OPTICAL PHASE CURVES OF KEPLER EXOPLANETS

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ABSTRACT
We conducted a comprehensive search for optical phase variations of all close-in \( (a/R_\star < 10) \) planet candidates in 15 quarters of Kepler space telescope data. After correcting for systematics, we found eight systems that show secondary eclipses as well as phase variations. Of these, five (Kepler-5, Kepler-6, Kepler-8, KOI-64, and KOI-2133) are new and three (TrES-2, HAT-P-7, and KOI-13) have published phase curves, albeit with many fewer observations. We model the full phase curve of each planet candidate, including the primary and secondary transits, and derive their albedos, dayside and nightside temperatures, ellipsoidal variations, and Doppler beaming. We find that KOI-64 and KOI-2133 have nightside temperatures well above their equilibrium values (while KOI-2133 also has an albedo, \( > 1 \)), so we conclude that they are likely to be self-luminous objects rather than planets. The other six candidates have characteristics consistent with their being planets with low geometric albedos (\(< 0.3\)). For TrES-2 and KOI-13, the Kepler bandpass appears to probe atmospheric layers hotter than the planet’s equilibrium temperature. For KOI-13, we detect a never-before-seen third cosine harmonic with an amplitude of \( 6.7 \pm 0.3 \) ppm and a phase shift of \( -1.1 \pm 0.1 \) rad in the phase curve residual, possibly due to its spin-orbit misalignment. We report derived planetary parameters for all six planets, including masses from ellipsoidal variations and Doppler beaming, and compare our results to published values when available. Our results nearly double the number of Kepler exoplanets with measured phase curve variations, thus providing valuable constraints on the properties of hot Jupiters.

Key words: planets and satellites: individual (Kepler-5, Kepler-6, Kepler-8, KOI-64, KOI-2133, TrES-2, HAT-P-7) – stars: individual (Kepler-5, Kepler-6, Kepler-8, KOI-64, KOI-2133, TrES-2, HAT-P-7) – techniques: photometric

1. INTRODUCTION
Until recently, most measurements of the dayside emission of hot Jupiters have relied on targeting the secondary eclipses of these planets. Typically, these studies have focused on the thermal emission in the near- and mid-infrared using the Spitzer Space Telescope (e.g., review by Deming 2009) as well as ground-based telescopes (e.g., de Mooij & Snellen 2009; Croll et al. 2010). However, such observations only permit indirect measurements of the albedo and the day–night contrast of exoplanets (e.g., Cowan & Agol 2011). Phase curve measurements with Spitzer, on the other hand, have provided direct measurements of the day–night contrasts (e.g., Knutson et al. 2007), thus the temperature difference between the two hemispheres, and have shown that the hottest spot in the planet’s atmosphere could be offset from sub-stellar point (e.g., Knutson et al. 2007).

At optical wavelengths, reflected light could account for a significant fraction of a planet’s light curve. Moreover, since the planet-to-star contrast is much lower in the optical regime, contributions from ellipsoidal variations and Doppler boosting also become important. Both these effects provide information on the planet-to-star mass ratio. Ellipsoidal variations stem from changes in the star’s light due to tides raised by the planet, while Doppler boosting results from the reflex motion (\( K_v \)) of the star. Thus far, optical phase curves of only a handful of planets have been presented in the literature: CoRoT-1b (Snellen et al. 2009), HAT-P-7b (e.g., Borucki et al. 2009; Welsh et al. 2010), KOI-13 (e.g., Shporer et al. 2011; Mazeh et al. 2012), TrES-2b (Kipping & Spiegel 2011; Barclay et al. 2012), and Kepler 41 (Quintana et al. 2013).

The Kepler space telescope monitors over 150,000 stars, and so far the Kepler team has publicly released 15 quarters of data acquired over 3 yr of continuous observations. The majority of stars only have long-cadence (LC) measurements, with a sampling rate of 29.425 minutes, while a small fraction also have short-cadence (SC) observations with a sampling rate of 58.85 s (Borucki et al. 2011).

Here we present the results of our analysis of the first 15 quarters of Kepler LC and SC data for eight objects (Kepler-5b, Kepler-6b, Kepler-8b, KOI-13, KOI-64, KOI-2133, TrES-2b, and HAT-P-7b) that exhibit phase variations. In Section 2, we present the data set and our analysis method, while in Section 3 we present our model to fit the data. The results are presented and discussed in Section 4, and finally we provide the conclusions in Section 5.

2. DATA REDUCTION
After correcting for systematics (see Section 2.1 below), we visually inspected the phase curves of all publicly released Kepler planetary candidates and confirmed planets that have a semimajor axis to stellar radius (\( a/R_\star \)) ratio of less than 10. Of these, we found eight systems (Kepler-5, Kepler-6, Kepler-8, KOI-13, KOI-64, KOI-2133, TrES-2, and HAT-P-7) that, after the removal of systematics, exhibited an apparent phase curve signal.

2.1. Removal of Systematics
In our analysis, we used both the Kepler LC and SC simple aperture photometry (SAP) data available (see Table 1). Instrumental signals were removed by performing a linear least-squares fit of the first eight cotrending basis vectors.

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This was done to remove sections of the light curve where the
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normalized each quarter to its out-of-transit median. After
cotrending and combining all quarters, we removed outliers by
calculating a running median and standard deviation of 21 measurements around each point and rejecting measurements
that differed by more than 3σ. We also calculated the out-of-
transit median for each half of the planet’s orbit, where an orbit is
defined as the time between two consecutive transits, and
removed any orbits whose median deviated by more than 2σ.
This was done to remove sections of the light curve where the
CBVs fit poorly without introducing a phase curve sampling
bias. The raw, cotrended, and cotrended/outlier-filtered light curve, of each system, can be found in the Appendix.

2.2. Companion Stars

Kepler’s large pixel size, with a width of 3′98, allows for the
possibility of dilution from a background or foreground star or a
nearby stellar companion. In the literature, we find that several
of our eight systems have one or two companion stars within
4″ of the planetary host star (see Table 2). However, the only
system that is significantly diluted by its companion is KOI-13,
which we have corrected for as the contamination would greatly
affect the derived planetary parameters. Note that each of these
systems could also have closer companions that could not be
detected by previous studies and that they could significantly
dilute our results.

2.3. Stellar Variability

The periodogram (Zechmeister & Kürster 2009) of KOI-64 revealed a strong periodic signal, sharply peaked at a period of
2.224 days, with variations in phase and amplitude between
oscillations. We modeled the variability of 2.224 day segments
using a linear polynomial and a sine wave with a 2.224 day
period, while allowing for small shifts in phase between

segments. To minimize discontinuities between periods, we si-
multaneously fit half a period on either side of each segment,
and then stitched the segments together by interpolating cu-
bic splines over the first and last 10%. The light curve before
and after variability removal can be found in the lower plot of Figure 5.

Periodograms of the other systems showed that, close to the
planet’s period or aliases of the period, the stellar variability had
an amplitude much lower than the phase curve signal.

3. ANALYSIS

We modeled the transit and phase curve separately and in
two stages in order to remove the phase curve baseline from the
transit light curve.

3.1. Transit Modeling

To model the transit we used a Mandel & Agol (2002) transit model for a quadratically limb-darkened source, over an orbital
phase of −0.1 to 0.1, which we fit to our data using a Markov
Chain Monte Carlo simulation. The simulation simultaneously
fits for the impact parameter of the transit (b), the semimajor
axis of the planet’s orbit to star radius (a/R⋆), the linear and
quadratic limb-darkening coefficients (γ1 and γ2), the planet-to-
star radius (r/R⋆), and the linear and quadratic limb-darkening
coefficients (γ1 and γ2). Five sequences of 100,000 steps were
generated and the first 30,000 points were trimmed to avoid any
contamination from the initial conditions. The chains were then
combined after checking that they were well mixed (Gelman & Rubin 1992).

The transit curve of KOI-13 is asymmetric as a result of the
planet’s motion across a stellar surface temperature gradient
during the transit (Szabó et al. 2011). To obtain a symmetric curve we averaged the transit in 30 s bins, reflected the curve
onto itself, and took the mean of each bin. Fitting this curve
provided a good first-order approximation of the transit depth
and shape.

3.2. Phase Curve Modeling

We modeled the normalized, out-of-transit phase curve as a
sum of four contributions: (1) Fp, the planet’s phase function;
(2) Fecl, the secondary eclipse, when the light from the planet

Table 1

| System | SC Quarters | LC Quarters |
|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Kepler-5 | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 | 0, 1, 13, 14 |
|         | 10, 11, 12 | ...         |
| Kepler-6 | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 | 0, 1, 8, 14 |
|         | 11, 12, 13 | ...         |
| Kepler-8 | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 | 0, 1, 8, 14 |
|         | 11, 12, 13 | ...         |
| KOI-64 | 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 | 0, 1, 2, 14 |
|         | 11, 12, 13 | ...         |
| KOI-2133 | ... | 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |
|         | 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 | ...         |
| TrES-2 | 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 | ... |
|         | 10, 11, 13, 14 | ...         |
| HAT-P-7 | 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | ... |
|         | 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 | ...         |
| KOI-13 | 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 | 0, 1, 4, 5, 6 |
|         | 12, 13, 14 | ...         |

Table 2

| Host Star | Host Star | Comp. Dist (″) | Comp. Est. | Comp. Est. |
|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Kepler-5  | 13.369b   | 0.9b           | 18.7       | <1%        |
|           | 3.9b      | 19.8           | ...        | ...        |
| Kepler-6  | 13.303b   | ...b           | ...        | ...        |
| Kepler-8  | 15.563b   | 3.04b          | 22.1       | <1%        |
|           | 3.74b     | 20.5           | ...        | <1%        |
| KOI-64    | 13.143b   | ...b           | ...        | ...        |
| KOI-2133  | 12.495b   | ...a           | ...        | ...        |
| TrES-2    | 11.338b   | 0.9d           | ...        | <1%        |
| HAT-P-7   | 10.463c   | 3.9e           | ...        | <1%        |
| KOI-13    | 9.958b    | 1.12b          | 10.5       | 38%        |

Notes.

a No data is available.
b From Adams et al. (2012).
c From Batalha et al. (2013).
d From Daemgen et al. (2009).
e From Narita et al. (2012).
Figure 1. Left and right panels contain the binned and phase-folded transit light curves and phase curves, respectively. Overplotted on each is our best-fit model with the residual plotted underneath. For Kepler-5, Kepler-6, and Kepler-8, the transit bin size is 30 s while the phase curve bin sizes are 85, 78, and 72 minutes, respectively.

is blocked as it passes behind its host star; (3) $F_d$, the Doppler boost caused by the host star’s changing radial velocity; and (4) $F_e$, the ellipsoidal variations resulting from tides on the star raised by the planet. Each of these components is phase ($\phi$) dependent with $\phi$ running from 0 to 1 and mid-transit occurring at $\phi = 0$. The change in brightness of the planet–star system as a function of phase can then be described by

$$\frac{\Delta F}{F} = f_0 + F_{\text{ecl}}(\phi) + F_p(\phi) + F_d(\phi) + F_e(\phi), \quad (1)$$

where $f_0$ is an arbitrary zero point in flux. The details of phase curve model fit are the same as described in Section 3.1.

3.3. Secondary Eclipse

Since each of these systems appears to have a secondary eclipse centered on $\phi = 0.5$, we assume that the orbits have zero eccentricity and model the secondary eclipse using the formalism from Mandel & Agol (2002) for a uniform source.
3.4. Phase Function

We model the variation in planetary light as a Lambert sphere (Russell 1916) described by

\[ F_p = A_p \frac{\sin z + (\pi - z) \cos z}{\pi} \]

where \( A_p \) is the amplitude of the phase function and \( z \) is related to \( \phi \) and the orbital inclination \( (i) \) through

\[ \cos(z) = -\sin(i) \cos(2\pi \phi) \]

3.5. Doppler Boosting

Doppler boosting is a combination of a bolometric and a bandpass-dependent effect. The bolometric effect is the result of non-relativistic Doppler boosting of the stellar light in the direction of the star’s radial velocity. The observed periodic brightness change is proportional to the star’s radial velocity, which is a function of the planet’s distance and mass (Barclay et al. 2012). The bandpass-dependent effect is a periodic redshift/blueshift of the star’s spectrum, which results in a
Figure 3. Same as Figure 1. However, for HAT-P-7 and KOI-13 the transit bin size is 30 s while the phase curve bin sizes are 30 and 32 minutes, respectively. In addition, overplotted on KOI-13’s (middle right panel) residual is the $3\phi$ signal described in Section 4.2. The lower right panel contains the best-fit model and residual for a model fit including this additional signal.

Periodic measured brightness change as parts of the star’s spectrum move in and out of the observed bandpass (Barclay et al. 2012). The amplitude of the Doppler boosting is modeled by

$$F_d = A_d \sin(2\pi \phi),$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)

where $A_d$ is the amplitude of the Doppler boost. Given that the radial velocities are much lower than the speed of light and that the planet has zero eccentricity, $A_d$ can be parameterized by

$$A_d = \alpha_d \frac{K_*}{c}. \hspace{1cm} (5)$$

Here $c$ is the speed of light, $\alpha_d$ is the photon-weighted bandpass-integrated beaming factor, and $K_*$ is the radial velocity.

where $G$ is the universal gravitational constant, $P$ is the orbital period of the planet, and we have assumed $M_p \ll M_\star$. Similar to Barclay et al. (2012), we calculated $a_\star$ in the manner described by Bloemen et al. (2011) and Loeb & Gaudi (2003):

$$a_\star = \left( \frac{2\pi G}{P} \right)^{1/3} \frac{M_\star \sin i}{M_p^{1/3}},$$

(6)

where $T_K$ is the Kepler transmission function, $\lambda$ is the wavelength, and $F_\lambda,\star$ is the stellar flux computed using the NEXTGEN model spectra (Hauschildt et al. 1999).

We opted to fit Kepler-5, Kepler-6, and KOI-2133 without Doppler boosting as they exhibit a poorly constrained, negative Doppler signal.

### 3.6. Ellipsoidal Variations

Ellipsoidal variations are periodic changes in observed stellar flux caused by fluctuations of the star’s visible surface area as the stellar tide, created by the planet, rotates in and out of view of the observer (Mislis et al. 2012). If there is no tidal lag, the star’s visible surface area and ellipsoidal variations are at maximum when the direction of the tidal bulge is perpendicular to the observer’s line of sight and at minimum during the transit and secondary eclipse.

The ellipsoidal light curve is described, by Equations (1)–(3) of Morris (1985), as a linear combination of the first three cosine harmonics of the planet’s period. These equations can be re-expressed as

$$F_c = -A_e \left[ \cos(2\pi \cdot 2\phi) + f_1 \cos(2\pi \phi) + f_2 \cos(2\pi \cdot 3\phi) \right],$$

(8)

where $A_e$ is the amplitude of the dominant cosine harmonic and $f_1$ and $f_2$ are fractional constants defined by

$$f_1 = 3a_1 \left( \frac{a}{R_\star} \right)^{-1} \frac{5 \sin^2 i - 4}{\sin i},$$

(9)

$$f_2 = 5a_1 \left( \frac{a}{R_\star} \right)^{-1} \sin i,$$

(10)

$A_e$ is parameterized as

$$A_e = a_\star M_p \left( \frac{a}{R_\star} \right)^{-3} \sin^2 i,$$

(11)

where $M_\star$ is the mass of the star and $M_p$ is the mass of the planet, the only free parameter in our fit of the ellipsoidal variations. The constants $a_1$ and $a_2$ are defined as

$$a_1 = \frac{25u}{24(15 + u)} \left( \frac{y + 2}{y + 1} \right),$$

(12)

$$a_2 = \frac{3(15 + u)}{20(3 - u)} (y + 1),$$

(13)

where $u$ and $y$ are the linear limb-darkening and gravity-darkening parameters, respectively. Similar to Barclay et al. (2012), we trilinearly interpolate for $u$ and $y$ calculated by Claret & Bloemen (2011) from the grids in effective temperature, surface gravity, and metallicity using the Kepler filter, a microturbulent velocity of 2 km s$^{-1}$, and ATLAS model spectra (see Table 3).

### 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The relevant stellar, fitted, and derived parameters can be found in Tables 4 and 5, and plots of the transit and phase curve fit and residuals, for each system, can be found in Figures 1–3.

#### 4.1. Derived Masses

We compared the Kepler-5, Kepler-6, Kepler-8, TrES-2, and HAT-P-7 mass values from radial velocity measurements to the planet masses derived from ellipsoidal variations (see Tables 4 and 5). We find that TrES-2 (O’Donovan et al. 2006) and Kepler-6 (Dunham et al. 2010) agree with our ellipsoidal mass, while HAT-P-7 (Pál et al. 2008) and Kepler-8 (Jenkins et al. 2010) are within 2σ and Kepler-5 (Koch et al. 2010) is 2.5σ higher than our value.

Of these planets, we also derived planet masses from the Doppler boosting signal for Kepler-8, TrES-2, and HAT-P-7 (see Tables 4 and 5). We find that Kepler-8’s and HAT-P-7’s Doppler mass is within 2σ and 3σ, respectively, of their mass from ellipsoidal and radial velocity measurements, while TrES-2’s is in agreement with both.

We also compare our ellipsoidal and Doppler measurements with the previously published phase curves of TrES-2, HAT-P-7, and KOI-13.

For TrES-2, our ellipsoidal and Doppler amplitudes agree within 2.3σ to values in Barclay et al. (2012) and Kipping & Spiegel (2011).

For HAT-P-7, Jackson et al. (2012) give a planet to stellar mass ratio of $(1.10 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-3}$ and a radial velocity semi-amplitude of $300 \pm 70$ m s$^{-1}$. Using our formalism, this corresponds to $A_e = 20 \pm 1$ ppm and $A_d = 3.4 \pm 0.8$, which are within $1\sigma$ and $3\sigma$ of our values, respectively. In addition, Mislis et al. (2012) find an ellipsoidal and Doppler amplitude of 31 ppm and 8.7 ppm, respectively, while Welsh et al. (2010) measure $A_e = 37.3$. These values are approximately double ours, however this is because Mislis et al. (2012) and Welsh et al. (2010) measure peak-to-peak amplitudes, while we measure semi-amplitudes. Another study, Van Eylen et al. (2012), measured an ellipsoidal amplitude of 59 \pm 1, however, their model, compared to ours, includes an additional factor of $\pi$. If we take this into account, we find that our values agree.

For KOI-13, Mazeh et al. (2012) and Shporer et al. (2011) find ellipsoidal values of $66.8 \pm 1.6$ and 30.25 \pm 0.63 ppm, respectively, and Doppler values of $8.6\pm1.1$ and $5.28\pm0.44$ ppm, respectively. Note that Shporer et al. (2011) do not correct for the dilution from KOI-13’s companion star and as a result calculate much lower values. From their phase curve analysis, Mislis & Hodgkin (2012) give a planet mass of $8.3 \pm 1.25 M_J$, which is in agreement with our derived mass.

Each of these studies uses a different number of observations, systematic removal method, and phase curve model. In particular, the choice of phase function will influence the derived ellipsoidal mass. As described in Mislis et al. (2012), there is a degeneracy between the choice of phase function and amplitude of the ellipsoidal variations. Choosing a wider phase function, such as a geometrical sphere, will result in a lower ellipsoidal amplitude.
Table 3  
Limb-darkening, Gravity-darkening, and Higher-order Ellipsoidal Coefficients

| Parameter | Kepler-5 | Kepler-6 | Kepler-8 | KOI-64 | KOI-2133 | TrES-2 | HAT-P-7 | KOI-13 |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| $u$       | 0.290    | 0.398    | 0.298    | 0.474  | 0.549    | 0.354  | 0.282  | 0.624  |
| $y$       | 0.545    | 0.628    | 0.549    | 0.650  | 0.733    | 0.580  | 0.551  | 0.476  |
| $f_1$     | 0.0154   | 0.0173   | 0.0139   | 0.0288 | 0.0403   | 0.0142 | 0.0214 | 0.0460 |
| $f_2$     | 0.0259   | 0.0288   | 0.0242   | 0.0622 | 0.0672   | 0.0247 | 0.0378 | 0.0779 |
| $\phi_{\text{d}} (\text{ppm})$ | $16 \pm 5$ | $10 \pm 6$ | $5 \pm 7$ | $0.04 \pm 0.003$ | $0.09 \pm 0.004$ | $0.04 \pm 0.003$ | $0.04 \pm 0.003$ | $0.03 \pm 0.003$ |
| $\phi_{\text{p}} (\text{ppm})$ | $28 \pm 11$ | $20 \pm 12$ | $9 \pm 10$ | $0.05 \pm 0.003$ | $0.09 \pm 0.004$ | $0.05 \pm 0.003$ | $0.05 \pm 0.003$ | $0.04 \pm 0.003$ |

Table 4  
Stellar and Planetary Parameters

| Parameter | Kepler-5 | Kepler-6 | Kepler-8 | KOI-64 |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| $T_0$ (BJD−2,454,000) | 3.5484657 ± 0.0000007 | 3.2346995 ± 0.0000004 | 3.522297 ± 0.0000007 | 1.9510914 ± 0.0000004 |
| log $g$ (cgs) | 3.96 ± 0.10 | 4.236 ± 0.01 | 4.28 ± 0.10 | 3.94 ± 0.10 |
| [Fe/H] | 0.04 ± 0.06 | 0.34 ± 0.04 | −0.055 ± 0.034 | −0.341 ± 0.54 |
| $R_\star / R_p$ | 1.793 ± 0.043 | 1.391 ± 0.037 | 1.486 ± 0.053 | 1.938 ± 0.053 |
| $M_\star / M_p$ | 1.374 ± 0.040 b | 1.209 ± 0.044 c | 1.213 ± 0.067 d | 1.19 ± 0.044 |

4.2. $3\phi$ Signal

It is very clear that there is a $3\phi$ signal present in the phase curve residual of KOI-13 (see Figure 3, middle panel). We have re-modeled KOI-13’s phase curve to include the $3\phi$ cosine signal (see Figure 3, lower panel) and found a significant amplitude ($A_{3\phi} = 6.7 \pm 0.3$ ppm) and phase shift ($\theta_{3\phi} = -1.1 \pm 0.1$ rad). Note that this also slightly changed the fitted phase curve parameters (see Table 5).

The host star of KOI-13 is a rapid rotator ($v \sin i = 65$ km s$^{-1}$) and therefore has significant gravity darkening at the equator compared to the star’s poles. This is clearly seen in the asymmetry in the transit caused by a spin-orbit misalignment (Szabó et al. 2011; Barnes et al. 2011). This signal, at three times the orbital frequency, could be due to the tidal bulge caused by the planet, moving across areas with different surface brightnesses.

4.3. Secondary Eclipse and Planetary Phase Function

For all the systems we detect a significant secondary eclipse and phase function and for KOI-13, KOI-64, KOI-2133, and HAT-P-7 we also detect a significant nightside glide ($F_n$).
A defined as from Pál et al. (2008).

From Sozzetti et al. (2007).

$M_\text{A} (\text{deg}) = 89.0$.

$R_s$ from $p$ from

$A_R (\text{ppm}) = 30$.

$\phi_p$ from

$M_e / M_\odot = 2.24^a$.

Transit fit

$R_p / R_\star = 0.01775_{-0.00065}^{+0.00042}$.

$a / R_\star = 4.51_{-0.26}^{+0.12}$.

$b = 0.0_{-0.26}^{+0.19}$.

$i (\text{deg}) = 89.9_{-0.006}^{+2.3}$.

$\gamma_1 = 0.69_{-0.0024}^{+0.0024}$.

$\gamma_2 = 0.05_{-0.12}^{+0.25}$.

Phase curve fit

$F_\text{cl} (\text{ppm}) = 38.7 \pm 8.2$.

$F_s (\text{ppm}) = 30 \pm 10$.

$A_p (\text{ppm}) = 13.1_{-6.0}^{+5.8}$.

$A_d (\text{ppm}) = 4.20 \pm 0.30$.

$A_{\Delta}(\text{ppm}) = 45.2 \pm 3.1$.

$A_{\Delta}(\text{rad}) = \ldots$.

$\theta_{\Delta}(\text{rad}) = \ldots$.

Derived parameters

$R_p (R_\odot) = 1.323_{-0.036}^{+0.036}$.

$a (\text{AU}) = 0.156_{-0.0091}^{+0.0047}$.

$M_p$ from $A_d (M_\oplus) = \ldots$.

$M_p$ from $A_e (M_\oplus) = 5.92_{-1.12}^{+0.68}$.

Weighted $M_p$ (\ldots) = 1.33 $\pm$ 0.11.

$A_{\Delta}\text{cl} (\ldots) = 2.49_{-0.60}^{+0.55}$.

$T_{\text{eq}} (\text{K}) = 2009$.

$T_{\text{eq,born}} (\text{K}) = 1570$.

$T_{\text{eq,day}} (\text{K}) = 3300 \pm 100$.

$T_{\text{eq,night}} (\text{K}) = 3100 \pm 200$.

Table 5

| Parameter          | KOI-2133 | TrES-2   | HAT-P-7  | KOI-13   |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Period (days)      | 6.2465796 $\pm$ 0.000082 | 2.4706132 $\pm$ 0.000001 | 2.2047555 $\pm$ 0.0000001 | 1.7635877 $\pm$ 0.0000001 |
| $T_0$ (BJD$-$2,454,900) | 69.39661 $\pm$ 0.0048 | 55.76257 $\pm$ 0.00001 | 54.35780 $\pm$ 0.000002 | 53.56513 $\pm$ 0.000001 |
| $T_s$ (K)          | 4712 $\pm$ 200$^c$ | 5850 $\pm$ 50$^b$ | 6580 $\pm$ 80$^b$ | 8511 $\pm$ 1$^b$ |
| log $g$ (gs)       | 2.852 $\pm$ 0.5$^b$ | 4.4 $\pm$ 0.1$^b$ | 4.07 $\pm$ 0.04 | 3.9 $\pm$ 0.1$^d$ |
| $[Fe/H]$           | 0.509 $\pm$ 0.5$^a$ | $-0.15 \pm 0.10^b$ | 0.26 $\pm$ 0.08 | 0.2$^d$ |
| $R_s / R_\odot$    | 7.488$^a$ | 1.000$^{+0.033}_{-0.0036}$ | 1.84$^{+0.21}_{-0.11}$ | 2.55$^d$ |
| $M_e / M_\odot$    | 2.25$^a$ | 0.980 $\pm$ 0.062$^b$ | 1.47$^{+0.08}_{-0.05}$ | 2.0$^d$ |

Notes. A stellar mass uncertainty of $\pm 0.1 M_\odot$ and a stellar radius uncertainty of $\pm 0.1 R_\odot$ were assumed when not given in the literature, and for KOI-13 the right column contains results from a model fit including the 3$\sigma$ term, while the left column without including it.

$a$ From Batista et al. (2013).

$b$ From Sozzetti et al. (2007).

$c$ From Pál et al. (2008).

$d$ From Szabó et al. (2011).

\[ F_p = F_{\text{cl}} - A_p, \]  

where $F_{\text{cl}}$ is the depth of the eclipse and $A_p$ is the amplitude of the phase function (see Tables 4 and 5).

All systems, except KOI-2133 and Kepler-8, have published secondary eclipse detection of greater than 1$\sigma$. Of these, KOI-13, TrES-2, and HAT-P-7 also have published phase functions and therefore nightside flux measurements.

For TrES-2, our measurements agree with the secondary eclipse and phase function values presented in Barclay et al. (2012) and Kipping & Spiegel (2011).

For HAT-P-7, the secondary eclipse and phase function values in the literature differ significantly from each other. Our values agree with Morris et al. (2013) and Coughlin & López-Morales (2012) and are within 3–4$\sigma$ of the values presented in Jackson et al. (2012) and Van Eylen et al. (2012). In addition, Borucki et al. (2009), who analyze 10 days of data, measure $F_{\text{cl}} = 130 \pm 11$ ppm and $A_p = 122$ ppm, while Welsh et al. (2010) use 34 days of data and find $F_{\text{cl}} = 85.8$ ppm and $A_p = 63.7$ ppm. The large discrepancy between these two studies and our analysis, which includes over 1000 days of data, is most likely due to the number of observations used.

For KOI-13, the secondary eclipse values from Szabó et al. (2011) and Coughlin & López-Morales (2012) are within 3.4$\sigma$ of our value. While Mazeh et al. (2012) measure $F_{\text{cl}} = 163.8 \pm 3.8$ ppm, 4.3$\sigma$ higher than our value, and a phase function semi-amplitude of 72 $\pm$ 1.5 ppm, which, if converted to a peak-to-peak amplitude, is 5$\sigma$ higher than ours. In addition, Shporer et al. (2011) measure a phase function semi-amplitude of 39.78 $\pm$ 0.52, approximately half our semi-amplitude, due to not removing the dilution from KOI-13’s companion.
The published eclipse depths of Kepler-5 (Désert et al. 2011; Kipping & Bakos 2011) and KOI-64 (Coughlin & López-Morales 2012) agree with our values while Désert et al. (2011), who also examined Kepler-6, using Q0-5 of Kepler pre-search data conditioned (PDC) data, found an eclipse depth of 22 ± 7, more than double ours. However, our analysis of Kepler-6 includes an additional eight quarters of data and uses cotedriven SAP data, which exhibit fewer residual systematics when compared to PDC data (Still & Barclay 2012).

### 4.4. Planetary Temperatures and Albedos

If the phase function is composed solely of reflected light, the planet’s albedo can be described by

\[ F_{\text{ecl}} = A_g \left( \frac{R_p}{a} \right)^2, \]

where \( A_g \) is the geometric albedo. Based on the eclipse depth and assuming that there is no contribution from thermal emission, we calculate an albedo of less than 1 for all planets, except KOI-2133 (see Tables 4 and 5). We consider this strong evidence for KOI-2133 being a self-luminous object and most likely not a planet. We note that the albedo calculated in this way should be considered as an upper limit since thermal emission can contribute significantly for all these objects (see below).

Previous observations of hot Jupiters indicate low albedos at optical wavelengths (e.g., see Collier Cameron et al. 2002; Leigh et al. 2003; Rowe et al. 2006; Cowan & Agol 2011 for an ensemble of planets), consistent with theoretical models (Burrows et al. 2008).

The albedo plays a direct role in the planet’s equilibrium temperature, \( T_{\text{eq}} \), which can be calculated using the method of López-Morales & Seager (2007) as

\[ T_{\text{eq}} = T_e^{1/2} \left[ f(1 - A_B) \right]^{1/4}, \]

where \( A_B \) is the Bond albedo, which, if we assume Lambert’s law, can be defined as \( A_B = (3/2)A_g \). The re-radiation factor, \( f \), has two extremes, \( f = 1/4 \), corresponding to homogeneous re-distribution of energy across the planet, and, \( f = 2/3 \), for instant re-radiation from the day side, resulting in a very hot day side and cold night side. Although these two limiting cases are useful when calculating the equilibrium temperature, the true \( f \) lies somewhere in between. The equilibrium temperature can be compared to the brightness temperature \( T_B \), the temperature of a blackbody with the equivalent flux in the bandpass, which can be calculated as

\[ F_{\text{ecl}} = \left( \frac{R_p}{R_*} \right)^2 \frac{\int B_j(T_B)T_K d\lambda}{\int (T_K F_{\lambda^*} d\lambda)}, \]

where \( B_j \) is the Planck function as a function of \( T_B \), and \( T_K \) and \( F_{\lambda^*} \) are as described in Section 3.5. This provides us with the brightness temperature of the planet’s day side. In addition, if we change \( F_{\text{ecl}} \) with \( F_n \), the flux from the planet’s night side, we can calculate the nightside brightness temperature \( T_{B,\text{nigh}} \).

In the case of isothermal atmospheric emission, we would expect that \( T_B \) falls somewhere between \( T_{\text{eq, hom}} \) and \( T_{\text{eq, max}} \), and that \( T_{B, \text{nigh}} \) be less than \( T_{\text{eq, hom}} \). However, we find that for all planets, except TrES-2, the brightness temperature is actually greater than maximum equilibrium temperature and that, for TrES-2, KOI-64, and KOI-2133, the nightside temperature is greater than the homogeneous equilibrium temperature (see Tables 4 and 5).

For KOI-2133, this, along with having an albedo \( > 1 \), implies that it is almost certainly a self-luminous object. For KOI-64, the very large discrepancy between the nightside and equilibrium temperature also suggests that it is most likely self-luminous and not a planet. For TrES-2, the 1.2\( \sigma \) difference is not significant and can easily arise if the layers probed at optical wavelengths are at a temperature higher than the equilibrium temperature.

Since KOI-13 and HAT-P-7 have a significant nightside flux detection, consistent with their homogeneous temperature, we can place a constraint on their maximum allowed albedo. This is calculated by assuming a uniform temperature across the planet’s surface \( (f = 1/4) \) equal to the nightside temperature derived from \( F_n \). For KOI-13 and HAT-P-7, we find a maximum albedo of 0.26 and 0.148, respectively.

In general, the eclipse depths at optical wavelengths are likely a combination of reflected light and thermal emission. To investigate this, we self-consistently solve for the eclipse depth as a function of \( A_g \) using

\[ F_{\text{ecl}} = \left( \frac{R_p}{R_*} \right)^2 \frac{\int B_j(T_{B, \text{day}})T_K d\lambda}{\int (T_K F_{\lambda^*} d\lambda)} + A_g \left( \frac{R_p}{a} \right)^2, \]

where we assume that \( T_{B, \text{day}} = T_{\text{eq}}(A_B = (3/2)A_g) \) as given in Equation (16). In the limit of \( f = 1/4 \) (uniform temperature), this will provide an upper limit on \( A_g \) and a lower limit on \( T_{B, \text{day}} \). While if \( f = 2/3 \), we will obtain the opposite. We find that for all planets, except KOI-2133, there is a physical solution that satisfies these equations (see Table 6) and that all, except KOI-64, have albedos less than 0.3.

For KOI-13, if we assume a homogeneous heat distribution, an albedo of, at most, 0.148 is needed to produce the observed nightside flux. Using this albedo limit, we calculate an expected dayside flux significantly lower than the observed dayside flux. However, this would not be a problem in the case where the emitting layers probed in the Kepler bandpass are hotter than the equilibrium temperature, as inferred for CoRoT-2 (Snellen et al. 2010). For TrES-2, this is also most likely the case.
Figure 4. For Kepler-5 (top plot) and Kepler-6 (bottom plot), the top panel contains the raw SAP light curve, the middle panel is after cotrending, and the bottom panel is after cotrending and removing the transits and outliers. The shaded portions indicate where we removed orbits because of a poor CBV fit.
Figure 5. Same as Figure 4, but for Kepler-5 (top plot) and KOI-64 (bottom plot) and where, for KOI-64, the bottom panel contains the cotrended/out-of-transit/outlier-filtered light curve after stellar variability removal (as described in Section 2.3).
Figure 6. Same as Figure 4, but for KOI-2133 (top plot) and TrES-2 (bottom plot).
Figure 7. Same as Figure 4, but for HAT-P-7 (top plot) and KOI-13 (bottom plot).
5. CONCLUSIONS

We have presented new phase curves for five Kepler objects of interest (Kepler-5, Kepler-6, Kepler-8, KOI-64, and KOI-2133) and re-examined the phase curves of TrES-2, HAT-P-7, and KOI-13 using 15 quarters of Kepler data.

The fitted and derived parameters, for each of these systems, can be found in Tables 4 and 5. The derived ellipsoidal masses of Kepler-5, Kepler-6, Kepler-8, and TrES-2, and HAT-P-7 are within 2.5σ of their published radial velocity measurements, while the derived Doppler mass for TrES-2, Kepler-8, and HAT-P-7 is within 1σ, 2σ and 13σ, respectively. When we compared the ellipsoidal and Doppler amplitudes of HAT-P-7 and KOI-13 to five previous studies that listed uncertainty values, we found that our results were within 3.3σ, while our values for TrES-2 were within 2.3σ of two previous phase curve studies (see Section 4.1).

Our secondary eclipse and phase function values of Kepler-5, Kepler-8, and KOI-64 agree with previous studies. For HAT-P-7, three of the five previous studies, which listed uncertainty values, are within 2.8σ of our values, while for TrES-2, the two previous studies are within 1σ of our values. In addition, our eclipse depth for KOI-13 is within 4σ of three previous studies. But our phase function amplitude differs greatly, partly due to contamination from KOI-13’s companion. A previous study of Kepler-6 found an eclipse depth more than double our value, however a different number of observations and systematic removal method were used (see Section 4.4).

For KOI-13, in addition to the phase curve components described in Section 3, we measure an out-of-phase third cosine harmonic with an amplitude of 6.7 ± 0.3 ppm. We believe that this signal could be a perturbation of KOI-13’s ellipsoidal variations caused by its spin-orbit misalignment.

For KOI-64 and KOI-2133, we derived planet masses, from ellipsoidal variations and Doppler boosting, of less than 6MJ. However, we found that their dayside and nightside temperatures were much higher than their equilibrium temperatures and therefore they must be self-luminous objects. We conclude that KOI-64 and KOI-2133 are false positives created by an eclipsing binary diluted by a third stellar companion or a foreground or a background star within the same Kepler pixel.

For the rest of the objects, we find albedos of less than 0.3, but conclude that for TrES-2 and KOI-13 it is likely that the atmospheric layers probed in the Kepler bandpass are hotter than the equilibrium temperature, as inferred for CoRoT-2 (Snellen et al. 2010).

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APPENDIX

The light curve of each system before and after the removal of systematics and outliers can be found in Figures 4–7.

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