

Kuiper Belt Objects

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About 100 Kuiper Belt Objects are now known. We will review the dynamics of the Kuiper Belt, with emphasis on the following questions. (1) What can observations of the Kuiper Belt tell us about the formation of the giant planets? (2) In what ways is the Kuiper Belt like the asteroid belt, and in what ways is it different? (3) How far from the Sun does the Kuiper Belt extend? (4) What is the relationship between Kuiper Belt Objects, Jupiter-family comets, and Centaurs like Chiron and Pholus?