# Determination of stellar parameters for FGK-dwarf stars: the NIR $$\operatorname{\mathsf{APPROACH}}$$

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### Dedication

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### Chapter 5

### **SWEET-Cat**

Part of the work during the thesis has been dedicated to regularly update SWEET-Cat<sup>1</sup>, a catalogue with all discovered planet hosts, and the stellar parameters.

In this chapter a detailed description of SWEET-Cat will be presented. Moreover an analysis of 50 planet hosts was performed during the thesis with updated planetary parameters (mass and radius).

#### 5.1 What is SWEET-Cat?

As mentioned above, SWEET-Cat is a catalogue of planet host stars. However, the strength of SWEET-Cat is the homogeneously analysed stars utilising the method described in Section 3.3 with FASMA or a similar tool before the creation of FASMA.

In the era with a large number of discovered exoplanets (more than 3500 confirmed exoplanet at the moment of writing), the time for in-depth statistical studies has arrived. However, when conducting these studies it is crucial to have consistent measurements of e.g. stellar atmospheric parameters. This can be obtained by using a single analysis to obtain these parameters, as it is know that different methods will lead to different results (see e.g. Hinkel et al., 2016, for a recent review).

To obtain stellar atmospheric parameters from one method is an on-going goal with SWEET-Cat, where high quality spectra are obtained for stars hosting planets. These are used to determine the stellar parameters in a homogeneous way. All stars in SWEET-Cat analysed with the method from our group are marked with a flag showing whether it is analysed homogeneously or not. The columns provided in SWEET-Cat are summarised in Table 5.1. It is important to note that SWEET-Cat does not include any planetary parameters.

SWEET-Cat is updated on a weekly basis if new planet hosts are discovered, and whenever planet hosts have been analysed with the method from our group, as described in this thesis.

### 5.2 Data for 50 planet hosts

In this section the data for a large update to SWEET-Cat will be described. The majority of the data comes as a result from proposals submitted for observational time, while some of the data was found in the archive. In the next section the analysis of the 50 spectra will be presented along with the results.

https://www.astro.up.pt/resources/sweet-cat/

Table 5.1: Columns in SWEET-Cat

Column	Unit	Description
Name		Popular stellar name
HD number		HD number
RA	$\deg$	Right ascension
Dec	$\deg$	Declination
Vmag	$_{ m mag}$	V magnitude
$\sigma({ m Vmag})$	$_{ m mag}$	Error on V magnitude
$\pi$	mas	Parallax
$\sigma(\pi)$	mas	Error on parallax
Source of $\pi$		Source of parallax measurement
$T_{ m eff}$	K	Effective temperature
$\sigma(T_{ m eff})$	K	Error on effective temperature
$\log g$	$\operatorname{dex}$	Surface gravity
$\sigma(\log g)$	$\operatorname{dex}$	Error on surface gravity
$\log g_{ m LC}$	$\operatorname{dex}$	Surface gravity corrected from light curves
$\sigma(\log g_{ m LC})$	$\operatorname{dex}$	Error on surface gravity corrected from light curves
$\xi_{ m micro}$	$\mathrm{km/s}$	Micro turbulence
$\sigma(\xi_{ m micro})$	$\mathrm{km/s}$	Error on micro turbulence
$[{ m Fe}/{ m H}]$	$\operatorname{dex}$	Metallicity
$\sigma({ m [Fe/H]})$	$\operatorname{dex}$	Error on metallicity
Mass	$M_{\odot}$	Stellar mass
$\sigma({ m Mass})$	$M_{\odot}$	Error on stellar mass
Reference		Reference for parameters
Homogeneity flag	0/1	0 for not homogeneous analysis, 1 otherwise
Last updated	date	Last updated
Comments		Any special remarks/comments (e.g. M star)

#### 5.2.1 Data collected from proposals

Data<sup>2</sup> for 43 out of the 50 stars were collected by the SWEET-Cat team using the UVES/VLT (Dekker et al., 2000), FEROS/2.2m telescope in La Silla (Kaufer et al., 1999), and FIES/NOT (Frandsen and Lindberg, 1999) spectrographs. The remaining spectra were found in various archives. This includes spectra from the HARPS/3.6m telescope in La Silla (Mayor et al., 2003) and ESPaDOnS/CFHT (Donati, 2003). Some characteristics of the spectrographs are presented in Table 5.2 with the mean S/N for the spectra used. The S/N for each star can be seen in Table A.1 along with the atmospheric parameters of the stars. The S/N is measured automatically by ARES, however note that ARES smoothes the spectra before measuring the S/N, hence it is listed higher than the actual S/N. These 50 stars are confirmed exoplanet hosts listed in SWEET-Cat, but they belonged to the list of stars that have not previously been analysed by our team.

Based on observations collected at the La Silla Observatory, ESO (Chile), with FEROS/2.2m (run 2014B/020), with UVES/VLT at the Cerro Paranal Observatory (runs ID 092.C-0695, 093.C-0219, 094.C-0367, 095.C-0324, and 096.C-0092), and with FIES/NOT at Roque de los Muchachos (Spain) (runs ID 14AF14 and 53-202).

**Table 5.2:** Spectrographs used for this paper with their spectral resolution, wavelength coverage, and mean S/N from the spectra used.

Spectrograph	Resolution	Spectral range	Mean S/N
HARPS	115 000	$378\mathrm{nm}$ to $691\mathrm{nm}$	642
UVES	110000	$480\mathrm{nm}$ to $1100\mathrm{nm}$	212
ESPaDOnS	81000	$370\mathrm{nm}$ to $1050\mathrm{nm}$	775
FIES	67000	$370\mathrm{nm}$ to $730\mathrm{nm}$	763
FEROS	48000	$350\mathrm{nm}$ to $920\mathrm{nm}$	208

#### 5.2.2 Data collected from archive

The spectra<sup>3</sup> was obtained with the highest possible resolution for a given spectrograph, and in cases with multiple observations, we include all the observations unless a spectrum is close to the saturation limit for a given spectrograph. For multiple spectra, we combine them after first correcting the radial velocity (RV) and using a sigma clipper to remove cosmic rays. The individual spectra are then combined to a single spectrum for a given star to increase the S/N. This single spectrum is used in the analysis described below. For most of the spectra in the archive included here, several spectra were combined as described above, while for the observations dedicated to this work, the spectrum would be a single spectrum, or in cases of faint stars, it would be observed a few times to reach the desired S/N. This is mostly due to the difference in science cases behind the observations; for example, the HARPS spectra were mostly used for RV monitoring or follow-up of the exoplanet(s), while the UVES spectra were mostly used to characterise stellar parameters or other similar projects.

### 5.3 Analysis of 50 planet hosts

The method of determining atmospheric parameters from the curve of growth analysis has been applied several times in the optical (see e.g. Mortier et al., 2013b; Santos et al., 2013; Sousa et al., 2011; Tsantaki et al., 2013). When studying stars with planets and any correlations between stellar and planetary parameters it is important to have a homogeneous characterisation of the stars. An effort to create such a sample was initiated by Santos et al. (2013) with the SWEET-Cat database. The motivation to homogenise the stellar hosts is mainly to compare the hosts and make statistical studies on one consistent scale. When doing these statistical studies, the results might otherwise suffer from offsets between different methods.

The skills acquired during the NIR studies as mentioned above were directly translated into deriving parameters for a sample of 50 known planet host stars that were not previously analysed by our group (Andreasen et al., 2017b). The spectra of these stars were required at UVES, FIES, HARPS, and ESPaDOnS with the mean S/N higher than 200.

A Hertzsprung-Russell diagram of the sample can be seen in Figure 5.1. The sample covers a large range of  $T_{\rm eff}$ , FGK, while there are both dwarf, sub-giant, and some giant stars. The colours indicate the

Based on observations collected at the La Silla Observatory, ESO (Chile), with HARPS/3.6m (runs 60.A-9036(A), 072.C-0488(E), 081.C-0842(D), 083.C-1001(A), 084.C-0229(A), 087.C-0012(B) 089.C-0732(A), 091.C-0034(A), 092.C-0721(A), 093.C-0409(A), 183.C-0972(A), 188.C-0265(A,D,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N), 192.C-0852(A,M)), and with ESPaDOnS/CFHT at the National Research Council of Canada (runs 14AF14, 07b003, 11AQ78, 05AC23, 06AF22).

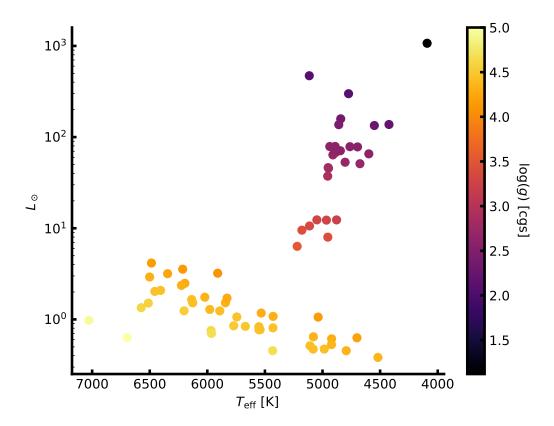
 $\log g$ . In order to determine the luminosity of each star the simple relation

$$L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4$$

is used, where L is the luminosity, R is the stellar radius, and  $\sigma$  is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant. In solar units this relation is simply:

$$\frac{L}{L_{\odot}} = \left(\frac{R}{R_{\odot}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff},\odot}}\right)^4$$

In order to determine the the stellar radius, the empirical relation from Torres et al. (2010) was used.



**Figure 5.1:** A Hertzsprung-Russell diagram of the sample of 50 planet host stars added to SWEET-Cat. The parameters were derived using optical high resolution and high S/N spectra in tandem with FASMA and an optical line list. The colour scale shows the derived  $\log g$  for each star.

The parameters were derived using FASMA with the optical line list compiled by Sousa et al. (2008) and Tsantaki et al. (2013) for stars where  $T_{\rm eff}$  was below 5200 K. All the new derived parameters were added to SWEET-Cat, available for the community.

A correction to the spectroscopic surface gravity ( $\log g_{\rm spec}$ ) is applied based on asteroseismology as

found by Mortier et al. (2014) given by:

$$\log g_{\text{seis}} = \log g_{\text{spec}} - (3.89 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-4} T_{\text{eff}} + 2.10 \pm 0.14, \tag{5.1}$$

where  $\log g_{\rm seis}$  is the corrected surface gravity. This correction is only used for FGK dwarf stars, i.e. between  $4800\,{\rm K} \le T_{\rm eff} \le 6500\,{\rm K}$  and  $\log g \ge 4.2\,{\rm dex}$ . For stars with a  $\log g$  lower than this limit the correction will not be applied, and if the  $\log g$  changes to below this limit after the correction, the spectroscopic  $\log g$  will be used again. The correction for  $\log g$  depends on both  $T_{\rm eff}$  and  $\log g$ . The correction can be up to  $0.5\,{\rm dex}$ , depending on the  $T_{\rm eff}$ .

With these updated parameters the completeness of SWEET-Cat for stars brighter than V magnitude 10 is 85% (77% for stars brighter than 12). For fainter stars it is time expensive to acquire spectra of the quality needed for this method. Moreover, many of the fainter planet host stars have been observed with the *Kepler* space mission, where most stars are faint.

#### 5.3.1 Habitable zone

The habitable zone of a star is at the distance where liquid water may exists. This distance depends on  $T_{\rm eff}$  and the luminosity, but also on the planetary atmosphere and its composition. Using Kopparapu et al. (equation 3 described in 2013) to calculate the inner and upper limits of the habitable zone. The equation is rather simple:

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{L/L_{\odot}}{S_{\text{eff}}}} \text{AU}, S_{\text{eff}} = S_{\text{eff},\odot} + aT_* + bT_*^2 + cT_*^3 + dT_*^4, \tag{5.2}$$

where  $T_* = T_-SI5780K$ , and the coefficients can be found in Table 3 in Kopparapu et al. (2013), which depends on the specific model of habitable zone used. Here are used the "Runaway Greenhouse" for the inner limit and "Maximum Greenhouse" for the outer limit of the habitable zone. The equation above is only valid for main sequence stars FGKM, thus only stars with  $\log g \ge 4.2$  dex have been included.

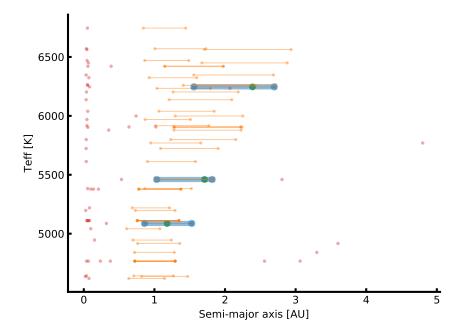
It was possible to find three planets within this zone; GJ 785 c, HD 37124 c, and KELT-6 c. These planets does not have known radii, and their minimum masses are  $(0.076, 0.652, 3.710)M_{\text{Jupiter}}$ , respectively. Thus, it is fair to assume they are all gas planets. All three host stars are metal-poor. A correlation between orbital period and host star metallicity is known (see e.g. Adibekyan et al., 2013), where metal-poor stars have planets with higher orbital period. It is thus not a surprise that the three planets found in the habitable zone all orbit a metal-poor star. A quick summary of the system is shown in Table 5.3.

In Figure 5.2 the habitable zone of the stars analysed here are shown along with the location of the planets. The three systems mentioned above are highlighted in the figure.

#### 5.3.2 Changes to planetary parameters

As a results to the analysis above, it is expected that some planetary parameters will change compared with the previous literature values.

Therefore the radius and mass of all the 50 new stars updated in SWEET-Cat were computed using the empirical formula presented in Torres et al. (2010). Some of the stars have radii derived from different methods, usually from isochrones. These radii generally show a good correlation with radii derived from



**Figure 5.2:** The habitable zone for the updated SWEET-Cat stars. The coloured line shows the theoretical habitable zone, while the dots shows the location of the planets in the actual system. The blue lines show the habitable zone of the three stars where a planet is located within it (green points). The red dots and orange lines are systems which does not lie within the habitable zone.

Parameter	GJ 785	HD 37124	KELT-6
Stellar parameters			
$T_{ m eff}$	$(5087 \pm 48) \mathrm{K}$	$(5460 \pm 35) \mathrm{K}$	$(6246 \pm 88) \mathrm{K}$
$\log g$	$(4.30 \pm 0.10)  \mathrm{dex}$	$(4.26 \pm 0.04)  \mathrm{dex}$	$(4.22 \pm 0.09)  \mathrm{dex}$
$[{ m Fe}/{ m H}]$	$(-0.01 \pm 0.03) \mathrm{dex}$	$(-0.42 \pm 0.03) \mathrm{dex}$	$(-0.22 \pm 0.06) \mathrm{dex}$
Luminosity	$0.72L_{\odot}$	$1.10L_{\odot}$	$2.70L_{\odot}$
V magnitude	6.13	7.68	10.38
Planetary parameters			
Planet	GJ 785 c	HD 37124 c	KELT-6 c
Period	$525\mathrm{days}$	$885\mathrm{days}$	$1276\mathrm{days}$
Mass	$0.076 M_{J}$	$0.652 M_{J}$	$3.710 M_{J}$
Semi-major axis	$1.18\mathrm{AU}$	$1.71\mathrm{AU}$	$2.39\mathrm{AU}$
Inner HZ limit	$0.86\mathrm{AU}$	$1.04\mathrm{AU}$	$1.56\mathrm{AU}$
Outer HZ limit	$1.53\mathrm{AU}$	$1.84\mathrm{AU}$	$2.70\mathrm{AU}$

**Table 5.3:** Host star and planetary properties of GJ 785, HD 37124, and KELT-6; all which have an exoplanet in the habitable zone.

Torres et al. (2010) if the literature parameters of  $T_{\rm eff}$ ,  $\log g$ , and [Fe/H] are used. However, when comparing with the new radius derived using the parameters presented here, the results can differ by up to 65%. This is shown in Figure 5.3 how the radius calculated from Torres et al. (2010) differs between the literature atmospheric parameters and the new homogeneous atmospheric parameters presented here. Note that stellar radii are provided by many of the authors from different discovery papers, but here the atmospheric parameters via the derivation of the stellar radius, as described above, are compared, rather than comparing the stellar radii from different methods.

In the sections below there follow a discussion of the systems (seven stars, eight exoplanets) where the radius or mass of the stars changes more than 25% and how this influences the planetary parameters. The changes in radius for a star is primarily due to changes in  $\log g$ , which can be used as an indicator of the evolutionary stage of a star.

The planetary radius, mass, and semi-major axis were re-derived when possible following the three simple scaling relations based on Newton's law of gravity (Newton, 1687) for deriving mass and distance and simple geometry for radius (see e.g. Torres et al., 2008)

$$M_{\rm pl,new} = \left(\frac{M_{*,\rm lit}}{M_{*,\rm new}}\right)^{-2/3} M_{\rm pl,lit} \tag{5.3}$$

$$R_{\rm pl,new} = \left(\frac{R_{\rm *,lit}}{R_{\rm *,new}}\right) R_{\rm pl,lit} \tag{5.4}$$

$$a_{\rm pl,new} = \left(\frac{M_{*,\rm lit}}{M_{*,\rm new}}\right)^{1/3} a_{\rm pl,lit},\tag{5.5}$$

where the subscript "lit" denotes the value from the literature used in the comparison, the subscript "new" indicates the new computed values, the subscript "pl" is short for planet, and the subscript "\*" is short for star; M, R, and a are mass, radius, and semi-major axis, respectively. Note that for the literature values, the values reported directly from the literature were used and not the derived radius and mass from Torres et al. (2010). To identify outliers, the radii and masses were compared when derived from Torres et al. (2010) since this is a measure of how the atmospheric parameters have changed.

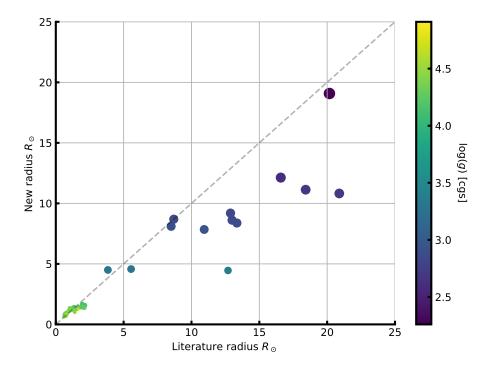


Figure 5.3: Stellar radius on both axes calculated based on Torres et al. (2010). The x-axis shows the stellar radius based on the atmospheric parameters from the literature, while the y-axis indicates the new homogeneous parameters presented here. The colour and size indicate the surface gravity. This clearly shows that the disagreement is biggest for more evolved stars.

#### 5.3.2.1 HAT-P-46

HAT-P-46 has two known exoplanets according to Hartman et al. (2014). The outer planet HAT-P-46 c is not transiting, hence the radius is not known for this planet. The results presented above for this star come from UVES/VLT data with a S/N of 208. Hartman et al. (2014) derived the following spectroscopic parameters:  $T_{\rm eff} = (6120 \pm 100) \, {\rm K}$ ,  $\log g = (4.25 \pm 0.11) \, {\rm dex}$ , and  $[{\rm Fe}\,/{\rm H}\,] = (0.30 \pm 0.10) \, {\rm dex}$ . Note that for this star the asteroseismic correction applied (see Section 5.3) results in a corrected  $\log g$  below 4.2dex, so the spectroscopic  $\log g$  was used for this star.

If mass and radius is derived of HAT-P-46 b with the new parameters, the radius obtained is  $R_{\rm pl} = 0.93 R_J$ , while Hartman et al. (2014) derived  $R_{\rm pl} = 1.28 R_J$ . No change in mass is seen (Hartman et al. 2014 found  $M_{\rm pl} = 0.49 M_J$ ); however, there is a decrease in the radius, and this results with a more dense planet,  $\rho_{\rm pl} = 0.76 \, {\rm g/cm^3}$  from  $\rho_{\rm pl} = (0.28 \pm 0.10) \, {\rm g/cm^3}$ .

Only the minimum mass is known for the secondary companions, as it does not transit HAT-P-46 seen from Earth. With the derived parameters here, the minimum mass is  $M \sin i_{\rm pl} = 1.97 M_J$ , where Hartman et al. (2014) presented  $M \sin i_{\rm pl} = 2.00 M_J$ , so a very small change, as expected.

#### 5.3.2.2 HD 120084

The exoplanet orbiting this star with a period of 2082 days and a quite eccentric orbit at 0.66 was discovered by Sato et al. (2013). The atmospheric parameters were derived by Takeda et al. (2008) using a similar method to that described here. The quality of the spectra they analysed, however, were not as high as those used here. Using the HIDES spectrograph at the 188 cm reflector at NAOJ, Takeda et al. (2008) reported an average S/N for their sample of 100-300 objects at a resolving power of 67 000. The spectrum used here is from ESPaDOnS with a resolving power of 81 000, and with a S/N for this star at 850. With the new parameters obtained, there is a slight decrease in stellar mass for the star at  $1.93M_{\odot}$  compared to  $2.39M_{\odot}$  obtained by Takeda et al. (2008), hence the minimum planetary mass is also slightly lower, from  $m_{\rm pl} \sin i = 4.5M_J$  to  $m_{\rm pl} \sin i = 3.9M_J$ . The stellar radius decrease by 28%, from  $9.12R_{\odot}$  to  $7.81R_{\odot}$ . Since there are no observations of the planet transiting, the planetary radius has not been computed.

#### 5.3.2.3 HD 233604

HD 233604 b was discovered by Nowak et al. (2013), while the stellar atmospheric parameters of the star were derived by Zieliński et al. (2012), who used the same method as described here using the HRS spectrograph at HET with a resolving power of 60 000 with a typical S/N at 200-250. For the analysis presented here, a spectrum from the FIES spectrograph was used with a slightly higher resolution at 67 000, and similar but also slightly higher S/N at 320 for this star.

This planet is in a very close orbit with a semi-major axis of  $\sim 15R_*$  ( $R_*$  is the stellar radius) using the parameters from Nowak et al. (2013). Using the updated parameters presented in this paper the stellar mass increase slightly from  $1.5M_{\odot}$  to  $1.9M_{\odot}$ , and a decrease in stellar radius from  $10.5R_{\odot}$  to  $8.6R_{\odot}$ . This increases the semi-major axis to  $\sim 21R_*$ . We note that the correct stellar radii are used to describe the semi-major axis in both cases. The increase in stellar mass leads to an increase in the minimum planetary mass, from  $m_{\rm pl} \sin i = 6.58M_J$  to  $m_{\rm pl} \sin i = 7.79M_J$ .

Moreover, Nowak et al. (2013) found a high Li abundance at  $A(\text{Li})_{\text{LTE}} = (1.400 \pm 0.042) \text{ dex for}$  this star and speculated that this star might have engulfed a planet. A more likely explanation is that

this star has not yet reached the first dredge-up process (Nowak et al., 2013). In the analysis here a much lower value is found,  $A(\text{Li})_{\text{LTE}} = 0.92 \,\text{dex}$ , and hence the star is not believed to be Li rich. The Li abundance found here is in excellent agreement with Adamów et al. (2014). Even applying a NLTE correction, as was done in Adamów et al. (2014) ( $A(\text{Li})_{\text{NLTE}} = 1.08$ ), this star is not Li rich.

#### 5.3.2.4 HD 5583

This exoplanet was discovered by Niedzielski et al. (2016) with an orbital period of 139 days around a K giant. This exoplanet was discovered with the radial velocity technique, and the planetary radius is not known. The stellar parameters were derived in a similar manner to that presented here (see Niedzielski et al., 2016, and references therein); the biggest disagreement is in the surface gravity. Here was derived a log g that is higher by 0.34 dex, which gives a stellar radius that is smaller by 37%. The derived mass is 15% higher, which in turn increases the minimum planetary mass from  $m_{\rm pl} \sin i = 5.78 M_J$  to  $m_{\rm pl} \sin i = 8.63 M_J$ . Even with the increase in mass, it is still within the planetary regime for most inclinations, as was noted by Niedzielski et al. (2016).

#### 5.3.2.5 HD 81688

This exoplanet was discovered by Sato et al. (2008) with the RV method. The host star is a metal-poor K giant. The atmospheric parameters presented in Sato et al. (2008) are obtained via the same method as presented here, and the agreement is quite good. Once again the big disagreement is in the surface gravity: Here was obtained 0.48 dex higher. Even though the stellar atmospheric parameters, and hence the planetary parameters, do change, the radius and mass derived are not far from the values presented in the paper by Sato et al. (2008). This is a case where the star was marked as an outlier, due to the comparison between the radius and mass derived from Torres et al. (2010).

The new stellar mass is the same as before,  $2.1M_{\odot}$ . The stellar radius changed from  $13.0R_{\odot}$  to  $10.8R_{\odot}$ . Since a transit of this star has not been observed and the stellar mass remains the same, there is no change in the planetary parameters.

It is worth noting that this system is in an interesting configuration with a very close orbit around an evolved star. This system, among others, has been the subject of work on planet engulfment (see e.g. Kunitomo et al., 2011).

#### 5.3.2.6 HIP 107773

The planetary companion was presented in Jones et al. (2015) as an exoplanet around an intermediate-mass evolved star. The stellar parameters were obtained from the analysis by Jones et al. (2011) using the same method as presented here, but with a different line list, which might lead to some disagreements. A higher  $\log g$  (2.83 dex compared to 2.60 dex) was derived here, thus the star is slightly smaller with  $11.6R_{\odot}$  to  $9.2R_{\odot}$  and  $2.4M_{\odot}$  to  $2.1M_{\odot}$  for radius and mass of the star, respectively. The other atmospheric parameters are very similar to those derived by Jones et al. (2011). This leads to a reduced minimum mass of the planetary companion from  $m \sin i = 1.98M_J$  to  $m \sin i = 1.78M_J$ . The planetary radius has not been measured.

#### 5.3.2.7 WASP-97

The exoplanet orbiting WASP-97 was discovered by Hellier et al. (2014). The host star parameters were derived using a similar method to that described here after co-adding several spectra from the CORALIE spectrograph. They reach a S/N of 100 with a spectral resolution of 50 000. The parameters presented here come from the UVES spectrograph with a S/N of more than 200.

The parameters do not change much for this planet. The minimum planetary mass changes from  $m_{\rm pl} \sin i = 1.32 M_J$  to  $m_{\rm pl} \sin i = 1.37 M_J$  and the radius from  $1.13 R_J$  to  $1.42 R_J$ . This affects the density quite strongly; it changes from  $1.13 \,\mathrm{g/cm^3}$  to  $0.59 \,\mathrm{g/cm^3}$ . This exoplanet is then in the same category as Saturn; its density is lower than water, but it is slightly larger than Jupiter.

#### 5.3.2.8 $\omega$ Serpentis (ome Ser)

The exoplanet orbiting this star with a period of 277 days and an eccentric orbit at 0.11 was also presented by Sato et al. (2013). The atmospheric parameters were derived in the same way as for HD 120084. Data from FIES with a resolving power of 67 000 was used, and with a S/N for this star of 1168. With the new parameters a slightly higher stellar mass for the star is obtained at  $2.19M_{\odot}$  compared to the value of  $2.17M_{\odot}$  obtained by Takeda et al. (2008). This change is not significant enough to change the minimum planetary mass at  $m_{\rm pl} \sin i = 1.7M_J$ . The stellar radius decreases by more than one solar radius, from  $12.3R_{\odot}$  to  $11.1R_{\odot}$ . However, since there are no observations of transiting exoplanets, any change in planetary radius cannot be detected.

#### 5.3.2.9 o Ursa Major (omi UMa)

omi UMa b was discovered by Sato et al. (2012) using the RV method. The stellar parameters are from Takeda et al. (2008), as discussed above. The spectrum used for this star is from ESPaDOnS with a S/N of more than 500 compared to the value of 100-300 reached for the large sample presented in Takeda et al. (2008). The luminosity and mass for omi UMa were obtained from theoretical evolutionary tracks (see Sato et al., 2012, and references therein). The radius was then estimated using the Stefan-Boltzmann relationship, using the measured luminosity and  $T_{\rm eff}$ .

The parameters presented here mainly differ in the surface gravity: here it is  $0.72\,\mathrm{dex}$  higher at  $\log g = 3.36$ . This leads to a big change in stellar mass and radius from  $3.1M_{\odot}$  to  $1.6M_{\odot}$  and  $14.1R_{\odot}$  to  $4.5R_{\odot}$ , respectively. Sato et al. (2012) have reported that omi UMa b is the first planet candidate around a star more massive than  $3M_{\odot}$ , which is not supported by the results presented here. With these updated results, the minimum mass of the planet is now  $m\sin i = 2.7M_{J}$ , whereas previously it was  $m\sin i = 4.1M_{J}$  (Sato et al., 2012). The exoplanet is not reported to transit, as seen from Earth, so the radius for this exoplanet is not known, which would have changed a great deal with these new results.

### 5.4 Discovering two giant planet populations

SWEET-Cat was recently combined with planetary masses to see two distinctive populations for giant planets by Santos et al. (2017). This can be seen in the mass histogram in Figure 5.4 for the full sample of giant planets, with masses higher than 1 Jupiter mass and lower than 20 Jupiter masses, and for a sample constrained by:  $4000 \,\mathrm{K} \leq T_{\mathrm{eff}} \leq 6500 \,\mathrm{K}$  in order to have reliably atmospheric parameters from spectroscopic data, orbital periods above 10 days to avoid hot jupiters whose formation and migration

process is debated (Ngo et al., 2016, see e.g.), orbital periods below 5 years to allow for the sample to be reasonable complete. Last only stars brighter than 13 magnitude were included to ensure that the planetary masses can have been derived with reasonable confidence using the radial velocities.

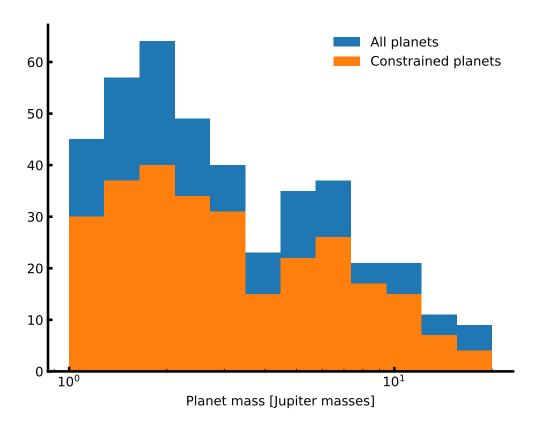


Figure 5.4: Giant planet masses for the full sample and constrained sample (see text for details). This study was performed by Santos et al. (2017) to distinct two giant planet populations.

By separating the distribution into two at  $4M_{Jup}$ , it can be shown (see Santos et al., 2017, for details) that the stars hosting the more massive giant planets are in average more metal-poor compared to the stars hosting the lower mass giant planets. This suggest two different stellar populations forming giant planets.

### 5.5 Updating SWEET-Cat

While SWEET-Cat is already a success, it is important to strive to improve the catalogue. Therefore several improvements for SWEET-Cat are planned. The most important additions are the derivation of chemical abundances and derivation of mass<sup>4</sup>, radius, and age using stellar modelling.

With the deviation of chemical abundances, it is possible to make more in-depth studies of the planet hosts, e.g. by studying trends with condensation temperatures (see e.g. Adibekyan et al., 2016). By deriving the masses and radii of the planet hosting stars, the planetary parameters, (mass and radius,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The mass is currently available, however it is derived from a empirical relation.

and thus the bulk density) can be derived in a consistent way. This leads to a third improvement of SWEET-Cat; namely re-derived planetary parameters using the homogeneously derived stellar parameters.

When deriving the stellar masses and radii, the luminosity is also an output, which could be added to the future version of SWEET-Cat. This leads to simple estimates of the habitable zone limits (see the discussion above in Section 5.3.1). The implication of this is immediately evident: locating exoplanets in the habitable zone with the updated stellar parameters. This is of course particular interesting if the exoplanet is rocky.

Two other additions to SWEET-Cat could be the projected rotational velocity,  $v \sin i$ , and activity indicators such as  $\log R'_{\rm HK}$ . Note that  $v \sin i$  will be difficult to derive. Here it is simplest to use synthesis to estimate this parameter, although for slow rotating stars (below  $10\,{\rm km/s}$ ) it is difficult to measure accurately with a high precision. These slow rotating stars are the ones used with the method described above in e.g. Section 5.3. The activity is very important to include, since relations with stellar age and stellar rotation might be explored. Moreover, some non-obvious correlations such as the correlation found between  $\log R'$ HK and planetary surface gravity (Figueira et al., 2014; Hartman, 2010) might be explored as well.

The last update on the wish-list is for the web page itself. It could be made modern with plotting capabilities, and in tandem combine SWEET-Cat with an exoplanet database, such as Exoplanet.eu<sup>5</sup>. This will allow any user to quickly explorer relations between stellar and planetary properties. The tool for plotting has already been developed and is distributed along with other scripts developed during this PhD under astro\_scripts<sup>6</sup>.

http://exoplanet.eu/

<sup>6</sup> Can be found here: https://github.com/DanielAndreasen/astro\_scripts, and can be installed with pip install astro-scripts

# Appendix A

SWEET-Cat update of 50 planet hosts

**Table A.1:** Derived parameters for the 50 stars in our sample. The S/N was measured by ARES.

Star	T <sub>eff</sub> [K]	$\log g$ [cgs]	$[{ m Fe}/{ m H}]$	$\xi_{ m micro} \ [{ m km/s}]$	$\xi_{\text{micro}}$ fixed?	Instrument	S/N
BD -11 4672	$4553 \pm 75$	$4.87 \pm 0.51$	$-0.30 \pm 0.02$	$0.14 \pm 0.07$	yes	FIES	487
BD + 49 828	$5015 \pm 36$	$2.87 \pm 0.09^{\rm a}$	$-0.01\pm0.03$	$1.48 \pm 0.04$	no	FIES	567
GJ 785	$5087 \pm 48$	$4.42 \pm 0.10$	$-0.01\pm0.03$	$0.69 \pm 0.10$	no	HARPS	801
HATS-1	$5969 \pm 46$	$4.39 \pm 0.06$	$-0.04\pm0.04$	$1.06\pm0.08$	no	UVES	155
HATS-5	$5383 \pm 91$	$4.41 \pm 0.22$	$0.08 \pm 0.06$	$0.91 \pm 0.14$	no	UVES	158
HAT-P-12	$4642\pm106$	$4.53 \pm 0.27$	$-0.26\pm0.06$	$0.28 \pm 0.63$	no	FIES	185
HAT-P-24	$6470 \pm 181$	$4.33 \pm 0.27$	$-0.41\pm0.10$	$1.40\pm0.03$	yes	UVES	158
HAT-P-39	$6745 \pm 236$	$4.39 \pm 0.47$	$-0.21\pm0.12$	$1.53 \pm 0.04$	yes	UVES	127
HAT-P-42	$5903 \pm 66$	$4.29\pm0.10^{\mathrm{a}}$	$0.34 \pm 0.05$	$1.19 \pm 0.08$	no	UVES	130
HAT-P-46	$6421 \pm 121$	$4.53\pm0.14^{\rm a}$	$0.16 \pm 0.09$	$1.67 \pm 0.18$	no	UVES	208
HD 120084	$4969 \pm 40$	$2.94 \pm 0.14^{\rm a}$	$0.12 \pm 0.03$	$1.41 \pm 0.04$	no	ESPaDOnS	852
HD 192263	$4946 \pm 46$	$4.61 \pm 0.14$	$-0.05\pm0.02$	$0.66 \pm 0.12$	no	HARPS	415
HD 219134	$4767 \pm 70$	$4.57 \pm 0.17$	$0.00 \pm 0.04$	$0.59 \pm 0.24$	no	ESPaDOnS	725
HD 220842	$5999 \pm 39$	$4.30 \pm 0.06^{\rm a}$	$-0.08 \pm 0.03$	$1.21 \pm 0.05$	no	FIES	459
HD 233604	$4954 \pm 46$	$2.86 \pm 0.11^{\rm a}$	$-0.14\pm0.04$	$1.61 \pm 0.05$	no	FIES	314
HD 283668	$4841 \pm 73$	$4.51 \pm 0.18$	$-0.74\pm0.04$	$0.16 \pm 0.61$	no	FIES	592
$\rm HD\ 285507$	$4620\pm126$	$4.72 \pm 0.61$	$0.04 \pm 0.06$	$0.74 \pm 0.43$	no	UVES	239
HD 5583	$4986 \pm 35$	$2.87 \pm 0.09^{\rm a}$	$-0.35 \pm 0.03$	$1.62 \pm 0.04$	no	FIES	933
HD 81688	$4903 \pm 21$	$2.70 \pm 0.05^{\rm a}$	$-0.21\pm0.02$	$1.54 \pm 0.02$	no	b	1350, 860
HD 82886	$5123\pm18$	$3.30\pm0.04^{\mathrm{a}}$	$-0.25\pm0.01$	$1.16\pm0.02$	no	c	1198,1294
HD 87883	$4917 \pm 68$	$4.53 \pm 0.19$	$0.02 \pm 0.03$	$0.46 \pm 0.21$	no	ESPaDOnS	753
HIP 107773	$4957 \pm 49$	$2.83 \pm 0.09^{\rm a}$	$0.04 \pm 0.04$	$1.49 \pm 0.05$	no	UVES	218
HIP 11915	$5770 \pm 14$	$4.33 \pm 0.03$	$-0.06\pm0.01$	$0.95 \pm 0.02$	no	HARPS	709
HIP 116454	$5042 \pm 72$	$4.69 \pm 0.15$	$-0.16 \pm 0.03$	$0.71 \pm 0.17$	no	UVES	412

Table A.1: continued.

Star	$T_{ m eff}$ [K]	$\log g$ [cgs]	$[{ m Fe}/{ m H}]$	$\xi_{ m micro} \ [{ m km/s}]$	$\xi_{\text{micro}}$ fixed?	Instrument	S/N
HR 228	$5042 \pm 42$	$3.30 \pm 0.09^{\rm a}$	$0.07 \pm 0.03$	$1.14 \pm 0.04$	no	UVES	400
KELT-6	$6246 \pm 88$	$4.22 \pm 0.09^{\rm a}$	$-0.22\pm0.06$	$1.66 \pm 0.13$	no	FIES	374
Kepler-37	$5378 \pm 53$	$4.47 \pm 0.12$	$-0.23\pm0.04$	$0.58 \pm 0.13$	no	FIES	205
Kepler-444	$5111 \pm 43$	$4.50 \pm 0.13$	$-0.51\pm0.03$	$0.37 \pm 0.15$	no	FIES	675
mu Leo	$4605 \pm 94$	$2.61\pm0.26^{\mathrm{a}}$	$0.25 \pm 0.06$	$1.64 \pm 0.11$	no	ESPaDOnS	354
ome Ser	$4928 \pm 35$	$2.69\pm0.06^{\mathrm{a}}$	$-0.11 \pm 0.03$	$1.55 \pm 0.04$	no	FIES	1168
omi UMa	$5499 \pm 52$	$3.36\pm0.07^{\mathrm{a}}$	$-0.01\pm0.05$	$1.98 \pm 0.06$	no	ESPaDOnS	527
Qatar-2	$4637 \pm 316$	$4.53 \pm 0.62$	$0.09 \pm 0.17$	$0.63 \pm 0.83$	no	UVES	97
SAND364	$4457 \pm 104$	$2.26\pm0.20^{\mathrm{a}}$	$-0.04\pm0.06$	$1.60 \pm 0.11$	no	UVES	220
TYC+1422-614-1	$4908 \pm 41$	$2.90\pm0.12^{\mathrm{a}}$	$-0.07\pm0.03$	$1.57 \pm 0.05$	no	FIES	506
WASP-37	$5917 \pm 72$	$4.25\pm0.15$	$-0.23\pm0.05$	$0.59 \pm 0.13$	no	FIES	232
WASP-44	$5612 \pm 80$	$4.39 \pm 0.30$	$0.17 \pm 0.06$	$1.32 \pm 0.13$	no	UVES	125
WASP-52	$5197 \pm 83$	$4.55 \pm 0.30$	$0.15 \pm 0.05$	$1.16 \pm 0.14$	no	UVES	125
WASP-58	$6039 \pm 55$	$4.23 \pm 0.10$	$-0.09\pm0.04$	$1.12\pm0.08$	no	FIES	310
WASP-61	$6265 \pm 168$	$4.21\pm0.21^{\mathrm{a}}$	$-0.38\pm0.11$	$1.44 \pm 0.02$	yes	UVES	163
WASP-72	$6570 \pm 85$	$4.25\pm0.13$	$0.15 \pm 0.06$	$2.30 \pm 0.15$	no	UVES	174
WASP-73	$6203 \pm 32$	$4.16\pm0.06^{\mathrm{a}}$	$0.20\pm0.02$	$1.66 \pm 0.04$	np	d	193,231
WASP-75	$6203 \pm 46$	$4.42\pm0.22^{\rm a}$	$0.24 \pm 0.03$	$1.45 \pm 0.06$	no	UVES	189
WASP-76	$6347 \pm 52$	$4.29\pm0.08^{\rm a}$	$0.36 \pm 0.04$	$1.73 \pm 0.06$	no	UVES	165
WASP-82	$6563 \pm 55$	$4.29\pm0.10^{\mathrm{a}}$	$0.18 \pm 0.04$	$1.93 \pm 0.08$	no	UVES	239
WASP-88	$6450 \pm 61$	$4.24\pm0.06^{\rm a}$	$0.03 \pm 0.04$	$1.79 \pm 0.09$	no	UVES	174
WASP-94 A	$6259 \pm 34$	$4.34\pm0.07^{\mathrm{a}}$	$0.35 \pm 0.03$	$1.50 \pm 0.04$	no	UVES	356
WASP-94 B	$6137 \pm 21$	$4.42\pm0.05^{\mathrm{a}}$	$0.33 \pm 0.02$	$1.29 \pm 0.03$	no	UVES	397
WASP-95	$5799 \pm 31$	$4.29\pm0.05^{\mathrm{a}}$	$0.22 \pm 0.03$	$1.18 \pm 0.04$	no	UVES	247
WASP-97	$5723 \pm 52$	$4.24 \pm 0.07$	$0.31 \pm 0.04$	$1.03 \pm 0.08$	no	UVES	219

Table A.1: continued.

Star	$T_{ m eff}$ [K]	$\log g$ [cgs]	$[\mathrm{Fe}/\mathrm{H}]$	$\xi_{ m micro} \ [{ m km/s}]$	$\xi_{\text{micro}}$ fixed?	Instrument	S/N
WASP-99	$6324 \pm 89$	$4.34 \pm 0.12$	$0.27 \pm 0.06$	$1.83 \pm 0.12$	no	UVES	249
WASP-100	$6853 \pm 209$	$4.15 \pm 0.26^{\rm a}$	$-0.30\pm0.12$	$1.87 \pm 0.02$	yes	UVES	166

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Spectroscopic  $\log g$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Weighted average of ESPaDoNS and FIES results. The parameters are (FIES in parantheses):  $T_{\rm eff} = 4870(4934) \pm 30(29)$ ,  $\log g = 2.50(2.73) \pm 0.14(0.05)$ , [Fe /H] =  $-0.26(-0.19) \pm 0.03(0.02)$ , and  $\xi_{\rm micro} = 1.50(1.59) \pm 0.03(0.03)$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Weighted average of ESPaDoNS and FIES results. The parameters are (FIES in parantheses):  $T_{\rm eff} = 5124(5121) \pm 22(29)$ ,  $\log g = 3.30(3.31) \pm 0.05(0.07)$ , [Fe/H] =  $-0.25(-0.24) \pm 0.02(0.02)$ , and  $\xi_{\rm micro} = 1.15(1.17) \pm 0.03(0.04)$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Weighted average of UVES and FEROS results. The parameters are (FEROS in parantheses):  $T_{\rm eff} = 6313(6162) \pm 61(37)$ ,  $\log g = 4.26(4.14) \pm 0.15(0.06)$ , [Fe/H] =  $0.22(0.19) \pm 0.04(0.03)$ , and  $\xi_{\rm micro} = 1.85(1.61) \pm 0.08(0.04)$ .

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