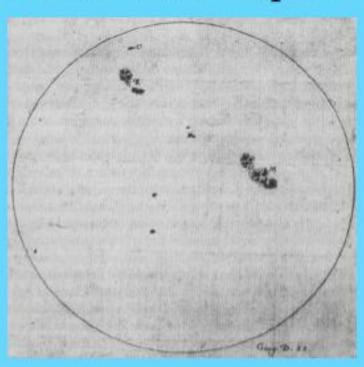


Looking back at the past....

Galileo and Sunspots



A given spot moves across the surface of the Sun with a 29 day period.

First astrophysical measurement of a celestial body

Basic Observed Spot Phenomena

- The spots are on the Sun
- Spots move across the Sun w/29 day period
- Annual (seasonal) variation in the tilt of the path of spots across the face of the Sun
- No obvious diurnal variation in spots

Geocentrism vs Heliocentrism

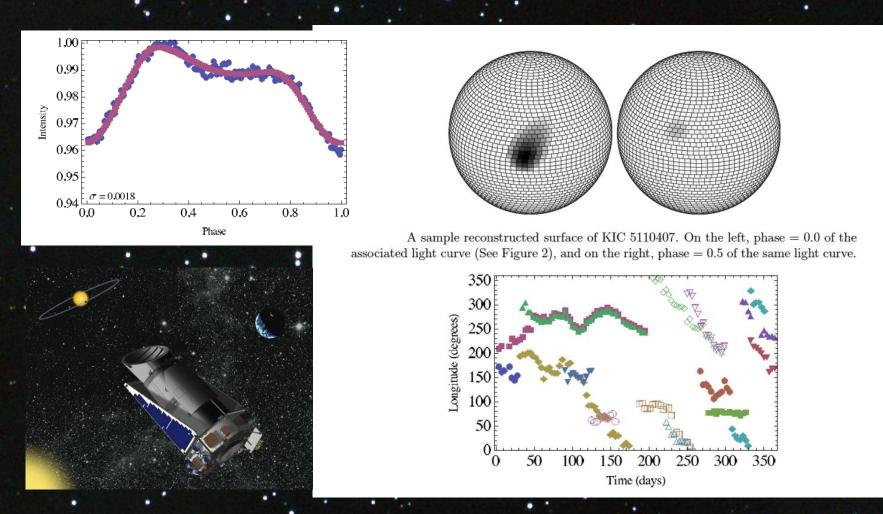
HELIOCENTRIC

- Sun rotates on axis in 29 days
- Diurnal rotation of Earth
- Annual orbit of Earth about the Sun
- Respective tilts of axes of rotation of the Earth and Sun

GEOCENTRIC

- Sun rotates on axis in 29 days
- Sun's rotation axis
 precesses systematically
 in one year as Sun traces
 out the ecliptic
 - Sun's rotation axis remains locked to Earth's orientation over the course of a day

Fast-forward to the future.....

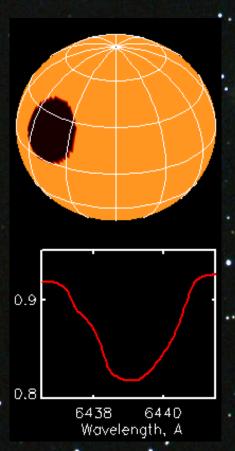


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Zeeman-Doppler imaging

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Atomic lines



Observational evidence for magnetic fields across the HR diagram, IAUS 259, Nov 5, 2008, Tenerife Berdyugina

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