Microlensing and MicroFUN contributions to Star/Brown Dwarf/ Planet Formation Theories

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Collapsed Objects.

- Galaxy is populated with collapsed, self-gravitating objects.
- Broad range of masses:
 - Asteroids (0.02% Earth or 1% Moon)
 - Planets (6% Earth to 10³ Earth or 10× Jupiter)
 - Brown Dwarfs (~13× to 75× Jupiter)
 - Stars (7% Sun to 100× Sun)
- Broad range of compositions (Fe/O/Si/ Mg to H/He).
- Range of isolation.
- How do these objects form?











Formation Theories.

- Gravitational Collapse.
- Disk Fragmentation. (Disk: top down)
- Agglomeration and Core Accretion. (Disk: bottom up)







Gravitational Collapse.



collapse

Free-fall time < sound crossing time

Disk Instability.



Thermal pressure + shear < gravity

collapse

Agglomeration and Core Accretion.



Backstory. Before 1995...



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Terrestrial ("Rocky") Planets.



Gas/Ice Giants.





Why does our solar system look ike fins?

A Fairy Tale.

Bottom-Up Planet Formation.

Must understand the physical processes by which micron-sized grains in protoplanetary disks grow by 10^{-13-14} in size and 10^{-38-41} in mass.

Hard

Bottom-Up Planet Formation.





(e.g., Lissauer 1987; Ida & Lin 2004, 2005)

The Snow Line.



Core Accretion.



(Pollack et al. 1996)

Terrestrial Planet Formation.



(Kokubo & Ida 2002, Raymond et al. 2006)

Matched Data Well.



Implications.

Consequences of this formation model:

- Compositional gradient in the types of planets.
- Massive, gas-giant planets beyond the "snow line".
- Low-mass, rocky planets interior to the "snow line".
- Cannot form gas-giant planets very close to the star.
- Low-mass stars cannot form gas giants easily.

1995: A Planetary Companion to 51 Peg



INNER SOLAR SYSTEM						
	MERCURY	VENUS	EARTH	MARS		
51 Peg 0.6 MJup						
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(Mayor & Queloz 1995)

Planet formation is *really* hard!

Additional physics, e.g.,

- Migration.
- Influence of host star mass, metallicity
- Dynamical interactions.
- Tides.
- Disk properties.
- Other models! (e.g., disk instability)
- Etc.

Meanwhile...



Detection methods.



















Semi-analytic planet formation.



(Mordasani et al. 2009)




To the snow line... and beyond!



Understanding Habitability.

Water, water, everywhere.

- For *in situ* formation, material that accreted to form rocky planets in the habitable zone was likely dry.
- Water was likely delivered from the outer solar system.



Outer and Inner Regions Coupled.

- Giant planets likely formed first.
- Presence (or not) and properties of outer gas giants can effect
 - Terrestrial planet formation
 - Water delivery
- Migration of gas giants through terrestrial can result in small planets in the habitable zone.



Why Microlensing is Important.

- Planets beyond the snow line.
 - Most sensitive at $\sim few \times a_{snow}$
 - Where most planets likely form, where gas giants likely form, source of water.
- Multiple-planet systems beyond the snow line.
 - Jupiter/Saturn analogs.
- Long-period and free-floating planets.
 - 0.5 AU ∞
- Very low-mass planets.
 - >10% Mars.
- Directly sensitive to mass.
 - Low-luminosity or dark lenses.
- Wide range of host masses.
 - BD, M<M_{Sun}, remnants
 - Typically 0.5 M_{Sun}
- Planets throughout the Galaxy
 - 1-8 kpc

Results!

OGLE 2006-BLG-109Lb,c



- Single planet models fail.
- Two planets models work well.
- First multipleplanet system detected by microlensing.

(Gaudi et al 2008; Bennett et al 2010)

Physical Properties.

Host:

Mass = $0.51 + 0.05 M_{Sun}$ Luminosity ~ 5% L_{Sun} Distance = 1510 + 120 pc

Planet b:

Mass = $0.73 + - 0.06 M_{Jup}$ Semimajor Axis = 2.3 + - 0.5 AU

Planet c:

 $Mass = 0.27 + -0.02 M_{Jup} = 0.90 M_{Sat}$ Semimajor Axis = 4.6 + - 1.5 AU

AO Imaging from Keck



~10 M_{Earth} Planet.



(MOA, µFUN, PLANET, RoboNET, Muraki et al. 2011)

Failed Jupiter Core?





A Massive M Dwarf Planet.

Dong et al. 2008)





Demographics Beyond the Snow Line:



An Inconvenient Truth.



(Gould et al. 2010, Sumi et al. 2009, Cassan et al. 2012)

1995: First Bona Fide Brown Dwarfs.



(Nakajima et al. 1995)

Brown Dwarfs.

Direct Imaging Surveys:
Young clusters.
Near-IR field surveys.
Wide companions to stars.
Indirect Surveys:
Radial velocity.

• Transits.

Brown Dwarfs Formation Scenarios.

Proposed models:

- Direct collapse and fragmentation:
 - Low-mass end of star formation?
 - Truncated growth?
 - Irradiation.
 - Ejection.
- Disk Fragmentation.
- Core accretion.

Tests: Mass function, Binary properties, Disks.

"Isolated" Brown Dwarfs.



Brown Dwarf Companions.



Results!

Microlensing Tight Brown Dwarf Binaries.





Isolated Brown Dwarfs.



Free Floating Planets.

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- 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)

 t_{E} (day)

10

1

100

Summary.

- Planet formation is hard!
- The demographics of planets beyond the snow line provides crucial constraints on planet formation theories.
- Understanding habitability likely requires a broad picture of exoplanet demographics.
- Microlensing is crucial component of our arsenal of planet detection methods.
- Microlensing results (many by MicroFUN!) have already provided important (and surprising) new information about planets.
- High-magnification events play an important role by providing qualitatively different information.

Space Surveys.

Requirements.

- Monitor hundreds of millions of bulge stars continuously on a time scale of ~10 minutes.
 - Event rate $\sim 10^{-5}$ /year/star.
 - Detection probability ~0.1-1%.
 - Shortest features are ~30 minutes.
- Relative photometry of a few %.
 - Deviations are few 10%.
- Main sequence source stars for smallest planets.
- Resolve background stars for primary mass determinations.

What sets the lower mass limit?

- The finite size of the sources sets the ultimate lower mass limit for detection.
- The source crossing time sets the minimum required cadence of ~10 minutes.
- Small sources allow the detection of smaller planets
 - Late type stars fainter, IR.
- Source size more important for closer planets.

Ground versus Space.

• Infrared.

- More photons.
- 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.



The field of microlensing event MACHO 96-BLG-5 (Bennett & Rhie 2002)

Science potentially enabled from space: sub-Earth mass planets, habitable zone planets(?), free-floating Earth-mass planets, host star characterization.

Habitable Planets?

 Habitable zone is well interior to the Einstein ring radius for most lenses.

$$\frac{R_{HZ}}{R_E} \sim 0.3 \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{-3/2} [x(1-x)]^{1/2}$$

- Minor image perturbations.
- More sensitive to source size.
- Require better precision.
- Can be made up by more time through the "x" factor.

$$R_E = \theta_E D_l \sim 3.5 \,\mathrm{AU} \left(\frac{M}{M_\odot}\right)^{1/2} [x(1-x)]^{1/2}, \ x \equiv \frac{D_{ol}}{D_{os}}$$



(Park et al. 2006)

Potential/Proposed Space Missions.

- Microlensing Planet Finder (Bennett)
 - Dedicated Near-IR Microlensing Mission.
 - Submitted to NASA as a Discovery proposal, turned down.
 - Submitted as a white paper to Decadal Survey.
- Wide-Field InfraRed Survey Telescope.
 - Creation of Decadal survey.
 - Combined MPF, JDEM-Omega, other NIR widefield missions (following a suggestion by Gould).
 - Several versions: IDRM (1.5m), DRM1 (1.3m), DRM2 (1.1m).
- AFTA-WFIRST.
 - NRO donated two 2.4m telescopes to NASA.

Yields.

• Yields determined by:

- Total number of stars monitored (FOV, aperture).
- Photon rate (Aperture, wavelength).
- Total observing time.
- Matthew Penny.
- Primary hardware dependencies:
 - FOV.
 - Aperture.
 - Bandpass (total throughput + red cutoff).
 - Resolution (background).
 - Pointing constraints.
- Secondary hardware dependencies:
 - Data downlink.





Space Discovery Potential.

- With Kepler, "completes the census" of planets.
- Sensitivity to all Solar System-analogs except Mercury.
- Some sensitivity to massive, "outer" habitable zone (Mars-like orbits).
- Free-floating planets down to ~Mars mass.
- WFIRST DRM1 estimated yields:
 - Roughly 2200 bound planets (0.1-40 AU)
 - 250 < 3xEarth, 1000 < 30xEarth
 - Roughly 30 free-floating Earths
- Euclid is less capable per unit time.



(Green et al, WFIRST Final Report)

Euclid.



(Penny et al, 2012)

Politics.

- Microlensing is not part of Euclid's core science.
 - Degradation of CCDs means it won't happen early in the mission, if it happens at all.
- NASA does not get a new 'large start' until JWST is launched.

- 'Punishment' for JWST cost overruns.

- WFIRST is not very popular amongst many US astronomers.
 - They see it as a 'dark energy' mission, along with LSST.
Summary.

- Space-based surveys enable qualitatively new, exciting science:
 - Sub-Earth-mass planets.
 - Low-mass free-floating planets.
 - Outer habitable zone planets.
 - Mass measurements.

• Unclear if/when one will happen.

















Microlensing.

Microlensing Basics.



Rings and Images.



Microlensing Events.



$$t_E = \frac{\theta_E}{\mu} \approx 25 \text{ days} \left(\frac{M}{0.5M_{\odot}}\right)^{1/2}$$

 $\mu \sim 1 - 15$ mas/year, $\theta_{\rm E} \sim 0.1 - 2$ mas

- Timescales of a few to hundreds of days.
- Stochastic
- Degenerate combination of the mass, distance to lens and source, and relative lenssource proper motion.

Detecting Planets.



$$t_p = q^{1/2} t_E \approx 1 \text{ day } \left(\frac{M_p}{M_J}\right)^{1/2}$$



Maximized when

$$a \sim r_E = \theta_E D_l \sim 2.8 \,\mathrm{AU} \left(\frac{M}{0.5 M_\odot}\right)^{1/2}$$

Microlensing is *directly* sensitive to planet mass.



- Works by perturbing images
- Does not require light from the lens or planet.
- Sensitive to planets throughout the Galaxy (distances of 1-8 kpc)
- Sensitive to wide or free-floating planets
- Not sensitive to very close planets

Mass ratio dependence.



- Magnitude depends on separation of planet from image.
- Duration depends on mass ratio.

$$t_p = q^{1/2} t_E \approx 2 \text{ hrs} \left(\frac{q}{10^{-5}}\right)^{1/2}$$

• Detection probability depends on mass ratio.

$$P \sim A_0 \theta_p \sim \text{few } \% \left(\frac{q}{10^{-5}}\right)^{0.5}$$

Signal magnitude is *independent* of planet mass ratio, but signals get *rarer* and *briefer*.

Lower Mass Limit.



(Bennett & Rhie 1996)

$$\theta_{E} \approx \mu \operatorname{as} \left(\frac{M_{p}}{M_{\oplus}} \right)^{1/2} \longleftrightarrow \theta_{*} \approx \mu \operatorname{as} \left(\frac{R_{*}}{R_{\odot}} \right)$$
$$\rho_{*} = \frac{\theta_{*}}{\theta_{E}} \approx 1$$

- Detecting low-mass planets requires monitoring mainsequence sources.
- Mars-mass planets detectable!

Microlensing Host Stars?



(Gould 2000)

Sensitive to planets around:

- Main-sequence stars with M < M_{Sun}
- Brown dwarfs
- Remnants

Faint Lenses:

- Most lenses are fainter than (and blended with) the sources.
- Lenses distributed along the line of sight (distances of 1-8 kpc)

What do we measure?

- For nearly all events*:
 - mass ratio
 - projected separation in Einstein ring radius.
 - *Need to measure primary event properties.
- For most low-mass planet detections (and a large subset of higher-mass detections)
 - Einstein ring radius through finite source effects.
 - Gives a relationship between mass and distance of lens.
- Finally measure mass through a number of ways:
 - Isolate flux from the lens
 - Measure microlens parallax
 - Both give different relationship between mass and distance



(Bond et al. 2004)