TRANSITING EXOPLANETS: THE REVOLUTION FROM SPACE-BASED OBSERVATIONS

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COnvection ROtation & planetary Transits

CoRoT:

A French/European/Brazilian mission led by CNES Scientific Program :

- stellar structure asteroseismology
- planet search transit method
- stellar physics

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Operations: 01/2007 - 10/2012
Polar orbit
FOV ~ 4^{\circ \Box} (half after 2009)
11.5 \leq r-mag \leq 16.
Photometric precision 700 ppm/hr
169 967 light curves
time sampling : 512 sec or 32 sec
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47 284 FGKM dwarfs (based on color separation)



Kepler



NASA mission

Scientific objective : detection of Earth analogs (transit method)

Operations: 03/2009 - 05/2013 Earth-trailing heliocentric orbit

FOV ~ $105^{\circ \Box}$ 9 \leq Kp-mag \leq 15 Photometric precision 80 ppm/hr

160 000 light curves time sampling: 30 min or 1 min 44 000 FG dwarfs



Observing strategy



- CoRoT : 26 stellar fields observed with duration ranging from ~22 days up to 150 days
- Kepler: 1 stellar field observed for 4 years

Planet detection - methods



Noyau de Fer Glaces Manteau silicaté Hydrogène et hélium

Transits - blends issues



Ground-based surveys



CoRoT vs ground-based



CoRoT

~ 600 candidates detected
 32 planets/BD characterized
 (with mass constraint > 3 σ)

Kepler vs ground-based



CoRoT

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 32 planets/BD characterized
 (with mass constraint > 3 σ)

Kepler

~ 4000 candidates detected
 80 planets characterized

Massive planets- internal structure



Formation & evolution



Orbital evolution



Deleuil, Bonomo. Ferraz-Mello et al., 2012

Close-in brown dwarfs



Bouchy et al., 2010, Johnson et al., 2011, Bouchy et al., 2011, Moutou et al., 2012, Diaz et al., 2013

Small-size domain



Occurrence of small Neptunes



Active stars and planets

Alonso et al., 2008



Probing the stellar surface



Silva-Valio et al., 2009

- Rp/R_{*} = 0.172 (3% larger)
- At least 18 spots in total
- Average of 7 spots covered per transit
- spot size : 0.3 0.6 Rp
- Temperature : 4600 to 5400 K ($R_{\star} = 5625$ K)
- rise & decay ~ 30 days



Active regions on Kepler-17



Desert et al., 2011

Planet phase light curve



CoRoT-1b Ag < 0.20 Snellen et al., 2009, Nature Alonso et al., 2009a A&A



CoRoT-2b

Occultation depth = $0.006 \pm 0.002\%$ Ag = 0.06 ± 0.06 ,

Alonso et al., 2009b A&A

Hot-Jupiters are dark



Heng & Demory, 2013 A&A

Atmosphere properties



Latham et al. 2010

Demory et al., 2011 & 2013

Super-Earths: a new population



Super-Earths: properties diversity



Batalha et al., 2010 Pepe et al., 2013 Howard et al, 2013 Marcy et al. 2014 Dumusque et al., 2014



Super-Earths: diversity



Weiss & Marcy, 2014

Sample: 65 Kepler exoplanets $R < 4 R \oplus$ and P < 100 days



Multi-planet systems



Test for dynamical evolution



Flat systems mutual inclinations of planetary orbital planes within ~ 2°

Lissauer et al. 2011 Fabrycky et al. 2014



Batygin & Morbidelli, 2013 Lithwick & Wu, 2012

Xie, 2013

Multi-planet systems with CoRoT



- CoRoT-7 b & non-transiting c & d (Queloz et al 2009)
- Corot-20b & non-transiting c (Bouchy et al., tbs)

Numerous in the low mass, long period range

TTVs: the unexpected revolution



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TTVs:

300

 $M_{\rm c} = 0.626 \pm 0.03 M_{Jup}$

800

(BJD - 2454833)

900 1000 1100 1200 1300

Nesvorný et al., 2013

600

700

50

of KOI-94d. The black points are the data (error bars are 10), and the black line is the circular

TDVS

Days since Transit



56560

56540

56580

56600

SOPHIE; KOI-142 c

TTV versus Vrad



TTV versus Vrad



Weiss & Marcy, 2014

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A systematic bias ? .. or a physical property of packed planetary systems?..

Circumbinary planets



Circumbinary planets



e = 0.118

KOI: false positive rate



Short periodsLong periodsFPR ~ 35%FPR ~ 55%

- Morton & Johnson (2011): median FPR ~ 5% (modeling)
- Santerne et al., (2012): 35% for giant close-in candidates (radial velocity observations with SOPHIE)
- Fressin et al., (2013) global FPR ~9.4% (modeling): giants 17.7%, Small Neptunes 6.7% and Earth-size 12.3%
- Santerne et al. (2013): re-evaluation of Fressin's value to 11.3% (modeling)
- Santerne et al. (in prep): 50% for all giant candidates (SOPHIE observations)

Planet validation



Occurrence of planets

Sun-like stars (42 557 GK dwarfs), KOI with P = 5–100 d:

Jupiter-size (8 – 16 R⊕): 1.6 ± 0.4%

Earth-size: $23 \pm 3\%$



Petigura et al., 2013 Petigura et al., 2014, PNAS

Candidates in the Habitable Zone



Burke et al., 2014

Occurrence of Earth analogs

Sun-like stars (42 557 GK dwarfs)

11 ± 4% of Sun-like stars harbor a planet with $R_p = 1 - 2 R_{\oplus}$ and $F_P = 1 - 4 F_{\oplus}$

22 ± 8% of Sun-like stars harbor a Earth size planet in the HZ - extrapolation!



Petigura et al., 2014



Conclusions

- High precision photometry light curves are a gold mine for planet science and stellar physics.
- Various planet population domains are now open to exploration: small size planets, multi-planet systems, circumbinary planets Diversity is the rule!
- CoRoT and mostly Kepler provide constraints on planet statistics: occurrence rate, distribution, properties... based on their radius. More characterized planets are needed in the small-size domain
- Packed multi-planet systems occurrence is high. TTVs = efficient technique to get the planet masses based on photometric data only. Some discrepancy exists between RVs and TTVs mass - should be further explored. Benchmark to test formation and dynamical evolution
- Planet validation tools are needed to establish the planetary nature of small and cool planets

PLATO - ESA M3

PLATO will overcome all the limitations we're facing in the quest of Earth analogs

