# IHY Year 2007 National Activities In Turkey

- COST 724 and IHY Related Capabilities and Case Studies
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- Some Dissemination and Outreach Activities (METU)
- Some IHY Activities (BU)

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**COST 724** 

Modeling Signal Processing Applications Solar X-Ray and Radio Data Forecast Ionospheric and Geomagnetic Response to the IMF Schumann Resonances (SR) Forecast Total Electron Content Forecast HF Experiment During Total Solar Eclipse



#### **COST 724**

#### Modeling

#### METU-NN and Cascade Model, METU-Neuro-Fuzzy Network Model, GETY-Genetic Programming Tool

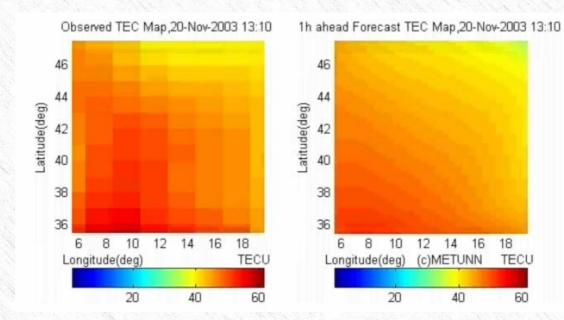


Figure 1. METUNN TEC Mapping



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#### **Signal Processing Applications**

Data organization and filtering; Fast Fourier Transform, Welch's Periodogram Analysis, signal modeling using Autoregressive and autocorrelation methods

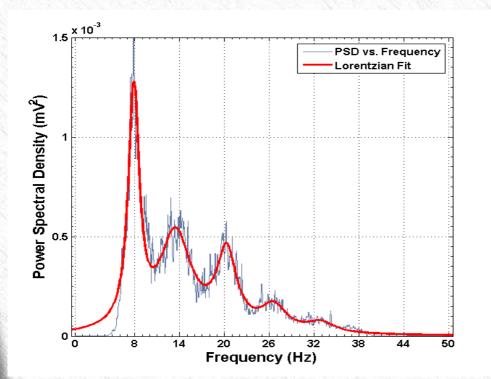


Figure 2. Power spectral density of Schumann Resonances versus frequency. Superimposed is the Lorentzian approximation (bold curve)



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#### Solar X-Ray and Radio Data Forecast

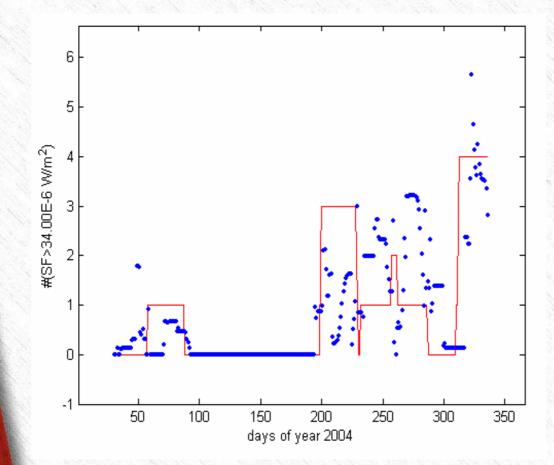
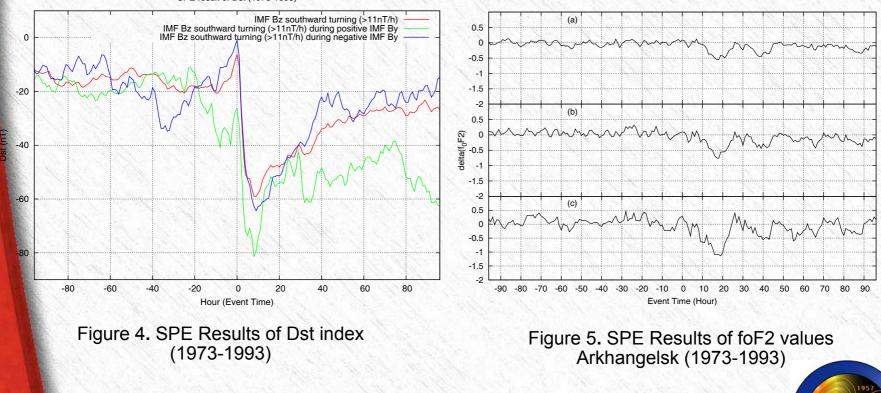


Figure 3. The number of events: observed (red), and forecast (blue) one month in advance between 31 Jan. -1 Dec. 2004



## CAPABILITIES and CASE STUDIES COST 724 Ionospheric and Geomagnetic Response to the IMF



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**COST 724** 

#### Schumann Resonances (SR) Forecast

8, 14, 20, 26, 32 Hz SR Characteristics Diurnal Variations

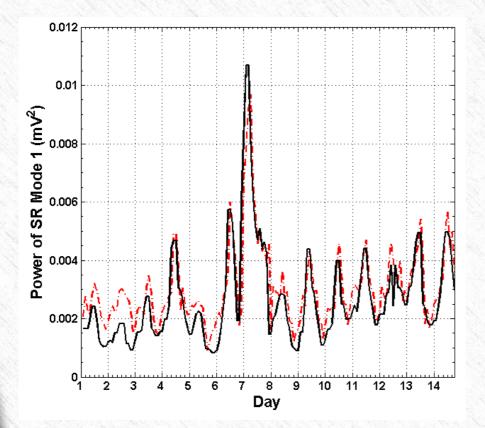


Figure 6. Observed (dashed) and forecast (solid) SR values in November, December 2004



#### **COST 724**

#### **Total Electron Content Forecast**

Forecast of TEC values up to 24 hours in advance with METU-NN

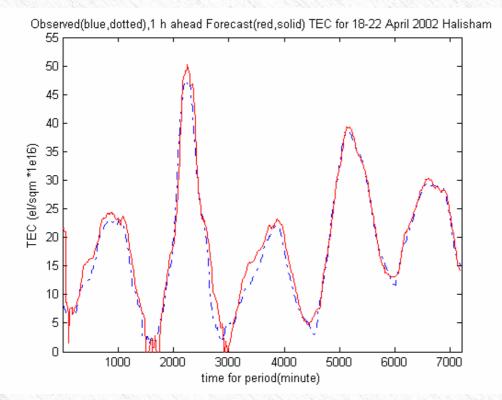


Figure 7. Observed GPS TEC values (blue, dotted) and 1-hour ahead Forecast TEC values (red, solid) for 29-31 October 2003 for Hailsham



#### **COST 724**

#### HF Experiment during Total Solar Eclipse

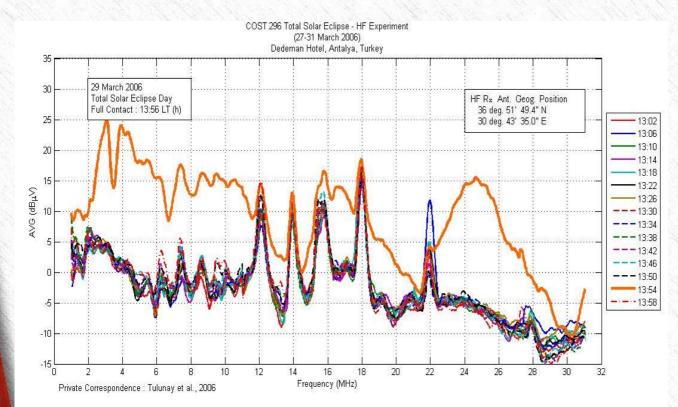


Figure 8: The atmospheric noise level on the time of the total eclipse



## SOME RELEVANT NEAR-EARTH SPACE COURSES at METU

Deptartment of Aerospace Eng. (http://www.ae.metu.edu.tr/)

•AE453 Introduction to Atmospheric Physics I

- AE454 Introduction to Atmospheric Physics II
- AE551 Introduction to Space Sciences
- AE552 Selected Topics on Space Applications: Microgravity
- AE554 Applied Orbital Mechanics

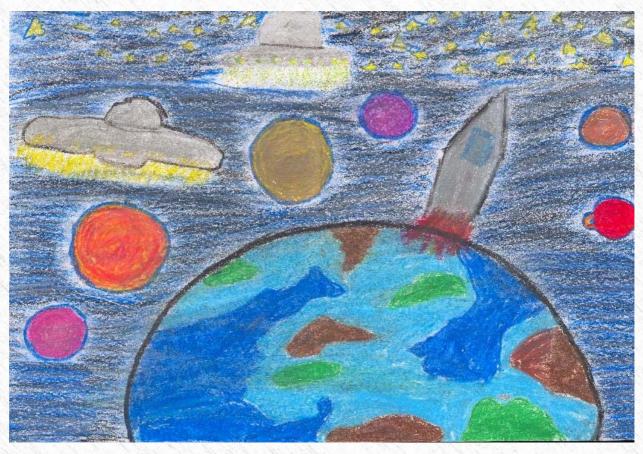
Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Eng. (http://www.eee.metu.edu.tr/)

• EE 503 Signal Analysis and Processing

- EE 543 Neurocomputers
- EE 553 Optimization
- EE 557 Estimation Theory



## SOME DISSEMINATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



Cansu Sezgin, Age 11; 50. Yıl İzzet Baysal İ.O., 5th Year; in Bolu, Turkey



## MARCH 29, 2006 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

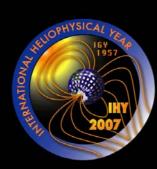
More than one million Sun glasses were distributed along the totality path.







## SOME IHY ACTIVITIES at BU



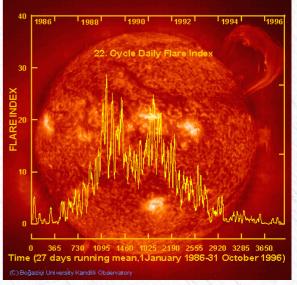
Annual Meeting of the Balkans, Black Sea and Caspian Sea Regional Network on Space Weather Studies

> March 30 - April 1, 2006 Manavgat - Antalya, TURKEY





*"Importance of Astronomy in Science"* A symposium for science teachers. (Organized by Ministry of Education and TUBITAK National Observatory)



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http://www.koeri.boun.edu.tr/astro nomy/findex.html (Kandilli Observatory)





Twenty five scientists from six foreign countries (Azerbaijan, India, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Japan, Ukrain and Turkey) made experiments during the eclipse. And many scientists from six Turkish universities joined to the experiments.

• For commemorative coins please visit http://www.darphane.gov.tr/dizayn-ehatirapara.htm

• For commemoration stamps please visit http://www.ptt.gov.tr/tr/pul/show/html/06-3.html



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