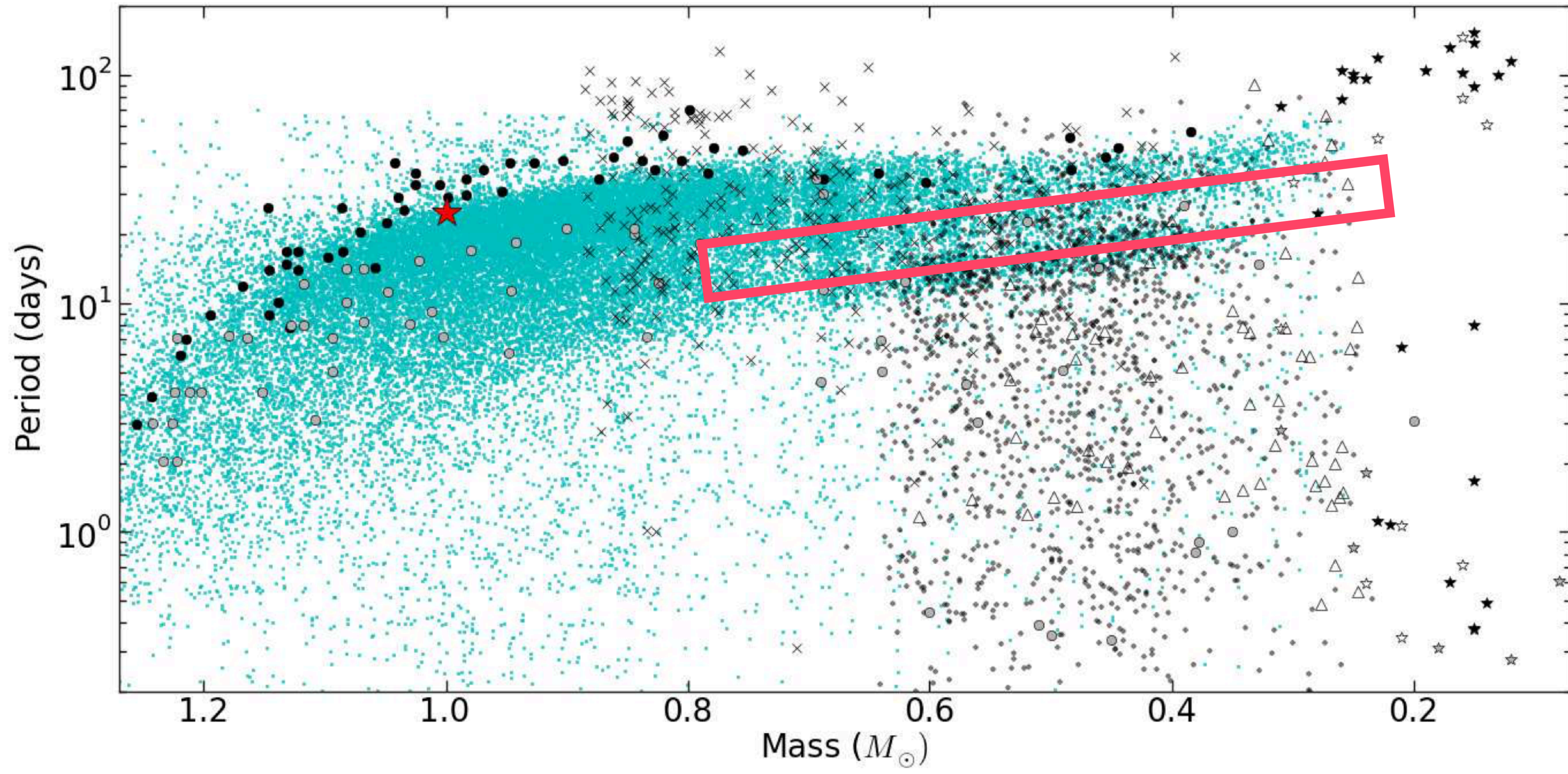


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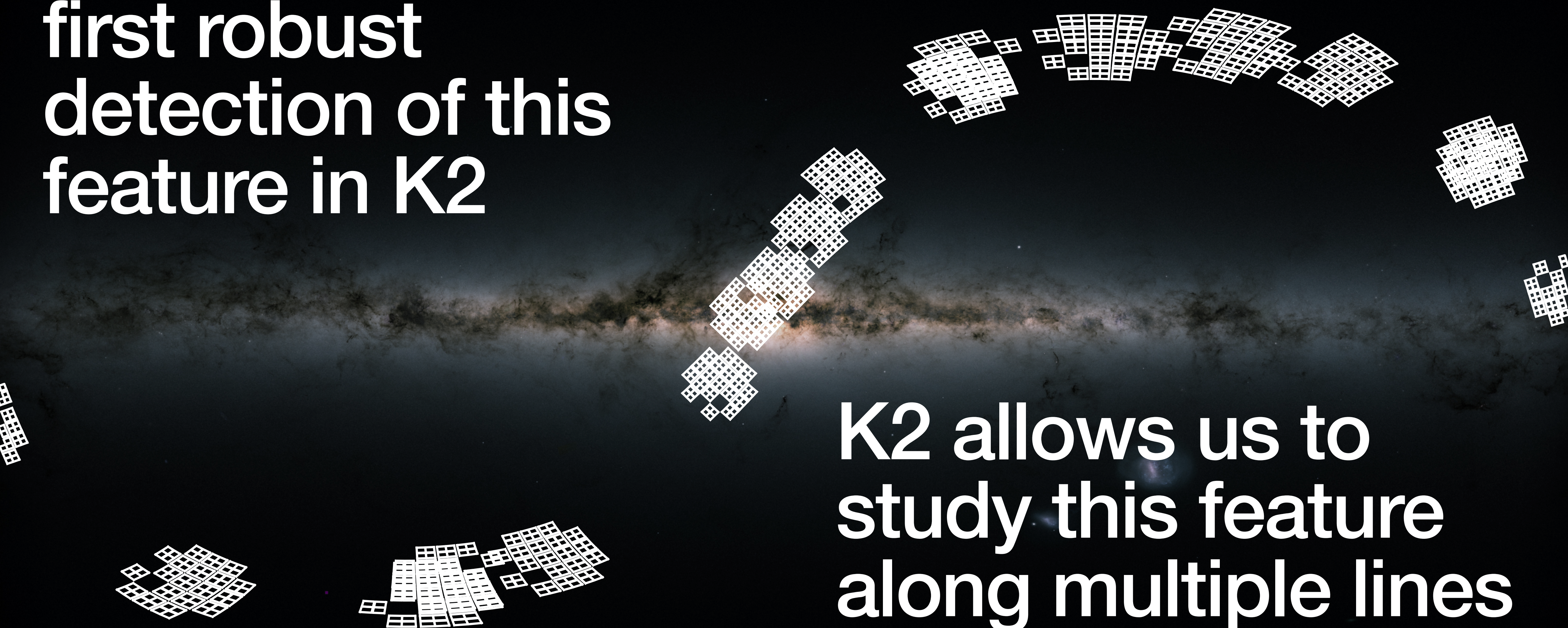
# **stellar rotation in K2**

**detection and properties of the rotation period gap**

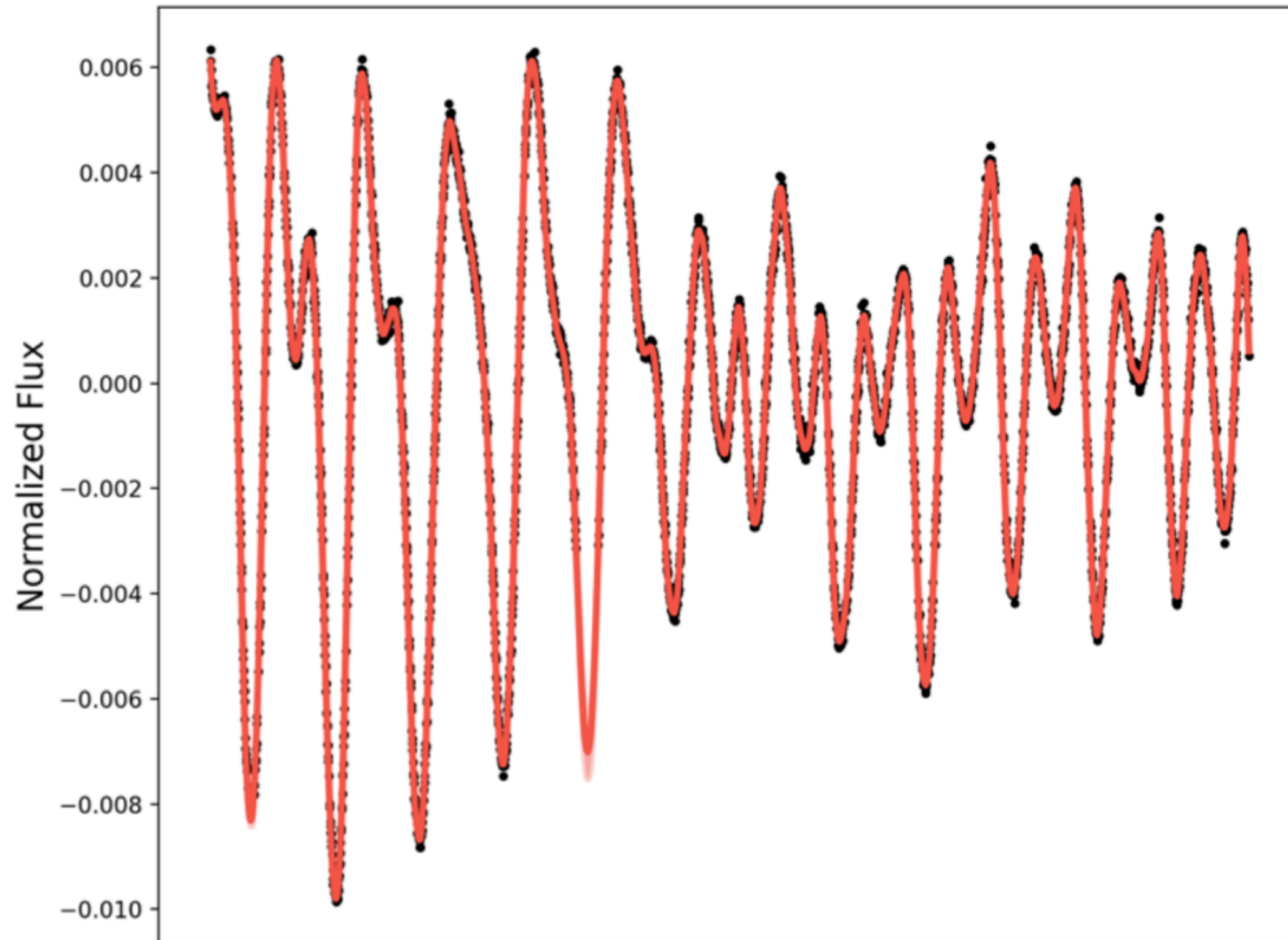


We present the first robust detection of this feature in K2

K2 allows us to study this feature along multiple lines of sight.

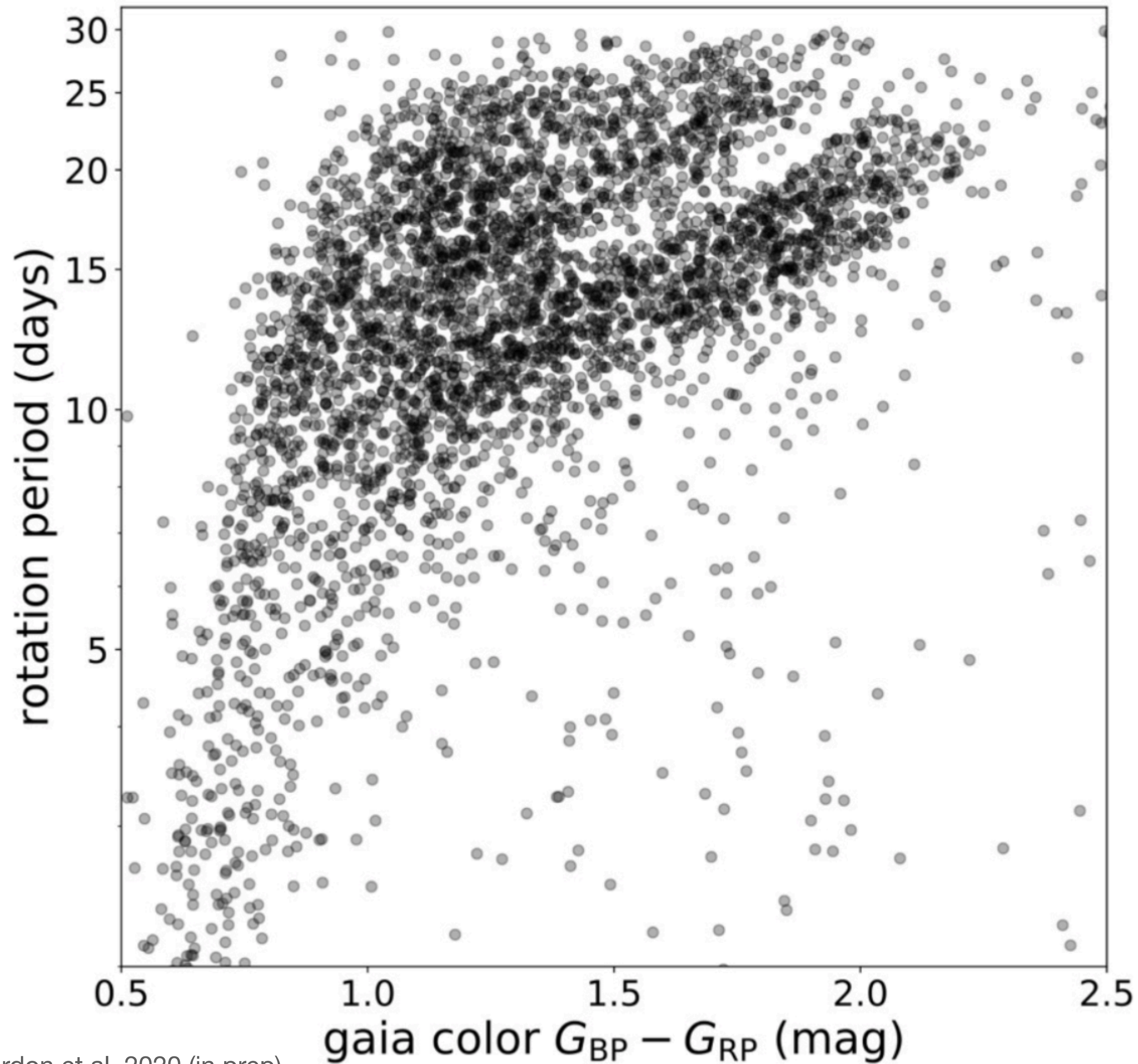


Maximum-likelihood GP Prediction



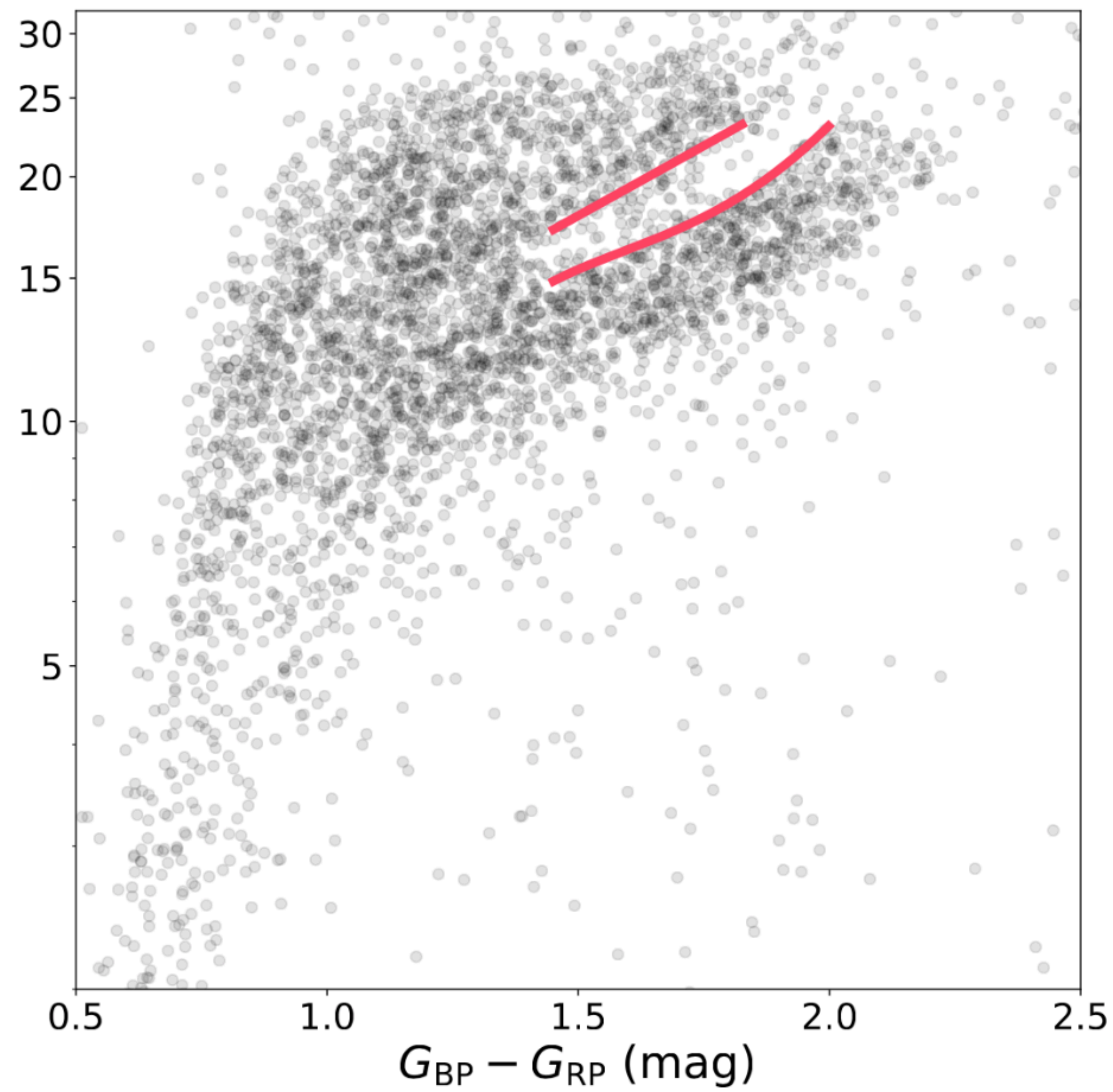
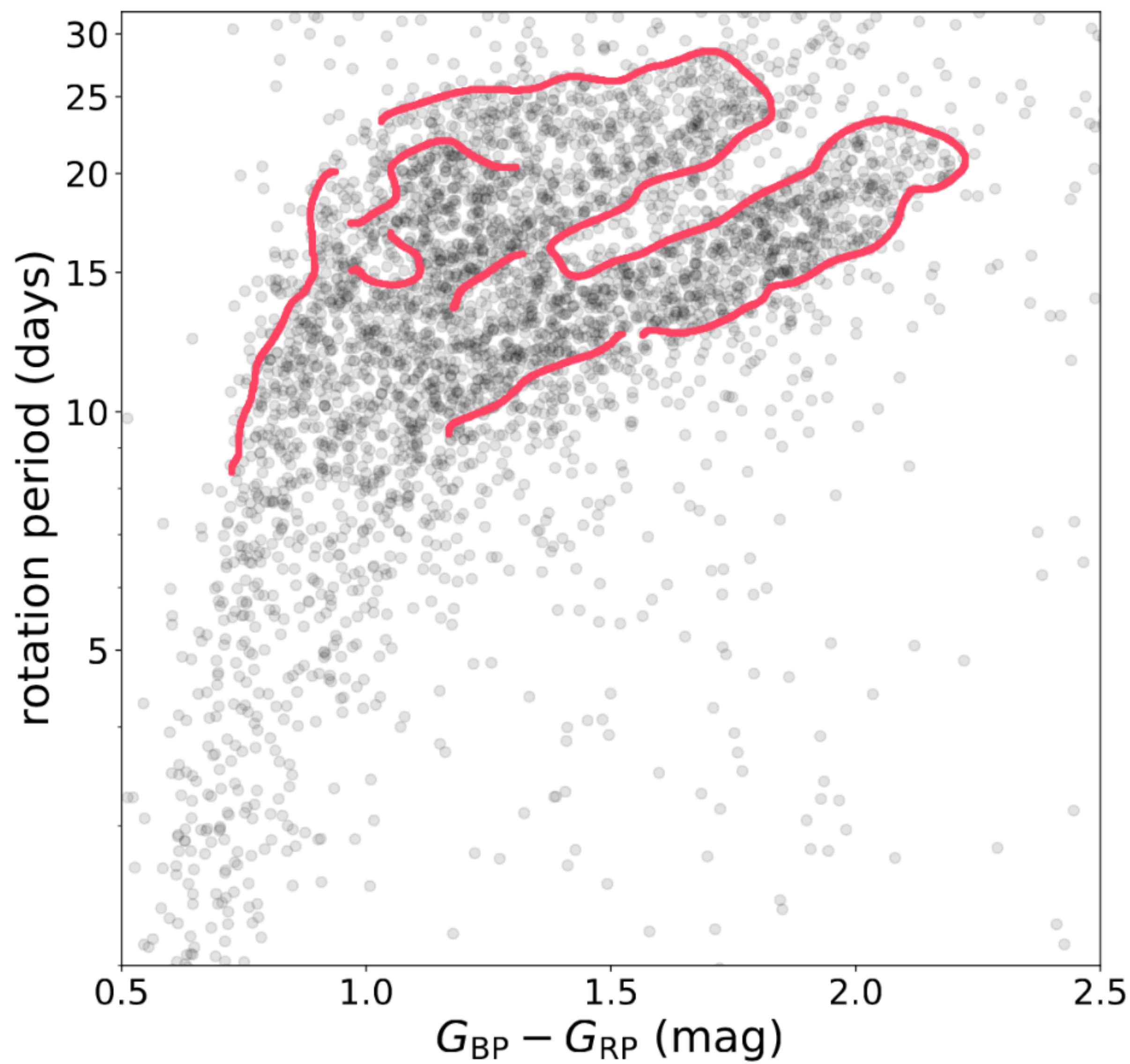
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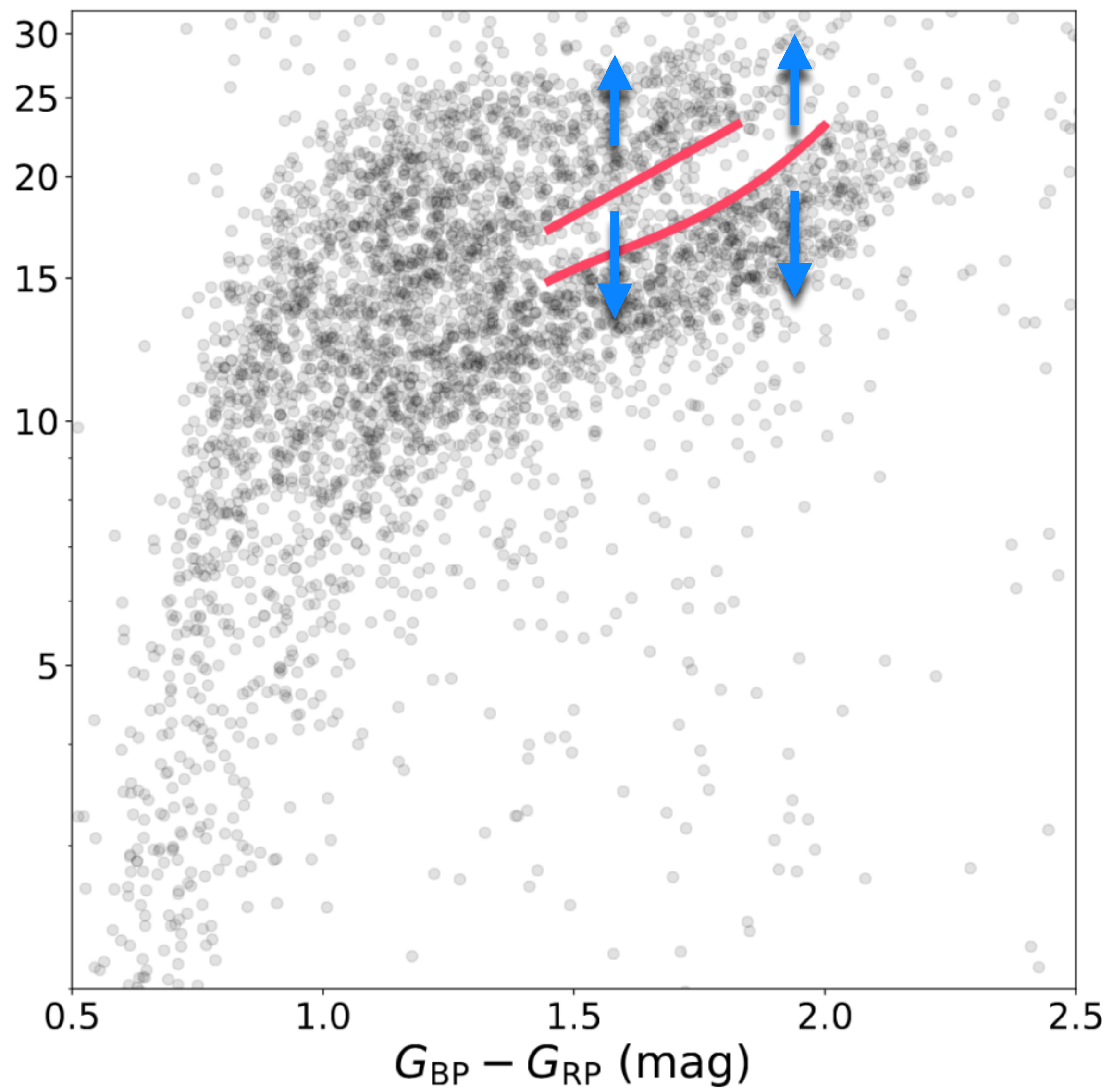
- Combined ACF + GP analysis
- For the GP we use the rotation kernel from exoplanet (Foreman-Mackey et al, 2018)
- Stars in our final sample are chosen on the basis of MCMC convergence diagnostics and agreement with ACF period detection.



**the final sample:**

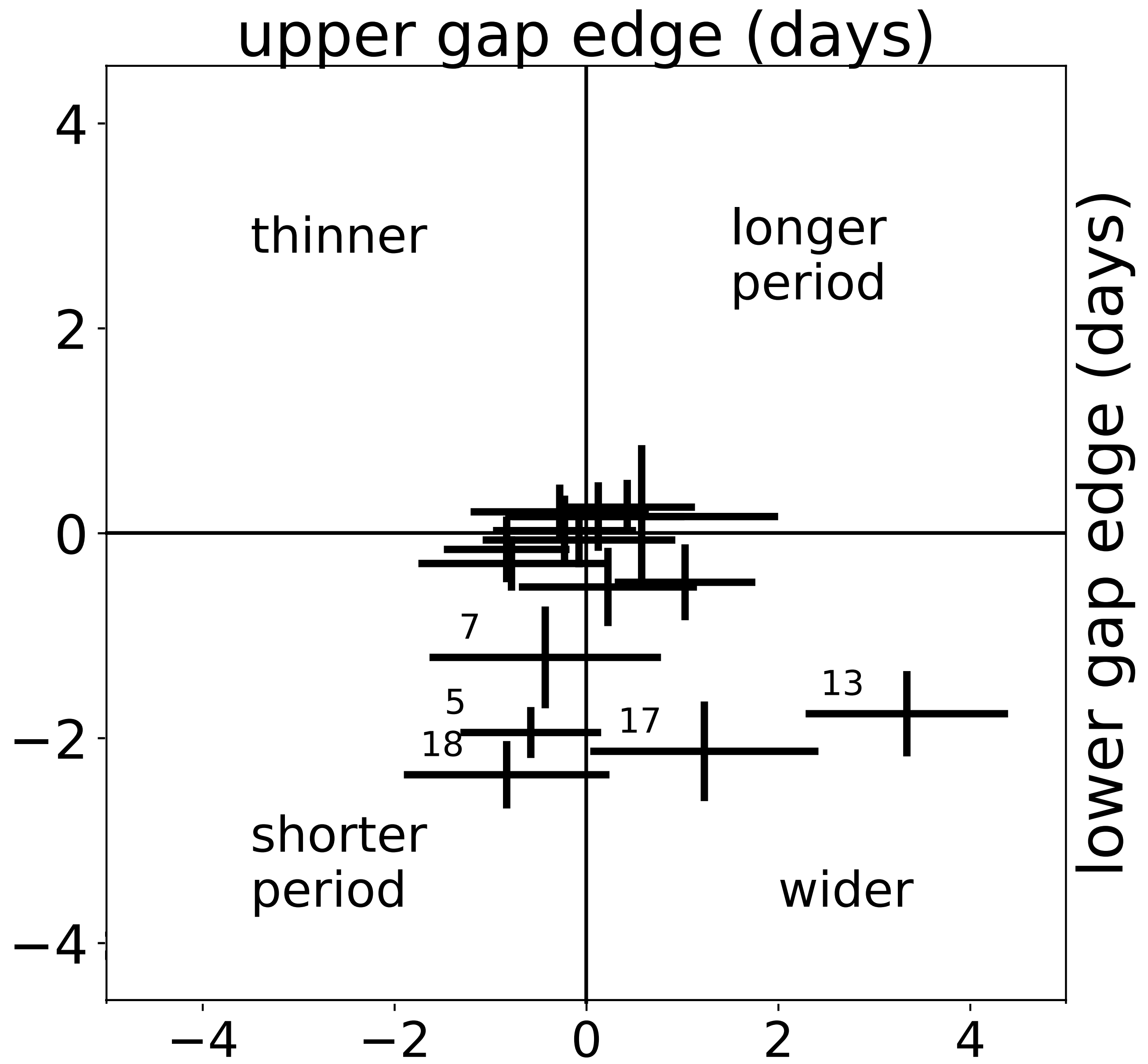
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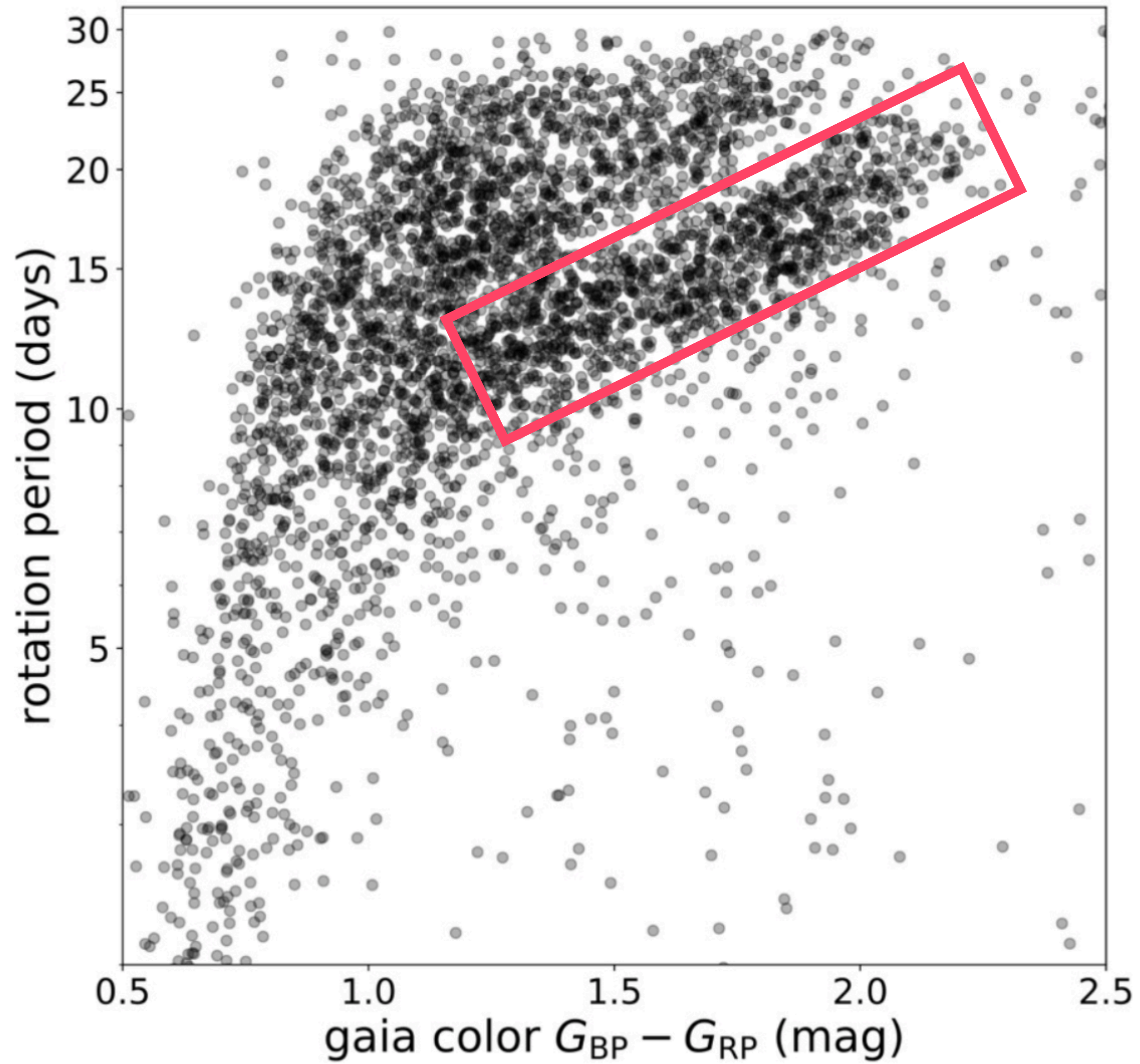


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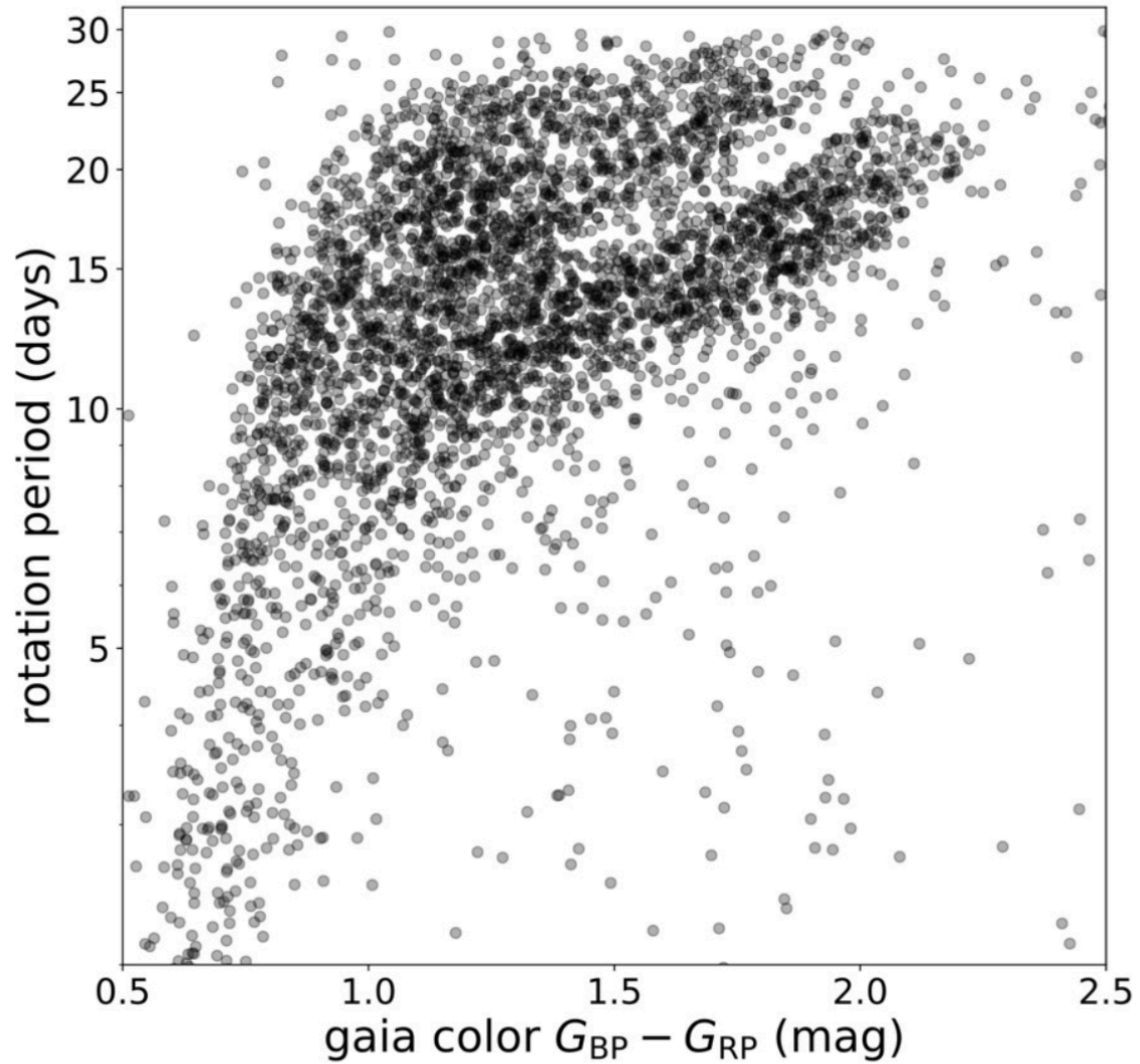


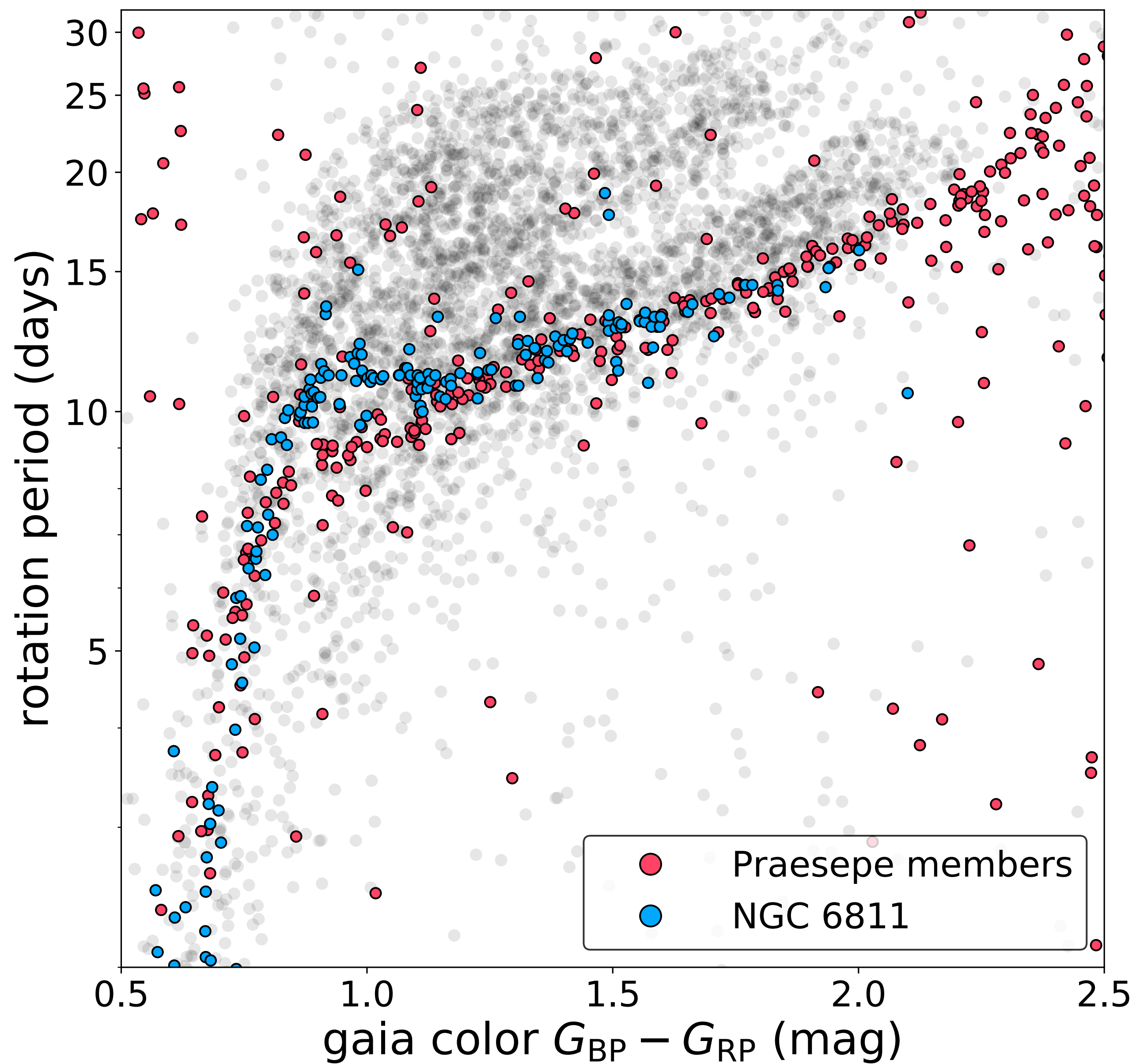
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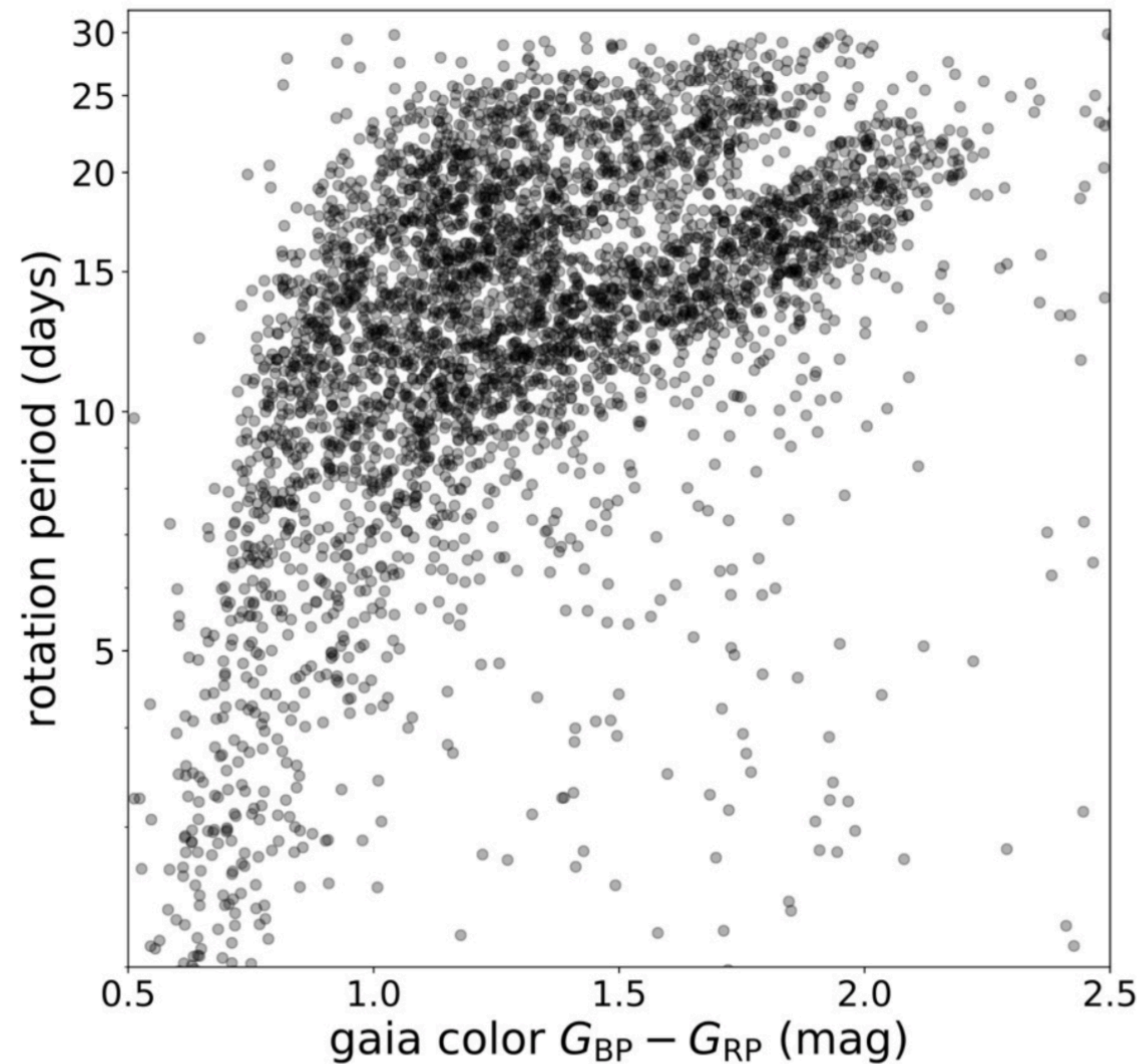
## Stalled spin down model

McQuillan et al., 2013, 2014, Angus et al., 2020, Spada & Lanzafame, 2020

- NGC 6811 (1,000 Myr)
- Praesepe (670 Myr)

Praesepe membership from Cantat-Gaudin et al., 2018

NGC 6811 periods from Curtis et al., 2019



# Conclusions

- We have detected the rotation period gap in K2.
  - Appears independent of direction
- We need additional observations in order to understand this feature.
  - Rotation periods for clusters near or crossing the gap
  - Theoretical understandings of non-Skumanich spin down
  - Independent age measurements for field stars (Gaia kinematics?)