

SWEET-Cat 2.0: The Cat just got SWEETer

Higher quality spectra and precise parallaxes from *Gaia* eDR3

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ABSTRACT

Aims. The catalog of Stars With Exoplanets (SWEET-Cat) was originally introduced in 2013. Since then many more exoplanets have been confirmed, increasing significantly the number of host stars listed there. A crucial step toward a comprehensive understanding of these new worlds is the precise and homogeneous characterization of their host stars. Better spectroscopic stellar parameters along with new results from *Gaia* eDR3 provide updated and precise parameters for the discovered planets. A new version of the catalog, whose homogeneity in the derivation of the parameters is key to unraveling star–planet connections, is available to the community.

Methods. We made use of high-resolution spectra for planet-host stars, either observed by our team or collected through public archives. The spectroscopic stellar parameters were derived for the spectra following the same homogeneous process using ARES and MOOG (ARES+MOOG) as for the previous SWEET-Cat releases. We re-derived parameters for the stars in the catalog using better quality spectra and/or using the most recent versions of the codes. Moreover, the new SWEET-Cat table can now be more easily combined with the planet properties listed both at the Extrasolar Planets Encyclopedia and at the NASA exoplanet archive to perform statistical analyses of exoplanets. We also made use of the recent *Gaia* eDR3 parallaxes and respective photometry to derive consistent and accurate surface gravity values for the host stars.

Results. We increased the number of stars with homogeneous parameters by more than 40% (from 645 to 928). We reviewed and updated the metallicity distributions of stars hosting planets with different mass regimes comparing the low-mass planets ($<30 M_{\oplus}$) with the high-mass planets. The new data strengthen previous results showing the possible trend in the metallicity–period–mass diagram for low-mass planets.

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1. Introduction

Studies of planetary systems have grown immensely in recent decades following the first detections of exoplanets orbiting solar-type stars (e.g., [Mayor & Queloz 1995](#)) and the thousands of exoplanets detected since. More interesting than the fantastic increase rate of discoveries is the surprising vast diversity of exoplanets present in the Galaxy, revealed by dedicated search surveys using the radial-velocity (RV) and transit techniques.

These discoveries provide crucial constraints for the exhaustive understanding of planet formation and evolution, based initially on our knowledge of the Solar System alone (e.g., [Ehrenreich et al. 2020](#); [Lillo-Box et al. 2020](#); [Armstrong et al. 2020](#)).

The reasonable assumption that the same source material forms the planets and host star(s) within a given planetary

system has led researchers to focus on a quest for possible correlations between the characteristics of the host stars and the presence of their planets. One of the first observational results to become evident in this regard was that massive Jupiter-like planets are much more frequent around metal-rich stars (e.g., [Santos et al. 2004](#); [Valenti & Fischer 2005](#)). Later on, with further discoveries of lower mass planets, this planet–metallicity correlation was found to be nonexistent for small or low-mass planets (e.g., [Sousa et al. 2008](#); [Ghezzi et al. 2010](#); [Schlaufman & Laughlin 2011](#); [Buchhave et al. 2012](#); [Buchhave & Latham 2015](#); [Kutra et al. 2020](#)). Several works have focused on other aspects, such as planetary system architectures ([Adibekyan 2019](#); [Dawson & Johnson 2018](#)), and planet frequency, and its dependence on other stellar parameters like the stellar mass (e.g., [Mortier et al. 2013](#)). These are a small representation of the statistical studies performed focusing

on the potential correlations between the star's properties and its hosted planets. Detailed knowledge of the nature of individual stars is crucial for the thorough understanding of planetary systems currently being characterized by CHEOPS (Benz et al. 2021) and ESPRESSO (Pepe et al. 2021), and for preparing the selection of targets for future missions such as ARIEL (Tinetti et al. 2018; Brucalassi et al. 2021), and PLATO (Rauer et al. 2014). SWEET-Cat is a catalog with homogeneous spectroscopic parameters for planet hosts, with near-full completeness for the RV detected planets; it was introduced by Santos et al. (2013). To increase the sample of stellar hosts with homogeneous spectroscopic parameters, our group has continuously worked on SWEET-Cat, releasing several updates to the community (e.g., Sousa et al. 2015b, 2018; Andreasen et al. 2017).

This work presents a significant upgrade to SWEET-Cat¹. It consists of the addition of 283 new planet hosts, the inclusion of new data relevant for the characterization of the planet-host stars, the inclusion of the link to the NASA archive exoplanet database² (Akeson et al. 2013), in addition to the already existing link to the Extrasolar Planets Encyclopedia³ (Schneider et al. 2011), and the rederivation of spectroscopic parameters from better quality or recent spectra using the latest updated codes developed by our group. The following sections describe all the work performed for the new version of SWEET-Cat. Section 2 describes the spectroscopic data compilation for the catalog. Section 3 presents how the spectroscopic parameters are derived, and compares the latest parameters with our older results and others in the literature. We also describe how we use the *Gaia* eDR3 to estimate accurate surface gravities for our planet-host stars. In Sect. 4 we present the new catalog contents and how we use the coordinates to link our catalog with the exoplanet.eu and the NASA archive. In Sect. 5 we review and update planet–star correlations discussed previously in the literature. Finally, in Sect. 6 we present the summary of our work.

2. Spectroscopic data

2.1. Selection of host stars for SWEET-Cat

We kept the same constraints of previous catalog versions to include the planet host stars in SWEET-Cat. First, we search for the confirmed planets in the Extrasolar Planets Encyclopedia and selected only the detected by Radial Velocity, Primary Transit, and Astrometry methods. Second, we cross-match their host stars with the stars in SWEET-Cat and include the missing hosts, while removing the stars that no longer had a planet confirmed status. The same procedure is performed with the NASA exoplanet archive to add the confirmed host stars missing in the Extrasolar Planets Encyclopedia. We include the database source in the information of all host stars (see Sect. 4 for details).

2.2. Spectra from public archival data

The ESO archive⁴ is the main source of reduced spectral public data for SWEET-Cat. We used the *astroquery.eso*⁵ submodule to search for the required data in the ESO archive. We note that a small fraction of the spectra belonging to our UVES programs

had private status at the moment of compilation (106.20ZM.001, 105.203J.001, 0103.C-0027, 0102.C-0226, 0101.C-0049).

The compilation of data prioritizes high-resolution and high signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) spectra for each host star. We selected the data from the FEROS, HARPS, and UVES spectrographs, all with $R > 40\,000$ ⁶. In most cases we downloaded more than one spectrum per star to achieve a higher S/N by combining them. We avoided very low S/N spectra ($S/N < 15$) due to low-quality individual exposures that could add relatively low signal compared with the noise. We also did not select very high S/N spectra (e.g., $S/N > 550$ for HARPS, $S/N > 1000$ for UVES⁷) either due to the likely saturation of the individual exposures. The total number of files downloaded varies per star to reach a maximum S/N of about 2000 for the final combined spectrum, and a minimum of 20 for a final single-exposure spectrum. We note that the cited S/N values are from photon counts and that the real S/N should depend on other noise sources (e.g., background subtraction, flat-fielding), although they should not differ much for the final combined spectrum. We obtain the final combined spectrum for each star for a given instrument and configuration by shifting all spectra to the same wavelength reference before the flux combination, using a cross-correlation function with the highest S/N individual spectrum taken as the mask.

We keep track of the search parameters used for the data in the archive (e.g., S/N cuts) and the list of the individual spectra used for the final combined spectrum. Moreover, we keep figures for each final combined spectrum along with the spectra used for its creation.

Since this is a significant amount of data the selection of spectra and their combination is an automatic process. However, there is a human validation to certify the quality of the end products. The main problems identified during the validation include the following:

(i) incorrect identification of the star: some stars are very close in the sky. For example, stars in the *Kepler* field and close in binaries can be easily mismatched when searching the archival data. We identify mismatches by cross-checking the lists of spectra used for each star. If we find a file used for two or more stars, we discard that spectrum and redo the combination process with the updated list.

(ii) data reduction process: some individual spectra in the figures show unexpected flux variations and/or strange behavior in the continuum (e.g., ripples or strong spikes). These likely indicate a problem with the reduction of the archival spectra. We discard these spectra and redo the combination process.

(iii) radial velocity correction: some spectra were not properly shifted in radial velocity before the spectral combination by looking at the figures. We identify the files and apply the cross-correlation function with different parameters to correct the issue. If that fails, we discard the files and redo the combination process.

We searched for spectra in other archives for the host stars of SWEET-Cat. In particular, archives where we could do the search and download automatically. We used custom-made python scripts to search for and download spectra from the SOPHIE⁸, ESPADONS⁹, and HARPS-N¹⁰ spectrographs

⁶ ESPRESSO was not included here because it was not listed by *astroquery.eso* at the time of the compilation of the data.

⁷ The S/N threshold for the case of saturation depends on the detectors of each spectrograph and/or configuration.

⁸ <http://atlas.obs-hp.fr/sophie/>

⁹ <http://www.cadc-ccda.hia-ihp.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/en/cfht/>

¹⁰ <http://www.not.iac.es/archive/>

¹ www.astro.up.pt/resources/sweet-cat which is now replaced by <http://sweetcat.iastro.pt/>

² <http://exoplanetarchive.ipac.caltech.edu>

³ <http://exoplanet.eu/>

⁴ http://archive.eso.org/wdb/wdb/adp/phase3_main/form

⁵ <http://astroquery.readthedocs.io>

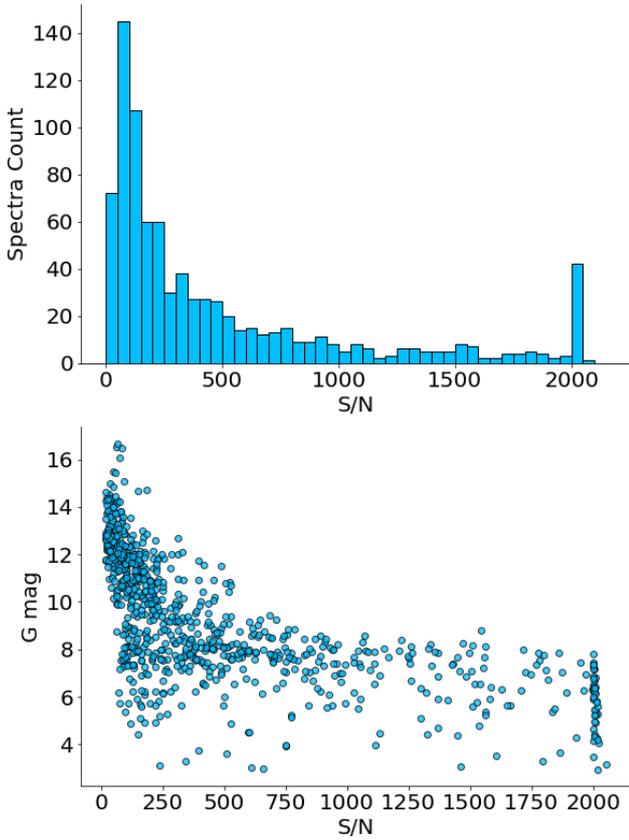


Fig. 1. S/N distribution and S/N vs. G magnitude diagram for SWEET-Cat spectral data (top and bottom panels, respectively).

archival data. We combined these data in the same way as for the ESO spectral data.

We show the S/N distribution of the combined spectra and the dependence between the G magnitude and the S/N in Fig. 1. The peak at $S/N \sim 2000$ arises because we stop the stacking of spectra once we reach this value.

2.3. Legacy spectral data

We keep the combined spectra from previous versions of SWEET-Cat for some host stars (75 spectra). They either are of better quality than the ones we combined automatically or are from a public archive of instruments not searched in this version (e.g., FIES). Also, we constrained the compilation of new data to host stars with temperatures above 4200K since we do not plan to use our methodology on cooler stars.

2.4. Spectra format

The spectra compilation followed the basic procedure described in Sousa et al. (2018). We store the combined spectra in fits files. In the fits header, in addition to the essential keywords, we added the search parameters, the G DR2 id¹¹, the search box area, the date related to the data search, and the respective combinations. Moreover, we include the list with the reduced frames used for the combined spectra and their S/N information from

¹¹ At the time of the combination of spectra the G DR2 was an identifier in Simbad (<http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/>), while the G DR3 was not.

the archives. We plan to provide such spectra in a future update of SWEET-Cat.

3. Stellar parameters

3.1. Spectroscopic parameters

We carried out the spectroscopic analysis with ARES+MOOG for the new spectroscopic data and the legacy data (for details see Sousa 2014). We re-derived the homogeneous parameters already in SWEET-Cat for several host stars, given that we either collected higher quality data or decided to apply the latest version of the codes described previously. The spectral analysis relies on the excitation and ionization balance of iron abundance. The ARES code¹² (Sousa et al. 2007, 2015a) automatically measures the equivalent widths of the absorption lines. The MOOG code (Snedden 1973) is used for the element abundances assuming local thermodynamic equilibrium (LTE) and using a grid of Kurucz ATLAS9 plane-parallel model atmospheres (Kurucz 1993). We applied this method in our previous spectroscopic studies of planet hosts (e.g., Sousa et al. 2008, 2011a, 2015b, 2018; Mortier et al. 2013; Andreasen et al. 2017). We used the same line list introduced in Sousa et al. (2008), except for the stars with effective temperature below 5200 K where we used the line list provided in Tsantaki et al. (2013).

The atomic data, in particular the oscillator strengths ($\log gf$ values), were re-calibrated to match the solar abundances as in our previous works, but in this case, we used the 2019 version of MOOG. The $\log gf$ values slightly differ, most likely due to numerical differences between the code compilations or versions.

We collected combined spectra from two or more instruments or configurations for several host stars, and hence they have more than one set of converged parameters. The results from spectra from different instruments are generally consistent within the errors (see Fig. 3 in Sousa et al. 2008 for typical dispersion of parameters for the same stars with our methodology using spectra from different instruments). We include only one set of converged parameters per star in SWEET-Cat. The selection of such a set of parameters relies on the results of the spectroscopic analysis. The errors associated with the parameters are decisive since they are related to the quality of the spectra (S/N and resolution). If the errors are similar, we select the set of parameters from the higher resolution spectra. In Fig. 2 we show the comparison between the parameters derived in this work and the values previously listed in SWEET-Cat or literature values.

In previous versions of SWEET-Cat 645 host stars had homogeneous parameters. The new and old parameters are consistent, regarding effective temperature and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$; the mean differences are only -5 ± 64 K and 0.01 ± 0.06 dex, respectively. We derived homogeneous parameters for 278 new stars in SWEET-Cat. Consistency between our values and the literature values (mainly gathered from the discovery paper) is not as good; for effective temperature and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ the mean differences are 62 ± 181 K and 0.05 ± 0.14 dex, respectively. There are significant differences between the parameters for some host stars, even when they were already in SWEET-Cat. The use of higher quality spectra for the new parameters can explain the majority of these discrepancies. We exemplify other reasons with the following two stars. For HAT-P-23, we had parameters from a lower S/N spectrum using a synthesis method, but since we recovered a higher quality spectrum and the star has a reasonable

¹² The latest version of ARES can be found on github.com/sousasag/ARES.

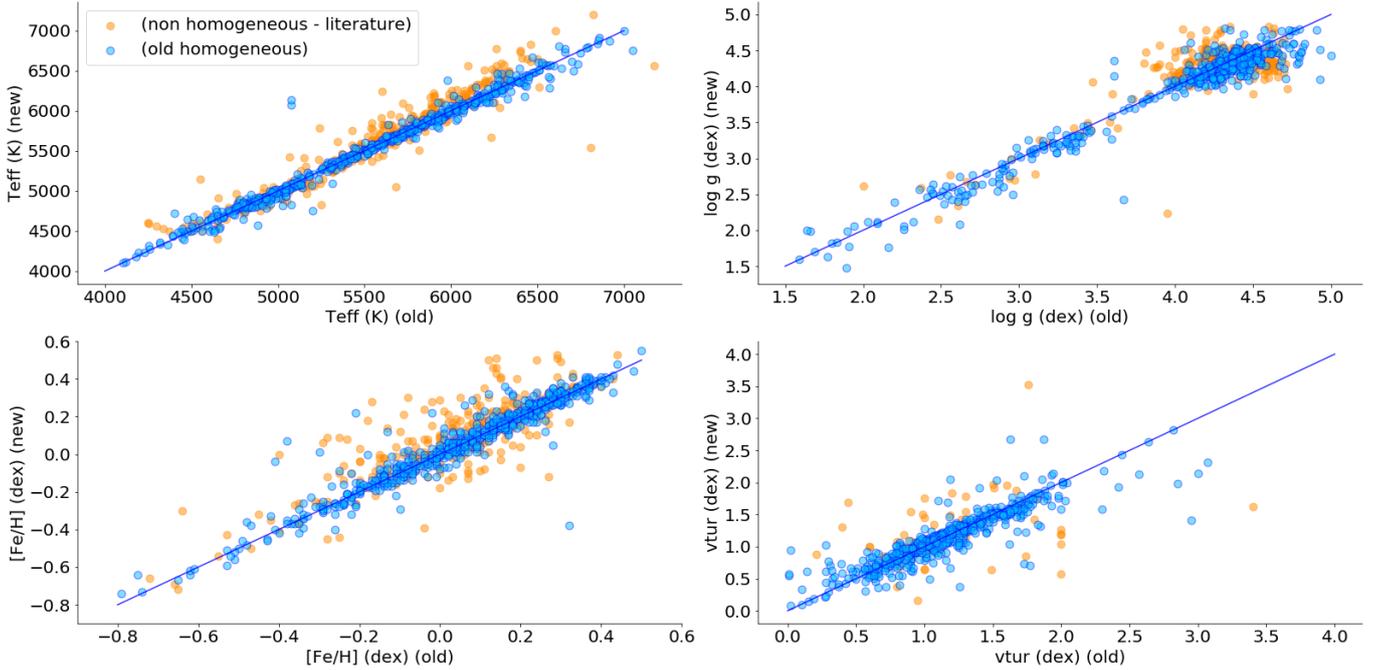


Fig. 2. New SWEET-Cat homogeneous parameters (T_{eff} , $\log g$, $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$, and v_{tur}) compared to the literature values (orange filled circles) and the previous homogeneous values (blue filled circles) listed in SWEET-Cat.

low $v \sin i$, we now used the standard ARES+MOOG methodology. For HIP75458, there was an undetected typo for the listed effective temperature in SWEET-Cat. Finally, these comparisons identified mismatches in the spectrum source. For example, we got a completely different set of parameters for HD98219 using the new UVES spectra compiled from the ESO archive. We then realized that the downloaded spectra belonged to TYC 6649-793-1, and therefore we kept the values from the FEROS legacy spectrum used in previous works for HD98219.

3.2. Use of Gaia eDR3

We matched the stars listed in SWEET-Cat with the *Gaia* ID in DR2 and eDR3 using their coordinates and the VizieR catalogs (Gaia Collaboration 2016, 2021). We checked the magnitudes and astrometry data to confirm that we selected the correct star. While most stars in SWEET-Cat have the same ID as for *Gaia* DR2, there are *Gaia* IDs that appear to change between the data releases. The correct *Gaia* ID identification was not straightforward in some cases because of the presence of other stars with similar magnitudes in the searched field of view. The *Gaia* IDs make it easier for SWEET-Cat users to combine the spectroscopic data with the *Gaia* astrometry. For each target with a *Gaia* ID, we proceed to the extraction of its parallax from eDR3. Parallax was one of the columns present in the SWEET-Cat table, but not necessarily updated for the whole sample. *Gaia* parallaxes should be taken with caution for very bright stars as they may have additional systematic errors due to calibration issues (Drimmel et al. 2019). We included in the SWEET-Cat table the parallax listed in Simbad, if available, with the respective flag for the very bright host stars with no *Gaia* data. We have also included in SWEET-Cat the relevant columns for stellar characterization from *Gaia* photometry, such as the G magnitude (G_{mag}), the red and the blue passband magnitudes (RPmag and BPmag), and the mean flux for the G band (FG). We included a photometric activity index based on the *Gaia* photometry vari-

ability

$$G_{\text{flux_std_n}} = \frac{e_{FG}}{FG} * \sqrt{\text{oGmag}}, \quad (1)$$

which is the relative error on the G mean flux, where oGmag is the number of observations (CCD transits) that contributed to the G mean flux and mean flux error (e_{FG}).

3.3. Precise surface gravity from Gaia parallax

We recall that the spectroscopic stellar surface gravities derived by our method are the least constrained parameters in our analysis (e.g., Tsantaki et al. 2019). The reason behind this was addressed in our past works and is related to the small number of ionized iron lines available in the optical spectrum that we can measure. We introduced some corrections to improve the surface gravity estimations (e.g., Mortier et al. 2014). An alternative is to estimate the trigonometric surface gravity, as we did in the past (e.g., Santos et al. 2004; Sousa et al. 2008; Tsantaki et al. 2013; Delgado Mena et al. 2017), using the following expression derived from the luminosity-radius-temperature relation for stars:

$$\log \frac{g}{g_{\odot}} = \log \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} + 4 \log \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff}\odot}} - \log \frac{L}{L_{\odot}}, \quad (2)$$

where g is the stellar surface gravity, M is the mass, T_{eff} is the effective temperature, and L is the luminosity. We derived the stellar luminosities directly from the precise data in *Gaia* eDR3, following equation 8.6 from the *Gaia* documentation¹³

$$-2.5 \log \frac{L}{L_{\odot}} = M_G + \text{BC}_G(T_{\text{eff}}) - M_{\text{bol}\odot}, \quad (3)$$

¹³ <https://gea.esac.esa.int/archive/documentation/GDR2/>, in particular chapter 8.3.3 authored by Orlagh Creevey and Christophe Ordenovic.

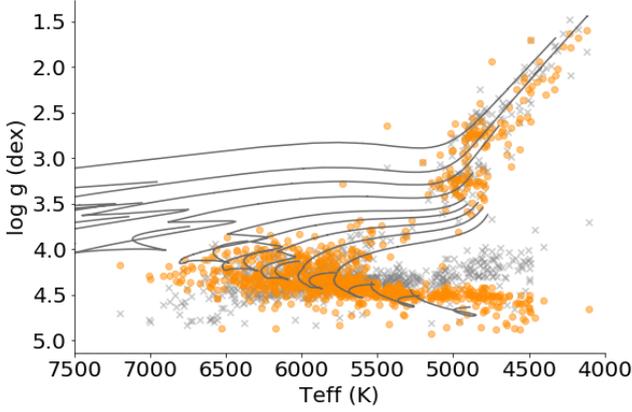


Fig. 3. Surface gravity vs. effective temperature as a proxy of the Hertzsprung–Russell diagram. The black lines represent CESAM evolution model tracks for stellar masses ranging from 0.8 to $2.4 M_{\odot}$. The trigonometric surface gravities computed using the *Gaia* eDR3 parallaxes (orange circles) are in better agreement with the model tracks than the spectroscopic values (gray crosses) for the dwarf stars.

where M_G is the absolute *Gaia* magnitude, T_{eff} is the effective temperature listed in SWEET-Cat, $M_{\text{bol}\odot} = 4.74$ (as defined by the IAU resolution 2015 B2), and $\text{BC}_G(T_{\text{eff}})$ is a temperature-dependent bolometric correction provided in the *Gaia* documentation (Eq. (8.9) and Table 8.3, [Andrae et al. 2018](#)). Instead of a simple inversion of the *Gaia* parallax to provide a distance, we preferred to include the geometric distance and an error directly taken from the maximum of the asymmetric uncertainty measures (16th and 84th percentiles) reported in [Bailer-Jones et al. \(2021\)](#).

3.4. Precise surface gravity from *Gaia* parallax

To estimate the trigonometric surface gravity, we need the stellar mass. As in previous works, we used the stellar mass calibration in [Torres et al. \(2010\)](#), and for estimates between 0.7 and $1.3 M_{\odot}$ we used the correction in [Santos et al. \(2013\)](#). However, this [Torres et al. \(2010\)](#) calibration requires spectroscopic parameters of the star as input, including the surface gravity. Therefore, we performed an iterative process to converge simultaneously for the best estimates of the stellar mass and the trigonometric surface gravity. The procedure consists of the following steps:

1. The spectroscopic surface gravity is used as an initial value;
2. The surface gravity, together with the T_{eff} and the $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$, is then used to compute the stellar mass from the [Torres et al. \(2010\)](#) calibration;
3. The stellar mass is used to re-derive a new trigonometric surface gravity;
4. If the new surface gravity is within 0.01 dex of the previous value, we stop this process. Otherwise, we go back to step 1 with the new surface gravity value for the next iteration.

We applied the same methodology for the trigonometric surface gravity and the final stellar mass errors as in previous works (see [Santos et al. 2013](#); [Sousa et al. 2018](#)). We used a Monte Carlo approach taking 10 000 random values from the Gaussian distributions of the input parameters considering their uncertainties. We estimated the errors from the standard deviation of the stellar mass and the trigonometric surface gravity distributions in the final iteration. A potential flaw in this iterative procedure can be the lack of interaction with the other spectroscopic parameters (effective temperature and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$) since

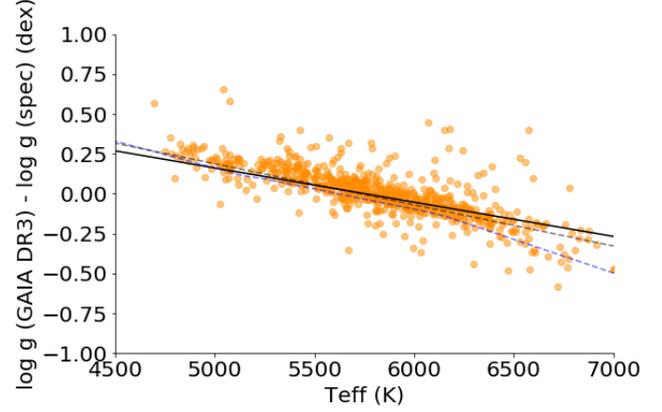


Fig. 4. Difference between the trigonometric and the spectroscopic surface gravities as a function of effective temperature for dwarf stars ($\log g > 4.0$ dex) in SWEET-Cat. The black lines show the linear fit represented in Eq. (4), while the gray and blue dashed lines are fits presented in Fig. 5 of [Tsantaki et al. \(2013\)](#) and Fig. 2 of [Delgado Mena et al. \(2017\)](#), respectively.

they are also inputs for the mass estimation. However, from our experience with ARES+MOOG, we know that there is low interdependence of these parameters and in particular with the surface gravity (this is consistent with other equivalent-width methods using MOOG as discussed in [Torres et al. 2012](#) and [Mortier et al. 2014](#)). Using a subsample of the planet-hosts in SWEET-Cat, we show in Fig. A.1 the small differences that we find for the effective temperature and metallicity when constraining the surface gravity with the trigonometric value for the spectroscopic analysis. Hence, the spectroscopic effective temperature and metallicity are well constrained and do not change significantly with the potential change of the surface gravity. Figure 3 shows the SWEET-Cat stars in the $\log g - T_{\text{eff}}$ diagram, along with solar metallicity CESAM stellar model tracks for main-sequence to post-main-sequence stars with masses ranging from 0.8 to $2.4 M_{\odot}$ ([Marques et al. 2008](#)). The trigonometric surface gravities agree better with the theoretical tracks than with the spectroscopically derived values, especially for cool dwarf stars.

3.5. Correction for the spectroscopic surface gravity

We can correct our spectroscopic surface gravity if we take the trigonometric surface gravity as the true value of the stellar surface gravity. The difference between the trigonometric and spectroscopic surface gravity values depends on the effective temperature of the stars for dwarf stars. We show this difference as a function of effective temperature for dwarf stars ($\log g > 4.0$) in Fig. 4. Considering the trend seen in Fig. 4, we use a weighted linear fit to get a corrected spectroscopic surface gravity $\log g_c$ from the spectroscopic surface gravity and effective temperature:

$$\log g_c = \log g_s + (1.23 \pm 0.06) - (2.15 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-4} T_{\text{eff}}. \quad (4)$$

This linear relation, although not applicable to all the catalog stars, is not that far from those reported in [Tsantaki et al. \(2013\)](#), [Mortier et al. \(2014\)](#), and [Delgado Mena et al. \(2017\)](#).

Although we trust that the derived spectroscopic surface gravity does not affect the rest of the spectroscopic parameters by ARES+MOOG, the corrected $\log g$ values can aid in the identification of the evolutionary status of the star by providing constraints for its age. Accurate surface gravities may be also

Table 1. Updated statistics for SWEET-Cat.

Number	Description
3236	Stars in SWEET-Cat
928	Planet hosts with homogeneous parameters
283	New stars with homogeneous parameters
233	Bright FGK stars without Homogeneous parameters ($G < 12$)

relevant for the chemical abundances that rely on few spectral lines with a strong dependence on $\log g$.

4. catalog contents

4.1. SWEET-Cat planet-host statistics

Table 1 presents the updated numbers of host stars in SWEET-Cat. The main reason for a relatively small number of stars with spectra (and therefore homogeneous parameters¹⁴) is that a considerable number of the planet-hosts come from the detections provided by the *Kepler* mission (Borucki et al. 2010). These are faint stars and are usually not followed up by RV surveys since it is observationally costly to collect high-quality high-resolution spectra for them. For bright stars the spectroscopic stellar parameters are fundamental to get precise bulk stellar parameters. The stellar mass and radius are crucial to obtain reliable planetary-mass measurements from RV surveys and reliable planetary radius measurements from precise transit observations (e.g., Hoyer et al. 2021; Leleu et al. 2021). The percentage of stars with spectra and homogeneous parameters increases for bright stars listed in SWEET-Cat. With the work presented in this paper, considering the addition of 283 new stars with homogeneous parameters, we have $\sim 88\%$ and $\sim 76\%$ completeness for stars with $G < 9$ and $G < 12$, respectively. Completeness represents the number of host stars with homogeneous spectroscopic parameters relative to the total number of stars listed in SWEET-Cat. We significantly increase the number of homogeneous parameters for planet host stars with this update. However, the continuous increase of new host stars in the catalog keeps the percentage for bright stars almost the same. In Table 1 we can also see that there is still a subset of bright planet-host stars (233 stars, about $\sim 25\%$ of the bright FGK stars) for which we did not find, at the time of the compilation of this data, high-quality public data at the time of the search for this work. These will be the focus of the next SWEET-Cat update.

4.2. Online table

We add new parameters in the updated version of SWEET-Cat¹⁵, and their descriptions are in Table B.1. In the web page version of the catalog only a fraction of these columns are present for visualization reasons, but all columns are in the table available for download at the website. On the new website the community can find additional content: a Python notebook example on how to use the new SWEET-Cat table and a gallery with updated figures of the population of the planet-host stars and the correlations found between the planets and hosts stars.

¹⁴ The column “SWFlag” lists the stars for which we have derived spectroscopic parameters in SWEET-Cat. This flag was called “source” in the old table.

¹⁵ URL: sweetcat.iastro.pt/

4.3. Link to exoplanet catalogs

The match of SWEET-Cat host star parameters with the properties of their exoplanets in online databases is quite useful for the statistical exploration of the data. However, given that we only control the SWEET-Cat table, the continuous match with external databases is not always straightforward. At first SWEET-Cat kept entries for the confirmed planet-hosts in exoplanet.eu exclusively, and we did the matching with the names of the planets that inherit it from the host star. This approach turned out to be problematic: some planets names either changed regularly (*Kepler* objects of interest to *Kepler* denominations is a typical example) or were not consistent within the planetary system (e.g., K2-50 with K2-50b and EPIC201833600 c listed in exoplanet.eu). Therefore, we now rely on the host coordinates obtained from the Simbad database, and we compare them against the coordinates listed in exoplanets.eu and the NASA exoplanet archive. The updated SWEET-Cat table has the planet coordinates listed in both the exoplanet.eu and the NASA archive exoplanets database to facilitate any matching. By adding the planet coordinates in both databases, we can match the objects even if the coordinates are incorrect (e.g., due to typos) in the planet databases. We provide a python script example on the website to show the capabilities to explore SWEET-Cat and the properties of the exoplanets statistically.

5. Exoplanets and their host stars: Review of star–planet relations

5.1. Revisiting the planet frequency–stellar metallicity correlation

The strong correlation between the presence of planets and the stellar metallicity observed for the host stars is the first observational constraint for planet formation theories. It became evident soon after the first discoveries of exoplanets (e.g., Gonzalez & Laws 2000; Santos et al. 2001, 2004; Fischer & Valenti 2005). However, these first detections suffered a strong observational bias: the most massive and hotter planets are easier to be discovered. The improvement in the precision of the detection methods allowed the discovery of lighter and cooler planets, increasing the planetary system sample to study the planet–metallicity correlation. In particular, the planet–metallicity correlation seemed not to be present even for the very first detected low-mass exoplanets, or to be at least different from the positive correlation observed for giant planets (e.g., Udry et al. 2006; Sousa et al. 2008, 2011a; Ghezzi et al. 2010; Buchhave et al. 2012). Wang & Fischer (2015) suggested the possibility of a universal planet–metallicity correlation for all planets, but it could be related to a higher planet frequency and a lower detectability of low-mass planets (see also Zhu et al. 2016). Today the planet–metallicity correlations seem to be well established in the exoplanet community, but the detection of additional low-mass planets with precise masses can aid in the understanding of these correlations in different regimes. SWEET-Cat is a perfect test bench for these studies due to its homogeneous nature (e.g., Adibekyan 2019) using the previous version of SWEET-Cat.

We present the metallicity distributions for two different populations classified according to their masses: low-mass planets (LMP, $< 30 M_{\oplus}$: 231 planets) and low-mass planet hosts (LMPH: 99 planet hosts), and high-mass planets (HMP, $> 30 M_{\oplus}$: 889 planets) and high-mass planet hosts (HMPH: 771 planet hosts) with homogeneous parameters from SWEET-Cat in Fig. 5. We kept

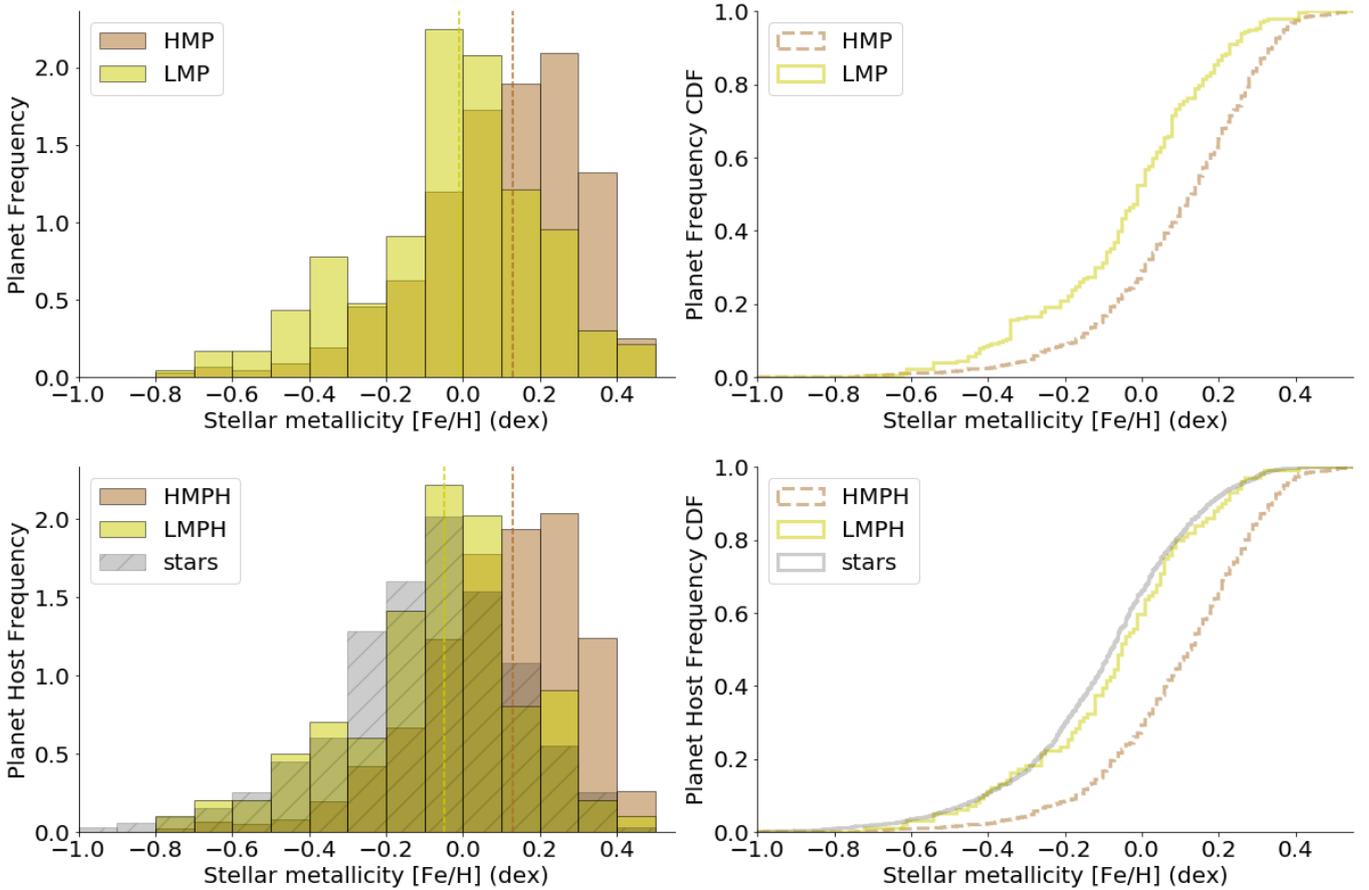


Fig. 5. Metallicity distributions for the high-mass and low-mass planet samples (HMP and LMP, respectively). The *top and bottom left panels* show the metallicity distribution per planet and host star, respectively. The dashed vertical lines indicate the average of each distribution. The *right panel* shows their CDFs for a better comparison.

$30 M_{\oplus}$ as the split reference value of the samples of exoplanets to match the location of the gap in the planet mass distribution in [Mayor et al. \(2011\)](#) and to be consistent with our previous works (e.g., [Sousa et al. 2011b, 2018](#)). Figure 5 is an updated version of Fig. 4 in [Sousa et al. \(2018\)](#). In the top panel we plot the metallicity distribution for all planets, and therefore the stellar metallicity is repeated more than once for the multi-planetary systems. In the bottom panel we plot the metallicity distribution for the most massive planet in each system only. For comparison, we include the metallicity distribution of solar neighborhood stars from both the HARPS and CORALIE volume limited-based samples (discussed in [Sousa et al. 2011a](#)) (see also [Udry et al. 2000](#); [Santos et al. 2004](#); [Sousa et al. 2008](#)). The positive metallicity correlation for massive planets continues to hold, even with the inclusion of new planetary systems in the distribution. We used the Kolmogorov–Smirnov (K–S) test to quantify the similarities of the three populations studied here. Table 2 contains the statistics for the comparisons. The K–S test results confirm that it is unlikely that the LMPH and HMPH populations belong to the same stellar sample and cannot rule out that the LMPH and solar neighborhood populations may belong to the same population. However, in the bottom right panel of Fig. 5 there is a slight shift of the LMPH CDF toward metal-rich values compared with the CDF of the neighborhood stars. We did not observe this shift in [Sousa et al. \(2018, Fig. 4\)](#), where the CDFs were indistinguishable from each other. This behavior may be linked to the slight planet–metallicity correlation for low-mass stars discussed in [Sousa et al. \(2019\)](#) and later in this paper in Sect. 5.3.

Table 2. Kolmogorov–Smirnov test comparing different distributions.

Samples	K–S statistic	K–S p -value	Mean difference
[Fe/H] distributions:			
HMP vs. LMP (1)	0.29	2.83e–14	0.134
HMPH vs. LMPH (2)	0.35	4.03e–10	0.168
LMPH vs. stars (2)	0.09	3.55e–01	0.034
Hot HMPH vs. Cold HMPH (1)	0.23	1.76e–05	0.104
M_J distributions:			
Hot HMPH vs. Cold HMPH (2)	0.36	1.99e–13	-0.54
M_{\oplus} distributions:			
HMPH vs. LMPH (2)	0.40	1.95e–12	0.176
Hot HMPH vs. Cold HMPH (2)	0.29	6.02e–07	0.098

Notes. (1) – Using planet counts; (2) – Using star counts (see Fig. 5); “stars” corresponds to the solar neighborhood sample.

5.2. Hot vs. cold Jupiters

The increased precision of the detection methods allows the discovery of lower mass planets, but the course of time works in our favor to constrain the frequency of Jupiter-like planets found at long periods. We focus now on the massive planets, with masses above one-quarter of a Jupiter mass ($>0.25 M_J$, equivalent to $\sim 80 M_{\oplus}$), and split them between hot and cold HMPs using a period cut at 40 days. We also discarded planets with

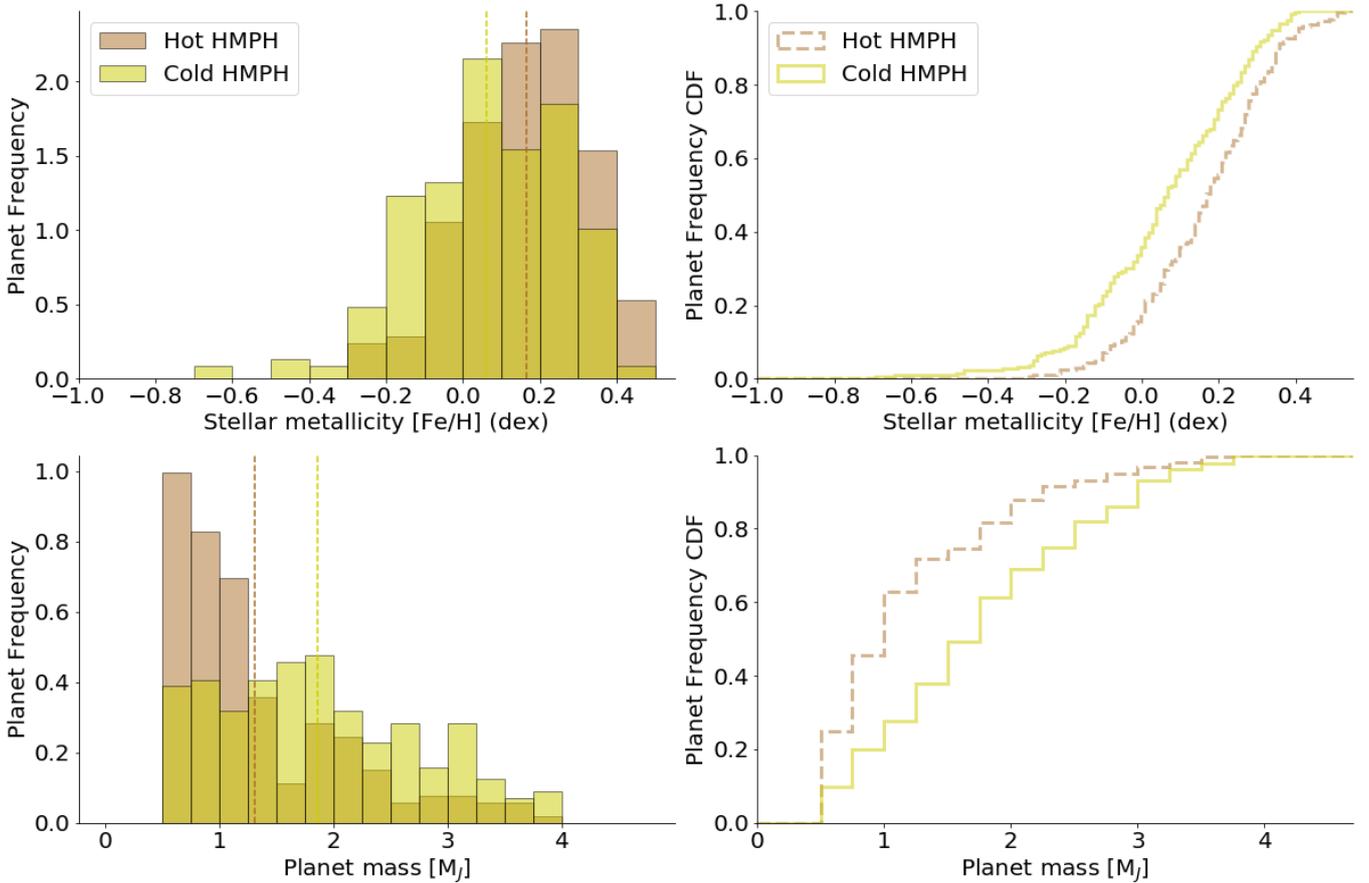


Fig. 6. Metallicity and planet mass distributions for the hot- and cold-Jupiter samples (*top and bottom left panels*, respectively). The dashed vertical lines indicate the average of each distribution. The *right panel* shows their CDFs for a better comparison.

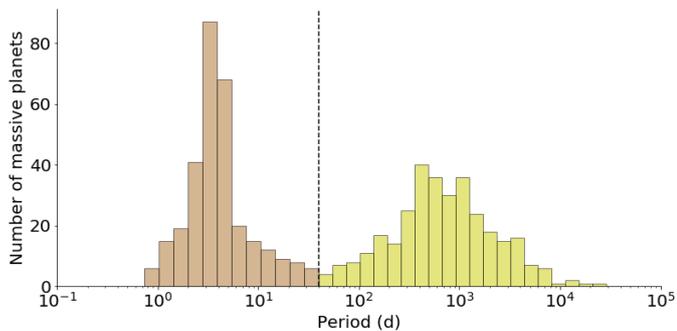


Fig. 7. Period distribution of massive planets with masses between $0.25 M_J$ and $4 M_J$. The black dashed line indicates the period (40 days) used to separate the two populations in this work.

masses above $4 M_J$, as in Santos et al. (2017), to avoid overlap with possible brown dwarfs (most values are the minimum mass m_{ini}). The 40-day split value of the sample of HMPs follows from the double-peaked period distribution in Fig. 7. We show the metallicity distribution of the hot and cold populations of massive planets in Fig. 6. Although both groups are metal-rich compared with that of field dwarfs, contributing both similar to the metal-rich nature of stars hosting HMPs, there are some differences in the profile of their distribution. The K–S test to quantify the similarities is presented in Table 2 and indicates a low probability that both populations belong to the same sample of

stars. In particular, cold HMPs are more frequent around metal-poor stars than hot HMPs. Known hot-HMP hosts exhibit metallicities higher than -0.4 dex, while the metallicity distribution of cold-HMP hosts reaches lower values ($[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \sim -0.7$ dex). These results agree with the period-metallicity correlation (see Adibekyan et al. 2013; Beugé & Nesvorný 2013; Mulders et al. 2016; Wilson et al. 2018; van der Marel & Mulders 2021). The mean metallicity difference between hot and cold HMPs is 0.09 dex, exhibiting the same trend as the 0.16 dex difference observed in Mulders et al. (2016) and Wilson et al. (2018). The value discrepancy may be related to the use of different samples of stars, and/or the split selection of the HMP. In Mulders et al. (2016) and Wilson et al. (2018) the planet sample contains both the most and the less massive planets, while we isolate them in a specific range of masses ($0.25\text{--}4 M_J$). These works propose possible explanations to explain this metallicity enrichment for short-period planet hosts: dust sublimation, which can correlate with metallicity (e.g., Muzerolle et al. 2003); the planet migration mechanism and its dependence on metallicity, where planets around higher metallicity stars are “trapped” closer to the host stars while migrating inward (e.g., Plavchan & Bilinski 2013); rocky planet ingestion in the host star, forced by the migration of the short-period giant planets (e.g., Mack et al. 2014); and migration by planet-planet interactions (Dawson & Murray-Clay 2013). Wilson et al. (2018) address all of these and other possibilities, but it is still unclear which is responsible for this observational result. We also cannot rule out that several of these mechanisms can work

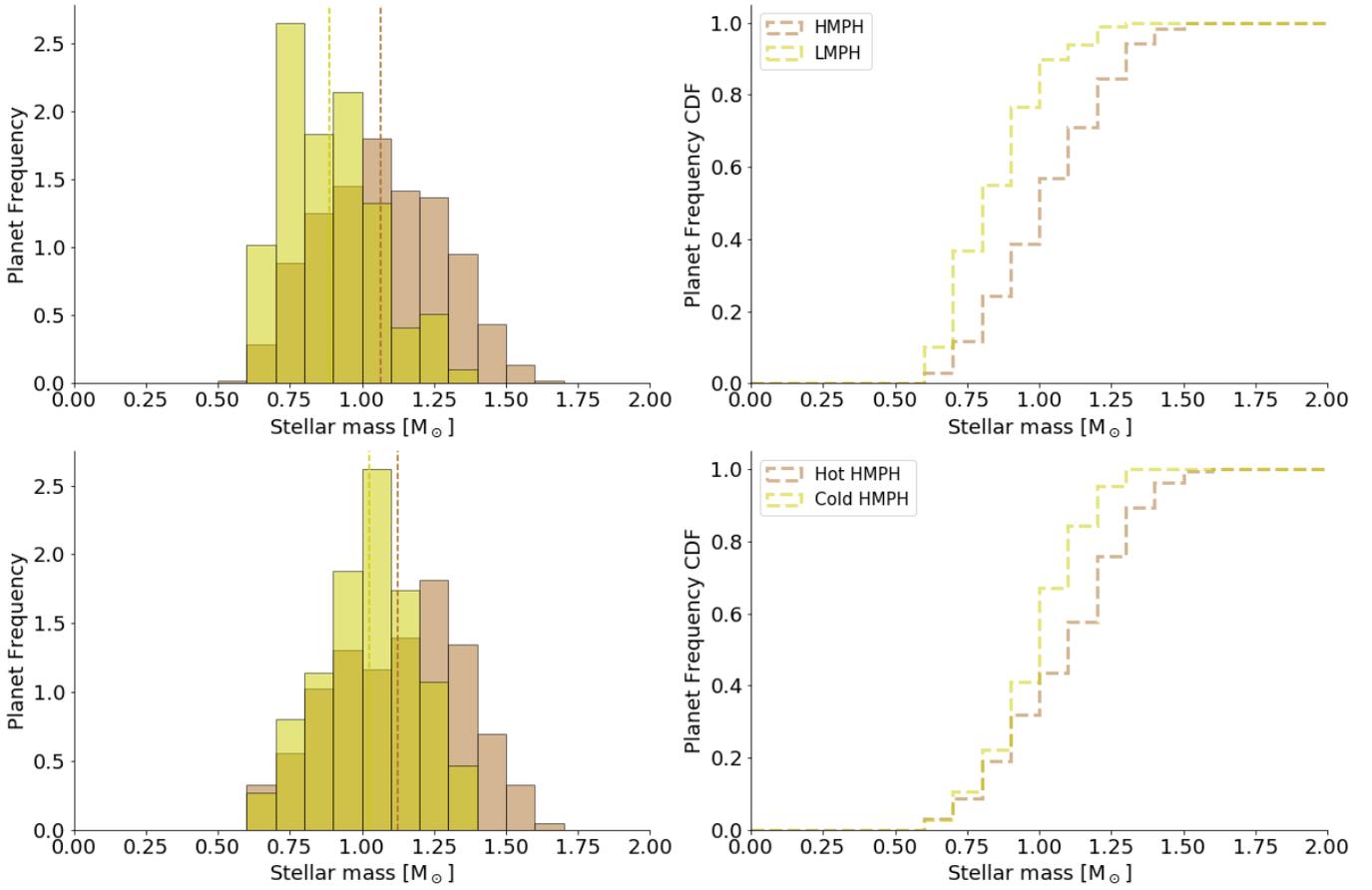


Fig. 8. Stellar mass distributions for the high- and low-mass planet samples (HMPH and LMPH, *top panel*) and the hot and cold massive planets (Hot HMPH, and Cold HMPH, *lower panel*). The distributions are limited to host stars with $\log g > 4.0$ dex. The dashed vertical lines indicate the average of each distribution. The *right panel* shows their CDFs for comparison.

simultaneously at some stages of the evolution of the systems. In the bottom panel of Fig. 6, we show the distribution of planetary mass for both cool and hot HMPs. Hot Jupiters are a distinct population from the cool Jupiters, exhibiting a right-skewed mass distribution with a median close to the Jupiter mass. The cold HMPs show a flat distribution between $0.25\text{--}2 M_J$, skewing toward the right for masses higher than $2 M_J$. However, we must keep in mind that it is more difficult to detect planets at long periods, and therefore we might be missing the detection of planets with masses lower than or similar to that of Jupiter at long periods. As suggested by Santos et al. (2017), different formation mechanisms acting for these populations can explain the discrepancies in mass distribution. For example, many of these more massive bodies may have formed as low-mass stars do (e.g., Luhman 2012). Adibekyan (2019) suggests that planets of the same mass can form through different channels depending on the mass of the star–disk (i.e., environmental conditions can affect planet formation). Another possible explanation for the mass distribution difference may be related to an in situ formation hypothesis that may preferentially produce lower mass hot Jupiters. In this scenario, a massive planet close to the star will have fewer local solids and less gas to accrete, setting by default an upper mass limit related to the local disk structure (e.g., Batygin et al. 2016). Migration can also explain this discrepancy if we consider that a more massive body can open deep gaps in the disk, decreasing the migration efficiency (Masset & Papaloizou 2003). In addition, the evapora-

tion of gas giants close to the star may remove enough material to decrease their initial mass value. For a review of hot Jupiters, see Dawson & Johnson (2018) and references therein.

5.3. Stellar mass and planetary mass

The relation between the occurrence rate of planets and stellar mass is a statistical result from exoplanetary surveys that enriches our understanding of planet formation (e.g., Fulton & Petigura 2018; Lozovsky et al. 2021; Neil & Rogers 2018; Yang et al. 2020). Because SWEET-Cat is a catalog of host stars only, it is impossible to estimate the occurrence rates of planets and their dependence on stellar parameters. However, SWEET-Cat data can be used to check if the mass distributions of stars hosting different planet types agree with the results related to occurrence rates. We focus these analyses on the hosts with trigonometric surface gravities above 4.00 dex (dwarf stars) since we rely on the Torres et al. (2010) calibration. As we do in Sect. 5.1, we split the sample into low-mass planet hosts LMPHs and high-mass planet hosts HMPHs, and we show their distributions in the top panels of Fig. 8. The LMPHs present, on average, lower masses than the HMPHs. The LMPH and HMPH distributions have averages of $0.89 \pm 0.16 M_\odot$ and $1.06 \pm 0.21 M_\odot$, respectively. The K–S test indicates a very low probability ($1.95\text{e-}12$) that the samples are drawn from the same distribution. The mass distributions of LMPHs and HMPHs in SWEET-Cat agree with surveys results that indicate

that the occurrence rate of sub-Neptunes increases as stellar mass decreases (e.g., [Mulders et al. 2015](#), with spectral type as a proxy for stellar mass). However, low-mass or small planets are harder to detect around massive dwarf stars, especially at large distances, and we may be missing them. This observational bias could therefore play a role in the shape of the sub-Neptune distribution. If we now focus only on the HMPs and classify them by the type of planet they have (cold or hot), we see a marginal difference in their respective stellar mass distributions (bottom panels of Fig. 8). The stars with cold and hot HMPs have a mean mass of $1.02 \pm 0.16 M_{\odot}$ and $1.12 \pm 0.22 M_{\odot}$, respectively. The K–S test assigns a low probability ($6.02e-7$) that these samples are drawn from the same distribution. Interestingly, the mass distribution of the hosts of hot HMPs is slightly double-peaked, and up to $\sim 0.9 M_{\odot}$, both distributions are similar. Once again, observation biases may play a role in what we see since massive long-period planets are easier to detect around low-mass host stars.

5.4. Metallicity-period-mass diagram for low-mass planets

In [Sousa et al. \(2019\)](#), we suggested a hint for a correlation in the metallicity-period-mass diagram for low-mass exoplanets ($<30 M_{\oplus}$), where low-mass exoplanets have increased masses for longer periods at higher metallicities. However, the observational bias from RV surveys where the massive planets are easier to discover at long periods could explain the correlation. The sample studied in [Sousa et al. \(2019\)](#) contained 84 exoplanets with homogeneous metallicities and mass determination with a relative precision within 20%, and we concluded that the observed correlation was tighter than the expected one from the observational detection bias.

Figure 9 shows the metallicity-period-mass diagram for the updated SWEET-Cat sample (equivalent to Fig. 2 in [Sousa et al. 2019](#)). With the new homogeneous parameters introduced in this work, we increase the low-mass planet sample with precise masses (within 20%) to 131 planets (an increase of 56%). We did a new 3D plane fit with the new low-mass planet sample, including the errors of all variables (see Appendix A of [Sousa et al. 2019](#)). We found the following metallicity-period-mass relation:

$$M_p = (4.9 \pm 0.2) + (13.4 \pm 0.4) * [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] + (5.3 \pm 0.2) * \log(P). \quad (5)$$

This relation, although close to the one presented before, shows a slightly stronger dependence on both metallicity and the period. To assess the observational bias in this relation we compare these dependencies with the values extracted from the Monte Carlo simulations done in Sect. 3.2 in [Sousa et al. \(2019\)](#); the expected observational bias correlation would produce a metallicity slope (m1) of $1.20 \pm 8.43 [M_{\oplus}/\text{dex}]$ and a period slope (m2) of $3.21 \pm 1.38 [M_{\oplus}/\text{dex}]$. From these respective distributions the metallicity-mass correlation (m1) due to the observational bias is weak, but with high uncertainty.

Our metallicity-mass correlation ($13.4 [M_{\oplus}/\text{dex}]$) is outside the 1σ standard deviation, making it unlikely to retrieve this value by chance under our assumptions. For the period correlation (m2) the expected correlation due to observational bias is high, but more precise when compared with m1. The value for m2, $5.3 [M_{\oplus}/\text{dex}]$ obtained with the updated observational data is still close, but also now it appears to be outside 1σ in comparison with the previous results.

Compared with previous results, the increased number of low-mass exoplanets strengthens the linear correlations of planet mass with metallicity and period. However, we still cannot

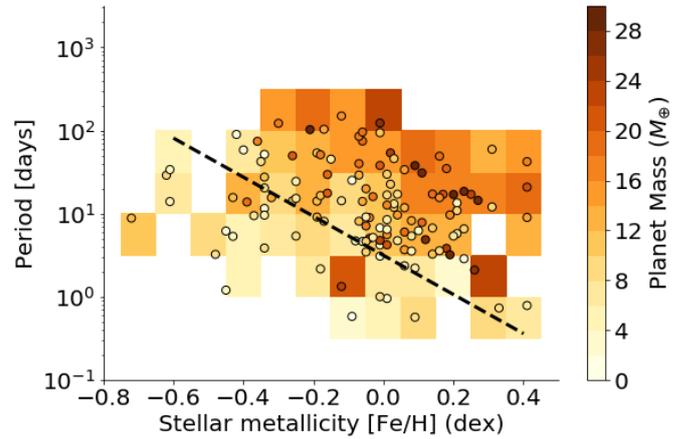


Fig. 9. Updated metallicity-period-mass diagram for low-mass planets ($<30 M_{\oplus}$) with planetary masses derived with at least 20% precision. The color scheme represents the planet mass (in M_{\oplus}). The colored background corresponds to the diagram binned average planet mass. The dashed black line is the linear fit of the data for a planet mass of $10 M_{\oplus}$.

exclude the possibility that the observation bias can explain the correlations found.

6. Summary

We presented a significant update of SWEET-Cat where 283 planet host stars have new precise and homogeneous spectroscopic parameters using spectra that we collected from different sources. We reviewed nearly all spectroscopic parameters using new combined spectra and recent versions of the codes used in our spectroscopic analysis. We also updated SWEET-Cat with relevant columns for the stellar characterization, most of them related to *Gaia* eDR3. We used the *Gaia* parallaxes and photometry to estimate accurate trigonometric surface gravities to include them in SWEET-Cat. We also reviewed planet–host metallicity correlations with a specific focus on the differences between stars hosting low-mass planets and stars hosting massive ones. The well-established correlation for stars hosting giant planets continues to hold, while with the increased number of low-mass planet detections, we were able to better characterize the planet–metallicity correlation for the low-mass regime. We found that stars hosting low-mass planets have a similar distribution to the stars in the solar neighborhood, but that slightly higher metallicities were favored. We showed the metallicity distributions for massive planets, splitting them between hot and cool according to their period. We found differences between these distributions that are consistent with results in the literature. Finally, we reviewed the metallicity-period-mass correlation for the low-mass planets. The correlation became slightly tighter with the inclusion of new planets, although it is still unclear if the reason behind it is the RV observational bias.

We will continue working on SWEET-Cat in the following years to provide the community with a data set relevant for statistical studies of exoplanets. There is still a significant number of relatively bright planet-hosts listed without homogeneous parameters. We will provide spectroscopic parameters once high-quality spectra are available. Furthermore, we have plans to include homogeneous element abundances for the stars with the highest quality spectra, make the spectra available for download on the website, and include more robust determinations of stellar masses, radii, and ages from stellar modeling.

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Appendix A: Spectroscopic parameters using the trigonometric surface gravity

Figure A.1 shows the effective temperatures and metallicities derived by the standard analysis against the same parameters using trigonometric surface gravities. We used a subsample of 150 planet-host stars randomly selected from the whole homogeneous sample in SWEET-Cat. From these stars, 117 hosts converged results in a single run of the spectroscopic analysis ARES+MOOG when constraining the surface gravity. These constrained parameters are the ones used in Figure A.1. As expected, the effective temperatures and metallicities show small changes using the constrained surface gravity. The mean differences between the effective temperatures and the metallicity val-

ues are -20 ± 76 K and 0 ± 0.06 dex, respectively. These values were derived even with the presence of a few outliers noticeable in the figure. These are stars with a low S/N spectrum or stars cold enough to make difficult the derivation of reliable parameters (e.g., Tsantaki et al. 2013). In the bottom panel of Figure A.1 is shown the dependence of the differences on the changes in the surface gravity. There are evident trends in these plots, but they show little dependence on the differences in the surface gravity derived in the ARES+MOOG. The above is compatible with Figures 4 and 5 of Mortier et al. (2014), even when that sample includes evolved stars. Therefore, the unconstrained spectroscopic analysis ARES+MOOG derives reliable and consistent effective temperatures and metallicities, even in the cases where we have less accurate spectroscopic surface gravities.

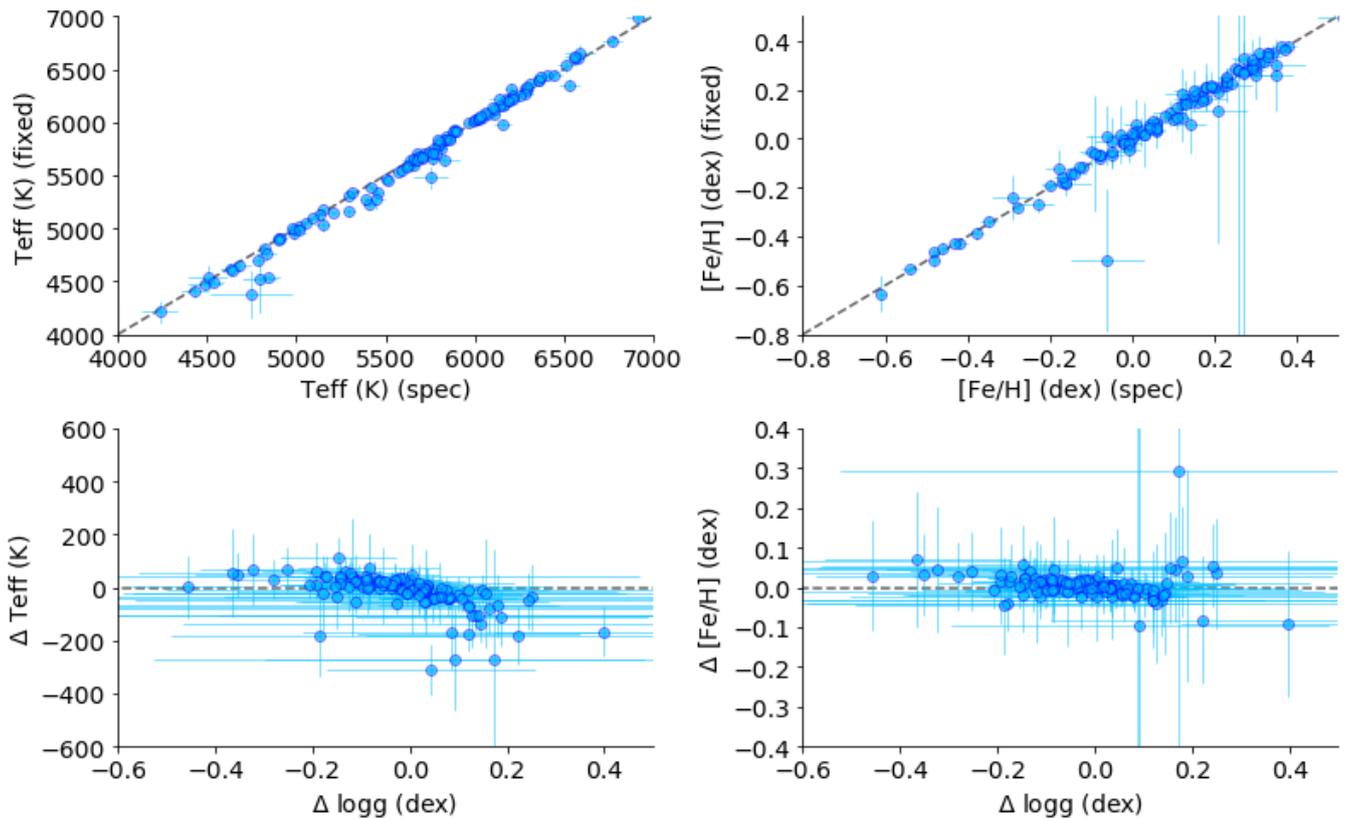


Fig. A.1. Temperature and metallicity derived with spectroscopic (spec) and trigonometric surface gravity (fixed). Top panels: Direct comparison of the spectroscopic effective temperatures and metallicities. Bottom panels: Differences in the effective temperature and metallicity vs. the difference in surface gravity (defined as trigonometric - spectroscopic).

Appendix B: Table with SWEET-Cat contents

Table B.1. New contents of SWEET-Cat

Column	Units	Description
Name	-	Identifier name for the planet-host star
hd	-	HD Number
RA	[h:m:s]	Right Ascension (ep=J2000)
DEC	[deg:m:s]	Declination (ep=J2000)
Vmag	-	Visual magnitude
eVmag	-	Error on visual magnitude
PlxFlag	-	Flag indicating source of parallax
Teff	[K]	Effective temperature
eTeff	[K]	Error on effective temperature.
Logg	[dex]	Spectroscopic surface gravity.
eLogg	[dex]	Error on spectroscopic surface gravity.
Vt	[km/s]	Microturbulence.
eVt	[km/s]	Error on microturbulence.
[Fe/H]	[dex]	Iron abundance (proxy for metallicity).
e[Fe/H]	[dex]	Error on iron abundance.
Reference	-	Source of the spectroscopic parameters.
Link	-	URL address to reference.
SWFlag	-	Homogeneous flag.
Update	-	Date of last update on entry.
Comment	-	Relevant comments for entry.
Database	-	Indicates if planet host is in exo.eu and/or NASA archive
gaia_dr2	-	<i>Gaia</i> DR2 source id.
gaia_dr3	-	<i>Gaia</i> eDR3 source id.
Plx	[mas]	Parallax
ePlx	[mas]	Error on parallax
Gmag	-	<i>Gaia</i> G magnitude
eGmag	-	Error on <i>Gaia</i> G magnitude.
RPmag	-	<i>Gaia</i> red pass magnitude
eRPmag	-	Error on red pass magnitude.
BPmag	-	<i>Gaia</i> blue pass magnitude
eBPmag	-	Error on blue pass magnitude
FG	[e-/s]	Mean flux of <i>Gaia</i> G band
eFG	[e-/s]	Error on mean flux of <i>Gaia</i> G band
G_flux_std_n	-	<i>Gaia</i> photometry activity index
Logg_gaia	[dex]	Derived <i>Gaia</i> eDR3 surface gravity
eLogg_gaia	[dex]	error on derived <i>Gaia</i> eDR3 surface gravity.
Mass_t	[M _⊙]	Derived stellar mass.
eMass_t	[M _⊙]	Error on derived stellar mass.
Radius_t	[R _⊙]	Derived stellar radius.
eRadius_t	[R _⊙]	Error on derived stellar radius.
spec_base	-	Base name of spectra filename.
Distance	[pc]	Distance - inverted from Parallax
Distance_b	[pc]	Distance from Bailer-Jones et al. (2021)
eDistance_b	[pc]	Error on distance from Bailer-Jones et al. (2021)
RA_EU	[deg]	Right Ascension (exo.eu)
DEC_EU	[deg]	Declination (exo.eu)
RA_NASA	[deg]	Right Ascension (NASA archive)
DEC_NASA	[deg]	Declination (NASA archive)