

Characterizing the variability of a sample of massive pulsators in eclipsing binaries



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Introduction

• Motivation: Mass discrepancy (Herrero et al. 1992)

• It is caused by underestimations of the masses of the stellar convective cores

- Most recent efforts:
- Tkachenko et al. (2020)
- Burssens et al. (2023)
- Johnston et al. (2024)
- Poster 75 by May Pedersen



Asteroseismic modelling



 A snapshot of the principle of asteroseismic modelling, where the dependency on the chosen input physics of the equilibrium models is shown by the stellar model for specified input physics.

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β Cephei Pulsators in eclipsing binaries observed with TESS



Eze & Handler (2024), ApJS, 272:25

- Sample size: 8055 stars
- Criteria for selection: Spectral type **B0-B3**, Eclipses, Pulsations

- Photometric checks/blending analysis
- Pulsation analysis

 78 β Cep in EB (59 new discoveries; 43 -definite and 35 candidate pulsators in EB).

Spectroscopic Analysis (Eze+ In prep)

- Observations:
- SALT (HRS)
- CTIO (CHIRON)
- RV extraction and fitting:
- Cross correlation with a template spectrum using fxcor task in pyraf/iraf
- spectrum code for synthetic spectrum with Isotope line list (Hotiso). Broadening done with spectrum ancillary code avsini (Gray, 1999)
- RVFit (Iglesias-Marzoa et al., 2015)

OrbitalVariability



Example figure of radial velocity fit of one of the SB2 binaries in our sample

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Atmospheric solutions



- Disentangling with FD3
 binary (Ilijić et al., 2004) for
 SB2
- Teff, logg and vsini are determined
- > (e.g. Teff1 =22000±1000K, Teff2= 20000±1500K)

Table 1: An excerpt from the table of orbital and stellar parameters of the targets showingTeff, logg, vsini and k for few selected SB1 in our sample

Target	Teff (K)	Logg	Vsini (km/s)	K (km/s)
CPD-45 3109	22000±1000	3.5±0.2	134±5	34.083±0.959
HD 101838	28000±1000	3.5±0.1	175±6	-23.879 ± 0.873
V1166 Cen	27000±1000	3.8±0.1	252±10	-49.637±1.160

Binary modelling



 JKTEBOP (Southworth et al., 2004): detached systems with circular orbits

 PHOEBE (Conroy et al., 2020) or PYWD2015 (Guzel & Orkun, 2020): semi-detached and eccentric systems

Preliminary light curve fit of V1216 Sco optimized with PHOEBE

Poster 5 by Amadeusz Miszuda discusses the properties of V1216 sco in details

Pulsation Analysis



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Pulsation Analysis Cont.



Frequency-amplitude relation for β Cep p modes

Period-pulsation amplitude relation for our sample of β Cep pulsators in EB

What's next?

• Building stellar models of the targets using MESA

Mode Identification

• Building the pulsation models with GYRE

Conclusion

- We have obtained the:
- orbital and atmospheric parameters of targets in the sample
- > preliminary light curve and RV solutions (stellar parameters) of SB2 in our sample
- > pulsation frequencies of the targets in our sample
- > multicolour photometric observation for mode identification
- Some systems (e.g. V1166 Cen) show asymmetric rotational splitting
- The amplitude of the dominant pulsation frequency appears to decay exponentially with the pulsation frequency as well as the orbital period of the systems