

Notes on the solar cycle properties

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The 11-year sunspot cycle was discovered in 1843. As noted at Poulos, 2015 (1) it has its origins to planetary gravitational forces on the solar surface. As the three inner planets to have significant tidal effect: Earth, Venus and Mercury have very sort rotating periods, the sunspot cycle is mainly manifested after Jupiter's rotation. All the four planets though participate on how strong the cycle shall finally manifest. As those planets have a mean maximum synodic period of 265 years (calculated at Poulos, 2005 (2)) the solar cycle reaches its maximum every 265 years. The last time it became maximum was around 1950 when indeed all the four planets were in line at their maximum synodic neighboring as has been described in Poulos, 2014 (3).

Although the 11-year solar cycle was first discovered in 1843, attempts have been made to reconstruct prior to 1843 sunspot numbers by the scarce prior to that observations. As sun spots were first discovered by Galileo, the reconstructions dating goes back to 1600. Though those reconstructions are popular and are presented together at one graph usually with modern, after 1850 measurements of the sunspot number, in fact they are invalid. As the norm for modern sun spot numbering was defined around 1850, it is incorrect to compile at one graph with modern measurements the scarce observations that were made before. Prior observers had each his own definition on the sunspot number. As a result of these poor reconstructions we can easily be driven to paradoxes as does NASA here:

<http://solarscience.msfc.nasa.gov/SunspotCycle.shtml> where it claims that the sun had no spots between 1645-1715. But 1645 was the year Galileo died and it is natural that people did not count sun spots for several decades thereafter, at least as excessively as Galileo did. Moreover those graphs fail to show the 265 year periodicity of the solar cycle, that is present in the after 1850 measurements.

The 265 year periodicity as well as the 251 year Earth-Venus resonance periodicity are documented in the above referenced texts to play a key role on Northern Hemisphere temperatures variability. The 265 year cycle affects climate by the fluctuations in solar luminance derived from varied solar activity due to sun spots, while the 251 year cycle affects climate by solar wind variability.

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