

# Binary stars with an RR Lyrae component - new candidates

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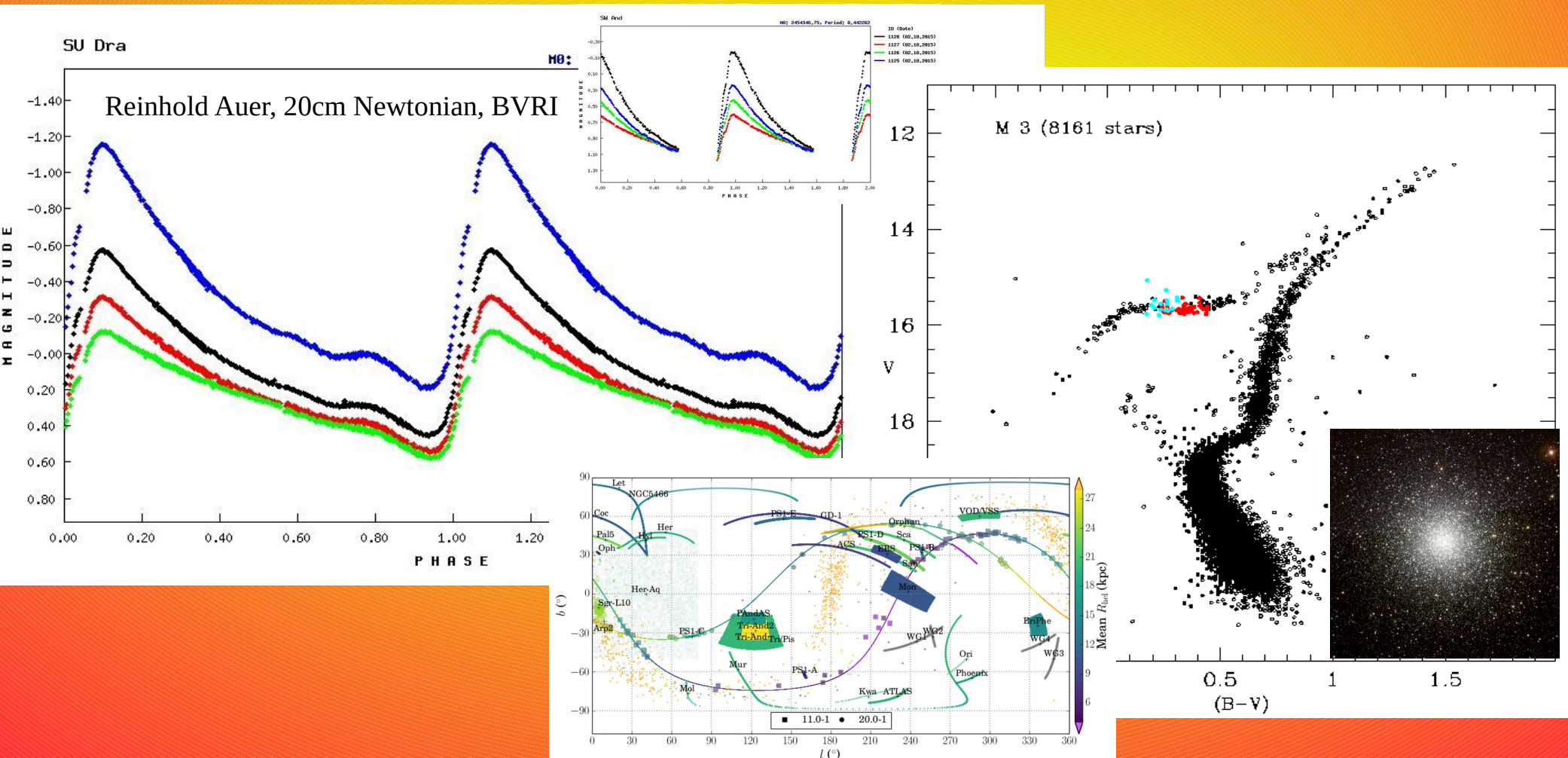
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# What are RR Lyrae stars

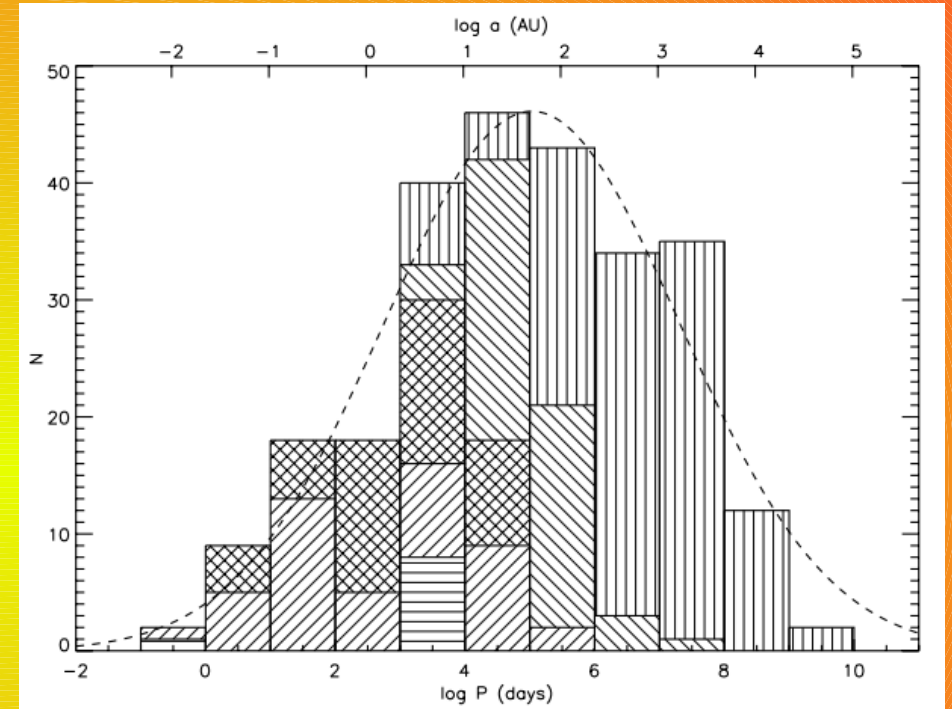
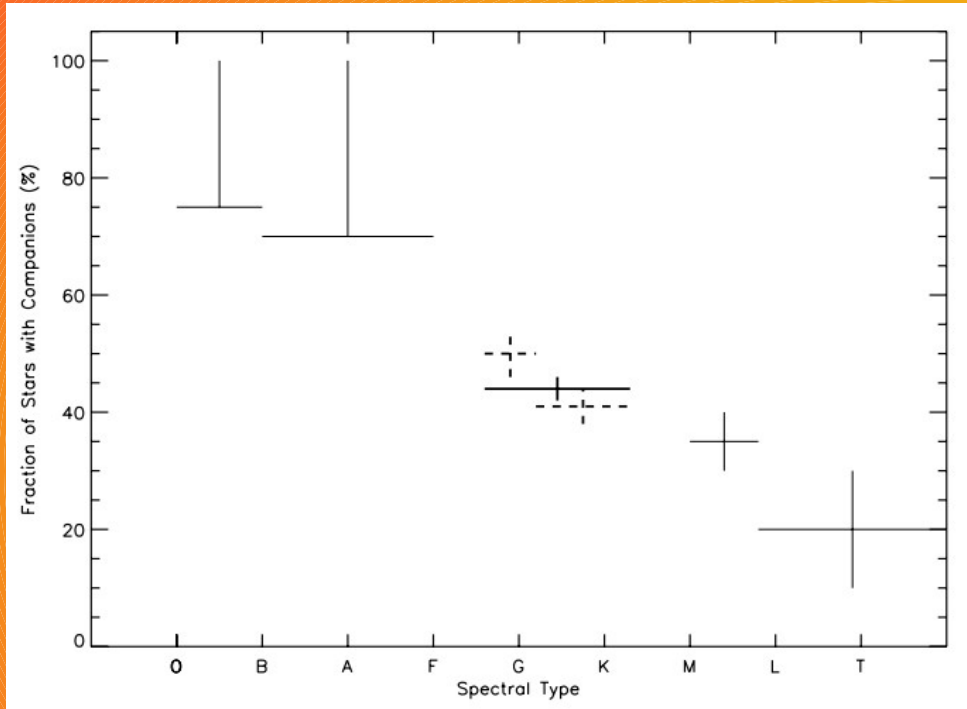
- (non)Radially pulsating, He core-burning, population II stars (age > 9 bil. years)
- Pulsation periods 0.2-1.0 days, amplitudes  $V < 1.5$  mag
- Distance indicators, stellar evolution and metallicity tracers, Galactic archaeology
- Luminosity  $\sim 40-80 L_{\text{sun}}$ ,  $R \sim 4-6 R_{\text{sun}}$

$M < 0.9 M_{\text{sun}}$  – **only from pulsation and evolutionary models**



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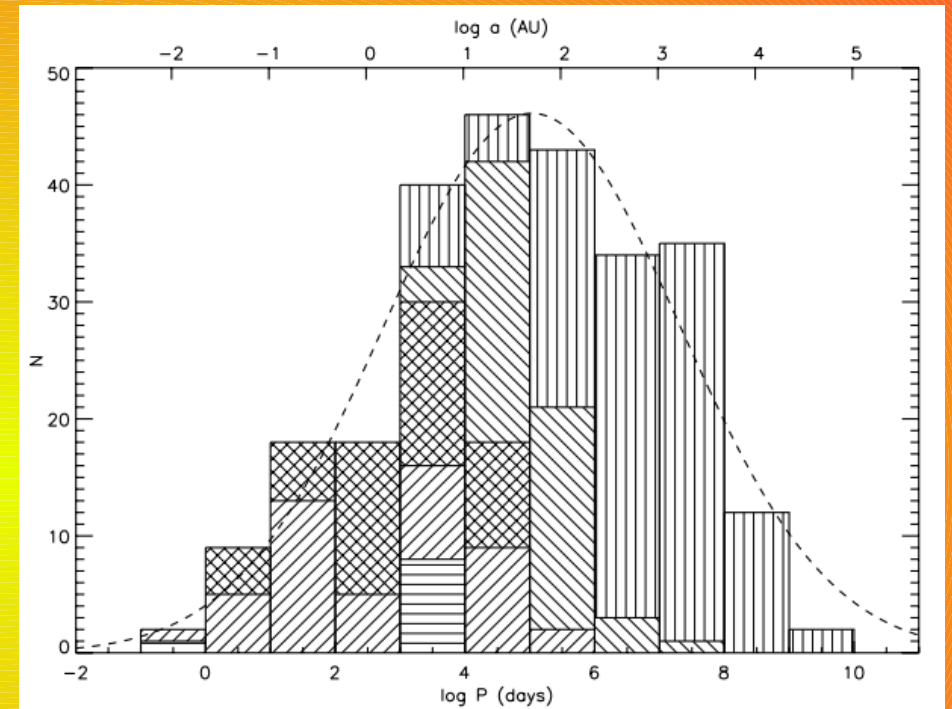
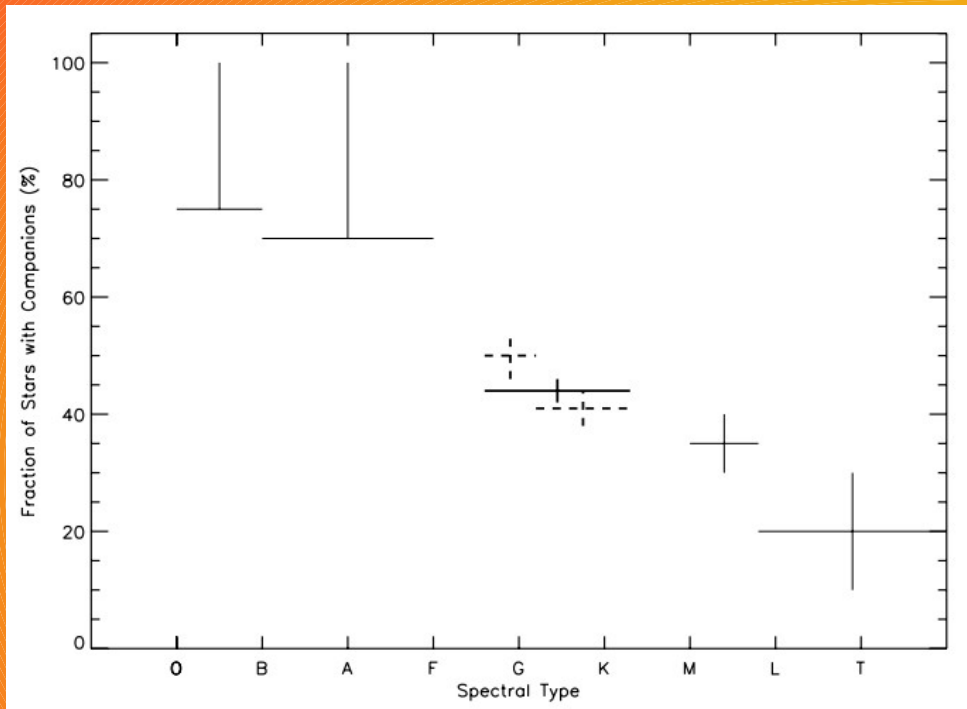
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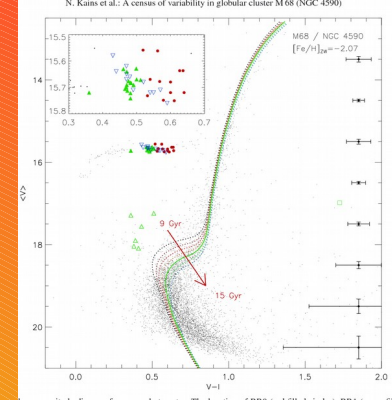
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- ~400 000 catalogized RR Lyrae stars – **ONE** confirmed to be in a binary system

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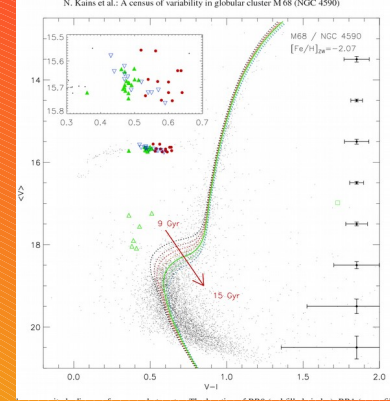
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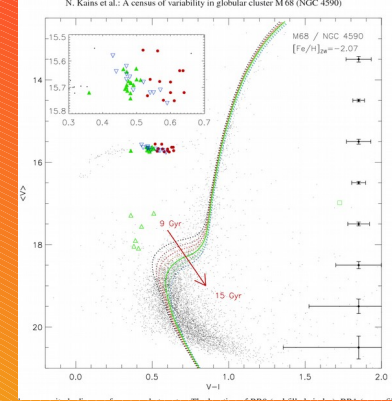


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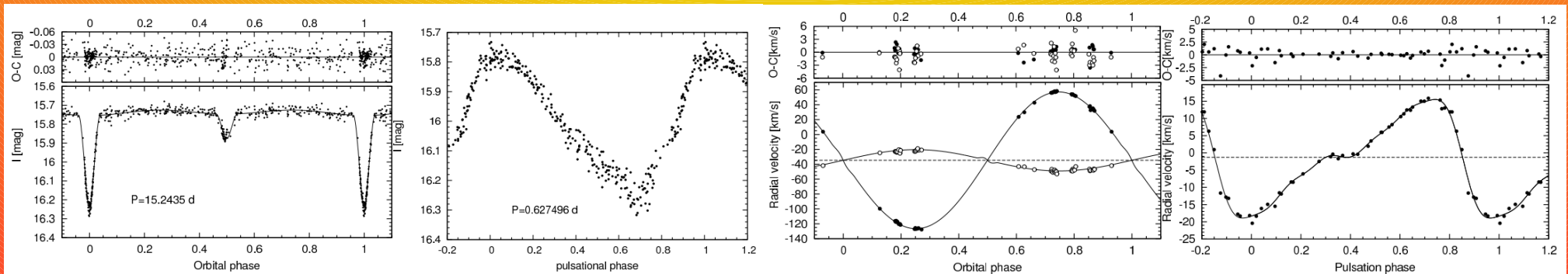
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Pietrzynski et al. 2012, Natur, 484, 75; The first Binary Evolution Pulsator, M=0.26 Msun

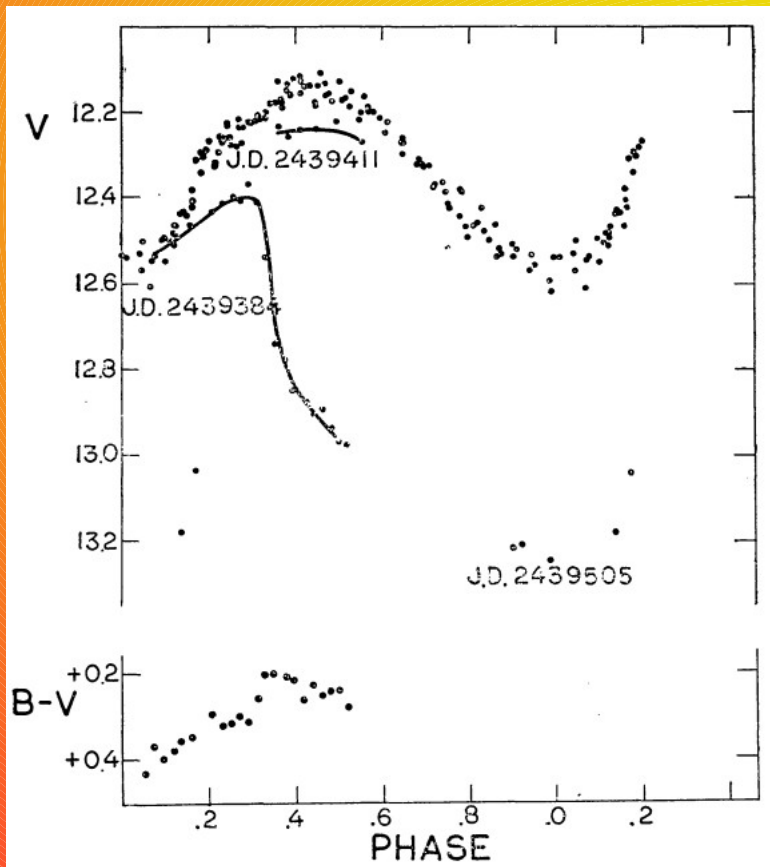
Karczmarek et al. 2017, MNRAS, 466, 2842; BEPs can constitute 0.8 % of RR Lyr population



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- RRlyrBinCan database (106 candidates; <https://rrlyrbincan.physics.muni.cz/>)
  - Eclipses (12 candidates)
    - Blends in LMC, GB (Soszynski et al. 2003, 2016, 2017; Prsa et al. 2009)
    - RW Ari, RZ Cet, VX Her – never confirmed

Liška&Skarka 2016, CoKon, 105, 209



RW Ari; Wisniewski 1971, AcA, 21, 307

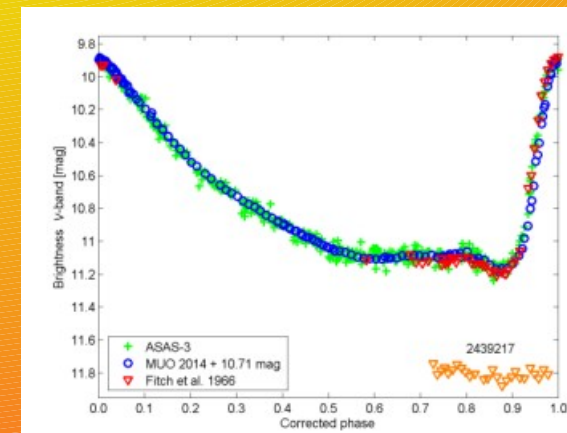
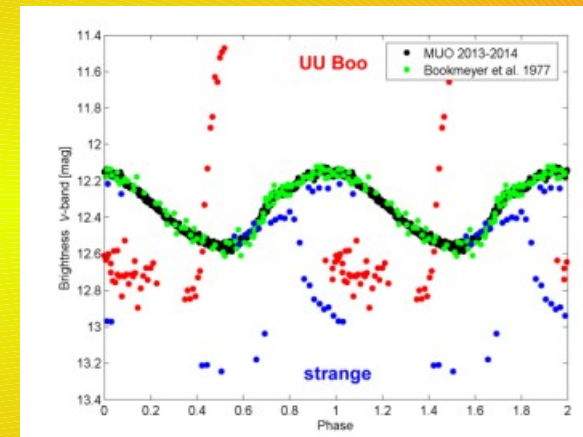
Woodward 1972,  
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Abt&Wisniewski,  
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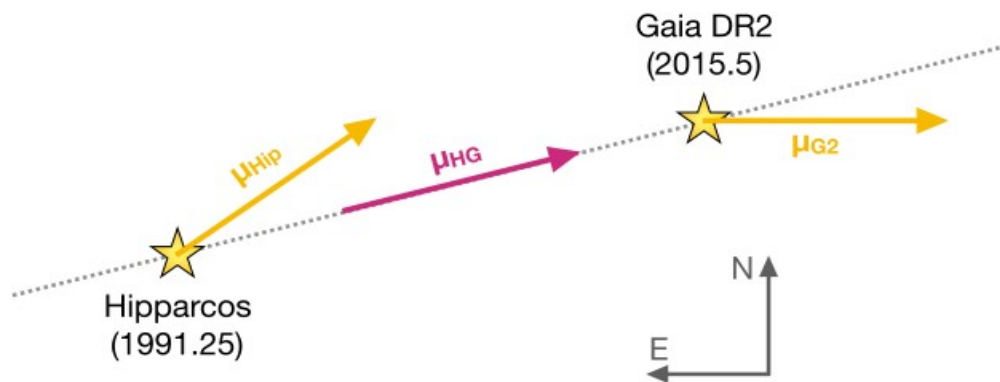


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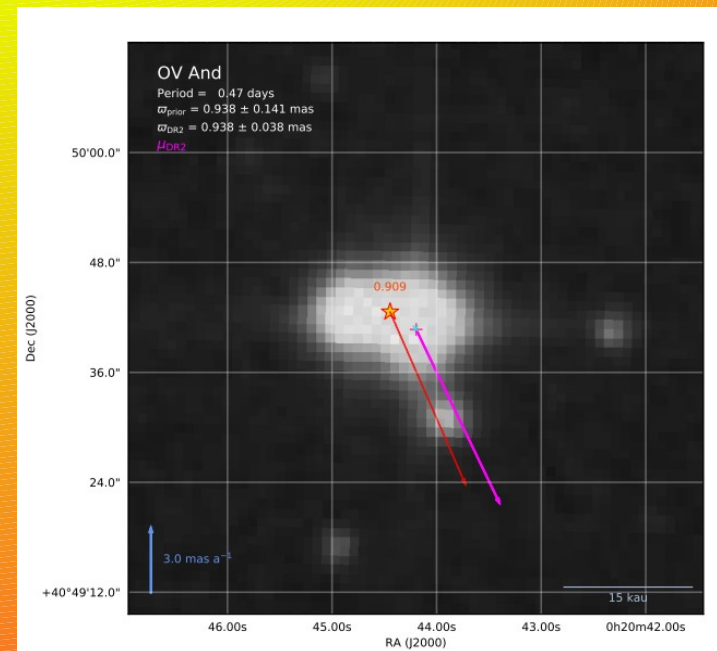
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  - Colour discrepancy (3 stars, e.g. Kinman&Carretta, PASP, 104, 111)
  - Carbon-enhanced stars (9 stars, e.g. Kennedy et al. 2014, ApJ, 787, 6)
  - Radial velocity discrepancy (9 stars, e.g. Solano et al. 1997, A&AS, 125, 327)
  - Proper-motion anomaly (13+61(!) candidates, Kervella et al. 2019a, 623, 116)
  - Common proper motion (3+14 candidates; Kervella et al. 2019b, 623, 117)

Name	Period (d)	$\varpi$ (mas)	$\mu_{\text{HG}}$ (mas a <sup>-1</sup> )		$\mu_{\text{Hip}} - \mu_{\text{HG}}$ (mas a <sup>-1</sup> )	
			$\mu_{\alpha}$	$\mu_{\delta}$	$\mu_{\alpha}$	$\mu_{\delta}$
SW And	0.44	1.81	-6.56 <sub>0.04</sub>	-18.83 <sub>0.03</sub>	-0.30 <sub>1.33</sub>	+1.25 <sub>0.88</sub>
XX And	0.72	0.72	+58.31 <sub>0.04</sub>	-32.84 <sub>0.05</sub>	+1.36 <sub>1.50</sub>	-1.34 <sub>1.31</sub>



Kervella et al. 2019A, 623, 116

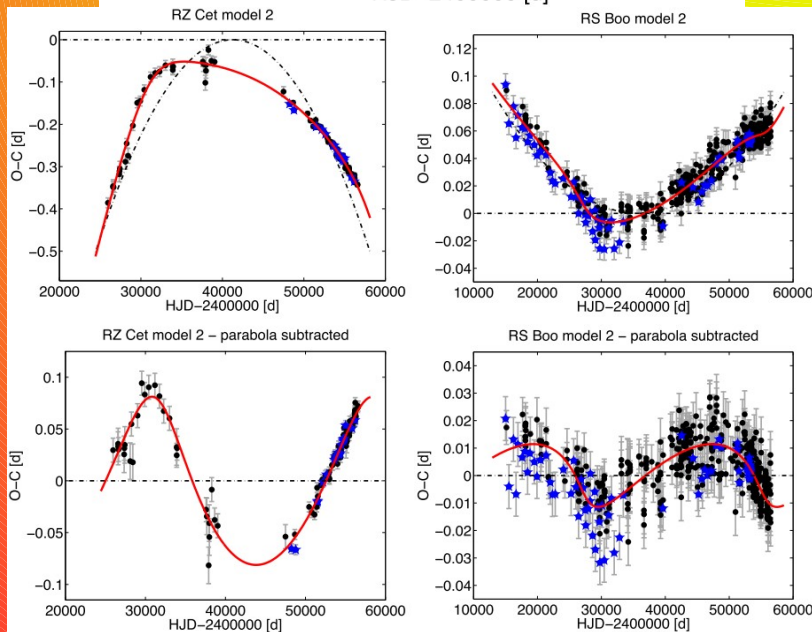
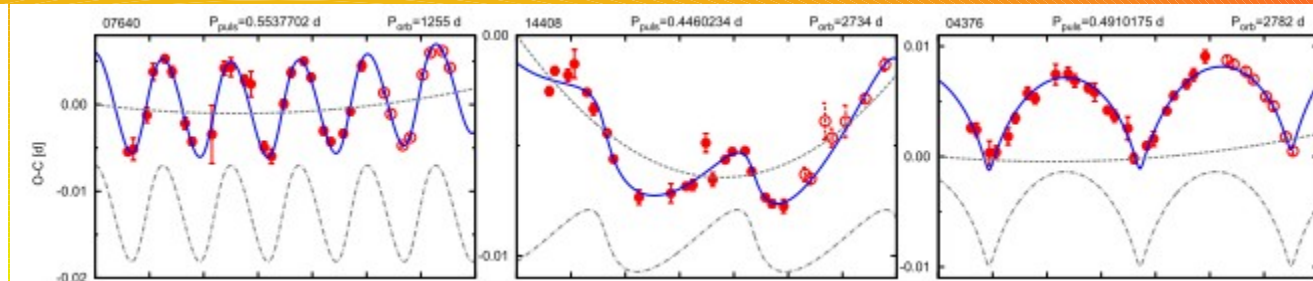
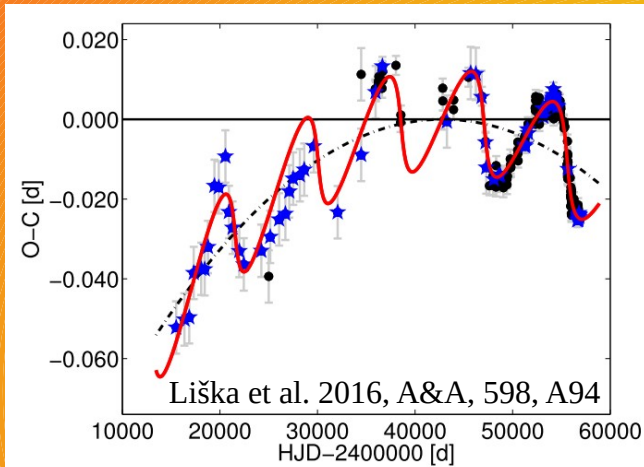


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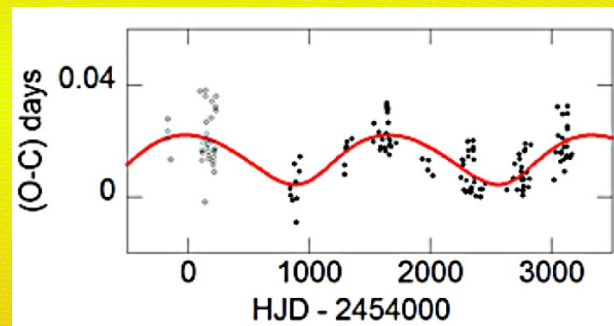
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  - Light Travel Time Effect (1 binary + 55 candidates)

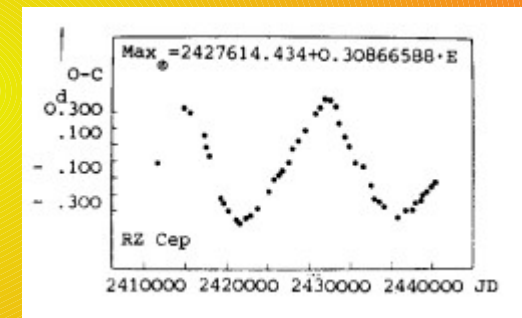
Hajdu et al. 2015, MNRAS, 449, L113



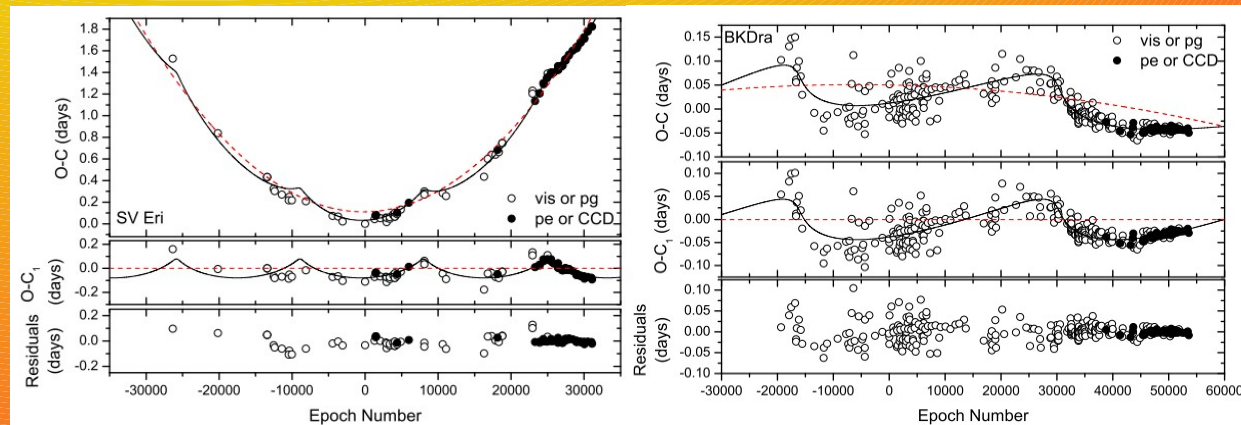
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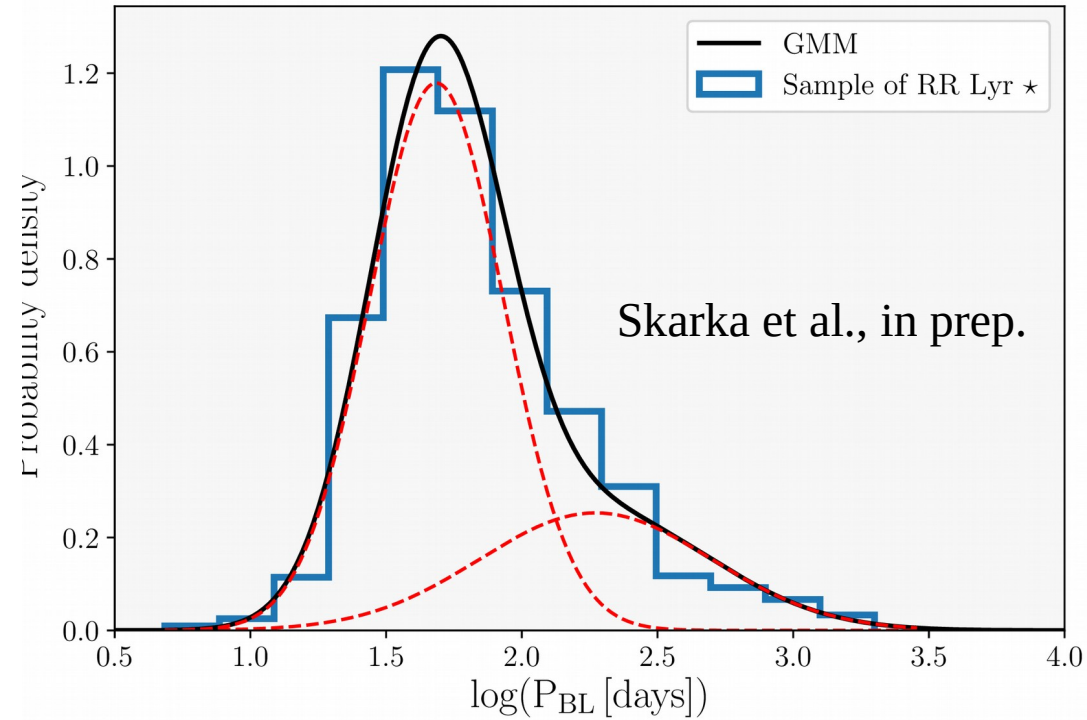
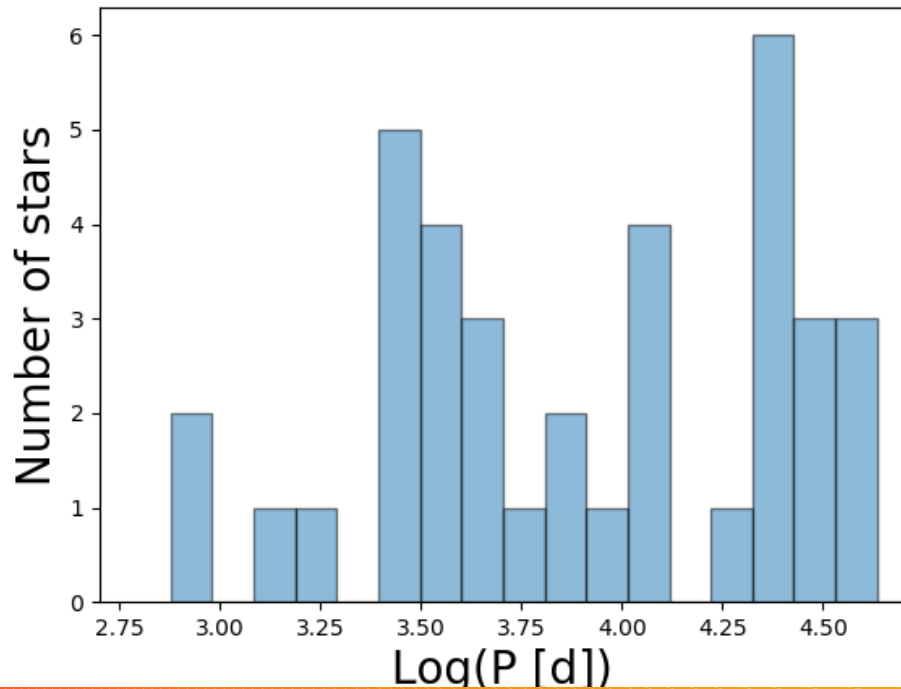
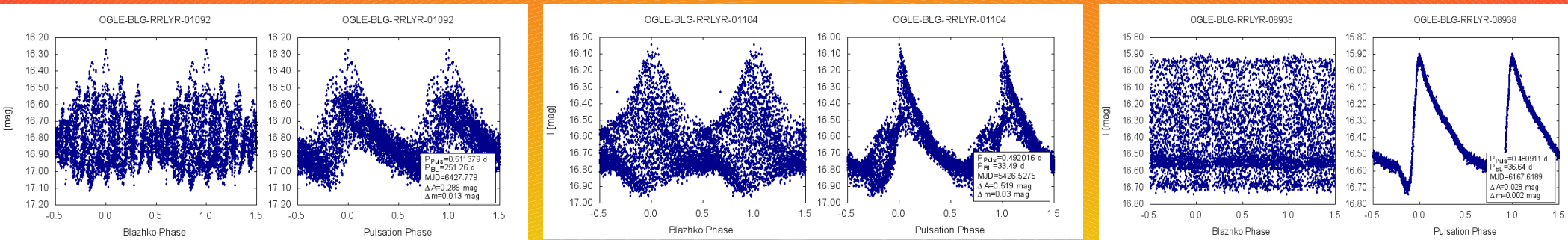


Firmanjuk 1982, IBVS, 2247



Li et al. 2018, ApJ, 863, 151

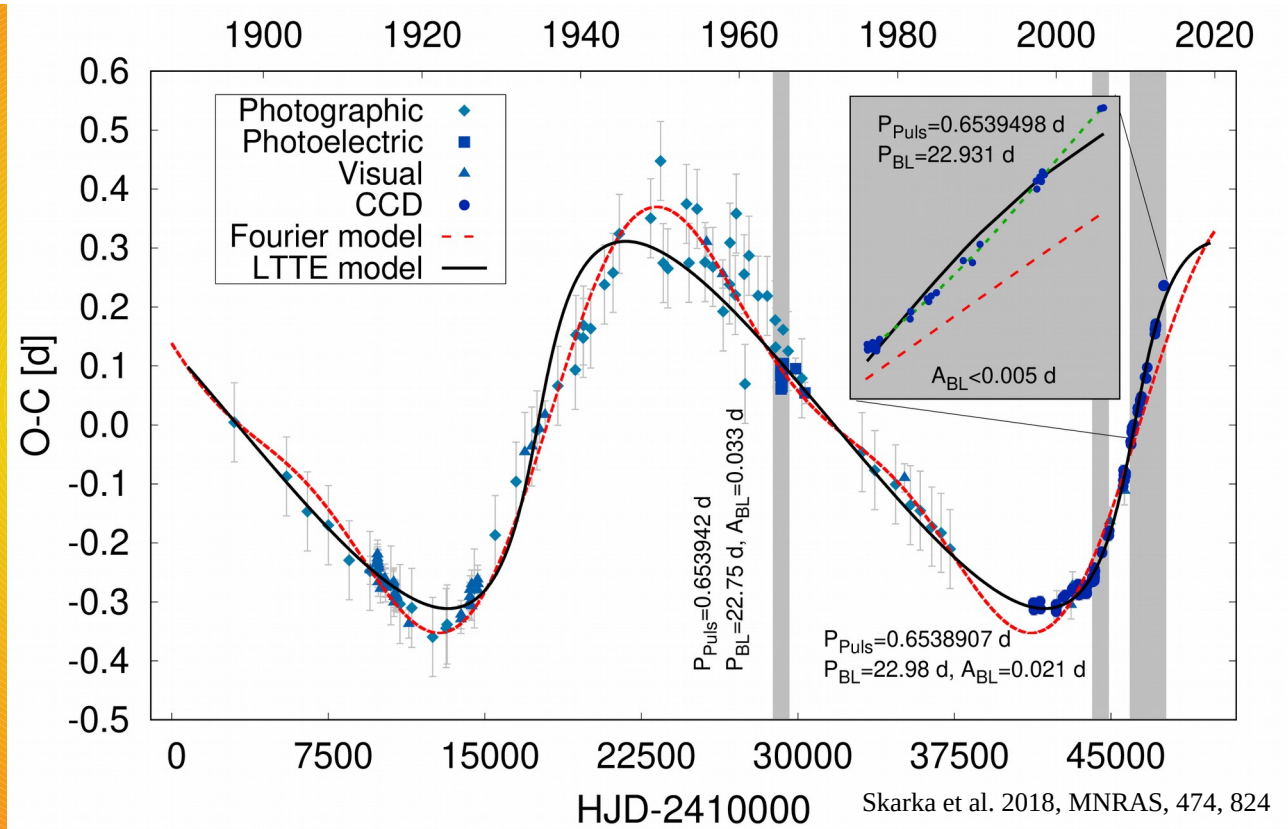
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Period variations can be mixed with the variation caused by the long-period Blazhko effect

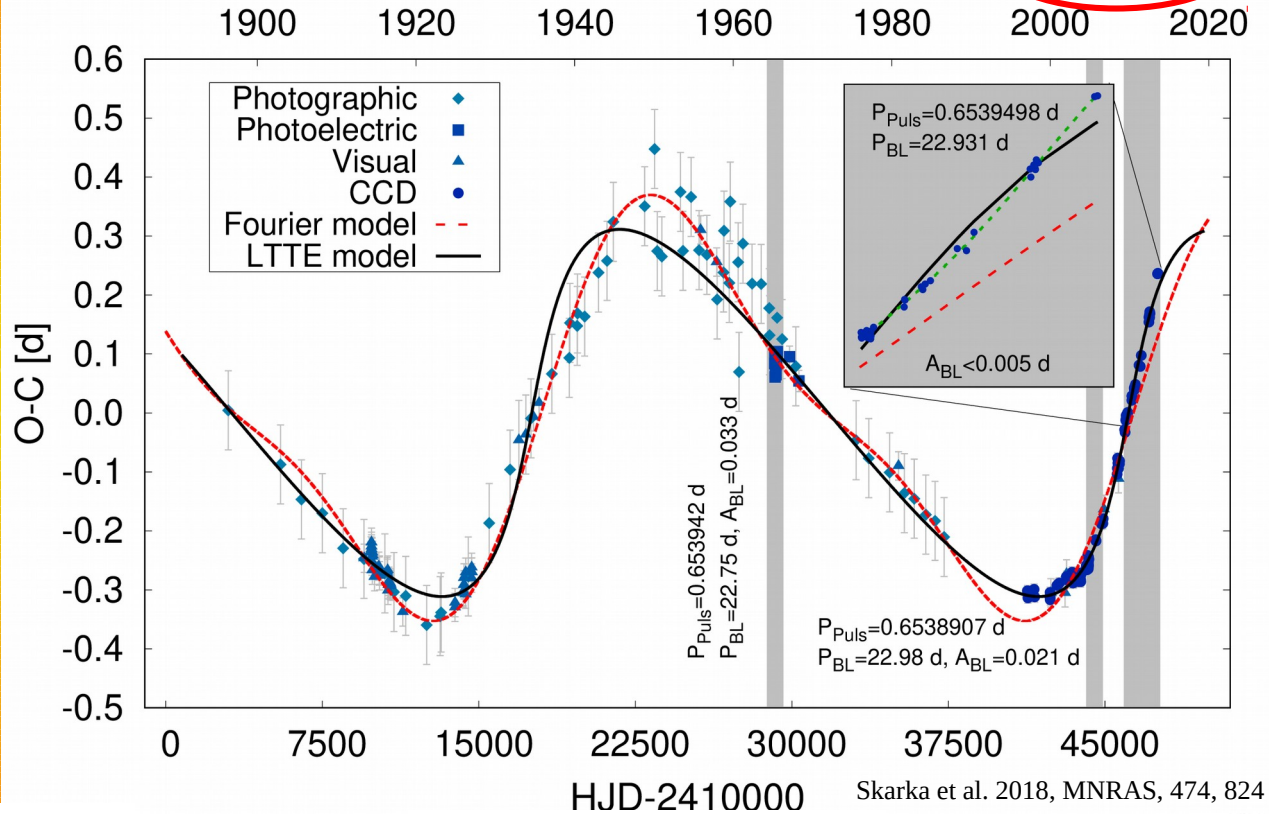
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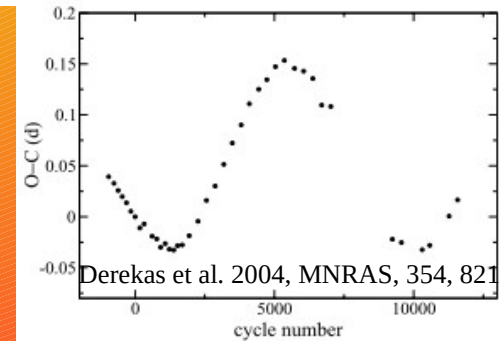
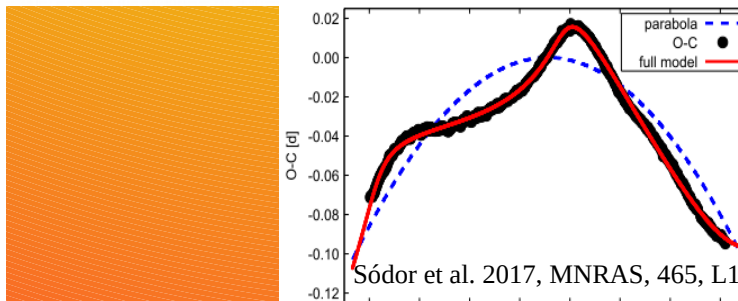
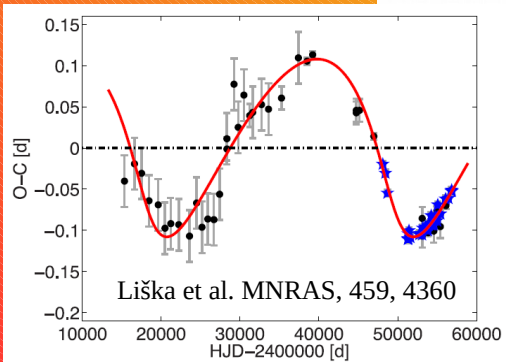


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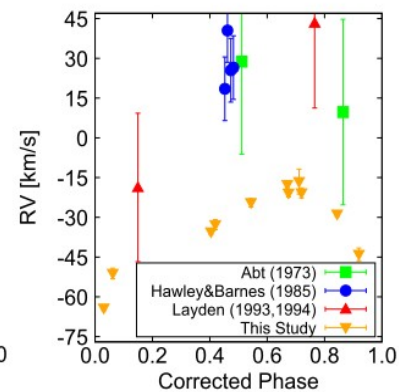
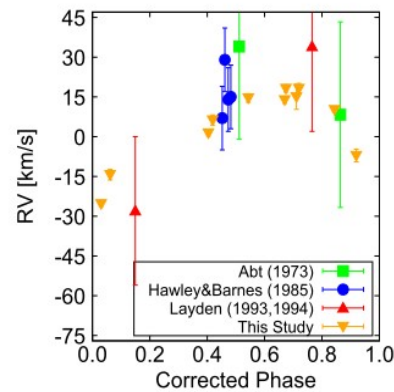
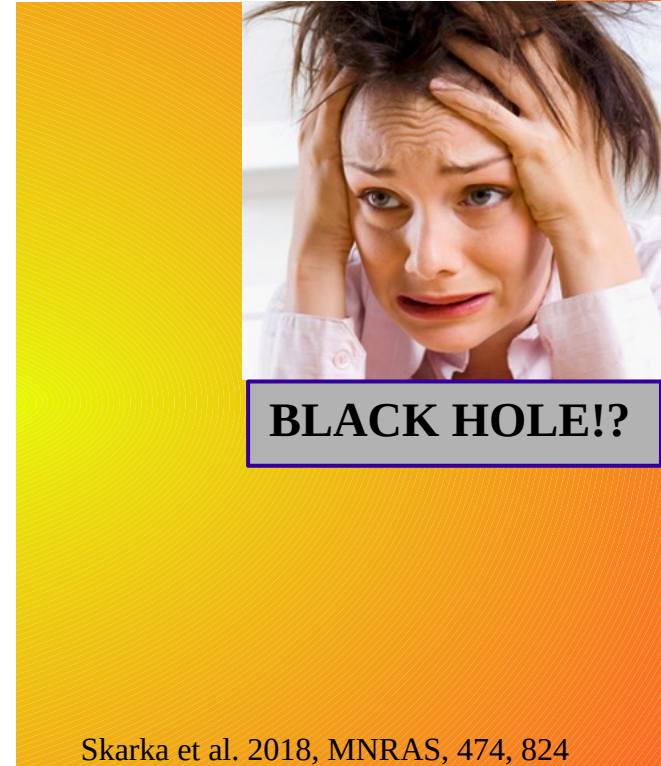
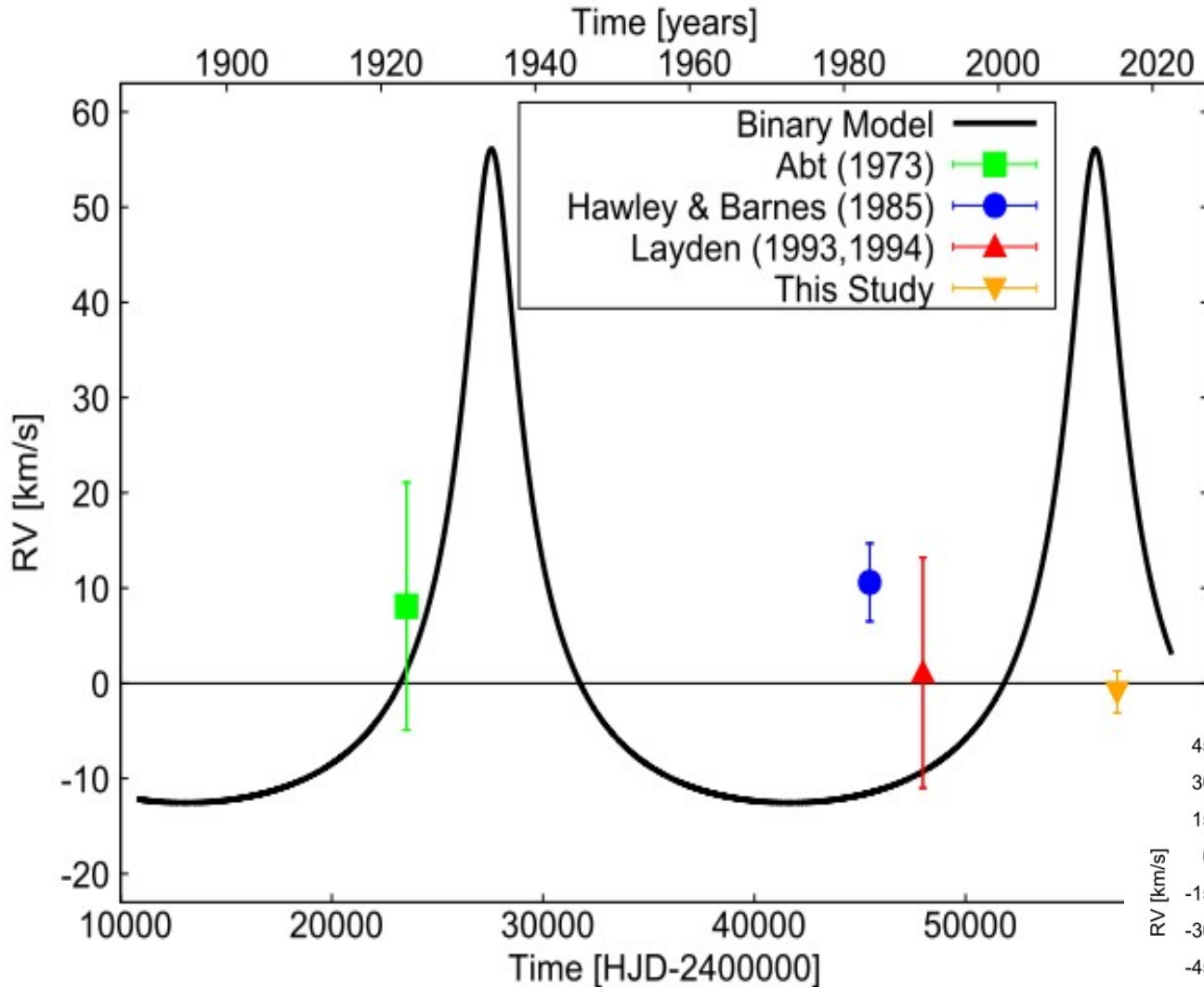


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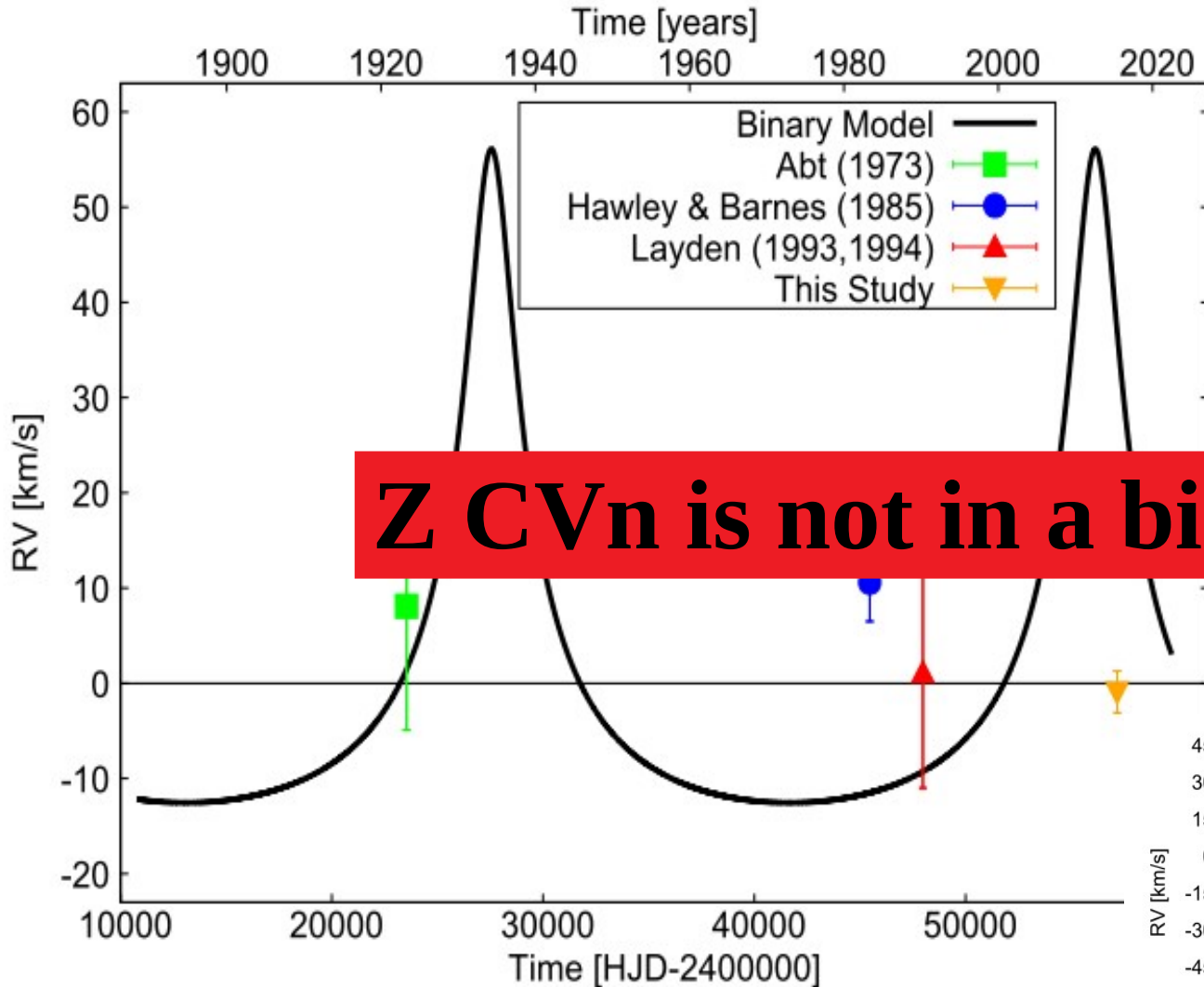
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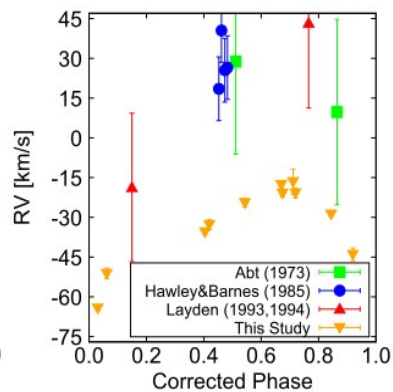
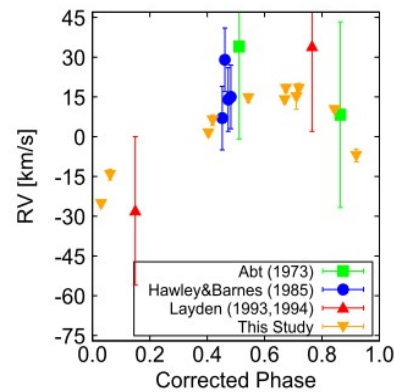
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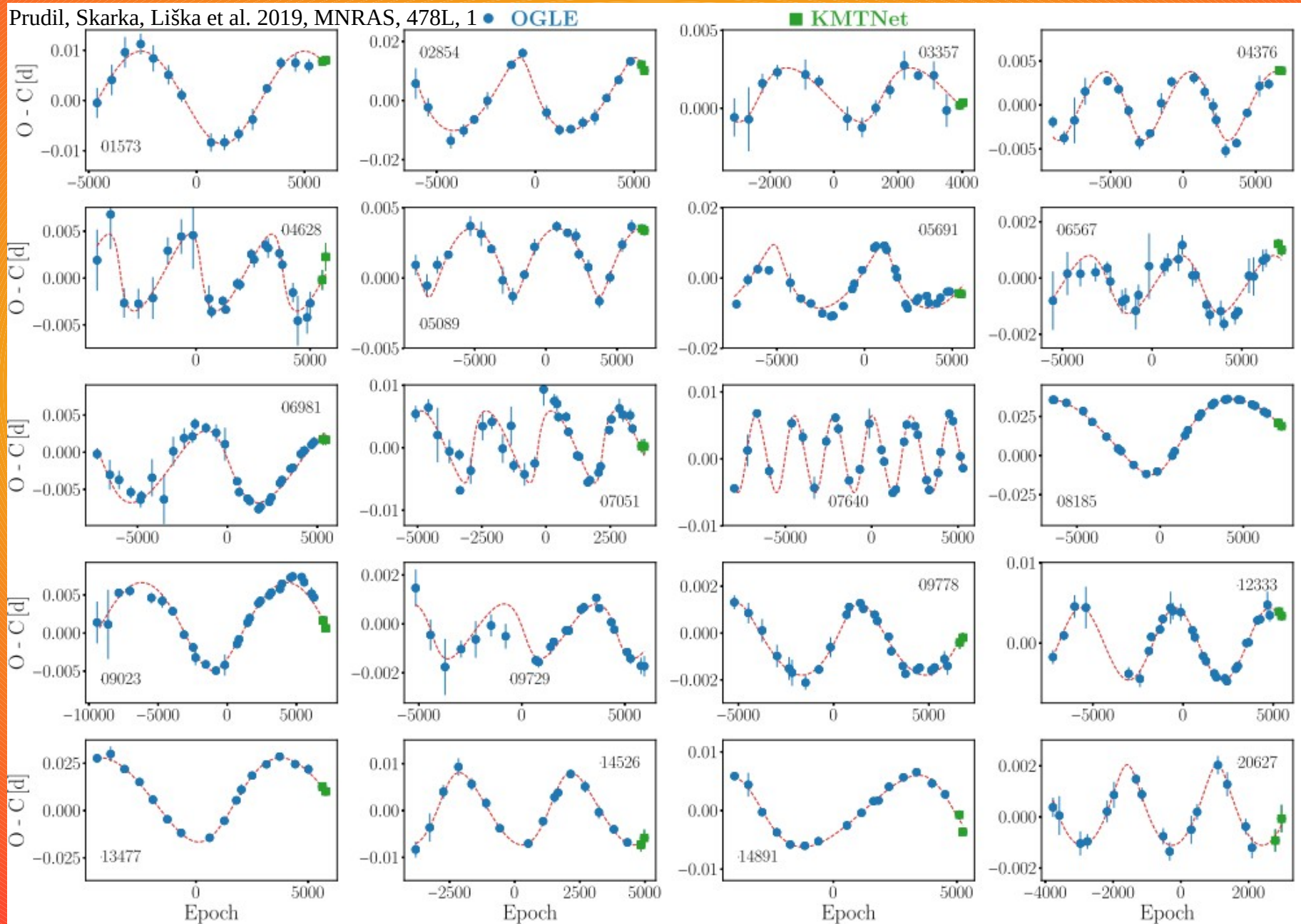
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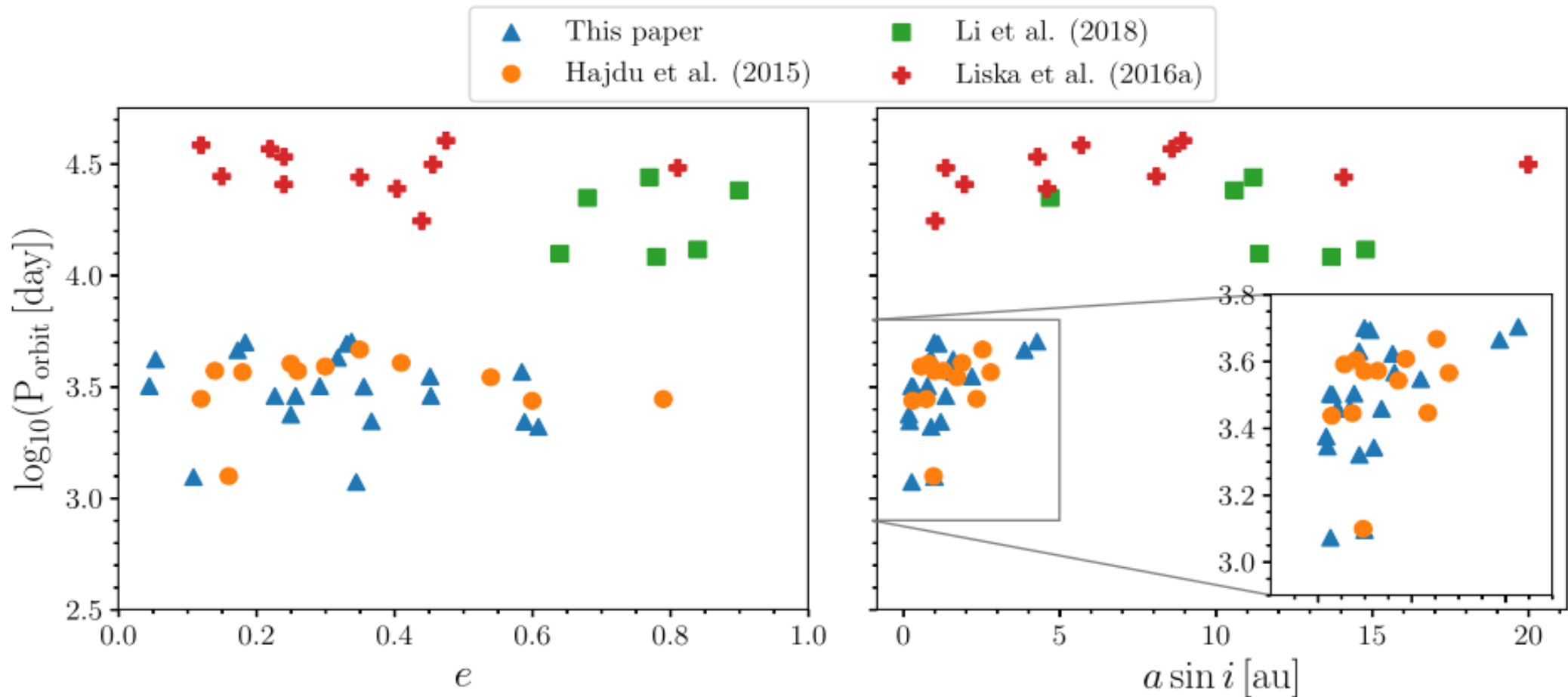
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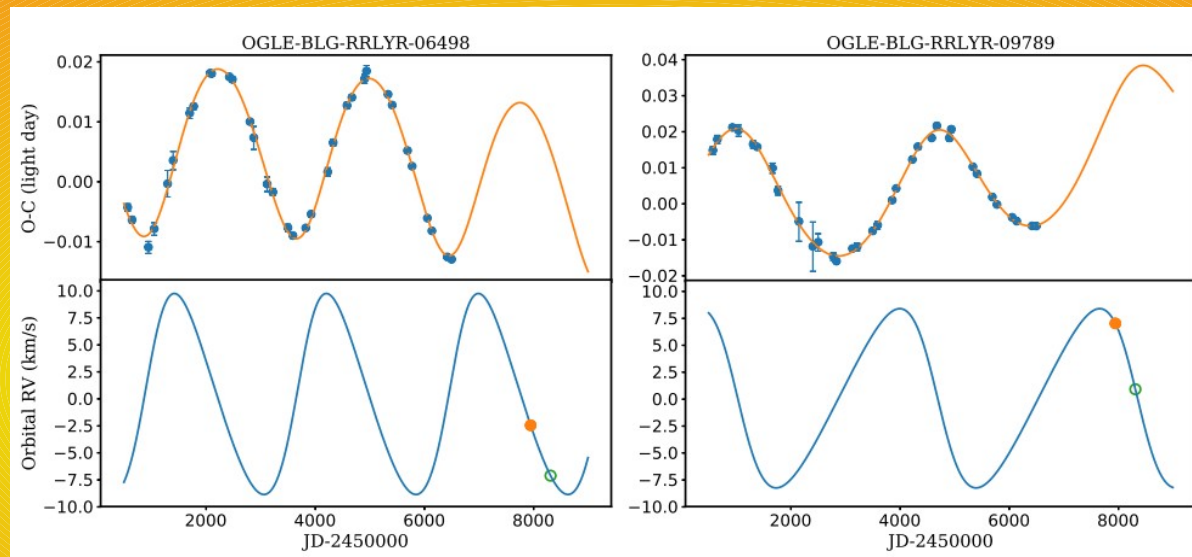
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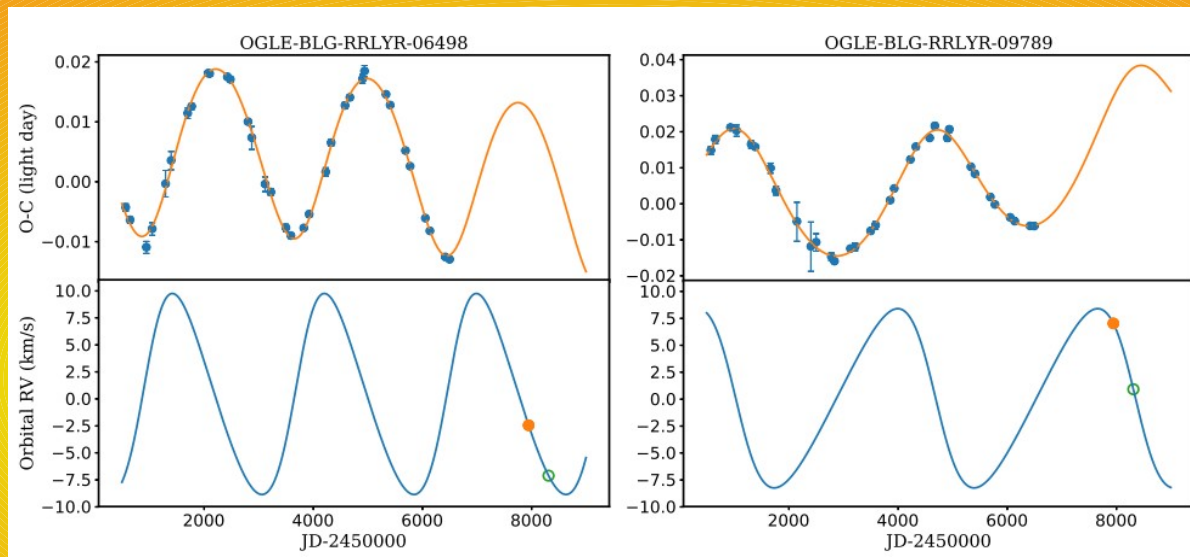
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