

# Revolution in stellar astrophysics through Gaia

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### Why do we care about stellar parameters for exoplanets

- Mass, radius, and effective temperature (Teff) of the planet host dictate the size and density of the planet, and amount of irradiation of the planet receives ("too hot, too cold, just right").
- How fast does it spin, what about magnetic storms?
- Age:
  - Can we explain the known exoplanets distribution Ο given our current knowledge of solar system evolution?
  - Has the system evolved long enough to be able to Ο sustain life, and what kind of life? Is it like our Solar System? Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/Lizbeth B. De La Torre; adapted by O. Creevey



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## True physical characteristics of stars from measurements

- Teff
  - Teff is a definition(!) but even so we can not hold a thermometer to its surface
- Diameter
  - Stellar surface is generally not resolved like the Sun or the Moon or the solar system planets when photographed by a telescope or a space observatory
  - See talk by R. Ligi's (and G. Schaefer) on interferometry
- Mass
  - $\circ$   $\quad$  Resolved orbits of binary stars give masses
  - Single stars (most stars) can not be directly measured
- Age
  - See also talks by M. Ness and M. Kounkel
  - Can you tell my age from my surface characteristics?





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### What is an observation and what is an inferred physical quantity?

- A true observation is a measurement of something
  - Amount of light, colours of stars, position on the sky, spectrum of star, light variations over time, interferometric visibilities
  - If we measure it over and over again we can define a "measurement error"
- Some quantities can be extracted directly from the measurements
  - radial velocities, oscillation frequencies, distances, orbits, rotation periods, chromospheric excess
- Inferred physical quantities use an assumption or a model along with the measurements
  - Teff
    - a spectrum and models of a stellar atmosphere
    - colours and a Teff-colour relation
  - Age
    - whatever measurements are available and stellar evolution models (my talk)
- In general, for most single stars, Teff, radius, mass, age are often <u>inferred quantities</u> and so we must <u>consider the assumptions in the model and account for this in our interpretation</u>
- Gaia Data Release 3 provides us for the first time with all of the "basic measurements" along with a catalogue of "inferred physical quantities" for a half billion objects (assumed to be stars)\*

\*Gaia DR3 contains 1.8 billion measurements and 0.5 billion physical quantities (G<19); it does not provide interferometric visibilities

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Right: Evolution track of a one solar mass star (Stellar Astrophysics, Le Blanc)

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note: time-resolved for variable objects + GAPS only

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### RVS spectra: spectroscopic parameters and abundances

- The RVS spectra are used to derive radial velocities (3rd velocity component)
- They also contain a rich amount of astrophysical information: teff, log g, [M/H], alpha-abundance, individual chemical species (Fe, Mg, Ca, ...) and even the diffuse interstellar band (DIB) feature which is related to the interstellar medium
- 1 million spectra published



ESA/Gaia/DPAC-CU8, Recio-Blanco and the GSP-Spec team

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### Low-resolution spectra: BP and RP

- Gaia produces BP and RP spectra, and these provide information about intensity distribution across wavelength (220 million published)
- The figure on the right shows examples of the flux distribution across the 330 1050 nm wavelength BP: 330nm 680 nm RP: 640nm 1050 nm





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### Spectral energy distribution: dependence on Teff

- The radiance of a star across different wavelengths (spectral distribution) depends on its temperature
- We can use the Planck Blackbody radiation law to describe this distribution
- Three main points to notice:
  - peak intensity wavelength (see also Wien's Law)
  - $\circ$  amount of radiation (higher temperature, more radiance) <sup>14</sup>
  - spectral distribution shape (more peaky or flatter)
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- "Real" stars using models are not as simple and also depend on [M/H] and log g



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### Spectral energy distribution: 'real' flux and extinction

- Spectral energy distribution depends on Teff, logg, [M/H]
- Amount received at Earth depends on distance
- The gas and dust between us and the star attenuate the light received from the star.
  - The star will appear dimmer
  - We call this extinction  $A\lambda$
  - Blue light is affected more than red light so the spectral shape will change
  - We also call it interstellar absorption or 'reddening'
  - ABP ARP = E(BP-RP) 'reddening'
- Now we must consider
  - Teff (logg, [M/H])
  - Distance
  - $\circ$  extinction



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### GDR3 results from BP/RP spectra: Teff and extinction

• Gaia DR3 contains 470 million estimates of Teff, AG, logg, [M/H] derived from the BP/RP spectra (the spectra have been rescaled to an apparent magnitude of G=15.)



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### GDR3 results from BP/RP spectra: effect of extinction

- By selecting 'identical' stars but with different amounts of extinction, we can investigate the impact of the dust on the spectral distribution
- The following are a selection of solar analogues i.e. similar Teff, log g, radius, mass to the Sun, with different values of extinction. Left are the the internally-calibrated spectra, right are flux-calibrated spectra.



Gaia coll. Creevey et al. A&A 2022

### GDR3 results from BP/RP spectra: mapping the 2D and 3D extinction





The 2D TGE uses a minimum number of giants beyond 10 kpc as tracers of extinction, hence the missing values along the disc.



Chamaeleon Field

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### GDR3 results from BP/RP spectra: log g and metallicity

- Comparison of logg\_gspphot with asteroseismology
- Comparison of metallicity before and after calibration



Andrae et al. 2022



### Spectral energy distribution: luminosity

- G magnitude only covers some of the spectral range (see D. Huber's talk)
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### GDR3 results: Luminosity

- Intrinsic luminosity needs:
  - distance (parallax, spectrogeometric, ...)
  - flux in G band ('G' magnitude)
  - extinction (AG, ABP, ARP, AO, E(BP-RP))
  - BC, BC needs Teff, [MH], log g





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$$L_{\star} = 4\pi R_{\star}^2 \sigma T_{\rm eff}^4$$



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GDR3 Online documentation, Ulla et al. 2022

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### Why we care about the stellar mass (apart from knowing exoplanets)

- The mass of the star is the key quantity that determines its structure and evolution speed
  - Higher mass = higher pressure in center = higher T in center = higher nuclear reaction rates
  - Evolution speed is determined by the nuclear reactions
    - Things change slowly in lower mass stars (live for billions of years)
    - Things change rapidly in high mass stars (live fast die young!)



### Mass is the key to knowing the age

- The mass of the star is the key quantity that determines the structure of the star
- Age varies from 1.5 to 8.0 billion years even though the mass differs by 0.08 Msun
- An independent radius measurement can help!
  - 0.98 +/- 0.01 Rsun
  - 1.00 +/- 0.01 Rsun
  - 1.03 +/- 0.01 Rsun



### Masses of stars in Gaia DR3

- Single Stars
  - log g and radius for 470 million stars
  - Using stellar models for 130 million stars
- Binary systems
  - New catalogue of binary masses for ~200,000 stars

Gaia coll. Arenou et al. A&A 2022



Table 3. Content of the Catalogue of masses.

Combination Method	Number	$\mathcal{M}_1$	$\mathcal{M}_2$	$F_{2}/F_{1}$
Orbital+SB2	23	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$
EclipsingSpectro(SB2)	3	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Eclipsing+SB2	53	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
AstroSpectroSB1+M1	17578		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Orbital+SB1+M1	1513		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
EclipsingSpectro+M1	71		$\checkmark$	
Eclipsing+SB1+M1	155		$\checkmark$	
SB2+M1	3856		$\checkmark$	
Orbital+M1	111792	lower/upper		
SB1+M1	60271		lower	

Notes. The full table is available in the Gaia table binary\_masses.

- In Gaia DR3 120 million stellar ages have been estimated
- Use stellar evolution approach with a grid of models (BASTI, Hidalgo et al. 2018, right figure)
- Main-sequence Tip Redgiant branch; 0.5-10.0 Msol
- Mass, age (and evolutionary stage) are derived at the same time using L, Teff, [M/H]
- (caveat: remember sources of possible errors!)



• Golden Sample from Gaia coll. Creevey et al. 2022 showing a selection of high quality astrophysical parameters, colour-coded by number of sources



- Golden Sample from Gaia coll. Creevey et al. 2022 showing a selection of high quality astrophysical parameters, colour-coded by number of sources
- Same diagram colour-coded by age easily identify the main sequence and post-MS



• Galactic projection showing distribution of ages in the Galaxy



Credit: ESA/Gaia/DPAC; O Creevey & M. Fouesneau

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### Masses, radii and ages of exoplanets using Gaia DR3

- Cross-match the Golden Sample with known exoplanet host stars
- Use the astrophysical parameters from Gaia DR3 (teff, radius, mass, age)

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$$M_{\rm tr} = \left(\frac{R_p}{R_\star}\right)^2$$
  $M_p \sin(i) = \frac{M_\star^{2/3} P^{1/3} K (1-e^2)^{0.5}}{(2\pi G)^{1/3}}$ 



### A few words before finishing

- 218 million spectral types in Gaia DR3 produced by our team based on the spectra
- Chromospheric activity index from the Ca IR III can indicate youth in stars (but look also at their positions in the HR diagram)
- Interest in binaries for stellar masses is also to improve our stellar physics so that we can give you better models!
- Do not forget a very important message also given by Dan: there are systematics in stellar evolution. But with precise "observables" and measuring things in different ways we refine our knowledge of the physics of stellar interiors and evolution
- Metallicities for low-metal stars: calibration tool is proposed, see: <u>Gaia software tools</u>
- Want to know more on Gaia stellar parameters:
  - Scientific Apsis papers on Astrophysical Parameters, on ADS

### Webinar on CU8 APs



### CU8 highlights and



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the multi-D Gaia



### What to retain from this lecture

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