



# Stellar Activity and rotation from planetary transits

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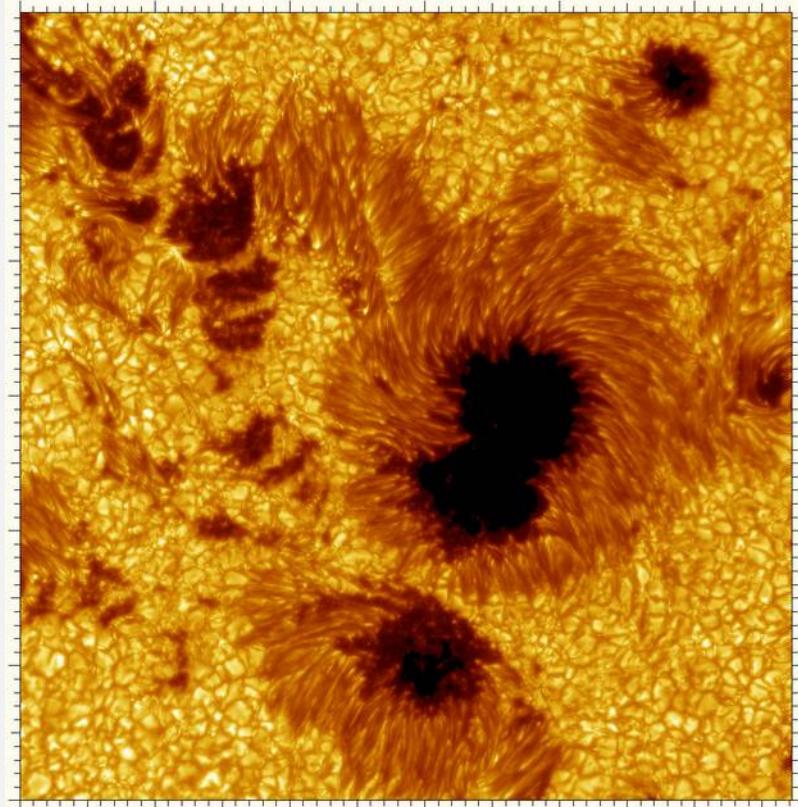
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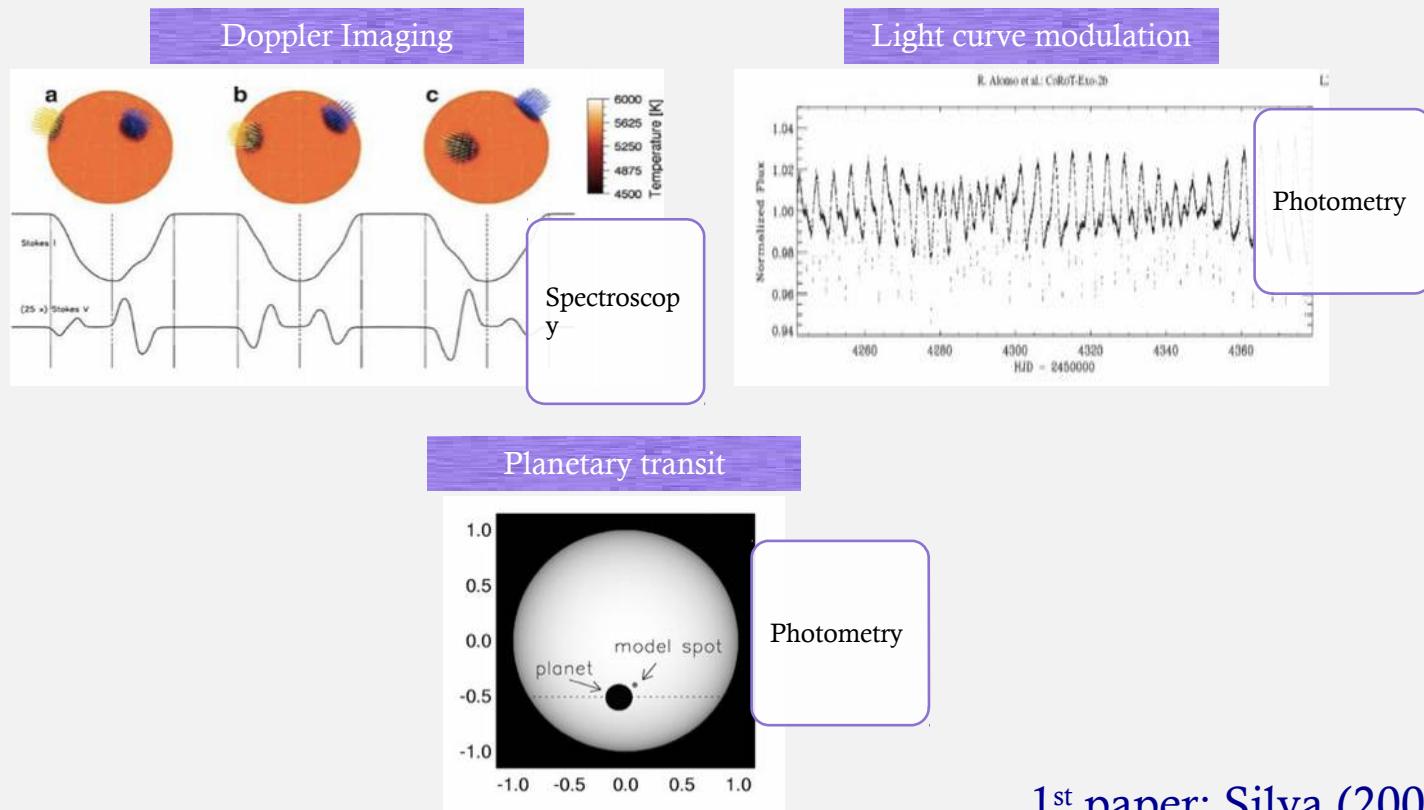
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# Spots

- Sunspots were the first indications of solar activity
- Very likely, all cool stars with a convective envelope like the Sun will have spots on their surfaces
- Current telescopes do not have the spatial resolution to detect spots similar to sunspots

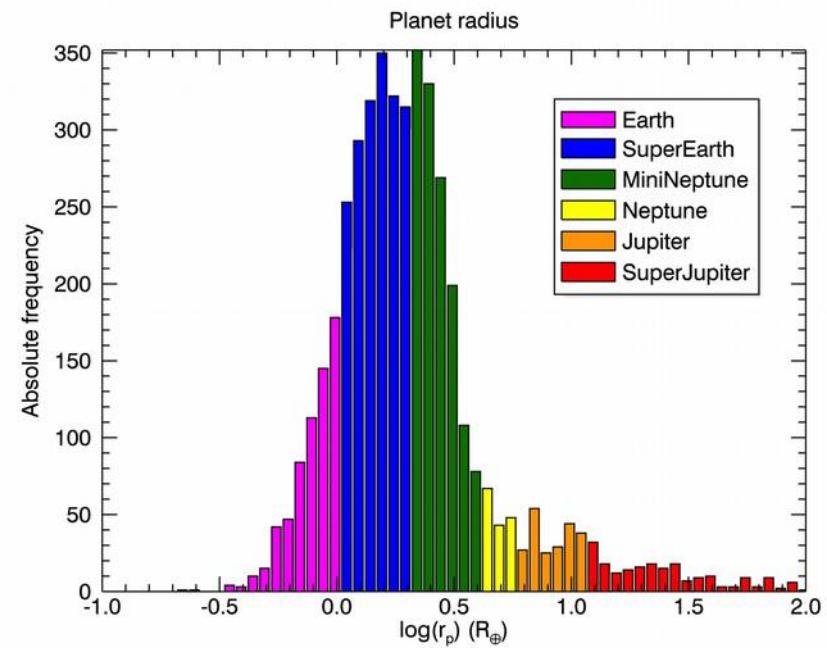


# Star spots



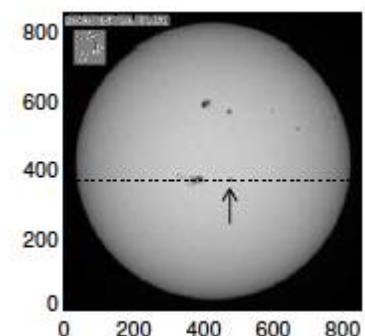
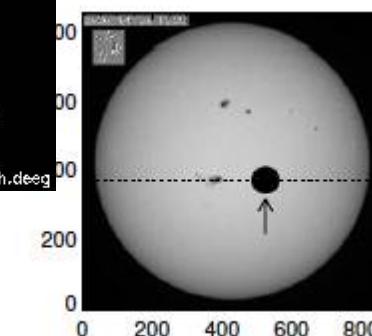
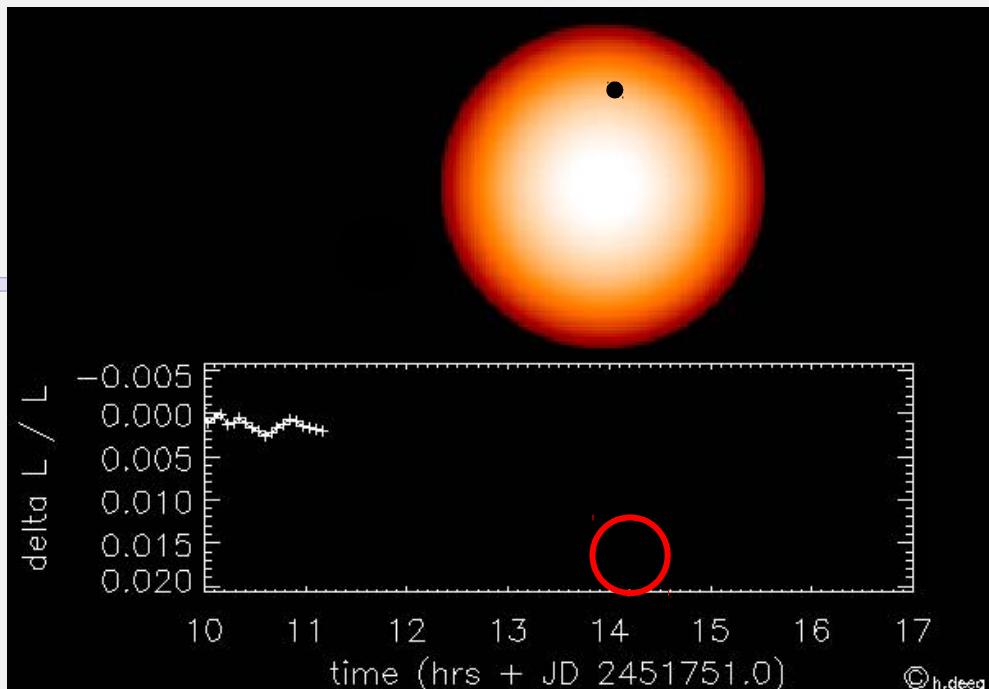
# Extrasolar planets

- Total of 4109 confirmed exoplanets discovered (04/Sep/2019);
- 2955 (72%) planets transit in front of its host star;
- Satellites:
  - MOST
  - CoRoT
  - Kepler/K2
  - TESS

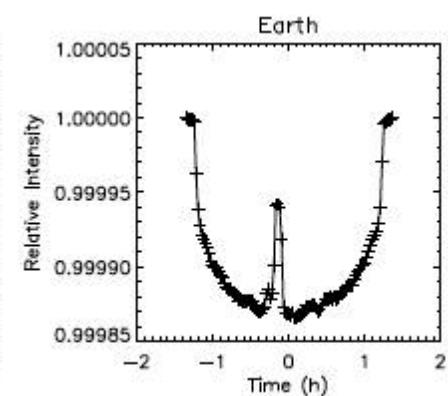
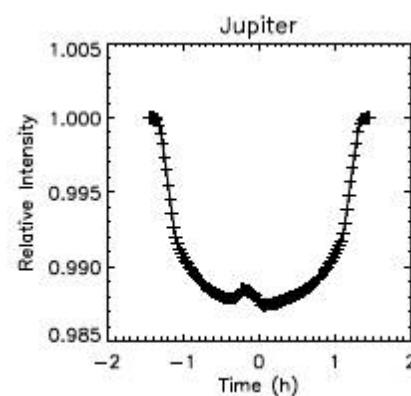


Guimarães & Valio (2018)

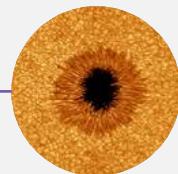
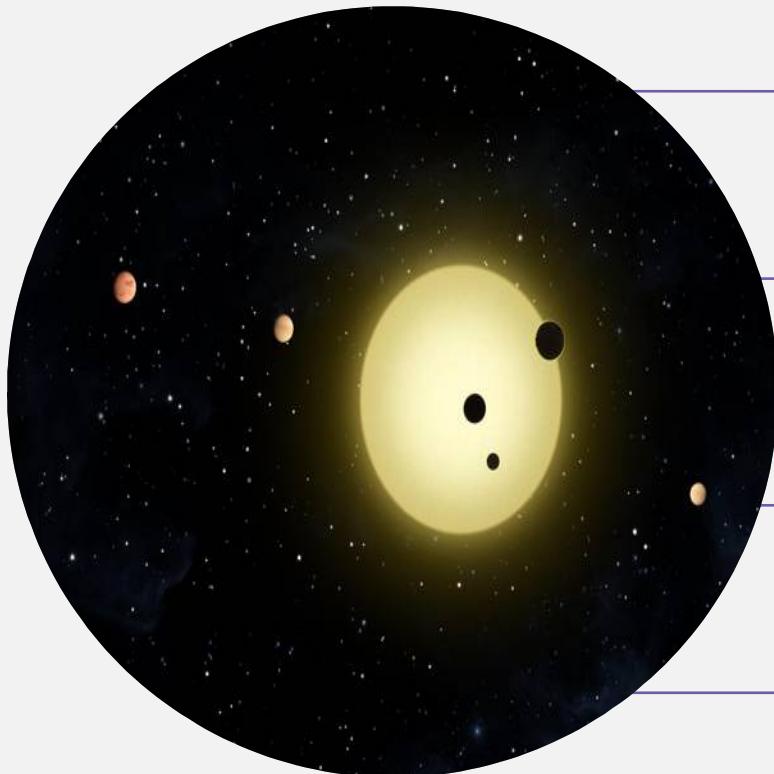
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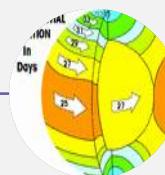
- Jupiter planet: 1 % decrease in flux
- Earth planet: 0.01% decrease in flux



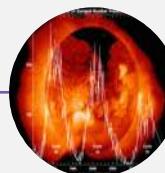
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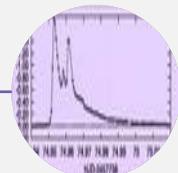
Spots



Rotation +  
Differential rotation



Magnetic field +  
cycle

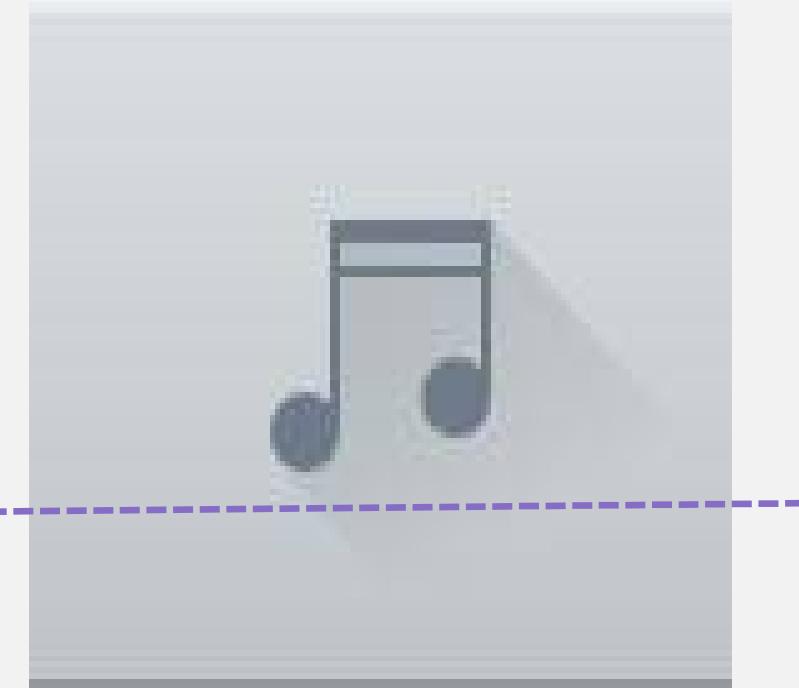


Flares

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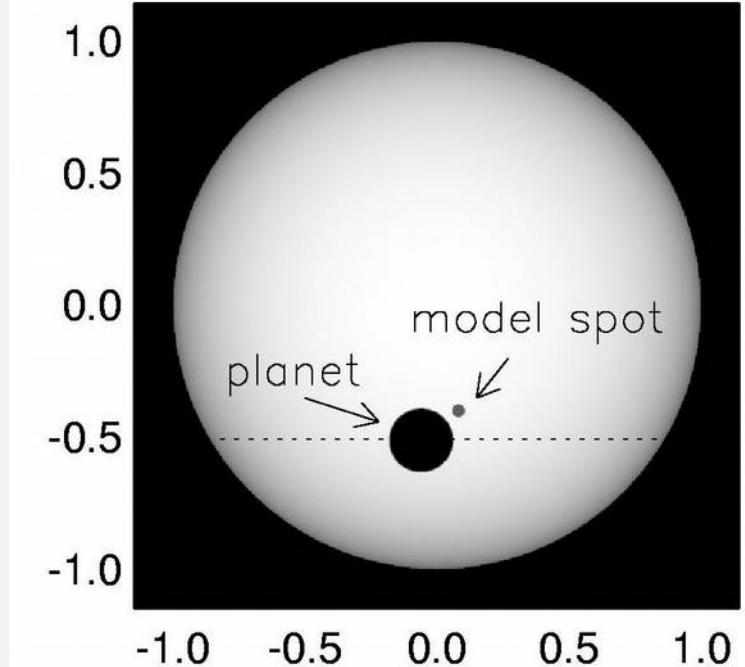
# Model: ECLIPSE



- Star
  - Limb darkening
- Planet
  - Radius (fraction of  $R_{\text{star}}$ )
- Orbit circular ( $e=0$ )
  - Semimajor axis ( $a$ )
  - Period ( $P_{\text{orb}}$ )
  - Inclination ( $i$ )

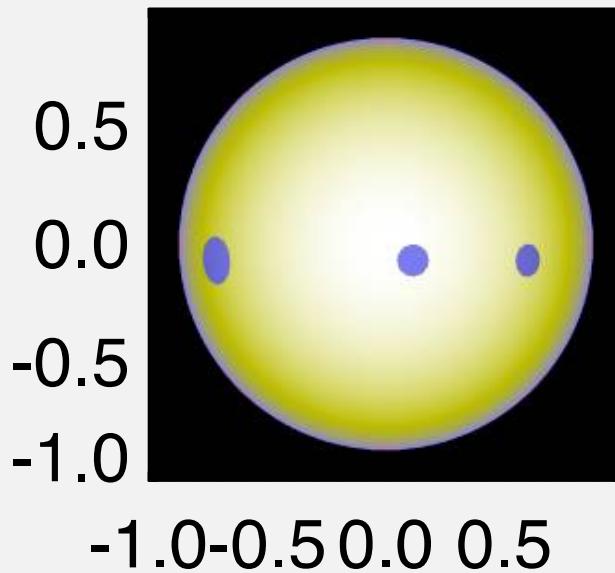
# Spots

- Spot: 3 parameters:
  - Intensity ( $I_c$ )
  - Size ( $R_p$ )
  - Position:
    - Longitude & Latitude
- Foreshortening effect of spots included

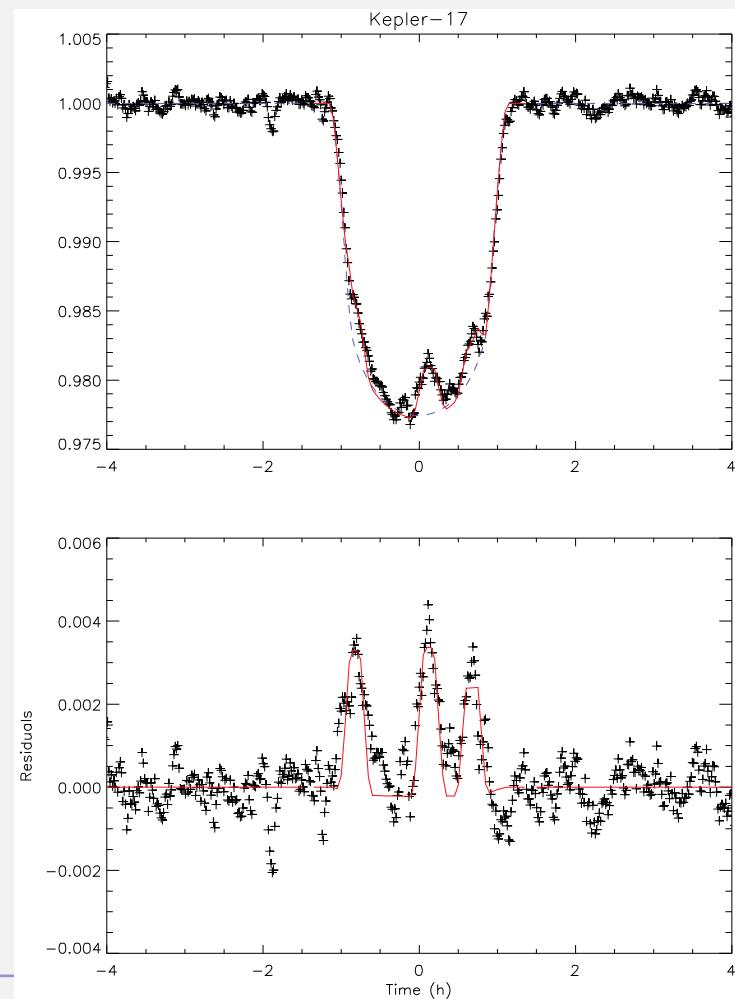


# Light curve fitting

Kepler-17



Valio et al. (2017)



# Stellar Systems

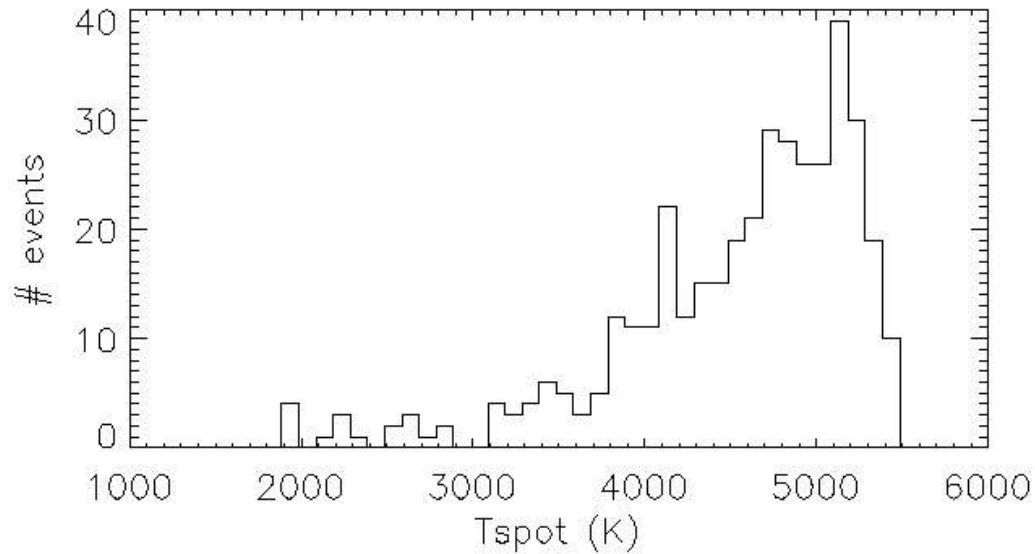
Star	CoRoT-2	CoRoT-4	CoRoT-6	CoRoT-8	CoRoT-18	Kepler-17	Kepler-63	Kepler-71
Spectral type	G7V	F8V	F9V	K1V	G9V	G2V	G8V	G7V
Mass ( $M_{\text{sun}}$ )	0.97	1.10	1.055	0.88	0.95	1.16	0.984	0.997
Radius ( $R_{\text{sun}}$ )	0.902	1.17	1.025	0.77	1.0	1.05	0.901	0.887
Prot (d)	4.54	8.87	6.35	21.7	5.4	12.28	5.4	19.77
Teff (K)	5625	6190	6090	5080	5440	5781	5576	5540
Age (Gyr)	0.13-0.5	0.7-2.0	1.0-3.3	2.0-3.0	?	>1.78	0.2	2.5-4
Planet								
Mass ( $M_{\text{jup}}$ )	3.31	0.72	2.96	0.22	3.47	2.45	--	--
Radius ( $R_{\text{star}}$ )	0.172	0.107	0.117	0.090	0.142	0.138	0.0662	0.1358
Porb (d)	1.743	9.203	8.886	6.212	1.90	1.49	9.434	3.905
$a$ ( $R_{\text{star}}$ )	6.7	17.47	17.95	17.61	6.35	5.73	19.55	12.186
Latitude (°)	-14.6	0	-16.4	-29.4	-22.8	-4.6	--	-5.4

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# Temperature

- Black body emission for spot & stellar photosphere



$$\frac{I_o}{I_e} = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{hv}{KT_e}\right) - 1}{\exp\left(\frac{hv}{KT_o}\right) - 1}$$

Silva-Valio et al. (2010)

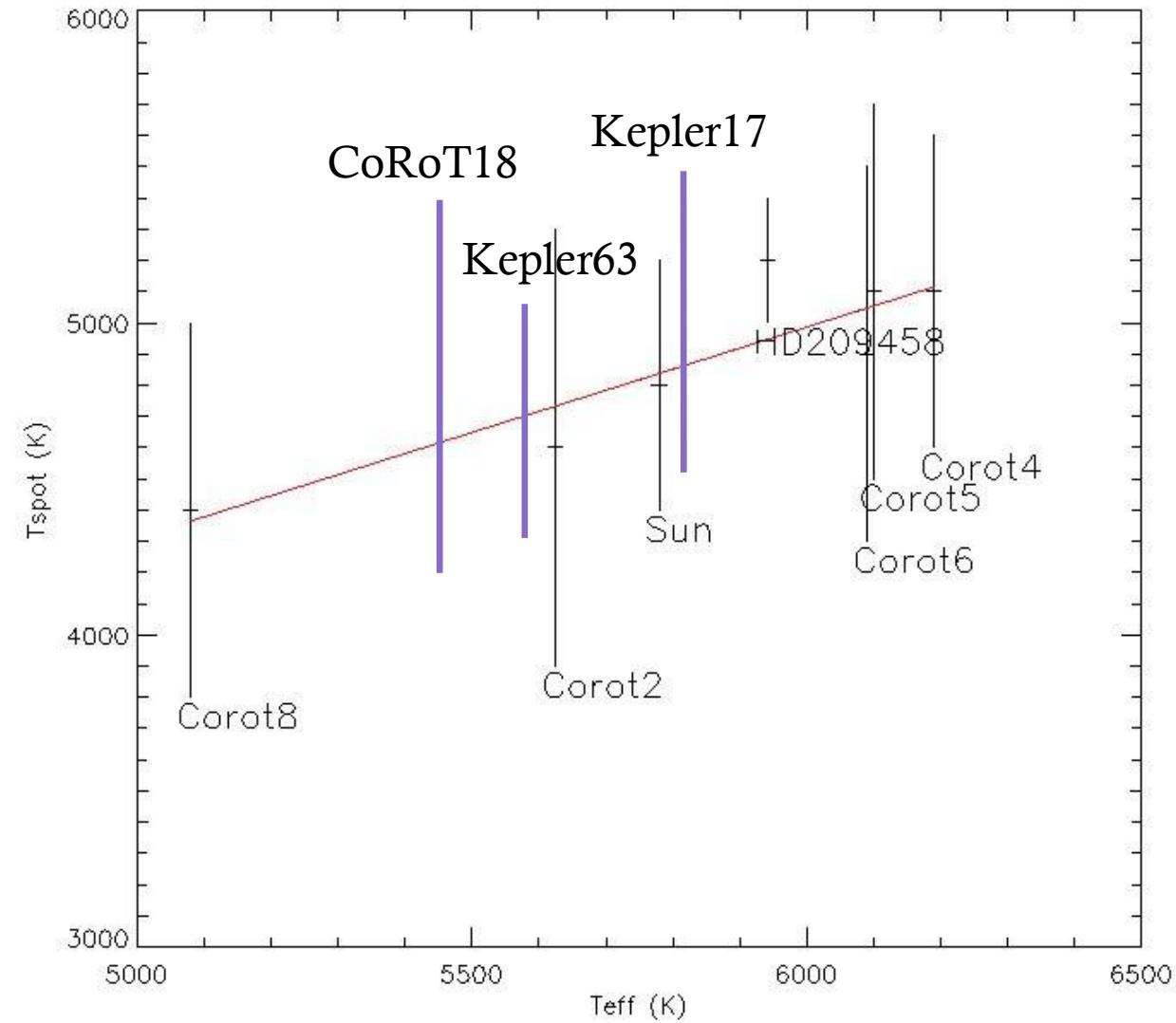
- CoRoT 2:
  - $T_{\text{eff}} = 5625 \text{ K}$
  - $T_{\text{spot}} = 4700 \pm 300 \text{ K}$  (Sun:  $3500 - 4500 \text{ K}$ )

# Spot characteristics

Star	CoRoT-2	CoRoT-4	CoRoT-6	CoRoT-18	Kepler-17	Kepler-63	Kepler-71	Sun
Radius (Mm)	55 $\pm$ 19	51 $\pm$ 14	48 $\pm$ 14	65 $\pm$ 19	80 $\pm$ 50	32 $\pm$ 14	51 $\pm$ 26	12 $\pm$ 10
Area (%)	13	6	9	13	11		4	< 1
T <sub>spot</sub> (K)	4600 $\pm$ 700	5100 $\pm$ 500	4900 $\pm$ 600	4800 $\pm$ 600	5100 $\pm$ 500	4700 $\pm$ 400	4800 $\pm$ 500	4800 $\pm$ 400
T <sub>eff</sub> (K)	5625	6190	6090	5440	5780	5576	5540	5780
T <sub>spot</sub> /T <sub>eff</sub>	0.818	0.824	0.804	0.882	0.875	0.846	0.866	0.830

# Temperature

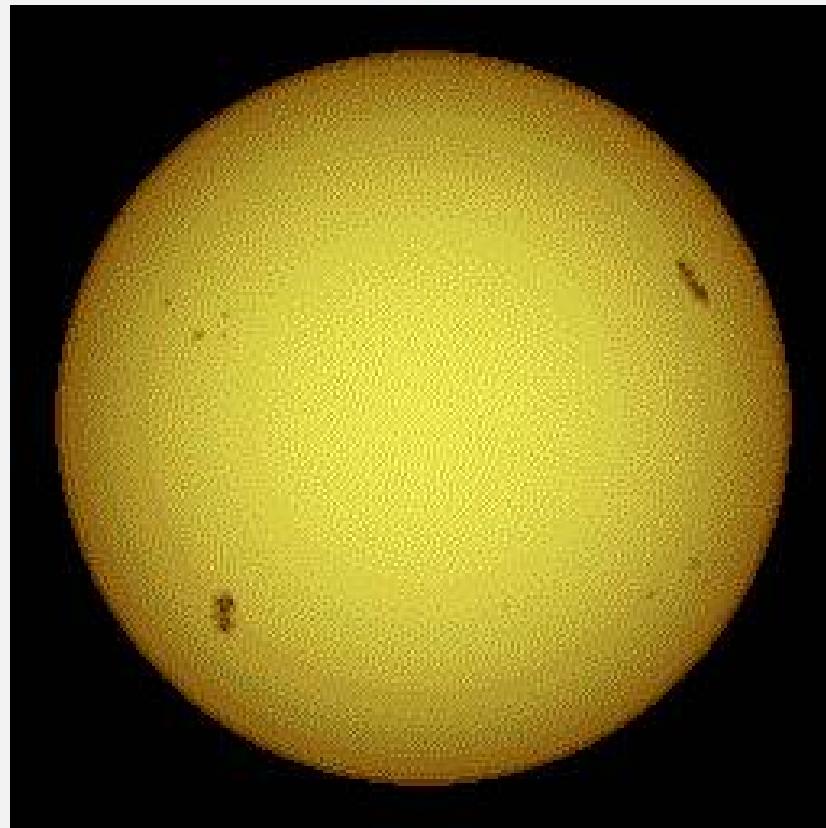
$$T_{\text{spot}}/T_{\text{eff}} = 0,84 \pm 0,10$$



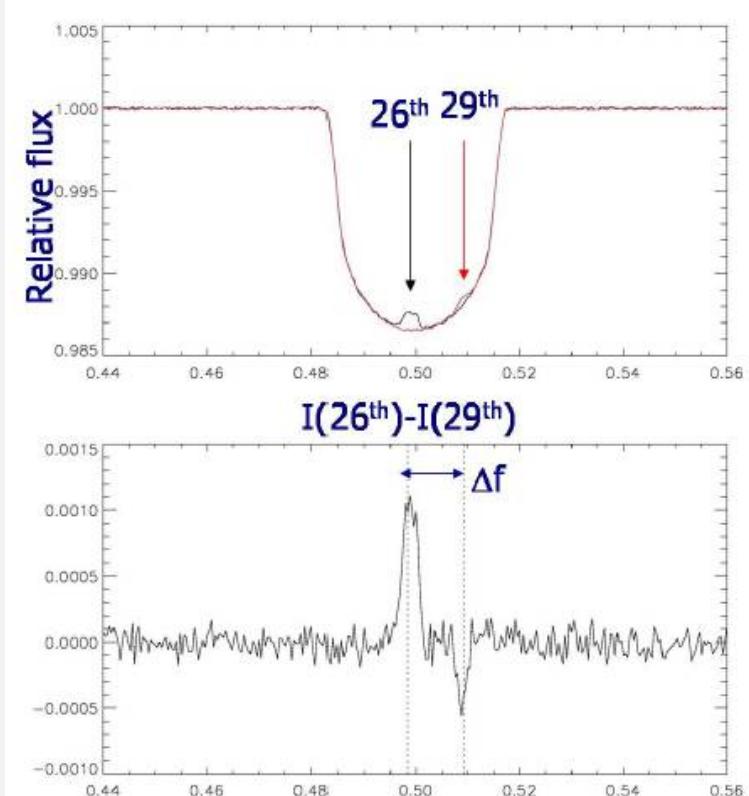
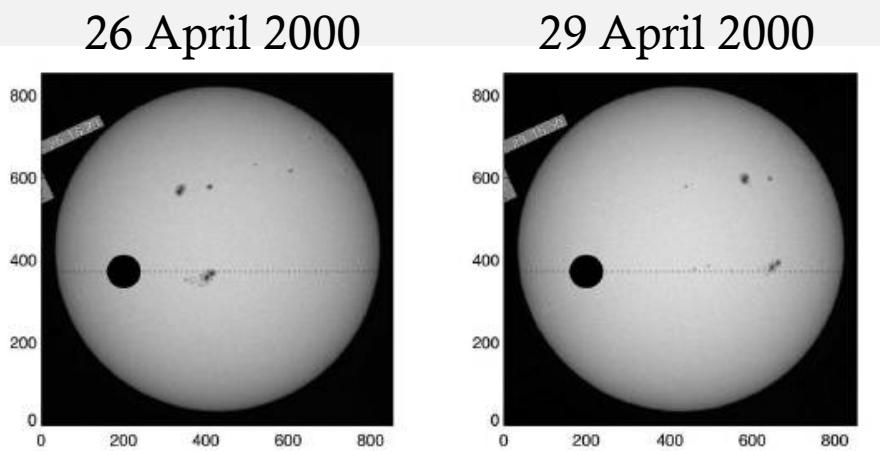
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# Solar Rotation

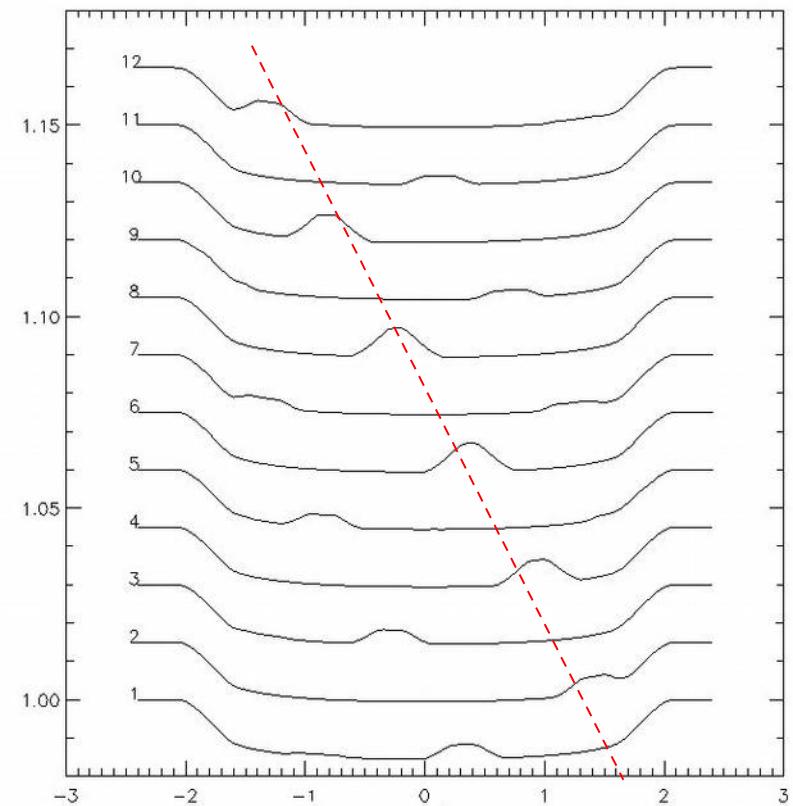
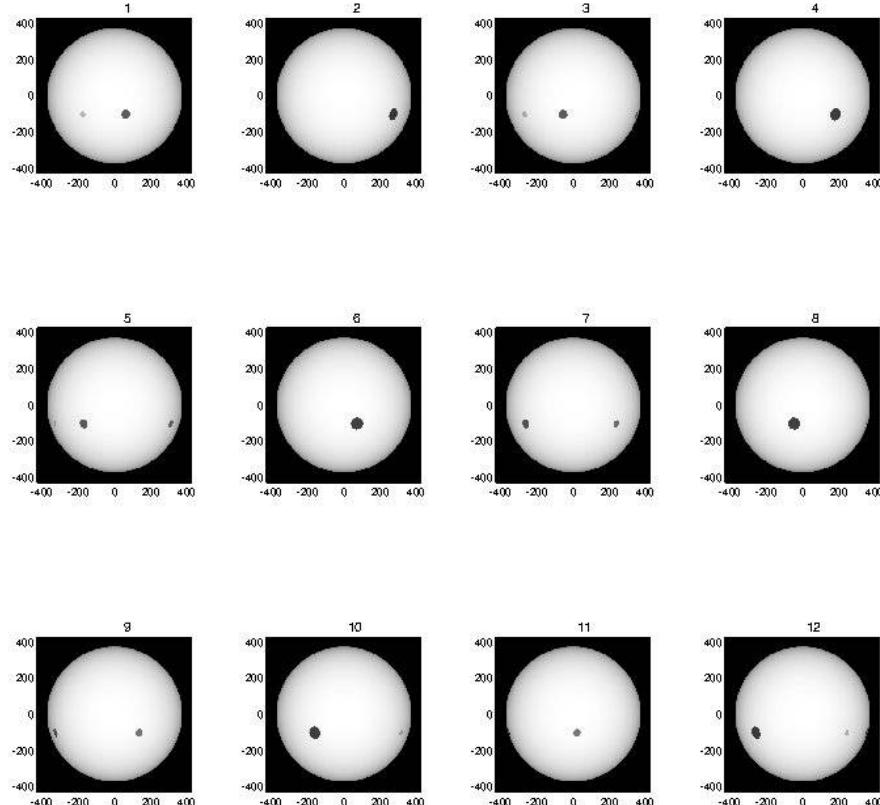


# Rotation from transits



Silva-Valio (2008)

# Simulation: 4 spots



- $\text{Porb} = 8.88 \text{ d}$
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Average Prot= 6.35 d  
Prot at transit latitude = 6.03 d

Valio (2013)

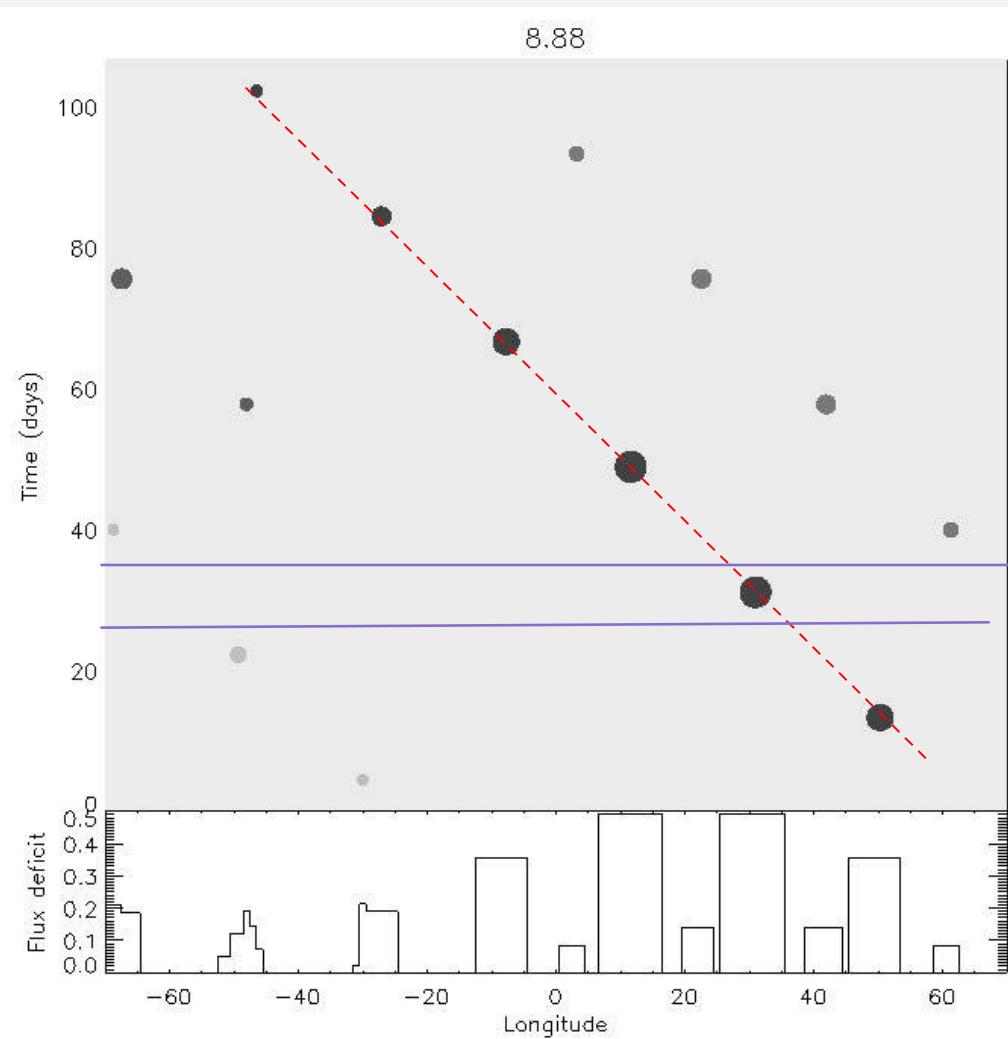
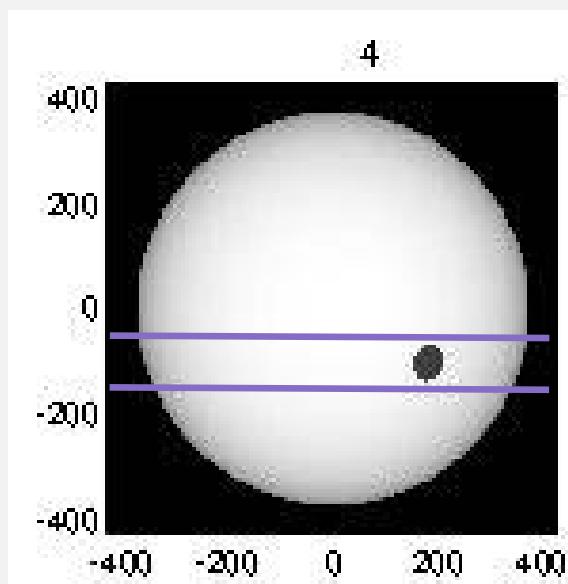
# Rotational longitude

- Coordinate system transformation from Earth centered,  $\beta_{topo}$ , to a coord. system that rotates with the star with  $P_{rot}$ ,  $\beta_{rot}$

$$\beta_{rot} = \beta_{topo} - 360^\circ \frac{n P_{orb}}{P_{rot}}$$

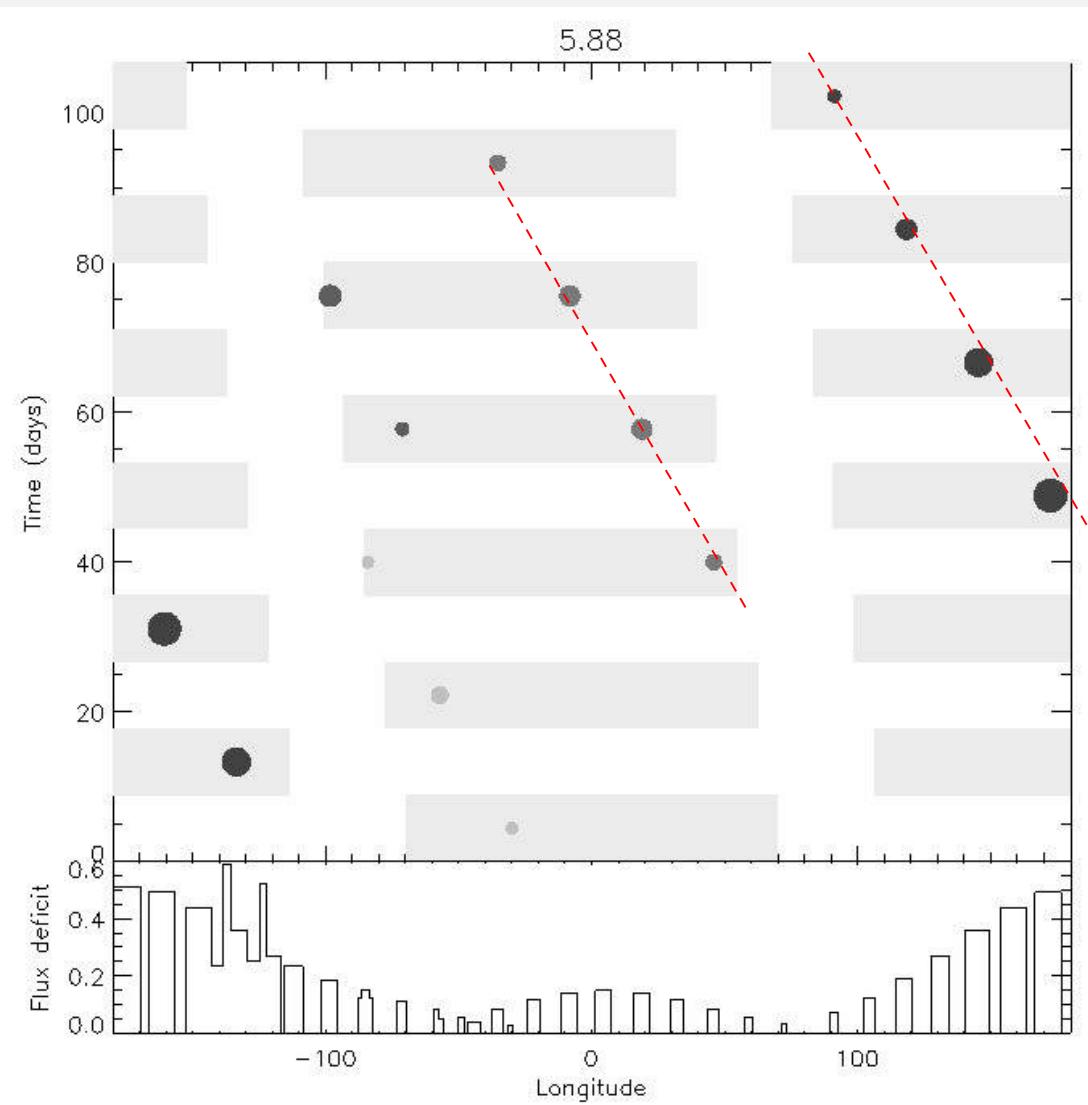
- $P_{orb}$  = orbital period (d)
- $n$  = transit number
- Vary  $P_{rot}$  until spots align vertically in stellar surface map.

# Stellar surface map



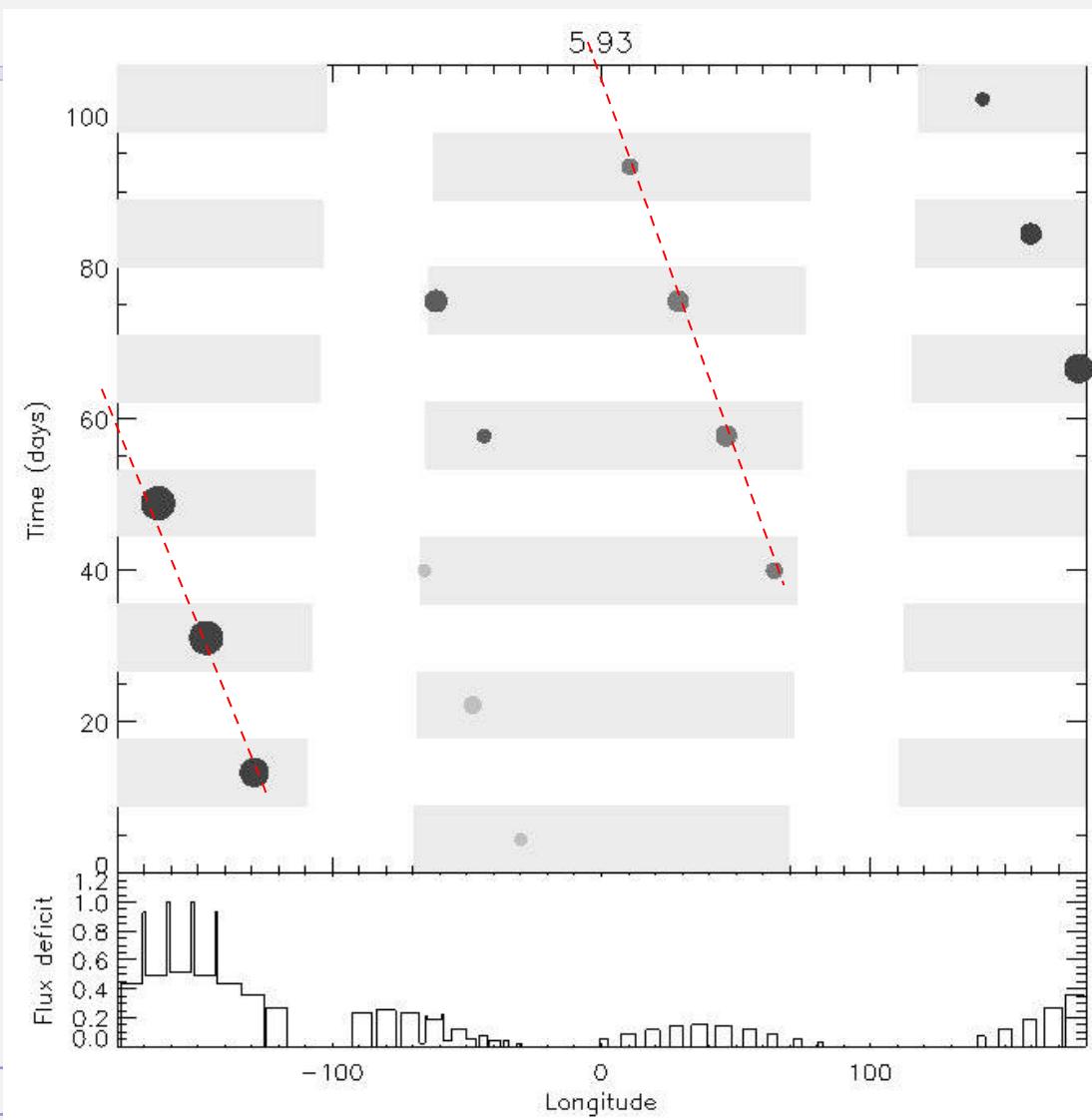
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P<sub>rot</sub>=5.88 d



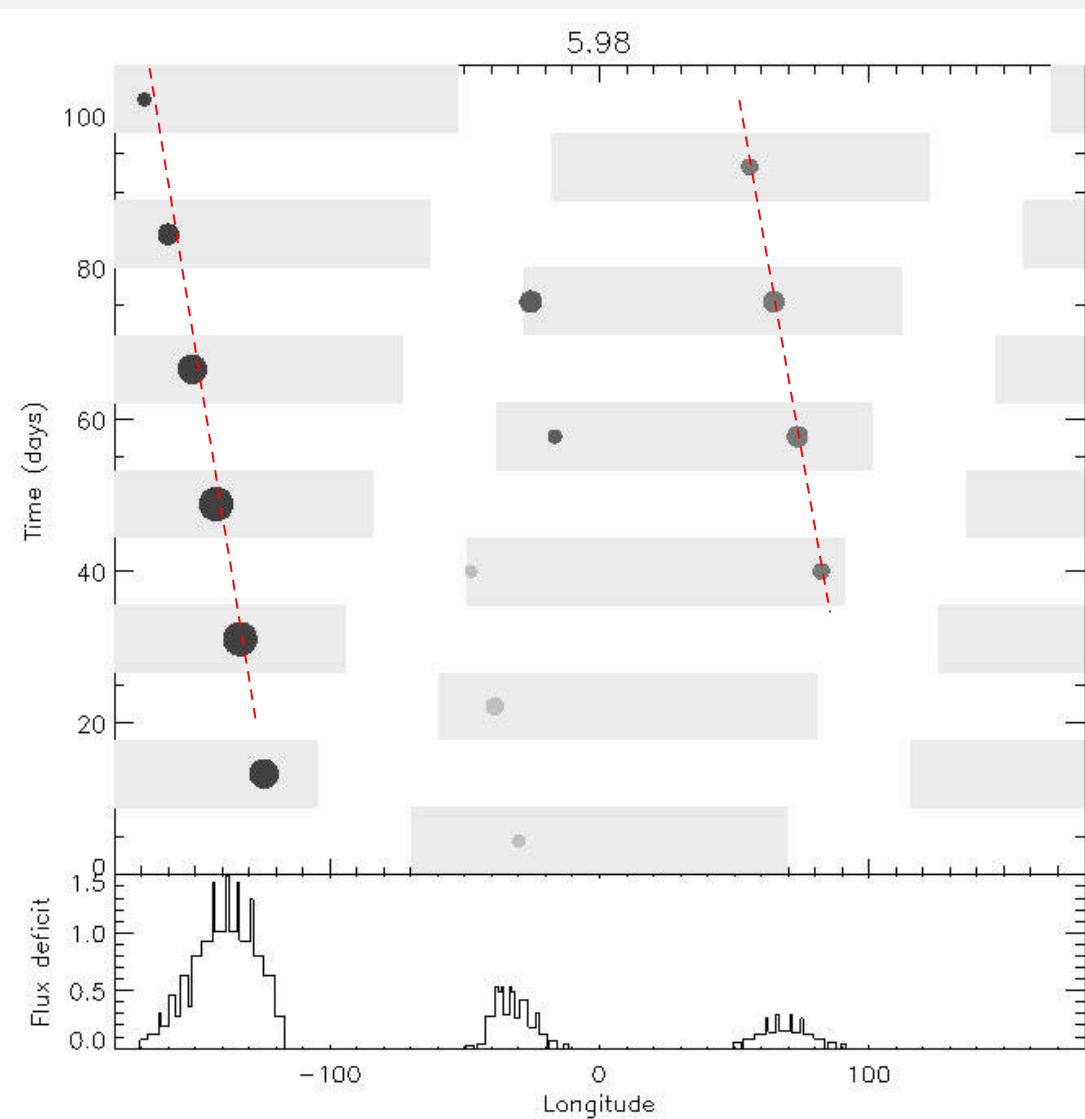
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$P_{rot}=5.93$  d



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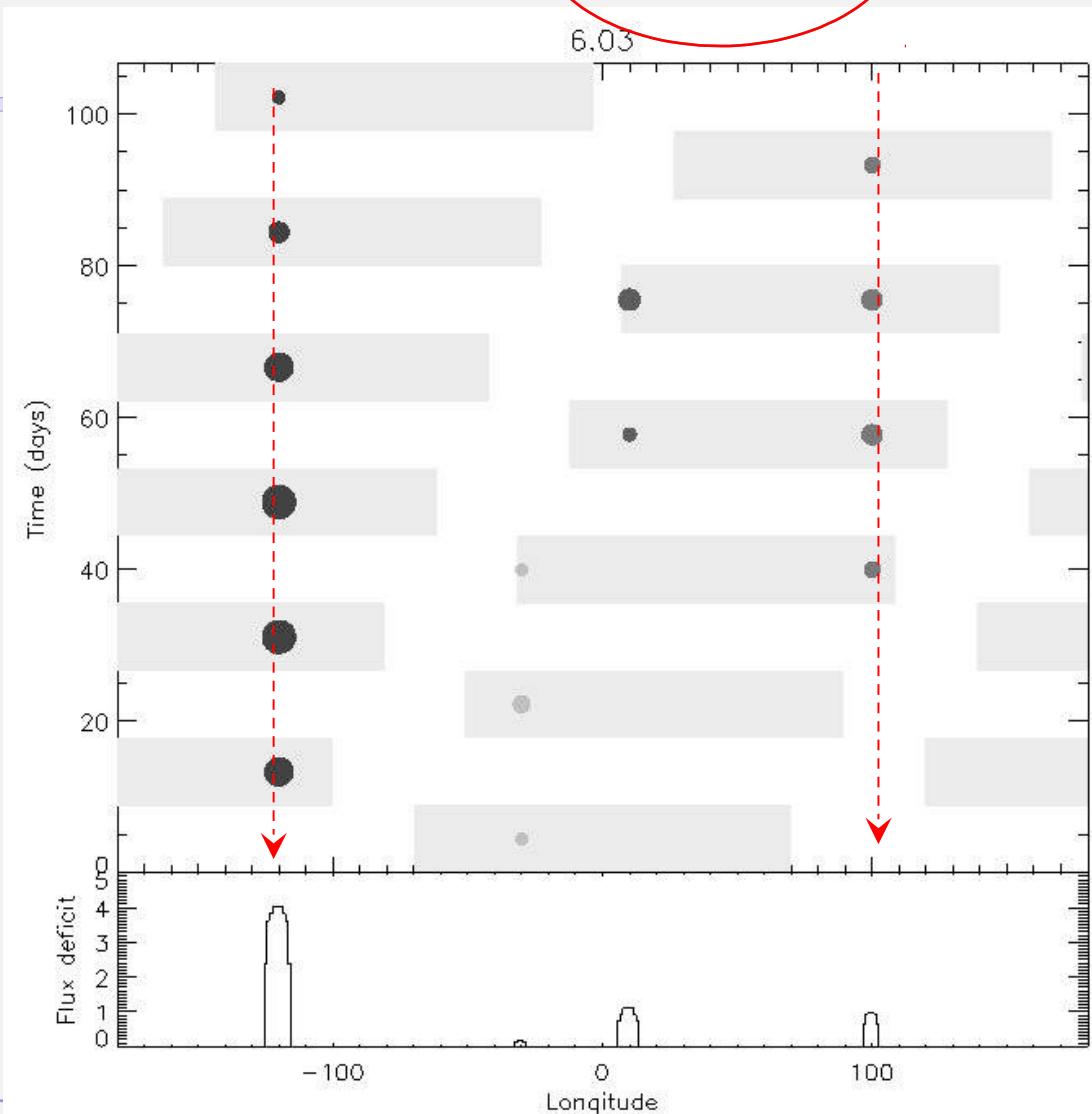
P<sub>rot</sub>=5.98 d



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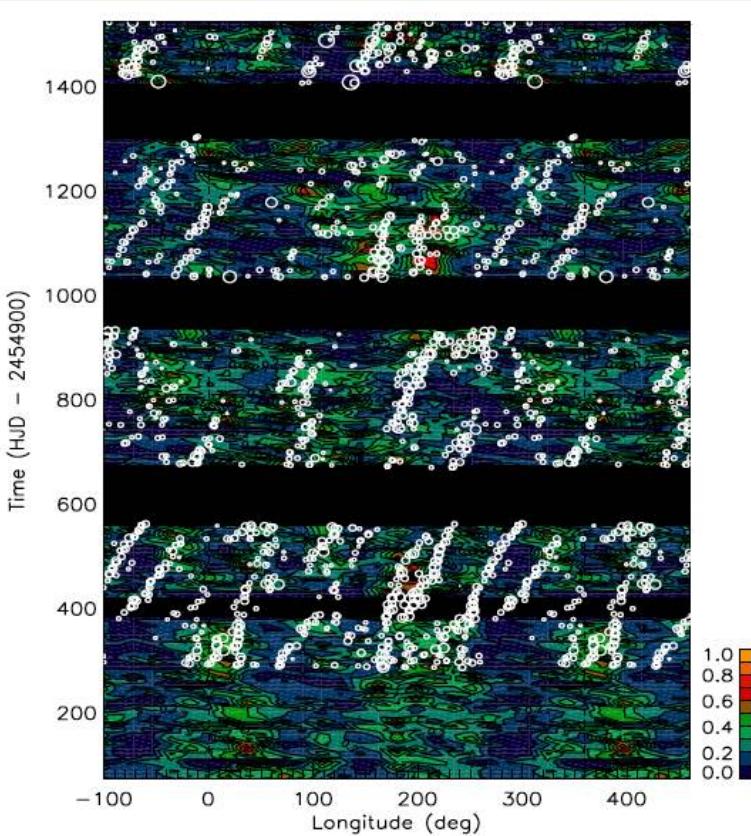
P<sub>rot</sub>=6.03 d

P<sub>rot</sub> at transit latitude

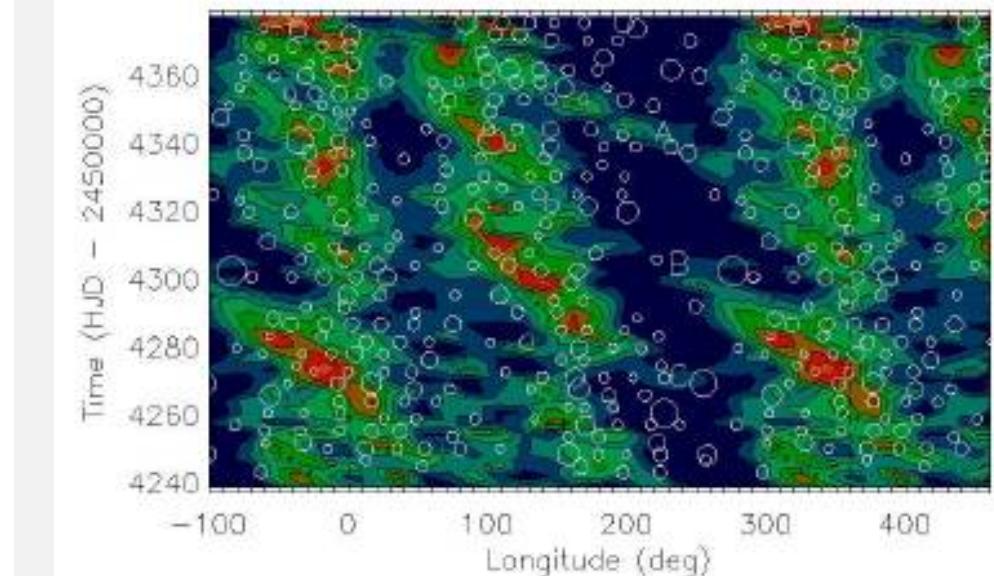


# Out-of-transit X transit modeling

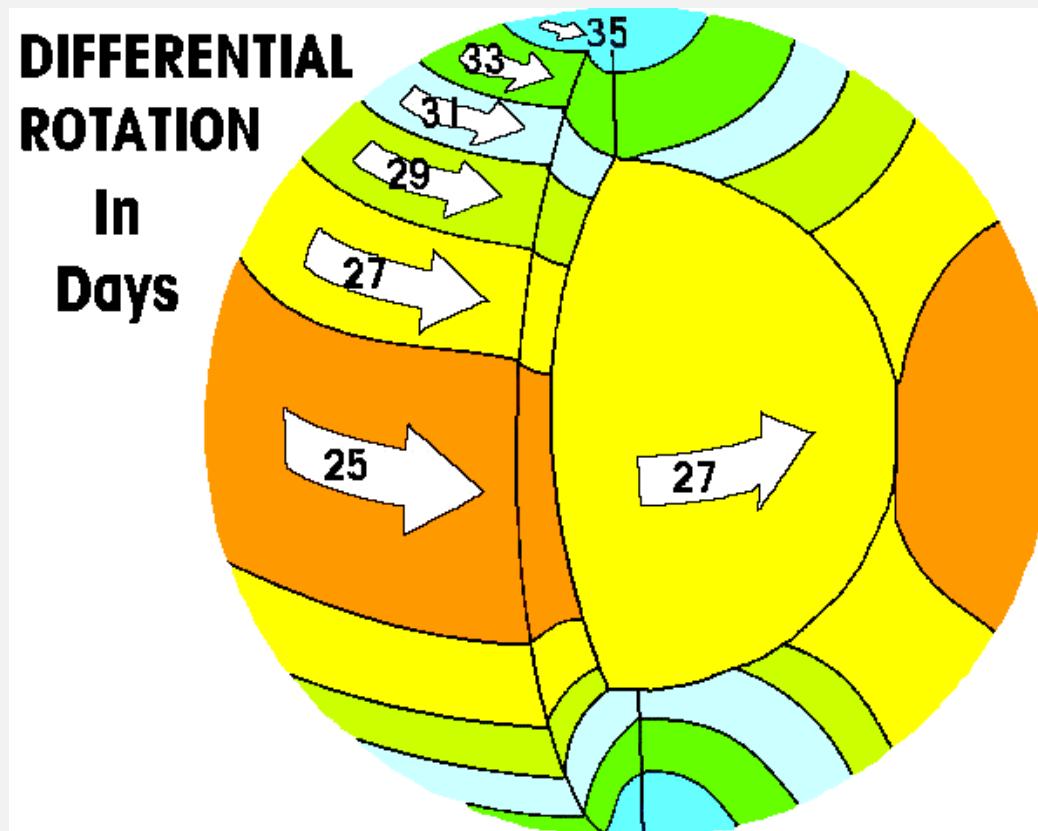
Kepler-17



CoRoT-2



# Solar differential rotation





# Differential rotation

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# Coplanar orbit

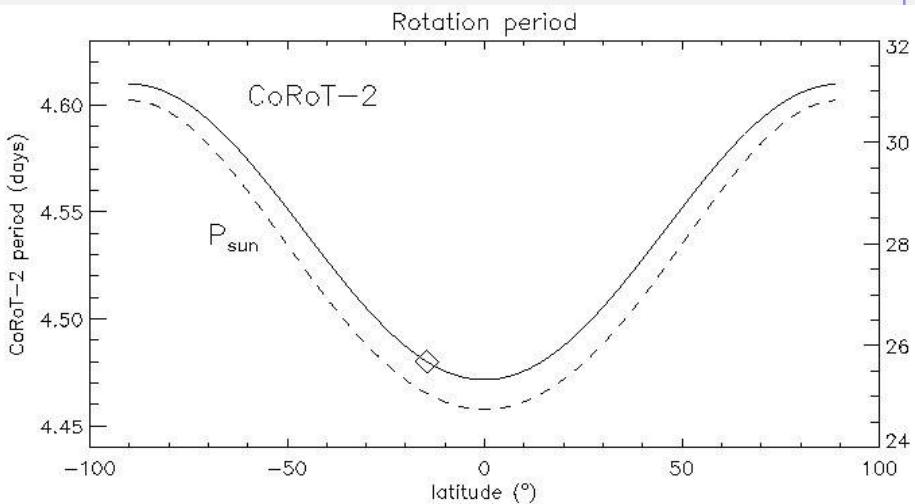
- Assume solar profile

$$\Omega = A - B \sin^2(\alpha)$$

- where  $P = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega}$

- Two measurements:

- ❖ Average  $P_{\text{rot}}$  :
  - ❖  $P_{\text{rot}}$  at latitude  $\alpha_1$  (transit):



$$\Omega_0 = \frac{1}{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1} \int_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2} (A - B \sin^2 \alpha) d\alpha$$

$$\Omega_1 = A - B \sin^2 \alpha_1$$

- Differential rotation :  $\Delta\Omega (\text{rd/d}) = \Omega_{\text{eq}} - \Omega_{\text{pole}}$
- Relative differential rotation:  $\Delta\Omega/\Omega (\%)$

# Stellar rotation

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Mass ( $M_{\text{sun}}$ )	0.97	1.10	1.055	0.95	1.16	0.997	1.0
Latitude ( $^{\circ}$ )	-14.6	0	-16.4	-22.8	-4.6	-5.4	0
$P_{\text{rot}}$ (d)	4.54	8.87	6.35	5.4	12.28	19.77	27.6
$P_{\text{rot}}(\text{lat})$ (d)	4.48	8.71	6.08	4.68	11.4	19.71	
Diff Rot (rd/d)	0.042	0.026	0.101	0.45	0.077	0.005	0.050
Relat Diff Rot. (%)	3.04	3.64	10.2	38.0	15.0	< 2	22.1
$P_{\text{equat}}$ (d)	4.47	8.53	5.98	4.5	11.4	19.67	24.7
$P_{\text{orb}} : P_{\text{equat}}$	2 : 5	1 : 1	3 : 2	2 : 5	1 : 8	1 : 5	

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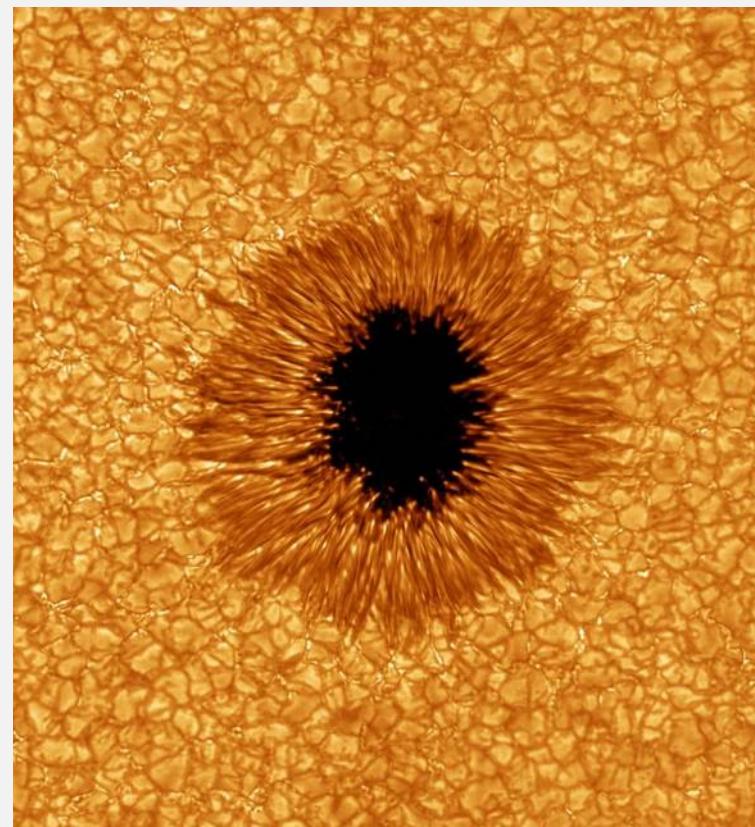
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# Sun

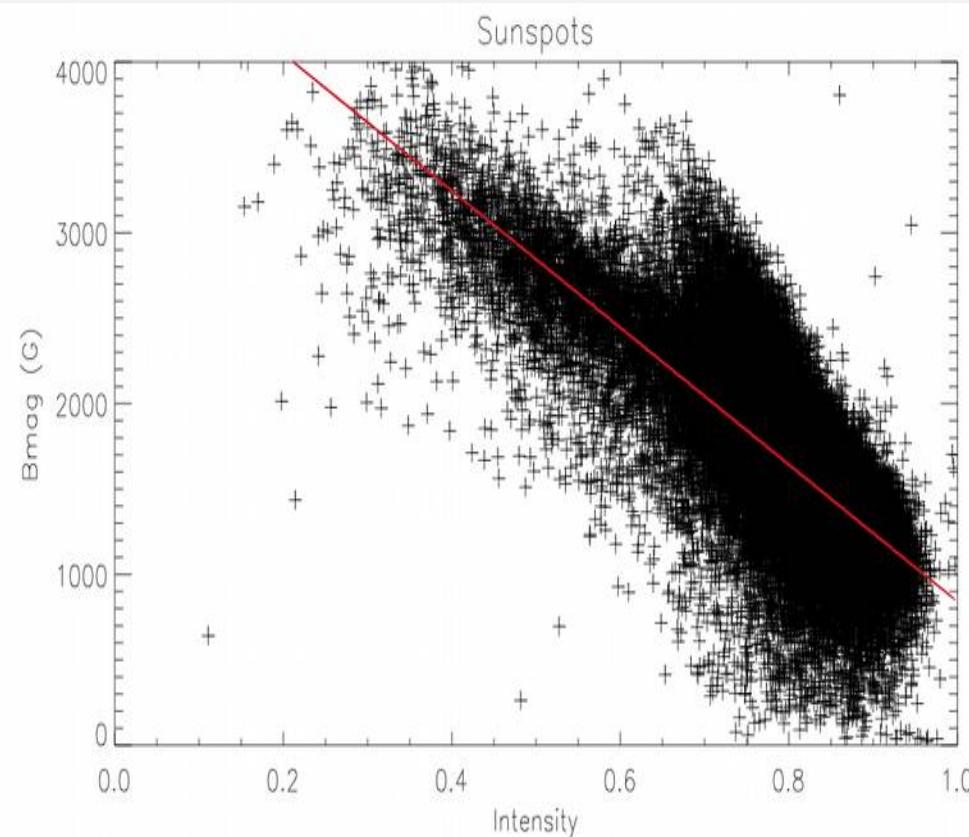
Eduardo Spagiari

- 32,317 sunspots from 6970 SOHO/MDI images and magnetograms (cycle 23: 1996-2008)



# Sunspots characteristics

$$B_{mag} = (4848 \pm 15) - (4008 \pm 20) \cdot \frac{I_{spot}}{I_{star}}$$

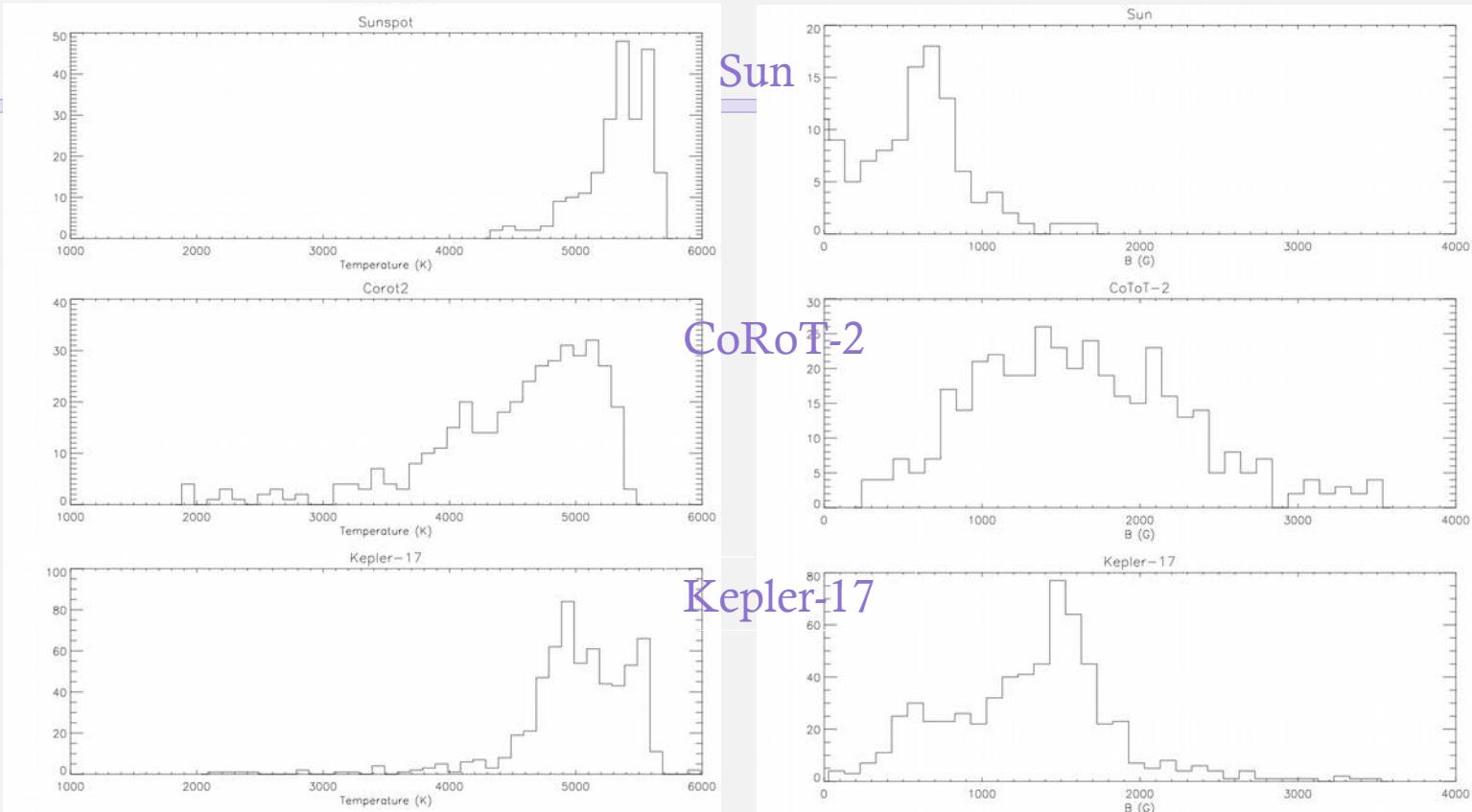


# Other stars

- Four stars with transiting planets were analyzed;
- Small variations in the transit light curves of these stars have been fit yielding the characteristics of:
  - 392 spots - CoRoT-2
  - 1069 spots - Kepler-17
  - 297 spots – Kepler-63
  - 76 spots – Kepler-71
- Spot intensity => Magnetic Field

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# $B_{\max}$

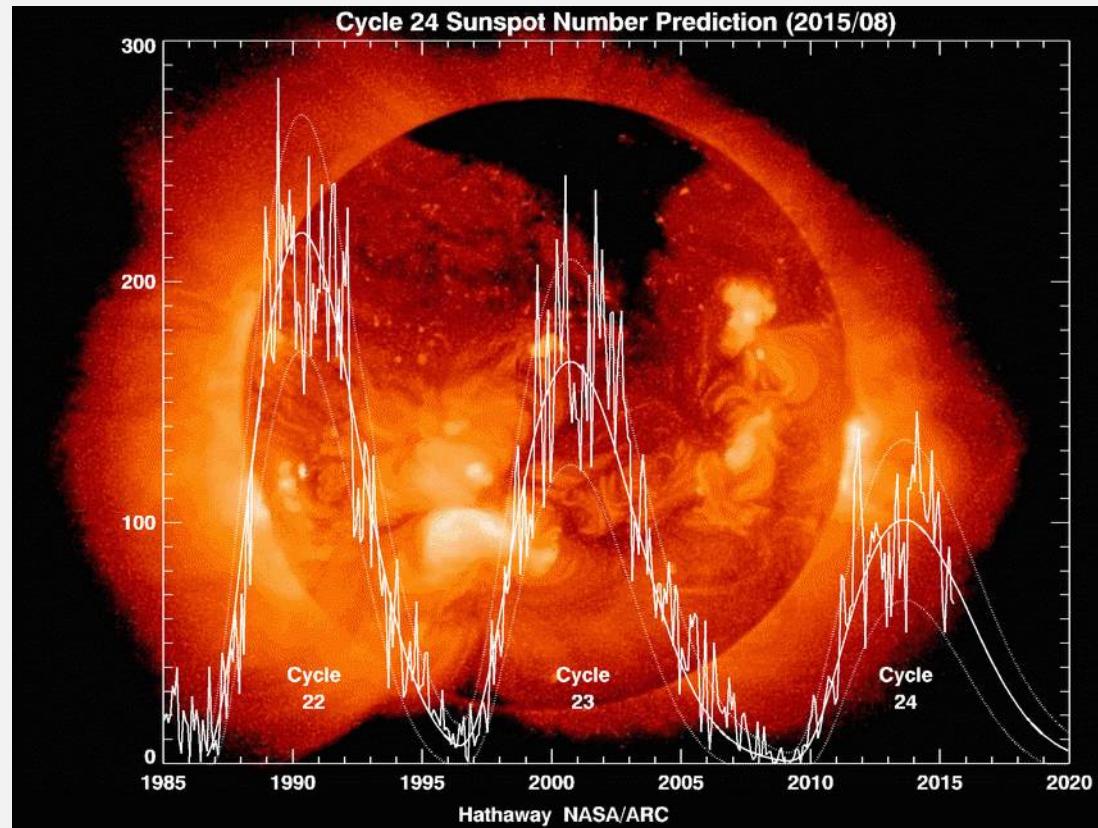


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$B_{\max}$ (G)	$3000 \pm 1000$	$2650 \pm 800$	$2950 \pm 600$	$2600 \pm 900$	$1700 \pm 600$



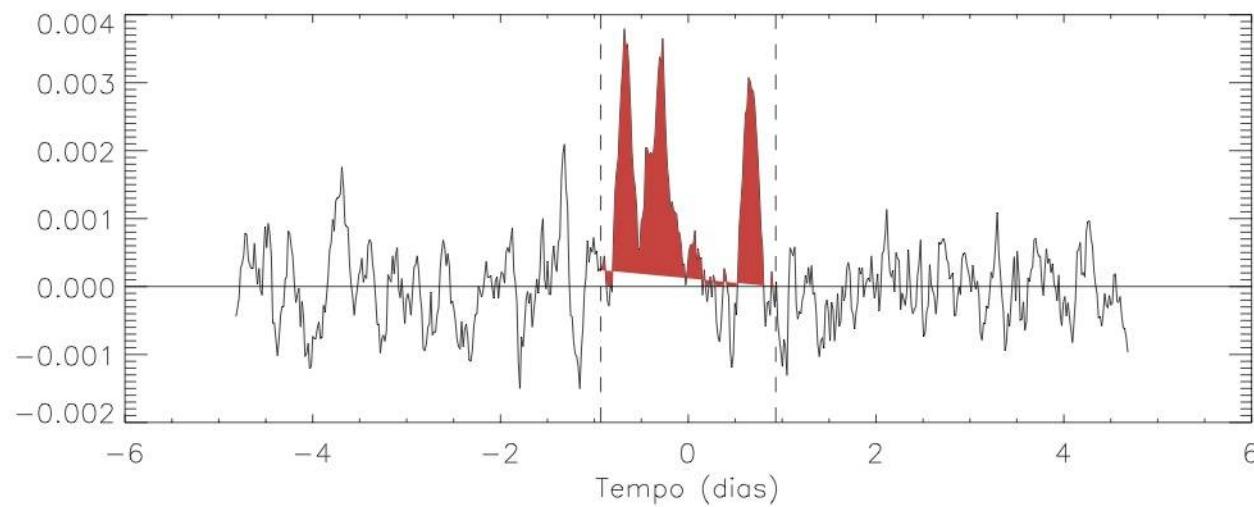
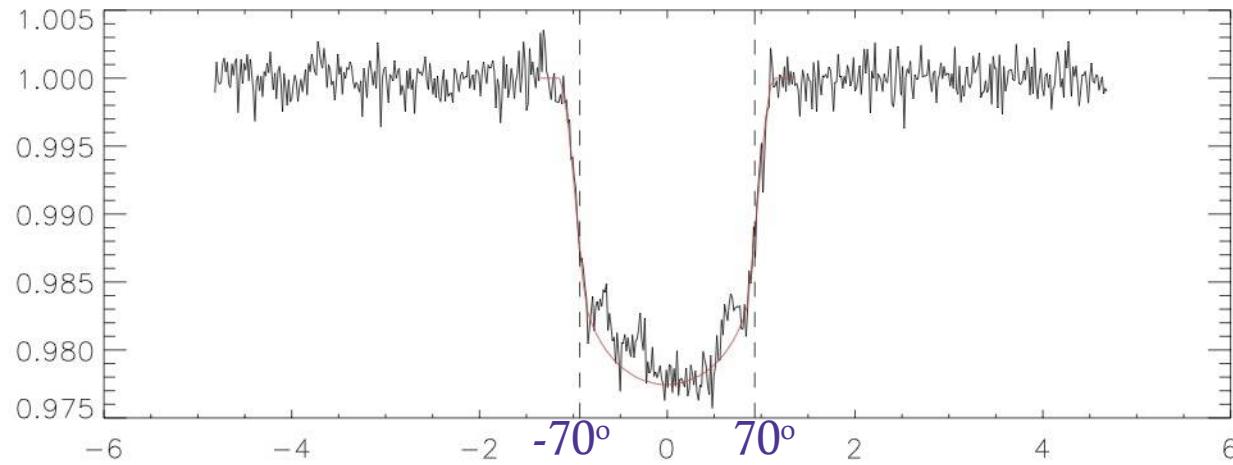
# Magnetic Cycles

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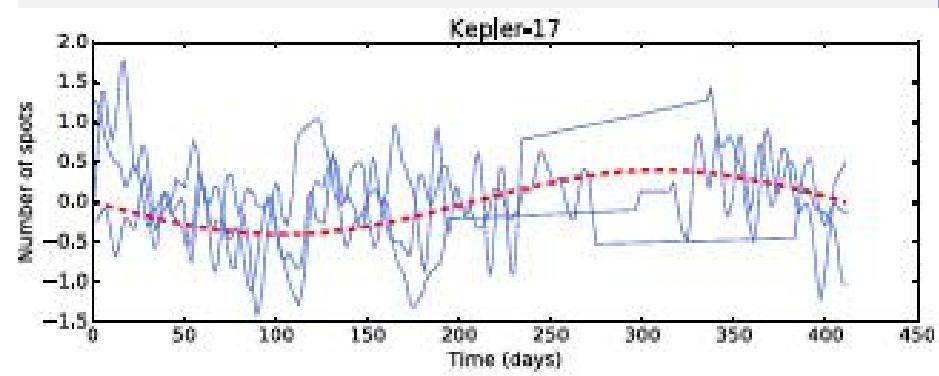
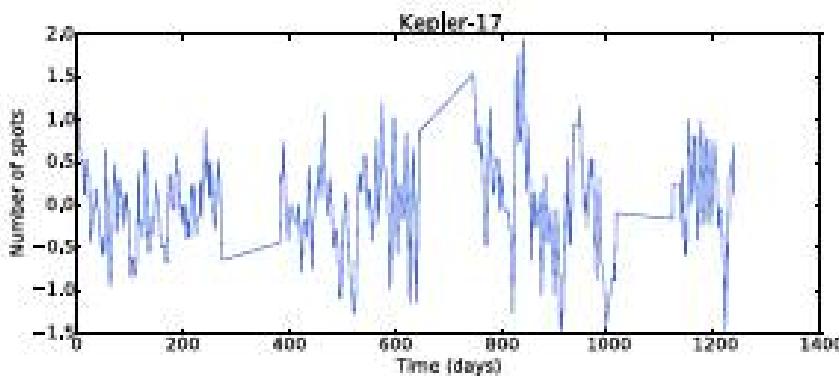


# Magnetic activity

Kepler-17  
100<sup>th</sup> transit.

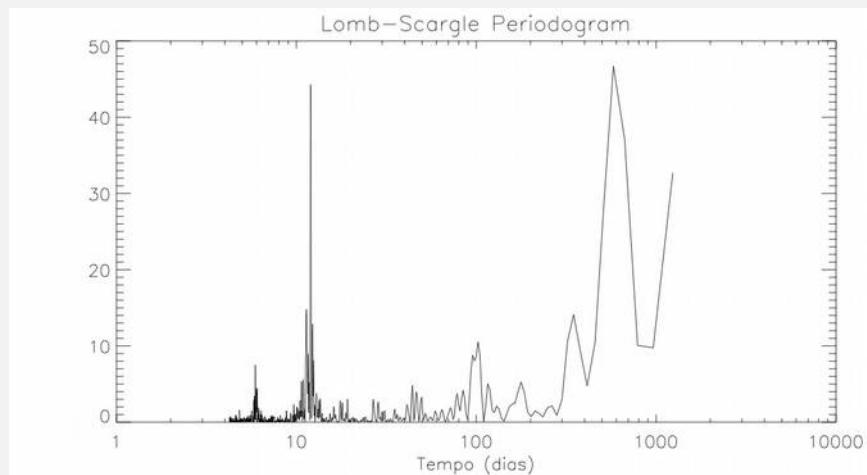


# Magnetic cycle: Kepler-17

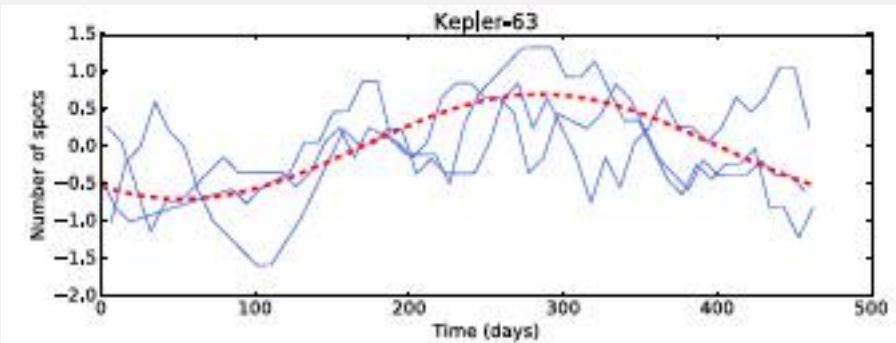
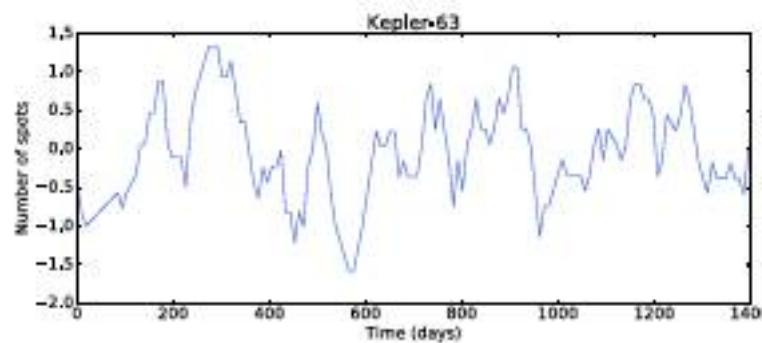


- Magnetic cycle of 410 days or 1.13 yr

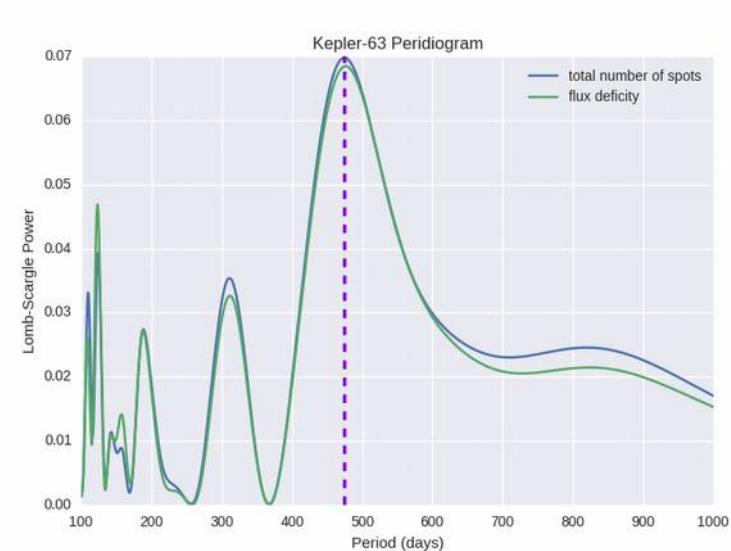
Estrela & Valio (2016)



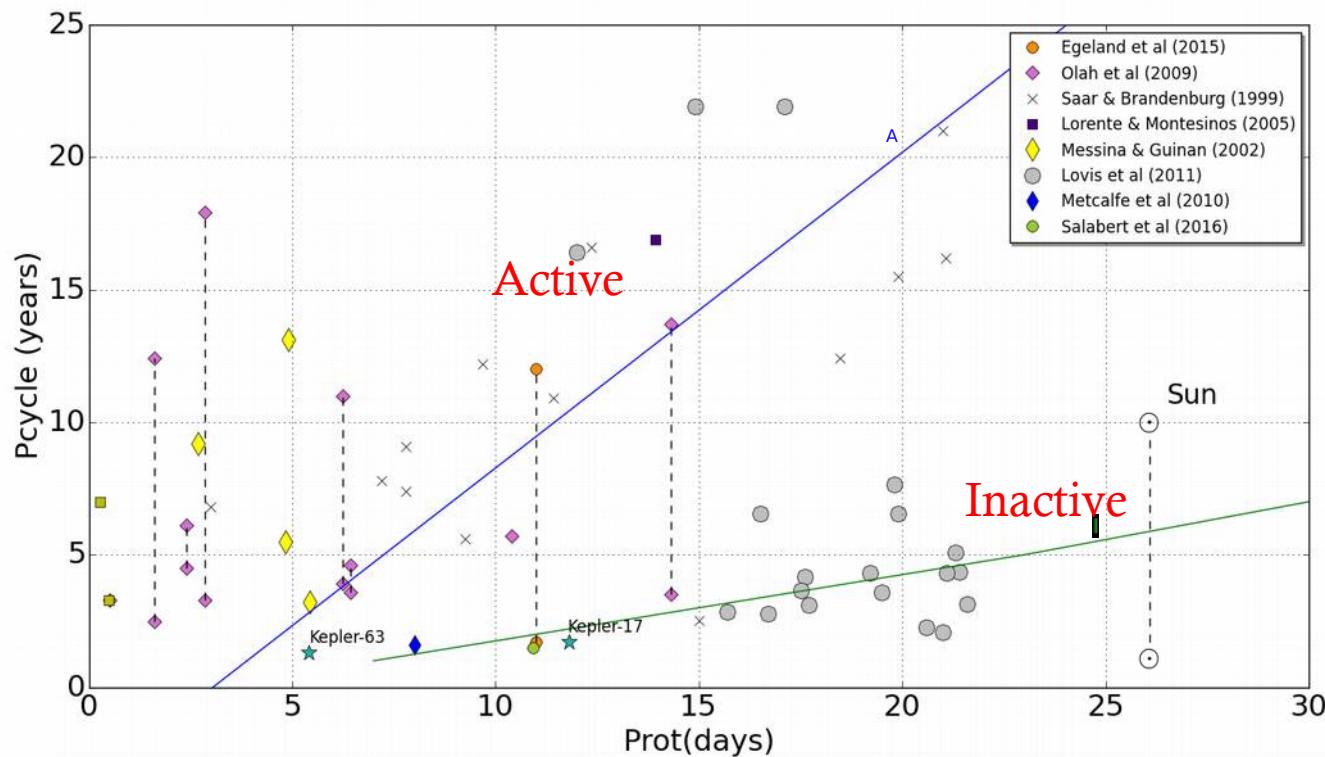
# Kepler-63



$$P = 1.3 \text{ yr} \\ = 460 \text{ days}$$

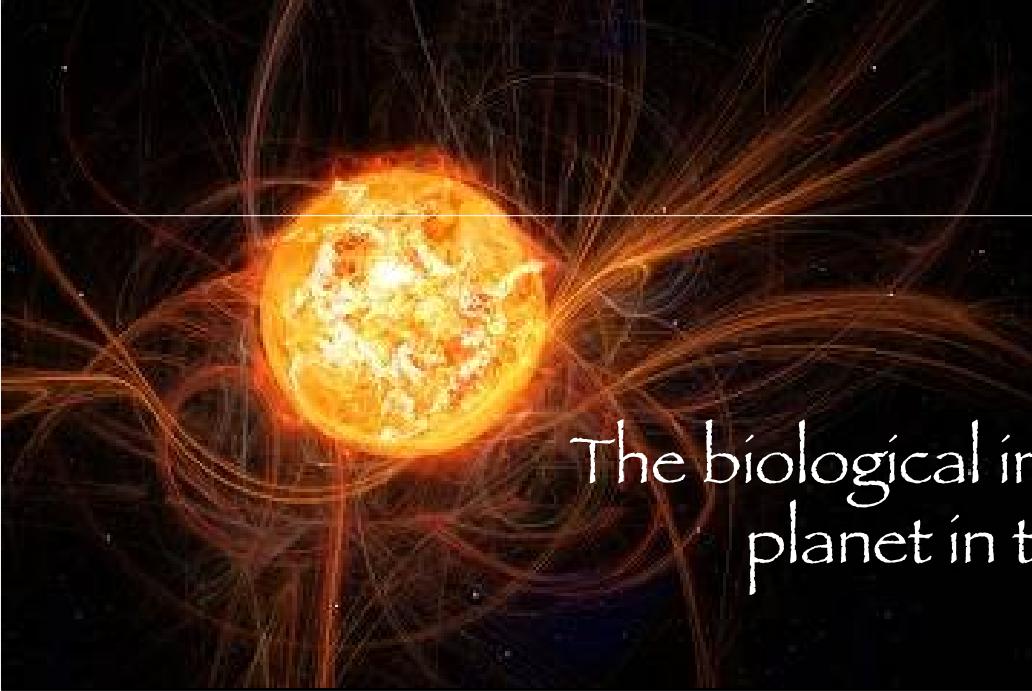


$$P_{\text{cycle}} \times P_{\text{rot}}$$



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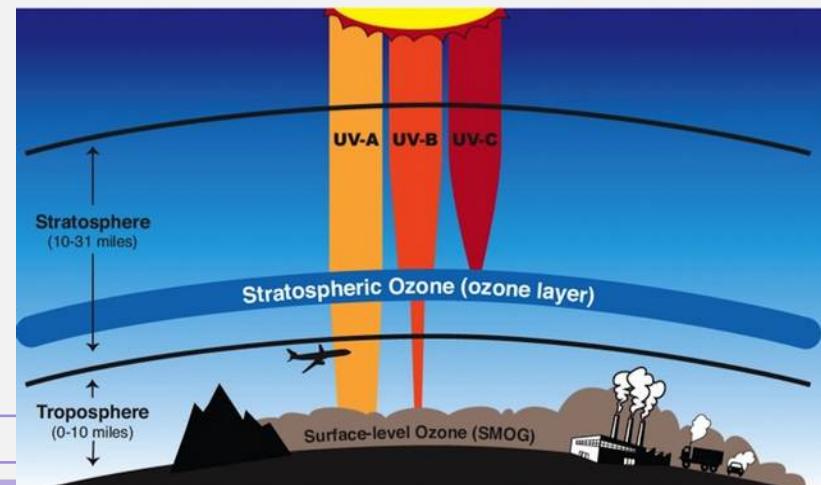
# The biological impact of superflares on a planet in the Habitable Zone

Raissa Estrela and Luisa Cabral



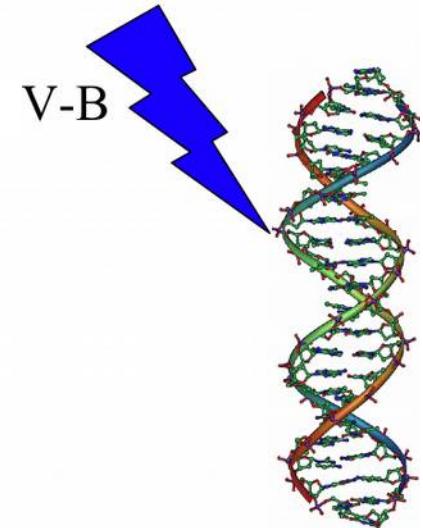
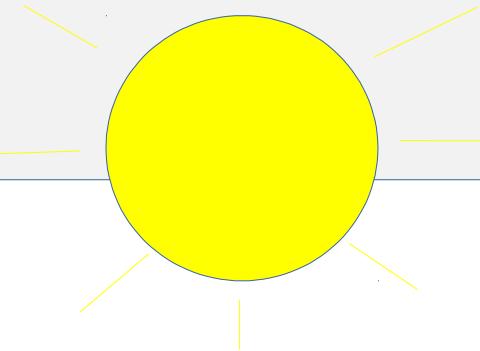
# Superflares effects on habitability

- ❖ Superflares release significant amounts of X-rays, EUV, and UV radiation
- ❖ Depending on the energy of the flare, they can cause changes in the planetary atmosphere:
  - ◆ Atmospheric loss
  - ◆ Alter the chemical composition of the upper atmosphere
- ❖ Protons that arrive from the flare produce odd nitrogen and odd hydrogen in the upper stratosphere and mesosphere that destroy ozone. Segura et al. (2010)
- Could affect the origin and evolution of life



- Goal:

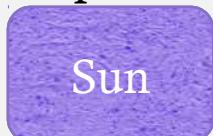
Determine if the superflares can be dangerous to life present in the surface/ocean of:



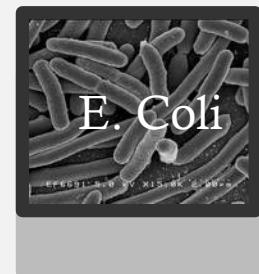
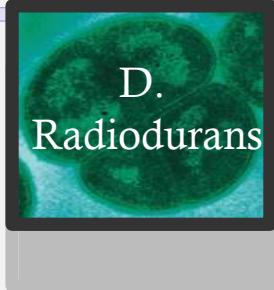
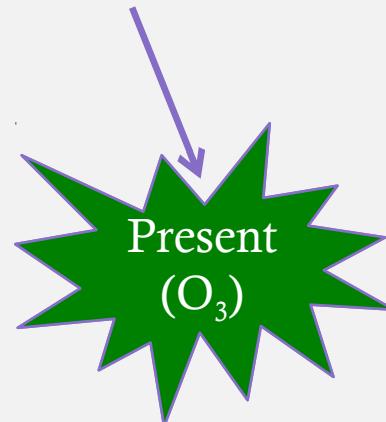
- ★ Hypothetical planet in the habitable zone of Kepler-96
- ★ Kepler-96b ← • Not habitable at all!  
High temperature ~ 2000 / 3000K
- ★ Trappist-1: 3 planets in the HZ

# Outline

Kepler-96



Trappist-1





Kepler-96 has an age that corresponds to the end of the Archean Era on Earth



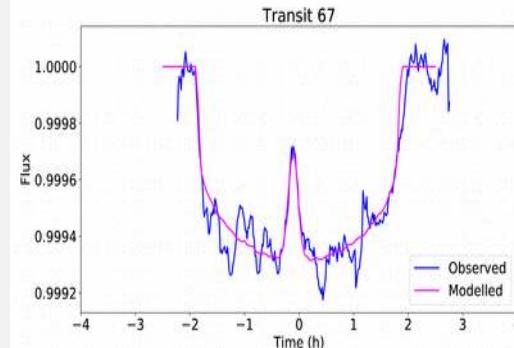
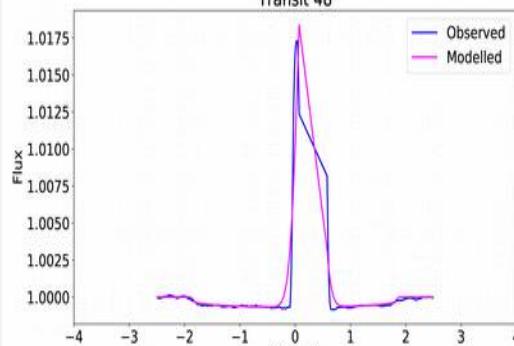
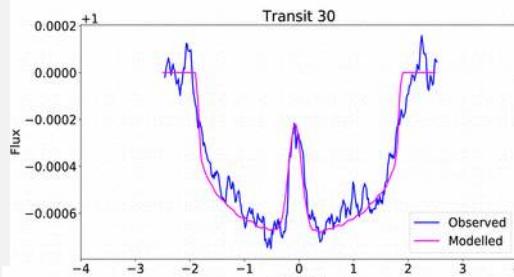
Great Oxygenation Event



This can be used as a proxy to understand:

- 1) the primitive Earth environment
- 2) a planet in HZ with Archean conditions  
(assuming it had enough time to evolve)

# Modelling flares in planetary transits



## Characteristics of the superflares

Transit	Amplitude [ $I_e$ ]	Energy [ergs]
30th	$39627 \pm 0.00002$	$2.0 \times 10^{33}$
48th	$2986143 \pm 0.002$	$1.8 \times 10^{35}$
67th	$32885 \pm 0.00006$	$1.2 \times 10^{33}$



Energy range that corresponds to superflares

# First approach: analogy with the Sun

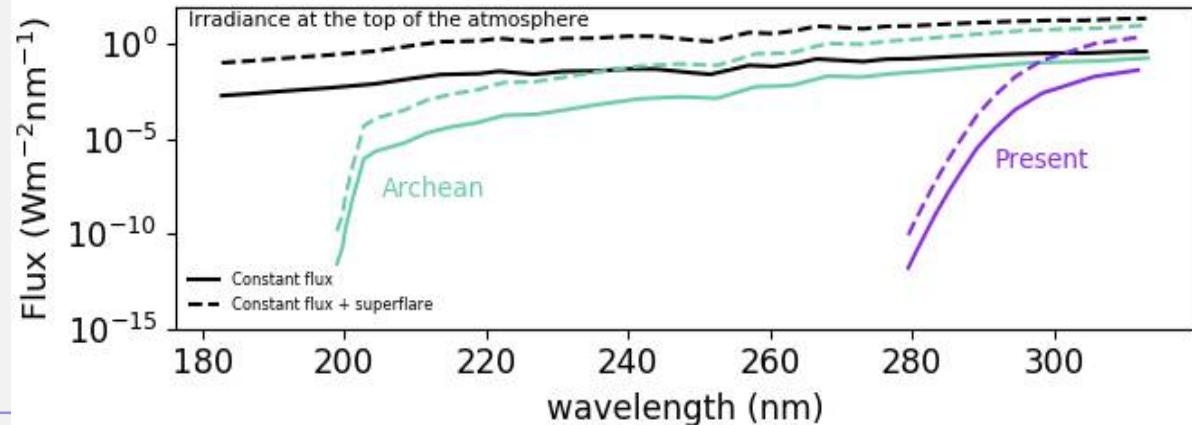
To analyse  $E_{\text{eff}}$ , we used the UV flux (180-300nm) passing through atmospheres at different epochs in Earth:

- Archean (3.9 Gyr – 2.5 Gyr):  
80% N<sub>2</sub>, 20% CO<sub>2</sub>
- Present day:  
80% N<sub>2</sub>, 20% O<sub>2</sub>

Cnossen et al. (2007)

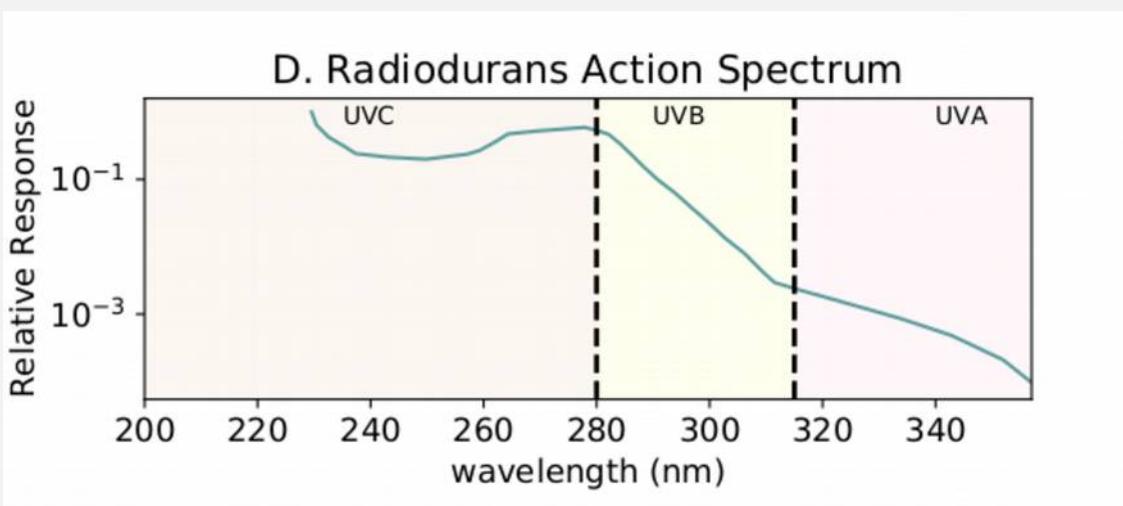
UV Irradiance at Earth's surface 4-3.5 Gyrs ago  
Emission from the solar atmosphere:  
75% of the present-day solar irradiation

Solar Flare X17  
28 October 2003  
(12%): **5400%** the  
MUV flux due to  
superflare



# Biological Impact

- ★ Superflares can increase the UV flux of the star
- ★ If a planet has an atmosphere with absorbers N<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>:  
*short wavelengths (0.1-200nm) are attenuated at the top of the atmosphere*  
EUV      VUV
- ★ UVB and UVC can be attenuated by an ozone layer. For a depleted ozone layer:



The DNA is mainly damaged in the UVC and UVB range  
~ MUV (200-300nm)

# Biological Impact: surface

Biological effective irradiance from Kepler-96,  $E_{\text{eff}}$  [J/m<sup>2</sup>]

Contribution of the **strongest** superflare (10<sup>35</sup> erg)

	No atmosphere	Archean atmosphere	Present-day atmosphere
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**E. Coli**       $1.4 \times 10^5$

$2 \times 10^4$

22

**D. Radiodurans**       $8 \times 10^4$

$1.3 \times 10^4$

7.5

$$E_{\text{eff}} = \int_{180}^{300} F(\lambda)S(\lambda)d\lambda$$

Only with ozone

Contribution of a smaller superflares (10<sup>33</sup> erg)

**E. Coli**       $3 \times 10^3$

455

0.5

**D. Radiodurans**       $2 \times 10^3$

282

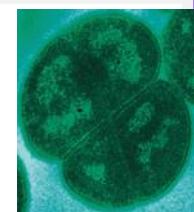
0.16

D. Radiodurans could survive in an Archean atmosphere

Microorganisms that define survival zone for life:

Flux (dosage) for 10% survival:  $F_{10}^{UV} = 5.53 \times 10^2 J/m^2$

Deinococcus radiodurans



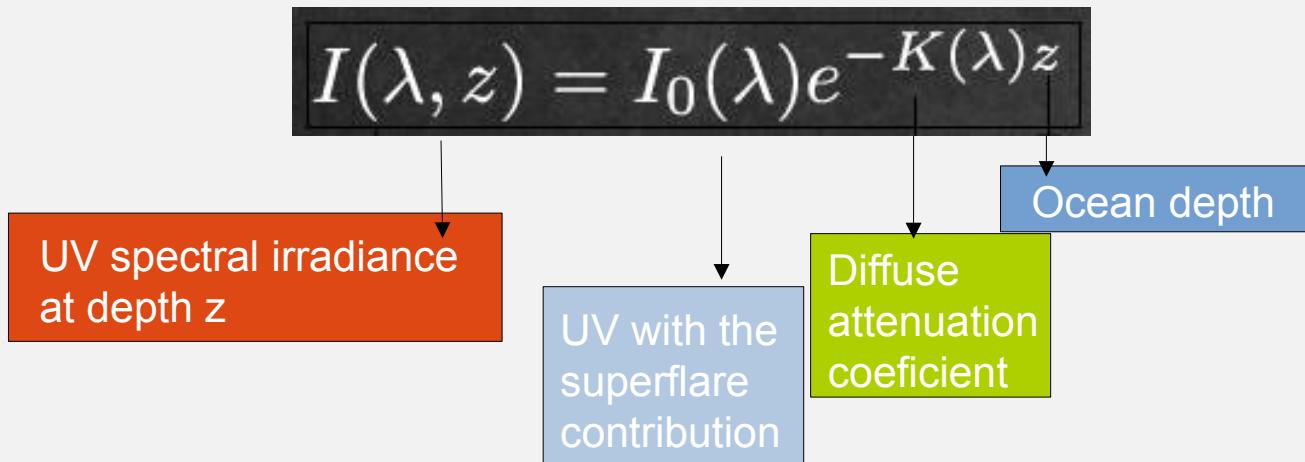
$F_{10}^{UV} = 22.5 J/m^2$  → Escherichia coli



Ghosal et al (2005)  
Gascón et al (1995)

# Biological Impact: ocean

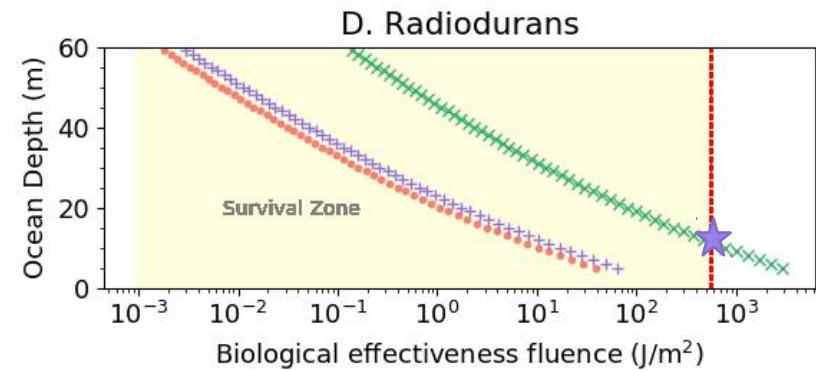
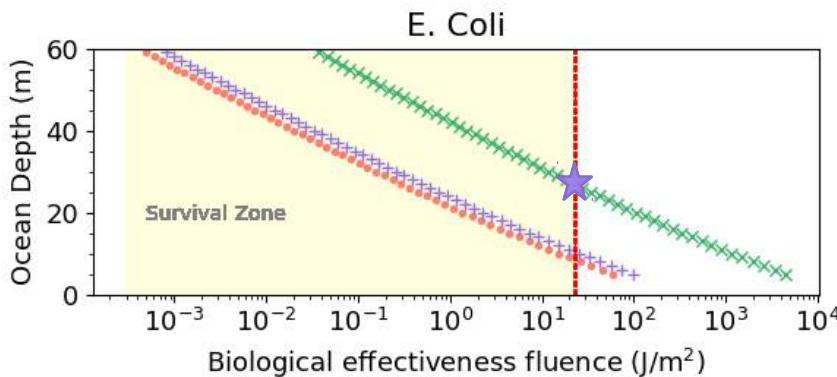
The propagation of the UV radiation in the ocean varies considerably with depth, and can be determined by the equation:



- For Kepler-96 system, the ocean might provide a safe refuge against the UV radiation.
- We assume here that the hypothetical Earth orbiting the star Kepler-96 has an Archean ocean where life could be protected.

# Biological Impact: ocean

Considering the UV flux increased by the strongest superflare: *Planet at 1AU*



Ocean Depth (m)

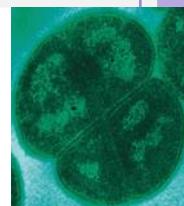
28 m → *E. Coli*

12 m → *D. Radiodurans*

Flux (dosage) for 10% survival:  $F_{10}^{UV} = 5.53 \times 10^2 J/m^2$

$$F_{10}^{UV} = 22.5 J/m^2$$

*Deinococcus radiodurans*

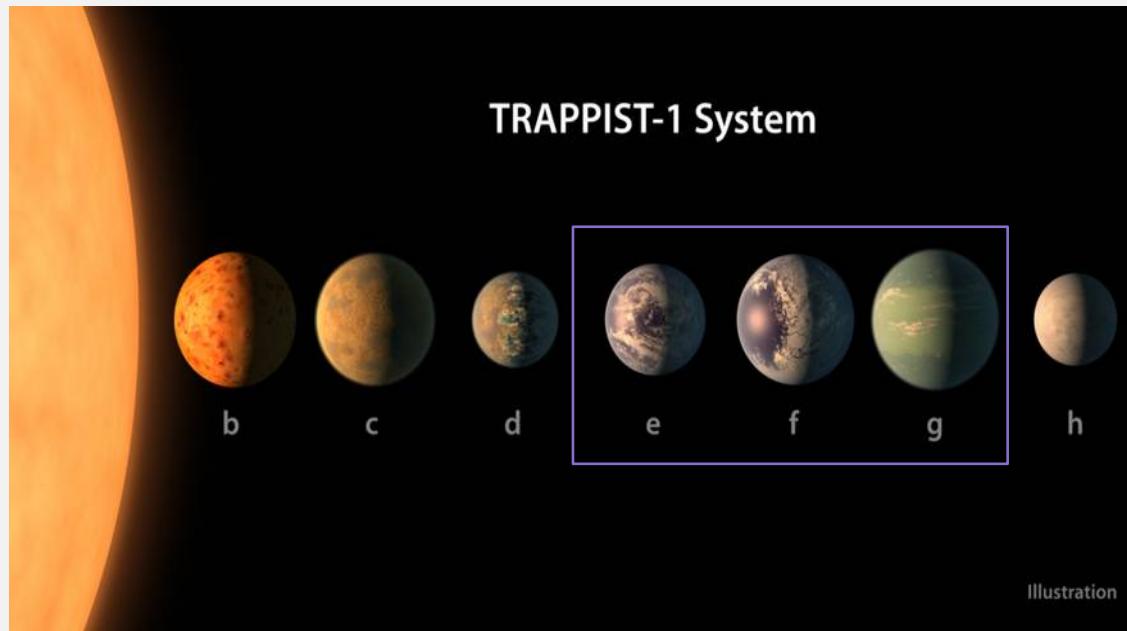


*Escherichia coli*



# Trappist-1 system

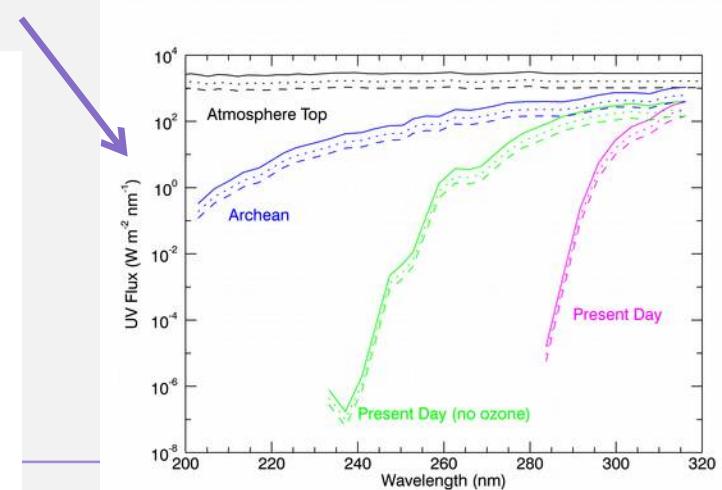
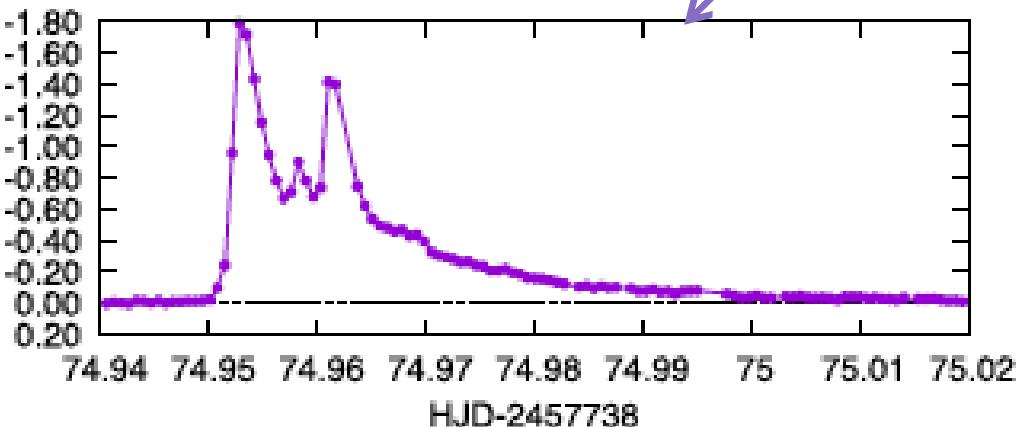
- M8 red dwarf
- Planetary system of 7 terrestrial planets, three of them in the HZ.



Illustration

# Trappist-1 system

- This star is known to flare with 47 flares detected with energies between  $10^{30}$  and  $10^{33}$  ergs (Vida et al. 2017).
- Largest flare released a total energy of  $1.24 \cdot 10^{33}$  erg over 43 min
- The UV flux contribution from TRAPPIST-1, was taken as the same UV flux measured from flares of Ad Leo, also a M red dwarf (Hawley & Pettersen 1991).
- Atmosphere model from O'Malley & Kaltenegger (2017)



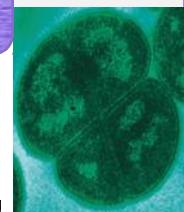
# Impact for life on the surface

Planet	Bacteria	Biological effective irradiance from TRAPPIST-1, $E_{\text{eff}}$ [J/m <sup>2</sup> ]	
		Archean atmosphere	Atmosphere with ozone
TRAPPIST-1e	<i>E. Coli</i>	9000	8.2
	<i>D. Radiodurans</i>	5100	2.5
TRAPPIST-1f	<i>E. Coli</i>	5200	4.7
	<i>D. Radiodurans</i>	2900	1.5
TRAPPIST-1g	<i>E. Coli</i>	3300	3.0
	<i>D. Radiodurans</i>	1900	0.9

Without ozone

With ozone

*Deinococcus radiodurans*



Flux (dosage) for 10% survival:  $F_{10}^{UV} = 5.53 \times 10^2 J/m^2$

$$F_{10}^{UV} = 22.5 J/m^2$$

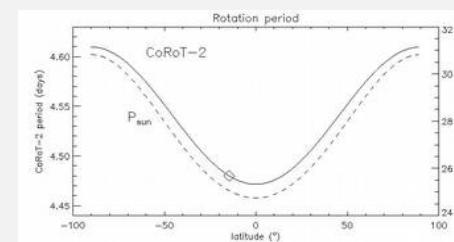
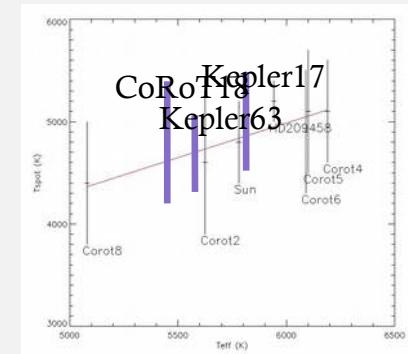
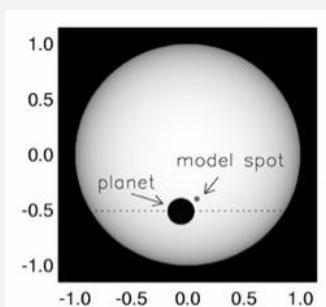
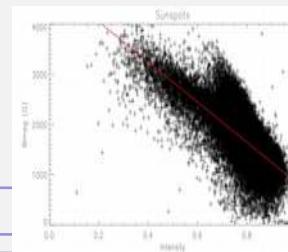
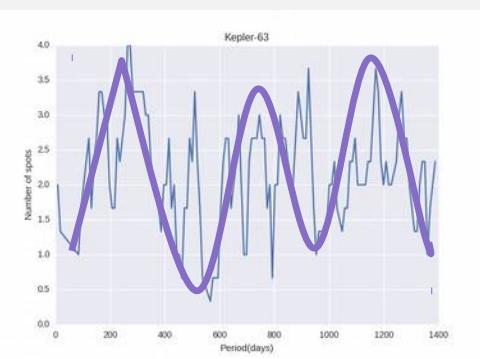
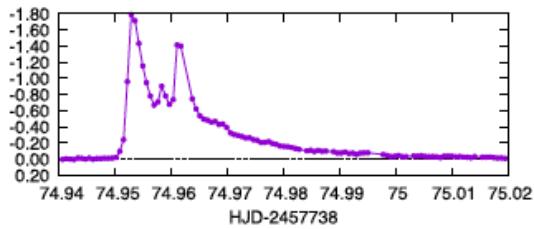
*Escherichia coli*



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# Summary



# Conclusions

- First modelling of small variations in transit light curves (*Silva 2003, ApJL, 585, L147*)
- ◆ Multiple transits:
  - ◆ Stellar rotation (*Silva-Valio 2008, ApJL, 683, L179*)
  - ◆ Differential rotation (*Silva-Valio et al. 2010, A&A, 510, 25; Silva-Valio & Lanza 2011, A&A, 529, 36; IAUS328; Valio et al. 2017, ApJ, 835, 294*)
  - ◆ Magnetic cycles (*Estrela & Valio 2017, ApJ, 831, 57*)
- ◆ Flares:
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