Working Group V-DAT: Geomagnetic Data and Indices

Working Group V-DAT Business Meeting

August 30, 2017
12:00-13:00 @Room 1.41
Cape Town, South Africa
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Current state of the Kp index: Report to the IAGA V-DAT Business Meeting

Jürgen Matzka
GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences
Current state of the Kp index

Production, archiving and dissemination is normal for all products: Kp, ap, Ap, Cp, C9, Q-days, D-days

Redistribution of F10.7 (Ottawa) discontinued in 2007.

Redistribution of sunspot numbers (Brussels) discontinued in 2015 (after they got revised).

We recently introduced CC BY 4.0 licence.

We will introduce DOIs.
Main properties of the licence:

**You are free to:**

**Share** — copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format  
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- In close cooperation with the contributing observatories.
- We will inform the community and the major redistributors (ISGI, Kyoto, Boulder) about the licence.
- Encourage use of licences for other geomagnetic data products.
Current state of the Kp index – introduction of DOIs

• DOIs will be introduced.
• To satisfy data reproducibility, a new DOI will have to be given to any revision of any data-set linked to a DOI.
• Historically, revisions of Kp values have been very rare. Nevertheless, we currently review our internal procedures to avoid future revisions whenever possible.
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International Service of Geomagnetic Indices

Activities are going-on in a smooth and regular way thanks to:
- the efficient work achieved by the 6 ISGI-Collaborating Institutes (CIs) and
- the active communication between ISGI-CIs and ISGI headquarters.

(current status of actions is not detailed here as there is a talk in session JA2 and plenty of important topics to deal with in BM V-DAT)
Quicklook (Q) & Provisional (P) data are calculated in an automated way;

Definitive (D) are calculated from definitive K indices provided by geomagnetic observatories.

aa, CKdays and am indices

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NOTE: possible closure of USGS magnetic observatories (FRD, NEW, TUC, ...)
- possible huge discontinuity in am (2 sectors impacted over 5 in Northern hemisphere)
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Status report of Dst and AE indices

M. Nosé

World Data Center for Geomagnetism, Kyoto
Current status of Dst index derivation  
(as of August 2017)

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✓ The Dst index is derived by cooperation with the following 4 stations.
  ✓ Kakioka [JMA, Japan]
  ✓ Honolulu and San Juan [USGS, USA]
  ✓ Hermanus [SANSA, South Africa]

✓ Final Dst for 2014 and 2015 will become available soon.

✓ Digital data and plots are now available from the WWW page.  
  http://wdc.kugi.kyoto-u.ac.jp/dstdir/index.html

✓ DOI is introduced.  (doi:10.17593/14515-74000)
Provisional Dst index

- **March 2015**
  - Dst (Provisional)
  - Dst$_{min}$ = -222 nT
  - The largest storm in cycle 24 and since May 2005.

- **June 2015**
  - Dst (Provisional)

- **December 2015**
  - Dst (Provisional)
Real-time Dst index

June 2017

July 2017

August 2017
Current status of AE index derivation
(as of August 2017)

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- The AE index is derived by cooperation with the following 12 stations.
  - Abisko [SGU, Sweden]
  - Dixon, Cape Chelyuskin, Tixie, Pebek, [AARI, Russia]
  - Barrow, College [USGS, USA]
  - Yellowknife, Fort Churchill, Sanikiluaq [CGS, Canada]
  - Narsarsuaq [DTU Space, Denmark]
  - Leirvogur [U. Iceland, Iceland]

- Provisional AE index for 1996-2017 is derived from data of less than 12 stations (mostly 8-12 stations).

- Digital data and plots are now available from the WWW page.

- DOI is introduced. (doi:10.17593/15031-54800)
Real-time AE index

July 1, 2017 (11 stations)

July 2, 2017 (11 stations)

July 3, 2017 (11 stations)

July 4, 2017 (11 stations)
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On the PC (Polar Cap) index

WDC Geomagnetism Copenhagen is responsible for determination and distribution of the PCN index (PCN is Northern Polar cap index)

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Slides kindly presented by Aude Chambodut
PC index - status

- PCN and PCS indices are routinely determined in collaboration between DTU and AARI using the algorithm endorsed by IAGA in 2013.

- Documentation, data, prototype programs, and quick-look (QL) time plots are available at pcindex.org and at WDC Geomagnetism Copenhagen.

http://www.space.dtu.dk/English/Research/Scientific_data_and_models/World_Data_Center_for_Geomagnetism.aspx
PCN index – plans for near future

- DTU Space is working on

  - enhancing the presentation of the PCN index on the WDC homepage (in particular regarding quasi-definitive (QD) and definitive (D) data) in order to achieve consistency with other geomagnetic indices and to avoid confusion amongst the users regarding index level (QL, QD or D). The quick-look (QL) version of PCN (and PCS) is expected to continue to be provided through pcindex.org

  - establishing a new observatory at Thule Air Base located nearby Qaanaaq (THL), to ensure long term data record (in a few years the present Qaanaaq observatory will likely be magnetically disturbed due to near-by houses and ongoing construction)

  - obtaining a DOI and a license (probably Creative Commons) for the PCN index
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Report of the International Service of Rapid Magnetic Variations

J.J. Curto, L.F. Alberca
IAGA bulletins in ISGI:

- 2013.....17 events reported (8 SSC / 9 SI)
- 2014.....23 events reported (10 SSC / 13 SI)
- 2015.....17 events reported (13 SSC / 4 SI)
- 2016.....6 events reported (6 SSC / 0 SI)

Recovery of the original data of SC (amplitudes, rise times) from the 5 latitude observatories (1968-2017).

- We still use the manual method.
- Automatic method start-up time (1).

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• IAGA bulletins in ISGI:
  • 2013.....27 events reported (6-1class, 16-2class, 5-3class)
  • 2014.....31 events reported (10-1class, 20-2class, 1-3class)
  • 2015.....20 events reported (7-1class, 11-2class, 2-3class)
  • 2016..... 4 events reported 1-1class, 3-2class, 0-3class)

• We still use the manual method
• Promising results with an automatic method (1,2)
• Use of complementary information (AATR index)(Along Arc TEC Rate)

(1) Curto, J. J., Marsal, S., Creci, G., Domingo, G., Automatic detection of Sfe, a chimera? XVII IAGA Workshop on Geomagnetic Observatory instruments, data acquisition and processin, Dourbes (Belgium) [4-10 September 2016].

Figure: Sfe signatures of observatories under the electric current loop are very different depending on their location with respect to the vortex. However, after the coordinate transformation, the derivatives of the radial component of the Sfe vectors, Br, at different points of the circle (A-H) become coherent.
Future

• Automatic detection

• Integration of Magnetic Events in EPOS project (European Plate Observing System)

• Licensing (CC ?) (Creative Commons)

• Citation (DOI) (Digital Object Identifier)
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2. Reports - Petition letter for USGS

- In response to the proposed cuts of USGS funds, a petition letter has been sent from the WG V-DAT of IAGA to the USGS director/deputy director and two Representatives.

Dr. Dave Applegate,
Acting Deputy Director of the United States Geological Survey

June 22, 2017

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of Working Group DAT of Division V (WG V-DAT) of the International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IAGA), to urge the US authorities to rethink the 2018 Presidential Budget that eliminates the USGS Geomagnetism Program, a component of the multi-agency U.S. National Space Weather Program. This proposed budget change is very likely to result in the termination of all operations at the USGS magnetic observatories. The closure of the USGS magnetic observatories will also terminate international collaboration in the exchange of geomagnetic field data that has lasted for more than 60 years. It will also inflict serious damage on the availability of geomagnetic information that aids the oil drilling services industry, the geophysical surveying industry, space weather agencies, and electricity transmission utilities in both the U.S. and other countries.

IAGA WG V-DAT has been working on quality standards for indices of magnetic activity, which are essential for space weather nowcasts and forecasts. The USGS magnetic observatory network provides key data that enables us to compute the Kp index, the AE (Auroral Electrojet) index, theDst (Disturbance storm time) index and the am index. These indices are widely used by United States and international space weather agencies and by a large number of space scientists throughout the world. Continuation of these indices is a matter of the utmost importance.

Therefore, the WG V-DAT strongly petitions you to reconsider the proposed elimination of the budget of the USGS Geomagnetism Program.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Masaaki Nose
Chair of the WG V-DAT of IAGA
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2. Reports - Update of WG V-DAT web site

- Since the last major update of the WG V-DAT web site in 2007, some information becomes out-of-date.
- The web site was updated during 2016.
- Minutes of business meetings and topical sessions organized by V-DAT are also available.
- https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/IAGA/vdat/
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- This Task Force was established at the Business Meeting in Merida in August 2013 to discuss issues related to the DOI-minting to the geomagnetic data products and to share the results of discussion with the WG V-DAT members.
- After a preliminary discussion by the original members for 2 years, the TF was reorganized with new members and continued the activity.
  - Masahito Nosé, Susan Macmillan, Erin Rigler, Manoj Nair, Brian Meyer, Aude Chambodut, Ellen Clarke, Kusumita Arora, Bhaskara Veenadhari, Renata Lukianova, Simon Flower, Jürgen Matzka, Gerhard Schwarz, Alena Rybkina, Vincent Lesur, Kirsten Elger, Heather McCreadie, Anatoly Soloviev (18 members)
- The TF made a survey about present status of DOI-minting to geomagnetic data or indices. Survey results are compiled in a report.
TF Report on
“Present Status of DOI-minting to Geomagnetic Data/Indices”

- **France** --- One single DOI (doi:10.18715/BCMT.MAG.DEF) has been set for all definitive data derived from the BCMT observatories.

- **Germany** --- Research data repository of GFZ Data Services publishes DOI-referenced datasets. Preliminary hourly mean values from Geomagnetic Observatory St. Helena are published with doi:10.5880/GFZ.2.3.2016.001.

- **Japan** --- DOIs are mint to the Dst index (doi:10.17593/14515-74000), the AE index (doi:10.17593/15031-54800), and induction magnetometer data at Muroto, Japan (doi:10.17593/13882-05900).

- **Russia** --- Database on historical recordings from 22 observatories in USSR/Russia over 1983-2009 and database on continuous recordings from 2 observatories are published with DOIs (e.g., doi:10.2205/Mag-VOS-minute-values, doi:10.2205/SPG2012).

- **ISGI, Russian-Ukrainian Geomagnetic Data Center** --- DOIs for data repository.

- The report is available from the V-DAT homepage. [https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/IAGA/vdat/](https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/IAGA/vdat/)

- DOI session --- JA2 13:30-15:15 on Thursday, Room 2.61-2.63
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Licensing in INTERMAGNET and the World Data Centres

Simon Flower
Simon Flower, INTERMAGNET Operations Committee Chair
Conditions of Use

The member institutes of INTERMAGNET invest considerable resources to operate their magnetic observatories to INTERMAGNET standards. It is important that the institutes producing the data have a measure of the scientific return on their investment. Accordingly, we have the following Conditions of Use.

Conditions of Use for data provided through INTERMAGNET

The data made available through INTERMAGNET are provided for your use and are not for commercial use or sale or distribution to third parties without the written permission of the institute operating the observatory. Publications making use of the data should include an acknowledgment statement of the form given below. A citation reference should be sent to the INTERMAGNET Secretary (secretary@intermagnet.org) for inclusion in a publications list on the INTERMAGNET website.

Acknowledgement

We offer two acknowledgement templates. The first is for cases where data from many observatories have been used and it is not practical to list them all, or each of their operating institutes. The second is for cases where research results have been produced using a smaller set of observatories.

Suggested Acknowledgement Text (template 1)

The results presented in this paper rely on data collected at magnetic observatories. We thank the national institutes that support them and INTERMAGNET for promoting high standards of magnetic observatory practice (www.intermagnet.org).

Suggested Acknowledgement Text (template 2)

The results presented in this paper rely on the data collected at observatory name. We thank institute name, for supporting its operation and INTERMAGNET for promoting high standards of magnetic observatory practice (www.intermagnet.org).

Needs updating to reflect current ways of working (e.g. DOIs)

Difficult to use with agencies such as EPOS

Not globally recognised

Not machine readable
Current WDC license

• Defers to World Data System data policy
• Does not protect against commercial use
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• “Dependable, long-term geomagnetic indices and modern, index-based services: 70th anniversary of the Kp index”
  – The session celebrates 70th anniversary since the first proposal of the Kp index by Bartels in 1949. Also it expects papers discussing how to keep dependable and long-term service of the geomagnetic indices as well as proposing new services.

• “Data licensing, data publication, and data citation of geomagnetic/geophysical data products”
  – In response to recently growing interests in data licensing and data publication (data-DOI), the session expects papers that present practices of data licensing, data publication, and data citation in individual institutes.
5. Sessions for IAGA 2019 (Final)

- “Dependable, long-term geomagnetic indices and modern, index-based services: 70th anniversary of the Kp index” (V-DAT)
  - J. Matzka (Germany), Jeff Love (USA) (tentative), M. Nosé (Japan) (tentative)
  - The session celebrates 70th anniversary since the first proposal of the Kp index by Bartels in 1949. Also it expects papers discussing how to keep dependable and long-term service of the geomagnetic indices as well as proposing new services.
  - derivation and dissemination of geomagnetic indices; use of geomagnetic indices as proxy for energy input from solar wind; use of geomagnetic indices for geomagnetic field modelling data selection; use of geomagnetic indices for driving models (e.g. thermosphere, plasmasphere, magnetosphere); near-real time production and dissemination of geomagnetic indices; geomagnetic indices for space weather services; prediction of geomagnetic indices

- “Data licensing, data producing, data publication, and data citation of geomagnetic/geophysical data products” (Div. V, or inter-division, or inter-discipline)
  - M. Nosé (Japan), S. Flower (UK)
  - In response to recently growing interests in data licensing and data publication (data-DOI), the session expects papers that present practices of data licensing, data publication, and data citation in individual institutes.

- “Geomagnetic observations for space science and space weather applications” (with V-DAT and/or Div. IV and/or Div. V and IAGA Interdivisional Commission on Space Weather and/or WG VI)
  - E. Clarke (UK), P. Kotze/S. Lotz (RSA) (tentative)
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