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Rotation, differential rotation, and gyrochronology of active Kepler stars

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- Rotation: $P_{\rm rot} = 4.5 \, {\rm d}$
- Differential Rotation: Three-spot model, beat shape
- Gyrochronology: $(T_{\rm eff}, P_{\rm rot}) \rightarrow$ age



Figure 1: Three-spot model applied to CoRoT-2 (Fröhlich et al. 2009) \hookrightarrow Beat-shaped light curve reveals DR!

Lomb-Scargle periodogram



Figure 2: Fourier based methods: Power spectrum reveals periods with different power

Multiple sine fit



Figure 3: Fit light curves with multiple sine waves \hookrightarrow Reveal different (rotation) periods (Reinhold & Reiners 2013)

Rotation

Kepler rotation periods: old measurements



Figure 4: 24,124 rotation periods using Q3 data only.

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Figure 6: 34,030 rotation periods derived by Auto Correlation Function (ACF). Biggest rotation period sample so far!

AutoACF vs. Lomb-Scargle



Figure 7: Comparing \sim 18,000 revised rotation periods (Reinhold & Gizon 2015, submitted) to McQuillan (2014) periods: good agreement!

Bulk rotation period measurements (so far...)

- McQuillan et al. (2013a): 1570 (M dwarfs)
- Nielsen et al. (2013): 12.151 stars
- McQuillan et al. (2013b): 737 (KOIs)
- Walkowicz & Basri (2013): 950 (KOIs)
- Reinhold et al. (2013): 24.124 stars
- McQuillan et al. (2014): 34.030 stars!!!

Differential Rotation

Previous observations I: Hall 1991



Figure 8: Relative shear k' increases with rotation period $P_{\rm rot}$

Previous observations II: Donahue, Saar, & Baliunas 1996



FIG. 3.—Range of observed rotation periods vs. log $\langle P \rangle$. Least-squares fit of these data yields $\Delta P \propto \langle P \rangle^{1.3 \pm 0.1}$ (correlation coefficient r = 0.90).

Figure 9: Period spread ΔP increases with rotation period $P_{\rm rot}$

Previous observations III: Barnes et al. 2005



Figure 10: $\Delta\Omega$ shows weak dependence on Ω

Previous observations IV: Barnes et al. 2005



Figure 11: $\Delta\Omega$ shows strong dependence on $T_{\rm eff}$

Mean field models: Küker & Rüdiger 2011



 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Figure 12: Two distinct} \\ \mbox{temperature ranges:} \\ T_{\rm eff} < 6000 \ \mbox{K}: \Delta\Omega \propto T_{\rm eff}^2 \\ T_{\rm eff} > 6000 \ \mbox{K}: \Delta\Omega \propto T_{\rm eff}^{20} \end{array}$



Figure 13: Weak dependence on rotation period! Models for solar masses from $1.1 - 0.3 M_{\odot}$ (top to bottom)

Kepler observations I: P_{\min} vs. α



Figure 14: α strongly increases with rotation period

Kepler observations II: P_{\min} vs. $\Delta\Omega$



Figure 15: $\Delta\Omega$ weakly depends on rotation period. For fast rotators with $P_{\rm rot} < 2$ days, $\Delta\Omega$ shows large scatter!

Kepler observations III: $T_{\rm eff}$ vs. $\Delta\Omega$



Figure 16: Distinct behavior above and below 6000 K: for $T_{\rm eff} < 6000 \text{ K}$ $\Delta\Omega$ weakly depends on temperature; for $T_{\rm eff} > 6000 \text{ K} \Delta\Omega$ shows large scatter!

Other photometric observations I: $P_{\rm rot}$ vs. $\Delta\Omega$



Figure 17: Large scatter, no distinct trend! Different behavior for $P_{\rm rot} < 1~{\rm day}?$

Other photometric observations II: $T_{\rm eff}$ vs. $\Delta\Omega$



Figure 18: Large scatter; weaker dependence on temperature as predicted by Barnes (2005), Cameron (2007)!

DR from Hare & Hounds exercise (Aigrain et al. 2015)



Figure 19: Bad recovery of DR! \hookrightarrow Explanation: Short spot lifetimes & (much) smaller variability than in Kepler sample!



Kepler gyrochronology ages



Figure 20: Kepler age distribution using different gyrochronology relations

Gyrochronology vs. asteroseismology ages



Figure 21: Gyrochronology vs. asteroseismology ages for sun-like Kepler stars (Nielsen et al. 2015, in prep.)

- Rotation period P_A and turnover time τ from asteroseismology
- Gyro-relation from Barnes (2010)
- Astero- and gyro-ages do not agree!
- Yet unclear which method is more accurate; both lack good calibration!

Rotation-activity relation I: Reiners et al. (2014)



Rotation-activity relation II: Variability range



Figure 22: Light curve variability range as activity proxy. Saturated vs. unsaturated regime?

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