# THE NASA-UC ETA-EARTH PROGRAM: <br> III. A SUPER-EARTH ORBITING HD 97658 AND A NEPTUNE-MASS PLANET ORBITING GL $785^{1}$ 

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#### Abstract

We report the discovery of planets orbiting two bright, nearby early K dwarf stars, HD 97658 and G1785. These planets were detected by Keplerian modelling of radial velocities measured with KeckHIRES for the NASA-UC Eta-Earth Survey. HD 97658 b is a close-in super-Earth with minimum mass $M \sin i=8.2 \pm 1.2 M_{\oplus}$, orbital period $P=9.494 \pm 0.005 \mathrm{~d}$, and an orbit that is consistent with circular. Gl 785 b is a Neptune-mass planet with $M \sin i=21.6 \pm 2.0 M_{\oplus}, P=74.39 \pm 0.12 \mathrm{~d}$, and orbital eccentricity $e=0.30 \pm 0.09$. Photometric observations with the T12 0.8 m automatic photometric telescope at Fairborn Observatory show that HD 97658 is photometrically constant at the radial velocity period to 0.09 mmag , supporting the existence of the planet. Subject headings: planetary systems - stars: individual (HD 97658, Gl 785) - techniques: radial velocity


## 1. INTRODUCTION

Radial velocity (RV) searches for extrasolar planets are discovering less massive planets by taking advantage of improved instrumental precision, higher observational cadence, and diagnostics to identify spurious signals. These discoveries include planets with minimum masses $(M \sin i)$ as low as $1.9 M_{\oplus}$ (Mavor et al. 2009) and systems of multiple low-mass planets (Lovis et al. 2006; Fischer et al. 2008; Vogt et al. 2010). To date, 15 planets with $M \sin i<10 M_{\oplus}$ and 18 planets with $M \sin i=10-30 M_{\oplus}$ have been discovered by the RV technique (Wright et al. 2010, Exoplanet Orbit Databas (10). Transiting searches for extrasolar planets have detected Neptune-mass planets (Bakos et al. 2010; Hartman et al. 2010) and super-Earths (Léger et al. 2009; Charbonneau et al. 2009). The initial data release from the Kepler mission shows substantially increasing planet occurrence with decreasing planet radius (Borucki et al. 2010). Using the large number of lowmass planets, we can statistically study planet properties, occurrence rates, and parameter correlations in ways

[^0]previously only possible with higher mass gas-giant planets.

We recently completed an analysis of close-in planet occurrence for 166 G- and K-type dwarf stars in the EtaEarth Survey (Howard et al. 2010c). We studied the planet detections and non-detections on a star-by-star basis, estimating search completeness. We detected increasing planet occurrence with decreasing planet mass over the mass range $3-1000 M_{\oplus}$ for planets with orbital periods $P<50 \mathrm{~d}$. We parameterized the planet mass distribution with a power law model from which we extrapolated the occurrence rate of close-in Earth-mass planets, giving $\eta_{\oplus}=23_{-10}^{+16} \%$ for planets in the mass range $0.5-$ $2.0 M_{\oplus}$ with $P<50 \mathrm{~d}$.

Our study also addressed a key prediction of population synthesis models of planet formation (Ida \& Lin 2004, 2008; Mordasini et al. 2009) - the expected dearth of close-in, low-mass planets. The "desert" emerges in the simulations from fast migration and accelerating planet growth. Most planets are born near or beyond the ice line and those that grow to a critical mass of several Earth masses either rapidly spiral inward to the host star or undergo runaway gas accretion and become massive gas giants. Our measurements contradict this prediction; we found the highest occurrence rate for planets where theory predicted a dearth, in the regime of $3-30 M_{\oplus}$ and $P<50 \mathrm{~d}$. Population synthesis models of planet formation are currently unable to explain the distribution of low-mass planets.

To measure the planet occurrence rate as a function of planet mass, our study included previously detected planets, as well as unannounced "planet candidates" (Howard et al. 2010c ). Including candidates was necessary to reliably estimate occurrence fractions for lowmass planets, even though the candidates had formal false alarm probabilities (FAPs) as large as $5 \%$ at the time of our analysis (June 2010). Such an FAP implies that the planet is very likely to exist, but it's too high for the secure announcement of a definite planet detection
with well-measured orbital parameters. Since then, we continued to intensively observe the planet candidates. Based on the new confirmatory data we report two of them here as bona fide planets. We present HD 97658 b, a close-in, super-Earth planet identified as "Candidate 3 " in Howard et al. (2010c), and Gl 785 b, a Neptune-mass planet identified as "Candidate 7 ".

Below we describe the host stars (Section [2) and the RV measurements (Section 3). We analyze these measurements with Keplerian models and assess the probability of spurious detections by computing false alarm probabilities (Sections 4 and 5). We describe photometric observations of HD 97658 and the limits they impose on planetary transits (Section 6). We discuss the radii of these planets and a trend in the host star metallicities among low-mass planets (Section 77).

## 2. STELLAR PROPERTIES

We used Spectroscopy Made Easy (Valenti \& Piskunov 1996) to fit high-resolution spectra of HD 97658 (HIP 54906, GJ 3651) and Gl 785 (HD 192310, HIP 99825), using the wavelength intervals, line data, and methodology of Valenti \& Fischer (2005). We further constrained surface gravity using Yonsei-Yale ( $\mathrm{Y}^{2}$ ) stellar structure models (Demarque et al. 2004) and revised Hipparcos parallaxes (van Leeuwen 2007), using the iterative method of Valenti et al. (2009). The resulting stellar parameters listed in Table are effective temperature, surface gravity, iron abundance, projected rotational velocity, mass, radius, and luminosity. Both stars are K dwarfs on the main sequence.

HD 97658 lies 0.46 mag below the Hipparcos average main sequence ( $M_{V}$ versus $B-V$ ) as defined by Wright (2005). This location is consistent with the low metallicity of $[\mathrm{Fe} / \mathrm{H}]=-0.23 \pm 0.03$. Gl 785 is 0.06 mag above the Hipparcos average main sequence, consistent with its slightly super-solar metallicity of $[\mathrm{Fe} / \mathrm{H}]=+0.08 \pm 0.03$.

Measurements of the cores of the Ca II H \& K lines of each spectrum show low levels of chromospheric activity, as quantified by the $S_{\mathrm{HK}}$ and $\log R_{\mathrm{HK}}^{\prime}$. These chromospheric indices show long-term trends over the six years of measurements, possibly partial activity cycles, so we list ranges of activity indices in Table 1. We detect a weak correlation between individual RVs and $S_{\text {HK }}$ measurements for HD 97658, but not for Gl 785. This correlation, with a Pearson linear correlation coefficient of $r=+0.35$, does not appear to affect the Keplerian fit of HD 97658 b because the $S_{\mathrm{HK}}$ time series has negligible Fourier power at or near the adopted orbital period, even when the long-term activity trend is removed.

Following Isaacson \& Fischer (2010), and based on $S_{\mathrm{HK}}, M_{V}$, and $B-V$, we estimate an RV jitter of $1.5 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ for these stars. This empirical estimate is based on an ensemble of stars with similar characteristics and accounts for RV variability due to rotational modulation of stellar surface features, stellar pulsation, undetected planets, and uncorrected systematic errors in the velocity reduction (Saar et al. 1998; Wright 2005). Jitter is added in quadrature to the RV measurement uncertainties for Keplerian modelling.

## 3. KECK-HIRES VELOCITY MEASUREMENTS

We observed HD 97658 and Gl 785 with the HIRES echelle spectrometer (Vogt et al. 1994) on the $10-\mathrm{m}$ Keck


Fig. 1.- Keck-HIRES spectra of the Ca II H line of the early K dwarf stars HD 97658 and Gl 785. Slight line core emission near $3968 \AA$ indicates modest chromospheric activity.
I telescope. The observations of each star span six years (2004-2010). All observations were made with an iodine cell mounted directly in front of the spectrometer entrance slit. The dense set of molecular absorption lines imprinted on the stellar spectra provide a robust wavelength fiducial against which Doppler shifts are measured, as well as strong constraints on the shape of the spectrometer instrumental profile at the time of each observation (Marcy \& Butler 1992; Valenti et al. 1995).

We measured the Doppler shift of each star-timesiodine spectrum using a modelling procedure descended from Butler et al. (1996) as described in Howard et al. (2010b). The velocity and corresponding uncertainty for each observation is based on separate measurements for $\sim 700$ spectral chunks each $2 \AA$ wide. Once the two planets announced here emerged as candidates (about two years ago) we increased the nightly cadence of measurements and made three consecutive observations per night to reduce the Poisson noise from photon statistics. We calculate one mean velocity for multiple observations in a 2 hr interval.
The highest RV measurement precision using KeckHIRES has been achieved on chromospherically inactive late $G$ and early $K$ dwarfs, like the two stars presented here. The quietest of these stars are stable over many years at the $\sim 1.5-2.0 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ level (Howard et al. 2009, 2010a, b); velocity residuals are due to astrophysical perturbations, instrumental/systematic errors, and Poisson noise. All of the measurements reported here were made after the HIRES CCD upgrade in 2004 August and do not suffer from the higher noise and systematic errors that limited the precision of pre-upgrade measurements to $\sim 2-3 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ for most stars.

For each star we constructed a single-planet Keplerian model using the orbit fitting techniques described in Howard et al. (2010a) and the partially linearized, leastsquares fitting procedure described in Wright \& Howard (2009). The Keplerian parameter uncertainties for each planet were derived using a Monte Carlo method (Marcy et al. 2005) and do not account for correlations between parameter errors. Uncertainties in $M \sin i$ reflect uncertainties in $M_{\star}$ and the orbital parameters.
4. HD 97658

TABLE 1
Stellar Properties of HD 97658 and Gl 785

| Parameter | HD 97658 | Gl 785 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Spectral type | K1 V | K1 V |
| $M_{V}$ | 6.27 | 6.13 |
| $B-V$ | 0.80 | 0.78 |
| $V$ | 7.78 | 5.73 |
| $J$ | 6.203 | 4.112 |
| $H$ | 5.821 | 3.582 |
| $K$ | 5.734 | 3.501 |
| Distance $(\mathrm{pc})$ | $21.1 \pm 0.33$ | $8.911 \pm 0.024$ |
| $T_{\text {eff }}(\mathrm{K})$ | $5170 \pm 44$ | $5144 \pm 50$ |
| $\log g$ | $4.63 \pm 0.06$ | $4.60 \pm 0.06$ |
| $[\mathrm{Fe} / \mathrm{H}]$ | $-0.23 \pm 0.03$ | $+0.08 \pm 0.03$ |
| $v \sin i(\mathrm{~km} \mathrm{~s}$ |  |  |
| $L_{\star}\left(L_{\odot}\right)$ | $0.5 \pm 0.5$ | $0.5 \pm 0.5$ |
| $M_{\star}\left(M_{\odot}\right)$ | $0.34 \pm 0.02$ | $0.30 \pm 0.02$ |
| $R_{\star}\left(R_{\odot}\right)$ | $0.85 \pm 0.02$ | $0.78 \pm 0.02$ |
| $\log R_{\mathrm{HK}}^{\prime}$ | $0.73 \pm 0.02$ | $0.68 \pm 0.02$ |
| $S_{\mathrm{HK}}$ | -4.95 to -5.00 | -4.90 to -5.02 |
|  | 0.169 to 0.197 | 0.169 to 0.226 |

TABLE 2
Orbital Solution for HD 97658 b

| Parameter | Value |
| :--- | :---: |
| $P($ days $)$ | $9.494 \pm 0.005$ |
| $T_{c}(\mathrm{JD}-2,440,000)$ | $15375.01 \pm 0.64$ |
| $e^{a}$ | $\equiv 0.0$ |
| $K\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ | $2.75 \pm 0.39$ |
| $M \sin i\left(M_{\oplus}\right)$ | $8.2 \pm 1.2$ |
| $a(\mathrm{AU})$ | $0.0831 \pm 0.0011$ |
| $N_{\text {obs }}($ binned $)$ | 96 |
| Median binned uncertainty $\left(\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.74 |
| Assumed jitter $\left(\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ | 1.5 |
| $\sigma\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ | 2.78 |
| $\sqrt{\chi_{\nu}^{2}}$ | 1.59 |
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The RVs and $S_{\text {HK }}$ values from Keck-HIRES are listed in Table 4. Figure 2 shows a Lomb-Scargle periodogram (Lomb 1976; Scargle 1982) of the RVs with a substantial peak at 9.494 d . We used that period, as well as a wide variety of other trial periods, as seeds for the Keplerian fitting algorithm (Wright \& Howard 2009). Our search identified the single-planet orbital solution listed in Table 2 as the best fit.

We also tried fitting the RVs with an eccentric Keplerian model and found a best-fit solution with a nearly identical orbital period and $e=0.17 \pm 0.17$, which is consistent with circular at the $1-\sigma$ level. The detection of nonzero eccentricity with better than $95 \%$ confidence $(2-\sigma)$ requires approximately $e / \sigma_{e}>2.45$, where $\sigma_{e}=\sigma / K \cdot(2 / N)^{0.5}, \sigma$ is the measurement uncertainty (including jitter), and $N$ is the number of uniformly phase-distributed observations (Valenti et al. 2009; Lucy \& Sweeney 1971). Our measurements do not meet this criterion. Furthermore, the eccentric model does not improve $\sqrt{\chi_{\nu}^{2}}$ from the circular model. We adopt the circular orbit model in Table 2.
We considered the null hypothesis-that the observed RVs are the chance arrangement of random velocities masquerading as a coherent signal-by calculating two false alarm probabilities (FAPs). Using the method de-


Fig. 2.- Lomb-Scargle periodogram of RV measurements of HD 97658. The tall peak near $P=9.494 \mathrm{~d}$ suggests a planet with that orbital period.


Fig. 3.- Single-planet model for the RVs of HD 97658, as measured by Keck-HIRES. The dashed line shows the best-fit circular orbital solution. Filled circles represent phased measurements while the open circles represent the same velocities wrapped one orbital phase. The error bars show the quadrature sum of measurement uncertainties and $1.5 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ jitter.
scribed in Howard et al. (2010a), we computed the improvement in $\Delta \chi^{2}$ from a constant velocity model to a Keplerian model for $10^{3}$ scrambled data sets. In the first FAP test, we allowed for eccentric single-planet orbital solutions in the scrambled data sets. We found that three scrambled data sets had a larger $\Delta \chi^{2}$ than the measured velocities, implying an FAP of $\sim 0.003$ for this scenario. When we restricted the search for orbital solutions to circular orbits, none of the scrambled data sets had a larger $\Delta \chi^{2}$ than measured velocities, implying an FAP of less than $\sim 0.001$.

The rms of $2.78 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ about the single-planet model is relatively high compared to our adopted jitter of $1.5 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ for this chromospherically quiet K dwarf star. This suggests that the measured RVs are compatible with additional detectable planets. We computed a periodogram of the RV residuals to the single-planet fit and found several periods with considerable power in the range $\sim 40-200 \mathrm{~d}$. These peaks correspond to Doppler signals with $\sim 1.5-3 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ semiamplitudes. We considered two-planet orbital solutions with $P_{b}$ seeded with the

TABLE 3
Orbital Solution for Gl 785 b

| Parameter | Value |
| :--- | :---: |
| $P$ (days) | $74.39 \pm 0.12$ |
| $T_{c}(\mathrm{JD}-2,440,000)$ | $15173.2 \pm 2.0$ |
| $e$ | $0.30 \pm 0.09$ |
| $K\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ | $4.07 \pm 0.41$ |
| $M \sin i\left(M_{\oplus}\right)$ | $21.6 \pm 2.0$ |
| $a(\mathrm{AU})$ | $0.319 \pm 0.005$ |
| $N_{\text {obs }}($ binned $)$ | 73 |
| Median binned uncertainty $\left(\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.68 |
| Assumed jitter $\left(\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ | 1.5 |
| $\sigma\left(\mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ | 2.06 |
| $\sqrt{\chi_{\nu}^{2}}$ | 1.17 |
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Fig. 4.- Lomb-Scargle periodogram of RV measurements of Gl 785. The tall peak near $P=74.4 \mathrm{~d}$ suggests a planet with that orbital period.
best-fit value from the single-planet model and $P_{c}$ seeded with peaks in the residual periodogram. We allowed all orbital parameters including eccentricities to float in the two-planet fitting process (Wright \& Howard 2009). No two-planet solutions were found with an FAP below $5 \%$. We will continue to observe this star in search of additional planets.

## 5. GL 785

The RVs and $S_{\mathrm{HK}}$ values from the Keck-HIRES measurements of Gl 785 are listed in Table 5. Figure 4 shows a Lomb-Scargle periodogram (Lomb 1976; Scargle 1982) of the RVs with a substantial peak near 74.4 d . We identify the peaks near 1.0 d as stroboscopic aliases of the sidereal day with the 74.4 d signal and other long periods (Dawson \& Fabrycky 2010). We used 74.4 d , as well as a wide variety of other periods, as seed periods for the single-planet Keplerian fitting algorithm (Wright \& Howard 2009). Our search identified the single-planet orbital solution listed in Table 2 as the best fit. The orbital eccentricity of $0.30 \pm 0.09$ is significant at the $3-\sigma$ level.

We considered the null hypothesis for the observed periodic signal in the measured RVs of Gl 785 by computing an FAP using the method described in Section [4 including allowing for eccentric solutions with the scrambled data sets. We found that none of the $10^{3}$ scrambled data sets had a larger $\Delta \chi^{2}$ than the measured velocities, im-


Fig. 5.- Single-planet model for the RVs of Gl 785, as measured by Keck-HIRES. The dashed line shows the best-fit eccentric orbital solution. Symbols have the same meanings as in Figure 3
plying an FAP of less than $\sim 0.001$.
With an rms of $2.06 \mathrm{~m} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ and a featureless periodogram of velocity residuals to the one-planet model, we do not see evidence for a second detectable planet orbiting Gl 785.

## 6. PHOTOMETRIC OBSERVATIONS

We also acquired photometric observations of HD 97658 with the T12 0.80 m automatic photometric telescope (APT), one of several automatic telescopes operated by Tennessee State University (TSU) at Fairborn Observatory (Eaton et al. 2003). Gl 785 is too far South for this observatory. The APTs can detect short-term, low-amplitude brightness changes in solar-type stars resulting from rotational modulation in the visibility of active regions, such as starspots and plages (e.g., Henry et al. 1995b and can also detect longer-term variations produced by the growth and decay of individual active regions and the occurrence of stellar magnetic cycles (e.g., Henry et al. 1995a; Hall et al. 2009). The TSU APTs can disprove the hypothesis that RV variations are caused by stellar activity, rather than planetary reflex motion (e.g., Henry et al. 2000a). Several cases of apparent periodic RV variations in solar-type stars induced by the presence of photospheric starspots have been discussed by Queloz et al. (2001) and Paulson et al. (2004). Photometry of planetary candidate host stars is also useful to search for transits of the planetary companions (e.g., Henry et al. 2000b; Sato et al. 2005).

The T12 0.80 m APT is equipped with a two-channel photometer that uses two EMI 9124QB bi-alkali photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) to make simultaneous measurements of a star in the Strömgren $b$ and $y$ passbands. The T12 APT is functionally identical to the T8 APT described in Henry (1999). The final data products are differential magnitudes in the standard Strömgren system.

During the three consecutive observing seasons between 2008 January and 2010 June, the APT acquired 318 differential brightness measurements of HD 97658 with respect to the comparison star HD 99518 ( $V=7.71$, $B-V=0.343, \mathrm{~F} 0$ ). We combined the $b$ and $y$ differential magnitudes into $(b+y) / 2$ measurements achieving typi-
cal single measurement precision of 1.5-2.0 mmag (Henry 1999).

The 318 measurements of HD 97658 are plotted in the top panel of Figure 6. The second and third observing seasons have been normalized to match the mean brightness of the first season; the second and third year corrections were 1.75 and 0.70 mmag , respectively. This removes small year-to-year brightness changes in HD 97658 and its comparison star and maximizes sensitivity to brightness variability on night-to-night timescales. The standard deviation of the resulting normalized three-year data set is 1.87 mmag , consistent with measurement error. Periodogram analysis confirms the absence of periodic variability between one and 100 days.

In the second panel of Figure 6] the differential magnitudes are plotted modulo the RV period. Phase 0.0 corresponds to the predicted time of mid-transit (Table (2). A least-squares sine fit gives a semi-amplitude of $0.09 \pm 0.14 \mathrm{mmag}$. This tight limit to photometric variability at the RV period supports the hypothesis that the period RV signal is due stellar reflex motion from a planet in motion.

The observations near phase 0.0 are replotted on an expanded scale in the bottom panel of Figure 6. The solid curve in the two lower panels approximates the depth ( 0.001 mag ) and duration (three hours) of a central transit, derived from the orbital elements and assuming a water/ice composition for the planet. The uncertainty in the time of mid-transit is approximately the width of the bottom panel. The vertical error bar in the lower right of the transit window corresponds to the $\pm 1.87 \mathrm{mmag}$ measurement uncertainty of a single observation. The precision and phase coverage of our photometry are insufficient to detect shallow transits.

## 7. DISCUSSION

We announce two low-mass planets that were reported as anonymous "planet candidates" in Howard et al. (2010c). HD 97658 b is a super-Earth planet with minimum mass $M_{P} \sin i=8.2 \pm 1.2 M_{\oplus}$ in a $P=9.494 \pm 0.005 \mathrm{~d}$ orbit around a K1 dwarf star. Gl 785 b is a Neptune-mass planet with minimum mass $M_{P} \sin i=21.6 \pm 2.0 M_{\oplus}$ in a $P=74.39 \pm 0.12 \mathrm{~d}$ orbit also orbiting a K1 dwarf.

We see no evidence for transits of HD 97658 b, although our ephemeris and photometric phase coverage preclude detection of all but the deepest transits of a bloated planet. However, given the a priori transit probability of $4 \%$, it is instructive to speculate about the transit signatures of various possible planet compositions. Using the models in Seager et al. (2007), an $8 M_{\oplus}$ planet composed of pure $\mathrm{Fe}, \mathrm{MgSiO}_{3}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, or H would have radii $R_{\mathrm{pl}}=1.3,1.9,2.4$, and $5.5 R_{\oplus}$, producing transits of depth $0.3,0.6,1.0$, and 5.2 mmag , respectively. These homogeneous planet models are oversimplified, but set the scale for admixtures of those ingredients. Transits of planets made of solids and water would have depths of $\sim 0.3-1.0 \mathrm{mmag}$, while transits of a planet with a significant atmosphere could be much deeper.

We have no constraints on transits of Gl 785 b because the host star is too far South for APT observations. The a priori transit probability is $1 \%$. For comparison, we considered the transiting planets HAT-P11b (Bakos et al. 2010) and HAT-P-26b (Hartman et al. 2010), which have masses $26 M_{\oplus}$ and $19 M_{\oplus}$ and radii


Fig. 6.- Top panel: The 318 Strom̈gren $(b+y) / 2$ differential magnitudes of HD 97658 plotted against heliocentric Julian Date. The standard deviation of these (normalized) observations from their mean (dotted line) is 1.99 mmag . Middle panel: The observations plotted modulo the RV period. Phase 0.0 corresponds to the predicted time of mid-transit. A least-squares sine fit at the orbital period yields a semi-amplitude of $0.09 \pm 0.14 \mathrm{mmag}$. Bottom panel: The observations near phase 0.0 plotted on an expanded scale. The duration of a central transit is just three hours ( $\pm 0.0066$ phase units); the uncertainty of the transit time is $\pm 0.64$ days ( $\pm 0.067$ phase units). The precision and phase coverage of our photometry are insufficient to determine whether or not shallow transits occur.
$4.7 R_{\oplus}$ and $6.3 R_{\oplus}$, respectively. The implied densities, 1.38 and $0.42 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$, suggest that these planets have considerable gas fractions. If GL 785 b has a radius in the range $4.7-6.3 R_{\oplus}$, equatorial transits will be $4.4-7.8 \mathrm{mmag}$ deep. Such transits would be readily detectable from the ground, but would require a considerable observational campaign given the transit time uncertainty of $\pm 2.0 \mathrm{~d}$.

Fischer \& Valenti (2005) showed that the occurrence of giant planets with $K>30 \mathrm{~ms}^{-1}$ correlates strongly with $[\mathrm{Fe} / \mathrm{H}]$. This has been interpreted as support for core accretion models of exoplanet formation. However, low metallicity stars might still be able to form less massive planets. Valenti (2010) noted that stars known to host only planets less massive than Neptune ( $17 M_{\oplus}$ ) tend to be metal poor relative to the Sun. HD 97658 $\left([\mathrm{Fe} / \mathrm{H}]=-0.23 \pm 0.03, M \sin i=8.2 \pm 1.2 M_{\oplus}\right)$ and Gl $785\left([\mathrm{Fe} / \mathrm{H}]=+0.08 \pm 0.03, M \sin i=21.6 \pm 2.0 M_{\oplus}\right)$ are consistent with this tentative threshold. Before interpreting this physically it is necessary to check for metallicity bias in the subsample of stars around which sub-Neptune mass planets can be detected with current techniques. Further, firmly establishing the apparent anti-correlation between host star metallicity and subNeptune mass planet occurrence is best done with a well-controlled sample with uniform detection character-
istics, similar to Fischer \& Valenti (2005), or with wellunderstood detectability, similar to the Eta-Earth Survey.

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TABLE 4
Radial Velocities and $S_{\text {HK }}$ values for HD 97658

|  | Radial Velocity <br> $\left(\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ | Uncertainty <br> $\left(\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ | $S_{\mathrm{HK}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{JD}-2440000$ | 3.40 | 0.78 | 0.197 |
| 13398.04143 | 1.41 | 0.79 | 0.190 |
| 13748.03543 | 3.56 | 0.79 | 0.187 |
| 13806.96152 | -2.56 | 0.83 | 0.178 |
| 14085.15873 | -3.08 | 0.73 | 0.176 |
| 14246.87902 | -5.21 | 1.07 | 0.175 |
| 14247.83980 | -0.60 | 1.16 | 0.169 |
| 14248.94470 | 1.19 | 1.24 | 0.174 |
| 14249.80244 | -0.72 | 0.99 | 0.174 |
| 14250.83983 | 0.64 | 1.09 | 0.172 |
| 14251.89455 | -1.07 | 0.79 | 0.174 |
| 14255.87104 | -1.94 | 1.04 | 0.177 |
| 14277.81740 | 1.33 | 1.03 | 0.175 |
| 14278.83838 | 1.07 | 1.00 | 0.176 |
| 14279.83000 | -0.07 | 1.15 | 0.169 |
| 14294.76351 | 3.77 | 1.22 | 0.172 |
| 14300.74175 | -2.53 | 1.23 | 0.174 |
| 14304.76223 | -0.11 | 0.81 | 0.174 |
| 14305.75910 | 3.55 | 1.15 | 0.169 |
| 14306.77175 | 4.39 | 0.83 | 0.175 |
| 14307.74725 | 6.43 | 0.84 | 0.176 |
| 14308.75077 | 5.28 | 1.23 | 0.176 |
| 14309.74773 | 4.32 | 1.20 | 0.175 |
| 14310.74343 | 7.30 | 1.15 | 0.176 |
| 14311.74391 | -0.26 | 1.18 | 0.177 |
| 14312.74242 | -1.57 | 1.26 | 0.178 |
| 14313.74419 | 2.20 | 1.22 | 0.174 |
| 14314.75074 | -5.71 | 1.18 | 0.182 |
| 14455.15432 | -1.70 | 1.09 | 0.175 |
| 14635.79759 | -4.63 | 1.22 | 0.177 |
| 14780.12544 | -2.07 | 1.26 | 0.173 |
| 14807.09051 | 2.09 | 1.30 | 0.171 |
| 14808.15781 | 2.48 | 1.16 | 0.173 |
| 14809.14349 | 8.16 | 1.29 | 0.173 |
| 14810.02507 | 2.77 | 1.28 | 0.173 |
| 14811.11469 | -0.50 | 1.40 | 0.172 |
| 14847.11818 |  |  |  |
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TABLE 4 - Continued

| JD - 2440000 | Radial Velocity ( $\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$ ) | Uncertainty $\left(\mathrm{ms}^{-1}\right)$ | $S_{\text {HK }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14927.89832 | 3.45 | 1.37 | 0.170 |
| 14928.96319 | -2.78 | 1.30 | 0.170 |
| 14929.84171 | -3.59 | 1.22 | 0.169 |
| 14954.97010 | 1.71 | 1.13 | 0.171 |
| 14955.92258 | 2.61 | 0.59 | 0.172 |
| 14956.90564 | 3.79 | 0.64 | 0.172 |
| 14963.96612 | 4.04 | 0.66 | 0.169 |
| 14983.87266 | 0.73 | 0.70 | 0.170 |
| 14984.90278 | -0.75 | 0.71 | 0.171 |
| 14985.84542 | -2.55 | 0.69 | 0.171 |
| 14986.88960 | -3.00 | 0.69 | 0.170 |
| 14987.89549 | -4.46 | 0.68 | 0.170 |
| 14988.84400 | -4.65 | 0.66 | 0.170 |
| 15041.75244 | 7.08 | 1.35 | 0.169 |
| 15164.11579 | 4.71 | 1.31 | 0.173 |
| 15188.15802 | -0.91 | 0.76 | 0.170 |
| 15190.13283 | -4.78 | 0.71 | 0.170 |
| 15191.16082 | -1.50 | 0.77 | 0.170 |
| 15192.12820 | 1.97 | 0.69 | 0.171 |
| 15193.11592 | 3.52 | 0.67 | 0.172 |
| 15197.14316 | -0.24 | 0.71 | 0.171 |
| 15198.06394 | -1.62 | 0.73 | 0.172 |
| 15199.08955 | -2.12 | 0.72 | 0.172 |
| 15256.95777 | 3.84 | 0.71 | 0.180 |
| 15285.94217 | -1.43 | 0.68 | 0.175 |
| 15289.83015 | 0.99 | 0.64 | 0.178 |
| 15311.78396 | -4.52 | 0.66 | 0.173 |
| 15312.85958 | -2.93 | 0.62 | 0.173 |
| 15313.76751 | 0.82 | 0.65 | 0.172 |
| 15314.78094 | 3.73 | 0.65 | 0.172 |
| 15317.96407 | 1.70 | 0.65 | 0.174 |
| 15318.94543 | -3.46 | 0.67 | 0.175 |
| 15319.90113 | -4.34 | 0.66 | 0.176 |
| 15320.85915 | -5.55 | 0.57 | 0.180 |
| 15321.83386 | -2.68 | 0.62 | 0.181 |
| 15342.87812 | -1.40 | 0.63 | 0.176 |
| 15343.82903 | -1.37 | 0.67 | 0.176 |
| 15344.88076 | 0.84 | 0.73 | 0.175 |
| 15350.78135 | -4.25 | 0.62 | 0.173 |
| 15351.88526 | -0.04 | 0.63 | 0.174 |
| 15372.75655 | 2.37 | 0.63 | 0.179 |
| 15373.78353 | -0.22 | 0.60 | 0.179 |
| 15374.75786 | -0.32 | 0.61 | 0.178 |
| 15375.77512 | -1.73 | 0.61 | 0.177 |
| 15376.74467 | -1.66 | 0.60 | 0.177 |
| 15377.74062 | -0.77 | 0.59 | 0.177 |
| 15378.74257 | 3.55 | 0.65 | 0.176 |
| 15379.79041 | 0.84 | 0.63 | 0.176 |
| 15380.74378 | 6.24 | 0.60 | 0.175 |
| 15400.74241 | 1.31 | 0.72 | 0.177 |
| 15401.76937 | 2.23 | 1.41 | 0.181 |
| 15403.73903 | -1.12 | 0.74 | 0.176 |
| 15404.73645 | -3.00 | 0.67 | 0.181 |
| 15405.74110 | -3.61 | 0.69 | 0.181 |
| 15406.73695 | -1.93 | 0.68 | 0.182 |
| 15407.75726 | 2.44 | 0.81 | 0.180 |
| 15410.73803 | 3.93 | 0.67 | 0.179 |
| 15411.73488 | 0.95 | 0.71 | 0.178 |
| 15412.73197 | -0.23 | 1.26 | 0.178 |
| 15413.73512 | 4.40 | 0.74 | 0.163 |

TABLE 5
Radial Velocities and $S_{\text {HK }}$ values for Gl 785

| JD -2440000 | Radial Velocity <br> $\left(\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ | Uncertainty <br> $\left(\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ | $S_{\mathrm{HK}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13237.92941 | 1.73 | 0.59 | 0.2103 |
| 13301.71519 | 4.76 | 1.13 | 0.2260 |
| 13549.02705 | -2.75 | 1.02 | 0.2040 |
| 13926.01730 | -1.63 | 0.56 | 0.2023 |
| 13982.83072 | -0.75 | 0.50 | 0.1963 |


| TABLE 5 - Continued |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Radial Velocity <br> $\left(\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ | Uncertainty <br> $\left(\mathrm{m} \mathrm{s}^{-1}\right)$ | $S_{\mathrm{HK}}$ |
| JD -2440000 | -3.60 | 0.67 | 0.1955 |
| 14247.08230 | -5.82 | 0.96 | 0.1950 |
| 14248.11326 | -3.06 | 1.09 | 0.1920 |
| 14249.12216 | 1.73 | 0.93 | 0.1880 |
| 14252.08848 | -0.29 | 0.70 | 0.1890 |
| 14256.08153 | 0.22 | 1.14 | 0.1920 |
| 14279.03644 | 3.05 | 1.05 | 0.1940 |
| 14280.04184 | -4.38 | 1.18 | 0.1910 |
| 14286.03340 | -3.74 | 1.02 | 0.1950 |
| 14294.99649 | 8.57 | 1.15 | 0.1790 |
| 14634.06380 | 4.22 | 1.08 | 0.1830 |
| 14634.98879 | 4.50 | 1.10 | 0.1820 |
| 14636.03115 | 3.17 | 1.12 | 0.1820 |
| 14637.06862 | 3.31 | 1.13 | 0.1830 |
| 14638.02072 | 6.06 | 1.11 | 0.1850 |
| 14639.05307 | 2.63 | 1.08 | 0.1850 |
| 14640.12929 | 6.18 | 1.10 | 0.1850 |
| 14640.97219 | 2.88 | 1.20 | 0.1870 |
| 14642.09539 | 6.65 | 1.23 | 0.1870 |
| 14644.10213 | -2.62 | 1.09 | 0.1820 |
| 14688.96417 | -4.33 | 1.20 | 0.1830 |
| 14689.98535 | 3.43 | 1.19 | 0.1840 |
| 14723.77286 | 7.18 | 1.12 | 0.1830 |
| 14724.80700 | -2.04 | 1.01 | 0.1820 |
| 14808.68992 | -1.89 | 1.19 | 0.1750 |
| 14984.07717 | 1.78 | 1.10 | 0.1740 |
| 15019.01660 | -2.94 | 1.18 | 0.1740 |
| 15026.96895 | 0.91 | 1.13 | 0.1750 |
| 15042.96436 | 0.42 | 0.61 | 0.1760 |
| 15073.75665 | 1.27 | 0.55 | 0.1797 |
| 15074.75183 | 3.29 | 0.64 | 0.1780 |
| 15077.74110 | 1.28 | 0.76 | 0.1770 |
| 15078.76189 | 1.10 | 0.62 | 0.1770 |
| 15079.73545 | 1.01 | 0.58 | 0.1777 |
| 15080.73918 | 1.45 | 0.65 | 0.1743 |
| 15084.72917 |  |  |  |
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| 15106.75946 | 0.73 | 1.21 | 0.1720 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15109.74590 | -3.42 | 0.71 | 0.1740 |
| 15111.71917 | -3.85 | 0.68 | 0.1753 |
| 15135.74754 | 0.65 | 0.64 | 0.1717 |
| 15169.68272 | 0.91 | 0.72 | 0.1710 |
| 15290.15433 | 0.82 | 0.56 | 0.1687 |
| 15314.13774 | 4.09 | 0.59 | 0.1710 |
| 15319.14050 | 0.05 | 0.70 | 0.1667 |
| 15345.08584 | -5.30 | 0.65 | 0.1720 |
| 15351.09865 | -4.30 | 0.58 | 0.1720 |
| 15352.09190 | -4.02 | 0.61 | 0.1717 |
| 15374.11656 | 0.23 | 0.62 | 0.1743 |
| 15378.11262 | 1.56 | 0.59 | 0.1740 |
| 15379.10643 | -0.50 | 0.62 | 0.1697 |
| 15381.09845 | 3.29 | 0.63 | 0.1717 |
| 15397.04238 | -2.69 | 0.60 | 0.1720 |
| 15400.11504 | -1.87 | 0.61 | 0.1725 |
| 15401.04500 | -1.91 | 0.65 | 0.1717 |
| 15402.08245 | -1.58 | 0.69 | 0.1710 |
| 15404.84477 | -1.96 | 0.58 | 0.1727 |
| 15405.08736 | -0.55 | 0.64 | 0.1710 |
| 15407.93295 | -0.73 | 0.61 | 0.1753 |
| 15412.01241 | -5.21 | 0.60 | 0.1730 |
| 15413.05434 | -4.88 | 0.61 | 0.1740 |
| 15414.04948 | -4.98 | 0.65 | 0.1717 |
| 15414.92114 | -5.45 | 0.58 | 0.1740 |
| 15426.03531 | -2.65 | 0.68 | 0.1717 |
| 15427.00892 | -2.32 | 0.62 | 0.1710 |
| 15433.99704 | -3.37 | 0.58 | 0.1737 |
| 15435.78071 | -2.41 | 0.63 | $\cdots$ |
| 15436.75896 | -2.30 | 0.63 | $\cdots$ |
| 15437.76291 | -3.55 | 0.57 | 0.1747 |
| 15438.76140 | -2.62 | 0.59 | 0.1770 |
| 15440.75917 | -4.52 | 0.59 | 0.1773 |
| 15455.73811 | 1.95 | 0.63 | 0.1750 |
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