Parallaxes: Orbital, Terrestrial, Satellite

Jennifer Yee SAO

What is parallax?

3 Types of Parallax due to 2 Effects

Motion of the observer

→ Orbital/Annual Parallax

- Separation between 2 observers
 - → Satellite parallax
 - → Terrestrial parallax

Assume a frame in which the lens is moving and the source is stationary.

> Source Lens

What matters is the source-lens *relative* parallax.



...but this is not what we measure.

The observed magnification depends only on the *relative* (projected) separation between the source and lens.

$$A(t) = \frac{u(t)^{2} + 2}{u(t)\sqrt{u(t)^{2} + 4}}$$

The basic PSPL curve assumes uniform, rectilinear motion (i.e. a constant *relative* velocity).



www.astronomy.ohio-state.edu, ~gaudi/movies.html http:/

We only care about the *relative speed* and the *displacement* Δu (i.e. *relative* to the Einstein ring).



Why care about microlens parallax?

- 1. It's physics.
- 2. It lets us measure physical scales (if we have θ_E):
 - *a.* **absolute masses** for the lenses, and therefore the planets.
 - b. distances to the lens (planetary) systems
 - c. (projected) *separations* between the planet and star

The lens mass is measured from *lightcurve features* without measuring *light* from the lens.

$M_{star} = \Theta_E / (\kappa \pi_E)$

 $\kappa = 8.41 \text{ mas} (M_{sun})^{-1}$

Fun fact: Microlens Parallax Is a Vector!?

2 Components to the motion of Proxima Centauri (or any star)



Sahu et al. 2014 ApJ 792, 89

In microlensing, direction matters only if there is parallax.

	Normal Astronomy	Microlensing
Proper Motion	Vector	Scalar
Parallax	Scalar	Vector



However, microlens parallax *does* depend on **direction**.

Displacement perpendicular to the trajectory trajectory

Orbital Parallax



Gould & Horne 2013, ApJ, 779, 28

0

00

0

Orbital Parallax





Gould & Horne 2013, ApJ, 779, 28

Orbital Parallax



Component PARALLEL to lens trajectory → ASYMMETRIC Distortion



Component PERPENDICULAR to lens trajectory SYMMETRIC Distortion



Are we more likely to see annual parallax for an event with

$$t_{E} = 10 \text{ days}$$

or
 $t_{E} = 100 \text{ days}?$

Microlens parallax is easier to measure in Spring and Fall.

Alcock et al. 1995: First detection of microlens parallax.



Without parallax, the point lens fit cannot match the asymmetry in the light curve.







The Finite Source Effect













Yee et al. 2015, ApJ, 802, 76





Because the parallax effect depends on the OBSERVER, the critical scale is the size of the Einstein ring in the OBSERVER PLANE:









Yutong Shan's Poster: binary w/Spitzer parallax

Satellite parallax programs have 2 goals

- 1. Measure the masses of planets (and other interesting objects)
- 2. Measure the distribution of planets throughout the galaxy.

Satellite parallax is easier to measure than annual parallax because the scales are better matched.

	Observational Scale	Relevant Einstein Scale
Satellite Parallax	1 AU	10 AU
Annual Parallax	365 days	30 days

Gould et al 2009, ApJL, 698, 147

Terrestrial Parallax -3.1_L--2.7 3.4 2.65 `^৵૩_% 2.9 3.2 2.6 2.8 4.35 4.45 4.5 4.4 3.75 3.8 3.85 log (Magnification) 3 2.8 2.5 2.48 2.46 2.6 2.44 2.42 2.4 2.38 -3.35 2.4 3.45 3.5 3.4 3.5 4.5 4 Hours, Universal Time (13 May 2007)

Parallax & WFIRST

WFIRST will be at L2

- → Annual Parallax Effect (but with better photometric precision)
- → Possibility to measure Earth-L2 parallax (separation 0.01AU)
- WFIRST will observe in Spring and Fall
- \rightarrow Better for annual parallax

4-fold degeneracy

Yee et al. 2015, ApJ, 802, 76

Yee et al. 2015, ApJ, 802, 76

3 Types of Parallax due to 2 Effects

Motion of the observer

→ Orbital/Annual Parallax

- Separation between 2 observers
 - → Satellite parallax
 - → Terrestrial parallax