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# A search for variable subdwarf B stars in *TESS* Full Frame Images – II. Variable objects in the northern ecliptic hemisphere

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## ABSTRACT

We report the results of our search for pulsating subdwarf B stars in Full Frame Images collected during Year 2 of the *TESS* mission and covering the northern ecliptic hemisphere. This is a continuation of our effort we presented in Paper I. We found 13 likely new pulsating subdwarf B stars, 10 pulsating candidates that are identified as other hot subdwarfs, and 30 spectroscopically unclassified objects that show amplitude spectra typical of pulsating subdwarf B stars. We found 506 variable objects, most of them spectroscopically unclassified, hence their specific variability class yet to be confirmed. Eclipsing binaries with sharp eclipses sample comprises 33 systems. For 12 of them we derived precise orbital periods and checked their stabilities. We identified one known and five new candidate HW Vir systems. The amplitude spectra of the 13 likely sdB pulsators are not rich in modes, hence any further analysis is not possible. However, we selected three candidates for pulsating subdwarf B stars that show the richest amplitude spectra and we performed a mode identification deriving modal degrees of most of the detected modes. In total, in both ecliptic hemispheres, we found 15 likely pulsating subdwarf B stars, additional 10 candidates for pulsating subdwarf B stars, 66 other variable subdwarf B stars, 2076 spectroscopically unconfirmed variable stars, and 123 variable non-sdB stars.

**Key words:** stars: oscillations (including pulsations) – subdwarfs – stars: variables: general – binaries: general – surveys.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Sahoo et al. (2020, hereafter: [Paper I](#)) reported their findings in the southern ecliptic hemisphere of 1807 variable stars, including two likely new pulsating subdwarf B stars (sdBV), 26 non-pulsating sdBs, and 83 spectroscopically unclassified objects whose amplitude spectra show peaks in the sdBV g-mode region. The bulk of the variables have no spectral classification so the result of Sahoo et al. (2020) defines a catalogue of objects that require spectroscopic verification.

We continued our effort to search for variable subdwarf B stars (sdB) in the northern ecliptic hemisphere observed by *TESS* and stored in Full Frame Images (FFI). Our main goal is to complete the census of variable sdBs in the *TESS* field of view. Many targets have been incorporated in the short cadence, either 2 min or 20 s, monitoring, however, this observing mode is limited in number of targets and therefore not all sdBV candidates will be observed. Our search is not subject to any pre-approval since we use FFI images that are stored automatically and all targets in those images are available for data processing. Handling all objects detectable in the FFIs, although desirable, is technically difficult (processing would

take months if not years), hence we focus on targets listed in the sdB catalogue described by Geier (2020).

Subdwarf B (sdB) stars are identified as objects located at the blue end of the horizontal branch, often called the extreme horizontal branch (EHB), in the Hertzsprung–Russell diagram (Heber 2016). These stars are compact in size, with surface gravities,  $\log(g/\text{cm s}^{-2})$ , of 5.0 to 5.8, which translates into radii of 0.15–0.35  $R_{\odot}$ . SdBs are blue due to their high effective surface temperature ( $T_{\text{eff}}$ ) ranging between 20 000 and 40 000 K. The sdB stars have masses 0.47  $M_{\odot}$  on average, which is sometimes called the canonical mass (Heber 2016).

Pulsations in sdBs were discovered observationally by Kilkenney et al. (1997) and theoretically by Charpinet et al. (1997). The pulsations were found at both low and high frequencies. The low frequencies (long periods of hours) are explained by gravity modes, while the high frequencies (short periods of minutes) are explained by pressure modes (Fontaine et al. 2003). To increase a sample of known pulsating sdB (sdBV) stars, it was essential to make an effort at more discoveries. First discoveries were made from the ground and detections were limited to sdBVs showing pressure modes. They were easier to detect because of their higher observable amplitudes and shorter periods as compared to sdBVs showing gravity modes. Only a handful of sdBVs were found to be pulsating in both types of modes, with Balloon 090100001 being the best example (Baran et al. 2009). To date, there are around 130 sdBV found in both ground

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**Table 1.** Basic information of 53 objects classified as *sd*Bs. Time-series data or amplitude spectra of these objects are plotted in Figs 1, 2, and 3. Objects in all tables and figures are sorted by *Gaia* ID, not accounting for the length of the numbers.

| <i>Gaia</i> DR2        | TIC        | Name                       | G<br>(mag) | Sector           | Period<br>(d) | Remarks                            |
|------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| sdBVs – Fig. 1         |            |                            |            |                  |               |                                    |
| 1028374599849118976    | 802232206  | SDSS J082428.41+512601.6   | 18.7153    | 20               | 0.1734        | –                                  |
| 127674641678296704     | 353892824  | KUV 02281+2730             | 15.1482    | 18               | 0.0487        | –                                  |
| 1345049483546987904    | 159850392  | GALEX J17566+4125          | 14.2792    | 25, 26           | 0.08–0.13     | –                                  |
| 1469357759922416256    | 321423000  | SDSS J132432.37+320420.9   | 16.6387    | 23               | 0.0907        | –                                  |
| 1495329392800826624    | 23746001   | PG 1350+372                | 14.3133    | 23               | 0.06–0.09     | –                                  |
| 1974122417009203968    | 305867900  | LAMOST J213911.57+453915.2 | 16.5692    | 15, 16           | 0.1745        | 4 objects within 21 arcsec         |
| 2051078953817324672    | 122366140  | SDSS J192059.78+372220.0   | 15.7712    | 14               | 0.1689        | 4 objects within 21 arcsec         |
| 423505288886486272     | 445380420  | LAMOST J005821.83+553750.9 | 13.2004    | 17, 18           | 0.12–0.35     | 2 bright objects within 21 arcsec  |
| 4556063035156496768    | 363766470  | HS 1741+2133               | 14.0105    | 26               | 0.0996        | Object 7 arcsec away               |
| 4571704133509719680    | 1309303943 | SDSS J170256.38+241757.9   | 19.0562    | 25               | 0.1504        | 5 objects within 21 arcsec         |
| 889227112683938816     | 741122759  | LAMOST J065538.32+312339.8 | 17.0121    | 20               | 0.1–0.2       | –                                  |
| 936745874930443648     | 741726760  | SDSS J075937.15+541022.2   | 17.7817    | 20               | 0.1638        | Object 14 arcsec away              |
| 986254272189606656     | 742806233  | LAMOST J073935.74+564233.2 | 16.6757    | 20               | 0.08–0.4      | –                                  |
| Variable sdBs – Fig. 2 |            |                            |            |                  |               |                                    |
| 2129388572827118720    | 1882909457 | Kepler J19211+4759         | 17.6946    | 14, 15           | 1.2319        | –                                  |
| 239963297458869504     | 642677463  | SDSS J030749.25+411401.6   | 17.6208    | 18               | 2.8795        | –                                  |
| 3439238531639558784    | 172171754  | KUV 06290+3235             | 16.2259    | 20               | 1.2607        | –                                  |
| 4467130720760209152    | 356085716  | PG 1628+181                | 15.3912    | 25               | 0.3094        | HW Vir                             |
| 1030011914397749504    | 802252743  | SDSS J084556.15+542357.6   | 18.8719    | 20               | 3.4529        | Bright object 32 arcsec away       |
| 1283953333241515520    | 156692388  | SDSS J142559.17+284715.2   | 16.7380    | 23               | 1.4896        | 2 objects within 30 arcsec         |
| 382086995098288896     | 440171028  | FBS 0021+418               | 15.7920    | 17               | 0.1935        | <i>Gaia</i> DR2 382086995098288256 |
| 880252005422941440     | 4161582    | LAMOST J073756.25+311646.5 | 13.5824    | 20               | 0.2574        | Drake et al. (2014) 12 arcsec away |
| 1302698627809988096    | 459285617  | PG 1610+239A               | 13.0425    | 24, 25           | 1.9579        | RR Lyr, Drake et al. (2014)        |
| 130950357400044800     | 620408944  | KUV 02226+2835             | 17.3505    | 18               | 2.3714        | 4 bright objects within 53 arcsec  |
| 1382933122321062912    | 29385876   | FBS 1554+403               | 14.0505    | 24               | 0.9382        | –                                  |
| 1502297272862648704    | 393911299  | BSD 33–110                 | 11.3418    | 16, 22, 23       | 1.2393        | –                                  |
| 2135353702585217920    | 27766711   | KIC 12021724               | 15.4766    | 14, 15           | 0.3879        | –                                  |
| 3922570889586104064    | 86277081   | PG 1206+165                | 13.6527    | 22               | 0.9000        | –                                  |
| 915310139832816256     | 27319282   | PG 0825+428                | 15.0510    | 20               | 1.2956        | –                                  |
| Variable sdBs – Fig. 3 |            |                            |            |                  |               |                                    |
| 1075984763296931456    | 313355841  | PG 1155+741                | 15.3427    | 14, 20, 21       | 0.8691        | –                                  |
| 1270423258548105728    | 357500534  | PG 1517+265                | 15.8639    | 24               | 1.0576        | –                                  |
| 1282064372266357888    | 1101440486 | SDSS J145634.65+300450.9   | 16.7505    | 24               | 0.4367        | –                                  |
| 1313140659676082560    | 298336617  | PG 1648+315                | 15.8415    | 25               | 1.0069        | –                                  |
| 1380875729907633408    | 1200857883 | KUV 16160+4120             | 17.0611    | 24, 25           | 1.0133        | –                                  |
| 1394116942282089344    | 155947880  | PG 1524+439                | 15.0667    | 23, 24           | 1.5255        | –                                  |
| 142389199635140864     | 68156854   | FBS 0255+379               | 14.6431    | 18               | 0.9211        | –                                  |
| 1434391159854454144    | 233683336  | PG 1723+603                | 15.5060    | 14–17, 19–26     | 0.25–2        | –                                  |
| 1629425796564620160    | 198176924  | HS 1615+6341               | 15.8057    | 14–26            | 1.7533        | –                                  |
| 1644174130142213632    | 1102460173 | GALEX J15134+6454          | 19.6992    | 14–16, 21–23     | 3.3196        | –                                  |
| 1702141998067113216    | 257002616  | TYC 4559-2508-1            | 10.1276    | 14–15, 20–22, 26 | 2.1527        | –                                  |
| 1816969872879974656    | 219647492  | KPD 2022+2033              | 13.6885    | 14               | 1.13872       | Crowded field                      |
| 1904789240973843072    | 128784655  | FBS 2238+369               | 14.1718    | 16               | 1.9962        | –                                  |
| 1949954704743455104    | 256785606  | FBS 2155+374               | 14.1748    | 15, 16           | 0.3534        | 3 objects within 21 arcsec         |
| 1966389723521001728    | 372181885  | LAMOST J213853.04+402415.7 | 14.4891    | 15, 16           | 0.8289        | Object 20 arcsec away              |
| 2114190543287369856    | 193944889  | FBS 1801+431               | 14.3941    | 25               | 0.5566        | –                                  |
| 2129739699292289152    | 26492416   | Kepler J192652+490849      | 15.3157    | 14, 15           | 3.0976        | Østensen et al. (2011)             |
| 2809421366255514112    | 301799840  | PG 0033+266                | 14.2751    | 17               | 0.2180        | –                                  |
| 346721341030064640     | 291885456  | FBS 0156+439               | 15.3142    | 18               | 1.4519        | 4 objects within 21 arcsec         |
| 3744179869623125888    | 138173268  | Balloon 81300002           | 13.8032    | 23               | 1.9374        | –                                  |
| 375833419635317888     | 238627422  | FBS 0048+432A              | 14.6036    | 17               | 1.4989        | –                                  |
| 380338531092183424     | 288292938  | LAMOST J002124.79+402857.1 | 15.5119    | 17               | 0.7905        | Crowded field                      |
| 385493350841270528     | 440072535  | FBS 0013+434               | 15.5555    | 17               | 0.2600        | –                                  |
| 751830524767171200     | 450325981  | CBS 129                    | 11.2693    | 21               | 0.3–10        | –                                  |
| 833223213044650240     | 406756832  | PG 1022+459                | 15.8435    | 21               | 2.4213        | –                                  |

**Table 2.** Basic information of 33 objects classified as sds. Time-series data or amplitude spectra of these objects are plotted in Figs 4, 5, and 6.

| <i>Gaia</i> DR2       | TIC        | Name                      | G<br>(mag) | Sector                    | Period<br>(d) | Remarks  |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------|--|
| sdVs – Fig. 4         |            |                           |            |                           |               |  |
| 1906485375099435136   | 259091223  | FBS2209+354               | 14.3005    | 15, 16                    | 0.07–0.13     | –  |
| 1952553606634620928   | 407657360  | LAMOSTJ214600.31+372119.7 | 14.6625    | 15, 16                    | 0.045–0.1     | 4 objects within 32 arcsec                           |
| 2041883531914920064   | 20688004   | GALEXJ18578+3048          | 13.7315    | 14, 26                    | 0.1726        | 2 objects within 21 arcsec                           |
| 2128012018629286144   | 1882679963 | KeplerJ19352+4555         | 17.1559    | 14, 15                    | 0.1766        | –  |
| 237650985848157312    | 194781979  | LAMOSTJ032717.71+410344.5 | 10.1918    | 18                        | 0.1594        | –  |
| 276751410341839616    | 372463918  | SDSSJ041536.69+560222.5   | 14.3548    | 19                        | 0.1627        | –  |
| 399911384254920448    | 354155298  | SDSSJ012458.96+475640.9   | 16.9215    | 17, 18                    | 0.0701        | 2 objects within 32 arcsec                           |
| 4512536977593172864   | 346754900  | SDSSJ184336.23+183541.2   | 15.5500    | 26                        | 0.1462        | Crowded field  |
| 4526224282435916544   | 1684677537 | LAMOSTJ181102.81+173759.8 | 17.1021    | 26                        | 0.1349        | 4 objects within 21 arcsec                           |
| 546757862292757760    | 396013351  | SDSSJ022718.01+733611.1   | 14.8957    | 18, 19, 25                | 0.09–0.2      | 3 objects within 21 arcsec                           |
| Variable sds – Fig. 5 |            |                           |            |                           |               |  |
| 1604817278929750400   | 1001259992 | SDSSJ142017.21+513904.1   | 18.9939    | 16, 22, 23                | 0.8253        | –  |
| 190164354254168192    | 426264139  | LAMOSTJ054257.76+391151.2 | 14.9411    | 19                        | 2.3316        | 3 objects within 21 arcsec                           |
| 1820963913284517504   | 1842385646 | PNA 6663                  | 15.0966    | 14                        | 0.4653        | Bond, Liller & Mannery (1978),<br>very crowded field |
| 1501291971342356480   | 1001024276 | SDSSJ133627.35+422910.90  | 18.5819    | 22, 23                    | 2.6765        | Object 24 arcsec away                                |
| 905650346067635968    | 139150535  | SDSSJ080327.93+342140.7   | 15.0617    | 20                        | 0.1824        | Object 19 arcsec away                                |
| 759081078102507264    | 144353046  | FBS1125+345               | 16.1367    | 22                        | 0.5228        | Drake et al. (2014)                                  |
| 1086478463617600256   | 85210423   | GALEXJ07354+6132          | 13.9744    | 20                        | 0.7398        | –  |
| 2859002017748155776   | 58105203   | PG0023+298                | 15.0708    | 17                        | 0.4415        | –  |
| Variable sds – Fig. 6 |            |                           |            |                           |               |  |
| 1059785555405762432   | 103802941  | PG1030+665                | 15.4705    | 14, 21                    | 0.4251        | –  |
| 1063290867195382784   | 86374556   | SDSSJ093654.17+621449.5   | 15.8320    | 20, 21                    | 1.2309        | –  |
| 1454878600534492800   | 199497852  | vZ1128                    | 14.9662    | 23                        | 0.5684        | Crowded field  |
| 1589826095016002432   | 116307277  | PG1447+459                | 14.9342    | 16, 23                    | 2.0965        | 2 objects within 21 arcsec                           |
| 1661062937982961664   | 1001364570 | PG1348+606                | 16.3181    | 15, 16, 22                | 0.6538        | –  |
| 1858674589447492608   | 230775376  | Feige114                  | 13.5045    | 15                        | 0.4302        | 4 bright objects within 21 arcsec                    |
| 1989386181016743040   | 252589558  | KPD2259+5149              | 13.8445    | 16, 17                    | 0.4920        | Crowded field  |
| 2077927619019716096   | 271345879  | KPD1938+4220              | 15.5654    | 14, 15                    | 0.1660        | 4 objects within 21 arcsec                           |
| 2110405440150086016   | 157583405  | SDSSJ183620.82+405938.5   | 14.5125    | 14, 26                    | 0.5–10        | Object 13 arcsec away                                |
| 2144494698657406464   | 48191737   | O11J185046+510738         | 13.6951    | 14, 15, 26                | 0.3990        | –  |
| 2145674126739628160   | 47670365   | O11J183634+531657         | 12.4810    | 14, 15, 19, 22, 25,<br>26 | 0.31–2        | 2 objects within 21 arcsec                           |
| 285290045838455680    | 668928634  | SDSSJ045912.47+605156.6   | 18.7139    | 19                        | 0.5851        | –  |
| 4567834303554972288   | 471013471  | PG1707+214                | 15.6066    | 25                        | 1.3179        | 3 bright objects within 3                            |
| 88718394950130432     | 426419494  | SDSSJ024113.47+215743.2   | 12.7945    | 18                        | 0.9694        | –  |
| 948653787722982528    | 742179265  | SDSSJ072401.73+410320.9   | 19.3820    | 20                        | 0.3371        | 4 objects within 32 arcsec                           |

and *Kepler* space data (Holdsworth et al. 2017; Reed et al. 2018). Additional 200+ sdBs are detected in *TESS* short cadence data and the full list will be reported elsewhere.

SdBVs are found in both open (Reed et al. 2012) and globular (Randall et al. 2009) clusters but mostly in the Galactic field. We still lack a complete all-sky search for SdBVs, which prevents a comprehensive analysis of pulsation properties correlated with stellar population to conclude the location of instability strip(s) or physical parameters (especially masses). An all-sky search for SdBVs, along with *Gaia* parallaxes would tell us about the distribution of these stars in the Galaxy and contribute towards pulsation-stellar population relationships.

We aimed at selecting SDBs and SdB candidates that were not included in the pre-defined target list, producing time-series data directly from FFIs and making mode identifications of the most suitable cases showing pulsations. The results we present here are based on data collected during Year 2 in Sectors 14–26. Each sector is monitored for about 27 d. In Section 2, we describe the source of our

targets, the selection process, and data processing. In Section 3, we present objects with found variables. Section 4 reports our mode identification effort, followed by Section 6 that summarizes our results.

## 2 TARGET SELECTION AND DATA PROCESSING

To select SdB candidates we used the SdB data base reported by Geier (2020), which was prepared based on ESA *Gaia* Data Release 2 (DR2) and several ground-based multiband photometry surveys. Geier (2020) used colour indices, absolute magnitudes, and reduced proper motions to select the most suitable SdB candidates. The data base is limited to *Gaia* G mag = 19 and contains 39 800 objects. From this sample, we selected 15 191 objects located in the Northern ecliptic hemisphere and the *TESS* field of view. Using *Gaia* IDs and target coordinates we applied TOPCAT (Taylor 2005) and rejected 548 targets that were assigned to be observed in the short cadence



**Table 3.** Basic information of 30 sdBV candidates that are not spectroscopically classified. We show amplitude spectra of these objects in Fig. 7.

| Gaia DR2            | TIC        | G<br>(mag) | Sector              | Remarks   |
|---------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---|
| 1422182595056481536 | 320525680  | 13.8708    | 14–21, 23–26        | 2 objects within 21 arcsec                        |
| 1943952161530528256 | 431548978  | 15.6118    | 17, 24              | –   |
| 1974973679520560896 | 311792028  | 15.8844    | 16                  | 4 objects within 21 arcsec                        |
| 1988552407605096320 | 66784300   | 14.8772    | 16, 17              | 5 bright objects within 21 arcsec                 |
| 1991879937806406656 | 2044241813 | 18.4712    | 16, 17              | 3 objects within 21 arcsec                        |
| 2000070680957187840 | 2013748140 | 17.9850    | 16, 17              | Crowded field                                     |
| 2004157531321062528 | 2014779767 | 17.4638    | 16, 17              | Crowded field                                     |
| 2045509716960856064 | 1873643239 | 17.8928    | 14                  | 2 bright objects within 21 arcsec                 |
| 2086094035475695232 | 1881839953 | 17.9128    | 14, 15              | Crowded field                                     |
| 2089117928668420992 | 364910983  | 16.2671    | 14, 15, 16          | 2 bright objects within 21 arcsec                 |
| 2091167968097943424 | 1550027150 | 17.4874    | 26                  | 3 objects within 21 arcsec                        |
| 2109978382962500224 | 1550453189 | 17.2795    | 14, 26              | –   |
| 2126670309505084672 | 159722705  | 15.0028    | 15                  | Reinhold et al. (2013)                            |
| 2127067508079685888 | 159108456  | 16.3927    | 14, 15              | KIC 8879964, Reinhold et al. (2013) 9 arcsec away |
| 2129988841754560000 | 1882977987 | 16.5499    | 14, 15              | Crowded field                                     |
| 2137893638866236672 | 1883445550 | 18.2584    | 14, 15, 16          | –   |
| 2156724635212300928 | 233607898  | 16.0483    | 14–17, 19–26        | Object 10 arcsec away                             |
| 2174334310379157632 | 2017774400 | 16.2330    | 16, 17              | Crowded field                                     |
| 2236896418906579072 | 236868718  | 17.3690    | 14–17, 24           | –   |
| 2265915760576214272 | 229786221  | 13.4680    | 14–17, 19–23, 25–26 | –   |
| 3455494192577652224 | 116747928  | 11.4189    | 19                  | –   |
| 408510213725398016  | 623262377  | 18.6718    | 18                  | 3 objects within 21 arcsec                        |
| 438585365733719168  | 428055301  | 15.5791    | 18                  | Crowded field                                     |
| 4510985566685186432 | 298514603  | 15.4720    | 26                  | Crowded field                                     |
| 4557407012014537728 | 311431337  | 12.0714    | 25, 26              | –   |
| 4592018955162560640 | 24261156   | 16.0873    | 26                  | Crowded field                                     |
| 467347524770034944  | 51026936   | 16.4141    | 18, 19              | 5 bright objects within 32 arcsec                 |
| 480943256621951360  | 328663453  | 16.0841    | 19                  | Object 13 arcsec away                             |
| 537697439806045824  | 407425099  | 16.4121    | 18, 19, 24, 25      | Crowded field                                     |
| 573683149710568576  | 461640603  | 14.2553    | 18, 20, 25, 26      | 2 bright objects within 21 arcsec                 |

mode. Then, we used *Tesscut* (Brasseur et al. 2019) to collect sector information targets in our sample that will be observed in, and targets with no sector assignment were also rejected. Finally, we filtered targets observed in sectors 14–26 and we ended up with 5 816 targets. It turned out that 464 targets have no useful data, so these were also rejected from our sample, hence the final number of targets was 4804. For completeness, we have included targets with non-sdB spectral classification as it may happen that some of these already classified objects will be reclassified as sdBs with further analysis. In addition, even if the stars will not be reclassified as sdBs, other researchers may find it useful to have these objects identified as variables.

The extraction process is exactly the same as described by Sahoo et al. (2020). First, we used the *Eleanor* (Feinstein et al. 2019) for downloading and processing data directly from TESS FFIs, which we downloaded from the ‘Barbara A. Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes’ (MAST). We specified a square target mask of 15 pixels on side and a square background mask of 31 pixels on side. *Eleanor* delivers raw and corrected time-series data. The raw data are a sky-subtracted simple aperture photometry, which is basically a sum of all flux within an optimal aperture for each timestamp. The corrected data account for known satellite artefacts. We extracted both data sets and have chosen the one that shows better signal-to-noise ratio (S/N).

Then, we used *lightkurve* python package (Lightkurve Collaboration 2018) to detrend and remove outliers from time-series data.

Finally, we normalized fluxes by calculating  $(f/\bar{f} - 1) \cdot 1000$ , where  $f$  and  $\bar{f}$  stands for a flux and median flux respectively, reporting amplitudes in *parts per thousand* (ppt). We remind the reader that the *Eleanor* does not account for a crowding metric correction and a flux fraction, which often results in an overestimated average flux and a diluted amplitude of a flux variation. Therefore, the amplitudes are often not realistic. In case of sdBV stars, the amplitudes are not so important, but they are for accurate modelling of eclipsing binaries or classical pulsators.

We searched for a flux variation in amplitude spectra we calculated for each target. We used a threshold of S/N ratio of 4.5 (Baran, Koen & Pokrzywka 2015). The cadence of 30 min defines the Nyquist frequency at 277  $\mu$ Hz (24 c/d). This limits our search to gravity mode sdBVs only.

### 3 THE ZOO OF OUR FINDINGS

We detected significant flux variations in 506 objects, including 53 sdBs, 33 subdwarfs (sd), 374 not spectroscopically classified, and 46 classified as non-sdBs. To identify sdB objects we used the sdB data base (Geier 2020) and the Simbad data base (Wenger et al. 2000). We listed all variable objects in Tables 1–6, including those in online material, which provide basic information on our findings and possible contamination. The large square pixels, 21 arcsec on side, cause serious issues in crowded regions of the sky as an

**Table 4.** Basic information of 23 spectroscopically unclassified eclipsing binaries. We show the time-series data of these objects in Figs 8 and 9.

| <i>Gaia</i> DR2                                       | TIC        | G<br>(mag) | Sector                     | Period<br>(d) | Remarks                           |
|---|------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Only primary eclipses detected – Fig. 8               |            |            |                            |               |                                   |
| 1131845039229607680                                   | 459182998  | 16.1614    | 14, 26                     | 0.2344        | HW Vir candidate                  |
| 1417117518648285056                                   | 1400704733 | 17.0325    | 14–15, 17–18, 20–21, 23–26 | 0.3637        | HW Vir candidate                  |
| 1816806183083980288                                   | 1943324398 | 17.2206    | 14                         | 1.3135        | Crowded field                     |
| 1840900601716813440                                   | 1951174238 | 18.9249    | 15                         | 1.0329        | 3 objects within 21 arcsec        |
| 1846629538332584960                                   | 15040115   | 11.8285    | 15                         | 0.8099        | 3 objects within 32 arcsec        |
| 1905963003995654272                                   | 274852575  | 16.9924    | 16                         | 0.1610        | Bright object 7 arcsec away       |
| 1966708032138522240                                   | 372019916  | 15.4010    | 15, 16                     | 1.3454        | 2 objects within 21 arcsec        |
| 196679269884471808                                    | 701334595  | 17.7576    | 19                         | 1.9838        | 2 objects within 21 arcsec        |
| 2037791385860884736                                   | 1712396254 | 18.6493    | 14                         | 8.3660        | Crowded field                     |
| 2053553885771329280                                   | 137755255  | 15.4784    | 14                         | 0.2060        | 3 objects within 21 arcsec        |
| 2079637668837249408                                   | 1881471898 | 17.4596    | 14, 15                     | 0.2075        | 4 objects within 21 arcsec        |
| 2080647772125380608                                   | 1881706041 | 18.5749    | 14, 15                     | 2.0397        | 3 bright objects within 32 arcsec |
| Both primary and secondary eclipses detected – Fig. 9 |            |            |                            |               |                                   |
| 2188514226495429632                                   | 1979105817 | 17.5747    | 16, 17                     | 0.2053        | HW Vir candidate                  |
| 2283172389416472320                                   | 2051607908 | 17.6481    | 18, 19, 24, 26             | 0.3682        | 5 objects within 21 arcsec        |
| 408306116877070080                                    | 623229903  | 18.9346    | 18                         | 1.5349        | HW Vir candidate                  |
| 4527438555589780352                                   | 1684897611 | 17.5813    | 26                         | 0.3295        | Crowded field                     |
| Both primary and secondary eclipses detected – Fig. 9 |            |            |                            |               |                                   |
| O1127915655253850112                                  | 841356486  | 18.5056    | 14, 20, 21, 26             | 6.1499        | HW Vir candidate                  |
| 1831073927011326720                                   | 1947381728 | 17.6647    | 14                         | 7.4423        | Object 12 arcsec away             |
| 2086140799075771520                                   | 1881852480 | 18.5450    | 14, 15                     | 4.5270        | Crowded field                     |
| 2093326416800046848                                   | 1715372736 | 10.6998    | 14, 26                     | 4.1785        | 3 bright objects within 21 arcsec |
| 2126055476346353792                                   | 159448831  | 17.2137    | 14                         | 2.1607        | BD+36 3302 1 arcsec away          |
| 450362269138662400                                    | 623842756  | 16.4752    | 18                         | 3.4583        | CV, Scaringi et al. (2012)        |
| 967312053368970624                                    | 704256138  | 16.7824    | 20                         | 3.1849        | 4 objects within 21 arcsec        |
|   |            |            |                            |               | –                                 |

**Table 5.** Basic information of 14 (out of 93) spectroscopically unclassified binaries without sharp eclipses. We show the time-series data of these objects in Fig. 10. The full list of the objects in this group is included in online material.

| <i>Gaia</i> DR2                           | TIC        | G<br>(mag) | Sector                 | Period<br>(d) | Remarks                    |
|---|------------|------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| One symmetric maximum detected – Fig. 10  |            |            |                        |               |                            |
| 141494094091434880                        | 67658009   | 13.0436    | 18                     | 0.8764        | –                          |
| 1831343410431617920                       | 406417817  | 14.7108    | 14                     | 0.2010        | Crowded field              |
| 2072903984764773248                       | 1879342714 | 17.8580    | 14                     | 0.1761        | Crowded field              |
| 2080900114347408384                       | 416641307  | 14.5962    | 14, 15                 | 0.3011        | 3 objects within 21 arcsec |
| 2125305094015307520                       | 21018674   | 13.4058    | 14, 15, 18, 21, 25, 26 | 1.5079        | –                          |
| 2160276263927353600                       | 233733792  | 12.4555    | 14–17, 19–26           | 2.5694        | –                          |
| 2303705631625361024                       | 397532904  | 12.8886    | 18, 19, 20, 25, 26     | 0.4204        | –                          |
| 564551735705888384                        | 609725827  | 16.5793    | 18, 19, 24, 25, 26     | 0.1068        | 5 objects within 32 arcsec |
| One asymmetric maximum detected – Fig. 10 |            |            |                        |               |                            |
| 1418837537086251264                       | 1271027428 | 18.9619    | 17, 20, 23–26          | 0.4771        | –                          |
| 1705393833770160128                       | 288381009  | 16.4297    | 14–26                  | 1.8706        | Object 13 arcsec away      |
| Two maxima detected – Fig. 10             |            |            |                        |               |                            |
| 2039164989422375168                       | 1712800054 | 16.6814    | 14                     | 0.8764        | Crowded field              |
| 2100480767163455360                       | 121107327  | 16.2609    | 14                     | 0.5772        | CV, Fontaine et al. (2011) |
| 2288995609155671936                       | 1884532373 | 16.5623    | 14–26                  | 0.4107        | –                          |
| 504667698197248640                        | 445526365  | 10.1176    | 18                     | 2.0482        | Crowded field              |

**Table 6.** Basic information of 16 (out of 228) spectroscopically unclassified variables that we show in Fig. 11. The full list is included in online material only.

| <i>Gaia</i> DR2     | TIC        | G<br>(mag) | Sector | Remarks                              |
|---------------------|------------|------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 1360404713182626176 | 1270831583 | 15.8418    | 25, 26 | Very crowded field                   |
| 1360405572181496576 | 334899867  | 16.2057    | 25, 26 | Very crowded field                   |
| 1360405606536917888 | 1270837848 | 16.3565    | 25, 26 | Very crowded field                   |
| 1360408694620012416 | 334899806  | 16.1530    | 25, 26 | Very crowded field                   |
| 1360408870716557568 | 334899706  | 16.1600    | 25, 26 | Very crowded field                   |
| 1454780812716838400 | 1000656229 | 18.0202    | 23     | Very crowded field                   |
| 1651395688155045888 | 1401049068 | 16.1897    | 14–25  | –                                    |
| 1855647423465451520 | 1953033063 | 18.4158    | 14, 15 | 2 bright objects within 21<br>arcsec |
| 1979429038083843328 | 2011754031 | 15.2450    | 16     | Crowded field                        |
| 2037415700780608128 | 1712233248 | 15.6530    | 14     | 3 bright objects within 21<br>arcsec |
| 2100070954267036672 | 1715980555 | 17.7709    | 14     | 2 objects within 21 arcsec           |
| 2127850772675551232 | 1882665005 | 17.0644    | 15     | Object 19 arcsec away                |
| 2129409566628271232 | 290035516  | 16.0203    | 14, 15 | 2 objects within 21 arcsec           |
| 398116839542946944  | 196946103  | 14.4348    | 17, 18 | Object 16 arcsec away                |
| 4530859303765646336 | 1813173164 | 18.9596    | 26     | 5 objects within 21 arcsec           |
| 995053663747140352  | 444902249  | 10.8428    | 20     | –                                    |

optimal aperture, typically 2–3 pixels, may contain neighbouring objects. In case the optimal aperture covers neighbouring sources, and we are not positive about which object shows a flux variation, we made remarks according to the following rule. If an optimal aperture contains more than five objects we marked it as ‘crowded region’, if the optimal aperture is densely covered by stars, e.g. a cluster region, we marked it as ‘very crowded region’, if a few objects ( $< 5$ ) were spotted, we specified the number of objects within a given radius. In case of just one neighbouring object within an optimal aperture, we provided the distance to the object, and we provided its designation, if any. If we found that any of our targets is already known as a variable star, we provided a reference. Even though these targets are not new variables, we included them for completeness.

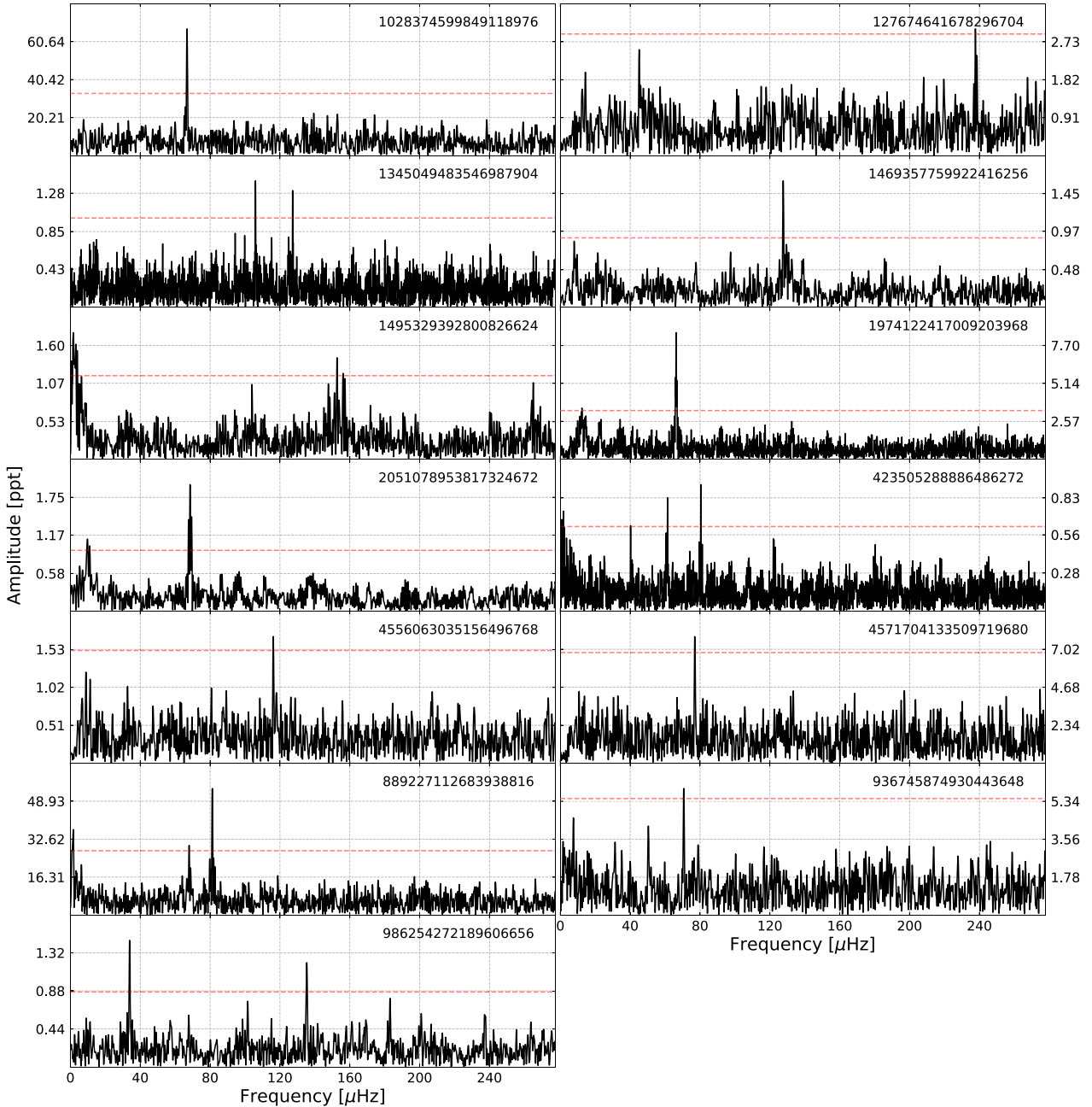
### 3.1 Spectroscopically confirmed sdB variables

We found 53 variable objects classified as ‘sdBs’ and we list them in Table 1. This table is divided into three groups. The first group contains 13 objects with peaks above 60  $\mu$ Hz and we identified them as likely pulsating sdBs. Our interpretation may not be correct, since binary peaks can also be detected above 60  $\mu$ Hz and that is why we call this group ‘likely sdBV stars’, as better quality data must confirm our interpretation. We show the amplitude spectra of these objects in Fig. 1. All these objects show poor g-mode spectra and further analysis related to pulsations in sdBs cannot be performed. The second group contains 15 sdBs that show clear orbital flux variation and do not show any pulsation signature. We found four eclipsing binaries with sharp eclipses, four objects showing one maximum, which can be interpreted as e.g. a reflection effect, five objects showing two maxima, which can be either eclipsing and/or ellipsoidal systems, and two systems showing one asymmetric maximum that is typical of classical pulsators. We show the phased time-series data in Fig. 2. *Gaia* DR2 4467130720760209152 shows HW Vir flux variations, while *Gaia* DR2 880252005422941440 was, the most likely, mistakenly classified as RR Lyrae star by Drake et al.

(2014). The optimal aperture for *Gaia* DR2 382086995098288896 overlaps with *Gaia* DR2 382086995093288256, which has been reported as variable by Drake et al. (2014). The period we find is half the one cited by Drake et al. (2014) and most likely the variation we find comes from the latter object. The third group contains 25 sdBs that show flux variations that cannot be pulsations, while the phased time-series data either do not show significant variation or multiple peaks that make the phased time-series looks messy. We plot the amplitude spectra in Fig. 3. Most of the time they show related peaks likely indicating a binary nature of the systems, while single peaks below 60  $\mu$ Hz are atypical for sdBVs. *Gaia* DR2 2129739699292289152 is found to be variable by Østensen et al. (2011).

### 3.2 Spectroscopically confirmed other subdwarf variables

We found 33 objects, which are classified by Geier (2020) as subdwarfs, showing flux variations similar to the objects reported in Section 3.1. These objects are not classified as sdBs but as sdO (14), sdOB (6), or just sd (13). The objects of the latter class require further classification to confirm the spectral type to O, B, or OB. We list these objects in Table 2. It is separated into three groups in the same way as sdBs objects in Section 3.1. Most of the objects in the first group, i.e. likely pulsating sds, are single peaks, with *Gaia* DR2 1952553606634620928 being the richest among all sds and sdBs, having five peaks above our threshold of  $S/N = 4.5$ . We show the objects of this group in Fig. 4. The first three objects in the second group (Fig. 5) are eclipsing binaries, characterized by sharp eclipses, with *Gaia* DR2 1820963913284517504 showing an HW Vir shape of the phased time-series data, and having one of the longest orbital period among as compared to other HW Vir systems. The system was found to be planetary nebula, so the primary component is not an extreme horizontal branch star. Next two objects in Fig. 5 show one symmetric maxima, the following object shows two maxima (eclipsing systems) and the two remaining ones show one asymmetric maxima. *Gaia* DR2 759081078102507264 has been previously found to



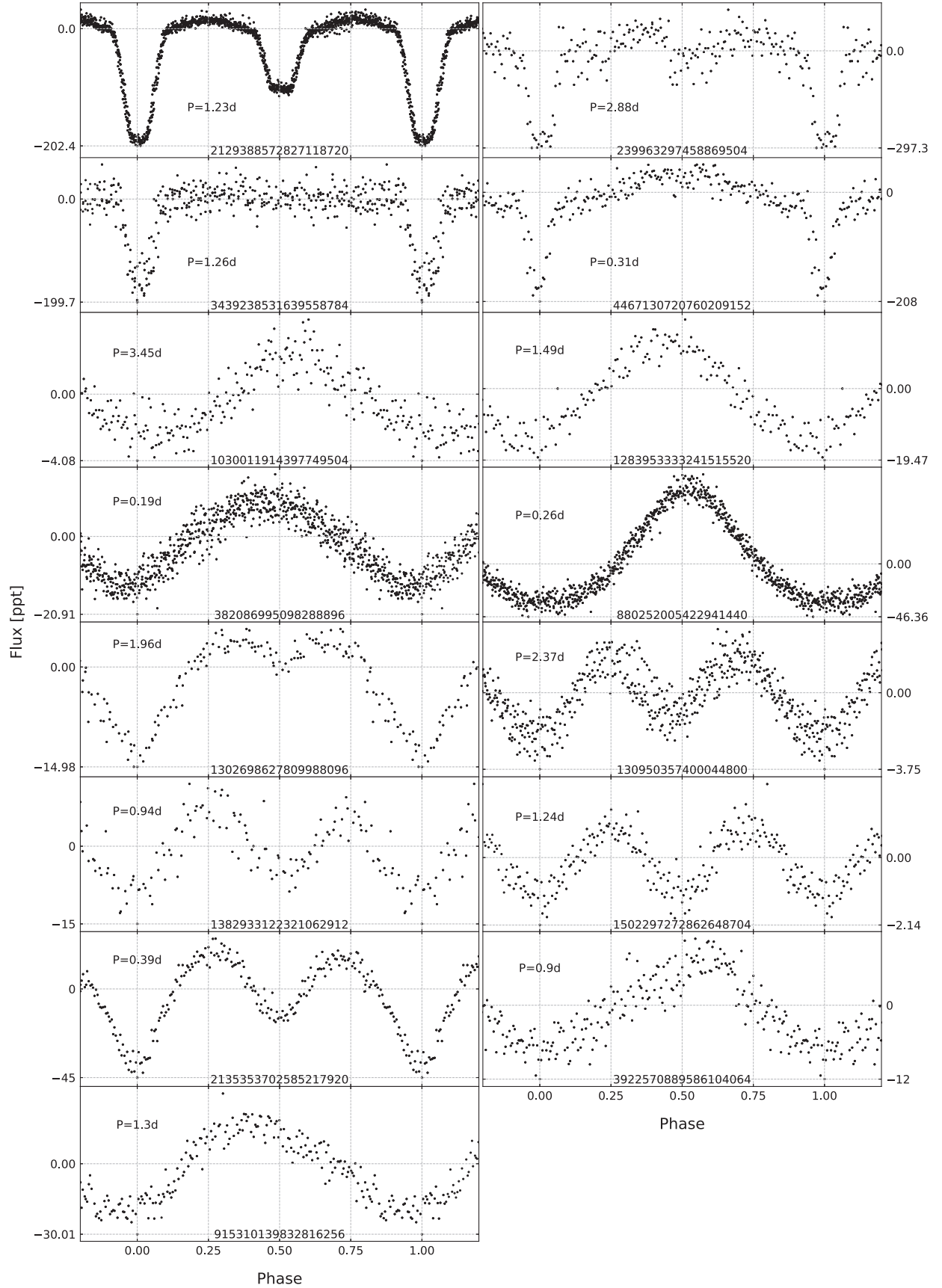
**Figure 1.** Amplitude spectra of 13 sdBV stars listed in the first group of Table 1. Horizontal red dashed lines indicate  $S/N = 4.5$  detection threshold (all relevant figures). The long numbers in all figures denote *Gaia* DR2 numbers of specific stars.

be variable by Drake et al. (2014). The third group contains objects selected based on the same criteria as in Section 3.1. The majority of these are most likely binaries and we plot their amplitude spectra in Fig. 6.

### 3.3 Spectroscopically unconfirmed sdBV candidates

We found 30 objects that show multi-unrelated-peak amplitude spectra, which we interpret as pulsations. We show the amplitude spectra of these objects in Fig. 7. The spectra show peaks in the g-mode region of sdBVs and that is why these objects are of particular

interest to us. These stars may also be  $\delta$  Scuti stars, though Geier (2020) applied a colour index criterion to avoid cool stars, or  $\beta$  Cep stars. Geier (2020) provides detailed arguments using *Gaia* colour indices that these targets are hot subluminal stars and occupy the region  $-0.7 < G_{BP}-G_{RP} \lesssim 0.7$  in the *Gaia* colour space. These objects are not spectroscopically classified so we are unable to make any definite conclusion about their pulsation nature; however, the amplitude spectra are richer in peaks than any of likely sdBVs or sdVs we show in Figs 1 and 4. We listed these objects along with their basic information in Table 3. Of special interest are *Gaia* DR2 2129988841754560000, *Gaia* DR2 438585365733719168, and



**Figure 2.** Phased and binned time-series data of variable sdB stars listed in the second group of Table 1.



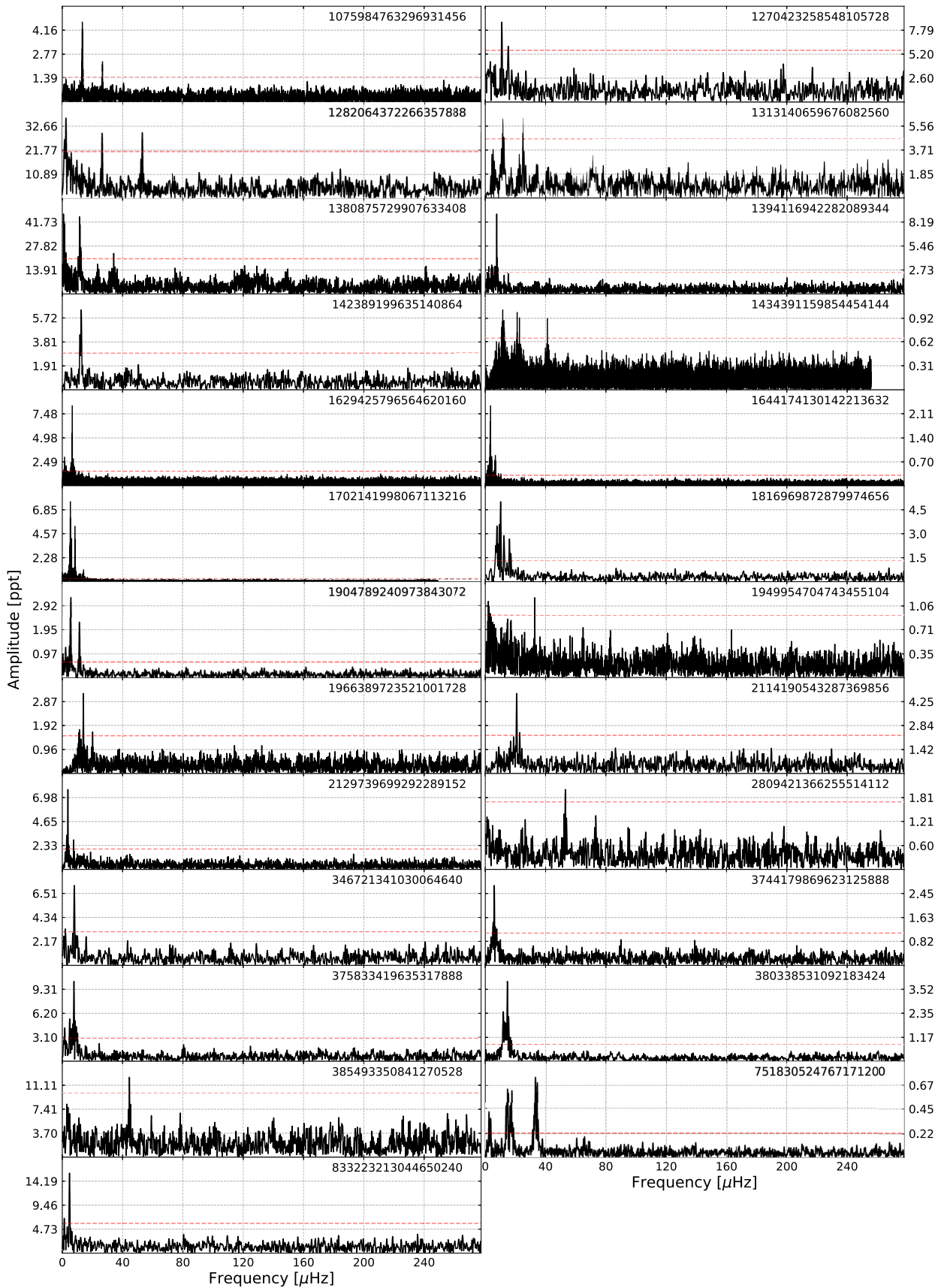


Figure 3. Amplitude spectra of variable sdB stars listed in the third group of Table 1.

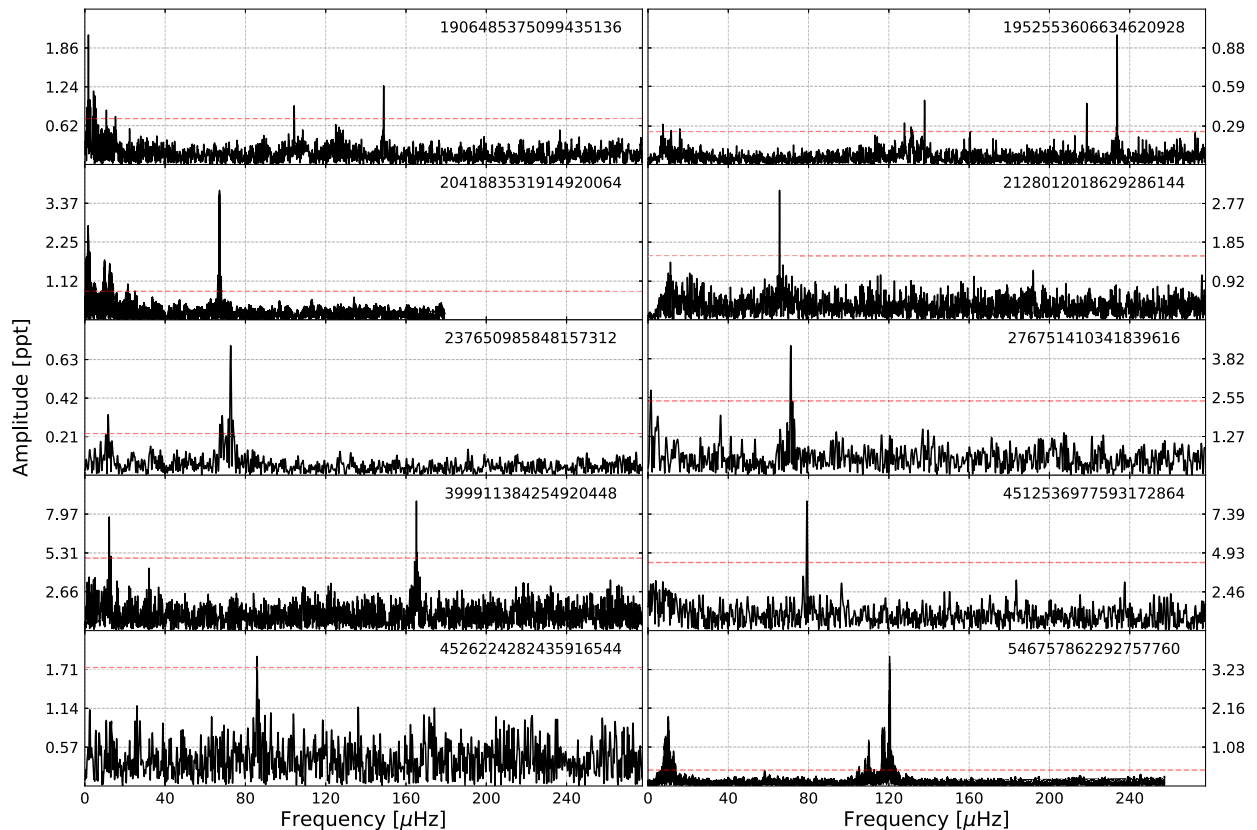


Figure 4. Amplitude spectra of 10 sd variable stars listed in the first group of Table 2.

*Gaia* DR2 537697439806045824 since their spectra are the richest, containing enough peaks to make a mode identification by means of period spacings. Even though we are not positive the three objects are sdBVs, our suggested mode assignment may be useful if an sdB classification is confirmed by future spectroscopic analyses. We present the result of the mode identification in Section 4. *Gaia* DR2 2126670309505084672 was found to be a variable by Reinhold, Reiners & Basri (2013) and denoted KIC 9020774. The optimal aperture for *Gaia* DR2 2127067508079685888 overlaps with *Gaia* DR2 2127067542439425536 (KIC 8879964) whose variability with the same period has been reported by Reinhold et al. (2013). It is most likely that the variability comes from the latter object.

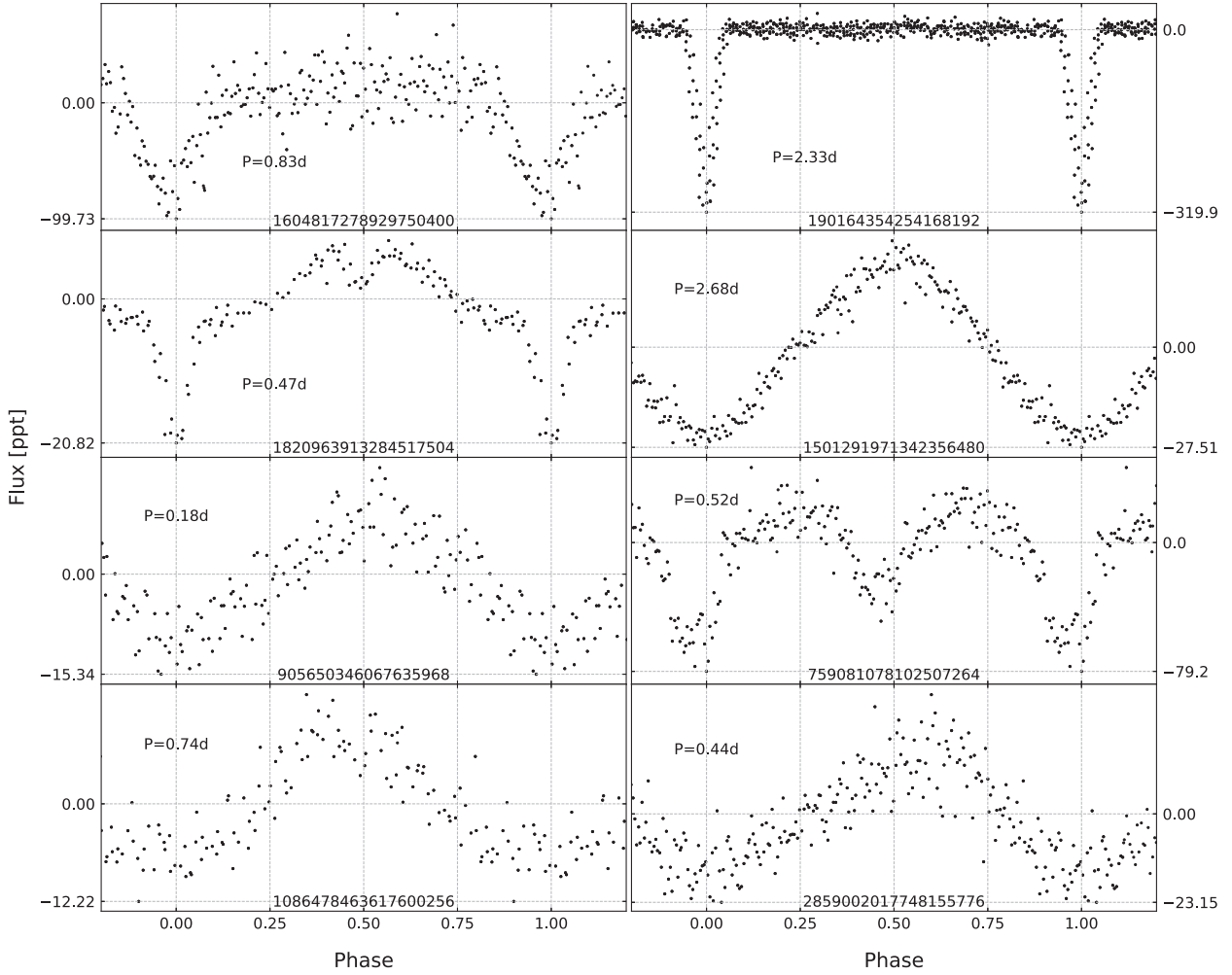
### 3.4 Spectroscopically unclassified variables

This sample includes all objects that are not spectroscopically classified and do not show amplitude spectra typical for sdBs.

We found 23 eclipsing binaries with sharp eclipses that are not yet spectroscopically classified. They all show distinct eclipses and are either detached or semidetached binaries. We report the entire list of these objects in Table 4. Possible contact binaries are not included in this group. We separated these 23 objects into two groups. The first group consists of 16 objects that show only primary eclipses. This may be a consequence of a low inclination angle and/or small size of primary components with respect to the distance between them. We show phased time-series data of these objects in

Fig. 8. There are five candidates for HW Vir systems. They show no detectable secondary eclipses but they show a flux increase between primary eclipses that is characteristic of a reflection effect. None of these five objects has been reported thus far. The second group consists of seven objects that show both primary and secondary eclipses. We show phased time-series data of these objects in Fig. 9. *Gaia* DR2 2126055476346353792 has been previously identified as a cataclysmic variable by Scaringi et al. (2012) and denoted KIC 7524178.

In Table 5, we list a sample of 93 binaries that do not show sharp eclipses and are not spectroscopically classified. We divided the sample into three groups. The first group contains 63 objects that show one symmetric maximum in their phased time-series data. Such maxima can be interpreted e.g. as a reflection effect observed in binary systems with large temperature difference between two components (e.g. Baran et al. 2019). *Gaia* DR2 893386457796229504 has been found to be a variable by Drake et al. (2014). The second group consists of 16 objects that show one asymmetric maximum in their phased-time-series data. Such a shape is characteristic for classical pulsators, which can mean that the selection made by Geier (2020) is not ideal or colour indices are not correct. The third group consists of 14 objects that show two maxima in their phased time-series data. Such a shape may be an indication of contact binaries, which have continuous eclipses, or ellipsoidal binaries. We refer to more details included in Paper I. *Gaia* DR2 1962740066464303744 is 1 arcsec away from V1942 Cyg, which is a variable star and most likely the source of the variability we find. *Gaia* DR2 2100480767163455360



**Figure 5.** Phased and binned time-series data of variable sd stars listed in the second group of Table 2.

was identified as a cataclysmic variable by Fontaine et al. (2011) and denoted KIC 4547333. We show a selection of each group in Fig. 10, while plots of all objects are included in online material.

We found 228 objects that are not spectroscopically classified and we identified neither as pulsators nor as eclipsing binary systems, presented earlier in this section. This group includes objects that show peaks consistent with binarity but a small amplitude of a flux variation. The typical S/N is 8 or lower. We find these variations in amplitude spectra. This group also contains targets with multiple unrelated peaks in amplitude spectra, regardless of the S/N, which makes data phasing pointless. This multiplicity of peaks is typical for pulsators; however, the amplitude spectra do not resemble the ones of sdBVs, since the unrelated peaks are below  $60 \mu\text{Hz}$ , and that is why we decided not to include them in Section 3.3. *Gaia* DR2 2105585421693855744 is identified with the cataclysmic variable V363 Lyr and reported by Scaringi et al. (2012). *Gaia* DR2 2127444125171341312 is very close to KIC 9278505 also reported by Scaringi et al. (2012). We provided basic information about these objects in Table 6, while we show the amplitude spectra in Fig. 11.

### 3.5 Non-sdB classified variables

Even though some of the objects in Geier (2020) are classified as non-sdB, we have included these in our search as well. These were first considered candidates for hot stars, but were identified as non-sdB objects, mostly O, B or A main-sequence stars, or white dwarfs. In total, we found 46 non-sdB variables. The same categories of flux variations emerged, with pulsator candidates, eclipsing binaries, reflection effect binaries, ellipsoidal variables, and classical pulsators, with the remaining objects having variability in their amplitude spectra. We present it likewise, i.e. pulsator candidates, eclipsing, reflection, ellipsoidal binaries, classical pulsator candidates, remaining objects with variability reported in their amplitude spectra. A table and figures of these objects are included in the online material only. The table includes basic information on each object along with additional references or contaminating objects, if any.

We found seven pulsator candidates with one being known before, i.e. *Gaia* DR2 2077737678383889408 reported by Reinhold et al. (2013). Among three eclipsing binaries with sharp eclipses, *Gaia* DR2 4322472232203849856, besides primary eclipse shows an additional flux drop between phase 0.75 and 1.0. The drop changes

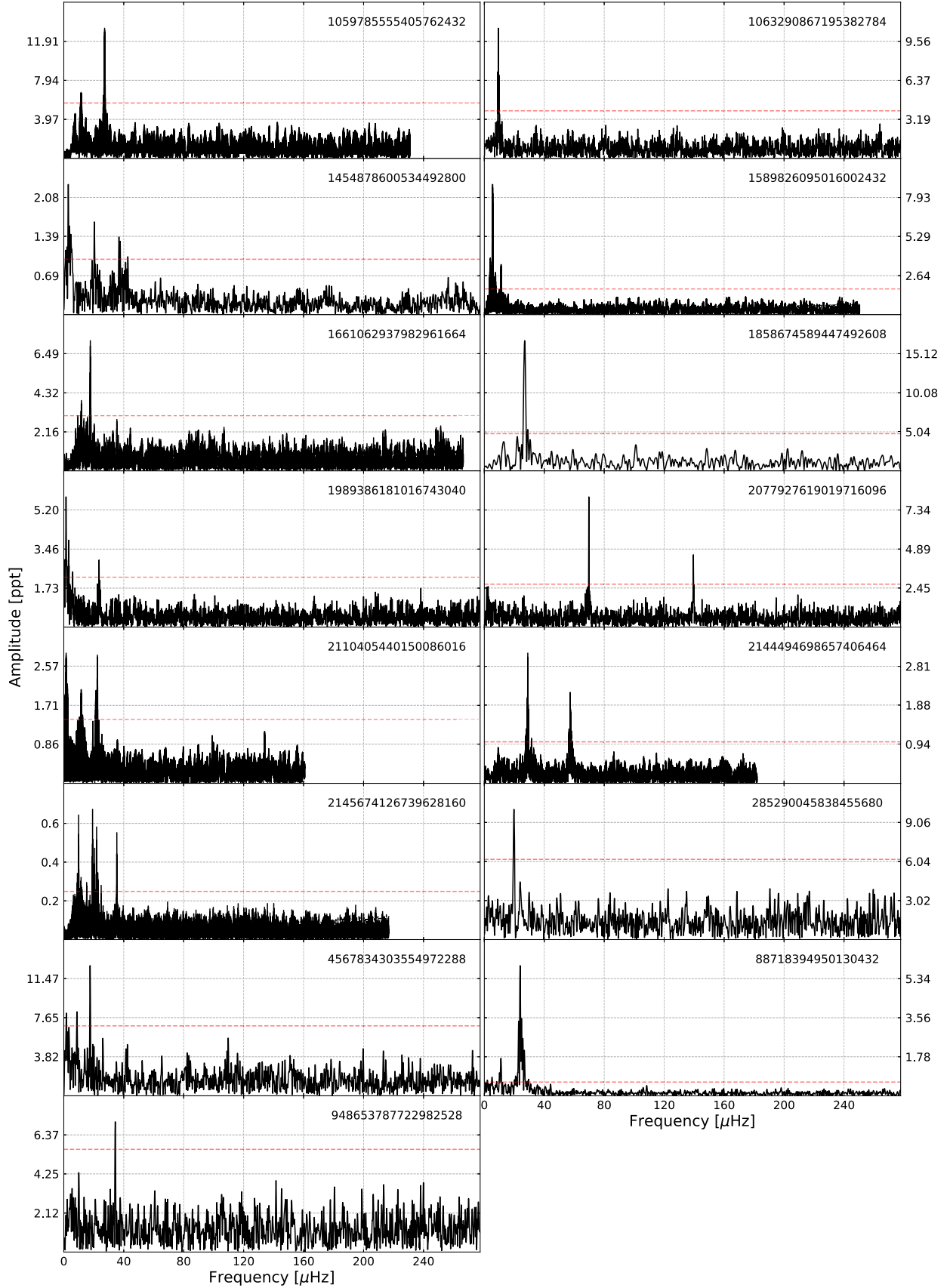
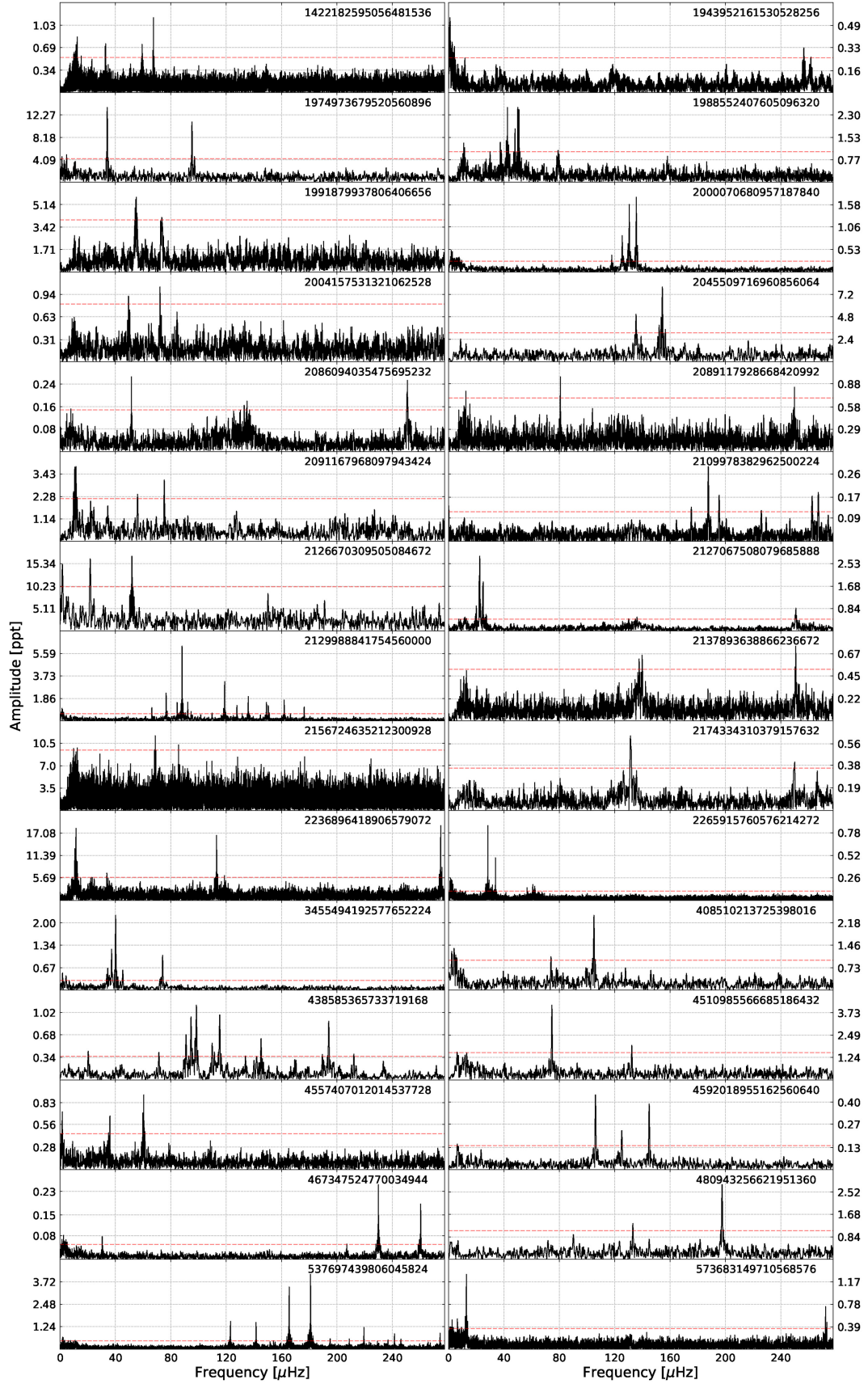


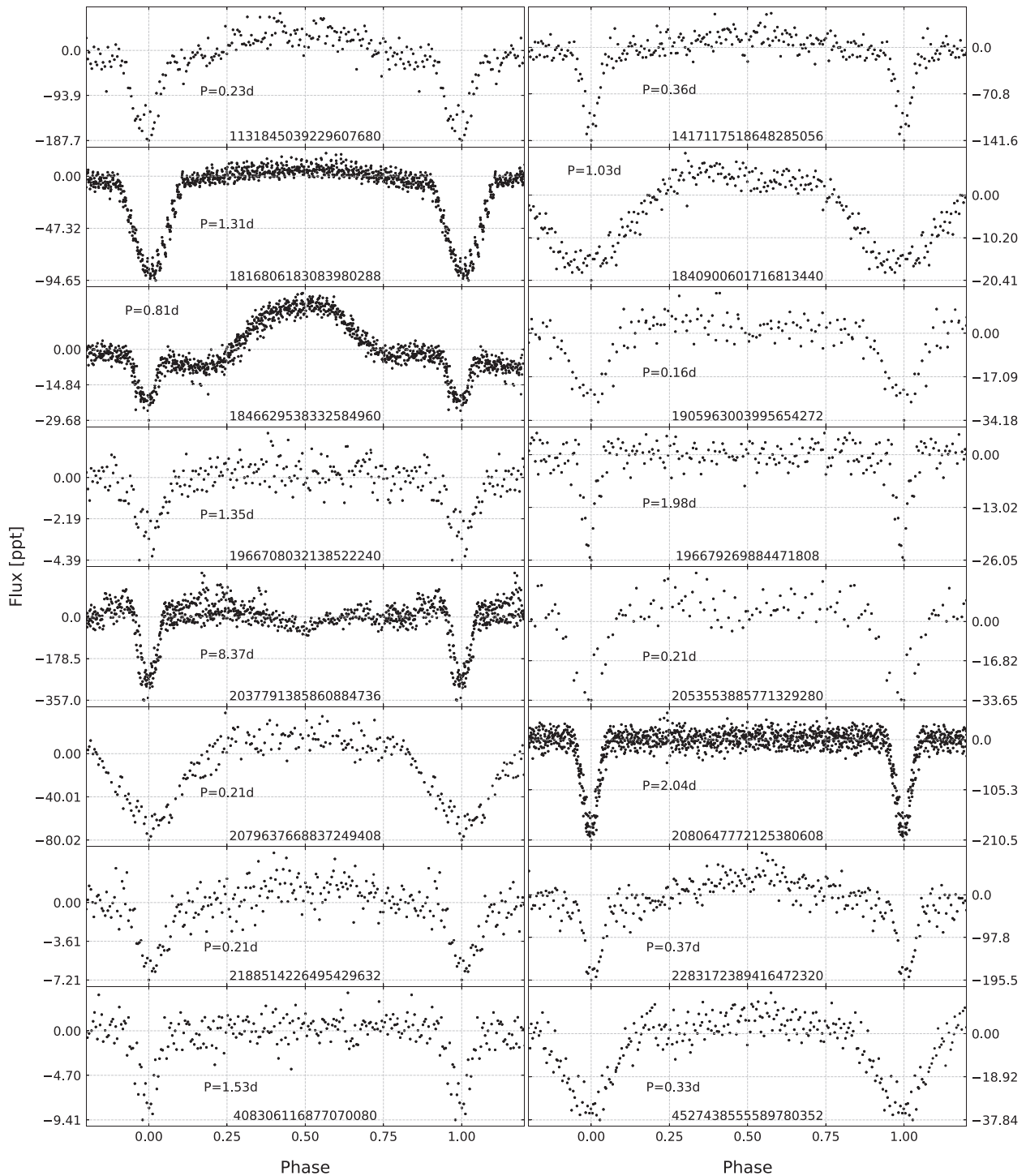
Figure 6. Amplitude spectra of variable sd stars listed in the third group of Table 2.





**Figure 7.** Amplitude spectra of sdBV candidates that are not spectroscopically classified listed in Table 3.

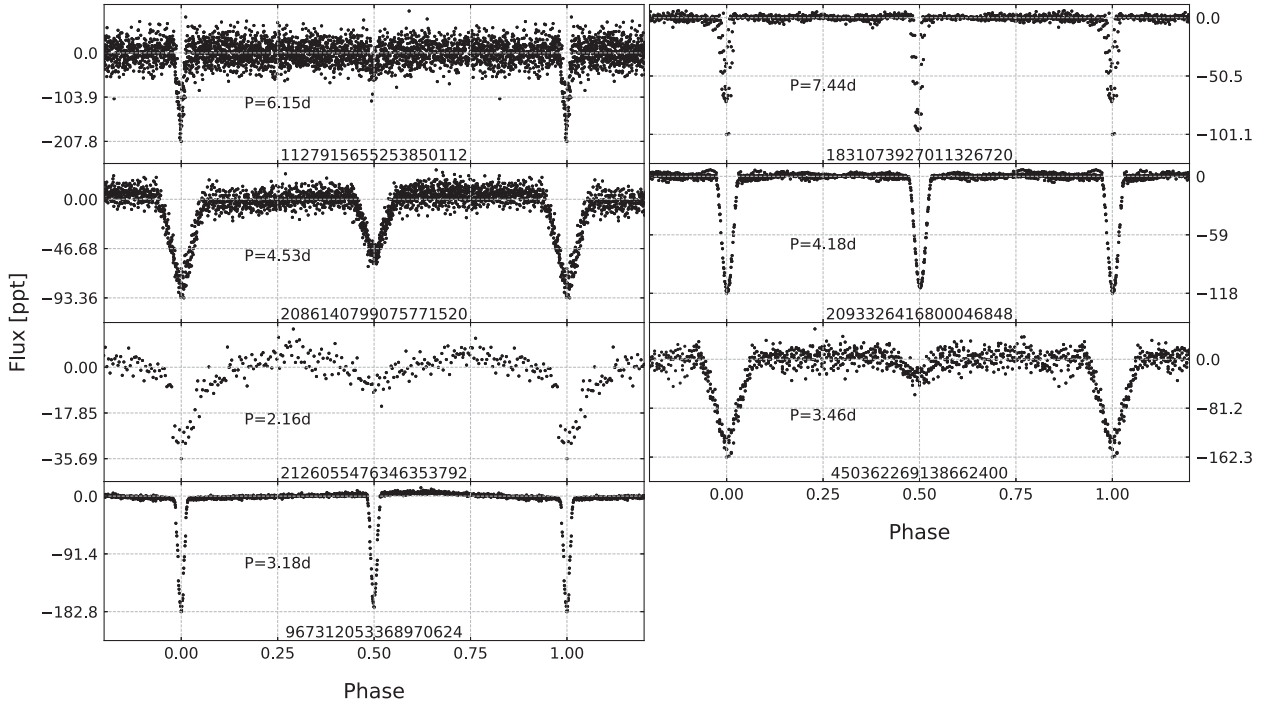




**Figure 8.** Phased time-series data of eclipsing binaries that show sharp primary eclipses only, and are listed in the first group of Table 4.

the phase, so it may be either two different drops or one drop that shifts from orbit to orbit. The phased time-series data do not show a secondary eclipse at phase 0.5, though a bit of a downward scatter exists. If it is a sign of the secondary eclipse the additional drop must be caused by a tertiary component. If, instead, the drop is the secondary eclipse, it shifts very quickly as a result of an apsidal motion. The extra drops phases well with both a period of

7.053 25 d and its double. The Simbad data base lists this object as a double or multiple star. A follow-up photometry span over multiple orbits, should resolve this ambiguity. We found five more objects reported previously as variables. Four of them denoted KIC numbers have been observed with the the *Kepler* spacecraft and reported by Reinhold et al. (2013), while the last one is identified as an RS CVn variable by Drake et al. (2014).



**Figure 9.** Phased time-series data of eclipsing binaries that show sharp both primary and secondary eclipses, and are listed in the second group of Table 4.

#### 4 MODE IDENTIFICATION

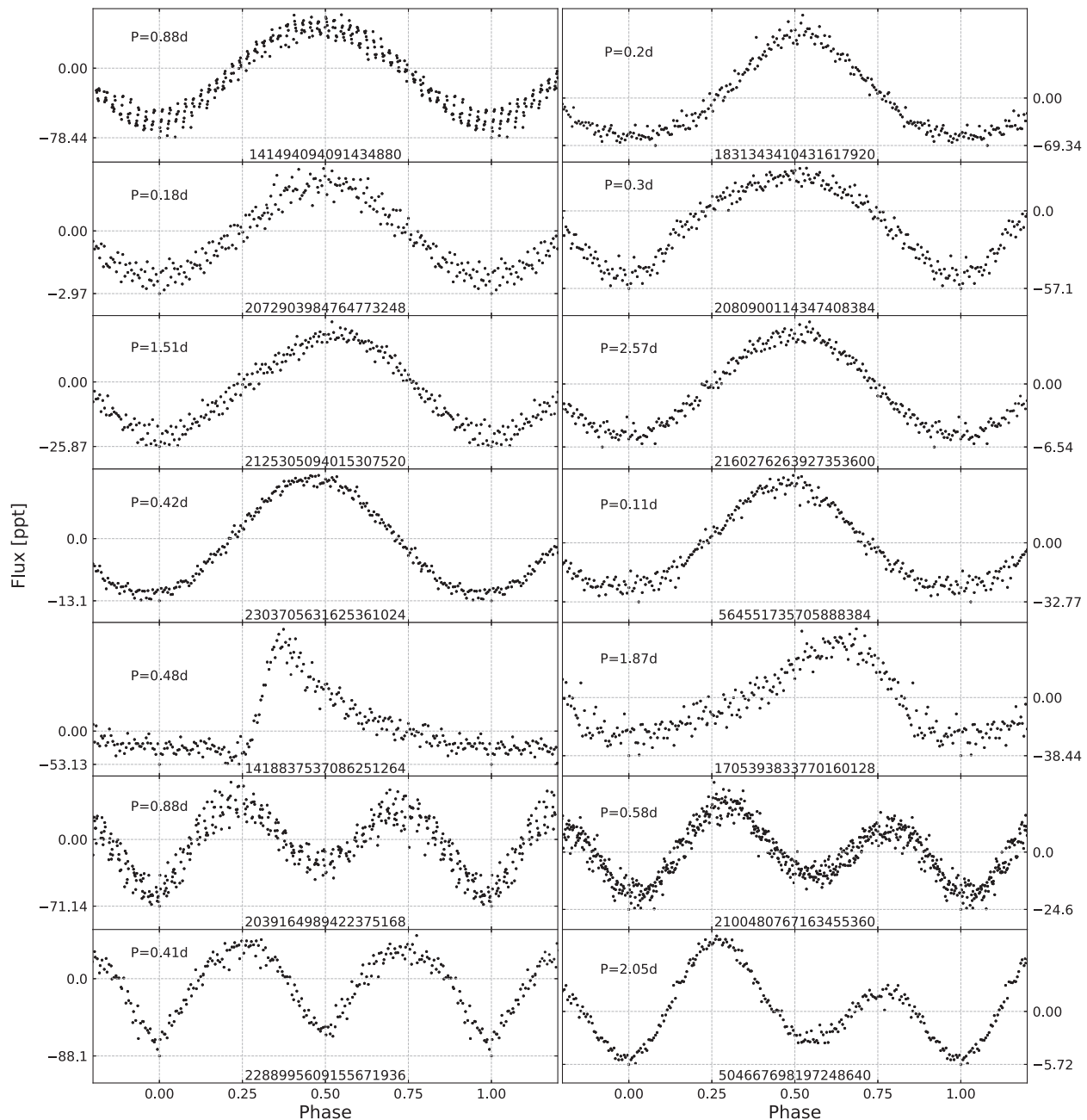
We selected three objects where we are able to identify the pulsation modes by means of a rotational splitting and evenly spaced, in period, radial overtones, assuming these are g-mode sdBVs. The objects are the following, *Gaia* DR2 2129988841754560000, *Gaia* DR2 438585365733719168, and *Gaia* DR2 537697439806045824, and were selected since they have the richest amplitude spectra among all pulsator candidates we found.

We followed a standard pre-whitening procedure by calculating an amplitude spectrum and removing consecutive peaks by fitting  $A_i \sin(2\pi f_i t + \phi_i)$  using a non-linear least-square method, where  $A_i$  is an amplitude,  $f_i$  is a frequency, and  $\phi_i$  is a phase of an  $i$ -th peak. We used our custom scripts for pre-whitening. We removed all peaks down to a detection threshold of about  $S/N = 5$ . We updated this threshold level after each peak removal, hence the final threshold was calculated from the residual amplitude spectra, i.e. with all significant peaks removed. We present the lists of frequencies detected in each star in Tables 7, 8, and 9, while we show the amplitude spectra of these three stars in Fig. 12.

Since stellar rotation splits pulsation modes into  $2l + 1$  components of different  $m$  values, and often called multiplets, this splitting can be used for assigning the degree  $l$  of the split modes. One of the first examples with convincing rotationally split modes are Baran et al. (2009, 2012) and Baran (2012). Besides the modal degree identification, a splitting itself is a direct measure of stellar rotation. These are two main reasons why the multiplets are so crucial for mode identification. Multiplets in sdBVs are not easily detectable. A common rotation period of sdBs is around 40 d, which means that data should cover at least 40 d, though preferentially 60 d, as was shown by Baran (2012). The three objects in our sample are two sector data only so our null result search for multiplets is of no surprise.

Another tool that has been widely used for a modal degree assignment is an asymptotic period spacing. In sdBVs, in the asymptotic regime i.e.  $n \gg l$ , consecutive overtones of gravity modes are equally spaced in period (e.g. Charpinet et al. 2000; Reed et al. 2011). Previous analysis of *Kepler* photometric data of sdBVs showed that the average period spacing of dipole modes is nearly 250 s (Reed et al. 2018). The period spacings for higher degree modes can be calculated using the following relation  $\Delta P_l = P_0 / \sqrt{l(l+1)}$ .

Multiplet helps to constrain the modal degree and provides a head start for determining the asymptotic period spacing, as such three peaks are assigned  $l = 1$  modes. In this work, we could not rely on any multiplets and therefore we first focused on peaks that fit a sequence of  $l = 1$  radial overtones. Such peaks should be separated by around 250 s, not counting trapped modes. Peaks not satisfying our  $l = 1$  period spacing sequence were assumed to be  $l = 2$  modes or were unidentified  $l$  values if they have low amplitudes and do not fit the expected  $l = 2$  spacing. We found no convincing candidates for trapped  $l = 1$  modes. We stress though that without rotationally split modes, a modal degree assignment is not unique, since we try to fit an overtone sequence where some of the peaks may accidentally fit e.g.  $l = 1$ , while being a quadrupole mode or a higher degree mode. Besides multiplets, another help would come from a pulsation spectrum that is dense enough to complete at least the  $l = 1$  sequence. We included the radial order and modal degree assignment in Tables 7–9. The average period spacings of dipole modes, we estimated in these three stars are 247.22 (65) s (*Gaia* DR2 2129988841754560000), 208.70 (56) s (*Gaia* DR2 438585365733719168), and 256.68 (1.02) s (*Gaia* DR2 537697439806045824). In the case of the first and third stars, the average period spacing is close to the typical one found in sdBVs, while for the second star we found the spacing to be significantly lower. If this spacing is roughly cor-



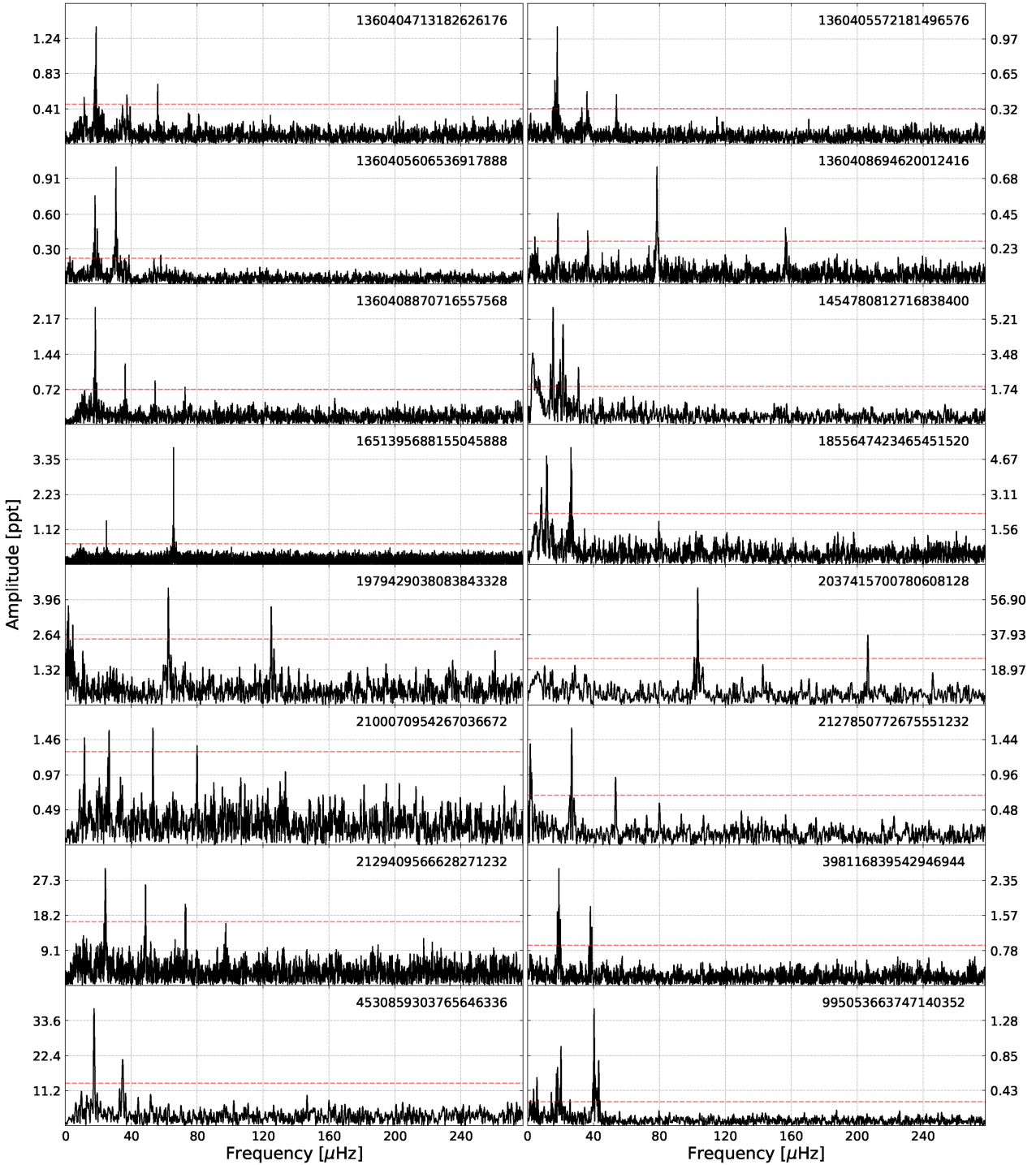
**Figure 10.** Phased time-series data of 14 (out of 93) spectroscopically unclassified binaries without sharp eclipses listed in Table 5. All plots are included in online material only.

rect it means that the core of *Gaia* DR2 438585365733719168 is denser comparing to a typical *sd*B star, which suggests a more evolved phase of its EHB evolution, with central helium abundance  $Y_c < 0.1$ .

## 5 ORBITAL PERIOD STABILITY

In total we found 33 eclipsing binary systems with sharp eclipses. Such eclipses are very suitable for deriving an orbital period and checking its stability that provides insights into physical effects

in the systems, e.g. evolutionary changes (mass-loss or mass exchange between components, tidal dissipation effects, gravitational radiation, and magnetic braking), light traveltime variation (stellar pulsations, a shift of the secondary eclipse, additional body in a system, apsidal motion). These effects alter the orbital period on a long time-scale. In eclipsing binary systems orbital periods can be calculated from mid-times of primary or secondary eclipses. To estimate the mid-times we used the method described by Kwee & van Woerden (1956). Then, we fit the orbital periods to the mid-times and calculated the Observed-minus-Calculated (O-C) diagrams. The O-C diagram is a very effective tool to measure orbital period



**Figure 11.** Amplitude spectra of 16 (out of 228) spectroscopically unclassified variables listed in Table 6. All plots are included in online material only.

variation, if any, and a shape of a variation helps indicate its source. The interpretation of the shape is explained by Sterken (2005).

Most of the selected eclipsing binaries in our sample show stable periods within the errors. It means that either the period does not change on a time-scale comparable to the time coverage of our data or the change is too small to be detectable in the data.

The typical time coverage of our data is only one month (one-sector). Out of 33 systems only in case of 12, the S/N ratio of the data is high enough to derive reasonable period estimation. We present the periods and the reference epochs, defined as a mid-time of one of the eclipses, in Table 10. In case of 10 systems the O-C diagrams show no variation within the errors, while in the case of two systems, *Gaia* DR2 1816806183083980288 and



**Table 7.** List of frequencies detected in an amplitude spectrum of *Gaia* DR2 2129988841754560000.

| ID              | Frequency<br>( $\mu$ Hz) | Period<br>(s) | Amplitude<br>(ppt) | S/N  | <i>l</i> | <i>n</i> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------|----------|----------|
| f <sub>1</sub>  | 66.327(7)                | 15076.8(1.7)  | 1.12(7)            | 12.4 | 1        | 60       |
| f <sub>2</sub>  | 72.865(18)               | 13724.1(3.4)  | 0.45(7)            | 5.0  | –        | –        |
| f <sub>3</sub>  | 76.6613(35)              | 13044.4(6)    | 2.29(7)            | 25.4 | 1        | 52       |
| f <sub>4</sub>  | 84.658(6)                | 11812.2(9)    | 1.29(7)            | 14.3 | 1        | 47       |
| f <sub>5</sub>  | 88.1774(13)              | 11340.78(17)  | 6.17(7)            | 68.5 | 1        | 45       |
| f <sub>6</sub>  | 92.286(6)                | 10835.8(7)    | 1.35(7)            | 14.9 | 1        | 43       |
| f <sub>7</sub>  | 94.737(11)               | 10555.5(1.2)  | 0.77(7)            | 8.5  | 1        | 42       |
| f <sub>8</sub>  | 101.685(18)              | 9834.3(1.8)   | 0.44(7)            | 4.9  | 1        | 39       |
| f <sub>9</sub>  | 109.870(15)              | 9101.7(1.3)   | 0.54(7)            | 6.0  | 1        | 36       |
| f <sub>10</sub> | 118.077(18)              | 8469.0(1.3)   | 0.46(7)            | 5.1  | –        | –        |
| f <sub>11</sub> | 118.9322(25)             | 8408.15(18)   | 3.29(7)            | 36.5 | 2        | 59       |
| f <sub>12</sub> | 127.776(6)               | 7826.19(36)   | 1.38(7)            | 15.4 | 1        | 31       |
| f <sub>13</sub> | 131.620(13)              | 7597.6(7)     | 0.65(7)            | 7.2  | 1        | 30       |
| f <sub>14</sub> | 135.9947(38)             | 7353.23(21)   | 2.14(7)            | 23.7 | 1        | 29       |
| f <sub>15</sub> | 144.718(17)              | 6910.0(8)     | 0.47(7)            | 5.2  | –        | –        |
| f <sub>16</sub> | 148.195(16)              | 6747.9(7)     | 0.53(7)            | 5.9  | –        | –        |
| f <sub>17</sub> | 149.1444(48)             | 6704.91(21)   | 1.72(7)            | 19.1 | 2        | 47       |
| f <sub>18</sub> | 150.457(6)               | 6646.40(27)   | 1.33(7)            | 14.8 | 1        | 26       |
| f <sub>19</sub> | 161.9192(47)             | 6175.92(18)   | 1.73(7)            | 19.2 | 1        | 24       |
| f <sub>20</sub> | 166.472(14)              | 6007.0(5)     | 0.58(7)            | 6.4  | 2        | 42       |
| f <sub>21</sub> | 176.355(7)               | 5670.37(24)   | 1.10(7)            | 12.2 | 1        | 22       |

**Table 8.** List of frequencies detected in an amplitude spectrum of *Gaia* DR2 438585365733719168.

| ID              | Frequency<br>( $\mu$ Hz) | Period<br>(s) | Amplitude<br>(ppt) | S/N  | <i>l</i> | <i>n</i> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------|----------|----------|
| f <sub>1</sub>  | 20.449(45)               | 48902(106)    | 0.42(5)            | 7.7  | –        | –        |
| f <sub>2</sub>  | 71.436(46)               | 13998.5(9.0)  | 0.41(5)            | 7.4  | 2        | 117      |
| f <sub>3</sub>  | 91.073(26)               | 10980.2(3.2)  | 0.72(5)            | 13.1 | 1        | 52       |
| f <sub>4</sub>  | 94.650(21)               | 10565.3(2.3)  | 0.91(5)            | 16.6 | 1        | 50       |
| f <sub>5</sub>  | 98.520(17)               | 10150.2(1.7)  | 1.14(5)            | 20.7 | 1        | 48       |
| f <sub>6</sub>  | 110.033(34)              | 9088.2(2.8)   | 0.61(6)            | 11.2 | 1        | 43       |
| f <sub>7</sub>  | 111.318(47)              | 8983.3(3.8)   | 0.45(6)            | 8.2  | 2        | 75       |
| f <sub>8</sub>  | 115.338(19)              | 8670.2(1.5)   | 0.98(5)            | 17.8 | 1        | 41       |
| f <sub>9</sub>  | 133.94(6)                | 7466.2(3.1)   | 0.34(5)            | 6.2  | 1        | 35       |
| f <sub>10</sub> | 141.89(6)                | 7047.5(2.8)   | 0.34(5)            | 6.1  | 1        | 33       |
| f <sub>11</sub> | 145.221(31)              | 6886.1(1.5)   | 0.62(5)            | 11.2 | 2        | 57       |
| f <sub>12</sub> | 169.58(6)                | 5897.0(2.1)   | 0.31(5)            | 5.6  | –        | –        |
| f <sub>13</sub> | 189.46(6)                | 5278.2(1.6)   | 0.34(5)            | 6.1  | 2        | 43       |
| f <sub>14</sub> | 194.110(22)              | 5151.7(6)     | 0.88(5)            | 16.0 | 1        | 24       |
| f <sub>15</sub> | 197.67(7)                | 5058.8(1.7)   | 0.29(5)            | 5.3  | –        | –        |
| f <sub>16</sub> | 212.247(48)              | 4711.5(1.1)   | 0.40(5)            | 7.2  | 1        | 22       |
| f <sub>17</sub> | 233.52(7)                | 4282.3(1.2)   | 0.28(5)            | 5.0  | 1        | 20       |

*Gaia* DR2 2086140799075771520, the variations look significant (Fig. 13). We stress, however, that the errors of mid-times calculated using the method reported by Kwee & van Woerden (1956) are underestimated, hence the true ones can be larger making the variations insignificant. The shapes and the physical reasons of these variations, if real, are not clear and require longer coverage to make any conclusive implications.

## 6 SUMMARY

In Paper I, we reported our result of the search for *sdBV*s in the southern ecliptic hemisphere observed by *TESS* satellite and we

**Table 9.** List of frequencies detected in an amplitude spectrum of *Gaia* DR2 537697439806045824.

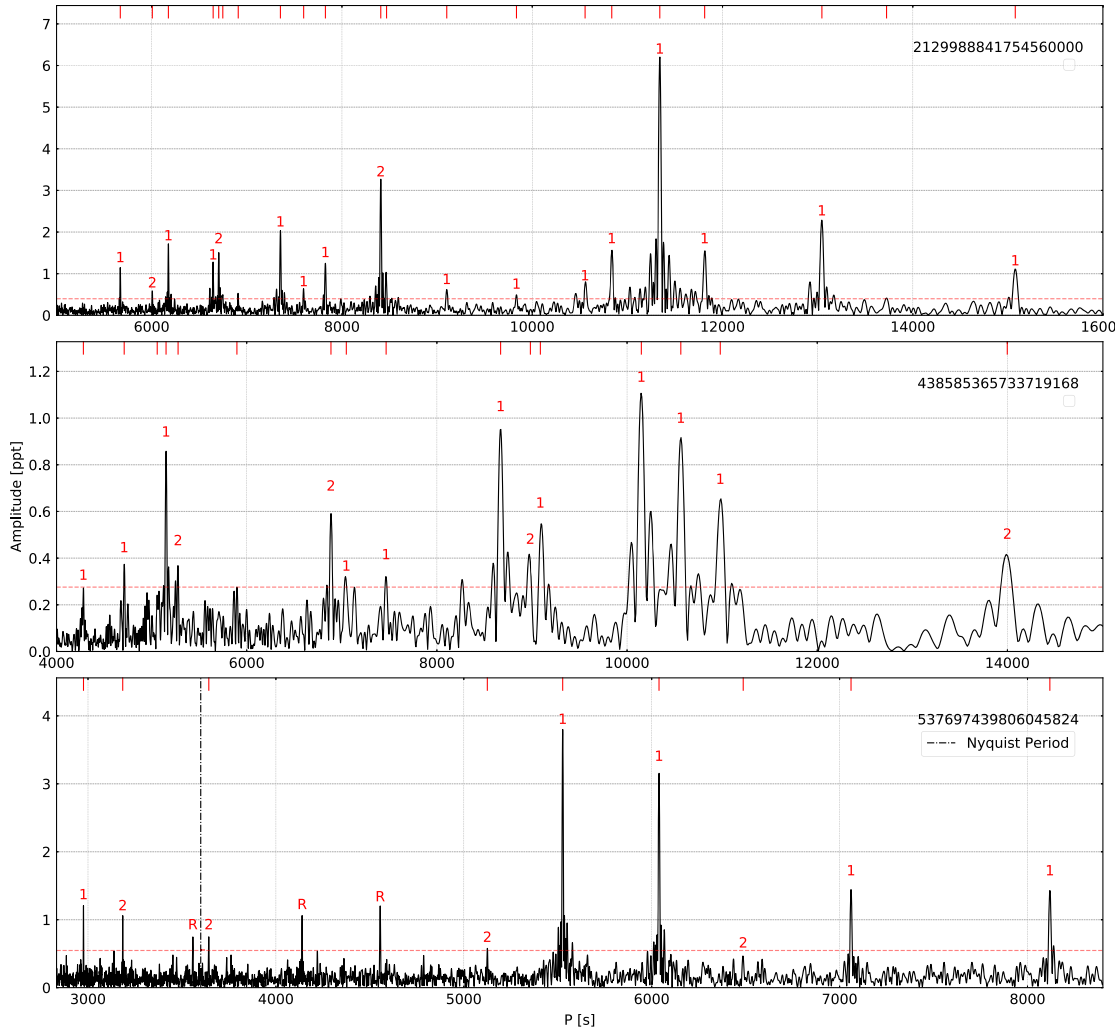
| ID             | Frequency<br>( $\mu$ Hz) | Period<br>(s) | Amplitude<br>(ppt) | S/N  | <i>l</i> | <i>n</i> |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------|----------|----------|
| f <sub>1</sub> | 123.167(8)               | 8119.0(5)     | 1.37(9)            | 12.6 | 1        | 31       |
| f <sub>2</sub> | 141.626(7)               | 7060.86(35)   | 1.56(10)           | 14.4 | 1        | 27       |
| f <sub>3</sub> | 154.153(22)              | 6487.1(9)     | 0.51(10)           | 4.7  | 2        | 43       |
| f <sub>4</sub> | 165.5908(34)             | 6038.98(13)   | 3.18(9)            | 29.4 | 1        | 23       |
| f <sub>5</sub> | 180.9512(29)             | 5526.35(9)    | 3.84(10)           | 35.4 | 1        | 21       |
| f <sub>6</sub> | 195.113(20)              | 5125.2(5)     | 0.56(10)           | 5.1  | 2        | 34       |
| f <sub>7</sub> | 274.501(13)              | 3642.97(17)   | 0.85(9)            | 7.8  | 2        | 24       |
| f <sub>8</sub> | 313.988(11)              | 3184.84(11)   | 1.00(10)           | 9.2  | 2        | 21       |
| f <sub>9</sub> | 336.018(9)               | 2976.03(8)    | 1.21(10)           | 11.2 | 1        | 11       |

detected two convincing cases, while the remaining 26 *sdb*s turned out to be variable, and in most cases their binary nature causes the variations. The total number of variables found was 1807. In this work, we have continued our effort to search for *sdbV*s across the sky using *TESS* satellite. In total, we found 506 variables, among which 13 are likely *sdbV* stars, while another 40 *sdb*s show other types of variability, most from being in a binary system. One of them shows HW Vir shape of the phased time-series data. We found another five objects showing HW Vir variations among spectroscopically unclassified, bringing the final number of new HW Vir systems to seven (if all of them are confirmed to be *sds*). Comparing the number of new *sdb* variable objects, we can notice that even though the number of all objects, available in Geier (2020), and consequently the total number of new variables, was larger in the southern ecliptic hemisphere, we found more variable *sdb*s, including *sdbV*s, in the northern ecliptic hemisphere. Since, we rejected objects observed in the short cadence mode, we cannot conclude on the larger number of them in the north, but it clearly means there was still more to find.

Summing up all variable stars we found in the *TESS* field of view, we arrive with the following numbers: 15 likely *sdbV*s, 66 variable non-pulsating *sdb*s, 33 variable *sds*, 2076 spectroscopically unclassified objects (including 113 objects that show peaks in the *sdbV* g-mode region), 123 non-*sdb* variables. The ultimate goal of our work was to discover missing *sdbV*s to contribute to the completeness of the *sdbV* sample in the *TESS* mission. The byproduct of our findings is additional objects for the short cadence observations (either 2 min or 20 s) during the second run of *TESS* in the southern and northern ecliptic hemispheres. The extra runs can deliver more precise data for further astrophysical analysis. Another byproduct will be pushing the Nyquist frequency beyond the p-mode region in *sdbV*s. For now, our search is limited to g-mode *sdbV*s, which is a consequence of the 30 min cadence; however, the search utilizes the most updated *sdb* data base along with the all-sky space survey, allowing for the most complete sample of g-mode *sdbV*s currently possible. Spectroscopic classification is needed to confirm 113 objects that show *sdbV*-like amplitude spectra, as well as all *sds* variables and the massive number of other unclassified variables.

The *sdbV*s we found in this work are not rich in g modes that is why are not best cases for any mode identification. However, likewise in Paper I, among objects that are not confirmed *sdb*s but show typical g-mode *sdbV* amplitude spectra, we have selected three objects best suited for the mode identification. They show the richest amplitude spectra. We searched for multiplets and found





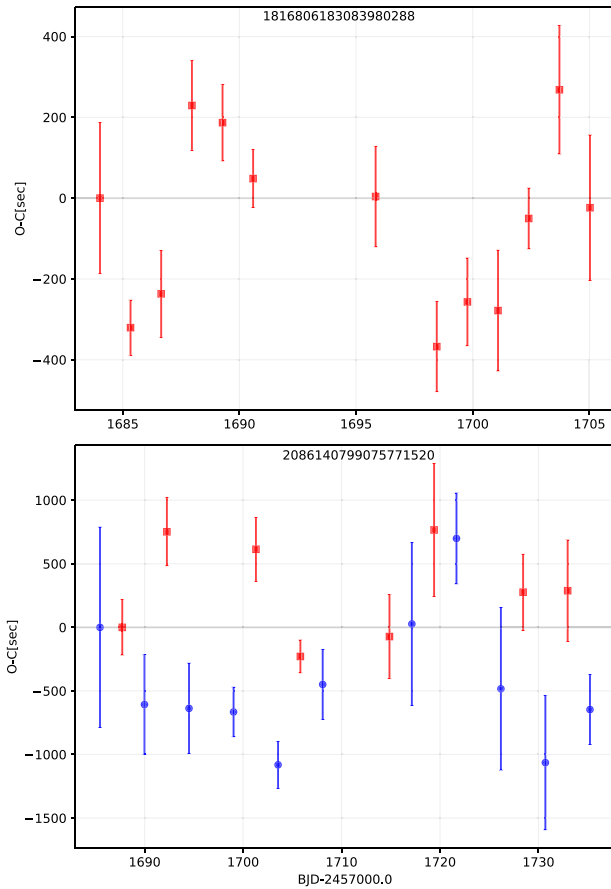
**Figure 12.** Amplitude spectra of three pulsators plotted in period. The red horizontal dashed lines denote  $5\sigma$  detection threshold, which is consistent with FAP = 0.1 per cent. The modal degrees are shown on top of each detected peak. ‘R’ refers to reflection peaks across the Nyquist period.

**Table 10.** Ephemerides of a selected sample of eclipsing binaries, calculated from mid-times of primary eclipses.

| <i>Gaia</i> DR2     | Period<br>(d)  | $T_0$<br>(d)      |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 2129388572827118720 | 1.23135725(49) | 2458684.75482(12) |
| 190164354254168192  | 2.34580(14)    | 2458817.8620(8)   |
| 1816806183083980288 | 1.31229(17)    | 2458684.0236(6)   |
| 1846629538332584960 | 0.8097(1)      | 2458711.2610(9)   |
| 2093326416800046848 | 4.1776590(9)   | 2458684.29845(44) |
| 450362269138662400  | 3.4574(9)      | 2458792.6052(27)  |
| 967312053368970624  | 3.185675(7)    | 2458843.19265(35) |
| 1831073927011326720 | 7.47899(39)    | 2458681.13135(50) |
| 2086140799075771520 | 4.5233(5)      | 2458683.2089(31)  |
| 1821225425253990400 | 1.177035(9)    | 2458683.7224(12)  |
| 431584053656962816  | 6.3148495(40)  | 2458765.19978(15) |
| 4322472232203849856 | 3.4800(6)      | 2458684.5481(18)  |

none therefore we used only period spacing for the modal degree assignment. The sequences of presumably same degree overtones are not too complete but the multiples of 250 s (ish) was still found. This may be another argument for these objects being sdB stars. One of the stars show 208 s spacing which is either an indication of a denser core or incorrect assumption that the star is an sdB. Our identification will only be reliable if these objects are spectroscopically confirmed to be sdBs.

We selected a sample of 12 eclipsing binary systems with sharp eclipses and derived mid-times of eclipses in order to calculate O-C diagrams. We measured orbital periods and checked their stabilities. Out of 12 systems only two show significant O-C variation, within the given errors, suggesting that some period change may be present in those systems. This conclusion is uncertain as the errors are underestimated, and longer data coverage is needed to make any physical interpretations.



**Figure 13.** Top panel shows the O-C diagram of *Gaia* DR2 1816806183083980288. All eclipses are considered primary. Bottom panel shows the O-C analysis of *Gaia* DR2 2086140799075771520. Mid-times of primary eclipses are plotted with red squares, while of secondary eclipses with blue circles.

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