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A Survey of Stellar Families Multiplicity of Solar-type Stars



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Understanding Stellar Families

Do Sun-like stars have... Companions?

Defining the Sample

Sample Distribution

Sample Completeness

A Comprehensive Effort

Detection Limits of the Survey

CHARA Astrometry

Modeling SFP Fringes

- All stars assumed to be 20 pc away
- fakecc parameters
 - b: 331 m (S1-E1 baseline)
 - f: If R0 >= 6 cm -f 750/150, else -f 500/100
 - n: photon count for primary $N_{ph} = 2.37 \times 10^{(9-M)/2.5}$
 - p: R0=10 cm (velocity assumed 10 m/s)
 - r: 145 microns (dither mirror scan range)
 - S: V,sep,beta
 - Separation in microns = Baseline * sep-arcsec * unit-conv
 - Beta = Sec-flux / Prim-flux
 - V = secondary visibility (B, diameter, wavelength)
 - V: primary's visibility

Varying Flux: R0=10 cm, Sep=50 mas

 G5 pair, K=5.0

MO pair, K=6.7

M2 pair, K=7.3

Varying Seeing: G0+K0, Sep=50 mas

Scan Weight

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R0=20

R0=10

R0=6

R0=3

Varying Separation: G0+G5, R0=10

Sep = 12 masSep = 20 mas

Varying Separation: G0+G5, R0=10

Sep = 30 mas Sep = 50 mas Sep = 70 mas Sep = 80 mas

Varying Separation: G0+G5, R0=10

Varying Contrast: G0, R0=10, Sep=20 mas

Comp K0, dK=0.9

Comp K5, dK=1.4

Comp M0, dK=2.0 Comp M2, dK=2.6

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SFP Null Result

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- Orbital elements & physical parameters

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Multiplicity by Spectral Type

Period Distribution

- Significant overlap of techniques in all but the longest period bins (SB, VB gap closed)
- 66% of pairs have separations greater than 10 AU, leaving room for planets

Period-Eccentricity Relationship

- Consistent with DM91, components of triples seen to have higher eccentricity
- Period < 12 days circularized

Eccentricity Distribution

In contrast to DM91, no relationship is seen between period and eccentricity distribution

------ P < 1000 days (35 systems)

--- P > 1000 days (82 systems)

Mass-Ratio Distribution

- Another departure from DM91
 - Twins are definitely preferred (consistent with Abt & Levy 1976)
- Correlation between mass-ratio and period
 - Percentage of systems with P < 100 days
 - 4% for mass-ratio < 0.45; 8% for 0.45 < mass-ratio < 0.9; 16% for mass-ratios > 0.9
- Twins are not confined to short-period systems

Effect of Metallicity on Multiplicity

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Conclusions

- Large sample of solar-type stars, comprehensive survey
- SFP survey identified no new companions
 - Gap between spectroscopic and visual companions bridged
- CPM search revealed four new companions
- Robust RV coverage
 - 4 new companions in CfA data, 2 in CCPS data
- Majority (55% ± 3%) of solar-type stars are single
- More massive and younger stars are more likely to have companions
- Period distribution is Gaussian with a mean of about 300 years
- Eccentricity distribution is largely flat beyond circularization regime
- Twins are preferred, suggesting multiple formation mechanisms
- Planets are equally likely to form around single, binary, and multiple stars
 - Most stellar companions are wide, implying larger real-estate for planets

