THE FREQUENCY OF HOT JUPITERS ORBITING NEARBY SOLAR-TYPE STARS†

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ABSTRACT

We determine the fraction of F, G, and K dwarfs in the Solar Neighborhood hosting hot jupiters as measured by the California Planet Survey from the Lick and Keck planet searches. We find the rate to be 1.2 ± 0.3%, which is consistent with the rate reported by Mayor et al. (2011) from the HARPS and CORALIE radial velocity surveys. These numbers are more than double the rate reported by Howard et al. (2011) for Kepler stars and the rate of Gould et al. (2006) from the OGLE-III transit search, however due to small number statistics these differences are of only marginal statistical significance. We explore some of the difficulties in estimating this rate from the existing radial velocity data sets and comparing radial velocity rates to rates from other techniques.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Hot jupiters are rare objects, a fact obscured by the relative ease with which they seem to be detected today, and the attention they deserveably gather. The first exoplanet discovered orbiting a sun-like star, 51 Peg b, was such a close-in giant planet (Mayor & Queloz 1995), and many of the most interesting and informative members of the exoplanet menagerie are transiting hot jupiters. As a result of the success of ground-based transit surveys, which are sensitive to almost no other kind of planet, the fraction of hot jupiters among all known planets is approximately 20% (as determined from the Exoplanet Orbit Database, Wright et al. 2011). While the overall occurrence rate of planets can be high (with 25% or more of metal-rich or massive stars having detected planets: Santos et al. 2004, Fischer & Valenti 2005, Johnson et al. 2010a), only ~ 7% of radial-velocity-detected planets are hot jupiters.

The Kepler mission (Borucki et al. 2010) has independently measured the rate of transiting hot jupiters orbiting 58,041 stars, which Howard et al. (2011) find to be 5 ± 1 per thousand stars. They note that this is only 40% of the rate of 1.2 ± 0.1% (or 12 ± 1 per thousand dwarfs) found by Marcy et al. (2005a) from radial-velocity searches.

The overall rate of hot jupiters is an important constraint on theories of their origin, as are any differences in the hot jupiter rate among various stellar populations. It is therefore interesting and potentially significant that the rate reported by radial velocity surveys appears to be in strong conflict with the rate reported by Kepler.

Herein, we perform a new analysis of the hot Jupiter occurrence rate from the Lick and Keck planet searches for comparison with the Kepler, and compare this rate to that found in other radial velocity and transit searches.

2. THE CPS SAMPLE (THE DENOMINATOR)

The California Planet Search (CPS) has been operating since 1988 at Lick Observatory and since 1995 at Keck Observatory. The initial target lists comprised stars carefully selected to be bright, single, chromospherically quiet, and to span a range of spectral types. We have added target lists over the years through many programs, including programs to monitor low-mass stars (the Keck M-dwarf survey and M2K: Johnson et al. 2010c, Apps et al. 2010), intermediate mass stars (“Retired A Stars”: Johnson et al. 2007), high metallicity stars (N2K: Fischer et al. 2005), active stars, SIM reference stars, Kepler targets, systems discovered by transit (e.g., the HATNet targets: Bakos et al. 2007), planetary systems discovered by radial velocities (RVs) by other groups, and many other purposes. Today, this master list of targets has been observed at a variety of cadences, resulting in a range of sensitivities to exoplanets that varies strongly with planetary parameters and from star...
to star.

Fortunately, the detection of hot jupiters with precise radial velocities does not require intense observation. Fischer et al. (2005) showed that hot jupiters could be reliably identified with only 3 or 4 observations spaced over a few days, since their periods are short and amplitudes are high. We can thus crudely but not inaccurately identify those stars for which we could detect hot jupiters, should they exist, simply from the number of observations we have made. This metric is not perfect; stars discovered to be spectroscopic binaries or highly active (and thus having large stochastic RV variations) might be observed only 5 or 6 times before being dropped from our program and yet still harbor an undetected hot Jupiter. Based on our extensive familiarity with our program, we judge the number of such systems in the following discussion to be an insignificant contributor to our error budget.

Since most stars in our sample have been observed many more than 6 times, we are essentially complete to hot jupiters. In principle, we will have some very small contamination from face-on binaries and miss some number of face-on hot jupiters. These effects work in opposite directions and are both very small compared to the Poisson noise in our sample; we neglect them here.

We cannot construct a target list that is perfectly statistically matched to the Kepler targets, not least because those targets have not been perfectly characterized; the Kepler Input Catalog provided crude temperatures and luminosity classes, but is not, and was never intended to be, a precise tool (Brown et al. 2011). Nonetheless, we can make a somewhat clean comparison to the Kepler sample by mimicking certain aspects of that survey.

We have first performed a magnitude cut at $V < 8$ (we use magnitudes from Hipparcos (Perryman & ESA 1997) throughout this work). This cut removes all stars added to our target list as part of follow-up to transit search programs (the brightest transit-discovered planet, WASP-33, has $V = 8.3$ Christian et al. 2006). This magnitude cut is near our completeness limit for predominantly old, cool, and single dwarf and subgiant stars easily accessible from Lick and Keck Observatories. This also generates a Malmquist bias (Malmquist 1920) that favors evolved and metal-rich stars at any given color. We discuss the degree to which this bias also exists in the other samples we consider in 3.

In order to make a fair comparison with other works, we perform a color cut at $B - V < 1.2$ to exclude very cool stars, which are not well represented in the Kepler or CORALIE samples (though the Gould et al. 2006 result does include these lower-mass stars). We note that the giant planet frequency around M dwarfs appears to be lower than that of FGK stars (Johnson et al. 2010a Bonfils et al. 2011), and so it is appropriate to exclude them here.

Finally, we perform an evolution cut, including only dwarf and subgiant stars (those whose height above the Main Sequence $\Delta M_V < 2.5$, using the Main Sequence fit of Wright (2005)).

Of the remaining stars on our target list, 836 have a number of observations at any one telescope $N_{\text{obs}} \geq 5$. Four observations should be sufficient, in principle, to detect a hot jupiter; we explore the sensitivity of our results to $N_{\text{obs}}$ below.

3. THE HOT JUPITERS (THE NUMERATOR)

We use the Exoplanet Orbit Database at exoplanets.org (Wright et al. 2011) to determine the number of planets in our sample. The EOD contains only planets with well determined orbits described in peer-reviewed journals. We define a planet as being a hot jupiter in our sample if it orbits one of the stars in our denominator (2), the EOD lists it, and it has $P < 10$ d and $M \sin i > 0.1 M_{\text{Jup}}$. We list all planets meeting these criteria in Table 1.

Because Kepler measures planetary radius, and not mass, a perfect comparison of the samples is not possible until all of the Kepler planets have masses measured through radial velocity or other studies. We have chosen 0.1 $M_{\text{Jup}}$ as a lower mass limit for “hot jupiter” to most closely match the Cumming et al. (2008) analysis, and because the term “hot jupiter” has traditionally referred to such massive planets, and not to presumed “ice giants” with $M < 0.1 M_{\text{Jup}}$.

This mass limit corresponds to a radius limit of 8 $R_\oplus$ as adopted by Howard et al. (2011) for densities of 1.4 g/cc, typical of gas giants with small rocky cores. Clearly, it is impossible to associate a given mass limit with a precise radius limit, as the densities of such planets range from 0.1 – 1.4 g/cc. But lower densities imply larger radii, and so all such planets will included in the Howard et al. (2011) sample of hot jupiters from Kepler.

To get a sense of how our sample limits affect our statistics, we have divided hot jupiter hosts into two samples. Stars in our primary sample satisfy our stellar cuts and were in our Keck and Lick samples before the discovery of planets orbiting them. They unambiguously represent hot jupiters detected in our sample.

Two special cases are 51 Peg and HD 189733. While 51 Peg was not on our original Lick target list, the star is sufficiently bright that it would certainly have eventually been included in the Lick and Keck planet searches, even if its planet had not been discovered by Mayor & Queloz. Similarly, while HD 189733 was not first announced by our team, we were following the target and had detected the planet when Bouchy et al. (2007) announced it. It would be thus inappropriate to ignore these planets from our statistics, and so we include them in our primary sample.

Stars in our expanded sample are those just beyond our cutoff, extending into 8.0 $V < 8.1$ and 1.2 $B - V < 1.25$. The number of stars in our sample that we would have under this expanded definition is $N_{\text{obs}} \geq \{4, 5, 6\} = \{965, 906, 843\}$. There are 5 extended sample hot jupiters in Table 1.

For completeness, we also include in Table 1 the hot Jupiters orbiting stars that lie outside our sample’s various cuts, or that we excluded because their hosts were added to our target list only after a planet was discovered by another team.

4. THE FREQUENCY OF HOT JUPITERS (THE RATIO)

We choose to use only primary sample stars with 5 or more measurements for our analysis, yielding a hot jupiter frequency of 10/836 or 12.0 ± 3.8 per thousand
Our sample cutoffs in color, evolutionary state, and magnitude were chosen to be round numbers. The inclusion of the 906 stars with $N_{\text{obs}} \geq 5$ from the expanded sample (and their planets) gives a sense of how sensitive our numbers are to these limits. Our expanded sample then includes 4 additional planets, and the implied rate in our expanded sample is thus $15.5 \pm 4.1$ per thousand. We note that HD 109749 and HD 88133 were added to our sample as part of the N2K program, which targeted metal-rich (and thus planet-rich) stars, and HD 102956 was added as part of the “Retired A Stars” program which, in retrospect, similarly targets planet-rich stars, though they may lack many hot jupiters. This expanded sample, which shows an additional 3.5 jupiters per thousand stars, is thus probably not representative of field FGK dwarfs, which explains its slightly higher hot jupiter detection fraction.

Finally, we can vary the minimum number of observations we require of a star in order for our RV survey to be sensitive to a hot jupiter. The number of stars in our sample is $\{980, 836, 785\}$ for $N_{\text{obs}} \geq \{4, 5, 6\}$, implying a hot jupiter rate of $\{11.2, 12.0, 12.7\}$ for these values. From the spread in these values we estimate a “systematic error” of $\sim 0.7$ per thousand stars from this consideration.

We thus estimate that the true rate of hot jupiter detections around FGK dwarfs and subgiants in our sample is $1.20 \pm 0.38\%$, with some small, additional contribution of “systematic” error of order 0.07% from our choices for $N_{\text{obs}}$, and some potentially larger systematic error stemming from our sample cuts. Certainly this rate could be more robustly determined, but we note that the random Poisson errors here are at least as large as these systematic errors, and so the latter probably do not warrant significant further refinement.

5. COMPARISON WITH EARLIER RESULTS AND OTHER SURVEYS

We summarize the hot jupiter rates implied by various surveys and published analyses in Table 2, and describe them in more detail below.

5.1. Transit Surveys

Transit surveys are not, of course, complete to hot jupiters because they require edge-on geometry, but the assumption of isotropy of the ensemble of orbital planes makes the calculation a true hot jupiter rate straightforward (but hardly trivial, see, e.g. [Gaudi et al. 2005]). The most thorough calculations of the transit-survey hot-jupiter rate are those from OGLE-III and Kepler.

Both surveys may probe a significantly different population than the radial velocity surveys. For instance, based on stellar population models of the Milky Way, Gould et al. (2006) calculate that the magnitude limits imposed in transit surveys may produce a sample with a significantly different metallicity distribution than would be seen in an RV survey of nearby stars. They estimate that, compared to the true metallicity distribution in the Galaxy, RV survey samples will be overrepresented by 20% for every 0.1 dex in [Fe/H] from the Malmquist bias if magnitude cuts are made in discrete bins of $B - V$. They predict that the OGLE-III sample should exhibit a similar but smaller overrepresentation of metal-rich stars of 2% per dex in [Fe/H]. If this is correct, then transit surveys like OGLE and Kepler probe a lower-metallicity population, on average, than radial velocity surveys.

5.1.1. OGLE-III

Our analysis is simplified by the fact that there are no systems in our sample with multiple hot jupiters.
Gould et al. (2006) reported the hot Jupiter rate implied by the OGLE-III transit survey to be $3.1^{+1.3}_{-1.8}$ (90% confidence limits) hot Jupiters per thousand stars. In this study a “hot Jupiter” was any detection with $P = 3–5$ d. OGLE surveyed 52,000 stars toward the Galactic Center and 103,000 stars toward Carina, with sensitivity to planets down to $\sim 1 R_{Jup}$, and rapidly decreasing sensitivity below this level. Like in our analysis, Gould et al. (2006) restricted their calculation to main sequence stars, but with a cutoff of $V < 17.5$ mag (while many subgiants and giants were observed in the survey, the larger radii of these stars make planet detection around them impossible and so they were not considered). If we calculate our hot Jupiter rate using a similar cutoff of $P < 5$ d, we find a rate of 9.6 per thousand, still over 3 times the OGLE rate.

5.1.2. Kepler

Howard et al. (2011) reported that the occurrence rate from Kepler based on an analysis of 58,041 GK dwarfs in the larger 156,000 Kepler sample. They found the frequency of giant ($R_p = 8–32 R_{\oplus}$) planets with periods $P < 10$ d to be $4 \pm 1$ per thousand stars of magnitude $K_p < 15$, and $5 \pm 1$ per thousand stars with $K_p < 16$.

The Kepler field is centered at $b = +13.3^\circ$, so the distant stars it probes (sitting several hundreds of parsecs from Earth) will have significant heights above the galactic plane, potentially distinguishing that population from that in the radial velocity surveys by age and, possibly, metallicity.

5.2. Radial Velocity Surveys

The radial velocity surveys described here can be roughly divided into two broad collaborations, each encompassing multiple programs and teams: efforts by members of the Keck, Lick, and Anglo-Australian Planet Searches and the European / Geneva efforts with the ELODIE, CORALIE, SOPHIE, and HARPS spectrographs. The target lists of these surveys have some overlap (since they target the brightest stars) but their methodologies and analysis procedures are independent. We describe the most important three prior measurements of the hot Jupiter rate around nearby dwarfs here.

5.2.1. Marcy et al. (2005)

The overall rate of hot Jupiters among FGK dwarfs surveyed by radial velocity was estimated by Marcy et al. (2005a) to be $1.2 \pm 0.1 \% (12 \pm 1 \text{ per thousand})$. This study analyzed 1330 stars from the Lick, Keck, and Anglo-Australian Planet Searches, and counted the number of detections of planets of any minimum mass with semimajor axis $a < 0.1$ AU. The Marcy et al. study is thus similar to our analysis here in that it employs a similar sample of stars and radial velocities, but has some methodological differences. Marcy et al. used a well defined initial sample, but the planets included had no specified cutoff at $M \sin i > 0.1 M_{Jup}$, and so included a small number of planets with significantly lower masses than those considered here (and presumably significantly smaller than the 8 $R_{\oplus}$ cutoff used by Howard et al. 2011). Marcy et al. also included the AAT planet search, where we do not. Despite those differences, we find an identical result in our analysis, but with more conservative uncertainties.

5.2.2. Cumming et al. (2008)

Cumming et al. (2008) performed a careful analysis of the detectability of target stars in the Keck planets search to determine the distribution of planets in the minimum mass-period plane, and found that $15 \pm 6$ stars in a thousand harbor a planet with $M \sin i > 0.3 M_{Jup}$ and $P < 11.5$ d, and $20 \pm 7$ stars in a thousand for planets with $M \sin i > 0.1 M_{Jup}$.

Cumming et al., however, made no attempt to distinguish amongst stars added blindly and stars added because they were more likely to have planets (metal rich stars), or specifically because they had some property not representative of the Kepler field (i.e. subgiants), or even because they were already known to have planets. In other words, Cumming et al. determined the hot Jupiter frequency in the Keck sample, but that sample is clearly enriched with respect to the field, which explains their higher hot Jupiter rate. We have avoided these effects with our various sample cuts (see §§ 2.3).

5.2.3. Mayor et al. (2011)

Most recently, Mayor et al. (2011) used the HARPS and CORALIE RV planet survey to estimate the hot Jupiter occurrence rate as a function of minimum mass and period in their sample of dwarf stars. Their occurrence rate for planets with $M \sin i > 50 M_{\oplus}$ and $P < 11$ d is $8.9 \pm 3.6$ per thousand stars, which is consistent with both Kepler and the Marcy et al. results. The different minimum $M \sin i$ and maximum period used between the studies of Marcy et al. and Mayor et al. are not significant here because there is only one planet in the Exoplanet Orbit Database with $30 M_{\oplus} < M \sin i < 50 M_{\oplus}$ and $P < 10$ d (HD 49674b) and only one with both $10 < P < 11$ d and $V < 8$, and neither host star is in our primary sample. Our statistics would thus be identical if we had adopted the cutoffs of Mayor et al. instead of emulating those of Howard et al.

6. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The analysis presented here fairly represents, within the Poisson noise, the true hot Jupiter frequency among old FGK dwarfs in the Solar Neighborhood. We note that our result is not enhanced by high metallicity stars from the N2K sample, since most of those stars are fainter than those in our primary sample, and especially since only one of our primary sample planets was discovered by that survey (HD 149143).

We decline here to attempt a more rigorous comparison the Keck and Lick stellar sample with its heterogeneous selection effects and sensitivities, to the Kepler sample. Kepler, as noted above, doubtless probes a different stellar population than ours, since those stars were selected from different criteria, lie at a different Galactocentric radius and Galactic height, and so have a different distribution of ages, evolutionary states, binary fractions, and dynamical histories. We also note that our binary star rejection predominantly rejects binaries with separations $< 2^\circ$ due to concerns of spectral contamination at the slit. Transit surveys will typically have no such rejection criteria, though they may have a more difficult validation or confirmation procedure for binary stars.

Nonetheless, it is interesting to note that there is some indication that the RV surveys, which probe the Solar...
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Neighborhood, are consistently finding a hot jupiter rate at least twice that seen with the transit surveys. Given the differences in the stellar populations of these surveys, this is perhaps not surprising.

The most salient difference between the samples may be metallicity. If the difference in metallicity bias between the RV and transit samples is as severe as the Gould et al. (2006) estimate, then the difference in the hot jupiter rate may simply reflect the difference in giant planet occurrence rate among high and low metallicity stars. We point out that the Gould et al. (2006) estimate is based on stellar population models of the Milky Way, and not on a comparison of metallicity measurements between transit and RV samples. The stars in the RV samples are generally well known and well characterized, because the stars are known to be single, generally have good parallaxes, and have metallicities measured from spectra and color–absolute magnitude information. A thorough spectroscopic metallicity analysis of a statistically appropriate sample of Kepler targets should provide a similar sense of the Kepler metallicity distribution, which would help confirm or rule out metallicity as a source of the hot jupiter rate discrepancy.

We close noting that the apparent RV vs. transit hot jupiter rate discrepancy, while apparently large, is of only marginal statistical significance: the hot jupiter frequency per thousand stars of the Keck and Lick sample (12.0 ± 3.8) and from the Mayor et al. sample (8.9 ± 3.6) is only 1–2σ discrepant from the Gould et al. frequency from OGLE-III transits (3.1 +3.4 −1.8). 90% confidence limits) and with the frequency of 5 ± 1 in the Kepler sample found by Howard et al.

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