Dynamical analysis of a planetary system in the v Octantis compact binary

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- Characterization of the ν Octantis binary
- Discovery of a Jovian planet (Ramm+, MNRAS, 2009)
- Retrograde orbit hypothesis by Eberle & Cuntz (ApJL, 2010)
- Fitting the Radial Velocities of ν Octantis A (Keplerian and N-body fits)
- Dynamical analysis of the E&B (2010) orbital setup
- A toy model and the Arnold web? (see our poster by Słonina, Goździewski & Migaszewski)
- Summary (work in progress . . .)

Characterization of the v Octantis binary

- A single–line spectroscopic binary investigated for more than 80 years (11 Radial Velocities by Colacevich 1935 and astrometric orbit by Alden, 1939)
- Components: a K1 III giant primary $(1.4 \pm 0.3 M_{\odot})$ and unseen red dwarf secondary K7-M1 V $(0.5 \pm 0.1 M_{\odot})$ with semi-major axis $a_b = 2.55 \pm 0.13$ au, eccentricity $e_b = 0.2358 \pm 0.0003$ and orbital period $P_b = 1050.11 \pm 0.13$ days (Ramm+, 2009)
- Orbital inclination 71° with an error of less than 1° (D. Pourbaix, Hipparchos astrometry + RV)
- Precision Radial Velocity variations attributed to Jovian planet with $m_p \sin i = 2.5 M_{Jup}$ in the orbit of $a_p = 1.2 \pm 0.1$ au and eccentricity $e_p = 0.123 \pm 0.037$ (Ramm+, 2009); other explanations (e.g., stellar variability, spots) basically excluded.

Unusual and interesting binary system due to stability paradox

The planetary orbit is found almost in the middle between primaries. According to stability criterion, like in Holman and Wiegert (1999), such a configuration is unstable.

Architecture of the γ Octantis system by Ramm+ (2009)



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Keplerian best fit RV signal





Newtonian fits with the hybrid algorithm (GA+simplex)



Strong instability of the best fit solution





Stability study setup by Eberle & Cuntz (2010)



- Fast Indicator instead of the direct numerical integration = CPU efficient resolution of stable/unstable configurations
- Mean Motion Resonances time scale $\equiv 10^3 10^5$ binary periods \equiv detection of strongest instabilities
- High resolution dynamical maps (1440×900 initial conditions ≡ 1.3 Mpixels) ≡ detection of the fine structure of the phase space
- MECHANIC MPI framework (see our poster) = intensive CPU-cluster computations

MECHANIC numerical environment



Regular vs regular motion



Regular vs regular motion – FFT signal



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Global dynamical map of ν Octantis (MEGNO indicator)































Arnold web in ν Oct (m ~ 532 $M_{Jup} \equiv \varepsilon ~ 0.380$) – zoom



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where actions $I_1, I_2, I_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ and angles $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3 \in \mathbb{T}$ are canonically conjugate variables, and ϵ is the perturbation parameter

- For $\epsilon = 0$, the system of \mathcal{H}_0 is trivially integrable: actions I_1 , I_2 , I_3 are constant; $\phi_i = \omega_i t + \phi_0$ and the motions are confined to invariant tori filled up with quasi-periodic solutions with fundamental frequencies $\omega_1 = I_1$, $\omega_2 = I_2$, $\omega_3 = 1$.
- With the perturbation, the dynamics are non-integrable, but the KAM theorem predicts persistence of quasi-periodic motions, if the unperturbed tori are sufficiently non-resonant:

 $k_1\omega_1+k_2\omega_2+k_3\omega_3\neq 0,\quad (k_1,k_2,k_3)\in\mathbb{Z}.$

- Close to the resonances (lines here) up to the distance $\sim \sqrt{\varepsilon} / \| \mathbf{k} \|^{\alpha}$ (the Arnold web), the dynamics are very complex.
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Arnold web of the test Hamiltonian ($\epsilon = 0.04$)



Arnold web of the test Hamiltonian ($\epsilon = 0.001$, zoom)





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Arnold web (ε=0.01, T=1000000, h=0.5)

Arnold web of the test Hamiltonian ($\epsilon = 0.04$, zoom)



Arnold web (ε=0.04, T=500000, h=0.5)

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Arnold web (ε=0.01, T=1000000, h=0.29)

Arnold web in ν Oct (m ~ 532 $M_{Jup} \equiv \varepsilon \sim 0.380$)?



- We confirmed the best fit solution to the RV measurements of ν Octantis by Ramm+ (2009)
- The N-body model reveals apparently well constrained mutual inclination but other orbital elements of a putative planet are not known (semi-major axis, eccentricity)
- The N-body fits seem formally favour retrograde orbit of the planet, in accord with hypothesis by Eberle & Cuntz (2010)
- BUT the best-fit initial conditions lead to strongly unstable configuration in time scale \equiv of 1 orbital period of the binary
- We did not found yet any long-term stable system consistent with the observations