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Abstract

We present precise radial velocity observations of WASP-47, a star known to host a hot Jupiter, a distant Jovian companion, and, uniquely, two additional transiting planets in short-period orbits: a super-Earth in a ≈ 19 hr orbit, and a Neptune in a ≈ 9 day orbit. We analyze our observations from the HARPS-N spectrograph along with previously published data to measure the most precise planet masses yet for this system. When combined with new stellar parameters and reanalyzed transit photometry, our mass measurements place strong constraints on the compositions of the two small planets. We find that, unlike most other ultra-short-period planets, the inner planet, WASP-47 e, has a mass ($6.83 \pm 0.66 M_{\oplus}$) and a radius ($1.810 \pm 0.027 R_{\oplus}$) that are inconsistent with an Earth-like composition. Instead, WASP-47 e likely has a volatile-rich envelope surrounding an Earth-like core and mantle. We also perform a dynamical analysis to constrain the orbital inclination of WASP-47 c, the outer Jovian planet. This planet likely orbits close to the plane of the inner three planets, suggesting a quiet dynamical history for the system. Our dynamical constraints also imply that WASP-47 c is much more likely to transit than a geometric calculation would suggest. We calculate a transit probability for WASP-47 c of about 10%, more than an order of magnitude larger than the geometric transit probability of 0.6%.

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1. Introduction

Among the many scientific results from the *K2* mission, the discovery of two additional transiting planets in the known hot Jupiter WASP-47 system was perhaps the most surprising. After the second of the *Kepler space telescope*’s four reaction wheels failed and the spacecraft was repurposed to undertake the *K2* mission (Howell et al. 2014), the parade of stunning results from the original *Kepler* mission—from low-density multitransiting systems (Lissauer et al. 2011), to evaporating

and disintegrating sub-Mercury-sized planets (Rappaport et al. 2012), to an abundance of small, likely rocky planets in their host stars’ habitable zones (Dressing & Charbonneau 2013; Petigura et al. 2013a; Burke et al. 2015)—was largely expected to slow. The *Kepler* era of discovery was instead expected to give way to a new era in which the *K2* mission would largely find more of the same kinds of planets that had been previously discovered, just orbiting brighter stars or in different environments. While *K2* has certainly delivered in that regard, finding small planets around nearby stars well-suited to detailed characterization (Vanderburg et al. 2015, 2016a; Sinukoff et al. 2016; Crossfield et al. 2017; Rodriguez et al. 2017),

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temperate planets around M-dwarfs (Crossfield et al. 2015; Petigura et al. 2015; Dressing et al. 2017a, 2017b; Martinez et al. 2017), and planets in open clusters (David et al. 2016; Libralato et al. 2016; Mann et al. 2016a, 2016b; Obermeier et al. 2016; Mann et al. 2017), *K2* is still delivering new and unexpected discoveries, like the unique architecture of the WASP-47 system, that are yielding fundamental insights about the formation and evolution of planetary systems.

The WASP-47 planetary system was first discovered by the ground-based Wide Angle Search for Planets (WASP) survey (Hellier et al. 2012). After detecting a candidate hot Jupiter in a 4.16 day orbital period with the WASP-South instrument, Hellier et al. (2012) followed-up the system and confirmed the planetary nature of WASP-47 b with a transit observation with the EulerCam photometer and moderate precision radial velocity observations from the CORALIE spectrograph, both on the 1.2 m Euler telescope at La Silla Observatory in Chile. Several years later, WASP-47 happened to lie in Field 3 of the *K2* mission, and was observed by *K2* between 2014 November and 2015 February. In addition to the previously known hot Jupiter, the precise *K2* photometry revealed two other transiting planets, an interior super-Earth in a 19 hr orbit, and an exterior Neptune-sized planet in a nine-day orbit, making WASP-47 the first and only hot Jupiter system with additional short-period transiting planets (Becker et al. 2015). Meanwhile, long-term radial velocity monitoring of WASP-47 with CORALIE was also revealing interesting trends. Using 48 observations obtained over the course of almost five years, Neveu-VanMalle et al. (2016) detected another giant planet orbiting WASP-47 in a nearly 600-day orbit, giving a total of four known planets around WASP-47.

Although in 2015, when WASP-47 c, d, and e were discovered, extra transiting planets in a hot-Jupiter system seemed unusual and surprising, such planets were once believed likely to exist, and were in fact seen as a highly promising way to find small transiting planets before the launch of multi-million-dollar wide-field space telescopes like *Kepler* and *CoRoT*. Holman & Murray (2005) and Agol et al. (2005) showed that a transiting planet would undergo small deviations from perfectly periodic transits (called transit timing variations or TTVs) in the presence of other nearby planets in the system, and Steffen & Agol (2005) showed that this method is highly sensitive to small planets orbiting near hot Jupiters. Frustratingly, however, after a decade of searching, the TTV method’s exquisite sensitivity to small planets near hot Jupiters had merely translated to exquisite upper limits on the presence of such planets (especially in mean motion resonances with the hot Jupiter, Steffen & Agol 2005; Miller-Ricci et al. 2008; Collins et al. 2017).

Meanwhile, shortly after its launch, the *Kepler* telescope detected the first transit timing variations in systems of longer period and lower-mass planets than the hot Jupiters on which previous searches had focused (Holman et al. 2010; Lissauer et al. 2011). Over the course of its mission, *Kepler* found planets in nearly every configuration imaginable,²¹ including tightly packed systems of small planets with short orbital periods (Muirhead et al. 2012) and multi-planet systems with slightly longer period warm Jupiters (Bonomo et al. 2014; Sanchis-Ojeda et al. 2014; Huang et al. 2016), but *Kepler* found no evidence for any additional planets near a hot Jupiter.

When detailed investigations and searches for companions to hot Jupiters in *Kepler* data came up empty (Steffen et al. 2012), the scientific community largely considered the issue resolved—hot Jupiters evidently either cannot or almost never have nearby planetary companions.

Therefore, the planets around WASP-47 must represent a rare outcome of planet formation, and any observational or theoretical insights into their architecture and origins are important to help illuminate this new mode. Follow-up work came quickly. Sanchis-Ojeda et al. (2015) detected the Rossiter–McLaughlin effect for WASP-47 b, ruling out large misalignments between the inner transiting system’s orbits and the star’s sky-projected spin axis. Radial velocity monitoring with the Planet Finder Spectrograph (PFS) on the *Magellan* Clay telescope detected the reflex motion due to WASP-47 e and found that its composition was most likely rocky (Dai et al. 2015). More recently, a larger set of precise velocities from the High Resolution Echelle Spectrometer (HIRES) on the Keck I telescope obtained by Sinukoff et al. (2017b) improved the precision on WASP-47 e’s mass and detected WASP-47 d’s RV signature. A photodynamical analysis by Almenara et al. (2016) and a simultaneous analysis of radial velocities and transit times by Weiss et al. (2017) placed even stronger constraints on the planets’ masses and eccentricities, showing that WASP-47 d had a mass close to that of Neptune, and that the eccentricities of the inner planets were small. Becker & Adams (2017) used the fact that the three inner planets all transit to place constraints on the inclination of WASP-47 c. They showed that WASP-47 c’s orbit is probably fairly well aligned with the transiting planets, though certain highly misaligned orbits could still allow the inner planets to transit.

Meanwhile, others have speculated about the origin of the WASP-47 planets. Batygin et al. (2016) suggested that in situ formation could be an important channel for creating hot Jupiters, and that small planetary companions like those around WASP-47 (or in orbits misaligned with the hot Jupiter) would be a natural consequence of this mechanism. Huang et al. (2016) also suggested in situ formation, noting that the planets around WASP-47 are much more reminiscent of planetary systems hosting warm Jupiters than other hot Jupiters, and speculating that WASP-47 might be an extreme short-period result of an in situ warm Jupiter formation mechanism. On the other hand, Weiss et al. (2017) suggested that WASP-47’s planets might have formed in a two-stage process, where the two Jovian planets formed far out in the disk, WASP-47 b migrated inwards, and then the two smaller planets formed nearby. More constraints on the planets’ masses and compositions and the system architecture are needed to understand how these unusual planets formed and came to be in their present configuration.

In this paper, we add to the already large body of follow-up work on the WASP-47 system, presenting 69 new precise radial velocity observations from the High Accuracy Radial velocity Planet Searcher for the Northern hemisphere (HARPS-N). We analyze these new observations along with previously collected data to determine the most precise values yet for the masses and radii of the WASP-47 planets. In Section 2, we describe our HARPS-N data set. Section 3 describes our analysis of the HARPS-N data to measure spectroscopic properties and planet masses, as well as a reanalysis of the *K2* light curve, and a redetermination of the host star’s physical

²¹ Some exceptions to this statement include the lack of binary planets, Trojan planets, and circumtrinary planets among *Kepler*’s discoveries.

properties. In Section 4, we use N -body integrations to simulate the WASP-47 system using our new measurements of the planetary masses, and place constraints on the inclination of the long-period, not necessarily transiting planet WASP-47 c. Finally, in Section 5, we discuss what our measurements tell us about the compositions of the WASP-47 planets and what our dynamical constraints tell us about the system’s history.

2. HARPS-N Spectroscopy

We observed WASP-47 with the HARPS-N spectrograph on the 3.58 m Telescopio Nazionale Galileo (TNG) on the island of La Palma, Spain (Cosentino et al. 2012). HARPS-N is a stabilized high resolution ($\lambda/\Delta\lambda = 115,000$) optical spectrograph designed specifically to make precise radial velocity measurements. We began observing WASP-47 on 2015 July 23, shortly after *K2* data revealed the presence of two small transiting planets (WASP-47 e and WASP-47 d) in addition to the previously known hot Jupiter (WASP-47 b). We obtained 78 observations of WASP-47 with integration times of 30 minutes. We measured radial velocities for each exposure by cross-correlating the HARPS-N spectra with a weighted binary mask (Baranne et al. 1996; Pepe et al. 2002). The 30-minute exposures of WASP-47 yielded radial velocity measurements with typical photon-limited uncertainties of 3 m s^{-1} . HARPS-N is fed by two optical fibers going into the spectrograph—one fiber feeds the target starlight into the spectrograph, while the other fiber either feeds in a precise wavelength calibrator,²² or sky background light. HARPS-N is stable to better than 1 m s^{-1} over the course of a night, considerably more precise than our typical measurement uncertainties, so a simultaneous calibrator was not necessary for our observations. Instead, we fed sky background light into the instrument with the second fiber.

Because WASP-47 is somewhat faint for precise radial velocity measurements, and because it lies in the ecliptic plane near bright solar system objects like the moon, contamination from scattered sky background light can cause significant velocity errors in some conditions. We identified radial velocity observations contaminated by scattered light from a bright sky using the method described by Malavolta et al. (2017). In brief, we calculated radial velocities with and without sky contribution removed (using the sky spectrum obtained simultaneously with the instrument’s second fiber), and flagged the exposures that showed a significant (2σ) velocity difference with and without sky subtraction. We found that 4 of our 78 observations showed evidence for sky contamination and excluded them from our analysis (which we describe in Section 3.4).

3. Analysis

3.1. Spectroscopic Parameters

We used our HARPS-N spectra to measure spectroscopic parameters for WASP-47. We first used the Stellar Parameter Classification (SPC) method (Buchhave et al. 2012, 2014). SPC works by cross-correlating a stellar spectrum with synthetic spectra from Kurucz (1992) model atmospheres and interpolating the resulting correlation peaks to determine stellar atmospheric

parameters like effective temperature, surface gravity, metallicity, and line broadening. We ran SPC on 75 of the 78 HARPS-N spectra²³ and calculated the averages for all of the spectroscopic parameters. With SPC, we measure a temperature of $T_{\text{eff, SPC}} = 5571 \pm 50 \text{ K}$, a surface gravity of $\log g_{\text{cs, SPC}} = 4.39 \pm 0.1$, a metallicity $[\text{M}/\text{H}]_{\text{SPC}} = 0.42 \pm 0.08$, and place an upper limit on rotational velocity of $v_{\text{rot}} < 2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The error bars reported for SPC reflect systematic uncertainties in the stellar models used by SPC. The scatter in the parameters’ SPC reports for each of the 75 individual spectra is much smaller than the systematic uncertainty in these parameters.

We also measured spectroscopic parameters using the method described by Mortier et al. (2013) on our new HARPS-N spectra. We coadded all of the HARPS-N spectra, measured equivalent widths of iron lines using ARES2 (Sousa 2014; Sousa et al. 2015), and determined atmospheric parameters using the 2014 version of MOOG²⁴ (Snedden 1973). We then applied the surface gravity correction from Mortier et al. (2014) to adjust for systematic effects in the ARES/MOOG analysis method. This analysis yielded an effective temperature $T_{\text{eff, MOOG}} = 5614 \pm 67 \text{ K}$, surface gravity $\log g_{\text{cs, MOOG}} = 4.45 \pm 0.11$, and an iron abundance $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]_{\text{MOOG}} = 0.39 \pm 0.05$.

The spectroscopic parameters that we determined through our SPC and ARES/MOOG analyses are consistent with one another, and are also consistent within errors with previous determinations. In this paper, we adopt weighted averages of the spectroscopic parameters from our SPC analysis and our ARES/MOOG analysis, along with the spectroscopic analysis done by Sinukoff et al. (2017b) on a high signal-to-noise spectrum from Keck Observatory using another independent method, Spectroscopy Made Easy (Brewer et al. 2015, 2016). Each of the three methods we use have their own systematics, so averaging the three methods could give more accurate spectroscopic parameters. The weighted averages were a temperature of $T_{\text{eff}} = 5552 \text{ K}$, a metallicity²⁵ of $[\text{M}/\text{H}] = 0.38$, and a stellar surface gravity of $\log g_{\text{cs}} = 4.32$. We assigned conservative error bars of 75 K in temperature, 0.05 dex in metallicity, and 0.1 dex in surface gravity to the weighted averages in order to account for systematic errors in the spectroscopic analyses.

3.2. Transit Reanalysis

Since the original analysis of the WASP-47 *K2* light curve by Becker et al. (2015), there have been new data collected (Sinukoff et al. 2017b) and additional dynamical analyses (Almenara et al. 2016; Weiss et al. 2017) performed, which put tighter constraints on the planets’ orbits (in particular, their eccentricities). In this section, we reanalyze the *K2* light curve using Kepler’s third law to link together the planets’ scaled semimajor axes while taking into account new, tighter constraints on the inner planets’ orbital eccentricities. These constraints yield better measurements of the planets’ scaled semimajor axes, and therefore better measurements of the

²² The wavelength calibrator light source can be a Thorium Argon lamp, continuum light passed through a stabilized Fabry–Perot interferometer, or a stabilized laser frequency comb.

²³ We excluded several spectra due to their low signal-to-noise ratios. We did not exclude the sky-contaminated spectra from our SPC analysis because the small amount of sky contamination necessary to skew the radial velocity by $\approx 10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ does not significantly affect the SPC analysis.

²⁴ <http://www.as.utexas.edu/~chris/moog.html>

²⁵ To calculate the weighted average metallicity, we use iron abundance as a proxy for the overall metallicity by assuming solar abundance ratios, where $[\text{M}/\text{H}] = [\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$.

planets’ transit impact parameters and planet to star radius ratios.

We performed our new transit analysis using the same *K2* light curve of WASP-47 produced and used by Becker et al. (2015). *Kepler* observed WASP-47 for 69 days between 2014 November 14 and 2015 January 23 in short-cadence mode—an exposure of WASP-47 was recorded every 58.85 s instead of *Kepler*’s normal 29.4 minute “long cadence” integrations. After Becker et al. (2015) processed the light curve to remove systematic effects due to *Kepler*’s unstable pointing (see also Vanderburg & Johnson 2014; Vanderburg et al. 2016b), the photometric scatter in the light curve was about 350 ppm per minute.

We perform the transit analysis on the *K2* light curve using a Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithm with an affine invariant ensemble sampler (Goodman & Weare 2010). We fit the three transiting planet light curves with Mandel & Agol (2002) model light curves (with a quadratic limb darkening law parameterized following Kipping 2013). We fit for the planets’ orbital periods, transit ephemerides,²⁶ planet to star radius ratios (R_p/R_*), orbital inclinations (i), and in some cases, the orbital eccentricity (e) and argument of periastron (ω_p). Instead of fitting for all three planets’ scaled semimajor axis ratios (a/R_*) independently, we fit for stellar density and calculated a/R_* for each planet using Kepler’s third law. We also fit for a single flux offset parameter and the uncertainty of each *K2* photometric data point.

We force the orbits of WASP-47 e and WASP-47 b to be circular; the tidal circularization timescales for these two planets (10^5 years and 10^7 years, respectively, using the expression from Goldreich & Soter 1966 and reasonable values²⁷ of Q and k_2) are much shorter than the age of the system.²⁸ For WASP-47 d, while tidal dissipation is not strong enough to necessarily circularize the orbit, strong dynamical constraints exist on any eccentricity. Both *N*-body simulations performed by Becker et al. (2015) and simultaneous analysis of transit times and radial velocities by Almenara et al. (2016) and Weiss et al. (2017) have shown that the eccentricity must be quite small. We imposed a half-Gaussian prior on eccentricity centered at 0 with a 1σ width of 0.014, and solutions with eccentricity less than 0 forbidden. This prior matches the distribution of dynamically stable simulations from Becker et al. (2015) and gives a 2σ upper limit on eccentricity that matches the limit from Weiss et al. (2017). In our MCMC fit, we explored eccentric models for WASP-47 d’s orbit by stepping in $\sqrt{e} \sin \omega_p$ and $\sqrt{e} \cos \omega_p$.

We initialized an ensemble of 100 walkers, evolved them for 20,000 steps, and removed the first 10,000 steps, when the ensemble was “burning in” and not yet in a converged configuration. We assessed convergence of the resulting MCMC chains by calculating the Gelman–Rubin statistic, which was less than 1.2 for all parameters, and less than 1.05 for most. The best-fit parameters and their uncertainties are

reported in Table 3. The results are consistent with the previous transit analyses by Becker et al. (2015) and Almenara et al. (2016), but in some cases are more precise because of the additional constraints we have imposed here. Thanks to the high signal-to-noise transits of WASP-47 b, we measure the stellar limb darkening coefficients²⁹ and importantly, we measure the stellar density with a precision of 1.4%, which we use in Section 3.3 to determine a precise stellar mass and radius. We also measure the radius ratios of WASP-47 e and WASP-47 d with 0.8% and 0.5% precision, respectively.

3.3. Stellar Parameters

In this section, we take advantage of the well measured stellar density we measure from the *K2* transit photometry to derive precise stellar parameters (as has been done previously for other hot Jupiter hosts, e.g., Sozzetti et al. 2007). We base our analysis on the Yonsei-Yale (YY) isochrones (Yi et al. 2001), exploring parameter space stepping in stellar mass, age, and metallicity using MCMC with an affine invariant ensemble sampler. We interpolated the YY isochrones using a code³⁰ written by Jason Eastman for EXOFASTv2 (Eastman et al. 2013; Rodriguez et al. 2017; J. D. Eastman et al. 2017, in preparation). We impose Gaussian priors on WASP-47’s density, metallicity, effective temperature, and surface gravity. The density prior’s center and width come from our analysis of the *K2* light curve. For the temperature, metallicity, and surface gravity priors, we use the values and uncertainties from the weighted average of the three different spectroscopic analyses we discussed in Section 3.1.

Thanks to our precise measurement of WASP-47’s density from the transit light curves, our MCMC analysis yielded a stellar mass and radius with precisions of about 3% and 1% respectively. Stellar evolutionary models have not yet been tested at such high precisions on stellar parameters (Torres et al. 2010), so we performed tests to assess the scale of systematic errors in the isochrones we used. First, we compared the results of our analysis with the YY isochrones to the similar analysis performed by Almenara et al. (2016) using the Dartmouth isochrones (Dotter et al. 2008). Using the same priors and input stellar parameters, our YY analysis yielded a mass about 1.5% larger and a radius about 0.5% larger than the values Almenara et al. (2016) determined using the Dartmouth isochrones. The differences in mass and radius between the YY analysis and Dartmouth analysis are about half the size of the uncertainties from each analysis. We also performed an MCMC analysis to determine WASP-47’s stellar parameters using the empirical mass and radius relations determined by Torres et al. (2010). We stepped in surface gravity, metallicity, and effective temperature, imposing Gaussian priors on the metallicity, temperature, and stellar density. The Torres relations have a known offset at one solar mass, overpredicting the mass of the Sun by about 5% and the radius of the Sun by about 2% (Torres et al. 2010), so we scaled the output masses and radii inside our model by those factors to correct for the offset—forcing the relations to correctly predict the Sun’s density. Our analysis using the Torres relations yielded masses and radii that were about 0.7%

²⁶ Even though small transit timing variations have been detected in the *K2* light curve, for this analysis, we assumed the transits of the WASP-47 planets are perfectly periodic. We have also analyzed the *K2* light curve while shifting the transit center times to account for the transit timing variations, and found the difference in fitted parameters was negligible.

²⁷ In particular, we used $Q/k_2 = 10^2$ for WASP-47 e and $Q/k_2 = 10^5$ for WASP-47 b and WASP-47 d.

²⁸ Planet–planet interactions will drive a small forced eccentricity but our dynamical calculations show that typical forced eccentricities for these planets are of the order of 10^{-3} , too small to affect our measured parameters.

²⁹ We measure the linear coefficient $u_1 = 0.533 \pm 0.010$ and the quadratic coefficient $u_2 = 0.097 \pm 0.024$. These coefficients are in reasonable agreement (within ≈ 0.1) with the theoretical predictions from Claret & Bloemen (2011) of $u_1 = 0.47$ and $u_2 = 0.22$.

³⁰ Code is available at <https://github.com/jdeast/EXOFASTv2/>.

and 0.1% larger than our analysis using the YY isochrones. These discrepancies again are considerably smaller than the uncertainties we determined in our stellar parameters. Finally, we repeated the analysis with the Torres relations while applying the empirical correction for solar-mass stars provided by Santos et al. (2013), and found that it also gave consistent values for the stellar mass and radius, with values about 0.5σ larger than the YY value.

Based on these tests showing different models and relations all predicting consistent stellar parameters for WASP-47, we conclude that systematic uncertainties in the stellar masses and radii we derive are small. This makes sense—stellar evolutionary models are calibrated off the Sun and incorporate physics known to be important for Sun-like stars, and therefore tend to be most accurate for stars with parameters close to those of the Sun. WASP-47 has a mass only 4% larger than the Sun, and is only slightly more evolved, with a $\approx 14\%$ larger radius and ≈ 200 K cooler stellar effective temperature. The biggest discrepancy between WASP-47 and the Sun is the composition—WASP-47 has a metallicity 2.5 times higher than that of the Sun, which is possibly the cause of the small discrepancies we do see between the different methods.

To take the 0.5σ discrepancies we found into account, we redetermined the stellar mass and radius using our YY MCMC analysis after inflating the uncertainty on stellar density by adding a 0.5σ systematic uncertainty in quadrature to the uncertainty we derived from our transit analysis. This analysis yielded a stellar mass of $1.040 \pm 0.031 M_{\odot}$ and a radius of $1.137 \pm 0.013 R_{\odot}$. Our constraint on stellar density is precise enough that we also measure an isochronal age of $6.7^{+1.5}_{-1.1}$ Gyr for WASP-47, although the precision of this age determination also pushes the level at which isochronal ages are accurate (isochronal ages can have systematic errors of up to 25%, Torres et al. 2010).

3.4. Radial Velocity Analysis

We analyzed our radial velocity observations and archival observations taken from the literature to measure masses and orbital parameters for the WASP-47 planets. In our analysis, we combined our HARPS-N observations with previously published radial velocities from CORALIE (Hellier et al. 2012; Neveu-VanMalle et al. 2016), PFS (Dai et al. 2015), and HIRES (Sinukoff et al. 2017b). From our HARPS-N data set, we excluded the four points we found to be contaminated by sky background light and one point that was taken during poor conditions and which exhibited a photon-limited velocity uncertainty of 16 m s^{-1} , six times greater than the typical uncertainty in our data set. From the HIRES data set, we excluded the points taken on the night of their Rossiter–McLaughlin observation (Sanchis-Ojeda et al. 2015; Sinukoff et al. 2017b). From all four RV data sets, we excluded points taken within two hours of the midtransit time of WASP-47 b since those points are affected by the planet’s Rossiter–McLaughlin signal, which we do not model.³¹ The Rossiter–McLaughlin effects of the two other transiting planets are negligibly small so we retained points taken during their transits. We list our HARPS-N velocity observations in Table 1 and summarize the four data sets in Table 2.

Table 1
HARPS-N Radial Velocities of WASP-47

BJD-2454833	RV (m s^{-1})	σ_{RV} (m s^{-1})
2457226.561	−27014.60	6.43
2457226.699	−26987.90	4.84
2457226.721	−26982.21	6.71
2457227.561	−26937.25	2.63
2457227.713	−26954.63	2.55
2457228.566	−27113.16	4.71
2457228.700	−27142.69	4.98
2457229.562	−27219.22	5.11
2457229.703	−27190.29	3.24
2457230.572	−27039.26	2.59
2457230.711	−27010.20	2.34
2457254.520	−27210.88	3.77
2457256.548	−26932.08	2.20
2457256.641	−26933.99	3.06
2457257.644	−27101.64	3.34
2457267.487	−27151.78	2.43
2457267.602	−27127.38	2.23
2457268.521	−26968.72	7.43
2457268.624	−26945.85	2.77
2457269.542	−26995.84	2.31
2457270.526	−27188.86	1.85
2457271.530	−27172.97	1.88
2457272.568	−26967.95	2.45
2457273.544	−26970.22	2.09
2457301.412	−27017.29	1.95
2457301.521	−26992.78	2.21
2457302.411	−26931.79	2.08
2457302.524	−26936.49	2.99
2457324.337	−27134.85	3.00
2457325.323	−27192.62	3.33
2457325.417	−27190.58	2.67
2457330.315	−27046.38	2.67
2457330.443	−27031.60	2.93
2457331.316	−26930.42	2.97
2457331.421	−26929.30	2.55
2457333.328	−27202.65	2.60
2457336.316	−27018.83	2.47
2457336.398	−27036.13	2.99
2457557.701	−27149.24	2.56
2457558.695	−27093.68	2.09
2457559.702	−26902.75	2.53
2457560.684	−26931.92	3.67
2457562.695	−27116.92	3.47
2457563.687	−26918.20	4.10
2457565.691	−27101.52	3.66
2457566.698	−27143.80	2.79
2457573.722	−27054.63	3.49
2457574.613	−27167.37	2.72
2457574.701	−27157.09	2.51
2457576.584	−26880.69	3.16
2457576.685	−26886.91	2.42
2457579.695	−27041.15	7.68
2457580.680	−26877.83	7.44
2457616.560	−27138.59	6.88
2457617.581	−26939.47	1.98
2457618.579	−26882.95	2.53
2457651.460	−26875.57	2.16
2457652.459	−26982.58	2.18
2457653.463	−27155.02	2.81
2457654.464	−27057.53	2.88
2457655.492	−26870.08	5.08
2457658.510	−27083.94	4.73
2457659.516	−26895.47	2.20
2457661.490	−27123.19	2.53

³¹ This led to the exclusion of four HARPS-N data points and two HIRES data points.

Table 1
(Continued)

BJD-2454833	RV (m s ⁻¹)	σ_{RV} (m s ⁻¹)
2457669.458	-27063.11	2.80
2457670.456	-27140.53	3.07
2457671.451	-26981.35	1.97
2457672.454	-26870.44	1.88
2457721.368	-27000.32	2.36

We modeled the radial velocity of WASP-47 as a sum of four Keplerian functions, and do not attempt to model the gravitational interactions between the four planets. Even though mutual gravitational interactions do perturb the planets' orbits (Becker et al. 2015; Almenara et al. 2016; Weiss et al. 2017), the effect on the radial velocity curve is undetectably small (Dai et al. 2015; Sinukoff et al. 2017b). We confirmed this result holds over the longer time-span of our observations by numerically integrating the system. We used the same eccentricity priors for the RV analysis as we did for the transit analysis—specifically, we forced the orbits of WASP-47 b and WASP-47 e to be circular, and we imposed a half-Gaussian prior on the eccentricity of WASP-47 d centered at 0 (without allowing negative eccentricity solutions) with a standard deviation of 0.014. For WASP-47 c, we allowed eccentricity and the argument of periastron to vary freely with only uniform priors imposed. For the three transiting planets, we imposed Gaussian priors on orbital period and time of transit at the values and uncertainties we derived in our transit analysis. We also imposed a prior that the RV semiamplitudes of all four planets be greater than zero, but the signals of all four planets were detected strongly enough that this prior had no effect.

WASP-47 is photometrically quiet, and we see no evidence in the radial velocities or activity indicators of correlations due to stellar activity, so we used a white noise model for our RV analysis, with separate instrumental “jitter” terms for data from the four different telescopes. We also fit for velocity zero-point offsets for the four different instruments. We did not impose any informative priors on the jitter terms and zero-point offsets. We explored parameter space using an MCMC algorithm with affine invariant ensemble sampling, like for our transit analysis and our stellar parameter analysis. We used 100 walkers and evolved their positions for 150,000 steps each. To match the size of the chains from our transit analysis (Section 3.2) and our stellar parameter analysis (Section 3.3), we used the final 10,000 steps in our chains to estimate parameters. We confirmed the MCMC chains were converged by calculating the Gelman–Rubin statistics; the values were below 1.05 for all parameters.

We show the radial velocities from all four spectrographs and our best-fitting model in Figure 1. From our combined analysis with data from all four spectrographs, we measure masses that are more precise than, but consistent with previous determinations, except for the mass of WASP-47 e, which is somewhat at odds with the masses determined by Dai et al. (2015) and Sinukoff et al. (2017b). In particular, using data from all four spectrographs, we measure the mass of WASP-47 e to be $7.15 \pm 0.67 M_{\oplus}$, about 1.5σ lower than both the measurements by Dai et al. (2015) of $12.2 \pm 3.7 M_{\oplus}$, and Sinukoff et al. (2017b) of $9.11 \pm 1.17 M_{\oplus}$.

We investigated the source of this discrepancy by repeating the RV fits with different data sets included and removed from

the analysis. We found that the HIRES and HARPS-N data sets are quite consistent, both yielding masses for WASP-47 e between 6.5 and $7 M_{\oplus}$, but that the PFS data set favors a planet mass almost a factor of two larger.³² There are two possible explanations for the discrepancy between the PFS mass measurement and the HARPS-N/HIRES measurements.

1. The discrepancy is the result of random chance. The PFS measurement of WASP-47 e's semiamplitude is only 1.5σ away from the HARPS-N/HIRES solution, a discrepancy that should happen in about 6.5% of all similar data sets. If this explanation is correct, then including the PFS data in our solution is appropriate and will help the mass measurement converge to the true mass.
2. The discrepancy is the result of some time-correlated systematic errors in the PFS velocities. In this case including the data in our solution is not appropriate and will not help our measurements converge to the true mass.

There are reasons to believe the PFS velocities of WASP-47 could be systematically erroneous—the scatter of the PFS data about the solution is 7.3 m s^{-1} , more than twice the photon-limited uncertainties listed by Dai et al. (2015), and considerably worse than both PFS's typical RV precision (better than 2 m s^{-1} , Teske et al. 2016) and the radial velocity scatter from HARPS-N (3.3 m s^{-1}) and HIRES (3.7 m s^{-1}) in observations of WASP-47. Because the PFS observations were all taken over the course of only 12 days, if systematics are the cause of the large scatter in the velocities, any time correlations in the systematics would not necessarily average out.

Because of the risk of systematics contamination, and because the PFS data do not help much to constrain our velocity solution (the data set is both smaller and less precise than the HARPS-N and HIRES observations, and the time baseline is not as long as the CORALIE observations), we choose to exclude the PFS observations from our final analysis. We reran the same MCMC analysis as before using only data from CORALIE, HARPS-N, and HIRES, and determined new planet masses. The masses and uncertainties of WASP-47 b, c, and d were essentially unchanged, but the mass of WASP-47 e decreased by about 0.5σ , while the uncertainty was unchanged. The results of this RV analysis are reported in Table 3.

We measure masses of $6.83 \pm 0.66 M_{\oplus}$ for WASP-47 e, $363.1 \pm 7.3 M_{\oplus}$ for WASP-47 b, $13.1 \pm 1.5 M_{\oplus}$ for WASP-47 d, and a minimum mass of $M_p \sin i = 398.2 \pm 9.3 M_{\oplus}$ for WASP-47 c. WASP-47 c's orbit is significantly eccentric, with $e_c = 0.296 \pm 0.017$. The longer time-baseline of the HARPS-N observations compared to the previously published HIRES data set and the higher precision compared to the CORALIE data set gives a more precise measurement of the outer planet's orbital eccentricity and argument of periastron than before.³³

³² The discrepancy between our combined mass measurement and that of Sinukoff et al. (2017b) is mostly due to the fact that Sinukoff et al. (2017b) included the PFS data in their analysis, which pulled their solution to higher masses.

³³ We note that another possible explanation for WASP-47 c's eccentricity is that it is caused by the unmodeled RV signal from an additional planet with half the orbital period of WASP-47 c (Anglada-Escudé et al. 2010), or the unmodeled signal from a longer-period planet (as postulated by Weiss et al. 2017) contributing an RV acceleration. Our observations do not yet have the precision and time-baseline to distinguish these scenarios, so we interpret the signal as being caused by one eccentric planet.

Table 2
Summary of Radial Velocity Observations of WASP-47

	HARPS-N	HIRES	PFS ^a	CORALIE
Number of usable observations	69	43	26	46
Standard deviation about best fit	3.3 m s ⁻¹	3.7 m s ⁻¹	7.4 m s ⁻¹	13.5 m s ⁻¹
Mean photon-limited uncertainty	3.3 m s ⁻¹	2.0 m s ⁻¹	3.2 m s ⁻¹	12.1 m s ⁻¹
Time baseline	495 days	412 days	12 days	1622 days

Note.

^a In our final analysis, we exclude the PFS data. The standard deviation reported in the table is about the best-fit solution, which did not include the PFS data. When the PFS data is included in the fit, its standard deviation about the best-fit model is 7.3 m s⁻¹.

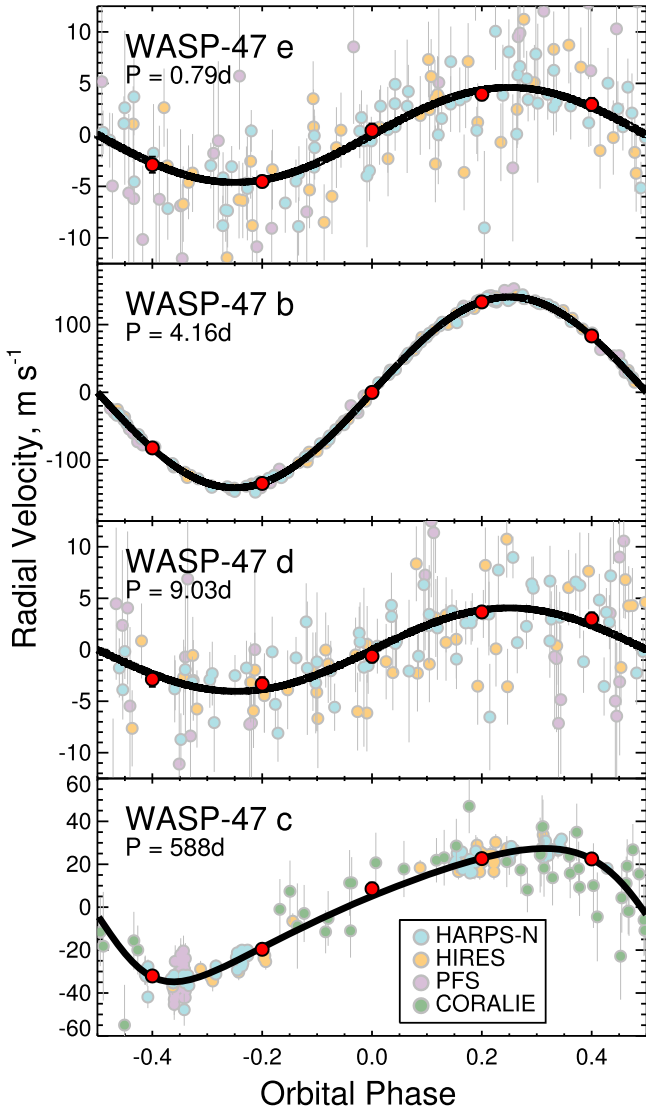


Figure 1. Radial velocity observations of WASP-47 from four spectrographs, folded on the periods of the four planets, with the best-fit model for each of the other three planets subtracted away. Data from HARPS-N are shown as pale blue dots, HIRES as pale orange dots, PFS as pale maroon dots, and CORALIE as pale green dots. The CORALIE data are only shown for WASP-47 c, as they are not of high enough precision to meaningfully constrain the orbits of WASP-47 e and WASP-47 d. The thick black lines are the best-fit models for each of the four planets, and the dark red dots are binned points. We note that we do not include the PFS velocities in our final analysis.

4. Dynamical Constraints

Unlike the three inner planets, which have precisely known (relative) orbital inclinations from their transit light curves,

WASP-47 c has only been detected in radial velocity observations so far.³⁴ In this section, we use dynamical arguments to constrain the inclination of WASP-47 c. We perform a variation of the analysis done by Becker & Adams (2017), who constrained WASP-47 c’s inclination by requiring that when perturbed by the outer planet, the three inner planets in the WASP-47 system all continually cotransit in the same orbital plane (where cotransit is defined as all of the planets crossing the star at any impact parameter, including grazing transits). Becker & Adams (2017) found that this requirement does not rule out orbits of WASP-47 c with high inclinations relative to the inner three planets, but that a realization of WASP-47 c with an inclination within a degree of the central projected plane of the star will always allow the inner three planets to transit.

Here we significantly strengthen the constraints placed by Becker & Adams (2017) by requiring that models of the WASP-47 system with WASP-47 c orbiting at various different inclinations reproduce other observed properties of the system. We relax the constraint that the planets all transit the star in the original orbital plane, and instead we require the following.

1. The inner planets around WASP-47 remain dynamically stable over integrations of 1 Myr.
2. The inner planets have mutual inclinations such that their transit impact parameters are as close to zero as we measure (at 3σ confidence).³⁵
3. WASP-47 b has a sky-projected spin/orbit obliquity consistent with the result of Sanchis-Ojeda et al. (2015).

We conduct numerical N -body simulations using the Mercury6 (Chambers 1999) software package to evaluate the likelihood that WASP-47 c allows these three criteria to be satisfied—that is, the likelihood that the simulations reproduce the observations at varying values of WASP-47 c’s orbital inclination. In our simulations, we use a hybrid symplectic and Bulirsch–Stoer integrator, requiring energy conservation to a part in 10^{-8} or better, and allowing each integration to run for 1 Myr with a starting time-step of 14 minutes. We run 2000 total 1 Myr integrations, each with randomly drawn initial conditions.

The choice of 1 Myr as an integration time was chosen for two reasons. First, the short time-step required for these

³⁴ If WASP-47 c does happen to transit, it would not have been detected by *K2* because it was at the wrong phase of its orbit during the 60 days of observations.

³⁵ Here, although the fact that all three planets transit does not technically constrain their longitudes of ascending nodes, we assume the inner three planets are indeed coplanar. If the three planets did have high mutual inclinations, the probability that all three would transit is very small—a probability of about 1 in 1000 compared to a coplanar transit probability of roughly 1 in 15.

Table 3
System Parameters for WASP-47

Parameter	Value		68.3% Confidence Interval Width	Comment
<i>Stellar Parameters</i>				
R.A.	22:04:48.7			
Decl.	−12:01:08			
M_* [$M_\odot$]	1.040	±	0.031	A, B
R_* [$R_\odot$]	1.137	±	0.013	A, B
Limb darkening q_1	0.396	±	0.018	B
Limb darkening q_2	0.423	±	0.017	B
Stellar density ρ_* [g cm^{-3}]	0.999	±	0.014	B
$\log g_*$ [cgs]	4.3437	±	0.0063	A, B, C
[M/H]	0.38	±	0.05	C
T_{eff} [K]	5552	±	75	C
<i>WASP-47 e</i>				
Orbital period, P [days]	0.789592	±	0.000012	B
Radius ratio, (R_P/R_*)	0.01461	±	0.00013	B
Scaled semimajor axis, a/R_*	3.205	±	0.014	B
Orbital inclination, i [deg]	85.98	±	0.75	B
Transit impact parameter, b	0.224	±	0.041	B
Time of transit t_r [BJD _{TDB}]	2457011.34861	±	0.00033	B
Transit duration t_{14} [hr]	1.899	±	0.013	B
RV semiamplitude K_e [m s^{-1}]	4.61	±	0.44	D
M_P [$M_\oplus$]	6.83	±	0.66	A, D
R_P [$R_\oplus$]	1.810	±	0.027	A, B
Surface gravity [m s^{-2}]	20.5	±	2.0	A, B, D
Mean density [g cm^{-3}]	6.35	±	0.64	A, B, D
<i>WASP-47 b</i>				
Orbital period, P [days]	4.1591289	±	0.0000042	B
Radius ratio, (R_P/R_*)	0.10193	±	0.00021	B
Scaled semimajor axis, a/R_*	9.702	±	0.044	B
Orbital inclination, i [deg]	88.98	±	0.20	B
Transit impact parameter, b	0.173	±	0.032	B
Time of transit t_r [BJD _{TDB}]	2457007.932132	±	0.000021	B
Transit duration t_{14} [hr]	3.5722	±	0.0030	B
RV semiamplitude K_b [m s^{-1}]	140.64	±	0.44	D
M_P [$M_\oplus$]	363.1	±	7.3	A, D
R_P [$R_\oplus$]	12.63	±	0.15	A, B
Surface gravity [m s^{-2}]	22.33	±	0.27	A, B, D
Mean density [g cm^{-3}]	0.993	±	0.021	A, B, D
<i>WASP-47 d</i>				
Orbital period, P [days]	9.03077	±	0.00017	B
Radius ratio, (R_P/R_*)	0.02886	±	0.00016	B
Scaled semimajor axis, a/R_*	16.268	±	0.074	B
Orbital inclination, i [deg]	89.32	±	0.23	B
Transit impact parameter, b	0.192	±	0.065	B
Time of transit t_r [BJD _{TDB}]	2457006.36931	±	0.00039	B
Transit duration t_{14} [hr]	4.288	±	0.039	B
RV semiamplitude K_d [m s^{-1}]	3.93	±	0.43	D
M_P [$M_\oplus$]	13.1	±	1.5	A, D
R_P [$R_\oplus$]	3.576	±	0.046	A, B
Surface gravity [m s^{-2}]	10.1	±	1.1	A, B, D
Mean density [g cm^{-3}]	1.58	±	0.18	A, B, D
Eccentricity	<0.014			E
<i>WASP-47 c</i>				
Orbital period, P [days]	588.5	±	2.4	D
Time of inferior conjunction t_i [BJD _{TDB}]	2457763.4	±	4.9	D
$M_P \sin i$ [$M_\oplus$]	398.2	±	9.3	A, D
Eccentricity	0.296	±	0.017	D
Argument of periastron [degrees]	112.4	±	4.8	D
Semimajor axis [au]	1.393	±	0.014	A, D

Note. A: Parameters come from our stellar parameter analysis in Section 3.3. B: Parameters come from the analysis of the K2 light curve in Section 3.2. C: Parameters come from weighted average of spectroscopic parameters from three different methods described in Section 3.1. D: Parameters come from our radial velocity analysis in Section 3.4. E: The eccentricity of WASP-47 d was fit with a strong Gaussian prior of 0 ± 0.014 from TTV and dynamical stability arguments. The argument of periastron was not constrained in our fits either by the data or prior.

simulations is computationally demanding and integrations of 1 Myr remain feasible. Second, 1 Myr encapsulates many ($>10^8$) dynamical times of the inner planet, and several (3–4) secular timescales. These timescales are important because orbital instabilities will occur on dynamical timescales, while motions in a single secular cycle will be expected to repeat in subsequent secular cycles. An integration time of 1 Myr allows us to effectively evaluate any dynamical instabilities, as well as encapsulate any long-term secular variations that may occur.

The initial conditions for each planet in each integration are drawn from the observations presented in Table 3. For most orbital parameters of the inner three planets, we draw from a normal distribution with mean and error as reported in the table. For orbital inclination, all measured inclinations are reported to be below 90° , as the degeneracy between planets orbiting slightly above and slightly below the plane cannot be broken with photometric measurements. As such, we choose an inclination from within the range of measured errors, then assign this inclination to be above or below 90° with equal probability. This process is repeated independently for each of the inner three planets in each integration.

The orbital parameters of the outer planet, WASP-47 c, are also drawn from the observed values presented in Table 3. To disentangle M_p and i , we choose a value for the inclination of WASP-47 c for each integration, then choose a value of $M_p \sin i$ from the observed prior, and derive the planetary mass M_p .

Each integration results in one of two outcomes: (1) dynamical instabilities, in which planets collide with each other, collide with the central body, or are ejected from the system; or (2) dynamical stability. In this first case of dynamical instability, we assign a probability of those initial conditions reproducing the observations as being 0, as the system loses planets and/or changes orbits significantly. In the second, dynamically stable case, we can perform a second calculation using the results of the numerical simulations and determine the fraction of time that the set of initial conditions in a given integration reproduce the observations. The definition of reproducing the initial conditions requires the three criteria enumerated above.

Each integration results in a pairing of WASP-47 c's orbital inclination with a measure of the probability that that particular inclination (and other initial conditions) reproduces the observations. We calculate the average fraction of time within the trials in which observations are reproduced as a function of inclination by smoothing the measurements from individual integrations with a Savitzky–Golay filter (a standard low-pass filter; Savitzky & Golay 1964).

We show the results of our simulations in Figure 2. In particular, we show the smoothed function and the range of the fraction of time individual realizations of the system satisfy our observational criteria. Evidently, it is hard to reproduce the observed properties of the WASP-47 system if the outer planet is not aligned close to the inner planets' orbital plane. Unlike the result of Becker & Adams (2017), even a perfectly edge-on system with an inclination of 90° does not guarantee that the inner three planets reproduce the observations, mainly because of the increased precision on measured planetary impact parameters.

Our constraints on the orbital inclination of WASP-47 c also allow us to place approximate limits on the true mass of this planet by breaking the degeneracy in the measured $m \sin i$ between the planet's mass and orbital inclination. We find that

the 68% limit on the mass of WASP-47 c is only 10% larger than the minimum mass, and that the true mass of WASP-47 c is smaller than double the minimum mass with 93% confidence.

5. Discussion

5.1. Constraints on the Composition of WASP-47 e

Our new measurements and analyses have yielded the most precise planetary masses and radii yet for the WASP-47 planets, which give us the ability to make strong inferences about the planets' compositions. We downloaded mass–radius relations for planets of various compositions³⁶ from Zeng et al. (2016), and compared the measured mass ($6.83 \pm 0.66 M_\oplus$) and radius ($1.810 \pm 0.027 R_\oplus$) of WASP-47 e with these relations. We show a mass/radius diagram including the newly determined masses for WASP-47 e and WASP-47 d in Figure 3. Unlike most other small, highly irradiated planets (Dressing et al. 2015), the mass and radius of WASP-47 e are not consistent with an Earth-like composition (32.5% iron core, 67.5% silicate mantle) at the $p = 5 \times 10^{-4}$, or roughly 3.3σ level.³⁷ Instead, WASP-47 e is less dense than an Earth-like rocky planet, and falls closer to the pure rock (MgSiO_3) mass/radius relation from Zeng et al. (2016).

There are several possibilities for what the composition of WASP-47 e might be. One possibility is that WASP-47 e is a rocky planet with a very small iron core mass fraction compared to the Earth. Assuming a two-component iron core/rocky silicate mantle model, in this case, we would infer an iron fraction of $1.4\% \pm 8.4\%$. We believe this scenario is unlikely. Theoretically, given the small scatter in chemical abundances of stars in the solar neighborhood, rocky planet radii should not change much more than 2% due to differences in compositions (Grasset et al. 2009), while WASP-47 e's radius is 7% larger than an Earth-like planet with the same mass. Moreover, observations of small, likely rocky planets near their host stars have shown that rocky exoplanets tend to have compositions consistent with that of the Earth (Dressing et al. 2015; Buchhave et al. 2016). It is unclear how a planet of this size, around a star of such high metallicity/iron content, could avoid accumulating any substantial amount of iron.

Instead, a more likely possibility is that WASP-47 e has an Earth-like core and mantle that is surrounded by a volatile-rich envelope. This type of interior structure is believed to be common among super-Earths and sub-Neptunes discovered by *Kepler* and *K2* since RV observations have shown that most of these planets larger than about $1.6 R_\oplus$ have densities too low to be explained by rocky compositions (Marcy et al. 2014; Weiss & Marcy 2014; Dressing et al. 2015; Rogers 2015; Sinukoff et al. 2017a). Due to its short (19 hr) orbital period, WASP-47 e is so highly irradiated that any hydrogen/helium envelope would quickly be lost via photoevaporation (Penz et al. 2008; Sanz-Forcada et al. 2011; Lopez et al. 2012), so any envelope around WASP-47 e must be made of water or some other high-metallicity volatile material (Lopez 2017). Using the model described by Lopez (2017), we find that an Earth-like core and

³⁶ The mass/radius relations are available at <https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/~lzeng/tables/mtable3.txt>.

³⁷ If we instead assume the slightly larger mass from our RV analysis including the PFS data, this conclusion still holds. Assuming a two-component iron core/rocky silicate mantle model, the median iron fraction for WASP-47 e would be $4.3\% \pm 9.8\%$. An Earth-like 32.5% iron core fraction is excluded at the $p = 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$ or 3σ level.

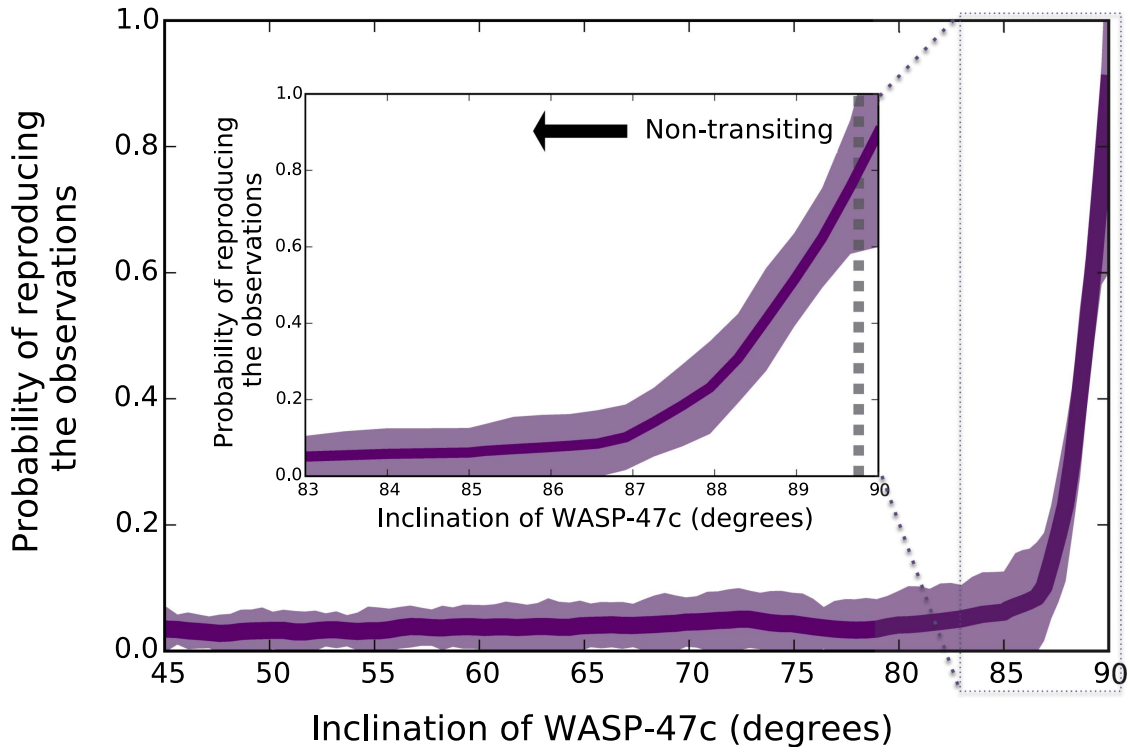


Figure 2. Constraints on the orbital inclination of WASP-47 c. This plot shows the fraction of time the WASP-47 system can reproduce our observations as a function of the inclination of WASP-47 c. The dark purple line is the average fraction of the time our simulations reproduce our observations of WASP-47, and the colored contours show the 1σ range calculated from the individual realizations. The inset diagram provides a zoomed-in version of the main figure to show the detail near $i_c = 90^\circ$ (i.e., near the orbital plane of the inner planets). The data used to create this figure are available.

mantle surrounded by a water (or in this case, steam) layer making up 17% of the WASP-47 e’s total mass is consistent with our observations.

WASP-47 e joins 55 Cnc e as the only ultra-short-period (USP, $P < 1$ day) planets with densities too low to be consistent with an Earth-like composition³⁸ (Sanchis-Ojeda et al. 2014). Mass measurements of other transiting USP planets from *Kepler* and *CoRoT* have all been consistent with Earth-like compositions (Kepler-10 b, Batalha et al. 2011; Dumusque et al. 2014; Weiss et al. 2016; Kepler-78 b, Howard et al. 2013; Pepe et al. 2013; Grunblatt et al. 2015; CoRoT-7 b, Queloz et al. 2009; Haywood et al. 2014; K2-106 b, Sinukoff et al. 2017a; Guenther et al. 2017; and HD 3167 b, Christiansen et al. 2017; Gandolfi et al. 2017).

Of all the USP planets with measured masses, WASP-47 e and 55 Cnc e are the two largest and most massive, so perhaps the largest USP planets preferentially retain some volatile materials. However, WASP-47 e and 55 Cnc e are also the two USP planets with the most precise mass determinations—it is possible that some of the other lower-mass USP planets also have densities too low to be explained by Earth-like compositions, and our data are not yet constraining enough to tell.

How might WASP-47 e and 55 Cnc e have come to possess such compositions? Previously, it has been thought that USP planets might commonly be the remains of puffy planets (but probably not hot Jupiters, Winn et al. 2017) after photoevaporation stripped them of most or all of their volatile

envelopes. Evidence for this includes the fact that almost all USP planets or candidates have radii smaller than about twice that of the Earth (Jackson et al. 2013; Sanchis-Ojeda et al. 2014; Lopez 2017), in contrast to the large population of less irradiated planets with radii between 2 and 4 $R_\oplus$ at longer orbital periods (Fressin et al. 2013; Petigura et al. 2013b). WASP-47 e and 55 Cnc e might therefore be the remnants of larger planets that were massive enough to accrete a significant amount of both hydrogen and denser volatile materials before the hydrogen was subsequently lost to photoevaporation. On the other hand, WASP-47 e and 55 Cnc e may be unusual—in addition to being the only known USPs inconsistent with Earth-like interior structures, these planets are also the only well characterized USPs in systems with multiple Jovian planets. If this is not a coincidence and these planets are not typical of USPs, then a more exotic origin scenario may be required. One such possibility is that these planets are the remnant cores of hot Jupiters stripped by Roche lobe overflow (Valsecchi et al. 2014; Jackson et al. 2017). Although this mechanism cannot explain the general population of rocky USPs, this could explain WASP-47 e and 55 Cnc e’s unusually low densities for such highly irradiated planets, their similar orbital periods (determined by the orbital radius at which Roche lobe overflow began), and the fact that these two objects were found in systems with multiple giant planets.

Finally, we note several additional similarities between the WASP-47 system and the 55 Cnc system. Both host stars have high metallicity ($[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.38$ for WASP-47, and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.31$ for 55 Cnc, Valenti & Fischer 2005), both systems have ultra-short-period planets, which likely have a layer of dense volatile materials (WASP-47 e and 55 Cnc e),

³⁸ KOI 1843.03 must have a high density to avoid tidal disruption and therefore a larger iron core mass fraction than Earth (Rappaport et al. 2013).

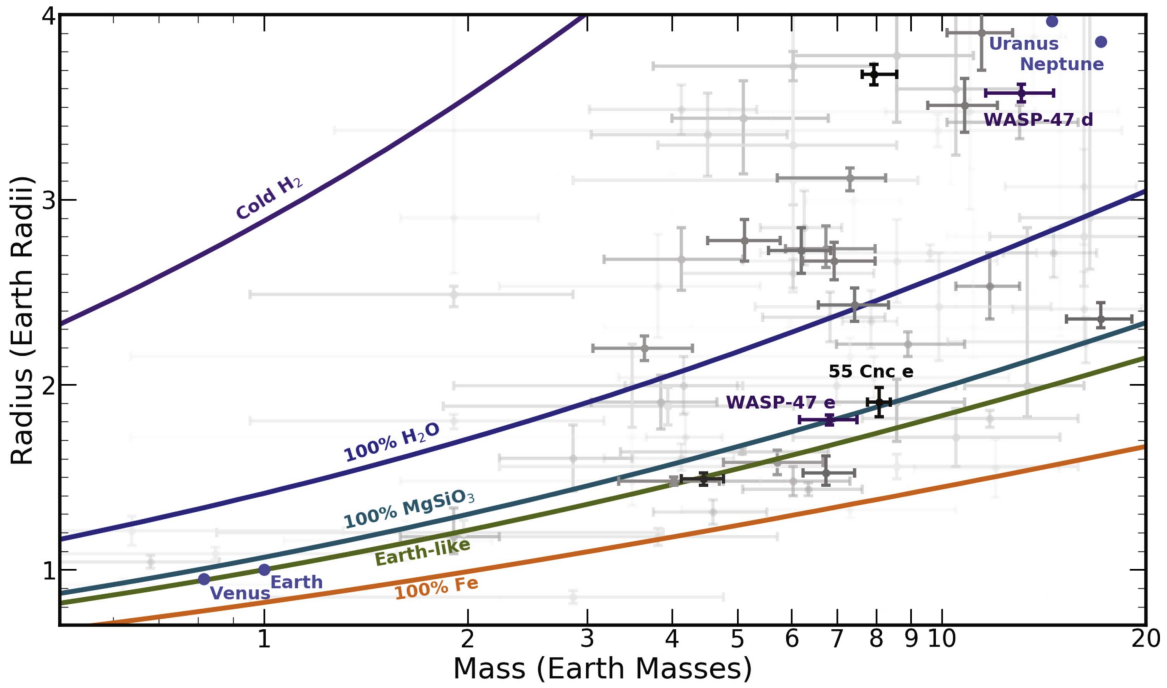


Figure 3. Mass/radius diagram for small exoplanets. Planet masses and radii are taken from the NASA Exoplanet Archive (Akeson et al. 2013), accessed 2017 February 22. The symbol darkness is proportional to the precision with which the masses and radii are determined. Overplotted are theoretical mass/radius relations for solid planets of different compositions from Zeng et al. (2016) and for cold hydrogen planets from Seager et al. (2007). Solar system planets are shown in blue, and the WASP-47 planets are shown in purple. We also label 55 Cnc e to show the similarity in composition between it and WASP-47 e—both of these planets are less dense than an Earth-like composition, and likely have some volatiles around an Earth-like core.

both systems have short-period giant planets (WASP-47 b and the 15d period warm Jupiter 55 Cnc b), and both systems have long-period giant planets (WASP-47 c and the 5000d period 55 Cnc d). While the 55 Cnc planets may not be as closely aligned with one another as the WASP-47 planets (only the innermost planet around 55 Cnc is known to transit, and astrometric measurements have shown a misalignment for the giant outer planet 55 Cnc d McArthur et al. 2004), the similarities between these two system architectures suggest similar origins.

5.2. Constraints on the Composition of WASP-47 d

We also determine a precise mass and radius for WASP-47 d of $13.1 \pm 1.5 M_{\oplus}$ and $3.576 \pm 0.046 R_{\oplus}$ respectively. On a mass/radius diagram (Figure 3), WASP-47 d is close to, but slightly smaller and less massive than the two solar system ice giants, Uranus and Neptune. Like Uranus and Neptune, WASP-47 d must have a low-density hydrogen/helium envelope to match our mass and radius measurements, but most of the mass of the planet’s mass is in a dense core. Using the models from Lopez & Fortney (2014), we find that if the interior has an Earth-like composition with an iron core and rocky mantle, the hydrogen/helium envelope around WASP-47 d would have a mass fraction of about 5%. If instead, the solid core is rich in water or other high-metallicity volatiles, the hydrogen/helium envelope mass fraction would be closer to 2%.

5.3. Orbital Inclination of WASP-47 c

Even though WASP-47 c has only been detected in radial velocities, in Section 4, we were able to put strong constraints on its orbital inclination by requiring dynamical perturbations from its orbit not disrupt the well aligned, co-transiting state of

the inner three planets. We found that WASP-47 d likely has an inclination within a few degrees of an edge-on 90° orbit.

The fact that WASP-47 c likely orbits in the same plane as the three transiting planets suggests that the system formed in a dynamically quiet manner. If the hot Jupiter, WASP-47 b, formed beyond the snow-line and migrated after being scattered by WASP-47 c, we might expect the plane of WASP-47 c’s orbit to be different from the plane of the inner system. Instead, we see a picture more consistent with formation and migration that largely happened in the plane of the protoplanetary disk. In particular, the fact that WASP-47 e likely has a layer of dense volatile material like water suggests that it may have formed beyond the snow-line and migrated to its current location through the protoplanetary disk. WASP-47 c’s relatively high eccentricity is somewhat difficult to explain in this context, because any eccentricity would have been damped by the disk. In this scenario, the eccentricity must have been excited after the disk dissipated, possibly by another, more distant planet, as suggested by Weiss et al. (2017).

5.4. WASP-47 c’s Transit Probability

Another, more practical, implication of the likely close alignment of WASP-47 c with the inner transiting system is that the probability of WASP-47 c transiting is greatly enhanced compared to the naive geometric transit probability. The expression for geometric transit probability is given by Sackett (1999):

$$P_{\text{transit, geom}} = \frac{\int_{i_t}^{90^\circ} \sin i \, di}{\int_{0^\circ}^{90^\circ} \sin i \, di} \quad (1)$$

where i is the planet’s inclination, and i_t is the inclination above which the planet will transit, which depends on the orbital eccentricity e , argument of periastron ω_p , semimajor axis a , stellar radius R_* , and planetary radius R_p as follows.

$$\cos i_t = \frac{R_p + R_*}{a} \times \frac{1 + e \sin \omega_p}{1 - e^2}. \quad (2)$$

We generalized the geometric expression by including a function $\mathcal{P}(i)$, the fraction of time our simulated systems reproduced observations of WASP-47 inside the integrals, giving

$$P_{\text{transit, mod}} = \frac{\int_{i_t}^{90^\circ} \mathcal{P}(i) \sin i \, di}{\int_0^{90^\circ} \mathcal{P}(i) \sin i \, di}. \quad (3)$$

Here, for $\mathcal{P}(i)$, we use the Savitzky–Golay filtered fraction of times that our numerical simulations reproduced observations of WASP-47, and for i_t we use $89^\circ.66$.

Without a priori knowledge of our inclination constraints for WASP-47 c, the transit probability is about 0.6%. When we take into account our dynamical inclination constraints, the probability increases by more than an order of magnitude to about 10%—the same a priori transit probability of a typical hot Jupiter.

If WASP-47 c is found to transit, it would open the door to future sophisticated investigations into the properties and formation history of the WASP-47 planets. It would be possible to study the atmosphere of both WASP-47 b and WASP-47 c in transit with the upcoming *James Webb Space Telescope*, determine and compare atmospheric abundances, and infer these planets’ birthplaces (Öberg et al. 2011). A detection of a transit of WASP-47 c could make the WASP-47 system a key to unlocking the origin of hot Jupiters.

Detecting a transit of WASP-47 c should not be difficult—the transit depth would likely be about 1%, easily attainable by ground-based telescopes with moderate apertures. The transit duration will be long—an equatorial transit of WASP-47 c would last 14 hr, so a successful detection would likely require a coordinated ground-based campaign with several telescopes longitudinally dispersed around the globe. At present, the largest obstacle to successfully recovering a transit of WASP-47 c is the uncertainty in the transit time. The last transit window happened around 2017 January 9, while WASP-47 was unobservable behind the Sun, with an uncertainty in transit time of 4.8 days. The next several transit windows will be around 2018 August 21 ± 6.5 days, 2020 March 31 ± 8.6 days, and 2021 November 10 ± 10.8 days. It would take a massive ground-based campaign to cover enough of these transit windows to ensure success. Although the uncertainties on the transit times are large now, they will sharpen considerably once precise RV spectrographs have completed observing a full orbital period of WASP-47 c. We will continue to observe WASP-47 with HARPS-N in the coming years to refine the orbital period and ephemeris of WASP-47 c in preparation for the chance to detect the planet in transit.

6. Summary

We have investigated the WASP-47 planetary system, which is known to host a hot Jupiter, two smaller transiting planets flanking the hot Jupiter, and a long-period Jovian companion. Using new data from the HARPS-N spectrograph and

previously published data from the *K2* mission and other ground-based spectrographs, we have measured the masses and radii of the transiting planets, and determined the orbit of the outer planet. Our main conclusions are summarized as follows.

1. We have measured the most precise masses and radii for the WASP-47 planets yet. The innermost planet, WASP-47 e, has a mass of $6.83 \pm 0.66 M_\oplus$ and a radius $1.810 \pm 0.027 R_\oplus$. The hot Jupiter, WASP-47 b has a mass $363.1 \pm 7.3 M_\oplus$ and a radius $12.63 \pm 0.15 R_\oplus$. We find the Neptune-sized planet, WASP-47 d, has a mass $13.1 \pm 1.5 M_\oplus$ and a radius $3.576 \pm 0.046 R_\oplus$. The outer Jovian planet, WASP-47 c is not known to transit, so from our radial velocity observations, we only measure the planet’s minimum mass $m \sin i$ of $398.2 \pm 9.3 M_\oplus$.
2. WASP-47 e, unlike most other planets in ultra-short-period orbits, does not have an Earth-like composition. We find that WASP-47 e is not dense enough to have an iron core with the same mass fraction as terrestrial planets in the solar system. Instead, WASP-47 e likely has a volatile-rich (possibly water/steam) envelope comprising 17% of its total mass on top of an Earth-like core.
3. We show, using dynamical simulations, that the inclination of WASP-47 c is likely well aligned with the inner transiting system. The orbital inclination of WASP-47 c is likely within a few degrees of edge on in order to not disrupt the inner transiting planets from their present-day well aligned configuration. This alignment, plus the alignment between the planets’ orbits and the stellar spin axis (Sanchis-Ojeda et al. 2015) suggests a dynamically quiet formation/migration scenario for the WASP-47 planets that kept all of the planets in the plane of the protoplanetary disk. The outer planet is much more likely to transit than the geometric transit probability, motivating campaigns to observe the transit in future opportunities. Additionally, this limit on the inclination suggests that the true mass of the WASP-47 c is likely close to the measured $M_p \sin i$.

Future radial velocity observations of WASP-47 will both continue to improve the precision on the masses of the two smaller planets, and will greatly improve the precision on the predicted transit time of WASP-47 c. Sharpening the transit predictions will be hugely important to making a campaign to detect or rule out transits of WASP-47 c feasible.

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