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Exoplanet Demographics of Wide Orbit Planets : Microlensing

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To determine wide orbit planet formation

- Step 1 : detect planets
- Step 2: statistical study of the observations to guide to the theory



To determine wide orbit planet formation

- These planets are considered to form beyond snowline
- They consist of both low mass and high mass planets
- Microlensing only method to detect low mass wide orbit planets



To determine wide orbit planet formation

- Can detect low-mass planets at low stellar lensing magnification which allows detection of planets further from the Einstein radius (wider range of separations, including the HZ).
- Detect host stars separating from sources to determine masses

Space based microlensing survey with WFIRST



WFIRST (on track for Oct 2025 launch) will find >1000 such planets

RV statistics on wide orbit planets

- Most planets around 1AU separation
- Sensitive to very wide range of orbital separations
- This sample lacks host mass dependence
- The lowest planet mass is ~ 30 M_E where RV sensitivity is low in wide orbit



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Microlensing statistics with mass ratio function



Microlensing statistics with mass ratio function



Microlensing Mass Ratio Function Shows no Sign of Runaway Gas Accretion



Mass ratio \rightarrow Mass Measurements

Orbital Microlensing Parallax and Satellite Parallax both are detected during light curve magnification.

WFIRST will determine some masses from orbital parallax.



High Resolution Follow Up of microlensing events measure the host and planet masses

Hubble Space Telescope

Keck Laser Guide Star Adaptive Optics

Keck image credit: B. J. Fulton



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Sep ~ 34 mas

- High resolution lens detection will be the primary method of mass measurement of WFIRST microlensing survey. WFIRST on own survey will be able to measure most masses of >50% events.
- Not all mass measurements will be possible – upper limits on binary companions (Bhattacharya+ 2017)



Current Mass measurements and their comparisons to mass estimates



- Mass measurements are more precise than mass estimates from galactic model
- It is difficult to detect planetary signals in low magnification events from ground, however WFIRST will be able to detect and measure mass of lot of them.
- Kepler/ RV → WFIRST/Microlensing

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Parameters

Challenges

Solution

Radial Velocity

Host mass, Planet mass x sini, orbital separation

Inclination not known unless transit detections

Microlensing

Wide Orbit Planet Demographics

Mass ratio and Host mass (Primarily measured) Planet mass and 2-D planet-host separation

3-D orbital separation not known

Clanton + Gaudi 2014, 2016 How to consider inclinations in statistical studies or mass upper/ lower limits -- topic for discussion?

Radial Velocity

Detection Efficiency of all stars in the sample

To combine separation/ mass vs host mass

To properly evaluate and compare to theory, detection sensitivities of each host star is needed

To expand on current and past occurrence rates with future missions

Change of observing strategy based on interesting events would introduce selection bias. This can be corrected as long as the changes are recorded.

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Database of detection efficiency ?

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Detection efficiency for all events in the sample

Mass ratio as a function of host masses and orbital separations

Mass of planets as a function of host masses and orbital separations

> Reason: it is not certain if mass ratio is a more fundamental property than mass