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Fundamental properties of red-clump stars from long-baseline H -band interferometry[★]

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ABSTRACT

Observations of 48 red-clump stars were obtained in the H band with the PIONIER instrument installed at the Very Large Telescope Interferometer. Limb-darkened angular diameters were measured by fitting radial intensity profile $I(r)$ to square visibility measurements. Half the angular diameters determined have formal errors better than 1.2%, while the overall accuracy is better than 2.7%. Average stellar atmospheric parameters (effective temperatures, metallicities and surface gravities) were determined from new spectroscopic observations and literature data and combined with precise *Gaia* parallaxes to derive a set of fundamental stellar properties. These intrinsic parameters were then fitted to existing isochrone models to infer masses and ages of the stars. The added value from interferometry imposes a better and independent constraint on the $R - T_{\text{eff}}$ plane. Our derived values are consistent with previous works, although there is a strong scatter in age between various models. This shows that atmospheric parameters, mainly metallicities and surface gravities, still suffer from a non-accurate determination, limiting constraints on input physics and parameters of stellar evolution models.

Key words. techniques: interferometric – techniques: high angular resolution – stars: late-type – stars: fundamental parameters

1. Introduction

Direct stellar angular diameter measurements are a valuable observable with which to determine a star's fundamental properties, particularly the linear radius and absolute luminosity through the combination of *Gaia* parallaxes. These properties, together with the mass, are particularly necessary to constrain stellar structure and evolution models. Usually, spectroscopy is used to determine the effective temperatures, surface gravities, and metallicities of a star which, combined with a known distance, provide the stellar radius and luminosity. This is then fitted to evolutionary tracks to yield the stellar mass. However, the spectroscopic atmospheric parameters strongly depend on the atmosphere models used, and do not provide estimates accurate enough to well constrain stellar evolution models. Various models exist in the literature, using different input physics and parameters (e.g. the helium content, mixing length parameter, amongst others), which can only be constrained with more precise measurements (see e.g. Gallenne et al. 2016; Valle et al. 2017). Additional accurate parameters such as angular diameters provide independent constraints on the linear radii and luminosities.

The high angular resolution obtained from long-baseline interferometry (LBI) enables us to spatially resolve the photospheric disks of the apparent biggest stars (typically a diameter > 0.5 mas, i.e. $\sim 10 R_{\odot}$ at 100 pc). LBI can provide very accurate angular size measurements, as already demonstrated (see e.g. Nordgren et al. 1999; Mozurkewich et al. 2003; Kervella et al. 2004; Baines et al. 2010; Boyajian et al. 2012; Gallenne et al. 2012), and provide a valuable constraint on the input physics of theoretical stellar models.

In this paper, we present the measurements of the angular diameter of 48 F and G-type red-clump giant stars observed with the Very Large Telescope Interferometer (VLTI). The purpose is to accurately determine the absolute properties of such kind of stars through additional observable constraints. Details on the observations and data reduction are presented in Sect. 2, including additional spectroscopic observations. Sect. 3 is dedicated to the determination of limb-darkened angular diameters using atmospheric models. Stellar properties and derived masses and ages are presented in Sect. 4, and we summarize in Sect. 5.

2. Observations and data reduction

2.1. Selected targets

All our red-clump stars were selected from Laney et al. (2012), for which uniform and accurate near-infrared magnitudes have

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been obtained (~ 0.005 mag). The initial goal of these interferometric observations was to measure their angular diameter to calibrate the surface brightness-colour (SBC) relation for late-type stars. These diameters were then combined with high-quality and homogeneous V - and K -band photometry (Mermilliod et al. 1997; Laney et al. 2012) following the relation $S_V = V_0 + 5 \log \theta_{LD} = a(V - K)_0 + b$. This new accurate calibration of a and b , specific for these stars, is published in Pietrzynski et al. (2018), and enables the determination of angular diameters at a 0.8% accuracy level (r.m.s. of the SBC relation of 0.018 mag). We then used this relation for late-type eclipsing systems to measure the most accurate distance of the Large Magellanic Cloud to 1% (Pietrzynski et al. 2018). This provides the best reference point ever obtained for the cosmic distance scale. Furthermore, accurate parallaxes for these red-clump stars can be found in the *Gaia* DR2 (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2016, 2018), and combining them with angular diameter measurements provides unbiased informations on their intrinsic fundamental parameters, such as the linear radius and luminosity.

Our selection criteria in the dataset of Laney et al. (2012) were to choose:

- targets with declination $\ll 20^\circ$ in order to be observable from the VLTI,
- expected angular diameters > 0.8 mas to be sufficiently resolved by the longest available VLTI baseline,
- not flagged as binary in the Simbad database

Also taking also into account the observability of the targets for visitor mode observations, we finally ended up with a total of 48 targets.

2.2. VLTI/PIONIER interferometric observations

We used the Very Large Telescope Interferometer (VLTI; Haguenaer et al. 2010) with the four-telescope combiner PIONIER (Precision Integrated Optics Near-infrared Imaging Experiment, Le Bouquin et al. 2011) to measure squared visibilities (V^2) and closure phases (CP) of our red-clump stars. PIONIER combines the light coming from four telescopes in the H band, either in a broad band mode or with a low spectral resolution, where the light is dispersed across a few spectral channel. Before Dec. 2014, the fringe dispersion was possible across three or seven channels, then PIONIER was upgraded with a new detector and a new GRISM dispersion mode with six spectral channels.

Our observations were carried out from 2013 to 2015 using the 1.8 m Auxiliary Telescopes with the configurations A1-G1-J3-K0 and A1-G1-I1-K0, providing six projected baselines ranging from 45 to 140 m. PIONIER was set up in dispersed mode for all targets, that is, the fringes are dispersed into three, seven, or six spectral channels.

We monitored the interferometric transfer function with the standard procedure which consists of interleaving the science target by reference stars. The calibrators were selected using the *SearchCal* software¹ (Bonneau et al. 2006, 2011) provided by the Jean-Marie Mariotti Center² (JMMC), and are listed in Table B.1, together with the journal of the observations. The data have been reduced with the *pndrs* package described in Le Bouquin et al. (2011). The main procedure is to compute squared visibilities and triple products for each baseline and spectral channel, and to correct for photon and readout noises.

¹ Available at <http://www.jmmc.fr/searchcal>

² <http://www.jmmc.fr>

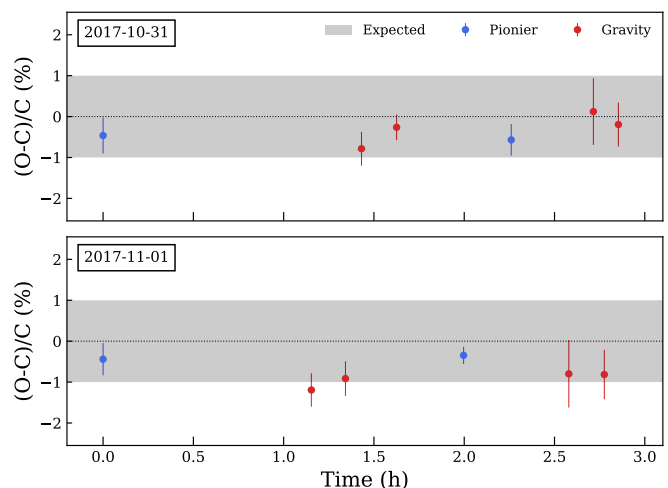


Fig. 1. Relative difference of the observed and calculated projected separations.

2.3. Wavelength calibration

There are several sources of systematic in interferometry, but most of them are known and reduced to less than 0.1%. For the interferometric observable, the visibility, which is a function of the spatial frequency B/λ , the main systematic is the accuracy on the wavelength calibration. The VLTI baseline lengths during the observations are known at an accuracy of better than 0.01% thanks to a metrology laser, but the accuracy of the spectral calibration is instrument-dependent. In the case of PIONIER, this calibration is linked to scanning piezos used for the optical path delay modulation.

We performed during two hours several spectral calibrations on a cloudy night, with PIONIER in order to check the stability and repeatability (of the wavelength of each spectral channel). Over the two hours duration of the test, without moving the optics, the repeatability was found to be precise to $\sim 0.02\%$. The comparison with the spectral calibration taken at the beginning of night (6h before) is precise to $\sim 0.06\%$, while the comparison with the end of the night calibration, after moving the optics, gives an immediate repeatability precise to $\sim 0.02\%$. However, there is an additional systematic error because the accuracy is limited by the calibration of the scanning piezo, which is usually assumed to be accurate to about 1%. To better quantify this, we performed specific observations with GRAVITY, the second generation interferometric instrument of the VLTI (Eisenhauer et al. 2011), which has a dedicated internal reference laser source allowing a wavelength accuracy better than 0.02%. GRAVITY can therefore be used to cross-calibrate PIONIER through observations of a same target.

Our calibration observations consisted of observing the very well known binary star TZ For, for which the orbital parameters were derived with exquisite accuracy by Gallenne et al. (2016). The observations were executed over two half nights on 31 October and 1 November 2017, alternating between both GRAVITY (hereafter G) and PIONIER (hereafter P). For each instrument we used the usual interferometric observing method by interleaving the TZ For observations by calibrator stars in order to monitor the transfer function of each instrument. The observing sequence with the instruments for each half night was P-G-P-G (we will call a sequence P-G a dataset). Data were reduced with the corresponding instrument pipeline, and the relative astrometric position of the secondary for each observation

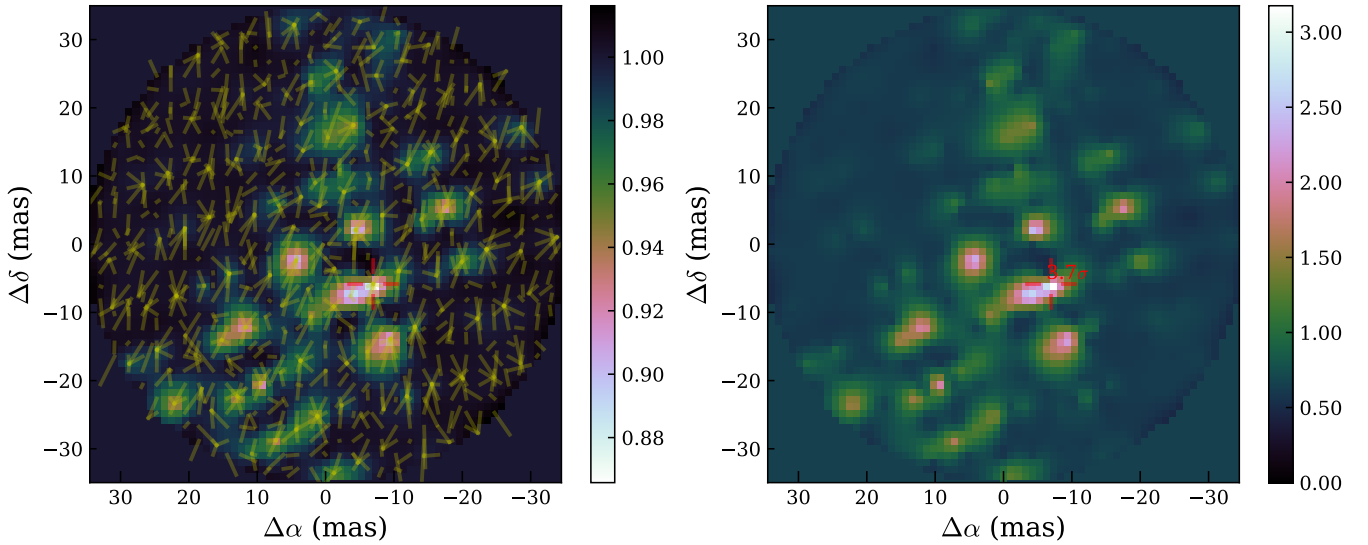


Fig. 2. χ^2 map of the local minima (*left*) and detection level map (*right*) of hd45415. The yellow lines represent the convergence from the starting points to the final fitted position. The maps were reinterpolated in a regular grid for clarity.

determined using the CANDID tool (see Sect. 2.4). In Fig. 1 we plot the relative difference between our observed projected separations for each instrument and the ones calculated from the orbital solutions of Gallenne et al. (2016). We see a very good agreement in results between the two instruments and with the calculated position. For the first half night, we measured a relative difference of 0.22% for the first data set (first P-G), and 0.28% for the second one. For the first half night we found 0.29%. For the second half night, we determined a relative difference of 0.31% for the first data set, and 0.22% for the second one. For the whole half night we also found 0.29%. Combining all the data, we measured a relative difference of 0.35%, which we adopt as the systematic uncertainty for the PIONIER wavelength calibration. We note that this is in very good agreement with the 0.4% we previously determined in Kervella et al. (2017) from a different method.

In Fig. 1 we also see a slight systematic negative offset. Although this has no impact on our previous wavelength calibration analysis, this particularly shows that the orbital solutions need to be slightly revised. As this is not the goal of the paper, we determined new orbital solutions including the new PIONIER and GRAVITY measurements in Appendix A.

2.4. Checking for binarity

Although our selected targets are not identified as binary stars, detecting unknown orbiting high-contrast companions are still possible when using high-angular resolution techniques. We first had a visual analysis of the data to see any variations in the V^2 and CP measurements and cross-checked this with possible variations in the signal of the calibrators we used. A binary calibrator would lead to a bias estimate of the observables of the science target. We flagged all suspicious calibrators and reran the calibration process.

We then used the CANDID tool³ (Gallenne et al. 2015) on all stars of our sample to detect possible components which might bias the angular diameter determinations or/and the photometry. This is particularly important for the calibration of the SBC relation as any binary would result as an outlier. In Table B.1

we reported the stars for which a companion might have been detected with more than a 3σ level. We show an example is shown in Fig. 2 for HD45415, for which a companion is detected with a flux ratio $f \sim 1.4\%$ in H . However, the possible companions are not strongly constrained with our observations, as we only have one or two brackets per epoch and a small (u, v) coverage. Undetected astrometric faint companions which can bias the visible or IR photometry are still possible.

2.5. Spectroscopic observations

We collected high-resolution echelle spectra from HARPS spectrograph located in La Silla Observatory (Mayor et al. 2003) and CHIRON spectrograph located in Cerro Tololo Observatory (Tokovinin et al. 2013). HARPS was used in EGGs mode offering a spectral resolution of $R \sim 80\,000$ and CHIRON was also used with a resolution of $R \sim 80\,000$. Both instruments cover the spectral range 3900 – 6900 Å. Calibrated spectra were obtained using the dedicated provided pipelines.

From the reduced spectra we performed two analyses to determine the atmospheric stellar parameters. First, we determined the effective temperature T_{eff} , the surface gravity $\log g$, the metallicity $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ and the microturbulent velocity v_t as described in Villanova et al. (2010), in other words, using the local thermodynamic equilibrium programme MOOG (Snedden 1973) and the equivalent widths (EQW) of the Fe I and Fe II spectral lines. As a first step, atmospheric models were calculated using ATLAS9 models (Kurucz 1970) and initial estimates from the literature. Then, T_{eff} , $\log g$, and v_t were adjusted and new atmospheric models were calculated in an interactive way, in order to remove trends in excitation potential and EQWs versus abundance for T_{eff} , and v_t , respectively, and to satisfy the ionization equilibrium for $\log g$. The $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ value of the model was changed at each iteration, according to the output of the abundance analysis. A second determination of the effective temperature was also derived using the formalism of Kovtyukh & Gorlova (2000) based on spectral lines depth ratios and a calibration for giant stars (Kovtyukh et al. 2006). A third estimate of the temperature was determined using $T_{\text{eff}} - (V - K)$ calibrations (Houdashelt et al. 2000; Ramírez & Meléndez 2005; Worthey & Lee 2011). Finally, we retrieved additional

³ Available at <https://github.com/amerand/CANDID>

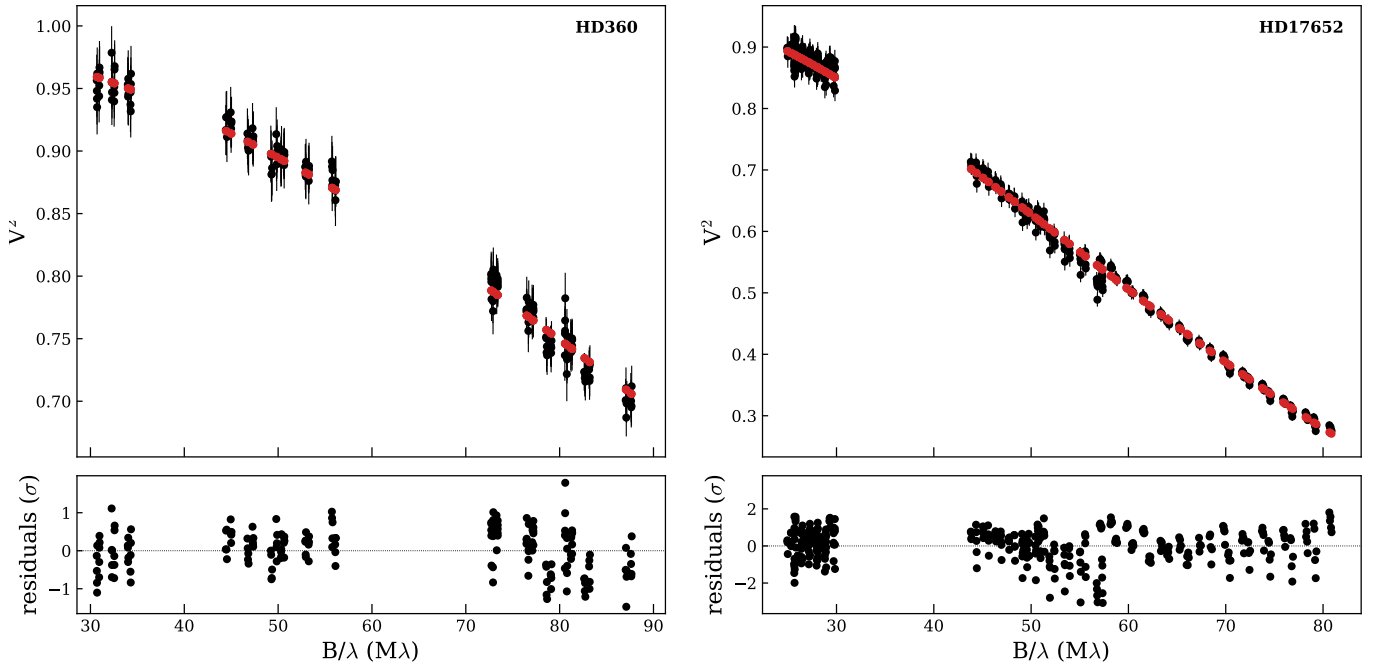


Fig. 3. Example of calibrated squared visibilities and fitted limb-darkened angular diameter model. Our measurements are represented with black dots, and the best fitted model in red.

measurement of temperatures, gravities, metallicities and velocities from the literature, when available. We used averages and standard deviations as our final values and uncertainties.

3. Limb-darkened angular diameters

We determine the limb-darkened angular diameters, θ_{LD} , for each star by fitting the calibrated squared visibilities. Assuming a circular symmetry, we followed the formalism of Mérand et al. (2015) which consist in extracting the radial intensity profile $I(r)$ of the spherical SATLAS models (Neilson & Lester 2013), which was converted to a visibility profile using a Hankel transform:

$$V_\lambda(x) = \frac{\int_0^1 I_\lambda(r) J_0(rx) r dr}{\int_0^1 I_\lambda(r) r dr}, \quad (1)$$

where λ is the wavelength, $x = \pi\theta_{LD}B/\lambda$, B is the interferometric baseline projected on to the sky, J_0 the Bessel function of the first kind, and $r = \sqrt{1 - \mu^2}$, with $\mu = \cos(\theta)$, θ being the angle between the line of sight and a surface element of the star.

The SATLAS grid models span effective temperatures from 3000 to 8000 K in steps of 100 K, effective gravities from -1 to 3 in steps of 0.25, and masses from 0.5 to $20 M_\odot$. For all stars, we chose the model with the closest temperature and gravity, and for a stellar mass of $1 M_\odot$ (typical for such stars). Effective temperatures and gravities were determined as explained in Sect. 2.5.

In Fig. 3 we plotted the visibility curve for two stars, and all the measured angular diameters are listed in Table 1. Errors were determined using the bootstrapping technique (with replacement) on all baselines. The listed diameters correspond to the median of the distribution and the maximum value between the 16th and 84th percentile as uncertainty. Changing the models with $T_{\text{eff}} \pm 200$ K, $\log g \pm 0.5$ and $M \pm 2.5 M_\odot$ change the diameters by at most 0.3%, which we added as error for each value to be conservative. Finally, we also added 0.35% due to the systematic uncertainty from the wavelength calibration of PIONIER.

The final overall angular diameter accuracy is better than 2.7%, with a median value of 1.2%.

4. Stellar properties

4.1. Stellar radii and luminosities

From the measured angular diameters and *Gaia* parallaxes (or from HIPPARCOS if not in the *Gaia* DR2, see Table B.1), we can derive the stellar radii and the luminosities through the following equations

$$R[R_\odot] = 107.523 \frac{\theta_{LD}[\text{mas}]}{\pi[\text{mas}]}, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{L}{L_\odot} = \left(\frac{R}{R_\odot}\right)^2 \left(\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{T_{\text{eff},\odot}}\right)^4 \quad (3)$$

The values are listed in Table 1. For the conversions, we adopted the nominal solar and astronomical constants from IAU 2015 Resolution B3 (Prša et al. 2016) and CODATA values (Mohr et al. 2016). *Gaia* parallaxes were corrected from the zero point offset of ~ 0.03 mas, and we quadratically added to the uncertainties a (conservative) systematic error of ± 0.1 mas (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018).

4.2. Ages and masses

We used the PARSEC (Bressan et al. 2012) and BaSTI (Pietrinferni et al. 2004) isochrone models to estimate the stellar masses and ages. These models are well suited as they include the horizontal and asymptotic giant branch evolutionary phases, and contain a wide range of initial masses and metallicities. In addition, it enable us to test the uncertainty of age and mass estimate induced by different stellar models.

Table 1. Measured and derived intrinsic stellar parameters.

HD	θ_{LD} (mas)	$\log T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	$\log g$	[Fe/H] (dex)	$E(B-V)$	$\log R/R_{\odot}$	$\log L/L_{\odot}$
360	0.906 ± 0.015	3.678 ± 0.002	2.62 ± 0.11	-0.12 ± 0.05	0.009	1.036 ± 0.009	1.736 ± 0.019
3750	1.003 ± 0.020	3.660 ± 0.006	2.28 ± 0.32	-0.04 ± 0.07	0.002	1.022 ± 0.010	1.636 ± 0.019
4211	1.100 ± 0.011	3.656 ± 0.007	2.29 ± 0.23	-0.07 ± 0.06	0.004	1.089 ± 0.019	1.757 ± 0.037
5722	0.995 ± 0.019	3.689 ± 0.002	2.60 ± 0.06	-0.17 ± 0.03	0.010	1.038 ± 0.011	1.785 ± 0.021
8651	1.228 ± 0.013	3.674 ± 0.003	2.50 ± 0.16	-0.23 ± 0.03	0.002	1.013 ± 0.007	1.673 ± 0.013
9362	2.301 ± 0.021	3.680 ± 0.002	2.61 ± 0.10	-0.28 ± 0.10	0.000	1.033 ± 0.005	1.737 ± 0.011
10142	0.964 ± 0.006	3.674 ± 0.003	2.44 ± 0.04	-0.15 ± 0.01	0.007	1.024 ± 0.006	1.699 ± 0.013
11977	1.528 ± 0.013	3.693 ± 0.004	2.71 ± 0.27	-0.24 ± 0.05	0.002	1.048 ± 0.006	1.819 ± 0.013
12438	1.091 ± 0.016	3.696 ± 0.006	2.43 ± 0.32	-0.66 ± 0.09	0.004	1.025 ± 0.013	1.787 ± 0.026
13468	0.886 ± 0.010	3.688 ± 0.002	2.65 ± 0.04	-0.13 ± 0.05	0.009	1.048 ± 0.008	1.800 ± 0.015
15220	1.185 ± 0.016	3.651 ± 0.010	2.19 ± 0.04	0.26 ± 0.05	0.007	1.030 ± 0.016	1.615 ± 0.033
15248	0.949 ± 0.019	3.669 ± 0.003	2.45 ± 0.04	0.06 ± 0.05	0.010	1.041 ± 0.010	1.710 ± 0.020
15779	1.185 ± 0.014	3.684 ± 0.002	2.67 ± 0.04	0.00 ± 0.06	0.006	1.024 ± 0.007	1.737 ± 0.015
16815	2.248 ± 0.014	3.672 ± 0.006	2.65 ± 0.10	-0.34 ± 0.02	0.000	1.048 ± 0.005	1.738 ± 0.009
17652	1.835 ± 0.014	3.680 ± 0.001	2.67 ± 0.10	-0.34 ± 0.10	0.001	1.019 ± 0.007	1.710 ± 0.014
17824	1.391 ± 0.015	3.700 ± 0.002	2.95 ± 0.03	0.08 ± 0.06	0.002	0.947 ± 0.009	1.647 ± 0.018
18784	1.036 ± 0.014	3.673 ± 0.003	2.35 ± 0.08	-0.12 ± 0.07	0.014	1.026 ± 0.008	1.695 ± 0.016
23319	2.033 ± 0.014	3.662 ± 0.003	2.56 ± 0.05	0.03 ± 0.06	0.001	1.056 ± 0.006	1.712 ± 0.013
23526	0.915 ± 0.021	3.687 ± 0.004	2.68 ± 0.13	-0.15 ± 0.04	0.017	1.046 ± 0.012	1.792 ± 0.024
23940	1.093 ± 0.021	3.682 ± 0.004	2.43 ± 0.18	-0.42 ± 0.08	0.002	0.986 ± 0.014	1.652 ± 0.027
26464	1.089 ± 0.012	3.682 ± 0.006	2.85 ± 0.10	0.11 ± 0.14	0.008	1.067 ± 0.008	1.813 ± 0.015
30814	1.310 ± 0.010	3.689 ± 0.006	2.82 ± 0.24	0.04 ± 0.07	0.006	1.015 ± 0.007	1.739 ± 0.014
35369	2.012 ± 0.016	3.692 ± 0.004	2.76 ± 0.21	-0.18 ± 0.02	0.000	1.062 ± 0.008	1.845 ± 0.017
36874	1.118 ± 0.011	3.664 ± 0.004	2.47 ± 0.07	-0.04 ± 0.04	0.002	1.029 ± 0.006	1.669 ± 0.013
39523	1.939 ± 0.016	3.669 ± 0.008	2.56 ± 0.22	0.15 ± 0.20	0.001	1.050 ± 0.007	1.728 ± 0.014
39640	1.251 ± 0.017	3.689 ± 0.003	2.70 ± 0.08	-0.11 ± 0.03	0.006	1.031 ± 0.008	1.769 ± 0.016
39910	1.090 ± 0.008	3.659 ± 0.008	2.39 ± 0.21	0.18 ± 0.09	0.015	1.051 ± 0.006	1.693 ± 0.013
40020	1.012 ± 0.023	3.669 ± 0.008	2.43 ± 0.24	0.09 ± 0.08	0.013	1.050 ± 0.011	1.728 ± 0.023
43899	1.264 ± 0.017	3.658 ± 0.007	2.04 ± 0.24	-0.12 ± 0.08	0.010	1.067 ± 0.007	1.718 ± 0.015
45415	1.080 ± 0.061	3.679 ± 0.003	2.75 ± 0.08	-0.02 ± 0.05	0.015	1.022 ± 0.026	1.715 ± 0.051
46116	1.145 ± 0.031	3.685 ± 0.003	2.48 ± 0.15	-0.38 ± 0.05	0.009	1.008 ± 0.013	1.712 ± 0.027
53629	1.065 ± 0.024	3.647 ± 0.009	2.14 ± 0.15	0.13 ± 0.05	0.017	1.073 ± 0.011	1.687 ± 0.022
54131	1.061 ± 0.021	3.679 ± 0.005	2.72 ± 0.10	-0.10 ± 0.09	0.012	1.006 ± 0.010	1.684 ± 0.020
56160	1.411 ± 0.012	3.646 ± 0.008	2.19 ± 0.10	0.16 ± 0.09	0.010	1.092 ± 0.006	1.720 ± 0.012
60060	0.948 ± 0.010	3.683 ± 0.004	2.58 ± 0.14	-0.11 ± 0.03	0.018	1.038 ± 0.007	1.761 ± 0.014
60341	1.190 ± 0.022	3.665 ± 0.006	2.42 ± 0.26	0.06 ± 0.07	0.010	1.062 ± 0.010	1.737 ± 0.019
62412	0.950 ± 0.014	3.692 ± 0.003	2.76 ± 0.09	0.03 ± 0.03	0.013	1.014 ± 0.008	1.751 ± 0.017
62713	1.446 ± 0.012	3.666 ± 0.004	2.42 ± 0.33	0.09 ± 0.05	0.005	1.015 ± 0.006	1.645 ± 0.013
68312	1.020 ± 0.023	3.704 ± 0.002	2.75 ± 0.05	-0.10 ± 0.01	0.011	0.974 ± 0.012	1.718 ± 0.023
74622	1.020 ± 0.015	3.647 ± 0.005	2.26 ± 0.20	-0.03 ± 0.03	0.013	1.026 ± 0.008	1.593 ± 0.015
75916	1.013 ± 0.021	3.671 ± 0.003	2.47 ± 0.11	0.15 ± 0.05	0.008	1.064 ± 0.010	1.764 ± 0.021
176704	1.317 ± 0.012	3.655 ± 0.004	2.56 ± 0.10	0.36 ± 0.10	0.007	1.049 ± 0.011	1.671 ± 0.021
177873	1.958 ± 0.029	3.667 ± 0.003	2.59 ± 0.10	0.01 ± 0.10	0.002	1.051 ± 0.010	1.722 ± 0.020
188887	1.595 ± 0.011	3.650 ± 0.003	2.45 ± 0.10	0.11 ± 0.10	0.005	1.093 ± 0.005	1.739 ± 0.010
191584	1.024 ± 0.022	3.649 ± 0.008	2.35 ± 0.15	0.22 ± 0.00	0.009	1.047 ± 0.011	1.645 ± 0.021
204381	1.524 ± 0.017	3.703 ± 0.001	2.96 ± 0.10	-0.01 ± 0.10	0.001	0.934 ± 0.008	1.635 ± 0.016
219784	2.117 ± 0.025	3.661 ± 0.003	2.29 ± 0.17	-0.10 ± 0.04	0.001	1.065 ± 0.009	1.725 ± 0.019
220572	1.092 ± 0.013	3.674 ± 0.002	2.64 ± 0.09	0.07 ± 0.01	0.003	1.028 ± 0.007	1.705 ± 0.014

Notes. Data from the literature were also used to the average estimates of T_{eff} , $\log g$ and [Fe/H] (Liu et al. 2007; Jofré et al. 2015; Alves et al. 2015; Jones et al. 2011; Mishenina et al. 2006; Mikolaitis et al. 2017; Feuillet et al. 2016; Allende Prieto & Lambert 1999; Proust & Foy 1988; Mishenina et al. 2006). $E(B-V)$ were determined as explained in Suchomska et al. (2015).

PARSEC models are computed for a scaled-solar composition with $Z_{\odot}=0.0152$, follow a helium initial content relation $Y_i=0.2485 + 1.78Z_i$, and include moderate convective core overshooting. The BaSTI models are computed for a scaled-solar

composition with $Z_{\odot}=0.0198$, a model composition following $\Delta Y/\Delta Z \sim 1.4$ with $Y=0.245$ at $Z=0$, and also include convective core overshooting. Both models assume the Reimers mass-loss rate $\eta=0.2$.

Table 2. Estimated stellar mass, age and evolutionary status of our giant stars.

Star	PARSEC		BaSTI		Average	
	Age (Gyr)	Mass (M/M_{\odot})	Age (Gyr)	Mass (M/M_{\odot})	Age (Gyr)	Mass (M/M_{\odot})
HD360	1.71 ± 0.10	1.72 ± 0.05	1.75 ± 0.20	1.63 ± 0.06	1.73 ± 0.02	1.68 ± 0.04
HD3750	6.31 ± 1.19	1.16 ± 0.07	7.33 ± 1.65	1.11 ± 0.10	6.82 ± 0.51	1.14 ± 0.03
HD4211	4.64 ± 1.01	1.26 ± 0.09	6.50 ± 1.22	1.12 ± 0.06	5.57 ± 0.93	1.19 ± 0.07
HD5722	2.24 ± 0.05	1.57 ± 0.01	2.17 ± 0.12	1.50 ± 0.04	2.20 ± 0.04	1.53 ± 0.04
HD8651	3.55 ± 0.33	1.32 ± 0.05	4.08 ± 0.31	1.26 ± 0.03	3.82 ± 0.27	1.29 ± 0.03
HD9362	2.61 ± 0.75	1.45 ± 0.16	2.33 ± 0.51	1.47 ± 0.14	2.47 ± 0.14	1.46 ± 0.01
HD10142	7.08 ± 0.05	1.04 ± 0.10	3.50 ± 0.10	1.32 ± 0.01	5.29 ± 1.79	1.18 ± 0.14
HD11977	1.78 ± 0.89	1.70 ± 0.31	0.87 ± 0.05	2.08 ± 0.04	1.32 ± 0.46	1.89 ± 0.19
HD12438	2.61 ± 0.71	1.36 ± 0.14	3.33 ± 1.90	1.28 ± 0.22	2.97 ± 0.36	1.32 ± 0.04
HD13468	1.04 ± 0.06	2.04 ± 0.06	0.93 ± 0.05	2.03 ± 0.04	0.99 ± 0.05	2.04 ± 0.01
HD15220	12.60 ± 0.05	0.92 ± 0.01	9.50 ± 0.10	1.10 ± 0.01	11.05 ± 1.55	1.01 ± 0.09
HD15248	4.64 ± 0.25	1.26 ± 0.01	5.33 ± 0.62	1.18 ± 0.05	4.99 ± 0.35	1.22 ± 0.04
HD15779	1.41 ± 0.35	1.90 ± 0.13	1.42 ± 0.24	1.80 ± 0.03	1.41 ± 0.01	1.85 ± 0.05
HD16815	3.55 ± 0.05	1.29 ± 0.01	4.33 ± 0.24	1.22 ± 0.02	3.94 ± 0.39	1.25 ± 0.04
HD17652	3.29 ± 1.08	1.34 ± 0.17	3.25 ± 0.94	1.33 ± 0.14	3.27 ± 0.02	1.33 ± 0.01
HD17824	0.76 ± 0.04	2.36 ± 0.06	0.67 ± 0.05	2.42 ± 0.06	0.72 ± 0.05	2.39 ± 0.03
HD18784	10.80 ± 1.18	0.90 ± 0.03	7.58 ± 2.71	1.04 ± 0.18	9.19 ± 1.61	0.97 ± 0.07
HD23319	2.82 ± 0.46	1.51 ± 0.09	3.17 ± 0.42	1.42 ± 0.09	2.99 ± 0.17	1.46 ± 0.05
HD23526	1.04 ± 0.06	2.03 ± 0.04	0.97 ± 0.05	2.00 ± 0.04	1.00 ± 0.04	2.02 ± 0.01
HD23940	3.98 ± 0.99	1.24 ± 0.11	4.67 ± 1.03	1.16 ± 0.10	4.32 ± 0.34	1.20 ± 0.04
HD26464	1.31 ± 0.40	2.09 ± 0.28	1.33 ± 0.31	2.02 ± 0.28	1.32 ± 0.01	2.06 ± 0.03
HD30814	1.52 ± 0.17	1.96 ± 0.13	1.32 ± 0.45	1.96 ± 0.31	1.42 ± 0.10	1.96 ± 0.01
HD35369	1.92 ± 0.42	1.82 ± 0.08	1.42 ± 0.12	1.82 ± 0.08	1.67 ± 0.25	1.77 ± 0.05
HD36874	3.69 ± 0.20	1.36 ± 0.03	4.42 ± 0.51	1.24 ± 0.04	4.05 ± 0.36	1.30 ± 0.06
HD39523	2.93 ± 0.69	1.52 ± 0.16	3.25 ± 0.61	1.41 ± 0.12	3.09 ± 0.16	1.47 ± 0.06
HD39640	1.59 ± 0.40	1.81 ± 0.13	0.93 ± 0.05	2.03 ± 0.04	1.26 ± 0.33	1.92 ± 0.11
HD39910	5.62 ± 2.80	1.23 ± 0.21	5.92 ± 1.53	1.19 ± 0.13	5.77 ± 0.15	1.21 ± 0.02
HD40020	6.07 ± 1.65	1.17 ± 0.12	6.00 ± 2.45	1.18 ± 0.17	6.03 ± 0.03	1.17 ± 0.01
HD43899	4.64 ± 1.01	1.25 ± 0.10	8.00 ± 1.47	1.06 ± 0.06	6.32 ± 1.68	1.15 ± 0.10
HD45415	1.53 ± 0.41	1.84 ± 0.15	1.50 ± 0.35	1.78 ± 0.22	1.51 ± 0.01	1.81 ± 0.03
HD46116	2.71 ± 0.15	1.40 ± 0.03	2.33 ± 0.31	1.44 ± 0.09	2.52 ± 0.19	1.42 ± 0.02
HD53629	8.91 ± 0.05	1.09 ± 0.01	9.17 ± 0.47	1.08 ± 0.01	9.04 ± 0.13	1.08 ± 0.01
HD54131	1.85 ± 0.36	1.69 ± 0.14	1.75 ± 0.20	1.63 ± 0.06	1.80 ± 0.05	1.66 ± 0.03
HD56160	9.61 ± 2.08	1.06 ± 0.09	7.50 ± 1.63	1.16 ± 0.09	8.56 ± 1.06	1.10 ± 0.06
HD60060	2.82 ± 0.26	1.47 ± 0.06	2.00 ± 0.54	1.57 ± 0.19	2.41 ± 0.41	1.52 ± 0.05
HD60341	5.20 ± 3.43	1.25 ± 0.29	3.17 ± 0.96	1.42 ± 0.15	4.19 ± 1.02	1.33 ± 0.09
HD62412	0.83 ± 0.04	2.29 ± 0.05	1.07 ± 0.26	2.15 ± 0.07	0.95 ± 0.12	2.22 ± 0.07
HD62713	4.47 ± 3.28	1.34 ± 0.31	2.83 ± 0.31	1.49 ± 0.05	3.65 ± 0.82	1.41 ± 0.08
HD68312	1.41 ± 0.05	1.96 ± 0.01	1.25 ± 0.05	1.91 ± 0.01	1.33 ± 0.08	1.94 ± 0.03
HD74622	12.11 ± 0.67	0.97 ± 0.01	9.50 ± 0.01	1.00 ± 0.01	10.81 ± 1.31	0.99 ± 0.02
HD75916	2.82 ± .26	1.56 ± 0.07	2.92 ± 0.42	1.47 ± 0.09	2.87 ± 0.05	1.52 ± 0.05
HD176704	2.61 ± 0.28	1.62 ± 0.06	3.17 ± 0.42	1.48 ± 0.07	2.89 ± 0.28	1.55 ± 0.07
HD177873	2.93 ± 0.97	1.48 ± 0.18	2.67 ± 0.62	1.51 ± 0.14	2.80 ± 0.13	1.50 ± 0.01
HD188887	3.29 ± 0.36	1.45 ± 0.03	5.83 ± 1.65	1.23 ± 0.14	4.56 ± 1.27	1.34 ± 0.11
HD191584	5.62 ± 0.05	1.25 ± 0.01	6.50 ± 0.05	1.22 ± 0.01	6.06 ± 0.44	1.23 ± 0.01
HD204381	1.00 ± 0.25	2.15 ± 0.17	0.77 ± 0.17	2.26 ± 0.19	0.88 ± 0.12	2.20 ± 0.06
HD219784	3.98 ± 0.37	1.31 ± 0.05	5.83 ± 0.62	1.15 ± 0.03	4.91 ± 0.93	1.23 ± 0.08
HD220572	1.64 ± 0.09	1.81 ± 0.04	1.50 ± 0.05	1.83 ± 0.01	1.57 ± 0.07	1.82 ± 0.03

For our fitting procedure, we computed several isochrones from the PARSEC database tool⁴, with ages ranging from $t = 0.1$ to 13 Gyr by step of 0.01 Myr, and metallicities from $Z = 0.003$ to 0.06 (i.e. $-0.7 < [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < +0.6$, using $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] \sim \log(Z/Z_{\odot})$), by step of 0.001. The BaSTI isochrones are pre-computed in

their database⁵, we downloaded models for $t = 0.1 - 10$ Myr by step of 0.01 Myr and $Z = 0.002, 0.004, 0.008, 0.01, 0.0198, 0.03$ and 0.04 (i.e. $-1.0 < \text{Fe}/\text{H} < 0.3$). These models are also for a scaled-solar composition (with $Z_{\odot} = 0.0198$) and also include overshooting. HD176704 has $\text{Fe}/\text{H} = 0.36$ dex, above the range

⁴ <http://stev.oapd.inaf.it/cgi-bin/cmd>

⁵ <http://basti.oa-teramo.inaf.it/index.html>

of the BaSTI isochrones, but we rounded it down to 0.3. We chose grids fine enough in age to avoid interpolation (which might cause problems); the closest age is therefore always chosen in our fitting procedure.

The PARSEC output tables provide the luminosities, effective temperatures, effective gravities, and masses. We computed the linear radius from the table values following the equation

$$\log\left(\frac{R}{R_{\odot}}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{L}{L_{\odot}}\right) - 2 \log T_{\text{eff}} + 2 \log T_{\odot}. \quad (4)$$

The surface gravities for BaSTI were determined using Newton's law of universal gravitation

$$\log g = \log\left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right) + 4 \log T_{\text{eff}} - 4 \log T_{\odot} - \log\left(\frac{L}{L_{\odot}}\right) + \log g_{\odot}, \quad (5)$$

with the solar constants from Prša et al. (2016).

Then, from these grids, we performed our isochrone fits by adopting fixed values of metallicity, and searched for the best age fit in luminosity, effective temperature, radii and effective gravity following a χ^2 statistic, that is, minimizing

$$\chi^2 = \sum \left[\left(\frac{\Delta L}{\sigma_L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta T}{\sigma_T}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta \log g}{\sigma_{\log g}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta R}{\sigma_R}\right)^2 \right]. \quad (6)$$

Our fitting procedure was the following. For the PARSEC isochrones, we first chose the closest grid in Z for a given metallicity (given in Table 1). We note that the grid was not interpolated as our downloaded tracks are also fine enough in metallicity. Then, we searched for the global χ^2 minimum in age and mass by fitting all isochrones for that given metallicity. A second fit is then performed around that global minimum values. For the BaSTI models, which are unfortunately not fine enough in metallicity, we first interpolated all isochrones to the given metallicity. We then also searched for the global χ^2 minimum in age and mass by fitting all isochrones for that given metallicity. A second fit was also performed around that global minimum values.

To assess the uncertainties for the PARSEC and BaSTI models, we repeated the process with $Z \pm \sigma$. The final age and mass corresponding to each isochrone model are listed in Table 2. We also listed the average and standard deviation between both models, together with the corresponding evolutionary status of the star. Figure 4 shows an example of a fitted isochrones for the star HD26464.

In most cases, both models give similar age and mass values, within the uncertainties. We found masses in the range $0.97 < M/M_{\odot} < 2.39$ and ages $0.72 < t < 11.05$ Gyr, which is consistent with what we expect from such stars. We can see that the masses are better determined than the ages. Comparison of the parameters between the two isochrone sets reveals no obvious systematic trends, but in some cases there are significant differences in age.

The average masses determined from isochrones fitting can be compared to the ones calculated from the surface gravity, that is, from Newton's law of universal gravitation

$$\frac{M_g}{M_{\odot}} = \frac{g}{g_{\odot}} \left(\frac{R}{R_{\odot}}\right)^2, \quad (7)$$

with g the surface gravity and R the stellar radius. This is presented in Fig. 5. No specific trend or offset is detected and they are in rather good agreement with each other, within $1 - 2\sigma$.

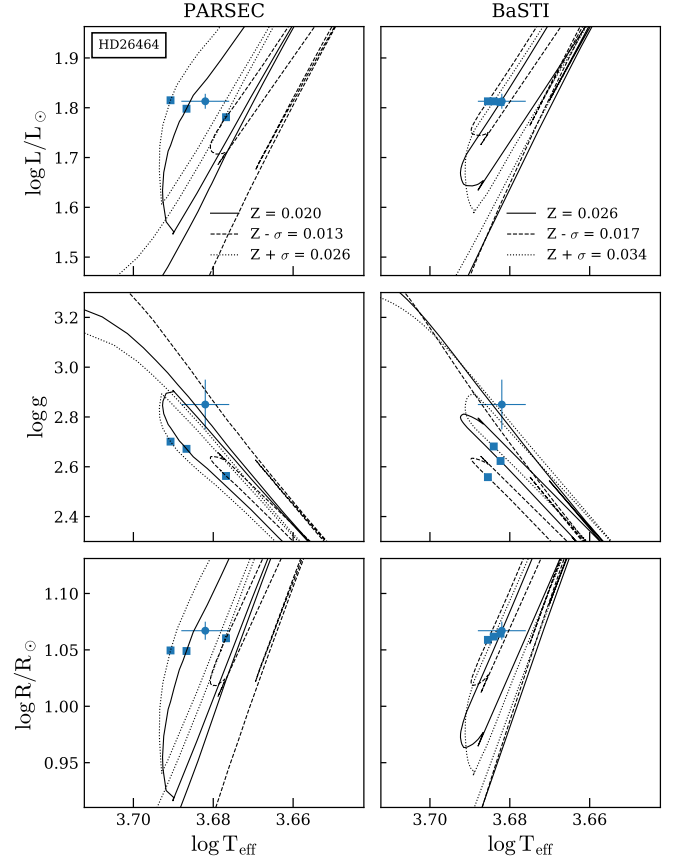


Fig. 4. Fitted PARSEC and BaSTI isochrones for HD26464.

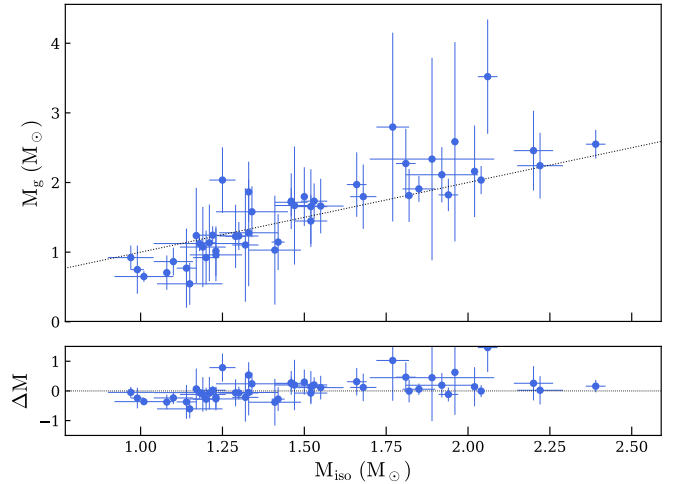
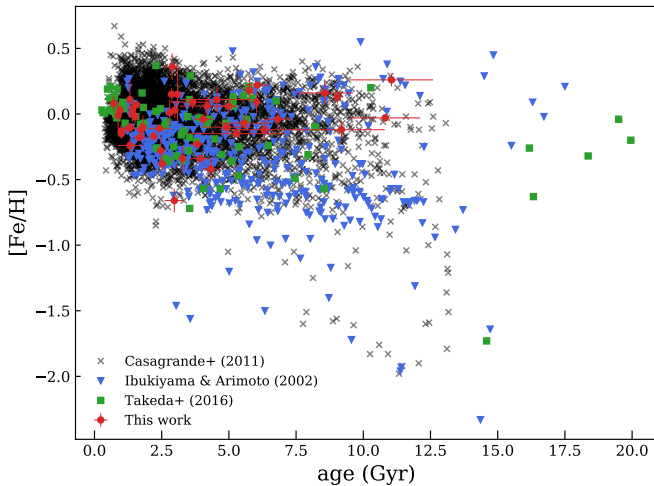


Fig. 5. Masses M_{iso} derived from isochrone fitting compared to calculated ones M_g . The dotted line denotes a 1:1 relation.

Our derived values are also consistent with previous works of Luck (2015) who used three different isochrone models (Bertelli et al. 1994; Demarque et al. 2004; Dotter et al. 2008) to estimate the mass and age of some stars in our sample. The comparison with our derived mean values are listed in Table 3. We can see that in some cases, models give very different results in age, while the mass values are less scattered. We mention here that accurate angular diameter measurements help in better constraining isochrones via multi-observables fitting, although it still depends on accurate metallicity determinations.

Table 3. Comparison with previous works with different isochrone models from Luck (2015).

Star	Age (Gyr)				Mass (M/M_{\odot})			
	B	D	Y	G	B	D	Y	G
HD360	2.02	5.63	1.73	1.73	1.78	1.35	1.91	1.68
HD4211	3.53	3.25	3.95	5.57	1.49	1.46	1.51	1.19
HD5722	4.06	2.39	1.60	2.20	1.29	1.65	1.74	1.53
HD9362	3.33	6.25	1.50	2.47	1.42	1.08	1.89	1.46
HD11977	1.35	1.08	0.80	1.32	1.91	2.18	2.32	1.89
HD12438	3.19	1.08	1.87	2.97	1.40	2.18	1.70	1.32
HD15779	5.35	5.50	1.10	1.41	1.23	1.12	2.18	1.85
HD16815	4.76	–	3.47	3.94	1.34	–	1.49	1.25
HD17824	0.71	1.53	–	0.72	2.30	1.87	1.93	2.39
HD18784	2.99	6.18	1.20	9.19	1.60	1.21	2.13	0.97
HD23319	3.70	1.61	1.90	2.99	1.48	1.94	1.83	1.46
HD23526	5.12	6.00	1.74	1.00	1.24	1.09	1.82	2.02
HD23940	3.65	8.00	1.85	4.32	1.57	1.00	1.77	1.20
HD30814	4.01	3.07	1.20	1.42	1.44	1.58	2.04	1.96
HD35369	4.20	2.54	–	1.67	1.33	1.61	1.83	1.77
HD39640	2.93	3.25	–	1.26	1.51	1.31	–	1.92
HD39910	3.49	2.54	1.35	5.77	1.44	1.63	2.04	1.21
HD40020	2.41	2.31	3.04	6.03	1.77	1.63	1.67	1.17
HD45415	2.34	6.38	1.13	1.51	1.68	1.07	2.16	1.81
HD46116	–	2.35	1.10	2.52	1.81	1.71	2.08	1.42
HD54131	3.67	3.57	1.63	1.80	1.44	1.45	1.85	1.66
HD60341	2.13	2.88	4.94	4.19	1.78	1.53	1.40	1.33
HD62412	2.06	2.18	–	0.95	1.74	1.67	1.93	2.22
HD62713	–	2.75	3.60	3.65	–	1.53	1.62	1.41
HD68312	0.60	4.70	–	1.33	2.45	1.52	2.22	1.94
HD75916	4.83	3.88	4.60	2.87	1.31	1.39	1.50	1.52
HD176704	2.62	3.00	–	2.89	1.60	1.55	1.84	1.55
HD204381	0.90	3.94	–	0.88	2.06	1.64	2.13	2.20
HD219784	2.65	2.19	2.57	4.91	1.72	1.64	1.76	1.23

Notes. B, D, Y, and G stands for the Bertelli isochrones (Bertelli et al. 1994), the Dartmouth isochrones (Dotter et al. 2008), the Y² isochrones (Demarque et al. 2004) and this work, respectively.

Fig. 6. Age-metallicity relation for our red clump stars compared to other Galactic works.

4.3. Age-metallicity relation

We plotted our derived ages and metallicities in the age-metallicity diagram, and compared them with other studies for the solar neighbourhood. We first compared our derived ages with the work of Takeda et al. (2016) for giant stars. We notice

a very good agreement with their sample, as seen in Fig. 6. In a wider context, our values for giants stars are also similar to the work for F-, G-, and K-type stars dwarfs (Casagrande et al. 2011; Ibukiyama & Arimoto 2002). Our work supports the previous conclusions about the metallicity in our neighbourhood, that is, a little metallicity evolution in the past 10 Gyr and a large scatter at all ages. Although the scatter of the relation seems to increase with age, the trend tends to be almost flat.

5. Conclusion

We report accurate angular diameters measurements of nearby giant stars. Our sample includes a total of 48 stars for which the diameter is measured to better than 2.7%. These observations were initially carried out to improve the calibration of the surface brightness-colour relation of late-type stars and to measure absolute stellar dimension of late-type eclipsing binaries to less than 1%. We then used such systems to measure the most accurate Large Magellanic Cloud distance at a level of 1% (Pietrzynski et al. 2018).

Combining our angular diameters measurements with HIPPARCOS and *Gaia* DR2 parallaxes and spectroscopic effective temperatures, we determined linear radii and absolute luminosities with an average accuracy of 3% and 6%, respectively. We also fitted PARSEC and BaSTI model isochrones to derive the age and mass of these giant stars. The added

value of interferometry is that the constraint on the mass and age imposed by the $R - T_{\text{eff}}$ plane is much tighter than using $L - T_{\text{eff}}$ only. We found an overall good agreement between our estimated masses and literature values, while age estimates are rather scattered. Although we have accurate knowledge of the stellar angular diameters, our analysis still requires accurate determinations of the other stellar parameters such as the metallicity in order to be able to constrain different input physics and parameters from stellar evolution models. The stars of our sample will soon be observed by the TESS (Ricker et al. 2014) and PLATO (Rauer et al. 2014) satellites, that will provide detailed asteroseismic frequency spectra. Together with our high-precision interferometric angular diameters and *Gaia* distances, this will enable a more accurate determination of their physical parameters (see e.g. Kervella et al. 2003; Thévenin et al. 2005; Cunha et al. 2007; Huber et al. 2012). This will also provide a stringent test of the asteroseismic scaling relations (see e.g. Huber et al. 2011; Gaulme et al. 2016, and reference therein).

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Appendix A: Revised orbit of TZ Fornacis

Using the new interferometric measurements of this paper, we revised the orbital solutions of [Gallenne et al. \(2016\)](#) performing the exact same analysis, that is, simultaneously fitting the radial velocities of both components and the astrometry. The revised parameters are listed in [Table A.1](#), which are in very good agreement (within 1σ) with our previously determined values. Here, we have taken into account the systematic uncertainty from the wavelength calibration determined in this paper, reducing the uncertainty on the semi-major axis and the distance. The relative difference between the observed and new calculated projected separations are displayed in [Fig. A.1](#).

Table A.1. Best-fit orbital elements and parameters.

P_{orb} (days)	75.66691 ± 0.00019
T_p (HJD)	2452599.29040
e	0.0000 ± 0.0001
K_1 (km s^{-1})	38.91 ± 0.01
K_2 (km s^{-1})	40.88 ± 0.01
γ_1 (km s^{-1})	17.99 ± 0.03
γ_2 (km s^{-1})	18.35 ± 0.11
ω ($^\circ$)	270.01 ± 0.04
Ω ($^\circ$)	65.95 ± 0.04
a (mas)	2.990 ± 0.011
a (AU)	0.5565 ± 0.0001
i ($^\circ$)	85.71 ± 0.04
M_1 (M_\odot)	2.057 ± 0.001
M_2 (M_\odot)	1.958 ± 0.001
d (pc)	186.1 ± 0.7
π (mas)	5.37 ± 0.02

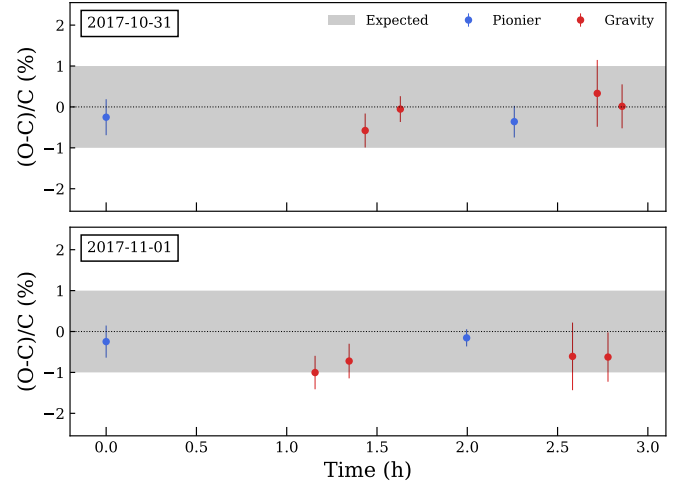


Fig. A.1. Relative difference of the observed and newly calculated projected separations.

Appendix B: Additional table

Table B.1. Log of the interferometric observations, together with some stellar information.

Star	K (mag)	H (mag)	π (mas)	$E(B-V)$	Date	Baselines	Sp. channels	Calibrator ^b HD	Bin.
HD 360	3.653	3.757	8.97 ± 0.13	0.009	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 1588, 6482	-
HD 3750	3.485	3.612	10.26 ± 0.11	0.002	2013-12-31	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 3145, HD 224821, HD 902	-
HD 4211	3.295	3.426	9.63 ± 0.40^a	0.004	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 1434, 902, HD 3145	-
HD 5722	3.381	3.496	9.79 ± 0.15	0.010	2014-01-01	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 3975, HD 3909, HD 6482	-
HD 8651	3.019	3.142	12.82 ± 0.15	0.002	2013-10-14	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 10216, HD 11050	-
HD 9362	1.638	1.748	22.95 ± 0.19^a	0.000	2014-10-08	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 9293, HD 8963	-
HD 10142	3.557	3.679	9.80 ± 0.13	0.007	2013-12-31	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 10216, HD 11050, HD 11643	-
					2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 9742, HD 8901	-
					2014-10-31	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 14509, HD 14832	-
HD 11977	2.486	2.594	14.72 ± 0.18	0.002	2013-10-14	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 13668, HD 18423, HD 18959	-
					2014-10-06	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 21208, HD 12851, HD 18185	-
					2014-12-19	A1-G1-J3-K0	6	HD 18959	-
HD 12438	3.176	3.281	11.08 ± 0.29^a	0.004	2013-10-14	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 11050, HD 15958	-
HD 13468	3.666	3.783	8.52 ± 0.12	0.009	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 19121, HD 14129	-
HD 15220	3.199	3.342	11.89 ± 0.42^a	0.007	2014-01-02	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 15996, HD 13692, HD 18290	-
HD 15248	3.553	3.669	9.28 ± 0.11	0.010	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 19755, HD 12851, HD 18696	-
HD 15779	3.067	3.186	12.06 ± 0.14	0.006	2014-01-01	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 14129, HD 19121, HD 20791	-
					2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 14690, HD 13819	-
HD 16815	1.706	1.820	21.65 ± 0.18^a	0.000	2014-10-08	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 13666, HD 15875	-
HD 17652	2.139	2.256	18.89 ± 0.26^a	0.001	2014-12-19	A1-G1-J3-K0	6	HD 15471, HD 20176	-

Notes. K - and H -band magnitudes are from [Laney et al. \(2012\)](#) with uncertainties of 0.005 mag, and parallaxes from the *Gaia* DR2. $E(B-V)$ were determined as explained in [Suchomska et al. \(2015\)](#). ^(a) From the HIPPARCOS catalogue ([van Leeuwen 2007](#)). ^(b) H -band uniform disk diameter of the calibrators: HD3145 = 0.852 ± 0.012 mas; HD224821 = 0.929 ± 0.013 mas; HD902 = 0.967 ± 0.013 mas; HD11050 = 0.710 ± 0.009 mas; HD10216 = 0.834 ± 0.011 mas; HD11643 = 0.949 ± 0.013 mas; HD20176 = 0.897 ± 0.012 mas; HD22826 = 0.742 ± 0.010 mas; HD13668 = 0.784 ± 0.010 mas; HD18423 = 1.092 ± 0.014 mas; HD34587 = 0.884 ± 0.012 mas; HD47001 = 0.867 ± 0.011 mas; HD15958 = 0.864 ± 0.012 mas; HD52574 = 0.675 ± 0.009 mas; HD4956 = 0.655 ± 0.008 mas; HD3975 = 0.957 ± 0.013 mas; HD3909 = 0.861 ± 0.012 mas; HD6482 = 0.836 ± 0.012 mas; HD14129 = 1.006 ± 0.014 mas; HD19121 = 0.890 ± 0.012 mas; HD20791 = 0.883 ± 0.012 mas; HD15996 = 0.870 ± 0.011 mas; HD13692 = 0.923 ± 0.012 mas; HD18290 = 0.779 ± 0.011 mas; HD15471 = 0.911 ± 0.013 mas; HD28625 = 0.754 ± 0.009 mas; HD31887 = 0.742 ± 0.010 mas; HD32613 = 0.864 ± 0.012 mas; HD34137 = 0.798 ± 0.011 mas; HD81720 = 0.922 ± 0.013 mas; HD56110 = 0.817 ± 0.011 mas; HD57820 = 0.959 ± 0.013 mas; HD71465 = 1.043 ± 0.011 mas; HD70136 = 0.923 ± 0.013 mas; HD51546 = 0.865 ± 0.012 mas; HD57911 = 0.877 ± 0.012 mas; HD49001 = 1.055 ± 0.014 mas; HD40605 = 0.978 ± 0.013 mas; HD70097 = 0.916 ± 0.013 mas; HD37877 = 0.951 ± 0.013 mas; HD178272 = 1.005 ± 0.014 mas; HD18110 = 0.945 ± 0.013 mas; HD184349 = 1.067 ± 0.015 mas; HD181019 = 1.030 ± 0.014 mas; HD207229 = 1.001 ± 0.013 mas; HD210563 = 0.968 ± 0.013 mas; HD206146 = 1.126 ± 0.015 mas; HD204609 = 1.143 ± 0.016 mas; HD171960 = 1.121 ± 0.016 mas; HD174774 = 1.103 ± 0.015 mas; HD189563 = 0.915 ± 0.013 mas; HD190057 = 1.037 ± 0.014 mas; HD195659 = 0.929 ± 0.012 mas; HD220330 = 0.953 ± 0.013 mas; HD220790 = 1.007 ± 0.013 mas; HD215905 = 0.995 ± 0.013 mas; HD1434 = 0.941 ± 0.013 mas; HD1588 = 0.892 ± 0.012 mas; HD221370 = 0.906 ± 0.013 mas; HD214465 = 1.193 ± 0.016 mas; HD9742 = 0.942 ± 0.013 mas; HD8901 = 0.968 ± 0.013 mas; HD19755 = 0.840 ± 0.012 mas; HD12851 = 0.920 ± 0.013 mas; HD18696 = 0.950 ± 0.012 mas; HD10164 = 1.061 ± 0.014 mas; HD6903 = 0.628 ± 0.044 mas; HD14690 = 0.475 ± 0.033 mas; HD13819 = 0.541 ± 0.038 mas; HD37377 = 0.890 ± 0.011 mas; HD38885 = 1.000 ± 0.013 mas; HD27179 = 0.919 ± 0.013 mas; HD28947 = 0.722 ± 0.008 mas; HD51801 = 0.826 ± 0.011 mas; HD39810 = 0.690 ± 0.008 mas; HD18185 = 1.141 ± 0.015 mas; HD81502 = 1.230 ± 0.016 mas; HD18071 = 1.024 ± 0.014 mas; HD20520 = 1.267 ± 0.017 mas; HD51682 = 1.034 ± 0.014 mas; HD68512 = 1.227 ± 0.017 mas; HD9293 = 1.232 ± 0.017 mas; HD8963 = 1.076 ± 0.015 mas; HD13666 = 1.007 ± 0.014 mas; HD15875 = 0.915 ± 0.012 mas; HD32707 = 1.169 ± 0.016 mas; HD36134 = 1.164 ± 0.016 mas; HD21149 = 1.056 ± 0.014 mas; HD26934 = 0.984 ± 0.013 mas; HD14509 = 0.866 ± 0.012 mas; HD14832 = 0.732 ± 0.009 mas; HD52603 = 0.889 ± 0.012 mas; HD62897 = 0.834 ± 0.011 mas; HD54257 = 0.839 ± 0.012 mas; HD28322 = 0.819 ± 0.011 mas; HD42168 = 0.806 ± 0.011 mas; HD38054 = 1.266 ± 0.017 mas; HD42026 = 1.098 ± 0.014 mas; HD37462 = 1.263 ± 0.017 mas; HD18959 = 1.140 ± 0.016 mas; HD14728 = 1.171 ± 0.016 mas; HD53840 = 0.830 ± 0.010 mas; HD56537 = 0.567 ± 0.040 mas; HD44769 = 0.583 ± 0.041 mas; HD55185 = 0.533 ± 0.037 mas; HD24267 = 1.064 ± 0.014 mas; HD71231 = 0.896 ± 0.012 mas; HD70409 = 0.842 ± 0.012 mas.

Table B.1. continued.

HD 17824	2.668	2.781	16.92 ± 0.30	0.002	2014-10-06	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 18071, HD 20520	-
					2014-11-17	A1-G1-J1-K0	3	HD 13692, HD 18071	-
					2014-12-19	A1-G1-J1-K0	6	HD 14728, HD 13692	-
HD 18784	3.353	3.456	10.49 ± 0.13	0.014	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 14129, HD 19121	-
HD 23319	1.995	2.141	19.22 ± 0.25	0.001	2014-10-08	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 21149, HD 26934	-
					2015-01-16	A1-G1-J1-K0	6	HD 21149, HD 26934, HD 24267	-
HD 23526	3.634	3.744	8.85 ± 0.14	0.017	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 20791, HD 19121	-
					2014-10-31	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 20791, HD 28322	-
					2014-12-17	A1-G1-J1-K0	6	HD 20791, HD 28322	-
HD 23940	3.229	3.344	12.13 ± 0.30^a	0.002	2013-12-31	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 20176, HD 22826	-
HD 26464	3.341	3.449	10.04 ± 0.13	0.008	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 27179, HD 28947	x
HD 30814	2.791	2.898	13.62 ± 0.20	0.006	2014-01-02	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 28625, HD 31887, HD 32613	-
HD 35369	1.925	2.032	18.75 ± 0.33	0.000	2014-10-08	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 32707, HD 36134	x
					2014-11-17	A1-G1-J1-K0	3	HD 38054, HD 40605	-
HD 36874	3.242	3.364	11.24 ± 0.12	0.002	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 37377, HD 38885	-
HD 39523	2.036	2.160	18.59 ± 0.26	0.001	2014-10-08	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 26934, HD 42026, HD 37462	-
					2014-10-31	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 42026, HD 37462	-
HD 39640	2.921	3.040	12.54 ± 0.15	0.006	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 37877, HD 34587	-
					2014-10-31	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 47001, HD 42168	-
					2014-11-17	A1-G1-J1-K0	3	HD 37877, HD 38054	-
					2015-01-09	A1-G1-J1-K0	6	HD 37877, HD 34587	-
HD 39910	3.315	3.451	10.43 ± 0.13	0.015	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 34137, HD 40605	-
HD 40020	3.419	3.543	9.69 ± 0.14	0.013	2014-01-02	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 34137	-
HD 43899	3.004	3.134	11.66 ± 0.11	0.010	2013-10-14	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 52574, HD 44956	-
HD 45415	3.188	3.306	11.03 ± 0.18	0.015	2015-01-16	A1-G1-J1-K0	6	HD 44769, HD 55185	x
HD 46116	3.103	3.206	12.08 ± 0.18^a	0.009	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 51801, HD 39810	-
HD 53629	3.410	3.556	9.69 ± 0.11	0.017	2014-01-02	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 51546, HD 57911	-
HD 54131	3.114	3.222	11.24 ± 0.15	0.012	2015-01-16	A1-G1-J1-K0	6	HD 56537	-
HD 56160	2.823	2.976	12.27 ± 0.13	0.010	2014-10-31	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 54257, HD 57911	-
HD 60060	3.545	3.662	9.33 ± 0.11	0.018	2014-10-31	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 52603, HD 62897	-
					2014-12-17	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 53840, HD 52603	-
					2014-12-19	A1-G1-J1-K0	6	HD 53840, HD 62897	-
HD 60341	3.126	3.264	11.10 ± 0.13	0.010	2014-01-02	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 56110, HD 57820	-
HD 62412	3.412	3.530	9.88 ± 0.12	0.013	2014-01-02	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 57911, HD 70097	x
					2015-01-09	A1-G1-J1-K0	6	HD 57911, HD 57820, HD 51546	-
HD 62713	2.654	2.782	15.03 ± 0.18^a	0.005	2014-10-06	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 51682, HD 68512	-
HD 68312	3.279	3.390	11.65 ± 0.17	0.011	2014-01-02	A1-G1-J3-K0	7	HD 71465, HD 70136	-
					2015-02-17	A1-G1-J3-K0	6	HD 70409, HD 70136	-
HD 74622	3.532	3.672	10.32 ± 0.10	0.013	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 81720	-
HD 75916	3.516	3.653	9.41 ± 0.11	0.008	2015-02-17	A1-G1-J3-K0	6	HD 71231, HD 70409	-
HD 176704	2.956	3.107	12.66 ± 0.29^a	0.007	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 176752, HD 171960, HD 174774	-
HD 177873	2.137	2.243	18.73 ± 0.33	0.002	2014-06-25	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 178272, HD 181110, HD 184349	x
					2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 184349	-
HD 188887	2.621	2.763	13.85 ± 0.13	0	2014-06-25	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 181019, HD 207229, HD 210563	x
HD 191584	3.512	3.664	9.88 ± 0.12	0.009	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 189563, HD 190057, HD 195659	-
HD 204381	2.426	2.537	19.06 ± 0.29^a	0	2014-06-25	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 206146, HD 204609	-
HD 219784	1.886	2.019	19.61 ± 0.35	0.001	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 221370, HD 214465	-
HD 220572	3.224	3.350	11.01 ± 0.13	0.003	2014-10-05	A1-G1-J3-K0	3	HD 220330, HD 220790, HD 215905	-