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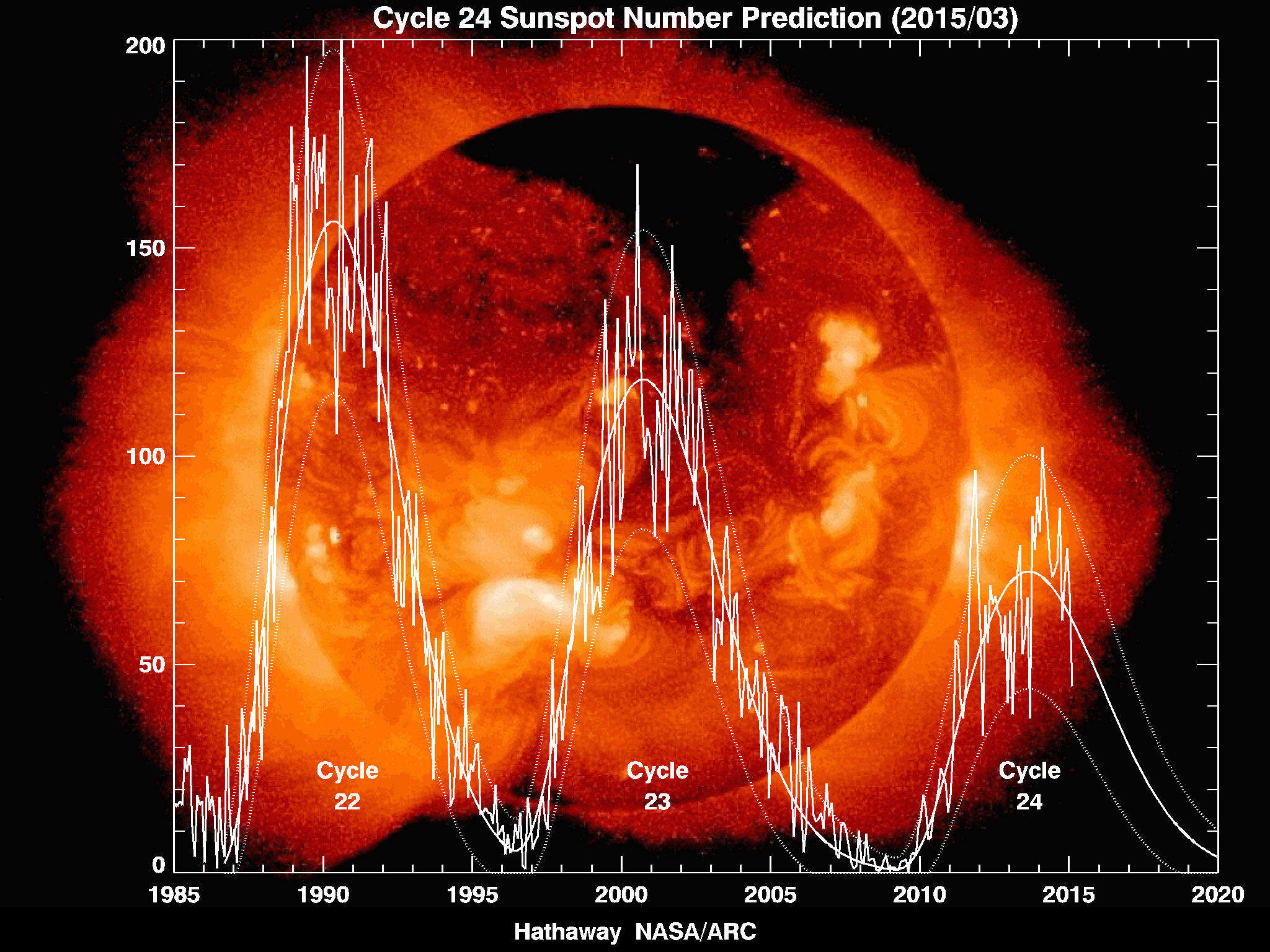
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**Figure 1.** Sunspot number as a function of year for solar cycles 22 thru 24. The plot shows both the observed sunspot numbers as well as the smoothed median sunspot numbers, projected out to the year 2020. Source: http://solarscience.msfc.nasa.gov/images/Cycle22Cycle23Cycle24big.gif



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