TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b: two super-Jupiter mass planets transiting low-mass host stars★

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ABSTRACT

Short-period gas giant planets have been shown to be significantly rarer for host stars less massive than the Sun. We report the discovery of two transiting giant planets - TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b - with low-mass (early M) host stars. Both planets were detected using TESS photometry and for both the transit signal was validated using ground based photometric facilities. We confirm the planetary nature of these companions and measure their masses using radial velocity observations. We find that TOI-2379 b has an orbital period of 5.469 d and a mass and radius of $5.76 \pm 0.20 M_J$ and $1.046 \pm 0.023 R_J$ and TOI-2384 b has an orbital period of 2.136 d and a mass and radius of 1.966 ± 0.059 M_J and 1.025 ± 0.021 R_J. TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b have the highest and third highest planet-to-star mass ratios respectively out of all transiting exoplanets with a low-mass host star, placing them uniquely among the population of known exoplanets and making them highly important pieces of the puzzle for understanding the extremes of giant planet formation.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Close-in gas giant planets ($P \le 10$ d; $R_P \ge 0.6R_J$), known as hot Jupiters, dominated early transiting exoplanet discoveries (e.g. [Char](#page-12-0)[bonneau et al.](#page-12-0) [2000;](#page-12-0) [Alonso et al.](#page-12-1) [2004;](#page-12-1) [Bakos et al.](#page-12-2) [2007;](#page-12-2) [McCul](#page-13-1)[lough et al.](#page-13-1) [2006;](#page-13-1) [Collier Cameron et al.](#page-12-3) [2007\)](#page-12-3). Despite this, and the relative ease of finding a hot Jupiter compared to a smaller planet, few hot Jupiters have been discovered orbiting M-dwarf host stars. This is in part due to the fact that these objects are significantly rarer around low-mass host stars [\(Bryant et al.](#page-12-4) [2023;](#page-12-4) [Gan et al.](#page-13-2) [2023a\)](#page-13-2), but also due to the fact that obtaining the precise radial velocity measurements necessary to measure the mass of and confirm these planets is much harder for low-mass stars. Firstly this is due to the fact that low-mass stars have a low luminosity with this intrinsic faintness reducing the radial velocity precision achievable. Moreover M-dwarf spectra display a large amount of molecular lines, compared to the sharp metal lines present in the spectra of solar-like stars, further increasing the difficulty of achieving the high-precision radial velocity measurements required.

The rarity of these planets has been linked to the fact that lower mass stars are less likely to form giant planets through the coreaccretion planet model (e.g. [Laughlin et al.](#page-13-3) [2004;](#page-13-3) [Kennedy & Kenyon](#page-13-4) [2008;](#page-13-4) [Burn et al.](#page-12-5) [2021\)](#page-12-5). This is primarily due to the lower surface density of the protoplanetary disks but the slower Keplerian timescales around these low-mass stars also slows down and inhibits planet formation as well (e.g. [Laughlin et al.](#page-13-3) [2004;](#page-13-3) [Ida & Lin](#page-13-5) [2005\)](#page-13-5). For early-M-type stars (0.5M_o $\leq M_* \leq 0.65M_{\odot}$) giant planet formation through core-accretion is expected to be less likely than for a solar-mass star but not impossible [\(Burn et al.](#page-12-5) [2021\)](#page-12-5). A number of discoveries of such planets over recent years speak to the potential, albeit rare, to form these planets (e.g. [Bayliss et al.](#page-12-6) [2018;](#page-12-6) [Bakos et al.](#page-12-7) [2020;](#page-12-7) [Jordán et al.](#page-13-6) [2022;](#page-13-6) [Kanodia et al.](#page-13-7) [2022;](#page-13-7) [Hartman et al.](#page-13-8) [2023;](#page-13-8) [Cañas et al.](#page-12-8) [2023\)](#page-12-8). For lower-mass stars ($M_* \leq 0.4 M_{\odot}$) the predictions are that giant planet formation becomes significantly more difficult, and yet recent discoveries of giant planets with such lowmass stars (e.g. [Kanodia et al.](#page-13-9) [2023;](#page-13-9) [Hobson et al.](#page-13-10) [2023;](#page-13-10) [Almenara](#page-12-9) [et al.](#page-12-9) [2024\)](#page-12-9) have shown formation of these exotic systems to still be possible. While core-accretion struggles to form giant planets with lower mass host stars, there is an alternative pathway through which these systems could form: disk instability (e.g. [Boss](#page-12-10) [1997\)](#page-12-10). In fact, simulations have shown that giant planets can readily form through disk instability around M-dwarf stars (e.g. [Boss](#page-12-11) [2006;](#page-12-11) [Mercer & Sta-](#page-13-11)

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[matellos](#page-13-11) [2020;](#page-13-11) [Boss & Kanodia](#page-12-12) [2023\)](#page-12-12), with this pathway resulting in very massive ($\geq 2.0 M_J$) planets [\(Mercer & Stamatellos](#page-13-11) [2020\)](#page-13-11). By revealing and studying the growing population of giant planets with low-mass host stars, we can better understand how the mass of the host star influences the formation of giant planets.

In addition to the stellar mass, the metallicity of the host star can also play a major role in the formation of giant planets. Specifically, a correlation between the occurrence rate of giant planets orbiting FGK stars and the host star metallicity has been observed and explained as a consequence of core-accretion planet formation [\(Fischer & Valenti](#page-13-12) [2005;](#page-13-12)[Johnson et al.](#page-13-13) [2010;](#page-13-13) [Wang et al.](#page-13-14) [2018;](#page-13-14) [Osborn & Bayliss](#page-13-15) [2020\)](#page-13-15). Similar trends showing enhanced host stars metallicities have also been shown for low-mass host stars of giant planets [\(Johnson & Apps](#page-13-16) [2009;](#page-13-16) [Rojas-Ayala et al.](#page-13-17) [2010\)](#page-13-17). Theoretical studies have shown the core-accretion paradigm to form giant planets more easily in metalrich protoplanetary disks (e.g. [Ida & Lin](#page-13-18) [2004;](#page-13-18) [Emsenhuber et al.](#page-13-19) [2021\)](#page-13-19) and the metallicity of a protoplanetary disk is believed to be inherited from the same primordial cloud as the host star, therefore resulting in more metal-rich disks around high metallicity stars (e.g. [Fischer & Valenti](#page-13-12) [2005\)](#page-13-12).

To add to the sample of planets that can be used to shed light on the formation history of these exotic planets and understand the roles played by these different formation effects for low-mass stars we present the discovery of TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b – two super-Jupiter mass giant planets transiting metal-rich ([Fe/H] > 0.35dex) early M-dwarf stars. These two objects were discovered as a result of the all-sky coverage of the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS; [Ricker et al.](#page-13-20) [2015\)](#page-13-20), and confirmed with ground-based photometric and spectroscopic follow-up. Their high masses, along with the low masses of their host stars, make them important additions to the known population of exoplanets, particularly from the viewpoint of understanding giant planet formation. Our discovery and followup photometric observations are presented in Section [2](#page-1-0) and we use these to perform an initial analysis to confirm the true sources of the observed transiting signals which we present in Section [3.](#page-2-0) Our spectroscopic observations are discussed in Section [4.](#page-3-0) We discuss the analysis performed to derive the stellar and planetary characteristics in Section [5](#page-3-1) and we place these two exotic planets in context of the overall exoplanet population in Section [6.](#page-9-0)

2 PHOTOMETRIC OBSERVATIONS

2.1 TESS Photometry

The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS; [Ricker et al.](#page-13-20) [2015\)](#page-13-20) is a NASA space-based exoplanet hunting facility that has been continuously observing the sky searching for transiting exoplanets since July 2018. The wide-field, high precision observations of TESS along with the fact TESS surveys the full sky on a timescale of two years make it an ideal data source for the discovery of rare astrophysical objects, such as giant planets orbiting low-mass stars. In fact, of the 21 known giant planets transiting low-mass stars ($M_* \leq 0.65 M_{\odot}$) TESS photometry was used to discover 14 (e.g. [Gan et al.](#page-13-21) [2022;](#page-13-21) [Cañas et al.](#page-12-13) [2022;](#page-12-13) [Kanodia et al.](#page-13-9) [2023\)](#page-13-9) and was involved in the confirmation of 3 more [\(Bakos et al.](#page-12-7) [2020;](#page-12-7) [Jordán et al.](#page-13-6) [2022\)](#page-13-6).

During the first year of TESS observations TOI-2379 (TIC-201177276) was observed in Sectors 1 and 2 (25 July 2018 to 20 September 2018) and TOI-2384 (TIC-382602147) was observed in Sectors 1, 2, and 3 (25 July 2018 to 18 October 2018). Across these sectors, both stars were observed in the Full-Frame-Images (FFIs), with the FFIs in Year 1 of TESS being supplied to the community at

a cadence of 30 minutes. Light curves for both these stars were generated using a custom difference imaging analysis pipeline $(DIA¹)$ $(DIA¹)$ $(DIA¹)$; see [Oelkers & Stassun](#page-13-22) [2018\)](#page-13-22) and made available to the public through the *Filtergraph* platform^{[2](#page-1-2)}. We performed an independent search for transiting giant planets with low-mass host stars using the DIA light curves for the first five TESS sectors. This transit search was performed using the astropy implementation of the Box-fitting Least Squares algorithm (BLS; [Kovács et al.](#page-13-23) [2002;](#page-13-23) [Astropy Collaboration](#page-12-14) [et al.](#page-12-14) [2022\)](#page-12-14). From this BLS search, we identified both TOI-2379 and TOI-2384 as potential hosts of transiting giant planets. In TESS light curve of TOI-2379 we detected a transit signal with a depth of 3% and a period of 5.463 d and in the TESS light curve of TOI-2384 we detected a transit signal with a depth of 2% and a period of 2.136 d.

After the initial identification of these two systems as transiting giant planet candidates, we successfully proposed they be included as 2 minute cadence targets in Year 3 of TESS observations (GI program G03129; PI Bryant). In Year 3 of TESS operations TOI-2379 and TOI-2384 were both observed at 2 minute cadence in Sectors 28 and 29 (30 July 2020 to 22 September 2020). The image data were processed by the Science Processing Operations Center (SPOC) at NASA Ames Research Center [\(Jenkins et al.](#page-13-24) [2016\)](#page-13-24) to extract photometry from these targets. For this work we use the PDC_SAP light curves produced by the SPOC [\(Stumpe et al.](#page-13-25) [2012,](#page-13-25) [2014;](#page-13-26) [Smith](#page-13-27) [et al.](#page-13-27) [2012\)](#page-13-27). The transit signature of TOI-2379 b was detected by the SPOC in the transit search of Sector 29 with a noise-compensating matched filter [\(Jenkins](#page-13-28) [2002;](#page-13-28) [Jenkins et al.](#page-13-29) [2010,](#page-13-29) [2020\)](#page-13-30). A period of 5.470 days was identified and the transit signature passed all the diagnostic tests presented in the resulting Data Validation report [\(Twicken et al.](#page-13-31) [2018\)](#page-13-31). A difference image centroiding test was performed and the source of the transit signature was located to within 2.622 ± 2.57 of TOI-2379. A subsequent analysis performed on data from both sectors 28 and 29 further constrained this location to within 0.58 ± 3.2 ". TOI-2379 b was alerted as a TESS Object of Interest by the TESS Science Office on 6 November 2020 [\(Guerrero](#page-13-32) [et al.](#page-13-32) [2021\)](#page-13-32). The transit signature of TOI-2384 b was detected in the transit search of Sector 28 at a period of 2.136 days. The difference image centroiding test located the source of the transit signal to within 0.553 ± 2.51 " of TOI-2384. TOI-2384 b was also alerted as a TESS Object of Interest by the TESS Science Office on 6 November 2020 [\(Guerrero et al.](#page-13-32) [2021\)](#page-13-32).

TESS photometry for these two objects is shown in Figures [1,](#page-4-0) [2,](#page-4-1) [3](#page-5-0) and [4.](#page-5-1) For the analysis presented in Section [5,](#page-3-1) for TOI-2379 we use an image-subtraction-based light curve extracted from the Sector 1 30 minute cadence FFI observations following the methods of [Bouma et al.](#page-12-15) [\(2019\)](#page-12-15) and the SPOC 2 minute cadence light curves for Sectors 28 and 29. For TOI-2384 we use 30 minute cadence light curves extracted from the FFIs using the Quick Look Pipeline (QLP; [Huang et al.](#page-13-33) [2020;](#page-13-33) [Kunimoto et al.](#page-13-34) [2021\)](#page-13-34) for Sectors 1, 2, and 3 and the SPOC 2 minute cadence light curves for Sectors 28 and 29. We accessed these light curves from the Mikul-ski Archive for Space Telescopes^{[3](#page-1-3)} (MAST) and the choice of light curves used was motivated by the data publicly available from MAST at the time the analysis was performed.

¹ Code available at <https://github.com/ryanoelkers/DIA>

² https://filtergraph.com/tess_ffi

³ <https://archive.stsci.edu/>

2.2 Follow-Up Photometry

The *TESS* pixel scale is ∼ 21′′/pixel and photometric apertures typically extend out to roughly 1′ , generally causing multiple stars to blend in the *TESS* aperture. We conducted ground-based light curve follow-up observations of the field around both target stars as part of the *TESS* Follow-up Observing Program^{[4](#page-2-1)} Sub Group 1 (TFOP; [Collins](#page-12-16) [2019\)](#page-12-16). The goals of these observations were to determine the true source of the TOI-2379 and TOI-2384 transit signals in the *TESS* data, improve the transit ephemerides, and demonstrate consistent depths across multiple optical bands. We used the TESS Transit Finder, which is a customized version of the Tapir software package [\(Jensen](#page-13-35) [2013\)](#page-13-35), to schedule our transit observations. Here we provide details on the follow-up light curves obtained and included in the analysis for this work. The follow-up photometry for TOI-2379 is shown in Figure [5](#page-7-0) and the follow-up photometry for TOI-2384 is shown in Figure [6.](#page-7-1)

2.2.1 LCOGT

The Las Cumbres Observatory Global Telescope network (LCOGT, [Brown et al.](#page-12-17) [2013\)](#page-12-17) is a globally distributed network of 1.0 m telescopes. The telescopes are equipped with 4096×4096 SINISTRO cameras having an image scale of 0.389′′/pixel, resulting in a 26′×26′ field of view. We observed two full transit windows of TOI-2379 b on 2020 November 12 and 2021 May 28 in Sloan i' and Sloan g' bands, respectively, at the LCOGT nodes at South Africa Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) and Siding Spring Observatory (SSO). We also observed one full transit window of TOI-2384 b on 2021 August 6 in Sloan g' band using the LCOGT node at Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory (CTIO). The images were calibrated by the standard LCOGT BANZAI pipeline [\(McCully et al.](#page-13-36) [2018\)](#page-13-36) and differential photometric data were extracted using AstroImageJ [\(Collins](#page-12-18) [et al.](#page-12-18) [2017\)](#page-12-18). For TOI-2379, we used circular photometric apertures with radius 5''8. The target star apertures excluded all of the flux from the nearest known neighbor in the *Gaia* DR3 catalog (*Gaia* DR3 6521531466700057856 [Gaia Collaboration et al.](#page-13-37) [2021a\)](#page-13-37), which is ∼ 36′′ northwest of TOI-2379. For TOI-2384, we used a circular photometric aperture with radius 4. ′′7. The target star aperture is fully contaminated with the nearest known neighbor in the *Gaia* DR3 catalog (*Gaia* DR3 4699702272123475328), which is ~ 0. ^{'9} north of TOI-2384. All three light curves are included in the global modelling described in Section [5.](#page-3-1)

2.2.2 TRAPPIST-South

TRAPPIST-South [\(Jehin et al.](#page-13-38) [2011;](#page-13-38) [Gillon et al.](#page-13-39) [2011\)](#page-13-39) is a 0.6 m Ritchey-Chretien robotic telescope at La Silla Observatory in Chile, equipped with a 2K×2K back-illuminated CCD camera with a pixel scale of 0.65''/pixel, resulting a field of view of $22' \times 22'$. We observed a full transit of TOI-2379 b on 2022 August 19 and a full transit of TOI-2384 b on 2022 October 18. Both transits were observed in the Sloan- ′ filter with an exposure time of 180 s. During the observations of both transits, the telescope underwent a meridian flip at BJD = 2459811.7816 for TOI-2379 b and at BJD = 2459871.72236 for TOI-2384 b. Data reduction and photometric measurements were performed using the PROSE^{[5](#page-2-2)} pipeline [\(Garcia et al.](#page-13-40) [2021\)](#page-13-40).

2.2.3 El Sauce

We observed a full transit of TOI-2384 b in Johnson-Cousins Rcband on 2020 November 9 using the Evans 0.36 m CDK14 telescope at El Sauce Observatory in Coquimbo Province, Chile. The telescope was equipped with a STT 1603-3 CCD camera with 1536×1024 pixels binned 2×2 in-camera resulting in an image scale of 1.47′′/pixel. The photometric data was obtained from 106×180 s exposures, after standard calibration, using a circular 5.9′′aperture in AstroImageJ [\(Collins et al.](#page-12-18) [2017\)](#page-12-18). The measurement aperture was fully contaminated with the nearest known *Gaia* DR3 catalog neighbor (*Gaia* DR3 4699702272123475328), which is 0.9′′north of TOI-2384 and $\Delta T_{\text{mag}} = 3.64.$

A partial transit ingress of TOI-2384 was observed on 2021 October 3 using a 0.5 m CDK20 telescope which is situated at El Sauce Observatory but is controlled remotely from the Observatory of Baronnies Provençales (OBP) in France. The OBP is a private observatory doing outreach, courses, training and research, addressed to all public and amateur and professional astronomers, which is part of the list of protected observatories for light pollution in France, in the regional park of Baronnies. The CDK20 telescope used is on a paramount equatorial mount and is equipped with a Moravian G4 16K CCD camera. The images were taken with 1×1 binning and photometry was performed with an aperture of 9 pixels with the FWHM of the target estimated to be 2.3′′ with a pixel scale of 0.5255′′/pixel. The analysis was performed using the Muniwin program from the photometry software package C-Munipack^{[6](#page-2-3)} [\(Hroch](#page-13-41) [2014\)](#page-13-41).

2.2.4 ExTrA

ExTrA [\(Bonfils et al.](#page-12-19) [2015\)](#page-12-19) is a low-resolution near-infrared (0.85 to 1.55 μ m) multi-object spectrograph fed by three 60-cm telescopes located at La Silla Observatory in Chile. TOI-2379 was observed on 2022 August 20 and 31. TOI-2384 was observed on 2021 January 10 and 25 and November 22. We used 8′′ aperture fibers and the lowestresolution mode ($R \sim 20$) of the spectrograph, with an exposure time of 60 seconds. Five fibers are positioned in the focal plane of each telescope to select light from the target and four comparison stars. We chose comparison stars with 2MASS J-magnitudes [\(Skrutskie et al.](#page-13-42) [2006\)](#page-13-42) and effective temperatures [\(Gaia Collaboration et al.](#page-13-43) [2018\)](#page-13-43) similar to the target. The resulting ExTrA data were analyzed using custom data reduction software.

3 NEARBY BLEND ANALYSIS

Due to the large pixels of the TESS images (21" per pixel) the observations can often suffer from blending from nearby stars. From the follow-up photometry presented in Section [2.2,](#page-2-4) and in particular the LCOGT data, we can already rule out any known neighbouring *Gaia* DR3 stars as the source of the transit signal seen for TOI-2379, and we can rule out all except the closest neighbour for TOI-2384. We now perform some initial analyses to rule out this close neighbour as the true source of the transit signal observed in the TESS data and ground-based photometry for TOI-2384 as well as to check for any evidence either transit signal could be the result of a background blended source.

Firstly, the ExTrA spectrophotometric observations are used to generate four light curves in the UKIRT-WFCAM filters – Y, J, and truncated versions of the Z and H bands, Z^* and H^* (see Figure [7\)](#page-8-0).

⁵ *PROSE*: <https://github.com/lgrcia/prose>

Using these additional light curves we can perform a preliminary analysis to investigate whether the transit signals are observed to vary significantly with the wavelength of the observations. Such a chromatic dependence can be evidence that the transit signal is the result of a, possibly blended, stellar eclipsing binary. For more info on the analysis performed see Section 4.1 in [Almenara et al.](#page-12-9) [\(2024\)](#page-12-9), but in short the four ExTrA light curves were fit along with the TESS data with all planetary parameters except for the radius ratio R_P/R_* held common between all data sets.

The results of this analysis are plotted in Figure [7.](#page-8-0) For TOI-2379 b we find consistent R_P/R_* values across all filters except for H^{*}. However, the observations in this filter are low signal-to-noise, and so we do not find this conclusive evidence in favour of a blended scenario. Therefore, we conclude that the ExTrA multi-wavelength observations support the scenario of a single star with a transiting planet for the TOI-2379 system. For TOI-2384 b we see a decrease in R_P/R_* with increasing wavelength of the observations. TOI-2384 has a close neighbour which is both at the same distance as TOI-2384 and also significantly fainter [\(Gaia Collaboration et al.](#page-13-44) [2021b\)](#page-13-44) so is likely redder (see also Section [5\)](#page-3-1). Therefore, the contribution of this neighbour star to the total flux observed within the ExTrA photometric aperture increases with increasing wavelength and so the observed decrease in R_P/R_* with wavelength is most likely a result of this increased dilution. As such, the ExTrA observations again provide us with further evidence that transit event observed in the TESS light curve of TOI-2384 is on target.

Second, we employ the TESSPosiTIONALPROBABILITY tool [\(Had](#page-13-45)[jigeorghiou & Armstrong](#page-13-45) [2023\)](#page-13-45) to derive a probabilistic estimate of which star is the true source of the transit signals. TESSPosITIONalProbability uses the observed photometric centroid shift during the TESS transit events to estimate the likelihood that any of the nearby stellar sources identified by *Gaia* could be the true source of the signal, and has been demonstrated to be highly accurate at determining the true source of TESS transit signals [\(Hadjigeorghiou &](#page-13-45) [Armstrong](#page-13-45) [2023\)](#page-13-45). TESSPosiTIONALPROBABILITY is designed to use the TESS Full-Frame-Image light curves which have been produced by the TESS-SPOC pipeline [\(Caldwell et al.](#page-12-20) [2020\)](#page-12-20) and made avail-able as a MAST High-Level-Science-Product^{[7](#page-3-2)}. For both our targets, TESS-SPOC FFI light curves are available for Sectors 28 and 29, which we use for this analysis. From our TESSPosITIONALPROBAbility analysis for TOI-2379 we find that no nearby *Gaia* stars can be the true source of the signal. For TOI-2384 we find that a probability of 99.7% that TOI-2384 is the true source of the observed transit signal. The closest neighbour, which is heavily disfavoured as the true source based on our chromaticity analysis, is the only other star reported by TESSPOSITIONALPROBABILITY as possible of being the source of the transit signal.

Combining these independent analyses with our follow-up photometry, we are confident that both TOI-2379 and TOI-2384 are the true sources of the transiting signals.

4 SPECTROSCOPIC OBSERVATIONS

4.1 ESPRESSO

To confirm the planetary nature of the transiting candidates we obtain spectroscopic observations using the ESPRESSO high resolution echelle spectrograph [\(Pepe et al.](#page-13-46) [2021\)](#page-13-46), at the 8 m VLT facility at Paranal Observatory, Chile. ESPRESSO first light was achieved in November 2017 and the commissioning was completed in July 2019. Since then ESPRESSO has successfully been employed in the followup of a variety of TOIs, particularly those with low-mass host stars (e.g. [Castro-González et al.](#page-12-21) [2023;](#page-12-21) [Van Eylen et al.](#page-13-47) [2021;](#page-13-47) [Hobson](#page-13-10) [et al.](#page-13-10) [2023\)](#page-13-10).

The ESPRESSO spectroscopic observations allow us to monitor the radial velocity variation of the stars, to determine the masses of the transiting companions. Both TOI-2379 and TOI-2384 were observed as a part of program 108.22B4.001 (PI Jordan). We obtained seven observations of TOI-2379 between 2021 October 9 and 2021 November 9 and seven observations of TOI-2384 between 2021 November 9 and 2021 December 4. We used an exposure time of 2400 s for TOI-2379 and 1800 s for TOI-2384. We reduced the spectra using the ESPRESSO DRS pipeline (v2.3.5 [Sosnowska et al.](#page-13-48) [2015;](#page-13-48) [Modigliani et al.](#page-13-49) [2020\)](#page-13-49) implemented in the EsoReflex environment [\(Freudling et al.](#page-13-50) [2013\)](#page-13-50). The radial velocity and bisector spans for both objects are listed in Tables [1](#page-6-0) and [2](#page-6-1) and presented in Figures [8](#page-8-1) and [9.](#page-9-1)

4.2 PFS

We observed TOI-2379 with the Planet Finder Spectrograph (PFS; [Crane et al.](#page-12-22) [2006,](#page-12-22) [2008,](#page-12-23) [2010\)](#page-13-51) on the Magellan Clay 6.5 m telescope at Las Campanas Observatory in Chile. Observations were made on four nights between the UT dates of 2021 September 14 and 2021 November 16. A total of 10 exposures were obtained across the four nights through an I_2 cell, while five exposures were obtained without the I_2 cell on a single night. We used an exposure time of 20 minutes and read-out the data using 3×3 binning mode. The I2-free observations were combined to form a spectral template for precise relative RV measurements. We obtained RV measurements from the observations following [Butler et al.](#page-12-24) [\(1996\)](#page-12-24), and spectral line bisector spans following a method similar to that described by [Torres](#page-13-52) [et al.](#page-13-52) [\(2007\)](#page-13-52). The RV and bisector span measurements are listed in Table [1,](#page-6-0) and are shown in Figure [8.](#page-8-1)

5 ANALYSIS

We performed a joint analysis of all available data, including broadband photometry, transit discovery and follow-up light curves, astrometric data, and radial velocity measurements, in order to derive and constrain the stellar and planetary parameters for the TOI-2379 and TOI-2384 systems. The analysis followed the methods of [Hart](#page-13-53)[man et al.](#page-13-53) [\(2019\)](#page-13-53) and [Bakos et al.](#page-12-7) [\(2020\)](#page-12-7). In short, the transit light curves were modelled using Mandel $\&$ Agol [\(2002\)](#page-13-54) models with limb-darkening coefficients constrained using priors derived for the theoretical models from [Claret et al.](#page-12-25) [\(2012,](#page-12-25) [2013\)](#page-12-26); [Claret](#page-12-27) [\(2018\)](#page-12-27) and the RV measurements were modelled assuming a Keplerian orbit for the exoplanets. In order to constrain the stellar parameters, we include in the fit the broad-band photometry from *Gaia*, 2MASS, APASS and WISE (listed in Tables [3](#page-7-2) and [4\)](#page-11-0), *Gaia* DR3 parallax (listed in Tables [3](#page-7-2) and [4\)](#page-11-0), and spectroscopically derived stellar atmospheric parameters. The physical parameters of the stars are forced to be consistent with the MIST version 1.2 stellar evolution models [\(Paxton et al.](#page-13-55) [2011,](#page-13-55) [2013,](#page-13-56) [2015;](#page-13-57) [Choi et al.](#page-12-28) [2016;](#page-12-28) [Dotter](#page-13-58) [2016\)](#page-13-58), with this constraint incorporated directly into the joint modelling of the data. We accounted for systematic errors in the evolution models following the method described by [Hartman et al.](#page-13-8) [\(2023\)](#page-13-8). We used the MWDUST 3D Galactic extinction model [\(Bovy et al.](#page-12-29) [2016\)](#page-12-29) to place a Gaussian prior on the line-of-sight extinction A_V vs. distance, and to set a maximum value for this parameter.

⁷ <https://archive.stsci.edu/hlsp/tess-spoc>

Figure 1. TESS photometry at a cadence of 30 minutes TOI-2379. **Top:** the 30 minute cadence TESS light curve as a function time. **Middle:** the TESS photometry phase-folded on the best fit ephemerides showing both the full light curve (*left*) as well as a zoomed-in view around the transit event (*right*). **Bottom left:** the TESS photometry phase-folded and zoomed-in on the location of the secondary eclipse. **Bottom right:** the residuals to the best-fit model (Section [5\)](#page-3-1) zoomed-in around the transit event. For all the panels the grey points show the unbinned data, the larger blue circles show the data binned to a timescale of 0.002 in phase, and solid red line shows the best-fit model to the photometry.

TESS 2 min Full Un-phased Light Curve of TOI 2379

Figure 2. TESS photometry at a cadence of 2 minutes for TOI-2379. The panels and layout are the same as Figure [1.](#page-4-0)

Figure 3. TESS photometry at a cadence of 30 minutes for TOI-2384. The panels and layout are the same as Figure [1.](#page-4-0)

TESS 2 min Full Un-phased Light Curve of TOI2384

Figure 4. TESS photometry at a cadence of 2 minutes for TOI-2384. The panels and layout are the same as Figure [2.](#page-4-1)

Time BJD TDB	Radial Velocity $\rm m\,s^{-1}$	Error $\rm m\,s^{-1}$	Bisector Span $\rm m\,s^{-1}$	Error $\mathrm{m}\,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$	Instrument
2459497.60994212	27801.60	9.47	92.12	18.94	ESPRESSO
2459500.61738876	26881.81	5.37	58.10	10.75	ESPRESSO
2459519.61671364	27865.79	5.75	63.60	11.50	ESPRESSO
2459520.58923126	28547.72	3.77	35.62	7.53	ESPRESSO
2459521.63005011	28423.49	3.03	44.97	6.05	ESPRESSO
2459527.68871351	27157.53	3.16	39.45	6.33	ESPRESSO
2459528.59646265	26873.69	3.32	31.27	6.65	ESPRESSO
2459471.72689	162.90	12.04		.	PFS
2459471.74115	94.83	13.99	-1062.3	899.5	PFS
2459471.75665	223.48	15.28	-115.8	91.0	PFS
2459475.72037	-332.64	26.50	.	.	PFS
2459531.55793	.	.	-672.4	297.7	PFS
2459531.57479	.	.	-76.8	407.8	PFS
2459531.59165	.	.	-688.6	583.5	PFS
2459531.60897	.	.	-232.5	280.6	PFS
2459531.62566	.	.	-241.7	258.5	PFS
2459531.64196	-8.95	11.86	-705.5	432.2	PFS
2459531.65633	56.76	12.61	535.3	1170.9	PFS
2459531.67043	0.00	12.18	-76.1	488.8	PFS
2459534.55251	-1476.56	11.39	-2000.8	981.5	PFS
2459534.56710	-1467.28	10.24	687.0	357.8	PFS
2459534.58025	-1424.81	10.92	1771.0	350.8	PFS

Table 1. Radial Velocities of TOI-2379. PFS observations without a radial velocity measurement correspond to I₂-free template observations, while those without a bisector span measurement had too low S/N to measure this quantity.

Table 2. Radial Velocities of TOI-2384.

For TOI-2384 we correct all of the catalog photometry and light curves for blending from the ∼ 0. ′′9 neighbor listed in the *Gaia* DR3 catalog. Here we assume the neighbor is a physical companion to TOI-2384 (the similar parallax and proper motion for the neighbor compared to the planet hosting star supports this assumption), and use the difference in the absolute G -band magnitude from TOI-2384, together with the MIST evolution models, to determine the physical properties of the neighbor, which we find to be a $\sim 0.44 M_{\odot}$ star, and to estimate its expected brightness in each band-pass. The estimated flux from the neighbor is then subtracted from the catalog magnitudes for TOI-2384 that are included in the analysis of the system. The original and corrected values are listed for several band-passes in Table [4.](#page-11-0) Here the uncertainties in the properties of the neighbor are propagated into the correction for blending, which causes the unblended magnitudes to have larger uncertainties than the original magnitudes. We assume that the *Gaia* magnitudes are not blended. For the light curves we allow blending factors to vary in the fit as free parameters, with priors set to the expected flux contributions in each band-pass from the neighbor.

We fit the observations using a differential evolution Markov Chain Monte Carlo procedure, assuming priors on the parameters as listed in [Hartman et al.](#page-13-53) [\(2019\)](#page-13-53). To assess the convergence of the MCMC chains we computed the integrated correlation time for all the parameters following [Goodman & Weare](#page-13-59) [\(2010\)](#page-13-59) and ran the sampling until the total chain length, after removing the burn-in phase, exceeded 20 correlation lengths for all parameters. We then calculate the median and 1σ uncertainty bounds for each parameter from the a posteriori distributions.

We used the ODUSSEAS software [\(Antoniadis-Karnavas et al.](#page-12-30) 2020) to derive [Fe/H] and T_{eff} values for the host star from the ESPRESSO spectra. ODUSSEAS is a machine learning based code designed specifically to perform spectral analysis for M-dwarf stars (e.g. [Lillo-Box et al.](#page-13-60) [2020;](#page-13-60) [Hobson et al.](#page-13-10) [2023\)](#page-13-10). Using ODUSSEAS we derive values of [Fe/H]=0.08 \pm 0.10 and T_{eff} =3664 \pm 66 K for TOI-2379 and [Fe/H]=0.17 \pm 0.10 and T_{eff} =3609 \pm 67 K for TOI-2384, which we adopt as priors for the joint analysis.

For both systems, we performed one analysis assuming a circular orbit, and one allowing for an eccentric orbit. Allowing the eccentricity of TOI-2384 to be fit as a free parameter we find a value of $e = 0.012 \pm 0.014$, with a 2σ upper limit of $e < 0.043$. This result is fully consistent with a circular orbit, and so we conclude we find no evidence of an eccentric orbit and adopt the model with the

Figure 5. Ground based follow-up photometry for TOI-2379. The left panel shows each of the transit light curves obtained, plotted as a function of the time from the transit mid-point. Each light curve is labelled with the date on which the transit was observed along with the telescope and filter used to perform the observations. The right panel shows the residuals to the model fit for each light curve along with the photometric uncertainties for the light curves. For both panels, the points show the unbinned photometry data and the red solid lines give the best-fit models to the transit light curves.

Figure 6. Ground based follow-up photometry for TOI-2384. The panels and layout are the same as Figure [5.](#page-7-0)

Table 3. Stellar Properties for TOI-2379

Identifiers

TOI-2379 TIC-201177276 *Gaia* DR2 6521531466699512064 2MASS J23522205-5302354

2MASS [\(Skrutskie et al.](#page-13-42) [2006\)](#page-13-42); APASS [\(Henden & Munari](#page-13-61) [2014\)](#page-13-61); *Gaia* DR2 [\(Gaia Collaboration et al.](#page-13-43) [2018\)](#page-13-43); TIC8 [\(Stassun et al.](#page-13-62) [2019\)](#page-13-62); WISE [\(Wright et al.](#page-13-63) [2010\)](#page-13-63)

fixed circular orbit as the best-fit model for this system. For TOI-2379 the radial-velocity measurements favour an eccentric orbit with an eccentricity of 0.3420 ± 0.0039 . Comparing the eccentric orbit model with the circular orbit model, we find a Bayesian Information Criterion difference $\Delta BIC = -252.39$, which represents very strong evidence in favour of the eccentric orbit. Therefore, we adopt the model with the eccentric orbit as the best-fit model for TOI-2379 b.

5.1 Blend scenarios

For both systems presented in this work, we perform additional modelling to investigate the possibility that the photometric and spectroscopic signals observed are a result of a blended stellar binary or triple system. This blend analysis follows the procedure presented in [Hartman et al.](#page-13-53) [\(2019\)](#page-13-53) and [Bakos et al.](#page-12-7) [\(2020\)](#page-12-7). In short, four different scenarios are considered: a single star with a transiting planet, a wide binary star system with a planet transiting one of the stars, a hierarchical triple system formed of a bright star and two fainter stars in an eclipsing binary pair, and a bright foreground star with a background eclipsing binary.

For TOI-2384 the single star with a transiting planet model pro-

Figure 7. Chromaticity analysis results comparing the transit depths for TOI-2379 b (left panel) and TOI-2384 b (right panel) observed by TESS and ExTrA in the Z^* , Y, J, and H[∗] bands. The circles and errorbars give the measured R_P/R_* value for each filter, and each corresponding filter is labelled and plotted.

Figure 8. Radial-velocity and SED data for TOI-2379. **Left-top:** The radial-velocity data from ESPRESSO (circles) and PFS (squares) plotted with the systemic velocity estimated for each instrument subtracted and phase folded at the best-fit period from the modelling. The best-fit model is plotted as the solid line. The error-bars shown incorporate the jitter estimated for each instrument during the modelling. **Left middle:** The radial-velocity residuals from the fit. **Left bottom:** The bisector spans of the CCFs used to extract the radial-velocity measurements from the spectra. **Right top:** Here we plot a colour-magnitude diagram, comparing the absolute *Gaia G* magnitude to the dereddened $G - K_S$ colour, using magnitudes from *Gaia* DR2 and 2MASS, shown as the blue circle, along with the 1σ and 2σ confidence level contours, shown as the blue lines. The solid black lines show theoretical isochrones with the ages in Gyr labelled, and the green dashed lines show MIST stellar evolution tracks interpolated using the best-fit value for the metallicity of the host star. The numerical labels for these tracks give the stellar mass (in units of M⊙) for each evolution track. **Right bottom:** the spectral energy distribution (SED) for the host star using observed magnitudes from broadband photometry, with the residuals to the SED modelling in the panel below. For both panels 200 randomly selected SED models from the MCMC posteriors are overplotted as the grey lines.

vides the best fit to the data. The best fit blend scenario is for the background eclipsing binary scenario, although this model has $\Delta \chi^2$ = +17.3 compared to the single star model. As such, we can confidently rule out any blend scenarios for TOI-2384.

yields a χ^2 value indistinguishable from the best fit model for a single star with a transiting planet. Computing the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC), which takes the number of free parameters into account, we find a significantly lower BIC for the single star and planet model ($\triangle BIC = -45.9$) compared to the best fit blend

For TOI-2379, the best fit blended stellar eclipsing binary model

Figure 9. Radial-velocity and SED data for TOI-2384. The panels and layout are the same as for Figure [8.](#page-8-1)

model. We also note that any blend models predict bisector span variations significantly larger than that seen in the ESPRESSO observations. Therefore, we confidently conclude that the TOI-2379 system consists of a planet transiting a single star.

6 DISCUSSION

We find both TOI-2379 and TOI-2384 to host transiting giant planets, deriving masses and radii of $M_P = 5.76 \pm 0.20 M_J$ and $R_{P}=1.046 \pm 0.023 R_{J}$ for TOI-2379 b and $M_{P}=1.966 \pm 0.059 M_{J}$ and $R_P=1.025 \pm 0.021 R_J$ for TOI-2384 b. We also constrain the two host stars to have masses of $M_*=0.645\pm0.033 M_{\odot}$ for TOI-2379 and M_{*}=0.635 ± 0.016 M_o for TOI-2384. We provide the full results for the host star parameters in Tables $3 & 4$ $3 & 4$ $3 & 4$ and the full results for the planet parameters in Table [5.](#page-12-31)

6.1 TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b in context

We compare TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b to the population of known exoplanets in Figure [10](#page-10-0) finding TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b to be the most and third most massive transiting exoplanets with a lowmass host star ($M_* \leq 0.65 M_{\odot}$). Considering the planet-to-star mass ratios of these systems we find a mass ratio of 0.85 ± 0.05 % for TOI-2379 b, the highest of any transiting exoplanet with a low-mass host star and the second highest mass ratio of all exoplanets with low-mass hosts, second only to GJ 676 A b [\(Forveille et al.](#page-13-64) [2011;](#page-13-64) [Sahlmann](#page-13-65) [et al.](#page-13-65) [2016\)](#page-13-65). This mass ratio is also the fifth highest for transiting exoplanets across all stellar masses. The planet-to-star mass ratio for TOI-2384 b is 0.30 ± 0.01 %, the third highest out of transiting exoplanets with low-mass host stars behind TOI-2379 b and TOI-4201 b [\(Gan et al.](#page-13-66) [2023b\)](#page-13-66). These high mass ratios make these two systems extremely intriguing from a viewpoint of understanding the extremes of how giant planets can form.

What is equally interesting to observe from Figure [10](#page-10-0) is the region of parameter space with $M_* \leq 0.6 M_{\odot}$ and $M_P \geq 2 M_J$ which is bare of planets. This lack of very massive planets for low-mass stars is as expected from core-accretion formation theory [\(Burn et al.](#page-12-5) [2021\)](#page-12-5). It also lies in contrast to the population of planets with masses similar to Saturn and Jupiter (0.2M $J < M_P < 1.0 M_J$) which extends down to host stars as low-mass as $0.3 M_{\odot}$, with a further handful of roughly Saturn mass planets with host stars as low-mass as $0.1 M_{\odot}$. It is this population of giant planets for $M_* \leq 0.4 M_{\odot}$ host stars which poses the largest challenge for core-accretion (e.g. [Burn et al.](#page-12-5) [2021;](#page-12-5) [Hobson](#page-13-10) [et al.](#page-13-10) [2023\)](#page-13-10).

The planets we present in this work on the other hand, while pushing the boundaries of the population of known planets, can be reconciled with core-accretion formation theory. With masses between $0.6 - 0.65M_{\odot}$, the population synthesis predictions of [Burn](#page-12-5) [et al.](#page-12-5) [\(2021\)](#page-12-5) show that giant planets could form around these host stars. Moreover, [Burn et al.](#page-12-5) [\(2021\)](#page-12-5) do not predict a decrease in the masses of the giant planets that form around these low-mass host stars, compared to giant planets with Solar-like host stars. In fact, for their simulations with a $0.7 M_{\odot}$ host star – the closest in mass to the host stars of our two new planets – they predict the presence of a population of giant planets ranging in mass from approximately $1 M_J$ up to $12 M_J$. TOI-2379b and TOI-2384b, with masses of 5.76 ± 0.20 M_J and 1.966 ± 0.059 M_J respectively, sit well within this range. Therefore, following the predictions of [Burn et al.](#page-12-5) [\(2021\)](#page-12-5),

Figure 10. TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b in the context of known giant exoplanets ($M_P \ge 0.1 M_J$). In both plots TOI-2379 b is plotted as the orange star and TOI-2384 b as the green star. **Left:** The population of known exoplanets plotted comparing the mass of the planet to the mass of the host star. The known exoplanet population plotted has been drawn from exoplanets discovered through the transit and radial velocity methods which have a planet mass measured to better then 10% precision. The black circles give the known planets with a measured absolute mass and a radius measured to better than 30% precision. The grey triangles denote the radial velocity planets which do not transit and do not have a known radius for which we plot the minimum mass $M_P \sin i$. We accessed the data from the NASA exoplanet archive, accessed on 2nd February 2024. **Right:** The population of known giant exoplanets with low-mass host stars $(M_* \leq 0.65M_{\odot})$ plotted comparing the planet mass with the metallicity of the host star. The selection criteria and markers used are the same as for the left-hand plot.

it is reasonable that these two planets could have formed through core-accretion.

The formation of giant planets through core-accretion for host stars of any mass has been linked to a high metallicity of the host stars (e.g. [Fischer & Valenti](#page-13-12) [2005;](#page-13-12) [Johnson et al.](#page-13-13) [2010;](#page-13-13) [Sousa et al.](#page-13-67) [2011;](#page-13-67) [Osborn & Bayliss](#page-13-15) [2020\)](#page-13-15). In Figure [10](#page-10-0) we plot the masses for known giant planets with low-mass host stars ($M_* \leq 0.65 M_{\odot}$) as a function of the metallicity of the hosts. While we find that giant planets with masses $M_P \le 1.0 M_I$ can exist for low-mass stars of a wide range of sub- and super-solar metallicities, more massive giant planets $(M_P > 1.1 M_J)$ only exist for host stars with very high metallicities [Fe/H] ≥ 0.2 dex. The restriction of super-Jupiter planets to high metallicity stars again implies a core-accretion formation process for these stars (e.g. [Ida & Lin](#page-13-18) [2004;](#page-13-18) [Emsenhuber et al.](#page-13-19) [2021\)](#page-13-19), as the highly metal-enriched protoplanetary disks around these stars would provide a more favourable location for the formation of massive planets.

6.2 Orbital Eccentricity of TOI-2379 b

From our analysis we determined the orbit of TOI-2379 b to be significantly eccentric with a measured eccentricity of 0.3420 ± 0.0039 . It is expected that the orbits of close-orbiting planets will circularize over time due to the tidal interactions between the star and planet (e.g. [Rasio & Ford](#page-13-68) [1996\)](#page-13-68). Using the equations from [Adams & Laughlin](#page-12-32) [\(2006\)](#page-12-32) we can estimate the circularization timescale, τ_{circ} , for TOI-2379 b to determine whether we would have expected the orbit to have circularized. The circularization timescale depends strongly on a quantity known as the tidal quality factor Q_P . Estimating the value of Q_P for a single planet is very difficult as there exist a wide number of different proposed theoretical models for the tidal dissipation in planets (see [Mahmud et al.](#page-13-69) [2023,](#page-13-69) and the references therein). Various efforts to empirically constrain Q_P using the known population of hot Jupiters have been performed and have obtained differing results for Q_P .

For this analysis we consider the results of three studies: $\log_{10} Q_P \sim 6.5$ [\(Jackson et al.](#page-13-70) [2008\)](#page-13-70), $\log_{10} Q_P = 6.14_{-0.25}^{+0.41}$ [\(Quinn](#page-13-71) [et al.](#page-13-71) [2014\)](#page-13-71), and $\log_{10} Q_P = 5.0 \pm 0.5$ [\(Mahmud et al.](#page-13-69) [2023\)](#page-13-69). Combining these three results, we use a range of $4.5 \le \log_{10} Q_P \le 6.5$ to estimate possible tidal circularization timescales for TOI-2379 b, obtaining $0.12Gyr \leq \tau_{circ} \leq 16.6Gyr$. From our isochrone analysis (section [5\)](#page-3-1) we estimate an age of the TOI-2379 system of 13.8 ± 4.1 13.8 ± 4.1 13.8 ± 4.1 Gyr, although from Figure 8 we can see that the age is consistent with being as low as 1 Gyr to within a confidence of 2σ . Given the large uncertainty on both O_P and the age of the TOI-2379 system, we are unable to confidently say whether we would have expected the orbit to have tidally circularized yet. In the scenario in which τ_{circ} is significantly less than the age of the system some other interaction would be needed to be responsible for the eccentric orbit, such as with an outer massive body in the system. Further work into improving our knowledge of both the age of the system as well as Q_P is required to determine whether the presence of such a companion is required to explain the orbit of TOI-2379 b. With long-term radial velocity monitoring of TOI-2379 over a number of months and years we would be able to search for any such companions however with just a handful of observations spanning just two months at this stage we are unable to place any constraints on companions in the system. The existence of such a companion in the TOI-2379 system could have interesting implications for the formation history of TOI-2379 b.

6.3 Prospects for future follow-up

By studying the atmospheric compositions of TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b we could uncover further information into the formation processes and migration histories of these two planets (e.g. [Madhusud](#page-13-72)[han](#page-13-72) [2019;](#page-13-72) [Hobbs et al.](#page-13-73) [2022\)](#page-13-73). With transmission spectroscopy metrics (TSM; [Kempton et al.](#page-13-74) [2018\)](#page-13-74) of just 5.21 (TOI-2379 b) and 23.36 (TOI-2384 b) atmospheric characterization of these two planets will be tough yet possible with JWST [\(Gardner et al.](#page-13-75) [2006\)](#page-13-75). That said, as the two most massive transiting exoplanets with host stars less

Table 4. Stellar Properties for TOI-2384

2MASS [\(Skrutskie et al.](#page-13-42) [2006\)](#page-13-42); APASS [\(Henden & Munari](#page-13-61) [2014\)](#page-13-61); *Gaia* DR2 [\(Gaia Collaboration et al.](#page-13-43) [2018\)](#page-13-43); TIC8 [\(Stassun et al.](#page-13-62) [2019\)](#page-13-62); WISE [\(Wright et al.](#page-13-63) [2010\)](#page-13-63)

massive than $0.65 M_{\odot}$ the characterisation of their atmospheres will be a crucial piece of the puzzle when it comes to fully understanding how these exotic systems form and evolve.

7 CONCLUSIONS

We report the discovery of TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b, two super-Jupiter mass giant planets with metal-rich low-mass host stars. We derive the planetary and stellar parameters from a joint analysis of transit photometry, high precision radial-velocity measurements, and broadband photometry, finding TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b to be the most and third most massive transiting exoplanets with a low-mass host star ($M_* \le 0.65 M_{\odot}$). We also find the host stars for both planets

to be very metal rich providing some further clues into the formation history of these exotic planetary systems.

Over the next few years, further discoveries and precise mass measurements of giant planets orbiting low-mass stars will help to reveal whether any of the trends we are beginning to see are maintained. The TESS mission is set to play a large role in this. Already nearly one hundred candidate giant planets with low-mass host stars have been found by TESS, primarily from searches using Full-Frame-Image data (e.g. [Kunimoto et al.](#page-13-76) [2022;](#page-13-76) [Bryant et al.](#page-12-4) [2023\)](#page-12-4). Confirming and characterizing these and other candidate planets will allow us to study this exotic planet population in much better detail than currently possible.

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Table 5. Planet parameters for TOI-2379 b and TOI-2384 b

A - for TOI-2379 b we provide the orbit averaged values.

DATA AVAILABILITY

The TESS photometry used is all publicly available from the MAST data archive. The follow-up photometry (except for the ExTrA observations) is available from the ExoFoP web pages for each object. The ExTrA observations are available on request. The radial velocity data used are available from Tables [1](#page-6-0) & [2](#page-6-1) in this work.

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