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## **1. Introduction**

Proposed sections in the introduction:

1. Exoplanet detection – Dominant detection methods = Transit, RV. Basic statistics of exoplanets discovered by Kepler Space Telescope.
2. Planet Formation – MMSN, Core accretion/GI models, Planetesimal Formation, Nice Model.
3. Planet Dynamics – Mean Motion Resonance, (planetesimal and gas) Migration, Stability.
4. Numerical Integration – Hamiltonian Dynamics, Close Encounters, etc.

**Below I am going to elaborate on Planet Dynamics.**

## **2. Planet Dynamics**

### **2.1. Mean Motion Resonance (MMR)**

MMR occurs when the orbital period of one planet is an integer ratio of another. Like other types of resonances occurring in nature, MMR results in the amplitude growth of various quantities that characterize the system like eccentricity, semi-major axis and the longitude of pericentre (Murray & Dermott 1999). As a result, the presence of MMR can strongly affect the formation, evolution and longterm stability of planetary systems in diverse ways. For example, Kirkwood gaps are unstable regions in the asteroid belt carved by MMRs with Jupiter, while Pluto and Neptune are on crossing orbits but are protected from colliding due to a 3:2 MMR.

For every  $p : q$  MMR (where  $p$  and  $q$  are integers) there are two important resonant angles:

$$\phi_1 = p\lambda_1 - q\lambda_2 + \varpi_1$$

$$\phi_2 = p\lambda_1 - q\lambda_2 + \varpi_2$$

where  $\lambda$  is the mean longitude and  $\varpi$  is the longitude of periapse. For planets to be in MMR the time variation of one or both of these resonant arguments,  $\dot{\phi}$ , must be zero.

The strength of a given MMR is related to its width, which in turn is related to the order ( $= p - q$ ) of the resonance and the magnitude of  $p$  and  $q$  (Murray & Dermott 1999). The lower the order,  $p$  and  $q$  are the stronger the resonance (Murray & Dermott 1999), making the 2:1 and 3:2 MMRs the most probable resonant locations in nature. Figure 1 shows the distribution of period ratios for planets discovered by *Kepler*, along with the locations of first and second order MMRs. As can be seen, statistical excesses of planets exist near the 2:1 and 3:2 MMR (Lissauer et al. 2011; Fabrycky et al. 2014; Steffen & Hwang 2015), supporting the idea that these resonant locations are most capable of trapping planets.

However, the planets from these statistical pileups are typically a few percent away from exact period commensurability, and dissipative mechanisms have been proposed to transport these planets from exact MMR. The most popular of these mechanisms are tidal (Lithwick & Wu 2012; Batygin & Morbidelli 2013; Delisle et al. 2014), protoplanetary (Rein 2012; Baruteau & Papaloizou 2013; Goldreich & Schlichting 2014), and planetesimal (Moore et al. 2013; Chatterjee & Ford 2015). The formation implications for each mechanism are different, and no clear consensus has yet emerged.

## 2.2. Migration

### 2.2.1. *Planetesimal-Driven Migration*

Planetesimals passing through the Hill sphere of a planet will interact gravitationally and exchange angular momentum with the planet (Ida et al. 2000; Kirsh et al. 2009). If there is an asymmetry to the number of planetesimals interacting with the planet on its near and far sides, a net force will migrate the planet. However, to guarantee a net migration, planetesimal orbits must decouple from the planet. If the planet is massive enough (e.g. Jupiter) planetesimals can be directly ejected the system, however if the planet is small (e.g. Neptune), planetesimals must decouple by interacting with a neighbouring planet. In addition, for continuous migration the planet must constantly encounter fresh, dynamically cold planetesimals.

It is believed that such planetesimal migration occurred for Neptune, migrating outwards into the Kuiper belt and shepherding planetesimals inwards to Jupiter, which subsequently ejected them from the Solar System (Fernandez & Ip 1984). This idea is well supported by the observations of the outer Solar System, which show that Pluto, along with a host of smaller bodies, orbit in stable 3:2 MMRs with Neptune (Malhotra 1993, 1995) – a natural outcome from outward, planetesimal-driven migration.

### 2.2.2. *Gas-Driven migration*

A planet embedded in a protoplanetary disk can migrate via an exchange of angular momentum from disk-planet torques (Goldreich & Tremaine 1980). Since the discovery of the first hot Jupiter (Mayor & Queloz 1995), gas-driven migration is believed to play an important role in shaping exoplanetary systems (Lin et al. 1996). Planet migration comes

in two main flavours, Type I and Type II.

Type I migration occurs when low-mass planets are fully embedded in a protoplanetary disk and do not significantly perturb the disk structure. At particular resonant locations, known as “Linblad resonances”, density waves are excited due to gravitational interactions between the planet and disk (Goldreich & Tremaine 1979). These density waves exchange angular momentum with the planet, and migration occurs when the inner and outer disk interact asymmetrically with the planet (Goldreich & Tremaine 1979).

Type II migration occurs when high-mass Jovian planets significantly modify the structure of the surrounding protoplanetary disk. In particular, a gap in the disk is opened up by the planet, and is locked in place by the boundaries of the gap (Armitage 2010). The planet then migrates inwards the same rate as the local disk due to ordinary viscous evolution (Armitage 2010).

In comparison to planetesimal migration, gas-driven migration is still not well understood. In particular, standard calculations of gas-driven migration are too quick by an order of magnitude (Lin & Papaloizou 1986; Tanaka et al. 2002), causing planets to spiral into their central stars before the protoplanetary disk has dispersed. However, recent work (Fung & Chiang 2017) suggests that planets actually do not migrate that much and tend to be better behaved than originally believed. A consensus on migration has yet to be established, but it is clear that some form of migration occurs in the universe due to the large number of planets in or near MMR (Lissauer et al. 2011; Fabrycky et al. 2014; Steffen & Hwang 2015).

### 2.3. Stability

Although the longterm stability of planetary orbits has been studied for hundreds of years by the likes of Newton, Lagrange and Gauss, it has been historically difficult to make progress in the field due to the chaotic and non-integrable nature of planetary systems. This chaos is caused by overlapping MMR or secular resonances (Chirikov 1979; Lecar et al. 2001), resulting in the divergence of near-identical systems on long timescales. However, with the aid of computers the equations of motion governing planetary systems can be brute-force integrated into the future or past with N-body simulation, allowing scientists to answer fundamental questions that have plagued humans for hundreds of years. For example, it is now known that the Solar System is marginally stable (Sussman & Wisdom 1988; Laskar 1994; Lecar et al. 2001) with Mercury having a 1% chance of colliding with Venus or the sun within a couple billion years (Laskar & Gastineau 2009). It is also now well established that most known multi-planet systems are packed to capacity, and adding additional planets into these systems would result in dynamical instabilities (Fang & Margot 2013; Pu & Wu 2015).

Although few systems outside of the Two Body Problem can be analytically solved, constraints about longterm stability can still be derived from analytical means. Wisdom (1980) and Duncan et al. (1989) showed that for small eccentricities in the Restricted 3-Body Problem, chaotic orbits leading to close encounters, collisions and ejections occur when the perturber and particle are separated by  $\Delta a \leq 1.3\mu_p^{2/7}a_p$  (where subscript  $p$  indicates the perturber). Gladman (1993) showed that two massive planets separated by  $\Delta a \geq 3.46R_H$  (where  $R_H$  is the mutual Hill radius) are Hill stable, forbidding close encounters for all time.

Since the discovery of numerous exoplanetary systems via *Kepler*, longterm stability has become a popular way to constrain the orbital parameters of the planets in that system

(Lissauer et al. 2011; Steffen et al. 2013; Jontof-Hutter et al. 2014; Tamayo et al. 2015). Assuming that the observed system is stable over billion year timescales, grids of N-body integrations are run using initial conditions that are consistent with the observational constraints. Although this brute-force method is useful for ruling out additional regions of parameter space, it is not without its costs. A typical 10 billion year integration of the Solar System can take weeks to complete, and due to the chaotic nature of planetary systems, hundreds to thousands of realizations must typically be simulated to acquire statistically rigorous answers.

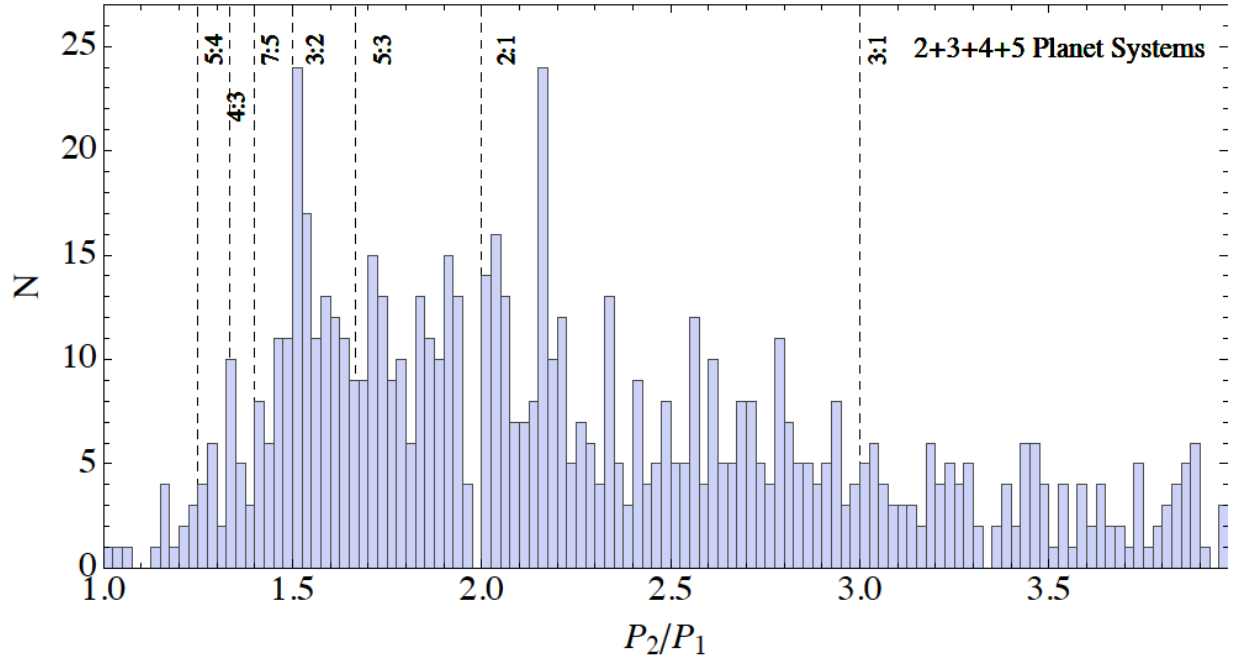


Fig. 1.— Period ratios of Kepler planets, image from Goldreich & Schlichting (2014).



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