HAT-P-18b AND HAT-P-19b: TWO LOW-DENSITY SATURN-MASS PLANETS
TRANSITING METAL-RICH K STARS*

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ABSTRACT

We report the discovery of two new transiting extrasolar planets. HAT-P-18b orbits the V = 12.759 K2 dwarf star GSC 2594−00646, with a period P = 5.508023 ± 0.000006 days, transit epoch Tc = 2454715.02174 ± 0.00020 (BJD), and transit duration 0.1131 ± 0.0009 days. The host star has a mass of 0.77 ± 0.03 M⊙, radius of 0.75 ± 0.04 R⊙, effective temperature 4803 ± 80 K, and metallicity [Fe/H] = +0.10 ± 0.08. The planetary companion has a mass of 0.197 ± 0.013 M J and radius of 0.995 ± 0.052 R J, yielding a mean density of 0.25 ± 0.04 g cm−3.

HAT-P-19b orbits the V = 12.901 K1 dwarf star GSC 2283−00589, with a period P = 4.008778 ± 0.000006 days, transit epoch Tc = 2455091.53417 ± 0.00034 (BJD), and transit duration 0.1182 ± 0.0014 days. The host star has a mass of 0.84 ± 0.04 M⊙, radius of 0.82 ± 0.05 R⊙, effective temperature 4990 ± 130 K, and metallicity [Fe/H] = +0.23 ± 0.08. The planetary companion has a mass of 0.292 ± 0.018 M J and radius of 1.132 ± 0.072 R J, yielding a mean density of 0.25 ± 0.04 g cm−3. The radial velocity residuals for HAT-P-19 exhibit a linear trend in time, which indicates the presence of a third body in the system. Comparing these observations with theoretical models, we find that HAT-P-18b and HAT-P-19b are each consistent with a hydrogen–helium-dominated gas giant planet with negligible core mass. HAT-P-18b and HAT-P-19b join HAT-P-12b and WASP-21b in an emerging group of low-density Saturn-mass planets, with negligible inferred core masses. However, unlike HAT-P-12b and WASP-21b, both HAT-P-18b and HAT-P-19b orbit stars with super-solar metallicity. This calls into question the heretofore suggestive correlation between the inferred core mass and host star metallicity for Saturn-mass planets.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Extrasolar planets that transit their host stars (transiting extrasolar planets, or TEPs) provide a unique opportunity to determine the bulk physical properties (mass, radius, and average density) of planetary bodies outside the solar system (e.g., Charbonneau 2009). From more than 90 such planets that have been announced to date,11 it has become apparent that gas giant planets more massive than 0.4 M J exhibit a wide range of radii (from 0.885 R J for CoRoT-13b (Cabrera et al. 2010) to 1.79 R J for WASP-12b (Hebb et al. 2009)). Below this mass, fewer planets are known; however, the seven known TEPs with masses similar to Saturn (0.15 M J < M < 0.4 M J; the mass of Saturn is 0.299 M J; Standish 1995) also appear to have diverse bulk properties. Two of these TEPs have densities much less than that of Saturn (HAT-P-12b and WASP-21b both have ρ ≈ 0.3 g cm−3, while Saturn has ρ ≈ 0.7 g cm−3; Hartman et al. 2009; Bouchy et al. 2010), three have densities that are somewhat lower than that of Saturn (Kepler-9b and Kepler-9c have densities of ρ ≈ 0.5 g cm−3 and ρ ≈ 0.4 g cm−3, respectively; Holman et al. 2010, and WASP-29b has ρ ≈ 0.65 g cm−3; Hellier et al. 2010), and two have densities that are greater than that of Saturn (HD 149026b has ρ ≈ 0.85 g cm−3; Sato et al. 2005; Carter et al. 2009, and CoRoT-8b has ρ ≈ 1.6 g cm−3; Bordé et al. 2010). The inferred core masses of these planets also differ dramatically, with the two low-density planets having negligible cores of MC ≈ 10 M ⊕, the three intermediate-density planets having cores that are perhaps several tens of Earth masses, and the two high-density planets having cores that represent a substantial fraction of their respective masses. The inferred core masses of planets in this mass range appear to correlate with the metallicity of the host star. The two low density planets orbit stars with sub-solar metallicity.

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11 For example, see http://exoplanet.eu.
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solar metallicity ([Fe/H] for Kepler-9). This has been taken as suggestive evidence for each new planetary system. The calibration of the HATNet radial velocities (RVs). Our findings are discussed in Section 4.

2. OBSERVATIONS

2.1. Photometric Detection

Table 1 summarizes the HATNet discovery observations of each new planetary system. The calibration of the HATNet frames was carried out using standard photometric procedures. The calibrated images were then subjected to star detection and astrometric determination, as described in Pál & Bakos (2006). Aperture photometry was performed on each image at the stellar centroids derived from the Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS; Skrutskie et al. 2006) catalog and the individual astrometric solutions. The resulting light curves were decorrelated (cleaned of trends) using the external parameter decorrelation technique in “constant” mode and the Trend Filtering Algorithm (TFA; see Kovács et al. 2005). The light curves were searched for periodic box-shaped signals using the Box least-squares (BLS; see Kovács et al. 2002) method. We detected significant signals in the light curves of the stars summarized below.

| Instrument/Field | Date(s)       | Number of Images | Cadence (s) | Filter |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|--------|
| HAT-P-18         | 2007 Mar–2007 Jun | 4383             | 330         | I      |
| HAT-9/G239       | 2007 Mar–2007 Jun | 5719             | 330         | I      |
| KeplerCam        | 2008 Apr 25   | 215              | 73          | Sloan i|
| KeplerCam        | 2009 May 10   | 185              | 133         | Sloan g|
| HAT-P-19         | 2007 Sep–2008 Jan | 2324             | 330         | R      |
| HAT-7/G163       | 2007 Sep–2008 Jan | 1617             | 330         | R      |
| HAT-6/G164       | 2007 Sep–2008 Feb | 3676             | 330         | R      |
| HAT-9/G164       | 2007 Sep–2008 Feb | 2711             | 330         | R      |
| KeplerCam        | 2009 Oct 6    | 37               | 84          | Sloan i|
| KeplerCam        | 2009 Oct 30   | 97               | 150         | Sloan i|
| KeplerCam        | 2009 Nov 27   | 76               | 84          | Sloan i|
| KeplerCam        | 2009 Dec 1    | 194              | 89          | Sloan i|

In this work, we present the discovery of two new low-density planets with masses comparable to that of Saturn. The new planets HAT-P-18b and HAT-P-19b have masses that are very similar to HAT-P-12b and W ASP-21b, respectively, and have densities that are slightly less than each of these planets. However, both new planets orbit stars with super-solar metallicity, casting doubt on the correlation between planetary core mass and stellar metallicity for Saturn-mass planets.

The planets presented in this paper were discovered by the Hungarian-made Automated Telescope Network (HATNet; Bakos et al. 2004) survey, which has been one of the main contributors to the discovery of TEPs. In operation since 2003, it has now covered approximately 14% of the sky, searching for TEPs around bright stars (8 < V < 12) that are very similar to HAT-P-12b and W ASP-21b, respectively, and have densities that are slightly less than each of these planets. However, both new planets orbit stars with super-solar metallicity, casting doubt on the correlation between planetary core mass and stellar metallicity for Saturn-mass planets.

The layout of the paper is as follows. In Section 2, we report the detections of the photometric signals and the follow-up spectroscopic and photometric observations for each of the planets. In Section 3, we describe the analysis of the data, beginning with the determination of the stellar parameters, continuing with a discussion of the methods used to rule out nonplanetary, false positive scenarios which could mimic the photometric and spectroscopic observations, and finishing with a description of our global modeling of the photometry and radial velocities (RVs). Our findings are discussed in Section 4.

1. HAT-P-18—GSC 2594–00646 (also known as 2MASS 17052315+3300450; α = 17h05m23.28s, δ = +33°00′45″; J2000; V = 12.759; Droge et al. 2006). A signal was detected for this star with an apparent depth of ~18.5 mmag, and a period of $P = 5.5080$ days (see Figure 1). The drop in brightness had a first-to-last-contact duration, relative to the total period, of $q = 0.0205 ± 0.0002$, corresponding to a total duration of $Pq = 2.716 ± 0.021$ hr.

2. HAT-P-19—GSC 2283–00589 (also known as 2MASS 00384011+3442416; α = 00h38m04.02s, δ = +34°42′41″; J2000; V = 12.901; Droge et al. 2006). A signal was detected for this star with an apparent depth of ~22.0 mmag, and a period of $P = 4.0088$ days (see Figure 2). The drop in brightness had a first-to-last-contact duration, relative to the total period, of $q = 0.0295 ± 0.0004$, corresponding to a total duration of $Pq = 2.837 ± 0.034$ hr.

2.2. Reconnaissance Spectroscopy

As is routine in the HATNet project, all candidates are subjected to careful scrutiny before investing valuable time on large telescopes. This includes spectroscopic observations at relatively modest facilities to establish whether the transit-like feature in the light curve of a candidate might be due to astrophysical phenomena other than a planet transiting a star. Many of such false positives are associated with large RV variations in the star (tens of km s$^{-1}$) that are easily recognized. We made use of three different facilities to conduct these observations, including the Harvard–Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA) Digital Speedometer (DS; Latham 1992), and the Till–inghast Reflector Echelle Spectrograph (TRES; Füresz 2008),
both on the 1.5 m Tillinghast Reflector at the Whipple Observatory on Mount Hopkins, Arizona, and the Fibre-fed Échelle Spectrograph (FIES; Frandsen & Lindberg 1999) on the 2.5 m Nordic Optical Telescope (NOT; Djupvik & Andersen 2010) at La Palma, Spain. We used these facilities to obtain high-resolution spectra, with typically low signal-to-noise ratios ($S/N_s$) that are nevertheless sufficient to derive RVs with moderate precisions of $0.5–1.0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for slowly rotating stars. We also use these spectra to estimate the effective temperatures, surface gravities, and projected rotational velocities of the stars. With these observations, we are able to reject many types of false positives, such as F dwarfs orbited by M dwarfs, grazing eclipsing binaries, or triple or quadruple star systems. Additional tests are performed with other spectroscopic material described in the next section. The observations and results for both stars are summarized in Table 2. Below we provide a brief description of each of the instruments used, the data reduction, and the analysis procedure.

We used the DS to conduct observations of both HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19. This instrument delivers high-resolution spectra ($\lambda/\Delta\lambda \approx 35,000$) over a single order centered on the Mg i b triplet ($\sim 5187 \text{ Å}$). We measure the RV and stellar atmospheric parameters from the spectra following the method described by Torres et al. (2002).

We used FIES to conduct observations of HAT-P-19. We used the medium and the high-resolution fibers with resolving powers of $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \approx 46,000$ and 67,000 respectively, giving a wavelength coverage of $\sim 3600–7400 \text{ Å}$. The spectra were extracted and
analyzed to measure the RV and stellar atmospheric parameters following the procedures described by Buchhave et al. (2010). The velocities were corrected to the same system as the DS observations (heliocentric velocities with the gravitational redshift of the Sun subtracted) using 10 observations of the velocity standard HD 182488 obtained on the same nights as observations of HAT-P-19.

A single observation of HAT-P-19 was obtained with TRES. We used the medium-resolution fiber to obtain a spectrum with a resolution of $\lambda/\Delta \lambda \approx 44,000$ and a wavelength coverage of $3900–8900$ Å. The spectrum was extracted and analyzed in a similar manner to the FIES observations. The velocity was corrected to the same system as the DS observations using a single TRES measurement of HD 182488 obtained on the same night. The velocity uncertainty reported in this case is our estimate of the systematic error based on the rms of multiple observations of HD 182488 obtained on other nights close in time.

On the reconnaissance spectroscopy observations we find that both systems have rms residuals consistent with no detectable RV variation within the precision of the measurements. All spectra were single-lined, i.e., there is no evidence that either target star has a stellar companion. Additionally, both stars have surface gravity measurements which indicate that they are dwarfs. We note that for HAT-P-19 all three instruments yielded similar results for the RV and stellar parameters. There is a $\sim 1$ km s$^{-1}$ difference between the DS and the TRES/FIES observations of HAT-P-19. The last DS observation was obtained only four nights before the first FIES observation, and the DS and FIES data sets each span significantly more than four nights, but do not show internal variations at the $\sim 1$ km s$^{-1}$ level. We conclude that the velocity difference between the instruments does not indicate a physical variation in the velocity of HAT-P-19. The DS observations are all weak, with only a few counts per pixel, and the sky velocity is slightly more negative than the system velocity in all cases. This velocity difference may be due to a systematic error in the DS velocities due to sky contamination.

### 2.3. High-resolution, High-S/N Spectroscopy

We proceeded with the follow-up of each candidate by obtaining high-resolution, high-S/N spectra to characterize the RV variations, and to refine the determination of the stellar parameters. These observations are summarized in Table 3. The RV measurements and uncertainties for HAT-P-18 are given in Table 4, and for HAT-P-19 in Table 5. The period-folded data, along with our best fit described below in Section 3, are displayed in Figure 3 for HAT-P-18, and in Figure 4 for HAT-P-19. For HAT-P-18, we exclude five RV measurements that are significant outliers from the best-fit model. These points are all strongly affected by contamination from scattered moonlight (see Section 3.2.1). Below we briefly describe the instruments used, the data reduction, and the analysis procedure.

Observations were made of HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19 with the High Resolution Echelle Spectrometer (HIRES) instrument (Vogt et al. 1994) on the Keck I telescope located on Mauna Kea, Hawaii. The width of the spectrometer slit was 0′′86, resulting in a resolving power of $\lambda/\Delta \lambda \approx 55,000$, with a wavelength coverage of $3800–8000$ Å. Exposures were obtained through an iodine gas absorption cell, which was used to superimpose a dense forest of $I_2$ lines on the stellar spectrum and establish an accurate wavelength fiducial (see Marcy & Butler 1992). For each target, two additional exposures were taken without the iodine cell; in both cases we used the second, higher S/N observation as the template for the analysis. Relative RVs in the solar system barycentric frame were derived as described by Butler et al. (1996), incorporating full modeling of the spatial and temporal variations of the instrumental profile.

We also made use of the High Dispersion Spectrograph (HDS; Noguchi et al. 2002) on the Subaru telescope on Mauna Kea, Hawaii to obtain high-S/N spectroscopic observations of HAT-P-19 from which we derived high-precision RV measurements. Observations were made over three consecutive nights using a slit width of 0′′6, yielding a resolving power of $\lambda/\Delta \lambda \approx 60,000$. We used the 12b setup which provides a wavelength coverage of $3500–6200$ Å. To reduce the effect of changes in the barycentric velocity correction during an exposure, we limited exposure times to 15 minutes. As for Keck/HIRES, we made use of an iodine gas absorption cell to establish an accurate wavelength fiducial for each exposure. We also obtained six spectra without the iodine cell, which were combined to form the template observation. The spectra were extracted and reduced to relative RVs in the solar system barycentric frame following the methods described by Sato et al. (2002, 2005).

In each figure, we also show the relative S index, which is a measure of the chromospheric activity of the star derived from the flux in the cores of the Ca II H and K lines. This index was computed following the prescription given by Vaughan et al.
Notes. Note that for the iodine-free template exposures we do not measure the RV, but do measure the BS and S index. Such template exposures can be distinguished by the missing RV value.

a Barycentric Julian dates throughout the paper are calculated from Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

b The zero point of these velocities is arbitrary. An overall offset \( \gamma_{\text{off}} \) fitted to these velocities in Section 3.3 has not been subtracted.

c Internal errors excluding the component of the velocity jitter considered in Section 3.3.

Relative chromospheric activity index, not calibrated to the scale of Vaughan et al. (1978).

Outlier RV measurements excluded from the analysis.

(1978), after matching each spectrum to a reference spectrum by means of the RV, but do measure the BS and S index. Such template exposures can be distinguished by the missing RV value.

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Relative chromospheric activity index, not calibrated to the scale of Vaughan et al. (1978). Note that the values for the Keck and Subaru observations have independently been scaled to a mean of 1.0.

The reduction of these images, including basic calibration, astrometry, and aperture photometry, was performed as described.
by Bakos et al. (2010). We performed EPD and TFA to remove trends simultaneously with the light curve modeling (for more details, see Section 3, and Bakos et al. 2010). The final time series, together with our best-fit transit light curve model, are shown in the top portion of Figures 5 and 6 for HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19, respectively; the individual measurements are reported in Tables 6 and 7.

3. ANALYSIS

3.1. Properties of the Parent Star

Fundamental parameters for each of the host stars, including the mass ($M_*$) and radius ($R_*$), which are needed to infer the planetary properties, depend strongly on other stellar quantities that can be derived spectroscopically. For this, we have relied on our template spectra obtained with the Keck/HIRES instrument, and the analysis package known as Spectroscopy Made Easy.
Figure 5. Unbinned transit light curves for HAT-P-18, acquired with KeplerCam at the FLWO 1.2 m telescope. The light curves have been EPD and TFA processed, as described in Section 3.3. The dates of the events are indicated. The second curve is displaced vertically for clarity. Our best fit from the global modeling described in Section 3.3 is shown by the solid lines. Residuals from the fits are displayed at the bottom in the same order as the top curves. The error bars represent the photon and background shot noise, plus the readout noise.

Figure 6. Similar to Figure 5; here we show the follow-up light curves for HAT-P-19.

Table 6

| BJD       | Mag$^a$ | $\sigma_{\text{Mag}}$ | Mag$^{\text{(orig)}}$$^b$ | Filter |
|-----------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| (2,400,000+) |         |                      |                           |        |
| 54582.72249 | −0.00198 | 0.00093             | 10.79530                  | i      |
| 54582.72334 | 0.00006  | 0.00093             | 10.79800                  | i      |
| 54582.72420 | −0.00247 | 0.00093             | 10.79660                  | i      |
| 54582.72506 | 0.00024  | 0.00093             | 10.79950                  | i      |
| 54582.72592 | 0.00344  | 0.00093             | 10.80160                  | i      |
| 54582.72677 | −0.00104 | 0.00093             | 10.79740                  | i      |
| 54582.72760 | 0.00148  | 0.00092             | 10.79980                  | i      |
| 54582.72848 | 0.00027  | 0.00092             | 10.79820                  | i      |
| 54582.72933 | 0.00002  | 0.00092             | 10.79590                  | i      |
| 54582.73102 | −0.00066 | 0.00092             | 10.79560                  | i      |

Notes.

$^a$ The out-of-transit level has been subtracted. These magnitudes have been subjected to the EPD and TFA procedures, carried out simultaneously with the transit fit.

$^b$ Raw magnitude values without application of the EPD and TFA procedures.

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Table 7

| BJD       | Mag$^a$ | $\sigma_{\text{Mag}}$ | Mag$^{\text{(orig)}}$$^b$ | Filter |
|-----------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| (2,400,000+) |         |                      |                           |        |
| 55111.59368 | 0.02677  | 0.00139             | 11.66270                  | i      |
| 55111.59465 | 0.02295  | 0.00130             | 11.65390                  | i      |
| 55111.59562 | 0.02551  | 0.00142             | 11.65450                  | i      |
| 55111.59853 | 0.02643  | 0.00133             | 11.66000                  | i      |
| 55111.59949 | 0.02348  | 0.00120             | 11.65220                  | i      |
| 55111.60045 | 0.02275  | 0.00140             | 11.65930                  | i      |
| 55111.60140 | 0.02615  | 0.00126             | 11.65320                  | i      |
| 55111.60236 | 0.02510  | 0.00126             | 11.65380                  | i      |
| 55111.60333 | 0.02741  | 0.00130             | 11.66230                  | i      |
| 55111.60430 | 0.02038  | 0.00121             | 11.64810                  | i      |

Notes.

$^a$ The out-of-transit level has been subtracted. These magnitudes have been subjected to the EPD and TFA procedures, carried out simultaneously with the transit fit.

$^b$ Raw magnitude values without application of the EPD and TFA procedures.

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(SME; Valenti & Piskunov 1996), along with the atomic line database of Valenti & Fischer (2005). For each star, SME yielded the following initial values and uncertainties (which we have conservatively increased by a factor of two to include our estimates of the systematic errors).

1. HAT-P-18—effective temperature $T_{\text{eff}} = 4850 \pm 75 \, \text{K}$, stellar surface gravity $\log g_\star = 4.7 \pm 0.1 \, \text{(cgs)}$, metallicity $[\text{Fe/H}] = +0.12 \pm 0.05 \, \text{dex}$, and projected rotational velocity $v \sin \iota = 1.2 \pm 0.5 \, \text{km s}^{-1}$.

2. HAT-P-19—effective temperature $T_{\text{eff}} = 5037 \pm 44 \, \text{K}$, stellar surface gravity $\log g_\star = 4.7 \pm 0.1 \, \text{(cgs)}$, metallicity $[\text{Fe/H}] = +0.24 \pm 0.03 \, \text{dex}$, and projected rotational velocity $v \sin \iota = 2.4 \pm 0.5 \, \text{km s}^{-1}$.

As discussed in Section 3.2.1, contamination from scattered moonlight affects the bisector spans (BS) and RVs measured for HAT-P-18 and the BS measured for HAT-P-19. For HAT-P-18, the moon was below the horizon when the template used for the SME analysis was obtained, so it is not affected.
by contamination. For HAT-P-19, we estimate that scattered moonlight may have contributed \( \sim 0.1\% \) of the total flux to the template spectrum used for SME analysis. The error in the parameters that results from this contamination is likely dwarfed by other systematic errors in the parameter determination.

In principle, the effective temperature and metallicity, along with the surface gravity taken as a luminosity indicator, could be used as constraints to infer the stellar mass and radius by comparison with stellar evolution models. However, the effect of \( \log g_\star \) on the spectral line shapes is rather subtle, and as a result it is typically difficult to determine accurately, so that it is a rather poor luminosity indicator in practice. For planetary transits, a stronger constraint is often provided by the \( a/R_\star \) normalized semimajor axis, which is closely related to \( \rho_\star \), the mean stellar density. The quantity \( a/R_\star \) can be derived directly from the transit light curves (see Sozzetti et al. 2007, and also Section 3.3). This, in turn, allows us to improve on the determination of the spectroscopic parameters by supplying an indirect constraint on the weakly determined spectroscopic value of \( \log g_\star \), which removes degeneracies. We take this approach here, as described below. The validity of our assumption, namely that the best physical model describing our data is a planetary transit (as opposed to a blend), is shown later in Section 3.2.1.

For each system, our initial values of \( T_{\text{eff}} \), \( \log g_\star \), and \([\text{Fe/H}]\) were used to determine auxiliary quantities needed in the global modeling of the follow-up photometry and RVs (specifically, the limb-darkening coefficients). This modeling, the details of which are described in Section 3.3, uses a Monte Carlo approach to deliver the numerical probability distribution of \( a/R_\star \) and other fitted variables. For further details, we refer the reader to Pál (2009b). When combining \( a/R_\star \) (used as a proxy for luminosity) with assumed Gaussian distributions for \( T_{\text{eff}} \) and \([\text{Fe/H}]\) based on the SME determinations, a comparison with stellar evolution models allows the probability distributions of other stellar properties to be inferred, including \( \log g_\star \). Here, we use the stellar evolution calculations from Yonsei-Yale (YY; Yi et al. 2001) for both stars. The comparison against the model isochrones was carried out for each of 10,000 Monte Carlo trial sets for HAT-P-18, and 20,000 Monte Carlo trial sets for HAT-P-19 (see Section 3.3). Parameter combinations corresponding to unphysical locations in the H-R diagram (41% of the trials for HAT-P-18 and 31% of the trials for HAT-P-19) were ignored, and replaced with another randomly drawn parameter set. For each system, we carried out a second SME iteration in which we adopted the value of \( \log g_\star \) so determined and held it fixed in a new SME analysis (coupled with a new global modeling of the RV and light curves), adjusting only \( T_{\text{eff}} \), \([\text{Fe/H}]\), and \( v \sin i \). This gave

1. \( \text{HAT-P-18} - T_{\text{eff}} = 4803 \pm 80 \, \text{K}, \log g_\star = 4.56 \pm 0.06, \quad [\text{Fe/H}] = +0.10 \pm 0.08, \text{and } v \sin i = 0.5 \pm 0.5 \, \text{km s}^{-1}. \)
2. \( \text{HAT-P-19} - T_{\text{eff}} = 4990 \pm 130 \, \text{K}, \log g_\star = 4.53 \pm 0.06 \text{ (fixed)}, \quad [\text{Fe/H}] = +0.23 \pm 0.08, \text{and } v \sin i = 0.7 \pm 0.5 \, \text{km s}^{-1}. \)

In each case, the conservative uncertainties for \( T_{\text{eff}} \) and \([\text{Fe/H}]\) have been increased by a factor of two over their formal values, as before. For each system, a further iteration did not change \( \log g_\star \) significantly, so we adopted the values stated above, together with the new \( \log g_\star \) values resulting from the global modeling, as the final atmospheric properties of the stars. They are collected in Table 8 for both stars.

### Table 8
Stellar Parameters for HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19

| Parameter | HAT-P-18 | HAT-P-19 | Source |
|-----------|----------|----------|--------|
| Spectroscopic properties | | | |
| \( T_{\text{eff}} \) (K) | 4803 ± 80 | 4990 ± 130 | SME\(^a\) |
| \([\text{Fe/H}]\) | +0.10 ± 0.08 | +0.23 ± 0.08 | SME |
| \( v \sin i \) (km s\(^{-1}\)) | 0.5 ± 0.5 | 0.7 ± 0.5 | SME |
| \( v \text{mac} \) (km s\(^{-1}\)) | 2.53 | 2.81 | SME |
| \( \gamma_{\nu} \) (km s\(^{-1}\)) | 0.85 | 0.85 | SME |
| Photometric properties | | | |
| \( V \) (mag) | 12.759 | 12.901 | TASS |
| \( V - I_C \) (mag) | 1.18 ± 0.13 | 1.04 ± 0.13 | TASS |
| \( J \) (mag) | 10.822 ± 0.020 | 11.095 ± 0.020 | 2MASS |
| \( H \) (mag) | 10.340 ± 0.019 | 10.644 ± 0.022 | 2MASS |
| \( K_s \) (mag) | 10.234 ± 0.017 | 10.546 ± 0.019 | 2MASS |
| Derived properties | | | |
| \( M_\star \) (M\( \odot \)) | 0.770 ± 0.031 | 0.842 ± 0.042 | YY+R/\( \rho_\star \)+SME\(^c\) |
| \( R_\star \) (R\( \odot \)) | 0.749 ± 0.037 | 0.820 ± 0.048 | YY+R/\( \rho_\star \)+SME |
| \( \log g_\star \) (cgs) | 4.57 ± 0.04 | 4.54 ± 0.05 | YY+R/\( \rho_\star \)+SME |
| \( L_\star \) (L\( \odot \)) | 0.27 ± 0.04 | 0.37\(^{+0.06}_{-0.06}\) | YY+R/\( \rho_\star \)+SME |
| \( M_\nu \) (mag) | 6.50 ± 0.19 | 6.08 ± 0.24 | YY+R/\( \rho_\star \)+SME |
| \( M_\nu \) (mag,ESO) | 4.17 ± 0.12 | 3.92 ± 0.15 | YY+R/\( \rho_\star \)+SME |
| Age (Gyr) | 12.4^{+4.4}_{-6.4} | 8.8 ± 5.2 | YY+R/\( \rho_\star \)+SME |
| Distance (pc) | 166 ± 9 | 215 ± 15 | YY+R/\( \rho_\star \)+SME |

Notes.

\(^a\) SME = “Spectroscopy Made Easy” package for the analysis of high-resolution spectra (Valenti & Piskunov 1996). These parameters rely primarily on SME, but have a small dependence also on the iterative analysis incorporating the isochrone search and global modeling of the data, as described in the text.

\(^b\) Based on DS observations for HAT-P-18 and FIES observations for HAT-P-19.

\(^c\) YY+R/\( \rho_\star \)+SME = Based on the YY isochrones (Yi et al. 2001), \( a/\rho_\star \) as a luminosity indicator, and the SME results.
With the adopted spectroscopic parameters, the model isochrones yield the stellar mass and radius, and other properties. These are listed for each of the systems in Table 8. According to these models HAT-P-18 is a dwarf star with an estimated age of 12.4±4.4 Gyr, and HAT-P-19 is a dwarf star with an estimated age of 8.8±5.2 Gyr. The inferred location of each star in a diagram of $a/R_*$ versus $T_{\text{eff}}$, analogous to the classical H-R diagram, is shown in Figure 7. The stellar properties and their 1σ and 2σ confidence ellipsoids are displayed against the backdrop of model isochrones for a range of ages, and the appropriate stellar metallicity. For comparison, the locations implied by the initial SME results are also shown with triangles.

The stellar evolution modeling provides color indices that may be compared against the measured values as a sanity check. For each star, the best available measurements are the near-infrared magnitudes from the 2MASS Catalogue (Skrutskie et al. 2006), which are given in Table 8. These are converted to the photometric system of the models (ESO system) using the transformations by Carpenter (2001). The resulting color index is $J - K = 0.623 \pm 0.036$ and $J - K = 0.583 \pm 0.031$ for HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19, respectively. These are both within 1σ of the predicted values from the isochrones of $J - K = 0.61 \pm 0.02$ and $J - K = 0.57 \pm 0.03$. The distance to each object may be computed from the absolute $K$ magnitude from the models and the 2MASS $K_\text{s}$ magnitudes, which has the advantage of being less affected by extinction than optical magnitudes. The results are given in Table 8, where in each case the uncertainty excludes possible systematics in the model isochrones that are difficult to quantify.

### 3.2. Rejecting Blend Scenarios

Our initial spectroscopic analyses discussed in Sections 2.2 and 2.3 rule out the most obvious astrophysical false positive scenarios. However, more subtle phenomena such as blends (contamination by an unresolved eclipsing binary, whether in the background or associated with the target) can still mimic both the photometric and spectroscopic signatures we see. In the following sections, we consider and rule out the possibility that such scenarios may have caused the observed photometric and spectroscopic features.

#### 3.2.1. Spectral Line-bisector Analysis

Following Torres et al. (2007), we explored the possibility that the measured RVs are not real, but are instead caused by distortions in the spectral line profiles due to contamination from a nearby unresolved eclipsing binary. A bisector analysis for each system based on the Keck spectra (and the Subaru spectra for HAT-P-19) was done as described in Section 5 of Bakos et al. (2007).

Each system shows excess scatter in the BS, above what is expected from the measurement errors (see Figure 3, third panel; and Figure 4, fourth panel). For HAT-P-18, there may be a slight correlation between the RV and BS, while for HAT-P-19 no correlation is apparent. Such a correlation could indicate that the photometric and spectroscopic signatures are due to a blend scenario rather than a single planet transiting a single star. We note that for HAT-P-19, the Keck spectra show excess BS variation, while the Subaru spectra do not.

Following our earlier work (Kovács et al. 2010; Hartman et al. 2009), we investigated the effect of contamination from moonlight on the measured BS values. As in Kovács et al. (2010), we estimate the expected BS value for each spectrum by modeling the spectrum cross-correlation function (CCF) as the sum of two Lorentzian functions, shifted by the known velocity difference between the star and the moon, and scaled by their expected flux ratio (estimated following Equation (3) of Hartman et al. 2009). We refer to the simulated BS value as the sky contamination factor (SCF). We find a strong correlation between the SCF and BS for both systems (see Figure 8). After correcting for this correlation, we find that the BS show no significant variations, and the correlation between the RV and BS variations is insignificant for both systems. Therefore, we conclude that the velocity variations are real for both stars, and that both stars are orbited by close-in giant planets. An independent method for arriving at this same conclusion is also presented in the following section.

We have also investigated the effect of sky contamination on the measured RVs. The expected RV due to sky contamination for a given spectrum is estimated by finding the peak of the simulated CCF. Note that the real RV measurements are obtained by directly modeling the spectra and not by performing...
cross-correlation. We therefore only expect a crude agreement between the estimated RVs due to sky contamination, and the real RVs. Figure 9 compares the expected RVs to the measured RV residuals from the best-fit model for HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19. For HAT-P-18, we find a rough correlation between the estimated and measured RV residuals. Five of the RV measurements which are significant outliers from the best-fit model are rejected. These spectra are also among the most strongly affected by sky contamination. For HAT-P-19, the values do not appear to be correlated.

3.2.2. Blend Modeling of the Photometry

As an independent test on the possibility that the observations for either HAT-P-18 or HAT-P-19 could be caused by a blend scenario, we follow Torres et al. (2005), Hartman et al. (2009), and Bakos et al. (2010) in attempting to model the photometric observations for each object as either a hierarchical triple system, or a blend between a bright foreground star and a background eclipsing binary. We will show that for both HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19 blend scenarios that do not include a transiting planet may be rejected from the photometric observations alone. We consider five possibilities:

1. One star orbited by a planet;
2. Hierarchical system, three stars, two fainter stars are eclipsing;
3. Hierarchical system, three stars, one planet, planet orbits the fainter star;
4. Hierarchical system, two stars, one planet, planet orbits the brighter star; and
5. Chance alignment, three stars, two background stars are eclipsing.

Here Case 1 is the fiducial model to which we compare the various blend models. We model the observed follow-up and HATNet light curves (including only points that are within one transit duration of the primary transit or secondary eclipse assuming zero eccentricity) together with the 2MASS and TASS photometry. In all cases, we vary the distance to the brightest star in the system, parameters allowing for dilution in the HATNet light curves, and we include simultaneous EPD and TFA in fitting the light curves (see Section 3.3). We draw the stellar radii and magnitudes from the Padova isochrones (Girardi et al. 2000), extended below $0.15 \, M_\odot$ with the Baraffe et al. (1998) isochrones. We use these rather than the YY isochrones for this analysis because of the need to allow for stars with $M < 0.4 \, M_\odot$, which is the lower limit available for the YY models. We use the JKTEBOP program (Southworth et al. 2004a, 2004b) which is based on the Eclipsing Binary Orbit Program (EBOP; Popper & Etzel 1981; Etzel 1981; Nelson & Davis 1972) to generate the model light curves. We optimize the free parameters using the Downhill Simplex Algorithm together with the classical linear least squares algorithm for the EPD and TFA parameters. We rescale the errors for each light curve such that $\chi^2$ per degree of freedom is 1.0 for the out of transit portion of the light curve. Note that this is done prior to applying EPD/TFA corrections for systematic errors. As a result, the $\chi^2$ per degree of freedom
the radius of the planet to 0.74 $M_\odot$ and 0.12 $M_\odot$. For HAT-P-19, the best-fit model consists of two equal 0.83 $M_\odot$ stars with a 0.13 $M_\odot$ M dwarf eclipsing one of the two K stars. For both HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19, the best-fit Case 2 model has higher $\chi^2$ with fewer degrees of freedom than the best-fit Case 1 model, so for both objects the Case 1 model is preferred. To establish the significance at which we may reject the Case 2 model in favor of the Case 1 model, we conduct Monte Carlo simulations which account for the possibility of uncorrected systematic errors in the light curves as described in Hartman et al. (2009). For HAT-P-18, we reject the best-fit Case 2 model at the $\sim 4.4\sigma$ confidence level, while for HAT-P-19 we reject the best-fit Case 2 model at the $\sim 5.1\sigma$ confidence level. We also note that for both objects the only hierarchical triple stellar system that could potentially fit the photometric observations is a system where the two brightest stars have nearly equal masses. Because both HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19 have narrow spectral lines ($v \sin i = 0.5 \pm 0.5$ km s$^{-1}$ and $0.7 \pm 0.5$ km s$^{-1}$ respectively), a second component with a luminosity ratio close to one and an RV semiamplitude of several tens of km s$^{-1}$ would have easily been detected in the spectra of these objects.

Case 3: hierarchical system, two stars, one planet, planet orbits fainter star. In this scenario, the system contains a transiting planet, but it would have a radius that is larger than what we infer assuming there is only one star in the system. For this case, we vary the mass of the faint planet-hosting star, the radius of the planet, and the impact parameter of the transit. We assume the mass of the planet is negligible relative to the mass of its faint host star. For HAT-P-18, the best-fit Case 3 model consists of two equal 0.83 $M_\odot$ stars with a 0.13 $M_\odot$ M dwarf eclipsing one of the two K stars. For both HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19, the best-fit Case 2 model has higher $\chi^2$ with fewer degrees of freedom than the best-fit Case 1 model, so for both objects the Case 1 model is preferred. To establish the significance at which we may reject the Case 2 model in favor of the Case 1 model, we conduct Monte Carlo simulations which account for the possibility of uncorrected systematic errors in the light curves as described in Hartman et al. (2009). For HAT-P-18, we reject the best-fit Case 2 model at the $\sim 4.4\sigma$ confidence level, while for HAT-P-19 we reject the best-fit Case 2 model at the $\sim 5.1\sigma$ confidence level. We also note that for both objects the only hierarchical triple stellar system that could potentially fit the photometric observations is a system where the two brightest stars have nearly equal masses. Because both HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19 have narrow spectral lines ($v \sin i = 0.5 \pm 0.5$ km s$^{-1}$ and $0.7 \pm 0.5$ km s$^{-1}$ respectively), a second component with a luminosity ratio close to one and an RV semiamplitude of several tens of km s$^{-1}$ would have easily been detected in the spectra of these objects.

Case 4: hierarchical system, two stars, one planet, planet orbits brighter star. As in Case 3, in this scenario the system contains a transiting planet, but it would have a radius that is larger than what we infer assuming there is only one star in the system. For this case, we vary the mass of the faint contaminating star, the radius of the planet, and the impact parameter of the transit. Again we assume that the mass of the planet is negligible relative to the mass of its host star. For HAT-P-18, the best-fit model occurs when the mass of the planet is negligible relative to the mass of its host star.

is less than 1.0 for many of the best-fit models discussed below. If the rescaling is not performed, the difference in $\chi^2$ between the best-fit models is even more significant than what is given below, and the blend models may be rejected with even higher confidence. For HAT-P-18, we fix the mass, age, and [Fe/H] metallicity of the brightest star in the system to 0.76 $M_\odot$, 12.4 Gyr, and +0.10, respectively, to reproduce the effective temperature, metallicity, and surface gravity of the bright star as determined from the SME analysis when using the Padova isochrones. For HAT-P-19, we fix the mass, age, and metallicity to 0.83 $M_\odot$, 8.8 Gyr, and +0.23, respectively.

Case 1: one star, one planet. In addition to the parameters mentioned above, in this case we vary the radius of the planet and the impact parameter of the transit. For HAT-P-18, the best-fit model has $\chi^2_{18, \text{Case1}} = 1542.4$ for 1712 degrees of freedom. For HAT-P-19, the best-fit model has $\chi^2_{19, \text{Case1}} = 2710.0$ for 2746 degrees of freedom. The parameters that we obtain for both objects are comparable to those obtained from the global modeling described in Section 3.3.

Case 2: hierarchical system, three stars. For Case 2, we vary the masses of the eclipsing components, and the impact parameter of the eclipse. We take the radii and magnitudes of all three stars from the same isochrone. For HAT-P-18, we find $\chi^2_{18, \text{Case2}} = 1566.9$ for 1711 degrees of freedom, while for HAT-P-19 we find $\chi^2_{19, \text{Case2}} = 2753.6$ for 2745 degrees of freedom. The best-fit model for HAT-P-18 consists of a 0.76 $M_\odot$ star that is blended with an eclipsing binary with components of mass 0.74 $M_\odot$ and 0.12 $M_\odot$. For HAT-P-19, the best-fit model consists of two equal 0.83 $M_\odot$ stars with a 0.13 $M_\odot$ M dwarf eclipsing one of the two K stars. For both HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19, the best-fit Case 2 model has higher $\chi^2$ with fewer degrees of freedom than the best-fit Case 1 model, so for both objects the Case 1 model is preferred. To establish the significance at which we may reject the Case 2 model in favor of the Case 1 model, we conduct Monte Carlo simulations which account for the possibility of uncorrected systematic errors in the light curves as described in Hartman et al. (2009). For HAT-P-18, we reject the best-fit Case 2 model at the $\sim 4.4\sigma$ confidence level, while for HAT-P-19 we reject the best-fit Case 2 model at the $\sim 5.1\sigma$ confidence level. We also note that for both objects the only hierarchical triple stellar system that could potentially fit the photometric observations is a system where the two brightest stars have nearly equal masses. Because both HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19 have narrow spectral lines ($v \sin i = 0.5 \pm 0.5$ km s$^{-1}$ and $0.7 \pm 0.5$ km s$^{-1}$ respectively), a second component with a luminosity ratio close to one and an RV semiamplitude of several tens of km s$^{-1}$ would have easily been detected in the spectra of these objects.

Case 3: hierarchical system, two stars, one planet, planet orbits fainter star. In this scenario, the system contains a transiting planet, but it would have a radius that is larger than what we infer assuming there is only one star in the system. For this case, we vary the mass of the faint planet-hosting star, the radius of the planet, and the impact parameter of the transit. We assume the mass of the planet is negligible relative to the mass of its faint host star. For HAT-P-18, the best-fit Case 3 model consists of two equal 0.83 $M_\odot$ stars with a 0.13 $M_\odot$ M dwarf eclipsing one of the two K stars. For both HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19, the best-fit Case 2 model has higher $\chi^2$ with fewer degrees of freedom than the best-fit Case 1 model, so for both objects the Case 1 model is preferred. To establish the significance at which we may reject the Case 2 model in favor of the Case 1 model, we conduct Monte Carlo simulations which account for the possibility of uncorrected systematic errors in the light curves as described in Hartman et al. (2009). For HAT-P-18, we reject the best-fit Case 2 model at the $\sim 4.4\sigma$ confidence level, while for HAT-P-19 we reject the best-fit Case 2 model at the $\sim 5.1\sigma$ confidence level.
Case 1 model), with $\chi^2_{\text{HAT-P-19}}$ increasing as the mass of the faint companion is increased. We find that a fainter companion with $M > 0.62 \, M_\odot$ is rejected at the $3\sigma$ confidence level, while a companion with $M > 0.51 \, M_\odot$ is rejected at the $2\sigma$ confidence level. This corresponds to $3\sigma$ and $2\sigma$ upper limits on the V-band luminosity ratios of a possible contaminating star of 0.25 and 0.09, respectively. At the $2\sigma$ level, the radius of HAT-P-18b could be 5% larger than what we measure in Section 3.3 if there is an undetected faint companion star. For HAT-P-19, we find that a fainter companion with $M > 0.81 \, M_\odot$ is rejected at the $3\sigma$ level, while a fainter companion with $M > 0.69 \, M_\odot$ is rejected at the $2\sigma$ level. This corresponds to $3\sigma$ and $2\sigma$ upper limits on the V-band luminosity ratios of a possible contaminating star of 0.84 and 0.27, respectively. At the $2\sigma$ level, the radius of HAT-P-19b could be $\sim 18\%$ larger than what we measure in Section 3.3 if there is an undetected faint companion star. While $\chi^2$ generally increases when the mass of the faint star increases, its minimum actually occurs when the faint star has a mass of $\sim 0.4-0.5 \, M_\odot$, where the value of $\chi^2$ is 4 less than the value when the faint companion is excluded (the Case 1 model). The difference is too low to be statistically significant, but it is nonetheless interesting that this object also exhibits a linear drift in its RV, which might indicate the presence of a low-mass stellar companion. If there is a $0.45 \, M_\odot$ faint companion, the radius of HAT-P-19b would be $\sim 3\%$ larger than what we measure in Section 3.3.

**Case 5: chance alignment, three stars, background stars are eclipsing.** For Case 5, we vary the masses of the two eclipsing stars, the impact parameter of their eclipses, the age of the background system, the metallicity of the background system, and the difference in distance modulus between the foreground star and the background binary $\Delta V$. For HAT-P-18, we find that the best-fit model has $\chi^2_{\text{HAT-P-18}} = 1561.2$ and consists of a “background” binary at $0 = 0$ with a primary component that has the same mass as the foreground star. This is effectively Case 2, except that the age and metallicity of the binary are allowed to vary, so that the result has a slightly lower $\chi^2$ value than the best-fit Case 2 model. The value of $\chi^2_{\text{HAT-P-18}}$ steadily increases with $\Delta V$. For HAT-P-18, the best-fit Case 5 model may be rejected in favor of the Case 1 fiducial model at the $\sim 4.1\sigma$ confidence level. We may reject models with $\Delta V > 0.2$ with greater than $5\sigma$ confidence. The $5\sigma$ lower limit on the V-band luminosity ratio between the primary component of the background binary and the foreground star is $\sim 0.75$. Such a system would have easily been identified and rejected as a spectroscopic double-lined object in either the Keck or TRES spectra. For HAT-P-19, we find that the best-fit model has $\chi^2_{\text{HAT-P-19}} = 2727.7$ and consists of a background binary at $\Delta V = 0.1 \, \text{mag}$. The primary component of the binary has a mass of $0.85 \, M_\odot$, while the secondary has a mass of $0.14 \, M_\odot$. The binary system has an age of 9 Gyr and a metallicity of $[\text{Fe/H}] = +0.4$. This model can be rejected in favor of the fiducial model at the 3.5$\sigma$ confidence level. We note that we can reject models with $\Delta V > 0.9 \, \text{mag}$ at the $5\sigma$ level. The $5\sigma$ lower limit on the V-band luminosity ratio between the primary component of the background binary and the foreground star is $\sim 0.58$. As for HAT-P-18, such a system would have easily been identified and rejected as a spectroscopic double-lined object in either the Keck or TRES spectra. We conclude that for HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19 a blend model consisting of a single star and a background eclipsing binary is inconsistent with the photometric observations at the $3\sigma-4\sigma$ level, and any models that are not inconsistent with greater than $5\sigma$ confidence are inconsistent with the spectroscopic observations. This reaffirms our conclusion in the previous section about the true planetary nature of the signals in both HAT-P-18 and HAT-P-19.

### 3.3. Global Modeling of the Data

This section describes the procedure we followed for each system to model the HATNet photometry, the follow-up photometry, and the RVs simultaneously. Our model for the follow-up light curves used analytic formulae based on Mandel & Agol (2002) for the eclipse of a star by a planet, with limb darkening being prescribed by a quadratic law. The limb-darkening coefficients for the Sloan i-band and Sloan g-band were interpolated from the tables by Claret (2004) for the spectroscopic parameters of each star as determined from the SME analysis (Section 3.1). The transit shape was parameterized by the normalized planetary radius $p \equiv R_p/R_*$, the square of the impact parameter $b^2$, and the reciprocal of the half duration of the transit $\tau \equiv R_*/b$. We chose these parameters because of their simple geometric meanings and the fact that these show negligible correlations (see Bakos et al. 2010). The relation between $\tau \equiv R_*/b$, and the quantity $a/R_*$, used in Section 3.1, is given by

$$a/R_* = P/2\pi(\tau/\sqrt{1-b^2})(1+e\sin\omega)$$

(see, e.g., Tingley & Sackett 2005). Our model for the HATNet data was a simplified version of the Mandel & Agol (2002) analytic functions (an expansion in terms of Legendre polynomials), for the reasons described in Bakos et al. (2010). Following the formalism presented by Pál (2009a), the RVs were fitted with an eccentric Keplerian model parameterized by the semimajor axis $a$, and the Lagrangian elements $k \equiv e\cos\omega$ and $h \equiv e\sin\omega$, in which $\omega$ is the longitude of periastron.

We assumed that there is a strict periodicity in the individual transit times. For each system, we assigned the transit number $N_t = 0$ to the first complete follow-up light curve. For HAT-P-18b, this was the light curve obtained on 2008 April 25, and for HAT-P-19b this was the light curve obtained on 2009 December 1. The adjustable parameters in the fit that determine the ephemerides were chosen to be the time of the first transit center observed with HATNet ($T_c - \sigma_1$), and $T_c - \sigma_2$ for HAT-P-18b, and HAT-P-19b respectively) and that of the last transit center observed with the FLWO 1.2 m telescope ($T_c - \sigma_3$ and $T_c$ for HAT-P-18b, and HAT-P-19b, respectively). We used these as opposed to period and reference epoch in order to minimize correlations between parameters (see Pál et al. 2008). Times of mid-transit for intermediate events were interpolated using these two epochs and the corresponding transit number of each event, $N_t$. For HAT-P-18b, the eight main parameters describing the physical model were thus the times of first and last transit center, $R_p/R_*$, $b^2$, $\tau \equiv R_*/b$, $k \equiv e\cos\omega$, and $h \equiv e\sin\omega$. For HAT-P-19b, we included as a ninth parameter a velocity acceleration term to account for an apparent linear drift in the velocity residuals after fitting for a Keplerian orbit. Three additional parameters were included for HAT-P-19b that have to do with the instrumental configuration. For HAT-P-19b, six additional parameters were included. These include the HATNet blend factors $B_{\text{inst}}$ (one for each HATNet field for HAT-P-19b), which accounts for possible dilution of the transit in the HATNet light curve from background stars due to the broad PSF (20$''$ FWHM), the HATNet out-of-transit magnitude $M_0_{\text{HATNet}}$ (also one for each HATNet field for HAT-P-19b), and the relative zero point $\gamma_{\text{HATNet}}$ of the Keck RVs (and the Subaru RVs for HAT-P-19b).

We extended our physical model with an instrumental model that describes brightness variations caused by systematic errors.
in the measurements. This was done in a similar fashion to the analysis presented by Bakos et al. (2010). The HATNet photometry has already been EPD- and TFA-corrected before the global modeling, so we only considered corrections for systematics in the follow-up light curves. We chose the “ELTG” method, i.e., EPD was performed in “local” mode with EPD coefficients defined for each night, and TFA was performed in “global” mode using the same set of stars and TFA coefficients for all nights. The five EPD parameters were the hour angle (representing a monotonic trend that changes linearly over time), the square of the hour angle (reflecting elevation), and the stellar profile parameters (equivalent to FWHM, elongation, and position angle of the image). The functional forms of the above parameters contained six coefficients, including the auxiliary out-of-transit magnitude of the individual events. For each system the EPD parameters were independent for all nights, implying 12, and 24 additional coefficients in the global fit for HAT-P-18b and HAT-P-19b, respectively. For the global TFA analysis we chose 20 template stars for each system that had good quality measurements for all nights and on all frames, implying an additional 20 parameters in the fit for each system. In both cases, the total number of fitted parameters (43 and 49 for HAT-P-18b and HAT-P-19b, respectively) was much smaller than the number of data points (422, and 438, counting only RV measurements and follow-up photometry measurements).

The joint fit was performed as described in Bakos et al. (2010). We minimized $\chi^2$ in the space of parameters by using a hybrid algorithm, combining the downhill simplex method (AMOEBA; see Press et al. 1992) with a classical linear least-squares algorithm. Uncertainties for the parameters were derived applying the Markov Chain Monte-Carlo method (MCMC; see Ford 2006) using “Hyperplane-CLLS” chains (Bakos et al. 2010). This provided the full a posteriori probability distributions of all adjusted variables. The a priori distributions of the parameters for these chains were chosen to be Gaussian, with eigenvalues and eigenvectors derived from the Fisher covariance matrix for the best-fit solution. The Fisher covariance matrix was calculated analytically using the partial derivatives given by Pál (2009a).

Following this procedure, we obtained the a posteriori distributions for all fitted variables, and other quantities of interest such as $a/R_\star$, as described in Section 3.1. $a/R_\star$ was used together with stellar evolution models to infer a theoretical value for $\log g_*$, that is significantly more accurate than the spectroscopic value. The improved estimate was in turn applied to a second iteration of the SME analysis, as explained previously, in order to obtain better estimates of $T_{\text{eff}}$, [Fe/H]. The global modeling was then repeated with updated limb-darkening coefficients based on those new spectroscopic determinations. The resulting geometric parameters pertaining to the light curves and velocity curves for each system are listed in Table 9.

Included in each table is the RV “jitter.” This is a component of noise that we added in quadrature to the internal errors for the RVs in order to achieve $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 1$ from the RV data for the global fit. It is unclear to what extent this excess noise is intrinsic to the star, and to what extent it is due to instrumental effects which have not been accounted for in the internal error estimates.

The planetary parameters and their uncertainties can be derived by combining the a posteriori distributions for the stellar, light curve, and RV parameters. In this way we find masses and radii for each planet. These and other planetary parameters are listed at the bottom of Table 9. We find:

![Figure 10. Mass–radius diagram of known TEPs (small filled squares). HAT-P-18b and HAT-P-19b are shown as large filled squares. Overlaid are Fortney et al. (2007) planetary isochrones interpolated to the solar equivalent semi-major axis of HAT-P-18b for ages of 1.0 Gyr (upper, solid lines) and 4 Gyr (lower dashed-dotted lines) and core masses of 0 and 10 $M_J$ (upper and lower lines, respectively), as well as isodensity lines for 0.4, 0.7, 1.0, 1.33, 5.5, and 11.9 $g$ cm$^{-3}$ (dashed lines). Solar system planets are shown with open triangles. (A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.)](image-url)

1. HAT-P-18b—\( M_p = 0.197 \pm 0.013 \ M_J \), radius \( R_p = 0.995 \pm 0.052 \ R_J \), and mean density \( \rho_p = 0.25 \pm 0.04 \ \text{g cm}^{-3} \).

2. HAT-P-19b—\( M_p = 0.292 \pm 0.018 \ M_J \), radius \( R_p = 1.132 \pm 0.072 \ R_J \), and mean density \( \rho_p = 0.25 \pm 0.04 \ \text{g cm}^{-3} \).

Both planets have an eccentricity consistent with zero ($e = 0.084 \pm 0.048$ for HAT-P-18b, and $e = 0.067 \pm 0.042$ for HAT-P-19b). As mentioned above, for HAT-P-19, the RV residuals from a single-Keplerian orbital fit exhibit a linear trend in time. We therefore included an acceleration term to account for this trend. We find $\dot{\gamma} = 0.439 \pm 0.048 \ \text{m s}^{-1} \ \text{day}^{-1}$. In Section 4, we consider the implication of additional bodies (stellar or planetary) in the HAT-P-19 system.

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Figure 10 compares HAT-P-18b and HAT-P-19b to other known TEPs on a mass–radius diagram. We discuss the properties of each planet in turn.

4.1. HAT-P-18b

From the Fortney et al. (2007) planetary models, the expected radius for a coreless \( 0.20 \pm 0.01 \ M_J \) planet orbiting a 4.5 Gyr star with a Solar-equivalent semimajor axis of 0.1073 \pm 0.0071 AU is \( \sim 1.02 \ R_J \), which is consistent with the measured radius for HAT-P-18b of 1.00 \pm 0.05 \ R_J. The preferred age for HAT-P-18 from the YY isochrones (12.4 \pm 4.5 Gyr) is somewhat older than 4.5 Gyr, in which case the expected planetary radius would be even smaller. If a slight core of 10 $M_J$ is assumed, the expected radius of 0.91 \ R_J is below the measured radius. We conclude therefore that HAT-P-18b is a predominantly hydrogen–helium gas giant planet, and does not possess a significant heavy element core.

HAT-P-18b is perhaps most similar in properties to the slightly higher density planet HAT-P-12b ($M = 0.211 \pm$
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for HAT-P-12. HAT-P-18 is also more metal rich ([Fe/H] = 0.05 ± 0.04). Both planets orbit K dwarfs (HAT-P-18 has mass $M_\star = 0.77 ± 0.03 \ M_☉$, and HAT-P-12 has mass $M_\star = 0.73 ± 0.02 \ M_☉$). However, HAT-P-18 appears to be older than HAT-P-12, having an isochrone age of 12.4±0.5 Gyr compared with 2.5 ± 2.0 Gyr for HAT-P-12. HAT-P-18 is also more metal rich ([Fe/H] = +0.10 ± 0.08) than HAT-P-12 ([Fe/H] = −0.36 ± 0.04).

### 4.2. HAT-P-19b

Like HAT-P-18b, HAT-P-19b also does not appear to possess a significant heavy element core. From the Fortney et al. (2007) planetary models, the expected radius for a coreless 0.29 ± 0.02 $M_\star$ planet orbiting a 4.5 Gyr star with a Solar-equivalent semi-major axis of 0.0763 ± 0.0065 AU is ~1.02 $R_\oplus$, which is lower than the measured radius for HAT-P-19b of 1.13 ± 0.07 $R_\oplus$. If an age of 1.0 Gyr is assumed, the expected planet radius increases to 1.06 $R_\oplus$, but is still slightly lower than, though consistent with, the measured radius.

Like HAT-P-18b, HAT-P-19b is also very similar in mass/radius to another TEP, in this case WASP-21b ($M = 0.30 ± 0.01 \ M_\star$, $R = 1.07 ± 0.05 \ R_\oplus$; Bouchy et al. 2010). WASP-21b orbits a somewhat hotter star than HAT-P-19b (WASP-21 has $M = 1.01^{+0.024}_{-0.025} \ M_☉$, while HAT-P-19 has

### Table 9

| Parameter | HAT-P-18b | HAT-P-19b |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| $P$ (days) ... | 5.508023 ± 0.000006 | 4.008778 ± 0.000006 |
| $T_0$ (BJD) ... | 2454715.02174 ± 0.00020 | 2455091.53417 ± 0.00034 |
| $T_{14}$ (days) ... | 0.1131 ± 0.0009 | 0.1182 ± 0.0014 |
| $T_{12} = T_{14}$ (days) ... | 0.0150 ± 0.0008 | 0.0172 ± 0.0014 |
| $a/R_\star$ ... | 16.04 ± 0.75 | 12.24 ± 0.67 |
| $\xi/R_\star$ ... | 20.36 ± 0.08 | 19.76 ± 0.12 |
| $R_p/R_\star$ ... | 0.1365 ± 0.0015 | 0.1418 ± 0.0020 |
| $b^2$ ... | 0.105 ± 0.040 | 0.163 ± 0.055 |
| $b \equiv a \cos i/R_\star$ ... | 0.324 ± 0.055 | 0.404 ± 0.061 |
| $i$ (deg) ... | 88.8 ± 0.3 | 88.2 ± 0.4 |
| Limb-darkening coefficients$^c$ | | |
| $a, i$ (linear term, $i$ filter) ... | 0.4372 | 0.4135 |
| $b, i$ (quadratic term) ... | 0.2276 | 0.2459 |
| $a, g$ ... | 0.8477 | 0.8016 |
| $b, g$ ... | −0.0060 | 0.0368 |
| RV parameters | | |
| $K$ (m s$^{-1}$) ... | 27.1 ± 1.6 | 42.0 ± 2.1 |
| $\gamma$ (m s$^{-1}$ day$^{-1}$) ... | ... | 0.439 ± 0.048 |
| $k_{rv}^d$ ... | −0.035 ± 0.038 | −0.009 ± 0.029 |
| $h_{rv}^d$ ... | 0.063 ± 0.062 | 0.058 ± 0.054 |
| $e$ ... | 0.084 ± 0.048 | 0.067 ± 0.042 |
| $\omega$ (deg) ... | 120 ± 56 | 256 ± 77 |
| RV jitter (m s$^{-1}$) ... | 5.0 | 6.7 |
| Secondary eclipse parameters | | |
| $T_i$ (BJD) ... | 2454717.65 ± 0.13 | 2455093.515 ± 0.074 |
| $T_{i,14}$ ... | 0.127 ± 0.014 | 0.107 ± 0.010 |
| $T_{i,12}$ ... | 0.0173 ± 0.0029 | 0.0149 ± 0.0020 |
| Planetary parameters | | |
| $M_p (M_\oplus)$ ... | 0.197 ± 0.013 | 0.292 ± 0.018 |
| $R_p/R_\star$ ... | 0.995 ± 0.052 | 1.132 ± 0.072 |
| $C(M_p, R_p)^e$ ... | 0.19 | 0.35 |
| $\rho_p$ (g cm$^{-3}$) ... | 0.25 ± 0.04 | 0.25 ± 0.04 |
| log $g_p$ (g/s) ... | 2.69 ± 0.05 | 2.75 ± 0.05 |
| $a$ (AU) ... | 0.0559 ± 0.0007 | 0.0466 ± 0.0008 |
| $T_{eq}$ (K) ... | 852 ± 28 | 1010 ± 42 |
| $\theta_p^g$ ... | 0.029 ± 0.002 | 0.028 ± 0.002 |
| $\langle F \rangle$ (10$^8$ erg s$^{-1}$ cm$^{-2}$)$^g$ ... | 1.19 ± 0.16 | 2.35 ± 0.41 |

**Notes.**

$a$ We list the median value of each parameter from its MCMC a posteriori distribution. We also provide the upper and lower 1σ error bars about the median for each parameter.

$b$ $T_i$: reference epoch of mid-transit that minimizes the correlation with the orbital period. It corresponds to $N_a = 24$. $T_{14}$: total transit duration, time between first to last contacts; $T_{12} = T_{14}$: ingress/egress time, time between first and second, or third and fourth contacts. BJD is calculated from UTC.

$c$ Values for a quadratic law, adopted from the tabulations by Claret (2004) according to the spectroscopic (SME) parameters listed in Table 8.

$d$ The Lagrangian orbital parameters derived from the global modeling, and primarily determined by the RV data.

$e$ Correlation coefficient between the planetary mass $M_p$ and radius $R_p$.

$f$ The Saffonov number is given by $\Theta = \frac{1}{2}(V_{esc}/V_{orb})^2 = (a/R_p)(M_p/M_\star)$ (see Hansen & Barman 2007).

$g$ Incoming flux per unit surface area, averaged over the orbit.

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$M = 0.84 \pm 0.04 M_\odot$). HAT-P-19 is also more metal rich than WASP-21 ([Fe/H] = +0.23 \pm 0.08 for HAT-P-19, while [Fe/H] = −0.4 \pm 0.1 for WASP-21).

As noted in Section 3.3, the RV residuals of HAT-P-19 show a linear trend in time, which is evidence for a third body in the system. The evidence for this trend comes entirely from the Subaru/HDS observations which span 144 days. Although the Subaru/HDS observations predate the Keck/HIRES observations, the uncertain RV zero-point difference between these two data sets prevents us from comparing the Subaru/HDS observations with the Keck/HIRES observations to extend the baseline for measuring the linear variation in the RV residuals. The Subaru/HDS observations span only three days, so the trend is not evident in this data set. Following Winn et al. (2010), we set $\gamma \sim GM_c \sin i_c/a_c^2$ to give an order-of-magnitude constraint on the third body, assuming the orbit is circular. This gives

$$\left( \frac{M_c \sin i_c}{M_J} \right) \left( \frac{a_c}{1 \text{AU}} \right)^2 \sim 0.9.$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

The time span of the RV measurements, and the lack of evidence for jerk ($\dot{\gamma}$) in the RV residuals, lets us put a rough limit on the third body’s orbital period of $P_c \gtrsim 2 \times 144 = 288$ days, or $a_c \gtrsim 0.8$ AU. This gives a rough lower limit on the mass of the third body of $M_c \gtrsim 0.6 M_J$, though this depends on the eccentricity, argument of periastron, and time of conjunction. The object could also be a low-mass star with $M > 90 M_J$ if it has $a_c \gtrsim 10$ AU.

4.3 Core Mass–Metallicity Correlation

As noted in the introduction, the previously known Saturn-mass planets exhibited a suggestive correlation between core mass (or density) and host star metallicity. The two low density planets HAT-P-12b and WASP-21b are consistent with having no core, and orbit sub-solar metallicity stars. While the higher density planets Kepler-9b, Kepler-9c, CoRoT-8b, WASP-29b, and HD 149026b are consistent with having substantial cores, and orbit super-solar metallicity stars. The apparent correlation between planet core mass and host star metallicity was previously noted by Guillot et al. (2006) and Burrows et al. (2007) for all TEPs known at the time (nine and fourteen respectively). Many of the planets with $M \gtrsim 0.4 M_J$ have radii that are larger than can be accommodated by theoretical models, so it is unclear whether the inferred core masses are physically meaningful for these planets. Nonetheless, for planets in the mass range $0.4–0.7 M_J$ Enoch et al. (2010) find that planet radius is inversely proportional to host star metallicity, which is what would be expected if the heavy element content of these planets (or core mass) is proportional to host star metallicity. Figure 11 shows the relation between core mass inferred from the Fortney et al. (2007) models and stellar metallicity for planets with $0.15 M_J < M < 0.4 M_J$, and $0.4 M_J < M < 0.6 M_J$, HAT-P-18b and HAT-P-19b do not follow the correlation that was previously seen for the other Saturn-mass planets. However, since the sample size of known Saturn-mass TEPs is still quite small, further discoveries are needed to illuminate the properties of planets in this mass range.

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