

Solar twins in M 67: evolutionary status and lithium abundance

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ABSTRACT

Aims. We determine the age and mass of the three best solar twin candidates in open cluster M 67 through lithium evolutionary models.

Methods. We computed a grid of evolutionary models with non-standard mixing at metallicity $[Fe/H] = 0.01$ with the Toulouse-Geneva evolution code for a range of stellar masses. We estimated the mass and age of 10 solar analogs belonging to the open cluster M 67. We made a detailed study of the three solar twins of the sample, YPB637, YPB1194, and YPB1787.

Results. We obtained a very accurate estimation of the mass of our solar analogs in M 67 by interpolating in the grid of evolutionary models. The three solar twins allowed us to estimate the age of the open cluster, which is $3.87^{+0.55}_{-0.66}$ Gyr, which is better constrained than former estimates.

Conclusions. Our results show that the 3 solar twin candidates have one solar mass within the errors and that M 67 has a solar age within the errors, validating its use as a solar proxy. M 67 is an important cluster when searching for solar twins.

Key words. stars: fundamental parameters – stars: abundances – stars: evolution – stars: interiors – stars: solar-type

1. Introduction

Lithium depletion of each star depends on the evolution of its rotational history and the changes in the convective envelope due to internal mixing. In main-sequence solar-like stars, lithium is easily destroyed by nuclear burning in stellar interiors at temperatures above 2.4×10^6 K, and its surface abundance indicates the depth of mixing below their photospheres. The Sun has long been thought to be highly Li-depleted by a factor of 10 compared to the other field G stars (Lambert & Reddy 2004). However, two of the best solar twins found by Meléndez & Ramírez (2007) (namely, HIP 56948 and HIP 73815) are Li-poor. The amount of Li depletion in solar twins is sensitive to microscopic diffusion, and an extra-mixing process is required to explain the low Li abundances observed, indicating that they also share a similar mixing history with the Sun.

M 67 is one of the most studied open clusters. Its chemical composition, metallicity and age are similar to those of the Sun. Various chemical analyses (Tautvaisiene et al. 2000; Randich et al. 2006; Pace et al. 2008) show that not only abundances of Fe, but also element abundances of O, Na, Mg, Al, Si, Ca, Ti, Cr, and Ni, are very similar to their solar counterparts, as close as allowed by the precision of the measurements. The ages determined are similar to those of the Sun, between 3.5 and 4.8 Gyr (Yadav et al. 2008). Another interesting aspect of open cluster M 67 is its Li-depleted G stars. Lithium abundance study is a crucial point for understanding the physics involved in stellar interiors. Pasquini et al. (1997) show there is a large spread in Li abundances among solar-type stars in M 67. Almost 40% of their sample shows Li depletion comparable to that of the Sun. In this context, M 67 is a perfect target to search for solar analogs and solar twins. Indeed, many stars are similar to the Sun in terms

of effective temperature and chemical composition, but their Li abundance is much higher than in our star. Furthermore, among the 90 MS stars studied by Pasquini et al. (2008) in M 67, 10 had similar effective temperature and Li content as low as that of the Sun, making them excellent solar twin candidates.

In do Nascimento et al. (2009), we showed that it is possible to precisely determine the mass of solar twins using evolutionary models. We determined the mass and the age of 5 solar twins taken from two sources: Meléndez & Ramírez (2007) and Takeda et al. (2007). We began to compute a solar model, helioseismically calibrated, to reproduce not only solar luminosity and radius, but also Li depletion. To that end, we introduced mixing due to meridional circulation with a feedback effect from the μ -currents (Zahn 1992; Vauclair & Théado 2003; Théado & Vauclair 2003). This calibration was used to compute models of different masses whose tracks in a $T_{\text{eff}}\text{-log } N(\text{Li})$ diagram passed through the observational point. In the range of effective temperatures studied (typically 5400–6000 K), Li destruction is very sensitive to mass, and we were able to precisely determine the mass of each solar twin and its age.

In the present work, we computed helioseismically calibrated, evolutionary, solar-like models with microscopic diffusion and rotation-induced mixing in the radiative interior, as in do Nascimento et al. (2009). We estimate the masses of the 10 solar analogs in M 67 found by Pasquini et al. (2008). We estimate the age of the three most probable solar twins of the sample. The working sample is described in Sect. 2. Improved Li abundances, using spectral synthesis instead of calibration based on equivalent width (EW, hereafter), are presented in Sect. 3. In Sect. 4, we describe the grid of evolutionary models with the non-standard physics that we computed. In Sect. 5, we present our results and compare our estimation of the age of M 67 with

Table 1. Parameters of the observed solar analogues in M 67.

Object	$T_{\text{eff}}^{\text{LDR}}$ (K)	(L/L_{\odot})	$\log N(\text{Li})^{\text{NLTE}}$	$\log N(\text{Li})_{\text{moog}}^*$
285	5836 ± 67	$1.112^{+0.119}_{-0.106}$	<0.6	0.6
637	5806 ± 65	$1.089^{+0.117}_{-0.103}$	1.4	1.5
1101	5756 ± 60	$0.925^{+0.099}_{-0.088}$	<0.6	<0.6
1194	5766 ± 64	$0.976^{+0.105}_{-0.093}$	<0.6	<1.3
1303	5716 ± 64	$0.960^{+0.103}_{-0.091}$	<0.6	1.2
1304	5704 ± 64	$0.886^{+0.095}_{-0.084}$	<0.5	<0.8
1315	5874 ± 58	$1.286^{+0.138}_{-0.122}$	1.4	1.8
1392	5716 ± 63	$0.821^{+0.088}_{-0.078}$	<0.6	<0.6
1787	5768 ± 70	$1.039^{+0.111}_{-0.099}$	1.0	1.6
2018	5693 ± 74	$1.035^{+0.111}_{-0.098}$	<0.5	<1.3

Notes. Cols. 1–4 from Pasquini et al. (2008). * Our determinations of the Li abundances using the MOOG program.

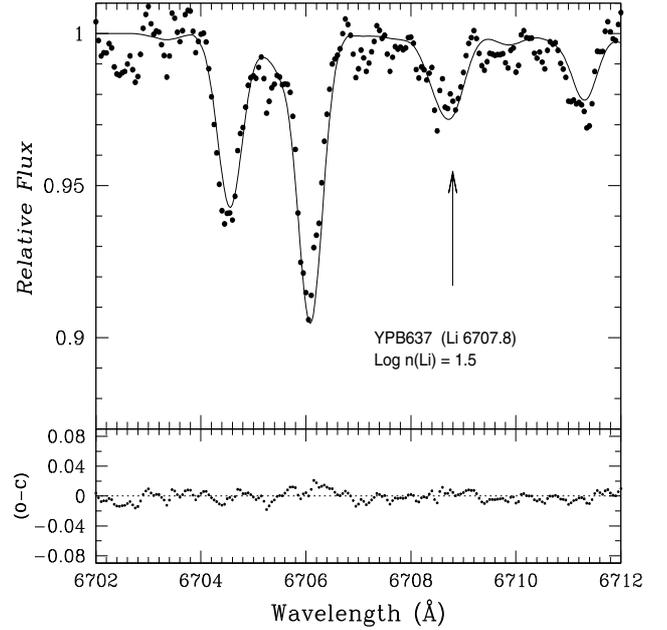
earlier estimate. In this section we also show that the constitutive physics of the models influence and alter the isochrones constructed. We present the M 67 color-magnitude diagram constrained by main sequence solar twins. Finally, our conclusions are outlined in Sect. 6.

2. Sample of solar analogs in M 67

Pasquini et al. (2008) observed 90 targets belonging to cluster M 67 with the multi-object FLAMES/GIRAFFE spectrograph (see Sect. 3). They computed the effective stellar temperatures of these stars using two spectroscopic methods: the line-depth ratios (LDR) and the $H\alpha$ wings. They derived Li abundances from measured EW using the calibration of Soderblom et al. (1993). The authors highlight 10 stars in their sample, for which both $T_{\text{eff}}^{\text{LDR}}$ and $T_{\text{eff}}^{\text{H}\alpha}$ are within 100 K of the solar values and which have a strong Li depletion. These stars are good solar twin candidates. However, as observed by the authors, given the limited resolution ($R \sim 17\,000$) and S/N (80–110/pixel in average), the errors in Li abundance determination are high and the stars with upper limits may have a Li abundance comparable to the solar value, or even higher.

For our study, we used the effective temperature determined by the LDR method, which is believed to be more precise (Pasquini et al. 2008). For cluster M 67 we adopted a metallicity of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.01 \pm 0.03$ (Randich et al. 2006) and an age of 4.0 ± 0.5 Gyr (Dinescu et al. 1995). Pasquini et al. (2008) give a distance modulus for the cluster of $(m - M)_0 = 9.63 \pm 0.06_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.05_{\text{sys}}$, which corresponds to a distance $d = 843^{+44}_{-41}$ pc. Intrinsic absolute magnitudes M_V were derived from this distance, the V magnitude given by Pasquini et al. (2008), and a visual extinction $A_V \sim 3.1 * E(B - V) = 0.127$ mag (Schultz & Wiemer 1975) with $E(B - V) = 41 \pm 4$ mmag, the reddening of M 67 (Taylor 2007). We computed relative stellar luminosity compared to solar luminosity, using the bolometric corrections of Flower (1996) and the associated error from the uncertainty in distance.

The atmospheric parameters of all these stars are in excellent agreement with those of the Sun. However, the Li determination given in Pasquini et al. (2008) could be improved by spectral synthesis (see Sect. 3.1). The parameters of the solar analogs in M 67 are summarized in Table 1.

**Fig. 1.** Spectral synthesis of the $\lambda 6707$ Li I line of YPB637.

3. Observations and lithium abundance

The spectra were acquired on three observation nights with the multi-object FLAMES/GIRAFFE spectrograph at the UT2/Kueyen ESO-VLT (Pasquini et al. 2002) in MEDUSA mode¹ as part of a project searching for solar twins in M 67 (Pasquini et al. 2008). The setting used was HR15N, which simultaneously covers the $H\alpha$ and Li I resonance doublet at 670.8 nm with a resolution of $R \sim 17\,000$. Three separate exposures were obtained to identify short and intermediate period binaries by comparing the radial velocities at different epochs. On average, combined spectra had a typical S/N of 80–110/pixel. For an extended description of sample selection, observations, and data reduction, see Pasquini et al. (2008).

3.1. Lithium abundance

The Li abundance of all M 67 twins was derived from the Li I resonance transition at $\lambda 6707 \text{ \AA}$ synthetic spectrum fitted to the GIRAFFE spectrum for the fundamental atmospheric parameters. First, we used T_{eff} spectroscopic determination and surface gravity $\log g = 4.44$ dex, metallicity $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.0$, projected surface velocity $v \sin i = 2.0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, microturbulence velocity $\xi = 1.21 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ from Pasquini et al. (2008). Atmospheric models were interpolated in the Kurucz grid (Kurucz 1993), and the synthetic spectra were computed with MOOG (Snedden 1973). The GIRAFFE instrumental broadening profile was set at 0.39 \AA , which is the FWHM of the GIRAFFE spectra. From the fundamental parameters, we derived $\log N(\text{Li}) = 1.5$, $\log N(\text{Li}) < 1.3$ and $\log N(\text{Li}) = 1.6$ respectively for YPB637, YPB1194, and YPB1787 (Figs. 1–3), on the usual scale where $\log N(\text{H}) = 12.00$.

Given the limited S/N and resolution of the YPB1194 spectrum, only an upper limit for the Li abundance of this star can be determined. The consequences are discussed in Sect. 5. These values are higher than the determinations of Pasquini et al. (2008), $\log N(\text{Li}) = 1.4$ and 1.0 , and lower than 0.6 . Our Li

¹ This is the observing mode in FLAMES in which 132 fibers feed the GIRAFFE spectrograph. Some fibers are set on the target stars and others on the sky background.

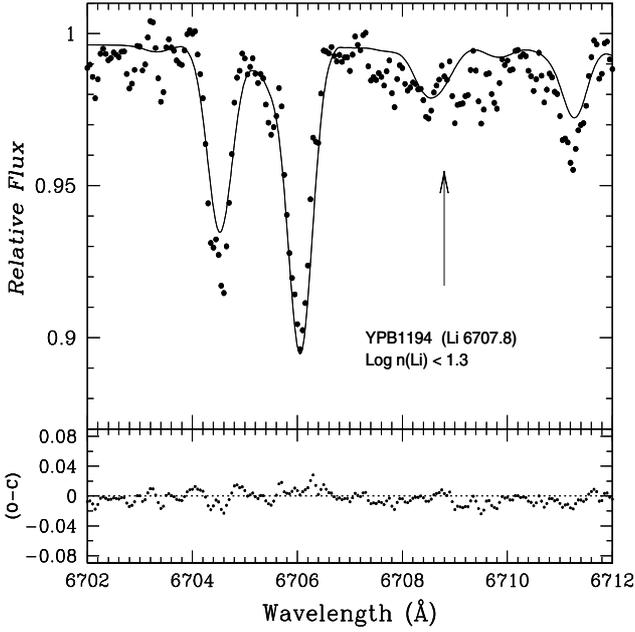


Fig. 2. Same as Fig. 1 for YPB1194.

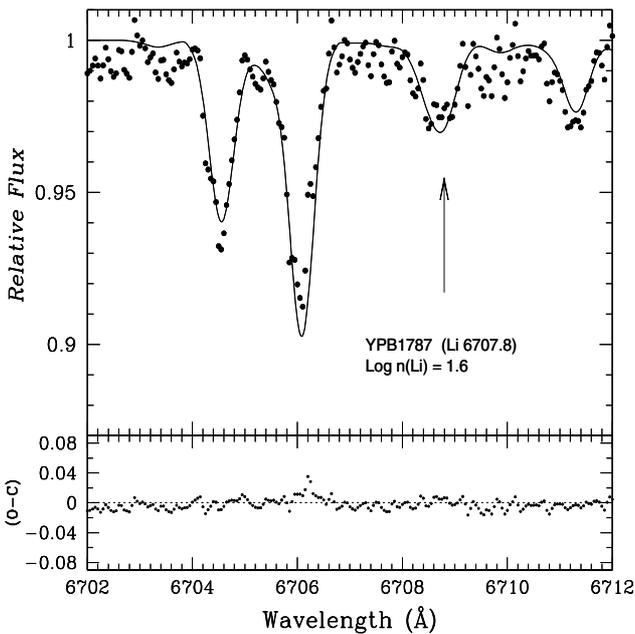


Fig. 3. Same as Fig. 1 for YPB1787.

abundance in the 10 solar twin candidates differed somewhat from the estimates obtained by Pasquini et al. (2008) because we used spectral synthesis instead of a calibration based on EWs, which may not be adequate for Li-depleted stars. For each star we determined $\log N(\text{Li})$ from synthetic models on the range of effective temperatures uncertainties. The procedure gives us an error of about 0.05 dex for $\log N(\text{Li})$ due to uncertainty in effective temperature. The errors arising from uncertainties surface gravity and microturbulent velocity are less than 0.01 dex, so can be ignored. The total error in $\log N(\text{Li})$ obtained by summing the error in model-fitting procedure (see Bonifacio et al. 2007) and effective temperature uncertainties in quadrature is equal to 0.10 dex as represented in Figs. 4 and 5.

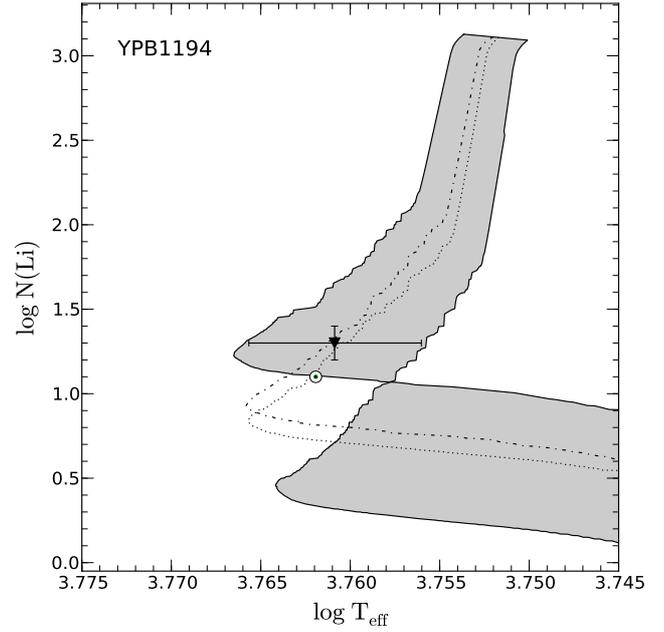


Fig. 4. Solar twin YPB1194 of open cluster M 67 observed by Pasquini et al. (2008): Li destruction along the evolutionary tracks as a function of effective temperature. The shaded zone represents the range of masses of TGE models limited by the observational error bars. A model (dot-dashed lines) of $1.000 M_{\odot}$ passes through the observed point. The position of the Sun and the lithium destruction of a solar model (dotted line) are indicated. The Li abundance of the solar twin is an upper limit (triangle).

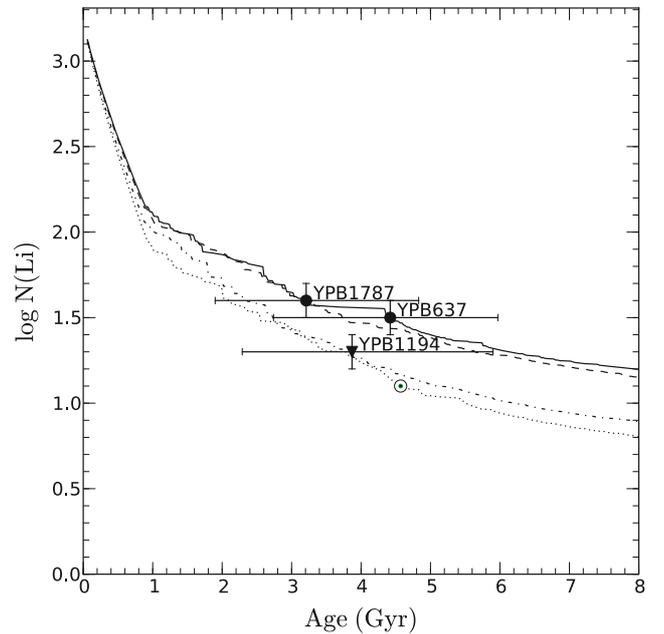


Fig. 5. Solar twins YPB637, YPB1194, and YPB1787 of open cluster M 67 observed by Pasquini et al. (2008): Li destruction along the evolutionary tracks as a function of age. The positions of the solar twins, the Sun, and Li destruction of a solar model (dotted line) are indicated. The Li abundance of the solar twin YPB1194 is an upper limit (triangle).

4. Stellar evolutionary models

For the purposes of this study, stellar evolutionary models were computed using the Toulouse-Geneva stellar evolution code TGE (Hui-Bon-Hoa 2008). Details on the physics

Table 2. Results of mass determination from interpolation in the $T_{\text{eff}}\text{-log } N(\text{Li})$ diagram.

Object	Mass (M_{\odot})
285	$1.001^{+0.030}_{-0.011}$
637	$1.005^{+0.012}_{-0.005}$
1101	$0.988^{+0.008}_{-0.008}$
1194	$0.999^{+0.007}_{-0.008}$
1303	$0.985^{+0.006}_{-0.009}$
1304	$0.983^{+0.005}_{-0.009}$
1315	$1.018^{+0.022}_{-0.013}$
1392	$0.985^{+0.006}_{-0.009}$
1787	$1.004^{+0.007}_{-0.008}$
2018	$0.982^{+0.006}_{-0.009}$

of these models can be found in [Richard et al. \(1996, 2004\)](#), [do Nascimento et al. \(2000\)](#), and [Hui-Bon-Hoa \(2008\)](#). Standard input physics, non standard processes, diffusion, and rotation-induced mixing added in the models are described in [do Nascimento et al. \(2009\)](#). The method assumes the existence of an expected dependency between $\log N(\text{Li})$ and the star's mass and age for solar analogs stars (e.g., [Montalbán & Schatzman 2000](#); [Charbonnel & Talon 2005](#); [Xiong & Deng 2009](#); [do Nascimento et al. 2009](#); [Baumann et al. 2010](#)). This implies that stars with larger convection zones on the main sequence and a higher degree of differential rotation between the envelope and the radiative core present enhanced Li depletion, consequently we should know the angular momentum history of each studied star. Somehow, for solar twins stars belonging to the same cluster, their angular momentum average may be approximated well by a mean angular momentum evolution history. In this context, our analysis is limited to solar-like stars on the main sequence and with a similar angular momentum history.

4.1. Models and calibration

We computed a grid of hundreds of evolutionary models of masses in the 0.90 to $1.10 M_{\odot}$ range with a step of $0.001 M_{\odot}$, and with metallicities in the -0.030 to 0.050 range with a step of 0.010 , from the zero-age main sequence (ZAMS) to the end of the hydrogen exhaustion in the core. Our evolutionary models were calibrated to match the observed solar effective temperature, luminosity, and Li abundance at the solar age. The calibration method of models is based on the [Richard et al. \(1996\)](#) prescription and is described in [do Nascimento et al. \(2009\)](#). In the following, we use models with a metallicity of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.01$, which is a simple average of different estimates of M 67 metallicity (see [Pasquini et al. 2008](#)).

5. Results and discussion

For each star we use an interpolation program to determine the mass. The uncertainties in $T_{\text{eff}}^{\text{LDR}}$ give rise to uncertainties in mass determination. The mass is interpolated from an HR diagram and from a $T_{\text{eff}}\text{-log } N(\text{Li})$ diagram. The results for each star are presented in [Table 2](#). Determination from the $T_{\text{eff}}\text{-log } N(\text{Li})$ diagram is more precise because Li abundance, more than luminosity, depends on mass (see [do Nascimento et al. 2009](#)). All stars of the

sample have a mass within the range expected for the mass of a solar twin ($\pm 5\%$ of the solar mass).

In the following, we concentrate our analysis on objects YPB637, YPB1194, and YPB1787, which are the three most probable solar twins of the sample. They have a mass, an effective temperature, and Li abundance very close to the solar values. The temperature errors in [Table 2](#) are those given in [Table A2](#) of [Pasquini et al. \(2008\)](#), which are about 65 K.

For these three stars, we calculated an evolutionary model of the mass determined by interpolation in the $T_{\text{eff}}\text{-log } N(\text{Li})$ diagram, and we determined the range of masses limited by the observational error in $T_{\text{eff}}^{\text{LDR}}$, which gives a value of $1.005^{+0.005}_{-0.005} M_{\odot}$ for the object YPB637, and $1.004^{+0.006}_{-0.008} M_{\odot}$ for the object YPB1787. For the object YPB1194, the determination of the Li abundance as an upper limit implies an upper limit for the mass determination: $1.000_{-0.008} M_{\odot}$. In [Fig. 4](#) we present the $T_{\text{eff}}\text{-log } N(\text{Li})$ diagram for YPB1194 as an example with the evolutionary tracks. The tracks of the evolution of the models pass through the observation point, as expected. The position of the observation point on the track and the tracks limited by the error give us an age of $4.42^{+1.55}_{-1.68}$ Gyr for YPB637 and $3.21^{+1.62}_{-1.31}$ Gyr for YPB1787. For YPB1194, the upper limit of the Li abundance gives a lower limit for the age: $3.87^{+2.03}$ Gyr. In [Fig. 5](#) we present Li destruction in the evolutionary model as a function of the age.

5.1. Age determination of open cluster M 67

The usual way to determine the age of an open cluster is to fit a theoretical isochrone with the observed main sequence and turn-off stars in a color-magnitude diagram. The position of the observed points in the diagram depends on the adopted interstellar reddening for the cluster, and the position of the isochrone varies according to metallicity and distance modulus. The ‘‘hook’’ of the turn-off is reproduced by calibrating the overshooting of the convective core. [Hobbs & Thorburn \(1991\)](#) determined an age of 5.2 ± 1.0 Gyr from the high-dispersion echelle spectra of five stars located along the main sequence of M 67. In [Montgomery et al. \(1993\)](#), the authors present a CCD photometry survey of M 67. They derived a reddening $E(B - V) = 0.05 \pm 0.01$ and a metallicity $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.05 \pm 0.03$. From cluster fitting to theoretical isochrones in a color-magnitude diagram, they found an age between 3 and 5 Gyr, but none of the isochrones fit the data consistently. [Dinescu et al. \(1995\)](#) used the sample of [Montgomery et al. \(1993\)](#), cleaned up by cross-identification with the proper motion membership study of [Girard et al. \(1989\)](#). They determined a distance modulus and the age of open cluster M 67 by fitting the observed main sequence for single stars to the theoretical evolutionary tracks. They estimate an age of 4.0 ± 0.5 Gyr, and found that earlier models with overshoot of at most $0.1 H_{\text{p}}$ seem to reproduce the observations better. [Yadav et al. \(2008\)](#) find an age between 3.5 and 4.8 Gyr, by comparing their CMD, established from two-epoch archival observations with the Wide-Field Imager at the 2.2 m MPG/ESO telescope and reduced with new astrometric techniques, as described in [Anderson et al. \(2006\)](#), to the following sets of theoretical isochrones: the BaSTI models provided by [Pietrinferni et al. \(2004\)](#) with $E(B - V) = 0.02$ and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.06$, the Padova models published by [Girardi et al. \(2000\)](#) with $E(B - V) = 0.02$ and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.00$, the Yonsei-Yale isochrones provided by [Yi et al. \(2001\)](#) in their second release with $E(B - V) = 0.02$ and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.00$, and the Victoria-Regina models published by [VandenBerg et al. \(2006\)](#) with $E(B - V) = 0.03$ and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.03$. They confirm that the

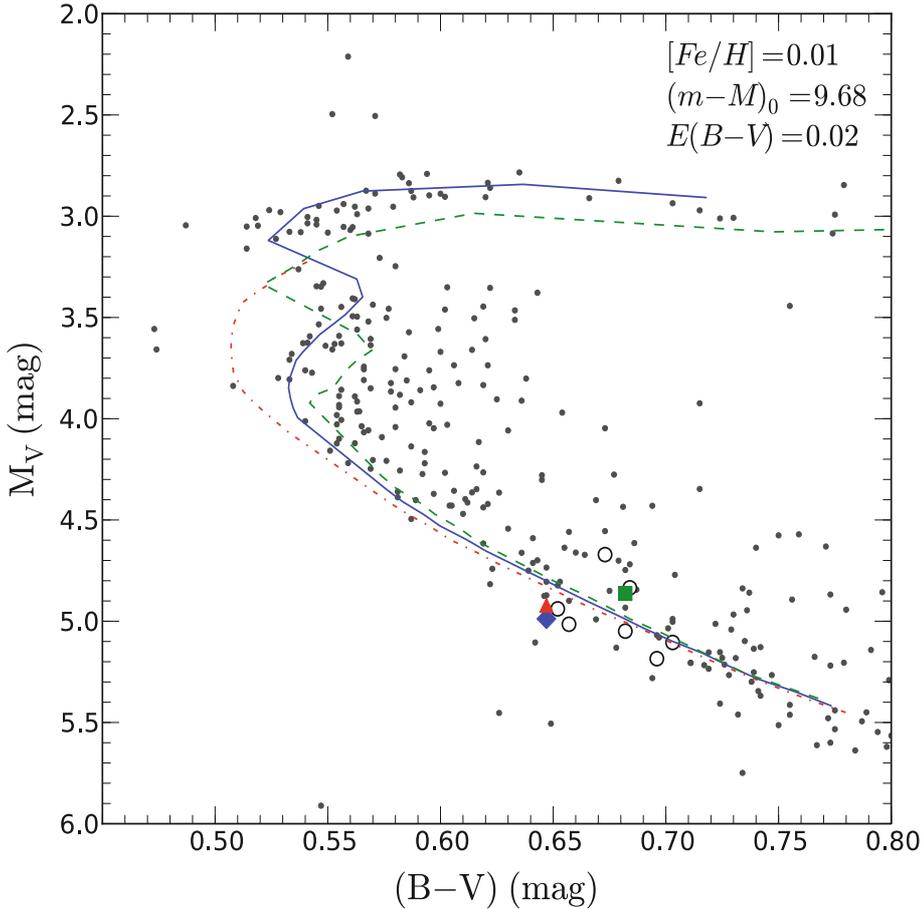


Fig. 6. Color–magnitude diagram of the solar analog sample of M67 from [Yadav et al. \(2008\)](#). The dot-dashed isochrone, the continuous isochrone and the dashed isochrone correspond to an age of 3.21 Gyr, 3.87 Gyr, and 4.42 Gyr, respectively. The three best solar twins, YPB637, YPB1194, and YPB1787, are represented respectively as square, diamond, and triangle. The other solar analogs from [Pasquini et al. \(2008\)](#) are represented with open circles.

convective core overshoot in M67 should be small, as pointed out by [Sandquist \(2004\)](#) and [VandenBerg & Stetson \(2004\)](#). [VandenBerg et al. \(2007\)](#) investigated the possibility of using the morphology of the M67 turn-off to put constraints on solar metallicity. Their models and isochrones computed on the assumption of a low-metal mix based on the solar abundances derived by [Asplund et al. \(2005\)](#), and adopting a metallicity $[Fe/H] = 0.00$, a reddening $E(B - V) = 0.038$, and a distance modulus $(m - M)_0 = 9.70$, do not predict the turnoff gap in the CMD. The same analysis using a 3.9 Gyr isochrone assuming the [Grevesse & Sauval \(1998\)](#) mix of heavy metals provides a good match to the morphology of the M67 CMD. [Magic et al. \(2010\)](#) confirm these results, but found that other physics in the models, e.g. element diffusion, nuclear reactions, prescription of core overshooting, also influence the stellar mass at which convective cores start to develop, and alter this result to the extent that isochrones constructed with models using low CNO solar abundances can also reproduce the turn-off morphology in M67. They find ages between 3.9 and 4.8 Gyr.

For each solar twin, we determined an age from the computed stellar model with mass previously determined. We found three different ages in a narrow range of 1.2 Gyr. The age that best fits the color–magnitude diagram is 3.87 Gyr, the upper limit of the age of YPB1194, the best solar twin candidate (see Sect. 5.2). We used the two other age determinations to determine an error bar. Hence, our estimation for the age of open cluster M67 is $3.87^{+0.55}_{-0.66}$ Gyr, which is in very good agreement

with the most recent results ([VandenBerg et al. 2007](#); [Yadav et al. 2008](#); [Magic et al. 2010](#)).

5.2. The color–magnitude diagram

Figure 6 presents the color–magnitude diagram of open cluster M67. The isochrones are constructed from computed models of metallicity $[Fe/H] = 0.01$ and masses from 0.90 to $1.31 M_{\odot}$. The models of mass $1.19 M_{\odot}$ and higher are computed with a convective core overshooting parameter $\alpha_{ov} = 0.01 H_p$, whose occurrence is needed to provide a satisfactory match to the observed CMDs (see [Kalirai et al. 2001](#), and references therein). A very small convective core overshoot is needed to match the features near the main sequence turnoff region, in agreement with [Sandquist \(2004\)](#), [VandenBerg & Stetson \(2004\)](#), and [Yadav et al. \(2008\)](#). We used Eq. (3) and Table 4 of [Casagrande et al. \(2010\)](#) to compute the $(B - V)$ color index of our models. We determined the absolute visual magnitude of the models from the luminosity using $(M_{bol})_{\odot} = 4.74$ mag, and the bolometric corrections of [Flower \(1996\)](#). For the stars of the M67 sample, we used the $(B - V)$ and V measurements of [Yadav et al. \(2008\)](#). Our best fit of the main sequence and the “hook” of the turn-off is achieved with isochrone 3.87 Gyr, using a distance modulus $(m - M)_0 = 9.68$ and a reddening $E(B - V) = 0.02$ mag. The value of the distance modulus is in good agreement with former determinations ([VandenBerg et al. 2007](#); [Yadav et al. 2008](#); [Pasquini et al. 2008](#)). The reddening is lower than the value obtained by

Taylor (2007) but, as pointed out by Yadav et al. (2008), given the intrinsic uncertainties in calibration of $E(B - V)$, the true reddening could be anywhere between 0.02 and 0.04 mag.

6. Conclusions

In this paper, we applied the method developed by do Nascimento et al. (2009) to the solar analogs of open cluster M67 identified by Pasquini et al. (2008), in order to determine their masses as accurately as possible. We identified three objects, YPB637, YPB1194, and YPB1787, whose effective temperature, luminosity, mass, and Li abundance values are very close to the solar ones. For these three solar twins we derived ages of $4.42^{+1.55}_{-1.68}$ Gyr for YPB637, and $3.21^{+1.62}_{-1.31}$ Gyr for YPB1787. For YPB1194, the lower limit of the age is $3.87^{+2.03}$ Gyr. These estimations allowed us to construct isochrones on a color-magnitude diagram for open cluster M67, using the sample of Yadav et al. (2008). The isochrone 3.87 Gyr matches both the main-sequence and the turn-off regions, using a distance modulus $(m - M)_0 = 9.68$ and a reddening $E(B - V) = 0.02$ mag. The three solar twins allowed us to estimate the age of the open cluster as $3.87^{+0.55}_{-0.66}$ Gyr. We thus confirm the importance of M67 as a cluster with a slightly lower age than the solar one, and the mass of the solar twin candidates is also very similar to solar; therefore, M67 is an important cluster when searching for solar twins.

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