SURF SMART:Quantifying the Effect of Undetected Planets on RV Mass Measurements

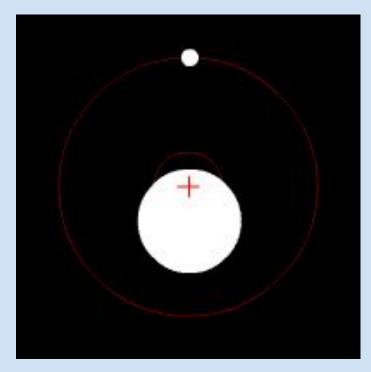
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Exoplanet Background

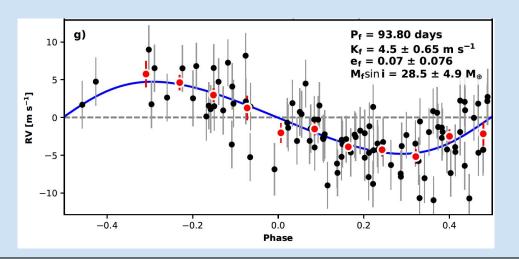
- Exoplanet: Planet outside of our Solar System
- Multi-planet System: Stars with at least 2 confirmed planets
- Radial Velocity Method:
 Measuring velocity of star
 toward/away from us
- Doppler Wobble: star movement results in Doppler shift





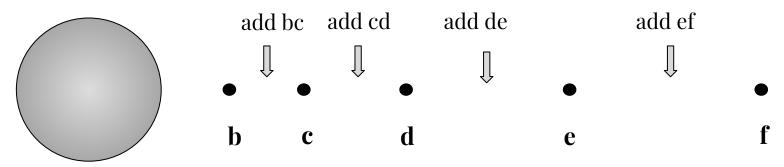
Project Background

- We fit radial velocity data to find min. mass value
- Fixed parameters: # of planets, period
- Varied parameters: eccentricity, minimum mass



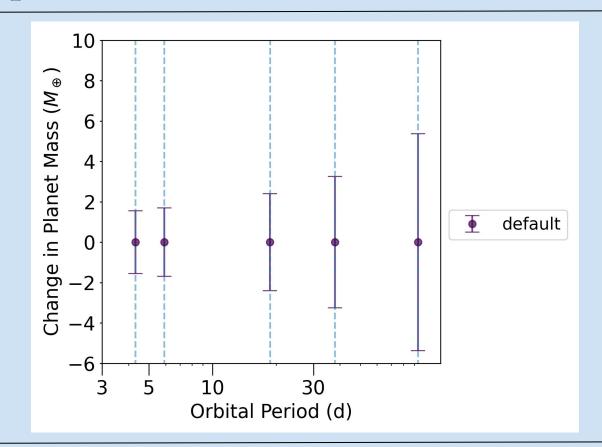
Analysis Steps

- How robust are the calculated min. mass values?
- Perform fit with original # of planets to find masses
- Add additional planet between two planets and repeat fit
- E.g., TOI-1246



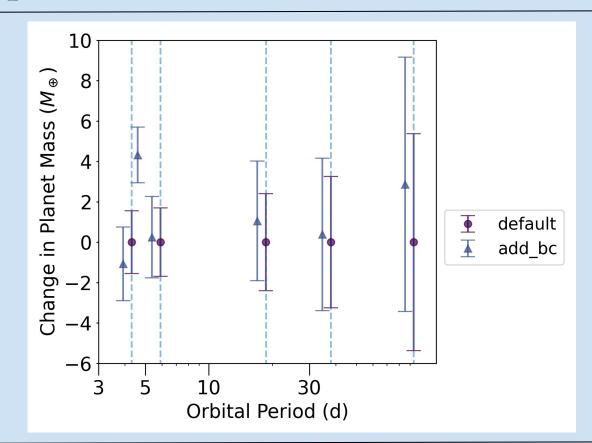
We end up with 5 sets of data: default, add bc, add cd, add de, add ef

Example Plot



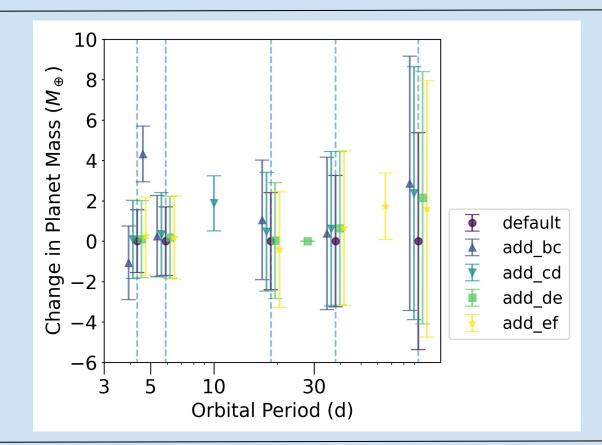


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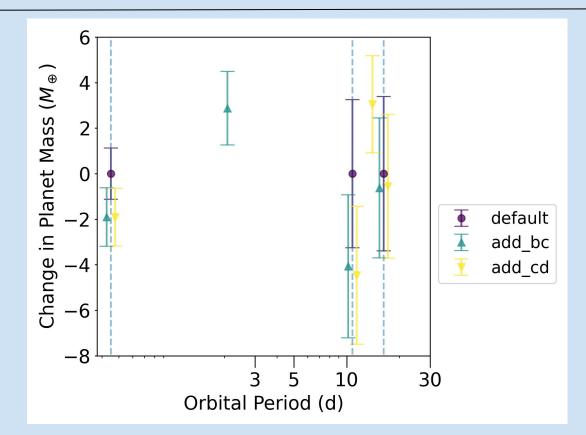


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Example Plot (pt. 2)







Summer Overview

- Studying background+literature
- Building on code to add functionality
- Effectively visualizing information
- Future steps:
 - What additional parameters can we account for?
 - Are the plots communicating the necessary information?
 - Can we see patterns in multiple systems?



References



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