Visual Orbits of Spectroscopic Binaries with the CHARA Array. I. HD 224355

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Abstract

We present the visual orbit of the double-lined spectroscopic binary HD 224355 from interferometric observations with the CHARA Array, as well as an updated spectroscopic analysis using echelle spectra from the Apache Point Observatory 3.5 m telescope. By combining the visual and spectroscopic orbital solutions, we find the binary components to have masses of $M_1 = 1.626 \pm 0.005 M_\odot$ and $M_2 = 1.608 \pm 0.005 M_\odot$, and a distance of $d = 63.98 \pm 0.26$ pc. Using the distance and the component angular diameters found by fitting spectrophotometry from the literature to spectral energy distribution models, we estimate the stellar radii to be $R_1 = 2.65 \pm 0.21 R_\odot$ and $R_2 = 2.47 \pm 0.23 R_\odot$. We then compare these observed fundamental parameters to the predictions of stellar evolution models, finding that both components are evolved toward the end of the main sequence with an estimated age of 1.9 Gyr.

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1. Introduction

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2. Spectroscopy

2.1. ARCES Observations

We obtained 16 nights of data using the Astrophysical Research Consortium echelle spectograph (ARCES; Wang et al. 2003) on the APO 3.5 m telescope between 2015 December and 2018 June. ARCES covers λ3500–10500 Å over 107 orders at an average resolving power of $R \sim 30,000$. Data were reduced using standard IRAF procedures, including bias subtraction, cosmic-ray removal, one-dimensional flat-fielding, and wavelength calibration from thorium–argon lamp exposures. All spectra were corrected to the heliocentric frame and transformed onto a standard logarithmic wavelength grid. The echelle blaze function was removed using the procedure of Kolbas et al. (2015), where templates for the blaze function were created from polynomial fits to orders free of strong absorption lines. These templates were interpolated to the orders where strong absorption lines were present, such as the Hα order. Normalized spectra for each echelle order were then created by dividing the observed spectra by the blaze templates.

2.2. Radial Velocities

We measured the radial velocities ($V_\text{r}$) of our ARCES spectra using the Two-Dimensional CORrelation (TODCOR) procedure of Zucker & Mazeh (1994), which computes the correlation coefficient between the observed spectrum and a template composite spectrum across a grid of primary and secondary radial velocities. Templates were taken from BLUERED\(^5\) model spectra (Bertone et al. 2008) using the atmospheric parameters estimated by Fekel et al. (2010); $T_\text{eff} = 6300$ K, $T_\text{eff} = 6300$ K; log $g = 4.0$, log $g = 4.0$; $V_1 \sin i = 11.5$, $V_2 \sin i = 9.0$ km s$^{-1}$; $f_2/f_1 = 0.9$) and solar metallicity.

We ran TODCOR individually for each echelle order in the range of 4500–6600 Å. Because the primary and secondary components have similar template spectra, we manually identified and corrected any orders where the component velocities were switched. We then computed the final radial velocities for each night from the weighted average of the velocities from each echelle order and the uncertainties from the standard deviation in all orders. Our results are listed in Table 1, along with the residuals to the combined solution found in Section 4.3. TODCOR also estimates the flux ratio for each echelle order, all with similar results. For example, the fitted flux ratio for the Hα order is $f_2/f_1 = 0.95 \pm 0.06$.

3. Interferometry

3.1. CLIMB Observations

Interferometric observations were conducted at the CHARA Array on nine nights between 2014 October and 2017 October. CHARA sends the light from six 1m telescopes arranged in a Y-shape with separations ranging from 34 to 330 m to one of several beam combiners operating in the optical and near infrared (ten Brummelaar et al. 2005). We used the CClassic Interferometry with Multiple Baselines beam combiner (CLIMB; ten Brummelaar et al. 2013), which combines near-infrared light from three telescopes in order to measure fringe visibilities and closure phases (CPs). Our observations are listed in Table 2, with the calendar and Julian dates, the telescope combination and calibrator stars used, the number of visibilities and CPs measured, and the average Fried parameter ($\sigma$) for each night. All of our observations were taken in the $K$-band at 2.13 $\mu$m, except on 2017 October 11 which were taken in the $H$-band at 1.67 $\mu$m.

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\(^5\)http://www.inaoep.mx/~modelos/bluered/bluered.html

\(^6\)http://www.jmmc.fr/searchcal
calibrator visibilities, then divided the observed science visibilities by this factor.

3.2. Binary Positions

The squared visibility ($V^2$) of an interference fringe of a binary system depends on the properties of the individual components as well as the binary separation (Boden 2000),

$$V^2_{\text{binary}} = \frac{V_1^2 + \frac{f_2}{f_1} V_2^2 + 2 \frac{f_2}{f_1} V_1 V_2 \cos[2\pi(u\Delta \alpha + v\Delta \delta)]}{\left(1 + \frac{f_2}{f_1}\right)^2},$$

where $V_1$ and $V_2$ are the limb-darkened visibilities of the primary and secondary components, $\Delta \alpha$ and $\Delta \delta$ are the relative separations in R.A. and decl. in radians, $u$ and $v$ are the spatial frequencies of the baselines projected onto the sky in radians$^{-1}$, and $f_2/f_1$ is the flux ratio. The observed visibilities therefore change over the course of one night as the projected baselines change and throughout the orbital period as the relative positions of the components change.

We used this equation to model the squared visibilities and CPs as a function of baseline and fit for the binary angular separation, position angle, and flux ratio for each observation using the grid search code$^7$ of Schaefer et al. (2016). Based on the Hipparcos parallax and the radii from Fekel et al. (2010), the estimated angular diameters of both components are about 0.4 mas. This is less than the 0.6 mas resolution limit of CHARA in the $K'$-band, so we set the angular diameters to be unresolved at 0 mas. (We also tested finite angular diameters when fitting our data, but the results were consistent within the observational errors.) The $u$ and $v$ coordinates are also known for each observation, so the only free parameters are the binary separations and the flux ratio. We first searched a wide range of relative separations, using MPFIT (Markwardt 2009) to minimize the $\chi^2$ goodness-of-fit statistic in $V^2$ and CP at each point in the grid and find the best-fit $\Delta \alpha$, $\Delta \delta$, and $f_2/f_1$. We then calculated $\chi^2$ in a fine grid around this best-fit separation to determine the 1σ error ellipse from the positions where $\chi^2 \leq \chi^2_{\text{min}} + 1$.

An example set of visibilities and CPs are shown in Figure 1 for the night of 2017 September 08. Our results for each night are listed in Table 3, with the relative separation ($\rho$) and position angle ($\theta$) of the secondary component, the best-fit flux ratio ($f_2/f_1$), and the major axis ($\sigma_{\text{maj}}$), minor axis ($\sigma_{\text{min}}$), and position angle ($\phi$) of the 1σ error ellipse. The position angles of the secondary component and error ellipse are both measured east of north. The weighted average flux ratio in the $K'$-band is $f_2/f_1 = 0.94 \pm 0.04$. On the nights of 2014 October 05 and 2017 August 04, only two brackets were observed, so the global $\chi^2$ map showed multiple solutions with $\chi^2 \leq \chi^2_{\text{min}} + 1$. In order to distinguish between these solutions, we predicted the relative separations from a preliminary orbit fit to the relative positions from nights with three or more brackets (see Section 4.2) and chose the solution closest to the predicted value. Also, the flux ratio was not well constrained on 2017 August 04, so we held it fixed to the weighted average flux ratio.

4. Orbital Parameters

We first fit separately for the spectroscopic (SB2) and visual (VB) orbital parameters to ensure that our solutions were consistent with literature values, then we performed a combined fit (VB+SB2) to determine the final orbital solution. Each step is explained below.

4.1. Spectroscopic Orbit

We fit for the spectroscopic orbital parameters of HD 224355 using the RVFIT code by Iglesias-Marzoa et al. (2015), which is an adaptive, simulated annealing code that fits for the parameters of single- and double-lined spectroscopic binaries.$^8$ We held the orbital period ($P$) fixed to the value from Fekel et al. (2010) and fit for the epoch of periastron ($T$), longitude of periastron of the primary ($\omega_1$), eccentricity ($e$), systemic velocity ($\gamma$), and velocity semi-amplitudes ($K_1$, $K_2$). We then used the Monte Carlo Markov Chain (MCMC) feature of RVFIT to estimate the error in each parameter. The orbital elements determined from our ARCES radial velocities were consistent with those of Fekel et al. (2010), making a joint solution possible. The increased time baseline of a joint solution also allows for a more precise determination of the orbital period.

Fekel et al. (2010) did not give uncertainties for their radial velocities, but instead assigned weighting factors to the data from each instrument. We used $\sigma = 1/\sqrt{\text{weight}}$ as first estimates of the uncertainties and ran RVFIT on their set of radial velocities. We then rescaled the uncertainties such that $\chi^2_{\text{red}} = 1$, resulting in uncertainties of 0.2–0.4 km s$^{-1}$ which are reasonable for the high resolution of their spectra. We also added a correction of $-0.31$ km s$^{-1}$ to the ARCES radial velocities so that the systemic velocity matched that of Fekel.

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$^7$ http://chara.gsu.edu/analysis-software/binary-grid-search

$^8$ http://www.ucfca.es/people/~riglesias/rvfit.html
et al. (2010). Finally, we fit for all of the spectroscopic orbital elements ($P$, $T$, $e$, $\omega_1$, $\gamma$, $K_1$, $K_2$) using RVFIT with the combined set of radial velocities. Our results are listed in the second column of Table 4, and are consistent with the results of Fekel et al. (2010) as expected.

Table 4

| Parameter          | SB2 only       | VB only        | VB + SB2       |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| $P$ (days)         | 12.156165 ± 0.000012 | 12.156165$^a$  | 12.156160 ± 0.000015 |
| $T$ (HJD-2400000)  | 53282.3194 ± 0.0017  | 53282.3194$^a$  | 53282.3198 ± 0.0017  |
| $e$                | 0.3117 ± 0.0003  | 0.3117$^a$    | 0.3117 ± 0.0003  |
| $\omega_1$ (deg)   | 34.45 ± 0.06   | 34.45$^a$    | 34.46 ± 0.05    |
| $i$ (deg)          | ...            | 97.1 ± 0.3   | 97.1 ± 0.5      |
| $u$ (mas)          | ...            | 2.390 ± 0.010 | 2.392 ± 0.009  |
| $\Omega$ (deg)     | ...            | 219.4 ± 0.2  | 219.4 ± 0.2    |
| $\gamma$ (km s$^{-1}$) | 11.74 ± 0.02  | ...           | 11.74 ± 0.01 |
| $K_1$ (km s$^{-1}$) | 71.11 ± 0.03  | ...           | 71.11 ± 0.03    |
| $K_2$ (km s$^{-1}$) | 71.90 ± 0.03  | ...           | 71.90 ± 0.03    |

Note. $^a$ Fixed to spectroscopic solution.

4.3. Combined VB + SB2 Solution

Finally, we fit for all ten orbital parameters ($P$, $T$, $e$, $i$, $\omega$, $\Omega$, $\omega_1$, $\gamma$, $K_1$, $K_2$) simultaneously using the Newton–Raphson method of Schaefer et al. (2016) to minimize $\chi^2$ in both the visual and spectroscopic orbits. We then performed a Monte Carlo error analysis, where we randomly varied each data point within its uncertainties (assuming Gaussian errors) and refit for the orbital parameters. We created histograms of the best-fit parameters from several hundred thousand iterations, fit each histogram with a Gaussian, and took the standard deviation as

The uncertainty in relative position by a factor of 5.6 such that the reduced $\chi^2$ equals 1 in order to be used in the combined solution below. The parameter errors given in Table 3 are based upon these rescaled uncertainties.
the final 1σ uncertainty in each parameter. Our results are listed in the last column of Table 4. Figure 2 shows the best-fit radial velocity curve, and Figure 3 shows the best-fit visual orbit.

5. Derived Stellar Parameters

5.1. Masses and Distance

Using the combined orbital solution of HD 224355, we derived stellar masses of $M_1 = 1.626 \pm 0.005 M_\odot$ and $M_2 = 1.608 \pm 0.005 M_\odot$ and a distance of $d = 63.98 \pm 0.26$
pc. Our distance from orbital parallax can be compared to the distances from trigonometric parallax in the literature; the distance is \(71.0 \pm 1.8\) pc (van Leeuwen 2007) from Hipparcos (Perryman et al. 1997), while the distance is \(63.31^{+0.35}_{-0.36}\) pc (Bailer-Jones et al. 2018) from GAIA DR2 (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2016, 2018).

5.2. Radii and Surface Gravities

In order to estimate the radius of each component, we used spectrophotometry and spectral energy distribution (SED) fitting. We combined optical spectrophotometry by Burnashev (1985) with 2MASS (Skrutskie et al. 2006) and Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (Wright et al. 2010) infrared magnitudes to create an SED of HD 224355. Uncertainties of 5\% were adopted for the spectrophotometry. The observed SED is shown as the black points in Figure 4.

A model SED for a binary system is represented by

\[
f_\lambda = \frac{1}{d^2} (R_1^2 F_{\lambda 1} + R_2^2 F_{\lambda 2}) \times 10^{-0.4A_\lambda},
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where \(F_{\lambda 1}\) and \(F_{\lambda 2}\) are the surface fluxes of each component, \(R_1\) and \(R_2\) are the stellar radii, \(d\) is the distance, and \(A_\lambda\) is the extinction in magnitudes. The surface fluxes were taken from ATLAS9 model atmospheres (Castelli & Kurucz 2004), using the effective temperatures found in Section 5.3 in an iterative process. The radius ratio \(R_2/R_1\) can be calculated from the observed flux ratio and the model surface flux ratio. We calculated \(R_2/R_1 = 0.94 \pm 0.06\) from the spectroscopic flux ratio (near Ha) and \(R_2/R_1 = 0.90 \pm 0.10\) from the interferometric flux ratio (at 2.13 \(\mu\)m), then found the weighted average to be \(R_2/R_1 = 0.93 \pm 0.05\).

After substituting the average radius ratio into the equation above, we fit for the radius of the primary and the extinction using MPFIT. Figure 4 shows the best-fit binary SED model, and Table 5 lists the best-fit parameters. We found stellar radii of \(R_1 = 2.65 \pm 0.21 R_\odot\) and \(R_2 = 2.47 \pm 0.23 R_\odot\), and surface gravities of \(\log g_1 = 3.80 \pm 0.04\) and \(\log g_2 = 3.86 \pm 0.04\).

| Parameter          | Primary          | Secondary         |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Mass (M_\odot)     | 1.626 \pm 0.005  | 1.608 \pm 0.005   |
| Radius (R_\odot)   | 2.65 \pm 0.21    | 2.47 \pm 0.23     |
| T\_eff (K)         | 6450 \pm 120     | 6590 \pm 110      |
| log g (cgs)        | 3.80 \pm 0.04    | 3.86 \pm 0.04     |
| V sin i (km s\(^{-1}\)) | 10.9 \pm 1.2 | 7.0 \pm 1.3       |
| Semimajor axis (R_\odot) | 32.91 \pm 0.03 |                |
| Distance (pc)      | 63.98 \pm 0.26   |                  |
| E(B - V) (mag)     | 0.04 \pm 0.05    |                  |

The corresponding angular diameters of \(\theta_1 = 0.38 \pm 0.03\) mas and \(\theta_2 = 0.36 \pm 0.04\) mas are consistent with partial eclipses, as seen in the Hipparcos light curve. These radii are smaller than those found by Fekel et al. (2010) from colors and apparent magnitudes \((R_1 = 2.9 \pm 0.1 R_\odot\) and \(R_2 = 2.8 \pm 0.1 R_\odot\)), likely because of the smaller parallax and lower temperatures used in their estimate. Additionally, we calculated the reddening to be \(E(B - V) = 0.04 \pm 0.05\) from the best-fit extinction and the Galactic extinction curve of Fitzpatrick (1998).

5.3. Effective Temperatures and Rotational Velocities

We reconstructed the spectrum of each component using the Doppler tomography algorithm of Bagnuolo et al. (1992) in order to determine the effective temperatures (T\_eff) and rotational velocities (V sin i) of HD 224355. Template spectra were taken from BLUERED models using the atmospheric parameters in Table 5 and solar metallicity. Example reconstructed spectra are shown in Figure 5.

We first used line equivalent width ratios of several metal absorption lines to determine the effective temperatures of each component. We measured the equivalent widths (\(W_\lambda\)) of these lines in both the reconstructed spectra and model spectra of
different effective temperatures using the ARES code\(^9\) of Sousa et al. (2007). For each pair of absorption lines, we calculated the \(W_\lambda\) ratio as a function of effective temperature and interpolated between model ratios to determine the effective temperatures of each component. Each pair was also weighted between 0 and 1 based on how fast the ratio changed with temperature, such that line pairs more sensitive to temperature have higher weights. These weights were then used to calculate the weighted mean effective temperature for each component and the uncertainties corresponding to the standard deviation of the results from all line ratios.

Next, we determined the projected rotational velocities of each component by fitting model spectra of various \(V\,\sin\,i\) to the reconstructed spectra. We chose 50 metal absorption lines in the red part of the spectrum that are not blended and have a well-defined continuum, mostly Fe I or Fe II. For each line, we calculated \(\chi^2\) of each model as a function of \(V\,\sin\,i\), then fit a parabola to the curve to determine the \(V\,\sin\,i\) corresponding to the minimum \(\chi^2\) and the uncertainty corresponding to \(\chi^2_{\text{min}} + 1\). We found the weighted average \(V\,\sin\,i\) of each component to be \(V_1\,\sin\,i = 10.9 \pm 1.2\) km s\(^{-1}\) and \(V_2\,\sin\,i = 7.0 \pm 1.3\) km s\(^{-1}\). The primary component of HD 224355 is rotating at the projected synchronous velocity of 10.9 km s\(^{-1}\) and the secondary is rotating slower than the projected synchronous velocity of 10.2 km s\(^{-1}\), which is consistent with the trend in rotational velocities of Kepler binaries (Lurie et al. 2017).

5.4. Comparison with Evolutionary Models

We compared the observed parameters of HD 224355 to both the Yonsei-Yale \(^2\) (Demarque et al. 2004) and MESA (Paxton et al. 2011, 2018) stellar evolution codes. The Yonsei-Yale models\(^10\) were created using their model interpolator, shown as the solid lines in Figure 6. These models use the step-function method to characterize convective core overshooting as a function of mass and metallicity, where \(\Lambda_{\text{ov}} = 0.2\) for both components. The MESA models\(^11\) were computed at the observed masses and shown as the dashed lines in Figure 6. MESA uses the diffusion method to characterize convective core overshooting, so we estimated the overshooting parameter of both components to be \(f_{\text{ov}} = 0.01\) from the calibration of Claret & Torres (2018). Both sets of models are non-rotating and use solar metallicity and scaled solar abundances.

We estimated the age of each component based on which points lie within the observed uncertainties, then calculated the mean age of the system for each set of models (noted as the tick marks in Figure 6). For the Yonsei-Yale models, both components of HD 224355 appear to lie toward the end of the main sequence. The individual component ages are 1.92 and 1.86 Gyr with a mean system age of 1.89 Gyr. For the MESA models, the components intersect the evolutionary tracks at the end of the main sequence and twice on the blue hook. We chose the main sequence solution because it yields the closest ages between the components. We found individual ages of 1.64 and 1.51 Gyr with a mean system age of 1.58 Gyr.

6. Discussion

We determined the mass of each component to within 0.3% error and the radius of each component to within 9% error by combining the visual orbit from CHARA observations with the spectroscopic orbit. While the uncertainties in mass are sufficiently small, the uncertainties in radius are not small enough for a critical test of stellar evolution models. Future interferometric observations in the optical could more precisely

\(^9\) http://www.astro.up.pt/~sousasag/ares/

\(^10\) http://www.astro.yale.edu/demarque/yystar.html

\(^11\) http://www.mesa.sourceforge.net
measure the stellar radii; for example, the PAVO beam combiner at CHARA has an angular resolution of 0.2 mas and would be able to resolve both components. The component radii could also be found from light curve modeling. The Hipparcos photometry did not cover the eclipse of the secondary component, so we encourage observers to obtain more photometry for this system to expand the phase coverage and allow for eclipse modeling.

A possible source of error in our analysis would be the presence of an unknown tertiary companion. Flux from a third component would dampen the interferometric fringe visibilities, bias the measured flux ratio, and add absorption features to the spectra. Furthermore, unaccounted flux might lead to overestimates of the radii derived from the SED fit (Section 5.2). We do not see any evidence of a third component in our spectra, but upcoming observations using the 'Alopeke speckle camera on Gemini North will confirm or rule out the presence of a tertiary companion. 'Alopeke can resolve companions down to 16 mas, in which case the effects would be seen in the CLIMB observations in the form of separated fringe packets.

Our results demonstrate the value of studies of resolved systems for our goal of comparing the fundamental parameters of short and long period binaries by measuring the visual orbits of spectroscopic binaries. These visual orbits also provide model-independent distances from orbital parallax which can be compared to trigonometric and spectroscopic parallaxes. For this purpose, we are continuing observations at CHARA and APO to resolve the visual and spectroscopic orbits of several other bright binary systems to determine their fundamental parameters.

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