SOPHIE velocimetry of Kepler transit candidates

VII. A false-positive rate of 35% for Kepler close-in giant exoplanet candidates

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ABSTRACT

The false-positive probability (FPP) of Kepler transiting candidates is a key value for statistical studies of candidate properties. A previous investigation of the stellar population in the Kepler field has provided an estimate for the FPP of less than 5% for most of the candidates. We report here the results of our radial velocity observations on a sample of 46 Kepler candidates with a transit depth greater than 0.4%, orbital period less than 25 days and host star brighter than Kepler magnitude 14.7. We used the SOPHIE spectrograph mounted on the 1.93-m telescope at the Observatoire de Haute-Provence to establish the nature of the transiting candidates. In this sample, we found five undiluted eclipsing binaries, two brown dwarfs, six diluted eclipsing binaries, and nine new transiting planets that complement the 11 already published planets. The remaining 13 candidates were not followed-up or remain unsolved due to photon noise limitation or lack of observations. From these results we computed the FPP for Kepler close-in giant candidates to be 34.8% ± 6.5%. We aimed to investigate the variation of the FPP for giant candidates with the longer orbital periods and found that it should be constant for orbital periods between 10 and 200 days. This significant disagrees with the previous estimates. We discuss the reasons for this discrepancy and the possible extension of this work toward smaller planet candidates. Finally, taking the false-positive rate into account, we refined the occurrence rate of hot jupiters from the Kepler data.

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1. Introduction

Since 2009, the Kepler space mission (Borucki et al. 2010) is monitoring more than 150,000 stars with high-precision photometry to search for transiting earth-like planets in the habitable zone. The unprecedented photometric precision reached by Kepler has permitted the discovery of the first validated transiting planet in the habitable zone (Borucki et al. 2012) out of the solar system as well as extrasolar planets with radii of about the size of the Earth (Fressin et al. 2012; Muirhead et al. 2012). The large number of planet candidates discovered so far (2321, Batalha et al. 2012, hereafter Ba12) was used to estimate the occurrence of planets around solar-type stars (e.g. Howard et al. 2011, from the list of 1235 KOIs), in relative agreement with Doppler surveys (Howard et al. 2010; Mayor et al. 2011). However, this statistical analysis assumes that most planet candidates are real planets or at least that the impostor rate is negligible. The experience gained from ground-based surveys or the pioneer space mission CoRoT (Baglin et al. 2006) show that these false positives are mainly caused by undiluted eclipsing binaries with a low-mass stellar companion (Moutou et al. 2008; Almenara et al. 2009) or diluted eclipsing binaries (so-called “blends”), whose eclipse depth is diluted with the target flux and can therefore mimic a planetary transit (e.g. Tal-Or et al. 2011). Statistical analysis of stellar populations in the Milky Way can provide estimates of the false-positive rate (Brown 2003). A statistical study of the false-positive probability (hereafter FPP) of the Kepler candidates has been performed by Morton & Johnson (2011) (hereafter M&J11). They found an overall FPP of less than 10% for 90% of the Kepler candidates with a median value close to 5%.

To establish the planetary nature of a transiting candidate, one must measure its mass through radial velocity (RV) follow-up (Bouchy et al. 2009b) or by using the transit-time variation technique (Holman et al. 2010). Another solution is to “validate” the candidate by excluding all false-positive scenarios with a significant confidence level (the so-called “BLENDER” technique, e.g. Torres et al. 2011; Fressin et al. 2011). Establishing or validating the nature of planetary candidates for a substantial sample of Kepler candidates can improve the true fraction of Kepler false positives and can thus improve the interpretation of Kepler planet population.

In this paper, we first present our selection of Kepler giant planet candidates (section 2) and their nature (section 3). We establish the candidate’s nature using the SOPHIE spectrograph at the Observatoire de Haute-Provence. Our results allow us to in-
dependently measure the Kepler FPP of these giant candidates (section 5) and to compare it with other estimates (6.1, 6.2). We finally estimate the trend of the false-positive rate for longer-period giant planets (section 6.3) and the impact of this new FPP value on the exoplanet statistics (section 6.4), especially the occurrence rate (section 6.5).

2. Selection of Kepler candidates

Initially, a first list of 306 Kepler planetary candidates was published in June 2010 by Borucki et al. (2011a). This list contained only candidate transiting stars with Kepler magnitude $K_p > 14$. Out of this list, our team selected four candidates for follow-up with the SOPHIE spectrograph during the summer 2010 (Bouchy et al. 2011). These observations led to the discovery of the two first planets established from the public data: KOI-428b (Santerne et al. 2011b) and KOI-423b (Bouchy et al. 2011). In February 2011, the public list of candidates was extended to 1235 candidates (Borucki et al. 2011b), and to 2321 candidates in February 2012 (Bal12), including the brighter targets.

From the Borucki et al. (2011b) list and then from the Bal12 list of Kepler Objects of Interest (KOI), we defined a sample of candidates for follow-up with the SOPHIE spectrograph: we first removed all targets with $K_p > 14.7$, which corresponds to the magnitude limit of the SOPHIE spectrograph (Santerne et al. 2011a). About 49% of Kepler candidates are orbiting around such faint stars. We then rejected all candidates whose transit depth is shallower than 0.4% in flux. We preferred selecting targets based on their transit depth rather than their expected radius because candidate radii are derived using the estimate of the stellar radius which can have up to 30% uncertainty (Borucki et al. 2011b). We decided first of all to focus on short-orbital-period giant planet candidates and kept only candidates with orbital period shorter than 25 days. Indeed, all known transiting planets with a transit deeper than 0.4% and an orbital period of less than 25 days have a radial velocity semi-amplitude greater than 10 m s$^{-1}$. This limit is close to the photon noise reached by SOPHIE in 1-h exposure time on a $\sim 13^\text{th}$ magnitude star. Out of the 2321 KOIs, only $\sim 3.8\%$ present both a star brighter than $K_p = 14.7$ and a transit depth greater than 0.4%. If we had kept only the shortest orbital period ($P < 25$ days), $\sim 2.3\%$ candidates would have remained. Finally, we removed the eight candidates with a vetting flag$^1$ of 4 in Borucki et al. (2011b) that match all the previous criteria. Indeed, of these eight lowest priority candidates, most are either clearly eclipsing binaries with transit depths of up to 8% or show a high level of variability in their light curve that is caused by a fast rotating or pulsating host star.

Only 46 candidates fulfill all criteria, which corresponds to about 2% of the total list of the 2321 candidates as of February 2012 and to about 22% of all giant planet candidates (with depth $> 0.4\%$) found by Kepler up to now. About 60% of the Kepler giant planet candidates are orbiting stars fainter than $K_p = 14.7$. The 46 selected candidates, with their parameters, are listed in Table 1. We note that only two candidates in this sample are in a multiple system: KOI-94.01 and KOI-377.01 (Kepler-9b). We also note that only two candidates were added with the updated list of KOIs from Bal12: KOI-554.01 and KOI-1786.01.

$^1$ According to Borucki et al. (2011b), a vetting flag of 4 means: “Insufficient follow-up to perform full suite of vetting tests”.

3. SOPHIE observations

3.1. Observations and data reduction

We started a new large program in early 2011 to perform spectroscopic follow-up observations on the 46 selected Kepler targets with the SOPHIE spectrograph (Perruchot et al. 2008; Bouchy et al. 2009c) mounted on the 1.93-m telescope at the Observatoire de Haute-Provence, France. Observations were conducted from 2011, February 24 to 2012, May 2 using the high-efficiency mode ($R \sim 39 000$ at 550 nm) of SOPHIE$^2$. Spectra were reduced with the online standard pipeline and radial velocities were obtained by computing the weighted cross-correlation function (CCF) of the spectra with a numerical spectral mask of a G2V star (Baranne et al. 1996; Pepe et al. 2002). For some candidates, we also correlated the CCF using a F0V and K5V mask to test the mask effect (Bouchy et al. 2009b).

Several spectra were significantly affected by the scattered moon light and corrected using the same technique as in Santerne et al. (2011b) and Bonomo et al. (2010). We tried to keep the signal-to-noise ratio ($S/N$) as constant as possible to limit the charge transfer inefficiency effect of the CCD camera (Bouchy et al. 2009b). We corrected the radial velocities of a given target that were computed from different $S/N$ spectra with equation 1. This empirical function was calibrated with dedicated observations with SOPHIE at different $S/N$ spectra of the daily blue sky:

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\DeltaRV(S/N_{550nm}) = - 6.265 \times (S/N_{550nm})^{-1.71} [\text{km s}^{-1}],
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where $S/N_{550nm}$ is the signal-to-noise ratio per pixel measured on the extracted spectrum in the range 10 – 50. We also computed the $\nu \sin i_*$ using Appendix B.1. in Boisse et al. (2010). The radial velocities are listed in Tables 2 to 16.

3.2. Spectroscopic analysis

For the candidates that do present a significant radial velocity variation, we performed a detailed spectroscopic analysis to determine their stellar parameters to derive the candidate parameters. For the low-rotating ones (namely KOI-192, KOI-197 and KOI-201) this analysis was based on iron line excitation and ionization equilibrium. This analysis made use of a grid of Kurucz (1997) model atmospheres and of the 2002 version of the radiative transfer code MOOG (Sneden 1973). For details we refer the reader to Santos et al. (2004) and Sousa et al. (2008).

The spectroscopic analysis is based on the measurement of line equivalent widths (EWs) for a list of selected Fe i and Fe ii lines. For this we employed the stacked SOPHIE spectra used for the derivation of radial velocities. For KOI-197, the spectrum had a total $S/N$ sufficiently high (around 50 at 6700Å) for us to use the automatic code ARES (Sousa et al. 2007) to measure the EWs for the almost 300 lines used in the analysis. For KOI-192 and KOI-201, given the low $S/N$ (around 20) of the available spectra, we decided to adopt a more careful analysis. We adopted the shorter (but well-tested) line-list presented in Santos et al. (2004) and the EWs were carefully measured one by one using the splot tool of IRAF.

We finally determined the stellar mass, radius and age by comparing the log $g$, $T_{\text{eff}}$, and [Fe/H] from the stellar analysis

$^2$ prog. IDs: 11A.PNP.MOUT, 11B.PNP.MOUT, 12A.PNP.MOUT
to the STAREVOL evolution tracks (Turck-Chièze et al. 2010), in the \((T_{\text{eff}}, \log g)\) H-R diagram.

For the fast-rotating no-variation candidates (namely KOI-12, KOI-131 and KOI-611), the resulting co-added spectrum S/N was too low to allow spectral analysis. We therefore considered the stellar parameters from Ba12 in our analysis.

4. Establishing the nature of KOIs

In this section, we discuss the results obtained on individual candidates. Stellar masses and radii come from the Kepler Input Catalog (Brown et al. 2011), except for three mentioned above.

4.1. Secure planets

Our selection of 46 KOIs includes three pre-launch planets: KOI-1.01, KOI-2.01 and KOI-3.01, also named TrES-2 (O’Donovan et al. 2006), HAT-P-7b (Pál et al. 2008) and HAT-P-11b (Bakos et al. 2010), respectively. It also includes the four planets announced by the Kepler team in early 2010: KOI-18.01 / Kepler-5b (Koch et al. 2010), KOI-17.01 / Kepler-6b (Dunham et al. 2010), KOI-97.01 / Kepler-7b (Latham et al. 2010) and KOI-10.01 / Kepler-8b (Jenkins et al. 2010). One planet of the KOI-377 / Kepler-9 system (Holman et al. 2010) is also present in our sample. In 2011, the Kepler team established the planetary nature of KOI-20.01 / Kepler-12b (Fortney et al. 2011), KOI-128.01 / Kepler-15b (Endl et al. 2011) and KOI-203.01 / Kepler-17b (Désert et al. 2011) that were also in our KOI selection. At the time of the publication of the latter one, eight SOPHIE spectra had been acquired that permit us to independently confirm and improve the planet and stellar parameters (Bonomo et al. 2012).

Another planet from this list has also been characterized and announced: KOI-13.01, for which an upper-limit on the mass in the planet regime was performed using the photometric beaming effect (Shporer et al. 2011; Mazeh et al. 2011) and ellipsoidal effect (Mislis & Hodgkin 2012).

Finally, based on our observations obtained with the SOPHIE spectrograph, we found nine new planets in this sample: KOI-135b (Bonomo et al. 2012), KOI-196b (Santerne et al. 2011c), KOI-200b (Hébrard et al., in prep.), KOI-202b (Hébrard et al., in prep.), KOI-203b / Kepler-17b (Bonomo et al. 2012), KOI-204b (Bonomo et al. 2012), KOI-206b (Hébrard et al., in prep.), KOI-423b (Bouchy et al. 2011) and KOI-680b (Hébrard et al., in prep.). We also found KOI-428b (Santerne et al. 2011b). Since its transit depth is about 0.3% due to the large radius of the host star, this hot Jupiter is not included in our sample.

For this study, we considered the upper mass limit of planet proposed by Schneider et al. (2011) of up to \(25\,M_{\text{Jup}}\). Out of the 46 candidates we selected, 20 turned out to be planets.

4.2. Brown dwarfs

We found two interesting objects that have a mass in between \(25\,M_{\text{Jup}}\) and \(80\,M_{\text{Jup}}\). We classified these candidates as new transiting brown dwarfs but did not consider them as planets for the computation of the false-positive rate. These objects are KOI-205.01 and KOI-554.01, which have a mass of about \(35\,M_{\text{Jup}}\) and \(80\,M_{\text{Jup}}\), respectively (Díaz et al., in prep.).

4.3. Undiluted binaries

By following-up the Kepler candidates, we found several targets that present strong radial velocity variations that are not compatible with a planetary scenario. These candidates are consequently undiluted eclipsing binaries:

KOI-340.01

KOI-340.01 is a candidate on an \(~23.7\)-day-period orbit with a depth of 2.12%. We observed this target twice with SOPHIE (see Table 8 and Fig. 1). We found a strong radial velocity variation with a semi-amplitude of \(K = 34.577 \pm 0.074\,\text{km\,s}^{-1}\) assuming a circular orbit. If the stellar mass is \(1.15\,M_\odot\) (Ba12), the transiting companion would have a mass of \(0.70 \pm 0.04\,M_\odot\), and thus be an eclipsing binary. No secondary peak is visible in the CCF nor a clear secondary eclipse in the Kepler LC. We suspect that the host star is an evolved star which would also explain the quite long-transit duration (14.4h) and the shallow eclipse for this eclipsing binary. We note that this planetary candidate is also classified as an eclipsing binary in the Kepler eclipsing binary catalog\(^3\). This candidate has been estimated by MkJ11 to be a diluted binary (see discussion section 6.1) with a probability of 100% due to the very low likelihood of the planet scenario.

KOI-419.01

We observed KOI-419 seven times with SOPHIE. KOI-419.01 orbits its host-star in an \(~20.1\)-day period. The radial velocities listed in Table 10 and displayed in Fig. 1 show a clear radial velocity variation in anti-phase with Kepler ephemeris. We analyzed both the Kepler PDC LC (Q1 to Q6) filtered using an iterative smoothing filter keeping the period of the signal, the SOPHIE RVs, and the available SDSS, 2MASS (Skrutskie et al. 2006) and WISE magnitudes. We modeled a binary scenario using stellar atmosphere models of Castelli & Kurucz (2004), light-curve models from JKTEBOP (Southworth 2008) and evolution tracks from Marigo et al. (2008) and Girardi et al. (2010). The model parameters were fitted through a MCMC simulation (Díaz et al., in prep). We fixed the orbital period to the one published by Ba12 and fitted the eccentricity, the inclination, the argument of periastron, and the systemic radial velocity. We assumed a binary system with two stars with a similar metallicity, fixed to the solar value, and the same log(age) that we allowed to vary, and fitted the respective initial masses, system distance and reddening coefficient. We found that the data are compatible with an eccentric binary (\(e \sim 0.33\)) for which only the secondary eclipse occurs (see fig 7). All parameters derived from this combined analysis are provided in Table 17. We found the primary and secondary mass to be \(1.20 \pm 0.12\,M_\odot\) and \(0.70 \pm 0.07\,M_\odot\), respectively. The system is thus an eclipsing binary.

KOI-607.01

KOI-607.01 is an \(~5.9\)-day-period candidate. We took two SOPHIE measurements (see Table 12 and Fig. 1) that present radial velocity variations in phase with Kepler ephemeris. Assuming a circular orbit, we found \(K = 13.45 \pm 0.06\,\text{km\,s}^{-1}\). If the mass of the host star is 0.79 \(M_\odot\) (Ba12), the mass of the companion is 0.106 \(\pm 0.006\,M_\odot\). This interesting low-mass star does not show a significant secondary eclipse at phase 0.5.

\(^3\) http://archive.stsci.edu/kepler/eclipsing.binaries.html
KOI-698.01

We observed the candidate host KOI-698 three times with SOPHIE. The transits occur every ~12.7 days. The measured radial velocities (see Table 15 and Fig. 1) show a strong variation in anti-phase with the Kepler ephemeris. As for KOI-419, we analyzed the Kepler PDC LC (Q2 to Q6) using the same filtering method, the SOPHIE RVs and magnitudes from SDSS, 2MASS (Skrutskie et al. 2006) and WISE. We performed the same simulation using the same fixed and free parameters. As for KOI-419, we found that the system is also compatible with an eccentric binary (e ~ 0.34) for which the primary transit is unseen (see fig. 8). All parameters derived from this combined analysis are provided in Table 18 and lead to a primary and secondary mass of 1.34 ± 0.13 M⊙ and 1.14 ± 0.1 M⊙, respectively.

KOI-1786.01

We observed the star KOI-1786 four times with SOPHIE. It hosts a transiting candidate with a period of 24.7 days. We measured a strong and eccentric (e ~ 0.32) radial velocity variation in phase with Kepler ephemeris (see Table 16 and Fig. 1) that is caused by an eclipsing binary. Assuming a host star of 0.49 M⊙ (Bal12), we found a mass for the transiting companion of 0.232 ± 0.014 M⊙. As for KOI-340.01, this planetary candidate is also listed in the Kepler eclipsing binary catalog.

KOI-190.01

KOI-190.01 is an ~12.3-day-period candidate. We took two SOPHIE spectra at orbital phase 0.23 and 0.78 (see Table 4). The spectra revealed a double-line binary (see fig. 2). The main component of this double-line presents a significant radial velocity variation in phase with the Kepler ephemeris and with a semi-amplitude of K = 14.186 ± 0.059 km s⁻¹ assuming a circular orbit. If this primary star has a mass of 1M⊙, its companion would have a mass of about 0.17M⊙. The second and fainter component also exhibits a radial velocity variation not in phase with the Kepler ephemeris that is compatible with a drift of ~ 42 m s⁻¹ d⁻¹. Because the fainter component is not varying in anti-phase with the primary star with a larger amplitude, this system is probably a triple system with a low-mass star eclipsing the main component of a long-period binary. This candidate is therefore a diluted eclipsing binary, likely in a hierarchical triple system.

KOI-418.01

We observed KOI-418.01 twice with SOPHIE, a candidate on a 22.4-day-period orbit. The observed CCFs revealed the presence of a blending companion (see Table 9), which is clearly correlated with the radial velocities (Bouchy et al. 2009b). We conclude that this candidate is a diluted eclipsing binary.

KOI-425.01

KOI-425.01 is an ~5.4-day-period candidate that was observed twice with SOPHIE. As for KOI-190.01, the CCFs show two peaks (see fig. 2), the main one of which is varying in phase with the Kepler ephemeris. Assuming a circular orbit, we found a semi-amplitude of K = 14.53 ± 0.79 km s⁻¹. Assuming a 1M⊙ stellar mass, the transiting companion would have a mass of ~0.13M⊙. The second and fainter peak presents no significant radial velocity variation. We therefore conclude that KOI-425 is a diluted eclipsing binary, likely in a triple system.

KOI-609.01

KOI-609.01 is a candidate that transits its host-star every ~4.4 days. We observed it twice with SOPHIE. The observations re-
revealed a double-line spectroscopic binary (see fig. 2). We analyzed the radial velocity variation of both peaks in the CCF (see Table 13) and found that the primary peak presents no significant radial velocity variation. On the other hand, the secondary and fainter peak is varying in phase with the Kepler ephemeris with a semi-amplitude of $K = 25.5 \pm 2.5 \, \text{km s}^{-1}$ if the orbit is circular. Assuming a host-star mass of $1 M_\odot$, the companion of this secondary star would have a mass of $\sim 0.25 M_\odot$. Because the secondary peak is varying in phase with the Kepler ephemeris, we conclude that KOI-609 could be either a triple system or an unresolved background eclipsing binary. We note that this candidate was also classified as a false positive by Demory & Seager (2011).

KOI-667.01

KOI-667.01 is a candidate on an $\sim 4.3$-day orbit. As for KOI-51, the digitized sky survey shows a diffuse object at the coordinates of this candidate with at least three blended stars. We also performed rough aperture photometry of the few stars seen in the POSSII F-DSS2 image. We found that the undiluted transit depth should be between 6% and 12%, depending on which star hosts the transit. We therefore concluded that this candidate is not a planet, but a diluted eclipsing binary.

4.5. Unresolved cases

Some of the candidates present no significant radial velocity variations and are discussed below. Some of these candidates are members of the Kepler eclipsing binary catalog (Prša et al. 2011) with twice the orbital period, which hints at a diluted equal-mass eclipsing binary. This is not firm evidence of false positives because the planets KOI-135b (Bonomo et al. 2012) and KOI-206b (Hébrard et al., in prep.) are also in this list. We therefore consider them to be unresolved, pending new follow-up observations.

KOI-12.01

KOI-12.01 is an $\sim 17.9$-day-period candidate orbiting a hot and fast rotating star with $T_{\text{eff}} \sim 6400 K$. We took two SOPHIE measurements at phases 0.31 and 0.74 (see Table 2) and did not detect any significant radial velocity variation at the level of $\sim 640 \, \text{m s}^{-1}$ assuming a circular orbit (see Fig. 3). With a period of about 18 days, the orbit may be eccentric. If this is the case, we may have missed the extremal phases. By fitting a rotational profile to the observed CCF, we found $v \sin i_\star = 66 \pm 2 \, \text{km s}^{-1}$. Assuming a host star of $1.17 M_\odot$ (Ba12), we thus can put a 3-$\sigma$ upper limit on the mass of the companion of $26.7 M_{Jup}$. With only two points with such a large uncertainty, we cannot constrain any blend scenario by analyzing the correlation between bisector and RVs. No mask effect is seen above 1-$\sigma$. With a radius of about $1.12 R_{\text{Jup}}$, the transiting companion is still compatible with a planetary or low-mass brown dwarf scenario or with a blend scenario. We note that Demory & Seager (2011) have detected an occultation depth for which they cannot conclude on a planetary or stellar origin. We conservatively consider this candidate to be unresolved.

KOI-131.01

We observed KOI-131.01 twice, an $\sim 5.0$-day orbital-period candidate. The CCF revealed a fast rotating star with $v \sin i_\star = 27 \pm 1 \, \text{km s}^{-1}$. We found no significant radial velocity variation at the level of $\sim 800 \, \text{m s}^{-1}$ (see Fig. 3). We can therefore assume an upper limit on the mass of the expected companion that is lower than $14.3 M_{Jup}$ assuming a circular orbit and a stellar mass of $1.28 M_\odot$ (Ba12). Our two measurements are not sufficiently accurate to allow a blend analysis using the bisector. No mask effect is seen above 1-$\sigma$. The planetary and blend scenarios are still compatible with our data. We note that this candidate is also classified as an eclipsing binary (Prša et al. 2011) with twice the orbital period.

KOI-192.01

KOI-192.01 is an $\sim 10.3$-day-period candidate. We took two SOPHIE measurements at orbital phases 0.22 and 0.78 (see Table 5). The resulting radial velocities do not present any significant variation at a level of $23 \, \text{m s}^{-1}$ (see Fig. 3) assuming a circular orbit. If the orbit is slightly eccentric, we may not have observed KOI-192 at the extremal phases. From the CCF, we computed a $v \sin i_\star = 11 \pm 1 \, \text{km s}^{-1}$. By analysis of the spectra, we found a host star with $T_{\text{eff}} = 5976 \pm 165 \, \text{K}$, log $g = 4.46 \pm 0.15$ and $[\text{Fe/H}] = -0.05 \pm 0.14$ dex in close agreement with the parameters published by Ba12. This corresponds to a star with $M_\star = 1.01^{+0.13}_{-0.11} M_\odot$ and $R_\star = 1.03^{+0.12}_{-0.10} R_\odot$ with an age of $3.5^{+3.3}_{-4.6} \, \text{Gyr}$.

![Fig. 2. CCFs of the diluted eclipsing binaries as a function of radial velocities. Blue and green dot-lines display the observed CCFs and the dashed red lines are the multi-Gaussian fit to the CCFs. The two lower panels are the SDSS finding charts (FC) of KOI-51.01 and KOI-667.01, which present several stars located within 20"x10".](image-url)
We therefore put a 3-σ upper limit on the mass of the companion of 0.59M\(_{\text{Jup}}\). We cannot constrain any blend scenario within 1-σ with our two bisector measurements. No significant mask effect is seen up to the 1-σ level. With a mass of less than 0.59M\(_{\text{Jup}}\) and a radius of 0.9 ± 0.1R\(_{\text{Jup}}\), the transiting companion is still compatible with a Saturn-like planet or with a blend. High-constrast and high-resolution imaging (e.g. Adams et al. 2012) would help to discard any potential background eclipsing binary within the exclusion radius of the centroid test (Batalha et al. 2010).

KOI-197.01

KOI-197.01 is a candidate in an ~17.3-day-period orbit. We obtained twelve SOPHIE measurements (see Table 6). The resulting radial velocities do not present any significant variation at a level of 12 m s\(^{-1}\) (see Fig. 3). We computed a \(\nu\sin i\)\(_{\ast}\) of 11 ± 1 km s\(^{-1}\). Our spectral analysis revealed a host star with \(T_{\text{eff}}\) = 4995 ± 126 K, log g\(_{\ast}\) = 4.62 ± 0.24 and [Fe/H] = −0.11 ± 0.06 dex. This corresponds to an old star with \(M_{\ast}\) = 0.77 ± 0.09 \(M_\odot\) and \(R_{\ast}\) = 0.74 ± 0.08 \(R_\odot\).

We therefore put a 3-σ upper limit on the mass of the companion of 0.27M\(_{\text{Jup}}\). No significant variation is seen in the data, nor mask effect within 1-σ. With a mass of less than 0.27M\(_{\text{Jup}}\) and a radius of 0.65 ± 0.07 R\(_{\text{Jup}}\), the transiting companion is still compatible with a Saturn-like planet or a blend. High-constrast and high-resolution imaging (e.g. Adams et al. 2012) would also help to discard any potential background eclipsing binary within the exclusion radius of the centroid test (Batalha et al. 2010). We note that this candidate was classified as a false positive by Demory & Seager (2011) based on the detection of an occultation depth significantly (4-σ or more) deeper than expected. Because we rejected the scenario of an undiluted binary for this candidate but were not able to confirm the blend scenario, we conservatively consider this candidate to be unsolved.

KOI-201.01

KOI-201.01 is a candidate that transits its host star every ~4.2 days. We observed this candidate twice with SOPHIE (see Table 7). The resulting radial velocities do not present any significant variation at a level of 33 m s\(^{-1}\). We found a \(\nu\sin i\)\(_{\ast}\) of 9 ± 1 km s\(^{-1}\). We found a host star with \(T_{\text{eff}}\) = 5526 ± 231 K, log g\(_{\ast}\) = 4.56 ± 0.33 and [Fe/H] = 0.28 ± 0.15 dex. This corresponds to a star with \(M_{\ast}\) = 1.09\(^{+0.04}_{-0.10}\) \(M_\odot\) and \(R_{\ast}\) = 1.05 ± 0.12 \(R_\odot\).

We therefore put a 3-σ upper limit on the mass of the companion of 0.6M\(_{\text{Jup}}\) (see Fig. 3). From our two bisector measurements, we cannot constrain any blend. We found no mask effect above 1-σ level. With a radius of 0.8 R\(_{\text{Jup}}\) and a mass of less than 0.6M\(_{\text{Jup}}\), neither the transiting planet scenario nor the blend scenario is discarded by our data. We note that this candidate is also in the Kepler eclipsing binary catalog (Prsa et al. 2011) with twice the orbital period.

KOI-410.01

As presented in Bouchy et al. (2011), we observed the candidate KOI-410.01 in 2010 twice with SOPHIE and found no significant variation that excludes at 3-σ a planetary mass greater than 3.4M\(_{\text{Jup}}\). Batalha et al. (2012) improved the parameters of this candidate compared to Borucki et al. (2011b) and found a radius ratio of 0.36151 ± 0.136849 by fitting a grazing eclipse to these ‘V’-shaped events. Since we excluded any undiluted eclipsing binaries that could mimic a radius ratio this high, we suspect that this candidate is a blend without firm evidence.

KOI-611.01

KOI-611.01 is a candidate that orbits its host star in ~ 3.3 days. We took two SOPHIE spectra of this candidate that do not show any significant radial velocity variation at the level of ~ 100 m s\(^{-1}\) (see Table 14 and Fig. 3). We found a \(\nu\sin i\)\(_{\ast}\) of 17 ± 1 km s\(^{-1}\). Assuming a host star mass of 1.09 \(M_\odot\), we can exclude all companions with a mass greater than 1.5 M\(_{\text{Jup}}\) with a 3-σ confidence. Our two bisector measurements do not constrain any blend scenario. No mask effect is found in the data within 1-σ. With an expected radius of 0.65 R\(_{\text{Jup}}\), the planetary scenario is still compatible with our data.

Candidates not observed with SOPHIE

We did not consider the remaining six candidates (KOI-22.01, KOI-63.01\(^{4}\), KOI-94.01\(^{5}\), KOI-127.01, KOI-183.01 and KOI-214.01) for follow-up observations on SOPHIE since they were followed-up on other radial velocity facilities by the Kepler follow-up team (Marcy, private comm.). We considered them as unsolved cases.

5. The false-positive rate of Kepler close-in giant candidates

From the initial list of 46 KOIs selected, 20 planets have been discovered by various teams, seven are clearly undiluted eclipsing binaries or brown dwarfs, six are diluted eclipsing binaries, and the remaining 13 are still unsolved. This leads to a rate of 43.5% ± 6.5% of planets, 15.2% ± 4.1% of undiluted binaries, 13.0% ± 4.3% of diluted binaries, and finally 28.3% ± 6.5% of unsolved cases. The uncertainties were computed using 100,000 iterations of a bootstrap resampling technique. Each resampling consists of randomly selecting 46 candidates from the actual list of 46 objects observed, allowing for repetitions (see Raghavan et al. 2010). The fractions of planets, false positives and unsolved cases are computed for each iteration. The resulting distributions are approximately normal for planets and unsolved cases, but not for the diluted and undiluted binaries, which are better fitted by a binomial distribution. The relatively low number of these false positives is not sufficient to reach the limit in which the binomial distribution resembles a Gaussian. In all cases, the quoted uncertainties correspond to the 68.3% confidence region. We note that these uncertainties correspond to the statistical error only, and did not include any potential systematic source of error, such as potential misclassification of candidates.

The false-positive rate (FPR) of Kepler giant candidates with orbital period shorter than 25 days and with a transit depth deeper than 0.4% is thus between 28.3% and 56.5%, depending on the true nature of the unsolved candidates (see Fig. 4, left pie chart). We can vouch that none of the unsolved

\(^{4}\) KOI-63 was presented by Sanchis-Ojeda et al. at the First Kepler Science Conference as a very likely misaligned planet.

\(^{5}\) KOI-94.01 is a member of a multiple (4) system candidate and thus is very likely a planet.
6. Discussions

6.1. The Morton & Johnson (2011) estimation

The expected false-positive fraction for the Kepler candidates has been estimated by M&J11 based on stellar population synthesis and galactic structure models. The authors also used the results of a comprehensive survey of stellar multiplicity of solar-type stars within 25 pc of the Sun (Raghavan et al. 2010). Their main result is that the expected false positive ratio of *Kepler* candidates is below 10%. More precisely, they found that for about 90% of the candidates published by Borucki et al. (2011b), the probability that they are false positives is below 10%, and that about half have a FPP below 5%. This result has motivated statistical analyses of planetary populations based on the *Kepler* candidates alone (Howard et al. 2011).

Our results seem to contradict the conclusions reached by M&J11 for giant planet candidates. Indeed, our survey rejects a false-positive rate lower than 10% with 99.99% confidence level, considering the error on our FPR value. Moreover, when the FFPs of the individual candidates computed by M&J11 are considered (see Table 1), we found that the probability...
of having detected at least six false positives (our number of blended stellar systems, which are the only false positives considered in their analysis; see discussion below) is 0.4%. This probability was computed using 100,000 Monte Carlo simulations based on our sample of candidates. In each iteration, each candidate is randomly decided to be a planet or a false positive, depending on its expected FPP (see Table 1), and the resulting number of false positives ($n_{FP}$) is recorded. The probability is obtained by integrating the distribution of $n_{FP}$.

There are several reasons why the M&J11 analysis may lead to an underestimation of the Kepler FPP, at least for our sample of short-period giant planet candidates that represents about 2% of all the Kepler candidates. Some of these are evoked by the authors in the final section of M&J11.

Chief among them is the fact that undiluted binaries are not considered as a source of false positives. Morton & Johnson (2011) argue that this type of false positive can be effectively weeded out by a detailed analysis of the Kepler photometry alone. However, we have found that more than 10% of the followed-up candidates are actually low-mass-ratio binary stars, even excluding the two brown dwarfs reported here. This source of false positives is expected to be less important for smaller-radii candidates. However, as is clearly shown by the cases of KOI-419 and KOI-698, stellar companions in eccentric orbits and with relatively long periods can produce single-eclipse light curves, even for greater mass ratios. It is difficult to imagine how these candidates can be rejected from photometry alone if grazing transits are to be kept. After the submission of this paper Morton (2012) performed a new estimate of the FPP considering the undiluted binaries. His new analysis found a much higher FPP for most of our diluted and undiluted binaries.

However, even if we did not consider undiluted binaries, our survey has yielded at least six clear blended stellar systems, at most up to thirteen. Our best estimate for the fraction of blended stellar systems is 19.6% ± 6.5%. We are therefore led to conclude that M&J11 underestimated this sample of candidates. The first possible reason that comes to mind is an underestimation of the stellar density in the direction of the Kepler field. The authors used the TRILEGAL code of stellar population and Galactic structure (Girardi et al. 2005). The star count in TRILEGAL has been reported to show discrepancies smaller than 30 per-cent with a variety of stellar surveys for most of the sky, but it exhibits “major discrepancies” with fields at galactic latitude ≤ 10 degrees (Girardi et al. 2005). About 24% of the Kepler planetary candidate hosts would be affected by this effect. Although some of the simulated fields used to test TRILEGAL show a larger number of stars than observations (Girardi et al. 2005), we believe that a detailed analysis of the star count yield is warranted. This task is beyond the scope of this paper.

A possible underestimated source of false positives in the M&J11 analysis are blended equal-mass eclipsing binaries, for which the difference in depth of the diluted primary and secondary eclipses will be too small to be detected by Kepler photometry. Since the mass ratio distribution of binary systems has a peak at $q \sim 1$ and short-period (P < 100 days; i.e. those with the highest probability of eclipsing) binary systems tend to have higher mass ratios (Raghavan et al. 2010), this type of eclipsing binaries might contribute significantly to the number of false positives. We note that none of our false positives appears to be a diluted equal-mass binary. However, we note that this source of false positives is expected to be more common for smaller planet candidates since odd/even depth difference as well as transit shape are less significant.

Another possibility is an incorrect assumption for the planet radius distribution. Morton & Johnson (2011) consider a continuous power law that increases toward small radii ($dN/dR_p \propto R_p^{-3}$), but warn that if this is not so, false positives might be twice as numerous.

Finally, a crucial factor in the number of blending systems affecting a given target is the area around it within which blends can reside. This area depends on the precision of the photocenter position, which Kepler measures for all of its candidates. Morton & Johnson (2011) assumed a scaling law for the precision of the photo-center (their eq. 19) based on the host star magnitude and the depth of the observed transits. To be conservative, they assumed a minimum “radius of $2''$ inside which a blend might reside”. If this blend exclusion radius is underestimated, it will definitely underestimate the proportion of potential background eclipsing binaries.

Even if this minimum exclusion radius of $2''$, i.e. equivalent to one pixel of Kepler, seems to be quite conservative, the number of transits observed for a given candidate should also be taken into account, since the position of the photo-center out of transit must be compared with the position in transit. Therefore, short-period candidates exhibiting many of transits should produce more precise measurements of the centroid shift. Since the scaling law is based on the measurements of a single very short-period planet (Kepler-10 b, P = 0.84 days), we believe that M&J11 might overestimate the ability of Kepler to identify blended stellar systems from astrometric measurements.

As mentioned by M&J11, they assumed candidates to have passed all vetting procedures and that there is no clear V-shape transit or deep secondary transit, which is obviously the case (e.g. Bouche et al. 2011; Demory & Seager 2011; Coughlin & López-Morales 2012).

6.2. Comparison with other FPP estimations

Our value for the FPP agrees better with the one estimated by Borucki et al. (2011b), who estimated a FPP of < 20% and < 40% for KOIs with a vetting flag of 2 and 3, respectively. Gautier et al. (2010) discussed 21 good candidates with magnitude brighter than 14 followed-up. They found five planets (24%), eight rejected (38%) and eight without conclusion. They then claimed a FPP in between 38% and 76%, which is roughly compatible. Based on the occultation depth found in the Kepler light-curves, Demory & Seager (2011) and Coughlin & López-Morales (2012) found a FPP of 14% and 11%, respectively. This method shows its limitations since Demory & Seager (2011) did not reject the four candidates that we found to be clearly diluted binaries (KOI-190.01 and KOI-425.01) or undiluted eclipsing binaries (KOI-205.01 and KOI-698.01). However, they classified KOI-609 as a false positive which we confirmed to be a diluted eclipsing binary, and KOI-197, for which we were not able to constrain the planetary or blend scenarios.

6 This is not considering the six unsolved cases for which we have not performed follow-up, and of which two are most likely planets.
These results are compatible with the relative distribution of planet orbital periods and binary orbital periods (see Fig. 6). Indeed, we can express the FPP as follows:

$$\text{FPP}(P) = 1 - \frac{\pi_{BB}(P)}{\pi_{BB}(P) + \pi_{S}(P)}, \quad (2)$$

where $\pi_{BB}(P)$ and $\pi_{S}(P)$ are the probabilities of having a planetary companion or a stellar companion (respectively) diluted or not for a given orbital period $P$. $\pi_{S}(P)$ is the sum of probabilities to have both a diluted or an undiluted binary:

$$\pi_{S}(P) = \pi_{BB}(P) + \pi_{PT}(P) + \pi_{SB}(P), \quad (3)$$

where $\pi_{BB}(P)$, $\pi_{PT}(P)$ and $\pi_{SB}(P)$ are the respective probabilities of having a background binary, a physical triple system or a spectroscopic binary. If we assume that all these binaries follow the same period distribution, we can reduce equation 3 to $\pi_{S}(P) \propto \sigma_{SB}(P)$ and equation 2 to

$$\text{FPP}(P) \propto 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\pi_{BB}(P)}{\pi_{SB}(P)}}. \quad (4)$$

Figure 6 displays period distributions of giant planetary companions detected by radial velocity (blue line) and stellar companions (red line). We adopted the Raghavan et al. (2010) result for the binary period-distribution: log $10^3 [P \, d] = N (5.03, 2.28)$, where $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is the normal distribution centered on $\mu$ with a standard deviation of $\sigma$. We note that this binary period distribution was calibrated only for binaries and triple systems of solar-type primary stars in the solar neighborhood. We may expect that distribution of binaries is different when dealing with non solar-type stars. The estimated FPP for Kepler giant planet candidates (fig. 6 dashed line) was computed using eq. 4 and calibrated to have FPP = 34.8% when considering the same period range as our selected candidates period distribution.

We found that while the number of binaries increases with orbital period up to about 300 years, the number of detected giant planets decreases for periods between ~ 10 and ~ 200 days. This so-called “period valley” detected by radial velocity surveys cannot be explained with an observational bias since it is easier to detect planets with short orbital period than planets with orbital periods of a few years. This valley implies that the FPP should be constant over periods of less than 200 days. In contrast, candidates with orbital periods longer than ~ 200 days might have a FPP lower than 20%. We consider that the distribution of planets with orbital periods longer than about three years is underestimated due to observational bias and that the respective FPP should be lower.

6.4. Impact on exoplanet statistics

Howard et al. (2011) pointed out an underoccurrence of hot jupiters at about three days seen by Kepler compared with Doppler surveys (Howard et al. 2010; Mayor et al. 2011). This study assumed that impostors are negligible. As shown in Fig. 5, our sample, cleaned from impostors, presents a hot jupiter pile-up around three-day periods. The underoccurrence found by Howard et al. (2011) might be explained by the 35% of false positives that dilute the hot jupiter pile-up found with Doppler surveys that was confirmed by our cleaned sample.
Fig. 6. Normalized distribution of 294 giant extrasolar planets discovered by the radial velocity technique to date with a mass greater than 0.5 $M_{\text{Jup}}$ (blue line). The normalized distribution of binaries within a 3000-day-period from Raghavan et al. (2010) is displayed with the red line. The expected FPP distribution for giant Kepler candidates is overplotted with the dashed black line. The hatched region represents planet orbital periods that we considered to be affected by observational bias. The FPP in this region is therefore expected to be overestimated.

Our measurement of the Kepler FPP, significantly higher than previous estimates for close-in giant planets, pointed out that impostors are not negligible in the Kepler list of candidates. However, because we measured the FPP only for close-in giant planet candidates, we cannot extrapolate it toward the smaller planets with our data. But we might expected that the FPP for smaller candidates is also higher than the M&J11 estimation (Colón et al. 2012). Because there is no reason for the FPP to be constant throughout the entire candidate parameter space (orbital period, transit depth, Kepler magnitude, galactic coordinates), exoplanet statistics based on candidates might be biased toward the false-positive distributions.

The latter statement is not true for candidates in multiple systems, for which the FPP is expected to decrease significantly, as pointed out by Latham et al. (2011), Lissauer et al. (2012), and Fabrycky et al. (2012). We note that about one third of the Kepler candidates are in multiple systems (Lissauer et al. 2011).

### 6.5. Hot-jupiter occurrence rate

Using our false-positive rate for close-in giant candidates, we tried to estimate the occurrence of hot jupiters in the Kepler data, corrected for false positives. We first of all tried to reproduce the Howard et al. (2011) results for hot jupiters. The authors found an occurrence of 4 ± 1 hot jupiters per thousand GK dwarfs. We assumed the same range of parameters as Howard et al. (2011): $4100 < K_p < 6100$ K, $4.0 < \log g < 4.9$, period < 10 days, $K_p < 15$, $8 R_d < R_p < 32 R_d$ and no false positive. We corrected the number of candidates detected by their respective $a/R_*$ to take the transit probability into account. We found an occurrence of $5.1 \pm 0.3$ hot jupiters per thousand stars. This discrepancy with Howard et al. (2011) might be explained by the improvement in the parameters of Kepler candidates and stellar parameters by Ba12 compared with Borucki et al. (2011b). We note that these two estimates are compatible within 1-$\sigma$. They slightly differ from the $8.9 \pm 3.6$ value found by Mayor et al. (2011) who considered planets with mass greater than 50 $M_\oplus$ and a period of less than 11 days. If we considered a FPP of 18.2% for candidates with orbital periods of less than 10 days, we would find an occurrence of $4.1 \pm 0.7$ hot jupiters per thousand stars. Now, if we also considered the F-type stars ($4100 < T_{\text{eff}} < 7100$ K), we would find a lower occurrence of $3.7 \pm 0.5$ hot jupiters per thousand stars.

Considering candidates based on their expected radius may affect the estimate by up to 30%, due to uncertainties on stellar parameters (Borucki et al. 2011b). We therefore selected candidates based on their measured transit depth. For that purpose, we selected candidates with a transit depth between 0.4% and 3% orbiting around G and K main-sequence stars ($4100 < T_{\text{eff}} < 6100$ K, $4.0 < \log g < 4.9$, $K_p < 15$) with periods of less than 10 days. Considering 18.2%, of impostors we found an occurrence of $6.7 \pm 0.8$ hot jupiters per thousand GK dwarfs and $5.7 \pm 0.7$ hot jupiter per thousand FGK dwarfs. Finally, considering candidates with periods of up to 25 days and 35% of impostors, we found an occurrence of $9.0 \pm 1.2$ close-in jupiters per thousand GK dwarfs. Occurrences and selection criteria are listed in Table 2. The occurrence rate of hot jupiters around GK dwarfs when considering candidates from their measured transit depth appears to agree better with radial velocity surveys (see Wright et al. 2012, and reference therein) than selecting them according to their estimated radius. We also note that occurrences considering F dwarfs might be diluted by a significant amount of subgiant stars, which are misclassified in the Kepler Input Catalog as main-sequence stars, for which giant planets would produce transit depths shallower than 0.4% (e.g. KOI-428, Santerne et al. 2011b).

### Table 2. Occurrence of hot jupiter per thousand of stars

| selection criteria | GK dwarfs | FGK dwarfs |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| $8 R_d < R_p < 32 R_d$, $P < 10^d$ | 4.1 ± 0.7 | 3.7 ± 0.5 |
| $0.4% < \delta < 3\%$, $P < 10^d$ | 6.7 ± 0.8 | 5.7 ± 0.7 |
| $0.4% < \delta < 3\%$, $P < 25^d\dagger$ | 9.0 ± 1.2 | 7.9 ± 1.0 |

$\dagger$ $4100 < T_{\text{eff}} < 6100$ K, $4.0 < \log g < 4.9$, $K_p < 15$

$\dagger$ $4100 < T_{\text{eff}} < 7100$ K, $4.0 < \log g < 4.9$, $K_p < 15$

$\dagger$ considering a planet rate of 82.8% for 65.7 ± 0.8 hot jupiters per thousand stars.

### 6.6. Toward smaller candidates

A similar study on shallower transiting candidates with high-precision instruments such as HARPS-N on the 3.6-m TNG telescope or HiReS on the Keck-1 telescope might constrain the true FPP value of Kepler small candidates. As an example, we estimated the HARPS-N radial velocity uncertainty for a 1-hour exposure as a function of stellar magnitude based on our experiment with HARPS for the CoRoT follow-up (Santerne et al. 2011a) and assuming a non-rotating and non-active solar-type star and a systematic error of 50 cm s$^{-1}$ at high S/N (Pepe et al. 2011). We selected all Kepler candidates with an estimated planetary radius smaller than 5 $R_\oplus$. We assumed for these small planet candidates a density of half the earth density, hence in between Neptune-like and Earth-like planets. We considered that the planet is detected in radial velocity if the amplitude (peak-to-peak) is greater than 3 times the RV uncertainty.

Out of the 1981 multi-transit candidates with a radius smaller than 5 $R_\oplus$, we found that only 77 candidates, hence...
less than 4%, may be detected in radial velocity, including only 26 targets brighter than magnitude 12, and including only 16 candidates with radius smaller than 3 $R_J$. A more accurate estimation of the FPP than $M_{Ji11}$ toward the whole population of $Kepler$ candidates is thus mandatory for studying the diversity of planets in the $Kepler$ field.

7. Conclusion

From the overall list of 2321 $Kepler$ candidates from Borucki et al. (2011b) and Bal12, we selected 46 that fulfill the criterion of having a transit depth greater than 0.4%, an orbital period of less than 25 days, a host star brighter than $K_p = 14.7$ and a vetting flag different from four. With the SOPHIE spectrograph at the Observatoire de Haute-Provence we observed 28 of them that were not previously announced as planets or followed up by other teams. We found nine new planets (Bouchy et al. 2011; Santerne et al. 2011c; Bonomo et al. 2012, Hébrard et al. in prep.) which increases the number of secured planets in this sample to 20. We also found two interesting transiting brown dwarfs in the range 25 – 80 $M_{Jup}$ (Diaz et al. in prep.) which increases the number of objects in this range to five. We also found five undiluted eclipsing binaries and six clearly diluted eclipsing binaries (triple hierarchical systems or background eclipsing binaries). We cannot conclude on a planetary or false-positive scenario for 13 of them due to photon noise limitations or lack of observations. More data with SOPHIE, with HiReS on Keck, or with the new HARPS-N spectrograph mounted on the TNG-3.6m telescope would permit us to conclude on these objects. If we assumed that these 13 candidates have the same proportion of planets and blends as the observed one, we can conclude that the false-positive rate of $Kepler$ giant planets on an orbital period of less than 25 days is $34.8\% \pm 6.5\%$. This value is clearly incompatible with the FPP $\sim 5\%$ estimated by Morton & Johnson (2011) who did not take into account the probability that there might be an undiluted eclipsing binary in the $Kepler$ data and they also underestimated the probability of having a diluted binary.

Comparing the distribution of planets and binaries found by radial velocity surveys, we estimate the FPP to be quite constant for giant planet candidates with orbital period of less than 200 days. Only the RV follow-up of a significant fraction of these long-period candidates can support this statement.

We note that if we were to remove the magnitude constraint and the vetting flag constraint from our selection criteria, this sample would increases by 85 new candidates to a total number of 131 giant planet candidates. Following-up these 85 candidates will substantiate our FPP value. This requires a larger telescope, such as the TNG-3.6m telescope with HARPS-N, or the Keck telescope with HiReS to follow these candidates up to magnitude $K_p=16.2$. This work indicates that only the RV follow-up of a substantial amount of $Kepler$ candidates will provide the real value of the FPP.

Only a small fraction of $Kepler$ small candidates are suited for the radial velocity follow-up. These candidates should be followed in radial velocity to constrain the FPP value for small candidates and to fill the mass-radius diagram of Neptune- and super-Earth like planets. The global FPP values are required for correctly deriving and discussing the distribution of transiting planet parameters.

In this paper, we also provided a list of clearly diluted or undiluted binaries. Their analysis can contribute to improve the planet validation techniques (e.g. Fressin et al. 2011). Spitzer Space Telescope observations of these candidates should reveal a significant depth difference compared with $Kepler$ (Desert et al. 2012).

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Table 1. List of the 46 selected candidates for follow-up with SOPHIE with \( K_p < 14.7 \) & depth > 0.4 \% & \( P < 25 \) d & Vetting flag \( \neq 4 \).

| KOI   | Period [days] | \( K_p \) [\( \text{[R}_{Jup}\)] | \( R_p \) [\%] | V flag | Depth [\%] | Object nature | Mass [M_{Jup}] | Reference |
|-------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| 11446443 | 1.01 | 2.47 | 11.3 | 1.42 | 1.28 | 1 | 0 | planet / TRAP-2 |
| 10666592 | 2.01 | 2.20 | 10.5 | 0.67 | 1.99 | 0 | 0.5 | planet / HAT-P-7b |
| 10748390 | 3.01 | 4.89 | 9.1 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 1 | 0 | planet / HAT-P-11b |
| 6922244 | 10.01 | 3.52 | 13.6 | 0.94 | 1.42 | 0 | 0.9 | planet / Kepler-8b |
| 5812701 | 12.01 | 17.86 | 11.4 | 0.93 | 1.18 | 0 | 3 | no var \(< 26.7 \) this work |
| 9941662 | 13.01 | 1.764 | 10.0 | 0.46 | 2.03 | 0 | 2 | planet / KOI-13b |
| 10874614 | 17.01 | 3.23 | 13.0 | 1.07 | 0.99 | 0 | 2 | planet / Kepler-6b |
| 8191672 | 18.01 | 3.55 | 13.4 | 0.72 | 1.55 | 0 | 2 | planet / Kepler-5b |
| 11804465 | 20.01 | 4.44 | 13.4 | 1.67 | 1.56 | 0 | 2 | planet / Kepler-12b |
| 9631995 | 22.01 | 7.89 | 13.4 | 1.06 | 1.00 | 1 | 2 | unknown / no FUe |
| 6056992 | 51.01 | 10.43 | 13.8 | 2.58 | 1.87 | 3 | 2 | blend |
| 11554435 | 63.01 | 9.43 | 11.6 | 0.41 | 0.56 | 2 | 3 | unknown / No FUe |
| 6462863 | 94.01 | 22.34 | 12.2 | 0.57 | 0.83 | 2 | 4 | unknown / no FUe |
| 5780885 | 97.01 | 4.89 | 13.9 | 0.74 | 1.43 | 1 | 0 | planet / Kepler-7b |
| 8359498 | 127.01 | 3.58 | 13.9 | 1.16 | 0.97 | 0 | 2 | unknown / no FUe |
| 11359879 | 128.01 | 4.94 | 13.8 | 1.12 | 1.07 | 2 | 1 | planet / Kepler-15b |
| 7778437 | 131.01 | 5.01 | 13.8 | 0.69 | 0.86 | 3 | 1 | no var < 14.3 this work |
| 9818381 | 135.01 | 3.02 | 14.0 | 0.79 | 0.94 | 2 | 0 | planet / KOI-135b |
| 9651683 | 181.01 | 2.68 | 14.3 | 1.83 | 1.03 | 0 | 2 | unknown / no FUe |
| 7950644 | 192.01 | 10.29 | 14.2 | 1.00 | 0.84 | 2 | 4 | no var < 0.6 this work |
| 9410930 | 196.01 | 1.86 | 14.5 | 1.08 | 0.88 | 2 | 0 | planet / KOI-196b |
| 2987027 | 197.01 | 17.28 | 14.0 | 1.08 | 0.70 | 2 | 4 | no var < 0.32 this work |
| 6046540 | 200.01 | 7.34 | 14.4 | 0.85 | 0.79 | 2 | 2 | planet / Kepler-200b |
| 6849046 | 201.01 | 4.23 | 14.0 | 0.60 | 0.89 | 3 | 0 | no var < 0.6 this work |
| 7877496 | 202.01 | 1.72 | 14.3 | 1.03 | 1.02 | 2 | 0 | planet / Kepler-202b |
| 10619192 | 203.01 | 1.49 | 14.1 | 2.09 | 1.32 | 2 | 0 | planet / Kepler-17b |
| 9305831 | 204.01 | 3.25 | 14.7 | 0.72 | 0.65 | 2 | 1 | planet / KOI-204b |
| 7046804 | 205.01 | 11.72 | 14.5 | 1.00 | 0.67 | 2 | 5 | BL |
| 5728139 | 206.01 | 3.53 | 14.5 | 0.50 | 0.70 | 2 | 1 | planet / KOI-206b |
| 7778437 | 207.01 | 13.01 | 14.2 | 1.29 | 1.05 | 2 | 1 | planet / KOI-4123b |
| 9967884 | 212.01 | 5.43 | 14.7 | 1.23 | 1.05 | 2 | 1 | blend |
| 5443837 | 255.01 | 3.66 | 14.5 | 0.54 | 0.65 | 2 | – | BD |
| 5441908 | 607.01 | 5.89 | 14.4 | 0.66 | 0.57 | 3 | 1.8 | SB1 |
| 5608566 | 609.01 | 4.40 | 14.5 | 0.43 | 1.32 | 2 | 1.3 | blend |
| 6309763 | 611.01 | 3.25 | 14.0 | 0.43 | 1.01 | 2 | 1 | no var < 1.5 this work |
| 6752502 | 667.01 | 4.31 | 13.8 | 1.01 | 0.47 | 3 | 10.2 | blend |
| 7529266 | 680.01 | 8.60 | 13.6 | 0.44 | 0.64 | 2 | 3 | planet / KOI-680b |
| 8891278 | 698.01 | 12.78 | 13.8 | 0.78 | 1.02 | 2 | 4 | SB1 |
| 3128793 | 1786.01 | 24.68 | 14.6 | 0.82 | 0.39 | 2 | – | SB1 |

* Orbital period, Kepler magnitude (\( K_p \)), transit depth and expected planetary radius from Borucki et al. (2011b) and Ba12. The expected planetary radius may have uncertainty up to 30% (Borucki et al. 2011b).

** Vetting flag from Borucki et al. (2011b): ‘1’ for “confirmed and published planet”; ‘2’ for “Strong probability candidate, cleanly passes tests that were applied”; ‘3’ for “moderate probability candidate, not all tests cleanly passed but no definite test failures”.

† False Positive Probability as estimated by Morton & Johnson (2011).

‡ no var: no significant RV variation; blend: triple system or background eclipsing binary; SB1: single-line spectroscopic binary; no FUe: no follow-up observation with SOPHIE; BD: Brown dwarf with mass in between 25M_{Jup} and 80M_{Jup}.

1 Ba10: Bakos et al. (2010); Bon12: Bonomo et al. (2012); Bor11: Borucki et al. (2011b); Bou11: Bouchy et al. (2011); Dél11: Désert et al. (2011); Di+: Díaz et al. (in prep.); Du10: Dunham et al. (2010); En11: Endl et al. (2011); Fo11: Fortney et al. (2011); Hé+: Hébrard et al. (in prep.); Ho10: Holman et al. (2010); Je10: Jenkins et al. (2010); Ko10: Koch et al. (2010); La10: Latham et al. (2010); Ma11: Mazeh et al. (2011); Mi12: Mislis & Hodgkin (2012); OD06: O’Donovan et al. (2006); Pa08: Pál et al. (2008); Sa11: Santerne et al. (2011c); Sh11: Shipper et al. (2011).
Fig. 7. KOI-419 light-curve (top panel), radial velocities (middle panel) and spectral energy distribution (bottom panel) with the best-combined fit (red or black line). The phase zero corresponds to the periastron epoch. The open circles in the bottom panel correspond to the best model integrated toward the same band-passes as the photometric measurements (red dots).

Table 17. Parameters for KOI-419

| Primary and secondary stellar parameters |       |       |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| primary initial mass $M_{i,1}$ [M$_\odot$] | 1.20 ± 0.12$^\dagger$ |
| secondary initial mass $M_{i,2}$ [M$_\odot$] | 0.70 ± 0.07$^\dagger$ |
| log(age [yr]) | < 8   |
| metallicity $[\text{Fe/H}]/$[dex] | 0 (fixed) |

| Binary parameters |       |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| distance $d$ [pc] | 1100 ± 15 |
| reddening $E(B-V)$ | 0.13 ± 0.01 |
| systemic radial velocity $v_0$ [km s$^{-1}$] | $-17.89$ ± 0.03 |

| Orbital parameters |       |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| orbital period $P$ [d] | 20.13151 ± 0.00001 |
| periastron epoch $T_p$ [BJD - 2400000] | 55910.091 ± 0.008 |
| inclination $i$ [$^\circ$] | 87.276 ± 0.017 |
| eccentricity $e$ | 0.3338 ± 0.0006 |
| argument of periastron $\omega$ [$^\circ$] | 335.16 ± 0.16 |

$^\dagger$Assuming 10% uncertainty on the evolution tracks.

Fig. 8. KOI-698 light-curve (top panel), radial velocities (middle panel) and spectral energy distribution (bottom panel) with the best-combined fit (red or black line). The phase zero corresponds to the periastron epoch. The open circles in the bottom panel correspond to the best model integrated toward the same band-passes as the photometric measurements (red dots). The Rossiter-McLaughlin-like effect seen around phase 0.3 and 0.9 is due to the expected variation when the primary and secondary spectra are blended.

Table 18. Parameters for KOI-698

| Primary and secondary stellar parameters |       |       |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| primary initial mass $M_{i,1}$ [M$_\odot$] | 1.34 ± 0.13 |
| secondary initial mass $M_{i,2}$ [M$_\odot$] | 1.1 ± 0.1$^\dagger$ |
| log(age [yr]) | 8.85 ± 0.15$^\dagger$ |
| metallicity $[\text{Fe/H}]/$[dex] | 0 (fixed) |

| Binary parameters |       |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| distance $d$ [pc] | 1496 ± 32 |
| reddening $E(B-V)$ | 0.24 ± 0.05 |
| systemic radial velocity $v_0$ [km s$^{-1}$] | $-28.55$ ± 0.13 |

| Orbital parameters |       |       |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| orbital period $P$ [d] | 12.7187 ± 0.00001 |
| periastron epoch $T_p$ [BJD - 2400000] | 55045.215 ± 0.014 |
| inclination $i$ [$^\circ$] | 84.43 ± 0.06 |
| eccentricity $e$ | 0.34 ± 0.002 |
| argument of periastron $\omega$ [$^\circ$] | 329.54 ± 0.75 |

$^\dagger$Assuming 10% uncertainty on the evolution tracks.
### Table 2. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-12.

| BJD          | RV  | ±1σ_{rv} | V_{span} | ±1σ_{V_{span}} | Texp | S/N/pix |
|--------------|-----|----------|----------|---------------|------|---------|
| (-2 400 000) |     |          |          |               |      |         |
| 55617.71259  | -19.132 | 0.799  | -2.037  | 2.396         | 1006 | 23.1    |
| 55681.53719  | -18.278 | 0.427  | 0.079   | 1.282         | 1312 | 43.1    |

### Table 3. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-131.

| BJD          | RV  | ±1σ_{rv} | V_{span} | ±1σ_{V_{span}} | Texp | S/N/pix |
|--------------|-----|----------|----------|---------------|------|---------|
| (-2 400 000) |     |          |          |               |      |         |
| 56010.59380  | -9.886 | 0.449  | 0.384   | 1.034         | 1800 | 11.6    |
| 56012.64402  | -8.991 | 0.417  | -0.716  | 0.959         | 1504 | 10.1    |

### Table 4. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-190.

| BJD          | RV  | ±1σ_{rv} | V_{span} | ±1σ_{V_{span}} | Texp | S/N/pix |
|--------------|-----|----------|----------|---------------|------|---------|
| (-2 400 000) |     |          |          |               |      |         |
| 55686.53761  | -28.810 | 0.220  | -42.267 | 0.101         | 3600 | 13.8    |
| 55705.50173  | -29.612 | 0.161  | -14.221 | 0.070         | 2525 | 19.0    |

### Table 5. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-192.

| BJD          | RV  | ±1σ_{rv} | V_{span} | ±1σ_{V_{span}} | Texp | S/N/pix |
|--------------|-----|----------|----------|---------------|------|---------|
| (-2 400 000) |     |          |          |               |      |         |
| 55687.53172  | -15.709 | 0.012  | -0.003  | 0.028         | 3600 | 21.0    |
| 55765.49012  | -15.748 | 0.025  | -0.025  | 0.057         | 3600 | 15.2    |
| 55774.47483  | -15.709 | 0.012  | 0.049   | 0.027         | 3600 | 21.2    |
| 55801.49572  | -15.717 | 0.023  | 0.112   | 0.054         | 3600 | 15.5    |
| 55802.39087  | -15.749 | 0.010  | -0.040  | 0.023         | 3600 | 23.4    |
| 55804.45417  | -15.725 | 0.015  | 0.003   | 0.034         | 3101 | 17.5    |
| 55806.39759  | -15.751 | 0.013  | 0.106   | 0.031         | 3600 | 19.1    |
| 55810.40145  | -15.773 | 0.026  | -0.034  | 0.060         | 3600 | 12.7    |
| 55828.43357  | -15.718 | 0.014  | -0.045  | 0.031         | 3600 | 22.1    |
| 55831.39958  | -15.732 | 0.012  | 0.065   | 0.028         | 3600 | 21.0    |
| 55833.37105  | -15.746 | 0.014  | 0.040   | 0.033         | 3600 | 18.7    |
| 55857.35522  | -15.753 | 0.019  | 0.056   | 0.044         | 3600 | 17.9    |

### Table 6. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-197.

| BJD          | RV  | ±1σ_{rv} | V_{span} | ±1σ_{V_{span}} | Texp | S/N/pix |
|--------------|-----|----------|----------|---------------|------|---------|
| (-2 400 000) |     |          |          |               |      |         |
| 55687.53172  | -15.709 | 0.012  | -0.003  | 0.028         | 3600 | 21.0    |
| 55688.53761  | -28.810 | 0.220  | -42.267 | 0.101         | 3600 | 13.8    |
| 55693.53997  | -24.346 | 0.024  | -0.010  | 0.055         | 2274 | 17.3    |
| 55707.50760  | -24.328 | 0.017  | -0.065  | 0.040         | 3304 | 17.4    |

### Table 7. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-201.

| BJD          | RV  | ±1σ_{rv} | V_{span} | ±1σ_{V_{span}} | Texp | S/N/pix |
|--------------|-----|----------|----------|---------------|------|---------|
| (-2 400 000) |     |          |          |               |      |         |
| 55983.68634  | -60.192 | 0.035  | 0.186   | 0.080         | 1800 | 9.4     |
| 55989.68601  | -60.217 | 0.017  | -0.011  | 0.038         | 1800 | 17.4    |

### Table 8. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-340.

| BJD          | RV  | ±1σ_{rv} | V_{span} | ±1σ_{V_{span}} | Texp | S/N/pix |
|--------------|-----|----------|----------|---------------|------|---------|
| (-2 400 000) |     |          |          |               |      |         |
| 55802.54871  | -99.412 | 0.043  | -0.089  | 0.098         | 600  | 10.3    |
| 55857.38486  | -72.180 | 0.040  | 0.023   | 0.091         | 566  | 10.9    |
### Table 9. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-418.

| BJD         | RV   | ±1σ$_{rv}$ | V$_{span}$ | ±1σ$_{V_{span}}$ | Texp | S/N/pix @550nm |
|-------------|------|------------|------------|------------------|------|----------------|
| (-2 400 000) | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | s                |      |                |
| 55984.69997 | -32.135 | 0.077      | 1.426      | 0.177            | 1800 | 7.8            |
| 55996.68516 | -32.679 | 0.031      | -0.035     | 0.071            | 2700 | 17.9           |

### Table 10. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-419.

| BJD         | RV   | ±1σ$_{rv}$ | V$_{span}$ | ±1σ$_{V_{span}}$ | Texp | S/N/pix @550nm |
|-------------|------|------------|------------|------------------|------|----------------|
| (-2 400 000) | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | s                |      |                |
| 55802.52069 | -44.153 | 0.042      | -0.045     | 0.096            | 900  | 10.3           |
| 55811.35898 | 22.576  | 0.053      | -0.023     | 0.121            | 900  | 5.4            |
| 55831.46019 | 22.966  | 0.041      | 0.042      | 0.095            | 900  | 8.0            |
| 55973.69055 | 0.048   | 0.430      | 0.110      | 1703             | 4.0  |                |
| 55977.70619 | -29.293 | 0.060      | -0.067     | 0.138            | 900  | 7.1            |
| 56011.67515 | 31.153  | 0.066      | 0.034      | 0.152            | 900  | 8.0            |
| 56026.66141 | -34.940 | 0.050      | -0.235     | 0.115            | 900  | 5.1            |

### Table 11. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-425.

| BJD         | RV   | ±1σ$_{rv}$ | V$_{span}$ | ±1σ$_{V_{span}}$ | Texp | S/N/pix @550nm |
|-------------|------|------------|------------|------------------|------|----------------|
| (-2 400 000) | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | s                |      |                |
| 55802.53448 | -16.231 | 0.597      | -29.718    | 0.442            | 900  | 8.4            |
| 55830.49421 | -16.402 | 1.061      | -18.546    | 0.410            | 900  | 6.9            |

### Table 12. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-607.

| BJD         | RV   | ±1σ$_{rv}$ | V$_{span}$ | ±1σ$_{V_{span}}$ | Texp | S/N/pix @550nm |
|-------------|------|------------|------------|------------------|------|----------------|
| (-2 400 000) | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | s                |      |                |
| 55828.46352 | -21.323 | 0.029      | 0.073      | 0.067            | 900  | 13.3           |
| 55830.45215 | -5.058  | 0.067      | -0.121     | 0.153            | 900  | 7.5            |

### Table 13. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-609.

| BJD         | RV   | ±1σ$_{rv}$ | V$_{span}$ | ±1σ$_{V_{span}}$ | Texp | S/N/pix @550nm |
|-------------|------|------------|------------|------------------|------|----------------|
| (-2 400 000) | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | s                |      |                |
| 55830.43654 | 0.074   | 0.413      | 35.830     | 1.590            | 900  | 7.9            |
| 55831.44062 | -0.225  | 0.206      | 18.097     | 0.746            | 900  | 8.3            |

### Table 14. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-611.

| BJD         | RV   | ±1σ$_{rv}$ | V$_{span}$ | ±1σ$_{V_{span}}$ | Texp | S/N/pix @550nm |
|-------------|------|------------|------------|------------------|------|----------------|
| (-2 400 000) | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | s                |      |                |
| 55828.47808 | -15.749 | 0.089      | 0.031      | 0.205            | 900  | 10.1           |
| 55830.48073 | -15.531 | 0.111      | 0.008      | 0.254            | 900  | 8.9            |

### Table 15. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-698.

| BJD         | RV   | ±1σ$_{rv}$ | V$_{span}$ | ±1σ$_{V_{span}}$ | Texp | S/N/pix @550nm |
|-------------|------|------------|------------|------------------|------|----------------|
| (-2 400 000) | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | km s$^{-1}$ | s                |      |                |
| 55832.44715 | -26.362 | 0.084      | 0.777      | 0.192            | 600  | 6.2            |
| 55975.71173 | 13.455  | 0.069      | -0.291     | 0.159            | 600  | 7.3            |
| 55983.70988 | -60.514 | 0.080      | 0.703      | 0.183            | 1202 | 4.2            |
Table 16. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-1786.

| BJD (−2 400 000) | RV [km s\(^{-1}\)] | ±1σ\(_{rv}\) | \(V_{\text{span}}\) [km s\(^{-1}\)] | ±1σ\(_{v_{\text{span}}}\) | Texp [s] | S/N/pix @550nm |
|------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|------------|
| 56013.58505      | -26.488         | 0.060   | 0.655           | 0.138           | 1226   | 8.3        |
| 56040.59942      | -18.745         | 0.177   | -0.595          | 0.407           | 3600   | 13.3       |
| 56045.60870      | -2.950          | 0.081   | -0.025          | 0.185           | 1289   | 9.8        |
| 56050.59722      | 9.850           | 0.020   | 0.016           | 0.046           | 3600   | 12.1       |