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Concentric Maclaurin Spheroid (CMS) theory for rotating bodies





Concentric Maclaurin Spheroid Method, Hubbard, ApJ (2013)

Accelerated CMS method Militzer et al, ApJ (2019)

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Abstract

We study the response of hot Jupiters to a static tidal perturbation using the concentric MacLaurin spheroid method. For strongly irradiated planets, we first performed radiative transfer calculations to relate the planet's equilibrium temperature, T_{eq} , to its interior entropy. We then determined the gravity harmonics, shape, moment of inertia, and static Love numbers for a range of two-layer interior models that assume a rocky core plus a homogeneous and isentropic envelope composed of hydrogen, helium, and heavier elements. We identify general trends and then study HAT-P-13b, the WASP planets 4b, 12b, 18b, 103b, and 121b, and Kepler-75b and CoRot-3b. We compute the Love numbers, k_{nm} , and transit radius correction, ΔR , which we compare with predictions in the literature. We find that the Love number, k_{22} , of tidally locked giant planets cannot exceed a value of 0.6, and that the high T_{eq} consistent with strongly irradiated hot Jupiters tends to further lower k_{22} . While most tidally locked planets are well described by a linear regime response of $k_{22} = 3J_2/q_0$ (where q_0 is the rotation parameter of the gravitational potential), for extreme cases such as WASP-12b, WASP-103b, and WASP-121b, nonlinear effects can account for over 10% of the predicted k_{22} . The k_{22} values larger than 0.6, as they have been reported for planets WASP-4b and HAT-P13B, cannot result from a static tidal response without extremely rapid rotation and thus are inconsistent with their expected tidally locked state.

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Two types of tidal interactions of giant planets

Planet interacts with **orbiting satellites** that may introduce dynamic tidal effects.

- Static tidal calculation k₂₂=0.590 (Wahl 2020)
- Juno mission k₂₂=0.565 ± 0.006
- Idini (2021): Coriolis acceleration $\Delta k_{22} = -4\%$



Exoplanet is tidally locked to **host star** which acts as tidal perturber. Rotation is thus slow.

- Planet changes shape. Apparent radius reduced by up to 4%.
- Planet's gravity field changes. (other planets)



Definition of tidal perturbation. Love number k₂₂



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- Slowly rotating regime: $J_n \sim q_{rot}^{n/2}$
- Darwin-Radau does not work for giant planets





- k_{22} is sensitive to planet mass and entropy
- Only if both are kept fixed, a simple correlation between k₂₂ and core mass fraction emerges that has been cited as a way to infer the core mass of exoplanets (Batygin 2006, Ragozzine & Wolf 2009)



A) Nonlinear Regime of Rapid RotationB) Linear Regime of Slow Rotation

• Regime of rapid rotation: k₂₂ varies nonlinearly.



• Linear regime of slow rotation: $k_{22} \sim J_2 / q_{rot}$



Observations predict a large range of k_{22} values



Interior models predict $k_{22} \leq 0.6$. So all observations with large k_{22} cannot be matched.



Why does k_{22} depend on core mass fraction?

Definition

$$k_{22} = -\frac{16}{9} \frac{C_{22}}{q_{tide}} \longrightarrow 3 \frac{J_2}{q_{rot}}$$

$$q_{tide} = -3 \frac{M_{pert}}{M_{planet}} \frac{R_{planet}^3}{R_{orbit}^3}$$

$$q_{rot} = \frac{\omega^2 R_{planet}^3}{GM_{planet}}$$



Conclusion



- All existing measurements/predictions with k₂₂>0.6 are unrealistic. Density changes too much throughout a giant planet's interior.
- Observations need to be reinterpreted. Bouma (2020) attributes TTV to an unseen companion of WASP-4B.
- k₂₂ is affected by planet mass, core mass, and interior entropy.
- Tides change a planet's shape. The apparent radius is smaller than that of an unperturbed planet by up to 4%.