The K2 Bright Star Survey

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ABSTRACT

While the *Kepler* mission was designed to look at tens of thousands of faint stars $(V \gtrsim 12)$, brighter stars which saturate the detector are nevertheless some of the most interesting because of the ease with which they can be observed by other instruments and the wealth of knowledge about them that is already available. By considering the unsaturated scattered light 'halo' around these stars we retrieve precise light curves

of most of the brightest stars in K2 fields from Campaign 4 onwards. This bright star survey reveals stellar variability ubiquitously, including effects of stellar pulsation, rotation, and binarity. Here we describe our pipeline, and present a catalogue of the bright stars studied, with classifications and parametrizations of their variability and remarks on interesting objects. These light curves are publicly available as a High Level Science Product from the Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes (MAST). \bigcirc

1. INTRODUCTION

The Kepler Space Telescope was launched with a main goal of determining the frequency of Earth-sized planets around Solar-like stars (Borucki et al. 2010), a goal which it has substantially achieved (e.g. Fressin et al. 2013; Petigura et al. 2013; Foreman-Mackey et al. 2014). In order to explore these populations it was necessary to observe hundreds of thousands of stars, with the consequence that the Kepler the exposure time and gain were set to optimally observe eleventh or twelfth-magnitude stars, while bright stars are saturated and these saturated stars were intentionally avoided. In the two-wheeled revival as the K2 mission, the Kepler telescope observed a sequence of ecliptic-plane fields containing many more very-saturated stars. While it is difficult to obtain precise light curves of these stars because of their saturation, they are some of the most-valuable targets to follow up with photon-hungry methods such as interferometry or high-resolution spectroscopy, and they typically have long histories of previous observations.

In order to recover precise photometry of the brightest stars in K2, we have developed two main approaches, 'smear' and 'halo' photometry. Smear photometry (Pope et al. 2016) uses collateral calibration data to recover light curves of stars which were not necessarily conventionally targeted. The more precise method of halo photometry, which is the subject of this paper, uses the broad 'halo' of scattered light around a saturated star to recover relative photometry, by constructing a light curve as a linear combination of individual pixel time series and minimizing a Total Variation objective function (TV-min). It has been employed for example on the Pleiades (White et al. 2017) and the brightest-ever star on Kepler silicon, Aldebaran (Farr et al. 2018), recovering photometry with a precision nearly that of normally-obtained K2 observations of unsaturated stars. Unlike smear, this requires downloading data out to a 12–20 pixel radius around each star, and has accordingly only been possible for stars that were specifically targeted with apertures optimized for this method and for a small number of other stars for which this is fortuitously the case.

In this Paper we describe the complete catalog of long-cadence K2 halo light curves which we have made publicly available. We have employed halo photometry on all stars targeted with appropriate apertures, and have done a preliminary characterization of interesting astrophysical variability. We also document the main changes in the halo data reduction pipeline, halophot, with respect to previous releases. These include oscillating red giants, pulsating and quiet main sequence stars, and eclipsing

binaries, many of which are among the brightest objects of their type to have been observed with space photometry. We hope that this diverse catalog of light curves will be useful for an equally-diverse range of astrophysical investigations.

2. HALO PHOTOMETRY METHOD

The Kepler detector saturates at a magnitude of $K_p \sim 11.3$ in both long- (30 min) and short (1 min)-cadence data, as these both represent sums of 6 s exposures (Gilliland et al. 2010). Beyond this point, additional photons cause excess electrons to 'bleed' into adjacent pixels in both directions along the column containing the bright star. This process occurs conservatively and simple aperture photometry (SAP) adding all the flux contained in a window around the bleed column has recovered light curves with precisions close to the photon noise limit of stars as bright as 16 Cyg AB, θ Cyg and RR Lyr (e.g. Kolenberg et al. 2011; White et al. 2013; Guzik et al. 2016). In the nominal Kepler mission this was not attempted for all such bright stars, and in K2, the several-pixel spacecraft motion significantly increased the size of the required apertures for SAP photometry of very saturated stars, while also making their systematics more difficult to deal with. While the second-version pixel-level-decorrelation (PLD) pipeline EVEREST 2.0 was able to correct systematics in saturated SAP photometry (Luger et al. 2018), this is rendered impossible for the very brightest stars whose bleed columns may run to the edge of the detector. Furthermore, bandwidth constraints meant that pixel data were not downloaded for many bright targets in K2. It was therefore necessary to develop a method to recover good light curves from a smaller number of unsaturated pixels in a compact aperture around bright stars: halo photometry.

This method was first described by White et al. (2017) and applied to the Pleiades' Seven Sisters, and was applied to Aldebaran with further developments by Farr et al. (2018). Because SAP is not possible, we consider instead the unsaturated pixels p_j at the wings of the broad and structured PSF. We construct a light curve as a linear combination of these time series with weights w_j , so that flux at cadence i is

$$f_i \equiv \sum_j w_j p_{ij}. \tag{1}$$

In our updated pipeline presented here, the weights are chosen to minimize an objective function

$$\Lambda_{k,l} \equiv \sum_{i} |f_i - f_{i-l}|^k, \tag{2}$$

subject to the constraints

$$\forall_j w_j > 0 \tag{3}$$

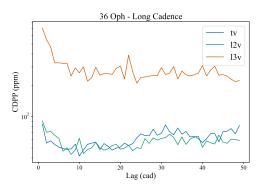
$$\sum_{i} f_i = N \tag{4}$$

This is a classic linear convex optimization program with constraints, which we solve with the scipy (Jones et al. 2001) L-BFGS-B nonlinear optimization code (Zhu et al. 1999). $\Lambda_{k,l}$ has analytic derivatives with respect to w_j (calculated with autograd Maclaurin et al. 2015), and it is therefore extremely fast to optimize and converges well on a global solution.

The objective function $\Lambda_{k,l}$ is the L_k norm on a 'lagged' finite difference with a lag parameter l. For k=1 and l=1, $\Lambda_{1,1}$ is the standard Total Variation objective (TV) used in previous halo papers, and can be seen as the L1 norm on the derivative of f or as a discrete approximation to its arc length. The L=2 L2 Variation (L2V) is sometimes referred to in image processing literature as the 'smoothness' regularizer, as it seeks to penalize large gradients without necessarily making them sparse. The lag parameter l allows for flexibility in modelling systematics occurring at different timescales from cadence-to-cadence, and we investigate its effects below. The order parameter k allows for flexibility in how sensitive we are to normally-distributed versus long-tailed noise.

This method differs from smear photometry (Pope et al. 2016), which uses collateral 'smear' data to obtain a 1-D spatial profile with $\sim 1/1000$ of the flux on each CCD. While this has also been used for photometry of very bright stars, the 'halo' method has the advantage of averaging over many more realizations of the K2 pointing systematics and permitting more significant calibration, achieving a generally higher photometric prevision.

In order to choose the objective function $\Lambda_{k,l}$, we have selected the quiet star 36 Ophiuchi, the lowest-mass main sequence star in the halo sample and one with very little high frequency variability detected or predicted, which was also observed at short cadence. We choose the 6.5 hour Combined Differential Photometric Precision (CDPP, Christiansen et al. 2012) as implemented in lightkurve (Vinícius et al. 2018) as a proxy for the 'noise' in a lightcurve, with lower being better. We calculate halo lightcurves and their CDPPs for $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, and $l \in [1, 50]$ for long cadence and (sparsely) $l \in [1, 2500]$ for short cadence data. The results are displayed in Figure 1. We find that for long cadence data, the L1 norm (TV) and a lag of 10 provide the best CDPP, which is unsurprising given that this is a slightly shorter lag than the 12 cadence thruster firing period. In this context we can understand the optimum as TV-min suppressing systematics on the same timescale as they occur. On the other hand, for short cadence data, performance at short lags is very poor but the method performs similarly for $k \in \{1,2\}$ and improves very slowly with l for longer lags, and performs very poorly for k = 3 at all lags.



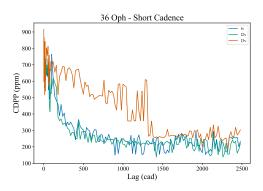


Figure 1. Behaviour of long cadence (left) and short cadence (right) 6.5 hour CDPP for the quiet dwarf 36 Ophiuchi as a function of lag parameter l. For long cadence this shows a minimum for L1 norm and l = 10, i.e. for objective function $\Lambda_{1,10}$. For short cadence CDPP continuously improves for higher lags and shows no strong differences between L1 and L2 norms, while L3 performs poorly.

In addition to these changes in objective function, we have also added a feature 'deathstar' to deal with contamination. We apply the watershed-based image segmentation algorithm from K2P2 (Lund et al. 2015) to the input target pixel file datacube to identify possible background sources and cut them out. More here from Tim. Other than this, we have adopted less-aggressive quality flagging, having found that many cadences were being classified as bad quality for spurious 'cosmic ray' events, which were actually caused by a combination of saturation and spacecraft motion. We now iteratively sigma-clip outliers and retain cadences with the lightkurve default quality mask.

While the halo procedure produces in most cases a fairly clean light curve, there are nevertheless residual systematic errors related to spacecraft motion. In order to correct these, we employ the K2sc code (Aigrain et al. 2015, 2016), which simultaneously models a light curve as a 3D Gaussian Process (GP) in time and predicted position (the K2 standard data product POS_CORR) in pixels (x, y). The model prediction in time for fixed position is then a nonparametric model of the stellar variability, and the prediction for the x, y component evaluated for fixed time represents the pointing systematics. We subtract the systmatics model from the input fluxes to obtain a final corrected flux, which is the time series we use and recommend for science. The target pixel files for C91, C92, and C101 include no position information, and there are no halo apertures for C112. As a result K2sc-corrected data are not available for these targets.

3. SAMPLE

The full sample of stars for which halo apertures were obtained is listed in Tables 1–6, broken down by Campaign. While some very bright stars were observed with conventional apertures as part of these programs, simple aperture photometry is satisfactory on these targets and we exclude them from the present discussion and data release, which is oriented strictly towards targets only observable with halo

ρ Leo (EPIC 200182931) Detrended



Figure 2. Summary plots for K2SC-corrected final halo light curve for ρ Leonis. The top three panels illustrate K2SC systematics correction: at the top, flux minus the GP time trend (blue dots) with GP x,y trend superimposed (orange line); in the middle, flux minus GP x,y components with GP time trend superimposed, and in green, a fifteenth-order polynomial trend; at the bottom the 'whitened' light curve with flux minus both GP components. Middle two panels: log-flux map (left) and halo log-weight map (right). Bottom two panels: periodograms in linear (top) and log (bottom) units of the residuals of the corrected light curve minus the long term polynomial trend. Plots of this form are available in supplementary online material for all long-cadence stars, together with similar plots for all short-cadence stars but without K2SC. The period at maximum power (16 d) is marked on all plots, though for ρ Leonis all variability is consistent with red noise (Bowman et al., 2019).

photometry. We make an exception for Spica, which was observed in Campaign 6 without a halo aperture but in Campaign 17 with a halo aperture. In Campaign 6 it was assigned a normal aperture by mistake and simple aperture photometry performed extremely poorly, so we have processed it with the halo pipeline. The stars in Campaign 18 were also on-silicon in Campaign 5, but were not assigned apertures suitable for halo photometry in C5. A possible further extension of the present work would be to recover C5 light curves for these objects using either or both of smear or modified halo photometry.

Seven stars in Campaign 13 and one in Campaign 16 were not only assigned long-cadence halo apertures, but also downloaded at short cadence. For these targets we have provided both long and short cadence reductions. Following the analysis in Section 2 showing the insensitivity of short cadence CDPP to lags longer than ~ 100 cad and on choice of objective function, for consistency with long cadence we have adopted a 300 cadence lag (i.e. $30\times$ the long cadence lag of 10) and the L1 TV objective function. With their long timeseries the short cadence stars are computationally intractable for the Gaussian Process model in K2SC and we present otherwise uncalibrated halo lightcurves.

Analyses for several of the objects here have been previously published, but we here provide the first public data releases for the Pleiades' Seven Sisters (White et al. 2017), Aldebaran (Farr et al. 2018), ι Lib (Buysschaert et al. 2018), and ϵ Tau (Arentoft et al. 2019), as well as ρ Leo which was studied with halo pixels but without our objective functions (Aerts et al. 2018).

4. DISCUSSION

How well do we do? How do we quantify our lightcurve SNR? Variability catalog?

The chemically-peculiar A0V star 98 Tau is of special interest for studies of surface inhomogeneity. We detect variability with a fundamental period of 1.74 d with twice as much power at the first harmonic ($P=0.87\,\mathrm{d}$), which is consistent with $\alpha^2\,\mathrm{CVn}$ spot modulation from a rapidly-rotating star with a period of 1.74 d. This star also experiences a transit of depth 0.03, which for a 1.87 R_\odot typical A0V star imply an 0.3 R_\odot companion, almost certainly of stellar mass. With rotational modulation and an eclipse to break degeneracies, models such as starry (Luger et al. 2019) can infer surface brightness maps and reveal the spatial distribution of the star's chemical peculiarity.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Some of the objects presented here are the subject of more detailed work in preparation, namely Spica (Buzasi et al., in prep.) and the Hyades giants (White et al., in prep.). In addition to this, we aim to separately publish asteroseismic catalogues of the red giants (Yu et al., in prep.) and main-sequence stars (Greklek-McKeon et al., in prep.).

The sample of K2 bright stars presented here only includes those with halo apertures, but while some others are available conventionally, many were not assigned target pixels and were not downloaded at all. Smear photometry has been used to recover the brightest otherwise-unobserved stars in nominal *Kepler* (Pope et al., in prep.), and this can also be done in K2, although in the latter case the sample is much smaller due to competition with halo apertures and the systematics correction is more difficult. A natural extension of both pieces of work would be to produce smear light curves of all bright stars without halo apertures in K2, which would finally make the *Kepler* extended mission magnitude-complete at the bright end.

The halo method naturally extends to other contexts where simple aperture photometry is not possible, such as for saturated stars observed by the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS; Ricker et al. 2015). Although the saturation limit is brighter ($T_{mag} \sim 6$) and this problem accordingly affects fewer stars and less badly, there are situations such as for α Centauri or β Hydri where the bleed column reaches the edge of the chip and a SAP light curve is irrecoverable. We expect that TV-min halo photometry will therefore be valuable in ensuring that TESS can observe even the very brightest stars.

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Table 1. Stars in Campaigns 7-8 observed with halo photometry in K2.

| Name | EPIC | Spectral | V | Campaign | Comments |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------|----------|------------------------------|
| | | Type | mag | | |
| Alcyone | 200007767 | B7III | 2.986 | 4 | White et al. (2017) |
| Atlas | 200007768 | | 3.763 | 4 | White et al. (2017) |
| Electra | 200007769 | B6IIIe | 3.851 | 4 | White et al. (2017) |
| Maia | 200007770 | B8III | 4.305 | 4 | White et al. (2017) |
| Merope | 200007771 | B6IVe | 4.305 | 4 | White et al. (2017) |
| Taygeta | 200007772 | B6IV | 4.448 | 4 | White et al. (2017) |
| Pleione | 200007773 | B8Vne | 5.192 | 4 | White et al. (2017) |
| γ Tau | 200007765 | G9.5IIIabCN0.5 | 3.474 | 4 | |
| $\delta 1$ Tau | 200007766 | G9.5IIICN0.5 | 3.585 | 4 | |
| Ascella | 200062593 | A2.5Va | 2.585 | 7 | |
| Albaldah | 200062592 | F2II-III | 2.88 | 7 | |
| au Sgr | 200062591 | K1.5IIIb | 3.31 | 7 | |
| $\xi 2 \text{ Sgr}$ | 200062590 | G8/K0II/III | 3.51 | 7 | |
| $o \operatorname{Sgr}$ | 200062589 | G9IIIb | 3.77 | 7 | |
| $52 \mathrm{~Sgr}$ | 200062585 | B8/9V | 4.598 | 7 | |
| Ainalrami | 200062588 | K1II | 4.845 | 7 | |
| ψ Sgr | 200062584 | K0/1III+A/F | 4.85 | 7 | |
| $43 \mathrm{~Sgr}$ | 200062587 | G8II-III | 4.878 | 7 | |
| $\nu 2~{ m Sgr}$ | 200062586 | K3-II-III:CN1Ba1 | 4.98 | 7 | |
| $\epsilon \ \mathrm{Psc}$ | 200068392 | G9IIIbFe-2 | 4.28 | 8 | |
| Revati | 200068393 | A7IV | 5.187 | 8 | |
| $80 \mathrm{Psc}$ | 200068394 | F2V | 5.5 | 8 | |
| 42 Cet | 200068399 | G8IV + A(8) | 5.87 | 8 | |
| 33 Cet | 200068395 | K4/5III | 5.942 | 8 | |
| $60 \mathrm{Psc}$ | 200068396 | G8III | 5.961 | 8 | 15 Vega measurements HD4526 |
| $73 \mathrm{Psc}$ | 200068397 | K5III | 6.007 | 8 | 17 Vega measurements HD 6386 |
| WW Psc | 200068398 | M2.5III | 6.14 | 8 | |
| HR 243 | 200068400 | G8/K0II/III | 6.368 | 8 | |
| HR 161 | 200068401 | K3III | 6.407 | 8 | |

Table 2. Stars in Campaign 9 observed with halo photometry in K2.

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| Name | EPIC | EPIC Spectral | | Campaign | Comments |
| | | Type | mag | | |
| HR 6766 | 200069361 | G7:IIIbCN-1CH-3.5HK+1 | 4.56 | 9 | |
| HR 6842 | 200069360 | K3II | 4.627 | 9 | |
| $4 \mathrm{~Sgr}$ | 200069357 | A0 | 4.724 | 9 | |
| $11 \mathrm{~Sgr}$ | 200069358 | K0III | 4.98 | 9 | |
| $7 \mathrm{Sgr}$ | 200069362 | F2II-III | 5.34 | 9 | |
| $15 \mathrm{~Sgr}$ | 200069359 | O9.7Iab | 5.37 | 9 | |
| HR 6838 | 200069363 | K2III | 5.75 | 9 | |
| Y Sgr | 200069364 | F8II | 5.75 | 9 | Cepheid |
| HR 6716 | 200069365 | B0Iab/b | 5.77 | 9 | |
| HR 6681 | 200069366 | A0V | 5.929 | 9 | |
| 9 Sgr | 200069368 | O4V((f))z | 5.97 | 9 | |
| 16 Sgr | 200069367 | O9.5III | 6.02 | 9 | |
| HR 6825 | 200069369 | ${ m ApSi}$ | 6.15 | 9 | |
| 63 Oph | 200069370 | O8II((f)) | 6.2 | 9 | |
| HR 6679 | 200069373 | A1V | 6.469 | 9 | |
| HD 165784 | 200069371 | A2Iab | 6.58 | 9 | |
| HD 161083 | 200069374 | $\mathrm{F0V}$ | 6.58 | 9 | |
| 5 Sgr | 200069372 | K0III | 6.64 | 9 | |
| HD 167576 | 200069378 | K1III | 6.66 | 9 | |
| HR 6773 | 200069380 | $\mathrm{B}3/5\mathrm{IV}$ | 6.71 | 9 | |
| HD 163296 | 200071159 | A1Vep | 6.85 | 9 | |
| HD 165052 | 200069379 | O5.5:Vz+O8:V | 6.87 | 9 | |
| $17 \mathrm{\ Sgr}$ | 200069375 | G8/K0III | 6.886 | 9 | |
| HD 169966 | 200069376 | G8/K0III | 6.97 | 9 | |
| HD 162030 | 200069377 | K1III | 7.02 | 9 | |

Table 3. Stars in Campaigns 10-12 observed with halo photometry in K2.

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| Name | EPIC | Spectral | V | Campaign | Comments |
| | | Type | mag | | |
| Porrima | 200084004 | F1V+F0mF2V | 2.74 | 10 | |
| Zaniah | 200084005 | A2IV | 3.9 | 10 | |
| 21 Vir | 200084006 | B9V | 5.48 | 10 | |
| FW Vir | 200084007 | M3+IIICa0.5 | 5.71 | 10 | |
| HR 4837 | 200084008 | G8III | 5.918 | 10 | |
| HR 4591 | 200084009 | K1III | 6.316 | 10 | |
| HR 4613 | 200084010 | G8/K0III | 6.364 | 10 | |
| HD 107794 | 200084011 | K0III | 6.46 | 10 | |
| θ Oph | 200128906 | OB | 3.26 | 11 | |
| 44 Oph | 200128907 | kA5hA9mF1III | 4.153 | 11 | |
| 45 Oph | 200128908 | F5III-IV | 4.269 | 11 | |
| 51 Oph | 200128909 | A0V | 4.81 | 11 | |
| 36 Oph | 200129035 | K2V+K1V | 5.03 | 11 | |
| o Oph | 200128910 | | 5.2 | 11 | |
| 26 Oph | 200129034 | F3V | 5.731 | 11 | |
| HR 6472 | 200128911 | K0III | 5.83 | 11 | |
| HR 6366 | 200128913 | $\operatorname{Fm} dD$ | 5.911 | 11 | |
| HR 6365 | 200128912 | K0III | 5.977 | 11 | |
| 191 Oph | 200128914 | K0III | 6.171 | 11 | |
| $\kappa \ \mathrm{Psc}$ | 200164167 | A2VpSrCrSi | 4.94 | 12 | |
| 83 Aqr | 200164168 | F0V | 5.47 | 12 | |
| $24 \mathrm{Psc}$ | 200164169 | K0II/III | 5.94 | 12 | |
| HR 8759 | 200164170 | G5II/III | 5.933 | 12 | |
| $14 \mathrm{Psc}$ | 200164171 | A2II | 5.87 | 12 | |
| HR 8921 | 200164172 | K4/5III | 6.191 | 12 | |
| $81 \mathrm{\ Aqr}$ | 200164173 | K4III | 6.215 | 12 | |
| HR 8897 | 200164174 | K4III | 6.34 | 12 | |

Table 4. Stars in Campaign 13 observed with halo photometry in K2.

| | | <u> </u> | | | |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|----------|------------------------|
| Name | EPIC | Spectral | V | Campaign | Comments |
| | | Type | $_{ m mag}$ | | |
| Aldebaran | 200173843 | K5+III | 0.86 | 13 | Farr et al. (2018) |
| $\theta 2$ Tau | 200173845 | A7III | 3.41 | 13 | SC |
| ϵ Tau | 200173844 | G9.5IIICN0.5 | 3.53 | 13 | Arentoft et al. (2019) |
| $\theta 1$ Tau | 200173846 | G9IIIFe-0.5 | 3.84 | 13 | |
| $\kappa 1$ Tau | 200173847 | A7IV-V | 4.201 | 13 | SC |
| $\delta 3$ Tau | 200173849 | A2IV-Vs | 4.25 | 13 | C4 |
| τ Tau | 200173850 | B3V | 4.258 | 13 | |
| v Tau | 200173848 | A8Vn | 4.282 | 13 | SC |
| ρ Tau | 200173851 | A8V | 4.65 | 13 | SC |
| 11 Ori | 200173853 | A1VpSiCr | 4.661 | 13 | |
| HR 1427 | 200173855 | A6IV | 4.764 | 13 | SC |
| 15 Ori | 200173854 | F2IV | 4.82 | 13 | |
| 75 Tau | 200173852 | K1IIIb | 4.969 | 13 | |
| 97 Tau | 200173857 | A7IV-V | 5.085 | 13 | SC |
| HR 1684 | 200173856 | K5III | 5.163 | 13 | |
| $\kappa 2$ Tau | 200173859 | F0Vn | 5.264 | 13 | SC |
| 56 Tau | 200173861 | A0VpSi | 5.346 | 13 | |
| 81 Tau | 200173860 | Am | 5.454 | 13 | |
| 53 Tau | 200173864 | B9Vsp | 5.482 | 13 | |
| HR 1585 | 200173858 | K1III | 5.49 | 13 | |
| 80 Tau | 200173866 | F0V | 5.552 | 13 | |
| 51 Tau | 200173865 | F0V | 5.631 | 13 | |
| HR 1403 | 200173867 | Am | 5.711 | 13 | |
| 89 Tau | 200173868 | F0V | 5.776 | 13 | |
| HR 1576 | 200173871 | B9V | 5.776 | 13 | |
| 98 Tau | 200173870 | A0V | 5.785 | 13 | |
| 99 Tau | 200173862 | K0III | 5.806 | 13 | |
| 105 Tau | 200173869 | B2Ve | 5.92 | 13 | |
| HR 1554 | 200173874 | F2IVn | 5.961 | 13 | |
| HR 1385 | 200173875 | F4V | 5.965 | 13 | C4 |
| HR 1741 | 200173873 | K0III | 6.107 | 13 | |
| HR 1633 | 200173872 | K0 | 6.188 | 13 | |
| HR 1755 | 200173876 | K0III | 6.205 | 13 | |

Table 5. Stars in Campaigns 14-15 observed with halo photometry in K2.

| Name | EPIC | Spectral | V | Campaign | Comments |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|----------|---------------------------|
| | | Type | mag | | |
| ρ Leo | 200182931 | B1Iab | 3.87 | 14 | Aerts et al. (2018) |
| 58 Leo | 200182925 | K0.5IIIFe-0.5 | 4.838 | 14 | |
| 48 Leo | 200182926 | G8.5IIIFe-1 | 5.07 | 14 | |
| 53 Leo | 200182928 | A2V | 5.312 | 14 | |
| 65 Leo | 200182927 | K0III | 5.52 | 14 | |
| 35 Sex | 200182929 | K2II-III+K1II-III | 5.79 | 14 | |
| 43 Leo | 200182930 | K3III | 6.08 | 14 | |
| Dschubba | 200194910 | B0.3IV | 2.32 | 15 | |
| Zubenelhakrabi | 200194911 | G8.5III | 3.91 | 15 | |
| $\iota 1 \text{ Lib}$ | 200194912 | B9IVpSi | 4.54 | 15 | Buysschaert et al. (2018) |
| 41 Lib | 200194913 | G8III/IV | 5.359 | 15 | |
| $\zeta 4 \text{ Lib}$ | 200194914 | B3V | 5.499 | 15 | |
| HR 5762 | 200194915 | A2IV | 5.52 | 15 | |
| HR 5806 | 200194916 | K0III | 5.79 | 15 | |
| $\zeta 3 \text{ Lib}$ | 200194917 | K0III | 5.806 | 15 | |
| HR 5810 | 200194918 | K0III | 5.816 | 15 | |
| $\iota 2$ Lib | 200194919 | A2V | 6.066 | 15 | Buysschaert et al. (2018) |
| HR 5620 | 200194920 | K0III | 6.14 | 15 | |
| 28 Lib | 200194921 | G8II/III | 6.17 | 15 | |
| HD 138810 | 200194958 | K1(III)(+G) | 7.02 | 15 | |

Table 6. Stars in Campaigns 16-18 observed with halo photometry in K2.

| Name | EPIC | Spectral | V | Campaign | Comments |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|----------|---------------------|
| | | Type | mag | | |
| Asellus Australis | 200200356 | K0+IIIb | 3.94 | 16 | |
| Acubens | 200200357 | kA7VmF0/2III/IVSr | 4.249 | 16 | |
| ξ Cnc | 200200358 | G8.5IIIFe-0.5CH-1 | 5.149 | 16 | |
| o1 Cnc | 200200360 | A5III | 5.22 | 16 | |
| $\eta~\mathrm{Cnc}$ | 200200359 | K3III | 5.325 | 16, 18 | |
| $45~\mathrm{Cnc}$ | 200200728 | A3III:+G7III | 5.65 | 16 | SC |
| o2 Cnc | 200200361 | F0IV | 5.677 | 16 | |
| $50~\mathrm{Cnc}$ | 200200363 | A1Vp | 5.885 | 16, 18 | |
| Spica | 200213067 | B1V | 0.97 | 17 | |
| 82 Vir | 200213053 | M1+III | 5.01 | 17 | |
| 76 Vir | 200213054 | G8III | 5.21 | 17 | |
| 68 Vir | 200213055 | K5III | 5.25 | 17 | |
| 80 Vir | 200213056 | K0III | 5.706 | 17 | |
| HR 5106 | 200213057 | A0V | 5.932 | 17 | |
| HR 5059 | 200213058 | A8V | 5.965 | 17 | |
| $\gamma~{ m Cnc}$ | 200233186 | A1IV | 4.652 | 18 | C5 |
| $\zeta { m Cnc}$ | 200233643 | F8V+G0V | 4.67 | 18 | C5 |
| $60~\mathrm{Cnc}$ | 200233188 | K5III | 5.44 | 18 | C5, C16 |
| $49~\mathrm{Cnc}$ | 200233189 | ${\rm A1VpHgMnSiEu}$ | 5.66 | 18 | C5 |
| HR 3264 | 200233190 | K1III | 5.798 | 18 | C5 |
| $29~\mathrm{Cnc}$ | 200233192 | A5V | 5.948 | 18 | C5 |
| HR 3222 | 200233193 | G8III | 6.047 | 18 | C5 |
| $21~\mathrm{Cnc}$ | 200233196 | M2III | 6.08 | 18 | C5 |
| $25~\mathrm{Cnc}$ | 200233644 | F5IIIm? | 6.1 | 18 | C5 |
| HR 3558 | 200233195 | K1III | 6.146 | 18 | C5 |
| HR 3541 | 200233194 | C-N4.5 | 6.4 | 18 | C5 |