New Measurements of Spin-Orbit Angles in Planetary and Binary Star Systems

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The Planet Finder Spectrograph

Magellan Clay 6.5 m Telescope



Planet Finder Spectrograph



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WASP-7: hot misaligned

• Period = 4.9 days; • $M_{Planet} = 0.9 M_{Jupiter}$



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WASP-2: fit to mock data without RM effect



WASP-2: new observations



RV scatter during transit and out of transit similar ⇒ no RM effect measured ⇒ obliquity is undetermined (Albrecht et al. ApJ, 2011)

Projected Obliquity: new measurements added

Radiative Envelope

Convective Envelope



Tidal forces seem to be important

Projected Obliquity

Radiative Envelope

Convective Envelope



Tidal forces \Rightarrow also the eccentricity should be affected

Orbital Eccentricity



systems with low eccentricities can have high obliquities

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double star systems: $\tau_{\rm circ} > \tau_{\rm sync}$

Orbital Eccentricity



Obliquity and eccentricity function of mass ratio?



see also Johnson et al. (2009), Hébrard et al. (2010, 2011)

Orbital eccentricity

- Radiative Envelope
- Convective Envelope



formulas from Zahn (1977)

Evidence for tidal forces



What about close binary stars?

- The RM effect was first measured in binary systems (1924), but only a few quantitative RM results
- Formation of close binaries still not completely understood



Let's take the Rossiter-McLaughlin effect back to its roots

Binaries Are Not Always Neatly Aligned





• V1143 Cyg: aligned (Albrecht et al. A&A 2007)

(Hamilton spectrograph 0.6 m)

• DI Her: strongly misaligned (Albrecht et al. Nature, 2009)



(SOPHIE OHP)



• NY Cep: aligned (Albrecht et al. ApJ, 2011b)

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α CrB: primary aligned $\beta_{\rm p}=2\pm4\,^\circ$





(Hamilton spectrograph 0.6 m)

• α CrB: aligned – Maybe short period, circular systems?



CV Velorum: primary misaligned $\beta_{\rm p} = -42 \pm 10^{\circ}$

• Short period (6.9 days); • circular orbit (e = 0)



Conclusions

exoplanets:

- Tidal forces are important
- Wide distribution in obliquities and eccentricities





stellar binaries:

- Misalignment might be common
- Alignment seems not to be a simple function of period or eccentricity