Dynamical Masses of Young Stars I

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1. INTRODUCTION

The majority of the Galactic star formation is likely to occur in embedded clusters containing massive stars (Lada & Lada 2003). Such embedded clusters dissipate and dissolve, leaving unbound OB associations. Stars within these OB associations, and in particular their subgroups, are thought to be a coeval population that share a common star formation history, chemical abundance, and velocity (de Zeeuw et al. 1999).

These young OB associations provide a glimpse into the state of a group of stars directly after formation. The nearest OB association to the sun is the Scorpius-Centaurus-Lupus-Crux association (Sco-Cen), and is also our closest location of recent high-mass star formation. The nearest OB association to the sun is the Sco-Cen subgroups which are clearly younger model ages of ~7 Myr. Based on our fits, this age discrepancy in the models corresponds to a luminosity under-prediction of 0.8-0.15 dex, or equivalently an effective temperature over-prediction of 100-300 K for M-type stars at a given premain-sequence age. We also find that the M-type binary system RXJ1550.0-2312 has an age (~16 Myr) and distance (~90 pc) indicating that it is either a nearby young binary system or a member of the Upper-Centaurus-Lupus subgroup with a 57% probability of membership.

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2. ABSTRACT

We present the results of a long term orbit monitoring program, using sparse aperture masking observations taken with NIRC2 on the Keck-II telescope, of seven G to M-type members of the Upper Scorpius subgroup of the Sco-Cen OB association. We present astrometry and derived orbital elements of the binary systems we have monitored, and also determine the age, component masses, distance and reddening for each system using the orbital solutions and multi-band photometry, including Hubble Space Telescope photometry, and a Bayesian fitting procedure. We find that the models can be forced into agreement with any individual system by assuming an age, but that age is not consistent across the mass range of our sample. The G-type binary systems in our sample have model ages of ~11.5 Myr, which is consistent with the latest age estimates for Upper Scorpius, while the M-type binary systems have significantly younger model ages of ~7 Myr. Based on our fits, this age discrepancy in the models corresponds to a luminosity under-prediction of 0.8-0.15 dex, or equivalently an effective temperature over-prediction of 100-300 K for M-type stars at a given premain-sequence age. We also find that the M-type binary system RXJ1550.0-2312 has an age (~16 Myr) and distance (~90 pc) indicating that it is either a nearby young binary system or a member of the Upper-Centaurus-Lupus subgroup with a 57% probability of membership.

The age of the Sco-Cen subgroups is contentious. The youngest and most compact subgroup, Upper-Scorpius, was first age-dated using the main sequence turn-off, and was estimated to be ~5-7 Myr old (de G end 1992). This age was supported by a spectroscopic survey for low-mass association members by Preibisch et al. (2002), which also determined a population age of ~5 Myr according to the latest models of the time, with a very narrow age spread. There is now some evidence for a spread in HR-diagram apparent age which correlates with Li abundance (Rizzuto et al. 2015), and recent work utilizing new spectral typing and photometry of F-type members, and re-analysis of B/A-type members, has shown that Upper-Scorpius may have median age of ~11 Myr, which is significantly different from any previous work (Pecaut et al. 2012).

There is still some uncertainty in the ages of the various B-type members of Upper Scorpius: While there are B-type Upper Scorpius stars which appear to have ages consistent with the ~11 Myr age estimation, there are others, such as τ Sco and ω Sco which are clearly very young. In the case of τ Sco this is verified independently as it has a well-determined temperature of 32000±1000 K, luminosity of log L/L⊙ = 4.47±0.13, and mass or 11±4M⊙ measured from the He and H absorption lines (Simón-Díaz et al. 2006). Combined with the very slow rotation period of 43 days (Simón-Díaz et al. 2006; Strassmeier 2009), this means that τ Sco is certainly very young, with an age between 2 and 5 Myr depending on the choice of models. For non-rotating stellar models the most massive 15 Myr stars should be approximately 12M⊙ (Ekström et al. 2012). The existence of stars like τ Sco and ω Sco cloud the clear picture of single-epoch star formation in the Upper Scorpius region, and perhaps argue for some star formation between the age of ρ Ophiuchus and the new canonical ~11 Myr age of Upper Scorpius.
The older subgroups of Sco-Cen also have somewhat unclear ages. The B, A and F-type UCL and LCC members have main-sequence turn off/on ages of \( \sim 16 \) – 18 Myr (Mamajek et al. 2002), while studies of the incomplete sample of Lithium-rich G, K and M-type members show a variety of mass-dependent age estimates. The HR-diagram age for the known K-type stars in UCL and LCC is \( \sim 12 \) Myr, the few known M-type stars indicate a significantly younger age of \( \sim 4 \) Myr, and the G-type members have an age of 17 Myr which is consistent with the more massive stars (Preibisch & Mamajek 2008; Song et al. 2012). There is also a positional trend in the age of the PMS stars of the older subgroups, with stars closer to the Galactic Plane appearing significantly younger than objects further north. This is almost certainly the result of as yet undiscovered and un-clarified substructure within the older subgroups, which have a very complex star-formation history or unclear selection biases.

To date, the best large-scale age estimation for the Sco-Cen association and its subgroups has been purely photometric, meaning that colors and magnitudes are used to place association members on a theoretical HR diagram, and then fit model isochrones. This method suffers from a number of issues beyond the inescapable model dependency. Firstly, unknown binarity effects observed photometry: An equal mass binary will be 0.7 magnitudes brighter than the either component, but will not change in color. In addition, fitting isochrones to photometry is highly dependent on the distance measurement to the object being used. In particular, it has been shown that HIPPARCOS parallax measurements can potentially be incorrect for high-mass binary systems (Tango et al. 2006). This is further complicated by the effect of the significant rotation of some B-type stars on HR-diagram positioning.

Comparison of HR-diagram positions of young stars to model isochrones also suffers from both the uncertainty intrinsic to the different evolutionary models, and the uncertainty in the spectral-type to effective temperature conversion for PMS stars. The various evolutionary models can predict masses differing by up to 50% for solar and sub-solar PMS stars (Hillenbrand & White 2004, Stassun et al. 2014), and the uncertainty in the spectral-type to effective temperature conversion for young stars can be as large as 100-200 K (Luhman et al. 2003).

A currently underutilized improvement for both age-dating Sco-Cen and evaluating the accuracy of PMS stellar evolution models at young ages is the inclusion of orbital mass information for well characterized Sco-Cen member binary system (e.g. Simon et al. 2013; Schaefer et al. 2014; Kraus et al. 2015). An accurate orbit can provide a direct measurement of the total system dynamical mass, which can then be used as an additional, orthogonal dimension in model fitting. Paired with one or more contrast ratios between the primary and the secondary companion at different wavelengths, this provides a vast improvement in estimating the age of individual stars, which will then provide a indications of the age of the accompanying Upper Scorpius population.

In this paper, we present the orbits for seven low-mass Upper Scorpius stars monitored with Sparse Aperture Masking (SAM) techniques with the NIRC2 Camera on the Keck-II telescope. Using these seven orbits we estimate stellar parameters for these binary systems, including age, component masses and parallax, using a Bayesian model fitting algorithm. We then present some evaluation of the available PMS models for predicting mass and luminosity of young stars of different temperatures, and provide an orbital estimate for the age of the Upper Scorpius subgroup of Sco-Cen.

### 2. TARGET SAMPLE

We present a sample consisting of six Upper Scorpius binary systems (two G-type, one K-type and three M-type) and a single Ophiuchus region M-type binary system. These seven systems are the first completed orbits of a larger and ongoing orbit monitoring program of Sco-Cen, Taurus and Ophiuchus binary members. Table 1 lists basic stellar properties for the seven binary systems. The six Upper Scorpius members in this study were selected from a multiplicity and planet-search survey of the Upper-Scorpius subgroup of Sco-Cen (Kraus et al. 2008), the targets for which were compiled in Kraus & Hillenbrand (2007) from the wider literature of membership surveys of the Upper-Scorpius region (Preibisch et al. 1998, 2001, 2002; Slesnick et al. 2006; Ardila et al.

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**Table 1**

| Name              | R.A. (12000) | Decl. (12000) | SpT | Ref | \( r' \) (mag) | K (mag) | \( W_3 \) (mag) |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-----|-----|----------------|---------|--------------|
| J1608147-1908327  | 16 08 14.744 | -19 08 32.77 | K2  (1) | 11.01 | 8.426 | 8.226 |
| J16245136-2239325  | 16 24 51.363 | -22 39 32.54 | G6 (1) | 9.50  | 7.086 | 6.983 |
| J16051791-2024195  | 16 05 17.915 | -20 24 19.65 | M3 (2) | 13.50 | 9.143 | 8.771 |
| J15574340-2321123  | 15 57 34.305 | -23 21 12.32 | M1 (3) | 12.50 | 8.992 | 8.296 |
| J15500499-2311537  | 15 50 04.992 | -23 11 53.73 | M2 (4) | 13.34 | 8.930 | 8.533 |
| J16015822-2008121  | 16 01 58.225 | -20 08 12.15 | G5 (4) | 10.09 | 7.672 | 7.521 |
| J16321179-2440213  | 16 32 11.794 | -24 40 21.37 | M3 (5) | 12.84 | 7.929 | 6.509 |
| J16245136-2239325  | 16 24 51.363 | -22 39 32.54 | M3 (2) | 13.50 | 9.143 | 8.771 |
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**Note.** Basic information for the stars in our orbit monitoring sample. The references for the spectral types are: (1) Spectral types are taken from Preibisch et al. (1998), (2) Preibisch et al. (2002), (3) Walter et al. (1994), (4) Köhler et al. (2000), (5) McClure et al. (2010). The \( r' \) magnitudes are taken from the APASS catalog, except for ScoPMS 17 (\( \sim \)) which is taken from USNO-A2 in the absence of an APASS measurement, and the K magnitudes are taken from 2MASS. The final column lists the WISE band 3 (12 \( \mu \)m) magnitudes (Wright et al. 2010). Note that with the exception of ROXs 47A, the sole Ophiuchus binary in our sample, these stars do not show evidence for the presence of a circumstellar disk (Luhman & Mamajek 2012).
2000] [Walter et al. 1994] [Martín et al. 2004]. The final object, ROXs 47A, a hierarchical triple system first identified by [Barsony et al. (2003), is a member of the nearby ρ-Ophiuchus star forming region which overlaps the Upper Scorpius region of sky. Following the identification of these systems as binary stars, all of these targets were flagged as ideal for orbit monitoring due to their small angular separations and projected periods which were on the order of a few years.

3. KECK NIRC2 OBSERVATIONS AND ANALYSIS

We have monitored the seven systems in our sample using NIRC2 aperture masking in natural guide star AO mode, on a yearly basis, over a time-scale of approximately five years. All NIRC2 AO observations were taken using the smallest available pixel scale of 9.95 mas per pixel [Yelda et al. (2010), and either a two or four location dither pattern. The majority of the observations were taken with the 9-hole aperture mask and the narrow-band CH_{4}S filter, with some observations in J,K' and L'.

Aperture masking data reduction utilizes the complex triple product or closure-phase, in addition to squared interferometric visibilities, in order to remove non-common path errors and variable optical aberrations. Binary system profiles can then be fit to the visibilities and closure phases to produce separations and position angles. A full explanation of the reduction and closure-phase fitting procedure is given in the appendix of [Kraus et al. (2008)]. In Table 2 we list the individual aperture masking observation details, including observation filter, fitted separations and position angle.

4. ORBIT FITTING

The astrometric measurements taken in our orbit monitoring program were used to determine orbital solutions using a χ^2 minimization on a grid of orbital parameters. We first generated random sample of 10^4 sets of semimajor-axis, eccentricity and system mass values. The range over which the semimajor-axis samples were taken spanned 0.5–1.5 times the maximum observed separation of the each binary system, while the eccentricity was sampled in the range 0 < e < 1. We chose the system mass sample range based on the spectral types in Table 1 with a conservatively large range of possible masses spanning 0.1 to 3 M_⊙. From each random system mass and semimajor-axis pair, we calculate the corresponding period, using the characteristic distance of Upper Scorpius according to Kepler’s law M_{tot} = a^3 P^{-2} (d_{LS}^2). Using this random sample, we then fit the remaining four orbital parameters. We then further restrict the possible range of the randomly selected parameters and draw a new random sample centered on the current best fit values, and the process is repeated. The best fit parameters from this second sampling are then taken as the starting-point for a Monte-Carlo Markov-Chain process to more precisely determine the best fit orbital parameters.

Table 3 lists the orbital solutions for the stars in our program, while the corresponding orbital plots can be found in Figures 1 and 2. Typically, the semimajor axis (in angular units) and the period, the two important parameters for estimation of the system dynamical mass, are determined to better than ~2–3%. In the last two columns of Table 3 we list the system dynamical masses

![Orbital solution for Ophiuchus binary ROXs 47Aab from NIRC2 AO aperture masking. The data is shown as red squares, with corresponding model fits shown as blue circles. We show the best fit orbit in black, with a 1-σ region shaded in grey. The black diamond shows the orbital position of the secondary at the time of the corresponding HST observations (see Table 3). We also display the orbital period, semimajor axis, eccentricity and system mass at 145 pc. The two uncertainties listed for the mass are derived by either including or excluding the ±15 pc distance uncertainty associated with Upper Scorpius membership. The bracketed uncertain, which only includes the uncertainty on the orbital parameters is representative of the system mass precision attainable with future GAIA parallaxes.](image)

5. HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE OBSERVATIONS

In addition to AO imaging, we have obtained single-epoch observations of these binary systems with the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3), in a variety of visible filters spanning wavelengths of 200 – 1000 nm. We took either three or four exposures in each filter, to which was applied the standard HST reduction, calibration and cosmic ray rejection procedure [Rajan 2010]. We calculated binary system unresolved magnitudes for each WFC3 filter using aperture photometry on the HST drizzle images with a 0.4” radius star aperture and a sky annulus of 4 – 6”. We used a 0.4” aperture to facilitate calibration with the readily available WFC3 filter information, and to ensure that the wide companion in the ROXs 47A triple system at a fixed parallax of 7.5 mas, chosen to represent the mean distance to the Upper Scorpius subgroup. These system masses can then be approximately scaled to an alternate parallax π_{n} through multiplication by (7.5/π_{n})^{3}, with appropriately adjusted uncertainties.

One of the tightest orbits that we have determined has also been identified as a single lined spectroscopic binary by [Guenther et al. (2007)]. The RV orbit has a period of 2045±16 days and eccentricity of 0.2±0.03 which are very similar to our orbital period measurement of 1998±18.3 days and eccentricity of 0.219±0.014. Because the distance to these stars is unknown, the mass ratio of the primary and secondary components cannot be directly disentangled from the combination orbital solutions, however the mass function from the RV orbit, f_{m} = 0.0049 ± 0.0005, can be included as additional information with which to fit models to the orbital and photometric data.
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Given the orbital solutions we have determined for these systems, we can accurately predict the separation and position angle of each binary system at the epoch of observation with the HST, to within a few milliarcseconds. Combined with the stability of the HST point spread function (PSF), we can derive differential photometry from our observations even though the binary separations are typically < 60 mas. Our PSF fitting is mod-
TABLE 3
Astrometric Orbital Elements

| Star       | $T_0$ (JD) | $P$ (days) | $a$ (mas) | $\epsilon$ | $\Omega$ ($^\circ$) | $\omega$ ($^\circ$) | $i$ ($^\circ$) | $M_{\text{tot}}$ (M$_\odot$) |
|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| GSC 6209-735 | 245518.2±3.5 | 2015.5±12.6 | 28.22±0.47 | 0.210±0.012 | 207.7±1.1 | 27.3±1.8 | 64.7±1.1 | 2.25±0.11 (±0.41) |
| GSC 6794-156 | 2453837.3±4.9 | 4851.4±29.8 | 58.19±0.31 | 0.202±0.004 | 328.6±1.4 | 45.2±1.5 | 161.4±1.2 | 3.40±0.02 (±0.62) |
| J160517.0-202420 | 2456553.5±0.4 | 2146.3±3.4 | 21.88±0.38 | 0.907±0.004 | 160.4±5.7 | 59.3±5.8 | 154.8±2.0 | 0.92±0.05 (±0.17) |
| ScoPMS 17 | 2455945.3±1.0 | 5471.5±47.1 | 47.58±0.37 | 0.880±0.002 | 199.6±0.3 | 286.1±0.3 | 124.0±0.3 | 1.46±0.02 (±0.26) |
| RX J1550.0-2312 | 2454412.5±0.5 | 3195.7±12.9 | 46.58±0.06 | 0.488±0.001 | 241.6±0.8 | 30.5±1.0 | 29.1±0.6 | 4.03±0.04 (±0.73) |
| RX J1601.9-2008 | 2454974.5±3.2 | 2983.2±20.5 | 36.18±0.27 | 0.356±0.012 | 223.6±0.5 | 106.9±0.7 | 72.7±0.4 | 2.16±0.05 (±0.38) |
| ROXs 47A | 2455029.8±1.9 | 3007.1±42.9 | 32.69±0.35 | 0.818±0.009 | 241.1±10.9 | 16.3±2.0 | 1.57±0.03 (±0.29) |

Note. — List of orbital elements and corresponding uncertainties fitted to the astrometric data for the objects monitored in our program. The final columns contain the total system masses for our targets, derived from the orbital parameters at a fixed distance of 145 pc (6.9 mas parallax), chosen to represent the mean distance of Upper Scorpius. The uncertainties provided are solely taken from the uncertainty in the orbital parameters, and the bracketed uncertainties include an uncertainty of ±0.7 mas on the parallax. Note that the large system mass for RXJ1550.0-2312 (M-type) implies that the star is very likely to be in the foreground with respect to Upper-Scorpius, with a parallax greater than ~10 mas.

TABLE 4
HST/WFC3 Unresolved Photometry

| Filter | RXJ1550... | RXJ1601... | USco J1605... | GSC6209-735 | GSC6794-156 | ROXs47A | ScoPMS17 |
|--------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| F225W  | 14.96±0.04 | ...        | ...           | ...         | ...         | ...    | ...       |
| F275W  | 18.43±0.14 | 13.48±0.03 | 18.19±0.12    | 15.43±0.04  | 12.88±0.02  | 18.99±0.18 | 18.08±0.12 |
| F336W  | 17.05±0.05 | 11.77±0.02 | 17.16±0.06    | 13.20±0.02  | 11.15±0.02  | 17.29±0.06 | 16.66±0.05 |
| F390W  | 16.47±0.03 | 11.68±0.02 | 16.60±0.03    | 13.01±0.02  | 11.07±0.02  | 16.48±0.03 | 16.17±0.03 |
| F295N  | 16.67±0.06 | 12.15±0.02 | 16.77±0.06    | 13.50±0.03  | 11.54±0.02  | 16.90±0.07 | 16.41±0.06 |
| F438W  | 15.88±0.03 | 11.41±0.02 | 15.98±0.03    | 12.58±0.02  | 10.77±0.02  | 15.72±0.03 | 15.56±0.03 |
| F467M  | ...        | 11.07±0.02 | ...           | ...         | 10.39±0.02  | ...     | ...       |
| F475W  | 15.03±0.02 | ...        | 15.14±0.02    | ...         | 12.05±0.02  | 9.76±0.02 | 14.80±0.02 |
| F547M  | 10.43±0.02 | ...        | ...           | ...         | ...         | ...     | ...       |
| F555W  | 14.28±0.02 | ...        | 14.35±0.02    | 11.62±0.02  | ...         | 13.91±0.02 | 14.05±0.02 |
| F625W  | 13.25±0.02 | ...        | 13.34±0.02    | 10.87±0.02  | ...         | 12.83±0.02 | 13.06±0.02 |
| F631N  | ...        | 9.96±0.02  | ...           | ...         | 9.30±0.02   | ...     | ...       |
| F656N  | 12.04±0.03 | 9.39±0.02  | 12.13±0.03    | 10.30±0.02  | 8.67±0.02   | 11.71±0.03 | 11.86±0.03 |
| F673N  | ...        | 9.73±0.02  | ...           | ...         | 9.09±0.02   | ...     | ...       |
| F775W  | 11.69±0.02 | 9.38±0.02  | 11.95±0.02    | 10.25±0.02  | 8.82±0.02   | 11.47±0.02 | 11.73±0.02 |
| F850LP | 10.85±0.02 | 8.98±0.02  | 11.14±0.02    | 9.85±0.02   | 8.36±0.02   | 10.56±0.02 | 10.92±0.02 |

Note. — Hubble Space Telescope, Wide Field Camera 3 unresolved photometry for the binary systems in our orbit monitoring program. The star names have been abbreviated, but can be found in full in Table 1. We have included the aperture photometry for the narrow-band filters, which were not used in the following analysis, for completeness and future use.

eled after our previous work [Garcia et al. 2015], with the addition of a further complication due to the short exposure times used in many of the filters in which our sample was observed. For the majority of the observations, we used three exposure which were often shorter than 1 s, an exposure regime in which vibrations induced by the WFC3 shutter causes observable blur in the images. It has been shown in on-sky and laboratory test that following the rotation of the WFC3 shutter at the beginning of an exposure, there is a period of a few seconds in which the PSF shape is degraded due to vibrations in the camera [Hartig 2008]. In order to account for the presence of the vibrational blurring on the output contrast ratios, we both employed a large library of unblurred PSF standards, and characterized the effect of the vibration on the photometry of a binary system. Firstly, we used a large library of archival data with long exposures to identify multiple unblurred PSF reference sources in each filter of interest for both the C512C and M512C subs arrays of the UVIS2 detector. Using the Tiny Tim software [Krist et al. 2011], we created PSF models for the WFC3 filters, these were then fit to the PSF standards to determine a modified PSF that most closely fits the large sample of reference data. This process involved vetting the PSF references for obvious >1 pixel binaries and sources where cosmic rays landed within a few pixels of the target center. All other contaminants outside of a four pixel radius from the PSF centre were handled automatically via sigma clipping with respect to the residual distribution of the entire PSF reference library.

We created a set of synthetic, blurred binary systems at different integer-pixel separations and contrast ratios, using multiple images of ROXs 47B, the wide tertiary companion to ROXs 47A which was in the frame of the ROXs 47A images. We then convolved the reference model PSF in each filter, created as described above, with a Gaussian kernel and attempted to recover the original input contrast ratios. To do this we fixed the separation and P.A. of the synthetic binaries, and allowed the position of the primary star, flux normalization, flux ratio and
blur FWHM to vary. With this method, we were able to create a grid of photometry corrections at different separations for both the mild and severely blurred images, by fitting polynomials as a function of output contrast ratios. These corrections were then applied to the PSF fits for the binary systems in our sample by interpolating on a 3D-grid of position and blur. Figure 3 displays an example contrast ratio correction for one of the synthetic binary systems. The uncertainties for the magnitude differences was taken as the RMS between the images in each filter and the uncertainty on the correction combined in quadrature. The aperture and differential photometry for our sample is presented in Tables 4 and 5.

6. BINARY SED PROPERTIES

We have used the unresolved WFC3 and 2MASS photometry, combined with the resolved magnitude differences from the NIRC2 aperture masking observations to determine temperatures and luminosities for the components of the binary systems in our monitoring sample. We employed a grid of paired BT-Settl (Allard & Hauschildt 1995) Baraffe et al. 2015) synthetic spectra, convolved with filter profile for each of the WFC3 and 2MASS filters, and compared these to the observed values using a χ² methodology. The is some degeneracy between extinction and temperature, so we allowed AT to vary from 0.6-1.2 (0.24<r(B-V)<0.36), which is a typical range of values for Upper Scorpius members (Preibisch et al. 2002) (Rizzuto et al. 2015). For RXs 47A, the single Ophiuchus member in our sample, we doubled the prescribed reddening in anticipation of stronger extinction towards the star-forming region. To determine the component temperatures, we take both BT-Settl atmospheres and combine them at a given ratio, and then scale the resulting combined spectra to best match the observed photometry, repeating the process for a generous range of effective temperatures. Figure 4 displays the SED fit for GSC 6794-156 as an example. The primary and secondary bolometric fluxes are then calculated for the individual best fit temperatures, excluding the effects of extinction. With the exception of GSC 6209-735 and RX J1601.9-2008, the two highest contrast binary systems in our sample, we were able to determine individual component temperatures using this method. The uncertainty in the derived temperatures and bolometric fluxes are both strongly dominated by the unconstrained extinction.

Given these estimates for the component fluxes and temperatures, we can now place these PMS stars on the HR-diagram and derive age and mass estimates from the

![Fig. 3.— Example PSF fit residuals for the binary system RXJ-1550.0-3212, in the filter F775W and the M512C subarray. From left to right panels show the residuals when fitting a single PSF, binary PSF, and binary PSF with gaussian blur to account for the shutter vibration. At the epoch of this HST observations, the binary components were separated by 65.8 mas at a position angle of 90.1° (dx, dy = 1.46, 0.8 pix).](image)

![Fig. 4.— Contrast ratio correction for a synthetic binary separation (x, y) = -(2, 2) pixels on the WFC3 detector. The black stars are the fitted contrast ratios, the blue line the polynomial fit used to correct the actual binary system data, and the red line is the case for a zero correction.](image)

| Property | RXJ1559... | USco J1605... | GSC6794-156 |
|----------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| MJ D     | 56031      | 56032        | 56032       |
| ρ (mas)  | 65.8±0.2   | 31.2±0.7     | 71.8±0.4    |
| P.A. (°) | 90.1±1.2   | 270.6±8.5    | 115±1.8     |
| ΔF225W   | ...        | ...          | 1.71±0.35   |
| ΔF275W   | ...        | ...          | 1.29±0.31   |
| ΔF336W   | 1.41±0.33  | ...          | 0.94±0.31   |
| ΔF390W   | 1.68±0.25  | ...          | 0.75±0.47   |
| ΔF395N   | 1.49±0.36  | ...          | 0.81±0.48   |
| ΔF438W   | 1.76±0.38  | ...          | 0.70±0.49   |
| ΔF467M   | ...        | ...          | 0.46±0.23   |
| ΔF475W   | 2.31±0.17  | ...          | ...         |
| ΔF547M   | ...        | ...          | 0.53±0.17   |
| ΔF555W   | 1.85±0.22  | 0.52±0.40    | ...         |
| ΔF625W   | 1.60±0.15  | 0.66±0.21    | ...         |
| ΔF631N   | ...        | ...          | 0.44±0.06   |
| ΔF656N   | 1.11±0.04  | 0.71±0.14    | 0.55±0.07   |
| ΔF673N   | ...        | ...          | 0.45±0.06   |
| ΔF775W   | 1.10±0.09  | 0.68±0.33    | ...         |
| ΔF850LP  | 0.95±0.02  | 0.84±0.33    | 0.52±0.06   |

Note. — Hubble Space Telescope, Wide Field Camera 3 differential photometry for the binary systems in our orbit monitoring program. The star names have been abbreviated, but can be found in full in Table 1. The first two rows list the separation and position angle of the components at the epoch of HST observation. In general we have not reported any magnitude difference with an uncertainty larger than 0.5 magnitudes, or where the PSF fit was determined to have failed due to the close proximity of the two components. Magnitude differences were not derivable for the binary systems ScoPMS 17, GSC6209-735, RX J1601.9-2008 and ROXs 47A, due to the high contrast or sub-pixel proximity of the components of these systems at the time of HST observations (12, 33.4, 16, 39 mas respectively).
TABLE 6
MODEL SYSTEM PROPERTIES

| Name           | $T_{\text{eff},p}$ (K) | $T_{\text{eff},s}$ (K) | $L_{p}$ (L$_{\odot}$) | $L_{s}$ (L$_{\odot}$) | Age (Myr) | $M_{p}$ (M$_{\odot}$) | $M_{s}$ (M$_{\odot}$) | D (pc) |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| GSC 6794-156   | 5700±201               | 5340±114               | 3.54±0.594             | 1.97±0.376             | 9±3       | 1.54±0.13              | 1.42±0.11              | 138±15 |
| RX J1601.9-2008| 5580±152               | ...                    | 2.77±0.506             | ...                    | 9±3       | 1.51±0.13              | ...                    | 141±16 |
| USco J1605...  | 3760±50                | 3460±69                | 0.21±0.033             | 0.138±0.024            | 6±1       | 0.71±0.05              | 0.57±0.05              | 161±16 |
| ScoPMS 17      | 3860±36                | 3300±58                | 0.301±0.045            | 0.132±0.022            | 7±2       | 0.72±0.05              | 0.48±0.05              | 136±15 |
| RX J1550.0-2312| 3690±38                | 3010±67                | 0.316±0.048            | 0.138±0.024            | 16±3      | 0.71±0.05              | 0.35±0.05              | 93±15  |
| ROXs 47A       | 3850±36                | 3650±39                | 0.435±0.066            | 0.343±0.052            | 4±1       | 0.71±0.05              | 0.62±0.05              | 137±15 |

Note.— System properties derived from fitting BT-Settl models to the binary system photometry and comparison. Due to the high contrast ratios for RX J1601.9-2008 and GSC6209-735, only the primary temperature and luminosity was determined. The ages and masses are taken from comparison to the Padova isochrones.

Fig. 5.— Binary SED fitted unresolved photometry (a) and flux ratios (b) for GSC 6794-156. The Black line is the combined BT-Settl atmospheres at the two best-fit temperatures, the red points with error bars are the observed photometry, and the blue squares are the model photometry. The best fit atmosphere shown here is a combination of two atmospheres with temperatures 5700 K and 5350 K.

Fig. 6.— HR-diagram positions for the binary system components in our orbit monitoring sample. Components of each binary system are displayed in a different color and with a different symbol, and is connected to the corresponding companions via a colored line. The black lines indicate the isochrone and isomass lines taken from the latest Padova models (Chen et al. 2014). For clarity, we display the higher mass binaries in panel (a) and the M-type binary systems in panel (b).

data. Upper Scorpius inhabits a significant volume of space, with a depth of $\pm 15$ pc (de Zeeuw et al. 1999; Rizzuto et al. 2011). This comprises a significant uncertainty in determining HR-diagram luminosities for the binary systems in our sample. However, the system dynamical mass observable, derived from the binary system orbital parameters, provides an indirect constraint on
the distance of the binary system. As mentioned above, the dynamical mass observable for an astrometric orbit \( M_{\text{tot}}d^{-3} = a^3/P^2 \) is strongly dependent on the binary system distance, and can be used to better constrain the HR-diagram position of the binary system components. For each system we then fit for distance and component masses as a function of the estimated temperatures and luminosities, and the measured dynamical mass observable. For the two systems with unconstrained secondary luminosity and temperature, we conservatively fix the secondary mass in the fit to be 0.5±0.3 \( M_\odot \) and fit for the primary mass and system distance. Figure 6 displays the HR-diagrams for both the G/K and M-type binary systems in our sample, and the resulting properties of the components are listed in Table 6.

The two G-type members, GSC 6794-156, GSC 6209-735, and RXJ 1601.9-2008, all have HR-diagram ages of \(~\sim\)10 Myr, which agrees directly with the most recent age measurement of \( \text{Pecaut et al. (2012)} \). The M-type binaries ScoPMS 17 and USco J160517.9-202420 both appear slightly younger than the G-type binaries, with HR-diagram ages of \(~\sim\)7 Myr. We note that RXJ 1550.0-2312 appears significantly older than the other M-type binary system in our sample, with an age and mass consistent with Upper Centaurus Lupus membership.

7. BAYESIAN AGE ESTIMATION

While the SED fitting and HR-diagram position estimates for the binary component properties produce useful results in characterizing both the individual systems and the overall population in Upper Scorpius, the uncertainties introduced due to the unconstrained extinction warrant a more sophisticated approach that uses all available information to simultaneously determine the relevant parameters. The goal is to produce a method for determining the age, masses, distance and extinction for the stars in a binary system of known orbit, drawing data from the orbital parameters and measured magnitudes in a number of filters, as well as a contrast ratio in one or more filters. We phrase the problem in terms of Bayes’ Theorem:

\[
P(\Phi|D) \propto P(\Phi)P(D|\Phi),
\]

where \( \Phi \) represents a model and \( D \) represents the data. The model \( \Phi \) consists of an age, model parallax (\( \pi_m \)), primary and secondary masses (\( M_p \) and \( M_s \)), a reddening parameter (\( E(B-V) \)), and a set of isochrones, which map mass, reddening and age to magnitudes in different filters which can be compared to the data.

The data, \( D \), consist of an association parallax in the absence of a directly measured distance (\( \pi_s = 7.5 \pm 1.7 \) mas, taken from \( \text{Rizzuto et al. (2011)} \)), the total mass observable (\( M_T\pi^3 = a^3/P^2 \)) calculated from the orbital period and semimajor axis, the magnitude difference in one or more filters (\( \Delta m_i \)), taken from our AO aperture masking observations and HST photometry, and a set of unresolved magnitudes in available catalog filters \( \{m_{s,i}\} \), including \textit{APASS} BVgr\( i \) filters, 2MASS JHK, and HST WFPC3 filters. The treatment of the total mass observable (\( M_T\pi^3 = a^3/P^2 \)) and its corresponding uncertainty requires some care, because the former orbital period (\( P \)) and semimajor axis (\( a \)) are often highly correlated. To properly compute the uncertainty in the total mass observable, we take the full covariance matrix of the orbital parameters and use the coordinate transform to recast it in the total mass observable coordinates.

In the fortuitous case where both a visual orbit and a radial velocity orbit (either single or double lined) are available simultaneously for a single binary system, we can incorporate the additional radial velocity information, such as mass ratio for the double lined spectroscopic orbit, or the primary mass function (\( f(M) \)). Incorporation of the mass ratio into the following framework is trivial, however the inclusion of the mass function, as is the case for GSC 6209-735, requires some description. We combine the mass function (\( f(M) \)) with the inclination taken from the visual orbit in order to define a mass function observable \( M_{f(M)} \):

\[
M_{f(M)} = \frac{M_s^3}{(M_p + M_s)^2} = \frac{f(M)}{\sin^2 i}. \tag{2}
\]

To compute the Bayesian probability, we first expressed the models in terms of the more directly comparable parameters such as magnitude difference and unresolved magnitude using marginalization:

\[
P(D|\Phi) = P(D|\phi)P(\phi|\Phi), \tag{3}
\]

where \( \Phi = \{\text{Age, } \pi_m, M_p, M_s, m_{s,i}, m_{s,i}\}, \phi = \{\pi_m, m_{s+P,i}, \Delta m_i, (M_p + M_s)\pi_m^3, M_s^3/(M_p + M_s)^{-2}\} \), and \( \Delta m_i \) is the magnitude difference between secondary and primary in filter \( i \) for the given primary and secondary masses. \( m_{s+P,i} \) is the unresolved magnitude in filter \( i \) of the primary and secondary for the given masses and at the given parallax, reddened according to the \textit{Savage & Mathis (1979)} extinction law and the model reddening parameter. We have included in this description the mass function observable because it is used for the binary system GSC 6209-735 for which we have a mass function measurement, however an additional term for the mass ratio can be easily added to the formality above.

Note that the above transformation is simple because the new parameters are directly given by the original model and so \( P(\phi|\Phi) = 1 \), leaving the following:

\[
P(\phi|D) = \frac{P(D|\phi)P(\phi|\Phi)}{P(D)}. \tag{4}
\]

For the prior probability distribution \( P(\Phi) \), we have chosen a uniform distribution, meaning that all values of the model parameters are initially treated as being equally likely. For each set of model parameters, we then calculate \( P(D|\phi) \), which takes the following form when separated into individual variables:

\[
P(D|\phi) = P(\pi_s|\pi_m)P(M_\pi^3)(M_{p+}^3)P(\Delta m_{s,i})P(M_{f(M)})P(M_s^3/M_{p+}^2)
\]

\[
\prod_i P(m_{s,i})P(\Delta m_{s,j} | \Delta m_{j}), \tag{5}
\]

where \( i \) and \( j \) indicate multiplication over all available photometric filters. The probabilities in the above equations are modelled as normal distributions, with standard deviation given by the uncertainties in the data.
\[
P(\pi_\star | \pi_m) \propto \exp \left(-\frac{(\pi_\star - \pi_m)^2}{2\pi_\star^2}\right),
\]
\[
P(M_\star \pi^3 | (M_{p+s})^3 \pi_m^3) \propto \exp \left(-\frac{(M_\star \pi-\frac{1}{3}(M_p+M_s)\pi_m)^2}{2\pi M_\star}\right),
\]
\[
P(M_f(M_j) M^3_p \pi_m^3) \propto \exp \left(-\frac{(M_f(M_j)-M^3_p(M_p+M_s)) \Delta m^2}{2\pi M_f(M_j)}\right),
\]
\[
P(m_{s,i}|m_{s+p,i}) \propto \exp \left(-\frac{(m_{s,i}-m_{s+p,i})^2}{2\pi m_{s,i}^2}\right),
\]
\[
P(\Delta m_{s,j}|\Delta m_{j}) \propto \exp \left(-\frac{(\Delta m_{s,j}-\Delta m_{j})^2}{2\Delta m_{s,j}^2}\right),
\]  

(6)

where we have omitted the usual normalization factors for the purpose of readability. We then calculate the probability of a grid of model parameter sets using equations (5) and (6) to determine the most likely value of age, component masses and parallax. This was done with age ranging from 1 – 25 Myr in steps of 1 Myr, and primary and secondary mass ranging from a minimum of 0.5 \(M_\odot\) to 2 \(M_\odot\) in steps of 0.01 \(M_\odot\). The model parallax was varied from 2 – 15 mas in steps of 0.1 mas, and the reddening parameter \(E(B-V)\) was varied from 0 – 1 in steps of 0.05 magnitudes. Once a likely solution was found, we decreased the step size and sampling range to fully sample the probability distribution, using steps of 0.25 to 0.5 Myr in age and 0.005 \(M_\odot\) in mass, and interpolating between isochrones. We also added in quadrature an error of 0.05 magnitudes to all non-simultaneous photometric measurements to account for the average variability of PMS dwarfs (Herbst et al. 2007).

To reduce the dependence of the results of our age estimation on the characteristics of any one particular set of model isochrones, or at least to illuminate the model dependence, we use the Padova PARSEC 1.2S (Bressan et al. 2012), the Dartmouth PMS models (Dotter et al. 2008), and the BT-Settl isochrones (Allard et al. 2011) to determine stellar properties of the binary systems in our Upper Scorpius sample. The Padova isochrones employ the PHOENIX BT-Settl model atmospheres (Allard & Hauschildt 1995; Allard et al. 2011) for stars with effective temperatures cooler than 4000K and ATLAS9 (Castelli & Kurucz 2004) model atmosphere for the hotter stars. These atmospheres are used for both the \(T_{\text{eff}}\) to synthetic color transformations, and for establishing the relationship between temperature and the mean optical depth. This is then empirically adjusted based on colors of globular cluster stars (Chen et al. 2014). Similarly, the Dartmouth models use the PHOENIX model atmospheres directly without further correction for all stars cooler that 10,000 K, which spans the temperature range of all the primary stars included in this study. The BT-Settl isochrones are constructed by interpolating the Allard et al. (2011) synthetic atmospheres over the Baraffe et al. (1998) and Baraffe et al. (2003) model grids, and are useable for stellar masses less than 1.4 \(M_\odot\).

There has been some issue with the color-magnitude relations for lower-mass stars (masses smaller than \(\sim 1.2 \, M_\odot\)): Models which closely reproduce observations in the near-IR and the redder optical colors often produce optical color significantly bluer than expected (An et al. 2008; Dotter et al. 2008). The empirical corrections applied in the Padova isochrones was introduced to mitigate this issue for main-sequence dwarfs, and so we expect the Padova isochrones to more closely reproduce the photometry of our young binary systems. It is important to note however that the effectiveness of these corrections for PMS stars is not clear.

The photometry available to us for fitting varies between objects, for the most part, \(B, V, g, r,\) and \(i\) magnitudes from the APASS survey, which were of varying quality, and 2MASS near-IR magnitudes are available for all the target systems. The only absent photometry was the \(g\) and \(r\) band APASS magnitudes for ScoPMS 17. As mentioned previously, ROXs 47A is a hierarchical triple system (Barsony et al. 2003), of which we are examining the inner dynamical system. The third component of the system, which is of comparable brightness to the primary, is still relatively close to the primary, at 0.79\(^{\prime}\), which means that the 2MASS and APASS photometry are contaminated and unusable. Table 7 tabulates all publicly available photometry for the stars in our sample, and for completeness, we include ROXs 47A in the table, though we do not use this photometry in the fitting procedure described above. As mentioned above, we also incorporated our HST WFC3 wide band photometry and differential photometry obtained in 2012. For all the targets, we excluded the filters F225W, F275W, and F336W, because this wavelength range is highly sensitive to the activity of the PMS stars in question, and so cannot be reliably used to fit to models. We also empirically tested the effects of the F390W and F438W photometry on the fits for the M-type stars in the sample, but found that the inclusion or removal of these data did not significantly change the output results.

7.1. Estimated Stellar Properties

Computation of the posterior probability for our Bayesian models yields a five dimensional space of probabilities, one dimension for each model parameter, which can be reduced to lower dimensionality by marginalizing over uncorrelated model parameters. We found none of our model parameters were strongly correlated, with the reddening parameter showing some correlation with the other parameters for some of the stars in our sample. This is expected given the possibility of degeneracy between distance, system mass and extinction as a function of age. We produce one dimensional probability densities for the parameters of our model, and then determine the intervals which contain the most likely values of each parameter. For all of the binary systems we have studied, a single most probable set of stellar parameters can be determined, with a corresponding uncertainty range which varied in size between systems. Figure 7 displays the probability of each model parameter for the star USco J160517.9-202420.

Given these output distributions, we then calculate 1-\(\sigma\) Bayesian “credible” intervals for each parameter, which can be found in Table 9 where we have scaled the uncertainties by the reduced chi-squared of the model fits. Note that the BT-Settl isochrones were only applied to the binary systems in our sample where the component masses were expected to be less than 1 \(M_\odot\). We find that the output most likely system parameters agree with the
estimates obtained from the conventional SED-Fitting and HR-diagram positions. Below, we individually summarize the results for each binary system, detailing the clarity of each fit.

7.1.1. GSC 6794-156

Both the Padova and Dartmouth model fits produce a system age of \(\sim 10.5 \text{ Myr} \) for GSC 6794-156, which is consistent with the recent \cite{Pecaut2012} age estimation for Upper Scorpius. In the other four parameters the models agree closely. The best fit system age estimate is slightly older than that of the Dartmouth model. The other four system parameters agree closely between the two models, and we note that both RXJ1601.9-2008 and GSC 6794-156 have very similar primary component masses. This is expected given the similar spectral types for these two systems (G5 and G6 respectively).

7.1.3. GSC 6209-735

The visual orbit for GSC 6209-735 is the least well-constrained in our sample due to the large contrast ratio between the primary and secondary (\(\Delta H = 3.05 \text{ mag} \)) and the small angular separation. Fortunately, GSC 6209-735 has been known to be a single lined spectroscopic binary for some time, and the single component radial velocity orbit has been previously determined \cite{Guenther2007}. We included the single lined orbit information in the model fit as a second mass observable as described above and were able to produce posteriors for the stellar parameters that are relatively well-constrained. We find that the component masses and the system parallax determined for the three models agree within the uncertainties, with the system parallax of 7.9 ± 0.2 mas being consistent with Upper Scorpius membership. The Dartmouth and BT-Settl models produce most probable ages of \(\sim 23-26 \text{ Myr} \), while the Padova isochrones produce an age of \(\sim 19 \text{ Myr} \). The possible age solutions for this binary system are significantly older than the other PMS binary systems in our sample, and places GSC 6209-735 as a potential member of the older Upper Centaurus Lu-
Fig. 7.— Posterior distributions for each model parameter for the USco J160517.9-202420, fit with the Padova isochrones. Note that the two peaks in (b) are the primary (blue) and secondary (red) mass, which are placed on a single figure for ease of viewing, but are treated separately in the analysis. We show this set of posteriors as an demonstration that the output posteriors are Gaussian, the corresponding result for the rest of the binary sample and the other models, can be found in Table 9.

### Table 9: Bayesian Estimated Stellar Parameters

| Name            | Model | Age (Myr) | \( M_p \) \((M_\odot)\) | \( M_\star \) \((M_\odot)\) | \( \pi \) \(\text{mas}\) | \( E(B-V) \) \(\text{mag}\) | \( \chi^2 \) |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| GSC6794-156     | P     | \(10.5^{+1.3}_{-1.0}\) | \(1.51\pm0.1\) | \(1.41\pm0.1\) | \(7.3\pm0.2\) | \(0.40\pm0.12\) | 6.4     |
|                 | D     | \(10.2^{+1.6}_{-1.0}\) | \(1.46\pm0.2\) | \(1.38\pm0.2\) | \(7.3\pm0.2\) | \(0.37\pm0.10\) | 7.3     |
| RXJ1601.9-2008  | P     | \(12.8\pm1.5\)     | \(1.46\pm0.05\) | \(0.82\pm0.04\) | \(6.8\pm0.2\) | \(0.53\pm0.10\) | 6.8     |
|                 | D     | \(11.5\pm2.2\)     | \(1.45\pm0.02\) | \(0.77\pm0.04\) | \(6.8\pm0.3\) | \(0.43\pm0.07\) | 7.3     |
| GSC6209-735     | P     | \(18.8\pm5.6\)     | \(1.14\pm0.09\) | \(0.45\pm0.02\) | \(8.0\pm0.7\) | \(0.41\pm0.09\) | 5.6     |
|                 | D     | \(23.8^{+5.8}_{-6.8}\) | \(1.23\pm0.15\) | \(0.27\pm0.03\) | \(8.1\pm1.1\) | \(0.57\pm0.09\) | 8.6     |
|                 | B     | \(27.4\pm3.1\)     | \(1.16\pm0.04\) | \(0.25\pm0.03\) | \(7.7\pm0.2\) | \(0.41\pm0.10\) | 5.4     |
| USco J1605...   | P     | \(5.9^{+0.9}_{-1.2}\) | \(0.71\pm0.01\) | \(0.56\pm0.01\) | \(6.3\pm0.3\) | \(0.31\pm0.04\) | 1.7     |
|                 | D     | \(5.4\pm0.8\)      | \(0.61\pm0.03\) | \(0.45\pm0.02\) | \(6.6\pm0.3\) | \(0.29\pm0.04\) | 1.7     |
|                 | B     | \(6.5\pm0.7\)      | \(0.65\pm0.03\) | \(0.49\pm0.03\) | \(6.5\pm0.3\) | \(0.29\pm0.02\) | 1.3     |
| ScoPMS 17       | P     | \(7.1\pm0.9\)      | \(0.71\pm0.01\) | \(0.45\pm0.01\) | \(7.5\pm0.1\) | \(0.21\pm0.03\) | 2.3     |
|                 | D     | \(6.5\pm0.7\)      | \(0.59\pm0.03\) | \(0.35\pm0.02\) | \(8.0\pm0.2\) | \(0.21\pm0.02\) | 1.6     |
|                 | B     | \(7.4\pm0.7\)      | \(0.59\pm0.03\) | \(0.36\pm0.02\) | \(8.0\pm0.2\) | \(0.19\pm0.03\) | 1.4     |
| RXJ1550.0-2312  | P     | \(18.3^{+1.9}_{-1.2}\) | \(0.70\pm0.02\) | \(0.43\pm0.02\) | \(10.6\pm0.3\) | \(0.26\pm0.06\) | 3.1     |
|                 | D     | \(14.0\pm2.7\)     | \(0.54\pm0.08\) | \(0.31\pm0.05\) | \(11.7\pm0.7\) | \(0.28\pm0.06\) | 10.6    |
|                 | B     | \(14.4\pm2.7\)     | \(0.47\pm0.08\) | \(0.27\pm0.05\) | \(12.1\pm0.7\) | \(0.26\pm0.05\) | 8.6     |
| ROXs 47A        | P     | \(3.8^{+1.6}_{-1.0}\) | \(0.73\pm0.03\) | \(0.68\pm0.03\) | \(7.2\pm0.1\) | \(0.53\pm0.08\) | 5.3     |
|                 | D     | \(3.5^{+1.5}_{-1.3}\) | \(0.61\pm0.06\) | \(0.56\pm0.06\) | \(7.6\pm0.3\) | \(0.45\pm0.12\) | 10.5    |
|                 | B     | \(5.2^{+1.6}_{-1.1}\) | \(0.85\pm0.11\) | \(0.78\pm0.08\) | \(6.8\pm0.3\) | \(0.48\pm0.08\) | 7.1     |

Note. — The models Padova (P), Dartmouth (D), and BT-Settl (B) refer to the Girardi et al. (2002), Dotter et al. (2008) and Allard et al. (2011) model grids respectively. The final column lists the model best fit reduced \(\chi^2\) value.
The estimated parallax, and location of GSC 6209-735 near the centre of Upper Scorpius are consistent with both Upper Scorpius and UCL. We also note that GSC 6209-735 is the only K-type star in our sample and shows the largest age discrepancy of the binary systems we have monitored.

7.1.4. USco J160517.9-202420

We find that the best fit model parameters for USco J160517.9-202420 indicate that it is a young binary system of age $\sim$6 Myr, with the three model fits producing age and parallax estimates that agree very closely. There is some difference in the best fit mass between the models: The Padova model produces primary and secondary masses which are significantly larger than the corresponding Dartmouth and BT-Sett model fits. The study in which this star was identified as a Sco-Cen member estimates $E(B-V) = 0.3$ (Preibisch et al. [2002]), and estimation using spectral type (M3) and $J-K$ color yields $E(B-V) = 0.2 \pm 0.1$ using the intrinsic color tables of Pecaut & Mamajek [2013]. Both these estimations are consistent with our estimates.

7.1.5. Sco PMS 17

All three models produce an age consistent with $\sim$7 Myr for Sco PMS 17, however, as with USco J160517.9-202420, the Padova models produce significantly larger masses for both the primary and secondary components of the binary system. Estimation from the color tables using the spectral type (M1) and the $J-K$ color gives a value of $E(B-V) = 0.1 \pm 0.1$ (Pecaut & Mamajek [2013]), which is consistent with our model fits.

7.1.6. RXJ 1550.0-2312

From the original orbital solution for RXJ1550.0-2312, there was clear evidence that the system is significantly closer than the median Upper-Scorpius parallax of $\sim$6.9 mas (See Table 3). Upon applying the Bayesian fitting method described above, we found a peak in the system parallax PDF beyond 10 mas, and so we removed the input prior system parallax of 7.5$\pm$1.6 mas and re-fit the data for the three models. The model age fits for RXJ 1550.0-2312 are significantly older than those of the other M-type Upper Scorpius binary systems we have studied (>14 Myr), and we note that the Padova age estimate is older still than that of the other models. As with the other M-type systems in this study, the Padova mass estimates are significantly larger than that of the Dartmouth or BT-Settl models. The distance and age estimates for RXJ 1550.0-2312 mean that it is unlikely to be a member of Upper Scorpius, however the detection of Li absorption in the spectra Preibisch et al. [2001] confirms that is must definitely be young ($\lesssim$20 Myr). RXJ1550.0-2312 sits in the region of sky $(l, b = 347.8^\circ, 23.7^\circ)$ traditionally considered the border between Upper Scorpius and the older ($\sim$16 Myr) Upper-Centaurus-Lupus (UCL) subgroup of Sco-Cen (de Zeeuw et al. [1999]), and has proper motions of $(-20.1 \pm 1.0, -25.8 \pm 1.8)$ mas (Zacharias et al. [2013]), which are only marginally consistent with UCL. If we take these proper motions and the distance estimate from our model fitting, and apply the membership probability method outlined in Rizzuto et al. [2011] and Rizzuto et al. [2015] using the UCL mean space velocity from Chen et al. [2011] of $(U, V, W) = (-5.1, -19.7, -4.6)$ km/s, we find that RXJ 1550.0-2312 has a 57% probability of membership in UCL. This indicates that RXJ 1550.0-2312 may be a peripheral member of UCL, or a young foreground star.

7.1.7. ROXs 47A

We expected ROXs 47A to be the most difficult M-type system for the models to accurately reproduce, given the very young age and disk presence. The Bayesian fitting procedure produced a very young and highly reddened fit for ROXs 47A, with an estimated age $< 4$ Myr for the Padova and Dartmouth model. The estimated parallaxes for both the Padova and Dartmouth models (7.8 mas and 7.7 mas respectively) are consistent with ROXs 47A being a member of the very young $\rho$-Ophiuchus star forming region, which is located at $(\alpha, \delta) = (16^h28^m, -24^\circ33')$ and a distance of $\sim 130$ pc, i.e., slightly closer than the Upper-Scorpius subgroup. The BT-Settl models produce significantly different fits to the data, with very large component masses of 0.85 $M_\odot$ and 0.78 $M_\odot$ respectively, and a parallax of 6.9$\pm$0.2 mas. This parallax is inconsistent with the distance to Ophiuchus, and the estimated age of 5.2$\pm$0.5 Myr is significantly older than the mean age of 2.1 Myr of the Ophiuchus PMS stars (McClure et al. [2010]). All three fits produce extinction values consistent with extinction value of $E(B-V) = 0.52$ mag estimated by McClure et al. [2010].

8. EVALUATION OF THE PMS MODELS

With the results of the Bayesian model fitting procedure described above, it is possible to make informed statements about the behavior of the models for predicting stellar properties of young stars of different mass and spectral type, and the difference in outcome between the varieties of models for evaluating a single binary system. First, we see that for the M-type binary systems, the fitted component masses are highly dependent on the choice of model, with the Padova models producing significantly larger component masses than the Dartmouth or BT-Settl models, while the other four parameters are in general agreement. This is consistent with recent observations of UScoCTIO 5, an M4.5 eclipsing binary in Upper Scorpius. Kraus et al. [2015] found the model masses produced for UScoCTIO 5 were overestimated by the Padova models and underestimated by the Dartmouth and Baraffe models (Baraffe et al. [2015]). In contrast to this trend, the fitted parameters for the G-type stars in our sample agree very closely between the Padova and Dartmouth models, which predict very similar component masses and system parallaxes.

A number of the binary systems we have characterized appear to be younger than 10 Myr according to the models, while other binary systems in our sample are of age $> 10$ Myr. The Pecaut et al. [2012] study, which used photometry for B, A, F and G-type stars, estimated the age of the Upper Scorpius subgroup to be $11 \pm 2$ Myr, which is significantly different to the age determinations for the younger stars in our work, and the age estimations in previous work (Preibisch et al. [2002] de Geus [1992]). Most importantly, we find that across the three models, there is a significant dichotomy in the estimated ages,
with the G-type members appearing older (∼12 Myr) compared to the M-type members (∼7 Myr). This trend was broadly mirrored in the conventional HR-Diagram position ages from the binary SED fits. In this comparison we exclude RX J1550.0-2312 because it has distance and age estimates consistent with the older Upper Centaurus Lupus subgroup of Sco-Cen, and GSC 6209-735 which appears discrepantly too old to be a member of Upper Scorpius and is the only K-type stars in our study, making attribution of the age discrepancy to either the models or membership difficult. We have also removed ROXs 47A from this comparison due to it’s expected youth as a member of Ophiuchus star forming region. The apparent age difference between the remaining four G and M-type binary systems we see here is consistent with previous HR-diagram ages for different spectral type populations in Upper Scorpius: Preibisch et al. (2002) found that the M-type members in Upper Scorpius had a mean age between 3-5 Myr based on HR-diagram estimation, and more recent work involving a new sample of Upper Scorpius PMS M-type members and modern isochrones found similar results, with the later M-type members showing an overall younger age than K-type members (Rizzuto et al. 2015).

The most recent main-sequence A-type, PMS F-type, and PMS G-type member age estimates are 9±2 Myr, 13±1 Myr, and 10±3 Myr respectively (Pecaut et al. 2012), all of which broadly agree with our Bayesian estimate for the G-type binaries in our orbit monitoring sample. We thus conclude that the evolutionary models for the M-type stars, which we find to produce ages of ∼ 6 – 7 Myr, do not adequately reproduce the descent towards the main-sequence along the Hayashi track (Hayashi 1961). Karnath et al. (2013) also found that for two PMS spectroscopic binaries in NGC2264, model ages for the M-type secondaries were consistently significantly younger than those for the G/K-type primaries. This age discrepancy is consistent with HR-diagram ages of high-mass members (Pecaut et al. 2012) compared to M-type members (Preibisch et al. 2001, Rizzuto et al. 2015) in Upper Scorpius, and is also consistent with the age discrepancy estimations from Naylor (2007) and Bell et al. (2013). In particular, the age discrepancy found here is equivalent to an under-prediction of the luminosity of a PMS M-type star of a given mass at a given PMS age, with the typical luminosity under prediction of 0.08 to 0.15 dex depending on the specific model and the stellar mass.

Given that distance is a free parameter in our analysis, it is difficult to disentangle whether the age discrepancy is caused by a mis-calibration in the temperature scales of the models or the luminosity evolution of the star in time. Hillenbrand & White (2004) found that adopting a warmer than dwarf temperature scale for pre-main-sequence binaries could improve the match between observations and the models. In light of this, and the recent studies of the Upper Scorpius M-type eclipsing binaries, in particular UScoCTIO5 (Kraus et al. 2015) and other systems (David et al. 2015), which indicate that in the case of a luminosity independent test, the model luminosities are generally consistent with measurements, while the temperature predictions are incorrect, we re-examine the discrepancies in age that we observe in terms of effective temperature. Assuming that varying the system distance can produce agreement in both luminosity and system mass for a given system, this luminosity discrepancy is equivalent to a 100-300 K overestimation of the effective temperature of the binary components depending on stellar mass. This clear in Figure 6 where shifting the isochrone grid to cooler temperatures gives older ages for the M-type binary system components.

To visualize the discrepancy between the models and the data in terms of the component masses, we fix the system age in our Bayesian fitting procedure to 11 Myr, and allow the component masses, parallax and reddening parameter to be varied. We include in this comparison the two G-type stars GSC 6794-156 and RXJ 1601.9-2008, and the two clear M-type members of USco, J160517.9-202420 and ScoPMS 17. Figure 8 displays the fitted model system mass at 11 Myr compared to the measured system mass at the best-fit 11 Myr distance for each system. For the G-type stars, we find, as expected that the model system masses agree closely with the measured system masses. The model system masses for the M-type binary systems are systematically larger, on the order of 0.2-0.4 M⊙, than the measured values.

The primary limitation in pinpointing the exact mis-calibration in the sub-solar regime of the pre-main-sequence models is the absence of a precise measure of the binary system distances. The best available measure at this time is association membership (∼15 pc), and does not allow disentanglement of the degeneracies between luminosity, dynamical mass, and distance. The upcoming availability of high-precision parallaxes from the GAIA mission, combined with the orbital precision obtained for these systems, will break the current degeneracies in what could be causing the M-dwarf discrepancies.

9. SUMMARY

![Figure 8](image-url)
We have presented astrometric orbits and HST WFC3 photometry of seven G, K and M-type binary systems in the young (~10 Myr) Upper Scorpius subgroup of Sco-Cen. Using the orbital parameters and multi-band photometry we have determined estimated system parameters based on various model isochrones using a Bayesian fitting technique. The model stellar properties for the seven binary systems allow us to conclude that:

- The model isochronal ages derived from fitting to the Padova, Dartmouth and BT-Settl isochrones for the G-type binary systems is ~11.5 Myr, which is closely consistent with the latest HR-diagram age for Upper Scorpius (Pecaut et al. 2012).

- The mass predictions for the M-type binary systems differ between the models, with the Padova models predicting significantly larger binary component masses than the Dartmouth and BT-Settl isochrones.

- For the M-type binary systems, the isochronal ages are ~7 Myr, which is significantly younger than expected (11 Myr) and indicates calibration issues in the models for the M-type regime. This age discrepancy is equivalent to a Luminosity under-prediction of 0.08-0.15 dex, or an effective temperature over-prediction of 100-300 K. This suggests both the possibility of an uncertain temperature scale or further calibration issues in the mass-radius relation.

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