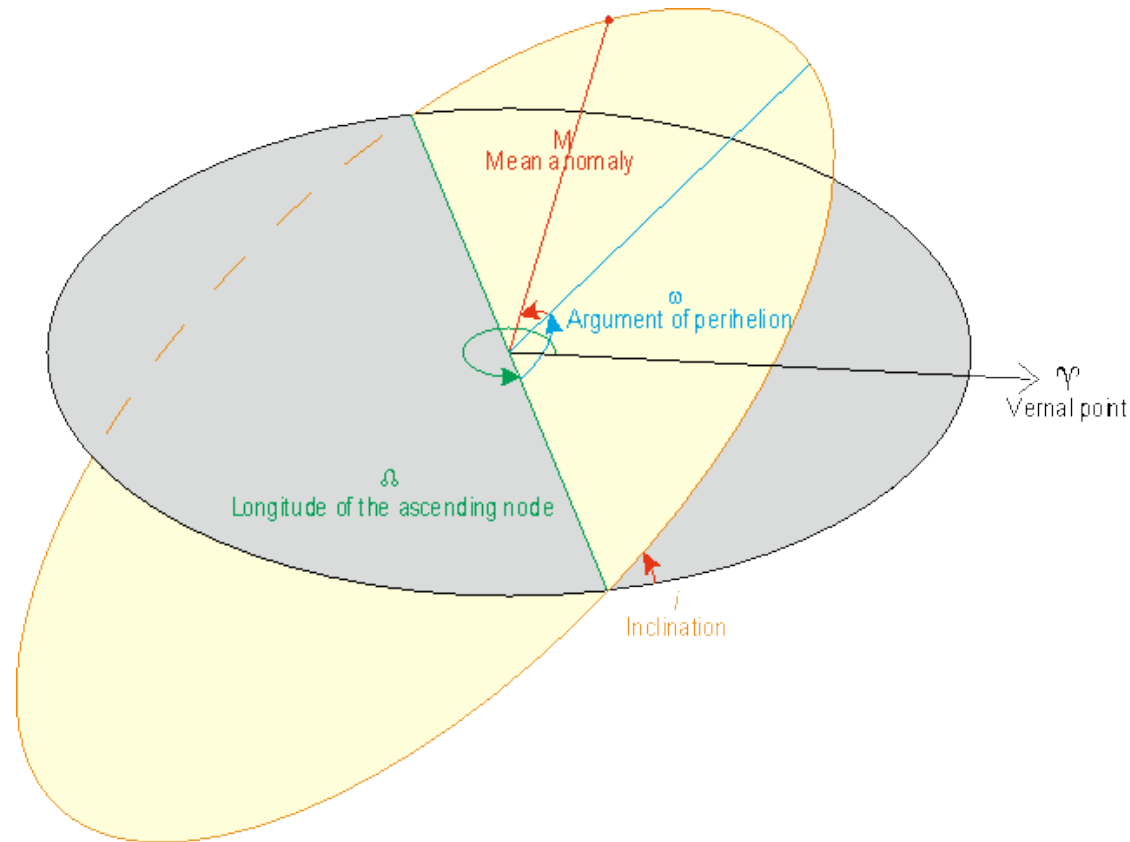


# Keplerian Orbits



### Not Derived by radial velocities

$\Omega$ : angle between Vernal equinox and angle of ascending node direction (orientation of orbit in sky)

$i$ : orbital inclination (unknown and cannot be determined)

### Derived by radial velocities

$P$ : period of orbit

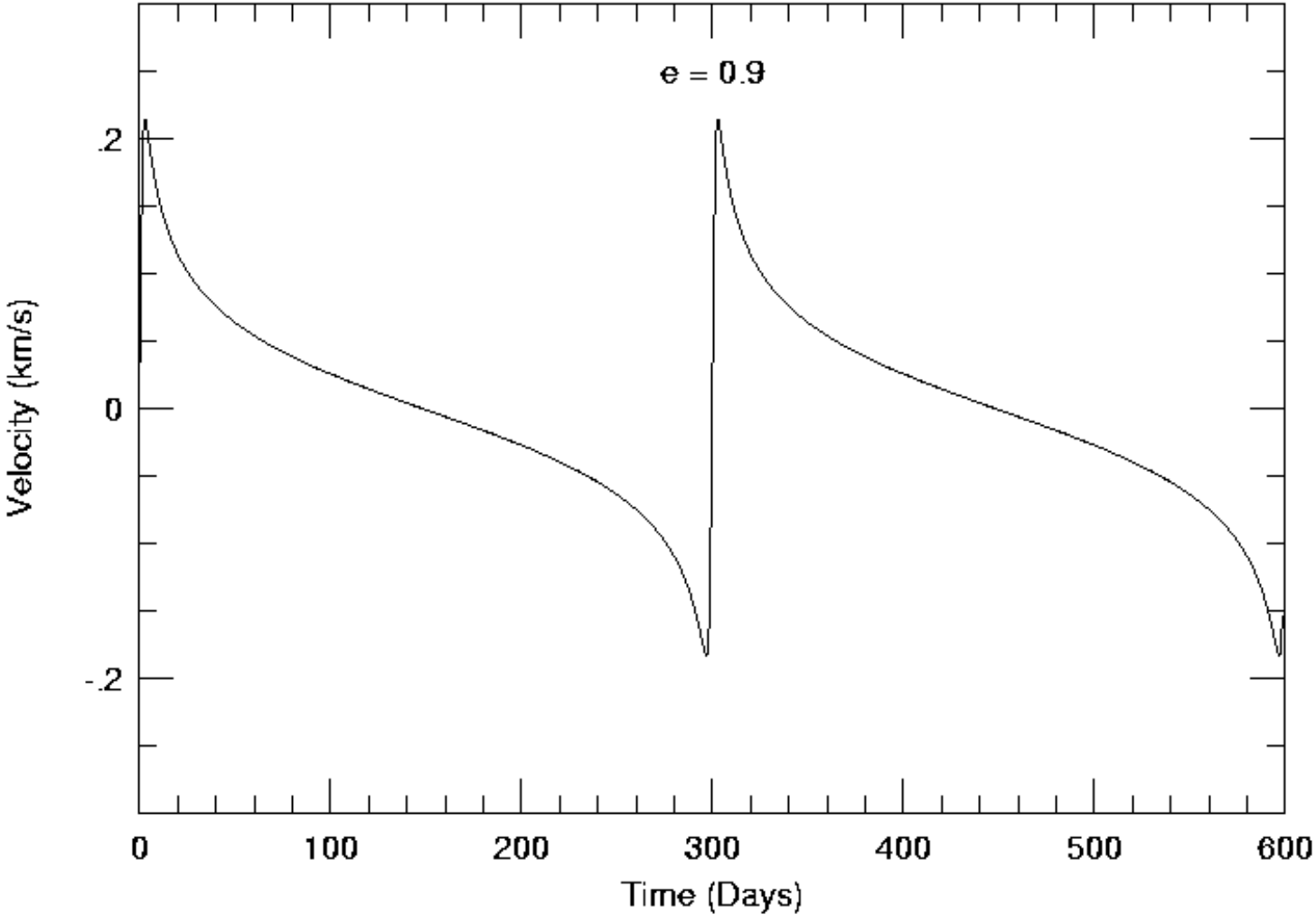
$\omega$ : orientation of periastron

$e$ : eccentricity

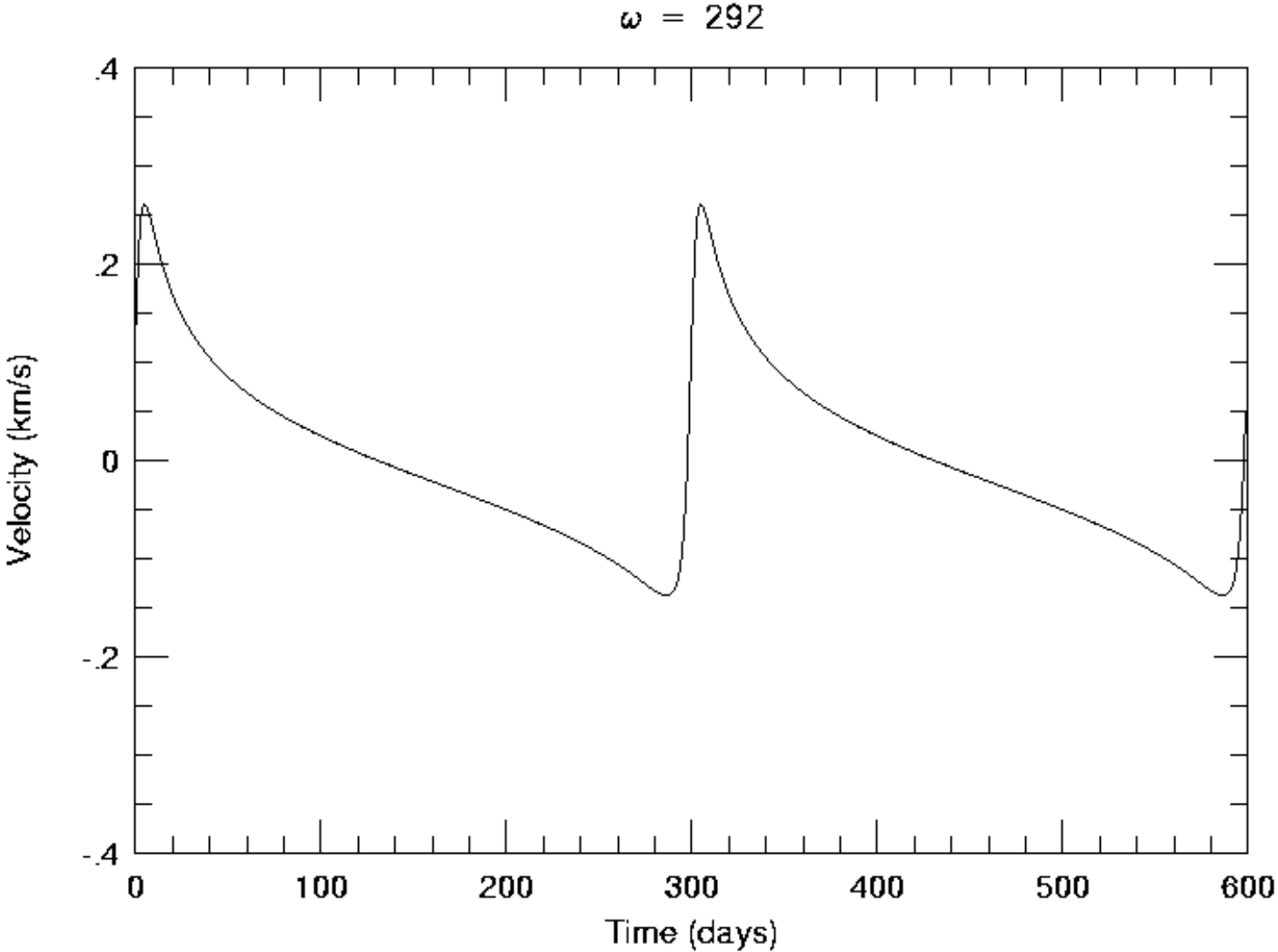
$M$  or  $T$ : Epoch

$K$ : velocity amplitude

Radial velocity shape as a function of eccentricity:



Radial velocity shape as a function of  $\omega$ ,  $e = 0.7$  :



## Resources

### *The Nebraska Astronomy Applet: An Online Laboratory for Astronomy*

<http://astro.unl.edu/naap/>

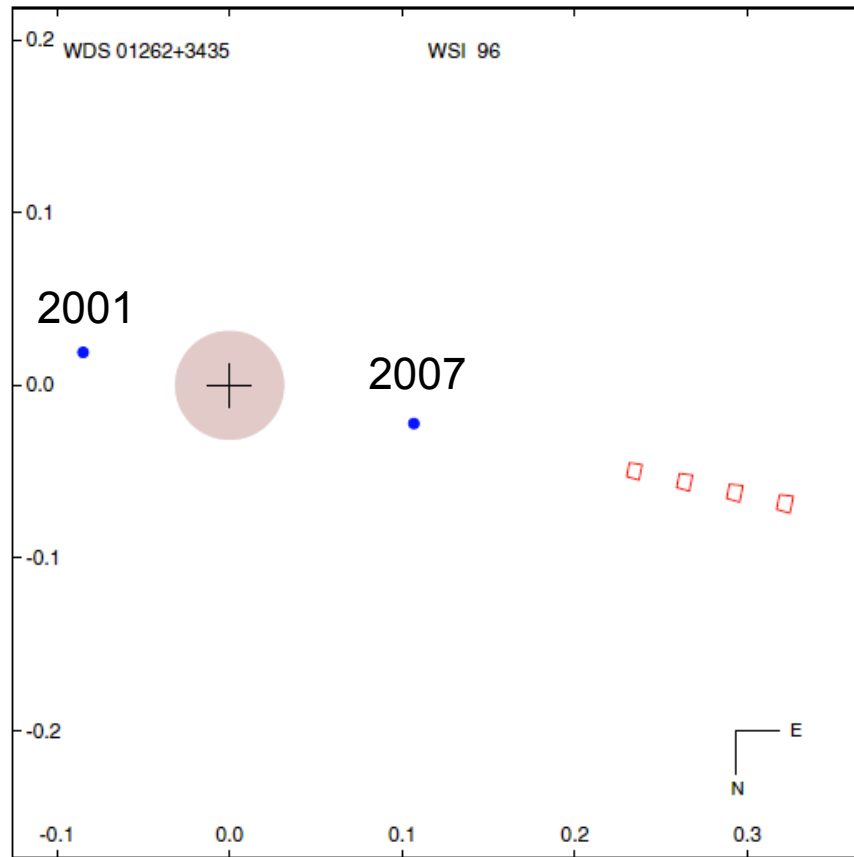
<http://astro.unl.edu/animationsLinks.html>

Pertinent to Exoplanets:

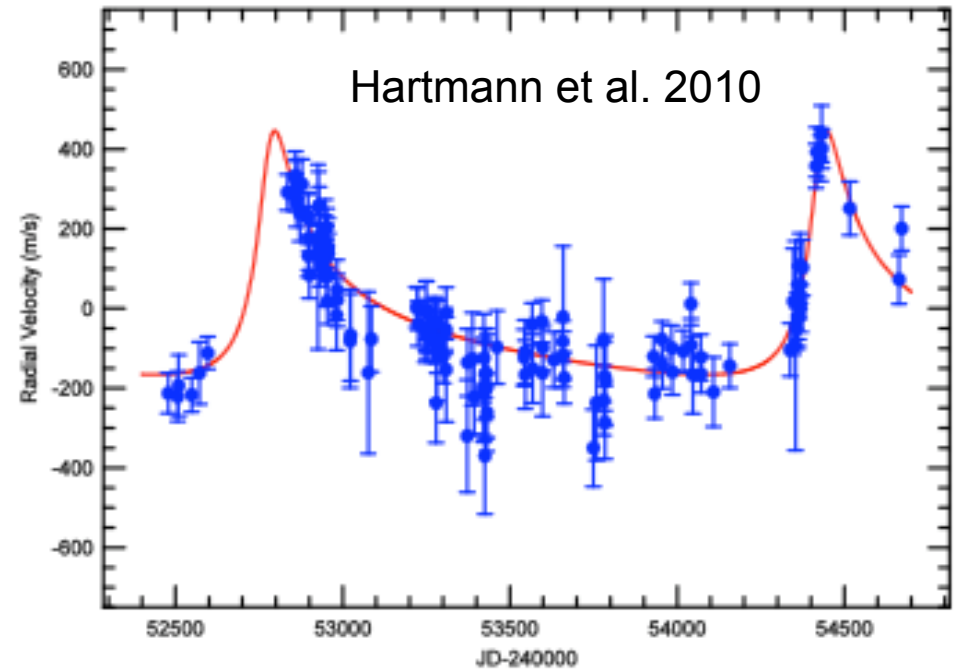
1. Influence of Planets on the Sun
2. Radial Velocity Graph
3. Transit Simulator
4. Extrasolar Planet Radial Velocity Simulator
5. Doppler Shift Simulator
6. Pulsar Period simulator

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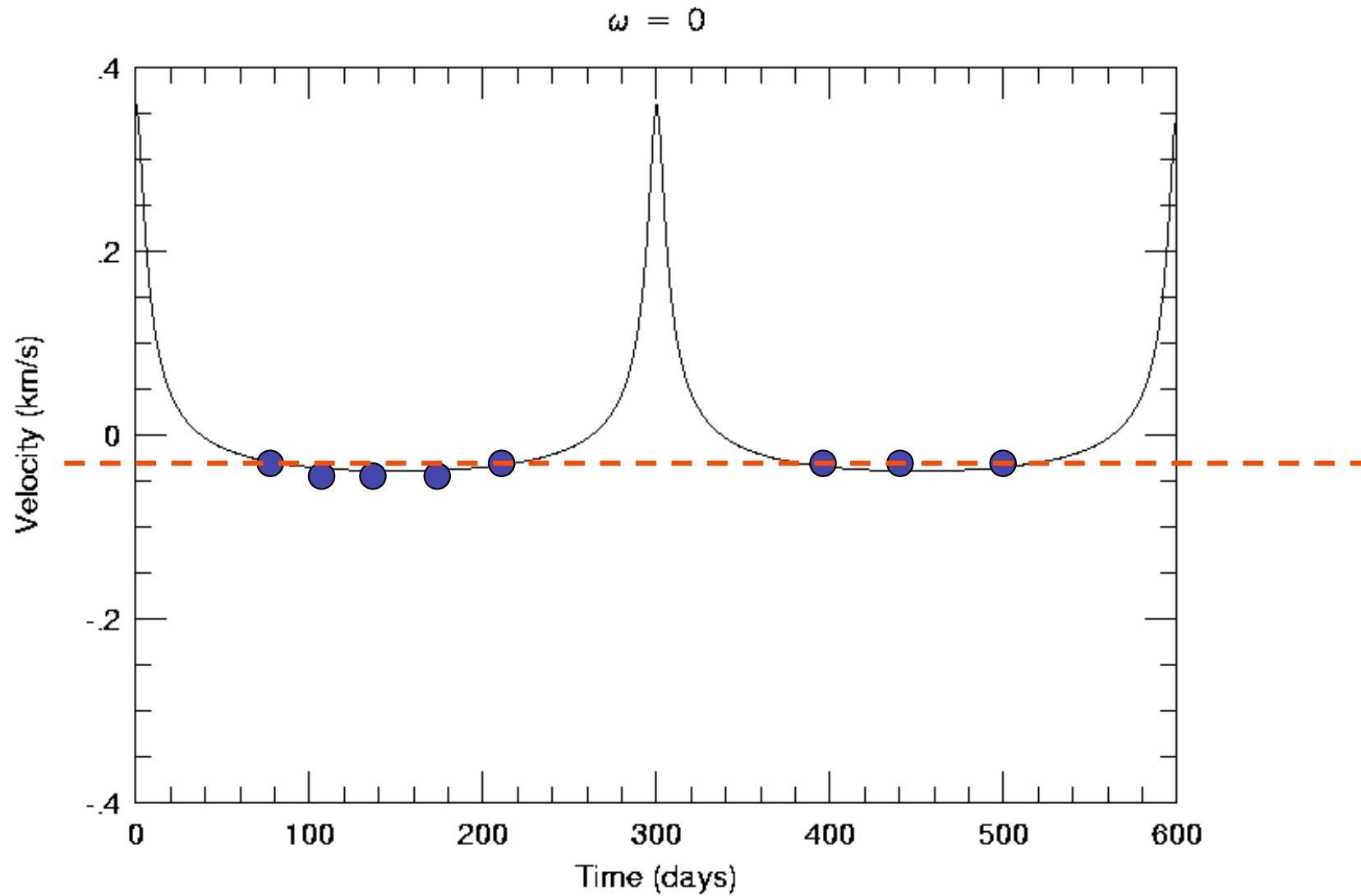


$M_{\text{planet}} = 14.6 M_{\text{Jup}}$

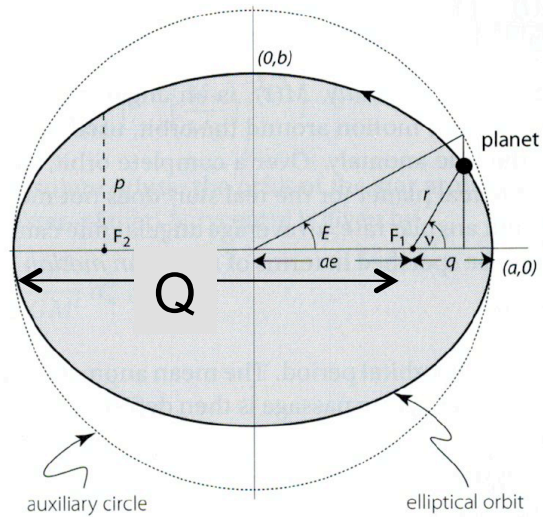
Period = 4.47 Years

ecc = 0.72

Eccentric orbit can sometimes escape detection:



With poor sampling this star would be considered constant



True anomaly:  $v(t)$

Eccentric anomaly  $E(t)$  is referred to the auxiliary circle of the ellipse

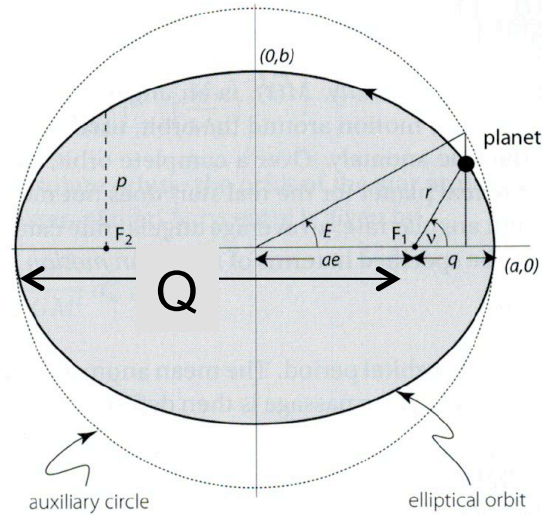
$$q = a(1-e)$$

$$Q = a(1+e)$$

$$\cos v = \frac{\cos E(t) - e}{1 - e \cos E(t)}$$

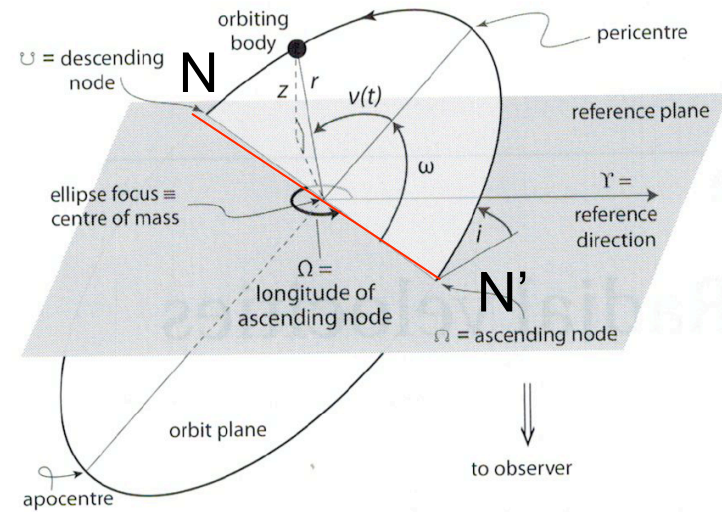


see Exoplanets Handbook



$$r = \frac{a(1 - e^2)}{1 + e \cos v} \quad (1)$$

$$r^2 \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{2\pi a^2 (1 - e^2)^{1/2}}{P} \quad (2)$$



component of  $r_1$  along  $NN'$  is  $r \cos(v+\omega)$  and perpendicular is  $r \sin(v + \omega)$

component of  $r_1$  along line of sight is  $r_1 \cos(\theta_1 + \omega) \sin i$

Rate of change in radial component:

$$V_o = \sin i \left[ r_1 \cos(\nu + \omega) \frac{d\nu}{dt} + r_1 \sin(\nu + \omega) \frac{dr_1}{dt} \right] + \gamma$$

Use (1) and (2) to eliminate the time derivatives

$$V_o = K_1 \left[ \cos(\nu + \omega) + e \cos \omega \right] + \gamma^1$$

$$K_1 = \frac{2\pi a_1 \sin i}{P(1 - e^2)^{1/2}}$$

<sup>1</sup>Note: we are only concerned with relative radial velocities, so  $\gamma$  is often just the instrumental offset.

Let  $A_1$  be the absolute value of the maximum velocity and  $B_1$  the absolute value of the “maximum” negative velocity

$$A_1 = K_1(1 + e \cos \omega)$$

$$B_1 = K_1(1 - e \cos \omega)$$

$$K_1 = \frac{1}{2} K_1(A_1 + B_1)$$

# The Mass Function

$$\frac{G}{4\pi^2} (M_1 + M_2) P^2 = (a_1 + a_2)^3$$

$$= a_1^3 \left(1 + \frac{a_2}{a_1}\right)^3$$

$$= a_1^3 \left(1 + \frac{M_1}{M_2}\right)^3$$

$\frac{a_2}{a_1} = \frac{M_1}{M_2}$
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$$\frac{G}{4\pi^2} (M_1 + M_2) P^2 \sin^3 i = a_1^3 \sin^3 i \left(\frac{M_1 + M_2}{M_2}\right)^3$$

$$\frac{GP^2}{4\pi^2} \left(\frac{M_2^3 \sin^3 i}{M_1 + M_2}\right)^2 = a_1^3 \sin^3 i$$

# The Mass Function

$$a_1 \sin i = \frac{K_1 P(1 - e^2)^{1/2}}{2\pi}$$

$$\frac{GP^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{M_2^3 \sin^3 i}{(M_1 + M_2)^2} = \frac{K_1^3 P^3(1 - e^2)^{3/2}}{(2\pi)^3}$$

$$\frac{M_2^3 \sin^3 i}{(M_1 + M_2)^2} = \frac{K_1^3 P(1 - e^2)^{3/2}}{(2\pi G)}$$

# The Mass Function

$$f(m) = \frac{(m_p \sin i)^3}{(m_p + m_s)^2}$$

$$\frac{M_2^3 \sin^3 i}{(M_1 + M_2)^2} = \frac{K_1^3 P(1 - e^2)^{3/2}}{(2\pi G)}$$

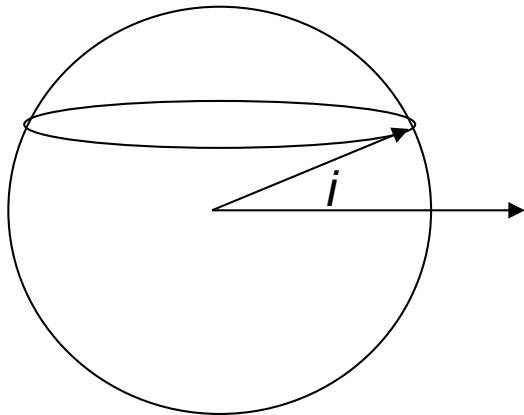
$m_p$  = mass of planet

$m_s$  = mass of star

# The Orbital Inclination

We only measure  $m \sin i$ , a lower limit to the mass.

What is the average inclination?



$$P(i) di = 2\pi \sin i di$$

The probability that a given axial orientation is proportional to the fraction of a celestial sphere the axis can point to while maintaining the same inclination



# The Orbital Inclination

$$P(i) di = 2\pi \sin i di$$

Mean inclination:

$$\langle \sin i \rangle = \frac{\int_0^{\pi} P(i) \sin i di}{\int_0^{\pi} P(i) di} = \pi/4 = 0.79$$

Mean inclination is 52 degrees and you measure 80% of the true mass

$$P(i) di = 2\pi \sin i di$$

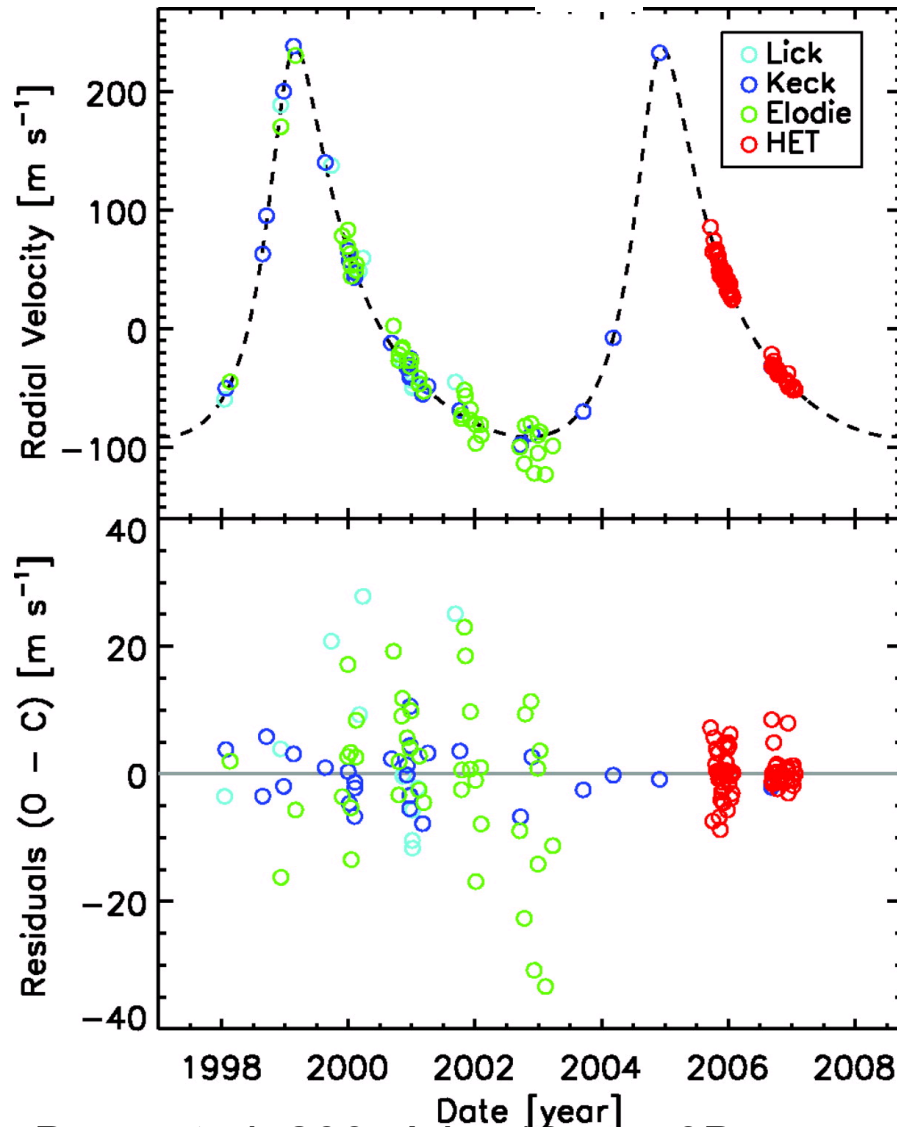
Probability  $i < \theta$  :

$$P(I < \theta) = \frac{2 \int_0^{\theta} P(i) di}{\int_0^{\pi} P(i) di} = (1 - \cos \theta)$$

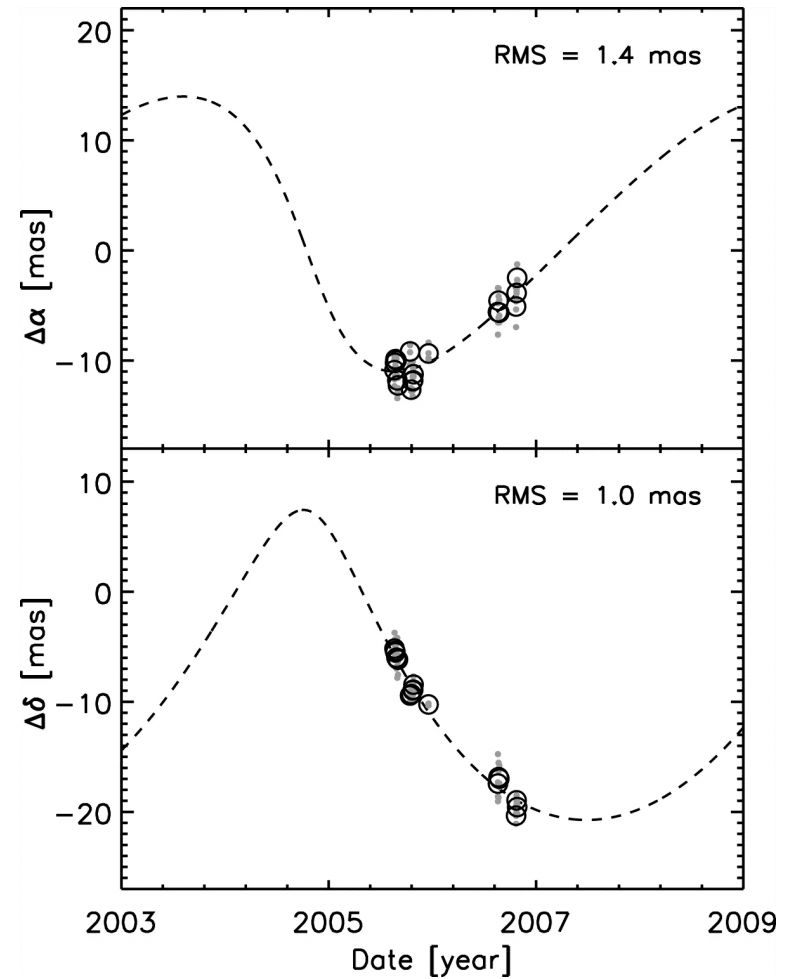
$$\theta < 10 \text{ deg} : P = 0.03 \quad (\sin i = 0.17)$$

One of our planets is missing: sometimes you need the true mass!

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$$P = 2173 \text{ d}$$

$$M \sin i = 10.2 M_{\text{Jup}}$$

$$i = 4 \text{ deg} \rightarrow m = 142 M_{\text{Jup}}$$

$$= 0.142 M_{\text{sun}}$$

$$P(i) di = 2\pi \sin i di$$

But for the mass function  $\sin^3 i$  is what is important :

$$\langle \sin^3 i \rangle = \frac{\int_0^\pi P(i) \sin^3 i di}{\int_0^\pi P(i) di} = 0.5 \int_0^\pi \sin^4 i di$$

$$= 3\pi/16 = 0.59$$

# **GaussFit**

**A System for Least Squares and Robust Estimation**

<http://clyde.as.utexas.edu/Gaussfit.html>

## Orbit fitting with Gaussfit: environment file (env)

```
results = 'RVRES'  
data1 = 'hd137510.in' ← data file  
param1 = 'gammas.prm' ←  $\gamma$  (offsets) file  
param2 = 'astr_rvA.prm' ← orbit parameters file  
param3 = 'rv.prm' ← RV amplitude (K) file  
tol = 0.0001  
iters = 20.0  
prmat = 0.0  
prvar = 1.0  
sigma = 1.9438622700469972  
scale = 1.9438622700469974  
END
```

## Orbit fitting with Gaussfit: orbit parameters (astr\_rvA.prm)

P1	T1	ecc1	wrv1	delta_ecc1	delta_wrv1	delta_T1	delta_P1	sigma_ecc1	sigma_wrv1	sigma_T1	sigma_P1
double	double	double	double	double	double	double	double	double	double	double	double
double	double	double									
799.06140275208565				51781.351677079524		0.3786344601133155					
31.899848129546125				0.0006640266885857		-0.0810250490409570					
-1.3402733107337730				1.1614099687610568		0.0269623416328822					
4.6569162312834642				50.052739351717072		41.260892358499738					

P1 = period in days

T1 = Epoch

ecc1 = eccentricity

wrv1 = omega

# Things to note

- For circular orbits  $\omega$  is superfluous as it can be absorbed by  $T_0$  (i.e.  $T_1$ ).
- For transiting planets where you use the epoch of transit for  $T_0$  (i.e.  $T_1$ ),  $\omega$  (wrv1) = 90 degrees. This is true even for circular orbits. This ensures that the RV is in the proper phase with the transit ephemeris



## Orbit fitting with Gaussfit: rv amplitude (rv.prm)

K1	sigma_K1	delta_K1
double	double	double
0.5007311315026525		0.0219221878492379
-0.0000534493161382		

## Orbit fitting with Gaussfit: gamma velocity (gamma.prm)

gamma	delta_gamma	sigma_gamma
double	double	double
0.0549563711190492		-0.0005342159945130
0.0231322727323946		

## Orbit fitting with Gaussfit: model

```
parameter P1; /* period in years */
constant ecc1; /* eccentricity */
parameter T1; /* time of pericenter passage */
constant wrv1; /* argument of pericenter (the angle from the
ascending node
                to the body in the orbital plane) for RV*/
parameter K1; /* semi-amplitude of the radial velocity curve in
km/sec-1 */
parameter gamma; /* gamma is V0 radial velocity of the
center of mass constant the system */

;
```

parameter K1; /\* semi-amplitude of the radial velocity curve in km/sec-1  
\*/

parameter gamma1; /\* gamma is V0 radial velocity of the center of  
mass

constant the system \*/

parameter gamma2; /\* gamma is V0 radial velocity of the center of  
mass

constant the system \*/

parameter gamma3; /\* gamma is V0 radial velocity of the center of  
mass

constant the system \*/

parameter gamma4;

parameter gamma5;

parameter gamma6;

parameter gamma7;

parameter gamma8;

parameter gamma9;

parameter gamma10;

parameter gamma11;

parameter gamma12;

parameter gamma13;

## Orbit fitting with Gaussfit: model

```
E = kepler(ecc1,mu*(ct-T1));    /*Solve Kepler's Equation
*/
    agamma = gamma;
    sinE = sin(E);
    cosE = cos(E);
    ecos = 1 - ecc1 * cosE;
    cosv = (cosE - ecc1)/ecos;
    sinv = param*sinE/ecos;
    cosvw = cosv * coswrv - sinv * sinwrv;
    vorb = agamma + K1*(ecc1*coswrv+cosvw);
```

## Gaussfit environment files with multiple data sets

```
results = 'RVRES'  
data1 = 'keck1.in'  
data2 = 'keck2.in'  
data3 = 'keck3.in'  
data4 = 'keck4.in'  
data5 = 'keck5.in'  
data6 = 'keck6.in'  
data7 = 'keck7.in'  
param2 = 'gammas.prm'  
param3 = 'astr_rvA.prm'  
param4 = 'rv.prm'  
tol = 0.0001  
iters = 20  
prmat = 0  
prvar = 1  
sigma = 1.692582597927886  
scale = 1.692582597927886  
END
```

gamma1 gamma2 gamma3 gamma4 gamma5 gamma6 gamma7  
gamma8 gamma9 gamma10 gamma11 gamma12 gamma13 gamma14  
gamma15 gamma16 gamma17 gamma18 gamma19 gamma20 gamma21  
gamma22 gamma23 gamma24 gamma25 sigma\_gamma12  
sigma\_gamma10 sigma\_gamma17 sigma\_gamma21 sigma\_gamma9  
sigma\_gamma6 sigma\_gamma13 sigma\_gamma20 sigma\_gamma19  
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sigma\_gamma18 sigma\_gamma5 sigma\_gamma7 sigma\_gamma11  
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0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Up to 27 gammas allowed

## Gaussfit data file (orbit.in, data.in)

file	item	jd_rv	RV	RVerr	VA	VA_VA	_VA
double	double	double	double	double	double	double	double
1	1	52039.6016	107.20284271	15	0.107203	0.000225	0.009932542049228875
1	2	52040.5938	118.53701019	15	0.118537	0.000225	0.01369003057627049
1	3	52040.5977	89.3843689	15	0.0893844	0.000225	-0.01550237677517226
1	4	52041.582	115.35044098	15	0.11535	0.000225	-0.002575948254958333

RV: radial velocity in m/s

RVerr : radial velocity error in m/s

VA : radial velocity in km/s

VA\_VA:  $\sigma^2$  in km/s

awk script “gfprep” puts a data file in m/s into proper format

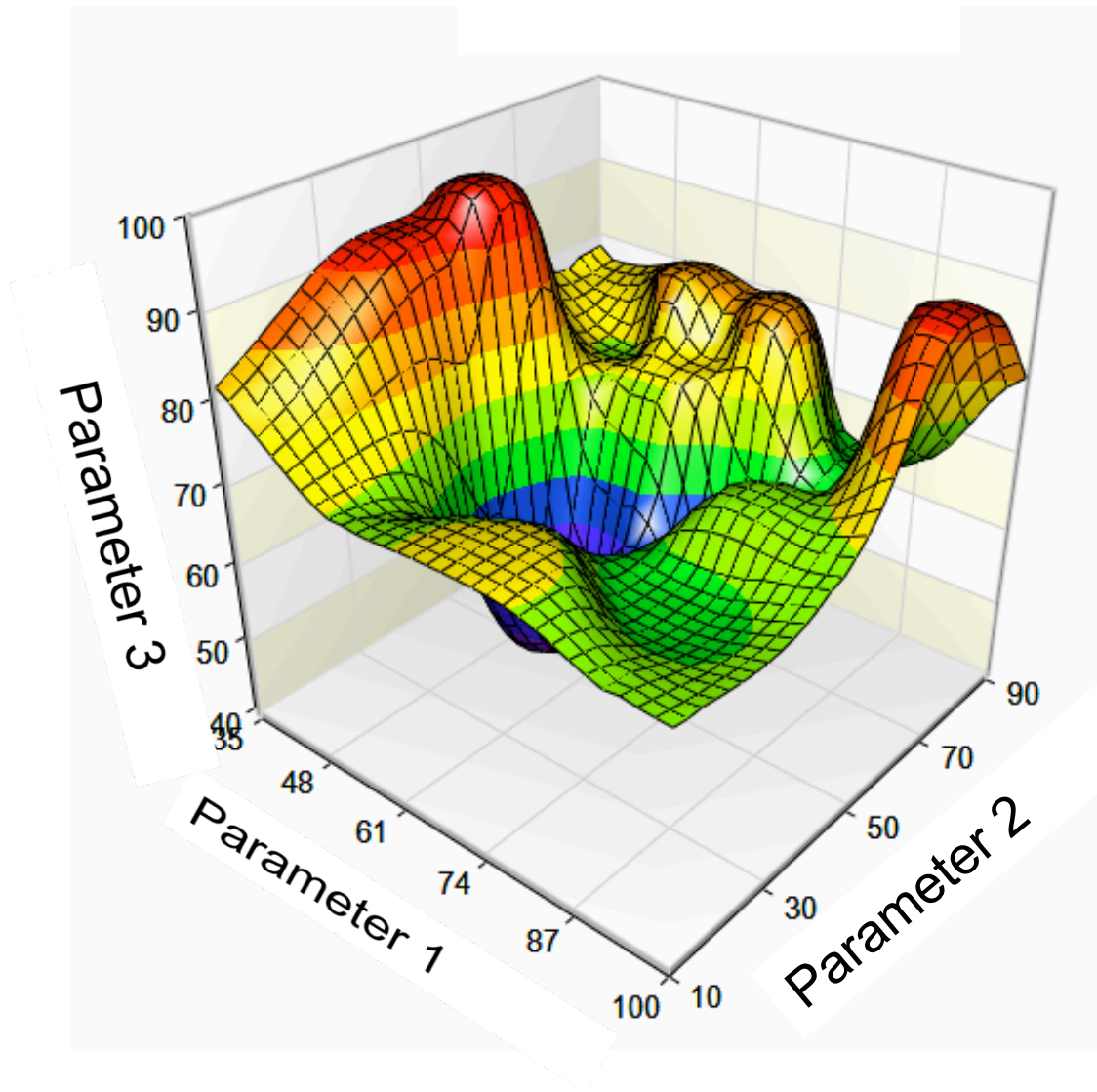
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1. Determine the period (Scargle, Period04)
2. Get an estimate of the amplitude (eye, sin fitting, Period04)
3. Guess  $T_0$
4. Set  $e = 0$ ,  $\omega = 0$
5. Vary parameters individually. i.e. first  $T_0$ , then  $P$ , then  $K$ .  
Typically vary a parameter say,  $P$ , with  $K$  and  $\gamma$
6. Once you find best solution, then vary eccentricity.  
Sometimes you get negative eccentricities, if you do then start with some non-zero eccentricity
7. Vary sequentially  $\omega$ ,  $e$ ,  $P$ ,  $T_0$
8. When you are close vary everything!



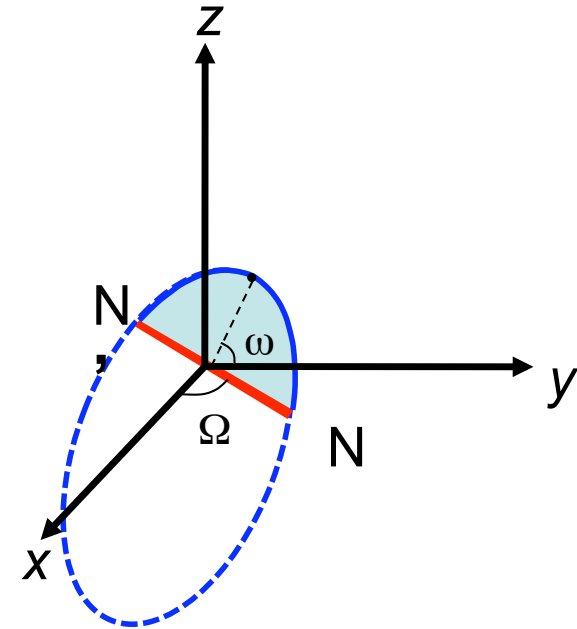
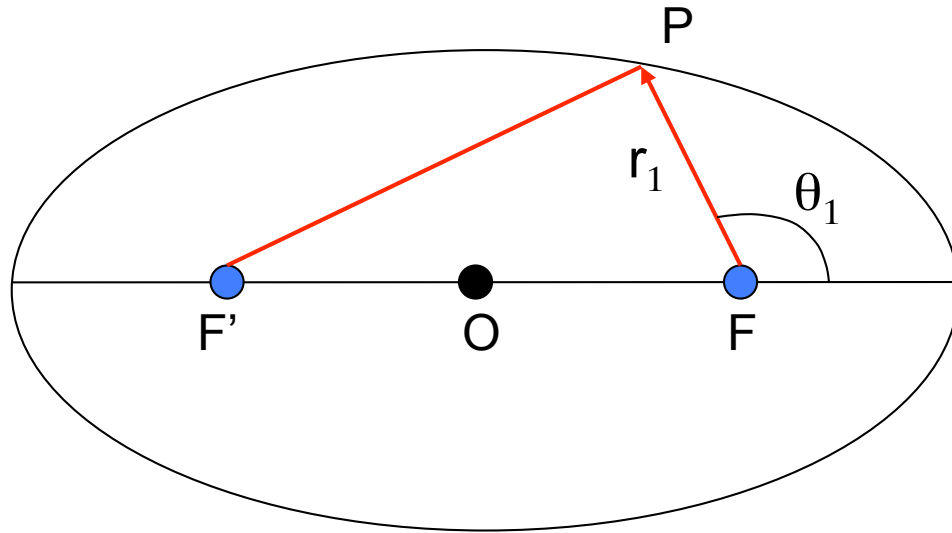
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Depending on the sampling and the level of noise, some parameters are better determined than others. For poorer quality data you should worry whether you are in a local or global minimum



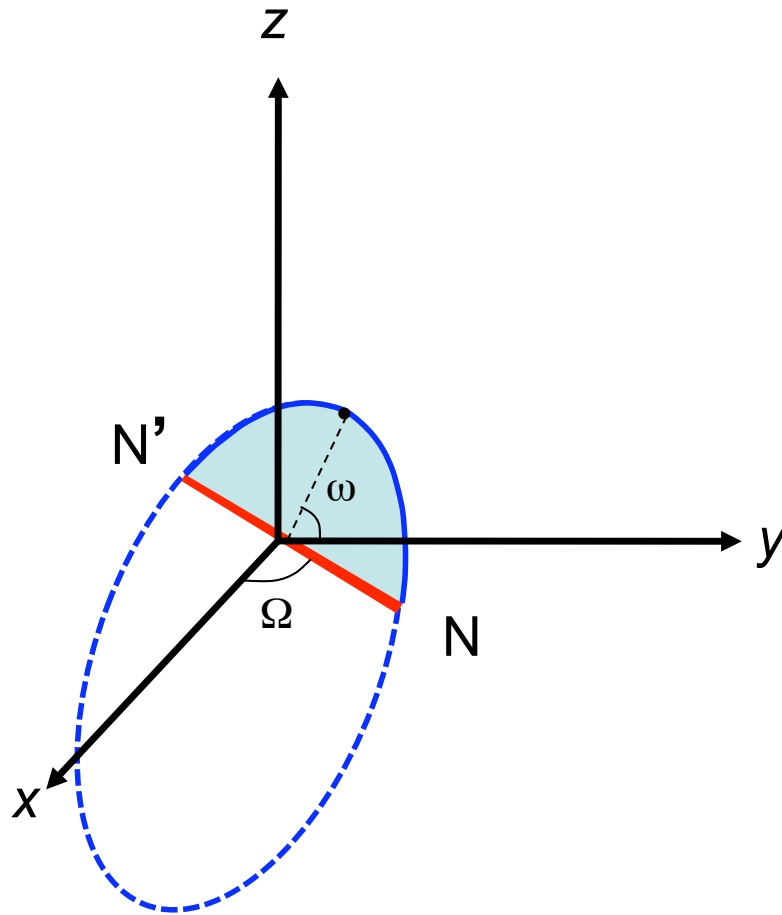


component of  $r_1$  along  $NN'$  is  $r_1 \cos(\theta_1 + \omega)$  and  
perpendicular is  $r_1 \sin(\theta_1 + \omega)$

component of  $r_1$  along line of sight is  $r_1 \cos(\theta_1 + \omega) \sin i$

$$r = \frac{a(1 - e^2)}{1 + e \cos \theta} \quad (1)$$

$$r^2 \frac{d\theta_1}{dt} = \frac{2\pi a^2 (1 - e^2)^{1/2}}{P} \quad (2)$$



x-y is the plane of the sky

z is towards observer

NN' is the line of nodes where  
the orbital plane intercepts the x-  
y plane

dashed line is part of orbit below  
the x-y plane

$\Omega$  is the position angle of node

$\omega$  is the longitude of periastron

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