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https://subarutelescope.org/Pressrelease/2015/05/11/index.html





(see Epstein & Pinsonneault 2012)





Period(d)



"Fragile" Binaries: Definition "...small galactic clusters containing stars of the same age and composition."-Greenstein 1986





SLoWPoKES Catalog http://slowpokes.vanderbilt.edu

Washington Double Star Catalog http://ad.usno.navy.mil/wds/



93 – 37 = 56 pairs w/ modulation in both stars & B-V colors estimated from: B-V = $a + b (g-K) + c (g-K)^2$

Fragile Binaries in the Kepler Field (Janes 2017)

22 "best" pairs with B-V > 0.6 colors and P_{rot} > 5 d Barnes 2010 ages <u>No correlation</u>



Fragile Binaries in Kepler Field (Godoy-Rivera & Chaname 2018)



17 pairs total 15 pairs vetted by Gaia 2 pairs w/UACA4 data -3 pairs w/evolved stars

7/14= 50% "consistent" age slopes

(Angus+15 ages)

Why such poor agreement with gyrochronology?

- 1.Some may be nonphysical pairs
- 2.Many components near B-V ~ 0.5 degeneracy in gyrochrones
- 3.Few B-V values available; estimated B-V values are poor ($\sigma = \pm 0.12!$)
- 4. Unresolved tertiary components can affect colors and/or rotation rate
- 5. Unrecognized evolved components do not follow dwarf gyro paradigm
- 6.Periods may be incorrect
- 7.Scatter due to differential rotation, multiple spots and/or cycles
- 8. Current models may not yet be fully mature—which are best?

Use the Janes (2017) Kepler sample of 93 binaries to assess the above

Does the Kepler sample contain any non-physical pairs?



Does the Kepler sample contain incorrect rotation periods?





Vetting Fragile Binaries in the Kepler Field (data from Janes 2017; Angus+2015 models)



B-V

Which models are best (subjectively)?









Which models are best (objectively)?



K2 Campaigns 0 through 20 (2014-2018)





Fragile Binaries in the K2 C5, C6, C7, C12 Fields

~340 pairs; 99 w/ rotational modulation in at least one component BUT Only 25 pairs w/ rotational modulation in <u>both</u> components <u>and</u> B-V data



Vetted Fragile Binaries in the K2 C5, C6, C7, C12 Fields Angus+15 models

Consistent proper motions B-V, g-r, r-i colors from MAST archive No evolved components (checked via colors & RPM diagram) No color index anomalies (i.e. unresolved tertiary components) Expect a "young" sample due to K2 time window of ~80 days Yield: 18 "vetted" pairs with 0.5 < B-V < 1.5<u>15/18 = 83% with consistent ages</u>



Vetted Fragile Binaries in the K2 C5, C6, C7, C12 Fields Barnes18 models

Consistent proper motions B-V, g-r, r-i colors from MAST archive No evolved components (checked via colors & RPM diagram) No color index anomalies (i.e. unresolved tertiary components) Expect a "young" sample due to K2 time window of ~80 days Yield: 18 "vetted" pairs with 0.5 < B-V < 1.512/18 = 67% with consistent ages



CONCLUSIONS

1. The Janes (2017) Kepler binary sample has provided very useful insight on how such pairs can be used to test gyrochonology theory

2.It is <u>very</u> important to fully vet any prospective sample of binaries; many stars are outside the color/temperature/mass range where gyrochronology applies

3.If the K2 yield of the 4 fields searched so far (25/340 \approx 7%) is typical, the remaining 16 fields, which contain >3300 pairs, should yield ~250 vetted pairs

4. The current work on the K2 sample suggests that carefully vetted samples of binaries can achieve ~20% precision in age estimates.

5.<u>All the dispersion seen in the plots of secondary vs. primary ages cannot be</u> resolved by the approaches described here: current models may need to incorporate additional variables in the period-age-mass relation

Gaia and TESS will be hugely helpful in all the above efforts!

TBD (on the observational side):

1.Rotation periods drift with spot evolution (differential rotation, latitude, size, number, cycle) – need extended ground-based and/or TESS data

2.Spectra needed for RV, [Fe/H], etc.

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Thank you for listening! Questions?



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