

## KOI-142, THE KING OF TRANSIT VARIATIONS, IS A PAIR OF PLANETS NEAR THE 2:1 RESONANCE

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### ABSTRACT

The transit timing variations (TTVs) can be used as a diagnostic of gravitational interactions between planets in a multi-planet system. Many Kepler Objects of Interest (KOIs) exhibit significant TTVs, but KOI-142.01 stands out among them with an unrivaled  $\simeq 12$  hr TTV amplitude. Here we report a thorough analysis of KOI-142.01's transits. We discover periodic transit duration variations (TDVs) of KOI-142.01 that are nearly in phase with the observed TTVs. We show that KOI-142.01's TTVs and TDVs uniquely detect a non-transiting companion with a mass  $\simeq 0.63$  that of Jupiter (KOI-142c). KOI-142.01's mass inferred from the transit variations is consistent with the measured transit depth, suggesting a Neptune-class planet (KOI-142b). The orbital period ratio  $P_c/P_b = 2.03$  indicates that the two planets are just wide of the 2:1 resonance. The present dynamics of this system, characterized here in detail, can be used to test various formation theories that have been proposed to explain the near-resonant pairs of exoplanets.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The two methods used so far to discover the majority of exoplanets, transit observations (TOs) and radial velocity (RV) measurements, have known limitations. The best current RV sensitivity of  $\sim 1 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  allows us to detect planets down to  $\sim 1$  Neptune mass at 1 AU, assuming a bright, solar-mass host star and  $\sin I \sim 1$ , where  $I$  is the inclination of planet's orbit relative to the sky plane. The TO method, on the other hand, can be used to detect smaller planets (Borucki et al. 2011), but requires that  $\sin I \simeq 1$ . Most multi-planet systems discovered from TOs are therefore implied to be coplanar to within  $\simeq 1^\circ$  (Lissauer et al. 2011a).

Ideally, we would like to use the detection statistics of planets and planetary systems from TOs and RVs to build a population model that globally describes the distribution of planet properties (such as the planet occurrence depending on the host star mass and metallicity, planetary mass and size distributions, multiplicity, distributions of orbital spacing, eccentricity and inclination, etc.) in the galaxy. Much of this information, however, is difficult to obtain from TOs and RV measurements alone. The problem is rooted in the fact that these methods are blind to certain classes of planets and planetary systems, and often allow us to obtain only approximate properties of the detected systems.

The transit timing variation (TTV) method can help resolve some of these issues. The TTVs occur when gravitational perturbations produce deviations from strictly Keplerian orbits, such that the spacing of individual transits is not exactly periodic (Miralda-Escudé 2002, Agol et al. 2005, Holman & Murray 2005). The TTVs have been used to confirm some of the transiting planet candidates from *Kepler* (e.g., Holman et al. 2010, Lissauer et al. 2011b), detect and characterize non-transiting planets (Nesvorný et al. 2012), and search for moons (Kipping et al. 2012, 2013). The TTV analysis often provides specific information about the system that is unavailable from TOs or RVs alone.

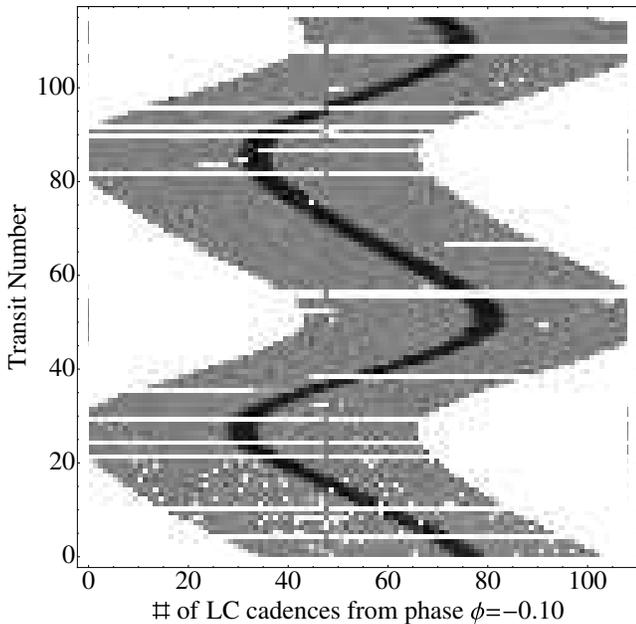
Here we discuss the Kepler Object of Interest (KOI) 142.01. We show that the observed TTVs can uniquely be fit by a sub-Jovian mass planet near the exterior 2:1 orbital resonance with the transiting Neptune-class planet. The transit duration variations (TDVs) produced by the interaction of two planets are also detected. We use the TTVs and TDVs to investigate the near-resonant dynamics of the KOI-142 system. The methods and results are described in Sections 2 and 3. Our main findings are summarized in Section 4. Efforts such as these can help us to understand the formation of the near-resonant planetary systems. They can also provide important guidance in our pursuit of the planet population model.

### 2. METHOD

The TTVs of KOI-142.01 were identified by Ford et al. (2011, 2012) and Steffen et al. (2012). Mazeh et al. (2013) updated KOI-142.01's TTVs using the first 12 quarters of the *Kepler* data, highlighted the large TTV amplitude ( $\simeq 12$  hr), and suggested that this “king of TTVs” can host one or more additional planets.

We downloaded the publicly available data for KOI-142 from the Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes, which included short-cadence data from quarters 5–14 and long-cadence from quarters 0–14. Throughout our analysis, we make use of the photometric analysis time series. Using a polynomial ephemeris fitted to the Mazeh et al. (2013) transit times, we extracted each transit epoch with  $\pm 0.5P$  worth of data for either side and applied the Cosine Filtering with Autocorrelation Minimization (CoFiAM) detrending algorithm, which is described in detail by Kipping et al. (2013). The detrended photometry is shown in Figure 1.

Although we direct those interested to Kipping et al. (2013) for details, we briefly describe CoFiAM. The algorithm is essentially a high-pass, low-cut filter which removes periodic components with a timescale greater than that of a pre-defined protected timescale. For this analysis, the protected timescale was chosen to be that of three times the transit duration to



**Figure 1.** So-called river-plot for KOI-142.01, as used by Carter et al. (2012). Each row corresponds to a single transit epoch time series and the squares within that row represent the chronological sequence of flux measurements represented by the color. We denote a normalized flux of unity as gray and a normalized flux equal to a transit depth as black. The white squares denote a lack of data.

ensure the transit shape is minimally distorted by our detrending. CoFiAM is applied to each transit separately, after first removing discontinuous features by eye and applying a moving median outlier filter. For each transit, CoFiAM explores typically dozens of permissible detrendings by permuting the maximum allowed harmonic order from the maximum (corresponding to the protected timescale) to the minimum (corresponding to the entire baseline of the time series). CoFiAM then selects the order which minimizes the autocorrelation on a 30 minute timescale, as determined by the Durbin–Watson metric.

After detrending the data, the next step is to fit a transit model to the cleaned, normalized photometry. For this purpose we use the Mandel & Agol (2002) algorithm to model the transits assuming a circular orbit and the multimodal nested sampling algorithm MULTINEST (Feroz et al. 2009, 2011) for the regression. We employ quadratic limb darkening with coefficients computed from a Kurucz-style stellar atmosphere model integrated over the *Kepler* bandpass using the Kepler Input Catalog (KIC) parameters  $T_{\text{eff}} = 5361$  K and  $\log g = 4.679$ , yielding  $u_1 = 0.508$  and  $u_2 = 0.201$ . Due to the presence of large dynamical variations, we wished to investigate the possibility of TDVs in addition to TTVs. This requires allowing all of the basic transit parameters to vary for each event and so we regress every epoch individually. In total, we detrended and fitted 105 transit epochs, although 5 of these did not converge due to data gaps leading to partial transits. The  $M = 100$  well-fitted transits lead to  $M$  joint-posteriors for the transit parameters. Our “best-fit” transit times and durations are computed by marginalizing each epoch’s time of transit minimum ( $\tau$ ) and duration defined as the time it takes for the planet’s center to cross the stellar disc to exiting under the same condition ( $\tilde{T}$ , see Kipping 2010 for further details on this parameter). The final values are the median of each distribution and the  $\pm 34.1\%$  quantiles, and are shown in Figure 4.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>6</sup> An electronic table with our best-fit TTVs and TDVs is available for download from ApJ.

**Table 1**  
Mean Transit Parameters Derived by Taking the Average of Each Posterior Sample Across the  $M = 100$  Joint Posteriors Derived for each Transit Epoch

Parameter	Value
$P_b$ (days)	$10.954204^{+0.000064}_{-0.000143}$
$R_b/R_*$	$0.0390^{+0.0041}_{-0.0037}$
$a_b/R_*$ (circ)	$24.8^{+1.3}_{-1.4}$
$b_b$	$0.372^{+0.028}_{-0.029}$
$i_b$ ( $^\circ$ )	$89.140^{+0.085}_{-0.089}$
$\rho_{*,b}$ (circ) ( $\text{g cm}^{-3}$ )	$2.40^{+0.41}_{-0.39}$
$\tilde{T}_b$ (hr)	$3.13^{+0.19}_{-0.16}$
$T_{14,b}$ (hr)	$3.28^{+0.20}_{-0.17}$
$T_{23,b}$ (hr)	$2.99^{+0.19}_{-0.15}$
$T_{12,b} \simeq T_{34,b}$ (hr)	$0.142^{+0.017}_{-0.014}$

The  $M$  posteriors may also be used to derive estimates of the mean transit parameters, such as  $R_P/R_*$ ,  $a/R_*$ , etc. For example, we consider a posterior of the mean  $R_P/R_*$  made of  $N$  realizations, labeled  $i = 1 \rightarrow N$ . For the  $i$ th realization of the mean  $R_P/R_*$ , we calculate this as simply the sum of the  $i$ th realization of each of the  $M$  transit epochs divided by  $M$ .  $N$  is limited by the smallest length of the  $M$  joint posteriors, which was  $N = 14,034$ . We provide the median and associated  $\pm 34.1\%$  quantiles of these mean transit parameters in Table 1.

Next, we investigate dynamical solutions for the large TTVs and TDVs, and in what follows we utilize the best-fit TTVs and TDVs and their associated uncertainties. We tested whether the measured TTVs and TDVs are consistent with gravitational perturbations from a planetary or stellar companion of KOI-142.01, and whether a unique set of parameters can be determined to describe the physical and orbital properties of that companion. We examined orbits with periods between 1 day and 10 yr, including the cases of highly eccentric and/or retrograde orbits.

The dynamical fits were obtained with a code based on a symplectic  $N$ -body integrator known as `swift_mvs` (Levison & Duncan 1994),<sup>7</sup> which is an efficient implementation of the second-order symplectic map developed by Wisdom & Holman (1991). The integration is done in Jacobian coordinates. We do not use a symplectic corrector (Wisdom et al. 1996), but have the option to fine tune each solution with a standard Bulirsch–Stoer algorithm (Press et al. 1992).

The code computes the mid-transit times by interpolation. First, the transiting planet is forward propagated on the ideal Keplerian orbit starting from the position and velocity recorded by `swift_mvs` at the beginning of  $N$ -body time step. Second, the position and velocity at the end of the time step are propagated backward (again on the ideal Keplerian orbits). We then calculate a weighted mean of these two Keplerian trajectories such that progressively more (less) weight is given to the backward (forward) trajectory as the time approaches the end of the time step.

The near-transit geometry is detected by the change of sign of the scalar product between the relative position and velocity vectors. The mid-transit time is estimated from the projected relative velocity and distance at the beginning (and the end) of the integrator time step. The code then interpolates to the estimated value, recalculates a new guess, and interpolates again. Iterating this procedure a few times is usually enough to reach convergence. The transit time errors resulting from this

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.boulder.swri.edu/~hal/swift.html>

procedure are of the order of seconds, which is good enough for KOI-142 where the measurements have  $\gtrsim 1$  minute errors.

The method described above is efficient.<sup>8</sup> The required transit timing precision was achieved by setting the time step to  $\simeq 1/20$  of the inner orbit period. The TTVs were computed relative to a linear ephemeris. The dynamical fits to the TTVs were obtained by minimizing

$$\chi_{\text{TTV}}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^M (\delta t_{O,j} - \delta t_{C,j})^2 / \sigma_j^2, \quad (1)$$

where  $M = 100$  is the number of transits,  $\delta t_{O,j}$  and  $\delta t_{C,j}$  are the observed and calculated TTVs, and  $\sigma_j$  is the uncertainty of  $\delta t_{O,j}$ . To minimize Equation (1), we used the Downhill Simplex method (Press et al. 1992), as described in Nesvorný & Beaugé (2010), and the MultiNest algorithm (Feroz et al. 2009, 2011), as described in Harpsøe et al. (2013).

The transit duration of each transit was determined from the impact parameter and the projected transit speed at mid transit. The dynamical fits to the TDVs were obtained by minimizing

$$\chi_{\text{TDV}}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^M (T_{O,j} - T_{C,j})^2 / \Sigma_j^2, \quad (2)$$

where  $T_{O,j}$  and  $T_{C,j}$  are the observed and calculated TDVs, and  $\Sigma_j$  is the uncertainty of  $T_{O,j}$ . The simultaneous dynamical fits to the TTV and TDVs were computed by minimizing  $\chi^2 = \chi_{\text{TTV}}^2 + \chi_{\text{TDV}}^2$ .

We tested three dynamical models: (1) coplanar orbits and circular orbit of the transiting object (model  $\mathcal{C}$ ), (2) inclined orbit of the companion and circular orbit of the transiting object (model  $\mathcal{I}$ ), and (3) a general case where the transiting object has an eccentric orbit, and the companion orbit can be inclined and eccentric (model  $\mathcal{E}$ ). Model  $\mathcal{C}$  has dynamical 6 parameters (2 masses and 4 orbital parameters of the companion), model  $\mathcal{I}$  has 8 parameters (6 of model  $\mathcal{C}$  plus the inclination and nodal longitude of companion's orbit), and model  $\mathcal{E}$  has 10 parameters (8 of model  $\mathcal{I}$  plus the eccentricity and pericenter longitude of the transiting planet).

The remaining four parameters, namely the semimajor axis, inclination, and the nodal longitude and mean longitude of the transiting object at a given epoch, were held fixed. The semimajor axis was computed from the orbital period (obtained from a linear ephemeris). The inclination and nodal longitude were set from the impact parameter  $b$ . We used the transit reference system (Nesvorný et al. 2012), where the nodal longitude of the transiting object is  $270^\circ$ . The mean longitude was set so that the first transit occurred at the reference epoch ( $\tau_0 = 2454954.62702$  BJD<sub>UTC</sub>).

To compute the errors on the parameters fitted in the dynamical fits, we exploit the posterior files derived for  $\tau$  and  $\tilde{T}$  for each transit epoch. Specifically, we draw the  $i$ th sample from the ensemble joint posterior for every epoch to create a fair realization of the TTV and TDV for this  $i$ th draw. We then repeat the process of the dynamical fits described above for the best-fit TTVs/TDVs. Since the draws do not technically have an error

<sup>8</sup> The  $N$ -body code is nearly as fast as the perturbation method (Nesvorný & Morbidelli 2008, Nesvorný & Beaugé 2010) that was used to detect the non-transiting planetary companion of Kepler-46b (previously known as KOI-872b; Nesvorný et al. 2012). Unlike the perturbation method, however, the  $N$ -body code can account for the resonant and near-resonant transit variations, which is important for KOI-142.

**Table 2**

Final Values of the Free Parameters Used in the Dynamical Fits of the Transit Times and Durations (TTVs and TDVs). The Orbital Elements are Given for the Reference Epoch  $\tau_0 = 2454954.62702$  BJD<sub>UTC</sub>

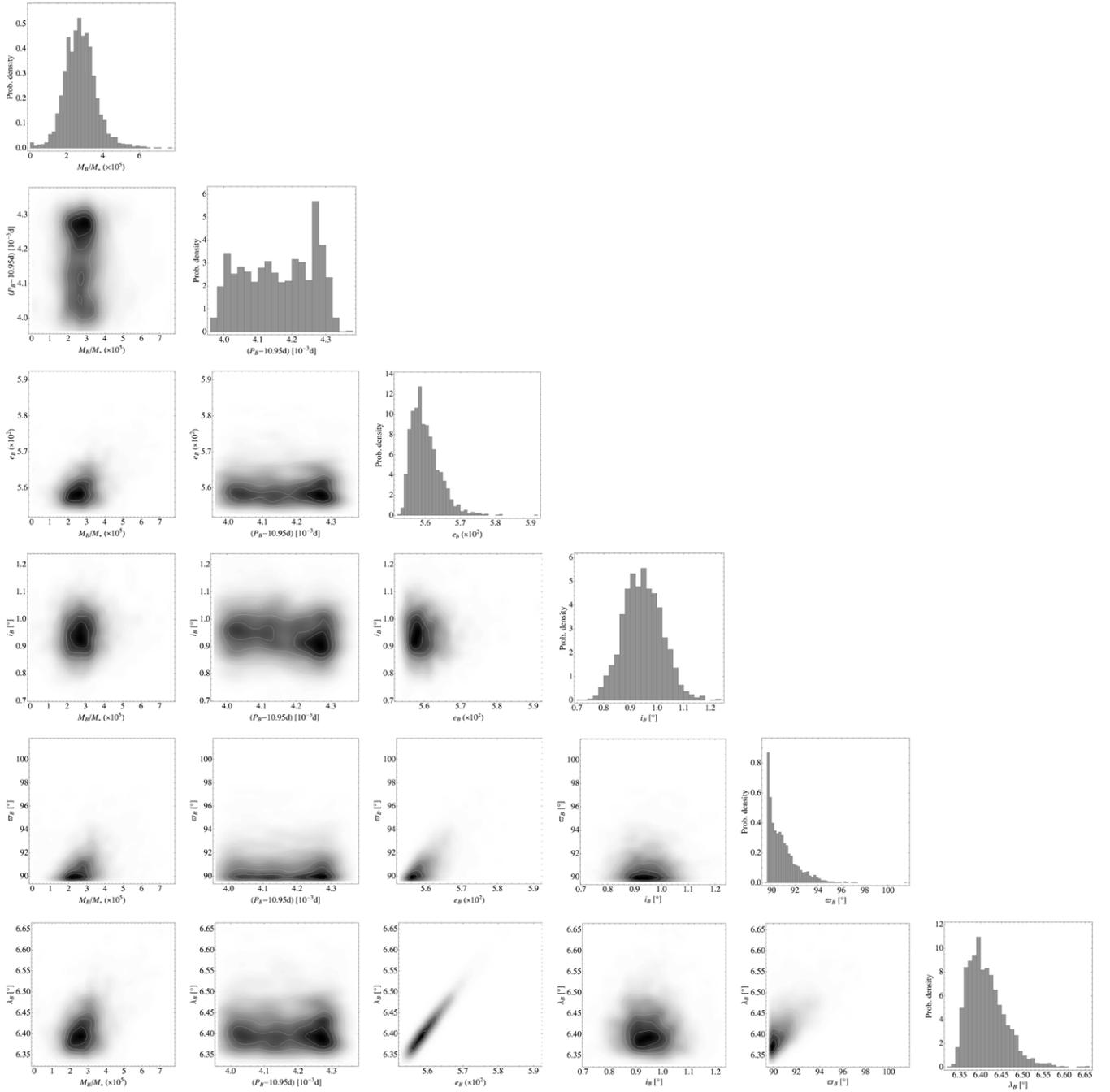
Parameter	Planet b	Planet c
$M_P/M_*$	$(2.80^{+0.85}_{-0.81}) \times 10^{-5}$	$(6.244^{+0.066}_{-0.068}) \times 10^{-4}$
$P_P$ (days)	$10.95417^{+0.00010}_{-0.00013}$	$22.3397^{+0.0021}_{-0.0018}$
$i$ ( $^\circ$ )	$0.884^{+0.081}_{-0.074}$	$3.7^{+1.4}_{-1.6}$
$e$	$0.05596^{+0.00048}_{-0.00034}$	$0.0567^{+0.0010}_{-0.0013}$
$\varpi$ ( $^\circ$ )	$90.63^{+1.61}_{-0.82}$	$270.8^{+2.0}_{-1.0}$
$\Omega$ ( $^\circ$ )	270 (assumed)	$264.7^{+5.1}_{-12.4}$
$\lambda$ ( $^\circ$ )	$6.410^{+0.053}_{-0.038}$	$252.99^{+1.06}_{-0.63}$

and the errors of the best-fit values were found to be approximately equal anyway, we use equal weighting in the subsequent regression. We then end up with a vector for the dynamical parameters best describing the  $i$ th draw of the joint posterior. This is repeated for 10,000 draws (we did not do all 14,034 available realizations for expediency) allowing us to compile a joint posterior for the dynamical parameters (Figures 2 and 3). We found that 118 realizations resulted in unphysical results and these were discarded accordingly. The final posteriors were marginalized for each parameter of interest and we derived the tabulated values of Table 2 by quoting the median and the associated  $\pm 34.1\%$  quantiles.

Physical stellar parameters were derived by matching stellar evolution isochrones to the observable stellar properties. Five spectra of KOI-142 were obtained using the Fibre-fed Échelle Spectrograph at the 2.5 m Nordic Optical Telescope at La Palma, Spain (Djupvik & Andersen 2010) on 2011 July 14 and 15 and 2013 July 27, 30 and 31. We used the medium-resolution fiber with a resolving power of  $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \approx 46,000$  and an exposure time of 11–16 minutes yielding an S/N per resolution element of 21–28. We used SPC (Buchhave et al. 2012) to determine the stellar parameters of the host star, yielding an effective temperature of  $T_{\text{eff}} = 5471 \pm 50$  K, a surface gravity of  $\log g = 4.38 \pm 0.10$ , a metallicity of  $[\text{m}/\text{H}] = 0.20 \pm 0.08$ , and a projected rotational velocity of  $v \sin i = 1.8 \pm 0.5$  km s $^{-1}$ . The relatively low S/N spectra are at the limit of what stellar parameter classification method (SPC) requires to extract reliable stellar parameters, which may not be accurately reflected in the formal uncertainties but is revealed by the relatively small percentage of draws matching parameter sets which are allowed by stellar models (see below).

Rather than use  $\log g$  as a luminosity indicator, we opt to use  $\rho_*$  derived from the transit light curve. Although one might suppose we have 14,034 realizations of  $\rho_*$ , we actually have 14,034 realizations of  $\rho_{*,\text{circ}}$  since we assumed a circular orbit in the original transit fits. The true stellar density may be easily derived using the simple correction  $\rho_* = \rho_{*,\text{circ}}/\Psi$ , where  $\Psi = (1 - e \sin \omega)^3 (1 - e^2)^{-3/2}$  assuming  $e$  is not large (see Kipping 2011 for the derivation). Since we have 9882 dynamical realizations comprising the posteriors of  $e$  and  $\omega$ , we are able to derive 9882 realizations of  $\Psi$ , from which we derive  $\Psi = 1.0029^{+0.0024}_{-0.0047}$ . Using the corrected 9882 fair realizations of  $\rho_*$ , we draw a random normal variate for  $T_{\text{eff}}$  and  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  determined by SPC and then match each of these 9882 draws to the Yonsei-Yale theoretical stellar models (Yi et al. 2001).

We find that the joint posterior of  $\{\rho_*, T_{\text{eff}}, [\text{Fe}/\text{H}]\}$  lies on the edge of the permissible range allowed by the stellar models, with only 2273 draws matching to a model. The draws that match



**Figure 2.** Triangle plot for the dynamical parameters fitted to the transit times and durations of KOI-142b. Here, the variance covariances between each fitted parameter are easily seen.

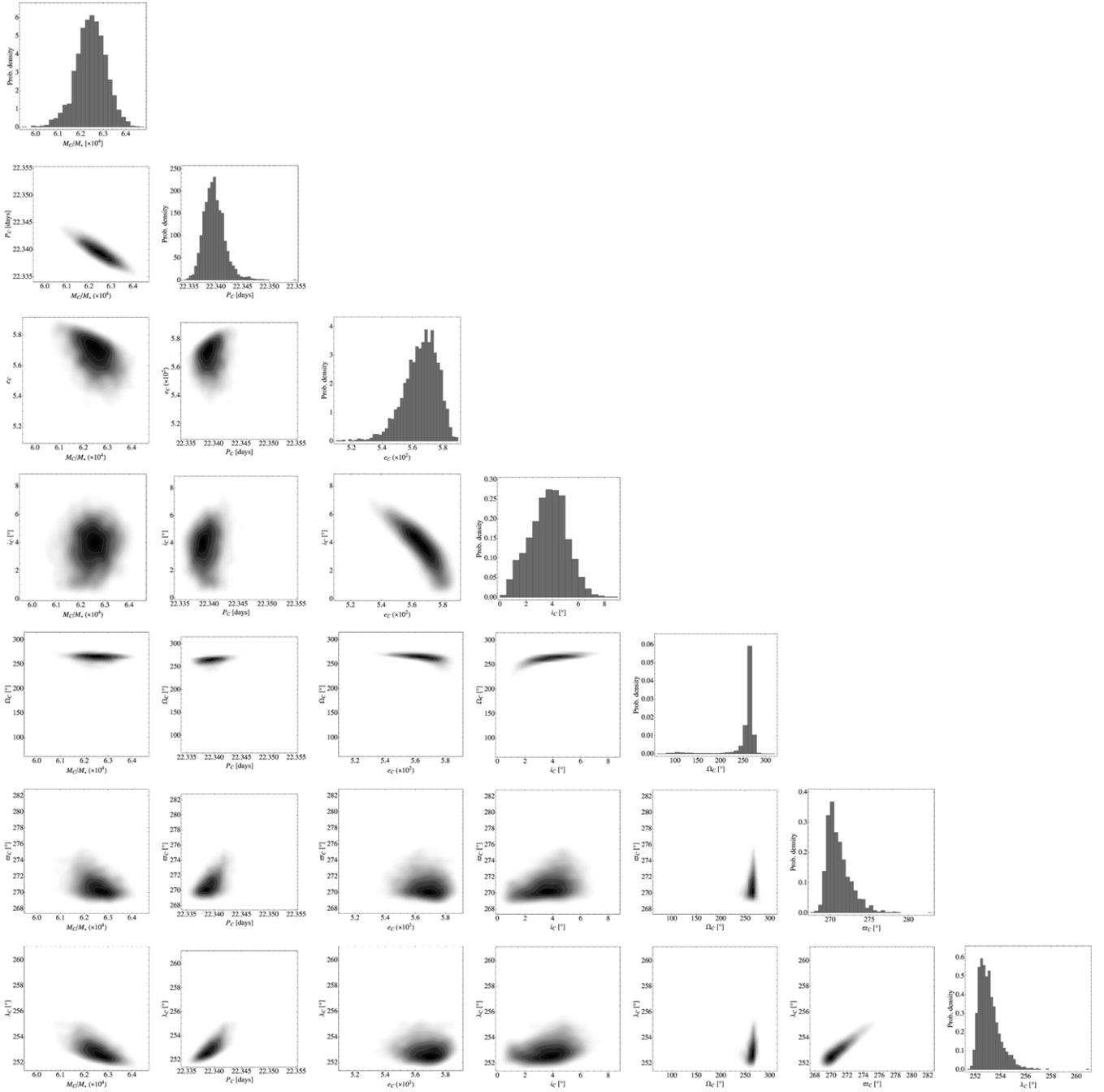
tend to have lower metallicity, density, and temperature than the median values from the full sample of 9882 draws. From these trials, we marginalize over each parameter’s posterior to estimate the physical parameters for the host star KOI-142. The final stellar parameters, defined as the median and their  $\pm 34.1\%$  associated quantiles, are provided in Table 3. We use these to compute the physical parameters of planets b and c too, as shown in Table 4.

### 3. RESULTS

KOI-142.01 shows transits with a period of  $P \simeq 10.95$  days. The transit timing is modulated with a TTV period of  $P_{\text{TTV}} \simeq 630$  days. The TTV amplitude exceeds 10 hr and appears to be changing with time (Figure 4(a)). We

detect periodic TDVs nearly in phase with the measured TTVs (Figure 4(b)). The TDV amplitude is much smaller than that of the TTVs. The large  $P_{\text{TTV}}/P$  ratio ( $\simeq 58$ ) suggests that the TTVs may be related to secular, resonant, or near-resonant perturbations from a companion, rather than to the short-periodic effects.

Our detailed dynamical modeling of the measured transit variations uniquely detects a non-transiting planetary companion near the exterior 2:1 resonance with KOI-142.01. The uniqueness of the fits stems from the successful modeling of both the large near-resonant TTVs shown in Figure 4(a), and the short-periodic “chopping” produced by the orbital conjunctions between planets (Figure 5). The retrograde orbits near the 2:1 resonance, for example, can be ruled out because they lead to



**Figure 3.** Triangle plot for the dynamical parameters fitted to the transit times and durations of KOI-142c. Here, the variance covariances between each fitted parameter are easily seen.

a chopping pattern that is inconsistent with our data (conjunctions occur too often). Below, we discuss the results based on the general dynamical model  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Our best TTV-only fit gives  $\chi^2_{\text{TTV}} = 65.7$  for 90 degrees of freedom (DOF), while the best simultaneous fit to the TTVs and TDVs gives  $\chi^2 = 182$  for 190 DOF. The two fits are consistent with each other (within errors). They fit data very well (Figure 4). All other solutions, including the highly inclined or retrograde orbits, can be ruled out because they give  $\chi^2_{\text{TTV}} > 1000$ . Interestingly, the TDVs expected from the TTV-only fit are very similar to those obtained from the simultaneous fit (Figure 4(b)). This shows a good consistency of the identified solution. The best-fit parameters and their errors are listed in Tables 2 and 4.

We find that the companion mass is  $6.2 \times 10^{-4} M_*$ , where  $M_* \simeq 0.96 M_\odot$  (Table 3). This suggests a planet with mass  $\simeq 0.63 M_J$ , where  $M_J$  is the mass of Jupiter, or about 2.1 Saturn masses. The KOI-142.01's mass inferred from the TTVs is  $\simeq 3 \times 10^{-5} M_*$ , implying a sub-Neptune-mass planet. This is consistent with the radius ratio  $R/R_* = 0.039$  inferred from the transit analysis. With  $R_* = 0.96 R_\odot$  (Table 3), where  $R_\odot$  is the Sun's radius, this would give a planetary radius similar to that of Neptune's. We therefore confirm KOI-142 as a system of two planets, hereafter KOI-142b and KOI-142c.

KOI-142b's and KOI-142c's orbital periods are  $P_b \simeq 10.95$  days and  $P_c \simeq 22.34$  days, respectively. The orbital period ratio of the two planets is therefore  $P_c/P_b = 2.04$  (or  $\simeq 2.03$

**Table 3**

Derived Stellar Parameters Found by Matching Isochrones to the SPC-derived Stellar Effective Temperature and Metallicity as Well as the Light Curve Derived Stellar Density (Accounting for Orbital Eccentricity)

Parameter	KIC	This work
	Fitted Params.	
$M_*$ ( $M_\odot$ )	0.96	$0.956^{+0.041}_{-0.051}$
$R_*$ ( $R_\odot$ )	0.74	$0.880^{+0.030}_{-0.038}$
$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	$5361 \pm 135$	$5471 \pm 50$
(Fe/H) (dex)	$-0.10 \pm 0.20$	$+0.20 \pm 0.08$
$\log g$ (dex)	$4.68 \pm 0.25$	$4.528^{+0.025}_{-0.019}$
$L_*$ ( $R_\odot$ )	...	$0.598^{+0.079}_{-0.070}$
Age (Gyr)	...	$2.2^{+2.4}_{-2.0}$
$M_V$	...	$5.46^{+0.16}_{-0.16}$
Distance (pc)	...	$339^{+25}_{-23}$

**Note.** For comparison, we show the Kepler Input Catalog (KIC) parameters derived by Brown et al. (2011).

**Table 4**

Physical Planetary Parameters Derived by Combining the Stellar Parameters Shown in Table 3 and the Dynamical Parameters Shown in Table 2

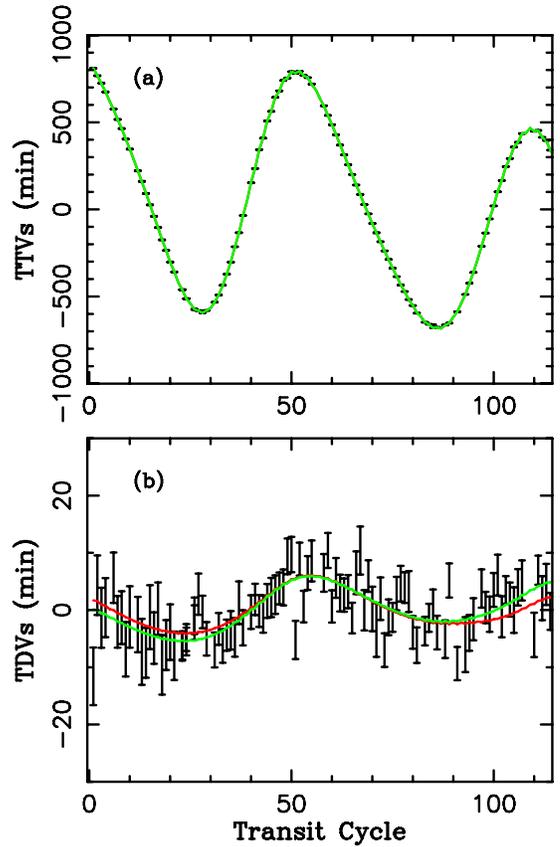
Parameter	Planet b	Planet c
$M_P$ ( $M_\oplus$ )	$8.7^{+2.5}_{-2.5}$	$198.8^{+9.2}_{-10.6}$
$R_P$ ( $R_\oplus$ )	$3.78^{+0.39}_{-0.36}$	...
$\rho_P$ ( $\text{g cm}^{-3}$ )	$0.87^{+0.42}_{-0.31}$	...
$P_P$ (days)	$10.95416^{+0.00011}_{-0.00013}$	$22.3395^{+0.0019}_{-0.0017}$
$i$ ( $^\circ$ )	$0.945^{+0.074}_{-0.070}$	$3.8^{+1.3}_{-1.6}$
$e$	$0.05593^{+0.00047}_{-0.00031}$	$0.05628^{+0.0014}_{-0.0028}$
$\varpi$ ( $^\circ$ )	$90.59^{+1.45}_{-0.81}$	$270.76^{+1.82}_{-0.99}$
$\Omega$ ( $^\circ$ )	270 (assumed)	$264.1^{+5.0}_{-11.6}$
$\lambda$ ( $^\circ$ )	$6.405^{+0.052}_{-0.035}$	$252.9^{+0.94}_{-0.60}$
$K$ ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ )	$2.58^{+0.74}_{-0.73}$	$46.45^{+0.82}_{-0.98}$

**Note.** Realizations which do not yield a matching isochrone have been removed.

if averaged over semimajor axis oscillations; Figure 6), indicating orbits just wide of the 2:1 mean motion resonance. This orbital configuration is relatively common among the KOIs and confirmed *Kepler* planets (Fabrycky et al. 2012). Our long-term integrations of the system show that the orbits are stable on (at least) Gyr timescales.

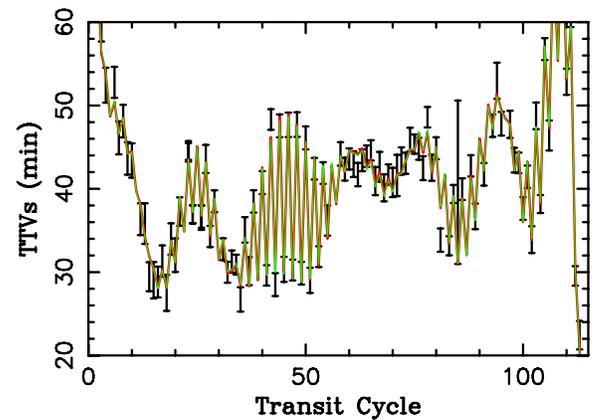
Since  $M_b \ll M_c$ , the resonant dynamics of KOI-142b can be approximated by the restricted model with  $M_b = 0$ . The analytic theory of the restricted resonant problem has been reviewed, for example, in Nesvorný et al. (2002). Here we just briefly outline the main results. For  $e_c = 0$  (circular model), the system of differential equations can be reduced to one DOF, where different phase-space topologies are parameterized by a constant of motion  $N = (a/a_c)(2 - \sqrt{1 - e^2})^{1/2}$ . For  $N > N_* = 0.8$  and  $a \simeq a_{\text{res}}$ , where  $a_{\text{res}} = 2^{-2/3}a_c$ ,  $\sigma = 2\lambda_c - \lambda - \varpi$  shows resonant librations. For  $N < N_*$ , on the other hand,  $\sigma$  generally circulates (except if  $e \simeq 0$ ). These properties are also found for  $e_c \neq 0$ , except that the resonant dynamics on different levels of  $N$  is slowly modulated by  $\varpi_b - \varpi_c$ . Figure 7 illustrates these results.

The two resonant angles,  $\sigma_b = 2\lambda_c - \lambda_b - \varpi_b$  and  $\sigma_c = 2\lambda_c - \lambda_b - \varpi_c$ , where  $\lambda$ 's and  $\varpi$ 's are the mean and pericenter longitudes, circulate in a retrograde sense with a period of  $P_{2:1} \simeq 630$  days. The associated eccentricity variations of KOI-142b's orbit produce the observed TTVs and TDVs. A



**Figure 4.** TTVs and TDVs of KOI-142.01. Data with associated error bars are shown in both panels. The TTV errors are  $\simeq 1$ –2 minutes and are unresolved on the scale of panel (a). The green line shows our best simultaneous fit to the TTVs and TDVs. The red line shows the best TTV-only fit. These two fits give practically identical TTVs (the two lines overlap in panel (a)).

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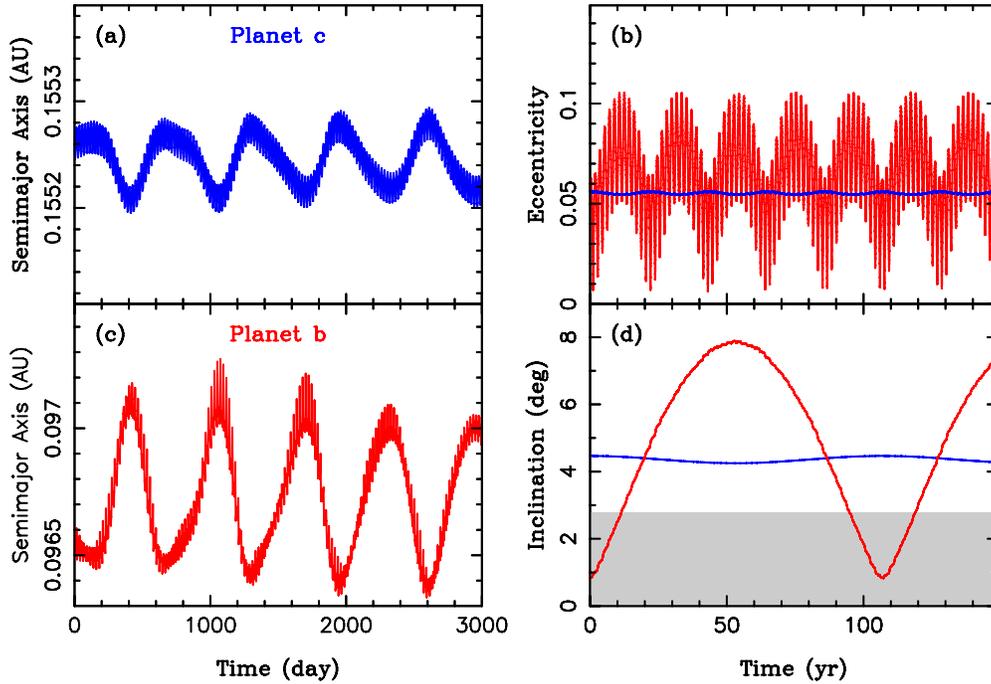


**Figure 5.** Short-period chopping of KOI-142b's TTVs produced by the orbital conjunctions with KOI-142c. The main resonant terms were removed from the measured and model TTVs by a Fourier filter. The red and green lines show our best TTV-only and simultaneous fits from Figure 4.

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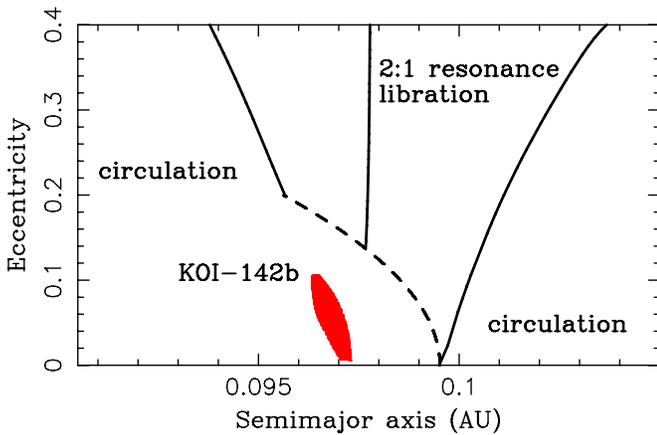
detailed interpretation of TTVs can be obtained from Lithwick et al. (2012). Here we just point out that given the proximity to the 2:1 resonance,  $\sigma_b$  and  $\sigma_c$  are not simple linear functions of time. The transit variations are therefore not strictly sinusoidal, as noted by Mazeh et al. (2013).

As for the TDVs, the transit duration can be approximated by  $T = \Delta/V$ , where  $\Delta = 2R_*\sqrt{1 - b^2}$  is the length of the transit



**Figure 6.** Orbital evolution of KOI-142b and KOI-142c. The red lines denote the orbital elements of planet b. The blue lines denote the orbital elements of planet c. The gray area in panel (d) shows an approximate region where transits occur for  $\Omega \simeq 90^\circ$  or  $\Omega \simeq 270^\circ$ .

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**Figure 7.** Location of the  $(a, e)$  stamp of KOI-142b (red) relative to the inner 2:1 mean motion resonance with KOI-142c. The vertical solid line in the middle of the plot shows the equilibrium points of the 2:1 resonance (where the amplitude of resonant librations vanishes;  $a_c = 0.15525$  AU assumed here). The two solid lines on each side show the location of separatrices (where the amplitude of resonant librations is equal to  $\pi$ ) of the 2:1 resonance for  $\sigma_b = 0$  and  $\varpi_b - \varpi_c = \pi$ . The separatrices show the maximal possible extent of resonant librations. The dashed line denotes  $N = N_* = 0.8$ , which is the critical level above which the resonant librations can occur. The resonant librations are not possible for  $N < N_*$ , but apparent librations of  $\sigma$  can still occur (as  $d\varpi/dt$  becomes large for  $e \simeq 0$ ). The orbit of KOI-142b is slightly displaced from the 2:1 resonance and shows relatively large oscillations of  $a$  and  $e$  driven by near-resonance dynamics.

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chord, and  $V = n_b a_b (1 + e_b \cos \varpi_b) / \sqrt{1 - e_b^2}$  is the projected speed. Here,  $n_b = 2\pi/P_b$  denotes the orbital frequency of KOI-142b. We find that the main contribution to TDVs of KOI-142b comes from the variation of  $1/(1 + e \cos \varpi)$ , such that

$$\delta T \simeq -\frac{2R_* \sqrt{1 - b^2}}{n_b a_b} \delta k_b, \quad (3)$$

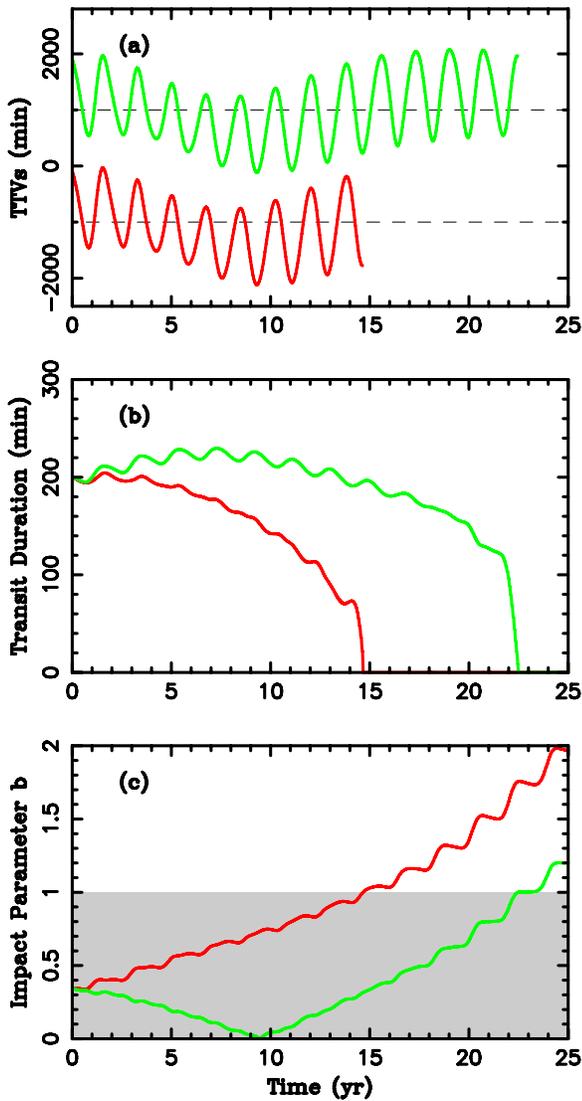
where  $k_b = e_b \cos \varpi_b$  and  $\delta k_b$  denotes the variation of  $k_b$ . The TDVs produced by the variation of  $n_b a_b$  are much smaller. The “vertical” TDVs produced by the variation of  $\sqrt{1 - b^2}$  become important on longer timescales (see below).

Interestingly, despite their very different masses, KOI-142b and KOI-142c have similar orbital eccentricities (mean  $e_b = 0.064$  and  $e_c = 0.055$ ; Figure 6). This is an interesting constraint on theories that attempt to explain the near-resonant planet pairs (Fabrycky et al. 2012) by tidal migration (Terquem & Papaloizou 2007; Lithwick & Wu 2012; Batygin & Morbidelli 2013) or by planet–disk interactions (Baruteau & Papaloizou 2013). The relatively large eccentricity of KOI-142c needs an explanation.

The lines of apses of the two planets are offset so that  $\Delta\varpi = \varpi_c - \varpi_b \simeq 180^\circ$  at the reference epoch, but  $\Delta\varpi$  is not stationary, because  $\varpi_b$  circulates in a prograde sense with the period  $P_\varpi \simeq 20$  years, while the secular drift of  $\varpi_c$  is much slower. The proximity of  $\Delta\varpi$  to  $180^\circ$  at the reference epoch is therefore probably coincidental, but it merits further investigation, because it can be related to some of the neglected effects (e.g., tides). The secular precession of  $\varpi_b$  on the  $P_\varpi$  period correlates with the  $\simeq 20$  yr modulation of the resonant oscillations of  $e_b$  seen in Figure 6(b).

We find a bimodal distribution of  $\Omega_c$  with  $\Delta\Omega = \Omega_c - \Omega_b \sim 0$  or  $\Delta\Omega \sim 180^\circ$ . The mode with  $\Delta\Omega = 0$  fits data better than the one with  $\Delta\Omega \sim 180^\circ$ . The apparent absence of transits of KOI-142c implies that  $i_c > 1.5^\circ$ . Our dynamical fit suggests that  $2^\circ < i_c < 5^\circ$ . While the two orbits are therefore approximately coplanar, the mutual inclination is significant, explaining why both planets’ transits were not detected. The nodal precession period is  $P_\Omega \simeq 100$  yr. The secular oscillations of  $i_b$  happen on this timescale (Figure 6(b)). The variations of  $i_c$  have much smaller amplitude because  $M_c/M_b \gtrsim 20$ .

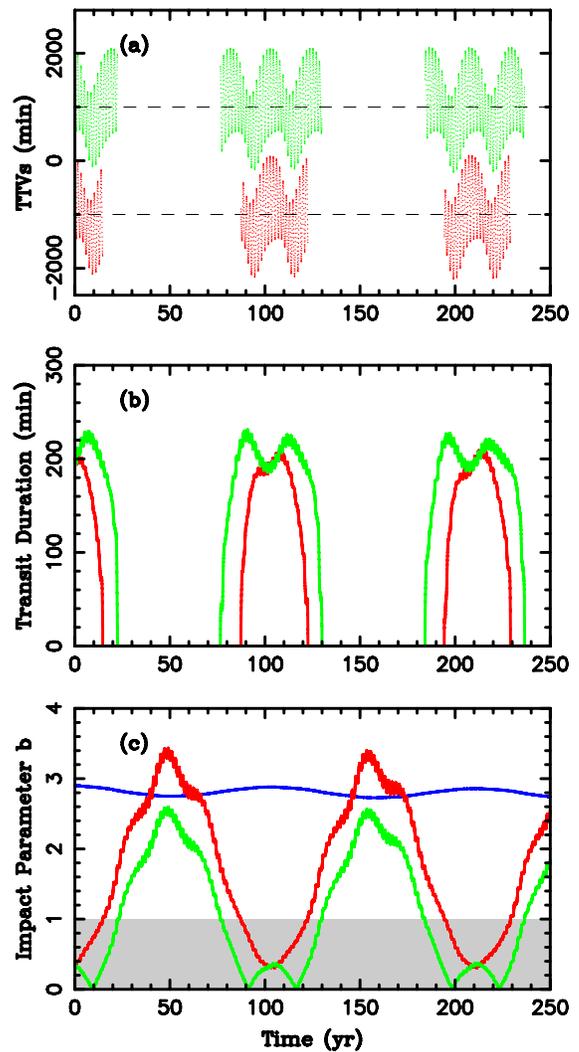
The secular dynamics of KOI-142b has interesting implications for the future behavior of TTVs and TDVs. As shown in Figure 8(a), the TTV signal is expected to be modulated



**Figure 8.** Predicted future behavior of TTVs (panel (a)), transit duration (panel (b)), and impact parameter (panel (c)) of KOI-142b obtained from our best-fit solution. The two lines show representative best solutions for  $\Delta\Omega = 0$  (red line,  $i_b = 4.5^\circ$  at the reference epoch  $t = 0$ ) and  $\Delta\Omega = 180^\circ$  (green line,  $i_b = 2.7^\circ$  at  $t = 0$ ). The TTVs in panel (a) were offset by  $\pm 1000$  min for clarity. The gray area in panel (c) shows the region where transits occur ( $b < 1$ ). (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)

on the  $P_\omega$  period. Moreover, the secular changes of  $i_b$  and  $\Omega_b$  will profoundly affect the impact parameter and transit duration (Figure 8(b) and (c)). Depending on whether  $\Delta\Omega \sim 0$  or  $\Delta\Omega \sim 180^\circ$  at the present epoch, with the former case being preferred from our fits, the transit impact parameter  $b_b$  is expected to increase (for  $\Delta\Omega \sim 0$ ) or decrease (for  $\Delta\Omega \sim 180^\circ$ ) over the next few years. Monitoring  $b_b$  over the next decade would thus help to improve the determination of  $\Omega_c$ .

In any case, we predict that KOI-142b should stop transiting within the next 10–25 years. The reason for that is the orbital plane KOI-142b is inclined relative to the more massive KOI-142c, and must precess around KOI-142c’s orbital plane. As it precesses,  $i_b$  relative to the transit plane will increase to the point when  $b_b > 1$ . The exact time interval during which the transits of KOI-142b will still occur depends on the present  $i_c$  and  $\Delta\Omega$ . The transit window can be as long as several decades for  $\Delta\Omega = 180^\circ$  and  $i_c \simeq 1.5^\circ$ – $2^\circ$ . On the other hand, it can be as short as  $\simeq 10$  yr if  $\Delta\Omega = 0$  and  $i_c \simeq 5^\circ$ .



**Figure 9.** Same as Figure 8, but for an extended time interval. The blue line in panel (c) shows the impact parameter of KOI-142c corresponding to the best-fit solution shown in Figure 6(d).

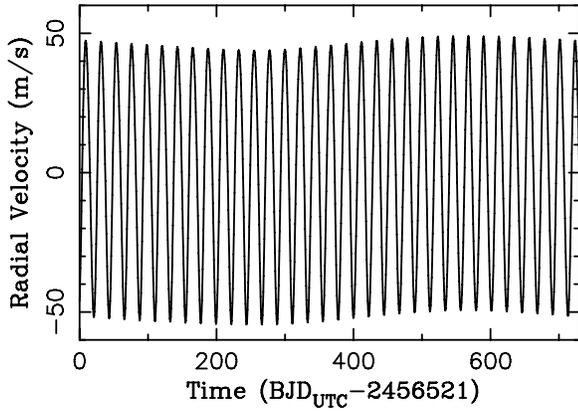
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The transit windows of KOI-142b should last 30–50 yr, and should reappear with the periodicity of  $P_\Omega \simeq 100$  yr (Figure 9). It is unlikely that the transits of KOI-142c could ever be observed from the Earth, because the orbital plane of KOI-142c remains inclined with respect to the transit plane (assuming that there are no additional massive bodies in the system). We derive KOI-142c’s impact parameter to be  $b_c = 2.42^{+1.13}_{-0.90}$ . KOI-142c has therefore only  $9.24\% \pm 0.64\%$  chance of transiting based on our dynamical fits.

We predict that the RV measurements of KOI-142 should reveal at least two basic periods. The RV term with a 22.34 day period, corresponding to KOI-142c, should have  $K \simeq 46$  m s $^{-1}$  amplitude (Table 4). The amplitude of the 10.95 day period term, corresponding to KOI-142b, is slightly more uncertain. With  $M_b/M_* = 2.8 \times 10^{-5}$ , we obtain  $K \simeq 2.6$  m s $^{-1}$ . Detail RV predictions for any specific observation epoch can be obtained from the results presented here. Figure 10 illustrates our nominal model RV prediction over a period of two years.

#### 4. SUMMARY

We performed a detailed analysis of the KOI-142 transit photometry. The observed TTVs with an amplitude over 10 hr are



**Figure 10.** Our nominal model RV predictions from 2013 August 16 to 2015 August 15.

some of the largest ever detected for a KOI. We found evidence for periodic TDVs that are nearly in phase with the measured TTVs, but are much smaller in amplitude ( $\simeq 5$  minutes). To our knowledge, this is the first time that TDVs were unequivocally detected for an exoplanet. A thorough dynamical analysis was then conducted to find plausible interpretations for measured TTVs and TDVs.

Based on this analysis, we confirm KOI-142 as a system of two planets just wide of the 2:1 resonance (mean  $P_c/P_b = 2.03$ ). The inner Neptune-class planet, KOI-142b, shows transits at the present epoch. We predict that these transits should disappear in the next few decades. Monitoring the impact parameter (or equivalently the transit duration) of KOI-142b will help to better constrain the inclination and nodal longitude of KOI-142c. The outer sub-Jovian mass planet, KOI-142c, is currently not transiting, and we find that the viewing geometry and dynamics preclude the visibility of KOI-142c transits from Earth in the future.

The dynamical configuration of KOI-142b's and KOI-142c's orbits near the 2:1 resonance can be used to constrain the formation and migration history of the two planets (C. Beaugé et al., in preparation). The relatively large orbital eccentricity of KOI-142c (mean  $e_c = 0.055$ ) cannot be explained by present gravitational perturbations from KOI-142b or by tidal migration (Lithwick & Wu 2012, Batygin & Morbidelli 2013). It was probably established early, possibly during KOI-142c's formation and subsequent migration in the proto-planetary gas disk (e.g., Lega et al. 2013).

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