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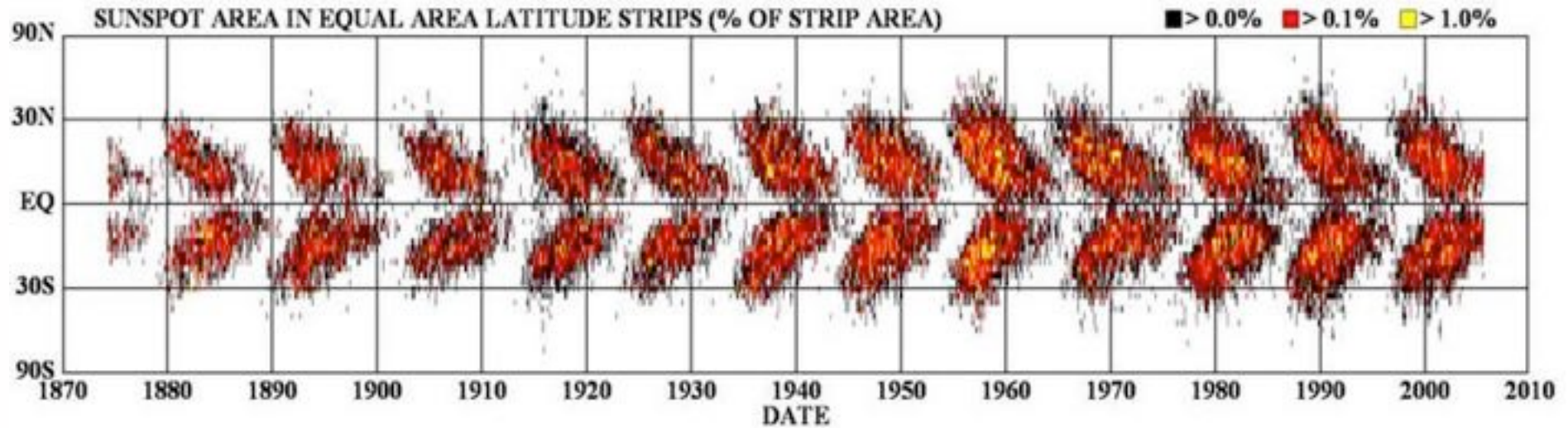
Solar activity reconstruction from the Georg Eimmart's archive of 1616 – 1720

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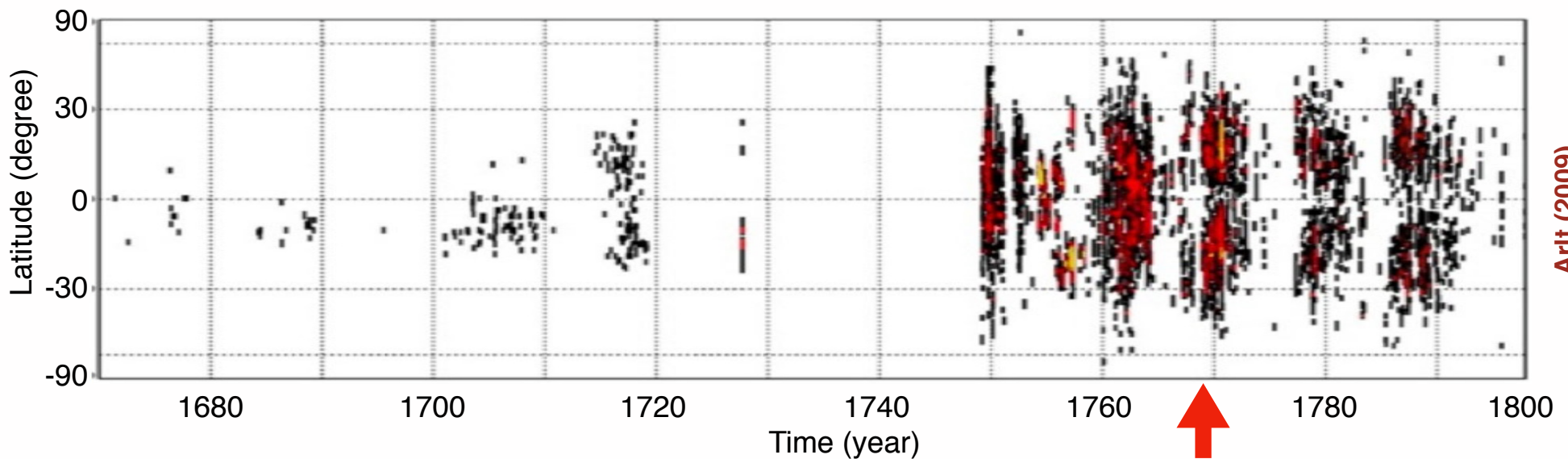
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Spatio-temporal distribution of sunspots: **has it always been like this?**



Hathaway (2010)



Arlt (2009)

Weiss and Tobias (2016)

Different drawing style starting in the end of 1768

Archives of the Eimmart observatory

The second-richest sunspot data set covering the Maunder minimum: **551** sunspots on **109** drawings of the solar disk reported by eight observers:

Petrus Saxonius, 5–27 March 1616;

Johann Wurzelbau, 11–12 June 1684;

Georg Eimmart, 2–8 July 1684;

Johann Hoffmann, 26 May–16 July 1703;

Maria Eimmart, 30–31 May and 9 July 1703;

Eustachio Manfredi, 28 May–29 June 1703;

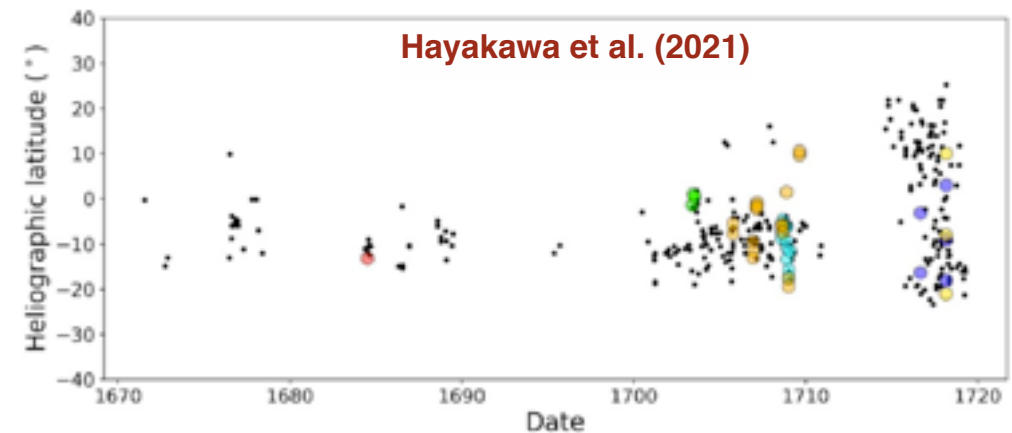
Johann Heinrich Müller, short series in 1705–1709;

Johann Christoph Müller, April 1719–May 1720.

Instruments:

Eimmart's observatory: telescopes (length 16, 12, and 10 foot, **no information on the aperture**), astronomical (pendulum) clocks, cameras obscuras, helioscopium, and machina helioscopia;

J. Chr. Müller: telescope length 7 foot, lens diameter of 3–4 cm, magnification of 30–60.

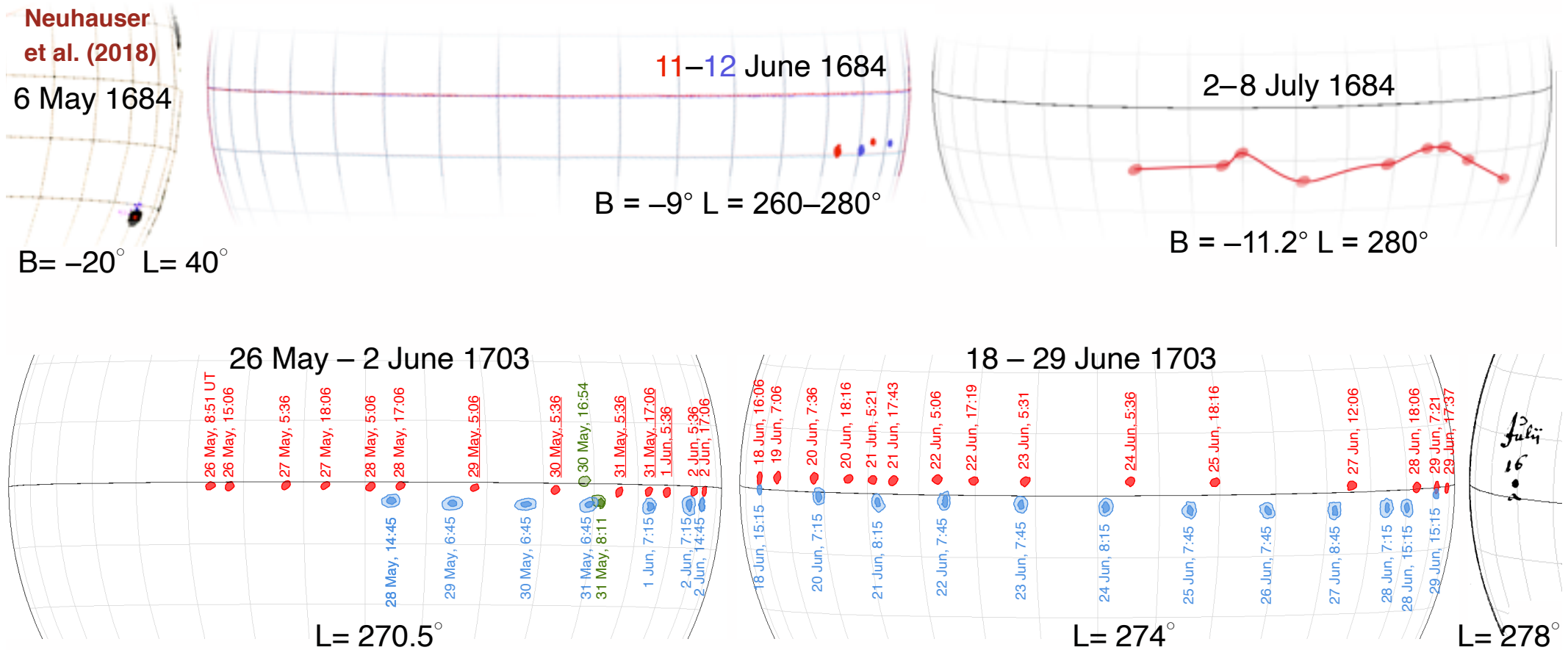


Are there very long-lived sunspots?



Spoerer (1889): Cassini observed a sunspot during three rotations from May to July 1684 at latitude of -10° .

Kirch: the sunspot is large and **might possibly** live four solar rotations.



Long-liv sunspots $\rightarrow \eta \downarrow \rightarrow A_p \uparrow \rightarrow A_p/A_u \uparrow$ but Greenwich $A_p/A_u \geq$ Maund min A_p/A_u

Spotless days of 1677–1704



Observationes Astronomicae ad Aequinoctium 1677
Jacobum Mayeri, Astronomi in Observatorio Imperatorio
Tabulae Observationum per J.P. Mayeri

Observatio Solis

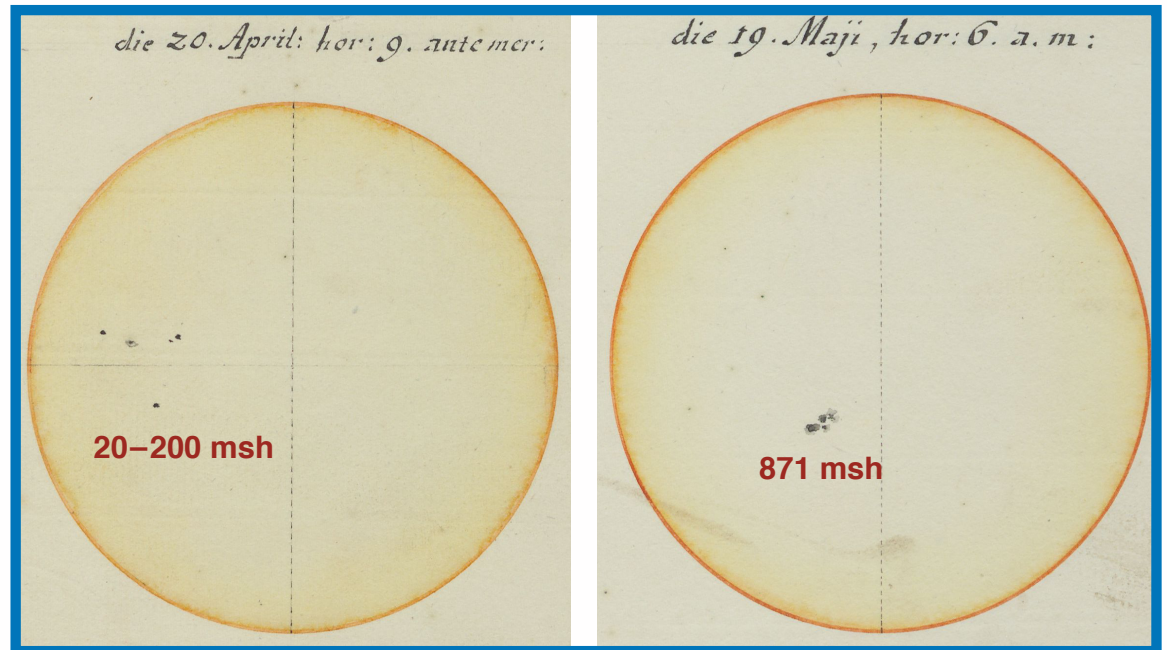
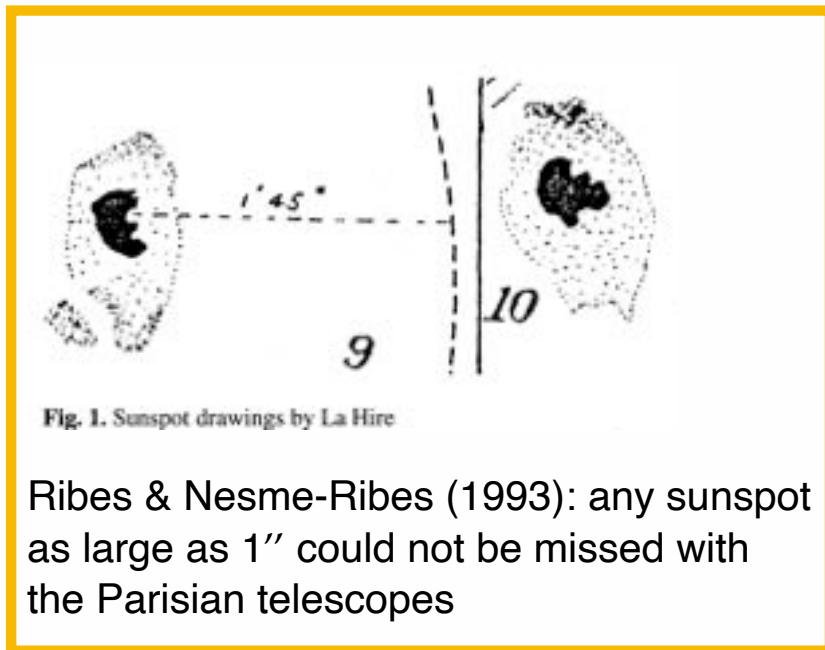
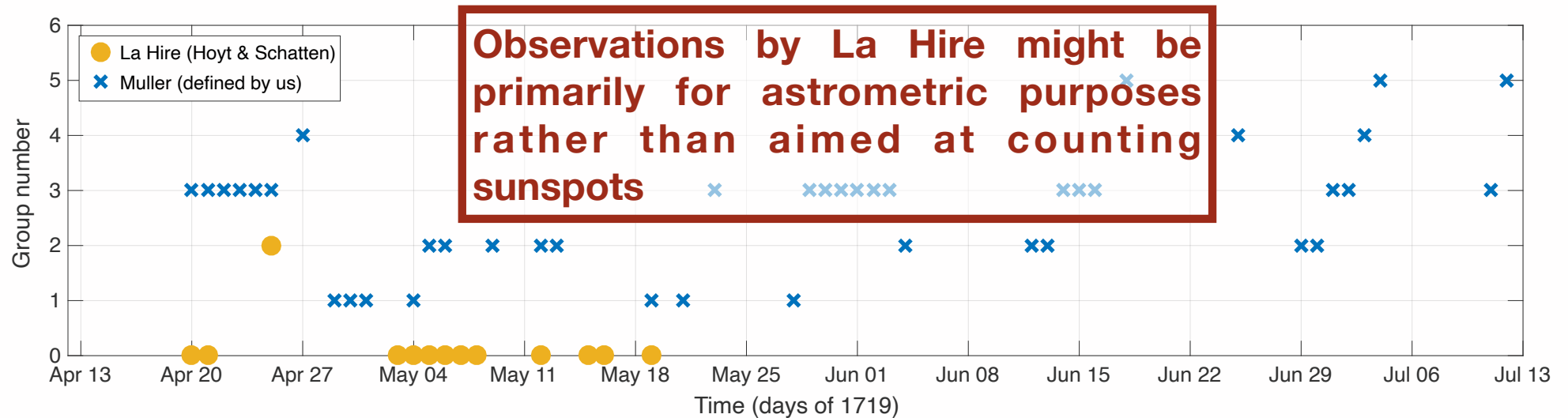
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Hoyt & Schatten (1998): G. Eimmart in 1677–1704 a lot of spotless days

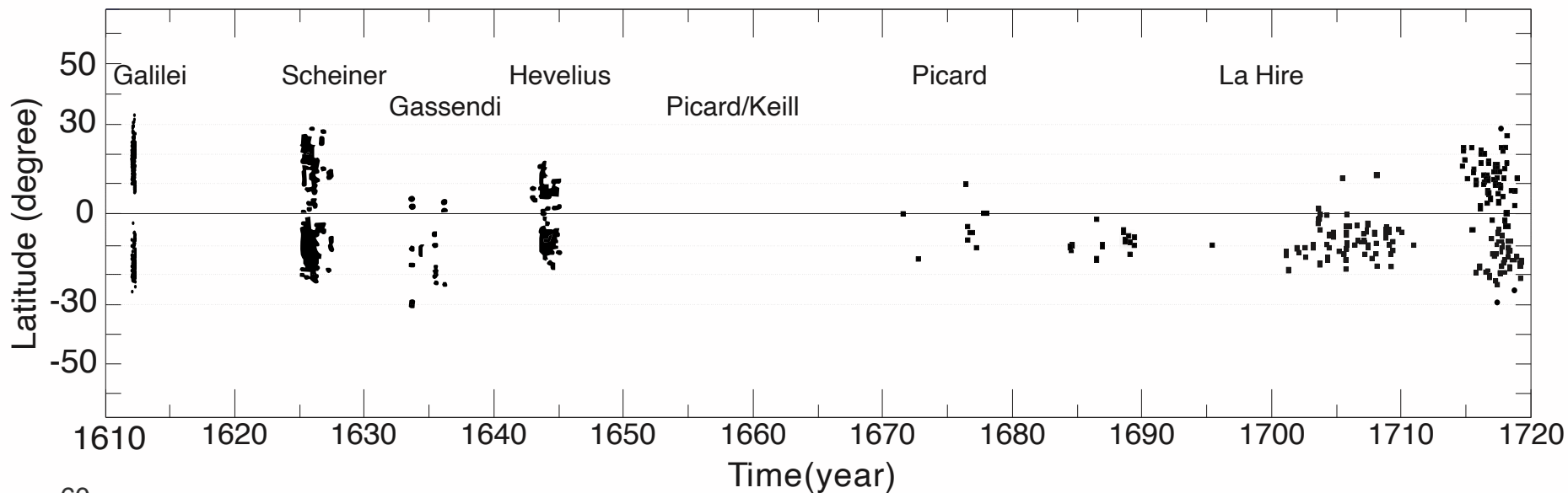
Carrasco et al., Clette et al., Hayakawa et al., Vaquero et al.: spotless days have been frequently derived from common mention on an absence of sunspots for some period or solar altitude observations

The majority of the observations by the Eimmart observatory were primarily for astrometric purposes rather than aimed at counting sunspots. These reports should not be interpreted as spotless days

Sunspot counting vs astrometric measurements



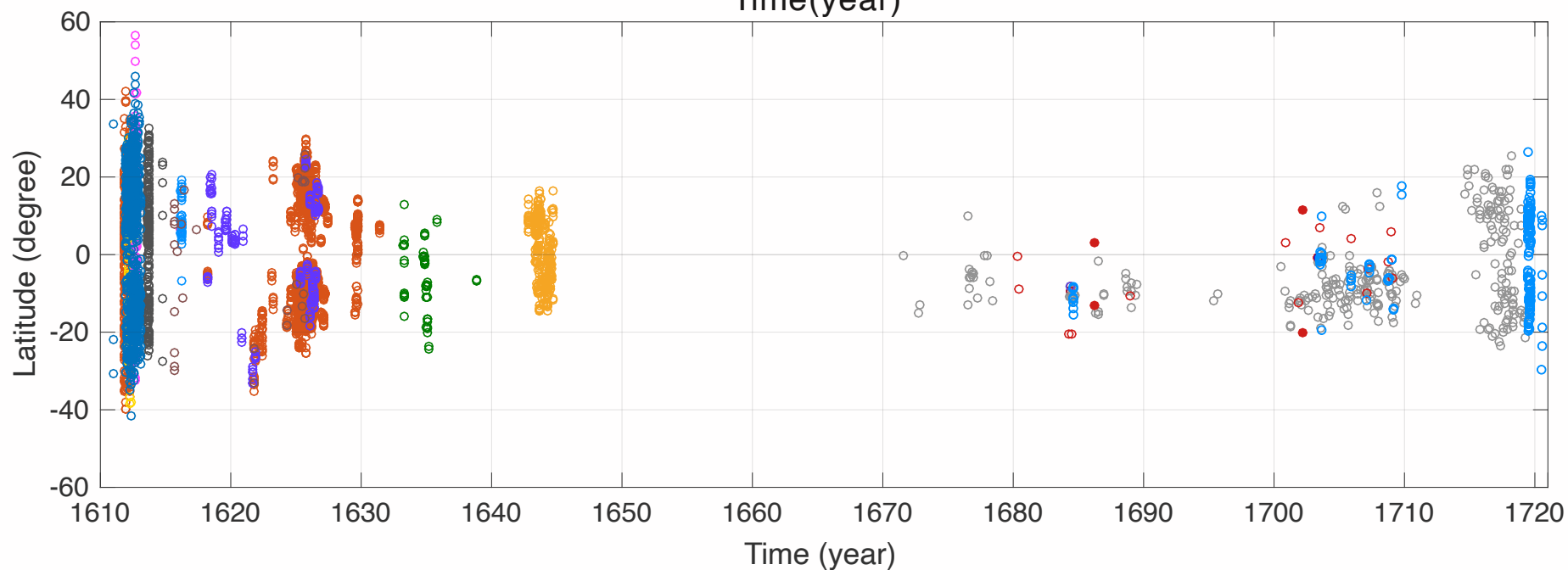
Spatio-temporal distribution of sunspot groups



Ribes & Nesme-Ribes (1993)

Soon & Yaskell (2003)

Casas et al. (2006)



Arlt et al. (2016) Carrasco et al. (2019a, 2019b, 2021) Hayakawa et al. (2021a, 2021b) Neuhauser et al. (2018)
Vokhmyanin & Zolotova (2018a, 2018b) Vokhmyanin et al. (2020, 2021) etc.

Where's the data, Lebowski?



Hoyt & Schatten (1998): only tabular database

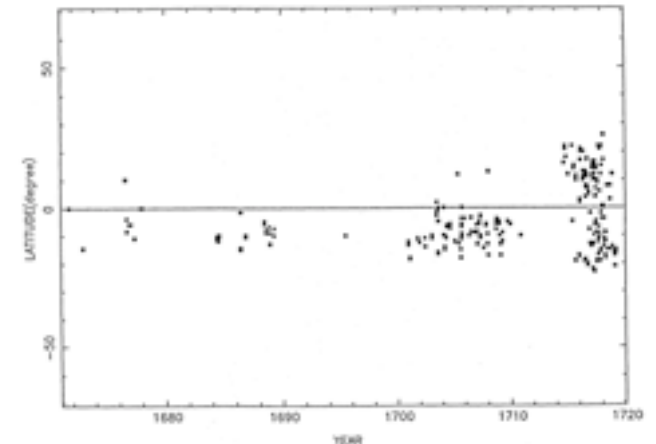
Observations by F. von Hagen of 1739–1751 of which Wolf said they are stored in Pulkovo observatory – **LOST**

Archives of Ribes and Nesme-Ribes (1993) – **LOST**, there is only picture and a machine-readable catalogue by Vaquero et al. (2015)

Clette et al. (2023): Zürich archives between 1919 and 1944 – **LOST**

244 Wolf, Mittheilungen über die Sonnenflecken.
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1856 Juni 6; Nov. 2, 19, 24; Dez. 1, 25.
1857 Jan. 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 19, 26, 27; Oct. 17, 28; Nov. 8, 9, 26, 28, 29; Dez. 11, 20, 21, 24, 31.
1858 Jan. 1, 12, 31; Nov. 6, 21; Dez. 11.
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Sunspots Areas and Hellographic Positions on the Drawings Made by Galileo Galilei in 1612

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Abstract. In 1612 Galileo Galilei made two accurate drawings of the solar disk. Currently, 47 of them are in the open access of the Internet. In 1911, 20 in Rome and Italy, and 1 in the United States. Unfortunately, uncertainties and inaccuracies in such data, which result in discrepancy of sunspot hellographic coordinates. In the present study, we determine the exact time of the drawings by comparing the positions of the sun spots from day to day. The time of the observations, which occur from 12 to 14 UT, gives us the direction of the solar rotation axis and the position of the heliographic latitude. We compare them by contemporary heliographic maps of the solar spot for the entire heliographic cycle. This confirms the quality of the Galileo's drawings.

Keywords: Sun activity, (Sun) sunspots

1. Introduction

Historical sunspot observations are highly potential data source on the long-term behavior of the solar activity. One of the longstanding problems in the reconstruction of heliographic time series of the solar surface is the past. Detailed archives of historical astronomical reports should help to resolve whether the Sun is in fact with a regular periodicity or there are periods without the Schwabe cycle.

One of the first heliographic recordings of sunspots was carried out in 1612 by Galileo Galilei. He used, a word of Christiaan Huygens (Danzell), invented the perspective technique to observe sunspots and their changed positions on the solar disk to identify. Contemporary observations from June 2 to July 9 and August 16, 26, and 31 were published in the book by Galileo (1613). Before a astronomical reference with accurate solar coordinates (longitude or latitude), from that time observations are highly accurate in comparison with sunspot drawings of other observers in the beginning of the twentieth century (Maunder & Piggott 1918). This structure of a spot, umbra and penumbra, were described. From that a new image of the solar disk was made.

From and July drawings were processed by Tsou et al. (2006). To define the heliographic latitudes quickly, they provided positions of sunspots which appear on the spot and heliographic spots were the Sun were also included from analysis. Tsou et al. (2006) might suggested that Galileo observed at least two.

In this paper, we present the measurements of the heliographic coordinates of all sunspot groups observed by Galileo in June–July 1612, their area and position. Being an our technique which eliminates the discrepancy between the sunspots between day to day, we find out that sunspots were drawn after the solar disk.

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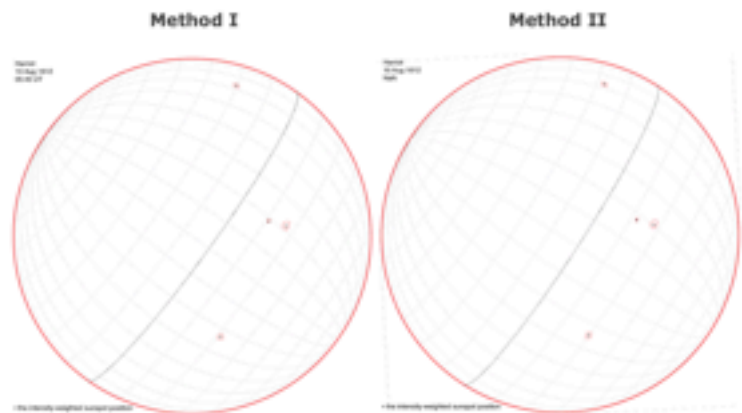
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Thomas Harriot

Original note:
Syon. July. 31. Venus. ho. 5 1/4. (5 1/2. mare sonne somewhat to bright. Thick ayer only no mist, nor cloudes. 4 spots in all. 3 of a greater sort. 1 of a small & dim.



Group (G)	Area (msh)
148	185
152	195
153	76



Positions of individual sunspots are in [Data](#)

Group (G)	Method I		Method II	
	Lat (deg)	Long (deg)	Lat (deg)	Long (deg)
148	20.51	269.14	17.69	267.48
152	-16.06	227.98	-17.19	224.94
153	-21.38	183.27	-20.08	180.01

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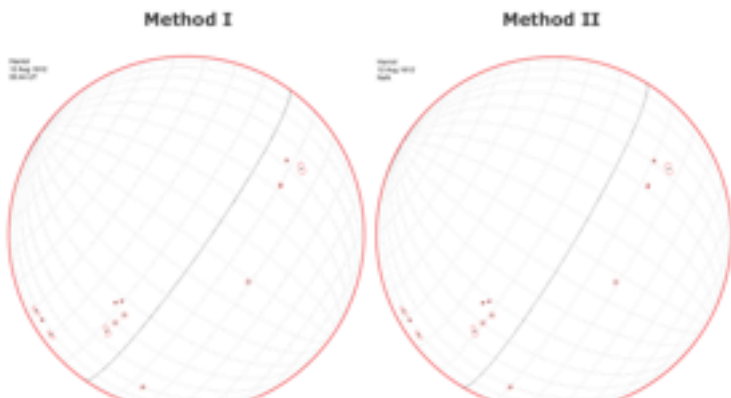
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Original note:
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Group (G)	Area (msh)
152	535
153	112
154	90
155	607
156	944
157	104
158	171



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Group (G)	Method I		Method II	
	Lat (deg)	Long (deg)	Lat (deg)	Long (deg)
152	-12.57	224.1	-15.68	220.94
153	-19.29	179.15	-19.12	175.24
154	-10.37	212.72	-12.76	209.6
155	7.27	138.54	10.28	136.72
156	24.01	107.87	28.32	106.22
157	10.83	147.46	13.27	145.93
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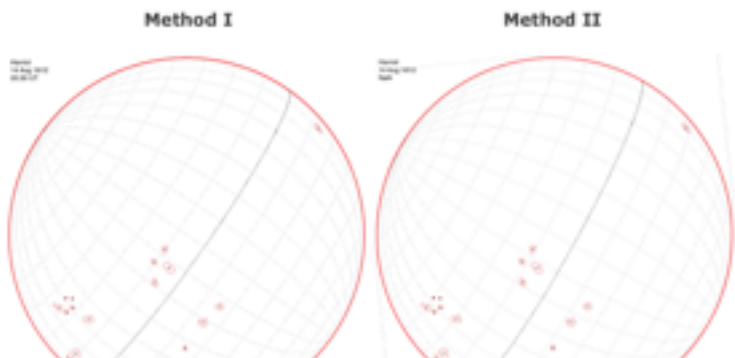
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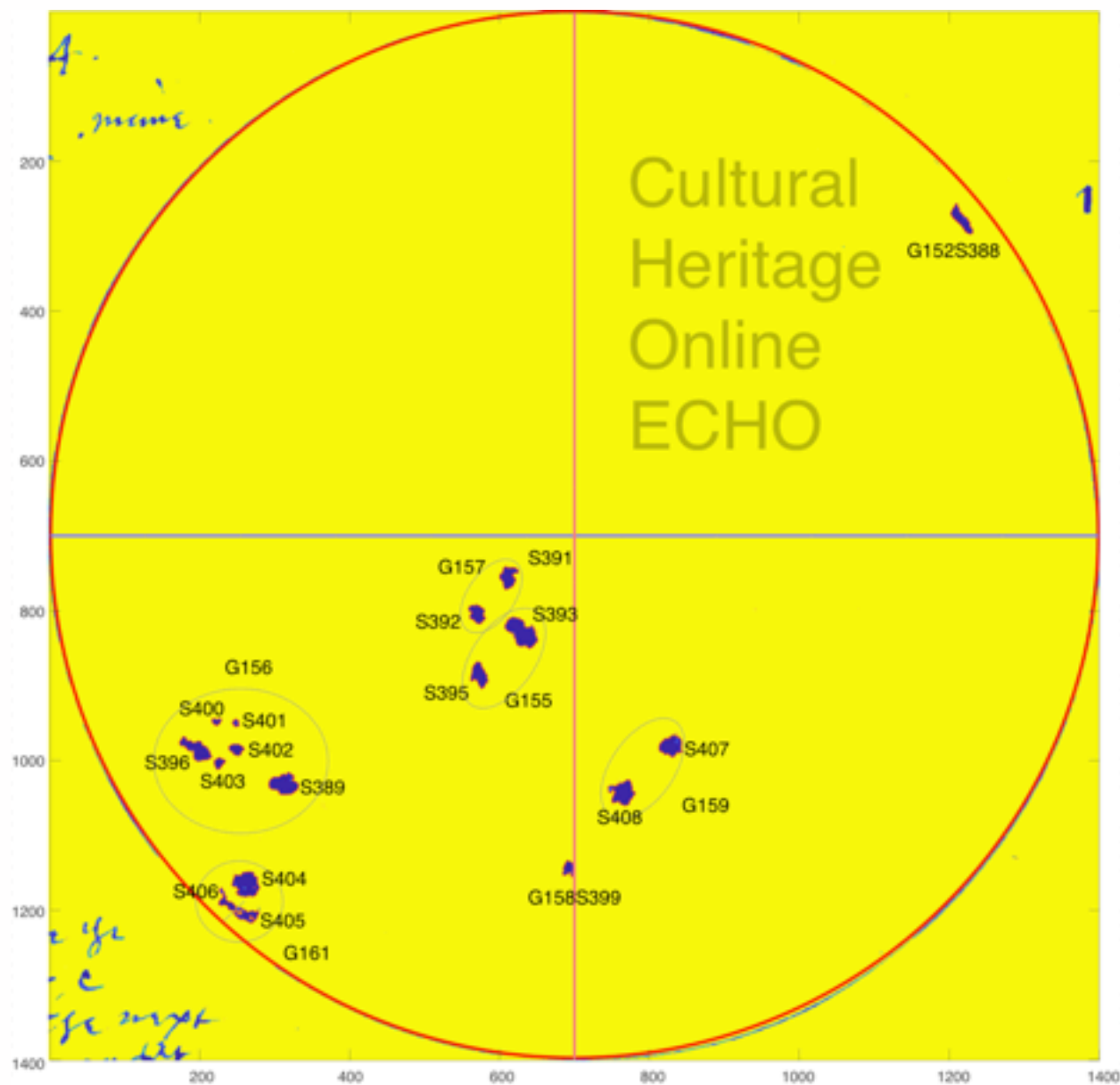
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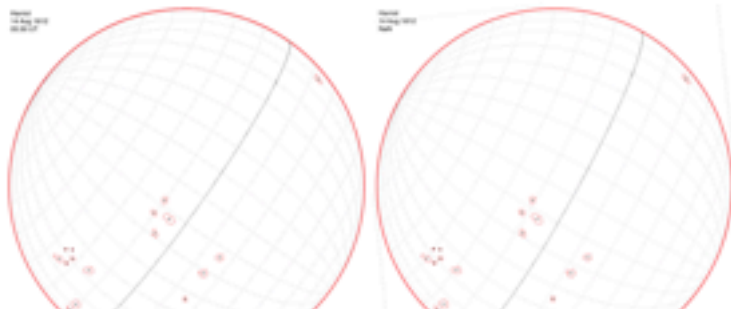
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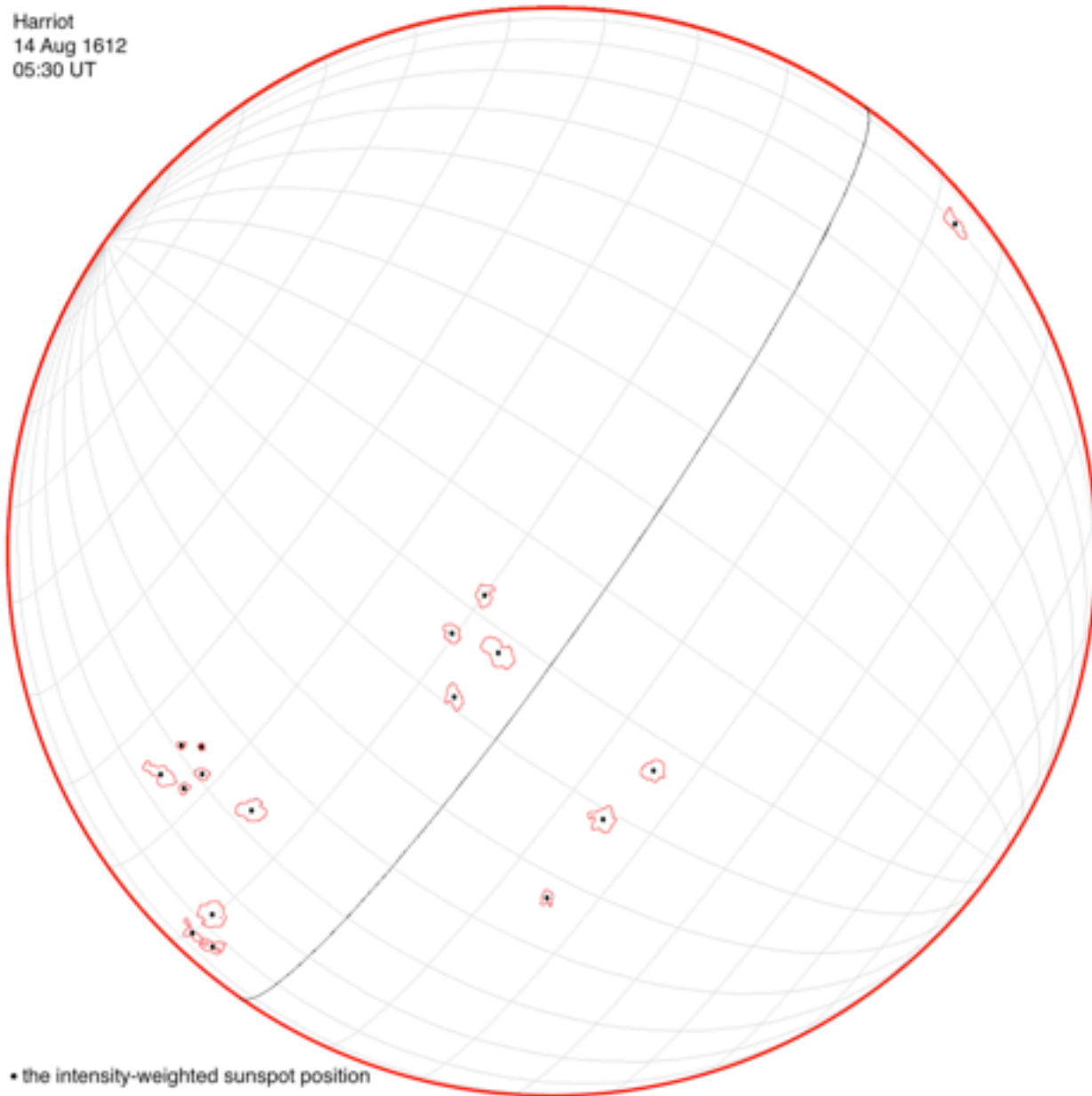
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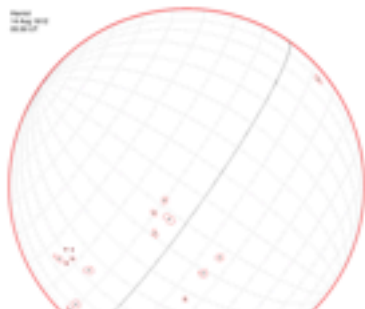
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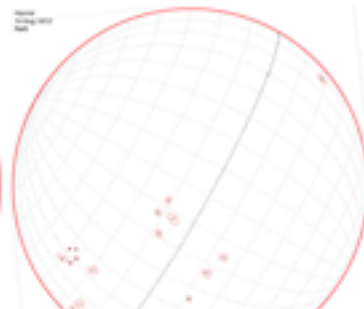


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Sunspot data

To define sunspot positions, we applied two methods (see [Heliocoordinates](#)). Both of them only optimize latitudes of sunspots, omitting their longitudinal displacement. The first one (Method I) exploits the time of observation provided by the observer. Another method (Method II) to extract sunspot positions does not take into account time of observation. Its goal is to minimize the cumulative latitude dispersion of sunspots.

The question arises: **the results of which method are more relevant?** Both methods have their advantages, nevertheless, in general, we would recommend exploiting both sunspot latitudes and longitudes from Method I. Method II itself is not aimed to precisely define the time of observation, but gives the best image rotation to define an average picture of sunspot positions. Results of Method II became more relevant comparing to those of Method I, if they were derived from small schematic drawings or in the case of large uncertainties, e.g. if the drawings were made without a projection apparatus. In these cases, sunspot data should be taken with extreme care.

Observer	Data	Reference
Thomas Harriot 18 Dec 1610 – 28 Jan 1613	Method I Method II	GN VAZ, 2020
Lodovico Cardi known as Cigoli 18 Febr – 23 Mar, 29 Apr – 6 May 18–25 Aug 1612	Method I Method II	GN VAZ, 2021
Galileo Galilei 12 Febr – 3 May 1612 19–21 Aug 1612	Method I Method II	GN VAZ, 2021
Galileo Galilei 3–11 May, 2 Jun – 8 Jul 1612	Method II	GN VZ, 2018
Sigismondo di Colonna 6 Sept – 9 Oct 1612	Method I Method II	GN VAZ, 2021
Fabio Colonna 1 Aug – 30 Sept 1613, 3 Oct 1614; Christoph Scheiner 1 Aug 1613	Method I Method II	GN VAZ, 2021
Petrus Saxonius 5–27 Mar 1616	Method II	GN VZ, 2023
Pierre Gassendi 1633 – 1638	Method II	GN VZ, 2018

Uncertainty of Sunspot Parameters Reconstructed from Early Telescopic Sunspot Observations

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Abstract We present the results of the reconstruction of the parameters of solar activity from astronomical observations in the seventeenth century. Drawings of the solar disk made by various observers differ in the observing methodology and accuracy. The distribution of the sunspot group area from historical sources was compared with that of the modern epoch. A lack of small groups of sunspots was found in early observations. This, in turn, leads to an uncertainty in the number of sunspot groups in time of given historical occurrence of group numbers is introduced by using the sunspot line groups. The latitude-time distribution of sunspots is also discussed.

Keywords Sunspots · Solar cycle · Observations

1 Introduction

Creating sunspots and their mapping on the solar disk apparently might be viewed as the largest being astrophysical measurements. First, the primary is the so-called long-time series on solar activity. However, these indices, i.e. the Sunspot Number and the Group Sunspot Number (G), gradually diverge (1) before the twentieth epoch (BOURBAFFIAN database, hereafter BDB). This suggests that at least one of these measures incorrectly represents sunspot activity in the past. A large-scale extension of sunspot indices began in 2011 on the Sunspot Number Worldwide (2). Revised and extended sunspot data (3–6) gradually improve our knowledge of solar activity through the ages (7, 8).

Figure 1 schematically shows the history of the sunspot diagrams. The period of the Maximal Minimum is known as a period of weak solar activity and decrease

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Sunspot positions and areas from observations by Thomas Harriot defined by Vokhmyanin, Arit, and Zolotova (in Solar Physics 2020, v. 295:39; <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11207-020-01684-4>).

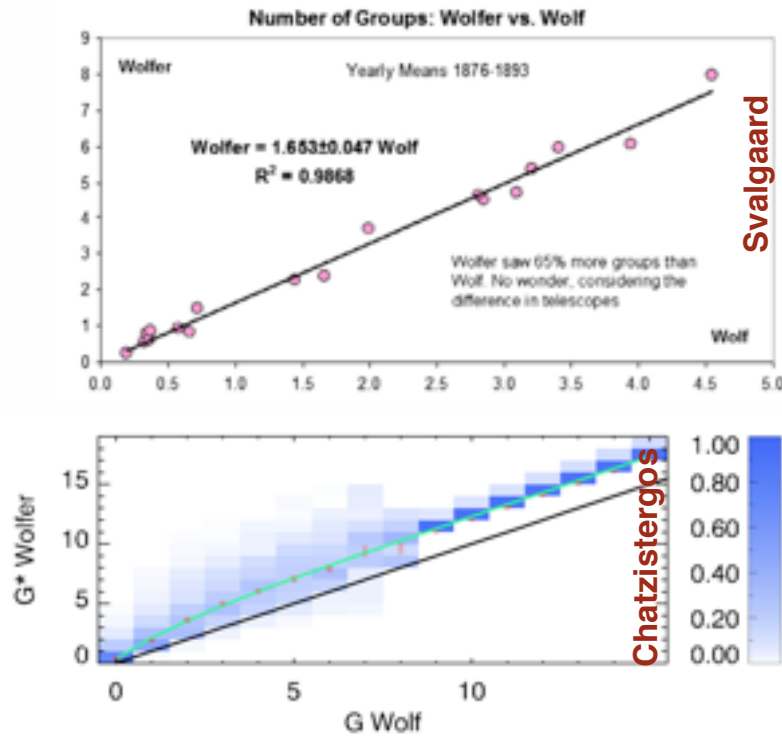
Method I: sunspot positions are defined according to the time of observation reported by Harriot (time_1). To compensate for possible inaccuracies in the time measurement in the seventeenth century, we introduced a window of one hour (+-0.5 hour around time_1; we also add sunrise-sunset limits) inside of which we minimize the difference between a sunspot latitude on a given day and the average latitude of this object over the preceding drawings (first run) and over subsequent drawings (second run). After several iterations and calculation of a weighted mean of these two runs, we determine the rotation angle (Rot) of each image. Precisely, we find the orientation of the solar axis (the angle between solar axis and zenith direction) which is $Rot = P - q$, where P is the position angle of the northern extremity of the solar rotation axis measured eastwards from the north point of the solar disc, q is the parallactic angle (the angle from the north celestial pole, not from the zenith). Finally, these parameters specify the local time (MH and MI) of the observation and other ephemeris, which in turn define sunspot heliocoordinates. Commonly, the procedure is the same as in Method II, but here the rotation of images were limited in range of +-0.5 hour around Harriot's time of observation (time_1).

Draw - number of drawing according to Harriot's numeration;
Place - location of observation;
YYYY - Year;
MM - Month;
DD - Day;
HH - UT Hour (Time of observation defined by us);
MI - Minute (Time of observation defined by us);
G - Arbitrary number of a sunspot group;
Sp - Arbitrary number of a sunspot;
BBB.BB - Heliographic latitude. Southern latitudes are negative;
LLL.LL - Heliographic longitude in the Carrington rotation frame;
B0 - Heliographic latitude of apparent disk center;
L0 - Heliographic longitude of apparent disk center;
P - Position angle;
Rot - Rotation angle of solar image in x-y plane;
q - Parallactic angle;
Alt - Altitude;
AzM - Azimuth;
Area - Area in millionths of the solar hemisphere (mah);
alpha - angular distance on the surface of the Sun from the center of the disk to the object;
time_1 time_2 and time_3 - Time of observation noted by Harriot.

Draw	Place	YYYY	MM	DD	HH	MI	G	Sp	BBB.BB	LLL.LL	B0	L0	P	Rot	q	Alt	AzM	Area	alpha	time_1	time_2	time_3	
0	Syon	1610	12	18	9	15	1	1	-21.73	245.18	-2.01	218.16	8.52	32.46	-23.95	7.16	143.28	1126	32.86	Alt 7-8 mane			
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NaN	Syon	1611	1	29	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	Harriot
observed, but did not saw spots																							
1	Syon	1611	12	11	9	59	4	4	20.05	205.84	-1.1	172.41	11.87	29.47	-17.6	11.41	153.47	793	38.99	10	NaN		
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2	Syon	1611	12	13	9	0	5	5	-14.7	140.15	-1.35	146.6	10.98	36.47	-25.49	6.2	140.56	786	14.8	8.5	8.75		
2	Syon	1611	12	13	9	0	6	6	10.69	114.87	-1.35	146.6	10.98	36.47	-25.49	6.2	140.56	1035	33.78	8.5	8.75		
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2	Syon	1611	12	13	9	0	7	10	-26.71	203.4	-1.35	146.6	10.98	36.47	-25.49	6.2	140.56	681	58.31	8.5	8.75		
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NaN	Syon	1611	12	14	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	9.5	NaN		Harriot saw
sunspots, but weather conditions are not allowed to make a drawing																							
3	Syon	1611	12	15	9	53	5	5	-18.77	139.44	-1.6	119.77	10.04	28.73	-18.7	10.59	151.79	845	25.96	10	10.25		
3	Syon	1611	12	15	9	53	6	6	7.67	119.28	-1.6	119.77	10.04	28.73	-18.7	10.59	151.79	912	9.29	10	10.25		
3	Syon	1611	12	15	9	53	6	7	13.68	114.35	-1.6	119.77	10.04	28.73	-18.7	10.59	151.79	790	16.2	10	10.25		
3	Syon	1611	12	15	9	53	6	8	13.1	106.86	-1.6	119.77	10.04	28.73	-18.7	10.59	151.79	454	19.5	10	10.25		
3	Syon	1611	12	15	9	53	6	9	8.06	111.23	-1.6	119.77	10.04	28.73	-18.7	10.59	151.79	958	12.88	10	10.25		
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4	Syon	1611	12	18	9	49	6	6	4.12	120.97	-1.98	80.28	8.62	28.07	-19.45	10.06	150.63	809	41.11	9.5	NaN		
4	Syon	1611	12	18	9	49	6	7	11.3	115.82	-1.98	80.28	8.62	28.07	-19.45	10.06	150.63	533	37	9.5	NaN		

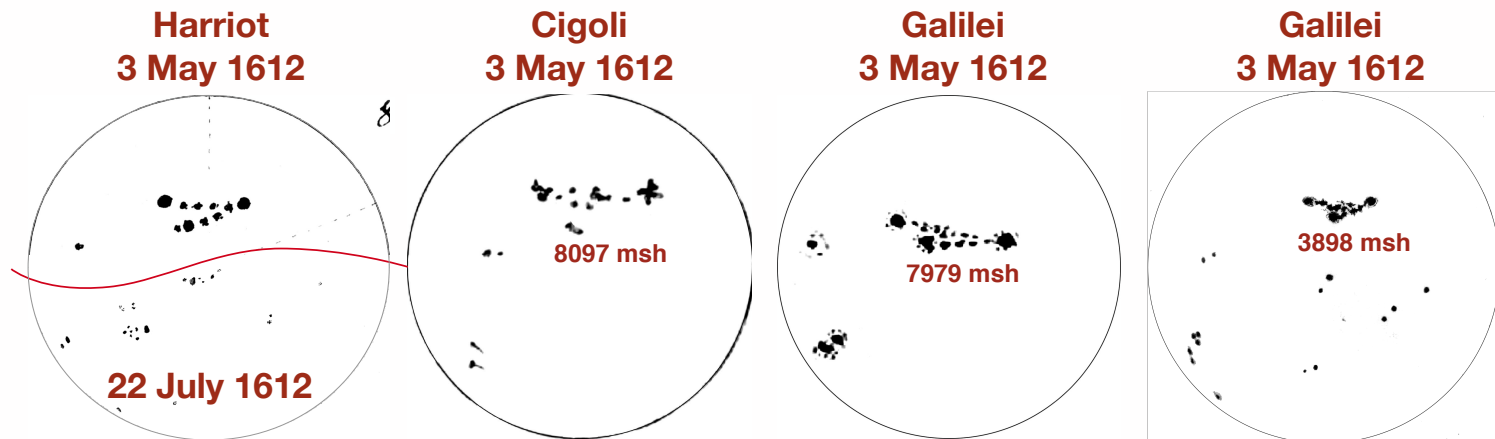
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25	7
19	9
15	2
13	8
11	6



$$GN_1 = k \cdot GN_2$$

Reconstructed sunspot parameters crucially depend on the observation technique and size of drawings;
 Analysis of original drawings may improve recalibration of the Sunspot-Number



Conclusions



We reconstruct numbers, areas (umbra and penumbra) and positions of individual sunspots and their groups in the 17th century. An open catalog of historical sunspot drawings may be helpful for the sunspot-number recalibration effort.

The majority of the observations by the Eimmart Observatory were primarily for astrometric purposes (like solar altitude measurements) rather than aimed at counting sunspots. The same is suggested for the observations by La Hire in Paris.

Long-living sunspots apparently were an activity nests or magnetic activity complex, where new magnetic flux emerges near a pre-existing active region.

The spatio-temporal distribution of sunspots is gradually reconstructed. The butterfly pattern is persisted in the 17th century.

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