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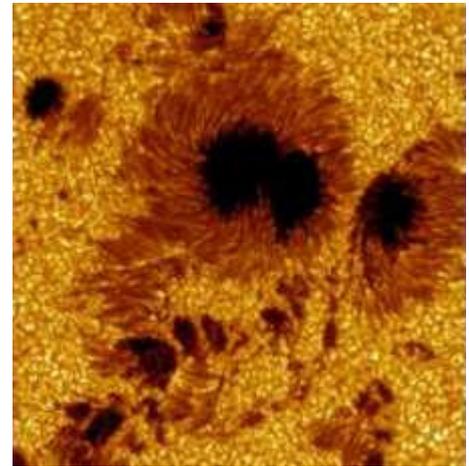
## Sunspot activity to peak in 2012

The next sunspot cycle is going to be far more active than the current one, ...

by Jonathan M. Gitlin - Mar 7 2006

The year 2012 might not be such a good one if you happen to own a satellite or a lot of shares in the electricity generating business. That's because 2012 is being forecast as the peak of the next sunspot cycle, and physicists are saying it's going to be an active one.

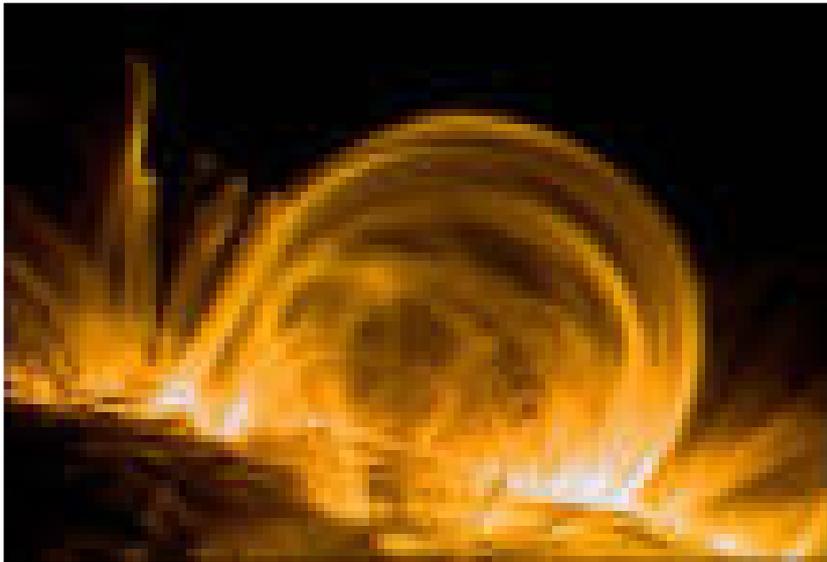
Sunspots are regions of the solar surface that are darker and cooler than their surroundings. Caused by fluctuations in the intense magnetic field that surrounds our closest star, sunspot activity increases and decreases on an 11-year cycle. Intense sunspot activity brings with it solar storms, events where charged particles stream off the surface of the sun, with the potential to wreak havoc with our planet's upper atmosphere. During solar storms, satellites can be damaged, power transmission can be disrupted and the skies light up with auroras. There are also links between sunspot activity and climate.



Researchers at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado, have used a new model of the sun's interior to refine predictions of future sunspot activity. By using data going back over a century, the scientists were able to determine that the sun's magnetic field has a memory of around 20 years. This model was able to predict the past six cycles with around 97 percent accuracy, and has led to revised predictions about the next cycle, number 24.

According to Mausimi Dikpati, one of the physicists who gave a press conference yesterday, the next sunspot cycle will be between 30 and 50 percent stronger than the current cycle, with a peak in activity in 2012. Armed with a six year warning, mission planners at NASA, satellite controllers and engineers in the power industry ought to have ample time to take this looming danger into account.

## Article Two.



### Sunspot Activity Highest in last 1,000 Years

The last Sunspot cycle peaked in 2001, and The Next Sunspot peak will be in 2012. The sun goes through 11 year cycle, which sunspot activity increases as the 11th year mark gets closer. We are only 3 years into the New Sun Cycle, and already, scientists are amazed by the intensity of sunspot activity these days.

One could only imagine what the Sunspot Cycle will throw upon us toward the end of the 11 year cycle in 2012. Sunspot activity has been known to disrupt wireless communications, Alter Earth's magnetic fields, and cause electronics to go haywire. No-one claims to know what effect Sunspots have on the human body.

I mentioned above, that sunspot activity can alter magnetic fields. As it turns out, in the upcoming year 2012, the Sunspots will Peak, and The Sun's North and South poles will FLIP! I didn't say might, I said WILL. NASA has this information published. It is a fact. In 2012, the Sun's Poles will flip. North will face south, and south will face north.

2012 will NOT be the first time the sun's poles flipped. The Sun's poles flipped in 2001, and in 1990. Every 11 years, when Sunspots reach their peak, the Sun's poles flip. Like Clockwork. The big question is, when will the Earth's poles flip? And What's going to happen when the 11 year sunspot cycle ends in 2012?

BBC Article About Sunspot Activity:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/3869753.stm>