

Discovery of a hot, transiting, Earth-sized planet and a second temperate, non-transiting planet around the M4 dwarf GJ 3473 (TOI-488)[★]

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ABSTRACT

We present the confirmation and characterisation of GJ 3473 b (G 50–16, TOI-488.01), a hot Earth-sized planet orbiting an M4 dwarf star, whose transiting signal ($P = 1.1980035 \pm 0.0000018$ d) was first detected by the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS). Through a joint modelling of follow-up radial velocity observations with CARMENES, IRD, and HARPS together with extensive ground-based photometric follow-up observations with LCOGT, MuSCAT, and MuSCAT2, we determined a precise planetary mass, $M_b = 1.86 \pm 0.30 M_\oplus$, and radius, $R_b = 1.264 \pm 0.050 R_\oplus$. Additionally, we report the discovery of a second, temperate, non-transiting planet in the system, GJ 3473 c, which has a minimum mass, $M_c \sin i = 7.41 \pm 0.91 M_\oplus$, and orbital period, $P_c = 15.509 \pm 0.033$ d. The inner planet of the system, GJ 3473 b, is one of the hottest transiting Earth-sized planets known thus far, accompanied by a dynamical mass measurement, which makes it a particularly attractive target for thermal emission spectroscopy.

Key words. planetary systems – planets and satellites: detection – techniques: radial velocities – techniques: photometric – stars: late-type – stars: individual: G 50-16

1. Introduction

The detection of transiting planets with the radial velocity (RV) method enables us to derive a comprehensive characterisation of their properties. In particular, it permits the measurement of a dynamical planetary mass and, hence, a measurement of the planetary mean density when combined with the planetary radius derived from the transit light curve. From comparisons with theoretical models, the density of a planet provides information about its composition and structure and, therefore, it

plays a key role in understanding planet formation and evolution (e.g. Southworth 2010; Marcy et al. 2014; Rogers 2015; Fulton et al. 2017; Bitsch et al. 2019; Zeng et al. 2019). Furthermore, additional non-transiting planets in the system can be detected with the RV method. Such multi-planetary systems hold valuable information because the dynamical interaction between the planets can have a significant influence on their formation and evolution, as well as shaping the currently observed architecture of the system (e.g. Lissauer 2007; Zhu et al. 2012; Anglada-Escudé et al. 2013; Mills & Mazeh 2017; Morales et al. 2019).

A significant fraction of the over 3000 transiting exoplanets known today¹ were discovered by the *Kepler* satellite (Borucki et al. 2010; Borucki 2016). However, *Kepler's* focus on faint

[★] RV data are only available at the CDS via anonymous ftp to cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr (130.79.128.5) or via <http://cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/cat/J/A+A/642/A236>

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¹ On 26 August 2020, 3189 transiting exoplanets were listed by exoplanetarchive.ipac.caltech.edu/

stars ($K_p > 12$ mag) impeded detailed follow-up studies of those planets using ground-based facilities. In contrast, the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS; [Ricker et al. 2015](#)) is now filling in this gap. To date, TESS has already found more than 50 confirmed transiting planets, and many more candidates, orbiting bright, nearby stars ($G \sim 6\text{--}13$ mag, $d \sim 10\text{--}340$ pc). One of its level-one science requirements is to measure the masses for 50 transiting planets with radii smaller than $4 R_\oplus$ by RV follow-up observations². What is particularly interesting in this regime are planets that are orbiting M dwarf stars. The relative transit depth, and thus the detection probability of rocky planets around M dwarfs, is much higher compared to larger stars of earlier spectral types. Still, despite M dwarfs being the most common stars in our Galaxy (e.g. [Chabrier 2003](#); [Henry et al. 2006](#)) and the fact that small planets are more abundant around later type stars ([Howard et al. 2012](#); [Bonfils et al. 2013](#); [Mulders et al. 2015](#); [Dressing & Charbonneau 2015](#); [Gaidos et al. 2016](#); [Hardegree-Ullman et al. 2019](#)), only a few precise dynamical masses of such planets have currently been determined. Prior to the TESS mission, only 12 planets with radii smaller than $R = 2 R_\oplus$ and dynamical mass measurements to a precision better than 30% were known to orbit stars with temperatures, $T_{\text{eff}} < 4000$ K. Thanks to the intensive RV follow-up of TESS planet candidates, this number already increased by seven new planets (see [Table A.1](#) for the full list). The brightness of these cool TESS host stars, combined with their small size, makes many of them ideal targets for atmospheric characterisation by transmission or thermal emission spectroscopy with upcoming space-borne or ground-based instruments ([Kempton et al. 2018](#); [Batalha et al. 2018](#)).

Here, we report the discovery of a planetary system around the intermediate M dwarf GJ 3473. The inner, Earth-sized planet was first detected as a transiting planet candidate by TESS. Our extensive RV monitoring campaign, using CARMENES, IRD, and HARPS, confirms its planetary nature and reveals a second, more massive, non-transiting planet on a wider orbit. This paper is structured as follows: Sect. 2 describes the data used in this study. In Sect. 3, the properties of the host star are presented. The analysis of the data is set out in Sect. 4 and the results are discussed in Sect. 5. Finally, we give our conclusions in Sect. 6.

2. Data

2.1. TESS

GJ 3473 (TIC 452866790) was observed by TESS with a two-minute cadence in Sector 7 (Camera #1, CCD #3) between 7 January and 2 February 2019 and is listed to have a transiting planet candidate on the TESS releases website (TOI-488.01). Due to its proximity to the ecliptic plane, it will not be observed again by TESS during its primary mission, but will be revisited in Sector 34 of the TESS extended mission in the third year³. The time series had a gap between BJD = 2 458 503.04 and BJD = 2 458 504.71 because of the data downlink and telescope re-pointing (see [Fig. 2](#)). The light curves produced by the Science Processing Operations Center (SPOC; [Jenkins et al. 2016](#)) are available on the Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes⁴. For our analysis, we used the systematics-corrected simple aperture

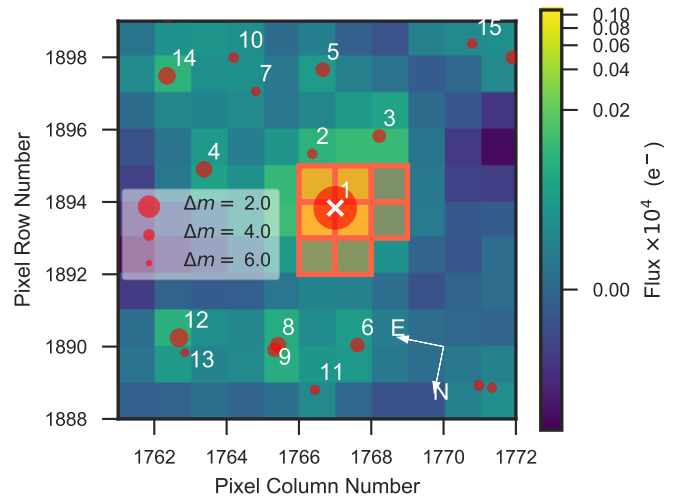


Fig. 1. TESS TPF of GJ 3473. The planet-host star is marked by a white cross and the pixels of the aperture mask used for the retrieval of the light curve are highlighted with orange borders. Sources listed in the *Gaia* DR2 catalogue ([Gaia Collaboration 2018](#)) are indicated by red circles (size proportional to their brightness difference with GJ 3473). Source #3 is LP 544-12, the common proper motion companion to GJ 3473.

photometry (PDC-SAP) light curve ([Smith et al. 2012](#); [Stumpe et al. 2012, 2014](#)). A plot of the target pixel file (TPF) and the aperture mask that is used for the simple aperture photometry (SAP), generated with `tpfplotter`⁵, is shown in [Fig. 1](#). The TESS data have a median internal uncertainty of 2.35 ppt (parts per thousand) and root mean square (rms) of 2.2 ppt around the mean. See [Luque et al. \(2019\)](#), [Dreizler et al. \(2020\)](#), [Nowak et al. \(2020\)](#), and [Bluhm et al. \(2020\)](#) for further details on the applied methodology.

2.2. High-resolution spectroscopy

High-resolution follow-up spectroscopy of the TESS planet candidates is arranged by the TESS follow-up programme (TFOP), “Precise Radial Velocities” SG4 subgroup⁶. The goal is to achieve a full validation of the candidates and to ultimately provide their mass measurement.

CARMENES. As part of the CARMENES guaranteed time observation programme to search for exoplanets around M dwarfs ([Reiners et al. 2018](#)), we observed GJ 3473 with CARMENES (Calar Alto high-Resolution search for M dwarfs with Exoearths with Near-infrared and visible Echelle Spectrographs; [Quirrenbach et al. 2014](#)). CARMENES is a high-resolution spectrograph at the 3.5 m Calar Alto telescope that consists of two cross-dispersed echelle channels operating in the spectral ranges of 0.52 to 0.96 μm in the visible light (VIS, $R = 94\,600$) and 0.96 to 1.71 μm in the near infrared (NIR, $R = 80\,400$), respectively. The observations began at the end of March 2019, just after the announcement of the transiting planet candidate, and ended in January 2020. In this period, we collected 67 pairs of VIS and NIR spectra with exposure times of about 30 min each. Within the standard CARMENES data flow, the spectra are calibrated using CARACAL ([Caballero et al. 2016a](#)), while the RVs are calculated using SERVAL ([Zechmeister et al. 2018](#)). The RVs are corrected for barycentric motion,

² <https://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/tess/primary-science.html>, visited on 28 June 2020.

³ <https://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/cgi-bin/tess/webtess/wtv.py?Entry=452866790>, visited on 28 April 2020.

⁴ <https://mast.stsci.edu>

⁵ <https://github.com/jlillo/tpfplotter>

⁶ <https://tess.mit.edu/followup/>

Table 1. Summary of the ground-based transit follow-up observations.

Telescope	Date	Transit ^(a)	Filter	t_{exp} [s]	Duration ^(b) [min]	N_{obs}	Aperture [pix]	rms [ppt]
LCOGT McD	2019-03-19	58	z_s	100	234	110	18	1.25
MuSCAT2	2019-12-21	290	i	30	237	675	32	1.75
MuSCAT2	2019-12-21	290	z_s	20	237	457	32	1.65
MuSCAT2	2020-01-02	300	r	18	254	823	32	2.45
MuSCAT2	2020-01-02	300	i	18	254	845	32	2.12
MuSCAT2	2020-01-02	300	z_s	18	254	845	32	1.60
MuSCAT	2020-01-18	313	r	20	202	553	24	1.85
MuSCAT	2020-01-18	313	z_s	20	202	551	26	1.11
LCOGT CTIO	2020-02-21	341	i_p	60	224	145	20	1.56
LCOGT CTIO	2020-02-27	346	i_p	60	229	145	19	1.58
LCOGT SAAO	2020-03-13	359	z_s	100	230	101	16	1.10

Notes. ^(a)Transit number after the first transit observed by TESS. ^(b)Time-span of the observation.

secular perspective acceleration, as well as instrumental drift. To reconstruct small systematic radial-velocity variations, so called nightly zero-point offsets, we use the measured RVs of all other stars with only small intrinsic RV variations from the respective observing nights (see Trifonov et al. 2018, 2020; Tal-Or et al. 2019, for details). Spectra without simultaneous Fabry-Pérot drift measurements or a signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) lower than 10 are excluded during the process, which results in a total of 64 RV measurements in the VIS and 66 in the NIR. The RVs show a median internal uncertainty of 2.1 m s^{-1} and a weighted rms (wrms) of 3.8 m s^{-1} in the VIS and 11.7 and 15.6 m s^{-1} in the NIR, respectively. The high scatter in the NIR channel corresponds to our expectation from the photon-noise limit considering the median measured S/N of ~ 63 for the NIR observations (see Bauer et al. 2020, for a detailed analysis of the performance of CARMENES). Due to the low RV amplitude of the transiting planet candidate ($K \approx 2.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$), we therefore used only the VIS data for this study.

IRD. In the course of the Subaru IRD TESS Intensive Follow-up Project (proposal S19A-069I), we observed GJ 3473 with the InfraRed Doppler spectrograph (IRD; Kotani et al. 2018), a near-infrared, adaptive-optics (AO) corrected, high-resolution spectrograph (0.97 to $1.75 \mu\text{m}$, $R \approx 70\,000$) installed on the Subaru 8.2 m telescope. The integration time was set to 300–600 s so that the extracted one-dimensional spectra have S/Ns of 50–70 per pixel at 1000 nm. A total of 56 frames were acquired for GJ 3473 by IRD on 12 different nights between April 2019 and December 2019, all of which had simultaneous reference spectra of the laser frequency comb. The reduction of the raw data was performed with the IRAF echelle package (Tody 1993), including the wavelength calibration using thorium-argon hollow cathode lamps. For the RV analyses, wavelengths were re-calibrated more precisely based on the laser frequency comb spectra. RVs were measured using the forward modelling technique described by Hirano et al. (2020), in which the time-variable telluric absorptions and the instantaneous instrumental profile of the spectrograph were modelled and taken into account in the RV fits. The IRD RVs show a median internal uncertainty of 4.1 m s^{-1} and a wrms of 8.0 m s^{-1} .

HARPS. GJ 3473 was also observed by the High Accuracy Radial velocity Planet Searcher (HARPS; Mayor et al. 2003) as part of the ESO programme 1102.C-0339(A). The spectrograph, installed at the ESO La Silla 3.6 m telescope, covers

the spectral range from 0.378 to $0.691 \mu\text{m}$ and has a resolution of $R = 110\,000$. The 32 observations presented here were taken between May 2019 and March 2020. Their exposure times ranged between 30 and 40 min. We use the reduced spectra from the HARPS Data Reduction Software (DRS; Lovis & Pepe 2007) and compute their RVs following Astudillo-Defru et al. (2017a), which resulted in a lower rms scatter compared to the RVs retrieved with the SERVAL pipeline. They are calibrated for the barycentric motion, secular perspective acceleration, and instrumental drift. For the HARPS RVs, we obtain a median internal uncertainty of 3.4 m s^{-1} and a wrms of 4.8 m s^{-1} .

2.3. Ground-based transit follow-up

The TFOP subgroup SG1 provides seeing-limited photometry follow-up observations of the TESS planet candidates in order to supplement the available photometry and to provide improved ephemerides for the targets. An overview of the observations, the instruments and the filters used is given in Table 1.

LCOGT. We used four transit observations of GJ 3473 from the Las Cumbres Observatory global telescope network (LCOGT; Brown et al. 2013). The observations were taken with the SINISTRO CCDs at the 1 m telescopes of the LCOGT, which have a pixel scale of $0.389 \text{ arcsec pix}^{-1}$ and a field of view (FOV) of $26 \text{ arcmin} \times 26 \text{ arcmin}$ each. The first transit was observed from the McDonald Observatory (McD) on 19 March 2019 in the z_s filter, two transits were observed from the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory (CTIO) on 21 and 27 February 2020 in i_p filter and one transit in z_s filter on 13 March 2020 from South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO). We calibrated the images with the standard LCOGT Banzai pipeline (McCully et al. 2018) and extracted the light curves using AstroImageJ (Collins et al. 2017).

MuSCAT. GJ 3473 was observed on 18 January 2020 by the Multi-color Simultaneous Camera for studying Atmospheres of Transiting planets (MuSCAT; Narita et al. 2015) mounted at the 1.88 m telescope at the Okayama Astro-Complex on Mt. Chikurinji, Japan. MuSCAT is a multi-colour instrument that performs imaging in the g , r and z_s -filter bands at the same time. Each camera has a FOV of $6.1 \text{ arcmin} \times 6.1 \text{ arcmin}$ with a pixel scale of $0.358 \text{ arcsec pix}^{-1}$. Due to a large scatter in the g band, we only use the r and z_s light curves here. The individual images are corrected for dark current and flat fields, and the light curves

are generated using a custom pipeline that is described in Fukui et al. (2011).

MuSCAT2. We made use of two transit observations from MuSCAT2 (Narita et al. 2019). The instrument is mounted at the 1.52 m Telescopio *Carlos Sánchez* at the Observatorio del Teide, Spain. MuSCAT2 operates simultaneously in the g , r , i , and z_s passbands and has a FOV of $7.4 \text{ arcmin} \times 7.4 \text{ arcmin}$ at $0.44 \text{ arcsec pix}^{-1}$ resolution. One transit was observed on 21 December 2019, from which we use the observations in the i and z_s bands. The other transit was observed on 2 January 2020, from which we use the observations in the r , i , and z_s bands. Both transits were observed defocussed to optimise the quality of the photometry. The transit signal had too low S/N in the g band to be useful in the fitting, and the r band observations were affected by systematics on the night of 21 December. The photometry was produced using a dedicated MuSCAT2 photometry pipeline (see Parviainen et al. 2019, for details) and the detrended light curves were created by a fit that aims to simultaneously choose the best target and comparison star apertures, model the systematics using a linear term, and include the transit using PyTransit (Parviainen 2015).

USAFA. We used the brand-new, recently commissioned 1 m USAFA Telescope, which is an optically-fast $f/6$ Ritchey-Chrétien telescope with a wide field of view 0.9 deg^2 and an STA1600 CCD installed on the outskirts of Colorado Springs. We observed GJ 3473 on 04 March 2020. The USAFA data did not firmly detect the transit on target, but ruled out nearby eclipsing binaries in all other stars within the apertures of TESS, LCOGT, and MuSCAT/2 (Fig. 1).

2.4. Photometric monitoring

We used long-term photometric monitoring of GJ 3473 to search for periodic signals associated with the rotation period of the star.

TJO. We observed GJ 3473 with the 80 cm Joan Oró telescope (TJO) at Observatori Astronòmic del Montsec, Spain. The star was monitored between 31 January and 8 May 2020 for a total of 32 nights. Our observations were performed in the Johnson R filter by using the main imaging camera LAIA, which has a $4k \times 4k$ back illuminated CCD with a pixel scale of 0.4 arcsec and a FOV of 30 arcmin . We calibrated each image for bias and dark current as well as applied flat field images using the ICAT pipeline (Colome & Ribas 2006). Differential photometry was extracted with AstroImageJ using the aperture size and set of comparison stars that minimised the rms of the photometry. Low S/N data due to high airmass or bad weather were removed. The data were binned to one measurement per hour. The median internal uncertainty is 2.7 ppt, while the rms is 9.4 ppt around the mean. For the estimation of the stellar rotation period with a Gaussian process, we binned these data to one data point per night. This reduces short term variations caused by jitter and yields a median internal uncertainty of 2.9 ppt and a rms of 7.4 ppt around the mean.

MEarth. The all-sky transit survey MEarth consists of 16 robotic 40 cm telescopes with a FOV of 26 arcmin^2 located at two observatories in the southern and northern hemisphere (Berta et al. 2012). We use archival photometric monitoring data from the Mearth-North project DR8⁷ covering the time span from 2008 to 2010 and 2011 to 2018. In total, we retrieved

⁷ <https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/MEarth/DR8/>

6220 observations of GJ 3473 from the archive. They were observed with telescopes 01 and 04 in the broad RG715 filter. For the photometric analysis of the host star, we use the individual nightly binned time series, which shows a median internal uncertainty of 2.6 ppt and a rms of 8.7 ppt around the mean.

2.5. High-resolution imaging

As part of the standard process for validating transiting exoplanets and to assess the possible contamination of bound or unbound companions on the derived planetary radii (Ciardi et al. 2015), high-resolution images of GJ 3473 were taken within the TFOP “High Resolution Imaging” SG3 subgroup.

Gemini/NIRI. Nine images of GJ 3473 in the Bry narrow filter ($\lambda_0 = 2.1686$; $\Delta\lambda = 0.0295 \mu\text{m}$) were taken with the NIRI instrument mounted at the 8.1 m Gemini North telescope (Hodapp et al. 2003) on 22 March 2019 as part of the Gemini programme GN-2019A-LP-101. The science frames had an exposure time of 3.5 s each and were dithered in a grid pattern with $\sim 100 \text{ px}$ spacing ($\sim 2.2 \text{ arcsec}$). A sky background image was created by median combining the dithered images. The basic reduction included bad pixel interpolation, flatfield correction, sky background subtraction, and alignment and co-adding of the images.

Keck/NIRC2. The Keck Observatory observations were made with the NIRC2 instrument on the 10.0 m Keck II telescope behind the natural guide star AO system (Service et al. 2016, and references therein). The observations were taken on 25 March 2019 in the standard three-point dither pattern that is used with NIRC2 to avoid the left lower quadrant of the detector, which is typically noisier than the other three quadrants. The dither pattern step size was 3 arcsec and was repeated four times. The observations were also obtained in the narrow-band Bry filter ($\lambda_0 = 2.1686$; $\Delta\lambda = 0.0326 \mu\text{m}$) with an integration time of 20 s with one coadd per frame for a total of 300 s on target. The camera was in the narrow-angle mode with a full field of view of $\sim 10 \text{ arcsec}$ and a pixel scale of $0.099442 \text{ arcsec pix}^{-1}$.

3. Properties of GJ 3473

The star GJ 3473 (G 50–16, Karmn J08023+033) was included in the TESS Input Catalogue as TIC 452866790 and declared a TESS Object of Interest (TOI) 488 after the transiting planet candidate was found. A summary of the stellar parameters is given in Table 2. The star was classified as an M4.0 V star by Hawley et al. (1996), but it was never subject to an in-depth analysis of its properties (e.g. Newton et al. 2014). To determine precise stellar parameters, we used the high-resolution spectra from the CARMENES follow-up observations. Following Passegger et al. (2018, 2019) and applying a measured upper limit of $v \sin i = 2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, we calculated the effective temperature T_{eff} , $\log g$, and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ from a fit to a grid of PHOENIX stellar atmosphere models (Husser et al. 2013) using a χ^2 method. The derived T_{eff} matches the literature spectral type taking into account the uncertainties in both parameters (Alonso-Floriano et al. 2015; Passegger et al. 2018; Cifuentes et al. 2020). Next, we determined the bolometric luminosity, L_* , by integrating the spectral energy distribution in 14 broad passbands from optical B to $W4$ with the *Gaia* DR2 parallax (Gaia Collaboration 2018) as in Cifuentes et al. (2020). The radius, R_* , was subsequently calculated using the Stephan-Boltzmann law. Lastly, the mass, M_* , was derived from the Schweitzer et al. (2019)

Table 2. Stellar parameters of GJ 3473.

Parameter	Value	Ref.
<i>Name and identifiers</i>		
Name	GJ 3473	Gli91
Alt. name	G 50–16	Gic59
Karmn	J08023+033	Cab16
TIC	452 866 790	Stas19
TOI	488	TESS releases
<i>Coordinates and spectral type</i>		
α (J2000)	08 02 22.88	<i>Gaia</i> DR2
δ (J2000)	+03 20 19.7	<i>Gaia</i> DR2
Sp. type	M4.0 V	Haw96
G [mag]	12.4650 \pm 0.0003	<i>Gaia</i> DR2
T [mag]	11.1972 \pm 0.0073	Stas19
J [mag]	9.627 \pm 0.023	2MASS
<i>Parallax and kinematics</i>		
$\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ [mas yr ⁻¹]	-403.17 \pm 0.09	<i>Gaia</i> DR2
μ_δ [mas yr ⁻¹]	-381.01 \pm 0.05	<i>Gaia</i> DR2
π [mas]	36.52 \pm 0.05	<i>Gaia</i> DR2
d [pc]	27.39 \pm 0.04	<i>Gaia</i> DR2
γ [km s ⁻¹]	-1.101 \pm 0.011	This work
U [km s ⁻¹]	-3.11 \pm 0.05	This work
V [km s ⁻¹]	-27.66 \pm 0.06	This work
W [km s ⁻¹]	-66.44 \pm 0.07	This work
<i>Photospheric parameters</i>		
T_{eff} [K]	3347 \pm 54	This work
$\log g$ [dex]	4.81 \pm 0.06	This work
[Fe/H] [dex]	+0.11 \pm 0.19	This work
<i>Physical parameters</i>		
L_\star [L_\odot]	0.01500 \pm 0.00019	This work
R_\star [R_\odot]	0.364 \pm 0.012	This work
M_\star [M_\odot]	0.360 \pm 0.016	This work
<i>Activity parameters</i>		
pEW (H α) [Å]	+0.08 \pm 0.15	This work
$\log R'_{\text{HK}}$ [dex]	-5.62 \pm 0.22	This work
$v \sin i$ [km s ⁻¹]	<2	This work
P_{rot} [d]	168.3 \pm 4.2	This work

References. Gli91: [Gliese & Jahreiß \(1991\)](#); Gic59: [Giclas et al. \(1959\)](#); Cab16: [Caballero et al. \(2016b\)](#); Stas19: [Stassun et al. \(2019\)](#); *Gaia* DR2: [Gaia Collaboration \(2018\)](#); Haw96: [Hawley et al. \(1996\)](#); 2MASS: [Skrutskie et al. \(2006\)](#).

empirical mass-radius relation derived from eclipsing binaries. The values determined in this way are consistent with the mass and radius determined from isochrones ([Morton 2015](#)). We updated the Galactocentric space velocities UVW according to [Cortés-Contreras \(2016\)](#) by combining the *Gaia* DR2 parameters and the absolute velocity measured from the cross-correlation function (CCF) of the spectra with a weighted binary mask ([Lafarga et al. 2020](#)). Using the space velocities and the BANYAN Σ Bayesian classification tool, we found no indication that GJ 3473 is a member of any nearby young stellar association. Instead, it is most probably a field star located in the Galactic thin disk ([Gagné et al. 2018](#)).

GJ 3473 is listed in the Washington Double Star catalogue ([Mason et al. 2001](#)) as the primary of the binary system LDS 5160 (Luyten Double Star), with a date of first satisfactory observation in 1949. The secondary, at an angular separation of 49.29 ± 0.09 arcsec to the southeast of GJ 3473 ($\theta = 222.8 \pm 14.1$ deg), is LP 544–12 (GJ 3474, source #3 in Fig. 1), a

$J = 12.2$ mag M6 V star that shares the proper motion and parallax values of our planet-host star, but with a third of its mass ([Luyten 1979](#); [Reid et al. 1995](#); [Newton et al. 2017](#)). At the distance of GJ 3473, the angular separation between the two stars translates into a projected physical separation of 1349.9 ± 3.1 au.

4. Analysis and results

4.1. Transit search within the TESS light curve

A transiting planet candidate around GJ 3473 was announced on 14 March 2020 via the TESS releases website⁸. The candidate passed all tests from the SPOC Data Validation Report ([Twicken et al. 2018](#); [Jenkins 2002](#); [Li et al. 2019](#)) and it is listed on the Exoplanet Follow-up Observing Program (ExoFOP)⁹ webpage as having a period of 1.1981 d and a transit depth of 1.051 ppt. We performed an independent transit search on the PDC-SAP light curve using the Transit-Least-Squares method (TLS; [Hippke & Heller 2019](#))¹⁰. We consider a signal to be significant if it reaches a signal detection efficiency (SDE; [Alcock et al. 2000](#); [Pope et al. 2016](#)) of at least $\text{SDE} \geq 8$. The TLS shows a highly significant transit signal ($P \approx 1.1979$ d) with an SDE of ~ 18.4 and a transit depth of 1.071 ppt. After pre-whitening of the photometric data by fitting for this signal, a TLS of the residuals shows no remaining significant signals with $\text{SDE} \geq 8$.

4.2. Adaptive-optics imaging and limits of photometric contamination

As part of our standard process for validating transiting exoplanets and to assess the possible contamination of bound or unbound companions on the derived planetary radii ([Ciardi et al. 2015](#)), we investigated the deep AO images from NIRC2 at Keck II and NIRC2 at Gemini North shown in Fig. 3. Both images were taken in Bry narrow filters. No companions are visible to a separation of 7.5 arcsec. The contrast curves are obtained by injecting fake sources of different brightness at different separations from the star and determining the radial 5σ detection limit. The NIRC2 observations are sensitive up to a contrast of $\Delta m = 8.3$ mag at a separation of 0.5 arcsec to the star, but only span the region of the inner 3–4 arcsec. The area further out up to 6.0 arcsec is covered by the NIRC2 image, which reaches a contrast level of $\Delta m = 7.9$ mag. We therefore conclude, based on a combination of the contrast curves, a visual inspection of the AO images in Fig. 3, and the [Baraffe et al. \(2003\)](#) COND models for an approximate solar age, that GJ 3473 does not have a high-mass brown dwarf or more massive companion at 13–160 au. Furthermore, using additional 2MASS imaging and *Gaia* DR2 astro-photometry, we ruled out the presence of stellar companions of any mass at separations beyond 160 au up to a few thousands au (excluding the known companion LP 544–12). Another indicator for binarity is the re-normalised a posteriori mean error of unit weight (RUWE), which quantifies the goodness-of-fit of the astrometric solution in the *Gaia* DR2 ([Arenou et al. 2018](#); [Lindgren et al. 2018](#)). At approximate separations between 1.3 and 13 au, any hypothetical stellar companion would cause GJ 3473 to have a *Gaia* RUWE value larger than 1.41 (its actual value is 1.06; [Cifuentes et al. 2020](#), and references therein) and an asymmetric point spread function in the NIRC2 and NIRC2 images. At separations closer

⁸ <https://tess.mit.edu/toi-releases>

⁹ <https://exofop.ipac.caltech.edu/tess/target.php?id=452866790>

¹⁰ <https://github.com/hippke/tls>

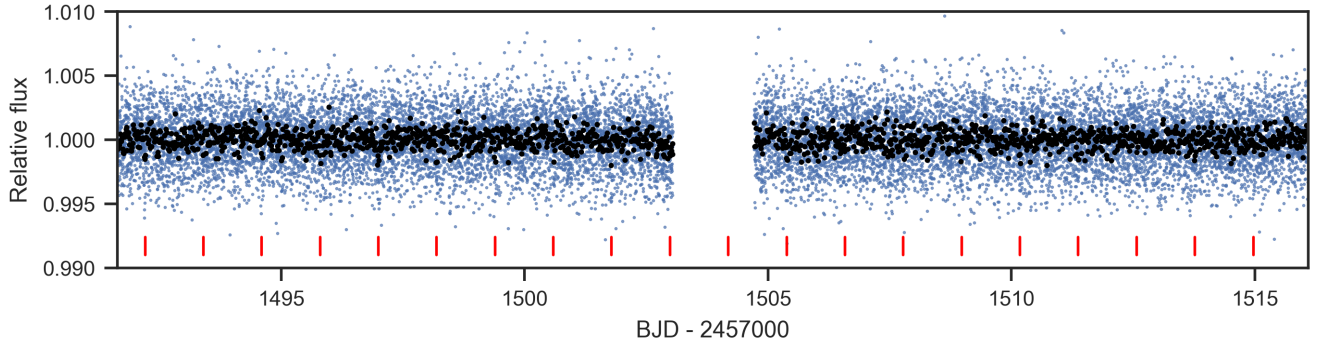


Fig. 2. TESS systematic-corrected PDC-SAP light curve. The blue dots are the measurements and the black dots are the data binned to 20 min. The transit times are marked by red ticks.

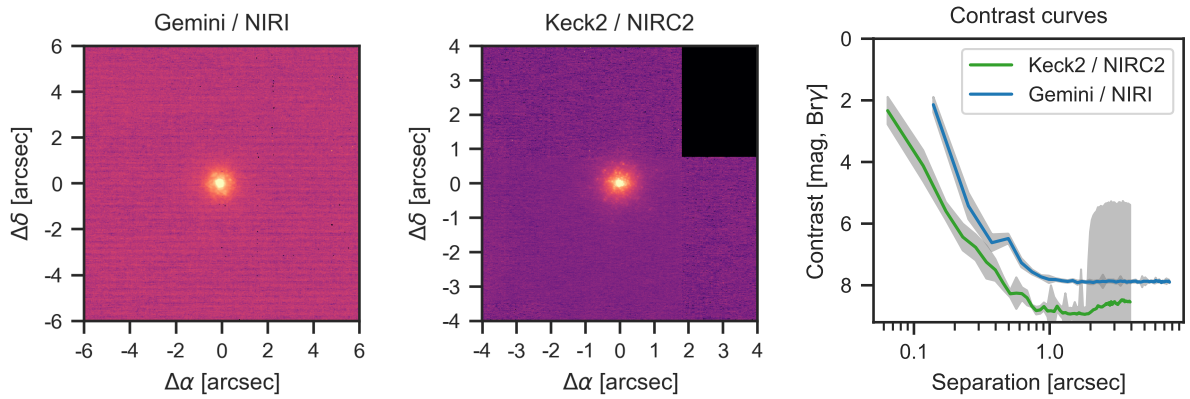


Fig. 3. AO images and contrast curves of the Keck II and Gemini North observations of GJ 3473. The grey shaded regions in the contrast curves are the uncertainty, which apparently rises dramatically for NIRC2 because of a dead quadrant.

than 1.3 au, we would see a double-peaked CCF or a long-term trend in the CARMENES RV data. We cannot exclude, however, the presence of substellar objects of a few Jupiter masses at wide separations (with orbital periods much longer than the RV coverage) or unfavourably aligned objects at close separations.

Additionally, we assessed the photometric contamination of the TESS light curves using Eq. (6) from Espinoza et al. (2019b). From the AO images, we obtained upper limits from 5 to 8 mag in contrast for the inner area from 0.15 to 7.5 arcsec, which correspond to contamination below 1%. For the nearby *Gaia* sources apparent in Fig. 1, we make use of the fact that the TESS and *Gaia* G_{RP} -band filter are very similar. We find that for the brightest nearby source (# 3 in Fig. 1), which is its binary companion LP 544–12, the dilution factor would be 0.96. However, given the separation of 48.9 arcsec to GJ 3473, this is negligible and, thus, we assume for our modelling that there are no contaminating sources nearby.

4.3. Transits only modelling

In order to refine the orbital period of the transiting planet candidate that was determined from the TLS analysis and to evaluate whether the individual follow-up observations show adequate transit detections, we first investigated the photometric observations separately from the RV measurements.

For all modelling tasks in this work, we used *juliet*¹¹ (Espinoza et al. 2019b), a fitting tool that uses nested sampling to efficiently evaluate the parameter space of a given

¹¹ <https://juliet.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

prior volume and to allow for model comparison based on Bayesian evidences. Here, *juliet* combines publicly available packages for RVs and transits, namely, *radvel*¹² (Fulton et al. 2018) and *batman*¹³ (Kreidberg 2015). It allows us to choose among a range of different nested sampling algorithms for the fitting. We opted for *dynesty*¹⁴ (Speagle 2020) because of its simple usage with regard to multi-processing. Additionally, *juliet* provides the implementation of Gaussian processes in the models using either *george*¹⁵ (Ambikasaran et al. 2015) or *celerite*¹⁶ (Foreman-Mackey et al. 2017).

As a first step, we modelled all of the 15 available ground based follow-up observations of transit events obtained by the TFOF SG1¹⁷ separately with the TESS light curve while fitting for the transit centre of each transit (see Eastman et al. 2019, and the documentation of *juliet* for details of the implementation). In doing so, we re-parametrised the scaled semi-major axis to the stellar density, ρ_* . In this manner we can make use of the derived stellar parameters to obtain a density estimation as a fit prior. Furthermore, we implement the parameter transformation suggested by Espinoza (2018) and fit for the parameters, r_1 and r_2 , instead of the planet-to-star radius ratio, p , and the impact parameter, b . A quadratic limb-darkening model is used for the TESS data (Espinoza & Jordán 2015), which is parametrised by the q_1 and q_2 parameters (Kipping 2013), while a linear model is used

¹² <https://radvel.readthedocs.io/en/latest>

¹³ <https://www.cfa.harvard.edu/~lkreidberg/batman/>

¹⁴ <https://github.com/joshspeagle/dynesty>

¹⁵ <https://george.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

¹⁶ <https://celerite.readthedocs.io/en/stable>

¹⁷ As of 13 March 2020.

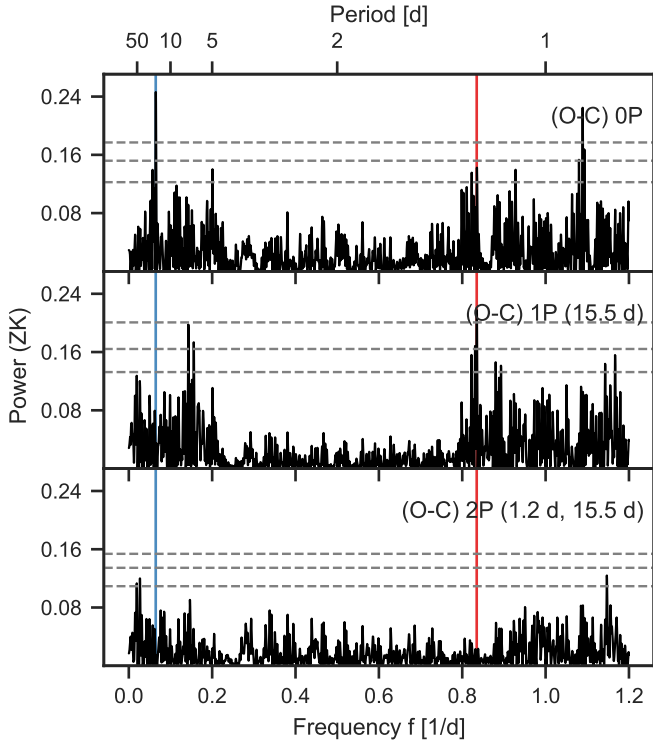


Fig. 4. GLS periodograms of the RV measurements. Vertical lines mark the transiting planet (b, solid red) and the new RV planet (c, solid blue). The horizontal dashed grey lines show the false alarm probability (FAP) of 10, 1, and 0.1% determined from 10 000 random realisations of the measurements.

for the ground-based follow-up observations. We used a linear term to detrend the LCOGT and MuSCAT light curves with airmass, while the MuSCAT2 light curves were pre-detrended (see Sect. 2.3). Based on the results from Sect. 4.2, we fix the dilution factor to one for all instruments, but consider free individual instrumental offsets. Also instrumental jitter terms are taken into account and added in quadrature to the nominal instrumental errorbar.

By carrying out this pre-analysis, we were able to disregard observations that show no, or only marginal transits, or seem to be only apparent transits with transit centres far from a linear ephemeris. The final dataset, which is presented in Sect. 2 and which we use for the analysis in this work, includes 7 transit events with 11 observations of firm transit detections (cf. Table 1).

In the next step, we combine these observations and then fit for a common period and time of transit centre that serve as a basis for the joint analysis. In doing so, we determine $P = 1.1980034^{+0.0000022}_{-0.0000023}$ d and $t_0 = 2458492.20410^{+0.00052}_{-0.00050}$.

4.4. RV only modelling

We approach the analysis of the RVs with a signal search in the data, proceeding as if we do not know of the transiting planet a priori. In Fig. 4, the generalised Lomb-Scargle periodograms (GLS; Zechmeister & Kürster 2009) of the residuals from different fits of increasing complexity to the combined RVs from CARMENES, IRD, and HARPS are shown. We normalised the periodograms using the parametrisation of Zechmeister & Kürster (2009, ZK). For all fits, we used Gaussian distributed priors for the signal of the transiting planet candidate based on

the results from Sect. 4.3 and a narrow uniform range around the peak of the second signal. Instrumental offsets and jitter are treated separately for each dataset. For comparison, we list the Bayesian evidences of the fits in Table 4.

The first panel in Fig. 4 shows the periodogram of the residuals after fitting a flat model that only includes offsets and instrumental jitter to the CARMENES, IRD, and HARPS measurements. The strongest signal apparent in the RV data is a period at 15.5 d. After subtracting this periodicity with a circular Keplerian fit, the residual periodogram shows a significant signal (FAP < 1%), coincident with the period of the transiting planet at $P \approx 1.198$ d (see the middle panel of Fig. 4). The FAP for a signal to occur especially at this frequency can be evaluated using the method by Baluev (2008) and the power of the signal in a Lomb-Scargle periodogram. By this means, we find a spectral FAP $\approx 0.003\%$. We verify this using a bootstrap method of 1×10^6 random realisations over a decreasing frequency range centred on the period in question, which yields FAP $\approx 0.002\%$. This is in agreement with the Baluev method and we therefore assume a FAP of 0.002 to 0.003% for the signal to occur at the expected period. Furthermore, the phase of this signal matches the phase of the planet candidate from TESS and we thus report a highly significant detection of the transiting planet candidate in the RV. The two other signals of significant power at periods of 6.41 and 7.00 d are aliases of the former signal of the transiting planet due to the approximately daily sampling. This is reflected by the fact that they disappear when the 15.5 d signal is fitted together with the period of the transiting planet at $P \approx 1.198$ d (see the bottom panel of Fig. 4). Given that RV data provide more information on the eccentricity of an orbit, we performed an analogous analysis using eccentric orbits. We find that the difference between a circular and eccentric orbit is indistinguishable ($\Delta \ln Z = -0.45$) and, therefore, we use the results for the simpler circular model fits. The residuals of this fit comprising two circular Keplerian signals do not show any further periodicities with FAPs above our significance criterion of 1%.

4.5. Joint modelling

For the final retrieval of the most precise parameters we perform a joint fit of the TESS observations, the ground-based transit follow-ups, and the combined RV data. The model includes two circular planets: firstly, the transiting planet that is detected in the photometry and RV data and; secondly, a non-transiting planet that is only apparent in the RV data. The model of the joint fit comprises 58 free parameters, which turns the fit into a high-dimensional problem. A fit with uninformed priors would therefore be very costly. Hence, we make use of the findings from the photometry-only analysis in Sect. 4.3 and the RV-only analysis in Sect. 4.4 – that is, we implement Gaussian distributed priors for the planetary parameters, as, for example, in Brahm et al. (2019), Espinoza et al. (2019a), Kossakowski et al. (2019), Luque et al. (2019); or Bluhm et al. (2020). Since we use uninformed priors for the planetary parameters for the transit and RV-only fits, nested sampling warrants an efficient exploration of the possible parameter space fitting the individual datasets. Planetary parameters specific to a given data type, such as the planetary semi-amplitude in RV data or planet-to-star radius (and others) in transit data, would not change significantly in a joint fit as they are independent from the other data to first order. Generally, this also holds true for the shared parameters since they are mostly driven by either one or the other method. Likewise, using the posterior results from the transit-only and RV-only fits as a prior knowledge for the joint fit is therefore justified given

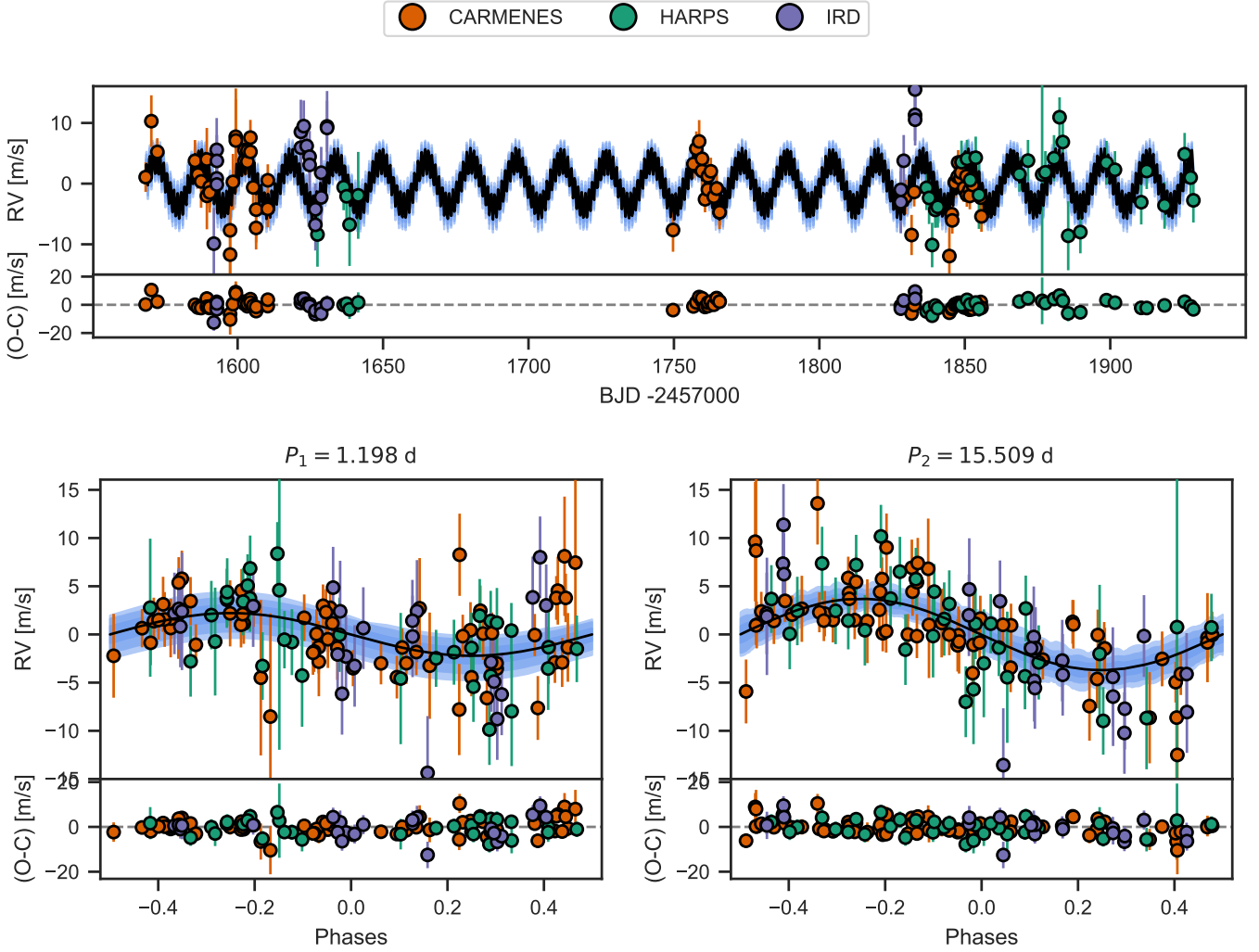


Fig. 5. Results from the joint fit for the RV data of CARMENES, IRD, and HARPS. The top part of each panel shows the measurements as coloured circles – errorbars include the instrumental jitters added in quadrature – and the median of the best-fit *Juliet* model as the black curve. The grey shaded areas mark the 68, 95, and 99% credibility intervals. To avoid overcrowding of the figure, we binned the IRD data, which were taken with a high cadence, to chunks of 30 min each. In the lower part, the residuals after the model is subtracted (O-C) are shown. *Top panel:* RVs over time. *Bottom panels:* RVs phase-folded to the periods of the transiting planet (*left*) and the new RV planet (*right*).

that the chosen prior volume for the joint fit does not restrict the posterior volume from the individual fits. Following this, the width of the priors that we choose for the planetary parameters of the joint fit are three times the standard deviation of the posterior results from the individual best fits. It limits the computational cost, but still allows the nested sampling algorithm to freely explore the parameter space since the Gaussian distribution has no strict borders. In the end, the posterior distribution of our joint fit is much narrower than that of the input priors, which shows that the input priors were conservatively chosen to map the relevant parameter space and did not reject crucial possible solutions. Descriptions and justifications of the adopted instrumental parameters and priors can be found in the respective subsections, Sects. 4.3 and 4.4. A summary of the used priors is given in Table B.1.

In Figs. 5 and 6, we show the final models of the joint fit based on the posterior of the sampling. The median posteriors of the planetary parameters are shown in Table 3 and the full list of the posteriors of the instrumental parameters is given in Table C.1.

4.6. Stellar activity

We investigated a set of activity indicators derived from the CARMENES spectra to search for signals of stellar activity that would interfere with the transiting planet candidate or provide information on the origin of the second periodicity that is visible in the RV data (see Sect. 4.4). In Fig. 7, the GLS periodograms of 13 selected activity indicators, as well as our applied nightly zero-point offsets, are shown. The chromatic index (CRX) and the differential line width (dLW) are products of the SERVAL reduction pipeline (Zechmeister et al. 2018). From the CCF (see Sect. 3), the full-width at half-maximum (FWHM), the contrast, and the bisector span are determined (Lafarga et al. 2020). The pseudo-equivalent width after subtraction of an inactive template spectrum (pEW) of the chromospheric H α , Ca II IRT (a, b and c), He I λ 10 833 Å and He I D₃ lines, and the photospheric TiO λ 7050 Å and TiO λ 8430 Å indices are calculated following Schöfer et al. (2019).

A measured median pEW of the H α line of $+0.08 \pm 0.15$ Å indicates that GJ 3473 is a rather inactive star (Jeffers et al. 2018). We find a significant, although moderate, correlation between

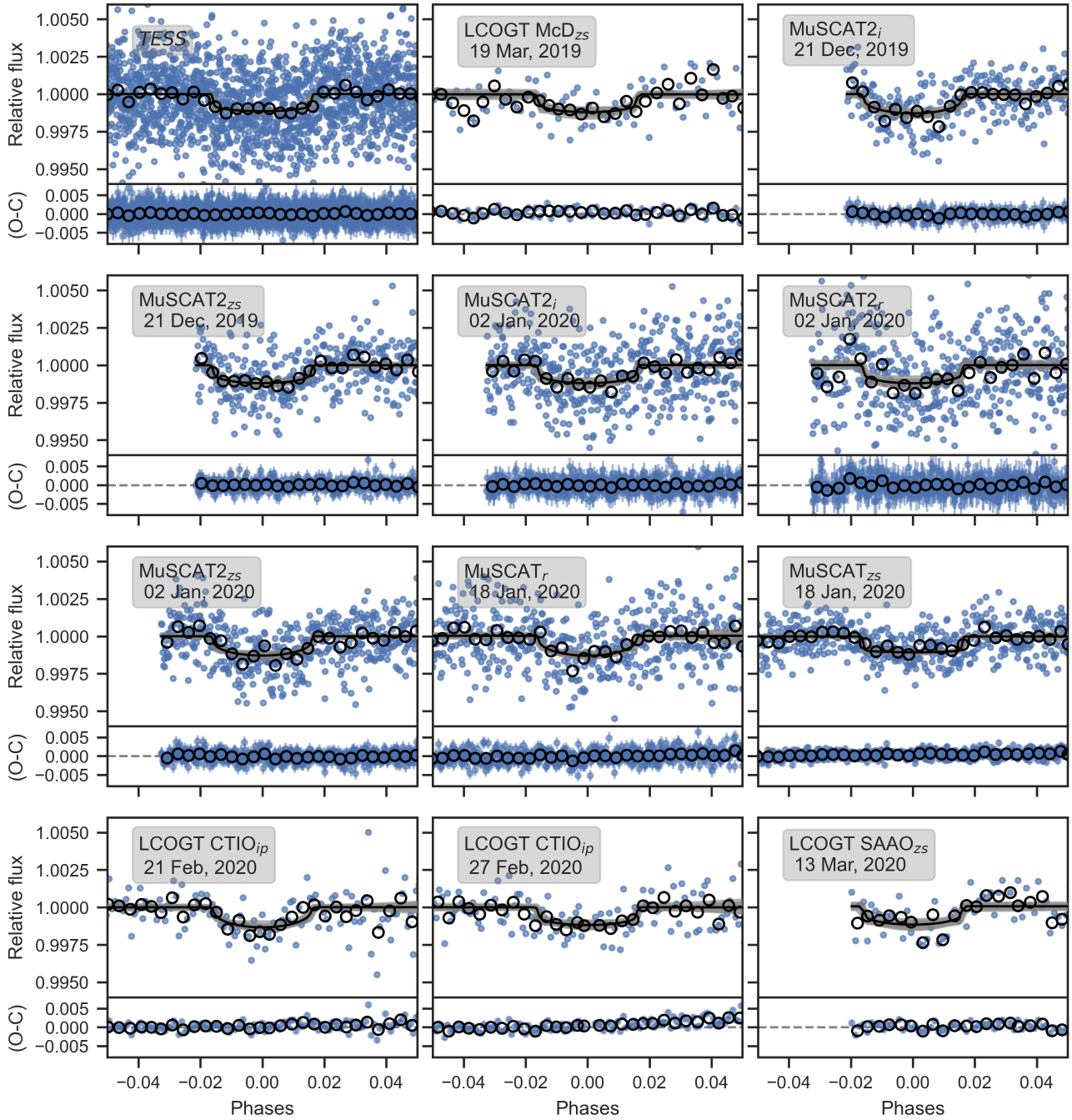


Fig. 6. Results from the joint fit for the transit observations. In the top part of each panel, the black curve presents the best-fit *juliet* model together with the 68, 95, and 99% credibility intervals displayed by the grey shaded regions. The observations of the respective instruments are phase-folded to the period of the transiting planet. For the fit, the individual data points (blue) are used, but the binned data are also shown for clarity (white circles). Error bars of the individual measurements with the instrumental jitter terms added in quadrature are only displayed in the bottom part of the panels, which show the residuals after subtracting the model (O-C). The names of the instruments and the dates of the observations are denoted in the grey boxes in the upper left corner of each panel.

RV and the CRX and Na I D activity indices, however, the GLS periodograms from the extensive set of activity indicators do not show any power at the frequencies of the transiting planet candidate or the 15.5 d signal. The dLW, CCF contrast, TiO $\lambda 7050 \text{ \AA}$, and He I $\lambda 10833 \text{ \AA}$ show a forest of signals with $1\% < \text{FAP} < 10\%$ in the range of approximately 30 to 100 d. This is consistent with a lower limit of the stellar rotation period to be longer than $\sim 9 \text{ d}$ as determined from $v \sin i < 2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, however, there is no common periodicity or conclusive pattern,

which would hint at the rotation period of the star. The most significant signal, which is apparent in the He I $\lambda 10833 \text{ \AA}$ indicator, has a period of around 100 d. From the HARPS spectra we derive $\log R'_{\text{HK}} = -5.62 \pm 0.22$, which is equivalent to a stellar rotation period of 109(37) d following the R'_{HK} vs. P_{rot} relationship of [Astudillo-Defru et al. \(2017b\)](#). We also investigated GLS periodograms of the HARPS activity indicators derived by the DRS pipeline, but we do not find any significant periodicity and, therefore, we do not present them here.

Table 3. Posterior parameters of the joint fit of the transit and RV data.

Parameter	Posterior ^(a)	Units
<i>Stellar parameters</i>		
ρ_\star	$10.93^{+0.66}_{-0.69}$	g cm^{-3}
<i>Planetary parameters</i>		
P_b	$1.1980035^{+0.0000018}_{-0.0000019}$	d
$t_{0,b}$	$2458492.20408^{+0.00043}_{-0.00042}$	d
$r_{1,b}$	$0.557^{+0.044}_{-0.049}$	...
$r_{2,b}$	$0.03184^{+0.00069}_{-0.00067}$	...
K_b	$2.21^{+0.35}_{-0.35}$	m s^{-1}
$\sqrt{e_b} \sin \omega_b$	0 (fixed)	...
$\sqrt{e_b} \cos \omega_b$	0 (fixed)	...
P_c	$15.509^{+0.033}_{-0.033}$	d
$t_{0,c}$	$2458575.62^{+0.42}_{-0.43}$	d
K_c	$3.75^{+0.45}_{-0.42}$	m s^{-1}
$\sqrt{e_c} \sin \omega_c$	0 (fixed)	...
$\sqrt{e_c} \cos \omega_c$	0 (fixed)	...

Notes. ^(a)Error bars denote the 68% posterior credibility intervals. The posteriors of the instrumental parameters are continued in Table C.1.

4.7. Photometric stellar rotational period

We combined the *R*-band TJO data collected between January and May 2020 and the RG715-band MEarth data taken between 2008 and 2018 to determine a stellar rotation period. A marginalised likelihood periodogram (MLP; Feng et al. 2017) analysis of the combined data, where we fit for jitter and offsets between the datasets, indicated a preliminary periodicity of 160 d. The MLP uses sinusoidal functions to model possible significant signals. However, stellar activity tends to be quasi-periodic and can also deviate significantly from a simple sinusoidal. Thus, we used a Gaussian process (GP) to fit the photometry in a second approach.

We used *juliet* and select the quasi-periodic kernel by *george* for the modelling of the photometric data:

$$k_{i,j}(\tau) = \sigma_{\text{GP}}^2 \exp(-\alpha\tau^2 - \Gamma \sin^2(\pi\tau/P_{\text{rot}})), \quad (1)$$

where σ_{GP} is the amplitude of the GP component given in ppt (or m s^{-1} when applied to RV data), Γ is the amplitude of GP sine-squared component, α is the inverse length-scale of the GP exponential component given in d^{-2} , P_{rot} is the period of the GP quasi-periodic component given in days, and $\tau = |t_i - t_j|$ is the temporal distance between two measurements. To perform a blind search for quasi-periodic signals with the GP model, we put in uninformed priors for σ_{GP} , Γ_i , and α , but take a uniform range from 2 to 200 d for P_{rot} .

In doing so, the data of each instrument are averaged into nightly bins because of the large dataset and the computationally expensive log-likelihood evaluation of the used kernel. A daily sampling of the photometry is reasonable since we are searching for signals with periods of at least multiple days (see Sect. 4.6). Furthermore, binning reduces short-term variations due to jitter and decreases the uncertainties of the data points. For the GP model, we consider that each dataset can have different solutions for the amplitude parameters, σ_{GP} and Γ . This accounts for the possibility that the stellar activity depends on

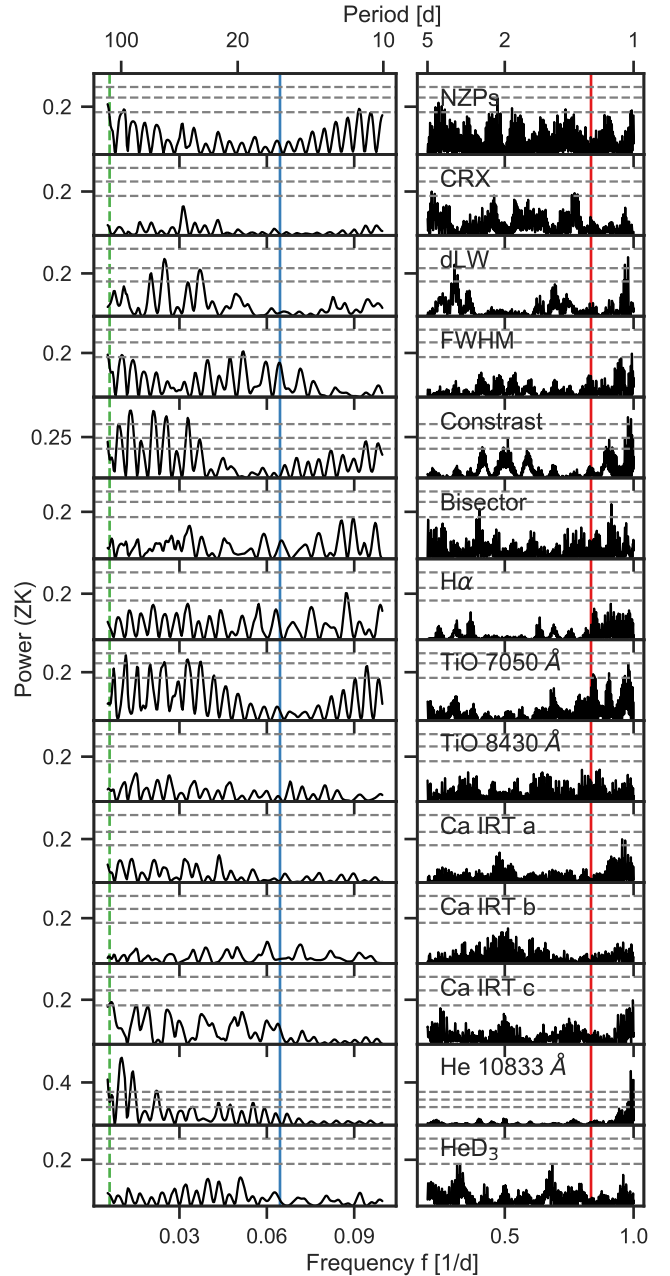


Fig. 7. GLS periodograms of a number of activity indicators based on spectroscopic data obtained by CARMENES, split into two frequency ranges. The vertical lines mark the frequencies of the transiting planet candidate (red solid), the 15.5 d periodicity visible in the RV (blue solid; see Sect. 4.4), and the determined photometric rotation period (dashed green; see Sect. 4.7). The horizontal grey lines show the false alarm probability (FAP) of 10, 1, and 0.1% determined from 10 000 random realisations of the measurements.

wavelength and might impact each instrument differently. However, the timescale parameters, such as the rotational period, P_{rot} , and the exponential decay of the signal α , for example, due to spot-life time, should not depend on the instrument. For the latter two parameters, we therefore allow only for global solutions of the GP model. We also model the flux offset between the photometric datasets, as well as an extra jitter component, which is added in quadrature to the diagonal of the resulting covariance matrix. Our GP fit, using unconstrained priors (Table B.2), results in only one specific region within the prior volume that

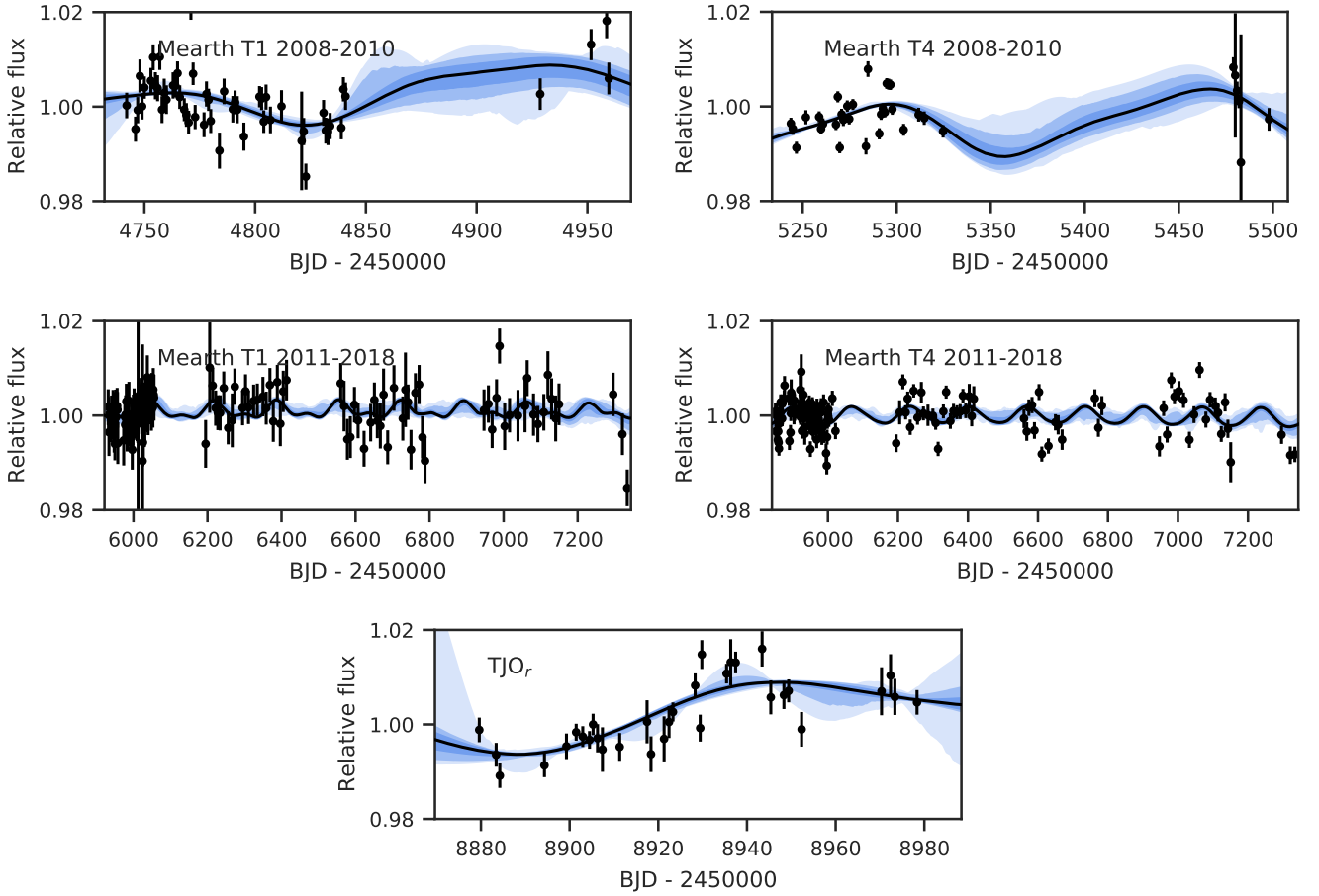


Fig. 8. Gaussian process fits to the photometric monitoring data of GJ 3473. *From top to bottom:* MEarth T1 2008-2010, MEarth T4 2008-2010, MEarth T1 2011-2018, MEarth T4 2011-2018, and TJO. The black line shows the median GP model extracted for each instrument and the blue shades denote the 68, 95 and 99% confidence intervals.

has a high density of posterior samples with high likelihood. We show the nightly binned photometric data and the GP fit with its uncertainties in Fig. 8.

From the posterior solutions we derive a photometric rotation period, $P_{\text{rot,phot}} = 168.3^{+4.2}_{-3.1}$ d for GJ 3473, which is consistent with the result from the MLP analysis and, within 2σ , with the expected period from $\log R'_{\text{HK}}$. Both estimates show that GJ 3473 is a slow rotator, which should not exhibit strong signals related to activity. This is also in agreement with the spectroscopic activity indicators, which do not exhibit a predominant periodicity and no $H\alpha$ activity.

4.8. Investigation of the 15.5 d signal

The 15.5 d signal seems to be unrelated to stellar activity or the stellar rotation period. Following Fig. 5, the signal looks stable for the entire period of observations and shows no significant deviations from a circular Keplerian motion. However, we thoroughly examined the signal in order to assess its nature and to test whether we can attribute it unambiguously to a planetary origin.

We used *juliet* to perform a model comparison based on the Bayesian evidence of different models, applied to the RV data only, in order to check whether the 15.5 d signal is indeed best fit with a Keplerian model. The log-evidences of the results are shown in Table 4. As outlined by Trotta (2008), we consider a difference of $\Delta \ln \mathcal{Z} > 2$ as weak evidence that one of the models is preferred over the others and $\Delta \ln \mathcal{Z} > 5$ that a model is

Table 4. Bayesian log-evidences for the different models used to fit the RVs.

Model	Periods ^(a) [d]	$\ln \mathcal{Z}$	$\Delta \ln \mathcal{Z}$
0 Planets	...	-474.6 ± 0.2	0
1 Planet	1.20	-468.1 ± 0.2	6.5
1 Planet	15.5	-456.7 ± 0.3	17.9
1 Planet + GP	1.20	-444.9 ± 0.3	29.7
2 Planets	15.5, 1.20	-442.7 ± 0.3	31.9

Notes. ^(a)Rounded to three digits.

significantly favoured. We use Gaussian distributed priors based on the posterior solutions from Sect. 4.3 to account for the transiting planet candidate, and uniform priors for instrumental offsets and jitter. However, we adopted two approaches to include the 15.5 d signal in the modelling: on the one hand, a simple two-planet model is fitted to the data and on the other hand, we implement a quasi-periodic GP (see Eq. (1) in Sect. 4.7) to test the possibility that the second signal does not have a Keplerian nature and is only of a quasi-periodic origin, for example, due to stellar activity. We find a difference of ($\Delta \ln \mathcal{Z} = 2.2$) in favour of the two-planet model compared to the model, including a quasi-periodic component for the 15.5 d signal. This offers only weak

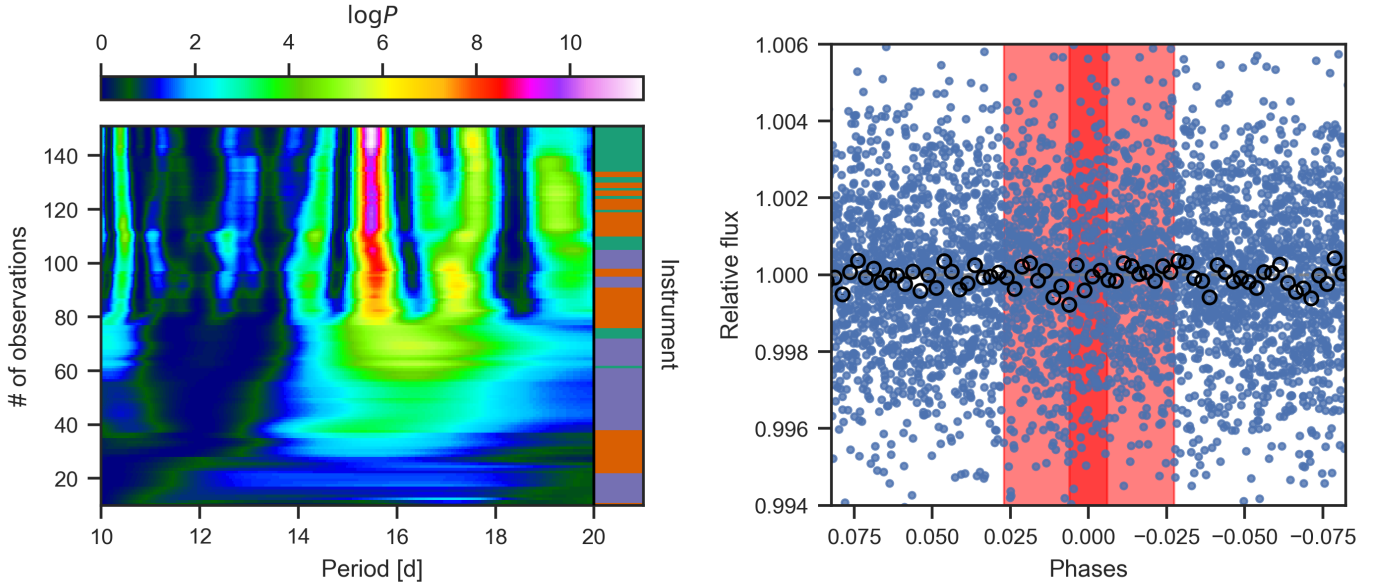


Fig. 9. Investigation of the 15.5 d signal *Left*: stacked BGLS periodogram of the residuals after fitting for the transiting planet. The colourbar on the right side indicates the instrument of the corresponding data point (orange: CARMENES, purple: IRD, green: HARPS). *Right*: TESS light curve phase-folded to the period and time of transit centre of GJ 3473 c as determined from the RVs. The saturated red shaded region indicates the expected transit, while the light red shaded region denotes the 68% credibility interval of the time of transit centre.

evidence, confirming, nonetheless, that the signal is legitimately fitted by a Keplerian model.

Another way to test the coherence of a signal for a given dataset is the use of the so-called stacked Bayesian generalised Lomb-Scargle periodogram (s-BGLS; [Mortier et al. 2015](#)). The diagram in the left panel of [Fig. 9](#) shows the probability of the 15.5 d signal normalised to the minimum of the considered frequency range ([Mortier & Collier Cameron 2017](#)) for an increasing number of observations. The period of the signal is uncertain when only a few observations are included, but starting with more than 80 observations, a signal of consistently rising probability is detected at the period in question. This indicates that the signal is stable in phase and amplitude over the whole observational period of a 360 d time baseline, as is likely for a planetary signal. A colour-coded bar on the right side of the diagram specifies which of the instruments the considered data points originate from. As there are no variations of the signal caused by chunks of data from one specific instrument, we can also conclude that the signal is consistent between the different instruments.

Even though there are no obvious signs of more than one transiting planet in the TESS light curve (see [Sect. 4.1](#)), we searched for transits of the 15.5 d signal based on its parameters derived from the RV observations. Since the period of the planet is larger than half of the time span of the TESS data, which comprise only one sector, a potential transit is likely to occur only once in the data. The right panel in [Fig. 9](#) shows the TESS data phase-folded to the expected time of transit centre. No obvious transit signals are visible. However, to quantify whether in fact there is no transit signal, we ran two more `juliet` fits on the TESS data using Gaussian distributed priors based on the posterior of the planetary parameters in [Table 3](#). The model considering only the transiting planet is favoured by $\Delta \ln \mathcal{Z} \approx 3.6$ over the model that treats the second periodicity as a transiting planet. Thus, we conclude that no significant transiting signal is associated with the 15.5 d periodicity.

5. Discussion

5.1. GJ 3473 b

Our derived mass and radius confirm the planetary nature of the transiting planet candidate detected by TESS. GJ 3473 b has a mass of $1.86^{+0.30}_{-0.30} M_{\oplus}$ and a radius of $1.264^{+0.050}_{-0.049} R_{\oplus}$, which correspond to a density of $5.03^{+1.07}_{-0.93} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ and, thus, fits in the regime of Earth-sized planets with a density consistent with a composition dominated by MgSiO_3 (see [Fig. 10](#)). A summary of the derived physical parameters of the planet can be found in [Table 5](#).

With an insolation flux of $59.4 \pm 5 S_{\oplus}$, GJ 3473 b is one of the hottest transiting Earth-mass planets with a dynamical mass measurement that has been detected so far (see [Fig. 11](#)). Its equilibrium temperature corresponds to $773 \pm 16 \text{ K}$, assuming a zero Bond albedo. If the planet had an atmosphere, thermochemical equilibrium calculations predict water and methane to be the dominant opacity sources in the near/mid infrared (NIR/MIR) of the transmission spectrum of GJ 3473 b, assuming a cloud-free solar-abundance scenario (e.g. [Madhusudhan 2012](#); [Mollière et al. 2015](#); [Molaverdikhani et al. 2019a](#)); see the red line in [Fig. 12](#). In this scenario, the main transmission spectral features in the optical are expected to be alkali (Na and K), although their expected strength depends on a number of parameters such as the planetary atmospheric metallicity. The emission spectrum is heavily muted by water and methane absorption, causing very low relative flux at wavelengths shorter than $\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$; see the blue line in [Fig. 12](#). The dominant spectral features of a cloudy atmosphere in the optical and NIR are expected to be similar to those of a cloud-free atmosphere, although with lower amplitudes and less pronounced methane features ([Molaverdikhani et al. 2020](#)).

In addition, disequilibrium processes could change the composition and thermal structure of the planetary atmosphere. Depending on the exact temperature structure and methane abundance profile, vertical mixing could lead to methane quenching (e.g. [Molaverdikhani et al. 2019b](#)). Hydrocarbon haze (soot) production could act as a carbon-sink in the atmosphere,

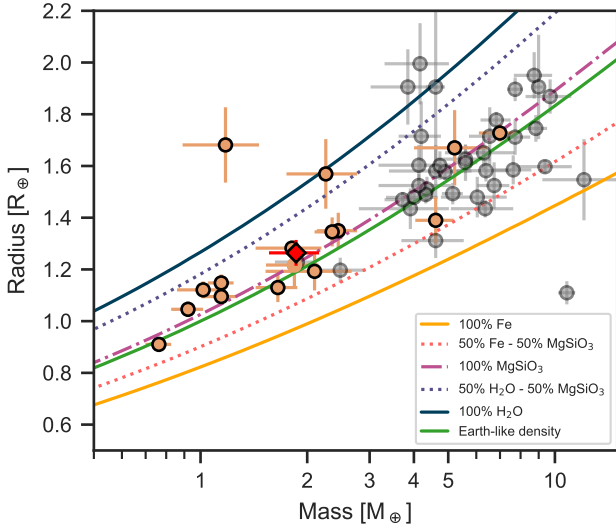


Fig. 10. Mass-radius diagram for small well characterised planets ($R < 2 R_{\oplus}$, $\Delta M < 30\%$) based on the TEPcat catalogue (Southworth 2011, visited on 14 April 2020). Planets orbiting stars with temperature $T_{\text{eff}} < 4000$ K are displayed in orange colour, while the rest is displayed as grey circles. GJ 3473 b is marked with a red diamond. For comparison, theoretical mass-radius relations from Zeng et al. (2016, 2019) are overlaid.

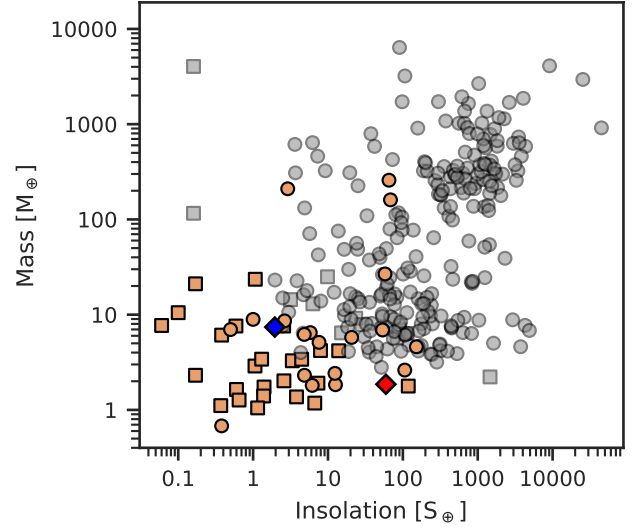


Fig. 11. Mass-insolation diagram for small RV planets based on the planetary systems composite data table of the exoplanetarchive.ipac.caltech.edu/ (visited on 28 August 2020). Planets orbiting stars with temperature $T_{\text{eff}} < 4000$ K are displayed in orange colour, while the rest is plotted as grey circles. Planets with a dynamical mass measurement are shown as circles and planets with only a minimum mass ($M \sin i$) measurement with boxes. GJ 3473 b and c are marked with red and blue diamonds.

Table 5. Derived planetary parameters of GJ 3473 b and c based on the posteriors of the joint fit.

Parameter	Posterior ^(a)		Units
	GJ 3473 b	GJ 3473 c	
<i>Derived transit parameters</i>			
$p = R_p/R_{\star}$	$0.03184^{+0.00069}_{-0.00067}$	...	...
$b = (a/R_{\star}) \cos i_p$	$0.336^{+0.066}_{-0.074}$	...	...
a/R_{\star}	$9.39^{+0.19}_{-0.21}$	...	...
i_p	$87.95^{+0.47}_{-0.45}$	...	deg
$u_{1,TESS}$	$0.26^{+0.28}_{-0.18}$	...	...
$u_{2,TESS}$	$0.10^{+0.28}_{-0.22}$	...	...
t_T	$0.950^{+0.015}_{-0.014}$	...	h
<i>Derived physical parameters^(b)</i>			
M_p	$1.86^{+0.30}_{-0.30}$	$\geq 7.41^{+0.91}_{-0.86}$	M_{\oplus}
R_p	$1.264^{+0.050}_{-0.049}$	...	R_{\oplus}
ρ_p	$5.03^{+1.07}_{-0.93}$	...	\text{g cm^{-3}
g_p	$11.4^{+2.1}_{-2.0}$	...	\text{m s^{-2}
a_p	$0.01589^{+0.00062}_{-0.00062}$	$0.0876^{+0.0035}_{-0.0034}$	au
$T_{\text{eq}}^{(c)}$	773^{+16}_{-15}	$329.1^{+6.6}_{-6.4}$	K
S	$59.4^{+5.0}_{-4.5}$	$1.95^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$	S_{\oplus}
ESM ^(d)	6.8 ± 0.3	...	...

Notes. ^(a)Error bars denote the 68% posterior credibility intervals. ^(b)We sample from a normal distribution for the stellar mass, stellar radius and stellar luminosity that is based on the results from Sect. 3. ^(c)Assuming a zero Bond albedo. ^(d)Emission spectroscopy metric (Kempton et al. 2018).

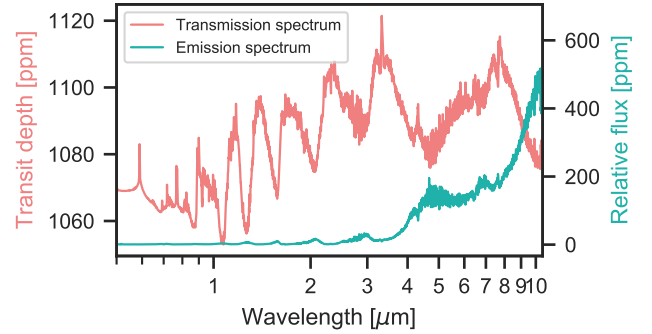


Fig. 12. Representative synthetic cloud free transmission and emission spectrum of GJ 3473 b.

which might cause a reduced carbon-to-oxygen (C/O) ratio (e.g. Molaverdikhani et al. 2019b; Gao et al. 2020). While haze opacities tend to obscure the optical to NIR wavelength range, a reduced C/O ratio could result in an enhancement of CO_2 production. This causes a prominent feature at around $4.5 \mu\text{m}$ (see e.g. Kawashima & Ikoma 2019; Nowak et al. 2020). Atmospheres with higher metallicities are likely to lead to more prominent CO_2 features (see e.g. Heng & Lyons 2016; Molaverdikhani et al. 2019b; Nowak et al. 2020; Schlecker et al. 2020). Hence, this spectral feature appears to be a key feature to retrieve planetary atmosphere metallicities, which, in turn, helps us to understand the formation history of the planet and the stellar system.

The amplitudes of the transmission spectral features of GJ 3473 b are estimated to be around 10 to 40 ppm for the discussed model. This poses a challenge for future observations of this planet through transmission spectroscopy. However, the relatively high temperature of this planet causes the emission spectral features at wavelengths longer than $\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$ to vary from tens of ppm in NIR to hundreds ppm in MIR wavelengths up to $4 \mu\text{m}$. We calculate the emission spectroscopy metric (ESM),

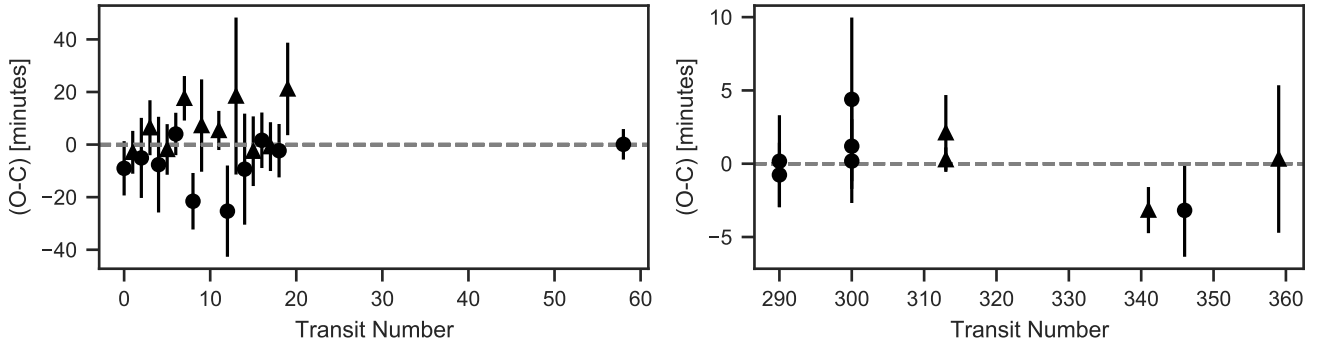


Fig. 13. TTVs measured for the transits of GJ 3473 b based on the results from the joint fit. Even transits are depicted as circles and odd transits as triangles. The observations corresponding to the transit numbers can be found in Table 1.

based on [Kempton et al. \(2018\)](#), to be 6.8 ± 0.3 , which is close to what [Kempton et al. \(2018\)](#) classify as high-quality atmospheric characterisation targets ($ESM > 7.5$).

5.2. GJ 3473 c

Our RV modelling shows evidence for a second planet in the system. Its derived period is likely not linked to the stellar rotation period of 168 d as determined in Sect. 4.7. Furthermore, the analysis of a comprehensive set of activity indicators exhibits no signs of stellar activity at the period in question. The analysis of the pEW of the H α line and the log R'_{HK} index describes GJ 3473 as a rather inactive star, which would contradict the relatively high RV amplitude of $\sim 3.8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ if the signal was attributed to activity (cf. Sect. 4.6). Furthermore, the signal is coherent for at least one year of observations and invariant with respect to the different instruments (see Sect. 4.8).

We therefore conclude that the 15.5 d signal in the RVs is caused by a second planet in the system, GJ 3473 c. The planet has a lower mass limit of $7.41^{+0.91}_{-0.86} M_{\oplus}$. Further physical parameters derived for this planet are shown in Table 5. No transit signals of GJ 3473 c are found within the TESS data. An estimate of its bulk composition from theoretical models is not feasible because the derived mass places the planet just in the regime of the radius dichotomy between super-Earths and mini-Neptunes (e.g. [Owen & Wu 2013](#); [Jin et al. 2014](#); [Fulton et al. 2017](#); [Zeng et al. 2017](#); [Cloutier & Menou 2020](#)). However, the non-detection of transits is not unexpected when an orbit co-planar to GJ 3473 b ($i = 87.95 \pm 0.47^{\circ}$) is assumed. The minimum inclination for at least grazing transits at a separation of $0.0876 \pm 0.0035 \text{ au}$ from the host star would be $i > 89.47^{\circ}$ considering a planet at the empirical upper radius limit for mini-Neptunes. At a distance of $8.66^{+0.13}_{-0.13} \times 10^{-2} \text{ au}$ from the host star, GJ 3473 c receives $1.98^{+0.17}_{-0.15}$ times the stellar flux compared to Earth, which places it outside the inner boundary of the optimistic habitable zone, $1.49 S_{\oplus} > S > 0.22 S_{\oplus}$, as defined by [Kopparapu et al. \(2014\)](#). The planet therefore is a temperate super-Earth or mini-Neptune such as GJ 887 c ([Jeffers et al. 2020](#)), GJ 686 b ([Lalitha et al. 2019](#); [Affer et al. 2019](#)), GJ 685 ([Pinamonti et al. 2019](#)) or GJ 581 c ([Udry et al. 2007](#)) (see Fig. 11).

5.3. Comparison to synthetic planet populations

We compare the planetary system of GJ 3473 with a synthetic M dwarf planet population from a core accretion model of planet formation ([Burn et al., in prep.](#)) to assess the frequency of such a configuration. There, planets like GJ 3473 b are relatively

abundant and often accompanied by multiple other planets in the system. More than 10% of their synthetic systems contain systems with a combination of planets similar to GJ 3473 b and c with respect to their masses and periods. The systems with an architecture closest to GJ 3473 suggest a low bulk density for the outer planet, which can currently not be tested observationally. Another theoretical prediction from the core accretion paradigm is a higher frequency of distant companions for volatile-poor inner planets such as GJ 3473 b ([Schlecker et al. 2020](#)). While the current results do not demonstrate any clear evidence for planets beyond GJ 3473 c, further long-term monitoring is needed to probe the outer system.

5.4. Search for transit timing variations

The period ratio of the two planets ($P_b \approx 1.20 \text{ d}$, $P_c \approx 15.5 \text{ d}$) does not suggest the presence of strong transit timing variations (TTV) for the transiting planet. However, we used *juliet* to perform a fit that only explores possible TTVs in the system. For this, we re-ran the joint fit but fixed all parameters to the results in Tables 3 and C.1 and added a TTV parameter for each transit (Gaussian distributed prior with 0 mean and a standard deviation of 0.03 d, see the documentation of *juliet* for details). Although the results in Fig. 13 indicate TTVs up to $\sim 20 \text{ min}$, the error bars are rather large. The main reason for this is the small transit depth of GJ 3473 b compared to the scatter of the data points (see Fig. 6). A GLS analysis of the TTVs reveals no significant periodicity that would indicate the presence of another massive planet in the system.

6. Conclusions

Here, we report the discovery of a planetary system around the M4.0 V dwarf GJ 3473 based on an extensive set of RV measurements from CARMENES, IRD, and HARPS, as well as space-based TESS photometry and photometric transit follow-up observations from LCOGT, MuSCAT, and MuSCAT2, and high-resolution images from Keck/NIRC2 and Gemini/NIRI. We confirm the planetary nature of GJ 3473 b (TOI-488.01) and present its detailed characterisation from a simultaneous fit of the RV and transit data. The short-period planet has a mass of $M_b = 1.86 \pm 0.30 M_{\oplus}$ and a radius of $R_b = 1.264 \pm 0.050 R_{\oplus}$, which yields a density that is consistent with a rocky composition. The planet complements the sample of small planets with mass and radius measurements better than 30% and contributes to the TESS mission's primary goal to measure the masses of 50 planets with radii smaller than $4 R_{\oplus}$. Its proximity

to the host star makes GJ 3473 b attractive for thermal emission spectroscopy. Synthetic cloud-free emission spectra predict amplitudes of the transmission spectral features up to 100s ppm in the MIR.

The RV data show evidence for an additional, non-transiting planet in the system. GJ 3473 c has a minimum mass of $M_c \sin i = 7.41 \pm 0.91 M_\oplus$ and an orbital period of $P_c = 15.509 \pm 0.033$ d, which places it just outside the inner boundary of the habitable zone.

The planetary system of GJ 3473 is another multi-planet system discovered around an M dwarf with planets in the range of Earth-like masses to super-Earths and mini-Neptunes. A comparison with synthetic planet populations shows that systems similar to GJ 3473 may be relatively abundant and often host multiple planets. We therefore encourage further long-time monitoring of the system to find additional planets.

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Appendix A: Known transiting planets with precise mass measurements around M dwarfs

Table A.1. Small transiting planets with precise masses around M dwarfs.

Name	Alternative name	Radius [R_{\oplus}]	Mass [M_{\oplus}]	Reference
GJ 3473 b ^(a,b)	G 50–16 b	1.264 ± 0.050	1.86 ± 0.30	This work
LP 729–54 b ^(a,b)	LTT 3780 b	1.35 ± 0.06	2.34 ± 0.24	Nowak et al. (2020); Cloutier et al. (2020a)
TOI-1235 b ^(a,b)	TYC 4384–1735–1 b	1.69 ± 0.08	5.9 ± 0.6	Bluhm et al. (2020); Cloutier et al. (2020b)
GJ 357 b ^(a,b)	LHS 2157 b	1.217 ± 0.084	1.84 ± 0.31	Luque et al. (2019); Jenkins et al. (2019)
GJ 1252 b ^(a)	L 210–70 b	1.193 ± 0.074	2.10 ± 0.58	Shporer et al. (2020)
L 98–59 c ^(a)	TOI-175.01	1.35 ± 0.07	2.42 ± 0.35	Cloutier et al. (2019); Kostov et al. (2019)
L 98–59 d ^(a)	TOI-175.01	1.57 ± 0.14	2.31 ± 0.46	Cloutier et al. (2019); Kostov et al. (2019)
L 168–9 b ^(a)	CD–60 8051 b	1.39 ± 0.09	4.60 ± 0.58	Astudillo-Defru et al. (2020)
Kepler-138 c	KOI-314.2	1.67 ± 0.15	5.2 ± 1.3	Almenara et al. (2018); Kipping et al. (2014); Mann et al. (2017)
Kepler-138 d	KOI-314.3	1.68 ± 0.15	1.17 ± 0.30	Almenara et al. (2018); Kipping et al. (2014); Mann et al. (2017)
GJ 1132 b	LTT 3758 b	1.130 ± 0.057	1.66 ± 0.23	Bonfils et al. (2018); Berta-Thompson et al. (2015)
LHS 1140 b	GJ 3053 b	1.727 ± 0.033	6.99 ± 0.89	Ment et al. (2019); Dittmann et al. (2017)
LHS 1140 c	GJ 3053 c	1.282 ± 0.024	1.81 ± 0.39	Ment et al. (2019)
TRAPPIST-1 b	2MUCD 12 171 b	1.121 ± 0.033	1.017 ± 0.16	Grimm et al. (2018); Delrez et al. (2018); Gillon et al. (2016)
TRAPPIST-1 c	2MUCD 12 171 c	1.095 ± 0.031	1.156 ± 0.15	Grimm et al. (2018); Delrez et al. (2018); Gillon et al. (2016)
TRAPPIST-1 d	2MUCD 12 171 d	0.784 ± 0.023	0.297 ± 0.039	Grimm et al. (2018); Delrez et al. (2018); Gillon et al. (2017)
TRAPPIST-1 e	2MUCD 12 171 e	0.910 ± 0.027	0.772 ± 0.079	Grimm et al. (2018); Delrez et al. (2018); Gillon et al. (2017)
TRAPPIST-1 f	2MUCD 12 171 f	1.046 ± 0.030	0.934 ± 0.095	Grimm et al. (2018); Delrez et al. (2018); Gillon et al. (2017)
TRAPPIST-1 g	2MUCD 12 171 g	1.148 ± 0.033	1.148 ± 0.098	Grimm et al. (2018); Delrez et al. (2018); Gillon et al. (2017)
TRAPPIST-1 h	2MUCD 12 171 h	0.773 ± 0.027	0.331 ± 0.056	Grimm et al. (2018); Delrez et al. (2018); Luger et al. (2017)

Notes. ^(a)Planets discovered by TESS. ^(b)Target stars in the CARMENES guaranteed time observations survey (Quirrenbach et al. 2014; Reiners et al. 2018). The table is based on TEPcat (Southworth 2011, visited on 15 July 2020) and shows the known transiting planets with radii smaller than $2 R_{\oplus}$ and mass determinations to a precision better than 30% in orbits around stars with temperatures lower than 4000 K. The first reference always denotes the source of the properties.

Appendix B: Priors for juliet

Table B.1. Priors used for juliet in the joint fit of transits and RV.

Parameter	Prior	Units	Description
<i>Stellar parameters</i>			
ρ_\star	$\mathcal{N}(10520.0, 836.2)$	kg m^{-3}	Stellar density
<i>Planetary parameters</i>			
P_b	$\mathcal{N}(1.1980004, 0.000009)$	d	Period of the transiting planet
$t_{0,b}$	$\mathcal{N}(2458492.2041, 0.0015)$	d	Time of transit centre of the transiting planet
$r_{1,b}$	$\mathcal{N}(0.55, 0.15)$	...	Parametrisation for p and b
$r_{2,b}$	$\mathcal{N}(0.0318, 0.0021)$	...	Parametrisation for p and b
K_b	$\mathcal{N}(2.4, 1.5)$	m s^{-1}	Radial-velocity semi-amplitude of the transiting planet
$\sqrt{e_b} \sin \omega_b$	fixed(0)	...	Parametrisation for e and ω .
$\sqrt{e_b} \cos \omega_b$	fixed(0)	...	Parametrisation for e and ω .
P_c	$\mathcal{N}(15.51, 0.16)$	d	Period of the second RV signal
$t_{0,c}$	$\mathcal{N}(2458575.7, 1.5)$	d	Time of transit centre of the second RV signal
K_c	$\mathcal{N}(3.7, 1.5)$	m s^{-1}	Radial-velocity semi-amplitude of the second RV signal
$\sqrt{e_c} \sin \omega_c$	fixed(0)	...	Parametrisation for e and ω .
$\sqrt{e_c} \cos \omega_c$	fixed(0)	...	Parametrisation for e and ω .
<i>Instrument parameters CARMENES, HARPS, IRD</i>			
μ	$\mathcal{U}(-10, 10)$	m s^{-1}	Instrumental offset
σ	$\mathcal{U}(0, 10)$	m s^{-1}	Jitter term
<i>Instrument parameters TESS</i>			
q_1	$\mathcal{U}(0, 1)$	...	Quadratic limb-darkening parametrisation
q_2	$\mathcal{U}(0, 1)$	...	Quadratic limb-darkening parametrisation
mdilution	fixed(1)	...	Dilution factor
mflux	$\mathcal{N}(0.0, .01)$	ppm	Instrumental offset
σ	$\mathcal{U}(1, 500)$	ppm	Jitter term
<i>Instrument parameters MuSCAT2</i>			
q_1	$\mathcal{U}(0, 1)$	...	Linear limb-darkening parametrisation
mdilution	fixed(1)	...	Dilution factor
mflux	$\mathcal{N}(0.0, .01)$	ppm	Instrumental offset
σ	$\mathcal{U}(1, 500)$	ppm	Jitter term
<i>Instrument parameters MuSCAT, LCOGT</i>			
q_1	$\mathcal{U}(0, 1)$	...	Linear limb-darkening parametrisation
mdilution	fixed(1)	...	Dilution factor
mflux	$\mathcal{N}(0.0, .01)$	ppm	Instrumental offset
σ	$\mathcal{U}(1, 500)$	ppm	Jitter term
θ_0	$\mathcal{U}(-100, 100)$	...	Linear airmass detrending coefficient

Notes. The prior labels, \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{N} , represent uniform and normal distributions, respectively.

Table B.2. Priors used with juliet for the determination of the rotation period.

Parameter	Prior	Units	Description
<i>Instrument parameters Mearth, TJO</i>			
mdilution	fixed(1)	...	Dilution factor
mflux	$\mathcal{N}(0.0, 1e5)$	ppm	Instrumental offset
σ	$\mathcal{J}(1e - 5, 1e5)$	ppm	Jitter term
<i>GP parameters (individual) Mearth, TJO</i>			
GP- σ	$\mathcal{J}(1e - 8, 1e8)$	ppm	GP amplitude
GP- Γ	$\mathcal{J}(1e - 2, 1e2)$	...	GP amplitude of the sine-squared component
<i>GP parameters (shared) Mearth, TJO</i>			
GP- α	$\mathcal{J}(1e - 10, 1)$	d^{-2}	GP inverse length scale of the exponential component
GP- P_{rot}	$\mathcal{U}(2, 200)$	d	GP rotation period of the quasi-periodic component

Notes. The prior labels, \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{N} , represent uniform, and normal distributions. \mathcal{J} is the log-uniform Jeffrey's distribution (Jeffreys 1946).

Appendix C: Continuation of the posteriors**Table C.1.** Posteriors of the joint fit for the different instrumental parameters.

Parameter	Posterior ^(a)	Units	Parameter	Posterior ^(a)	Units
<i>TESS</i>			<i>MuSCAT_r 18 Jan. 2020</i>		
q_1	$0.17^{+0.25}_{-0.12}$	...	q_1	$0.867^{+0.09}_{-0.172}$	...
q_2	$0.35^{+0.33}_{-0.24}$	...	σ	385^{+76}_{-143}	ppm
σ	34^{+31}_{-22}	ppm	θ_0	$0.0054^{+0.0011}_{-0.0011}$	...
<i>LCO McD_{zs} 19 Mar. 2019</i>			<i>MuSCAT_{zs} 18 Jan. 2020</i>		
q_1	$0.49^{+0.29}_{-0.30}$	...	q_1	$0.147^{+0.150}_{-0.098}$	...
σ	437^{+42}_{-78}	ppm	σ	$440.0^{+38.0}_{-55.0}$	ppm
θ_0	$-0.00302^{+0.00058}_{-0.00058}$	...	θ_0	$0.00346^{+0.00067}_{-0.00069}$	...
<i>MuSCAT_{2i} 21 Dec. 2019</i>			<i>LCO CTIO_{ip} 21 Feb. 2020</i>		
q_1	$0.77^{+0.16}_{-0.26}$	...	q_1	$0.873^{+0.085}_{-0.158}$	...
σ	113^{+104}_{-72}	ppm	σ	$492.9^{+4.9}_{-9.2}$	ppm
<i>MuSCAT_{2zs} 21 Dec. 2019</i>			<i>LCO CTIO_{ip} 27 Feb. 2020</i>		
q_1	$0.57^{+0.26}_{-0.31}$	...	θ_0	$0.0015^{+0.00017}_{-0.00017}$	...
σ	155^{+136}_{-100}	ppm	q_1	$0.52^{+0.28}_{-0.30}$	...
<i>MuSCAT_{2i} 2 Jan. 2020</i>			<i>LCO SAAO_{zs} 13 Mar. 2020</i>		
q_1	$0.57^{+0.27}_{-0.31}$	...	σ	482^{+12}_{-22}	ppm
σ	114^{+99}_{-72}	ppm	θ_0	$0.00243^{+0.00017}_{-0.00018}$	...
<i>MuSCAT_{2r} 2 Jan. 2020</i>			<i>LCO SAAO_{zs} 13 Mar. 2020</i>		
q_1	$0.54^{+0.28}_{-0.31}$	...	q_1	$0.60^{+0.26}_{-0.33}$	...
σ	121^{+109}_{-77}	ppm	σ	413^{+56}_{-98}	ppm
<i>MuSCAT_{2zs} 2 Jan. 2020</i>			<i>LCO SAAO_{zs} 13 Mar. 2020</i>		
q_1	$0.78^{+0.15}_{-0.23}$	...	θ_0	$-0.00086^{+0.0007}_{-0.00071}$	...
σ	109^{+90}_{-69}	ppm			

Notes. ^(a)Error bars denote the 68% posterior credibility intervals.