A system for near real-time detection of filament eruptions at Kanzelh[']ohe Observatory

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Abstract

Kanzelh'ohe Observatory (kso.ac.at) performs regular high-cadence full-disk observations of the

solar chromosphere in the H-alpha and CaIIK spectral lines as well as the solar photosphere in

white-light. In the frame of ESA's Space Situational Awareness (SSA) activities, a new system for

near real-time Halpha image provision through the SSA SWE portal (swe.ssa.esa.int) and for

automatic alerting of flares and erupting filaments is under development.

Image segmentation algorithms, based on optical flow image registration, for the automatic detection of solar filaments in real time H-alpha images have been developed and implemented at the Kanzelh'ohe observing system. We present first results of this system with respect to the automatic

recognition and segmentation of filaments and filament eruptions on the Sun.

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