Secular Evolution of Multiple Planet Systems & Implications for the Planet Scattering Model

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Particularly relevant papers:

- "Secular Orbital Dynamics of Hierarchical Two Planet Systems" Veras & Ford 2010 accepted to ApJ; arXiv:1004.1421)
- "Secular Evolution of HD 12661: A System Caught at an Unlikely Time" Veras & Ford 2009 ApJ 690, L1
- "Apsidal Behavior among Planetary Orbits: Testing the Planet Scattering Model"

Barnes & Greenberg 2007 ApJ 659, L53

"Extrasolar Planetary Systems Near a Secular Separatrix" Barnes & Greenberg 2006 ApJ 638, 478

"Planet-planet scattering in the upsilon Andromedae system" Ford et al. 2005 Nature 434, 873.



Planet-Planet Scattering Model

- Assumptions for individual eccentric systems:
 - Multiple massive planets formed around star
 - System formed with "dynamically active" planet masses and separations (e.g., Chatterjee et al. 2008; Juric & Tremaine 2008)
 - At least one planet capable of ejecting other bodies: $v_{esc,pl}/v_{esc,star}$ >1 (e.g., Ford & Rasio 2008, Raymond et al. 2009)
 - Last planet scattering event occurs once gas disk has begun to dissipate (e.g., Matsumura et al. 2010)



Planet-Planet Scattering Model

- Predictions for individual eccentric systems: (robust, many authors)
 - The most massive planet remains bound
 - Semi-major axis distribution depends on initial conditions
 - Eccentricity distribution is relatively insensitive to ICs
 - Inclinations are typically excited (but loose correlation w/ e)
 - Various correlations (often depend on detailed assumptions)
- Prediction if initially exactly 2 circular planets: (Ford & Rasio 2008)
 - Only massive planet in the system today
 - Eccentricity distribution is only sensitive to planet mass ratio
 - Maximum eccentricity of 0.8 (~358/362, 210/214 w/ e>0.1)



What Determines Final Orbits?



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Late Stages of Planet Formation



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Multiple Planet Systems



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Architecture of Multi-Planet Systems

- Multiple Planet Systems: ~41
- Hierarchical (No Significant Interactions, assuming low-inclination)
- Secular Evolution (Insignificant short-term interactions)
 - History of eccentricity & inclination excitation
 - If one is tidal evolving, can probe planet structure
- Mean Motion Resonances (short & long-term interactions)
 - Evidence for convergent migration
 - Relative frequency of different MMRs can probe:
 - Migration rates

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- Eccentricity at time of migration
- Significance of turbulence
- Relative importance of migration via gas disk versus planetessimal disk





υ Andromedae

- First multiple planet system discovered around main sequence (F8V, 1.3 M_☉, 3Gyr) star in 1999.
- Hundreds of radial velocity observations
- υ And c & d have significant eccentricities (~0.26 & 0.28 ± 0.02)
- Significant secular eccentricity evolution
- What is the origin of these eccentricities?





Ups And: Radial Velocities

Secular Evolution of Upsilon Andromedae



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Conclusions for v And c & d

- Very near boundary of libration & circulation
- If librating, large amplitude
- υ And c periodically returns to $e_c \sim 0.01$
- Implies υ And c & d initially on circular orbits when υ And d received impulsive perturbation
- Secular evolution transfer eccentricity to υ And c
- Impulsive perturbation naturally provided by Planet-Planet scattering of ~1.9 M_{Jup} planet
- Multiple planet systems can provide valuable information about history of planet formation



- Planet c nearly circular now, but periodically acquires large eccentricity
- Planet b typically has smaller eccentricity (but does not return to circular orbit)

Depends on Relative Inclination

Relative Inclination (degrees)	Libration About 0 degrees	Libration About 180 degrees	Stable	lsotropic
0	0%	100%	100%	No data
0-30	8.3%	91.8%	99.3%	6.7%
30-60	35.6%	64.4%	92.9%	18.3%
60-90	47.0%	53.0%	66.8%	25.0%
90-120	No data	No data	0.2%	25.0%
120-150	49.1%	50.9%	22.8%	18.3%
150-180	59.5%	40.5%	94.8%	6.7%
lsotropic	40.8%	59.2%	55.9%	No data
Prograde	25.8%	64.2%	80.7%	No data



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- Best-Fit orbital solution lies near boundary of secular apsidal evolution
- Like Ups And & HD 12661?
- Perhaps too many systems like this? (Barnes & Greenberg 2006, 2007)



- Best-Fit orbital solution lies near boundary of secular apsidal evolution
- Like Ups And & HD 12661?
- Maybe, Maybe not
- Current orbit not known well enough

Stability & Secular Evolution depend on Relative Inclinations



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Veras & Ford 2010

Secular Orbital Evolution

- Secular evolution uniquely determined for few very-well observed systems
- Upsilon And & HD 12661 show evidence for impulsive excitation
- More often measurement errors & unknown masses/inclinations leave ambiguities in secular evolution

Upsilon Andromedae c & d



Future Observational Tests

- Orbital Evolution of Multiple Planet Systems: (working to obtain many more high-precision RVs; SIM?)
- Architecture of Planetary Systems
 - Period, Mass, Eccentricity Correlations: now RV searches, soon Kepler, eventually SIM
 - Eccentricity & Inclination Evolution: Rossiter effect for transiting planets; planet-scattering predicts distribution
- Frequency of Resonant Planets:
 - Now: RV searches
 - Soon: space-based transit searches?
 - Transit timing variations observations gaining sensitivity

