

Increasing the census of ultracool dwarfs in wide binary and multiple systems using Dark Energy Survey DR1 and Gaia DR2 data

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ABSTRACT

We present the discovery of 255 binary and 6 multiple system candidates with wide (> 5 arcsec) separation composed by ultracool dwarfs (UCDs) companions to stars, plus nine double ultracool dwarf systems. These systems were selected based on common distance criteria. About 90 per cent of the total sample has proper motions available and 73 per cent of the systems also satisfy a common proper motion criterion. The sample of ultracool candidates was taken from the Dark Energy Survey (DES) and the candidate stellar primaries are from Gaia DR2 and DES data. We compute chance alignment probabilities in order to assess the physical nature of each pair. We find that 174 candidate pairs with Gaia DR2 primaries and 81 pairs with a DES star as a primary have chance alignment probabilities < 5 per cent. Only nine candidate systems composed of two UCDs were identified. The sample of candidate multiple systems is made up of five triple systems and one quadruple system. The majority of the UCDs found in binaries and multiples are of early L type and the typical wide binary fraction over the L spectral types is 2–4 per cent. Our sample of candidate wide binaries with UCDs as secondaries constitutes a substantial increase over the known number of such systems, which are very useful to constrain the formation and evolution of UCDs.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Ultracool dwarfs (UCDs) are presumed to be common objects in the Milky Way. But due to their very low masses, temperatures ($T_{\text{eff}} < 2300$ K) and hence luminosities, they are difficult sources to detect. Interest on them has increased in recent years. Very low-mass stars have been found to harbour planetary systems, some of them similar to Earth (Gillon et al. 2017). Dust discs that could harbour protoplanetary systems have also been reported around young substellar sources (brown dwarfs) (Sanchis et al. 2020). And the incomplete census of such ultracool objects in the Galactic field, even close to the Sun, makes their initial mass function (IMF), spatial distribution, and binary fraction relatively unconstrained and hard to place into the general context of Galactic star formation and evolution.

Large samples of M dwarfs, close to the H-burning limit already exist (Lépine & Gaidos 2011; West et al. 2011). Also, the census

of L and T dwarfs has greatly improved since the appearance of infrared surveys, such as the Two-Micron All-Sky Survey (2MASS; Skrutskie et al. 2006), the Deep Near Infrared Survey of the Southern Sky (DENIS; Epchtein et al. 1997), the UKIRT Infrared Deep Sky Survey (UKIDSS; Lawrence et al. 2007), the *Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer* (WISE; Wright et al. 2010) and the VISTA Hemisphere Survey (VHS; McMahon et al. 2013). Among the optical surveys that unveiled substantial numbers of such ultracool sources are the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS; York et al. 2000), and, more recently, the Dark Energy Survey (DES; Abbott et al. 2018) and Gaia DR2 (Reylé 2018).

On the theoretical side, uncertainties about the interiors, and, most especially, the atmospheres and evolution of L and T dwarfs still remain (Pinfield et al. 2012; Leggett et al. 2013; Baraffe et al. 2015). As in the case of higher mass stars, L and T dwarf formation and evolution models should benefit from the knowledge of chemical composition, masses and ages of a sizeable sample of such objects. Binary systems are ideal for this purpose since the physical properties of the primary star can be applied to the UCD companion, assuming

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that the pair formed at the same time, of the same material and evolved in the same environment (Faherty et al. 2010). Also, large statistical samples could constrain intrinsic variations of the formation process of the L and T dwarf population relative to more massive stars.

In terms of binary statistics, there is evidence that the binary frequency decreases as a function of spectral type and separation. For solar-type stars, Raghavan et al. (2010) found that ~ 25 per cent have a companion with separation wider than 100 au, ~ 11 per cent wider than 1000 au and Tokovinin & Lépine (2012) estimate 4.4 per cent wider than 2000 au. However, searches for M, L, or T dwarfs in wide binary systems remain incomplete. Recently Dhital et al. (2011) and Dhital et al. (2015) presented the Sloan Low-mass Wide Pairs of Kinematically Equivalent Stars (SLOWPoKES), a catalogue containing common proper motion and common distance wide candidate pairs. For the mid-K and mid-M type dwarfs presented in both catalogues, the wide binary frequency was ~ 1.1 per cent. The binary fraction for L and T dwarfs in wide systems is still uncertain. The fraction of L and T dwarfs found in binary and multiple systems, the distributions of mass ratios, primary spectral types, and separations may constrain different scenarios proposed for the formation of very low-mass stars and brown dwarfs in general, and of binary and multiple systems involving these sources in particular (Reipurth, Clarke & Delgado-Donate 2001; Whitworth & Zinnecker 2004; Bate & Bonnell 2005; Bonnell, Clark & Bate 2008; Elmegreen 2011; Jumper & Fisher 2013).

In this paper, we present the search for wide binary and multiple systems which contain UCD companions, using the sample of 11 745 UCD candidates from Carnero Rosell et al. (2019). We analyse the properties of this sample, including the distribution of projected separations and the binary fraction, and compare them to previous works.

In Section 2, we describe the catalogues used and the criteria used to select the samples. In Section 3, we discuss the photometric distance measurement for the candidates and the spectrophotometric distance for the primary stars selected in the Gaia DR2 and DES data. In Section 4, we present the properties of candidate binaries and multiples and also we address the estimation of chance alignment probability. In Section 5, we show our analysis and comparisons to samples of wide binaries. Finally, we present our summary and concluding remarks in Section 6.

2 CANDIDATE SELECTION OF UCDS AND PRIMARY STARS

2.1 DES, VHS, and WISE data

DES is a (~ 5000 deg²) optical survey in the *grizY* bands used the Dark Energy Camera (DECam; Flaugher et al. 2015). DECam is a wide-field (3 deg²) imager at the prime focus of the Blanco 4m telescope in Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory (CTIO).

The DES footprint was selected to obtain an overlap with the South Pole Telescope survey (Carlstrom et al. 2011) and Stripe 82 from SDSS (Abazajian et al. 2009). The Galactic plane was avoided to minimize stellar foregrounds and extinction from interstellar dust in order to maintain the DES cosmological goals. Even though the main driver for DES is cosmological, the stellar data have been extensively used by the collaboration to identify new star clusters, streams and satellite galaxies in the MW Halo and beyond (Bechtol et al. 2015; Drlica-Wagner et al. 2015; Luque et al. 2017).

The first public data release of the Dark Energy Survey, DES DR1 (DR1; Abbott et al. 2018) is composed of 345 distinct nights spread over the first three years of DES operations, from 2013 August 15 to 2016 February 12. The DES DR1 catalogue contains object flags

including several that indicate corrupted values due to image artefacts or reduction problems.

For the searches of UCDS, as discussed and presented in Carnero Rosell et al. (2019), we demanded that `FLAGS_z, Y = 0` (ensures no reduction problems in the *z* and *Y* bands) and `{it ISO}_MAGFLAGS_i, z, Y = 0` (ensures the object has not been affected by spurious events in the images in the *i*, *z*, and *Y* bands). We also imposed a magnitude limit cut of $z < 22$ with a detection of 5σ at least in the *z* and *Y* to ensure a high completeness in the *i* band, and therefore allow construction of colour-colour diagrams useful for the selection of UCDS.

For the primary stars, we repeated this same approach, however, we imposed a magnitude limit cut of $i < 24$ and the quality cuts were performed in the *g*, *r*, and *i* bands. The DES DR1 is a public release,¹ but in this work, we used `SOF_PSF_MAG` photometry, which has not been published yet. The SOF photometry is based on a different reduction using the `ngmix` code,² which has better point spread function and shape modelling. Even though we used nonpublic photometry, the `COADD_ID` are the same as those in the public release.

In order to extend photometry into the infrared, we matched the DES DR1 to the VHS and AllWISE data using a positional matching radius of 2 arcsec. As discussed in Carnero Rosell et al. (2019), for typical proper motions and a 2 arcsec match between DES and VHS, considering a three-year baseline, our matching should yield a complete combined sample for distances > 50 pc, with slowly decreasing completeness for more nearby and higher proper motion sources. After the match, we removed every source that did not pass the DES quality cuts as explained before. The resulting catalogues have 27 249 118 and 27 918 863 sources within a 2374 deg² overlap region. These two catalogues were used for the UCD search (Section 2.2) and now to search for primary star candidates (Section 4.2), respectively.

2.2 Sample of ultracool dwarf candidates

As presented in Carnero Rosell et al. (2019), our search of UCD candidates in the combination of DES, VHS and AllWISE data was performed using a colour-colour cut criteria. The adopted cuts to select our candidates was $(i_{AB} - z_{AB}) > 1.2$, $(z_{AB} - Y_{AB}) > 0.15$ and $(Y_{AB} - J_{Vega}) > 1.6$. We used this initial sample, mainly made up of M, L, and T dwarfs, to run our spectral classification code, *classif*, which uses only photometry, to estimate the spectral type of each object of the sample. The *classif* code was implemented using the same method presented in Skrzypek et al. (2015) and Skrzypek, Warren & Faherty (2016), based on a minimization of the χ^2 relative to M, L, and T empirical templates. After running *classif*, we obtain 11 545 sources classified as L dwarfs and 200 as T dwarfs. More details about the selection method, colour cuts and the spectral classification can be found in Carnero Rosell et al. (2019).

2.3 Gaia DR2

The Gaia astrometric mission was launched in December 2013. It is measuring positions, parallaxes, proper motions and photometry for over one billion sources to $G \simeq 20.7$. Its Data Release 2 (Gaia DR2; Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018), has covered the initial 22 months of data taking (from a predicted total of 5 yr), with positions and

¹<https://des.ncsa.illinois.edu/releases/dr1>

²<https://github.com/esheldon/ngmix>

photometry for 1.7×10^9 sources and full astrometric solution for 1.3×10^9 .

For our purpose, we used Gaia DR2 data to select primary star candidates. Particularly important for this work are the parallaxes, whose precision varies from <0.1 mas for $G \leq 17$ to $\simeq 0.7$ mas for $G = 20$. They allow us to better discern dwarf stars (whose distances will overlap those of the UCDs from DES, VHS, and AllWISE) from much more distant giants of similar colours, T_{eff} and chemistry. For the stars brighter than $G = 18$, the Gaia DR2 sample was cross-matched to the Pan-STARRS1 (Kaiser et al. 2010), 2MASS, and AllWISE catalogues, so as to increase the amount of photometric information available for each star as we did for DES. The photoastrometric distances, derived from precise parallaxes and photometry, are presented in Anders et al. (2019). We refer to this sample as GaiaDR2-18.

3 DISTANCE AND PROPER MOTION MEASUREMENTS

3.1 Distance

3.1.1 Ultracool dwarf candidates

Using our UCD sample described in Section 2.2, we used the spectral type from each candidate and our empirical model grid described in Carnero Rosell et al. (2019) to estimate the absolute magnitude and then obtain the distance modulus for each UCD.

The empirical model grid lists absolute magnitudes in *izYJHKW1W2* for dwarfs ranging from M1 to T9. We computed one distance modulus for each filter with available apparent magnitude. The resulting distance to each UCD was then taken to be the mean value among the available filters and we used the dispersion around the mean as the distance uncertainty. We did not apply any correction for extinction, since this is expected to be small for the passbands we used and towards the relatively high Galactic latitudes covered by our samples.

3.1.2 Primary stars

As mentioned before, we use the Gaia DR2 (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018) and the combination of DES, VHS, and AllWISE to search for stars located close to our UCD candidates. Anders et al. (2019) ran the *StarHorse* code (Queiroz et al. 2018) on all stars in the Gaia DR2 sample brighter than $G = 18$, in an attempt to better constrain their distances and extinction, yielding what we call the GaiaDR2-18 sample. For DES stars, *StarHorse* was applied by us, but only to the stars that were close enough to the UCD candidates to be considered as a potential companion, as will be discussed in the next section. In this latter case, we use optical and infrared photometry, in addition to parallaxes from Gaia DR2 when available.

The *StarHorse* code uses a Bayesian approach to determine masses, ages, distances, and extinctions for field stars through the comparison of their observed spectroscopic, photometric, and astrometric parameters with those from stellar evolution models. The models used are the PARSEC set of isochrones (Bressan et al. 2012). The code assumes spatial priors for each structural component of the Galaxy (thin and thick discs, bulge, and halo). The priors also assume Gaussian metallicity and age distribution functions for each structural component. For all components, the Chabrier IMF (Chabrier 2003) was assumed as a prior. Gaussian likelihood functions were generated using the available observed parameter set and their associated uncertainties. The code then computes the

posterior distribution function over distance, marginalized for all other parameters. We take the median of this marginalized posterior as the best distance estimate, while the difference between the median 84th percentile and the (16th percentile) distances is taken as the higher (lower) 1σ uncertainty. For more details, we refer to Queiroz et al. (2018) and Anders et al. (2019).

3.2 Proper motion

The proper motion measurements for the primaries are mostly from Gaia DR2 catalogue. However, for the UCDs, the proper motion measurements are from CatWISE Catalogue (Eisenhardt et al. 2019). CatWISE is a catalogue of selected sources from WISE and NEOWISE data collected from 2010 to 2016 in the W1 and W2 bands.

However, the majority of the UCDs distances are large and the motions are thus small compared to other samples. Also, the objects are faint and the time baselines relatively short, and so most of the proper motion uncertainties are comparable to the measurements themselves, making them consistent with zero. In this situation, proper motions may turn out to be an inefficient diagnostic of association. None the less, we take into consideration these measurements in our binary and multiple systems search to assess their impact.

4 THE SEARCH FOR BINARY AND MULTIPLE SYSTEM CANDIDATES

Detection of faint sources close to brighter stars is difficult, with detections pushed to larger separations as the difference in brightness increases. We paired UCD candidates to potential primary stars using a search radius that corresponds to 10 000 au as the projected separation between the pair members. Since the distances of our UCD candidates are in the 20–500 pc range, these search radii cover the angular range from 20 to 500 arcsec. Details on how this projected separation is computed vary with the sample of primaries, as discussed in the next subsections. As discussed in Marocco et al. (2017) and Deacon et al. (2014), searches beyond 10 000 au introduce a significant difficulty of disentangling widest binaries from chance alignments from field stars.

To refine our wide binary and multiple systems, we checked if the members that have common distance also share a common proper motion, when available. The common distance criteria were made at the 2σ level. Also, the proper motions had to be within 2σ of each other.

A robust binary or multiple system should satisfy $\Delta_\mu \leq 2\sigma_\mu$ where Δ_μ is the total proper motion difference

$$\Delta_\mu = \sqrt{\Delta_{\mu_{\text{acos}\delta}}^2 + \Delta_{\mu_\delta}^2},$$

and $\Delta_{\mu_{\text{acos}\delta}}$ and Δ_{μ_δ} are the differences in proper motion between the pair members in the two directions. In the above criterion,

$$\sigma_\mu = \sqrt{\delta\mu_1^2 + \delta\mu_2^2}$$

is the composite uncertainty in the measured proper motions, where 1, 2 represent the primary and secondary. The individual uncertainties in proper motion also combine in quadrature the uncertainties along each direction.

In the following sections, we describe how the pairing was done for each set, including the common distance and common proper motion requirements, and also discuss the way chance alignment probabilities were computed in each case.

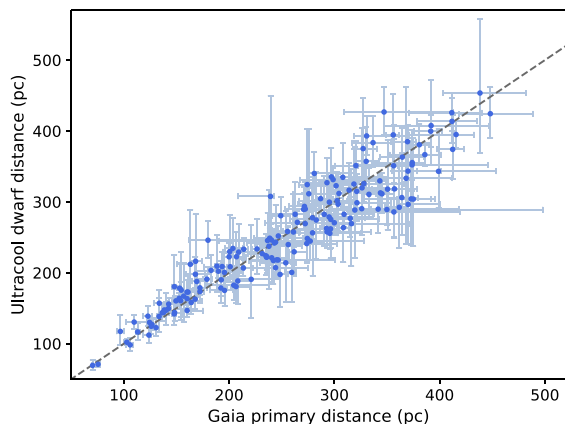


Figure 1. The 174 common distance pair candidates identified using the UCD sample and Gaia DR2 primary candidate stars, taken from the sample by Anders et al. (2019). The horizontal axis represents the primary distance given by StarHorse and the vertical axis shows the secondary’s photometric distance. The error bars correspond to an uncertainty of 2σ . The uncertainties in the photometric distances of the UCD sample are usually much larger than those of the stars, which are based on measured parallaxes.

4.1 Ultracool dwarf companions to Gaia DR2 stars

For the GaiaDR2-18 primary candidate stars, we considered their StarHorse distances from Anders et al. (2019), and used photometric distances to the UCD candidates. We defined a search radius equal to a projected separation of 10 000 au evaluated at the lower limit in distance of the star, given its smaller distance uncertainty as compared to the UCD. For each star, we then searched for possible UCD companions within this projected radius. By additionally applying the common distance criterion, we found 174 candidate pairs.

For each possible pair, we estimate the chance alignment probability following a similar procedure used by Smart et al. (2017) and Dhital et al. (2015). The chance alignment probability is the probability that we find a physically unrelated object with the same common distance within our uncertainties and within the search radius. To assess the chance alignment probability, we simulate stars within a 2 deg^2 area from the UCD candidate from each pair using Trilegal (Girardi et al. 2005). The Trilegal simulated stars have a distance modulus without any uncertainty. In order to mimic an uncertainty in their distances, we use the uncertainty computed by StarHorse for the GaiaDR2-18 star whose distance is closest to that of the simulated Trilegal star. We thus assume that the uncertainty in distance for the simulated stars follows the same distribution as computed by StarHorse for real stars. We randomly selected 1000 stars within the 2 deg^2 area and calculated the fraction N/M of common distance stars, where N is the number of simulated stars which have the common distance with the UCD candidate and M is the total number of randomly selected simulated stars. Therefore, N/M gives the probability of a randomly picked simulated star to have a common distance with the UCD. Then we obtain the probability over all stars within the search radius by multiplying N/M by the number of simulated stars and making an area normalization considering the search radius area and the simulated area. We flag every pair with a chance alignment probability $P_a > 5$ per cent as contamination.

In the current sample based on GaiaDR2-18 primaries, all of the 174 common distance pairs survived the $P_a < 5$ per cent cut. These candidate wide binaries are shown in Fig. 1. A simple estimate of the

number of chance alignments that still made into the sample may be obtained by adding up the P_a values, yielding a total of 1.078. Among the 174 candidate pairs, 153 UCDs had proper motion in CatWISE catalogue. Applying the common proper motion criteria, a sample of 125 pairs remains. This shows that 82 per cent of the common distance systems survive the proper motion refinement criterion, at the expense of losing a fraction of the objects due to lack of proper motion data. The properties for a subset of these candidate pairs are presented in Table 1. The entire table is available in machine-readable format in <https://des.ncsa.illinois.edu/releases/other/y3-1t-widebinaries>.

4.2 Ultracool companions to DES DR1 stars

In this case, the search radius corresponds to 10 000 au projected separation evaluated at the lower distance limit for the UCD. We adopt this threshold because we do not have the StarHorse distances for the entire DES stars catalogue. Due to computational restrictions, we only obtain the StarHorse distance for stars that were inside the UCD search radius. Considering that these UCDs have a large uncertainty in their purely photometric distances, this conservative approach should result in a larger search radius, and the inclusion of several stars within this radius.

As mentioned in the previous section, in this case, StarHorse distances for the primary stars were based on photometric measurements, with additional constraint from parallaxes for a small number of DES primary which are common to Gaia DR2. We thus applied the common distance criterion and were able to find 85 possible pairs involving a DES DR1 primary and a UCD as a secondary, as shown in Fig. 2.

As we explain in the previous section, for the chance alignment probabilities, we rely on Trilegal simulations. The procedure is the same as described in Section 4.1. We assign distance uncertainties to the simulated stars using the closest DES DR1 star. For each secondary, we randomly selected 5000 stars in the simulated area and require that the distances of the UCD candidate and the simulated star lie within 2σ of each other. Thus, we obtain the probability over all simulated stars within the search radius. In the case of the 85 candidate wide binaries identified with DES DR1, 81 of them have $P_a < 5$ per cent. The sum of the P_a values for this sample yields 1.468 as the expected number of remaining unphysical pairs.

From the 81 candidate pairs, 74 UCDs have proper motion measurements from CatWISE. After applying the common proper motion criteria, 61 pairs remained in the sample, again yielding a fraction of 82 per cent pairs that pass the cut in proper motions. The properties for a subset of these candidate pairs are also presented in Table 1.

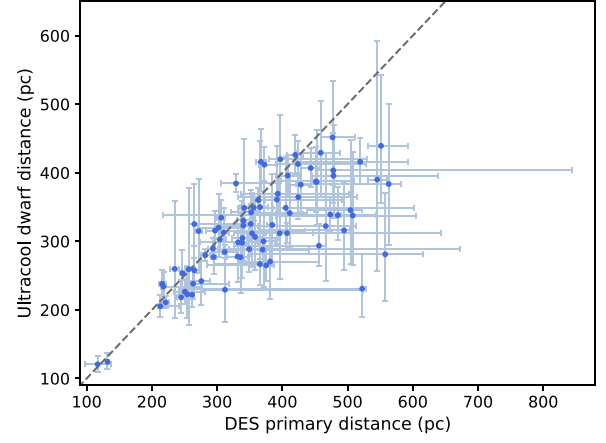
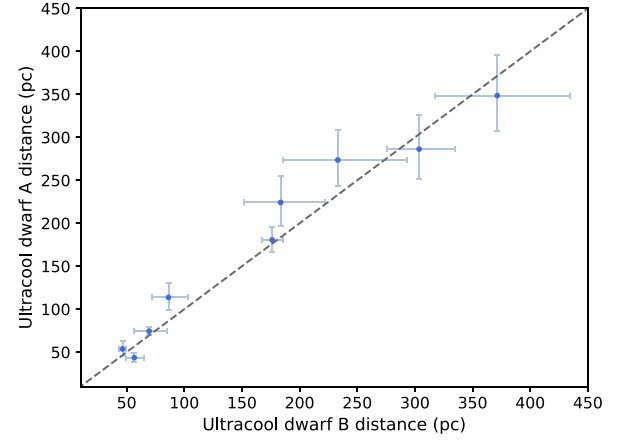
4.3 Wide binaries involving two UCDs

We also used the UCD sample to search for candidate binaries among themselves. We computed a search radius for each UCD and checked if another such dwarf appears inside this individual radius. We were able to identify nine possible pairs, which are shown in Fig. 3. The properties of these possible binary pairs are presented in Table 2. The pairs are matched independently of the pair member that we centred on, except for one system. In other words, if source B is found within the search radius of 10 000 au around source A, this latter was also within the same projected separation at B’s distance. The entire table is available in <https://des.ncsa.illinois.edu/releases/other/y3-1t-widebinaries>.

Table 1. The common distance pair candidates identified using the UCD sample combined to Gaia DR2 and DES DR1 data. The ID in *Jhhmm ± dmm* format is based on the primary coordinates.

ID	Position			Photometry			Distance			Spectral type	Binary information		
	α_A	δ_A	α_B	δ_B	$G_{\text{Gaia, A}}$	$z_{\text{DES, A}}$	$i_{\text{DES, B}}$	$z_{\text{DES, B}}$	d_A		d_B	$\Delta\theta$ (arcsec)	d_p (au)
J0001−4315 ^{a,b}	00:01:52	−43:15:45	00:01:51	−43:15:41	17.2	15.9	23.0	21.4	295 ± 18	279 ± 8	15.0	4427.4	0.264
J0002 + 0006 ^{a,b}	00:02:10	+00:06:28	00:02:08	+00:07:06	15.4	14.1	22.0	20.4	172 ± 3	179 ± 5	43.1	7440.3	0.222
J0002−0626 ^{a,b}	00:02:24	−06:26:11	00:02:23	−06:26:30	16.7	15.2	20.6	19.1	130 ± 2	123 ± 6	34.3	4482.0	0.391
J0003−5803 ^a	00:03:24	−58:03:51	00:03:18	−58:04:06	14.1	12.8	21.2	19.9	154 ± 1	175 ± 24	50.3	7776.1	1.389
J0005 + 0104 ^b	00:05:46	+01:04:54	00:05:47	+01:04:43	18.8	17.2	23.0	21.5	393 ± 62	369 ± 13	14.1	5580.9	1.137
J0008−4929 ^a	00:08:07	−49:29:27	00:08:08	−49:29:20	17.7	16.4	22.6	21.3	314 ± 8	316 ± 18	16.0	5054.3	0.649
J0008−0437	00:08:15	−04:37:53	00:08:17	−04:37:38	18.1	16.7	22.4	20.8	375 ± 30	265 ± 12	26.6	10017.4	1.100

Notes. The letter A represents the primary star and B the UCD. The angular and the projected separation are indicated by $\Delta\theta$ and d_p , respectively. The P_a refers to the chance alignment probability, as explained in Sections 4.1 and 4.2. The entire table is available in <https://des.nsa.illinois.edu/releases/other/y3-1t-widebinaries>. ^aThe distance for Gaia DR2 stars was published by Anders et al. (2019). ^bCommon proper motion systems.

**Figure 2.** The 85 common distance pair candidates identified using the UCD sample and DES primary stars. The horizontal axis represents the primary photometric distance given by StarHorse and the vertical axis shows the UCD photometric distance. The error bars indicate an uncertainty of 2σ .**Figure 3.** The nine common distances for the pure UCD binary candidates identified. The horizontal and vertical axis show the UCDs photometric distances and the error bars correspond to an uncertainty of 2σ .

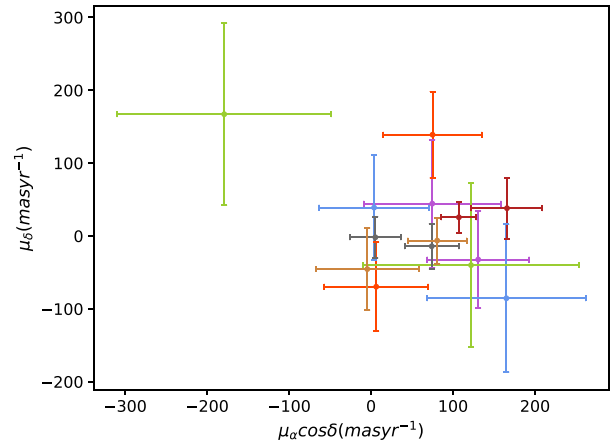
To obtain the chance alignment probability, we used the *GalmodBD* simulation code, presented in Carnero Rosell et al. (2019), which computes expected Galactic counts of UCDs, as a function of magnitude, colour, and direction on the sky. *GalmodBD* also creates synthetic samples of UCDs based on the expected number counts for a given footprint, using empirically determined space densities of objects, absolute magnitudes, and colours as a function of spectral type. For the current purpose, we computed the expected number of UCDs in a given direction and within the volume bracketed by the common range of distances and by the area within the angular separation of each possible pair. For all the nine candidate pairs, the probability of chance alignment is $P_a < 0.2$ per cent, as shown in Table 2.

We also used the *CatWISE* catalogue to obtain the proper motion information for the wide binary involving two UCDs. One L0 member has proper motion from Gaia DR2. All nine pairs have proper motion measurements and seven remain in the sample after application of the proper motion filter. Fig. 4 shows the vector point diagram for these seven pairs. For more details regarding these systems visit <https://des.nsa.illinois.edu/releases/other/y3-1t-widebinaries>.

Table 2. The nine common distance pair candidates identified among the UCD sample and the letters A and B represent a different UCD. The ID in $Jhhmm \pm ddm$ format is based on the primary coordinates.

ID	Position			Photometry			Distance			Spectral type			Binary information		
	α_A	δ_A	α_B	δ_B	$i_{DES,A}$	$z_{DES,A}$	$i_{DES,B}$	$z_{DES,B}$	d_A	d_B	A	B	$\Delta\theta$ (arcsec)	d_p (au)	P_a (%)
J0003-0011	00:03:30	-00:11:06	00:03:35	-00:12:59	23.1	21.0	20.6	19.1	70 ± 7	74 ± 2	L7	L2	131.5	9141.83	0.078
J0443-4551 ^a	04:43:10	-45:51:55	04:43:04	-45:50:23	25.0	21.9	-	21.7	57 ± 4	44 ± 3	T5	T6	112.0	6345.85	0.020
J0457-4933 ^a	04:57:49	-49:33:56	04:57:52	-49:34:02	22.6	21.1	22.4	20.9	304 ± 15	286 ± 19	L0	L0	25.61	7777.43	0.007
J2000-5342 ^a	20:00:12	-53:42:38	20:00:12	-53:43:07	23.1	21.3	22.3	20.9	233 ± 27	274 ± 16	L2	L0	29.41	6857.05	0.115
J2251-4959 ^a	22:51:57	-49:59:32	22:51:56	-49:00:01	22.9	21.4	23.0	21.4	371 ± 29	349 ± 22	L0	L0	29.51	10961.6	0.170
J2313-4550 ^a	23:13:49	-45:50:29	23:13:49	-45:50:25	22.2	20.3	23.3	21.2	86 ± 8	114 ± 8	L4	L5	4.080	352.297	0.000
J2318-5420	23:18:39	-54:20:34	23:19:03	-54:21:49	18.4	17.0	21.4	19.9	46 ± 1	54 ± 4	L0	L5	226.4	10514.6	0.025
J2319-5203 ^a	23:19:43	-52:03:55	23:19:48	-52:04:24	21.4	19.9	21.4	19.9	176 ± 5	181 ± 7	L0	L0	59.10	10411.8	0.045
J2319-5607 ^a	23:19:50	-56:07:27	23:19:47	-56:07:56	22.1	20.6	22.4	21.0	184 ± 17	224 ± 15	L1	L1	37.21	6832.95	0.066

Notes. The angular and the projected separation are indicated by $\Delta\theta$ and d_p , respectively. The P_a refers to the chance alignment probability. ^aCommon proper motion systems.


Figure 4. Vector point diagram for the seven UCD pairs that satisfy the common distance and common proper motion criteria. Each pair is indicated by a different colour. The error bars correspond to an uncertainty of 1σ .

4.4 Multiple systems

In addition to our wide binary candidates presented in Sections 4.1 and 4.2, we find several possible multiple systems: five triple and one quadruple system. All members of the candidate triple systems satisfy the common distance criterion when considered two by two. As for the quadruple candidate, in Dhital et al. (2015) the system is presented as an M1 + M1 binary, but we identified two more members. In this case, the L0 member does not satisfy the common distance criterion with one of the M1 stars in the binary reported by Dhital et al. (2015) and it marginally satisfies this criterion with the other M1.

As for proper motions, all six systems have proper motion measurements for all members. We again use the CatWISE catalogue to obtain the proper motion for the L dwarfs. Applying the common proper motion criteria, we discard the quadruple as a physical system. The M1 + M1 binary does not have a common proper motion with the other stellar member. The proper motion of the L0 is consistent with the brighter three sources, but has an uncertainty comparable to its value and therefore is not very informative. As for the triple systems, the four pairs within them all satisfy the common proper motion criteria presented in the beginning of Section 4, except for J2024-5801, where the binary star has a difference in measured proper motions beyond 2σ . However, the expected motion caused by a physical pair orbiting at their separation is comparable to this observed difference. One of the triple systems, J2342-6135, is composed of two UCDs and a stellar member. Again, the very large uncertainty of the UCD proper motion prevent stronger conclusions about this system. The candidate multiple systems are shown in Fig. 5 and their main characteristics are described in Table 3. For more details regarding the table content visit <https://des.ncsa.illinois.edu/releases/other/y3-1t-widebinaries>.

For the multiple systems, the chance alignment probability requires estimating and combining the probabilities of random alignment of each of the three (in case of triples) or six (in case of quadruples) pairs involved in the system, as well as the chance alignments of higher orders up to that of the entire system altogether. As this would involve much larger simulations sets, we refrain from computing the chance alignment probabilities for these systems. However, the configurations of the quadruple system, with no clear hierarchy, and of the triple system with two UCDs, are both very uncommon. Combined with the previous discussion based on proper motions, this is a clear indication that these systems are not physical and that the algorithm based on common distances is leading to the

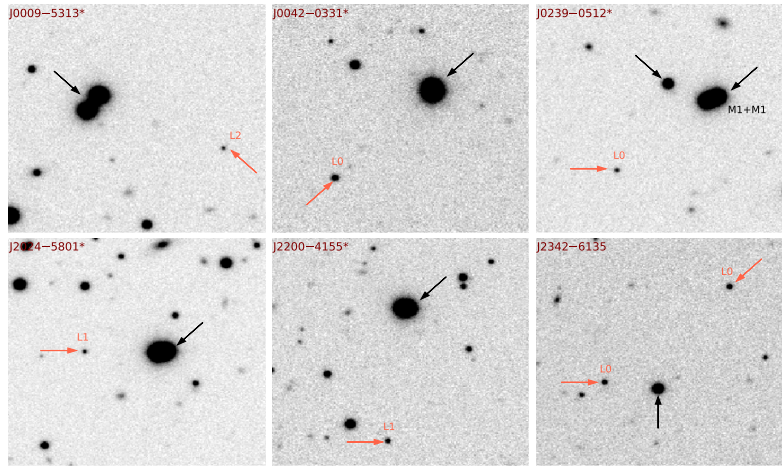


Figure 5. 60×60 arcsec² z -band images of the multiple systems found. The black arrow indicates the stars, while the UCDs are identified by a red arrow followed by their spectral type. The upper right-hand image corresponds to a quadruple candidate system. The double M1 + M1 were previously identified by Dhital et al. (2015). This quadruple system also contains a common distance between the L0 and a star, indicated by the arrows. The remaining images correspond to candidates of triple systems. The lower right-hand panel corresponds to two UCD companions to a star.

identification of physically unrelated systems of higher order, as in the case of the wide binaries.

5 DISCUSSION

For our 264 common distance pair candidates, we visually inspected the DES images. Fig. 6 shows a sample of some selected binary candidates. The rows show pairs constituted by a UCD companion to a GaiaDR2-18 star, to a DES DR1 star and also systems made up by two UCDs, in this order. All of the images were taken from the DES Science Portal related to the DR1 public release images.³

In Table A1, we present the known F/G/K/M + L or T wide systems already published in the literature that were spectroscopically confirmed and have an UCD as a companion. In Table A2, we present the common distance and/or common proper motion known F/G/K/M + L or T wide systems identified so far. Using this information, we searched for matches between our pairs and multiple system candidates presented in this work and the previously known pairs, but none of the 264 pairs and six multiples was identified among them. The main reason is that the majority of the known wide binaries with spectroscopic confirmation are in the Northern hemisphere and/or have a projected separation < 600 au and we are not able to resolve them.

We also perform a search using the catalogue SLoWPoKES I and II presented in Dhital et al. (2011, 2015), respectively, which contains low-mass stars wide binaries identified using common distance and/or common proper motion. In this case, we were able to identify one M1 + M1 common system as discussed in Section 4.4.

Fig. 7 shows the distributions of projected separations from our wide binary candidates sample, the 141 SLoWPoKES-II wide very low-mass binaries, and from Tables A1 and A2. Our sample was divided into binary systems that satisfy the common distance criterion alone and those that satisfy the common distance plus common proper motion criteria. The projected separations in our sample are those listed in Tables 1 and 2 and were computed using the angular separation and the primary's distance. For this reason, they may exceed the 10 000 au limit originally set for the search radius, which

was based on the lowest boundary in distance given the uncertainties. The distributions are all different from each other, reflecting selection biases. Spectroscopically confirmed systems containing UCDs are largely restricted to small separations compared to common distance and common proper motions pairs. Our samples, with and without the common proper motion criterion, also span larger separations than those from Dhital et al. (2015). In fact, adding the proper motion constraint barely changes the shape of the distribution of projected separations, but clearly reduces the number of objects due to lack of proper motion data. Furthermore, as discussed in Section 4, the very large uncertainties in the proper motions of most UCDs from CatWISE, indicate that the currently available proper motions are not an efficient diagnostic in this case. Therefore, in the subsequent analyses, we will adopt the common distance objects as our final sample. The abrupt drop in the number of systems with separations $> 10\,000$ au is due to our search radius limit.

Our sample is also the largest of those shown, given the larger photometric and astrometric samples it is derived from. As discussed previously by Dhital et al. (2015), a large number of wide binary low-mass systems in the Galactic field could rule out the proposed formation scenario where very low-mass objects are ejected from the protocluster due to dynamical interactions (Reipurth et al. 2001; Bate & Bonnell 2005). Due to their low binding energy, they are unlikely to survive this dynamical process.

Fig. 8 shows the spectral type of the UCDs versus the projected separation of the common distance pairs. Our sample of wide binary candidates contains 271 L dwarfs companions to stars with projected separations ranging from >1000 – $24\,000$ au. We have nine wide systems made up by two UCDs that satisfy the common distance criterion and seven of them also satisfy the common proper motion criterion. If confirmed, these will be the widest systems (>6000 au) involving two L/T dwarfs currently known. Only one candidate double T dwarf system was found, with a projected separation ~ 6000 au. Deacon et al. (2014) pointed out the paucity of T dwarfs companions wider than 3000 au, which means that this system may be a rare find.

Fig. 9 shows the projected separations against distances for our common distance candidate wide binary sample. It is limited to ~ 500 pc, making it the deepest sample of binaries involving UCDs. In total, 82 per cent of our pair candidates concentrate at a distance < 400 pc and projected separation $< 10\,000$ au as shown in the figure.

³<https://des.nsa.illinois.edu/releases/dr1/dr1-access>

Table 3. The common distance multiple systems found in our search. The letters *A* and *B* represent a star from Gaia DR2 or DES DR1 and the letter *C* the UCD. In the last row, *B*, and *C* represent a different UCD. The ID in *Jhhmm ± ddmm* format using the primary coordinates.

ID	Position			Photometry			Distance		Spectral type				
	α_A	α_B	δ_A	α_C	δ_C	$G_{\text{Gaia, A}}$	$G_{\text{Gaia, B}}$	$z_{\text{DES, C}}$	d_A	d_B	d_C	B	C
J0009–5313 ^{a,b}	00:09:06	00:09:06	–53:13:30	00:09:03	–53:13:43	16.8	17.0	23.0	241 ± 3	231 ± 3	235 ± 17	L2	L2
J0042–0331 ^{a,b}	00:42:33	00:42:33	–03:31:29	00:42:34	–03:31:53	17.9	16.4	21.7	200 ± 10	193 ± 10	195 ± 16	L0	L0
J0239–0512 ^a	02:39:43	02:39:44	–05:12:59	02:39:45	–05:13:17	17.0	20.6	20.9	356 ± 11	345 ± 3	286 ± 15	L0	L0
J2024–5801 ^{a,b}	20:24:13	20:24:14	–58:01:15	20:24:16	–58:01:15	16.9	16.2	22.3	232 ± 6	222 ± 4	218 ± 7	L1	L1
J2200–4155 ^{a,b}	22:00:25	22:00:25	–41:55:02	22:00:25	–41:55:37	17.3	17.3	20.9	198 ± 7	202 ± 8	214 ± 3	L1	L1
J2342–6135	23:42:06	23:42:08	–61:35:44	23:42:04	–61:35:17	20.2	–	20.7	267 ± 28	286 ± 29	279 ± 29	L0	L0

^aThe distance for Gaia DR2 stars was published by Anders et al. (2019). ^bCommon proper motion systems.

This is in part due to the fact that the chance alignment probability tends to grow with the projected separation and the heliocentric distance of the primary.

Fig. 9 also shows a lower limit in projected separation, which is related to the typical angular resolution of the DES DR1 and Gaia DR2 images, especially the former, from which the binary sample is drawn. Pairs whose angular separation is of the order or lower than the DES seeing limit will be harder to resolve. At a distance of 480 pc, a 1.3-arcsec resolution limit will translate into a minimum separation of $\simeq 620$ au, which is roughly what Fig. 9 shows as a lower limit.

Using the wide binary systems presented in Table A1, Table A2 and our sample, we compared the frequency distribution of spectral types, as presented in the left-hand panel of Fig. 10. The L dwarfs dominate all samples. Our common distance sample is particularly biased towards early L types, as expected for the optical data on which our selection of UCDs and of primary stars is based. This sample represents a very significant leap compared to the number of such systems known. Even in a deep optical survey such as DES, we are still bound to detect mainly L types at ~ 500 pc and this selection bias against later types clearly appears in the distributions. The right-hand panel shows the fraction of candidate wide binaries (within the projected separation limits discussed earlier) as a function of spectral type. We observe that the typical wide binary fraction is 2–4 per cent over most of the spectral types, especially among L dwarfs, where we have better statistics. We also have added Poisson uncertainties to the binary fractions for each spectral type as shown in Fig. 10.

As for the candidate triple systems, it is interesting to notice that four of them have a similar configuration, with a tight binary plus a detached third member as a UCD. Systems with a very similar configuration to our findings have been previously reported in the literature, as in Kirkpatrick et al. (2001), Gomes et al. (2013), Dupuy et al. (2018), and Gauza et al. (2019). Regarding the formation scenarios, this type of system is consistent with results of dynamical modelling of three-body interactions including UCDs (Delgado-Donate, Clarke & Bate 2004; Bate 2012).

6 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Using the Gaia DR2 and the combination of DES, VHS, and AllWISE data along with a sample of UCD candidates from Carnero Rosell et al. (2019), we identified 264 new wide binary candidates. The projected separations for the wide binary systems are spread within the ~ 1000 –24 000 au range. The upper limit in projected distance results from our search strategy, in which we avoided larger separations that are more likely to be affected by contaminants. The lower limit in separation stems from the typical resolution of the DES images on which the original UCD sample is based. A sample of six candidate multiple systems were also identified and the projected separations between the UCD dwarfs and the stellar members of these higher order systems range from ~ 3000 –11 000 au.

Our candidates were selected based on common distance criteria and with a chance alignment probability criterion of $P_a < 5$ per cent. We also used proper motions from Gaia DR2 and from the CatWISE Catalogue as an attempt to refine the sample. We found proper motion measurements for about 90 per cent of the sources in the pairs and multiple systems, and 73 per cent of them also satisfy common proper motion criteria as discussed in Section 4. But the proper motion data still have large uncertainties regarding the UCDs. Most of the systems with proper motions available, however, have proper motions within 2σ of each other.

We found 174 common distance candidate pairs with a primary from the Gaia DR2 catalogue limited to $G < 18$, for which distances

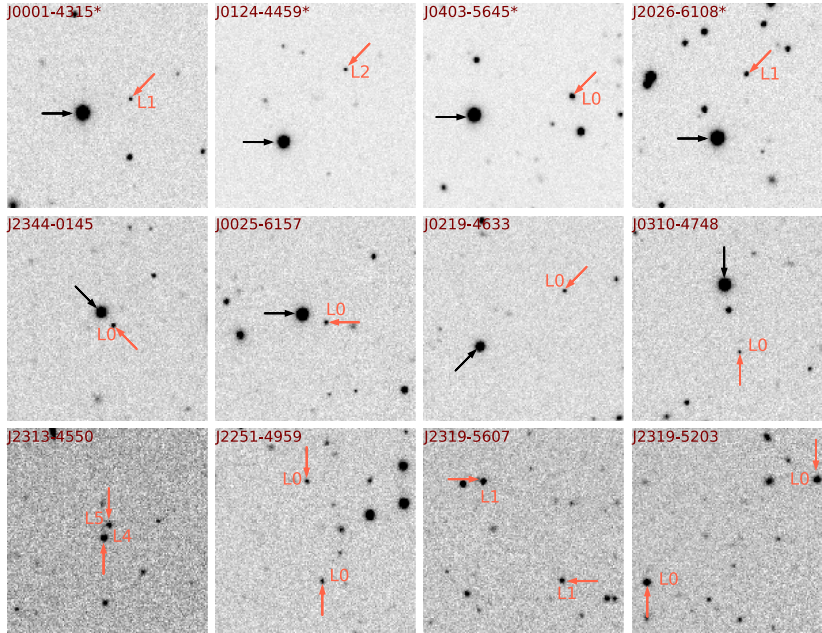


Figure 6. 60×60 arcsec² z -band images of selected binary candidate systems. In the first row, we present L dwarfs as companions of GaiaDR2-18 stars from Anders et al. (2019). In the second row, the L dwarfs as companions of DES stars. In the last row, we present binary pairs composed by two UCDs. In all images, the primary star is identified by an black arrow and the secondary by a red arrow followed by their spectral type.

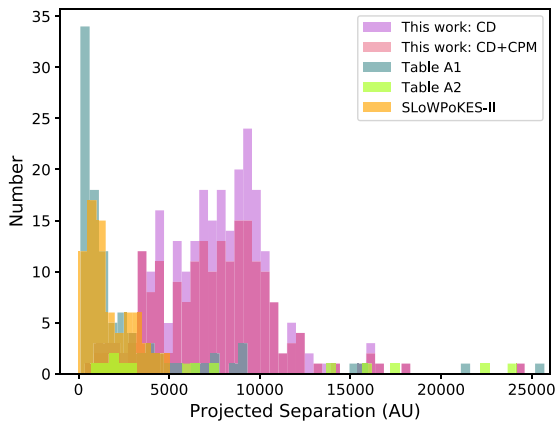


Figure 7. Distribution of projected separations using four different samples, as indicated in the upper right-hand corner. The CD and CPM labels mean common distance and common proper motion, respectively. Our wide binary sample is the most numerous and reaches larger projected separation than the previous known samples. Table A2 has unbound systems with very large projected separations. In order to better understand the distribution of separations, the figure only contains objects with a limiting of 26 000 au in separation.

are estimated from the *StarHorse* code by Anders et al. (2019). We also found 81 common distance candidate pairs with a primary from the DES DR1 sample. These latter tend to be fainter and their *StarHorse* distances are based mostly on photometry, although some have Gaia DR2 parallax information as well. In addition, we found nine systems containing two UCDs. Hence, we found in total 264 new wide binary candidates. This is the largest sample of candidate wide binary systems to date and is also the one that reaches the largest distances. These binary and multiple system candidates involving very low mass and substellar sources are crucial as possible benchmarks to evolutionary models close to or below the hydrogen-burning limit, since properties such as

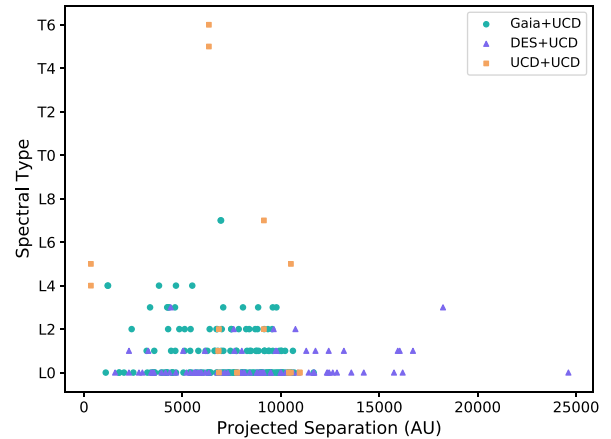


Figure 8. Spectral type of the UCDs plotted against the projected separation of the common distance pairs. The green dots and the purple triangles represent the companions of GaiaDR2-18 and DES stars, respectively. The orange boxes indicate the systems composed by two UCDs.

metallicity and age, as well as masses, may be obtained for the primaries. The large number of wide binaries found in this work is inconsistent with the formation of very low-mass stars and brown dwarfs from strong dynamical interactions leading to their ejection of star-forming cores, since the binding energy involved is very low and would lead in most cases to the pair dissolution.

We also found six possible multiple systems, of which five are triples and one is a quadruple. The only potential quadruple system found is composed of an L0 dwarf associated to a star and to an M1 + M1 double found previously by Dhital et al. (2015), but the L0's distance is only marginally consistent with that of the M1 + M1 double, while the third star has a proper motion that is inconsistent with that of the brighter pair. One of the five triples is

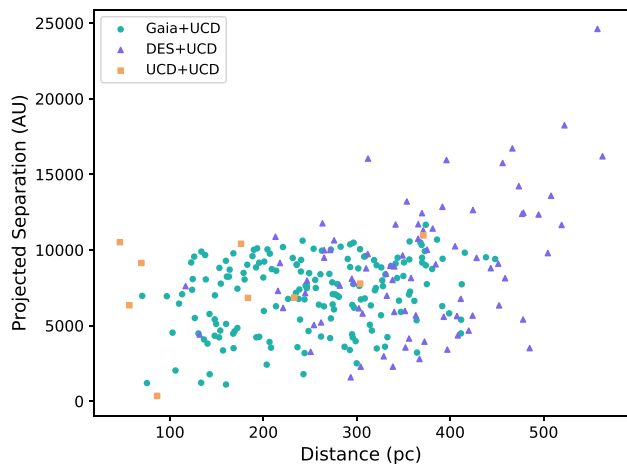


Figure 9. Projected pair separation in au plotted against distance for the 264 common distance binary candidates with $P_a < 5$ per cent. The colours and different symbols represent the three different samples presented previously, as indicated in the upper left-hand corner. The zone of avoidance at small projected separations (< 1 au) is caused by spatial resolution limits, while the scarcity of pairs with separations larger than 10 000 au, especially for distances smaller than ≈ 300 pc, is due to the search method.

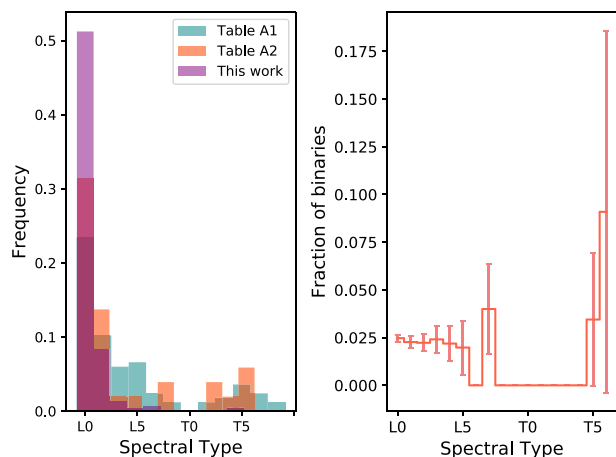


Figure 10. The left-hand panel shows the frequency distribution of UCDs in wide binary systems, considering our sample and the currently known systems. The right-hand panel shows the observed fraction of wide binaries (in the separation range as shown in Fig. 9) as a function of spectral type. The error bars are Poissonian.

composed of two L dwarfs associated with a DES star companion. The configuration of both the quadruple and of this triple is also very atypical of multiple systems, again making their physical reality unlikely. On the other hand, the other four triple systems show a similar configuration, with a tight pair and a detached third object. This is also commonly seen in other triple systems reported in the literature, and is a favoured configuration according to models of three-body encounters (Delgado-Donate et al. 2004; Bate 2012).

Table 4 summarizes all the systems found in this work, regarding its type and the total number of systems, with and without proper motion data available. About 64 per cent of our UCDs found in candidate binary and multiple systems are of the L0 spectral type. Still they make up only ≈ 2 per cent of the total sample of L0 by

Table 4. Summary of the common distance systems found. The systems with chance alignment probability > 5 per cent are not included here. CD and CPM stand for common distance and common proper motion, respectively. The PM column indicated how many CD systems have proper motion measurements.

Type of system		Total		
		CD	PM	CD + CPM
Binary	Gaia + UCD	174	153	125
	DES + UCD	81	74	61
	UCD + UCD	9	9	7
Triple		5	5	4
Quadruple		1	1	–

Carnero Rosell et al. (2019). The typical wide binary fraction for the binary candidates over all spectral types ranges from 2–4 per cent in the projected separation range covered by this work. The wide binary systems with UCDs as members presented here comprehend the largest catalogue to date.

Given the measurements of the chance alignment probabilities above, we expect some physically unrelated systems to remain in our sample. The systems here identified, therefore, must all be considered as binary or multiple system candidates, pending on kinematical and spectroscopic confirmation. Still, this catalogue constitutes a significant leap in the number of candidate wide separation systems containing UCDs and in the estimates of the wide binary fraction for UCDs. Evolutionary models predict that our sample dominated by early L sources should include young or intermediate age brown dwarfs, whose benchmarking may also be very useful to constrain models.

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APPENDIX A: TABLES FROM THE LITERATURE

Table A1. Known systems, which contain a L or T dwarf as a secondary, all are spectroscopically confirmed. All the systems presented here have projected separation > 100 au. This table was based on table 12 from Deacon et al. (2014).

Object Name	Separation		Distance (pc)	Spectral Type		Mass (M_{\odot})	References
	(arcsec)	(au)		Companion	Primary		
HD65216BC	7.0	253	36.1	M7 + L2	G5	0.08	1
LP213-68Bab	14.0	230	16.4	M8 + L0	M6.5	0.068–0.090	14, 15
BD + 131727B	10.5	380	36.1	M8 + L0.5	K5	–	13
HD221356BC	452.0	11900	26.3	M8 + L3	F8	0.072	27
HD221356D	12.13	2050	169.0	L1	F8+M8 + L3	0.073–0.085	32
DENISJ0551-4434B	2.2	220	100.0	L0	M8.5	0.06	5
Denis-PJ1347-7610B	16.8	418	24.8	L0	M0	–	6
HD89744B	63.0	2460	39.0	L0	F7	0.077–0.080	7
NLTT2274B	23.0	483	21.0	L0	M4	0.081–0.083	8
LP312-49B	15.4	801	52.0	L0	M4	–	9
SDSSJ130432.93 + 090713.7B	7.6	374	49.2	L0	M4.5	–	9
SDSSJ163814.32 + 321133.5B	46.0	2420	52.6	L0	M4	–	9
1RXSJ235133.3 + 312720B	2.4	120	49.9	L0	M2	0.026–0.038	10
2MASS12593933 + 0651255	23.86	1110	46.5	L0	M8	0.21	11
2MASS09411195 + 3315060	7.44	244	32.7	L0	M5	0.23	11

Table A1 – *continued*

Object Name	Separation		Distance (pc)	Spectral Type		Mass (M_{\odot})	References
	(arcsec)	(au)		Companion	Primary		
HIP2397B	117.1	3970	33.9	L0.5	K5	–	12
HD253662B	20.1	1252	62.2	L0.5	G8	–	12
2M0858 + 2710	15.6	780	50.0	L0	M4	0.074–0.081	28
2M1021 + 3704	22.2	3000	135.	L0	M4	0.071–0.076	28
2M1202 + 4204	7.3	310	42.4	L0	M6	0.074–0.081	28
2M0005 + 0626	6.1	400	65.5	L0	M4.5	0.079–0.085	28
2M1222 + 3643	20.7	1635	78.9	L0	M3	0.074–0.081	28
GaiaJ0452-36A	115.3	15828	137.2	L0	M1	0.084–0.086	29
2MASS0719-50	58.7	1609	27.4	L0	M3.5	–	75
2M0013-1816	118.1	7400	62.6	L1	M3	0.072–0.078	28
2M1441 + 1856	51.1	4110	80.4	L1	M6	0.072–0.079	28
HIP59933B	38.1	2170	56.9	L1	F8	–	12
HIP63506B	132.8	5640	42.4	L1	M0	–	12
HIP6407B	44.9	2570	57.2	L1 + T3	G5	–	12
GJ1048B	11.9	250	21.0	L1	K2	0.055–0.075	16
ABPicB	5.5	275	50.0	L1	K2	0.01	17
G124-62Bab	44.0	1496	34.0	L1 + L1	dM4.5e	0.054–0.082	18
HD16270	11.9	254	21.3	L1	K3.5	–	2, 16, 4
GQLupB	0.7	103	147.1	L1	K7	0.010–0.020	19
ROX42Bb	1.8	140	77.7	L1	M1	0.006–0.014	20, 21
LSPMJ0241 + 2553B	31.2	2153	69.0	L1	WD	–	12
HIP112422B	16.0	1040	65.0	L1.5	K2	–	12
LSPMJ0632 + 5053B	47.4	4499	94.9	L1.5	G2	–	12
PMI13518 + 4157B	21.6	613	28.3	L1.5	M2.5	–	12
NLTT44368B	90.2	7760	86.0	L1.5	M3	–	12
PMI22118-1005B	204.5	8892	43.4	L1.5	M2	–	12
HIP11161	47.7	3300	69.1	L1.5	F5	–	12
η TelB	4.20	190	–	L1	A0V	0.04	13
β Cir	217.8	6656	30.5	L1	A3V	0.056	22
HD164507AB	25.1	1136	45.2	L1	G5	–	76
V478Lyr	17.05	462	27.0	L1	G8	–	76
2M0122 + 0331	44.8	2222	49.5	L2	G5	0.071–0.076	28
NLTT1011B	58.5	3990	68.2	L2	K7	–	12
G255-34B	38.3	1364	35.6	L2	K8	–	23
2MASSJ05254550-7425263B	44.0	2000	45.4	L2	M3	0.06–0.075	24
G196-3B	16.2	300	18.5	L2	M2.5	0.015–0.04	25
Gl618.1B	35.0	1090	31.1	L2.5	M0	0.06–0.079	7
HD106906b	7.1	650	91.5	L2.5	F5	0.003–0.007	26
HIP73169	29.0	796	27.4	L2.5	M0	–	12
2MASSJ0249-0557AB	39.9	1950	48.8	L2	M6	0.010–0.012	39
CD-288692	50.91	2026	39.7	L2	K5	–	76
2MASSJ1839 + 4424	21.89	811	37.0	L2	M9	–	76
2MASSJ0139 + 8110AB	23.0	959	41.6	L2	L1	–	76
2MASSJ2325 + 4608AB	7.24	378	52.2	L2	M8	–	76
G63-33B	66.0	2010	30.4	L3	K2	0.079–0.081	8
G73-26B	73.0	2774	38.0	L3	M2	0.079–0.081	8, 9
2MASSJ2126-8140	217.0	6900	31.7	L3	M2	0.014–0.011	49
2MASSJ22501512 + 2325342	8.9	518	58.2	L3	M3	–	50
η CancriB	164.0	15020	91.5	L3.5	K3III	0.063–0.082	9
NLTT27966	15.9	630	39.6	L4	M5	–	12
LSPMJ1336 + 2541	121.7	8793	72.2	L4	M3	–	12
NLTT26746B	18.0	661	36.7	L4	M4	–	12
PMI13410 + 0542B	9.4	484	51.4	L4	M1	–	12
G171-58B	218.0	9200	42.2	L4 + L4	F8	0.045–0.083	8
G200-28B	570.0	25700	45.0	L4	G5	0.077–0.078	8
LHS5166B	8.43	160	18.9	L4	dM4.5	0.055–0.075	18
IRXSJ1609-2105b	2.2	330	150.0	L4	M0	0.009–0.016	33
2MASSJ0219-3925	3.96	156	39.3	L4	M6	–	78
2M1259 + 1001	7.65	345	45.0	L4.5	M5	0.057–0.074	28
GJ1001Bc	18.6	180	9.6	L4.5 + L4.5	M4	0.060–0.075	29, 34, 35
Gl417Bab	90.0	2000	22.2	L4.5 + L6	G0 + G0	0.02–0.05	29, 36
HIP26653	27.0	753	27.8	L5	G5	–	12
2M1115 + 1607	18.1	660	36.4	L5	M4	0.056–0.073	28
G203-50B	6.4	135	21.0	L5.0	M4.5	0.051–0.074	37
GJ499C	516.0	9708	18.8	L5	K5 + M4	–	23
G259-20B	30.0	650	21.6	L5	M2.5	–	38

Table A1 – continued

Object Name	Separation		Distance (pc)	Spectral Type		Mass (M_{\odot})	References
	(arcsec)	(au)		Companion	Primary		
HD196180	13.51	907	67.1	L5	A3V	–	40
HIP85365B	294.1	8850	30.0	L5.5	F3	–	12
NLTT55219B	9.7	432	44.5	L5.5	M2	–	12
HIP9269B	52.1	1300	24.9	L6	G5	–	12
NLTT31450B	12.3	487	39.5	L6	M4	–	12
LP261-75B	13.0	450	34.6	L6	M4.5	0.019–0.025	41
2MASSJ01303563-4445411B	3.28	130	39.6	L6	M9	0.032–0.076	42
NLTT20346	248.0	7700	31.0	L7 + L6.5	M5 + M6	0.070	47
VHS1256-1257	8.06	102	12.6	L7	M7.5	0.010	43
HD203030B	11.0	487	44.2	L7.5	G8	0.012–0.031	44
NLTT730	233.6	5070	21.7	L7.5	M4	–	12
GI337CD	43.0	880	20.4	L8 + L8	G8 + K1	0.04–0.074	7, 45
GI584C	194.0	3600	18.5	L8	G1	0.045–0.075	46
PMI23492 + 3458	34.9	949	27.1	L9	M2	–	12
HD46588B	79.2	1420	17.9	L9	F7	0.045–0.072	48
NLTT51469C	82.27	3800	46.1	L9	M3 + M6	–	77
ϵ IndiBaBb	402.0	1460	3.6	T1 + T6	K5	0.06–0.073	53, 54
2MASSJ111806.99-064007.8B	7.7	650	84.4	T2	M4.5	0.06–0.07	55
HN PegB	43.0	795	18.4	T2.5	G0	0.012–0.030	56
2MASSJ0213 + 3648ABC	16.4	360	21.9	T3	M4.5 + M6.5	0.068	51
GUPscB	41.97	2000	47.6	T3.5	M3	0.07–0.13	57
HIP38939B	88.0	1630	18.5	T4.5	K4	0.018–0.058	58
LSPM1459 + 0851B	365.0	21500	58.9	T4.5	DA	0.064–0.075	59
SDSSJ0006-0852AB	27.41	820	29.9	T5	M7 + M8.5	0.056	52
LHS2803B	67.6	1400	20.7	T5	M4.5	0.068–0.081	24, 60
HD118865B	148.0	9200	62.1	T5	F5	–	61
HIP63510C	103.0	1200	11.6	T6	M0.5	–	62
HIP73786B	63.8	1230	19.2	T6	K5	–	62, 63
LHS302B	265.0	4500	16.9	T6	M5	–	64
G204-39B	198.0	2685	13.5	T6.5	M3	0.02–0.035	8
GI570D	258.0	1500	5.8	T7	K4+M2 + M3	0.03–0.07	65
HD3651B	43.0	480	11.1	T7.5	K0	0.018–0.058	56, 66
SDSSJ1416 + 30B	9.0	135	15.0	T7.5	L6	0.03–0.04	67, 68, 69
LHS2907B	156.0	2680	17.1	T8	G1	0.019–0.047	38, 70
LHS6176B	52.0	1400	26.9	T8	M4	–	38, 61
Wolf1130B	188.5	3000	15.9	T8	sdM1.5 + DA	0.020–0.050	71
Ross458C	102.0	1162	11.3	T8.5	M0.5 + M7	0.005–0.0014	72
ξ UMaE	510.0	4100	8.0	T8.5	F9 + G0	0.014–0.038	61
Wolf940B	32.0	400	12.5	T8.5	M4	0.02–0.032	73
WD0806-661	130.0	2500	19.2	>Y0	DQ	0.03–0.10	74

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Table A2. The common distance and common proper motion wide systems identified in the literature.

Object Name ID	Separation		Distance (pc)	Spectral type companion	Spectral type primary	$\mu_\alpha \cos \delta$ (mas yr ⁻¹)	μ_δ (mas yr ⁻¹)	References
	(arcsec)	(au)						
2MASSJ0223–5815	816	400000	49 ± 10	L0	M5	134.0 ± 10	5.0 ± 19	1
2MASSJ1214+3721	1866	153000	82 ± 17	L0	–	–122.6 ± 10.6	82.0 ± 17	1
2MASSJ0939+3412	2516	156000	62 ± 10	L0	–	–107.1 ± 10.4	–64.3 ± 12.6	1
ULASJ0255+0532	207	29000	140 ± 26	L0	F5	28 ± 30	40 ± 30	2
ULASJ0900+2930	81	16000	197 ± 37	L0	M3.5	–13 ± 10	–27.8 ± 8.8	2
ULASJ1222+1407	96	6700	70 ± 13	L0	M4	–74 ± 20	–34 ± 20	2
2MASSJ09175035+ 2944455	1684.7	67388	40.0	L0	F5	–47.54 ± 2.506	–65.776 ± 1.844	5
2MASSJ0626 + 0029	3761	252000	67 ± 14	L0.5	–	84 ± 15	–92 ± 15	1
2MASSJ1632 + 3505 ^a	57	2000	37 ± 8	L0.5	K0	91.6 ± 9.7	–65.3 ± 11.9	1
2MASSJ17073334 + 4301304	917.2	23847	26 ± 2	L0.5	–	–210.6 ± 8.9	–47.2 ± 7.2	3
2MASSJ16325610 + 3505076	57.0	1938	34.9927	L0.7	K0	89.153 ± 0.51	–60.527 ± 0.615	5
2MASSJ2037–4216	5294	270000	51 ± 10	L1	–	229 ± 10	–391 ± 10	1
2MASSJ0518461–275645	1007.2	57399	57.9079	L1.0	–	32.194 ± 1.299	–4.943 ± 1.447	5
SDSSJ124514.95 + 120112.0	96.4	5948	61.7	L1	DA	–10.582 ± 4.067	–53.728 ± 2.44	5
G151–59	46	3100	118	L1	K0	179 ± 9	158 ± 10	6
2MASSJ14493646 + 0533379	246	33702	137	L1	–	–107 ± 10	–135 ± 10	6
2MASSJ02235464–5815067	1532.6	62749	40.943	L1.5	M3 + M9	104.21 ± 1.085	–17.379 ± 0.918	5
ULASJ1330 + 0914 ^b	409	61000	149 ± 30	L2	G5	–83 ± 37	10 ± 37	2
WISEAJ134824.42–422744.9	410.1	13940	34 ± 2	L2	–	–144.3 ± 6.6	–77.1 ± 6.5	3
2MASSJ01415823–4633574	2377.2	86641	36.4465	L2	–	115.673 ± 0.7	–46.609 ± 0.665	5
2MASSJ08430796 + 3141297	819.5	38926	47.5	L2.5	–	–52.293 ± 3.438	–43.35 ± 2.189	5
2MASSJ23225299–6151275	16.6	714	43.0283	L2.5	M5	80.092 ± 1.447	–81.969 ± 1.621	5
2MASSJ21265040–8140293	217.5	7436	34.1924	L3	M1.0	56.511 ± 1.656	–115.369 ± 2.441	5
SDSSJ095932.74 + 452330.5	846.7	32175	38 ± 6	L3/L4	M4.5	–97.1 ± 5.2	–144.5 ± 9.4	3
2MASSJ00283943 + 1501418	917.2	36688	40 ± 3	L4.5	–	199.3 ± 12.8	–34.5 ± 11.7	3
2MASSJ23512200 + 3010540	934.9	22416	24 ± 3	L5pec	K5	251.7 ± 8.5	4.3 ± 7.1	3
2MASSJ0230–0225	5370	145000	27 ± 6	L8	K1	329 ± 16.8	51.3 ± 14.9	1
WISEAJ104335.09 + 121312.0	1039.6	17673	17 ± 8	L9	–	10.5 ± 8.4	–245.2 ± 9.1	3
PSOJ330.3214 + 32.3686	77.1	2313	20.1 ± 2.1	T2.5	M1	105 ± 8	65 ± 9	4
PSOJ334.1193 + 19.8800	52.2	1566	30.7 ± 3.2	T3	M4	120 ± 8	–72 ± 99	4
2MASSJ1244 + 1232	6217	286000	46 ± 8	T4	–	–104.8 ± 8.6	4.5 ± 7.3	1
2MASSJ0758 + 2225	4758	157000	33 ± 8	T6.5	–	–105 ± 8	–62.8 ± 8.2	1
2MASSJ1150 + 0949	1283	77000	60 ± 27	T6.5	–	–107.6 ± 17.1	–31.9 ± 4.5	1
2MASSJ0915 + 0531	5394	178000	33 ± 6	T7	G + G	–95 ± 5.5	–57.7 ± 4.4	1

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^aThis is the only bound system in Smart et al. (2017).

^bClassify as unlikely pair (Marocco et al. 2017).

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