

Stellar Activity Indicators with Solar Observations

Khaled Al Moulla

khaled.almoulla@unige.ch

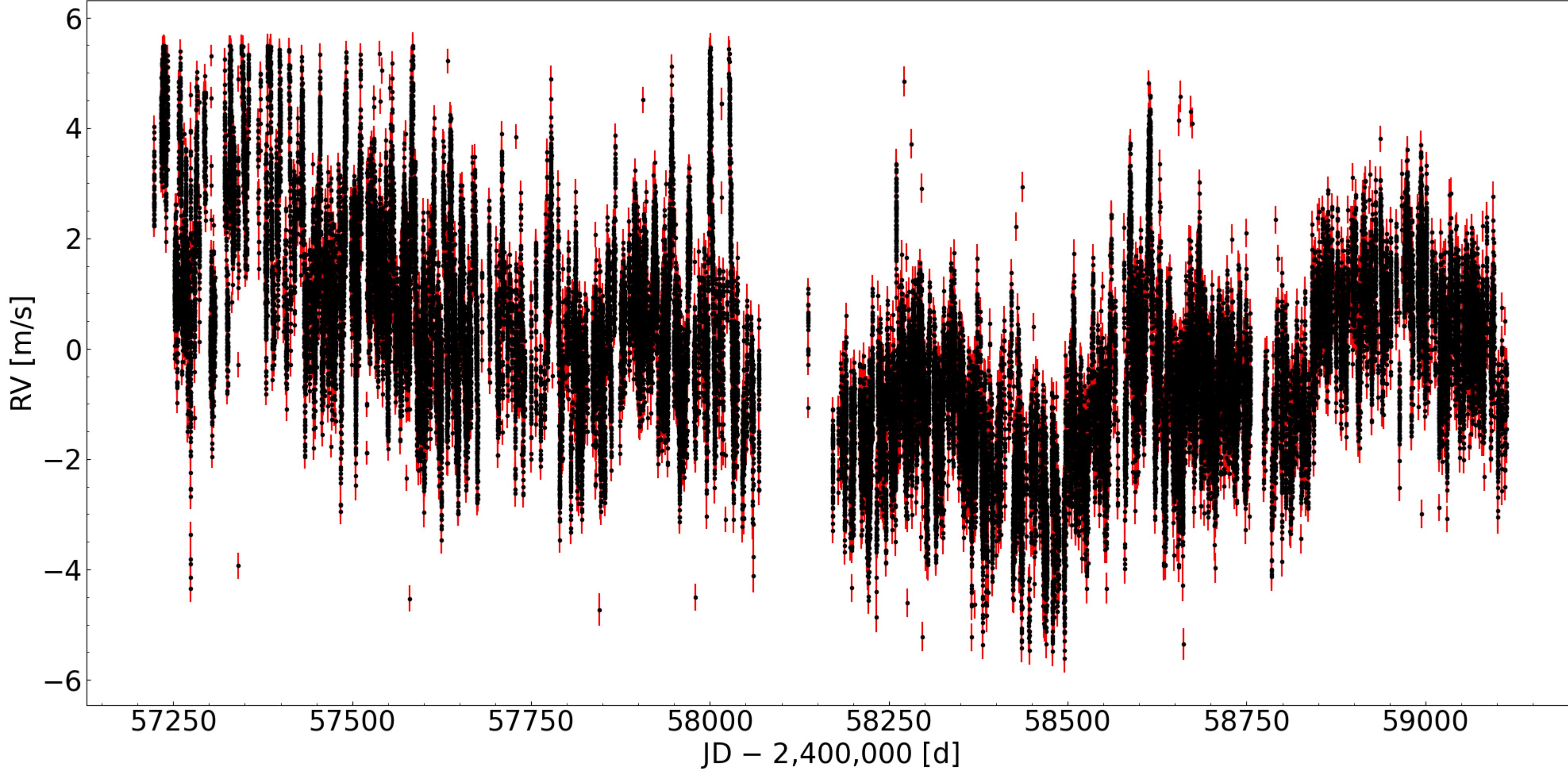


**UNIVERSITÉ
DE GENÈVE**

JURA III
April 6, 2022

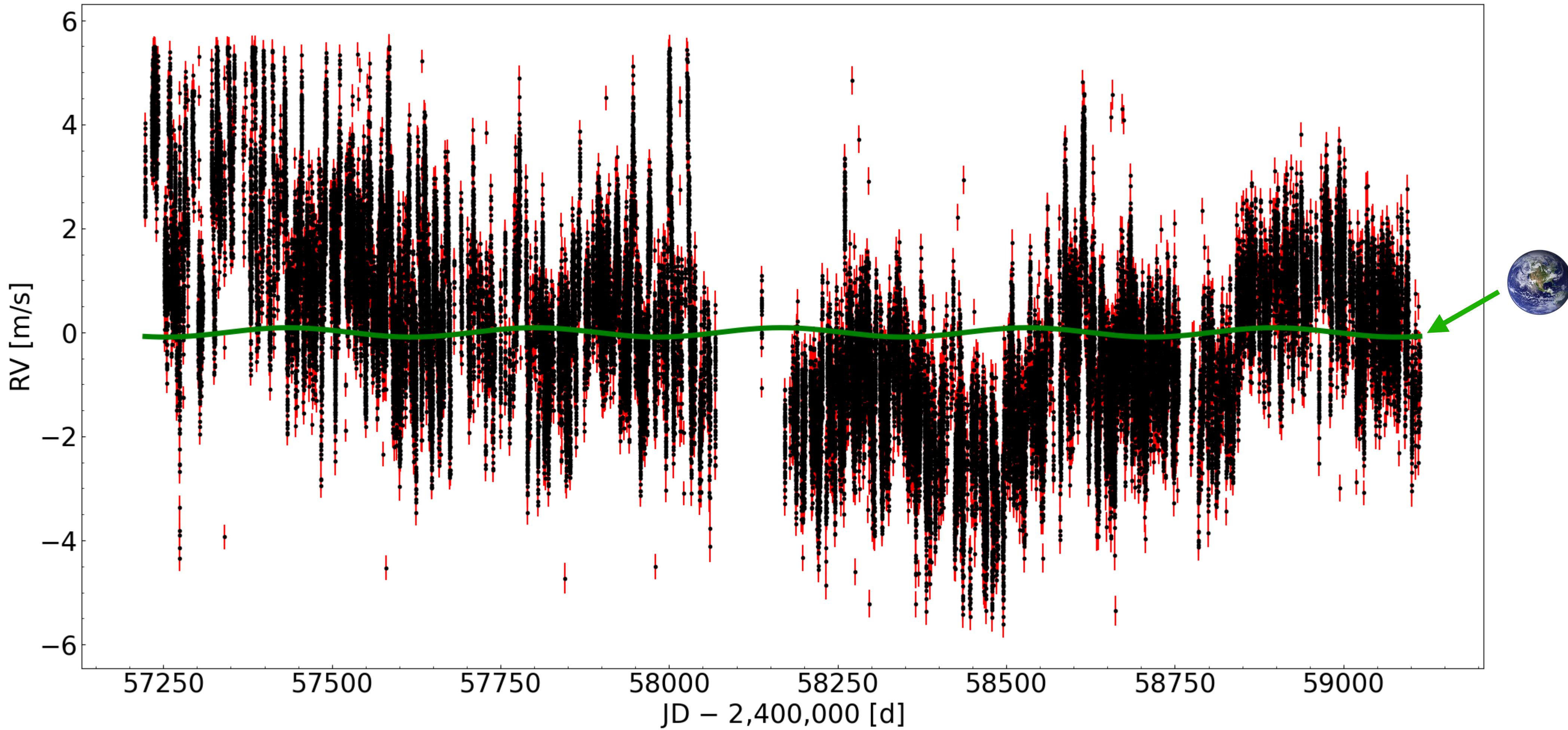


Solar RVs with the HARPS-N spectrograph

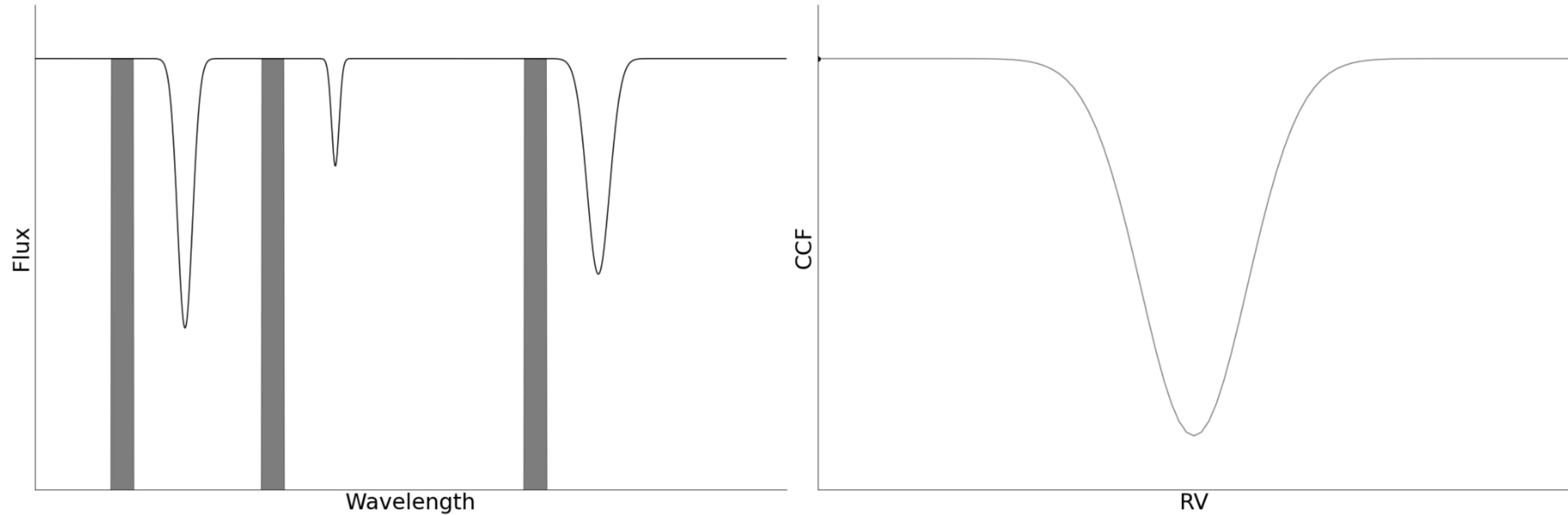


Credit: Alex Glenday

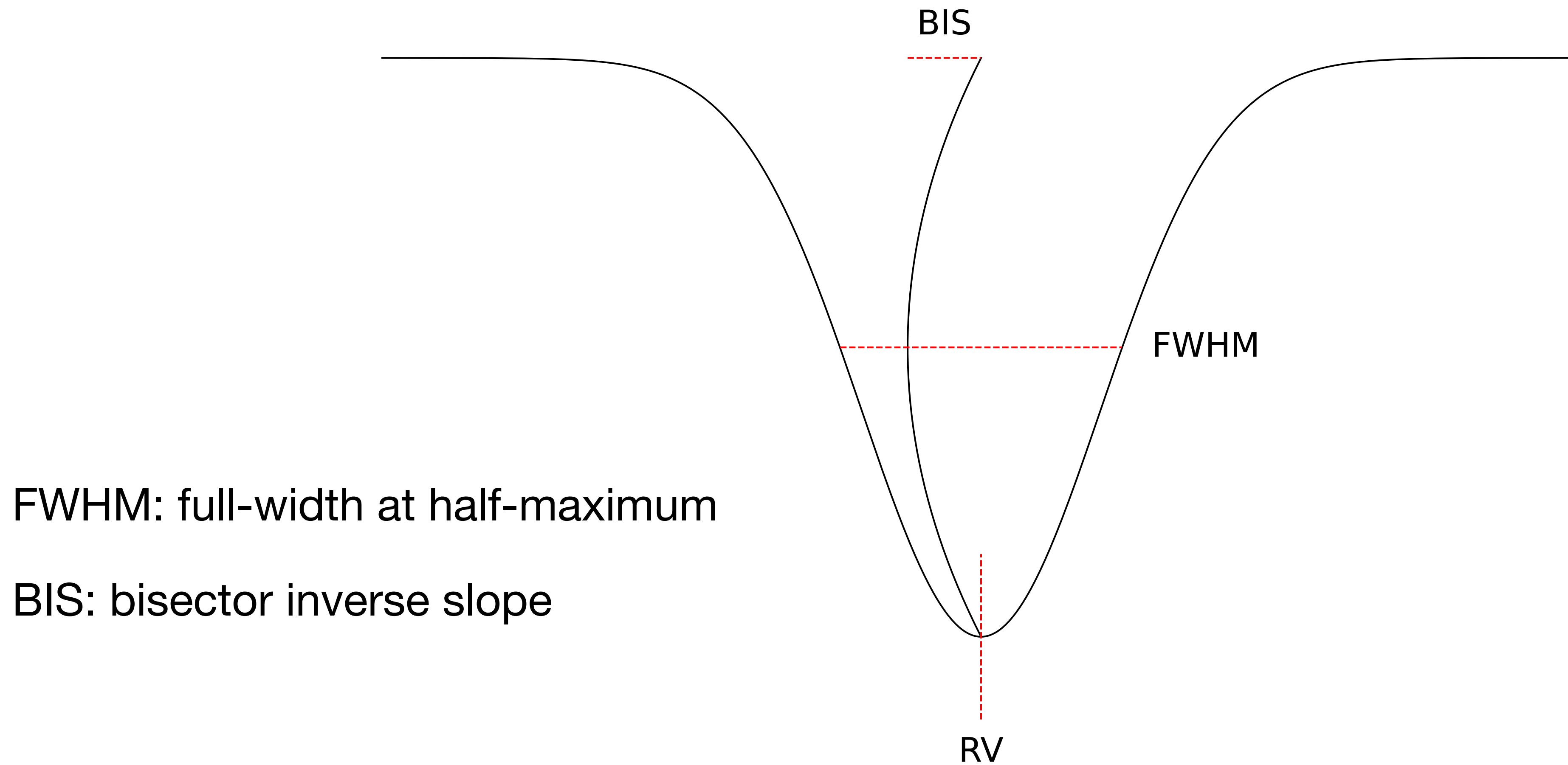
Solar RVs with the HARPS-N spectrograph



The cross-correlation function (CCF)

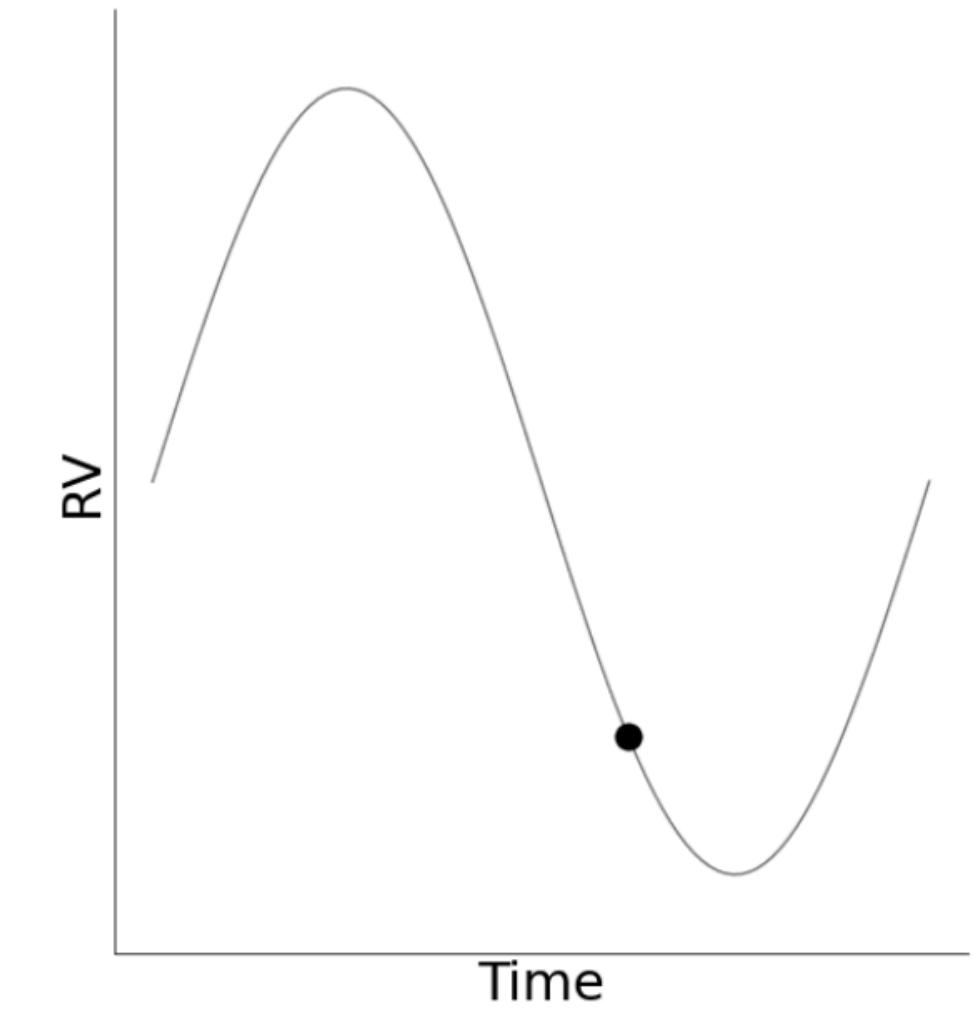
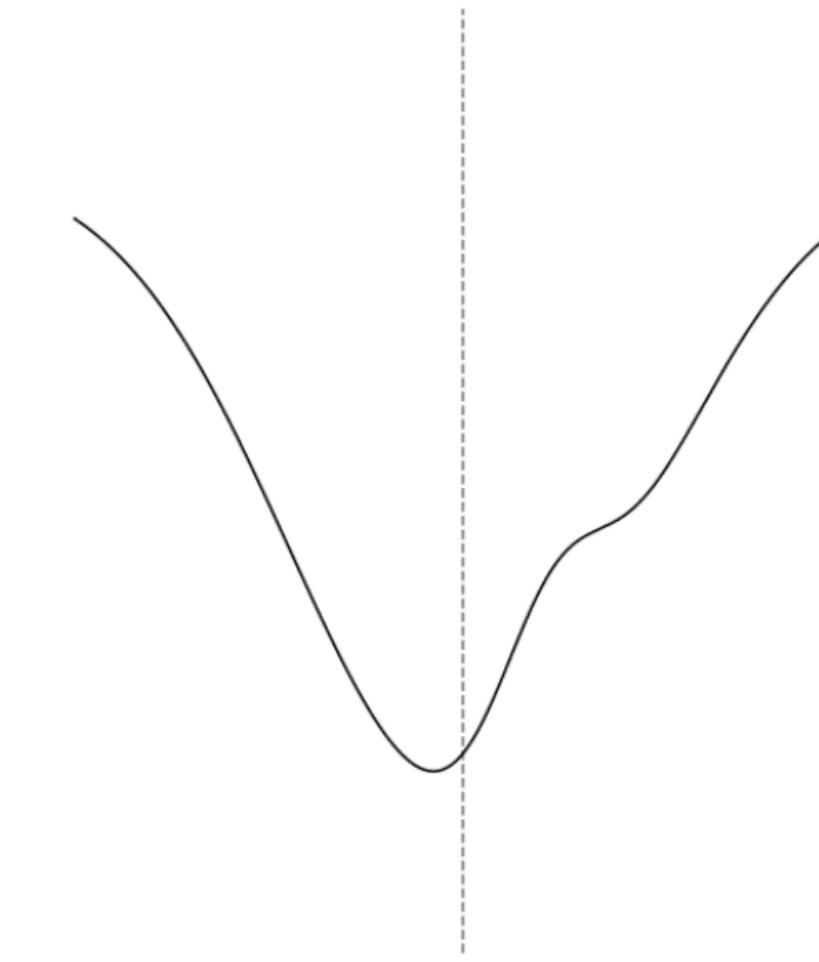
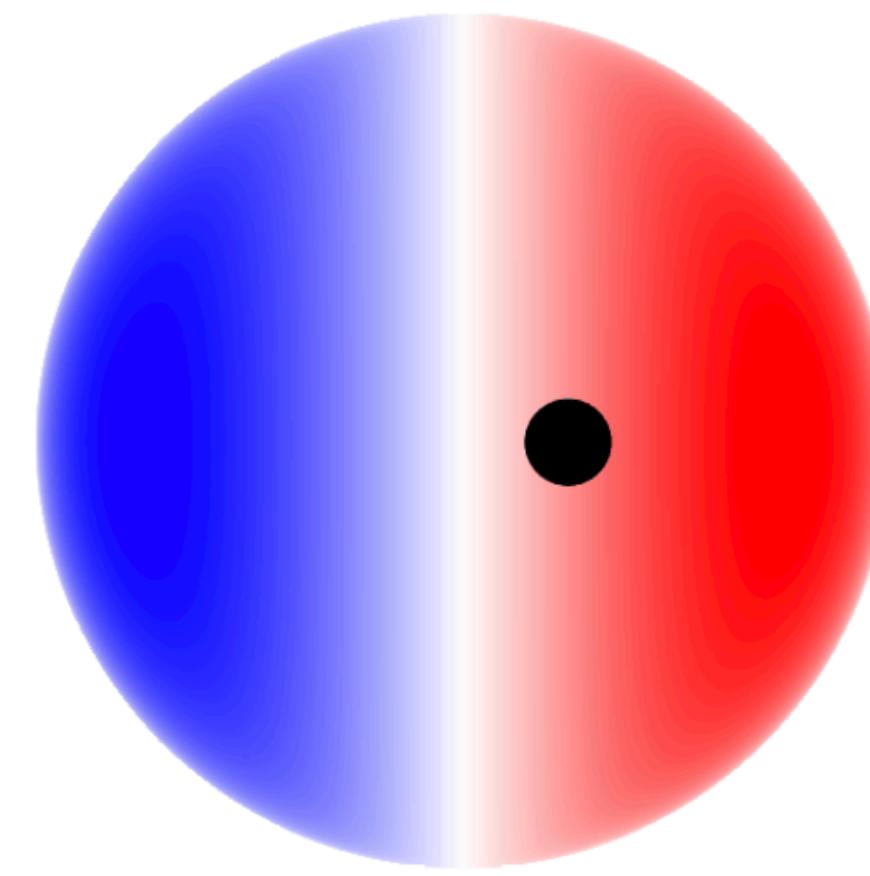


CCF moments : Definitions

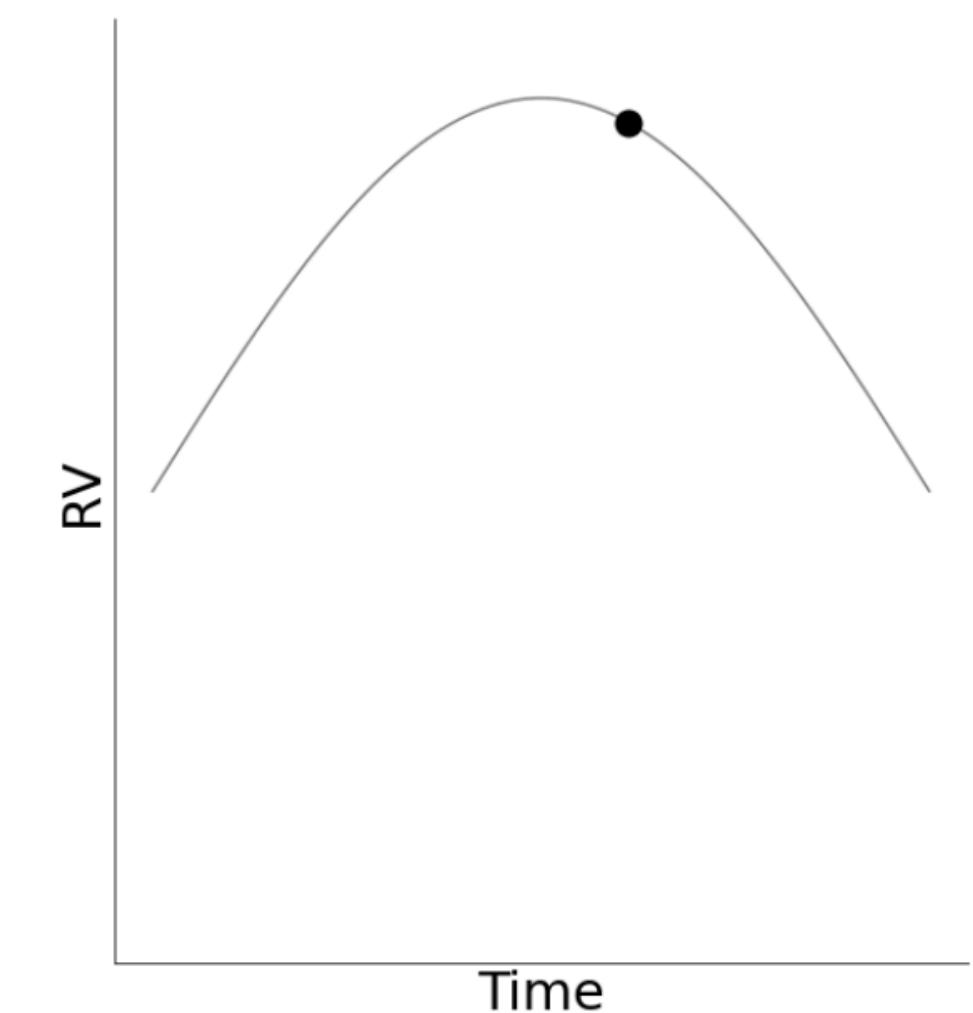
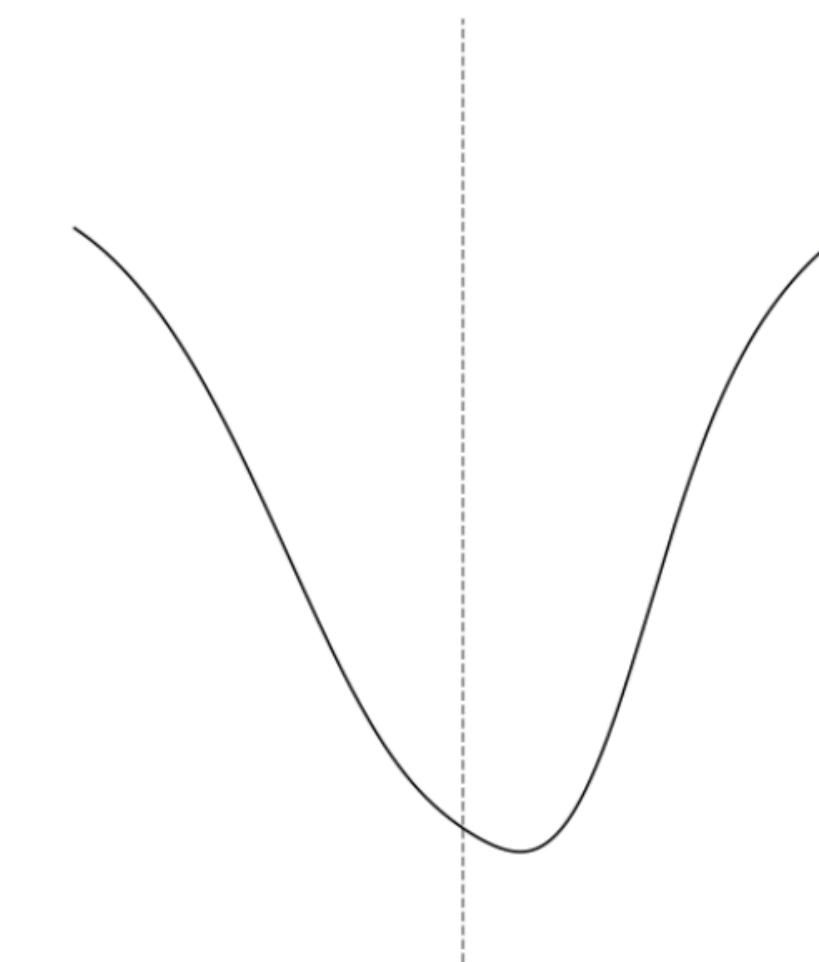
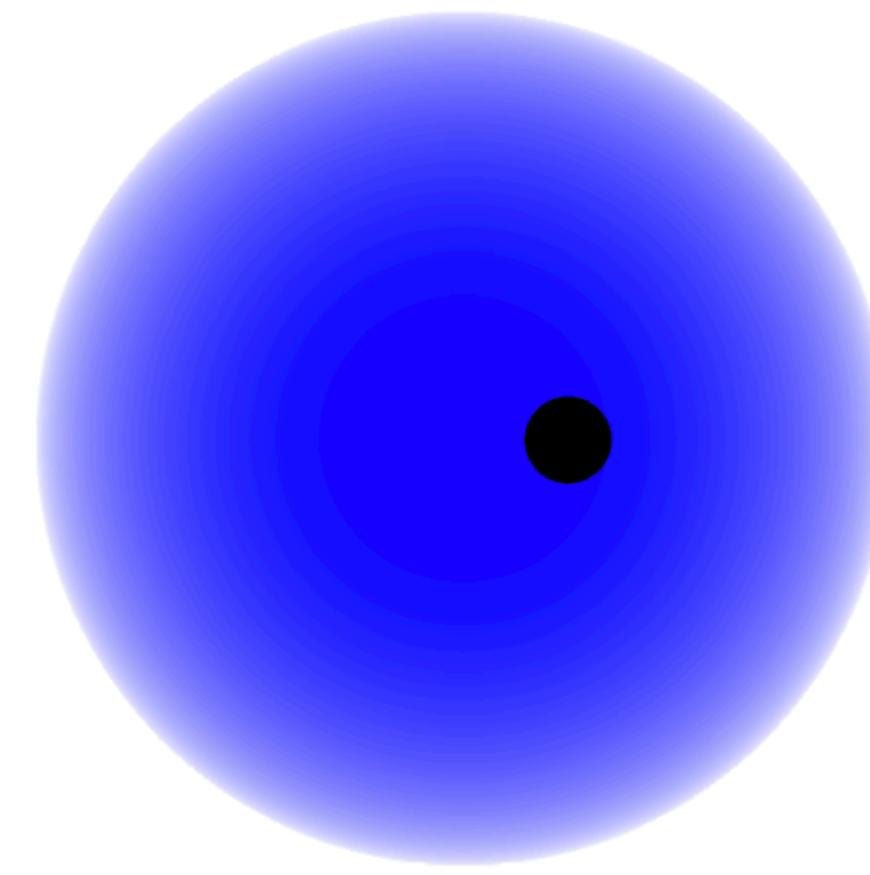


RV effects of activity

Flux imbalance



Convective suppression

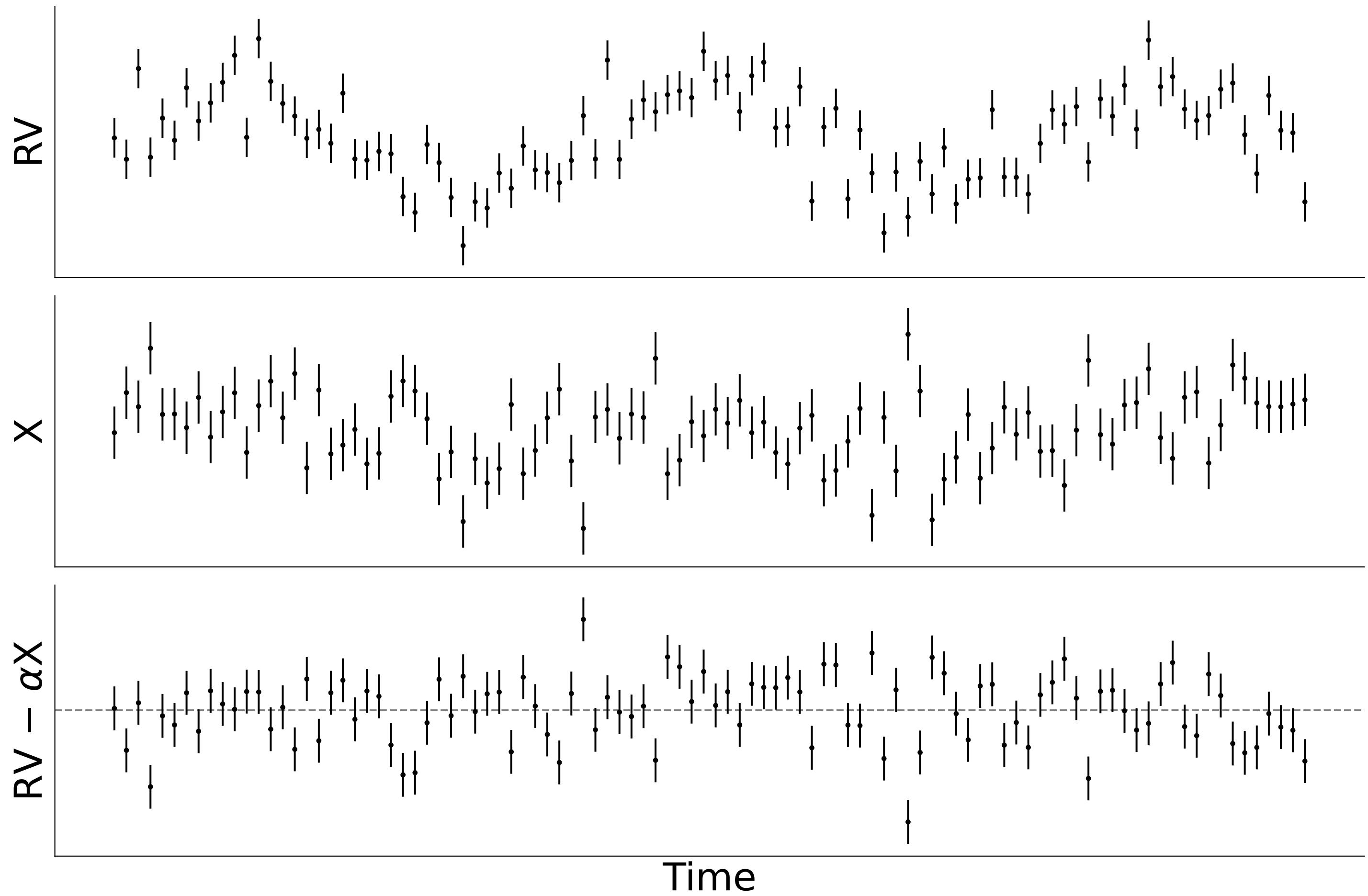


CCF moments : Activity indicators

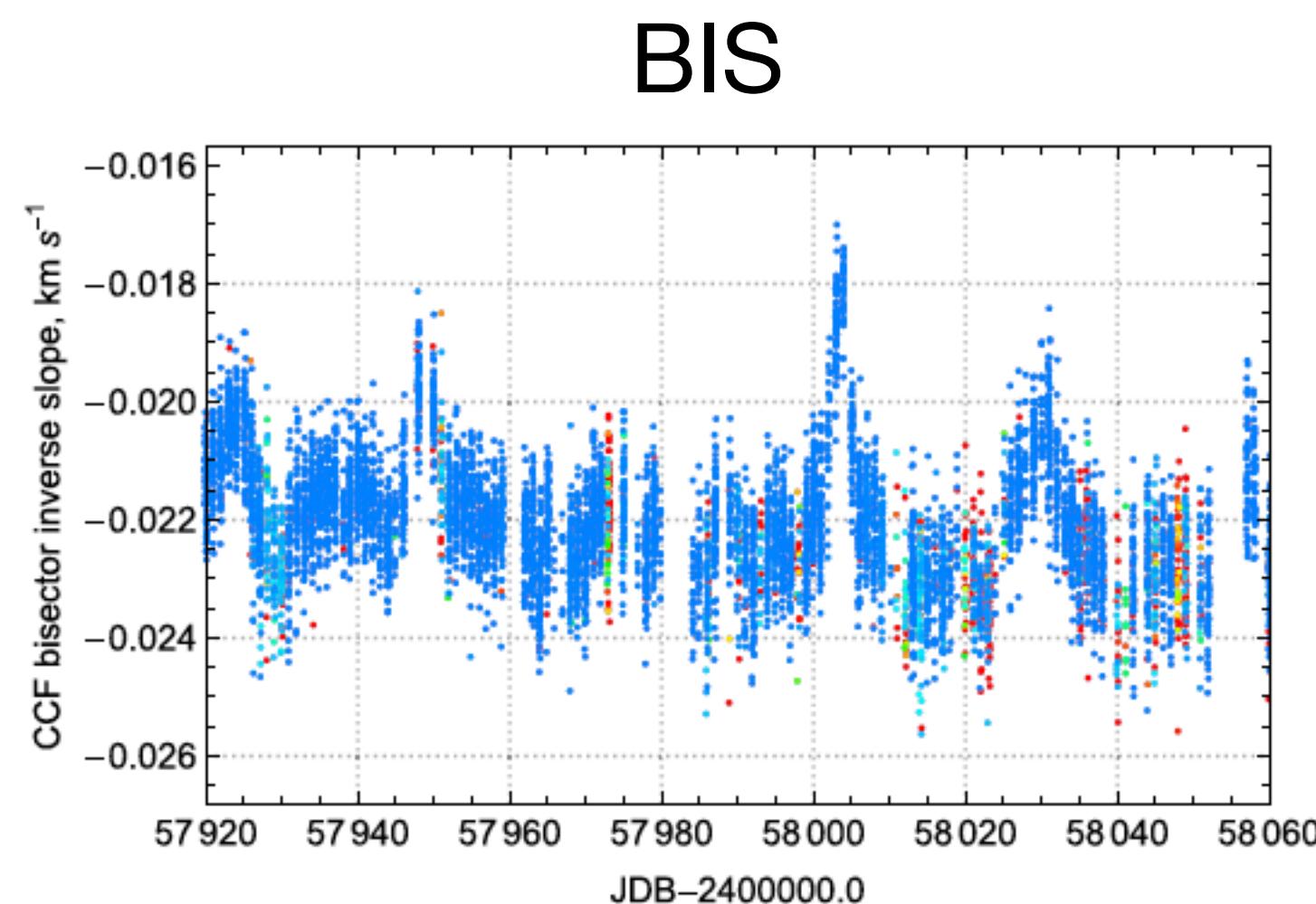
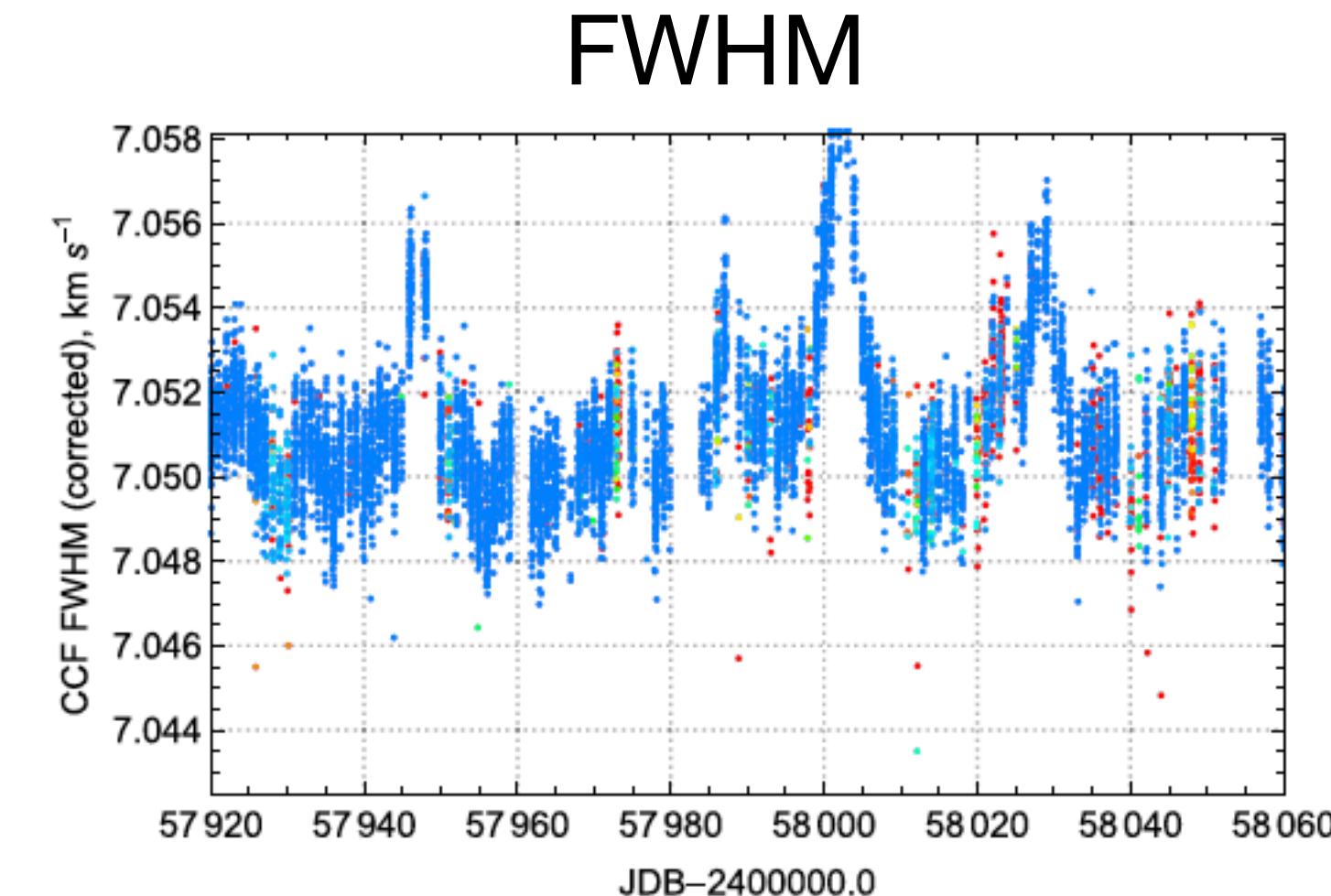
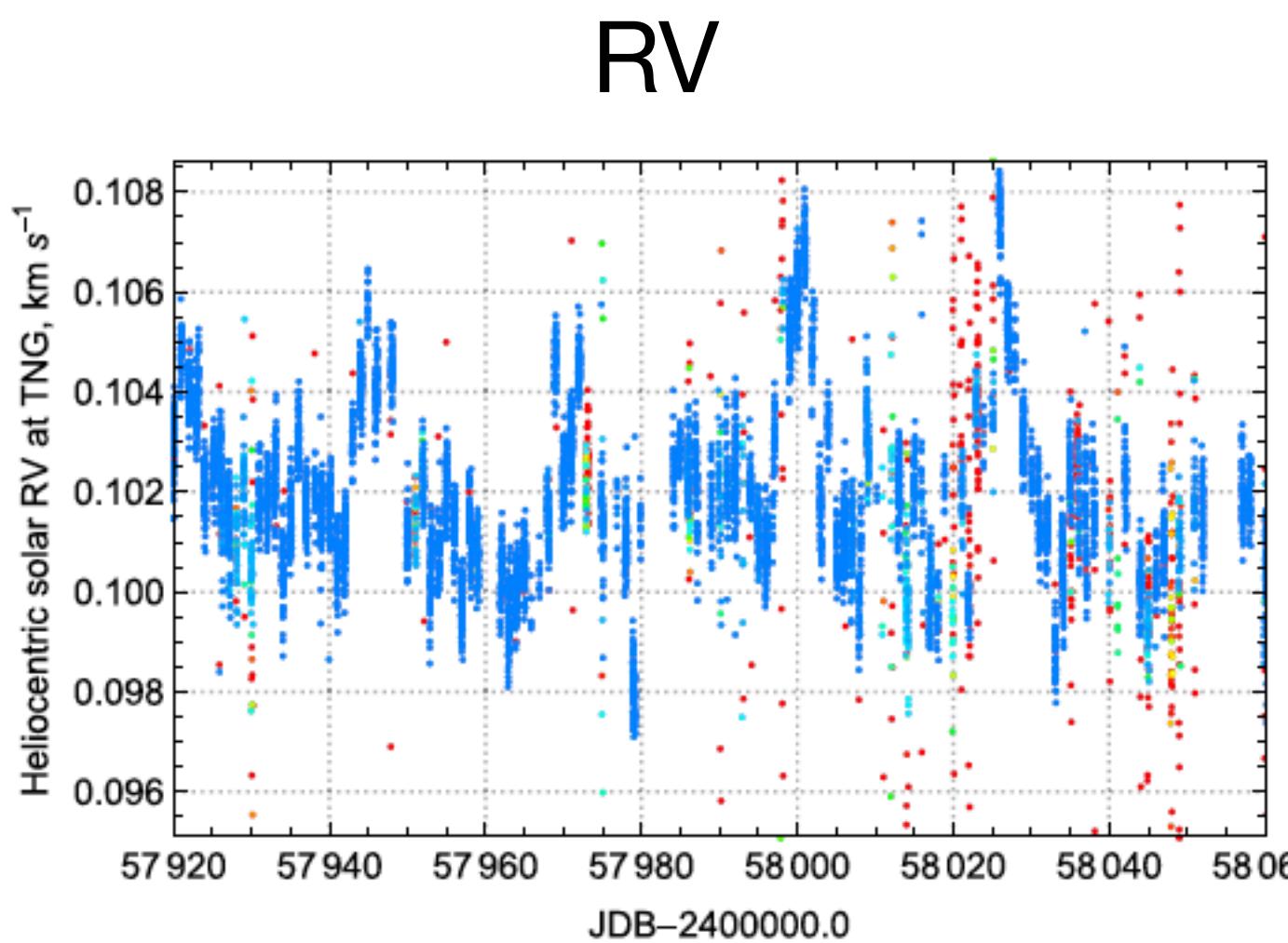
$$RV = RV_{\text{planet}} + RV_{\text{activity}}$$

$$RV_{\text{activity}} \approx \alpha X$$

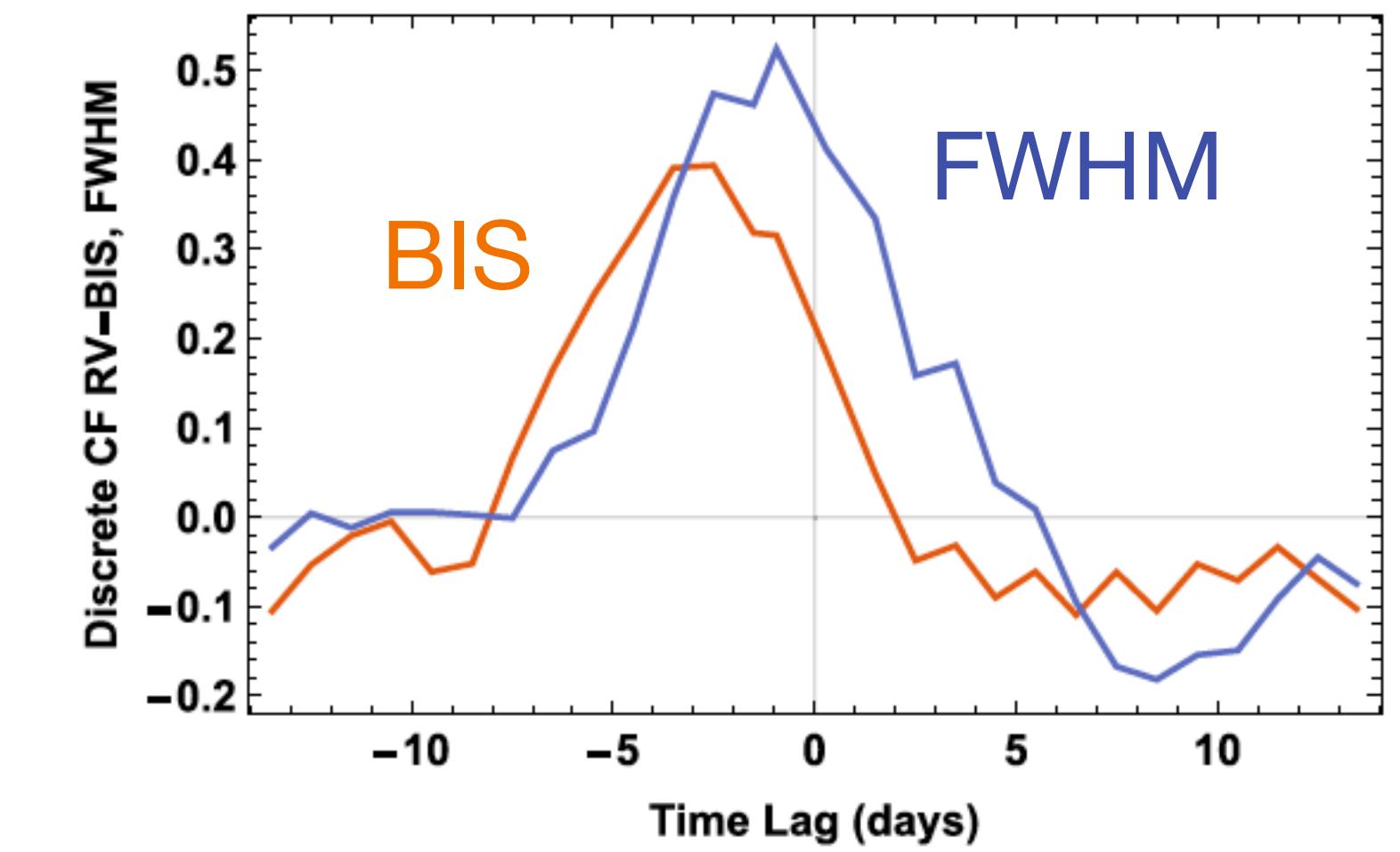
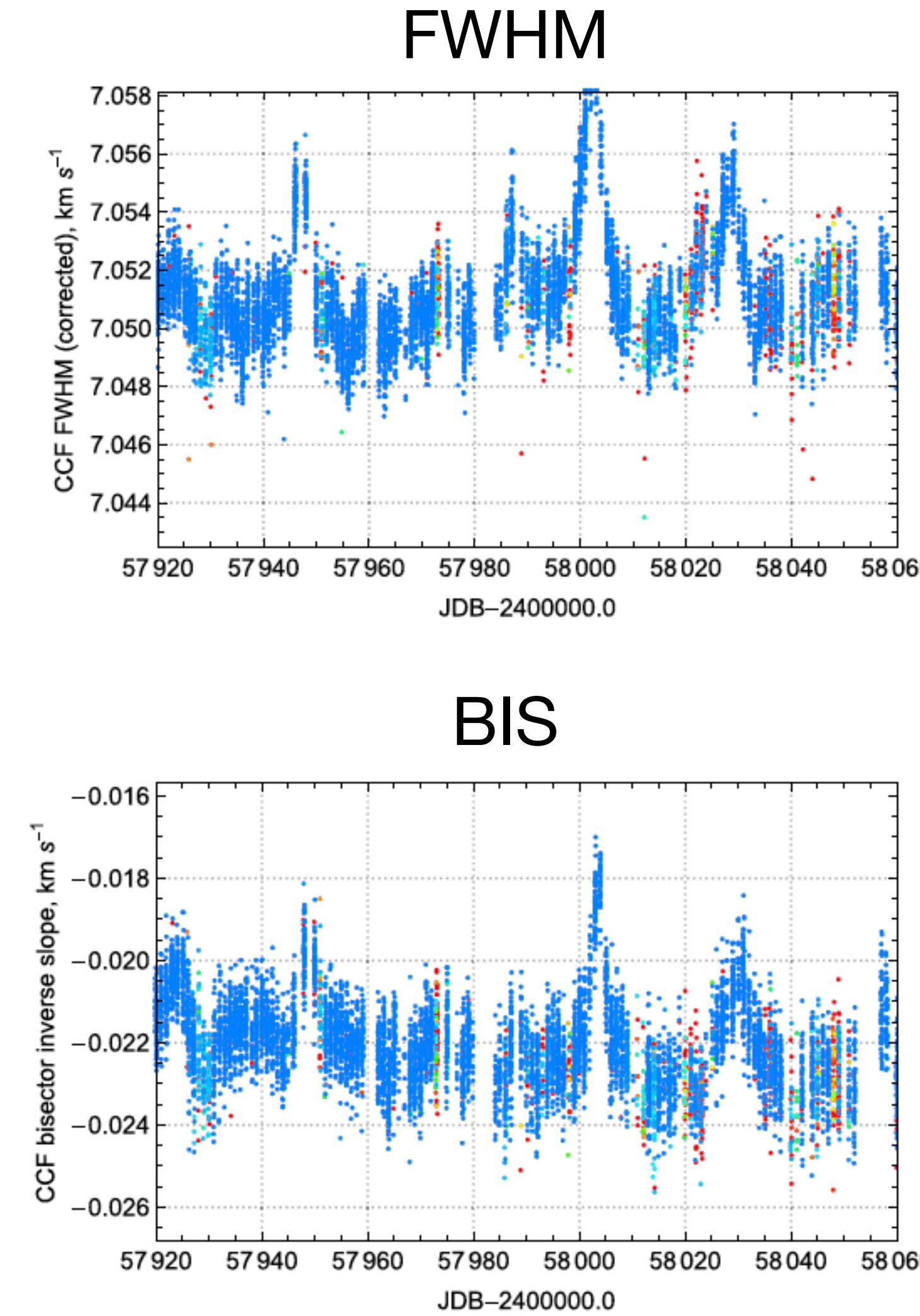
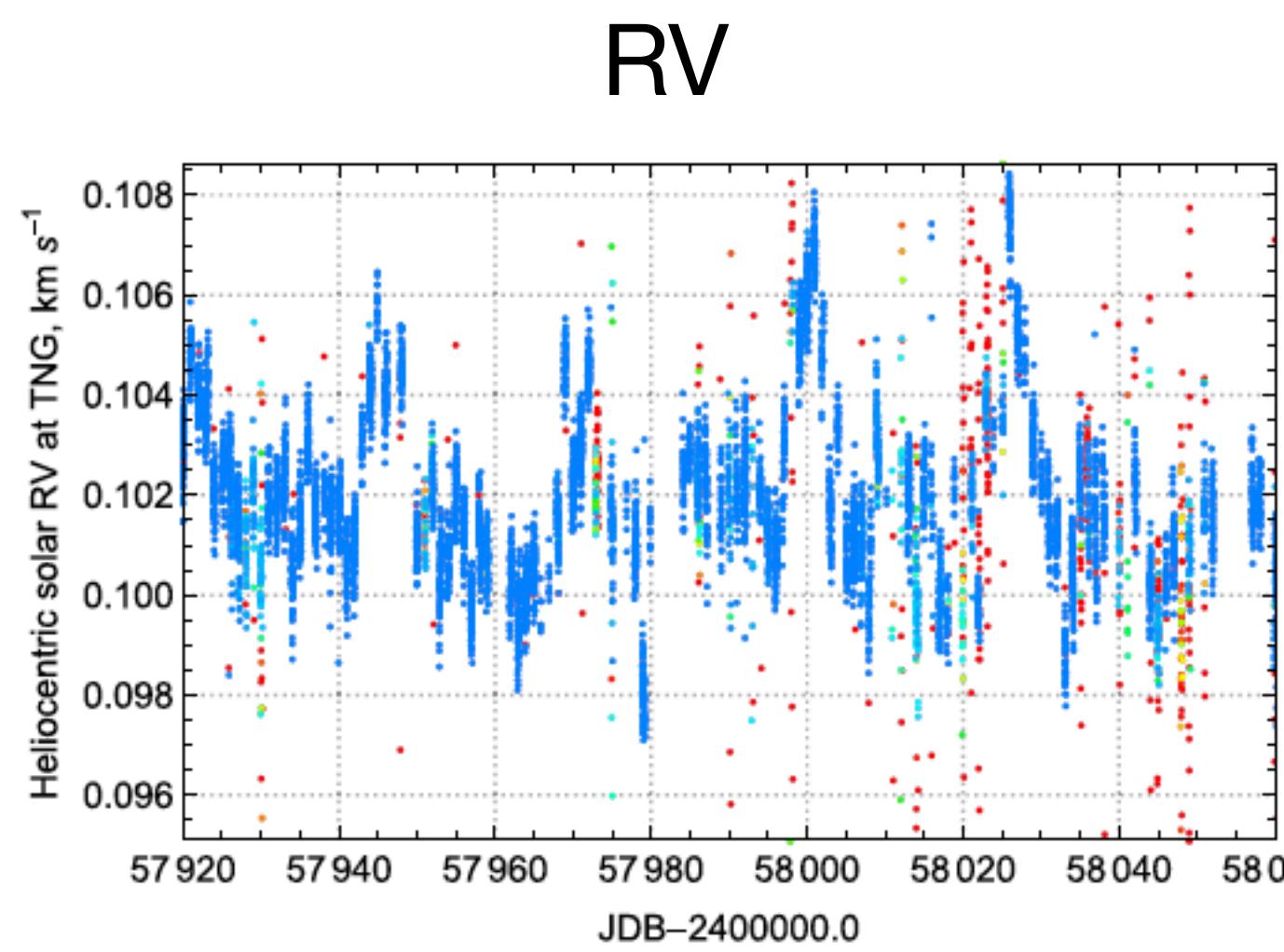
where X is the CCF FWHM or BIS



CCF moments : Activity indicators

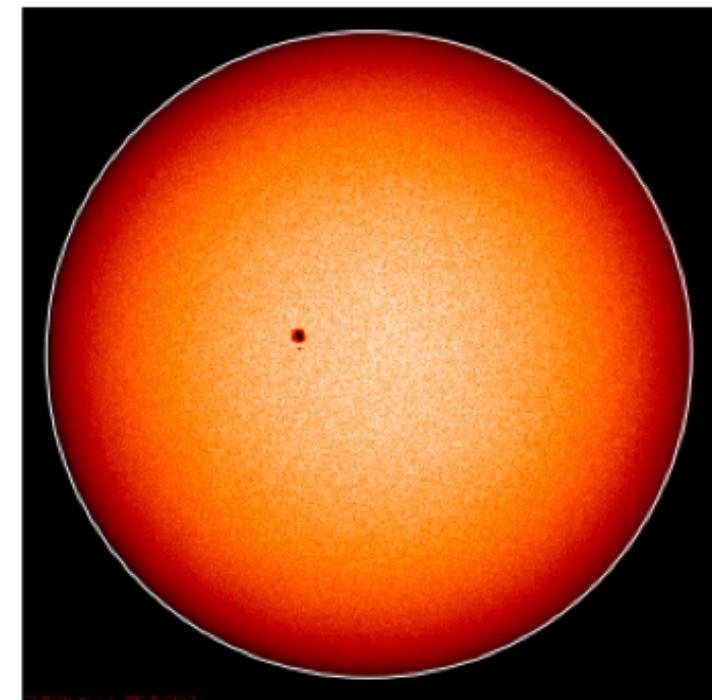


CCF moments : Activity indicators

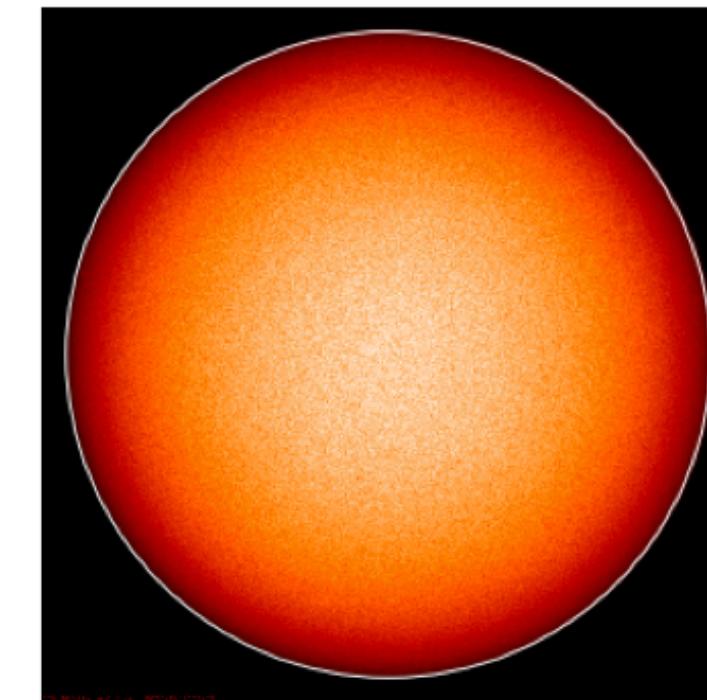


CCF residuals (with machine learning)

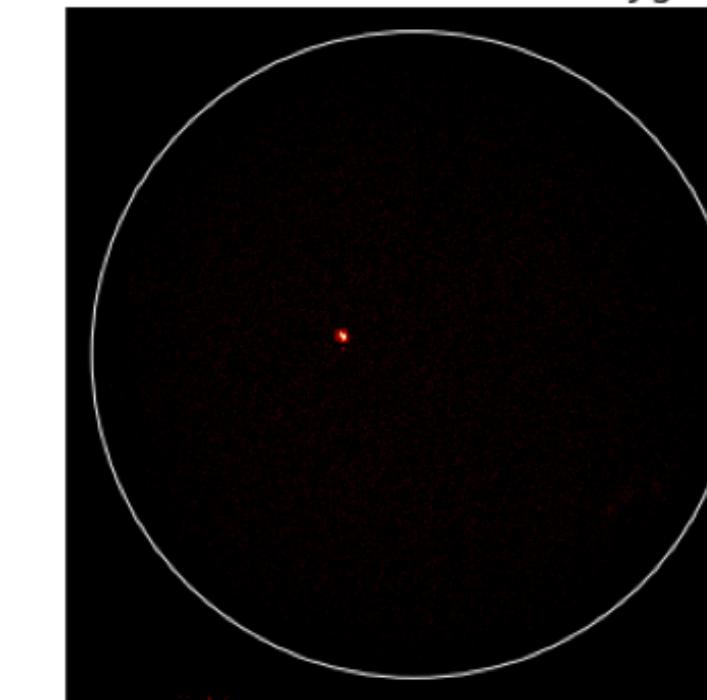
A. Observation of interest (2016 Mar 29)



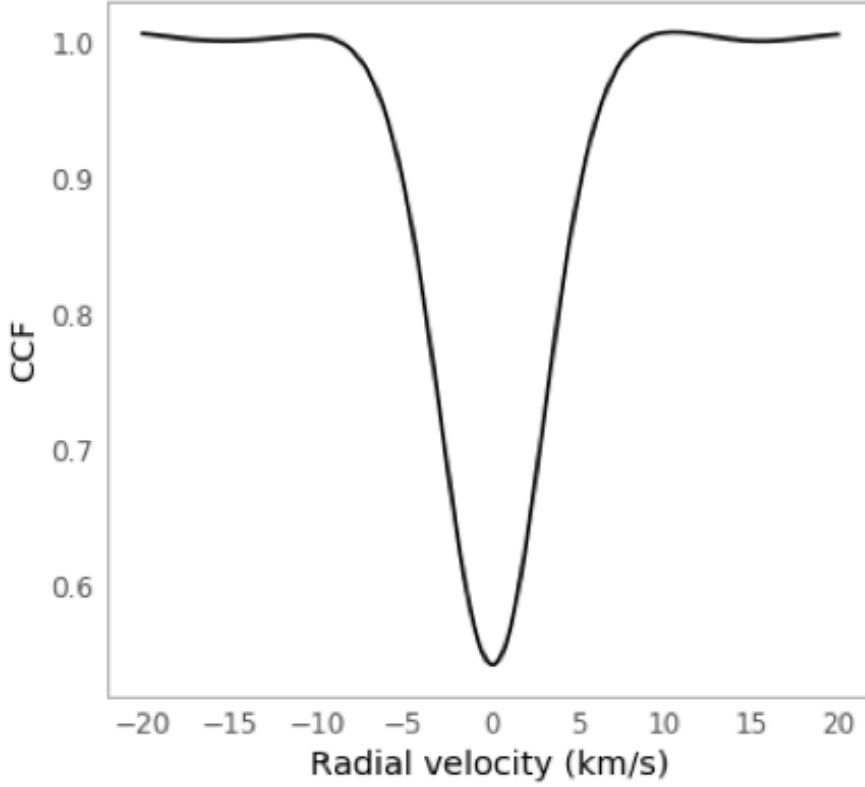
B. Quiet observation (2018 Mar 29)



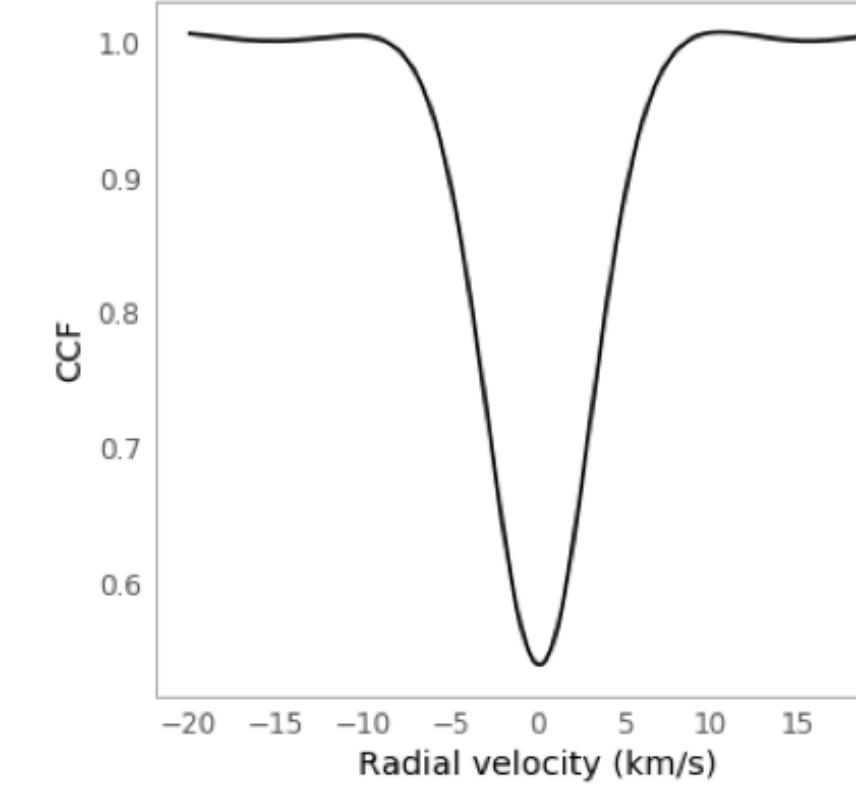
A - B. Residual SDO Intensitygram



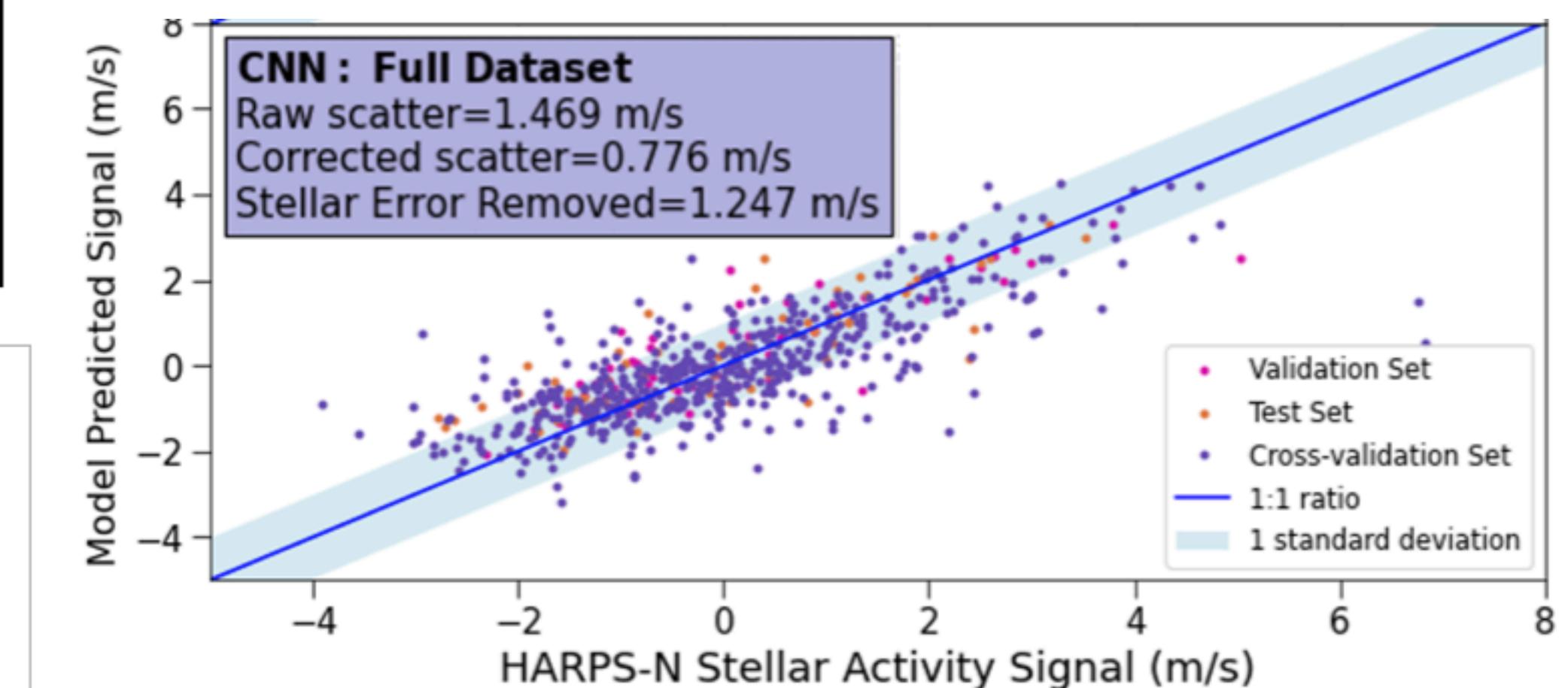
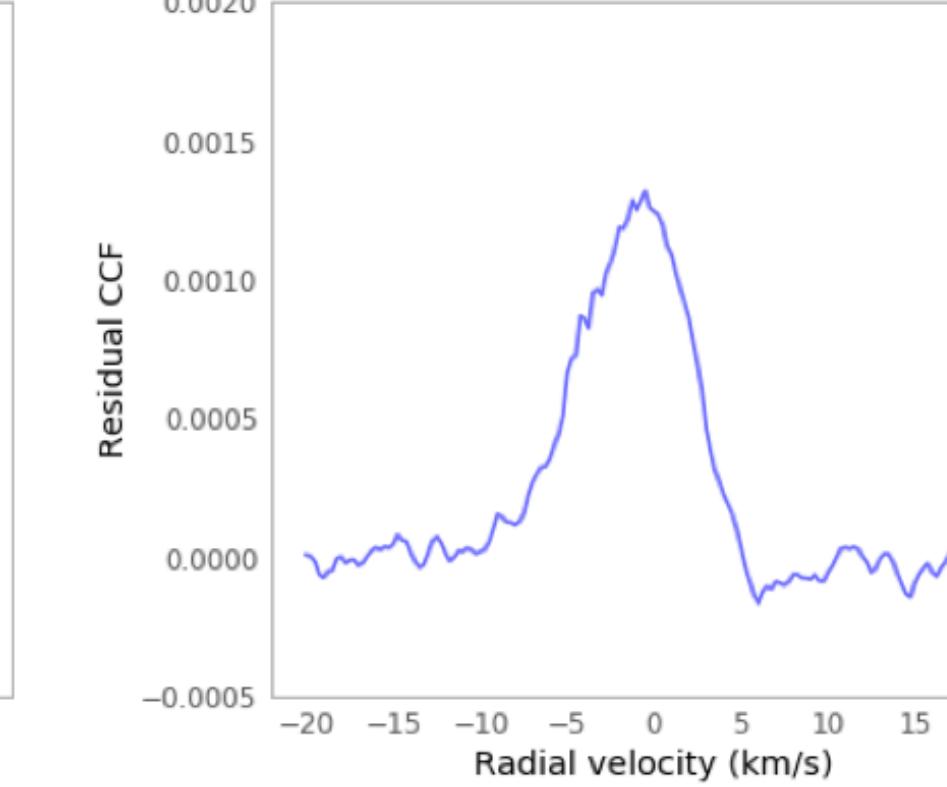
C. CCF observation of interest (2016 Mar 29)



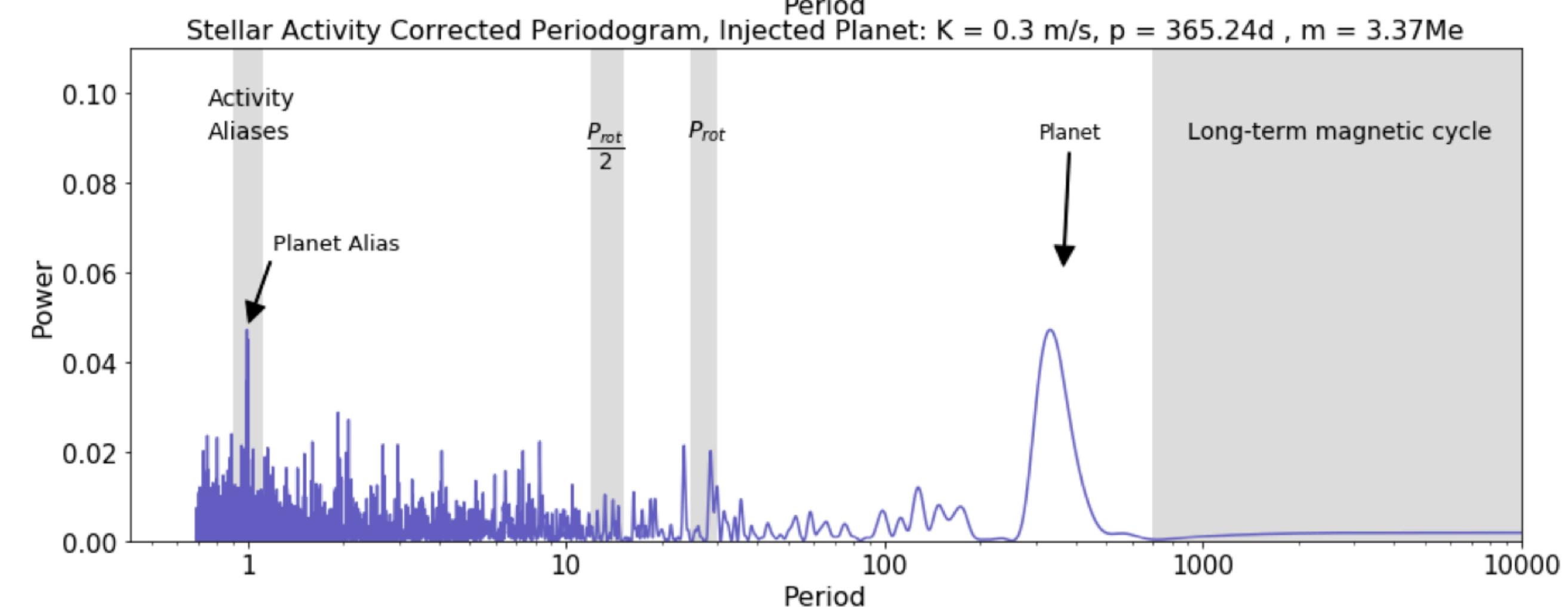
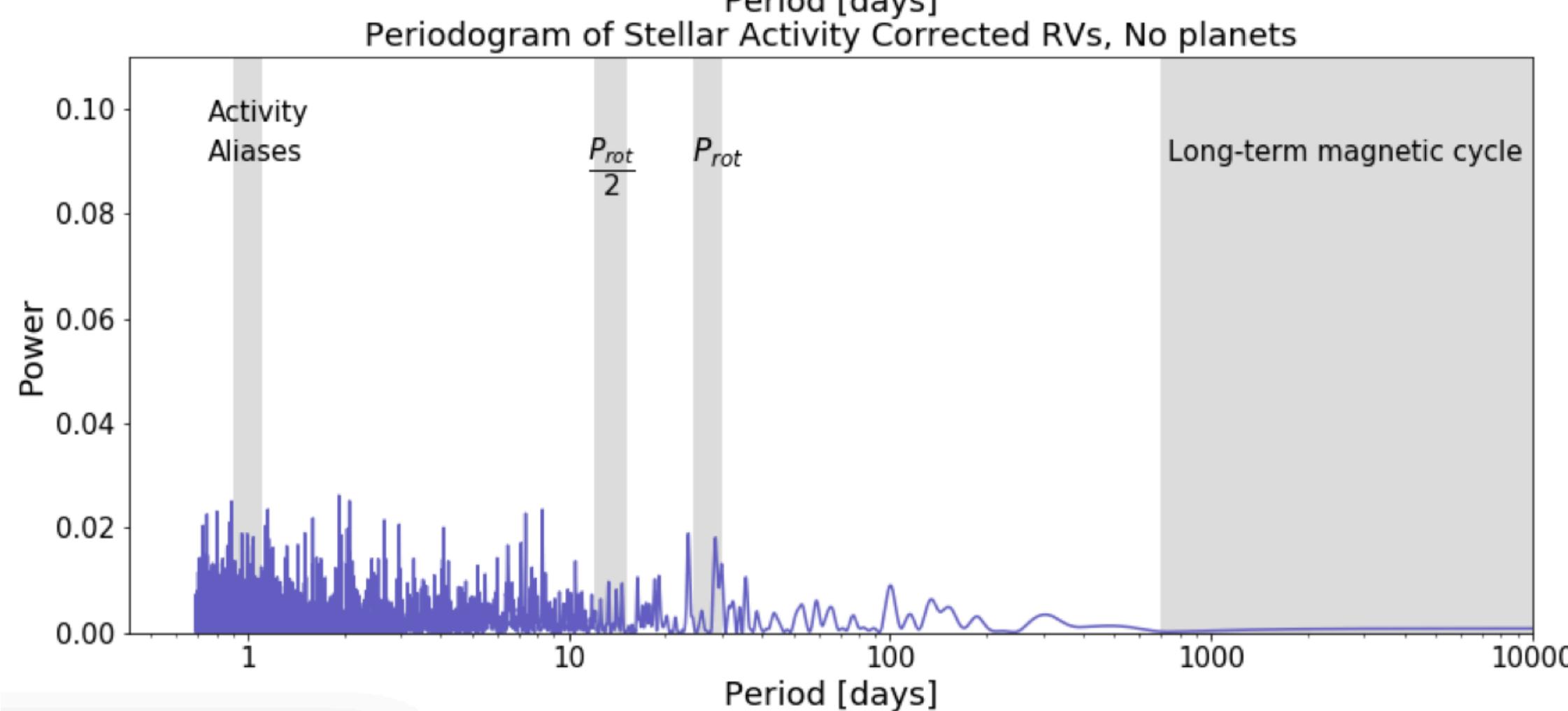
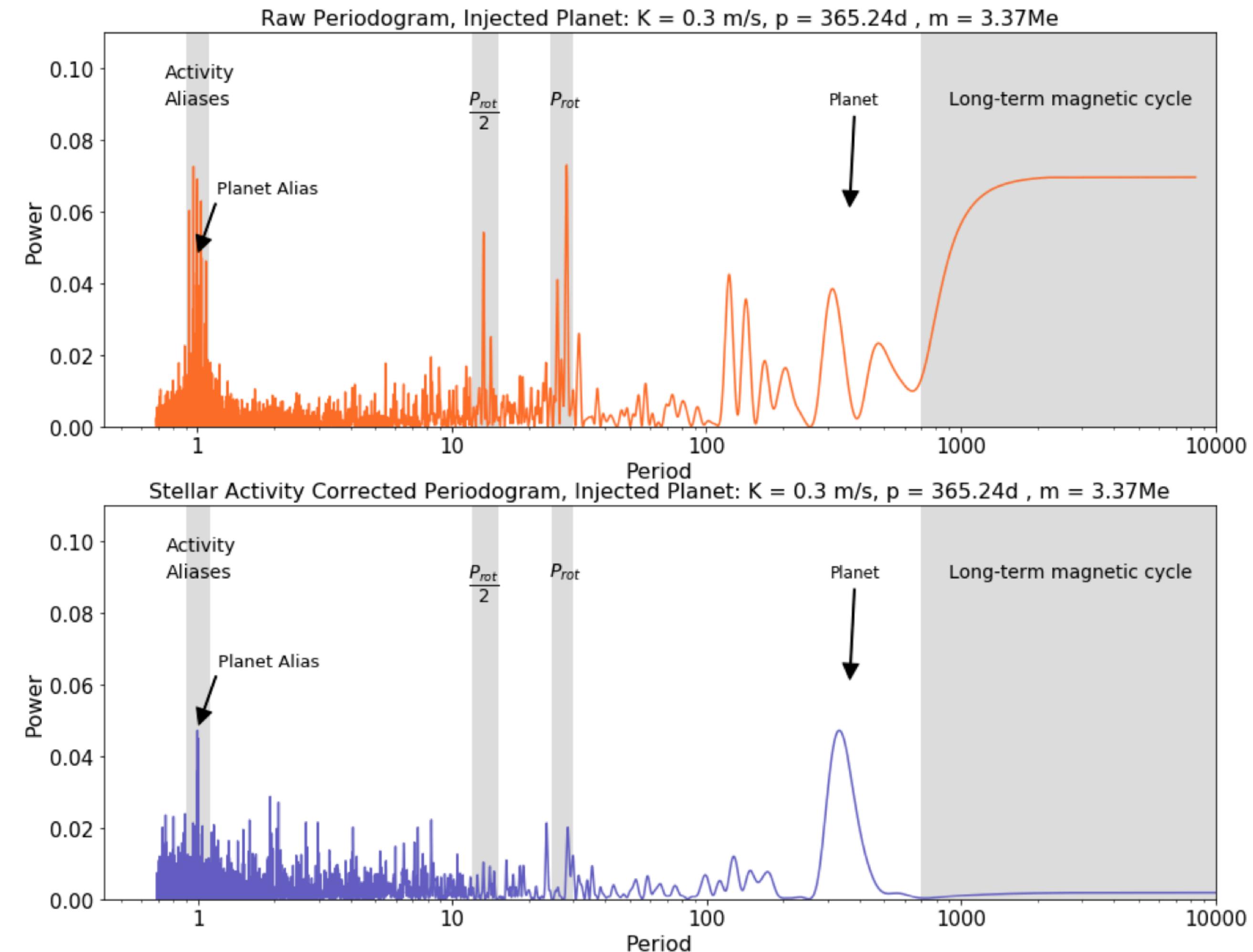
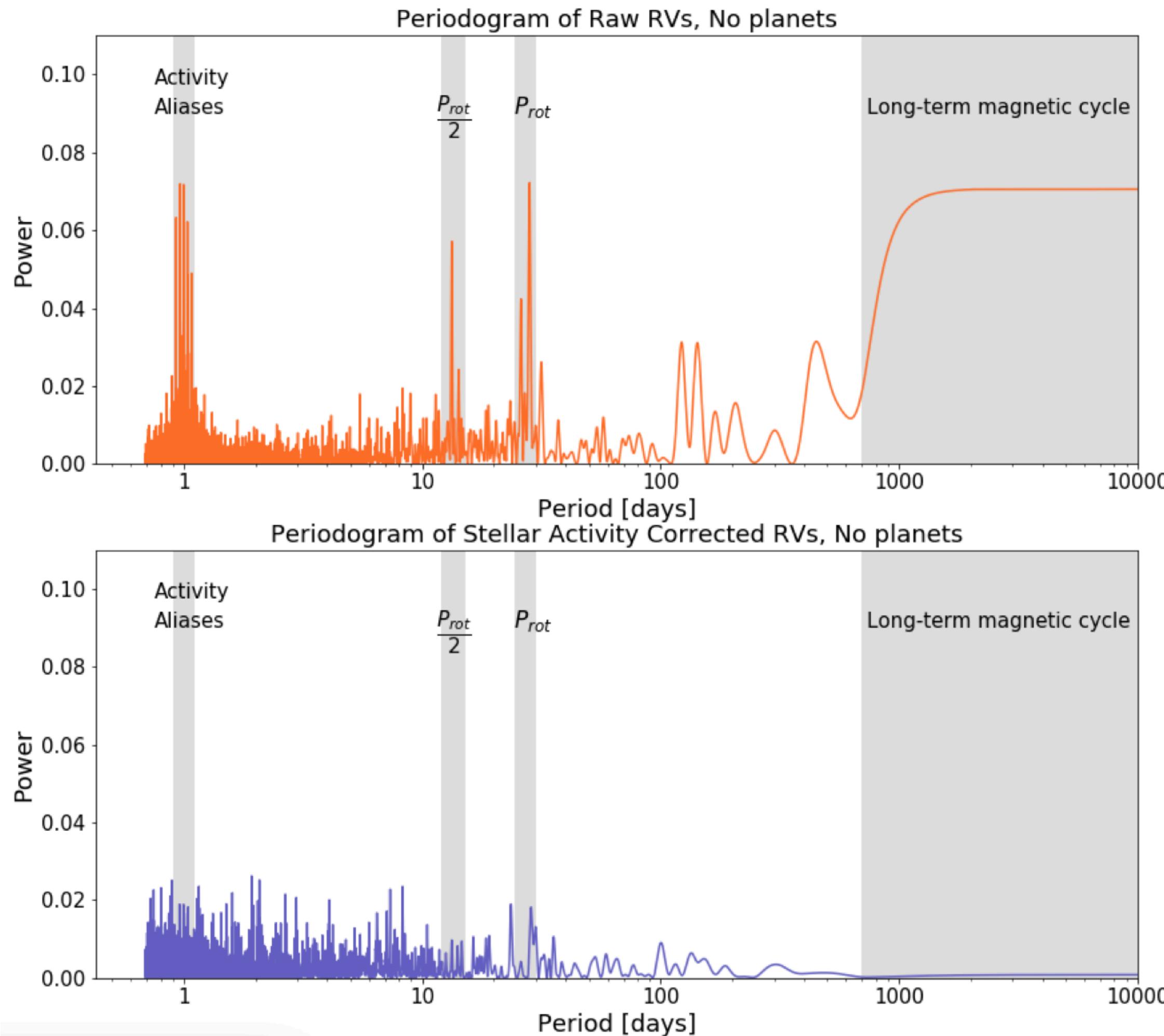
D. CCF quiet observation (2018 Mar 29)



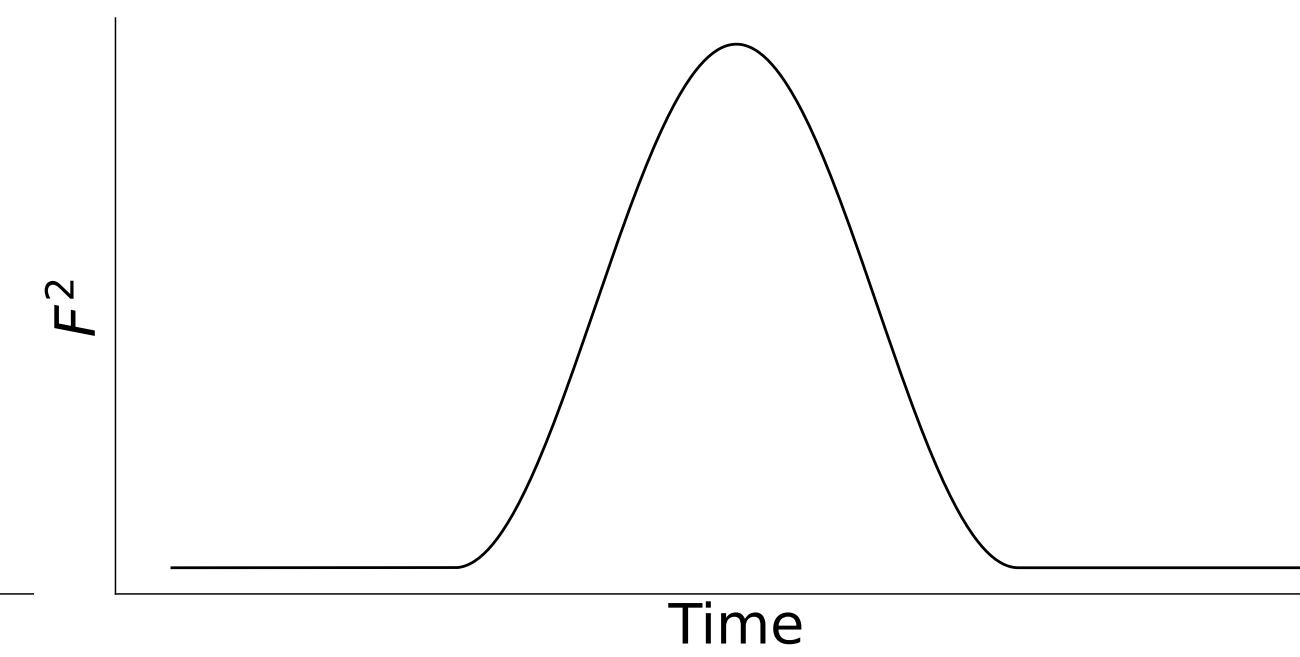
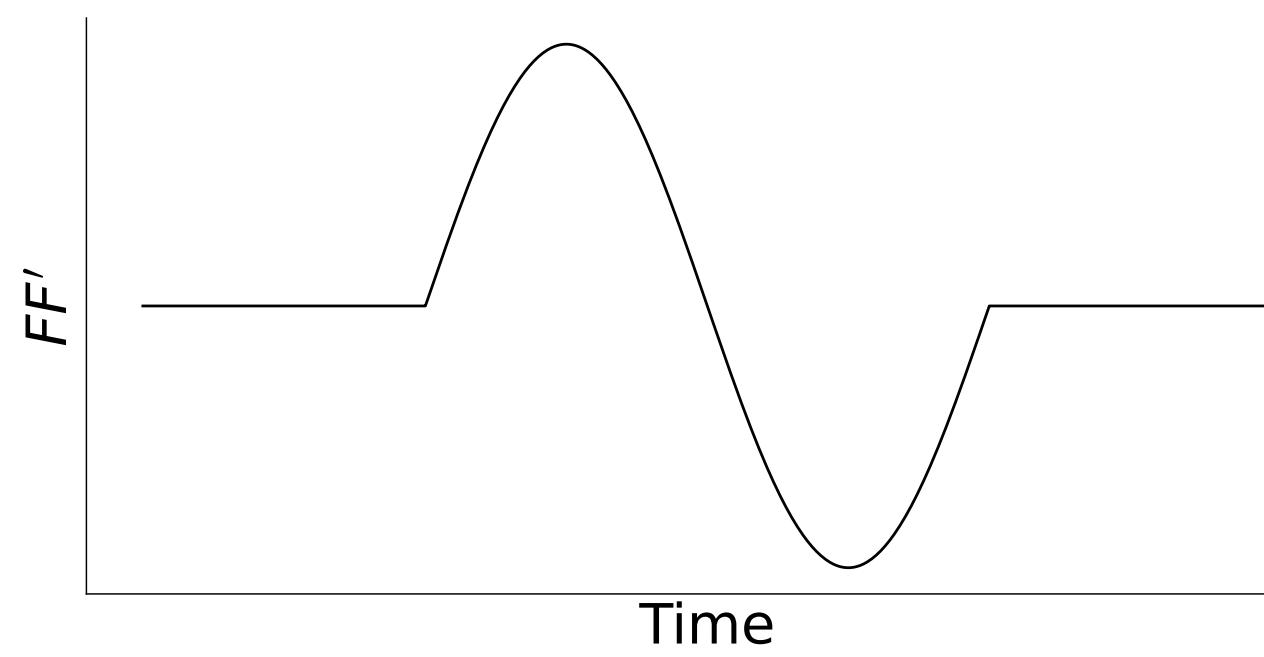
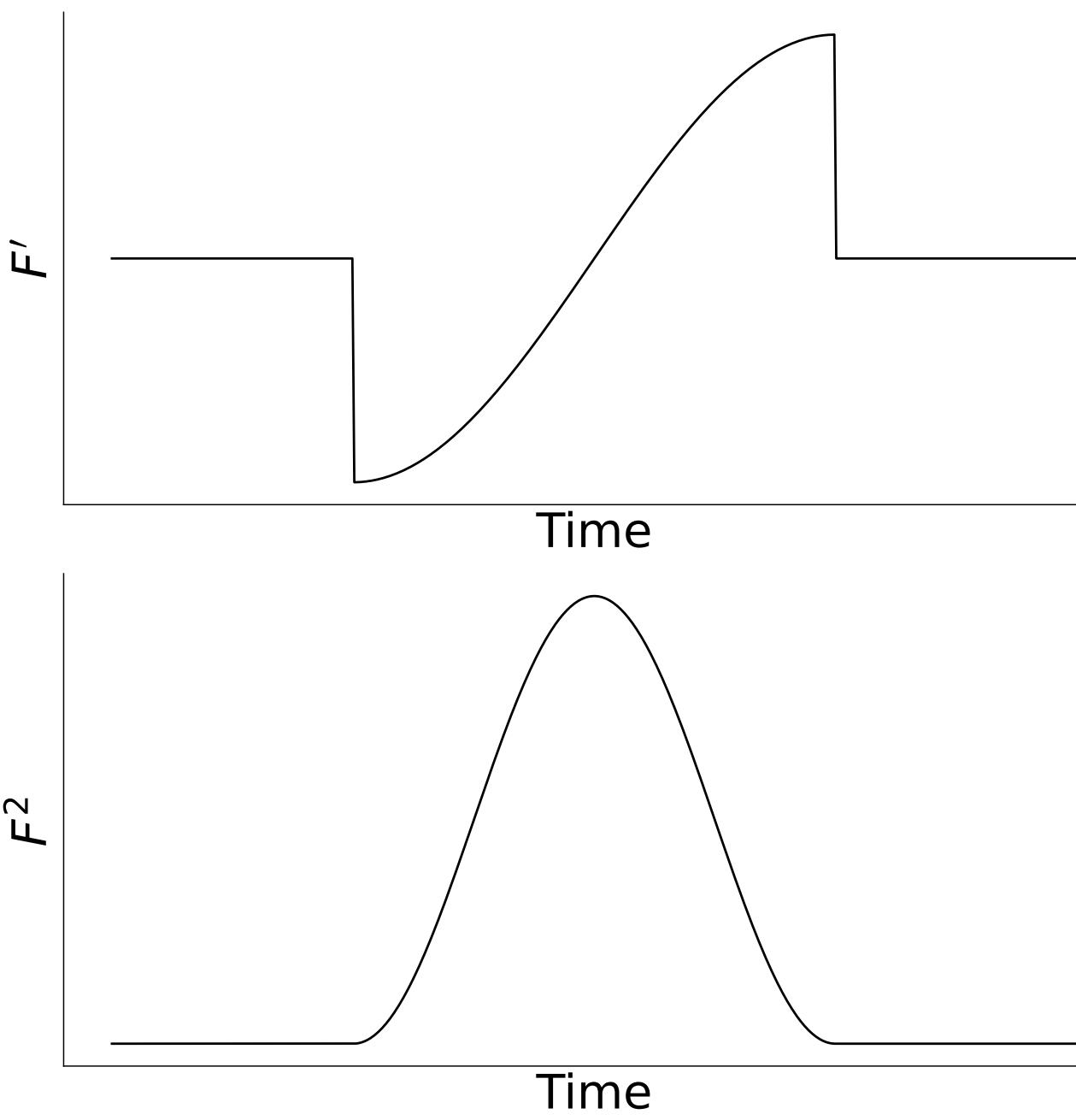
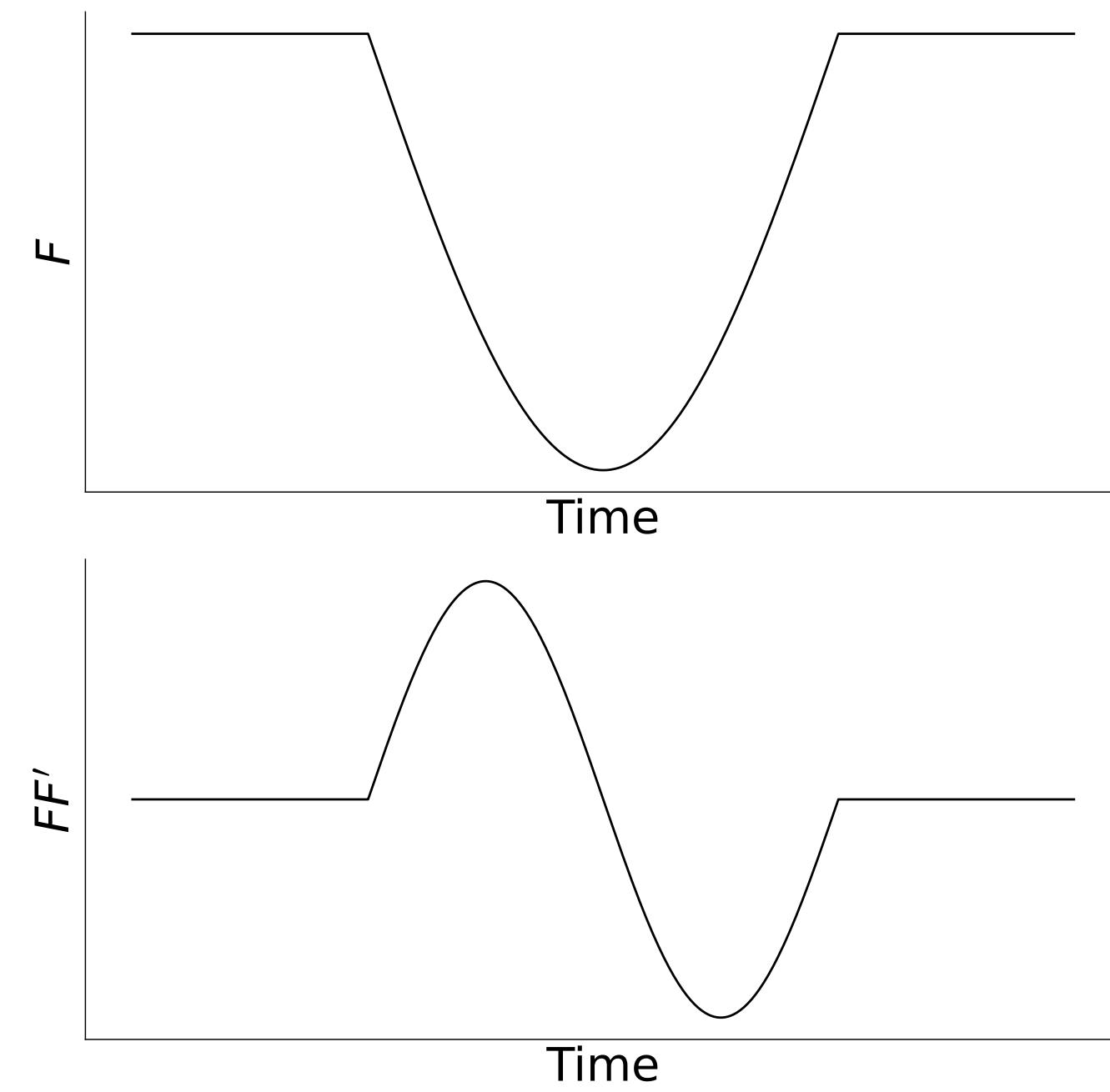
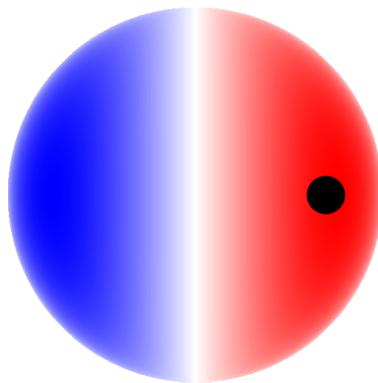
C - D. Residual CCF



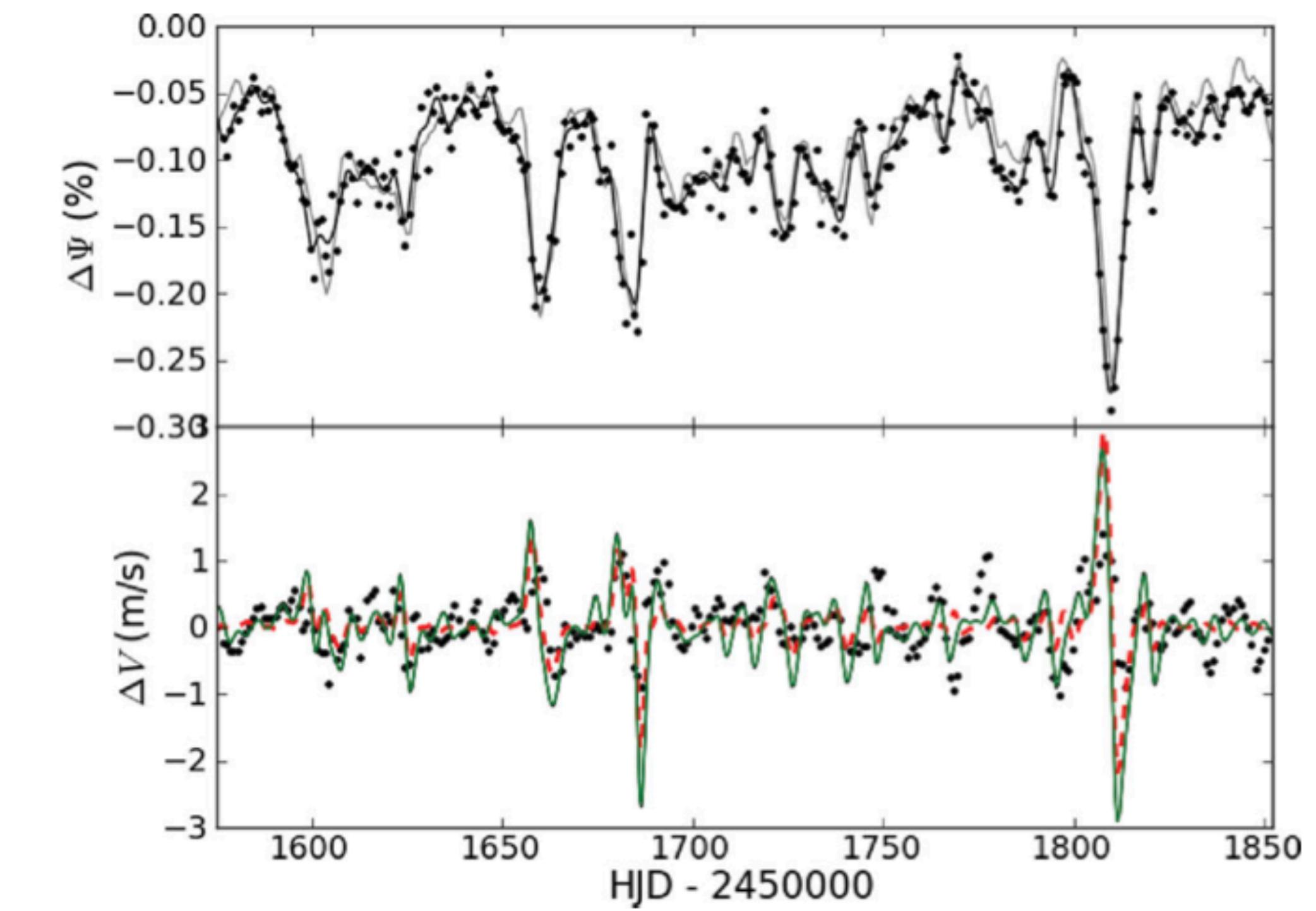
CCF residuals (with machine learning)



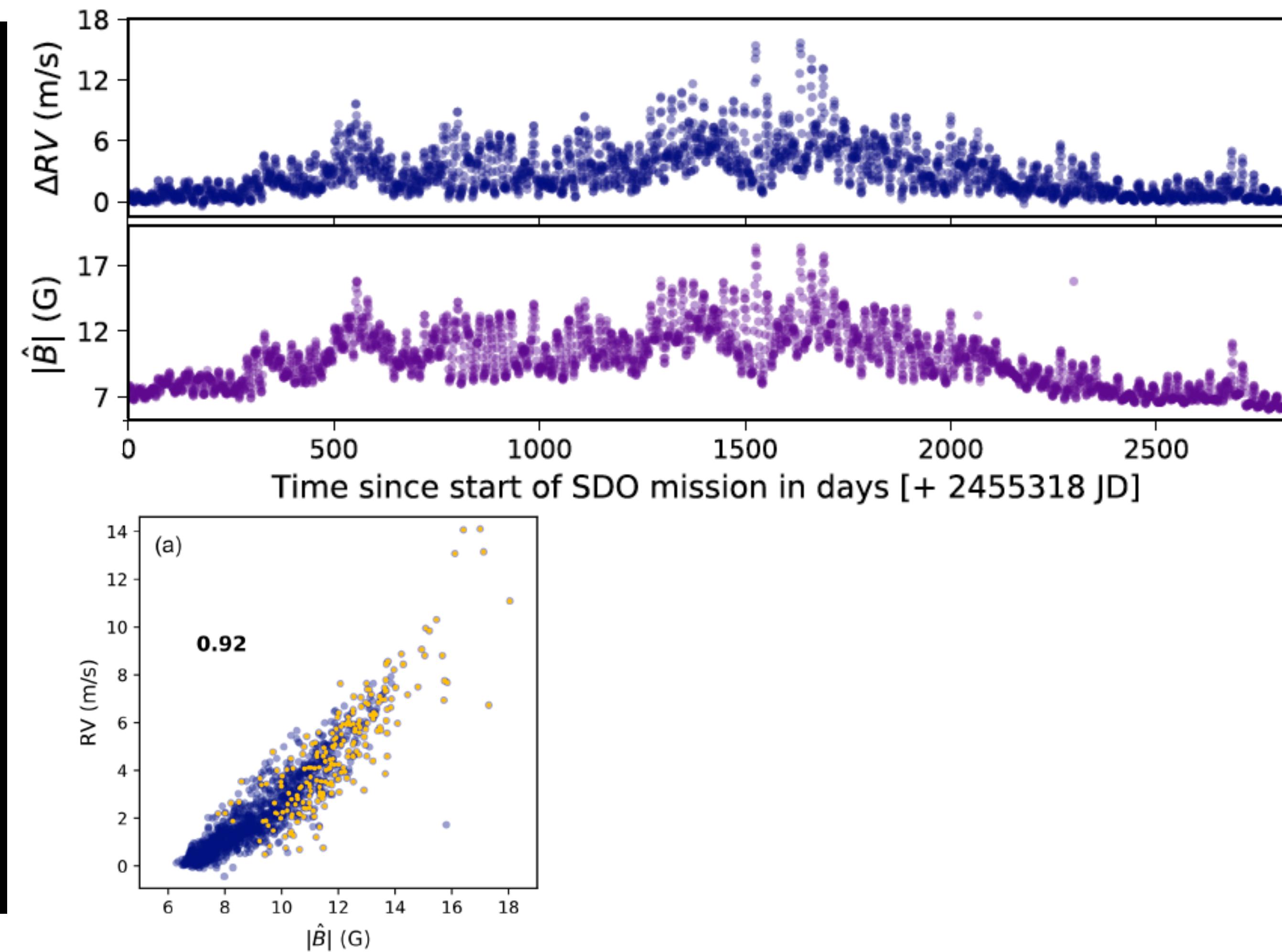
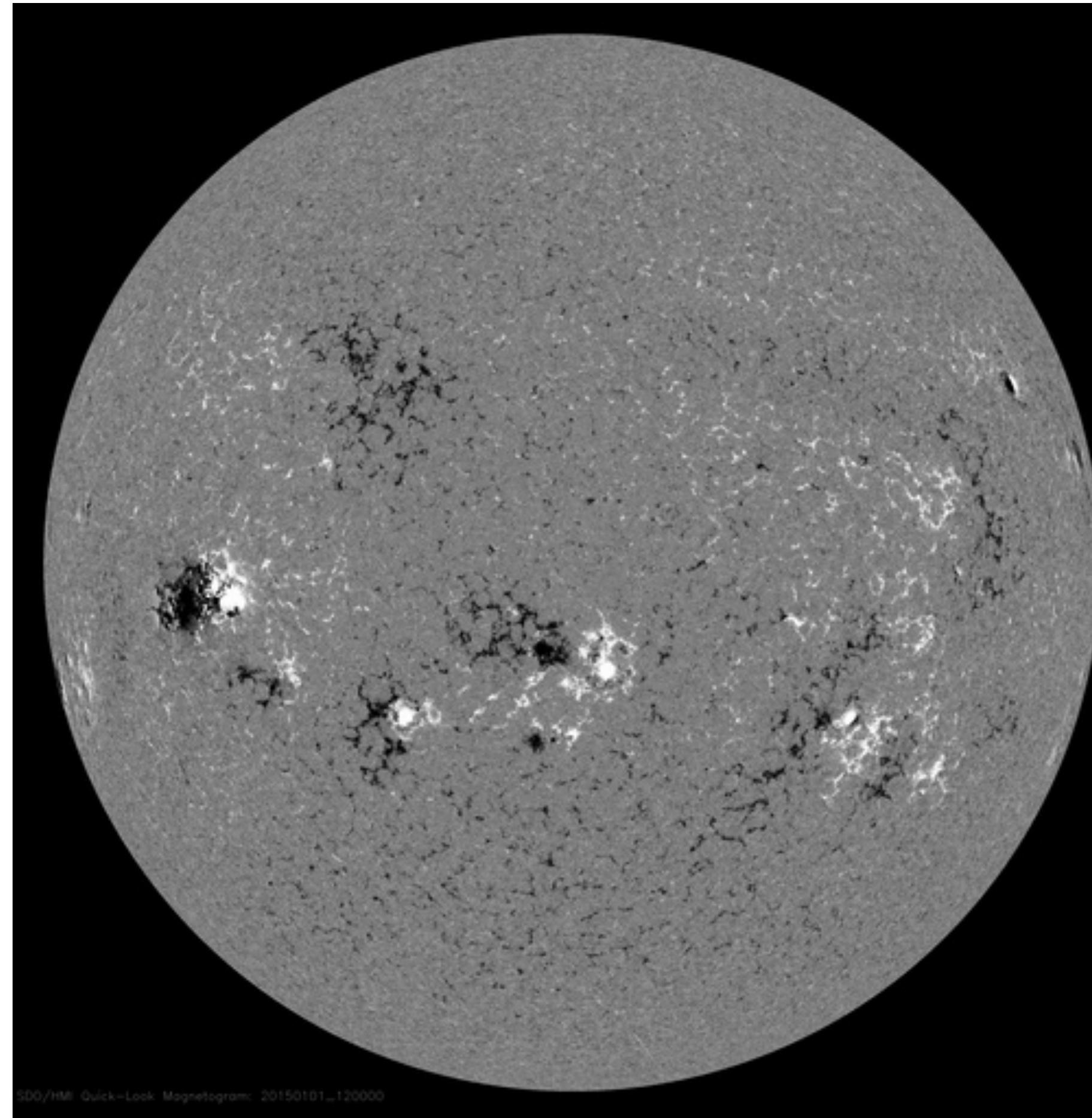
Other proxys : The photometric flux



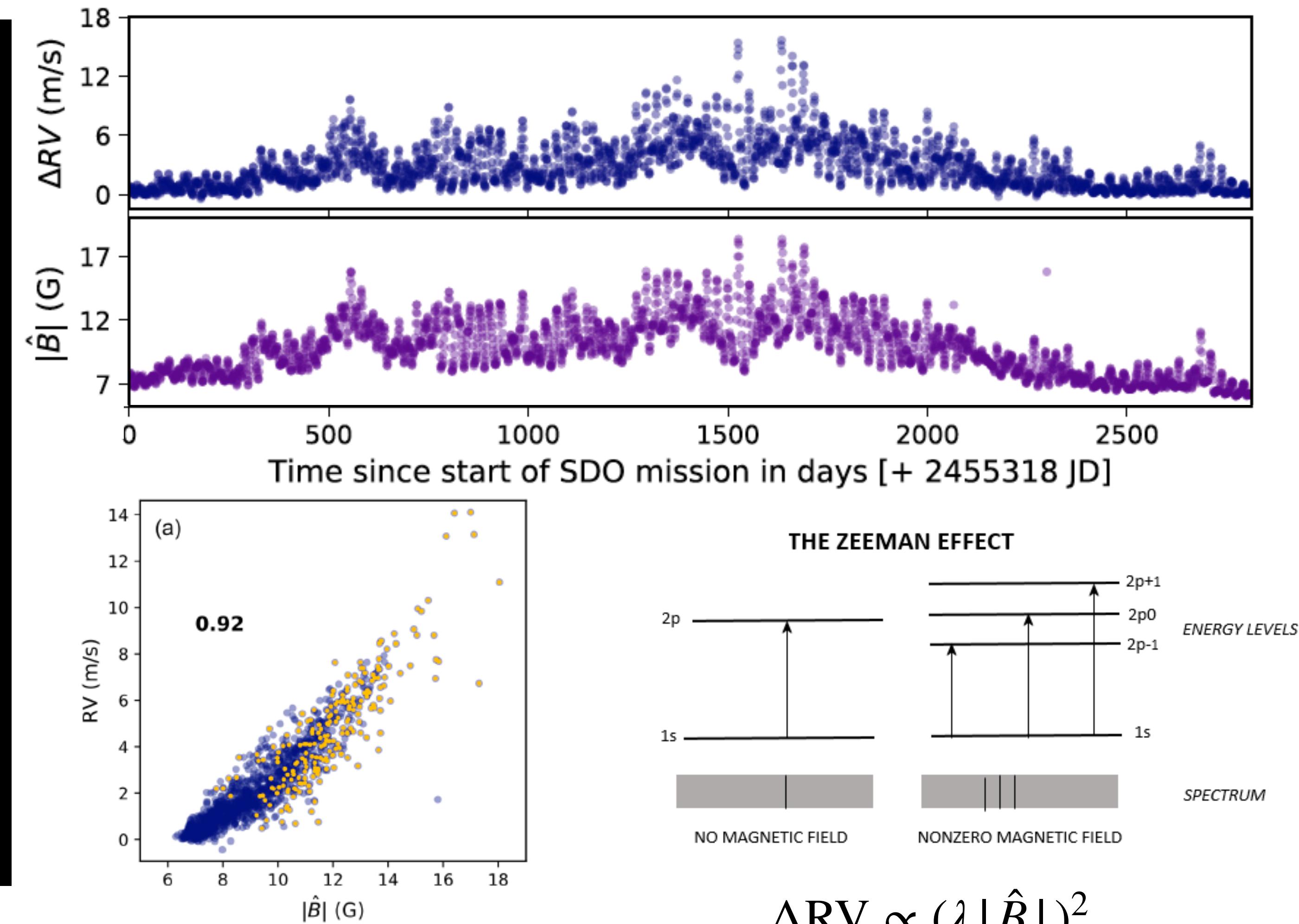
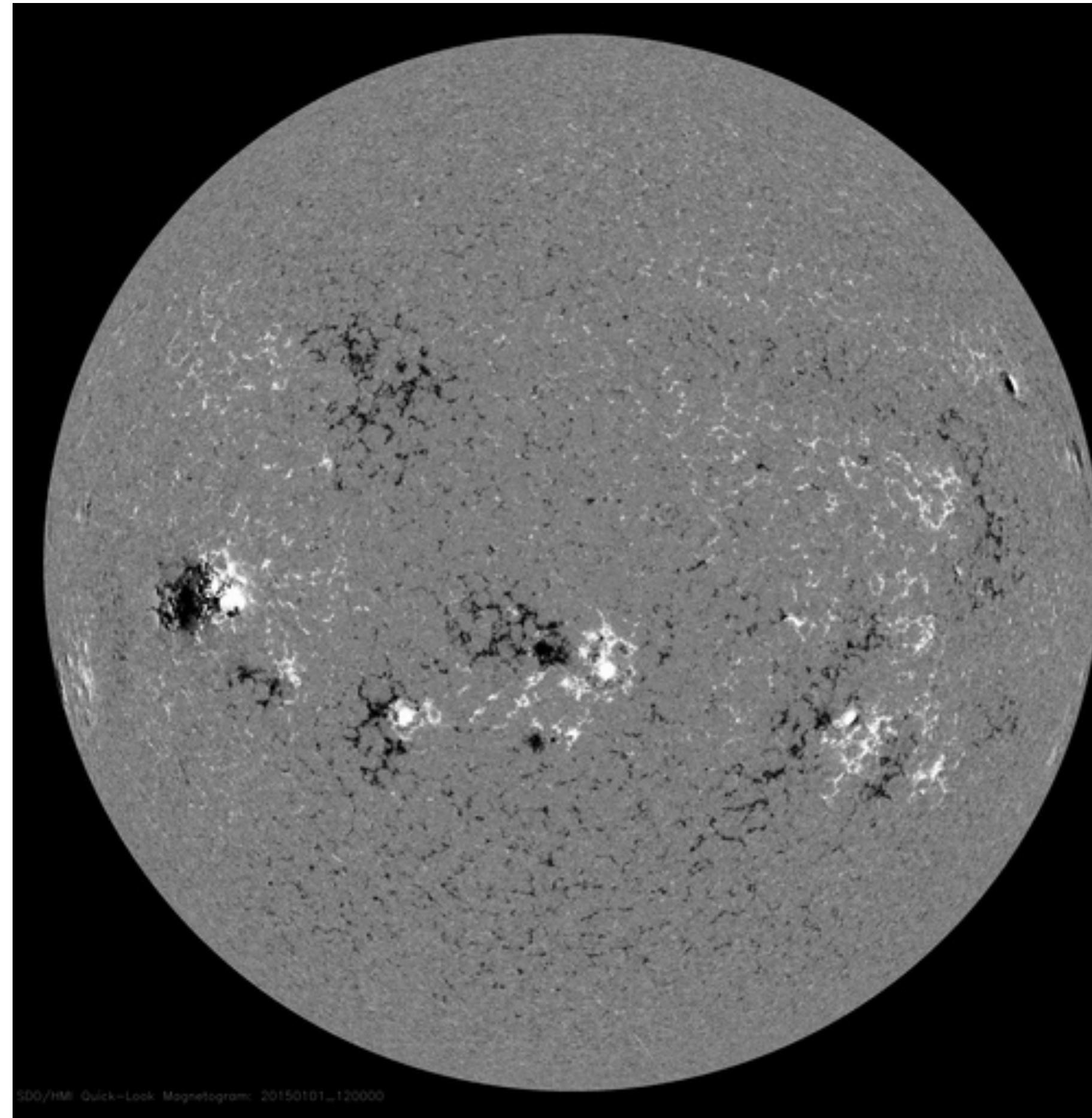
Solar observations + simulations



Other proxys : The unsigned magnetic flux



Other proxys : The unsigned magnetic flux



[Reiners et al. 2013; Haywood et al. 2020]

Conclusions

Activity indicators enable us to separate stellar intrinsic signals from planetary ones.

However, the wealth of stellar spectra is boiled down to a few (manageable) quantities.

The Sun—resolved and continuously observed—is ideal for benchmarking the validity of proxies.

Life *inside* the Sun?

