Master Thesis

Calculation of the correlation between solar forcing parameters in the ionosphere using the capabilities of modular programming. Investigation of the variation of the correlation values with time and with latitude.

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The Sun is the celestial body that sits directly in the middle of the Solar System. It is a nearly perfect ball of hot plasma that has been heated to the point of incandescence by the nuclear fusion events that occur at its center. The energy that it emits is mostly in the form of visible light, ultraviolet light, and infrared radiation. It is by far the most significant contributor to the energy needs of living things on Earth.(**?**)

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