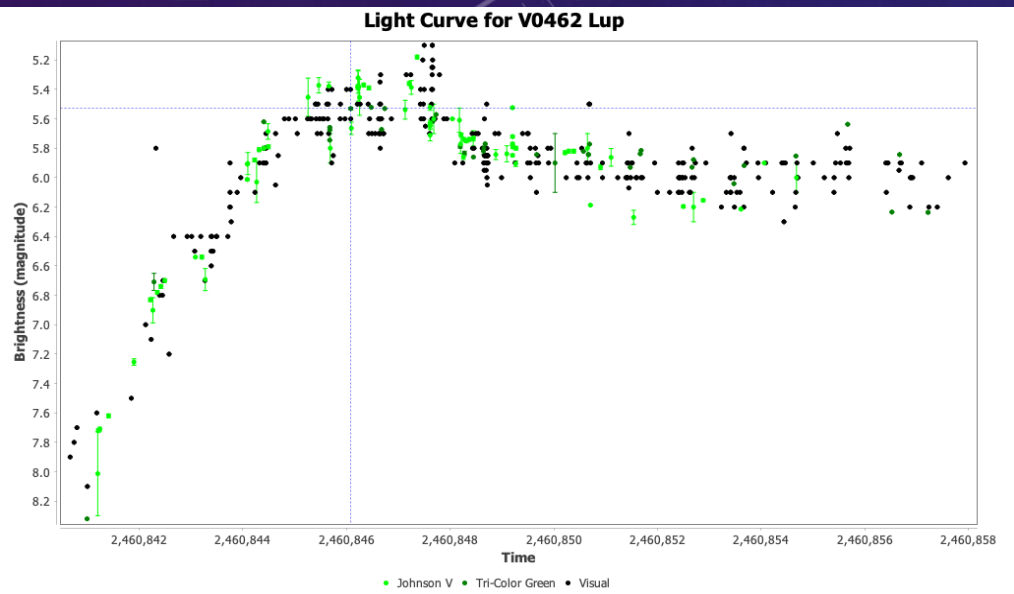
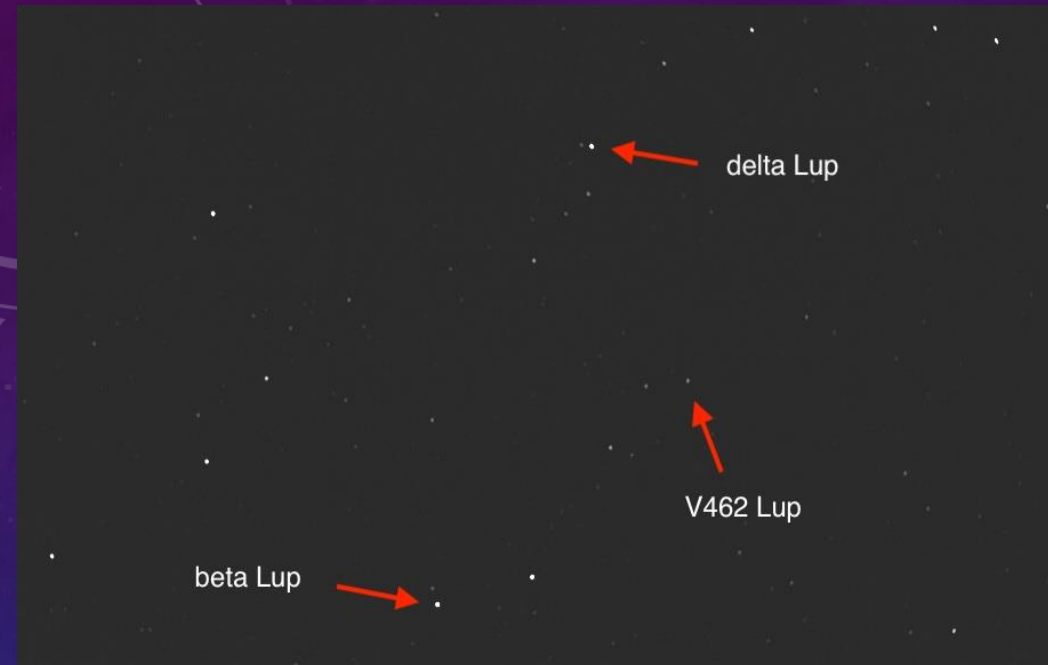
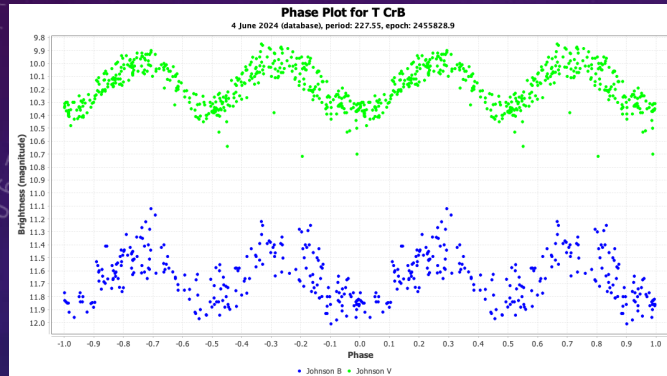


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# Nova update

T CrB, V462 Lup, V572 Vel

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JULY 2025

I was here talking about  
T CrB in June last year,  
and again in September



I'd like to be able to  
give an update on T CrB  
post-eruption...

But we're **still** waiting!  
(that star above is fake news)

# September 14 2024

*Another talk about T CrB*

"We're still waiting, and we're **about to lose it** in the early evening sky.

I've been checking the area with **binoculars most clear nights** and doing some **photometry with my Seestar S50**.

Even if we miss the main event, we have **another shot** at seeing the nova rise about 100 days **post-eruption**."

<https://strangequark.me/2024/09/14/another-talk-about-t-crb/>

# February 22 2025

*Observing T CrB again*

"I started observing the constellation of Corona Borealis (CrB) again this week, in preparation for the recurrent nova T CrB (aka The Blaze Star) to erupt.

This was the **first time** I've done so **since early October 2024**, when the constellation left Adelaide's evening sky."

<https://strangequark.me/2025/02/22/observing-t-crb-again/>

***February 9 was 79th anniversary of 1946 outburst***

# April 22 2025

*Another T CrB update (still waiting)*

"I've been observing the constellation Corona Borealis (CrB) as often as possible **since late February at around 5 or 6am.**

With CrB gradually becoming observable earlier, **if I'm still awake at 1am** (fairly often), I can observe it (with binoculars) before I go to bed now."

<https://strangequark.me/2025/04/22/another-t-crb-update-still-waiting/>

Arcturus



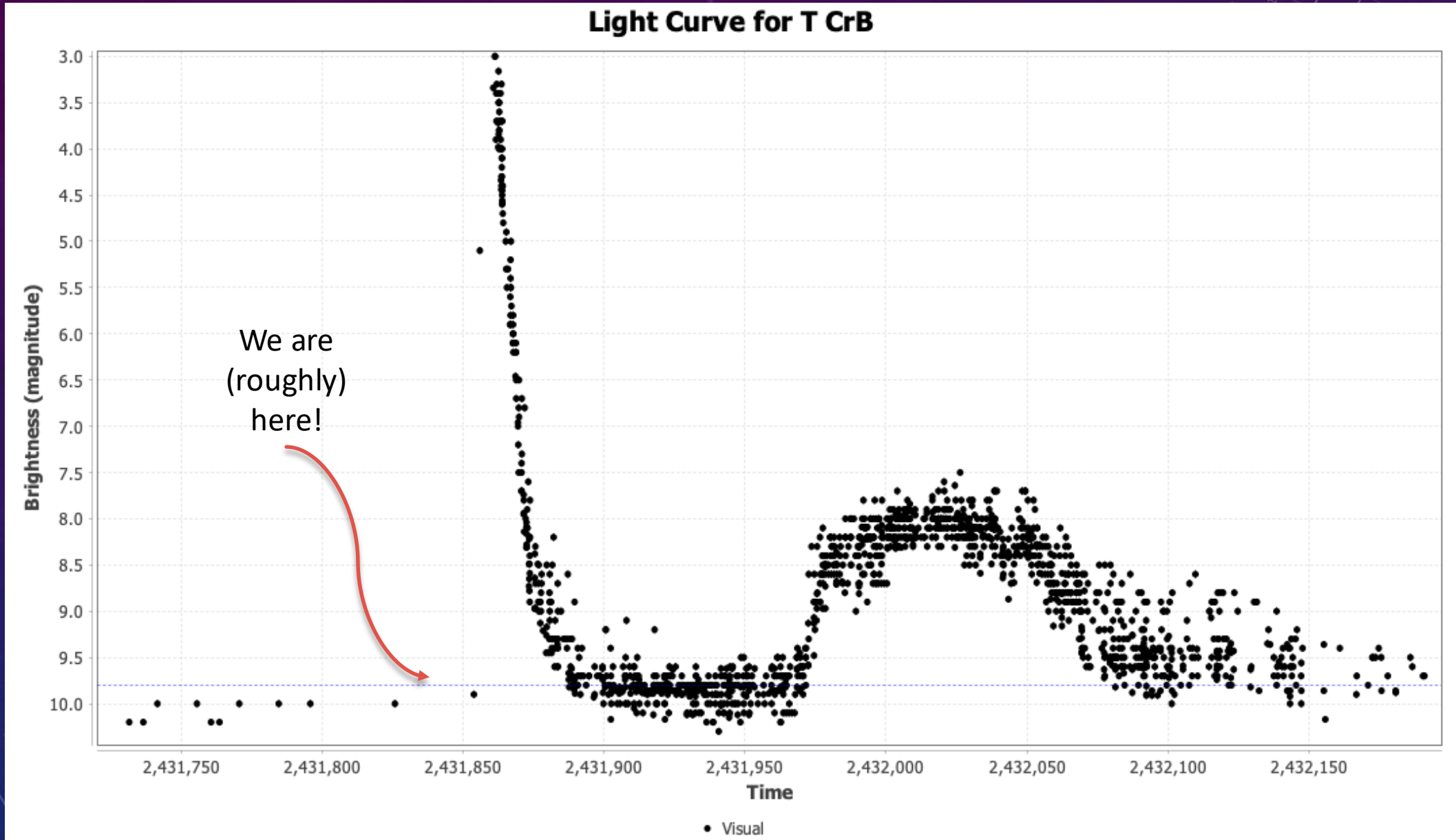
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~9pm June/July

Alphecca



By comparison with 1946 brightening...



Magnitude rose about 10 years before 1946 eruption.

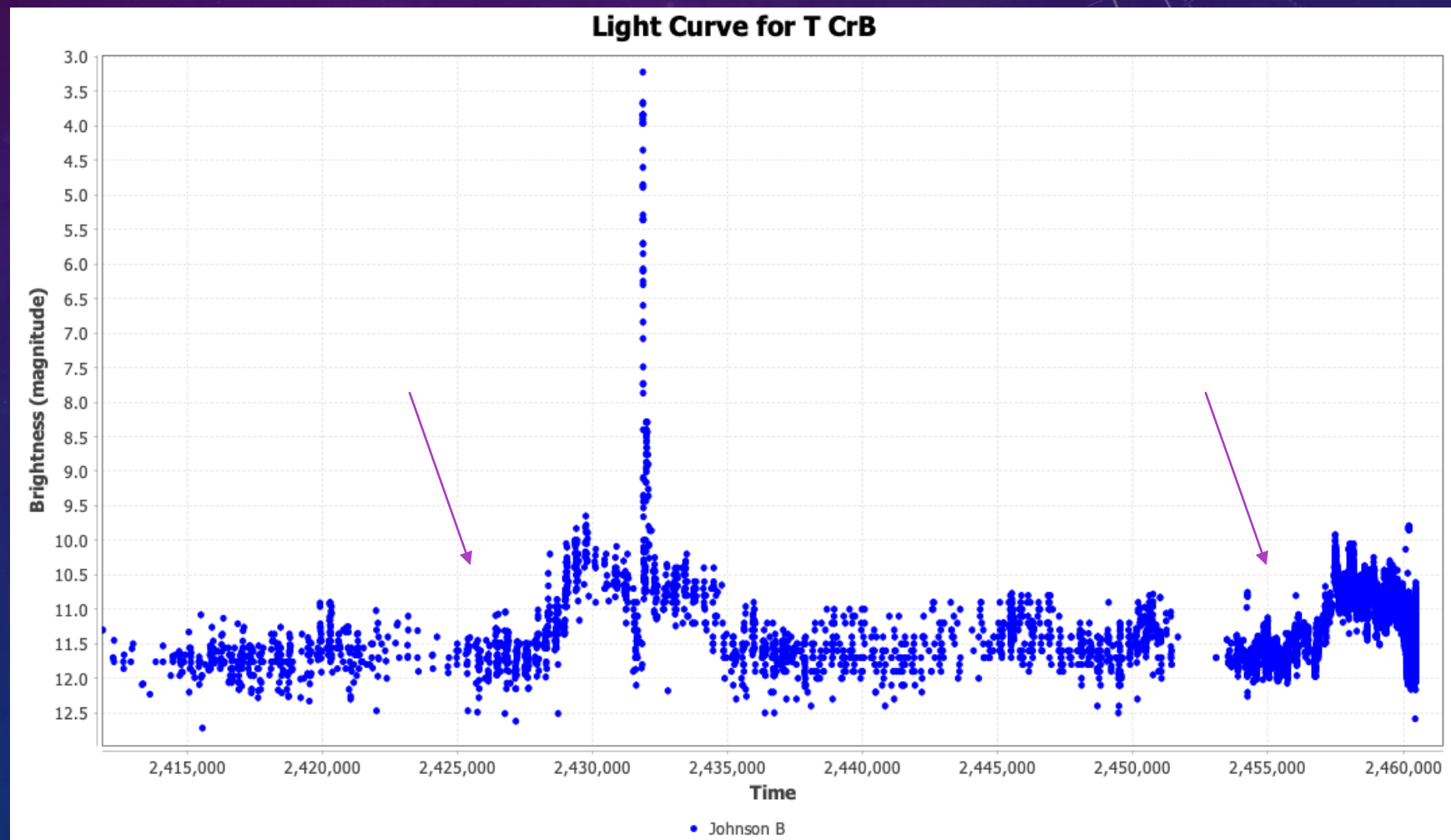
Latest rise started late 2014 / early 2015.

Magnitude dipped 1 year before 1946 eruption.

Current dip started March/April 2023.

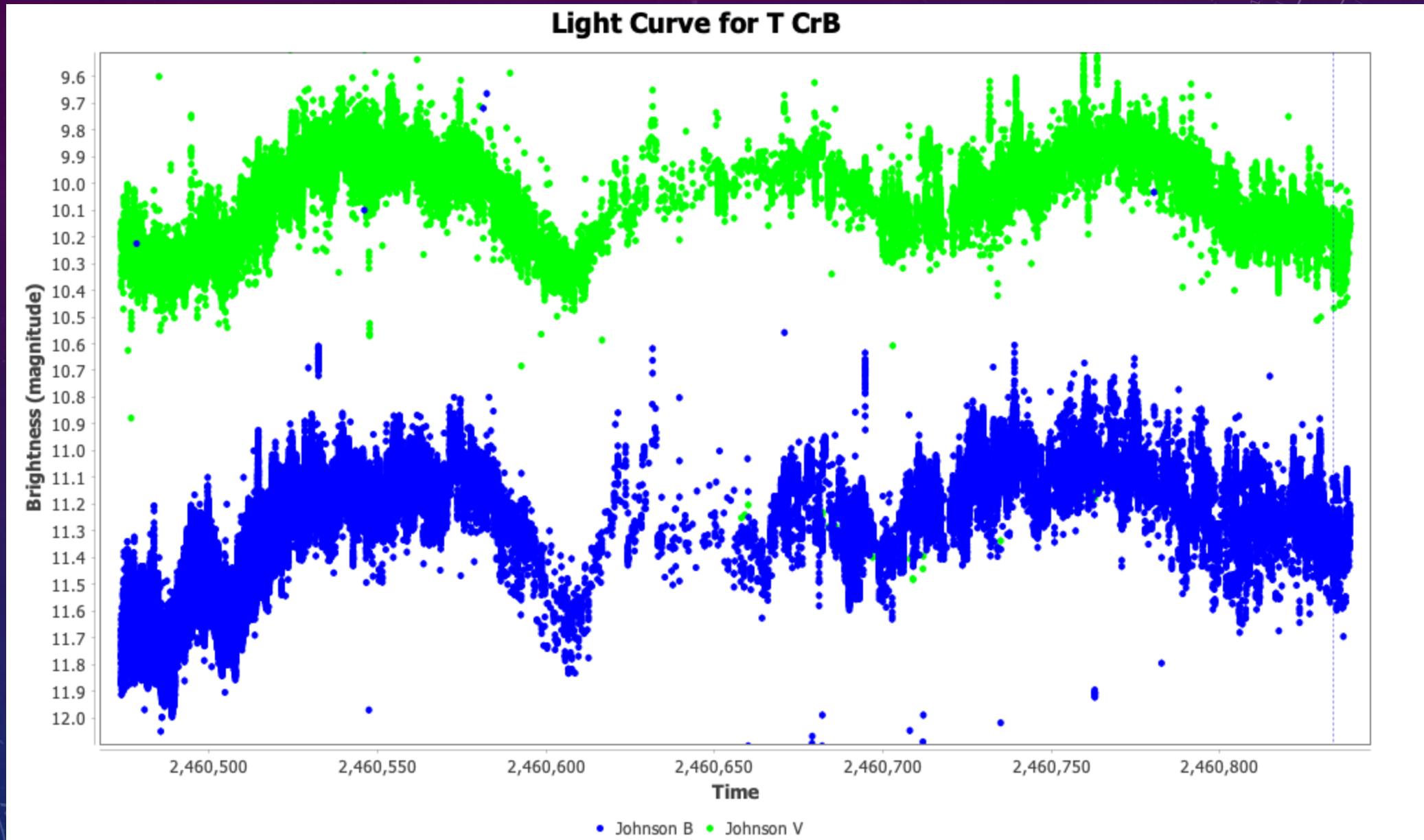
Magnitude changes not identical, but similar.

Most obvious in B vs V data.

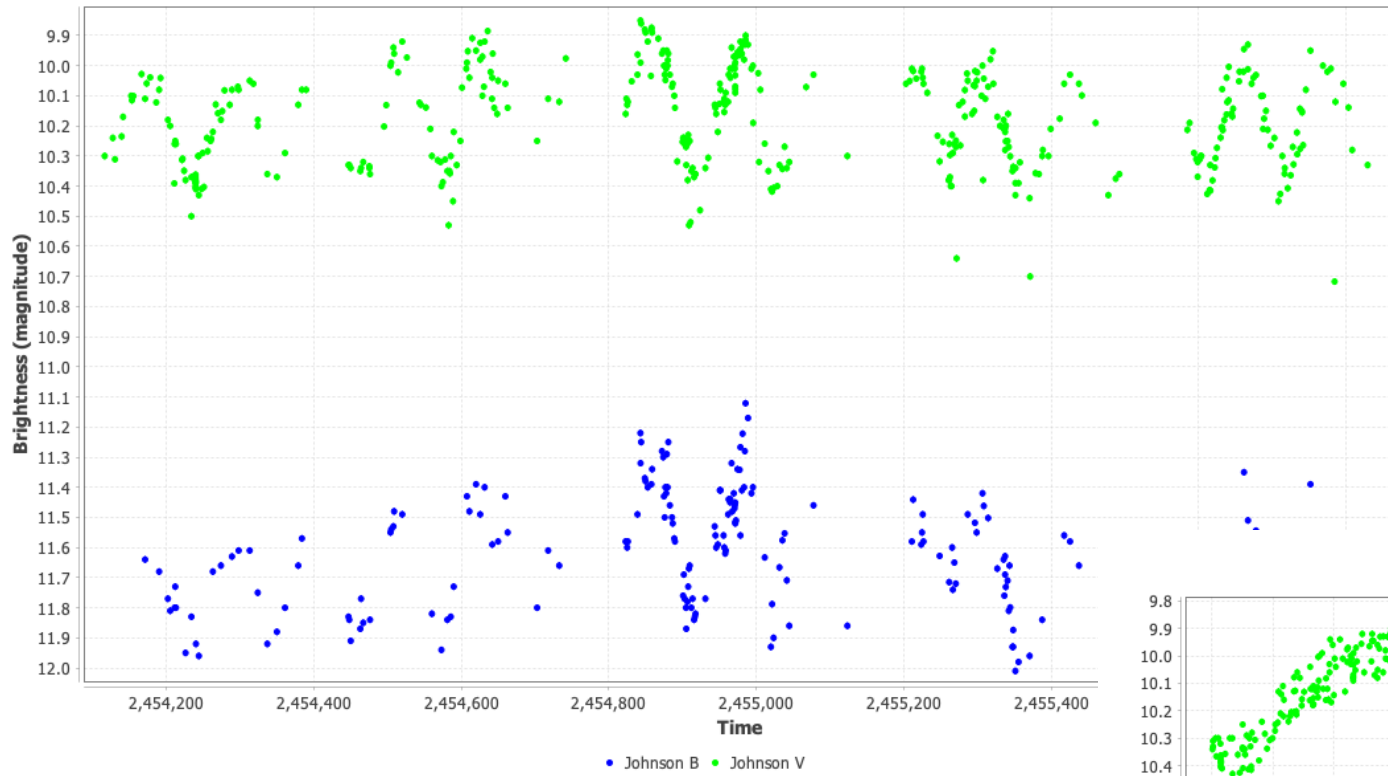


- Spectral changes detected in early 2025 by researchers in Germany observed **sharp increase in emission lines**, suggesting substantial **rise in accretion rate onto white dwarf** component, a potential precursor to nova eruption. (ATel #17030)
- Others (Schaefer and Kloppenborg) countered that the link between increased emission line strength and imminence of eruption is unclear (poorly predictive).
- <https://www.aavso.org/blog/tcrb-blazed-and-confused>

Anyway, this is the light curve from June 2024 to June 2025...



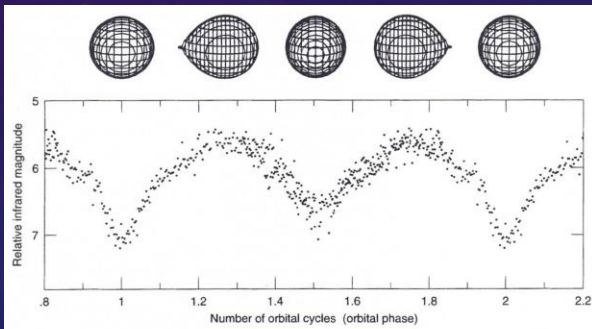
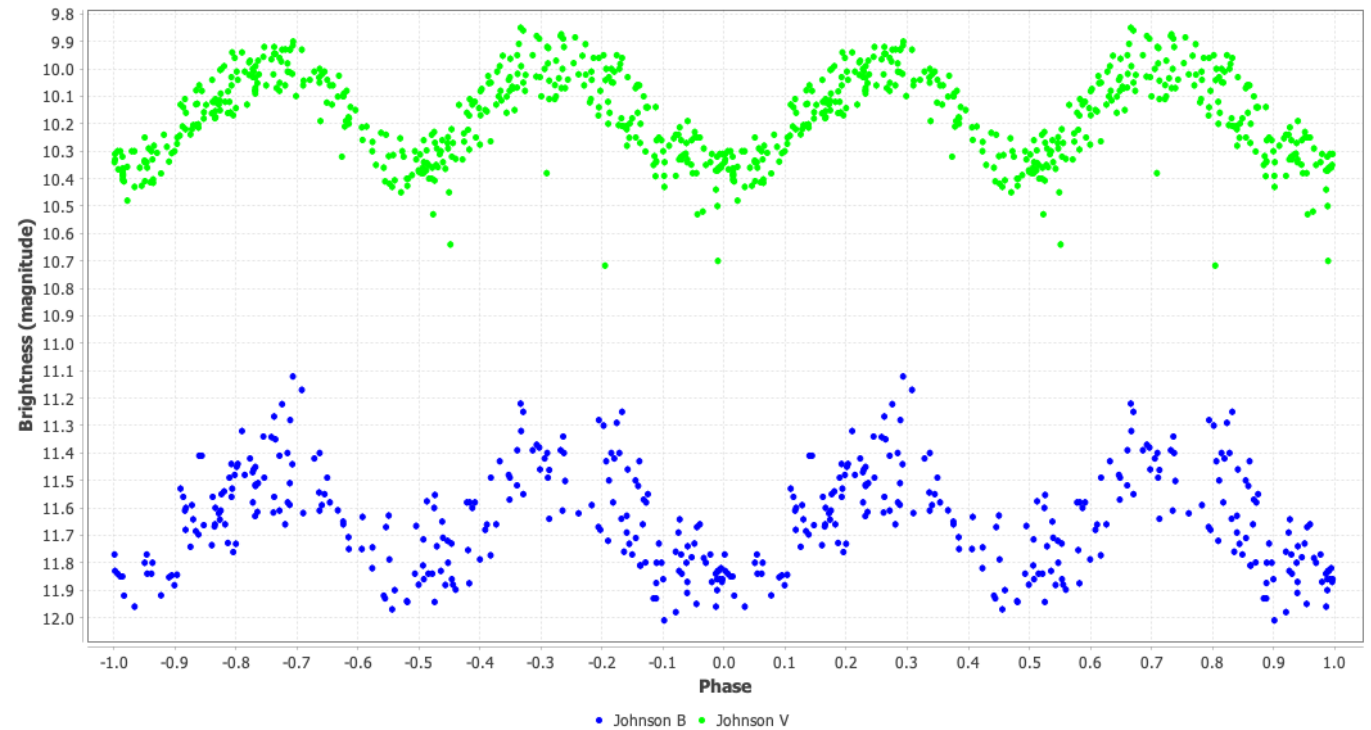
### Light Curve for T CrB



"Folding" data onto 227.55 period gives phase plot

### Phase Plot for T CrB

4 June 2024 (database), period: 227.55, epoch: 2455828.9



source: Hellier,  
*Cataclysmic Variables:  
How and Why they Vary*

Fig. 2.6: The infrared lightcurve of XY Ari showing ellipsoidal variations. The Roche-lobe-shaped secondary is seen side-on twice per orbital cycle, presenting maximum surface area and thus appearing brighter. When it is end-on ( $L_1$  pointing towards or away from us) XY Ari is dimmer. Schematics of the secondary at the different phases are shown above the figure. Note that XY Ari has a cooler white dwarf than NN Ser so there is no reflection effect. The figure uses the standard convention of plotting against orbital cycle, where phase increases by 1 each cycle, and the white dwarf is furthest from us at phases 0, 1, 2, and so on.<sup>4</sup>

- In "*When will the Next T CrB Eruption Occur?*" Jean Schneider (October 2024) writes:
- "By going more carefully into the dates of occurrence of the past eruptions, one finds that the successive events date separations are an integer multiple of the orbital revolution period..."
- "...the eruptions are not strictly periodic, but...were all separated by an integer multiple of the orbital period 227.5687 days."
- "From that, I tentatively infer that the eruption date after 1946 February 9 should be  $2431861 + N * 227.5687$  where N is an integer close to 128, if the orbital period remains constant."
- <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.3847/2515-5172/ad8bba>

- Led to predictions for T CrB eruption of:
  - **March 27 2025, Nov 10 2025 or June 25 2026**
- Popular press latched onto article and suggested **greater certainty than was warranted.**
- The first of these dates has passed with no nova eruption.
- We will see about November!
- Note that the author of this *Research Notes of the AAS* article said in the abstract that: The
  - "The investigation is based on the combination of the previous eruption dates and on the orbital ephemeris of the binary system, **without any hypothesis on the eruption mechanism.**"



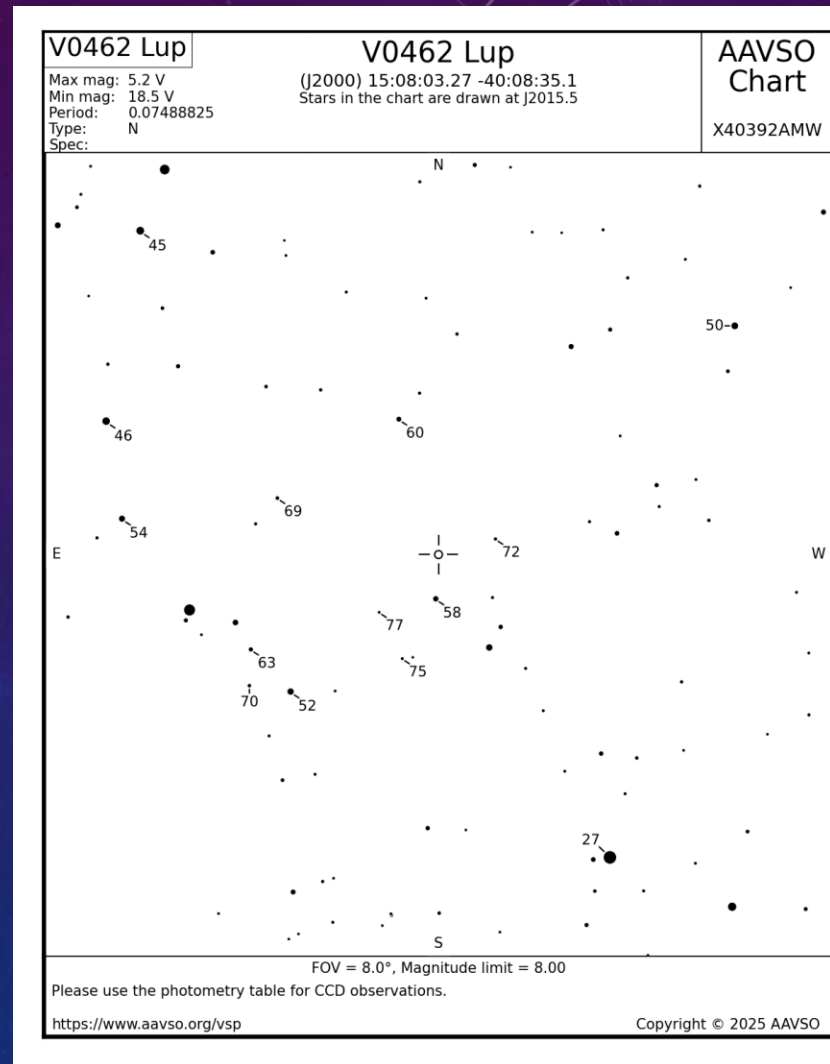
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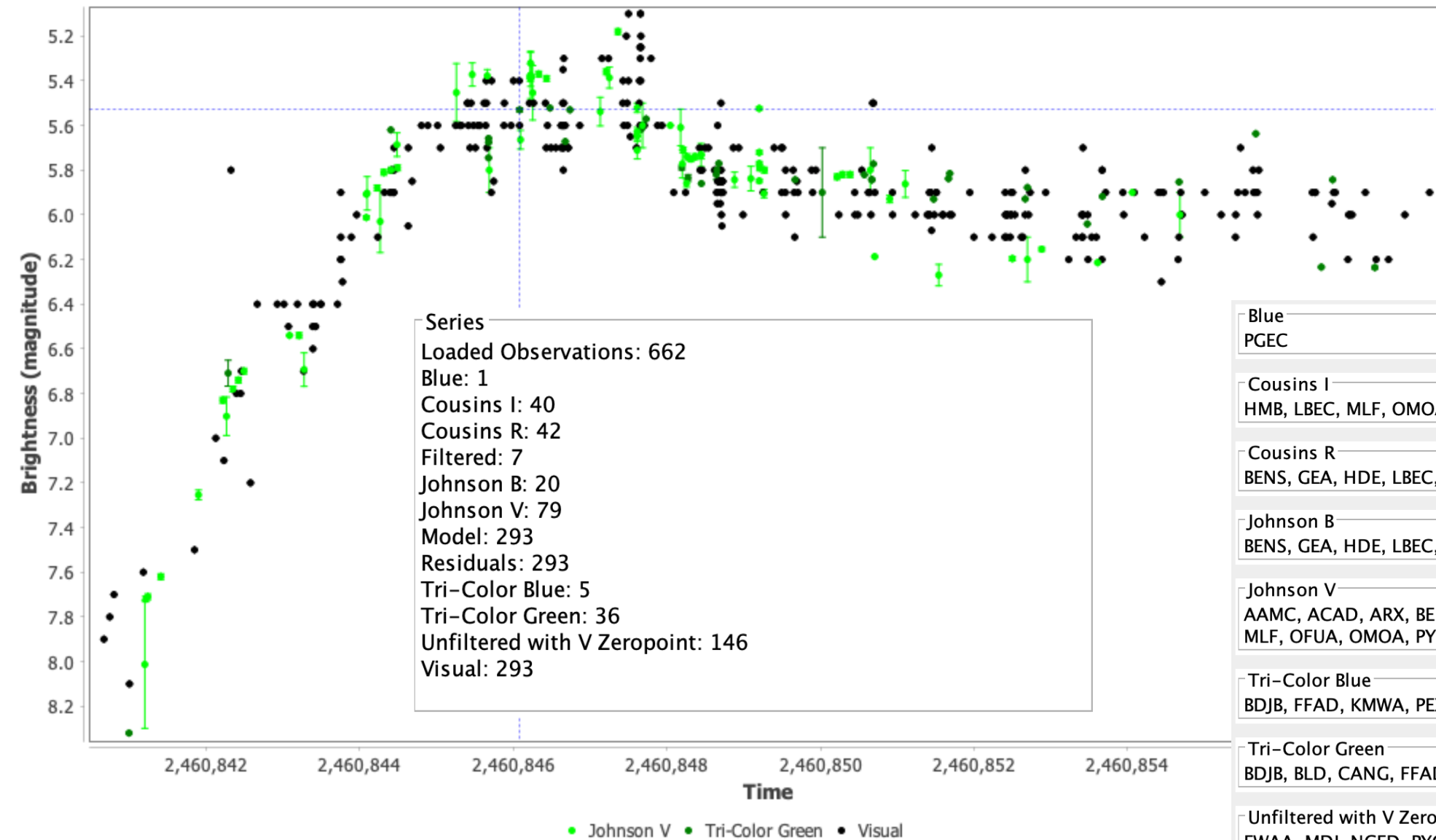
V462 Lup



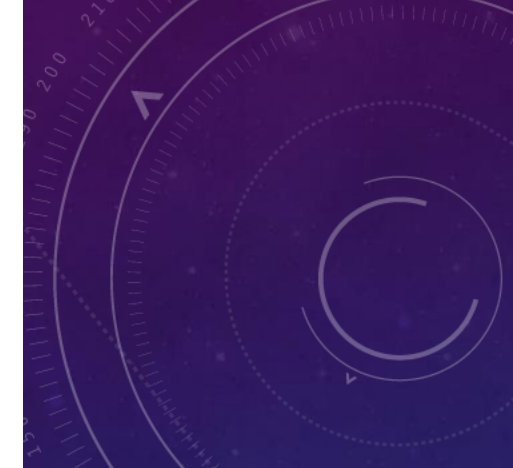
# V462 LUP

- Discovered on **June 12** by the ASAS-SN\* survey at magnitude **8.7**.
  - \*All Sky Automated Survey for SuperNovae
- Peaked at around magnitude **5.1**.
- "...a smooth observed rise taking more than 6 days. This is an ordinary...nova, while the **pre-eruption counterpart** appears as an isolated blue star for which Gaia gives  $G=18.34$ .
- ...periodicity is coherent across the data from 2019.35 to 2023.35. The folded light curve appears as a **simple sinewave**...period is **1.797 hours**. This periodicity is coherent and stable over 4.0 years, so it must be the **orbital period**." (ATel #[17240](#))

# Light Curve for V0462 Lup



- Blue  
PGEC
- Cousins I  
HMB, LBEC, MLF, OMOA
- Cousins R  
BENS, GEA, HDE, LBEC, MLF, OFUA, TYGA
- Johnson B  
BENS, GEA, HDE, LBEC, OMOA, TYGA
- Johnson V  
AAMC, ACAD, ARX, BENS, CBIB, CDAD, CNOC, GEA, HDE, JNCA, LBEC, MLF, OFUA, OMOA, PYG, TYGA
- Tri-Color Blue  
BDJB, FFAD, KMWA, PEX
- Tri-Color Green  
BDJB, BLD, CANG, FFAD, HBB, JNCA, KMWA, MMOI, PEX, PYG, RFDA
- Unfiltered with V Zerpoint  
FWAA, MDJ, NGED, PYG, SNU, SWQ
- Visual  
AAX, AEJA, AJV, AKSA, ARL, ATDA, BDJB, BJOD, BNK, BZX, CANG, CKB, CLQ, CLUB, CMQ, CPIE, DCMA, DIL, DSJ, DSMB, GJAE, HLA, JNCA, KMI, KRB, KSH, MEMC, MMIZ, MMOI, MVH, NMIB, OME, OSE, PEX, PJOQ, PLA, RBK, RDRA, RFP, RHE, RMW, SQL, SWQ, TMIE, WDAH, ZUD





• Nova V572 Vel • 2025 June 30.434 UT  
25-x 5.sec • ASI538MM Pro • Bessel V-Filter • 190MN • Adelaide, South Australia • Kym Thalassoudis..

A dark blue star field with a red arrow pointing to a specific star. The background is a deep blue gradient with faint white star patterns. On the right side, there are faint white circular patterns and a scale with numbers 0, 6, 8, 10. On the left side, there are faint white circular patterns and a dashed arrow pointing left.

V572 Vel



# PNV J10251200-533110 (V572 VEL)

- **John Seach** (NSW) discovered at magnitude 5.7, and **Andrew Pearce** (WA) independently found it (magnitude 5.5) on **June 25**.
- **Reached magnitude 4.8** but has been quite "messy".
- AAVSO [observing campaign](#) reported **progenitor** star as **likely** being a **22.2 blue star** with large amplitude variability.
- "**Fermi Gamma-ray** Space Telescope **observations**...indicates a gamma-ray excess consistent with the optical position " (ATel# [17252](#))

# PNV J10251200-533110 (V572 VEL)

- "Optical spectroscopy of V572 Vel: **Not obviously a classical nova**" (ATel #[17252](#))
- "OGLE **Pre-Eruption Observations** of V572 Velorum Reveal **Dwarf Nova Outbursts**" (ATel #[17253](#))
  - "...archival OGLE observations reveal...multiple outbursts during the years 2017-2024, indicating its classification as a dwarf nova. We tentatively classify it as an SU UMa-type object due to the presence of both long...and short...outbursts."
- Classification: N+UGSU
  - N=Nova
  - UGSU=SU UMa-type dwarf nova (UG=U Geminorum type)

Need more observations!

### Light Curve for V0572 Vel

