Colour–magnitude diagrams of transiting Exoplanets – II. A larger sample from photometric distances

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ABSTRACT

Colour–magnitude diagrams form a traditional way of presenting luminous objects in the Universe and compare them to each other. Here, we estimate the photometric distance of 44 transiting exoplanetary systems. Parallaxes for seven systems confirm our methodology. Combining those measurements with fluxes obtained while planets were occulted by their host stars, we compose colour–magnitude diagrams in the near and mid-infrared. When possible, planets are plotted alongside very low mass stars and field brown dwarfs, who often share similar sizes and equilibrium temperatures. They offer a natural, empirical, comparison sample. We also include directly imaged exoplanets and the expected loci of pure blackbodies. Irradiated planets do not match blackbodies; their emission spectra are not featureless. For a given luminosity, hot Jupiters' daysides show a larger variety in colour than brown dwarfs do and display an increasing diversity in colour with decreasing intrinsic luminosity. The presence of an extra absorbent within the 4.5 µm band would reconcile outlying hot Jupiters with ultra-cool dwarfs' atmospheres. Measuring the emission of gas giants cooler than 1000 K would disentangle whether planets' atmospheres behave more similarly to brown dwarfs' atmospheres than to blackbodies, whether they are akin to the young directly imaged planets, or if irradiated gas giants form their own sequence.

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It is trivial to convert fluxes measured at occultation, or obtained while observing the phase curves of transiting exoplanets into absolute magnitudes. One only needs a distance measurement. Two colour–magnitude diagrams for transiting – or occulting – exoplanets were presented in Triaud (2014) for seven systems that have *Hipparcos* parallaxes (van Leeuwen [2007\)](#page-11-1). Coincidentally, this happened approximately a century after the first Hertzsprung–Russell diagrams were composed (Hertzsprung [1911;](#page-10-0) Russell [1914a](#page-11-2)[,b,](#page-11-3)[c\)](#page-11-4).

Colour–magnitude diagrams offer a means to compare exoplanets with each other, using natural units for observers. In addition, they allow one to infer global properties without requiring the need to fit complex atmospherical models through the sparse data points that can only be gathered at this stage. Those inferences can be made by comparing exo-atmospheres to other objects having similar temperatures and sizes; very low mass stars and field brown

- E-mail: triaud@mit.edu † Fellow of the Swiss National Science Foundation. dwarfs are a readily available and well-studied sample. Young, directly imaged planets are routinely compared to field brown dwarfs for this very reason (e.g. Bonnefoy et al. [2013\)](#page-10-1). Finally, irradiated and non-irradiated gas giants can be compared to each other in colour–magnitude space. Those diagrams can offer a tool to pinpoint the processes that lead highly irradiated planets to be bloated (e.g. Demory & Seager [2011\)](#page-10-2).

Just as the construction of the Hertzsprung–Russell diagram led to vast advances in stellar formation and evolution, the compilation of colour–magnitude diagrams for transiting exoplanets will likely spur similar developments. Models in colour space may predict that different planet families have distinct locations or sequences (dependent on their gravity, their atmospheric structure, their relative abundances, etc.). This would provide diagnostics to select suitable targets for further follow-up, in a fashion similar to selecting a particular stellar population, for instance, to remove giant contaminants prior to a survey focusing on G and K dwarfs. In the case of irradiated gas giants specifically, the lack of cloud cover may cause objects to fall in a specific region in colour space. Being identifiable, it will help optimize the detection of atmospheric features in transmission. In addition, if planets follow defined sequences, magnitudes obtained in one band lead to accurate predictions for others bands. It can only encourage observations at wavelengths more difficult to obtain.

In total, 44 systems (43 planets and 1 brown dwarf) have been observed at occultation and were present in the literature. Rather than waiting for *Gaia* (e.g. Perryman et al. [2001\)](#page-11-5) to deliver its much awaited parallaxes, this paper will instead use photometric distances. Thanks to their transiting configurations and to the intensive observational efforts that have been undertaken both in the confirmation and in the characterization of these objects, the fundamental stellar parameters are accurately known. This means that reliable distances can be computed such as was done for example by Torres et al. [\(2008\)](#page-11-6). Hertzsprung–Russell diagrams can be represented as luminosity versus effective temperature. We instead opted for using colours instead of temperatures (Beatty et al. [2014\)](#page-10-3), because magnitudes are closer to direct observables.

The paper is organized in the following way: we first outline our procedure to measure photometric distances (Section 1) and then describe how the host stars' apparent magnitudes were determined from the *Spitzer* photometry (Section 2). In the following section, different colour–magnitude diagrams are drawn and described in qualitative and quantitative ways. We then discuss our results and conclude.

1 THE DETERMINATION OF PHOTOMETRIC DISTANCES

Our distances are derived from catalogued parameters: we obtained effective temperatures (T_{eff}) , surface gravities (log *g*) and metallicities ([Fe/H]) from TEPCAT¹ (Southworth 2011) and used those to compute stellar radii (R_{\star}) thanks to a relation provided in Torres, Andersen & Giménez ([2010,](#page-11-8) Chapter 8). R_{\star} and T_{eff} directly lead to stellar luminosities (L_{\star}) that were in turn converted into bolometric magnitudes (M_{bol}) using the following relation (Cox [2000\)](#page-10-4):

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M_{\text{bol}} = 4.75 - 2.5 \log L_{\star}.
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 (1)

Absolute visual magnitudes (M_V) were estimated thanks to bolometric corrections estimated by Flower [\(1996\)](#page-10-5); values are provided in Table [B2.](#page-13-0)

We explored the Tycho2 catalogue (Høg et al. [2000\)](#page-10-6) to compile a list of apparent visual magnitude m_V . Failing to find a number of systems we turned to APASS/UCAC4 (Zacharias et al. [2013\)](#page-11-9) and then to TASS (Droege et al. [2006\)](#page-10-7). Distances were obtained from the distance modulus ($m_V - M_V$). Errors are propagated throughout.

No reddening corrections, $E(B - V)$, were applied since they are not available for most of our sample. We expect most $E(B - V)$ < 0.1, leading to offsets $A_V < 0.33$ on $(m_V - M_V)$ (Maxted, Koen & Smalley [2011\)](#page-11-10).

The distances we calculated are given in Table [B2](#page-13-0) and are visually represented in Fig. [1.](#page-2-0) Those plots show our results compared to corresponding distances from the revised *Hipparcos* catalogue (van Leeuwen [2007\)](#page-11-1). We also compare our estimates to photometric distances from Torres et al. [\(2008\)](#page-11-6), which provides a wider range and greater overlap of systems than *Hipparcos*. Our two most discrepant distance measurements are on GJ 436 and GJ 1214. This is most probably caused by the late type of both stars, who, with masses $<$ 0.6 M $_o$, fall outside the range over which the Torres relation has</sub>

been calibrated for. We thus adopt the most recent distance esti-mates, from van Leeuwen [\(2007\)](#page-11-1) and from Anglada-Escudé et al. [\(2013\)](#page-9-0), respectively. Removing those two objects, the reduced χ^2_r for Fig. [1\(](#page-2-0)b) changes from 2.7 ± 0.8 to 0.6 ± 0.4 . All comparisons lead to reduced $\chi^2_{\rm r} \sim 1$. Reddening is thus contained within our error bars.

2 THE DETERMINATION OF *SPITZER* **APPARENT MAGNITUDES**

The *WISE* satellite (Cutri & et al. [2012\)](#page-10-8) has two bandpasses, W1 and W2, that resemble two of *Spitzer*'s InfraRed Array Camera (IRAC) channels. Kirkpatrick et al. [\(2011\)](#page-10-9) showed the colour agreement between both spacecraft, on field brown dwarfs. Needing to use the IRAC 3 and 4, for which there is no *WISE* equivalent, we derived photometry from all *Spitzer* channels and compared the [3.6] and [4.5] to W1 and W2, to validate our measurements in the redder channels.

We searched the *Spitzer* Heritage Archive² for all frames obtained on the targets with reported occultations in the published literature (Table [B4\)](#page-15-0). Apparent magnitudes were obtained for each set of observations. Our methods for extracting the photometry are located in Appendix A, and here summarized. We perform aperture photometry on the IRAC images calibrated by the standard *Spitzer* pipeline according to the EXOPHOT PYRAF pipeline following Lanotte et al. (in preparation). Stellar flux is corrected for contribution from visual companions, if relevant. We average those flux and convert them into Vega apparent magnitudes following the methods described by Reach et al. [\(2005\)](#page-11-11). When several observations were made of the same stars, we computed the optimal average of their apparent magnitude in each of *Spitzer*'s Astronomical Observation Request (AOR) to produce the values located in Table [B2.](#page-13-0)

Our estimates are graphically compared in Fig. [2](#page-3-0) to corresponding bands employed by the *WISE* satellite. Reduced χ_r^2 are calculated. They indicate very good agreement between both set of values. Despite good agreement some objects are clearly discrepant. For example CoRoT-2A, that is ∼0.3 mag fainter in our estimation. We suspect this is because *WISE* could not distinguish CoRoT-2A from its visual companion, as we have done when deconvoluting. In the 4.5 μ m band, objects brighter than the 6th magnitude are also discrepant. For those removed, χ^2 drops from 1.7 to 0.4. All our bright targets remained well within IRAC 2's region of linearity. The discrepancy likely emanates from *WISE*. Our values can therefore be considered as being more accurate. The low χ^2_r we obtain reveals that we probably overestimate our error bars. We assume the same of the IRAC 3 and 4 channels and use our apparent magnitudes to compute those of planets.

3 COLOUR–MAGNITUDE DIAGRAMS

Planet-to-star flux ratios, measured at occultation in the *J*, *H* and *K* bands as well as observed by *Spitzer*'s IRAC 1, 2, 3 and 4 bands, were obtained from the literature and transformed into a change in magnitude. Using stellar apparent magnitudes (Table [B2\)](#page-13-0), planetary fluxes were thus transformed into apparent magnitudes (Table [B4\)](#page-15-0). Although only a technicality, this step is interesting in immediately providing an estimate of whether a certain instrument, or mirror size, is sufficient to detect a given planet. In this way, we realize that

Figure 1. Distance measurements compared with one another, from our sample, including the two discrepant stars GJ 436 and GJ 1214. Reduced χ_r^2 are given. (a) Parallactic distances from *Hipparcos* versus photometric distances from Torres, Winn & Holman [\(2008\)](#page-11-6). (b) Parallactic distances from *Hipparcos* versus photometric distances estimated in this paper. (c) Photometric distances from Torres et al. [\(2008\)](#page-11-6) versus photometric distances estimated in this paper.

55 Cnc e, a rocky planet, is a 14th magnitude at $4.5 \mu m$, meaning it can be detectable with a medium-size telescope, which it was (Demory et al. [2012\)](#page-10-10). This is also a practical way to compare transiting planets with directly detected planets. Using our computed distance moduli (Table [B2\)](#page-13-0), we obtain absolute magnitudes for stars and planets, which are listed, respectively, in Tables [B3](#page-14-0) and [B5.](#page-17-0)

The planets' absolute magnitudes are represented by circular, blue symbols arranged as colour–magnitude diagrams in Figs [3](#page-4-0) and [4.](#page-5-0) We will now describe how planets are spread with respect to each other but also to ultra-cool dwarfs. Very low mass stars and brown dwarfs are represented in the background of the same diagrams as diamonds whose colours move from orange to black as a function of their assigned spectral type (ranging from M5 to Y1).

3.1 Comparing with ultra-cool dwarfs

Information comes from comparing a new sample to one already well studied or to a model. Since models for irradiated planets are yet to be computed for colour space, very low mass stars and field brown dwarfs, which have similar effective temperatures and sizes, come as a readily available comparison sample. We can now see if planets follow or depart from the known location of those objects. Our comparison sample was borrowed from Dupuy & Liu [\(2012\)](#page-10-11), who recently compiled a vast list of ultra-cool dwarf magnitudes and parallaxes. Later in the paper, a comparison will be made to the expected location of blackbodies (Section 4) and to the position of directly detected planets (Fig. [5\)](#page-7-0).

Ultra-cool dwarfs comprise very late M dwarfs and brown dwarfs. They span the M, L, T and Y spectral classes. The distinction between the M, L and T spectral classes is described by Kirkpatrick [\(2005\)](#page-10-12), while the Y class is defined in Cushing et al. [\(2011\)](#page-10-13). Covering effective temperatures ranging from roughly 2500 to 1300 K, the L-dwarf sequence is identified by the disappearance of TiO and VO absorption as those species and others condensate into dust clouds that are thickening with decreasing temperatures, causing an accrued reddening. A rapid blueward change in near-infrared colours for objects with similar effective temperature outlines the transition between spectral classes L7 to T4 (Fig. [3\)](#page-4-0). This colour variation is

interpreted as the disappearance of suspended dust from the photosphere. The process through which these condensates of atomic and molecular species vanish is the scene of very active research. Tsuji [\(2002\)](#page-11-12), Marley et al. [\(2002\)](#page-10-14) and Knapp et al. [\(2004\)](#page-10-15) proposed that as the atmosphere cools, it reaches a temperature at which dust sedimentation efficiency increases dramatically producing a drain of the cloud decks via a 'sudden downpour'. Ackerman & Marley [\(2001\)](#page-9-1) and Burgasser et al. [\(2002\)](#page-10-16) instead proposed that, very much like what can be observed on Jupiter where clouds are discretized in separate bands, brown dwarfs' silicate clouds could fragment and progressively reveal the deeper, hotter regions of the atmosphere. This scenario produces clear signatures, such as photometric variability caused by inhomogeneous structures rotating in and out of view. Those are being detected on an increasing number of brown dwarfs (Artigau et al. [2009;](#page-9-2) Radigan et al. [2012,](#page-11-13) [2014;](#page-11-14) Heinze et al. [2013\)](#page-10-17), with some contention which spectral types are more likely to vary and about what causes variability (Wilson, Rajan & Patience [2014\)](#page-11-15). One could also expect near-stochastic modulations like as has been noticed on Luhman-16B by Gillon et al. [\(2013\)](#page-10-18). Further observations confirmed the presence of patchy clouds on Luhman-16B (Crossfield et al. [2014\)](#page-10-19). From spectral type T5 and beyond, atmospheres are thought to be clear and continue to cool down. T dwarfs have effective temperatures between 1500 and ∼600 K. The transition to the Y class is defined by the appearance of ammonia and the disappearance of alkali lines produced by the condensation of sodium and potassium[.](#page-3-0)

Interestingly, transiting planets, most often hot Jupiters, have dayside magnitudes, brightness temperatures and colours that overlap with the entire ultra-cool dwarf range. For instance, WASP-12Ab, the intrinsically brightest planet in the current sample, is as hot as an M6 dwarf. Its inferred size is as large as a $0.16 M_{\odot}$ star (Baraffe et al. [1998\)](#page-9-3). This would allow in principle to draw parallels between planets and ultra-cool dwarfs, especially so, since mass regimes of field brown dwarfs and extrasolar planets are overlapping (Latham et al. [1989;](#page-10-20) Chauvin et al. [2004;](#page-10-21) Caballero et al. [2007;](#page-10-22) Deleuil et al. [2008;](#page-10-23) Marois et al. [2008;](#page-11-16) Hellier et al. [2009;](#page-10-24) Sahlmann et al. [2011;](#page-11-17) Siverd et al. [2012;](#page-11-18) Delorme et al. [2013;](#page-10-26) Díaz et al. 2013; Naud et al. [2014\)](#page-11-19).

Figure 2. Apparent magnitude measurements comparing those obtained by *WISE* to those that we estimated, from the *Spitzer* images. CoRoT-2A is clearly discrepant in both, because it is blended with CoRoT-2B the *WISE* data. Reduced χ^2 are given; (a) on a band centred around 3.6 μ m; (b) on a band centred around 4.5 µm. The discrepant point at ∼10.3 is the CoRoT-2 system. Objects >6th magnitude appear brighter in the *WISE* 2 band, which may be due to some detector effects. Discrepant points removed, $\chi_r^2 < 1$.

3.2 Near-infrared

The J , H and K_S bands' colour–magnitude diagrams contain a large number of field brown dwarfs (see Dupuy & Liu [2012](#page-10-11) and references therein) but very few planets. Each of Fig. [3'](#page-4-0)s panels contains WASP-12Ab, the only planet with firm detections of its emission in each of those near-infrared bands ($M_J = 9.42$, $M_H = 8.83$, $M_{K_s} = 8.16$). A few more measurements were obtained on individual systems, but often in only one band (depicted as dotted lines). WASP-12Ab's location seems to agree well with the top of the ultra-cool dwarf distribution especially in the *J* − *H* colour. The two colours involving the K_S band would imply that the object is redder than most late M dwarfs. However, a recent work by Rogers et al. [\(2013\)](#page-11-20) showed that eclipse depth measurements, notably in the K_S bandpass, are likely to be biased towards deeper values. This in turn would make authors infer brighter planets, leading to a smaller magnitude and a redder colour index. Bean et al. [\(2013\)](#page-10-27) observed WASP-19b at low spectral resolution and consistently found shallower occultation depths than broad-band measurements would imply.

It remains unclear whether irradiated planetary atmosphere should follow the same general behaviour that very low mass stars and field brown dwarfs have, whether they would constitute their own sequence or agree with a blackbody (see Section 4 for a discussion on the matter). If indeed, irradiated planets and ultra-cool dwarfs were to coincide, then positioning a new measurement in a colour–magnitude diagram will become an efficient method to verify anyone's results. For instance, it can immediately be noticed how most K_S bands results imply redder colours than would otherwise be anticipated.

By extension, obtaining a detection in one band would offer straightforward predictions for the other two bands. As an example, WASP-19b has an absolute magnitude in the *H* band, M_H = 9.80 \pm 0.21 (Table [B5\)](#page-17-0). Reading on the M_H versus $J - H$ plot, we notice that its magnitude intersects with the M- and L-dwarf sequence at $J - H = 0.6 \pm 0.1$. This leads to $M_J = 10.40 \pm 0.23$, which we can convert into an apparent magnitude. WASP-19b can

be predicted to have $m_J = 17.60 \pm 0.21$, on a par with WASP-12Ab's measurement (Table [B4\)](#page-15-0).

3.3 Mid-infrared

In the mid-infrared, all the bands that were considered are the *Spitzer*'s IRAC channels. Both ultra-cool dwarfs and exoplanets have been observed extensively, especially so in the IRAC 1 and 2 centred at 3.6 and 4.5 µm. Compared to the seven systems presented in Triaud [\(2014\)](#page-11-0), the first diagrams in the top two rows in Fig. [4](#page-5-0) show a marked increase in the number of objects.

3.3.1 [3.6]−*[4.5]*

The M- and L-dwarf sequence is colourless in those bands. Objects get fainter for decreasing temperatures. As brown dwarfs transition towards the T sequence, a sharp turn occurs, caused by the widening and deepening methane absorption band at $3.3 \mu m$, revealed by the recession of dust clouds in brown dwarfs' atmospheres (e.g. Patten et al. [2006,](#page-11-21) and references therein). This leads to increasingly redder colours with increasing magnitudes. The clarity of this pattern is handy to compare planets and brown dwarfs together. So far no planet that has had its emission detected clearly falls within the T range. Good contenders can be found in HAT-P-12b (Hartman et al. [2009\)](#page-10-28) whose upper limit places it beyond the methane *kink* and in WASP-80b that has a reported effective temperature around 800 K (Triaud et al. [2013b;](#page-11-22) Mancini et al. [2014\)](#page-10-29). All currently measured hot Jupiters can therefore be compared to the M and L sequence (GJ 436b, a Neptune, is kept aside for now).

Despite significant scatter, one can notice that objects are not located completely at random. No object redder than [3.6]−[4.5] = 1 for example exists. All planets but two have colours compatible or redder than brown dwarfs. This gets clearer for absolute magnitudes in the redder channels. Only GJ 436b ($[3.6]-[4.5]<0.6$) and WASP-8Ab (3.6) – $[4.5] = 0.6$) are significantly bluer, two eccentric planets [a third eccentric planet, HAT-P-2b ([3.6]–[4.5] = 0), is compatible with the colourless L sequence].

Figure 3. Near-infrared colour–magnitude diagrams, using the 2MASS photometric system (i.e. the *J*, *H* and *K*^S bands). The blue dots show the dayside emission of transiting planets observed during occultation. Squares and arrows represent upper limits. Lines labelled with the name of a planet show the position of systems where colour or absolute magnitude is missing (not all cases are represented, for clarity). The coloured diamonds underlying the plots are brown dwarfs and directly imaged planets, whose magnitudes are listed in Dupuy & Liu [\(2012\)](#page-10-11). Colours represent the spectral class of the object, spanning from M5 (orange) to Y1 (black). Unclassified objects are in grey.

The scatter in colour increases for increasing magnitudes: objects brighter than the median magnitude (GJ 436b removed) consistently have an rms in colour lower than objects fainter than the median magnitude. This is not because intrinsically fainter planets produce weaker (and harder to measure) occultations. Some of the most significant detections [for instance HD 189733Ab ($M_{[3,6]} = 11.1$, $[3.6]$ −[4.5] = 0.1), HD 209458b ($M_{[3.6]}$ = 10.4, [3.6]−[4.5] = 0.8)] are amongst the fainter planets. The graphs shuffled borderline and

significant measurements by using absolute magnitudes. A clear detection arises because the host star and the planet are bright in apparent magnitudes, for instance thanks to their proximity to the Solar system.

The known hot Jupiters' diversity in radius $(0.8-2R_{Jup})$, which does not exist for field brown dwarfs, cannot be held responsible for the scatter either. A change in radius translates with a decrease in absolute magnitude, but no change in colour as shown in Fig. [6;](#page-7-1)

Figure 4. Mid-infrared colour–magnitude diagrams, using *Spitzer*'s IRAC photometric system. The blue dots show the dayside emission of transiting planets observed during occultation. Squares and arrows represent upper limits. Lines labelled with the name of a planet show the position of systems where colour or absolute magnitude is missing (not all cases are represented, for clarity). The coloured diamonds underlying the plots are ultra-cool dwarfs and directly imaged planets, whose magnitudes are listed in Dupuy & Liu [\(2012\)](#page-10-11). Colours represent the spectral class of the object, spanning from M5 (orange) to Y1 (black). The only unclassified object here, in grey, is WD 0806-661B (Luhman et al. [2012\)](#page-10-30).

when we compare with blackbodies, the current effects are much larger. This forces us to turn to other processes such as an increased diversity (in atmospheric structure or in absorbents) at colder temperatures, or to some intrinsic variability (with an amplitude $∼1.5$ mag). If such is the case, repeated measurements should be attempted.

3.3.2 [4.5]−*[5.8]*

Brown dwarfs face a similar pattern as in the previous subsection, but orientated in the opposite direction. It also marks the transition between the L and T spectral classes. With decreasing temperatures, CO (that has absorption in the IRAC 2 bandpass) reacts with

The hot Jupiters, again, are all located in the absolute magnitude range of the M and L sequence. Apart from GJ 436b, all are marginally bluer than their ultra-cool dwarf counterparts. Would we consider each planet individually, we would conclude that each is consistent with the M and L sequence when in fact the general population clearly is not. It is systematically biased towards the blue. They have a mean colour inferior to 0 when all brown dwarfs are above 0 in the same absolute magnitude range. Water absorption has been noticed in several transmitted spectra (e.g. Deming et al. [2013\)](#page-10-31), which would indicate that planets may depart from ultracool dwarfs' atmospheres in that water absorption appears at higher temperatures.

Alternatively, planetary atmospheres and ultra-cool dwarfs could be reconciled if ultra-cool dwarfs contain an absorbant around $4.5 \mu m$ that planets do not possess. If present, it would increase the planets' absolute magnitudes in the IRAC 2 channel at $4.5 \mu m$, moving each point closer to 0.

3.3.3 [3.6]−*[5.8] and [5.8]*−*[8.0]*

Those two colours show a redward trend with decreasing luminosity. At [3.6]−[5.8] and at [5.8]−[8.0], planets and ultra-cool dwarf overlap very well: as many objects are found on either side of the brown dwarf sequence showing statistical agreement. Planets may be slightly offset towards redder colours, in [5.8]−[8.0] but only marginally so at the moment.

This agreement between planets and ultra-cool dwarfs could in principle act as a sort of calibration, validating that measurements in those bands are well estimated (in value and error bar). However, we have to remember here that hot Jupiters are significantly larger than the typical brown dwarf (∼ 1.3–1.6*R*Jup versus 0.8–0.9*R*Jup). Reducing the planet size to the brown dwarf level should normally lead the planets to be dimmer by 0.8–1.5 mag (see Fig. [6](#page-7-1) and Section 4). At first sights, both classes of objects should not be compatible. The fact that both groups have similar absolute magnitudes indicates that hot Jupiters have lower surface emissivity than ultra-cool dwarfs.

3.3.4 Summary from mid-IR colours

If a reason is found to explain the apparent agreement at [3.6]−[5.8] and $[5.8]–[8.0]$, then we could conclude that the 4.5 µm band measurements are at the source of the observed divergence between irradiated gas giants and brown dwarfs in the [3.6]−[4.5] and [4.5]−[5.8] colours. Introducing some additional absorber within the planets' spectrum, around $4.5 \mu m$, would move planets closer to 0 in both diagrams while keeping the [3.6]−[5.8] and [5.8]−[8.0] untouched. The fact that the intrinsically fainter planets display a greater divergence from the ultra-cool dwarfs in colours based on the 4.5 µm band may imply that they have an increased atmospheric diversity, some of them with, and some without, that absorbant. We prefer this interpretation over intrinsic variability whose otherwise required amplitude would seem too large to explain the data. The discrepant [4.5] band has been noticed by a number of authors, with Knutson et al. [\(2009\)](#page-10-32) proposing that a temperature inversion in the temperature–pressure profile is responsible (Fortney et al. [2008\)](#page-10-33). However, this interpretation has been disputed by Madhusudhan et al. [\(2011\)](#page-10-34), who argue that disparities in relative abundances, notably the carbon-to-oxygen ratio, can reproduce the observations equally well.

A number of other measurements exist, notably observed in narrow bands (Gillon et al. [2009,](#page-10-35) [2012;](#page-10-36) Smith et al. [2011;](#page-11-23) Crossfield et al. 2012 ; Anderson et al. 2013 ; Lendl et al. 2013), in the z' band (López-Morales et al. 2010 ; Abe et al. 2013 ; Lendl et al. 2013) or observed by folding the *CoRoT* and *Kepler* light curves (e.g. Alonso et al. [2009;](#page-9-6) Snellen, de Mooij & Albrecht [2009;](#page-11-24) Demory et al. [2013;](#page-10-40) Morris, Mandell & Deming [2013;](#page-11-25) Sanchis-Ojeda et al. [2013\)](#page-11-26). Because of a lack of measured brown dwarfs to compare them to and often because of a lack of apparent magnitudes in those particular bands, it seemed futile to do this exercise at this time. It will however become something worth investigating.

4 COMPARISON WITH BLACKBODIES

Hot Jupiter emission measurements are often compared to complex models and to blackbodies, with frequent claims that planet spectra are compatible with the shape expected of a blackbody. WASP-12Ab is one of the most noticeable examples (Crossfield et al. [2012\)](#page-10-37). Hansen, Schwartz & Cowan [\(2014\)](#page-10-41) surveyed the literature for objects whose emission has been detected in several data sets at the same wavelength and, taking the variation in results as a systematic error bar, found that planets have featureless spectra resembling blackbodies.

To answer this claim, and also because we should not expect irradiated planets and ultra-cool dwarfs to be exactly the same, plotting the location of blackbodies within a colour–magnitude diagram seemed warranted. The blackbody loci can provide context by revealing how brown dwarfs depart from a blackbody and how irradiated gas giants compare to these departures. Figs [5](#page-7-0) and [6](#page-7-1) have a 0.9*R*Jup- and a 1.8*R*Jup-sized blackbody plotted for all temperatures between 4000 and 400 K. Those sizes were chosen as they represent the maximum size brown dwarfs are expected to have (with an age >1 Gyr; Baraffe et al. [2003\)](#page-9-7), and the approximate size of WASP-12Ab, one of the largest known exoplanet.

If planets were blackbodies, their measurements should be comprised strictly between the 0.9 and 1.8 R_{Jup} blackbodies. They cannot be above and cannot be below that strip (except for HD 149026b and GJ 436b). In the near-infrared (the only transiting planet in Fig. [5\)](#page-7-0) and mid-infrared, WASP-12Ab is lying near or on top of the expected blackbody line, in absolute magnitude and colour. Its location is also slightly above the 3000 K mark, which is compatible with its estimated equilibrium temperature of 2990 ± 110 K as provided by Crossfield et al. [\(2012\)](#page-10-37).

Whether WASP-12Ab follows the behaviour of a late M dwarf better than a blackbody is irrelevant in this case: in all colours, the M and L sequence intersects with the expected blackbody line at WASP-12Ab's location in the colour–magnitude diagram.³ The planet is where it ought to be. Having only few examples to work with, we added to Fig. [5](#page-7-0) the directly imaged planets (Table **B1**). Apart from the recently announced GU Psc b (Naud et al. [2014\)](#page-11-19), those young planets show good agreement with their M- and L-dwarf counterparts, but continue to be redder and fainter instead of turning into the blueward L–T transition, not unlike grey atmospheres. Irradiated planets could follow blackbodies, the ultra-cool dwarf's sequence, the path of the young directly imaged planets, or their own sequence. To differentiate between these four solutions, measurements of cooler transiting planets are required

³ Reflected light likely plays no part in placing WASP-12Ab at this special location. It is expected to be about three orders of magnitude fainter than thermal emission (Seager & Deming [2010\)](#page-11-27).

Figure 5. Same diagrams as the top line in Fig. [3](#page-4-0) but showcasing the behaviour of blackbodies at 10 pc, whose effective temperature is changed while keeping its size constant. The plain black line is for a 0.9 R_{Jup} object, similar to the radius of a brown dwarf, and the plain grey line represents a 1.8 R_{Jup} , the size of WASP-12Ab. The white filled diamonds (0.9*R*Jup) and dots (1.8*R*Jup) along the blackbodies indicate the location of a 4000, 3000 and 2000 K object. For reference, the blue, empty diamonds highlight the position of young, directly detected exoplanets whose data are given in Table [B1.](#page-12-0)

Figure 6. Same diagrams as the top line in Fig. [4](#page-5-0) but showcasing the behaviour of blackbodies at 10 pc whose effective temperature is changed while keeping its size constant. In plain black, is drawn a 0.9 R_{Jup} object, similar to the radius of a brown dwarf, and in plain grey a 1.8 R_{Jup} , the size of WASP-12Ab. The two bottom panels have an added dotted grey line, which is a blackbody with the size of GJ 436b (0.38*R*Jup). The marks along the blackbodies indicate the expected location of a 4000, 3000, 2000 and 1000 K object.

in near-infrared bands. HAT-P-12b and WASP-80b are good contenders.

In the mid-infrared, the picture is more complex. In the $M_{[3,6]}$ versus [3.6]−[4.5] diagram, there are seven planets redder or brighter than the 1.8R_{Jup} blackbody. 13 systems are bluer or fainter than the $0.9R_{\text{Jup}}$ blackbody. Due to the dispersion (increasing with increasing magnitude), neither the brown dwarfs nor the blackbodies would seem to better explain all the measurements. We note that only two systems are more than 1σ above the 1.8 R_{Jun} blackbody (HD 209458b and XO-4b), and one (WASP-8Ab) is away from the brown dwarfs. All other gas giants lie in agreement with a triangular confinement bordered by the blackbody on one side and the ultra-cool dwarf atmospheres on the other two. Targeting planets at the cool junction between the T dwarfs and the blackbody expectations will show if planets follow the T sequence, a blackbody, or their own sequence (for example when reflected starlight starts producing a strong effect). This means studying gas giants cooler than 1000 K (whose size would presumably be closer to 0.9 than $1.8R_{\text{Iun}}$).

The *M*[3.6] versus [4.5]−[5.8] diagram shows that the L sequence is slightly brighter than a 0.9R_{Jup} blackbody would predict, but generally follows the same slope. Brown dwarfs clearly depart when they transition to the T spectral class. In Section 3.3.2, we noted the blueward bias of hot Jupiters. This is strengthened when compared to a blackbody. Planets clearly depart. If each measurement is only 1σ –2 σ away, what we lack in precision we gain in the number of systems measured. Hot Jupiters are not featureless. Again here, the departure between the brown dwarfs and the blackbody happens below 1000 K.

Gas giants and ultra-cool dwarfs agree well in $M_{[3,6]}$ versus [3.6]−[5.8]. However, planets do not match the expectations of a blackbody: All but four planets are found bluer or fainter than the $0.9R_{Jup}$ blackbody line. The fact that planets follow the same slope as a blackbody suggests a behaviour similar to a grey atmosphere, implying that opacities in these bands are grey. Hot Jupiters are not blackbodies and here behave more like dwarfs do. The final diagram, plotting *M*[3.6] versus [5.8]−[8.0], shows good agreement: brown dwarfs appear to follow the expected blackbody (being slightly below, maybe evidence they are slightly smaller than $0.9R_{\text{Jup}}$), so do hot Jupiters but with a large scatter. This would indicate that the opacity is grey in these bands and approaches the Planck law.

The location of a blackbody with the size of GJ 436b $(0.38R_{Jup})$ was added and goes right through its measurement at [5.8]−[8.0]. A change in radius is only a translation in absolute magnitude. GJ 436b sits right at the 1000 K marks, which would imply a similar temperature, much higher than its estimated equilibrium temperature of \sim 700 K (Deming et al. [2007\)](#page-10-42). If this is not the indication of excess energy produced by its ongoing tidal circularisation (Maness et al. [2007;](#page-10-43) Beust et al. [2012\)](#page-10-44), this should be seen as a reminder that effective temperature is different from equilibrium temperature and that touching the blackbody sequence does not mean a measurement agrees with it, as temperature too needs to be accounted for. Shape is not all.

5 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

We computed photometric distances that allowed us to obtain the absolute magnitude of occulting planets. They were used to compile colour–magnitude diagrams. Planets on their own would not offer much information. This is why we compared their location in these diagrams to the location of very low mass stars and field brown dwarfs, and to the behaviour expected of pure blackbodies. By defining a blackbody sequence with a lower size of 0.9*R*Jup and an upper one of $1.8R_{Jun}$, we describe a locus in the form of a strip where all hot Jupiters should congregate would they follow the Planck law.

In the near-infrared, three clear conclusions can be drawn.

(i) Planets are brighter in K_S -band measurements, and in average redder than the M and L brown dwarf sequence (this probably has an instrumental origin).

(ii) WASP-12Ab is as much compatible with a blackbody as with the M and L sequences, because that is the location where both intersect.

(iii) A clear distinction between irradiated gas giants following a brown dwarf behaviour, the young directly imaged planets or a blackbody will emerge for equilibrium temperatures cooler than \sim 2000 K.

In the mid-infrared, we obtained the following general trends.

(i) Gas giants are only in agreement with the blackbody locus in the [5.8]−[8.0] colour. Deviations, made significant by the number of objects considered, in the other colours imply that planets are not pure blackbodies, although individual objects may appear to be.

(ii) Gas giants are bluer in the [4.5]−[5.8] colour than a blackbody or the M and L brown dwarf sequence. This shows that hot Jupiters are not featureless.

(iii) Combining this with an increased scatter as magnitudes increase in the [3.6]−[4.5] provides support that some gas giants are lacking an absorbant at $4.5 \mu m$.

(iv) This affects only certain planets making us conclude that atmospheric diversity increases with decreasing absolute magnitude, presumably, with decreasing equilibrium temperature.

(v) Clearly associating planets to the brown dwarf locus or to the blackbody strip can be made by obtaining the emission (dayside or nightside) of gas giants with effective temperatures below 1000 K at [3.6] and [4.5].

It is worth noting at this point that the observed increase in atmospheric diversity is found under the upper limits placed by Demory et al. [\(2013\)](#page-10-40) on Kepler-7b. This planet's detected occultation and phase curve in the *Kepler* bandpass have been interpreted as reflected light from an inhomogeneous, high albedo, cloud layer, mostly located on the dayside. From studying HD 189733Ab's phase curve inside a colour–magnitude diagram, Triaud [\(2014\)](#page-11-0) made a similar inference: the presence of clouds can hide the effect of some absorbing species or can locally change the atmospheric chemistry. We can therefore wonder whether the existence of clouds can be linked to the presence or absence of an absorbing feature in *Spitzer*'s 4.5 µm channel that leads to the scatter present in the [3.6]−[4.5] and [4.5]−[5.8] colours.

If brown dwarf atmospheres and irradiated exoplanets are set to coincide, then it is perhaps not surprising that since most exoplanets fall in the range occupied by the M and L types, they too would have an opaque cloud layer at least on the dayside. Clouds are likely to leak over the terminator covering transmitted features. This provides context to the frequently announced featureless transmission spectra on several exoplanets (e.g. Bean, Miller-Ricci Kempton & Homeier [2010;](#page-10-45) Berta et al. [2012;](#page-10-46) Jordán et al. [2013;](#page-10-47) Sing et al. [2013\)](#page-11-28). GJ 436b is found on the continuation of the M and L sequences, and also shows a featureless transmission spectrum (Knutson et al. [2014\)](#page-10-48). The scatter in colour of the emitted spectra for the colder of the transiting gas giants can give hope that some will possess an inhomogeneous cloud cover, revealing the deeper parts of their atmospheres through cloud holes. Using colour–magnitude diagrams would become a useful tool to select the right exoplanet sample before attempting an observing campaign aimed at producing transmission spectra.

Burrows & Ostriker [\(2014\)](#page-10-49) point out, in their supplementary materials, that for an equivalent emerging flux, the spectra of an irradiated and of an isolated planet are dissimilar, notably by possessing widely different temperature–pressure profiles. The widening range in colour could also originate from distinctions in the impacting irradiative stellar flux, or on how this energy affects different atmospheres. An irradiated planet, for instance, emits more strongly at $4.5 \mu m$ than its isolated equivalent.

An obvious extension of this work would be to explore other colours, notably in some narrow bands where successful occultation measurements have been obtained by a number of investigators. Ultra-cool dwarf magnitudes can be obtained from the many spectra that have been acquired of these objects and integrating over the correct bandpasses. It would be interesting to know whether those fall into regions sensitive to additional species, which could greatly help our understanding of exoplanetary atmospheres. For instance, Demory et al. [\(2013\)](#page-10-40) have shown how bright Kepler-7 is in *Kepler*'s optical bandpass, Kmag, compared to its mid-infrared magnitude. It is therefore likely that a Kmag-[3.6] or a Kmag-[4.5] would be a tracer of cloudy structures on the dayside of exoplanets. We cannot but encourage authors to report apparent magnitudes in the bands that they report occultations in.

From studying those diagrams, we can make judgements about the most interesting planets to obtain emission measurements on. Some objects are particular in deviating from the global trends we outlined above, with the clearest example found with GJ 436b. Its small size is not sufficient to explain its discrepancy. The absence of a detection in the $4.5 \mu m$ band signifies that it is the bluest object in the current sample in the [3.6]−[4.5] colour and the reddest in [4.5]−[5.8]. While being broadly consistent with the shape of a blackbody, its inferred effective temperature (∼1000 K) appears unreasonably high. The study of the other smaller planets, GJ 1214 b (Charbonneau et al. [2009\)](#page-10-50), GJ 3470 b (Bonfils et al. [2012\)](#page-10-51) and HD 97658b (Dragomir et al. [2013\)](#page-10-52), can show if they manifest an atmospheric behaviour similar to GJ 436b's.

Arguably there are now enough measurements over the M and L sequences; it is scientifically interesting to reserve our resources to extend beyond that range. Going further up along the M sequence would need hot Jupiters orbiting A stars (like WASP-33; Collier Cameron et al. [2010;](#page-10-53) Deming et al. [2012\)](#page-10-54) that are hard to come about and hard to analyse: many A stars are within the instability strip and display oscillations (WASP-33 is a δ Scuti). Exploring further down, closer to the T regime, especially for equilibrium temperatures below 1000 K, can be achieved by targeting longer period planets (WASP-8Ab for example is close to the L–T transition; Queloz et al. [2010;](#page-11-29) Cubillos et al. [2013\)](#page-10-55). The main issue in observing colder planets is the weak signals that can be expected from them. This can be mitigated by selecting host stars of late spectral classes such as WASP-80 (Triaud et al. [2013b\)](#page-11-22).

So far very few transiting (or occulting) brown dwarfs have been detected (Deleuil et al. [2008;](#page-10-23) Anderson et al. [2011b;](#page-9-8) Bouchy et al. 2011 ; Siverd et al. 2012 ; Díaz et al. 2013). Because they often orbit hot and large stars, their occultations are weak. Beatty et al. [\(2014\)](#page-10-3) however managed to measure KELT-1b. However, those brown dwarfs are mostly found on short orbits, like hot Jupiters. They have inferred temperatures similar to M or L objects but differ from usual brown dwarfs in that they are inflated. Because of their size, they fall on isochrones younger than the inferred age of the star they orbit (Triaud et al. [2013a\)](#page-11-30). Proximity acts like a rejuvenation. Obtaining several brightness measurements over the M, L and T

range, preferably on long-period objects, would in principle procure a radius calibration for field brown dwarfs.

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APPENDIX A : OBTAINING CALIBRATED APPARENT MAGNITUDES WITH *SPITZER*

Apparent magnitudes in all four IRAC bands are based on IRAC images calibrated by the standard *Spitzer* pipeline (version S18.18 or S18.25 depending on their availability at the time of the data reduction). They are delivered to the community as basic calibrated data (BCD) sets and can be easily found at the *Spitzer* Heritage Archive.⁴ According to the brightness of each target, some sets were observed in the IRAC channels in sub-array mode, some in full-array mode and a number in both. This forced us to employ two different data reductions. The sub-array mode offers a high temporal resolution for observing very bright sources (available exposure times: 0.02, 0.1 and 0.4 s) on a portion of the array detector $(32 \times 32 \text{ pixels})$. The full-array mode provides $256 \times 256 \text{ pixel}$ $(5.22 \text{ arcmin} \times 5.22 \text{ arcmin})$ frames for longer exposure times of 2, 12, 30 and 100 s.

A1 Aperture photometry

Each BCD set provided by sub-array mode is composed of 64 subarray images. These data are reduced according to the EXOPHOT PYRAF pipeline following Lanotte et al. (in preparation) to get raw light curves. For each sub-array image, a 2D elliptical Gaussian profile fit is performed on the point spread function (PSF) of the target to obtain its PSF centre coordinates. We operate aperture photometry thanks to the $IRAF/DAOPHOT⁵$ software (Stetson [1987\)](#page-11-33). For each sub-array image, the software measures the stellar flux on apertures centred on our estimated PSF locations, ranging from 2.5 to 5.9 pixels by increments of 0.1 pixel, and subtracts the background level evaluated in an annulus extending from 12 to 15 pixels from the centre of aperture. For each block of 64 sub-array images, the discrepant values for the measurements of the *x*- and *y*-position, and the stellar and background flux are rejected using a 3σ median clipping. The remaining measurements in each BCD set are averaged.

The full-array mode images are reduced in the same way, except that the PSF centres are determined by a flux-weighted centroid. This method is better adapted to lower signal-to-noise data.

At this stage, the first measurements of each light curve are discarded if they correspond to deviant values for all or some of the external parameters (detector or pointing stabilization). Finally, we perform for each light curve a moving median filtering to discard outlier measurements due, for instance, to cosmic hits. We also

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4 http://sha.ipac.caltech.edu/applications/Spitzer/SHA/
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 $⁵$ IRAF is distributed by the National Optical Astronomy Observatory, which</sup> is operated by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc., under cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation.

reject the measurements during a planetary transit, if present, to always consider the total stellar flux. Ideally one should measure the flux coming from the stellar system only during the occultation of the planet to only consider the stellar flux. However, the planetary emission is negligible in comparison to flux variations induced by instrumental effects such as the 'pixel-phase' and the 'ramp' effects. The first one lies in the dependence of the observed flux with the stellar centroid location on the pixel of the IRAC InSb $(3.6 \text{ and } 4.5 \text{ }\mu\text{m})$ arrays. It is due to the inhomogeneous intrapixel sensitivity combined to the jitter of the telescope and to the poor sampling of the PSF. The second effect is the increase of the detector response at the start of AORs and is attributed to a chargetrapping mechanism resulting in a dependence of the gain of the pixels to their illumination history. We refer the reader to Knutson et al. [\(2008\)](#page-10-57) and references therein for more information about these instrumental systematics.

The pixel-phase response changed at the beginning of the *Warm* mission, with the consequence that the correction map of the cryogenic phase of *Spitzer* could not be used for all the data. Since no complete correction map is available for the *Warm* phase of *Spitzer* at the time of our analysis, we do not correct the flux measurements for the intra-pixel sensitivity. In practice, those intra-pixel flux variations are partially averaged out thanks to variations in the location of the PSF during an observational run. We do not model the 'ramp' effect but simply remove the more affected sequence of measurements.

For each data set (called AOR = Astronomical Observation Request in *Spitzer* terminology), we average all remaining measured stellar fluxes computed for each radius separately. We then apply the appropriate aperture correction to determine the stellar flux as it would be falling into a circular aperture radius of 10 pixels. This is carried out in order to remain consistent with the magnitude calibrations present in Reach et al. [\(2005\)](#page-11-11). The IRAC instrument handbook provides aperture corrections for different aperture radii and background annuli. However, only three aperture corrections can be applied for the sub-array mode data, so that we generate other aperture correction factors to coincide with all our photometric apertures. Indeed, the accuracy of the flux measurement resides in the choice of the photometric aperture radius. While small aperture radii are dominated by imprecisions due to undersampling the PSF and pixel-to-pixel response, larger radii are affected by larger background contributions. We thus perform aperture photometry on deconvolved images reconvolved by the best-fitting partial PSF model to derive the aperture corrections required for deriving the observed flux of the star. The deconvolution photometry is made using DECPHOT following a procedure described in Gillon et al. [\(2006\)](#page-10-58) and optimized for *Spitzer* data by Lanotte et al. (in preparation). DECPHOT is based on the image-deconvolution method of Magain, Courbin & Sohy [\(1998\)](#page-10-59) that, contrarily to traditional deconvolution methods, respects the sampling theorem of Shannon [\(1949\)](#page-11-34) and preserves the photometric flux. The aperture corrections are normalized to the flux falling into a circular aperture radius of 10 pixels subtracted to the background level measured in an annulus from 12 to 20 pixels.

Then we average all flux corrected for aperture and take the resulting value as the observed flux measurement for the data set. The mean of the errors on each corrected flux is taken as our error bar on the measured stellar flux. We convert the measured flux in jansky and apply the colour and inter-pixel corrections.⁶ Finally, the

⁶ See sections 4.4 and 4.5 of the *Spitzer* Observer's Manual and <http://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/data/SPITZER/docs/irac/warmfeatures/>

Table A1. Dilution factors in the stellar flux from CoRoT-2A and WASP-8A caused by their visual companion. These factors are estimated for a range of aperture radii.

Aperture radius	Dilution (per cent)				
	CoRoT-2A			WASP-8A	
(pixels)	[3.6]	[4.5]	[3.6]	[4.5]	
2.5	4.08	2.72	0.85	1.23	
3.0	7.51	5.80	2.54	3.56	
3.5	12.98	11.31	6.34	7.87	
4.0	17.44	15.60	9.90	11.83	
4.5	18.91	17.19	11.43	13.76	

flux densities are converted into Vega apparent magnitudes using the zero-magnitude flux densities computed by Reach et al. [\(2005\)](#page-11-11). The associated error bars are dominated by the uncertainty in the absolute calibration.

A2 Deconvolution of blended stars

Two systems in our sample (CoRoT-2 and WASP-8) are blended by a visual companion. Gillon et al. [\(2010\)](#page-10-60) and Deming et al. [\(2011\)](#page-10-61) have evaluated the dilution factor: the correction to the measured flux needed to remove the dilution caused by CoRotT-2A's visual companion. Their correction factors at 4.5 µm return a magnitude disparity of ∼0.3 mag using our measured fluxes using the method described above. No similar work has been done for WASP-8. In order to measure the dilution factor induced in the flux measurement with a higher precision, we performed once again a deconvolution of the data for those two stars. We used DECPHOT to operate aperture photometry on model images considering two stars or the target only. We compute the dilution factor for both systems using all our aperture radii to reduce the errors of the inferred factors. The standard deviations of CoRoT-2 and WASP-8 fluxes due to the change of aperture radius are 0.11 and 0.07 per cent, respectively, at 3.6 μ m, and 0.04 and 0.08 per cent at 4.5 μ m. For comparison, the standard deviations of isolated target fluxes due to the change of aperture radius are encompassed between 0.01 and 0.06 per cent. Table [A1](#page-12-1) gives dilution factors according to some aperture radius, the target and the instrument. With these factors, fluxes for each aperture are corrected, and the same procedure as described in the previous section is carried out to yield corrected apparent magnitudes.

APPENDIX B: TABLES

Table B1. Absolute magnitudes reported for some directly imaged planets.

Name	M_I	M_H	M_{K_s}	Refs
κ And b	12.7 ± 0.3	11.7 ± 0.2	11.0 ± 0.4	1
HR 8799 b	16.30 ± 0.16	14.87 ± 0.17	14.05 ± 0.08	2
HR 8799 c	14.65 ± 0.17	13.93 ± 0.17	13.13 ± 0.08	\mathfrak{D}
HR 8799 d	15.26 ± 0.43	13.86 ± 0.22	13.11 ± 0.12	2
2M 1207 b	16.38 ± 0.09	14.45 ± 0.09	13.31 ± 0.08	3, 4
β Pic b	12.6 ± 0.3	12.0 ± 0.2	11.2 ± 0.1	5, 6, 7
GU Psc b	14.71 ± 0.23	14.29 ± 0.23	13.99 ± 0.23	8

References: (1) Carson et al. [\(2013\)](#page-10-62); (2) Marois et al. [\(2008\)](#page-11-16); (3) Chauvin et al. [\(2004\)](#page-10-21); (4) Mohanty et al. [\(2007\)](#page-11-35); (5) Lagrange et al. [\(2009\)](#page-10-63); (6) Bonnefoy et al. [\(2011\)](#page-10-64); (7) Bonnefoy et al. [\(2013\)](#page-10-1); (8) Naud et al. [\(2014\)](#page-11-19).

Flagged in the 2MASS catalogue.

Table B3. Adopted distance and estimated stellar absolute magnitudes using data presented in Table B2, in the Vega-based magnitude convention. **Table B3.** Adopted distance and estimated stellar absolute magnitudes using data presented in Table [B2,](#page-13-0) in the Vega-based magnitude convention.

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[\(2010\)](#page-11-60); (78) Smith et al. [\(2012\)](#page-11-61); (79) Smalley et al. [\(2010\)](#page-11-62); (80) Mahtani et al. [\(2013\)](#page-10-99); (81) Collier Cameron et al. [\(2010\)](#page-10-53); (82) Deming et al. [\(2012\)](#page-10-54); (83) de Mooij et al. [\(2013\)](#page-10-100); (84) Hellier et al. [\(2011\)](#page-10-101); (85) Blecic et al. [\(2014\)](#page-10-102); (86) Wang et al. [\(2013\)](#page-11-63); (87) Enoch et al. [\(2011\)](#page-10-103); (88) Barge et al. [\(2008\)](#page-9-16); (89) Deming et al. [\(2011\)](#page-10-61); (90) Rogers et al. [\(2009\)](#page-11-64); (91) Zhao et al. [\(2012a\)](#page-11-65); (92) Alonso et al. [\(2008\)](#page-9-17); (93) Alonso

et al. [\(2010\)](#page-9-18); (94) Latham et al. [\(2010\)](#page-10-104); (95) Demory et al. [\(2013\)](#page-10-40); (96) Siverd et al. [\(2012\)](#page-11-18); (97) Beatty et al. [\(2014\)](#page-10-3).

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