

ROTATION OF LATE-TYPE STARS IN PRAESEPE WITH K2

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ABSTRACT

We have Fourier analyzed 941 K2 light curves of likely members of Praesepe, measuring periods for 86% and increasing the number of rotation periods (P) by nearly a factor of four. The distribution of P vs. $(V - K_s)$, a mass proxy, has three different regimes: $(V - K_s) < 1.3$, where the rotation rate rapidly slows as mass decreases; $1.3 < (V - K_s) < 4.5$, where the rotation rate slows more gradually as mass decreases; and $(V - K_s) > 4.5$, where the rotation rate rapidly increases as mass decreases. In this last regime, there is a bimodal distribution of periods, with few between ~ 2 and ~ 10 days. We interpret this to mean that once M stars start to slow down, they do so rapidly. The K2 period-color distribution in Praesepe (~ 790 Myr) is much different than in the Pleiades (~ 125 Myr) for late F, G, K, and early-M stars; the overall distribution moves to longer periods, and is better described by 2 line segments. For mid-M stars, the relationship has similarly broad scatter, and is steeper in Praesepe. The diversity of lightcurves and of periodogram types is similar in the two clusters; about a quarter of the periodic stars in both clusters have multiple significant periods. Multi-periodic stars dominate among the higher masses, starting at a bluer color in Praesepe ($(V - K_s) \sim 1.5$) than in the Pleiades ($(V - K_s) \sim 2.6$). In Praesepe, there are relatively more light curves that have two widely separated periods, $\Delta P > 6$ days. Some of these could be examples of M star binaries where one star has spun down but the other has not.

1. INTRODUCTION

Praesepe (M44 = NGC 2632 = the Beehive cluster) and the Hyades are often considered as twin open clusters because they appear to have essentially the same age (~ 790 Myr) and metallicity ($[Fe/H] \sim 0.15$). Some authors attribute these similarities to the two clusters having been born within the same molecular cloud or cloud complex (Schwarzschild & Hertzprung 1913, Klein-Wassink 1927); the space motions appear to support this picture (see, *e.g.*, Eggen 1992). Because the Hyades is much closer than Praesepe (44 pc vs. ~ 180 pc; Perryman et al. 1998, van Leeuwen 2007), its stars are much brighter; the Hyades has therefore received much more attention in the published literature. However, proximity also has its disadvantages. The Hyades is spread out over a very large area on the sky, making it difficult to take advantage of multi-object spectrographs or wide-field cameras to efficiently survey many cluster members at once. Praesepe's four times greater distance can become an advantage in that sense, if a suitable wide-area facility becomes available. We have taken advantage of one such circumstance, the unexpected availability of the 100 square degree FOV Kepler space telescope to obtain synoptic photometry of ecliptic plane fields for ~ 75 days.

There have been four prior large surveys to determine rotation periods for low mass stars in Praesepe. Scholz et al. (2011) reported ~ 50 periods; Delorme et al. (2011) used data from the WASP telescope network to monitor ~ 70 members; Kovács et al. (2014) monitored ~ 400 members with the HAT telescope network, and a pair of papers by Agueros et al. (2011) and Douglas et al. (2014) used data from the PTF telescope to monitor ~ 500 members. Those groups reported periods for 49, 52, 180, and 40 Praesepe members, respectively (and a total of 220 unique stars with periods), primarily covering stars with spectral types G, K and early M.

The K2 data for Praesepe were obtained in 2015 in Campaign 5. K2 provides precision, sensitivity and long duration, continuous coverage that yields superb light curves (LCs) of much greater quality than can be obtained from the ground, and extending to much lower signal amplitudes and masses. At least three groups have already obtained rotation periods for Praesepe members based on these data. Libralato et al. (2016) derived rotation periods as a step in searching the light curves for exoplanet transits, but they did not discuss the periods nor the shapes of the phased light curves. Mann et al. (2016) similarly derive rotation periods while searching for exoplanet transits; they illustrate the distribution of rotation period as a function of M_k and color, but do not otherwise discuss the periods or light curve morphology. Finally, our group plotted an early version of the Praesepe period distribution in Stauffer et al. (2016) in the context of comparing the Pleiades rotation periods to those in other clusters. However, no paper has yet published a complete analysis of the K2 Praesepe rotational data nor a discussion of the light curve morphologies shown by those stars. This paper is devoted to those two topics.

Much of our current analysis is very similar to that we conducted in the Pleiades (Rebull et al. 2016a,b, Stauffer et al. 2016), and we often make comparisons to the Pleiades analysis and results. In Section 2, we present the observations and data reduction, as well as the range of data from the literature that we assembled, and define the final sample of members that we analyze in the rest of the paper. The overall distribution of K2-derived rotation rates is discussed in Section 3. Section 4 places these LCs in the same categories as we defined in the Pleiades (Rebull et al. 2016b). Section 5 compares the locations of the single- and multi-period stars in a variety of ways, and Section 6 looks at the spacings between periods for those stars with clear multiple periods. Finally, we summarize our results in Section 7.

2. OBSERVATIONS AND METHODS

2.1. *K2 Data*

Praesepe members and candidate members were observed in K2 campaign 5, which lasted for 75 d between April and October 2015. Fig. 1 shows the distribution of objects with K2 LCs on the sky; note the gaps between detectors. All of the stars shown were observed in the long-cadence (~ 30 min exposure) mode. Some of these stars were additionally observed in fast cadence (~ 1 min exposure), but those data are beyond the scope of the present paper. There are 984 unique K2 long-cadence light curves corresponding to members or candidate members of Praesepe (see Sec 2.5.4 below). The tidal radius of Praesepe is 12.1 pc (Holland et al. 2000), which at a distance of 184 pc (see Sec. 2.5 below) is $\sim 3.8^\circ$ across, which is easily covered by K2. (Stars that are more than 5° away from the cluster center are highlighted in App. H.)

Kepler pixel sizes are relatively large, $3.98'' \times 3.98''$, and the 95% encircled energy diameter ranges from 3.1 to 7.5 pixels with a median value of 4.2 pixels. During the K2 portion of the mission, because only two reaction wheels can be used, the whole spacecraft slowly drifts and then repositions regularly every 0.245 d. This drift is $\sim 0.1''$ per hour (Cody et al. 2017).

Since these data were reduced at the same time as we reduced our Pleiades data (Rebull et al. 2016a), we have the same sets of LCs available to us. (1) The pre-search data conditioning (PDC) version generated by the Kepler project and obtained from MAST, the Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes. (2) A version with moving apertures obtained following Cody et al. in prep. (3) The version using a semiparametric Gaussian process model used by Aigrain et al. (2015, 2016). (4) The ‘self-flat-fielding’ approach used by Vanderburg & Johnson (2014) as obtained from MAST. To this, late in the process, we added (5) the LCs from the EVEREST pipeline (Luger et al. 2016), which uses pixel level decorrelation. We removed any data points corresponding to thruster firings and any others with bad data flags set in the corresponding data product.

Again, following the same approach as in the Pleiades, we inspected LCs from each reduction approach, and we selected the visually ‘best’ LC from among the original four LC versions. Since the EVEREST LCs became available late in our analysis process, for the most part, we used the EVEREST LCs to break ties or clarify what the LC was doing. About 7% had such severe artifacts that no ‘best’ LC could be identified; as for the Pleiades, this is often a result of instrumental (non-astrophysical) artifacts (because the star is too bright or too faint or adversely affected by nearby stars, etc.). As for the Pleiades, though, the periods we report here are not generally ambiguous, and

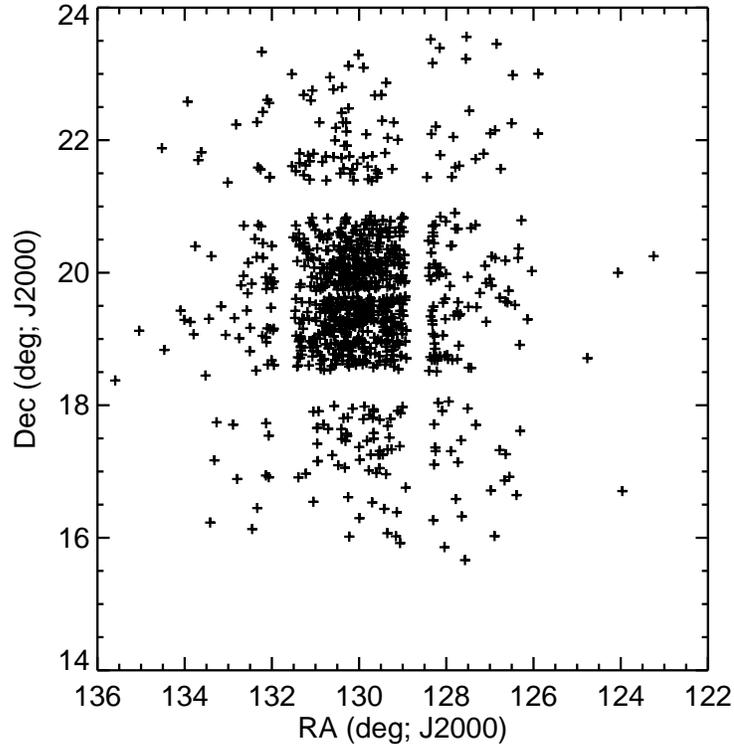


Figure 1. All 984 members or candidate members (see Sec 2.5.4) of Praesepe with K2 LCs projected onto the sky. Note the gaps between K2 detectors. Stars that are $>5^\circ$ from the cluster center are highlighted in App. H.

are detected in all the LC versions; they just look cosmetically better in one version or another. Our approach of comparing several different LC versions also minimizes the likelihood that any of these LC reductions removes stellar signal.

Out of the 984 LCs, only one pair of stars for which a K2 LC was requested were within $4''$ of each other (within a Kepler pixel). These objects are discussed further in App. A.

2.2. Finding Periods

Our approach for finding periods was identical to that which we used in the Pleiades in Rebull et al. (2016a). In summary, we used the Lomb-Scargle (LS; Scargle 1982) approach as implemented by the NASA Exoplanet Archive Periodogram Service¹ (Akeson et al. 2013). We looked for periods between 0.05 and 35 d, with the upper limit being set by roughly half the campaign length.

Fig. 2 shows LCs, periodograms, and phased LCs for some Praesepe stars with single, unambiguous periods. As we found in the Pleiades, the overwhelming majority of them have zero, or effectively zero, false alarm probability (FAP); a significant fraction have more than one peak with 0 FAP; see Section 4 below.

2.3. Interpretation of Periods

For stars of the mass range considered here, the phased LCs are mostly sinusoidal and therefore best attributed to star spot-modulated rotation. We find periods for 828/984 K2 light curves, or 84% of all K2 light curves of candidate or confirmed Praesepe members (see Sec. 2.5.4). There is no significant trend with color (as a proxy for mass) for the fraction of periodic stars.

As for the Pleiades, we removed from this distribution any periods that are likely to be eclipsing binaries (see Appendix B) or those whose waveforms did not seem to be rotation periods (see Appendix C).

There are a few multi-periodic stars which we suspect to be pulsating variables (see Appendix D); many of them are also reported in the literature as δ Scuti-type variables. For some pulsators, the first period is still likely to be similar

¹ <http://exoplanetarchive.ipac.caltech.edu/cgi-bin/Periodogram/nph-simpleupload>

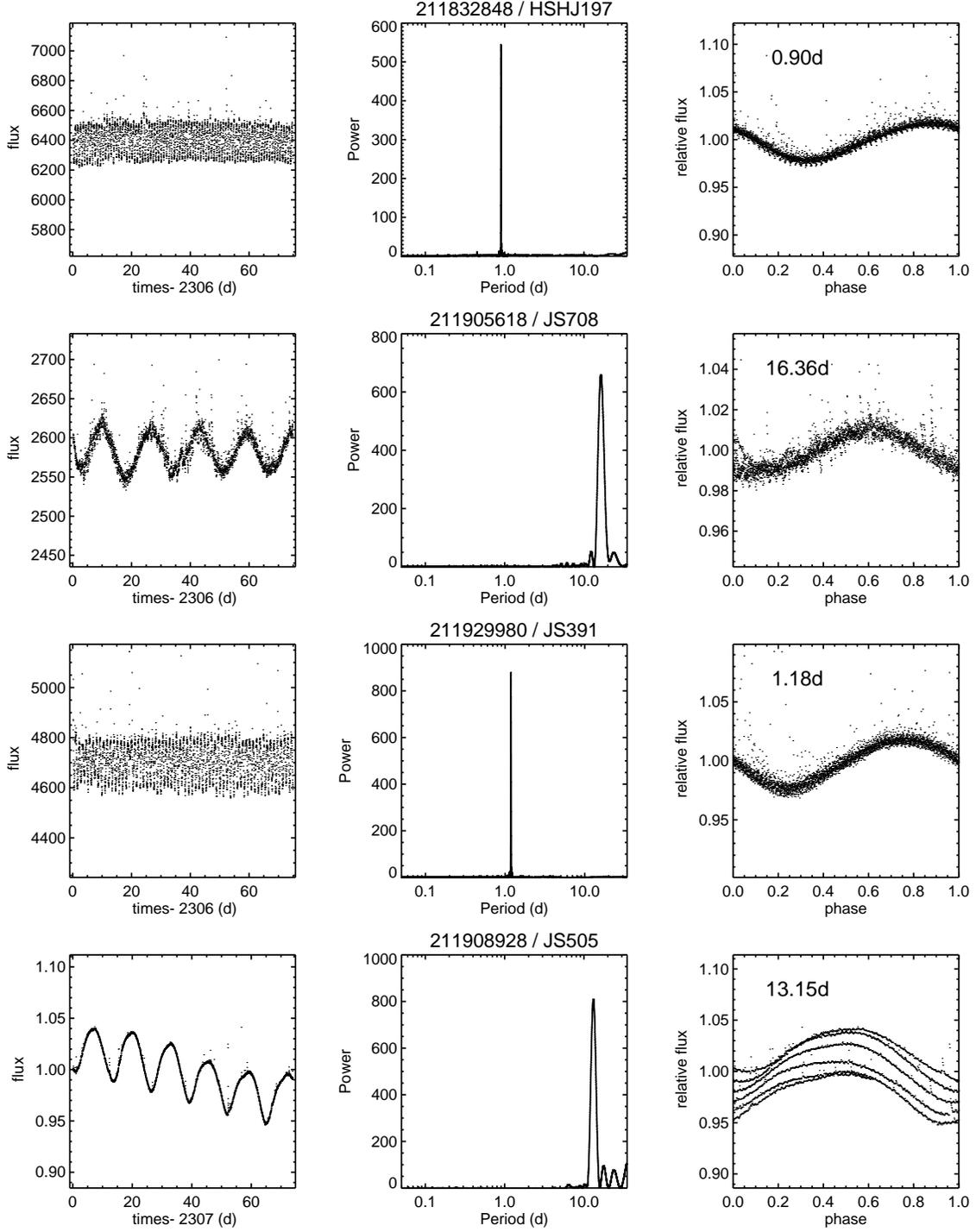


Figure 2. Five examples of finding single sinusoidal periods in the K2 Praesepe data. Left column: full LC; middle column: LS periodogram; right column: phased LC, with best period (in days) as indicated. Rows, in order: EPIC 211832848/HSHJ197, 211905618/JS708, 211929980/JS391, and 211908928/JS505. These are representatives from a range of brightnesses and periods. Note that in each case, the power spectrum indicates unambiguously periodic signals – the peak is so high that little structure other than the peak can be seen in the power spectrum. These LCs are best interpreted as large spots or spot groups rotating into and out of view.

to the rotation period (see discussion in Rebull et al. 2016b). For the remaining multi-periodic stars ($\sim 25\%$ of the sample; see §4 below), for the most part, we took the period corresponding to the strongest peak in the periodogram as the rotation period to be used for subsequent analysis. In a few cases (e.g., double dip stars; see Sec. 5), a secondary peak is the right P_{rot} to use.

2.4. Comparison to Literature Periods

We have chosen four of the most recent surveys looking for rotation rates in Praesepe for a detailed comparison of our results; they are summarized in Figure 3. There are 220 Praesepe stars in the literature with at least one estimate of P_{rot} ; 60 of those do not have K2 LCs.

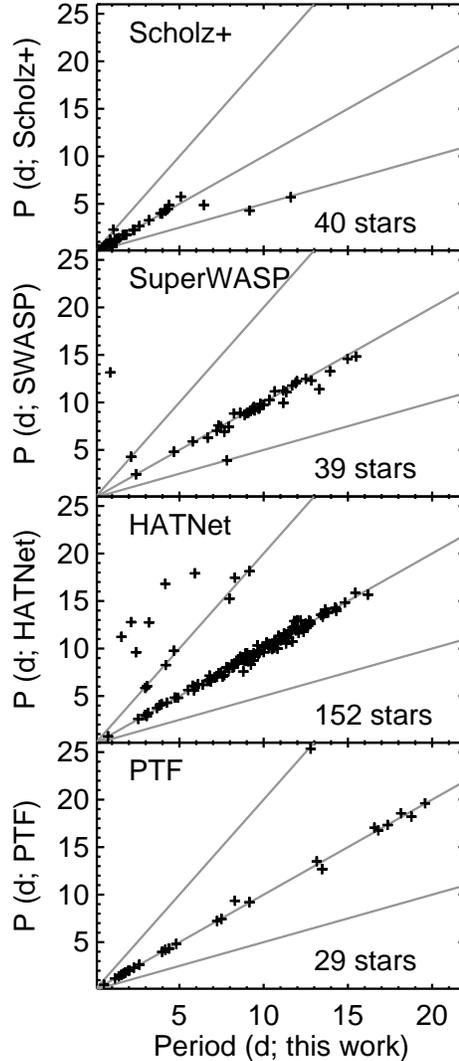


Figure 3. Comparison of periods obtained here to periods obtained in the literature. First panel: Scholz et al. 2001, 40 stars in common; second panel: SuperWASP (Delorme et al. 2011, 39 stars in common); third panel: HATNet (Kovács et al. 2014, 151 stars in common); fourth panel: PTF (Agueros et al. 2011, 29 stars in common). The grey lines are at 1-to-1, $P/2$, and $2P$. Most of the periods match well (see text).

Scholz et al. (2011) used the Isaac Newton Telescope to monitor very low mass members, reporting 49 periods. We have periods for 40 of the stars in common between the two studies; the remaining Scholz et al. stars were not monitored (either because they are too faint for K2, or because they are in the gaps between chips). The periods derived for these 40 are shown in Figure 3. There is generally very good agreement; the median fractional difference ($|P_{\text{Scholz+}} - P_{\text{here}}|/P_{\text{here}}$) is 2.4%. There are 8 stars for which their period and ours do not match, and most of them are harmonics, because they are factors of two off (too small or large). In four of these cases, the period we derive is very close to 1 day, which is hard to recover with a ground-based telescope. We believe our periods to be correct in all cases for the epochs in which we observed this cluster. Two stars are of special note. EPIC 211951438/HSHJ396 has a period of 0.593 d in Scholz et al., but we cannot recover any period for this star, so we do not retain it as periodic.

EPIC 211984058/2MASSJ08384128+1959471 was not a star for which we initially found a period, because all five light curve versions are different, and it was not clear which LC version is the ‘best’ (see discussion above in §2). However, upon examination of the K2 thumbnail and POSS images of the region, several of the LC versions appear to have been dragged off to a nearby bright star. The Aigrain et al. version is the only one that both stays on the target star and has a periodic signal. The period we derive from this is identical to that from Scholz et al. (2011), so we retained this star as periodic with that period.

Delorme et al. (2011) used SuperWASP to monitor 71 cluster members, looking for periods from 1.1 to 20 d, determining that 52 were periodic. Of these periodic stars, we have 39 in common (the remaining 13 fall in the gaps between K2 chips, or are otherwise off the K2 FOV). The periods derived for these 39 are shown in Figure 3. There is generally very good agreement; the median fractional difference ($|P_{\text{SuperWASP}} - P_{\text{here}}|/P_{\text{here}}$) is 2.7%. There are three stars for which our periods do not agree. One is EPIC 212013132/JS379=2MASSJ08404426+2028187, where it is likely that one of the surveys detected an harmonic. SuperWASP obtains a period of 4.27 d; we obtain three periods, including one that is close to 4.4 d, but the primary period we obtained for this star is 2.129 d. The second star is EPIC 211950227/2MASSJ08402554+1928328, where the K2 light curve is very, very messy. SuperWASP obtains 13.15 d. The period we adopted for this one is 0.8984 d, and comes from only part of the LC, with most of the LC having been corrupted by instrumental effects. The third star is EPIC 211995288/KW30=2MASSJ08372222+2010373, where we find a period of 7.8 d, a factor of 2 larger than the 3.9 d found in SuperWASP, so another harmonic. Having tested these periods by phasing our LCs at these alternate periods, we believe our periods to be correct in all cases for the epochs in which we observed these stars. There are no stars in common where SuperWASP has a period and we do not have a period.

Kovács et al. (2014) used HATNet (Hungarian Automated Telescope Networks) to monitor 381 members, finding 180 rotation periods, all ranging between 2.5 and 15 d. They identified 10 more stars as having what we would call ‘timescales’; that is, repeated patterns that may or may not correspond to periods. There are 152 stars (150 out of their rotation periods, and 2 more out of their ‘timescales’) in common between the surveys, shown in Figure 3; most of the remaining stars fall in the gaps between chips, while a few could have been but simply were not observed. For the stars that we have in common, the median fractional difference ($|P_{\text{HATNet}} - P_{\text{here}}|/P_{\text{here}}$) is 2.2%. There are 13 stars for which the periods do not match, 7 of which are likely harmonics; we believe our period to be correct. One of the two from their ‘timescales’ category is EPIC 211918335/HAT-269-0000582/KW244=TX Cnc, which Kovács et al. identify as an eclipsing binary and Whelan et al. (1973) identifies it as a W UMa-type; we drop this as P_{orb} . The other is 211947631/HAT-269-0000465/BD+19d2087 (which Kovács et al. simply call ‘miscellaneous’); we retain $P=4.74$ as a rotation period. There are no stars for which we both have light curves but HATNet has a period and we do not.

Agüeros et al. (2011) and Douglas et al. (2014) are a 2-part study on the Palomar Transient Factory (PTF) observations of Praesepe. They used PTF to monitor 534 members, 40 of which were periodic between 0.52 and 35.85 d. There are 30 stars in common between the studies (see Figure 3), with the remaining 10 falling in the gaps between chips. The derived periods are generally in very good agreement; the median fractional difference ($|P_{\text{PTF}} - P_{\text{here}}|/P_{\text{here}}$) is just 0.36%. There is one star (EPIC 211989299/AD2552=2MASSJ08392244+2004548) for which one of us is likely to have found an harmonic, though the light curve is messy (we obtain 12.791 and they obtain 25.36). We believe our periods to be correct for the epochs in which we observed these stars. For another one (EPIC 211886612/JS525), they found a period of 22.6 d; we retrieved a LS peak at 17.2 d for this object, but relegated it to ‘timescales’ (in Appendix C; this is why only 29 stars appear in Fig. 3). For the light curve we have, it just does not look as nice as the rest of the clear P_{rot} here.

We note here that, using K2, we find periods for a far higher number and higher fraction of Praesepe members than has been accomplished before. Moving to space enables higher precision and continuous photometry, resulting in a far higher fraction of detectable rotation periods.

2.5. Membership and Supporting Data

We started with the list of Praesepe members that we had proposed for this campaign, and added targets from other related programs. From this list, we then amassed supporting data and assessed membership for each star. For some objects, we obtained additional Keck/HIRES spectroscopy; see App. 1.

Table 1 includes the supporting photometric data we discuss in this section, plus the periods we derive here (in Section 2.2), for members of Praesepe. For completeness, non-members (NM) appear in Appendix E.

2.5.1. Metallicity, Reddening, Age

Table 1. Contents of Table: Periods and Supporting Data for Praesepe Members with K2 Light Curves

Label	Contents
EPIC	Number in the Ecliptic Plane Input Catalog (EPIC) for K2
coord	Right ascension and declination (J2000) for target
othername	Alternate name for target
Vmag	V magnitude (in Vega mags), if observed
Kmag	K_s magnitude (in Vega mags), if observed
vmk	$(V - K_s)$, as directly observed (if V and K_s exist), or as inferred (see text)
P1	Primary period, in days (taken to be rotation period)
P2	Secondary period, in days
P3	Tertiary period, in days
P4	Quaternary period, in days
LC	LC used as ‘best’ ^a
single/multi-P	indicator of whether single or multi-period star; if object has a ‘timescale’ (see App C), that is indicated
dd	indicator of whether or not it is a double-dip LC
ddmoving	indicator of whether or not it is a moving double-dip LC
shch	indicator of whether or not it is a shape changer
beat	indicator of whether or not the full LC has beating visible
cpeak	indicator of whether or not the power spectrum has a complex, structured peak and/or has a wide peak
resclose	indicator of whether or not there are resolved close periods in the power spectrum
resdist	indicator of whether or not there are resolved distant periods in the power spectrum
pulsator	indicator of whether or not the power spectrum and period suggest that this is a pulsator

^a LC1=PDC, from MAST; LC2=version following Cody et al. in prep; LC3=version following Aigrain et al. (2015, 2016); LC4=version reduced by Vanderburg & Johnson (2014) and downloaded from MAST; LC5=version reduced by EVEREST code (Luger et al. 2016) and downloaded from MAST.

Despite Praesepe’s proximity and richness, its age and metallicity are a subject of considerable debate. Age estimates range from 600 to 900 Myr: Harris (1976), 630 Myr; Mermilliod (1981), 660 Myr; vandenBerg & Bridges (1984), 900 Myr; Janes & Phelps (1994), 900 Myr; Bonatto et al. (2004), 729 Myr; Salaris et al. (2004), 700 Myr; Brandt & Huang (2015), 790 Myr. For this paper, we adopt the Brandt & Huang age, both because it is based on the most recent physics and because it is a reasonable average of the other estimates. Metallicity estimates for Praesepe also span a somewhat surprisingly large range: Friel & Boesgaard (1992), $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.04$; An et al. (2007), $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.19$; Pace, Pasquini & Francois (2008), $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.27$; Boesgaard, Roper & Lum (2013), $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.12$; Blanco-Cuaresma et al. (2015), $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.20$; and Yang, Chen & Zhao (2015), $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.16$. We adopt $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.15$ as a reasonable compromise value. The difference in metallicity should not matter significantly in the context of comparisons to other Kepler and K2 light curves, but we note it nonetheless, as it might affect stellar structure and angular momentum evolution.

Despite the lack of agreement on age and metallicity, there is actually little dispute for the distance to the cluster, with modern values of $(m - M)_0 = 6.32$ (Salaris et al. 2004), 6.33 (An et al. 2007), and 6.30 (van Leeuwen 2009). We adopt $(m - M)_0 = 6.32$, corresponding to a distance of 184 pc.

The reddening to the cluster is quite small, though possibly as large as $E(B - V) = 0.027$ (Taylor 2006). For convenience, we adopt $E(B - V) = 0.0$. To the accuracy that we have determined and are using $V - K_s$, the error from reddening is negligible.

In subsequent analysis here, we often compare Praesepe results to those from the Pleiades (Rebull et al. 2016a,b). We take the age of the Pleiades to be 125 Myr (Stauffer et al. 1998), the distance to be 136 pc (Melis et al. 2014), and the metallicity to be $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = +0.04$ (Soderblom et al. 2009).

2.5.2. Target List

We started with a list of members based on an in-house/private open cluster database originally created by Prosser & Stauffer in the 1990s. For Praesepe, this was a merger of membership lists in Klein-Wassink (1927), Jones & Cudworth (1983), and Jones & Stauffer (1991), with some candidate members deleted due to discrepant photometry or radial velocities. This list was then merged with half a dozen recent proper motion membership studies (Adams et al. 2002;

Kraus & Hillenbrand 2007; Baker et al. 2010; Boudreault et al. 2012; Khalaj & Baumgardt 2013; Wang et al. 2014), retaining stars considered as likely members in those papers. We then merged this Praesepe membership catalog with the list of all stars observed in K2 Campaign 5 within programs targeting Praesepe. About 600 did not have K2 LCs, sometimes due to the star falling in CCD gaps or just completely outside the K2 FOV; in other cases, the star may have been observable, but no light curve was obtained.

At this point, then, we have a set of 984 Praesepe members or candidate members with K2 light curves.

2.5.3. Literature Photometry

BVRI photometry on the Kron system has been published by Uggren, Weis & DeLuca (1979), Weis (1981), Stauffer (1982), and Mermilliod et al. (1990). For stars not in those papers, we also queried the APASS database (Henden et al. 2016), particularly for *V* magnitudes. We similarly queried the Gaia DR1 release (Gaia Collaboration 2016) for their *G* magnitudes (the released proper motions do not go faint enough for this work). Finally, we queried the recently released Pan-STARRS1 database (Chambers et al. 2016).

We added to this data from the Two-Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS; Skrutskie et al. 2006), from the Spitzer Space Telescope (Werner et al. 2004), including measurements from the Spitzer Enhanced Imaging Products, SEIP², and from the Widefield Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE; Wright et al. 2010).

2.5.4. Membership

To refine the list of members, we queried the data from the United States Naval Observatory (USNO) Robotic Astrometric Telescope (URAT; Zacharias et al. 2015) astrometric catalog to extract the “*f*” magnitude (a broad band optical/red magnitude) and the URAT proper motions for these stars.

We then plotted the candidate Praesepe members in a vector-point diagram (VPD) and in two color-magnitude diagrams (CMDs), *f* vs. *f* − *K_s* and *G* vs. *G* − *K_s*. In the VPD, we took the star as a member if the star’s proper motion was within 15 mas yr^{−1} of $\mu_{\text{RA}} = -35 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ and $\mu_{\text{Dec}} = -15 \text{ mas yr}^{-1}$ (which is a mean motion consistent with the URAT proper motions for the cluster). For the two CMDs, we fit a polynomial curve to the single star locus and then took the star as a member if the star was displaced <1.3 magnitude above the locus or 0.7 magnitudes below the locus. For the stars included in our member catalog, we required that two of three of these flags (one flag for the VPD and one for each of the CMDs) be “true”.

We removed stars flagged as non-members in the Mermilliod et al. (1990) radial velocity and photometry survey for Praesepe halo members. For some objects identified as outliers in the analysis below, we obtained additional Keck/HIRES spectroscopy; see App. I. For those objects whose radial velocities (RV) were inconsistent with membership, we identified them as non-members (see App. E for a list).

From the initial sample of 984 LCs, then, 943 are members of Praesepe by our criteria (and 41 are non-members; see Appendix E).

2.5.5. Obtaining (*V* − *K_s*)

Since we want to compare to the results we obtained in the Pleiades, we wanted to use (*V* − *K_s*) as a mass proxy in the same fashion as we did in the Pleiades.

We originally approached this the same way we had for the Pleiades, and used data from URAT. However, Gaia data are now available. Since *V* − *K_s* is available (with *V* and *K_s* directly observed) for ~250 Praesepe stars with K2 LCs, we derived a formula to convert *G* − *K_s* colors to *V* − *K_s* colors by comparing the *V* − *K_s* to the *G* − *K_s*. However, there are no observed *V* photometry of known members for colors redder than about *V* − *K_s*=5.5. To extend the calibration of *G* − *K_s*, we have used faint Pleiades and Hyades stars (where *V* photometry was obtained for very low mass stellar and brown dwarf candidates in Pleiades and Hyades respectively by Stauffer et al. 1989, 1994 and Bryja et al. 1992, 1994). To these, we added GJ512B, a field star. These stars are listed in Table 2. The final relationship between *V* − *K_s* and *G* − *K_s* is:

$$(V - K_s) = 0.27354 + 0.7336 \times (G - K_s) + 0.1646 \times (G - K_s)^2 - 0.000922 \times (G - K_s)^3 \quad (1)$$

We used this to interpolate (*V* − *K_s*) for those Praesepe stars lacking (*V* − *K_s*), but having a Gaia measurement. For about a dozen more stars, there is no Gaia measurement, but there is a URAT measurement; we used the relationship we derived for the Pleiades to obtain a (*V* − *K_s*) estimate from the URAT data for these remaining stars.

² <http://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu/data/SPITZER/Enhanced/SEIP/overview.html>

All of the stars with a measured period have a measurement or estimate of $(V - K_s)$; five of the non-periodic stars are missing a $(V - K_s)$. For $(V - K_s) < 2.5$, median uncertainties (based on the scatter in the Gaia calibration above) are ~ 0.017 mag; for $2.5 < (V - K_s) < 5.5$, median uncertainties are ~ 0.085 mag.

Table 2. Red Stars from the Pleiades and Hyades Used to Extend the Relation Between $V - K_s$ and $G - K_s$

Star	V (mag)	G (mag)	K_s (mag)	Source of V
HHJ3	22.14	18.78	14.13	Stauffer et al. (1998)
HHJ5	20.71	18.45	13.93	Stauffer et al. (1998)
HHJ8	20.60	18.38	14.23	Stauffer et al. (1998)
HHJ10	20.74	18.39	13.77	Stauffer et al. (1998)
PPL1	22.08	19.49	14.31	Stauffer et al. (1989)
PPL2	22.12	19.32	14.37	Stauffer et al. (1989)
PPL14	21.56	19.12	14.48	Stauffer et al. (1994)
Bry804	19.27	16.83	12.37	Bryja et al. (1994)
Bry816	18.83	16.61	12.20	Bryja et al. (1994)
GJ512B	13.70	12.10	8.30	field star

2.6. Bright and Faint Limits

In the Pleiades, we discarded stars with $K_s \lesssim 6$ and $K_s \gtrsim 14.5$ as being too bright and faint, respectively, for the K2 light curves to be reliable. Here in Praesepe, the appropriate limits are less obvious; we have dropped the brightest ($K_s \lesssim 6$) and retained the rest.

There are two stars with $K_s < 6$, one of which we determined to be periodic, and both of which are listed in Appendix F. Both of them are discarded from our sample as too bright.

There are 21 stars with $6 < K_s < 8$; $K_s = 8$ is roughly an F5 spectral type. At least 11 of them are likely pulsators (with 6 more likely pulsators that have fainter K_s); see Appendix D. We have left these in the sample to allow for comparison to our Pleiades work (which also included likely pulsators), but have identified those pulsators where necessary in the remaining discussion.

In the Pleiades, there were very few sources with K2 light curves in the optical CMD below $K_s = 14.5$; as we will see below in Fig. 4, such a cutoff is not as obvious here. There are many targets with $14.5 < K_s < 15.5$ that have clear periods, and we have left those in the sample.

2.7. Final Definition of Sample

Final star counts are as follows. From an initial sample of 984 candidate members, we find 941 members that are also not too bright. Limiting it further, there are 809 stars that we find to be periodic in these K2 data.

Figure 4 shows color-magnitude diagrams for the stars detected as periodic and not detected as periodic. The periodic stars for the most part follow the expected main sequence relation for Praesepe. The stars we do not detect as periodic appear to have a less-well-defined main sequence relation, which would be consistent with those stars more likely to be non-members, despite satisfying the membership criteria described in Sec. 2.5.4 above.

In the Pleiades, we determined 92% of the sample to be periodic (Rebull et al. 2016a); here, we obtain $809/941 = 86\%$ of the member sample to be periodic³. If we have more non-members inadvertently included in the sample for Praesepe than we did for the Pleiades (despite very similar selection methods), a lower fraction of periodic stars might be expected. However, Praesepe is considerably older than the Pleiades, so the stars are expected to have fewer spots (hence lower amplitude signals) and rotate more slowly. Both of these factors would contribute to a lower fraction of detectably periodic members in Praesepe.

3. PERIOD AND PERIOD-COLOR DISTRIBUTIONS

³ The 84% in Sec. 2.3 refers to the fraction of the entire initial sample that is periodic; the 86% refers to the fraction of members that are periodic.

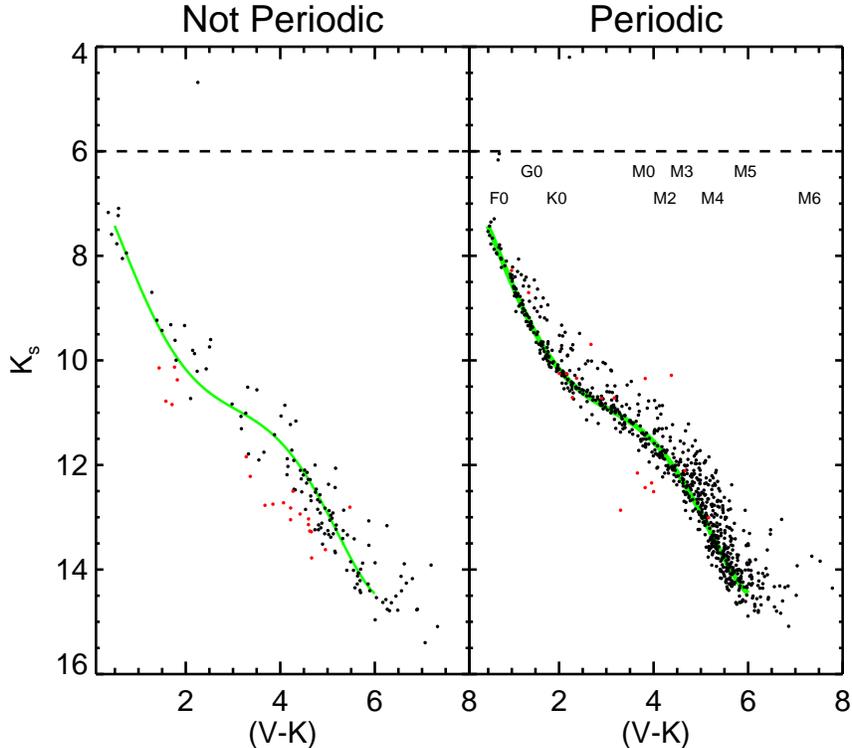


Figure 4. Color-magnitude diagram (K_s vs. $(V - K_s)$) for targets with K2 LCs and for which we had or could infer $(V - K_s)$. Left panel is stars not detected as periodic, and right panel is stars for which we could measure periods. In both panels, red circles denote NM (see Sec. 2.5.4), and the green line is an empirical fit to the single star locus for Praesepe. Spectral types for a given $(V - K_s)$ are as shown in the right panel. The periodic stars for the most part follow the expected main sequence relation for Praesepe. The stars we do not detect as periodic appear to have a less-well-defined main sequence relation, which would be consistent with those stars being less likely members.

Although many of the Praesepe stars, like many in the Pleiades, are multi-periodic (see Sec. 4 below), we have selected only one P and color to be representative of the star in order to investigate the distribution of rotation rates. Now, we explore the overall distribution of P , and the distribution of P as a function of $(V - K_s)$ as a proxy for mass.

3.1. Distribution of P

The distribution of periods we found is shown in Figure 5; note that this excludes the stars with periods that were determined to be non-members (see Sec. 2.5.4 and App. E). The stars are rotating more slowly, on average, than the analogous figure from the Pleiades (see Fig. 3 in Rebull et al. 2016a or Fig. 9 in Rebull et al. 2016b). Whereas the Pleiades is strongly peaked at <1 day, only $\sim 20\%$ of the Praesepe stars with rotation periods rotate faster than a day, with $\sim 42\%$ rotating between 1 and 10 d, and $\sim 37\%$ rotating between 10 and 35d.

There seems to be a bimodal distribution of periods in Praesepe, with one peak near ~ 1 d and another peak near ~ 10 d. Assuming a Skumanich law (Skumanich 1972), $v_{\text{rot}} \propto t^{-0.5}$, assuming that the Pleiades is 125 Myr and Praesepe is 800 Myr, we would expect the peak at ~ 0.3 d from the Pleiades to become the peak at ~ 1 d in Praesepe. This is the case for the M stars, which compose most of the Pleiades peak at ~ 0.3 d and most of the Praesepe peak at ~ 1 d.

There is a substantial number of Praesepe stars, however, with periods near 10-15 d, about 35% of the distribution. The stars contributing to this peak are for the most part more massive than those stars composing the other, faster rotating peak. Using the Skumanich law, these stars should correspond to Pleiades stars with periods of 4-6 d. Indeed, about 20% of the Pleiades stars with K2 rotation rates have periods greater than about 4 d; presumably, these go on to populate the slower peak in older clusters. However, there are fractionally more stars in the slower peak in Praesepe, which suggests that this peak includes stars with a larger range of masses than we have assumed in the rough Skumanich calculation.

Note that the 17 stars we have identified as likely pulsators are still in this sample shown in Fig. 5; their periods do not make a significant difference to the histograms of P_1 (first period, e.g., the P_{rot}) or P_2 (secondary period), just because so many stars are represented in these plots. But, they do make a significant difference to the histograms of

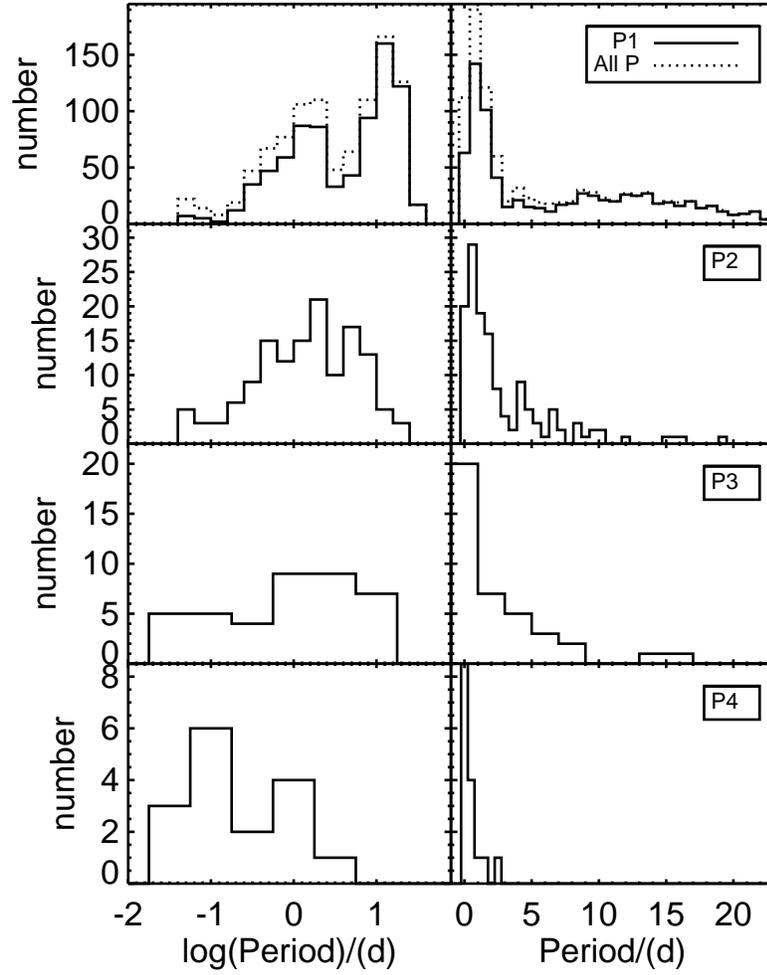


Figure 5. Histograms, on the left of the log of periods, and on the right of the linear periods, found by our analysis, in days. Solid line is the primary period (that which we take to be the rotation period of the star), and dotted line is (for reference) a histogram of all the periods found here, including the secondary, tertiary, and quaternary periods found here (see Section 4). There are two peaks, one near ~ 1 d and one near ~ 10 -15 d. The faster peak corresponds largely to M stars, and the slower peak is primarily more massive stars. A significant fraction of the tertiary and quaternary periods are from likely pulsators.

P_3 and P_4 (tertiary and quaternary periods), where they are largely responsible for the periods in these histograms.

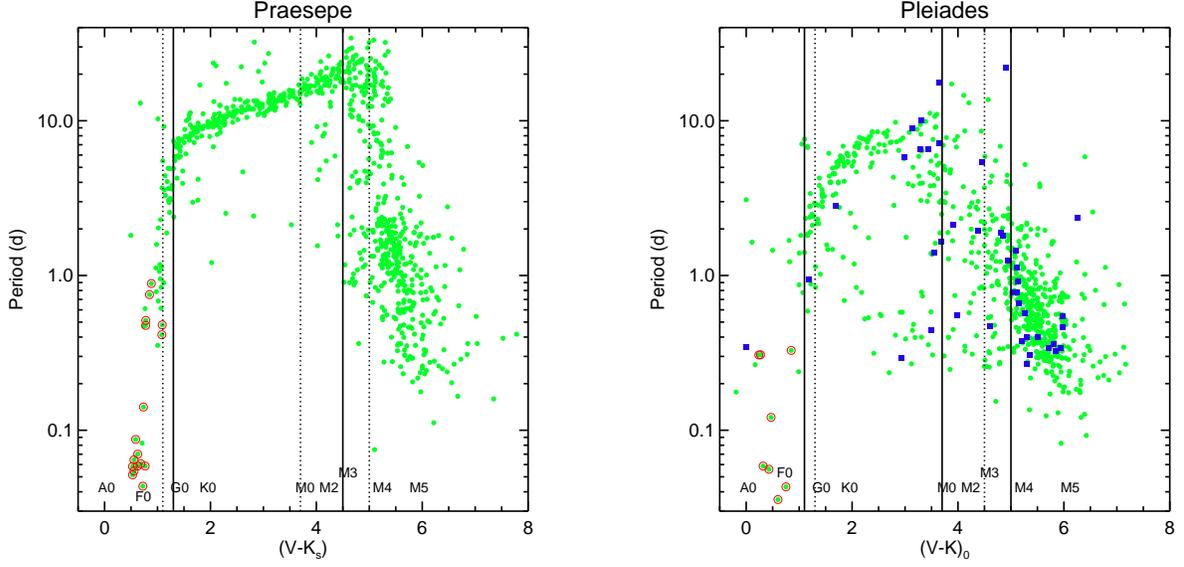


Figure 6. Plot of P vs. $(V - K_s)$ for Praesepe (left) and the Pleiades (right). The Pleiades plot is from Rebull et al. (2016a), Fig. 9. In the Pleiades, we had best members (green dots) and the lower confidence members (blue squares). Likely pulsators (see Rebull et al. 2016b for the Pleiades) have an additional red circle in both panels. There is clearly considerable change between the age of the Pleiades and that of Praesepe. In each plot, the solid vertical lines denote different regions of the diagram defined in the discussion; the dotted vertical lines are the lines from the other cluster (the solid lines in the Praesepe plot are the dotted lines in the Pleiades plot and vice versa).

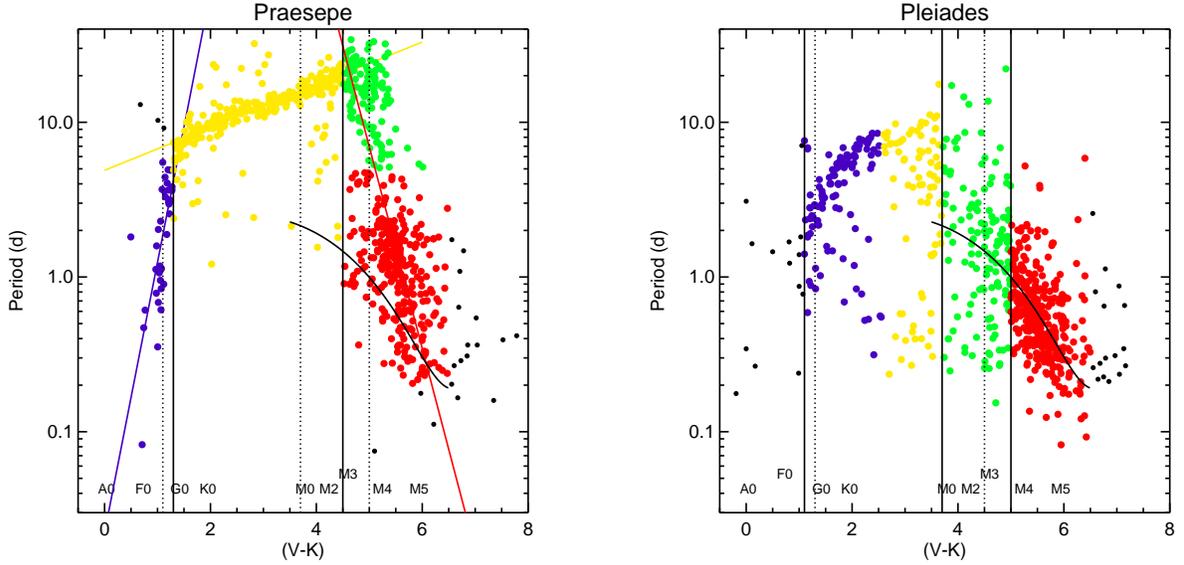


Figure 7. Plot of P vs. $(V - K_s)$ for Praesepe (left) and the Pleiades (right), with additional color coding indicating regions discussed here and in Rebull et al. (2016a) and Stauffer et al. (2016). Obvious pulsators have been removed in both plots. Black points in both plots have been omitted as outliers for the purpose of fitting the lines. For Praesepe, colored points are as follows. Blue is $(V - K_s) < 1.3$; yellow is $1.3 < (V - K_s) < 4.5$; green and red are both $(V - K_s) > 4.5$, but those with $P > 5$ are green and those with $P < 5$ are red. Linear fits are also shown in the blue, yellow, and red+green regimes. For the Pleiades, colored points follow Stauffer et al. (2016), Fig. 24: blue is $1.1 < (V - K_s) < 2.6$, and yellow is $2.5 < (V - K_s) < 3.7$. The bulk of the distribution through both of these regions trace out the ‘slowly rotating sequence’; the transition to yellow is placed at the location of the ‘kink’ in the slowly rotating sequence. Green is $3.7 < (V - K_s) < 5$, the ‘disorganized region’; red is $(V - K_s) > 5$, the ‘fast sequence.’ The vertical lines are the same as the prior figure. The curved black line is the fit to the Pleiades M stars from Stauffer et al. (2016), and is the same in both panels. The M star relation is steeper in Praesepe.

3.2. Morphology of P vs. $(V - K_s)$

Qualitatively, the morphology of the period vs. color diagram for Praesepe, and the evolution of that distribution from young ages to Praesepe age, has been well-documented in the literature. The fact that by Praesepe’s age G and K dwarfs have a very narrow distribution in period at a given mass was first shown for Hyades stars in the 1980s (Duncan et al. 1984; Radick et al. 1987). That F and early G stars arrive on the main sequence with higher rotational velocities and subsequently spin down on the main sequence was first shown by Robert Kraft via spectroscopic rotational velocities for stars in a number of open clusters (Kraft 1967, and references therein). Later spectroscopic studies of those same clusters with more modern spectrographs and detectors showed that low mass stars of all masses arrive on the main sequence with a wide range in rotational velocities and that angular momentum loss on the main sequence causes those stars to converge over time to a much narrower range in rotation at a given mass, with the convergence time being longer for lower masses (Stauffer & Hartmann 1986; Stauffer et al. 1987; Stauffer et al. 1989). The subsequent development of wide-format CCDs made it possible to obtain rotation periods for large samples of stars in open clusters, allowing the distribution of rotation rate as a function of mass to be determined for many of Kraft’s open clusters (and other clusters), largely confirming the spectroscopic results but with better precision and larger samples of stars; see Gallet & Bouvier (2015) and Coker et al. (2016) for a review of the rotation period data and theoretical models of angular momentum loss which attempts to explain the data. The light curves for open clusters and star-forming regions from K2 builds on this heritage, but also adds the benefits in photometric stability and signal-to-noise provided by space-based observations. For the open clusters observed with K2, these data for the first time allow the rotation periods of both stars in most binary systems to be determined and for all cluster members observed the light curves allow an assessment of the shape of the phased light curve, which provides insight into the size and location of star spots on their surfaces.

Figure 6 shows the relationship between P and $(V - K_s)$ for Praesepe using K2 data. For comparison, Figure 6 also shows the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ plot for the Pleiades K2 data. There has clearly been significant changes in these distributions between the ages of the Pleiades and Praesepe. As we noted above, Praesepe stars are on the whole rotating more slowly. However, the M stars in both clusters are primarily rapid rotators.

Figure 7 has the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ plots again for both Praesepe and the Pleiades, but with color coding to aid in this discussion. In Praesepe, there are 3 relatively well-defined and apparently linear sequences. At the blue end (omitting the pulsators), for $(V - K) < 1.3$ (\lesssim F8), $\log P = 1.748 \times (V - K) - 1.653$. P is changing rapidly over a very small range of $(V - K_s)$. There is an abrupt transition between the reddest end of this blue sequence and the bluest end of the next sequence; this is the Kraft break (Kraft 1967), where magnetic braking becomes less efficient for bluer stars. In the middle (yellow portion) of Fig. 7, $1.3 \leq (V - K) < 4.5$ (\sim F8 to \sim M3), $\log P = 0.138 \times (V - K) + 0.692$. In this regime, the points are tightly clumped around this relationship. For $4.5 \leq (V - K) < 6.5$, \sim M3 to \sim M6, (which encompasses both the green and red points in Fig. 7), $\log P = -1.303 \times (V - K) + 7.360$. Here again, P is changing rapidly with $(V - K_s)$. This end of the distribution contributes substantially to the bimodal nature of the P distribution (Fig. 5); there are many stars with $4.5 \leq (V - K) < 6.5$ and relatively few stars with $2 < P < 10$. The transition between the blue and yellow regions in Fig. 7 is abrupt. The transition between the yellow and green regions is less obvious; the green points, at least the ones with $P > 10$, could justifiably be included in the linear fit of the yellow points, and the bulk of these points are already consistent with that fit. The green points, however, are also consistent with the relationship delineated by the red points (or even a slightly steeper relation). The end of the slow sequence (yellow through the green points consistent with the relationship) in Praesepe is $(V - K_s) \sim 5.2$, or M4.

Figure 7 also includes the Pleiades (Rebull et al. 2016a) for context. The color-coding in Fig. 7 follows Stauffer et al. (2016), Fig. 24, and is *not* meant to trace exactly the same populations as seen in Praesepe, but simply illustrates different sections of the diagram that we call out in the text. In the Pleiades, we discussed the ‘slowly rotating sequence’ for $1.1 \lesssim (V - K_s) \lesssim 3.7$ (\sim F5 to \sim K9⁴, $2 \lesssim P \lesssim 11$ d), which is the blue and yellow points together in Fig. 7. The transition of blue to yellow is placed at the location of the ‘kink’ in the slowly rotating sequence (\sim K3; see Stauffer et al. 2016). The green points delineate a region in which there seems to be a ‘disorganized relationship’ between P and $(V - K_s)$ between $3.7 \lesssim (V - K_s) \lesssim 5.0$ (\sim K9 to \sim M3, $0.2 \lesssim P \lesssim 15$ d). Finally, the red points represent the ‘fast sequence,’ with $(V - K_s) \gtrsim 5.0$ (\gtrsim M3, $0.1 \lesssim P \lesssim 2$ d).

Now between the Pleiades (\sim 120 Myr) and Praesepe (\sim 800 Myr), parts of this diagram see tremendous change (earlier types), and parts show more subtle changes (later types). All of the G and K (and even early M) stars (yellow

⁴ Technically, some investigators have no K8 or K9 class defined; the dividing line here is based on linearly interpolating the $(V - K_s)$ colors and the corresponding spectral type. This division might formally be at K7, but we use ‘K9’ here to indicate succinctly ‘just before G0’.

in the Praesepe plot) have spun down into a well-defined, linear relationship from the curved relationship (blue and yellow in the Pleiades plot). The ‘disorganized region’ (green in the Pleiades plot, and even to some extent the yellow) is no longer quite so disorganized by Praesepe, where many of the earlier M stars have spun down into a relationship consistent with the G and K stars. The Praesepe early M stars are on average slow rotators, and the later M stars are on average more rapid rotators, but there is clear overlap between the rotation rates of early and late M stars; one cannot divide the stars by mass and have them also divided by period. In the Pleiades, there is less obviously a bimodal distribution in M star periods, and (in contrast to Praesepe) the division between fast and slow rotators is also roughly a division in mass. The overall M-star relationship (the red points in both panels in Fig. 7) sees less obvious changes compared to the large changes for the more massive stars, but there are differences for the M stars too. The slope of the M star relationship between period and color is overall much steeper in Praesepe than in the Pleiades; this is most easily seen from the black curved line in Fig. 7, which is the relationship for Pleiades M stars derived in Stauffer et al. (2016).

In the Pleiades, some of the M stars are still contracting (still spinning up); this is not the case in Praesepe. The M3 and M4 stars in Praesepe have spun down considerably, and they have a shorter contraction time than the M5 and later stars. The distribution of M5 stars has not changed much between the Pleiades and Praesepe. In the older cluster, angular momentum loss via wind braking has had more time to counteract the contraction in the M3-4 stars, and the balance between contraction/spin up and angular momentum loss must be different in the M5 (and later) stars.

The existence of a well-defined slow sequence of late F and even early G stars (blue points in Fig. 7) in Praesepe presumably points to their having at least some amount of angular momentum loss. If they had no angular momentum loss at all, there would be a scatter in rotation reflecting a range in initial angular momentum and a range in disk lifetimes. However, presumably their angular momentum loss rate is quite small since they have so little outer convective envelope. As a speculation, it is possible that the F dwarfs in Praesepe still have rapidly rotating radiative cores, with their observed rotation periods representing a balance between the angular momentum feeding up from below with the angular momentum lost from their winds. The G/K/M stars have much larger angular momentum loss rates, and have had time to spin down their cores. So, the two sequences reflect that dichotomy: core/envelope still decoupled for the F dwarfs, core/envelope coupled for the G, K, and early Ms.

The bimodal period distribution of M stars in Praesepe (but not the Pleiades) is interesting because field M stars are found to have a bimodal P distribution in the Kepler field (*e.g.*, McQuillan et al. 2013, Davenport 2016) and in nearby M field stars (*e.g.*, Newton et al. 2016, Kado-Fong et al. 2016). These field stars are older, on average, than Praesepe, and the locations of the two peaks are slower (~ 19 and ~ 33 d) compared to Praesepe with ~ 1 and ~ 17 d for the ~ 500 Praesepe stars with $(V - K_s) \geq 3.79$, the color corresponding to M0. Assuming Skumanich evolution, these two peaks cannot both evolve together in lock-step. However, it is interesting that both distributions are bimodal. It may be that the mechanism which causes some M stars to rapidly spin down (*e.g.*, Newton et al. 2016, Brown 2014) has started to operate in some of the Praesepe stars. We note, of course, that our data cannot constrain the behavior of M stars later than about M5 or M6.

3.3. Outliers in P vs. $(V - K_s)$

While the relationships delineated by the majority of the Praesepe stars in Figures 6 and 7 are striking, it is worth looking at some of the outliers in this distribution. Notes on specific stars appear in Appendix G, as well as optical color-magnitude and P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagrams with these objects highlighted.

The G and K stars in young open clusters like the Pleiades have bimodal rotational velocity distributions, with a majority of stars on a slowly rotating branch and a minority in a rapidly rotating branch. The latter stars are generally believed to descend from pre-main-sequence stars that lost their circumstellar disks (and hence their ability to rapidly shed angular momentum) very early. Our P vs. color plot also shows several rapidly rotating G/K stars. Are these the descendants of the rapidly rotating G/K stars in the Pleiades? For most or all of these stars, we believe not. Instead, they are best explained as tidally locked short-period binaries. Most of them are known short-period binaries; many of the remaining ones have little to no spectroscopic information, but tidally locked binaries are a logical explanation for stars that are rotating too quickly in comparison to the other stars of similar colors.

The stars with periods much longer than average for their $(V - K_s)$ color are also curious. For a few of them, tidal synchronization (or pseudo-synchronization) in a short-period binary may be the explanation, as has been advocated for similar outliers in M35 (Meibom et al. 2006) and other clusters. Because of the steep dependence of the synchronization time on the binary-star separation, for the longer period outliers ($P > \sim 20$ days), this becomes a less viable possibility. If these stars are all Praesepe members, and if we are correct that all of them are rotation periods, then something

about these stars made them spin down more than most other stars in the cluster. For these longest-period stars, interpretation of their LCs as rotation periods is more fraught than other shorter-period stars, as there is more variation from cycle to cycle, and it becomes more of a judgement call as to whether or not the star has a P_{rot} , or just a repeated pattern that may or may not be tied to rotation. Slowly rotating stars may undergo more significant spot evolution, so this may be a real astrophysical effect. Having fewer complete cycles within the K2 campaign, coupled with significant changes every cycle, makes it hard to assess. Many of the long- P G and K stars from the bulk of the distribution have more obviously sinusoidal LCs, and many of the longest P M stars (ones that are still with the bulk of the distribution) share LC characteristics with these long- P outlier G and K stars; there is a continuum of LC properties such that it is not always easy to draw a line between P_{rot} and just a repeated pattern.

Specifically because of this ambiguity, we obtained follow-up Keck/HIRES spectroscopy of many of these very slowly rotating stars (see App. I). Of the ones we observed, about half of them have radial velocities inconsistent with cluster membership. We identified these as non-members (Sec. 2.5.4 and App. E). Four of the longest P objects (for which we have yet to obtain spectra) appear just below the single-star main sequence, suggesting that they may also be non-members; given the uncertainties in $(V - K_s)$, we have provisionally left them in the list of members (see App. G).

4. LIGHT CURVE AND PERIODOGRAM CATEGORIES

4.1. Identification of Categories

In Rebull et al. (2016b), we presented a set of empirical structures in the K2 Pleiades LCs and periodograms, finding via visual inspection 11 different categories. These categories are discussed in detail in Rebull et al. (2016b), and we do not repeat that discussion here. All but one of the categories of light curves can be found in Praesepe as well; see Table 3 for a list. Many of the categories have more than one significant period. Figure 8 shows some examples of these classes in Praesepe, two of which have more than one measured P ; these examples span a range of brightnesses, periods, and categories. (For examples of each of the categories in the Pleiades, see Rebull et al. 2016a.)

4.2. Comparison to Pleiades

Before we can compare the total counts of objects in the various periodogram categories, we need to be sure that we are sampling the same range of masses in the two clusters. Figure 9 shows the sample fraction for the periodic member samples as a function of $(V - K_s)$ as a proxy for mass. The two samples are comparable over most of the range of $(V - K_s)$; there are sample completeness effects at the reddest and bluest bins, which are the most poorly populated. The most notable differences are at the bluest end ($(V - K_s) \lesssim 1$), which will affect primarily stars whose measured K2 periods are most likely to be pulsation rather than rotation.

Now with the knowledge that the samples are of comparable mass ranges, we can compare sample fractions of LC/periodogram categories. Table 3 summarizes the total counts of objects in each LC/periodogram category for Praesepe and the Pleiades (in both cases, only cluster members are included). There are some significant differences between the clusters. Overall, the fraction of stars that are singly periodic and multiply periodic are roughly comparable in the two clusters ($\sim 75\text{-}80\%$ and $\sim 20\text{-}25\%$, respectively). However, there is a slightly higher fraction of singly periodic sources (and slightly lower fraction of multi-periodic sources) in Praesepe.

In the context of this work, we identified an inconsistency in the way that we were identifying close and distant resolved peaks in our earlier Pleiades work. As stated there, we calculated $\Delta P/P_1$ (see also Sec. 6 below), and used that value to identify close ($\Delta P/P_1 < 0.45$) and distant ($\Delta P/P_1 > 0.45$) peaks. However, we went on to say (without explanation) that some objects could be identified as both close and distant peaks. We now more consistently identify an object as both close and distant peaks if the difference in any two periods divided by the P_{rot} is < 0.45 for two of at least three periods, and > 0.45 for (a different) two of at least three periods (unless the star is already identified as a pulsator, in which case it is not identified as either close or distant peaks). As a result, three objects from the Pleiades that were already identified as resolved close peaks should also have been tagged as resolved distant peaks (EPIC 210877423, 211112974, and 211128979). This has been corrected in the statistics in Table 3.

Among the LC/periodogram categories, there is a higher fraction of moving double-dip and shape changers in Praesepe than there are in the Pleiades; there are more than twice the fraction of shape changers as in the Pleiades ($\sim 40\%$ vs. $\sim 15\%$). In Rebull et al. (2016b) and Stauffer et al. (2016), we suggested that the shape changers and moving double dipo are due to latitudinal differential rotation and/or spot/spot group evolution. These LC types were found primarily in the slower rotators in the Pleiades; with more slower rotators in Praesepe, it may not be surprising that we have more shape changers, because this may reflect a real difference in the incidence rate of differential rotation.

Because there is a slightly lower fraction of multi-period sources in Praesepe, there is a lower fraction of nearly all the multi-period subcategories in Praesepe. However, the most discrepant fractions are found in the resolved close

Table 3. Star/Light Curve/Periodogram Categories

Category	Praesepe			Pleiades		
	Number	Frac. of sample	Frac. of periodic sample	Number	Frac. of sample	Frac. of periodic sample
Periodic	809	0.86	1.00	759	0.92	1.00
Single period	645	0.69	0.80	559	0.68	0.74
Multi-period	164	0.17	0.20	200	0.24	0.26
Double-dip	163	0.17	0.20	107	0.13	0.14
Moving double-dip	121	0.13	0.15	31	0.04	0.04
Shape changer	297	0.32	0.37	114	0.14	0.15
Orbiting clouds?	0	0	0	5	<0.01	<0.01
Beater	77	0.08	0.10	135	0.16	0.18
Complex peak	68	0.07	0.08	89	0.11	0.12
Resolved, close peaks	68	0.07	0.08	126	0.15	0.17
Resolved, distant peaks	71	0.08	0.09	39	0.05	0.05
Pulsator	17	0.02	0.02	8	0.01	0.01

peaks category, where the fraction is half what it was in the Pleiades. We postulated in Rebull et al. (2016b) and Stauffer et al. (2016) that the resolved peaks categories could be a result of latitudinal differential rotation and/or spot/spot group evolution among the G and K stars.

The shape changers, moving double dips, and close resolved peaks (in the G and K stars) may all be subject to an observational bias in the following sense. We noted in Rebull et al. (2016b) that, particularly for the shape changers/moving double dips, it was possible that if there had been much more data, $\gg 70$ d, encompassing more cycles, then it might have been possible to differentiate the two (or more?) periods contributing to the changing shape. In Praesepe, since the periods are on average longer than in the Pleiades, consequently there are (on average) fewer complete cycles encompassed in the K2 campaign. Thus, perhaps the higher occurrence rate of shape changers/moving double dips and the lower occurrence rate of resolved close peaks (for G and K stars) in Praesepe may be attributable to the number of complete cycles available for stars in Praesepe (as compared to the Pleiades).

For the M stars in the Pleiades, we postulated that the close resolved peaks were binaries, since most of them appeared above the single-star main sequence. The distant resolved peaks we thought were most likely to be binaries. The same basic result is true in Praesepe as well – the M stars with resolved peaks are above the single-star main sequence (see Sec. 5.3 below). From theory, we expect stronger differential rotation in earlier stars (*e.g.*, Kitchatinov & Olemskoy 2012), and effectively solid body rotation in the M stars. Praesepe has a comparable if not slightly greater fraction of resolved distant peaks, though many more instances where the difference between the peaks is very large indeed (>6 d; see §6 below).

4.3. Unusual LC Shapes

The phased light curves of most spotted stars are simple, showing a morphology that is more or less sinusoidal or one that has one or two broad “humps” or dips. That is as expected, because spots located at most positions on a stellar surface and when viewed from most vantage points will be visible for half or more of the rotation period. That means that most spots will have a contribution to the phased light curve that spans 180° or more in phase. Flux dips or other structures that cover less than 90° in phase are very hard to produce with spots. The only way they can be produced is by placing the spot very near the upper or lower limb of the star. Because of limb darkening and geometric fore-shortening, light from such a location contributes little to the total integrated brightness of the star; therefore, flux dips from such spots cannot yield light curve features that are very deep.

In the Pleiades (Rebull et al. 2016b), we nevertheless identified six stars with short-duration flux dips (full width at zero intensity, FWZI, <0.2 in phase); one star had three such dips, another had two, and the remaining four had just one flux dip. The dips were to first order constant in shape and depth over the duration of the K2 campaign. All six stars were mid-M dwarfs with very short ($P < 0.7$ day) periods. We identified another 19 rapidly rotating, mid-to-late M dwarfs in the 8 Myr old Upper Sco association whose K2 phased light curves seemed to show more structure than could be explained by spots (Stauffer et al. 2017). We have attributed the light curve structure to warm clouds of

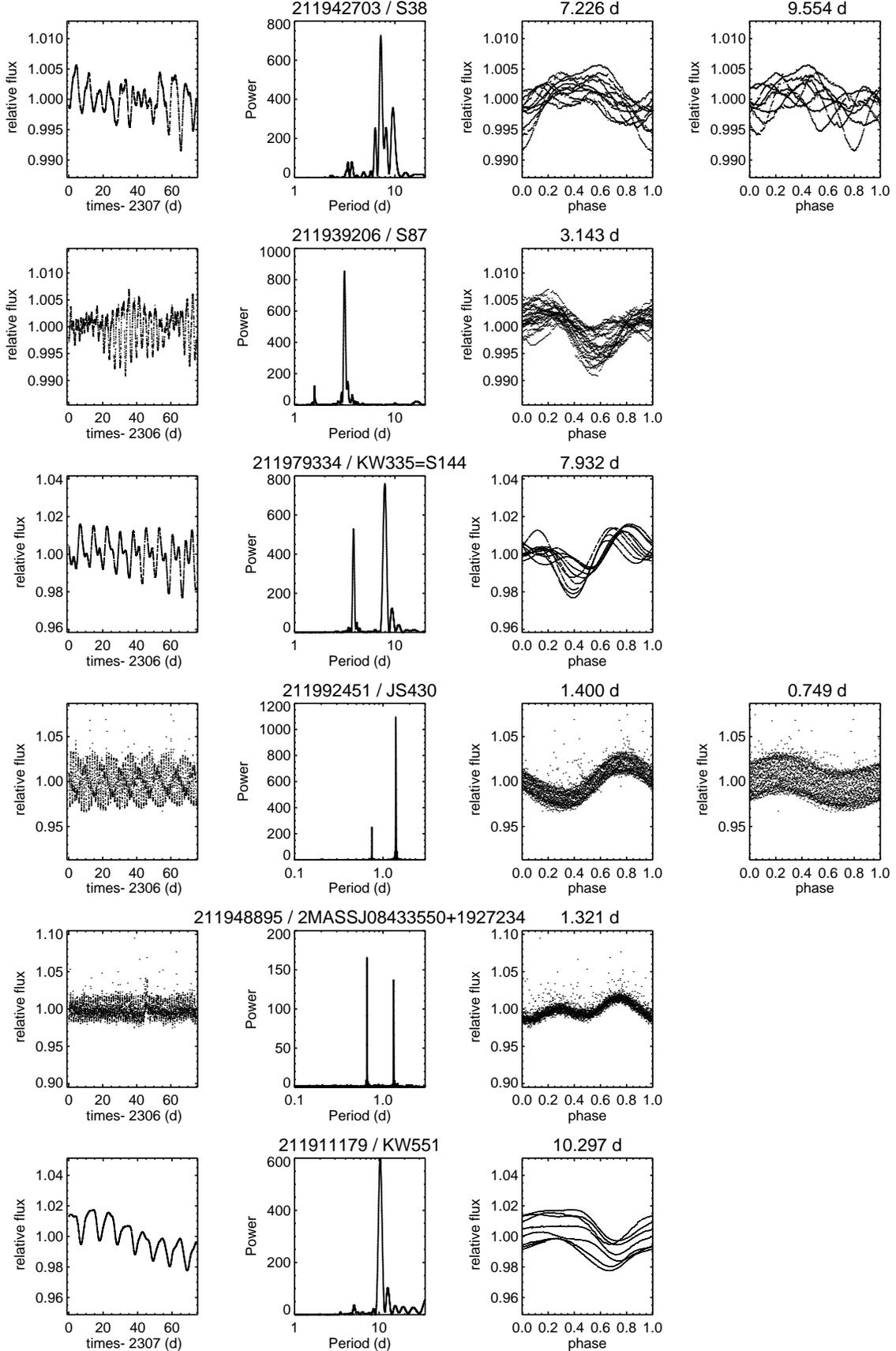


Figure 8. Six examples of LC/periodogram categories in the K2 Praesepe data. Left column: full LC; second column: LS periodogram; third column: phased LC, with best period (in days) as indicated; fourth column: phased LC to second period (if available, in days) as indicated. Rows, in order: 211942703/S38 (shape changer, beater, complex peak), 211939206/S87 (beater, complex peak), 211979334/KW335=S144 (moving double dip [=double dip, shape changer]), 211992451/JS430 (beater, resolved distant peaks), 211948895/2MASSJ08433550+1927234 (double dip; appears to have two significant peaks in the periodogram, but really has only one real P), 211911179/KW551 (shape changer). These are representatives from a range of categories and periods.

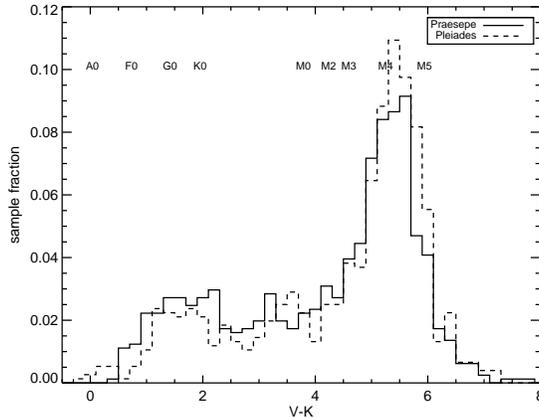


Figure 9. Distribution of $(V - K_s)$ values for the member sample with rotation periods in both Praesepe (solid) and the Pleiades (dotted). The y-axis is in units of sample fraction. We are sampling the same range of $(V - K_s)$ values overall in the two clusters; there are notable differences at the bluest and reddest ends.

coronal gas orbiting the stars near their Keplerian co-rotation radius, following models by Jardine & van Ballegoijen (2005) and Townsend & Owocki (2005).

We have found no Praesepe stars with the same properties (short-duration flux dips or other structure, rapid rotation, mid-to-late M dwarf spectral type). However, there are three slowly rotating Praesepe M dwarfs ($(V - K_s) \sim 5$) that do have more structured light curves than we expect; these are shown in Figure 10: 212011416/2MASSJ08330845+2026372, 211915940/JS208, and 211931651/AD3196=CP Cnc. One (EPIC 212011416/2MASSJ08330845+2026372) has a nearby saturated column in the K2 data, but multiple LC versions obtain the same shape and (large!) depth of the features. Note that in the first two cases, the highest peak in the periodogram results in a phased light curve that has more scatter than when phased at three times the peak value; this is similar to the double-dips (see discussion in Rebull et al. 2016b). These stars have periods $\gtrsim 10\times$ longer than the stars in Pleiades or USco.

We do not believe the physical mechanism producing these light curve morphologies is the same as for the Pleiades and Upper Sco. Because the flux dips are broader than in the Pleiades and are generally low amplitude, it is (barely) possible that spots could be responsible. However, the full amplitude of one of them (EPIC 212011416) is about 4%, which would be very difficult to produce using spots located near the limb of the visible hemisphere.

In order to help constrain the nature of these stars, we obtained single-epoch spectroscopy of these sources with Keck/HIRES (see App. I). All are consistent with being radial velocity members of Praesepe, and all are narrow-lined (and single-lined).

The phased light curve morphologies for these three stars are much more complex than most of the rest of the LCs in Praesepe. Because they represent a tiny minority of the Praesepe sample, we do not believe that our failure to understand their properties should affect any of the other conclusions in the paper. We plan a future paper (Hebb et al.) that will discuss modelling of these LCs.

4.4. Comparison to Other Classes in the Literature

Kovács et al. (2014) also identified LC/power spectrum classes in their study of Praesepe. They had (a) monophasic sinusoids (13% of their periodic sample); (b) single but unstable sinusoid (39%); (c) two peaks interpreted as latitudinal differential rotation (7%); (d) power moved into first harmonic (41%).

(a) The monophasic sinusoids of their periodic sample can be matched to those in our sample with single periods but that are not double-dip nor shape-changer. There are 366 of those, or $\sim 45\%$ of the periodic sources, in our member sample. (b) Single but unstable sinusoids would be analogous to our shape changers, without the double-dips; we find 164 of them, 20% of the periodic sources. (c) They rarely find two discrete peaks in the power spectrum; this would be analogous to our resolved close and distant peaks combined, and we have 15% of our periodic sample falling into this category. We agree that in some cases, at least, this could be attributable to latitudinal differential rotation, but we suspect (also see discussion in Rebull et al. 2016b) that at least some (most of the multi-peaked M stars) are binaries. (d) Lastly, their category where power is moved into the first harmonic is analogous to our double-dip category, which is 20% of our periodic sample.

Perhaps a more fair comparison is to work just with the 152 stars that are in common between the two studies. For that sample, we obtain (a) monophasic sinusoids: 6%; (b) single unstable sinusoids: 23%; (c) resolved peaks: 16%;

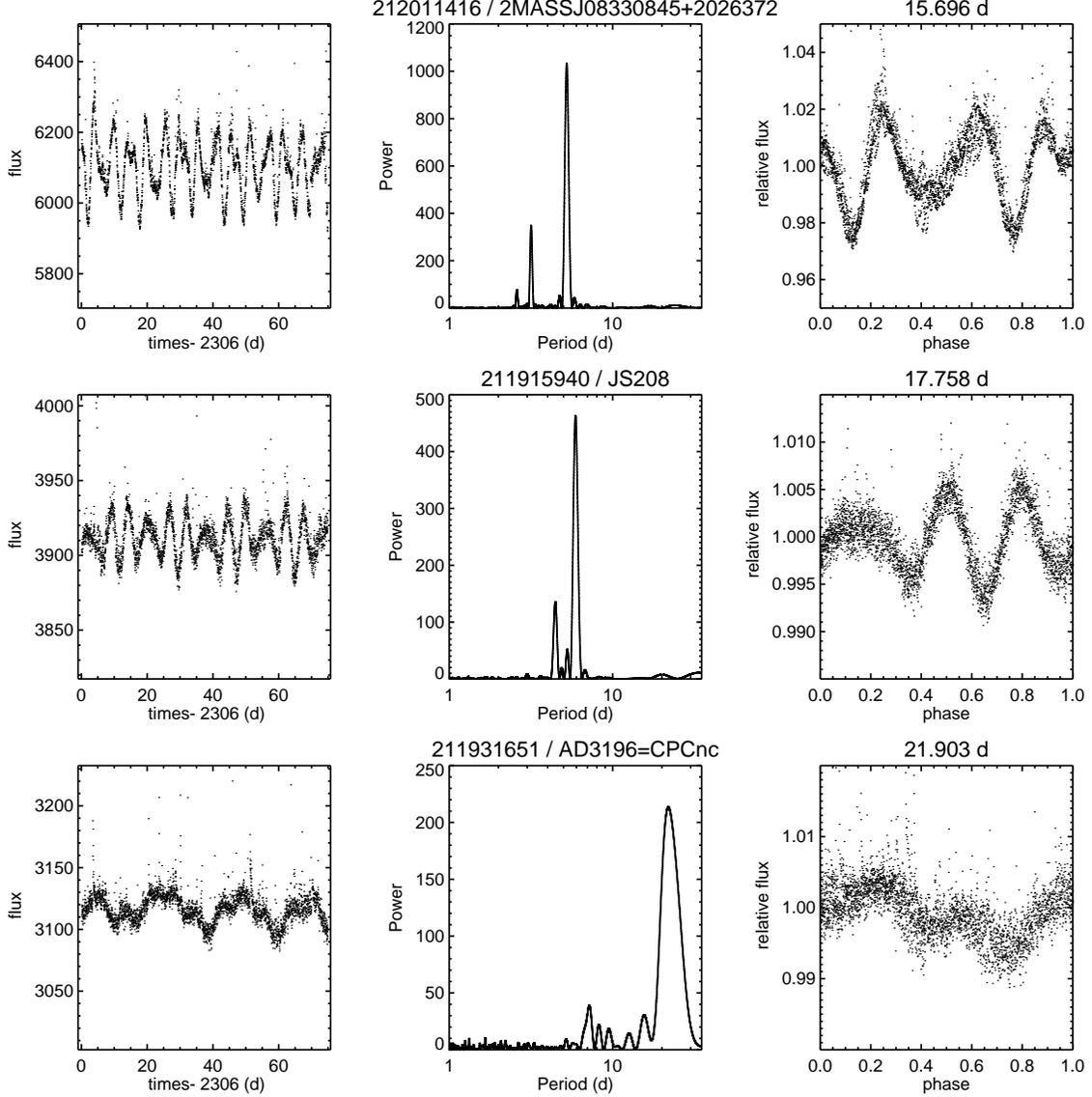


Figure 10. Three stars that have unusual shapes in their phased light curves. Columns: LC, periodogram, phased LC. Rows, in order: 212011416/2MASSJ08330845+2026372 (note x -axis is just one phase, though it looks repeated), 211915940/JS208, 211931651/AD3196=CP Cnc. These light curves all have structures in them uncharacteristic of most of the rest of the LCs in this study. They are all too slowly rotating to be of the unusual sorts found in the Pleiades or Upper Sco. See text for additional discussion.

and (d) double dips: 47%. The closest match in terms of sample fraction is this last category.

Assuming that we have correctly captured the relationship between our classes and those in Kovács et al. (2014), we have roughly similar sample fractions for the same characteristics.

5. COMPARISON OF THE SINGLE- AND MULTI-PERIODIC SOURCES

In the prior section, we identified the $\sim 20\%$ of stars with multiple periods. In this section, we focus on where the multi-periodic sources fall with respect to the single-period sources in a variety of parameter spaces. We compare the single- and multi-period sources within Praesepe, and also to our analysis of the same phenomenon in the Pleiades (from Rebull et al. 2016b).

5.1. Amplitudes

We calculated the amplitude of the periodic signal in the same fashion as we did in the Pleiades; we assembled the distribution of all points in the light curve, took the log of the 90th percentile flux, subtracted from that the log of the 10th percentile flux, and multiplied by 2.5 to convert to magnitudes. Figure 11 plots that amplitude against both

P and $(V - K_s)$ for the periodic light curves. Note that this is not necessarily the amplitude of a sinusoid overlaid or fit to the periodic signal, but the amplitude of the overall light curve, which necessarily includes long-term trends.

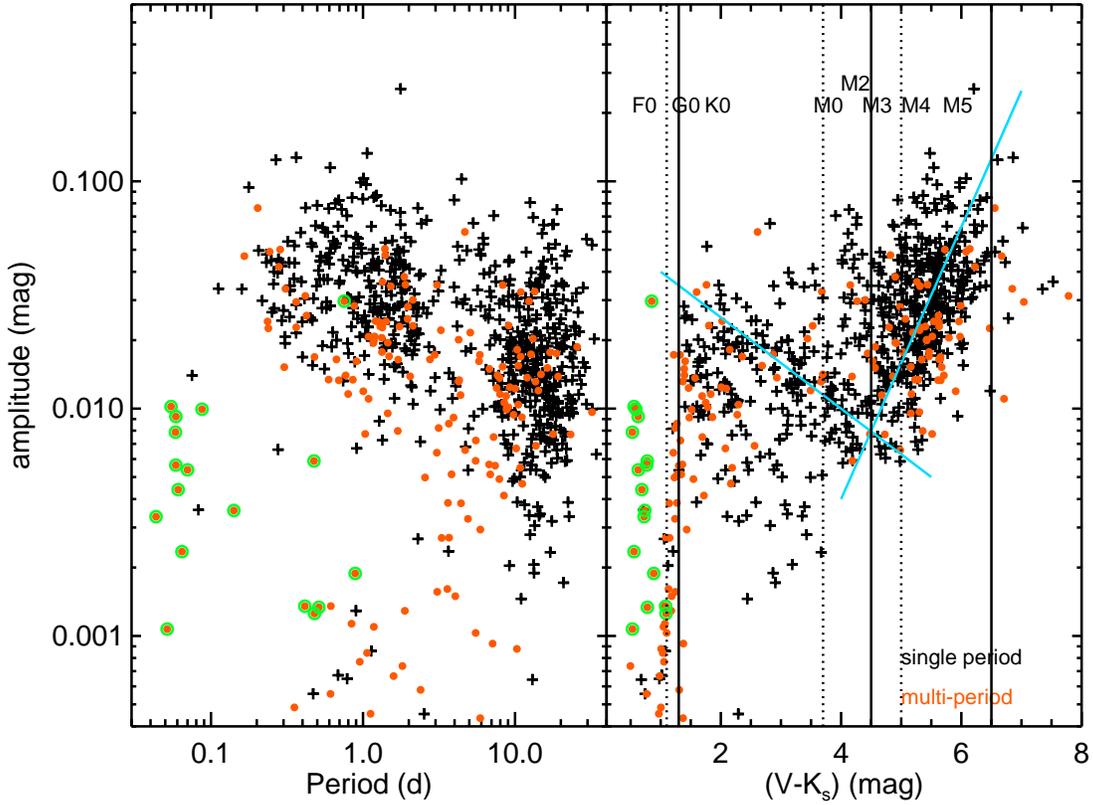


Figure 11. The amplitude (from the 10th to the 90th percentile), in magnitudes, of the periodic light curves, against P (left) and $(V - K_s)$ (right). The vertical lines are the divisions from Fig. 7 – solid lines are for Praesepe and dotted lines are for the Pleiades. Black points are those stars with single periods, and orange dots highlight those with multiple periods. An additional green circle highlights the likely pulsators. Blue lines in the second panel are lines just to guide the eye in the text discussion. Longer periods have smaller amplitudes.

In the Pleiades, there was no obvious trend of amplitude with color or period. However, in Praesepe, there is a trend in both of these panels. On the left of Fig. 11, longer period stars have lower amplitudes. This is consistent with expectations in that, certainly by this age, more slowly rotating stars should be less active and therefore have smaller spots. Note, however, that nearly all of the turn-down at the longest periods are higher-mass G and K stars; likewise, the shorter P stars are primarily mid to late-M stars. The bimodal distribution of periods seen in Fig. 5 is apparent here too. There are more multi-period low-amplitude sources than single period low-amplitude sources (though several of these are likely pulsators, which explains the low amplitude in those bluest and smallest P cases). On the whole, however, there is no clear distinction in the left panel of Fig. 11 between the distributions of singly and multi-periodic sources.

On the right of Fig. 11, it can be seen that bluer stars (corresponding to $(V - K_s) < 1.3$, blue points in Fig. 7) are generally multiperiodic and have smaller amplitudes, not all of which are likely pulsators. There are several lower amplitude LCs with colors redder than $(V - K_s) \sim 1.3$. This, and the trend towards larger amplitudes at even redder colors ($(V - K_s) > 4.5$), could be an observational bias in that stars need to be ‘bright enough’ for a period to be derivable; fainter stars need larger amplitudes to be seen as periodic, and brighter stars with smaller amplitudes are more easily detected. Note, however, that there is substructure within the right panel of Fig. 11 – there is a ‘clumping’ of the distribution for $1.3 \leq (V - K_s) < 4.5$ (corresponding to the yellow points in Fig. 7) that moves to lower amplitude as the color gets redder. Then, it turns around and moves to larger amplitude as the color gets redder for $(V - K_s) > 4.5$ (the green/red points in Fig. 7). For *both* of these color regimes, the amplitude gets smaller as the period gets longer.

This makes sense in the standard rotation-activity sense, if the spot filling factor (at least for the non-axisymmetrically distributed component) decreases for longer periods.

5.2. Distribution with Color

In the Pleiades, we found a strong correlation between multiple periodicities and $(V - K_s)$ – most of the earlier stars were multiply periodic and nearly all the later stars were singly periodic. The distribution in Praesepe is different than in the Pleiades; see Figure 12. Through most of the sample, the fraction that has multiple periods is roughly constant with color. Clearly the bins for $(V - K_s) \lesssim 1$ and $(V - K_s) \gtrsim 6.5$ are significantly affected by sample completeness.

There is a transition between where multiple periods dominate to where single periods dominate, and it is at $(V - K_s) \sim 1.5$ ($\sim G0$). The Pleiades sample extends to bluer colors, and the transition between where multiple periods dominate to where single periods dominate is at $(V - K_s)_0 \sim 2.6$ (early K).

Inclusion of the likely pulsators in this analysis affects the results, particularly because of the sample differences for $(V - K_s) \lesssim 1$ (see Fig. 9). Dropping the likely pulsators causes the sample fraction of multi-period sources to plummet blueward of $(V - K_s) \sim 1$. However, the multi-period sources still dominate for $1 \lesssim (V - K_s) \lesssim 1.5$.

If latitudinal differential rotation dominates blueward of this $(V - K_s) \sim 1.5$ transition point (which was one of our hypotheses in the Pleiades for the transition point there), then this transition has moved to more massive types by the age of Praesepe. This transition is also essentially where the bluest ‘branch’ turns down in the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram in Fig. 6 above, again suggesting that something physically different happens blueward of this color. Stronger differential rotation is expected for hotter stars (*e.g.*, Kitchatinov & Olemskoy 2012), so this may be the dominant effect. However, identification of a star as multi-period at all may be limited by the number of complete cycles in the K2 campaign, as discussed in Sec. 4.2.

5.3. P vs. $(V - K_s)$

Figure 13 shows where the multi-period stars fall in the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ and K_s vs. $(V - K_s)$ parameter spaces. This figure is in direct analogy to Rebull et al. (2016b), Figure 12; in the Pleiades, most of the early-type stars were multi-periodic, and the later types were nearly all singly periodic, and the multi-periodic later type stars were nearly all photometric binaries.

In Praesepe, the single-period stars are distributed more uniformly throughout the diagram, consistent with Fig. 12. The earlier type stars are dominantly multiply periodic for $(V - K_s) \lesssim 1.5-2$, which is a smaller range than for the Pleiades, again consistent with Fig. 12. It is still true that most of the multi-period stars with $(V - K_s) \gtrsim 3.5-4$ seem to be dominated by photometric binaries, given the position in the K_s vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram. This is consistent with the M stars still rotating as solid bodies at Praesepe age.

The panels in Figure 14 break down where the individual LC classes appear in the K_s and P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagrams; the analogous Pleiades figures in Rebull et al. (2016b) are Figs. 13 and 14.

Beaters and complex peaks were both, in the Pleiades, found to dominate the stars with $(V - K_s) < 3.7$. In Praesepe, the region where they dominate has shifted blueward, to $(V - K_s) \lesssim 2.5-3$, consistent with the discussion associated with Fig. 12 above. In both cases, beaters that are also M stars are more likely to be binaries than single stars, based on position in the CMD. Shape changers dominated in the Pleiades for $1.1 < (V - K_s) < 3.7$, with a significant fraction of the stars in the ‘disorganized region’ (with $3.7 < (V - K_s) < 5$) being in this category. In Praesepe, there are a higher fraction of shape changers, and they dominate the ‘middle branch’ (yellow points in Fig. 7) with $1.3 \leq (V - K_s) < 4.5$. If the shape changers reflect rapid spot evolution and/or differential rotation, this happens more frequently in Praesepe than it does in the Pleiades. Note that the stars that exhibit shape changing behavior in Praesepe are on average rotating much more slowly than in the Pleiades. The longer periods on the slowly rotating branch for $1.3 < (V - K_s) < 4.5$ for Praesepe relative to Pleiades combined with the fixed campaign length for K2 makes it likely that stars will be moved from the resolved close peak category into the shape-changer or moving double-dip category, explaining at least some of the differences in light curve class distributions we see.

The LCs with two distinct periods can be found throughout the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram for both clusters, and, for M stars, tend to be on the brighter side of the cluster distribution in the CMD. For the M stars in particular, these are more likely to be binaries. Resolved distant peaks are distributed throughout the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram, but resolved close peaks tend to cluster in the bluest portion of the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram (and to some extent in the M stars’ fast-rotating clump). Resolved close peaks and bluer colors may be differential rotation and/or spot evolution. (See Sec. 6 below.)

Finally, moving double-dip stars dominate the ‘middle branch’ (yellow points in Fig. 7) of the Praesepe P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram to a much larger extent than in the Pleiades. There are fractionally many more moving double-dip stars in

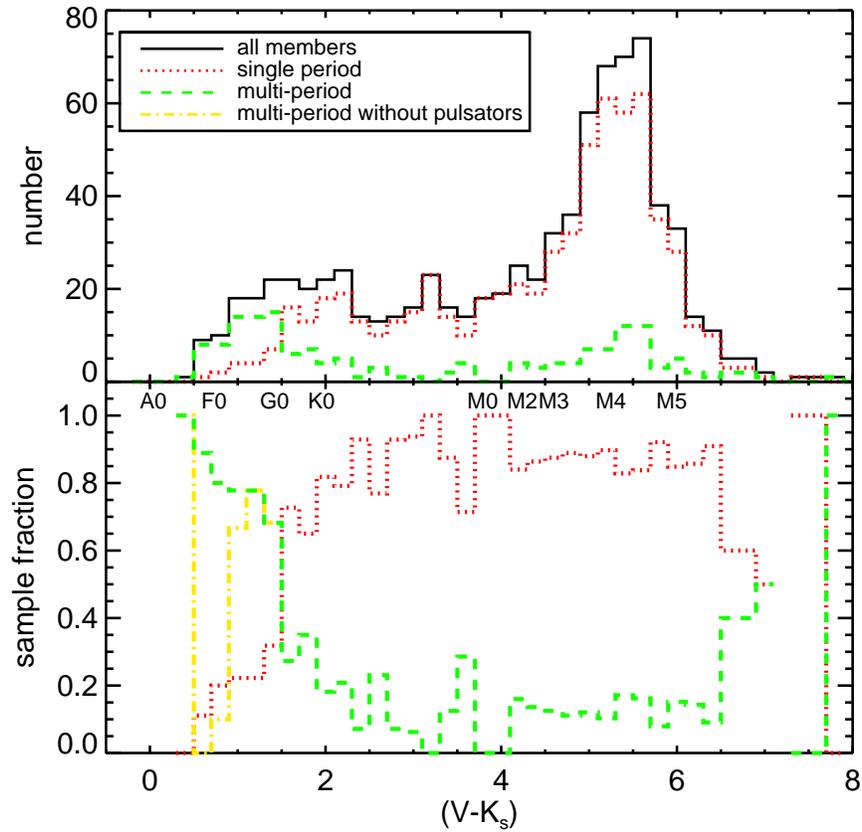


Figure 12. Distribution of $(V - K_s)$ for the ensemble, with the single (red dotted) and multiple (green dashed) populations called out. The top panel is absolute numbers, and the bottom is the sample fraction. (The yellow dash-dot line is the sample fraction that is multi-periodic with the likely pulsators removed.) The transition between where multiple periods dominate is much bluer here ($(V - K_s) \sim 1.5$) than it was in the Pleiades ($(V - K_s) \sim 2.6$), and corresponds roughly to the point where the bluest ‘branch’ turns down in the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram in Fig. 6 above. The fraction of the rest of the sample that has multiple periods is roughly constant with color through the rest of the sample.

Praesepe. There are fractionally far fewer M stars exhibiting any double-dip behavior in Praesepe than in the Pleiades.

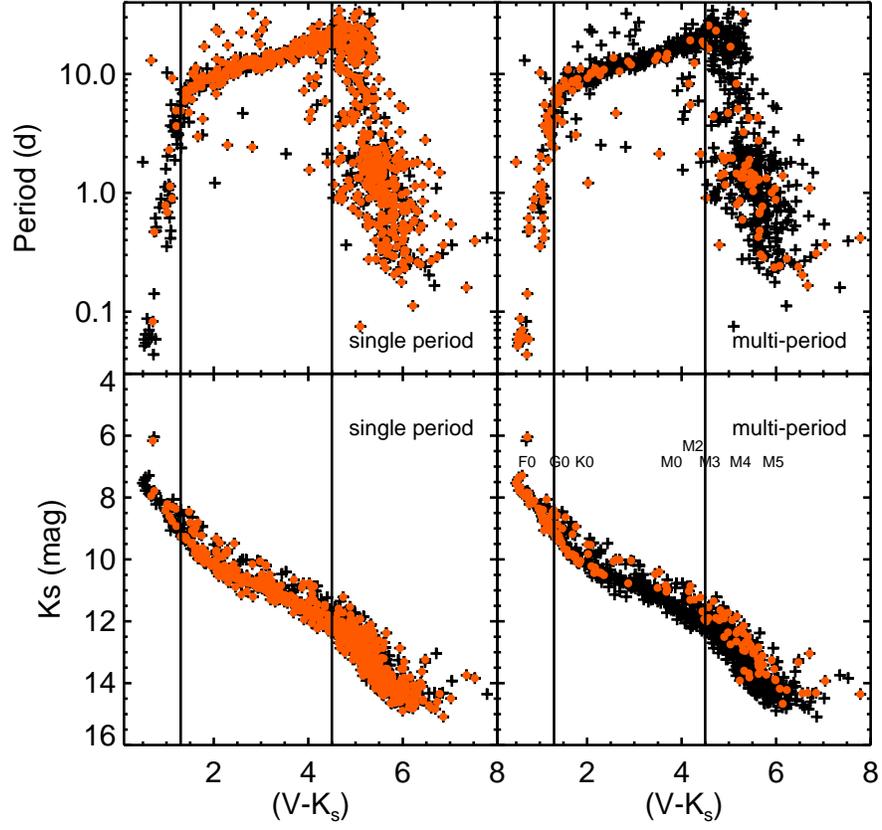


Figure 13. Plot of P vs. $(V - K_s)$ (top row) and K_s vs. $(V - K_s)$ (bottom row) highlighting the single-period (left) and multi-period (right) populations. The vertical lines are at $(V - K_s) = 1.3$ and 4.5 , the divisions from Fig. 7 above, for reference. The multi-period stars dominate for $(V - K_s) \lesssim 1.5 - 2$. The M stars that are multi-period are more likely to be photometric binaries, as in the Pleiades.

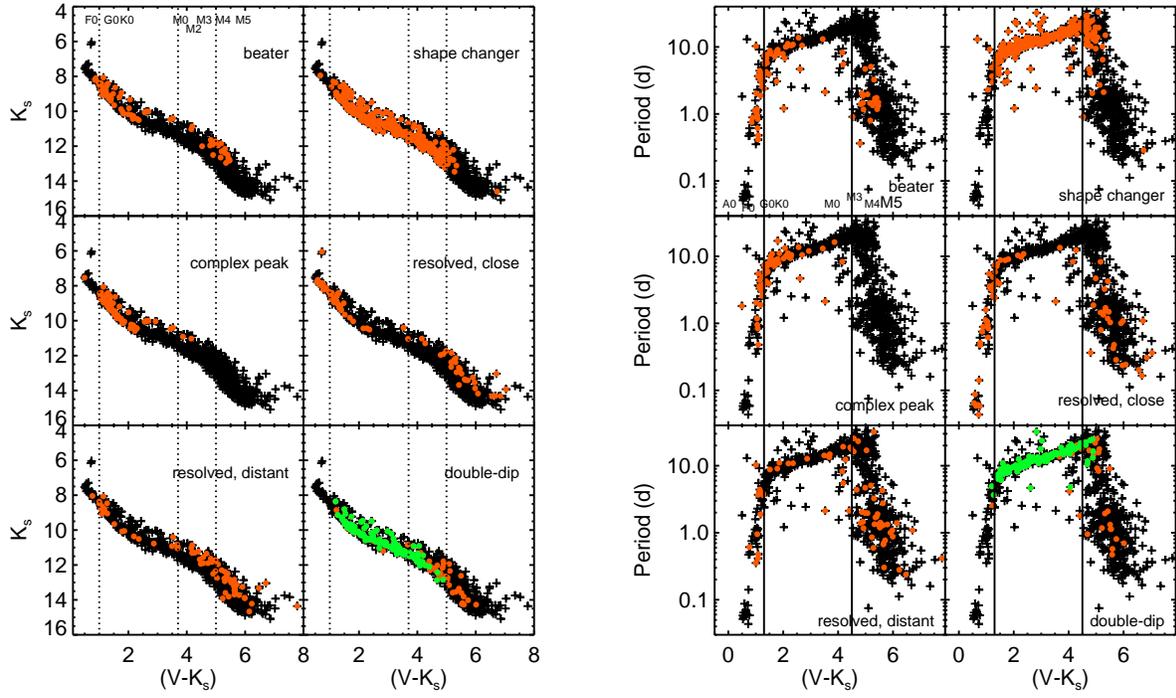


Figure 14. Plot of K_s vs. $(V - K_s)$ (left) and P vs. $(V - K_s)$ (right), highlighting several of the LC categories. Notation (and the location of the dotted vertical lines) is same as Fig. 13, except for the double dip panel, where the moving double-dip stars are green, and the double-dip stars are orange.

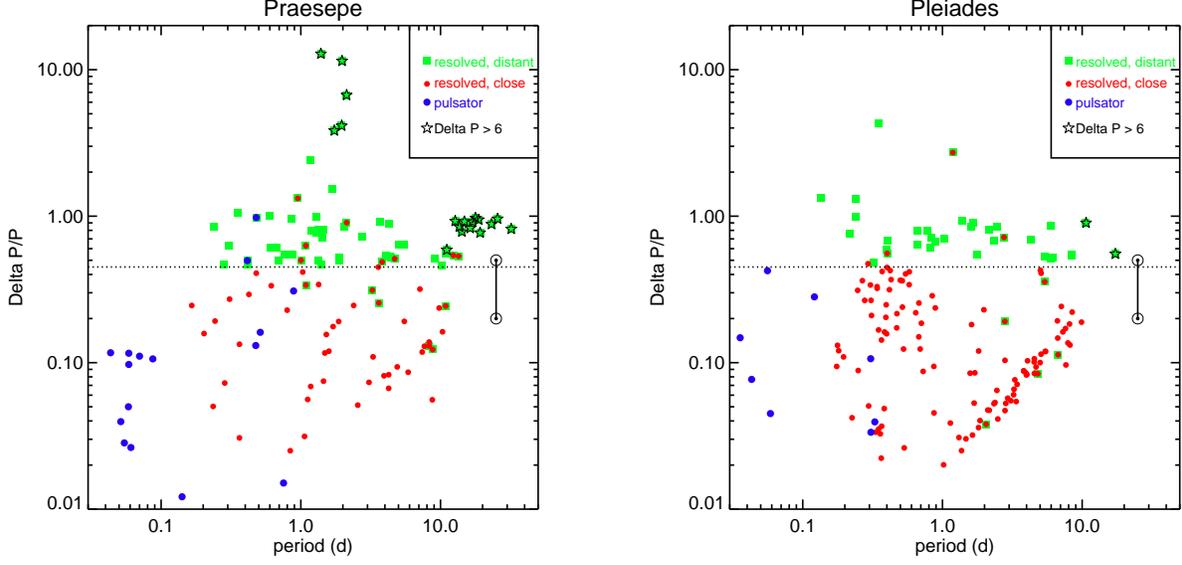


Figure 15. For Praesepe (left) and the Pleiades (right): Plot of $\Delta P/P_1$ vs. P for pulsators (blue dots), resolved distant peaks (green squares), and resolved close peaks (red dots). An additional black star indicates that $|\Delta P| > 6$ d. The range of possible values for the Sun is included for reference (\odot); if one takes as ΔP the range of periods measured where sunspots occur, $\Delta P/P_1 \sim 0.1 - 0.2$, but if one takes the full range of ΔP , equator to pole, $\Delta P/P_1 \sim 0.5$. The dotted line is at $\Delta P/P_1 = 0.45$ and denotes the boundary between close and distant resolved peaks. The Pleiades data originally appeared in Fig. 15 from Rebull et al. (2016b).

6. ΔP DISTRIBUTIONS

Finally, we calculated the $\Delta P/P_1$ metric for stars with resolved multi-period peaks in Praesepe. In the Pleiades work (Rebull et al. 2016b), we took the closest two periods out of those detected, subtracted the smaller from the larger, and divided by the period we take to be the rotation period of the primary star in the system. In this calculation, it could be that the rotation period is not involved in the numerator. We have refined our thinking on this calculation, and now take the closest peak to the P_{rot} , subtract the smaller from the larger, and divide by the P_{rot} . This change ties the $\Delta P/P_1$ metric more closely to the rotation period of the star. Our previous calculation is effectively identical to this calculation for all but 5 stars in the Pleiades multi-period sample, though it affects 15% of the Praesepe stars with at least two periods (which is half of those with at least three periods.)

The plot of this corrected $\Delta P/P_1$ vs. P for Praesepe and the Pleiades is shown in Figure 15. (In both clusters, most of the likely pulsators are in a different region of the diagram than other stars.) The morphology of this diagram in Praesepe is missing two prominent features from the Pleiades version of this figure. In the Pleiades, there was a very obvious linear feature in the lower right. Some of this was a selection effect in that points in the lower right are harder to observe (harder to distinguish periods and thus harder to obtain two periods that can be used to place them in this plot). In Praesepe, the feature is not as obvious. We suspected that in the Pleiades, this feature was a signature of differential rotation in stars primarily located on the slow sequence. As shown in Fig. 13, Praesepe has very few multiperiod stars on the slow sequence, and for the K and M dwarfs on that sequence, nearly all the multiperiod stars appear to be binaries (based on their location in the CMD). As discussed in Sec. 4.2, the relative paucity of resolved close peak and moving double dip stars on the slow sequence in Praesepe (the stars that primarily populate the linear sequence in the Pleiades $\Delta P/P$ vs. P plot) is likely a result of their longer periods – we simply do not have a long enough sequence of data to resolve two periods in the periodogram.

The second prominent feature in Fig. 15 that is present in the Pleiades but absent in Praesepe is a clump of stars near $P \sim 0.4$ and $\Delta P/P_1 \sim 0.3$. Those points are primarily binary M dwarfs. We believe the lack of a well-defined peak of binary M dwarfs in Praesepe is primarily a result of the dependence of angular momentum loss on mass and period. (See Figures 7 and 13.) If the Praesepe M dwarf binaries were drawn from the same parent distribution at Pleiades age, they would have started with very few stars with periods more than 5 days. Figure 7 shows that many of those stars must spin down to periods > 10 days by Praesepe age while others still maintain quite rapid rotation. Therefore, it is natural that the Praesepe M dwarf binaries will have a much larger range in period and a much larger range in $\Delta P/P_1$ than in the Pleiades.

Indeed, Praesepe has many more stars for which there are two very different periods. Those instances where ΔP is greater than 6 days are highlighted in the Figure; they clump in two different locations depending on whether the shorter or the longer period was taken to be the P_{rot} for the primary. (There are only two such points in the Pleiades with $\Delta P > 6$.) None of these Praesepe $\Delta P > 6$ points are particularly outliers in the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram; they are distributed between $1.8 < (V - K_s) < 6.5$ within where the bulk of the distribution is located. The five stars near $P \sim 1$, $\Delta P/P_1 \sim 3$ -20 are in the M star fast rotating sequence, and the remainder are within the top, slowly rotating sequence. They are not particularly clustered in the brighter portion of the cluster sequence in the CMD, so they are not necessarily photometric binaries. However, it is hard to imagine a situation in which latitudinal differential rotation results in a ΔP of 6 days or more from pole to equator, and we suspect these are all binaries. The angular momentum loss mechanism operating in these stars is probably a function of both period and stellar mass. For the stars with $(V - K_s) \gtrsim 4$, these could be examples of systems where one star has spun down and the other has not; the difference in periods in these binaries has significantly increased since the age of the Pleiades. These pairs could perhaps shed light on the mechanism that causes some M stars to rapidly spin down (see, *e.g.*, Newton et al. 2016).

7. CONCLUSIONS

We have presented our analysis of nearly a thousand K2 LCs of Praesepe members, increasing the known Praesepe rotation periods by nearly a factor of four; 809 of the 941 members (86%) with K2 LCs have a measured period from the K2 data. The distribution of P vs. $(V - K_s)$, a proxy for mass, has three different regimes: $(V - K_s) < 1.3$ (\lesssim F8), where the rotation rate rapidly slows as the mass decreases; $1.3 < (V - K_s) < 4.5$ (\sim F8 to \sim M3), where the rotation rate slows more gradually as the mass decreases; $(V - K_s) > 4.5$ (\gtrsim M3), where the rotation rate rapidly increases as the mass decreases. Particularly in this last, primarily M star regime, there is a bimodal distribution of periods, with few between ~ 2 and ~ 10 days. We interpret this to mean that once M stars start to slow down, they do so rapidly; this is likely a predecessor of the bimodal distribution of M star rotation rates found in much older field stars (*e.g.*, Newton et al. 2016, Kado-Fong et al. 2016).

The distribution of P vs. $(V - K_s)$ exhibits significant changes between the Pleiades (~ 125 Myr) and Praesepe (~ 790 Myr). For the late F, G, K, and early M stars, the overall distribution slows considerably compared to the Pleiades, and the higher mass branch (late F and earliest G) steepens significantly. The transition at $(V - K_s) = 1.3$ is the Kraft break. The G and K and early M stars have a more shallow relationship, with the lower masses rotating more slowly. For the mid M stars, the period-color relationship changes relatively little between the Pleiades and Praesepe, though it is steeper in Praesepe than the Pleiades. Overall these late-type stars rotate significantly faster as mass decreases, but there is more than an order of magnitude spread in the rotation rates in Praesepe at any given mass.

We found the same diversity of LC and periodogram classes in Praesepe as we did in the Pleiades. About three-quarters of the periodic member stars in both clusters have only one period; the rest have multiple periods. Praesepe has a higher fraction of LC classes we have interpreted as latitudinal differential rotation and/or spot or spot group evolution, but this may be influenced by the observing window; Pleiades stars rotate faster, so there are more complete cycles observable in the ~ 70 d K2 campaign for the Pleiades stars than for Praesepe stars. Multi-periodic stars dominate the bluest end of the sample; the transition between where multi-periodic stars dominate over single-period stars happens at a bluer color in Praesepe ($(V - K_s) \sim 1.5$) than it does in the Pleiades ($(V - K_s) \sim 2.6$).

M stars in both clusters that have multiple periods are likely to be binaries. In Praesepe, there are many more LCs that have two widely separated periods, $\Delta P > 6$ days. Some of these could be examples of systems where one M star has spun down but the other has not.

K2 continues to revolutionize the study of rotation in young and intermediate age open clusters.

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APPENDIX

A. TWO CLOSE STARS

Out of the 984 LCs, only one pair of stars for which a K2 LC was requested were within $4''$ of each other (within a Kepler pixel). EPIC 211934148 is at 08:43:07.40 +19:14:15.4, and as such, is matched to JS519; EPIC 211934221 is at 08:43:07.44 +19:14:19.2, $3.88''$ away, and as such is matched to UGCSJ084307.42+191419.2. The two stars are of similar brightness in the POSS images, but the latter is slightly fainter.

Both of these stars are clearly M stars. There are two obvious, effectively identical periods in each of the (very similar) light curves. The one from the brighter star (211934148) is about double the counts than the one from the fainter star (211934221). We suspect that each star is contributing one periodic signal. However, it is less clear which period belongs to which star.

The two periods derived from the joint light curves are very different from each other. A period of 2.954 d is recovered cleanly in both LCs. The other period, at ~ 23 -24 d, is less reliably recovered, presumably because there are fewer complete cycles in the K2 campaign. The longer period derived from the light curves is 23.293 and 24.421, respectively (with the slightly longer period originating in the LC with fewer counts). Following the same approach as with the rest of the light curves, there is more power in the ~ 23 -24 d peaks, so that period was assigned as P_1 , the likely rotation period for both EPIC numbers, with the other period assigned to P_2 . However, since these are well-separated peaks, these two LCs were both identified as coming from likely binaries.

Given our initial data amalgamations above (Sec. 2.5.3), we have $K_s=12.222$ and 12.618 mag, and no V . Our estimates of $(V - K_s)$ (see Sec. 2.5.5) are very different for our URAT and Gaia approaches. Gaia measures $G=15.601$ and 16.422 for the two stars, and the $(V - K_s)$ we thus derive are 4.479 and 5.272. Via the URAT approach, we obtain f magnitudes of 15.05 and 15.53; this is at least consistent with the POSS images that suggest the two stars are very close in brightness. This results in $(V - K_s)$ of 4.017 and 4.158. We looked via Vizier to find additional direct measurements of V for these stars. NOMAD reports $V=16.12$ and 17.160 , respectively, which would result in $(V - K_s)=3.898$ and 4.542 mag.

Having no abundantly clear answer with respect to what the $(V - K_s)$ should be for each of these stars, we sought input from the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ plot; see Fig. A1. If these stars are ‘typical’ Praesepe members, they should not be outliers. Following the same approach as with the rest of the sample, these stars would both appear within the ensemble, even if both use the ~ 24 d period. Taking the shorter period and tying it to the redder (fainter) source, it too is within the distribution at that location, though it is *just* above the denser population of M stars. The shorter period does not appear to be appropriate for the brighter (bluer) star; it is an outlier at that location at any $(V - K_s)$. Using the URAT $(V - K_s)$ estimates results in the most discrepant points; both stars would be outliers in those cases. Using the NOMAD V , the points move slightly right (redder) but are still not necessarily ‘within the pack’ of the rest

of the stars.

We suspect that the Gaia-based ($V - K_s$) estimates are the best we are going to have at this time. We have retained those, and assigned the ~ 24 d period to the bluer star (EPIC 211934148/JS519) and the ~ 3 d period to the redder star (EPIC 211934221=UGCSJ084307.42+191419.2).

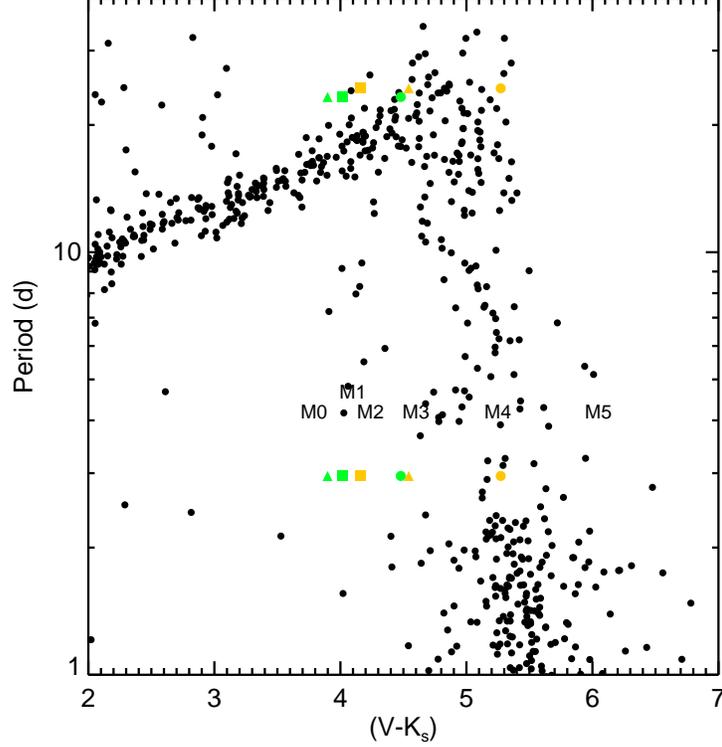


Figure A1. Zoom-in on the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ parameter space for the region in which EPIC 211934148/JS519 (green symbols) and EPIC 211934221/UGCSJ084307.42+191419.2 (orange symbols) appear. (Black dots are the rest of the sample.) Approximate M spectral types are indicated as a function of $(V - K_s)$ near the middle of the plot (in a relatively sparsely populated region). As described in the text, both periods appear in both light curves, one near 3 days and one near 24 days. Colored circles are using the $(V - K_s)$ derived via Gaia magnitudes, triangles are using the $(V - K_s)$ derived via URAT magnitudes, and squares are using the NOMAD-reported V measurements (and 2MASS K_s) to obtain $(V - K_s)$. We have retained the Gaia-based $(V - K_s)$ estimates (circles) and assigned the ~ 24 d period to the bluer star (EPIC 211934148/JS519, green circle) and the ~ 3 d period to the redder star (EPIC 211934221=UGCSJ084307.42+191419.2, orange circle).

B. BINARIES

There is limited information in the literature on binaries in Praesepe. Here we collect what information we have. Figure B2 has a color-magnitude diagram and a P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram of these binaries. We now discuss eclipsing binaries (EBs) and binaries from the literature.

B.1. Eclipsing Binaries

Table B1. Likely Eclipsing Binaries or Planets

EPIC	Other Name	Coord (J2000)	Notes
212009427	AD1508	083129.87+202437.5	sinsuoidal P with dips superimposed; to appear in Gillen et al. 2017 in prep
211916756	JS183	083727.05+185836.0	Also Obermeier et al. 2016; Mann et al. 2016b; Libralato et al. 2016; Pepper et al. 2017

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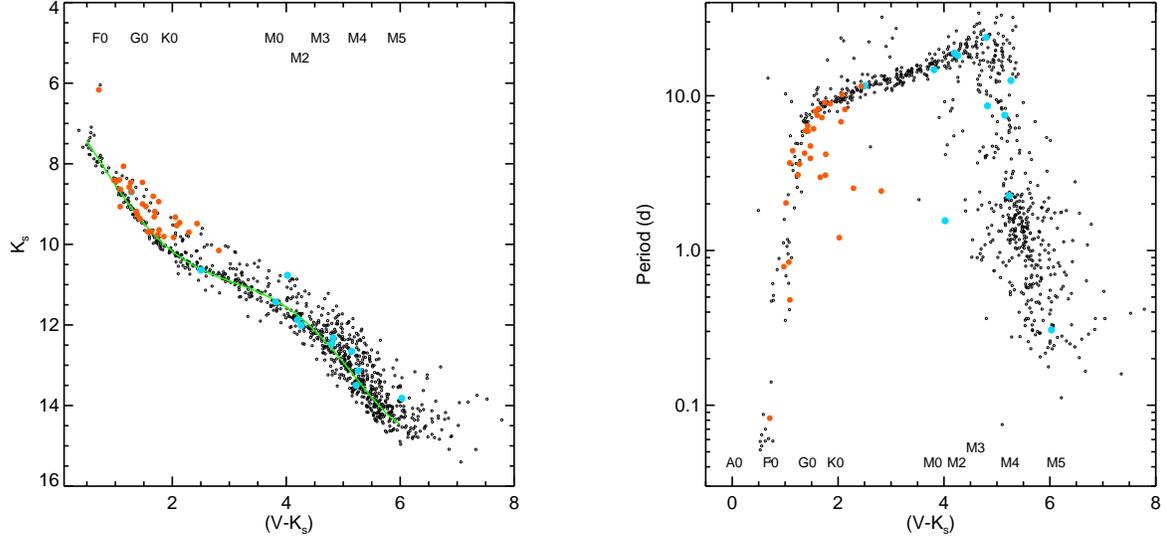


Figure B2. Optical CMD (K_s vs. $(V - K_s)$), left, and P vs. $(V - K_s)$, right, for the ensemble (small dots), those stars with EBs or planets (orange dots), and those stars that are literature binaries but for which we still have a rotation period (blue dots). Non-members have already been omitted. Many of the fast-rotating G and K outliers in the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ plot are known, tidally locked binaries.

Table B1 (*continued*)

EPIC	Other Name	Coord (J2000)	Notes
211969807	JC126	083832.82+194625.7	Also Mann et al. 2016b; Libralato et al. 2016; Pope et al. 2016
212002525	UGCSJ083942.02+201745.0	083942.03+201745.0	to appear in Gillen et al. 2017 in prep
211918335	KW244=TXCnc	084001.70+185959.4	W Uma type (Whelan et al. 1973)
211970147	JC193	084013.45+194643.7	Also Mann et al. 2016b
211901114	JS441	084135.69+184435.0	Possible non-member
211822797	HSHJ385	084138.48+173824.0	Possible non-member, very shallow
211946007	HSHJ430	084239.43+192451.9	to appear in Gillen et al. 2017 in prep
211922849	JS550	084344.73+190358.5	grazing system
211919680	HSHJ474	084403.90+190112.8	transit signal may be from an unassociated projected background object
211972086	AD3814	085049.84+194836.4	to appear in Gillen et al. 2017 in prep

There are 12 objects that we identified in the process of light curve inspection as candidate eclipsing binaries (or planet candidates) in this dataset. When we report a period here for these objects, we believe that the P we report and use in our analysis is a rotation period. All of the EBs are listed in Table B1.

We note explicitly here that one object is a known W Uma type EB according to Whelan et al. (1973): EPIC 211918335/KW244=TX Cnc. Kovács et al. (2014) also report this as an EB. For this LC, we do not include our 0.191446 d period in our analysis of rotation periods.

B.2. Literature Binaries

Mermilliod et al. (2009, 1999) includes stars in Praesepe that were monitored for spectral binarity (radial velocity variations) over ~ 20 years. Kovács et al. (2014) also reports photometric periods they attribute to binary components. Barrado et al. (1998) identified spectral binaries from single-epoch observations. Table B2 includes a comparison of the periods derived here to those derived for the binaries in these papers. Many of the periods given in the literature are $\gg 35$ d, so there is no way that we could have obtained that period from these data. For cases where the reported literature periods are both close (and $\lesssim 35$ d), more often than not, we do not recover both periods. It could be that one of the two stars does not have spots, or organized enough spots, to create a detectable signal.

Table B2. Binaries in the Literature

EPIC	Other Name	Coord (J2000)	Period(s) (here, d)	Period(s) ^a (literature, d)	Notes
Kovács et al. (2014)					
211935509 ^c	KW539=S4	083648.96+191526.4	7.475	3.72481,5551	HAT-269-0001402; our P_{rot} is twice theirs, and we believe ours to be correct
211977390 ^b	KW55=S27	083749.95+195328.8	6.789	7.13827,0.838434	HAT-269-0001352; our peak is broad and the waveform has changes over the campaign; both 6.8 and 7.1 may be consistent; no peak at 0.8d; also fast outlier in P vs. ($V - K_s$) diagram
211949097 ^c	BD+19d2061	083924.97+192733.6	3.940, 4.261	4.14405,1.41563	HAT-269-0000761; our peak is broad and both of our periods are probably consistent with theirs; no peak at 1.4d
211950081 ^c	KW184	083928.58+192825.1	10.175	10.4866,4.52284	HAT-269-0001490; well-matched P_{rot} ; no peak at 4.5d
211918335 ^d	KW244=TXCnc	084001.70+185959.4	(0.1914)	0.1915	HAT-269-000058; WUma EB (Whelan et al.1973); also listed in EBs table
211933215 ^c	S137	084041.90+191325.4	6.112	3.11867,897	HAT-269-0000850; our peak is correct for our data
211972627 ^c	KW368=S155	084110.30+194907.0	9.054	9.00657,8.50340	HAT-269-0001570; our waveform undergoes many changes over the campaign, but we do not have two distinct peaks at 9.0 and 8.5d
211935518 ^c	KW434=S184	084154.36+191526.7	4.184	4.13291,0.951565	HAT-269-0001333; well-matched to P_{rot} ; we do not find a 0.95d peak; also fast outlier in P vs. ($V - K_s$) diagram
211947631	BD+19d2087	084305.93+192615.2	4.736	4.65095,7.71605	HAT-269-0000465; well-matched P_{rot} ; no peak at 7.7d
211969494 ^c	S213	084320.19+194608.5	6.382	6.18544,648	HAT-269-0000913; well-matched P_{rot}
211896596	JS655=FVCnc	084801.74+184037.6	2.976	2.92535,1.01926	HAT-318-0000612; well-matched P_{rot} ; we do not find a 1.02d peak; also appears Mermilliod et al. (1990) with $P=2.98\text{d}$; also fast outlier in P vs. ($V - K_s$) diagram
Mermilliod et al. (2009)					
211958646	HD73081	083702.02+193617.2	4.413, 2.093	45.97	longer than we can detect
211971690	S12	083711.48+194813.2	8.242	5.86628	our waveform undergoes many changes over the campaign, but no peak is apparent at $\sim 6\text{d}$
211929178	KW34=BD+19d2050	083728.19+190944.3	0.840, 0.819	7383	longer than we can detect
211959522	S16	083727.54+193703.1	8.873	144	longer than we can detect
211955820	BD+20d2130	083727.94+193345.1	3.618, 6.605, 2.572, 2.694	47.44	longer than we can detect
211947686	S25	083746.61+192618.0	5.933	458	longer than we can detect
211936163	HD73210	083746.76+191601.9	0.082	35.90	we should have seen a $\sim 36\text{d}$ period, but none are apparent
211977390 ^b	KW55=S27	083749.95+195328.8	6.789	1268	longer than we can detect
211983461	KW58=S29	083752.09+195913.9	7.933	5567	longer than we can detect
211942703	S38	083814.26+192155.4	7.225, 9.554, 6.369	117	longer than we can detect
211990866	KW100=S42	083824.29+200621.8	4.255, 4.604, 3.971	4.92946	comparable to measured periods, but it is unclear whether these are P_{rot} or P_{orb} .

^a The period given from Mermilliod et al. (2009) is P_{orb} . The two periods given from Kovács et al. (2014) are in the order P_{rot} , P_{orb} .

^b The same star appears explicitly in Kovács et al. (2014) and Mermilliod et al. (2009), as well as Mermilliod et al. (1999) and Barrado et al. (1998).

^c Also appears in Mermilliod et al. (1999).

^d Also appears in Barrado et al. (1998).

Table B3. Binaries in the Literature CONTINUED

EPIC	Other Name	Coord (J2000)	Period(s) (here, d)	Period(s) ^a (literature, d)	Notes
Mermilliod et al. (1999)					
212034371	JS102 6	083556.94+204934.7	1.21051	...	listed as binary; also fast outlier in P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram
212001830	S11	083711.66+201704.9	...	1149.5	P_{orb} very much longer than we can detect. Noisy and not detected as periodic
211927313	KW47=BD+19d2052	083742.36+190801.5	3.077, 3.303, 3.626	34.619	P_{orb} comparable to our max P but this is not detected
211988454	KW127=S51	083850.00+200403.4	5.909, 8.514	13.2803	The waveform is very complicated, with more than one period and dense power spectra; 13.3d isn't recovered, but could be embedded in the signal
211898181	KW547	084037.88+184200.4	2.524	...	listed as SB1; also fast outlier in P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram
211975006 ^d	KW367=BD+19d2077	084109.60+195118.6	3.0675	1659.	Sinusoidal signal at 3.0675d very strong; also fast outlier in P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram
211912407	KW439=HD73994	084157.81+185442.2	2.0297, 2.102	457.8	longer than we can detect; noisy
211989010	BD+20d2198	084407.33+200436.9	3.682,7.03816	40.6649	longer than we can detect but no hint of structure on ~ 40 d
Barrado et al. (1998)					
211958646	HD73081	083702.02+193617.2	4.4134,2.093	...	listed as SB
211991571	KW146=HD73429	083905.23+200701.8	0.7856	...	listed as SB
211956096	KW236	083959.82+193400.2	11.509	...	listed as SB
212003469	KW297	084028.63+201844.8	8.1555	...	listed as SB
211909748	KW401	084130.70+185218.7	2.422	...	listed as SB; also fast outlier in P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram
211956984	BD+20d2193	084244.41+193447.8	0.4794,0.9488, 0.9937	...	listed as SB
211947631	BD+19d2087	084305.93+192615.2	4.7357	...	listed as SB

^a The period given from Mermilliod et al. (2009) is P_{orb} . The two periods given from Kovács et al. (2014) are in the order $P_{\text{rot}}, P_{\text{orb}}$.

^b The same star appears explicitly in Kovács et al. (2014) and Mermilliod et al. (2009), as well as Mermilliod et al. (1999).

^c Also appears in Mermilliod et al. (1999).

^d Also appears in Barrado et al. (1998).

C. TIMESCALES

As for the Pleiades, we identified some objects in Praesepe that have a repeated pattern, but that we do not think are necessarily due to spot-modulated rotation periods; see Figure C3 for four examples. We describe these as ‘timescales’; these objects are listed in Table E6. They do not have a preferential color range; see Fig. C4 (left). They do, however, tend to have longer periods; see Fig. C4 (right).

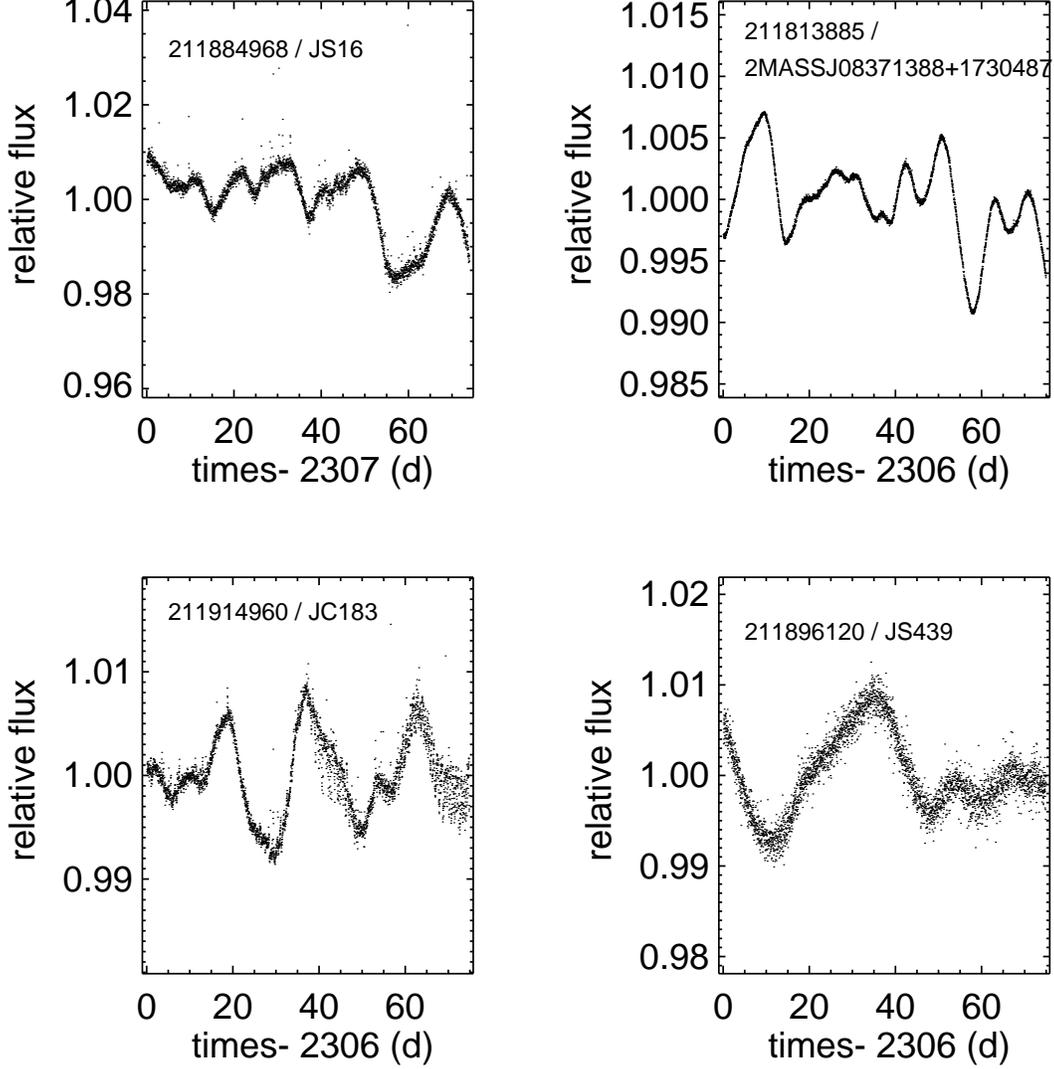


Figure C3. Examples of timescales. Upper left: 211884968/JS16, upper right: 211813885/2MASSJ08371388+1730487, lower left: 211914960/JC183, lower right: 211896120/JS439. These stars have repeated patterns that change considerably with each rotation, so we conclude that they may or may not be rotation periods, and have omitted these periods from the set of rotation periods.

D. LIKELY PULSATORS

There are 18 stars that we suspect are pulsators; that is, their power spectra have a ‘forest’ of short-period peaks (see Sec. 4 and Rebull et al. 2016b). One of these 18 is one of the stars that is too bright for our final best sample. All of these pulsators are listed in Table D5. Most of them are bright ($K_s \lesssim 8.5$), and blue ($(V - K_s) \lesssim 1.1$). There are some stars that are comparably bright and blue, but that do not have a comparable power spectrum; if we derived single periods for them, we retained that period as the rotation period.

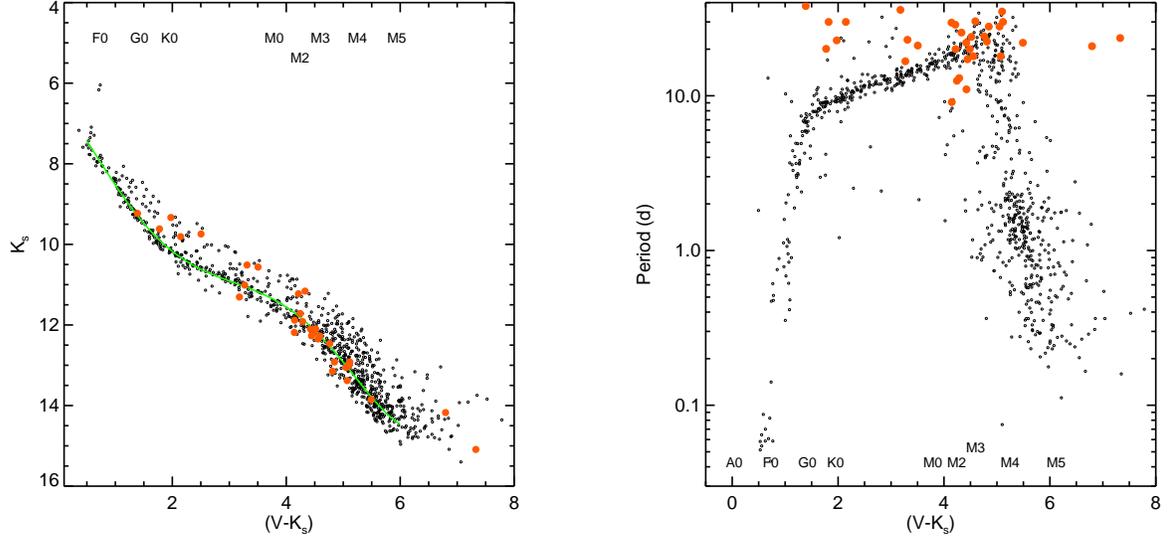


Figure C4. Optical CMD (K_s vs. $(V - K_s)$), left, and P vs. $(V - K_s)$, right, for the ensemble (small dots), and for stars we identify as having timescales. Non-members are included in these plots because many of the timescale sources are NM. For these timescales, it is not clear if these signatures come from rotationally-modulated spots or not. These objects are plotted on the right as if their timescales were periods. Most are long period outliers.

E. NON-MEMBERS

We identified stars that we took to not be members of Praesepe (see Sec. 2.5.4, with modifications as per the outliers discussion in Sec. 3.3 and App. G). Table E6 lists these stars. They appear in a color-magnitude diagram and a P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram in Fig. E5. In general, they are not as well clustered along the main sequence in Praesepe as the members. If they are periodic, these stars generally are outliers in the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram, consistent with being non-members.

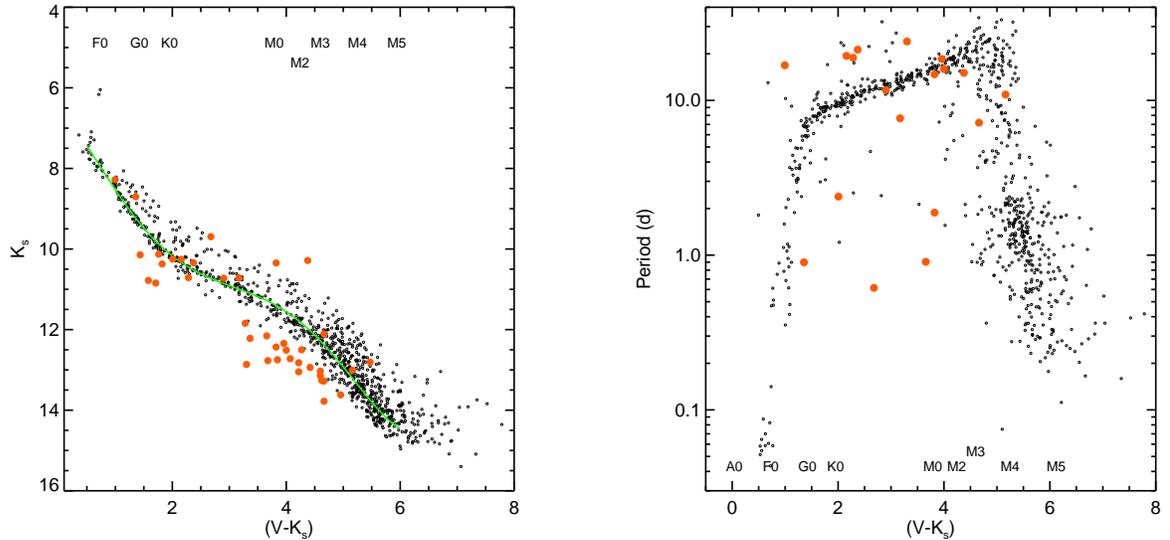


Figure E5. Optical CMD (K_s vs. $(V - K_s)$), left, and P vs. $(V - K_s)$, right, for the ensemble (small dots), and for stars we identify as non-members. Some do not have identifiable periods, and thus cannot appear on the right. Most are outliers in both diagrams.

Table C4. Timescales

EPIC	RA, Dec (J2000)	Other name	Timescale (d)
211985684	082409.33+200124.9	2MASSJ08240933+2001249	~30
211995609	082635.20+201056.6	2MASSJ08263520+2010567	~22
211935588	082820.20+191530.7	2MASSJ08282020+1915307	25.6
212025207	082944.41+204023.1	AD1268=TYC1391-40-1	~13
212173061	083008.81+233336.4	2MASSJ08300882+2333365	~24
211787610	083055.77+170822.6	2MASSJ08305580+1708223	~18
211852745	083147.19+180322.4	2MASSJ08314719+1803225	~23
211981509	083239.47+195722.2	JC10	28.8
211884968	083253.10+183029.3	JS16	~22
211993704	083550.36+200904.5	JS98	29.7
211975682	083627.12+195154.6	JS132=JC63	~20.1
211813885	083713.83+173048.7	2MASSJ08371388+1730487	~20
211897713	083729.40+184135.5	2MASSJ08372941+1841355	28.00
211795569	083813.64+171515.7	2MASSJ08381365+1715158	~24.2
211776073	083824.86+165836.3	AD2396=2MASSJ08382489+1658360	22.8
211744621	083848.16+163155.9	...	9.7
212030517	083903.86+204547.6	JS264	~30
212005623	083906.87+202054.2	JS270=2MASSJ08390688+2020542	~20
212103507	083921.31+220520.7	HSHJ259	~38
211935711	083936.43+191537.8	JS302=JC166	~18
211950716	083941.66+192900.4	HSHJ283	~11
211914960	084002.22+185656.9	JC183	22.4
211968228	084013.78+194455.9	JC194	20.9
212112321	084111.62+221551.7	HSHJ350	~35
211896120	084132.35+184010.7	JS439	30.3
211812292	084135.58+172927.1	...	35.9
212005503	084151.91+202047.8	JS459=2MASSJ08415192+2020479	21.1
212108286	084207.85+221105.1	2MASSJ08420785+2211051	~28
211886612	084312.92+183150.9	JS525	17.2
211983811	084332.62+195933.0	HSHJ458=2MASSJ08433262+1959330	~30
211939484	084552.80+191900.6	2MASSJ08455280+1919006	16.7

F. BRIGHT GIANTS

The two stars with $K_s > 6$ are EPIC 211984704/39 Cnc=HD 73665 and EPIC 211976270/HD 73974. These were discarded from our sample as too bright, but we note some characteristics of their LCs here.

The star for which we do not determine a periodic signal using these reduced LCs is EPIC 211976270/HD 73974; it is a giant (K0III; Yang et al. 2015). It is very bright, and the artifacts in the light curve reductions we have reflect that. The dominant structure in all the LC versions seems to be the 0.245 day thruster firings.

We find a period in the other star, which is EPIC 211984704/39 Cnc=HD 73665. It is also a giant (G8III; Yang et al. 2015). We determine only one period, 1.2411 d. While this object is also very bright, there seems to be a readily apparent ~ 1 d oscillation even in the raw LC versions, which is why we retained this period. The phased LC has a lot of scatter in any of the LC versions, admittedly, but there is a peak near 1.24 d that persists across LC versions. But, what does that periodicity represent?

There are 4 giants in Praesepe, but there are only 2 K2 LCs. The other two giants are HD73598 (K0III) and HD73710 (G9III). Pasquini et al. (2000) provide $v \sin i$ values for two of them, and give an average $v \sin i$ for all four, and they are between 1 and 3 km s⁻¹, comparable to field red giants. Choi et al. (1995) used long duration monitoring of Calcium HK emission to find rotation periods for three of them. (HD 73598 has $P \sim 159$ d; HD73974 has $P \sim 112$ d; HD73710 has $P \sim 155$ d.) All of those are more or less consistent with the $v \sin i$ values. So, the 1.2 d period we see in the K2 LC cannot be the rotation period.

An estimate of the max power in the oscillations for stars is (Brown 1991) $\nu_{\max}/\nu_{\max,\odot} \sim (M/M_{\odot} \times (T_{\text{eff}}/T_{\text{eff},\odot})^{3.5} \times$

Table D5. Likely Pulsators

EPIC	Other Name	Coord (J2000)	$(V - K_s)$ (mag)	Periods (d)	Notes
211953002	BR Cnc=HD 73175	083740.70+193106.3	0.588	0.0872, 0.1219, 0.0965	F0; δ Scuti (<i>e.g.</i> , Breger 1970)
211983602	CY Cnc=HD 73345	083837.86+195923.1	0.530	0.051, 0.058, 0.053, 0.067	F0V; δ Scuti (<i>e.g.</i> , Hauck 1971)
211951863	HD 73397	083846.95+193003.3	0.779	0.5125, 0.5950, 0.6150, 0.7568	F4
211957791	BS Cnc= HD 73450	083909.09+193532.7	0.625	0.0587, 0.0644	A9; δ Scuti (<i>e.g.</i> , Breger 1970, Breger et al. 2012)
211994121	HD 73616	083958.37+200929.6	0.884	0.8876, 0.2713, 0.5718, 0.6137	F2
211984704	39 Cnc=HD 73665	084006.41+200028.0	2.219	1.2411	G8III (dropped as too bright)
211941583	HD 73712	084020.13+192056.4	0.735	0.1413, 0.4815, 0.1179, 0.1395	Spectroscopic binary; A9V
211931309	BV Cnc=HD 73746	084032.96+191139.5	0.686	0.0608, 0.0637, 0.0494, 0.0624	F0; δ Scuti (<i>e.g.</i> , Hauck 1971)
211973314	HD 73854	084110.67+194946.5	0.850	0.7522, 0.6970, 0.7937, 0.7409	F5
211979345	HD 73872	084113.76+195519.1	0.556	0.0644, 0.0437, 0.0771, 0.0649	A5; δ Scuti (<i>e.g.</i> , Breger et al. 2012)
211935741	HI Cnc=HD 73890	084118.40+191539.4	0.627	0.070, 0.078, 0.089, 0.059	A7V; δ Scuti (<i>e.g.</i> , Hauck 1971)
211945791	BX Cnc=HD 74028	084206.49+192440.4	0.529	0.058, 0.126, 0.136, 0.055	A7V; δ Scuti (<i>e.g.</i> , Breger 1970)
211914004	BY Cnc=HD 74050	084210.80+185603.7	0.557	0.055, 0.053, 0.047, 0.052	A7V; δ Scuti (<i>e.g.</i> , Breger 1970)
211954593	BD+20d2192	084240.71+193235.4	1.081	0.4142, 0.6202, 1.2397, 1.2719	F2III
211956984	BD+20d2193	084244.41+193447.8	1.089	0.4794, 0.9488, 0.9937	F6
212033939	HD 74135	084253.07+204909.1	0.777	0.4757, 0.3128, 0.4135, 0.2734	A9III
211909987	HD 74589	084520.53+185231.3	0.724	0.0434, 0.0486, 0.0552, 0.0535	F0
212008515	HD 74587	084528.25+202343.5	0.767	0.0587, 0.0513, 0.0519, 0.0801	A5; δ Scuti in SIMBAD and Kovács et al. (2014) but unclear if identified as δ Scuti prior to Kovács et al. (2014)

$(L/L_\odot)^{-1}$. For the Sun, $\nu_{\max,\odot}$ is about 3100 μHz (which converts to about 5 minutes for a period). Assuming that the T_{eff} for the giants in Praesepe is about 4800 K, and taking their luminosity to be $\sim 60 L_\odot$, and their masses as $\sim 2.5 M_\odot$, the max oscillation power for a Praesepe giant should be at about 4 hours. So, the 1.2 d period from the K2 light curve is also not likely to be pulsation.

The star is saturated in the K2 thumbnail, but in general that should result in no derived period, or a period at 0.245 d (or a multiple of that), reflecting the thruster firings (as for the other giant with a K2 LC), not a 1.2 d period. We are not sure if this 1.2 d period is real, nor how to interpret it.

G. OUTLIERS IN THE P VS. $(V - K_s)$ PLOT: DETAILED NOTES

Section 3.3 above highlights some of the outliers in the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ plot, focusing on both the objects rotating too quickly for their color and those that are going too slowly. Here we focus on individual objects that were covered more broadly above. Fig. G6 includes an optical CMD and the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ plot with these objects highlighted; they are listed in Tables G7 and G8.

For the fast rotating stars, we checked the veracity of their colors and periods, and all of them seemed consistent with the observations. Among the fast rotating K stars, many of them are known short-period binaries, and we infer that the rest of them are probably binaries as well. Three of the ones with published orbital periods of less than 4 days are 211896596/JS655=FV Cnc, 211975006/KW 367, and 211935518/KW 434=S184 (Mermilliod & Mayor 1999; Mermilliod et al. 1990). One more (211909748/KW401) is a known SB with a large radial velocity amplitude (Barrado et al. 1998), and another is simply listed as an SB in Mermilliod & Mayor (1999). Note that there is little literature binary monitoring work done for $(V - K_s) > 3$.

For the slowly rotating stars, we also checked colors and periods. The assessment of their periods is more difficult than other shorter-period stars, as described in Sec. 3.3 above. Stars particularly subject to this are noted as such in Table G8.

Most of the slow outliers with $1.7 < (V - K_s) < 3.4$ and $P > 15$ are relatively anonymous stars, with only a few references in SIMBAD. Particularly for the few slowly rotating stars that are photometric binaries in Fig. G6, tidal synchronization in a short-period binary system may be a good explanation for the slow rotation. In most cases, they are listed as candidate members in only one or two Praesepe proper motion membership studies. Only one of them

Table E6. Non-Members

EPIC	RA, Dec (J2000)	Other name	$(V - K_s)$ (mag)	Period(s) (d)	Notes
212158768	083012.13+231336.9	2MASSJ08301213+2313370	2.158	31.220	New spectrum has RV inconsistent with membership; also too slow for this color
211897926	083150.92+184147.1	2MASSJ08315092+1841470	2.282	24.521	New spectrum has RV inconsistent with membership; also too slow for this color
211981509	083239.47+195722.2	JC10	1.821	...	...
211803269	083300.85+172146.6	...	1.709	...	...
211933061	083316.38+191317.3	JS666	4.269	...	...
211885783	083334.80+183108.9	2MASSJ08333480+1831089	3.279	...	...
211993704	083550.36+200904.5	JS98	4.419	...	...
212033649	083608.34+204852.8	...	4.663	...	...
212099156	083626.89+220016.8	2MASSJ08362690+2200168	3.845	...	...
211955417	083649.56+193322.8	JC75	4.376	12.019, 5.637, 1.235	...
211801256	083701.08+172005.1	2MASSJ08370108+1720051	4.597	...	...
211930233	083703.45+191041.1	JC85	2.902	18.941	New spectrum has RV inconsistent with membership; also too slow for this color
211833885	083707.22+174748.8	2MASSJ08370722+1747487	3.676	...	...
212021664	083713.33+203653.6	JS170	3.957	22.048	also too slow for this color
212072324	083816.83+212953.7	JS223	4.069	...	...
211834700	083844.47+174829.4	ANM690	1.436	...	...
211990313	084028.47+200551.2	JS363	4.598	...	...
212066519	084030.72+212333.1	2MASSJ08403072+2123331	4.624	...	...
212072257	084048.52+212949.5	2MASSJ08404852+2129495	3.365	...	...
211984180	084053.83+195956.0	JS392	4.662	23.994, 1.863	also too slow for this color
211988382	084058.92+200359.2	JS399	4.000	25.393	also too slow for this color
211954582	084113.18+193234.9	JC243	3.823	3.191	also too fast for this color
212005583	084113.73+202051.7	JS417	3.301	21.610	also too slow for this color
212094510	084120.89+215454.0	2MASSJ08412090+2154540	3.821	30.708	also too slow for this color
212112522	084128.93+221605.3	...	1.355	16.018, 5.011	also too slow for this color
211812292	084135.58+172927.1	...	4.218	...	...
212084898	084136.38+214353.8	JS732	1.580	...	...
211784450	084155.14+170540.8	ANM1065	2.676	10.992,13.714	...
211995547	084221.63+201053.1	...	0.994	0.591	...
212137243	084221.95+224552.2	2MASSJ08422195+2245521	3.657	8.950	also too fast for this color
211931928	084303.65+191215.9	JS739	5.473	...	...
212112578	084338.80+221609.1	KW529	2.007	8.878	...
212029850	084430.66+204505.0	SDSSJ084430.65+204504.7	5.162	0.213, 0.227	also too fast for this color
212011328	084501.06+202631.9	JS585	1.761	...	...
212069325	084811.53+212635.0	...	...	...	...
212120476	084850.34+222531.9	HSHJ506	3.171	17.097	New spectrum has RV inconsistent with membership; also too slow for this color
211921444	084852.61+190247.0	2MASSJ08485261+1902470	4.219	...	...
211905939	085001.55+184852.6	2MASSJ08500156+1848526	4.955	...	...
211939409	085125.81+191856.3	...	...	...	...
211935447	085528.96+191523.3	2MASSJ08552896+1915234	4.657	...	...
211875602	090222.36+182223.8	2MASSJ09022236+1822238	2.371	15.490	New spectrum has RV inconsistent with membership; also too slow for this color

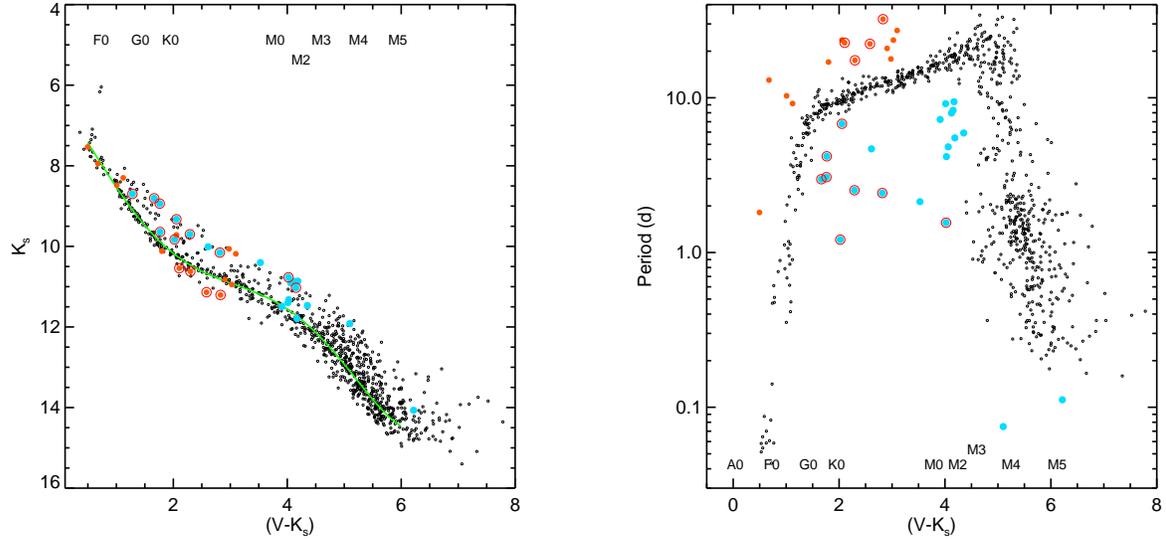


Figure G6. Optical CMD (K_s vs. $(V - K_s)$), left, and P vs. $(V - K_s)$, right, for the ensemble (small dots), and for stars we identify as rapidly rotating outliers (blue dots) and slowly rotating outliers (orange dots). Non-members have already been removed from these diagrams. An additional red circle around an orange point means that there is some doubt that the star is a member; an additional red circle around a blue point means that the star is a known or suspected short-period spectroscopic binary, where tidal synchronization may have affected the star’s rotation period.

has a published radial velocity; that star (212034762/JS409) appears to be a member. We have obtained Keck HIRES spectra for 11 of these stars, which are noted in Table G8 (see App. I for details). About half of the ones for which we have spectroscopy appear to have radial velocities inconsistent with membership. Many of these slow outliers have CMD locations and proper motions generally consistent with being Praesepe members. Some have proper motions consistent with membership, but are slightly low in the CMD; these are noted in Table G8. The lack of detailed information for these stars makes it more likely that they might be non-members, but more information is needed.

Table G7. Fast Outliers in the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ Plot

EPIC	RA, Dec (J2000)	Other name	$(V - K_s)$ (mag)	Period(s) (d)	Notes
211898878	081903.68+184236.1	2MASSJ08190368+1842361	5.100	0.075	fastest, bluest M star; it is one of the furthest west sources in Fig. 1; it may be a CV
212009427	083129.87+202437.5	AD1508=2MASSJ08312987+2024374	4.021	1.557	likely EB (also listed in EBs table)
211971354	083140.45+194754.2	HSJ15	4.153	8.297, 9.374, 0.798	$\Delta P > 6$ d, likely binary; bluest end of sparsely populated P range of M stars
212034371	083556.94+204934.7	JS102=2MASSJ08355696+2049346	2.022	1.211	binary (also listed in binaries table)
211915860	083656.25+185747.9	JS159=JC80	4.061	4.816	bluest end of sparsely populated P range of M stars
212021253	083728.46+203628.5	JS181	3.909	7.238	no RVs; bluest end of sparsely populated P range of M stars
211977390	083749.95+195328.8	KW55=S27	2.054	6.789	binary (also listed in binaries table)
211988628	083915.79+200414.0	KW566=JS280	4.123	7.964	bluest end of sparsely populated P range of M stars
211983725	083941.03+195928.8	KW570=JS309	4.027	4.165	bluest end of sparsely populated P range of M stars
211918335	084001.70+185959.4	KW244=TXCnc	1.282	(0.1914)	already removed P as WUma binary (also listed in binaries table)
211920022	084005.71+190130.6	KW256=2MASSJ08400571+1901307	2.611	4.675	...
211984704	084006.41+200028.0	39Cnc	2.219	1.241	already removed from sample as too bright (G8III giant)
211915202	084029.21+185709.4	...	4.186	5.503, 2.004	bluest end of sparsely populated P range of M stars
211898181	084037.88+184200.4	KW547	2.290	2.524	binary (also listed in binaries table)
212013132	084044.25+202818.6	JS379=2MASSJ08404426+2028187	3.528	2.129, 4.367, 4.053	no RVs known
211975006	084109.60+195118.6	KW367=BD+19d2077	1.761	3.068	binary (also listed in binaries table)
211954582	084113.18+193234.9	JC243	3.823	3.191	already NM (also listed in NM table)
211909748	084130.70+185218.7	KW401=2MASSJ08413070+1852188	2.816	2.422	binary (also listed in binaries table)
211935518	084154.36+191526.7	KW434=S184	1.767	4.184	binary (also listed in binaries table)
212137243	084221.95+224552.2	2MASSJ08422195+2245521	3.657	8.950	already NM (also listed in NM table)
211890774	084232.06+183528.0	JS488	4.170	9.428	marginal outlier; bluest end of sparsely populated P range of M stars
212066424	084300.54+212328.1	2MASSJ08430054+2123281	6.217	0.112	fastest M star in clump; everything about it looks fine
212029850	084430.66+204505.0	SDSSJ084430.65+204504.7	5.162	0.213, 0.227	already NM (also listed in NM table)
211896596	084801.74+184037.6	JS655=FVCnc	1.664	2.975	binary (also listed in binaries table)
211773459	084832.70+165623.6	2MASSJ08483271+1656236	4.353	5.919	bluest end of sparsely populated P range of M stars
211885995	084926.76+183119.5	2MASSJ08492676+1831195	4.013	9.153	marginal outlier; bluest end of sparsely populated P range of M stars

Table G8. Slow Outliers in the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ Plot

EPIC	RA, Dec (J2000)	Other name	$(V - K_s)$ (mag)	Period(s) (d)	Notes
212032123	082507.04+204725.1	2MASSJ08250705+2047252	2.105	22.662	just below MS, and $>3.6^\circ$ from cluster center; judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale
212158768	083012.13+231336.9	2MASSJ08301213+2313370	2.158	31.220	new spectrum has RV inconsistent with membership (also listed in NM table)
212077235	083110.44+213522.4	2MASSJ08311044+2135224	2.829	32.210	slightly below MS; judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale
211897926	083150.92+184147.1	2MASSJ08315092+1841470	2.282	24.521	slightly below MS; new spectrum has RV inconsistent with membership (also listed in NM table); judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale
211898294	083249.71+184206.2	JS14=JC12	2.978	17.808	new spectrum is double lined and has RV consistent with membership
211916015	083629.84+185757.0	KW536=BD+19d2045	1.121	9.175	upper left of diagram (near blue bend in distribution); judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale
211910450	083647.99+185258.0	...	0.676	13.011	judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale; far upper left of diagram
211930233	083703.45+191041.1	JC85	2.902	18.941	new spectrum has RV inconsistent with membership (also listed in NM table)
212021664	083713.33+203653.6	JS170	3.957	22.048	already identified as NM (also listed in NM table)
211946055	083751.85+192453.4	...	2.299	17.459	just below MS
211892153	083821.66+183639.9	JC123	3.096	27.225	judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale
211931736	083958.06+191205.9	KW227=HD73641	1.008	10.285, 14.992, 1.536	upper left of diagram (near blue bend in distribution); noisy LC
211984180	084053.83+195956.0	JS392	4.662	23.994, 1.863	already identified as NM (also listed in NM table); $\Delta P > 6d$
211988382	084058.92+200359.2	JS399	4.000	25.393	already identified as NM (also listed in NM table)
212034762	084111.05+204957.8	JS409	1.800	17.016	new spectrum has RV consistent with membership; judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale
212005583	084113.73+202051.7	JS417	3.301	21.610	already identified as NM (also listed in NM table)
211990785	084119.43+200618.2	...	2.582	22.292	slightly below MS; judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale
212094510	084120.89+215454.0	2MASSJ08412090+2154540	3.821	30.708	already identified as NM (also listed in NM table); judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale
212112522	084128.93+221605.3	...	1.355	16.018, 5.011	already identified as NM (also listed in NM table); $\Delta P > 6d$
212098754	084212.66+215948.8	...	2.055	23.601	new spectrum has RV consistent with membership; judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale
211921647	084546.53+190258.1	...	0.496	1.815, 1.700	above the bluest branch
212120476	084850.34+222531.9	HSHJ506	3.171	17.097	new spectrum has RV inconsistent with membership (also listed in NM table); judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale
212027750	084914.76+204300.9	2MASSJ08491476+2043009	2.907	20.837	new spectrum has RV consistent with membership
212008710	085502.23+202354.0	2MASSJ08550224+2023540	3.025	23.573	new spectrum has RV consistent with membership; judgement call as to whether P is P_{rot} or timescale
211875602	090222.36+182223.8	2MASSJ09022236+1822238	2.371	15.490	new spectrum has RV inconsistent with membership (also listed in NM table)

Table H9. Outer halo of cluster

EPIC	RA, Dec (J2000)	Other name	Period(s) (d)	Distance (deg)	Notes
211999629	081259.31+201453.6	2MASSJ08125931+2014537	...	6.4	little additional relevant information found; perhaps below single-star MS
211756862	081551.30+164215.9	...	1.455, 2.627	6.4	little additional relevant information found
211984209	081615.53+195956.9	2MASSJ08161554+1959570	13.754	5.6	Adams et al. (2002) has membership probability of 0.41; perhaps below single-star MS
211898878	081903.68+184236.1	2MASSJ08190368+1842361	0.075	5.0	One of the fastest rotating M stars (listed as fast outlier); Adams et al. (2002) has membership probability of 0.39; a CV rather than member?
212148559	082333.40+230007.9	2MASSJ08233340+2300079	...	5.1	Adams et al. (2002) has membership probability of 0.31; perhaps below single-star MS
211875602	090222.36+182223.8	2MASSJ09022236+1822238	15.490	5.4	already dropped as a NM and long-P outlier (listed in corresponding tables); above single-star MS

H. HALO OUTLIERS

The tidal radius of Praesepe is 12.1 pc (Holland et al. 2000), which at a distance of 184 pc is $\sim 3.8^\circ$ across. Six of the stars in the original sample of targets with K2 light curves are more than 5° away from the cluster center; see Table H9. They appear in a CMD and the P vs. color diagram in Fig. H7. One is dropped as a non-member (Sec. 2.5.4 and App. E). Two more are listed as outliers in the P vs. $(V - K_s)$ diagram (App. G). In general, these stars are poorly studied, but we have retained those stars that met the rest of our criteria.

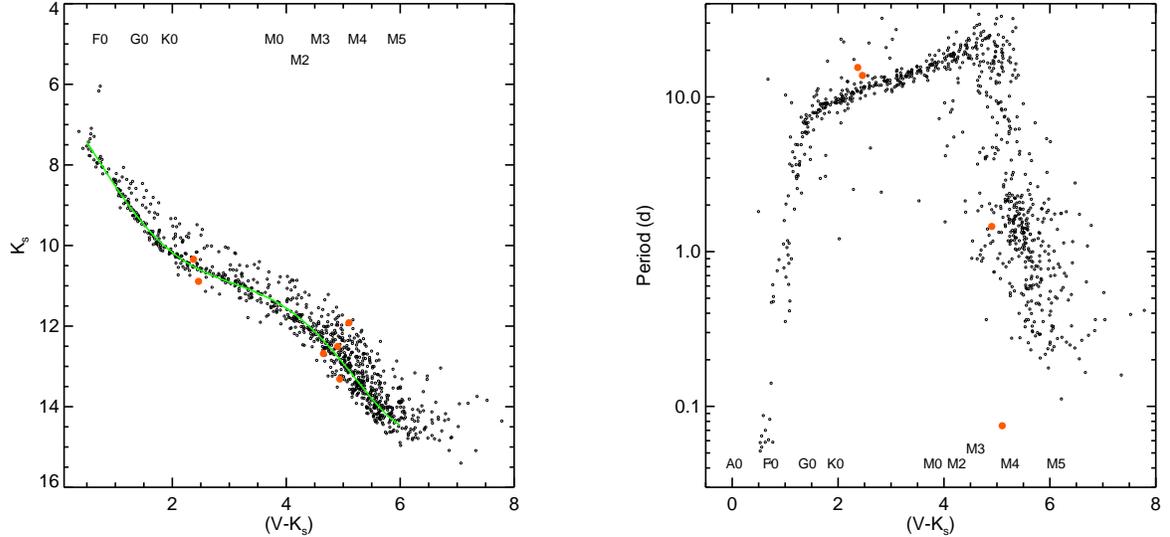


Figure H7. Optical CMD (K_s vs. $(V - K_s)$), left, and P vs. $(V - K_s)$, right, for the ensemble (small dots), and for stars more than 5° from the cluster center.

I. NEW KECK SPECTRA

We obtained high resolution spectra for several of the anomalously slowly rotating stars (App. G) and all of the objects with odd LCs (Sec. 4.3) using the Keck HIRES spectrograph (Vogt et al. 1994). The observations were taken on one of: 2016 October 14, 2016 December 22, 2016 December 26, or 2017 January 13, UT, and cover the wavelength range roughly 4800 to 9200 Å at a spectral resolution of $R \approx 45,000$; the spectra were reduced using the *makee* software written by Tom Barlow. We measured radial velocities using the cross correlation techniques in the *rv* package in *IRAF*, with absolute reference to between 3 and 5 (depending on the night) late type radial velocity standards. Because these are slowly rotating stars, the errors are all under 0.5 km s^{-1} , and are determined from the empirical scatter among orders and reference stars for each observation.

Table I10. Objects with New Keck Spectra

EPIC	RA, Dec (J2000)	Other name	RV (km s ⁻¹)	Notes
212158768	083012.13+231336.9	2MASSJ08301213+2313370	26.36±0.32	non-member long-P outlier
211897926	083150.92+184147.1	2MASSJ08315092+1841470	9.08±0.32	non-member long-P outlier
211898294	083249.71+184206.2	JS14=JC12	27.12±0.26 and 41.33±0.39	double-lined, member long-P outlier
212011416	083308.44+202637.3	2MASSJ08330845+2026372	35.08±0.31	unusual LC shape, member
211930233	083703.45+191041.1	JC85	23.88±0.26	non-member long-P outlier
211915940	083800.61+185752.9	JS208	35.99±0.47	unusual LC shape, member
212034762	084111.05+204957.8	JS409	34.32 ±0.30	non-member long-P outlier
212098754	084212.66+215948.8	HSHJ407	35.22±0.35	member long-P outlier
211931651	084322.40+191200.7	AD3196=CP Cnc	34.48±0.26	unusual LC shape, member
212120476	084850.34+222531.9	HSHJ506	16.61±0.31	non-member long-P outlier
212027750	084914.76+204300.9	2MASSJ08491476+2043009	35.95±0.48	member long-P outlier
212008710	085502.23+202354.0	2MASSJ08550224+2023540	37.07±0.40	member long-P outlier
211875602	090222.36+182223.8	2MASSJ09022236+1822238	28.57±0.42	non-member long-P outlier