Measuring the Free-Floating Planet Mass Function with K2 & DECam







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Outline

• How to detect free-floating planets and measure their masses

• K2 Campaign 9

• Why we need DECam

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- More probably formed through ejections of planets after protoplanetary disk dissipation







Source

Lens – the free-floating planet



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Timescale is a function of

- Lens mass
- Lens and source distances
- Lens-source relative proper motion

$$t_{\rm E} = \frac{\theta_{\rm E}}{\mu_{\rm geo}} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \theta_{\rm E}^2 = \kappa M \pi_{\rm rel} \\ \kappa \equiv \frac{4G}{c^2 \, {\rm AU}} \simeq 8.1 \ \frac{{\rm mas}}{M_\odot} \end{array}$$

Einstein radius

Typical proper motion ~ 5 mas / yr Typical relative parallax ~ 1/24 mas

Typical timescales1 Msun40 days0.3 Msun20 daysJupiter1 days10 M_{earth}6 hoursEarth2 hours

Finding Free-Floating Planets

- Must match cadence to timescale
 - Aim for >3 points per timescale
- Additionally, rate scales as \sqrt{M}
 - Lower masses require more sky coverage and/or deeper exposures

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Parallax



- Microlensing requires precise alignment
- Change observer position and you change the event
- Observe from 2 positions and you have a ruler to measure a projection of the Einstein radius

Parallax



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Parallax is a 2D effect



Getting to Two Observables Two Unknowns



Parallax & Angular Einstien Radius







time [day]

Finite Source Effects



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Surface Brightness-Color Relations

Measuring the color and extinction gives you the angular diameter of the source



But you must isolate the source

This requires measuring the color of the source *while it is magnified*



Current Source Color Measurements



For Free-Floating Planets There Is No Follow-up

Color in Free-Floating Planet Events

- Color cadence needs to be almost as frequent as the main survey observations
- Can we achieve this from the ground?

Typical timescalesJupiter ($300 M_{earth}$)1 days $10 M_{Earth}$ 6 hoursEarth2 hours

Current options - Dedicated

OGLE

- Chile
- 1.4 deg^2, 1.3 m
- Excellent site



MOA

- New Zealand
- 2.2 deg^2, 1.8 m
- Bad weather/seeing KMTNet
- Chile, S. Africa, NZ
- 4.0 deg^2, 1.6 m
- Not yet operational

Can OGLE do it?

Operations concept

- Requires all but K2 fields abandoned
- Min 4 fields, prob 6
- texp=100s *I*, 200s *V*
- 20s overheads
- 2 / exp, 1 V exp
- Color cadence:
 30-46 minutes

Maybe...





Current options – Shared Time

DECam

- Chile
- 3 deg^2, 4 m
- Excellent site



VST @ Paranal

- 1 deg^2, 2.6 m
 Skymapper @ SSO
- 5.2 deg², 1.3 m
 HyperSuprimeCam
- 1.77 deg^2, 8 m
- Hawaii
- No fast filter changes

DECam for Microlensing

DECam vs OGLE

- ~10x Collecting Area
- >2x Field of View
- Same overheads





DECam an order of magnitude better than OGLE

 ℓ (degrees)

DECam Operations Concept

 $b \; (degrees)$

- Min 2 fields, up to 4
- texp=20s z', 20s r', 100s g'
- 20s overheads
- Alternate z', r'
- Color cadence:
 - r-z 2.5--5 minutes
 - g 15--30 minutes
- Could replace r with wide VR filter



DECam – Public Data

- Data will be made public on a timescale similar to the Kepler K2 date release (raw images).
 Enabling:
 - The development of a larger US microlensing community
 - Deep KBO searches (gets colors + orbits)
 - Asteroseismology of bulge blue stragglers
 - Transiting planets (maybe, colors)
 - Color limb-darkening coefficients in binaries
 - What else can you think of ...?

So How Do They Measure Up?

- Need simulations...
- What will Kepler find?
- How many events can be seen from both Kepler and the ground?
- How deep do we need to go?

MaBuLS simulations

- Simulates images
- Generates Microlensing events
- Detection criteria
- Fisher Matrix parameter estimation



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piE

DECam errors:		
piE	4%	
ThetaE (g-z)	1%	(0.3 mag)
ThetaE (r-z)	2%	(0.07 mag)

OGLE errors: 23% ThetaE (V-I) 10% (0.45 mag)

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10 Earth-mass Free Floating Planet 8 Kpc away



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Conclusions

- K2 campaign 9, in combination with ground-based observations, will enable *for the first (and maybe only) time* definitive measurements of free-floating planet masses
- However, these mass measurements require high-cadence color measurements, which are difficult to achieve using the dedicated microlensing survey telescopes
- DECam on the Blanco is the best microlensing machine in the world – we must use it for this never to be repeated oppotunity

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