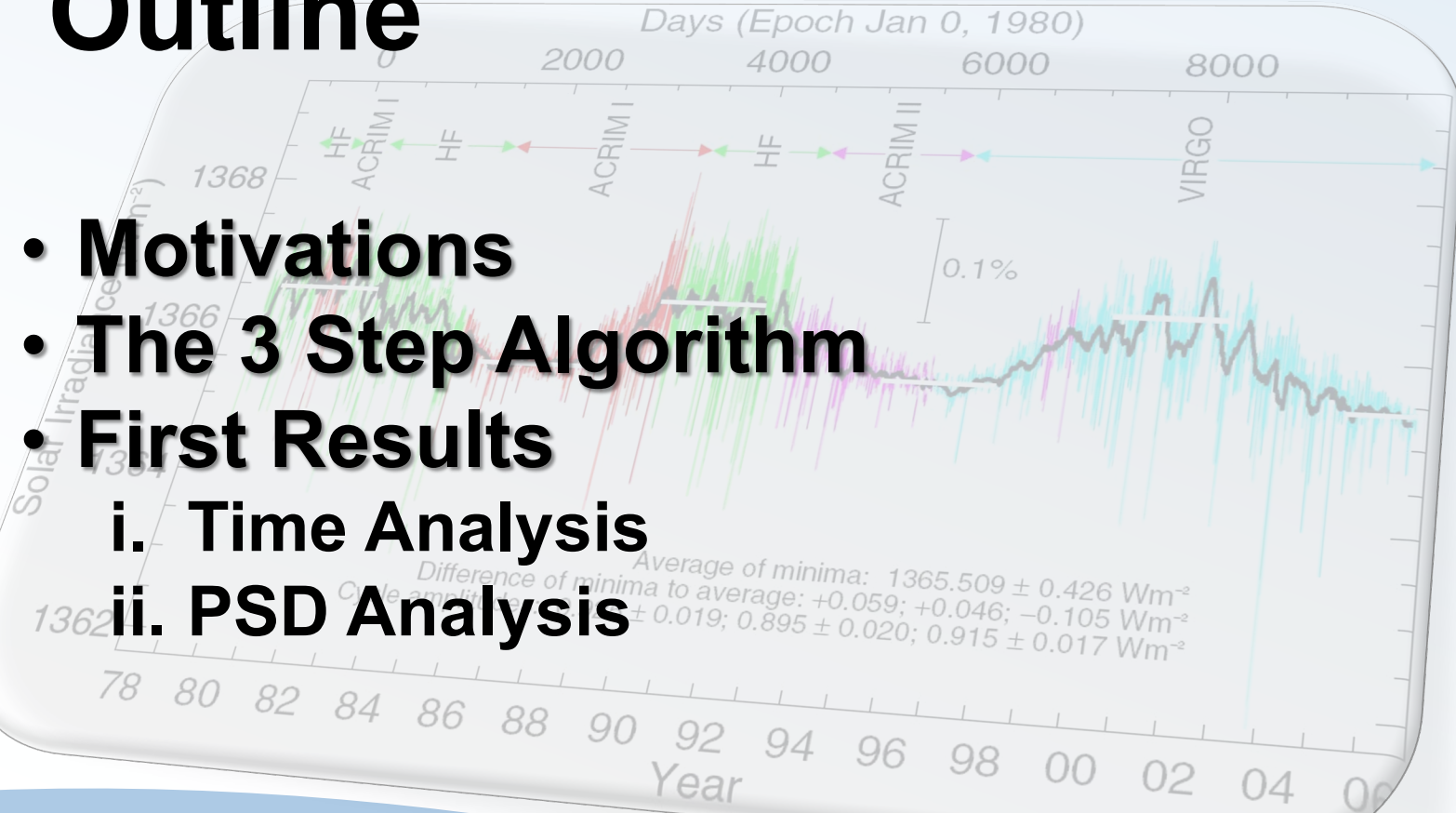


DATA FUSION OF TOTAL SOLAR IRRADIANCE COMPOSITE TIME SERIES USING 40 YEARS OF SATELLITE MEASUREMENTS: FIRST RESULTS

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Mission/Experiment/Instrument	Version	Start Date	End Date
HF/NIMBUS-7 ERB		11/1978	1/1993
ERBE/ERBS	10/1984	8/2003	
SOHO/VIRGO (PMODv21)	a	01/1996	03/2021
PICARD/PREMOS/PMO6 (v1)	1	06/2010	03/2014
ACRIM1/SMM	a	2/1980	7/1989
ACRIM2/UARS	b	10/1991	9/2000
ACRIMSAT/ACRIM3	11/13	04/2000	11/2013
SORCE/TIM	18	02/2003	02/2020
TISIS/TIM	3	11/01/2018	-

41 years of TSI data various missions

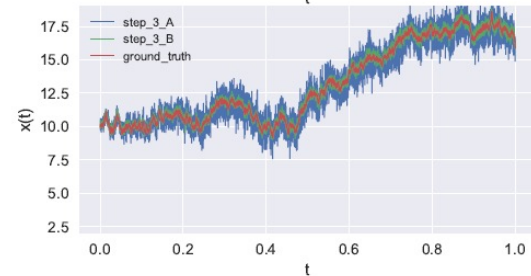
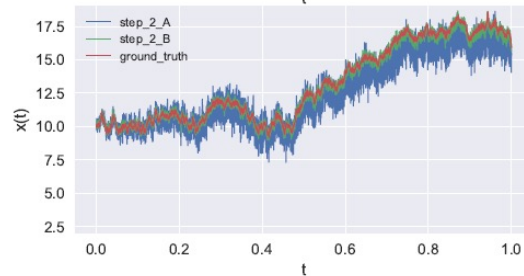
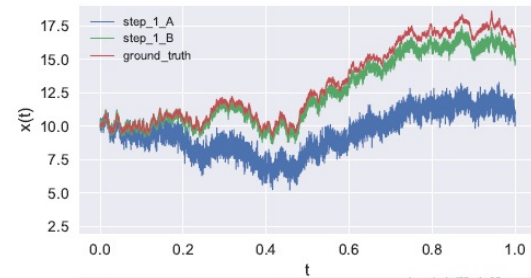
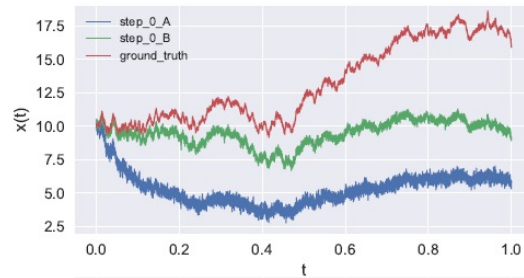
Technical challenges

Modifying previous software (Montillet et al., AGU 2020, Finsterle et al., 2021) to do fusion of N-time series (degradation corrected), using Gaussian processes with white + Matern kernel (temporal correlations).

Ref: Finsterle W, Montillet JP, Schmutz W, et al. The total solar irradiance during the recent solar minimum period measured by SOHO/VIRGO. Scientific Reports. 2021 Apr;11(1):7835. DOI: 10.1038/s41598-021-87108-y.

Key Points

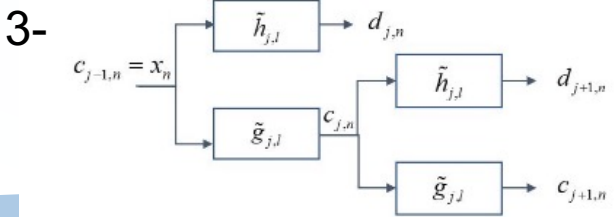
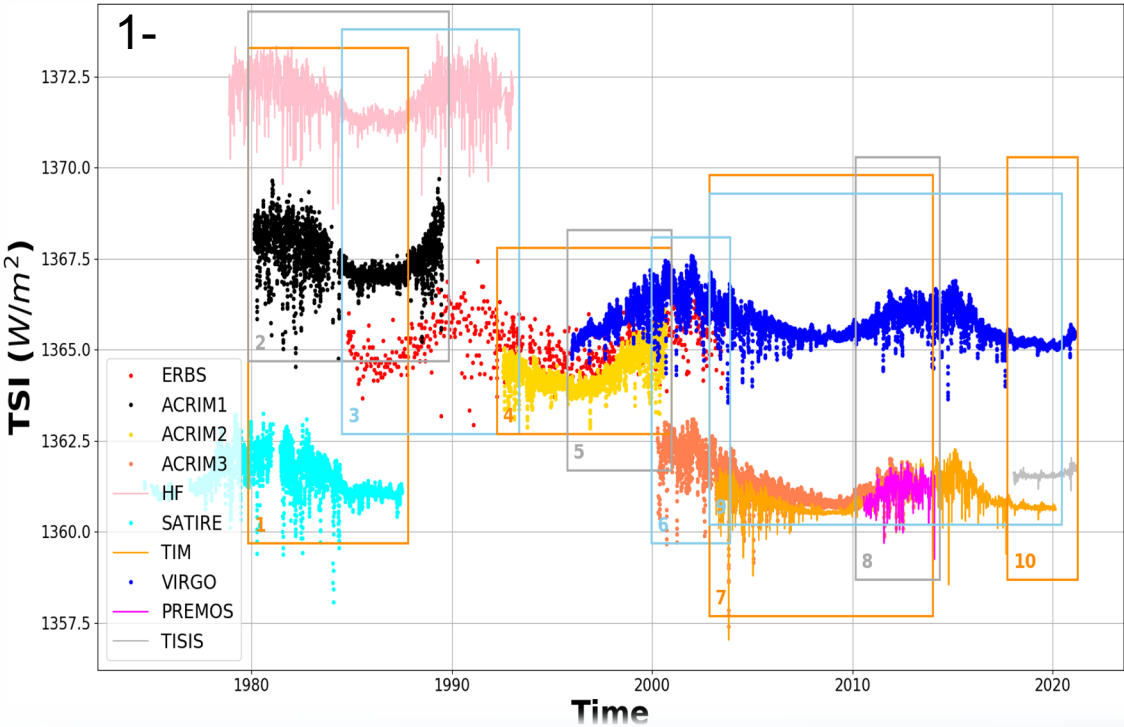
- ✓ Propose a new composite TSI time series fusing 41 years of solar observations to continue former work at PMOD (C. Fröhlich)
- ✓ Comprehensive time-frequency analysis to characterise stochastic processes and solar noise
- ✓ Future investigation of variations in solar minima to distinguish between solar noise and possible underlying phenomena



Simulations of merging random signals (Kolar et al., 2021)

Producing composite (1980-2021) a 3-step process

- 1/ Partioned time series into sub-time series and fused overlapping TS (at least 6 months)
- 2/ Stiching overlapping TS to produce a 40-year long time series with modified adaptive algorithm
- 3 / Filtering unwanted noise on the 41 year TS (bandwidth noise) with wavelet algo.



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$$\begin{cases} y(t) = y_1(t) * w(t) + y_2(t) * (1 - w(t)), \\ w(t) = \alpha_1^2(t) / (\alpha_2^2(t) + \alpha_1^2(t)) \\ \alpha^2(t) = 0.5 * (\alpha_2^2(t) + \alpha_1^2(t)) \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

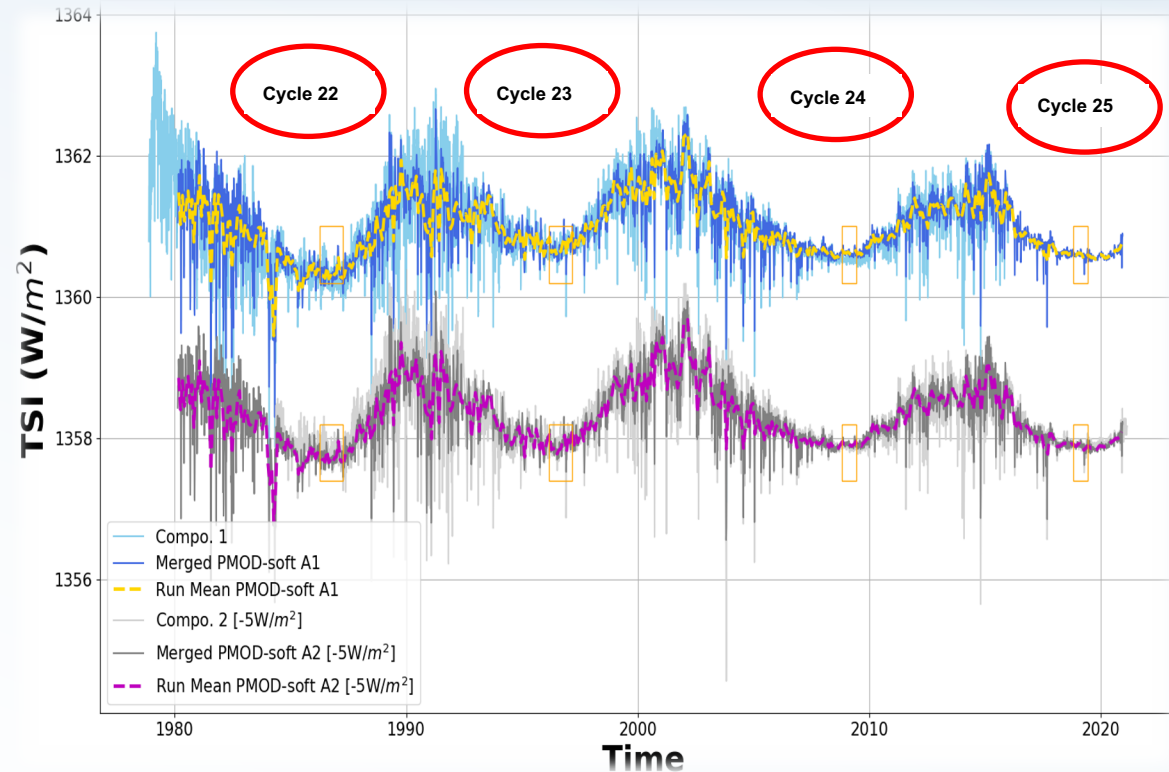
with t the time spanning the period 1978-2021, with the sampling of 1 JD. The two time series overlapping are y_1 and y_2 and associated uncertainties α_1^2 and α_2^2 respectively. Note that y_1 is chosen in order to satisfy the condition $\alpha_1^2 \leq \alpha_2^2$.

The 2 level wavelet filter

Table 2. Estimation of the solar minimum over last 40 years from the TSI time series (mean μ and standard deviation σ) released by Dudok de Wit *et al.* (2017) (Compo. 1), by Dewitte *et al.* (2004) (Compo. 2) and by Fröhlich (2006) (Compo. 3). We use these TSI composite time series as baseline to align our solution, with the statistics displayed in *Soft*.

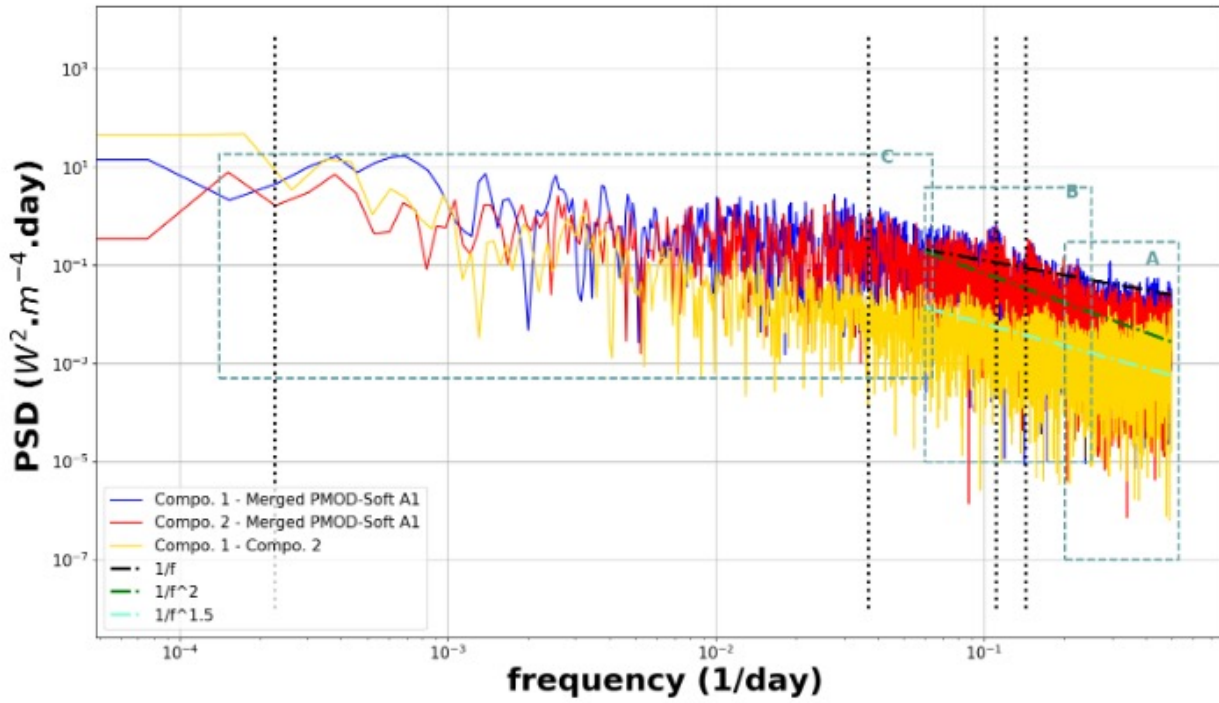
W/m^2		Compo. 1		Compo. 2		Compo. 3	
			<i>Soft.</i>		<i>Soft.</i>		<i>Soft.</i>
Cycle 22	μ	1360.30	1360.33	1362.82	1362.73	1360.58	1360.53
	σ	0.14	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.11
Cycle 23	μ	1360.68	1360.70	1362.90	1362.91	1360.57	1360.56
	σ	0.14	0.12	0.16	0.12	0.15	0.12
Cycle 24	μ	1360.53	1360.63	1362.89	1362.92	1360.42	1360.49
	σ	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.04
Cycle 25	μ	-	1360.59	1362.88	1362.89	-	1360.45
	σ	-	0.05	0.07	0.05	-	0.05

Time Analysis



Advantages

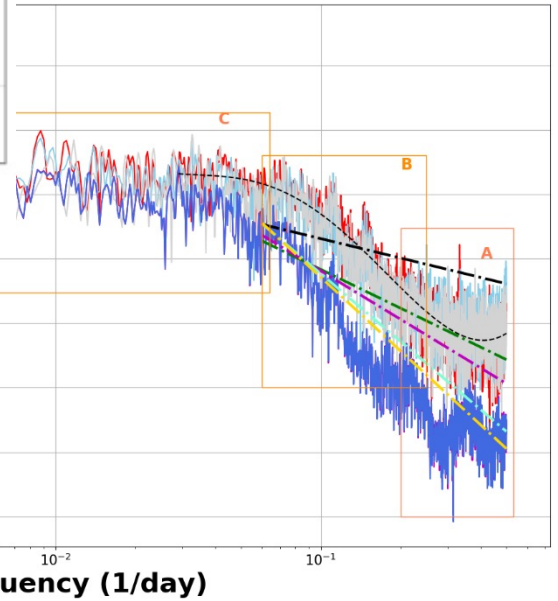
- *Fusion process* based on not many assumptions on input observations (stochastic processes assumed to be mixed white (Gaussian) noise and coloured noise). Proper kernel training (inducing points) capture short-term correlations and solar cycle.
- **Stitching process** requires baseline, thus easy to compare with previous composites (e.g., PMOD -2016, Dudok de Wit et al. -2017)



A flattening of the curve at high frequencies
1JD resolution (meso granulations)

B frequency ramp due to unknown diffusion processes
correlation between 4 to 20 days (meso and super granulations). Higher with data fusion, therefore filtering wavelet

C long-term correlations and Solar cycle



Drawbacks

- Data fusion introduces correlation between observations (bandwidth noise) in fused TS, requiring large number of inducing points (> 5000 pts), hence **heavily time consuming**. Process not done in real time.
- More correlation between estimates, thus **steeper PSD ramp** > See Box B in the Figure
- Data fusion smoothes observations, thus **less power in PSD**

What's Done

- **Data fusion** process - many advantages (few assumptions on data, flexibility)
- Able to **produce a new composite** TSI time series with 41 years of data –agrees at 0.3 W.m² with previous products
- **Time-Frequency** Analysis shows features related to solar noise and stochastic Processes, but some processes need to be more investigated

To Do

- Product will be released after the publication (next year). BUT can be requested to PMOD if you need it before the official release (jean-philippe.montillet@pmodwrc.ch)
- Study of variations of solar minima

Thanks and Enjoy
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