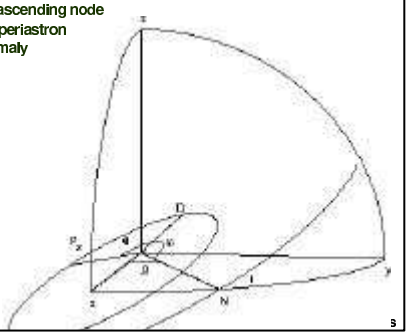
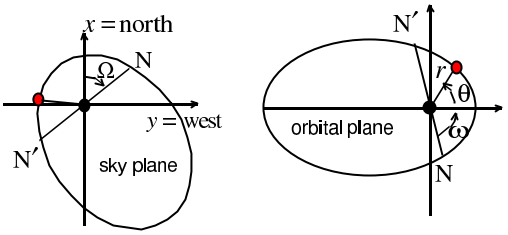
Orbit in Space

- x, y = north, west on sky plane thru m1 at x,y=0, observer at -z.
- *i* = inclination between sky and orbit planes
- N = ascending node, m2 crosses x-y plane in +z direction
  Ω = longitude of ascending node
  ϖ = longitude of periastron
- theta = true anomaly



Relative orbit on the Sky



$$x = x'\cos\Omega + y'\sin\Omega\cos i$$
$$y = x'\sin\Omega - y'\cos\Omega\cos i$$
$$z = y'\sin i$$

$$x' = r\cos(\Theta+\omega)$$
$$y' = r\sin(\Theta+\omega)$$

Orbital Elements

specific angular momentum :

$$L_x = L\sin i\sin\Omega$$
$$L_y = -L\sin i\cos\Omega$$
$$L_z = -L\cos i$$

7 orbital elements :

size (a), shape (e),
orientation in space (i,ω,Ω)
and in time (T,P).

Spectroscopic Binaries

- **m2 at (r, Θ + ϖ)**
  - project along the line of nodes: r cos(Θ+ ϖ)
  - perpendicular to line of nodes: r sin(Θ+ ϖ)
    - project along line of sight: z = r sin(Θ+ ϖ) sin i
- **radial velocities along line-of sight**

$$V_{rad} = \dot{z} = \sin i\left[\dot{r}\sin(\Theta+\omega) + r\dot{\Theta}\cos(\Theta+\omega)\right]$$

use $$r = \frac{a(1-e^2)}{1+e\cos\Theta} \rightarrow \dot{r} = \frac{e\sin\Theta)\, r\dot{\Theta}}{1+e\cos\Theta}$$

and Kepler's 2nd Law $$r^2\dot{\Theta} = \frac{2\pi a^2(1-e^2)^{1/2}}{P}$$

$$\boxed{V_{rad} = \frac{2\pi a\sin i}{P\sqrt{1-e^2}}\left[\cos(\Theta+\omega) + e\cos(\omega)\right]}$$

Spectroscopic Orbital Velocities

$$V_{rad} = K\left[\cos(\theta+\omega) + e\cos\omega\right] + \gamma$$
$$K = \frac{2\pi a\sin i}{P\sqrt{1-e^2}}$$

ascending node: $\cos(\theta+\omega) = +1$

$$V_{max} = K\left[e\cos\omega + 1\right] + \gamma$$

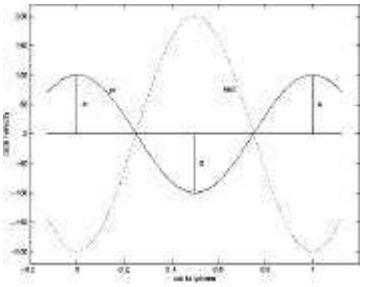
descending node: $\cos(\theta+\omega) = -1$

$$V_{min} = K\left[e\cos\omega - 1\right] + \gamma$$

semi-amplitude:

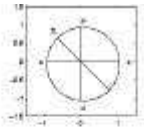
$$K \equiv (V_{max} - V_{min})/2$$

Circular Orbit



- $K_1 = 100$ km/s $K_2 = 200$ km/s $q = m_2/m_1 = 0.5$

Radial Velocities



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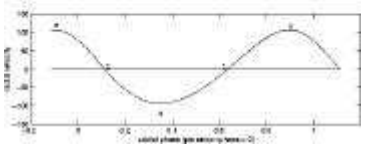
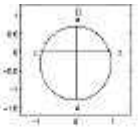
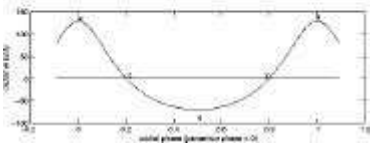


e = 0.1, ϖ = 45°

Radial Velocities

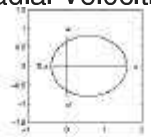


Less time near periastron

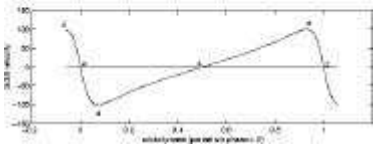


e = 0.3, ω = 0°

Radial Velocities

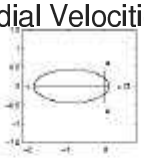


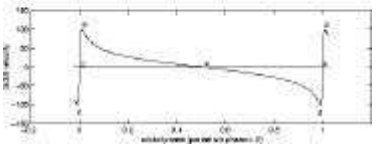
Max /Min velocity at ascending/descending nodes



- *e=0.6 , ϖ= 90°*

Radial Velocities





- *e=0.9 , ϖ= 270°*

Orbits from radial velocities

- **Observations *n* radial velocity measurements:**
  - $V_r(i)$ at times $t(i)$ $i = 1 \ldots n$
- **Elliptical orbit model:**

$$E - e\sin E = \frac{2\pi}{P}(t - T)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1+e}{1-e}\right)^{1/2} \tan\left(\frac{E}{2}\right)$$

$$V_r = K\left(\cos(\theta + \omega) + e\cos\omega\right) + \lambda$$

- **Best fit determines (*K, e, ω, γ, T, P*)**
- **e.g. using a least squares procedure**

Minimum masses

SB2 : measure P, K_1, K_2, e

$$K_i = \frac{2\pi\, a_i \sin i}{P\sqrt{1-e^2}} \quad \rightarrow \quad a_i \sin i = \frac{\sqrt{1-e^2}}{2\pi} K_i\, P$$

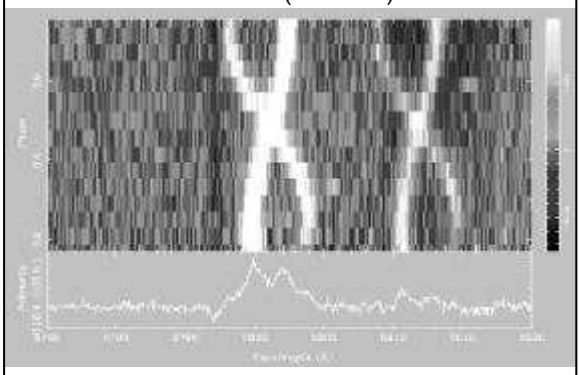
$$m_1 = M\,\frac{a_2}{a} = \frac{4\pi^2\, a^2\, a_2}{G\, P^2}$$

$$m_1 \sin^3 i = \frac{4\pi^2 a^2\, a_2 \sin^3 i}{G\, P^2} = \frac{\left(1-e^2\right)^{3/2} (K_1 + K_2)^2 K_2\, P}{2\pi\, G}$$

SB1 : measure P, K_1, e, calculate the mass function :

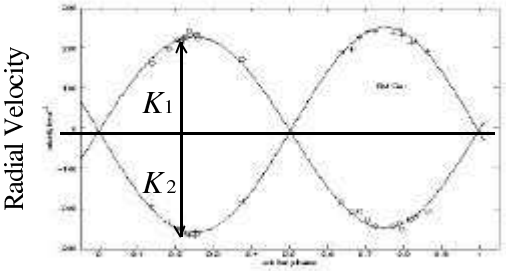
$$f(m_2) = \frac{m_2^3 \sin^3 i}{M^2} = \frac{\left(1-e^2\right)^{3/2} K_1^3\, P}{2\pi\, G}$$

KV Vel (sdO+M)



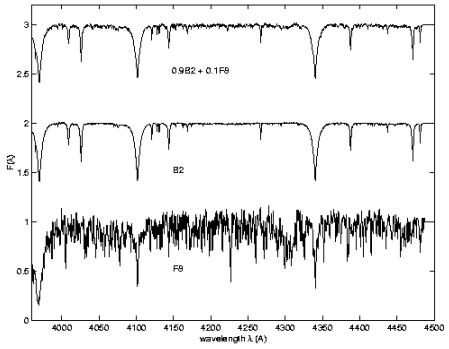
EM Car (O8V+O8V)

observe : $K = V \sin i$

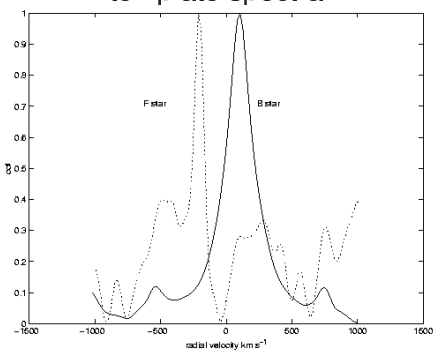


Orbital Phase

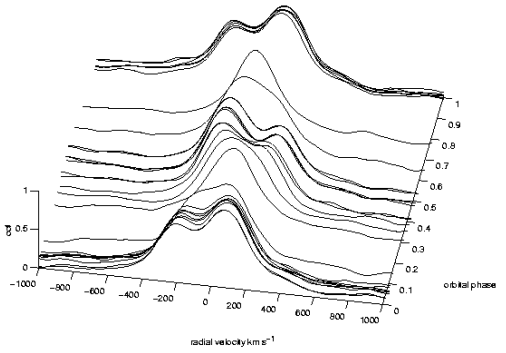
Composite spectrum
(90% B2 + 10% F8)



Cross-correlate with B2 and F8 template spectra



LZ Cep (O9.5V + O9.5V)



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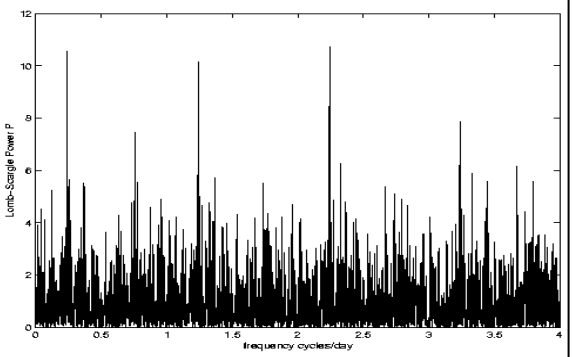

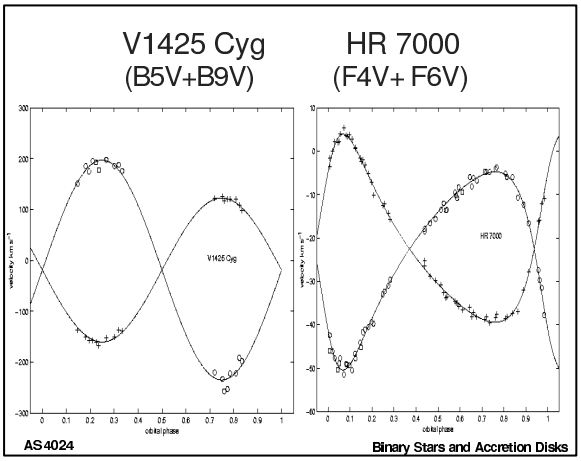
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