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Evolution of stellar magnetic fields and their influence on the habitability of surrounding planets

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Pathways to Habitability

From Disk to Stars, Planets to Life

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DISKS, WATER, STARS, MAGNETOSPHERES, ATMOSPHERES, BINARY STARS



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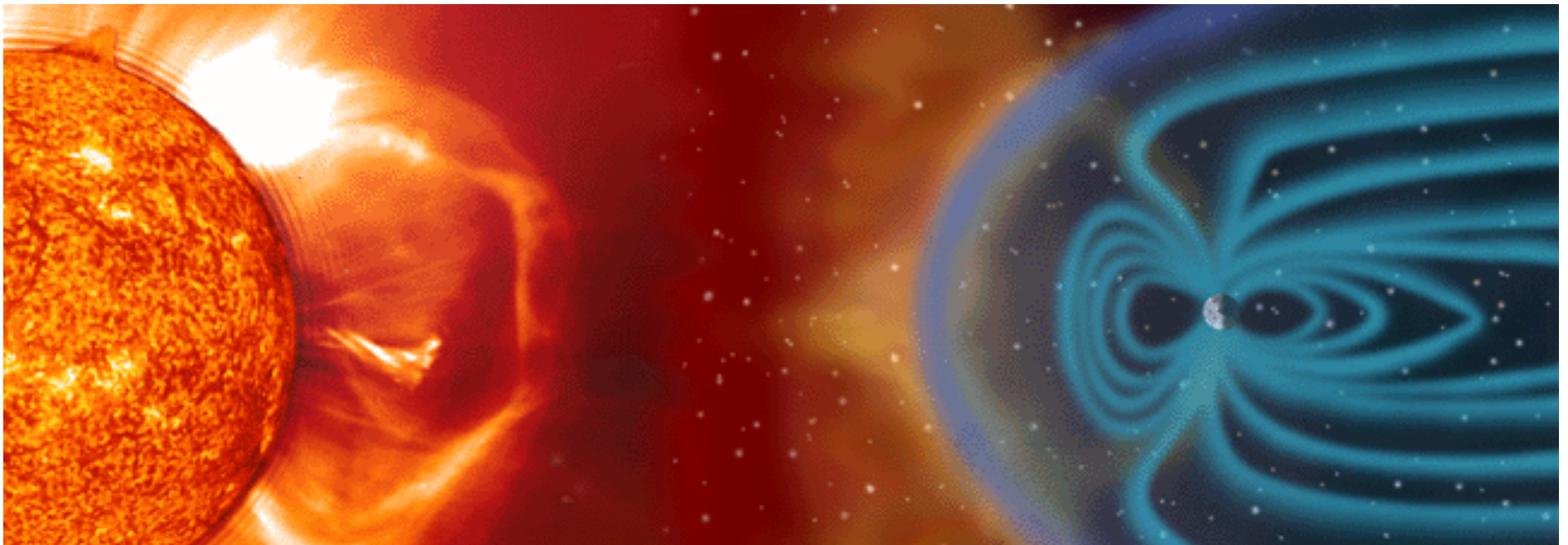
Stars – Shaping their planetary environments

Stellar activity

- Flares, Coronal Mass Ejections (CME's),
- High-energy radiation: UV, EUV, X-rays,
- Stellar Winds

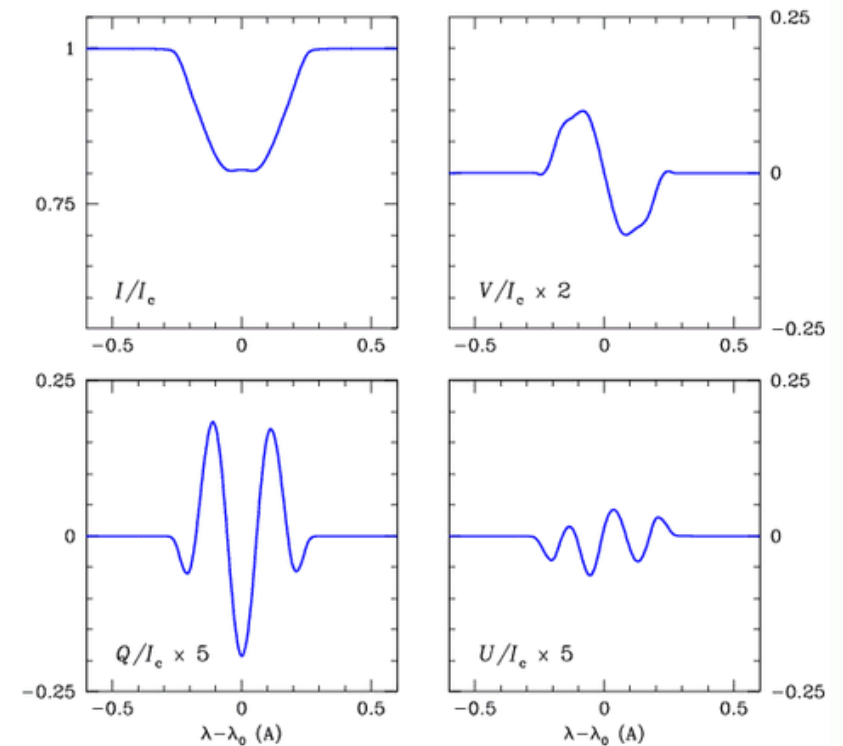
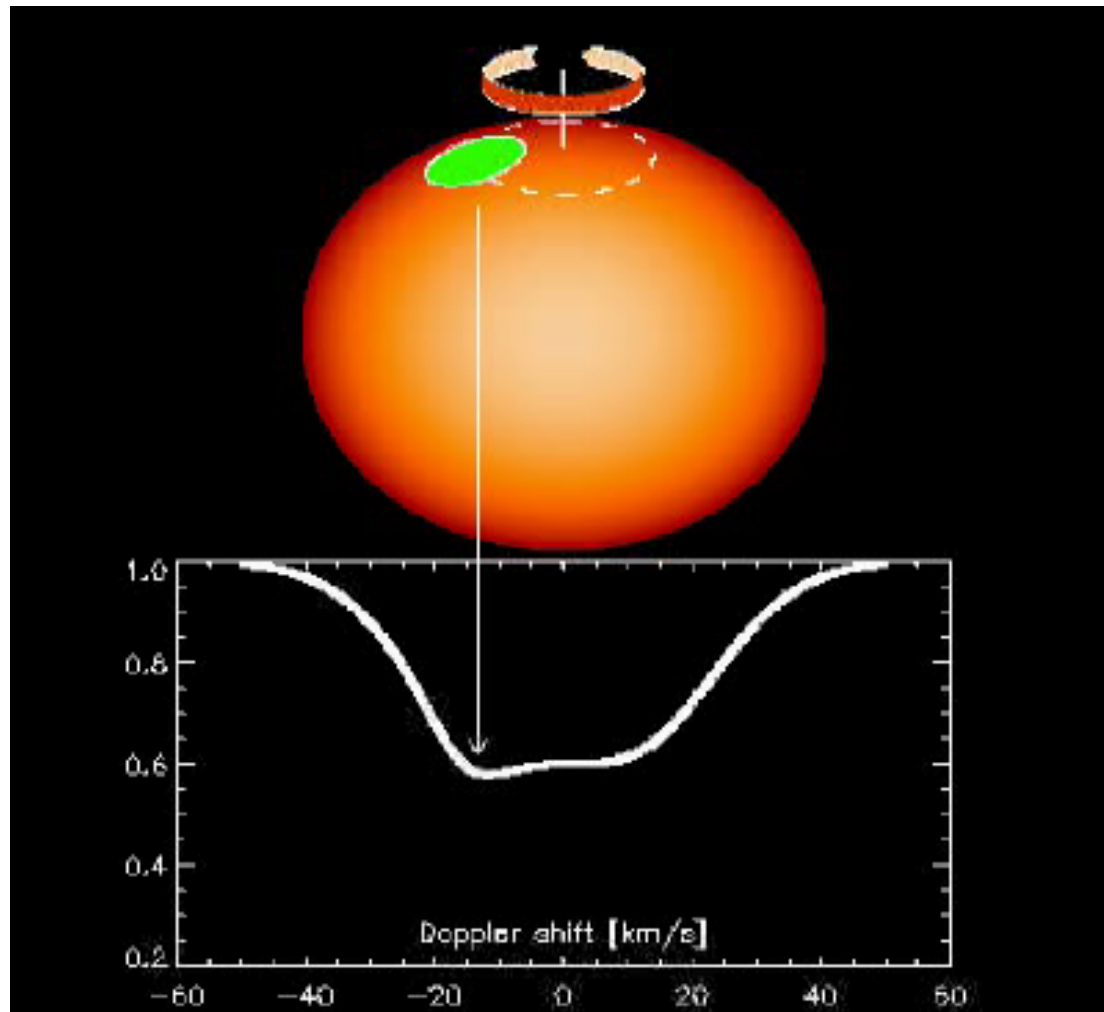
All triggered by the stellar magnetic field

- Radiation-atmosphere interaction
- Magnetosphere-wind interaction
- Magnetosphere-atmosphere system

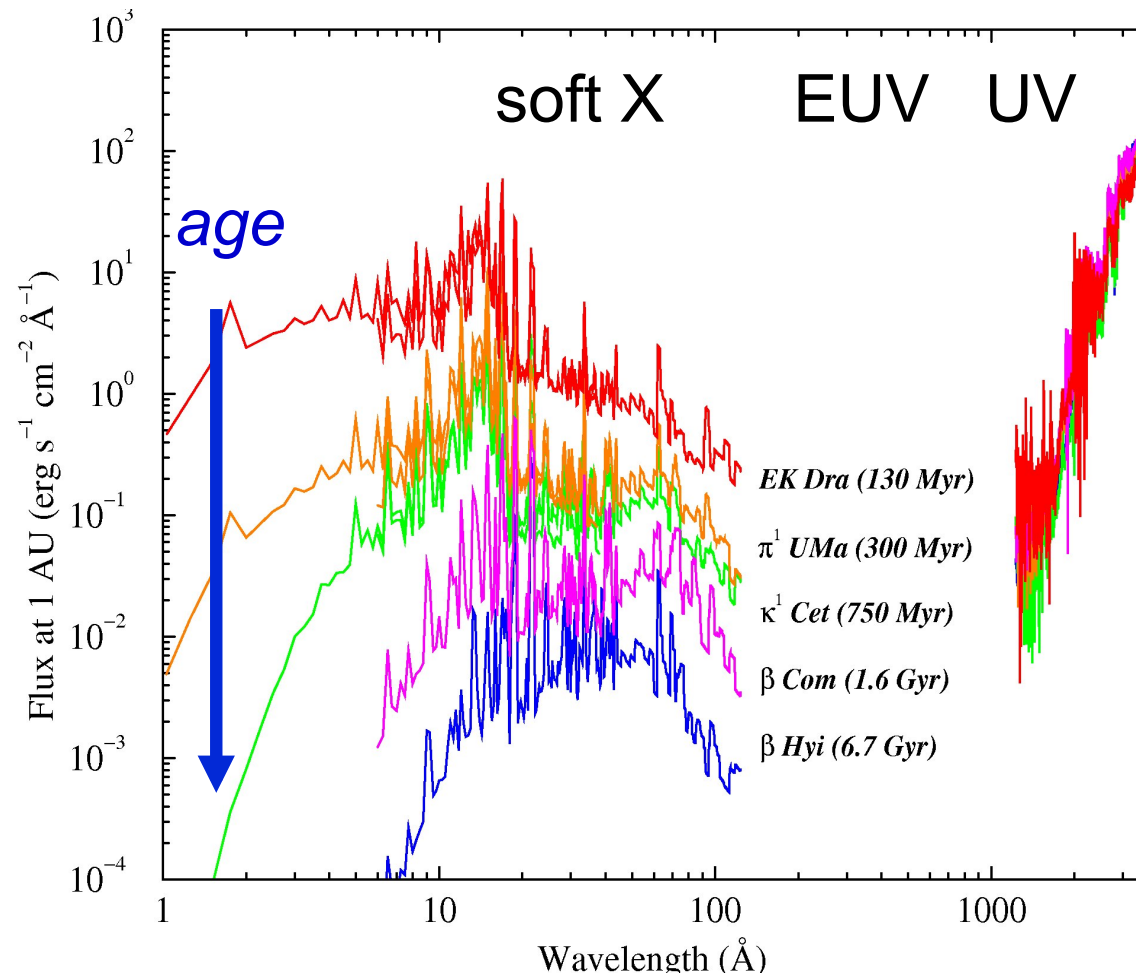


drive atmospheric chemistry and erosion

Zeeman Doppler Imaging



The EUV and X-Ray Sun in Time



Guinan & Ribas 2002, ASP Conference Proceedings, Vol. 269, 85

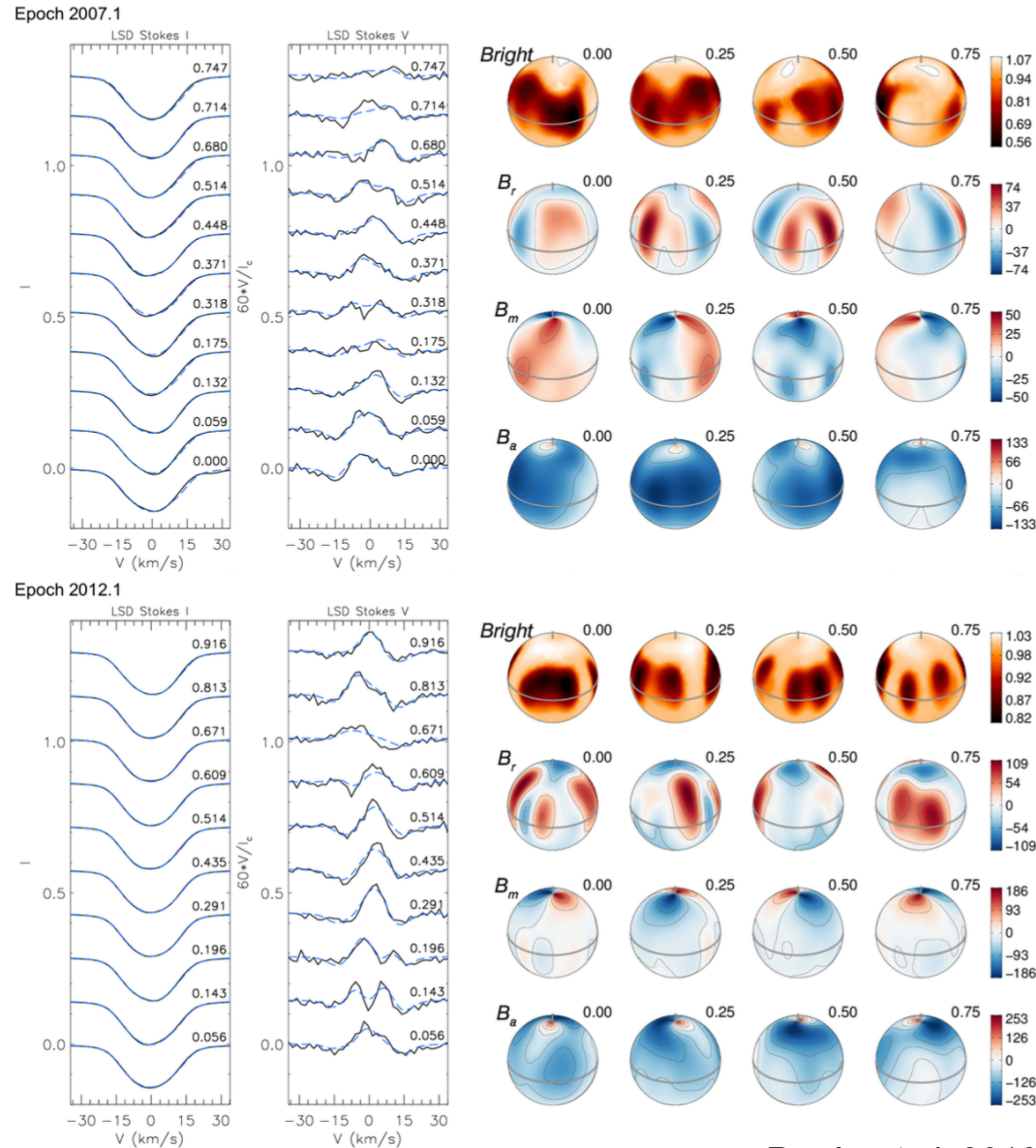
Güdel 2004, A&A Review, 12, 71

Ribas et al. 2005, APJ, ApJ, 622, 680; Claire et al. 2012, ApJ, 757, 95

Luminosity (and hardness) decay
more rapidly over much larger scale in X-ray than in UV

ZDI of Young Suns

Stellar surface magnetic field distribution: EK Dra



Star	Age (Myr)
EK Dra	100
HN Peg	230
π^1 Uma	270
χ^1 Ori	300
BE Cet	500
κ^1 Cet	600

Rosén et al. 2016

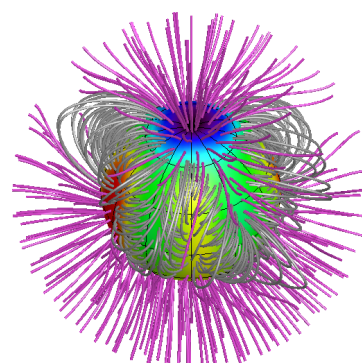
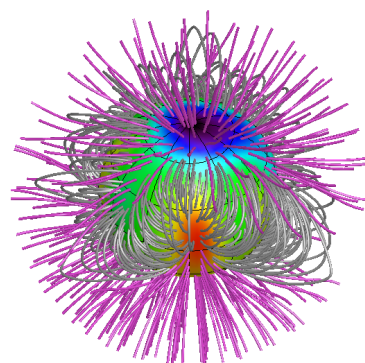
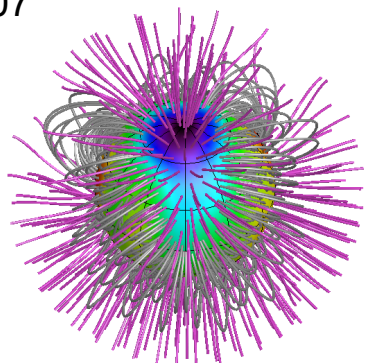
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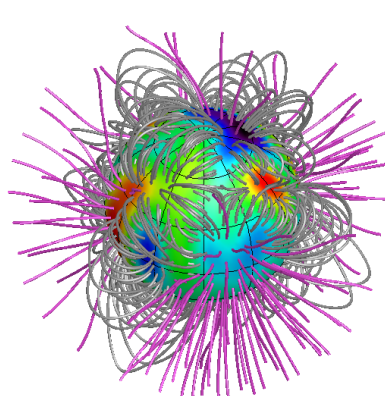
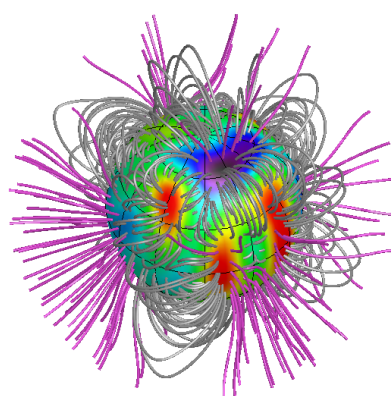
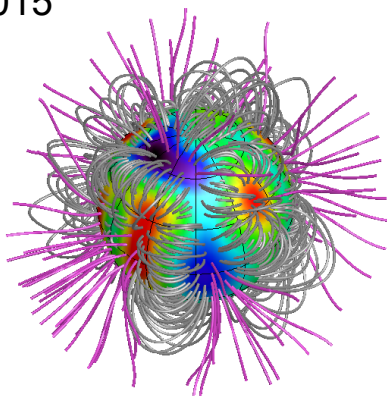
Stellar surface magnetic field distribution: π^1 UMa

π^1 UMa

2007



2015



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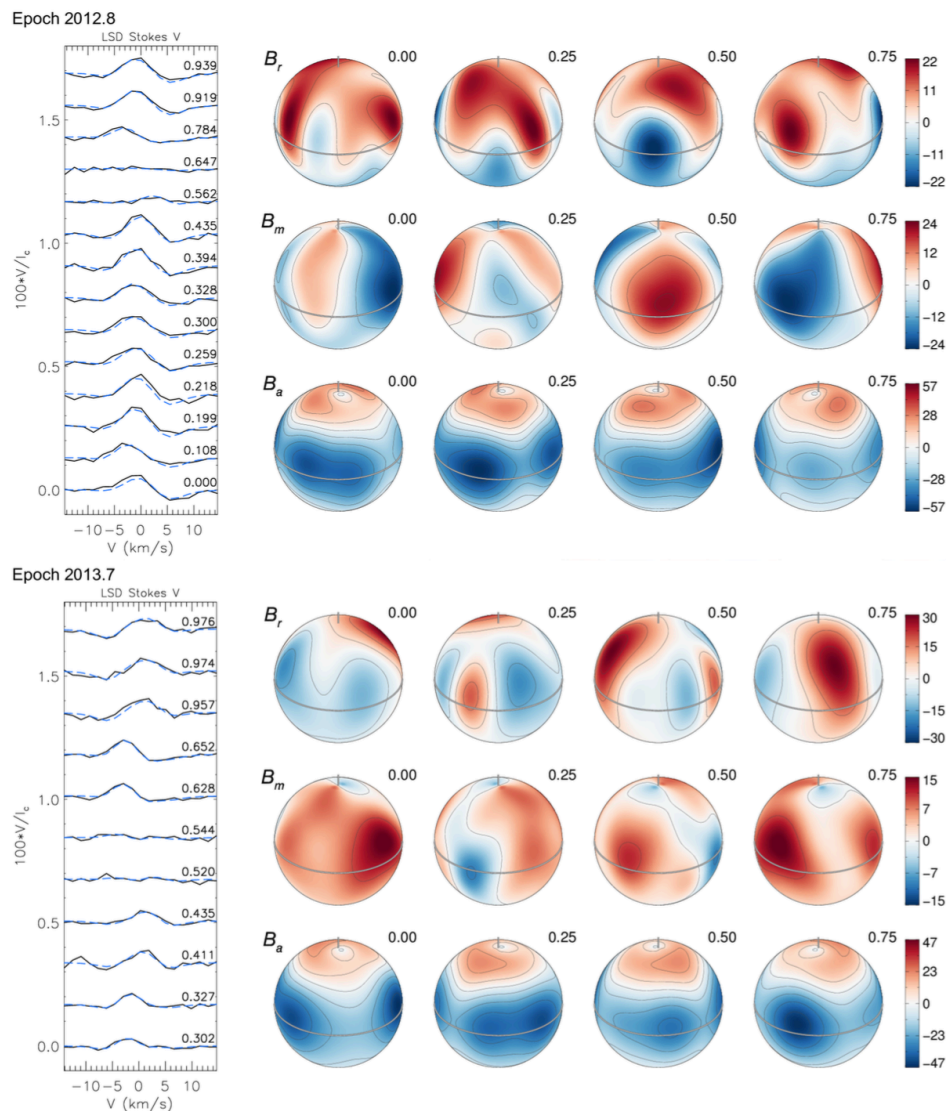
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Lüftinger et al. 2017, Rosén et al. 2016

ZDI of Young Suns

Stellar surface magnetic field distribution: κ^1 Cet



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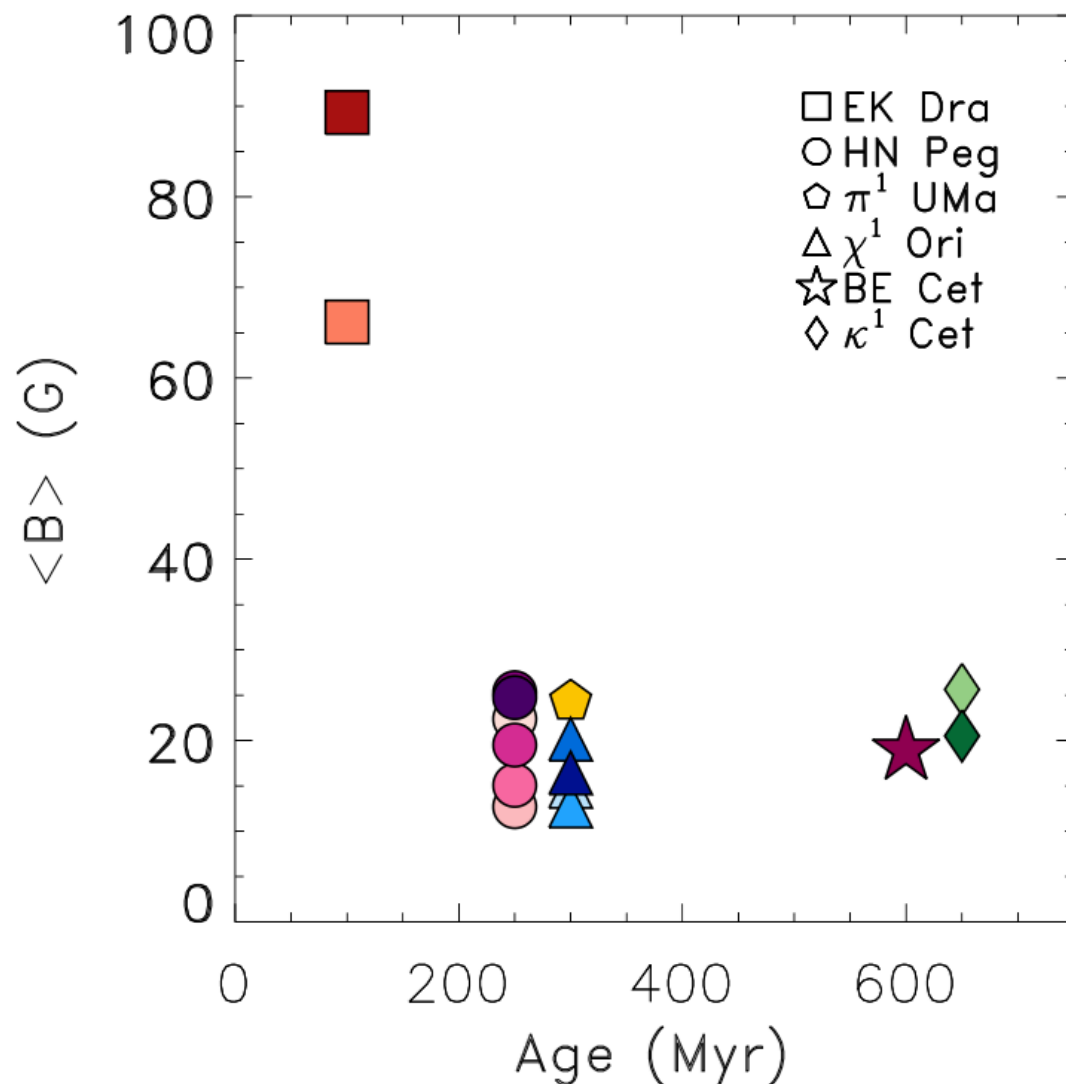
Rosén et al. 2016,

*see also
do Nascimento, 2016*

ZDI of Young Suns



Mean magnetic field as a function of age



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ZDI of Young Suns



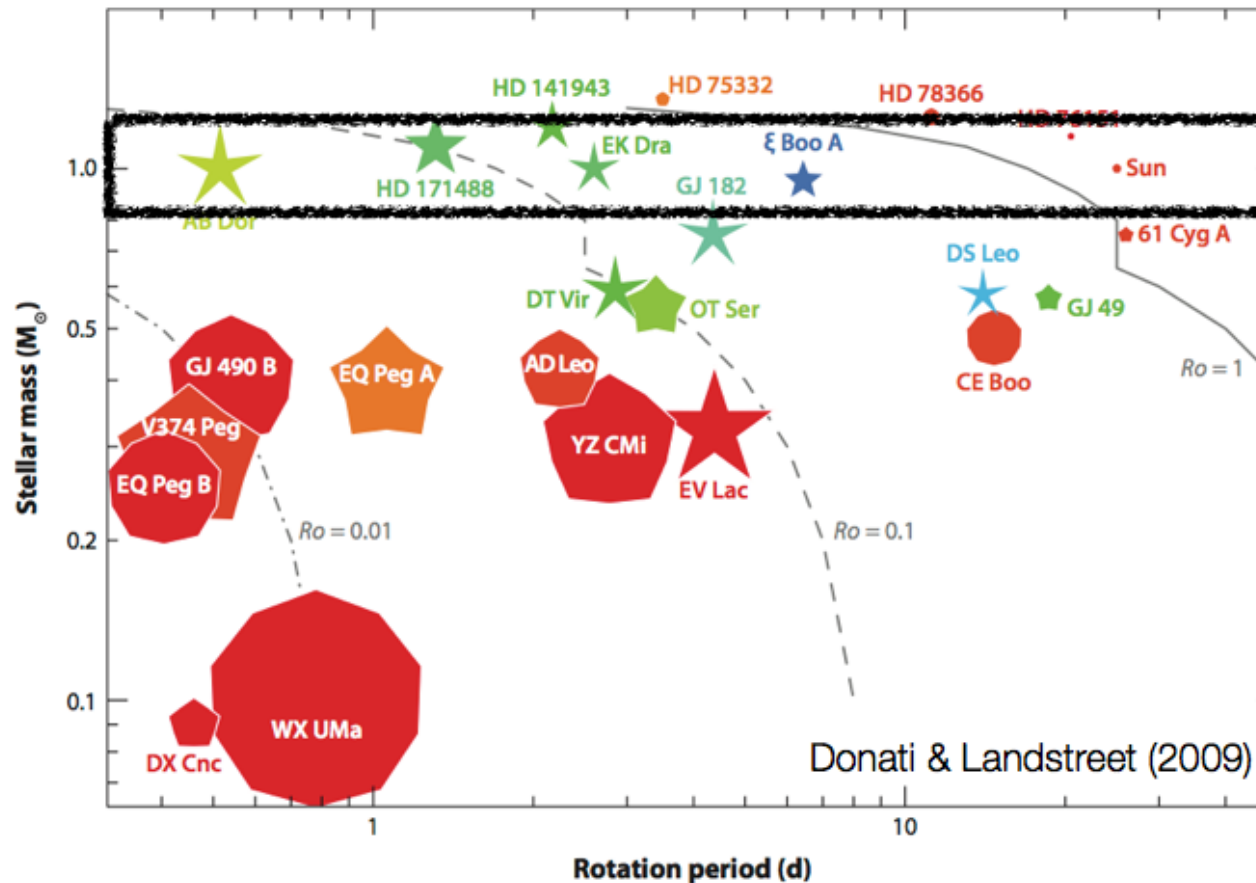
Points to mention

- χ^1 Ori shows two polarity switches \rightarrow period of 2 years, or 6,8 depending on what was happening during 2008.8 to 2010.8.
- Stars in the sample do not all have the same cycle (κ^1 Cet and EK Dra cannot have a two year cycle), if any, and those are not necessarily equal to the solar cycle \rightarrow could mean that the sun used to have a different cycle length (when it was younger) than now.
- BE Cet, κ^1 Cet: octupole component twice as large as quadrupole component.
- field topology of rapidly rotating young-solar mass stars: can either be dominantly toroidal or poloidal: the youngest and oldest star seem to have similar field configurations; field topologies also vary significantly for the same star at different observation epochs \rightarrow no definitive correlations between age and poloidal/toroidal component fractions for the age range studied here.
- Younger stars tend to have larger $l=2$, than $l=3$, (comp. See et al. 2015 [$E_{\text{axis}}/E_{\text{tot}}$ seems to always be larger or approximately equal to $E_{\text{tor}}/E_{\text{tot}}$]).

Magnetic Fields – shaping the Stars and Planets

Stellar magnetic field topology

Zeeman Doppler imaging: magnetic fields of cool stars



- Size: intensity

- Colour:

poloidal
toroidal

- Shape:

● axisymmetric
★ non-axisym.

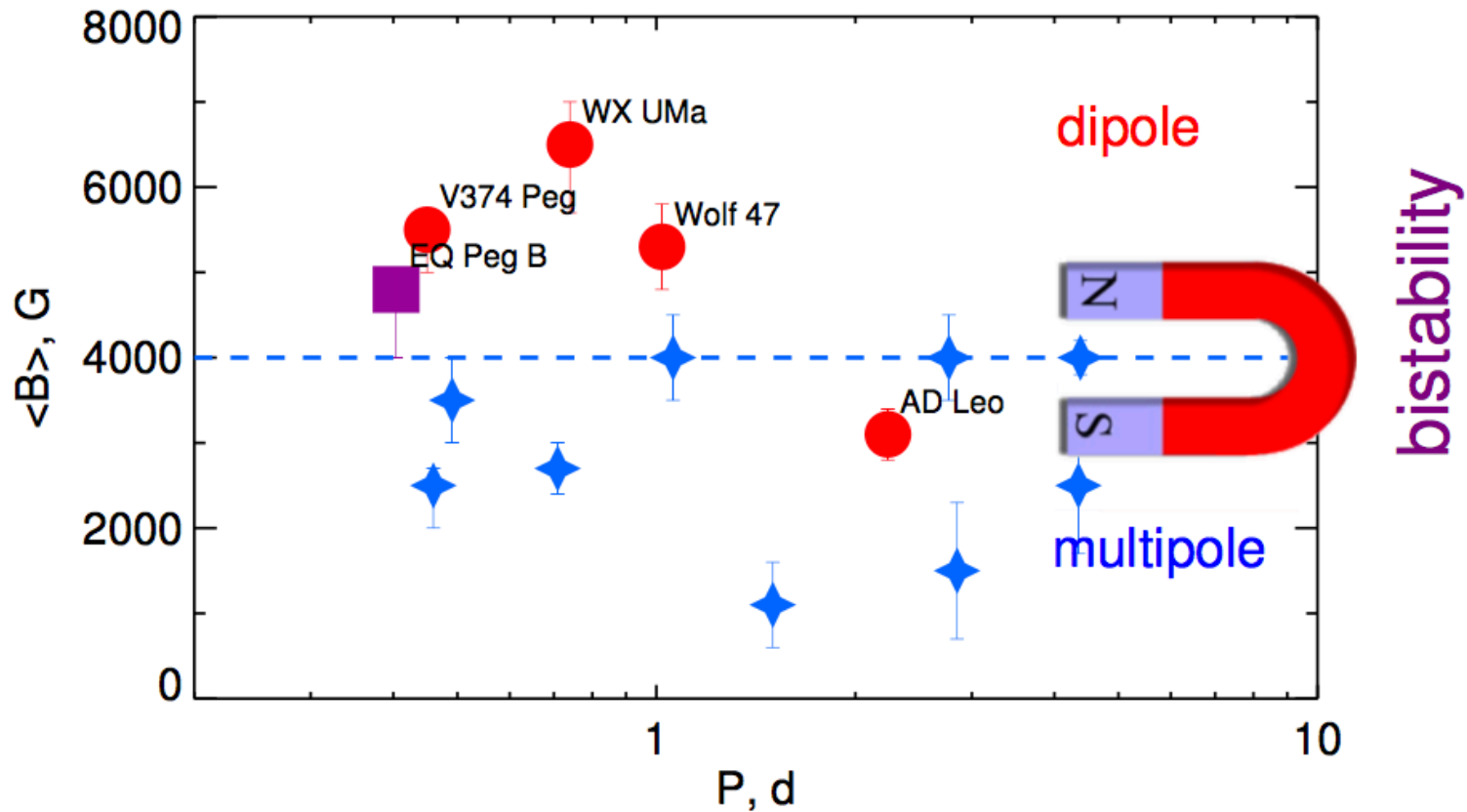
Variety of intensities
and topologies

Donati et al., 2008

structure of stellar wind considerably different for different types of stars/stellar ages
→ need statistical assessment to set conditions for habitable environments

M dwarfs – can have very different magnetic fields

Magnetic field vs. Rotation



 *Shulyak et al., 2017*

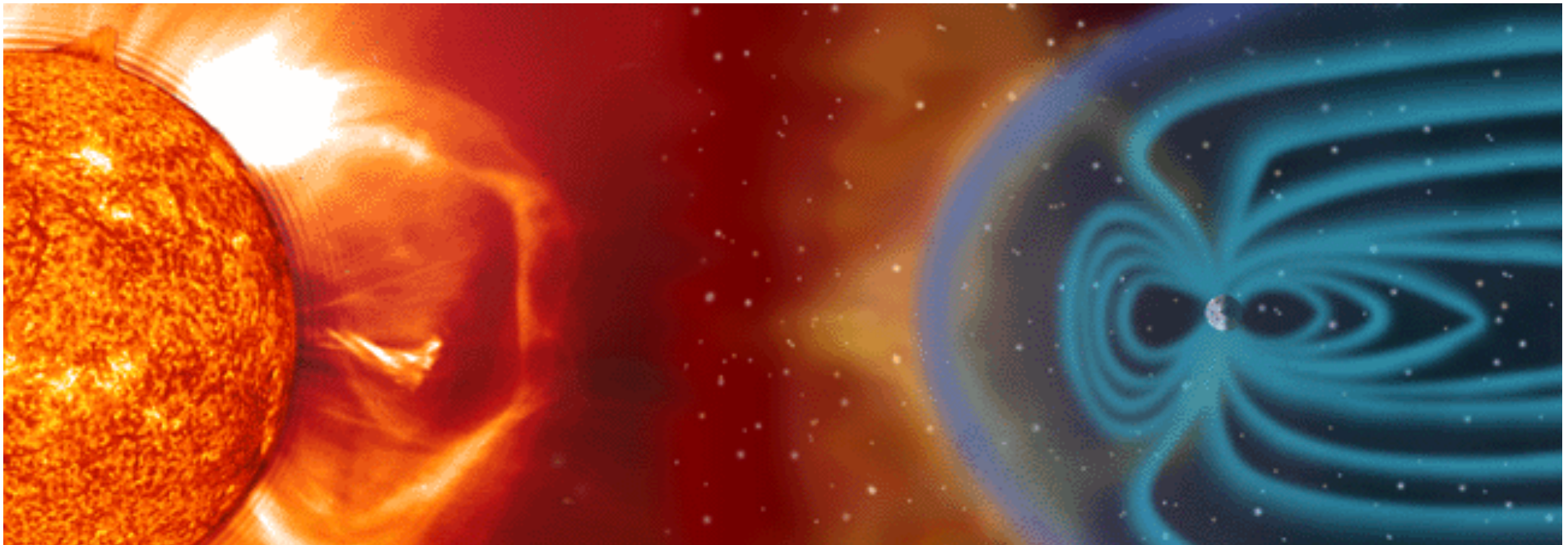
fields of fully convective M dwarfs can get up to ~ 6.4 kG

→ totally different, probably very harsh, conditions for planets and their atmospheres

Stars and their magnetic fields – Shaping planetary environments

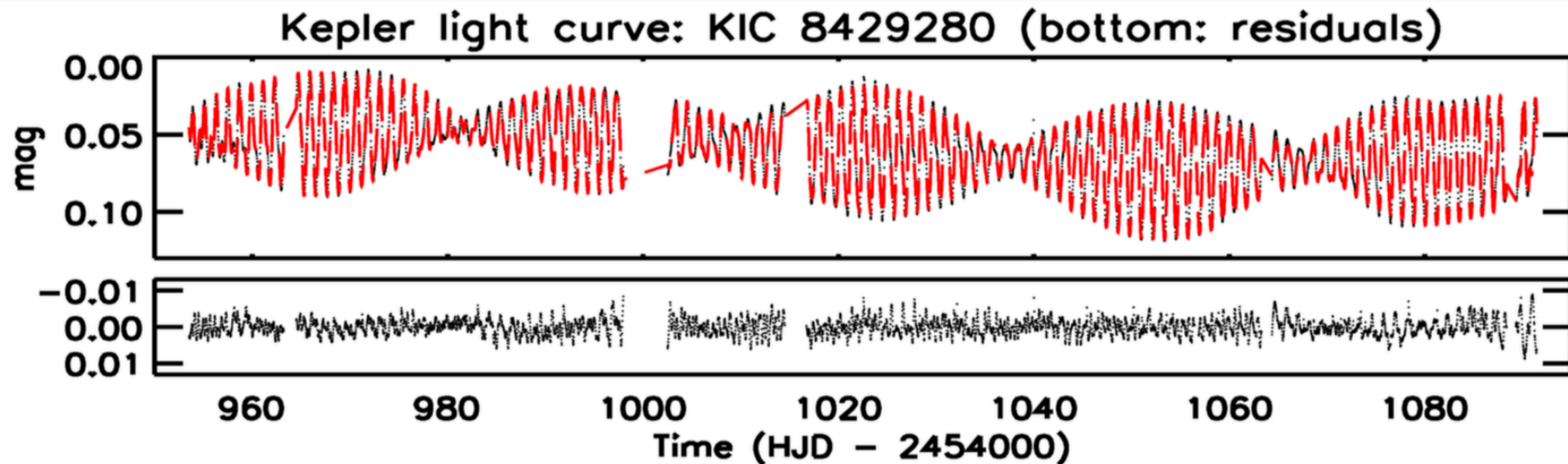
Magnetic fields, stellar activity

- Want to put this on an (even better) statistically significant basis
- PLATO data – also from ground? - has the potential to contribute a lot!
- Follow up program also in spectropolarimetry?



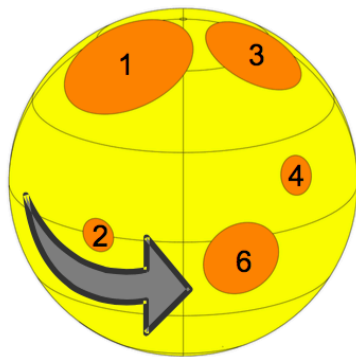
drive atmospheric chemistry and erosion

Bayesian approach to spot modelling: Kepler photometry



Q0+Q1+Q2 data of KIC 8429280, a young K2 V star (< 50 Myr), chromospherically active and fast rotating ($v \sin i = 37 \pm 3$ km/s)

The model star at HJD 2455089.4



best fit spot model based on Bayesian analysis:

- 6 spots, as depicted in the left figure
- solar like differential rotation surprisingly large:
 $-0.2656 (+0.0012, -0.0011)$ rad/d

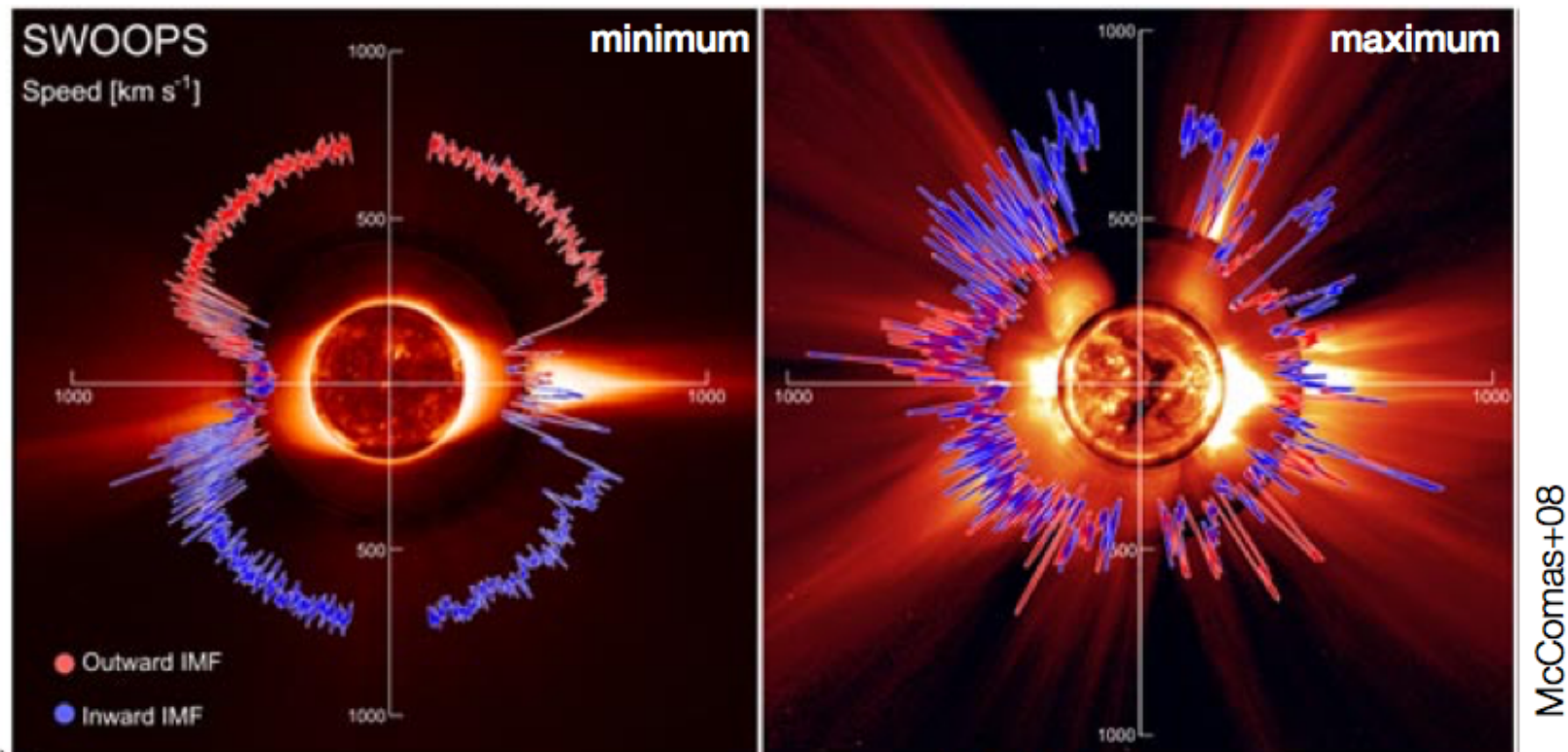
→ **PLATO photometry!**

Field Geometry and Winds

Effects of the field geometry on winds

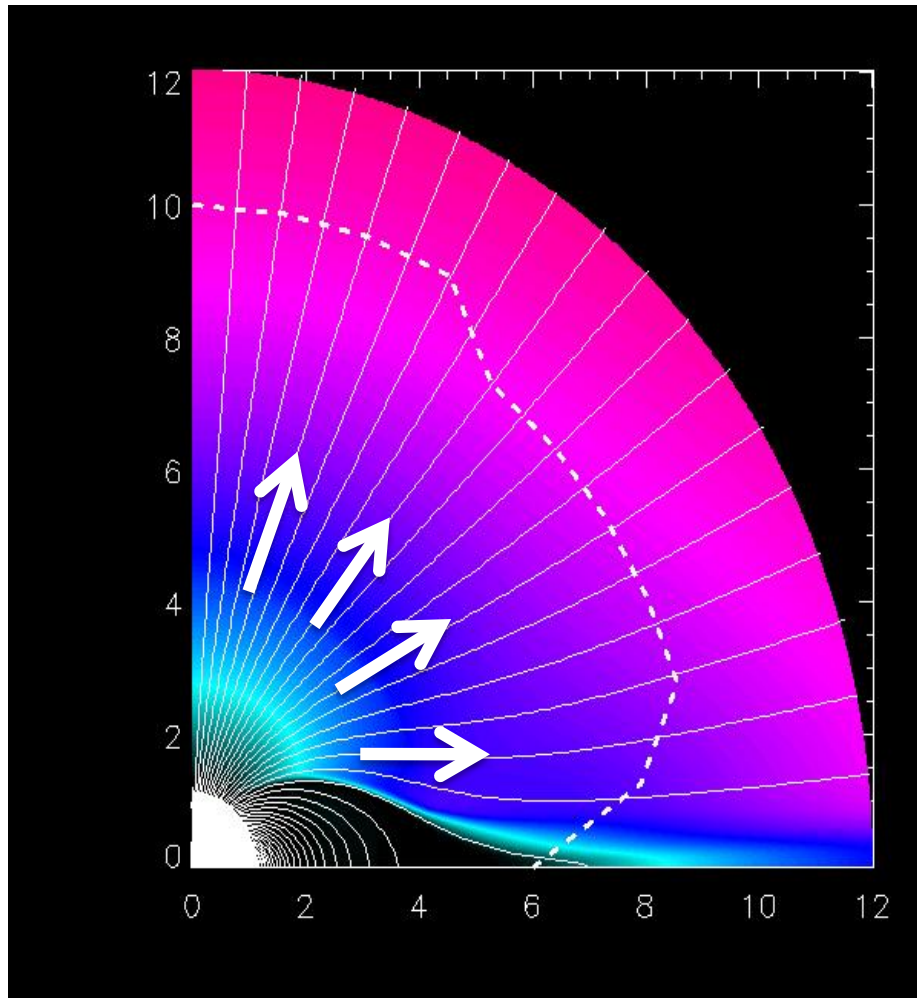
- Stellar wind structure depends on the stellar magnetic field

Solar wind as measured by Ulysses



courtesy: A. Vidotto

Observing Stellar winds - indirectly



- attempts to directly detect thermal Bremsstrahlung radiation in radio from these winds: **non-detections give important upper limits** on the wind strengths



Mass loss rate estimates

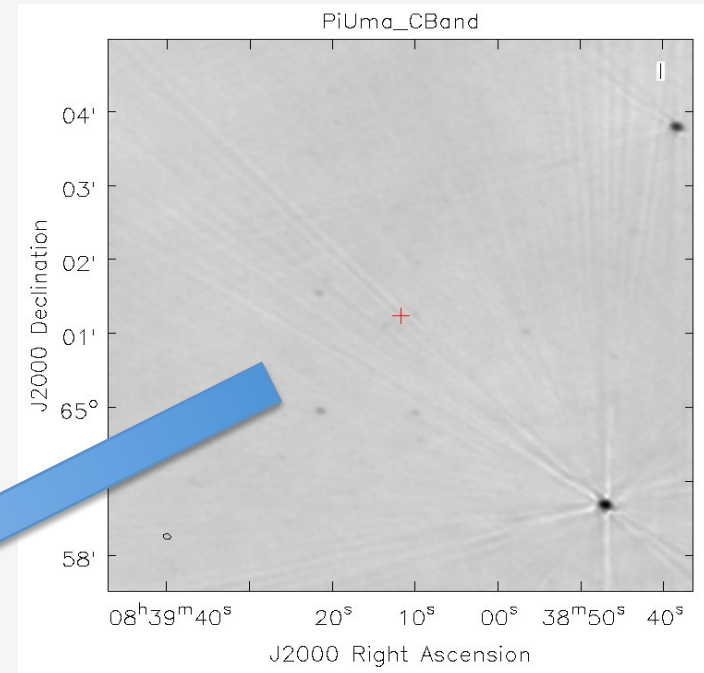
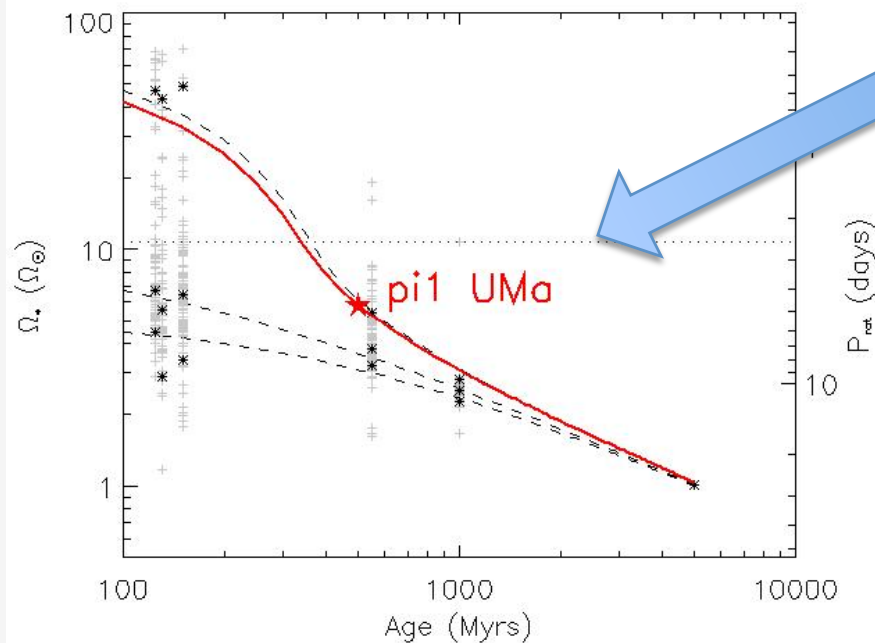
- kappa Cet:

$$\dot{M}_{\text{dot}} < 4.1 \times 10^{-12} M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$$

- pi¹ UMa:

$$\dot{M}_{\text{dot}} < 5.0 \times 10^{-12} M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$$

Fichtinger et al., 2017



ESPaDOnS/NARVAL observations of:

EK Dra (100 Myr),

χ^1 Ori (300 Myr)

κ^1 Cet (700 Myr)

pi1 UMa, new set in 2015

→ **ZDI**

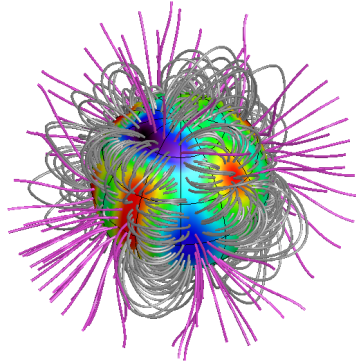
for wind calculations on κ^1 Cet also
see Airapetian & Usmanov 2016

Couple the Whole System

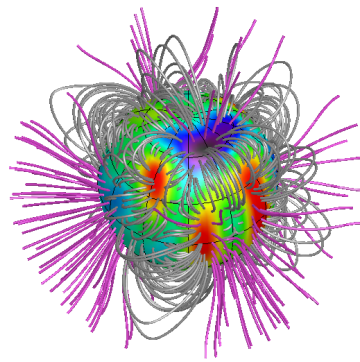
Stellar surface magnetic field distribution



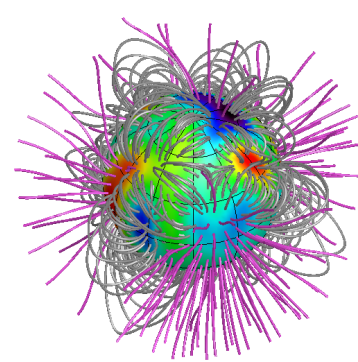
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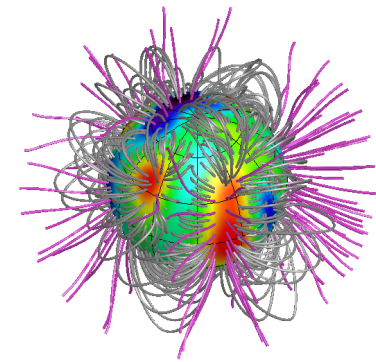
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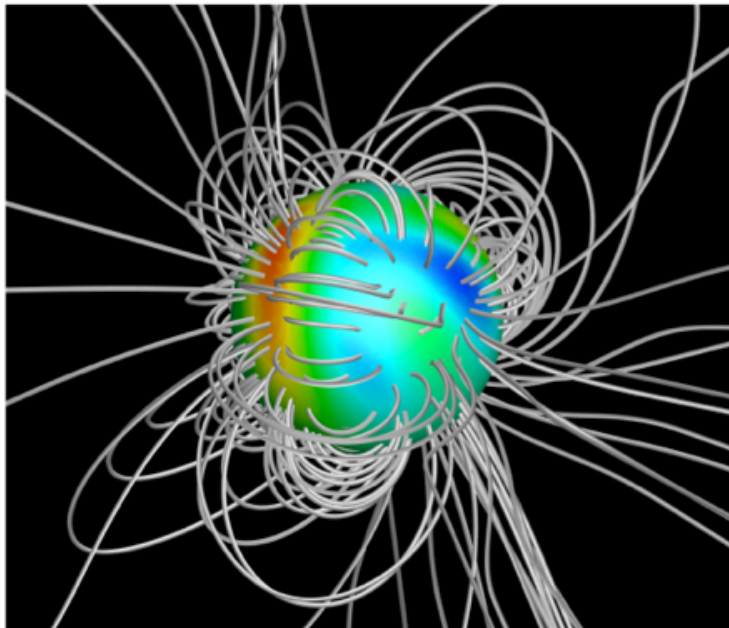
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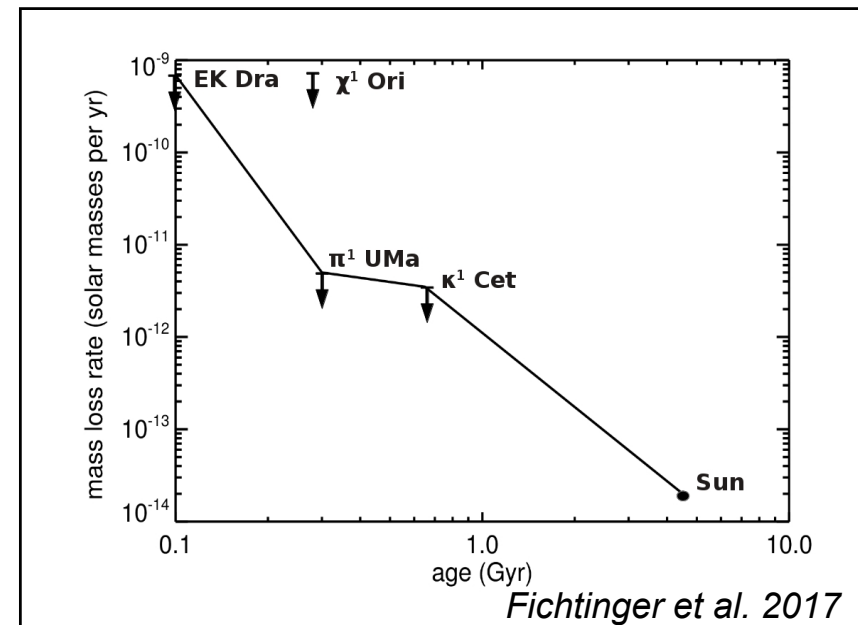
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(Lueftinger et al. 2017)

wind structure around the Young Sun π^1 UMa



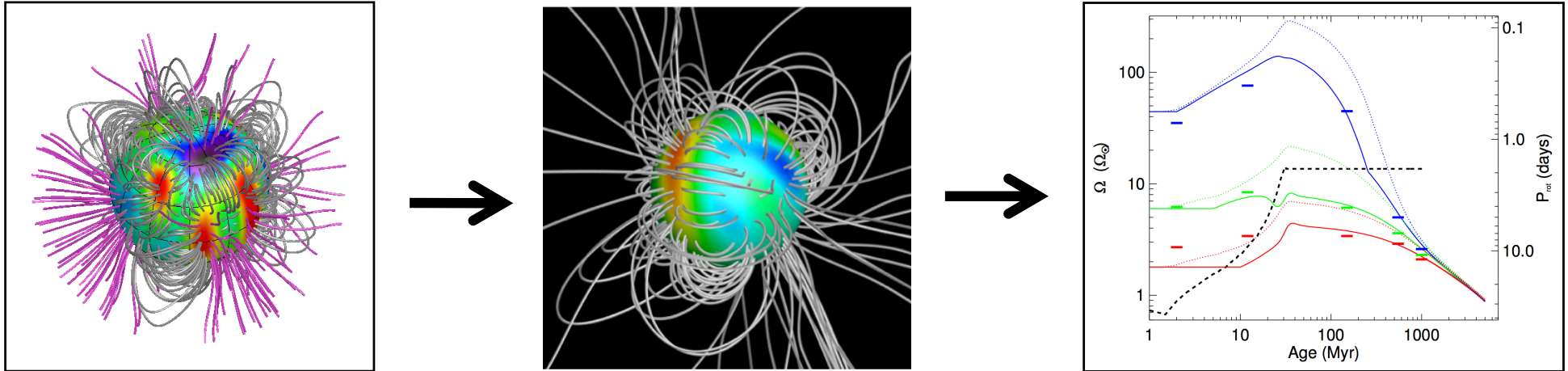
Observations of winds



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A complete model for magnetic fields, spin-down and winds:

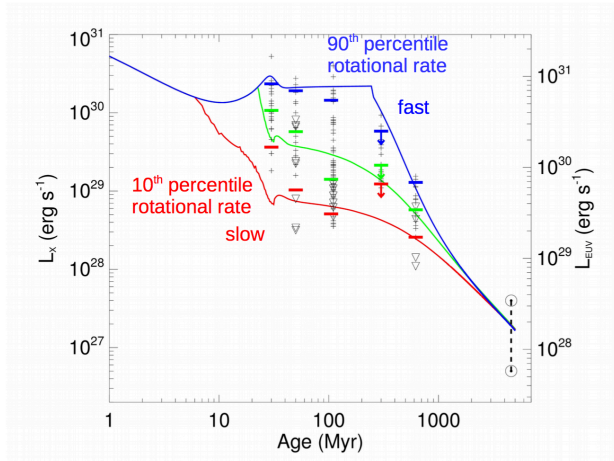


“All ages” (10 Myr – 10 Gyr): Include pre-main sequence evolution
“All masses” (0.1-1.5 M_\odot): Including fully convective stars
“All initial conditions”: Use observed rotation distributions
“Detailed physics”: Core-envelope decoupling in star
Role of coronal mass ejections

Required to model atmospheric irradiation and planetary wind interactions

Putting it all together:

coupled stellar + atmospheric evolution

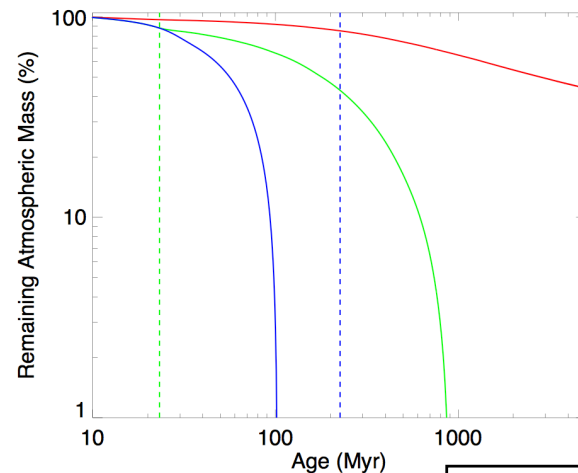


- H protoatmospheres
- $\text{N}_2/\text{CO}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ secondary atmospheres

atmospheric evolution models:

VENUS/EARTH/MARS

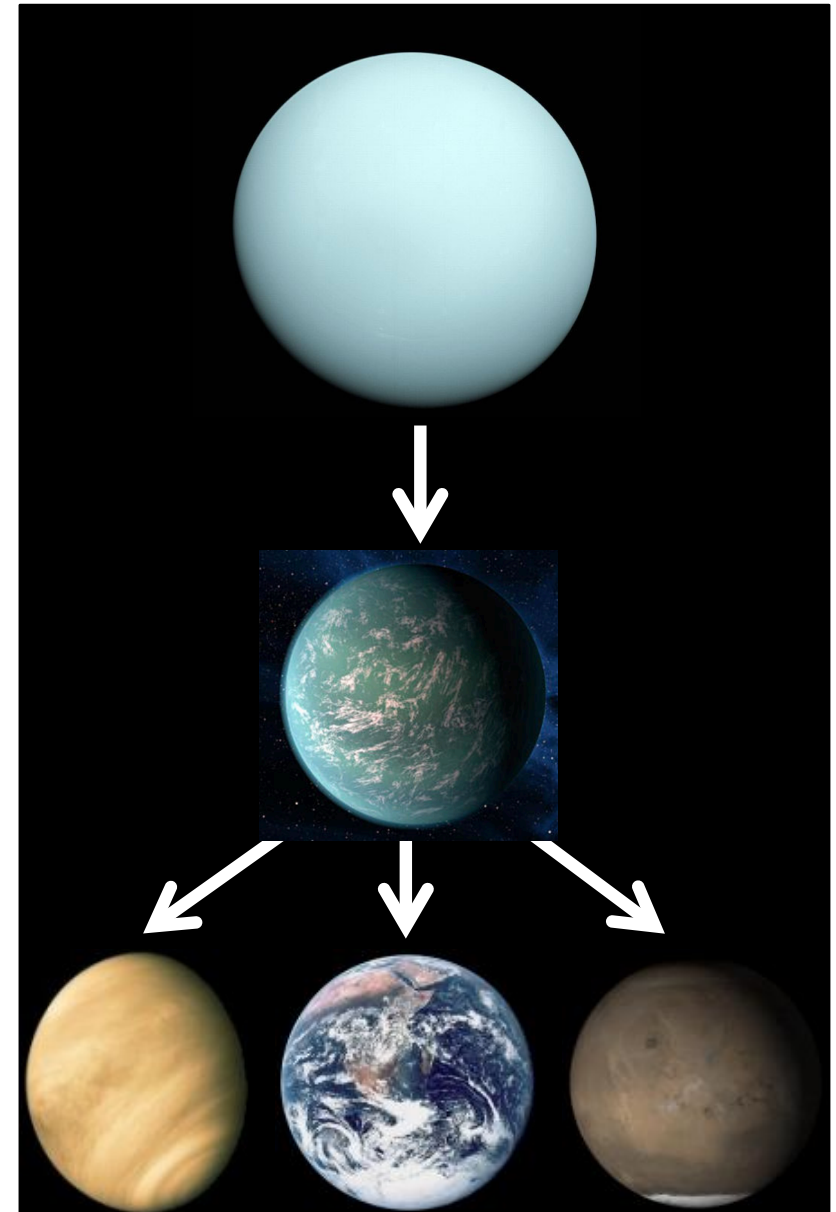
Constrain early solar system conditions!



Tu et al. 2015

Constrain conditions in the habitable zones of G - M stars

Talk of M. Guedel





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Bayesian approach to spot modelling with high PLATO - light curves

e.g. two spots on a stellar surface →

nine free parameters:

two **periods**, two **epochs**, two **latitudes**, two **spot areas**, and the **star's inclination**

splitting the nine-parameter problem (unsolvable) into two parts:

1. finding the two periods and epochs (times of minimal light) - **AMOEB**
2. scanning the remaining parameter space – **FROEHLICH, BPI**
3. Bayesian data analysis: the whole likelihood mountain is considered, integrating all parameters, except one, we obtain the marginal probability distribution of this parameter

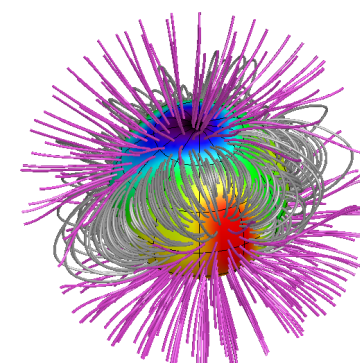
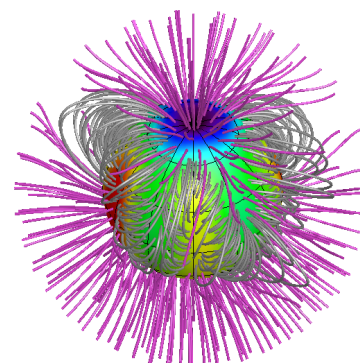
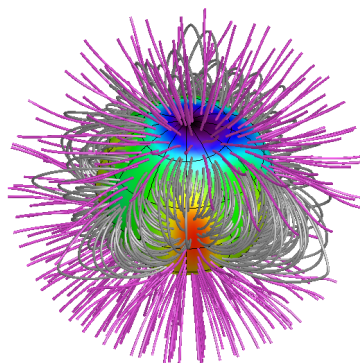
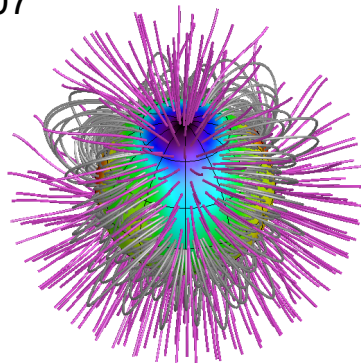
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Stellar surface magnetic field distribution: π^1 UMa

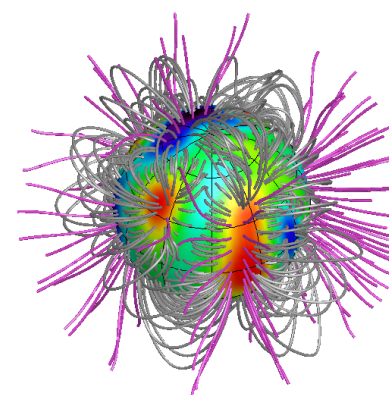
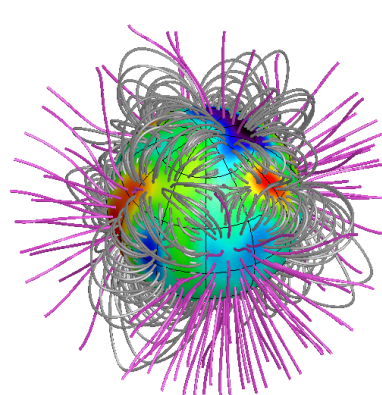
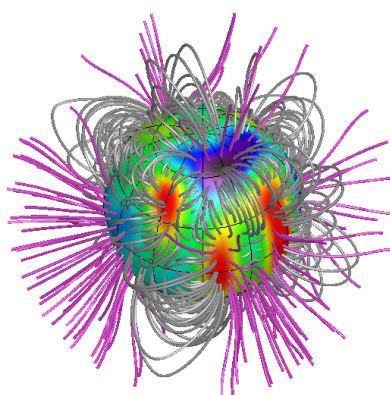
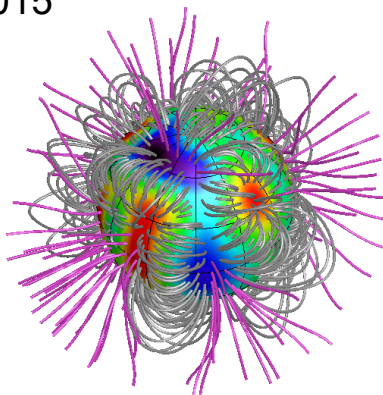


π^1 UMa

2007



2015



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Lüftinger et al. 2017, Rosén et al. 2016

Getting the Fields: ZDI of Young Suns



The sample

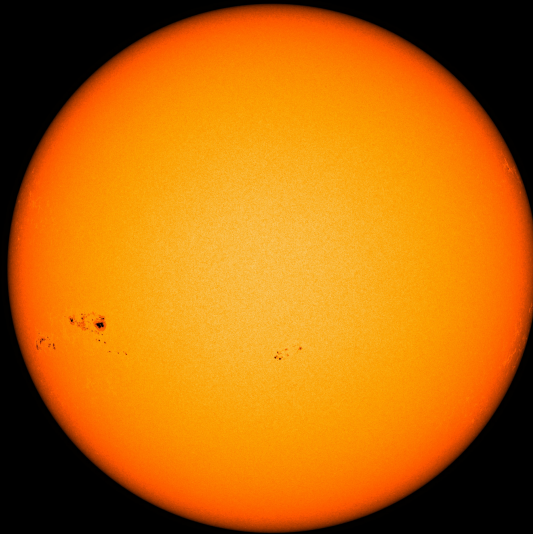
✧ All stars are selected from the "Sun in Time" sample

Star	T_{eff} (K)	Mass (M_{\odot})	P_{rot} (d)	Age (Myr)	Membership
EK Dra	5845	1.044	2.6	100	Pleiades
HN Peg	5974	1.103	4.6	230	Hercules-Lyra
π^1 Uma	5873	1.00	4.9	270	Ursa Major
χ^1 Ori	5882	1.028	5.08	300	Ursa Major
BE Cet	5837	1.062	7.65	500	Hyades
κ^1 Cet	5742	1.034	9.2	600	-

(Guedel, 2007)

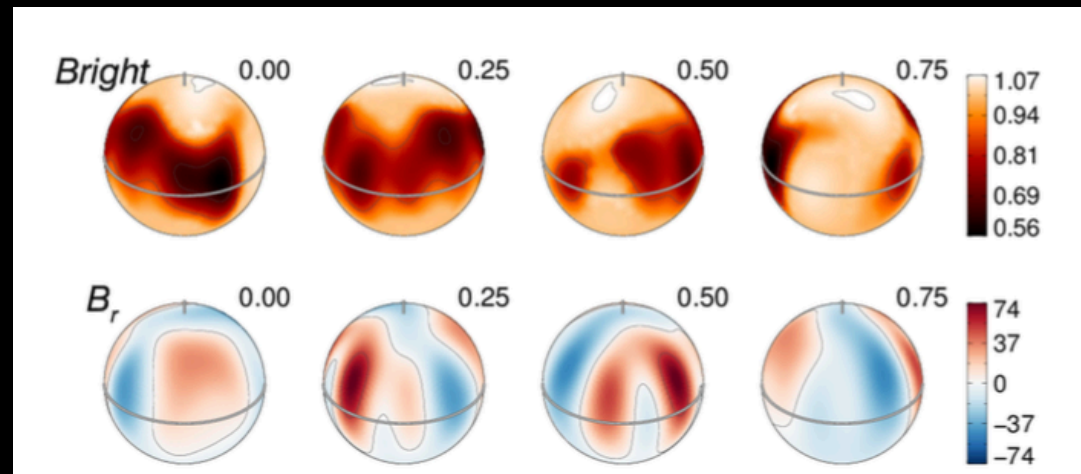
Zeeman Doppler Imaging

4500Å: 6000 K photosphere



SDO/HMI Quick-Look Continuum: 20130704_150000

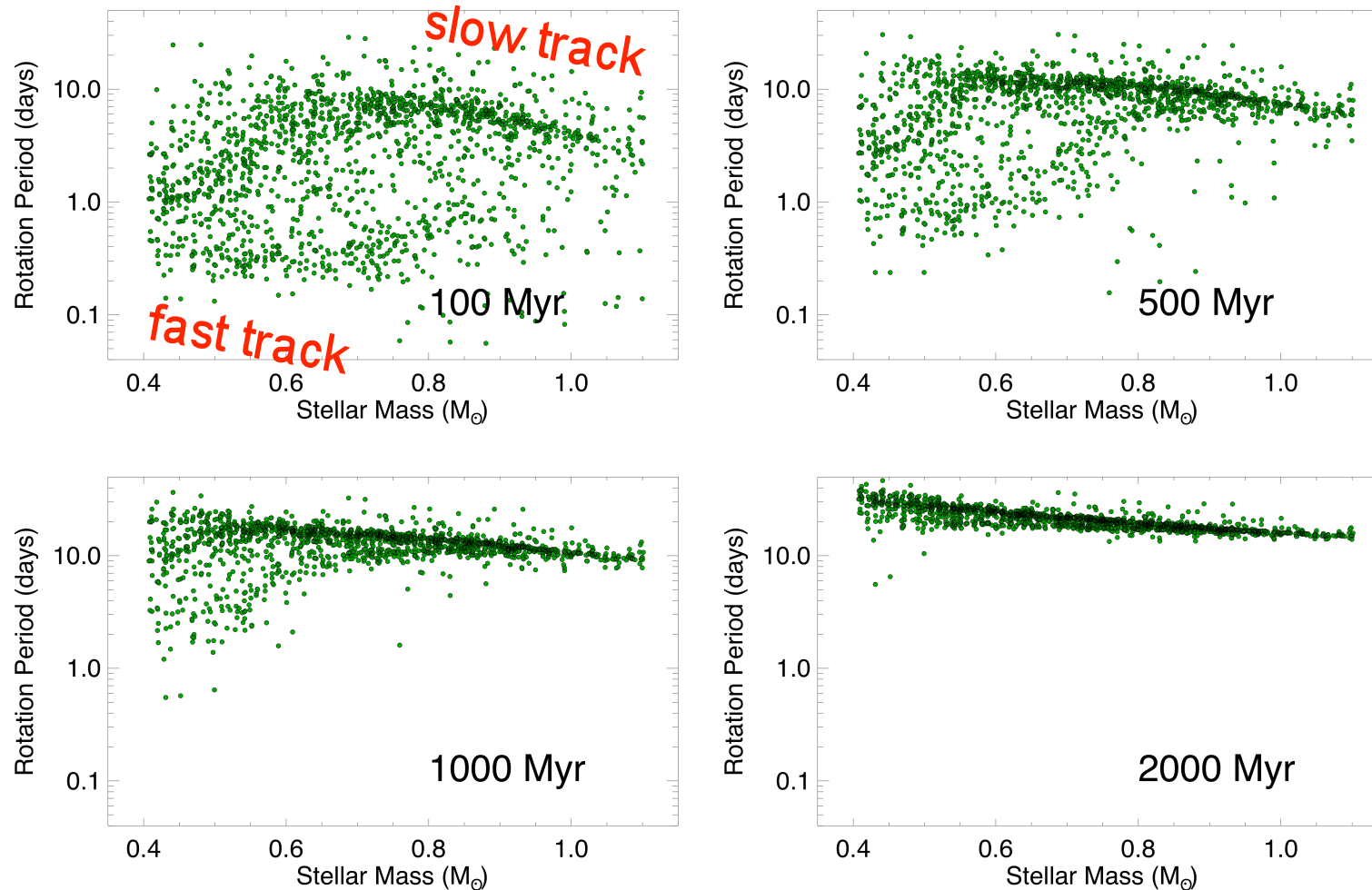
The optical Sun



Young sun: EK Dra

Rotational evolution matters - a lot!

Rotational Evolution – Wind Evolution



Distribution of stellar rotation rates between 100 and 2000 Myr

Talk of M. Guedel

Johnstone et al., 2015