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1 INTRODUCTION
Since the first results of the Kepler mission were published, the number of known planet candidates has enlarged tremendously. Most hot Jupiters have been found in single planetary systems and it was believed that those kind of giant, close-in planets are not accompanied by other planets (see e.g. Steffen et al. 2012). This result has been obtained analysing 63 Kepler hot Jupiter candidates and is in good agreement with inward migration theories of massive outer planets, and planet–planet scattering that could explain the lack of additional close planets in hot Jupiter systems. Nonetheless, wide companions to hot Jupiters have been found, as shown e.g. in Bakos et al. (2009) for the HAT-P-13 system. One has to state, though, that the formation of hot Jupiters is not yet fully understood (see Steffen et al. 2012 and references therein for some formation scenarios, and e.g. Lloyd et al. 2013 for possible tests). Recently, Szabó et al. (2013) reanalysed a larger sample of 159 Kepler candidates and in some cases found dynamically induced Transit Timing Variations (TTVs). If the existence of additional planets in hot Jupiter systems can be confirmed, planet formation and migration theories can be constrained.

Since, according to Szabó et al. (2013), there is only a small fraction of hot Jupiters believed to be part of a multiplanetary system, it is important to analyse those systems where an additional body is expected. In contrast to e.g. the Kepler mission, where a fixed field on the sky is monitored over a long time span, our ongoing

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study of TTVs in exoplanetary systems only performs follow-up observations of specific promising transiting planets where additional bodies are suspected. The targets are selected by the following criteria:

(i) The orbital solution of the known transiting planet shows non-zero eccentricity (though the circularization time-scale is much shorter than the system age) and/or deviant radial velocity (RV) data points – both indicating a perturber.
(ii) The brightness of the host star is \( V \leq 13 \) mag to ensure sufficient photometric and timing precision at 1–2 m telescopes.
(iii) The target location on the sky is visible from the Northern hemisphere.
(iv) The transit depth is at least 10 mmag to ensure a significant detection at medium-sized, ground-based telescopes.
(v) The target has not been studied intensively for TTV signals before.

Our observations make use of the YETI network (Young Exoplanet Transit Initiative; Neuhäuser et al. 2011), a worldwide network of small to medium sized telescopes mostly on the Northern hemisphere dedicated to explore transiting planets in young open clusters. This way, we can observe consecutive transits, which are needed to enhance the possibility to model TTVs as described in Szabó et al. (2013), and Nesvorný & Morbidelli (2008). Furthermore, we are able to obtain simultaneous transits observations to expose hidden systematics in the transit light curves, like time synchronization errors, or flat fielding errors.

In the past, the transiting exoplanets WASP-12b (Maciejewski et al. 2011b, 2013b), WASP-3b (Maciejewski et al. 2010, 2013a), WASP-10b (Maciejewski et al. 2011a, e), WASP-14b (Raetz 2012) and TrES-2 (Raetz et al. 2014, submitted) have been studied by our group in detail. In most of the cases, except for WASP-12b, no TTVs could be confirmed. Recently, also von Essen et al. (2013) claimed to have found possible TTV signals around Qatar-1. However, all possible variations should be treated with reasonable care.

In this project, we monitor the transiting exoplanet HAT-P-32b. The G0V-type (Pickles & Depagne 2010) host star HAT-P-32 was found to harbour a transiting exoplanet with a period of \( P = 2.15 \) d by Hartman et al. (2011). Having a host star brightness of \( V = 11.3 \) mag and a planetary transit depth of 21 mmag, the sensitivity of medium-sized telescopes is sufficient to achieve high timing precision; therefore, it is an optimal target for the YETI telescopes. The RV signal of HAT-P-32 is dominated by high jitter \( \approx 60 \) m s\(^{-1}\). Hartman et al. (2011) claim that ‘a possible cause of the jitter is the presence of one or more additional planets’. Knutson et al. (2013) also analysed the RV signature of HAT-P-32 and found a long-term trend indicating a companion with a minimum mass of \( 5–500 \) \( M_{\text{jup}} \) at separations of \( 3.5–12 \) au. However, such a companion could not yet explain the short time-scale jitter as seen in the Hartman data.

Besides the circular orbit fit, an eccentric solution with \( e = 0.163 \) also fits the observed data. Though Hartman et al. (2011) mention that the probability of a real non-zero eccentricity is only \( \approx 3 \) per cent, it could be mimicked or triggered by a second body in the system. Thus, HAT-P-32b is an ideal candidate for further monitoring to look for TTVs induced by a planetary companion.

## 2 DATA ACQUISITION AND REDUCTION

Between 2011 October and 2013 January, we performed 30 complete and 15 partial transit observations (see Tables 2 and 3) from 10 different observatories: our own one in Jena, as well as from telescopes at Torun (Poland), Trebur (Germany), Gettysburg and Swarthmore (USA), Tenerife and Sierra Nevada (Spain), Antalya and Ankara (Turkey) and Rozhen (Bulgaria) mostly throughout the YETI network (Neuhäuser et al. 2011). In addition, three literature data points from Sada et al. (2012), and two observations from Gibson et al. (2013) are available. The telescopes and abbreviations used hereafter are summarized in Table 1, a short description of each observing site can be found below, sorted by the number of observations.

Most of the observations have been acquired using a defocused telescope. As e.g. Southworth et al. (2009) show, this can be used to minimize flat fielding errors, atmospheric effects and random errors significantly. We ensure that we have enough data points acquired during ingress and egress phase to model the transit and get precise transit mid-points by having at least one data point per minute if possible. The duration of the ingress/egress phase \( \tau \) (see Carter & Winn 2010, their equation 9 assuming zero oblateness) is given by

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\tau = \left( \frac{R_p \cdot P_{\text{orb}}}{\pi \cdot a} \right) \frac{R_s}{R_p} \sqrt{1 - \frac{(\cos i \cdot a/R_p)}{S}} \approx 24 \text{ min}
\]

using the system parameters of Hartman et al. (2011) as listed in Table 4. Thus, our observing strategy generates at least 20 data points during ingress/egress phase, which allows us to get as precise mid transit times as possible. Using longer exposure times due to e.g. smaller telescope sizes has been proven not to improve the fits. Though one can remove atmospheric effects better, one loses time resolution at the same time.

The data reduction is performed in a standard way using IRAF. For each respective transit, dark or bias frames as well as flat-field images (with the same focus point as the scientific data) in the same bands have been obtained during the same night.

### 2.1 Observing telescopes

#### Jena, Germany

The University Observatory Jena houses three telescopes. Two of them were used to observe transits of HAT-P-32b. The 0.6/0.9 m Schmidt Telescope is equipped with an E2V CCD42-10 camera (Jena 0.6 m; Mugrauer & Berthold 2010), and the 0.25 m Cassegrain Telescope has an E2V CCD47-10 camera (Jena 0.25 m). With the first one, we observed three partial and two complete transits, the latter one was used for two partial transit observations.

#### Tenerife, Canarian Islands, Spain

The robotic telescope STELLA-I, situated at the Teide Observatory and operated by the Leibnitz-Institut für Astrophysik Potsdam (AIP), has a mirror diameter of 1.2 m. It is equipped with the Wide Field Stella Imaging Photometer (Weber, Granzer & Strassmeier 2012) and could be used to observe seven complete and six partial transit events. The observations have been carried out in two filters, \( r_s \) and \( B \). Since the \( r_s \) data turned out to be of higher quality, and to compare these data to our other observations, we only used this filter data for further analysis.

#### Rozhen, Bulgaria

The telescopes of the National Astronomical Observatory of Rozhen contributed to this study using their 2 m telescope with a Princeton Instruments VersArray:1300B camera (six complete transit observations), as well as the 0.6 m telescope with a FLI ProLine 0900 camera (one complete observation).

#### Sierra Nevada, Spain

The 1.5 m telescope of the Sierra Nevada Observatory, operated by the Instituto de Astrofísica de Andalucía, observed seven transits of
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Table 1. The summarized observations gathered within our TTV project for HAT-P-32b listing the telescopes and corresponding observatories as well as the telescope diameters $\phi$ and number of observed transit events (both complete and incomplete) in this project $N_{tr}$. At the bottom lines, the KPNO telescopes used by Sada et al. (2012), and Gemini-North used by Gibson et al. (2013) are added for completeness.

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HAT-P-32b (six complete transit, one partly transit) using a Roper Scientific VersArray 2048B.

Trebur, Germany
The Trebur One Meter Telescope (T1T, telescope diameter 1.2 m) operated at the Michael Adrian Observatory houses a SBIG ST-L-6K 3 CCD camera. So far, three complete transits could be observed.

Antalya, Turkey
The T100 Telescope of the TÜBİTAK National Observatory observed one transit of HAT-P-32b using a Spectral Instruments 1100 series CCD camera. However, due to technical problems the observation had to be cancelled.

Swarthmore, USA
The 0.6 m telescope at the Peter van de Kamp Observatory of Swarthmore College contributed one complete transit observation using an Apogee U16M KAF-16803 CCD camera.

Toruń, Poland
One partial and three complete transits have been observed using the 0.6 m Cassegrain Telescope at the Toruń Centre for Astronomy with an SBIG ST-L-1001 CCD camera mounted.

Ankara, Turkey
On 2011-10-04, a complete transit of HAT-P-32b, was observed using the 0.4 m Schmidt-Cassegrain Meade LX200 GPS Telescope equipped with an Apogee ALTA U47 CCD camera located at and operated by the University of Ankara.

Gettysburg, USA
The 0.4 m Cassegrain reflector from Gettysburg College Observatory was used to observe one complete transit on 2012-01-15. Data were obtained with the mounted CH350 CCD camera with a back-illuminated SiTE3b chip with an $R$-filter.

3.1 Obtaining the light curve
Before generating the light curve, we compute the Julian Date of each exposure mid-time using the header information of each image. Hence, the quality of the final light-curve fitting is not only dependent on the photometric precision, but also on a precise time synchronization of the telescope computers. One good method to reveal synchronization problems is to observe one transit from different telescope sights as done at epochs 673, 686, 693, 708, 807, 820, 821, 833, 834 and 987 (see Tables 2 and 3). Unfortunately, due to bad weather conditions, some of the observations had to be aborted or rejected after a visual inspection of the light curve.

The brightness measurements are done with IRAF\(^1\) performing aperture photometry on all bright stars in the field of view in each image obtained per transit. The aperture size is manually varied to find the best photometric precision. Typical aperture values are $\sim$1.5 times the full width half-maximum. To generate the transit light curve (including the error), we use differential aperture photometry by computing a constant artificial standard star containing all comparison stars as scaling parameters (for a more detailed description, see Broeg et al. 2005).

The weight of each star is computed by its constancy and photometric precision, thus including more fainter stars does not increase the precision of the artificial star and hence the final light curve. The photometric error of each data point is rescaled using the IRAF measurement error, and the standard deviation in the light curves of all comparison stars as scaling parameters (for a more detailed description, see Broeg et al. 2005).

Due to the small field of view, the Ankara 0.4 m observation has been treated different. After applying the standard image reduction, differential aperture photometry was used to create the light curve. As comparison star, we used GSC 3280 781, i.e. the brightest, unsaturated star in the field of view.

To prepare the final light curve to be modelled, we fit a quadratic trend (second-order polynomial) to the normal light phases to adjust for secondary airmass effects. Thus, it is required and ensured to observe a complete transit with one hour of normal light before and

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\(^1\) IRAF is distributed by the National Optical Astronomy Observatories, which are operated by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc., under cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation.
Table 2. The list of complete and usable transit observations gathered within the TTV project for HAT-P-32b. The initial ephemeris from the discovery paper (Hartman et al. 2011), and three data points from the literature obtained at KPNO (Sada et al. 2012) are given at the bottom lines. For the latter ones, no exposure times are given. Filter indices B, C, and S denote the photometric systems Bessel, Cousins and Sloan, respectively, used with the different instruments.

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Note. “The epoch is calculated from the originally published ephemeris by Hartman et al. (2011).”

After the transit event itself. In addition to the originally data, we also binned all light curves threefold using an error weighted mean.

As a quality marker for our light curves, we derive the photometric noise rate (pnr) as introduced by Fulton et al. (2011). The pnr is calculated using the root mean square (rms) of the model fit, as well as the number of data points per minute $\Gamma$,

$$\text{pnr} = \frac{\text{rms}}{\sqrt{\Gamma}}.$$  

The respective values for all our modelled light curves are given in Table 7 together with the fitted system parameters.

3.2 Modelling the light curve with JKTEBOP

The light-curve model code JKTEBOP (see e.g. Southworth 2008), based on the EBOP code (Etzel 1981; Popper & Etzel 1981), fits a theoretical light curve to the data using the parameters listed in Table 4. Since we only deal with ground based data, we only take quadratic limb darkening (LD) into account to directly compare the results of the fitting procedure with those of TAP (see the next section). We employ the LD values from Claret (2000) for the stellar parameters listed in Table 4. To get the values, we use the JKTLD code\(^2\) that linearly interpolates between the model grid values of $T_{eff}$ and log $g$. Since Hartman et al. (2011) only list [Fe/H] instead of $[M/H]$ that is needed to get the LD values, we converted it according to Salaris, Chieffi & Straniero (1993). JKTLD does not interpolate for $[M/H]$, hence a zero value was assumed, which is consistent with the known values within the error bars. Since most LD coefficients are only tabulated for $V_{micro} = 2 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, this value was adopted (as also suggested by J. Southworth\(^3\)).

We fit for the parameters mid-transit time $T_{mid}$, sum of the fractional radii $r_p + r_s$ ($r_p$ and $r_s$ being the radius of the planet $R_p$ and the star $R_s$ divided by the semimajor axis $a$, respectively), ratio of the radii $R_p/R_s$ and orbital inclination $i$. In case of the LD coefficients, we use two different configurations having the linear and non-linear term fixed, and fit them around the theoretical values, respectively. The eccentricity is assumed to be zero.

JKTEBOP allows us to apply different methods to estimate error bars. We used Monte Carlo simulations ($10^3$ runs), bootstrapping algorithms ($10^4$ data sets), and a residual-shift method to see if there are significant differences in the individual error estimation methods.\(^2\)

3.3 Modelling the light curve with TAP

The Transit Analysis Package TAP\(^4\) (Gazak et al. 2012) makes use of the EXOFAST routine (Eastman, Gaudi & Agol 2013) with the light-curve model by Mandel & Agol (2002) and the wavelet-based likelihood functions by Carter & Winn (2009) to model a transit light curve and to estimate error bars. The input parameters are listed in Table 4. TAP only uses quadratic LD. Instead of the sum of fractional radii $r_p + r_s$, that is used by JKTEBOP, TAP uses the inverse fractional stellar radius $a/R_s$, but those two quantities can be converted into each other using the ratio of radii,

$$a/R_s = \left(1 + R_p/R_s\right) / (r_p + r_s). \quad (1)$$

With TAP, we also model the light curve several times using the unbinned and binned data (see Section 3.1), as well as keeping the LD coefficients fixed and letting them vary around the theoretical values. To estimate error bars, TAP runs several (in our case 10) Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) simulations with $10^5$ steps each.

4 RESULTS

After fitting an individual transit with both JKTEBOP and TAP, there are (typically) eight different fit results (two programs with fixed and free LD using binned and unbinned data, respectively) with in total 28 individually derived error bars for the properties $i$, $R_p/R_s$, $T_{mid}$ and $r_p + r_s$ or $a/R_s$.

Regarding all properties, the fit results for the original light curves and the binned ones show no significant differences. Especially concerning the precision of the mid-transit time, the results cannot be improved by binning the light curve. Though one can reduce the error of an individual data point, one reduces the timing resolution, and hence decreases the timing precision (as well as the overall

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\(^2\) see http://www.astro.keele.ac.uk/jkt/codes/jktld.html.

\(^3\) written by John Southworth, see http://www.astro.keele.ac.uk/jkt/codes/jktebop.html and references therein for details about the code and error estimation methods.

\(^4\) http://ifa.hawaii.edu/users/fgazak/Ifa/TAP.html
fitting precision; discussed in detail in e.g. Kipping 2010). Thus, to
get one final result for each transit event, we first convert \( r_p + r_s \) to
\( a/R \), and then take the average of all obtained values.

In all cases, the spread of the fitted values is smaller than the
averaged error bar, hence the differences between the models are
smaller than the fitting precision. This result is in good agreement with
tose of e.g. Hoyer, Rojo & López-Morales (2012). Nevertheless,
as previously discussed in e.g. Maciejewski et al. (2013b) and
Carter & Winn (2009), JKTEBOP may underestimate the error bars.

Table 3. The list of partial transit observations or unusable observations gathered within the TTV project for HAT-P-32b.

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<tr>
<th>#</th>
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<th>Exposure (s)</th>
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Note. aThe epoch is calculated from the originally published ephemeris by Hartman et al. (2011).

Table 4. The input parameters for the JKTEBOP and TAP runs
with values of the circular orbit fit from the discovery paper
(Hartman et al. 2011), as well as the derived LD coefficients.

The metallicity of \([\text{Fe/H}] = \left( -0.04 \pm 0.08 \right) \text{dex} \) according to the circular orbit fit of Hartman et al. (2011) was converted to
\([M/\text{H}] = \left( -0.03 \pm 0.11 \right) \text{dex} \) using the equations of Salaris et al. (1993). Free-to-fit parameters are marked by an asterisk.

<table>
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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sum of radii ( r_p + r_s )</td>
<td>0.1902 ± 0.0013</td>
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<td>Ratio of radii ( R_p/R_s )</td>
<td>0.1508 ± 0.0004</td>
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<td>Orbital inclination ( i )</td>
<td>88.9 ± 0.4</td>
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<td>Inverse-fractal stellar radius ( a/R_s )</td>
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<td>( \log g ) (cgs)</td>
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<td>−0.03 ± 0.11</td>
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<td>( v\sin i ) (km s(^{-1}))</td>
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Though, in this work, the differences between the errors derived by
JKTEBOP (Monte Carlo, residual-shift, and bootstrapping) and those
of TAP (MCMC) are not as noticeable as in e.g. Maciejewski et al. (2013b, especially for \( i, R_p/R_s \), and \( a/R_s \) but larger for \( T_{\text{mid}} \)), the mean errors derived by the TAP-code are used as final errors.

Keeping the LD coefficients fixed at their theoretical values does
not result in significant differences of the light-curve fit. This is true
for the value as well as the error estimations.

The final light curves and the model fits are shown in Fig. 1 for
the single site, and Figs 2 and 3 for the multisite observations. Our
most precise light curve has been obtained using the Rozhen 2.0 m
telescope and is shown in Fig. 4.

4.1 Transit timing

The goal of this ongoing project is to look for TTVs of known
transiting planets where an additional body might be present (see
Section 1). In case of HAT-P-32b, we have obtained 24 transit light
curves with precise mid-transit times out of 45 observations (see
Tables 2 and 3). Unfortunately, there are long observational gaps
between epochs 720 and 800, and epochs 880 and 980, which is
not only due to the non-observability in northern summertime, but
even due to the bad weather during the last northern winter affecting
most participating YETI telescopes.

After the fitting process, each obtained mid-transit time has to be
converted from \( JD_{\text{UTC}} \) to barycentric Julian dates in the barycentric
dynamical time (\( BJD_{\text{TDB}} \)) to account for the Earth’s movement. We
use the online converter\(^5\) made available by Jason Eastman (see
Eastman, Siverd & Gaudi 2010) to do the corrections. Since the
duration of the transit is just \( \sim 3 \) h, converting the mid-transit time
is sufficient. The different positions of the Earth at the beginning
and the end of the transit event is negligible with respect to the
overall fitting precision of the mid-transit time, which makes a prior
time conversion of the whole light curve unnecessary.

\(^5\) http://astroults.astronomy.ohio-state.edu/time/utc2bjd.html
Figure 1. The threefold binned transit light curves of those 18 complete transit event observations, where no simultaneous observations at different telescopes could be achieved. The upper panels show the light curve, the lower panels show the residuals. The rms of the fit in the original (dashed lines) and the threefold binned light curve (dotted lines) are shown as well.
Figure 2. The threefold binned transit light curves of those four transit event observations, where simultaneous observations at two different telescopes could be achieved. The upper panels show the light curve, the lower panels show the residuals. The rms of the fit in the original (dashed lines) and the binned light curve (dotted lines) are shown as well.
As already mentioned in Section 3.1, it is extremely useful for transit timing analysis to have simultaneous observations from different telescopes. Since these data typically are not correlated to each other regarding e.g. the start of observation, observing cadence between two images, field of view (and hence number of comparison stars), one can draw conclusions on the quality of the data and reveal e.g. synchronization errors. In our case, we got simultaneous observations at 10 epochs. Unfortunately, one of the epoch 673, 693, 807 and 821 observations, and both epoch 834 observations had to be aborted due to the weather conditions or technical problems. The five remaining simultaneous observations, including the threefold observed transit at epoch 987, are consistent within the error bars (see Table 5). Thus, significant systematic errors can be neglected.

The resultant Observed-minus-Calculated (O−C) diagram is shown in Fig. 5. In addition to our data, the originally published epoch from Hartman et al. (2011), three data points from Sada et al. (2012), and two data points from Gibson et al. (2013) are included. We can explain almost all points by refining the linear ephemeris by ΔP = (21 ± 10) ms. Thus, the newly determined period is

\[ P_{\text{new}} = (2.1500825 \pm 0.0000012) \text{d} \]

\[ P_{\text{old}} = (2.15008 \pm 0.000001) \text{d}. \]

From the present O−C diagram, we conservatively can rule out TTV amplitudes larger than ∼1.5 min. Assuming a circular orbit for both the known planet and an unseen perturber, we can calculate the minimum perturber mass needed to create that signal. In Fig. 6, all configurations above the solid black line can be ruled out, for they would produce a TTV amplitude larger than ∼1.5 min. Taking a more restrictive signal amplitude of ∼1.0 min, all masses above
the dotted line can be ruled out. For our calculations, we used the $n$-body integrator MERCURY6 (Chambers 1999) to calculate the TTV signal for 73 different perturber masses between 1 Earth mass and 9 Jupiter masses placed at 1745 different distances to the host star ranging from 0.017 to 0.1 au (i.e. from three times the radius of the host star to three times the semimajor axis of HAT-P-32b). These 127 385 different configurations have been analysed to search for those systems that produce a TTV signal of at least $\sim$1.5 min and $\sim$1.0 min, respectively. In an area around the known planet (i.e. the grey shaded area in Fig. 6 corresponding to $\sim$4 Hill radii), most configurations were found to be unstable during the simulated timescales. Within the mean motion resonances, perturbers with less than 2 Earth masses cannot be excluded. The grey shaded area around $P_c/P_b = 1$ denotes the dynamically stable region around the known planet HAT-P-32b corresponding to $\sim$4 Hill radii.

4.2 Inclination, transit duration and transit depth

The two transit properties duration and depth are directly connected to the physical properties $a/R_s$ and $R_p/R_s$, respectively. Assuming a stable single-planet system, we expect the transit duration to be constant. Even if an exomoon is present, the resultant variations are in the order of a few seconds (for example calculations see Kipping 2009) and hence too small to be recognized using ground-based observations. Using the obtained fitting errors (as described above) as instrumental weights for a linear fit, we obtain $a/R_s = 6.056 \pm 0.009$ (solid line), to compare the published value of $k = 0.1508 \pm 0.0004$ by Hartman et al. (2011). Published values of $k = 0.1508 \pm 0.0004$ by Hartman et al. (2011). Gibson et al. (2013) found an M-dwarf $\approx$2.8 arcsec away from HAT-P-32. Though Knutson et al. (2013) ruled out the possibility that this star is responsible for the long-term trend seen in the RV data, due to the size of our apertures, this star always contributes to the brightness measurements of the main star and hence can affect the resulting planet-to-star radius ratio. Since actual brightness measurements of the star are not available but needed to correct the influence on the parameters, we do not correct for the M-dwarf. This way, the results are comparable to those of previous authors, but underestimate the true planet-to-star radius ratio. The spread seen in Fig. 8 can therefore be an effect due to the close M-star, or may also be caused by different filter curves of different observatories. Possible filter-dependent effects to the transit depth are discussed in Bernt et al. (in preparation).

As expected, also the inclination is found to be consistent with the originally published value. Moreover, due to the number of data points and assuming a constant inclination, we can improve the value to $i = (88.92 \pm 0.10)^\circ$ (see Fig. 9). Table 6 summarizes all our
results and compares them to the stellar parameters taken from the circular orbit fit of Hartman et al. (2011).

4.3 Further limitations

Besides the transit observations, we are also reanalysing the published RV-data (available at Hartman et al. 2011) with the systemic console (Meschiari et al. 2009). It is indeed possible to increase the precision of the RV fit by putting additional, even lower mass or distant bodies into the system. However, due to the large observational gaps seen in Fig. 5, the large number of different possible scenarios, especially perturbers with larger periods, can hardly be restricted. Assuming a small perturber mass, an inclination ~90°, and an eccentricity equal to zero, one can easily derive the expected RV amplitude to be

\[ K \approx \frac{28.4 M_p}{P_3^{1/3} M_*^{1/3}} \]

using Kepler’s laws and the conservation of momentum with the perturber mass \( M_p \) in Jupiter masses, its period \( P_3 \) in days and mass of the central star \( M_* \) in solar masses. The jitter amplitude of ~63.5 m s\(^{-1}\) found by Knutson et al. (2013) then corresponds to a specific maximum mass of a potentially third body in the system, depending on its period. Hence, all objects above the dash–dotted line in Fig. 6 can be ruled out, since they would result in even larger RV amplitudes. In addition to the advantage of simultaneous observations concerning the reliability on the transit timing, one can also use them as quality markers for deviations in the light curve itself. As seen in Fig. 3, there are no systematic differences between the three light curves obtained simultaneously. This is also true for the data shown in Fig. 2, where no residual pattern is seen twice, though there is a small bump in the epoch 686 Teneriffe data. Hence, one can rule out real astrophysical reasons, e.g. the crossing of a spotty area on the host star, as cause for the brightness change. In a global context, no deviations seen in the residuals of our light curves are expected to be of astrophysical origin.

Folding the residuals of all light curves obtained within this project to a set of trial periods between 0.15 and 2.15 d, i.e. period fractions of \( P_f/P_b = \{0.1, \ldots, 1\} \), we can analyse the resulting phase folded light curves regarding the orbital coverage. Thus, we can check if we would have seen the transit of an inner perturber just by chance while observing transits of HAT-P-32b. Though the duration of a single transit observation is limited to a few hours, taking the large number of observations spread over several months, we are still able to cover a large percentage of the trial orbits. As seen in Fig. 10, we achieve an orbital coverage of more than 90 per cent for the majority of trial periods. For a small number of certain periods, the coverage drops to ~80 per cent. Especially within the resonances it drops to ~60 per cent. Assuming the detectability of all transit-like signatures with amplitudes more than 3 mmag (see residuals in Fig. 1), we can rule out the existence of any inner perturber just by chance while observing transits of HAT-P-32b. Depending on the composition (rocky or gaseous) and bloating status of inner planets, this gives further constraints on the possible perturber mass.

Finally, it is important to state that all findings assume a perturber on a circular orbit, and with the same inclination as the known planet. It is not unlikely that the inclination of a potential second planet is significantly different from the known transiting planet, as pointed out e.g. by Steffen et al. (2012) and Payne & Ford (2011). This of course also increases the mass needed to create a certain TTV signal. Furthermore, the mass range of planets hidden in the RV jitter is also increased. While a possible eccentric orbit of an inner

Table 6. A comparison between the results obtained in our analysis, and the literature data from Hartman et al. (2011), Sada et al. (2012) and Gibson et al. (2013). All epochs \( T_0 \) are converted to BJD\(_{\text{TOB}}\).

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<th>( P ) (d)</th>
<th>( a/R_\star )</th>
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<tr>
<td>Our analysis</td>
<td>245 4420.44645 ± 0.00009</td>
<td>2.1500 0825 ± 0.00000012</td>
<td>6.056 ± 0.009</td>
<td>0.1510 ± 0.0004</td>
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<td>6.091 ± 0.036</td>
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<td>89.12 ± 0.61</td>
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The fit results for the 20 good transit light curves (top rows) as well as the five literature data points from Sada et al. (2012) and Gibson et al. (2013, middle rows) for the values $T_{\text{mid}}$, $a/R_s$, $k = R_p/R_s$ and $i$. Since Sada et al. (2012) did not publish all values for each transit fit, only the transit mid-time is tabulated for most observations, except the epoch 662 observation, where also the other parameters are available. The formal r.m.s. and the resultant pnr are given in the last column, if available. In the bottom rows the results of the complete observations with larger error bars are given for completeness. In case of the Tenerife 1.2 m observations, quasi-simultaneous observations in the filters $r_j$ and $B$ have been performed leading to higher r.m.s. values.

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![Image](http://mnras.oxfordjournals.org/)

**5 SUMMARY**

We presented our observations of HAT-P-32b planetary transits obtained during a timespan of 24 months (2011 October until 2013 October). The data were collected using telescopes all over the world, mainly throughout the YETI network. Out of 44 started observations, we obtained 24 light curves that could be used for further analysis. 21 light curves have been obtained that could not be used due to different reasons, mostly bad weather. In addition to our data, literature data from Hartman et al. (2011), Sada et al. (2012) and Gibson et al. (2013) were also taken into account (see Fig. 5–9 and Table 7).

The published system parameters $a/R_s$, $R_p/R_s$ and $i$ from the circular orbit fit of Hartman et al. (2011) were confirmed. In case of the semimajor axis over the stellar radius and the inclination, we were able to improve the results due to the number of observations. As for the planet-to-star radius ratio, we did not achieve a better solution for there is a spread in the data making constant fits difficult. In addition, Gibson et al. (2013) found an M-dwarf $\approx 2.8$ arcsec away from HAT-P-32 and hence a possible cause for this spread.

Regarding the transit timing, a redetermination of the planetary ephemeris by 21 ms can explain the obtained mid-transit times, although there are still some outliers. Of course, having 1σ error bars, one would expect some of the data points to be off the fit. Nevertheless, due to the spread of data seen in the O–C diagram, observations are planned to further monitor HAT-P-32b transits using the YETI network. This spread in the order of $\sim 1.5$ min does not exclude certain system configurations. Assuming circular orbits even an Earth mass perturber in a mean motion resonance could still produce such a signal.
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