

# Benchmark stars for PLATO



Pierre Maxted, Keele University  
Orlagh Creevey, Ulrike Heiter, Thierry Morel,  
and other members of WP125500

# Benchmark stars for PLATO

- WP125500 Benchmark stars work package
- Example of successful benchmarking — limb-darkening
- Benchmark database
- State-of-the-art for detached eclipsing binary stars
- New eclipsing binaries in the LOP fields
- Resolved white dwarfs + FGK star binaries

# WP125500 Benchmark stars

- “A benchmark star is a star for which reliable measurements of the star's properties<sup>1</sup> are known.”
- “... used to test and prepare the pipelines in the development phase prior to launch (DEV phase) ...”
- “validating the products that are produced during the mission (OPS phase).”

<sup>1</sup>physical quantities, unambiguously defined, and independent of the observer



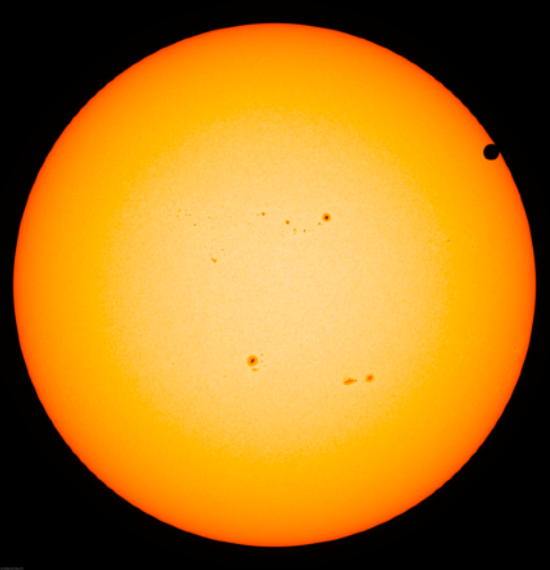
# Limb-darkening

$$\mu = \sqrt{1 - r^2}$$

$r = 1, \mu = 0 \rightarrow$



$r = 0, \mu = 1 \rightarrow$



2012 Transit of Venus, Solar Dynamics Observatory

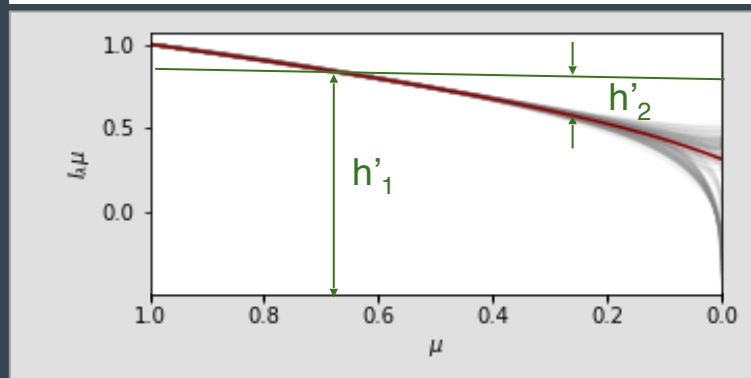
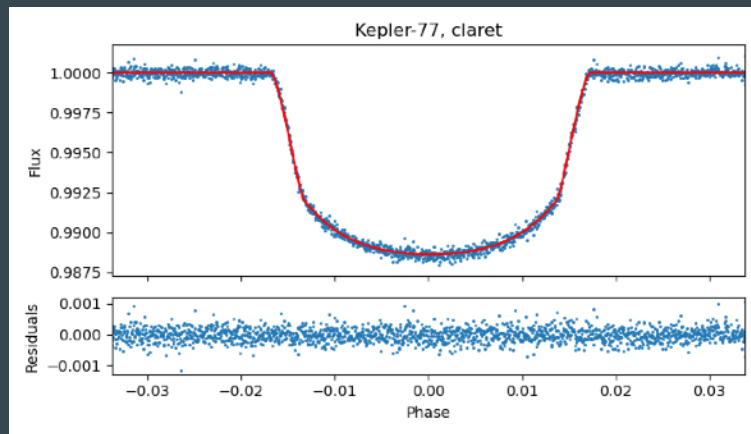
*“When one fixes the limb darkening values according to some theoretical predictions, the inconsistencies of the tables do not allow us to reach accuracy in the planetary radius of better than 1-10%”*

Csizmadia et al. 2013

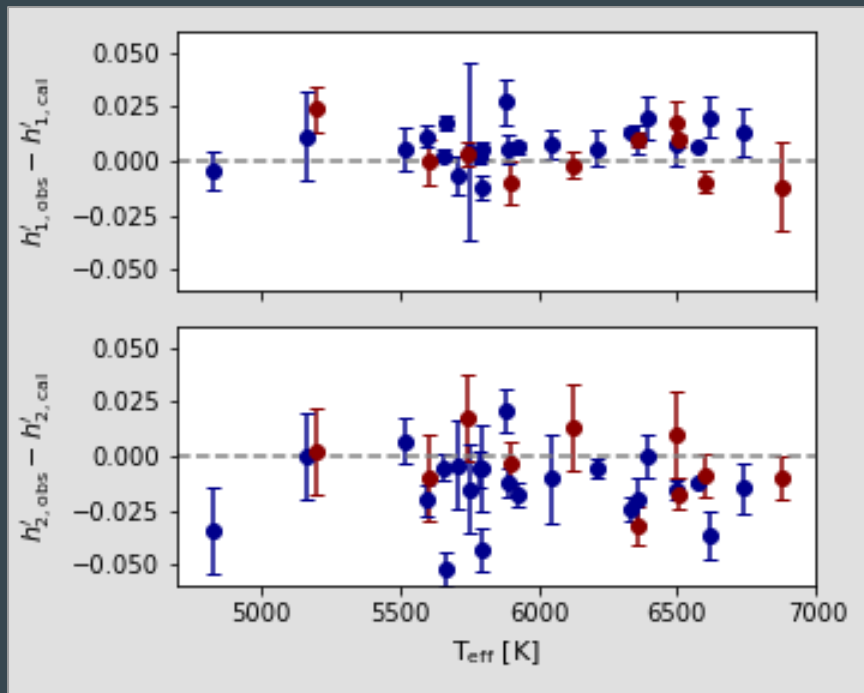
# Limb-darkening benchmark stars

New limb-darkening measurements for 43 FGK stars in Maxted, 2023MNRAS.519.3723M

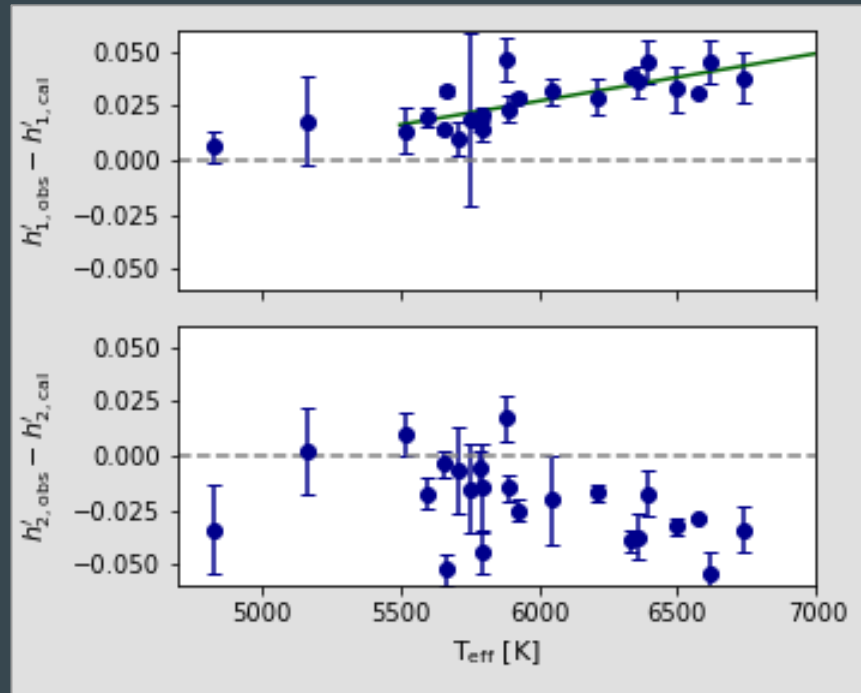
- From analysis of hot-Jupiter transits
- Fit with Claret 4-parameter law
- Compare to model using
  - $h'_1 = I_\lambda(\mu=2/3)$  [ $r \approx 75\%$ ]
  - $h'_2 = h'_1 - I_\lambda(\mu=1/3)$  [ $r \approx 94\%$ ]
- 33 Kepler, 10 TESS



# Limb-darkening – comparison to models

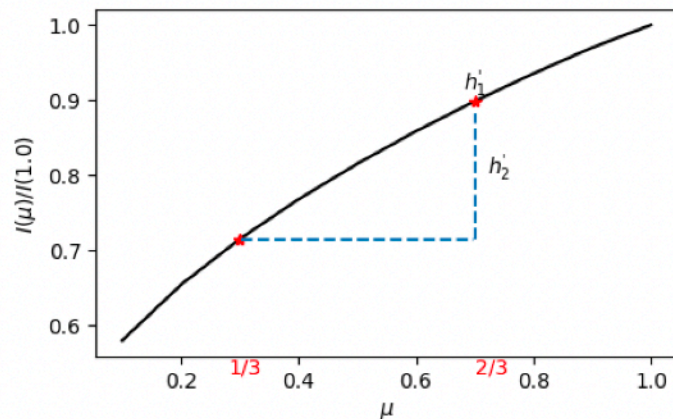
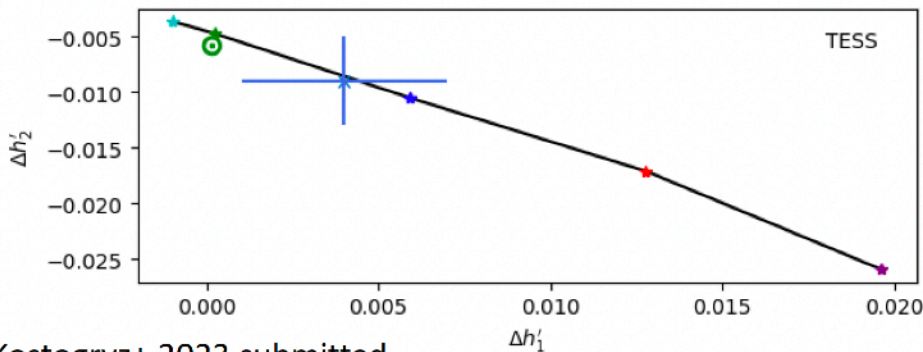
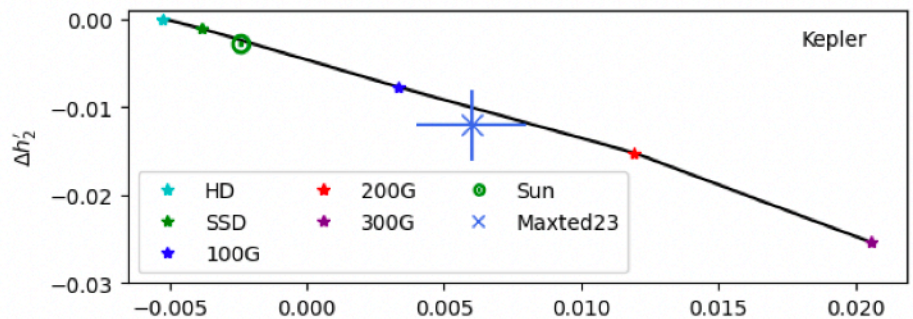


Kostogryz et al. 2023RNAAS...7...39K (MPS-ATLAS)



Morello et al. 2022RNAAS...6..248M (MARCS)

# Stellar Limb Darkening



$$\Delta h'_{1,2} = h'_{3DMagn} - h'_{REFLD}$$

3DMagn: 3D MURaM (HD, SSD, 100G, 200G, 300G)

REFLD: MPS-ATLAS set1 (Kostogryz + 2022)

Sun in Kepler and TESS: from Neckel & Labs 1994

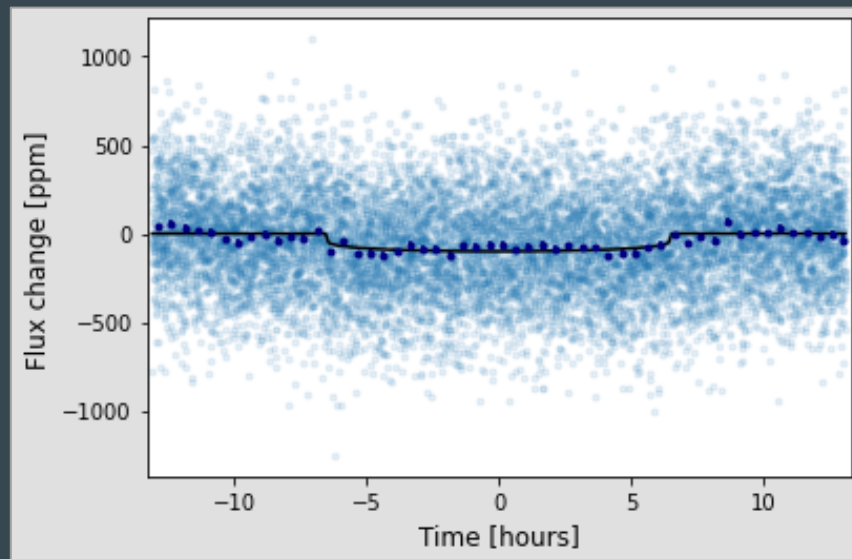
Stellar LD in Kepler and TESS: from Maxted 2023

- The offset in LD modelling can be explained by considering magnetic field.
- We can measure magnetic field from limb darkening

# Limb-darkening – implications for PLATO

## Earth - Sun transit simulation

- Noise from PSLs,  $V=10$ , 24 cameras
- 3 transits,  $P = 1$  year,  $b = 0$
- Fit with power-2 law limb-darkening
- Gaussian priors on limb-darkening
  - $h'_1 = 0.85 \pm 0.01$
  - $h'_2 = 0.19 \pm 0.01$
- Prior on stellar density  $\pm 1\%$
- Excess variance from l.d. =  $(0.3\%)^2$

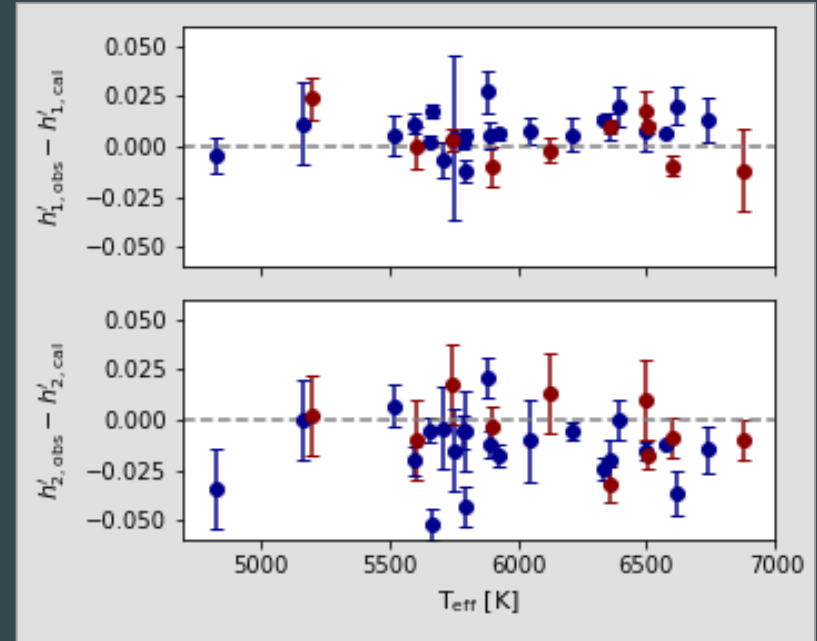




# Lessons learned ...

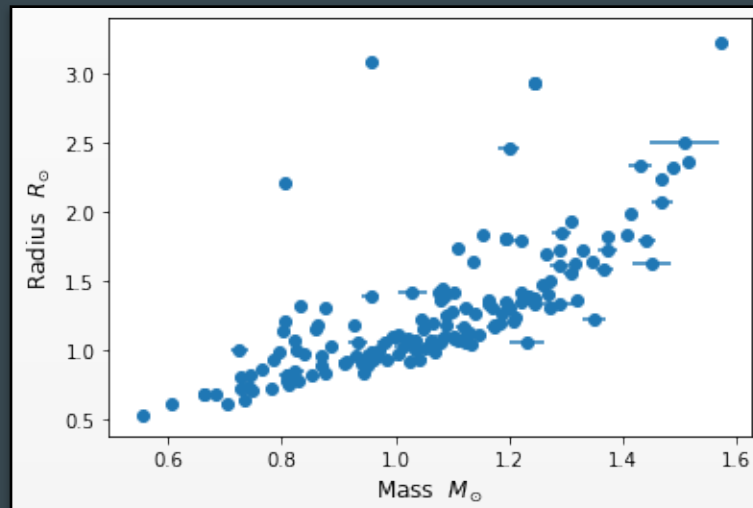
Benchmarking exercise for limb-darkening ...

- ... enables PLATO to achieve required accuracy on  $R_p/R_\star$  of  $\pm 3\%$ ;
- ... enables us to set accurate priors on limb-darkening for light curve analysis;
- ... identifies an issue with PLATO MARCS models used for PLATO data analysis;
- ... enables new science to be done with PLATO light curves.



# WP125500 Benchmark database

- Seismic stars (OLC)
  - Kepler legacy, etc.
- Detached eclipsing binary stars (PM)
  - 151 P1-like stars in 90 binaries from DEBCat
- M-dwarfs (UH)
  - K7—M4 stars with measured angular diameters
- Wide binaries (TM)
  - Age / [Fe/H] consistency check
- etc...



P1-like stars from DEBCat

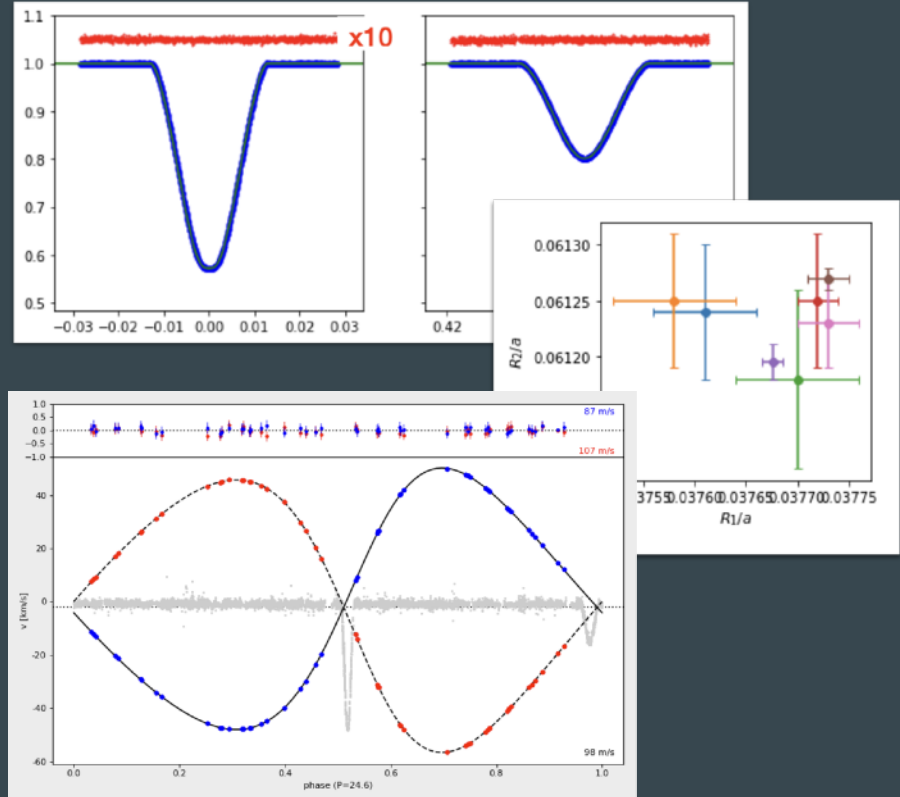
science

# State-of-the-art for detached eclipsing binaries (DEBs)

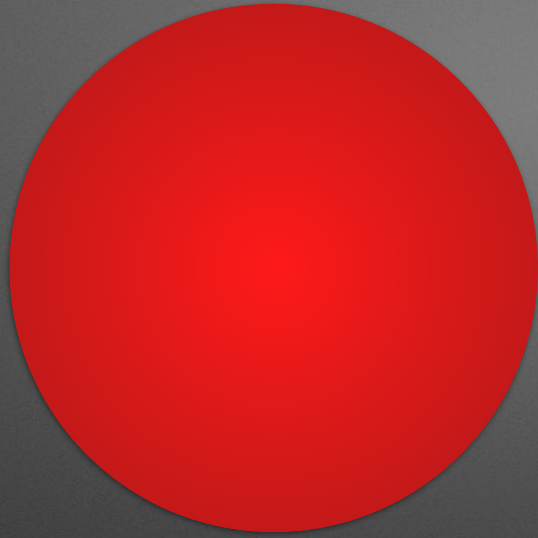
AI Phe (Maxted et al. 2020MNRAS.498..332M)

- F7V + K0IV
- $V = 8.6$
- $P = 24.6$  d
- $M_A = 1.1938 \pm 0.0008 M_{\odot}$
- $R_A = 1.8050 \pm 0.0022 R_{\odot}$
- $M_B = 1.2438 \pm 0.0008 M_{\odot}$
- $R_B = 2.9332 \pm 0.0023 R_{\odot}$

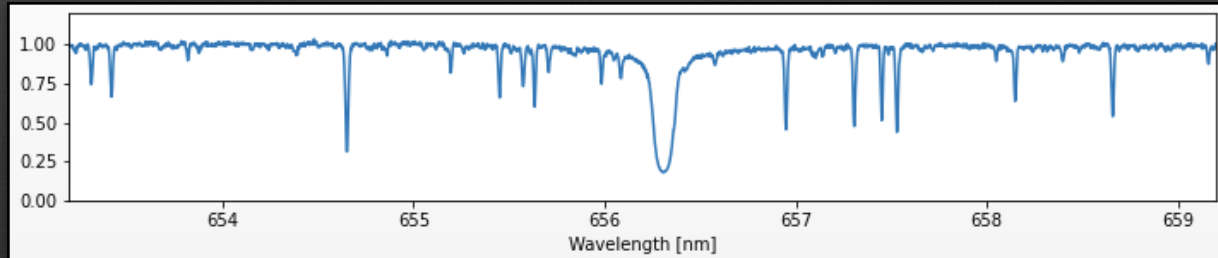
Accurate mass and radius measurements  
 $\pm 0.1\%$  are possible in favourable cases.



Primary eclipse



Secondary eclipse



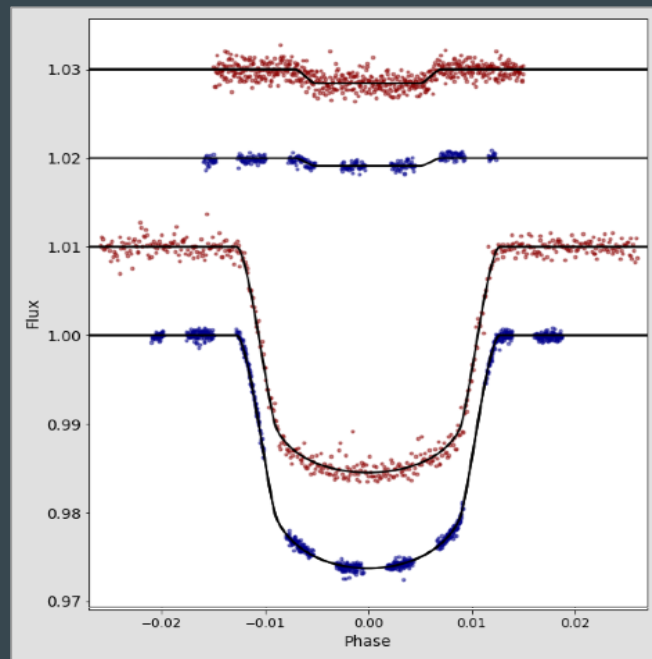
UVES spectrum of  
K0IV star,  $T_{\text{exp}}=530\text{s}$

# science State-of-the-art for detached eclipsing binaries (DEBs)

EBLM J0113+31

- G0V + M4V
- $V = 10.1$
- $P = 14.3$  d
- $4\text{-}\sigma$  detection of M4V star by stacking CCFs from 22 SPIRou spectra
- $M_A = 1.029 \pm 0.025 M_\odot$
- $R_A = 1.417 \pm 0.014 R_\odot$
- $M_B = 0.197 \pm 0.003 M_\odot$
- $R_B = 0.215 \pm 0.002 R_\odot$

Masses can be measured for DEBs with optical flux ratios  $\gtrsim 0.1\%$ .

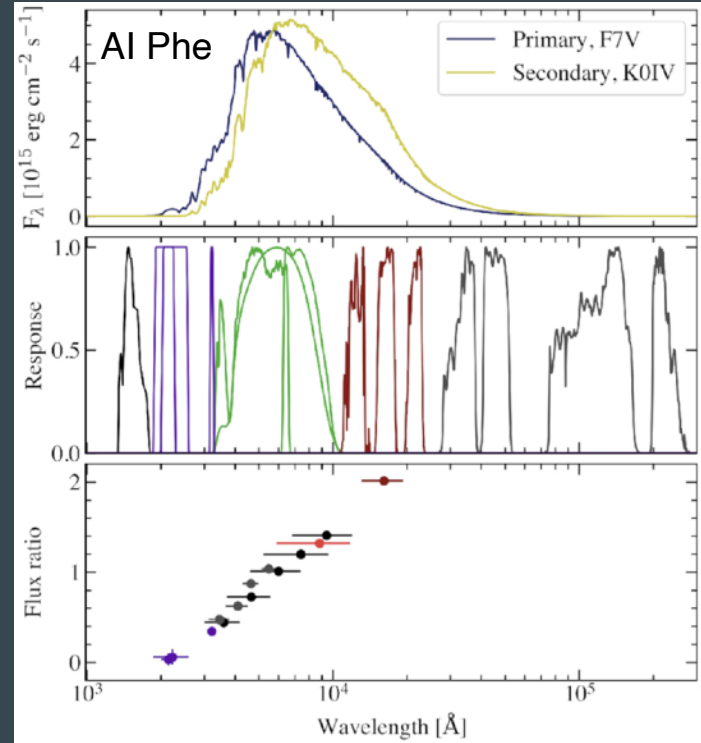


Maxted et al. 2022MNRAS.513.6042M

# Fundamental $T_{\text{eff}}$ measurements for DEBs

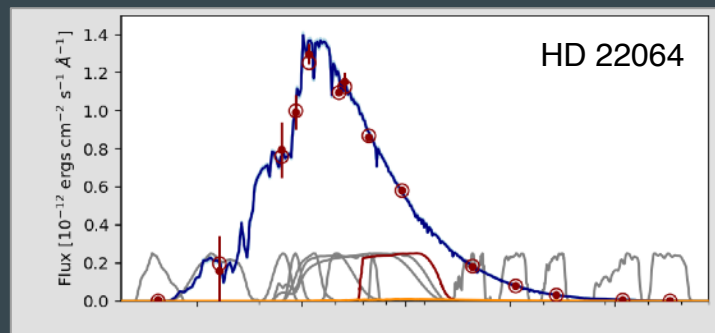
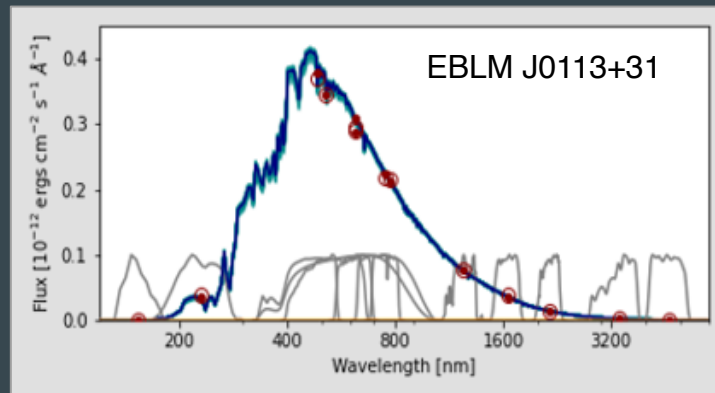
$$T_{\text{eff}} = \left( \frac{4\mathcal{F}_{\text{bol}}}{\theta^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

- $\theta = 2R/d$  (angular diameter)
- Distances,  $d$ , to DEBs from Gaia
- Bolometric flux,  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{bol}}$ , from GALEX + GAIA + 2MASS + ...
- For DEBs,
  - $\mathcal{F}_{\text{bol}} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{bol},1} + \mathcal{F}_{\text{bol},2}$
  - $\mathcal{F}_{\text{bol},2}/\mathcal{F}_{\text{bol},1}$  from light curves + empirical colour —  $T_{\text{eff}}$  relations.
- Full method described in Miller et al. 2020MNRAS.497.2899M
- This is not SED fitting



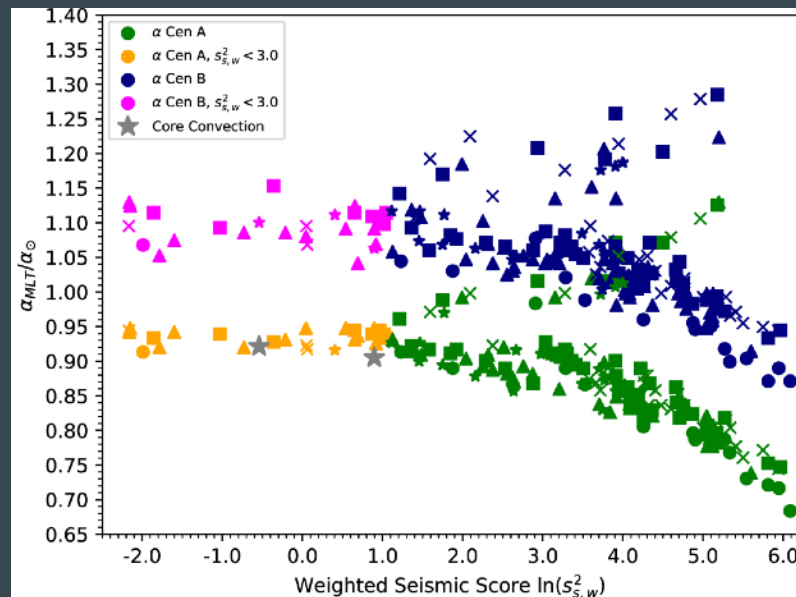
# Fundamental $T_{\text{eff}}$ measurements for DEBs

- **AI Phe:**  $T_{\text{eff,A}} = 6199 \pm 22$  K,  $T_{\text{eff,B}} = 5094 \pm 16$  K
  - Miller et al. 2020MNRAS.497.2899M
- **CPD-54 810:**  $T_{\text{eff,A}} = 6462 \pm 43$  K,  $T_{\text{eff,B}} = 6331 \pm 43$  K
  - Miller et al. 2022MNRAS.517.5129M
- **EBLM J0113+31:**  $T_{\text{eff,A}} = 6124 \pm 40$  K
  - Maxted et al. 2022MNRAS.513.6042M
- **HD 22064:**  $T_{\text{eff,A}} = 6763 \pm 39$  K
  - Maxted 2023MNRAS.522.2683M



# $\alpha$ Cen A & B – a taste of things to come

- Errors on mass & radius  $\approx \pm 0.4\%$ 
  - Similar to typical recent results for DEBs
- Random errors on  $T_{\text{eff}} \approx 20\text{K}$ 
  - cf.  $\sim 100\text{K}$  for most EBs
  - 1% error on absolute flux scale  $\Rightarrow \pm 10\text{K}$
- A:  $r_{02} = 0.055 \pm 0.001$  (44 modes)
- B:  $r_{02} = 0.066 \pm 0.004$  (37 modes)
- $\Rightarrow \Delta Y/\Delta Z = 0.90 \pm 0.12$



Joyce & Chaboyer 2018ApJ...864...99J



# Previously-studied eclipsing binaries in LOPN1/LOPS2

Select from DEBCat (M,R  $\pm 2\%$  or better)

- FGK:  $4050 \text{ K} < T_{\text{eff}} < 6510 \text{ K}$
- IV/V:  $R_{\star} < 3.5 R_{\odot}$
- $R_{\star}/a < 0.15$  (to avoid tidal spin-up  $\Rightarrow$  magnetic activity  $\Rightarrow$  suppression of modes)
- An estimate for  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$

Six stars in 5 binaries in the LOPN1/LOPS2 with  $V < 11$

- ASAS J065134-2211.5,  $P = 8.2 \text{ d}$ ,  $1.0 M_{\odot}$
- KIC 6525196  $P = 3.4 \text{ d}$  (triple),  $1.0 M_{\odot}$
- WASP 0639-32,  $P = 11.7 \text{ d}$ ,  $1.2 M_{\odot}$
- FL Lyr,  $P = 2.2 \text{ d}$ ,  $1.0+1.2 M_{\odot}$
- CPD-54 810,  $P = 26.1 \text{ d}$ ,  $1.3 M_{\odot}$

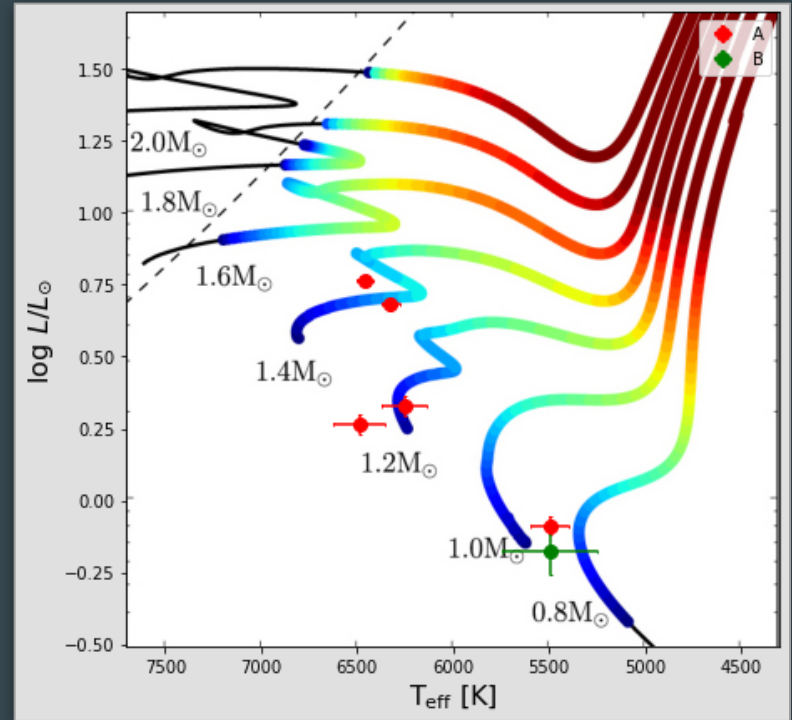
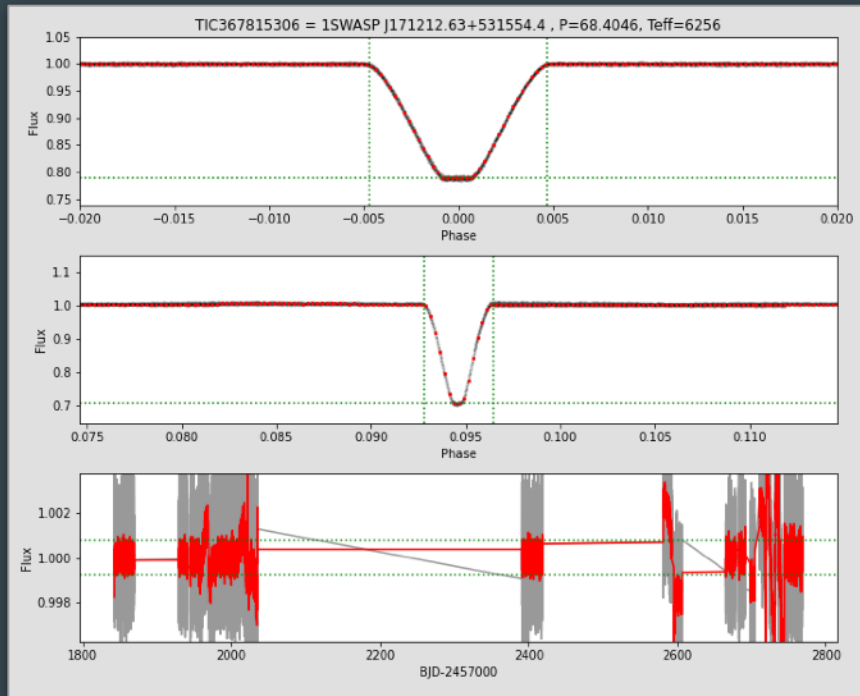
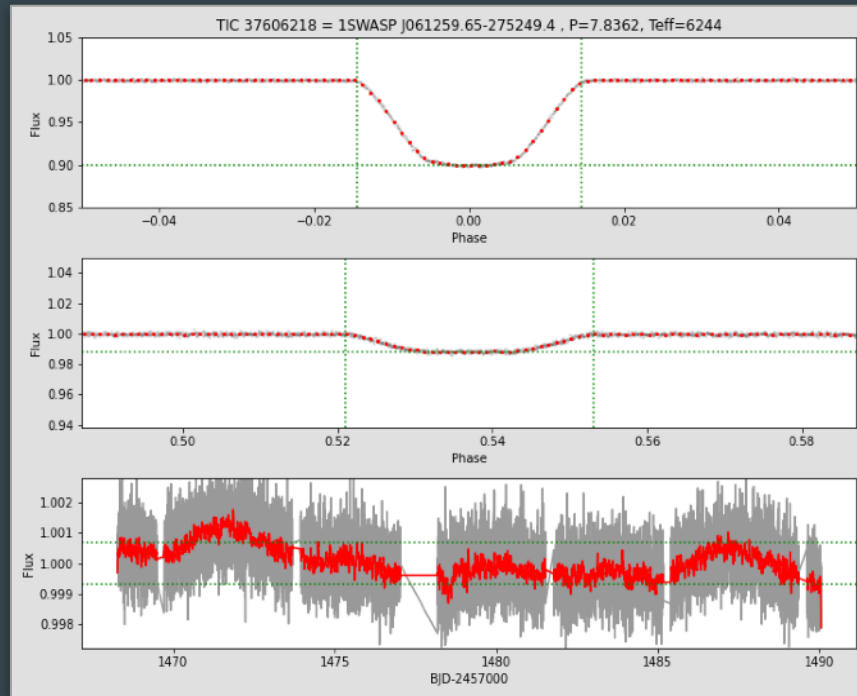


Image from Campante et al. 2016ApJ...830..138C

# Search for new eclipsing binaries in LOPN1/LOPS2

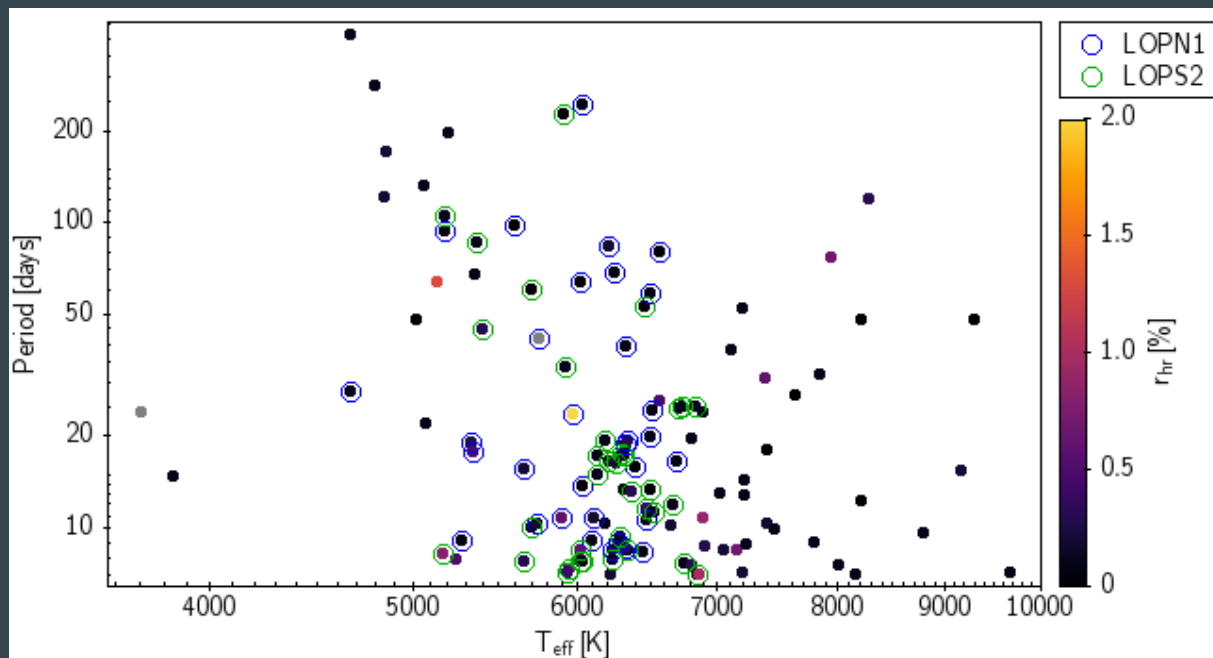


J171212.63+531554.4,  $T=9.96$ ,  $T_{\text{eff}} = 6256$  K,  $P = 68.40$  d



J061259.65-275249.4,  $T=9.26$ ,  $T_{\text{eff}}=6244$  K,  $P = 7.84$  d

# Search for new eclipsing binaries in LOPN1/LOPS2

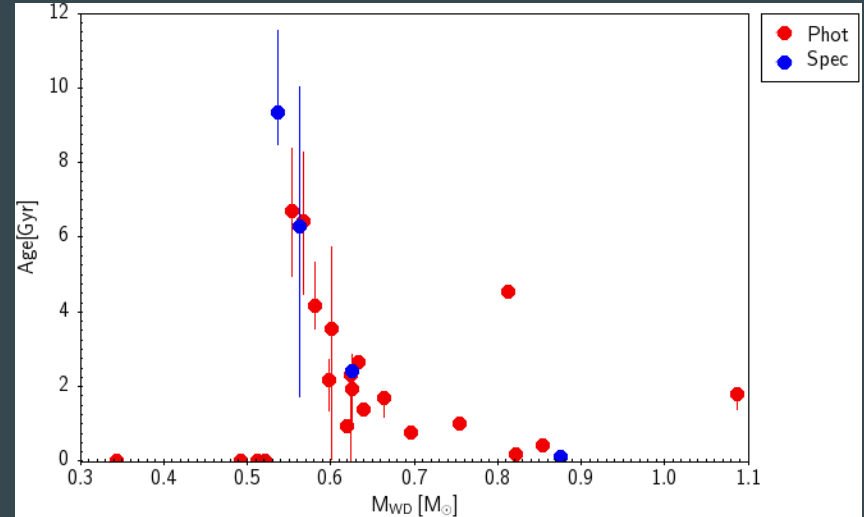


36 binaries in pLOPS2PICtarget2.0.0.1-t

32 binaries in pLOPN1PICtarget2.0.0.1-t

# Resolved white dwarfs + FGK star binaries

- Age of system from WD cooling age + main-sequence lifetime
- Does not work if  $M_{WD} \approx 0.5 M_{\odot}$
- Best ages from massive white dwarfs
  - Typical  $M_{WD} \approx 0.6 M_{\odot}$  may be useful
- 11 stars in pLOPN1PICtarget2.0.0.1-t with
  - $V < 11$
  - $M_{WD} > 0.55 M_{\odot}$
- To do:
  - Systematic search with Gaia DR3
  - Get spectra for all WD companions



Rebassa-Mansergas et al. 2021 MNRAS.505.3165R

Thanks for your attention

[p.maxted@keele.ac.uk](mailto:p.maxted@keele.ac.uk)