

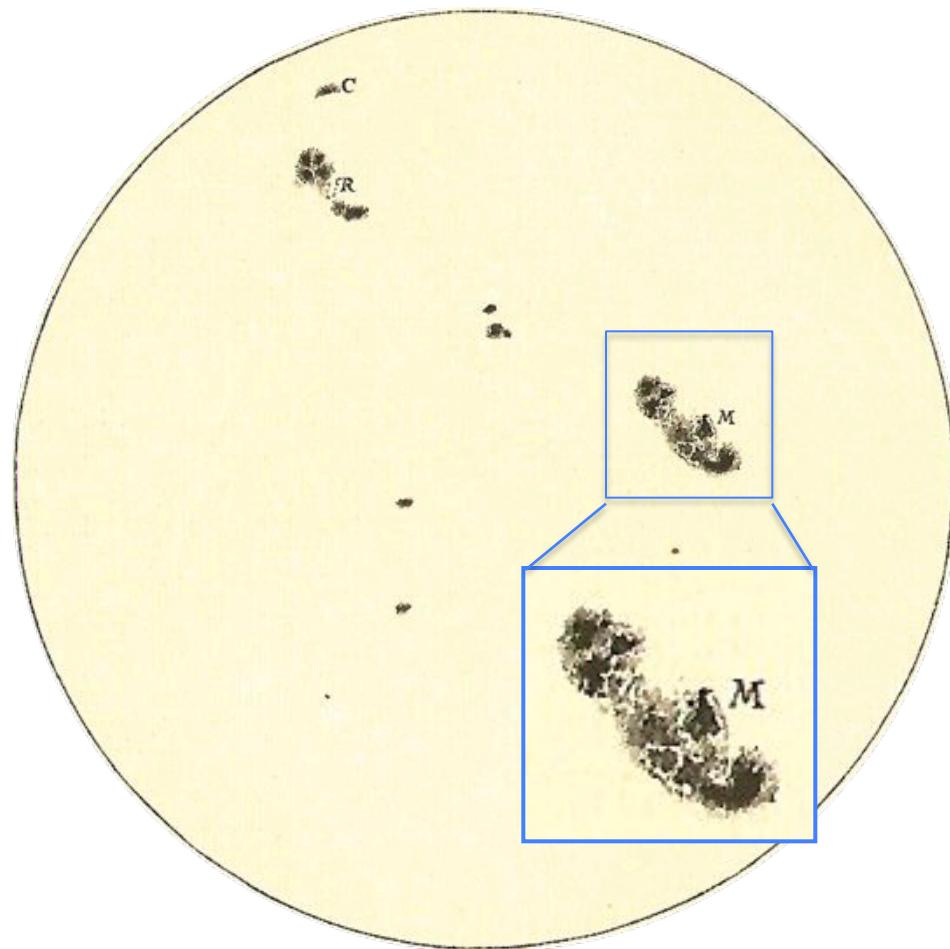
# Cap. 11 – O Sol

## 11.3 O ciclo de atividade solar

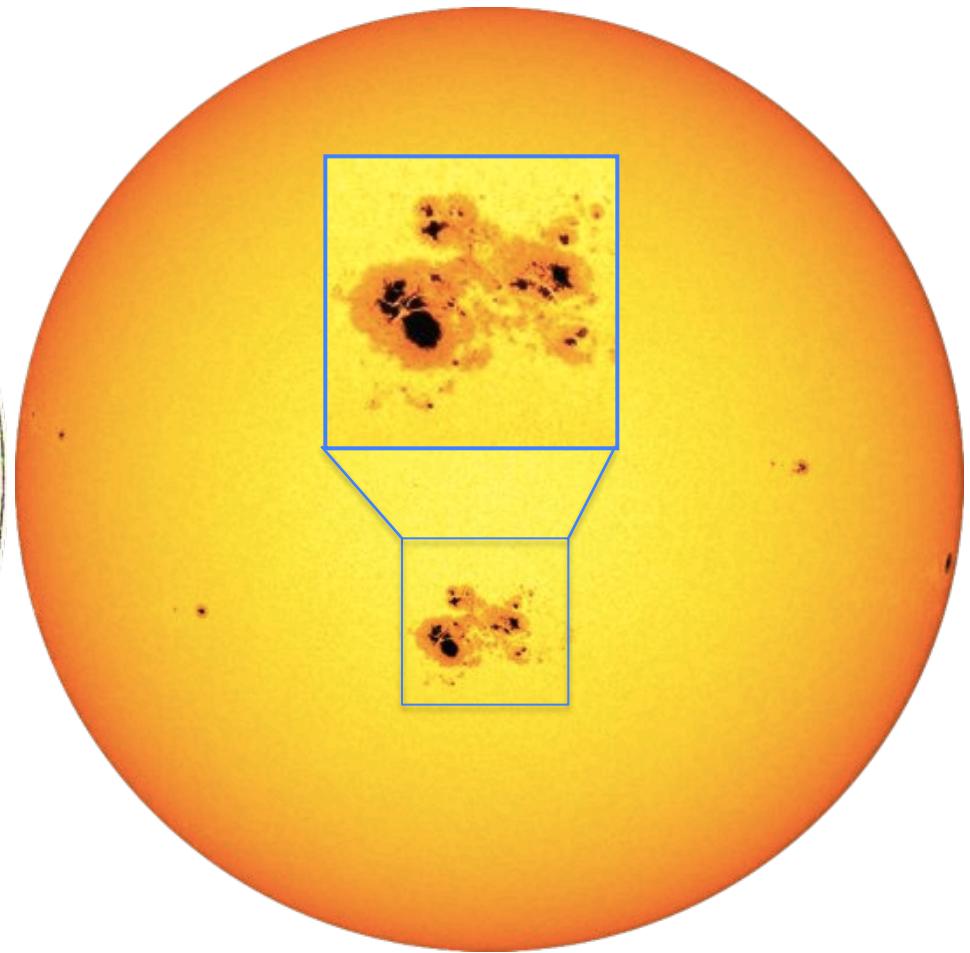
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# Manchas solares



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Galileu Galilei



23/10/2014  
NASA/SDO

22/6/1613

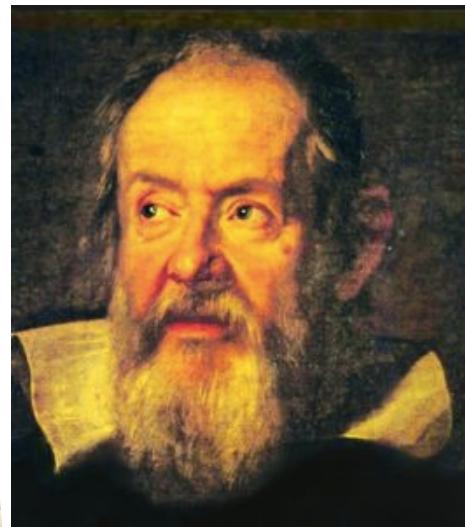
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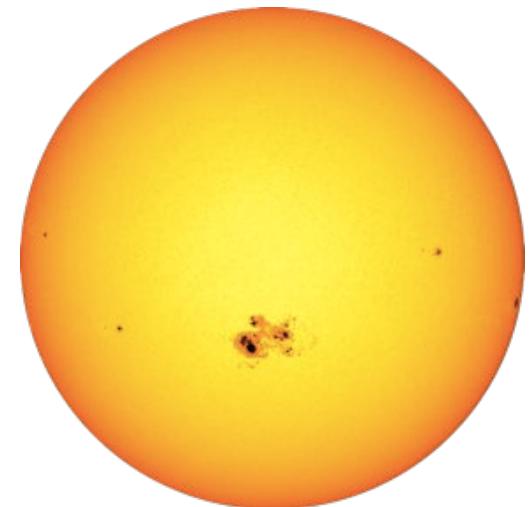
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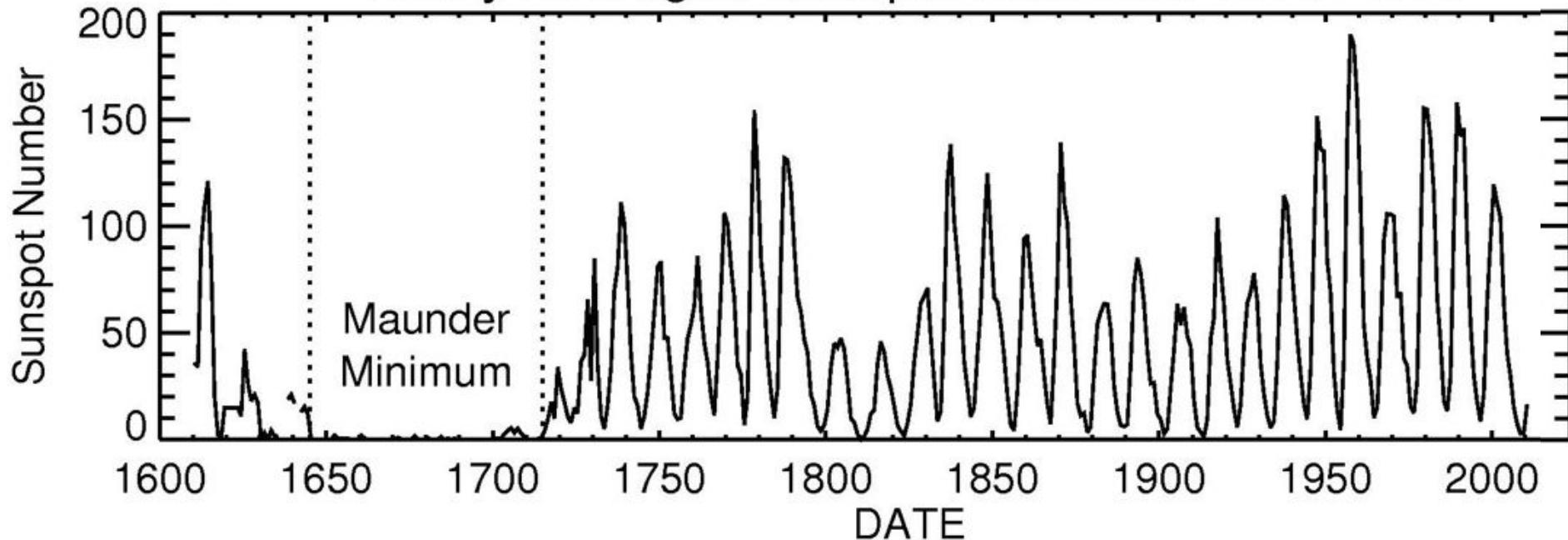
Manchas  
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observadas  
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# Ciclo de manchas solares quase periódico $\sim$ 11 anos

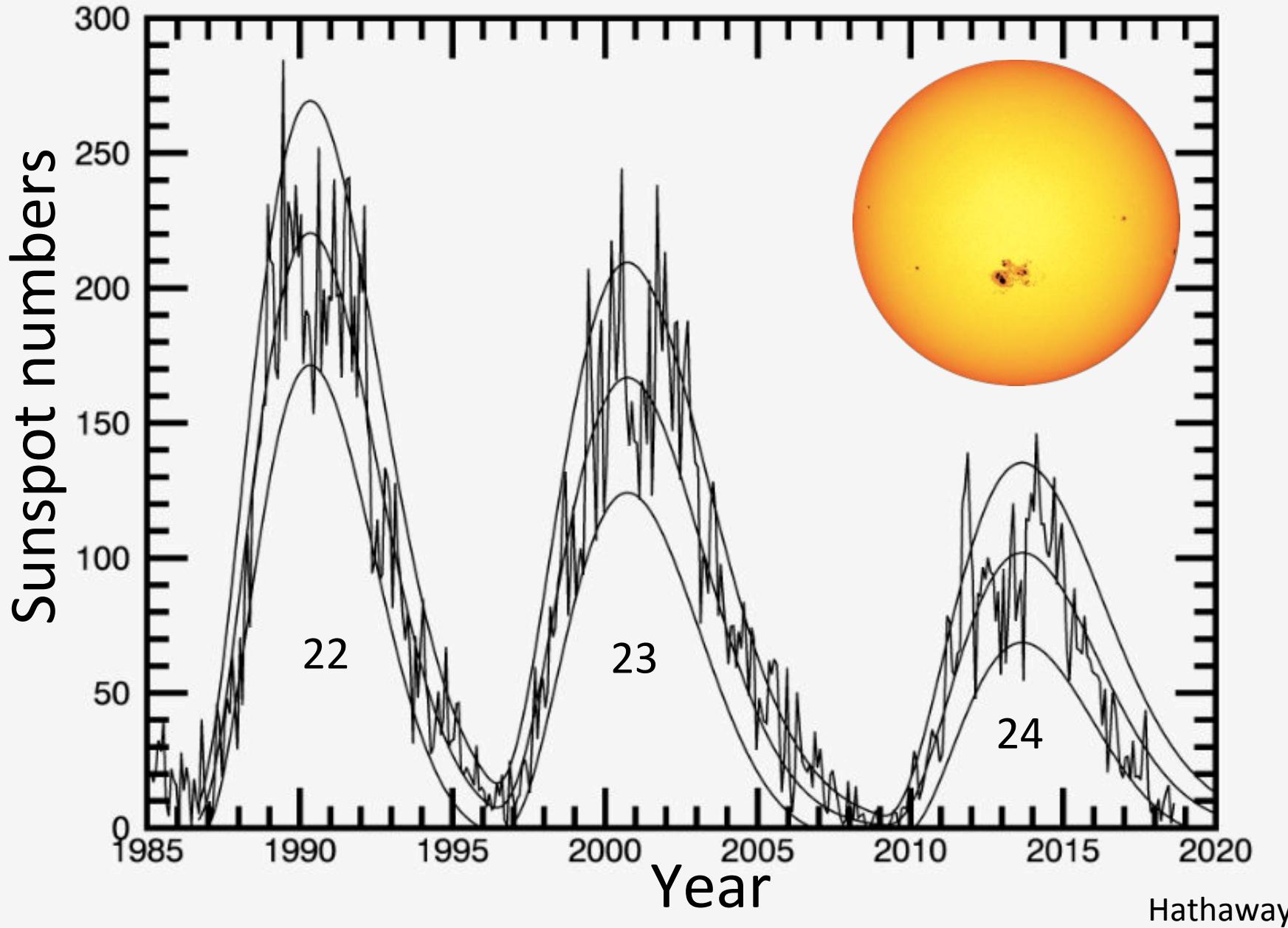


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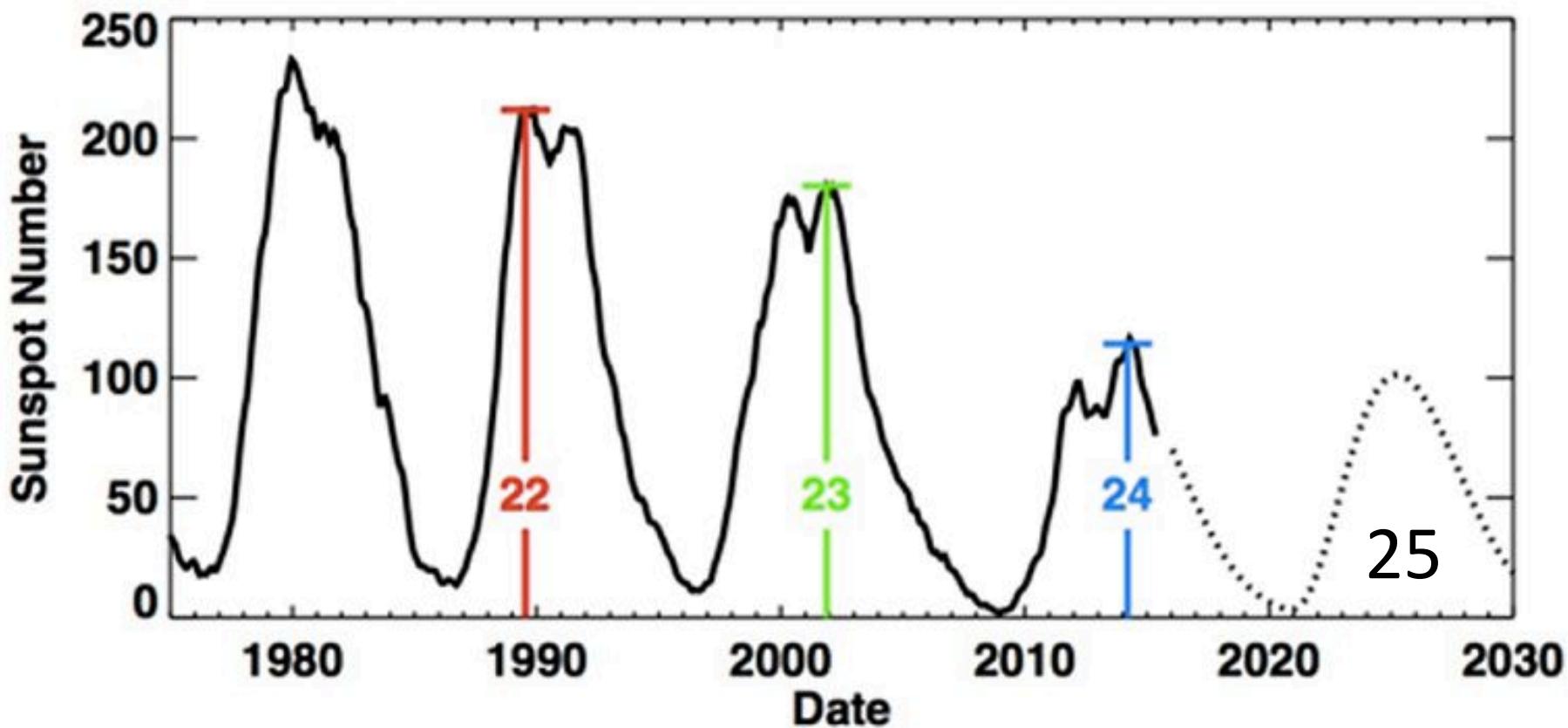


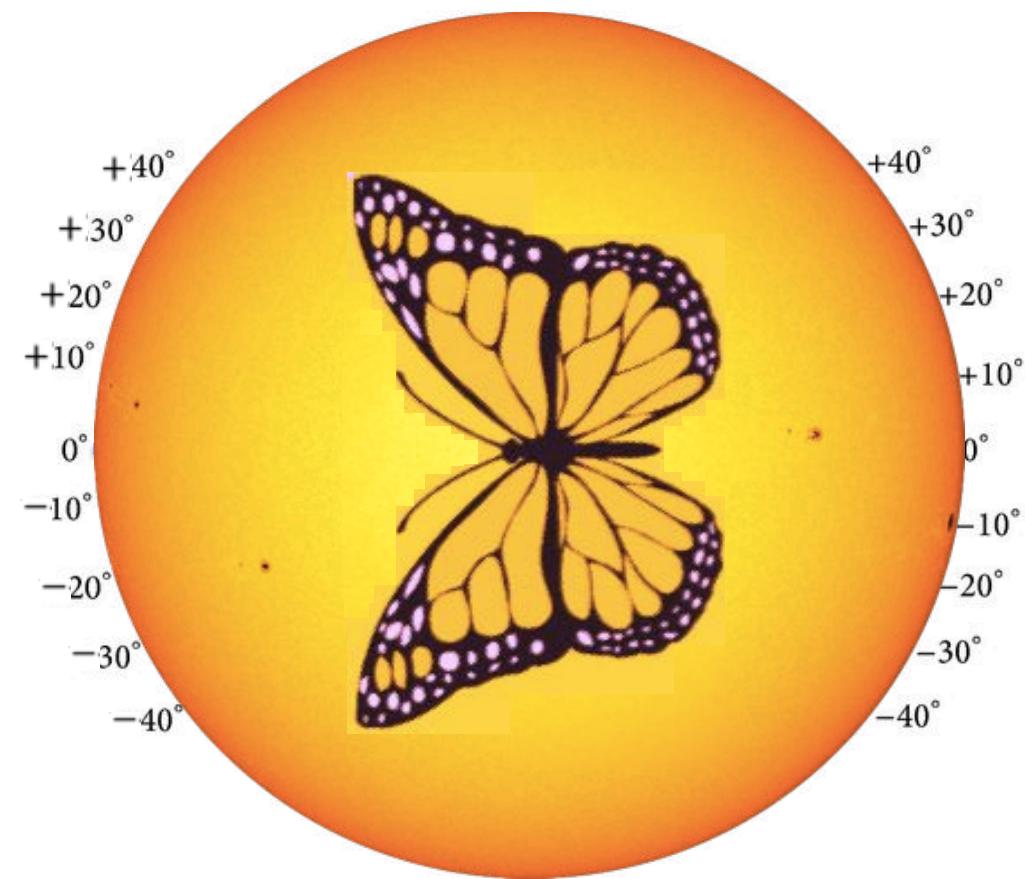
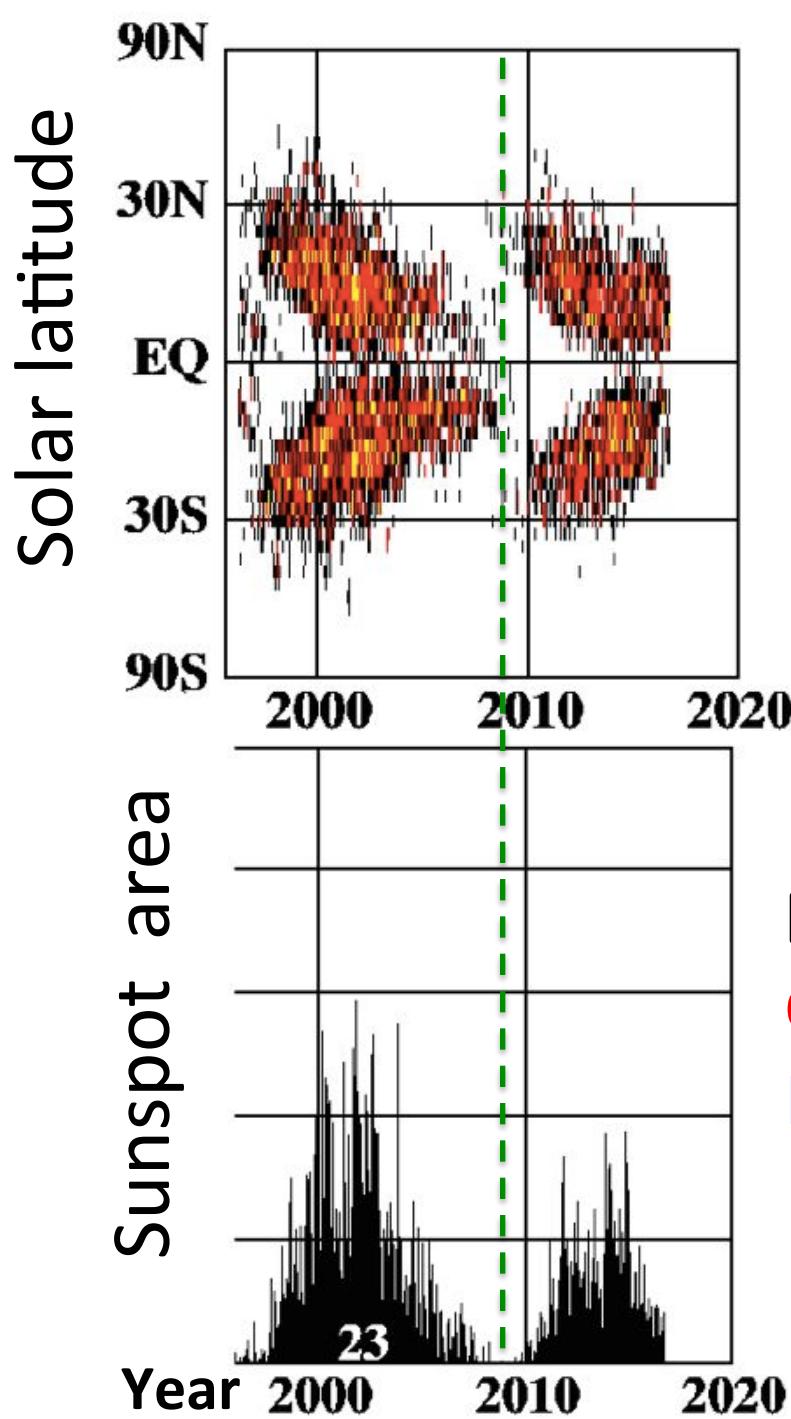
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## Cycle 24 Sunspot Number (V2.0) Prediction (2018/9)



# Previsão do ciclo solar 25





## Butterfly diagram

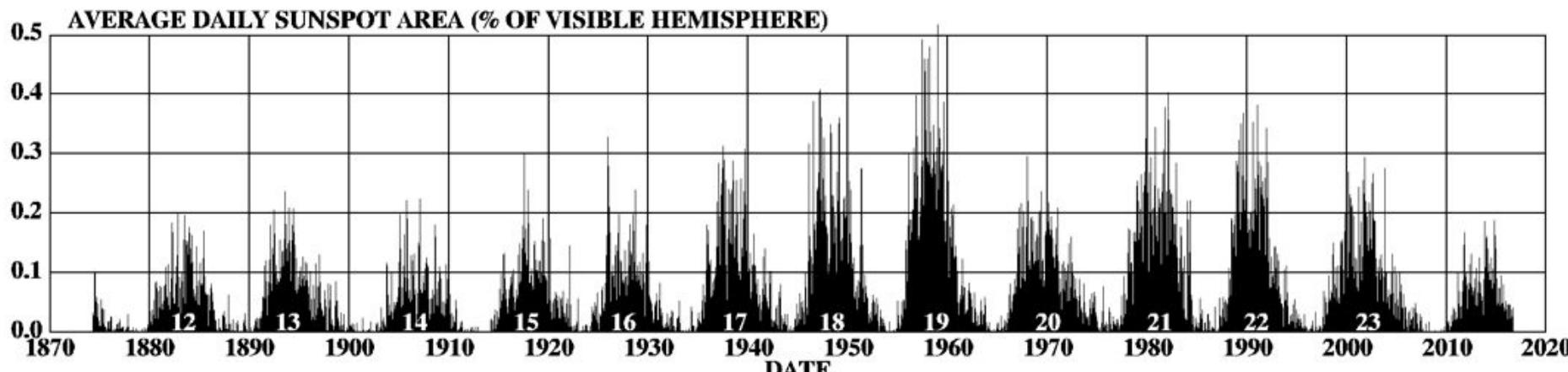
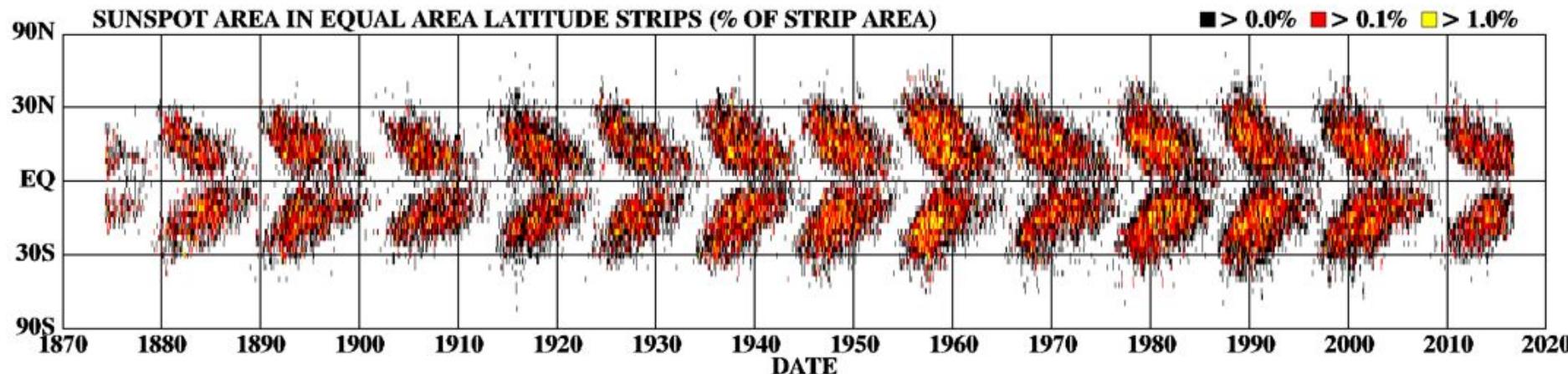
Começa ciclo: altas latitudes ( $\pm 40^\circ$ )

Fim do ciclo: perto do equador

# Butterfly diagram

Começo do ciclo: altas latitudes  $\pm 40^{\circ}$ . Fim do ciclo: perto do equador

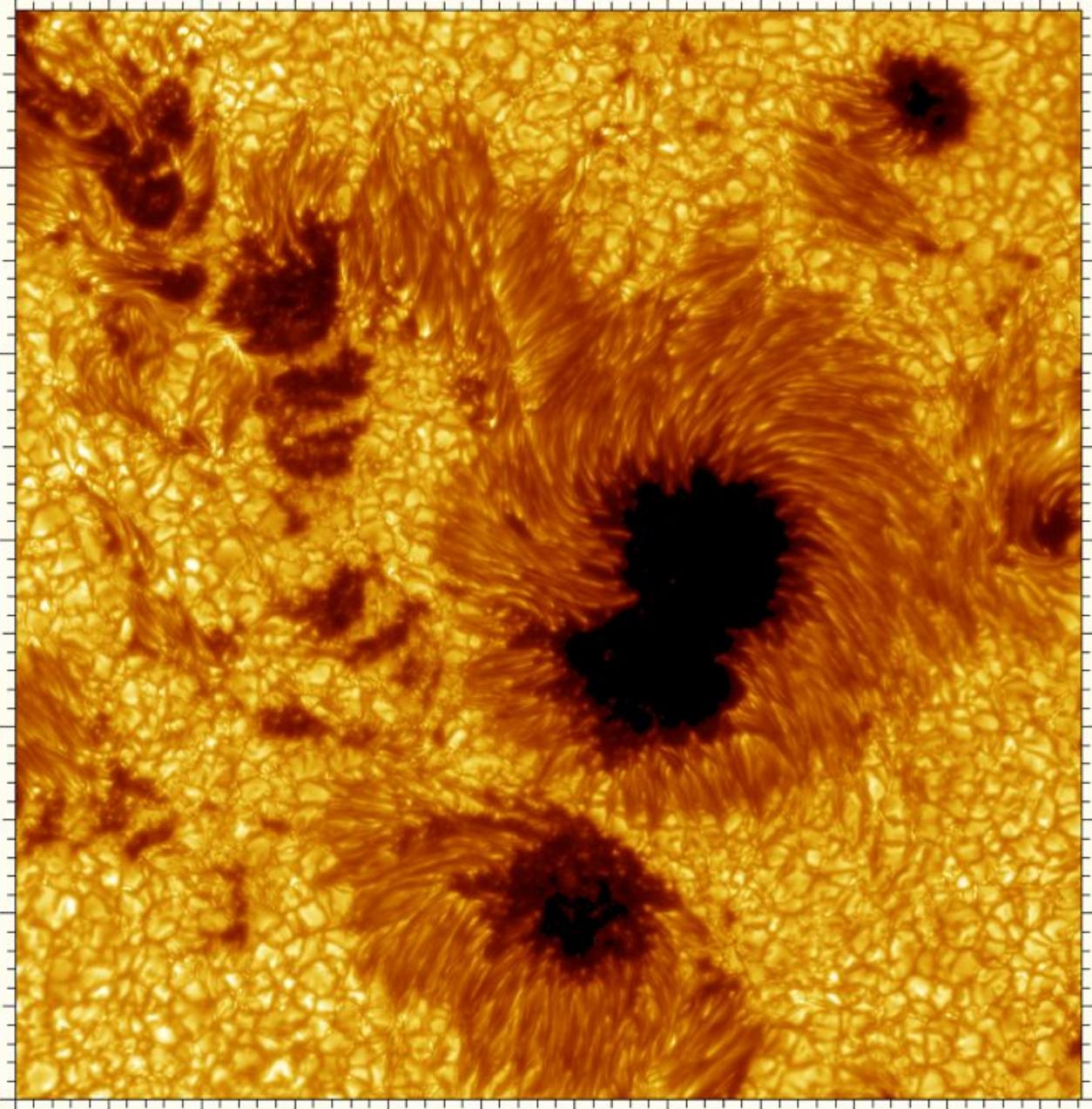
DAILY SUNSPOT AREA AVERAGED OVER INDIVIDUAL SOLAR ROTATIONS





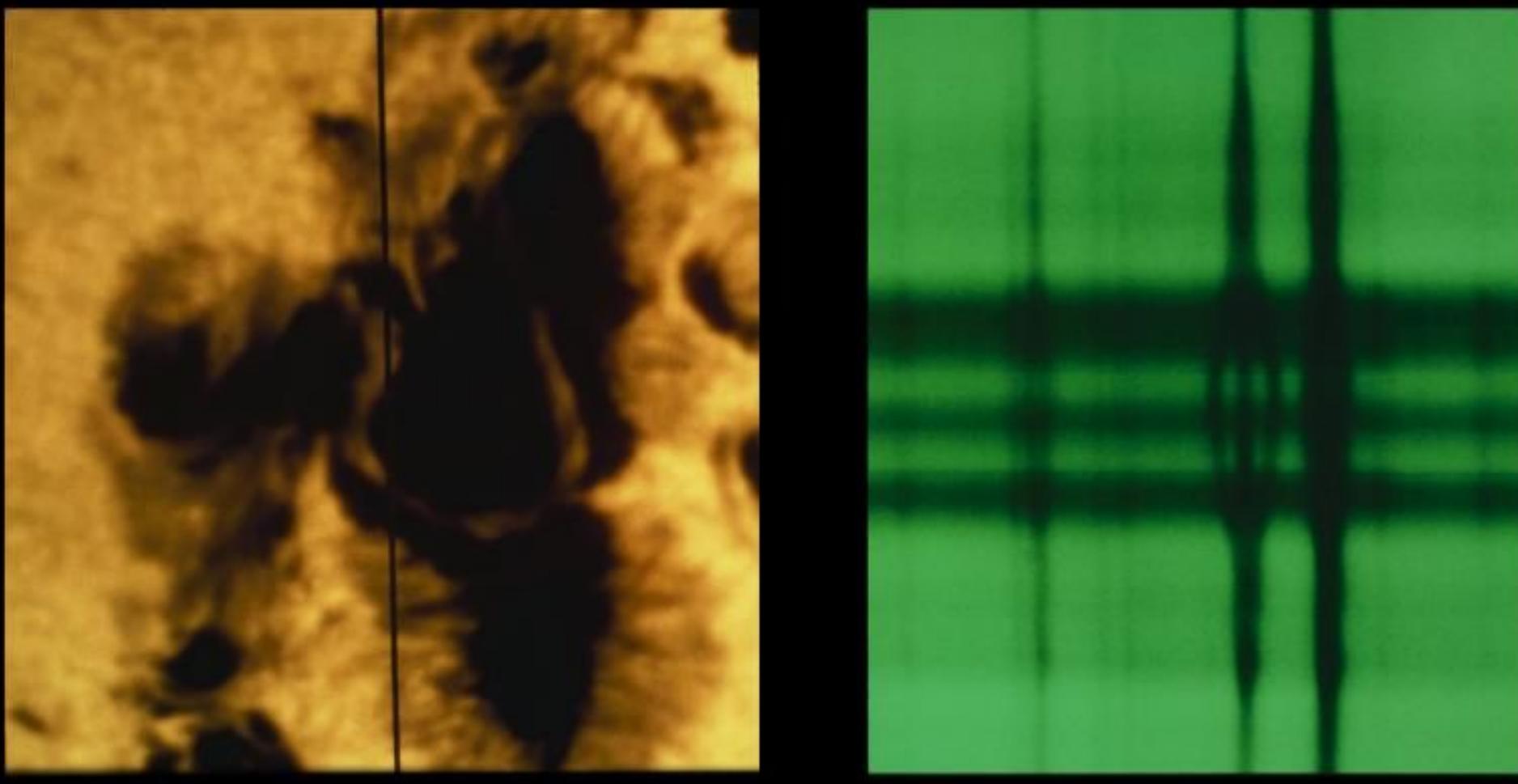
**Umbra:** região mais escura.

**Penumbra:** região um pouco mais clara e com estrutura filamentar, que sugere linhas de campos magnéticos.



Nota: além dos grânulos, é possível observar algumas fáculas (pontos brilhantes)

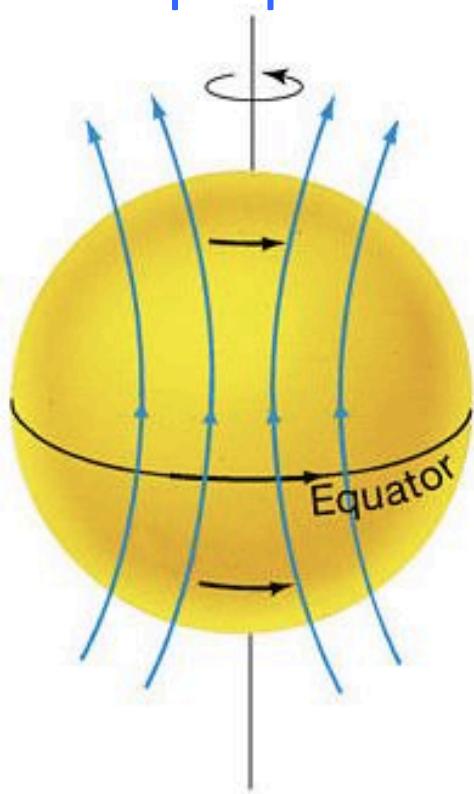
Sunspots observed on 15 July 2002.  
The distance between 2 ticks is 1000 km



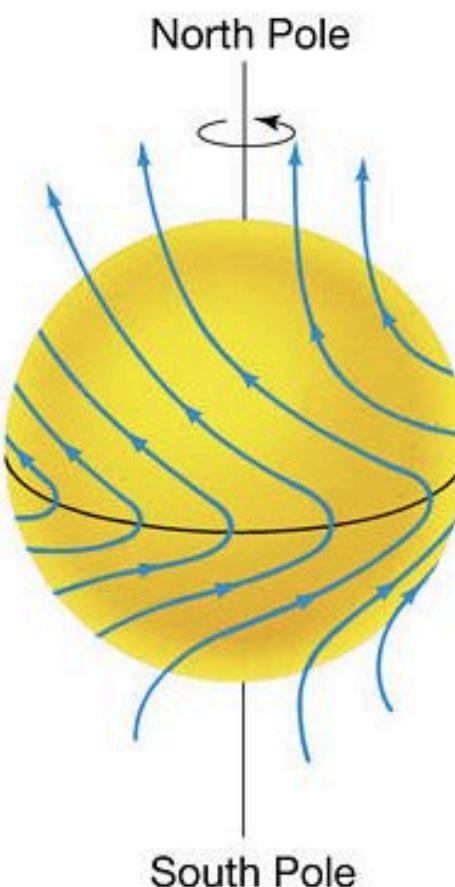
The vertical black line on the **left** indicates the location of the slit for the spectrograph which took the spectrum (**right**). The division of 1 spectral line into 3 demonstrates the Zeeman effect. The splitting of this iron line at 5250.2 Å, indicates a field strength of 4130 Gauss.  
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# Ciclo de manchas solares

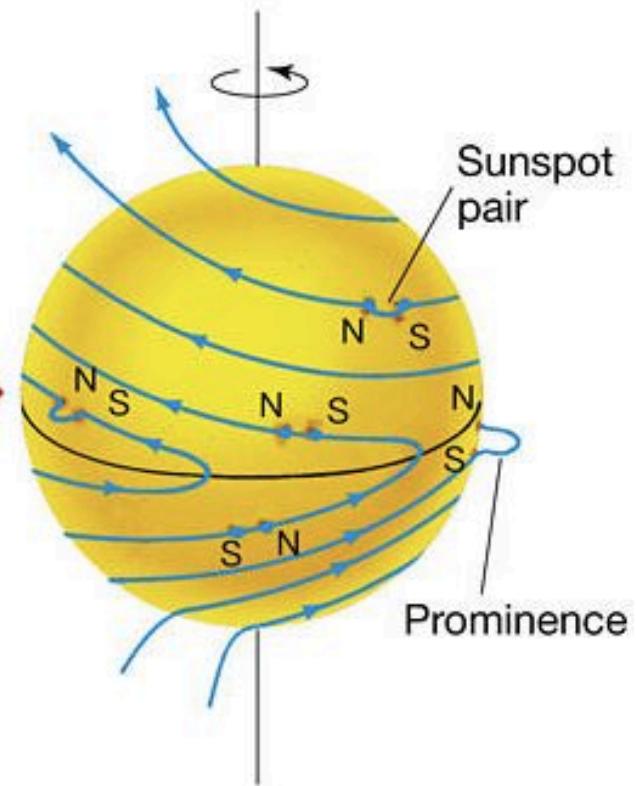
## Campo poloidal



Time

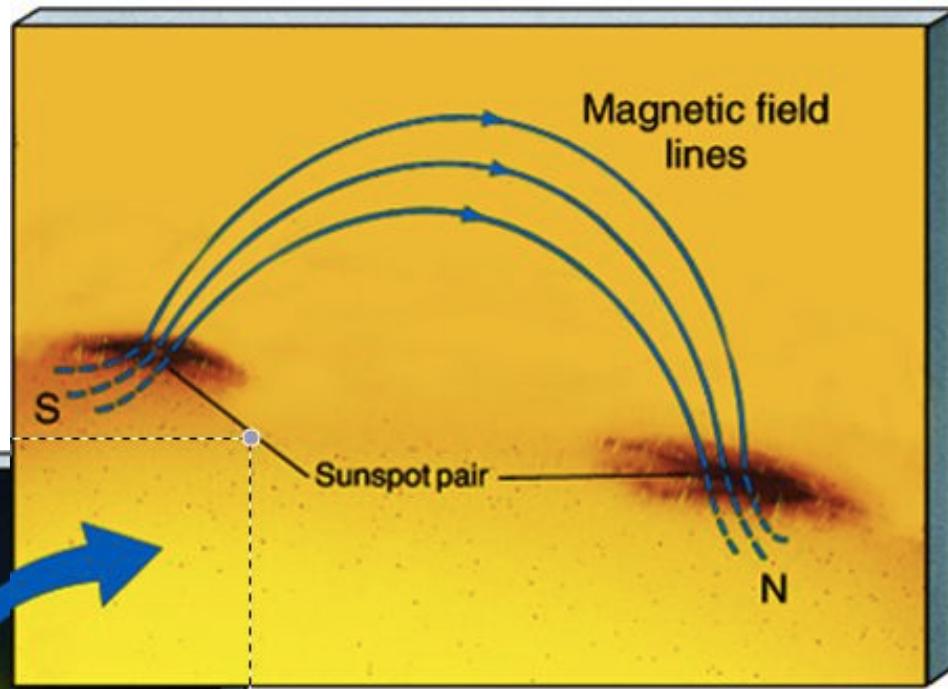
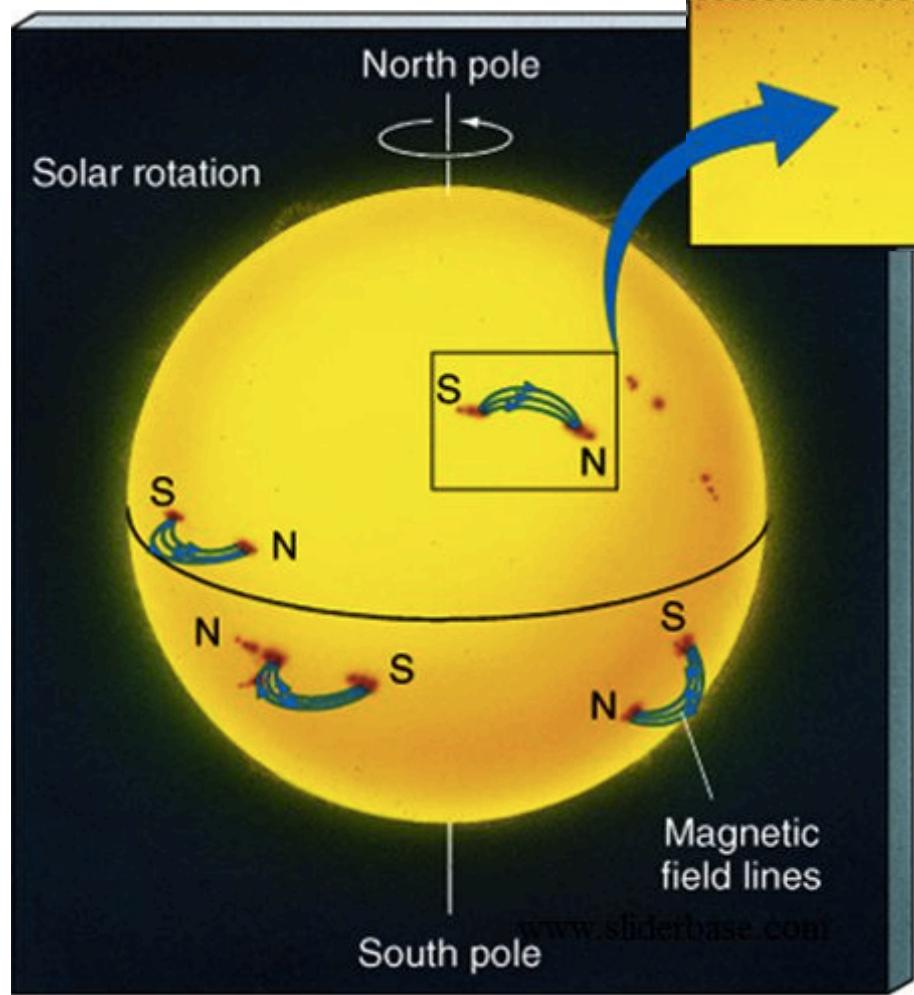


## Campo toroidal



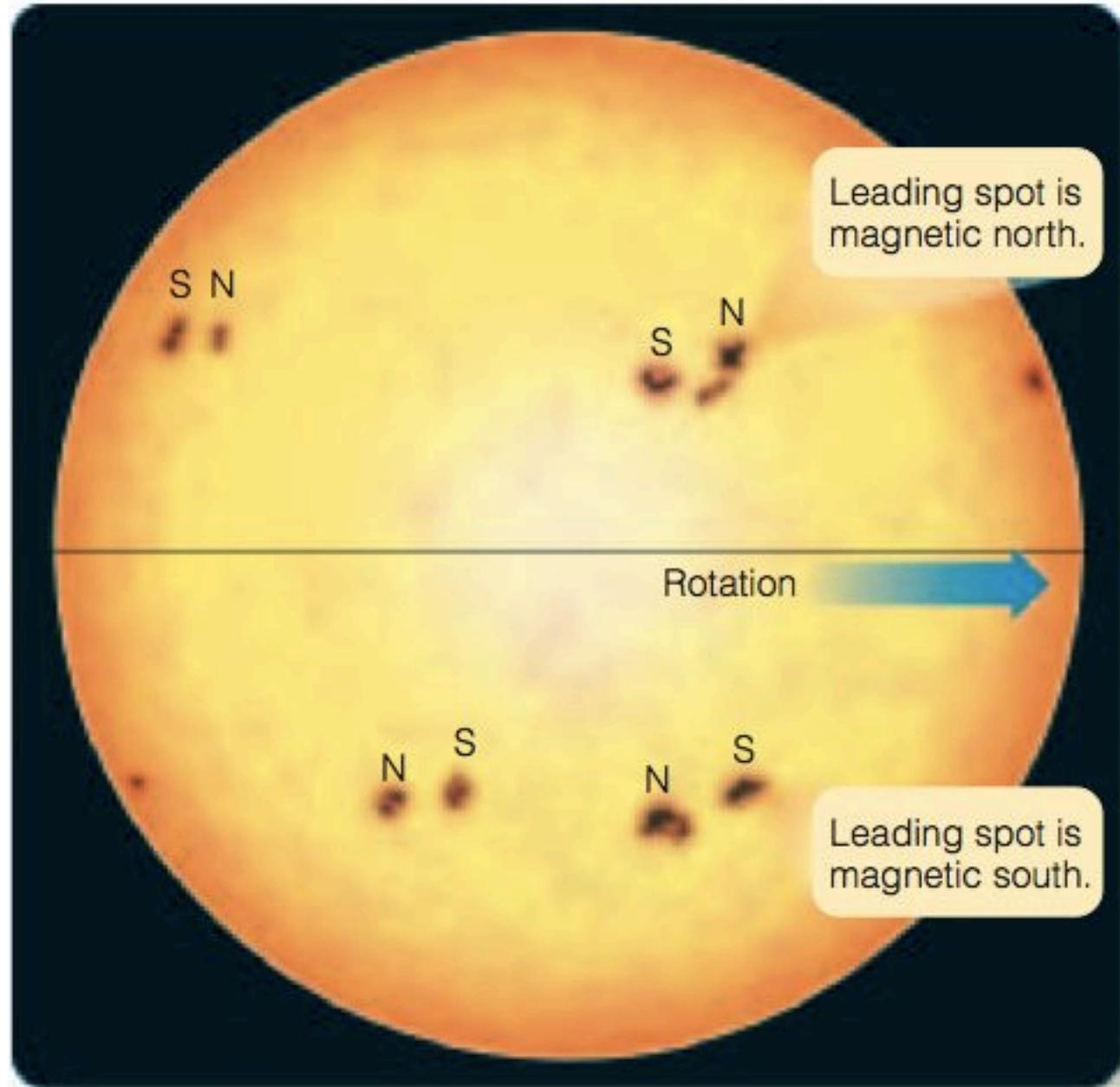
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Linhos de campo  
magnético mais enroladas  
→ manchas solares



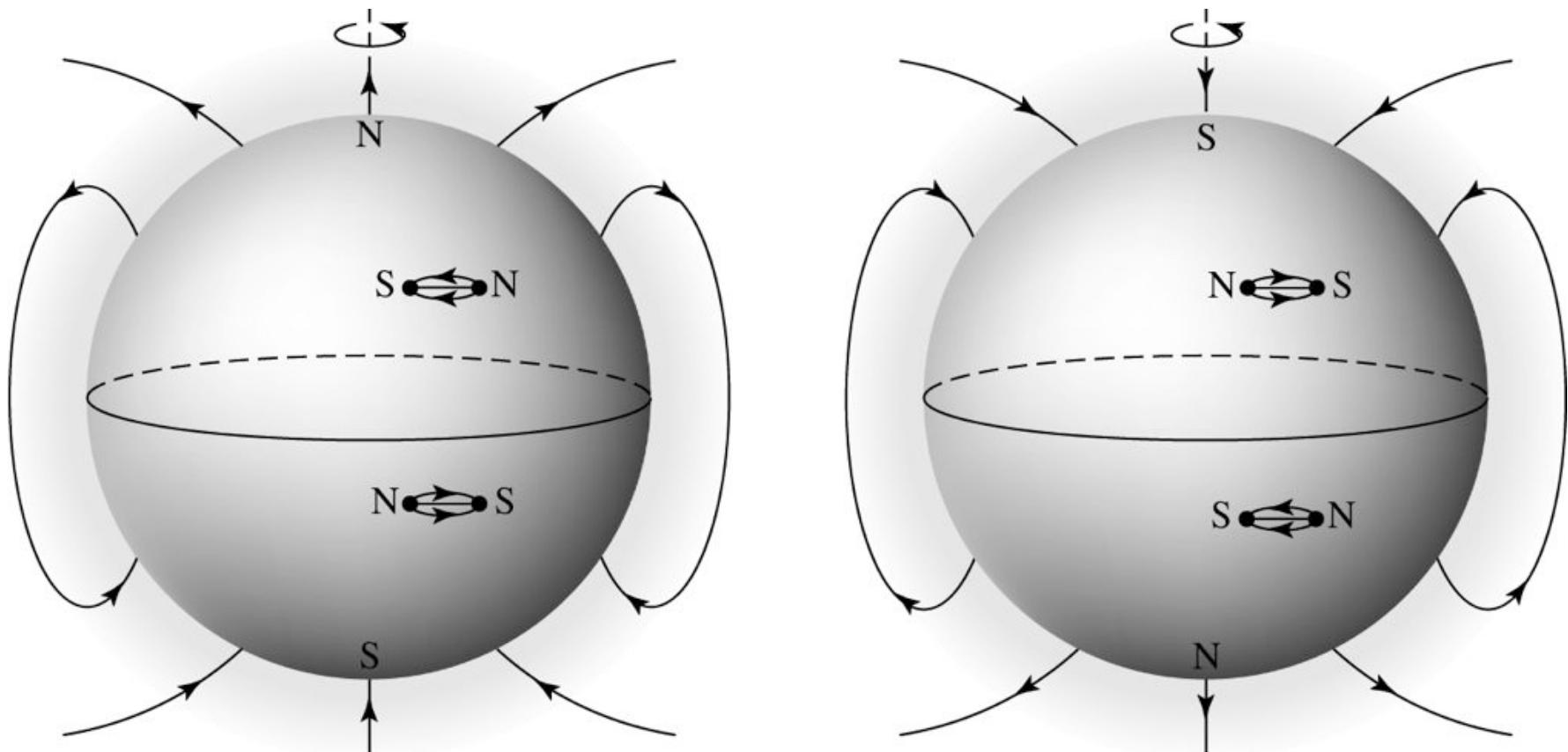
Manchas solares  
geralmente  
aparecem em pares

In sunspot groups, here simplified into pairs of major spots, the leading spot and the trailing spot have opposite magnetic polarity. Spot pairs in the southern hemisphere have reversed polarity from those in the northern hemisphere.



# Ciclo magnético: 22 anos

Campo poloidal é invertido a cada 11 anos, e volta após 22 anos



**FIGURE 11.32** The global magnetic field orientation of the Sun, along with the magnetic polarity of sunspots during successive 11-year periods.

Magnetic fields

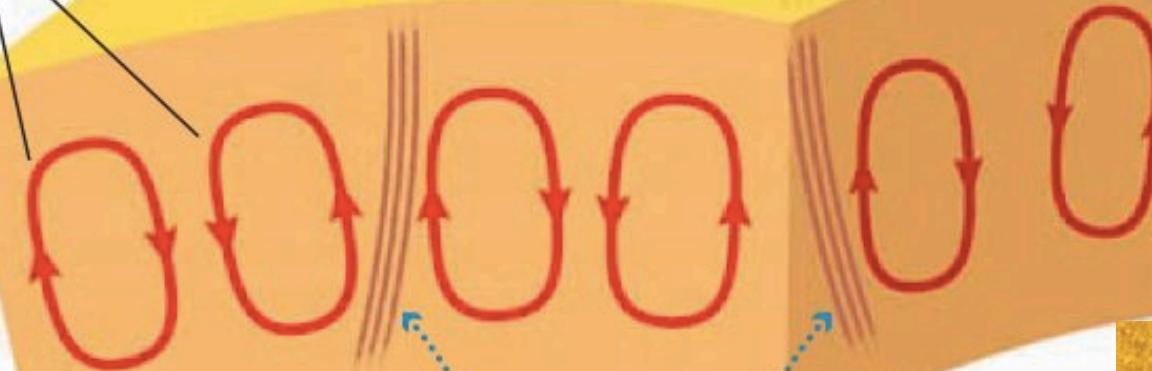
trap gas:

$T = 5777 \text{ K}$

sunspots  
 $T \sim 3900 \text{ K}$

$T \sim 5777 \text{ K}$

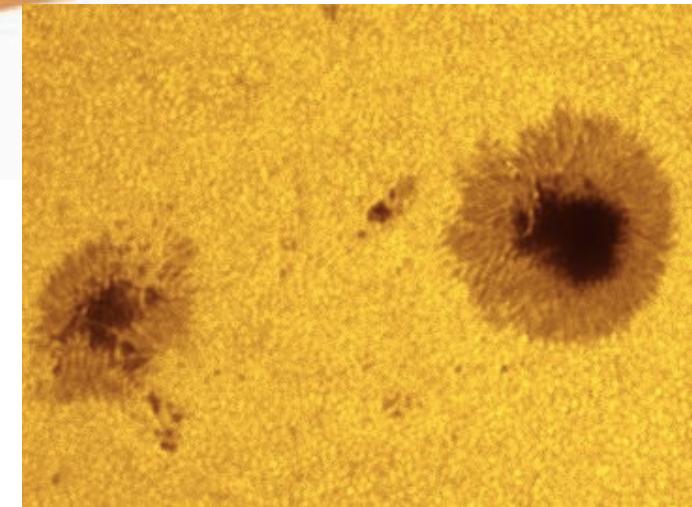
convection  
cells

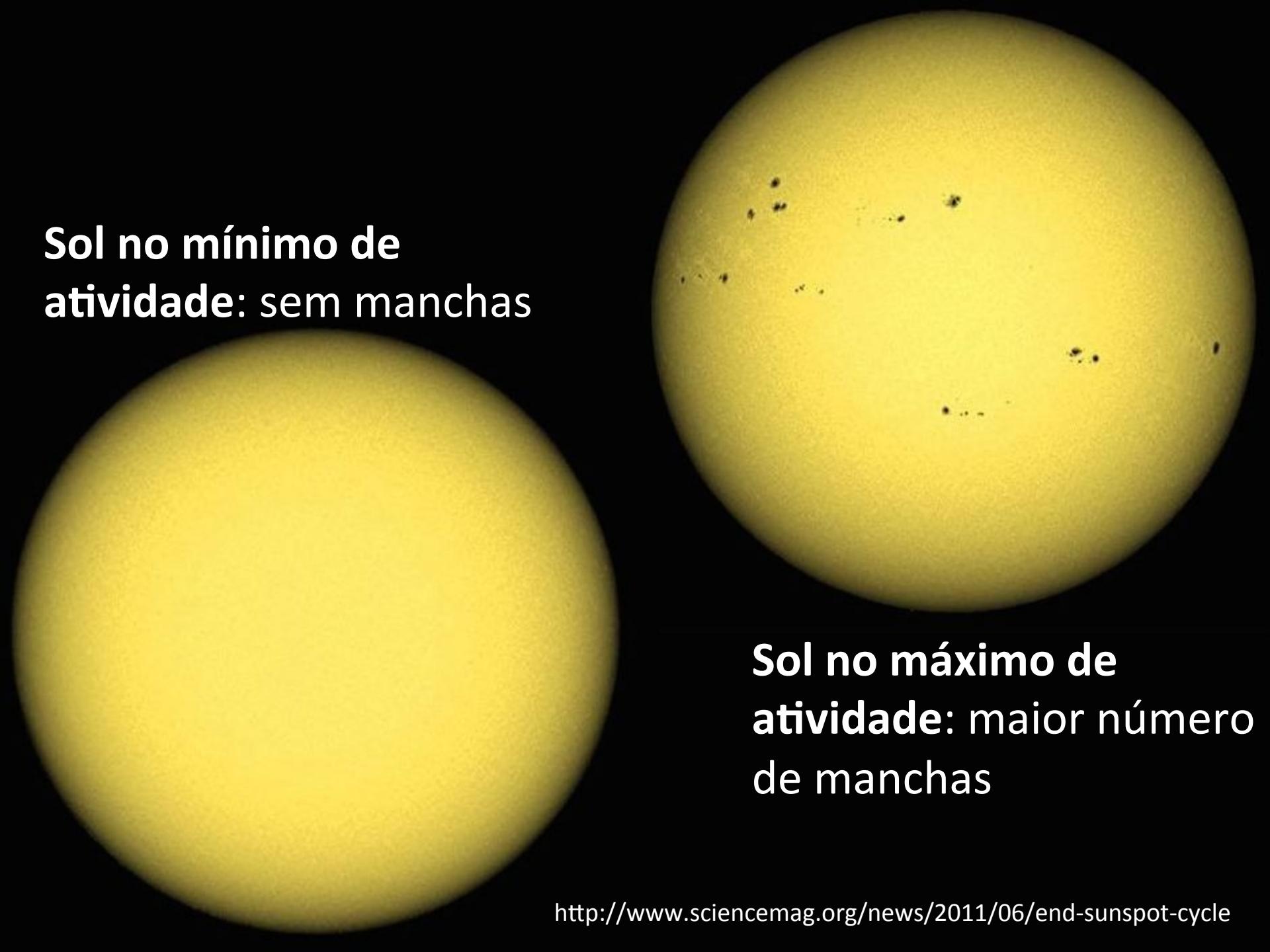


Magnetic fields of sunspots suppress convection and prevent surrounding plasma from sliding sideways into sunspot

$$F_{\text{surf}} = \sigma T_e^4$$

$$(5777/3900)^4 = 4.8$$

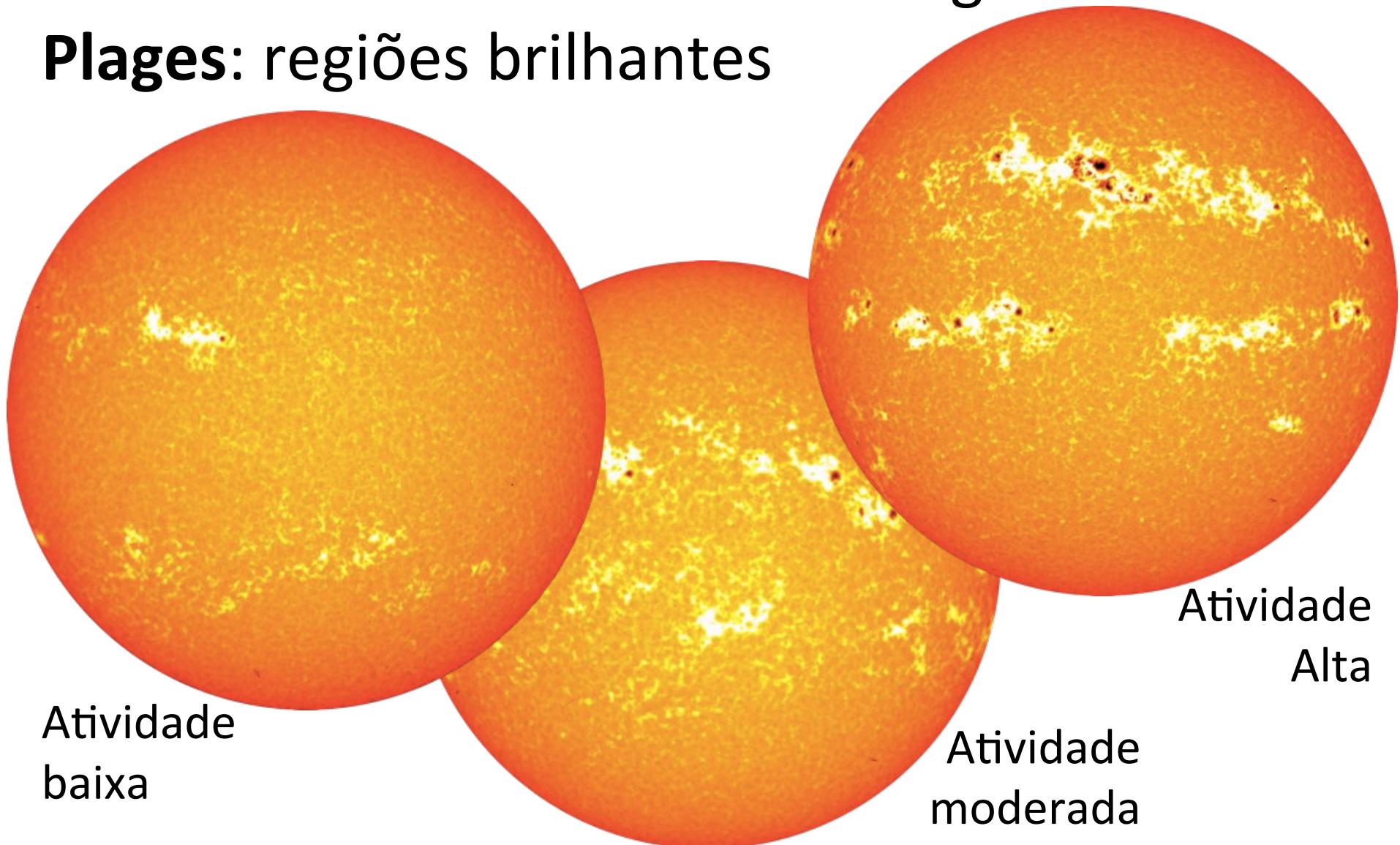




**Sol no mínimo de  
atividade:** sem manchas

**Sol no máximo de  
atividade:** maior número  
de manchas

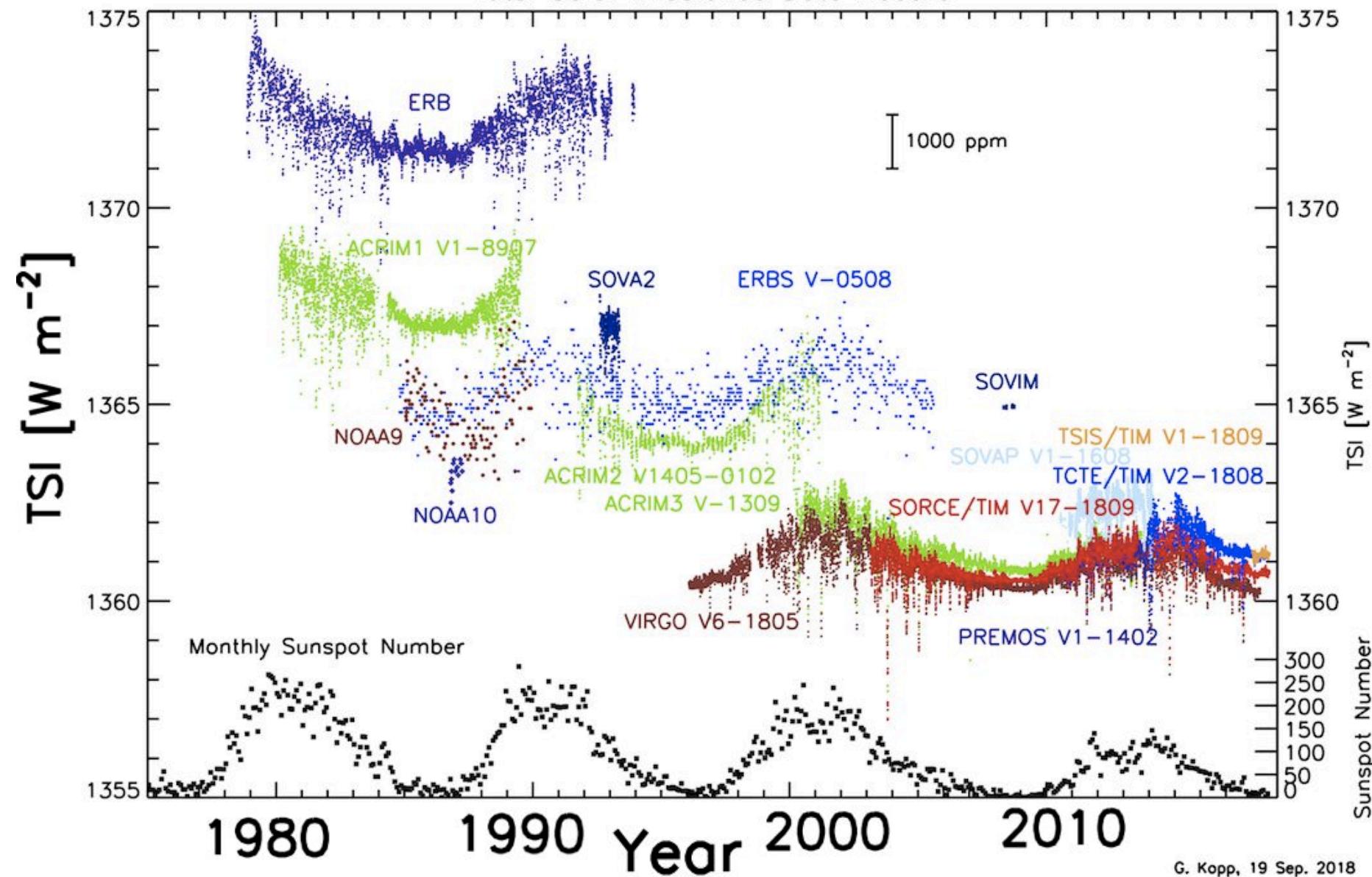
# Sol em H $\alpha$ . Manchas solares: regiões escuras. Plages: regiões brilhantes



Views of the Sun showing different levels of activity. The color table has been altered to enhance faculae/plage (white regions) which are hotter than sunspots (red-black regions) and whose greater total area contribute to increasing the solar flux reaching the Earth. <https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/2644>

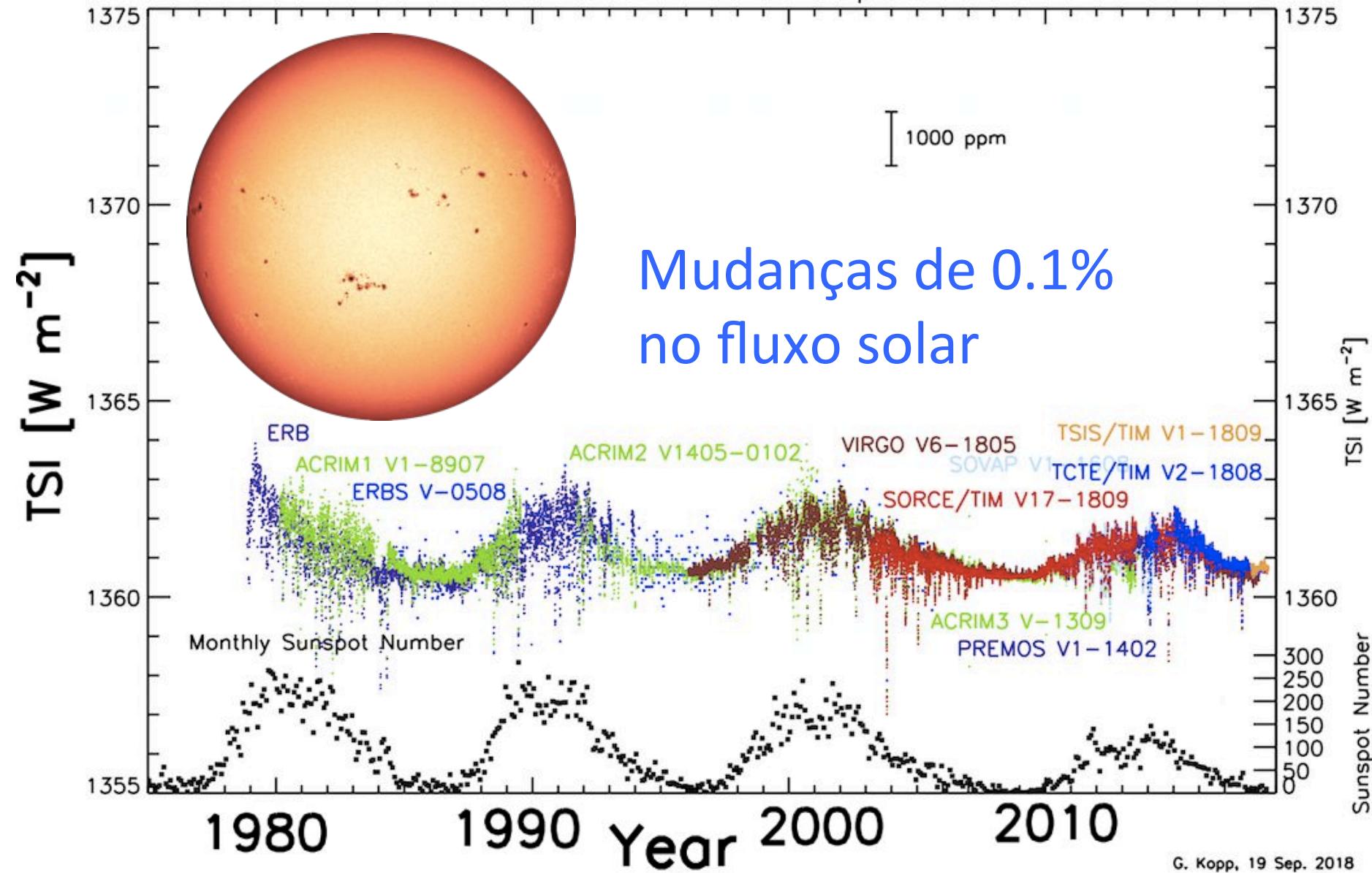
# Irradiância Solar Total (TSI)

Total Solar Irradiance Data Record

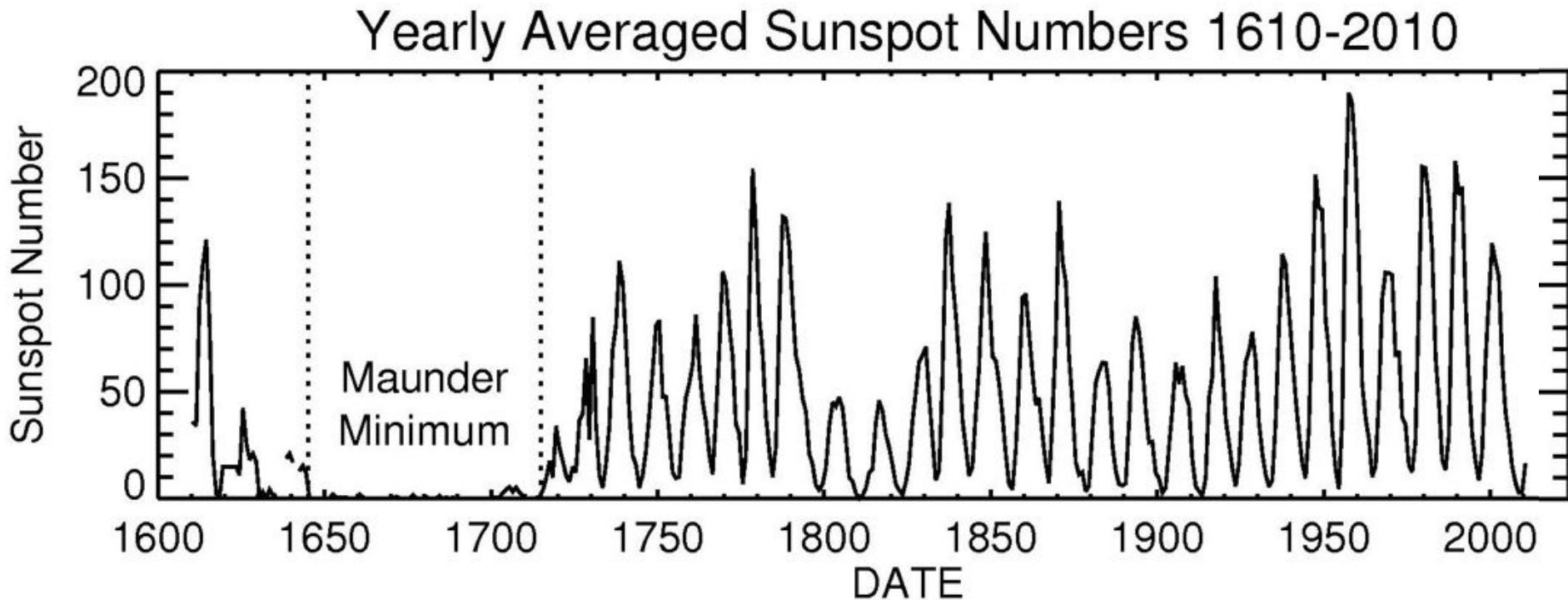


# Irradiância Solar Total (TSI)

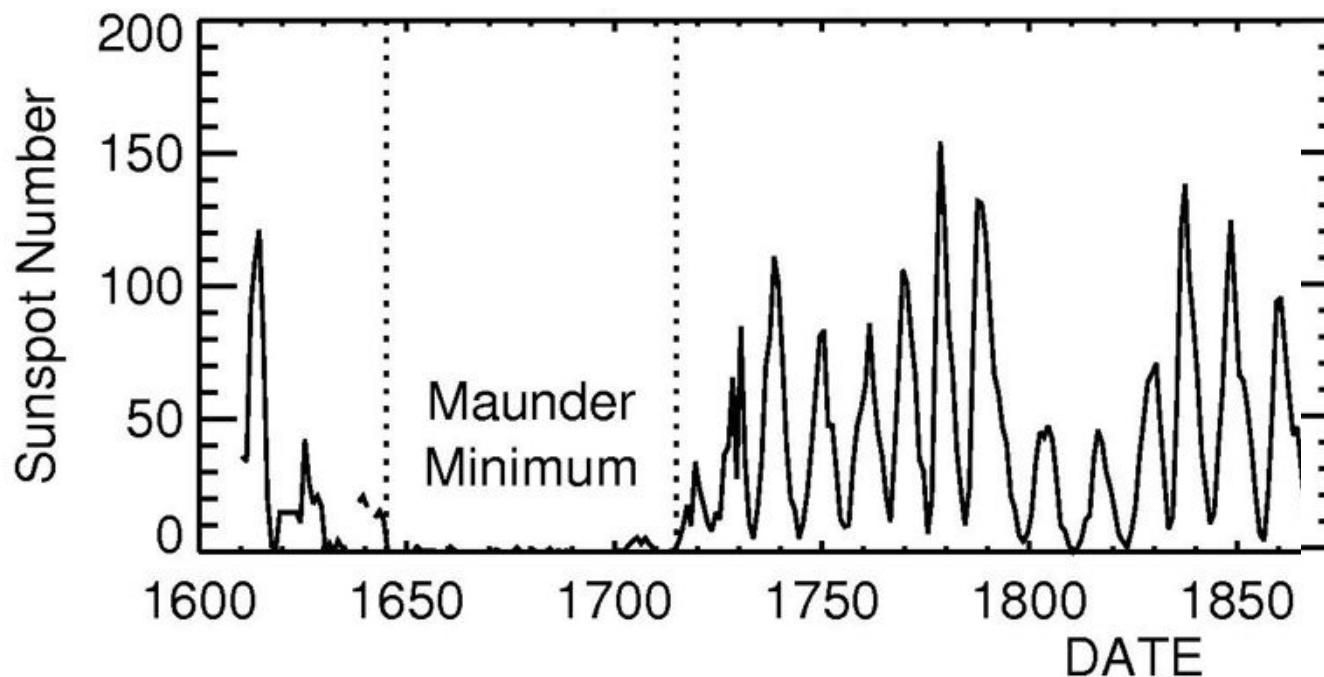
Total Solar Irradiance Composite



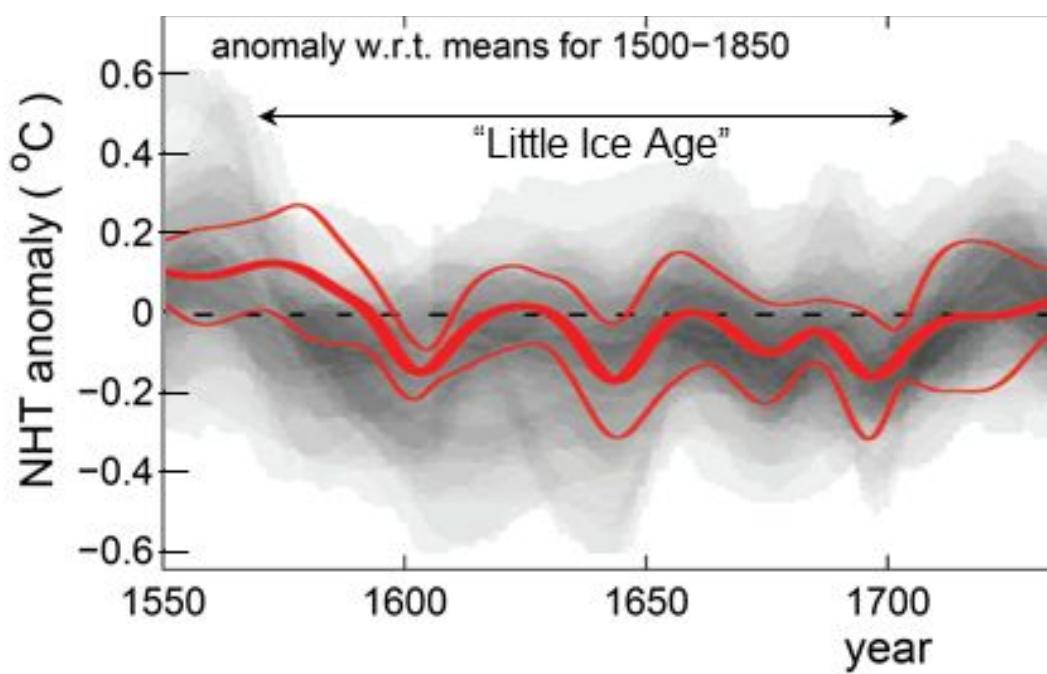
# Mínimo de Maunder: entre 1645 e 1715 as manchas solares tornaram-se raras



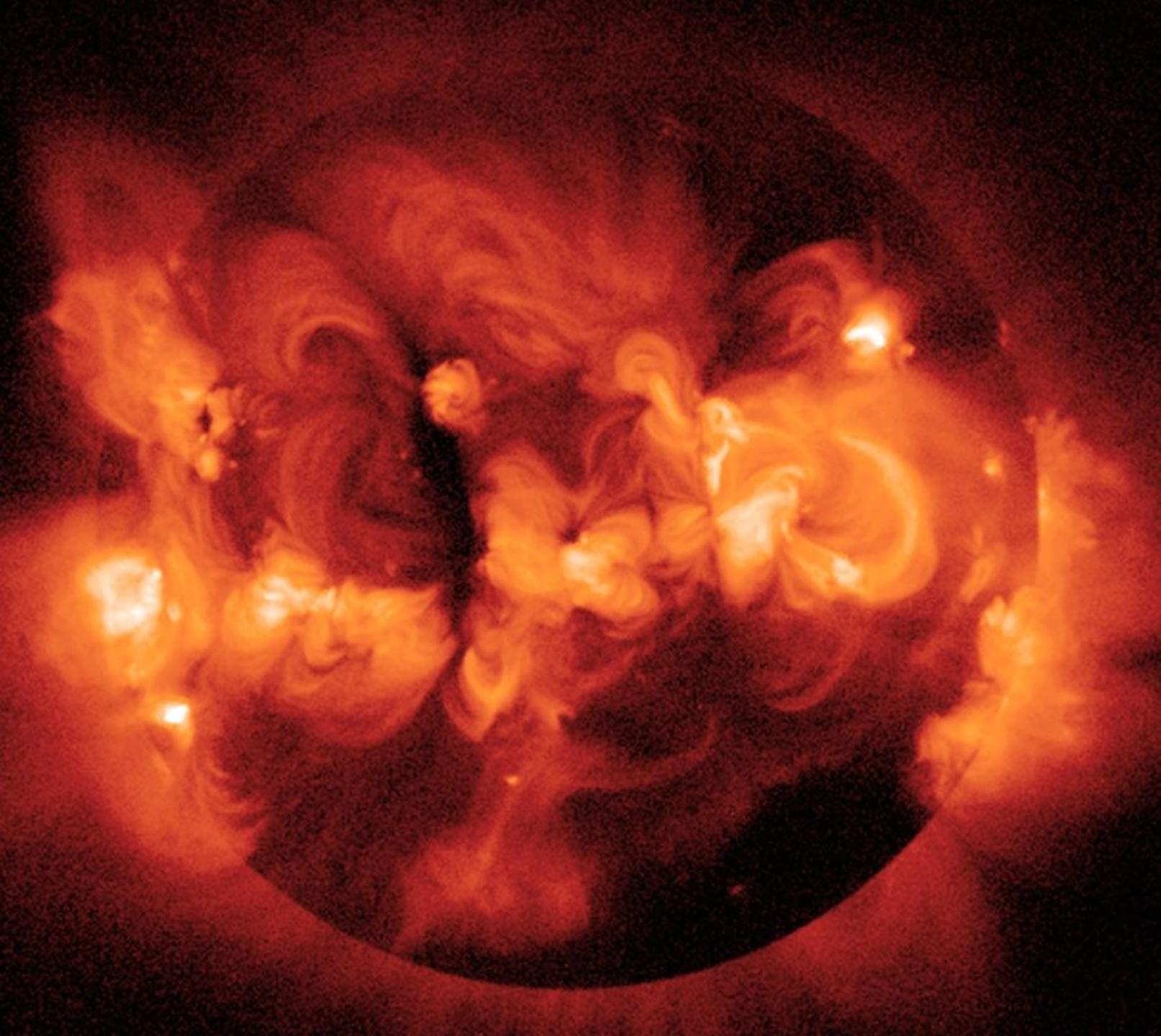
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Talvez sem  
conexão com  
pequena  
idade de gelo

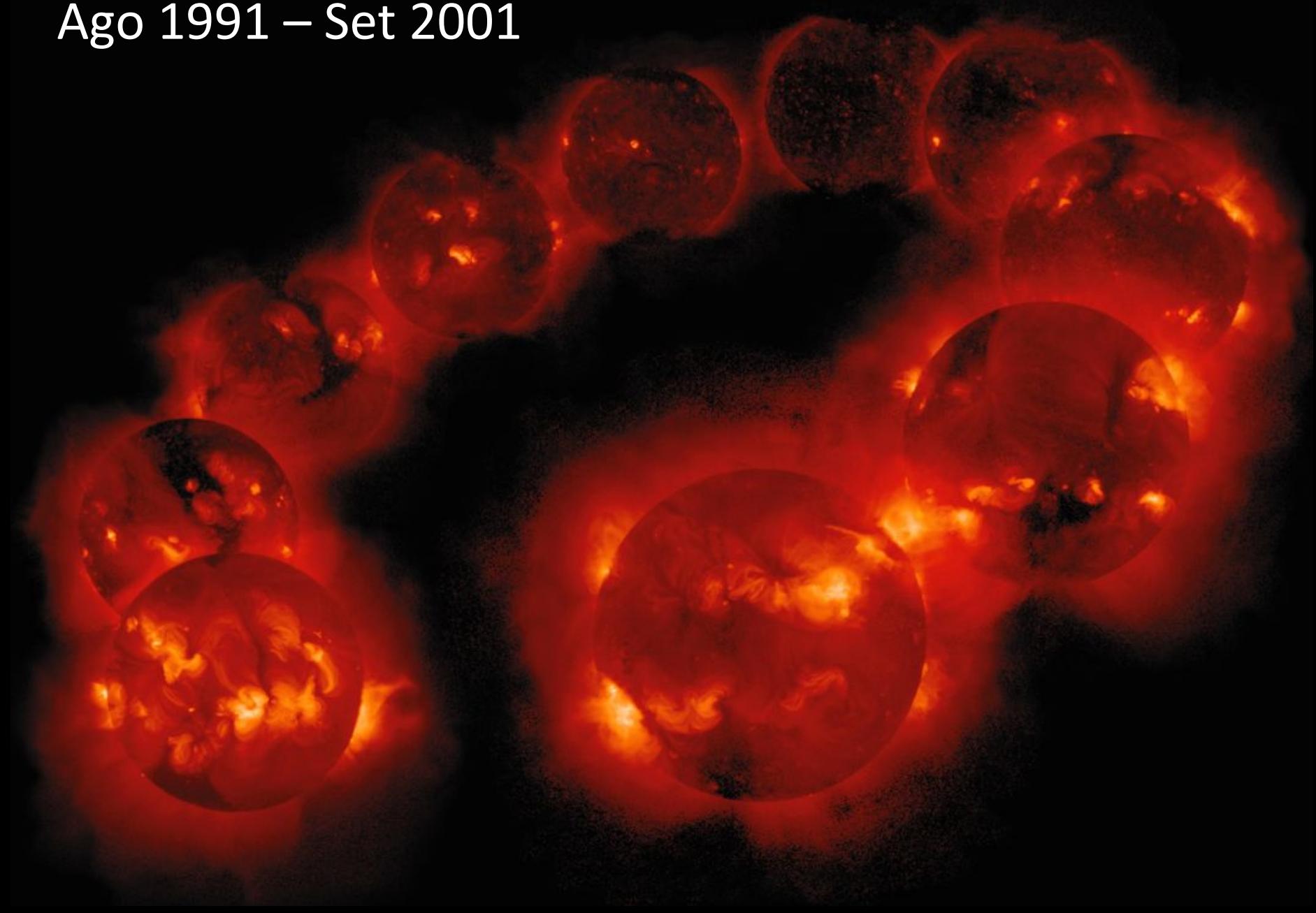


Sol em  
raios-X  
pelo  
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em  
1991



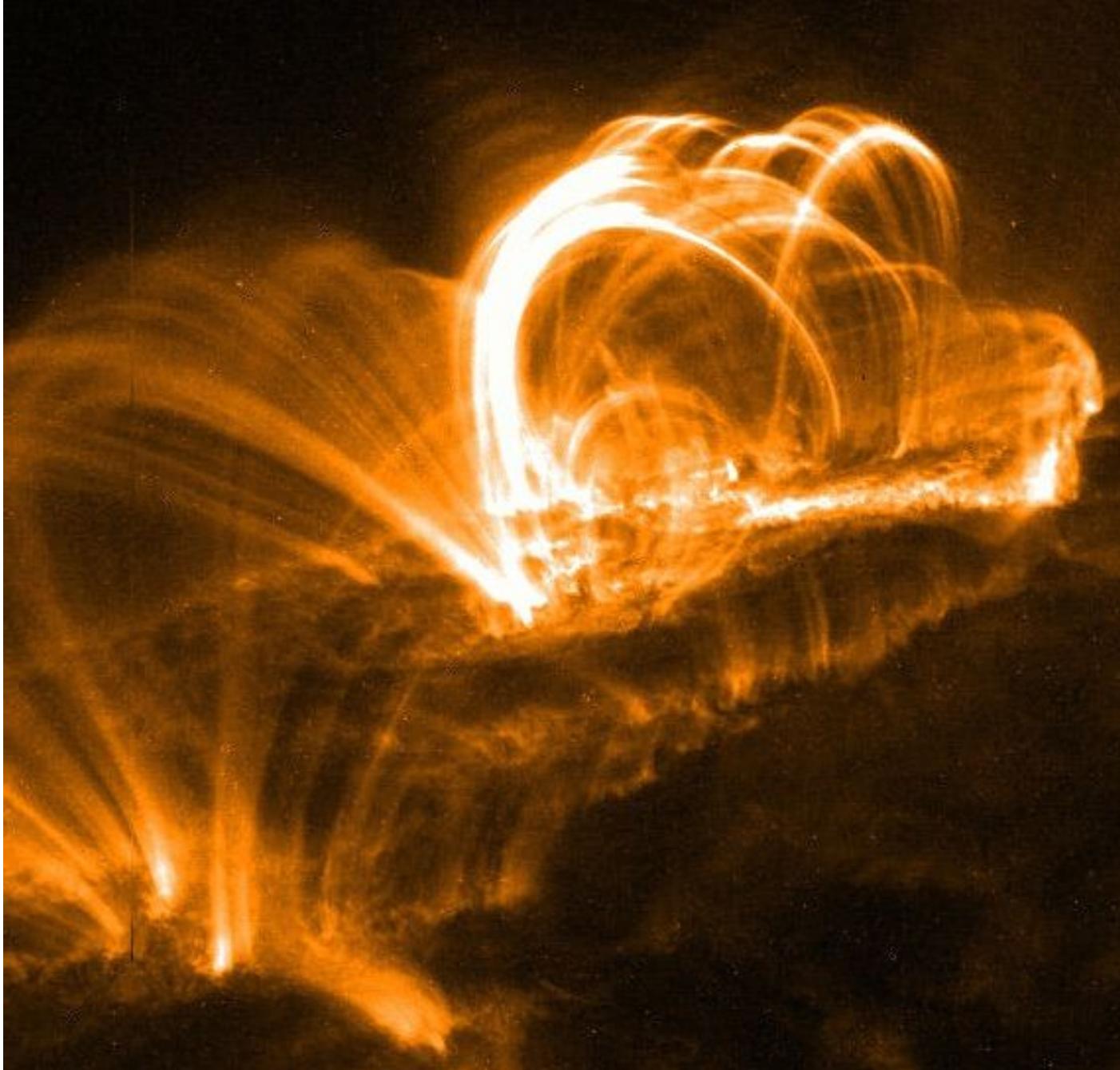
# Ciclo de atividade solar em raios-X pelo Yohkoh

## Ago 1991 – Set 2001



# Solar flare

Image of a typical solar flare from our sun, from September 2005, captured in the X-ray waveband by NASA's TRACE satellite. Note the bright magnetic loops of matter. The twisting and reconnecting of these loops initiate the flare.



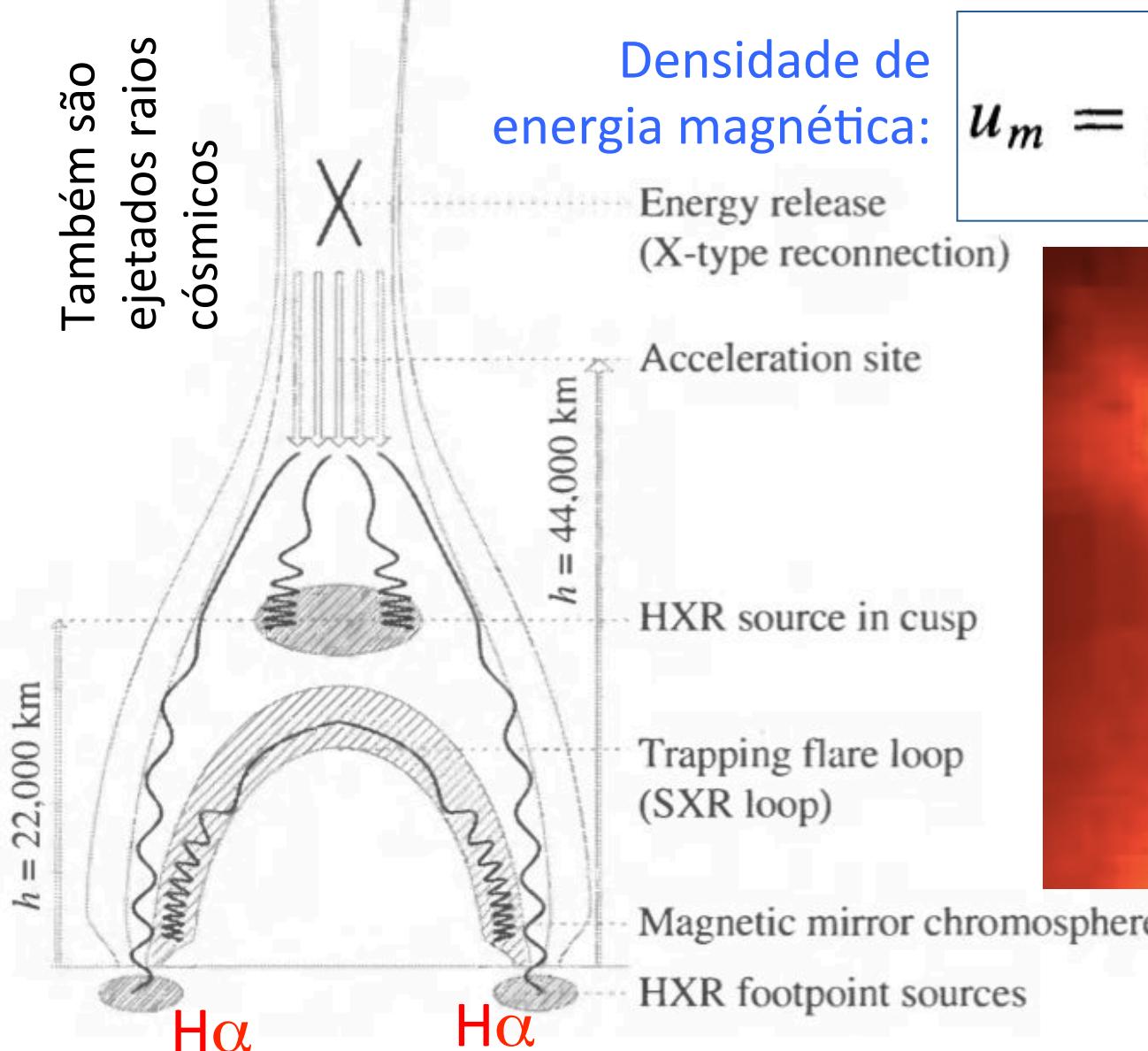
# *Flare solar (erupção solar)*

- Energia liberada de  $10^{17}$  -  $10^{25}$  J entre milisegundos a horas.
- Temperatura  $\sim 10^7$  K



**FIGURE 11.34** (a) A solar flare seen at the limb of the Sun, observed by the Yohkoh Soft X-ray Telescope, March 18, 1999, 16:40 UT. (From the Yohkoh mission of ISAS, Japan. The X-ray telescope

Também são  
ejetados raios  
cósmicos



Densidade de  
energia magnética:

Energy release  
(X-type reconnection)

$$u_m = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0}$$

$\mu_0$ : constante de  
permeabilidade  
magnética do  
vácuo

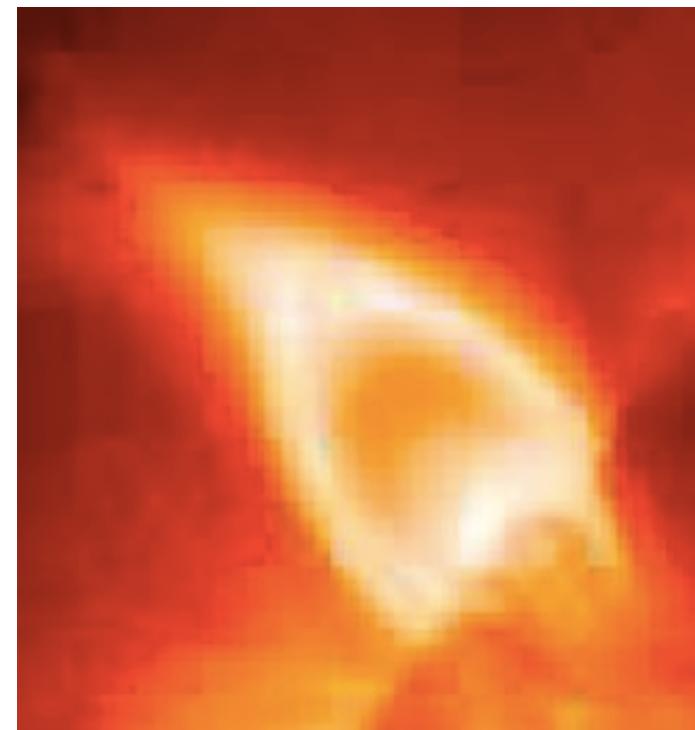


Imagen raios-X de  
flare (erupção) solar

**FIGURE 11.35** A model of the January 13, 1992, Masuda solar flare. Note the two hard X-ray (HXR) footpoint sources associated with H $\alpha$  flare ribbons [see Fig. 11.34(b)]. Electrons are accelerated downward along the magnetic field lines until they collide with the chromosphere. The soft X-ray (SXR) loop may be compared to Fig. 11.34(a). (Figure adapted from Aschwanden, et al., *Ap. J.*, 464, 985, 1996.)

(b) reconnection region

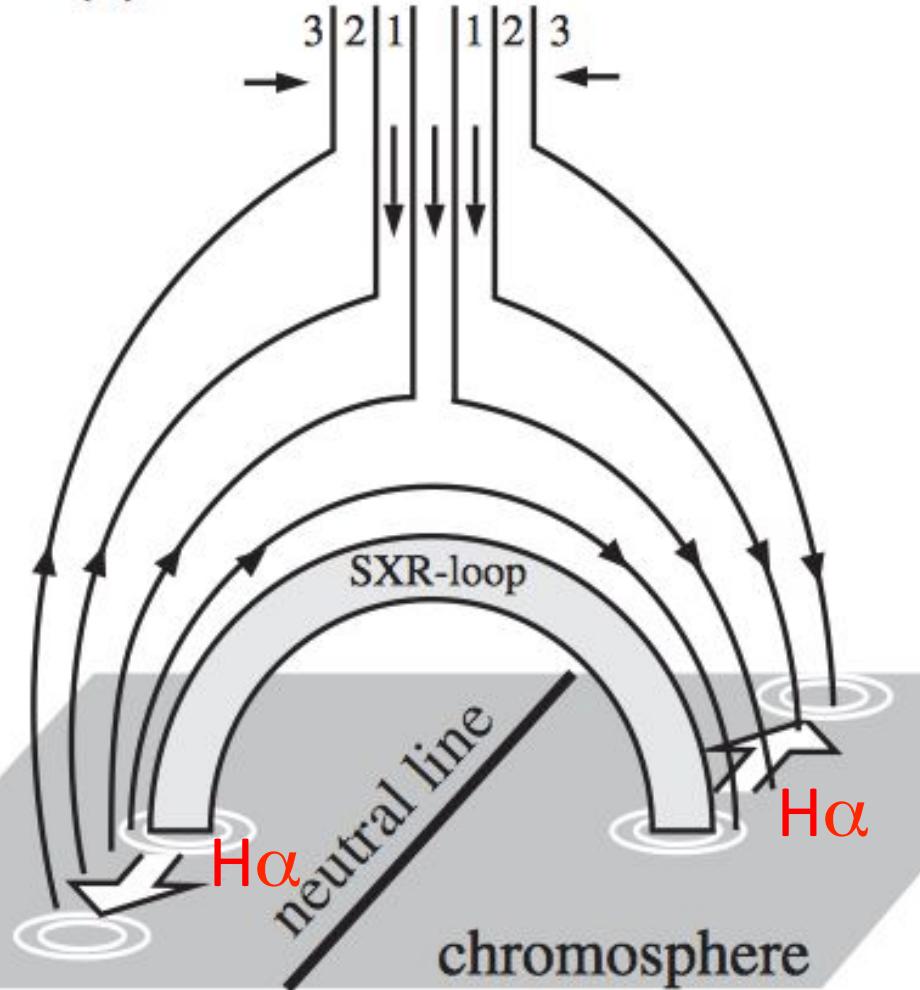
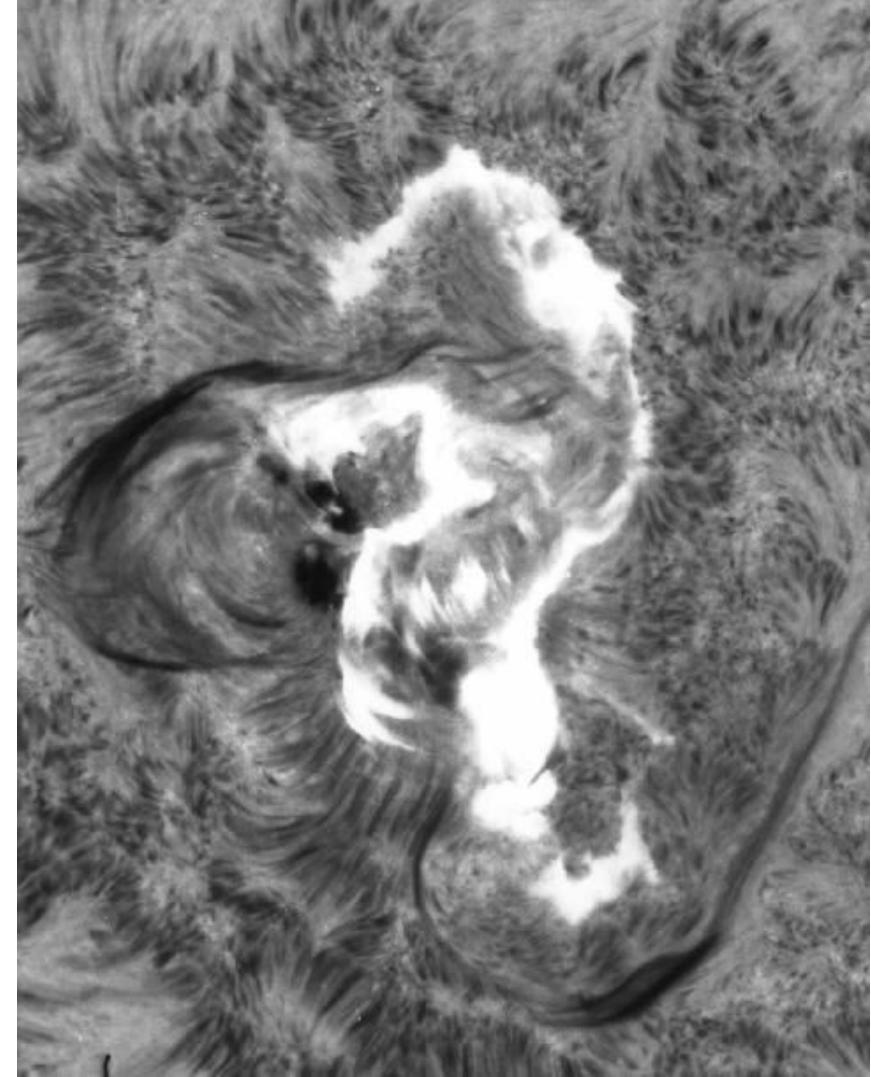
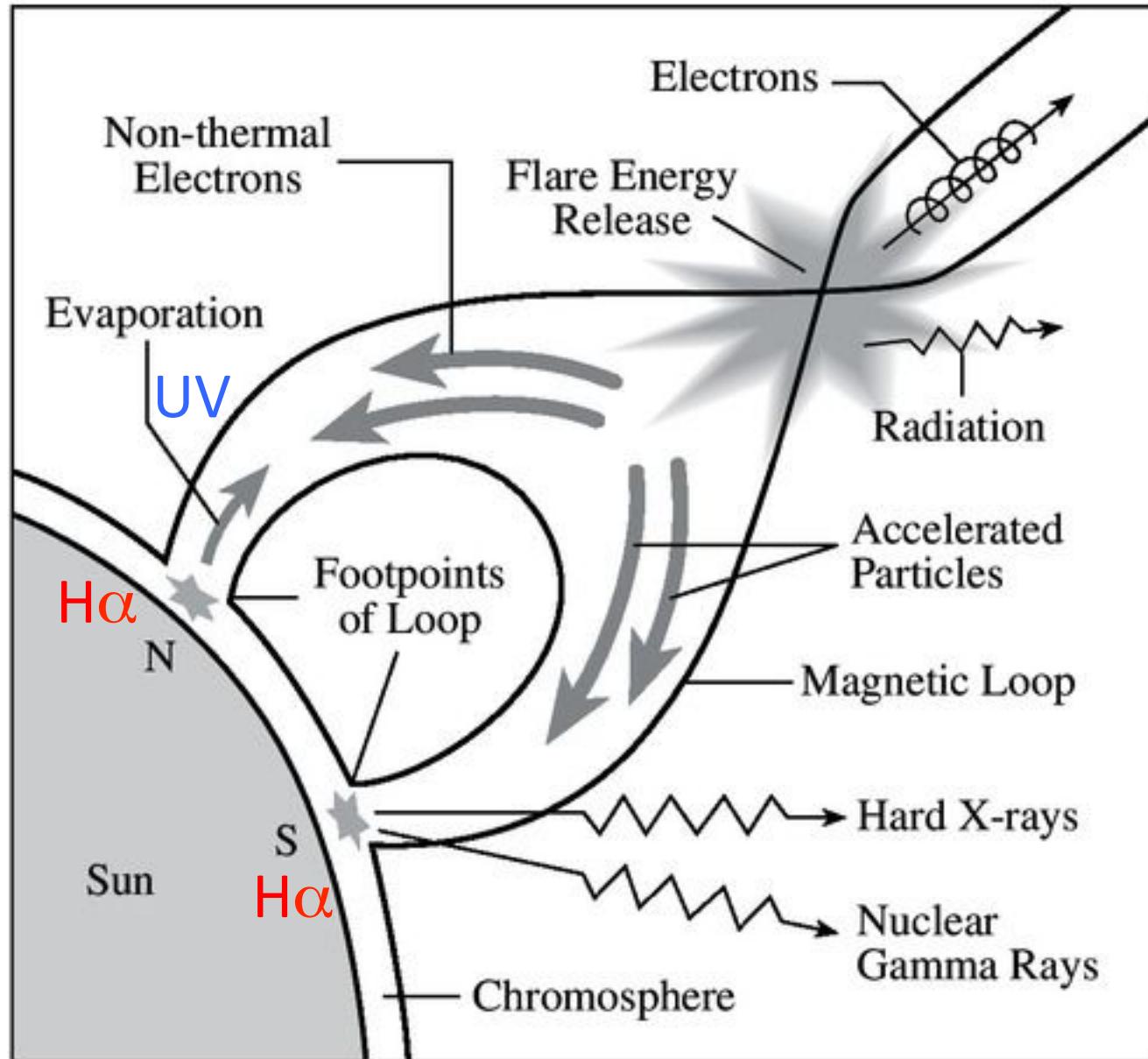


Fig. 3b, Solar flares and energetic particles  
NICOLE VILMER, *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A* (2012)  
370, 3241



**The great 'Seahorse Flare' of August 7th, 1972:** This image in H-alpha shows the two-ribbon structure late in the event, with bright H-alpha loops connecting the ribbons.

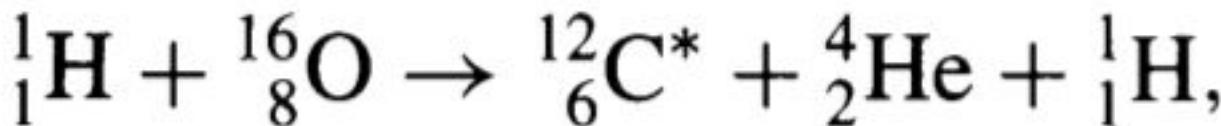


Radio:  
synchroton

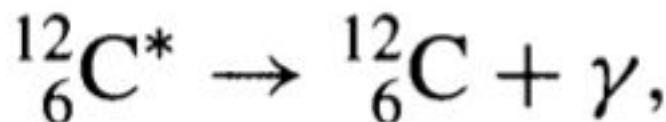
Soft X-rays: altas  
temperaturas

Hard X-ray:  
Bremsstrahlung

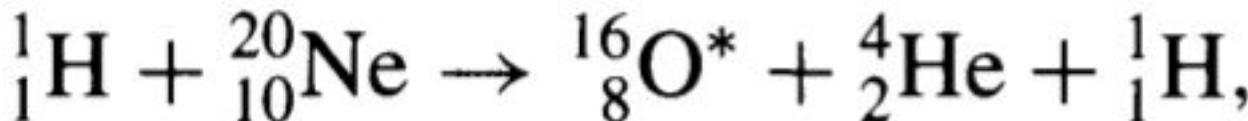
Gamma rays:  
reações nucleares



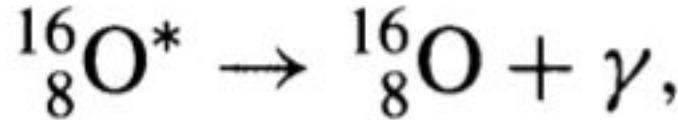
where C\* represents a carbon nucleus in an excited state, followed by the de-excitation reaction



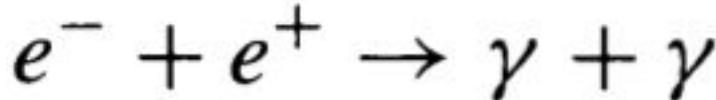
with  $E_\gamma = 4.438$  MeV, or



followed by the de-excitation reaction



with  $E_\gamma = 6.129$  MeV. Other examples of reactions produced by flares on the Sun's surface include electron–positron annihilation,



where  $E_\gamma = 0.511$  MeV, and the production of deuterium by



where  $E_\gamma = 2.223$  MeV.

An **eruptive prominence** in extreme UV light on March 30, 2010. Credit: NASA/SDO.

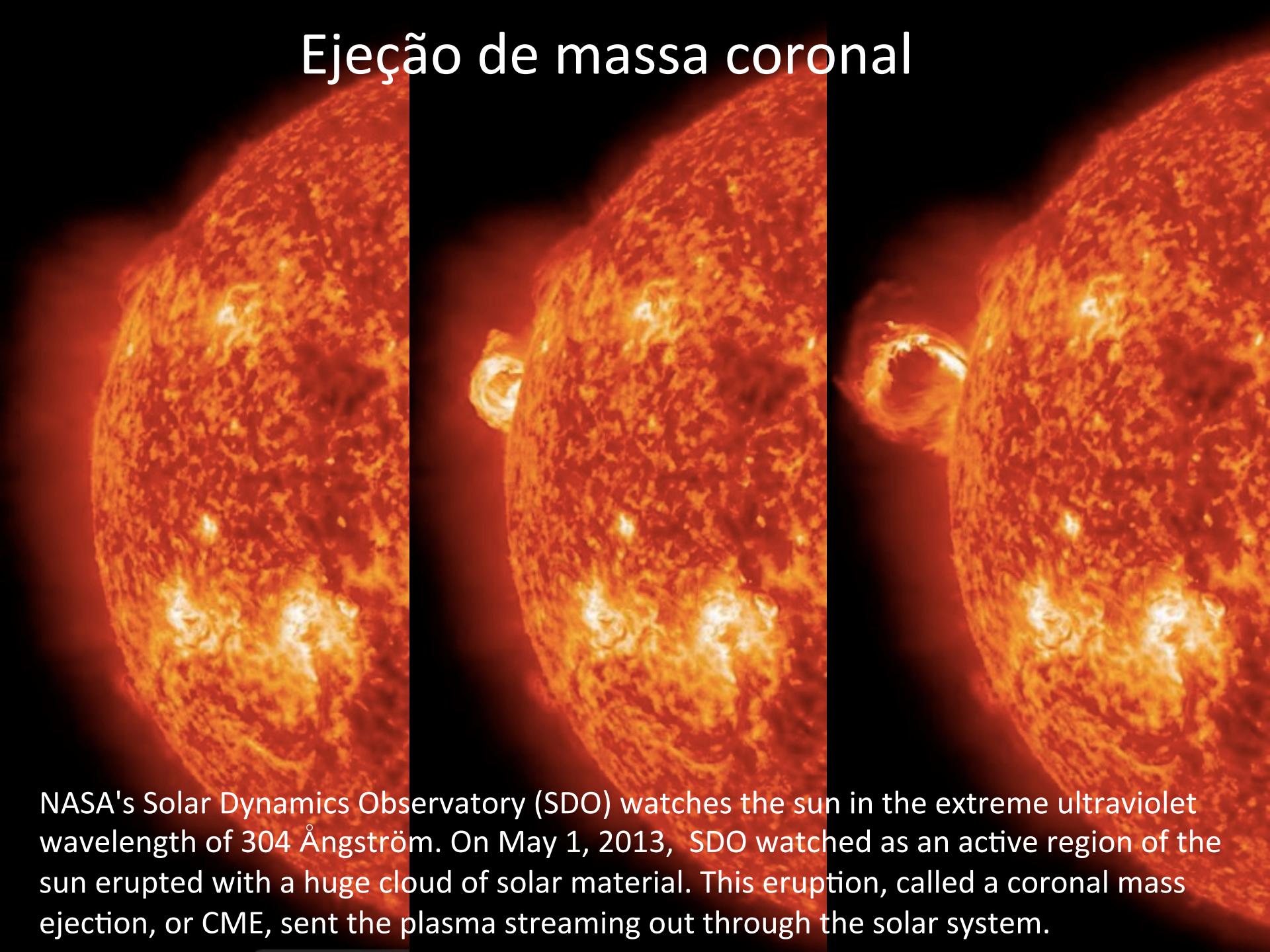
A prominence (also known as a filament when viewed against the solar disk) is a large, bright feature extending outward from the Sun's surface. Prominences are anchored to the Sun's photosphere, and extend outwards into the Sun's corona. A prominence forms over timescales of  $\sim$  1 day, and stable prominences may persist for months. The red-glowing looped material is plasma, flowing along a tangled & twisted structure of magnetic fields generated by the sun's internal dynamo. An erupting prominence occurs when such a structure becomes unstable and bursts outward, releasing the plasma.

# Proeminência solar

Approx. size of Earth → 

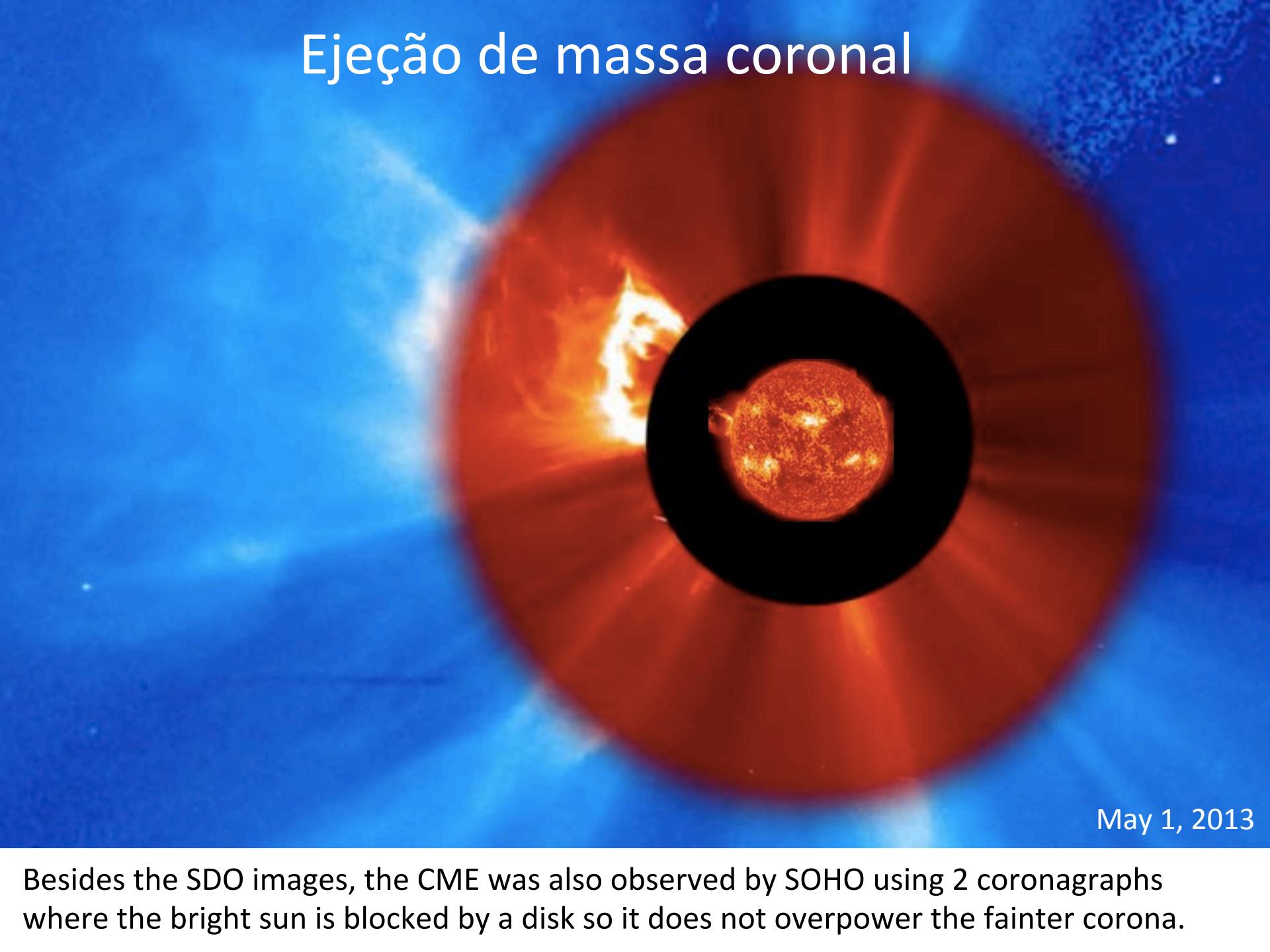


# Ejeção de massa coronal



NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO) watches the sun in the extreme ultraviolet wavelength of 304 Ångström. On May 1, 2013, SDO watched as an active region of the sun erupted with a huge cloud of solar material. This eruption, called a coronal mass ejection, or CME, sent the plasma streaming out through the solar system.

# Ejeção de massa coronal



May 1, 2013

Besides the SDO images, the CME was also observed by SOHO using 2 coronagraphs where the bright sun is blocked by a disk so it does not overpower the fainter corona.

**Máximo do  
ciclo de  
atividade:**

~ 3,5 por dia

**Mínimo:** aprox.  
1 cada 5 dias.

$5 \times 10^{12}$  kg a  
 $5 \times 10^{13}$  kg

$v \sim 400$  km/s a  
1000 km/s

Com *flares*: 40%

Com proeminência  
solar eruptiva: 70%

# Ejeção de massa coronal



2000/02/27 07:42

[http://www.esa.int/Our\\_Activities/Space\\_Science/  
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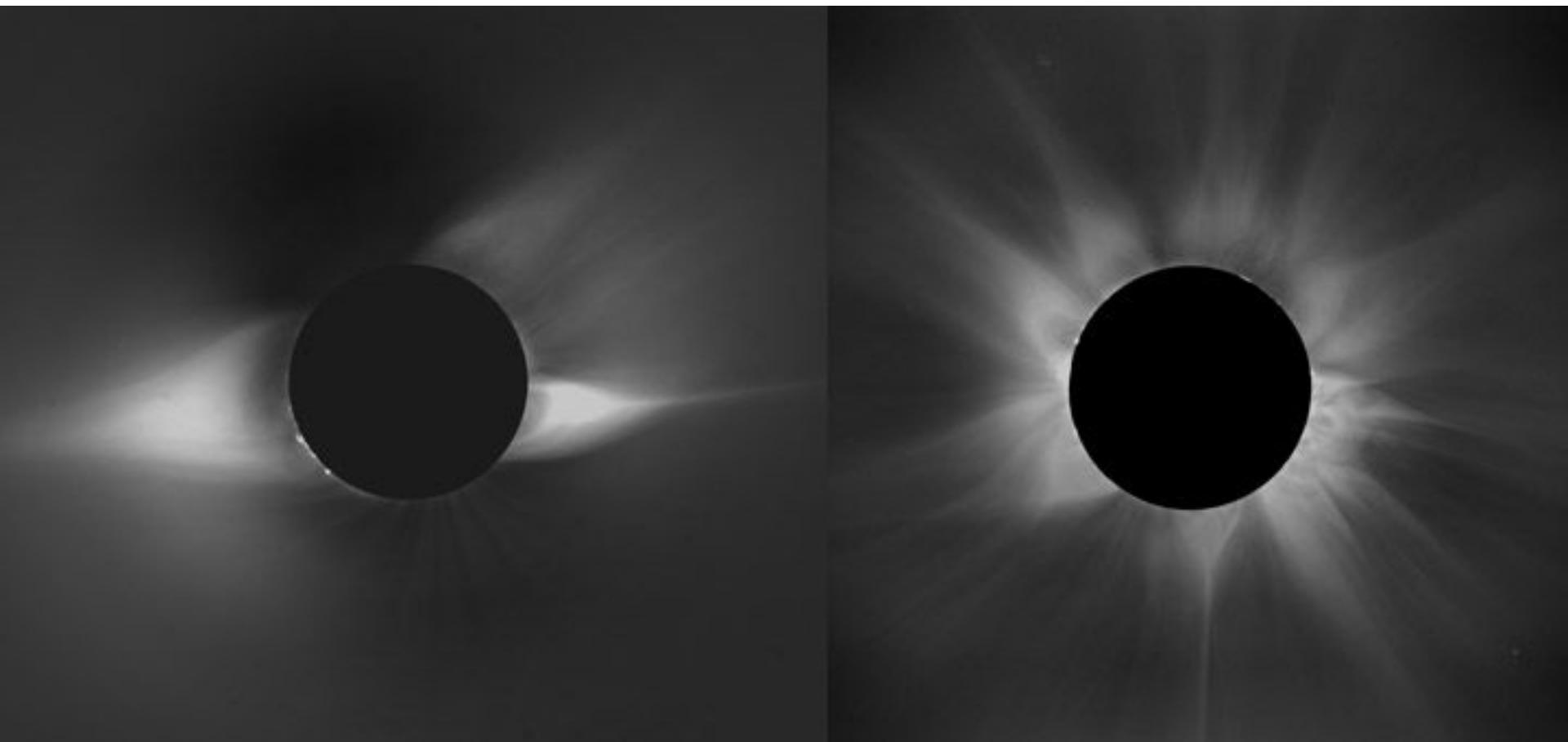
# Coroa solar durante eclipse

1994 (mínimo de atividade)

Mais extendida no equador,  
consistente com campo dipolar

1980 (máximo de atividade)

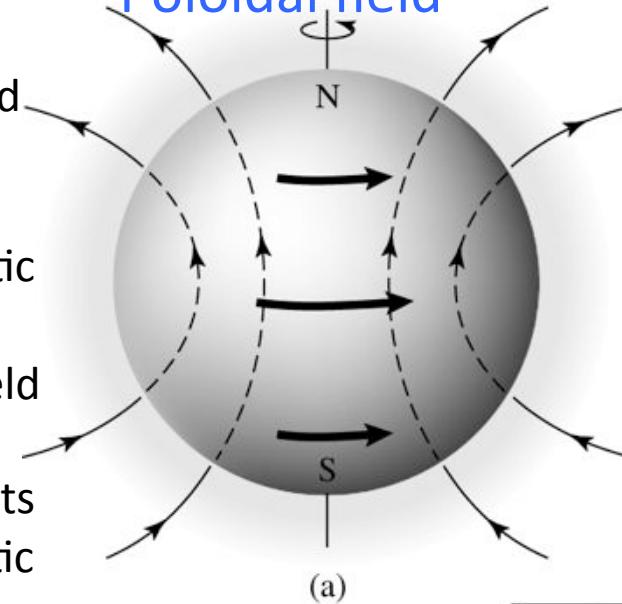
Coroa é mais complexa



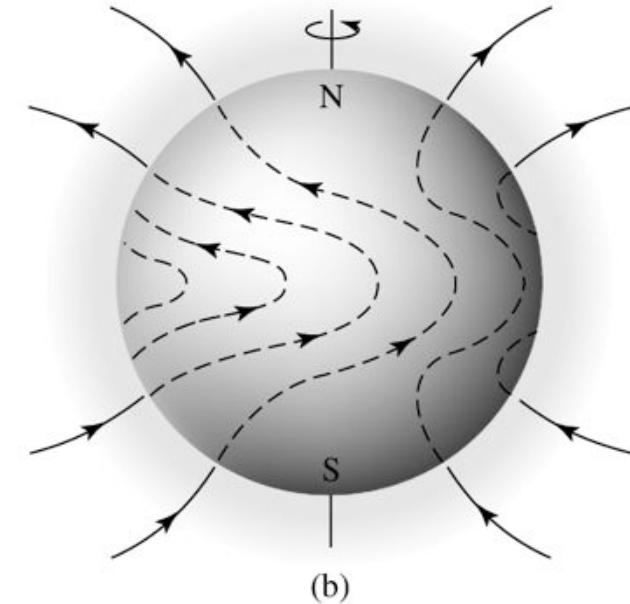
The magnetic dynamo model of the solar cycle.

(a) The solar magnetic field is initially poloidal (simple dipole). (b) Differential rotation drags the magnetic field lines around the Sun, converting the poloidal field into a toroidal field. (c) Turbulent convection twists the field lines into magnetic ropes, causing them to rise as sunspots, the polarity of the lead spots corresponds to the original polarity of the poloidal field. (d) As the cycle progresses, successive sunspot groups migrate toward the equator where magnetic field reconnection reestablishes the poloidal field, but with the original polarity reversed.

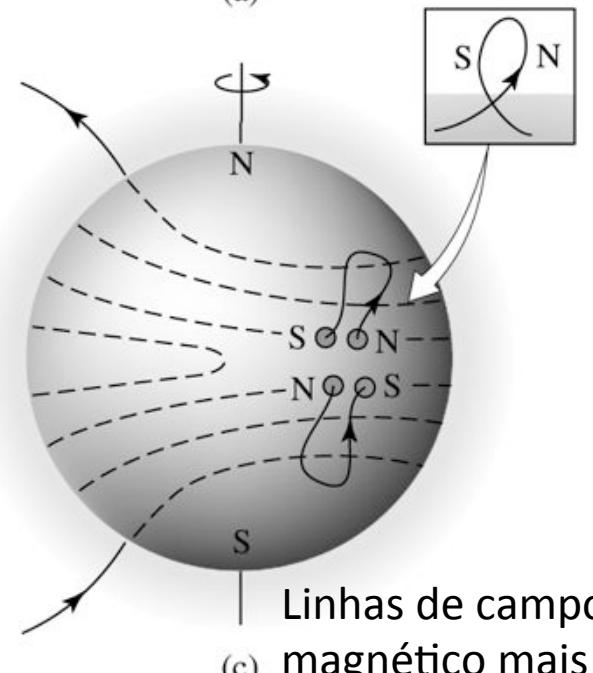
### Po<sup>l</sup>oidal field



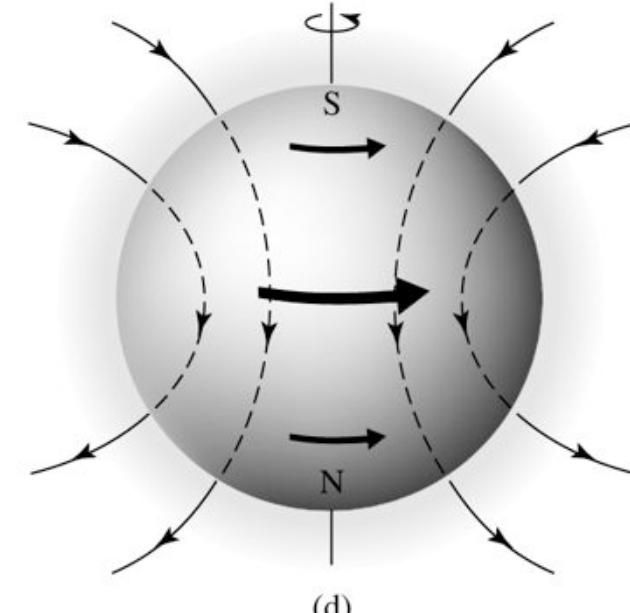
(a)



(b)



(c)



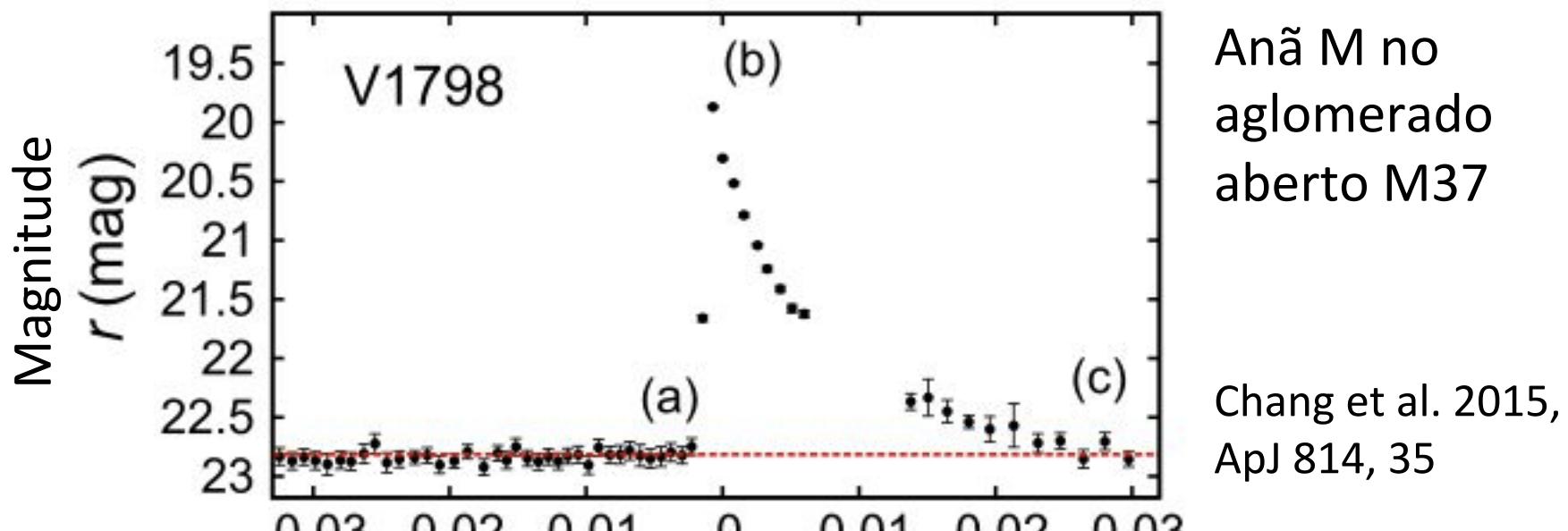
(d)

### Toroidal field

Linh<sup>a</sup>s de campo magn<sup>e</sup>tico mais enroladas

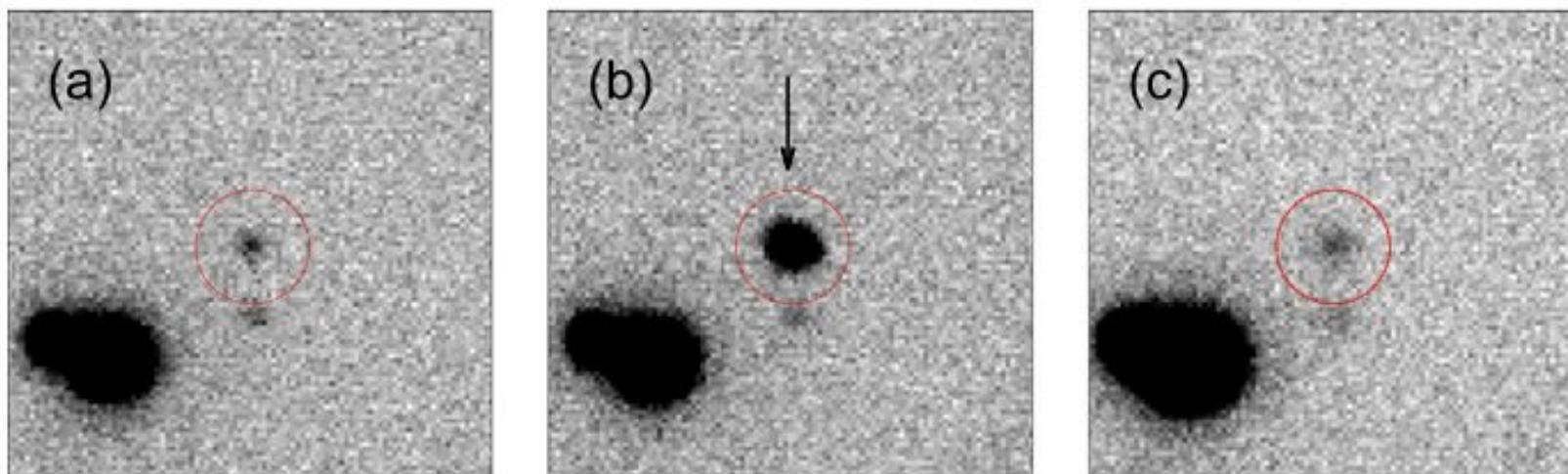
### Po<sup>l</sup>oidal field

# Estrelas “flare” (geralmente estrelas M)



Anã M no  
aglomerado  
aberto M37

Chang et al. 2015,  
ApJ 814, 35



# Superflares on solar-type stars

Nature 485, 478–481 (24 May 2012)

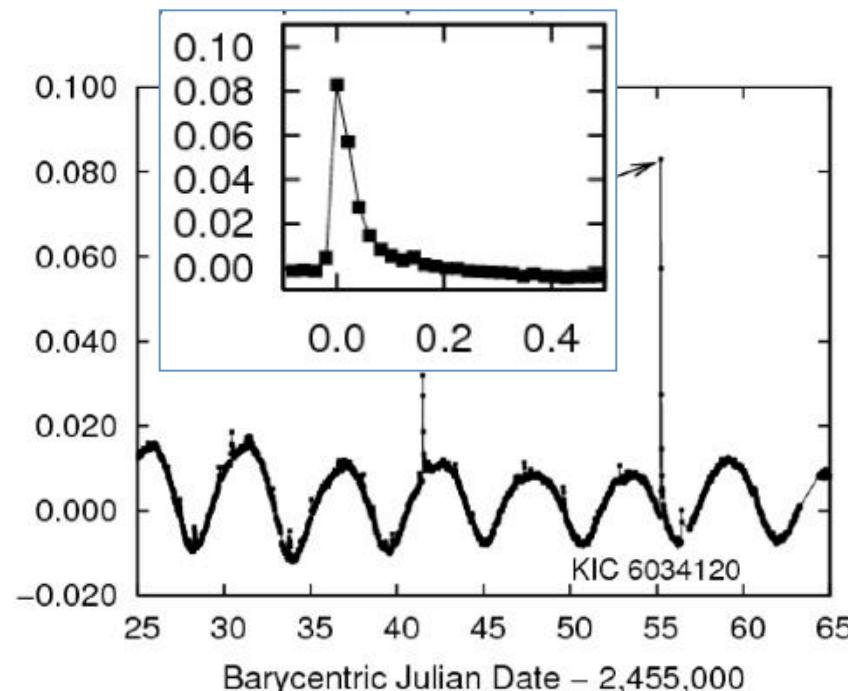
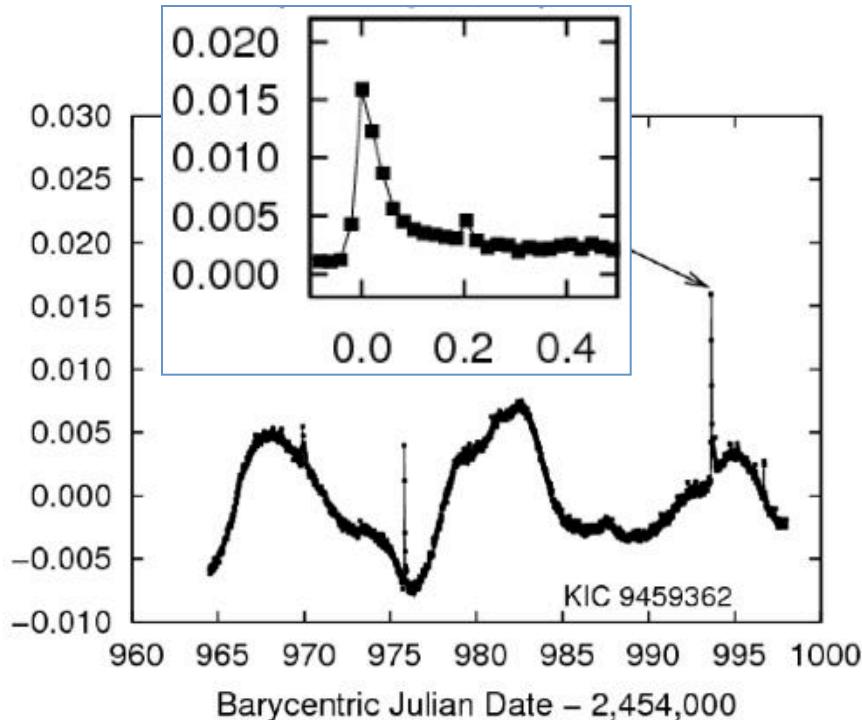
Hiroyuki Maehara, Takuya Shibayama, Shota Notsu, Yuta Notsu, Takashi Nagao, Satoshi Kusaba, Satoshi Honda, Daisaku Nogami & Kazunari Shibata

14 flares on 10 Sun-like stars ( $T_{\text{eff}}$ : 5600-6000;  $P > 10$  days)

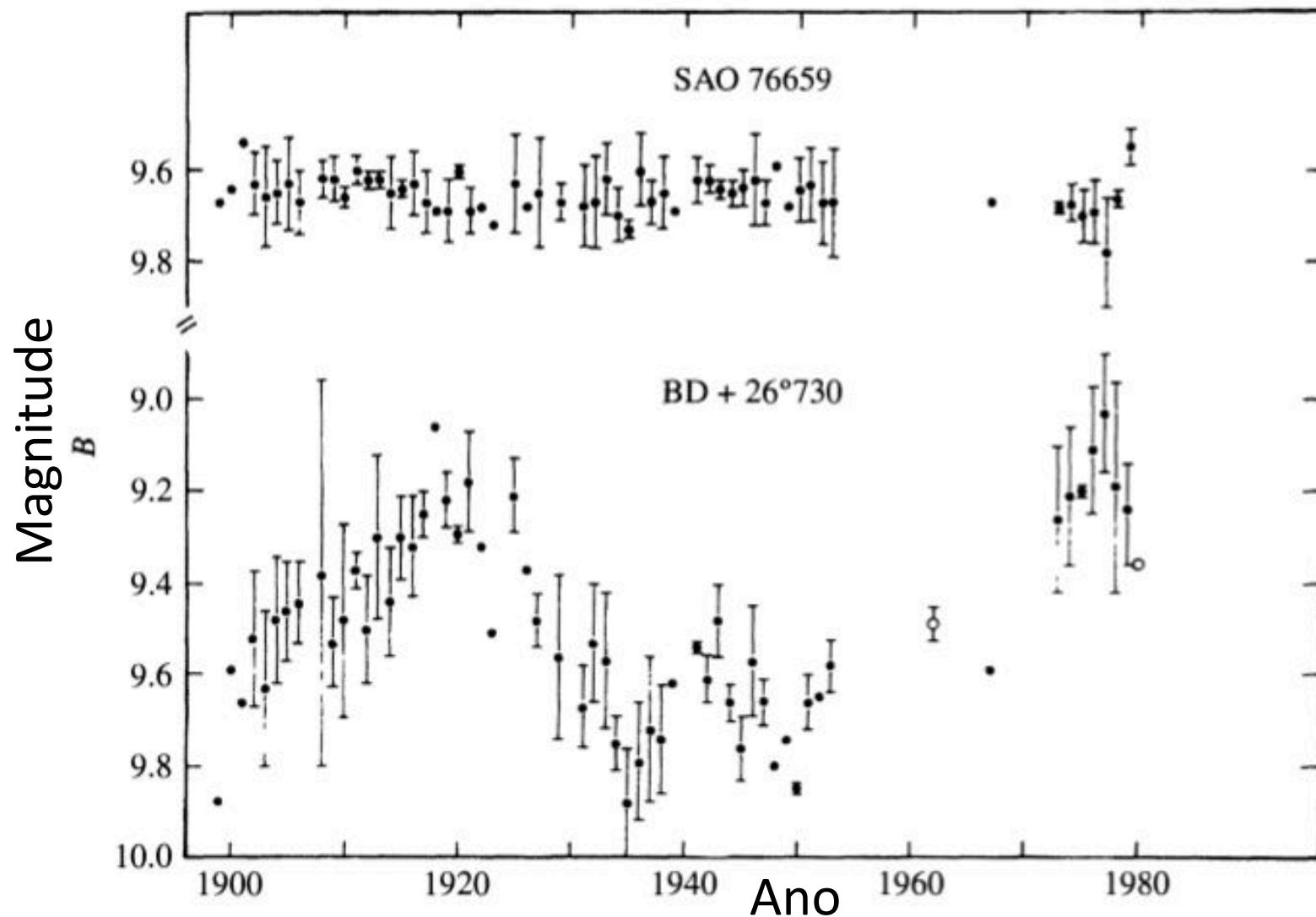
Amplitude: 0.1-10%; Duration:  $\sim 0.1$  days

Total bolometric energy of superflares:  $10^{33}$ - $10^{36}$  ergs

10-10,000 times larger than the largest solar flares ( $10^{32}$  ergs)

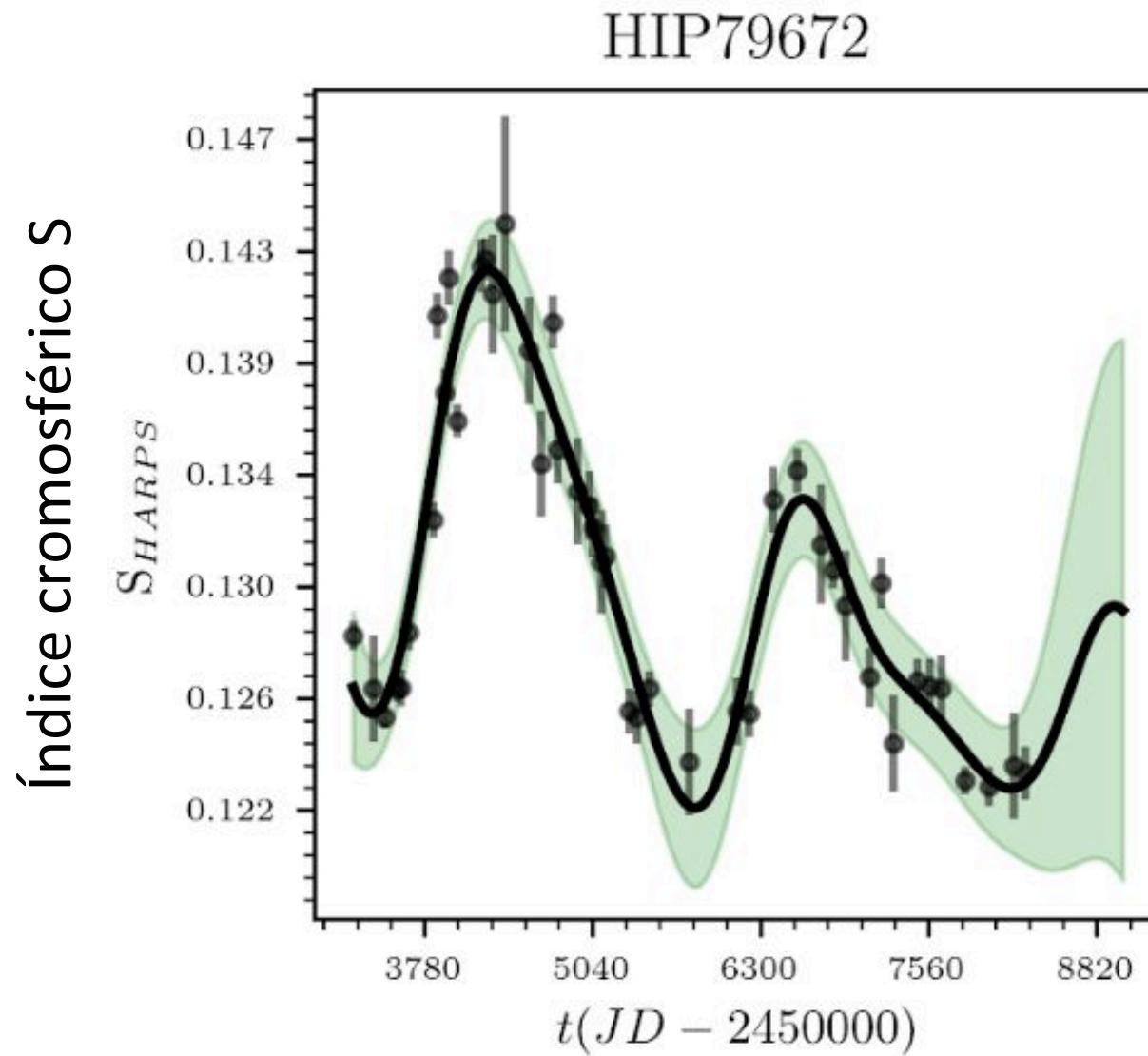


# Ciclo de atividade na estrela BD+26730



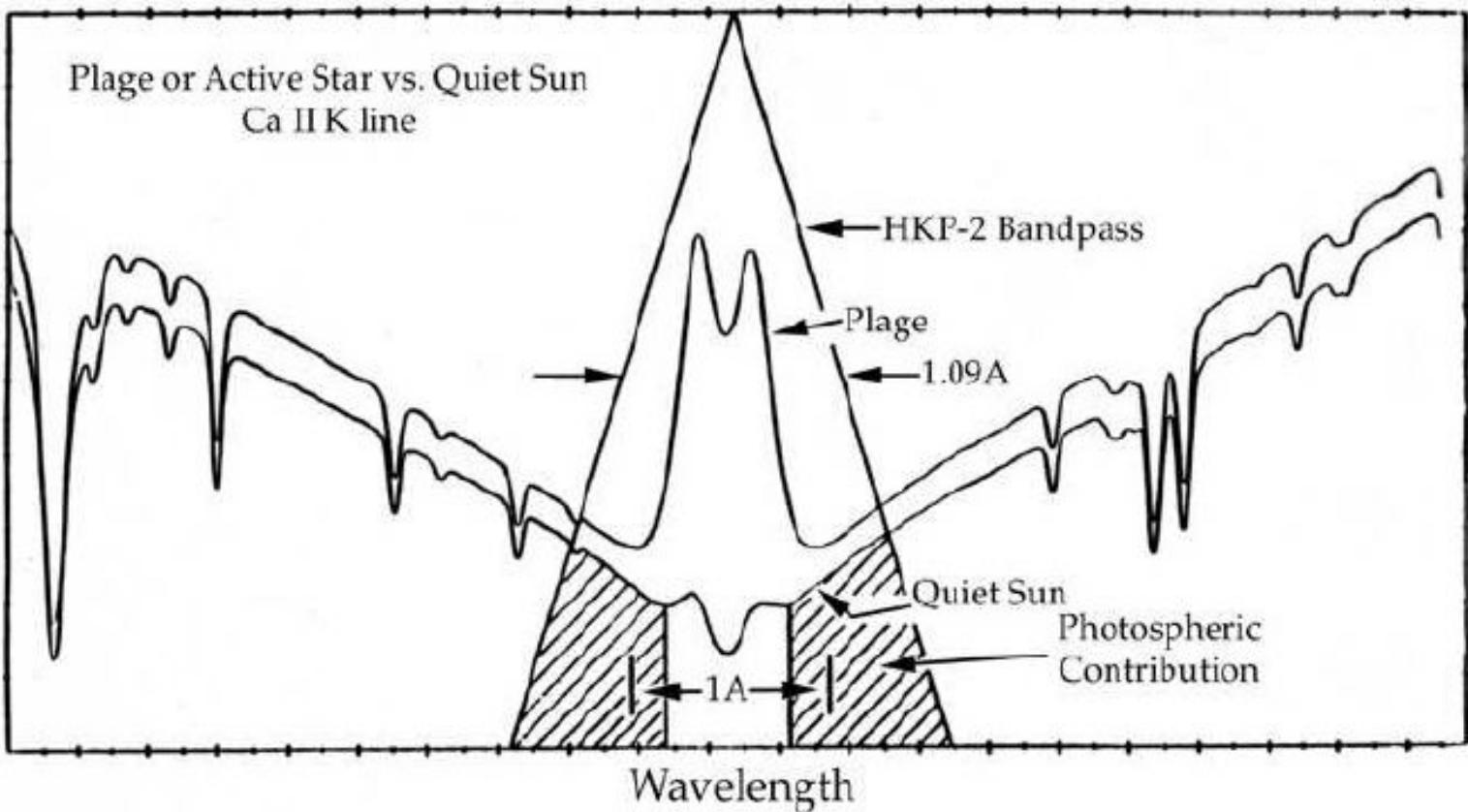
**FIGURE 11.39** The light curve of BD + 26°730, a BY Dra star. SAO 76659 is a nearby reference star. (Figure from Hartmann et al., *Ap. J.*, 249, 662, 1981.)

Em estrelas como o Sol (HD 146233 = HIP 79672), as variações do ciclo de atividade podem ser estudadas usando o índice cromosférico  $S$



# Linha de absorção fotosférica e emissão cromosférica (no *plage*) da linha K do Ca II

Intensity

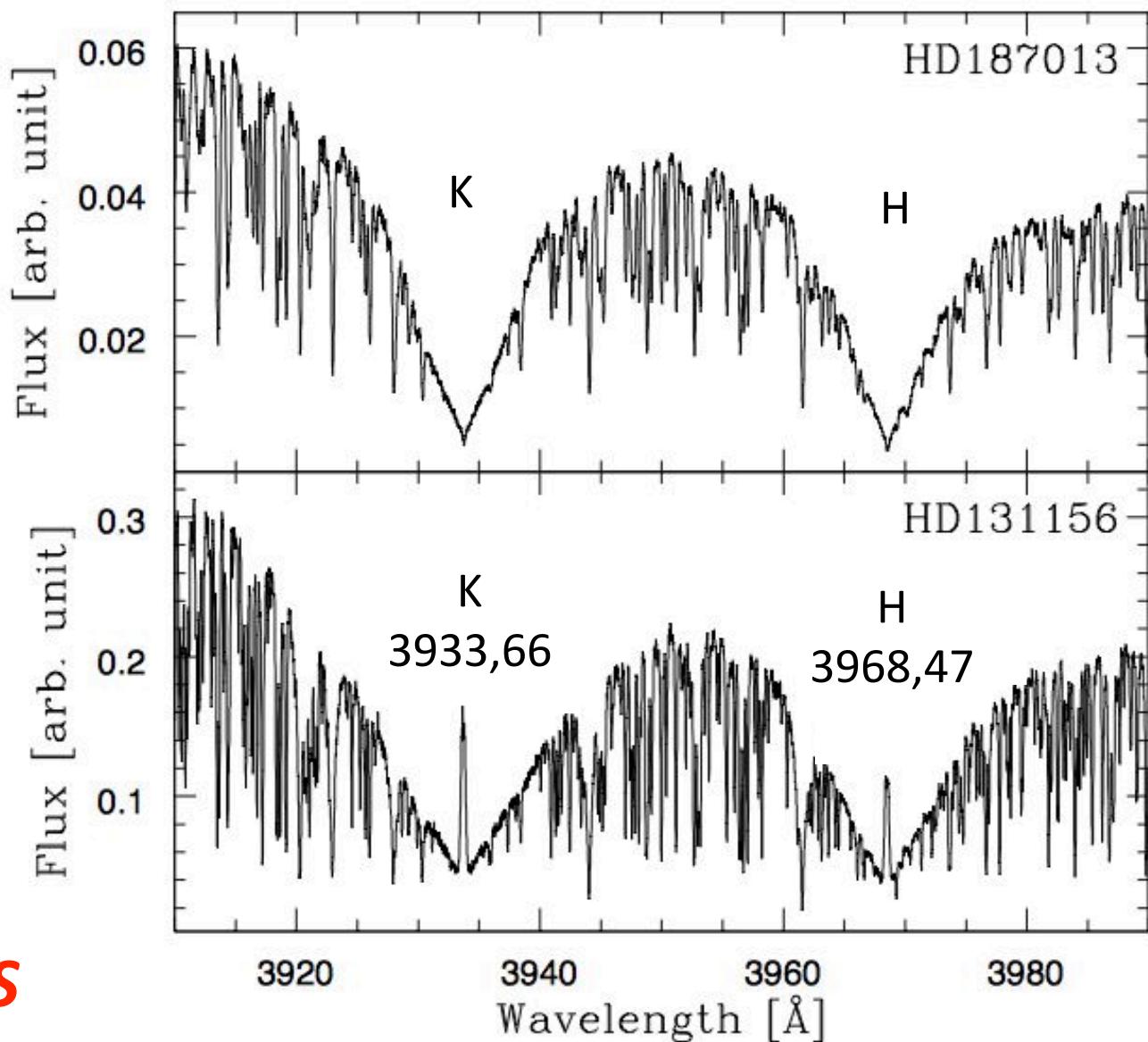


**Plage:** emissão brilhante  
na cromosfera

Imagen do Sol em H $\alpha$

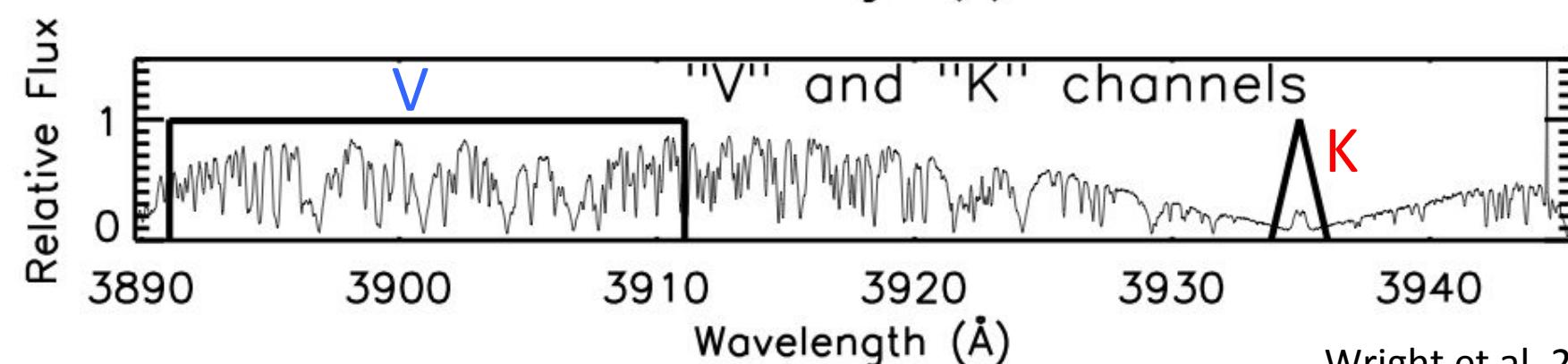
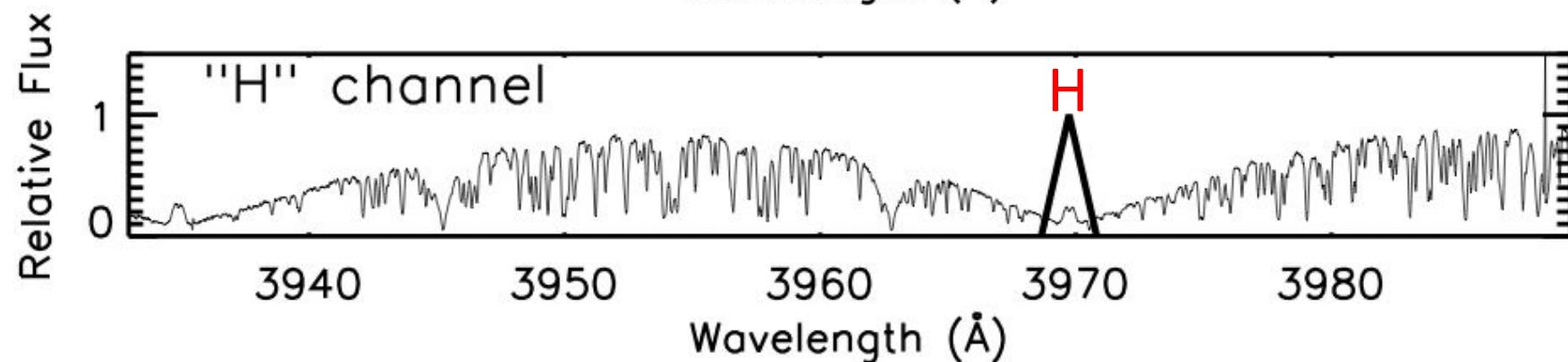
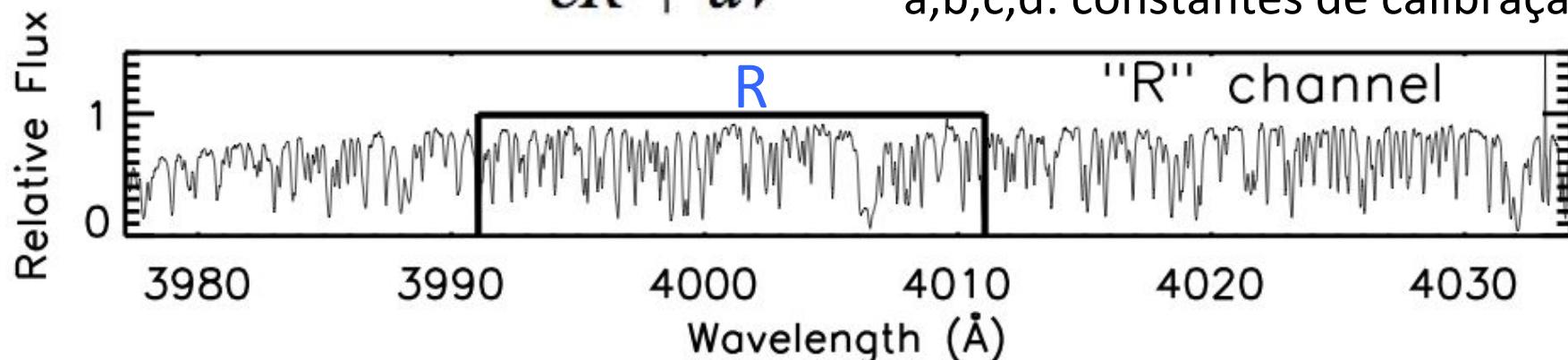
Estrelas ativas  
apresentam  
**emissão**  
**cromosférica** no  
centro das  
linhas H e K do  
CaII.

Medida da  
emissão nas  
linhas H e K  
→ índice  
cromosférico S

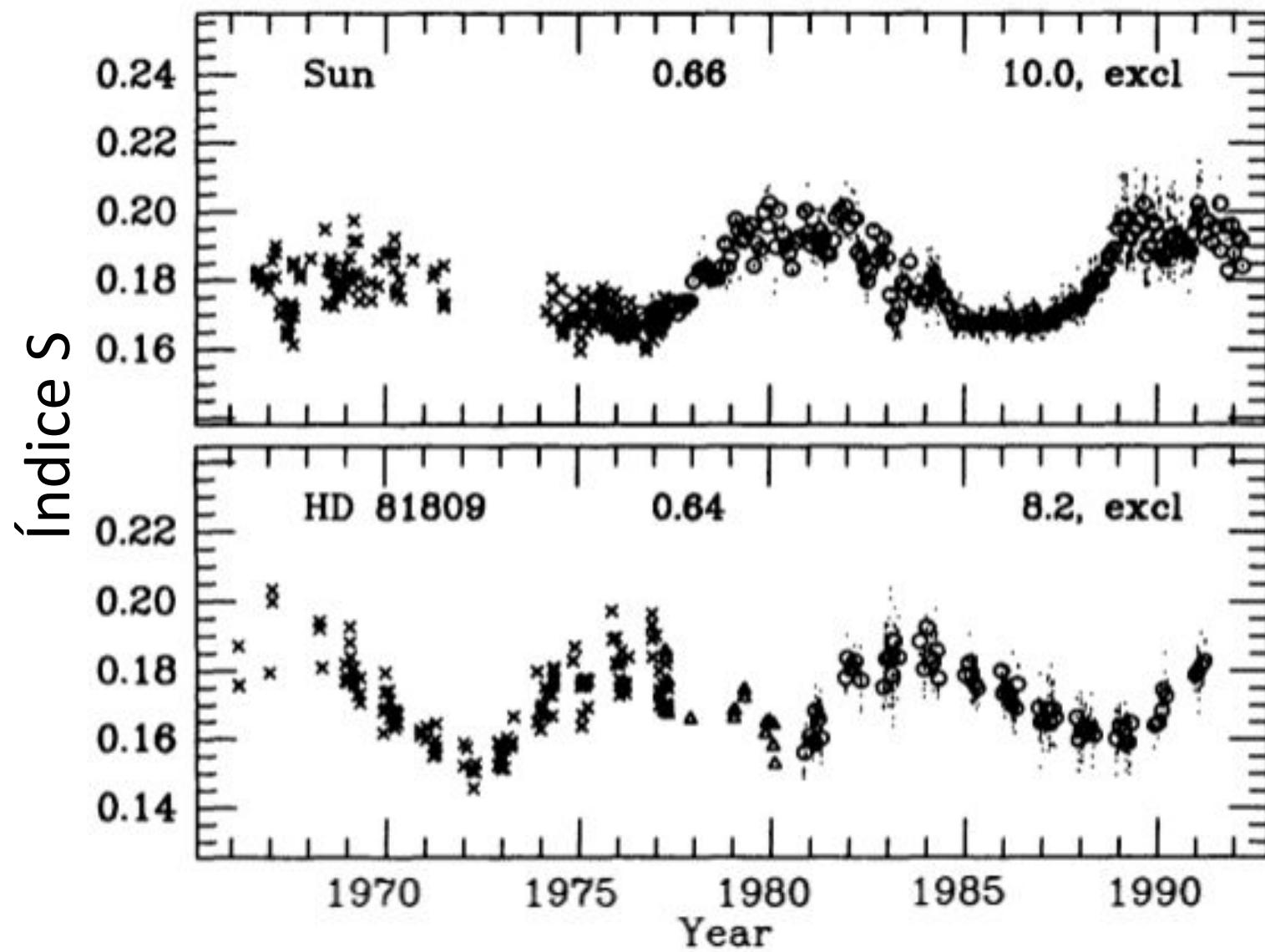


Índice S:  $S = \frac{aH + bK}{cR + dV}$

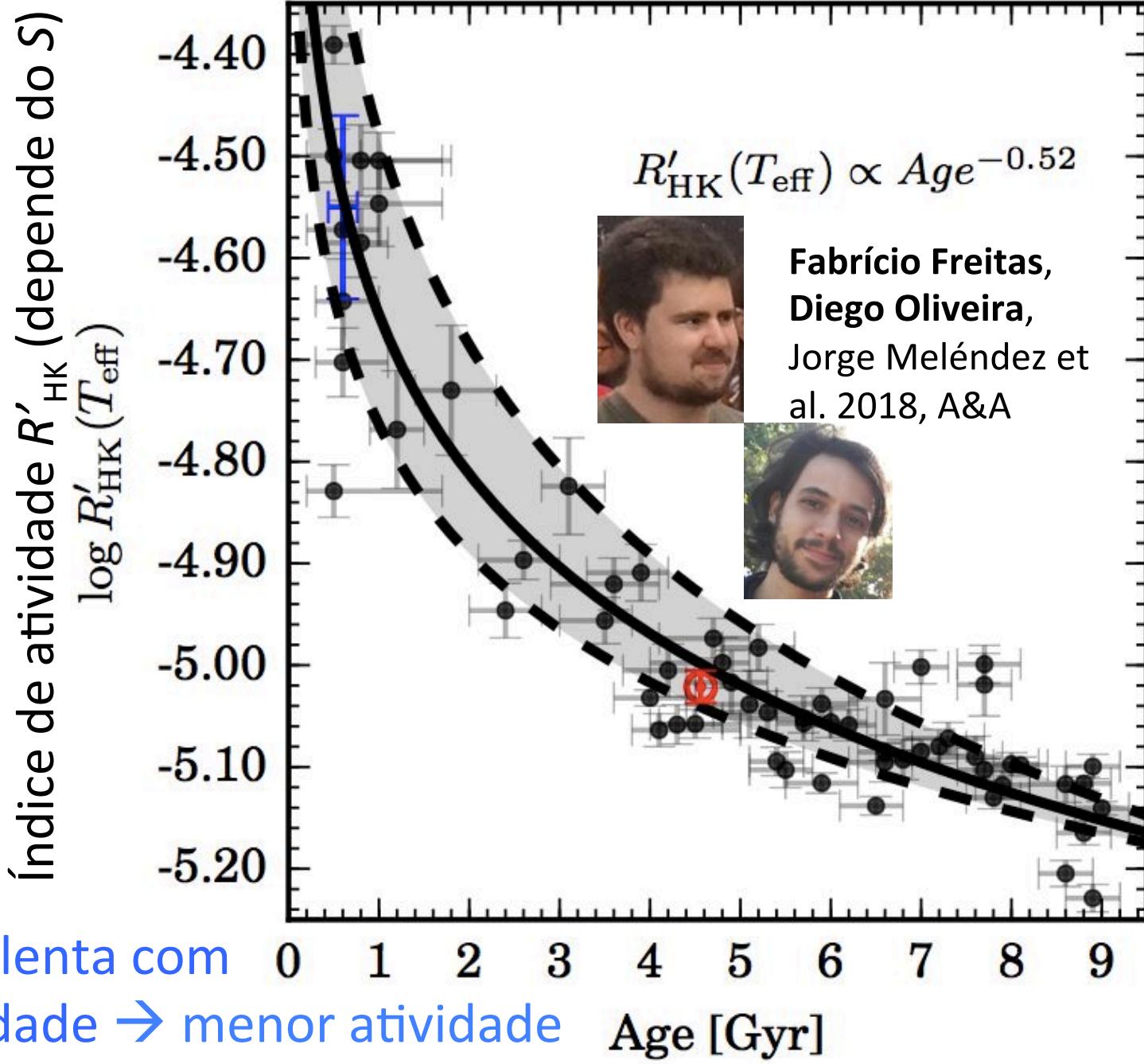
H, K: fluxo nas bandas das linhas  
 R, V: fluxo nas bandas de contínuo  
 a,b,c,d: constantes de calibração



# Ciclo de atividade usando o índice cromosférico S



Variações de atividade estelar em gêmeas solares na sequência principal (escala de bilhões de anos).



No índice  $R'_{\text{HK}}$  a contribuição fotosférica é subtraída → mais sensível à atividade cromosférica

# Diferentes escalas de atividade estelar (dia – anos – bilhões de anos)

- Flutuações rápidas (< 1 dia), explosões (*flares*), proeminência solar eruptiva, ejeção de massa coronal (CME)
- Ciclo de atividade estelar (~ anos), como o ciclo de 11 anos do Sol.
- Diminuição da atividade durante a sequência principal (escalas de milhões a bilhões de anos): estrelas jovens são muito ativas, estrelas velhas são mais calmas.

# Provinha 10

- 1) Why the observed solar flux is higher at the maximum of the solar sunspot cycle
- 2) Explain briefly the 3 timescales of solar activity:  
(A) days, (B) 11 years, (C) billions of years

# Extra slides

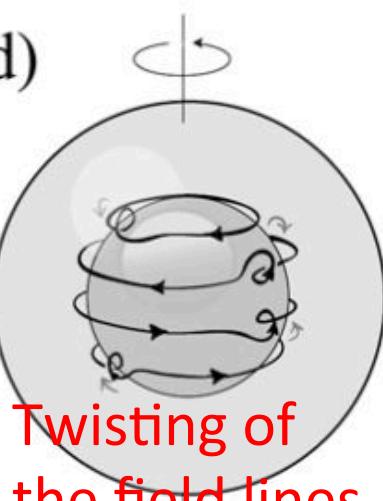
- More detailed cartoons on the evolution of the magnetic field during the magnetic activity cycle, from the paper by Sanchez et al. 2014, An. Acad. Bras. Ciênc. vol.86 no.1:

A mean-field Babcock-Leighton solar dynamo model with long-term variability

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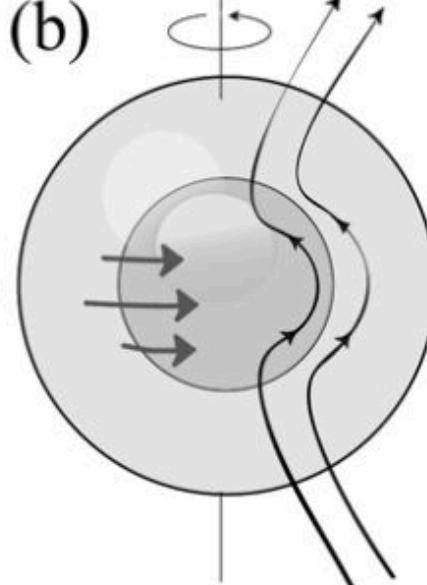
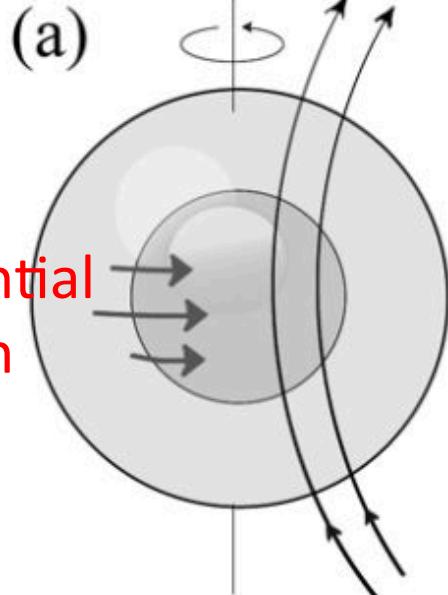
$\Omega$ -effect

Differential rotation

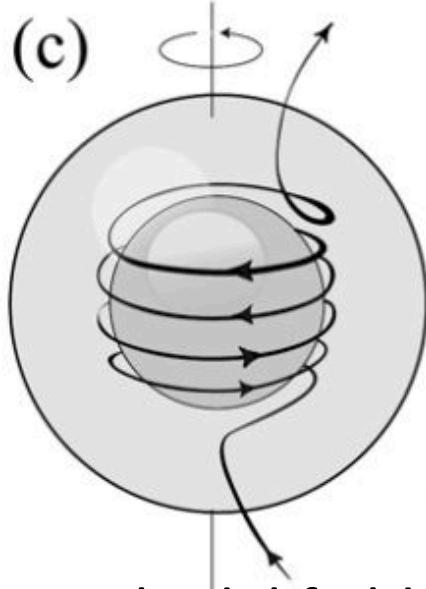
 $\alpha$ -effect

Twisting of the field lines

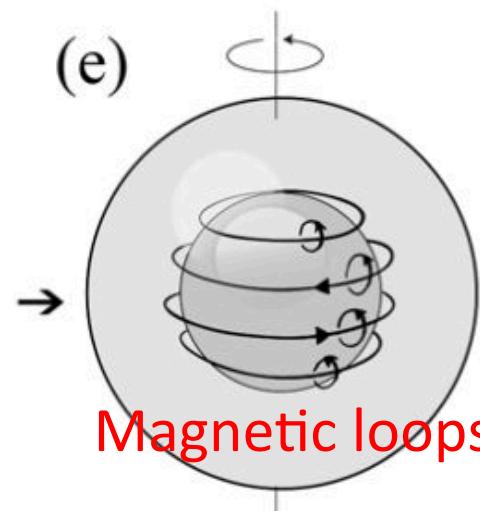
Poloidal field



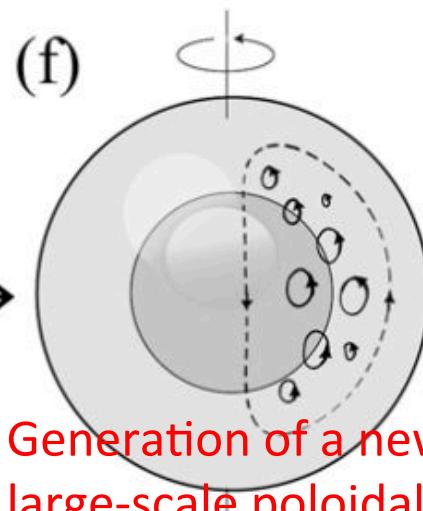
Toroidal field



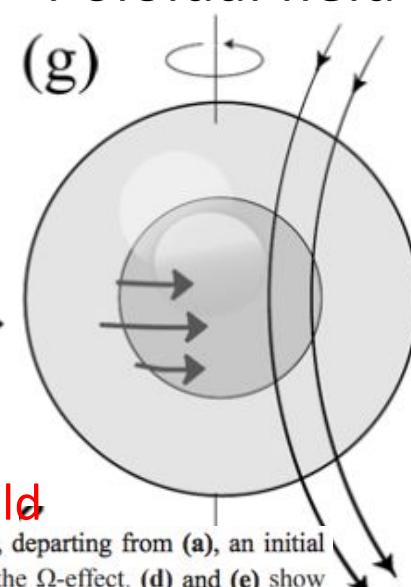
Poloidal field



Magnetic loops



Generation of a new large-scale poloidal field

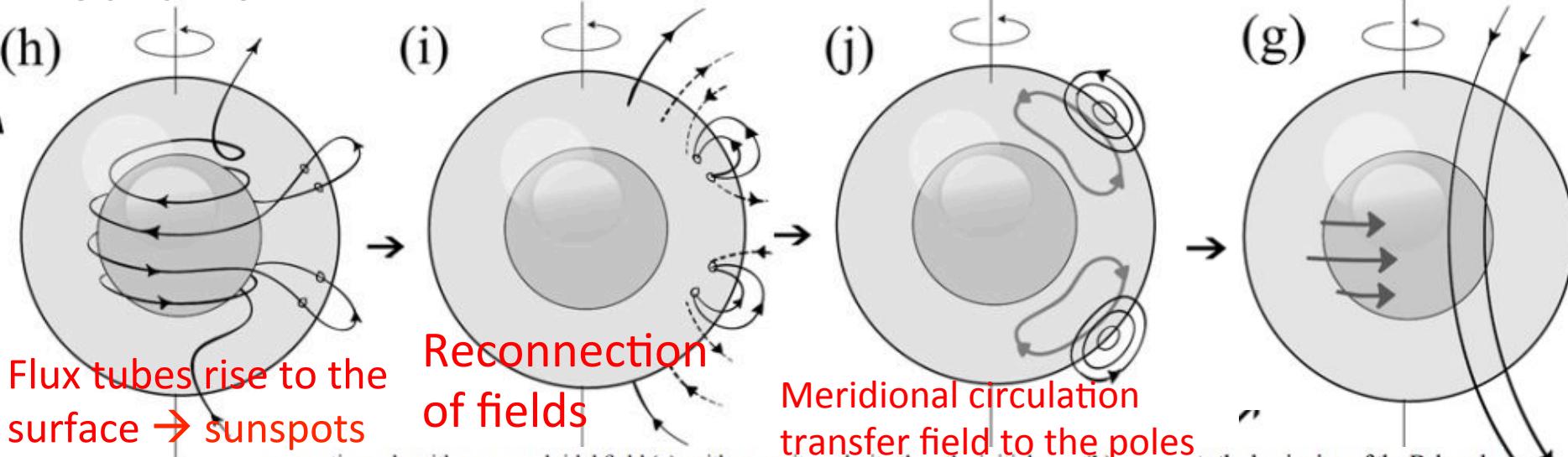


**Figure 1 - Representative scheme of the main processes thought to occur during the solar cycle, departing from (a), an initial poloidal field. (b) and (c) represent the generation of the toroidal field by differential rotation - the  $\Omega$ -effect. (d) and (e) show the effect of cyclonic turbulence on former toroidal fields, creating small-scale secondary poloidal magnetic fields - the  $\alpha$ -effect. Averaged, they result in a net electromotive force generating a new large-scale poloidal field (f), closing the first half part of the magnetic cycle with a new poloidal field (g), with opposite polarity than the initial one. (h) represents the beginning of the Babcock-Moss**

$\Omega$ -effect

Differential rotation

## Babcock-Leighton mechanism



magnetic cycle with a new poloidal field (g), with opposite polarity than the initial one. (h) represents the beginning of the Babcock-Leighton mechanism: toroidal flux tubes buoyantly rise to the surface forming sunspots, tilted bipolar regions. In (i), the fields from the bipolar regions diffuse and reconnect with each other and with the polar fields. The resulting poloidal flux is advected by meridional circulation to the poles (j), generating the final large-scale poloidal field in (g).