A Study of Pulsation properties of 57 Non-Blazhko effect ab-type RR Lyrae stars with homogeneous metallicities from the LAMOST-Kepler/K2 survey

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ABSTRACT

Homogeneous metallicities and continuous high-precision light curves play key roles in studying the pulsation properties of RR Lyrae stars. By cross-matching with LAMOST DR6, we have determined 7 and 50 Non-Blazhko RRab stars in the Kepler and K2 fields, respectively, who have homogeneous metallicities determined from low-resolution spectra of the LAMOST-Kepler/K2 project. The Fourier Decomposition method is applied to the light curves of these stars provided by the Kepler space based telescope to determine the fundamental pulsation periods and the pulsation parameters. The calculated amplitude ratios of R_{21} , R_{31} and the phase differences of ϕ_{21} , ϕ_{31} are consistent with the parameters of the RRab stars in both the Globular Clusters and the Large Magellanic Cloud. We find a linear relationship between the phase differences ϕ_{21} and ϕ_{31} , which is in good agreement with the results in previous literature. As far as the amplitude, we find that the amplitude of primary frequency A₁ and the total amplitude A_{tot} follow either a cubic or linear relationship. For the rise time RT, we do not find its relevance with the period of the fundamental pulsation mode P₁, or A_{tot} and ϕ_{21} . However, it might follow a linear relationship with R₃₁. Based on the homogeneous metallicities, we have derived a new calibration formula for the relationship of period- ϕ_{31} -[Fe/H], which agrees well with the previous studies.

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1. INTRODUCTION

RR Lyrae stars (hereafter RRLs) are low-mass pulsating stars located at the intersection between the classical instability strip and the horizontal branch of the Hertzsprung-Russell diagram, with helium burning in the core (Aerts et al. 2010). Their pulsations are induced by the so-called κ -mechanism, operating in the hydrogen and helium partial ionization zones. Typical RRLs have pulsation periods of 0.2 - 1 d, amplitudes of $0.3^{\rm m} - 1^{\rm m}$, effective temperature $T_{\rm eff}$ of 6100-7400 K, and spectral types of A2-F6 (Catelan & Smith 2015). According to the pulsation modes, they can be divided into

three types, i.e., the foundamental radial mode (type RRab), the first overtone (type RRc) or both modes simultaneously (type RRd) (Guggenberger et al. 2012; Moskalik et al. 2015).

RRLs are widely used as tracers of stellar populations with ages older than 10 Gyr in the Milky Way (Walker 1989; Mullen et al. 2021) and neighboring galaxies (Catelan & Smith 2015; Plachy & Szabó 2021). They are also commonly used as standard candles, benefiting from their relationship between M_V and iron abundance (Sandage 1993; Caputo 1998; Nemec et al. 2013). However, this relationship's intrinsic and systematic errors are still in debate (see, e.g., Caputo et al. 2000; Di Criscienzo et al. 2004; Cassisi et al. 2008; Marconi 2012, 2009; Mullen et al. 2021). The metallicities of RRLs in those studies have been highlighted for a reliable estimation of distance with the relation of period-luminosity-

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metallicity. But it is difficult to obtain accurate measurements of metal abundances of this type of stars (For et al. 2011; Govea et al. 2014; Nemec et al. 2013; Sneden et al. 2017; Chadid et al. 2017; Magurno et al. 2019; Crestani et al. 2021; Gilligan et al. 2021). Arellano Ferro (2022) reported a homogeneous approach towards the calculation of mean M_V and [Fe/H] with a sample of 37 globular clusters via the Fourier decomposition of their light curves. Another interesting astrophysical problem of RRLs is the Blazhko effect, which is the amplitude and phase modulation of the light curves on the timescale of tens to thousands of days (Blažko 1907; Shapley 1916). Almost 30%-50% RRLs exhibit Blazhko characteristics, but the physical origin of the effect is still a mystery since its discovery (Benkő et al. 2014).

The investigations of RRLs have made great progress with the unprecedented and ever-precious photometric data obtained by the Kepler and K2 mission. Benkő et al. (2010) investigated a sample of 29 RRLs using the Kepler photometry and found that almost half of the sample exhibited Blazhko effect. The prototype star RR Lyr itself was studied in detail with the Q1-Q2 long cadence (LC) data of Kepler by Kolenberg et al. (2011), who found a multiplet structure at the main frequency and its harmonics up to the quintuplets. Nemec et al. (2011) carried out Fourier analysis of 19 non-Blazhko RRab stars with Kepler photometry, among which none of the stars showed the perioddoubling effect as seen in Blazhko stars. They also found that KIC 7021124 pulsates simultaneously in both the fundamental and second overtone modes. Based on the following high-resolution spectroscopic observations with CFHT and Keck-I, Nemec et al. (2013) determined the iron-to-hydrogen ratios, radial velocities, and atmospheric parameters for 41 RRLs in the Kepler field and thus gave a new relationship of Period- ϕ_{31} -[Fe/H]. Ngeow (2022) adopted a set of homogeneous samples of fundamental mode RRLs in *Kepler* field to investigate the performance of photometric metallicity. Comparing with roughly 50 RRLs in the prime Kepler field, more than 3000 RRLs had been proposed for observations in K2 campaigns. Although one might lose the chance of studying Blazhhko effect of RRLs merely with K2 photometry concerning the limited lengths of the time-series observations of the target stars, it is possible to carry out population studies (Molnár et al. 2015; Armstrong et al. 2016) and statistical investigations (Kovacs 2018; Moskalik et al. 2021).

Jurcsik & Kovacs (1996) have revealed that the shapes of light curves of RRab stars in optical wavelength have relevance with their mental abundances. They derived a linear relation of mental abundance with period and low-order parameters of Fourier Decomposition on the light curves of RRab stars in V band, with the phase difference of $\phi_{31} = \phi_3 \cdot 3\phi_1$. This relation was investigated by Smolec (2005) with the light curves in I band of RRab stars from the Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment (Udalski et al. 1992). A calibration of the relation was carried out by ? using the data of the Palomar Transient Factory (Law et al. 2009) in R band. Nemec et al. (2013) extended the analysis of this relation using well-sampled light curves of RRab stars in the Kepler field (Koch et al. 2010). The calibration of the relation was given by Martinez-Vazquez et al. (2016) using the RRab stars in globular clusters (GCs) and fields. Iorio & Belokurov (2021) obtained a new Period- ϕ_{31} -[Fe/H] relation using G-band light curves provided by Gaia DR2 (Gaia Collaboration et al. 2018; Holl et al. 2018; Clementini et al. 2019). Recent study of Mullen et al. (2021) not only gave new relations adopting the light curves of RRab stars of ASAS-SN sample in V band, but also provided new calibrations for the stars observed by W1 and W2 WISE bands. A similar study for RRc stars was also carried out by Mullen et al. (2022). Jurcsik & Juhász (2022) studied RRab stars with quasi-identicalshape light curves but period differences as large as 0.05-0.21 d based on the Galactic bulge data of the OGLE-IV survey. They revealed that several of these stars show very similar light curves to that of the typical bulge RR Lyrae by examining their Fourier parameters. However, to precisely characterize the relation of Period- ϕ_{31} -[Fe/H] and the connection of pulsation parameters of RRab stars, homogeneous spectra and light curves are required to derive the metallicity abundances and pulsation parameters, respectively. Fortunately, observations of the LAMOST-Kepler/K2 project (LKS) (see, e.g., De Cat et al. 2015; Zong et al. 2018; Wang et al. 2020; Fu et al. 2020) have provided LAMOST spectra for a larger number of Kepler/K2 targets. In this study, we investigate the characteristics of the pulsation parameters of the non-Blazhko RRab stars based on the Kepler light curves and homogeneous metal abundances provided by the LAMOST-Kepler/K2 project, and a new calibration of Period- ϕ_{31} -[Fe/H] is presented.

This paper is organized as following: the target selection process is described in § 2. The Fourier decomposition analysis of light curves is presented in § 3. The analysis results and discussion are given in § 4 and § 5, respectively. Finally, we present conclusions of this work in § 6.

2. TARGET SELECTION

The catalog of RRLs in the fields of K2 is obtained by combining the catalogs of RRLs of all campaigns downloaded from EVEREST (Luger et al. 2016, 2018). We obtain the target pixel files (hereafter TPFs) of all candidates of 3413 stars at the Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes ¹ (MAST, all the K^2 data used in this paper can be found in MAST: 10.17909/T9K30X) using the catalogs. The light curves are then extracted from TPFs with the LightKurve package (Vinícius et al. 2018; Barentsen et al. 2021). For each star, a series of apertures are tested on the TPFs in order to optimize the photometry precision. The extracted light curves are then detrended by fitting and subtracting either a secondor third-order polynomial to remove the long-term systematic errors. Finally, The corresponding fluxes are converted to magnitudes and shifted to the Kp mean magnitude levels. As an example, the images and light curves of the non-Blazhko RRab star EPIC 210830646 observed by K2 are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

We identify the non-Blazhko and Blazhko RRLs among those candidates by following the most strict and convincing evidence whether the presence of the side peaks is shown in the frequency spectra (Skarka et al. 2016). We searched for this feature with the software Period04 (Lenz & Breger 2005), and identified 376 Blazhko and 594 non-Blazhko RRab stars, respectively. Then, we take those non-Blazhko RRab stars to cross-match with the catalog of Liu et al. (2020), who derived the metal abundances of RRLs from the lowresolution spectra of LAMOST DR6, with a total of 50 non-Blazhko RRab stars matched. We also cross-match the catalog of Liu et al. (2020) with a list of the Kepler non-Blazhko RRab stars in previous study (Nemec et al. 2013), among which 7 stars are derived. As Liu et al. (2020) did not give the uncertainties of the metal abundances of the stars, we estimate the uncertainties using the method provided by Wang et al. (2020). The values of the metal abundances of the 57 non-Blazhko RRab stars, with their corresponding uncertainties of the metal abundances, are listed in the sixth column of Table 1.

3. PULSATION ANALYSIS

Frequency analysis with Fourier Decomposition is useful to characterize pulsations of RRLs (e.g., Simon & Teays 1982; Sandage 1993). For the non-Blazhko RRab stars from No.8 to No.57 in Table 1, frequency analyses of the light curves are carried out with the software Period04. The corresponding uncertainties of the frequencies and periods are determined according to the method proposed by Zong et al. (2021). After the frequencies are extracted from the Fourier amplitude spectra, the light curves are fitted with the following formula concerning the sine function series,

$$m(t) = m_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n A_i \sin(2\pi i f_0(t - t_0) + \phi_i) \qquad (1)$$

where n is the number of fitted orders, f_0 the main frequency, t the observation time (Barycentric Julian Date: BJD-2454833.0) and t_0 the time of the first minimum apparent magnitude of the light curves. The mean magnitude m_0 , amplitude A_i , and phase ϕ_i values at given *i*th-order can be determined. As Simon & Lee (1981) suggested, certain combinations of Fourier coefficients are directly related to some physical parameters of pulsating stars. These coefficients are typically defined either as linear combinations of phase difference of ϕ_{ij} or as amplitude ratios R_{ij} as follows,

$$\phi_{ij} = j\phi_i - i\phi_j \tag{2}$$

$$R_{ij} = \frac{A_i}{A_j} \tag{3}$$

where i = 2 or 3, j = 1 for the fundamental modes of RRLs as suggested by Nemec et al. (2013) and Smolec et al. (2013). Note that ϕ_{21} and ϕ_{31} are corrected for integer multiples of π to meet the $\phi_{21} < \pi$ and $\pi < \phi_{31} <$ 2π conditions. The parameters of 5 Kepler RRab stars analyzed from No.1 to No.4 and No.7 of Table 1 are taken from Nemec et al. (2011). We also calculate the maximum (A_{max}) and minimum (A_{min}) light with their corresponding phases (ϕ_{max} and ϕ_{min}) of those stars in Kepler and K2 missions, by fitting a second or third degree polynomial around each peak and valley of the phase-folded light curves, which can be used to determine the rise time $RT = \phi_{max} - \phi_{min}$ and total amplitude $A_{tot} = A_{max} - A_{min}$ for each star. The parameters of the stars KIC 9658012 and 9717032 as No.5 and 6 in Table 1 are determined in this work. The uncertainties of the Fourier coefficients for the 57 stars are also estimated. Table 1 lists the properties of these non-Blazhko RRLs in the fields of LAMOST-Kepler/K2 project.

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Figure 1. The image of the non-Blazhko RRab star EPIC 210830646. (a) The target pixel file of the star; (b) the green polygon indicates the optimized aperture adopted on the star for photometry.



Figure 2. (a) The light curve of EPIC 210830646 extracted by LightKurve (Vinícius et al. 2018; Barentsen et al. 2021), (b) the phase-folded light curve in fundamental period.

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No.	D	Kp	Frequency	Period	[Fe/H]	\mathbf{A}_1	\mathbf{RT}	\mathbf{A}_{tot}	${ m R}_{21}$	\mathbf{R}_{31}	ϕ_{21}	ϕ_{31}
	KIC/EPIC	(mag)	(c/d)	(day)	(dex)	(mag)	(rad)	(mag)			(rad)	(rad)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(9)	(2)	(8)	(6)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Ч	6100702	13.458	2.048567(8)	0.488146(2)	-0.60(6)	0.2089(5)	0.200(4)	0.575(9)	0.493(2)	0.279(2)	2.743(1)	5.747(1)
2	6763132	13.075	1.701291(3)	0.587789(1)	-1.90(7)	0.2802(11)	0.144(3)	0.811(19)	0.471(4)	0.356(11)	2.389(2)	5.096(4)
ŝ	7021124	13.550	1.606443(2)	0.622493(7)	-1.65(7)	0.0323(2)	0.139(1)	0.831(5)	0.512(5)	0.351(5)	2.372(2)	5.060(2)
4	7030715	13.452	1.462813(4)	0.683614(2)	-1.45(7)	0.2075(6)	0.177(3)	0.647(15)	0.494(3)	0.303(2)	2.683(1)	5.606(1)
5	9658012	16.001	1.875482(5)	0.533196(3)	-0.70(6)	0.3108(14)	0.141(3)	0.928(30)	0.498(5)	0.360(4)	2.399(2)	5.156(3)
9	9717032	17.194	1.795615(9)	0.556912(5)	-1.40(6)	0.2119(11)	0.149(5)	0.633(21)	0.512(5)	0.353(5)	2.403(2)	5.139(2)
2	9947026	13.300	1.822858(3)	0.548589(1)	-2.60(7)	0.2170(5)	0.193(12)	0.599(27)	0.488(2)	0.282(2)	2.745(1)	5.737(2)
∞	201395405	17.558	1.622410(1)	0.616367(7)	-1.55(6)	0.1661(12)	0.160(3)	0.412(10)	0.386(6)	0.320(6)	2.380(17)	4.92(31)
6	201416966	14.441	1.767199(7)	0.565867(4)	-2.10(6)	0.2719(13)	0.156(3)	0.804(15)	0.506(6)	0.346(5)	2.466(14)	5.27(30)
10	201454019	14.560	1.41163(1)	0.708401(7)	-1.30(6)	0.1637(7)	0.188(3)	0.416(9)	0.497(4)	0.305(3)	2.587(9)	5.91(24)
11	201458397	16.842	1.604129(1)	0.623391(6)	-1.50(7)	0.1884(5)	0.221(5)	0.494(8)	0.442(3)	0.253(3)	2.717(9)	5.71(23)
12	201550621	12.626	1.841698(6)	0.542977(3)	-1.50(6)	0.2995(16)	0.159(7)	0.893(14)	0.523(6)	0.345(6)	2.472(15)	5.28(31)
13	201611200	14.459	1.699969(10)	0.588246(6)	-0.95(6)	0.1703(8)	0.173(3)	0.465(11)	0.500(4)	0.329(4)	2.590(10)	5.50(26)
14	202064491	15.000	1.746749(2)	0.572492(1)	-1.20(6)	0.1959(15)	0.161(4)	0.534(14)	0.500(7)	0.344(7)	2.496(17)	5.34(33)
15	210345648	15.087	1.686611(9)	0.592905(6)	-1.20(3)	0.1960(12)	0.149(5)	0.583(19)	0.422(6)	0.347(5)	2.401(16)	5.01(31)
16	210454384	17.525	1.690231(9)	0.591635(5)	-1.70(6)	0.2128(11)	0.186(7)	0.609(16)	0.500(6)	0.314(5)	2.639(15)	5.56(31)
17	210766289	16.398	1.774371(9)	0.563580(5)	-1.25(6)	0.2085(13)	0.148(3)	0.619(13)	0.489(7)	0.357(7)	2.036(19)	5.57(35)
18	210815465	16.002	1.918090(5)	0.521352(2)	-1.60(6)	0.3826(22)	0.137(5)	1.140(12)	0.467(6)	0.372(6)	2.344(17)	4.91(32)
19	210830646	13.751	1.758810(8)	0.568566(5)	-1.70(5)	0.2328(16)	0.129(1)	0.628(19)	0.415(6)	0.336(6)	2.356(17)	4.80(32)
20	210862813	16.312	1.441879(7)	0.693539(5)	-0.85(6)	0.2223(3)	0.214(6)	0.634(5)	0.481(5)	0.263(4)	2.697(12)	5.62(28)
21	210872065	16.016	1.593511(7)	0.627545(4)	-1.10(6)	0.2369(5)	0.191(5)	0.637(5)	0.457(4)	0.289(3)	2.653(10)	5.63(24)
22	210934522	15.477	2.297878(5)	0.435184(2)	-1.40(6)	0.3226(16)	0.147(6)	0.972(25)	0.533(6)	0.368(6)	2.346(14)	5.04(31)
23	211410664	14.280	1.830881(8)	0.546185(4)	-1.15(5)	0.2275(14)	0.149(3)	0.654(21)	0.507(6)	0.354(5)	2.417(14)	5.19(30)
24	211449132	15.008	1.772059(7)	0.564315(4)	-1.70(6)	0.2384(12)	0.148(2)	0.666(11)	0.476(5)	0.359(5)	2.389(14)	5.12(29)

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	KIC/EPIC	(mag)	(c/d)	(day)	(dex)	(mag)	(rad)	(mag)			(rad)	(rad)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(9)	(2)	(8)	(6)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
25	211484212	16.047	1.784809(7)	0.560284(4)	-1.45(7)	0.2388(13)	0.152(4)	0.693(12)	0.513(5)	0.347(5)	2.465(13)	5.27(29)
26	211517414	15.601	1.537449(7)	0.650428(4)	-1.70(6)	0.2475(8)	0.183(6)	0.704(14)	0.510(4)	0.314(3)	2.717(9)	5.65(24)
27	211580649	14.776	1.960661(7)	0.510032(4)	-1.35(6)	0.2491(18)	0.130(4)	0.705(25)	0.460(6)	0.358(6)	2.320(16)	4.88(32)
28	211620065	16.395	2.034389(7)	0.491548(3)	-1.15(7)	0.2463(17)	0.136(3)	0.715(21)	0.474(6)	0.363(6)	2.313(16)	4.89(31)
29	211653001	13.329	1.906039(7)	0.524648(3)	-2.00(6)	0.2478(17)	0.132(3)	0.715(23)	0.449(6)	0.353(6)	2.319(16)	4.84(31)
30	211663101	14.365	1.665351(5)	0.600474(3)	-0.50(6)	0.3256(16)	0.150(6)	0.952(19)	0.493(5)	0.346(5)	2.418(14)	5.16(30)
31	211918301	16.075	1.643631(6)	0.608409(3)	-1.35(6)	0.2831(6)	0.188(8)	0.722(17)	0.454(3)	0.293(3)	2.576(9)	5.50(24)
32	211933496	15.414	2.058359(7)	0.485824(3)	-1.75(6)	0.2516(19)	0.132(1)	0.743(19)	0.457(6)	0.353(6)	2.314(16)	4.85(31)
33	212130982	13.501	1.673371(7)	0.597596(4)	-1.20(6)	0.2614(7)	0.178(2)	0.772(16)	0.493(4)	0.311(4)	2.600(10)	5.51(25)
34	212182292	12.392	1.832240(6)	0.545780(3)	-0.45(6)	0.2679(9)	0.172(5)	0.792(13)	0.513(4)	0.326(3)	2.757(9)	5.72(24)
35	212789652	13.764	1.382640(6)	0.723254(4)	-1.20(6)	0.2701(3)	0.247(2)	0.794(8)	0.406(2)	0.190(2)	2.940(6)	6.15(19)
36	212808200	13.259	1.534780(5)	0.651559(3)	-2.20(6)	0.3152(15)	0.159(3)	0.928(23)	0.513(5)	0.340(5)	2.489(14)	5.27(30)
37	212870977	14.714	1.971449(7)	0.507241(3)	-1.15(6)	0.2713(19)	0.140(8)	0.798(19)	0.507(6)	0.358(6)	2.375(16)	5.10(32)
38	220277833	13.269	2.214118(6)	0.451647(3)	-0.90(7)	0.2998(2)	0.134(3)	0.839(22)	0.470(6)	0.347(5)	2.290(15)	4.83(31)
39	220288040	14.083	1.842869(6)	0.542632(3)	-1.40(6)	0.2911(13)	0.154(6)	0.861(25)	0.487(5)	0.357(5)	2.384(14)	5.12(29)
40	220435063	12.783	1.484671(6)	0.673550(3)	-2.95(6)	0.2844(14)	0.146(2)	0.815(10)	0.440(5)	0.351(5)	2.385(15)	5.01(30)
41	220460648	17.193	1.715169(6)	0.583033(4)	-2.05(7)	0.2826(16)	0.148(8)	0.825(29)	0.474(7)	0.351(6)	2.397(17)	5.11(33)
42	220489863	17.700	1.672909(5)	0.597761(3)	-1.70(7)	0.3223(17)	0.147(4)	0.955(22)	0.498(6)	0.355(6)	2.406(16)	5.15(32)
43	220528452	17.651	1.795390(5)	0.556982(3)	-1.10(7)	0.2955(12)	0.152(8)	0.843(32)	0.493(5)	0.353(5)	2.423(14)	5.20 (30)
44	228881816	15.279	1.742731(6)	0.573812(3)	-1.05(5)	0.2881(11)	0.167(7)	0.847(20)	0.498(5)	0.333(5)	2.515(13)	5.37(29)
45	228930895	16.177	1.711491(7)	0.584286(4)	-1.75(5)	0.2651(14)	0.158(3)	0.769(16)	0.462(6)	0.350(6)	2.405(16)	5.12(31)
46	229105036	14.059	1.488529(5)	0.671804(3)	-1.60(6)	0.3249(14)	0.167(2)	0.954(22)	0.530(5)	0.339(5)	2.681(13)	5.47(29)
47	246785473	13.367	1.631931(4)	0.612771(2)	-1.25(7)	0.3416(4)	0.202(4)	0.989(12)	0.452(3)	0.272(3)	2.697(8)	5.70(22)
48	246872772	17.710	1.738429(7)	0.575232(4)	-1.25(5)	0.2197(9)	0.165(3)	0.608(15)	0.447(4)	0.333(4)	2.388(12)	5.05(27)
49	248419289	15.718	1.606464(4)	0.624485(3)	-1.35(6)	0.3388(4)	0.227(3)	1.006(9)	0.418(3)	0.231(2)	2.688(7)	5.71(21)
50	248419294	17.372	1.828708(6)	0.546834(4)	-1.60(6)	0.3537(12)	0.148(12)	1.050(18)	0.487(7)	0.363(7)	2.344(18)	4.99(34)
51	248503821	16.175	1.649460(5)	0.606259(3)	-1.35(7)	0.3237(12)	0.180(5)	0.719(25)	0.489(4)	0.318(4)	2.578(11)	5.35(27)
52	248529108	16.124	1.713629(6)	0.583557(4)	-1.40(6)	0.2377(8)	0.182(7)	0.674(12)	0.503(4)	0.308(3)	2.638(9)	5.58(25)

 Table 1 (continued)

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No.	Ð	Kp	Frequency	Period	[Fe/H]	A_1	RT	A_{tot}	\mathbb{R}_{21}	\mathbb{R}_{31}	ϕ_{21}	ϕ_{31}
	KIC/EPIC	(mag)	(c/d)	(day)	(dex)	(mag)	(rad)	(mag)			(rad)	(rad)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(9)	(2)	(8)	(6)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
53	248561687	17.956	1.825950(5)	$0.547660(2)$ \cdot	-2.80(6)	0.3176(15)	0.147(5)	0.943(20)	0.498(5)	0.348(5)	2.404(14)	5.15(30)
54	248565314	16.558	1.998968(4)	0.500258(2) .	-1.95(5)	0.3503(17)	0.141(4)	1.030(34)	0.485(6)	0.359(5)	2.344(15)	5.02(30)
55	248591089	15.554	1.873048(5)	0.533889(2) .	-1.30(7)	0.3181(15)	0.148(1)	0.952(19)	0.507(6)	0.357(5)	2.404(14)	5.16(30)
56	248828350	14.476	1.519119(5)	0.658276(4) .	-2.25(6)	0.2925(14)	0.152(5)	0.860(20)	0.479(5)	0.355(5)	2.421(14)	5.16(29)
57	251316614	15.626	2.197720(4)	0.455017(1) .	-1.30(6)	0.4065(19)	0.138(10)	1.142(20)	0.481(5)	0.346(5)	2.279(14)	4.83(30)

4. ANALYSIS RESULTS

4.1. The properties of Fourier composition coefficients

The Fourier coefficient of A_1 is approximately proportional to the total amplitude of A_{tot} , since it is the dominant component of A_{tot} . In order to illustrate this relationship between A_1 and A_{tot} , we use a cubic and a linear equation to fit the two coefficients A_1 and A_{tot} following Nemec et al. (2011) who found that the dependence between the two coefficients might be cubic using the 19 non-Blazhko RRab stars observed by *Kepler* and Skarka (2014) who analysed 176 non-Blazhko RRab stars from ASAS and WASP surveys found that the relation might be linear for the two coefficients, respectively. The cubic fitting is as follows,

$$A_{1} = -0.28(1) \times A_{tot}^{3} - 0.56(5) \times A_{tot}^{2} + 0.66(2) \times A_{tot} - 0.004(1)$$
(4)

while the linear fitting is as follows,

$$A_1 = 0.3223(1) \times A_{tot} + 0.0202(1) \tag{5}$$

When the cubic curve (as shown in the top panel of Figure 3) is subtracted from the A_{tot} - A_1 diagram, the residuals show no significant deviations from the average value of zero with the rms of 0.0125 mag (as shown in the bottom panel of Figure 3). But for the linear fitting, although the residuals show no significant variations (presented in the bottom panel of Figure 4) after subtracting the linear trending (presented in the top panel of Figure 4) from the A_{tot} - A_1 diagram, the value of rms is 0.013 mag, which is slightly larger than that of the cubic fitting. It is worth mentioning that the data points away from 3σ are not considered for those two kinds of fittings as shown in the top panels of the two figures.

Skarka (2014) and Nemec et al. (2011) had investigated the relation between the two Fourier coefficients ϕ_{21} and ϕ_{31} of the non-Blazhko RRab stars, and they both pointed out that the two coefficients of the stars follow a linear relation. In this work, we perform a linear fitting for the two Fourier coefficients ϕ_{21} and ϕ_{31} and the fitting equation is as following,

$$\phi_{21} = 0.459(10) \times \phi_{31} - 0.064(28) \tag{6}$$

The fitting is shown in the top panel of Figure 5, and the residuals are plotted in the bottom panel of the figure, with an rms of 0.082 rad. The data points beyond 3σ away from the trending are not considered in the fitting.



Figure 3. The relationship between A_{tot} and A_1 . The black and red dots are the RRLs in this study observed by *Kepler* and K2, respectively. The blue curve of the data points as shown in the top panel, and the bottom panel shows the residuals.



Figure 4. The relationship between A_{tot} and A_1 . The black and red dots are the RRLs in this study observed by *Kepler* and K2, respectively. The green line is the linear fitting of the data points as shown in the top panel, and the bottom panel shows the residuals.

Figure 6 shows how the rise time (RT) correlates with the parameters of the light curves, including the fundamental period, total amplitude A_{tot} , the amplitude ratio R_{31} and the phase difference ϕ_{21} . Panel (a) shows the relation between RT and the main pulsation period. It can be seen that the longer period probably corresponds



Figure 5. The relationship of ϕ_{31} and ϕ_{21} . The black and red dots represent RRLs in this study in the *Kepler* and K2 fields, respectively. The dark line is the linear equation between the two coefficients with a rms of 0.082 rad as shown in the top panel. After extracting this fit, the residuals are shown in the bottom panel.

to a higher rise time for most of the stars. This is for the first time that this tendency is noticed for *Kepler* and K2 non-Blazhko RRab stars. The data points of the total amplitudes A_{tot} versus RT are scattered as shown in panel (b). R_{31} and RT might follow a roughly linear trend shown in panel (c). The distribution of RT versus ϕ_{21} is scattered as shown in panel (d).

4.2. $Period-\phi_{31}-[Fe/H]$

A series studies (Jurcsik & Kovacs 1996; Kovacs & Jurcsik 1996; Kovács & Walker 2001; Jurcsik et al. 2009; Nemec et al. 2013; Plachy et al. 2016; ?; Iorio & Belokurov 2021; Mullen et al. 2021) have been conducted to investigate the relation of Period- ϕ_{31} -[Fe/H]. In this study, we use the fundamental periods P and the phase differences ϕ_{31} of the 54 non-Blazhko RRab stars with the mental abundances [Fe/H] of these stars provided by the LAMOST-*Kepler/K2* project to give a new calibration of the relation. This relation could be fitted by following equation,

$$[Fe/H] = a + b \times (P - \overline{P}_0) + c \times (\phi_{31} - \overline{\phi}_{31}) \qquad (7)$$

where \overline{P}_0 and $\overline{\phi}_{31}$ are the mean values of the fundamental periods and phase differences ϕ_{31} of the 54 non-Blazhko stars studied in this work, respectively. We adopt the least squares method which is implemented by SciPy package (Virtanen et al. 2020) to estimate the best fitting coefficients with their corresponding standard errors, for which, a = -3.650 (1), b = 0.848 (4) and c = -3.992 (1). Figure 7 illustrates the distribution of the [Fe/H] in the ϕ_{31} versus periods plane of those RRLs.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. The properties of Fourier composition coefficients

In this study, we find that the values of standard errors of cubic fit and linear fit for the relation of the amplitude of the primary frequency A_1 and the total amplitude A_{tot} of the 54 non-Blazhko RRab stars are $\sigma_1 = 0.013$ and $\sigma_2 = 0.0125$, respectively, which means that they follow either a cubic or linear relation. We do not find any relation for RT with the fundamental period, total amplitude A_{tot} and phase difference ϕ_{21} of the stars studied in this work. However, Skarka (2014) suggested that the RT follows a linear relation with those parameters for the non-Blazhko RRab stars but does not for the Blazhko RRab stars, which is not consistent with our result. This might be due to that the precision of the photometry from Kepler and K2 is much higher than that of the photometric data in the previous study. As far as the relation between ϕ_{21} and ϕ_{31} of the stars, we find that they follow a linear relation. But Skarka (2014) found that the dependence of the two coefficients of ϕ_{21} and ϕ_{31} is not very strong.

5.2. Comparing with RRab stars in globular clusters and LMC field

As the Fourier decomposition coefficients derived from light curves observed in Kepler white band of the 54 non-Blazhko RRab, we convert them into V mag using formula (2) of Nemec et al. (2011). Figure 8 shows the correlations of properties of the non-Blazhko RRab stars in this study with the 177 RRab stars located in several Galactic and LMC GCs (Kovács & Walker 2001). Panel (a) shows the logP- ϕ_{31} diagram. The stars in the GCs with poor and intermediate metallicities define clearly two edges, respectively. The metal-poor subsample consists of 19 stars, whose metallicities are in the range from -1.70 to -1.99 dex with an average value of -1.8 dex (Kovács & Walker 2001; Nemec et al. 2011). The other subsample stars are the intermediate-metallicity stars containing 39 members, whose metallicities are between -0.97 and -1.23 dex with an average value of -1.1 dex. It is clear that most no-Blazhko RRab stars in LAMOST-Kepler/K2 fields have metal abundance between -1.80 dex and -1.10 dex, except for two *Kepler* stars and five K2 stars with metallicities higher than -1.1 dex. Panel (b) shows that the distribution of the Fourier coefficients R_{21} and R_{31} of the 54 non-Blazhko RRab stars in the Kepler/K2 survey are similar to the RRab stars in GCs. For the stars studied in this work, we find that some of



Figure 6. Rise time as a function of the parameters of the light curves. The non-Blazhko RRab stars in this study observed by Kepler and K2 are presented in red and black dots, respectively.

them with low R_{31} values have relatively high R_{21} values. We also find that most stars are in the upper right side of panel (b) and most of them have high metallicities. Panel (c) shows that the stars studied in this work do not differ from the stars in GCs. We also note that the metallicities might have no significant effect in this panel. Panel (d) shows the agreement between the phase parameters of the 54 non-Blazhko RRab stars and globular cluster RRab stars, which supports that the phase parameters of ϕ_{21}^s and ϕ_{31}^s might follow a linear relation. However, panel (d) also presents very little dependence on the metallicities. As the cluster RRLs adopted in this work cover roughly one dex in the metal intermediate regime, we collected the data of the reference stars from a large sample high resolution spectroscopic surveys of RRLs (For et al. 2011; Govea et al. 2014; Nemec et al. 2013; Sneden et al. 2017; Chadid et al. 2017; Magurno et al. 2019; Crestani et al. 2021; Gilligan et al. 2021), with the metallicities of RRLs ranging from -3.0 dex to solar or super-solar iron abundance based on those high resolution spectra. We cross match the catalog of those studies with our data for the reference stars. We derived 7 common stars from the study of Nemec et al. (2013) but no common stars from other literature (For



Figure 7. Period- ϕ_{31} -[Fe/H] fit for the RRLs observed in the LAMOST-*Kepler/K2* project. The color bar is the value of the period.

et al. 2011; Govea et al. 2014; Sneden et al. 2017; Chadid et al. 2017; Magurno et al. 2019; Crestani et al. 2021; Gilligan et al. 2021) and those stars are all in the *Kepler* field. But we notice that our database of metallicity of RRLs studied in this work is a subsample of Liu et al. (2020), who collected the data of the reference stars with reliable metallicity estimates either from high-resolution spectroscopy with the metallicity ranging from -2.95 dex to -0.59 dex (Clementini et al. 1995; For et al. 2011; Kinman et al. 2012: Nemec et al. 2013: Govea et al. 2014: Pancino et al. 2015) or as a member star of globular clusters (Harris 2010) with the metallicity range from -2.37 dex to -1.29 dex. They finally obtained 47 stars in common, which formed their reference star sample. The metallicity scale adopted by them was the one established by Carretta et al. (2009), which was derived from the old metallicity scale (Zinn & West 1984). They found that the values of metallicities of RRLs estimated from the low resolution spectra of LAMOST DR6 agree well with those of the compiled reference stars, with a negligible offset of -0.04 dex and a standard deviation of 0.22 dex. They also found that the dispersion is comparable to that yielded by multi-epoch observations.

We also compare the Fourier decomposition coefficients R_{21} , R_{31} , ϕ_{21}^c and ϕ_{31}^c with those derived for the RRLs in the central regions of the LMC. The latter are determined from the OGLE Collection of Variable Stars by Soszyński et al. (2016) and transformed from I to Vband using equations provided by Morgan et al. (1998). It is clear that the coefficients of the 54 non-Balzhko RRab stars determined in this work agree with the coefficients of the RRab stars well and differs from other type RRLs shown in Figure 9.

5.3. $Period-\phi_{31}-[Fe/H]$

We compare the metallicities [Fe/H] of the stars studied in this wrok calculated using Eq. 7 with those derived by relationships as documented in the literature (Jurcsik & Kovacs 1996; Nemec et al. 2013; Martinez-Vazquez et al. 2016; Iorio & Belokurov 2021; Mullen et al. 2021). For consistency, the metallicities of those investigations are converted to the often-used scale of Carretta et al. (2009) (hereafter C09). The result of this comparison is shown in Figure 10, the abscissa of all subgraphs refer to the metallicities of the stars calculated using Eq. 7, the ordinate of all subgraphs refer to the metallicities of the stars derived with the relations in the literature. Panel (a) shows the metallicities comparison between ours and those of Jurcsik & Kovacs (1996) (hereafter JK96), whose relation was derived using photometric data of 81 field RRab stars in V band with metallicities based on the high-dispersion spectroscopy scale of Jurcsik (1995). For consistency, we first convert the metallicities derived with their relation to the C09 scale using the formula provided by Kolláth et al. (2011): $[Fe/H]_{C09} = 1.001 [Fe/H]_{JK96} - 0.112$. We then convert the Fourier coefficient ϕ_{31} in K_p system to V-band with the formula (2) of Nemec et al. (2011). We find that the comparing result between the two relations is different obviously within the calibration rang (-2.1 dex < [Fe/H]) ≤ 0.7 dex) of JK96 (red horizontal lines) particularly in the metal-rich regime. This might be due to that the photometric data of JK96 were collected from heterogeneous observations at various sites and were either lack of phase coverage or had excessive noise which caused a failure of Fourier fit in JK96. Nemec et al. (2013)(hereafter N13) derived a quadratic Period- ϕ_{31} -[Fe/H] relation using 19 RRab stars in the *Kepler* field with accurate metallicities measurements. The metallicities comparison between ours and those of N13 is shown in panel (b). The Fourier coefficients ϕ_{31} of the 57 stars are in same K_p system with that of Nemec et al. (2013). Furthermore, the metallicity scale adopted by N11 and ours are in same scale of C09. Note that the scatter is obviously large for either the higher metallicity or lower metallicity in their range (-1.5 dex \leq [Fe/H] \leq 0.03 dex). Mullen et al. (2021) suggested that this might be caused by the higher-order term of the relationship given by N13, and they had only one RRab star with [Fe/H] < -2.0 dex resulting in the scarcity of calibrators in their sample for low [Fe/H]. Martinez-Vazquez et al. (2016) (hereafter MV16) gave a new calibration of Period- ϕ_{31} -[Fe/H] based on a sample of 381 RRab stars in the GCs and 8 field RRab stars in order to extend the metallicities range of their samples. The metallicities of their sample were on the C09 scale, and we also convert



Figure 8. Correlation of properties of LAMOST-Kepler/K2 non-Blazhko RRab stars with the 177 RRab stars located in several Galactic and LMC GCs (black small dots). The cluster RRab stars presented here are taken from Kovács & Walker (2001) which were adopted by Nemec et al. (2011). The green and yellow triangles are the stars in Kepler and K2 fields in this study, respectively. The 19 most metal-poor stars, whose metallicities are between -1.70 and -1.99 dex with a mean value of -1.80 dex, are marked by blue circles. The 39 most metal-rich stars, whose metallicities are in the range of -0.97 to -1.23 dex with a mean value of -1.10 dex, are marked by red circles. The blue and red lines in panel (a) are linear fitting for the metal-poor and intermediate metal abundance stars, respectively. Note that the superscript 'S' and 'C' of the coefficients signify phase-parameters computed with sine and cosine series, respectively.

the K_p system ϕ_{31} value to the V-band system using formula (2) of Nemec et al. (2011). The metallicities comparing between ours with those of MV16 show an obvious scatter within the entire calibration range of MV16, as presented in panel (c). This phenomenon might be due to that the sample of 381 RRab stars were binned by period, they computed the mean period, ϕ_{31} and Vband amplitude, which means that the calibration provided by MV16 was based on the average instead of the individual properties. Iorio & Belokurov (2021) (hereafter IB21) derived a G-band period- ϕ_{31} -[Fe/H] relation based on the light curves of 84 RRab stars in Gaia Dr2 with known spectroscopic metallicities. For this comparison, we first use formula (2) of Kolláth et al. (2011)to convert the ϕ_{31} value in K_p system to the V-band system, then convert it to that in the G-band system using

formula (6) of Clementini et al. (2016). What's more, an additional π offset should be subtracted from ϕ_{31} to set the coefficients on the same scale as IB20 as suggested by Mullen et al. (2021). However, the metallicity abundances adopted by IB20 were on the scale of Zinn & West (1984)(ZW). We convert the metallicity abundances of IB20 to the C09 scale using the formula of $[Fe/H]_{C09} =$ $1.105[Fe/H]_{ZW84} + 0.160$. The metallicities comparison between ours and those of IB21 exhibit a generally agreement within the entire range of metallicity (-2.53 dex \leq [Fe/H] < 0.33 dex), with an rms of 0.123 dex, as shown in panel (d). However, Mullen et al. (2021) pointed out that the relation given by IB21 tends to overestimate the metallicity at the metal-poor ends and underestimate the metallicity at the metal-rich ends. Panel (e) shows the metallcicities comparison between ours and



Figure 9. Comparison of Fourier coefficients of the non-Blazhko RRab stars in this study with those derived from the OGLE-IV LMC field RR Lyrae stars provided by Soszyński et al. (2016) and the known non-Blazhko RRab stars observed by *Kepler* determined by Nemec et al. (2011). The red points represent RRab, green points RRc stars. The blue pentagon are stars observed by both *Kepler* and LAMOST DR6. The dark pentagon are the stars observed by both K2 and LAMOST DR6.

those of Mullen et al. (2021) (hereafter M21), who used 1980 RRab stars with a metallicity range of -3.0 dex \leq [Fe/H] \leq 0.4 dex. We first convert the ϕ_{31} value in K_p system to the V-band system using formula (2) of Nemec et al. (2011). A small shift of 0.08 dex is considered in converting to the often-used C09 scale of [Fe/H] as suggested by M21. The result exhibits an obvious scatter between the two relations for the entire range of metallicities. This might be due to that the sample of RRab stars in M21 is significantly larger than ours.

6. CONCLUSIONS

As a consequence of cross-match the target stars of Kepler and K2 photometry with those of the spectroscopic observations in LAMSOT DR6, we derive a sample of 57 non-Blazhko RRab stars. The pulsation periods of these stars are determined with the Fourier Decomposition method applied on the light curves, including R_{21} , R_{31} , ϕ_{21} , ϕ_{31} , A_1 and $A_t ot$. We find that the amplitude ratios R_{21} , R_{31} and those phase difference ϕ_{21} and ϕ_{31} are consistent with those determined in Globular Clusters and LMC. There is a linear relationship between the phase differences of ϕ_{21} and ϕ_{31} , which agrees well with those in the literature (Skarka 2014). In terms of the amplitudes of the stars studied in this work, we suggest that the amplitudes of primary frequencies A_1 and the total amplitudes A_{tot} follow either a cubic or linear pattern, which need investigate in the feature. For the rise time RT, we do not find its relevance with the fundamental pulsation period, A_{tot} and ϕ_{21} . However, it might follow a linear relationship with R_{31} .

Based on the homogeneous metallicities, we have derived a new calibration formula for the relationship of period- ϕ_{31} -[Fe/H], which agrees well with those in the previous studies as documented in the literature (Jurcsik & Kovacs 1996; Nemec et al. 2013; Martinez-Vazquez et al. 2016; Iorio & Belokurov 2021; Mullen et al. 2021). We foresee a much larger catalog to be coming as LAM-OST is ongoing to release spectra both in low-resolution and medium-resolution for targets with Kepler and K2



Figure 10. Comparison of the [Fe/H] values of the non-Blazhko RRab stars in Table 1 derived by Eq 7 with those obtained from the relationship of Jurcsik & Kovacs (1996), Nemec et al. (2013), Martinez-Vazquez et al. (2016), Iorio & Belokurov (2021) and Mullen et al. (2021), respectively. The blue solid lines are 1:1 secants, and the blue dashed lines are the 1 σ dispersions of those differences of the metallicity derived by the equation in previous literature and ours. The range of calibrated metallicities used in each work to derive their respective relations are noted in each panel with red dashed–dotted lines.

photometry (Fu et al. 2020). A further and larger catalog which will refine the calibration of such relationships between different pulsation parameters. Those observational results might bring new constraints to the hydrodynamic models constructed for RR Lyrae stars in general.

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