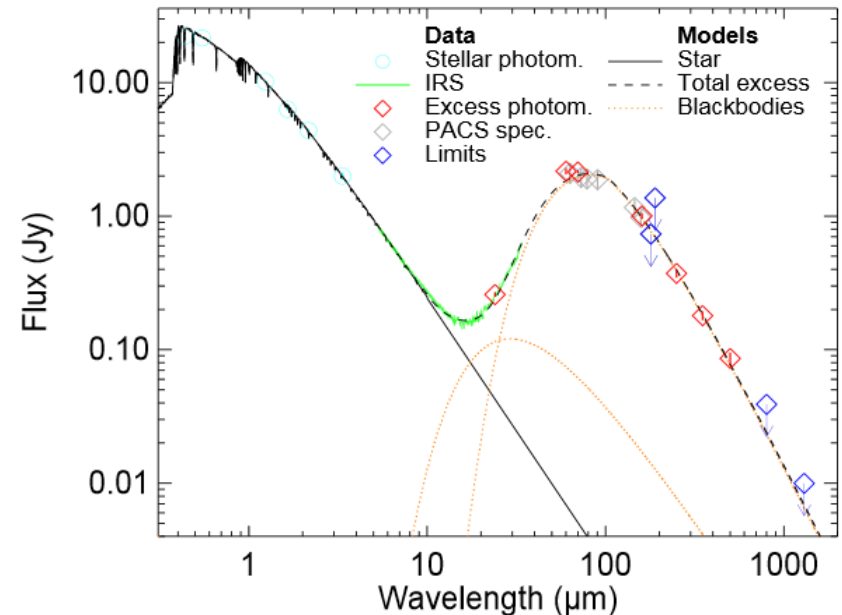


# Comments: Homework #9

- **49 Ceti circumstellar dust**
  - not opaque (used wrong equation?)
- **consolidate before calculating**
  - $(6000)^4 / (5000)^4$
  - $= (6000/5000)^4 = (6/5)^4$
- **precision**
  - 5.69863296735 not necessary
  - implies a specific accuracy
- **scientific notation**
  - Use for all parts of your solutions



# Prove this Statement

***“The energy needed to achieve low Earth orbit is roughly half of the total energy to reach anywhere in the Solar System.”***

**Compare the kinetic energies.**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{esc}}^2 &= \frac{1}{2} m (\sqrt{2} v_c)^2 \\ \frac{1}{2} m v_{\text{esc}}^2 &= m (v_c)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{KE}_{\text{esc}} &= 2 \text{KE}_C \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{KE}_{\text{esc}} &= \text{KE}_C\end{aligned}$$

**Justifies the need for an orbital “waystation.”**

# Vis-Viva Equation

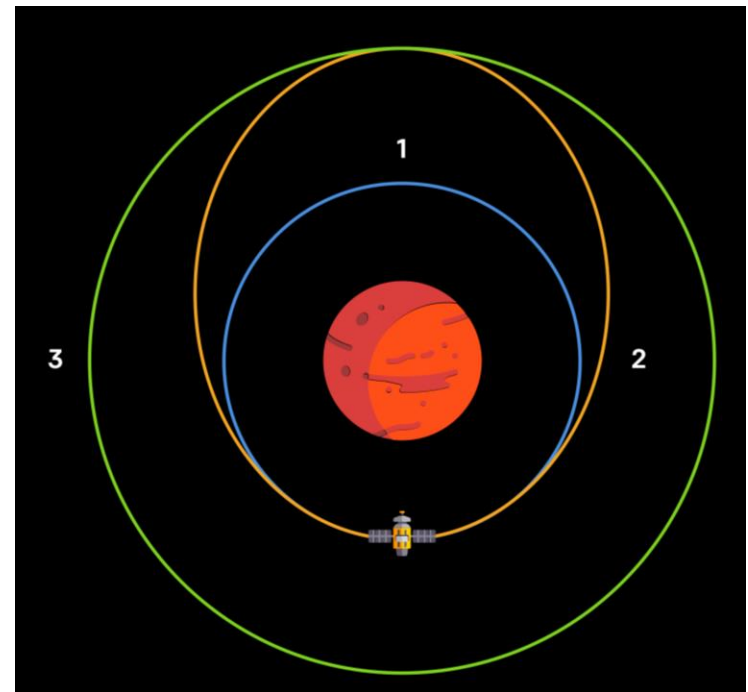
speed at any point in an orbit  
equation 3.67

$$v^2 = G(M + m)\left(\frac{2}{r} - \frac{1}{a}\right)$$

What is  $v_{\text{esc}}$  from Earth to leave Solar System?

True or false:

*“It’s much more difficult to reach the Sun than it is to leave the Solar System altogether.”*

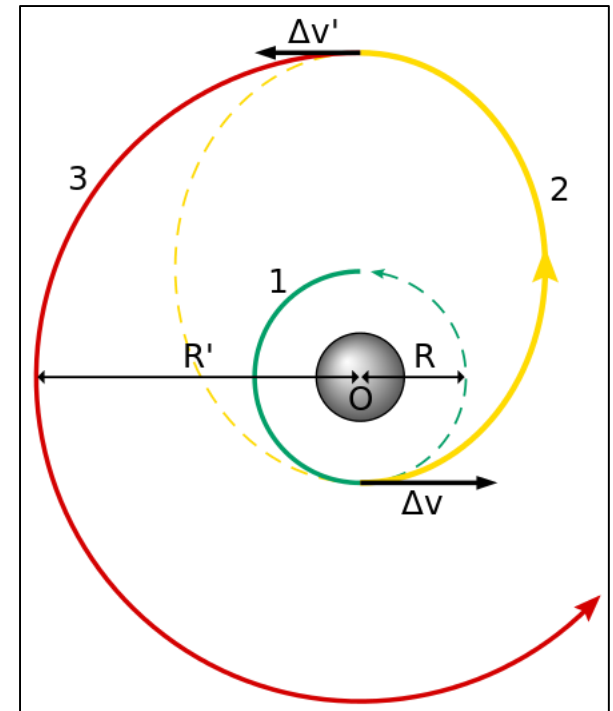


Hohmann transfer orbit

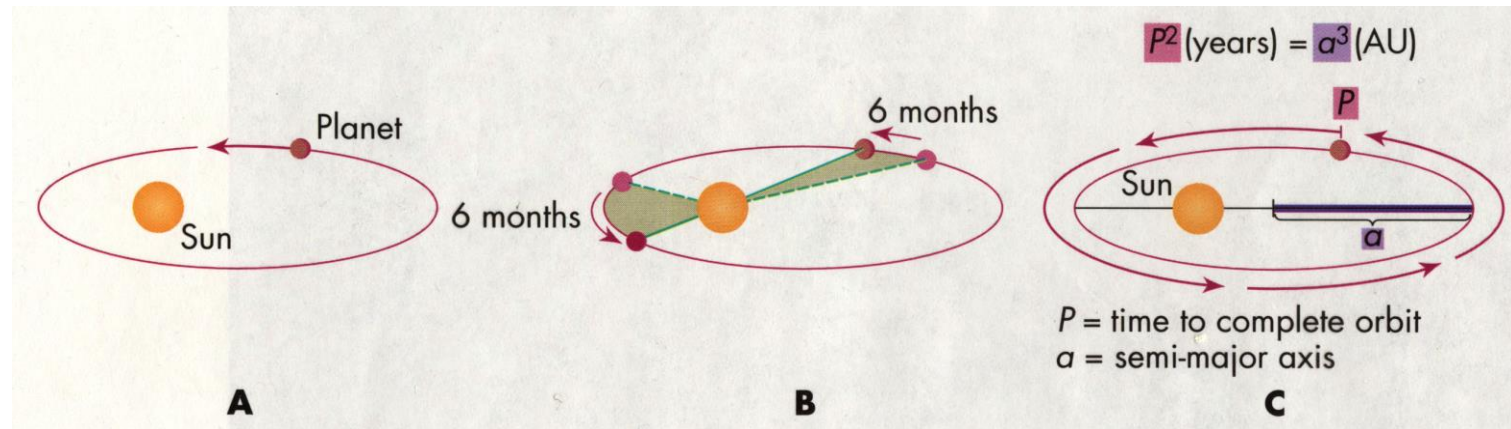
# Hohmann Transfer Orbit

minimum energy usage => maximize payload

- **Shown: Earth-Mars**
  - 9 month travel time
  - “windows” open every 26 months
- **Parker Solar Probe**
  - ExCr: Calculate energy required to reach 0.04 AU vs to Mars
  - Using textbook, I got 60x more energy required!



# Newton's Law of Gravity Explains Kepler's THREE laws



Newton explained Kepler's Third Law ( $P^2 = a^3$ ) using gravity.  
Newton found a more thorough mathematical form.

$$P^2 = \frac{4\pi a^3}{G(M_1 + M_2)}$$

Knowing the orbit of an object ( $P$  and  $a$ ), one can find the masses of the objects.

# Dividing Equations

$$P^2 = \frac{4\pi A^3}{G(M_1 + M_2)}$$

**Consider two binary systems and distinguish between them with capital letters.**

$$p^2 = \frac{4\pi a^3}{G(m_1 + m_2)}$$

$$(P/p)^2 = (A/a)^3 (m_1 + m_2) / (M_1 + M_2)$$

**(continued)**

$$(P/p)^2 = (A/a)^3 (m_1 + m_2) / (M_1 + M_2)$$

**If the second system is the Earth-Sun, then  $p = 1$  yr,  $a = 1$  AU, and  $(m_1 + m_2) = 1 M_{\text{sun}}$ .**

**This is equivalent to measuring  $P$  (yrs),  $A$  (AU), and  $M$  (solar masses):**

$$P^2 = \frac{A^3}{(M_1 + M_2)}$$

# Kepler's Third Law

- If you choose these units:
  - period (P) in years
  - semi-major axis (a) in AU
  - mass in “solar masses”
- Then, we can rewrite Kepler's Third Law:
  - $P^2 = a^3 / M_{\text{total}}$
- For a binary star:
  - $P^2 = a^3 / (M_1 + M_2)$



# Problem

- **“Low-Earth orbit” definition:**
  - altitude  $\sim 1/3$  radius of Earth
- **What is the period of a “low-Moon” orbit?**
  - Use your knowledge of the Earth-Moon system.

# Solution

- $P^2 = A^3/M$  for Earth
- $p^2 = a^3/m$  for Moon
- $A = 4/3 R$  and  $a = 4/3 r$ 
  - $r/R = 0.2725$
  - $M/m = 81.3$
- $(p/P)^2 = (a/A)^3 (M/m) = (r/R)^3 (M/m) = (0.2725)^3 (81.3)$
- $p/P = 1.28$
- $p = 115$  minutes (for  $P = 90$  minutes)  $\sim 2$  hours

# Period of low circular orbit is independent of diameter

Interestingly the low circular orbit period about a body is independent of its size. It depends only on the density of the object.

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{a^3}{Gm}}$$

Let's say that the low circular orbit altitude is 6% of the radius of a sphere with average density  $\rho$ . Then:

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{3(1.06r)^3}{4\pi G\rho r^3}}$$

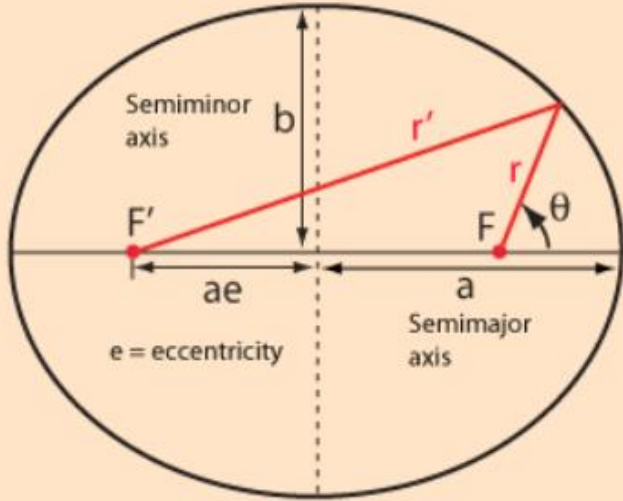
$$T \approx \frac{3.35}{\sqrt{G\rho}}$$

So low orbits around rocky bodies will be on the order of two hours, regardless of the size.

For Earth,  $\rho = 5.51 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , which gives a period of 92 minutes. For the Moon with  $\rho = 3.34 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , the period is 118 minutes. Mars'  $\rho = 3.93 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , giving 109 minutes. Tiny Ceres at  $\rho = 2.08 \text{ g/cm}^3$  gives 150 minutes. (Dawn won't get that low.)

# Problem

derive expressions for perihelion and aphelion



The diagram shows an ellipse with a horizontal major axis and a vertical dashed minor axis. The center is at the origin. The right focus is labeled F and the left focus is labeled F'. The distance from the center to focus F is labeled 'a'. The distance from focus F' to the center is labeled 'ae'. The semiminor axis is labeled 'b'. A point on the ellipse in the first quadrant is connected to F by a red line segment labeled 'r' and to F' by a red line segment labeled 'r''. The angle between the major axis and the line segment r is labeled 'theta'.

r:

$$r'^2 = r^2 \sin^2 \theta + (2ae + r \cos \theta)^2$$

Using the [trigonometric identity](#)

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

this reduces to

$$r'^2 = r^2 + 4ae(ae + r \cos \theta)$$

Using the [equation for an ellipse](#), an expression for r can be obtained

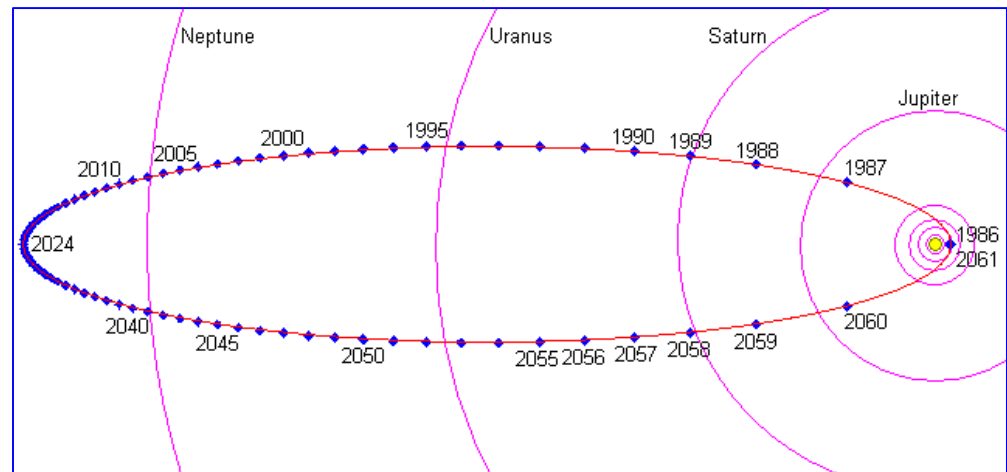
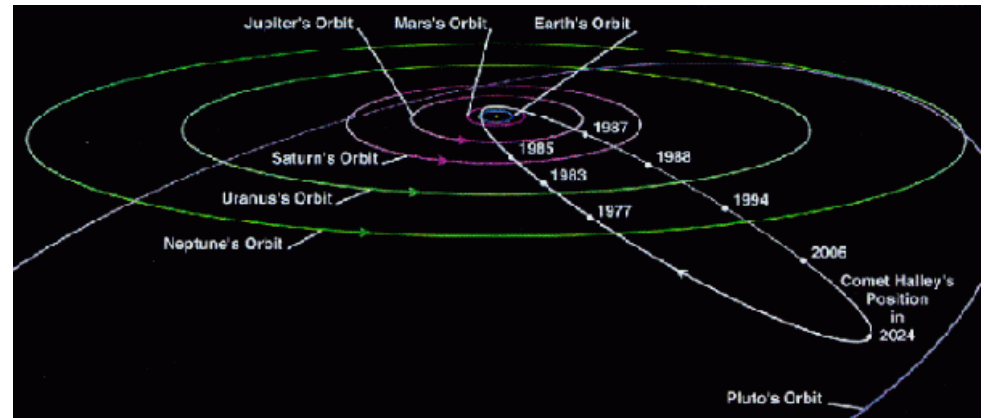
$$r = \frac{a(1 - e^2)}{1 + e \cos \theta} \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq e < 1$$

# Problem

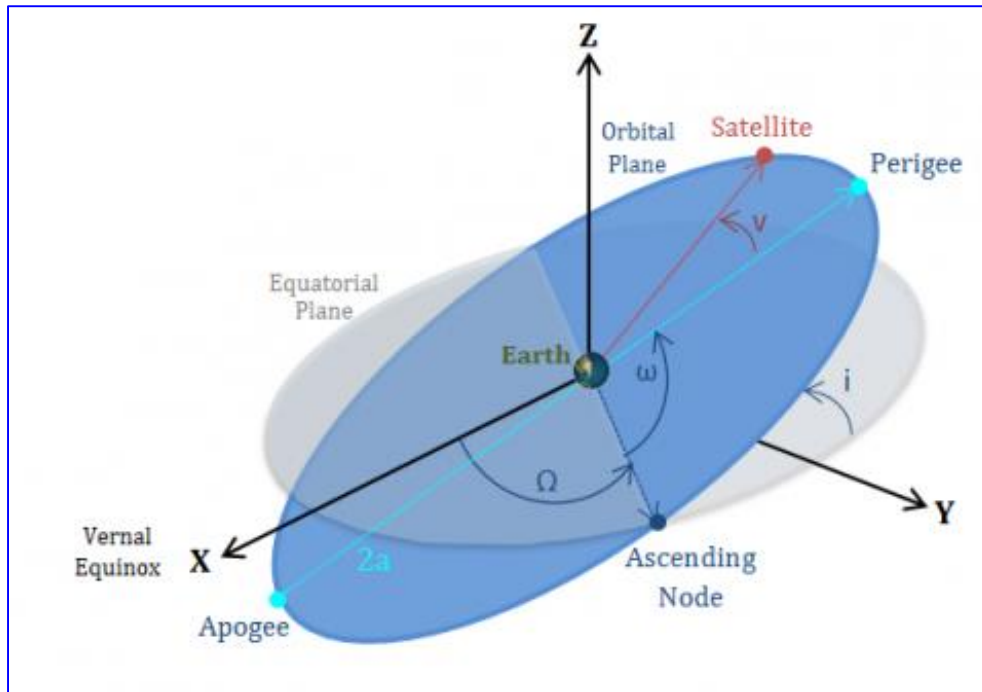
## Halley's comet

Semi-major axis	17.834 AU
Eccentricity	0.96714
Orbital period	75.32 yr
Mean anomaly	38.38°
Inclination	162.26°
Longitude of ascending node	58.42°
Argument of perihelion	111.33°

aphelion = ?  
perihelion = ?



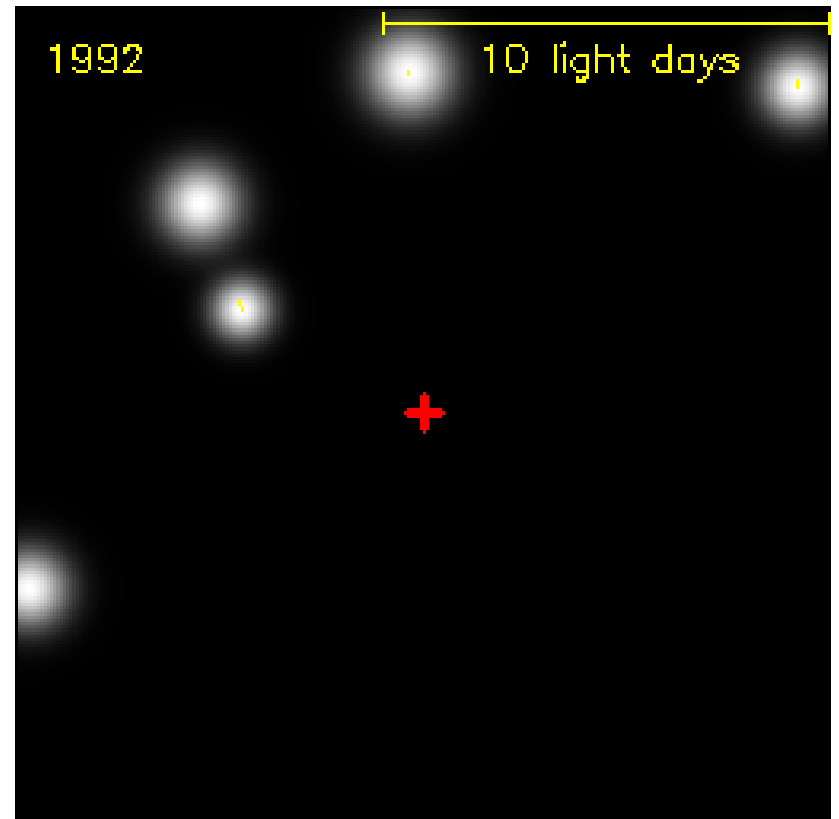
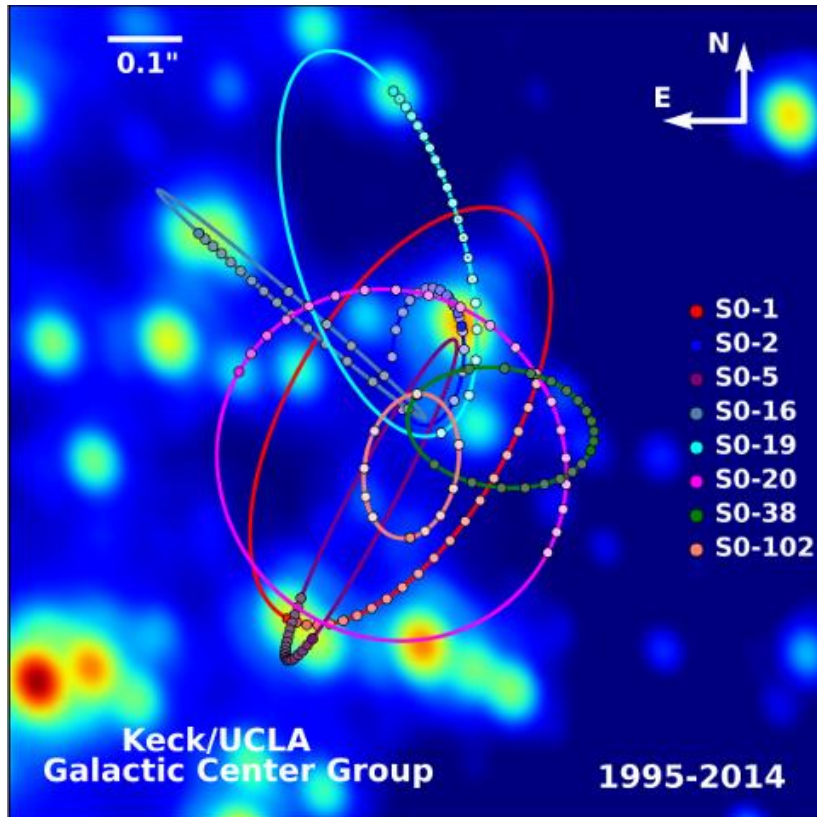
# Orbital elements



- **size & shape of orbit**
  - $a, e$
- **orientation of orbital plane**
  - $i, \Omega$
- **orientation of ellipse in the plane**
  - $\omega$
- **position of object**
  - $v$

# Stars Orbiting the Black Hole at the Center of Our Milky Way Galaxy

## Do Kepler's Laws work there?



# Virial Theorem

- For any system of particles bound by an inverse-square force, the time-averaged kinetic energy  $\langle T \rangle$  and the time-averaged potential energy  $\langle U \rangle$  satisfy  $2\langle T \rangle + \langle U \rangle = 0$
- What assumptions?
- Why is  $U$  negative?
- Assumes a “bound” system
  - In equilibrium, neither expanding nor contracting
  - only gravitational forces
- Ignores rotation
- We will apply to globular clusters and the Coma cluster of galaxies



# Virial Theorem

$$2\langle T \rangle + \langle U \rangle = 0$$

- $2T = Nmv^2 = Mv^2$
- $m$  is individual mass
- $N$  is number of objects with mass ( $m$ ) and average speed ( $v$ )
- $U = -\alpha GM^2/R$
- $\alpha$  is a constant depending on how the mass is distributed
- $R$  is the object's radius
- $Mv^2 = \alpha GM^2/R$
- $M = v^2 R / \alpha G$

# Problem

## globular star cluster (M71)



# M71 Measurements

TABLE 1—(continued)

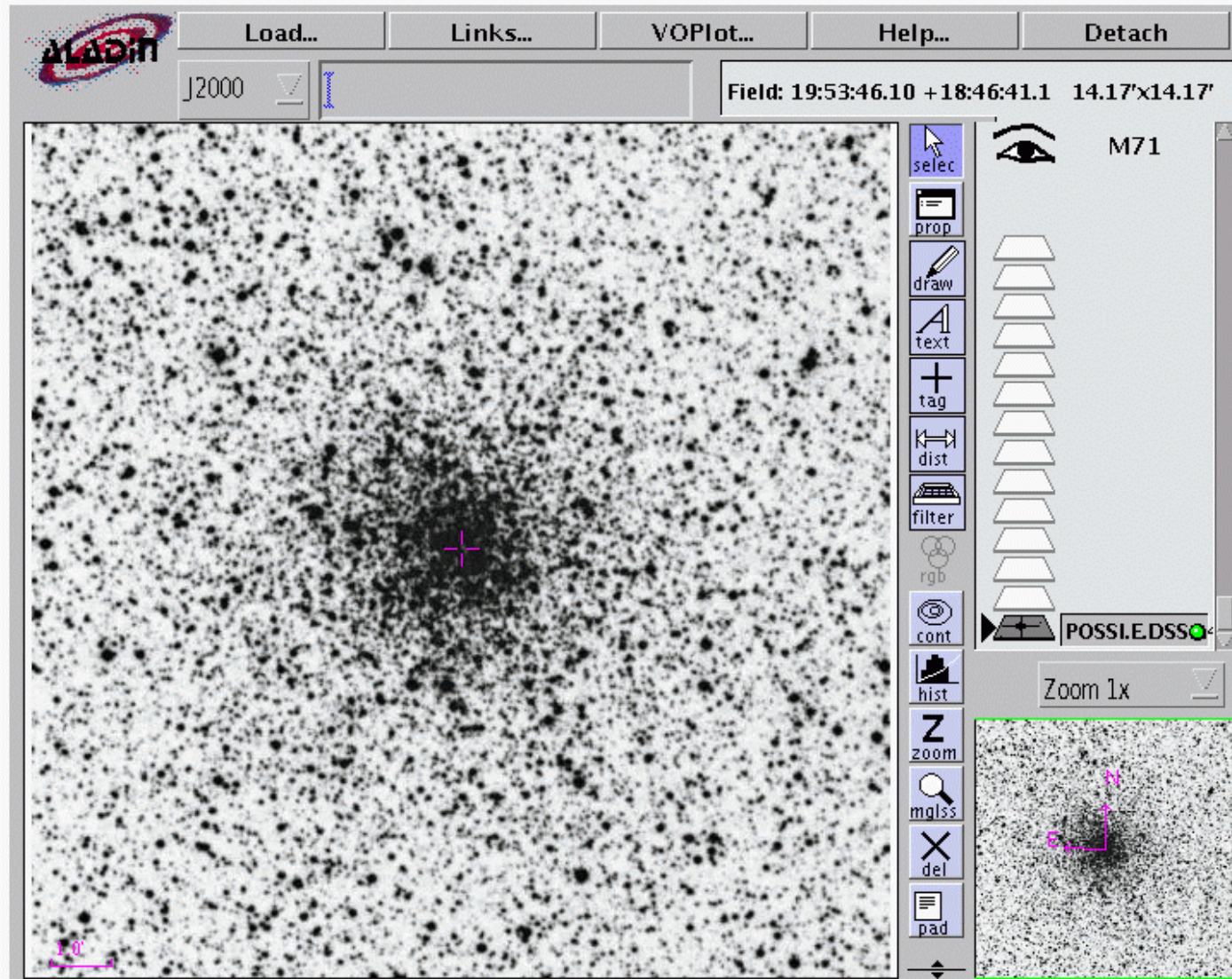
Star	$M_{\text{bol}}^e (V-K)_0^e$		V	B-V	Disk No.	Julian Date	Exposure	R	This Velocity	Other Velocity	Ref <sup>b</sup>	Notes
NGC 6838 = M71 (Cudworth 1985a)												
A	...	...	10.70	0.53	2654-11	6222.984	2.5	10.7	$-27.1 \pm 0.7$	$-17 \pm 7$	PS83	0,f
					2656-15	6223.986	4	9.7	$-27.0 \pm 0.8$			
B,V2	-3.13	4.66	12.08	1.87	2654-9	6222.980	7.2	5.5	$-18.9 \pm 1.3$			95
					2656-13	6223.982	5.5	4.7	$-19.2 \pm 1.5$			
A4	-2.35	3.55	12.20	1.69	2651-19	6221.902	6	10.3	$-25.4 \pm 0.7$	-25	C80	94
A9	-1.38	3.37	12.94	1.57	2651-24	6221.931	12	11.2	$-24.8 \pm 0.7$			86
I	...	...	12.42	1.57	2656-11	6223.976	8.2	10.4	$-15.5 \pm 0.7$			93
S	-1.34	3.12	12.94	1.51	2651-22	6221.920	12	10.7	$-23.7 \pm 0.7$			81
1-21	-1.08	2.84	13.02	1.49	2651-28	6221.956	15	12.7	$-21.5 \pm 0.6$			95
1-29	-3.39	5.6	12.76	1.84	2651-17	6221.896	8	9.4	$-23.6 \pm 0.8$			90
1-36	...	...	12.79	1.25	2651-30	6221.964	10	8.5	$-22.2 \pm 0.9$	$-24 \pm 11$	GN78	64
1-45	-2.18	3.60	12.36	1.76	2654-2	6222.948	12	9.2	$-22.8 \pm 0.8$	-22	C80	94
					2654-4	6222.958	12	9.8	$-23.2 \pm 0.8$	$-29 \pm 14$	GN78	
										$-22 \pm 18$	GN78	
1-46	-2.31	3.64	12.29	1.75	2656-9	6223.968	12	8.8	$-23.2 \pm 0.9$	-26	C80	93
										$-16 \pm 10$	GN78	
1-53	...	...	12.97	1.61	2652-1	6221.974	10	9.6	$-25.1 \pm 0.8$			95
					2654-7	6222.972	15	9.5	$-24.2 \pm 0.8$			
1-56	...	...	13.14	1.38	2656-7	6223.958	20	11.7	$-20.9 \pm 0.7$			96
1-64	...	...	13.10	1.53	2653-26	6222.908	17	12.5	$-17.2 \pm 0.6$	$-24 \pm 40$	HS78	95
					2656-4	6223.943	6	7.7	$-17.4 \pm 1.0$	$-9 \pm 40$	HS78	
1-66	...	...	13.01	1.40	2653-28	6222.919	15	13.1	$-20.0 \pm 0.6$			81
1-77	-1.89	3.57	12.65	1.73	2651-26	6221.941	12	9.7	$-27.1 \pm 0.8$	$-16 \pm 19$	GN78	73
1-113	-2.25	3.81	12.43	1.80	2653-24	6222.895	10	10.3	$-21.5 \pm 0.7$	$-29 \pm 11$	GN78	95
										$-21 \pm 18$	GN78	

<sup>a</sup> In  $\text{km s}^{-1}$ .



# Calculate the Virial Mass of Globular Star Cluster M71

distance = 3.8 kpc



# Globular Cluster Properties

Table 1. Basic Facts about the Globular Clusters of the Galaxy

Number known	147
Median distance from Galactic Centre	9.3kpc
Median absolute V magnitude	-7.27
Median concentration	1.50
Median core relaxation time	$3.39 \times 10^8 \text{yr}$
Median relaxation time at the half-mass radius	$1.17 \times 10^9 \text{yr}$
Median core radius	1.32pc
Median half-mass radius	3.08pc
Median tidal radius	34.5pc
Median mass	$8.1 \times 10^4 M_{\odot}$
Median line-of-sight velocity dispersion	5.50km/s