# Utilizing a Global Network of Telescopes to Update the Ephemeris for the Highly Eccentric Planet HD 80606 b and to Ensure the Efficient Scheduling of JWST

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#### Abstract

The transiting planet HD 80606 b undergoes a 1000 fold increase in insolation during its 111 days orbit due to it being highly eccentric (e = 0.93). The planet's effective temperature increases from 400 to over 1400 K in a few hours as it makes a rapid passage to within 0.03 au of its host star during periapsis. Spectroscopic observations during the eclipse (which is conveniently oriented a few hours before periapsis) of HD 80606 b with the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) are poised to exploit this highly variable environment to study a wide variety of atmospheric properties, including composition, chemical and dynamical timescales, and large scale atmospheric motions. Critical to planning and interpreting these observations is an accurate knowledge of the planet's orbit. We report on observations of two full-transit events: 2020 February 7 as observed by the TESS spacecraft and 2021 December 7-8 as observed with a worldwide network of small telescopes. We also report new radial velocity observations which, when analyzed with a coupled model to the transits, greatly improves the planet's orbital ephemeris. Our new orbit solution reduces the uncertainty in the transit and eclipse timing of the JWST era from tens of minutes to a few minutes. When combined with the planned JWST observations, this new precision may be adequate to look for non-Keplerian effects in the orbit of HD 80606 b.

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# 1. Introduction

For many years HD 80606 b held the record for the most highly eccentric planet. Discovered by the radial velocity (RV) technique in 2001 (Naef et al. 2001) HD 80606 b has a mass of 4.1  $M_{\rm I}$ , an orbital period of 111.4 days and an eccentricity of

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 $\epsilon = 0.93$ . Its eccentricity is currently exceeded only by HD 20782 b with an eccentricity of  $\epsilon = 0.95$  (Jones et al. 2006). HD 80606 b continues to be compelling for further study as it was discovered by Spitzer using the eclipse in early 2009 (Laughlin et al. 2009). The transit was then discovered and announced near-simultaneously in late 2009 February by Fossey et al. (2009), Garcia-Melendo & McCullough (2009), and by Moutou et al. (2009). HD 80606 b passes within 0.03 au of its host G5V star, during its rapid periastron passage of a few tens of hours, the insolation and temperature of the planet increase dramatically, from 1× to almost 1000× Earth-equivalent and from 400 to over 1400 K.

These rapid changes, coupled with the fact that HD 806060 b transits and also eclipses (passes behind the star) provide a unique opportunity to explore the dynamical response of an atmosphere under an extreme external forcing function. Spitzer's photometric observations of eclipses in 2009 and 2010 at 8.0 and 4.5  $\mu$ m, respectively, were used to infer timescales for radiative, dynamical, and chemical processes (de Wit et al. 2016; Lewis et al. 2017). As noted by Lewis et al. (2017), "The time-variable forcing experienced by exoplanets on eccentric orbits provides a unique and important window on radiative, dynamical, and chemical processes in planetary atmospheres and an important link between exoplanet observations and theory."

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) will expand these studies dramatically using spectroscopy. Kataria et al.<sup>28</sup> will use the MIRI low-resolution spectrometer (MIRI/LRS) to observe an eclipse of HD 80606 b from 5 to 14  $\mu$ m at a spectral resolution of ~100. Sikora et al<sup>29</sup> will explore the formation and evolution of atmospheric clouds at shorter wavelengths using NIRSpec at 2.87–5.18  $\mu$ m with a resolution of ~2700 to observe the eclipse and periastron passage. These spectral regions contain a wealth of molecular features whose variation will reveal new insights into the chemistry and dynamics of the atmospheres of giant planets.

A challenge to transit and eclipse observations is the gradual erosion of our knowledge of a planet's orbital properties. Uncertainties in the timing of transits and eclipses lead to observing inefficiencies as longer durations must to scheduled to avoid missing some or all of an event (e.g., Dragomir et al. 2020; Zellem et al. 2020). This problem is exacerbated in the case of HD 80606 b where the relevant observations are over a decade old and uncertainties on the eclipse prediction grow with each orbit (about three per year). Of particular importance is the knowledge of the time of periastron passage relative to the eclipse as this is needed to link the spectral observations to the insolation profile.

It was to remedy this growing uncertainty in our knowledge of the ephemerides of HD 80606 b that we undertook to analyze the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) data and to obtain observations of the transit occurring on 2021 December 7/8 (Table 1 and Figure 2) from the ground. We also obtained new RV measurements around the time of periastron to continue to refine the RV solution. Section 2.2 describes the observations of the transit, and Section 2.4 the

 Table 1

 Orbital Prior for HD 80606 b

Parameter	Value	Reference
T <sub>mid</sub> (MJD)	$2455210.6428 \pm 0.001$	Bonomo et al. (2017)
$E_{\rm mid}$ (MJD)	$2454424.736 \pm 0.003$	Laughlin et al. (2009)
	14-Jan-2010 0326 UTC	
Period (d)	$111.43670 \pm 0.0004$	Bonomo et al. (2017)
Eccentricity (e)	$0.93226 \pm 0.00066$	Bonomo et al. (2017)
Arg. Periapsis ( $\omega_{peri}$ )	$58.97 \pm 0.2 \; (deg)$	Bonomo et al. (2017)
	$-1.0292 \pm 0.0035$ (rad)	
Transit Duration (hr)	$11.64\pm0.25$	Winn et al. (2009)
Prediction for Dec. 2021		
Accum. Unc. (hr) <sup>a</sup>	0.4 for Observed transit	
$T_{\rm mid}$ (MJD)	$2459556.674 \pm 0.016 \ d$	
Observed event	8-12-2021 0411 UTC	

Note.

<sup>a</sup> Accumulated uncertainty in the timing of the transit occurring  $N_{\text{per}} = 39$ periods after the reference time,  $T_c$ .  $\sigma T = \sqrt{\sigma (T_c)^2 + N_{\text{per}}^2 \sigma (\text{Period})^2}$  (Equation (2) in Zellem et al. 2020).

RV observations. Section 3 describes the analysis of the various data sets, while Section 4 uses the combined transit and RV measurements to refine the ephemeris of HD 80606 b and to predict the times of occurrence of future transits and eclipses.

### 2. Observations

A majority of the transit observations for HD 80606 b originated almost a decade ago when it was targeted by the Spitzer Space Telescope. Since then, there hasn't been a full-transit observation in  $\sim 10$  yr, although the star has been monitored by radial velocity surveys. In preparation for JWST observations we have combined observations of the 2020 transit taken by TESS with 2021 observations taken from the ground by the Exoplanet Watch program. Finally, the light-curve measurements are combined with new and archival radial velocity measurements in order to constrain the orbit parameters and to improve our knowledge of transit and eclipse events over the next decade.

#### 2.1. 2020 Transit With TESS

The TESS is conducting an all-sky photometric survey to discover hundreds of transiting planets around bright stars that are most suitable for mass measurements through RV observations (Ricker et al. 2015). TESS acquires observations on a 30-minute cadence of all objects in the field of view but increases the cadence for select bright stars with the goal of detecting small transiting planets (Stassun et al. 2017). The photometric data of HD 80606 from TESS were processed using a custom pipeline leveraging optimal aperture selection, systematic detrending with a weighted spline, and outlier rejection in order to improve and minimize the scatter in the light curve (Pearson 2019). The custom pipeline uses multiple aperture sizes during the photometric extraction in order to minimize the scatter in the residuals after fitting a light-curve model. Detrending the time series and minimizing scatter in the residuals has been shown to improve light-curve quality compared to the default produced from the Science Processing Operations Center (SPOC) pipeline (Jenkins et al. 2016), which is based on the Kepler mission pipeline (Jenkins et al. 2010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Approved Cycle 1 program #2008. "A Blast From the Past: A Spectroscopic look at the Flash Heating of HD 80606 b" https://www.stsci.edu/jwst/ science-execution/program-information.html?id=2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Approved Cycle 1 program #2488. "Real Time Exoplanet Meteorology: Direct Measurement of Cloud Dynamics on the High-Eccentricity Hot Jupiter HD 80606 b" https://www.stsci.edu/jwst/science-execution/programinformation.html?id=2488.



**Figure 1.** A transit light curve of HD 80606 b measured with the TESS spacecraft using data from Sector 21. The TESS light curve is contaminated with light from a neighboring star causing the transit depth to appear smaller (by about ~48%) than it really is. The plate scale of TESS is  $\sim 21'' \times 21''$  and that is also coincidentally the distance between the nearby stellar companion, HD 80607, and HD 80606. Light contamination from the roughly equal brightness companion was summed in the aperture used for TESS photometry and will contribute to a smaller measured depth than observations from platforms with a higher imaging resolution, where the light sources can be treated separately. Despite the contamination shrinking the measured depth, we can still detect it to ~44 $\sigma$ , which is enough to constrain the time of midtransit to within ~3 minutes. The binned data is purely for visualization purposes and is at two different cadences, 30 minutes in black and 60 minutes in white with a black outline, while the transparent points are the original data.

TESS is capable of high precision measurements for this system due to the host star being bright (V = 9.0 mag). However, TESS's large pixel size (21'') is less than ideal for HD 80606 due to the presence of HD 80607, a nearby companion of similar spectral type and brightness (V = 9.07mag) separated by 20".5. Stellar blends dilute the transit signal causing a larger planet to mistakenly appear smaller (e.g., Ciardi et al. 2015; Zellem et al. 2020). In the reduction of TESS data, a wide aperture was used and includes light from both stars. Therefore, our estimate for the transit depth is underestimated. The estimated contamination is around  $\sim 48\%$  and translates to a corrected transit depth  $\sim 2 \times$  greater than what we directly measure. Despite the contamination decreasing the transit depth, we still detect the transit at over  $40\sigma$ , which allows for a strong constraint on the time of midtransit to within a few minutes (see Figure 1).

# 2.2. 2021 Transit from the Ground

HD 80606 b's long transit duration, over 11.5 hr (Pont et al. 2009; Winn et al. 2009), and the accumulated uncertainty in its time of occurrence, make a worldwide program of coordinated observations essential. Fortunately, networks of small and modest-sized telescopes (e.g., Exoplanet Watch,<sup>30</sup> ExoClock,<sup>31</sup> Unistellar<sup>32</sup>) are now in place to support programs of this type. The global observational campaign to measure the 2021



Figure 2. A map of the facilities in the global network of small telescopes used to observe the transit on 2021, December 7/8.

December 7–8 transit of HD 80606 b presented here was coordinated by Exoplanet Watch. The various observatories that contributed a transit measurement in December are shown in Figure 2.

#### 2.2.1. Exoplanet Watch

Exoplanet Watch is a citizen science project funded by NASA's Universe of Learning<sup>33</sup> for observing exoplanets with small, ground-based telescopes to maintain ephemerides and to ensure the efficient use of large telescopes, discover new exoplanets via transit timing variations, resolve blended pairs, monitor for stellar variability, and confirm exoplanet candidates

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/exoplanet-watch/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> http://exoclock.space

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> https://unistellaroptics.com/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> https://www.universe-of-learning.org

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Facility	Location (N,E)	Size (m)	UTC Start (Phase)	UTC Stop (Phase)	Precision% <sup>a</sup>	N. Images
Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)	Space	0.1	2020-2-7 20:32:00 (-0.0054)	2020-2-7 07:06:00 (0.0054)	0.06	1520
Exoplanet Watch [HJEB]	(30.7, -104.2)	0.4	2021-12-6 08:21:36 (-0.0166)	2021-12-6 09:40:50 (-0.0161)	1.31	225
Las Cumbres (LCO)	(30.7, -104.2)	0.4	2021-12-7 06:48:56 (-0.0079)	2021-12-7 7:39:54 (-0.0082)	1.26	218
Las Cumbres (LCO)	(30.7, -104.2)	0.4	2021-12-7 09:46:56 (-0.0068)	2021-12-7 10:38:05 (-0.0071)	0.77	225
Las Cumbres (LCO)	(30.7, -104.2)	0.4	2021-12-7 11:35:45 (-0.0064)	2021-12-7 12:26:18 (-0.0061)	1.21	221
Exoplanet Watch [NCC]	(23.5, 120.9)	0.4	2021-12-7 17:34:11 (-0.0042)	2021-12-7 20:13:20 (-0.0032)	1.01	481
GROWTH-India	(32.8, 79.0)	0.7	2021-12-7 19:52:49 (-0.0033)	2021-12-8 00:40:41 (-0.0015)	0.53	609
Unistellar eVscope 2 (2rz)	(49.2, -0.4)	0.11	2021-12-7 20:49:47 (-0.0030)	2021-12-8 01:38:22 (-0.0012)	1.09	126
Unistellar eVscope (etx)	(49.2, -0.4)	0.11	2021-12-7 20:48:29 (-0.0030)	2021-12-8 01:37:27 (-0.0012)	0.63	131
Unistellar eVscope (257)	(60.8, 24.4)	0.11	2021-12-7 21:41:31 (-0.0027)	2021-12-8 00:17:56 (-0.0017)	0.36	79
Unistellar eVscope (3 mh)	(45.3, 11.1)	0.11	2021-12-7 22:24:41 (-0.0024)	2021-12-8 01:41:27 (-0.0012)	0.67	55
Exoplanet Watch [GDAI]	(39.0, -108.2)	0.4	2021-12-8 03:37:37 (-0.0004)	2021-12-8 11:46:49 (0.0026)	3.11	503
Unistellar eVscope (rev)	(30.4, 97.8)	0.11	2021-12-8 04:26:52 (-0.0001)	2021-12-8 08:09:55 (0.0013)	0.50	101
Unistellar eVscope (sdp)	(32.2, -111)	0.11	2021-12-8 05:17:14 (0.0002)	2021-12-8 12:18:15 (0.0028)	0.78	155
Exoplanet Watch [RJBA]	(34.1, -118.1)	0.15	2021-12-8 06:09:47 (0.0005)	2021-12-8 12:08:50 (0.0027)	1.47	569
Exoplanet Watch [CCHD]	(35.8, -120.8)	0.31	2021-12-8 06:13:45 (0.0005)	2021-12-8 09:50:23 (0.0019)	1.51	420
Las Cumbres (LCO)	(30.7, -104.2)	1	2021-12-8 06:41:20 (0.0007)	2021-12-8 12:17:36 (0.0028)	0.33	391
Exoplanet Watch [HJEB]	(30.7, -104.2)	0.4	2021-12-8 06:46:01 (0.0007)	2021-12-8 07:36:43 (0.001)	1.29	225
Las Cumbres (LCO)	(30.7, -104.2)	0.4	2021-12-8 11:35:50 (0.0025)	2021-12-8 12:26:33 (0.0029)	0.80	225
Unistellar eVscope (8 cm)	(35.1, 134.4)	0.11	2021-12-8 13:19:08 (0.0032)	2021-12-8 14:14:42 (0.0035)	1.54	26
Exoplanet Watch [NCC]	(23.5, 120.9)	0.4	2021-12-8 16:04:28 (0.0042)	2021-12-8 20:08:09 (0.0057)	0.80	516
Unistellar eVscope 2 (2rzB)	(49.2, -0.4)	0.11	2021-12-8 21:47:08 (0.0063)	2021-12-8 23:47:48 (0.0071)	1.08	88
Unistellar eVscope (etxB)	(49.2, -0.4)	0.11	2021-12-8 21:48:00 (0.0064)	2021-12-8 23:39:20 (0.007)	1.25	152
Exoplanet Watch [BARO]	(32.6, -116.3)	0.43	2021-12-9 01:26:11 (0.0077)	2021-12-9 01:55:10 (0.0079)	0.97	98
Exoplanet Watch [LGEC]	(28.3, -16.6)	0.4	2021-12-9T02:06:25 (0.008)	2021-12-9 02:15:10 (0.008)	0.80	29
Exoplanet Watch [FMAA]	(31.7, -111.1)	0.15	2021-12-9T04:41:25 (0.009)	2021-12-9 12:06:02 (0.012)	1.79	130

 Table 2

 Transit Observing Facilities

#### Note.

<sup>a</sup> Standard deviation of the residuals The observations are split between the archival measurements (top) and those taken for the same transit (bottom). For the exoplanet watch observations, the letters in brackets represent the AAVSO Observer code so the data sets can be easily referenced in the future and searchable on their archive.

(Zellem et al. 2019, 2020). Anyone is able to contribute observations to a public data archive,<sup>34</sup> hosted by the American Association of Variable Star Observers,<sup>35</sup> where they are analyzed on a regular basis and used to refine exoplanet ephemerides.<sup>36</sup> The observations listed under Exoplanet Watch in Table 2 are currently available online and are linked to their AAVSO observer code. A majority of the users contributed at least 1 hr of observations using telescopes smaller than 0.5 m. A few notable contributors to the network include the Boyce-Astro Research Observatory (BARO), located at an observing site near Tierra Del Sol and Campo, California. BARO includes a 17 inch telescope and a ZWO ASI 1600 CMOS camera. The observing configuration provides a  $8'.3 \times 6'.3$  field of view with a plate scale of 0."107 per pixel. Additionally, an individual user was able to capture part of transit egress from the top of the Cahill building on the campus of the California Institute of Technology using a 6 inch telescope and the ASI 224MC camera.

Another contributor is the MicroObservatory which hosts a network of automated remote reflecting telescopes, each with a 6 inch mirror, 560 mm focal length, and KAF1402ME CCD with 6.8  $\mu$ m sized pixels. With 2 × 2 pixel binning, the image size is 650 × 500 pixels at a pixel scale of approximate 5" px<sup>-1</sup>. MicroObservatory takes images of exoplanet systems

daily and makes the images publicly available for educational use via their DIY Planet Search program.<sup>37</sup>

#### 2.2.2. LCO Network

Las Cumbres Observatory (LCO) is a global telescope network consisting of multiple-meter and submeter-sized telescopes at various locations around the Earth. HD 80606 was observed over the course of 3 days from multiple locations in the LCO network. Unfortunately, weather clouded out most of the Northern Hemisphere so that only a few sites acquired data. A majority of the usable observations come from LCO's telescopes at McDonald Observatory in Texas and Teide Observatory in Tenerife. LCO's 0.4 m telescopes contain SBIG CCD cameras with a field of view  $\sim 29' \times 29'$ , corresponding to a plate scale of 0.7571 pixel<sup>-1</sup>. The 1 m telescope apart of LCO contains a Sinistro imager with a  $26' \times 26'$  field of view and a plate scale of 0.739 px<sup>-1</sup>. All of the LCO observatory-specific details are highlighted in Table 2.

#### 2.2.3. Unistellar Network

The Unistellar Network is a global community of citizen scientist observers with Unistellar telescopes who have open access to observing campaigns organized by SETI Institute astronomers, including exoplanet transit observations. Seven

<sup>37</sup> https://mo-www.cfa.harvard.edu/MicroObservatory/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> https://app.aavso.org/exosite/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> http://aavso.org

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/exoplanet-watch/results/

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Table 3	Table 3		
Archival Ephemeris Times			

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BJD <sub>TBD</sub>	Reference	Status
$2454424.736 \pm 0.003$	Laughlin et al. (2009)	Full Eclipse
$2454876.316 \pm 0.023$	Pont et al. (2009)	Partial Transit
$2454876.338 \pm 0.017$	Kokori et al. (2022)	Partial Transit
$2454987.7842 \pm 0.0049$	Winn et al. (2009)	Full Transit
$2455099.196 \pm 0.026$	Shporer et al. (2010)	Partial Transit
$2455210.6420 \pm 0.001$	Hébrard et al. (2010)	Full Transit
$2455210.6502 \pm 0.0064$	Shporer et al. (2010)	Full Transit
$2457439.401 \pm 0.012$	Kokori et al. (2022)	Partial Transit
$2459222.401 \pm 0.016$	Kokori et al. (2022)	Partial Transit

different eVscopes ("Enhanced Vision Telescopes") acquired nine observations of HD 80606 b from six different observing locations in North America, Europe, and Japan (Table 2). Of those observations, seven were collected using the Unistellar eVscope 1, which is a 4.5 inch reflecting telescope with a Sony IMX224LQR CMOS sensor at its prime focus. The camera's field of view is  $37'.0 \times 27'.7$  with a plate scale of 1.77 pixel<sup>-1</sup>. Individual images had an exposure time of 3.970 s and sensor gain of 2 dB. The two remaining observations were collected using the Unistellar eVscope 2, which shares the design of the eVscope 1 but has a Sony IMX347LQR CMOS sensor. The camera's field of view is  $45'.3 \times 34'.0$  with a plate scale of 1.73 pixel<sup>-1</sup>. Individual images had an exposure time of 3.970 s and sensor gain of 0 dB (no digital gain).

#### 2.2.4. ExoClock Project

In addition to the TESS and December transit of HD 80606 b we also report on three additional transit measurements from the project ExoClock (Kokori et al. 2022). The ExoClock project is an open-access citizen science project aimed at conducting transit measurements of exoplanets targeted by the Ariel Mission (Tinetti et al. 2016). The three measurements were taken from ground-based observatories in Europe with midtransit measurements reported in Table 3.

#### 2.2.5. GROWTH

The Global Relay of Observatories Watching Transients Happen (GROWTH) network involves over a dozen institutions dedicated to the follow-up of transient events (Kasliwal et al. 2019). Among these, a number of Asian observatories within the GROWTH collaboration participated in the 2021 December 7/8 campaign, providing critical data during transit ingress. The GROWTH-India Telescope (GIT) is a 0.7 m fully robotic telescope located at the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO), Hanle-Ladakh. The telescope is equipped with an Andor Ikon230XL CCD camera which provides a field of view of ~0.5 deg<sup>2</sup>. GIT observed HD 80606 b for ~5 hr on the night of 2022 December 7, obtaining a total of 609 images. The details of the observations are provided in Table 2. Data were reduced following standard procedures, and photometry was performed with EXOTIC as described in Section 2.3

# 2.3. Transit Data Reduction

Data reduction and calibrations of the individual science images were done by each observer or their group. We encouraged all groups to acquire at least a bias and flat-field frame in order to reduce noise and normalize pixel-to-pixel changes in sensitivity, respectively. We provided an opensource package for aperture photometry and light-curve fitting in order to make extracting the time series easy and optimal with respect to minimizing sources of noise. The EXOplanet Transit Interpretation Code<sup>38</sup> (EXOTIC; Zellem et al. 2020; T. Fatahi et al. 2022, in preparation) can calibrate images (i.e., bias, flat and dark), plate solves images for better centroiding, and conducts an optimization over comparison star selection and aperture when extracting the photometric time series. After conducting aperture photometry, all of the time series files were combined in order to produce the global light curve shown in Figure 3. The transit light curve code uses limb darkening from Hippke et al. (2019). A mosaic of the individual observations is shown in the Appendix (see Figure 7). The new midtransit times are listed in Table 4.

#### 2.4. Radial Velocity Observations

New radial velocity observations were obtained around periapsis in 2021 December using the Levy spectrometer on the 2.4 m Automated Planet Finder telescope (APF; Vogt et al. 2014) and the high-resolution spectrometer (HIRES, on the 10 m Keck I telescope). The new RV measurements are processed using standard data reduction techniques described in Butler et al. (1996). The APF and HIRISE RV values are measured using an Iodine cell-based design in order wavelength calibrate the stellar spectrum. The spectral region from 5000 to 6200 Å is used for measuring the radial velocities. The new observations are listed in Table 5. We used a total of 286 RV measurements spanning 22 yr for the data analysis (see Figure 4) and they are available in a machine-readable format online (see Table 6; Naef et al. 2001; Wittenmyer et al. 2007, 2009; Rosenthal et al. 2021).

### 3. Analysis

The newly acquired data of HD 80606 b along with the historical measurements for RV, transit, and eclipse are analyzed in a self-consistent manner in order to place constraints on the system parameters. The radial velocity observations help constrain the orbit and alignment of HD 80606 b, which is particularly important considering the high eccentricity of the planet can drastically change the transit duration based on the argument of periastron (Hébrard et al. 2010). The transit observations help the size of the planet once the orbit is reliably known and disentangled from degeneracies involving the stellar radius, inclination, and contamination by HD 80607. Additionally, using the measured times of midtransit and mideclipse we can search for deviations from a Keplerian orbit, which is potentially indicative of a companion in the system (Holman & Murray 2005; Nesvorný & Morbidelli 2008).

# 3.1. Global Light-curve Analysis

Observations for the transit of HD 80606 b on the night of 2021 December 7–8 are combined and fitted simultaneously in order to derive the time of midtransit and radius ratio between the planet and star. Since each observation was acquired at a different location, it requires individual treatment of extinction from Earth's atmosphere. We adopt a parameterization (e.g., Pearson et al. 2019) which scales exponentially with airmass

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> https://github.com/rzellem/EXOTIC



Figure 3. Top: the combined light curve showing the complete transit of HD 80606 b on 2021 December 7–8 along with a model fit to the observations (red line). The data are binned to a resolution of 30 minutes for each individual data set and 60 minutes for the combined data set (empty circles) for the purposes of visualization. Each observation is fit simultaneously with Equation (1) and requires a separate airmass model for detrending. A mosaic of individual light curves can be found in the Appendix. Bottom: residuals for the light-curve model are displayed at the native resolution except for a binned version shown in white circles. The standard deviation of the residual scatter is reported in the legend on the top subplot.

	Table 4	
New	Midtransit	Times

Facility	BJD <sub>TBD</sub>
TESS	$2458888.07466 \pm 0.00204$
Multiple (7–8 Dec. 2021)	$2459556.7007 \pm 0.0035$

 Table 5

 New Radial Velocity Observations

BID	Relative RV
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2459514.0886	$-133.668 \pm 1.168$
2459533.0674	$37.779 \pm 2.332$
2459535.9405	$15.584 \pm 8.951$
2459541.0692	$-13.924 \pm 2.248$
2459541.8002	$-9.460 \pm 2.288$
2459544.0027	$-28.552 \pm 2.413$
	BJD <sub>TBD</sub> 2459514.0886 2459533.0674 2459535.9405 2459541.0692 2459541.8002 2459544.0027

and has a resemblance to a solution of the radiative transfer equation when  $I(\tau) = I(0)e^{-\tau}$ . The following equation is used to maximize the likelihood of the transit model and airmass signal simultaneously:

$$F_{\rm obs} = a_0 e^{a_1 \beta} F_{\rm transit}.$$
 (1)

Here  $F_{obs}$  is the flux recorded on the detector,  $F_{transit}$  is the actual astrophysical signal (i.e., the transit light curve, given by

pyLightcurve (Tsiaras et al. 2016),  $a_i$  are airmass correction coefficients and  $\beta$  is the airmass value. Since the underlying astrophysical signal is shared between all the observations we leave  $R_p/R_s$  and  $T_{\text{mid}}$  as free parameters during the retrieval and share the values between each data set.

The free parameters are optimized using the multimodal nested sampling algorithm called UltraNest (Feroz & Hobson 2008; Buchner 2014; Buchner 2017). UltraNest is a Bayesian inference tool that uses the Monte Carlo strategy of nested sampling to calculate the Bayesian evidence allowing simultaneous parameter estimation and model selection. A nested sampling algorithm is efficient at probing parameter spaces that could potentially contain multiple modes and pronounced degeneracies in high dimensions; a regime in which the convergence for traditional Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC; e.g., Ford 2005) techniques becomes comparatively slow (Skilling 2004; Feroz & Hobson 2008). Convergence for such a large retrieval can take a long time if the priors are very large, and sometimes the solutions will not converge at all within a given range for likelihood evaluations for such a large data set. Therefore, to aid with convergence, each observation was fit individually before being fit simultaneously and given priors to reflect  $\pm 5\sigma$  around the individual fits. The nested sampling algorithm runs for 500,000 likelihood evaluations before terminating with the resulting posterior distribution shown in Figure 8. An open-source version of the global retrieval is available through the EXOTIC



Figure 4. Data from 2000 to 2022 show the extremely eccentric orbit of HD 80606 b. The time series RV measurements are plotted in the top panel, the best-fit model is in the middle panel, and the residuals are on the bottom panel. The standard deviation of the residuals is listed in the legend of the top subplot for each data set.

repository on GitHub. see footnote 11 A nonlinear fourparameter limb darkening model is used for both the groundbased measurements and TESS but corresponds to their respective filters (Morello et al. 2020).

#### 3.2. Radial Velocity Analysis

The archival and new RV measurements (Table 5 and Table 6) are analyzed using a joint simultaneous fit between a TESS light curve and historical measurements for midtransit and mideclipse in order to constrain a consistent orbital solution across 10 yr of heterogeneous data. The radial velocity model uses the same orbit equation and Keplerian solver as the transit light-curve model (PyLightcurve; Tsiaras et al. 2016).

The orbit equation used in the transit model is

$$r_t = \frac{a}{R_s} \frac{(1 - e^2)}{(1 + e^* \cos(\nu_t))}$$
(2)

where *a* is the semimajor axis,  $R_s$  is the stellar radius, *e* is the eccentricity, and  $\nu$  is the true anomaly at some time *t*. The true anomaly can be solved for using Equations (1) and (2) in Fulton et al. (2018) by finding the root of an equation to get the eccentric anomaly which is then used to compute the true anomaly. The orbit equation is projected onto a Cartesian grid that is necessary for the transit model and useful for taking the dot product along our line of sight, ensuring it matches the transit geometry (see Figure 5). The projection along the *x*-axis,

 Table 6

 Archival Radial Velocity Observations

BJD <sub>TBD</sub>	Relative RV
2452075.359	$-134.46 \pm 13$
2452219.162	$-85.11\pm1.6$
2453433.606	$119.8\pm8.6$
2453398.854	$-171.57 \pm 0.89$
2454876.729	$222.1\pm5$
	BJD <sub>TBD</sub> 2452075.359 2452219.162 2453433.606 2453398.854 2454876.729

Note. The raw radial velocity measurements (i.e., no relative offset) are available online in a machine-readable format.

(This table is available in its entirety in machine-readable form.)

or our line of sight is

$$x_t = r_t \sin(\nu_t + \omega) \sin(i) \tag{3}$$

where *i* is the inclination of the orbit and  $\omega$  is the argument of periastron. The star's velocity is estimated after applying a scaling relation to the planet's orbit, assuming it is in a twobody system. Coupling the orbit solutions ensures a selfconsistent system where gravity balances the centripetal acceleration of the planet. The velocity vector of the planet is scaled to match that of the star's orbit and then projected along a line of sight in order to produce the RV signal. A velocity is estimated by evaluating the orbit equation twice in order to compute a numerical derivative using a time step of ~8.5 s (0.0001 day):

$$v_{r,t} = \frac{M_p}{M_s} R_s \frac{x_{t+\Delta t} - x_t}{\Delta t}.$$
(4)

In addition to scaling the planet's orbit by a mass ratio to mimic the stellar position it must also be scaled by the stellar radius in order to acquire units of meters. The stellar radius is given a Gaussian prior during the retrieval process in order to reflect uncertainties on that scale factor and because it is correlated with the planet's inclination. For instance, for a given transit duration there could be a small star with a noninclined planet or a big star with an inclined planet. Either way, they can produce the same transit duration, and it is difficult to disentangle the two parameters without an additional constraint on the likelihood function (e.g., some spectral modeling is needed to constrain the stellar properties). We do not have enough information to uniquely constrain the stellar radius and inclination simultaneously, which leads to a degeneracy in our retrieval if each parameter uses a uniform prior. Therefore, the stellar radius is given a Gaussian prior that is constructed to be consistent with past derivations in the literature (Bonomo et al. 2017; Rosenthal et al. 2021).

#### 3.3. Joint Simultaneous Fit

Fitting three different types of measurements in a joint analysis requires a likelihood function with contributions from each data set. The system parameters are used to generate a coupled physical model for the transit, RV, and ephemeris data in order to enforce consistency between the data sets. The likelihood function includes the sum of the chi-square values



Figure 5. Position vectors for the HD 80606 system showing the planet and star plotted over the course of one orbital period for the planet. The colored segments represent chunks of the orbit spanning  $\sim 1$  day. The big plot has a viewing angle 90° above the line of sight. The small subplot also has a top-down view but of the star's orbit. The markers indicate where midtransit, mideclipse, and periastron occur for the planet.

when comparing the data sets to their respective model. The TESS light curve is compared to a transit model in a manner similar to the global fit for all the ground-based measurements, except the airmass correction is left out. The historic midtransit and mideclipse measurements are compared to a linear ephemeris and then folded into the total chi-squared estimate. The radial velocity measurements are also folded into the total chi-squared however the uncertainties are adjusted prior to the joint fit. The radial velocity likelihood ( $\mathcal{L}$ ) adopts a parameterization similar to RADVEL (Fulton et al. 2018) in order to account for underestimated uncertainties,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm RV} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \sum_{t} \left( \frac{d_t - v_{r,t}}{\sigma_{i,t} + \sigma_i} \right)^2,\tag{5}$$

where  $d_t$  is the velocity measurement at time, t,  $v_{r,t}$  is the Keplerian model predicted for each RV measurement,  $\sigma_{i,t}$  is the original uncertainty on the radial velocity measurement and  $\sigma_i$ is an RV jitter term for each data set, *i*. The jitter term is set after an individual fit to the radial velocity data and before the joint fit. The jitter term scales the uncertainty such that the average uncertainty is roughly equal to the standard deviation of the residuals from the individual fit. Additionally, the solution to the individual fit  $\pm 5\sigma$  is used to constrain the priors for the joint fit. Our uncertainty scaling is similar to RADVEL; however, we do not include a penalty term which is required when fitting for an error scaling term. We adopt an easier correction for underestimated uncertainties while still being able to leverage the optimizations behind nested sampling. The errors are scaled after an individual fit to the RV data such that the average uncertainty is roughly equal to the scatter in the



**Figure 6.** left) A comparison of residuals between the measured midtransit times and a calculated linear ephemeris (reported in the plot legend). The gray shaded region indicates the uncertainty in the ephemeris extending to  $\pm 1\sigma$  using our best estimates in Table 7. The pink shaded region indicates an uncertainty based on the prior listed in Table 1. Some midtransit measurements are not used in the joint analysis because they were measured from partial transits. right) An ephemeris estimate for mideclipse times. The pink shaded region shows the uncertainty in a linear solution if we use the Spitzer measurement (Laughlin et al. 2009) as  $E_{mid}$  along with the period from Bonomo et al. (2017). The gray shaded region indicates an uncertainty based on the orbital information listed in Table 7.

residuals for that particular data set. After inflating each uncertainty, we found that our error estimate for the orbital period increased by a factor of  $\sim 2$  and other orbit parameters similarly.

The likelihood function for the joint fit has contributions from transit data, RV measurements, and historic ephemerides using

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Joint}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{RV}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Transit}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Mid-transit}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Mid-eclipse}}.$$
 (6)

The likelihood function for midtransit and mideclipse represent the error for a linear ephemeris estimate compared to existing measurements Whereas the transit likelihood function uses the photometric time series. Nested sampling is used to efficiently explore a large parameter space defining the system and to build a posterior distribution with which to infer uncertainties (Buchner 2021). The free parameters include the orbital period, time of midtransit, inclination, argument of periastron, eccentricity, a planet mass, and the radius ratio between the planet and star. Posteriors for the free parameters in the joint fit are shown in Figure 9. We also include a Gaussian prior on the stellar radius because it is needed to convert our radial velocity model into meters. The stellar radius is degenerate with inclination, and difficult to constrain if left as a uniform prior. Another relationship in the posteriors is the perfect correlation between eccentricity and argument of periastron. We have seen similar correlations when fitting for  $a_0$  and the RV offset that allowed us to simplify the retrieval and solve for them instead. It is theoretically possible to remove one of these parameters (e or  $\omega$ ) from the sampling process and solve for the other at runtime without having to build it into the posteriors. That solution however requires solving a transcendental equation on top of the existing orbit solution and would increase the computation time of the likelihood function. Therefore, we include both eand  $\omega$  in the retrieval and let the sampler handle the correlation, which decreases its efficiency slightly.

# 4. Results and Conclusions

As part of an effort to refine the orbital ephemeris for HD 806060 b, we have obtained new radial velocity and transit measurements for HD 80606 b. The transit measurements were

obtained with TESS in 2020 and a ground-based campaign in 2021; together, the new data, coupled with archival RV and transit observations, provide a valuable constraint on the time of conjunction. We are able to refine the estimate on the orbital period of HD 80606 b by taking advantage of the 10 yr baseline between the archival and the new observations. Using only the data from 2009 to 2010, the uncertainty on the orbital period was  $\sigma(P) = 4 \times 10^{-4}$ ; combining the old data with the new observations, the new value of the period 111.436971 days has an improved uncertainty of  $\sigma(P) = 7.4 \times 10^{-5}$  days (Figure 6). The period estimate is improved by factor  $\sim 5$  compared to Bonomo et al. (2017) along with significant improvements for the system parameters as summarized in Table 7. The immediate benefit of these new observations is to greatly reduce the uncertainty in the timing of future events (transits or eclipses; e.g., Zellem et al. 2020).

In the case of an eclipse in 2022 November, e.g., in mid-Cycle 1 for JWST, the uncertainty resulting from propagating the ephemeris in Table 1 is  $\sim$ 24 minutes, whereas with the new linear ephemeris the uncertainty is  $\sim 5$  minutes (See Figure 6). The linear ephemeris uses the eclipse midpoint from (Laughlin et al. 2009) and our new period estimate. We also provide a more conservative error estimate based on the orbit solution, which yields an uncertainty  $\sim 30$  minutes. The orbit solution has a larger uncertainty than the linear propagation due to the uncertainty in e and  $\omega$  on the estimated eclipse time. For example, the mideclipse time predicted from the prior is  $2458882.207 \pm 0.10$ , and from our posterior we get  $2458882.214 \pm 0.021$  which leads to a difference in the uncertainty of  $\sim 2$  hr. The errors are significantly larger on predicting mideclipse because of a degeneracy between e and  $\omega$ and it is exacerbated with larger orbital periods. Removing the degeneracy may be possible by simultaneously fitting a transit and eclipse. The uncertainties reported in Figure 6 are smaller than the ones estimated above because they use a linear propagation of the average orbit solution. It is also important to note that the uncertainty on inclination in the prior does not always yield a transiting planet when conducting a Monte Carlo simulation. Simultaneously fitting a TESS light curve with RV data allowed for a strong constraint on the inclination that helped measure the transit duration to within  $\sim$ 7 minutes compared to the full event, which is almost 12 hr.

Parameter	Explanation	Our Study	Rosenthal et al. 2021	Bonomo et al. 2017
$\overline{M_* (M_{\odot})}$	Stellar Mass	1.05	$1.047 \pm 0.047$	$1.018\pm0.035$
$\mathbf{R}_*(\mathbf{R}_{\odot})$	Stellar Radius	$1.050 \pm 0.01^{\mathrm{a}}$	$1.066 \pm 0.024$	$1.037\pm0.032$
T <sub>*</sub> (K)	Stellar Temperature	5565	$5565 \pm 92$	$5574\pm72$
Fe/H	Stellar Metallicity	0.35	$0.348\pm0.057$	$0.340\pm0.050$
$(R_p/R_*)_{\text{contaminated}}$	Planet-Star Radius Ratio	$0.07268 \pm 0.00085$		
$(R_p/R_*)^2_{\text{contaminated}}$	Radius Ratio Squared	$0.00528 \pm 0.00012$		
$\left(R_p / R_*\right)_{\text{corrected}}^2$	Radius Ratio Squared	$0.01019\pm0.00023^{\rm b}$		$0.00991 \pm 0.00076$
$R_p (R_{\text{Jupiter}})$	Planet Radius	$1.032\pm0.015$		$1.003\pm0.023$
$M_p (M_{\text{Jupiter}})$	Planet Mass	$4.1641 \pm 0.0047$	$4.16 \pm 0.13^{\circ}$	$4.1 \pm 0.1$
$K(m s^{-1})$	RV Semiamplitude	$469.22\pm0.61$	$465.5\pm2.8$	$474.9\pm2.6$
Period (day)	Orbital period	$111.436765 \pm 0.000074$	$111.43639 \pm 0.00032$	$111.4367 \pm 0.0004$
E <sub>mid</sub> [BJD]	Eclipse Midpoint	$2458882.214 \pm 0.0021^{\rm d}$		
$E_{14}$ (day)	Eclipse Duration	$0.07169 \pm 0.00073$		
T <sub>peri</sub> [BJD]	Epoch of periastron	$2458882.344 \pm 0.0021$		
$T_{\rm mid}$ [BJD]	Transit Midpoint	$2458888.07466 \pm 0.00204$	$2455099.39 \pm 0.13$	$2455210.6428 \pm 0.001$
$T_{14}$ (day)	Transit Duration	$0.4990 \pm 0.0048$		
<i>i</i> (deg)	Inclination	$89.24\pm0.01$		$89.23\pm0.3$
$a/R_*$	Scaled Semimajor axis	$94.452 \pm 0.014$	$92.8\pm2.5$	$94.6 \pm 3.1$
a (au)	Semimajor axis	$0.4603 \pm 0.0021$	$0.4602 \pm 0.0071$	$0.4565 \pm 0.0053$
е	Eccentricity	$0.93183 \pm 0.00014$	$0.93043 \pm 0.00068$	$0.93226 \pm 0.00064$
$\omega$ (deg)	Arg. of periastron	$-58.887 \pm 0.043$	$-58.95\pm0.25$	$-58.97\pm0.2$

 Table 7

 System Parameters for HD 80606

**Notes.** The values in parentheses are calculated using the respective column's orbit solution and a Monte Carlo simulation with 10,000 forward model evaluations. <sup>a</sup> Gaussian Prior.

<sup>b</sup> Corrected for stellar contamination using brightness values for HD 80606: V-mag = 9.00 and HD80607: V-mag = 9.07.

<sup>c</sup>  $M_p sin(i)$ .

<sup>d</sup> Uncertainty estimated with fixed  $\omega$ .

For the analysis of the JWST phase curve it is important to know the offset between the eclipse, which will be well determined by the JWST observations, and time of periapsis, which will not be directly measured. The timing of eclipse relative to periapsis depends on three key variables: orbital period *P*, eccentricity *e*, and argument of periapsis  $\omega$  in Equation (7) (Huber et al. 2017; Alonso 2018):

$$T_{\rm ecl} - T_{\rm peri} = \frac{P}{2\pi\sqrt{1 - e^2}} \int_0^{-\frac{\pi}{2} - \omega} \left(\frac{(1 - e^2)}{1 + e\cos(x)}\right)^2 \, dx.$$
(7)

A Monte Carlo simulation for the parameters with their associated uncertainties (Table 7) yields an offset in time between the eclipse and periapsis of  $\Delta T = -3.104 \pm 0.011$  hr, i.e., with the eclipse occurring before periapsis. This is to be compared with  $-3.069 \pm 0.049$  hr derived using the Bonomo et al. (2017) parameters in Table 1, a difference of ~2 minutes. Table 8 takes the times of periapsis, eclipse and conjunction from our solution (Table 7) and propagates these forward in time from 2020 to 2031. The uncertainties include a constant term from the initial Monte Carlo estimates plus the growth in uncertainty occurring *N* periods after the reference time.

Finally, we note that the increased precision of the ephemeris, when combined with new JWST observations, may allow an exploration of non-Keplerian effects such as tidal dissipation (Fabrycky 2010) or General Relativistic effects similar to those seen in the precession of the periapsis in orbit of Mercury in our solar system, but greatly enhanced by the high eccentricity of HD 80606 b. Blanchet et al. (2019) calculate that offsets between transit and eclipse midpoints should grow as the number of orbits increases. While the precision and temporal baseline of the 2009–2010 measurements is inadequate to measure the predicted

effects of 3–4 minutes, the high precision expected from JWST's great sensitivity makes such measurements possible over the next few years. Additionally, our measurements reported in this paper will be archived on ExoFOP enabling future studies to search for long-term perturbations that may affect the ephemeris estimates.

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 Table 8

 Predicted Transit, Eclipse, and Periapsis Times

Period	Periapsis Date	$T_{\text{Peri}}$ (BJD <sub>TBD</sub> )	$E_{\rm mid}~({\rm BJD}_{\rm TBD})$	$T_{\rm mid}~({\rm BJD_{TBD}})$
0	2020-2-2 20:15:10	$2458882.344 \pm 0.0021$	$2458882.214 \pm 0.0021$	$2458888.0746 \pm 0.0020$
1	2020-5-24 06:44:36	$2458993.781 \pm 0.0021$	$2458993.651 \pm 0.0021$	$2458999.5116 \pm 0.0020$
2	2020-9-12 17:14:03	$2459105.218 \pm 0.0021$	$2459105.089 \pm 0.0021$	$2459110.9487 \pm 0.0020$
3	2021-1-2 03:45:18	$2459216.656 \pm 0.0021$	$2459216.527 \pm 0.0021$	$2459222.3855 \pm 0.0021$
4	2021-4-23 14:12:08	$2459328.092 \pm 0.0021$	$2459327.962 \pm 0.0021$	$2459333.8225 \pm 0.0021$
5	2021-8-13 00:42:14	$2459439.529 \pm 0.0022$	$2459439.400 \pm 0.0022$	$2459445.2595 \pm 0.0022$
6	2021-12-2 11:10:00	$2459550.965 \pm 0.0022$	$2459550.836 \pm 0.0022$	$2459556.6963 \pm 0.0021$
7	2022-3-23 21:40:27	$2459662.403 \pm 0.0021$	$2459662.274 \pm 0.0022$	$2459668.1333 \pm 0.0021$
8	2022-7-13 08:09:58	$2459773.840 \pm 0.0022$	$2459773.711 \pm 0.0021$	$2459779.5704 \pm 0.0021$
9	2022-11-1 18:39:52	$2459885.278 \pm 0.0023$	$2459885.148 \pm 0.0022$	$2459891.0073 \pm 0.0022$
10	2023-2-21 05:08:03	$2459996.714 \pm 0.0022$	$2459996.584 \pm 0.0023$	$2460002.4443 \pm 0.0022$
11	2023-6-12 15:37:31	$2460108.151 \pm 0.0023$	$2460108.021 \pm 0.0021$	$2460113.8814 \pm 0.0022$
12	2023-10-2 02:07:17	$2460219.588 \pm 0.0023$	$2460219.459 \pm 0.0022$	$2460225.3183 \pm 0.0022$
13	2024-1-21 12:36:17	$2460331.025 \pm 0.0022$	$2460330.896 \pm 0.0022$	$2460336.7554 \pm 0.0023$
14	2024-5-11 23:06:49	$2460442.463 \pm 0.0024$	$2460442.334 \pm 0.0023$	$2460448.1923 \pm 0.0023$
15	2024-8-31 09:35:05	$2460553.899 \pm 0.0023$	$2460553.770 \pm 0.0023$	$2460559.6291 \pm 0.0023$
16	2024-12-20 20:01:54	$2460665.335 \pm 0.0023$	$2460665.205 \pm 0.0024$	$2460671.0663 \pm 0.0023$
17	2025-4-11 06:33:17	$2460776.773 \pm 0.0024$	$2460776.644 \pm 0.0024$	$2460782.5030 \pm 0.0023$
18	2025-7-31 17:03:20	$2460888.211 \pm 0.0024$	$2460888.081 \pm 0.0025$	$2460893.9400 \pm 0.0025$
19	2025-11-20 03:30:27	$2460999.646 \pm 0.0025$	$2460999.517 \pm 0.0024$	$2461005.3771 \pm 0.0024$
20	2026-3-11 14:00:39	$2461111.084 \pm 0.0024$	$2461110.954 \pm 0.0024$	$2461116.8140 \pm 0.0025$
21	2026-7-1 00:29:17	$2461222.520 \pm 0.0024$	$2461222.391 \pm 0.0025$	$2461228.2509 \pm 0.0025$
22	2026-10-20 10:59:11	$2461333.958 \pm 0.0026$	$2461333.828 \pm 0.0025$	$2461339.6880 \pm 0.0025$
23	2027-2-8 21:26:36	$2461445.393 \pm 0.0025$	$2461445.264 \pm 0.0026$	$2461451.1249 \pm 0.0026$
24	2027-5-31 07:56:26	$2461556.831 \pm 0.0025$	$2461556.701 \pm 0.0026$	$2461562.5616 \pm 0.0027$
25	2027-9-19 18:27:19	$2461668.269 \pm 0.0026$	$2461668.140 \pm 0.0026$	$2461673.9988 \pm 0.0026$
26	2028-1-9 04:54:59	$2461779.705 \pm 0.0027$	$2461779.575 \pm 0.0027$	$2461785.4358 \pm 0.0027$
27	2028-4-29 15:27:05	$2461891.144 \pm 0.0028$	$2461891.014 \pm 0.0027$	$2461896.8728 \pm 0.0028$
28	2028-8-19 01:54:49	$2462002.580 \pm 0.0028$	$2462002.450 \pm 0.0028$	$2462008.3097 \pm 0.0029$
29	2028-12-8 12:23:09	$2462114.016 \pm 0.0029$	$2462113.887 \pm 0.0029$	$2462119.7467 \pm 0.0030$
30	2029-3-29 22:52:37	$2462225.453 \pm 0.0030$	$2462225.324 \pm 0.0029$	$2462231.1838 \pm 0.0031$
31	2029-7-19 09:22:28	$2462336.891 \pm 0.0030$	$2462336.761 \pm 0.0031$	$2462342.6207 \pm 0.0031$
32	2029-11-7 19:51:46	$2462448.328 \pm 0.0032$	$2462448.198 \pm 0.0030$	$2462454.0576 \pm 0.0030$
33	2030-2-27 06:22:46	$2462559.766 \pm 0.0031$	$2462559.636 \pm 0.0032$	$2462565.4946 \pm 0.0031$
34	2030-6-18 16:50:58	$2462671.202 \pm 0.0032$	$2462671.072 \pm 0.0032$	$2462676.9315 \pm 0.0031$
35	2030-10-8 03:19:59	$2462782.639 \pm 0.0033$	$2462782.509 \pm 0.0033$	$2462788.3685 \pm 0.0032$

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# Appendix

The appendix contains figures regarding the best-fit solution for the ground-based transit light curve (see Figure 7) along with posteriors from the analysis (see Figures 8 and 9).



Figure 7. A mosaic of observations for the transit of HD 80606 b on the night of 2021 December 7–8. A global light-curve model is overplotted in red. All of these observations are stitched together into a single time series shown in Figure 3.



**Figure 8.** Posteriors for the global light-curve solution on 2021 December 7–8. All of the observations shown in Figure 3 are fit simultaneously in order to constrain the time of midtransit and transit depth from a global light-curve model. Each observation was acquired at a different airmass and requires individual treatment in order to detrend properly, and those coefficients make up a majority of this distribution. The data points in each correlation plot are color coded to the likelihood, with darker colors representing higher likelihoods. The contour represents roughly the  $1\sigma$  boundary using the uncertainty reported in each plot's title. Each value in the prior starts as a uniform distribution.



Figure 9. Posteriors for the joint fit between the radial velocity measurements, a transit light curve from TESS and historical measurements for midtransit and mideclipse. Measurements from Table 3 are included in an ephemeris estimate during the fitting process and added into the likelihood function. The best-fit radial velocity model can be found in Figure 4, the best-fit transit model is shown in Figure 1 and the final ephemeris is shown in Figure 6. The data points in each correlation plot are color coded to the likelihood, with darker colors representing higher likelihoods. The contours represent the  $N\sigma$  boundary using the uncertainty reported in each column's title.

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