## WFIRST, K2, and Microlensing.

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# The Watershed.

watershed n.

1. An area or ridge of land that separates waters flowing to different rivers, basins, or seas.

2. An event or period marking a turning point in a course of action or state of affairs.

# **The Watershed:** The 2010 Decadal Survey

## The Microlensing Watershed.

## Spitzer & K2C9+K2C11.

- Masses and distances.
- Mass function and Galactic distribution of planets.
- Free-floating planets masses (K2C9).
- KMTNet
  - 3 1.6m telescopes, 4 sq. degree FOV
  - ~50 detections/year.
- Euclid & WFIRST
  - Detections en masse.
  - Complete the census of exoplanets started by *Kepler*.



(Udalski et al. 2014; Yee et al. 2014, 2015; Calchi Novati et al. 2014, 2015; Zhu et al. 2015a,b,c; Shvartzvald et al. 2015; Street et al. 2015; Poleski et al. 2015; Henderson et al. 2015; Bozza et al. 2016)

# K2C9 Planet Masses.

## K2's Campaign 9 (K2C9):



### A Joint Ground+Space Microlensing Survey



## What is K2C9?



Area\* 3.74 deg Cadence 30 min Events\* 106 (expected) Start 22/April, 14:04 UT End 2/July, 22:34 UT Duration 71.4 days

Found in Henderson+ (2015) arXiv:1512.09142 Uses methodology of Poleski (2016) MNRAS, 455, 3656

## Satellite Parallax.



Henderson+ (2015) arXiv:1512.09142

## Science Goals: Quality versus Quantity

Addressing (relatively) Unexplored Demographic Questions

1Free-floating planets2Galactic distribution3Cold and bound exoplanets

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# **Free Floating Planets.**

- Excess of short time scale events relative to expected stellar/brown dwarf contribution.
- Unbound or wideseparation planets.
- Implies roughly 2 Jupiter-mass freefloating planets per star.





(Sumi et al. 2011; MOA + OGLE Collaborations)

## Simultaneous Ground-based Resources



Automated Survey Multiband Monitoring High-cadence Follow-up Near-infrared Source Fluxes

Henderson+ (2015) arXiv:1512.09142

## KMTNet





## **Right** Ascension

## KMTNet



15m Earth
1h Nep
2.5h Sai
5h Jup

## **Right** Ascension

## Preliminary K2C9 Parallax Inventory

Total events110 (180)Bound Planets4FFP Candidates7 (13)Stellar Binaries8Long-timescale13

Values are, generally, lower limits!!

oward a Complete Galactic (Statistical) Census of **Exoplanets.** 



#### New Kepler Planet Candidates As of July 23, 2015





## Why complete the census?

- A complete census is likely needed to understand planet formation and evolution.
  - Most giant planets likely formed beyond the snow line.
  - Place our solar system in context.
  - Water for habitable planets likely delivered from beyond the snow line.
  - Understand the frequency of planet formation in different environments.

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# So realy, why complete the census?

## 1995: A Planetary Companion to 51 Peg



INNER SOLAR SYSTEM						
	MERCURY	VENUS	EARTH	MARS		
51 Peg						
0.6 MJ	up					
	and they a					

#### (Mayor & Queloz 1995)

# Mother Nature s vore maginative han We Are.

# **Earth Mass and Below?**

- Monitor hundreds of millions of bulge stars continuously on a time scale of ~10 minutes.
  - Event rate ~10<sup>-5</sup>/year/star.
  - Detection probability ~0.1-1%.
  - Shortest features are ~30 minutes.
- Relative photometry of a few %.
  - Deviations are few 10%.
- Resolve main sequence source stars for smallest planets.
- Masses: resolve background stars for primary mass determinations.

# Ground vs. Space.

- Infrared.
  - More extincted fields.
  - Smaller sources.
- Resolution.
  - Low-magnification events.
  - Isolate light from the lens star.
- Visibility.
  - Complete coverage.
- Smaller systematics.
  - Better characterization.
  - Robust quantification of sensitivities.



Science enabled from space: sub-Earth mass planets, habitable zone planets, free-floating Earth-mass planets, mass measurements. (Bennett & Rhie 2002)

# WFIRST.

## What is the Wide Field InfraRed Survey Telescope?

- #1 recommendation of the 2010 Decadal Survey for a large space mission.
- Notional mission, based on several different inputs, including:
  - JDEM-Omega (Gehrels et al.)
  - MPF (Bennett et al.)
  - NISS (Stern et al.)
- Three equal science areas:
  - Dark energy (SNe, Weak Lensing, BAO).
  - Exoplanet microlensing survey.
  - GO program including a Galactic plane survey.

# WFIRST Designs.

- NASA put together two science definition teams to come up with "Design Reference Missions"
- Original Science Definition Team (Green et al. arXiv:1208.4012, arXiv: 1108.1374)
  - DRM1 (1.3m)
  - DRM2 (1.1m)
- AFTA/WFIRST Science Definition Team (Dressler et al. arXiv: 1210.7809. Sporgel et al. arXiv:1305.5425, arXiv:1503.03757)
  - Studied the application of one of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) telescopes to WFIRST
    - Two 2.4m space-qualified telescopes, donated to NASA
    - Mirrors and spacecraft assemblies.
  - Also considered a coronagraph and serviceability.

# Is WFIRST Real?

- Yes!
- FY16 appropriation provides \$90M for WFIRST (+\$76M more than OMB request) and directs NASA to start formulation.
- New start (KDP-A) February 18, 2016.
- WFIRST Science Investigation Team Proposals were due on October 15, 2015, selected proposals announced on December 18, 2015.

# WFIRST-AFTA.

	WFIRST- AFTA
Eff. Aperture	2.28m
FOV	0.281 deg <sup>2</sup>
Wavelengths	0. <b>7-2</b> µm
FWHM@1µm	0.10"
Pixel Size	0.11"
Lifetime	5+1 years
Orbit	L2

#### Wide-Field Instrument

- Imaging & spectroscopy over 1000's sq deg.
- Monitoring of SN and microlensing fields
- 0.7 2.0 micron bandpass
- 0.28 sq deg FoV (100X JWST FoV)
- 18 H4RG detectors (288 Mpixels)
- 4 filter imaging, grism + IFU spectroscopy

#### Coronagraph

Imaging of ice & gas giant exoplanets

- Imaging of debris disks
- 400 1000 nm bandpass
- 10<sup>-9</sup> contrast
- 200 milli-arcsec inner working angle



## Microlensing Simulations. (Matthew Penny)











# Is there a planet in my data?

# Two general issues.

- Is there a signal above that consistent with noise?
  - Generally has not been an issue for microlensing.
  - Employ SNR thresholds considerably higher than random noise fluctuations.
- Is that signal actually due to a planet?
  - Astrophysical false positives have generally not been a concern.
  - Degeneracies have been more of an issue.
    - (timescale, model interpretation)
- However, false positives may well be more of an issue with WFIRST and K2.

Extracting Signals from Noisy Data Full of Systematics.



Courtesy K. Colón

Downloaded from The MAST

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## Moving Forward – Photometry Challenges: Kepler Event Recovery

### Input pixels

### Causal Pixel Model





#### Microlensing Model



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#### Raw Pixel Light Curve (i.e., data!)



#### Causal Pixel Model



## Output light curve!



What happens when we have whit(er) noise and can dig into deeper into the data?



# (Henderosn et al. 2015)



(Penny et al. 2016, in prep)



Wide: • Two caustics • Central/ Planetary Intermediate or resonant: • Narrow range around *d*~1 • Large caustics Close: • Three caustics

# Planetary Caustic Perturbations



- Can happen anywhere, but usually on wings
- Unpredictable.
- Size of caustic is proportional to q<sup>1/2</sup>
- For d>1, perturbations are mostly postive
- Size of caustic is proportional to *d*<sup>-2</sup>

# Planetary Caustic Perturbations



- For *d*<1, perturbations are mainly negative.</li>
- "Trough" of demagnification between the triangular caustic.
- Size of caustic is proportional to d<sup>2</sup>
- For  $d \rightarrow 1$  the trough becomes deeper.

# $d \leftrightarrow d$ close/wide degeneracy



## Perturbations Small Along Axis



## Extreme Binaries versus Planets



# (Bennett & Rhie 2002)



# Summary.

- Microlensing is currently experiencing a watershed (thanks NWNH!).
- K2 will confirm (or refute) the existence of a large population of free floating planets.
- WFIRST will complete the census begun by *Kepler*, and will revolutionize our understanding of cold planets.
- WFIRST will enable qualitatively new, exciting science: sub-Earth-mass planets, free-floating planets, outer habitable zone planets, mass measurements.
- While false positives have generally not been a concern for microlensing surveys, they will likely be more important for K2 and WFIRST.
- We will need to think carefully about how to extract low SNR signals from the exquisite WFIRST data.

# Short Duration Deviations in the Wings

