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Fundamental parameters and infrared excesses of Tycho–Gaia stars

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ABSTRACT

Effective temperatures and luminosities are calculated for 1475 921 Tycho-2 and 107 145 Hipparcos stars, based on distances from Gaia Data Release 1. Parameters are derived by comparing multi-wavelength archival photometry to BT-SETTL model atmospheres. The 1σ uncertainties for the Tycho-2 and Hipparcos stars are ±137 and ±125 K in temperature and ±35 and ±19 per cent in luminosity. The luminosity uncertainty is dominated by that of the Gaia parallax. Evidence for infrared excess between 4.6 and 25 μm is found for 4256 stars, of which 1883 are strong candidates. These include asymptotic giant branch (AGB) stars, Cepheids, Herbig Ae/Be stars, young stellar objects and other sources. We briefly demonstrate the capabilities of this data set by exploring local interstellar extinction, the onset of dust production in AGB stars, the age and metallicity gradients of the solar neighbourhood and structure within the Gould Belt. We close by discussing the potential impact of future Gaia data releases.

Key words: circumstellar matter – stars: fundamental parameters – Hertzsprung–Russell and colour–magnitude diagrams – stars: mass-loss – solar neighbourhood – infrared: stars.

1 INTRODUCTION

Modern precision astrometry has recovered distances to large samples of nearby stars, the pinnacles of which are the catalogues returned by the Hipparcos (Perryman 1989) and Gaia satellites (Perryman et al. 2001; Gaia Collaboration et al. 2016a,b). These catalogues provide the basic measurements of colour, brightness and parallactic distance. They do not contain fundamental parameters, such as temperature or luminosity. Hence, ‘value added’ catalogues are often computed (e.g. Anderson & Francis 2012; McDonald, Zijlstra & Boyer 2012a) for the Hipparcos data set. The latter of these papers provides a catalogue of stellar fundamental parameters, which is replicated here using the Gaia satellite’s Data Release 1 (DR1).1

Gaia DR1 is based on the first six months of Gaia operations. It lists parallaxes for 2057 050 stars contained in the Hipparcos Tycho-2 catalogue (Høg et al. 2000; Michalik, Lindegren & Hobbs 2015). We use spectral energy distribution (SED) fitting of pre-existing photometry to place those stars on the true Hertzsprung–Russell (H–R) diagram. We also identify the stars among them with infrared excess: i.e. excess flux in the mid-infrared (mid-IR, ~3–30 μm) when compared to the SED from a stellar atmosphere model.

SED fitting to determine stellar parameters has its advantages and limitations. Compared to simple, single-colour bolometric corrections, it can be more robust against bad photometric data. It can also be more accurate, due to the larger number of data points included, and it can be effective over a wider range of stellar effective temperatures. Secondary effects, such as binary companions or reprocessing of stellar light, can sometimes be identified where simple bolometric corrections would not be able to do so. Both bolometric corrections and SED fitting are equally limited by prior assumptions of stellar metallicity, surface gravity and interstellar extinction, which determine the properties of the stellar atmosphere models that the stars are compared against. Stellar temperatures and luminosities from SED fitting are most accurate if both the short- (Wien) and long-wavelength (Rayleigh–Jeans) tails of the SED are covered with good-quality photometry.

Spectroscopic temperature determinations generally have greater accuracy than those obtained through SED fitting. They can also measure metallicity and surface gravity, and are not affected by extinction. However, SED fitting is observationally and computationally much cheaper, allowing it both to be used on fainter stars and to more effectively survey a larger number of stars. SED fitting provides a more accurate luminosity than can be derived via spectroscopic measurements. This allows SED fits to be used to select targets for more expensive follow-up campaigns.

Both photometric colours and spectroscopy often fail to identify infrared excess. Infrared excess is typically caused by warm dust in the circumstellar environment. It is therefore a good tracer of objects at both ends of stellar evolution: young and pre-main-sequence stars that have yet to clear their circumstellar environments of their protoplanetary discs, and evolved stars that are undergoing the terminal process of stellar mass-loss (e.g. Cotten & Song 2016). Other mass-losing or mass-gaining stars can also be identified, such as...
interacting binary stars containing an accretion disc, Wolf–Rayet stars and Herbig A[e]/B[e] stars. Unlike simple photometric colours, infrared excess can also trace unresolved, non-interacting binary companions and physically separate line-of-sight binary stars, if the contrast ratio is sufficiently close to unity and the colours are sufficiently different.

In this paper, we cross-reference catalogues of multi-wavelength literature photometry to construct SEDs for stars in the Tycho-2 and Hipparcos catalogues (Hög et al. 2000; van Leeuwen 2007), supplemented by the Tycho–Gaia astrometric solution from Gaia DR1. These are compared against stellar atmosphere models to derive effective temperatures for each star. When combined with the parallax information from Gaia DR1, this allows us to derive the luminosity of each star (Section 2) and to place it on the H–R diagram. The H–R diagram is presented, and the uncertainties in individual measurements discussed (Section 3). A catalogue of stars that likely exhibit excess infrared flux is presented, and their categorization and location in the H–R diagram is discussed (Section 4). Here, we also explore dust production by evolved stars. Further applications and details are presented in the online appendices that accompany this paper.

2 THE SED-FITTING PROCESS

2.1 Methodology

2.1.1 Cross-referencing photometric source data

This section describes the methodology used to create the SEDs and fit the data. The practical application is detailed in Section 2.2.

A cross-reference catalogue was intended to form part of the Gaia DR1 but was not provided with the data release itself. For this paper, photometric data were collected using the CDS ‘X-Match’ cross-matching service, which provides fast, effective cross-matching across a variety of photometric catalogues.

While fast and efficient, the VizieR cross-matching service contains some limitations. For example, in the following analysis, SDSS Data Release 7 was used in preference to Data Release 9: although DR9 is more complete, the VizieR implementation also matches child objects instead of their parents, resulting in improper photometric matches. Flagging data from DR7 was not passed to the cross-matching service, meaning (e.g.) saturated stars cannot automatically be removed.

A further limitation is that source proper motion is not accounted for during the cross-matching process. Already, many nearby stars are not in the Gaia DR1 sample due to their proper motion cut-off of 750 mas yr$^{-1}$. Unfortunately, this lack of accounting for proper motion appears to remove considerably more. The effect depends both on the 3σ tolerance and the temporal spacing between catalogues. For recent (~2012) catalogues like ALLWISE, comparison to the ~1991 Tycho photometry with a limit of 1.2 arcsec risks removing any object with proper motion greater than 57 mas yr$^{-1}$, or 5 per cent of the combined Tycho–Hipparcos sample.

From this compiled list, we removed stars where the photometric parallax is too uncertain to obtain a meaningful luminosity. We dictated this to be when the uncertainty in the parallax ($\delta\sigma/\sigma$) led to a factor of 2 uncertainty in the stellar luminosity, i.e. when $\delta\sigma/\sigma > 0.414$. This reduced the number of Tycho–Gaia sources from 2057 050 to 1535 006. We explicitly note that the parallax cut-off we have made means that this is not a volume-selected or volume-limited sample. It should not be considered complete for any given set of stars, and retains the biases and limitations present in the Gaia and Tycho catalogues, and the other photometric catalogues used later.

The bespoke, iterative methods by which we removed bad data from the compiled SEDs are detailed later, in Section 2.3.2 and the online appendix.

We stress that this sample of stars is subject to the Lutz–Kelker bias (Lutz & Kelker 1973). The fractional parallax uncertainty we have used is still relatively lax, and we encourage users to adopt stricter criteria for volume-limited samples. The minimum suggested criterion we can recommend is the $\delta\sigma/\sigma < 0.2$ limit we use in parts of our analysis below (cf. Bailer-Jones 2015). Further discussion on Lutz–Kelker-related effects can be found in Section 3.2.2.

2.1.2 SED-fitting methodology

Once the source data are collated to provide an SED for each star, the fitting procedure can determine the best-fitting spectral model and derive the stellar temperature and luminosity. The getsed SED-fitting pipeline used here was first described in McDonald et al. (2009) and updated in McDonald et al. (2012a). The pipeline has been altered slightly for this paper to improve efficiency and reduce artefacts in the final H–R diagrams caused by discrepant data. The following provides an account of the fitting procedure, including these alterations.

The pipeline begins with an SED from observed photometry in the form of $\lambda, F_\lambda$. Required metadata are the (Gaia) distance, the interstellar extinction to the star and the stellar metallicity. Unless stated otherwise, in the following discussion, we use an assumption of solar metallicity and zero extinction.

Step 1. The best-fitting blackbody is calculated to provide a first estimate of stellar parameters. Each filter is reduced to a single, representative wavelength. The flux of a blackbody at these wavelengths is calculated for a grid of temperatures with 400 K spacing over the range 2600–7400 K. The blackbody is normalized to the wavelength-integrated (bolometric) flux of the observed SED, and a $\chi^2$ minimum is computed. This and later $\chi^2$ minima are determined in magnitudes, rather than fluxes, to avoid giving undue weight to points around the SED peak. If the best-fitting temperature is 7400 K, the temperature range is extended up to 20 000 K, then 60 000 K. A sub-grid is defined at ±200 K from the best-fitting temperature, and a $\chi^2$ minimum computed, then iterated down to 100 and 50 K, thus fitting a blackbody temperature between 2250 and 60 350 K with 50 K resolution.

The apparent bolometric flux of the blackbody fit is used in combination with the input distance to determine the luminosity of the fitted blackbody. This identifies whether the star is a main-sequence star or a giant. A mass is estimated using the procedure...
described in McDonald et al. (2012a), and this mass is used to obtain a surface gravity, \( \log(g) \). The temperature change caused by an imperfect mass and \( \log(g) \) estimate is small compared to the total error budget (Section 3.2), provided the mass is within a factor of \( \sim 10 \) of the true value. For main-sequence and red giant branch (RGB) stars, we expect our masses to be correct to well within a factor of 2, and for asymptotic giant branch (AGB) stars within a factor of 4–10 (depending on their luminosity).

**Step 2.** Unlike previous implementations, we now repeat this process with a grid of model atmospheres. For this paper, we use the **BT-SETTL** models of Allard et al. (2003). We use these in preference to the more widely used MARCS models (Decin et al. 2004; Gustafsson et al. 2008) because of their greater completeness. While there are substantial and astrophysically important differences between these models, tests performed in McDonald et al. (2012a) showed that the choice of model atmosphere has negligible impact on the final temperature derived for a variety of types of star.

Each model in the grid is reddened, using the procedure described in McDonald et al. (2009, see also Section 3.2.3), and convolved with a list of filter transmission functions. The flux that would be observed in each filter, and the relative reddening in that filter \( (A_{V}/A_{V}) \), is tabulated.

Models are selected from the grid, bracketing the star’s assumed metallicity and \( \log(g) \). This creates a selection of four models at each temperature point. A two-dimensional, linear interpolation is made to obtain a single photometric flux for each band at each gridded temperature point. The luminosity of each model is then normalized to the luminosity of the SED, and a \( \chi^2 \) minimum performed to determine the best-fitting temperature. A new value for \( \log(g) \) is determined.

**Step 3.** We interpolate within the now-one-dimensional temperature model grid, modify \( \log(g) \) and iterate to a solution. This last two-stage interpolation is the most computationally expensive part of the analysis: unlike before, this interpolation is performed for each point on each filter transmission function, therefore better accounting for wavelength-dependent effects such as molecular band strength changes and interstellar reddening. The two stages of this interpolation are as follows.

(a) We begin our initial temperature interpolation by computing two models, above and below the best-fitting temperature. The deviation above and below is taken as the largest power of two that is numerically less than the temperature grid spacing of the stellar atmosphere models: e.g. if the grid spacing is 100 K, the models are computed at the gridded best-fitting temperature \( \pm 64 \) K; if the grid spacing is 250 K, a deviation of \( \pm 128 \) K is applied. If one of these interpolated models is a better \( \chi^2 \) fit than the original, its temperature is adopted as the new best fit, otherwise the old best-fitting temperature remains. Models are computed at the new best-fitting temperature \( \pm 1/2 \) half the previous value, and the process iterated. In our example, that is namely \( \pm 32 \) K, then \( \pm 16, \pm 8, \pm 4, \pm 2 \) and \( \pm 1 \) K, allowing the new best-fitting temperature to deviate from the original by up to 127 K.

(b) A new \( \log(g) \) is now determined, and the temperature iteration begun again. To optimize the system, the process begins at the smallest power of two above the deviation from the original value. For example, a star may be initially fitted at 5800 K, and interpolated to 5776 K, the difference being 24 K. The interpolation would then start by interpolating new models at 5776 \( \pm 32 \) K, rather than \( \pm 64 \) K as previously.

These two steps (a and b) are iterated until a solution is found. In a small fraction of cases, the solution can oscillate between two solutions, or run towards zero or infinity. To prevent this, the starting deviation of each interpolation is tapered. It is allowed to run at the initial value for three times, then is limited by half at each step. By our example, this limits the interpolation to a maximum deviation to \( \pm 64, 64, 32, 16, 8, 4, 2 \) and 1 K on subsequent iterations. This allows our example model to deviate by no more than 255 K from its initial best-fitting value (for a grid spacing of 100 K). Investigation showed that this was sufficient to account for any difference in temperature caused by a revised \( \log(g) \).

**Step 4.** Once a best-fitting temperature, luminosity and \( \log(g) \) have been determined, the final interpolated model atmosphere is integrated in frequency and a final luminosity produced. The normalized \( \chi^2 \) minimum is calculated. For each of the \( n \) observed filters, the ratio of the observed to modelled flux \( (R_n = F_o/F_m) \) is computed. A goodness-of-fit metric \( (Q) \) is calculated, based on the number of points \( (n) \):

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Q = \frac{\sum_{n} (R_n^* - 1)^2}{n},
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where \( R_n^* = R_n \) if \( R_n > 1 \) or \( R_n^{-1} \) otherwise. This metric gives \( Q = 0 \) for a perfectly fitted data set and (e.g.) reaches \( Q = 1 \) for a data set where the average deviation from the model fit is a factor of 2.

### 2.2 Data analysis

The data were divided into two subsets, the first corresponding to stars in the original Tycho-2 astrometric and proper motion catalogue, the second to stars in the mission’s primary *Hipparcos* catalogue, which also includes parallax data of its own. This separation was motivated by the comparative optical brightness of the *Hipparcos* stars and the greater accuracy in their *Gaia* DR1 parallaxes.

#### 2.2.1 The Tycho-2 data set

We used the original Tycho-2 catalogue as the astrometric reference, as it is temporally closer to the epoch of the surveys we cross-reference against. A number of catalogues were cross-correlated against the Tycho-2 catalogue, allowing matches within an initial tolerance of 5 arcsec.

For certain catalogues, a 5 arcsec tolerance allows one or more spurious sources to be wrongly matched to the Tycho-2 source. To circumvent this, each matched catalogue was sorted by the distance of the match from the Tycho-2 position, and the 1σ deviation in distance was determined, corresponding to the matching radius at which 68.3 per cent of the sources cross-matched at 5 arcsec tolerance were included. For each catalogue, cross-matches were retained if they fell within 3σ of the Tycho-2 source. The cross-matched source catalogues and their adopted 3σ tolerances (in parentheses\(^6\)) are given below.

(i) The American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO) Photometric All-Sky Survey Data Release 9 (1.65 arcsec; released as VizieR catalogue II/336/apass9: Henden et al., in preparation),\(^7\)

(ii) The Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) Data Release 7 (1.94 arcsec; Abazajian et al. 2009).

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\(^6\) Tolerances for IPHAS and IRAS are set manually, rather than using the 3σ cut-off.

\(^7\) http://www.aavso.org/apass
(iii) The Isaac Newton Telescope (INT) Photometric Hα Survey of the Northern Galactic Plane (IPHAS) Data Release 2 (0.70 arcsec; Barentsen et al. 2014).
(iv) The United Kingdom InfraRed Telescope (UKIRT) Infrared Deep Sky Survey Large Area Survey Data Release 9 (4.62 arcsec).
(v) The Deep Near Infrared Survey of the Southern Sky (DENIS) Third Data Release (1.15 arcsec; released as VizieR catalogue B/denis);
(vi) The Two Micron All-Sky Survey (2MASS) all-sky catalogue (0.71 arcsec; Cutri et al. 2003).
(vii) The AKARI/InfraRed Camera all-sky survey (2.34 arcsec; Ishihara et al. 2010).
(viii) The Wide-Field Infrared Survey Explorer AllWISE all-sky catalogue (abbreviated WISE; 1.20 arcsec; Skrutskie et al. 2006).
(ix) The InfraRed Astronomical Satellite (IRAS) all-sky survey (5 arcsec; Neugebauer et al. 1984).

2.3 The Hipparcos data set

This procedure was broadly repeated for the Hipparcos data. Here, parallaxes were taken from the Tycho–Gaia DR1 catalogue if they had been updated, or the ‘new’ Hipparcos reduction of van Leeuwen (2007) if they had not. In the combined catalogue, 88 417 objects had revised parallaxes, while 18 915 parallaxes come from the original data set. This includes objects with high proper motions and very red colours, which are known to be missing from the Gaia data set (Section 2.1.1). Objects were removed if they had negative parallaxes, or if they had parallax uncertainties greater than $δ\pi/\pi > 0.414$, totalling 6399 objects.

The Hipparcos stars are typically much brighter than the Tycho-2 stars, resulting in severe saturation problems that rendered several catalogues unusable. A significant number of brighter stars have insufficient photometry to make a good fit: only the Tycho $B_1$ and $V_1$, and the Hipparcos $H_0$, data, which together do not cover a sufficiently large range of wavelengths to constrain the SED. For this reason, we have incorporated a number of additional optical and infrared catalogues of bright stars. This increased data set makes us more robust against bad data (as it is easier to flag), at the expense of maintaining a homogeneous catalogue between the Hipparcos and Tycho-2 stars. The extra catalogues are as follows.

(i) Mermilliod’s ‘Photoelectric Photometric Catalogue of Homogeneous Means in the UBV System’ (see Warren 1991).
(ii) Morel & Magnenat (1978), containing $UBVRJHKL$-band photometry.
(iii) The Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) Diffuse Infrared Background Experiment (DIRBE) Point Source Catalogue (Smith, Price & Baker 2004).
(iv) The Midcourse Space Experiment Astrometric Catalogue (Egan & Price 1996).

Astrometric matching tolerances for the four catalogues were set respectively to 0.7, 0.47, 0.66 and 5 arcsec. Data were fitted with the SED fitter as above. A detailed discussion of the methods used to remove bad data is listed in the online appendix. We stress again that proper motions have not been taken into account in our simple matching exercise: the limited astrometric matching radius means that photometric data will not always be matched for stars with proper motions that are significant on the ~15 yr time-scales between the Hipparcos observations and the relevant catalogue observations. In many cases, a faint, unrelated source may be matched instead. Care has been taken to remove these from the catalogue where they stand out.

2.3.1 Interstellar extinction

The line-of-sight interstellar extinction was estimated using maps from the Planck Legacy Archive. Planck provides visible extinction maps based on the Draine & Li (2007) dust model in HEALPix format in Galactic coordinates. To facilitate cross-referencing, the Galactic longitude and latitude for each star in the Hipparcos and Tycho-2 catalogues were derived via the VizieR portal, and the PYTHON HEALPY ANG2PIX routine was used to locate HEALPix pixels corresponding to catalogue positions, providing the extinction for each object.

Without assuming a prior model for Galactic extinction, there is no ready means to tell whether the extinction lies behind or in front of the object of interest. We must therefore compute two estimates, one with zero and one with full line-of-sight extinction, to bracket the possible range of model fits. Further information on the use of these interstellar extinction data is given in Section 3.2.3.

2.3.2 Removing bad data

The data quality of the fitted photometry can be tested using both the goodness of fit of individual data points and the overall goodness of fit of a star’s SED. These can be used as a basis for removing bad data from the sample. Due to the extensive nature of these tests, and the complex way in which bad data are deleted from the data set, we have moved the detailed discussion of this topic to the online appendices. Sources with three or more remaining photometric points were retained for the catalogue: this reduced the number of fitted stars to 1475 921.

3 THE FINAL CATALOGUE AND H–R DIAGRAM

3.1 The catalogue and diagram

Fig. 1 shows the main H–R diagram of the combined Tycho–Gaia and Hipparcos–Gaia data sets, under the assumption of zero interstellar extinction. The top panel contains the entire data set, while the bottom panel shows a restricted subset of well-fitted objects. These data are tabulated in Tables 1 and 2, for the Tycho-2 and Hipparcos stars, respectively.

The upper panel of Fig. 1 shows several artefacts. The main sequence is broad, reflecting the higher extinction and greater parallax uncertainties in some of the data. Vertical bands of red symbols are caused by the transition of the hydrogen-burning shell into material that has previously been convectively mixed. The red clump is the high-mass equivalent of the horizontal branch, and represents the core-helium-burning phase of giant branch evolution (e.g. Karakas & Lattanzio 2014).
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Figure 1. The H–R diagram of nearby stars. Darker points represent a greater density of stars. The average value of log(Q) for each bin is indicated by colour: blue colours denote the best fits, grey colours denote intermediate fits and red colours denote the worst fits. Systematic deviations from unity can be caused by poor-quality input photometry, or poor fitting by the model atmospheres. The zero-age main sequence is shown in green (Marigo et al. 2008). The bottom panel shows a restricted set (40 per cent) of objects, with <25 per cent parallax uncertainty, line-of-sight A_V < 3 mag and goodness-of-fit Q < 0.5.

Both panels include a zero-age main-sequence (ZAMS) model, derived from the Padova stellar evolution models of Marigo et al. (2008). The lower main sequence, between ~4600 and ~5400 K, fits the ZAMS model very well. At temperatures >5400 K, scatter above the ZAMS line indicates the presence of more evolved main-sequence stars, which are approaching the main-sequence turn-off. This can be used to extract age information about the solar of sight, with large parallax uncertainties, or where the SEDs are not well fitted by a single stellar model. In this lower panel, the main sequence stands out clearly, being best populated for solar-like stars, but with distributions tailing off towards very hot temperatures (rare stars that cannot be well modelled without good UV data and extinction corrections) and towards very low temperatures (faint stars missing due to photometric incompleteness).
neighbourhood. The bottom end of the main sequence is not well fitted by a ZAMS model, but this deviation is substantially reduced in the lower panel. This suggests that it results from a combination of photometric inaccuracy or incompleteness near the sensitivity limit of photometric data bases (including Tycho-2 itself), biased photometric inaccuracy or incompleteness near the sensitivity limit, and (in a limited number of cases) heavy reddening of lower main-sequence stars. (10) and (11) effective temperature and absolute uncertainty; (12) luminosity and fractional uncertainty; (13) implied stellar radius; (14) assumed surface gravity; (15) and (16) fitted temperature and luminosity when full line-of-sight reddening is applied; (17) and (18) fitted temperature and luminosity (19) and (20) effective temperature and absolute uncertainty; (21) and (22) luminosity and fractional uncertainty; (23) fraction of reprocessed infrared light; (24) peak wavelength of infrared excess; (25)–(55) deviation of individual data points; (56)–(75) fluxes of data points used in final fit. Complete versions are to be made available through the Centre de Données astronomiques de Strasbourg (CDS).

| TYC   | RA       | Dec.     | G. Lat.   | G. Long. | d       | δσ/σ   | AV    | δAV   |
|-------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|--------|-------|-------|
| 1000-1016-1 | 264.019 440 | 11.275 677 | 34.759 265 | 21.778 061 | 0.137   | 0.897  | 0.037 |
| 1000-1018-1 | 262.982 107 | 11.568 592 | 34.583 083 | 22.823 855 | 0.094   | 0.816  | 0.016 |
| 1000-1043-1 | 264.093 473 | 12.636 898 | 36.126 451 | 22.280 018 | 0.120   | 1.365  | 0.066 |

3.2 Limitations and uncertainties

For well-fitted stars, the three primary sources of uncertainty in this analysis are (1) random and systematic uncertainties in the source data; (2) Lutz–Kelker effects when converting parallax to distance; (3) systematic 'cooling' of the SEDs caused by interstellar reddening and (4) the effect on the stellar temperature of the unknown metallicity of each star.

3.2.1 Random versus systematic uncertainties

Formal uncertainties for SED fitting of this nature are difficult to determine. The published photometric uncertainties for many of the public surveys can grossly underestimate the true uncertainties involved, within individual catalogues, across catalogues and across different epochs. For example, the 2MASS photometric uncertainties can be as low as a few millimagnitudes, and represent the internal error in the catalogue, yet the photometric zero-points are determined. The published photometric uncertainties for many of the public surveys can grossly underestimate the true uncertainties involved, within individual catalogues, across catalogues and across different epochs. For example, the 2MASS photometric uncertainties can be as low as a few millimagnitudes, and represent the internal error in the catalogue, yet the photometric zero-points are uncertain by ∼2 per cent.9 Different surveys take these uncertainties into account in different ways, and to different degrees. Across

9 http://www.ipac.caltech.edu/2mass/releases/allsky/faq.html
Fundamental parameters and infrared excess for Hipparcos stars. A portion of the online table is shown here, where table columns are numbered for clarity. The columns are described in full in the text, but can briefly be described as:

| (1) HIP | (2) RA (J2000) | (3) Dec. (J2000) | (4) G. Lat. (deg) | (5) G. Long. (deg) | (6) d (pc) | (7) δσ/σ | (8) AV (mag) | (9) δAV (mag) |
|--------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 3      | 0.005 024      | 38.859 279      | 112.090 026      | −22.927 558      | 350.804   | 0.344     | 0.929       | 0.083       |
| 4      | 0.008 629      | −51.893 546     | 320.793 090      | −63.415 309      | 135.654   | 0.039     | 0.124       | 0.039       |
| 5      | 0.009 973      | −40.591 202     | 337.897 763      | −72.861 671      | 381.080   | 0.092     | 0.057       | 0.019       |

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| (10) Teff (K) | (11) δTeff (K) | (12) L (L⊙) | (13) δL/L (L⊙) | (14) r (R⊙) | (15) log(g) (dex) | (16) Tsun (K) | (17) Lsun (L⊙) | (18) TABJ (K) | (19) LABJ (L⊙) | (20) Q | (21 ... 24) | (25 ... 28) |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------|-------------|-------------|
| 7096         | 2561           | 194.076     | 0.732           | 9.230       | 2.642            | 7261         | 210.793       | 7093         | 210.805       | 0.618| 10          | 3           | 4           | 3           | 1.281       | 1.229       | 0.670       | 2.147       |
| 6777         | 168            | 8.373       | 0.059           | 2.102       | 3.930            | 6834         | 8.523         | 6777         | 8.425          | 0.058 | 14          | 6           | 5           | 3           | 1.015       | 1.021       | 0.992       | 1.042       |
| 4885         | 256            | 56.536      | 0.106           | 10.512      | 2.364            | 4897         | 56.882        | 4885         | 55.987         | 0.039 | 13          | 5           | 4           | 4           | 1.021       | 1.015       | 0.999       | 1.050       |

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3.2.2 Lutz–Kelker effects

The derived luminosity of a star is subject to the uncertainty in its distance and hence its parallax as $L \propto d^2 \propto \sigma^{-2}$. The probability distribution function (PDF) in parallax is normally expected to be Gaussian (e.g. Lutz & Kelker 1973; Bailer-Jones 2015). However, when inverting parallax to distance, the PDF becomes non-Gaussian and asymmetric. For stars with small fractional uncertainties, this is a relatively minor effect, but at large uncertainties it manifests itself in a variety of phenomena that can be broadly termed Lutz–Kelker effects, after Lutz & Kelker (1973).

The full range of Lutz–Kelker effects is complex, and there is no definitively appropriate way to correct for them. The magnitude by which Lutz–Kelker effects affect quantities derived from this data set varies according to the sub-sample chosen, particularly with respect to any limiting fractional parallax uncertainty ($\delta\sigma/\sigma$).

To account for the Lutz–Kelker effect, we present two sets of temperatures and luminosities. In the first, we present temperatures and luminosities derived from a simple inversion of parallax to obtain distance ($T_{naive}$, $L_{naive}$). For comparison, we also present temperatures and luminosities derived from distances quoted by Astraatmadja & Bailer-Jones (2016), who model the Lutz–Kelker effects on the Gaia DR1 sample using a population model of the Milky Way ($T_{ABJ}$, $L_{ABJ}$). We strongly advise the reader to explore which of these is most appropriate for their individual application, and to use the difference between the ‘naïve’ and ‘ABJ’ parameters...
as a qualitative estimate of how much the Lutz–Kelker bias could affect their data.

A detailed comparison of these two sets of data is presented in online Appendix C. In summary, roughly 35 per cent of our stars are estimated to suffer some level of Lutz–Kelker bias in their near distances. The corrected luminosities for the remainder are almost all only modestly (a few per cent) different from the naive assumptions. Barring a small number of stars, the corrections are all negligible compared to the luminosity uncertainties applied from other sources. The resulting distance changes also affect the assumed stellar gravity and (in many cases) stellar mass, resulting in a marginally different temperature distribution that is generally within the temperature uncertainties of the source in question and, for the vast majority of stars, within 200 K of the naive estimate. While a detailed comparison of the two approaches is beyond the scope of this work, the corrected distances from Astraatmadja & Bailer-Jones (2016) result in either no clear improvement or a slightly worse fit to specific features on the H–R diagram; therefore, we retain the naive estimates for use in the remainder of this paper.

### 3.2.3 Interstellar reddening

The interstellar reddening towards each star is unknown. The *Planck* data we use provide the line-of-sight reddening, which will be partly in front of and partly behind the star. To estimate the uncertainty this creates, we have dereddened the input photometry, assuming that the full *Planck* line-of-sight reddening is in front of the star, and rerun the SED-fitting code. For stars with large reddening, we also compute fits for $A_V = 1, 2$ and 3 mag. The photometry is dereddened using the Milky Way $R_V = 3.1$ extinction curve of Draine (2003). Dereddening is performed for each point in the model SED, before it is convolved with the filter transmission functions, ensuring accurate dereddening for sources with high extinction.

Fig. 3 shows the increase in temperature that must be applied to a star that is subject to a given amount of interstellar reddening. Taking the whole data set, the average star is 6000 K and lies in a line of sight with an extinction $A_V = 1.0$ mag. If we assume half of this extinction to lie between us and the star, the average underestimation of the temperature for these stars is $\sim 240$ K.

For most stars, this value should be conservatively large. At higher extinctions, there is a progressively greater chance that the star will be made too faint to be found in the Tycho-2 catalogue. The significant majority of stars in the Tycho-2 catalogue are below the completeness limit.

Fig. 4 shows the correction to our fitted stellar temperatures that must be applied to stars of $[\text{Fe/H}] = -0.5$ dex. Note that the *BT-SETTL* elemental abundance ratios also change during this step, from $[\alpha/\text{Fe}] = 0$ to $+0.2$ dex. The majority of stars below $\sim 6500$ K require a temperature adjustment of between $-10$ and $-100$ K if the metallicity is decreased to $[\text{Fe/H}] = -0.5$ dex. The majority of stars warmer than $\sim 6500$ K require a temperature change of $+10$ to $+100$ K. Stars lying outside the main regions of the H–R diagram tend to be stars that are poorly fitted. Here, temperature changes of $1000$ K are not uncommon, as a better fit can often result from relatively minor changes to the poorly constrained SED.

Different studies using differing methods yield different metallicity distributions for stars in the local neighbourhood (e.g. Taylor & Croxall 2005; Reid et al. 2007; Bensby, Feltzing & Oey 2014; Hinkel et al. 2014). The large majority of stars fall in the range $-3 \lesssim [\text{Fe/H}] \lesssim +0.2$ dex, although significant tails make substantial contributions to $-0.9 \lesssim [\text{Fe/H}] \lesssim +0.6$ dex. While age plays a factor in this spread, it is also location dependent, with metal-poor stars being further from the Galactic plane. It is expected that the significant majority of stars in the Tycho-2 catalogue are below the completeness limit.
A typical star in this sample requires a metallicity correction to its temperature of <100 K, and much less than this in most cases.

3.2.5 Comparison to literature data

In order to better estimate the combined uncertainties inherent in our temperatures, we compare to published literature measurements. One of the most accurate sets of stellar temperatures comes from the exoplanet community: radial velocity confirmations of exoplanets require high signal-to-noise spectra, and measurements of exoplanet properties require accurate stellar classification. To construct a sample of exoplanet host parameters, we used the Exoplanet Orbit Database (EOD; Wright et al. 2011),11 which was used in Chandler, McDonald & Kane (2016) to validate temperatures derived from the Hipparcos sample of stars. From a selection of 5454 catalogued exoplanets, coordinates and \( T_\text{eff} \) were returned for 2616 unique hosts. Of these, 591 could be matched with stars in the Tycho–Gaia catalogue. Of those, 150 have measurable parallaxes and are present in our final catalogue.

Among the 150 measured stars, the EOD quotes a literature stellar mass of \( 1.06 \pm 0.43 \, M_\odot \) (st. dev.) and a metallicity of \([\text{Fe/H}] = 0.05 \pm 0.24 \, \text{dex} \) (st. dev.). The average spectroscopic temperature was quoted as 5960 K. These parameters provide a good match to typical stars in our sample.

A comparison of the photometric and spectroscopic temperatures of these 150 stars is shown in Fig. 5. The average photometric temperature is 73 ± 200 K (1.2 ± 3.4 per cent) lower than the spectroscopic temperature. For comparison, the median difference is slightly less, 52 K lower, and the 68th centile interval is −245 to 61 K, showing that the uncertainties are inflated by a number of poorly fitted outliers.

Warmer stars have their temperature underpredicted more frequently, and the scatter is greater towards underpredicted temperatures (1σ = 193 K) than overpredicted temperatures (1σ = 113 K). Scatter on the underpredicted side of the median will still be affected by interstellar reddening. However, the scatter on the overpredicted side of the median (113 K) should approximate the 1σ uncertainty in the results.

The same comparison was performed against the Hipparcos data set, where 359 stars could be matched against stars present in our final catalogue. Among those stars, the average stellar mass (with standard deviation) is 1.19 ± 0.37 \( M_\odot \), the average metallicity is \([\text{Fe/H}] = 0.09 \pm 0.28 \, \text{dex} \) and the average spectroscopic temperature is 5396 ± 658 K. The Hipparcos exoplanet hosts are typically cooler, yet very slightly more massive, due to the larger fraction of evolved stars. They lie at a much closer average distance (\( d_\text{H} = 66 \, \text{pc} \), cf. \( d_\text{T} = 270 \, \text{pc} \) for the Tycho-2 hosts). The average photometric temperature is 64 ± 163 K (1.2 ± 3.1 per cent) lower than the spectroscopic temperature. The median difference is marginally greater, at 69 K lower; however, the 68th centile interval is considerably smaller, at −153 to 37 K, providing a scatter of \( \pm 108 \, \text{K} \).

The magnitude of the systematic offsets and scatter for both data sets are typical: other studies have made previous comparisons of these methods on small fields, over which interstellar reddening is both known and constant (McDonald, Johnson & Zijlstra 2011b; Johnson et al. 2015; Chandler, McDonald & Kane 2016). Based on these studies, the global systematic offset of −50–70 K probably represents an artificial difference in modelling approach, either in the fine detail of the model atmospheres used, few-per-cent differences in the zero-points and colour terms in the underlying photometric catalogues, or the effects of atmospheres that are out of local thermodynamic equilibrium (see, e.g., discussions in Lapenna et al. 2014; Johnson et al. 2015). Meanwhile, the scatter of ∼100 K likely contains contributions from the uncertainty in the spectroscopic temperature (∼50 K), errors from the assumed stellar metallicity (∼30 K; Fig. 4), remaining scatter from the interstellar reddening (∼10 K, based on the difference between the median Tycho-2 and Hipparcos temperature offsets) and errors from the assumed stellar gravity (∼50 K). The remainder (∼60 K for the Hipparcos stars and ∼80 for the Tycho-2 stars, if added in quadrature) probably comes from random uncertainties in the input photometry. We stress, however, that these estimated uncertainties are meant for indicative purposes only. They are not derived from an unbiased, random sample of the data, and should not be applied directly to any single star without great care. Our final adopted uncertainties (Section 3.2.6, below) are slightly inflated from these values to be conservative, regarding these values as a lower limit.

3.2.6 Adopted uncertainty on the derived temperature

To construct an error estimate that takes into account both the systematic offset and random scatter in Fig. 5, we adopt the 68th centile of the distribution of absolute deviations, as a measure that best reflects the uncertainty assigned to a typical star. For the Tycho-2 stars, this is \( \sigma_T = 137 \, \text{K} \). For the Hipparcos stars, \( \sigma_T = 125 \, \text{K} \). These uncertainties should be appropriate for a star with typical fit uncertainties.
not be accurately placed on the H–R diagram via the SED method without UV photometry. In such cases, correctly accounting for interstellar extinction becomes extremely important (see Fig. 3).

We assign an uncertainty on the derived temperature for *Hipparcos* with *U*-band or *u′*-band photometry, given by the largest out of the following options:

(i) \( \delta T = 125 \) K;  
(ii) \( \delta T = 125(Q/0.051) \) K;  
(iii) \( \delta T = \Delta Q \) K, as described below, if \( T > 6250 \) K (see note below);  
(iv) \( \delta T = \Delta R \) K, as described below, if \( T > 6250 \) K (see note below).

The first option denotes a minimum standard error. The second option accounts for badly fitted stars: roughly 68 per cent of stars have \( Q < 0.051 \); thus, we can expect this to be the approximate threshold above which stars exceed the typical 125 K error calculated in the previous section.\(^{12}\)

The third option accounts for hot stars. Here, \( \Delta Q \) is the difference between the ‘correct’ and ‘offset’ temperatures in the top panel of Fig. 6 for an offset of \( \sqrt{2Q} \). For stars with \( 6250 < T < 10500 \) K, this effect is brought in gradually, such that

\[
\delta T = \Delta Q \frac{T - 6250}{10500 - 6250} \quad \text{K.} \tag{2}
\]

This accounts for the fact that some constraint is still applied by the longer wavelength filters below 10 500 K.

The fourth option accounts for hot stars that are otherwise well fitted, but where the short-wavelength photometry is poorly fitted. It substitutes the offset of \( \sqrt{2Q} \) for an offset of \( R_0 \) or \( R_0 \) as appropriate. These options also account (to first order) for temperature uncertainties caused by circumstellar or interstellar reddening for both hot and cool stars. For *Hipparcos* stars without *u′*-band or *U*-band photometry, we use the lower panel of Fig. 6 for the third option, and \( R_0 \) or \( R_{BT} \) for the fourth option. As with \( \Delta Q \), \( \Delta R \) is brought in gradually between 6250 and 10 500 K for stars without *u′*-band or *U*-band photometry, and ‘instantaneously’ at 10 500 K for those with either of these bands observed.

Similarly, we assign an uncertainty for Tycho-2 stars as the largest out of the following options:

(i) \( \delta T = 137 \) K;  
(ii) \( \delta T = 137(Q/0.060) \) K;  
(iii) \( \delta T = \Delta Q \) K, as described below, if \( T > 6250 \) K;  
(iv) \( \delta T = \Delta R \) K, as described below, if \( T > 6250 \) K.

Since the Tycho-2 sample lacks reliably matched *U*-band or *u′*-band photometry, the lower panel of Fig. 6 is always used for the third option, and \( R_0 \) or \( R_{BT} \) is always used for the fourth option.

For both \( \Delta Q \) and \( \Delta R \), we round up to the nearest 0.01 mag in \( Q \) and \( R \), and round up to the temperature grid point above the derived temperature (this is almost universally more uncertain than the grid point below). This provides a fairly conservative estimate of the random uncertainty applied by both the photometry and fitting procedure to the temperature assigned to the star. It does not fully include uncertainties due to interstellar or circumstellar reddening, which are detailed in Section 3.2.3. We stress that none of these uncertainties is a formal uncertainty measure, but instead simply an estimate of the 1σ uncertainty that can be assigned to the stellar

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\(^{12}\) For comparison, the 68th centile for the planet hosts is comparable, at \( Q = 0.053 \).
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Figure 7. Uncertainties in temperature (left, absolute error) and luminosity (right, fractional error) averaged across the binned H–R diagram. The Tycho-2 sample is shown in the top panels, and the Hipparcos sample in the bottom panels.

3.2.7 Adopted uncertainty on the derived luminosity

The contribution of photometric uncertainty to the uncertainty in derived luminosity is discussed with case studies in McDonald et al. (2011a). Photometric uncertainty affects temperature and luminosity in different ways, depending on the wavelength in question. Overprediction of flux at wavelengths bluer than the SED peak leads to overprediction in effective temperature and overprediction in luminosity, while overprediction of flux at redder wavelengths leads to underprediction of the effective temperature and underprediction of the luminosity. The greatest luminosity change that can normally be effected is \( \delta L/L = 4 \delta T/T \), since (for a blackbody) \( L \propto T^4 \).

The combination of the above effects means that the power law is shallower than this, but not normally by much. Therefore, \( \delta L/L = 4 \delta T/T \) represents a fairly good estimate, yet also a conservative one. For example, an underprediction of temperature of 137 K on a 4500 K star leads to an overestimation of its luminosity by \( \delta L/L = 12.1 \) per cent.

The uncertainty in luminosity has a reasonably strong correlation with the uncertainty in temperature, but that correlation and its direction depend on the photometric data causing the uncertainty. Optical data that are overly bright will lead to overestimated temperature and luminosity; overestimated infrared data will lead to underestimated temperature but still overestimated luminosity. Photometric uncertainties are usually fractionally larger at longer wavelength (due to the thermal or astrophysical background, or sensitivity issues). Hence, there is more usually an anti-correlation between the photometric and luminosity uncertainties.

For hot stars, uncertainties in luminosity correlate with uncertainties in temperature, scaling as\(^{13}\) \( \delta L/L = 3 \delta T/T \). The aforementioned \( \sim 600 \) K uncertainty in the temperature of a 10 000 K star results in a 24 per cent uncertainty in luminosity.

In most cases, the photometric contribution to the luminosity uncertainty is exceeded by the distance uncertainty to the star. The average parallax uncertainty on our Tycho–Gaia sample is \( \sigma_\pi/\pi = 16.4 \) per cent, leading to an uncertainty in luminosity of \( \sigma_L/L = 32.8 \) per cent. For the Hipparcos/Hipparcos–Gaia sample, they are \( \sigma_\pi/\pi = 7.6 \) and \( \sigma_L/L = 15.1 \) per cent, respectively.

Our final luminosity uncertainty (see also Fig. 7) is given as

\[
\delta L/L = \sqrt{(n \delta T/T)^2 + (\delta \sigma/\sigma)^2},
\]  

\(^{13}\)In hot stars, the uncertainty is driven by the short-wavelength filters: the flux of the Rayleigh–Jeans tail is observationally well constrained. However, the flux at a wavelength on a blackbody’s Rayleigh–Jeans tail varies linearly with temperature. If poor-quality optical photometry leads to an overestimation in optical flux, the derived temperature increases. Accordingly, the derived surface area then decreases as \( R \propto T^{-3} \). Thus, by \( L \propto R^2 T^4 \), the luminosity relation is to the third power, rather than the fourth.
where \( n = 4 \) if \( T < 6200 \) K, \( n = 3 \) if \( T > 10500 \) K and \( n = 4 - (10500 - T)/(10500 - 6200) \) in between. These uncertainties are listed in Tables 1 and 2. We again stress that these are not formal uncertainties.

3.3 ‘Sanity checking’ of local population and interstellar extinction

3.3.1 Galactic thick- and thin-disc populations

Fig. 8 shows the H–R diagram for stars at a fixed range of distances (300–400 pc) at differing Galactic latitudes.\(^{14}\) The solar-metallicity thin-disc population dominates at these scaleheights. Stars are recovered down to the main-sequence turn-off in all cases, and extinction does not yet severely affect star counts in the Galactic plane (however, see discussion on the Gould Belt below). Without performing a detailed population model, it is still clear that completeness declines markedly below \( \sim 3 \, L_\odot \) at all latitudes.

At high latitudes, few stars at ages \( < 3 \) Gyr are seen. The red clump appears both young and luminous if at solar metallicity.\(^{15}\) Martig et al. (2016) determined a median age of \( \sim 5 \) Gyr for red clump stars at scaleheights of \( \sim 300 \) pc. Even at high latitudes, we expect approximately solar abundances, as solar metallicity was reached by the time star formation ceased in the Galactic thick disc, \( \sim 10 \) Gyr ago (Bensby, Feltzing & Lundström 2004). A significant component from the thick disc is not expected until scaleheights of \( > 500 \) pc (e.g. Gilmore & Reid 1983; Kong & Zhu 2008). Along with our completeness limitations, this combination of factors explains the lack of stars lying below the solar-metallicity main sequence. However, the luminosity of the RGB bump is also strongly metallicity dependent (cf. Boyer et al. 2009; McDonald et al. 2011a), so including an old, metal-poor population that reduces the average abundance to slightly sub-solar metallicities \( (\sim 0.2 \) dex \) allows the RGB bump to be fitted reasonably well.

Fig. 9 shows the H–R diagram for high-latitude stars between 600 and 800 pc from the Sun (520–800 pc from the plane). Sensitivity declines rapidly below \( \sim 6 \, L_\odot \), limiting inclusion to main-sequence turn-off stars \( \lesssim 5 \) Gyr in age. Few stars are younger than \( \sim 3 \) Gyr, or hotter than \( > 6500 \) K. A significant shift in the temperature of the giant branch and red clump indicates stars are metal poor: a crude estimate places them at \( [\text{Fe/H}] \sim -0.5 \) dex, as expected from chemical studies (e.g. Masseron & Gilmore 2015).

3.3.2 The Galactic plane and Gould Belt

The Gould Belt is an ellipsoidal structure of young stars and star forming regions, with major and minor axes roughly 400 \( \times \) 300 pc. It is centred approximately on the \( \alpha \) Per moving group, but presents on the terrestrial sky with a roughly constant 20\(^\circ\) inclination with respect to the Galactic plane. The Sun lies close to its inner edge, as traced by the Scorpius–Centaurus OB association (e.g. Herschel 1847; Olano 1982, 2001; de Zeeuw et al. 1999; Ward-Thompson et al. 2007). Gaia DR1 records distances to individual stars with sufficient accuracy that membership of associations can be made within a few hundred pc of the Sun, covering roughly the nearer half of the Gould Belt. This region is presented in Fig. 10 and mapped on to the sky in Fig. 11. In the further half of the Gould Belt, parallax uncertainties become large and smearing of associations in the radial direction and the associated Lutz–Kelker effects restrict detailed analysis of this region.

The majority of structures in the western part of the Gould Belt (150\(^\circ\) < \( l < 360\)\(^\circ\)) are located within 300 pc, and the majority of the structures in the eastern part (60\(^\circ\) < \( l < 150\)\(^\circ\)) are between...

\(^{14}\) A mild Lutz–Kelker bias exists at these distances, which is latitude dependent due to the changing density of objects.

\(^{15}\) The metallicity correction in this region is typically \( < 100 \) K dex\(^{-1}\) in metallicity (Fig. 4).

Figure 8. Density-coded (Hess) H–R diagram of stars between 300 and 400 pc from the Sun. The panels show (top to bottom) Galactic latitudes \( \pm 0^\circ–30^\circ\), \( 30^\circ–60^\circ\) and \( 60^\circ–90^\circ\), representing distances 0–200, 150–350 and 260–400 pc from the Galactic plane. Thick red lines show histograms of sources in that plot, compared to the lighter lines of sources at all latitudes. Overlaid on the H–R diagrams are isochrones from Marigo et al. (2008), showing (in blue, top to bottom) isochrones for solar-composition stars at 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 13 Gyr. The dashed, green lines show 10 and 13 Gyr isochrones at \( [\text{Fe/H}] = -1 \) dex and \( [\alpha/\text{Fe}] = +0.2 \) dex.
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Figure 9. As the bottom panel of Fig. 8, but for stars between 600 and 800 pc from the Sun at Galactic latitudes $\pm 60^\circ$–$90^\circ$. The thinner, grey histogram shows stars in the range $\pm 10^\circ$–$50^\circ$. Metal-poor isochrones are shown (green, dashed lines) for 3, 5, 10 and 13 Gyr, as well as the solar-metallicity isochrones from Fig. 8. Note the warmer giant branch.

Figure 10. Hot stars ($>8000$ K) within 100 pc of the Galactic plane, colour-coded by height above/below the plane. Major known features are identified. The Galactic Centre is to the right, and Galactic longitude ($l$) increases anti-clockwise.

300 and 600 pc, as in the studies cited above. However, at high resolution, the belt breaks up into the more discontinuous features of Fig. 10. Fig. 11 also shows the regions affected by large interstellar dust clouds. The three primary offenders (Aquila, Taurus and Chameleon) are shown in Fig. 10. Stars in these regions suffer several magnitudes of visual extinction, so are either reddened sufficiently that they no longer appear to be above 8000 K (cf. Fig. 3) or were otherwise rendered entirely invisible to the Hipparcos and Tycho instruments. The presence of the Gould Belt is also traced by the distribution of stars with infrared excess in Fig. 13, indicating the large number of young stars (pre-main-sequence and Herbig Ae/Be stars) in this region.

4 INFRARED EXCESS

4.1 Criteria for defining infrared excess

A definition of infrared excess must take into account all the above factors. We start with two assumptions.

Figure 11. Hot stars ($>8000$ K) in the solar neighbourhood, showing the Gould Belt (dashed line). From top to bottom, the panels represent stars in the ranges 0–300, 300–600 and 600–900 pc from the Sun. Note that the bottom plot in particular will suffer from a strong Lutz–Kelker bias from stars at greater distances. Note the absence of stars along various Galactic plane sightlines, indicating strong interstellar extinction.

(i) The region <4.3 $\mu$m defines the stellar continuum. This region should be relatively free from circumstellar emission.

(ii) The region $\geq 4.3$ $\mu$m defines the regime in which infrared excess occurs.

The factors behind these assumptions are detailed in Appendix E (online only).

To help quantify infrared excess, we define the following statistics, using the individual observed/modelled flux ratios ($F_o/F_m$) and the overall quality of fit ($Q$) described in Section 2.1.2.

(i) $\Re_{opt}$ defines the average value of $F_o/F_m$ over the optical filters (UBVR, ugr).

(ii) Similarly, $\Re_{NIR}$ defines the average of $F_o/F_m$ over the near-infrared (near-IR) filters (IJKL, $iz$ and WISE [3.4]).

(iii) Also, $\Re_{MIR}$ defines the average of $F_o/F_m$ over the mid-IR filters (longwards of L and [3.4]).

(iv) $N_{opt}$, $N_{NIR}$ and $N_{MIR}$ denote the number of optical, near-IR and mid-IR data points, respectively, which contribute to the above.

(v) The combined $\Re_{opt + NIR}$ and $N_{opt + NIR}$ represent the same quantities as $\Re_{opt}$ and $N_{opt}$, but computed over the full $U$ through [3.4] range.

(vi) $\Re_{MIR}'$ provides an alternative version of $\Re_{MIR}$, removing the point with the maximum $R$ from the mid-IR data.

(vii) $X_{MIR}$ provides a statistic of overall mid-IR excess, calculated as

$$X_{MIR} = \Re_{MIR}/(\Re_{opt + NIR}).$$
This statistic should be most sensitive to faint mid-IR excess if the host star is unreddened. If it is substantially reddened, or contains a single bad mid-IR data point, then

\[ X_{\text{MIR}} = \frac{\mathcal{R}_{\text{MIR}}}{\mathcal{R}_{\text{NIR}}} \]  

should provide a more accurate value. Robustness of the detection is therefore increased where both \( X_{\text{MIR}} \) and \( X_{\text{MIR}} \) are significantly above unity.

(viii) \( S_{\text{MIR}} \) provides a statistic of the significance of mid-IR excess, calculated as

\[ S_{\text{MIR}} = (\mathcal{R}_{\text{MIR}} - 1) \sqrt{\mathcal{N}_{\text{MIR}}} / Q. \]  

This approximates the signal-to-noise statistic of the infrared excess. Note that this will generally be an overestimate for stars with little excess: scatter due to photometric errors will typically be much greater in the infrared than the optical and near-IR, meaning that the fit quality parameter, \( Q \), will be an underestimate for the ‘noise’ component in this equation. For stars with significant excess, this will generally be an underestimate, as the infrared excess artificially inflates the \( Q \) parameter. We also note that this significance statistics does not exclude objects such as stars heavily reddened by interstellar extinction. This statistic is therefore presented for guidance only and should be used in combination with the others in this section to define whether a source has a significant excess.

(ix) To determine the amount of light emitted in the infrared excess, we construct a trapezoidal integral, interpolated in the \((\log \nu)\)–\((\log F_{\nu})\) plane. This (respectively) provides the total luminosity and fraction of the stellar flux re-emitted into the infrared:

\[ L_{\text{XS}} = \int_{\nu=0}^{7 \times 10^{13} \text{Hz}} (F_{\nu} - F_{\nu}^{*}) \, d\nu \]  

and

\[ f_{\text{XS}} = \frac{\int_{\nu=0}^{7 \times 10^{13} \text{Hz}} (F_{\nu} - F_{\nu}^{*}) \, d\nu}{\int_{\nu=0}^{\infty} F_{\nu} \, d\nu}, \]  

where we assume that the infrared excess beyond 1 mm is zero\(^{16}\) and that the stellar flux \((F_{\nu}^{*})\) is the modelled flux \((F_{\nu})\) multiplied by \(\mathcal{R}_{\text{NIR}}\). The cut-off of \(7 \times 10^{13} \text{Hz}\) corresponds to 4.3 \(\mu\m\). This is a lower limit to the fraction of reprocessed light, since the SED fitting partially takes into account the optical absorption and infrared emission from this reprocessing.

(x) Finally, we use these data to extract the wavelength at which the peak flux \((F_{\nu}^{*})\) of the infrared excess occurs, \(\lambda_{\text{peak, XS}}\), which is defined by the point at which \((F_{\nu} - F_{\nu}^{*})\) reaches a maximum.

4.2 An H–R diagram of infrared excess

Fig. 12 shows the H–R diagram of \textit{Hipparcos} and Tycho-2 stars, colour-coded by infrared excess, while Fig. 13 shows the distribution of sources across the sky. Sources are only included in these figures if \(N_{\text{opt}} + N_{\text{MIR}} > 0\) (i.e. they have optical and infrared data), \(N_{\text{MIR}} > 1\) (i.e. they have more than one mid-IR data point) and if the parallax uncertainty \(\delta \sigma / \sigma < 0.2\). Fig. 12 is also limited by \(A_{\nu} < 1.5\) mag.

The majority of these 600 667 stars are well fitted. The standard deviation of \(X_{\text{MIR}}\) is 0.185; however, this is dominated by a small number of stars with large infrared excesses. If we take the central 68 per cent around the median of \(\text{Med}(X_{\text{MIR}}) = 1.024\), the scatter is reduced to \(\sigma_{X} = \sigma / \sqrt{3500–4500 \text{K} \), luminous \((>30 \text{ L}_\odot)\) stars and cool \((\sim 3500–4500 \text{ K})\), luminous \((\sim 100–3000 \text{ L}_\odot)\) stars. Among hot stars, this deficit may be due to interstellar reddening. The opacity of interstellar dust has a steeper law than a blackbody’s Wien tail in the optical, but a shallower law in the infrared. Reddened hot stars are modelled as cooler stars but, because of this opacity law, tend to be underluminous in the optical and mid-IR, and overluminous in the near-IR.

Reddened cool stars exhibit different qualities. Molecular opacity in the cool-star models has a strong temperature dependence. The opacity is mostly caused by TiO, and has a steeper wavelength dependence \([F \propto \lambda^6\text{ over } (U - R)]\) than interstellar extinction \((F \propto \lambda^4)\). Consequently, stars that are reddened by interstellar extinction and are fitted by cooler stellar models tend to have a less sharp peak to their SEDs compared to stars intrinsically at that temperature; hence, they tend to be overluminous in the optical and mid-IR, and underluminous in the near-IR, when compared to said models. This causes reddened giant branch stars to congregate around 3600–3700 K and exhibit mid-IR excess (cf. the artefact at this temperature identified in Fig. 1).

Instead, the mid-IR deficit among the giant stars seems to result from a combination of difficulties in accurately modelling the TiO absorption bands in the optical in cool stars, as well as underestimation of flux in the \(H\) band due to inaccurate modelling of the H-absorption peak (see Appendix A, Fig. A12, online only).

4.3 Characteristics of infrared excess across the sky

Small-scale variations of \(X_{\text{MIR}}\) can be seen across the sky (Fig. 13). Generally speaking, the regions of greatest deficit can be seen towards the Galactic bulge and near the North Galactic Pole (NGP). Towards the bulge, crowding means that only optically brighter (typically hotter) stars are present in the \textit{Hipparcos}/Tycho-2 and \textit{Gaia} observations, which are then reddened. Towards the NGP, a large proportion of stars are old, cool stars. The previous section describes why these stars should be apparently underluminous in the infrared.

Regions of moderate extinction, however, generally show a slight excess overall. This is most notable around the Musca interstellar clouds \((\alpha = 180^\circ, \delta = -80^\circ)\), the \(\rho\) Oph star-forming region \((\alpha = 250^\circ, \delta = -20^\circ)\), and the Orion star-forming region \((\alpha = 90^\circ, \delta = 0^\circ)\). Since these are regions of diffuse emission in the mid-IR, it is possible that background light affects some of the observations here at the level of a few per cent. This background light may be from dust heated by the star in question (as seen in the Pleiades) or by other sources in the line of sight.

Stars with substantial infrared excess \((X_{\text{MIR}} > 1.15)\) also tend to occupy these regions, but are also more widely spread along the Galactic plane.

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\(^{16}\)Dust optical depth typically drops at longer wavelengths, as the emissivity of dust typically has a spectral slope steeper than a blackbody’s (e.g. Schöier, Lindqvist & Olofsson 2005). For many objects, other emission mechanisms become important in the sub-millimetre and beyond (e.g. Reid & Menten 1997).
4.4 Defining criteria to flag infrared excess

We define an infrared excess by two criteria. The first relates to the scatter calculated in Section 4.2. With 600 667 stars, if our distribution of $X_{\text{MIR}}$ was Gaussian in nature, we could expect a $5\sigma$ threshold to remove random fluctuations in the data; hence, sources with $X_{\text{MIR}} > \text{Med}(X_{\text{MIR}}) + 5\sigma X = 1.15$ should be considered strong candidates for infrared excess. In practice, our distribution has a supra-Gaussian tail of badly fitting points on either side of the distribution; hence, such a cut-off only removes the majority of badly fitting points.

The fraction of stars with $X_{\text{MIR}} > 1.15$ is marginally larger towards lines of sight with higher extinction (Fig. 14). Hence, we modify our criterion to remove stars with marginal infrared excess along high-extinction lines of sight. To qualify as a candidate for infrared excess, stars must have $X_{\text{MIR}} > 1.15 + A_V/100$. This criterion is shown as the dashed line in Fig. 14.

There are 1879 sources from the Hipparcos sample that meet these criteria (0.18 per cent), and 2377 sources from the Tycho-2 sample (0.016 per cent). The much lower fraction from the Tycho-2 catalogue is caused primarily by the comparatively poor quality of the infrared photometry available for the Tycho-2 stars, due to their faintness and (in high-extinction lines of sight) the consequent difficulty of extracting them from the diffuse infrared background. Secondary effects include the less certain parallax measurements for the Tycho-2 sample and the propensity for bright (Hipparcos)
Figure 13. The spatial distribution of infrared excess for Tycho-2 and Hipparcos catalogue stars. The bottom-left panel shows individual stars that are candidates for having infrared excess, colour-coded by temperature. The bottom-right panel shows the same plot for stars that are strong candidates (a score of more than three points).

Figure 14. A Hess diagram showing the relationship between infrared excess ($X_{\text{MIR}}$) and line-of-sight interstellar extinction ($A_V$). The dashed line shows the cut-off used to determine candidacy for infrared excess.

stars to display infrared excess (e.g. Herbig Ae/Be stars, Cepheids, giant branch stars). Improvements in the resolution and depth of the available infrared data bases would substantially improve our ability to extract infrared excess.

We define these 4256 stars as having candidate infrared excess associated with them. We strongly advise users of these data to inspect the associated mid-IR imagery of each object, and cross-check the relevant values of $Q$, $S_{\text{MIR}}$ and $X'_{\text{MIR}}$, to help confirm or refute its presence.

4.5 A catalogue of stars with infrared excess

4.5.1 The catalogue and its contents

Table 3 catalogues the objects defined as having infrared excess. The SIMBAD spectral types are listed (Table 4), as well as $\text{otype}$
4.5.2 Types of object with infrared excess

The statistics in Table 5 show that we detect a variety of stellar types that are expected to host infrared excess. These include Herbig Ae/Be stars, and a variety of young and pre-main-sequence stars, evolved (post-)AGB stars and stars experiencing third dredge-up (S-type stars and carbon stars; see, e.g., Karakas & Lattanzio 2014), and a variety of variable stars that are known to exhibit dust. Also included are a variety of binary stars. Some of these are expected to host circumstellar or circumbinary material, and some are not. In many cases, the infrared excess may simply arise from problems caused by fitting two superimposed stellar SEDs with a single stellar atmosphere model.

A number of objects are identified by SIMBAD as extragalactic, but are unlikely to be so. These include TYC 273-677-1 and TYC 705-746-1, where Gaia has measured parallaxes of 5.99 ± 0.95 and 2.42 ± 0.31 mas, respectively, and TYC 7415-696-1, which is the T Tauri object Hen 3-1722 (Wray 1966; Stock & Wing 1972; Henize 1976).

4.5.3 Properties of infrared-excess stars on the H–R diagram

Fig. 15 places various categories of infrared-excess stars in the H–R diagram. Stars with infrared excess at high confidence are typically found away from the main sequence and giant branch, mostly above the main sequence. Variable stars are found all over the H–R diagram, with no clear sign of the bounds of the instability strip. Likewise, binary stars are found in many locations, although they do not frequent the giant branch due to observational biases against their detection.

Stars associated with clusters or nebulosity scatter above the main sequence, suggesting that source confusion or incorporation of background light into the SED may have occurred. In some cases, these may also be young stars that have yet to descend to the main sequence.

Young stars in the cool end of the H–R diagram tend to lie at varying distances above the main sequence. The majority of the T Tauri stars and Herbig–Haro objects lie in the Hayashi forbidden zone (Hayashi 1961), commensurate with their young age.

By contrast, evolved stars are logically found predominantly near the top of the giant branch. However, a large number of ‘evolved’ stars are well down the giant branch (<200 L⊙), and there are even some on the main sequence. Such objects include the following.
Table 5. Summary of common SIMBAD object types among stars with mid-IR excess. Objects may appear more than once in the list. Only those types with \( \geq 3 \) entries are shown. Purely observational characteristics (e.g. infrared source) are excluded.

| Object type | Count | Notes |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| **Young stellar types and hot stars** |       |       |
| Be*         | 199   | Herbig Be star |
| Y*O         | 38    | Young stellar object (YSO) |
| TT*         | 37    | T Tauri |
| Ae*         | 30    | Herbig Ae star |
| Ae?         | 30    | Candidate Ae star |
| pr*         | 28    | Pre-main-sequence star |
| Y*?         | 8     | Candidate YSO |
| HH          | 5     | Herbig–Haro object |
| bC*         | 4     | \( \beta \) Cepheid variable |
| **Evolved stellar types** |       |       |
| C*          | 19    | Carbon star |
| Mi*         | 8     | Mira variable |
| S*          | 6     | S-type star |
| AB*         | 7     | AGB star |
| WD*         | 5     | White dwarf |
| pA?         | 7     | (Candidate) post-AGB star |
| **Variable star types** |       |       |
| V*          | 437   | Variable star |
| LP*         | 56    | Long-period variable (LPV) |
| Ro*         | 15    | Rotational variable stars |
| Or*         | 25    | ‘Orion-type’ variable stars |
| dS*         | 12    | \( \delta \) Scu star |
| Pu*         | 10    | Pulsating variable |
| a2*         | 9     | Rotational (\( \alpha_2 \) CVn) variable |
| LP?         | 9     | Candidate LPV |
| Ir*         | 7     | Irregular variable |
| No*         | 6     | Nova |
| BY*         | 5     | Rotational (BY Dra) variable |
| V*?         | 5     | Candidate variable |
| El*         | 4     | Ellipsoidal variable |
| Ce*         | 3     | Cepheid variable |
| R1*         | 3     | Rapid, irregular variable |
| NL*         | 3     | Nova-like star |
| Fl*         | 3     | Flare star |
| **Binary star types** |       |       |
| **              | 425   | Binarity |
| SB*          | 85    | Spectroscopic binary star |
| i*           | 20    | In multiple star system |
| Al*          | 33    | Detached (Algol) eclipsing binary |
| WU*          | 17    | Contact binary (W UMa) stars |
| bl*          | 13    | Semi-detached (\( \beta \) Lyr) system |
| RS*          | 12    | RS CVn close binary stars |
| EB*          | 11    | Eclipsing binary stars |
| EB?          | 8     | Candidate eclipsing binary |
| blu          | 5     | Blue straggler |
| HXB          | 3     | High-mass X-ray binary |
| **Other types of object** |       |       |
| Em*          | 290   | Emission-line star |
| iC           | 72    | Star in cluster |
| In           | 44    | Star in nebula |
| EmO          | 7     | Emission object (ISM) |
| As*          | 7     | Stellar associations |
| iA           | 7     | Star in association |
| Pe*          | 3     | Peculiar stars |

(i) The carbon star HIP 56551 (HD 100764), which may be an extrinsic carbon star.
(ii) HIP 91260 (CE Lyr), which is a Mira variable, but which suffers from contamination by a nearby star.
(iii) A number of post-AGB objects also fall into this category. They include the post-AGB star HM Aqr, and the candidate post-AGB stars/protoplanetary nebulae TYC 2588-542-1 (IRAS 02529+4350) and TYC 718-517-1 (HD 246299). The remainder appear to either be misclassified Herbig Ae/Be stars or T Tauri stars: HIP 78092 (HD 142527), HIP 78943 (HD 144432), TYC 6679-305-1 (HD 143006) and TYC 6856-876-1 (HD 169142).

Finally, Herbig Ae/Be stars scatter to cooler temperatures than expected for their spectral classifications, as a result of the circumstellar material that surrounds them. Ae stars cluster around 4000 K and 2 L\(_{\odot}\), while Be stars occupy a broader range, between 7000 and 10 000 K, and 100 and 3000 L\(_{\odot}\). Generally speaking, they lie well above the main sequence. Many of the undesignated objects in the same region of the H–R diagram may also be Be stars in their own right.

### 4.6 Application to mass-losing stars on the giant branch

A useful application of this research is into the minimum luminosity of dusty giant branch stars. This is one of the few places on the H–R diagram where dust production is expected to be confined to a specific region. Fig. 16 shows the upper giant branches of the H–R diagram. Below \( \sim 300 \) L\(_{\odot}\), source densities are affected by our temperature cut-off at 4400 K. Above \( \sim 300 \) L\(_{\odot}\), our parallax uncertainty criterion of \( <20 \) per cent limits us to nearby sources. This closely matches the bright limit of \( \text{Gaia DR1} \), so parallaxes of giant stars above 300 L\(_{\odot}\) largely come from the \text{Hipparcos} mission, and are within \( \sim 1 \) kpc of Earth. At these distances, all stars will be easily detectable by either \text{Hipparcos} or \text{Gaia}, so the source density is not strongly influenced by the easier detectability of luminous stars.

The precise conditions needed to initiate dust production around evolved stars remain unknown. Circumstellar dust around RGB stars is thought to be very rare, though not necessarily impossible (e.g. Groenewegen 2012; McDonald et al. 2012a, 2014; McDonald & Zijlstra 2016). In (metal-poor) globular clusters and the Magellanic Clouds, the onset appears between 700 and 1500 L\(_{\odot}\) (Boyer et al. 2009, 2015; McDonald et al. 2011a,c). While the total mass-loss rate (at least in older stars) does not appear to be strongly linked to metallicity (van Loon, Boyer & McDonald 2008; McDonald & Zijlstra 2015), the onset luminosity is likely to have some metallicity dependence (e.g. McDonald et al. 2010b), as the dust column density should scale approximately with metallicity (van Loon 2006; Groenewegen et al. 2016). However, the onset is hard to trace in solar-metallicity populations due to distance or contamination. Based on the above studies, we can expect the onset of dust production to be traced by a gradual increase in the fraction of stars with infrared excess, starting at some point below the RGB tip.

The RGB tip is present in the upper panel at \( \sim 2000 \) L\(_{\odot}\). However, it is poorly defined due to a variety of observation and astrophysical factors: primarily the distance uncertainty, which can alter the luminosity by up to \( \pm 40 \) per cent, and the stellar mass and metallicity, which can alter the luminosity by \( \pm 20 \) per cent (e.g. Marigo et al. 2008). For intermediate-age and older populations, the evolutionary speed on the AGB is \( \sim 3–5 \) times faster than on the RGB; hence, density declines below the RGB tip by a factor of \( \sim 4–6 \). The inexact position of the RGB tip obfuscates its presence in the source density
Figure 15. H–R diagrams, showing the locations of different classifications of stars. In each case, the light grey dots show all candidate stars in Table 3, with the slightly darker grey dots showing stars with high confidence (>3 points). Binary stars with no further designator are shown as smaller points with lighter colour. Stars within objects are shaded red to denote nebulae and blue to denote clusters. Young testers are coloured lighter for pre-main-sequence stars and YSOs, and darker for T Tauri stars and Herbig–Haro objects. Evolved stars are coloured light for long-period variables, and dark if their designator provides further information (e.g. Mira variable, carbon star, etc.). Variable stars are shown in larger, darker points if they are known instability strip variables (e.g. Cepheids). Herbig Ae/Be stars are shown in cyan for Ae and blue for Be stars: smaller symbols denote questionable designations (SIMBAD’s Ae? and Be?).

plot (the blue line in the bottom panel of Fig. 16), but it can be seen as a small discontinuity between 2000 and 3000 L⊙. Beyond the RGB tip, source density declines sharply as one ascends the upper AGB (the thermally pulsating or TP-AGB).

The limitations in modelling these cool stellar atmospheres become problematic here, however. The median 𝑋MIR ratio starts at just above unity near the middle of the giant branch and rises slowly (the offset being largely due to the poor H−modelling). Beyond the RGB tip, the median 𝑋MIR rises more rapidly, until the value becomes stochastic among the most luminous AGB stars.

Simultaneously, the fraction of stars with identified excess rises slowly towards the RGB tip. However, the number of stars with clear-cut excess remains negligible until ~890 L⊙. Only a handful of giant stars with excess fall below this luminosity: 1 Vir, Z Peg, FW Vir, HD 68425, SU And (carbon star), RT Boo, AU Peg (W Vir variable), HM Aqr (post-AGB star), HD 100764 (carbon star), DY Boo and RU Crt. With the possible exceptions of 1 Vir (686 L⊙), RU Crt (664 L⊙) and HD 68425 (483 L⊙), these objects all have very strong infrared excess, are not well modelled by a simple stellar photosphere and do not fall on the giant branch in the H–R diagram. It is likely that the luminosity has been underestimated for these stars. Circumstellar material has been detected from RU Crt (McDonald et al., in preparation), identifying it as the lowest luminosity giant where a dusty outflow has been convincingly detected.

As one progresses above 890 L⊙, there comes a steady list of sources with infrared excess. The fraction of sources is fairly low at first, but increases significantly at the RGB tip (Fig. 16, bottom panel). The luminosity function of sources with strong infrared excess does not change appreciably across the RGB tip, arguing that few (if any) RGB stars exhibit circumstellar dust. All the giant stars that have infrared excess and are near the RGB tip are therefore expected to be AGB stars. The fraction of stars with infrared excess, and the amount of infrared excess they have, both increase with luminosity as stars ascend the AGB.

5 CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have photometrically matched numerous public data bases of stellar photometry against parallactic measurements
We list 4256 stars that are candidates for infrared excess, of which 1883 are qualified as having strong evidence of infrared excess. These objects have been categorized by their literature classifications. A large number of previously identified binary, variable and emission-line stars are recovered, along with a substantial number of potentially new detections.

We briefly explore some of the facets of this data set.

(i) We identify that the vast majority of the Gaia DR1 data set exhibits relatively little extinction, although a small but significant number of stars (mainly giant stars) are still considerably affected.

(ii) We explore dust production among nearby giant stars, confirming that little or no dust condensation takes place around RGB stars, but becomes prevalent in AGB stars at an evolution point close to the RGB tip.

(iii) We explore populations at different Galactic scaleheights, identifying that stars with ages <3 Gyr have a strong tendency to be located within ~200 pc of the Galactic plane, and that the metallicity of nearby stars remains close to the solar value until one exceeds ~600 pc from the plane.

(iv) We identify hot stars within a few hundred parsecs of the Sun, and use these to map out sites of recent star formation in the solar neighbourhood. Dust clouds and hot stars are presented in three dimensions and basic inferences drawn on their relation to the Gould Belt.

Our closing recommendations for repeating this study on a larger data set, following future Gaia data releases, are presented in Appendix F (online only).

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![Figure 16. Top panel the upper giant branches, with infrared excess colour-coded as in the top panel of Fig. 13. Only stars with $A_V < 1.5$ mag and $\delta \pi/\pi < 0.2$ are considered. Middle panel: mid-IR excess of individual stars with luminosity, smoothed by a running mean of 50 stars. From top to bottom (as viewed from the left-hand side of the plot), (1) the blue line shows the number of sources per dex in luminosity. This is shown on the right-hand (logarithmic) scale. (2) The green line shows the median $X_{\text{MIR}}$ stars at that luminosity have. (3) The red line shows the fraction of stars meeting our infrared-excess criterion ($X_{\text{MIR}} > 1.15 + A_V/100$). (4) The darker red line shows the same plot for $X_{\text{MIR}} > 1.5 + A_V/3.1$. The RGB tip lies between around 2400 and 2500 L$_{\odot}$, for most solar-metallicity stars. A dotted line is placed at unity to guide the eye.](https://academic.oup.com/mnras/article-abstract/471/1/770/3868792/Fundamental-parameters-and-infrared-excesses-of/10.1093/mnras/stx1554)
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