

The background image shows a bright orange sun on the left, with solar wind represented by white and yellow streaks flowing towards the right. On the right, a planet's magnetic field is depicted as a series of colorful, concentric loops (purple, blue, green, yellow) that interact with the incoming solar wind, creating a bow shock and a magnetosphere.

Characterization and Interaction of the magnetic field in solar-type stars and their planets

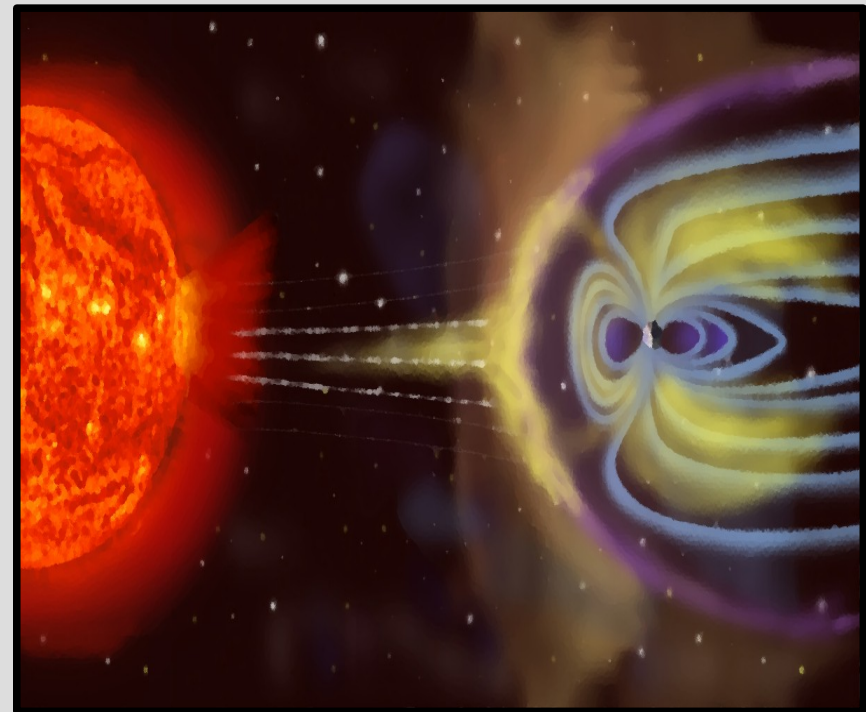
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Magnetic Activity

- ▶ Spots are cooler than the surrounding photosphere and they are dark regions appearing and disappearing
 - days(linked to star's rotation)
 - months(spot's lifetime)
 - years(stellar cycles)
- ▶ **Flares, CMEs and Coronal loops** form in the same active regions as sunspots, they are connected to these events (follow the cycle).
- ▶ Magnetic field triggered by dynamo process



Who's active?

Main sequence-stars, those that are still burning hydrogen in their cores, have been found to exhibit signs of magnetic activity.

- ▶ **M dwarfs**

Magnetic activity decline much slower in time than in solar-type stars

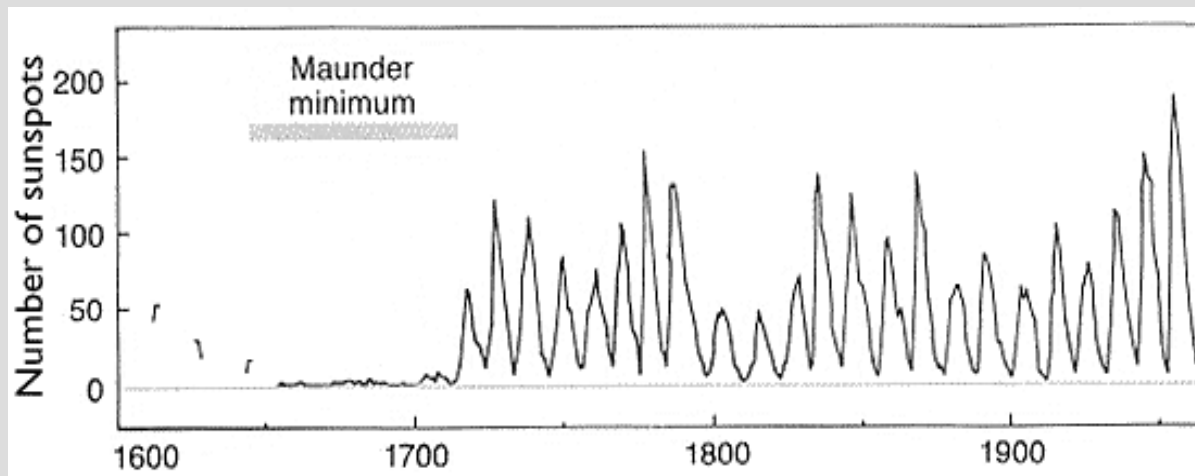
- ▶ **Solar-type stars**

All cool, low-mass solar-type stars show magnetic fields comparable to that of our Sun (Berdyugina 2005).

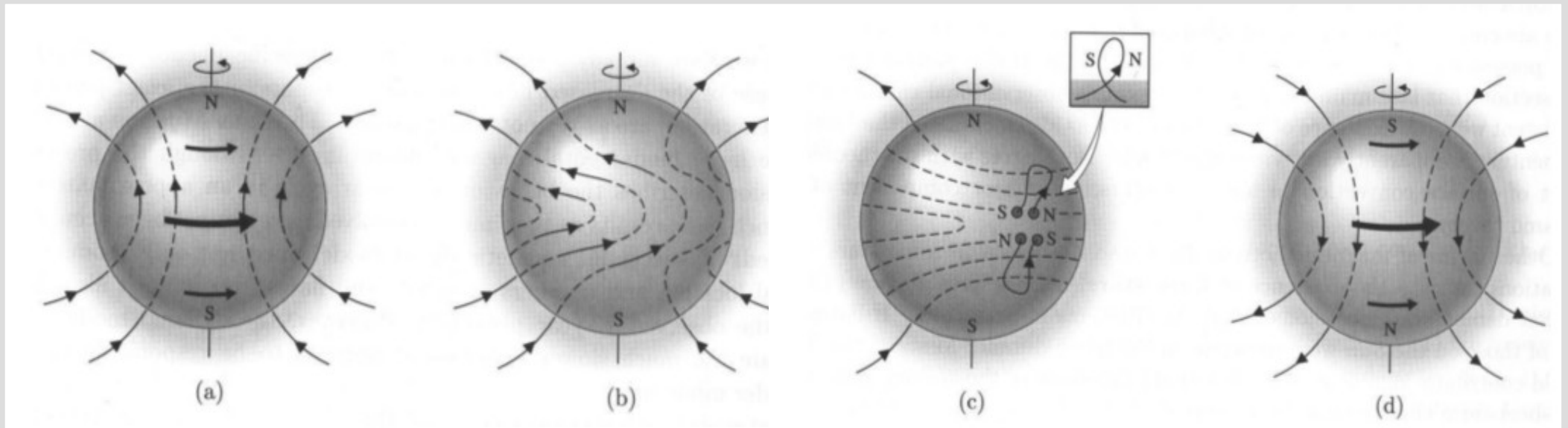
- ▶ **Increasing spectral type** → dynamo type magnetic field and the related stellar magnetic activity are expected to decrease (early F- and A-type stars)

Rotation and activity

- ▶ Young stars with a rapid rate of rotation
 - exhibit strong activity.
- ▶ Middle-aged, Sun-like stars with a slow rate of rotation
 - slow levels of activity that varies in cycles.
- ▶ Some older stars
 - almost no activity, compared to Sun's Maunder Minimum



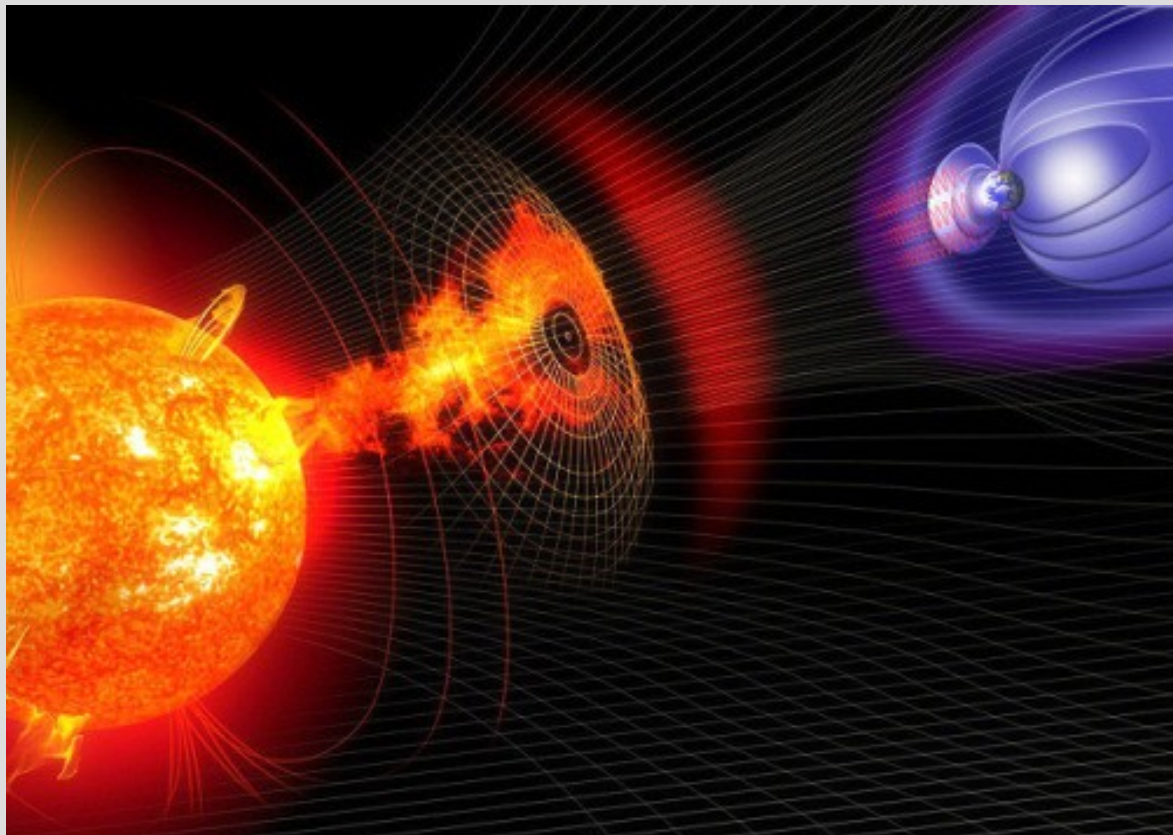
Sun's activity cycle



Carroll and Ostlie, 2007

11 year cycle of the Sun

Star magnetic activity and habitability of the exoplanet



Star magnetic activity and habitability of the exoplanet

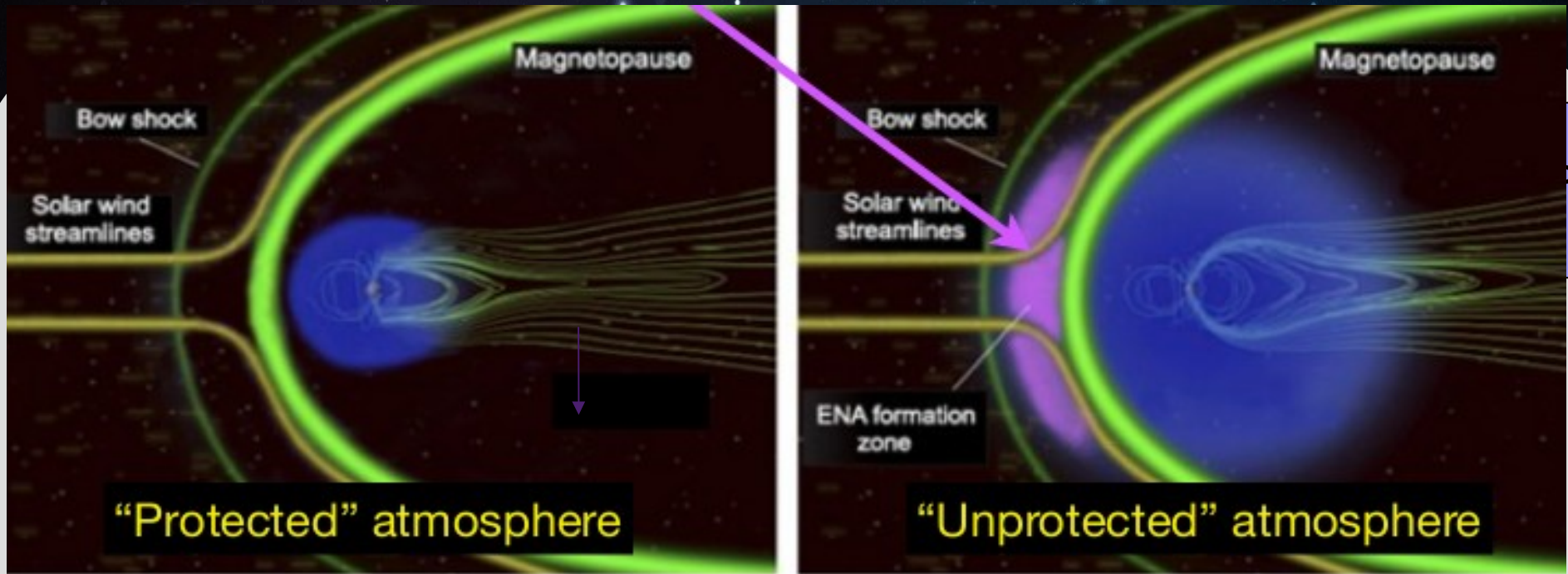
Stellar activity can trigger

- ▶ Energetic flares
- ▶ Hot coronal plasma in magnetic loops
 - Generate a significant amount of UV, FUV, EUV, and X-rays

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Stellar winds

**Key factor to:
Formation and atmospheric
evolution
Planet's climate**

Star magnetic activity and habitability of the exoplanet



Lammer et al. 2011

→ Loss of the atmosphere mass → affects the composition and chemical evolution of upper atmospheres and habitability (Luftinger et al. , 2015)

Influence of stellar magnetic cycles on Earth

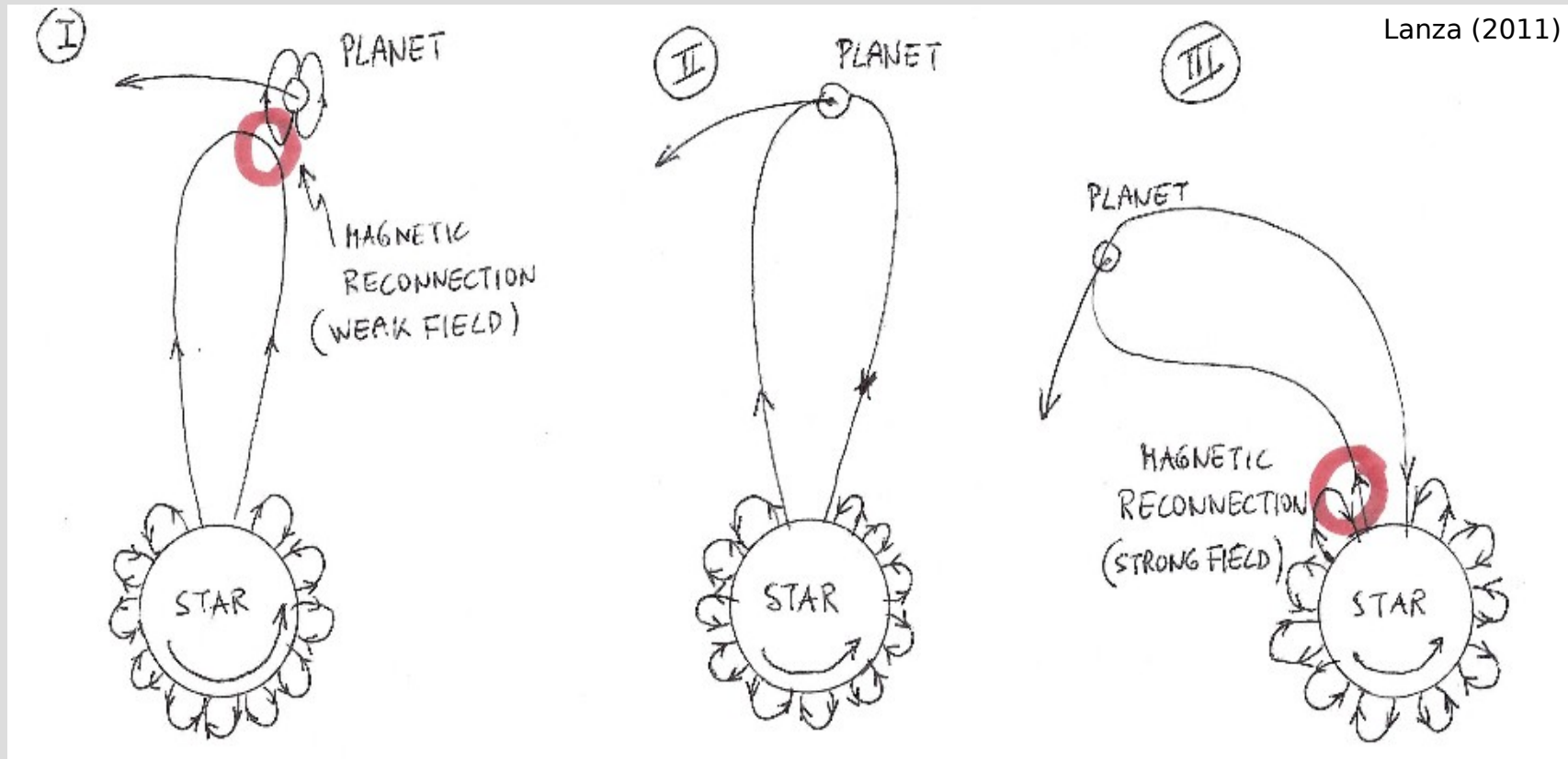


Influence of stellar magnetic cycles on Earth

- ▶ High solar activity → warmer climate on Earth
- ▶ Prolonged low activity → lower global temperature

Maunder minimum (1645-1715), during this interval few sunspots were seen and coincided with the coldest part of the Little Ice Age

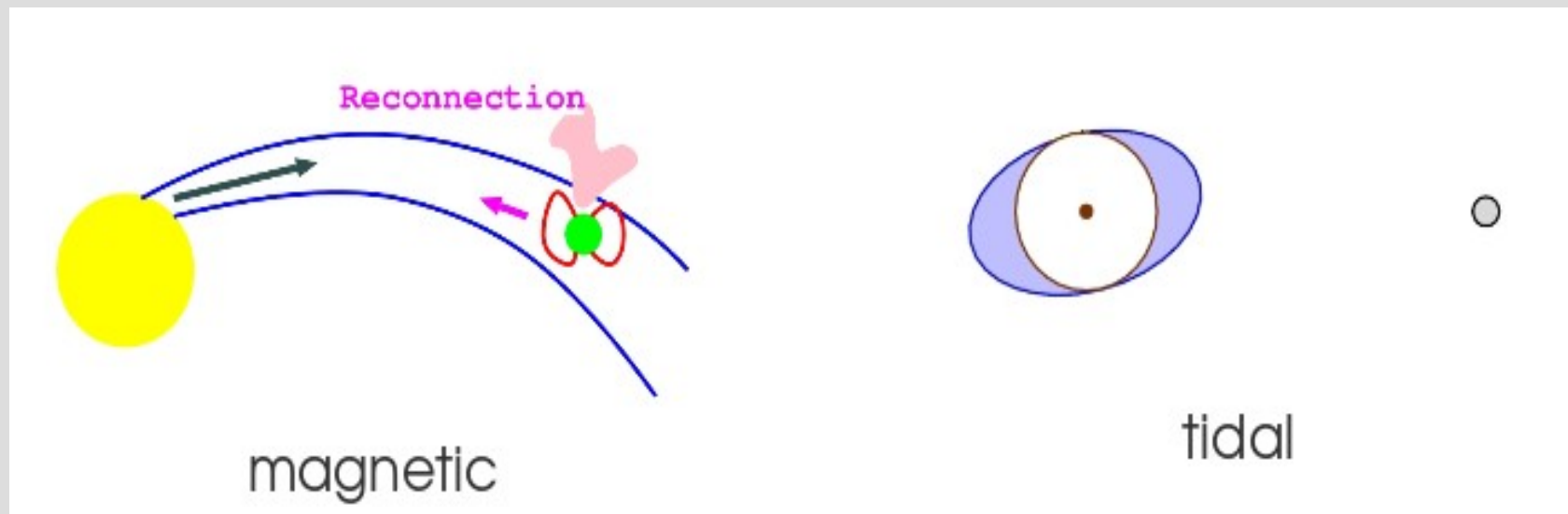
Star-Planet Magnetic Interaction



Star-Planet magnetic interaction

- ▶ Tidal and magnetic interactions (Cuntz et. al, 2000)

Hot Jupiters ($a < 0.15$ AU) around late-type stars are expected to interact with both mechanisms



(Shokolnik et al., 2003)

Planet can influence stellar activity

► Observations of Hot Jupiters:

Repeated stellar flares were reported after the eclipse of the planet (Pillitteri et al, 2010).

Chromospheric activity peaks phased with the orbital period of the planet. (Shkonilk et al., 2005; 2008)

Star-Planet magnetic interaction

► Magnetic reconnection

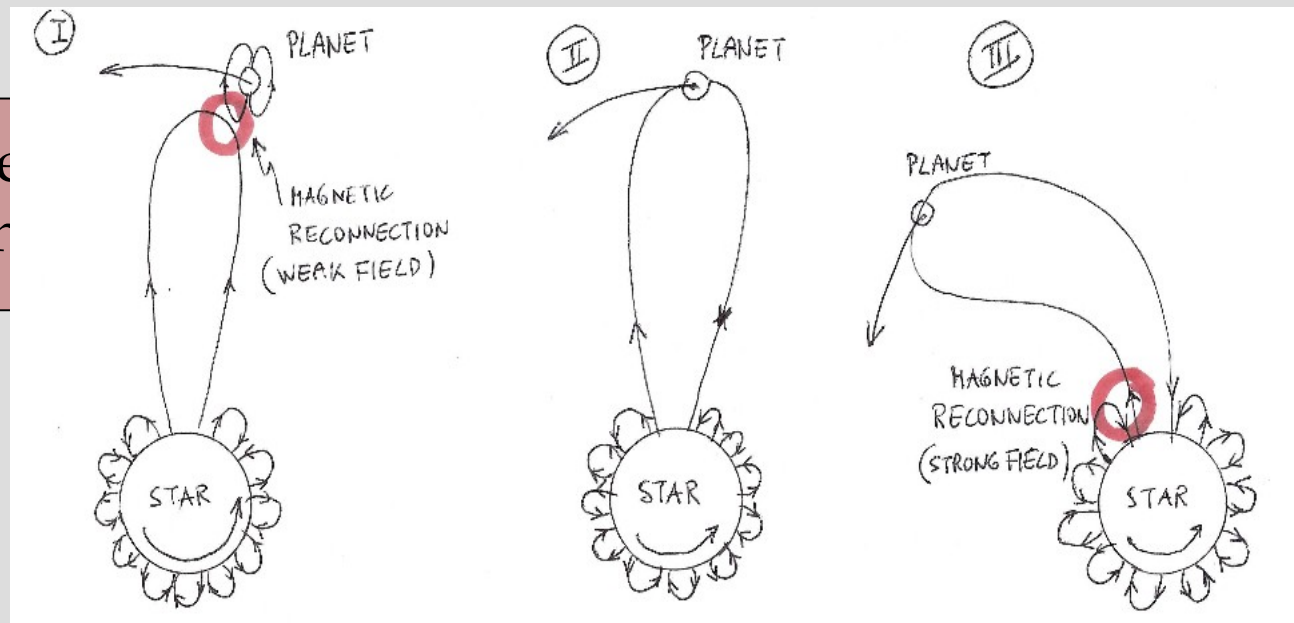
The stellar coronal field or its magnetized wind interact with planetary magnetosphere (Lanza, 2011).

- Mass loss are found for atmospheres heated by electrons accelerated by magnetic reconnection (Lanza, 2013)

Star-Planet magnetic interaction

► Magnetic reconnection

The star
plan



with

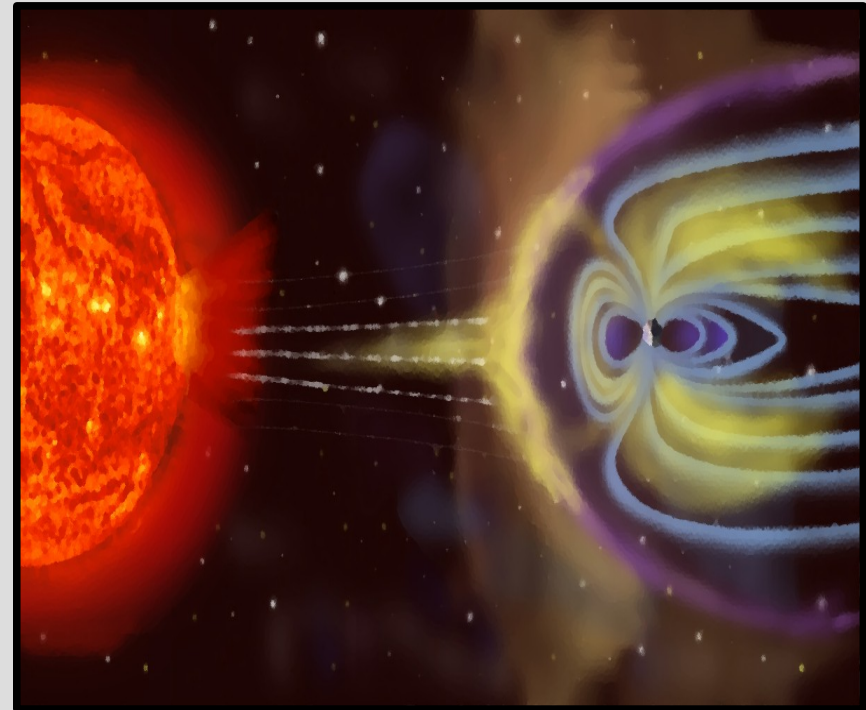
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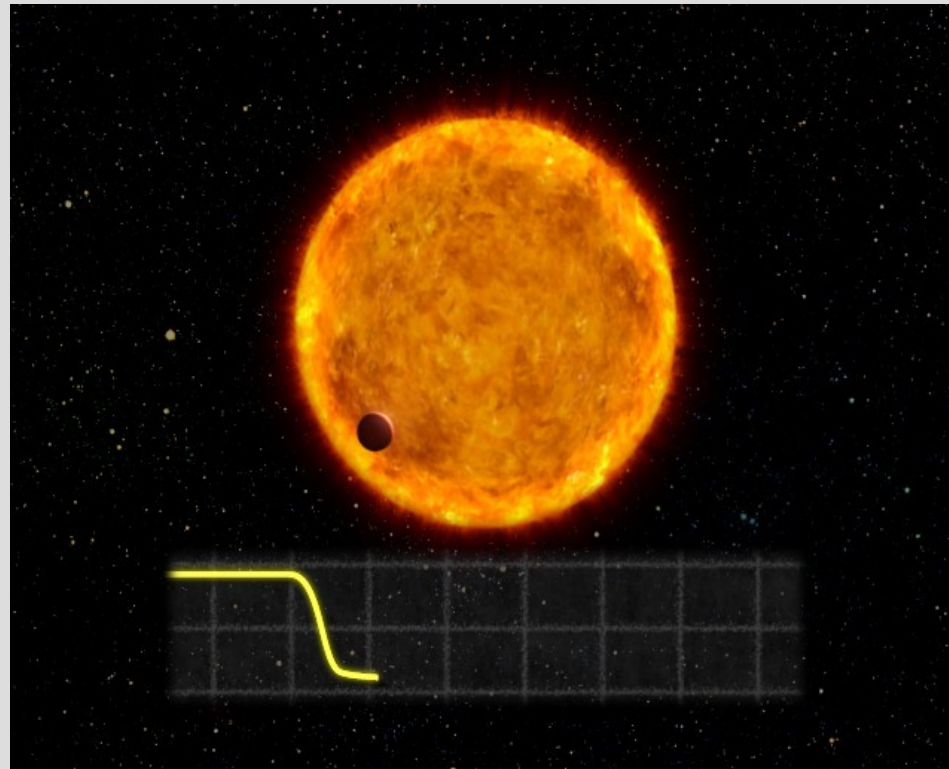
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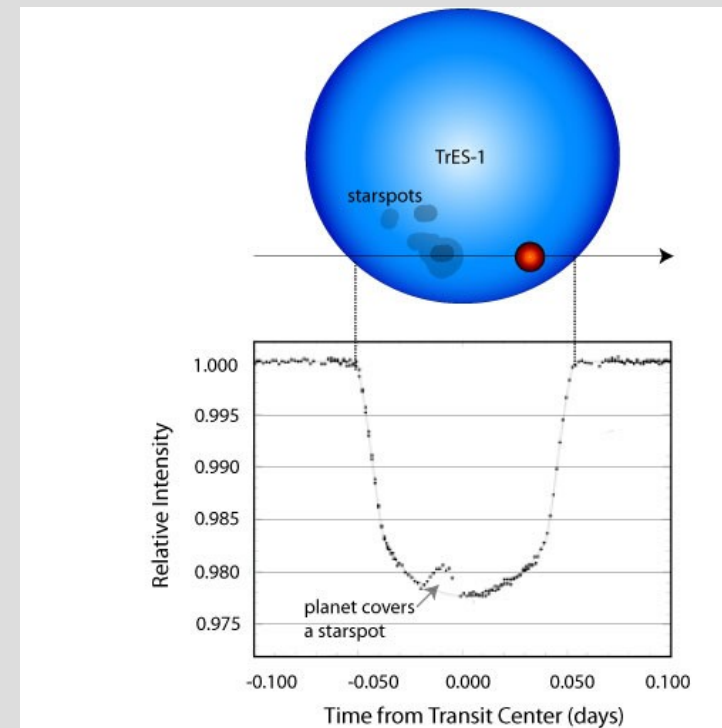
Planetary Transit Model



Detecting spots

Spots detection during Planetary Transit

- ▶ Total of 1225 planets discovered. And 692 of them in planetary systems (Oct.-2015, Exoplanet.eu)
- ▶ During one of these transits, the planet may pass in front of a spot group and cause a detectable signal in the light curve of the star.

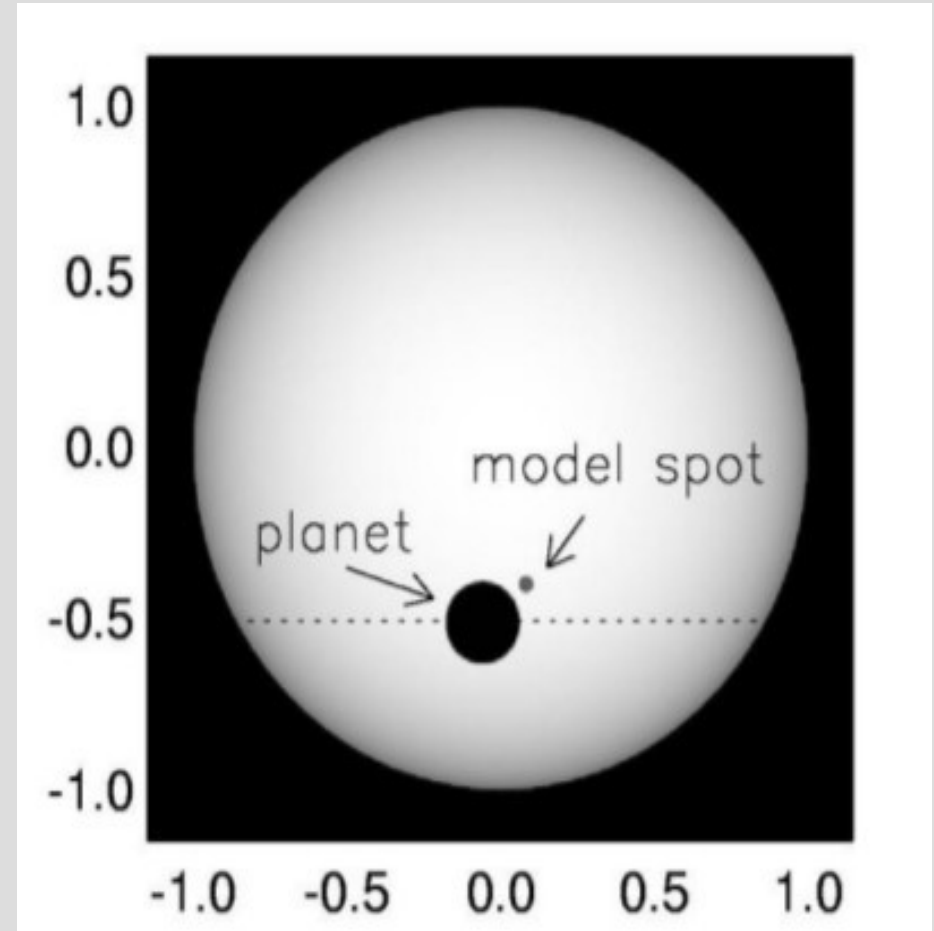


The model

Model that simulates planetary transits:
use the planet as a probe to study
starspots (Silva, ApJ Letters , 585, L147-
L150, 2003).

Spots → **Characterized by 3 parameters:**

- ▶ **Intensity:** measured with respect to stellar maximum intensity (center);
- ▶ **Size:** measured in units of planetary radius
- ▶ **Position:** Latitude(restricted to the transit band) and Longitude(constrained to $\pm 70^\circ$).



Modeling observations Kepler-17 and Kepler-63

Young solar analogues

Kepler-17

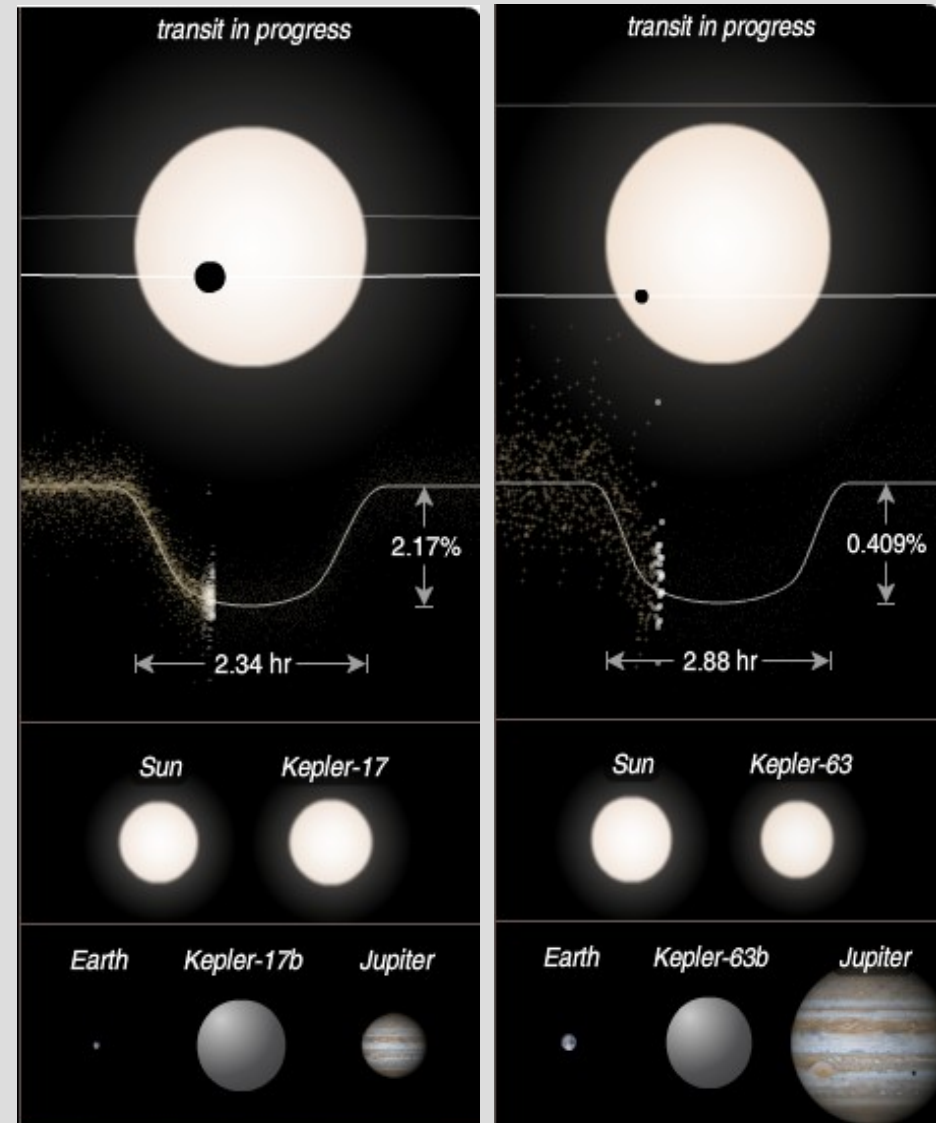
Spectral type: G2V

- ▶ $Mass = 2.45(\pm 0.014) M_J$
- ▶ $T_{eff} = 5781 K$
- ▶ Hot Jupiter: Kepler-17b
- ▶ Semi-major: 0.025 ± 0.0003 AU

Kepler-63

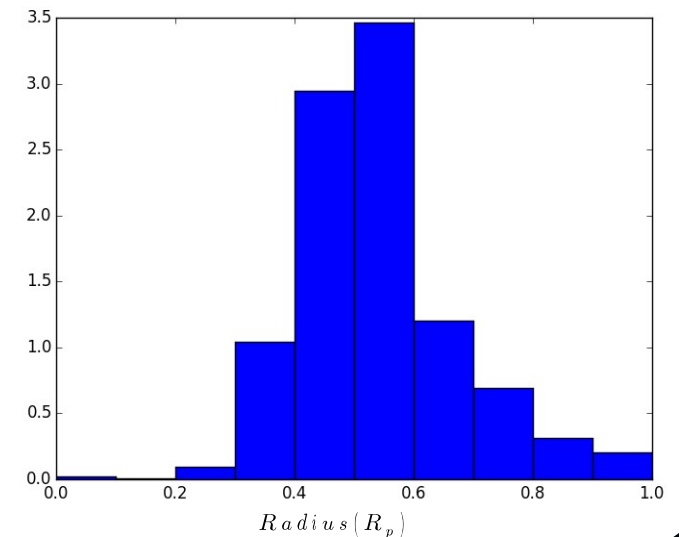
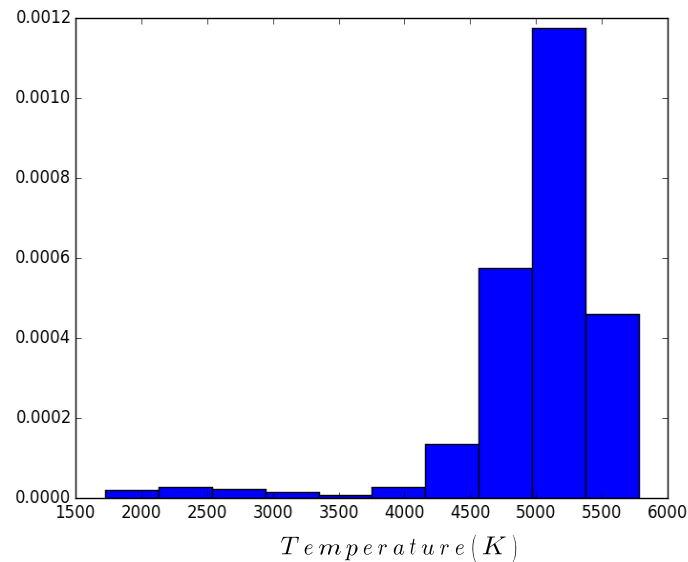
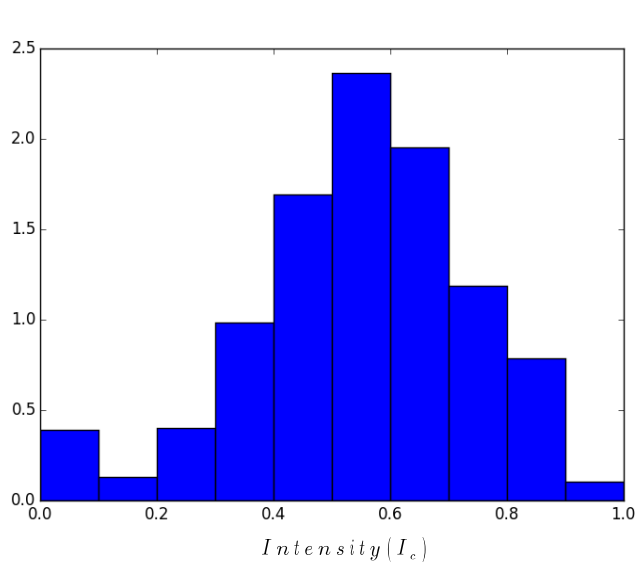
Spectral type: G-type

- ▶ $Mass = ---$
- ▶ $T_{eff} = 5576 K$
- ▶ Hot Jupiter: Kepler-63-b
- ▶ Semi-major: 0.080 ± 0.002 AU



Spots Characteristics

Kepler-17



Total of 1059 spots.

► $Intensity = 0.54 \pm 0.19 I_c$

► $Radius = 0.53 \pm 0.13 R_p$

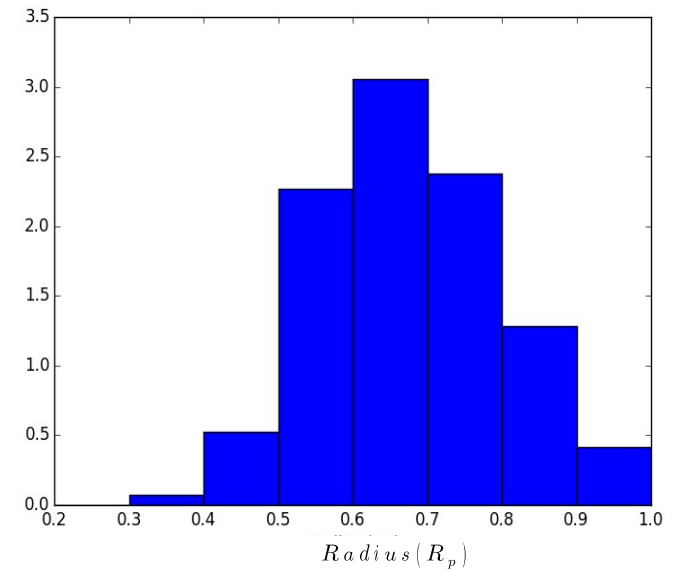
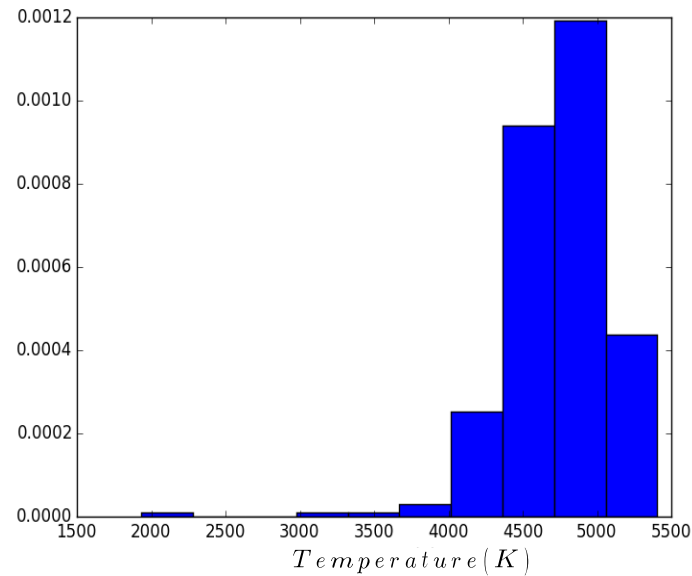
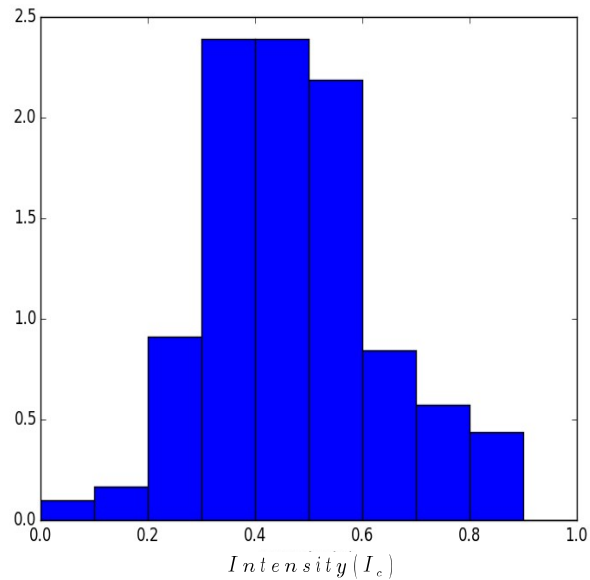
► $Temperature = 5000 \pm 600 K$

$$\frac{I_{spot}}{I_{star}} = \frac{e^{h\nu/K_B T_{ef}} - 1}{e^{h\nu/K_B T_0} - 1}$$

$$T_0 = \frac{K}{h\nu \ln \left(\frac{I_e}{I_m} \left(e^{\frac{h\nu}{K T_e}} - 1 \right) + 1 \right)}$$

Spots Characteristics

Kepler-63

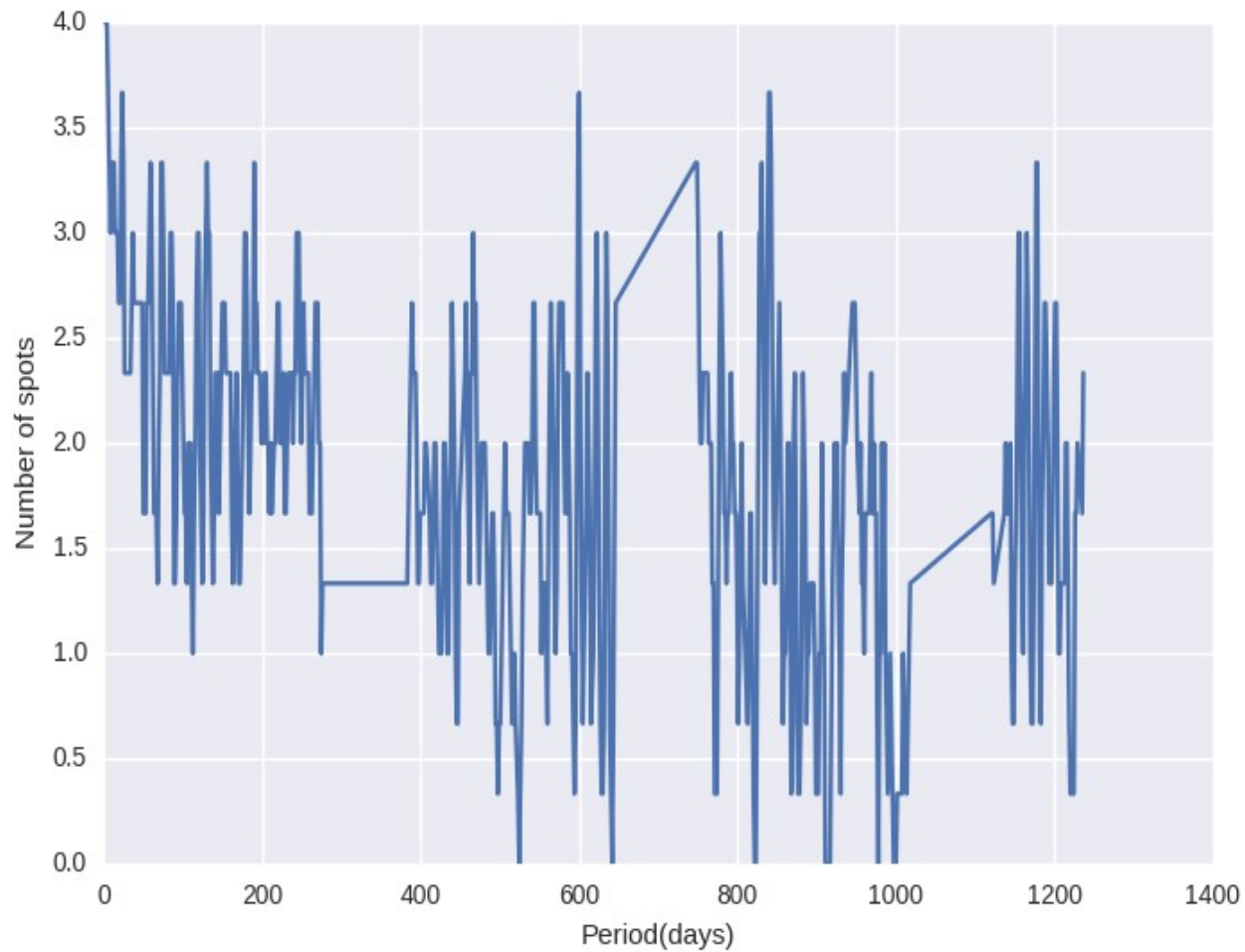


Total of 297 spots.

- ▶ $Intensity = 0.47 \pm 0.16 I_c$
- ▶ $Radius = 0.68 \pm 0.12 R_p$
- ▶ $Temperature = 4800 \pm 400 K$

Kepler-17

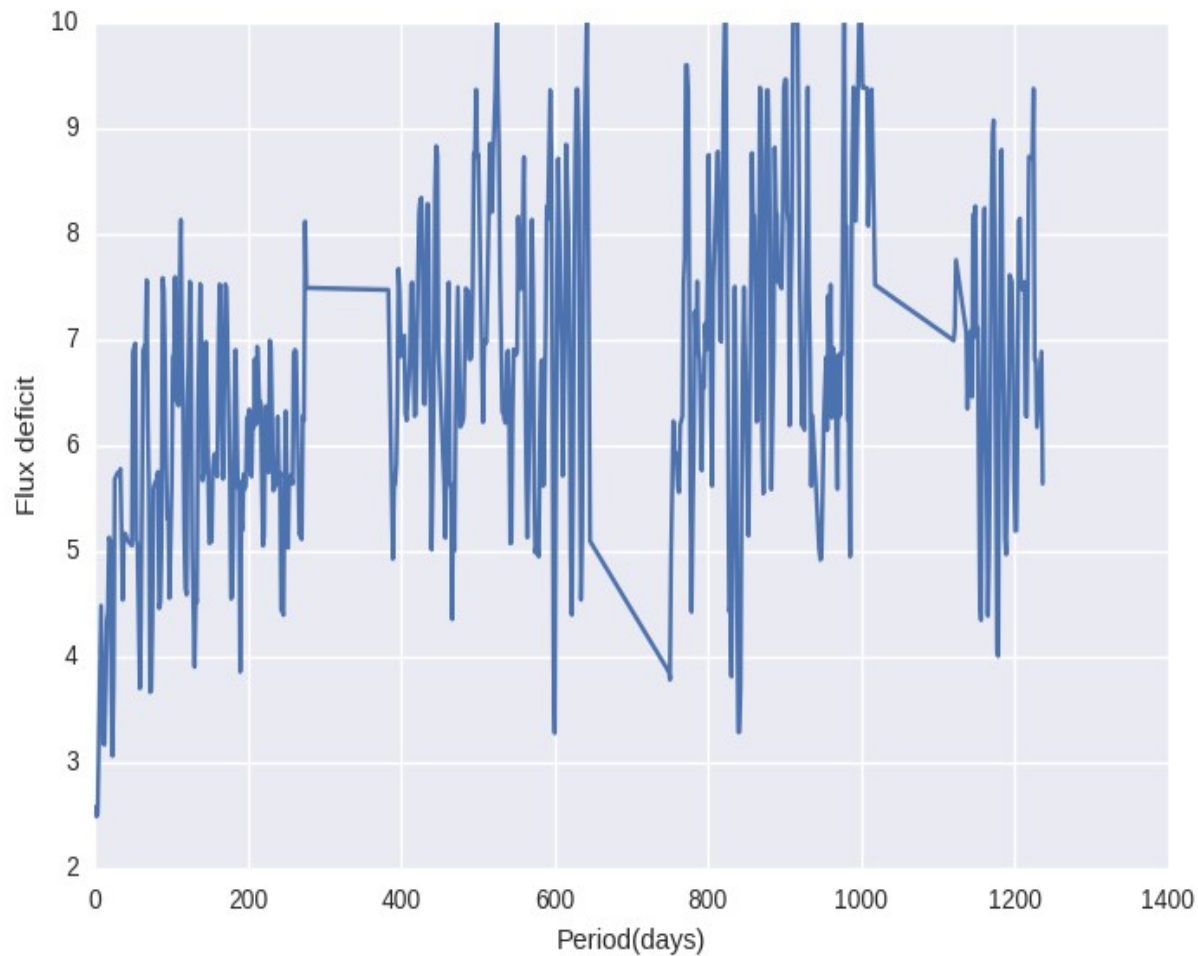
► Number of spots



Total of **589 transits observed.**

Number of spots per transits during ~ 4 years observation.

► Flux deficit



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Total **flux deficit** subtracted from a star by the presence of spots:

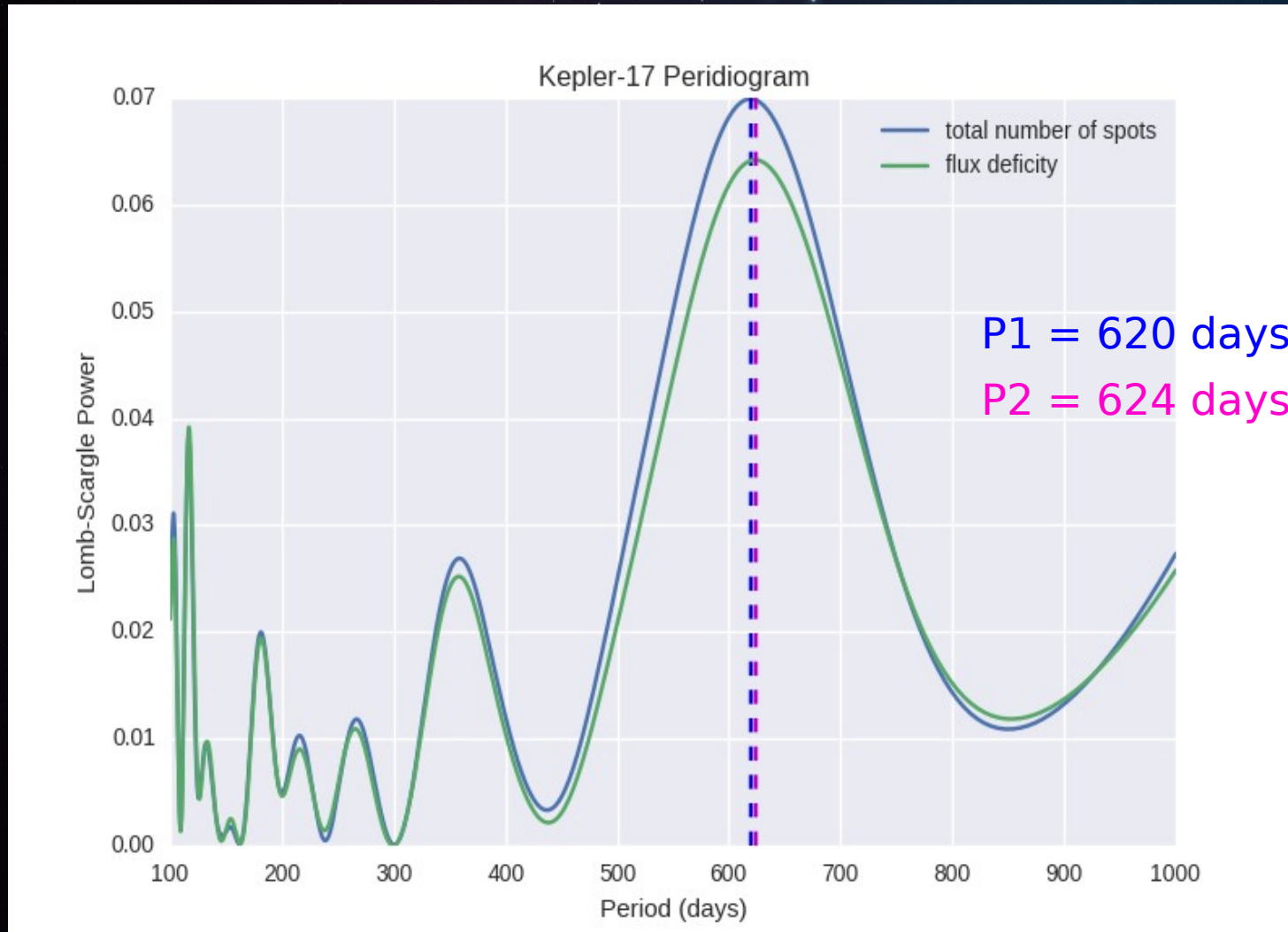
$$F \propto (1 - f_i)(R_{spot})^2$$

Stellar magnetic cycles

- ▶ **Number of spots**
- ▶ **Total flux deficit**

Stellar magnetic cycles

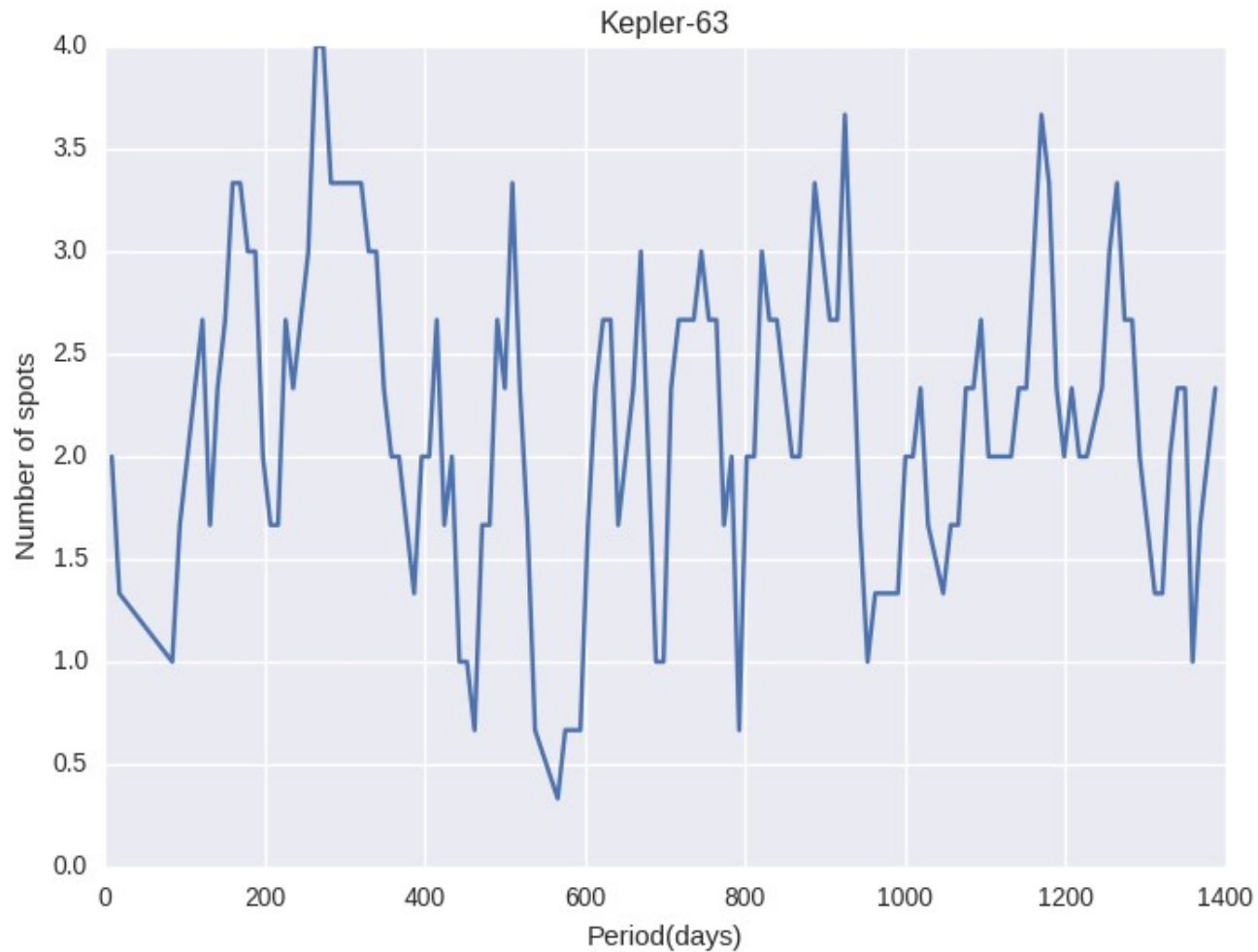
Lomb Scargle method: Number of spots and Flux deficit



Magnetic cycle of 1.7 years.

Kepler-63

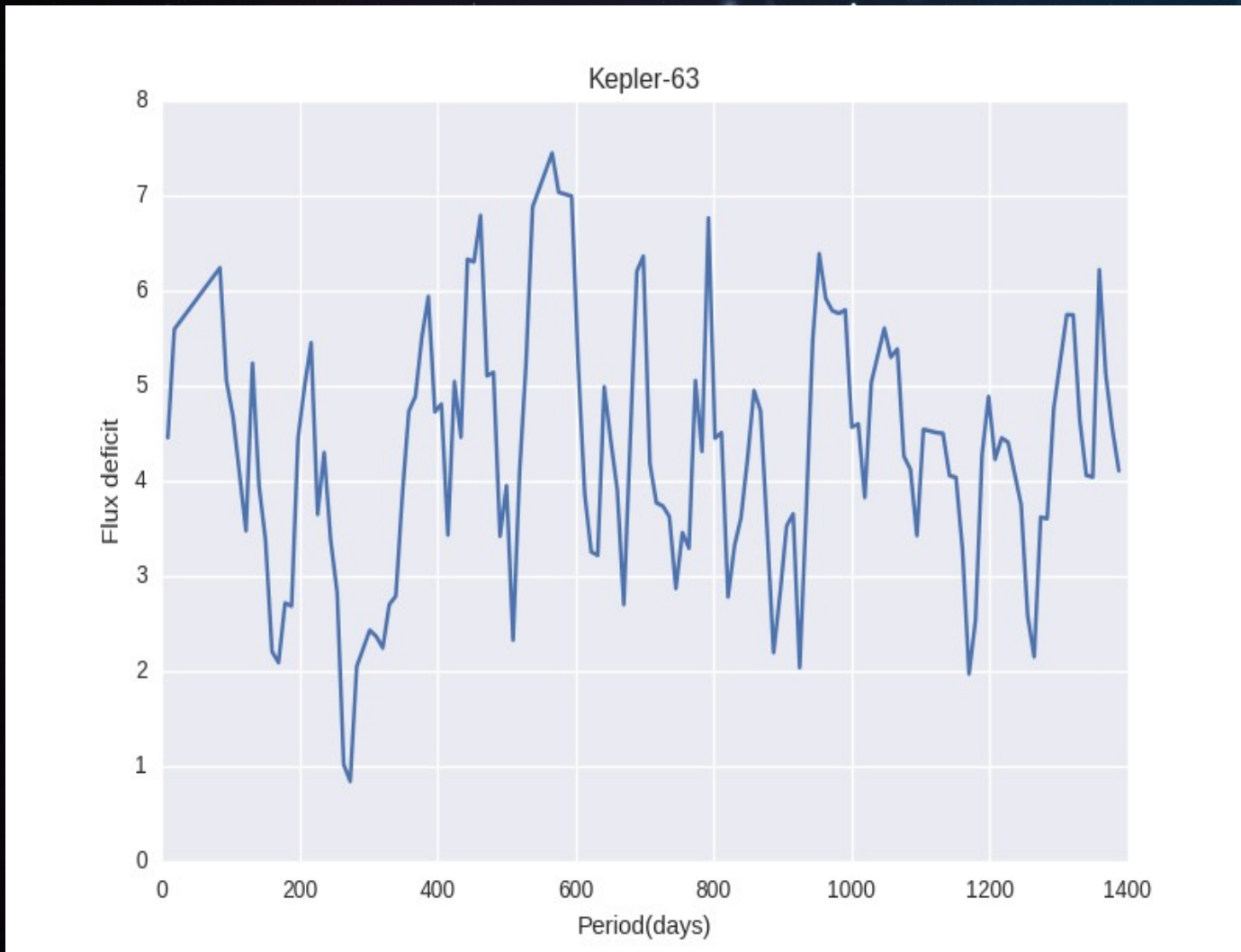
► Number of spots



Total of **135 transits observed.**

Number of spots per transits during ~ 4 yrs observation.

► Flux deficit



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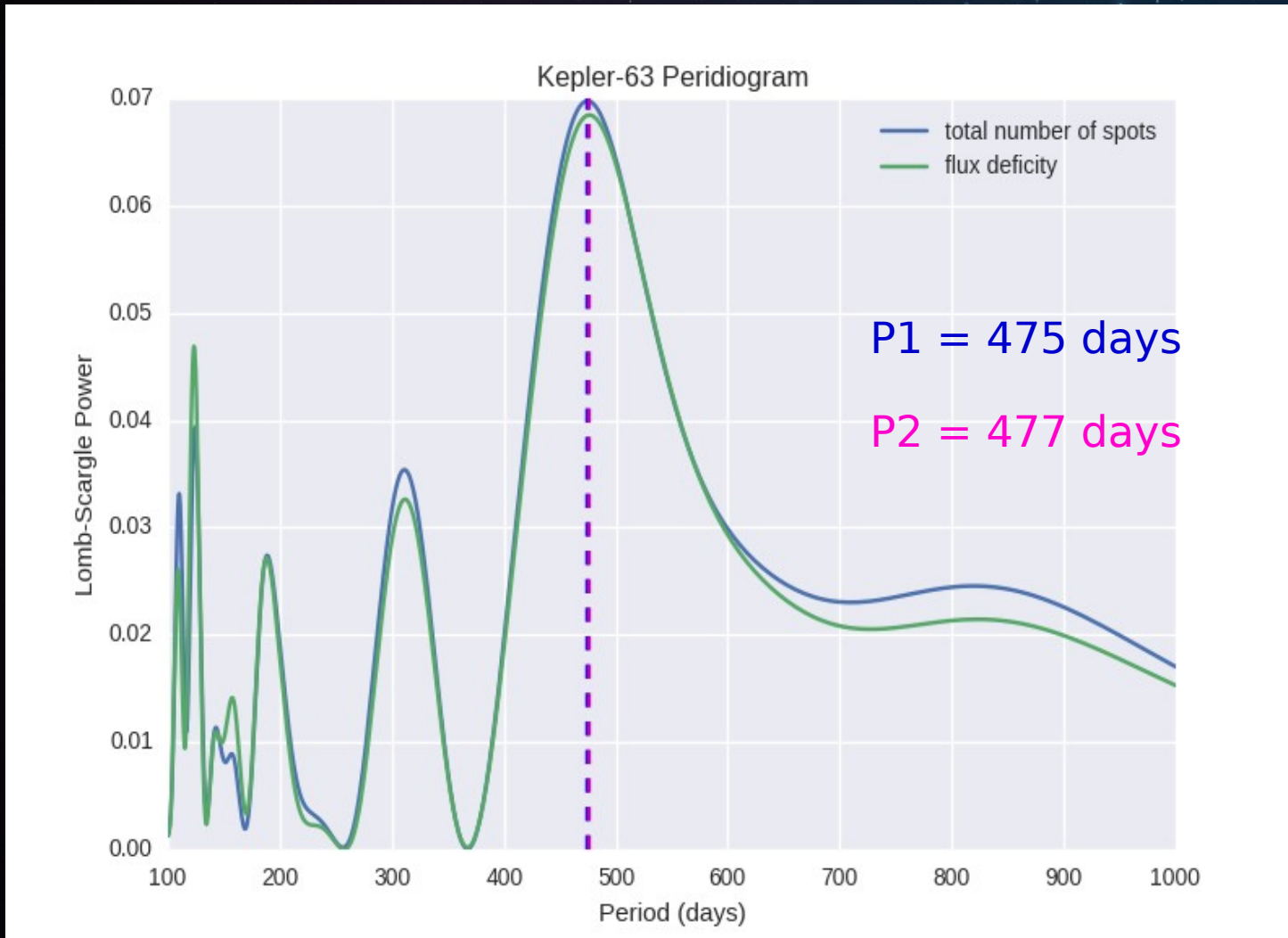
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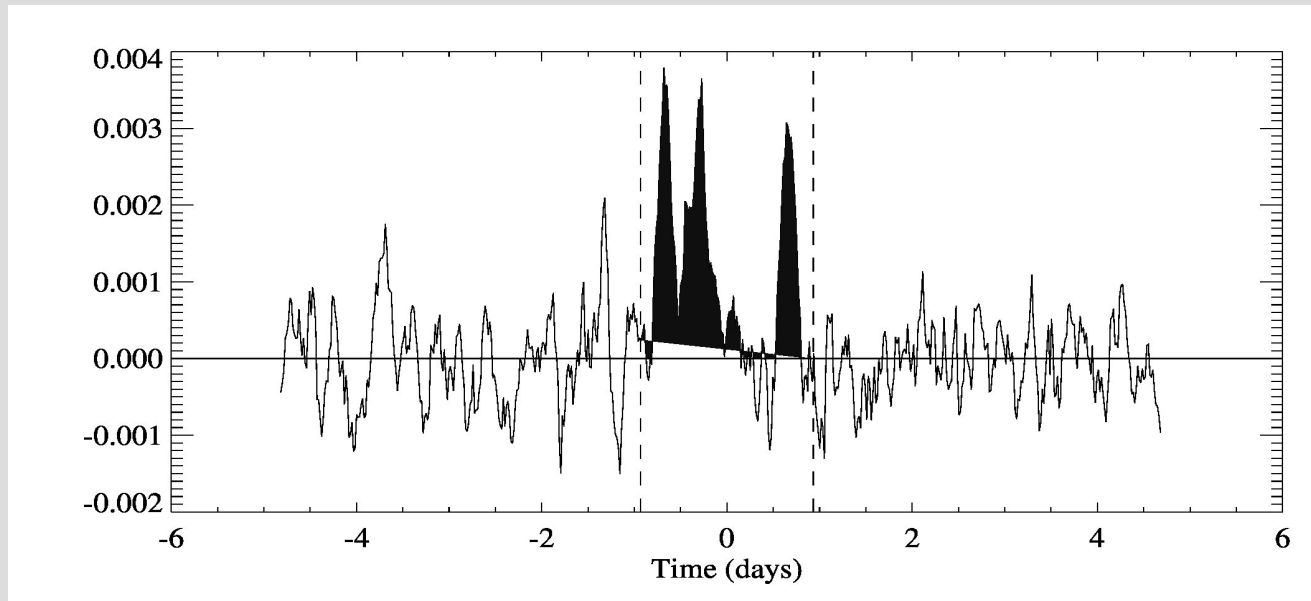
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Magnetic cycle of
1.3 yr.

Method 2

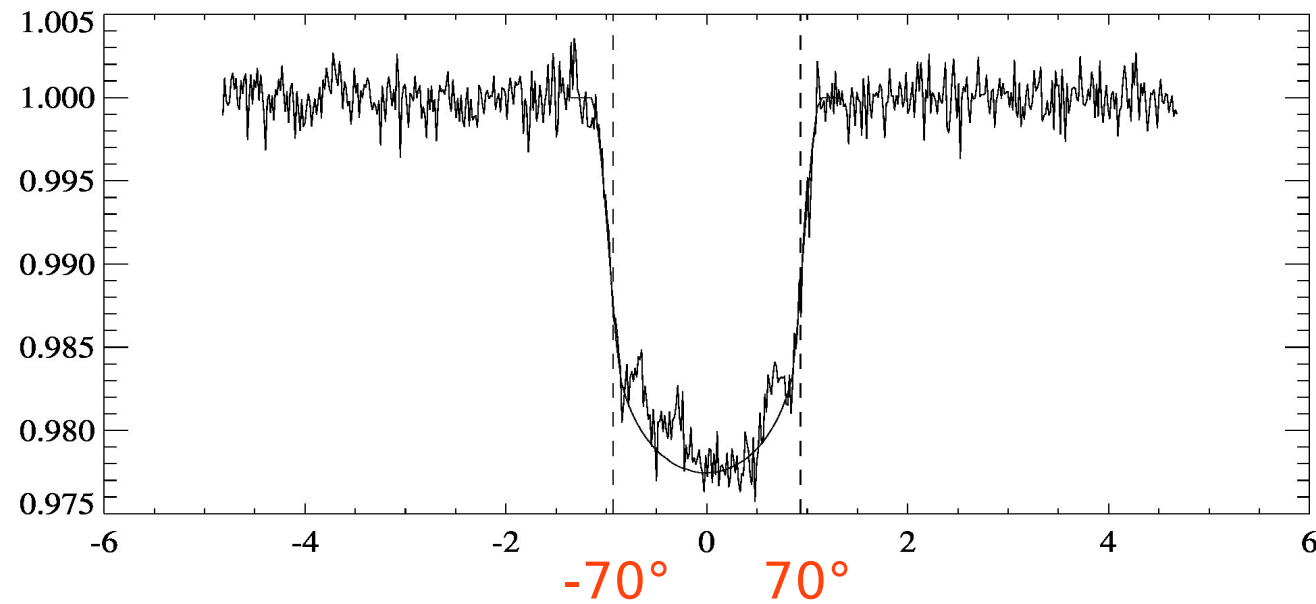
Residuals transits lightcurves



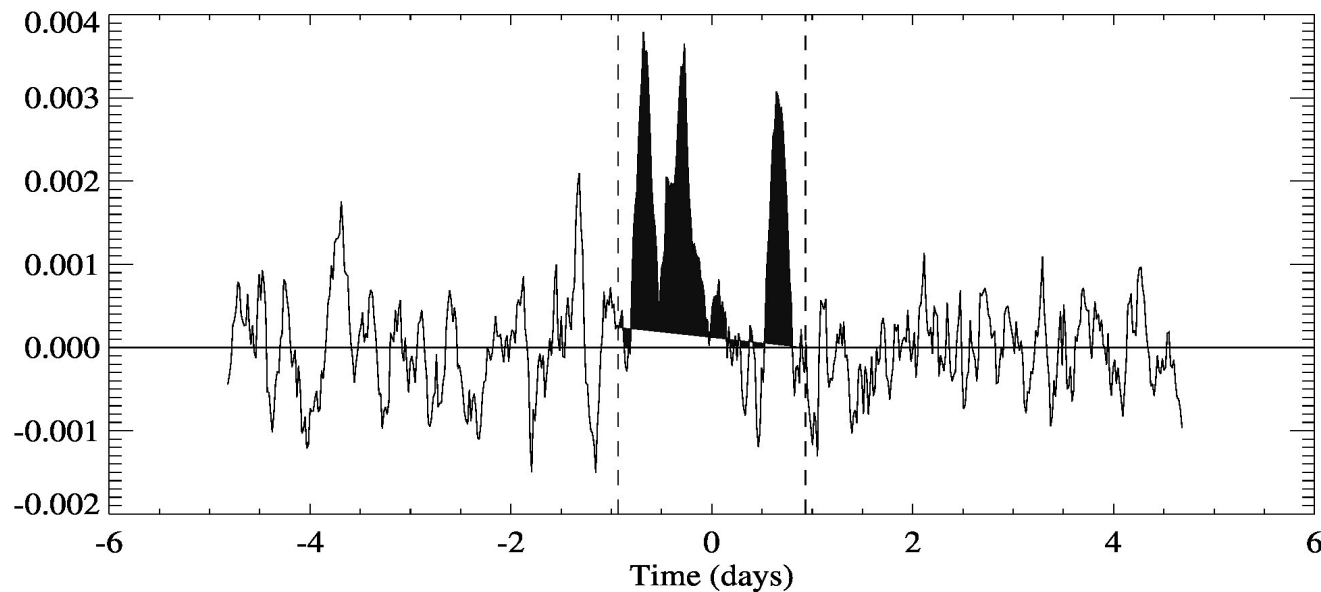
Kepler-17

Magnetic Activity

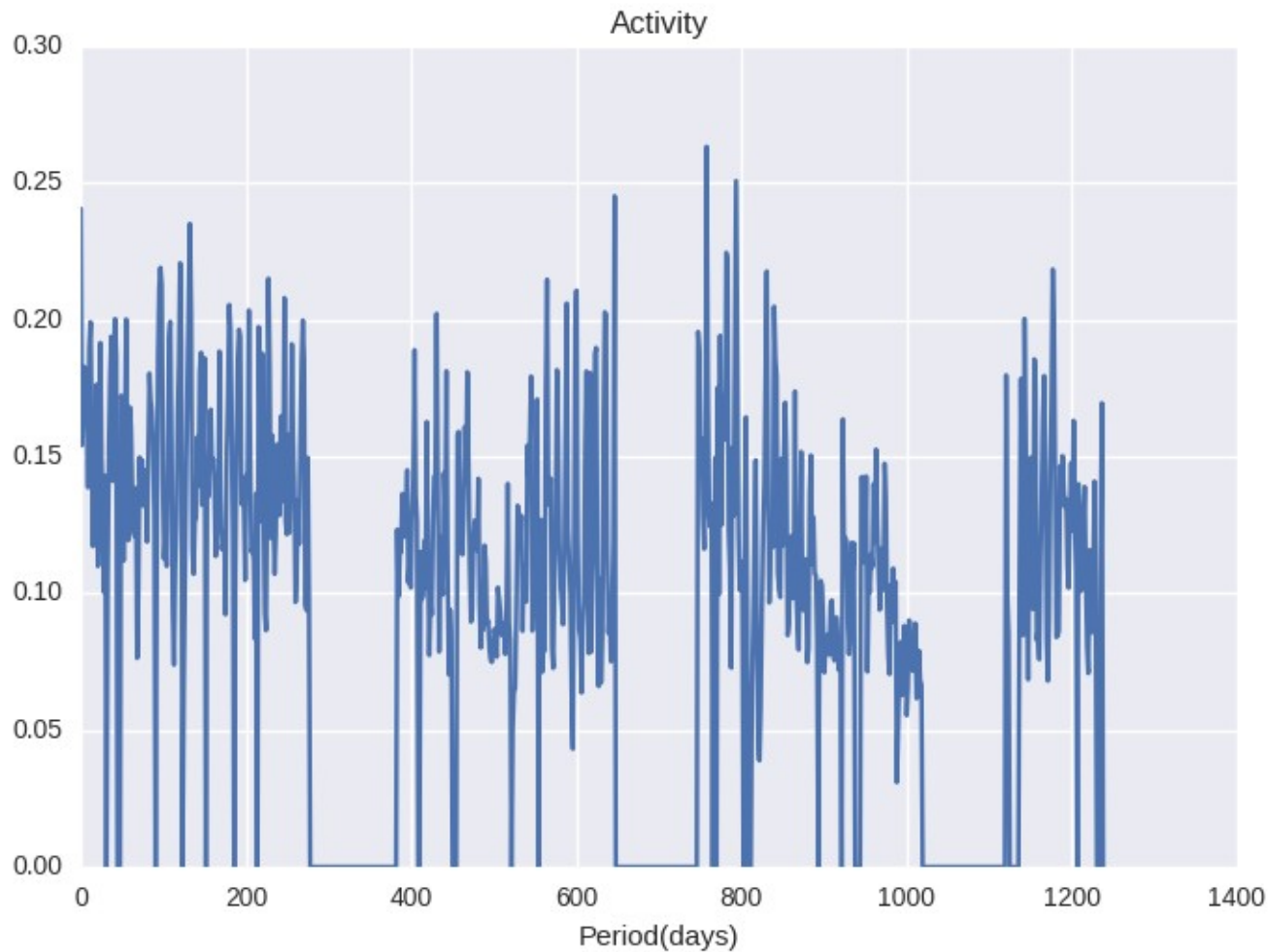
100th transit – Kepler-17



592 transits analyzed



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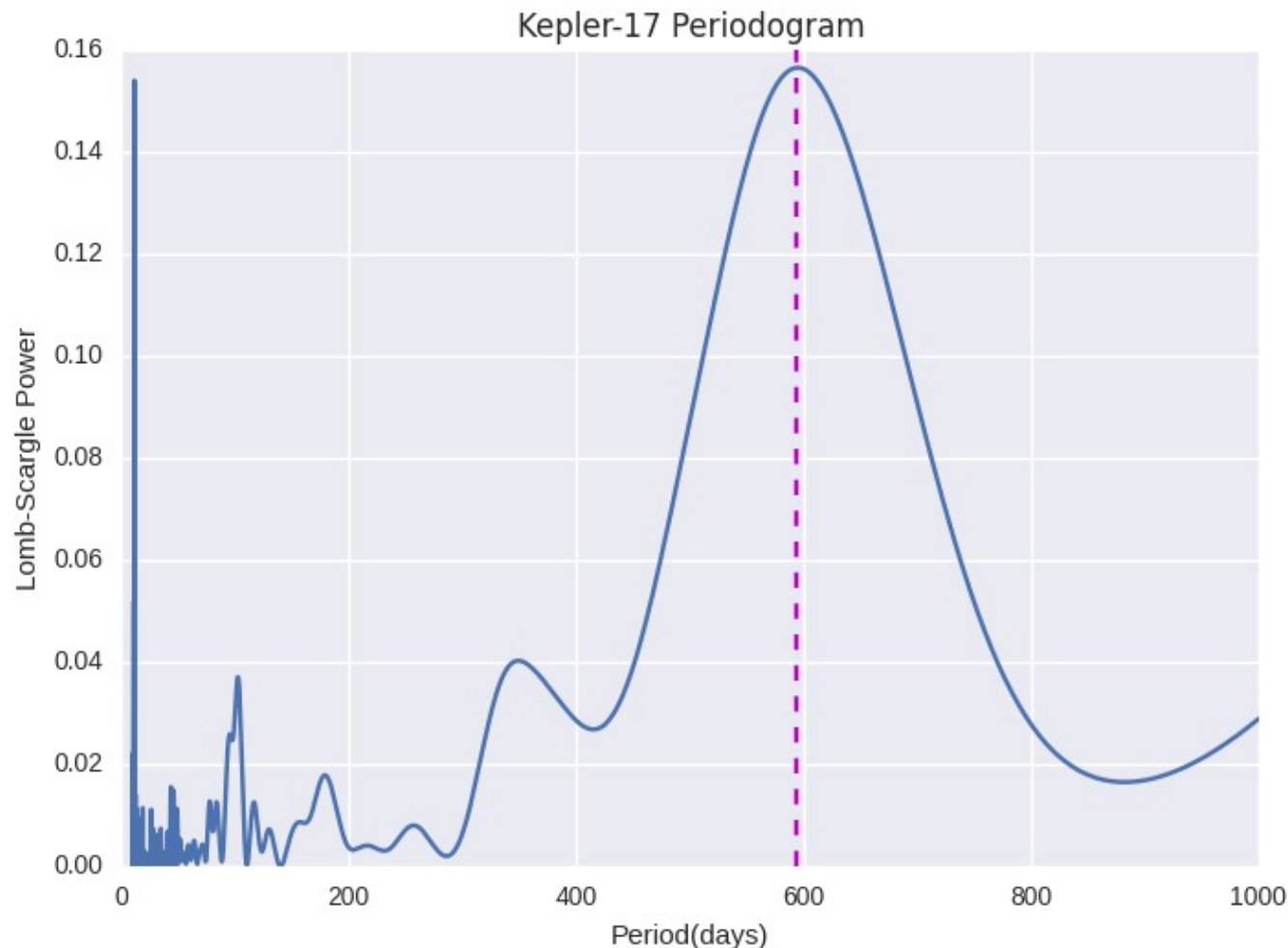


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Levels of activity during ~ 4 years of observation.

Kepler-17 activity cycle

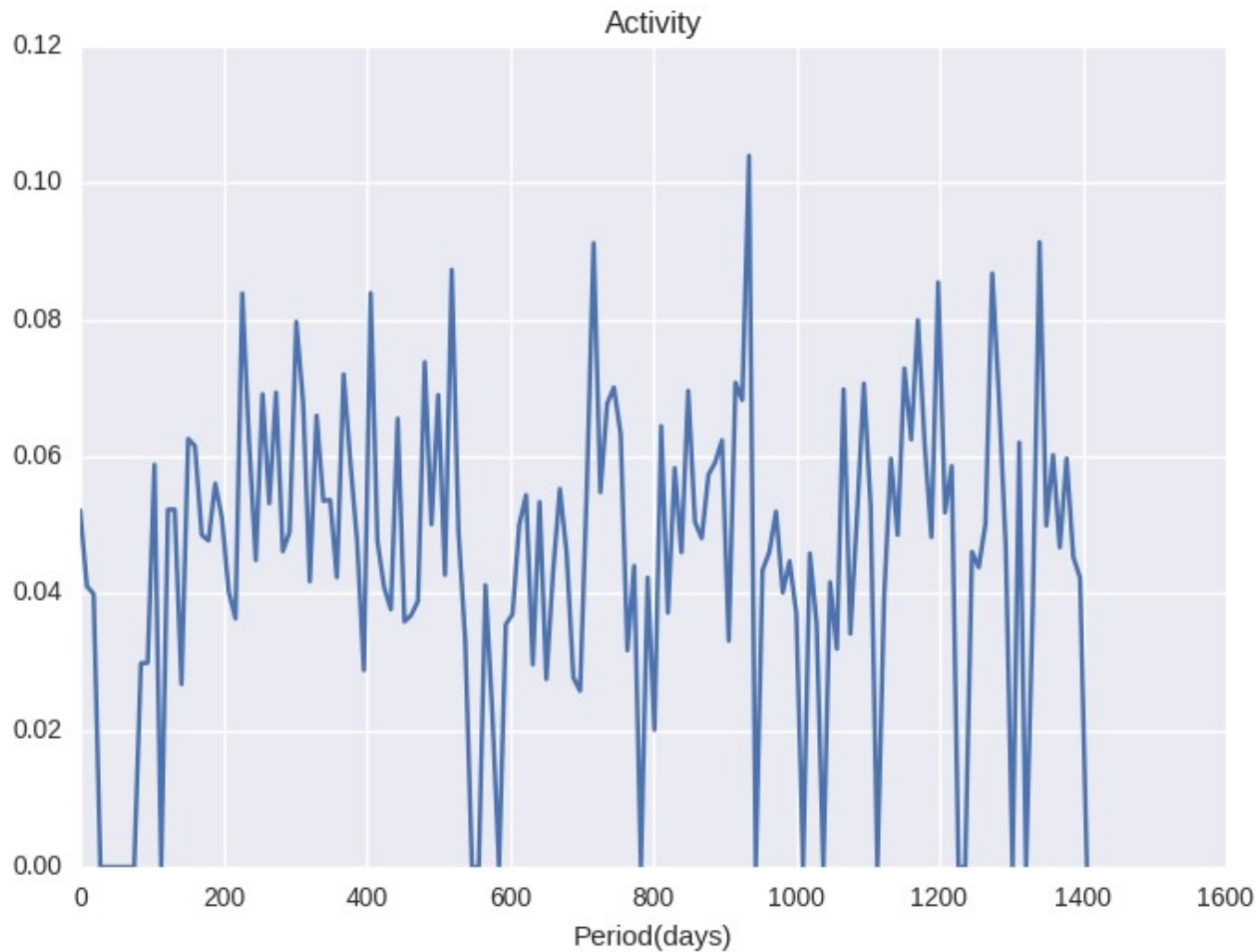
Lomb Scargle method



Magnetic cycle of
594 days or 1.62
yr.
Rotational period
of 12 days.

Kepler-63

Magnetic activity

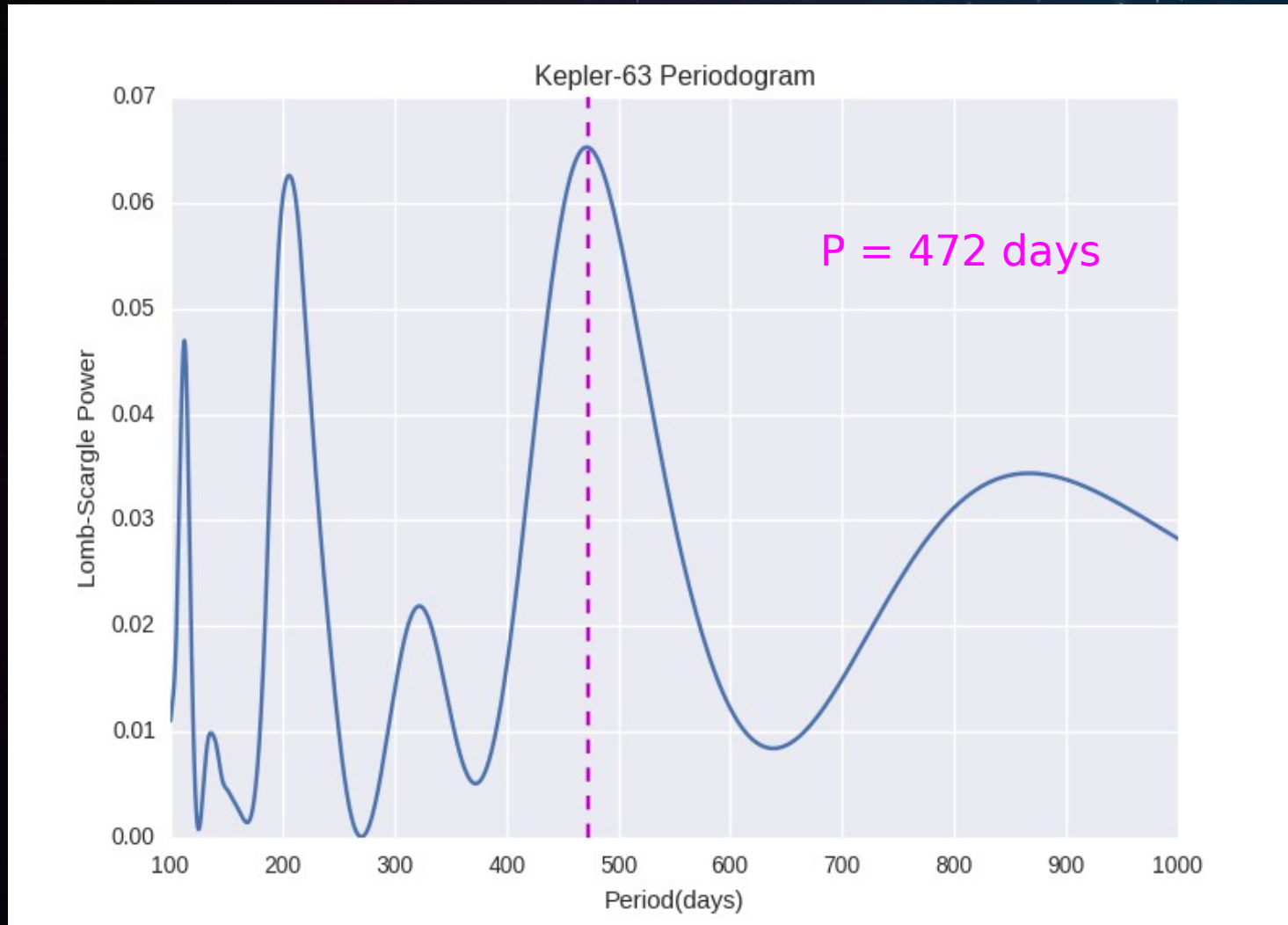


120 transits analyzed.

Levels of activity during ~ 4 years of observation.

Kepler-63 activity cycle

Lomb Scargle method



Magnetic cycle of
472 days or 1.29
yr.

Activity cycles: summary

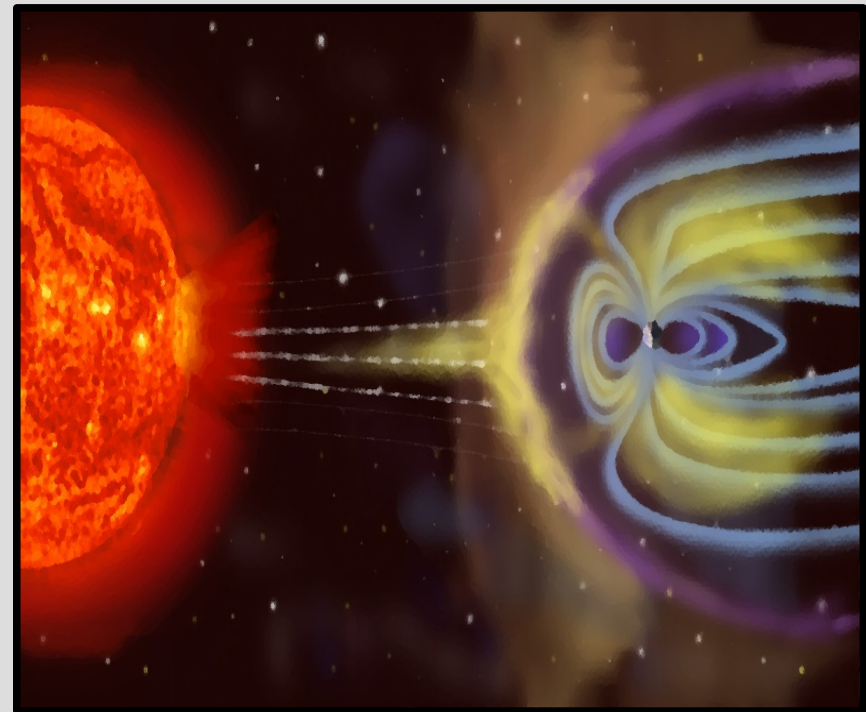
	Activity (residuals transits)	Number of spots	Flux deficit
Kepler-17	1.62yr	1.69yr	1.70yr
Kepler-63	1.29yr	1.30yr	1.30yr

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- ▶ By modelling small variations observed in transit light curves, we inferred spots characteristics (size, intensity, temperature).
- ▶ From the analysis of both methods (Planetary Transit Model and Residuals transit lightcurves), we found **evidence of a magnetic cycle** with about 1.7 yr for Kepler-17 and 1.3 yr for Kepler-63.
- ▶ Despite the constraint of the 4 years period of observation of Kepler telescope, we could observe short cycles of activity in both stars.

Perspectives

- ▶ Study the star-magnetic interaction in these stars.
- ▶ Analyze **M stars** and apply a model of star-planet magnetic interaction to planets in the habitable zone of these stars, for example:

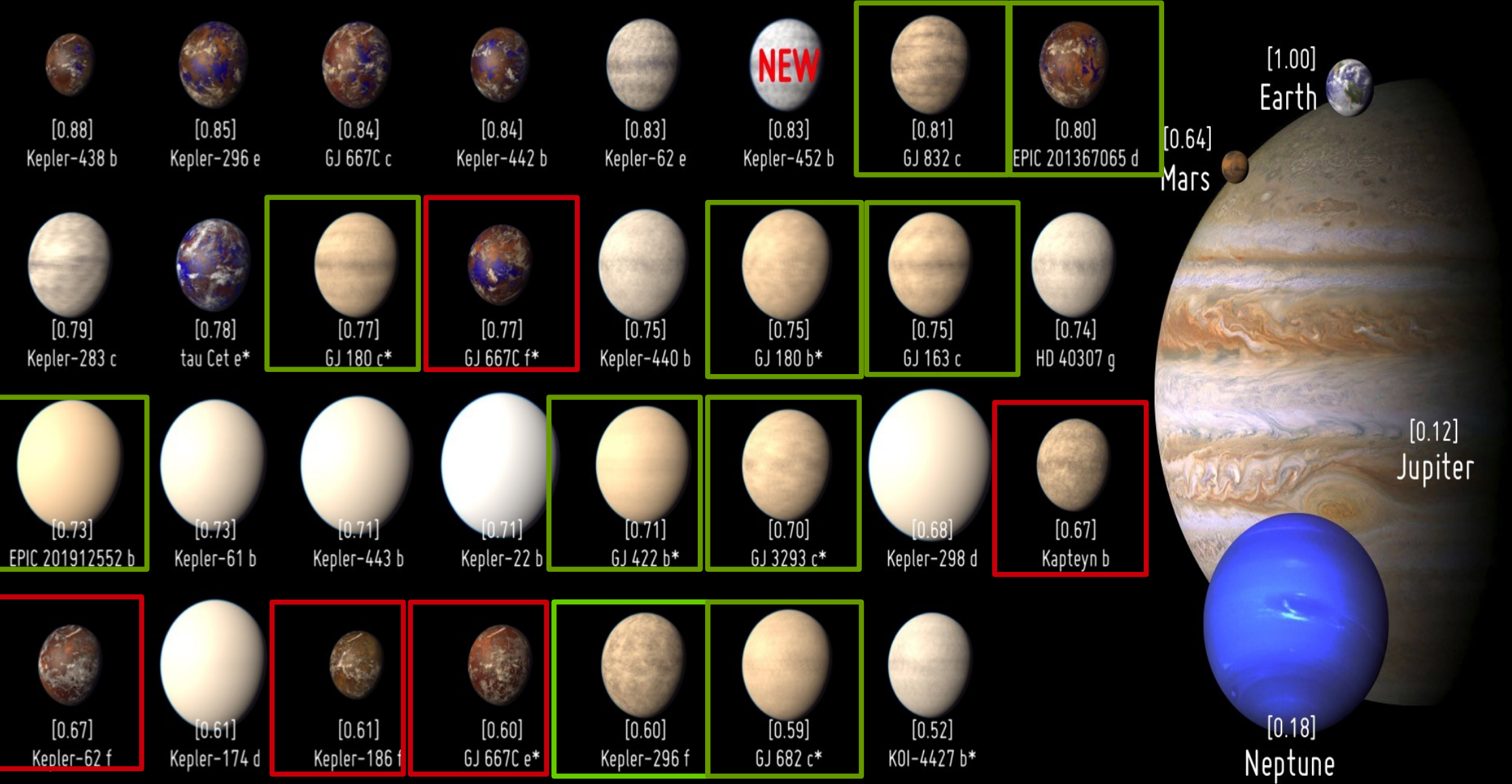
Potentially Habitable Exoplanets

Ranked by the Earth Similarity Index (ESI)



■ Earths

■ SuperEarths



dG

Outer HZ Edge
2AU

0.8AU
Inner HZ Edge

Earth-equiv Pos.
1AU

dK

Outer HZ Edge
1AU

Earth-equiv Pos.
0.5AU

Inner HZ Edge
0.3AU

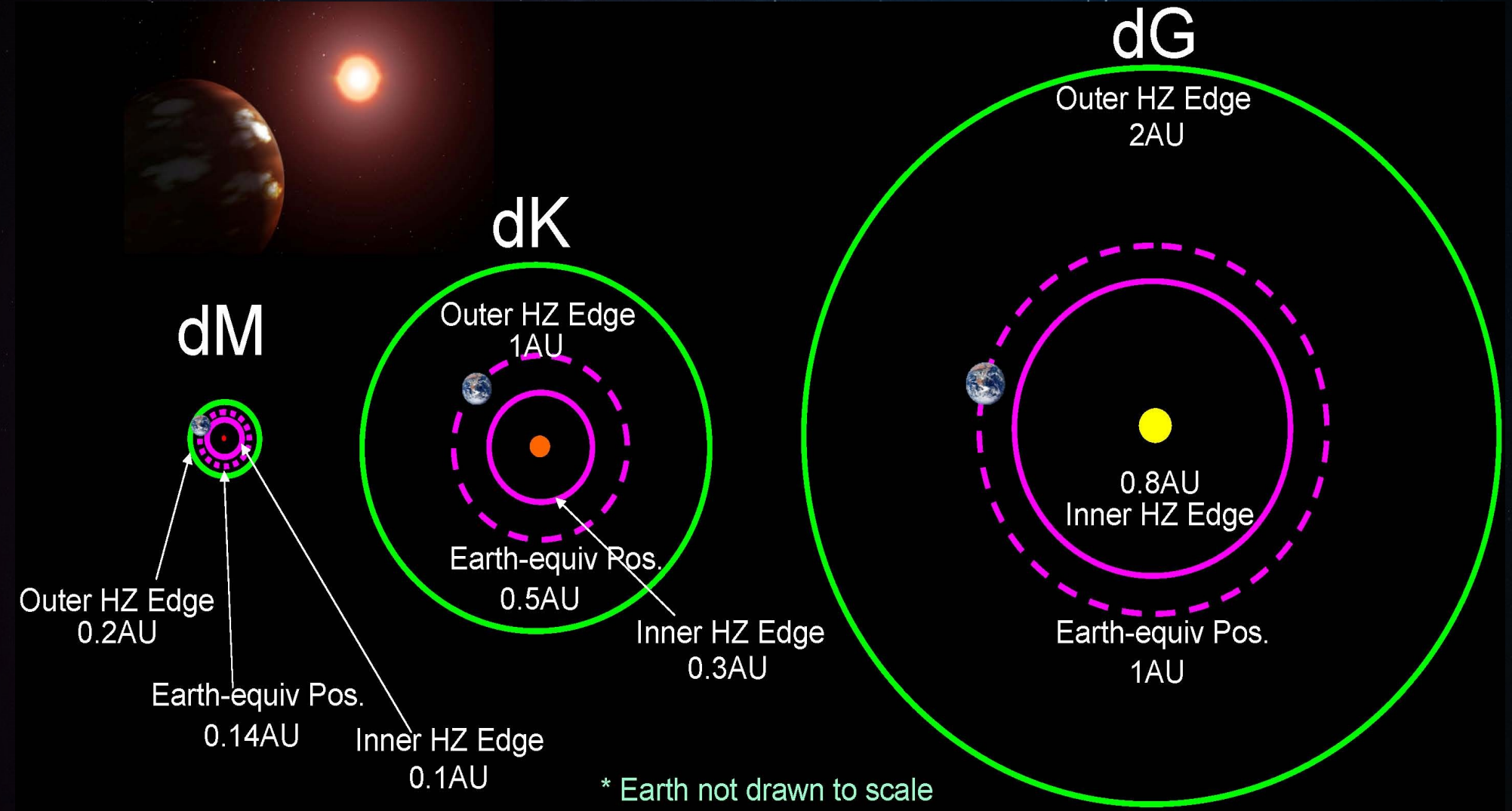
dM

Outer HZ Edge
0.2AU

Earth-equiv Pos.
0.14AU

Inner HZ Edge
0.1AU

* Earth not drawn to scale

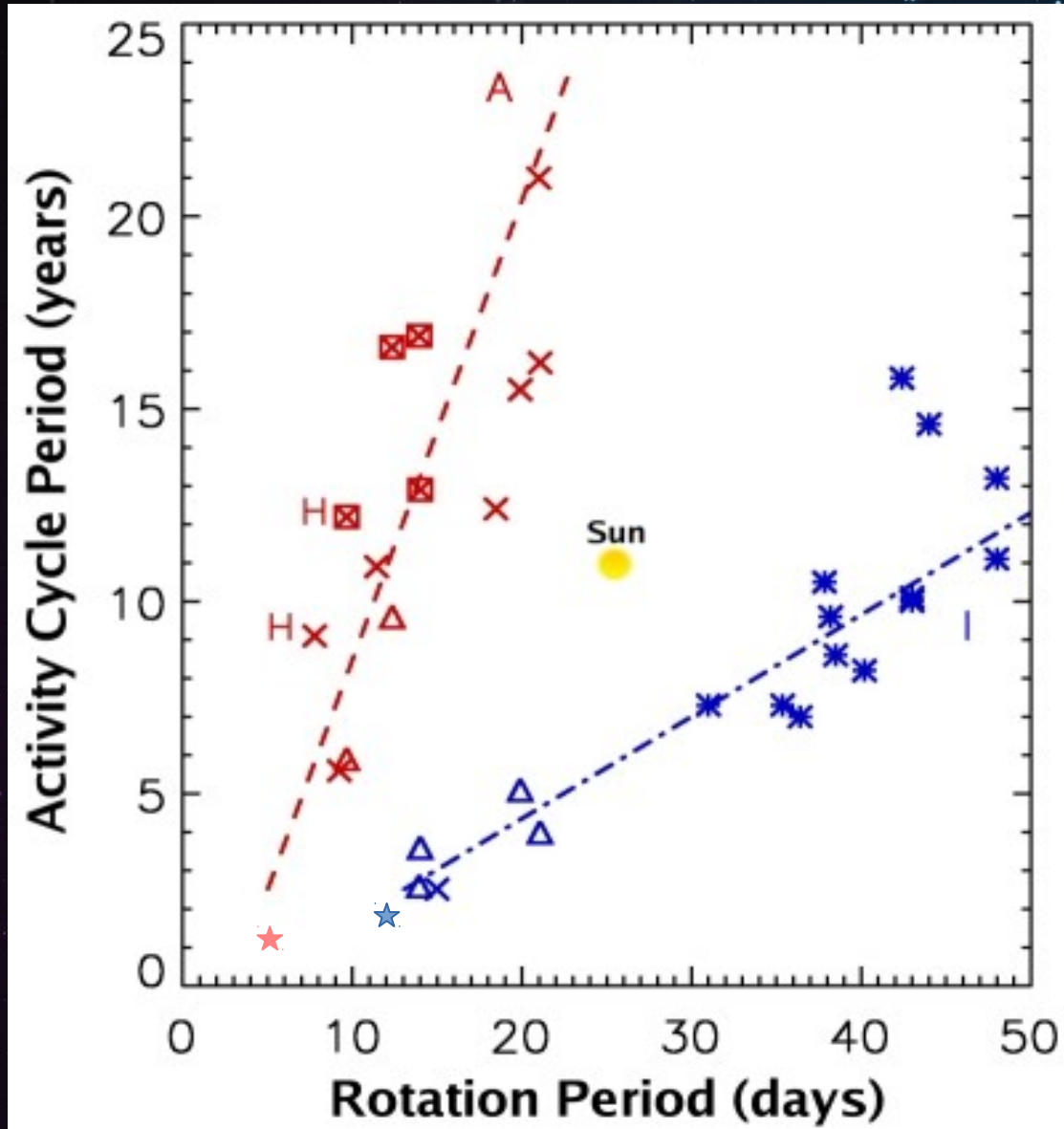




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★ Kepler-63

★ Kepler-17