



# Repeating Novae and SN Ia

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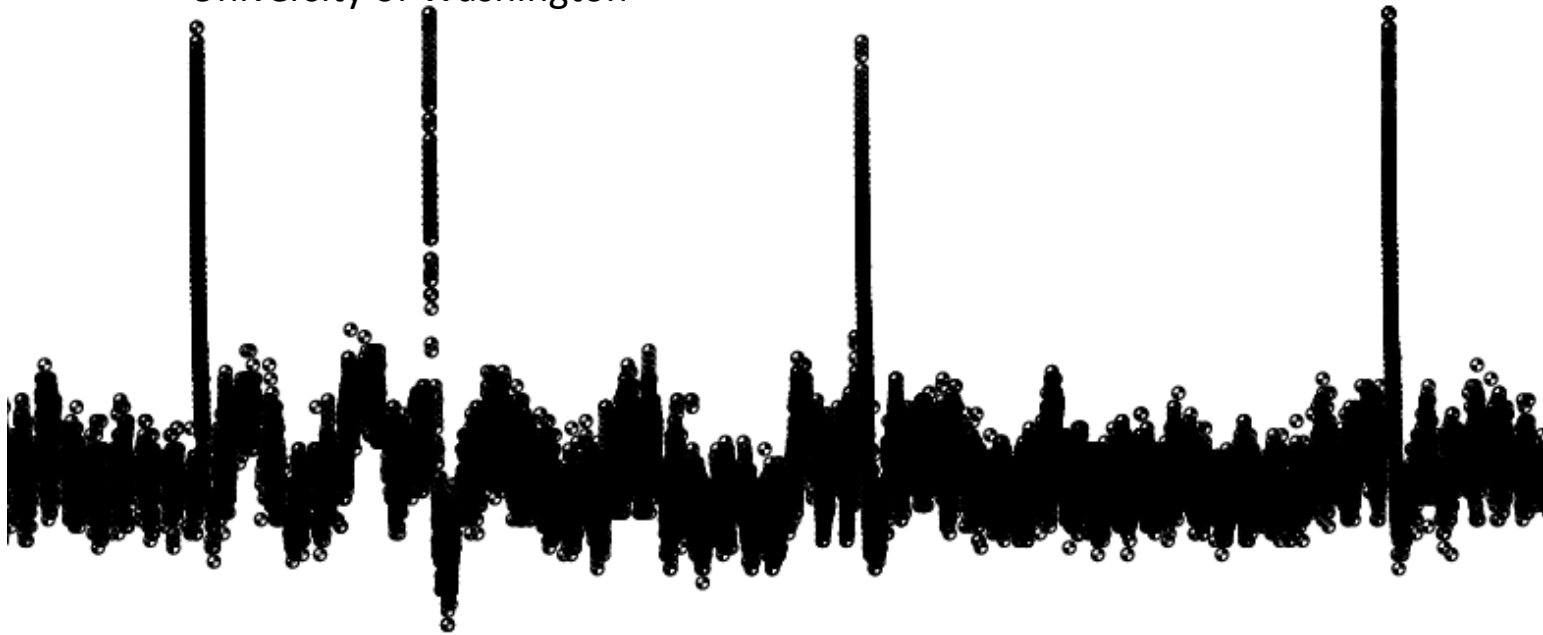
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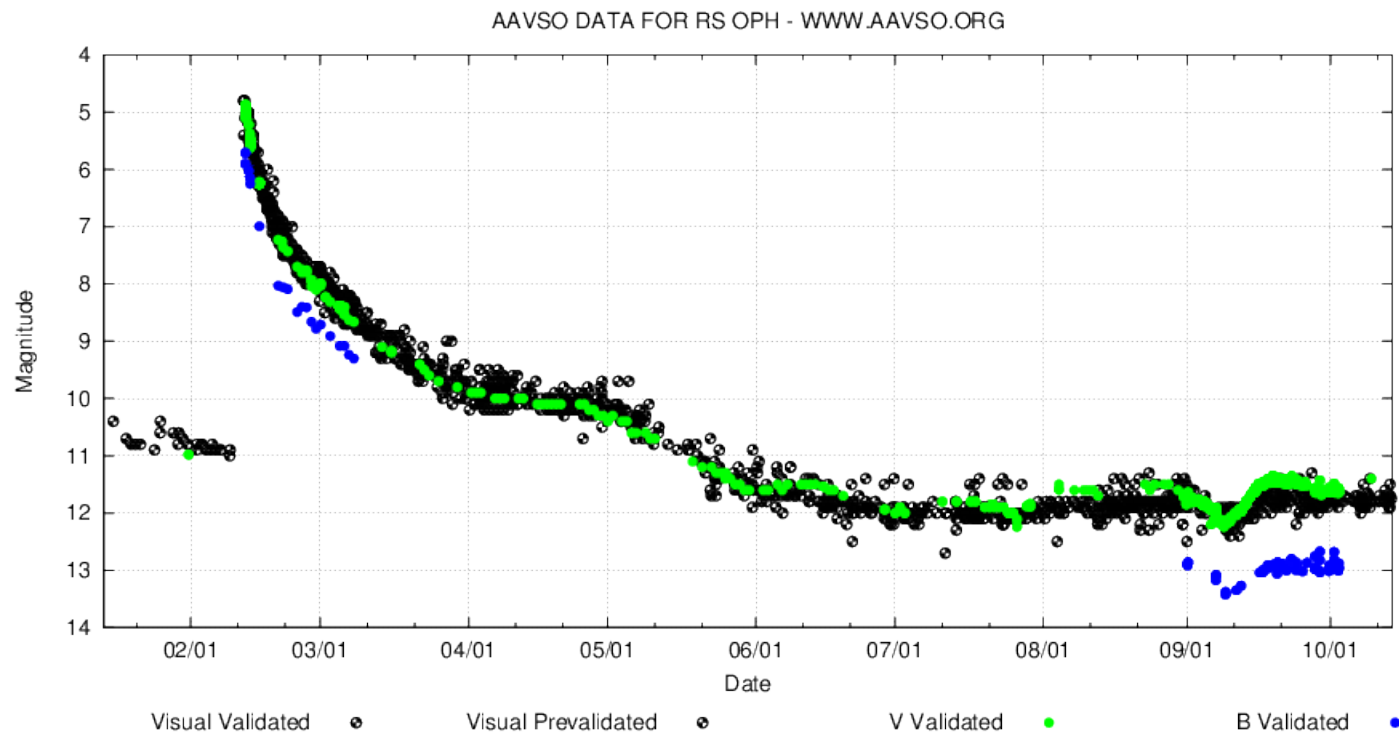
**Table 1**  
RN Summary

RN	$V_{\text{peak}}$ (mag)	$V_{\text{min}}$ (mag)	$t_3$ (days)	$P_{\text{orb}}$ (days)	Eruption Years
T Pyx	6.4	15.5	62	0.076	1890, 1902, 1920, 1944, 1967
IM Nor	8.5	18.3	80	0.102	1920, 2002
CI Aql	9.0	16.7	32	0.62	1917, 1941, 2000
V2487 Oph	9.5	17.3	8	$\sim 1$	1900, 1998
U Sco	7.5	17.6	2.6	1.23	1863, 1906, 1917, 1936, 1945, 1969, 1979, 1987, 1999
V394 CrA	7.2	18.4	5.2	1.52	1949, 1987
T CrB	2.5	9.8	6	228	1866, 1946
RS Oph	4.8	11	14	457	1898, 1907, 1933, 1945, 1958, 1967, 1985, 2006
V745 Sco	9.4	18.6	9	510	1937, 1989
V3890 Sgr	8.1	15.5	14	519.7	1962, 1990

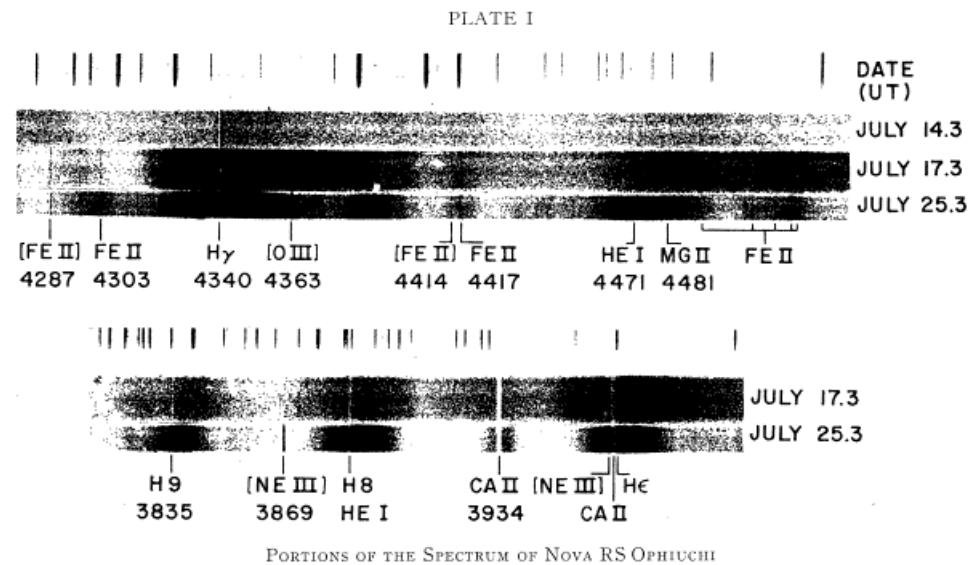
Schaefer (2010)



# Light Curve of RS Oph (2006)



# Spectra of RS Oph (1958 July 14-25)



Wallerstein (1958)

# Light Curve of T CrB (1946)

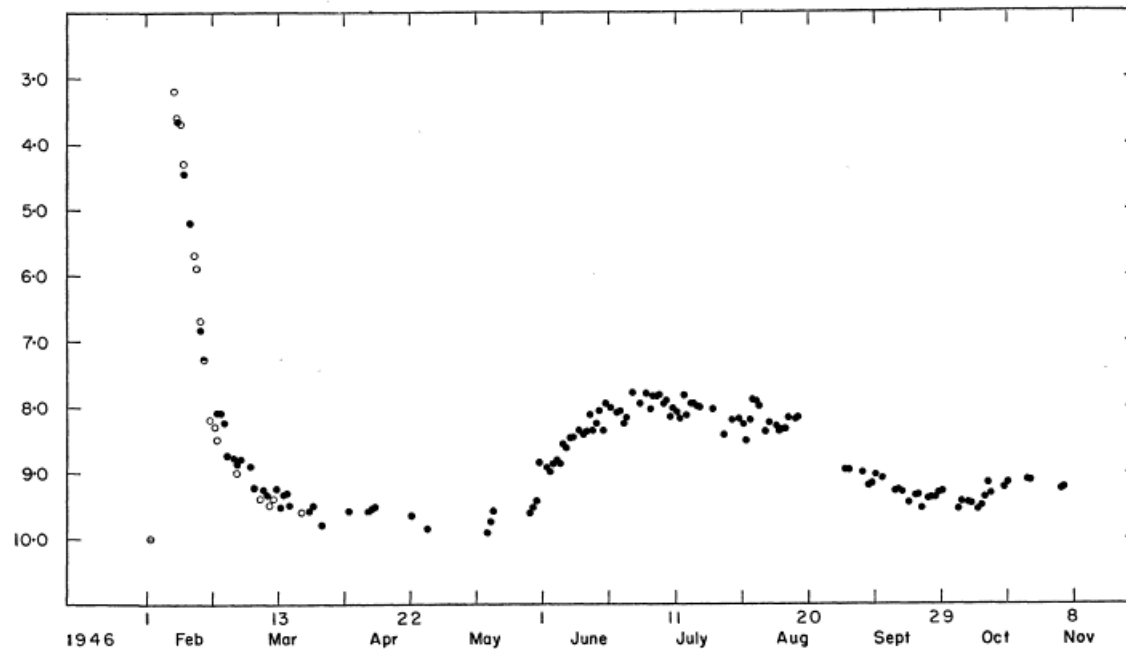


FIG. 1.—Light-curve of T CrB from February to November, 1946. The circle with the line is the observation before outburst, by Peltier. The open circles represent Morgan's visual observations, and the filled circles are from Pettit's published lists.

Morgan & Deutsch (1947)

CORONAL LINES IN THE SPECTRUM OF RS *Ophiuchi*

BY W. S. ADAMS AND A. H. JOY

The first definite evidence of the presence in the spectrum of RS *Ophiuchi* of lines previously observed only in the solar corona appeared on a spectrogram taken on October 2. The green line at  $\lambda 5303$  was well marked on this plate, and measures of a line at  $\lambda 6374$ , which was very strong owing to the sensitiveness of the emulsion used, showed a displacement from the position of the ionized silicon line at  $\lambda 6371$ , which had been observed on earlier spectrograms. It seems probable, however, that a trace of this strong red line was present previously, since on a spectrogram taken on September 8 the silicon line  $\lambda 6371$  had a fringe upon the red side which would correspond closely in position to the coronal line. The green line did not appear on this negative; the emulsion used had a maximum of sensitiveness in the green and only moderate sensitiveness in the green region.

Several additional spectrograms have been obtained on October 2, and the presence of the five coronal lines at  $\lambda 4086$ ,  $\lambda 4231$ ,  $\lambda 5303$ , and  $\lambda 6374$  seems to be well established. Of the faintness of the star and the low dispersion, as well as the structure of the lines, no high degree of agreement with those for other well-known coronal spectra is possible in the measures; but the results are in good agreement with those for other well-known coronal spectra. The two strongest lines  $\lambda 5303$  and  $\lambda 6374$  are strong, fairly sharp violet component, a narrow component like an absorption line, and a faint red component. The exposed negative only the violet component of  $\lambda 5303$  in particular is remarkably similar to that of ionized helium. The structure of the fainter lines is probably similar to that of  $\lambda 5303$  and  $\lambda 6374$ .



Displacement		Displacement			
H $\epsilon$ .....	3890.0	+1.0 A	H $\gamma$ .....	4342.1	+1.6 A
H $\delta$ .....	3970.8	+0.7	Helium I .....	4472.6	+1.1
Corona .....	3988.0	+1.1	Helium II .....	4687.17	+1.36
Helium I .....	4026.9	+0.7	H $\beta$ .....	4862.96	+1.62
Corona .....	4086.5		Corona .....	5304.57	+1.7
H $\delta$ .....	4102.7	+0.9	Helium I .....	5877.85	+2.23
Corona .....	4233.0	+1.6	Corona .....	6376.45	+2.2
			H $\alpha$ .....	6565.10	+2.28

Measurements of the components of  $\lambda\lambda 4685, 5303, 5875$ , and  $6374$  are as follows:

Violet component .....	4685.58	5302.68	5875.89	6374.28
Red component .....	4688.64	5306.49	5879.38	6378.81

The intensity of  $\lambda 5303$  on a plate of the 3D emulsion is comparable with that of  $\lambda 4685$ , about one-quarter as strong as D3 of helium. The question of the intensity of  $\lambda 5303$  appears faintly on spectrograms taken since 1910. It has apparently grown fainter since then and is very weak.

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### THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW SUN-SPOT CYCLE

By ROBERT S. RICHARDSON

The average number of sun-spots observed per year is not constant, but varies in a cycle of about eleven years. At the maximum of the cycle the Sun is seldom free from spots, often a hundred or more being visible at once. At minimum it is not uncommon for a week to pass without the appearance of a single spot.

Sun-spots do not occur at random over the surface of the

# Spectra of T CrB (1946 Feb 9-14)

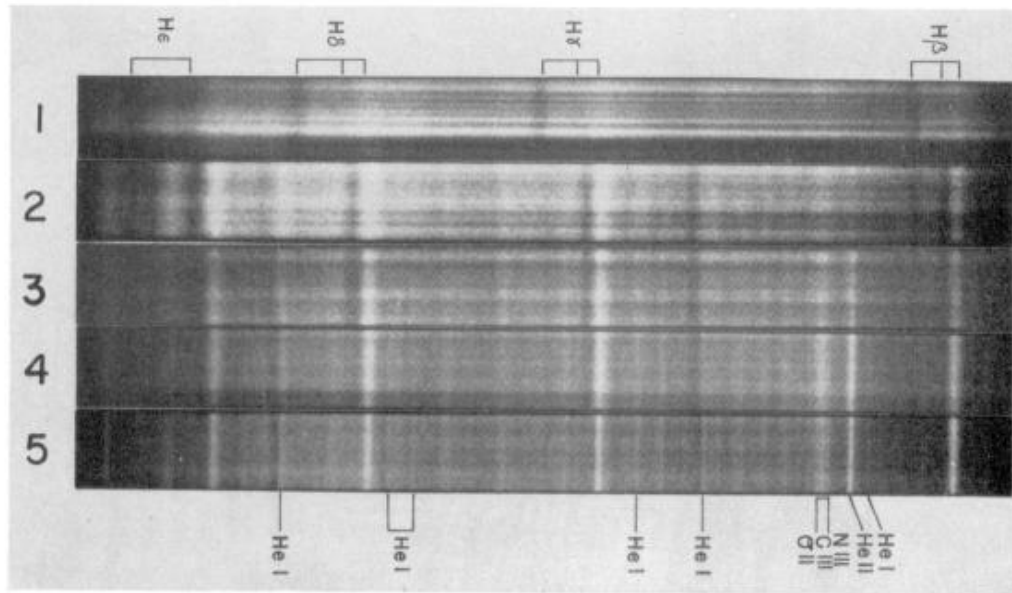


FIG. 3.—Positive prints of spectrograms of T CrB. The dates and visual magnitudes are: 1, 1946, Feb. 9.34, 3.2; 2, Feb. 10.42, 3.6; 3, Feb. 11.41, 3.7; 4, Feb. 12.36, 4.3; 5, Feb. 14.49, 5.2.

Morgan & Deutsch (1947)

# Spectra of T CrB (1946 Feb 15-20)

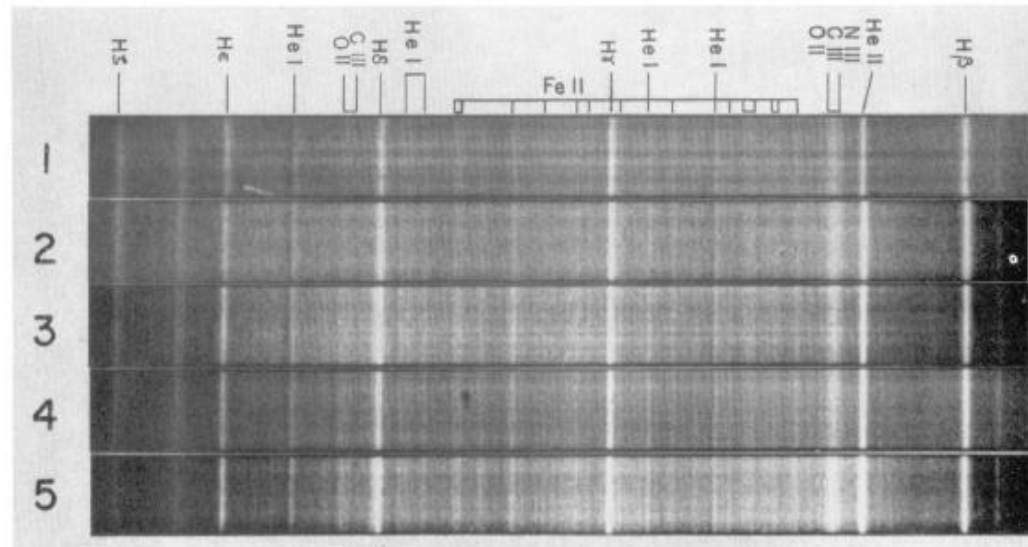


FIG. 4.—Positive prints of spectrograms of T CrB. The dates and visual magnitudes are: 1, 1946, Feb. 15.31, 5.7; 2, Feb. 16.29, 5.9; 3, Feb. 17.32, 6.7; 4, Feb. 18.30, 7.3; 5, Feb. 20.47, 8.2.

Morgan & Deutsch (1947)

# Spectra of T CrB (1946 Feb 22-Apr 28)

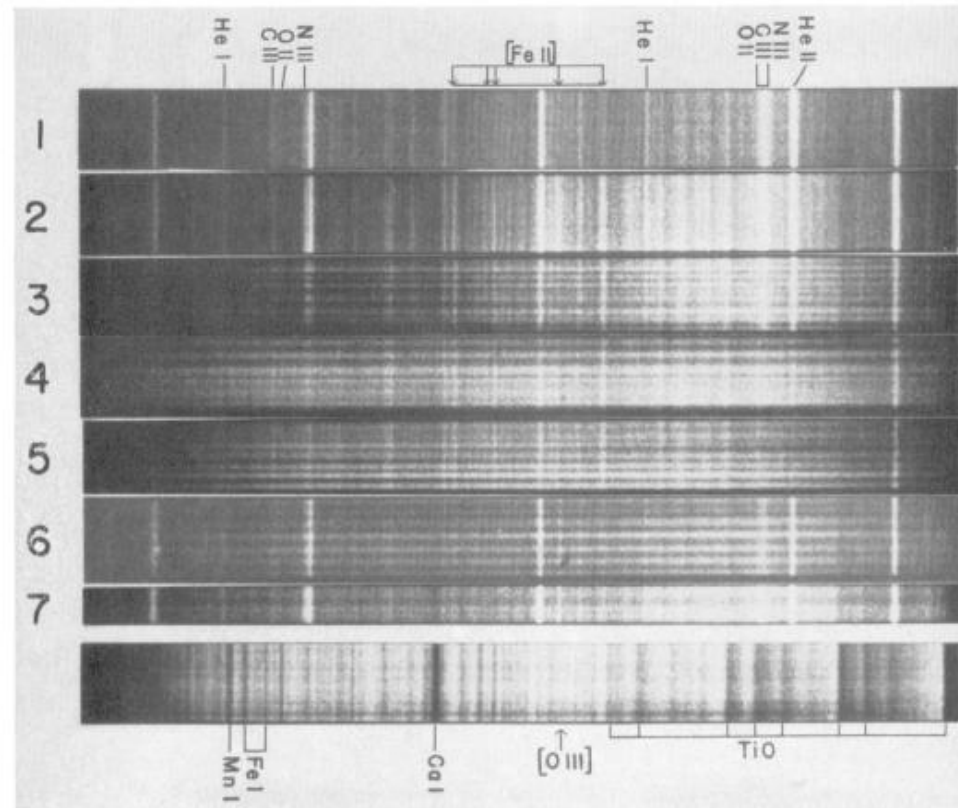
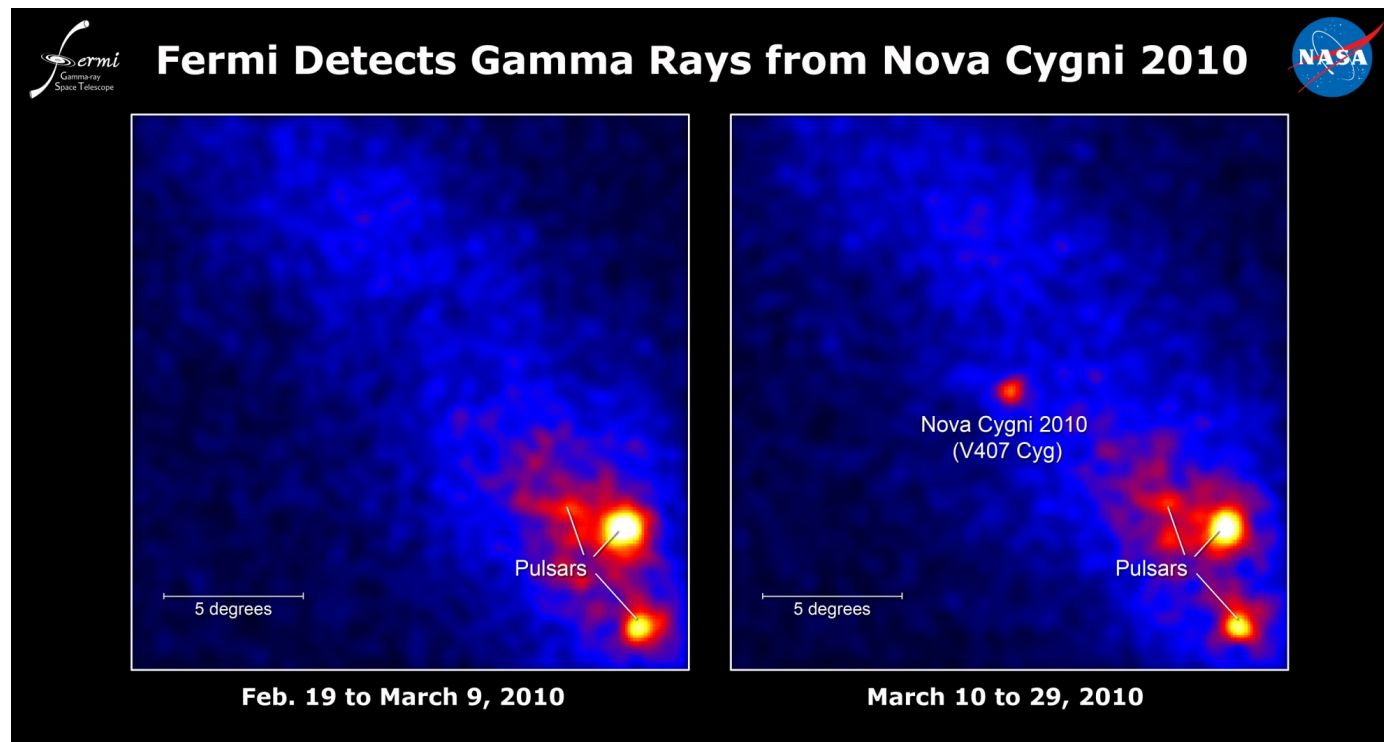


FIG. 5.—Positive prints of spectrograms of T CrB. The dates and visual magnitudes are: 1, 1946, Feb. 22.35, 8.5; 2, Mar. 11.36, 9.4; 3, May 29.15, 9.5; 4, June 8.17, 8.6; 5, June 11.13, 9.4; 6, 1947, Mar. 17.39, 9.8; 7, 1947, April 28.24, 9.6. The last spectrogram is of  $\gamma$  Herculis, an M star, for comparison.

M&D (1947)



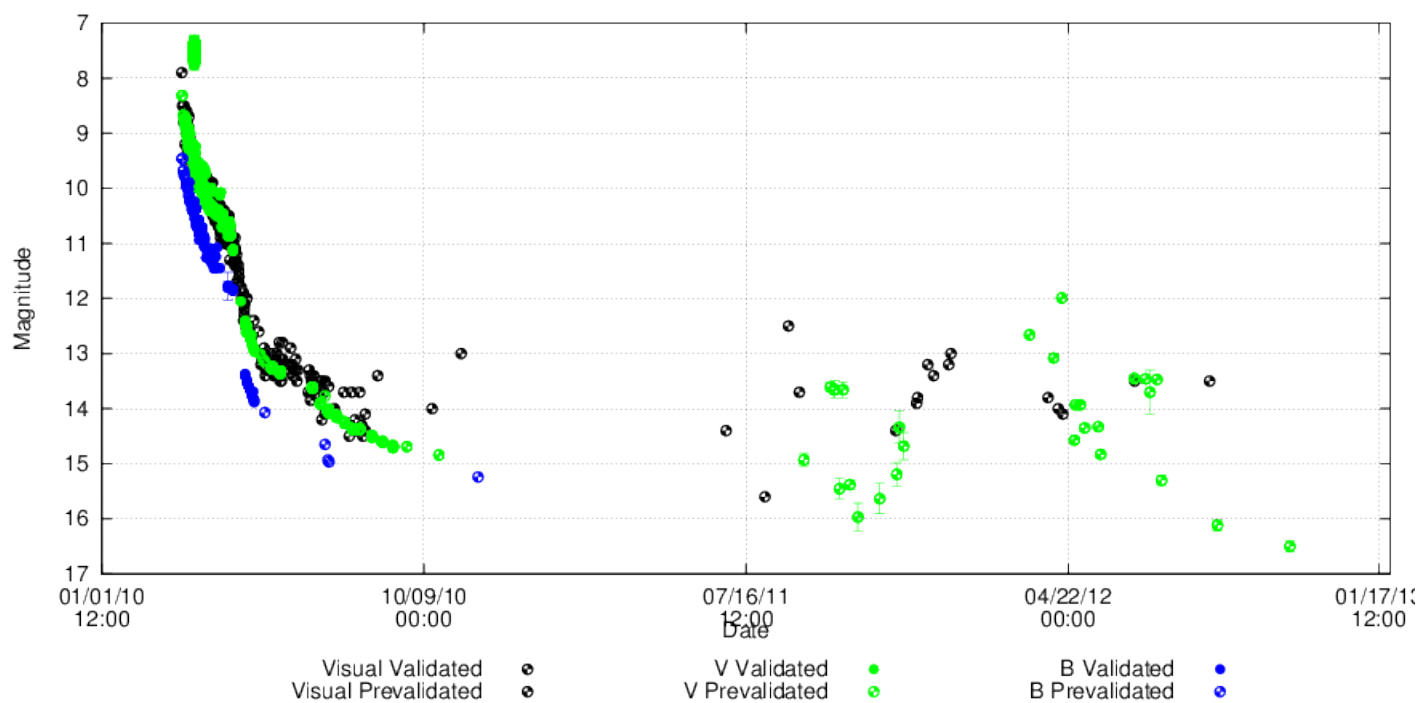
# Nova Cygni 2010 (V407 Cyg)



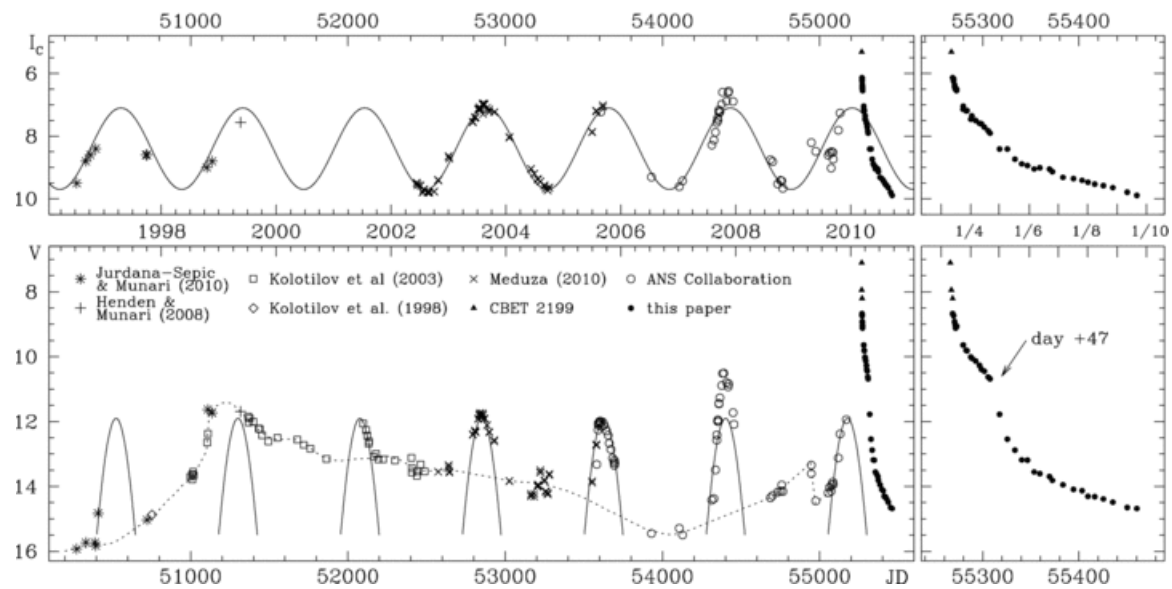
Discovered on 2010 March 10 at  $V = 7.6$  (see Munari et al. 2010).

# Light Curve of V407 Cyg (2010-Present)

AAVSO DATA FOR V407 CYG - WWW.AAVSO.ORG



# Photometric evolution of V407 Cyg (1996-2011)



Munari et al. (2011)













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George on his 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday