# MAIN-SEQUENCE EFFECTIVE TEMPERATURES FROM A REVISED MASS-LUMINOSITY RELATION BASED ON ACCURATE PROPERTIES

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The mass–luminosity (M-L), mass–radius (M-R), and mass–effective temperature  $(M-T_{\rm eff})$  diagrams for a subset of galactic nearby main-sequence stars with masses and radii accurate to  $\leqslant 3\%$  and luminosities accurate to  $\leqslant 30\%$  (268 stars) has led to a putative discovery. Four distinct mass domains have been identified, which we have tentatively associated with low, intermediate, high, and very high mass main-sequence stars, but which nevertheless are clearly separated by three distinct break points at 1.05, 2.4, and  $7~M_{\odot}$  within the studied mass range of  $0.38-32~M_{\odot}$ . Further, a revised mass–luminosity relation (MLR) is found based on linear fits for each of the mass domains identified. The revised, mass-domain based MLRs, which are classical  $(L \propto M^{\alpha})$ , are shown to be preferable to a single linear, quadratic, or cubic equation representing an alternative MLR. Stellar radius evolution within the main sequence for stars with  $M>1~M_{\odot}$  is clearly evident on the M-R diagram, but it is not clear on the  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram based on published temperatures. Effective temperatures can be calculated directly using the well known Stephan–Boltzmann law by employing the accurately known values of M and R with the newly defined MLRs. With the calculated temperatures, stellar temperature evolution within the main sequence for stars with  $M>1~M_{\odot}$  is clearly visible on the  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram. Our study asserts that it is now possible to compute the effective temperature of a main-sequence star with an accuracy of  $\sim 6\%$ , as long as its observed radius error is adequately small (< 1%) and its observed mass error is reasonably small (< 6%).

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

One of the fundamental secrets of the cosmos, the famous stellar mass–luminosity relation (MLR), was discovered empirically in the beginning of the 20th century independently by Hertzsprung (1923) and Russell et al. (1923) from the masses of visual binaries. Eclipsing binaries were included in MLRs later. There were only 13 eclipsing binaries together with 29 visual binaries and 5 Cepheids available to Eddington (1926), while McLaughlin (1927) was able to include 41 eclipsing binaries in his plots.

Investigations of the MLR continued as the quantity and quality of data increased (Kuiper 1938; Petrie 1950a, 1950b; Strand & Hall 1954; Eggen 1956; Cester et al. 1983; Henry & McCarthy 1993). Especially noteworthy was the critical compilation of absolute dimensions of binary components by Popper (1967, 1980). Only after the mid 20th century, however, did studies involving the empirical stellar massradius relation (MRR) begin to appear in the literature (McCrea 1950; Plaut 1953; Huang & Struve 1956; Lacy 1977, 1979; Kopal 1978; Patterson 1984; Gimenez & Zamorano 1985; Harmanec 1988; Demircan & Kahraman 1991). There were 5 resolved binaries, 14 visual binaries, and 12 OB binaries with less accuracy in the MRR by Gimenez & Zamorano (1985). Demircan & Kahraman (1991) studied both MLR and MRR using 140 stars (70 eclipsing binaries) including the main-sequence components of detached and semi-detached binaries as well as the components of OB-type contact and near-contact binaries

Andersen (1991) collected detached double-lined eclipsing systems having masses and radii with uncertainties within 3%. Henry & McCarthy (1993) used masses of 37 visual binaries with main-sequence components from the fourth catalog of orbits of visual binary stars (Worley & Heintz 1983) in order to study the MLR for stars of mass 0.08 to 1  $M_{\odot}$  at near-infrared wavelengths,  $J(1.25 \mu m)$ ,  $H(1.6 \mu m)$ , and  $K(2.2 \mu m)$ . For the mass-absolute-magnitude relation at visual wavelengths, where the upper mass limit extended to  $2 M_{\odot}$ , Henry & McCarthy (1993) combined the visual/speckle binary sample with the eclipsing binary data of 24 systems taken from Andersen (1991) and Popper (1980). Gorda & Svechnikov (1998) collected stellar masses and radii with accuracies within 2-3% from photometric, geometric, and absolute elements of 112 eclipsing binaries with both components on the main sequence for studying  $(\log m - M_{bol})$  and  $(\log m - \log R)$  relations, where m, R and  $M_{bol}$  stand for stellar mass, radius, and absolute bolometric magnitude.

Ibanoğlu et al. (2006) studied 74 detached and 61 semidetached Algols on M-R,  $M-T_{\rm eff}$ ,  $R-T_{\rm eff}$ , and M-Ldiagrams separately. Collecting masses, luminosities, radii, and temperatures from 114 (215 stars) detached main-sequence eclipsing binaries, Malkov (2007) constructed MLR and other relations  $[M_V(\log m), \log m(M_V), \log L(\log m), \log m(\log L),$  $\log T_{\rm eff}(\log m), \log m(\log T_{\rm eff}), \log R(\log m), \log m(\log R)]$ 

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Table 1
Comparison of Data Samples for Earlier MLRs and MRRs

	Sample	Accuracy	Mass-Luminosity	Mass-Radius	Ranges
This Study	268 stars (all components of detached	<i>M&amp;R</i> ≤ 3%	Four broken lines,	•••	$0.2 < M/M_{\odot} < 32$
	double-lined eclipsing), homogenized	$L \leqslant 30\%$	linear and quadratic		$0.23 < R/R_{\odot} < 9.36$
Torres et al. (2010)	190 stars (94 eclipsing+ $\alpha$ Cen)	$M&R \leq 3\%$	$\log M$ - $\log L$	$\log M$ - $\log R$	$0.21 < M/M_{\odot} < 27.27$
	homogenized		diagram displayed	diagram displayed	$0.24 < R/R_{\odot} < 9.35$
Malkov (2007)	215 stars (114 detached eclipsing),	$M&R \leq 10\%$	Quadratic	Cubic	$0.63 < M/M_{\odot} < 31.6$
	as published		$\sigma = 0.12$	$\sigma = 0.08$	$0.63 < R/R_{\odot} < 25.1$
Henry (2004)	188 stars (139 detached main- sequence,	<i>M&amp;R</i> ≤ 15%	Mass- $M_V$ , plot		$0.07 < M/M_{\odot} < 33$
Andersen (1991)	49 visual pairs), as published 90 stars (45 detached eclipsing	$M&R \leq 2\%$	$\log M$ - $\log L$		$0.58 < M/M_{\odot} < 22.90$
Andersen (1991)	binaries), as published	M & K ≤ 2 /0	diagram displayed		$0.38 < M/M_{\odot} < 22.30$ $0.61 < R/R_{\odot} < 9.35$
Demircan & Kahraman (1991)	140 stars (70 eclipsing binaries		Mass- $M_{\rm bol}$	Linear, quadratic,	$0.63 < M/M_{\odot} < 18.1$
	including contact, semi-contact		Linear, quadratic,	cubic	$0.15 < R/R_{\odot} < 9$
	and detached)		cubic		

by polynomials validated for the ranges of data. Recently, Torres et al. (2010) updated the critical compilation of accurate, fundamental determinations of binary masses and radii. Studying metallicity and age contributions to the MLR for main-sequence FGK stars, Gafeira et al. (2012) worked with only 13 binary systems, all taken from Torres et al. (2010).

Mass and chemical composition are two independent basic parameters from which various stellar evolution models are constructed. Radius (R), luminosity (L), and effective temperature  $(T_{\text{eff}})$  are prime products of these models, and parameters by which stellar evolution can be followed. From the observational point of view, M and R are first order observable parameters. In the last decade, the number of accurately determined M and R values has increased by hundreds. Further, their accuracy has reached the level needed to indicate stellar evolution, even within the main-sequence band. Chemical composition (or metallicity [M/H]) and  $T_{\rm eff}$  are not as accurate as M and R, as present data indicates for binary stars. "Spectroscopic metal abundance determinations are available for a handful of systems" says Andersen (1991, p.121). Unlike M and R, L is a second step product obtained from either observed magnitudes and distance, or from the relation  $L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T^4$ . However, both are problematic because they each require accurate determinations of effective temperatures and such temperatures are rarely accurate because they are indirectly inferred. This study asserts that a revised main-sequence MLR can provide an easy and effective estimate of stellar effective temperatures directly from masses and radii.

Table 1 summarizes MLRs, MRRs, and related improvements within the last two decades, where contributions from detached double-lined eclipsing binaries appear dominant. According to Table 1, the number of stars first decreased from 140 (70 eclipsing pairs) to 90 by eliminating unreliable ones. Demircan & Kahraman (1991) kept contact and semi-contact systems in calculating empirical  $M-M_{\rm bol}$  (mass-absolute bolometric magnitude) and MRRs within the mass range  $0.63 < M/M_{\odot} < 18.1$  for the sake of statistical significance. Afterwards, the number of stars increased to 188, where 149 of them were from detached eclipsing main-sequence binaries in the study of Henry (2004), who also extended the mass range to  $0.07 < M/M_{\odot} < 33$ . Numbers increased further: 215 stars

(114 pairs) by Malkov (2007) and 190 stars (94 eclipsing and  $\alpha$  Cen) by Torres et al. (2010). An online database of detached binaries known as DEBCat<sup>7</sup> (Southworth 2014), which is periodically updated and commonly referenced, currently includes 342 stars (171 pairs). For this study, the latest compilation of detached eclipsing binaries given by Eker et al. (2014), was chosen as a calibration sample. It features 514 stars in 257 detached double-lined eclipsing binary systems.

Table 1 makes clear that the most recent updates of MLR and MRR are from Malkov (2007). It is noteworthy that despite having the most accurate and sufficient number of data. Andersen (1991, p.107) and Torres et al. (2010, p.95) did not pursue revising the classical MLRs and MRRs. "The scatter on the mass-luminosity diagram is not due to observational errors but most likely abundance and evolutionary effects" was a genuine message in both studies. Andersen (1991, p.107) claimed "... departures from a unique relation are real." Therefore, declining to define a unique M-L function, Torres et al. (2010) preferred to express  $\log M$  by the simplest possible polynomials containing the parameters  $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\log g$  and [Fe/H] as variables rather than a classical approach as Malkov (2007), who expressed log L as a function of log M. Similarly, a unique MRR was not defined by Torres et al. (2010) but instead  $\log R$  was expressed as a function of  $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\log g$  and [Fe/H], unlike Malkov (2007), who expressed  $\log R$  ( $\log M$ ) and/or vice versa  $\log M$  ( $\log R$ ).

Fortunately, it is always possible to define a unique function to express a band of data by a least squares method. Moreover, the classical MLR and MRR have been proven to be useful and are widely applied. For example, the MLR and MRR of Malkov (2007) has been used by Catanzaro & Ripepi (2014), Fumel & Böhm (2012), Ripepi et al. (2011), and Zasche & Wolf (2011). The MLR and MRR of Demircan & Kahraman (1991) were used by Jiang et al. (2009), Kraus et al. (2009), Hunter et al. (2008), and Li et al. (2005), as well as numerous other studies. Revisions of classical MLR and MRR with modern and more accurate data are periodically necessary. As a preparatory work, Eker et al. (2014) have already compiled basic stellar parameters (i.e., *M*, *R*, *T*<sub>eff</sub> and *L*) for 257 detached binaries (514 stars), mostly main sequence, and with masses and radii recomputed based on the most up-to-date values in

<sup>7</sup> http://www.astro.keele.ac.uk/jkt/debcat/

use for the solar gravitational constant and solar radius,  $GM_{\odot}=1.3271244\times10^{20}\,\mathrm{m^3s^{-2}}$  (Standish 1995) and  $R_{\odot}=6.9566\times10^8\mathrm{m}$  (Haberreiter et al. 2008), respectively. Stellar temperatures and luminosities were also revised and homogenized (Table 2 of Eker et al. 2014). Compared with previous lists in Table 1, the number of stars with masses and radii that are accurate to within 3% is increased by 50%. In addition to the number and quality, the range of the data was improved to  $0.2 < M/M_{\odot} < 32$  and  $0.23 < R/R_{\odot} < 9.36$ . All of these improvements motivated us to revise the M-L, M-R, and  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  relations based on the increased quantity and quality of data, and the fact that it is now available in a homogenized form.

Most light curve solutions for eclipsing binaries require an effective temperature for at least one component as an input; however, in most critical cases the value is not available. Therefore, some authors, such as Helminiak et al. (2009) and Zasche (2011), avoid using roughly estimated values, and are satisfied with solutions without temperatures. Such solutions contain only temperature ratios, not absolute temperatures. Since detached double-lined eclipsing binaries are basic sources of reliable stellar parameters (M, R), this study asserts that by revising the MLR, and making use of  $L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T^4$ , direct estimates of stellar temperatures can be obtained. Direct estimates can be used in problematic cases where no estimate is available, and can provide an important, independent calibration of temperatures obtained by indirect means.

#### 2. THE DATA

The number of stars with dependable parameters was so limited just a quarter of a century ago, that even solutions based on contact and semi-contact eclipsing systems could not constrain uncertain parameters sufficiently to produce revised MLRs and MRRs, as shown in Table 1. Thanks to modern detectors, observational techniques, and high-speed computers, the number of accurate and precise solutions from detached eclipsing spectroscopic binaries has increased rapidly. Today we are able to select stars with the most reliable stellar parameters of any desired criteria. Therefore, the first step of this study was to form a calibration sample containing a larger number of stars with more reliable parameters distributed over a greater range than was available to previous studies (Table 1).

# 2.1. Calibration Sample

A calibration sample was formed by selecting main-sequence stars with the most accurate masses, radii, and effective temperatures from Table 2 of "The Catalog of Stellar Parameters ..." by Eker et al. (2014), which is already reprocessed and homogenized. In the first step, our preliminary criteria involved finding stars where both mass and radius with errors of less than or equal to 3%, and luminosities with errors less than or equal to 30% were available. Among 514 stars (257 binaries), 296 stars were found fulfilling the criteria. In the second step, 25 stars outside of the main sequence were removed.

The process of removing non-main-sequence stars was completed by using the mass-radius diagram. Compared with effective temperatures and luminosities, which can only be inferred indirectly, masses and radii provide much more reliable indicators of stellar properties, and a highly improved

diagnostic tool for analyzing stellar evolution. Figure 1 shows 271 main-sequence stars selected for the calibration sample and 25 non-main-sequence stars on the M-R diagram. Theoretical zero age main sequence (ZAMS) and terminal age main sequence (TAMS) lines for metallicity zero from Bertelli et al. (2008, 2009) were used as border lines to secure the stars within the main-sequence band.

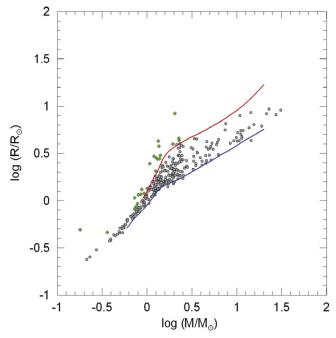
Although metallicity data is missing in the catalog of Eker et al. (2014), the thin-disk field stars in the solar neighborhood are known to have solar metallicity on average, with upper and lower limits of  $\pm 0.5$  dex in metallicity (Cox 2000). It is also known that the thin-disk stars in the solar neighborhood could be polluted by about 6–8% by thick disk and halo stars (Karaali et al. 2003; Karataş et al. 2004; Bilir et al. 2005, 2006, 2008; Ak et al. 2010, 2013). TAMS lines for zero metallicity, therefore, do not limit the upper border sharply. Consequently, there could be a negligible number of non-main-sequence stars remaining in the calibration sample. Such a small amount of pollution, however, is too small to alter the general characteristics of the sample stars, which are solar neighborhood main-sequence stars with an average metallicity of zero.

Table 2 gives basic astrophysical parameters  $(M, R, T_{\text{eff}}, \text{ and }$ L) and their relative errors. The columns are self explanatory, indicating sequence number, name, coordinates, component (primary or secondary), mass, relative error in mass, radius, relative error in radius, published effective temperature, error in temperature, luminosity, relative error in luminosity, the Roche lobe filling factor (FF), and remark. An FF for a star in a binary, which is defined as  $FF = \bar{r}/\bar{r}_{RL}$  , where  $\bar{r}$  is average radius and  $\bar{r}_{RL}$  is Roche Lobe radius relative to the semimajor axis of the orbit, is a parameter that indicates its sphericity. Eker et al. (2014) have concluded that deviations from sphericity could be ignorable for small FF, as big as 75%, a value corresponding to the difference between r(point) and r(pole) being less than 1% of the star radius. r(point) and r(pole) are the deformed radii of the star toward the other component and toward the rotation axis, respectively.

Figure 2 shows how FFs distribute among the stars of the calibrating sample. Accordingly, 89% of the stars in the calibrating sample are spherical within 1% of radius. The rest, or 11%, are deformed more than 1% but still respectively detached, so that one can assume all of the calibrating stars are from binaries in which mass transfer has not occurred. All of the stars in the calibrating sample should have evolved as if they were single with a corresponding rotation as indicated in the catalog of Eker et al. (2014).

### 2.2. Stellar Mass Domains

The main-sequence MLR, discovered by Hertzsprung (1923) and Russell et al. (1923) in the first half of the 20th century, is one of the most fundamentally confirmed, and universally recognized astronomical relations. The relation can be expressed in different ways, based on the relation between M and L, or between M and  $M_{\text{bol}}$ , for example. Various forms of it are found. However, the most fundamental and basic form is  $L \propto M^{\alpha}$ , where the power  $(\alpha)$  is the slope on the logarithmic M-L diagram. With early limited data, it was possible to express the MLR of main-sequence stars with a single power law. However, as the quantity, quality, and range of data increased, it became increasingly clear that the MLR could not be expressed with a single linear fit. Consequently, many authors (Kuiper 1938; Cester et al. 1983; Andersen 1991;



**Figure 1.** Masses and radii of main-sequence stars (filled circles) in the calibration sample is secured according to their positions in between ZAMS and TAMS lines for zero metallicity from Bertelli et al. (2008, 2009). The stars above TAMS line (diamonds) were designated to be probable non-main-sequence stars.

Demircan & Kahraman 1991; Henry & McCarthy 1993; Malkov 2003, 2007; Fang & Yan-ning 2010) preferred to express the MLR for various mass ranges; thus there could be various values of  $\alpha$  for various mass ranges, usually arbitrary.

When pre-exploring different forms of the relation using M and L of 271 stars (Table 2), we identified natural stellar mass intervals, where  $\alpha$  is constant on the  $\log M - \log L$  diagram. Their identification came as a surprise, since we were exploring the amount of stellar energy production rate as a function of stellar mass. Being a parameter expressing the efficiency of stellar furnaces, that is L/M, the luminosity per stellar mass (in solar units) was plotted against the stellar mass in Figure 3. The distribution appears linear only in distinct mass ranges. There are break points as indicated on the figure at M=1.05, 2.4 and  $7 M_{\odot}$ . Linear distributions are clearly visible before, between and after the break points.

The reciprocal of L/M, that is M/L, which is known as the mass-to-light ratio, is a parameter commonly used among extragalactic astronomers (Faber & Gallagher 1979; Bell & de Jong 2001; Girardi et al. 2002). Mass-to-light ratio implies a variety of galactic compositions (stellar) and depends on the relative number of stars of different types. As it is used for spiral galaxy rotation curve decomposition and band-pass dependent slope of the galaxy magnitude-rotation velocity relation (Tully-Fisher relation, Tully & Fisher 1977), it is also recognized as a parameter to indicate dark matter (Blumenthal et al. 1984). Although usage of M/L by extragalactic astronomers appears to be conceptually different than L/M investigated in this study, M/L cannot be independent of L/M. We believe updated information of the energy generation efficiency as a function of varying stellar types on the main sequence will be used in improving models for future extragalactic studies.

We tried many simple functions to express L/M in terms of M. However, when we plotted  $\log (L/M)$  versus M, the appearance of natural stellar mass intervals caught our attention. In Figure 3 for example, a sharp linear increase of  $\log (L/M)$  up to 1.05  $M_{\odot}$  is clear. For stars with masses greater than 1.05  $M_{\odot}$ , however, that increase continues less steeply up to 2.4  $M_{\odot}$ . The p-p chain is the main energy source for stars less massive than the Sun, whereas the CNO cycle becomes dominant for stars more massive than the Sun. Thus, we surmise that the break point at 1.05  $M_{\odot}$  is just an indication of this change. There could be similar reasoning related to the efficiency of stellar energy production mechanisms at the other break points, where the rate of linear increase of log(L/M)suddenly decreases. The preliminary conclusion, based on Figure 3, is that the change of energy production rate per stellar mass (efficiency, L/M) for stars of a given mass is a stronger function of a star's mass than of its temporal evolution. Nevertheless, the prime concern of the present work is to study classical MLR in general and/or in between those break points, which can be defined in terms of stellar mass domains: low  $(0.2 < M/M_{\odot} \le 1.05),$ intermediate  $(1.05 < M/M_{\odot} \le 2.4)$ , high mass  $(2.4 < M/M_{\odot} \le 7)$ , and very high mass  $(M/M_{\odot} > 7)$ . We encourage theoreticians, especially nuclear astrophysicists, to further investigate the physical facts and reasoning behind these break points.

#### 3. CALIBRATIONS

#### 3.1. Classical MRL

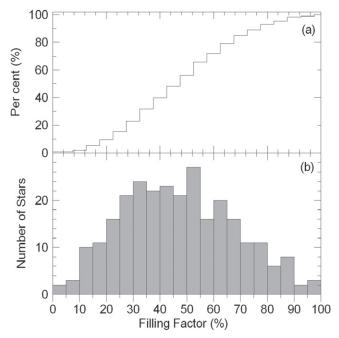
The improved data of the present study permits us to apply a classical approach thanks to the recognition of stellar mass domains when updating classical MLRs. Recent studies, by comparison, were more limited (Demircan & Kahraman 1991; Henry & McCarthy 1993; Malkov 2003, 2007; Fang & Yanning 2010). At best, the existing mass range could be divided at  $M = 1.7 M_{\odot}$ , since stars of  $M > 1.7 M_{\odot}$  have convective cores with radiative envelope while stars of  $M < 1.7 M_{\odot}$  are vice versa. At worst, the range in masses was handled arbitrarily when determining the power of M for the classical MLRs. Figure 4 gives the distribution of the sample stars on the  $\log L - \log M$  diagram. The break points in Figure 3 are marked as vertical dashes at 0.021, 0.38, and 0.845 in  $\log M$ , which corresponds to 1.05, 2.4, and 7  $M_{\odot}$  in mass. The first one at 1.05  $M_{\odot}$  is obvious but other break points are not as clear as before when compared with Figure 3, where the mass axis was linear. With a careful look at Figure 4, one can nevertheless still detect by eye the linear orientation of the data before, between, and after these break points, even with the mass axis changed to logarithmic and vertical axis changed to  $\log L$ .

The linear distributions of  $\log L$  within the four mass domains are clearly displayed in the four panels of Figure 4(b)-(e) below the main panel. The four panels contain M and L of the stars from the calibrating sample within each stellar mass domain, which was defined according to the brake points in Figure 3. The classical MLRs  $(L \propto M^{\alpha})$  for stars within each of the four stellar mass domains have been determined by fitting a linear equation by the least squares method. The statistics, mass domains, and linear MRLs are summarized in Table 3. The linear equations given in column 4 represent the best fitting lines, which are displayed in the lower four panels in Figure 4. High degrees of correlations indicated by the data within the lines of  $1\sigma$  limit are very clear. Notice that the three stars with the

 $\alpha(J2000)$ ID Star name  $\delta(J2000)$ Com FF(%) Remark  $M/M_{\odot}$  $\Delta M_{\rm err}/M$  $R/R_{\odot}$  $\Delta R_{\rm err}/R$  $T_{\rm eff}$  $(T_{\rm eff})_{\rm err}$  $\log L/L_{\odot}$  $\Delta L_{\rm err}/L$ MU Cas 00:15:51.56 +60:25:53.64 Pri 4.657 0.021 4.192 0.012 14750 500 2.873 0.056 37 2 MU Cas 00:15:51.56 +60:25:53.64 4.575 0.020 3.671 0.011 15100 500 2.799 0.055 33 1 Sec 3 V69-47 Tuc 00:22:52.95 -72:03:40.68 Pri 0.876 0.006 1.316 0.004 5945 150 0.288 0.042 11 X 4 V69-47 Tuc 00:22:52.95 -72:03:40.68 Sec 0.859 0.007 1.163 0.005 5959 150 0.185 0.042 9 X 5 41 YZ Cas +74:59:17.06 0.004 2.547 300 1.620 0.054 00:45:39.08 Pri 2.308 0.012 9200 YZ Cas 6 00:45:39.08 +74:59:17.06 Sec 1.347 0.007 1.359 0.015 6700 250 0.524 0.061 35 7 NGC188 KR V12 00:52:37.54 +85:10:34.65 Pri 1.102 0.006 1.425 0.013 5900 100 0.344 0.031 27 8 NGC188 KR V12 00:52:37.54 0.006 1.374 0.305 27 +85:10:34.65 1.080 0.014 5875 100 0.031 Sec 9 zet Phe 01:08:23.08 -55:14:44.74 Pri 3.922 0.011 2.853 0.007 14550 350 2.515 0.040 69 10 zet Phe 01:08:23.08 -55:14:44.74 Sec 2.545 0.010 1.854 0.011 11910 200 1.793 0.030 63

Note. "X" in the last column indicates a probable non-main-sequence star (located above ZAMS line in Figure 1).

(This table is available in its entirety in machine-readable and Virtual Observatory (VO) forms.)



**Figure 2.** Cumulative (a) and histogram (b) distribution of the filling factors for the stars in the calibration sample. Stars are spherical within 1% of radius up to a filling factor of 75% (Eker et al. 2014).

smallest masses, the components (A and B) of CM Dra and the secondary of LSPM J1112 + 7626, do not seem to obey the linear trend of the MLR line in the low-mass domain  $(0.2 < M/M_{\odot} \le 1.05)$ . Therefore, those three stars were excluded from the analysis and the lower limit of the low-mass domain was changed to  $0.38\,M_{\odot}$  as indicated in Table 3. Obviously, those three stars with the lowest masses in the calibration sample belong to another domain, which could be called very low-mass domain. The break point between the very low and low-mass domains is not clear because of insufficient data. We leave clarification of this point for the future, when more data will be available.

As in earlier studies, we also asked whether there is a single unique function to represent all stars in the calibrating sample. Consequently, a linear, a quadratic, and a cubic equation were fitted to the masses and luminosities of the calibration sample using the least squares method. The results are summarized in Table 4. The correlations of all three fits are the same, but the linear function has considerably larger standard deviation than the quadratic and cubic functions. It is interesting that quadratic and cubic functions give the same standard deviations. This means that a quadratic function, as given in Table 4, fits the present sample sufficiently and there is no need for cubic and higher order polynomials. The quadratic MLR found in this study is compared with the most recent quadratic MLRs in Figure 5. While deviation from Demircan & Kahraman (1991) is apparent, there is very little difference between Malkov (2007) and the present study.

As in earlier studies, it could be practical to define a single function to represent the MLR for stars in the calibration sample as a whole. However, if such a function is a quadratic, cubic, or a higher order polynomial, the classical meaning  $(L \propto M^{\alpha})$  implied by a linear fit is lost. In revising the classical MLR based on the calibration sample, the linear fits found within the four mass domains can be considered as due to physically real if not yet physically understood divisions.

Quadratic MLRs by comparison are only useful for comparing the results of current and previous studies in terms of how improved the quantity and quality of data is compared with previous studies. In this study we therefore assert that the linear MLRs as suggested in Table 3 are best to represent the calibration sample in particular and nearby main-sequence field stars in general.

The residuals due to the four-piece linear MRL (Table 3) and residuals due to quadratic and cubic MRL (Table 4) are compared in Figure 6. The quality of all fits are very similar, but the four-piece linear function, with physical background, is preferable.

#### 3.2. Mass-Radius and Mass-Effective Temperature Relations

The MRR and the mass-effective temperature relation (MTR) found from the present sample are displayed in Figure 7. The radius evolution within the main-sequence band, especially for the stars  $M > 1 M_{\odot}$ , is clearly visible on the M-R plot. The appearance of data on the M-R diagram is very different than the appearance on the M-L diagram, which rather looks like a band of data expressible by a function; however, with a very narrow distribution of radii for masses  $M < 1 M_{\odot}$  and a broad band of radii for stars with  $M > 1 M_{\odot}$ , a single function to express a MRR would be odd and meaningless. A continuous line in Figure 7(a) indicates the theoretical ZAMS according to Bertelli et al. (2008, 2009). However, the temperature evolution within the main-sequence band is not that obvious on the  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram. At first look, it resembles the MLR shown in Figure 4(a). Therefore, one may think, it is possible to express an MTR by a polynomial or by various linear fits as was done for the MLRs of the four mass domains.

The temperatures of stars are determined mostly by a few methods, including intrinsic colors, atmosphere modeling, spectral fitting to selected spectral line(s) or region(s), and/ or spectral line depth ratios. When applied to binary stars, however, those methods face severe difficulties because colors and spectra obtained are usually for the system, not for the components separately. Methods such as CCF fitting and spectral analysis give accurate and reliable temperatures, but they are quite recent. In many previous studies, including light curve analyses of eclipsing binaries, the temperatures of the primary components were adopted according to roughly estimated spectral types and colors determined from dereddened UBVRI photometry (e.g., Ren et al. 2011; Li & Qian 2013; Elkhateeb et al. 2014). Spectral types and colors for eclipsing binaries, however, are mostly given for the system, not for the components separately. In addition, low-resolution spectra do not provide reliable spectral types. As a result, some researchers have preferred to use temperature ratios to avoid unreliable temperature values (e.g., Helminiak et al. 2009; Zasche 2011). Therefore, practical and reliable methods for determining component temperatures in eclipsing binaries are needed.

# 3.3. Calculating $T_{\rm eff}$ using MLRs

An effective temperature for a star may be calculated using the well known Stephan–Boltzmann relation:  $L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4$ .

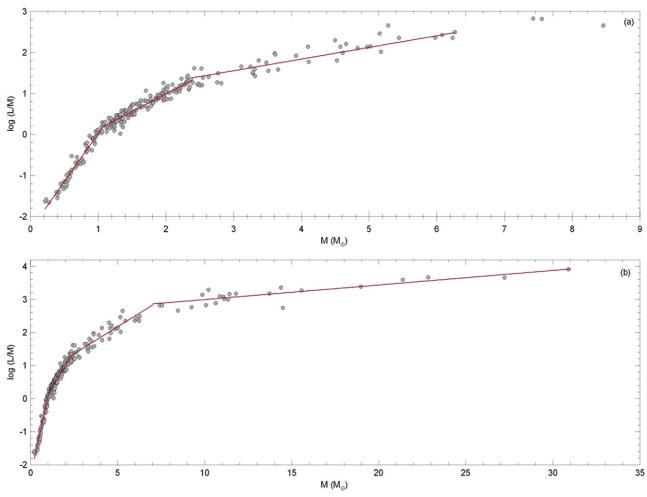


Figure 3. Energy production rate per stellar mass (L/M). Separate linear distributions in  $\log(L/M)$  vs. M are clear. Break points are at (1)  $M = 1.05 M_{\odot}$ , (2)  $M = 2.4 M_{\odot}$ , and (3)  $M = 7 M_{\odot}$ .

Solving it for  $T_{\rm eff}$ 

$$T_{\rm eff} = 5777 \times \sqrt[4]{\frac{L/L_{\odot}}{\left(R/R_{\odot}\right)^2}},\tag{1}$$

where 5777 K is the effective temperature of the Sun (Cox 2000). Only the L and R of the star are needed. The solar luminosity and radius ( $L_{\odot}$  and  $R_{\odot}$ ) are also needed if L and R are not in solar units. Assuming M and R of a star are available together with relative errors, one may use the proper MLR in Table 3 to compute  $L/L_{\odot}$  for the full range of stellar masses of the calibration sample of this study  $0.38 < M/M_{\odot} < 32$ . After calculating the effective temperature of a star using Equation (1), the accuracy would be estimated as following:

$$\frac{\Delta T_{\rm eff}}{T_{\rm eff}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta L}{4 \times L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta R}{2 \times R}\right)^2} \,. \tag{2}$$

The vector form of Equation (2) is  $\frac{\Delta L}{L} = 2\frac{\Delta R}{R} + 4\frac{\Delta T_{\rm eff}}{T_{\rm eff}}$ , which may be obtained from  $L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{\rm eff}^4$  by a proper differentiation. The relative uncertainty of the radius was assumed to come from observational random errors. On the other hand, the

relative uncertainty of the luminosity comes from dispersions of L on the M-L diagram. Using the logarithmic differentiation rule  $\Delta \log L = (\log e) \frac{\Delta L}{L}$  and making the standard deviations  $(\sigma)$  equal to  $\Delta \log L$ , then the relative uncertainty of the luminosity is

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L} = \frac{\sigma}{0.4343}.\tag{3}$$

For a star of a given mass, the standard deviations and corresponding relative uncertainties are summarized in Table 5. The columns are self explanatory to indicate stellar mass domains, mass ranges, standard deviations, and corresponding uncertainties of the luminosities  $(\Delta L/L)$  in the first four columns. One fourth of  $\Delta L/L$  and half of  $\Delta R/R$  are in columns five and six. Since the largest uncertainty of a stellar radius is 3% in the calibration sample, the  $\Delta T/T$  in column seven is an upper limit. Actual  $\Delta T/T$  could be as small as one fourth of  $\Delta L/L$  depending on the value of the relative errors associated with the radius of the star.

According to Table 5, relative error of a radius  $(\Delta R/R)$  contributes little to the uncertainty of the effective temperature  $(\Delta T/T)$ . The uncertainty of the predicted luminosity  $(\Delta L/L)$  dominates. The standard deviations from MLRs are not the results of individual relative errors associated with observed parameters of the stars. In fact, we have chosen stars in the

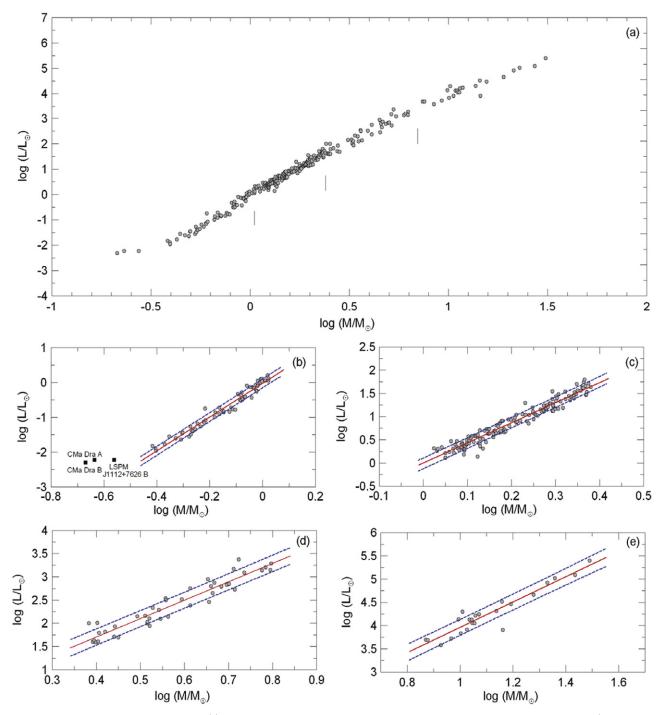
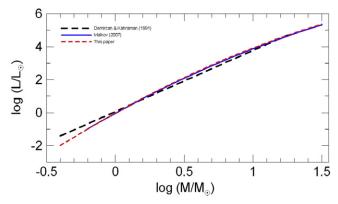


Figure 4. M-L diagram of the calibration sample (a). The three vertical dashes corresponding to the break points in Figure 3 mark low mass  $(0.2 < M/M_{\odot} \le 1)$ , intermediate mass  $(1.05 < M/M_{\odot} \le 2.4)$ , high mass  $(2.4 < M/M_{\odot} \le 7)$ , and very high mass  $(7 < M/M_{\odot} < 32)$  domains. The lower four panels (b, c, d, e) show best fitting lines and  $1\sigma$  limits in those domains. Note: the lower three points indicated for low-mass domain were excluded from the analysis.

Table 3
Classical MLRs for the Four Mass Domains

Domain	N	Mass Range	Equation	R	σ	$\alpha$
Low mass	57	$0.38 < M/M_{\odot} \le 1.05$	$\log L = 4.841(132) \times \log M - 0.026(25)$	0.980	0.121	4.841
Intermediate mass	146	$1.05 < M/M_{\odot} \leqslant 2.40$	$\log L = 4.328(90) \times \log M - 0.002(20)$	0.970	0.108	4.328
High mass	42	$2.4 < M/M_{\odot} \leq 7$	$\log L = 3.962(203) \times \log M + 0.120(112)$	0.951	0.165	3.962
Very high mass	23	$7 < M/M_{\odot} < 32$	$\log L = 2.726(203) \times \log M + 1.237(228)$	0.946	0.158	2.726



**Figure 5.** Best fitting quadratic curve as the MLR for the whole sample compared to the quadratic MLRs of Malkov (2007) and Demircan & Kahraman (1991).

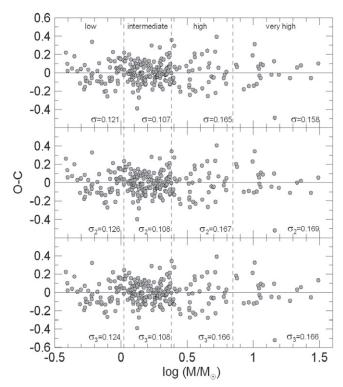
calibration sample with relative luminosity errors of 30% or less. Assuming a uniform error distribution, this would have given us a mean uncertainty on the MLRs of less than 15%. However, the predicted relative uncertainties in Table 5 (column 4) from the standard deviations are nearly twice as large. This would clearly indicate that the standard deviations from MLRs are affected more from the natural dispersions within a band defined by ZAMS and TAMS luminosities. " ... scatter is highly significant and not due to observational uncertainties" say Torres et al. (2010, p.96). Metallicity is also contributing by shifting ZAMS and TAMS. Negligibility of observed errors in comparison to metallicity and evolutionary effects on M-L diagram are already confirmed by Andersen (1991), Torres et al. (2010) and even on the observed H-R diagram by Eker et al. (2014). Indeed many of the error bars of individual points in Figure 4 are much smaller than the printed symbols.

Because uncertainties of MLR luminosities dominate over errors associated with observed radii according to the data in Table 5, one may take it as an advantage to tolerate less accurate stellar radii. Increasing the relative error of radius from 3% to 6%, the uncertainty of the predicted temperature would still be less than 8%, except for the high-mass and very high-mass domains, which would be extended to 10%.

According to Table 5, the method of computing  $T_{\rm eff}$  using present MLRs would tolerate less accurate radii, but what about the tolerance associated with the mass of the star? The following equation could be used to propagate the uncertainty associated with the MLR luminosity to the mass of the star as

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L} = \alpha \frac{\Delta M}{M} \tag{4}$$

where the values of  $(\Delta L/L)$  and  $\alpha$  are given in Table 5. Note that  $\alpha$  is available only for MLRs with a classical mass–luminosity relation  $(L \propto M^{\alpha})$ . For the stellar mass domains defined in this study, the propagated uncertainty to the mass of the star is computed and recorded in the last column of Table 5. For stellar masses up to  $M=2.4~M_{\odot}$ , about 6% error in mass is tolerable. Tolerance level increases to 8% and then to 13% as the mass of the star increases to 7 and then up to 32  $M_{\odot}$ , respectively. Consequently, it can be concluded that when predicting the luminosity for a star of a given mass from the revised classical MLR in this study, the observational errors associated with mass could be tolerable up to 6% for stellar



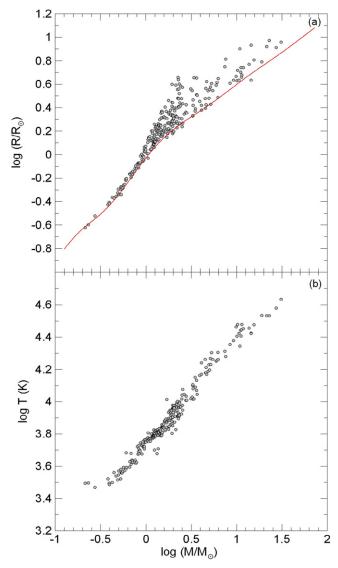
**Figure 6.** O-C dispersions of the four-piece linear MRLs (upper) compared to quadratic (middle) and cubic (lower) MRLs. Low, intermediate, high, and very high mass intervals are separated by vertical dashed lines. Standard deviations of each segment  $(\sigma)$  indicate that the four-piece linear MRLs (upper) are best to represent the M-L diagram in Figure 4.

masses up to  $2.4\,M_\odot$  and up to 10% for stars with larger masses, as indicated in the last column of Table 5.

The method is still applicable to stars with less accurate mass and radius. With a mass having less accuracy, one must propagate the uncertainty of the mass back to the luminosity using Equation (4). Such a propagated uncertainty  $(\Delta L/L)$  is expected to be poorer than the uncertainty  $(\Delta L/L)$  estimated from the standard deviations on MLRs through Equation (3). Otherwise one must compare those propagated and MLR uncertainties of  $\Delta L/L$  and then must insert the worst one in Equation (2). The MLRs and the standard deviations predicted in this study from the most accurate stellar parameters  $(\Delta L/L \le 30\%, \Delta M/M \le 3\%, \Delta R/R \le 3\%)$  reveal that it is possible to calculate the effective temperature of a star with an accuracy better than 8% if the mass and the radius of the star have accuracies up to 6%. With a negligible radius error, the temperature error could be reduced to as low as 6%. For Sunlike stars, that means 300–400 K. Such accuracy is, admittedly, lower than the accuracy available using other methods including spectroscopy, line depth ratios, template fitting, cross correlation, or non-LTE spectral synthesis, at typically 100–200 K. However, an effective temperature with few (or several) hundred degrees uncertainty is very useful in cases where such information is not given, like Helminiak et al. (2009) and Zasche (2011). Further, the method based on the Stephan-Boltzmann law, identified mass domains, and revised MLR has the advantage over other methods of being practical and easy to apply if M and R are available. In comparison, other methods suffer from problems with de-reddening, issues with decomposition, and various other complexities common to spectroscopic techniques.

Table 4
Comparing Linear, Quadratic, and Cubic MLRs of the Calibration Sample as a Whole (268 Main-sequence Stars)

Equation	R	σ
$\log L = +4.040(32) \times (\log M) - 0.002(14)$	0.992	0.187
$\log L = -0.705(41) \times (\log M)^2 + 4.655(42) \times (\log M) - 0.025(10)$	0.992	0.130
$\log L = -0.125(84) \times (\log M)^3 - 0.535(121) \times (\log M)^2 + 4.634(45)$	0.992	0.130
$\times (\log M) - 0.033(11)$		



**Figure 7.** Observational (a) radii and (b) effective temperatures vs. mass. The continuous line on the mass–radius plot is theoretical ZAMS of Bertelli et al. (2008, 2009).

#### 4. APPLICATIONS AND RESULTS

#### 4.1. Comparison with Published Temperatures and Errors

Our simple method for calculating effective temperatures based on the Stephan–Boltzmann law has been tested using updated MLRs. Calculated temperatures were compared with published results. For the low-mass domain, the revised MLR is based on 57 stars in the calibration sample, since we excluded the three lowest mass stars already mentioned as outliers from our analysis (primary and secondary of CM Dra

and the secondary of LSPM J1112+7626). The low-mass MLR therefore applies to main sequence stars in the mass range 0.38  $< M/M_{\odot} \leqslant 1.05$ . Figure 8 shows calculated (vertical) and published (horizontal) temperatures for 268 stars in the calibrating sample. The mean standard differences  $(\sqrt{\langle (T_{\rm cal}-T_{\rm pub})^2\rangle})$  for the temperature ranges 2750–5000 K, 5000–10000 K, 10000–15000 K and 15000–43000 K are marked as dashed lines in Figure 8(b). Those standard differences were compared to the standard deviations of calculated (mean calculated error) and published (mean published error) temperatures in Table 6.

The stellar MLR is a well determined universal law discovered in early 20th century and later confirmed by stellar structure and evolution theory. The empirical M-L diagrams produced within the last two decades indicate observational errors have little contribution to the true shape of the luminosity distribution (thickness of the band) for main-sequence stars. The width of MLRs is mostly affected by metallicity and evolution (Andersen 1991; Torres et al. 2010). In this respect, our computed effective temperatures must be independent from the published temperatures because (1) the uncertainty contribution of the dispersion on M-L diagrams is a dominant factor and it is mostly due to evolution and metallicity, not because of observational errors. Consequently, (2) observed temperature errors do not propagate back to calculated temperatures because they have negligible contribution to the dispersion.

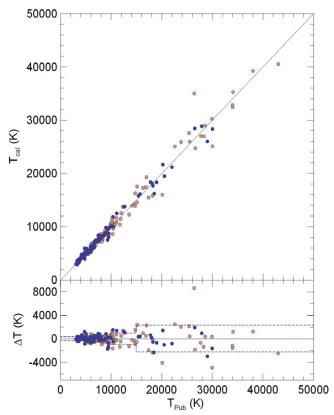
The results in Table 6 indicate that mean calculated errors are about the same order as the mean calculated differences. This further supports the temperature calculating method used here. It also demonstrates that the calculated temperatures are all in close agreement with the published temperatures obtained by other methods, most of which are based on optical photometry (color or brightness temperatures) and some of which involve spectroscopic techniques (excitation, ionization, or kinetic temperatures).

The results in Table 6 also indicate that mean published errors are about three times smaller than mean calculated errors. That is, a significant fraction of the published temperatures are underestimated. Underestimated temperature errors are very obvious in some studies, e.g., the effective temperatures of AE For  $T_{\rm eff}({\rm sec}) = 4055 \pm 6 \, {\rm K}$  (Rozyczka et al. 2013), XY UMa  $T_{\rm eff}({\rm sec}) = 4125 \pm 7 \, {\rm K}$  (Pribulla et al. 2001), and DV Psc  $T_{\rm eff}({\rm sec}) = 3614 \pm 8 \, {\rm K}$  (Zhang & Zhang 2007). These stars are not the only examples. Most light curve solutions require a temperature for a component, and then solutions provide a temperature and its uncertainty for the other component. The internal temperature errors given by such light curve solutions usually are not realistic, but underestimated. Occasionally, the same internal errors are assumed for both temperatures (Ribas et al. 1999; Clausen et al. 2010; Kraus et al. 2011). There are 31 systems, which temperature errors of the secondary is identical to the temperature error of the primary, among the 45

 Table 5

 Standard Deviations on the M-L Diagram and Corresponding Relative Uncertainties

Domain	Mass Range	σ	$\Delta L/L(\%)$	$(\Delta L/L)/4$	$(\Delta R/R)/2$	$\Delta T/T$	$\alpha$	$\Delta M/M$ (%)
Low mass	$0.38 < M/M_{\odot} \leqslant 1.05$	0.121	27.86	6.96	1.5	7.12	4.841	5.76
Intermediate mass	$1.05 < M/M_{\odot} \leqslant 2.40$	0.108	24.87	6.22	1.5	6.39	4.328	5.75
High mass	$2.40 < M/M_{\odot} \le 7.00$	0.165	37.99	9.50	1.5	9.62	3.962	9.59
Very high mass	$7 < M/M_{\odot} < 32$	0.158	36.38	9.10	1.5	9.22	2.726	13.34



**Figure 8.** Comparing the calculated (empirical)  $T_{\rm eff}$  and published  $T_{\rm eff}$  temperatures (above) and  $(\Delta T = T_{\rm cal} - T_{\rm pub})$  the difference between them (below). Dashed: the mean standard differences  $(\sqrt{\langle (T_{\rm cal} - T_{\rm pub})^2 \rangle})$ , the filled and empty circles: temperatures published within the last seven years and those published earlier, respectively.

 Table 6

 Comparing the Calculated and the Published Temperatures

T <sub>eff</sub> Range (K)	N	Mean Standard Difference (K)	Mean Calculated Error (K)	Mean Published Error (K)
(2750, 5000]	37	345	291	117
(5000, 10000]	168	441	453	162
(10000, 15000]	24	975	1109	392
(15000, 43000]	39	2283	2203	746

**Note**. Mean standard difference= $\sqrt{\frac{\Sigma(T_{\text{cal}} - T_{\text{pub}})^2}{N}}$ . Summation over all stars in the range given.

detached binaries listed by Andersen (1991). Similarly, among the 95 binaries of Torres et al. (2010), the number of such systems is 67.

The present sample is very heterogeneous in the sense that the data (Table 1 of Eker et al. (2014)) lack a common

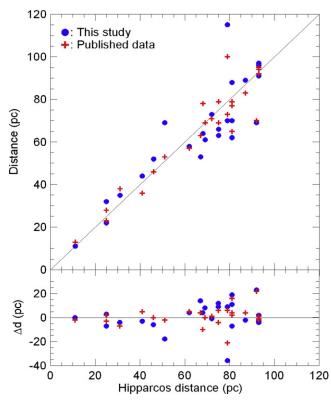
treatment. Temperatures given in older papers are based on only rough fits. Those given in many recent studies, by comparison, are much more rigorously derived. To compare the agreement between the calculated and published effective temperatures in terms of older versus recent papers, we have plotted published temperatures from the last seven years with a different symbol and color. Note that the number of recently determined temperatures dominates. In the calibration sample (124 stars), 46% of temperatures were taken from papers published in the last seven years. The better agreement between the calculated temperatures and those published recently compared with those published less recently is shown in Figure 8.

For a better comparison between the calculated and published temperatures, the photometric distances were computed for the limited number (20) of binaries with most reliable *Hipparcos* parallax within 100 parsecs to avoid interstellar reddening. The method of computing can be summarized as follows. First, the luminosity of each component was calculated using its radius and effective temperature. The luminosities were transformed to bolometric absolute magnitudes, which were then transformed to visual absolute magnitudes with proper bolometric corrections (Cox 2000) corresponding to the temperatures used. The visual absolute magnitudes of the two stars (components) were combined to find the absolute visual magnitude of the binary itself. From the apparent and absolute visual magnitudes (distance modulus), the photometric distances were computed and compared to the Hipparcos distances of the selected binaries in Figure 9. The standard deviations of the differences from the diagonal indicate that calculated temperatures are slightly less accurate than the published temperatures.

# 4.2. Accuracy and Utility

Figure 10 compares both  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagrams with published and calculated temperatures. Note that the  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram with published temperatures is shifted up in vertical scale by +0.3 dex in order to compare both on a single diagram. Heterogeneity of the published temperatures and homogeneity of the calculated temperatures can be deduced. The published temperatures appear mostly contained within the mainsequence band for stars with  $M>1~M_{\odot}$ , whereas for the same stars the calculated temperatures appear to be scattered more and outside the main-sequence band. By comparison, the homogeneity and larger uncertainties makes the distribution of calculated temperatures relatively thicker than published ones (see, Figure 10).

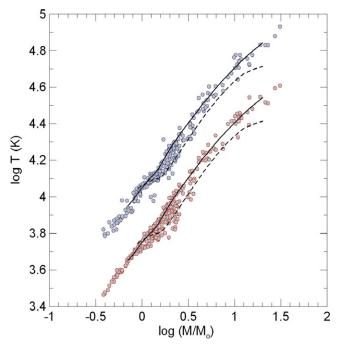
The classical MLR is a thin, well defined function, whereas the main-sequence evolution is a band. Therefore, calculating effective temperatures using such a function propagates the half thickness of the band as a dominant uncertainty, more than at least 6%. Thus there are more points outside the ZAMS and



**Figure 9.** Photometric distances of some selected stars  $(\sigma_\pi/\pi < 0.15)$  in the calibration sample were compared to *Hipparcos* distances. Photometric distances were estimated as explained in the text using calculated temperatures (circles) and published temperatures (plus). Photometric and *Hipparcos* distances (above) and  $(\Delta d = d_{\rm Hip} - d_{\rm Pho})$  the difference from the *Hipparcos* distances (below).

TAMS lines of Bertelli et al. (2008, 2009) for the stars with  $M > 1 M_{\odot}$ . In comparison, for stars with  $M \ll 1 M_{\odot}$ , the main-sequence lifetimes are much greater than the age of our Galaxy. Evolutionary effects, therefore, do not impact lower mass stars as greatly as they do higher mass stars. An MLR that is a thin, well defined function appears to be very successful in representing low-mass stars. Notice that the scatter in calculated temperatures is much narrower compared with the scatter in published temperatures for stars with  $M \ll 1 M_{\odot}$ , as shown in Figure 10. However, low-mass stars in eclipsing binaries show a well known discrepancy of temperatures and radii with respect to the models, most likely related to the activity (Çakırlı et al. 2010; Morales et al. 2010; Hełminiak et al. 2011; Bass et al. 2012; Stassun 2013). This may partially explain the larger spread in the low-mass regime for the published temperatures. Apparently, radii of the sample stars in the same low-mass regime were not affected as indicated on M-R diagram (Figure 7(a)); a smooth and narrow distribution is produced in the same low-mass region of stars in Figure 10.

Any well defined MLR provides a single L for a given M. Metallicity and evolution information contained on the M-L diagram, will be lost with this single value of L. This may appear as a draw back. On the contrary, this study asserts that the information lost by defining an MLR could be reintroduced into the  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram by calculating effective temperatures using MLR and R. Accurately determined radii constrain the effects of metallicity and evolution because R is one of the primary products of the evolution theory, which uses



**Figure 10.**  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagrams. The upper shows published temperatures, as shown in Figure 7(b), but shifted up in vertical scale by +0.3 dex for side-by-side comparison. The lower shows calculated temperatures with empirical  $T_{\rm eff}$  calculated according to Equation (1). ZAMS (solid) and TAMS (dashed) lines of Bertelli et al. (2008, 2009) indicates theoretical thicknesses of  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram for main-sequence stars. Larger errors of calculated temperatures makes main-sequence thicker, while a thin MRL better represents main-sequence stars with  $M<1~M_{\odot}$ , so the large degree of scattering (upper) for stars with  $M<1~M_{\odot}$ .

M and metallicity as free initial parameters. One does not need to know age and chemical composition of the star because it naturally propagates to  $T_{\rm eff}$  calculated. Since the same applies to all stars in the calibration sample, all calculated temperatures as calculated are homogeneous to reflect the evolution and metallicity information contained on M-R diagram. In addition to this propagated effect of evolution, further thickening of the distribution for the stars  $M>1~M_{\odot}$  is introduced by errors. Therefore, the difference between ZAMS and TAMS reaches to 0.2 dex (in  $\log T_{\rm eff}$ ), rather than the 0.15 dex implied by ZAMS and TAMS lines of Bertelli et al. (2008, 2009).

# 4.3. Applications with Less Accurate M and R

The presented method of calculating effective temperatures has been applied to a larger sample (371 stars) containing less accurate M and R. The sample has been chosen from the 514 stars in the same catalog from which the calibration sample was selected. For this larger sample there were only two selection rules: (1) both M and R could have errors up to 6% and (2) both components had to be on the main sequence. Unlike for the calibration stars, there is no limitation on the accuracy of the luminosities here. There are 408 stars with M and R having errors less than or equal to 6%. That number is reduced to 371 after removing non-main-sequence stars. This new list naturally contains the calibration sample. The new calculated effective temperatures and published temperatures for these stars are listed in Table 7. Columns are self explanatory, indicating sequence number, name of the binary, equatorial coordinates, component (primary or secondary), relative errors in mass and

 Table 7

 Comparing Published and Calculated (Empirical) Effective Temperatures

								Published temperatures				This study		
ID	Star	$\alpha(J2000)$	δ(J2000)	Com	$\Delta M/M$	$\Delta R/R$	$T_{ m eff}$	$\Delta T_{ m eff}$	$\Delta T/T$	Ref.	$T_{ m eff}$	$\Delta T_{ m eff}$	$\Delta T/T$	
1	DV Psc	00:13:09.20	+05:35:43.06	Pri	0.028	0.044	4450		0.002	2007MNRAS.382.1133Z	4286	313	0.073	
2	DV Psc	00:13:09.20	+05:35:43.06	Sec	0.021	0.039	3614	8	0.002	2007MNRAS.382.1133Z	3223	233	0.072	
3	MU Cas	00:15:51.56	+60:25:53.64	Pri	0.021	0.012	14750	500	0.034	2004AJ128.1840L	13876	1321	0.095	
4	MU Cas	00:15:51.56	+60:25:53.64	Sec	0.020	0.011	15100	500	0.033	2004AJ128.1840L	14569	1386	0.095	
5	YZ Cas	00:45:39.08	+74:59:17.06	Pri	0.004	0.012	9200	300	0.033	1981ApJ251591L	8937	558	0.062	
6	YZ Cas	00:45:39.08	+74:59:17.06	Sec	0.007	0.015	6700	250	0.037	1981ApJ251591L	6832	428	0.063	
7	NGC188 KR V12	00:52:37.54	+85:10:34.65	Pri	0.006	0.013	5900	100	0.017	2009AJ137.5086M	5370	336	0.063	
8	NGC188 KR V12	00:52:37.54	+85:10:34.65	Sec	0.006	0.014	5875	100	0.017	2009AJ137.5086M	5350	335	0.063	
9	V364 Cas	00:52:43.01	+50:28:10.16	Pri	0.056	0.006	7816	86	0.011	2009IBVS.58841N	8018	499	0.062	
10	zet Phe	01:08:23.08	-55:14:44.74	Pri	0.011	0.007	14550	350	0.024	1983A&A118255A	14188	1348	0.095	

(This table is available in its entirety in machine-readable and Virtual Observatory (VO) forms.)

radius, published temperature and its error, and computed temperature and the upper limit of its error. Notice that in this new list there are 12 stars with no effective temperatures. New temperature estimates were calculated for these stars, and calculated temperatures for the entire sample are homogenized to a single method. Calculated temperatures have accuracies mostly better than 8%.

Figure 11(a) shows the M-R diagram for the 371 main-sequence stars. Figure 11(b) shows their distribution on the M-L diagram. Finally, Figure 11(c) illustrates the  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram with effective temperatures computed. All temperatures are homogenized and despite having accuracies that are  $\Delta T/T \leqslant 8\%$ , stellar evolution within the main-sequence is also noticeable on the  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram in the same fashion as in Figure 10.

Figure 11 also demonstrates why main-sequence the MLR is fundamentally confirmed and universally recognized, but the same is not true for the M-R and  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  relations. If mass loss is neglected during the main-sequence lifetime, radius evolution pulls the star upward on the M-R diagram, while corresponding temperature evolution is downward on the  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram. This is at least what is happening in Figure 11, where a single value of L of a given M is used according to derived MLRs in this study. A single value of L means there are no evolutionary and metallicity effects on L. Evolutionary and metallicity effects are main contributing factors to the uncertainty of L. In fact, as discussed in previous sections, the observational uncertainties of R and T, which propagate to L, are negligible compared with evolutionary and metallicity effects. The upward evolutions seen for the stars  $M > 1 M_{\odot}$  on M - R diagrams become downward evolutions on the  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram as a consequence of a fixed L. One should still keep in mind that the evolutionary and metallicity information contained in M-R diagrams must also contained in  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagrams, albeit exaggerated by errors of the computed temperatures.

If we look at stellar evolution theory in general, for stars with  $M > 1 M_{\odot}$  the luminosity increases but in such a way that the surface temperature drops relatively little because of the expanding radius (Clayton 1968), except in the final stages of MS evolution when the central convection zone starts to shrink and disappear by the depletion of hydrogen in the center. In this final stage, surface effective temperatures increase a little such that the overall effect is that the star is brighter but cooler at TAMS than when it is at ZAMS. On the contrary, for the stars with  $M < 1 M_{\odot}$ , the temperature rises initially but drops a little later while L is continuously increasing from ZAMS to TAMS. Reversals of the theoretical ZAMS and TAMS lines of Bertelli et al. (2008, 2009) on Figure 10 at about  $M = 1.05 M_{\odot}$  indicate this fact. Notice that, for the stars with  $M > 1.05 M_{\odot}$ , the TAMS line indicates lower, but for the stars with  $M < 1.05 M_{\odot}$  the TAMS line indicates higher temperature than the temperature at the ZAMS.

Vertical spread of  $T_{\rm eff}$  in Figure 11(c) is about one order of magnitude between coolest to hottest stars, while the vertical spread of radii is about two orders of magnitude in Figure 11(a). Consequently, the Stefan–Boltzmann law requires L to spread about 8 orders magnitudes between the limiting values of L on Figure 11(b) because L is proportional to the fourth power of the temperature and square of the radius. With such a large vertical spread, the distribution of L values is more suitable than the R and  $T_{\rm eff}$  distributions to be expressed

by a single thin function, which is called the MLR. Squeezing the three different scales on the figure into a similar paper scale makes the thickness of L smallest of all. The organization of stars in a sufficiently narrow band across the diagonal on the M-L diagram clearly demonstrates the well recognized universal MLR, and secret of the stellar realm discovered in the beginning of the 20th century. This study indicates that the universal MLR for stars in the solar neighborhood is not a continuous curve but rather a continuous sequence of four lines.

Absolute values of the differences between the calculated and published temperatures of Figure 8 were divided by the published temperatures and analyzed as absolute relative differences, as shown in Figure 12(a). Most of the calculated temperatures agree with the published temperatures to within 10%. Few cases show differences greater than 20%. The calculated and published temperature errors of Figure 8 are displayed as percentages in Figure 12(b) and Figure 12(c), respectively. The relative errors of calculated temperatures appear as a nearly horizontal distribution because uncertainty contributions of M and R are negligible, and the four levels of dispersions shown are those based on the four MLRs given in Table 3. Distributions of M and R errors in Eker et al. (2014)indicates the peak of the distribution is at 1% and 2% respectively, and for a smaller number of stars increases rapidly up to 5% in both distributions. Therefore, allowing more stars with radius errors of up to 6%, does not significantly change the distribution of errors for calculated temperatures since the error contribution of the dispersions on the M-L diagram dominates.

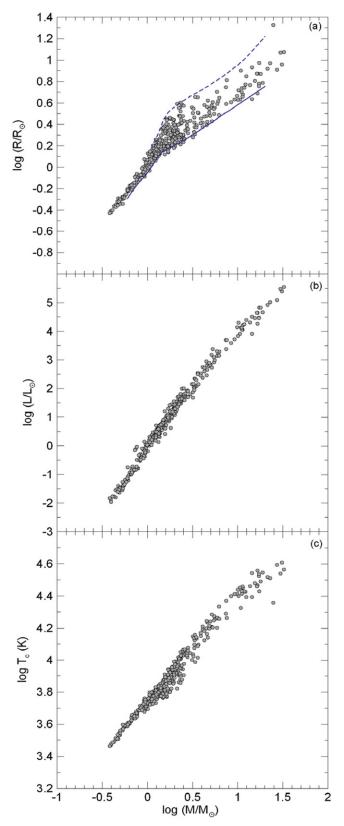
# 5. CONCLUSIONS

A calibration sample has been formed to study M-L, M-R, and  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagrams of nearby main-sequence stars. The stars were selected from Table 2 of Eker et al. (2014) with three basic conditions: (1) stars must be on the main-sequence, (2) masses and radii relative errors must be less than or equal to 3%, and (3) luminosity errors must be less than or equal to 30%. Being components of detached double-lined eclipsing binaries, the sample stars have not yet experienced any mass transfer. All can be taken to have evolved as single stars.

The efficiency of stellar furnaces, that is  $\log{(L/M)}$ , is found to increase linearly from 0.38 to  $1.05~M_{\odot}$ . The quantity  $\log{(L/M)}$  continues increasing, but with a smaller slope from 1.05 to 2.4  $M_{\odot}$ . We have found three break points, dividing the present sample into four subsamples, which we identified as stellar mass domains: low mass  $(0.38 < M/M_{\odot} \le 1.05)$ , intermediate mass  $(1.05 < M/M_{\odot} \le 2.4)$ , high mass  $(2.4 < M/M_{\odot} \le 7)$ , and very high mass  $(M/M_{\odot} > 7)$ .

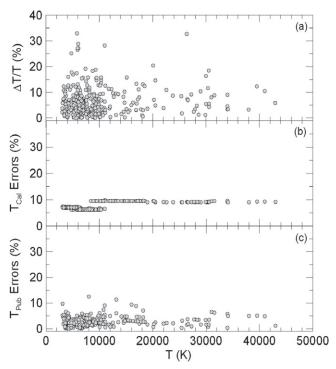
Those stellar mass domains were used to revise the classical MLR  $(L \propto M^{\alpha})$ . Lines with different  $\alpha$  were fit to the masses and luminosities in each domain and best fitting lines were determined by the least squares method. The quality of all fits is very similar, but the four-piece linear function stands out with a physical background. The M-R and  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagrams of the present sample have also been studied. Stellar evolution within the main-sequence band is clearly apparent in the M-R diagram; however, corresponding evolution could not be seen on the  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram based on published temperatures.

A well known method of calculating stellar effective temperatures for main-sequence stars has been discussed and



**Figure 11.** (a) Larger sample (N=371) of main-sequence stars on M-R diagram. (b) Their M-L diagram (excluding 12 without published  $T_{\rm eff}$ ) and (c) their  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram with calculated effective temperatures. The solid lines and dashed are theoretical ZAMS and TAMS from Bertelli et al. (2008, 2009).

analyzed. The calculated temperatures should have accuracies of  $\pm 8\%$  if M and R errors are less than or equal to 6%. The method is still applicable to less accurate stars. With less



**Figure 12.** (a) Comparing absolute relative differences between calculated and published temperatures of larger sample. (b) Relative errors of calculated and (c) relative errors of published temperatures.

accurate stars, one must propagate observational errors of the mass to the predicted luminosity. The method produces correspondingly less accurate temperatures with increasingly less accurate mass and radius as inputs.

The method has been applied to a calibration sample and a wider sample containing 12 stars without published temperatures. The main-sequence evolution, which was clear on the M-R diagram, but not seen on the  $M-T_{\rm eff}$  diagram with published temperatures, becomes clearly visible with the empirical effective temperatures calculated. Stellar temperatures based on this method are real effective temperatures, obtained directly form absolute stellar properties (M, R). In comparison, published temperatures are based on apparent properties, including colors or spectral lines, or through Pogson's formula using parallax and apparent magnitude. Alternative temperature estimates, therefore, as previously published, require bolometric corrections. We believe that stellar temperatures calculated by the method based on the detached double-lined eclipsing binaries in the present study have relatively larger errors than published ones, but have potential in calibrating bolometric corrections needed to estimate the stellar temperatures of main sequence stars in general, including in single, multiple, and other kinds of binary systems.

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