Overview of *Kepler* Systems with Multiple Transiting Planet Candidates

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Quick Overview of *Kepler* Systems with Multiple Transiting Planet Candidates

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Which Strange New Worlds are most Explorable?

What kind of exoplanets tell us the most about the formation, evolution, and habitability of planets and planetary systems?

About Me

- Astrophysicist and/or Planetary Scientist
- Combine precise observations with orbital dynamics theory to improve our understanding of the formation and evolution of planetary systems
 - Observations from Kepler and Hubble Space Telescopes, as well as large ground-based telescopes
 - Applied to transiting extra-solar planets and Kuiper belt objects
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Outline



- Overview: exoplanets
- Exoplanetary gold?
- What did Kepler find?
- Why are multi-transiting systems valuable?
 - Kepler-9 and Kepler-11
- Some early statistical results
- Kepler's Future





Multiples: Information-Rich

- Orbital architecture
 - Planet formation and evolution
- Planet-planet interactions (dynamics!)
 - Short-term interactions can be detected
 - Long-term interactions must be stable
- Comparative Planetology



Radial Velocity Multiples



Transiting Planets: Information-Rich

- Resolves sin i ambiguity in Radial Velocities (Mass)
- Precise Measurement of Depth of Transit (Radius)
- Mass and Radius together give Density
 - Composition
 - Interior
 - Formation and Evolution
- Atmospheres
- Habitability
- (Drawback: rarer, fainter)



Multi-Transiting Systems

- Transiting Planets
 - Allow for physical characterization
 - Radius, Density, Atmosphere
 - (Interior, Composition, Habitability)
- Multiplanet systems
 - Determine orbital architecture
 - Bring tools of dynamicists to bear

Multi-transiting systems are the most information-rich exoplanetary systems, combining the value of physical characterization with orbital architecture. Ragozzine & Holman 2010

Multiples are Small

• From Radial Velocities: small close-in planets are frequent and tend to be in multiples



Are Multi-Tranisters common?

• Depends on (true) mutual inclination distribution



Kepler Multi-Transiting Candidates (Steffen et al. 2010)

Star	Mag	#	Per (d)	Dur (hr)	R (Nep)	
KOI-152	13.9	.03	13.48	5.0	0.9	
		.02	27.41	6.7	0.9	
		.01	52	8.2	1.7	
KOI-191	15.0	.02	2.42	2.3	0.5	
		.01	15.36	3.6	3.0	
KOI-209	14.2	.02	18.80	6.9	1.9	
		.01	49	10.3	3.0	
KOI-877	15.0	.01	5.95	2.3	0.7	
		.02	12.04	2.9	0.6	
KOI-896	15.3	.02	6.31	3.1	0.8	
		.01	16.24	4.6	1.1	

A faint *subset* of the (vetted) Kepler multi-transiting systems CoRoT also has at least 2 candidates

Feb 2011 Kepler Data Release

- All data from first 126 days
- Light curves generate candidates
 - Could be "false positives"
 - Most are likely (~90%) planets



- Search for your own candidates at planethunters.org
- Data and candidates in Borucki et al. 2011
- Various interpretation papers (available on arXiv): Lissauer et al. 2011b, Ford et al. 2011, Moorhead et al. 2011, Latham et al. 2011, Howard et al. 2011
- Everything in today's talk is public

Over 1200 Exoplanet Candidates!



Multiple Candidate Systems!!!



100







Numbers of multiplanets:

- 115 doubles, 45 triples, 8 quads,
- 1 & 1 of five and six

Borucki et al. 2011 Lissauer, Ragozzine, Fabrycky et al. 2011b



- 1. Single Hot Jupiters
- 2. Multiple short-period ~coplanar small planets
- 3. (Eccentric ~1 AU Jupiters)
- 4. (Solar System)

False Positives?

- Possible for each individual candidate
- All Kepler candidates get major vetting
- Multiples are more likely to be planets:
 - Planets tend to be in multiples (prob ↑)
 - Blends are **random** and have ~weak
 probabilities, that multiply (prob ↓)
- Inferred stellar properties must be consistent
 - Not a strong test, but these pass

Non-Random 1: Radius Ratios



Non-Random 2: Period Ratios



Stability: Hill spacing



All 115 two-planet candidate systems are Hill stable! With one exception, all 3+ candidate systems are stable as tested by dynamical integrations.

Long-term stability



Resonance proximity



Clumping just wide of resonances



Confirming a planetary system



Kepler-9

Holman, Fabrycky, Ragozzine et al. 2010

Probability of MTS (if present)



Probabilities for Steffen systems



Two new aspects to TTVs (1)

- TTVs depend mostly on mass and conjunction distance of perturber (Holman & Murray 2005)
- If measured, TTVs an give an independent measurement of mass ratio of perturber to central mass (Mpert/M*)

Radial Velocity amp = Kpert ~ (Mpert/M*) M*^{1/3} sin ipert

- TTV + RV = Dynamical Masses (and Radii)
- (Radial Velocity sets the length scale)

Two new aspects to TTVs (2)

- TTVs are anomalies in along-track orbital phase
- TDVs are anomalies in cross-track positions or in apparent velocities
- Using a single number as the anomaly implicitly assumes that there is *no acceleration* during the transit
- TTVs/TDVs of HAT-P-13c are not well-defined
- True signal requires full coupled numerical integration and photometric model which encodes new information

Relative Flux





Detrend, Renormalize



Fold on Observed Period



Transit Timing Variations (TTVs)




Value of Multi-Transiting TTVs

- TTVs proportional to perturber mass and period
- In MTS: TTV signal *much* easier to interpret and invert: know presence, period, phase, and radius
- Interdependent TTVs
- When RV signal is too weak (Earth) or hard, TTVs may measure masses better
 - So far, more Kepler planets confirmed by TTVs than any other means!



Resonance

Resonance implies a specific commensurability between two periodic forcings

 No resonance: if the ratio of periods implies that the long-term forcing is not coherent

 Resonance: if the ratio of periods is a ratio of small integers, then the relative positions of the objects will often be the same, and the long-term forcing is coherent and important



Havel et al.: Kepler-9: stellar properties and composition of the planets









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Kepler-11 parameters

Radius

Mass

Density

Planet

Period

	(days)	(R⊕)	(M⊕)	(g/cm³)
	10.30375	1.97	4.3	3.1
b	± 0.00016	± 0.19	+2.2,-2.0	+2.1,-1.5
	13.02502	3.15	13.5	2.3
С	± 0.00008	± 0.30	+4.8,-6.1	+1.3,-1.1
	22.68719	3.43	6.1	0.9
d	± 0.00021	± 0.32	+3.1,-1.7	+0.5,-0.3
	31.99590	4.52	8.4	0.5
е	± 0.00028	± 0.43	+2.5,-1.9	+0.2,-0.2
	46.68876	2.61	2.3	0.7
f	± 0.00074	± 0.25	+2.2,-1.2	+0.7,-0.4
	118.37774	3.66		-
g	± 0.00112	± 0.35	< 300	





Formation / Evolution

Comparative Planetology

Inclinations

- Much easier with *Kepler* Multi-Transiting Systems
- Inclination distribution
 - High inc from planet-planet scattering
 - Low inc if disk is important
 - Couple with eccentricity distribution
- Seeing both planets transit does not give true mutual inclination (though it is suggestive)

$$\cos \phi_{12} = \cos i_1 \cos i_2 + \sin i_1 \sin i_2 \cos \Delta \Omega_{12}$$

Want Have Unknown

True Mutual Inclinations

- Not impossible from RV or astrometry
- TTVs give true mutual inclinations, but it's tough
- MTS have 3 unique new ways
 - Statistically (from discovery fractions)
 - Multi-Rossiter-McLaughlin
 - Mutual Events

Multi-Rossiter-McLaughlin

Want $\Delta \Omega_{bc}$

Measure the projected spin-orbit angle, λ

In terms of orbital-element-like angles, $\lambda_b = \Delta \Omega_{b^*}$

- Double-RM (Fabrycky 2009) gives two-way solution for mutual inclination
 - Triple-RM removes degeneracy

$$\Delta\Omega_{bc} \equiv |\lambda_b \pm \lambda_c|$$



Exoplanet Mutual Events!

• Mutual events: when planets cross



Statistically from Multiplicities



Lissauer, Ragozzine, et al. 2011b

Mutual Events!



Strange New Worlds to Explore



Transit Timing Variations





Image: NASA/Pyle

KOI-500

planet	P (days)	Mp(Mearth
500.05	0.9867790	1.5
500.03	3.0721660	2.2
500.04	4.6453530	4.4
500.01	7.0534780	8.0
500.02	9.5216960	8.5



Ford, Rowe, Fabrycky et al. 2011



Ford, Rowe, Fabrycky et al. 2011

Kepler, the Multi-Transiting Machine



Lissuaer, Ragozzine, et al. 2011b

Conclusions



- Multi-transiting systems are the most information-rich planetary systems outside of our solar system.
- Kepler has discovered almost 200 (!!) multi-transiting systems
- Best Strange New Worlds for Exploring:
 - Fewer false positives
 - Masses without radial velocity (easier TTVs)
 - True mutual inclinations
 - Comparative planetology
- Kepler-9, 10, and 11 are examples of the value of MTS
- More information in Ragozzine & Holman 2010; Lissuaer et al. 2011b,a; Holman et al. 2010; Borucki et al 2011; Ford et al. 2011; Latham et al. 2011 with much much more to come











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