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XXIX. Four new planets in orbit around the moderately active dwarfs HD 63765, HD 104067, HD 125595, and HIP 70849^{*,**}

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ABSTRACT

We report the detection of four new extrasolar planets in orbit around the moderately active stars HD 63765, HD 104067, HIP 70849, and HD 125595 with the HARPS Echelle spectrograph mounted on the ESO 3.6-m telescope at La Silla. The first planet, HD 63765 b, has a minimum mass of $0.64 M_{\text{Jup}}$, a period of 358 days, and an eccentricity of 0.24. It orbits a G9 dwarf at 0.94 AU. The second planet, HD 104067 b, is a 3.6 Neptune-mass-planet with a 55.8-day-period. It orbits its parent K2 dwarf, in a circular orbit with a semi-major axis of $a = 0.26$ AU. Radial velocity measurements present a ≈ 500 -day-oscillation that reveals significant magnetic cycles. The third planet is a 0.77 Neptune-mass-planet in circular orbit around the K4 dwarf, HD 12595, with a 9.67-day-period. Finally, HIP 7849 b is a long-period ($5 < P < 75$ years) and massive planet of $m \sin i \approx 3.5\text{--}15 M_{\text{Jup}}$ that orbits a late K7 dwarf.

Key words. techniques: radial velocities – planetary systems – stars: individual: HD 63765 – stars: individual: HD 104067 – stars: individual: HD 125595 – stars: individual: HIP 70849

1. Introduction

The HARPS planet-search program has been going on for 6 years (since 2003) at the 3.6-m ESO telescope located at La Silla Observatory, Chile (Pepe et al. 2000; Mayor et al. 2003). Both HD 63765 and HD 104067 were part of the high-precision subprogram of the HARPS guaranteed time observations (GTO), which aimed at detecting very low-mass planets in a sample of solar-type stars already screened for giant planets at a lower precision with CORALIE Echelle spectrograph mounted on the 1.2-m Swiss telescope on the same site (Udry et al. 2000). HIP 70849 and HD 125595, on the other hand, are part of the HARPS volume-limited sample program of the HARPS GTO. The sample is composed of about 1200 stars within 57.5 pc, among which 850 G, K dwarfs that are known as single stars with low activity and low $v \sin i$. The goal of this program was to monitor the 850 stars at the 3 ms^{-1} precision level to detect all the gas giants present in this statistically robust sample.

* The HARPS radial velocity measurements discussed in this paper 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/qcat?J/A+A/535/A54>

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Observed distributions of planets' orbital elements and masses, as well as host star characteristics should then be compared to theoretical predictions to improve our knowledge of planet formation and evolution.

So far, HARPS has allowed the detection (or has contributed to the detection) of more than 85 extrasolar planet candidates (the latest batch of which was presented in a series of parallel papers e.g. Forveille et al. 2011; Lovis et al. 2011; Mordasini et al. 2011; Moutou et al. 2011; Lo Curto et al. 2010; Naef et al. 2010) among the ≈ 460 known today. But more specifically, HARPS is unveiling the tip of the iceberg of the very low-mass planet population (see Lovis et al. 2009; Mayor et al. 2009), which when combined with forthcoming results allow extrapolating results of their mass distribution. Lovis et al. (2009) show that $\approx 30\%$ of the stars surveyed in the HARPS high precision program have planets with masses below 30-earth masses on periods shorter than 50 days. Furthermore, $\approx 80\%$ of those planets are in multiplanetary systems. HARPS' high stability not only gives access to super-Earth's at short periods but is also sensitive to Neptune-mass-planets at a longer period, (e.g., HD 69830 b, Lovis et al. 2006). The discovery of those intermediate-mass planets ($1\text{--}10 M_{\text{Nept}}$) in the 0.1 to 0.5 AU separation range is of interest for planetary formation scenarios since those planets are hardly formed according to Ida & Lin (2005) or at least, should be rare according to Mordasini et al. (2009).

Table 1. Observed and inferred stellar parameters for HD 63765, HD 104067, HIP 70849 and HD 125595.

Parameters	HD 63765	HD 104067	HD 125595	HIP 70849
Sp. T.	G9V	K2V	K4V	K7V
V	8.1	7.93	9.03	10.36
$B - V$	0.75	0.99	1.107	1.427
J	—	—	—	7.639 ± 0.023
H	—	—	—	7.006 ± 0.061
K	—	—	—	6.790 ± 0.027
π [mas]	30.07 ± 0.56	47.47 ± 0.90	35.77 ± 1.04	42.42 ± 2.09
M_V	5.49 ± 0.04	6.31 ± 0.05	6.80 ± 0.06	8.50 ± 0.10
T_{eff} [K]	$5432 \pm 19^{(1)}$	$4969 \pm 72^{(1)}$	$4908 \pm 87^{(1)}$	$4105 \pm 130^{(4)}$
[Fe/H] ⁽¹⁾ [dex]	-0.16 ± 0.01	-0.06 ± 0.05	0.02 ± 0.06	—
$\log(g)^{(1)}$	4.42 ± 0.03	4.47 ± 0.13	4.32 ± 0.20	—
M_* [$M_\odot$]	$0.865 \pm 0.029^{(3)}$	$0.791 \pm 0.020^{(3)}$	$0.756 \pm 0.017^{(3)}$	$0.63 \pm 0.03^{(4)}$
Age [Gyr]	$4.77 \pm 4.07^{(3)}$	$4.33 \pm 3.99^{(3)}$	$3.53 \pm 3.59^{(3)}$	$1-5^{(4)}$
$\log(R'_{HK})$	$-4.736 \pm 0.037^{(2)}$	$-4.743 \pm 0.023^{(2)}$	$-4.787 \pm 0.037^{(2)}$	$-4.697^{(5)}$
Stellar Jitter [m/s]	3.0	3.0	2.5	3.5
$v \sin(i)^{(2)}$ [km s ⁻¹]	1.63	1.61	1.50	1.93
P_{rot} [days]	23	34.7	40.1	—

Notes. Near infrared photometry is taken from the 2MASS All-Sky Catalog, (Cutri et al. 2003; Skrutskie et al. 2006). Astrometric data and visual photometry come from Hipparcos Catalogs, (ESA 1997; van Leeuwen 2007). Other parameters come from: (1) Sousa et al. (2008) spectroscopic analysis; (2) HARPS CCF; (3) Girardi et al. (2000) models; (4) Baraffe et al. (1998) models; (5) Gray et al. (2006).

In this paper we report the detection of four planets orbiting moderately active stars. Two of them are Neptunian planets at relatively short periods orbiting HD 104067 and HD 125595. The other two are gas giants at longer periods in orbit around HD 63765 and HIP 70849. The paper is organized as follows. In the first section we briefly discuss the primary-star properties. Data analysis is presented in Sect. 3.1 while radial-velocity measurements and orbital solutions are discussed in Sect. 3. In Sect. 4, we provide concluding remarks.

2. Stellar characteristics

The effective temperatures, gravity, and metallicities were derived from the spectroscopic analysis of the HARPS targets as described in Sousa et al. (2008). We used the improved Hipparcos astrometric parallaxes rederived by van Leeuwen (2007) to determine the absolute V -band magnitude using the apparent visual magnitude from Hipparcos (ESA 1997). Metallicities, together with the effective temperatures and M_V were then used to estimate basic stellar parameters (ages, masses) based on theoretical isochrones from Girardi et al. (2000) and a Bayesian estimation method described in da Silva et al. (2006)¹. Individual spectra were also used to derive both the bisector inverse slope (BIS) of the HARPS cross-correlation function (CCF), as defined by Queloz et al. (2000), as well as a measurement of the chromospheric activity index $\log(R'_{HK})$, following a similar recipe as used by Santos et al. (2000) for CORALIE spectra. Using the Noyes et al. (1984) empirical calibration of the rotational period vs. activity, we estimated rotational periods. We also derived the $v \sin(i)$ from the HARPS spectra following the Santos et al. (2002) approach. The HIP 70849 spectral type is, however, too late (K7V) to carry out Sousa et al. (2008) analysis. For such a low-mass star, we have to rely on near-infrared photometric measurements, as well as on

Table 2. Number of measurement, time span, and weighted rms of the residuals around the one planet solutions for HD 63765 for CORALIE-98, CORALIE-07, and HARPS.

Instrument	N_{mes}	Span [years]	$\sigma_{(O-C)}$ [ms ⁻¹]
CORALIE-98	38	7.0	9.6
CORALIE-07	18	3.18	4.72
HARPS	52	6.3	3.27

accurate mass-luminosity relations (Baraffe et al. 1998; Delfosse et al. 2000), to derive its fundamental physical parameters. The list of all stellar parameters can be found in Table 1.

The four stars have activity indexes, $\log(R'_{HK})$, ranging between -4.69 and -4.80 , and they show a large Ca II re-emission at $\lambda = 3933.66$ Å (see Fig. 1), revealing significant chromospheric activity possibly induced by stellar spots or plagues. In addition, $\log(R'_{HK})$ indexes display variability on different time-scales as observed on their periodograms (see Fig. 1). Short time-scale variation can often be matched to the rotation period of the star (such as for HD 63765 and HD 125595), while longer time scale variability in the chromospheric activity index could betray the existence of stellar magnetic cycles (such as for HD 63765, HD 104067 and HD 125595). HIP 70849 does not display any significant variability in the $\log(R'_{HK})$ index.

For some stars, a linear correlation between the activity index and the radial velocities is observed (see Fig. 3), leading the way to possible stellar activity detrending around moderately active stars. However, this topic is beyond the scope of this paper so we decided, instead, to estimate the overall stellar radial velocity jitter. To do so, we measured the radial velocity dispersion on a sample of stars with similar $\log(R'_{HK})$ and spectral type that show no planetary. For each star, a radial velocity jitter of a few ms⁻¹ was derived (see Table 1), which was used as an external white noise in the planet search algorithm (see Sect. 3.1).

¹ The web interface for the Bayesian estimation of stellar parameters, called PARAM 1.0, can be found at <http://stev.oapd.inaf.it/cgi-bin/param>

Fig. 1. *Left:* chromospheric activity index periodogram for HD 63765, HD 104067, HD 125595, and HIP 70849. *Right:* Ca II H emission region. The large re-emission at the bottom of the Ca II H absorption line at $\lambda = 3933.66 \text{ \AA}$ is an indicator of chromospheric activity.

3. Radial-velocity measurements and orbital solutions

3.1. A Bayesian genetic algorithm with Markov chains

Since 2003, we have been developing and using a genetic algorithm to retrieve multiple Keplerian orbital solutions (Ségransan et al., in prep.). The main advantage of genetic algorithm compared to other advanced methods such as “Markov chain Monte Carlo” (hereafter MCMC) with parallel tempering (for illustration see Gregory 2007) is that it allows probing the full model parameters space in a extremely efficient way (solutions of complex planetary systems solutions are derived in a few minutes instead of hours to run MCMC from scratch on a MacBook Pro). However, the population at the end of the evolution is not statistically reliable owing the intrinsic nature of genetic algorithm based of genome crossover and mutation. We therefore added a MCMC module with Metropolis hasting to overcome this problem. The algorithm is based on the formalism described in Collier Cameron et al. (2007) with several thousands chains drawn from the final genetic algorithm’s population. Each chain runs several thousand times to retrieve a statistically reliable population. For poorly constrained planetary systems, the Bayesian formalism described in Gregory (2007) is used. A full overview of the algorithm will be described in a forthcoming paper (Ségransan et al., in prep.).

3.2. A one-year period Jovian planet around HD 63765

HD 63765 was part of the CORALIE planet search survey (Udry et al. 2000) before being monitored at higher precision with HARPS. Since March 2000, 56 measurements have been acquired with CORALIE with a typical signal-to-noise ratio of 46 (per pixel at 550 nm) and a mean measurement uncertainty (including photon noise and calibration errors) of 4.5 ms^{-1} . In June 2007, we upgraded the instrument that slightly changes its zero point (Ségransan et al. 2010). We therefore adjusted an instrumental offset between the measurements taken before and after June 2007 (namely CORALIE-98 and CORALIE-07). Since December 2003, we have recorded a total of 52 measurements with HARPS with a better signal-to-noise ($\text{SNR} \approx 155$) than CORALIE as well as a better final accuracy (60 cm^{-1} , including photon noise and calibration errors). Despite the lower accuracy of the CORALIE spectrograph, we decided to include the CORALIE data because of their longer time span, mainly to increase the accuracy on the orbital period of the planet. Altogether, 108 radial velocities were gathered. A stellar velocity jitter of 3.0 ms^{-1} was quadratically added to the mean radial velocity uncertainty. A single-planet Keplerian model was adjusted to the data and produced residuals that show a level of variation $\sigma = 3.41 \text{ ms}^{-1}$, yielding a reduced χ^2 of 1.30. Figure 3 shows the HARPS radial velocities and the corresponding best-fit Keplerian model. The resulting orbital parameters for the first planet are $P = 358 \text{ days}$, $e = 0.24$ and $K = 20.9 \text{ ms}^{-1}$, implying a

Table 3. Best Keplerian orbital solutions for HD 63765, HD 104067, HD 105595, and HIP 70849.

Parameters		HD 63765 b	HD 104067 b	HD 125595 b	HIP70849 b
γ	[km s ⁻¹]	22.5843 ± 0.0024	15.1243 ± 0.0009	5.2637 ± 0.00054	0.099 ± 0.032
$\Delta V(C07 - C98)$	[ms ⁻¹]	-3.9 ± 2.4			
$\Delta V(H - C98)$	[ms ⁻¹]	39.4 ± 2.0			
t_{avg}	[BJD-2.45 10 ⁶]	4224.7731	4001.5984	4439.9245	4564.01764
P	[days]	358.0 ± 1.0	55.806 ± 0.049	9.6737 ± 0.0039	5–90 [years]
K	[ms ⁻¹]	20.9 ± 1.3	11.56 ± 0.75	4.79 ± 0.47	70–400
e		0.240 ± 0.043	0.00	0.00	0.47–0.96
ω	[deg]	122 ± 13	0.00	0.00	–
T_0	[BJD-2.45 10 ⁶]	4404 ± 11	4043.15 ± 0.56	4435.23 ± 0.15	–
$\lambda(t_{\text{avg}})$	[deg]	302.1 ± 3.6	91.9 ± 3.6	175 ± 5	–
$\Lambda(t_{\text{avg}})$	[deg]	302.3 ± 7.0	91.9 ± 3.6	175 ± 5	–
$a_1 \sin i$	[10 ⁻⁶ AU]	667.8 ± 40	59 ± 3.7	4.2 ± 0.41	11.7–661 × 10 ³
$f(m)$	[10 ⁻¹² M _⊙]	313 ± 57	9.0 ± 1.7	0.111 ± 0.031	95–428 × 10 ³
$m \sin i$		0.64 ± 0.05 M _{Jup}	3.44 ± 0.25 M _{Nept}	0.766 ± 0.078 M _{Nept}	3–15 M _{Jup}
a	[AU]	0.940 ± 0.016	0.2643 ± 0.0045	0.0809 ± 0.0014	4.5–36
N_{mes}		108	88	117	21
Time span	[years]	10.77	6.22	5.68	4.22
$\sigma_{(O-C)}$	[ms ⁻¹]	3.41	4.60	3.22	3.94–3.68
χ_r^2		1.30 ± 0.16	2.46 ± 0.24	1.61 ± 0.17	1.06 ± 0.38

Notes. t_{avg} is the mean date of the observations, $\lambda(t_{\text{avg}})$ is the mean longitude at $t = t_{\text{avg}}$, $\Lambda(t_{\text{avg}})$ is the true longitude at $t = t_{\text{avg}}$, $\sigma_{(O-C)}$ is the dispersion of the residuals.

Fig. 2. *Top:* genetic algorithm population at the end of evolution represented in a period-eccentricity diagram. The dark curve is the maximum eccentricity a planet can reach without colliding the star. *Bottom:* joint probability density function of the radial velocity semi-amplitude and the eccentricity. The red, blue and cyan contour represent the 1–3 σ confidence intervals of the joint PDF.

minimum mass $m \sin(i) = 0.64 M_{\text{Jup}}$ and a semi-major axis $a = 0.940$ AU. Despite its proximity to one year, we are confident that the 358-day period is the correct one. Indeed, the genetic algorithm does not display any other significant solution in a

period-eccentricity diagram (see Fig. 2). This is reasonably explained by the large radial-velocity amplitude ($K = 20.9 \text{ ms}^{-1}$) compared to the residual noise ($\sigma = 3.41 \text{ ms}^{-1}$) and the fact that 75% of the orbital phase is covered (see Fig. 3). In addition, the mcmc analysis shows that the probability distribution functions (hereafter PDF) of all parameters are gaussian with no obvious correlations between them as illustrated by the semi-amplitude vs. eccentricity diagram (see Fig. 2). Orbital elements for HD 63765 b are listed in Table 3.

3.3. A 55-day-period Neptune-like planet around HD 104067

HD 104067 has been observed with HARPS since February 2004. Altogether, 88 radial-velocity measurements with a typical signal-to-noise ratio of ≈ 172 (per pixel at 550 nm) and a mean measurement uncertainty (including photon noise and calibration errors) of 43 cm s^{-1} were gathered. A stellar velocity jitter of 3.0 ms^{-1} was quadratically added to the mean radial velocity uncertainty.

A strong peak is present in the periodogram at ≈ 56 day (see Fig. 3), which is identified as a Neptune-like planet in a circular orbit by the genetic algorithm. We investigated whether the presence of stellar spots could mimic the short amplitude $P = 55.81$ day Keplerian motion and explain such a large $\chi_r^2 = 2.46$ since the derived orbital period – from activity index – is 34.7 days. The bisector inverse slope, as well as the $\log(R'_{HK})$ (see Fig. 1), do not present any variation at the period of $P = 55.81$ day, while the measured radial velocities show a clear Keplerian signature. The detection of the 55.81-day-period Neptunian planet is therefore confirmed.

The residuals' dispersion is fairly large ($\sigma = 4.6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$) and shows a clear low frequency oscillation at $P \approx 500$ day that mimics the signature of a second Neptunian planet. However, this signal is correlated with the $\log(R'_{HK})$ activity index (see Fig. 4), ruling out the detection of a second long period planet in the system. Resulting orbital parameters are listed in Table 3.

Fig. 3. *Top:* generalized Lomb-Scargle periodogram of the radial-velocity measurements for both HD 63765 (*left*) and HD 104067 (*right*). *Middle:* radial-velocity measurements as a function of Julian Date obtained with CORALIE (blue and orange dots) and HARPS (red dots). *Bottom:* HARPS' only phase-folded radial velocities. The best Keplerian, one-planet-solution is displayed as a dark curve whose corresponding orbital elements are listed in Table 2.

3.4. A 10-day-period Netpunian planet around HD 125595

We have been observing HD 125595 with HARPS since May 2004. Altogether, we have obtained 117 radial-velocity measurements with a typical signal-to-noise ratio of ≈ 78 (per pixel at 550 nm) and a mean measurement uncertainty (including photon noise and calibration errors) of 1 ms^{-1} .

A clear ≈ 10 -day periodic signal can be seen in the periodogram ($\nu = 0.1 \text{ day}^{-1}$) with its replica on both sides of the one-day period alias (see Fig. 5). A single-planet Keplerian model was therefore adjusted to the data leading to a $P = 9.67$ days circular orbit of semi-amplitude $K = 4.79 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ (see Fig. 5), which corresponds to a planetary companion of minimum mass $m \sin(i) = 0.77 M_{\text{Nept}}$. Corresponding orbital elements are listed in Table 3. The $\sim 3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ dispersion in the residuals is explained by a significant amount of energy in the periodogram of the residuals around the orbital solution at a period of 37 days (see Fig. 6). This $P \sim 37$ -day energy peak is also present in the

periodograms of the CCF FWHM (resp. $\log(R'_{\text{HK}})$) and bisector inverse slope and is close enough to the rotation period of the star to asses that the observed dispersion in the radial velocities is probably induced by activity.

3.5. A long-period massive planet around HIP 70849

HIP 70849 has been observed with HARPS since April 2006. Altogether, we gathered 18 radial-velocity measurements with a typical signal-to-noise ratio of ≈ 49 (per pixel at 550 nm) and a mean measurement uncertainty (including photon noise and calibration errors) of 2.2 ms^{-1} . A low frequency radial velocity variation with a large amplitude ($\approx 200 \text{ ms}^{-1}$) is clearly seen in the data (see Fig. 7). Even though the orbital phase is not correctly covered by our observations, we were lucky enough to obtain radial velocity measurements close to the date of passage through periastron. Running our genetic algorithm followed by MCMC simulations with the simplest model (1 planet, no radial

Fig. 4. Correlation between the activity index and the radial velocity residuals as function of time for HD 104067. Pearson's $r = 0.59$.

Fig. 5. *Top:* periodogram of HARPS radial velocity measurements of HD 125595. A clear signature is seen at frequency $\nu = 0.9 \text{ day}^{-1}$ with its replica on both sides of the one-day alias. *Bottom:* phase-folded radial velocity measurements with the best Keplerian, one-planet-solution represented as a black curve.

velocity drift) allowed us to bring some constraints on the orbit as shown in Fig. 8. Indeed, at the end of the simulation the chains remained within bounding values with a period between 5 and 90 years, an eccentricity between 0.4 and 0.98 and a minimum mass between 3.5 and 15 M_{Jup} . It should be noted that solutions with much longer periods and very high eccentricities exist but could not be probed by our MCMC simulations in a reasonable

Fig. 6. The top figure is the periodogram of the radial velocities residuals (once the 9.67-day-period planet has been subtracted) on the time interval 10–100 days. Some residual energy remains close to frequency (resp. period) $\nu = 0.027 \text{ day}^{-1}$ (resp. $P = 37 \text{ day}$). This energy peak is close to the 40-day-rotation period derived from the activity index, and is also present in the periodograms of the CCF FWHM (resp. $\log(R'_{HK})$) and bisector inverse slope) to state that the observed 37-day variability is activity induced.

amount of time. However, the corresponding minimum mass of such solutions remains within the substellar domain. The addition of a linear drift to the model decreases the planet eccentricity, as well as its radial velocity semi-amplitude, which as a result, decreases the mass of the detected object. We also looked at the Hipparcos data to check whether the astrometric signature of the companion ($\alpha > 500 \mu\text{arcsec}$) is detected, to determine the real nature of this object as for HD 5388 b (Sahlmann et al. 2011a). In principle, astrometric motions larger than 1 mas could be detected in the Hipparcos intermediate data as shown by Sahlmann et al. (2011b), provided that the RV orbital elements are determined well and that the period is close to the duration of the Hipparcos mission. In that particular case, the long period of the planet combined with the poor determination of the orbital elements prevents to disentangle the companion signature from Hipparcos proper motions. However, future space missions

Fig. 7. Radial-velocity measurements as a function of Julian Date obtained with HARPS (red dots) on HIP 70849. One of the orbital solution is overplotted as a black line.

such as GAIA (Perryman et al. 2001) or JMAPS (Hennessey et al. 2010) will be able to characterize the nature of this object better.

4. Conclusion

We have reported the discovery of four extrasolar planet candidates orbiting moderately active stars

- HD 63765, HIP 70849, HD 104067, and HD 125595 – discovered with the HARPS Echelle spectrograph mounted on the 3.6-m ESO telescope located at La Silla Observatory. Two of those planets, HD 125595 b and HD 104067 b, are Neptune-mass-planets while the other two – HD 63765, HIP 70849 – are clearly gas giants.
- *HD 125595 b*: according to Mordasini et al. (2009), the planet is too massive ($m_p = 0.77 M_{\text{Nept}}$) to have formed “in situ” since there are not enough planetesimals at 0.08 AU with typical disk profiles. Because its parent star has solar metallicity, the planet probably formed beyond the iceline and then migrated toward the star through tidal interaction with the gaseous disk. The planet is not massive enough to trigger runaway gas accretion.
- *HD 104067 b*: the existence of such a planet, however, is hardly explained by planetary formation and evolution scenarios (Ida & Lin 2005; Mordasini et al. 2009). Indeed, the planet is massive enough ($m_p = 3.4 M_{\text{Nept}}$) to have triggered runaway gas accretion before migrating toward the star. How could the detection of such a planet be explained? Are we biased by the observing techniques since HD 104067 b could be a gas giant provided that its inclination is lower than 30 deg? This question will be answered when such an object is detected in transiting surveys or when a statistically reliable sample of similar object is detected by radial velocity surveys.
- *HD 63765 b*: this is a one-year-period Saturn-mass planet with a significant eccentricity. There is nothing peculiar about this object but its detection is useful to build a statistically robust sample of giant planets properties (orbital elements and mass distributions, host star properties).
- *HIP 70849 b*: interesting is the presence of a massive giant planet around the 0.63 solar-mass-star HIP 70849. Even

Fig. 8. *Top*: joint probability density function of the orbital period and the eccentricity. The red (resp. blue, cyan) line corresponds to the 1 (resp. 2, 3) σ confidence interval. *Bottom*: minimum mass distribution of the planetary companions with the same confidence intervals. 99.73% of the solutions have a period between 5 and 90 years, an eccentricity between 0.47 and 0.95 and a minimum mass between 3.5 and 15 M_{Jup} .

though characterized as a K7 dwarf, HIP 70849 is close enough to the very low-mass star domain to present similar planetary formation scenarios. According to Laughlin et al. (2004), Ida & Lin (2005), and Mordasini et al. (2009), the formation of Jupiter-mass planets orbiting very low-mass stars is seriously inhibited at all separations. The presence of this 3–15 M_{Jup} planet in orbit to HIP 70849 brings to four the number of companions more massive than 2 M_{Jup} in orbit around a very low mass star and therefore questions the validity of planets formation scenarios around very low-mass stars. Possible hints of the existence of such objects could be that the mass of their protoplanetary disk did not scale with the mass of the star or, otherwise, that the planet started to form much earlier than usually thought.

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