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Introduction

ETVs Technique

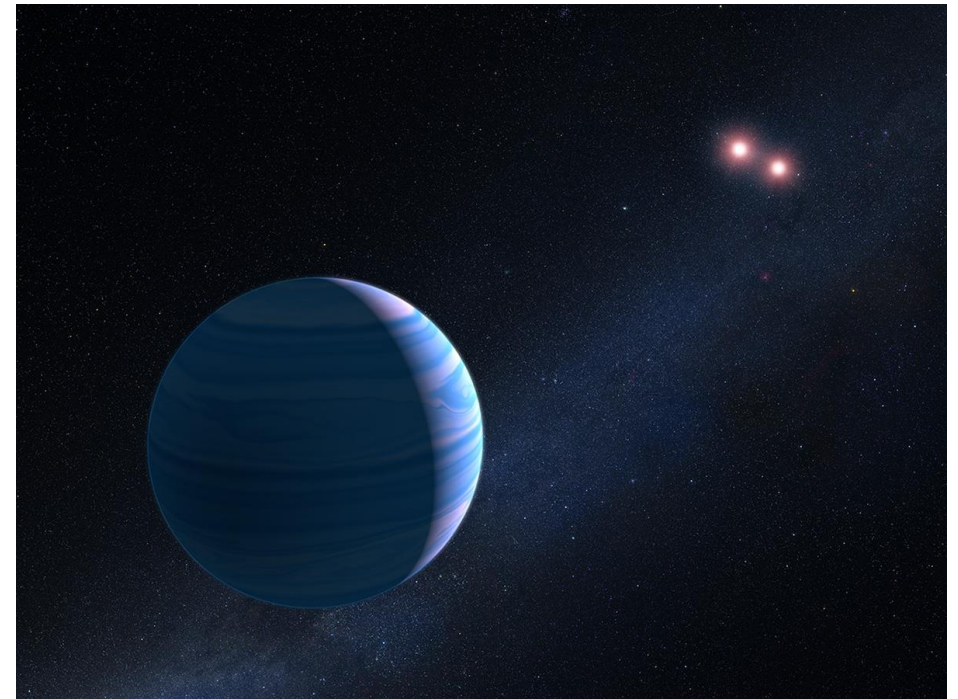
Eclipse timing variations (ETVs):
irregularities on eclipse timing
measurements of a binary star
system due to the presence of
planets

ADVANTAGES

- Binary star systems are extremely common
- It is possible to measure the mass of the planet, even it is not directly observable

DISADVANTAGES

- Only big mass planets are detectable
- Usually in these systems the planets are far from the star





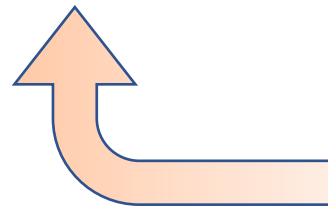
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ETVs Technique

Since the orbiting planets perturb the centre of mass of the binary system, it is possible to infer **mass** and **orbital elements**.

But there can be some **problems/limitations**!

1. Typical timing offsets caused by a Jovian size planet are **relatively small**, of order one percent of the orbital period
2. Several **other physical mechanisms** can contribute to timing variations in these binaries
3. Several published multi-component models have been subsequently shown to be highly **unstable** on timescales that are short compared with the expected lifetimes of the **post-common envelope phase**



Phase in which the binary system is contained in the same gas envelope



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Goal

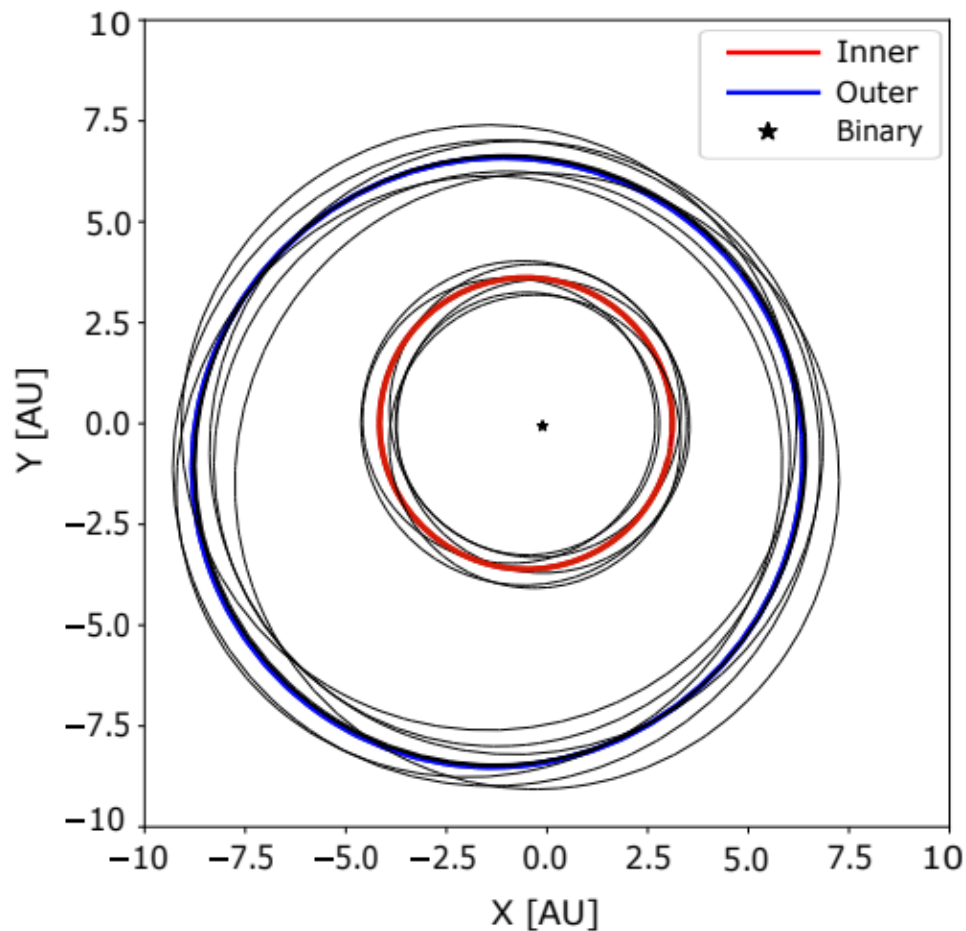
Determination of orbit stability of the two-component model recently reported by Er et al. (2021) for the sdB binary NY Virginis

Er et al. (2021) created a model that comprises **two planets** orbiting the binary system star with the following parameters:

	Planet 1	Planet 2	Unit
P	$8.97^{+0.36}_{-0.24}$	$27.2^{+1.3}_{-1.2}$	yr
e	$0.12^{+0.12}_{-0.12}$	$0.19^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$	
$a \sin(i)$	$3.64^{+0.41}_{-0.37}$	$7.64^{+0.45}_{-0.43}$	AU
Minimum mass	$2.74^{+0.37}_{-0.34}$	$5.59^{+0.51}_{-0.49}$	M_{Jup}



Orbit Stability Analysis



Best-fit two-planet orbits proposed by Er et al. (2021).

The trajectory in **red** indicates for proposed inner body, trajectory in **blue** for the outer body. Orbits associated with the change of one uncertainty are shown as **black** lines. The binary star position is shown as a star at the center.

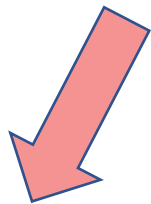
This figure is made by orbit simulation software ***rebound*** (Rein & Liu 2012) using best-fit parameters for each component in previous table



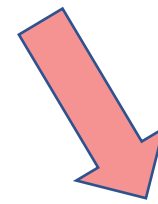
Orbit Stability Analysis

Orbital stability has been studied performing **dynamical simulation** with previous parameters using:

- N-body orbital integration package **REBOUND**
- The chaotic indicator program Mean Exponential Growth factor of Nearby Orbits (**MEGNO**) → simulations with *128 semi-major axes* and *128 eccentricity* for inner and outer planets

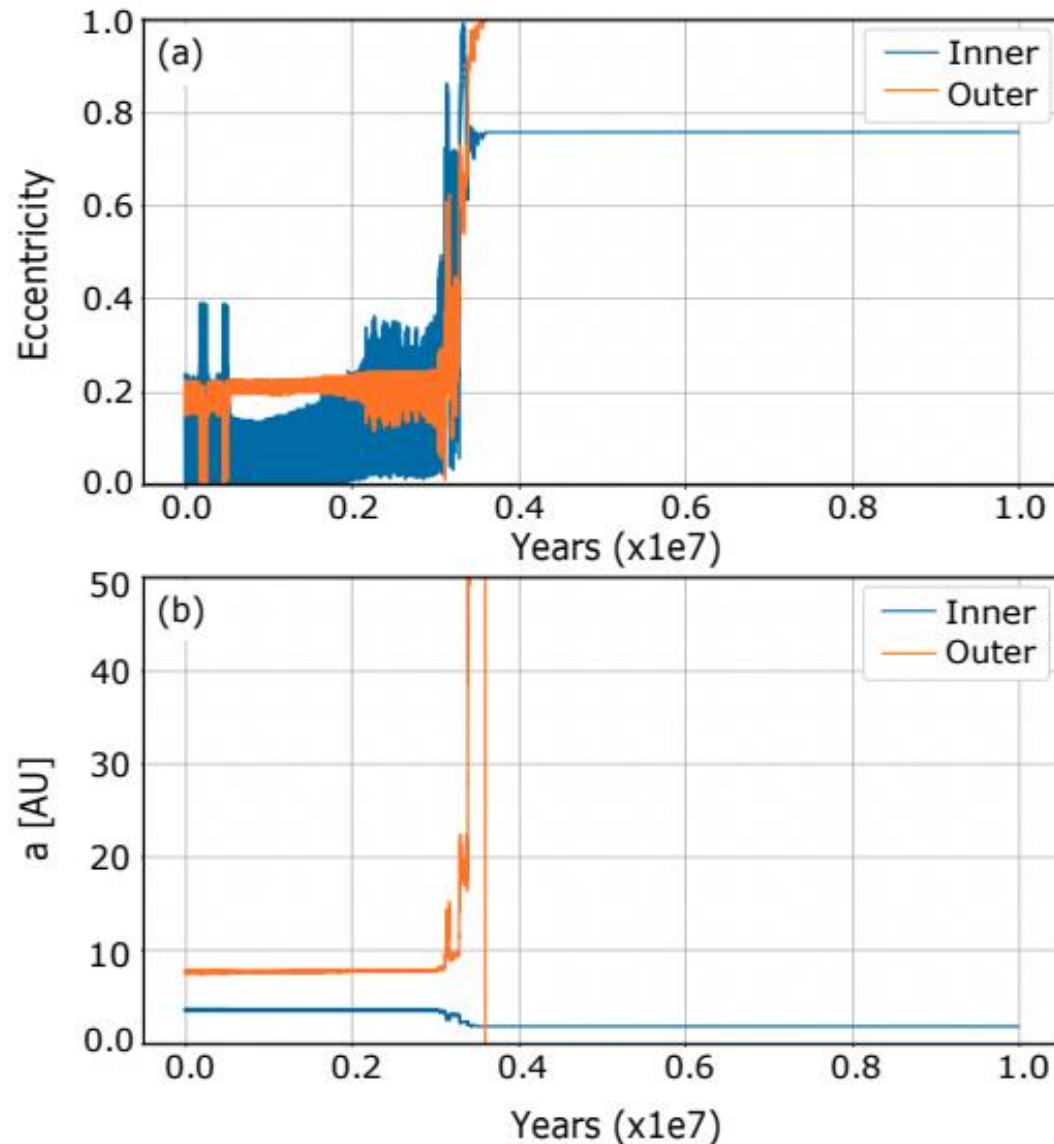


Initial time step of 0, 1 *yr*
and integrated for
100 *Myr*



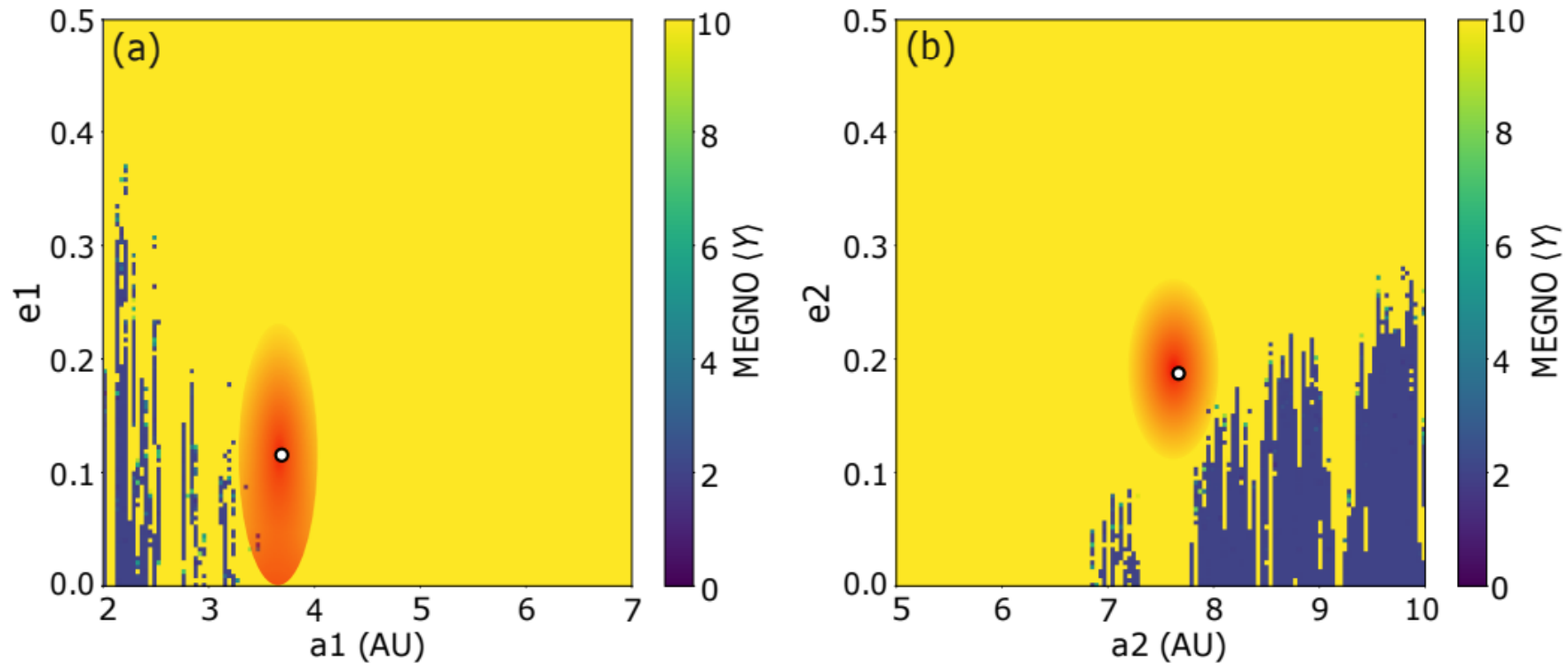
Binary star system treated as a
single mass of $M_{tot} = 0.59 M_{\odot}$

NY Vir stability plot



a) Time history of the eccentricities of both circumbinary companions over 10 *Myr*.

b) Time history of semi-major axes of both circumbinary companions over 10 *Myr*. Note that the outer planet (orange line) **escapes** the planetary system after 3.5 *Myr*

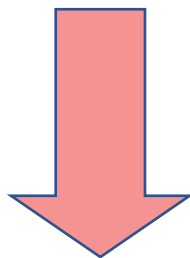


MEGNO chaos parameter surface map for Er et al. (2021) **two-planet solution** for a range of eccentricities and semi-major axes for the (a) inner planet and (b) outer planet. The best-fit model parameter values are indicated by white dots with black borders. Both points lie in highly **chaotic regions**



Discussion and Conclusion

We find that the proposed two-planet model for the binary NY Virginis proposed by Er et al. (2021) becomes **unstable** after $\sim 3 \text{ Myr}$, a timescale much less than the estimated lifetime of the PCEB phase (100 Myr) of *sdB binaries* and is therefore **untenable**



CONCLUSION

Observed ETVs signatures must be at least in part a result of other physical mechanisms



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