

ASTR 3070 Week 07a (Solar System & Exoplanets)

$$F = \frac{L}{A} = \frac{L}{4\pi d^2} ; \text{ flux}$$

$$L_{\text{sun}} = A \sigma_{\text{sun}} T^4 = 4\pi R^2 \sigma_{\text{sun}} T^4 ; \text{ Luminos.}$$

Sun produces L_{\odot} energy / time

Maximum energy a planet can absorb / reflect
is $F(d) \cdot \text{cross-section} (\sigma_p)$

$$\frac{L_{\odot}}{4\pi d_p^2} \pi R_p^2 = \frac{1}{4} L_{\odot} \left(\frac{R_p}{d_p}\right)^2$$

Define albedo as fraction of light reflected:
 $A = \frac{E_{\text{reflected}}}{E_{\text{incident}}}$

Rate of energy absorption by planet is

$$\begin{aligned} W_p &= F(d) \cdot \sigma_p (1-A) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} L_{\odot} \left(\frac{R_p}{d}\right)^2 (1-A) \end{aligned}$$

Other fundamental properties: mass, dens.
(infer what they're made of)

$$P^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{G(M+m)} a^3$$

planet satellite $m \ll M$

$$M_p \approx \frac{4\pi^2 a^3}{G P^2}$$

What about radius? Use angular size

$$R_p \approx \theta d; \quad d \text{ is distance from us, but can figure out}$$

The density is then $\rho = \frac{M}{V}$

$$\rho = \frac{M_p}{\frac{4}{3}\pi R_p^3}$$

$$\text{Rocky: } \rho = 3000 - 5500 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

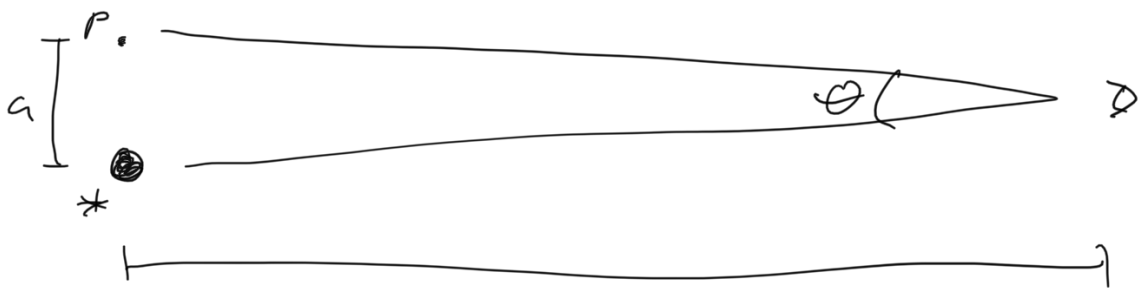
$$\text{Gas: } \rho = 700 - 2000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

$$\text{H}_2\text{O: } \rho = 1000 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

Detecting Exoplanets

★ Why is it so hard to detect planets around other stars?

- stars are bright, planets reflect a small fraction of ^{that} light, & stars are far away, so the light is hard to distinguish



$$d = a / \theta$$

↑ radians

angle star shifts due to planet:

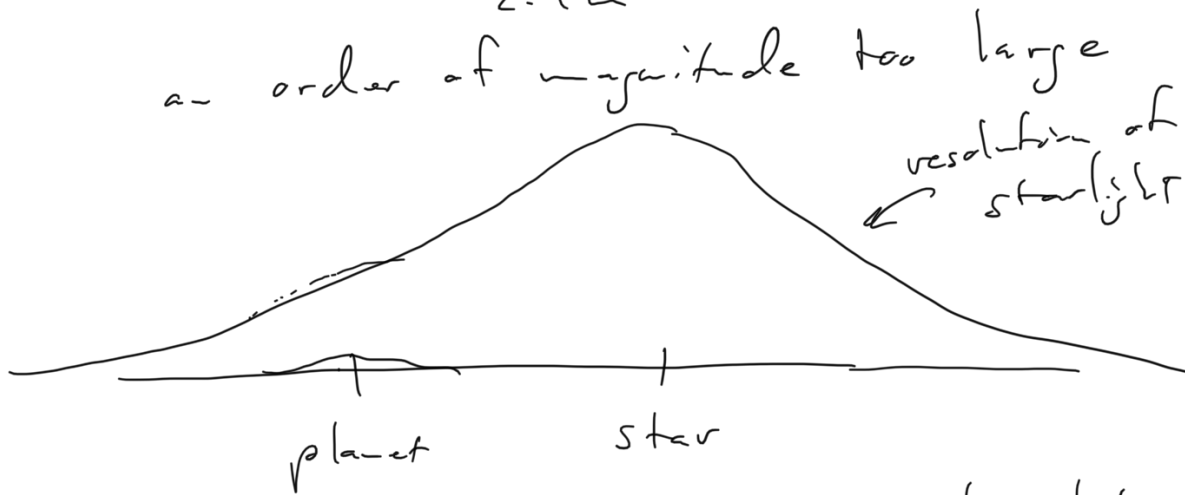
$$\theta_{\#} = 0.009'' \left(\frac{m_p / M_{\#}}{0.001} \right) \left(\frac{a}{5.2 \text{ AU}} \right) \left(\frac{d}{1.3 \text{ pc}} \right)$$

Jupiter's separation from Proxima Centauri is $\sim 9''$ (max)

- On the Earth's surface, atmosphere blurs images (just like on a hot day in the desert), limiting $\theta \gtrsim 1''$
- In space, $\theta \gtrsim \frac{\lambda}{D}$; Hubble $D = 2.4 \text{ m}$

$$\text{so } \theta \approx \frac{400 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}}{2.9 \text{ m}} = 0.03''$$

an order of magnitude too large



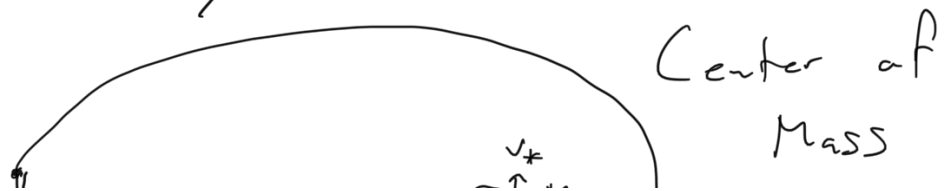
↳ in reality, starlight much brighter

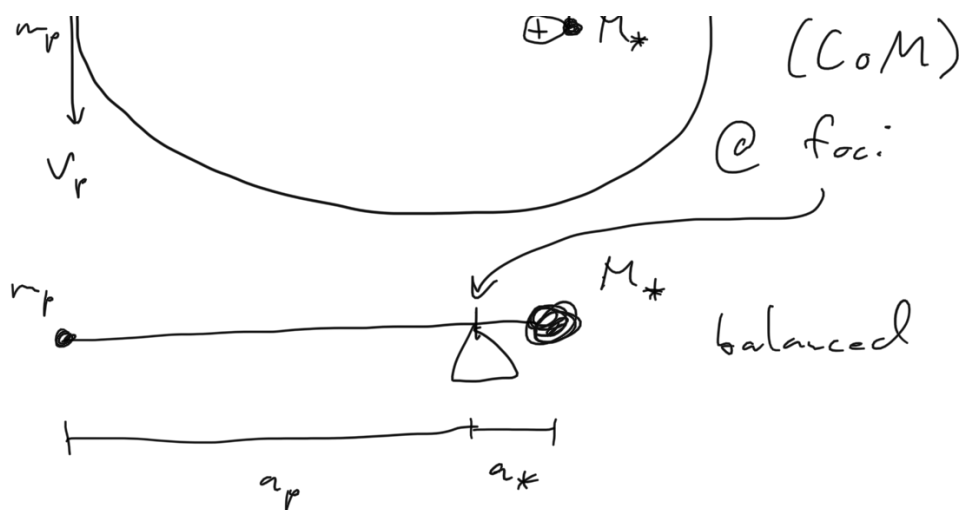
Direct imaging very challenging

Radial velocities also hard, but comparatively easier

↳ look @ ^{how} spectral lines shift over time due to the induced motion caused by gravity of a planet on its star

★ Stars are NOT @ the foci of elliptical orbits → they also orbit





$$\frac{m_p}{M_*} = \frac{a_*}{a_p}$$

Always keep the focus / CoM b/f then
so their periods are the same

$$P = \frac{2\pi a_p}{V_p} = \frac{2\pi a_*}{V_*} \quad (\text{circular vel. or avg.})$$

$$\frac{V_p}{V_*} = \frac{a_p}{a_*} = \frac{M_*}{m_p}$$

Radial velocities come from Doppler shifts:

$$\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{c}$$

measure this ↗

↖ infer this

Find the velocity of the star,
↳ can infer the velocity of a planet
↳ estimate M_* somehow, use to
get v_p !

Velocities are small: Jupiter is
 $1000\times$ ↓ mass than \odot , $v_J = 13 \text{ km/s}$
so $v_0 = 13 \text{ m/s}$

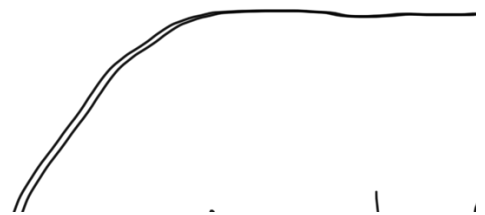
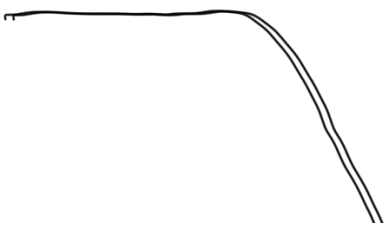
$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{13 \text{ m/s}}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}} \sim 4 \times 10^{-8}$$

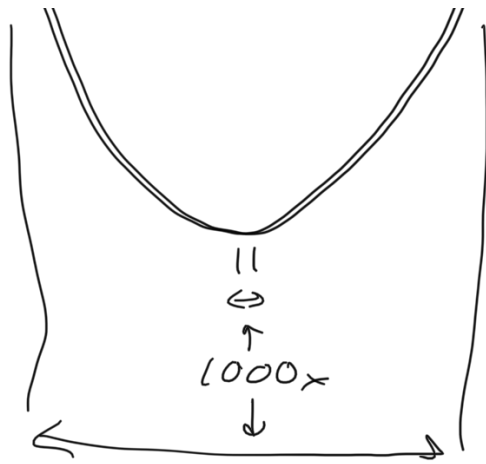
Measure λ to about ~~then~~ 1 part
in 100 million

But the width of a line due to
thermal motions is $\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} \sim 3 \times 10^{-7} \left(\frac{T}{1\text{K}}\right)^{1/2}$

For H in a solar-like star, $T = 5780\text{K}$,

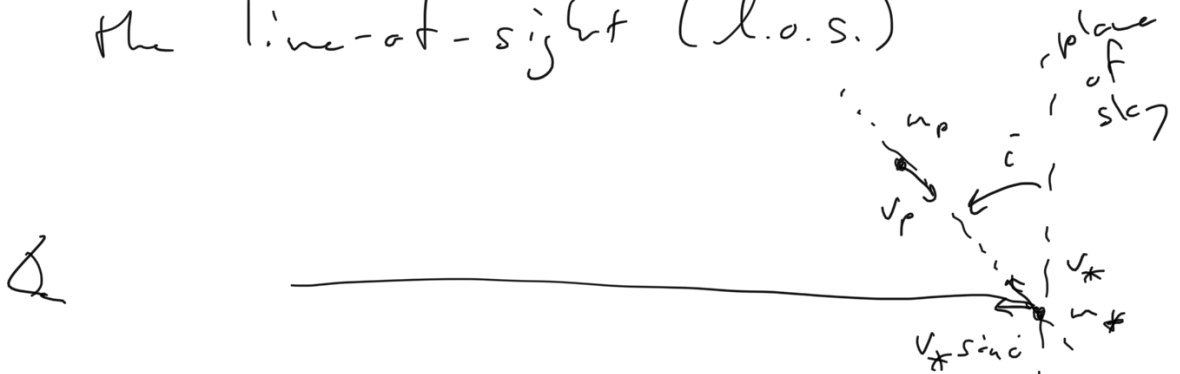
$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} \sim 2 \times 10^{-5}, \quad 1000\times \text{ wider than the shift}$$





Very hard
 But easier
 if planet was
 massive & close

But, only measure velocity along
 the line-of-sight (l.o.s.)



Using Kepler's 3rd law

$$m_p \sin i \approx \left(\frac{M_* p}{2\pi G} \right)^{1/3} \underbrace{v_* \sin i}_{\text{measure}} \quad \text{infer}$$

calc. this

So, only get limit on mass of planet
 w/o some other way to constrain i

$$m_p \geq m_p \sin i$$

... to detect motions for

not, harder to observe
orientations w/ small i

Selection Effects

- what you observe does not necessarily correspond to the true underlying population, but can be biased by the detection method

Radial velocity method favors massive planets near the star (can detect in a shorter time plus velocity larger)
& orbital planes aligned - low i .

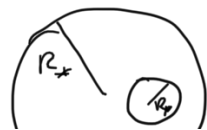
Transit Method (3rd way)

- see the flux from a star dip as a planet passes in front of it

★ What are some selection effects of this method?

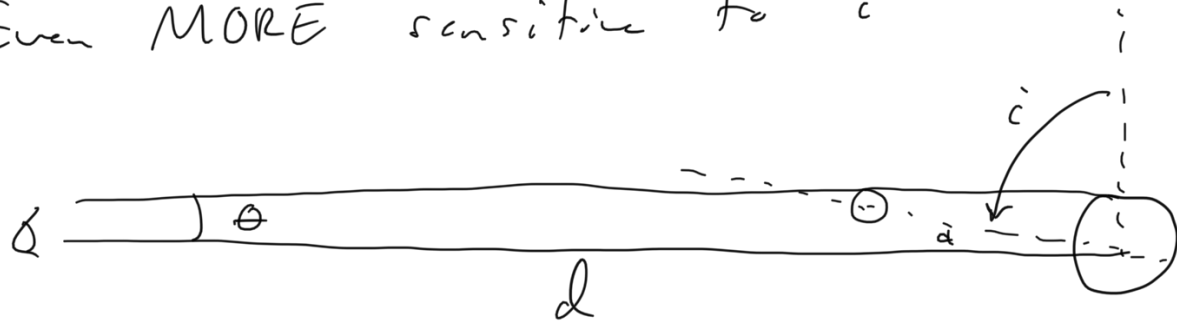
Dips are small

$$\frac{\Delta F}{F} = \frac{\pi R_p^2}{\pi R_*^2}$$



$$R_J \sim 0.1 R_\odot, \quad \frac{\Delta F}{F} \sim 0.01$$

Even MORE sensitive to i



To see a transit, $\cos i \leq \frac{R_* + R_p}{a}$

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