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the Large-Yield Radiometer onboard PROBA2

Space weather data and services at ROB/SIDC

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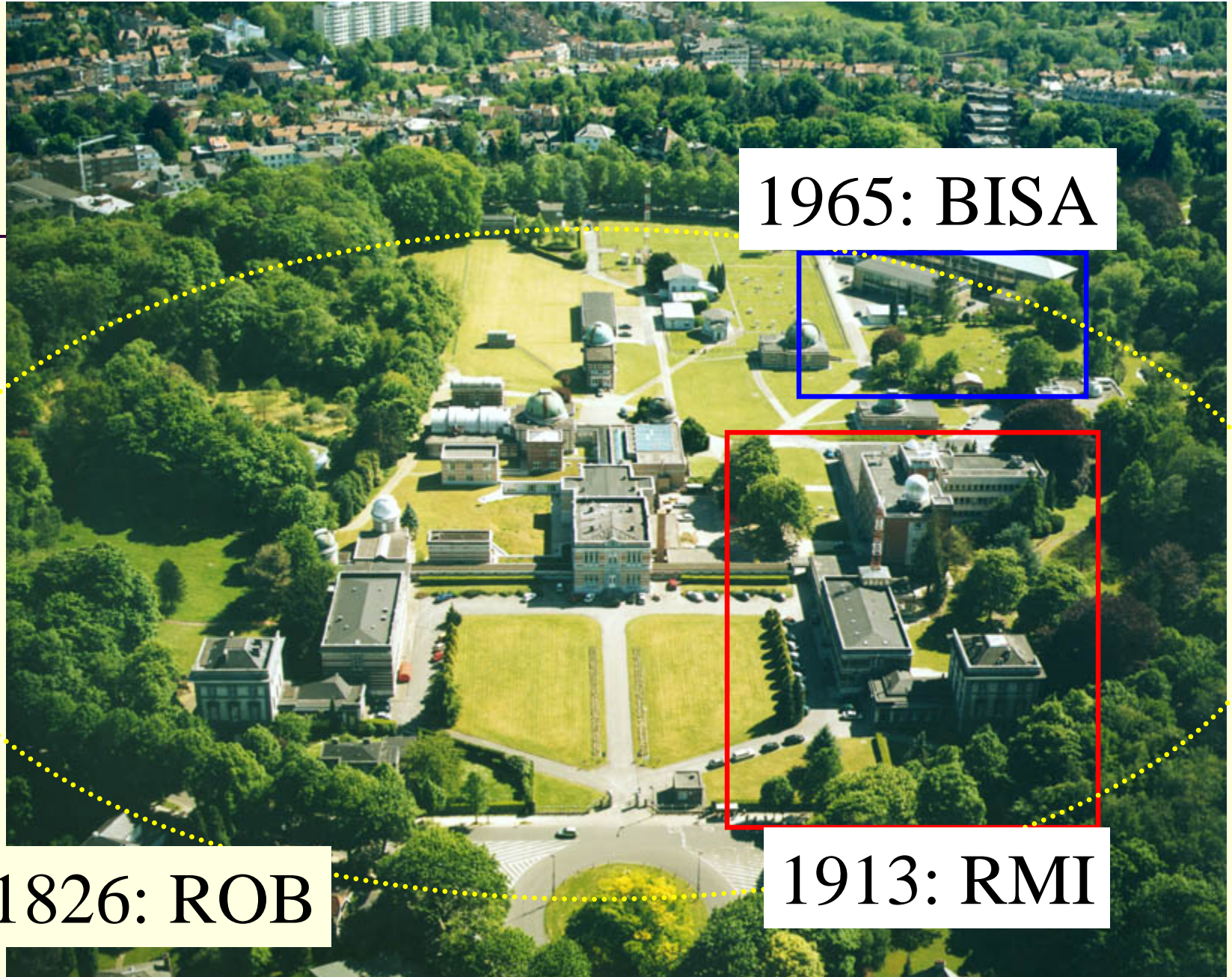


Solar and Heliospheric Influences on the Geospace
Bucharest, Romania, 01-05 October 2012



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1965: BISA

1826: ROB

1913: RMI

BISA = Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomie, RMI = Royal Meteorological Institute

SPACE POLE



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Observatoire Royal de Belgique
Königliche Sternwarte von Belgien
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Belgisch Instituut voor Ruimte-
Aëronomie
Institut d'Aéronomie Spatiale
de Belgique
Belgian Institute for Space Aeronomy



STCE (www.stce.be)

- Solar-Terrestrial Center of Excellence
- Not a new institute but a network structure
- Physics expertise from Sun to Earth:
- ...on flares, protons, solar wind, CME propagation, 10cm flux, geomagnetism,...
- Aim: Daily forecasts, fast alerts, bulletins, scientific research, collaboration, ESWW conference,...





ROB (www.astro.oma.be)

- Royal Observatory of Belgium
- Founded in 1834
- In Uccle (Brussels) since 1890
- Personnel: ~ 150
(60 scientists + 90 technicians)
- Departments:
 1. Geophysics
(Seismology, Time, GPS)
 2. Astrometry
 3. Astrophysics
 4. SIDC
(Solar Physics, Space Weather)





SIDC (www.sidc.be)

- Solar Influences Data analysis Center
Solar Physics (pure science) + Space Weather (applied science)
- Since 1981:
World Data Center
for the sunspot index
- Since 2000:
Regional Warning Center
- Participation:
SOHO (EIT, LASCO)
STEREO (SECCHI)
PROBA2 (SWAP, LYRA)
SDO
Solar Orbiter

The screenshot shows the SIDC website interface. The browser window title is "SIDC - Solar Influences Data Center - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows "http://www.sidc.be/". The website header includes a navigation menu with links like Home, General info, Jobs and Students, Projects, Publications, Sunspots, Software, Educational, Local Solar Observations, Space Weather services, Real Time Data, and Seminars. The main content area features a welcome message, a section titled "INFO FROM SIDC - RWC BELGIUM 26 Sep 2012, 1159UT" with a red border, and a "Most recent alerts" section. The right sidebar displays four panels: "Latest SWAP image", "Latest LYRA curve", "Latest USET H-alpha image", and "Latest Callisto Observations". The footer includes a "Latest News" section.

SIDC - Solar Influences Data Analysis Center

tism: Quiet Protons: Quiet Predicted 10CM Flux: 144 Predicted

Welcome to the Solar Influences Data Analysis Center (SIDC), which is the solar physics research department of the Royal Observatory of Belgium. The SIDC includes the World Data Center for the sunspot index and the ISES Regional Warning Center Brussels for space weather forecasting.

INFO FROM SIDC - RWC BELGIUM 26 Sep 2012, 1159UT

Eruptive conditions (C class flares) are still expected for the next 48 hours, in particular from NOAA AR 1575 and 1580. AR 1580 produced a C4.5 flare on Sept. 25, 1753 UT (peak time). Due to technical difficulties to access coronagraphic data after Sept. 25 1636 UT, it is unknown if a CME was associated with this event, but owing to the position of the AR close to the East limb, no geomagnetic effect would be expected. Geomagnetic conditions are expected to be low for the next 48 hours.

Most recent alerts

2012 Sep 24 1607 UTC
A halo or partial-halo CME was detected with the following characteristics: [\[more\]](#)

2012 Sep 21 1446 UTC
Three full halo CMEs were observed last 24 hours. The SOHO/LASCO C2 observations [\[more\]](#)

2012 Aug 22 0952 UTC
END OF ALL QUIET ALERT The SIDC - RWC Belgium expects [\[more\]](#)

Latest News

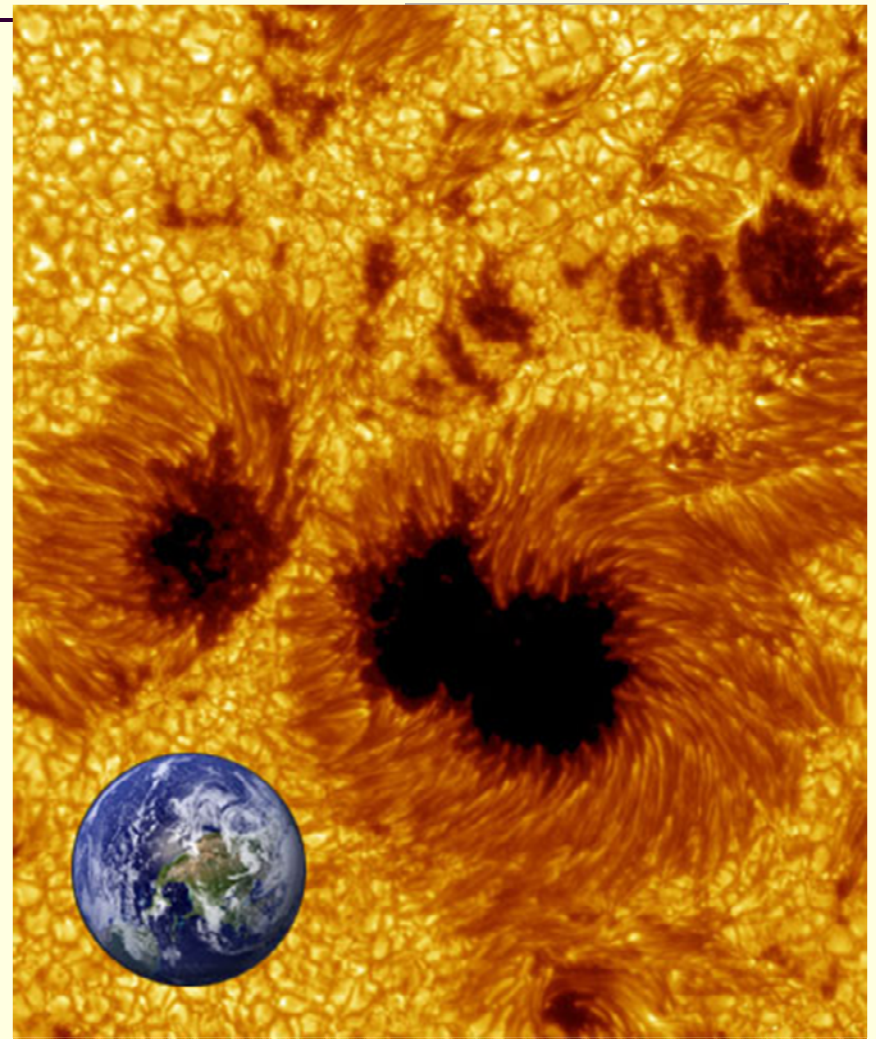
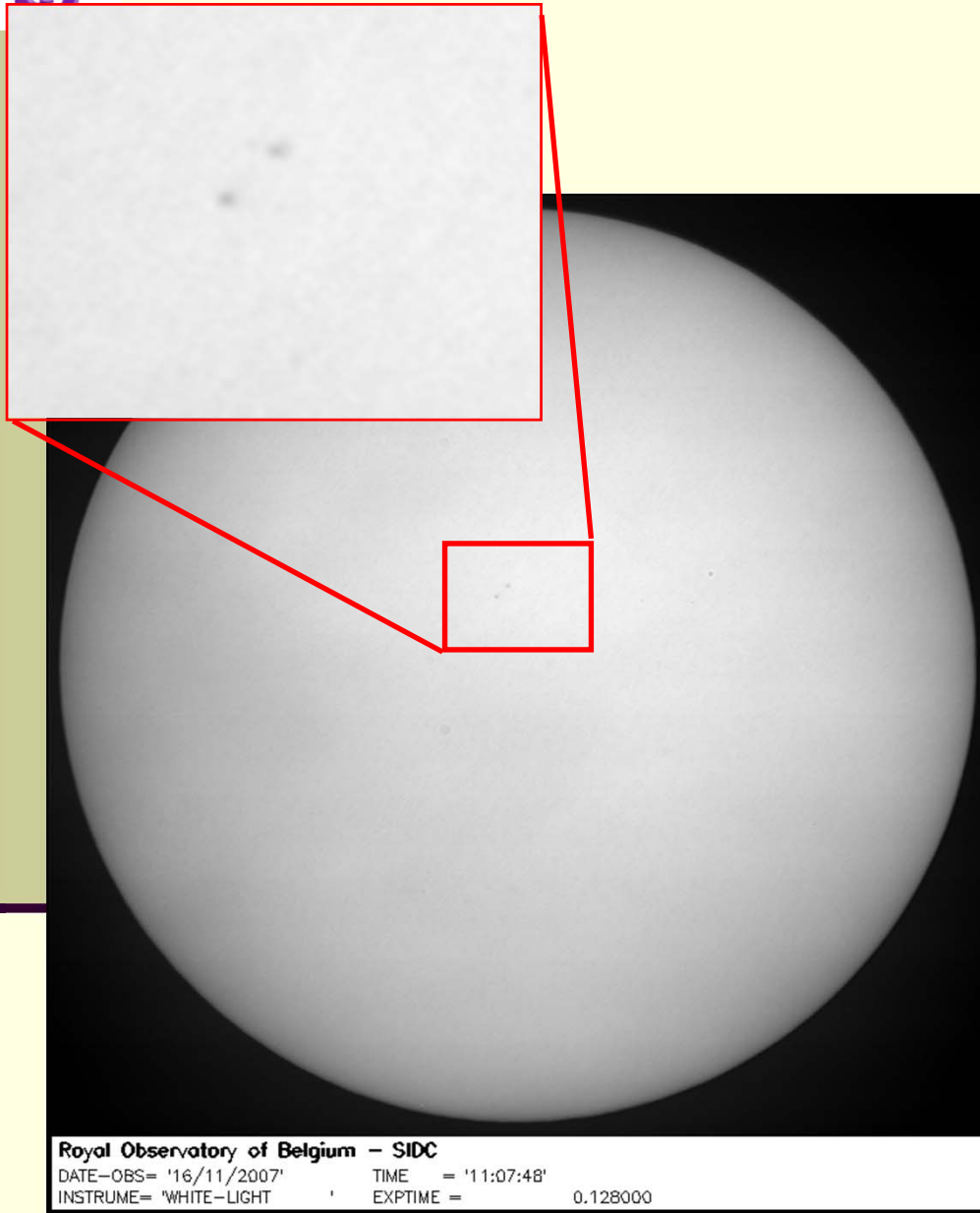


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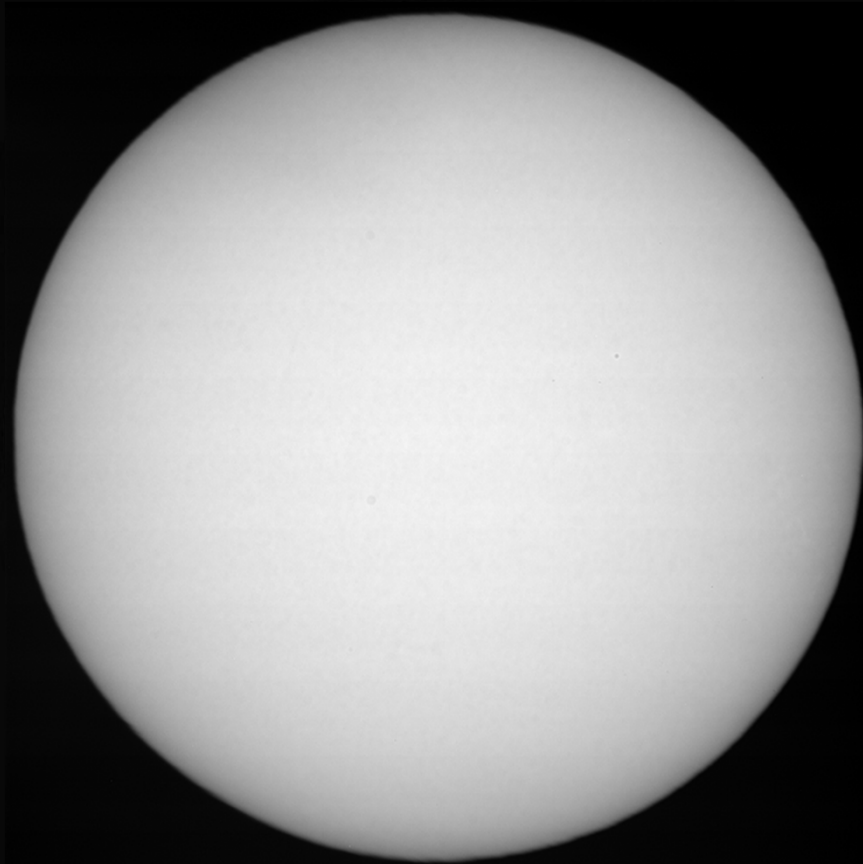
Swedish Solar Telescope



What are sunspots and why do we care?



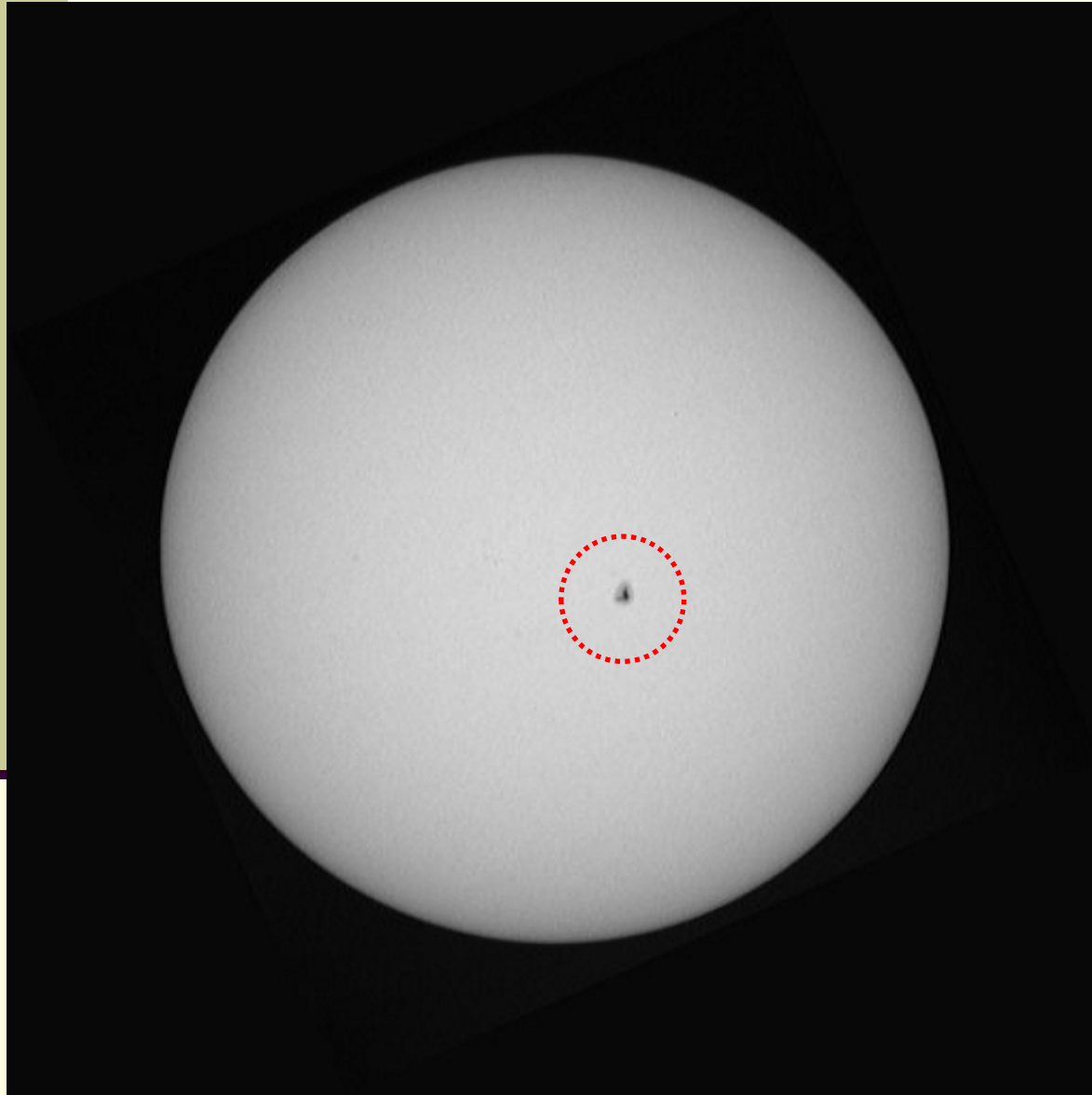
Spotless Sun



USET telescope
Uccle, ROB
22 Jan 2008



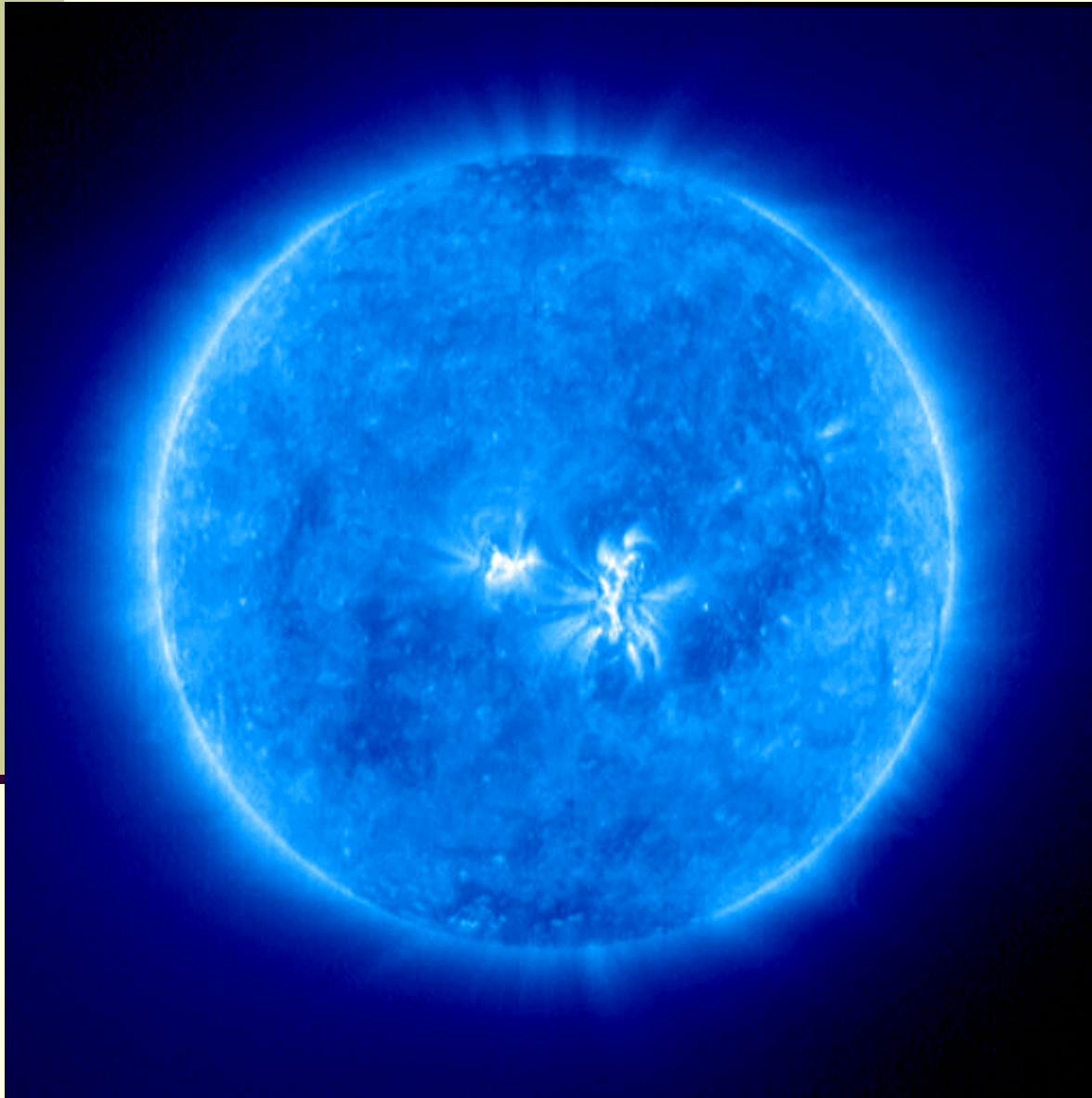
Sunspots



USET telescope
Uccle, ROB
01 May 2007



Solar Eruptions



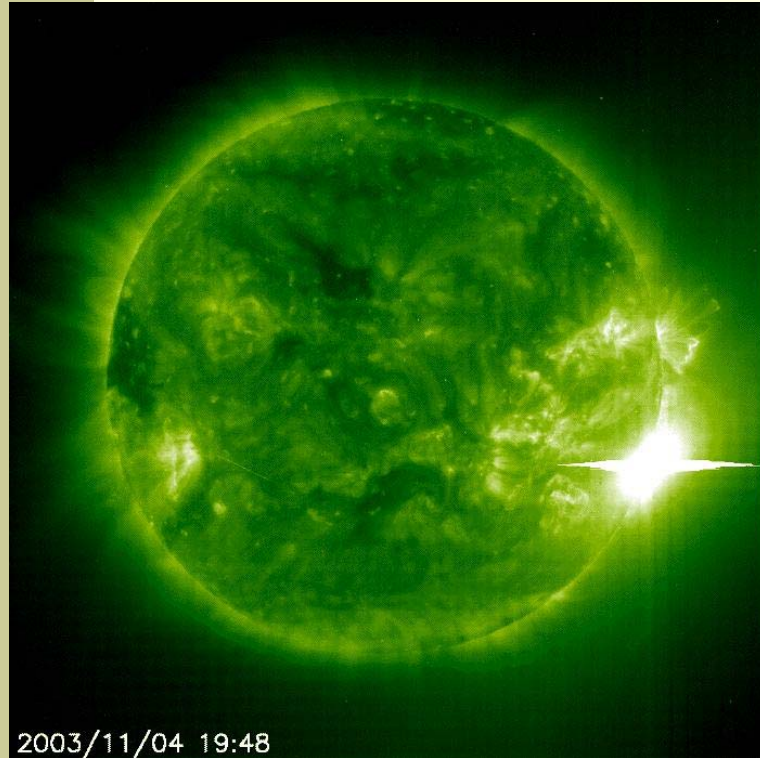
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telescope
SOHO (ESA/NASA)

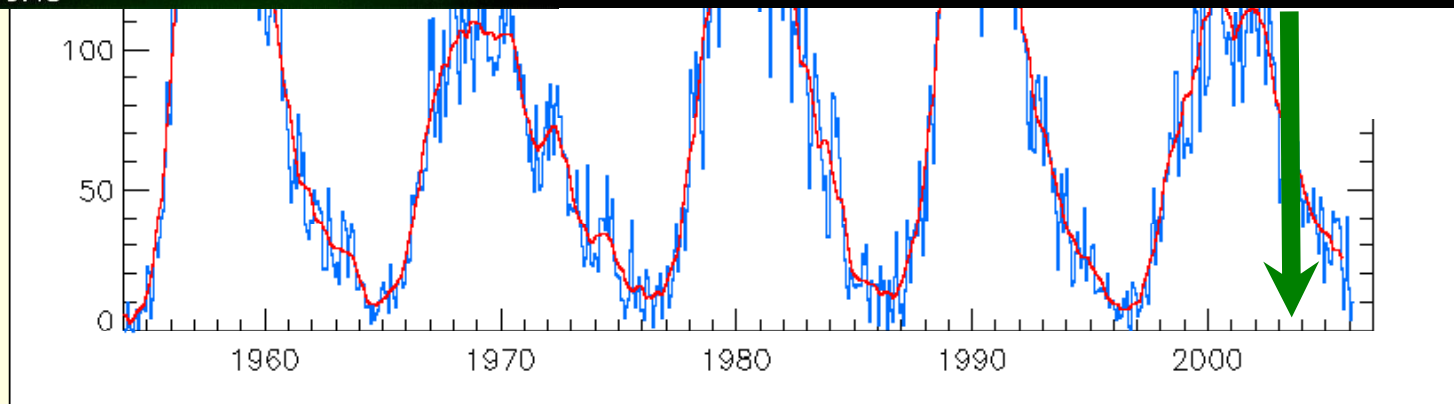


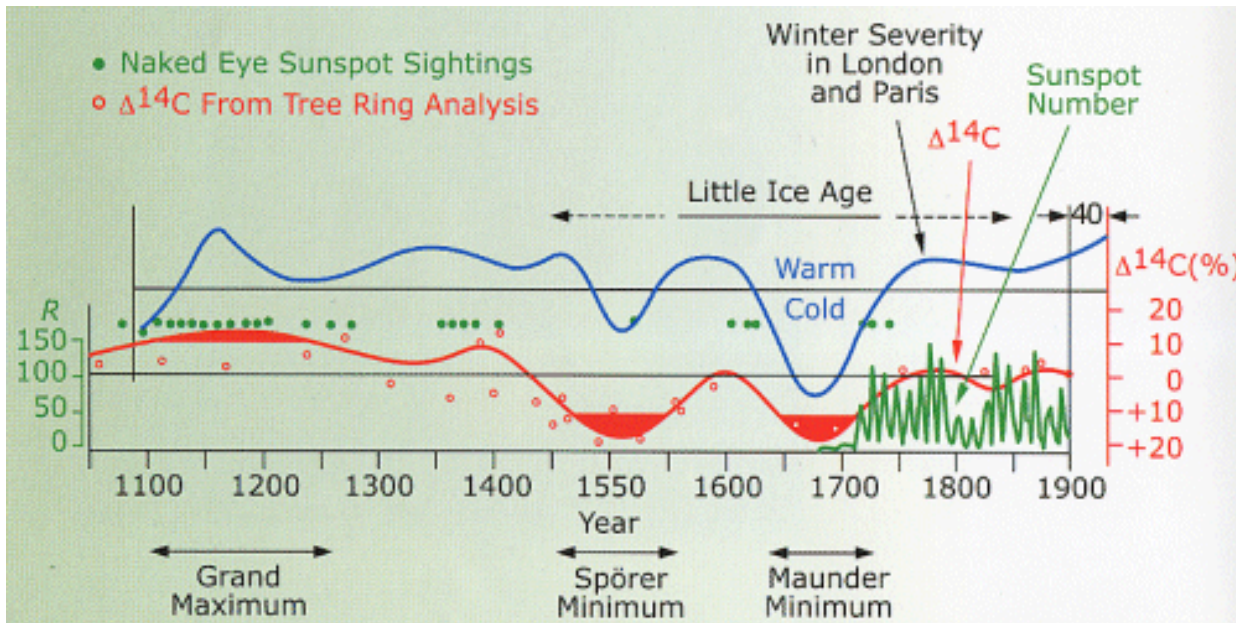


Solar Influences



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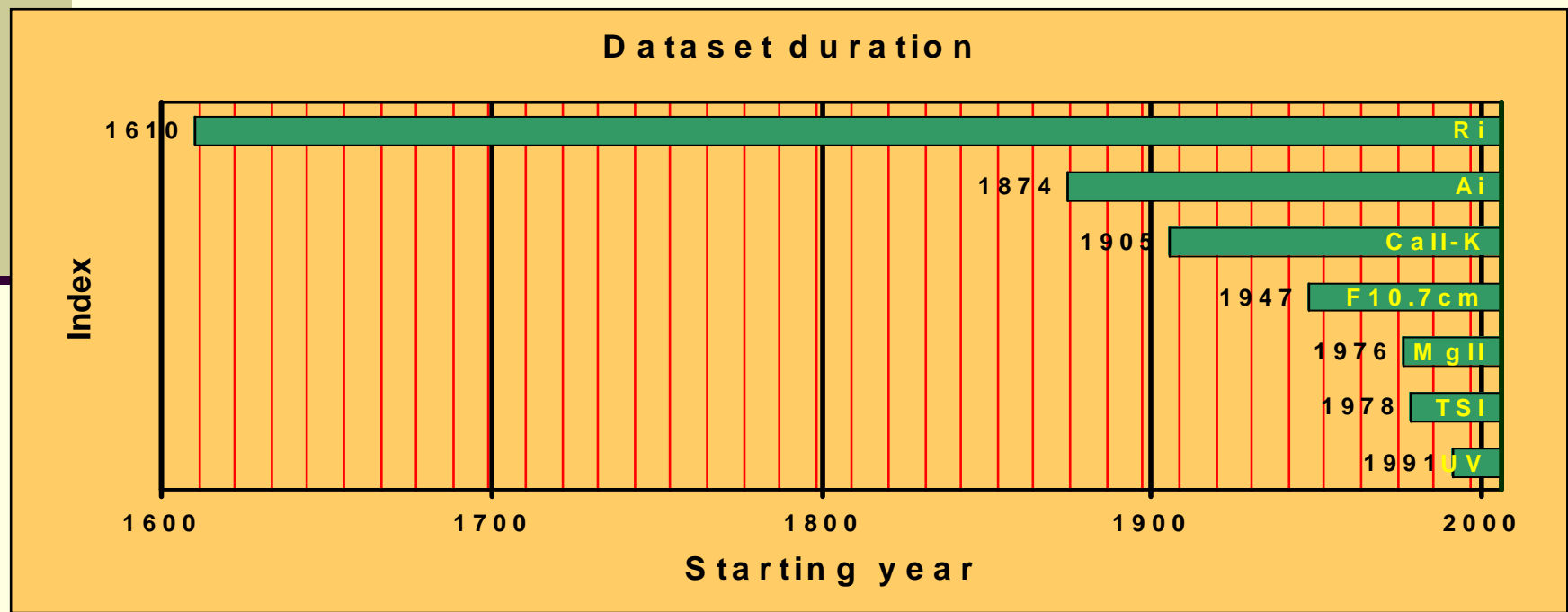




John A. Eddy, Science (1976)

ADS: 440 papers with reference 'sunspot number' between 2000 and 2006 (now: 5317 altogether)

Google: 212.000 hits on "sunspot number" or "sunspot index" (now 17 900 000)





Discovery of sunspots (first half 17th century)

Sunspots first systematically observed in Europe in:

Italy:	G. Galileo
Germany:	C. Scheiner
England:	T. Harriot
Low Countries:	J. & D. Fabricius

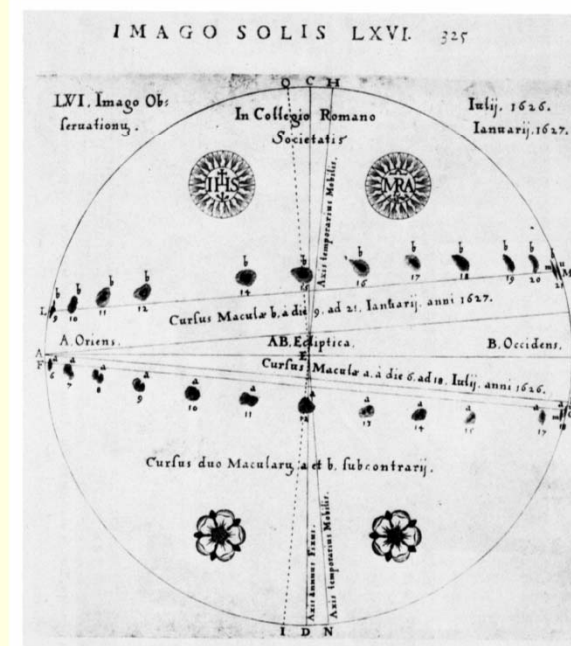
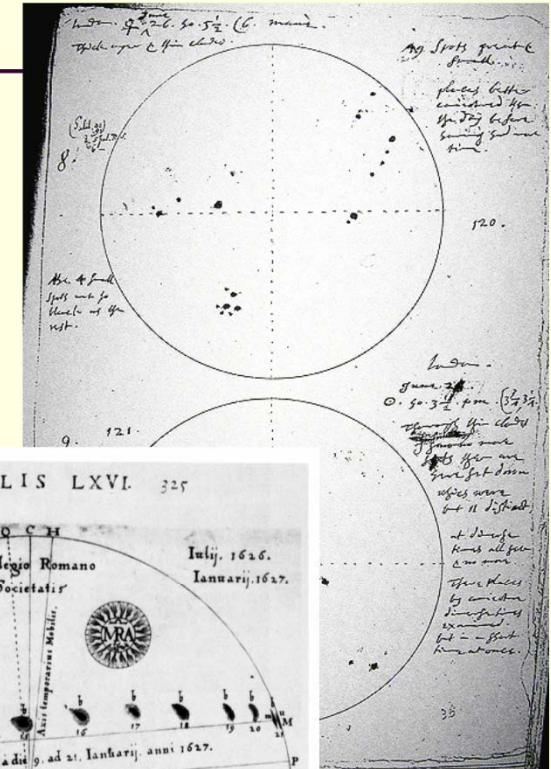
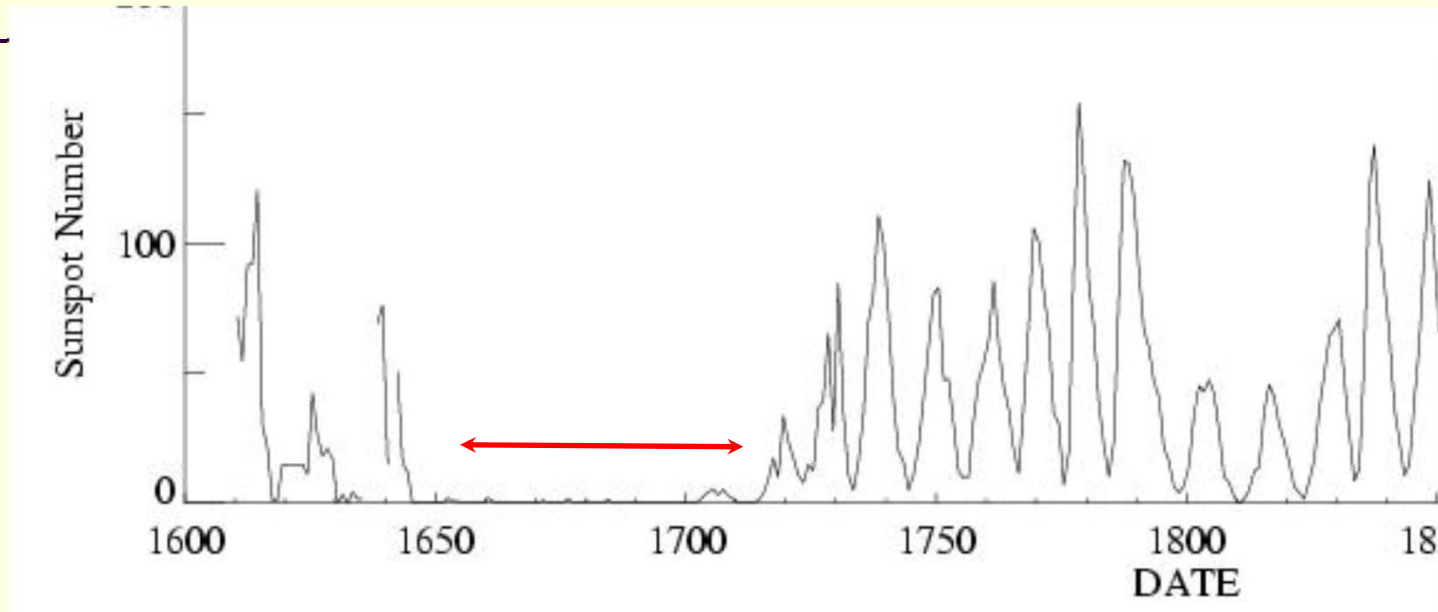


PLATE 1.1. Sunspot drawing from Scheiner's *Rosa Ursina*, showing the apparent paths of two spots across the solar disk at different times of the year. In both spots the umbra and penumbra are clearly distinguished.

But then sunspots disappear



Early history (Maunder minimum)



Around 1700:

Johannes **Hevelius** [1611-1687]

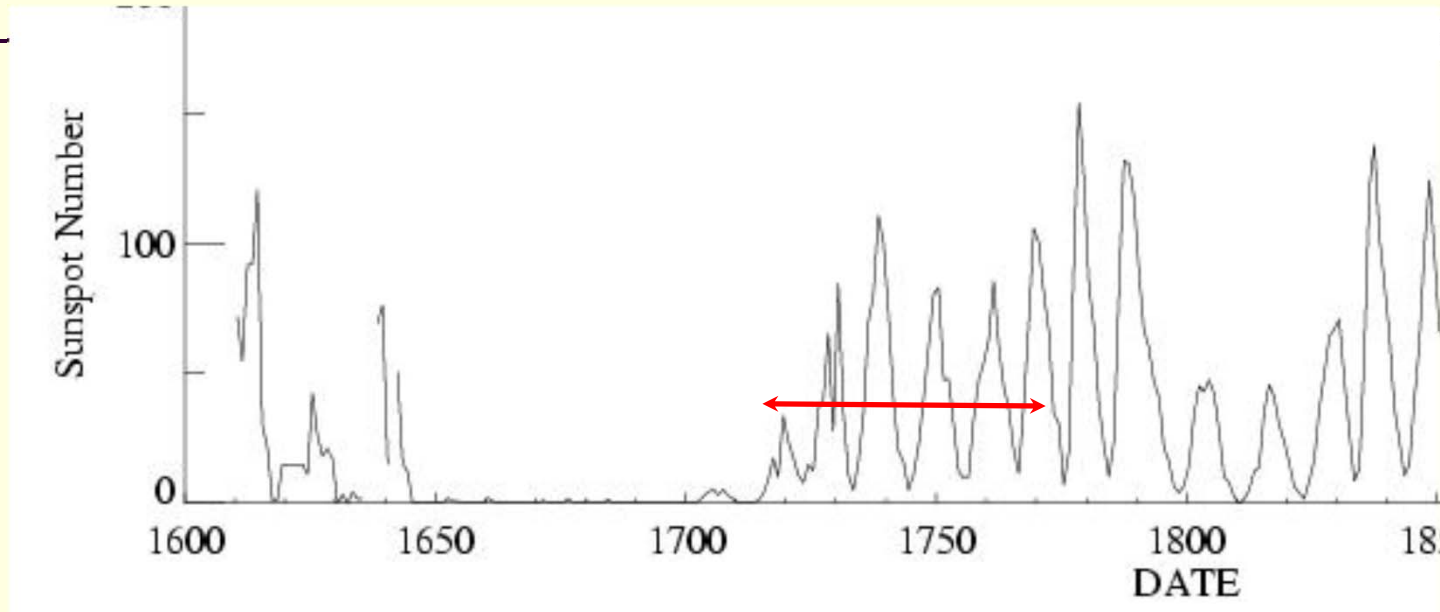
John **Flamsteed** [1646-1719]

Gassendi, Cassini, Picard, La Hire, Eimmart

A. Wilson [1714-1786]: sunspot depression.



18th century

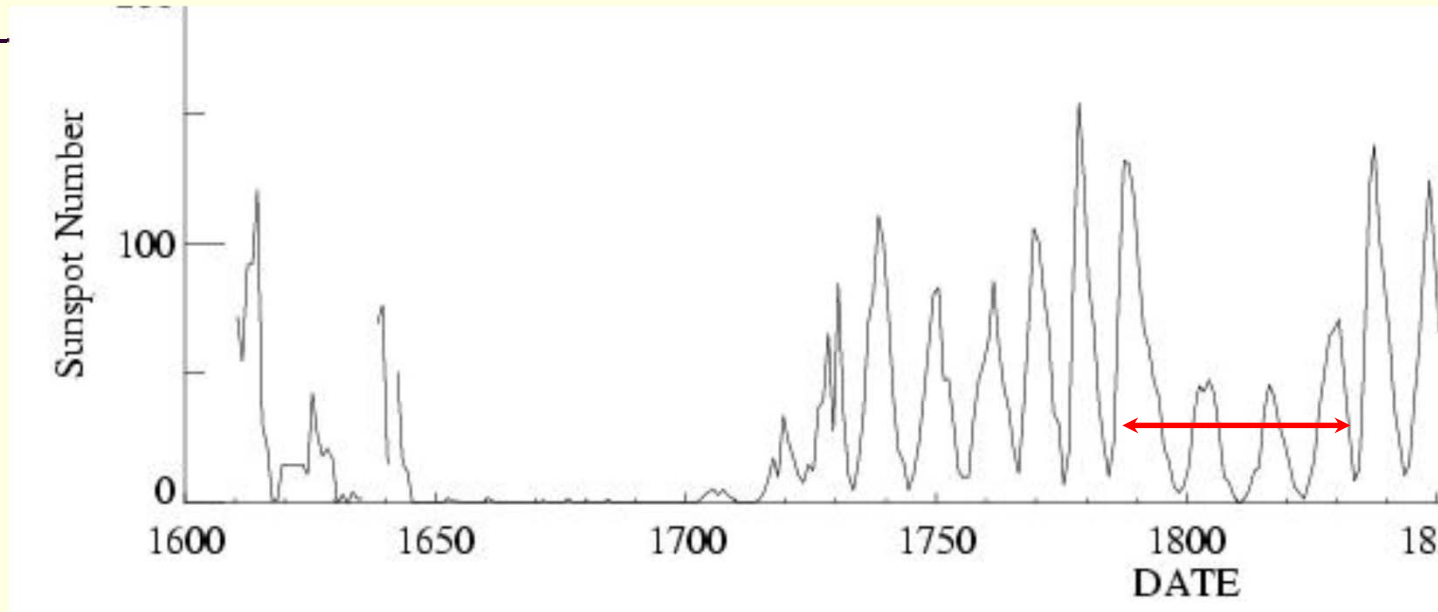


Low interests for sunspots, few observers

- William Herschel (1779-1818)
- Horrebow (1761-1777)
- Staudacher (1749-1787)
- Flaugergues (1788-1825)



Discovery of the Schwabe cycle



S. Heinrich Schwabe [1789-1875](Obs.: 1826-1868)

- Search for a Vulcan (sub-Mercurian) planet
- 1843: **discovery of the 11 year sunspot cycle**, based on 17 years of observations

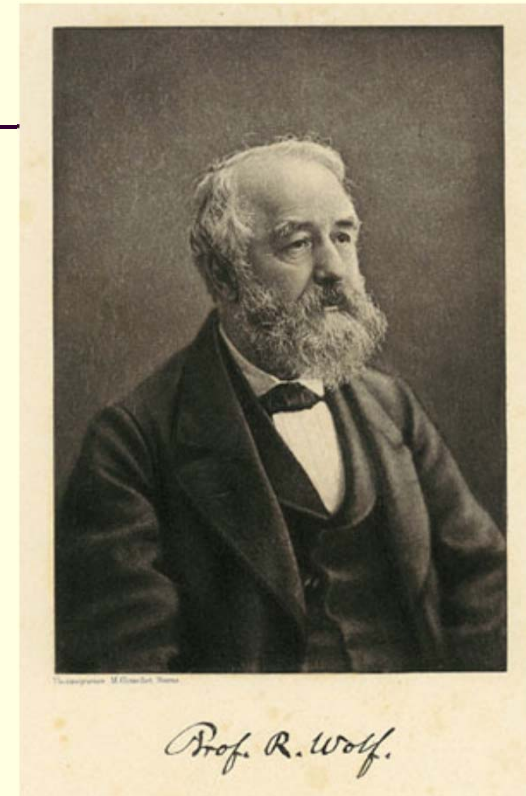
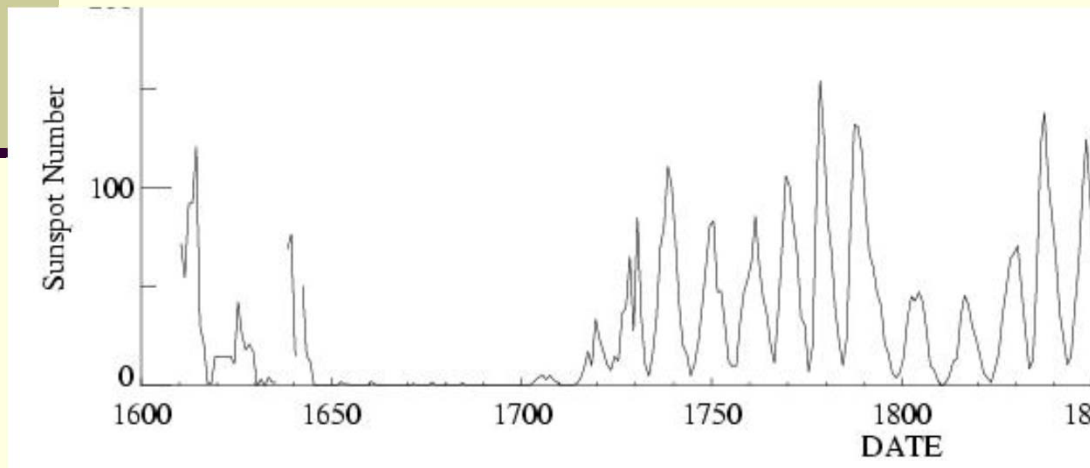


■ Johannes Rudolph Wolf [1816-1893] :

• 1848: Introduction of the Wolf formula:

$$R = k(10g + f)$$

- 1865: completion of the **Zürich Observatory** (alt: 469m). (Director: R. Wolf 1863-1893)
- Zürich as the primary station, with auxiliary observers used to fill in the observing gaps.
- **Recovery of early observations back to 1610:**





Zurich period (1882-1980)

1865: building of the
Swiss Federal Observatory
now Institute for Astronomy (ETH)



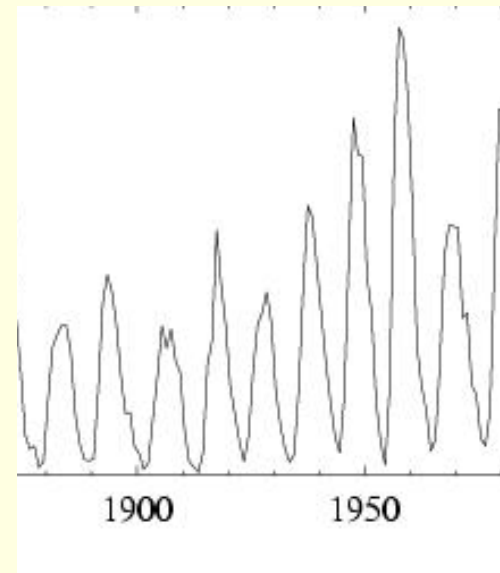
Wolfer



Brunner



Waldmeier



1882-1980



The last successor of Wolf in Zurich

■ **Max Waldmeier**

(director: 1945-1979):

- 1957-1958 (IGY): Zürich is designated by the URSI as World Data Center for the sunspot number.
- Creates the Zürich sunspot group classification.
- “Standard Curves” prediction method for amplitude and maximum of solar cycle.

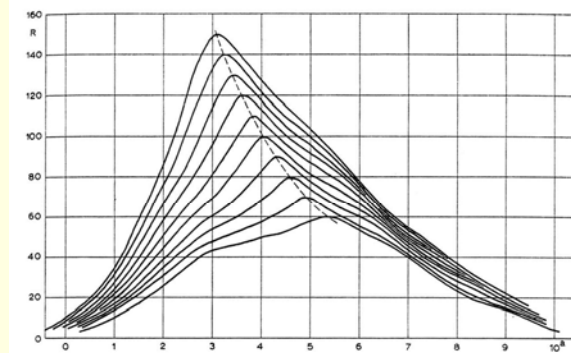
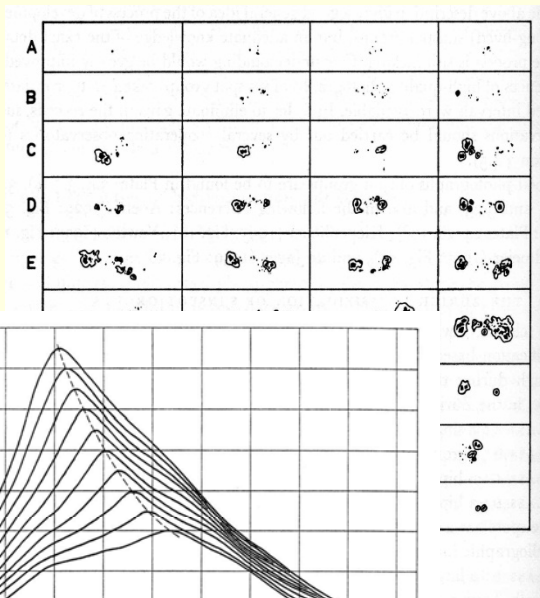


Abb. 3 Normalkurven für $R_M = 60$ bis 150. Abszisse: Abstand vom vorangehenden Minimum.



The end of the Zurich sunspot number R_z

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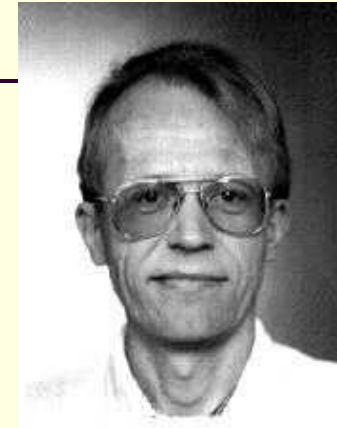
Zürich, February 18, 1980

To all observing stations
contributing to the determination of
the Zürich Relative Sunspot Number

Dear Colleagues,

The recipients of the monthly Zürich Sunspot Bulletin have been informed by Dr. Zelenka, 3 January 1980, that the determination of relative sunspot numbers will not be continued here beyond the end of 1980. Dr. V. Bumba, President of Commission 10 of the IAU, has been informed about this decision in a letter of December 17, 1979.

The excellent correlation between the Zürich sunspot number R_z on the one hand and the independently determined American (AAVSO) Relative Sunspot Number R_A , as well as the Ottawa 10 cm solar radio flux S_A on the other hand, guarantees that there will be no break in the information contained in the century-long time series of R_z . Both R_A and S_A can be translated into R_z (a non-linear curve needs to be used for S_A) with sufficient accuracy, thanks to the three decades of overlap in the observations of R_z with those of R_A and S_A .



Jan Stenflo

- bad seeing
- priority on fundamental research, not monitoring
- existing alternatives for R_z



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BELGIQUE

November 1, 1978

Dear Dr. Minnis,

As you may know the Executive Council and the XX1st Plenary Meeting of COSPAR held in Innsbruck (Austria) in May/June 1978, adopted among others the following Decision No. 6/78 proposed by Working Group 4 (see COSPAR Information Bulletin No. 82, August 1978, p.25):

"COSPAR, noting that there are plans to discontinue the continuous observations from which the Zurich sunspot numbers are derived, strongly recommends to the appropriate national organization the continuation of these long-term observations which are vital and irreplaceable for improvement of our understanding of solar-terrestrial relationship, and, further recommends that IAU, IUGG, URSI and other interested organizations support the continuation of these essential observations."

From the two standpoints I have dealt with above, it is clear to me the crucial ways in which the modern scientific community is dependent on the hallowed sunspot number as derived by your institution, and the serious effects an abrupt termination of one of the longest series of consistent measurements in all of science would have in a number of major research areas as well as practical applications.

I hope these expressions, which are based on very broad contacts with the Solar-Terrestrial community, will be of use to you in your considerations of the future work of your Institute.

Sincerely yours,

A. H. Shapley
Chairman, MONSEE Steering Committee
Scientific Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Physics

Protest!

I fully understand that newly coming young scientists (and directors) are anxious to get rid of "service" and prefer "creative science". However, at least one homogeneous set of a characteristic index of solar activity should be maintained. The areas of sunspots at Greenwich disappeared, McMath numbers of plages are to die in one or two years from now, and Wolf number should be abolished. I am sure that our successors, after a few decades, will be quite unhappy about these discontinuities in the "solar service" in the 1970's.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Z. Svestka.

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"Recommendations and Resolutions"

I. Commission 10, recognizing that the long series of relative sunspot numbers is a unique link with the course of solar activity in the past,

Recommends that all institutions that have demonstrated interest and competence in the work of obtaining sunspot numbers should continue the series.

II. Commission 10, recognizing that the 2800 MHz solar flux provides a standard quantitative index of solar activity for use in solar and solar-terrestrial studies,

Recommends that those institutions making such measurements should continue to do so."

I hope this will correct an unfortunate and entirely erroneous implication.

Sincerely,

John A. Eddy

JAE/vmm



1981: Creation of the SIDC Sunspot Index Data Center

Contractual agreement Zurich-Brussels

1. Beginning January 1, 1981, the international service of the Wolf number will be provided by the "Sunspot Index Data Center" (SIDC) under the responsibility of Dr. A. Koeckelenbergh, in collaboration with Département de Radioastronomie et de Physique Solaire de l'Observatoire Royal de Belgique (Uccle) and Institut d'Astronomie et d'Astrophysique de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles.
2. The objectives of SIDC are defined as follows:
 - (a) Determination and prompt monthly distribution of the "Provisional Sunspot Number" to international institutions and services being in need of these data.
 - (b) Determination and distribution of the "Predictions of the Smoothed Monthly Sunspot Numbers".
 - (c) Determination and annual distribution of the "International Definitive Wolf Numbers R".
 - (d) Research work leading to a better definition of the characteristic indices of solar activity.
3. A Working Group of the principal collaborators in the sunspot patrol will assist the SIDC. The main objective of this group will be to guarantee continuity and assure homogeneity between the series of Wolf numbers published by SIDC and the previously published numbers.
4. To maintain the homogeneity of the series the provisional sunspot numbers will be based primarily on observations obtained at the station in Locarno (Specola Solare). A phone or telex connection between Locarno and Brussels will assure that the observations for a whole month will be available at the last day of each month. The provisional numbers would also be partially based on observations in Zürich in the case that an observing station would remain there. The data will be evaluated by SIDC in the same way as Zürich has done it. R_z will be renamed R_I (international relative number).



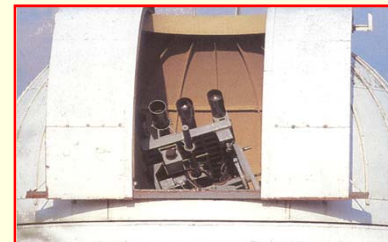
Cortesi



Locarno

International endorsement, IAU, FAGS

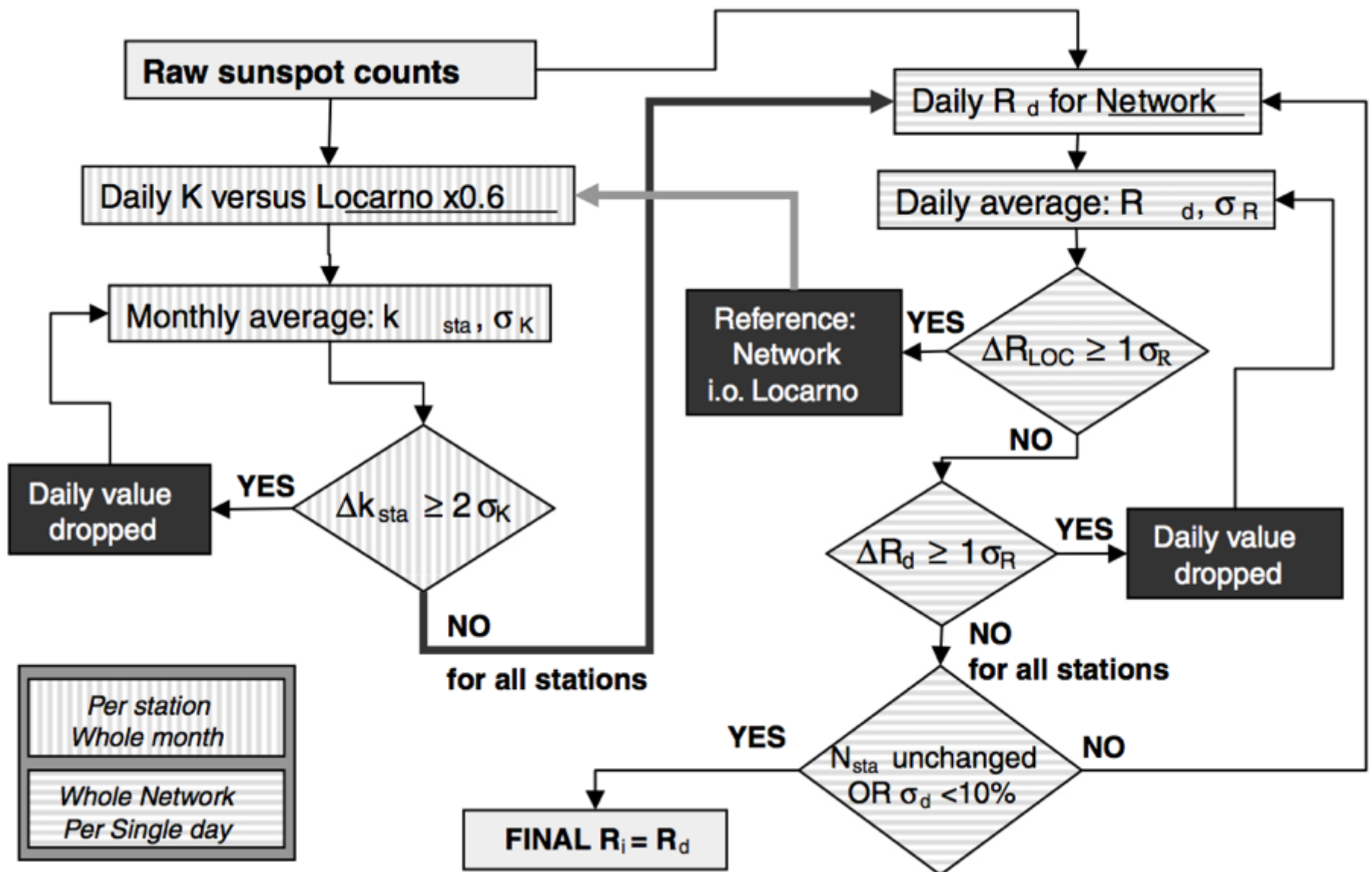
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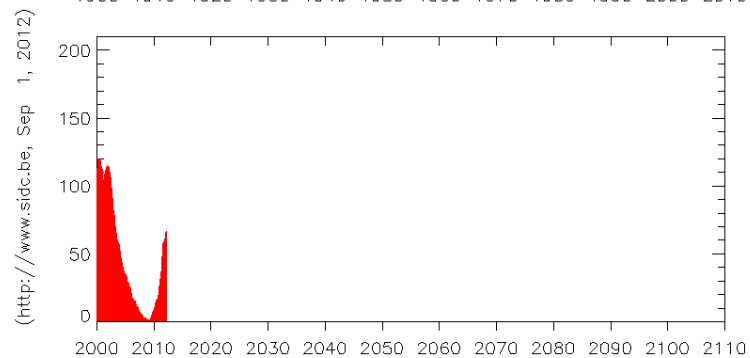
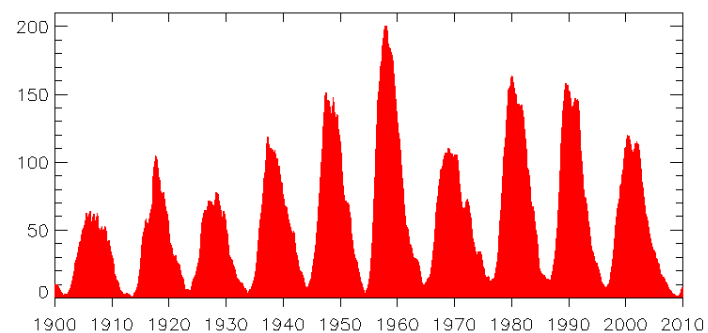
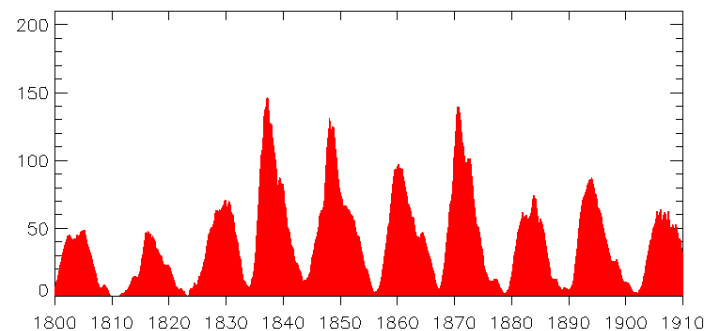
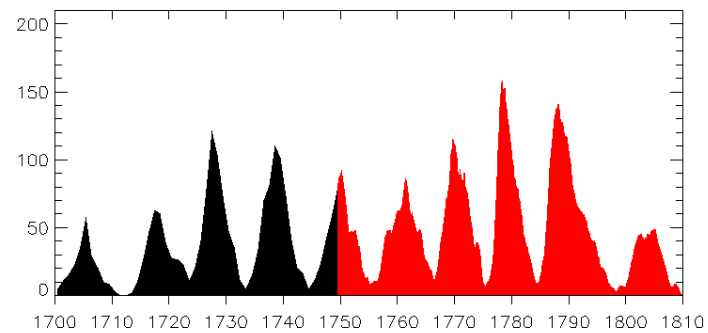


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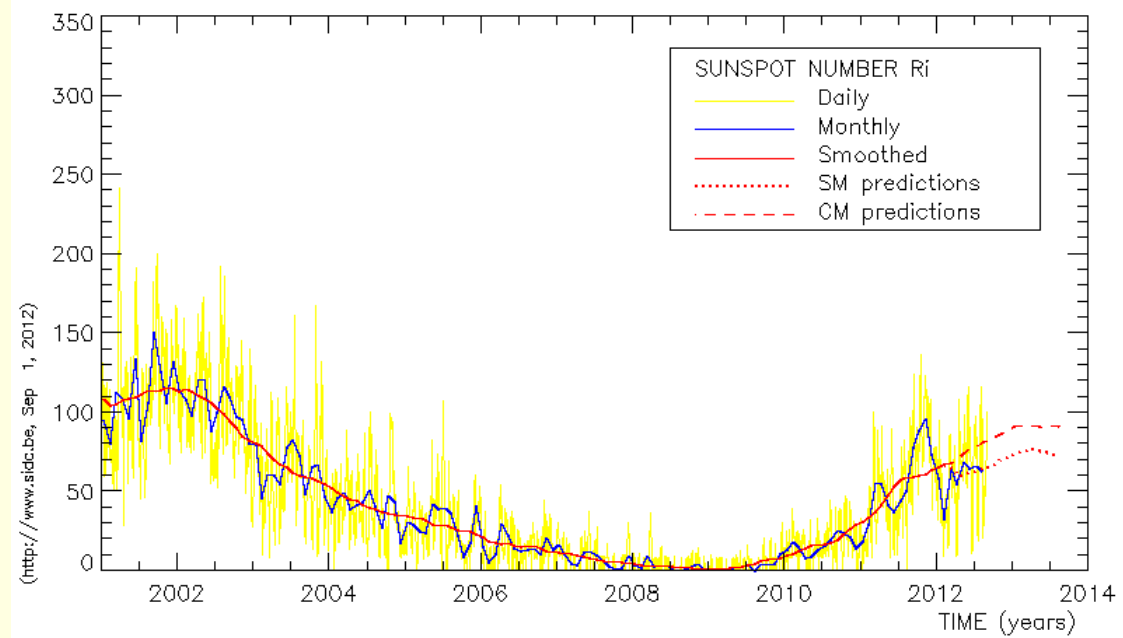
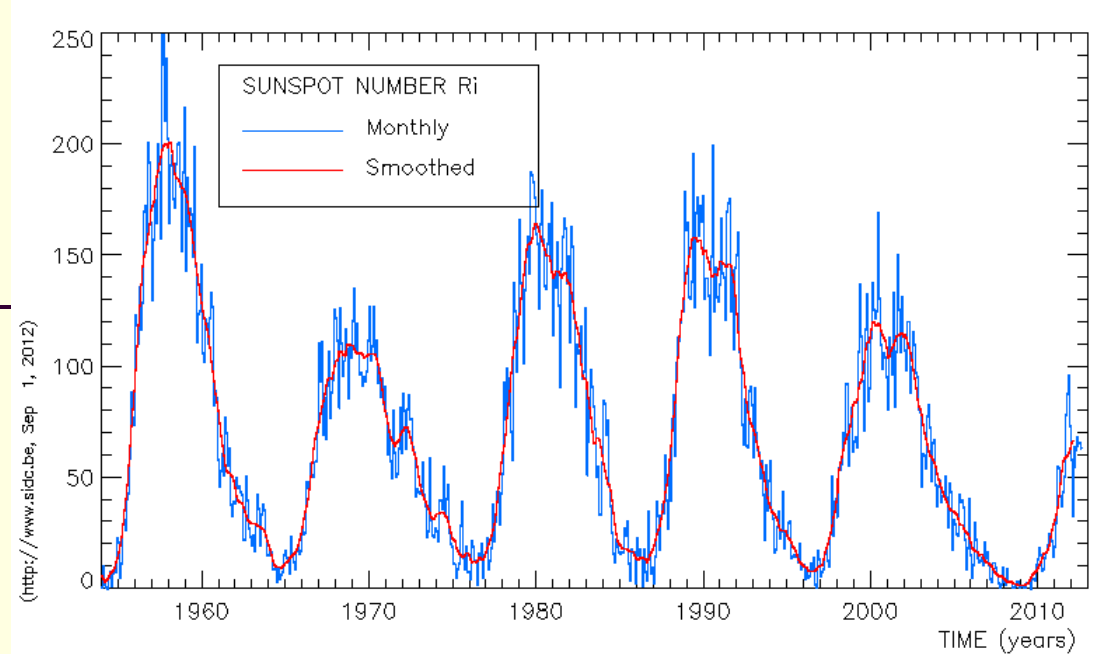
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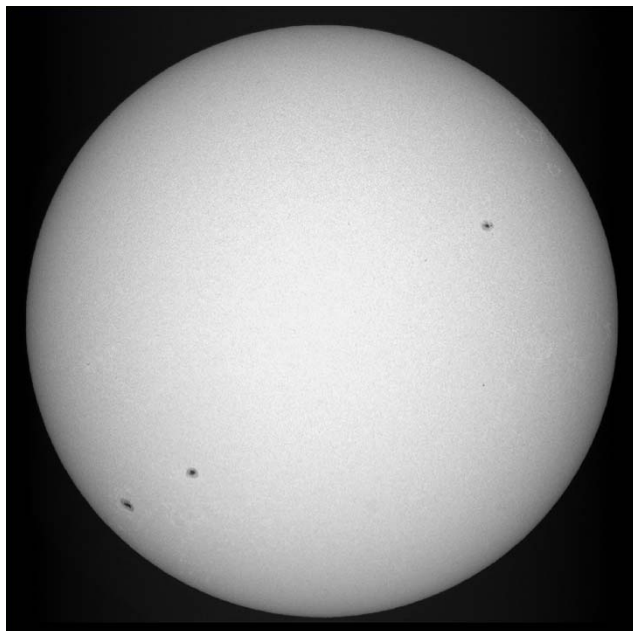
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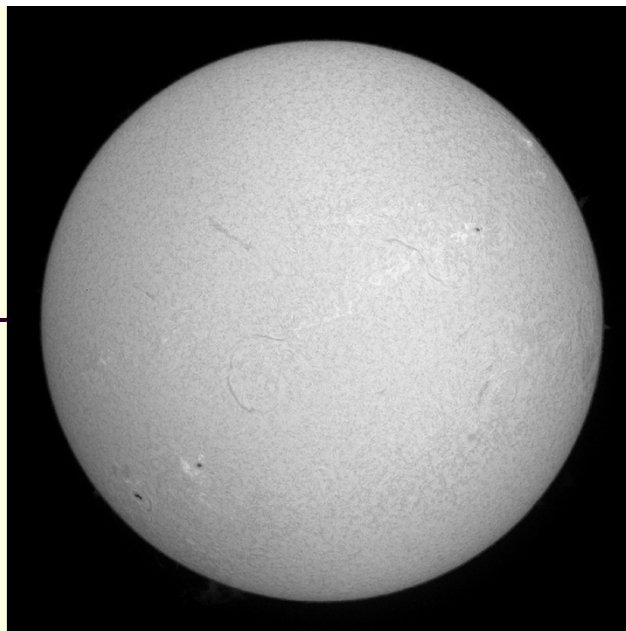
USET (www.sidc.be/uset/)

- Uccle Solar Equatorial Table
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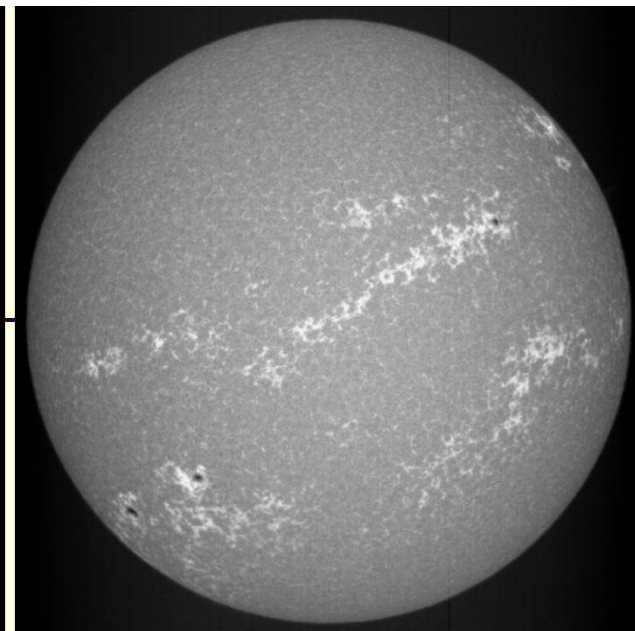




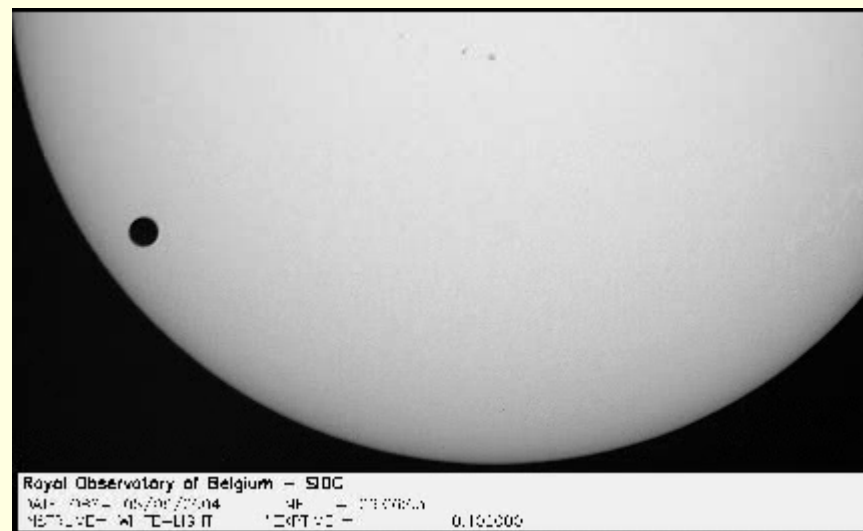
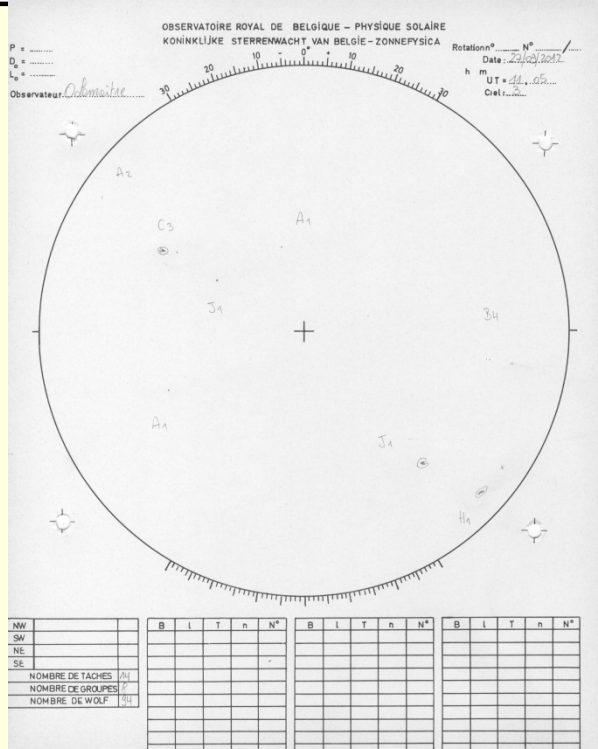
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Microsatellite in sun-synchronous orbit 725 km altitude

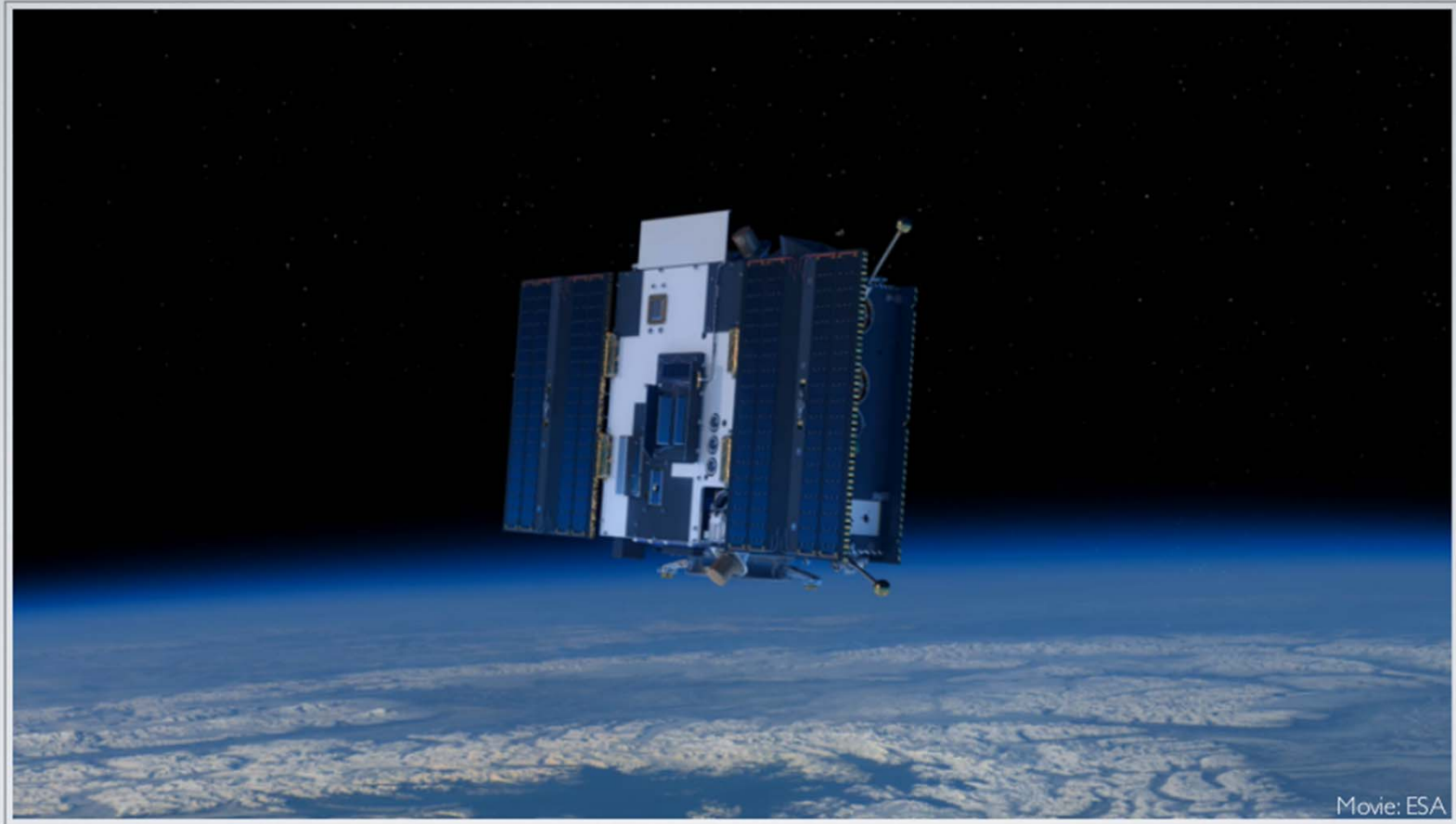
Launched on Nov. 2, 2009



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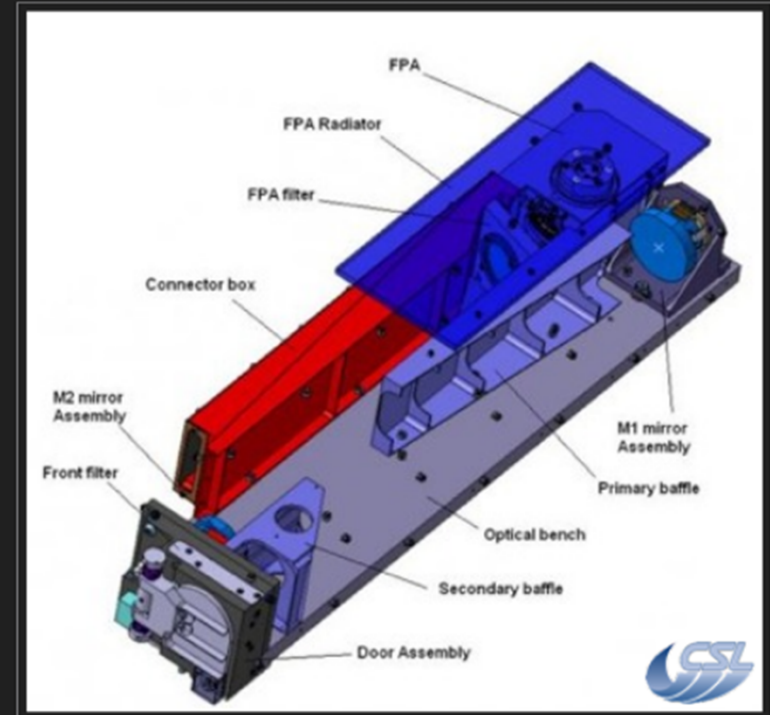
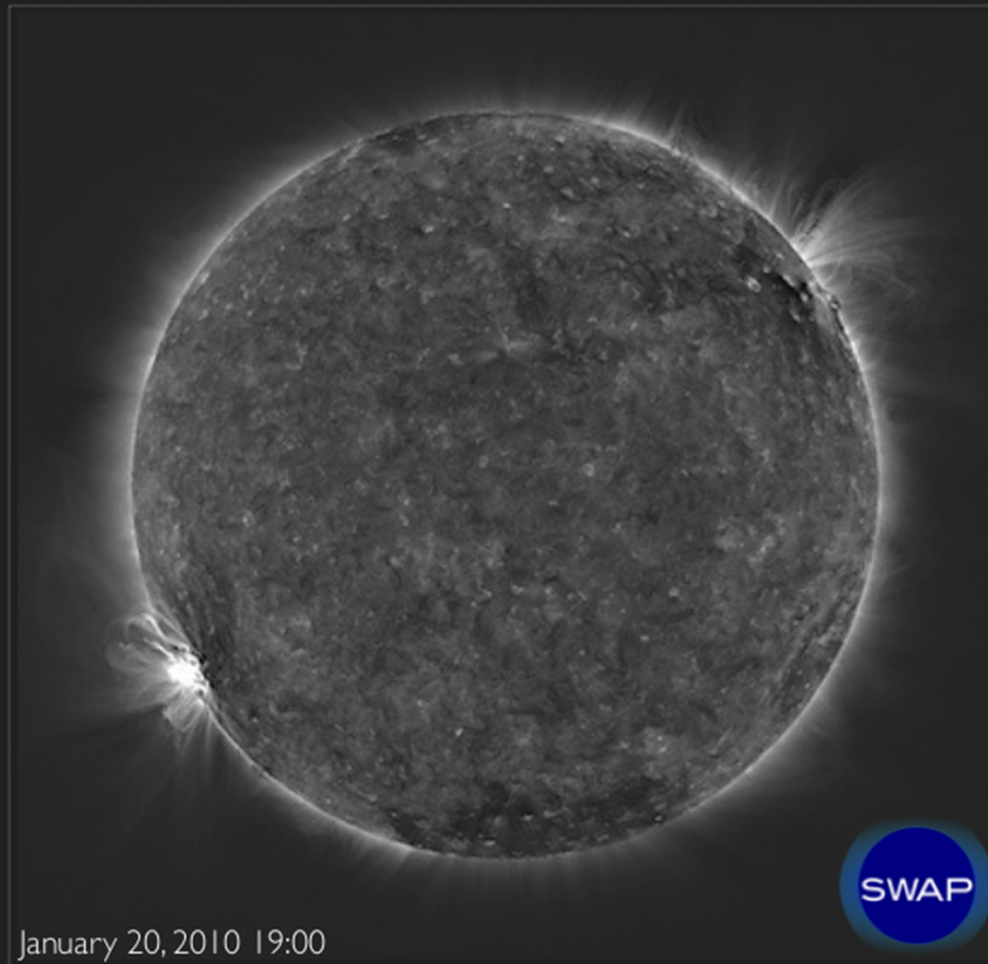
ESA TECHNOLOGY MISSION

4 innovative instruments: SWAP, LYRA, TPMU, DSLP
17 technological experiments
in-orbit demonstration



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SWAP and LYRA observe the Sun in EUV and XUV
nominal operations since March



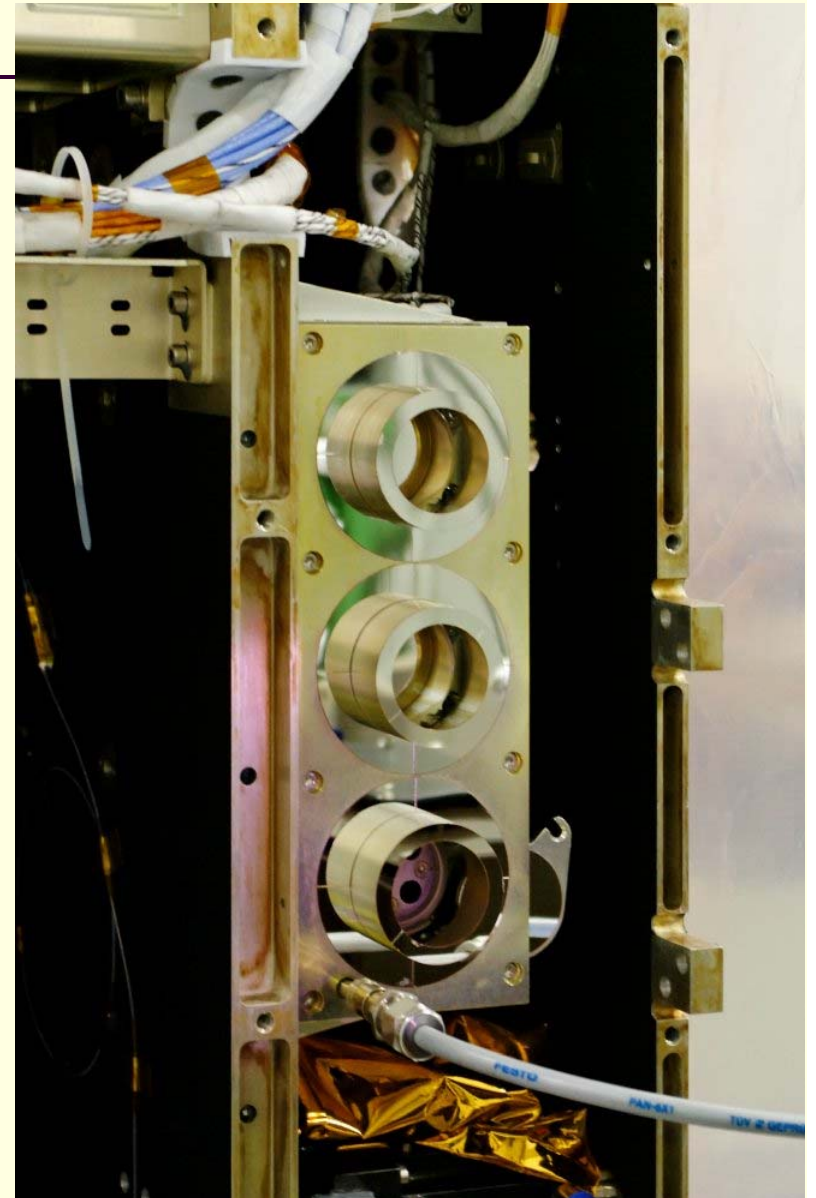
SWAP EUV IMAGER

Observes the 1 million degree corona in EUV light



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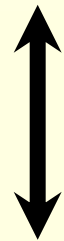
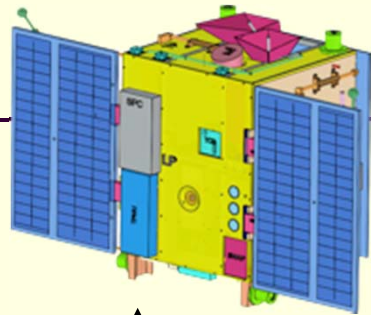
- 3 instrument units (redundancy)
- 4 spectral channels per head
- 3 types of detectors,
Silicon + 2 types of
diamond detectors (MSM, PIN):
 - radiation resistant
 - insensitive to visible light
compared to Si detectors
- High cadence up to 100 Hz





PROBA2

science center

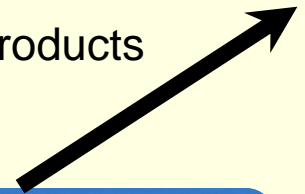


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Redu, Belgium



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P2SC

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operator
interface

commanding



data



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About the PROBA2 Science Center

The PROBA2 Science Center, located at the [Royal Observatory of Belgium](#) in Brussels, oversees scientific operations and data processing for ESA's PROBA2 spacecraft. The P2SC is the primary archive and distribution center for data from SWAP and LYRA, as well as the primary maintainer of calibration tools, data analysis software, and additional instrument data. The P2SC is also home to the science operations center, where instrument observing plans are devised and, with the help of ESA's Spacecraft Operations Center in Redu, Belgium, loaded onto the spacecraft. Finally, the P2SC serves as the main site for coordination of the PROBA2 Science Working Team, coordinating special scientific campaigns, supporting science data users and guest investigators, and organizing PROBA2 outreach efforts.



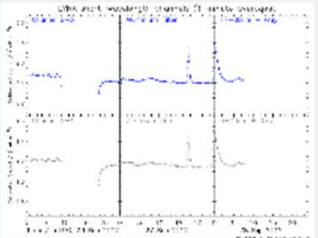
PROBA2 is a small ESA satellite with a scientific mission to explore the active Sun and its effect on the near-earth environment and a broader mission to provide a test platform for new instrument and platform technology. The [mission overview](#) page provides additional information about PROBA2 and its on board instrumentation and advanced platform technology.

If you require special assistance, you can contact the instrument teams directly using the [contact](#) page on this site.

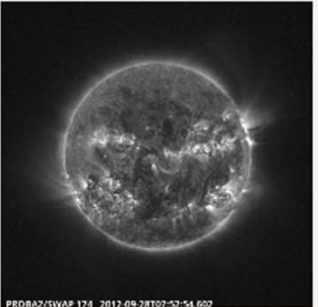
Job: Instrument Scientist

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral position at the Solar Influences Data analysis Center (SIDC) at the Royal Observatory of Belgium (ROB). [Read more...](#)

LYRA Latest



SWAP Latest

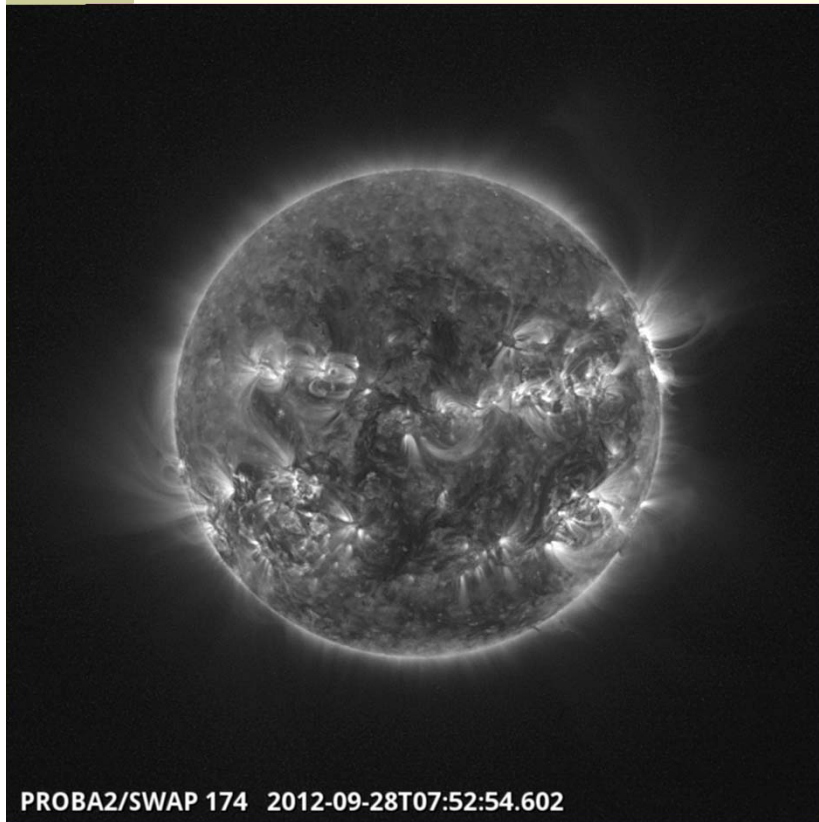


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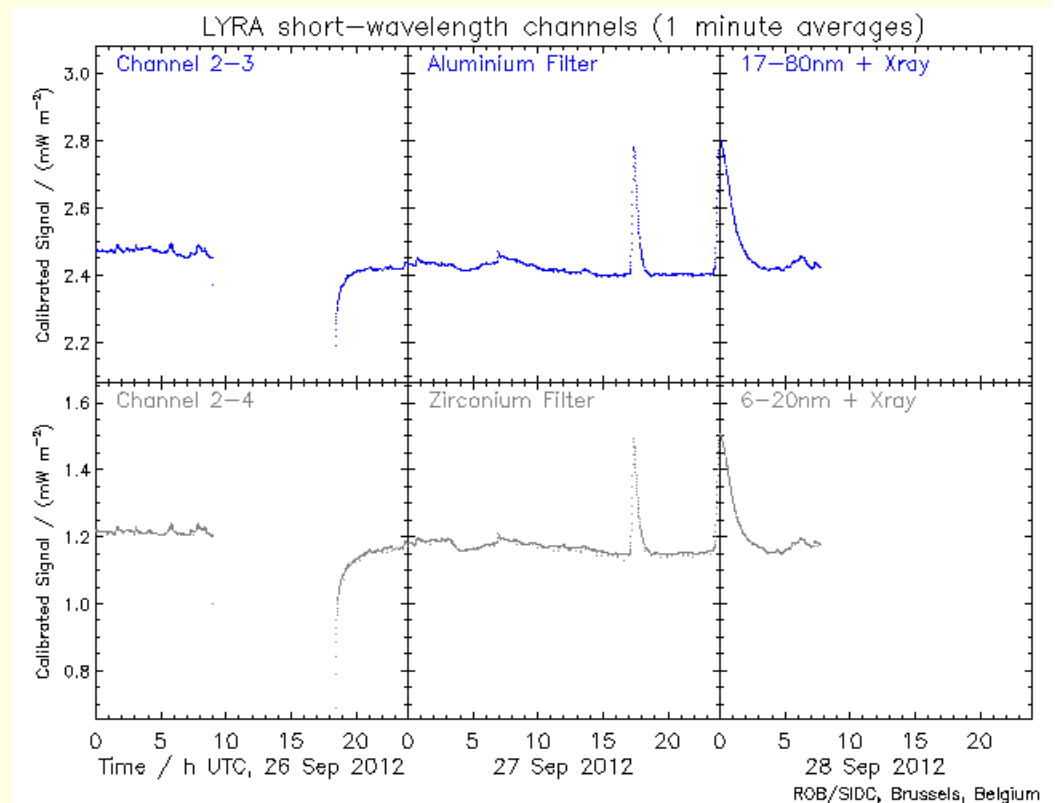
Typical PROBA2 data products



SWAP

Time for some animations?

LYRA





How to be involved?

Scientists are welcome to

- use PROBA2 data
- propose special observation campaigns

Guest Investigator Program welcomes proposals for dedicated (joint) observations in the frame of a science project:

- Funds available for a stay at PROBA2 Science Center
 - Scientist can take part in the commanding of the instruments
 - Will gain expertise in the instrumental effects
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- *Next announcement (for 2013-14): May 2013*
 - *Proposal deadline and selection: June 2013*
 - *First visits: September 2013 onwards*



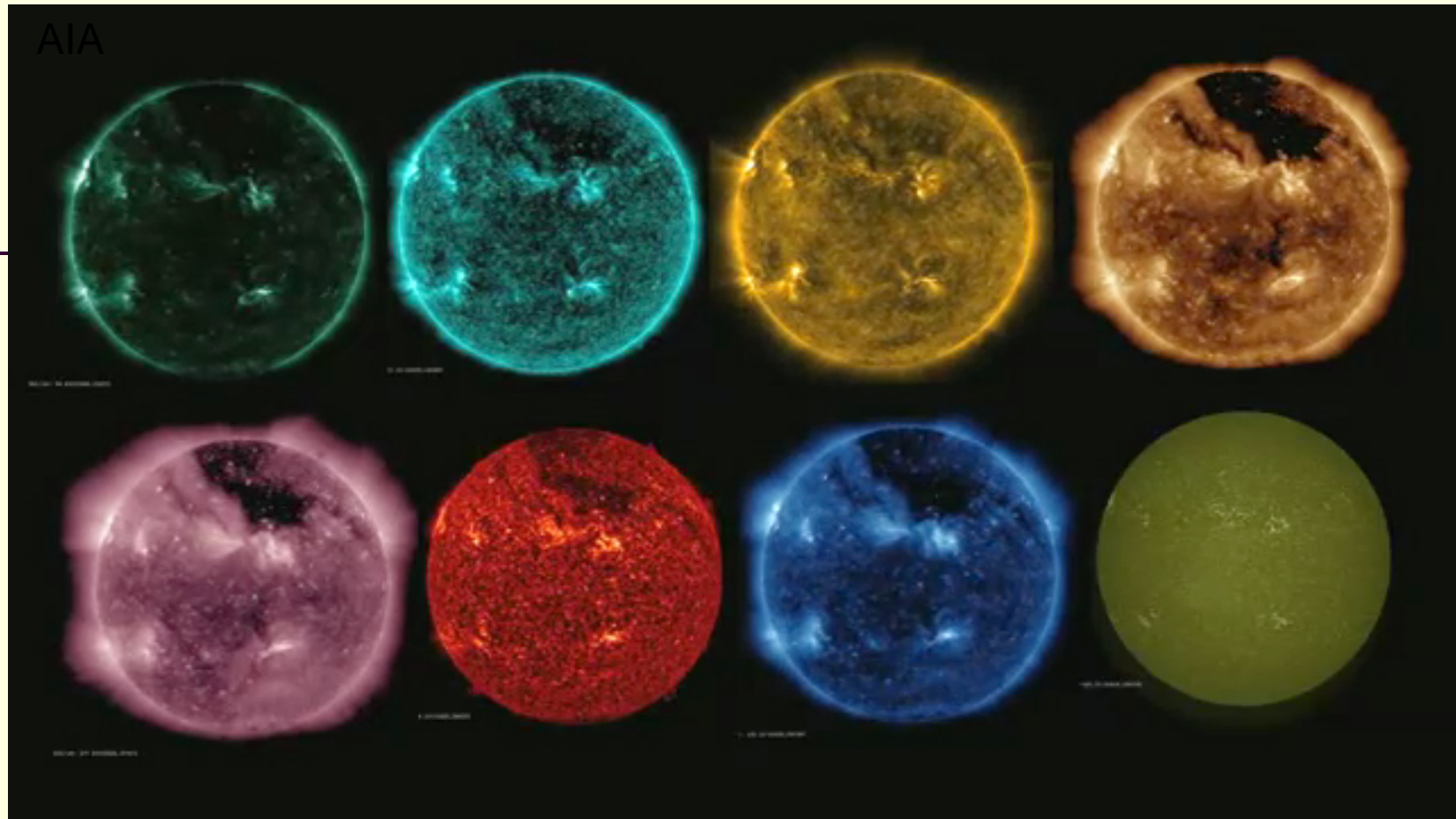
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Introduction

- As from NASA policy:
 - SDO data are freely available
- Problem:
 - SDO delivers between 1000 and 10000 more data than previous missions such as SOHO, TRACE, or STEREO
- Two limitations users run up against:
 - physically accessing the data
 - processing (exploiting) the data
- Conclusion: Some effort is needed to make the data 'freely' available in practice!

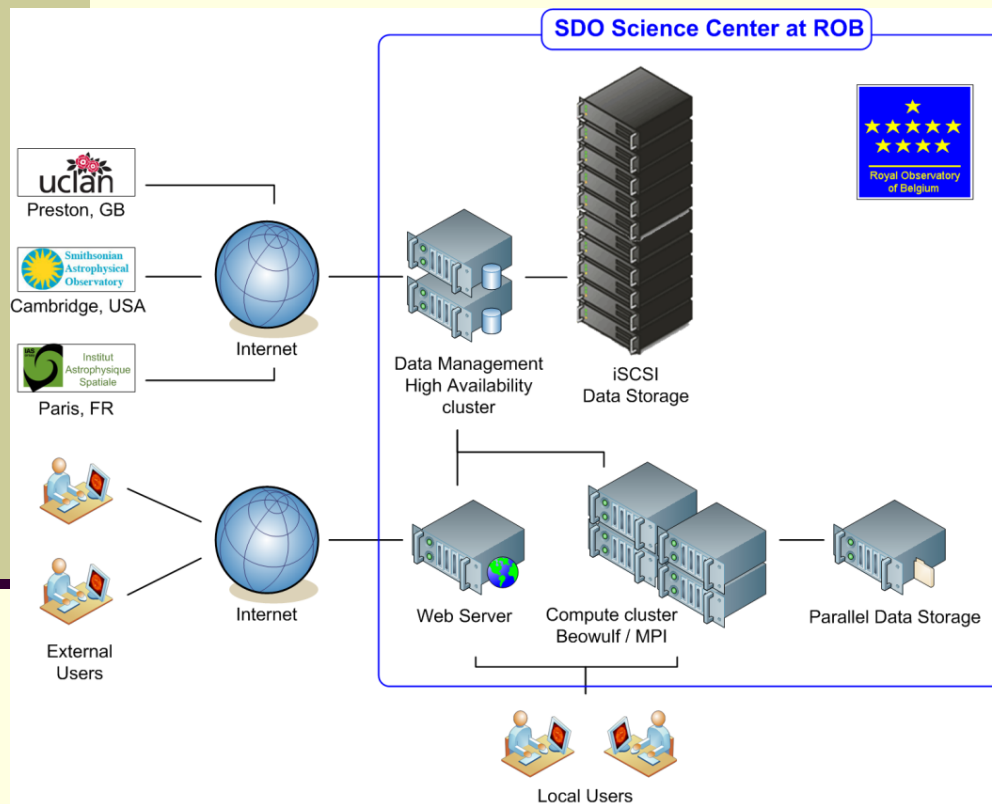


HMI (Helioseismic and Magnetic Imager): 4k x 4k images of LOS magnetogram, intensitygram, dopplergram, and vector magnetogram every 45 sec

AIA (Atmospheric Imaging Assembly): 4k x 4k images in 10 wavelengths every 10s.



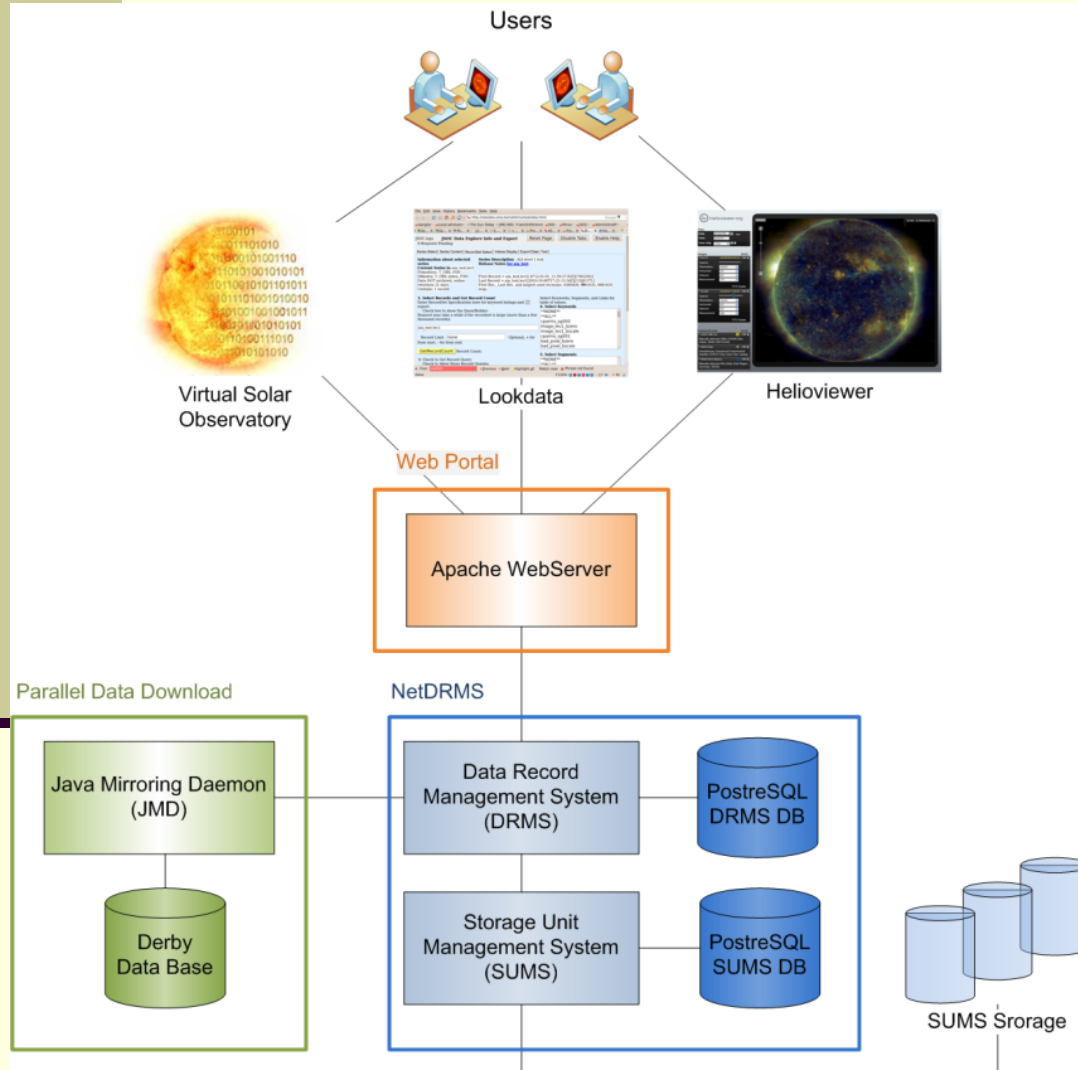
Data products at Belgian SDO data center



- ❑ 1K x 1K near real time AIA images and movies received 20min after acquisition, kept for 1 month
- ❑ 4K x 4K full cadence data after 4 to 5 days, kept for around six months
- ❑ 4K x 4K science quality data long term archive at 1 hour cadence



From a data centre to end-users

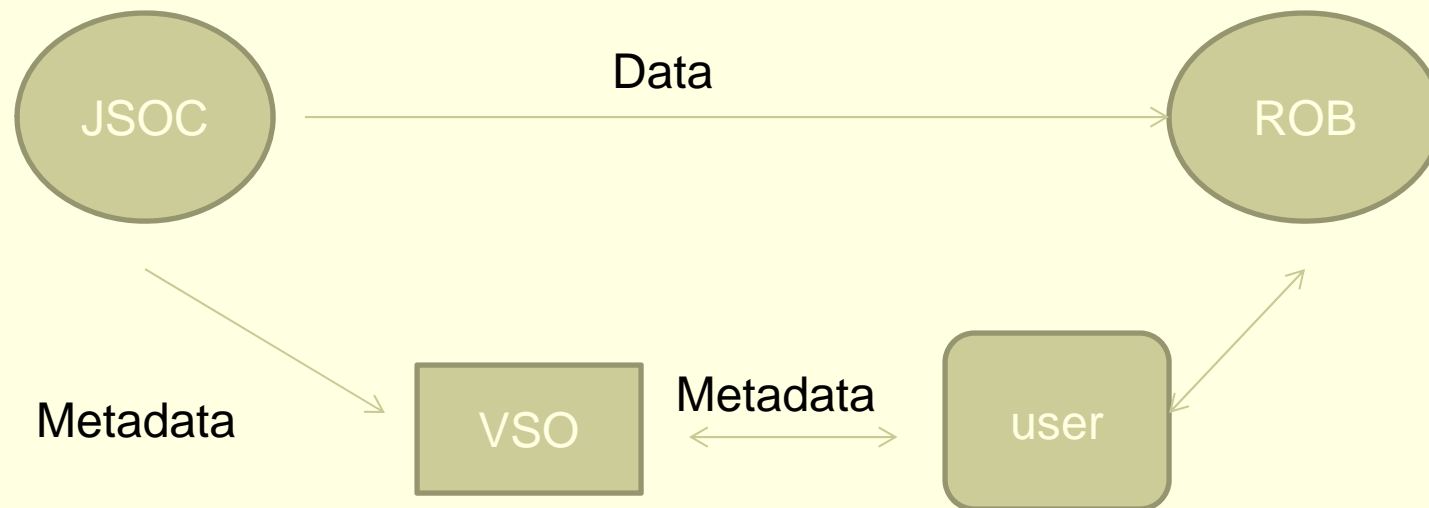


- The web portal allows to retrieve the data thanks to multiple interfaces :
 - Direct browser (HTTP) and FTP access to files and movies
 - Query access from command line, displayed as file system (PFS)
 - Query access from IDL/SolarSoft (VSO) and Python
 - Browser query access with the user-friendly “SDO Wizard”



Example: get data with VSO

- From within IDL: `vso_search` : to query metadata
- `vso_get` with keyword `site='rob'` or `site='uclan'` to get data from remote sites



VSO=Virtual Solar Observatory: a search system for solar physics images



Example: get data with SDO Wizard

http://sdodata.oma.be/sdo_wizard/

[Log in](#)

AIA
Level 1

HMI
Magnetogram

HMI
Continuum

Select time range

Start time
2011-09-06T12:09:16

Select period
2 hour(s)

End time
2011-09-06T13:09:16

Data cadence
30 minute(s)

Select search criteria

Wavelengths
☐ 094Å ☐ 131Å ☒ 171Å ☒ 193Å ☒ 211Å
☐ 304Å ☐ 335Å ☐ 1600Å ☐ 1700Å ☐ 4500Å

Exposure time min 1 max seconds

☒ Best quality only

☒ Online

☒ Select keywords to display

☐ CUNIT1
☐ CUNIT2
☒ DATAMEDN
☐ DATAP25
☐ DATA1
☐ DN_GAIN

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Median value of all pixels

Please be aware that SDO generates large amount of data (2400 images/hour for AIA). Large searches can slow down or even crash your web browser. So please limit the time range and narrow it to what you really need.



Websites

- Mission data center:
`http://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov`
- Belgian SDO data center:
`http://wissdom.oma.be`



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HUMAIN – Solar Radio Observations

Southern Belgium, between Brussels and Luxemburg





What are we doing?

- Solar spectral observations 45 MHz -4 GHz
 - Callisto instrument, observing since 2008
 - Phoenix 2 instrument, set up in progress
- Flux measurement 1 – 10 GHz
 - In development



Current Spectral Observations

- Callisto spectrograph (45-400 MHz)
- Callisto Network
(ETH Zürich, C. Monstein)
- Observations since May 2008:
~ **2500 events**
- Near real time (15 mn)

<http://sidc.be/humain>



Data availability

- FITS files (>30/day)
- 15mn duration
- Readable with:
 - IDL (Solarsoft)
 - Python (Sunpy)

The screenshot displays the website for the HUMAN Radio Astronomy Station at the Royal Observatory of Belgium. On the left is a navigation menu with links: Home, Overview, Realtime, Archives, Instruments, History, and Team. The main header identifies the station and includes a small image of a radio telescope. Below the header, the 'Result of your query' section shows a list of data files for the date 20120924, spanning from 04:15:00 to 11:45:00. Each entry provides a timestamp and links to the corresponding PNG and FITS files. A note at the bottom suggests checking other dates.

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HUMAN Radioastronomy Station
Royal Observatory of Belgium

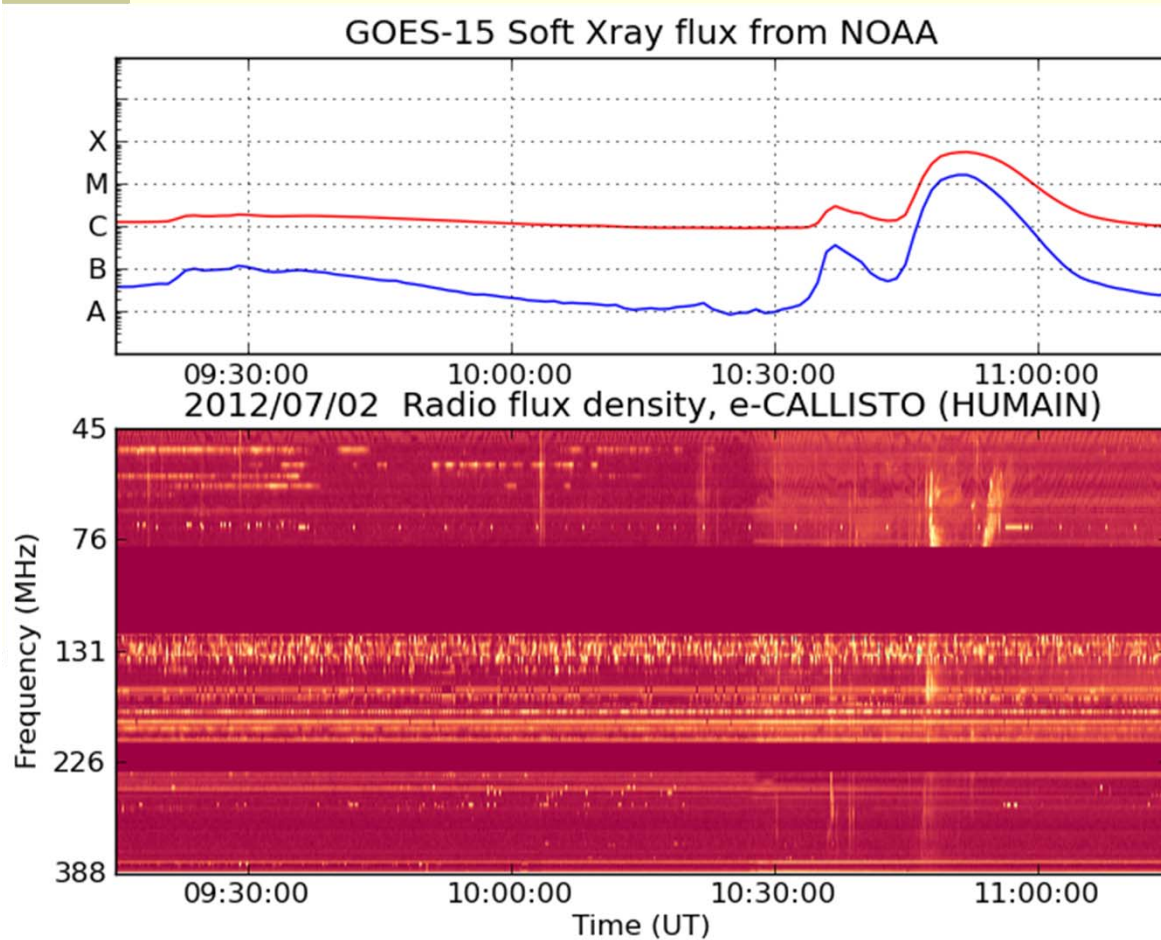
Result of your query
Move over the png link for quickview

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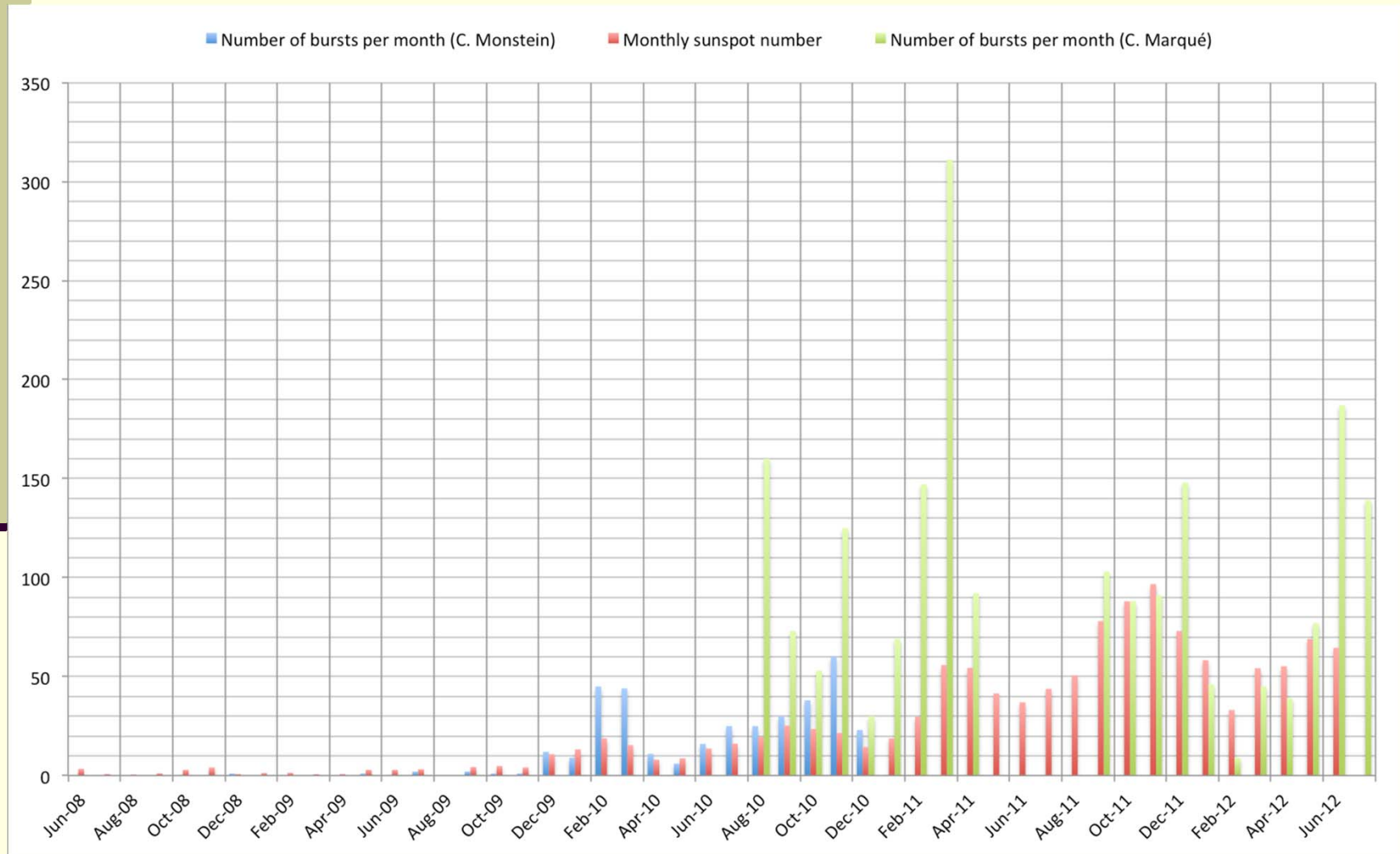
Online quicklook data



- Near real time (15 mn)
- Quicklook with GOES light curve
- Early warning for type II bursts

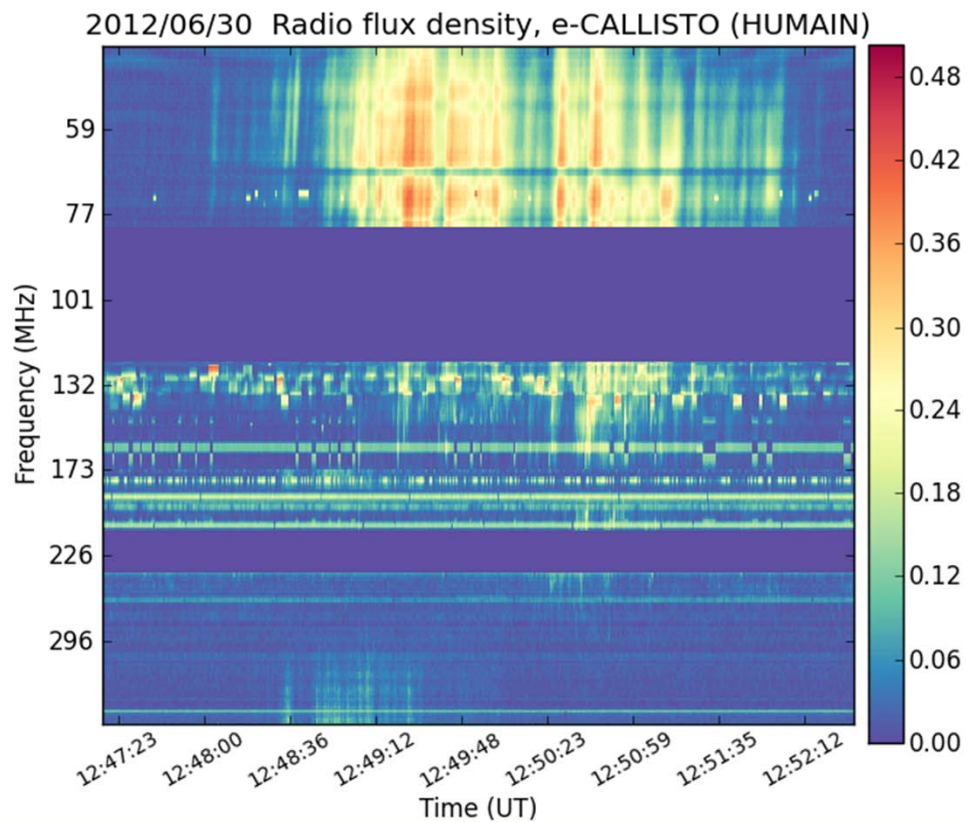


Rise of activity cycle





Examples of observations

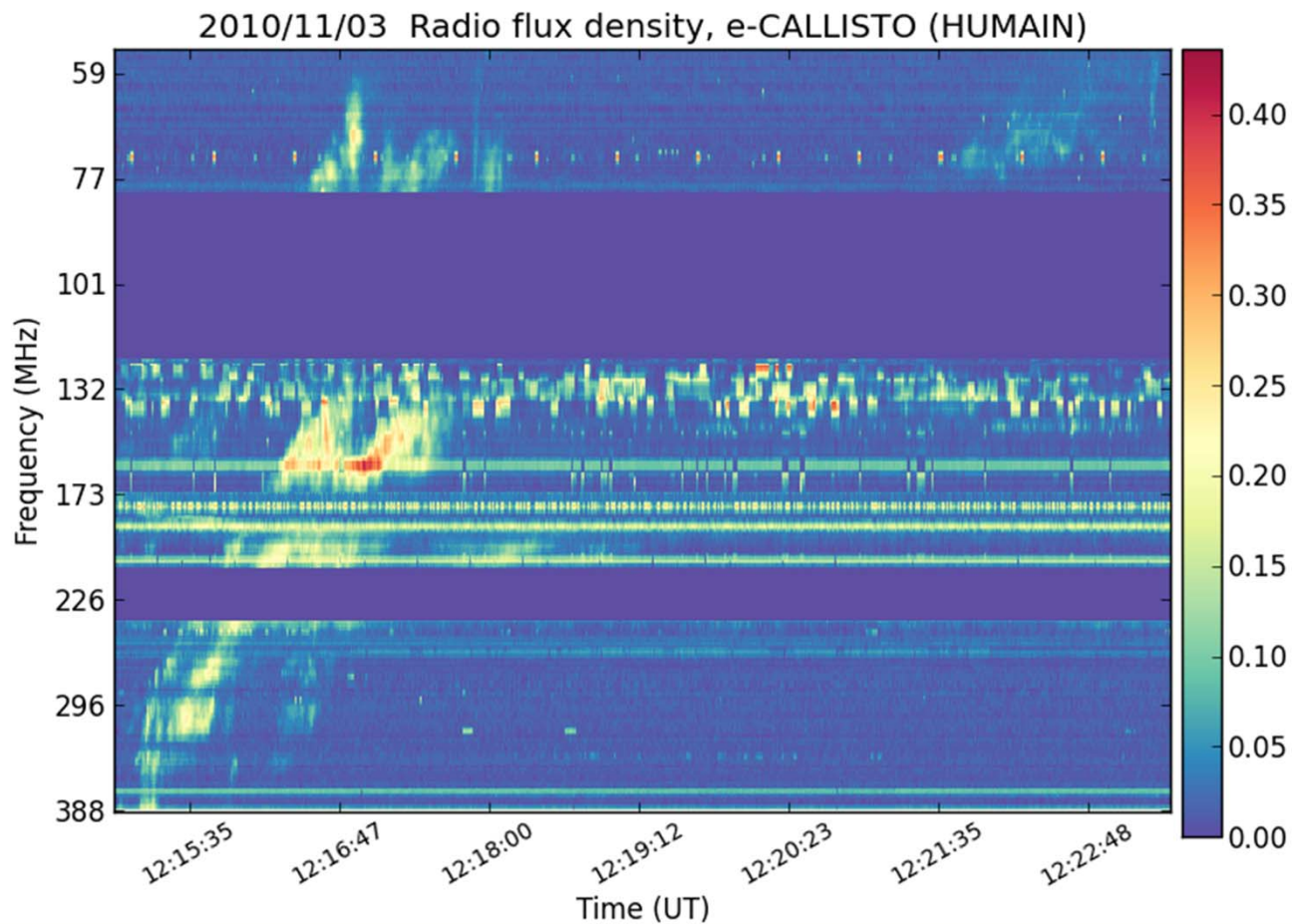


Type III group



Examples of observations

Type II burst





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SIDC developments for solar monitoring

- SWB – Solar Weather Browser
(now taken over by *helioviewer*)
- CACTUS – Computer Aided CME Tracking
(operational) sidc.be/cactus/
- NEMO – Novel EIT wave Machine Observing
(to be operational again in 2013)
- B2Xflare – Automatic flare detection
(fading out)
- Velociraptor – motion analysis of EUV corona
(fading out)
- SPoCA – Spatial Possibilistic Clustering Algorithm
(AR and CH detection; formerly on EIT now on SDO images)



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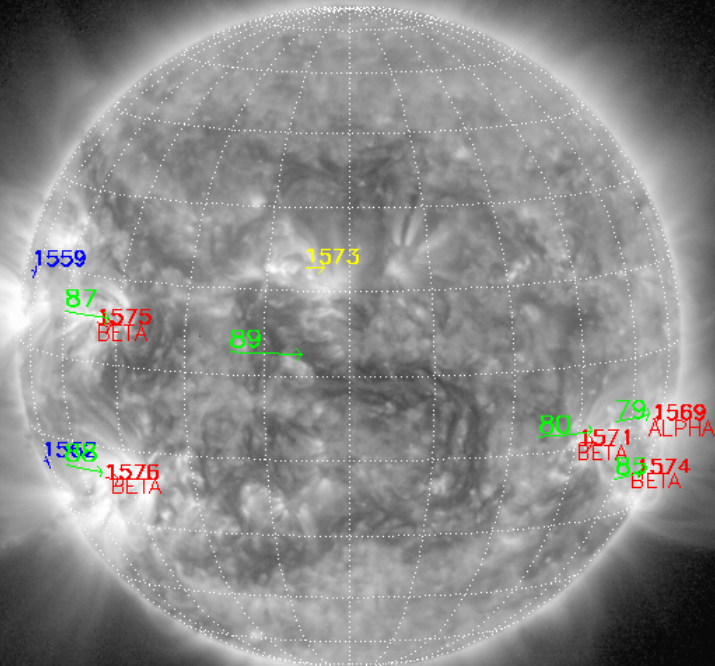
- The report from our forecaster, who was responsible for the week 17-23 Sep 2012:

Catania sunspot groups

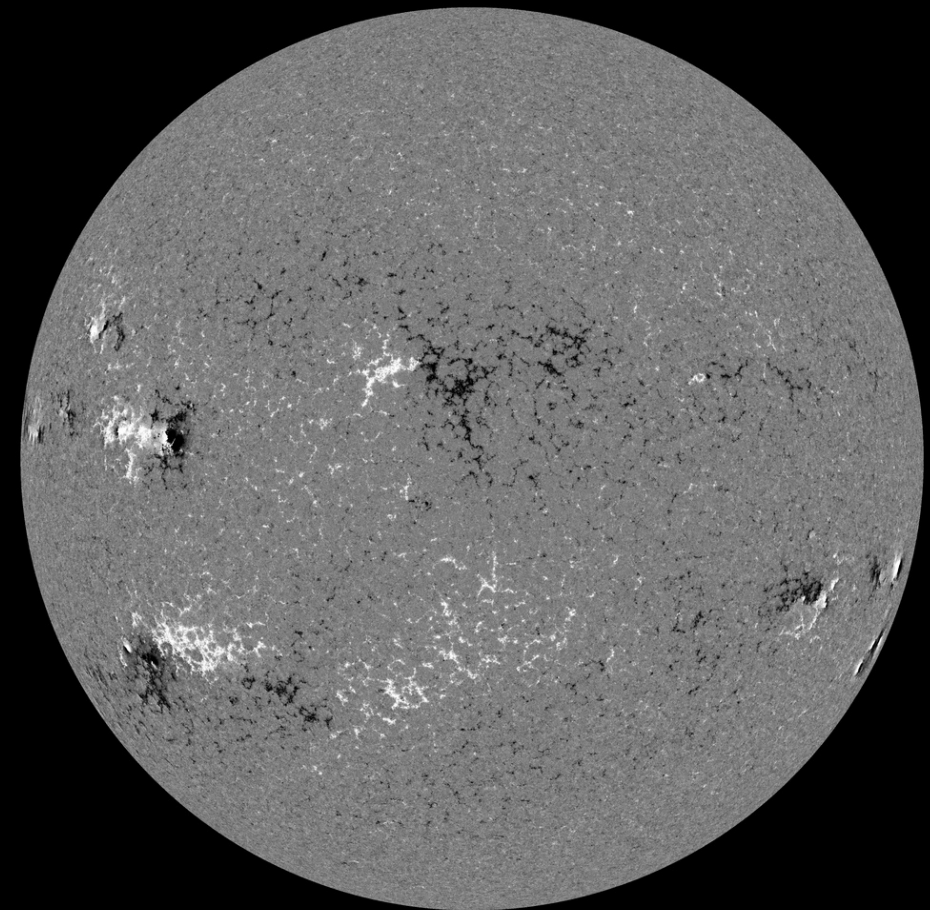
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NOAA AR/sunspot
NOAA Halpha plage
NOAA expected region
2012-09-21T00:30

* Sun today



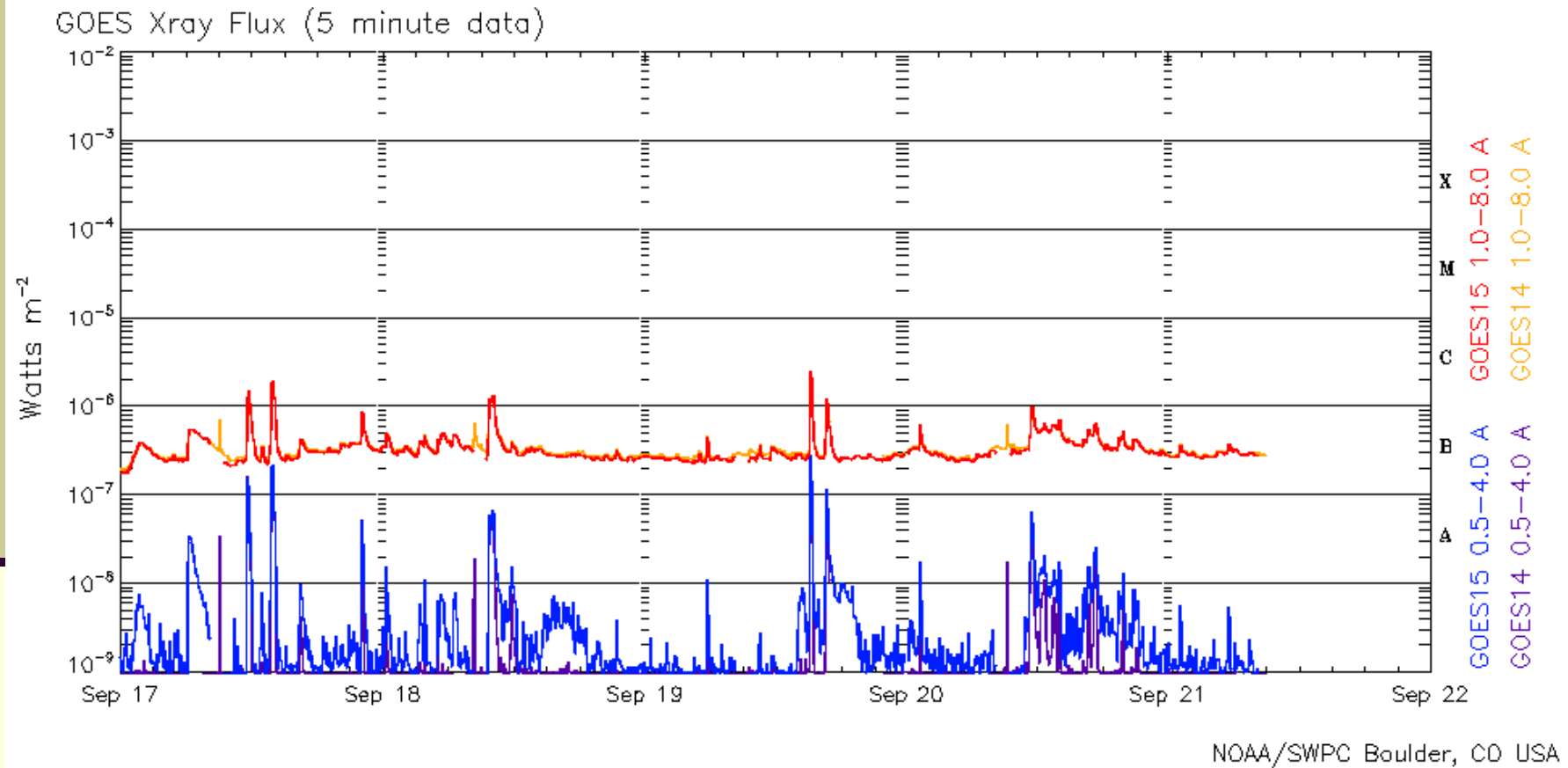
PROBA2/SWAP 17nm
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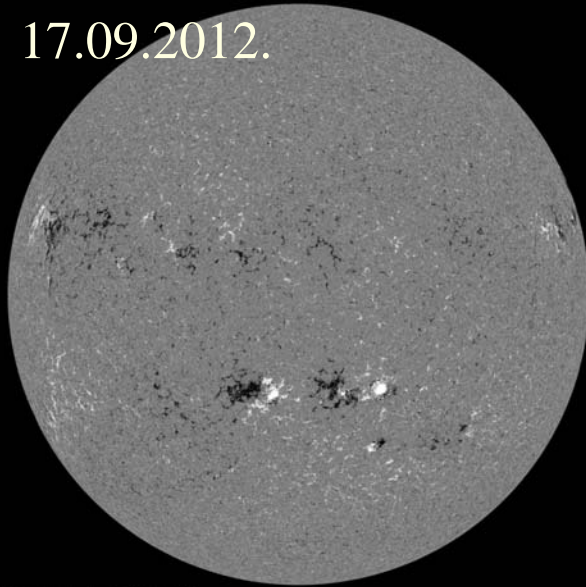
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* Flares



17.09.2012.



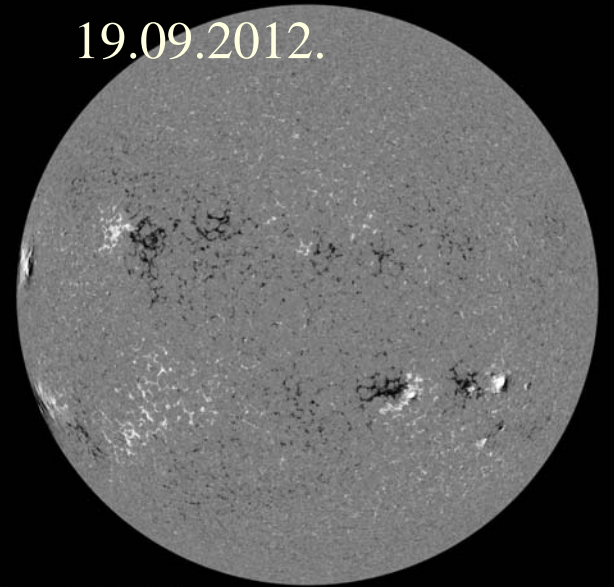
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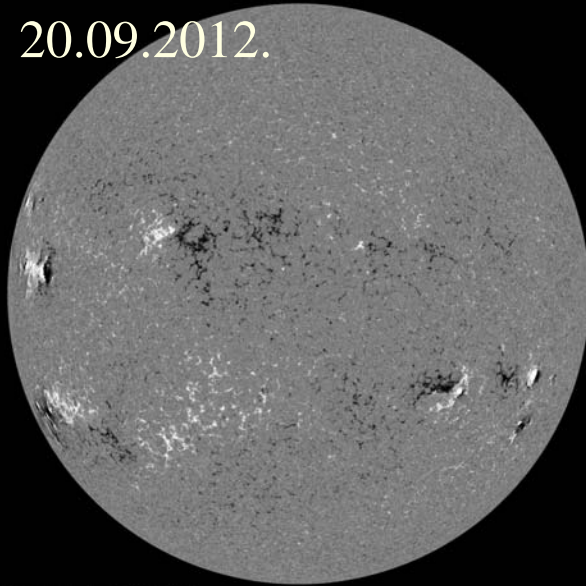
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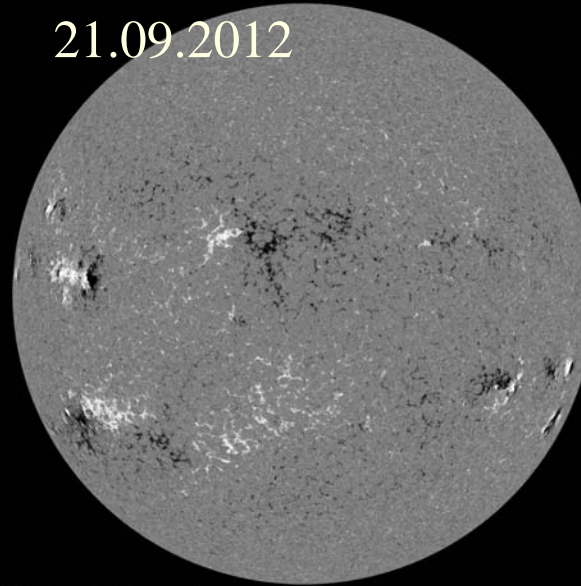
SDO/MAG Back-Look Magnetogram 20120919_001000

20.09.2012.



SDO/MAG Back-Look Magnetogram 20120920_001000

21.09.2012

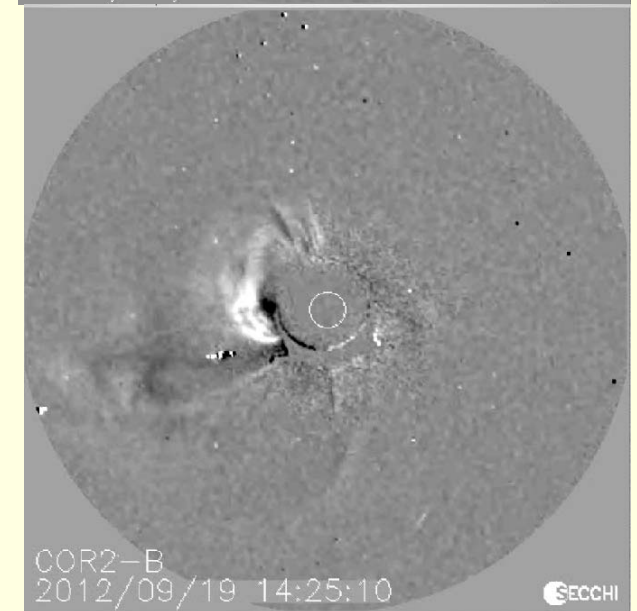
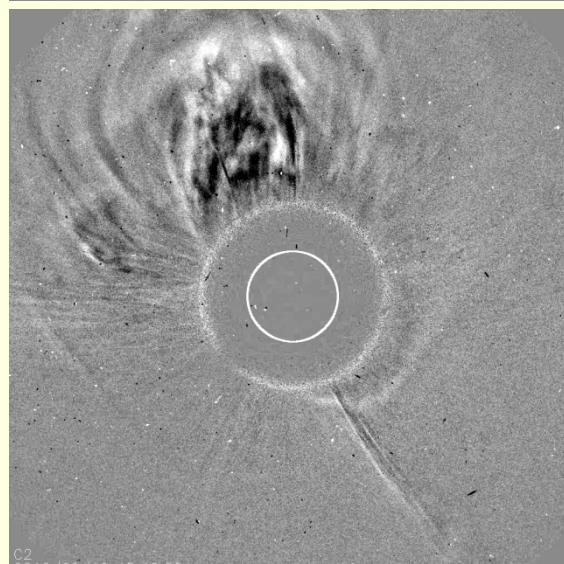
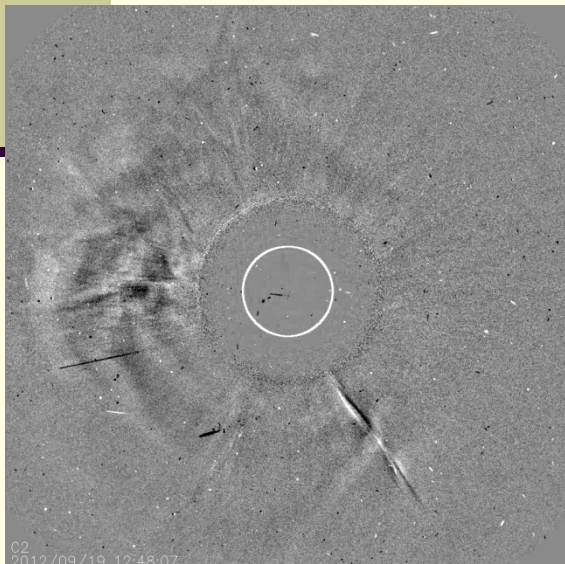
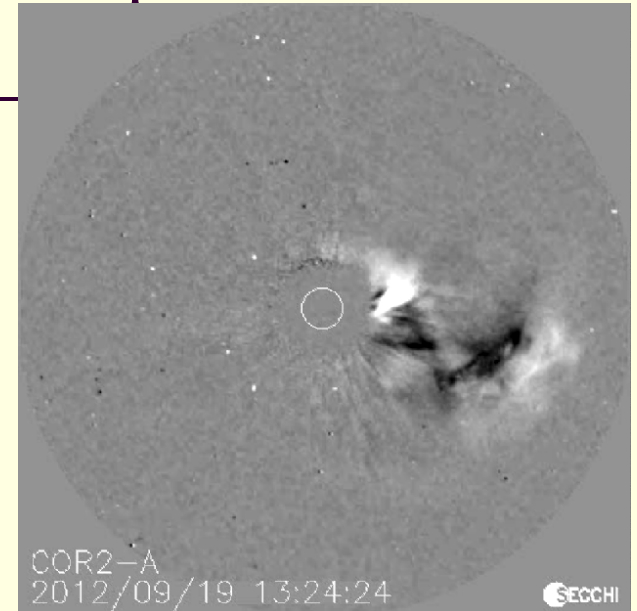
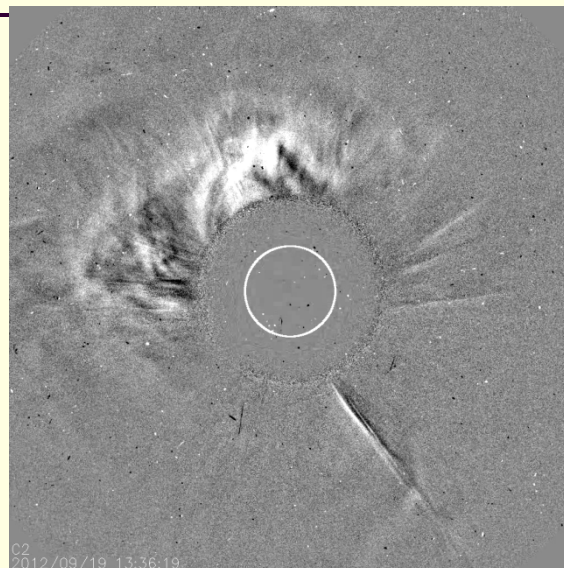
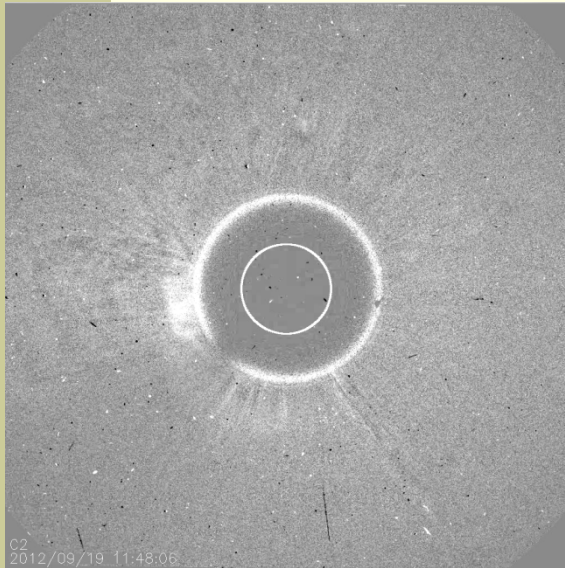


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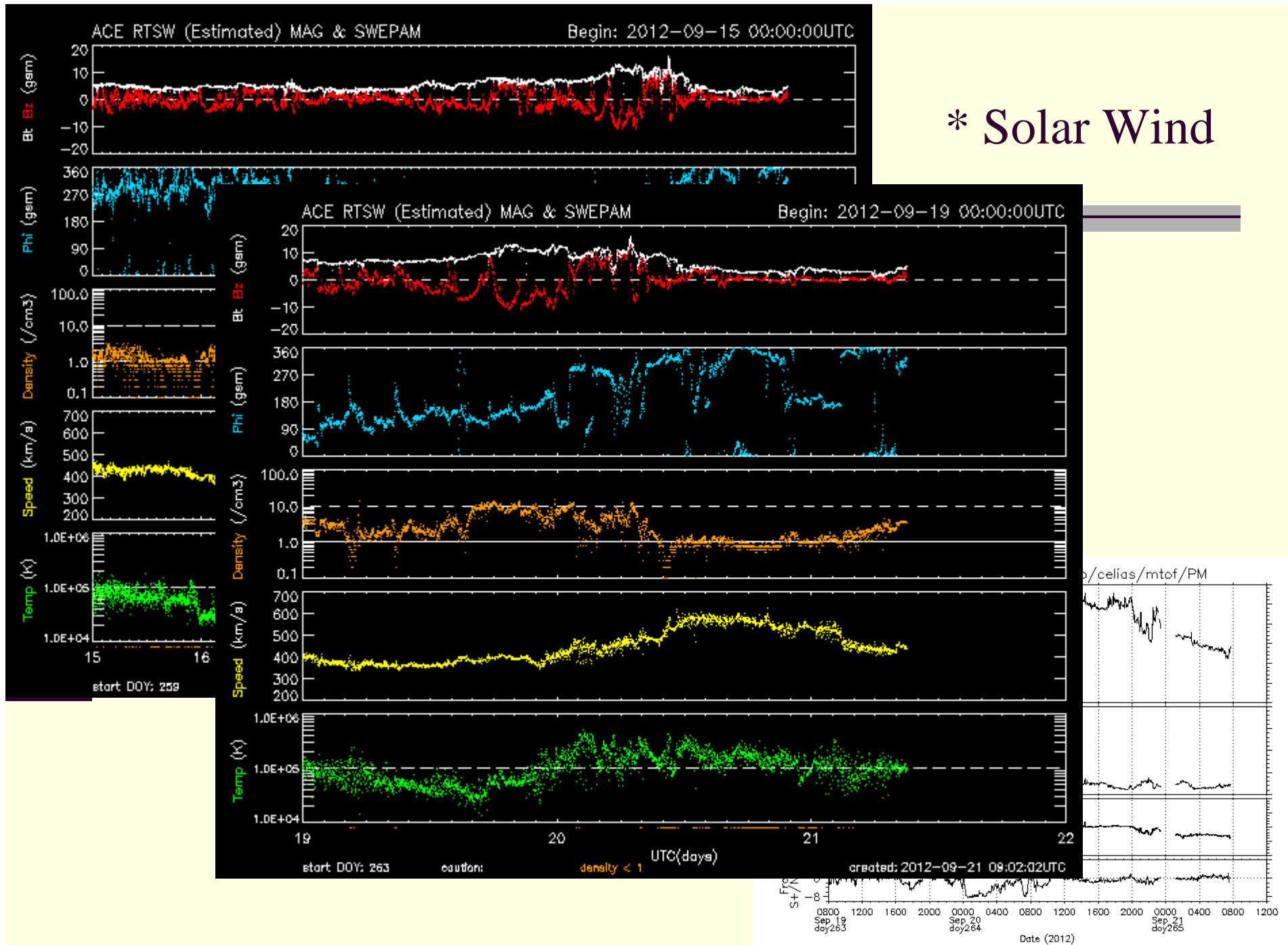
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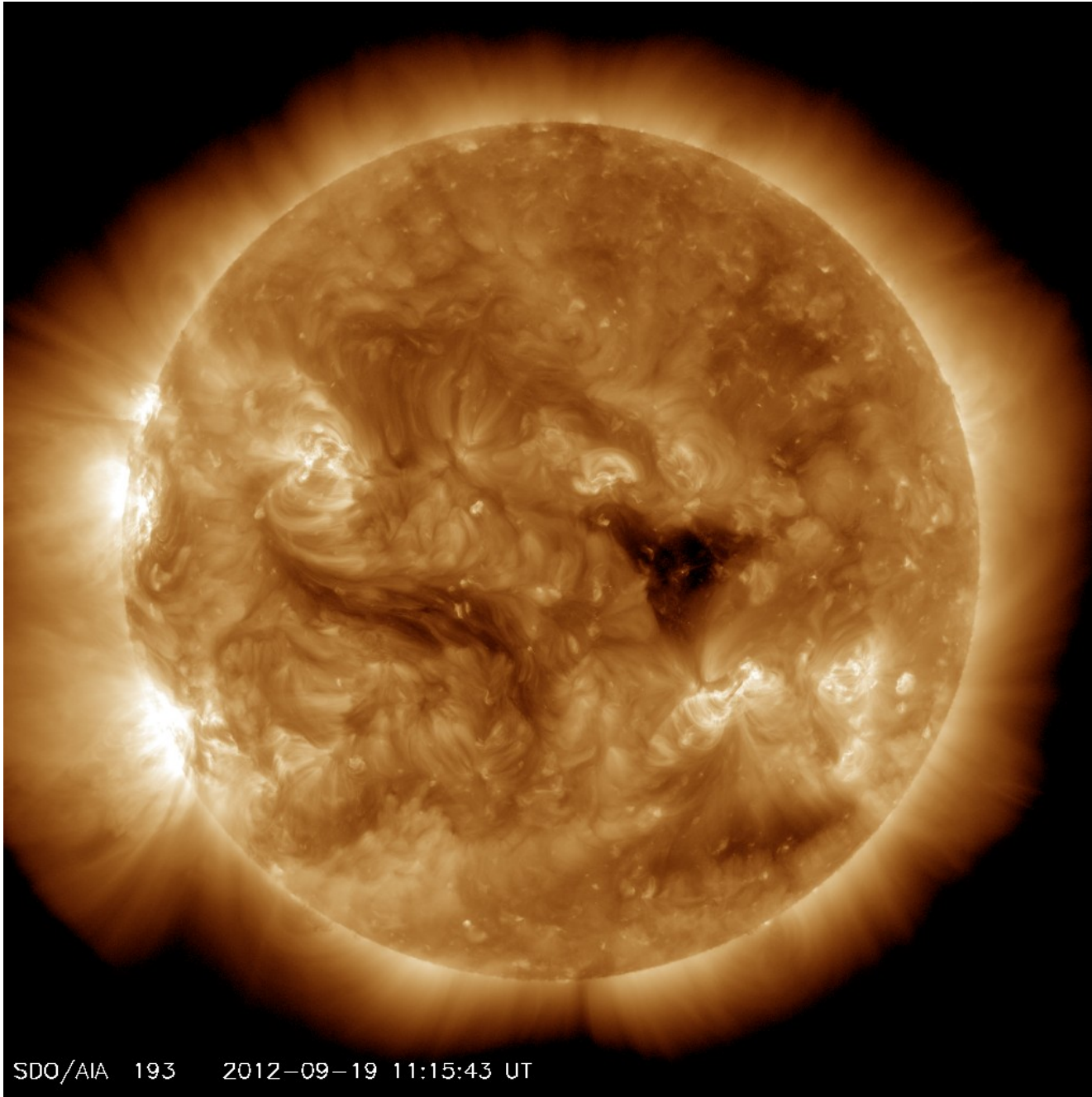


* Two backside full-halo CMEs on September 19



* Solar Wind



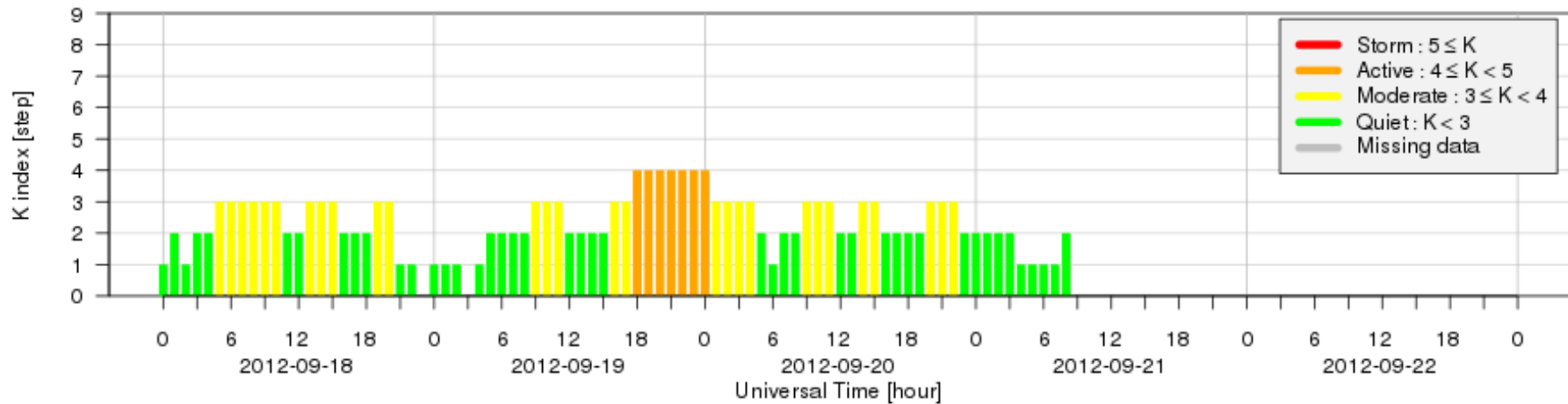


* Solar Wind

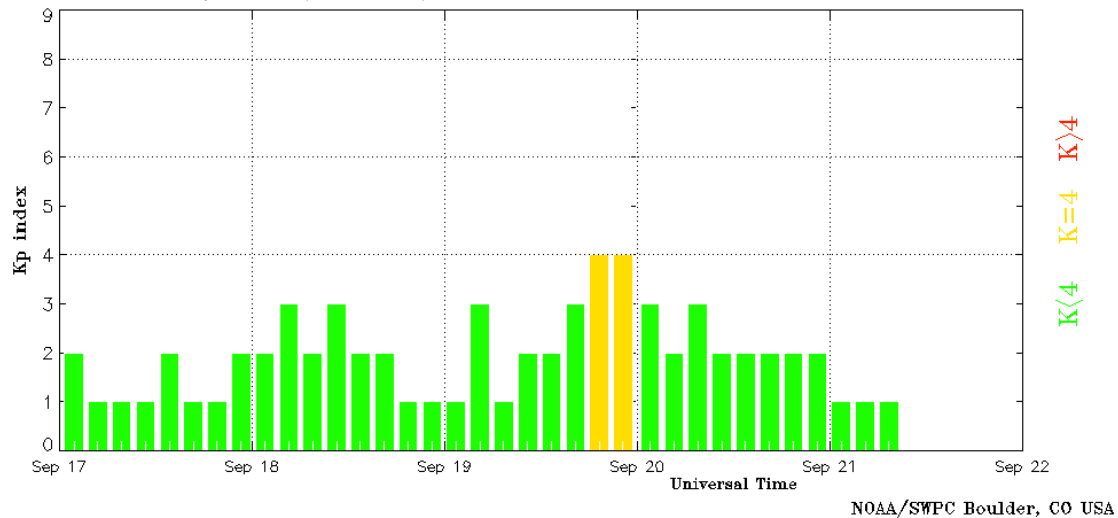


* Geomagnetism

Local K index at Dourbes (50.1 °N, 4.6 °E)
(ground-based measurements)



Estimated Planetary K index (3 hour data)



* Prominence eruption

SDO/AIA 304 2012-09-20 07:44:44 UT

SDO/AIA 304 2012-09-20 08:00:44 UT



Forecaster duties

- Daily ursigram (see SIDC webpage)
- “Presto” in alert situations:
 - During or after X-flares
 - Index for geomagnetic activity $k > 5$
 - Halo CMEs
 - Shock observed in solar wind (ACE, SOHO)
 - Proton event observed (SOHO)
 - New strong coronal hole upcoming
- Weekly summary (bulletin on solar and geomagnetic activities)
- Automatically sent by eMail to subscribing customers



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Start/End of all quiet alert from the SIDC/RWC Belgium

All quiet alerts:

Source	SIDC (RWC Belgium)
Frequency	ASAP, when conditions warrant
Format	Plain text
Mail header	Start/End of all quiet alert from the SIDC/RWC Belgium
SIDC code	quieta

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: Issued: 2012 Aug 22 0952 UTC
: Product: documentation at <http://www.sidc.be/products/quieta>
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From the SIDC (RWC-Belgium): "ALL QUIET" ALERT
#-----#

END OF ALL QUIET ALERT

The SIDC - RWC Belgium expects solar or geomagnetic activity to increase. This may end quiet Space Weather conditions.

#-----#
Solar Influences Data analysis Center - RWC Belgium
Royal Observatory of Belgium
Fax : 32 (0) 2 373 0 224
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Details

This message is of the Fast Alert type.
It contains a standard text announcing begin and end of periods of very low space weather activity.
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: Product: documentation at <http://www.sidc.be/products/meu>
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DAILY BULLETIN ON SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY From the SIDC
(RWC Belgium)
#-----#
SIDC URSIGRAM 20927
SIDC SOLAR BULLETIN 27 Sep 2012, 1141UT
SIDC FORECAST (valid from 1230UT, 27 Sep 2012 until 29 Sep 2012)
SOLAR FLARES : Eruptive (C-class flares expected, probability >= 50%)
GEOMAGNETISM : Quiet (A<20 and K<4)
SOLAR PROTONS : Quiet
PREDICTIONS FOR 27 Sep 2012 10CH FLUX: 144 / AP: 005
PREDICTIONS FOR 28 Sep 2012 10CH FLUX: 144 / AP: 001
PREDICTIONS FOR 29 Sep 2012 10CH FLUX: 144 / AP: 001
COMMENT: Solar activity as witnessed by the GOES soft Xray flux is on
the decline, but there is still a risk of a C-class flare coming from
NOAA AR 1575, so eruptive conditions are expected. Geomagnetic activity
is expected to be low for the next 48 hours. Quiet to unsettled
conditions were observed on Sept. 26th, linked to the crossing of the
IMF polarity line on that day. Current conditions as measured by the ACE
spacecraft are quiet.

TODAY'S ESTIMATED ISN : 096, BASED ON 15 STATIONS.

SOLAR INDICES FOR 26 Sep 2012
WOLF NUMBER CATANIA : ///
10CH SOLAR FLUX : 139
AK CHAMON LA FORET : 015
AK KINGST : 006
ESTIMATED AP : 005
ESTIMATED ISN : 096, BASED ON 20 STATIONS.

NOTICEABLE EVENTS SUMMARY

DAY	BEGIN	MAX	END	LOC	XRAY	OP	10CH	RADIO	BURST	TYPES	Catania	NOAA	NOTE
NONE													
END													
BT													

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