

Nova 1437 A.D recovered...  
it's a Dwarf Nova  
(Nature, in press)...  
Collaborator: Bode

and

M87 Visible and NUV Novae  
Collaborators: Hernanz, Darnley,  
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Hernanzfest – Tossa – June 15, 20-17

# Goal: A Thursday nova tasting



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$L_{\text{star}}/L_{\text{sun}}$

PRE-1986

1,000,000

**Novae**



10 -100

**Old Novae**

10-100

**Novalike Variables**  
 $dM/dt \sim 10^{-8} M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$

0.1-1.0

**Dwarf Novae**  
 $dM/dt \sim 10^{-9-10} M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$

0.01-

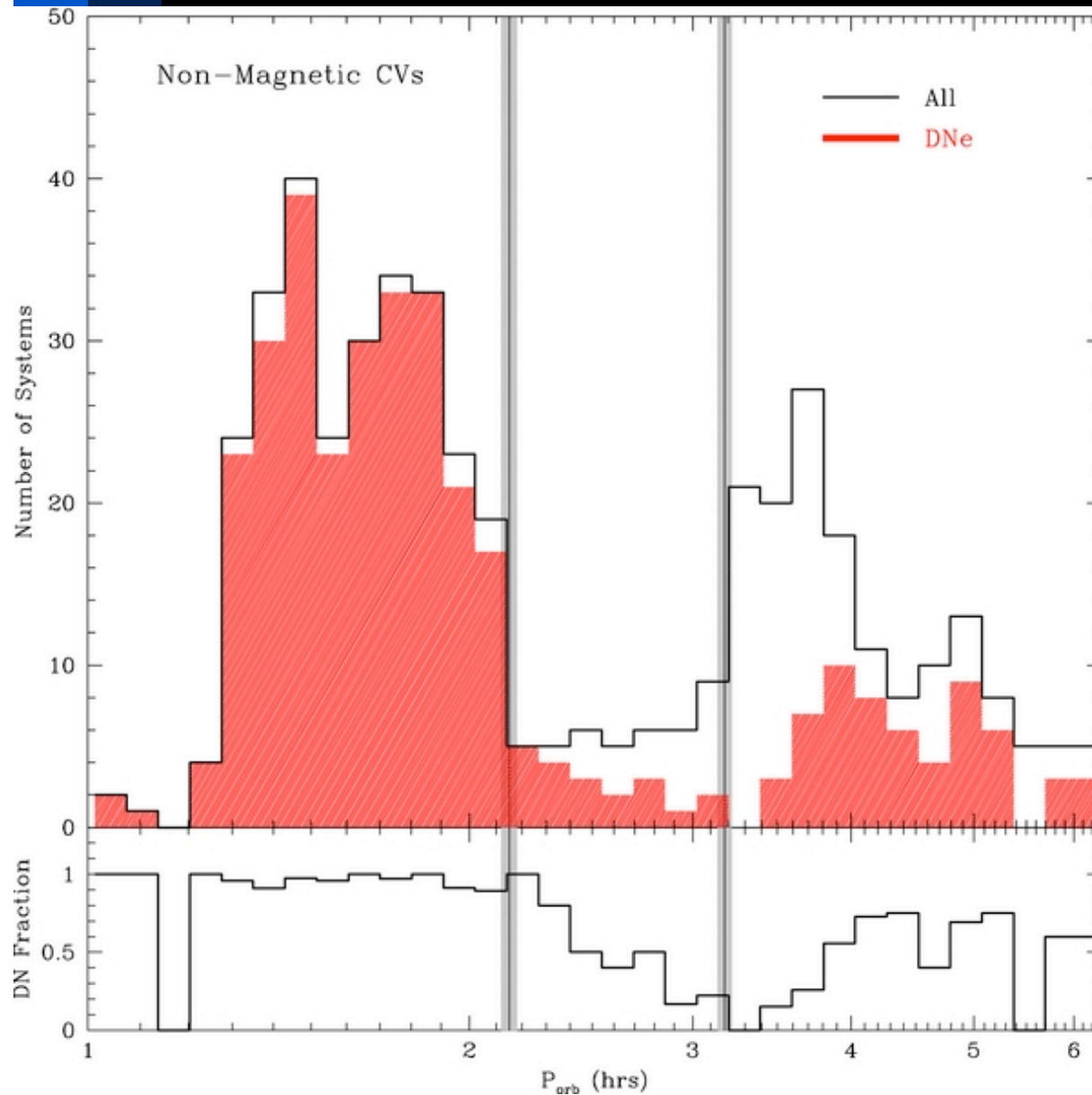
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# A Puzzle: Differing $dM/dt$ at all periods



Knigge et al 2011

# UNIFICATION?? 1986

THE ASTROPHYSICAL JOURNAL, 311:163–171, 1986 December 1  
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## DO NOVAE HIBERNATE DURING MOST OF THE MILLENNIA BETWEEN ERUPTIONS? LINKS BETWEEN DWARF AND CLASSICAL NOVAE, AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SPACE DENSITIES AND EVOLUTION OF CATAclysmic BINARIES

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### ABSTRACT

The space densities of classical novae deduced from surveys in the solar neighborhood are about two orders of magnitude lower than those deduced from nova theory and the observed nova outburst frequency in M31. These low space densities imply very short nova recurrence times (i.e., few novae, but each erupting frequently) and unacceptably high mass transfer rates  $\dot{M}$  onto nova white dwarfs between eruptions (to fuel the frequent outbursts).

We emphasize that there is no observational evidence to support the claim that novae maintain high  $\dot{M}$  more than a century after eruption. On the contrary, the available data show lower  $\dot{M}$  in very old novae. Only for a few decades before an eruption do the observations again support a high  $\dot{M}$ .

We investigate the effects of mass and angular momentum losses during an eruption. For most novae, mass loss dominates, and the separation  $a$  of the binary stars increases during eruption, as does the Roche radius  $R_L$ , as does  $R_L/a$ . Strong support for this claim comes from the observed period *increase* of the very slow nova BT Mon (Nova 1939) as a result of eruption. This implies that the red dwarf in a nova binary will lose contact with its Roche lobe and will stop transferring mass after the eruption and after irradiation from the cooling white dwarf becomes unimportant. Such behavior explains high observed  $\dot{M}$  values during the century after eruptions, and the decline in  $\dot{M}$  thereafter. During a long “hibernation” period when  $\dot{M} \lesssim 10^{-12} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , gravitational radiation and/or magnetic braking by a stellar wind decrease the separation until Roche lobe contact is restored. The material accreted by the white dwarf in the century following eruption cools, becomes degenerate, and diffuses into the carbon-oxygen white dwarf outer layers during hibernation. This



## WHAT DOES AN ERUPTING NOVA DO TO ITS RED DWARF COMPANION?

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## ABSTRACT

During nova eruptions and for decades afterward, the red dwarfs in cataclysmic binaries are irradiated with hundreds of times more luminosity than they themselves produce. Simulations of the time-dependent irradiation of three red dwarf models (0.25, 0.50, and  $0.75 M_{\odot}$ ) are presented. The mass transfer rates forced by irradiation after nova eruption are found to be enhanced by two orders of magnitude because of the irradiation. The time scale for irradiation to become unimportant is that of the white dwarf cooling time scale, a few centuries. These two results support the hibernation scenario of novae, which suggests that novae remain bright for a few centuries after eruption because of irradiation-induced mass transfer. After irradiation decreases mass transfer slows, and some (most?) very old novae may then become extremely faint.

*Subject heading:* stars: binaries — stars: late-type — stars: novae

## I. INTRODUCTION

Eruptions of classical novae are truly spectacular events, detectable in external galaxies as distant as the Virgo Cluster (Pritchett and van den Bergh 1986). The underlying cause of a nova's great brilliance is believed to be a thermonuclear runaway (TNR) in the degenerate, hydrogen-rich envelope of a mass accreting white dwarf star in a close binary.

While the mechanism that powers novae is reasonably well understood, the long term evolution of these and related cataclysmic binaries is controversial. As basic a parameter as nova system lifetime has been estimated as  $10^8$  yr (Patterson 1984) to  $10^{10}$  yr (Bath and Shaviv 1978; Shara *et al.* 1986). These uncertainties correspond to large uncertainties in the mass transfer rates  $\dot{M}$  during the centuries or millennia between

series of numerical simulations confirming this statement are the main thrust of this work. The method of computation, numerical treatment of irradiation and initial models are given in § II. The results of the simulations are described in § III, and the implied mass transfer rates are calculated in § IV. Implications for the hibernation scenario are discussed in § V. Our conclusions and summary are given in § VI.

## II. THE METHOD OF COMPUTATION

a) *The Binary Configuration*

We consider a classical nova binary system whose primary is a  $1.25 M_{\odot}$  ( $M_1$ ) white dwarf, and whose secondary ( $M_2$ ) is a main-sequence star that fills its Roche lobe. The binary separa-

# 4 KEY Predictions of “Hibernation Scenario”

Shara et al (1986)

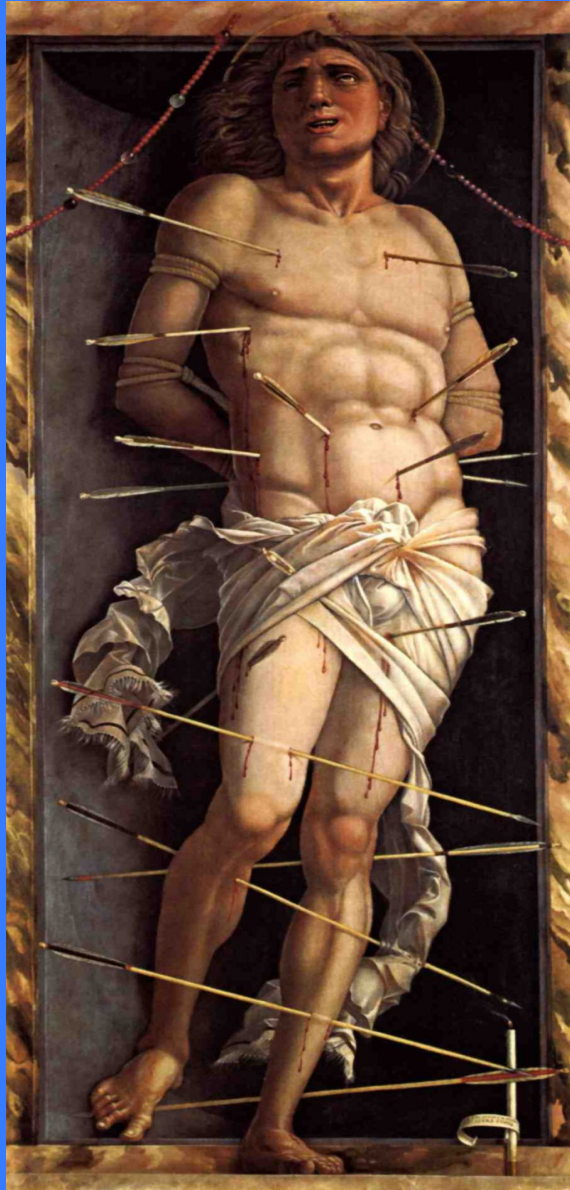
Kovetz, Prialnik & Shara (1988)

## NOVA MASS EJECTION RESULTS:

- 1) Old Novae fade  $\sim 1$  mag/100 years
- 2) Old Novae  $\rightarrow$  Dwarf Novae after  $\sim 300$  yrs
- 3) Nova Inter-Eruption Time Scale  $> 1,000$  Years
- 4) Many Dwarf Novae go into “Hibernation”  
i.e.  $dM/dt \sim 0$ ,  $\rightarrow$  very faint, and common



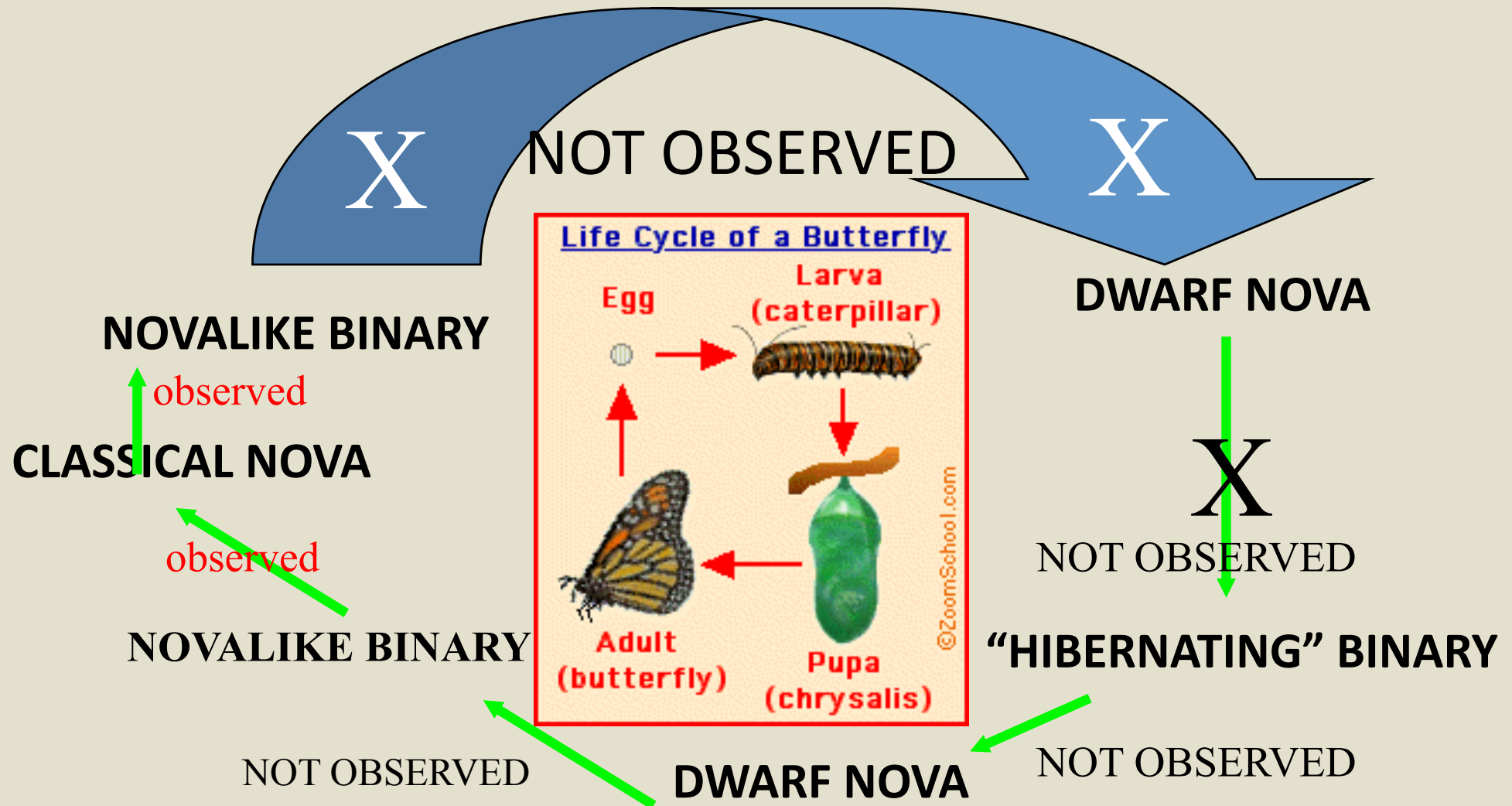
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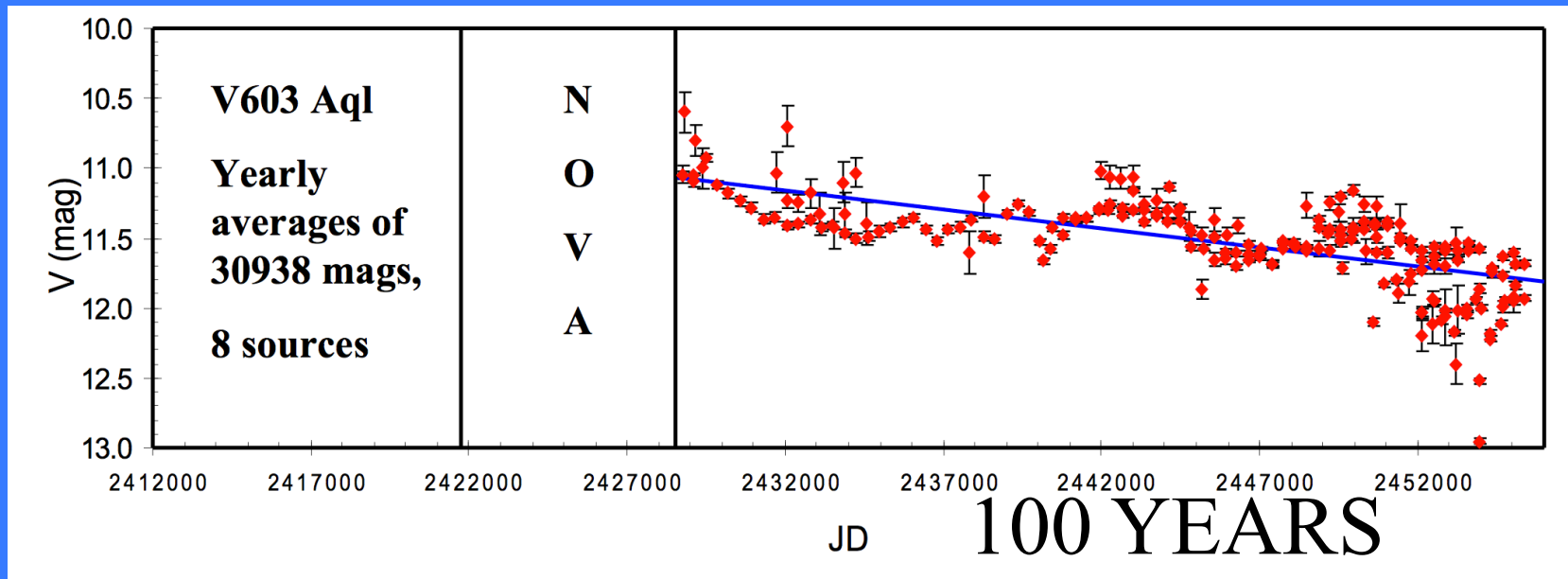
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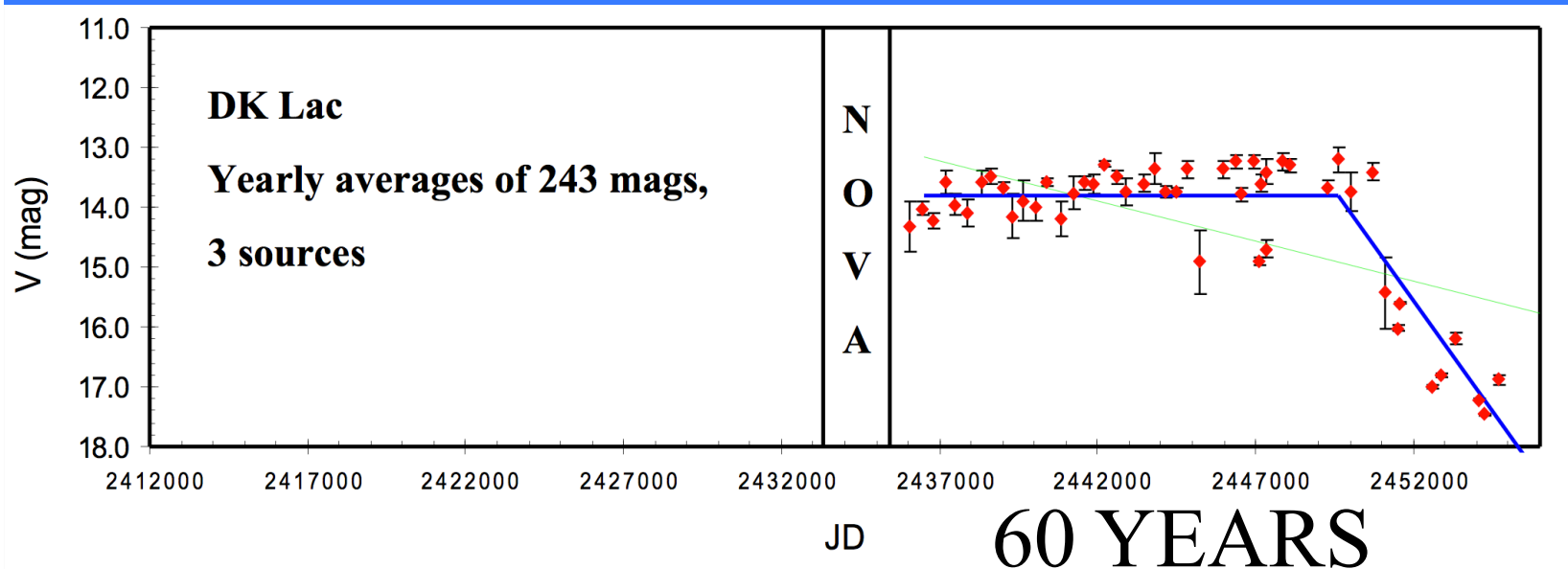
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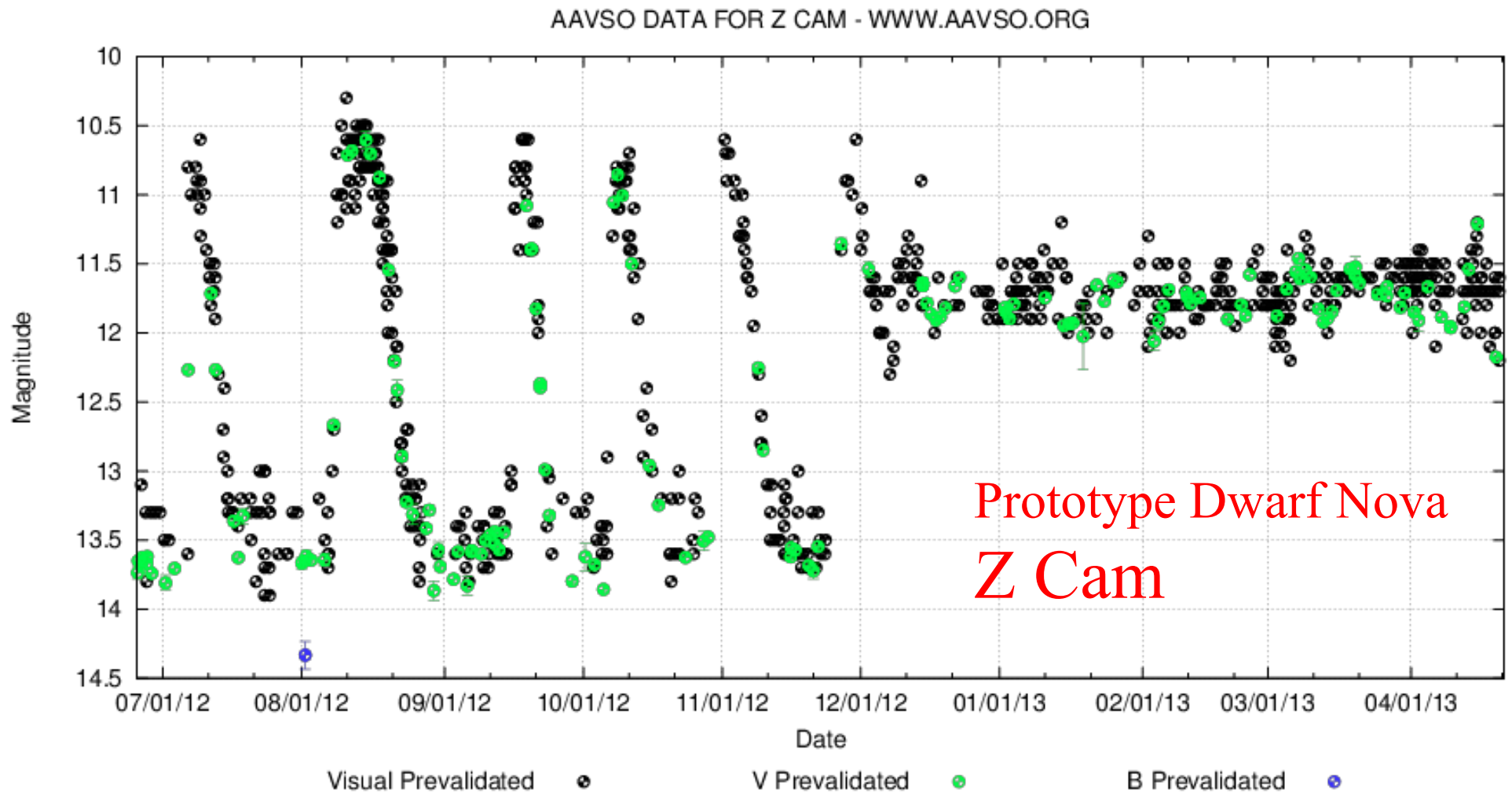
## Prediction #1 - Old novae fade slowly



Schaefer et al 100 years of photographic plates



# Prediction #2 Old Novae $\rightarrow$ Dwarf Novae at $t \sim 300$ yrs





Z Cam nebulosity

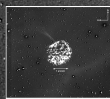
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Z Cam is an Ancient Nova (77 BCE?)



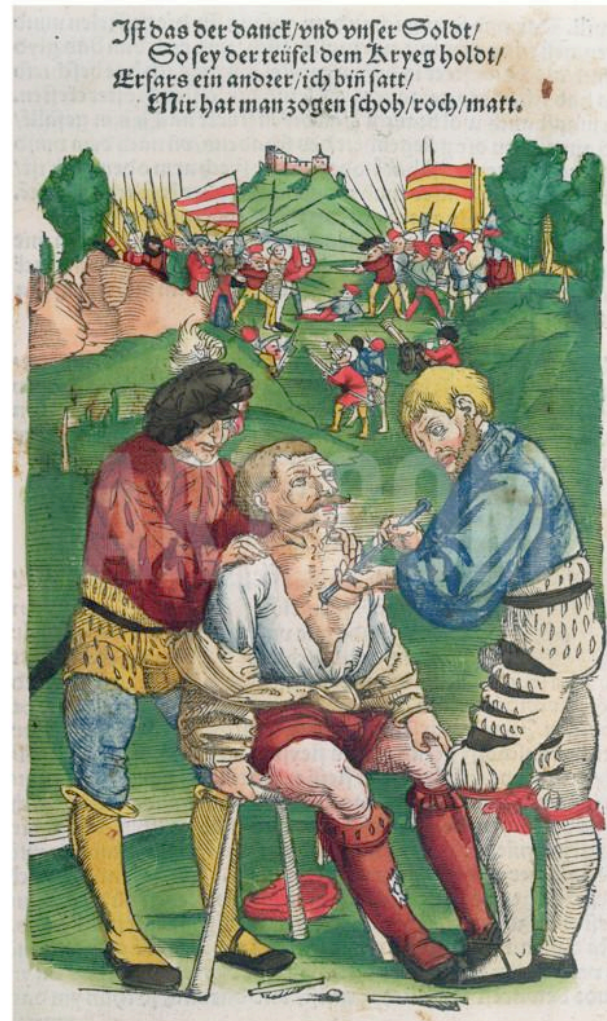
Shell mass,  
Composition,  
Velocity=>  
Nova Shell

GK PER →





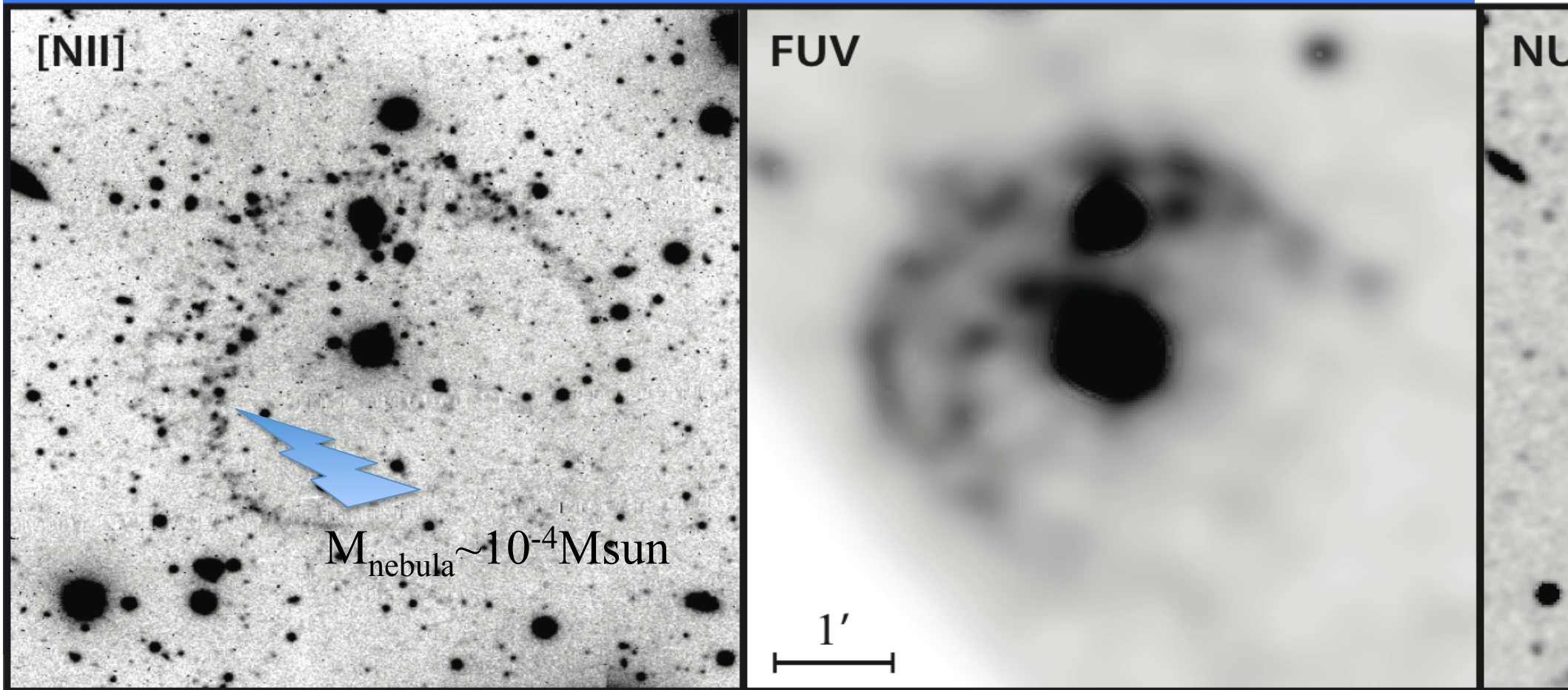
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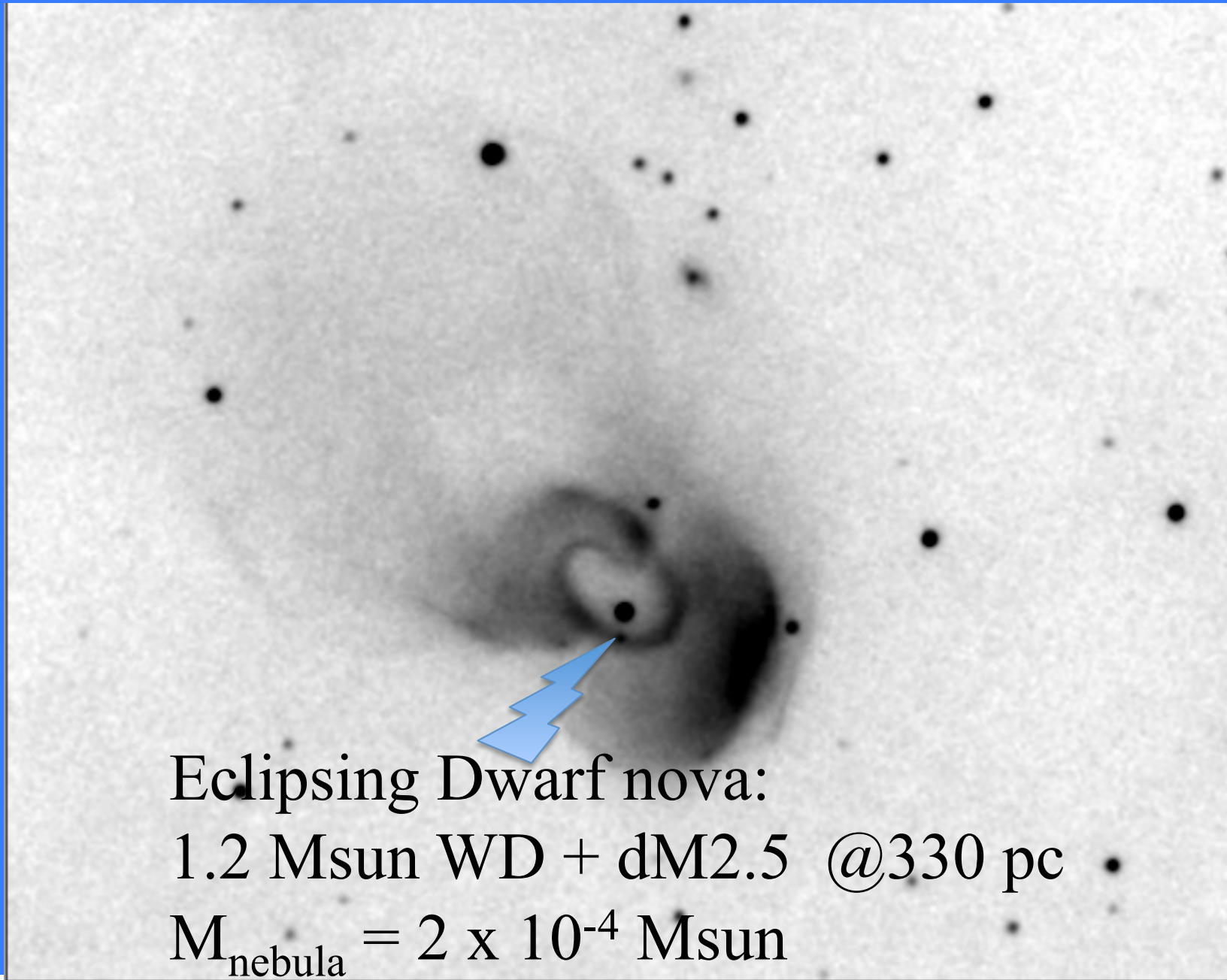


# AT Cnc: A Second Dwarf Nova with a Classical Nova Shell

Shara et al 2012

Nova Cnc 1645 A.D.?





Eclipsing Dwarf nova:

1.2 Msun WD + dM2.5 @330 pc

$M_{\text{nebula}} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Msun}$



# Proper motion age-dating of the dwarf nova progeny of Nova Scorpii 1437 A.D.

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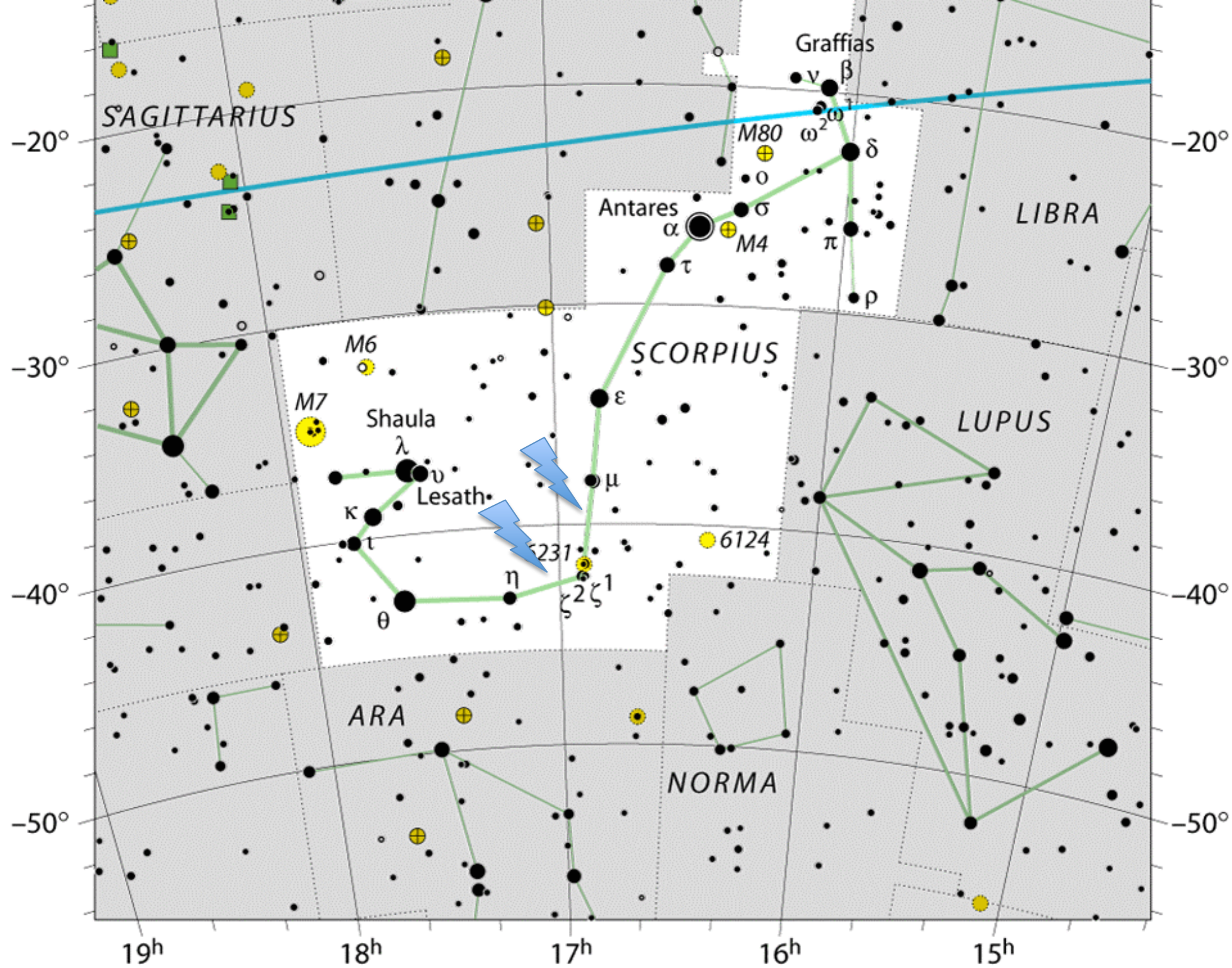
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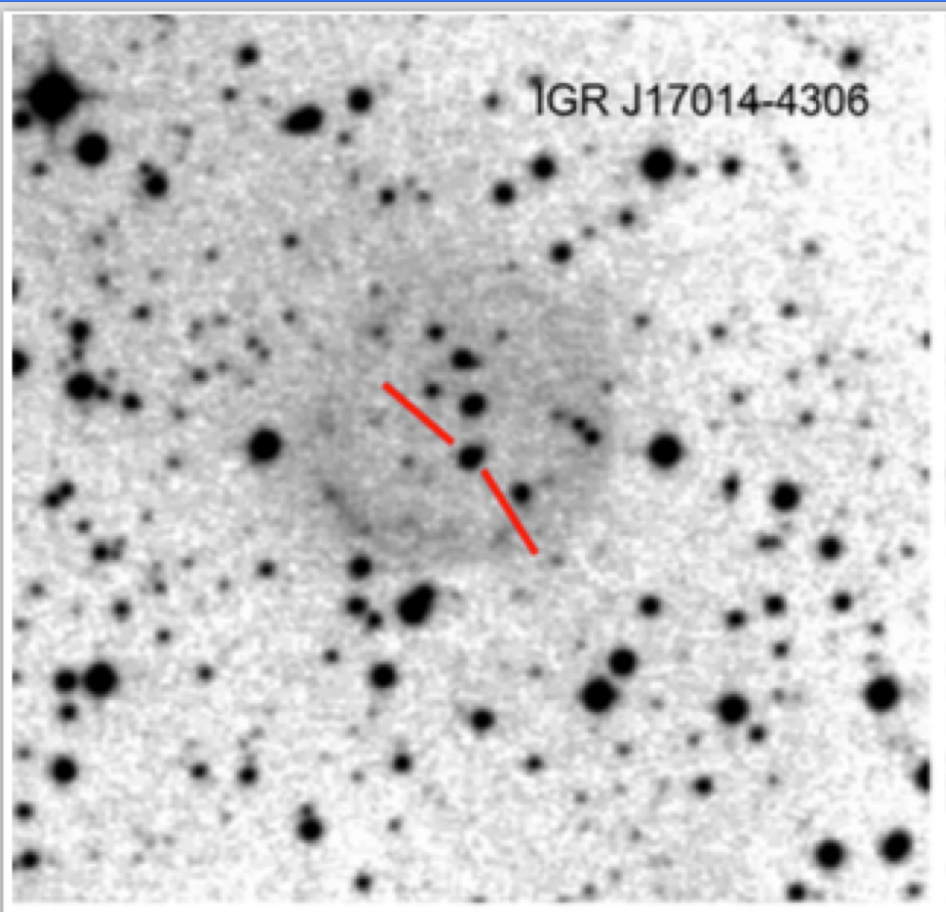
From the Korean Royal Chronicles “Sejong Sillok”  
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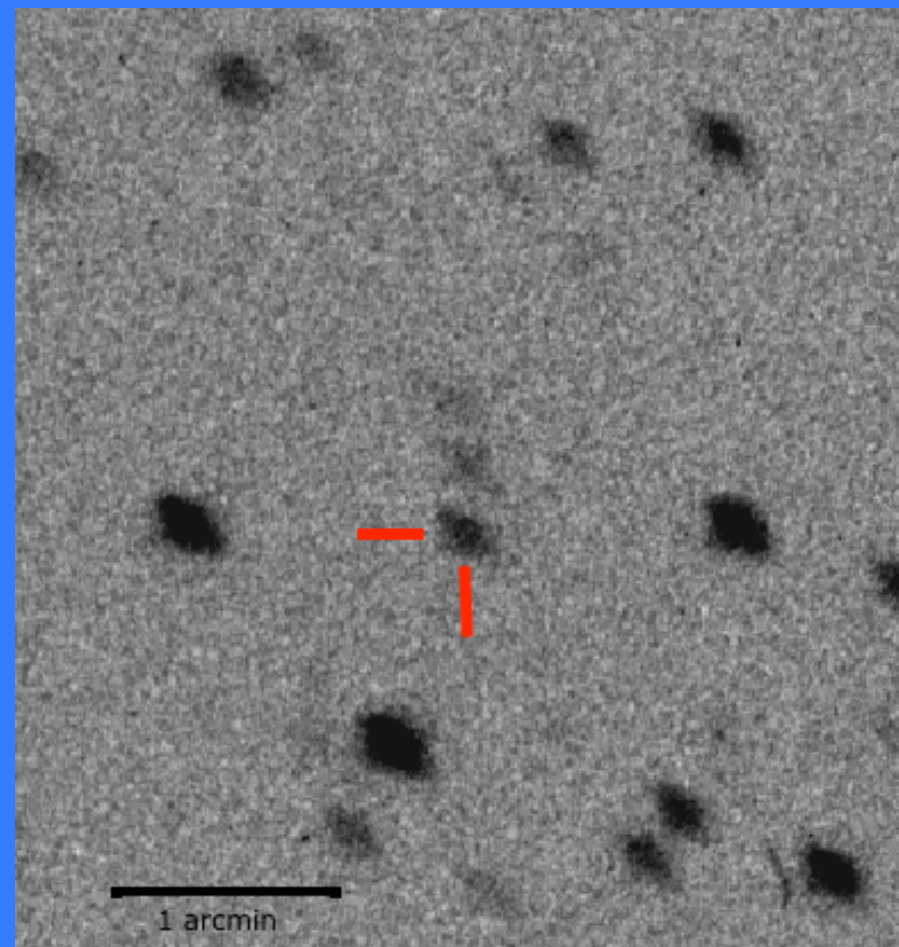
A guest star (kexing) began to be (shi) seen between  
the second and third  
stars of Wei (Scorpius). It was nearer to the third star,  
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days."



# 2013 -An Integral X-ray source & CV



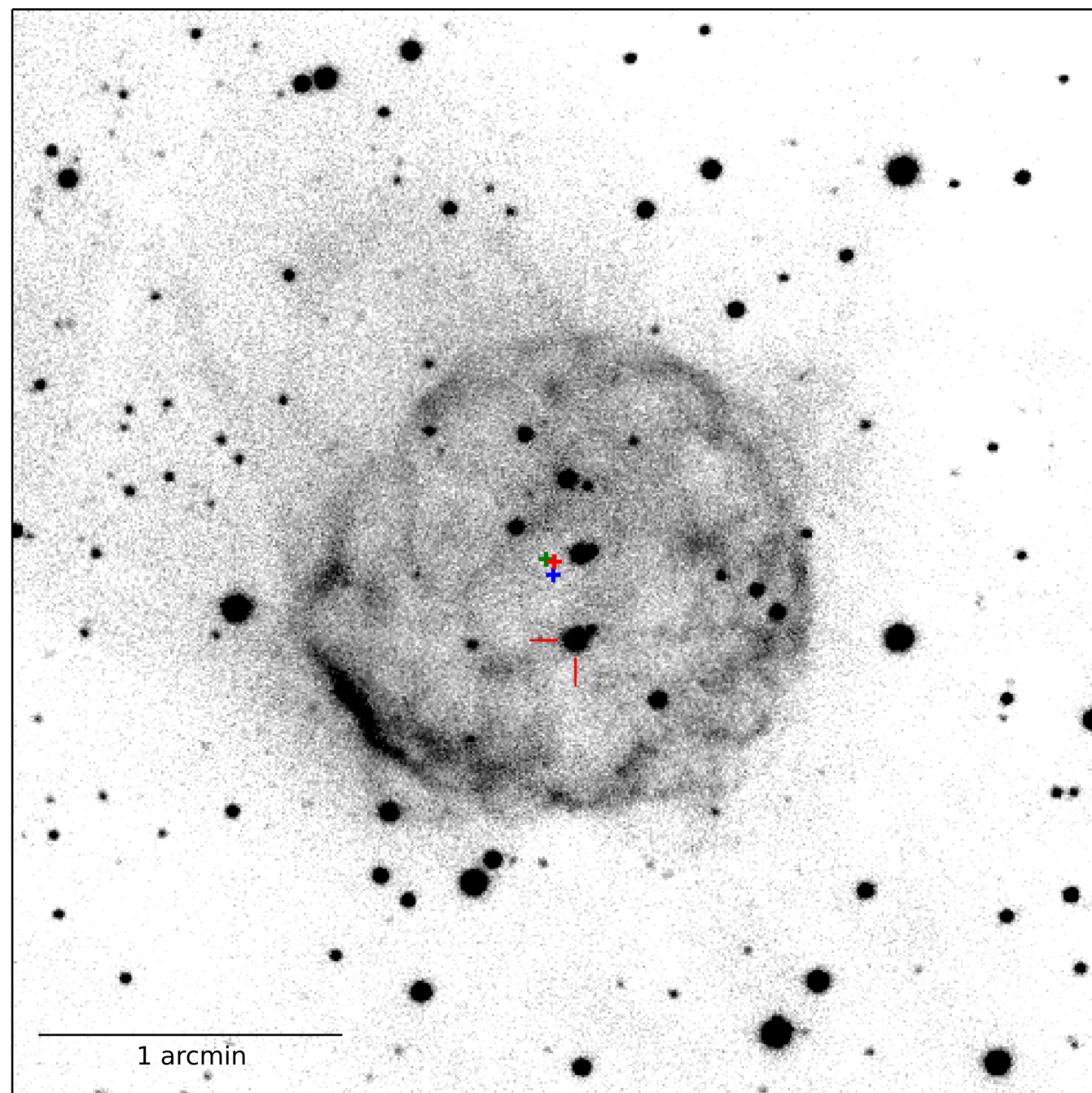
1985 Red Schmidt plate



1923 Blue Harvard plate



# Proper Motion “Clock”: $1437 \pm 40$ yr



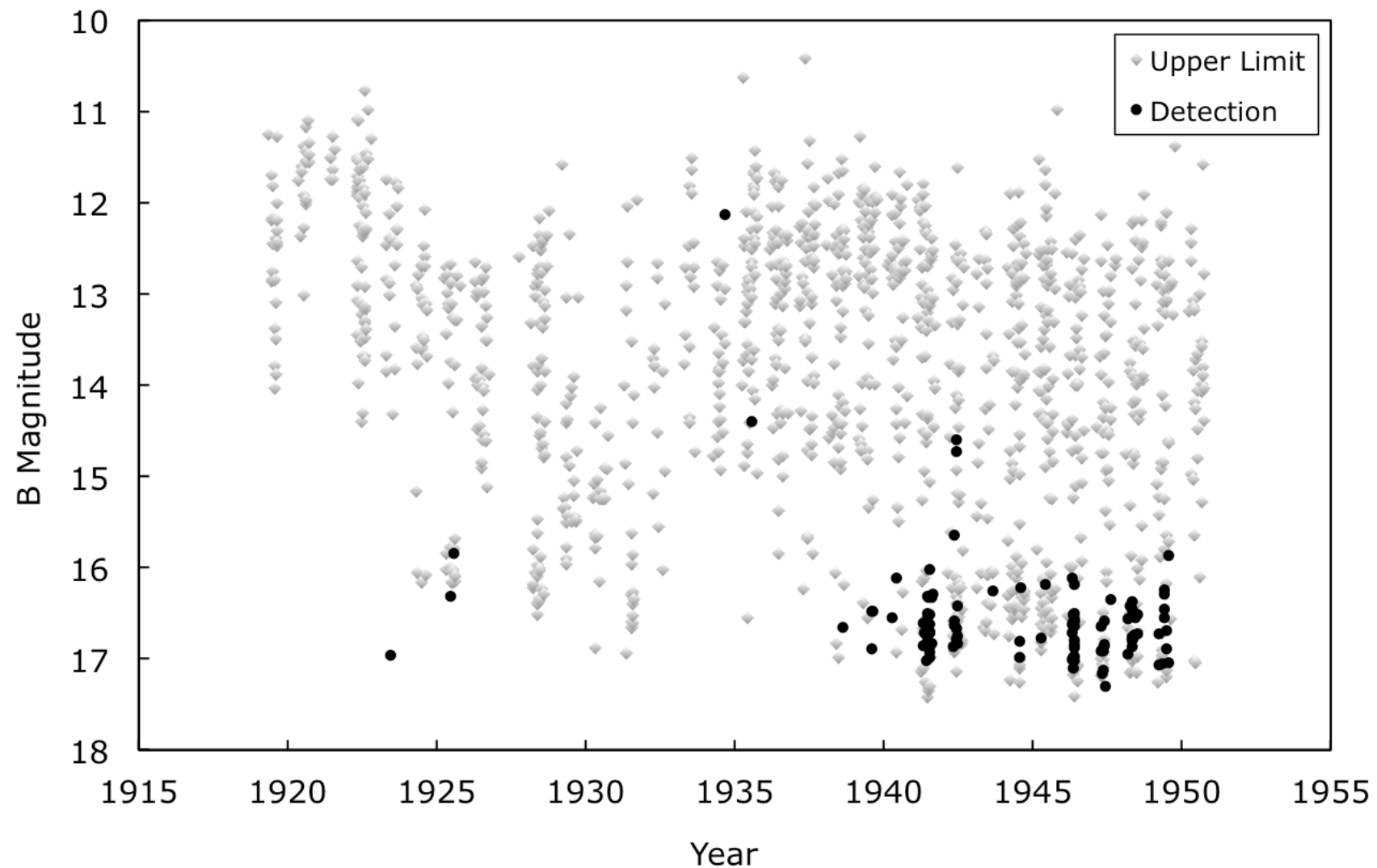




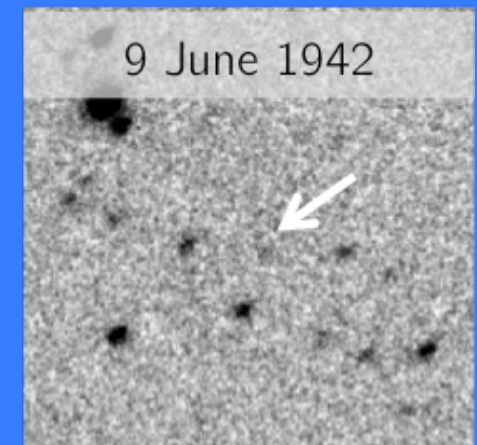
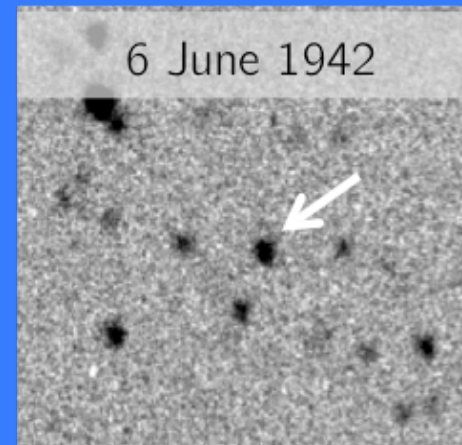
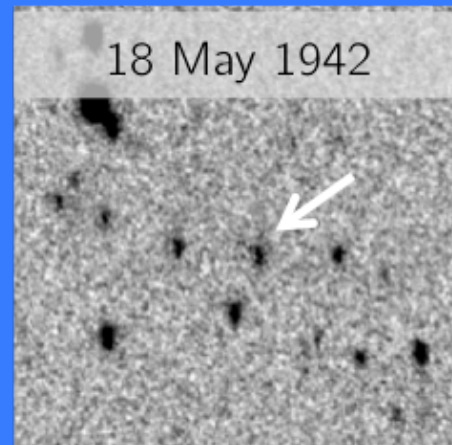
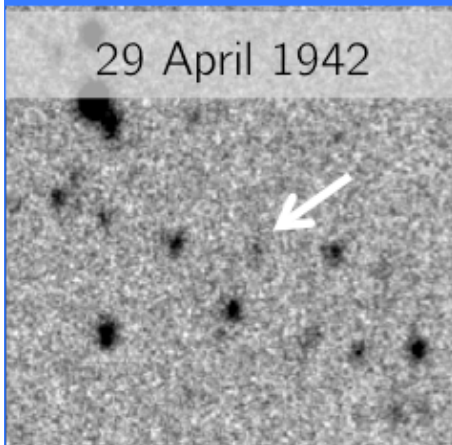
Shell centre 1437 + CV in 1437  
+ Shell centre today

— CV today  
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# Nova Sco 1437 is now a low $dM/dt$ dwarf Nova



# A dwarf Nova eruption in 1942



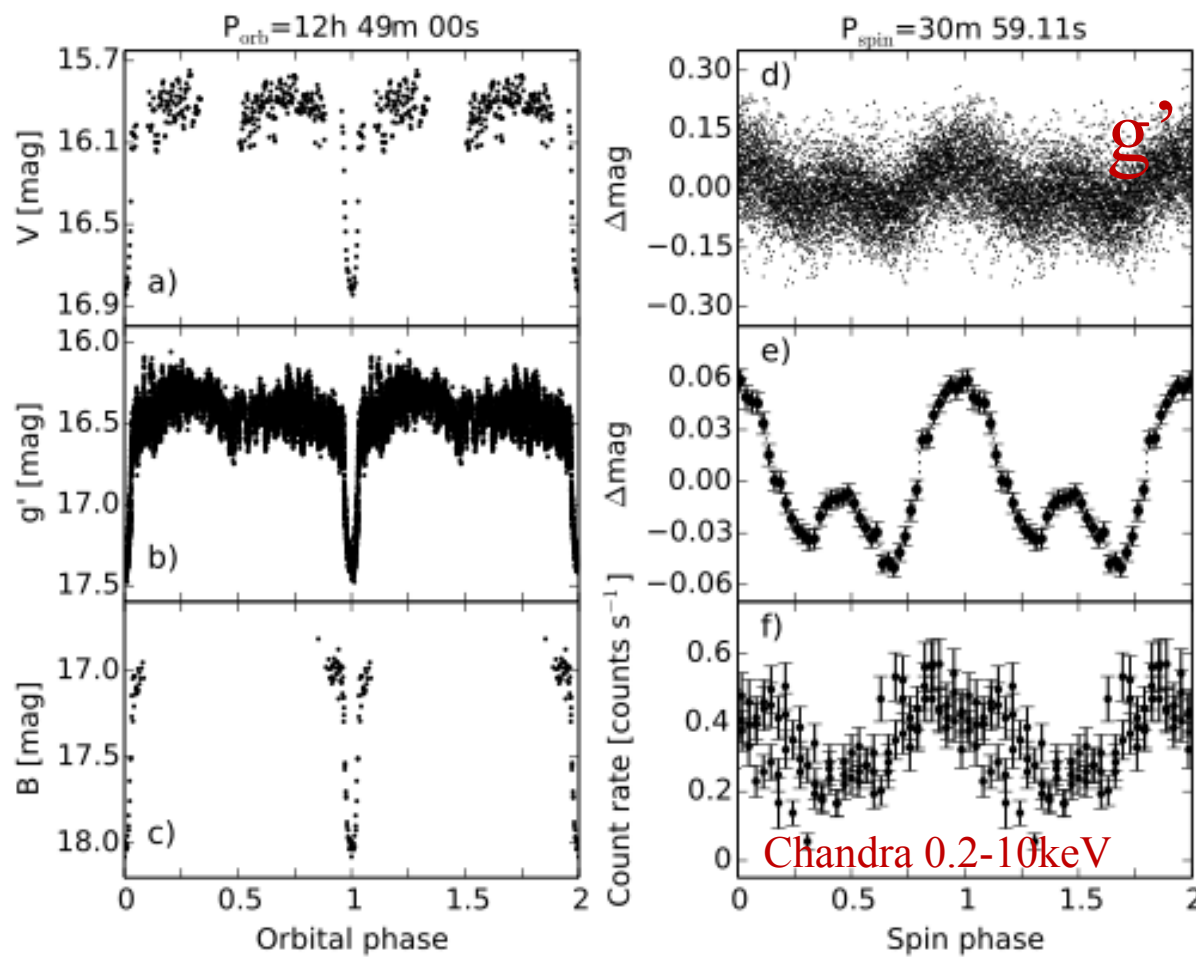
## Conclusion:

4/4 Oldest Novae have become  
Dwarf Novae after  $>300$  years

$dM/dt$  decreased in these CVs



# Nova Scorpii 1437 A.D.: orbital period and WD spin



Optical  
photometry in  
July-September  
2016:

$$P_{\text{orb}} = 0.5340263 \text{ d} \\ \pm 0.00000007$$

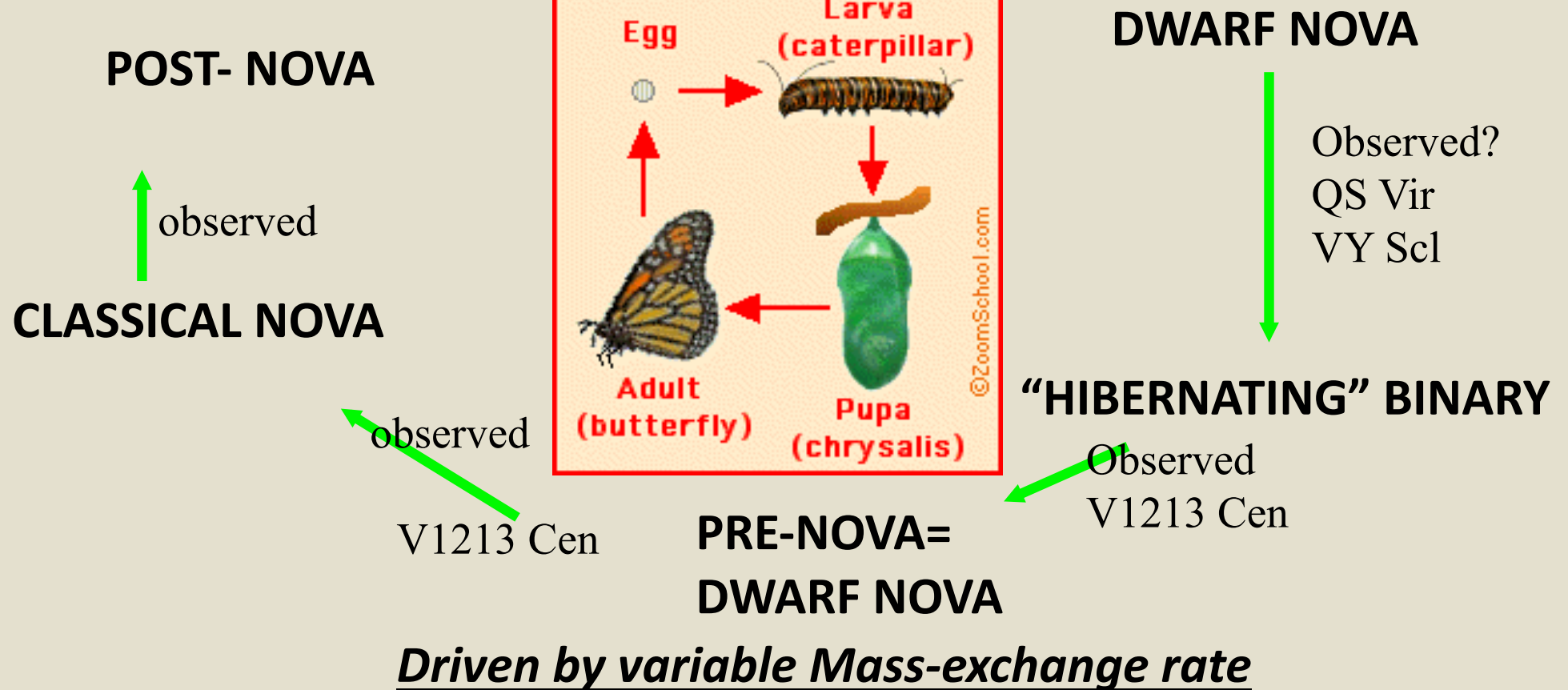
$$P_{\text{spin}} = 0.0215175 \text{ d} \\ \pm 0.00000008$$

Half of all old nova candidate  
spectra show red stars, and NO  
accretion disks  
(Ringwald et al MNRAS 1996);  
 $dM/dt = 0$

Hibernating Systems are VERY hard  
to identify

# COSMIC METAMORPHOSIS-2017

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# Type Ia Progenitors

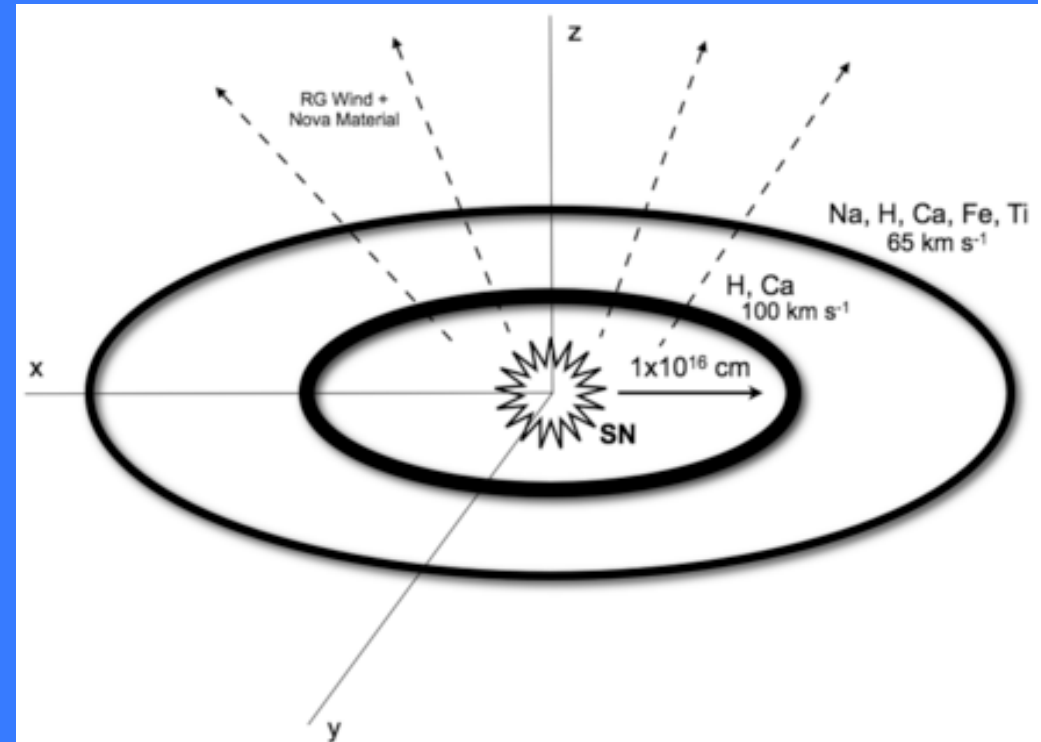
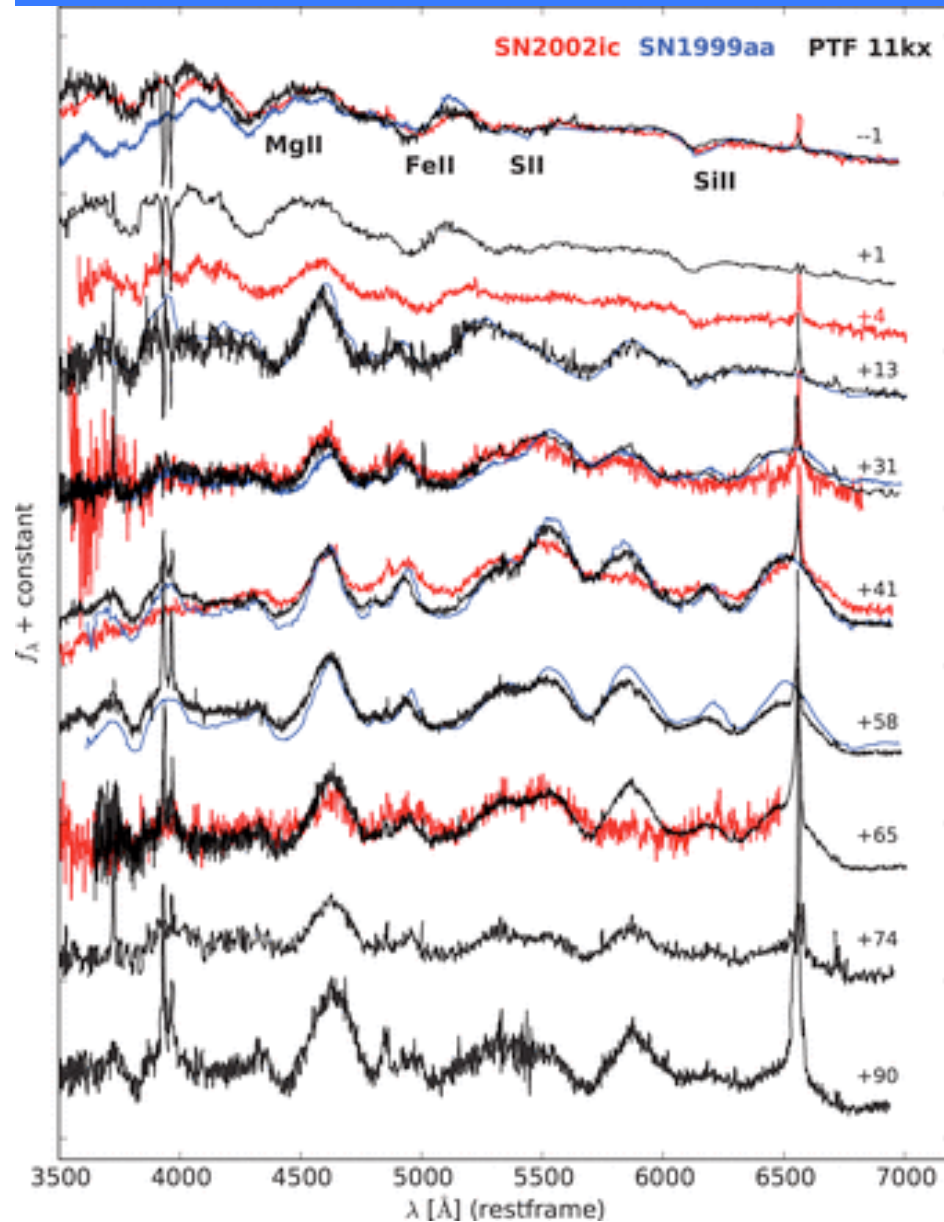
Two White Dwarfs = “Double Degenerate”





# An SNIa with a Red Giant +WD progenitor

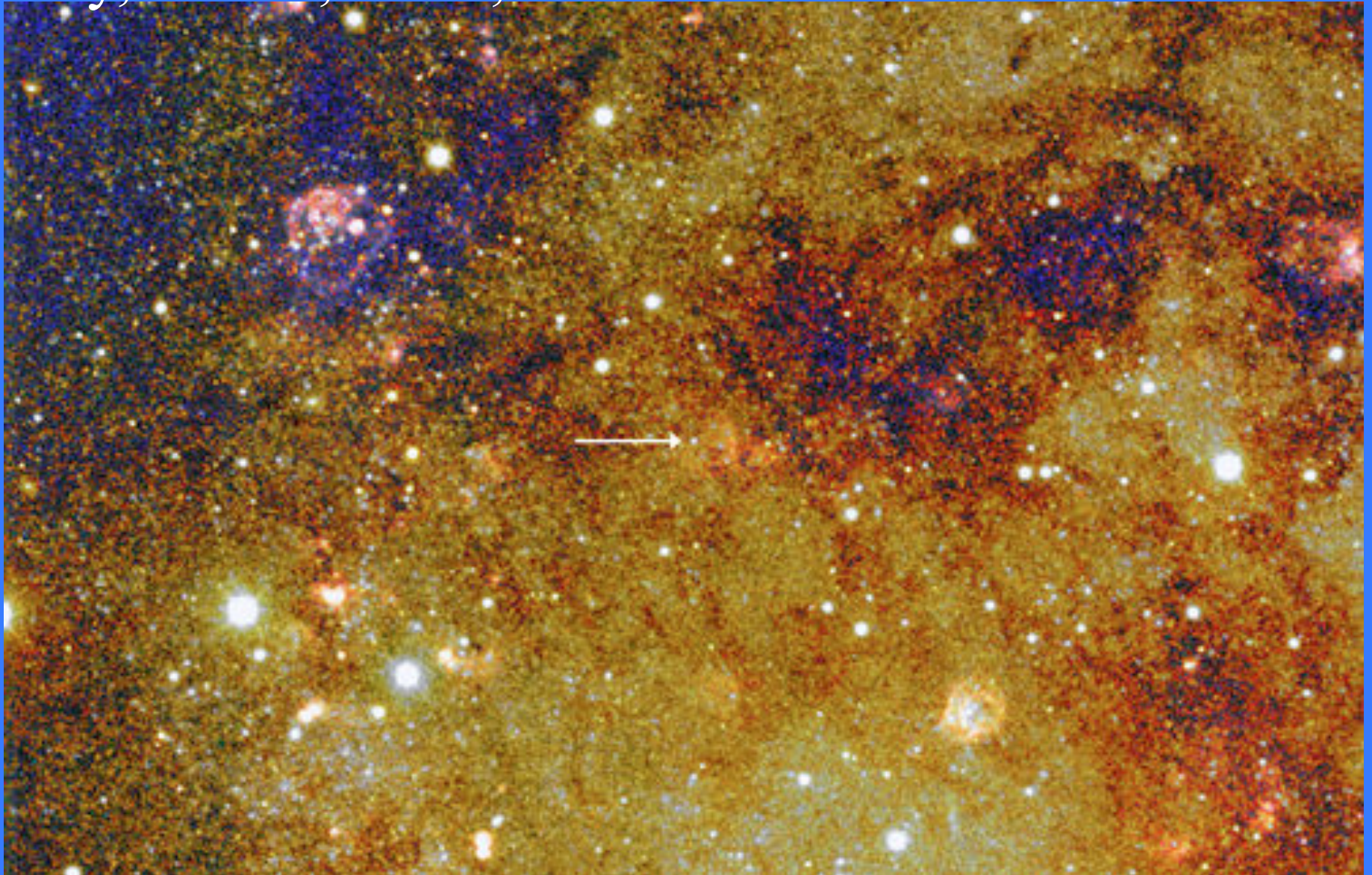
Dilday et al, Science 337, 942 (2011)



M31-12a erupts every 12 months

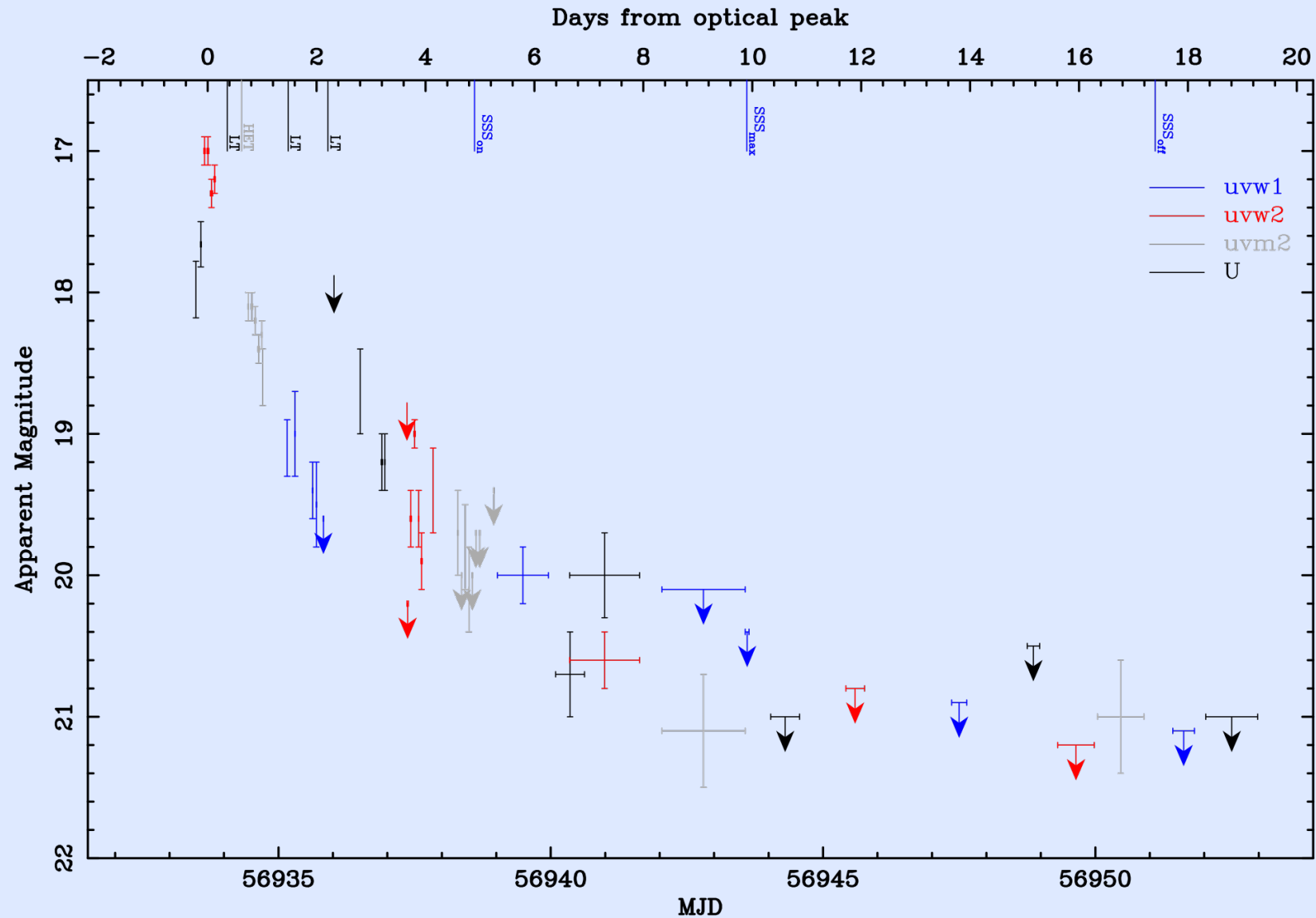
→  $M_{\text{wd}} \sim 1.37 M_{\text{sun}}$     $R_{\text{wd}} \sim R_{\text{Spain}}$

Darnley, Henze, Bode, Kato 2015



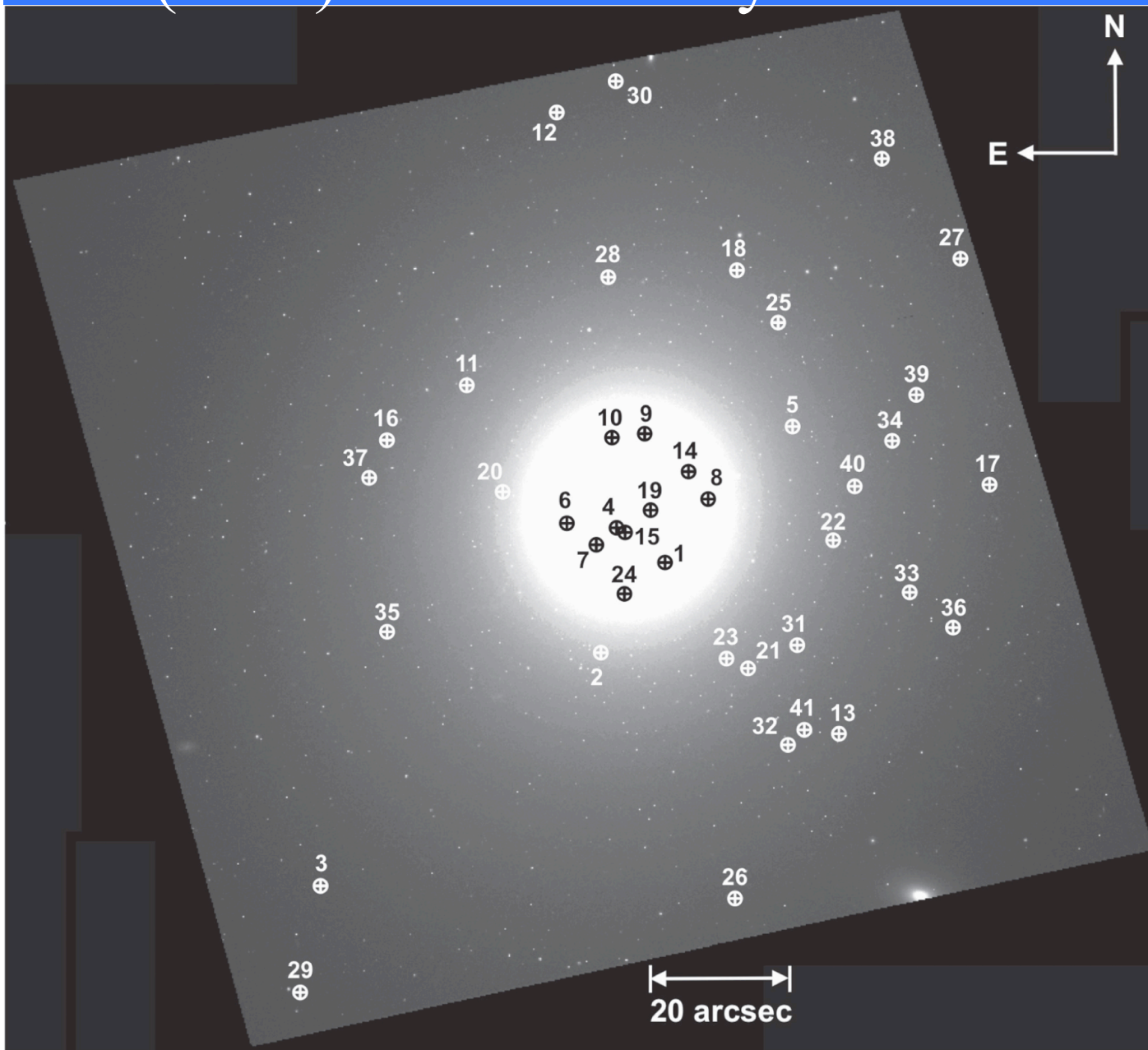


# M31-12a: Tiny White Dwarf → An Ultraviolet Nova



# 41 M87 Novae/HST/72 days...F606W + F814W

Rate(M87) = 363 novae/yr

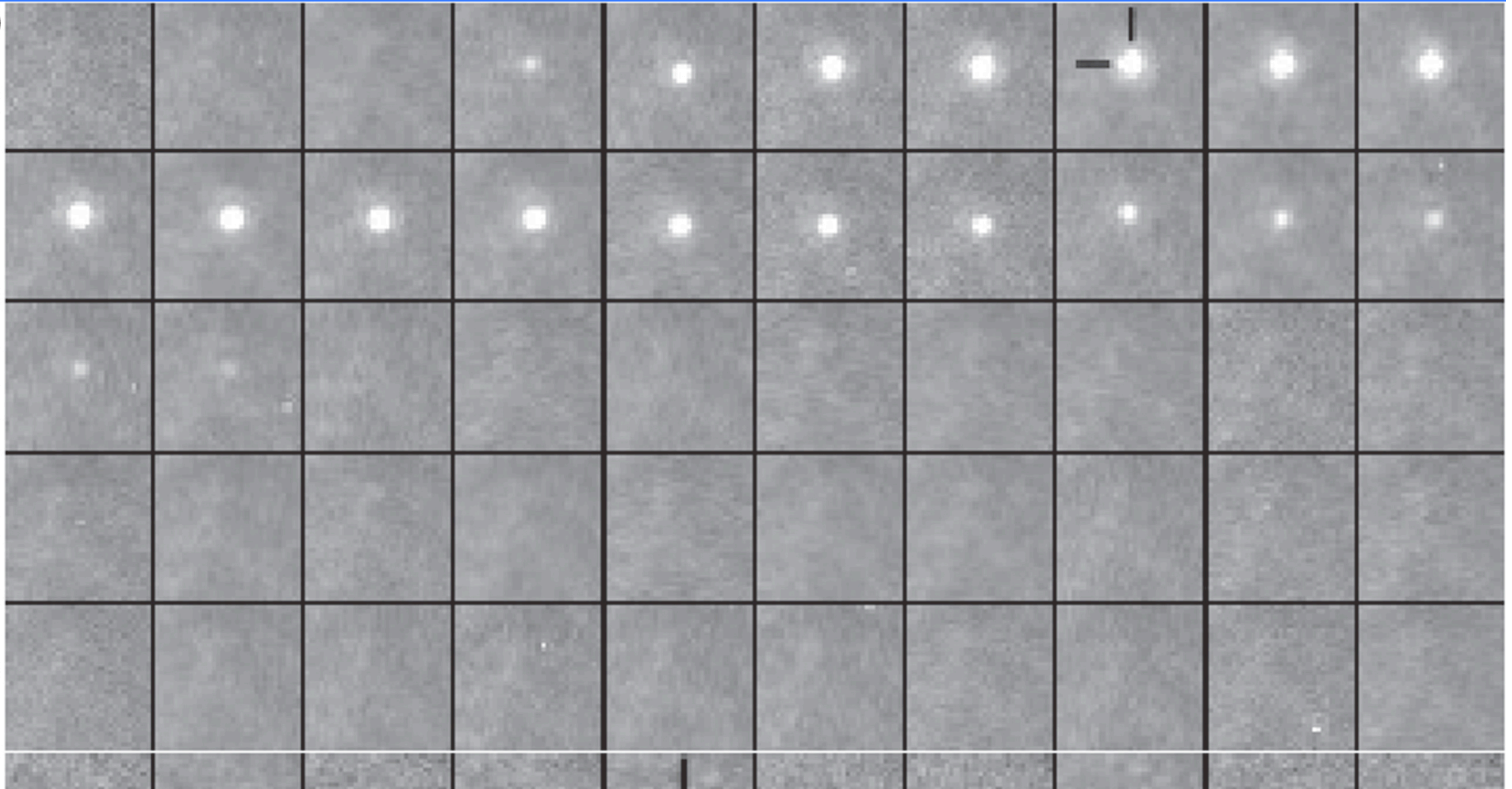


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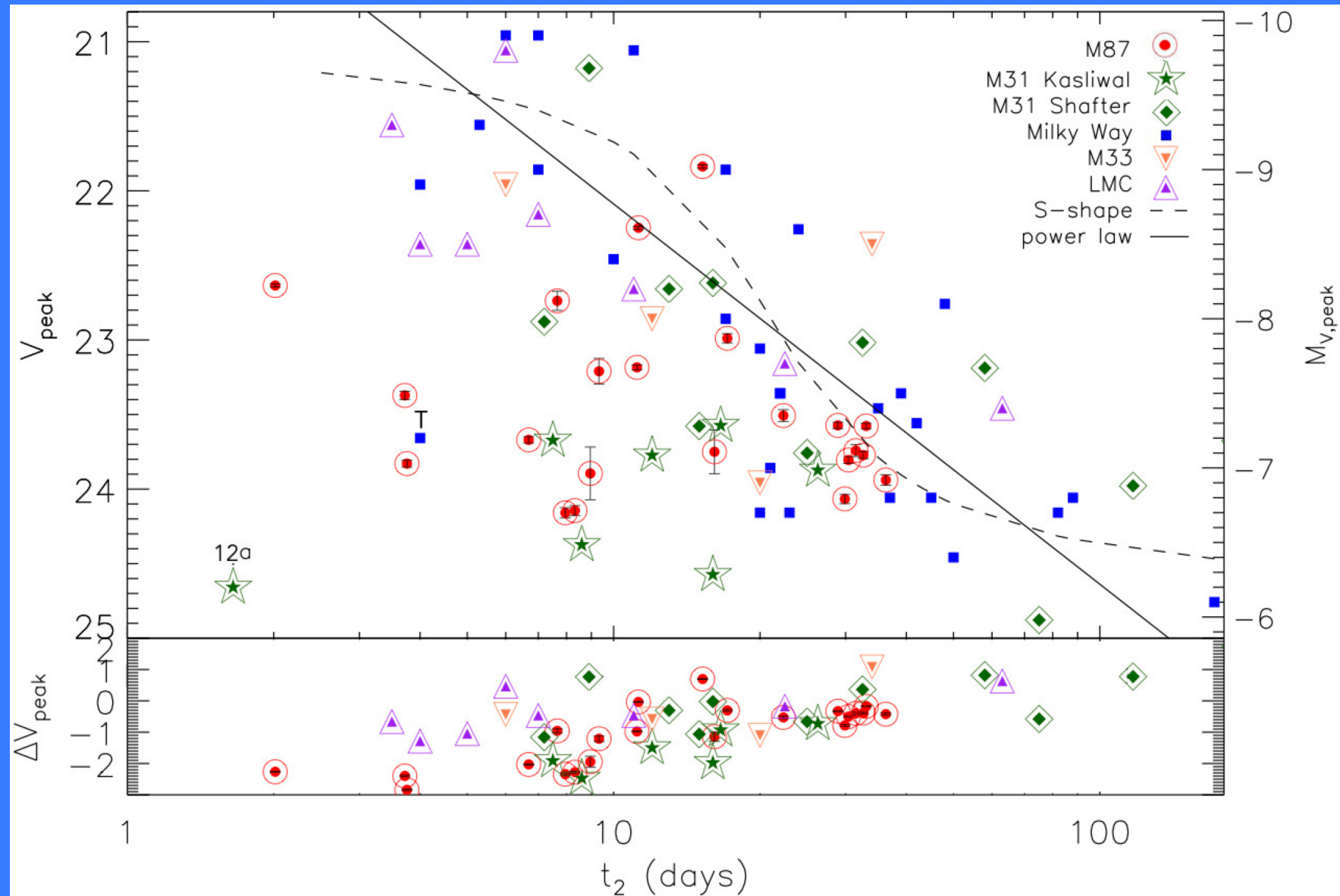


# Daily HST Images of an M87 Nova

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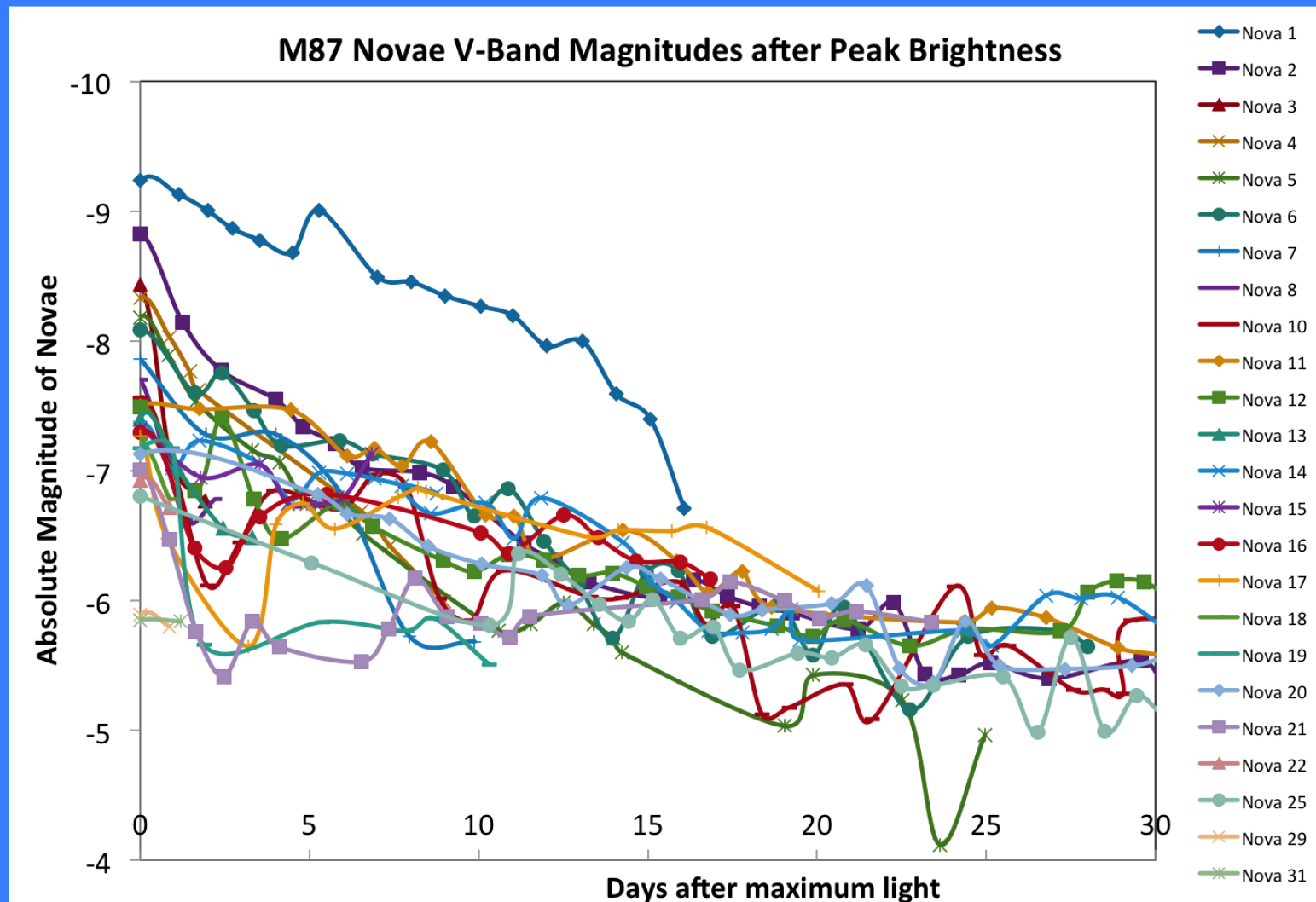


# The Absolute Magnitude-Decline Time NON-Relation for Novae

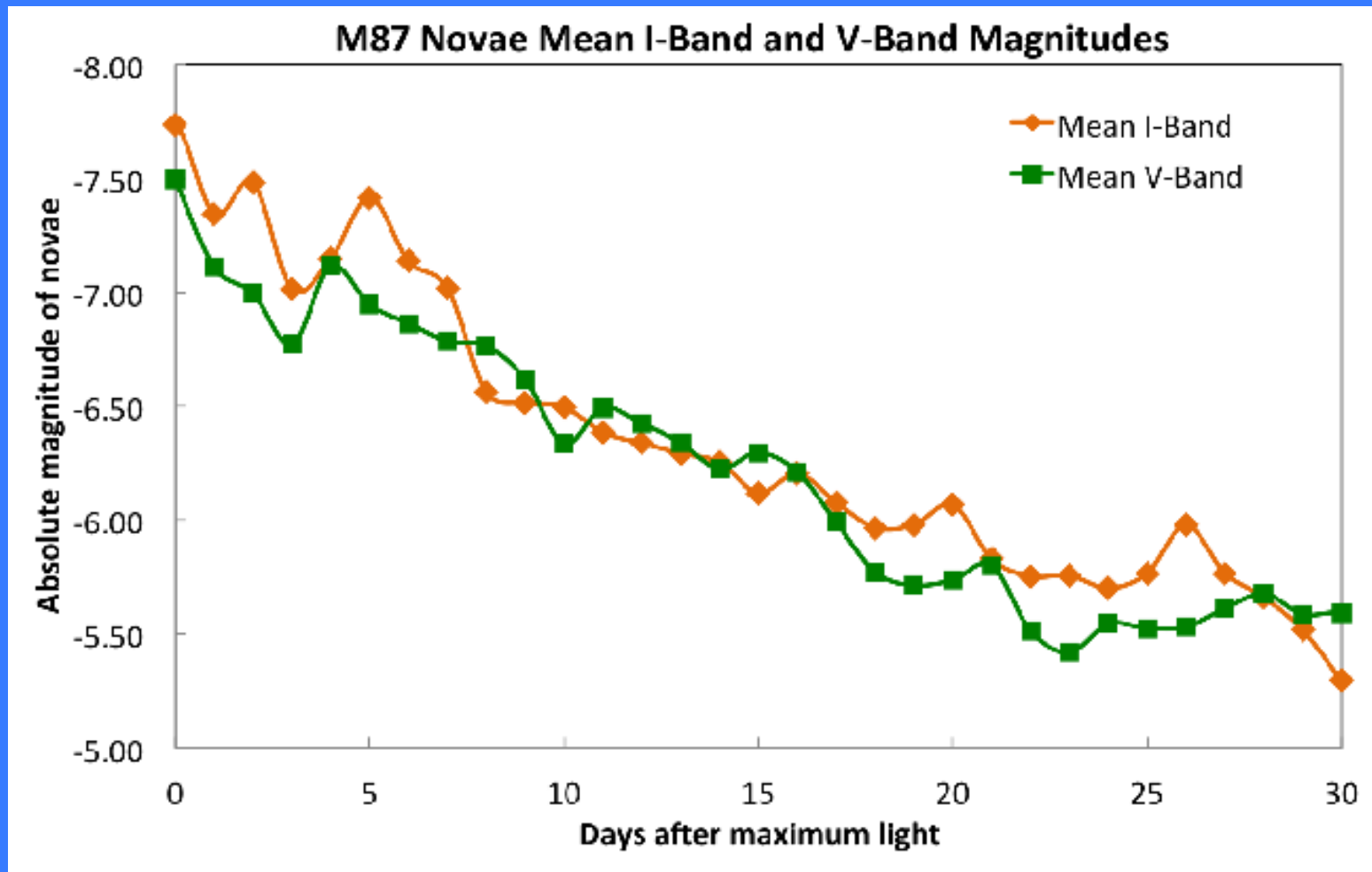


# M87 Nova LCs- 1 day cadence-EVERY DAY

## Impervious to seeing, lunar phase, clouds...



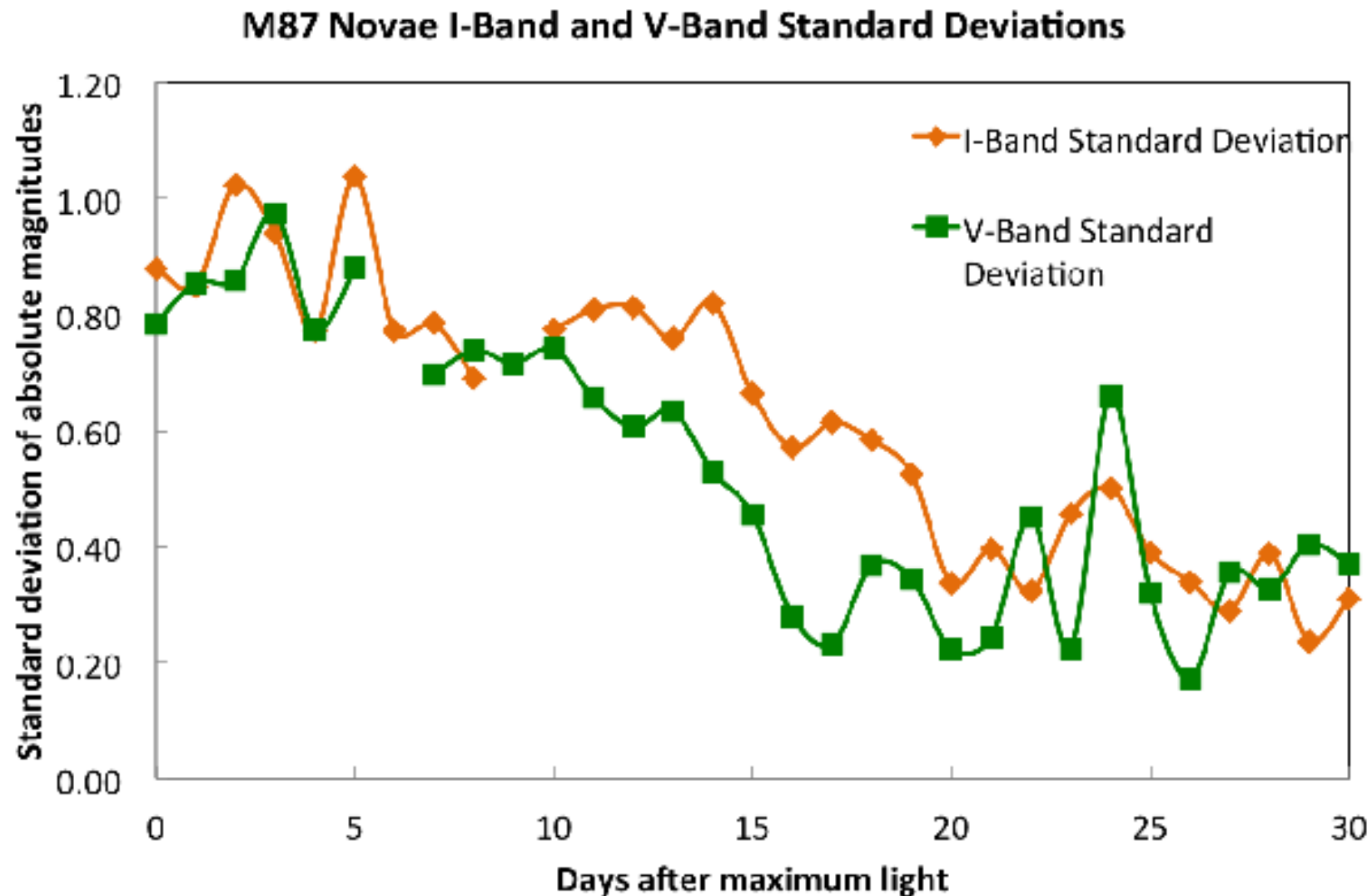
# F606W and F814W LCs





$$M_{V,17} = -6.06 \pm 0.23$$

$$M_{I,20} = -6.11 \pm 0.34$$



# Cycle-24    53 HST orbits NOW underway

## Ultraviolet Flashers in M87

M87 every 5 days over 9 months=265 days in HST/near UV and HST/VIS

- 1) Detect “N” WDs in M87  $\rightarrow$  SNIa  
M > 1.37 Msun AND  $dM/dt \sim \text{few} \times 10^{-7} \text{ Msun/yr}$   
so  $t_{\text{rec}} < \sim 150 \text{ days}$  and  $t(\text{SNIa}) < 200,000 \text{ years}$

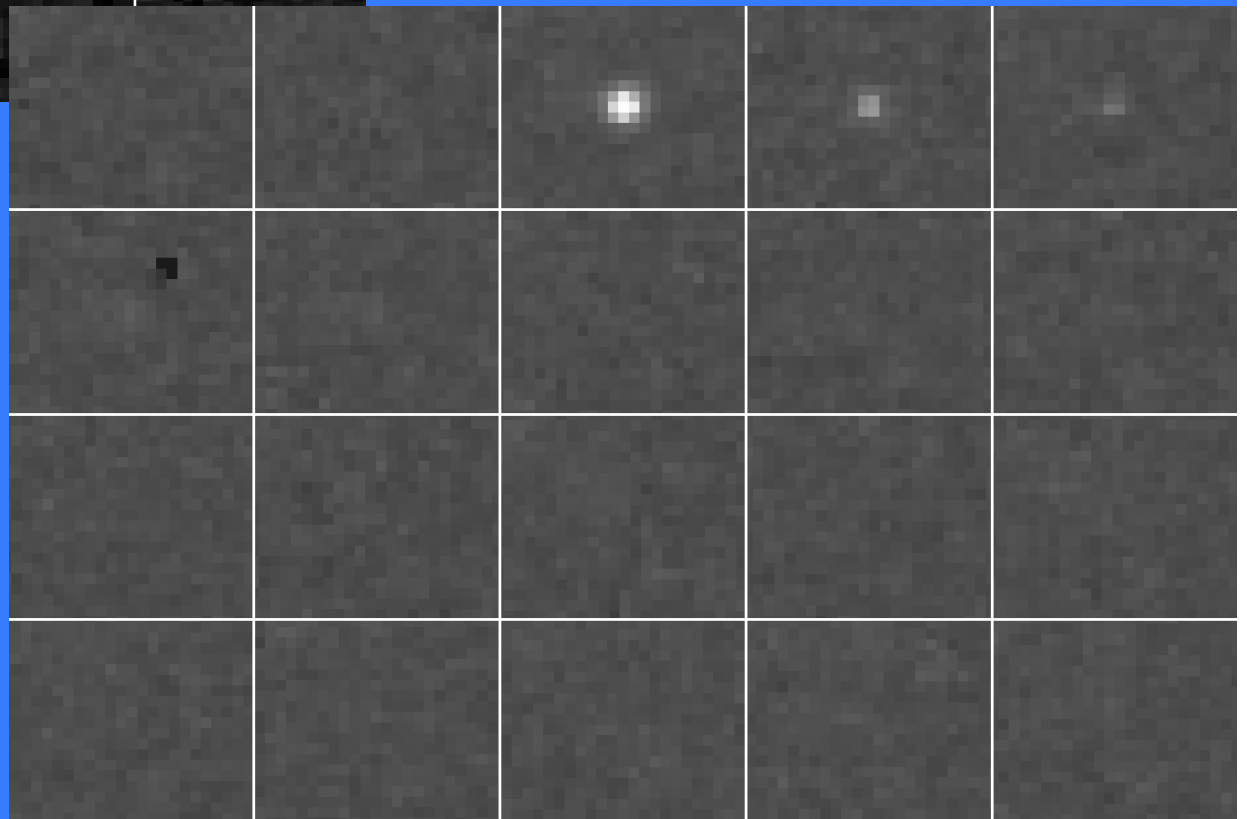
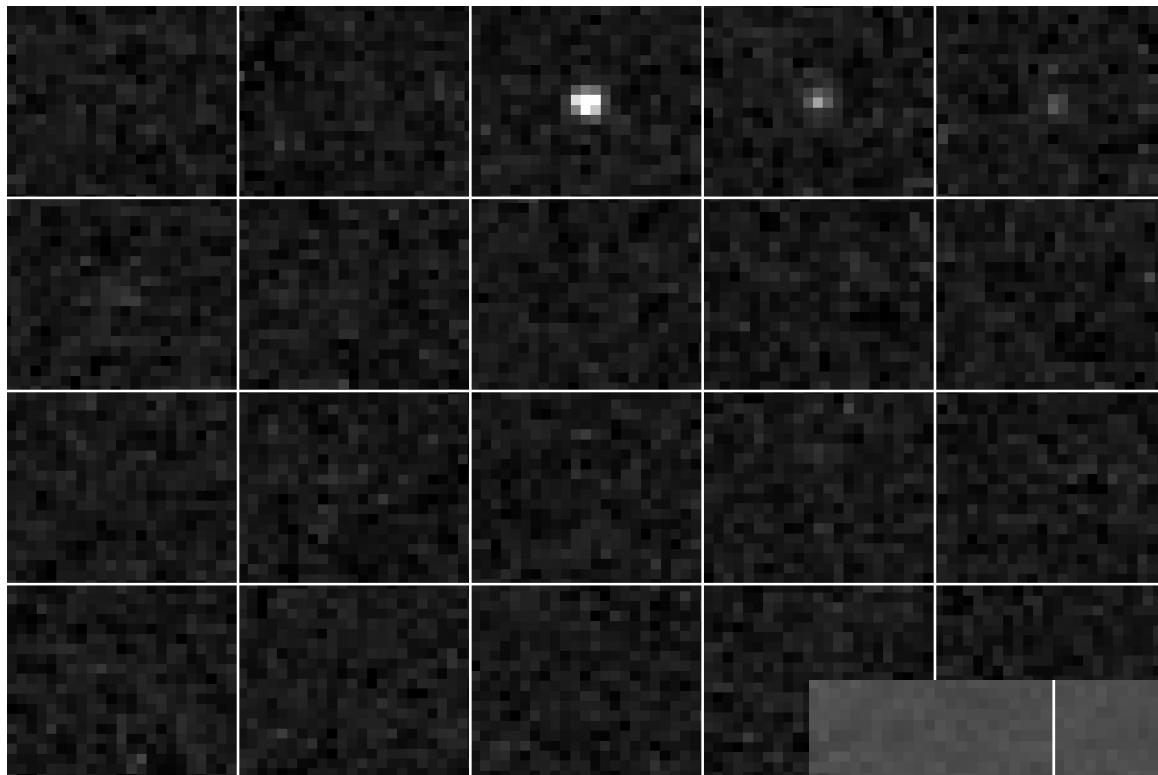
ASSUMING 1 SNIa/M87/200 years  $\rightarrow$

PERCENTAGE OF SINGLE-DEGENERATE SNIa in M87

$\sim O(N/100-1000)$

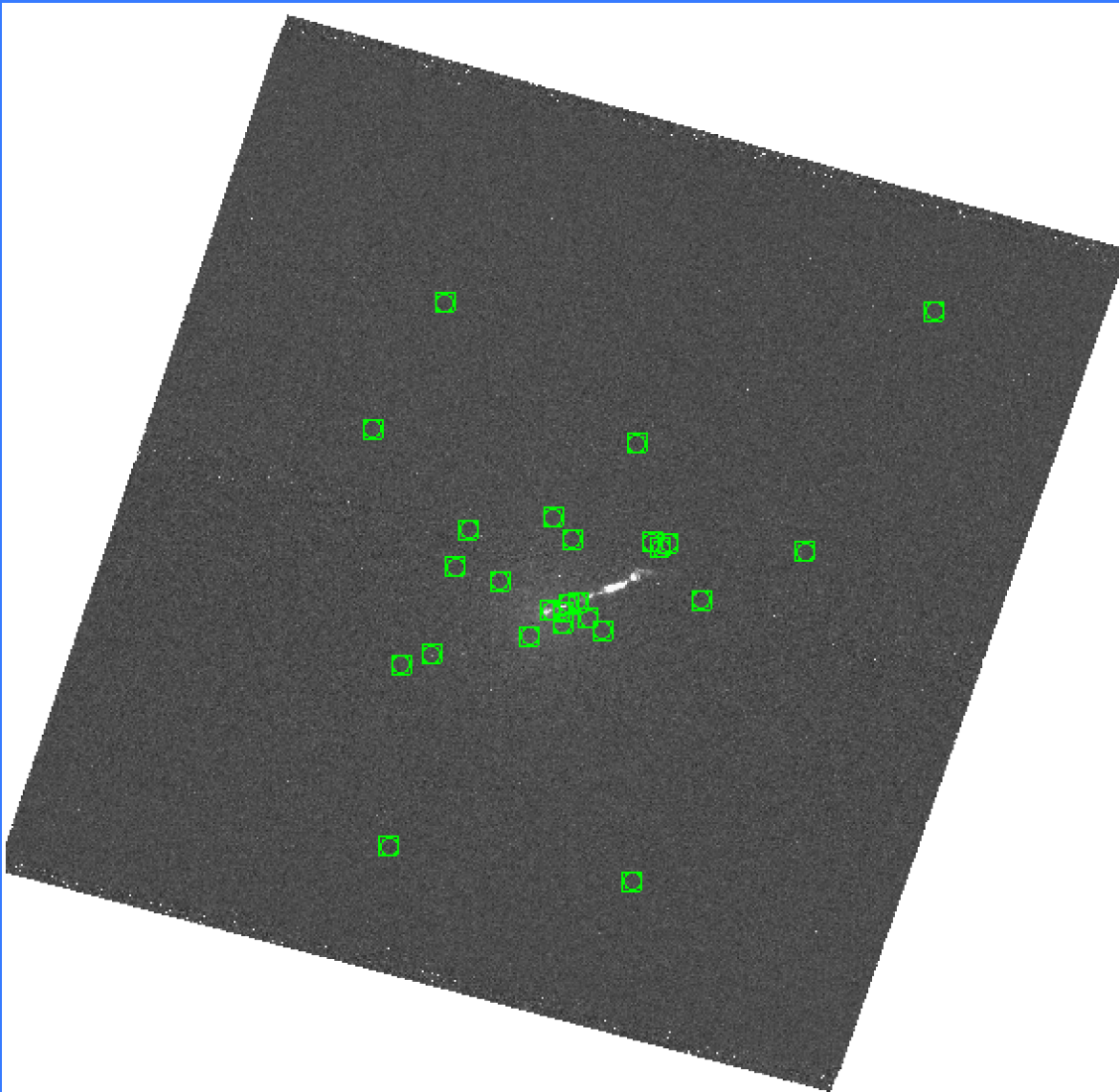
# Our First M87 NUV Nova

The same nova -  
Visible Light

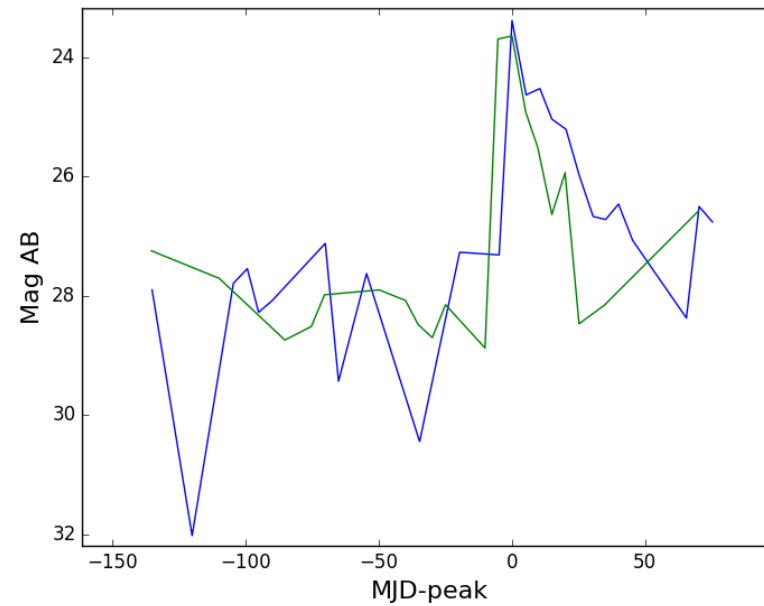
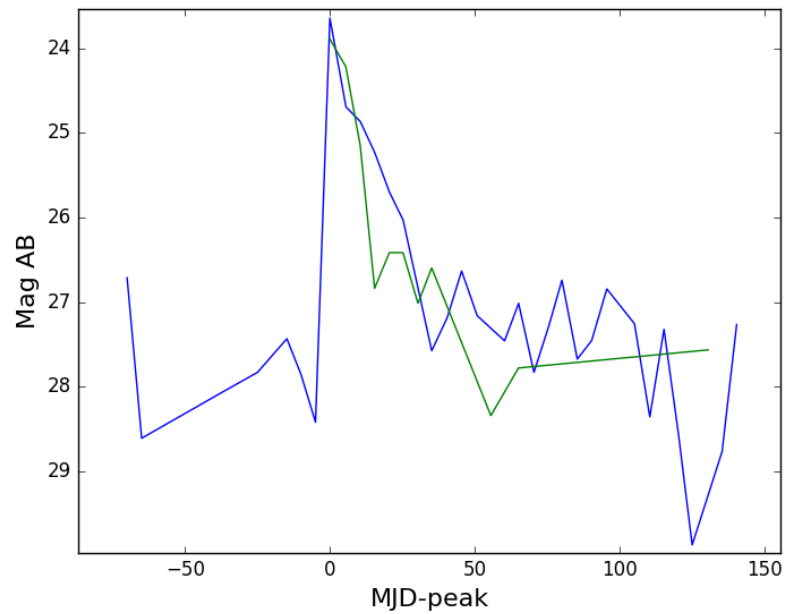




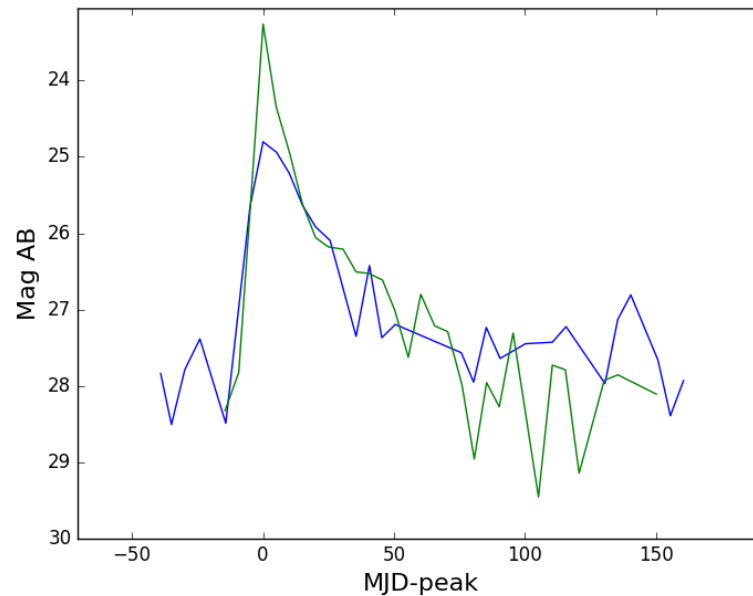
# Why groundbased Nova Rates are so low



# 3 prototypical nova light curves



Blue=NUV  
Green=VIS



N so far, in 200 days...

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...Strongly suggesting that very few SNIa  
are produced by the single degenerate channel

# Summary

- 1) OLD NOVAE MORPH INTO DWARF NOVAE ✓
- 2) NOVA INTER-ERUPTION TIME  $> 1000$  YRS ✓
- 3)  $dM/dt = 0$  “HIBERNATION” PREDICTED

Ultradeep Halpha Surveys for  $dM/dt = 0$  binaries

4) Type Ia SNe:

Hunting Rapidly Recurring, NUV-bright Novae

M87 HST NUV Survey Underway to quantify

SN Ia population Single-Degenerate population

So far: Zero observed  $\rightarrow$  Single degenerate SN Ia are “rare”



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARGARITA!!

# KRAFT 1959 ApJ

## White Dwarf+Red Dwarf+accretion disk

NOVA DQ HERCULIS

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nova itself. Now the velocities are determined by their position with respect to the center of mass alone. Thus, if one views the system near  $i = 90^\circ$ , it is quite possible that the moment of deepest eclipse comes slightly after the stars are actually in conjunction and the zero radial velocity is reached. If the dimensions of the eclipsing star and the disk are suitable, it is possible that the rotational disturbance will change sign sharply when the stars are exactly in conjunction, and this will be followed by the moment of deepest eclipse, when the "center of light" and the dark star are in conjunction (see Fig. 2). If this is so, the deepest eclipse point might be expected to vary somewhat erratically in time, because the material of the disk cannot be very stable. Such an effect has, in fact, been observed (Walker 1958).

I do not wish to emphasize the preceding point unduly—the break has been observed on only one spectrogram (N 751). The point is simply that, within the framework of the present model, it seems possible to accommodate qualitatively this curious phenomenon.

Two final comments are in order. First, we briefly discussed the possible nature of the dark star in Section II*b*. It was concluded that the mass and radius are consistent with a dM3 star. While it is uncertain whether a star filling a lobe of a Lagrangian surface

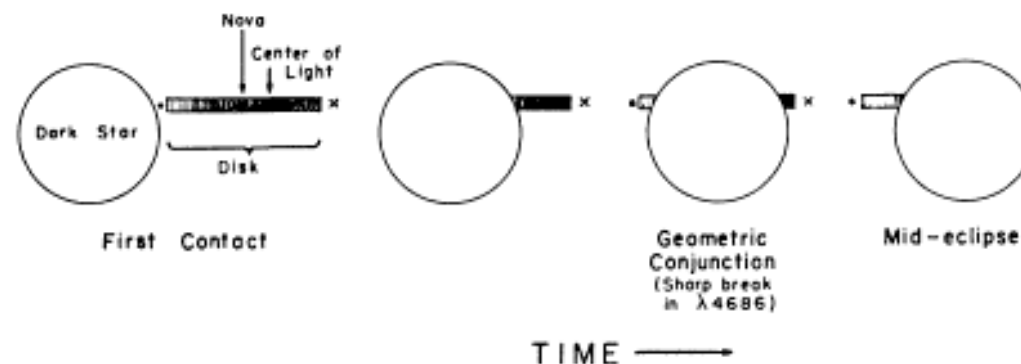


FIG. 2.—The relation between geometrical conjunction and minimum light. The diagram is entirely

# Patterson et al (2013)

## Nova Lyn 101 A.D?

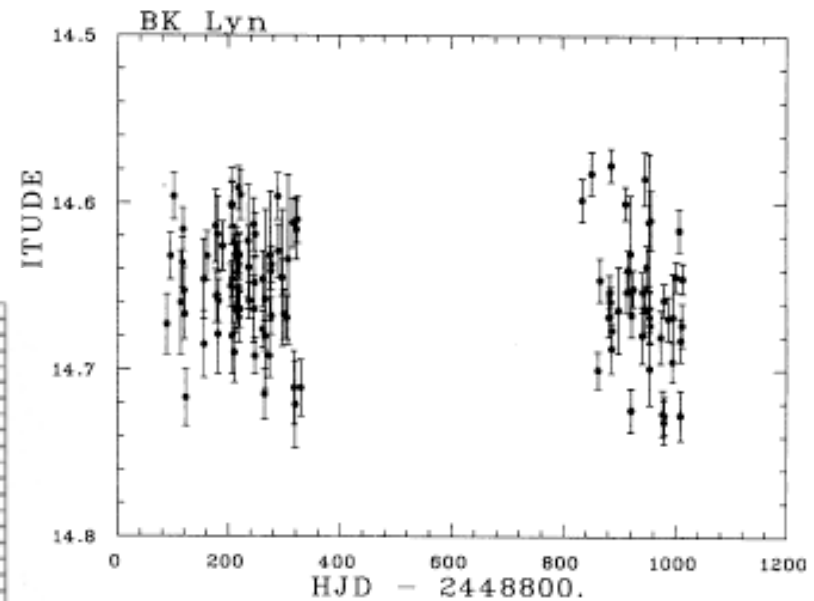
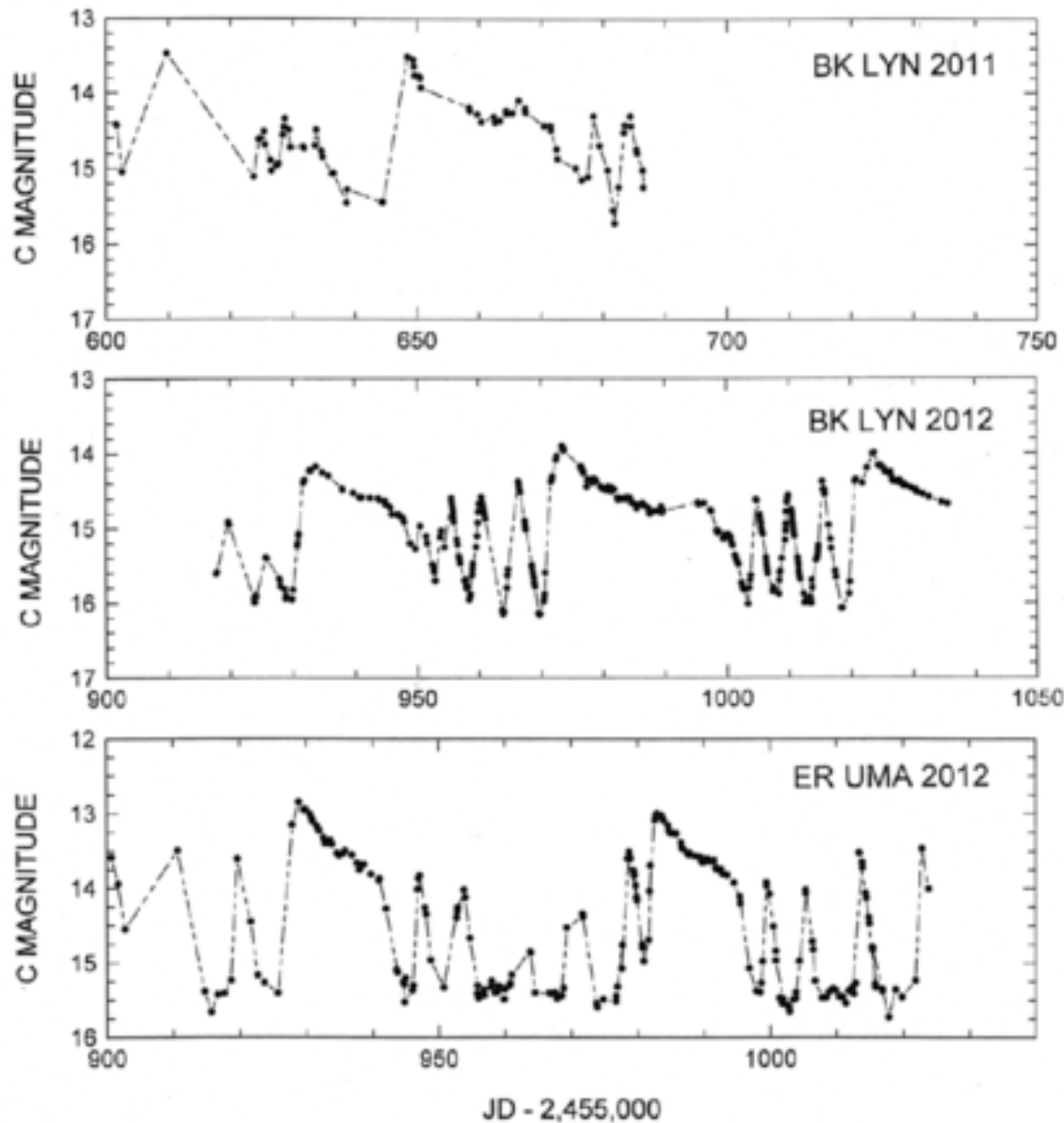


Figure 1. RoboScope light curve of 116 exposures from 1992 September 23 to 1995 April 6 UT. Note the vertical scale: there are obvious dwarf nova outbursts, which occur typically on time-scales of weeks to months and have amplitudes of 2–5 mag.

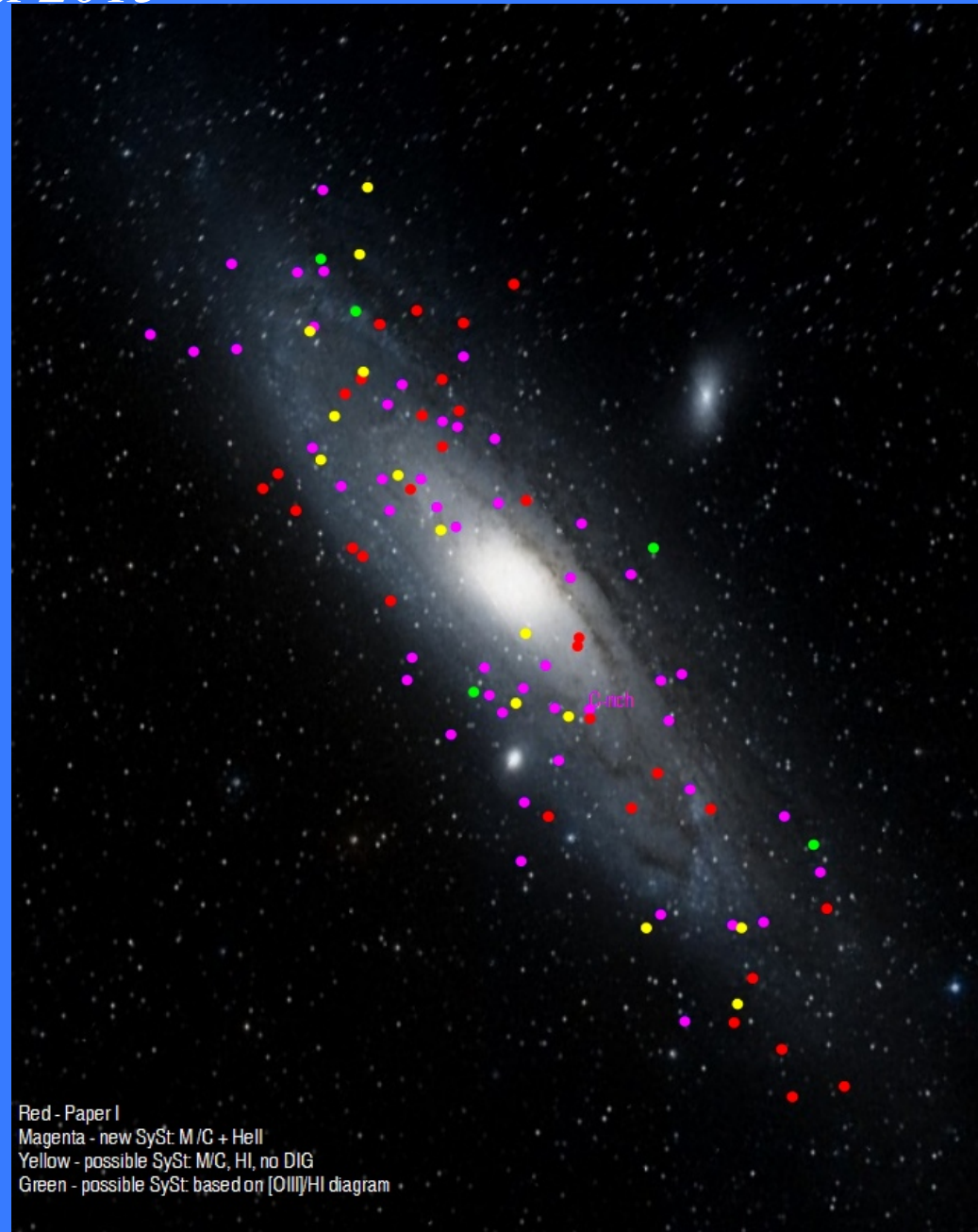
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An old nova  
becoming a dwarf nova

# <1000 Red Giant +WD Binary Symbiotic Stars in M31

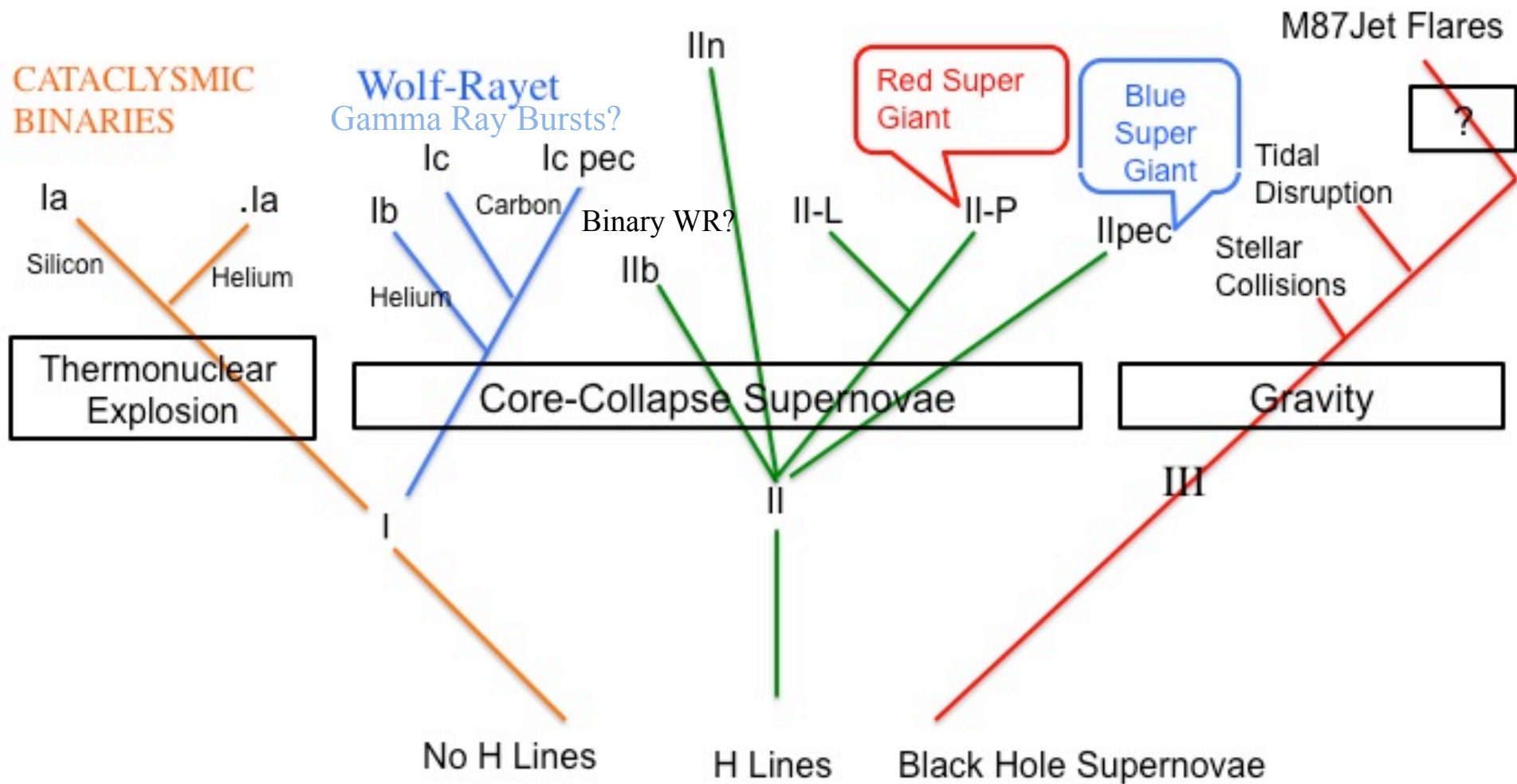
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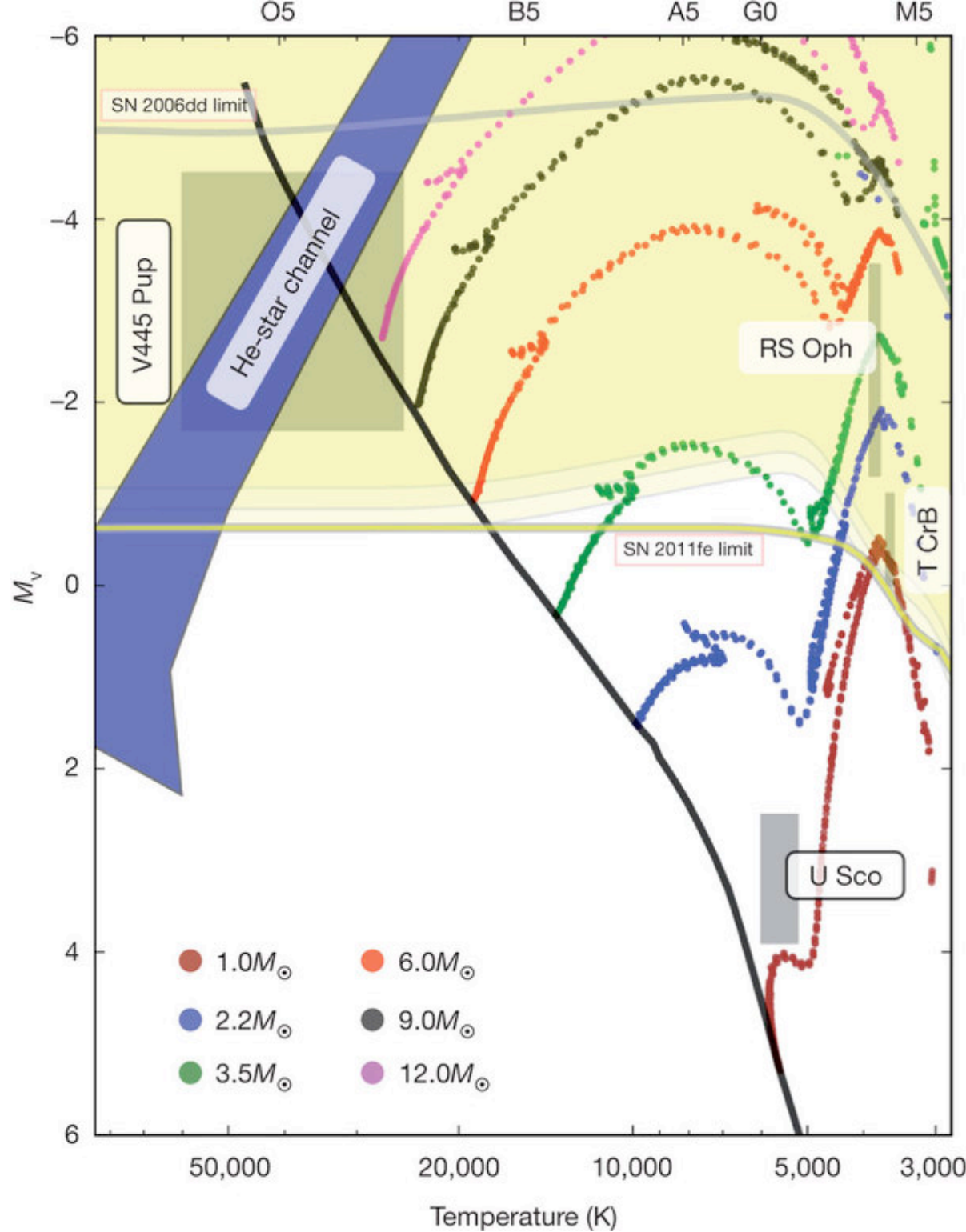




# Tree of Death - Supernovae

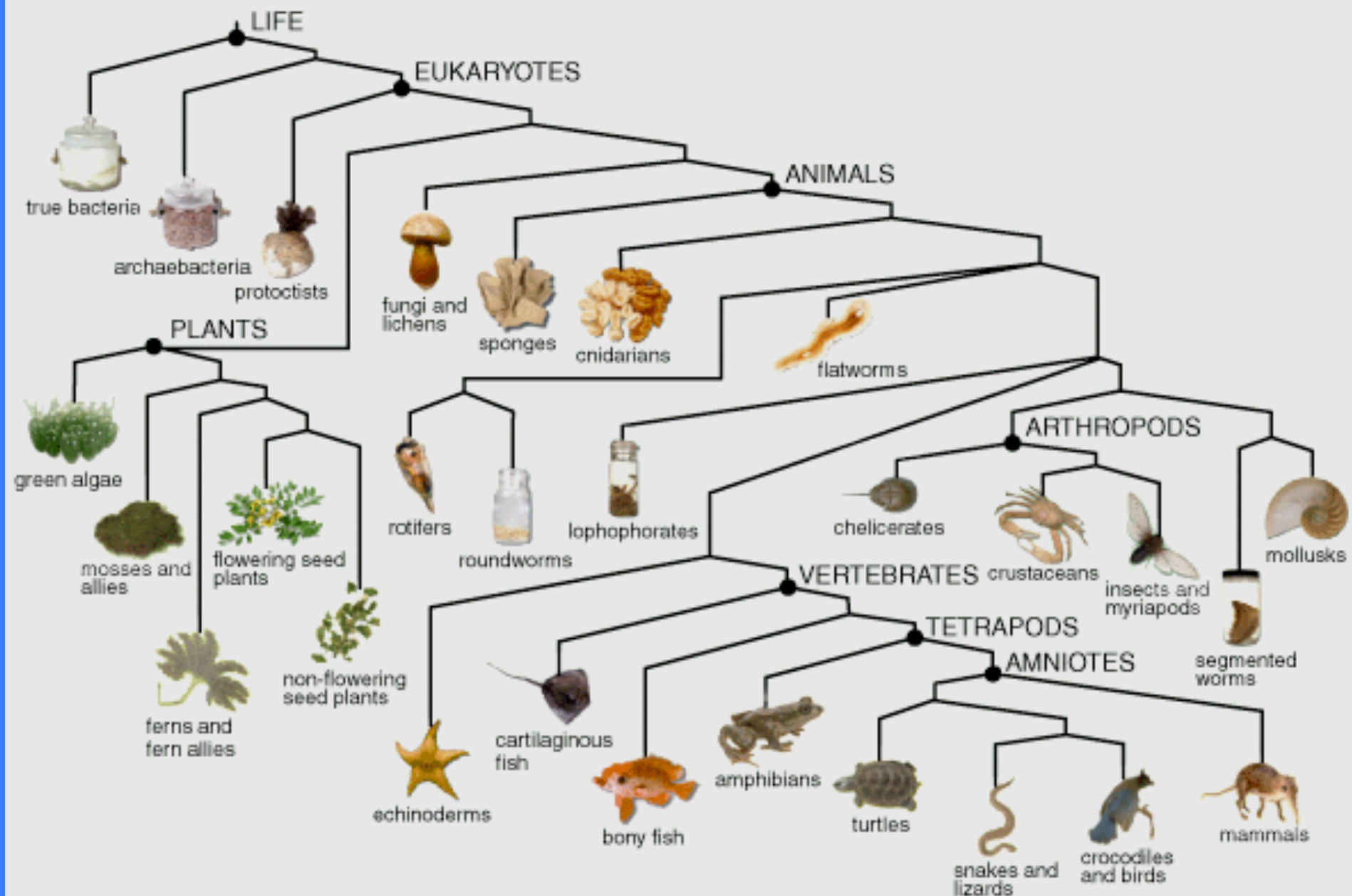
## EJECTA FEEDBACK TO INTERSTELLAR CLOUDS





} No,  
But TCrB  
and U Sco  
are OK

# Tree of Life





# Humbling

