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How do you fry a planet?

- How far do exoplanets need to be from their stars to lose their water?
- We looked at planets with a wider variety of rotation states and orbits than previous studies, and around many types of stars. We used VPlanet to calculate tidal heating and ROCKE-3D to run over 150 climate simulations.
- Planets in 2:1 and 3:2 resonant states and on eccentric orbits are far more vulnerable to drying out than synchronous rotation planets.

Examples of Surface Temperature maps (degrees Celsius) for 10 simulations with planets heated only by stellar radiation (left) and less stellar but added tidal heating (right).