SOPHIE velocimetry of *Kepler* transit candidates

IV. KOI-196b: a non-inflated hot Jupiter with a high albedo*

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ABSTRACT

We report the discovery of a new hot-Jupiter, KOI-196b, transiting a solar-type star with an orbital period of 1.855558 days ± 0.6 s thanks to public photometric data from the *Kepler* space mission and new radial velocity observations obtained by the SOPHIE spectrograph mounted on the 1.93-m telescope at the Observatoire de Haute-Provence, France. The planet KOI-196b, with a radius of 0.89 ± 0.05 R⊙ and a mass of 0.55 ± 0.09 M⊕, orbits a G6V star with R⋆ = 1.02 ± 0.03 R⊙, M⋆ = 1.12 ± 0.07 M⊙, [Fe/H] = 0.29 ± 0.16 dex, T eff = 5620 ± 140 K, and an age of 650 ± 30 Myr. KOI-196b is one of the rare close-in hot Jupiters with a radius smaller than Jupiter suggesting that it is a non-inflated planet. The high precision of the *Kepler* photometry permits us to detect the secondary transit with a depth of 64 ± 2 ppm as well as the optical phase variation. We find a geometric albedo of A g = 0.30 ± 0.08, which is higher than most of the transiting hot Jupiters with a measured A g. Assuming no heat recirculation, we find a day-side temperature of T day = 1730 ± 400 K. The planet KOI-196b seems to be one of the rare hot Jupiters located in the short-period hot-Jupiter desert.

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1. Introduction

Since 2007, thanks to the exoplanet-dedicated space missions CoRoT (Baglin et al. 2006) and *Kepler* (Borucki et al. 2010b), the scientific community has access to very high precision photometry, down to a few tens of ppm with times series lasting up to a few years. This has led to the exciting discoveries of the super-Earths CoRoT-7b (Léger et al. 2009; Quezloz et al. 2009) and its twin Kepler-10b (Batalha et al. 2011), the multi-planetary systems Kepler-9 (Holman et al. 2010) and Kepler-11 (Lissauer et al. 2011), and the long-period giant planet CoRoT-7b (Deeg et al. 2010). Long space-based time series allow us to achieve a very accurate characterization of the planetary systems, especially when stellar parameters can be determined by asteroseismology (e.g. Batalha et al. 2011; Demory et al. 2011).

Moreover, high-precision space-based photometry also permits us to identify very small effects, such as the planetary occultation (e.g. Alonso et al. 2009a), i.e. when the planet passes behind its host star, as well as the phase variation of the planet, i.e. the variation in brightness as the dayside of the planet rotates into view. The latter was found to be optical for CoRoT-1b (Snellen et al. 2009), HAT-P-7b (Borucki et al. 2009; Welsh et al. 2010), Kepler-7b (Demory et al. 2011), and the super-Earth Kepler-10b (Batalha et al. 2011).

The first six months of *Kepler* data have permitted us to identify 1235 planetary candidates around 997 stars (Borucki et al. 2011) including twenty-one fully characterized planets (with measured radius and mass, e.g. Borucki et al. 2010a; Latham et al. 2010; Santerne et al. 2011; Bouchy et al. 2011) and three confirmed planets without any measured mass (e.g. Torres et al. 2011). Out of the remaining candidates, we selected a few candidates around stars brighter than the *Kepler* magnitude Kp ~ 14.7 to be followed up with the SOPHIE spectrograph (Observatoire de Haute-Provence, France). One of these is the new exoplanet KOI-196b. In this paper, we report its discovery (Sects. 2 and 3) and the system characterization (Sect. 4) including an estimate of the planetary albedo and dayside temperature (Sect. 5) thanks to the observation of the secondary and phase variation (Sect. 2.3). Finally, we discuss KOI-196b and compare it to other transiting planets in terms of mass, radius, period, and day-side temperature (Sect. 6).

2. *Kepler* observations

The *Kepler* object of interest KOI-196 has been observed by *Kepler* since May 13, 2009 in long-cadence mode (temporal sampling of ~29.4 min). The various identifiers (ID) of this target, including coordinates and magnitudes, are reported in Table 1. At the time of writing of the present paper, only the quarter 1 and 2 (Q1 and Q2) data sets are publicly available at the MAST archive¹. They account for a total of 5993 photometric measurements. Among these, 285 points were discarded.

¹ http://archive.stsci.edu/
by the \textit{Kepler} pipeline (Jenkins et al. 2010) as they are affected by instrumental effects. The 5708 remaining photometric measurements are displayed in Fig. 1. Transits with a period of 1.8 days and a depth of 1% are clearly visible in the light-curve of KOI-196 showing no prominent features related to magnetic activity.

2.1. Contamination correction

For the following studies, we used the raw light curve (LC) instead of the PDC-corrected light curve recommended by the \textit{Kepler} Team\footnote{http://keplergo.arc.nasa.gov/PipelinePDC.shtml}. The flux of several nearby stars contaminates the target one and has to be taken into account when working with the raw LC. We estimated the contamination value by comparing the raw and the PDC-corrected LC following the same methodology described in Bouchy et al. (2011). We calculated it separately for each quarters. We found a contamination value of 5.1\% ± 0.06\% for Q1 and 3.3\% ± 0.04\% for Q2, which is in good agreement with the values for seasons 3 and 0, respectively, available at the MAST database (see also Sect. 2.4).

2.2. Primary transit modeling

Before performing the transit modeling, we normalized the transits by fitting a parabola to the 11 h intervals of the LC before the ingress and after the egress of each transit to correct for any local variations. We discarded one of the 63 available transits occurring at BJD ∼ 2 455 033.3 that is affected by one of the discontinuities seen in the LC (see Fig. 1).

Transit modeling was performed following the formalism of Giménez (2006) by fixing the eccentricity to zero (see Sect. 2.3). The seven free parameters used in the transit modeling were the orbital period \( P \), the epoch of the first transit \( t_0 \), the transit duration \( T_{\text{tr}} \), the planet-to-star radii ratio \( k = R_p/R_* \), the orbital inclination \( i \), and the two limb-darkening coefficients \( u_1 \) = \( u_a + u_b \) and \( u_2 = u_a - u_b \).

The best-fit model of the primary transit was performed using the algorithm AMOEBA (Press et al. 1992) and changing the initial parameters with a Monte Carlo simulation to find the global minimum of the \( \chi^2 \). We followed the procedure described in Kipping (2010) to take the long cadence rate of the \textit{Kepler} LC into account; the \( \chi^2 \) was computed by binning a five-times oversampled model LC within the long cadence rate of \textit{Kepler} and comparing this to the data. The phase-folded transit and the best-fit model as well as the residuals between the observations and the model are shown in Fig. 2. We used a bootstrap procedure to estimate the uncertainties, which consist in generating synthetic data sets shifting the residuals from the best-fit, adding them back to the best-fit model LC, and fitting the data once again. We finally determined the 1-\( \sigma \) uncertainty as the 68\% confidence interval defined as 16\% above the upper (and below the lower) confidence limit of the cumulative probability. The parameters of the best-fit model and their 1-\( \sigma \) uncertainties are reported in Table 2.

2.3. Modeling the occultation and orbital phase variations

Space-based high-precision photometry has shown its capability to detect planetary occultation and phase variation for close-in planets (e.g. Alonso et al. 2009a,b; Snellen et al. 2009, 2010; Borucki et al. 2009; Demory et al. 2011). Even if KOI-196 is faint, we cleaned the LC to try to detect both effects. For this purpose, we first removed all the transits from the raw LC corrected for the contamination (Sect. 2.1). We then corrected for long-term trends separately in the Q1 and the first two subsets of the Q2 data between BJD 2 455 000.0 and 2 455 033.3, by fitting polynomials of the eighth order. For the other subsets of the Q2 LC, we just removed the offsets around each discontinuity. We finally de-trended the whole LC using a sliding median with a window of 1.5 times the orbital period, taking care to mirror the LC at the beginning and the end. This method leads to a total dispersion of 243 ppm after a 3-\( \sigma \) clipping. The final LC, phase-folded at the transit ephemeris is displayed in Fig. 3 and clearly shows an occultation, as well as orbital phase variations. We also tested different sliding median windows between \( \sim 1.5 \cdot \text{P} \) and \( \sim 2.5 \cdot \text{P} \) and obtained the same result with a slightly larger

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### Table 1. KOI-196 IDs, coordinates, and magnitudes.

| Description                          | Value                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| \textit{Kepler} Input Catalog (KIC)  | 9410930                |
| \textit{Kepler} Object of Interest (KOI) | 196.01               |
| 2MASS ID                             | 19380317+4558539       |
| Right Ascension (J2000)              | 19.38 03.19            |
| Declination (J2000)                  | 45.38 53.76            |
| \textit{Kepler} magnitude$^{a}$      | 14.465 ± 0.02           |
| $g^a$                                | 14.996                 |
| $r^a$                                | 14.410                 |
| $i^a$                                | 14.238                 |
| $z^a$                                | 14.182 ± 0.030         |
| $J^b$                                | 13.262 ± 0.022         |
| $H^b$                                | 12.938 ± 0.024         |
| $K^b$                                | 12.892 ± 0.028         |
| $E(B-V)^b$                           | 0.114 ± 0.100          |

Notes. ($^{a}$) From the \textit{Kepler} Input Catalog. ($^{b}$) from 2MASS catalog.

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![Fig. 1. Raw and corrected light curve of KOI-196 as provided by the MAST database.](image1)

![Fig. 2. Phase-folded unbinned light curve of the KOI-196b transit with its best-fit model (top panel) and residuals (bottom panel).](image2)
Table 2. Star and planet parameters.

| Parameter                                      | Value |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Ephemeris                                       |       |
| Planet orbital period $P$ [days]                | 1.855558 ± 7.10^{-6} |
| Transit epoch $T_0$ [BJD-2454 900]              | 7.01803 ± 0.0003 |
| Results from radial velocity observations      |       |
| Orbital eccentricity $e$                        | 0 (fixed) |
| Semi-amplitude $K$ [m s^{-1}]                   | 85 ± 11 |
| Systemic velocity $V$ [km s^{-1}]               | -27.066 ± 0.007 |
| O-C residuals [m s^{-1}]                        | 24    |
| Fitted transit parameters                      |       |
| Radius ratio $k = R_p/R_*$                      | 0.0895 ± 0.0019 |
| Orbital inclination $I$ [deg]                   | 88 ± 3 |
| Transit duration $T$ [h]                        | 2.376 ± 0.048 |
| Limb darkening coefficient $u_c$                | 0.98 ± 0.17 |
| Limb darkening coefficient $u_i$                | 0.16 ± 0.20 |
| Deduced transit parameters                     |       |
| Scaled semi-major axis $a/R_*$                  | 6.43 ± 0.05 |
| Impact parameter $b$                            | 0.19 ± 0.07 |
| $M_{*}^{2/3}/R_*$ [solar units]                | 1.012 ± 0.009 |
| Stellar density $\rho_*$ [g cm^{-3}]            | 1.46 ± 0.04 |
| Fitted and deduced Out-of-Transit parameters   |       |
| Phase of secondary transit $\phi_{occ}$         | 0.499 ± 0.004 |
| Planet day-side to stellar flux ratio $R_{star}$ | 64 ± 10 |
| Planet night-side to day-side flux ratio        | < 0.24 |
| Relative stellar brightness $\xi_{sec}$          | 0.99993 ± 0.00001 |
| $e \cos \omega$                                | -0.002 ± 0.017 |
| Spectroscopic parameters                       |       |
| Effective temperature $T_{eff}$ [K]             | 5620 ± 140 |
| Metallicity [Fe/H] [dex]                        | 0.29 ± 0.16 |
| Stellar rotational velocity $v \sin i_*$ [km s^{-1}] | 6.0 ± 2 |
| Spectral type                                   | G6V   |
| Stellar physical parameters from combined analysis |       |
| Star mass $M_* [M_\odot]$                      | 1.12 ± 0.07 |
| Star radius $R_* [R_\odot]$                    | 1.02 ± 0.03 |
| Surface gravity $\sigma^*$                      | 4.47 ± 0.12 |
| Age of the star $t$ [Myr]                       | 650 ± 350 |
| Distance of the system [pc]                     | 770 ± 100 |
| Planetary physical parameters from combined analysis |       |
| Orbital semi-major axis $a'$ [AU]               | 0.030 ± 0.001 |
| Planet mass $M_* [M_{Jup}]$                     | 0.55 ± 0.09 |
| Planet radius $R_* [R_{Jup}]$                   | 0.89 ± 0.05 |
| Planet density $\rho_p$ [g cm^{-3}]             | 1.10 ± 0.18 |
| Geometric albedo $A_g$                          | 0.30 ± 0.07 |
| Day-side temperature $T_{day}$ [K]              | 1730 ± 400 |

Notes. (a) Derived from $M_*$ and $R_*$. (b) Derived from $a/R_*$ and $R_*$. (c) Considering no atmospheric thermal circulation ($e = 0$).

dispersion. As expected, windows with extensions smaller than the orbital period significantly reduce the amplitude of the phase variations we are searching for and thus, our choice of 1.5 · $P$ is the best compromise between preserving the signal we wish to detect and minimizing the rms of the residuals.

We characterized the occultation and phase variations using the formalism proposed by Snellen et al. (2009). To model the occultation, we fixed the values of the orbital period, the epoch of transit, the transit duration, the radii ratio, and the inclination to those derived by the transit modeling but without introducing the LD coefficient, as the planet is passing behind the star. We first binned the LC to 0.02 in phase (inset of Fig. 3) and fitted an out-of-transit model with four free parameters: the phase of the secondary eclipse $\phi_{occ}$, the contrast between the planet day-side and stellar flux $R_{day}$, the ratio of the night-side to day-side flux $F_{N/D}$, and the relative stellar brightness $\xi_{sec}$ (Snellen et al. 2009). As for the transit modeling, we found the best-fit solution using the algorithm AMOEBA and changing the initial parameters with a Monte Carlo method to determine the global minimum of the $\chi^2$. We also oversampled the model to take the bin size into account. We found the phase of the secondary eclipse to be $\phi_{occ} = 0.499_{-0.004}^{+0.004}$, which allows us to constrain $e \cos \omega = -0.002_{-0.004}^{+0.004}$ (Giménez 2009). Thus, we assumed that the eccentricity of KOI-196 is zero. We then performed again an out-of-transit modeling of the unbinned LC, fixing the phase of the occultation to 0.5 and allowing the three remaining parameters to vary. We computed the $\chi^2$ by comparing the data with a five-times oversampled model binned at the Kepler cadence rate. We indeed expected that not oversampling the model could lead to an underestimation of the occultation depth. The best-fit model corresponding to the global minimum of the $\chi^2$ is plotted in Fig. 3 and the derived parameters are displayed in Table 2. One-$\sigma$ uncertainties were determined using a bootstrap procedure as for the primary transit (see Sect. 2.2).

2.4. Centroid motion

To test whether the centroid behaviour was compatible with the target’s vicinity (Batalha et al. 2010), we performed simple two-dimensional simulations of the photometric properties of KOI-196 and its five neighbours located within 0.3" of KOI-196 and described in the MAST archive. All of them are fainter than $K_p = 16.2$. We used circular apertures instead of the actual Kepler PSF; this assumption should affect only the most distant contaminants. All configurations where one of the neighbours produced the transit were discarded, since this would imply a shift in the X and/or Y directions of between 2 and 20 mpixels in absolute value. In our simulations, when KOI-196 is the transiting star, we still find a small centroid shift of 1–2 mpixels. The observed centroid positions have a mean value of 0 in both directions, with 1-$\sigma$ errors of 0.4 and 0.6 mpixel in X and Y, respectively (see Fig. 4). The simple simulations of the photocenter of KOI-196 being disturbed by its neighbours are therefore in agreement with the observations, within 2-$\sigma$.

3. SOPHIE observations

3.1. Observations and data reduction

We performed spectroscopic follow-up observations of the target KOI-196 with the SOPHIE spectrograph (Perruchot et al. 2008; Bouchy et al. 2009c) mounted on the 1.93-m telescope at Observatoire de Haute-Provence, France. We acquired twelve high-resolution spectra from March 25 to July 29, 2011 using the high efficiency mode ($R \sim 39,000$ at 550 nm) of SOPHIE and the slow CCD read-out mode in order to minimize the instrumental and photon noise. Observations were performed by keeping the signal-to-noise ratio of the spectra constant in order to minimize the charge transfer inefficiency effect (Bouchy et al. 2009a). 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). Three of the spectra were significantly affected by the Moon’s scattered light. Their corresponding radial velocities were corrected using the same technique as in Santerne et al. (2011) and Bonomo et al. (2010). Another two spectra were slightly affected by the Moon scattered light and were not corrected because the Moon light affected the measurement at the
level of a few m s$^{-1}$, which is compatible with the noise added by the correction.

These radial velocities are listed in Table 3 and displayed in Figs. 5 and 6. They show a clear variation compatible with the reflex motion of the parent star KOI-196 caused by a planetary companion in phase with the Kepler ephemeris. Since we found a secondary eclipse at phase $\sim$0.5 (cf. Sect. 2.3) and that circularization time scales for such close-in planets are very short (Mardling 2007), we assumed the orbit to be circular and fitted a corresponding keplerian to the data. We found a best-fit model with a semi-amplitude $K = 85 \pm 11$ m s$^{-1}$ and a $\sigma_{O-C} = 24$ m s$^{-1}$, which is comparable with the mean radial velocity uncertainty $\langle \sigma_{rv} \rangle = 20$ m s$^{-1}$.

From the SOPHIE CCF parameters, one can estimate the $v \sin i_*$ and [Fe/H] values using equations described in Boisse et al. (2010). Using the FWHM and contrast of the CCF and assuming $(B-V) = 0.63$, we find a $v \sin i_* = 4.1 \pm 1.0$ km s$^{-1}$ and [Fe/H] = $-0.17 \pm 0.15$ dex.

### 3.2. Blend analysis

If the RV signal is mimicked by a diluted blended binary, one can expect to see some correlation between the bisector span and radial velocities or different RV amplitude when processing the CCF with different spectral type mask templates (Bouchy et al. 2009b). We first fitted the different RV datasets processed with K5 and F0 masks with a circular orbit model and found that $K_{K5} = 84 \pm 11$ m s$^{-1}$, $\sigma_{O-C} = 20$ m s$^{-1}$ and $K_{F0} = 85 \pm 14$ m s$^{-1}$, $\sigma_{O-C} = 32$ m s$^{-1}$, which is in good agreement with the amplitude derived with the G2 mask.

Bisector span is also a key CCF diagnostic that is very sensitive to stellar activity and any additional blended spectral component (Queloz et al. 2001; Bouchy et al. 2009b; Santerne et al., in prep.). To assess the possibility that the radial velocity variations are not caused by a blended binary, we measured the bisector spans listed in Table 3 and plotted in Fig. 7. They do not reveal any significant variation within 1-$\sigma$. Moreover, neither radial velocities nor their residuals have a significant correlation with the bisector. These two checks allow us to secure the planetary nature of KOI-196b.

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**Table 3. SOPHIE measurements of KOI-196.**

| BJD            | RV    | $\pm 1 \sigma_{rv}$ | $V_{span}$ | S/N/pix @550 nm |
|----------------|-------|----------------------|------------|-----------------|
| ($-2.454900$)  | $-27.063$ | 0.017                | $-0.013$   | 16.8            |
| 749.65408      | $-27.141$ | 0.016                | 0.009      | 17.0            |
| 750.65676      | $-27.024$ | 0.025                | $-0.007$   | 14.7            |
| 760.60669      | $-27.110$ | 0.018                | $-0.035$   | 17.5            |
| 761.61891      | $-27.005$ | 0.015                | 0.026      | 19.1            |
| 768.62681      | $-27.130$ | 0.027                | $-0.033$   | 14.3            |
| 769.63221      | $-26.998$ | 0.018                | $-0.022$   | 19.3            |
| 770.62035      | $-27.053$ | 0.021                | 0.022      | 16.6            |
| 854.48407      | $-27.005$ | 0.024                | $-0.015$   | 13.7            |
| 868.45141      | $-27.169$ | 0.019                | $-0.051$   | 16.8            |
| 871.45738      | $-26.957$ | 0.025                | 0.021      | 17.4            |
| 872.59440      | $-27.082$ | 0.020                | $-0.009$   | 17.9            |
It is known that the log $g$ is the most uncertain parameter derived from spectral analysis. The quite low signal-to-noise ratio of our co-added spectrum combined with the moderate spectral resolution do not permit us to estimate this parameter more accurately. The derived stellar parameters are reported in Table 2. They are in a good agreement within the error bars, with the estimates published in Borucki et al. (2011) of $T_{\text{eff}} = 5585$ K and log $g = 4.51$ with uncertainties up to 30%.

From infrared photometry $J$ and $K$ available in the 2MASS archive, we computed the photometric $T_{\text{eff}} = 6000 \pm 150$ K following Casagrande et al. (2010), assuming a value of [Fe/H] of 0.3 dex and taking a reddening of $E(J-K) = 0.059$ (Cardelli et al. 1989) into account. This photometric estimation is at 2-$\sigma$ from the one determined by spectral analysis and might be explained by an over-estimated value of the reddening provided in the MAST database.

Finally, we used the stellar density derived by the transit modeling combined with the $T_{\text{eff}}$ from the spectral analysis to determine the star’s fundamental parameters in the $(T_{\text{eff}}, M_{\star}/R_{\star})$ space. The position of the star in the HR-diagram was compared to STAREVOL evolution tracks (Turck-Chièze et al. 2010) by minimizing the $\chi^2$ as described in Santerne et al. (2011). We found a main-sequence solution with $M_{\star} = 1.12 \pm 0.07 M_{\odot}$ and $R_{\star} = 1.02 \pm 0.03 R_{\odot}$. Main-sequence solutions are consistent with the absence of lithium in the spectrum of the star and the low $v \sin i_\star$ value we derived. We note that the inferred gravity surface log $g = 4.47 \pm 0.12$ is in good agreement with the spectroscopic value within 2-$\sigma$ as well as the one published by Borucki et al. (2011) of log $g = 4.5$. This solution led to an age of $650^{+220}_{-190}$ Myr.

These stellar parameters yield limb darkening coefficients in the Kepler bandpass of $u_r = 0.68 \pm 0.03$ and $u_c = 0.22 \pm 0.02$ (using interpolated values from Sing 2010). They are in good agreement with those obtained from the transit modeling within 2-$\sigma$ and 1-$\sigma$ for $u_r$ and $u_c$, respectively.

From the adopted stellar fundamental parameters, combined with results from the transit modeling and the analysis of the radial velocity observations, we find a mass and a radius of the planet of $M_p \approx 0.55 \pm 0.09 M_{\text{Jup}}$ and $R_p \approx 0.89 \pm 0.05 R_{\text{Jup}}$. The inferred mean density of the planet is $\rho_p = 1.10 \pm 0.18$ g cm$^{-3}$.

5. Geometric albedo characterization

The high accuracy of the *Kepler* photometry as well as the large number of orbital periods covered during Q1 and Q2 allowed us to clearly detect both the secondary transit and the phase variation in the optical (a 5-$\sigma$ detection, see Sect. 2.3). Assuming a
pure reflecting planet without thermal emission, we found a geometric albedo of $A_g = 0.33^{+0.02}_{-0.03}$ in the Kepler bandpass (Rowe et al. 2006). Even in the optical, part of the observed light from the planet could be due to thermal emission (López-Morales & Seager 2007; Snellen et al. 2009). The observed occultation depth is thus a combination of the reflected light and the thermal emission

$$\delta_{occ} = \frac{F_{pa}}{F_\star} + \frac{F_{p\text{ut}}}{F_\star},$$

where $F_{pa}$ is the thermal flux generated by the planet and $F_{p\text{ut}}$ is the reflected light. Using Eq. (14) in Rowe et al. (2006), the reflected component of the occultation depth is expressed as

$$\frac{F_{p\text{ut}}}{F_\star} = A_g \left( \frac{R_p}{a} \right)^2,$$

for which $R_p/a$ is well-constrained by the modeling of the primary transit.

To estimate the fraction of thermal emission that contributes to the planetary occultation, we computed the ratio of the flux of the star to the expected thermal flux of the planet assuming a blackbody emission. If the planet is tidally locked, its day-side temperature can be calculated using the expression (Cowan & Agol 2011)

$$T_\text{d} = T_\text{eff} \sqrt{\frac{R_p}{a}} (1 - A_B)^\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2}{3} - 5 \epsilon \right)^\frac{1}{4},$$

where the Bond albedo $A_B$ is fixed to zero assuming blackbody emission and $\epsilon$ is the circulation efficiency that is allowed to vary from $\epsilon = 1$ for a full redistribution of the energy budget from the day-side towards the night-side to $\epsilon = 0$ for no heat circulation in the atmosphere.

We used the Castelli & Kurucz (2004) atmospheric model$^4$, $S_{\text{CK}}^{\lambda\kappa}$, of a solar-like star to estimate the stellar flux and integrated over the Kepler bandpass $\Omega_\lambda^\kappa$. We then integrated the Planck function at the day-side brightness temperature $T_\text{d}$ of the planet over the Kepler bandpass. The occultation depth due to thermal emission is the ratio of the two fluxes, multiplied by the surface areas of the planet and the star, respectively

$$\frac{F_{pa}}{F_\star} = \pi k^2 \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} \frac{2hc}{\lambda^5} \left[ \exp \left( \frac{hc}{\lambda k T_\text{d}} \right) - 1 \right]^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \right) \Omega_\lambda^\kappa d\lambda,$$

where $h$ is the Planck constant, $k_B$, the Boltzmann constant, and $c$ the speed of light in the vacuum.

Figure 8 displays the geometric albedo in the Kepler bandpass as a function of the brightness temperature of the planet derived from the previous equations. We found that the thermal emission of the planet is negligible within the Kepler bandpass and inferred a geometric albedo of $A_g = 0.3 \pm 0.08$. Using this range of values for the albedo and assuming that the geometric albedo is related to the Bond albedo through the relation $A_g = 3/2A_B$ for a perfect Lambertian sphere (e.g. Rowe et al. 2006), and assuming that the energy redistribution is inefficient ($\epsilon = 0$) for such a strongly irradiated planet, we estimated the day-side temperature of the planet of $T_\text{day} = 1730 \pm 400$ K.

6. Discussion

6.1. A non-inflated low-mass hot-Jupiter

With an orbital period of $1.855558 \pm 7 \times 10^{-6}$ d, a radius of $0.89 \pm 0.05 R_{\text{Jup}}$, and a mass of $0.55 \pm 0.097 M_{\text{Jup}}$, KOI-196b is one of these rare objects with a very short orbital period ($P < 2$ d) and a radius and a mass that are lower than that of Jupiter. Figure 9 compares KOI-196 with other planets in terms of orbital period, planetary radius, and mass. Only HD 212301b (Lo Curto et al. 2006) exhibits similar characteristics in terms of mass and orbital period. However, as the orbital inclination of this planet is still unknown, the true mass of HD 212301b is likely to be much higher. Using tables in Fortney et al. (2007), we estimated that the core mass of KOI-196b contains between $50 M_{\text{H}_2}$ and $100 M_{\text{H}_2}$ of heavy elements. This means that between one third and two third of KOI-196b’s mass is concentrated in its core. Another high-density short-period planet of radius smaller than that of Jupiter is HD 149026b (Sato et al. 2005). Out of the 141 transiting planets discovered so far, only KOI-196b and HD 149026b are located in the hot-Jupiter desert with an orbital period shorter than three days and with either a radius or mass smaller than Jupiter. This desert cannot be caused by an observational bias since the short orbital periods of these planets make their detection easier. These two objects might share the same formation and/or evolution process (Broeg & Wuchterl 2007).

Figure 10 displays the planetary radius as a function of the maximum day-side temperature assuming no heat circulation (i.e. $T_{\text{day}}^\text{max} = T_{\text{eff}}/(\alpha/R_\star)$). There is a clear correlation between the radius and the expected maximum day-side temperature for hot Jupiters less massive than $2 M_{\text{Jup}}$, as expected theoretically (Burrows et al. 2007; Liu et al. 2008). Once again, in the Saturn-Jupiter domain, KOI-196b and HD 149026b appear to be outliers. This might be explained by an unusual high Bond albedo in comparison with other transiting planets as observed for KOI-196b. It is indeed expected that planets with a higher albedo are cooler (see Eq. (3)), thus are less inflated (see Fig. 10).

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$^4$ http://www.stsci.edu/hstobservatory/cdbs/castelli_kurucz_atlas.html

$^5$ http://keplergo.arc.nasa.gov/CalibrationResponse.shtml
Large mass-loss could explain this unusually low mass and small radius for such a short-period hot Jupiter (Ehrenreich & Désert 2011). Using Eqs. (15) and (22) in Lecavelier Des Etangs (2007) and assuming a efficient extraction of the gas by the extreme ultraviolet incident flux $\eta = 1$, we estimate a current escape rate for KOI-196b of $\sim 0.004 M_{\text{Jup}}$/Gyr. Thus, mass-loss is a very unlikely process to explain the low mass and small radius of KOI-196b.

Further studies of internal structure, taking the high albedo of KOI-196b into account, are required to explain the small radius for this close-in planet.

6.2. A high albedo for a hot Jupiter

The planet KOI-196b is the third hot Jupiter discovered so far with such a high albedo. The first ones were Kepler-7b (Latham et al. 2010) with $A_g = 0.32 \pm 0.03$ (Kipping & Bakos 2011; Demory et al. 2011) and HAT-P-7b (Pál et al. 2008) with an albedo of $A_g = 0.58 \pm 0.05$ (Welsh et al. 2010). Other giant planets with an observed occultation have a very low albedo in the optical $A_B \lesssim 0.15$ (Cowan & Agol 2011). Theoretical studies previously predicted the low albedo of close-in planets (e.g. Sudarsky et al. 2000) caused by the high opacity of Na and K at optical wavelengths. Demory et al. (2011) suggested that a depletion of these elements in the upper atmosphere of Kepler-7b relative to solar abundances can explain its high albedo. Sudarsky et al. (2000) demonstrated that a high albedo can also be explained by a silicate layer high in the atmosphere. Finally, synthetic spectra of the thermal emission of hot Jupiters from Fortney et al. (2008) suggests that thermal emission might differ significantly from blackbody emission in the optical. In that case, the contribution of the thermal light in the Kepler bandpass can be significantly higher, leading to a lower value of the geometric albedo in KOI-196b. Infrared observations of the secondary eclipse and, if possible, the thermal phase variation of KOI-196b are needed to constrain the day-side and night-side temperature as well as constrain unambiguously its geometric albedo and heat circulation (Cowan & Agol 2011).

7. Conclusion

Thanks to publicly available Kepler photometry and new high-resolution SOPHIE spectroscopic observations, we have established the planetary nature of the Kepler object of interest KOI-196.01, now called “KOI-196b”, one of the 1235 Kepler’s candidates published by Borucki et al. (2011). The planet KOI-196b is a $0.55 \pm 0.09 M_{\text{Jup}} - 0.89 \pm 0.05 R_{\text{Jup}}$ hot Jupiter orbiting a slightly metal-poor G2V star in a 1.855558 $\pm 0.000007 \text{d}$ period. This planet is a rare case of close-in hot Jupiters with a radius smaller and mass lower than Jupiter suggesting that it is a non-inflated planet. We note that only six Kepler candidates of priority 2, including KOI-196b, are expected to be hot Jupiters with an orbital period shorter than three days and radius in-between 0.5 $R_{\text{Jup}}$ and 0.9 $R_{\text{Jup}}$, namely KOI-102.01, KOI-183.01, KOI-356.01, KOI-801.01 and KOI-883.01. Focusing follow-up efforts on them can help us to specify the boundary of the short-period low-mass and small-radius hot Jupiter desert, if it exists.

Using the high-quality and long time-series of the Kepler data, we have detected the occultation as well as the optical phase variation of KOI-196b, orbiting a quite faint star ($m_V \sim 14.6$). From the occultation depth and assuming a blackbody planetary thermal emission in the Kepler bandpass, we have estimated a geometric albedo of the planet to be
0.30 ± 0.07, which is markedly higher than the geometric albedo observed for most of the known hot Jupiters (Cowan & Agol 2011). This leads to a day-side temperature of \( T_{\text{day}} = 1730 \pm 400 \) K assuming no thermal redistribution in the atmosphere. Lower values for the albedo are still possible but would indicate a significant contribution of the planetary thermal emission in the optical. This can be unambiguously confirmed with infrared observations of the planetary occultation.

This detection demonstrates once again the efficiency of SOPHIE, a dedicated instrumentation on a 2-m class telescope for the ground-based follow-up of space mission such as Kepler, CoRoT, or the ESA M-class mission PLATO, if selected.

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