detected by lonospheric Effects) is an extraordinary project of the German Aerospace Center (DLR) for students.
- SOFIE-receiver installation
- Further collaboration







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