



## SUNSPOT BULLETIN

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Provisional Sunspot - Numbers for April 1987

Dependent on observations at Locarno Specola Solare,  
 complemented by an international network and  
 determined at the Observatoire Royal de Belgique.  
 Forty cooperating stations on May 1 st ,0830 UT

Day	R <sub>I</sub> '	Day	R <sub>I</sub> '
1	14	16	60
2	12	17	41
3	10	18	36
4	13	19	29
5	28	20	16
6	47	21	19
7	56	22	26
8	64	23	25
9	69	24	35
10	72	25	23
11	80	26	21
12	77	27	11
13	79	28	14
14	74	29	20
15	78	30	30

MEAN = 39.3

Predictions of the smoothed  
 monthly Sunspot - Numbers

Classical Method		S.I.D.C. Adjusted Values	
1987 May 21	1987 Aug. 25	1987 May 25	1987 Aug. 29
Jun. 22	Sep. 26	Jun. 26	Sep. 31
Jul. 23	Oct. 27	Jul. 28	Oct. 33

Precision on the sixth predicted value :  $\pm 7$ Classical estimated smoothed value for 1988 Jan.  $30 \pm 8$ Forecasted values are evaluated on the basis of the latest provisional  
 monthly smoothed value ( 1986 October ) :  $13.3 \pm 5\%$ 

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S.I.D.C. SUMMARY OF URSIGRAMS

1987 APRIL

$R'_{im} = 39.3$

Date	$R'_1$	PPSI	600	2800	COS	XFI	XI	$A_k$		
1	14	25	55	73	1032	0	0/0	10		4N
2	12	23	54	72	28	0	0/0	4	SSC	21N
3	10	18	54	72	34	0	0/0	2		
4	13	15	54	74	38	0	0/0	15	SSC	4S
S 5	28	13	54	78	19	15	1/0	14		22S
6	47	16	55	89	26	20	0/0	7		(29S
7	56	42	58	94	34	0	0/0	12		5S 24S, 32S, 7
8	64	50	61	95	37	10	0/0	14		
9	69	67	61	100	35	18	0/0	11		6S 22S
10	72	69	63	100	32	0	0/0	10		
11	80	79	66	101	31	9	0/0	6		25N
S 12	77	85	69	98	30	3	0/0	4		
13	79	88	68	99	27	2	0/0	17	SSC	
14	74	87	68	98	31	2	0/0	7		
15	78	55	69	97	34	8	0/0	6	1b	17S
16	60	47	..	93	23	20	1/0	4		
17	41	38	65	97	22	2	0/0	7		
18	36	24	61	93	27	10	0/0	5		31N
S 19	29	7	59	91	28	1	0/0	9		3N 16N
20	16	0	63	85	21	0	0/0	8		
21	19	2	61	76	31	1	0/0	3		24S, 41S
22	26	2	58	76	28	3	0/0	5		4N, 26N, 31N
23	25	2	54	76	27	0	0/0	3		12N
24	35	7	54	78	22	3	0/0	12		
25	23	4	56	75	25	0	0/0	6		
S 26	21	1	56	73	34	0	0/0	5		
27	11	2	56	74	31	0	0/0	7		22S, 28S
28	14	2	56	73	32	0	0/0	4		
29	20	3	54	73	33	0	0/0	6		
30	30	5	..	.	.	.	.	.		

Twenty two sunspot groups, seven equatorial, one at 16°, fourteen at high latitude.  
 Minimum of the cycle around 1986 July ( $\pm 2$  months); predicted smoothed  $R=50$  for 1989 July.  
 First SIDC hypothesis for the further maximum: second part of 1991 at smoothed  $R=80 \pm 15$ .

- $R'_{im}$  : provisional International monthly Sunspot-Number from the S.I.D.C.
- $R'_1$  : provisional International daily Sunspot-Numbers from the S.I.D.C.
- PPSI : Prompt Photometric Sunspot Index from the S.I.D.C. in  $10^{-5} \text{ W.m}^{-2}$   
Quantity to subtract at the mean solar constant, due to the presence of the sunspots.
- 2800 : 2800 Mhz solar flux from the Ursigrams (origin: Herzberg Institute Ottawa)
- 600 : 600 Mhz solar flux from HUMAIN station of the Royal Observatory of Belgium.
- COS : thousands of cosmic rays counts from the Ursigrams
- XFI : X-flare Index from the S.I.D.C. on the base of the Ursigrams. The sum of number of class C-flares + 10 x class M-flares of significant X-ray flux + 100 x X-flares with important X-ray flux.
- XI : X-flare Index from the Ursigrams (number of M-flares/number of X-flares)
- $A_k$  : geomagnetic Index of Wingst station from the Ursigrams (Ampli. fluct. in  $2nT$ ).
- sid : Sudden ionospheric disturbance ; ssc : sudden storm commencement
- sfe : solar flare effect ; // : two ribbons flare ; P : proton flare
- mst : magnetic storm ; II : radio- outburst ; pca : polar cap absorption
- aur : aurorae ; 1b, 2b ... : flare of class 1 or 2 (bright).

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## NOMBRES RELATIFS DE WOLF JOURNALIERS

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## SUNSPOT RELATIVE NUMBERS

STATION UCCLE BELGIUM

AVRIL 1987

DATE	UT	NOMBRE DE GROUPES	NOMBRE DE TACHES	NOMBRE DE WOLF	NOMB REL ZONE CENTRALE	PPSI 1F-6 WM-2	QUAL	OPS
1	0912	1	11	21	21	325.	2	VI
3	1610	1	2	12	0	228.	2	AK
4	1030	1	1	11	0	170.	2	AK
5	0834	2	5	25	0	213.	4	HB
6	0731	4	32	72	0	207.	2	VI
7	1220	5	42	92	54	416.	2	AK
8	0705	5	26	76	39	518.	3	VI
9	0926	5	35	85	26	622.	3	VI
10	0815	5	63	113	28	678.	2	VI
11	0921	5	46	96	19	859.	3	PC
13	1211	5	24	74	51	893.	1	VI
15	0821	6	35	95	32	559.	2	VI
16	1208	4	20	60	12	412.	2	VI
17	0856	3	17	47	0	497.	3	VI
18	0810	4	15	55	0	291.	4	AK
19	0920	3	7	37	0	97.	2	AK
20	0738	0	0	0	0	0.	2	HB
21	0744	2	5	25	13	17.	2	AK
22	0641	3	5	35	12	13.	3	VI
23	0741	2	6	26	0	22.	3	VI
24	0750	4	10	50	11	56.	3	AK
25	0745	2	4	24	0	40.	4	AK
27	0800	1	1	11	11	25.	4	AK
28	0845	1	1	11	11	24.	5	HB
29	0800	2	6	26	26	39.	2	AK
30	0801	3	13	43	18	61.	2	HB

LE SOLEIL A ETE OBSERVE 26 JOURS SUR 30 POSSIBLES  
LE NOMBRE RELATIF DE WOLF MOYEN EST DE 47.0

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NORMALISED UCCLE OBSERVATIONAL SUNSPOT NUMBERS

U* = K*U FOR 1987					APRIL				
K* = .961 (*)									
1	20	7	88	13	71	19	35	25	23
2	***	8	73	14	***	20	0	26	***
3	11	9	81	15	91	21	24	27	10
4	10	10	108	16	57	22	33	28	10
5	24	11	92	17	45	23	24	29	24
6	69	12	***	18	52	24	48	30	41
								31	***

THE SUN WAS OBSERVED 26 DAYS ON 30 POSSIBLE  
 THE NORMALISED RELATIVE MONTHLY MEAN WOLF NUMBER IS 44

\* K\* IS THE MEAN OF THE MONTHLY K'S FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

UCCLE OBSERVATIONAL MAJOR SUNSPOTS FOR 1987 APRIL  
 E AND F BRUNNER'S TYPE GROUPS

UCCLE EAST LIMB	DATE	IST OBS	DATE AND TYPE	WEST LIMB
NO			COMP LAST OBS	DATE
3-1787	4 2.7	5 D	4 9.4 15 H	4 16.2
5-1787	4 5.9	6 C	4 12.6 19 E	4 19.4

PROBABLE RETURN OF MAJOR GROUPS FOR 1987 MAY

NO	NEW EAST LIMB	NEW COMP	NEW WEST LIMB
5	5 3.6	5 10.4	5 17.1