Reading list ...

- Fischer et al. chapter in PPVI, Exoplanet Detection Techniques
- Chapter 2 in Exoplanets (Fischer & Lovis) pg 27 - 53. (RV method)
- Wright 2018 (chapter in 2018 Handbook)

Radial Velocity (RV) Detection:

- Early 20th century RV precision ~ 1 km/s
- By late 80s / early 90s ---> 10 m/s (3 m/s by 1995, detection of 51 Peg b)
- By 2005, ~ I m/s.

RV discoveries (up to 2014)



General orientation of orbit:



reference plane tangent to celestial sphere



4.
$$a = a_1 + a_2 = \frac{P}{2\pi}(V_1 + V_2)$$

5. $M_1 + M_2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{G}\frac{a^3}{P^2}$

7.

 $1 \rightarrow \star \text{ and } 2 \rightarrow p \ (M \star >> m_p)$

 $m_p^3 \simeq \frac{P}{2\pi G} \left(\frac{V_{\star,rad}}{\sin(i)}\right)^3 M_{\star}^2$

unknowns

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 Still the circular (e = 0) case

Usually express the observable (RV semi-amplitude) K as function of P (or a), $M_P sin(i)$, M*.

$$K_{\star} = 28.4 \text{ms}^{-1} \left(\frac{P}{1yr}\right)^{-1/3} \left(\frac{M_p \sin(i)}{M_J}\right) \left(\frac{M_{\star}}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{-2/3}$$

K is directly proportional to $M_P sin(i)$.



$$v_{r,\star} = K(\cos(\omega + \nu)) + e\cos(\omega))$$

(rad. vel. semiamplitude) $K = (v_{r,max} - v_{r,min})/2$

note: reference plane tangent to celestial sphere

$$v_{r,\star} = K(\cos(\omega + \nu)) + e\cos(\omega)) + (\gamma + d(t))$$



TABLE 1. Radial velocity signals for different kinds of planets orbiting a solar-mass star.

Planet	a (AU)	$K_1 (m s^{-1})$
Jupiter	0.1	89.8
Jupiter	1.0	28.4
Jupiter	5.0	12.7
Neptune	0.1	4.8
Neptune	1.0	1.5
Super Earth (5 M_{\oplus})	0.1	1.4
Super Earth (5 M_{\oplus})	1.0	0.45
Earth	0.1	0.28
Earth	1.0	0.09



detection limits obtained from earlier equations.

minimum mass $m_P sin(i)$

 If planetary systems are randomly oriented (i between 0 and 90°):

Average of $sin(i) = 2/pi \sim 0.6$

• probability of i being between two values:

$$P = |\cos(i_2) - \cos(i_1)|$$

 87% chance that m_psin(i) is within a factor of 2 of actual m_p

Measuring RVs (basic idea)



Doppler Shift

relativistic part is grav. potential (at the observer) and this changes over a year due to earth's eccentricity.

- the usual beta^2 part is the 1 - v^2/ c^2 part

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 \frac{1 + \frac{1}{c}\hat{k} \cdot \vec{v}_{obs}}{1 - \frac{\Phi_{obs}}{c^2} - \frac{v_{obs}^2}{2c^2}}$$

Relativistic terms are usually ignored. However, they can vary by ~ 0.1 m/s over a year (Earth's orbit).

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 \left(1 + \frac{v}{c}\right)$$

note: vel. > 0 for motion away from observer

- must correct for Earth's motion (barycentric correction)
- This requires precise clocking of observations (including precise knowledge of where your telescope is located).

Measuring RVs (basic idea)

You must have a reference spectrum to determine the wavelength calibration.

- use telluric lines (Griffin & Griffin, 1973)
- gas-cell (Walker & Campbell, 1979, HF), lodine is the modern choice. HIRES/Keck
- simultaneous references spectrum, Thorium-argon lamp (lamp + star spectrum recorded simultaneously) ELODIE, SOPHIE, CORALIE, HARPS
- other "fancy" methods ...

cross-dispersed echelle spectrograph

wavelength



star+lamp spectrum (51 Peg)



orders

Quality Factor and theoretical RV limit



Bouchy et al. 2001

Quality Factor and theoretical RV limit



Spectral Resolution:

- Resolving Power: $R = \lambda / \Delta \lambda = c / \Delta v$
- R = 100,000 --> dlam ~ 0.05 angst, in the optical.
- I m/s shift ---> I/3000 of a resolution element, for R ~ 100,000.
- Typical RV instruments disperse light such that 1 m/s doppler shift corresponds to a shift on the detector of ~ 1/1000 of a pixel.

Quality Factor and theoretical RV limit



- Measuring tiny fractions of a pixel requires many spectral lines. Usual spectrum might contain ~ 1000 good lines.
- Modeling and cross-correlation techniques allow greater RV precision than is achieved on a single line.
- 30 m/s per line can result in 1 m/s (for high SNR spectrum with many lines).

cross-correlation of many orders



high SNR

low SNR



blaze wavelengths



blaze wavelengths

RV precision depends on:

- number of spectral lines / wavelength
- FWHM of the lines (contrast with continuum)
- signal-to-noise (SNR) of the data
- stability of the instrument and wavelength reference

- The goals are to measure relative RV (not absolute) to high precision and have repeatability, night-to-night, for many years.
- The instrument must be ultra-stable or the calibration near-perfect and repeatable (preferably both).

What are the things you might control?

- changes in spectrograph
- variation in instrument illumination

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Thermal stability

- A I-meter optical bench made of aluminum expands or contracts by ~ 20 microns for every I K change in temperature.
- 20 microns is about the size of one CCD pixel.
- Such shifts are comparable to, or larger than, the RV change one wants to measure.

Image Stability



 A changes in the illumination across the entrance of the spectrograph can produce wavelength shifts exceeding 100 m/s. Telescope guiding never good enough.

Fiber-scramblers:



Single Mode = Single Light Path

< 10 um (perfect scramble)



a.

Multi-Mode = Multiple Light Paths

50 -- 500 um (good scramble)

input

output (intermediate)

output (to spectrograph)

"perfect" multi-mode fiber (I is good, 2 is better, aka double-scrambler)



(Queloz 1999)

Very stabilized instruments: HARPS @ 3.6m at ESO/Chile



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- Pressure controlled to 10⁻³ mbar
- Optical bench controlled to 1 mK
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A second fiber feed a simultaneous calibration source.

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Gas cell technique





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Gas cell technique: It is a little more complicated (involves forward modeling of spectrum)



Butler et al. 1996, PASP, 108, 500

Calibrated instruments: HIRES@ 10m Keck telescope in Hawaii



Spectrograph not particularly stabilized.

Which stars to observe?





Solar-type (The Sun) stars:







quantum-efficiency



quantum-efficiency



Rotational Broadening:



• young stars have larger rotational velocities, and are more active.





- near peak of QE
- low Vsin(i)
- metal-rich
- old FGK-type = sweet-spot



Problem: areas on the surface with different velocities and brightnesses + changes with time



P-modes (acoustic pressure waves)



The sun oscillates with a characteristic timescale of five minutes.

The timescale scales as sqrt(density), so lowermass stars have longer timescales, and highermass stars have shorter timescales.

Amplitude is approximately 1 m/s.





Granulation

Convective cells on the surface. The bright center is the upwelling of hot gas, and the dark edges are the downward motion of cooler gas.

Length ~ 1000 km Timescale ~ 10 minutes Velocity ~ 1 km/s Number ~ 10⁶

Spots



A few words about Fourier Transforms

Fourier Transform f(a)

$$\sigma) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x) e^{2\pi i x \sigma} dx$$

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$$

Inverse Fourier Transform

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\sigma) e^{-2\pi i x \sigma} dx$$

$$f(\sigma) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_{\rm R}(x) \cos 2\pi x \sigma dx + i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_{\rm I}(x) \cos 2\pi x \sigma dx$$
$$+ i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_{\rm R}(x) \sin 2\pi x \sigma dx - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_{\rm I}(x) \sin 2\pi x \sigma dx$$



Fig. 2.1. The arbitrary real function $F_{\rm R}(x)$ is multiplied by $\sin 2\pi x \sigma$ to give the bottom curve. The area is the value of the transform $f(\sigma)$ for one value of σ .

see Gray, 3rd ed. chapter 2

The professor's watch



Time

The professor's watch



Frequency (Hz)

Sub-saturn mass planet HD3651



"Power Spectrum" (or Lomb-Scargle periodogram, Lomb 1976)

$$P_{v}(\omega) = \frac{1}{N} |FT_{v}(\omega)|^{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N_{0}} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{N_{0}} v(t_{j}) \exp(-i\omega t_{j}) \right|^{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N_{0}} \left[\left(\sum_{j} v_{j} \cos(\omega t_{j}) \right)^{2} + \left(\sum_{j} v_{j} \sin(\omega t_{j}) \right)^{2} \right]$$

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Example from HARPS southern survey, some planets orbiting active star BD-08 2823 (Hebrard et al. 2010)



How many planets do you see?



How many planets do you see?




Combined Fits to the data



What about the planet at 1 day?





This is an active star

Seven planets around a single star (HD10180)



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Lovis et al. 2011, A&A, 528, 112

Activity and RVs

HD166435: spots masquerading as a planet!



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