

TWO WARM, LOW-DENSITY SUB-JOVIAN PLANETS ORBITING BRIGHT STARS IN K2 CAMPAIGNS 13 AND 14

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ABSTRACT

We report the discovery of two planets transiting the bright stars HD 89345 (EPIC 248777106, $V = 9.376$, $K = 7.721$) in *K2* Campaign 14 and HD 286123 (EPIC 247098361, $V = 9.822$, $K = 8.434$) in *K2* Campaign 13. Both stars are G-type stars, one of which is at or near the end of its main sequence lifetime, and the other that is just over halfway through its main sequence lifetime. HD 89345 hosts a warm sub-Saturn ($0.616 R_J$, $0.103 M_J$, $T_{eq} = 1059$ K) in an 11.81-day orbit. The planet is similar in size to WASP-107b, which falls in the transition region between ice giants and gas giants. HD 286123 hosts a Jupiter-sized, low-mass planet ($1.080 R_J$, $0.408 M_J$, $T_{eq} = 999$ K) in an 11.17-day, mildly eccentric orbit, with $e = 0.268 \pm 0.037$. Given that they orbit relatively evolved main-sequence stars with ages of ~ 5 -7 Gyr, and have orbital periods longer than 10 days, these planets are interesting candidates for studies of gas planet evolution, migration, and (potentially) re-inflation. Both planets have spent their entire lifetimes near the proposed stellar irradiation threshold at which giant planets become inflated, and neither shows any sign of radius inflation. They probe the regime where inflation begins to become noticeable and are valuable in constraining planet inflation models. In addition, the brightness of the host stars, combined with large atmospheric scale heights of the planets, makes these two systems exceptionally favorable targets for transit spectroscopy to study their atmospheres and perhaps provide insight into the physical mechanisms that lead to inflated hot Jupiters.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Giant planets have historically been an important class of transiting exoplanets, and many questions have been raised about their formation and evolution. The discovery of the first hot Jupiters immediately upended all existing giant planet formation models, which were based on observations of the Solar System. One of the most pressing open questions is how hot Jupiters, or Jupiter-mass planets orbiting at only a few percent of an astronomical unit from their host stars, are able to reach such short orbital periods. Although *in situ* formation has been considered as a possibility (e.g. Bodenheimer et al. 2000; Batygin et al. 2016), hot Jupiters are most commonly thought to have formed at large radial distances and subsequently migrated inward to their present orbits. There have been several theories attempting to explain hot Jupiter migration. Some invoke interactions with a planetary or stellar companion: the gas giant planet is first injected into an eccentric orbit, which then undergoes tidal circularization (e.g. Rasio & Ford 1996; Fabrycky & Tremaine 2007). Other theories suggest processes where the gas giant planet gradually moves inward by interacting with the protoplanetary disk, during which the orbit is kept circular (e.g. Lin et al. 1996; Alibert et al. 2005). The two theories predict different orbital eccentricities and stellar obliquities as the planet migrates inward, yet it appears that stellar obliquities in hot Jupiter systems may be erased by tides raised by the planet on the star (e.g. Schlaufman 2010; Winn et al. 2010). We would then expect warm Jupiters - gas giants with orbital periods of 10 days or longer - which experience weaker tidal effects, to have retained the obliquity they had when emplaced in their current orbits. In reality, however, the interpretation is not that simple, as Mazeh et al. (2015) found that warm Jupiters seem to be showing effects of tidal realignment even at orbital distances where tidal effects should be negligible.

Another long-standing mystery is the anomalously large radii of “inflated” close-in giant planets. Many of the known transiting hot Jupiters have radii larger than expected by standard models of giant planets (see, e.g., Burrows et al. 1997; Bodenheimer et al. 2001; Guillot & Showman 2002). Dozens of inflated hot Jupiters with radii $> 1.2 R_J$ have been observed to orbit stars several Gyr old (Guillot & Gautier 2014). Although very young planets (< 10 Myr) are expected to have radii this large, it is unclear how such inflated planets can exist around mature main sequence and even evolved stars (e.g. Grunblatt et al. 2017).

Various mechanisms have been proposed to explain the large radii of hot Jupiters. Following Lopez & Fortney (2016), the suggested mechanisms for inflating gas giants can be divided into two categories: in class I mechanisms, stellar irradiation incident on a planet is transported into the planet’s deep interior, driving adiabatic heating of the planet and causing it to expand (e.g. Batygin & Stevenson 2010; Arras & Socrates 2010); in class II mechanisms, the inflationary mechanism simply acts to slow radiative cooling through the atmosphere, allowing a planet to retain its initial heat and inflated radius from formation (delayed contraction, e.g. Burrows et al. 2007). The observation that the radii of giant planets increase with incident stellar irradiation hints that giant

planet inflation is intimately linked to irradiation (Burrows et al. 2000; Bodenheimer et al. 2001; Lopez & Fortney 2016). We can distinguish between these two classes of models by studying warm Jupiters around stars that have recently evolved off the main sequence (e.g., Shporer et al. 2017; Smith et al. 2017). The irradiation levels experienced by warm Jupiters around main sequence stars are not high enough to cause inflation, but as their host stars move up the subgiant and red-giant branches, they will experience enormous increases in their irradiation levels. If class I mechanisms are responsible for giant planet inflation, then warm Jupiters should inflate in response to the increased irradiation (Assef et al. 2009; Spiegel & Madhusudhan 2012; Hartman et al. 2016). On the other hand, an exclusively non-inflated population of warm Jupiters around evolved stars would favor class II mechanisms (Lopez & Fortney 2016).

Finally, we have yet to even understand the formation mechanism of giant planets. The positive correlation between the fraction of stars with short-period giant planets and stellar metallicity hints that planets form through core accretion (e.g. Santos et al. 2004; Johnson et al. 2010). In the core accretion scenario, a rocky core forms through the coagulation of planetesimals; when the mass of the gaseous envelope relative to the solid core mass reaches a critical ratio, rapid gas accretion occurs and a giant planet is formed (e.g. Pollack et al. 1996). Gas accretion is expected to start in the mass regime between Neptune and Saturn (Mordasini et al. 2015), the transition zone between ice giants and gas giants. Yet this regime is not very well understood given the small number of known planets that fall within this mass range. In particular, the core accretion model struggles to explain why ice giants do not undergo the runaway gas accretion that would have turned them into gas giants (Helled & Bodenheimer 2014).

In this paper, we present the discovery of two exoplanets observed by *K2*, which are pertinent to the problems described above: one sub-Saturn transiting a bright star HD 89345 (EPIC 248777106), and a warm Saturn orbiting a similarly bright star HD 286123 (EPIC 247098361), with both stars well into or nearing the ends of their main sequence lifetimes. Despite their large radii, both planets have low masses, which make them promising targets for atmospheric characterization. They are also interesting additions to the currently available set of giant planets to study radius inflation, which consists primarily of Jupiter-massed objects. We describe our discovery and observations in Section 2, our derivation of stellar and planetary parameters in Sections 3 and 4, and potential implications for giant planet migration, inflation and formation theories in Section 5.

2. OBSERVATIONS

HD 286123 was proposed as a *K2* target in Campaign 13 (C13) in four programs: GO13071 (PI Charbonneau), GO13122 (PI Howard), GO13024 (PI Cochran) and GO13903 (GO Office). HD 89345 was proposed as a target in Campaign 14 (C14) in five programs: GO14010 (PI Lund), GO14009 (PI Charbonneau), GO14028 (PI Cochran), GO14021 (PI Howard) and GO14901 (GO Office). C13 was observed from 2017 Mar 08 to May 27, and C14 was observed from 2017 Jun 01 to Aug 19. HD 89345 and HD 286123’s photometric and spectroscopic

properties are given in Table 1.

2.1. *K2* Photometry

We converted the processed *K2* target pixel files into light curves using an approach identical to that described in Crossfield et al. (2015). In brief, we computed the raw photometry by summing the flux within a soft-edged circular aperture centered around the target star, and used the publicly available **k2phot** photometry code²¹ to model out the time- and roll-dependent variations with a Gaussian process. We then used the publicly available **TERRA** algorithm²² (Petigura et al. 2013a,b) to search for transit-like events and manually examined diagnostic plots for all signals with $S/N \geq 10$. **TERRA** identified a planet candidate orbiting HD 89345 with $P = 11.81$ days and $S/N = 24$ in Campaign 14, and another candidate orbiting HD 286123 with $P = 11.17$ days and $S/N = 495$ in Campaign 13.

After identifying the transits, we produced new light curves by simultaneously fitting the transits, the *K2* roll systematics, and long-timescale stellar/instrumental variability. Reprocessing the *K2* light curves in this way prevents the shape of the transits from being biased by the removal of *K2* systematics. We used light curves and systematics corrections derived using the method of Vanderburg & Johnson (2014) as initial guesses for our simultaneous fits, which we then performed following Vanderburg et al. (2016). Throughout the rest of this paper, we use these simultaneously-fit light curves in our analysis and our plots. Fig. 1 shows the flattened²³ and detrended light curves of HD 89345 and HD 286123.

2.2. Ground-based Followup

In this section, we present our ground-based photometric and spectroscopic observations used to confirm the planetary nature of HD 89345b and HD 286123b.

2.2.1. Spectroscopic followup

We used the HIRES spectrograph (Vogt et al. 1994) at the W. M. Keck Observatory to measure high-resolution optical spectra of the two targets. Observations and data reduction followed the standard procedures of the California Planet Search (CPS; Howard et al. 2010). For both stars, the $0.86'' \times 14''$ “C2” decker was placed in front of the slit and the exposures were terminated once an exposure meter reached 10,000 counts, yielding a signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of 45 per pixel at 550 nm. Additional spectra of HD 89345 were collected to measure precise radial velocities (RVs), by placing a cell of gaseous iodine in the converging beam of the telescope, just ahead of the spectrometer slit. The iodine cell is sealed and maintained at a constant temperature of $50.0 \pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ to ensure that the iodine gas column density remains constant over decades. The iodine superimposes a rich forest of absorption lines on the stellar spectrum over the 500–620 nm region, thereby providing a wavelength calibration and proxy for the point spread function (PSF) of the spectrometer. Once extracted, each spectrum of the iodine region is divided into ~ 700 chunks, each of

which is 2 \AA wide. Each chunk produces an independent measure of the wavelength, point spread function, and Doppler shift, determined using the spectral synthesis technique described by Butler et al. (1996). The final reported Doppler velocity for a stellar spectrum is the weighted mean of the velocities of all the individual chunks. The final uncertainty of each velocity is the weighted average of all 700 chunk velocities. These iodine exposures were terminated after 50,000 counts ($\text{SNR} = 100$ per pixel), typically lasting 2 min. For both stars, a single iodine-free “template” spectrum with a higher SNR of 225 was also collected using the narrower “B3” decker ($0.57'' \times 14''$). RVs were measured using the standard CPS Doppler pipeline (Marcy & Butler 1992; Valenti et al. 1995; Butler et al. 1996; Howard et al. 2009). Each observed spectrum was forward modeled as the product of an RV-shifted iodine-free spectrum and a high-resolution/high-SNR iodine transmission spectrum convolved with a PSF model. Typical internal RV uncertainties were 1.5 m s^{-1} .

We obtained additional spectra for the two targets with the Tillinghast Reflector Echelle Spectrograph (TRES; Szentgyorgyi & Furész 2007) on the 1.5 m telescope at the Fred L. Whipple Observatory on Mt. Hopkins, AZ. The TRES spectra have a resolution of 44,000 and were extracted as described in Buchhave et al. (2010). We obtained 8 TRES spectra of HD 286123 in Oct 2017. The average S/N per resolution element (SNRe) was 46, which was determined at the peak continuum of the Mgb region of the spectrum near 519 nm. HD 89345 was observed twice, once in 2017 Nov and again in 2017 Dec, with an average SNR of 54. The TRES spectra were not used to determine an orbital solution but were used to determine stellar parameters (see Section 3).

The RV dataset for HD 286123 is comprised of 19 velocities obtained between 2018 Oct and 2019 Feb using the Automated Planet Finder (APF), a 2.4m telescope located atop Mt. Hamilton at Lick Observatory. The telescope is paired with the Levy echelle spectrograph, and is capable of reaching 1 m s^{-1} precision on bright, quiet stars. The Levy spectrograph is operated at a resolution of $\sim 90,000$ for RV observations and covers a wavelength range of 370–900 nm, though only the 500–620 nm Iodine region is used in extracting Doppler velocities (Vogt et al. 2014). APF RVs were collected using the same iodine-based methodology described above.

The APF is a dedicated exoplanet facility, and employs a dynamic scheduler to operate without the aid of human observers (Burt et al. 2015). Due to the large expected RV semi-amplitude of the transiting planet ($K \sim 26 \text{ m s}^{-1}$) and the desire to use the telescope as efficiently as possible, we set the desired RV precision in the dynamic scheduler to 4 m s^{-1} . The exposure times necessary to achieve this precision were automatically calculated in real time to account for changing atmospheric conditions, and the resulting RV data set has a mean internal uncertainty of 3.9 m s^{-1} . In our analysis, we chose to omit data taken on one night due to a low number of photons in the iodine region, caused by cloudy observing conditions.

APF RVs for HD 89345 were collected in exactly the same way between Nov 2017 and Feb 2018 except that we used fixed 30-min exposure times giving $\text{SNR} \sim 80$.

²¹ <https://github.com/petigura/k2phot>

²² <https://github.com/petigura/terra>

²³ We flattened the light curves by dividing away the best-fit long-timescale variability from our simultaneously-fit light curve.

TABLE 1
STELLAR PARAMETERS OF HD 89345 AND HD 286123 FROM THE LITERATURE AND SPECTROSCOPY

Parameter	HD 89345	HD 286123	Source
<i>Identifying Information</i>			
α_{J2000} R.A. (hh:mm:ss)	10:18:41.06	04:55:03.96	
δ_{J2000} Dec. (dd:mm:ss)	10:07:44.5	18:39:16.33	
Other identifiers	TYC 840-840-1	TYC 1284-745-1	
	2MASS J10184106+1007445	2MASS J04550395+1839164	
	EPIC 248777106	EPIC 247098361	
	K2-XXX	K2-YYY	
K2 campaign	14	13	
<i>Photometric Properties</i>			
B (mag).....	10.148 ± 0.039	10.520 ± 0.051	1
V (mag)	9.376 ± 0.028	9.822 ± 0.038	1
J (mag).....	8.091 ± 0.020	8.739 ± 0.030	2
H (mag)	7.766 ± 0.040	8.480 ± 0.018	2
Ks (mag)	7.721 ± 0.018	8.434 ± 0.017	2
W1 (mag)	7.763 ± 0.028	8.380 ± 0.024	3
W2 (mag)	7.759 ± 0.020	8.419 ± 0.019	3
W3 (mag)	7.729 ± 0.019	8.391 ± 0.027	3
W4 (mag)	7.757 ± 0.185		3
<i>Spectroscopic and Derived Properties</i>			
Spectral Type	G5V-G6V	F9V-G0V	4
μ_α (mas yr $^{-1}$)	5.527 ± 0.147	62.356 ± 1.307	5
μ_δ (mas yr $^{-1}$)	-42.175 ± 0.108	-48.297 ± 0.971	5
Parallax (mas)	7.88 ± 0.23	7.94 ± 0.27	5
Barycentric RV (km s $^{-1}$)	2.4 ± 0.1	22.4 ± 0.1	TRES; this paper
$v \sin i$ (km s $^{-1}$)	3 ± 1	3 ± 1	APF; this paper
Space motion (U^*, V, W) (km s $^{-1}$)	$(20.8 \pm 0.4, -8.8 \pm 0.6, 2.1 \pm 0.2)$	$(-14.9 \pm 0.2, -32.8 \pm 1.7, 13.1 \pm 0.8)$	this paper

References: (1) Høg et al. (2000); (2) Skrutskie et al. (2006); (3) Cutri et al. (2012); (4) Pecaute & Mamajek (2013), (5) Gaia Collaboration et al. (2016), with Stassun & Torres (2016) correction, *Positive U is in the direction of the Galactic center

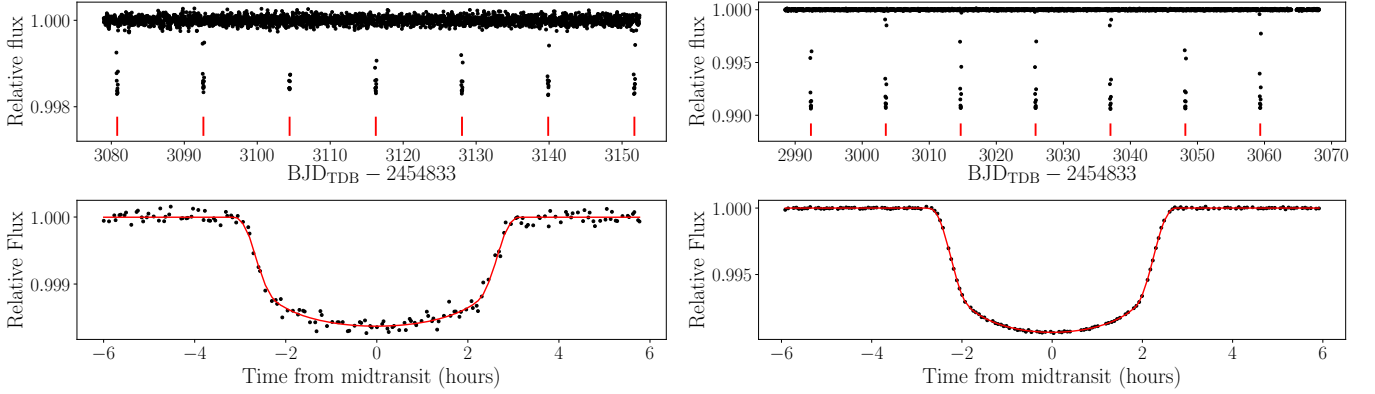


FIG. 1.— *Left:* Calibrated K2 photometry for HD 89345 (top), with vertical ticks indicating the locations of the transits, and phase-folded photometry and best-fit light curve model (bottom). *Right:* Same, but for HD 286123.

We also utilized the iodine-free “template” observations collected on Keck during the RV extraction in order to avoid duplication of data. All RV measurements for the two systems are reported in Tables 2 and 3.

2.2.2. Keck/NIRC2 Adaptive Optics Imaging

We obtained NIR adaptive optics (AO) imaging of HD 89345 through clear skies with $\sim 0.8''$ seeing on the night of 2017 Dec 29 using the 10m Keck II telescope at the W. M. Keck Observatory. The star was observed behind the natural guide star AO system using the NIRC2 camera in narrow angle mode with the large hexagonal pupil. We observed using the narrow-band Br- γ filter ($\lambda_c = 2.1686 \mu\text{m}$; $\Delta\lambda = 0.0326 \mu\text{m}$) with a 3-point dither pattern that avoids the noisier lower left quadrant of the NIRC2 detector. Each dither was offset from the previous position by $0.5''$ and the star was imaged at 9 different locations

across the detector. The integration time per dither was 1s for a total time of 9s. The narrow angle mode of NIRC2 provides a field-of-view of $10''$ and a plate scale of about $0.01'' \text{ pixel}^{-1}$. We used the dithered images to remove sky-background, then aligned, flat-fielded, dark subtracted and combined the individual frames into a final combined image (see Fig. 2 inset). The final images had a FWHM resolution of $\sim 60 \text{ mas}$, near the diffraction limit at $\sim 2.2 \mu\text{m}$.

We also obtained NIR high-resolution AO imaging of HD 286123 at Palomar Observatory with the 200'' Hale Telescope at Palomar Observatory on 2017 Sep 06 using the NIR AO system P3K and the infrared camera PHARO (Hayward et al. 2001). PHARO has a pixel scale of $0.025''$ per pixel with a full field of view of approximately $25''$. The data were obtained with a narrow-band Br- γ filter ($\lambda_o = 2.166$; $\Delta\lambda = 0.02 \mu\text{m}$). The AO data

TABLE 2
RADIAL VELOCITIES FOR HD 89345

BJD _{TDB}	RV (m s ⁻¹)	σ_{RV} (m s ⁻¹)	Instrument
2458088.069276	9.1	2.5	APF
2458089.027427	14.0	2.4	APF
2458092.003688	-5.5	1.4	HIRES
2458093.080794	-4.4	4.8	APF
2458094.982520	-2.0	2.5	APF
2458099.985452	7.9	1.3	HIRES
2458107.007150	-9.6	2.4	APF
2458109.930945	-6.0	3.5	APF
2458113.048271	5.7	1.2	HIRES
2458114.005711	6.4	2.8	APF
2458114.047766	4.3	1.2	HIRES
2458115.846145	-0.5	3.6	APF
2458116.933727	-5.7	1.0	HIRES
2458118.934134	-7.1	1.3	HIRES
2458120.050818	-8.9	2.8	APF
2458161.054381	3.8	1.1	HIRES

TABLE 3
RADIAL VELOCITIES FOR HD 286123

BJD _{TDB}	RV (m s ⁻¹)	σ_{RV} (m s ⁻¹)	Instrument
2458054.788304514	-0.6	3.1	APF
2458055.777965865	8.7	3.1	APF
2458070.727222747	-28.0	3.6	APF
2458076.725029452	-2.1	4.7	APF
2458079.684549427	1.4	2.9	APF
2458085.797267544	-30.0	3.0	APF
2458089.686288970	2.6	2.8	APF
2458097.641321792	-14.0	4.2	APF
2458098.690303951	-7.8	3.2	APF
2458099.706504478	1.1	2.7	APF
2458100.616924353	29.3	8.7	APF
2458102.620537149	4.8	3.2	APF
2458114.740644800	-13.0	4.0	APF

were obtained in a 5-point quincunx dither pattern with each dither position separated by 4". Each dither position is observed 3 times with each pattern offset from the previous pattern by 0.5" for a total of 15 frames. The integration time per frame was 9.9s for a total on-source time of 148.5s. We use the dithered images to remove sky background and dark current, and then align, flat-field, and stack the individual images. The PHARO AO data have a resolution of 0.10" (FWHM).

To determine the sensitivity of the final combined images, we injected simulated sources at positions that were integer multiples of the central source FWHM scaled to brightnesses where they could be detected at 5 σ significance with standard aperture photometry. We compared the Δ -magnitudes of the injected 5 σ sources as a function of their separation from the central star to generate contrast sensitivity curves (Fig. 2). We were sensitive to close companions and background objects with $\Delta Br\text{-}\gamma \approx 6$ at separations ≥ 200 mas. No additional sources were detected down to this limit in the field-of-view of HD 89345, and the target appears single at the limiting resolution of the images.

A stellar companion was detected near HD 286123 in the *Br*- γ filter with PHARO. The companion separation was measured to be $\Delta\alpha = -1.39'' \pm 0.01''$ and $\Delta\delta = 0.28'' \pm 0.03''$. The companion has a measured differential brightness in comparison to the primary star of $\Delta_K = 6.75 \pm 0.05$ mag, which implies deblended stellar

2MASS *K*-band magnitudes of $K_S = 8.45 \pm 0.02$ mag and $K_S = 15.2 \pm 0.1$ mag for the primary and the companion respectively. Utilizing Kepler magnitude (K_p)- K_S relationships from Howell et al. (2012), we derive approximate deblended Kepler magnitudes of $K_p = 9.81 \pm 0.01$ mag for the primary and $K_p = 17.3 \pm 0.8$ mag for the companion. The resulting Kepler magnitude difference is $\Delta K_p = 7.5 \pm 0.8$ mag. The companion star therefore cannot be responsible for the transit signals, but is potentially a bound stellar companion. At a separation of 1.4", the projected separation of the companion is approximately 175 AU. This translates to an orbital period of about a ~ 2300 yr (10^6 days), which is near the peak of the period distribution of binaries (Raghavan et al. 2010) and within the 80% likelihood of AO-detected companions being bound for these separations (Hirsch et al. 2017). With an infrared magnitude difference of $\Delta_K = 6.75$ mag and assuming the distance of HD 286123, the companion star has an infrared magnitude similar to that of an M7V dwarf (Pecaut & Mamajek 2013).

The AO imaging rules out the presence of any additional stars within $\sim 0.5''$ of HD 286123 (~ 30 AU) and the presence of any brown dwarfs, or widely-separated tertiary components down to $K_S = 16.4$ beyond 0.5" ($\sim 30 - 1000$ AU). All data and sensitivity curves are available on the ExoFOP-K2 site²⁴.

We also searched for any faint sources within the *K2* apertures used but beyond the field of view of the AO imaging by examining archival images from imaging surveys including SDSS9, 2MASS, Pan-STARRS and DECaLS/DR3, and catalogs including UCAC, GSC2.3, 2MASS and SDSS12. Across all surveys and catalogs, we identified no sources brighter than 19 magnitudes in the *g'*-band and 18 magnitudes in the *r'*-band within 40" of either star. The optical flux contribution of any faint companion is below the precision of *K2* and can be safely ignored in our transit fits.

2.2.3. Ground-Based Photometry

We obtained additional ground-based photometric observations of HD 286123 on the night of 2017 Sep 29. One of us (G.M.) observed the second half of the transit from Suwalki, Poland using a 78mm ASI178MM-cooled camera with a 1/1.8" CMOS IMX178 sensor and Canon FD 300mm f/2.8 lens. The images have pixel scales of 1.65"/pixel. No filter was used, and each measurement consists of 100 binned 3s exposures.

Dark and flat calibrations were applied to each frame. The aperture used was a circular aperture with a radius corresponding to 8.7". Two stable stars within the field of view were used as reference stars, and the flux of HD 286123 was divided by the sum of the reference stars' fluxes. We modeled the out-of-transit variations with a quadratic function, which was also divided out to obtain the detrended light curve. Fig. 3 shows the resulting light curve overplotted with the *K2* light curve, phase-folded to the same ephemeris.

3. HOST STAR CHARACTERIZATION

3.1. Spectral Analysis

²⁴ <https://exofop.ipac.caltech.edu>

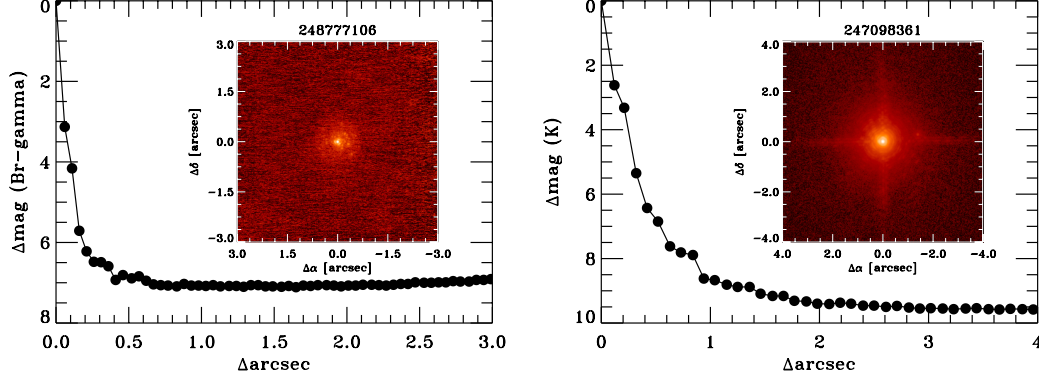


FIG. 2.— AO images (inset) and K_S -band contrast curves for HD 89345 (left) and HD 286123 (right). HD 89345 was imaged with Keck/NIRC2, and HD 286123 was imaged with Palomar/PHARO. The right image shows a faint companion at about $\sim 1.4''$ away from HD 286123, but this cannot be the source of the observed transit signals (see Section 2.2.2).

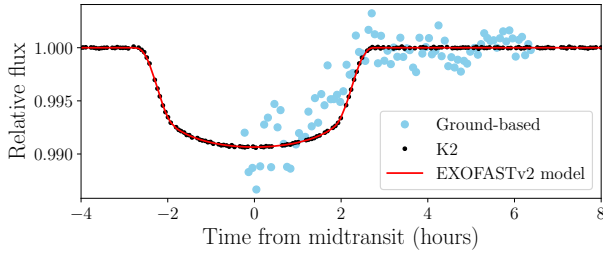


FIG. 3.— Detrended ground-based light curve of HD 286123 (blue) and K2 light curve (black) phase-folded to the same ephemeris and overplotted with the transit model (red) from our global fit in Section 4.1.

We searched the iodine-free Keck/HIRES for spectroscopic blends using the algorithm of Kolbl et al. (2015), which is sensitive to secondary stars with $> 1\%$ flux and $\Delta RV > 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ relative to the primary star. No secondary lines were detected in either spectrum.

We calculated initial estimates of the spectroscopic parameters of the host stars from our iodine-free Keck/HIRES spectra using the SpecMatch procedure (Petigura 2015). SpecMatch searches a grid of synthetic model spectra (Coelho et al. 2005) to fit for the effective temperature (T_{eff}), surface gravity ($\log g$), metallicity ($[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$) and projected equatorial rotation velocity of the star ($v \sin i$). The resulting values are $T_{\text{eff}} = 5532 \pm 100 \text{ K}$, $\log g = 3.71 \pm 0.10$, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.44 \pm 0.06$, $v \sin i = 3 \pm 1 \text{ km/s}$ for HD 89345, and $T_{\text{eff}} = 5909 \pm 100 \text{ K}$, $\log g = 4.25 \pm 0.10$, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.05 \pm 0.06$, $v \sin i = 3 \pm 1 \text{ km/s}$ for HD 286123. We adopt these values as starting points and/or priors for the *isoclassify* fits described in Section 3.2 and the global fit described in Section 4.1.

As a consistency check, we also estimated the spectroscopic parameters using our TRES spectra and the Stellar Parameter Classification tool (SPC; Buchhave et al. 2012, 2014). SPC works by cross-correlating observed spectra with a grid of synthetic model spectra generated from Kurucz (1992) model atmospheres. From these fits, we obtained weighted averages of $T_{\text{eff}} = 5676 \pm 50 \text{ K}$, $\log g = 4.13 \pm 0.10$, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.50 \pm 0.08$, $v \sin i = 3.3 \pm 0.5 \text{ km/s}$ for HD 89345, and $T_{\text{eff}} = 5877 \pm 53 \text{ K}$, $\log g = 4.27 \pm 0.10$, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.03 \pm 0.08$, $v \sin i = 3.9 \pm 0.5 \text{ km/s}$ for HD 286123. The values from SPC are in agreement with those from SpecMatch, except for the slightly higher $\log g$ value for HD 89345 from SPC.

Given that HD 89345 is a slightly evolved star, spectroscopic $\log g$ estimates are expected to be less reliable. As shown by Torres et al. (2012), reliance on spectroscopically determined $\log g$ can lead to considerable biases in the inferred evolutionary state, mass and radius of a star. Therefore we avoid imposing any priors on $\log g$ for our global fit in Section 4.1.

3.2. Evolutionary Analysis

We then use the stellar parameters derived from HIRES spectra as well as broadband photometry and parallax as inputs for the grid-modeling method implemented in the stellar classification package *isoclassify* (Huber et al. 2017). *isoclassify* derives posterior distributions for stellar parameters (T_{eff} , $\log g$, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$, radius, mass, density, luminosity and age) through direct integration of isochrones from the MIST database (Dotter 2016; Choi et al. 2016) and synthetic photometry. Both target stars are bright enough to have parallaxes from Gaia DR1, but are saturated in the Sloan z band. We therefore input for each star its 2MASS JHK and Tycho BV magnitudes, Gaia parallax, and T_{eff} , $\log g$, and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ from SpecMatch. Stassun & Torres (2016) found evidence for a systematic offset of -0.25 mas in the Gaia DR1 parallaxes. We corrected for this bias in the parallaxes used for our fits, and find that it reduces the best-fit stellar radius by less than 3%. The V -band extinction A_V is left as a free parameter. From this fit, we obtained $R_{\star} = 1.720 \pm 0.051 R_{\odot}$ and $M_{\star} = 1.147 \pm 0.034 M_{\odot}$ for HD 89345 and $R_{\star} = 1.214 \pm 0.043 R_{\odot}$ and $M_{\star} = 1.063 \pm 0.047 M_{\odot}$ for HD 286123. These values are consistent with the final determined stellar parameters from our EXOFASTv2 global fit (See Table 4).

3.3. UVW Space Motions, Galactic Coordinates, and Evolutionary States of the Host Stars

To calculate the absolute radial velocities of the two host stars, we used the TRES observation with the highest SNR for each and corrected for the gravitational redshift by adding -0.61 km/s . This gives us an absolute velocity of 2.4 km s^{-1} for HD 89345 and 22.4 km s^{-1} for HD 286123. We quote an uncertainty of 0.1 km/s which is an estimate of the residual systematics in the IAU radial velocity standard star system.

3.3.1. HD 89345

HD 89345 is located at equatorial coordinates $\alpha = 10^h18^m41^s.06$, and $\delta = +10^\circ07'44''.5$ (J2000), which corresponds to Galactic coordinates of $\ell = 230.8^\circ$ and $b = 50.2^\circ$. Given the (Stassun & Torres 2016-corrected) Gaia distance of ~ 127 pc, HD 89345 lies roughly 100 pc above the Galactic plane. Using the Gaia DR1 proper motion of $(\mu_\alpha, \mu_\delta) = (5.527 \pm 0.147, -42.175 \pm 0.108)$ mas yr $^{-1}$, the Gaia parallax, and the absolute radial velocity as determined from the TRES spectroscopy of 2.4 ± 0.1 km s $^{-1}$, we find that HD 89345 has a three-dimensional Galactic space motion of $(U, V, W) = (20.8 \pm 0.4, -8.8 \pm 0.5, 2.1 \pm 0.2)$ km s $^{-1}$, where positive U is in the direction of the Galactic center, and we have adopted the Coşkunoğlu et al. (2011) determination of the solar motion with respect to the local standard of rest. These values yield a 99.4% probability that HD 89345 is a thin disk star, according to the classification scheme of Bensby et al. (2003).

Note that stars of the mass of HD 89345 ($M_* \sim 1.23 M_\odot$) that are close to the zero age main sequence typically have spectral types of roughly F6V-F7V (Pecaut & Mamajek 2013), but in fact HD 89345 has a T_{eff} and colors that are more consistent with a much later spectral type of G5V-G6V (Pecaut & Mamajek 2013). Furthermore, it has a radius of $R \sim 1.66 R_\odot$; much larger than one would expect of its mass if it were on the zero age main sequence. All of this implies that HD 89345 has exhausted or nearly exhausted its core hydrogen, and is currently in or close to the relatively short subgiant phase of its evolution, as it moves toward the giant branch. The location of HD 89345 above the disk (Bovy 2017) and Galactic velocities are all consistent with this scenario.

This conclusion is corroborated by the properties of the star inferred from the global fit to the transit, radial velocity, spectral energy distribution (SED), and parallax data described in 4.1. A joint fit to these data measure, nearly directly and empirically, the stellar radius, density, surface gravity, and luminosity. Together with the T_{eff} and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$, these nearly uniquely place the star on a “theoretical” Hertzsprung-Russell diagram (see Figure 7). When comparing these to values to Yale-Yonsei evolutionary tracks (Yi et al. 2001), we infer that HD 89345 has an age of ~ 5.3 Gyr and is indeed nearing or perhaps has just reached the end of its main-sequence lifetime, and is entering the subgiant branch of its evolution.

3.3.2. HD 286123

HD 286123 is located at equatorial coordinates $\alpha = 4^h55^m03^s.9$, and $\delta = +10^\circ07'44''.5$ (J2000), which correspond to the Galactic coordinates of $\ell = 182.1^\circ$ and $b = -15.3^\circ$. Given the (Stassun & Torres 2016-corrected) Gaia distance of ~ 126 pc, HD 89345 lies roughly 34 pc below the Galactic plane. Using the Gaia DR1 proper motion of $(\mu_\alpha, \mu_\delta) = (5.527 \pm 0.147, -42.175 \pm 0.108)$ mas yr $^{-1}$, the Gaia parallax, and the absolute radial velocity as determined from the TRES spectroscopy of 22.4 ± 0.1 km s $^{-1}$, we find that HD 286123 has a three-dimensional Galactic space motion of $(U, V, W) = (-14.9 \pm 0.2, -32.8 \pm 1.7, 13.1 \pm 0.8)$ km s $^{-1}$, where again positive U is in the direction of the Galactic center, and we have adopted the Coşkunoğlu et al. (2011) determination of the solar motion with respect to the local standard

of rest. These values yield a 98.4% probability that HD 286123 is a thin disk star, according to the classification scheme of Bensby et al. (2003).

Note that stars of the mass of HD 286123 typically have spectral types of roughly G1V (Pecaut & Mamajek 2013), and in fact HD 286123 has a T_{eff} and colors that are roughly consistent with this spectral type (Pecaut & Mamajek 2013). The radius and luminosity of HD 286123 are $R_* \sim 1.25 R_\odot$ and $L_* \sim 1.66 L_\odot$; again, these are roughly consistent, although slightly larger, than would be expected for a zero age main sequence star of its mass and spectral type (Pecaut & Mamajek 2013). The Galactic velocities of HD 286123 are somewhat larger than typical thin disk stars. Together, these pieces of information suggest that HD 286123 is likely a roughly solar-mass star, with an age that is somewhat larger than the average age of the Galactic thin disk, that is roughly 70% of the way through its main-sequence lifetime. Indeed, when combined with the estimate of its metallicity, we can roughly characterize HD 286123 as a slightly older, slightly more massive analog of the sun.

As with HD 89345, this conclusion is corroborated by the properties of HD 286123 inferred from the global fit to the transit, radial velocity, SED, and parallax data described in 4.1. When comparing the $\log g$ and T_{eff} from the global fit to values to YY evolutionary tracks (Yi et al. 2001), we infer that HD 286123 has an age of ~ 6.5 Gyr and is indeed just over halfway through its main sequence lifetime.

4. PLANET CHARACTERIZATION

4.1. EXOFASTv2 Global Fit

To determine the system parameters for both HD 89345 and HD 286123, we perform a simultaneous fit using exoplanet global fitting suite EXOFASTv2 (Eastman 2017). EXOFASTv2 is based largely on the original EXOFAST (Eastman et al. 2013) but is now more flexible and can, among many other features, simultaneously fit multiple RV instruments and the spectral energy distribution (SED) along with the transit data. Specifically, for each system we fit the flattened *K2* light curve, accounting for the long cadence smearing; the SED; and the radial velocity data. To constrain the stellar parameters, we used the integrated YY stellar tracks (Yi et al. 2001), the broad band photometry, and the parallax from Gaia summarized in Table 1. In addition, we set priors on T_{eff} and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ from the Keck/HIRES spectra described in Section 3.1 and enforced upper limits on the V-band extinction from the Schlegel et al. (1998) dust maps of 0.035 for HD 89345 and 0.4765 for HD 286123. We used the online EXOFAST tool²⁵ to refine our starting values prior to the EXOFASTv2 fit.

See Fig. 1 for the final transit fits, Figs. 4 & 5 for the final RV fits, Fig. 6 for the final SED fit from our EXOFASTv2 global fit, and Fig. 7 for the best-fit evolutionary tracks. The median values of the posterior distributions of the system parameters are shown in Table 4.

4.2. RV Analysis with RadVel

For comparison with EXOFASTv2, we also analyze the RV time series using another widely used, publicly avail-

²⁵ <http://astroutils.astronomy.ohio-state.edu/exofast/exofast.shtml>

TABLE 4

MEDIAN VALUES AND 68% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS FOR THE PHYSICAL AND ORBITAL PARAMETERS OF THE HD 89345 AND HD 286123 SYSTEMS

Parameter	Units	HD 89345	HD 286123
Stellar Parameters			
M_*	Mass (M_\odot)	$1.225^{+0.055}_{-0.089}$	$1.062^{+0.047}_{-0.043}$
R_*	Radius (R_\odot)	$1.659^{+0.062}_{-0.059}$	$1.252^{+0.044}_{-0.043}$
ρ_*	Density (cgs)	$0.374^{+0.045}_{-0.042}$	$0.764^{+0.092}_{-0.082}$
$\log g$	Surface gravity (cgs)	$4.083^{+0.035}_{-0.040}$	4.270 ± 0.036
T_{eff}	Effective Temperature (K)	5609^{+64}_{-69}	5855^{+75}_{-86}
$[Fe/H]$	Metallicity	0.440 ± 0.058	0.058 ± 0.058
L_*	Luminosity (L_\odot)	$2.45^{+0.20}_{-0.19}$	$1.66^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$
Age	Age (Gyr)	$5.29^{+1.9}_{-0.89}$	$6.5^{+1.8}_{-1.7}$
A_v	V-band extinction	$0.017^{+0.012}_{-0.011}$	$0.016^{+0.012}_{-0.011}$
σ_{SED}	Error scaling for SED photometry	$5.3^{+2.1}_{-1.3}$	$3.40^{+1.4}_{-0.85}$
d	Distance (pc)	$126.6^{+3.7}_{-3.5}$	$133.1^{+4.0}_{-3.9}$
π	Parallax (mas)	7.90 ± 0.22	$7.52^{+0.23}_{-0.22}$
Planet Parameters			
a	Semi-major axis (AU)	$0.1086^{+0.0016}_{-0.0027}$	0.0998 ± 0.0014
P	Period (days)	11.81433 ± 0.00020	11.168453 ± 0.000018
M_P	Mass (M_J)	$0.103^{+0.018}_{-0.016}$	$0.408^{+0.049}_{-0.047}$
R_P	Radius (R_J)	$0.616^{+0.032}_{-0.030}$	$1.080^{+0.038}_{-0.037}$
e	Eccentricity	$0.25^{+0.10}_{-0.11}$	$0.268^{+0.036}_{-0.038}$
ω_*	Argument of Periastron (Degrees)	-7^{+41}_{-28}	$168.6^{+6.4}_{-7.9}$
i	Inclination (Degrees)	$87.70^{+0.87}_{-0.36}$	$89.84^{+0.11}_{-0.16}$
ρ_P	Density (cgs)	$0.55^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$	$0.400^{+0.046}_{-0.043}$
$\log g_P$	Surface gravity (cgs)	$2.828^{+0.077}_{-0.083}$	$2.937^{+0.043}_{-0.045}$
T_{eq}	Equilibrium temperature (K)	1059 ± 18	999 ± 17
Θ	Safronov Number	$0.0299^{+0.0051}_{-0.0046}$	$0.0708^{+0.0077}_{-0.0075}$
$\langle F \rangle$	Incident Flux ($10^9 \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$)	0.267 ± 0.023	0.211 ± 0.013
T_C	Time of Transit (BJD _{TDB})	$2457913.80487^{+0.0011}_{-0.00096}$	$2457858.856818 \pm 0.000037$
T_P	Time of Periastron (BJD _{TDB})	$2457911.58^{+1.0}_{-0.79}$	$2457860.45^{+0.26}_{-0.22}$
T_S	Time of eclipse (BJD _{TDB})	$2457909.60^{+0.64}_{-1.00}$	$2457862.59^{+0.26}_{-0.24}$
T_A	Time of Ascending Node (BJD _{TDB})	$2457911.60^{+0.34}_{-0.41}$	2457855.38 ± 0.17
T_D	Time of Descending Node (BJD _{TDB})	$2457917.64^{+1.1}_{-0.83}$	$2457860.62^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$
K	RV semi-amplitude (m/s)	$8.4^{+1.6}_{-1.3}$	$36.9^{+5.0}_{-4.6}$
$\log K$	Log of RV semi-amplitude	0.923 ± 0.076	$1.568^{+0.055}_{-0.058}$
$e \cos \omega_*$		$0.226^{+0.085}_{-0.13}$	$-0.263^{+0.037}_{-0.034}$
$e \sin \omega_*$		$-0.02^{+0.12}_{-0.14}$	$0.045^{+0.033}_{-0.034}$
$M_P \sin i$	Minimum mass (M_J)	$0.103^{+0.018}_{-0.016}$	$0.408^{+0.049}_{-0.047}$
M_P/M_*	Mass ratio	$0.000081^{+0.000014}_{-0.000013}$	$0.000366^{+0.000047}_{-0.000044}$
R_P/R_*	Radius of planet in stellar radii	0.0381 ± 0.0012	$0.08868^{+0.00011}_{-0.00010}$
a/R_*	Semi-major axis in stellar radii	14.03 ± 0.54	$17.14^{+0.66}_{-0.64}$
d/R_*	Separation at mid transit	13.7 ± 1.6	$15.2^{+1.3}_{-1.2}$
b	Impact parameter	$0.55^{+0.13}_{-0.25}$	$0.041^{+0.043}_{-0.029}$
δ	Transit depth (fraction)	$0.001455^{+0.000089}_{-0.000087}$	0.007864 ± 0.000019
T_{FWHM}	FWHM duration (days)	$0.2236^{+0.0016}_{-0.0015}$	$0.19100^{+0.00023}_{-0.00022}$
τ	Ingress/egress duration (days)	$0.0123^{+0.0042}_{-0.0032}$	$0.016985^{+0.00010}_{-0.000030}$
T_{14}	Total duration (days)	$0.2362^{+0.0036}_{-0.0028}$	$0.20802^{+0.00024}_{-0.00023}$
b_S	Eclipse impact Parameter	$0.483^{+0.065}_{-0.12}$	$0.045^{+0.047}_{-0.031}$
$T_{S,FWHM}$	Eclipse FWHM duration (days)	$0.218^{+0.046}_{-0.028}$	0.209 ± 0.014
τ_S	Eclipse ingress/egress duration (days)	0.0110 ± 0.0015	$0.0186^{+0.0013}_{-0.0012}$
$T_{S,14}$	Total eclipse duration (days)	$0.230^{+0.046}_{-0.030}$	$0.228^{+0.016}_{-0.015}$
$\delta_{S,3.6\mu m}$	Blackbody eclipse depth at $3.6\mu m$ (ppm)	$34.3^{+3.4}_{-3.1}$	$138.5^{+9.4}_{-9.1}$
$\delta_{S,4.5\mu m}$	Blackbody eclipse depth at $4.5\mu m$ (ppm)	$57.2^{+5.2}_{-4.7}$	242 ± 13
Wavelength Parameters			
Kepler			
$u_{1,Kepler}$	Linear limb-darkening coeff	0.427 ± 0.037	0.433 ± 0.012
$u_{2,Kepler}$	Quadratic limb-darkening coeff	$0.204^{+0.047}_{-0.046}$	0.100 ± 0.027
Telescope Parameters			
Kepler			
γ	APF instrumental offset (m/s)	$0.1^{+1.7}_{-1.6}$	-12.4 ± 2.2
γ	HIRES instrumental offset (m/s)	$-1.5^{+1.5}_{-1.6}$	—
σ_J	APF RV jitter	$3.9^{+2.8}_{-2.1}$	$3.5^{+1.5}_{-1.4}$
σ_J	HIRES RV jitter	$2.5^{+2.2}_{-1.3}$	—
σ_J^2	APF RV jitter variance	15^{+29}_{-12}	$12.1^{+13}_{-7.7}$
σ_J^2	HIRES RV jitter variance	$6.0^{+16}_{-4.7}$	—
Transit Parameters			
Kepler			
σ^2	Added variance	$0.00000000006^{+0.00000000051}_{-0.00000000045}$	$0.00000000052^{+0.00000000016}_{-0.00000000014}$
F_0	Baseline flux	0.9999985 ± 0.0000051	1.0000006 ± 0.0000028

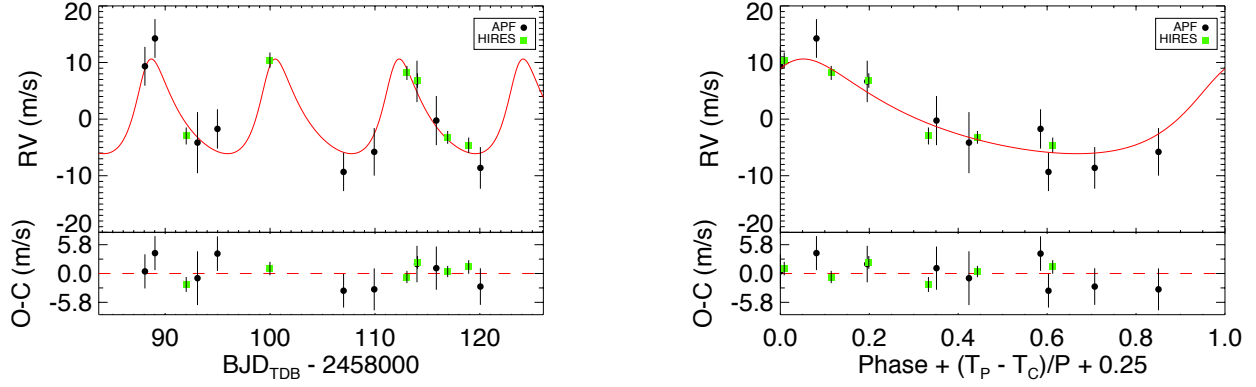


FIG. 4.— *Left*: The RV time series of HD 89345. In each panel, the green squares are the HIRES data and black circles are the APF data. The maximum-likelihood eccentric Keplerian orbital model is plotted in red. The instrumental offset has been subtracted from each data set and the model. The uncertainties plotted include the RV jitter terms listed in Table 4 added in quadrature with the measurement uncertainties for all RVs. Below are the residuals to the maximum-likelihood eccentric orbit model. *Right*: same as the left panel, but phase-folded to the best-fit ephemeris. The X-axis is defined such that the primary transit occurs at 0.25, where T_P is the time of periastron, T_C is the time of transit, and P is the period.

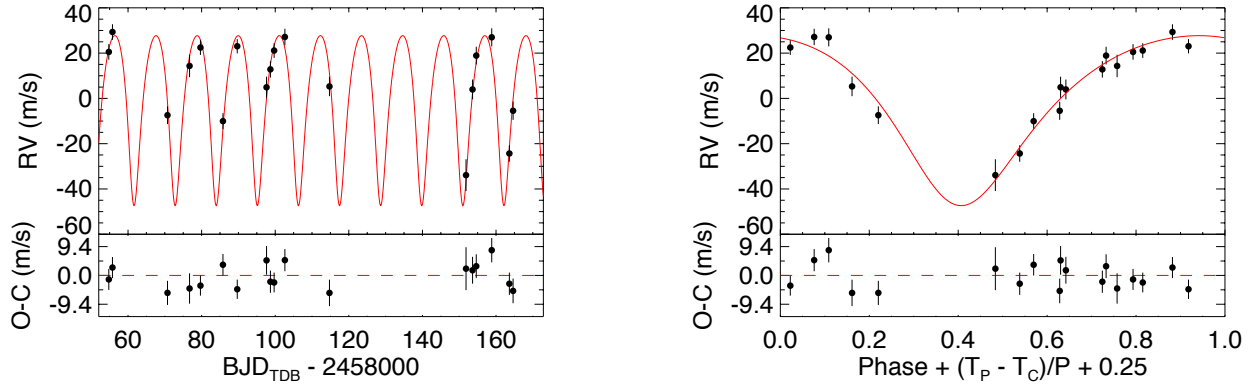


FIG. 5.— Same as Fig. 4, but for HD 286123.

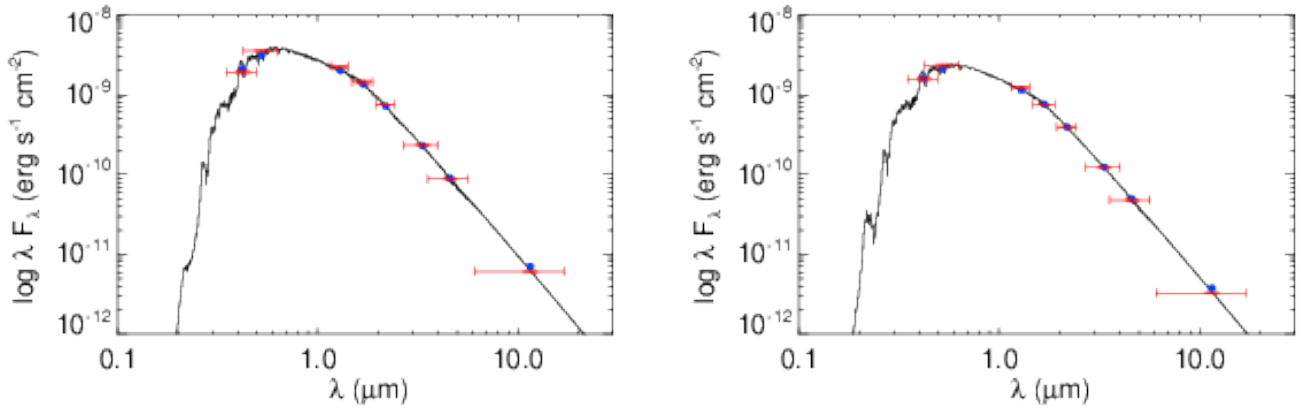


FIG. 6.— SED fits to HD 89345 (left) and HD 286123 (right) from EXOFASTv2. The red points show observed values, with the vertical error bars representing 1σ measurement uncertainties and horizontal error bars representing the widths of the bandpasses. The blue points are the model fluxes in the observed bandpasses. The solid lines show the model fits.

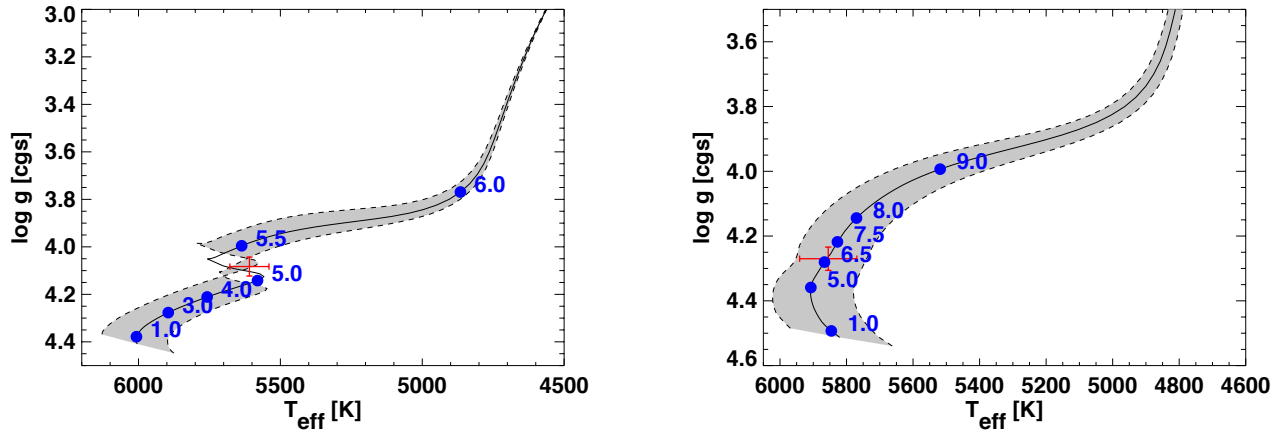


FIG. 7.— The locations of HD 89345 (left) and HD 286123 (right) in the Kiel diagram. The best-fit T_{eff} and $\log g$ from the global model fit are shown as red points, while the gray swath shows YY evolutionary tracks for stars with the best-fit values of M_{\star} and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$; the locations on the best-fit model corresponding to several values of stellar age are shown as blue points, with ages quoted in Gyr.

able RV fitting package *RadVel*²⁶ (Fulton et al. 2017). We impose a Gaussian prior on the orbital period and times of conjunction of HD 89345 and HD 286123 with means and standard deviations derived from transit photometry and given in Table 4. We initially included a constant radial acceleration term, dv/dt , but the result is consistent with zero for both systems. Therefore we fix dv/dt to zero. The remaining free parameters are the velocity semi-amplitudes, the zero-point offsets for each instrument, and the jitter terms for each instrument. The jitter terms are defined in Equation 2 of Fulton et al. (2015) and serve to capture the stellar jitter and instrument systematics such that the reduced χ^2 of the best-fit model is close to 1. To calculate $M_p \sin i$, we adopt the median stellar masses in Table 4 and their quoted error bars.

The fitting procedure is identical to that described in Sinukoff et al. (2016). The best-fit Keplerian orbital solutions are in agreement with those from EXOFASTv2 at the 1σ level.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. Potential for Atmospheric Characterization

Sub-Jovian gas giants are particularly interesting targets for atmospheric studies because a wide range of atmospheric compositions are possible. Yet the atmospheres of such planets, especially those more massive than Neptune but less massive than Saturn, have not been thoroughly studied, both because the host stars of most such systems are too faint for atmospheric characterization, and because the mass regime of sub-Saturns is relatively unpopulated. The two systems presented in this paper are therefore important additions to the small sample of sub-Jovian gas giants amenable to atmospheric characterization.

With their bright host stars and low planet densities, both systems are promising targets for transit transmission spectroscopy. Such observations could provide insight into the planets' bulk composition and formation histories by measuring the elemental composition

of their atmospheres, and overall metal enrichment. We calculated the expected SNR per transit compared to the expected scale height of each planet's atmosphere, and compared the results with other known transiting planets with $0.01 M_J < M_p < 0.5 M_J$. Specifically, we calculated the SNR as

$$\text{SNR} \propto \frac{R_p H \sqrt{F t_{14}}}{R_{\star}^2} \quad (1)$$

$$H = \frac{k_b T_{\text{eq}}}{\mu g} \quad (2)$$

where R_p is the planet's radius, R_{\star} is the star's radius, H is the planet atmosphere's scale height, k_b is Boltzmann's constant, T_{eq} is the planet's equilibrium temperature, μ is the atmosphere's mean molecular weight, g is the planet's surface gravity, t_{14} is the transit duration, and F is the flux from the star. To simplify the comparison, we assumed the planets' atmospheres were dominated by molecular hydrogen and $\mu = 2$ for all cases. We also calculated F from the host stars' H -band magnitudes to test suitability for observations with the Hubble Space Telescope's Wide Field Camera 3 instrument. Fig. 8 shows the expected SNR for transmission spectroscopy (normalized such that the predicted SNR for WASP-107b is unity) against planet masses for HD 89345b, HD 286123b, and 30 known planets with the highest estimated SNR. For reference, Kreidberg et al. (2017) detected water features at 6.5σ confidence with a single HST/WFC3 transit observation of WASP-107b, the benchmark for comparison. HD 286123b appears to be one of the most promising Saturn-sized planets for transmission spectroscopy. Notably, many known planets with the highest expected SNR, including GJ 1214b (Kreidberg et al. 2014), GJ 3470b (Ehrenreich et al. 2014), GJ 436b (Knutson et al. 2014a) and HD 97658b (Knutson et al. 2014b), were found to show essentially featureless transmission spectra, indicating the existence of hazes, clouds, or atmospheres with high molecular weight. So the estimated SNR does not necessarily mean that we will detect spectral features in the atmospheres of HD 89345b and HD 286123b. Nevertheless, not all

²⁶ <http://radvel.readthedocs.io/en/master/index.html>

such planets have featureless spectra (Crossfield & Kreidberg 2017). Past works have found that a planet’s likelihood of being cloudy/hazy is correlated with its equilibrium temperature: at temperatures below roughly 1000 K, methane is abundant and can easily photolyze to produce hydrocarbon hazes (e.g. Fortney et al. 2013; Morley et al. 2013). These predictions are borne out in observations of transmission spectra showing that hotter planets tend to have larger spectral features (e.g. Stevenson 2016; Crossfield & Kreidberg 2017; Fu et al. 2017). At $T_{\text{eq}} \gtrsim 1000$ K, HD 89345b and HD 286123b are less likely to be hazy and there are fewer condensable cloud species. It is therefore scientifically compelling to pursue transmission spectroscopy for these planets, both to increase the small sample of Neptune- to Saturn-sized planets with well-characterized atmospheres and to inform the choice of which *TESS* planets to observe to efficiently study the atmospheric composition of sub-Jovian planets.

In addition to transit spectroscopy, HD 286123b is also a good candidate for secondary eclipse detection. Table 4 shows the blackbody eclipse depths at $3.6 \mu\text{m}$ and $4.5 \mu\text{m}$, derived using the planet’s equilibrium temperature assuming perfect redistribution and zero albedo, to test the feasibility of secondary eclipse observations with *Spitzer*. HD 286123b probes a different period, mass and temperature range from most other planets with secondary eclipse detections, and is one of the few targets that are good candidates for both transmission spectroscopy and secondary eclipse observations.

5.2. The Evolutionary History of Close-in Giant Planets

Both planets fall in the same period range as warm Jupiters, giant planets with incident irradiation levels below $2 \times 10^8 \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, corresponding to orbital periods longer than 10 days around Sun-like stars (Shporer et al. 2017). Like hot Jupiters, they may have formed *in situ*, or migrated inward through high eccentricity migration or disk migration. But at wider orbital separations than hot Jupiters, the orbits of warm Jupiters are less likely to be perturbed by tides raised on the star, and their eccentricity and stellar obliquity distributions may serve as the primordial (after emplacement) distributions for hot Jupiters. Previous works have found that the eccentricity distribution of warm Jupiters contains a low eccentricity component and a component with an approximately uniform distribution (Petrovich & Tremaine 2016). The former component cannot be easily explained by the high eccentricity tidal migration hypothesis, and the latter is a challenge for *in situ* formation or disk migration. This suggests that perhaps there is more than one migration mechanism at work.

Fig. 9 shows HD 89345b and HD 286123b in a period-eccentricity diagram along with other known planets. HD 286123b has a moderately high eccentricity compared to planets at similar periods. The eccentricity of HD 89345b is only weakly constrained and driven away from zero largely by one data point. Given that, and the Lucy-Sweeney bias that tends to overestimate eccentricity due to the boundary at $e = 0$ (Lucy & Sweeney 1971), we cannot consider the eccentricity of HD 89345b to be significant without additional RV measurements. If these planets arrived at their present locations via high eccentricity migration, they must each be accompanied by a

strong enough perturber to overcome precession caused by general relativity (Dong et al. 2014). Moreover, Dong et al. (2014) predicted that for warm Jupiters with orbital distances of 0.1-0.5 AU, the perturbers must have separations of ~ 1.5 -10 AU (period 2-30 years). Although we detected no significant linear trend in the RVs of HD 89345 or HD 286123, long-term RV monitoring may be able to reveal the existence of any distant companions.

Both planets are also favorable targets for stellar obliquity measurements. Among hot Jupiter systems, spin-orbit misalignment is more commonly seen among hot stars ($T_{\text{eff}} \geq 6100$ K; Schlaufman 2010; Winn et al. 2010; Albrecht et al. 2012), and among the cooler stars, those hosting misaligned hot Jupiters are all in the zone $a_{\text{min}}/R_{\star} \geq 8$ (Dai & Winn 2017). Hot Jupiters also tend to be more misaligned at longer orbital period (Li & Winn 2016). These observations have been construed as evidence for tidal realignment at work, but tidal realignment suffers from problems pointed out by Mazeh et al. (2015), who found that the hot/cool obliquity distinction persists even in cases where tidal interactions should be negligible. The interpretation of warm Jupiters’ stellar obliquities remains an outstanding problem. Resolving this problem requires a larger observational sample size, yet the set of warm Jupiters (and smaller planets) currently available for obliquity studies is very small. Both planets in this paper have a/R_{\star} values beyond the threshold for alignment found by Dai & Winn (2017), and the tidal effects on them are expected to be relatively weak. Measuring their stellar obliquities can potentially offer insight into their migration history and tidal realignment theories. One possible method is to measure the Rossiter-McLaughlin (RM) effect, whose maximum semi-amplitude is approximately

$$\Delta V_{\text{RM}} \approx \left(\frac{R_P}{R_{\star}} \right)^2 \sqrt{1 - b^2} (v \sin i) \quad (3)$$

where b is the impact parameter and $v \sin i$ is the projected equatorial rotation velocity of the star. Substituting values in Tables 1 and 4, we obtain $V_{\text{RM}} \approx 4 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ for HD 89345b and $V_{\text{RM}} \approx 24 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ for HD 286123b. Both should be detectable by spectrographs such as Keck/HIRES, APF and HARPS-N.

5.3. Constraining Planet Inflation Models

Many of the proposed mechanisms for explaining the inflated radii of giant planets are related to the irradiation the planet receives from its host star (c.f. Burrows et al. 2007; Fortney et al. 2007). The relation to irradiation seems to be empirically confirmed. For example, Demory & Seager (2011) showed that radius enhancement is common if the planet receives at least $\sim 2 \times 10^8 \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, and mostly absent below that threshold, and Hartman et al. (2016) argued that planets appear to re-inflate when their stars increase in luminosity as they leave the main sequence.

HD 89345b and HD 286123b are gas giants on roughly 11-day period orbits around moderately evolved stars. At ages of roughly 5-6 Gyr, the host stars are just evolving off the main sequence. The time-averaged incident flux on the planets are given in Table 4 as $(2.67 \pm 0.23) \times 10^8$ and $(2.11 \pm 0.13) \times 10^8 \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ respectively, just above the observed radius inflation threshold found

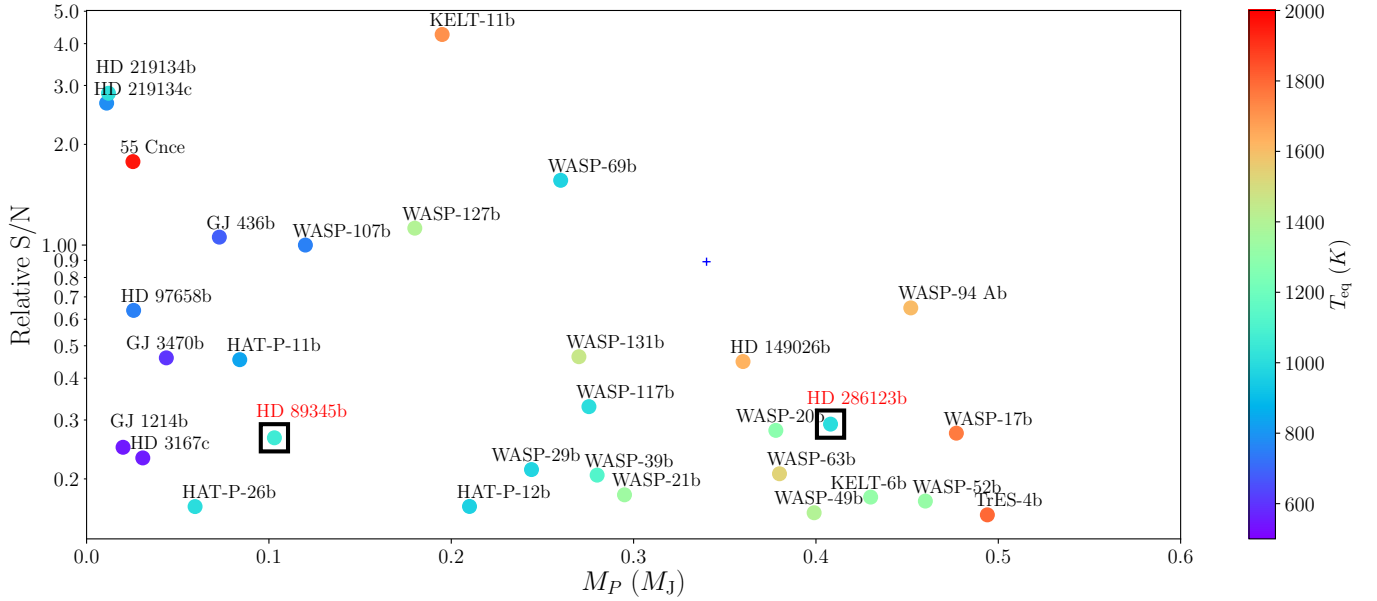


FIG. 8.— Estimated SNR per transit for transmission spectroscopy, relative to that of WASP-107b, as a function of planetary mass for planets with $0.01 M_J < M_P < 0.5 M_J$. The small plus symbol denotes a planet with uncertain mass and/or radius measurements (error $> 20\%$). Data retrieved from the NASA Exoplanet Archive on February 28, 2018.

by Demory & Seager (2011). Yet, when shown in a mass-radius diagram (Fig. 10) alongside other planets with measured masses and radii, neither appears unusually large for its mass. The same conclusion can be drawn from Fig. 11, where the radii of the two planets are compared with those of other planets at similar irradiation levels. Thus, despite being slightly above the critical insolation required for radius inflation, neither planet is significantly inflated.

To further examine the irradiation history of these two planets, we estimate the change in stellar irradiation over time using YY evolutionary tracks (Yi et al. 2001) interpolated to stellar masses and metallicities derived in Section 4.1. Fig. 12 shows the irradiation history of both planets as their host stars evolve. We conclude that for both planets, the orbit-averaged incident flux has been within a factor of two of the Demory & Seager (2011) empirical critical value of $\sim 2 \times 10^8 \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ at least as far back as the zero-age main sequence phase of the host stars.

The above calculation ignores possible evolution in the orbits of the planets. This is justified in the absence of other bodies in the systems, since the only other mechanism for orbital evolution is tidal decay after the disk disappears, and for both systems the timescales of this process are rather long, even assuming efficient dissipation (tidal quality factors of $Q'_\star \sim 10^5$ and $Q'_{\text{planet}} \sim 10^6$) and taking the present day planetary and stellar radii, which must have been smaller in the past. In particular, using Equations 1 and 2 from Jackson et al. (2009), the timescales for the evolution of the semi-major axis and the orbital eccentricity are approximately

$$\left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{da}{dt}\right)^{-1} \approx 320 \text{ Gyr} \quad (4)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{e} \frac{de}{dt}\right)^{-1} \approx 100 \text{ Gyr} \quad (5)$$

for HD 89345b, and

$$\left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{da}{dt}\right)^{-1} \approx 110 \text{ Gyr} \quad (6)$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{e} \frac{de}{dt}\right)^{-1} \approx 25 \text{ Gyr} \quad (7)$$

for HD 286123b. Using $Q'_{\text{planet}} \sim 10^5$ for HD 286123b results in an eccentricity decay timescale of just 3 Gyr, which conflicts with the observed non-zero eccentricity of the system.

The results of our calculation therefore apply to any dissipation less efficient than $Q'_\star \sim 10^5$ and $Q'_{\text{planet}} \sim 10^6$. In this regime, both planets have been very close to the critical irradiation threshold throughout their lifetimes. Lopez & Fortney (2016) found that if the inflation mechanism operates by depositing some fraction of a planet's incident irradiation into its deep interior (class I), then a Saturn-mass planet on a 20-day orbit around a $1.5 M_\odot$ star can rapidly inflate to more than 2 Jupiter radii as the host star leaves the main sequence. In contrast, a class II inflation mechanism that operates by delayed cooling should not cause a planet to inflate as its host evolves off the main sequence. We stress that the critical irradiation threshold is not known to better than a factor of two. That the two planets presented here are not inflated shows that if class I mechanisms are indeed responsible for planet inflation, then these planets have not yet reached high enough irradiation levels or have not had time to inflate in response to increasing irradiation. Regardless, they probe the regime where inflation begins to be noticeable, and provide two new additions to the currently very small sample of warm gas giants to test the two theories. Moreover, most existing gas giant inflation studies have focused on Jupiter-mass objects, but these new detections are lower mass and could potentially provide interesting new insight into the physical

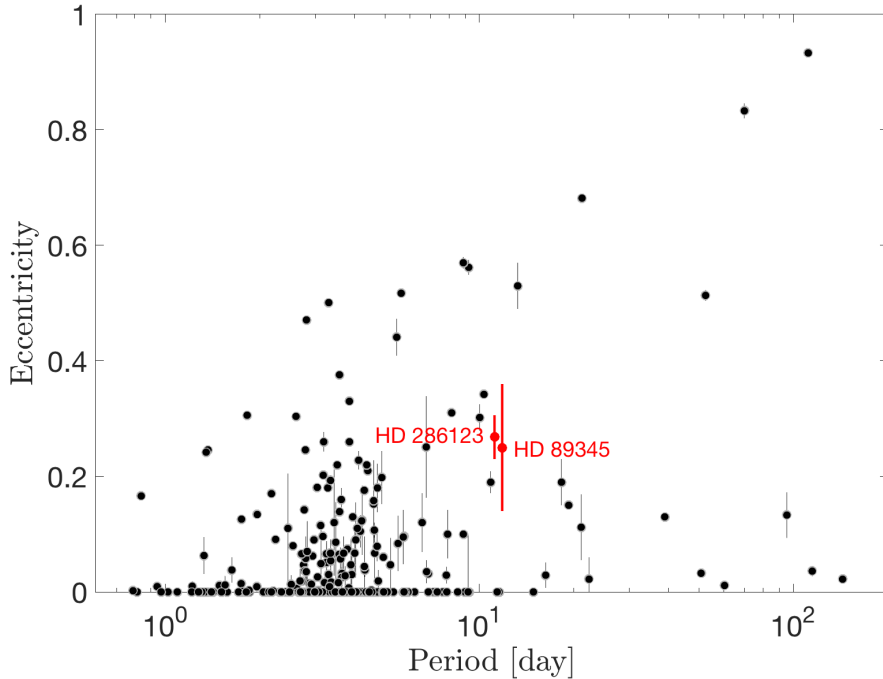


FIG. 9.— Orbital eccentricity versus the log of the orbital period for transiting planets. The two new planets described in this paper are labeled and marked in red. Data retrieved from the NASA Exoplanet Archive on February 26, 2018.

processes governing inflation.

5.4. *HD 89345b and the Transition between Ice Giants and Gas Giants*

HD 89345b has a radius 0.76 times that of Saturn and a mass ~ 0.1 times that of Jupiter. It may therefore be a rare example of a sub-Saturn ($4 R_{\oplus} < R_p < 8 R_{\oplus}$, and $0.02 M_J \lesssim M_p \lesssim 0.2 M_J$, using the definition of Petigura et al. (2016)). Apart from HD 89345b, there are only ~ 20 known sub-Saturns with masses determined to within 50% accuracy. In the core accretion scenario, rapid accretion of a gaseous envelope is expected to start in this mass regime (e.g. Mordasini et al. 2015). Sub-Saturns are therefore an important mass regime for studying the transition between ice giants and gas giants.

Sub-Saturns have no analogs in the Solar System, but may shed light on the formation mechanisms of similar intermediate-mass planets in the Solar System (Uranus and Neptune). It is commonly assumed that ice giants like Uranus and Neptune formed via core accretion. Under this assumption, the accretion rate must be high enough to ensure that enough gas is accreted, but with high accretion rates, such planets would become gas giants the size of Jupiter and Saturn, instead of ice giants (e.g. Helled & Bodenheimer 2014). To explain the formation of ice giants, core accretion models must prematurely terminate their growth by dispersal of the gaseous disk during envelope contraction (Pollack et al. 1996; Dodson-Robinson & Bodenheimer 2010).

At a period of 11.8 days, HD 89345b is much closer to its host star than the Solar System ice giants. Under the core accretion scenario, at such small radial distances, where the solid surface density is high, planets

are even more likely to undergo runaway accretion that turns them into gas giants. It would therefore be interesting to see whether the composition of HD 89345b more closely resembles that of ice giants or gas giants. One way to test this is to measure the atmospheric metallicity of the planet through transmission spectroscopy, since the Solar System’s ice giants have significantly higher atmospheric metallicities compared to the gas giants (Guillot & Gautier 2014).

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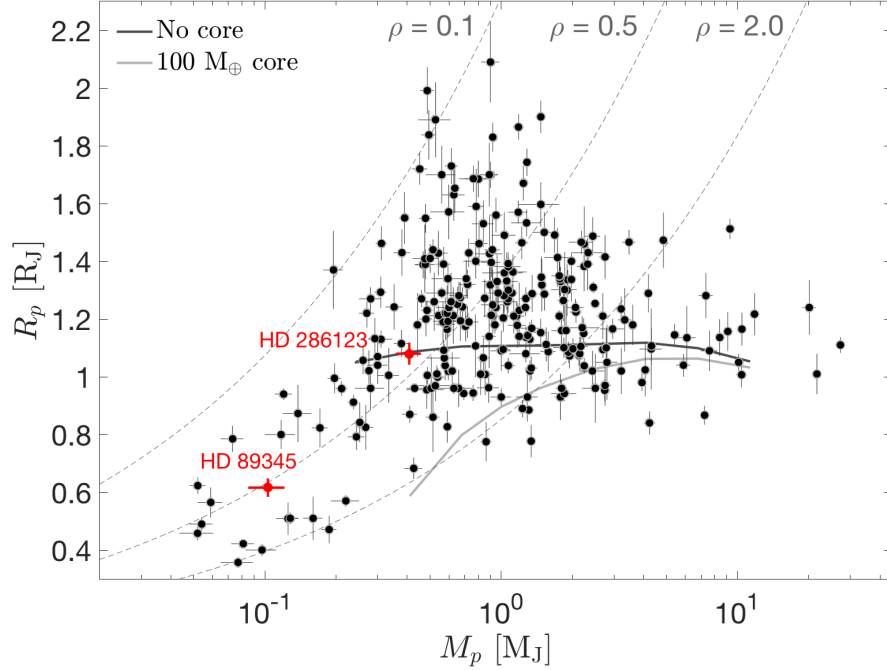


FIG. 10.— Radius-Mass diagram (X-axis in log scale) of transiting planets with measured mass and radius, for planets with $R_p > 0.3 R_J$. The two new planets described in this paper are labeled and marked in red. The thick solid and dashed lines show radius-mass models from Fortney et al. (2007) for gas giants with no solid core (thick solid black line) and a large core of $100 M_{\oplus}$ (thick solid gray line). Also plotted are three equal density lines (dashed thin gray lines) with mean densities of $\langle \rho \rangle = 0.1, 0.5$, and 2.0 g cm^{-3} . Data retrieved from the NASA Exoplanet Archive on February 26, 2018.

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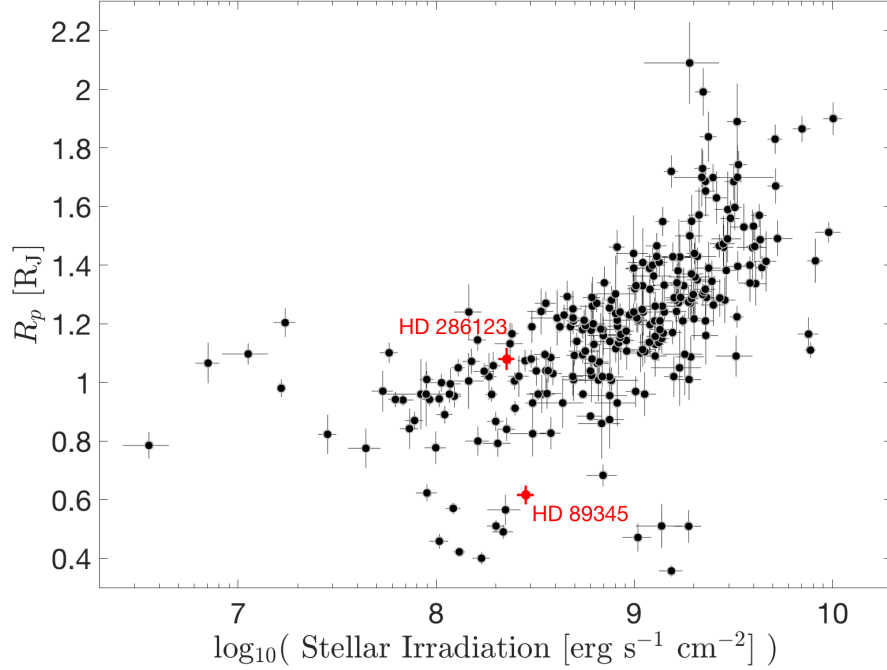


FIG. 11.— Planet radius vs. stellar irradiation at the planets’ orbits for transiting planets with measured mass and radius, for planets with $R_p > 0.3 R_J$. The two new planets described in this paper are labeled and marked in red. Data retrieved from the NASA Exoplanet Archive on February 26, 2018.

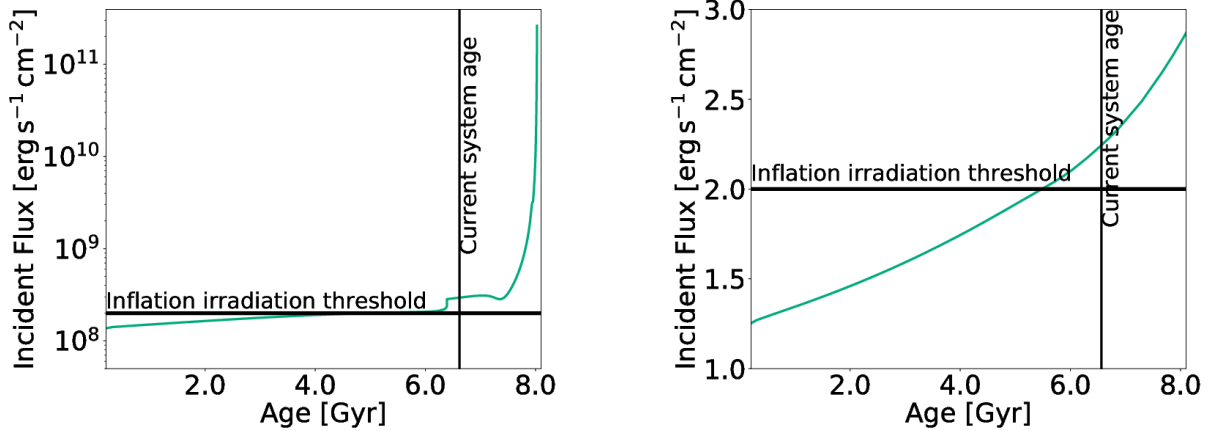


FIG. 12.— Models of the orbital evolution of HD 89345b (left) and HD 286123b (right) for tidal quality factors $Q'_* \sim 10^5$ and $Q'_{\text{planet}} \sim 10^6$. The horizontal line represents the threshold value of $2 \times 10^8 \text{ erg s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ for radius inflation from Demory & Seager (2011). The vertical lines show the current ages of the systems.

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