












## TESS observations of the Pleiades cluster: a nursery for $\delta$ Scuti stars

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### 11 ABSTRACT

12 We studied 89 A- and F-type members of the Pleiades open cluster, including five  
13 escaped members. We measured projected rotational velocities ( $v \sin i$ ) for 49 stars  
14 and confirmed that stellar rotation causes the broadening of the main sequence in the  
15 color-magnitude diagram. Using time-series photometry from NASA’s *TESS* Mission  
16 (plus one star observed by *Kepler/K2*), we detected  $\delta$  Scuti pulsations in 36 stars. The  
17 fraction of Pleiades stars in the middle of the instability strip that pulsate is unusually  
18 high (over 80%), and their range of effective temperatures agrees well with theoretical  
19 models. On the other hand, the characteristics of the pulsation spectra are varied  
20 and do not correlate with stellar temperature, calling into question the existence of a  
21 useful  $\nu_{\max}$  relation for  $\delta$  Scutis, at least for young stars. By including  $\delta$  Scuti stars  
22 observed in the *Kepler* field, we show that the instability strip is shifted to the red  
23 with increasing distance by interstellar reddening. Overall, this work demonstrates the  
24 power of combining observations with Gaia and *TESS* for studying pulsating stars in  
25 open clusters.

26 *Keywords:* Asteroseismology

### 27 1. INTRODUCTION

28 Explaining the excitation and mode selection  
29 in  $\delta$  Scuti stars is one of the major unsolved  
30 challenges in stellar pulsations (see reviews by  
31 Goupil et al. 2005; Handler 2009; Lenz 2011;  
32 Guzik 2021; Kurtz 2022). Why do only a sub-  
33 set of stars in the instability strip show  $\delta$  Scuti

34 pulsations? And how can two stars occupy es-  
35 sentially the same position in the H–R diagram,  
36 but only one shows pulsations?

37 One obvious explanation is that some stars  
38 have pulsations too weak to be detected. How-  
39 ever, *Kepler* pushed the detection threshold  
40 down to extremely low levels (Balona et al.  
41 2015; Bowman & Kurtz 2018; Guzik 2021), and  
42 it is still the case that only about half the stars  
43 in the central part of the instability strip are  
44 pulsating (Murphy et al. 2019).

Another possible factor is chemical composition. Stars with different metallicities can pass through a given location in the H–R diagram at different ages, and with different opacities in the driving zone. This will affect pulsations driven by the  $\kappa$  (opacity) mechanism (Guzik et al. 2018), and even more so for chemically peculiar stars (Murphy et al. 2015; Guzik et al. 2021), so it is likely that chemical composition is part of the explanation. But even in open clusters, which are assumed to have a uniform metallicity (De Silva et al. 2006; Sestito et al. 2007; Bovy 2016), the pulsator fraction is much less than one. In the Pleiades, for example, Breger (1972) found four  $\delta$  Scuti stars and three decades later, that number still only stood at six (Koen et al. 1999; Li et al. 2002; Fox Machado et al. 2006). Kepler/K2 observed five of these in short-cadence (1-min) mode (Murphy et al. 2022), and the long-cadence (30-min) data hinted at more variables (Rebull et al. 2016).

NASA’s *TESS* Mission (Ricker et al. 2015) is producing high-precision, rapid-cadence light curves over most of the sky, opening up new possibilities for studying large samples of  $\delta$  Scuti stars (e.g., Antoci et al. 2019; Balona & Ozuyar 2020; Barceló Forteza et al. 2020; Bedding et al. 2020; Murphy et al. 2020). In this *Letter*, we use data from Gaia and *TESS* to perform the most detailed search to date for  $\delta$  Scuti pulsators in the Pleiades.

## 2. SAMPLE SELECTION AND GAIA PHOTOMETRY

We selected an initial list of likely Pleiades members using Gaia DR2 astrometry and the BANYAN- $\Sigma$  code (Gagné et al. 2018). We used the default Pleiades parameters and did not include any radial velocity information (to avoid biasing against binaries). We selected all stars with BANYAN membership probabilities above 90% and Gaia colors  $0.0 < G_{BP} - G_{RP} < 0.7$ , which corresponds approximately to spectral

types in the range A0V to F8V. This gave a list of 83 stars. We note that our membership selection was not altered by updating to Gaia DR3.

We also included five stars listed by Heyl et al. (2022) as escaped Pleiades members (HD 17962, HD 20655, HD 21062, HD 23323 and HD 34027). These stars are too distant from the Pleiades core to have been included in our BANYAN- $\Sigma$  selection. We note that a cross-check of the G and early K dwarfs in the Heyl et al. (2022) sample with *TESS* indicated most of the suggested escapees have  $< 10$  day rotation periods, which is consistent with expectations for Pleiades membership (Curtis et al. 2019).

Our final sample of 89 stars is listed in Table 1. V1229 Tau (HD 23642) is a well-studied eclipsing and spectroscopic binary that consists of two A-type stars with an orbital period of 2.4611 d (see Groenewegen et al. 2007, and references therein). Both components are A-type stars, so we have listed them separately in the table (see Sec. 4.1 for details).

Ten stars in Table 1 are named variables (column 1). These include the six  $\delta$  Scuti stars previously known from ground-based observations (V534 Tau, V624 Tau, V647 Tau, V650 Tau, V1187 Tau and V1228 Tau; Breger 1972; Koen et al. 1999; Li et al. 2002), together with two  $\gamma$  Doradus stars (V1210 Tau and V1225 Tau; Martín & Rodríguez 2000) and both members of the eclipsing binary V1229 Tau (HD 23642).

The photometry in Table 1 (columns 5–7) is based on magnitudes and parallaxes from Gaia DR3 (Gaia Collaboration 2021; Lindegren et al. 2021; Riello et al. 2021). In Fig. 1 we show the color-magnitude diagram (CMD) of the sample. No correction for extinction or reddening was made. We have included a PARSEC isochrone (Marigo et al. 2017), with a metallicity of  $Z = 0.017$  and an age of 110 Myr, which are appropriate for the Pleiades (Gaia Collabo-

131 ration et al. 2018). We shifted the isochrone to  
 132 account for extinction and reddening, using val-  
 133 ues of  $A_G = 0.11$  and  $E(G_{BP} - G_{RP}) = 0.055$   
 134 (Andrae et al. 2018).

135 Some of the spread in the cluster main se-  
 136 quence is probably from binarity. This is con-  
 137 firmed by Fig 1a, which shows several stars  
 138 above the main sequence with values of Gaia  
 139 RUWE (renormalised unit weight error) signif-  
 140 icantly greater than 1.0, indicating they are  
 141 likely to be binaries (Evans 2018; Belokurov  
 142 et al. 2020; Stassun & Torres 2021; Torres et al.  
 143 2021). The remaining spread in the observed  
 144 sequence can be attributed to binaries that do  
 145 not show elevated RUWE (such as very close  
 146 systems) or to the presence of rapid rotators, as  
 147 discussed in the next section.

### 148 3. PROJECTED ROTATIONAL 149 VELOCITIES

150 We have measured  $v \sin i$  for 49 stars in our  
 151 sample using spectra collected by the Center for  
 152 Astrophysics (CfA) survey (Torres 2020; Tor-  
 153 res et al. 2021). These were gathered with  
 154 the Tillinghast Reflector Échelle Spectrograph  
 155 (TRES), a high-resolution ( $R = 44,000$ ) fiber-  
 156 fed échelle mounted on the 1.5m reflector at  
 157 the Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory, Ari-  
 158 zona. Following Zhou et al. (2018), we ex-  
 159 tracted line profiles from each spectrum via a  
 160 least-squares deconvolution (Donati et al. 1997)  
 161 against a synthetic non-rotating ATLAS9 tem-  
 162 plate (Castelli & Kurucz 2003). The broaden-  
 163 ing profile was then modeled as a combination  
 164 of kernels describing the effects of rotational,  
 165 macroturbulent, and instrumental broadening  
 166 (Gray 2005). The resulting  $v \sin i$  values are  
 167 listed in Column 8 of Table 1 and are indicated  
 168 as source 1 in Column 9. For an additional 10  
 169 stars, we used  $v \sin i$  measurements from Gaia  
 170 RVS spectra (Creevey et al. 2022), which are in-  
 171 dicated as source 2 in the table. By way of val-  
 172 idation, we note there is good consistency for

173 15 stars with  $v \sin i$  measurements from both  
 174 sources.

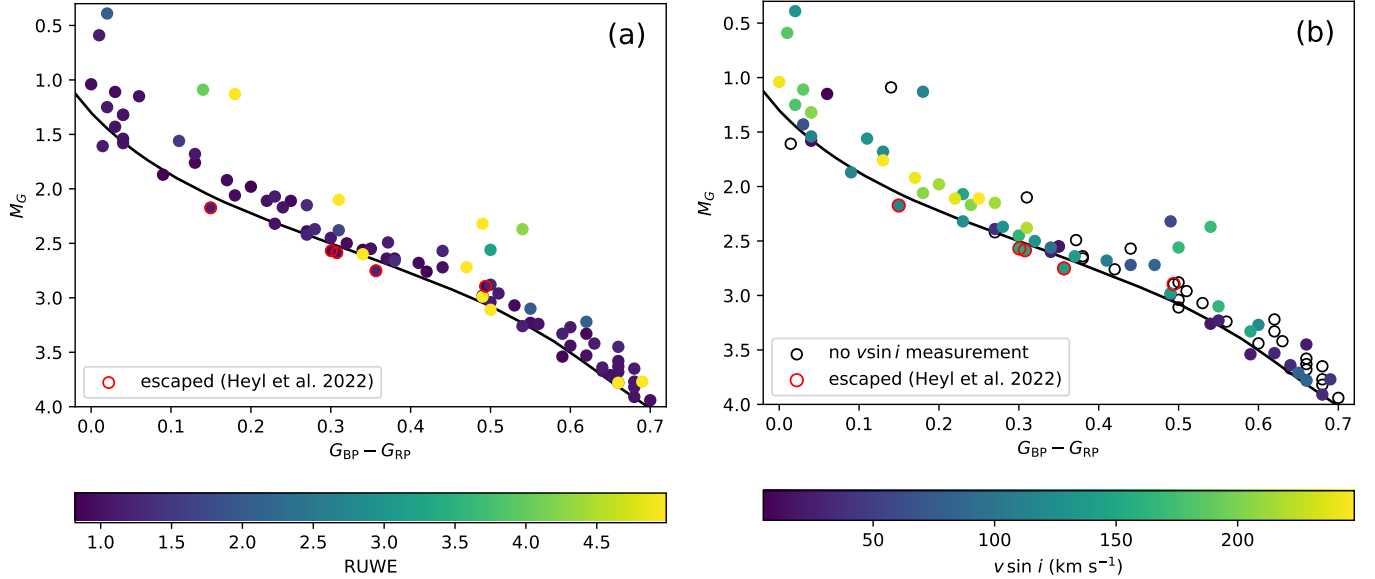
175 The color-magnitude diagram in Figure 1b is  
 176 color-coded by  $v \sin i$ . It is well-known that ro-  
 177 tation causes stars to move in the CMD (Pérez  
 178 Hernández et al. 1999; Fox Machado et al. 2006;  
 179 Espinosa Lara & Rieutord 2011; Lipatov &  
 180 Brandt 2020). This is at least partly responsible  
 181 for the extended main-sequence turn-offs seen in  
 182 the CMDs of young and intermediate-age clus-  
 183 ters (Bastian & de Mink 2009; Yang et al. 2013;  
 184 Brandt & Huang 2015; Goudfrooij et al. 2017;  
 185 Gossage et al. 2019; Sun et al. 2019; de Juan  
 186 Ovelar et al. 2020; Kamann et al. 2020; Chen  
 187 et al. 2022a; He et al. 2022). Rotation does not  
 188 only affect the turn-off, but also broadens the  
 189 main sequence itself, and we are seeing good  
 190 evidence for this in the Pleiades in Fig. 1b.

### 191 4. TESS OBSERVATIONS AND ANALYSIS

192 Observations with *TESS* are made in 27-d sec-  
 193 tors (Ricker et al. 2015). The Pleiades were  
 194 observed in the fourth year of the mission, in  
 195 Sectors 42–44 (2021 August 20 to November  
 196 6). Most Pleiades stars have *TESS* data in all  
 197 three sectors and a few were also observed in  
 198 Sectors 18 or 19. All stars in our sample with  
 199 *TESS* observations have light curves with 120-  
 200 s cadence, and we used the `lightkurve` pack-  
 201 age (Lightkurve Collaboration et al. 2018) to  
 202 download the PDCSAP<sup>1</sup> light curves that were  
 203 provided by the SPOC (Science Processing Op-  
 204 erations Center). Only one star in our sample  
 205 has no *TESS* observations, namely HD 23028,  
 206 which fell just off the edge of the detector. For  
 207 this star, *Kepler*/K2 long-cadence (30-min) ob-  
 208 servations show pulsations and we have included  
 209 it as a  $\delta$  Scuti star in the table and figures (apart  
 210 from Fig. 2).

211 In total, we detected  $\delta$  Scuti pulsations in 36  
 212 of the stars in our sample, as flagged in Table 1

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**Figure 1.** Color-magnitude diagram of 89 A and F stars in the Pleiades, based on photometry and parallaxes from Gaia DR3. Photometry has not been corrected for extinction and reddening. (a) stars are color-coded by RUWE (clipped at  $\text{RUWE} = 5$ , although some stars have greater values); (b) color-coded by  $v \sin i$  (see Table 1). Red circles indicate five stars listed as escaped members by Heyl et al. (2022). The black line is a PARSEC isochrone, corrected for extinction and reddening (see text).

213 (Column 10). These include the six previously  
 214 known from ground-based observations (V534  
 215 Tau, V624 Tau, V647 Tau, V650 Tau, V1187  
 216 Tau and V1228 Tau), plus 30 additional detec-  
 217 tions.

218 The amplitude spectra for the 35  $\delta$  Scuti stars  
 219 observed by *TESS* are shown in Fig. 2, ordered  
 220 according to Gaia  $G_{BP} - G_{RP}$ . The detections  
 221 include four of the five escaped members (Heyl  
 222 et al. 2022), and the similarity of those oscil-  
 223 lation spectra to confirmed members of the  
 224 Pleiades lends support to their status as escaped  
 225 members.

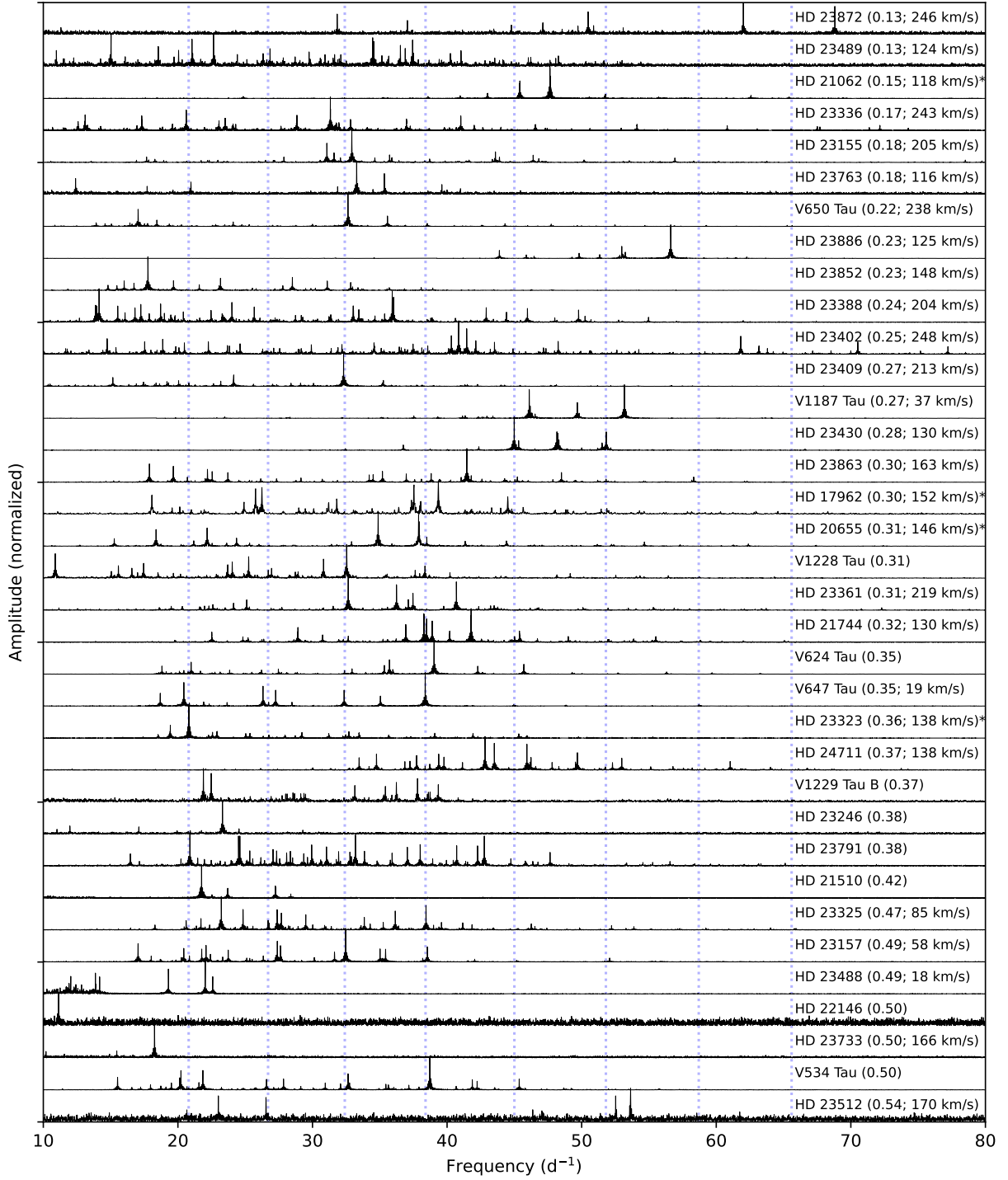
#### 226 4.1. V1229 Tau (HD 23642)

227 V1229 Tau is a well-studied eclipsing and  
 228 spectroscopic binary, with a period of 2.4611 d  
 229 (see Groenewegen et al. 2007, and references  
 230 therein). Both components are A-type stars,  
 231 and so we have treated them separately.

232 The Gaia photometry ( $G = 6.82$  and  
 233  $G_{BP} - G_{RP} = 0.10$ ) measures the combined  
 234 light of the system. In order to plot both com-

235 ponents separately, we have estimated values in  
 236 the table using the published effective temper-  
 237 atures ( $9750 \pm 250$  K and  $7600 \pm 400$  K; South-  
 238 worth et al. 2005) and a luminosity ratio of  
 239  $0.355 \pm 0.035$  (David et al. 2016). The pho-  
 240 tomety given in columns 5–7 of Table 1 are  
 241 estimates if the two components were measured  
 242 separately, also taking into account the redden-  
 243 ing and extinction of the cluster. In Fig. 3a,  
 244 the black circles show (from left to right) the  
 245 A component, the combined system, and the B  
 246 component.

247 In addition to the eclipses, the *TESS* light  
 248 curve shows high-frequency  $\delta$  Scuti pulsations.  
 249 The amplitude spectrum in Fig. 2 was made  
 250 after fitting and subtracting an eclipse model.  
 251 Given the colors of the components (see  
 252 Fig. 3a), it is reasonable to conclude that the  
 253 pulsations occur in the B component. To verify  
 254 this, we examined the scatter in the time se-  
 255 ries after fitting and removing the five highest  
 256 peaks in the amplitude spectrum. We found  
 257 the scatter to be reduced everywhere in this



**Figure 2.** Pulsation spectra of 35  $\delta$  Scuti stars in the Pleiades observed with *TESS*. Stars are ordered according to the Gaia  $G_{BP} - G_{RP}$  color index, whose values are given in parentheses, together with  $v \sin i$  (if available). Asterisks indicate four stars listed by Heyl et al. (2022) as escaped members. The blue dotted lines show approximate frequencies of the first 8 radial modes (Murphy et al. 2022).

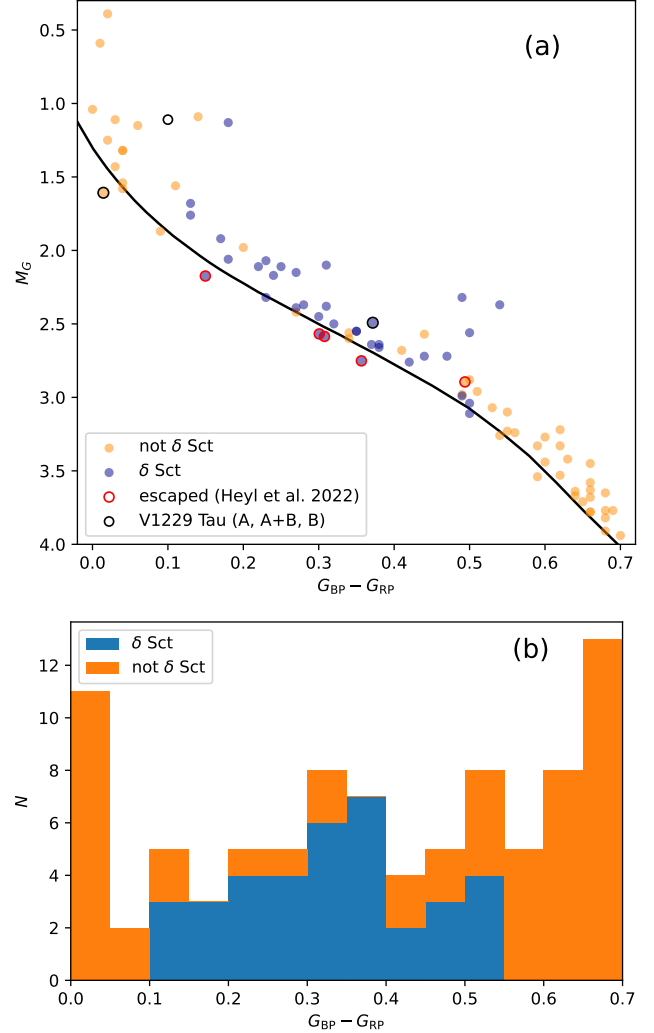
258 prewhitened light curve, but the reduction was  
 259 less during secondary eclipses because the five-  
 260 peak fit is a poorer fit when part of the pulsating  
 261 star is being eclipsed (note that the inclination  
 262 of the system is about  $78^\circ$  and the eclipses are  
 263 not total; David et al. 2016). We can there-  
 264 fore confirm that it is the secondary component  
 265 (V1229 Tau B) that is undergoing pulsations.

266 Chen et al. (2022b) noted pulsations in  
 267 V1229 Tau (which they referred to as  
 268 TIC 125754991) and suggested that it is hot-  
 269 ter than typical  $\delta$  Scuti stars, because they as-  
 270 sumed the primary is the pulsator. Once we  
 271 accept that the secondary is the pulsating com-  
 272 ponent, this star becomes typical. A more de-  
 273 tailed study of the pulsations of V1229 Tau  
 274 (HD 23642) using the *TESS* light curve has  
 275 been made by Southworth et al. (in prep.).

## 276 5. THE $\delta$ SCUTI INSTABILITY STRIP

277 Figure 3 shows the  $\delta$  Scuti detections as a  
 278 function of Gaia  $G_{BP} - G_{RP}$  color index (with-  
 279 out correcting for the reddening of the Pleiades,  
 280 which is about 0.055; Andrae et al. 2018). We  
 281 see in the CMD (Fig. 3a) and the accompany-  
 282 ing histogram (Fig. 3b) that the pulsators lie  
 283 within a strip that spans from about 0.10 to  
 284 0.55 in  $G_{BP} - G_{RP}$ . In this color range, the  
 285 fraction of stars that pulsate is 36/50 (72%),  
 286 and in the middle of the instability strip (0.20–  
 287 0.40) it is 21/25 (84%). This pulsator frac-  
 288 tion is significantly higher than the 50–60% found  
 289 in the *Kepler*  $\delta$  Scuti sample by Murphy et al.  
 290 (2019).

291 Although the Pleiades cluster is unusually rich  
 292 in  $\delta$  Scutis (with peak amplitudes in the range  
 293 50–3000 ppm, depending on the star), there are  
 294 still several stars within the instability strip  
 295 that are not pulsating (down to a sensitivity  
 296 limit of 10–20 ppm). One possible explanation  
 297 is chemical peculiarity, which typically occurs  
 298 in slow rotators because helium sinks out of  
 299 the He II driving zone (Baglin et al. 1973; Deal  
 300 et al. 2020). Slow rotation can be caused by



**Figure 3.** Sample of 89 A and F stars in the Pleiades, of which 36 have  $\delta$  Scuti pulsations. (a) Color-magnitude diagram, where red circles are the five escaped members (Heyl et al. 2022). For the eclipsing binary V1229 Tau (HD 23642), black circles show (from left to right) the A component (not pulsating), the combined system, and the B component (pulsating; see text). The black line is a PARSEC isochrone (corrected for extinction and reddening; see text). (b) Histogram as a function of Gaia color.

301 tidal interactions with a binary companion (e.g.,  
 302 Fuller et al. 2017, and references therein), which  
 303 is thought to be responsible for the Am stars  
 304 (‘m’ for ‘metallic-lined’; e.g., Abt 1967; North  
 305 et al. 1998; Debernardi et al. 2000; Stateva et al.  
 306 2012).

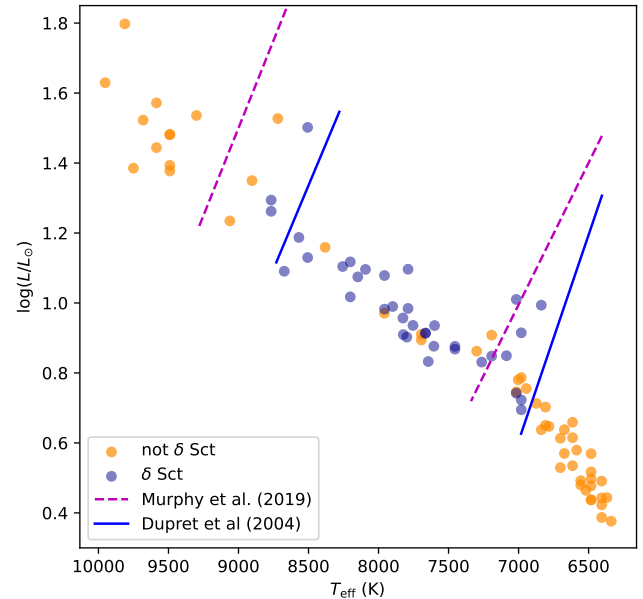
307 Eight stars in our sample were listed by [Ren-](#)  
 308 [son & Manfroid \(2009\)](#) as being Am stars (see  
 309 column 10 in Table 1). One of these is the eclips-  
 310 ing binary V1229 Tau, for which [Abt & Lev-](#)  
 311 [ato \(1978\)](#) give the spectral type as A0 Vp(Si)  
 312 + Am, indicating that the B component is an  
 313 Am star. Overall, seven of the Am stars in our  
 314 sample have colours that place them within the  
 315  $\delta$  Scuti instability strip, and five of these are  
 316 pulsating. The conclusion is that chemical pe-  
 317 culiarity can only account for two of the non-  
 318 pulsators in the Pleiades.

319 Figure 4 shows our sample in an H–R di-  
 320 agram. To construct this, we first corrected  
 321 the observed Gaia photometry for extinction  
 322 and reddening using the values given above.  
 323 We estimated effective temperatures from the  
 324 de-reddened  $G_{BP} - G_{RP}$  colors using an up-  
 325 dated version of Table 5 of [Pecaut & Mamajek](#)  
 326 [\(2013\)](#)<sup>2</sup>. We estimated stellar luminosities from  
 327  $G$  magnitudes and Gaia DR3 parallaxes, using  
 328  $V$  bolometric corrections and  $G - V$  colours from  
 329 the same source.

330 The solid blue lines in Fig. 4 show the the-  
 331 oretical instability strip ([Dupret et al. 2005](#)).  
 332 We see that the observed  $\delta$  Scuti strip in the  
 333 Pleiades is very well matched to the theoretical  
 334 calculations.

335 The dashed purple lines in Fig. 4 mark the  
 336 instability strip for  $\delta$  Scuti stars observed with  
 337 *Kepler* ([Murphy et al. 2019](#)). The offset with  
 338 respect to the Pleiades might come from a com-  
 339 bination of: (1) different  $T_{\text{eff}}$  scales being used;  
 340 (2) having a homogeneous composition among  
 341 Pleiades members, rather than the heteroge-  
 342 neous *Kepler* sample; (3) perhaps from hav-  
 343 ing a slightly higher overall metallicity in the  
 344 Pleiades; (4) from the Pleiades being ubiqui-  
 345 tously young, as opposed to the Kepler sample

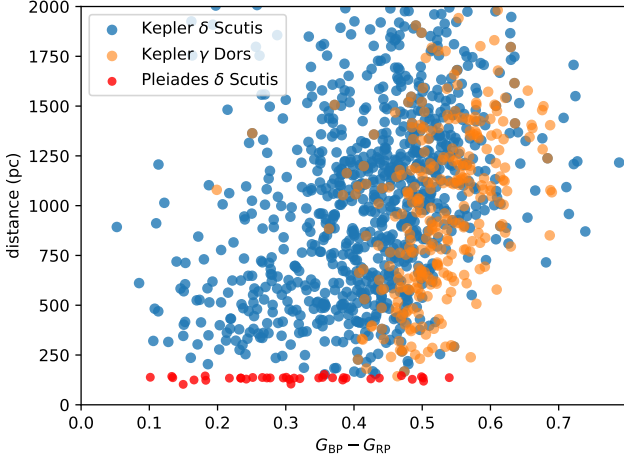
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**Figure 4.** H–R diagram of the Pleiades, corrected for extinction and reddening, showing the location of the  $\delta$  Scuti pulsators. Sloping lines indicate both the theoretical instability strip (solid blue lines; [Dupret et al. 2005](#)) and the observed strip from *Kepler* (dashed purple lines show the region in which at least 20% of *Kepler* stars pulsate; [Murphy et al. 2019](#)).

346 where even stars that appeared near the ZAMS  
 347 were probably older stars of lower metallicity.

348 Figure 5 shows the effect of reddening on the  
 349  $\delta$  Scuti instability strip by plotting the distance  
 350 to each star versus its Gaia color index. The red  
 351 points at the bottom show the Pleiades and the  
 352 blue points show  $\delta$  Scuti stars detected by *Ke-*  
 353 *pler* ([Murphy et al. 2019](#)). As expected, the ob-  
 354 served instability strip shifts to the red with in-  
 355 creasing distance. Note that we have restricted  
 356 the *Kepler* sample to stars more than 10 de-  
 357 grees from the Galactic plane, in order to see  
 358 the dependence on distance more clearly. We  
 359 also show the sample of  $\gamma$  Doradus stars in the  
 360 *Kepler* field studied by [Li et al. \(2020\)](#), again  
 361 restricted to  $b > 10^\circ$  (orange points). Overall,  
 362 Fig. 5 displays very nicely the effect of inter-



**Figure 5.** The effect of reddening on the pulsation instability strip. The *Kepler* samples of  $\delta$  Scuti stars (from Murphy et al. 2019) and  $\gamma$  Doradus stars (Li et al. 2020) are restricted to Galactic latitude  $b > 10^\circ$ .

363 stellar reddening on the pulsational instability  
364 strips.

### 365 6. IS THERE A $\nu_{\max}$ SCALING RELATION 366 FOR $\delta$ SCUTI STARS?

367 The quantity  $\nu_{\max}$  is defined for solar-like os-  
368 cillations as the centroid of the power envelope  
369 (Kjeldsen & Bedding 1995). Solar-like oscilla-  
370 tions are excited stochastically by near-surface  
371 convection, and the observed modes cover a  
372 broad range of frequencies centred at  $\nu_{\max}$ . It  
373 was suggested by Brown et al. (1991) that when  
374 scaling from the Sun to other stars,  $\nu_{\max}$  should  
375 be a fixed fraction of the acoustic cutoff fre-  
376 quency. The latter is the frequency above which  
377 waves are no longer reflected at the surface, and  
378 is expected from simple arguments to scale as  
379  $g/\sqrt{T_{\text{eff}}}$ . That line of reasoning underlies the  
380 scaling relation

$$\nu_{\max} \propto g/\sqrt{T_{\text{eff}}}, \quad (1)$$

381 which is widely used in the study of solar-like  
382 oscillations, although its physical basis is not  
383 well understood (Belkacem et al. 2011; Kjeldsen  
384 & Bedding 2011; Chaplin & Miglio 2013; Hekker  
385 2020).

386 There have been suggestions that  $\nu_{\max}$  is a  
387 useful observable for  $\delta$  Scuti stars, given that it  
388 shows a correlation with  $T_{\text{eff}}$  (Balona & Dziem-  
389 bowski 2011; Zwintz et al. 2014; Barceló Forteza  
390 et al. 2018; Bowman & Kurtz 2018; Barceló  
391 Forteza et al. 2020; Hasanzadeh et al. 2021).  
392 However, the oscillation spectra of  $\delta$  Scuti stars  
393 in the Pleiades (see Fig. 2, which is ordered by  
394 color index) show the correlation to be weak or  
395 nonexistent for this sample of young stars. In  
396 particular, we do not see a shift to higher radial  
397 orders with increasing  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , as predicted by theo-  
398 retical models. Different theoretical treatments  
399 give slightly different predictions, but they all  
400 agree that we expect the excitation of higher  
401 radial order modes  $\delta$  Scuti stars as we move  
402 to higher temperatures within the instability  
403 strip (Dziembowski 1997; Houdek et al. 1999;  
404 Pamyatnykh 2000; Dupret et al. 2005; Houdek  
405 & Dupret 2015; Xiong et al. 2016; Xiong 2021).

406 The variety of oscillation spectra in Fig. 2 is  
407 quite remarkable, although there is also the simi-  
408 larity between some stars. Some of the varia-  
409 tion could be attributed to differences in rota-  
410 tion, but it is difficult to see much in the way of  
411 systematic trends. On balance, our results seem  
412 to raise more questions than they answer. On  
413 the one hand, the very high fraction of pulsators  
414 in the Pleiades means we are not left wonder-  
415 ing why some pulsate and others do not. On  
416 the other hand, we cannot explain why stars  
417 with similar properties have such different pul-  
418 sation spectra. The question of mode selection  
419 in  $\delta$  Scuti stars remains as elusive as ever.

## 420 7. CONCLUSIONS

421 Using Gaia photometry and astrometry, we  
422 constructed a list of 89 probable members of  
423 the Pleiades with spectral types A and F. We  
424 measured projected rotational velocities ( $v \sin i$ )  
425 for 49 stars and confirmed that stellar rotation  
426 is a significant cause of the broadening of the  
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 430 by *Kepler/K2*), we detected  $\delta$  Scuti pulsations  
 431 in 36 stars. Some stars suggested as being es-  
 432 caped members of the Pleiades by Heyl et al.  
 433 (2022) have similar pulsation properties to con-  
 434 firmed members, which supports their identifi-  
 435 cation as former members.

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 437 of the instability strip that pulsate is unusu-  
 438 ally high (over 80%), and their range of effec-  
 439 tive temperatures agrees well with theoretical  
 440 models (Fig. 4). On the other hand, the charac-  
 441 teristics of the pulsation spectra are very varied  
 442 and do not correlate very strongly with stellar  
 443 temperature (Fig. 2), calling into question the  
 444 existence of a useful  $\nu_{\max}$  relation for  $\delta$  Scutis,  
 445 at least for young stars. By including  $\delta$  Scuti  
 446 stars observed in the *Kepler* field (Fig. 5), we  
 447 show that the instability strip is shifted to the  
 448 red with increasing distance by interstellar red-  
 449 dening. In summary, this work demonstrates  
 450 the power of combining observations with Gaia  
 451 and *TESS* for studying pulsating stars in open  
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**Table 1.** Sample of A and F stars in the Pleiades. Column 9: source for  $v \sin i$  is 1 (this work) or 2 (Gaia DR3). Column 10: 1 indicates  $\delta$  Scuti star. Column 11: 1 indicates Am star (Renson & Manfroid 2009). For V1229 Tau A & B, the magnitudes and colors (Columns 5–7) are estimates (see Sec. 4.1)

Name	HD	HIP	TIC	$G$	$M_G$	$G_{BP} - G_{RP}$	$v \sin i$ km s <sup>-1</sup>	$v \sin i$ source	$\delta$ Sct	Am
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
	22578	17000	113956708	6.70	1.04	0.00	242	1	0	0
24 Tau	23629		405484171	6.30	0.59	0.01	184	1	0	0
V1229 Tau A	23642	17704	125754991	7.32	1.61	0.01			0	0
	23410	17572	67830155	6.90	1.25	0.02	180	1	0	0
	23950	17921	440695282	6.04	0.39	0.02	133	1	0	0
	24899	18559	149980785	7.20	1.43	0.03	67	1	0	0
	23568	17664	405484416	6.80	1.11	0.03	188	2	0	0
	22614	17034	427545204	7.10	1.54	0.04	114	1	0	0
	23631		440681316	7.29	1.58	0.04	13	1	0	1
	23632	17692	440681358	7.00	1.32	0.04	194	2	0	0
	23913	17892	440691760	7.00	1.32	0.04	205	1	0	0
	23964	17923	440695975	6.81	1.15	0.06	5	1	0	0
	23948		35159593	7.55	1.87	0.09	115	2	0	0
	22637	17043	113981021	7.27	1.56	0.11	131	1	0	0
	23872		346626001	7.53	1.76	0.13	246	2	1	0
	23489		125736946	7.35	1.68	0.13	124	1	1	0
	24076	17999	35205647	6.93	1.09	0.14			0	0
	21062	15902	29058513	7.11	2.17	0.15	118	2	1	0
	23336	17547	385554826	7.40	1.92	0.17	243	2	1	0
	23763	17791	35156298	6.94	1.13	0.18	116	1	1	0
	23155	17403	405483425	7.51	2.06	0.18	205	1	1	0
	24178		84336172	7.65	1.98	0.20	214	1	0	0
V650 Tau	23643		440681425	7.75	2.11	0.22	238	1	1	0
	23886		346626099	7.96	2.32	0.23	125	2	1	0
	23852		440691730	7.71	2.07	0.23	148	1	1	0
	23388	17552	67828699	7.73	2.17	0.24	204	1	1	0
	23402		67830321	7.80	2.11	0.25	248	1	1	0

**Table 1** *continued*

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Name	HD	HIP	TIC	$G$	$M_G$	$G_{BP} - G_{RP}$	$v \sin i$ km s <sup>-1</sup>	$v \sin i$ source	$\delta$ Sct	Am
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
V1187 Tau	23194		405483707	8.04	2.39	0.27	37	1	1	1
	23924		440695768	8.09	2.42	0.27			0	1
	23409		385589694	7.83	2.15	0.27	213	1	1	0
	23430	17583	385558439	8.02	2.37	0.28	130	1	1	0
	23863		346626294	8.10	2.45	0.30	163	1	1	0
	17962	13522	77568727	8.15	2.57	0.30	152	2	1	0
	20655	15552	402366726	7.55	2.59	0.31	146	2	1	0
	23361		385552144	8.02	2.38	0.31	219	1	1	0
V1228 Tau	23628		125754823	7.63	2.10	0.31			1	0
	21744	16407	46476992	8.09	2.50	0.32	130	1	1	0
	23664	17729	125754460	8.27	2.56	0.34	96	1	0	0
	23610	17694	440681752	8.12	2.60	0.34	26	1	0	1
V624 Tau	23156		405483817	8.20	2.55	0.35			1	0
V647 Tau	23607		405484188	8.24	2.55	0.35	19	1	1	1
	23323		385553714	8.55	2.75	0.36	138	1	1	0
	24711	18431	14111056	8.30	2.64	0.37	138	1	1	0
V1229 Tau B	23642	17704	125754991	8.20	2.49	0.37			1	1
	23246		348639016	8.12	2.64	0.38			1	0
	23791		440690782	8.34	2.66	0.38			1	1
V1210 Tau	23585		405484093	8.33	2.68	0.41	108	1	0	0
	21510	16217	405461432	8.33	2.76	0.42			1	0
	23479		385589599	8.23	2.57	0.44			0	0
	23028	17325	114083179	8.36	2.72	0.44	68	1	1	0
	23325		385509282	8.55	2.72	0.47	85	2	1	1
	23157	17401	67768222	7.86	2.32	0.49	58	1	1	0
V1225 Tau	22702		427580304	8.75	2.98	0.49	137	1	0	0
	23488	17625	125736216	8.65	2.99	0.49	18	1	1	0
	34027	24808	82969878	8.85	2.89	0.49			0	0
	23375		385552372	8.55	2.88	0.50			0	0
V534 Tau	23567		405484574	8.48	3.11	0.50			1	0
	23733		35155873	8.21	2.56	0.50	166	1	1	0
	22146		26126738	8.79	3.04	0.50			1	0

**Table 1** *continued*

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Name	HD	HIP	TIC	$G$	$M_G$	$G_{BP} - G_{RP}$	$v \sin i$ km s <sup>-1</sup>	$v \sin i$ source	$\delta$ Sct	Am
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
	23290	17481	67788829	8.63	2.96	0.51			0	0
	24132	18050	84331341	8.77	3.07	0.53			0	0
	23326		67829720	8.89	3.26	0.54	19	1	0	0
	23512		61139371	8.04	2.37	0.54	170	1	1	0
	23792		440690206	8.31	3.10	0.55	164	1	0	0
	23289	17497	67787772	8.89	3.23	0.55	26	1	0	0
		16423	26078071	8.78	3.24	0.56			0	0
	24655		14109779	8.98	3.54	0.59	22	1	0	0
	23912		440691379	9.03	3.33	0.59	151	1	0	0
	22887	17225	114060256	9.07	3.44	0.60			0	0
	23133		114166637	8.89	3.27	0.60	122	1	0	0
	23351		385552643	8.90	3.22	0.62			0	0
	23511		125736995	9.20	3.53	0.62	30	1	0	0
	24086		84331854	9.01	3.33	0.62			0	0
	22977	17289	114084434	9.06	3.42	0.63			0	0
	24302	18154	427735820	9.34	3.67	0.64			0	0
	23513		61145701	9.30	3.64	0.64	32	1	0	0
	23584		405484278	9.38	3.71	0.65	82	1	0	0
	23312	17511	67788288	9.36	3.63	0.66			0	0
		17125	353928999	9.50	3.78	0.66	85	1	0	0
	23514		61145611	9.31	3.58	0.66			0	0
		18544	14177821	9.29	3.78	0.66	72	1	0	0
	23732		35155396	9.12	3.45	0.66	23	1	0	0
	23061		258067594	9.37	3.68	0.66			0	0
SAO 93581			67789284	9.30	3.65	0.68			0	0
	23975		35204900	9.52	3.82	0.68			0	0
		16639	46538779	9.43	3.77	0.68			0	0
	23352		385552619	9.57	3.91	0.68	34	1	0	0
	23158		67768242	9.43	3.77	0.69	40	1	0	0
	24463		348769726	9.60	3.94	0.70			0	0

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