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ABSTRACT

The SDSS III APOGEE survey recently identified two new σ Ori E type candidates, HD 345439 and HD 23478, which are a rare subset of rapidly rotating massive stars whose large (kGauss) magnetic fields confine circumstellar material around these systems. Our analysis of multi-epoch photometric observations of HD 345439 from the Kilodegree Extremely Little Telescope, Wide Angle Search for Planets, and ASAS surveys reveals the presence of a ~ 0.7701 day period in each data set, suggesting the system is among the faster known σ Ori E analogs. We also see clear evidence that the strength of $H\alpha$, H I Brackett series lines, and He I lines also vary on a ~ 0.7701 day period from our analysis of multi-epoch, multi-wavelength spectroscopic monitoring of the system from the APO 3.5 m telescope. We trace the evolution of select emission line profiles in the system, and observe coherent line profile variability in both optical and infrared H I lines, as expected for rigidly rotating magnetosphere stars. We also analyze the evolution of the H I Br-11 line strength and line profile in multi-epoch observations of HD 23478 from the SDSS-III APOGEE instrument. The observed periodic behavior is consistent with that recently reported by Sikora and collaborators in optical spectra.

Key words: circumstellar matter – magnetic fields – stars: individual (HD 345439, HD 23478) – stars: massive – stars: pre-main sequence

1. INTRODUCTION

Although they lack a convective outer envelope, a subset of massive rapidly rotating stars, aka σ Ori E analogs, exhibit strong magnetic fields (10 s of kG; Landstreet & Borra 1978; Oksala et al. 2010; Rivinius et al. 2010; Grunat et al. 2012), which act to confine their winds into a circumstellar disk. The Rigidly Rotating Magnetosphere (RRM) model (Townsend & Owocki 2005; Townsend et al. 2005, 2007; Oksala et al. 2015b) is the leading theoretical framework to explain the distribution of matter in these systems. While the RRM model, along with accounting for the effects of an inhomogeneous distribution of elemental abundances in the photosphere, does explain many of the qualitative features of these systems such as the general periodic behavior of line profile morphologies, light curve variations, and longitudinal magnetic field variations, discrepancies in the observed versus predicted line profile morphologies and light curves at specific phases suggest that model is missing important physics. As suggested by Oksala et al. (2015b), details such as additional scattering that takes place around the magnetosphere and the shape of high density concentrations of disk material (see also Carciofi et al. 2013) may need to be better described within models to achieve better agreement with observational data. Attempts to further refine our understanding of σ Ori E analogs are hampered by the relatively small numbers of such systems identified to date and

the sparse availability of multi-epoch data sets for confirmed analogs. Moreover, the availability of robust multi-wavelength data sets for such systems remains limited, especially in the infrared where only a few exploratory investigations have been performed (Eikenberry et al. 2014; Oksala et al. 2015a).

Eikenberry et al. (2014) and Chojnowski et al. (2015) recently identified at least two new likely σ Ori E analogs via analysis of SDSS III/APOGEE (Eisenstein et al. 2011) spectroscopic observations, thereby increasing the number of such systems known by $\sim 10\%$. One of these candidate analogs, HD 345439, is a He rich B2V star that was reported to have $v \sin i = 270 \pm 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, making it one of the fastest rotating RRM systems observed (Eikenberry et al. 2014). More recently, Hubrig et al. (2015) used Very Large Telescope/FORS2 spectropolarimetric observations to explore the magnetic field properties of the system and while no magnetic field was found in the total data set, the longitudinal magnetic field varied by 1 kG over the 88 minutes of integration, suggesting the presence of a rapidly varying magnetic field. Hubrig et al. (2015) suggest this could be consistent with HD 345439 having a rotation period significantly shorter than 1 day. The other candidate analog, HD 23478, is a He normal B3IV star with a reported $v \sin i = 125 \pm 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, and a photometric period of 1.0498 days (Jerzykiewicz 1993; Sikora et al. 2015). Recent spectropolarimetric observations of the system have confirmed the presence of a weakly variable longitudinal magnetic field of $\langle B_z \rangle \sim -2.0 \text{ kG}$ in the system, along with periodically variable $H\alpha$ emission and He I absorption (Sikora et al. 2015), indicating the system is indeed a σ Ori E analog.

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In this paper, we present multi-epoch optical and infrared spectroscopic and optical photometric observations of HD 345439 and multi-epoch infrared spectroscopic observations of HD 23478. These data help to identify likely rotational periods (HD 345439), characterize the confinement of material in their circumstellar disks (HD 345439 and HD 23478), and detail the level of He I variability present (HD 345439) that could help diagnose surface abundance anomalies when combined with future detailed modeling.

2. OBSERVATIONS

2.1. Optical Spectroscopy

Seventeen epochs of optical spectra of HD 345439 were obtained using the Astrophysical Research Consortium Echelle Spectrograph (ARCES) on the Apache Point Observatory's (APO) 3.5 m telescope between 2012 September 2 and 2014 June 13 (see Table 1). ARCES (Wang et al. 2003) is a high resolution, cross-dispersed visible light spectrograph¹⁰ that obtains $R \sim 31,500$ spectra between 3600 and 10000 Å. We observed bias, flat field, and ThAr lamp exposures for the echelle on every night. These data were reduced using standard techniques in IRAF,¹¹ and individual spectral lines of interest were continuum normalized using the IRAF task *continuum*.

2.2. IR Spectroscopy

We obtained six epochs of IR spectra of HD 345439 from 0.95 to 2.46 μm using Triplespec on APO's 3.5 m telescope on 2013 July 14 (see Table 1). These data were obtained with the $1''.1 \times 43''.0$ slit in standard ABBA observing mode, yielding $R \sim 3500$ spectra. We obtained spectra of the nearby A0V star HD 189690 after each observational sequence of HD 345439 to facilitate accurate telluric correction. These data were reduced and telluric corrected using Triplespectool, a modified version of Spextool (Vacca et al. 2003; Cushing et al. 2004).

We also analyzed 16 epochs of high resolution ($R = 22,500$), H-band spectra (1.5145–1.6960 μm) of HD 23478 (see Table 1) observed with the 300-fiber APOGEE instrument on the SDSS 2.5 m telescope (Gunn et al. 2006), and released as part of the SDSS data release 12 (DR12) (Alam et al. 2015). The reduction of APOGEE data and details of the SDSS data release 12 (DR12) spectra used are described in Nidever et al. (2015) and Holtzman et al. (2015). The data for HD 23478 from the “blue” and “green” APOGEE detectors (Nidever et al. 2015) exhibit clear signatures of saturation and were excluded from our analysis.

2.3. Optical Photometry

We analyzed 2392 photometric observations of HD 345439 obtained by the Kilodegree Extremely Little Telescope (KELT) North transit survey (Pepper et al. 2007; Siverd et al. 2009) taken between 2007 May 30 and 2013 June 13. KELT consists of a 42 mm lens imaging a $26^\circ \times 26^\circ$ field of view onto a 4000×4000 pixel CCD. KELT uses a red-pass filter with a 50% transmission point at 490 nm, which, when folded with the CCD response, yields an effective bandpass similar to R ,

but broader (see Section 2.1 of Pepper et al. 2007). After flat-fielding, relative photometry was extracted using a heavily modified version of the ISIS image subtraction package (Alard & Lupton 1998), combined with point-spread fitting photometry using DAOPHOT (Stetson 1987; see Section 2.2 of Siverd et al. 2009). The final KELT light curve had a typical relative photometric precision of 2%.

We supplemented these KELT photometric observations of HD 345439 with archival photometric data from the Super Wide Angle Search for Planets (SuperWASP; Butters et al. 2010) and the All Sky Automated Survey (ASAS; Pojmanski 1997). SuperWASP observed the system over a span of 67 nights in 2007, providing 979 epochs of photometry in a broad white light filter, with an average photometric uncertainty of 0.02 mag. ASAS obtained 221 epochs of photometric observations of the system from 2003 to 2009 in the I-band, with a typical average photometric uncertainty for HD 345439 of 0.04 mag.

3. RESULTS

3.1. Photometry: HD 345439

Eikenberry et al. (2014) suggested that HD 345439 was among the most rapidly rotating σ Ori E-type stars based on its observed $v \sin i$ value ($270 \pm 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$). We further explore the rotational rate of this star by examining all of the available KELT photometry for the system, and computing Lomb–Scargle (LS) periodograms (Lomb 1976; Scargle 1982) of the data to search for evidence of periodicity. We searched for periodic signatures both in the individual KELT seasons as well as in the full KELT light curve in the period between 0.1 and 5.0 days. The most prominent LS peak occurred at 0.7701 ± 0.0003 days (Figure 1); we note that other suggested periods disappear after the data is whitened.

Phase-folding our KELT photometry by this suggested 0.7701 day period (Figure 1) and binning these data, we see the clear signature of small amplitude (~ 22 mmag) periodic variations that rise above the errors of each bin (mean binned error ~ 16 mmag). The zero point of the ephemeris, with phase = 0 corresponding to the first minimum in the lightcurve, occurred at JD = 2454251.3432.

We also analyzed the available ASAS and SuperWASP archival photometry of the system in a similar manner. We found a period of 0.7695 ± 0.0078 days in the SuperWASP data (Figure 1). Folding these data by this phase and computing median flux values in bins of 0.05 phase produced the phased-folded light curve for the SuperWASP data shown in Figure 1. Computing a LS periodogram for the ASAS data revealed evidence of a periodic signal at 0.7702 ± 0.0001 days (Figure 1). To aid the visual interpretation of this light curve we again computed median flux values in bins of 0.05 phase and overlaid these median values on the ASAS phase-folded light curve shown in Figure 1. Note that the mean binned error ranges from ~ 16 mmag (SuperWASP) to ~ 27 mmag (ASAS).

Each individual photometric data set for HD 345439 yields the same LS peak signal (to within ~ 50 s). Moreover, the phase-folded light curves of the SuperWASP, ASAS, and KELT data (Figure 1) exhibit the same basic morphology, albeit with low SNR for the ASAS data. This consistency indicates the complex morphology observed is in fact real, and the period of the system is ~ 0.7701 days.

¹⁰ <http://www.apo.nmsu.edu/arc35m/Instruments/ARCES/>

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Table 1
Summary of Spectroscopic Data: The Summary of Our Spectroscopic Observations of HD 345439 and HD 23478

Name ...	Date ...	JD ...	Expos Section	H α (Å)	He I 4144 (Å)	He I 4387 (Å)	He I 4920 (Å)	He I 5015 (Å)	He I 6678 (Å)	Br-11 (Å)	Phase ...
HD 345439	2012 Sep 2	2456172.8283	900	-1.59 ± 0.04	1.91 ± 0.03	1.87 ± 0.04	1.42 ± 0.02	0.58 ± 0.01	1.20 ± 0.02	...	0.1111
HD 345439	2012 Oct 4	2456204.8024	583	1.92 ± 0.05	1.86 ± 0.13	1.54 ± 0.07	1.48 ± 0.04	0.62 ± 0.02	1.26 ± 0.04	...	0.7316
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.6805	900	-1.09 ± 0.03	1.56 ± 0.04	1.52 ± 0.03	1.41 ± 0.02	0.58 ± 0.01	1.16 ± 0.03	...	0.9571
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.7243	1080	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-4.1^T \pm 0.21$	0.0139
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.7564	900	-1.83 ± 0.03	1.70 ± 0.03	1.52 ± 0.02	1.46 ± 0.02	0.58 ± 0.01	1.20 ± 0.03	...	0.0556
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.7757	720	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-5.7^T \pm 0.33$	0.0807
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.8088	900	-2.21 ± 0.04	1.83 ± 0.03	1.64 ± 0.02	1.45 ± 0.02	0.57 ± 0.01	1.24 ± 0.02	...	0.1237
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.8215	720	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-5.7^T \pm 0.33$	0.1401
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.8515	900	-1.81 ± 0.04	1.75 ± 0.03	1.67 ± 0.02	1.42 ± 0.02	0.60 ± 0.01	1.10 ± 0.03	...	0.1791
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.8681	720	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-5.4^T \pm 0.31$	0.2007
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.9007	900	-1.16 ± 0.02	1.64 ± 0.03	1.47 ± 0.03	1.25 ± 0.02	0.53 ± 0.01	1.06 ± 0.02	...	0.243
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.9153	720	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-5.3^T \pm 0.34$	0.2620
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.9525	900	-0.40 ± 0.02	1.78 ± 0.04	1.44 ± 0.04	1.30 ± 0.02	0.51 ± 0.01	1.03 ± 0.03	...	0.3103
HD 345439	2013 Jul 14	2456487.9681	720	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-2.3^T \pm 0.18$	0.3305
HD 345439	2013 Sep 22	2456557.7046	1200	-0.78 ± 0.02	1.48 ± 0.02	1.36 ± 0.03	1.40 ± 0.02	0.47 ± 0.01	1.07 ± 0.02	...	0.8856
HD 345439	2014 Apr 11	2456758.9467	1800	-2.18 ± 0.03	1.84 ± 0.03	1.55 ± 0.02	1.43 ± 0.02	0.57 ± 0.01	1.34 ± 0.03	...	0.2051
HD 345439	2014 Apr 11	2456758.9738	1800	-1.93 ± 0.04	1.89 ± 0.02	1.50 ± 0.02	1.39 ± 0.02	0.54 ± 0.01	1.22 ± 0.02	...	0.2403
HD 345439	2014 Jun 13	2456821.8155	1200	1.90 ± 0.04	1.65 ± 0.05	1.42 ± 0.02	1.29 ± 0.03	0.50 ± 0.02	1.07 ± 0.05	...	0.8423
HD 345439	2014 Jun 13	2456821.8377	1800	1.31 ± 0.03	1.54 ± 0.03	1.29 ± 0.04	1.19 ± 0.02	0.49 ± 0.01	0.89 ± 0.03	...	0.8711
HD 345439	2014 Jun 13	2456821.8641	1800	-0.03 ± 0.02	1.48 ± 0.03	1.22 ± 0.03	1.23 ± 0.02	0.41 ± 0.01	0.94 ± 0.02	...	0.9054
HD 345439	2014 Jun 13	2456821.8891	1800	0.03 ± 0.02	1.32 ± 0.03	1.32 ± 0.02	1.24 ± 0.02	0.44 ± 0.01	0.91 ± 0.02	...	0.9378
HD 345439	2014 Jun 13	2456821.9183	1800	-0.96 ± 0.03	1.51 ± 0.02	1.28 ± 0.02	1.36 ± 0.02	0.55 ± 0.01	1.00 ± 0.03	...	0.9758
HD 345439	2014 Jun 13	2456821.9426	1800	-1.08 ± 0.03	1.53 ± 0.03	1.46 ± 0.02	1.28 ± 0.02	0.49 ± 0.01	1.19 ± 0.03	...	0.0073
HD 23478	2012 Aug 29	2456168.9409	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-1.5^A \pm 0.02$	0.055
HD 23478	2012 Aug 31	2456170.8995	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-1.6^A \pm 0.02$	0.921
HD 23478	2012 Sep 1	2456171.9757	2500	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-1.4^A \pm 0.02$	0.946
HD 23478	2012 Sep 2	2456172.9738	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-1.5^A \pm 0.02$	0.897
HD 23478	2012 Sep 4	2456174.9257	1000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-1.6^A \pm 0.03$	0.756
HD 23478	2012 Nov 4	2456235.7739	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-1.8^A \pm 0.03$	0.718
HD 23478	2012 Dec 1	2456262.6834	2500	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-1.1^A \pm 0.02$	0.351
HD 23478	2012 Dec 21	2456282.6215	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-0.6^A \pm 0.01$	0.343
HD 23478	2012 Dec 22	2456283.6242	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-1.1^A \pm 0.02$	0.298
HD 23478	2013 Sep 26	2456561.9916	1500	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-0.9^A \pm 0.02$	0.460
HD 23478	2014 Jan 12	2456669.6736	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-1.2^A \pm 0.02$	0.034
HD 23478	2014 Jan 16	2456673.5636	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-0.9^A \pm 0.02$	0.740
HD 23478	2014 Jan 18	2456675.5648	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-1.1^A \pm 0.02$	0.646
HD 23478	2014 Feb 13	2456701.5886	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-0.8^A \pm 0.02$	0.435
HD 23478	2014 Feb 15	2456703.5901	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-0.8^A \pm 0.02$	0.342
HD 23478	2014 Feb 18	2456706.6017	1000	...	...	...	...	...	...	$-0.8^A \pm 0.02$	0.210

Note. Note that the “A” designation in column 11 corresponds to data obtained with the APOGEE instrument on the APO 2.5 m while the “T” designation in column 11 corresponds to data obtained with the triplespec instrument on the APO 3.5 m. The julian dates (JDs) listed in column 3 were computed based on the mid-exposure times of each observation. The phases compiled in column 12 were computed using the 0.7701 day period and ephemeris derived in Section 3.1 for HD 345439 and using the previously reported 1.0498 day period and ephemeris for HD 23478 (Jerzykiewicz 1993; Sikora et al. 2015).

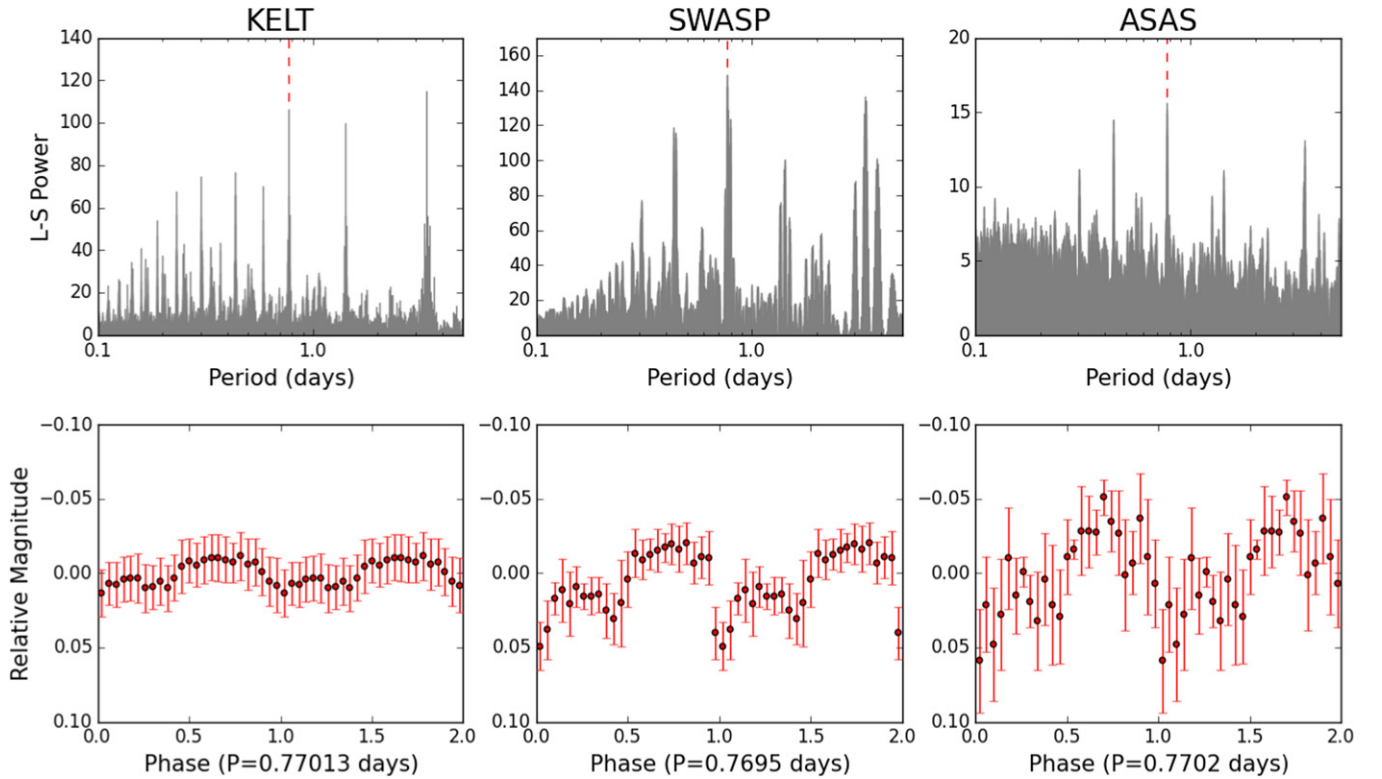


Figure 1. Available archival photometric data for HD 345439 all exhibit similar peaks in their Lomb–Scargle periodograms (KELT: 0.7701 days, upper left panel; SuperWASP: 0.7695 days, upper middle panel; ASAS: 0.7702 days, upper right panel). Phase-folding by these periods and computing median flux values in bins of 0.05 phase reveals similar morphologies for all three data sets (KELT, lower left panel; SuperWASP, lower middle panel; ASAS, lower right panel).

3.2. Spectroscopy: HD 345439

We compute equivalent width (EW) line strengths for select major lines from continuum normalized data. Because the observed line profiles were often complex, we computed EWs by integrating over the full profile of each line rather than fitting each profile with a functional form. We compile all of our measured optical and IR EWs in Table 1, along with their errors, computed using the technique discussed in Chalabaev & Maillard (1983). Although not included in the formal error bars, we suggest that continuum normalization placement uncertainties could add an additional $\sim 5\%$ to our quoted errors.

The EWs of numerous emission and absorption lines in HD 345439 exhibit clear evidence of variability which is phase-dependent. Our optical spectra for HD 345439 cover 60% of the phase-space of the system; the periodic behavior of the $H\alpha$ EW is indicative of circumstellar gas confined by the system’s suspected magnetic field (Figure 2). Although comparatively our IR data cover a smaller portion of phase-space, these data (e.g., Br-11, Figure 2) exhibit a similar general trend with phase as for $H\alpha$. We find weak evidence for periodic behavior in the $He\text{I}$ 4144, 4387, 4921, 5015, and 6678 Å lines (a subset of these lines are shown in Figure 2), albeit with opposite amplitude as observed in $H\alpha$. Whereas the observed $H\alpha$ EW variations likely arise from magnetospherically confined gas, determining the cause of the $He\text{I}$ EW variations is more challenging. When $He\text{I}$ EW variations exhibit clearly different trends as a function of phase than $H\alpha$, this has been attributed to differences in photospheric surface abundances (see e.g., Grunat et al. 2012). However when $He\text{I}$ EW variations exhibit similar trends as a function of phase as $H\alpha$, such behavior could arise both from photospheric surface abundance

differences and due to occultations of the photosphere by the circumstellar disk (Townsend 2008; Oksala et al. 2012; Rivinius et al. 2013). Determining the role of anisotropic photospheric surface abundances and occultations by the disk in forming HD 345439’s observed $He\text{I}$ EW behavior will require additional observations that enable elemental abundance mapping (e.g., Oksala et al. 2015b) and detailed modeling of the system.

We further explore HD 345439’s circumstellar material by investigating dynamical spectra of our data. We first consider our data from 2013 July 14, whereby we obtained near-contemporaneous optical and IR time series spectra of HD 345439 throughout $\sim 40\%$ of its orbital phase. Figure 3 illustrates the dynamical spectrum for the $H\alpha$, $H\text{I}$ Br-11, and $H\text{I}$ Br- γ lines; note that we used an IDL-based nearest-neighbor linear interpolation routine to connect neighboring observations. The evolution of each profile is clearly correlated with phase and is expected for a magnetically confined disk whose orientation with respect to us changes as the system rotates. Figure 3 illustrates that in the last two epochs of our observations, the $H\alpha$ line still exhibits a broad double-peaked profile, albeit the level of emission has decreased, especially on the blueshifted of the profile. The IR lines (Br-11 and Br- γ) similarly weaken during these last two epochs, especially the blueshifted region of the $H\text{I}$ line profiles. Moreover, the redshifted emission component seems to significantly broaden in the final two epochs, essentially merging with the residual lower intensity remnant of the blueshifted profile. Such behavior is not simply limited to these two IR lines, but rather occurs across all $H\text{I}$ emission lines in our H-band data.

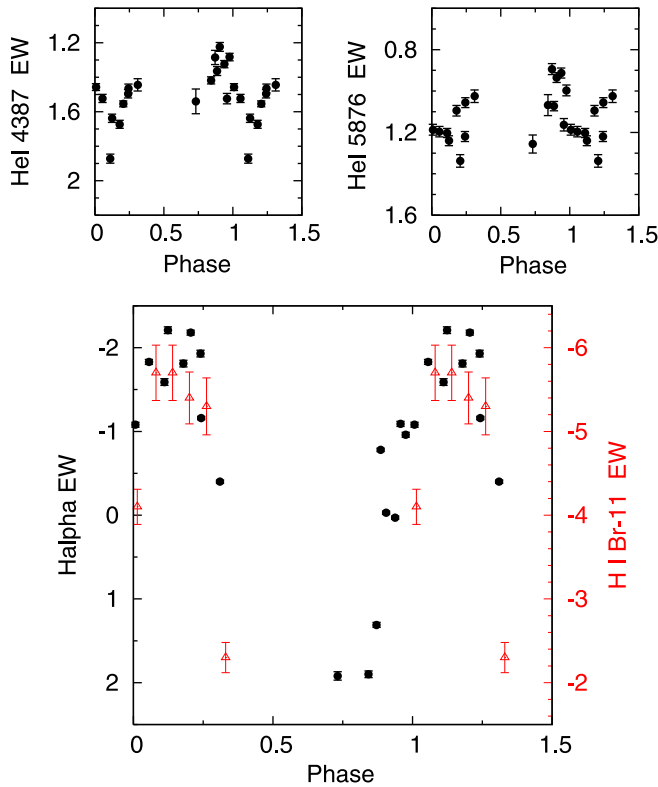


Figure 2. Equivalent widths of select lines in HD 345439, compiled in Table 1, are plotted as a function of phase. These lines all exhibit evidence of phase-locked variations in line strengths, as do additional He I lines compiled in Table 1 but not plotted here (He I 4144 Å, He I 4920 Å, He I 5015 Å, and He I 6678 Å). While our phase coverage of the H I Br-11 line (red triangles, bottom panel) is more minimal compared to other lines, these data still mimic the general behavior observed in the H α line (black circles, bottom panel).

3.3. Spectroscopy: HD 23478

Sikora et al. (2015) recently presented a detailed optical spectropolarimetric study of HD 23478 in which they were able to both constrain the magnetic field properties of the system and confirm the presence of a magnetospherically confined disk via analysis of select optical absorption and emission lines. Our new 16 epochs of observations of the H I Br-11 line in the H-band help to fill in the phase-space explored by Sikora et al. (2015). After continuum normalizing the spectra using standard techniques in IRAF, we computed EWs for our HD 23478 data, and phased them using the known 1.0498 day period and ephemeris (Jerzykiewicz 1993; Sikora et al. 2015). Our measurements, compiled in Table 1 and plotted in Figure 4, exhibit clear phase-locked periodic behavior similar in morphology to that observed at H α (see, e.g., Figure 11 of Sikora et al. 2015).

A differential dynamical spectrum for HD 23478, computed using our full 16 epochs of H I Br-11 data spanning ~ 1.5 years and phased to the system’s 1.0498 day period, illustrates that the overall morphology, especially the redshifted side of the emission line profile, remained similar for more than 500 orbital periods. There is some evidence for subtle changes in the line profile morphology between orbital periods via some of the “choppiness” in regions of the differential dynamical spectra with closely (in phase) spaced observations. This might be indicative of small changes in the density of confined circumstellar gas over time.

4. DISCUSSION

HD 345439 has been suspected to be a rapidly rotating σ Ori E-type analog, based on the basic properties of its discovery SDSS III/APOGEE H-band spectrum and single-epoch follow-up spectra in the optical and IR (Eikenberry et al. 2014) as well as the suggestive presence of a rapidly variable magnetic field in the system (Hubrig et al. 2015). Our analysis of >2500 epochs of photometry of the system from three independent surveys has consistently revealed the presence of a 0.7701 day photometric periodic signal (Figure 1). We note that the morphology of the light curve clearly deviates from a simple sinusoidal shape and instead exhibits evidence of twice per period dimmings of the central star, which is expected when magnetospherically confined disk material occults the central star. Moreover, the observed deviation from simple sinusoidal phase symmetry has been observed in other σ Ori E-type systems (e.g., Grunut et al. 2012; Rivinius et al. 2013; Townsend et al. 2013). We can not however rule out that pulsations also play a role in producing the observed light curve morphology, particularly in light of the highly varying spectropolarimetric data of Hubrig et al. (2015). If however this 0.7701 day periodicity corresponds to HD 345439’s rotational period as we suggest, this would indicate HD 345439 is rotating significantly faster than the benchmark for this class of stars, the 1.19 day period of σ Ori E (Townsend et al. 2010, 2013). Moreover, it would place HD 345439 instead closer to the fastest analogs of the class, HR 7355 (0.52 days; Rivinius et al. 2008; Mikulasek et al. 2010; Oksala et al. 2010) and HR 5907 (0.508 days; Grunut et al. 2012). Our multi-epoch optical and IR spectra have confirmed that both the H I emission line strengths and profiles and He I absorption line strengths exhibit phase-locked variations on this same periodic time-scale, providing confirmation that the system does have circumstellar material confined in a disk-like geometry, likely by the suspected magnetic field (Hubrig et al. 2015). As such, these data strongly support the original classification (Eikenberry et al. 2014) of HD 345439 as a σ Ori E analog.

Although detailed modeling is beyond the scope of this manuscript, we consider the broad properties of the HD 345439 system based on the observed light curve morphology and line profile behavior. In particular, we qualitatively compare the properties of the HD 345439 system against the RRM model (Townsend & Owocki 2005) and the resultant light curve (Townsend 2008) and spectroscopic behavior predicted by this model. Using the interactive visualization movies by RRM model originator R. Townsend,¹² we suggest the observed “w-shaped” light curve morphology (Figure 1) and H I line profile evolution (Figure 3) of HD 345439 is broadly consistent with the system having a moderately high inclination ($\sim 75^\circ$) and a moderate obliquity ($\beta \sim 45^\circ$). Detailed modeling of the system will require stronger constraints on the magnetic field properties of the system, beyond the observationally based hint of a rapidly varying magnetic field in the system (Hubrig et al. 2015), as well as a better understanding of any anisotropies in its elemental surface abundances and the level to which they contribute to the observed broad-band light curves and He I EW behavior.

Sikora et al. (2015) used spectropolarimetric observations to derive the longitudinal magnetic field strength and begin to parameterize the variable optical H I emission and He I

¹² <http://www.astro.wisc.edu/~townsend/>

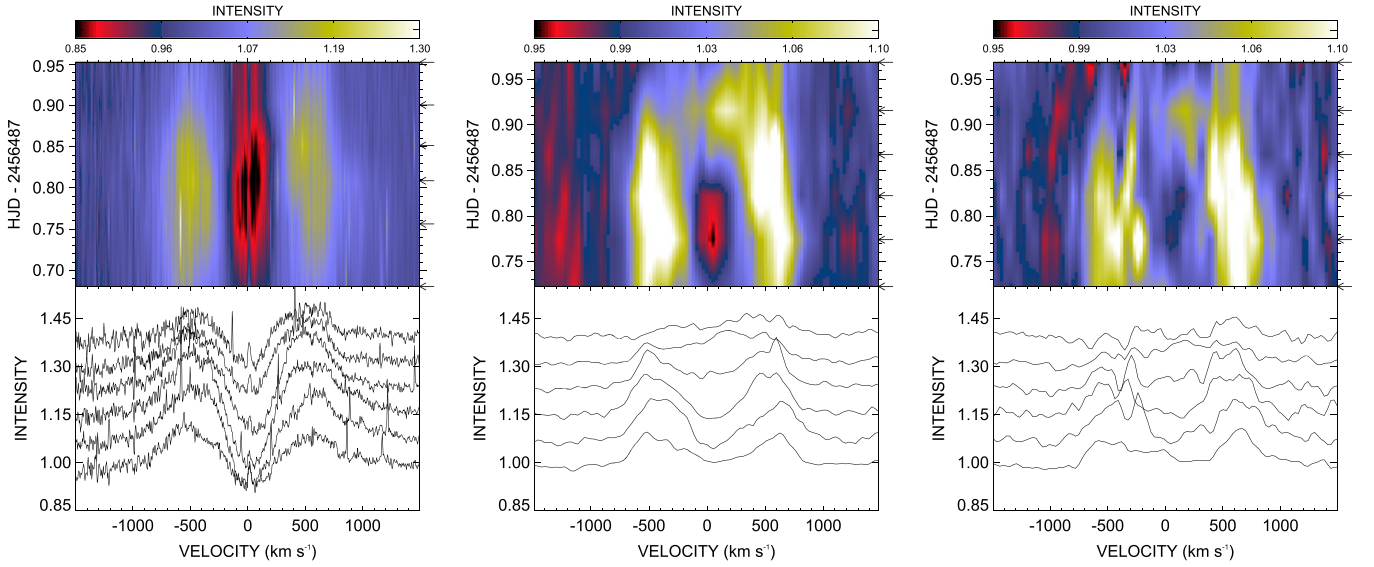


Figure 3. Dynamical spectra of the HD 345439 H α (left panels), H I-Br11 (center panels), and H I-Br γ (right panels) lines from the six epochs of optical and six epochs of IR spectra obtained on 2013 July 14 show the clear evolution of these emission line profiles over the course of $\sim 40\%$ of the system’s rotational period (from 0.95 to 0.33). The arrows on the right-side of each top panel depicts the epoch of each exposure, while the bottom panel depicts a zoomed view of each line profile.

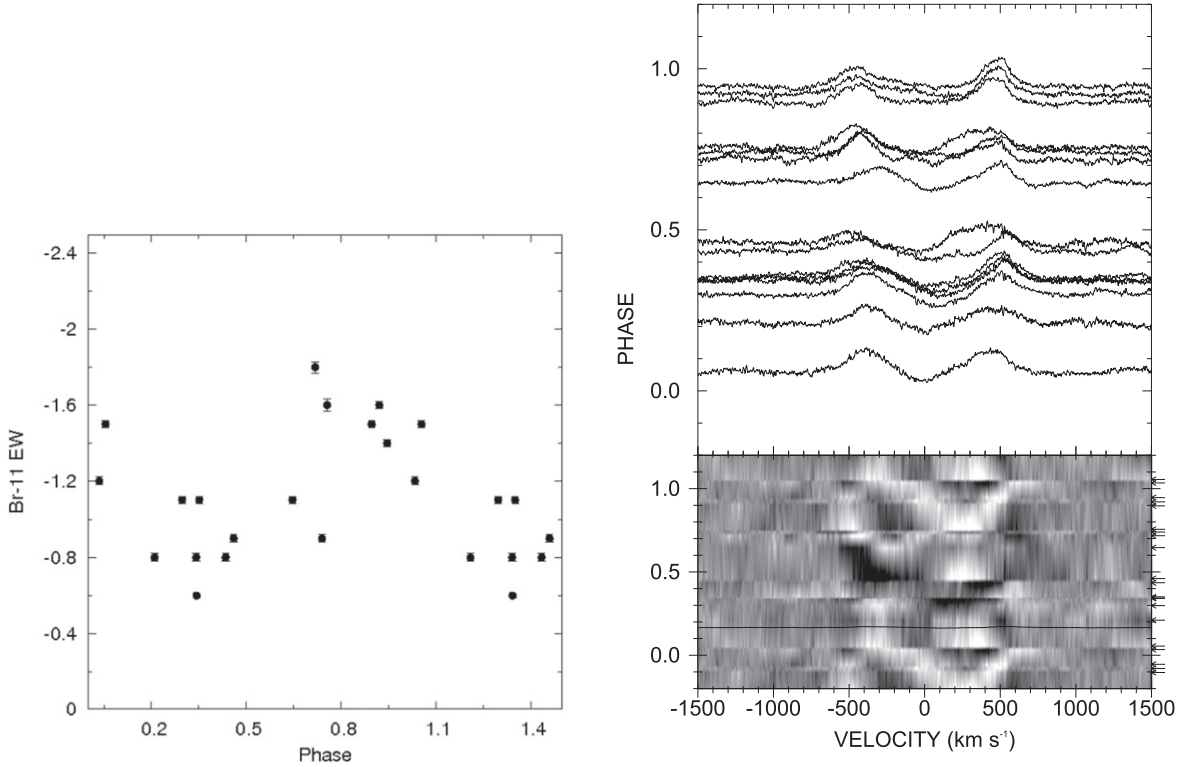


Figure 4. EWs of H I-Br11 our HD 23478 data exhibit a clear phase-locked periodic behavior at the known 1.0498 period of the system (Jerzykiewicz 1993; Sikora et al. 2015), and exhibit a similar morphology to that reported at H α by Sikora et al. (2015). The differential dynamical spectra of HD 23478 also exhibit a phase-locked variability pattern, which is especially visible in the redshifted side of the emission line profile over phase. Note that the intensity scaling of these differential dynamical spectra is $\pm 2.5\%$.

absorption associated with the HD 23478 system. Our IR spectroscopic data confirmed the presence of confined circumstellar gas by the system’s magnetic field and provided enhanced phase coverage of diagnostics of this gas. More broadly, our multiwavelength data advanced the exploration of optical and IR parameter space of σ Ori E-type stars by Oksala et al. (2015a). As these multiwavelength data probe different

optical depths in the disk, small-scale differences between near-contemporaneous optical and IR line profiles (e.g., the final two epochs of our optical and IR spectra of HD 345439; Figure 3) could be used to help resolve the current uncertainties regarding the detailed morphology of magnetospherically confined disk material (Carciofi et al. 2013; Oksala et al. 2015b).

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