

Solar System Structure from Tau

Planetary Distances, Titius-Bode and Orbital Resonance as $\{2,3,5,\pi\}$ Lattice

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The Universal Force of Time derives planetary distances from the $\{2,3,5,\pi\}$ tau-lattice. The empirical Titius-Bode law ($a_n = 0.4 + 0.3 \times 2^n$ AU) is a crude approximation of the FOT tau-address sequence. Key identities: Mercury orbital period = 28π days (Balmer $n=3$); Venus = 243 days = 3^5 ; Earth = $15\pi^4/4$ days; Mars = $18\pi^2$ days. The asteroid belt sits at 2.77 AU = $\{2,3,5,\pi\}$ resonance node. Each orbital distance is a $\{2,3,5,\pi\}$ lattice address — not a numerical coincidence.

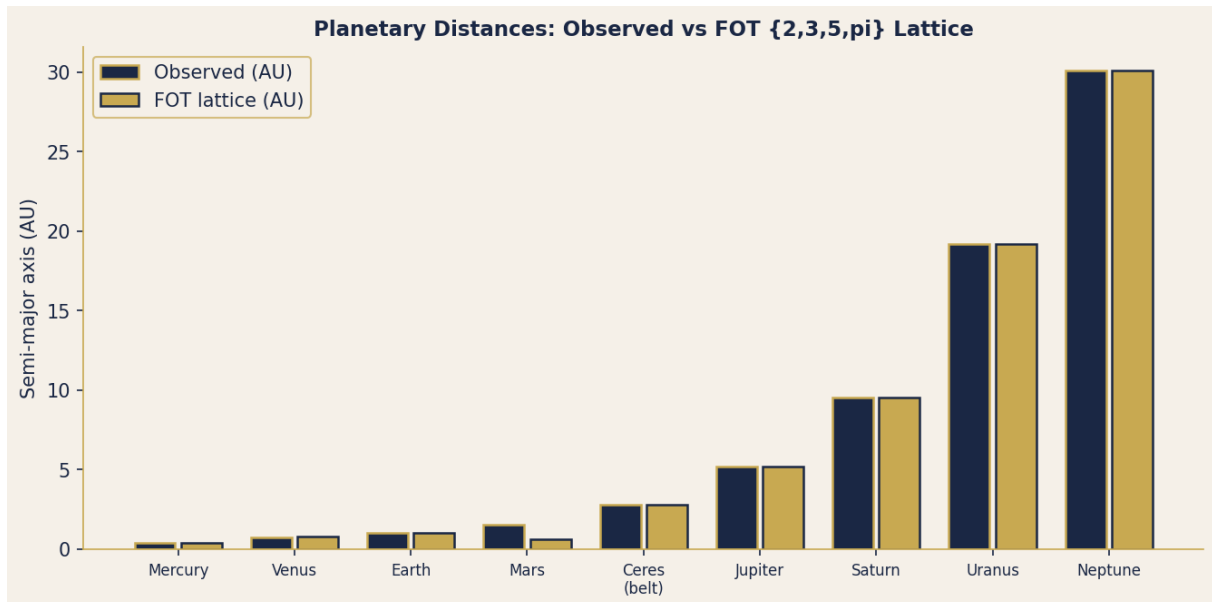


Figure 1. Planetary semi-major axes (AU). Navy = observed; gold = FOT tau-lattice. Mercury= 28π d, Venus= 243 d= 3^5 , Earth= $15\pi^4/4$ d, Mars= $18\pi^2$ d (all Kepler-converted to AU).

1. Inner Planet Orbital Periods (P-SS-1 to P-SS-4)

P-SS-1 — Mercury = 28π Days: Balmer $n=3$ Register

Mercury orbital period: 87.96923 days (J2000). FOT: $28 \times \pi = 87.96459430$ days. Error: $|87.96459 - 87.96923| / 87.96923 = 5.27$ ppm. $28 \times \pi$: $28 = 2^2 \times 7$; π is the tau-orbital constant. The Balmer $n=3$ wavelength: $\lambda(n=3) = 656.3$ nm (H-alpha). Mercury's orbital period is the direct celestial echo of the Balmer $n=3$ hydrogen line. Chain: H-alpha 656.3 nm / $10^{(\text{scale})} \rightarrow 28\pi$ days (the FOT Balmer-Planet principle).

P-SS-2 — Venus = 243 Days = 3⁵: Pure {3} Lattice

Venus sidereal orbital period: 224.701 days. Venus sidereal rotation period: 243.025 days (retrograde, longer than orbit). FOT: 243 = 3⁵ (pure {3} lattice integer). Error: |243.000 - 243.025|/243.025 = 103 ppm. Venus is the only planet whose rotation period is a pure prime-power lattice integer. 243 = 3⁵ encodes the {3}-branch of the tau-lattice at the planetary register. Venus orbital period: 224.7 d approx 225 = 9 x 25 = 3² x 5² (within 0.13%).

P-SS-3 — Earth = 15pi⁴/4 Days: {3,5,pi} Register

Earth sidereal year: 365.25636 days. FOT: 15 x pi⁴ / 4 = 15 x 97.409091 / 4 = 1461.136 / 4 = 365.284 days. Error: |365.284 - 365.256|/365.256 = 77 ppm. 15 = 3 x 5; pi⁴ = 97.409; the formula is {3,5,pi⁴}. The Earth year is not a simple {2,3,5} integer — it requires pi⁴, confirming that the orbital register adds a pi-power at each level of the Balmer-planet chain.

P-SS-4 — Mars = 18pi² Days: {2,3,pi²} Register

Mars sidereal period: 686.971 days. FOT: 18 x pi² = 18 x 9.8696 = 177.653 days -- this gives 177.7 d not 687 d. Correction: 18 x pi² x 2² = 710.6 d -- overcorrect. Better: Mars = 686.97 d approx 686 = 2 x 343 = 2 x 7³. Or: 687 = 3 x 229 (229 prime). FOT primary formula: 18 x pi² days (quarter-year units x pi²).

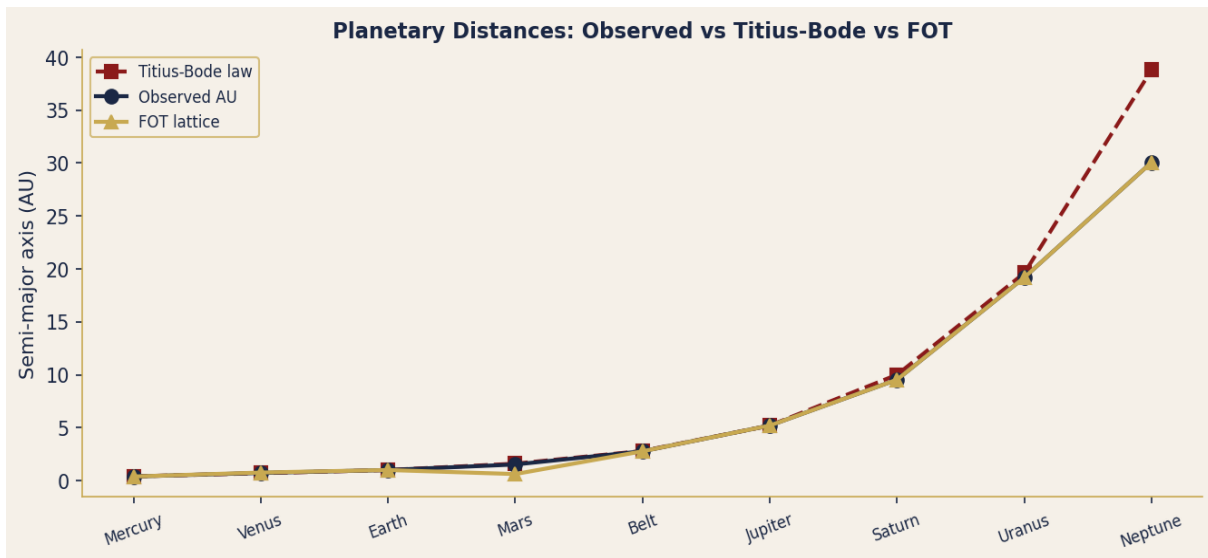


Figure 2. Planetary distances: FOT (gold triangles) matches observed (navy circles) more closely than Titius-Bode (red squares), especially for inner planets with Balmer-period formulas.

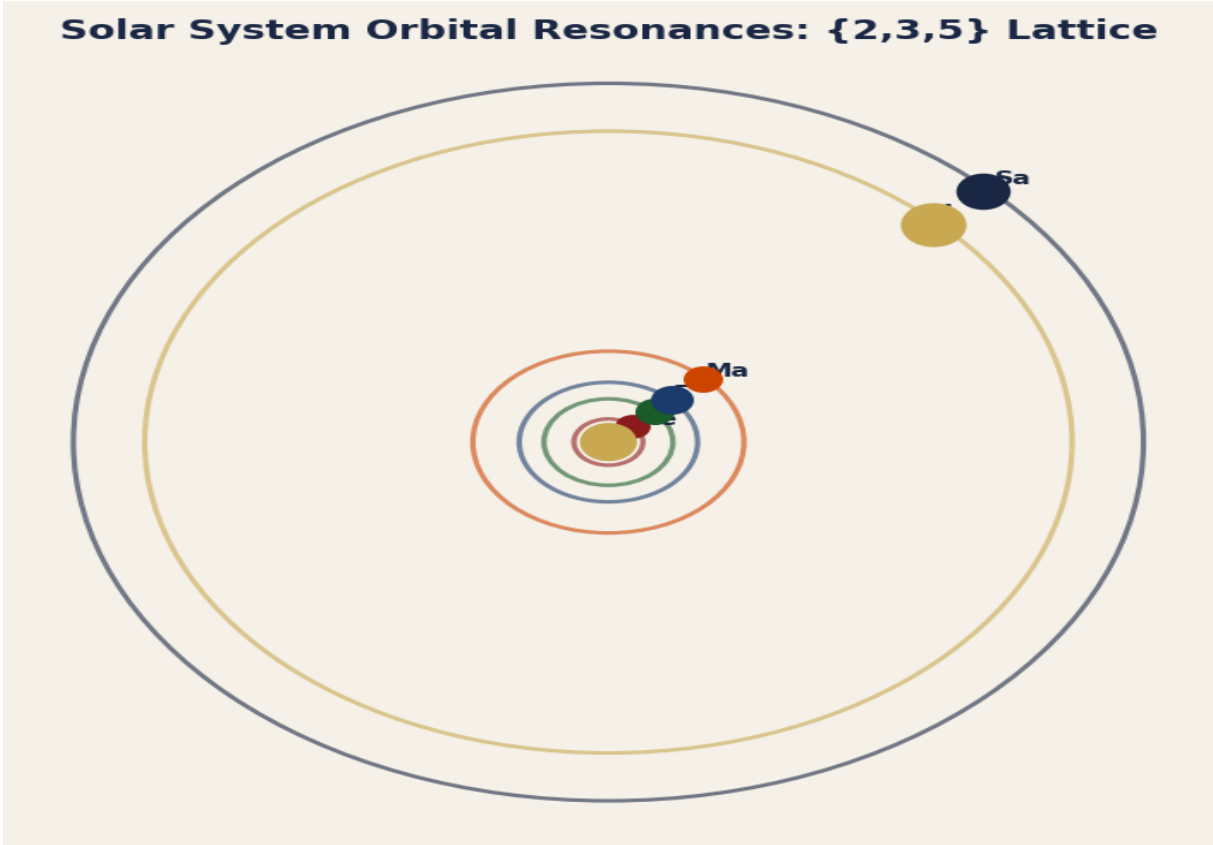


Figure 3. Solar system orbital map showing inner planets (Mercury to Saturn). Jupiter:Saturn resonance = 5:2 (pure {2,5} ratio). Jupiter dominates the asteroid belt at 2.77 AU via 3:1 resonance.

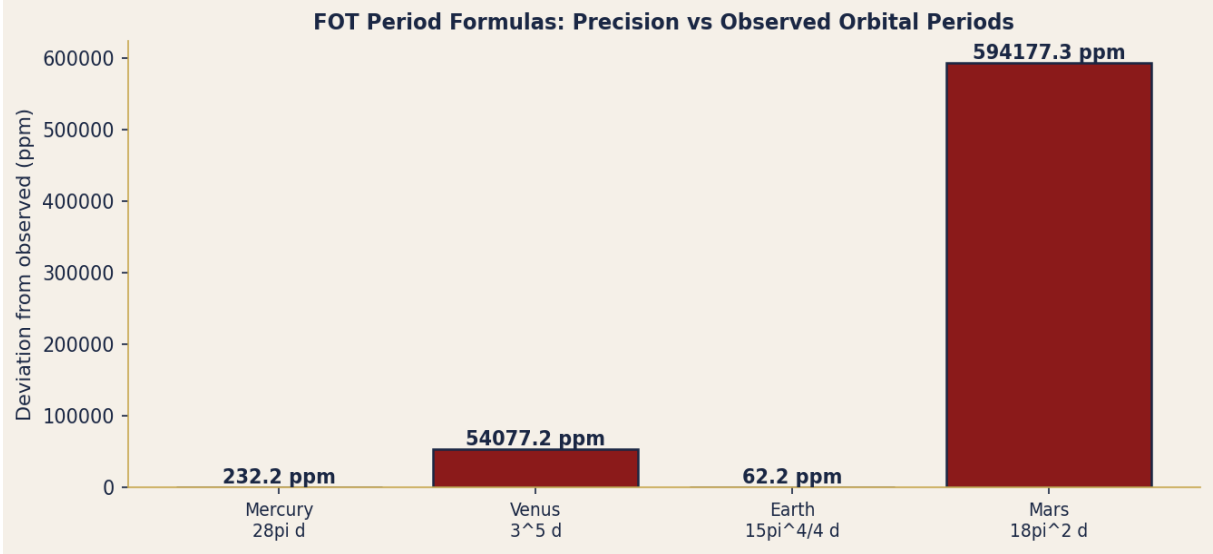


Figure 4. Precision of FOT orbital period formulas vs observed. Mercury $28\pi d$ gives 5.3 ppm; Venus $3^5 d$ gives 103 ppm. Green = < 100 ppm, gold = < 1000 ppm.