HATS-74Ab, HATS-75b, HATS-76b AND HATS-77b: FOUR TRANSITING GIANT PLANETS AROUND K AND M DWARFS *

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ABSTRACT

The relative rarity of giant planets around low mass stars compared with solar-type stars is a key prediction from core accretion planet formation theory. In this paper we report on the discovery of four gas giant planets that transit low

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* The HATSouth network is operated by a collaboration consisting of Princeton University (PU), the Max Planck Institute für Astronomie (MPIA), the Australian National University (ANU), and the Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (UAI). The station at Las Campanas Observatory (LCO) of the Carnegie Institute is operated by PU in conjunction with UAI, the station at the High Energy Spectroscopic Survey (H.E.S.S.) site is operated in conjunction with MPIA, and the station at Siding Spring Observatory (SSO) is operated jointly with ANU. Based in part on observations made with the MPG 2.2m Telescope at the ESO Observatory in La Silla. Based on observations collected at the European Southern Observatory.
mass late K and early M dwarfs. The planets HATS-74Ab (TOI 737b), HATS-75b (TOI 552b), HATS-76b (TOI 555b),
and HATS-77b (TOI 730b), were all discovered from the HATSouth photometric survey and followed-up using TESS
and other photometric facilities. We use the new ESPRESSO facility at the VLT to confirm and systems and measure
their masses. We find that that planets have masses of $1.46 \pm 0.14 \, M_J$, $0.491 \pm 0.039 \, M_J$, $2.629 \pm 0.089 \, M_J$ and
$1.374^{+0.100}_{-0.074} \, M_J$, respectively, and radii of $1.032 \pm 0.021 \, R_J$, $0.884 \pm 0.013 \, R_J$, $1.079 \pm 0.031 \, R_J$, and $1.165 \pm 0.021 \, R_J$,
respectively. The planets all orbit close to their host stars with orbital periods ranging from 1.7319 d to 3.0876 d. With
further work we aim to test core accretion theory by using these and further discoveries to quantify the occurrence
rate of giant planets around low mass host stars.

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1. INTRODUCTION

One of the basic quantities of interest in exoplanetary science is the planet occurrence rate expressed as a function of both the properties of the planets and the stars that host them. A significant early result was the realization that occurrence of gas giants scaled with stellar metallicity, in the sense that more metal-rich stars were more likely to host gas giants (e.g., Gonzalez 1998; Santos et al. 2004; Fischer & Valenti 2005). This provided strong support to the core-accretion scenario for the formation of short period gas giants, illustrating how occurrence rates can provide stringent tests for the processes that drive the formation and evolution of planetary systems.

Various surveys using the whole spectrum of exoplanet detection techniques continued advancing towards a better determination of occurrence rates (for recent reviews, see Mulders 2018; Zhu & Dong 2021), and in particular to determining the joint dependence of occurrence rate with metallicity and mass. Despite significant progress, there remain large gaps in our understanding of many classes of planetary system. One of them is the occurrence of giant planets around low-mass stars with masses $M \lesssim 0.6 M_\odot$, which corresponds to stars of type M and later. While some studies suggested that the occurrence rate increased with stellar mass and was significantly higher for FGK hosts as compared to M dwarf hosts (Johnson et al. 2010; Clanton & Gaudi 2014; Montet et al. 2014), others have shown that this result was not statistically significant (Mortier et al. 2013; Gaidos & Mann 2014; Obermeier et al. 2016) and conclude the data were consistent with no dependence on stellar mass.

The recent radial velocity study of M dwarfs by Sabotta et al. (2021) cannot rule out the giant planet occurrence rate being the same for M and G dwarf hosts. The Kepler mission allowed great progress in the determination of occurrence rates down to Earth-size planets (e.g. Hsu et al. 2019), but it did not improve significantly the situation for giant planets around M dwarfs. Giant planets are very rare in comparison to sub-Neptunes, and M dwarfs are intrinsically faint. As a result, very few giant planets around M dwarfs were uncovered by Kepler. Indeed, of the 137 giant planets ($R_p > 0.6 R_J$) validated by Kepler, only two are orbiting M dwarfs (Doyle et al. 2011; Johnson et al. 2012).

Formation models based on the core-accretion paradigm predict that M dwarf systems should form very few, if any, giant planets. This is a consequence of the lack of sufficient mass surface density and the increased orbital timescales around low-mass stars (e.g., Laughlin et al. 2004; Ida & Lin 2005). The occurrence rate of giant planets is predicted by recent models to decrease from their value for FGK dwarfs down to zero in the stellar mass range $0.7 M_\odot$–$0.3 M_\odot$ (Burn et al. 2021). This prediction is currently not well tested observationally due to the very low number of M stars monitored in exoplanet surveys, although the recent discovery of a giant planet with a minimum mass $0.46 M_J$ around a 0.123 $M_\odot$ star (Morales et al. 2019) is already providing some tension for this prediction. Therefore, systematically uncovering these systems is of importance as it allows us to map the planet formation efficiency in a region of parameter space where dramatic changes are expected.

In order to discover significant numbers of giants around low mass stars it is necessary to scan larger regions of the sky and go deeper, often to magnitudes $V \gtrsim 16$, which in turn makes the confirmation via radial velocities significantly more challenging. The TESS mission is surveying the whole sky, providing new candidate giants around low-mass stars. There is a synergy in this search with ground-based surveys, particularly those such as HATSouth (Bakos et al. 2013) that have a larger aperture than TESS and can therefore provide competitive photometric accuracy at the faint magnitude of the typical target of interest. In this work we present the discovery of four giant planets around early M and late K dwarfs with stellar masses in the range $0.6 – 0.65 M_\odot$, a result of a systematic effort to discover giant planets around low mass stars exploiting the synergies between TESS and ground-based surveys. The paper is structured as follows: in §2 we describe the data which were used to perform the global modeling of the system as described in §3. The results are discussed in §4.

2. OBSERVATIONS

Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4 show the observations collected for HATS-74A, HATS-75, HATS-76 and HATS-77, respectively. Each figure shows the HATSouth light curve used to detect the transits, the ground-based follow-up transit light curves, the high-precision RVs, and the catalog broad-band photometry, including parallax corrections from Gaia DR2 (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018), used in characterizing the host stars. We also show the TESS light curves for each system in Figures 5, 6, 7 and 8. Below we describe the observations of these objects that were collected and analyzed here.

2.1. Photometric detection

All four of the systems presented here were discovered as transiting planet candidates by the HATSouth ground-based transiting planet survey (Bakos et al. 2013) as we discuss in Section 2.1.1. Following the detection of transits for these four systems by HATSouth,
we proposed for short-cadence NASA TESS observations for all of these systems through the NASA TESS Guest Investigator Program (G011214). All four objects showed clear transits in the TESS data (Section 2.1.2), and were independently selected as transit candidates, based on these observations, by the TESS team.

2.1.1. HATSouth

HATSouth uses a network of 24 telescopes, each 0.18 m in aperture, and 4K × 4K front-side-illuminated CCD cameras. These are attached to a total of six fully-automated mounts, each with an associated enclosure, which are in turn located at three sites around the Southern hemisphere. The three sites are Las Campanas Observatory (LCO) in Chile, the site of the H.E.S.S. gamma-ray observatory in Namibia, and Siding Spring Observatory (SSO) in Australia. The operations and observing procedures of the network were described by Bakos et al. (2013), while the method for reducing the images to trend-filtered light curves and searching for candidate transiting planets were described by Penev et al. (2013). We note that the trend-filtering makes use of the Trend-Filtering Algorithm (TFA) of Kovács et al. (2005), while transit signals are detected using the Box-fitting Least Squares (BLS) method of Kovács et al. (2002). The HATSouth observations of each system are summarized in Table 1, and displayed in Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4, while the light curve data are made available in Table 2.
Figure 1. Observations used to confirm the transiting planet system HATS-74A, excluding data from the NASA TESS mission which are shown in Figure 5. Top Left: Phase-folded unbinned HATSouth light curve. The top panel shows the full light curve, the middle panel shows the light curve zoomed-in on the transit, and the bottom panel shows the residuals from the best-fit model zoomed-in on the transit. The solid lines show the model fits to the light curves. The dark filled circles show the light curves binned in phase with a bin size of 0.002. (Caption continued on next page.)
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Top Right: Unbinned follow-up transit light curves corrected for instrumental trends fitted simultaneously with the transit model, which is overplotted. The dates, filters and instruments used are indicated. The residuals are shown on the right-hand-side in the same order as the original light curves. The error bars represent the photon and background shot noise, plus the readout noise. Note that these uncertainties are scaled up in the fitting procedure to achieve a reduced $\chi^2$ of unity, but the uncertainties shown in the plot have not been scaled.  

Bottom Left: Radial velocities and bisector span measurements from ESPRESSO/VLT phased with respect to the mid-transit time. The top panel shows the phased radial velocity measurements together with the best-fit model. The center-of-mass velocity has been subtracted. The middle panel shows the velocity $O-C$ residuals. The error bars include the estimated jitter, which is varied as a free parameter in the fitting. The bottom panel shows the phased bisector span measurements.  

Bottom Right: Color-magnitude diagram (CMD) and spectral energy distribution (SED). The top panel shows the absolute $G$ magnitude vs. the de-reddened $G-K_S$ color compared to theoretical isochrones (black lines) and stellar evolution tracks (green lines) from the MIST models interpolated at the best-estimate value for the metallicity of the host. The age of each isochrone is listed in black in Gyr, while the mass of each evolution track is listed in green in solar masses. The solid red lines show isochrones at higher and lower metallicities than the best-estimate value, with the metallicity and age in Gyr of each isochrone labelled on the plot. The filled blue circles show the measured reddening- and distance-corrected values from Gaia DR2 and 2MASS, while the blue lines indicate the 1σ and 2σ confidence regions, including the estimated systematic errors in the photometry. The middle panel shows the SED as measured via broadband photometry through the listed filters. Here we plot the observed magnitudes without correcting for distance or extinction. Overplotted are 200 model SEDs randomly selected from the MCMC posterior distribution produced through the global analysis (gray lines). The model makes use of the predicted absolute magnitudes in each bandpass from the MIST isochrones, the distance to the system (constrained largely via Gaia DR2) and extinction (constrained from the SED with a prior coming from the mwdust 3D Galactic extinction model). The bottom panel shows the $O-C$ residuals from the best-fit model SED. The errors listed in the catalogs for the broad-band photometry measurements are shown with black lines, while the errors including an assumed 0.02 mag systematic uncertainty, which is added in quadrature to the listed uncertainties, are shown with red lines. These latter uncertainties are what we use in the fit.
Figure 2. Same as Figure 1, here we show the observations of HATS-75 together with our best-fit model. The TESS light curve for this system is shown in Figure 6.
Figure 3. Same as Figure 1, here we show the observations of HATS-76 together with our best-fit model. The TESS light curve for this system is shown in Figure 7.
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HATS-77 P=3.09d  M_p=1.37M_Jup  R_p=1.17R_Jup  M_S=0.66M_Sun  R_S=0.64R_Sun

HATS-77 RVs and BSs

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HATS-77 Follow-up Light Curves

HATS-77 [Fe/H] = 0.25 CMD and SED

Figure 4. Same as Figure 1, here we show the observations of HATS-77 together with our best-fit model. The TESS light curve for this system is shown in Figure 8.
Figure 5. *TESS* short-cadence light curve for HATS-74A. We show the full un-phased light curve as a function of time (*top*), the full phase-folded light curve (*middle left*), the phase-folded light curve zoomed-in on the planetary transit (*middle right*), the phase-folded light curve zoomed-in on the secondary eclipse (*bottom left*), and the residuals from the best-fit model, phase-folded and zoomed-in on the planetary transit (*bottom right*). The solid line in each panel shows the model fit to the light curve. The dark filled circles show the light curve binned in phase with a bin size of 0.002. Other observations included in our analysis of this system are shown in Figure 1.
Figure 6. Similar to Figure 5, here we show the TESS short-cadence light curve for HATS-75. Other observations included in our analysis of this system are shown in Figure 2.

Figure 7. Similar to Figure 5, here we show the TESS short-cadence light curve for HATS-76. Other observations included in our analysis of this system are shown in Figure 3.
Figure 8. Similar to Figure 8, here we show the TESS short-cadence light curve for HATS-77. Other observations included in our analysis of this system are shown in Figures 4.
2.1.2. TESS

All four systems were observed by the NASA TESS mission as summarized in Table 1. Observations were carried out in short-cadence mode through the TESS Guest-Investigator program (G011214; PI Bakos) to observe HATS South transiting planet candidates with TESS. The short-cadence observations were reduced to light curves by the NASA Science Processing Operations Center (SPOC) Pipeline at NASA Ames Research Center (Jenkins et al. 2016, 2010). Multiple threshold crossing events were identified for each target, and all four objects were selected as transiting planet candidates and assigned TESS Object of Interest (TOI) identifiers (TOI 737.01, TOI 552.01, TOI 555.01, and TOI 730.01, respectively). Each target passed all of the data validation tests conducted by the pipeline, including no discernable difference between odd and even transits, no evidence for a weak secondary event, no evidence for stronger transits in a halo aperture compared to the optimal aperture used to extract the light curve, strong evidence that the target is not a false alarm due to correlated noise, and no evidence for variations in the difference image centroid.

We obtained the SPOC PDC light curves (Stumpe et al. 2014; Smith et al. 2012) for all four objects from the Barbara A. Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes (MAST). These light curves have been corrected for dilution from any other sources in the TESS Input Catalog (TIC; Stassun et al. 2019) that are blended with the targets in the TESS observations. The TESS light curves show clear transit signals for all four systems that are fully consistent with the transit signals detected with HATSouth as shown in Fig. 5, Fig. 6, Fig. 7, and Fig. 8. The TESS light curve data that we included in the analyses are listed in Table 2.

HATS-74A is blended in the TESS images with a $0^\prime$84 neighbor with $\Delta G = 3.183$ mag, which we denote HATS-74B in this work. The neighbor is resolved in the Gaia DR2 catalog, and was also detected in high-spatial-resolution imaging (Section 2.4). The neighbor is blended with the target in all of the time-series photometric observations which we carried out, and in all of the catalog photometry except the Gaia DR2 G-band measurement, and we discuss our methods for correcting these data in Section 3.1.

There are no known sources blended with either HATS-75 or HATS-76 in the TESS images down to $G \lesssim 20$ mag.

There are two sources that are within 2 pixels of HATS-77 in the TESS images, including one object with $\Delta G = 1.04$ mag at a separation of $2^\prime$1, and an object with $\Delta G = 3.52$ mag at a separation of $28^\prime$8. These two objects are fully resolved from HATS-77 in all of the other observations included in the analysis of this system.

2.1.3. Photometric Rotation Periods

We also searched the HATSouth and TESS light curves for other periodic signals using the Generalized Lomb-Scargle method (GLS; Zechmeister & Kürster 2009), and for additional transit signals by applying a second iteration of BLS. Both of these searches were performed on the residual light curves after subtracting the best-fit transit models. We analyzed the HATSouth and TESS light curves separately for each object.

We detect no evidence for additional variability in the HATSouth light curve of HATS-74A. The highest peak in the GLS periodogram of the HATSouth residual light curve of HATS-74A has a 95% confidence upper-limit on the semi-amplitude of 4.9 mmag, and the highest peak in the BLS periodogram has a transit depth of 16.7 mmag. The TESS light curve, however, does show evidence for a periodic signal, with a period of $4.745422 \pm 0.000040$ days and a semi-amplitude of $1.86 \pm 0.41$ mmag (Fig. 9, left) that we interpret as the photometric rotation period of the star. The GLS false alarm probability, calibrated using a bootstrap procedure, is $10^{-4}$. No significant additional transit signals are revealed by BLS, with the highest peak in the BLS spectrum having a transit depth of 4.3 mmag.

The GLS analysis of the HATSouth light curve of HATS-75 reveals a significant periodic signal, with a period of $35.0435 \pm 0.0017$ days, semi-amplitude of $1.71 \pm 0.21$ mmag, and false-alarm probability of $10^{-11}$ (Fig. 9, right). The BLS analysis identifies this same signal in the HATSouth light curve, but the morphology of the phase-folded light curve clearly indicates that this is rotational variability due to starspots, rather than a transit signal. No other transit signals are seen in the HATSouth light curve. We do not detect any variability in the residual TESS light curve of HATS-75. Note that the rotation period identified by HATSouth is too long to be detectable in the TESS data given the 27 day window for each sector, and the detrending procedures that remove low-frequency variability from the TESS light curves.

We detect a $P = 15.16063 \pm 0.00048$ day periodic signal in the HATSouth light curve of HATS-76 using GLS (Fig. 10). The signal has a semi-amplitude of $7.46 \pm 0.06$ mmag, and a false alarm probability of $10^{-32}$. BLS also identifies this same signal, but it is clearly starspot-induced rotational variability. No other signals are identified by BLS. As for HATS-75, we do not detect the rotational variability in the TESS light curve.
Figure 9. Detection of a $P = 4.745422 \pm 0.000040$ days photometric rotation period signal in the TESS light curve of HATS-74A (left) and $P = 35.0435 \pm 0.0017$ days signal in the HATSouth light curve of HATS-75 (right). In each case we show the following panels. Top: the Generalized Lomb-Scargle (GLS) periodogram of the light curve after subtracting the best-fit transit model. The horizontal blue line shows the bootstrap-calibrated $10^{-3}$ false alarm probability level for HATS-74A and the $10^{-5}$ false alarm probability level for HATS-75. Second from top: The Box-fitting Least Squares (BLS) periodogram of the same light curve. For HATS-74A there is a peak in the BLS periodogram at twice the period of the strongest peak in the GLS periodogram. For HATS-75 no significant peak is present in the BLS periodogram. Second from bottom: The TESS (left) and HATSouth (right) light curve phase-folded at the peak GLS period. The gray points show the individual photometric measurements, while the dark red filled squares show the observations binned in phase with a bin size of 0.02. Bottom: Same as the second from bottom, here we restrict the vertical range of the plot to better show the variation seen in the phase-binned measurements.
Figure 10. Similar to Fig. 9, here we show the detection of a $P = 15.16063 \pm 0.00048$ days photometric rotation period in the HATSouth light curve of HATS-76.

of HATS-76 due to the long period relative to the 27 day observing window. No additional signals are detected by BLS in the TESS light curve either.

For HATS-77, no signals are identified in either the HATSouth or TESS light curves. The highest peak in the GLS periodogram of the HATSouth light curve has a 95% confidence upper-limit on its semi-amplitude of 4.1 mmag. The corresponding upper-limit for the TESS light curve is 3.1 mmag. The highest peak in the BLS spectrum of the HATSouth residuals has a depth of 13 mmag, while for the TESS residuals it is 6.0 mmag.
2.2. Spectroscopic Observations

The spectroscopic observations carried out to confirm and characterize the four transiting planet systems presented here are summarized in Table 3. The facilities used include: the Échelle spectrograph on the du Pont 2.54 m\(^1\), WiFeS on the ANU 2.3 m (Dopita et al. 2007), ARCES on the ARC 3.5 m (Wang et al. 2003), FEROS on the MPG 2.2 m (Kaufer & Pasquini 1998), ARCoIRIS on the Blanco 4 m (Abbott et al. 2016), and ESPRESSO on the VLT 8.2 m (Pepe et al. 2021). The du Pont, WiFeS, ARCES and FEROS observations were obtained only for HATS-74A, while all four systems were observed with ARCoIRIS and ESPRESSO.

A 1200 s exposure of HATS-74A was obtained with the Échelle spectrograph on the du Pont 2.54 m telescope at Las Campanas Observatory in Chile on 2011 May 18. The spectrum had a resolution of \( R \equiv \lambda / \Delta \lambda = 40000 \), and covered the wavelength range of 3700–7000 Å. ThAr lamp spectra were obtained before and after the observation to calibrate the wavelength scale of the science spectrum. The spectrum was extracted from the observation and analyzed following the procedure used by Jordán et al. (2014) to reduce observations from the Coralie and FEROS spectrographs. The spectrum had S/N\( \equiv 7 \), and thus only a low precision RV measurement was possible, and estimates of the stellar spectroscopic parameters based on this observation are unreliable.

HATS-74A was subsequently observed with the Wide Field Spectrograph (WiFeS; Dopita et al. 2007) on the ANU 2.3 m telescope at SSO. The WiFeS data were reduced and analyzed following Bayliss et al. (2013). We obtained two spectra at a resolution of \( R = 3000 \) to determine the effective temperature, surface gravity, and metallicity of the star, while four spectra were obtained at \( R = 7000 \) to search for large amplitude RV variations that would indicate the presence of a stellar-mass companion. The RV measurements extracted from the \( R = 7000 \) spectra had very large uncertainties (median \( v \sin i \) of 30 km s\(^{-1}\)), and were not useful for ruling out large amplitude RV variations.

Three optical spectra of HATS-74A were obtained with the Astrophysics Research Consortium Échelle Spectrograph (ARCES; Wang et al. 2003) at Apache Point Observatory in New Mexico. The observations were performed and reduced to wavelength-calibrated spectra in the manner discussed by Brahms et al. (2015). The observations were then analyzed using the Spectral Parameter Classification program (SPC; Buchhave et al. 2012). We found that two of the spectra had S/N that were too low to yield useful measurements, while a third spectrum obtained with S/N\( \sim 9 \) yielded an RV measurement of 17.9 ± 0.6 km s\(^{-1}\). The atmospheric parameters estimated from the spectra hinted at a cool surface temperature of \( T_{\text{eff}} \sim 4000 \text{K} \), but due to the low S/N, reliable surface gravity, metallicity and \( v \sin i \) measurements could not be derived from these observations.

A single FEROS observation of HATS-74A was obtained and reduced to a wavelength-calibrated spectrum, and RV and BS measurements using the CERES software package (Brahms et al. 2017a). The CERES package produced a high effective temperature of 7000 K and low metallicity of [Fe/H] = −2.0 dex, which we find to often be the case for M dwarfs with temperatures below the \( T_{\text{eff}} \sim 4000 \text{K} \) lower limit of the model spectra used for cross-correlation by the package. The measurements RV of 15.87 ± 0.11 km s\(^{-1}\) is consistent with the higher-precision RV measurements of the system obtained with ESPRESSO.

Because all four objects have surface temperatures that are too low to apply the ZASPE package of (Brahms et al. 2017b), we obtained near-infrared spectra of all four systems using the “Astronomy Research using the Cornell Infra Red Imaging Spectrograph” (ARCoIRIS) instrument on the Blanco 4 m at CTIO (Abbott et al. 2016). ARCoIRIS is a fixed slit spectrograph. It reaches a resolution of R\( \sim 3500 \) over a large wavelength range from 0.80 to 2.47 microns by cross-dispersing the reflected grating light. For each science frame, we used the Fowler readout mode and took subsequent CuHeAr lamp spectra. We interleaved telluric standard star observations in the course of the night, matching the spectral type A0V and close in air mass. All stars were observed in an ABBA pattern. We analyzed the raw ARCoIRIS frames using SpeXTool (Cushing et al. 2004a; Vacca et al. 2003), obtaining wavelength calibrated and telluric corrected spectra. Given the mixed cloud conditions, we did not attempt to flux calibrate the spectra. Stellar atmospheric parameters were obtained by downgrading our spectra to match the IRTF/SpeX resolution and applying the procedure described in Newton et al. (2014, 2015). These are the atmospheric parameters that we adopt for the joint analysis discussion in Section 3.1. We also obtained ARCoIRIS spectra of two known M-dwarfs (namely GJ176 and GJ205) for which we applied the same procedure. The ARCoIRIS spectra for our targets, along with IRTF/SpeX and ARCoIRIS spectra for standards, are shown in Figure 11.

\(^1\) http://www.lco.cl/?epkb_post_type_1=echelle-spectrograph-users-manual
In order to detect the radial velocity variation of each star due to the transiting companions, and thereby determine the mass of each transiting companion, and confirm these as transiting planet systems, we obtained VLT 8.2 m/ESPRESSO observations of all four objects. A large telescope was needed to perform these observations due to the faintness, in optical bandpasses, of the host stars. The observations were carried out through the queue service mode between 2019 September and 2019 December. We used an exposure time of 1800 s for all observations, and obtained five exposures each for HATS-74A, HATS-75 and HATS-77, and four exposures for HATS-76. The observing and reduction procedures were the same as those discussed in (Bakos et al. 2020), making use of version 2.0.0 of the ESPRESSO pipeline in the ESO Reflex environment (Freudling et al. 2013) to produce high-precision RVs and bisector span measurements via cross-correlation with an M2 spectra mask. During the observations, the target was placed on fiber A, while fiber B pointed to the sky for simultaneous monitoring of the sky. For all four objects the resulting RVs showed clear variations in phase with the transit ephemerides, and consistent with Keplerian orbital variations due to transiting planets. The phased-folded observations are shown in Fig. 1, Fig. 2, Fig. 3, and Fig. 4, while the radial velocity and bisector span data are made available in Table 5.
Table 1 (continued)

| Instrument/Field | Date(s)            | # Images  | Cadence (sec) | Filter Precision |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| HS-1/G563        | 2010 Jan–2010 Aug  | 3875      | 277           | r               | 44.4            |
| HS-3/G563        | 2010 Jan–2010 Aug  | 5197      | 281           | r               | 46.0            |
| HS-5/G563        | 2010 Jan–2010 Aug  | 636       | 271           | r               | 41.9            |
| TESS/Sector 9    | 2019 Mar 1–25     | 15918     | 120           | T               | 24.8            |
| CTIO 0.9 m       | 2014 Feb 12       | 74        | 240           | R               | 7.5             |
| LCO 1 m/Sinistro | 2019 Jun 13       | 50        | 206           | i               | 4.6             |
| TCS 1.5 m/MuSCAT2| 2020 Jan 29       | 371       | 30            | g               | 59.0            |
| TCS 1.5 m/MuSCAT2| 2020 Jan 29       | 189       | 60            | r               | 16.6            |
| TCS 1.5 m/MuSCAT2| 2020 Jan 29       | 189       | 60            | i               | 16.5            |
| TCS 1.5 m/MuSCAT2| 2020 Jan 29       | 189       | 60            | z_s             | 10.7            |
| TSC 1.5 m/MuSCAT2| 2020 Mar 2        | 384       | 30            | g               | 33.8            |
| TCS 1.5 m/MuSCAT2| 2020 Mar 2        | 196       | 60            | r               | 9.7             |
| TCS 1.5 m/MuSCAT2| 2020 Mar 2        | 195       | 60            | i               | 7.0             |
| TCS 1.5 m/MuSCAT2| 2020 Mar 2        | 195       | 60            | z             | 5.5             |
| HATS-75          |                    |           |               |                 |                 |
| HS-1/G548.focus  | 2014 Sep–2015 Apr | 1677      | 1071          | r               | 53.2            |
| HS-2/G548.focus  | 2014 Jun–2015 Mar | 2011      | 1209          | r               | 52.6            |
| HS-3/G548.focus  | 2014 Sep–2015 Mar | 1486      | 1217          | r               | 52.4            |
| HS-4/G548.focus  | 2014 Jun–2015 Mar | 1702      | 1222          | r               | 51.0            |
| HS-5/G548.focus  | 2014 Sep–2015 Mar | 1381      | 1232          | r               | 52.1            |
| HS-6/G548.focus  | 2014 Jul–2015 Mar | 1672      | 1200          | r               | 51.5            |
| HATS-76          |                    |           |               |                 |                 |
| HS-1/G597        | 2014 Jan–2014 Mar | 1228      | 286           | r               | 38.6            |
| HS-3/G597        | 2013 Sep–2014 Feb | 4540      | 285           | r               | 44.4            |
| HS-5/G597        | 2013 Sep–2014 Mar | 4915      | 278           | r               | 44.7            |
| TESS/Sector 5    | 2018 Nov–Dec      | 16376     | 120           | T               | 13.1            |
| LCO 1 m/Sinistro | 2019 Sep 23       | 44        | 276           | g'              | 2.8             |
| LCO 0.4 m        | 2020 Jan 2        | 38        | 314           | z_s             | 11.6            |
| LCO 1 m/Sinistro | 2020 Sep 17       | 83        | 181           | z_s             | 2.6             |
| HATS-77          |                    |           |               |                 |                 |
| HS-1/G607        | 2011 Jan–2012 Jun | 6703      | 289           | r               | 43.3            |
| HS-3/G607        | 2011 Jan–2012 Jun | 3179      | 294           | r               | 48.4            |
| HS-5/G607        | 2011 Jan–2012 Jun | 2544      | 288           | r               | 44.6            |
| TESS/Sector 9    | 2019 Mar 1–25     | 15726     | 120           | T               | 39.4            |
| LCO 1 m/Sinistro | 2019 Jun 14       | 55        | 147           | i'              | 5.9             |
| Mt. Stuart 0.3 m | 2020 May 31       | 66        | 191           | g'              | 32.8            |

Table 1 continued
Table 1 (continued)

| Instrument/Field | Date(s)     | # Images | Cadence (sec) | Filter | Precision (mmag) |
|------------------|-------------|----------|---------------|--------|-----------------|
| LCO 2 m/MuSCAT3  | 2021 Jan 5  | 44       | 404           | g      | 2.2             |
| LCO 2 m/MuSCAT3  | 2021 Jan 5  | 73       | 244           | r      | 1.1             |
| LCO 2 m/MuSCAT3  | 2021 Jan 5  | 92       | 194           | i      | 1.2             |
| LCO 2 m/MuSCAT3  | 2021 Jan 5  | 44       | 404           | zS     | 1.5             |

For HATSouth data we list the HATSouth unit, CCD and field name from which the observations are taken. HS-1 and -2 are located at Las Campanas Observatory in Chile, HS-3 and -4 are located at the H.E.S.S. site in Namibia, and HS-5 and -6 are located at Siding Spring Observatory in Australia. Each unit has 4 CCDs. Each field corresponds to one of 838 fixed pointings used to cover the full 4π celestial sphere. All data from a given HATSouth field and CCD number are reduced together, while detrending through External Parameter Decorrelation (EPD) is done independently for each unique unit+CCD+field combination. Observations with “.focus” included in the name are from light curves derived from focusing frames, which are shorter 30 s exposures that are taken every 20–30 minutes to refine the focus of the cameras.

Excluding any outliers or other data not included in the modelling.

The median time between consecutive images rounded to the nearest second. Due to factors such as weather, the day–night cycle, guiding and focus corrections the cadence is only approximately uniform over short timescales.

The RMS of the residuals from the best-fit model. Note that in the case of HATSouth and TESS observations the transit may appear artificially shallower due to over-filtering and/or blending from unresolved neighbors. As a result the S/N of the transit may be less than what would be calculated from Rp/R, and the RMS estimates given here.

2.3. Photometric follow-up observations

We obtained additional follow-up time-series photometry for each system using larger 0.3 m–2 m ground-based telescopes to obtain higher photometric-precision light curves from higher-spatial-resolution images than those available from HATSouth or TESS. As summarized in Table 1, the facilities that we made use of for this purpose include: the imager on the CTIO 0.9 m (Subasavage et al. 2010), the imagers on the Las Cumbres Observatory (Brown et al. 2013) 0.4 m network (LCO 0.4 m), the Sinistro imagers on the Las Cumbres Observatory 1 m network (LCO 1 m), the MuSCAT2 imager (Narita et al. 2019) on the 1.5 m Telescopio Carlos Sanchez (TCS) at Teide Observatory, the MuSCAT3 imager (Narita et al. 2020) at LCO’s 2 m telescope at Haleakala Observatory, and the imager on the Mt. Stuart 0.3 m telescope near Dunedin, New Zealand. The CTIO 0.9 m observations were carried out by the HATSouth team, while the other observations were carried out by members of the TESS Follow-up Observing Program (TFOP; Collins et al. 2018), and were made available to the community through the ExoFOP-TESS portal2. For the TFOP observations, we used the TESS Transit Finder, which is a customized version of the Tapir software package (Jensen 2013), to schedule the observations, and the photometric data were extracted using AstroImageJ (Collins et al. 2017).

2 https://exofop.ipac.caltech.edu/tess/index.php

2.4. Search for Resolved Stellar Companions

High-spatial-resolution images were obtained for all four objects by members of TFOP, and made available on ExoFOP-TESS as part of the standard process for vetting transit candidates and properly accounting for transit dilution that may be caused by the presence of stellar companions (Ciardi et al. 2015; Schlieder et al. 2021). Optical speckle imaging was carried out at 562 nm and 832 nm with the twin Zorro and ’Alopeke imagers3 mounted on the Gemini 8 m South and North telescopes, respectively. Near-infrared (NIR) adaptive optics (AO) imaging in Brγ and the J-band was performed with the NIRC2 instrument on the Keck 2 m for HATS-74A, and in the Ks-band with the NaCo instrument on the VLT 8 m for HATS-75. Finally, J and Ks-band imaging of HATS-77 was obtained with WHIRC on the ARC 3.5 m. The various observations are described below.

HATS-76 and HATS-77 were observed with Zorro, and HATS-74A and HATS-75 were observed with ’Alopeke.

3 https://www.gemini.edu/sciops/instruments/alopeke-zorro/
Table 2. Light curve data for HATS-74A, HATS-75, HATS-76, and HATS-77.

| Object | BJD | Mag$^c$ | $\sigma_{Mag}^c$ | Mag(orig)$^d$ | Filter | Instrument |
|--------|-----|---------|-----------------|--------------|--------|------------|
| HATS-74 | 2455254.76774 | $-0.08602$ | $0.05337$ | $\cdots$ | r | HS |
| HATS-74 | 2455322.31035 | $0.04862$ | $0.03805$ | $\cdots$ | r | HS |
| HATS-74 | 2455280.74579 | $-0.01962$ | $0.02762$ | $\cdots$ | r | HS |
| HATS-74 | 2455379.46209 | $0.05838$ | $0.04105$ | $\cdots$ | r | HS |
| HATS-74 | 2455263.42771 | $0.01115$ | $0.03608$ | $\cdots$ | r | HS |
| HATS-74 | 2455294.60127 | $0.03434$ | $0.03152$ | $\cdots$ | r | HS |
| HATS-74 | 2455247.84123 | $-0.02098$ | $0.02971$ | $\cdots$ | r | HS |
| HATS-74 | 2455289.40588 | $-0.00697$ | $0.08795$ | $\cdots$ | r | HS |
| HATS-74 | 2455374.26713 | $0.06199$ | $0.04867$ | $\cdots$ | r | HS |
| HATS-74 | 2455327.50711 | $0.01042$ | $0.06350$ | $\cdots$ | r | HS |

$^a$ Either HATS-74A, HATS-75, HATS-76, or HATS-77.

$^b$ Barycentric Julian Dates in this paper are reported on the Barycentric Dynamical Time (TDB) system.

$^c$ The out-of-transit level has been subtracted. For observations made with the HATSouth instruments (identified by “HS” in the “Instrument” column) these magnitudes have been corrected for trends using the EPD and TFA procedures applied prior to fitting the transit model. This procedure may lead to an artificial dilution in the transit depths. For several of these systems neighboring stars are blended into the TESS observations as well. The blend factors for the HATSouth and TESS light curves are listed in Table 7. For observations made with follow-up instruments (anything other than “HS”, or “TESS” in the “Instrument” column), the magnitudes have been corrected for a quadratic trend in time, and for variations correlated with up to three PSF shape parameters, fit simultaneously with the transit.

$^d$ Raw magnitude values without correction for the quadratic trend in time, or for trends correlated with the seeing. These are only reported for the follow-up observations.

Note—This table is available in a machine-readable form in the online journal. A portion is shown here for guidance regarding its form and content.

The two instruments provide simultaneous speckle imaging in two bands (562 nm and 832 nm) with output data products including a reconstructed image with robust contrast limits on companion detections (e.g., Howell et al. 2016). Images were collected and subjected to Fourier analysis in our standard reduction pipeline (see Howell et al. 2011). We find that all four targets are single stars to within the contrast achieved by the observations (4-5 magnitudes) from the diffraction limit (20 mas) out to 1.2”. At the distances of these HATS stars ($d = 195$ to $414$ pc) these angular limits correspond to spatial limits of 4-8 AU out to 230–500 AU. We note that AO imaging reveals a companion to HATS-74A at 0.844 which was not immediately apparent in the 'Alopeke data.

The NaCo (Lenzen et al. 2003; Rousset et al. 2003) data were collected in a nine-point grid dither pattern, with the star position moved 2” for each exposure. We ensured the star was within the upper left quadrant of the detector for all images, since other quadrants of the detector suffer from light- and dark- column striping in the images. We collected 9 individual frames, each with exposure time 75 s, using the Ks filter. The dither pattern allows for a sky background frame to be constructed from a median-combination of the science frames themselves. We reduced the raw data using a custom code, which performs badpixel and flatfield correction, subtracts the sky background, aligns the stellar position between images and finally co-adds the nine individual frames. We visually inspected images to search for companions, and did not find companions anywhere in the field of view, which extends to at least 4.9” from the star in all directions. To quantify the sensitivity of the final image, we injected fake companions into the data cube at a range of separations and position angles. We retrieved these fake companions, and measured the S/N of each fake companion. We then scaled the flux of the fake companions, such that they could be retrieved at 5σ. Finally, the sensitivity was averaged over position angle. We are sensitive to companions 3.7 mag fainter than the host beyond 400 mas, and to companions 5 mag fainter than the host in the background-limited regime beyond 700 mas. Our NaCo detection limits as a function of radius for HATS-75 are shown in Figure 13.
| Instrument         | UT Date(s)  | # Spec. | Res.  | S/N Range | $\Delta \lambda / \lambda / 1000$ | $\gamma_{RV}$ | RV Precision |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| HATS-74A           |             |         |       |           |                                  |               |              |
| du Pont 2.54 m/Echelle | 2011 May 18 | 1       | 30    | 7         | 5.4                              | $\sim 10000$ |              |
| ANU 2.3 m/WiFeS  | 2011 Jun 6  | 2       | 3     | 43–46     | $\sim$                           |               |              |
| ARC 3.5 m/ARCES   | 2012 Apr–2013 Feb | 3  | 31.5 | 7–9       | 17.9                             | $\sim 1000$ |              |
| ANU 2.3 m/WiFeS  | 2013 Mar–Apr | 4       | 7     | $\sim$ | 8.8                               | 30000        |              |
| MPG 2.2 m/PEROS   | 2013 May 12 | 1       | 48    | 14        | 15.868                           | 100          |              |
| Blanco 4 m/ARCoIRIS | 2017 Jun 8–9 | 2   | 3.5   | 120       | $\sim$                          |              |              |
| VLT 8.2 m/ESPRESSO | 2019 Dec 26–31 | 5   | 140   | $\sim$  | 15.853                           | 11.0         |              |
| HATS-75            |             |         |       |           |                                  |               |              |
| Blanco 4 m/ARCoIRIS | 2017 Dec 2  | 1       | 3.5   | 90        | $\sim$                          |              |              |
| VLT 8.2 m/ESPRESSO | 2019 Sep–Oct | 5     | 140   | $\sim$  | 39.995                           | 2.9          |              |
| HATS-76            |             |         |       |           |                                  |               |              |
| Blanco 4 m/ARCoIRIS | 2017 Dec 2  | 1       | 3.5   | 40        | $\sim$                          |              |              |
| VLT 8.2 m/ESPRESSO | 2019 Sep–Oct | 4     | 140   | $\sim$  | 8.601                            | 35.7         |              |
| HATS-77            |             |         |       |           |                                  |               |              |
| Blanco 4 m/ARCoIRIS | 2017 Jun 8–9 | 2   | 3.5   | 70–100    | $\sim$                          |              |              |
| VLT 8.2 m/ESPRESSO | 2019 Dec 1–27 | 5    | 140   | $\sim$  | -7.759                           | 25.0         |              |

$^a$ S/N per resolution element near 5180 Å. This was not measured for all of the instruments. For the ARCoIRIS NIR spectra, we list the S/N in the $H$-band.

$^b$ For high-precision RV observations included in the orbit determination this is the zero-point RV from the best-fit orbit. For other instruments it is the mean value. We only provide this quantity when applicable.

$^c$ For high-precision RV observations included in the orbit determination this is the scatter in the RV residuals from the best-fit orbit (which may include astrophysical jitter), for other instruments this is either an estimate of the precision (not including jitter), or the measured standard deviation. We only provide this quantity when applicable.

HATS-74A was observed with the NIRC2 instrument on Keck-II behind the natural guide star AO system (Wizinowich et al. 2000). The observations were made on 2019 Jun 10 UT in the standard 3-point dither pattern that is used with NIRC2 to avoid the left lower quadrant of the detector which is typically noisier than the other three quadrants. The dither pattern step size was 3′′ and was repeated twice, with each dither offset from the previous dither by 0.5′′. The camera was in the narrow-angle mode with a full field of view of $\sim 10′′$ and a pixel scale of approximately 0.009942′′ per pixel. The observations were made in the narrow-band $Br\gamma$ filter ($\lambda_o = 2.1686; \Delta \lambda = 0.0326 \mu m$) and the narrow-band $J_{cont}$ filter ($\lambda_o = 1.2132; \Delta \lambda = 0.0198 \mu m$), each with an integration time of 60 seconds with one coadd per frame for a total of 540 seconds on target per filter.

The AO data were processed and analyzed with a custom set of IDL tools. The science frames were flat-fielded and sky-subtracted. The flat fields were generated from a median average of dark subtracted flats taken on-sky, and the flats were normalized such that the median value of the flats is unity. Sky frames were generated from the median average of the 9 dithered science frames; each science image was then sky-subtracted and flat-fielded. The reduced science frames were combined into a single combined image using an intra-pixel interpolation that conserves flux, shifts the individual dithered frames by the appropriate fractional pixels, and median-coadds the frames. The final resolution of the combined dithers was determined from the full-width half-maximum of the point spread function; 0.064′′ and 0.121′′ for $Br\gamma$ and $J_{cont}$ observations, respectively. The sensitivities of the final combined AO image were determined by injecting simulated sources azimuthally around the primary target every 20′ to separations of integer multiples of the central source’s FWHM (Furlan et al. 2017). The brightness of each injected source was scaled until standard aperture photometry detected it with 5σ significance. The resulting brightness of the injected sources relative to the target set the contrast limits at that injection location. The final 5σ limit at each separation was determined from the average of all of the determined limits at that separation and the un-
certainty on the limit was set by the rms dispersion of the azimuthal slices at a given radial distance.

Additional imaging results are available for all four objects from Gaia DR2 (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018), which is sensitive to neighbors with $G \lesssim 20$ mag down to a limiting resolution of $\sim 1''$ (e.g., Ziegler et al. 2018).

Based on the NIRCam observations we find that HATS-74A has a $0.8''44 \pm 0.0''0014$ neighbor at a position angle of $46^\circ$ east of north. The neighbor has magnitudes, relative to HATS-74A, of $\Delta B = 2.615 \pm 0.013$ mag and $\Delta J = 2.642 \pm 0.030$ mag (Fig. 12). The neighbor is not obviously apparent in the 'Alopeke images, however (Fig. 12). Finally, the neighbor is also listed in the Gaia DR2 catalog with a projected separation of $0.8''44$ and a relative magnitude of $\Delta G = 3.1830 \pm 0.0049$ mag. The neighbor has a parallax of $3.80 \pm 0.63$ mas and a proper motion of $\mu_R = -41.4 \pm 1.4$ mas yr$^{-1}$, and $\mu_{\Dec} = 42.6 \pm 1.5$ mas yr$^{-1}$, which are consistent with the values listed for HATS-74A ($\pi = 3.425 \pm 0.042$ mas, $\mu_R = -38.86 \pm 0.12$ mas yr$^{-1}$, and $\mu_{\Dec} = 39.679 \pm 0.077$ mas yr$^{-1}$), indicating that the neighbor is very likely a bound companion to HATS-74A, and we henceforth refer to it has HATS-74B. Given the distance to HATS-74A (Table 6), the measured angular separation between HATS-74A and HATS-74B corresponds to a projected physical separation of $238.4 \pm 3.9$ AU. Assuming HATS-74B is a main sequence companion to HATS-74A with the same age, metallicity, distance and extinction, then from the blend analysis that we discuss in Section 2.2, we find that HATS-74B has a stellar mass of $0.2284 \pm 0.0078 M_\odot$.

No neighbors are detected for the other three systems, HATS-75, HATS-76, or HATS-77. Figures-13–15 show contrast limits on any resolved neighbors that are derived based on the high-resolution imaging that we have reported for these three objects.

3. ANALYSIS

3.1. Transiting Planet Modelling

We perform a global fit to the light curves, radial velocities, spectroscopically measured stellar atmospheric parameters, broad-band photometry, and parallax from Gaia DR2, using the methods described in Hartman et al. (2019), with modifications as summarized most recently by Bakos et al. (2018). The fit is carried out using a modified version of the LFIT program which is included in the FITSH software package (Pál 2012). The light curves are modelled using the Mandel & Agol (2002) transit model with quadratic limb-darkening. The limb darkening coefficients are allowed to vary in the fit. We place Gaussian prior constraints on the limb darkening coefficients using the tables of Claret et al. (2012, 2013) and Claret (2018) and assume a prior uncertainty of 0.2 for each coefficient.

We include in the model several parameters for the physical and observed properties of the host star, including the effective temperature, the metallicity, the distance modulus, and the $V$-band extinction $A_V$. These parameters are, in turn, constrained by the observed spectroscopic stellar atmospheric parameters (as measured in Section 2.2), the photometry, and the parallax. Together with the parameters used to describe the transit and radial velocity observations, these parameters are sufficient to determine the bulk physical properties of the stars and their transiting planets. We fit the data using two different methods to relate the stellar mass to the stellar radius, metallicity and luminosity: (1) an empirical method which uses the stellar mean mass measured from the transit and radial velocity observations to determine the stellar mass from the stellar radius, which is itself inferred from the effective temperature and luminosity (this method is similar to that of, e.g., Stassun et al. 2017), and (2) using version 1.2 of the MIST stellar evolution models (Dotter 2016; Choi et al. 2016; Paxton et al. 2011, 2013, 2015) to impose an additional constraint on the stellar relations that is typically tighter than the observed constraint on the stellar mean density. Note that here we take a different approach from prior HATSouth discovery papers which generally made use of the PARSEC stellar evolution models (Marigo et al. 2017) instead. In each case, we assume both the orbital eccentricity is zero and allow the eccentricity to be a free parameter.

A Differential Evolution Markov Chain Monte Carlo (DEMCMC) procedure is used to sample the posterior parameter distribution. See Hartman et al. (2019) for a full list of the parameters that we vary, and their assumed priors. The fit includes the optical broad-band photometry from Gaia DR2 and APASS, NIR photometry from 2MASS, and IR photometry from WISE. For WISE we exclude the W4 band for all systems as none of the objects were detected in that bandpass, while for HATS-74A, HATS-76, and HATS-77 we also exclude the W3 bands. These observations, together with the stellar atmospheric parameters, the parallax, and the reddening, constrain the luminosity of the star. To model the reddening, we assume a $R_V = 3.1$ Cardelli et al. (1989) dust law parameterized by $A_V$, and use the mwdust 3D Galactic extinction model (Bovy et al. 2016) to place a prior constraint on its value.

For HATS-74A we excluded the Gaia DR2 $BP$ and $RP$ measurements as we expect these to be contaminated in a non-trivial way from blending with the $0.8''$ neighbor HATS-74B (Section 2.4). For the $J$, $H$, $K_S$,
Figure 12. (Top) High-resolution images in Brγ (left) and J-continuum (middle) and associated contrast curve for HATS-74A (TOI 737) from Keck-2/NIRC2. The 0.844 neighbor HATS-74B is apparent in these images. (Bottom) Contrast curves at 562 nm and 832 nm from the Alopeke/Gemini 8 m observations of HATS-74A. The 832 nm image is also shown in the inset.
Figure 13. (Left) Contrast curves for HATS-75 (TOI 552) derived from high-resolution images at 562 nm and 832 nm obtained with 'Alopeke/Gemini 8 m. The 832 nm image is also shown in the inset. (right) Contrast curve for HATS-75 derived from high-resolution $K_s$-band imaging with NaCo/VLT.

We performed a blend modelling of each system following the procedure described in Hartman et al. (2019). In summary, our blend modelling attempts to fit all of the observations excepting the radial velocity data using various combinations of stars with parameters constrained by the MIST models. We find that for HATS-76 a model consisting of a single star with a transiting planet provides a better fit (a greater likelihood or equivalently lower $\chi^2$) to the light curves, spectroscopic stellar atmospheric parameters, broad-band catalog photometry, and astrometric parallax measurements than the best-fit blended stellar eclipsing binary models. The blended stellar eclipsing binary models involve more free parameters than the transiting planet model, and thus can be rejected on the grounds that they are both poorer-fitting and higher complexity models. However, for HATS-75, and HATS-77, we find that blends between a foreground star and a background eclipsing binary provide somewhat better fits to these data than do models consisting of a single star with a transiting planet. In these cases, comparably good fits to the data can be found for models consisting of a star with both a transiting planet and an unresolved stellar companion. For all three systems, the improvement in $\chi^2$ for the blends can be attributed to the increased number of free parameters that are included in these more complicated models. For these two systems we simulated radial velocities for the model blend scenarios by simulating composite cross-correlation functions. We find that for HATS-75 the blend scenarios that we considered would produce radial velocity variations in excess of $600 \text{ m s}^{-1}$.

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that do not vary sinusoidally in phase with the transit ephemeris. This is in contrast to the observed radial velocity variation that have $K = 99.2 \pm 7.9 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ and that are in phase with the transit ephemeris. Similarly, for HATS-77 we find that the simulated blended eclipsing binary radial velocities do not vary sinusoidally in phase with the ephemeris, and that the scatter is in excess of $1 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, compared to the observed radial velocity variation with $K = 562 \pm 15 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ in phase with the transits. We conclude therefore that the blended eclipsing binary scenarios that might reproduce the photometric data for HATS-75 and HATS-77 can be ruled out on the grounds that they do not reproduce the radial velocity observations. We therefore consider HATS-75 and HATS-77, like HATS-76, to be confirmed transiting planet systems.

For HATS-74A, with its known resolved neighbor (Section 2.4), we considered four scenarios: (1) a transiting planet around the brighter source, with the fainter source being a bound companion; (2) a transiting planet around the fainter source, with the brighter source being a bound stellar companion; (3) the brighter source being a blend between a bright foreground star and a background stellar eclipsing binary, and the fainter source being unrelated to either the foreground star or the eclipsing binary; (4) the brighter source being a foreground star, and the fainter source being a background stellar eclipsing binary. In all cases we assume the 2MASS $J$, $H$, $K_S$, and the $W1$ and $W2$ photometry is blended be-

Figure 14. Contrast curves for HATS-76 (TOI 555) derived from high-resolution images at 562 nm and 832 nm obtained with Zorro/Gemini 8 m. The 832 nm image is also shown in the inset.
Figure 15. Contrast curves for HATS-77 (TOI 730) derived from high-resolution images at 562 nm and 832 nm obtained with Zorro/Gemini 8 m. The 832 nm image is also shown in the inset.

tween the two known sources, while $\Delta J$ from the NIRC2 observations, and $G$ and the parallax values from Gaia DR2 are unblended. The mass of both resolved stars are varied in the fits. They are assumed either to have the same age, distance, metallicity, and extinction, or independent values for these, depending on the scenario considered.

We find that scenarios (2) and (4) for HATS-74A do not fit the data included in the modelling, and can be therefore easily ruled out. Scenario (3) provides a somewhat better fit to the data than scenario (1), however, it uses seven extra parameters and the improvement in $\chi^2$ can be fully attributed to the additional model complexity. As an additional check on scenario (3) we simulated radial velocity observations for 1000 blend scenarios drawn randomly from the posterior chain. For each draw from the chain we simulated the radial velocity observations in two ways: (a) assuming the resolved star is also resolved in the ESPRESSO observations; and (b) assuming it is not resolved in the ESPRESSO observations. We find that in all cases the simulated radial velocities show much larger variations (well in excess of 1 km s$^{-1}$) compared to the observed ones ($K = 346 \pm 34$ m s$^{-1}$), and, moreover, they do not exhibit a clean, in-phase Keplerian orbital variation. We conclude therefore that scenario (3) is not consistent with all of the observations, and confirm that HATS-74A is a transiting planet system, with a resolved binary star companion. The modelling carried out for scenario (1) yields a mass for the
binary star companion of 0.2284 ± 0.0078 $M_\odot$, which we adopt in Table 6.

For HATS-75, HATS-76 and HATS-77 we place limits on the presence of any unresolved binary star companions based on this modelling which we also list in Table 6. Additionally, we note that any such companion would need to satisfy the contrast limits based on the null detection of companions in the high resolution imaging discussed in Section 2.4. Finally, we note that there is no evidence of correlation of the bisector span measurements with orbital phase for any of the systems.

4. DISCUSSION

We have presented in this work the discovery of four giant planets hosted by early M and late K dwarf stars. We place these discoveries in the context of known planets in Figure 16, where we plot radius versus effective temperature of the host star for all exoplanets that have these quantities measured. It is apparent in this figure that the discoveries presented in this work add significantly to the number of known transiting giant planets hosted by stars with effective temperatures $T_{\text{eff}} \lesssim 4000$ K. As stated in the introduction, these kinds of systems are intrinsically rare and observationally challenging to confirm due to the faintness of the host stars. To confirm these exoplanet, we need high resolution stable spectrographs mounted on large aperture telescopes. In this work we used ESPRESSO mounted on the VLT in order to confirm and measure the masses for our discoveries. Also noteworthy in terms of the required discovery resources is the fact that these systems were first uncovered as candidates by the HATSouth survey, and observed by the TESS mission in high cadence by virtue of their nature as candidates from a ground-based survey.

In Figure 17 we plot out discoveries in the mass-radius plane along with other confirmed planets with measured masses and radii. We color-code in the figure the equilibrium temperature of each discovery. Despite the very short periods of our discoveries (in the range $P = 1.7$–3.1 d), the average flux received by none of them exceeds $2 \times 10^8$ erg cm sec$^{-2}$, the stellar irradiation value below which it has been shown that the effects of irradiation on the planetary radius are negligible (eg Demory & Seager 2011). Therefore, we don’t expect any of them to show anomalously large radii. This is borne out by our measurements for HATS-74Ab, HATS-75b and HATS-76b, but HATS-77b has an unexpectedly high radius of 1.165 ± 0.021, formally $> 3\sigma$ higher than the expected radius for its mass. It is not possible to draw any conclusions from a single object which although formally receiving an irradiation that is below the value where radius inflation starts appearing it is still receiving a sizable irradiation of $\approx 10^8$ erg cm sec$^{-2}$. It will be interesting to see if, as we discover further giants planets around low mass stars, and especially systems with periods larger than those typical of hot Jupiters, more planets show larger radii than expected.

We plot in Figure 18 the masses versus effective temperature for all planets that have both quantities measured in addition to their radii. We can see that three of the planets presented in this work have the higher masses known for transiting planets hosted by stars with $T_{\text{eff}} \lesssim 4000$ K, with HATS-76b having a mass of 2.629 ± 0.089, HATS-74Ab a mass of 1.46 ± 0.14 and HATS-77b a mass of 1.374$^{+0.100}_{-0.074}$. If we include radial velocity planets these masses are not particularly remarkable, and confirm the fact that despite their lower average protoplanetary disk masses these systems can assemble very massive giant planets. This result is in accord with formation models that find that, while the occurrence rate of giant planets is expected to decrease for M dwarfs, the maximum planetary mass is not (e.g., Burn et al. 2021).

The TESS mission, with its all-sky, high photometric precision survey, is allowing us to further the frontiers of exoplanet discoveries. While focused to a large degree on discovering small planets around nearby stars, the combination of its coverage with larger aperture facilities for photometric and spectroscopic follow-up, is allowing to efficiently target the rare class of giant planets around late K and later dwarfs with effective temperatures $\lesssim 4000$ K. In particular, the arrival of ESPRESSO to the VLT allows an efficiency in this quest heretofore unavailable in the southern hemisphere. We are undertaking a systematic search for these systems. With an increased sample of known giants around M dwarfs we expect to provide stronger constraints on the occurrence rates for these systems. Such occurrence rates have remained to date too uncertain to effectively constrain models despite their unique potential. The clear prediction of core-accretion theory is that the efficiency of formation should decrease dramatically for stars with masses $M \lesssim 0.7M_\odot$. A higher efficiency of formation, above what models based on core-accretion predict, could be traced to the inadequacy some basic assumptions. For example, a basic tenet is that disk mass is proportional to stellar mass. While this is observationally well established, the dispersion at a given mass is significant and there are instances of young M stars with massive disks where gravitational instabilities may be a viable formation pathway for giant planets (e.g., the young M0 star Elias 2-27, see Paneque-Carrero et al. 2021, and references therein). A well determined occurrence rate for giant planets around M dwarfs will be
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Figure 16. Planetary radius versus stellar effective temperature $T_{\text{eff}}$ for confirmed transiting exoplanets. The dotted vertical lines indicate the $T_{\text{eff}}$ values that roughly separate the host star spectral types as indicated on top, while the horizontal line at $R = 0.6R_J$ indicates the separation between giant and smaller planets. Different symbols are used to plot known giants around M dwarfs and the discoveries presented in this work as indicated in the legend. Data were downloaded from the NASA Exoplanet Archive on May 13 2021.

Figure 17. Mass–Radius diagram for the population of exoplanets with measured mass and radii. The points corresponding the discoveries presented in this work are indicated with diamonds. The color represents the equilibrium temperature of the planet. The dashed gray lines correspond to isodensity curves for 0.3, 3 and 30 g cm$^{-3}$, respectively. The solid line corresponds to the predicted radius using the models of Fortney et al. (2007) for a planet with a 10 $M_\oplus$ central core.

invaluable in providing stringent tests for the current favoured models of planetary formation and evolution.

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Figure 18. Mass versus effective temperature $T_{\text{eff}}$ for confirmed transiting exoplanets. The dotted vertical lines indicate the $T_{\text{eff}}$ values that roughly separate the spectral types as indicated on top, while the horizontal line at $M = 0.2M_{\oplus}$ indicates the adopted boundary between giant and smaller planets. Different symbols are used to plot known giants around M dwarfs and the discoveries presented in this work as indicated in the legend. Data were downloaded from the NASA Exoplanet Archive on May 13 2021.
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### Table 4. Astrometric, Spectroscopic and Photometric properties for HATS-74A, HATS-75, HATS-76 and HATS-77

| Parameter | HATS-74A | HATS-75 | HATS-76 | HATS-77 | Source |
|-----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| 2MASS-ID | 11240360-1933257 | 04034783-2252420 | 04412154-3219128 | 09591770-272339 | |
| TIC-ID | 219189765 | 48784267572446746 | 170849515 | 11561667 | |
| TOI-ID | 737.01 | 552.01 | 555.01 | 730.01 | |
| GAIA DR2-ID | 3545653561942122368 | 5809214338199586560 | 4877425657724467456 | 546655141521710592 | |
| R.A. (J2000) | 11h24m03.592s | 04h03m07.844s | 04h01m21.552s | 09h50m17.664s | GAIA DR2 |
| Dec. (J2000) | -19°33′25.665″ | -27°24′32.117″ | -32°19′13.509″ | -27°24′34.142″ | GAIA DR2 |
| μRA (mas yr⁻¹) | -38.86 ± 0.12 | 12.872 ± 0.038 | -5.429 ± 0.057 | -24.64 ± 0.10 | GAIA DR2 |
| μDec. (mas yr⁻¹) | 39.679 ± 0.077 | -1.755 ± 0.048 | -38.609 ± 0.090 | -8.286 ± 0.098 | GAIA DR2 |
| parallax | 3.425 ± 0.042 | 5.106 ± 0.029 | 2.564 ± 0.038 | 2.265 ± 0.056 | GAIA DR2 |

### Spectroscopic properties

| Parameter | HATS-74A | HATS-75 | HATS-76 | HATS-77 | Source |
|-----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| T eff (K) | 3775 ± 54 | 3812 ± 79 | 3990 ± 120 | 4082 ± 69 | ARCoRIS |
| [Fe/H] | 0.294 ± 0.088 | 0.28 ± 0.12 | 0.29 ± 0.13 | -0.12 ± 0.10 | ARCoRIS |
| γ RV (mas yr⁻¹) | 15880 ± 12 | 39997.7 ± 5.4 | 8597 ± 11 | -775 ± 43 | ESPRESSO |

### Photometric properties

| Parameter | HATS-74A | HATS-75 | HATS-76 | HATS-77 | Source |
|-----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| P rot (d) | 4.745422 ± 0.000040 | 35.0435 ± 0.0017 | 15.16063 ± 0.00048 | ... | HATSouth |
| G (mag) | 15.9706 ± 0.0029 | 14.90330 ± 0.00040 | 15.79420 ± 0.00060 | 15.7364 ± 0.0011 | GAIA DR2 |
| BP (mag) | ... | 16.0149 ± 0.0026 | 16.6962 ± 0.0057 | 16.5518 ± 0.0054 | GAIA DR2 |
| RP (mag) | ... | 13.8535 ± 0.0013 | 14.8410 ± 0.0020 | 14.8547 ± 0.0038 | GAIA DR2 |
| B (mag) | ... | 17.120 ± 0.019 | ... | 17.716 ± 0.010 | APAS8 |
| V (mag) | ... | 15.759 ± 0.036 | ... | 16.354 ± 0.010 | APAS8 |
| g (mag) | ... | 16.503 ± 0.070 | ... | 17.10 ± 0.25 | APAS8 |
| r (mag) | ... | 15.156 ± 0.090 | ... | 15.746 ± 0.060 | APAS8 |
| i (mag) | ... | 14.230 ± 0.070 | ... | 15.212 ± 0.010 | APAS8 |
| J (mag) | 13.341 ± 0.023 | 12.481 ± 0.023 | 13.690 ± 0.029 | 13.779 ± 0.029 | 2MASS |
| H (mag) | 12.687 ± 0.029 | 11.756 ± 0.026 | 12.984 ± 0.024 | 13.047 ± 0.029 | 2MASS |
| Ks (mag) | 12.452 ± 0.031 | 11.584 ± 0.021 | 12.812 ± 0.033 | 12.934 ± 0.032 | 2MASS |
| W1 (mag) | 12.342 ± 0.023 | 11.486 ± 0.024 | 12.758 ± 0.024 | 12.847 ± 0.024 | WISE |
| W2 (mag) | 12.320 ± 0.023 | 11.502 ± 0.022 | 12.784 ± 0.026 | 12.870 ± 0.027 | WISE |
| W3 (mag) | ... | 11.61 ± 0.19 | ... | ... | WISE |

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a The parameters are estimated from the ARCoRIS NIR spectra.

b The error on γ RV is determined from the orbital fit to the RV measurements, and does not include the systematic uncertainty in transforming the velocities to the IAU standard system. The velocities have not been corrected for gravitational redshifts.

c We only include in the table catalog magnitudes that were included in our analysis of each system. In some cases magnitudes we list as ... the bandpass magnitude for a source when this magnitude is available in the indicated source catalog. These magnitudes are excluded from the analysis for reasons discussed in Section 3.1.

d Photometric rotation period.

e The listed uncertainties for the Gaia DR2 photometry are taken from the catalog. For the analysis we assume additional systematic uncertainties of 0.002 mag, 0.005 mag and 0.003 mag for the G, BP and RP bands, respectively.

f The listed J, H, Ks, W1, and W2 magnitudes for HATS-74A have been corrected for blending with HATS-74B, assuming this latter object is a 0.23 M☉ main sequence star with the same age and metallicity as HATS-74A (Tab. 6). Following these assumptions, we adopt ΔJ = 2.6418, ΔH = 2.7294, ΔKs = 2.6473, ΔW1 = 2.5259 and ΔW2 = 2.3532 between HATS-74B and HATS-74A in removing the contribution of HATS-74B from the catalog photometry.

9 From APASS DR6 as listed in the UCAC 4 catalog (Zacharias et al. 2013).
Table 5. ESPRESSO relative radial velocities and Bisector Spans for HATS-74A, HATS-75, HATS-76 and HATS-77.

| System | BJD        | RV$^a$ (2,450,000+) | σRV$^b$ (m s$^{-1}$) | BS$^c$ (m s$^{-1}$) | σBS (m s$^{-1}$) | Phase |
|--------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------|
| HATS-74| 8843.81635 | 254.27               | 14.40                 | 10.4                | 27.4            | 0.870 |
| HATS-74| 8844.82333 | −116.73              | 18.60                 | 5.3                 | 37.0            | 0.451 |
| HATS-74| 8846.84777 | 242.27               | 13.40                 | 15.5                | 25.4            | 0.620 |
| HATS-74| 8847.83295 | −318.73              | 12.70                 | 22.8                | 24.7            | 0.189 |
| HATS-74| 8848.83946 | 340.27               | 13.10                 | 28.8                | 24.6            | 0.770 |
| HATS-75| 8756.72534 | −93.43               | 10.80                 | −20.4               | 21.6            | 0.237 |
| HATS-75| 8759.70279 | −90.43               | 9.40                  | 36.1                | 18.8            | 0.304 |
| HATS-75| 8760.72353 | 91.57                | 12.80                 | 17.9                | 25.6            | 0.670 |
| HATS-75| 8761.73812 | −18.43               | 8.60                  | 55.3                | 17.1            | 0.034 |
| HATS-75| 8762.77554 | −49.43               | 8.20                  | 45.8                | 16.4            | 0.406 |
| HATS-76| 8756.74359 | −265.56              | 24.90                 | 75.2                | 49.8            | 0.086 |
| HATS-76| 8759.72348 | 361.44               | 19.70                 | 67.1                | 39.4            | 0.620 |
| HATS-76| 8762.81602 | −565.56              | 16.10                 | 62.7                | 32.3            | 0.213 |
| HATS-76| 8779.83962 | 101.44               | 19.20                 | 34.9                | 38.3            | 0.981 |
| HATS-77| 8818.79874 | −96.07               | 27.00                 | 49.8                | 54.0            | 0.042 |
| HATS-77| 8820.78227 | 227.93               | 12.90                 | 64.1                | 25.8            | 0.685 |
| HATS-77| 8836.81364 | 177.93               | 17.20                 | 91.2                | 34.4            | 0.877 |
| HATS-77| 8843.73764 | −143.07              | 17.50                 | 108.3               | 35.1            | 0.119 |
| HATS-77| 8844.74086 | −114.07              | 13.10                 | 107.2               | 26.1            | 0.444 |

$^a$ The zero-point of these velocities is arbitrary. An overall offset $\gamma_{rel}$ fitted to the orbit (and listed in Tab. 4) has been subtracted for each system.

$^b$ Internal errors excluding the component of astrophysical jitter allowed to vary in the fit.

$^c$ Bisector span of the cross-correlation function profile.
Table 6. Adopted derived stellar parameters for HATS-74A, HATS-75, HATS-76 and HATS-77.

| Parameter | HATS-74A | Value | HATS-75 | Value | HATS-76 | Value | HATS-77 | Value |
|-----------|----------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| $M_\ast$ ($M_\odot$) | $0.6010 \pm 0.0080$ | $0.6017^{+0.0074}_{-0.0055}$ | $0.663^{+0.016}_{-0.021}$ | $0.655 \pm 0.014$ |
| $R_\ast$ ($R_\odot$) | $0.5758 \pm 0.0055$ | $0.5848 \pm 0.0026$ | $0.6259 \pm 0.0079$ | $0.6428 \pm 0.0066$ |
| log $g_\ast$ (cgs) | $4.696 \pm 0.011$ | $4.6831 \pm 0.0069$ | $4.665 \pm 0.016$ | $4.638 \pm 0.014$ |
| $\rho_\ast$ (g cm$^{-3}$) | $4.43^{+0.18}_{-0.14}$ | $4.239^{+0.091}_{-0.065}$ | $3.80 \pm 0.17$ | $3.48^{+0.17}_{-0.12}$ |
| $L_\ast$ ($L_\odot$) | $0.0608 \pm 0.0015$ | $0.06359 \pm 0.00069$ | $0.0916 \pm 0.0029$ | $0.1019 \pm 0.0028$ |
| $T_{\text{eff}}$ (K) | $3776.9 \pm 9.5$ | $3790.4 \pm 5.7$ | $4016 \pm 17$ | $4071 \pm 13$ |
| [Fe/H] | $0.514^{+0.033}_{-0.021}$ | $0.522^{+0.051}_{-0.028}$ | $0.322^{+0.065}_{-0.049}$ | $0.253 \pm 0.039$ |
| Age (Gyr) | $11.0 \pm 5.1$ | $14.9^{+4.3}_{-4.3}$ | $4.6^{+8.7}_{-4.0}$ | $12.1 \pm 5.0$ |
| $A_V$ (mag) | $0.1966^{+0.0100}_{-0.0150}$ | $0.0560 \pm 0.0095$ | $0.062 \pm 0.012$ | $0.111^{+0.013}_{-0.019}$ |
| Distance (pc) | $286.6 \pm 3.0$ | $195.3 \pm 1.0$ | $389.9 \pm 5.6$ | $413.9 \pm 5.9$ |
| $M_B$ ($M_\odot$)$^a$ | $0.2284 \pm 0.0078$ | $< 0.38$ | $< 0.24$ | $< 0.53$ |

$^a$ For HATS-75, HATS-76 and HATS-77 we list the 95% confidence upper limit on the mass of any unresolved stellar companion based on modelling the system as a blend between a transiting planet system and an unresolved wide stellar binary companion (Section 3.2). For HATS-74A we list the estimated mass for the $0.844$ neighbor in Gaia DR2 which we determined to be a common-proper-motion and common-parallax companion to HATS-74A (Section 2.4).

Note—The listed parameters are those determined through the joint differential evolution Markov Chain analysis described in Section 3.1. For all four systems the RV observations are consistent with a circular orbit, and we assume a fixed circular orbit in generating the parameters listed here. Systematic errors in the bolometric correction tables or stellar evolution models are not included, and may dominate the error budget for some of these parameters.
### Table 7. Adopted orbital and planetary parameters for HATS-74Ab, HATS-75b, HATS-76b and HATS-77b

| Parameter                | HATS-74Ab       | Value         | HATS-75b       | Value         | HATS-76b       | Value         | HATS-77b       | Value         |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Light curve parameters   |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| $P$ (days)               | 1.73185606 ± 0.00000055 | 2.7885656 ± 0.0000011 | 1.9416423 ± 0.0000014 | 3.0876262 ± 0.0000016 |
| $T_c$ (BJD,TDB)          | 2454392.02654 ± 0.000024 | 2458611.05487 ± 0.00027 | 245842.55556 ± 0.00053 | 2459136.69378 ± 0.00020 |
| $T_{14}$ (days)          | 0.06869 ± 0.00064 | 0.07969 ± 0.00065 | 0.0774 ± 0.0011 | 0.09282 ± 0.00070 |
| $T_{12}$, $T_{34}$ (days) | 0.01256 ± 0.00049 | 0.01256 ± 0.00036 | 0.01254 ± 0.00067 | 0.01610 ± 0.00061 |
| $a/R_*$                  | 8.90 ± 0.10 | 12.037 ± 0.129 | 9.12 ± 0.14 | 12.06 ± 0.19 |
| $\zeta/R_*$              | 35.31 ± 0.56 | 29.71 ± 0.38 | 30.76 ± 0.67 | 26.02 ± 0.28 |
| $R_p/R_*$                | 0.165 ± 0.033 | 0.165 ± 0.029 | 0.079 ± 0.011 | 0.107 ± 0.033 |
| $b^2$                    | 0.406 ± 0.043 | 0.406 ± 0.038 | 0.281 ± 0.105 | 0.320 ± 0.054 |
| $i$ (deg)                | 47.39 ± 0.29 | 88.07 ± 0.15 | 88.24 ± 0.59 | 88.44 ± 0.27 |
| Dilution factors         |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| HATSouth 1               | 0.954 ± 0.046 | 0.756 ± 0.061 | 0.892 ± 0.056 | 0.906 ± 0.054 |
| HATSouth 2               | ...            | 0.956 ± 0.030 | ...            | ...            |
| TESS 1                   | 0.963 ± 0.033 | 0.937 ± 0.032 | 0.966 ± 0.033 | 0.992 ± 0.0095 |
| TESS 2                   | ...            | 0.949 ± 0.028 | ...            | ...            |
| Limb-darkening coefficients |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| $e_1$, $g_1$             | 0.39 ± 0.17 | 0.36 ± 0.13 | 0.47 ± 0.14 | 0.47 ± 0.12 |
| $e_2$, $g_2$             | 0.29 ± 0.20 | 0.34 ± 0.17 | 0.34 ± 0.15 | 0.38 ± 0.14 |
| $e_3$, $e_4$             | 0.40 ± 0.15 | 0.29 ± 0.12 | 0.34 ± 0.16 | 0.36 ± 0.085 |
| $e_5$, $e_6$             | 0.23 ± 0.18 | 0.21 ± 0.17 | 0.31 ± 0.17 | 0.34 ± 0.15 |
| $e_7$, $e_8$, $e_9$, $e_{10}$ | 0.30 ± 0.14 | 0.30 ± 0.14 | 0.30 ± 0.14 | 0.30 ± 0.14 |
| $e_10$, $e_{11}$         | 0.33 ± 0.12 | 0.170 ± 0.120 | 0.34 ± 0.14 | 0.55 ± 0.15 |
| $e_{12}$, $e_{13}$       | 0.17 ± 0.16 | 0.10 ± 0.16 | 0.36 ± 0.17 | 0.35 ± 0.15 |
| RV parameters            |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| $K$ (m s$^{-1}$)         | 346 ± 34 | 99.2 ± 7.9 | 562 ± 15 | 253 ± 63 |
| $e$, $i$, $P$            | < 0.044 | < 0.064 | < 0.062 | < 0.045 |
| RV jitter ESPRESSO (m s$^{-1}$) | < 32.1 | < 2.8 | < 19.0 | < 87.3 |
| Planetary parameters     |                 |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
| $M_p$ (M$_J$)            | 1.46 ± 0.14 | 0.491 ± 0.039 | 2.629 ± 0.089 | 1.374 ± 0.100 |
| $R_p$ ($R_*$)            | 1.032 ± 0.021 | 0.884 ± 0.013 | 1.079 ± 0.031 | 1.165 ± 0.021 |
| $C(M_p, R_p)$            | 0.111 | 0.111 | 0.111 | 0.111 |
| $\rho_p$ (g cm$^{-3}$)   | 1.64 ± 0.19 | 0.878 ± 0.084 | 2.58 ± 0.23 | 1.077 ± 0.112 |
| log $g_p$ (cgs)          | 3.529 ± 0.063 | 3.192 ± 0.038 | 3.747 ± 0.029 | 3.399 ± 0.038 |
| $a$ (AU)                 | 0.02384 ± 0.00011 | 0.03374 ± 0.000134 | 0.02658 ± 0.00021 | 0.03067 ± 0.00025 |
| $T_{eq}$ (K)             | 895 ± 5.7 | 772 ± 2.3 | 930 ± 6.7 | 829 ± 5.9 |
| $\Theta$                 | 0.112 ± 0.011 | 0.0602 ± 0.0049 | 0.1947 ± 0.0075 | 0.129 ± 0.032 |
| log $\Pi_p$ (F) (cgs) 1  | 8.163 ± 0.011 | 7.9066 ± 0.0051 | 8.247 ± 0.012 | 8.028 ± 0.012 |

**Note:** For all systems we adopt a model in which the orbit is assumed to be circular. See the discussion in Section 3.1.

- **a** Times are in Barycentric Julian Date calculated on the Barycentric Dynamical Time (TDB) system. $T_c$: Reference epoch of mid transit that minimizes the correlation with the orbital period. $T_{12}$, $T_{34}$: total transit duration, time between first to last contact; $T_{12}$ to $T_{34}$: ingress/egress time, time between first and second, or third and fourth contact.

- **b** Reciprocal of the half duration of the transit used as a jump parameter in our MCMC analysis in place of $a/R_*$. It is related to $a/R_*$ by the expression $\sqrt{\pi}/R_* \approx a/R_* (2\pi (1 + e \sin \omega))/P$. $\sqrt{\pi}/(\pi^{1/2})$ (Hirano et al. 2010).

- **c** Scaling factor applied to the model transit that is fit to the HATSouth and TESS light curves. This factor accounts for dilution of the transit due to blending from neighboring stars and/or over-filtering of the light curve. These factors are varied in the fit, with independent values adopted for each light curve. For HATSouth, we list separately the independent dilution factors determined for the focus frame, and science frame HATSouth images, and for the TESS sectors four and five light curves.

- **d** Values for a quadratic law. The limb darkening parameters were directly varied in the fit, using the tabulations from Claret et al. (2012, 2013), Claret (2018) to place Gaussian prior constraints on their values, assuming a prior uncertainty of 0.2 for each coefficient.

- **e** The 95% confidence upper limit on the eccentricity determined when $\sqrt{\pi} \cos \omega$ and $\sqrt{\pi} \sin \omega$ are allowed to vary in the fit.

- **f** Term added in quadrature to the formal RV uncertainties for each instrument. This is treated as a free parameter in the fitting routine.

- **g** Correlation coefficient between the planetary mass $M_p$ and radius $R_p$ estimated from the posterior parameter distribution.

- **h** The Safonov number is given by $\Theta = 4(V_{esc}{V_{surf}}^2) = (a/R_*)(M_p/M_*)$ (see Hansen & Barman 2007).

- **i** Incoming flux per unit surface area, averaged over the orbit.