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Introduction

This program was born in late 2012 at the University of Extremadura (Badajoz, 38°53' N 6°58' W) in order to further extend our research in the reconstruction of past solar activity (see, for example, Vaquero, 2007). Since 1st January 2013, our sunspot counts have been submitted to the Royal Observatory of Belgium (ROB) as a contribution to the international effort of maintaining and updating the International Sunspot Number. For this purpose, we use a small apochromatic refractor –80 mm of objective diameter and 550 mm of focal length– to project a 150 mm diameter image onto a template. Then, a drawing is done so we obtain our sunspot counts from it.

In this report, we provide a complete set of data obtained throughout the year 2016, with four Tables showing our data. Moreover, the reference sunspot index is compared with our results.

We hope that this publication is useful to the scientific community studying the sunspot number: the longest solar index series derived from direct observation of the Sun.

Data

Table 1 lists all the observations made along this year. A few days reflect more than one observation. In such cases, we follow the ROB criteria to choose the best drawing of each day, that is, we choose the observation showing (in order of priority):

- Highest number of groups
- Highest Wolf number
- Highest Quality
- Smallest time-difference with respect to 12:00 UT (solar culmination)
- Early-in-the-morning counts are best

Note that the drawing quality is represented as an integer number between 1 and 5, according to the following rule (USSPS code):

- 1 = very poor
- 2 = poor
- 3 = fair
- 4 = good
- 5 = exceptional

Tables 2 and 3 list daily, monthly, and yearly values of the number of groups and spots along 2016. From the group count G and the sunspot count S , we define the UEx sunspot number (or UEx Wolf number) as follows: $SN_{UEx} = 10G + S$. Additionally, we define the UEx group sunspot number as: $GSN_{UEx} = 12.08G$. These definitions are in agreement with the classical ones (Clette *et al.*, 2014, 2016). Thus, Table 4 lists daily, monthly, and yearly values of SN_{UEx} , while Figure 1 shows the temporal evolution of these indexes.

Table 1. Data on sunspot counting along 2016, including month, day, time (UT), observer, quality, number of groups (G), number of spots (S), and Wolf number (SN_{UEX}).

Month	Day	Time (UT)	Observer	Quality	G	S	SN_{UEX}
1	11	11:45	AJP Aparicio	3	2	16	36
1	11	13:40	JM Vaquero	3	3	10	40
1	12	10:50	JM Vaquero	4	3	8	38
1	13	11:35	AJP Aparicio	2	2	4	24
1	13	13:50	JM Vaquero	3	2	6	26
1	18	10:30	JM Vaquero	2	2	7	27
1	24	12:15	AJP Aparicio	2	2	19	39
1	25	10:45	JM Vaquero	3	4	18	58
1	29	10:45	AJP Aparicio	3	3	18	48
1	30	13:40	JM Vaquero	3	2	7	27
1	31	13:15	JM Vaquero	2	2	3	23
2	1	12:30	JM Vaquero	2	3	7	37
2	3	13:55	JM Vaquero	2	5	17	67
2	5	11:20	L Bautista	3	3	26	56
2	7	12:00	AJP Aparicio	2	5	22	72
2	7	13:20	JM Vaquero	3	6	23	83
2	14	16:20	JM Vaquero	2	3	16	46
2	15	13:15	JM Vaquero	4	3	16	46
2	16	8:50	A Flores/ J Zarza	4	3	9	39
2	16	9:30	J Muñoz	4	2	8	28
2	16	10:20	JM Vaquero	4	3	7	37
2	17	8:40	JM Vaquero	4	3	4	34
2	18	14:00	JM Vaquero	3	4	4	44
2	19	10:00	AJP Aparicio	4	3	6	36
2	19	12:00	JM Vaquero	3	2	4	24
2	20	12:30	AJP Aparicio	3	3	18	48
2	22	12:50	AJP Aparicio	3	2	7	27
2	23	9:30	J Muñoz	4	2	9	29
2	23	12:30	A Flores/ J Zarza	2	2	6	26
2	27	17:00	JM Vaquero	2	1	11	21
2	28	16:05	JM Vaquero	3	2	11	31
2	29	12:35	JM Vaquero	3	3	12	42
3	1	9:30	AJP Aparicio	3	4	12	52
3	1	12:30	A Flores/ J Zarza	4	4	7	47
3	2	8:45	JM Vaquero	2	5	8	58
3	3	10:20	AJP Aparicio	3	5	9	59
3	3	12:13	L Paniagua/ D Duarte	3	5	6	56
3	6	14:10	JM Vaquero	3	5	11	61

3	7	13:40	JM Vaquero	2	3	3	33
3	8	9:30	AJP Aparicio	4	3	11	41
3	10	12:12	L Paniagua/ D Duarte	4	4	6	46
3	11	9:27	AJP Aparicio	4	2	2	22
3	12	11:25	AJP Aparicio	3	3	6	36
3	14	12:30	AJP Aparicio	3	3	12	42
3	15	9:40	AJP Aparicio	1	3	8	38
3	21	15:42	JM Vaquero	2	1	4	14
3	23	10:00	VMS Carrasco	3	2	4	24
3	29	11:30	JM Vaquero	2	1	3	13
3	29	11:50	A Flores/ J Zarza	4	1	3	13
3	31	12:12	L Paniagua/ D Duarte	4	1	1	11
4	1	10:00	AJP Aparicio	4	1	1	11
4	5	9:00	AJP Aparicio	3	2	8	28
4	6	9:15	AJP Aparicio	4	1	9	19
4	7	8:50	AJP Aparicio	3	1	8	18
4	7	12:12	L Paniagua/ D Duarte	4	1	2	12
4	8	9:55	JM Vaquero	2	2	2	22
4	9	11:55	JM Vaquero	2	1	7	17
4	12	9:10	J Muñoz	2	2	17	37
4	18	11:40	AJP Aparicio	1	2	5	25
4	21	12:10	L Paniagua/ D Duarte	4	2	2	22
4	22	10:35	L Bautista	3	2	2	22
4	23	15:50	JM Vaquero	3	1	1	11
4	24	10:05	AJP Aparicio	3	2	5	25
4	25	8:30	AJP Aparicio	4	3	7	37
4	26	9:20	A Flores/ J Zarza	4	3	3	33
4	27	12:30	JM Vaquero	2	5	8	58
4	29	9:20	AJP Aparicio	2	4	9	49
4	30	9:00	VMS Carrasco	4	8	27	107
5	1	9:30	VMS Carrasco	4	7	27	97
5	2	8:30	VMS Carrasco	3	7	21	91
5	3	9:00	AJP Aparicio	5	5	22	72
5	4	10:00	VMS Carrasco	2	5	10	60
5	9	16:45	VMS Carrasco	4	3	23	53
5	15	10:15	AJP Aparicio	3	5	24	74
5	16	8:30	AJP Aparicio	4	3	13	43
5	17	9:00	VMS Carrasco	1	2	9	29
5	18	8:25	AJP Aparicio	3	2	6	26
5	19	7:45	VMS Carrasco	5	3	5	35
5	20	8:30	AJP Aparicio	5	3	12	42
5	21	8:12	VMS Carrasco	5	1	3	13
5	22	10:30	VMS Carrasco	3	2	5	25
5	23	8:35	AJP Aparicio	2	1	1	11
5	24	9:15	VMS Carrasco	4	2	2	22

5	25	17:45	VMS Carrasco	1	2	6	26
5	26	9:00	AJP Aparicio	3	2	8	28
5	27	7:45	VMS Carrasco	5	2	9	29
5	30	8:55	AJP Aparicio	4	1	6	16
5	31	9:30	VMS Carrasco	5	2	5	25
6	1	8:30	AJP Aparicio	5	3	10	40
6	2	7:40	VMS Carrasco	4	1	4	14
6	3	8:15	AJP Aparicio	4	0	0	0
6	4	10:00	VMS Carrasco	4	0	0	0
6	5	19:00	VMS Carrasco	4	0	0	0
6	6	10:30	VMS Carrasco	3	0	0	0
6	7	7:50	JM Vaquero	3	0	0	0
6	8	8:30	AJP Aparicio	4	1	3	13
6	9	7:15	VMS Carrasco	4	1	8	18
6	10	7:45	VMS Carrasco	4	2	9	29
6	11	8:30	VMS Carrasco	4	3	12	42
6	12	9:00	VMS Carrasco	3	3	9	39
6	13	8:00	VMS Carrasco	5	3	7	37
6	14	8:00	VMS Carrasco	4	3	7	37
6	15	7:30	VMS Carrasco	2	3	5	35
6	16	7:30	VMS Carrasco	5	2	7	27
6	17	18:25	JM Vaquero	3	4	6	46
6	19	17:40	JM Vaquero	3	3	7	37
6	20	9:00	AJP Aparicio	4	3	5	35
6	21	7:15	VMS Carrasco	5	2	3	23
6	22	8:30	AJP Aparicio	4	2	4	24
6	23	7:15	VMS Carrasco	5	0	0	0
6	24	8:50	AJP Aparicio	3	0	0	0
6	25	9:00	VMS Carrasco	5	0	0	0
6	26	8:30	VMS Carrasco	5	1	1	11
6	27	8:00	VMS Carrasco	4	0	0	0
6	28	8:50	AJP Aparicio	4	0	0	0
6	29	8:55	AJP Aparicio	3	0	0	0
6	30	8:30	VMS Carrasco	4	0	0	0
7	1	8:00	VMS Carrasco	4	0	0	0
7	2	11:10	AJP Aparicio	4	0	0	0
7	3	9:55	AJP Aparicio	4	0	0	0
7	4	8:20	JM Vaquero	2	0	0	0
7	6	7:45	VMS Carrasco	4	1	1	11
7	7	8:50	AJP Aparicio	3	1	3	13
7	8	7:50	AJP Aparicio	3	1	2	12
7	9	8:00	VMS Carrasco	5	3	14	44
7	10	8:00	VMS Carrasco	5	4	17	57
7	11	7:45	VMS Carrasco	4	4	16	56
7	12	8:45	VMS Carrasco	5	5	9	59

7	13	7:30	VMS Carrasco	4	4	12	52
7	14	7:15	VMS Carrasco	5	5	25	75
7	15	8:00	VMS Carrasco	5	8	25	105
7	16	9:30	VMS Carrasco	5	4	13	53
7	17	7:45	VMS Carrasco	5	2	20	40
7	18	7:45	VMS Carrasco	5	4	35	75
7	19	7:30	VMS Carrasco	4	3	23	53
7	20	7:45	VMS Carrasco	2	3	19	49
7	21	8:00	VMS Carrasco	3	3	18	48
7	22	7:45	VMS Carrasco	4	2	22	42
7	24	8:00	VMS Carrasco	5	1	4	14
7	25	8:00	VMS Carrasco	5	0	0	0
7	26	7:45	VMS Carrasco	5	0	0	0
7	27	8:20	AJP Aparicio	4	0	0	0
7	28	8:10	AJP Aparicio	4	0	0	0
7	29	8:55	AJP Aparicio	4	1	1	11
8	16	8:15	VMS Carrasco	5	7	17	87
8	17	7:30	VMS Carrasco	4	5	8	58
8	18	7:45	VMS Carrasco	4	4	6	46
8	19	8:00	VMS Carrasco	5	5	10	60
8	20	9:00	VMS Carrasco	4	1	4	14
8	21	9:15	VMS Carrasco	4	1	1	11
8	22	7:45	VMS Carrasco	4	2	4	24
8	23	8:30	VMS Carrasco	4	3	14	44
8	24	7:15	VMS Carrasco	5	3	16	46
8	25	7:30	VMS Carrasco	5	4	16	56
8	26	8:00	VMS Carrasco	4	3	15	45
8	27	8:45	VMS Carrasco	4	4	17	57
8	28	10:00	VMS Carrasco	3	4	15	55
8	29	7:30	VMS Carrasco	3	4	15	55
8	30	7:15	VMS Carrasco	4	4	16	56
8	31	7:30	VMS Carrasco	4	5	21	71
9	1	7:30	VMS Carrasco	5	6	17	77
9	2	8:00	VMS Carrasco	4	4	17	57
9	3	6:45	VMS Carrasco	1	1	8	18
9	4	9:45	VMS Carrasco	4	3	18	48
9	5	7:45	VMS Carrasco	4	1	16	26
9	6	8:10	AJP Aparicio	4	3	11	41
9	7	7:30	VMS Carrasco	4	5	18	68
9	8	10:40	AJP Aparicio	4	3	19	49
9	9	7:25	VMS Carrasco	4	4	22	62
9	12	8:25	AJP Aparicio	3	3	7	37
9	13	9:00	VMS Carrasco	3	2	6	26
9	14	8:20	AJP Aparicio	3	2	5	25
9	15	11:15	VMS Carrasco	2	1	2	12

9	16	8:30	AJP Aparicio	4	1	3	13
9	17	10:15	AJP Aparicio	4	1	3	13
9	18	11:10	AJP Aparicio	4	3	7	37
9	19	8:00	VMS Carrasco	5	6	16	76
9	20	8:30	AJP Aparicio	4	4	17	57
9	20	10:30	J Muñoz	4	2	14	34
9	21	9:00	VMS Carrasco	3	3	19	49
9	22	8:45	N Bravo-Paredes	3	2	10	30
9	22	9:00	AJP Aparicio	3	2	9	29
9	23	6:45	VMS Carrasco	5	3	23	53
9	24	9:00	VMS Carrasco	5	3	22	52
9	25	10:30	VMS Carrasco	1	1	8	18
9	26	8:50	AJP Aparicio	3	1	13	23
9	27	7:15	VMS Carrasco	5	1	10	20
9	28	8:45	AJP Aparicio	5	1	14	24
9	29	7:15	VMS Carrasco	5	1	5	15
9	29	11:15	L Paniagua/ D Duarte	3	1	3	13
9	30	8:30	AJP Aparicio	4	0	0	0
10	1	11:40	AJP Aparicio	3	0	0	0
10	2	10:30	AJP Aparicio	4	0	0	0
10	3	7:45	VMS Carrasco	5	3	13	43
10	4	8:30	AJP Aparicio	3	2	17	37
10	5	7:45	VMS Carrasco	5	2	20	40
10	6	8:40	AJP Aparicio	3	3	25	55
10	7	7:30	VMS Carrasco	4	3	29	59
10	8	9:30	VMS Carrasco	4	4	30	70
10	10	10:30	AJP Aparicio	3	4	15	55
10	11	10:42	VMS Carrasco	2	6	19	79
10	13	8:30	VMS Carrasco	5	3	11	41
10	14	8:25	AJP Aparicio	5	3	8	38
10	16	11:45	JM Vaquero	2	2	3	23
10	17	16:00	VMS Carrasco	3	2	3	23
10	19	9:00	VMS Carrasco	2	2	11	31
10	20	8:20	JM Vaquero	4	1	5	15
10	25	7:45	VMS Carrasco	5	1	7	17
10	26	11:50	AJP Aparicio	2	1	3	13
10	27	9:15	VMS Carrasco	3	2	5	25
10	28	8:20	AJP Aparicio	3	3	10	40
10	29	9:15	VMS Carrasco	5	1	6	16
10	30	9:00	VMS Carrasco	4	1	3	13
10	31	9:15	VMS Carrasco	5	1	3	13
11	2	9:30	VMS Carrasco	5	0	0	0
11	3	8:56	JM Vaquero	2	1	2	12
11	5	10:30	VMS Carrasco	3	2	4	24
11	6	9:45	VMS Carrasco	4	2	2	22

11	7	8:00	VMS Carrasco	4	1	1	11
11	8	9:00	VMS Carrasco	4	0	0	0
11	9	10:00	VMS Carrasco	1	0	0	0
11	10	10:15	VMS Carrasco	4	2	4	24
11	11	9:00	VMS Carrasco	4	3	8	38
11	12	10:30	VMS Carrasco	2	1	1	11
11	13	11:15	VMS Carrasco	4	3	8	38
11	14	8:45	VMS Carrasco	4	2	7	27
11	15	9:15	VMS Carrasco	4	3	9	39
11	16	9:30	VMS Carrasco	4	3	12	42
11	17	10:15	VMS Carrasco	4	2	9	29
11	18	11:00	VMS Carrasco	3	2	8	28
11	19	10:15	VMS Carrasco	3	2	4	24
11	21	12:15	VMS Carrasco	1	0	0	0
11	22	14:00	VMS Carrasco	3	0	0	0
11	23	9:45	VMS Carrasco	5	1	1	11
11	24	13:30	VMS Carrasco	4	1	2	12
11	26	14:50	JM Vaquero	2	1	4	14
11	28	14:00	VMS Carrasco	4	3	11	41
11	29	12:15	VMS Carrasco	3	4	20	60
11	30	10:00	VMS Carrasco	4	3	16	46
12	1	10:45	VMS Carrasco	3	3	17	47
12	4	10:00	VMS Carrasco	1	1	14	24
12	5	9:45	AJP Aparicio	4	1	14	24
12	6	11:00	AJP Aparicio	4	1	10	20
12	7	12:40	AJP Aparicio	2	1	5	15
12	8	12:15	AJP Aparicio	1	1	1	11
12	9	10:45	AJP Aparicio	4	1	1	11
12	10	11:15	VMS Carrasco	4	0	0	0
12	11	10:30	VMS Carrasco	5	1	2	12
12	12	14:00	VMS Carrasco	3	1	1	11
12	19	13:25	JM Vaquero	2	1	2	12
12	20	10:10	AJP Aparicio	3	0	0	0
12	20	11:17	AJP Aparicio	4	2	2	22
12	21	12:30	AJP Aparicio	2	2	9	29
12	22	11:10	AJP Aparicio	2	1	1	11
12	22	12:00	JM Vaquero	2	1	1	11
12	23	11:45	AJP Aparicio	4	0	0	0
12	23	11:50	JM Vaquero	3	0	0	0
12	24	14:20	JM Vaquero	3	0	0	0
12	25	14:10	JM Vaquero	2	0	0	0
12	27	13:25	AJP Aparicio	2	1	4	14
12	28	11:25	AJP Aparicio	2	0	0	0
12	29	11:05	AJP Aparicio	4	0	0	0
12	30	10:40	AJP Aparicio	4	2	2	22

12	31	16:15	JM Vaquero	2	1	3	13
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Total number of observations: 264

Total number of days recorded: 247

Table 2. Daily, monthly, and yearly values of number of groups (*G*) in 2016.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1		3	4	1	7	3	0		6	0		3
2			5		7	1	0		4	0	0	
3		5	5		5	0	0		1	3	1	
4					5	0	0		3	2		1
5		3		2		0			1	2	2	1
6			5	1		0	1		3	3	2	1
7		6	3	1		0	1		5	3	1	1
8			3	2		1	1		3	4	0	1
9				1	3	1	3		4		0	1
10			4			2	4			4	2	0
11	3		2			3	4			6	3	1
12	3		3	2		3	5		3		1	1
13	2					3	4		2	3	3	
14		3	3			3	5		2	3	2	
15		3	3		5	3	8		1		3	
16		3			3	2	4	7	1	2	3	
17		3			2	4	2	5	1	2	2	
18	2	4		2	2		4	4	3		2	
19		3			3	3	3	5	6	2	2	1
20		3			3	3	3	1	4	1		2
21			1	2	1	2	3	1	3		0	2
22		2		2	2	2	2	2	2		0	1
23		2	2	1	1	0		3	3		1	0
24	2			2	2	0	1	3	3		1	0
25	4			3	2	0	0	4	1	1		0
26				3	2	1	0	3	1	1	1	
27		1		5	2	0	0	4	1	2		1
28		2				0	0	4	1	3	3	0
29	3	3	1	4		0	1	4	1	1	4	0
30	2			8	1	0		4	0	1	3	2
31	2		1		2			5		1		1
Monthly mean	2.6	3.1	3	2.5	3	1.4	2.2	3.7	2.5	2.2	1.7	1.0
Yearly mean	2.3											

Table 3. Daily, monthly, and yearly values of number of spots (S) in 2016.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1		7	12	1	27	10	0		17	0		17
2			8		21	4	0		17	0	0	
3		17	9		22	0	0		8	13	2	
4					10	0	0		18	17		14
5		26		8		0			16	20	4	14
6			11	9		0	1		11	25	2	10
7		23	3	8		0	3		18	29	1	5
8			11	2		3	2		19	30	0	1
9				7	23	8	14		22		0	1
10			6			9	17			15	4	0
11	10		2			12	16			19	8	2
12	8		6	17		9	9		7		1	1
13	6					7	12		6	11	8	
14		16	12			7	25		5	8	7	
15		16	8		24	5	25		2		9	
16		9			13	7	13	17	3	3	12	
17		4			9	6	20	8	3	3	9	
18	7	4		5	6		35	6	7		8	
19		6			5	7	23	10	16	11	4	2
20		18			12	5	19	4	17	5		2
21			4	2	3	3	18	1	19		0	9
22		7		2	5	4	22	4	10		0	1
23		9	4	1	1	0		14	23		1	0
24	19			5	2	0	4	16	22		2	0
25	18			7	6	0	0	16	8	7		0
26				3	8	1	0	15	13	3	4	
27		11		8	9	0	0	17	10	5		4
28		11				0	0	15	14	10	11	0
29	18	12	3	9		0	1	15	5	6	20	0
30	7			27	6	0		16	0	3	16	2
31	3		1		5			21		3		3
Monthly mean	10.7	12.3	6.7	7.1	10.9	3.7	10.3	12.2	12.0	10.7	5.3	4.0
Yearly mean	8.6											

Table 4. Daily, monthly, and yearly values of Wolf number (SN_{UEX}) in 2016.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1		37	52	11	97	40	0		77	0		47
2			58		91	14	0		57	0	0	
3		67	59		72	0	0		18	43	12	
4					60	0	0		48	37		24
5		56		28		0			26	40	24	24
6			61	19		0	11		41	55	22	20
7		83	33	18		0	13		68	59	11	15
8			41	22		13	12		49	70	0	11
9				17	53	18	44		62		0	11
10			46			29	57			55	24	0
11	40		22			42	56			79	38	12
12	38		36	37		39	59		37		11	11
13	26					37	52		26	41	38	
14		46	42			37	75		25	38	27	
15		46	38		74	35	105		12		39	
16		39			43	27	53	87	13	23	42	
17		34			29	46	40	58	13	23	29	
18	27	44		25	26		75	46	37		28	
19		36			35	37	53	60	76	31	24	12
20		48			42	35	49	14	57	15		22
21			14	22	13	23	48	11	49		0	29
22		27		22	25	24	42	24	30		0	11
23		29	24	11	11	0		44	53		11	0
24	39			25	22	0	14	46	52		12	0
25	58			37	26	0	0	56	18	17		0
26				33	28	11	0	45	23	13	14	
27		21		58	29	0	0	57	20	25		14
28		31				0	0	55	24	40	41	0
29	48	42	13	49		0	11	55	15	16	60	0
30	27			107	16	0		56	0	13	46	22
31	23		11		25			71		13		13
Monthly mean	36.2	42.9	36.7	31.8	40.9	17.5	32.2	49.1	36.6	32.4	22.1	13.5
Yearly mean	31.2											
Days recorded	9	16	15	17	20	29	27	16	28	23	25	22
Total days recorded	247											

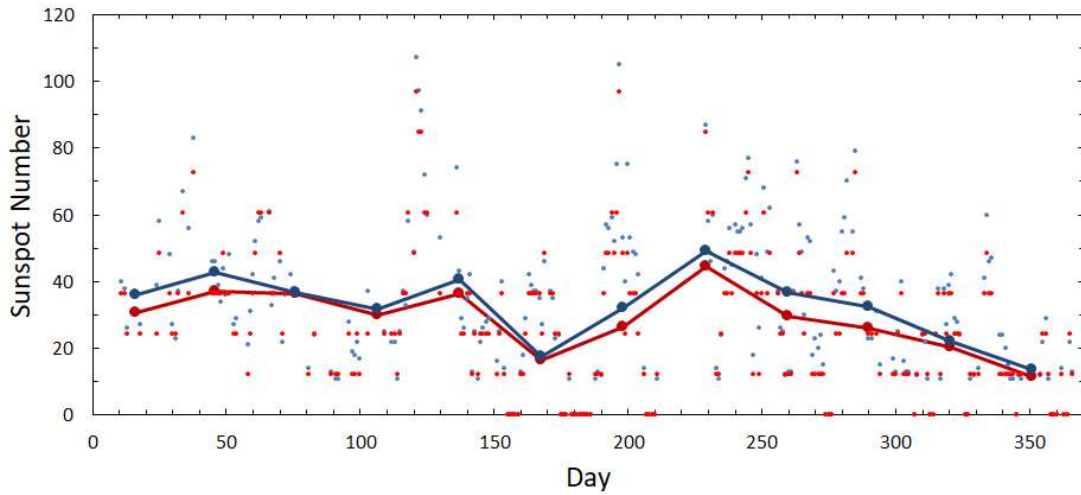


Figure 1. Daily (little dots) and monthly (big dots and lines) SN_{UEX} (blue) and GSN_{UEX} (red) values in 2016.

Relationship with the reference sunspot index

We have compared SN_{UEX} with the sunspot number (S_N , version 2.0), provided by the World Data Center SILSO, Royal Observatory of Belgium, Brussels (see Figure 2).

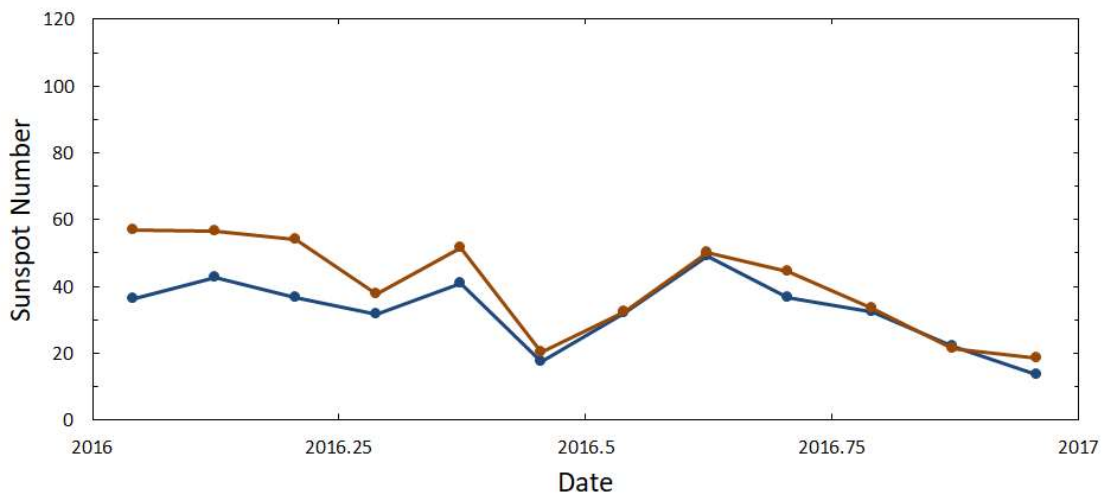


Figure 2. Monthly SN_{UEX} (blue) and S_N (brown) values in 2016.

Figure 3 shows a scatter plot of daily SN_{UEX} versus S_N values for those values corresponding to 2016. Here is the linear fit equation:

$$SN_{UEX} = (0.87 \pm 0.03) S_N + (-0.19 \pm 1.14) \quad (r = 0.902; p\text{-value} < 0.001)$$

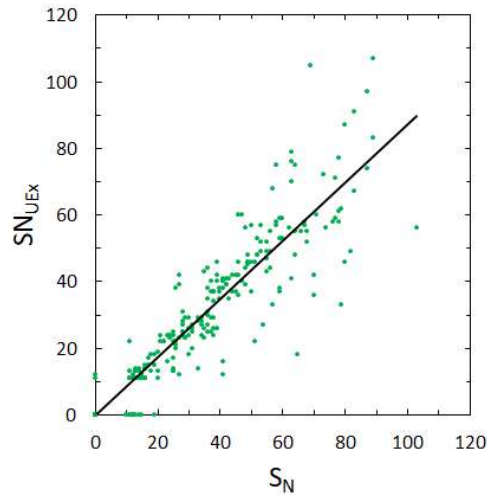


Figure 3. Scatter plot of daily SN_{UEX} versus S_N values in 2016.

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