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## 27 **1. Introduction**

28 The contribution from O.A. Troshichev, S. Dolgacheva, N.A. Stepanov, and D.A. Sormakov  
29 (2020): “The PC index variations during 23/24 solar cycles: relation to solar wind parameters and  
30 magnetic disturbances”, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020JA028491> published in J. Geophys. Res.  
31 Space Physics holds a number of correlations between various solar wind parameters and geospace  
32 magnetic disturbance indices.

33 Much of the work is based on relations involving the Polar Cap (PC) indices, PCN (North) and PCS  
34 (South). These indices are presently submitted jointly by the Arctic and Antarctic Research Institute  
35 (AARI) and the Danish Space Research Institute (DTU Space) in versions recommended by the  
36 International Association for Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IAGA) by its Resolution #3 (2013).

37 However, it appears that there are serious errors in the PC index values reported at the web portal:  
38 <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather> holding the data base for the commented publication.  
39 Furthermore, the amplitude spans of the quiet day curves (QDC) forming the reference level for the  
40 definition of polar magnetic variations appear to be incorrect. In addition, the reported solar wind  
41 merging electric field ( $E_{KL}$ ) values (Kan and Lee, 1979) used for calibration of the PC indices (e.g.,  
42 Troshichev et al., 1988, 2006) appear to be calculated incorrectly.

43 The data file “YearlyQDCPC.dat” and part of the “[MonthlyQDCPC.dat](#)” files from the AARI web  
 44 portal <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather> are reproduced in Appendix A and form basis for the  
 45 discussions of the questionable data.

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## 48 2. Yearly average PC index values.

49 “Definitive” PCN index values in the version endorsed by IAGA are available at the web portal  
 50 [http://isgi.unistra.fr/indices\\_pc.php](http://isgi.unistra.fr/indices_pc.php) operated by the International Service of Geomagnetic Indices  
 51 (ISGI), and at DTU Space at <https://doi.org/10.11581/DTU:00000057> comprising links to the PCN  
 52 data series and also documentation of the IAGA-endorsed index version held in  
 53 “PC\_index\_description\_main\_document\_incl\_Appendix\_A.pdf” which includes software and  
 54 scaling parameters. Recalculations of average PCN index values have indicated disagreement  
 55 between these values and the average PCN values presented at the AARI web portal  
 56 <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather> used as the reference for the data presented in Troshichev et  
 57 al. (2020) discussed here. Furthermore, calculations with IMF and solar wind parameters  
 58 downloaded from <http://omniweb.gsfc.nasa.gov> of the solar wind geoeffective electric field,  $E_{KL}$   
 59 (Kan and Lee, 1979), by the formula shown in Eq. 1 have disclosed disagreements between these  
 60 values and the values presented at the AARI web portal.

$$61 \quad E_{KL} = (B_Y^2 + B_Z^2)^{1/2} V_{SW} \sin^2(\theta/2) \quad (1)$$

62 Yearly average QDC, PCN and  $E_{KL}$  values presented in the file “YearlyQDCPC.dat” made available  
 63 at the AARI web portal (cf. Appendix A) are shown in the 6 leftmost columns of Table 1. The  
 64 AARI yearly average PCN values are also presented by the blue dotted line in Fig. 2a of the  
 65 commented publication, Troshichev et al. (2020).

66 The corresponding values derived from averaging the “definitive” PCN index values calculated by  
 67 DTU Space and made available at the ISGI web portal, [http://isgi.unistra.fr/indices\\_pc.php](http://isgi.unistra.fr/indices_pc.php) are  
 68 presented in the rightmost 3 columns of Table 1 along with the recalculated  $E_{KL}$  values (Eq. 1):

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70 **Table 1.** AARI yearly average QDC, PCN index, and  $E_{KL}$  values in column 1-6 (cf.  
 71 “YearlyQDCPC.dat” in Appendix A). DTU PCN and recalculated  $E_{KL}$  in columns 7-9.  
 72 AARI QDC, PCN, and  $E_{KL}$  downloaded from <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather>  
 73 DTU-Space definitive PCN indices downloaded from ISGI portal [http://isgi.unistra.fr/indices\\_pc.php](http://isgi.unistra.fr/indices_pc.php).

74	75 Year	QDC_N (nT)	QDC_S (nT)	QDCtot (nT)	PCN (mV/m)	EKL(mV/m)		PCNY (mV/m)	PCNYP (mV/m)	EKL (mV/m)
76	77 1998	51.67845	57.93726	109.61571	0.72583	0.5975	1.098	1.176	1.159	
	78 1999	67.94812	71.47073	139.41885	0.76917	0.63083	1.076	1.185	1.152	
	79 2000	73.5618	70.67319	144.235	0.80333	0.62917	1.137	1.282	1.278	
	80 2001	66.99001	67.11466	134.10467	0.71167	0.58917	1.055	1.166	1.166	
	81 2002	75.59892	77.95675	153.55567	0.76	0.71833	1.046	1.165	1.240	
	82 2003	96.72696	--	--	0.9975	0.84083	1.338	1.458	1.486	
	83 2004	60.71267	44.60527	115.16565	0.78833	0.59083	1.147	1.226	1.206	
	84 2005	52.35769	52.73583	105.09352	0.81167	0.54917	1.184	1.245	1.125	
	85 2006	33.44098	41.74591	75.18689	0.61167	0.36917	0.970	0.995	0.816	
	86 2007	33.86162	39.74026	73.60188	0.6	0.32583	0.868	0.892	0.707	
	87 2008	29.58641	36.08013	65.66654	0.57167	0.305	0.829	0.847	0.649	
	88 2009	41.35253	24.86098	45.47604	0.36917	0.23167	0.549	0.574	0.520	
	89 2010	39.53543	39.79292	79.32835	0.49167	0.33083	0.730	0.767	0.695	
	90 2011	44.65849	44.85985	89.51835	0.53417	0.38667	0.799	0.847	0.777	
	91 2012	57.91273	59.9873	117.90002	0.62917	0.46083	0.991	1.070	1.008	
	92 2013	55.25221	57.21562	112.46783	0.52	0.40167	0.867	0.930	0.836	
	93 2014	48.12346	59.42977	107.55323	0.58917	0.47083	0.822	0.902	0.870	

94	2015	54.87197	56.29178	111.16375	0.71667	0.55333	1.048	1.138	1.122
95	2016	42.87233	50.35361	93.22594	0.72167	0.54167	1.044	1.101	0.982
96	2017	43.48377	44.20509	87.68886	0.69833	0.47083	1.049	1.092	0.904
97	2018	38.45339	39.80017	78.25356	0.49833	0.375	0.778	0.805	0.707
98	2019	36.82602	35.55304	72.37906	0.4825	0.36	0.719	0.750	0.692
99	mean	52.08209	51.06715	100.50473	0.65462	0.48769	0.961	1.028	0.946

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102 The DTU-Space values shown in the column “PCNY” in Table 1 display the plain yearly average  
103 PCN values while the column headed by “PCNYP” displays the averages derived by zero-filling for  
104 negative PCN values.

105 It is evident from comparing the values shown in the AARI PCN column 5 of Table 1 and displayed  
106 in their Fig. 2a with the values presented in the right columns of the table that there are considerable  
107 differences. The PCN values in the file YearlyQDCPC.dat from AARI are around 68% of the plain  
108 yearly average values derived from the “definitive” PCN index values calculated at DTU Space and  
109 about 64% of values calculated by zero-filling for negative PCN hourly values.

110 The differences in  $E_{KL}$  values are still more remarkable. The reported AARI values differ  
111 considerably from the recalculated values although they use the same data and formula. Their mean  
112 values are only 51% of the recalculated values. Furthermore, it is a fundamental rule for deriving  
113 PC index values (e.g., Troshichev et al., 1988, 2006) that the polar magnetic variations are scaled to  
114 make the PC indices and values of the merging electric field,  $E_{KL}$ , equal on a statistical basis. Thus,  
115 their averages should be nearly equal which they, obviously, are not. From the bottom line of Table  
116 1, the epoch-mean AARI PCN value is 0.65462 mV/m while the mean  $E_{KL}$  value on 0.48769 mV/m  
117 is only 74% of the PCN value.

118 The recalculated  $E_{KL}$  values are based on available OMNIweb data (<http://omniweb.gsfc.nasa.gov> ).  
119 As shown in Table 1 (column 7 vs. column 9), their values match values of the definitive PCN  
120 indices as they should according to the PC index derivation method (e.g., Troshichev et al., 1988,  
121 2006). The AARI  $E_{KL}$  values (column 6) are only around half the correct  $E_{KL}$  values. Thus, the  
122 calculations at AARI appear to have generated invalid results.

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### 125 3. Reference level.

126 It is stated in section 2 of the commented publication that: “*The polar cap magnetic disturbance*  
127 *value  $\delta F$  at stations Thule and Vostok is counted from level of quiet daily variation (QDC – Quiet*  
128 *Daily Curve), which is determined for each day of year [Troshichev et al., 2006]*”.

129 It is further stated in section 2 that: “*Taking into account this distinctive feature of the PC index, the*  
130 *International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy (IAGA) approved PC index as “a proxy*  
131 *for the energy that enters into the magnetosphere during solar wind – magnetosphere coupling”*  
132 *[Resolution of XXII IAGA Assembly, 2013].*”

133 However, the procedures defined in Troshichev et al. (2006) and further specified in Janzhura and  
134 Troshichev (2008) are not in agreement with the index derivation methods endorsed by IAGA.

135 In Troshichev et al. (2006) the quiet reference level is defined in section 2.1 by the statement:  
136 “*Magnetic deviations  $\delta D$  and  $\delta H$  are calculated from a certain level, “curve of quiet day” which*  
137 *presents the daily magnetic variation, observed at the particular station during extremely quiescent*  
138 *days*”.

139 In the documentation (Matzka and Troshichev, 2014) submitted to IAGA in 2013 in order to fulfil  
140 the requirements in “*Criteria for endorsement of indices by IAGA*” (2009), the reference level for

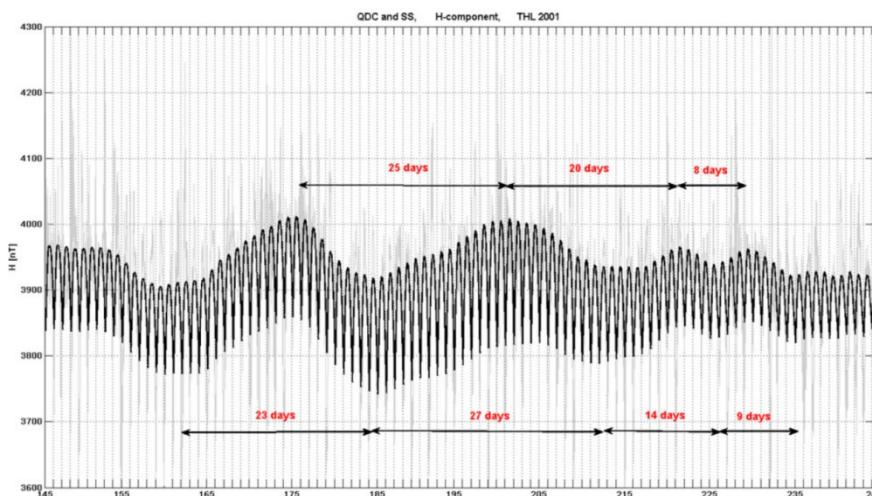
141 the magnetic disturbance values is defined as the sum of a solar sector (SS) term, defined to be the 7  
142 days running mean of daily median values, and a 30-day's residual QDC. This method builds on the  
143 descriptions provided in Troshichev et al. (2006), Janzhura and Troshichev (2008), Janzhura and  
144 Troshichev (2011), and Troshichev and Janzhura (2012, Ch. 4.4) as noted in the document:

145 *PC\_index\_description\_main\_document.pdf* available from  
146 [http://isgi.unistra.fr/Documents/References/PC\\_index\\_description\\_main\\_document.pdf](http://isgi.unistra.fr/Documents/References/PC_index_description_main_document.pdf) or from the  
147 DTU Space portal at <https://doi.org/10.11581/DTU:00000057>. The associated document,  
148 *PC\_index\_description\_Appendix\_A.pdf* holds more specific reference level descriptions.

149 It should be noted that the reference levels defined in the documentation presented in Matzka and  
150 Troshichev (2014) are presently being used at DTU Space for calculations of the “definitive” PCN  
151 index series. It might also be noted that this reference level, which includes a median term, is not a  
152 quiet level in the sense defined by Troshichev et al. (2006).

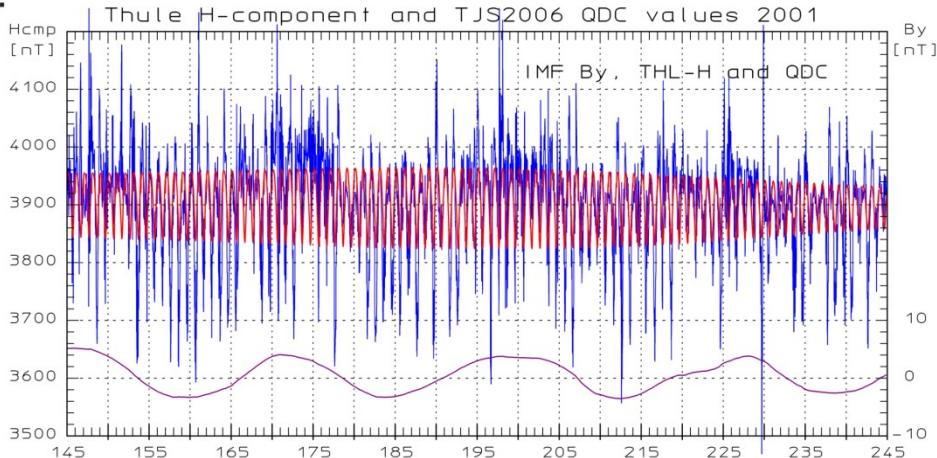
153 The solar wind sector (SS) term was implemented in the derivation of PC index reference levels by  
154 Janzhura and Troshichev (2011) (J&T2011) which is reproduced in chapter 4 of Troshichev and  
155 Janzhura (2012). The SS-terms illustrated in Fig. 6 of J&T2011 have been added to the residual  
156 quiet day variations with slowly (seasonally) varying amplitudes calculated by the method  
157 published in Janzhura and Troshichev (2008) to generate the summer section (days 145-245, 2001)  
158 of the reference level. This level is displayed by the solid line superimposed on the 1-min H-  
159 component values in thin line shown in Fig.1a reproduced (including caption) from Fig. 1 of  
160 J&T2011.

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**Fig. 1.** Superposition of the actual variation of 1-min values of the geomagnetic H-component observed at Thule station in the summer season of 2001 (thin lines) and the quiet daily curve (QDC) characterizing the daily variation of the quiet geomagnetic field (thick solid lines).

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164 **Fig. 1.** (a) PCN reference level (thick line) in IAGA-endorsed version superimposed on recorded Qaanaaq  
 165 (THL) H-component data (thin line). (from Fig. 1 of Janzhura and Troshichev, 2011, caption included). (b)  
 166 PCN reference level (red line) by the method of Troshichev et al. (2006) superimposed on H-component data  
 167 (blue line) for days 145-245 of 2001. Smoothed IMF  $B_Y$  values are shown in magenta line on the lower right  
 168 scale.

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170 In Fig. 1b, the curves for the reference level in red line superimposed on recorded H-component  
 171 values in blue line have been drawn on basis of INTERMAGNET magnetic data  
 172 (<https://intermagnet.org>) processed by the QDC method published in Troshichev et al. (2006) and  
 173 detailed in Janzhura and Troshichev (2008). The IMF  $B_Y$  values shown in Fig. 1b are based on  
 174 OMNIweb data from <http://omniweb.gsfc.nasa.gov>.

175 The disagreement between the reference level derived according to the documentation described in  
 176 Matzka and Troshichev (2014) and the reference level derived by the methods presented in  
 177 Troshichev et al. (2006) (referenced in the commented publication) is evident when comparing Fig.  
 178 1a with Fig. 1b.

179 The reference level defined in section 2.1 of TJS2006 and further detailed in Janzhura and  
 180 Troshichev (2008) use in a first step the quiet samples collected over an interval of 30 days to

181 construct an initial “30-days QDC” which, depending on the distribution of quiet samples refers to a  
 182 specific day of the interval. Next, the interval is shifted and a new “30-days” QDC is calculated  
 183 referring to the same or another day. In a final step the series of initial “30-days” QDCs are  
 184 combined and smoothed by a special cubic spline function to generate the resulting QDC for each  
 185 day of the total interval (e.g., a year).

186 Since the 30-days interval length is close to the solar rotation period, every initial “30-days QDC”  
 187 and also their smoothed combination will lose indications of variations associated with the solar  
 188 rotation and the solar wind sector structure. The absence of variations within the 30-days intervals is  
 189 evident in all QDC presentations based on the description in Troshichev et al. (2006), e.g., Figs.  
 190 4.4a,b of Troshichev and Janzhura (2012)

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 192 **4. QDC amplitude.**

193 In section 3.1 of the commented Troshichev et al. (2020) publication it is stated “*To examine the*  
 194 *QDC alteration in course of solar cycles we examined the yearly-averaged amplitudes of QDC at*  
 195 *the northern and southern polar cap stations and counted their sum (QDCtot) for each year*  
 196 *during 1998-2019 (see <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather> ).*

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 198 The file “MonthlyQDCPC.dat” available at <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather> holds columns  
 199 “QDC\_N (nT), QDC\_S (nT), and QDCtot (nT) for the monthly average amplitudes in the QDCs.  
 200 As an example for 2001 seen in the file “MonthlyQDCPC.dat” and extracted to the left columns of  
 201 Table 2, the average “QDCtot” value would be 134 nT in agreement with the deflection seen in  
 202 Figure 1a of Troshichev et al. (2020) and the value reported in the file “YearlyQDCPC.dat” at the  
 203 AARI web site.  
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 206 **Table 2.** AARI and DTU-S QDC monthly average amplitude values 2001

207 AARI values in column 1-5 are downloaded from <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather> (cf. Table  
 208 A2 of Appendix A. QDC values based on magnetic data from INTERMAGNET and using the QDC  
 209 method from Troshishev et al. (2006) are displayed in columns 6-8.

Year	month	QDC_N (nT)	QDC_S (nT)	QDCtot (nT)	QDCX_N (nT)	QDCY_N (nT)	QDCT_N (nT)
2001	01	23.54839	116.19355	139.74194	21	19	28
2001	02	29.75	79.42857	109.17857	30	29	41
2001	03	57.22581	69.19355	126.41935	57	55	79
2001	04	80.93333	50.06667	131	81	89	120
2001	05	128.80645	23.6129	152.41935	129	122	177
2001	06	151.63333	16.7	168.33333	152	108	186
2001	07	115.19355	21.06452	136.25806	115	132	175
2001	08	78.70968	29.67742	108.3871	79	90	119
2001	09	58.76667	52.66667	111.43333	59	53	79
2001	10	36.77419	83.80645	120.58065	37	33	50
2001	11	21.7	107.93333	129.63333	22	18	28
2001	12	20.83871	155.03226	175.87097	22	15	27

226 Assuming that the tabulated values refer to the QDC values derived by using the methodology from  
 227 Troshichev et al. (2006) detailed in Janzhura and Troshichev (2008) makes it possible to calculate  
 228 the values using INTERMAGNET magnetic data (<https://intermagnet.org> ). Such calculations are  
 229 presented in 3 rightmost columns of Table 2.

231 The values in the column marked "QDCX" are the monthly averages of min-to-max QDC values in  
 232 nT for the X-component of the residual QDC (THL). The column marked "QDCY" holds the  
 233 corresponding values for the Y-component. The columns marked "QDCT" holds the square roots of  
 234 the squared contributions from the X and Y components (i.e. the numerical value of the total  
 235 horizontal vector) of the residual QDC.

236 Comparing the values presented in the left and right sections of Table 2 makes it evident that the  
 237 QDC\_N values of the file "MonthlyQDCPC.dat" are the results from considering the THL X-  
 238 component values only. Thus, the question is whether the use of the X-component only in the  
 239 calculation of QDC amplitudes is justified or just a mistake.

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## 242 **5. Further PC index calculations**

243 It should be noted that a new reference level concept was defined in p. 7 of the booklet by  
 244 Troshichev (2017) by the statement:

245 *"To resolve the problem, a special procedure (running technique) has been elaborated [Troshichev  
 246 et al., 2006], which makes it possible to incorporate the effects of regular and irregular UV  
 247 radiation and SS effects into the QDC. In this case, the quiet daily curve is automatically  
 248 recalculated for each particular day taking into account the data from the 5 quietest days selected  
 249 from 30 previous days with extrapolation of results for each subsequent day".*

250 Examples are shown in Fig. 2.1 of Troshichev (2017) reproduced from Troshichev et al. (2006) and  
 251 in Fig. 2.2 reproduced from Troshichev and Janzhura (2012), both examples are void of indications  
 252 of SS effects.

253 However, this new definition of the reference level construction is not in agreement with the  
 254 definition in Troshichev et al. (2006) where there is no mentioning of SS effects. The method is also  
 255 not in agreement with Matzka and Troshichev (2014), i.e., the method endorsed by IAGA and  
 256 presently used at DTU Space for the calculations of "definitive" PCN indices  
 257 ([http://isgi.unistra.fr/indices\\_pc.php](http://isgi.unistra.fr/indices_pc.php)). The disagreement must raise the question whether PC index  
 258 calculations since 2017 have been conducted according to the above concept based on arguments  
 259 much in agreement with the statements made in the commented publication by O.A. Troshichev, S.  
 260 Dolgacheva, N.A. Stepanov, and D.A. Sormakov (2020).

261 Introducing a new ad hoc QDC concept (whether or not justified) invalidates the present  
 262 "definitive" PCN indices which have been made available to the international scientific community  
 263 since 2014 with values derived back to 1975, and starts another index series different from the  
 264 IAGA-endorsed PC index series.

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## 267 **Conclusions**

268 (i) The correlation studies and conclusions presented in the commented article by Troshichev et al.  
 269 (2020), *The PC index variations during 23/24 solar cycles: relation to solar wind parameters and*  
 270 *magnetic disturbances*, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2020JA028491>, are devaluated by the apparent  
 271 inconsistencies and errors in the underlying data basis presented in the files: "MonthlyQDCPC.dat"  
 272 and "YearlyQDCPC.dat" made available at the web portal: <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather>  
 273 (latest entry 15 April 2021).

274 (ii) The reported PCN index values are only around 68% of corresponding values derived from the  
 275 definitive index series generated at DTU Space. The questionable features call for recalculation of

276 PCN values to derive, among others, their monthly and yearly average values by independent  
277 recalculations using the definitive PC index series from either DTU Space: <https://doi.org/10.11581/DTU:00000057>, or ISGI: <http://isgi.unistra.fr> .  
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279 (iii) Recalculations of the important merging electric field parameter,  $E_{KL}$ , based on the commonly  
280 accepted formula (Kan and Lee, 1979) and available IMF and solar wind data (OMNIweb) have  
281 shown that the calculations at AARI have generated values of around half the correct magnitude.  
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283 (iv) The authors of the commented article should clarify the consequences of using one component  
284 only of the horizontal magnetic variation vector in calculations of QDC ranges in response to solar  
285 illumination.  
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287 (v) Introducing a new QDC procedure invalidates the current “definitive” PCN indices calculated  
288 by DTU Space using the IAGA-endorsed method. The PCN index series going back to 1975 will  
289 have to be recalculated and redistributed if the new QDC procedure is adopted.  
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291 (vi) In consequence of the apparent errors made in the calculations of polar cap (PC) indices and  
292 merging electric field ( $E_{KL}$ ) values at AARI, the results inferred from the questionable data basis  
293 used for the commented publication by Troshichev et al. (2020) should be considered with some  
294 reservation. It might be appropriate to caution against uncritical use of these data and results.

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#### 294 **Data availability statement.**

295 The data used in the present commentary have been downloaded from the web portals:  
296 <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather> , [http://isgi.unistra.fr/indices\\_pc.php](http://isgi.unistra.fr/indices_pc.php) , <https://intermagnet.org>  
297 , <http://omniweb.gsfc.nasa.gov> and <https://doi.org/10.11581/DTU:00000057> . Most recent access  
298 for confirmation was made on 15 Apr. 2021.  
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342 **Appendix A.**

343 The appendix holds in Table A1 yearly average PCN index and  $E_{KL}$  electric field values and QDC  
 344 amplitudes for the interval 1998-2019 from the reference data set, “YearlyQDCPC.dat” while Table  
 345 A2 displays the monthly averaged values from the file “MonthlyQDCPC.dat” used for the  
 346 commented publication by Troshichev et al. (2020) and made available at  
 347 <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather>. Most recent access on 15 April 2021.

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349 **Table A1.** AARI Yearly averaged data from file: [YearlyQDCPC.dat](http://geophys.aari.ru/YearlyQDCPC.dat).

350 from <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather>. ( Most recent access 15 Apr 2021)

351 List of symbols:

352 Year Month - year and month of the averaged data

353 QDC\_N – magnitude of QDC at Thule station

354 QDC\_S – magnitude of QDC at Vostok station

355 QDCtot = QDC\_N + QDC\_S

356 PCN - PC index in the northern hemisphere

357 PCS - PC index in the southern hemisphere

358 PC mean - mean quantity as (PCN+PCS)/2

359 PC winter - index fixed in the winter polar cap

360 Ekl (mV/m) - solar wind electric field Ekl [Kan and Lee, 1979]

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362 Year	QDC_N (nT)	QDC_S (nT)	QDCtot (nT)	PCN (mV/m)	PCS (mV/m)	PCmean	PCwinter	Ekl (mV/m)
363 1998	51.67845	57.93726	109.61571	0.72583	0.67583	0.70083	0.64167	0.5975
364 1999	67.94812	71.47073	139.41885	0.76917	0.7325	0.75083	0.69875	0.63083
365 2000	73.5618	70.67319	144.235	0.80333	0.8275	0.81542	0.745	0.62917
366 2001	66.99001	67.11466	134.10467	0.71167	0.72917	0.72042	0.65917	0.58917
367 2002	75.59892	77.95675	153.55567	0.76	0.69083	0.72542	0.70833	0.71833

369	2003	96.72696	--	--	0.9975	--	--	--	0.84083
370	2004	60.71267	44.60527	115.16565	0.78833	0.68636	0.74045	0.72	0.59083
371	2005	52.35769	52.73583	105.09352	0.81167	0.78583	0.79875	0.7425	0.54917
372	2006	33.44098	41.74591	75.18689	0.61167	0.52417	0.56792	0.50708	0.36917
373	2007	33.86162	39.74026	73.60188	0.6	0.51083	0.55542	0.50708	0.32583
374	2008	29.58641	36.08013	65.66654	0.57167	0.505	0.53833	0.48375	0.305
375	2009	41.35253	24.86098	45.47604	0.36917	0.28545	0.32636	0.28417	0.23167
376	2010	39.53543	39.79292	79.32835	0.49167	0.45	0.47083	0.42042	0.33083
377	2011	44.65849	44.85985	89.51835	0.53417	0.72083	0.6275	0.5825	0.38667
378	2012	57.91273	59.9873	117.90002	0.62917	0.65833	0.64375	0.5875	0.46083
379	2013	55.25221	57.21562	112.46783	0.52	0.49167	0.50583	0.39583	0.40167
380	2014	48.12346	59.42977	107.55323	0.58917	0.54833	0.56875	0.44292	0.47083
381	2015	54.87197	56.29178	111.16375	0.71667	0.73833	0.7275	0.60292	0.55333
382	2016	42.87233	50.35361	93.22594	0.72167	0.71333	0.7175	0.61375	0.54167
383	2017	43.48377	44.20509	87.68886	0.69833	0.66417	0.68125	0.58667	0.47083
384	2018	38.45339	39.80017	78.25356	0.49833	0.465	0.48167	0.37833	0.375
385	2019	36.82602	35.55304	72.37906	0.4825	0.5025	0.4925	0.39833	0.36

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387	mean	52.08209	51.06715	100.50473	0.65462	0.61457	0.6267	0.55746	0.48769
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**Table A2.** AARI Monthly averaged data from file: MonthlyQDCPC.dat (for 1998-2001 only).from <http://geophys.aari.ru/PCspaceweather> . (Most recent access 15 Apr 2021)

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Year	month	QDC_N(nT)	QDC_S(nT)	QDCTot(nT)	PCN(mV/m)	PCS(mV/m)	PCmean	PCwinter	Ekl(mV/m)
397	1998 01	19.09677	99.09677	118.19355	0.4	0.46	0.43	0.4	0.41
398	1998 02	19.75	83.14286	102.89286	0.52	0.56	0.54	0.52	0.53
399	1998 03	31.16129	53.16129	84.32258	0.95	0.96	0.955	0.955	0.7
400	1998 04	61.76667	33.63333	95.4	0.75	0.66	0.705	0.705	0.65
401	1998 05	102.45161	24.87097	127.32258	0.97	0.81	0.89	0.81	0.69
402	1998 06	95.9	17.03333	112.93333	0.73	0.39	0.56	0.39	0.6
403	1998 07	93.54839	14.77419	108.32258	0.8	0.47	0.635	0.47	0.38
404	1998 08	76.09677	23.06452	99.16129	0.9	0.72	0.81	0.72	0.64
405	1998 09	42.63333	43.86667	86.5	0.64	0.66	0.65	0.65	0.58
406	1998 10	35.45161	76.70968	112.16129	0.81	0.87	0.84	0.84	0.75
407	1998 11	24.83333	106.7	131.53333	0.73	0.87	0.8	0.73	0.54
408	1998 12	17.45161	119.19355	136.64516	0.51	0.68	0.595	0.51	0.7
409	1999 01	24.90323	136.06452	160.96774	0.66	0.63	0.645	0.66	0.62
410	1999 02	23.21429	93.39286	116.60714	0.58	0.64	0.61	0.58	0.6
411	1999 03	46.96774	67.83871	114.80645	0.82	0.78	0.8	0.8	0.67
412	1999 04	67.36667	27.56667	94.93333	0.7	0.6	0.65	0.65	0.66
413	1999 05	78.54839	16.29032	94.83871	0.65	0.48	0.565	0.48	0.34
414	1999 06	117.23333	14.56667	131.8	0.53	0.31	0.42	0.31	0.42
415	1999 07	145.25806	18.58065	163.83871	0.59	0.4	0.495	0.4	0.58
416	1999 08	134	39.74194	173.74194	1.04	0.86	0.95	0.86	0.69
417	1999 09	82.86667	64.46667	147.33333	1.01	0.95	0.98	0.98	0.78
418	1999 10	45.74194	96.67742	142.41935	1.2	1.23	1.215	1.215	0.67
419	1999 11	30.43333	148.33333	178.76667	0.88	1.07	0.975	0.88	0.87
420	1999 12	18.84375	134.12903	152.97278	0.57	0.84	0.705	0.57	0.67
421	2000 01	22.32258	131.32258	153.64516	0.86	1.13	0.995	0.86	0.81
422	2000 02	31.86207	107.41379	139.27586	0.85	0.77	0.81	0.85	0.54
423	2000 03	45.16129	68.29032	113.45161	0.59	0.5	0.545	0.545	0.56
424	2000 04	79.2	43.73333	122.93333	0.85	0.73	0.79	0.79	0.73
425	2000 05	132.64516	30.09677	162.74194	0.9	0.85	0.875	0.85	0.69
426	2000 06	156.73333	20.23333	176.96667	0.93	0.62	0.775	0.62	0.56
427	2000 07	155.87097	23.12903	179	0.82	0.57	0.695	0.57	0.81
428	2000 08	97.54839	32.09677	129.64516	0.82	0.71	0.765	0.71	0.42
429	2000 09	58.93333	48.63333	107.56667	0.99	1.04	1.015	1.015	0.55
430	2000 10	46.54839	84.48387	131.03226	0.92	1.12	1.02	1.02	0.74
431	2000 11	29.4	120	149.4	0.69	1.23	0.96	0.69	0.66

