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Microlensing Results Challenge the Core Accretion Runaway Growth Scenario for Gas Giants

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Planet Distribution



- Transit
- *Kepler* (KOIs)
- Radial Velocity
- Direct Imaging
- Microlensing

(NASA Exoplanet Archive, exoplanet.eu)

Snow line: $a_{\text{snow}} = 2.7 (M/M_{\text{Sun}}) \text{ AU}$

Planet Distribution



Microlensing Planet Distribution



4yr μ FUN survey (Gould+10) and 6yr PLANET survey (Cassan+12)

Population Synthesis









Default Pop. Synthesis vs. q-function



IL and Bern models expect consistently smaller number of cold planets

w/ and w/o Planet Migration



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Runaway gas accretion



- Core accretion holds that rock-ice cores of $M_Z \sim 10$ M_{Earth} form beyond the snow line
- Cores begin to slowly accrete H & He gas (M_{XY})
- When $M_{\rm XY} \sim M_Z$, exponential "runaway" growth begins

Low *a*-viscosity Bern Model



The low α -viscosity model is NOT consistent with the data at $q \sim 10^{-5}$ and 10^{-2} for Bern model.

Measured cold-planet masses in the middle of the expected desert

- The desert (20-80 M_{Earth}) could be smoothed out by a range of host masses
- > One of S16 sample, OGLE-2012-BLG-0950Lb has a mass of $39 \pm 8 M_{Earth}$ around a 0.6 M_{Sun} host (Bhattacharya+18) See Aparna's poster #247.09
- >Another case from μ lensing (Beaulieu+16) and

two from RV sample (Mayor+11)



Summary

No sub-Saturn mass gap is observed beyond the snow line

- Population synthesis models expect factor ~10 less planets than microlensing observes at $q = 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$; 20-80 M_{Earth} for median 0.6 M_{Sun} host
- Follow-up observations by Keck and *HST* support the smooth distribution (Bhattacharya+18)

Desert or not beyond the snow line?

Conclusion

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line

Desert or not beyond the snow line?
WFIRST will do the ultimate microlensing survey and mass measurement for most cases

See Suzuki et al. 2018 ApJL (arXiv:1812.11785)