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UV-Vis spectroscopy to monitor stars

3-year survey programme

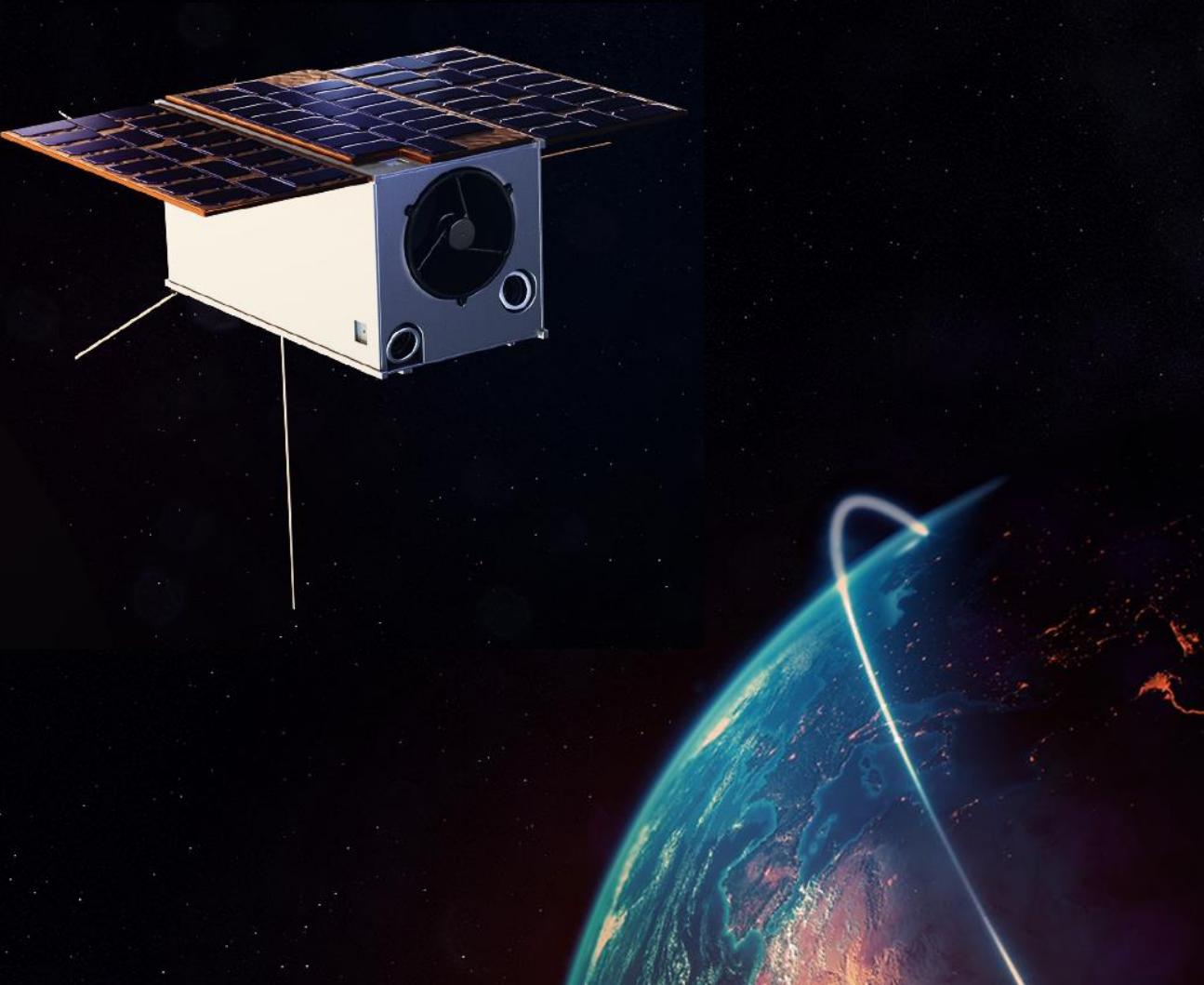
Time domain astronomy

Fully funded

Under construction



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# The satellite

Avionics

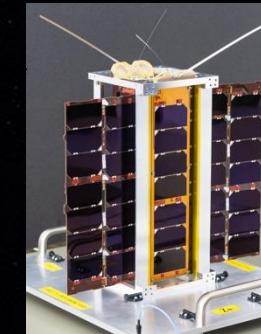
Star tracker



UV & Visible spectrometer

200 - 700nm

Resolving power 20 - 65



C3S 16U Platform  
Low-Earth orbit



13cm telescope



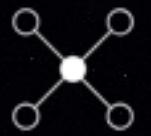
# Empowering science



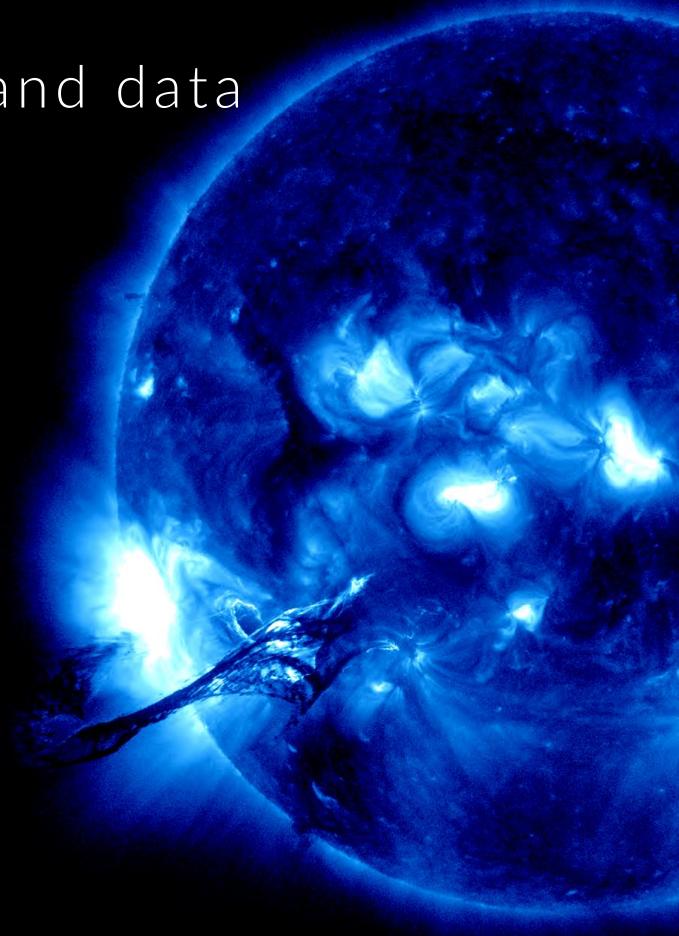
Providing the science community with in-demand data



Serving the under-served research fields

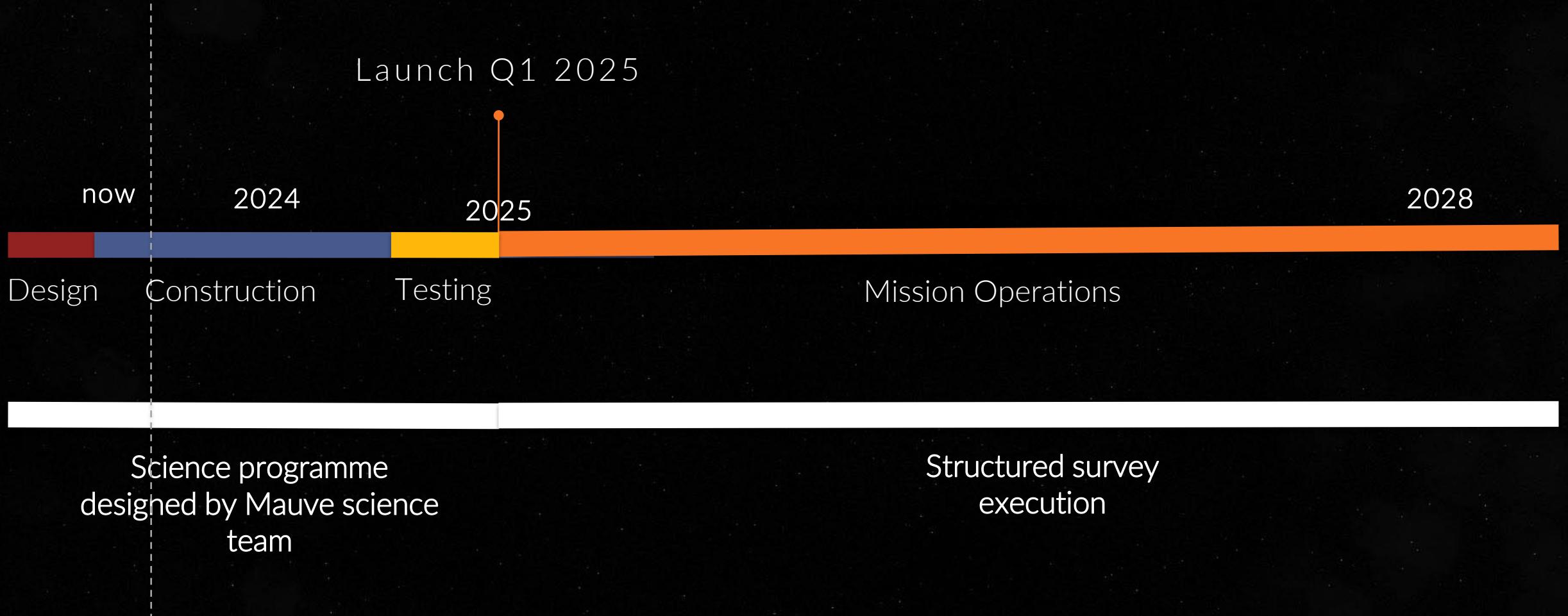


A collaborative global platform for new ideas



# Mauve development

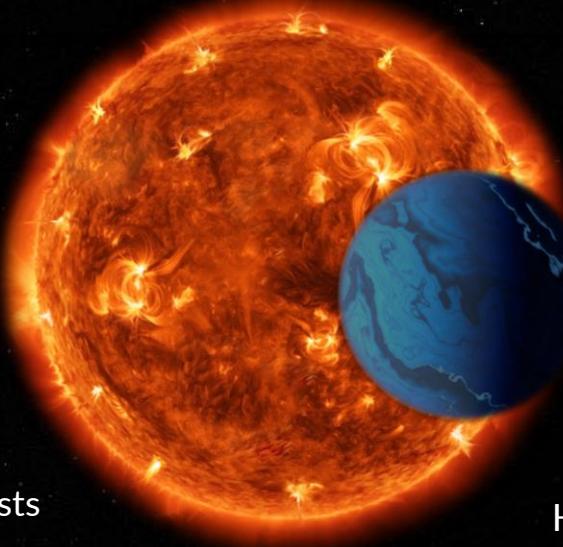
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# Mauve science cases



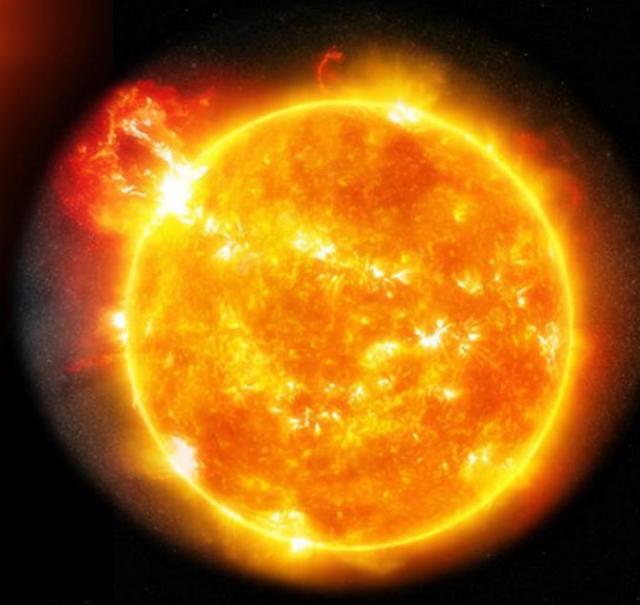
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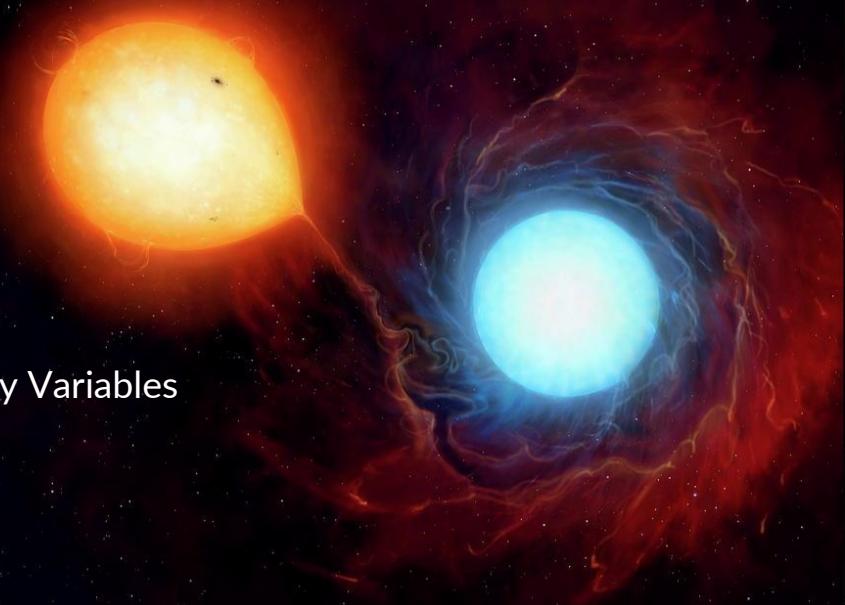
Exoplanet Hosts



Herbig Ae/Be Stars



Flaring Activity

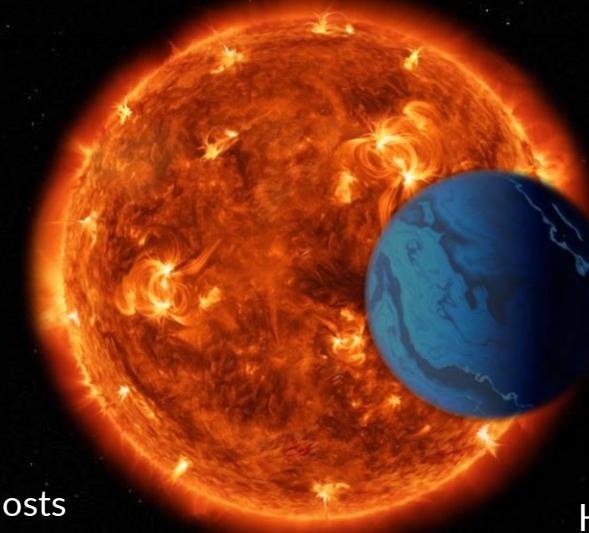


Contact Binary Variables

# Mauve science cases



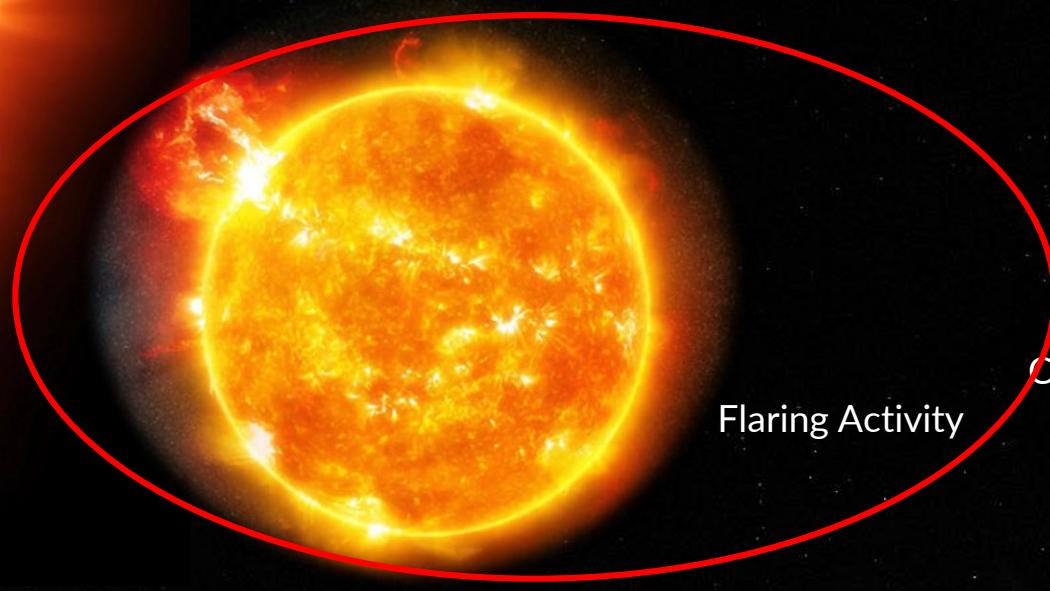
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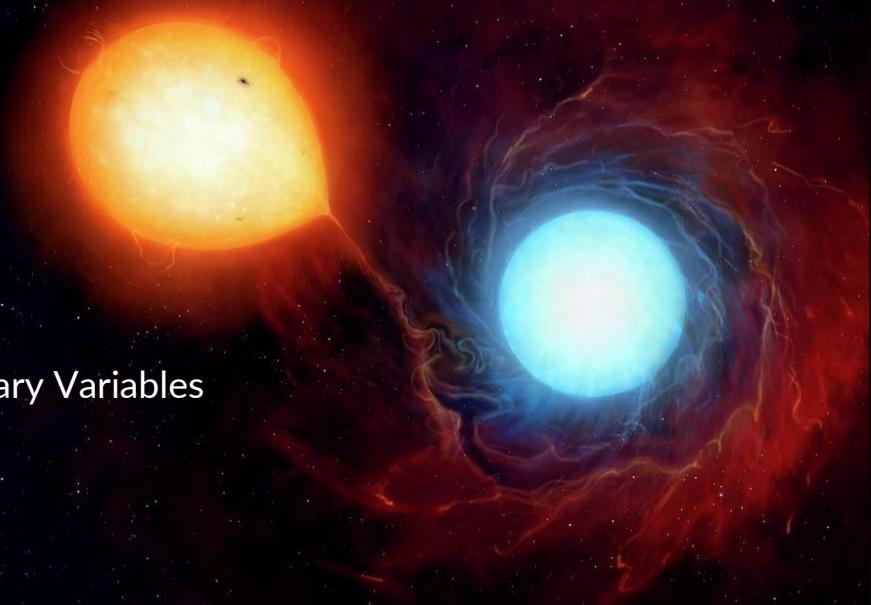
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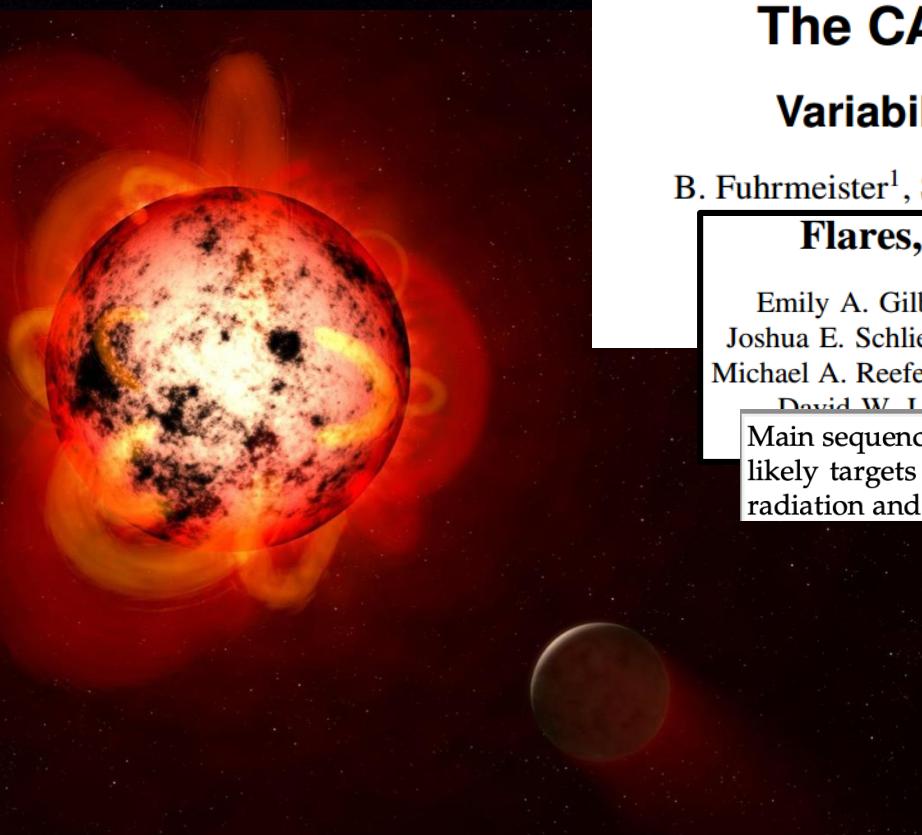
Flaring Activity



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# Mauve science case I: flaring cool dwarfs

Characterise K/M-dwarfs and their flaring activity



## The CARMENES search for exoplanets around M dwarfs

### Variability on long timescales as seen in chromospheric indicators

B. Fuhrmeister<sup>1</sup>, S. Czesla<sup>2,1</sup>, V. Perdelwitz<sup>3,1</sup>, E. Nagel<sup>1</sup>, J. H. M. M. Schmitt<sup>1</sup>, S. V. Jeffers<sup>4</sup>, J. A. Caballero<sup>5</sup>,

### Flares, Rotation, and Planets of the AU Mic System from TESS Observations

Emily A. Gilbert<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup> , Thomas Barclay<sup>2,4</sup> , Elisa V. Quintana<sup>4</sup> , Lucianne M. Walkowicz<sup>3</sup> , Laura D. Vega<sup>4,6</sup> , Joshua E. Schlieder<sup>4</sup> , Teresa Monsue<sup>4</sup> , Bryson L. Cale<sup>7</sup> , Kevin I. Collins<sup>7</sup> , Eric Gaidos<sup>8</sup> , Mohammed El Mufti<sup>7</sup> , Michael A. Reece<sup>7</sup> , Peter Plavchan<sup>7</sup> , Angelle Tanner<sup>9</sup> , Robert A. Wittenmyer<sup>10</sup> , Justin M. Wittrock<sup>7</sup> , Jon M. Jenkins<sup>11</sup> , David W. Latham<sup>12</sup> , George P. Ricker<sup>13</sup> , Mark E. Ragoza<sup>11</sup> , S. Segura<sup>13,14,15</sup> , Poland K. Vanderspek<sup>13</sup> , and

Main sequence M stars pose an interesting problem for astrobiology: their abundance in our galaxy makes them likely targets in the hunt for habitable planets, but their strong chromospheric activity produces high-energy radiation and charged particles that may be detrimental to life. We studied the impact of the 1985 April 12 flare

## The Effect of a Strong Stellar Flare on the Atmospheric Chemistry of an Earth-like Planet Orbiting an M Dwarf

Antígona Segura<sup>1,\*</sup> Lucianne M. Walkowicz<sup>2,\*</sup> Victoria Meadows<sup>3,\*</sup>  
James Kasting<sup>4,\*</sup> and Suzanne Hawley<sup>3</sup>

## Localizing flares to understand stellar magnetic fields and space weather in exo-systems

Ekaterina Ilin<sup>1,2</sup> | Katja Poppenhäger<sup>1,2</sup> | Julián D. Alvarado-Gómez<sup>1</sup>

### INFLUENCE OF STELLAR FLARES ON THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF EXOPLANETS AND SPECTRA

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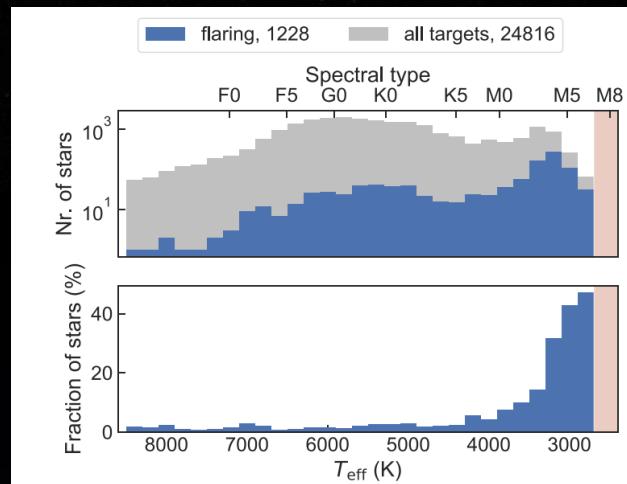
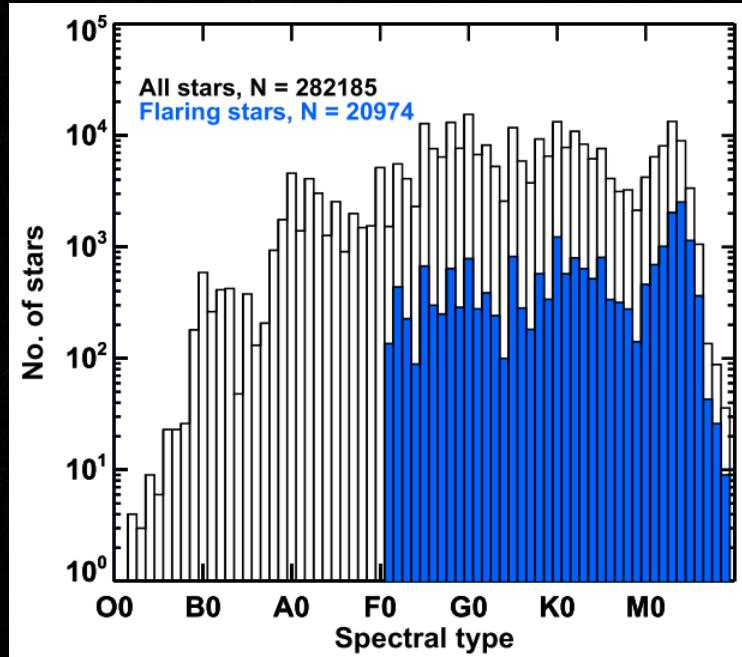
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# Mauve key science case II: flaring stars

Characterise stars and their flaring activity



Günther et al. 2020

(First two months  
of the TESS mission  
– 2 min cadence)

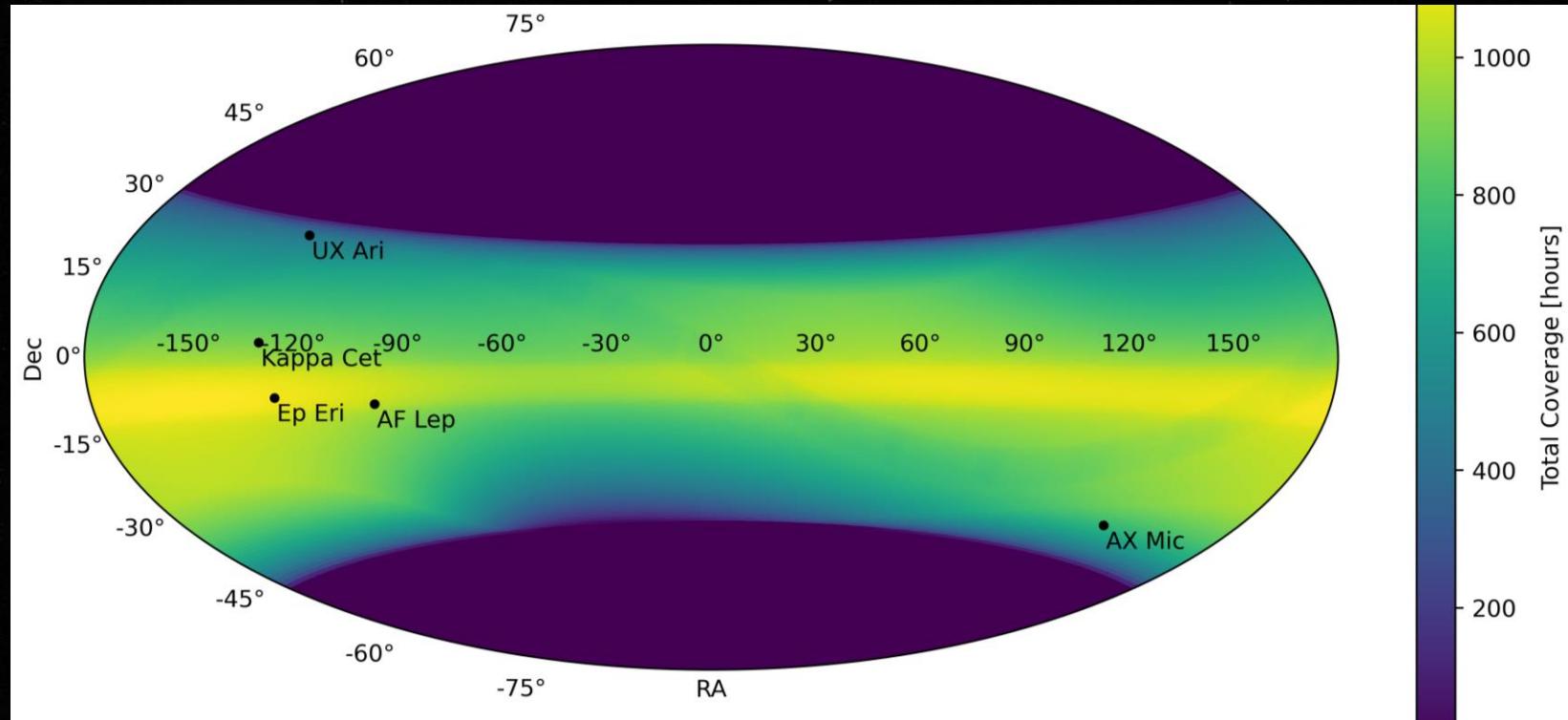
Pietras et al. 2022

(First 39 sectors of  
TESS observations  
– 2 min cadence)



# Continuous monitoring of flaring stars

\* Some stars in Mauve FoR have  $\sim 150$  hours continuous coverage

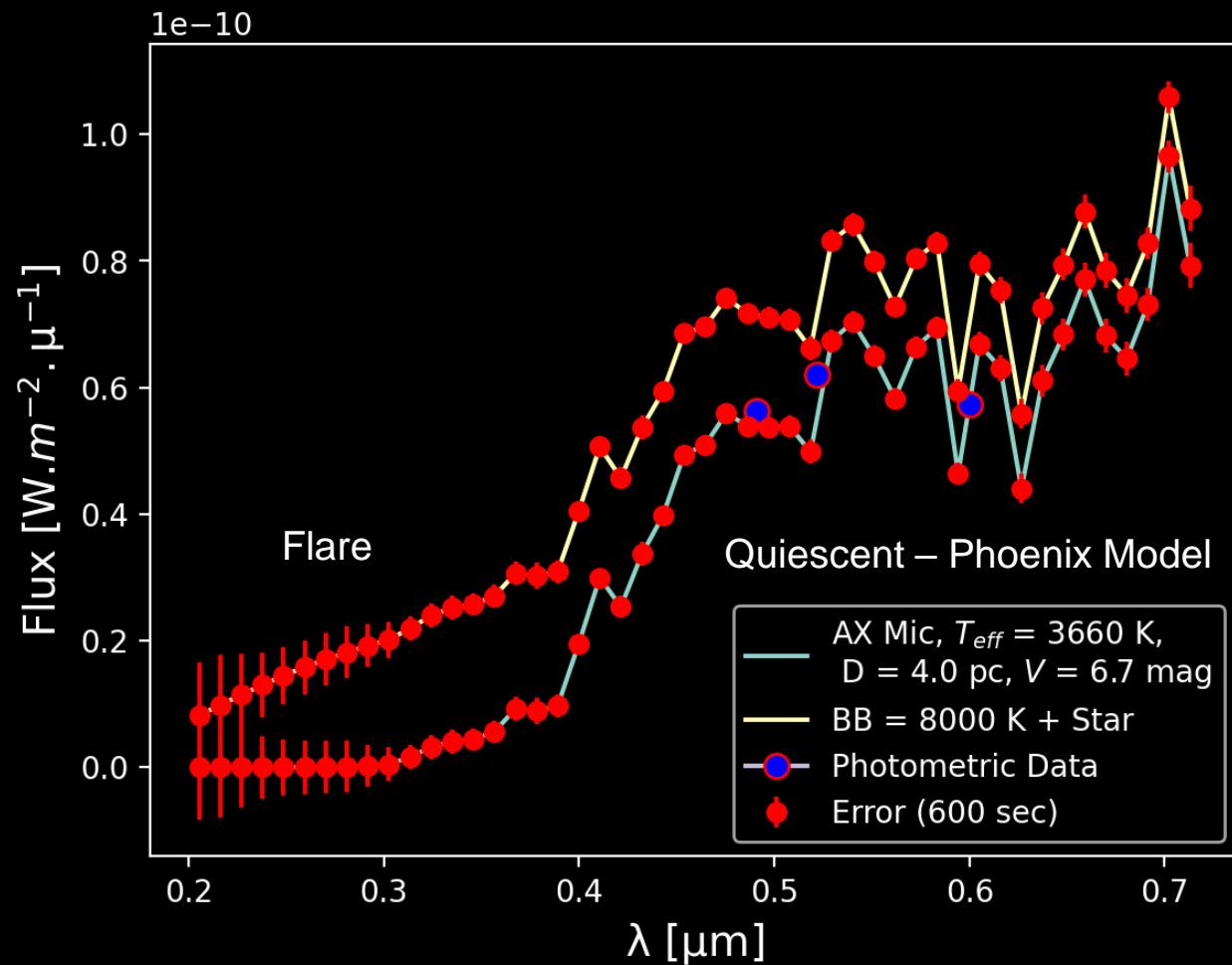
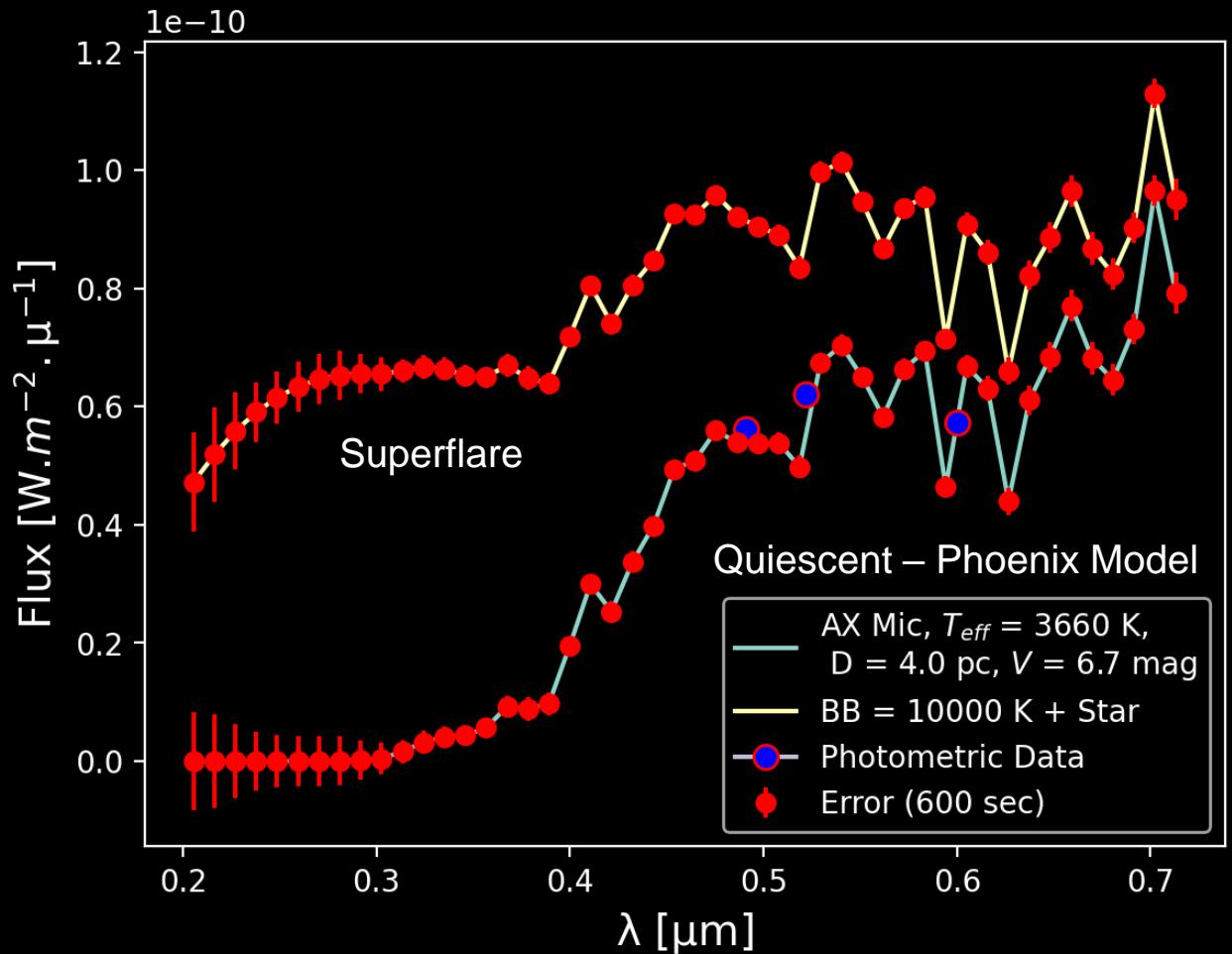


Target Name	Stellar Type	V (mag)	Spectral Type	Total available yearly coverage (hours)	Maximum continuous coverage (hours)
AF Lep	RS CVn Variable	6.3	F8V	1025	154
Kappa Cet	BY Dra Variable	4.8	G5V	903	1.1
UX Ari	RS CVn Variable	6.4	G5 V + K0 IV	960	1.2
Epsilon Eridani	BY Dra Variable	3.7	K2V	1026	148
AX Mic	Eruptive Variable	6.7	M1V	745	0.88

# Example of Flaring Cool Dwarf

AX Mic Flares – MI V , V = 6.7 mag

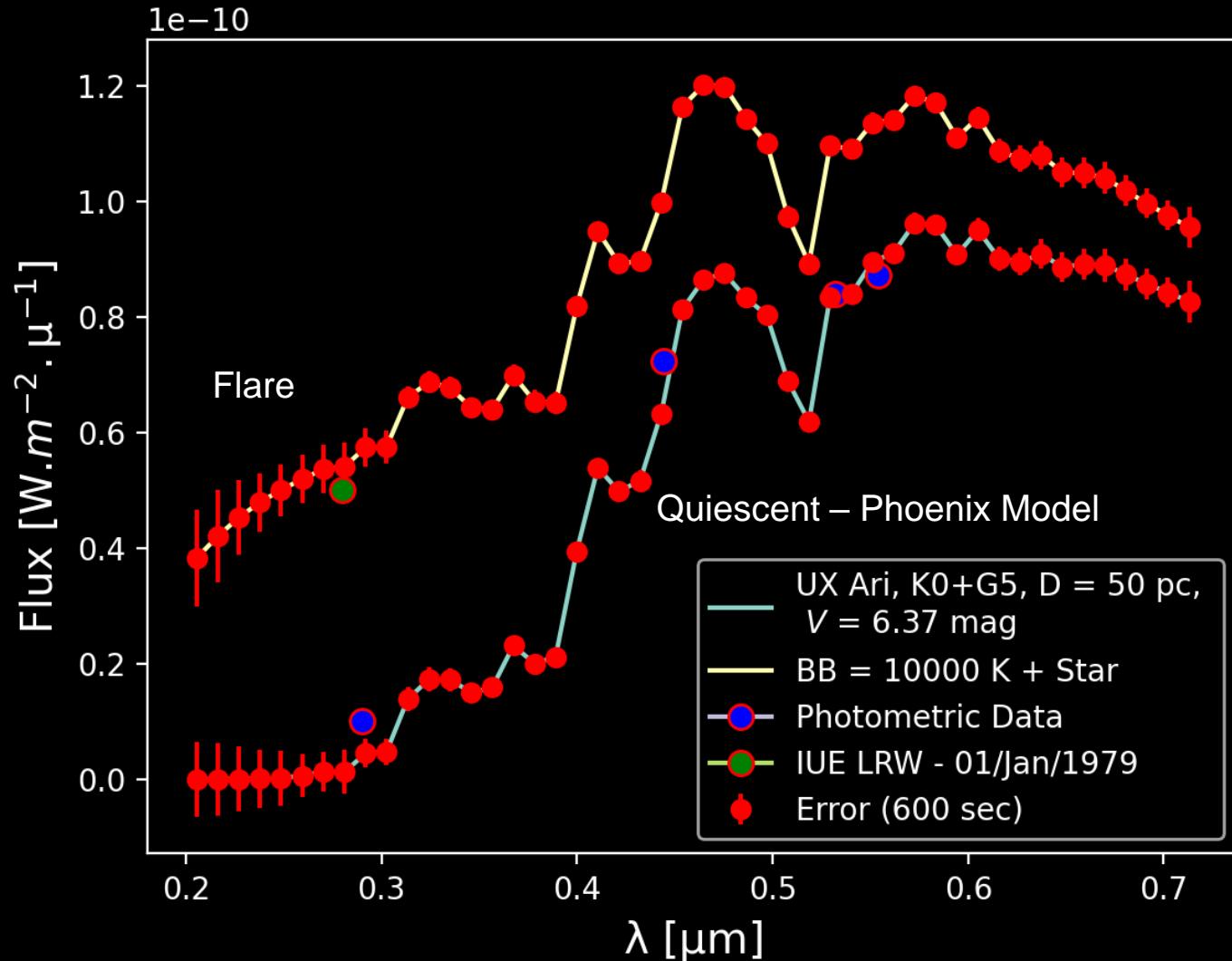
Preliminary Results



# Examples of RS CVn Variable (Contact Binaries)

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UX Ari Large Flare 01/Jan/1979 – G5 V+K0 IV ,  $V = 6.37$  mag



## Preliminary Results

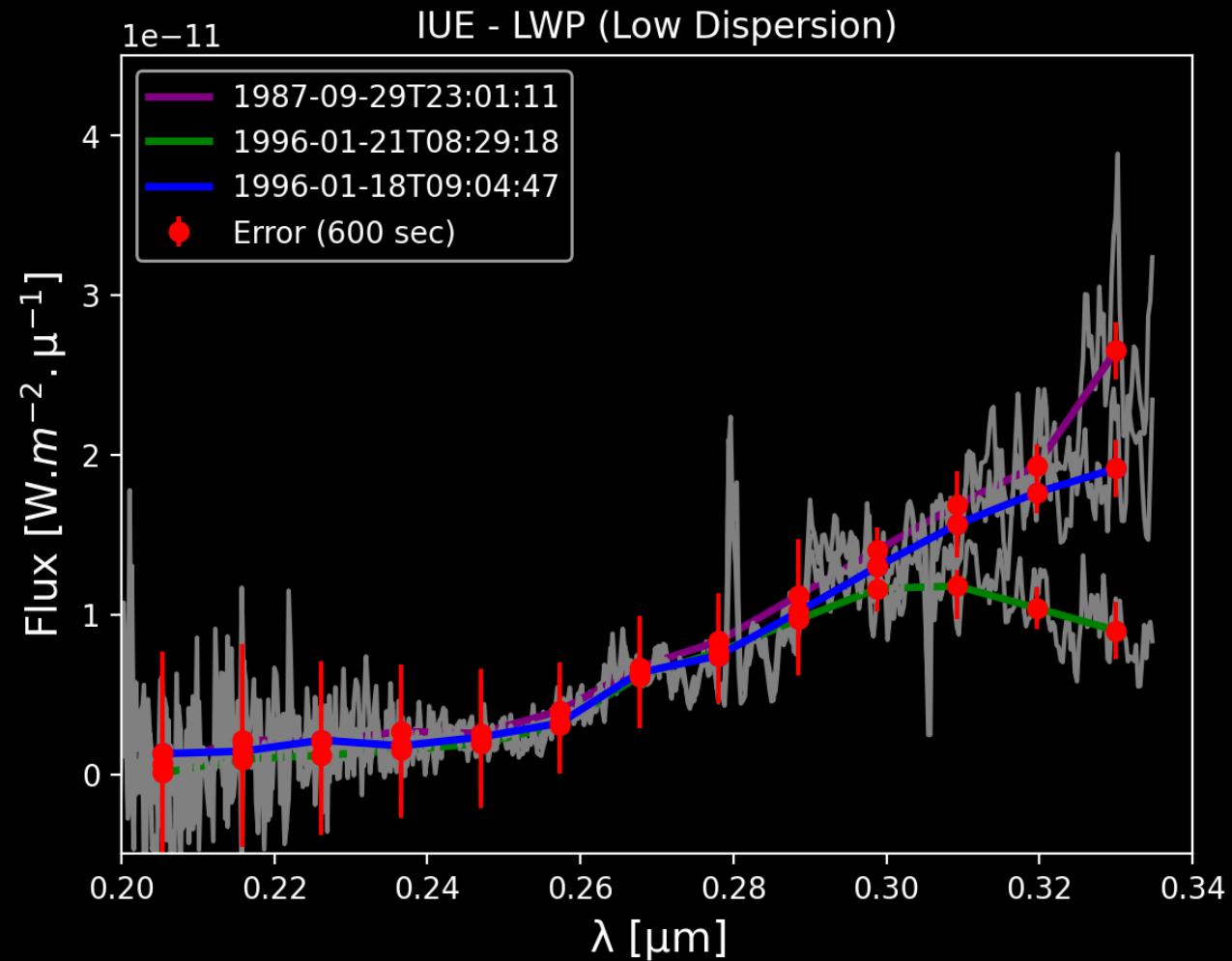
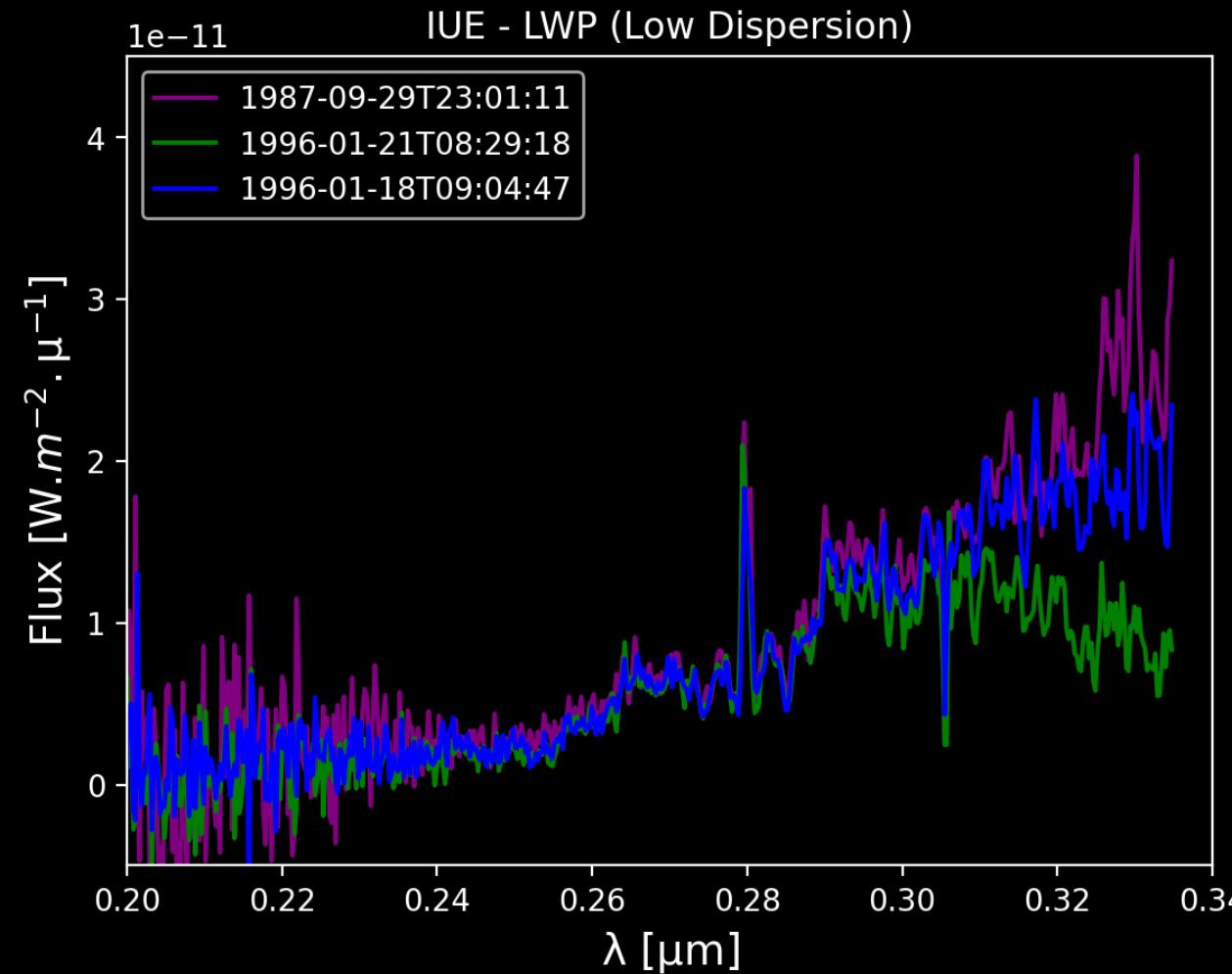
Mauve can monitor flares at different frequencies, with cadence of 30 s

\* The alert was received a day before from the Algonquin Radio Observatory.

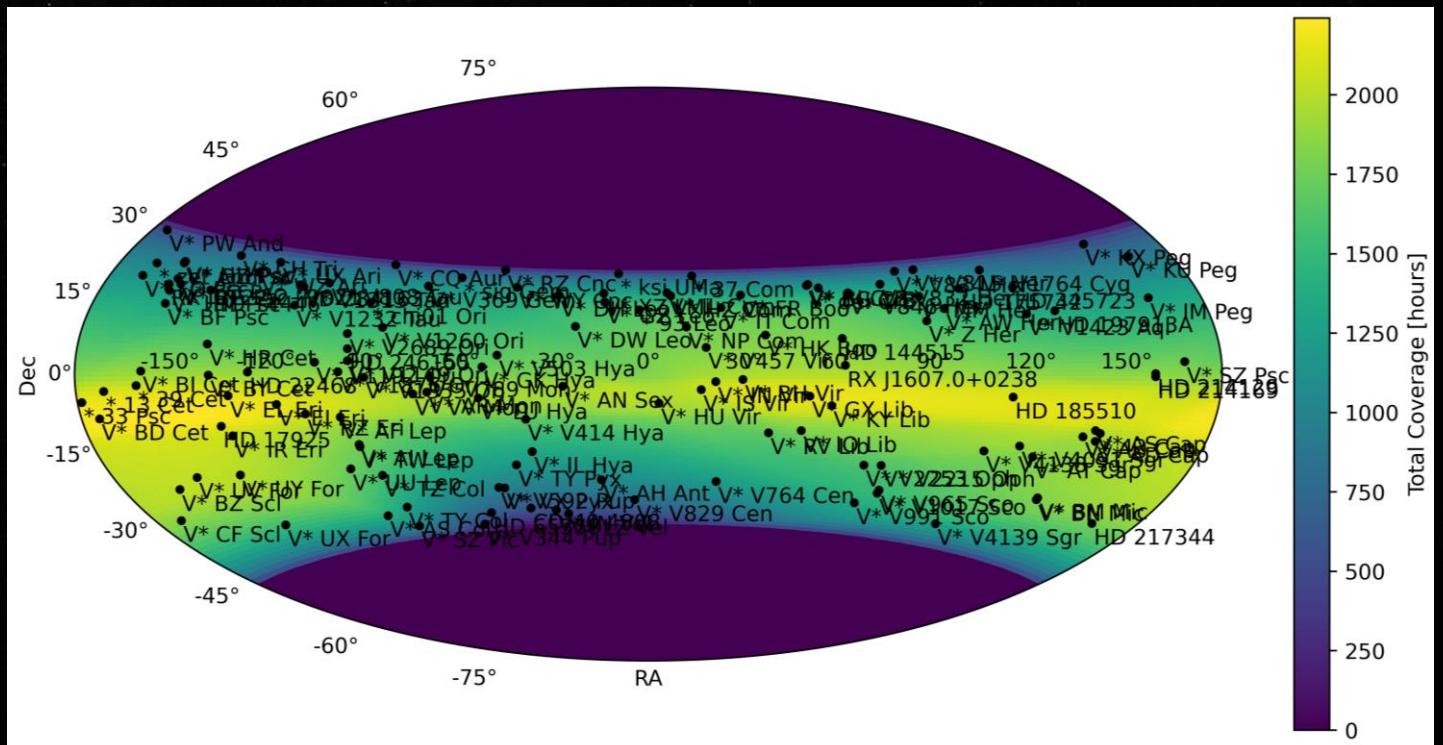
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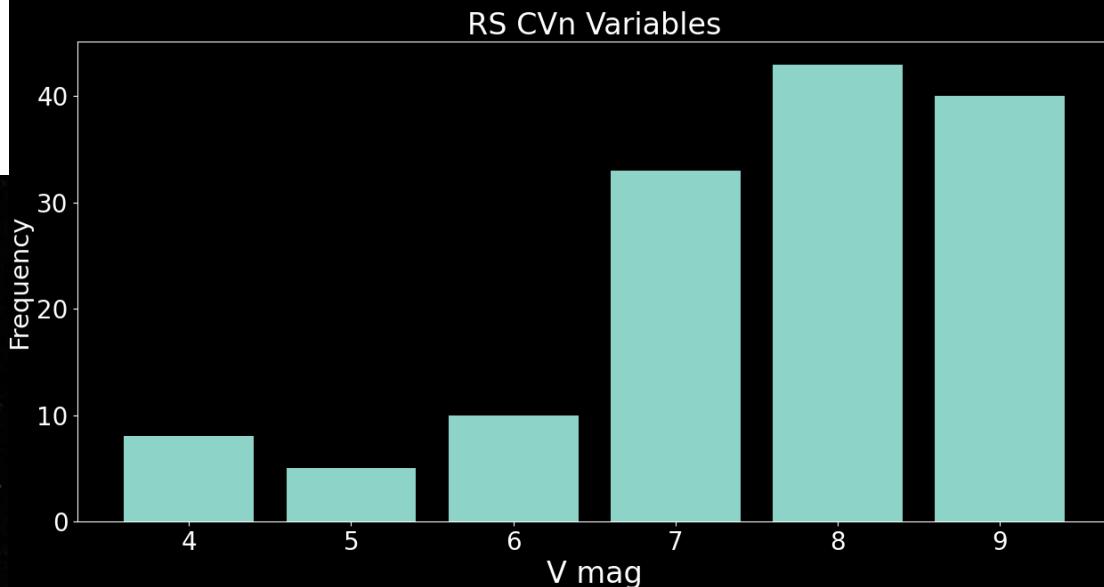
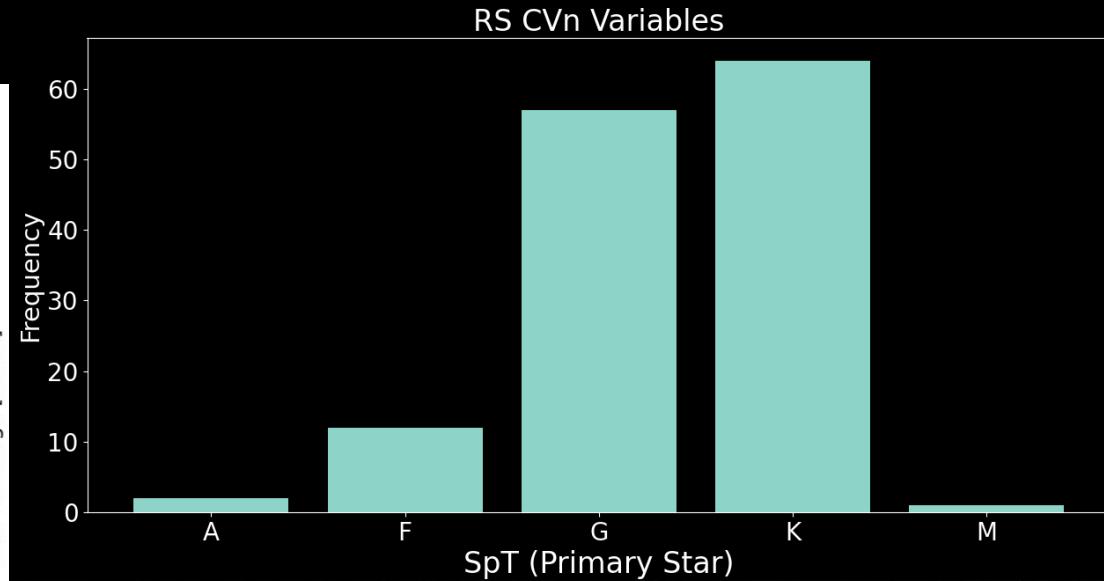
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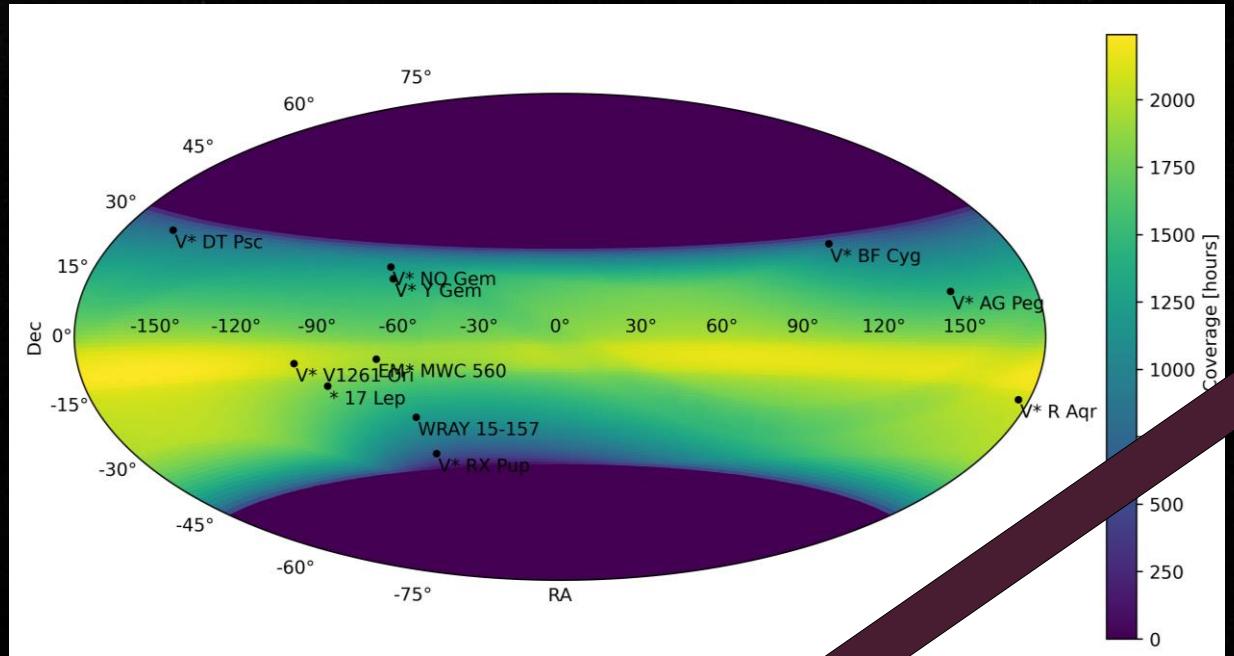
# RS CVn Variables (Statistics)



Grand total of 140 Targets  
(Simbad database)



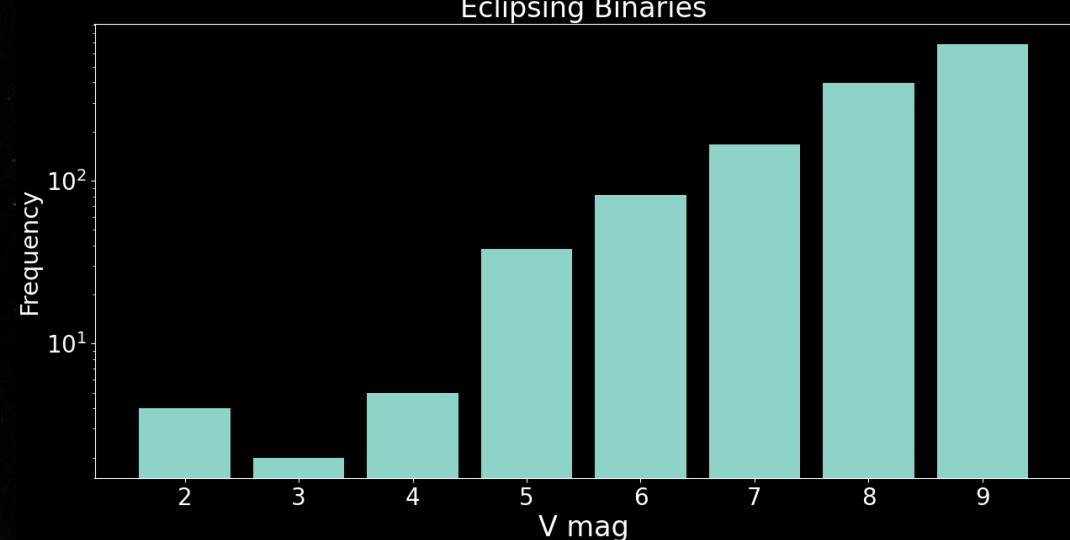
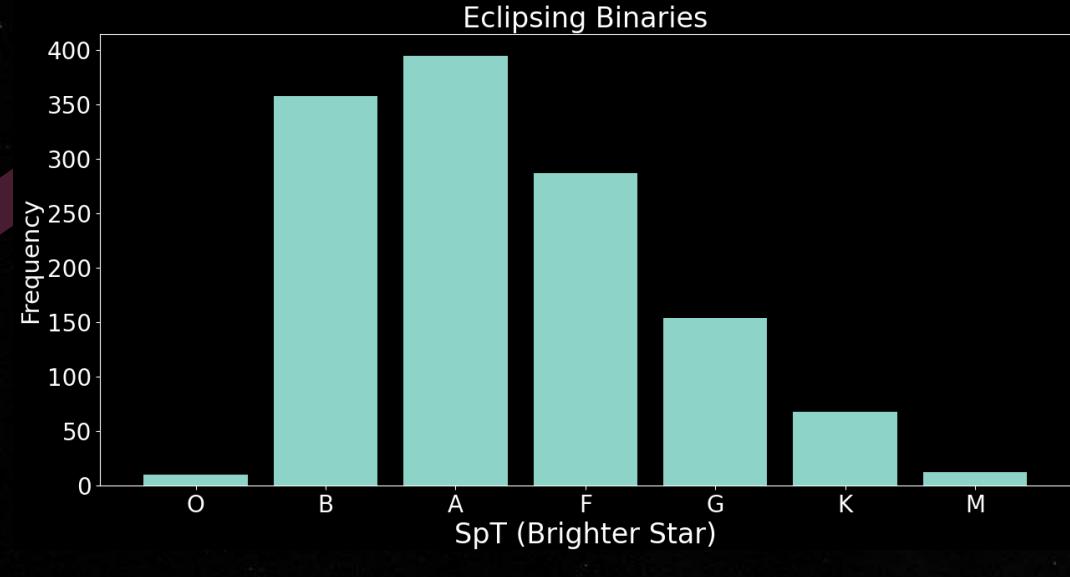
# Symbiotic Stars [WD/NS + Red Giant] (Statistics)



Grand total of 11 Targets  
(Simbad database)

Grand total of 1380 Targets  
(Simbad database)

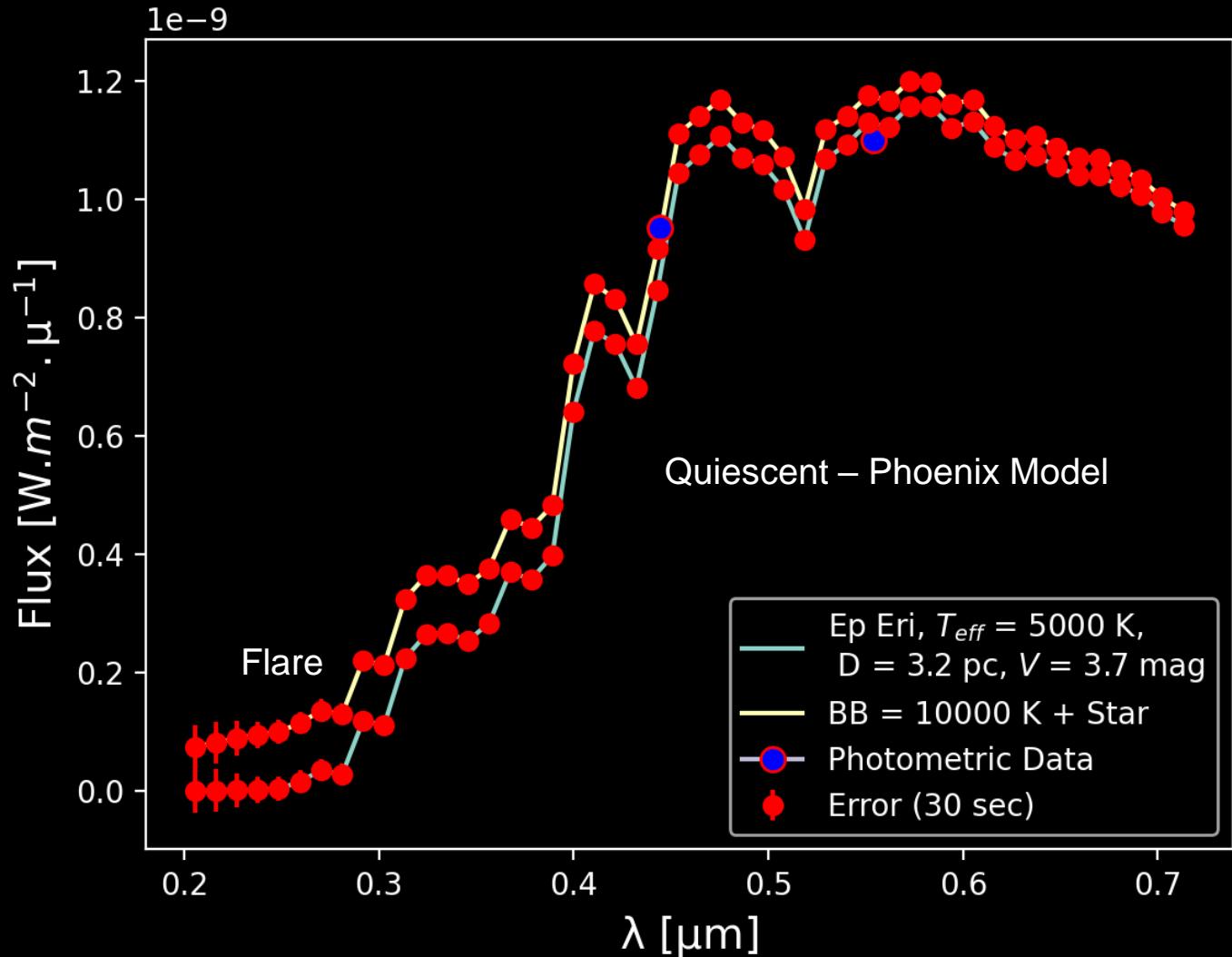
Eclipsing Binaries (Statistics)



# Example of Bright Source (Exoplanet Host)

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Epsilon Eridani Flare Simulation - K2V ,  $V = 3.7$  mag



## Preliminary Results

Mauve can monitor flares at different frequencies, with cadence of 30 s

# What makes Mauve different?

— White-light photometric facilities (TESS, Kepler, K2, etc.)

- Fainter targets
- High precision flux in a single passband

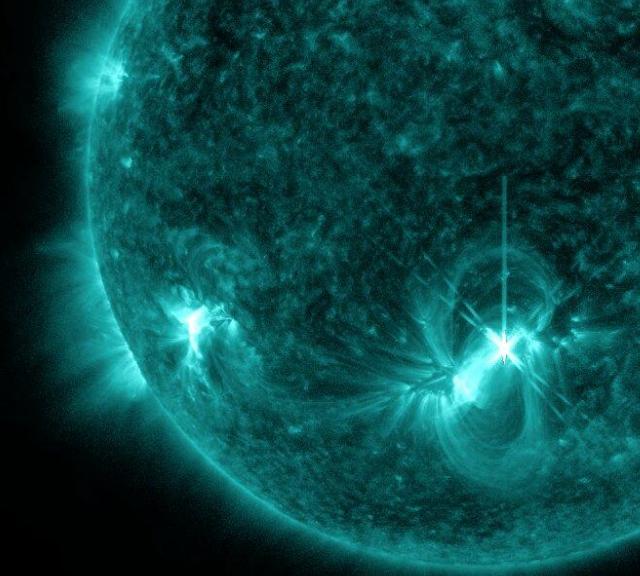


— Shorter cadences are proven to be more suitable for sampling flares  
(20 sec cadence TESS data)

— Bright targets (IUE/GALEX)

— Wide wavelength range coverage (NUV+Vis), which makes all the difference!  
(Best example, AD Leo)

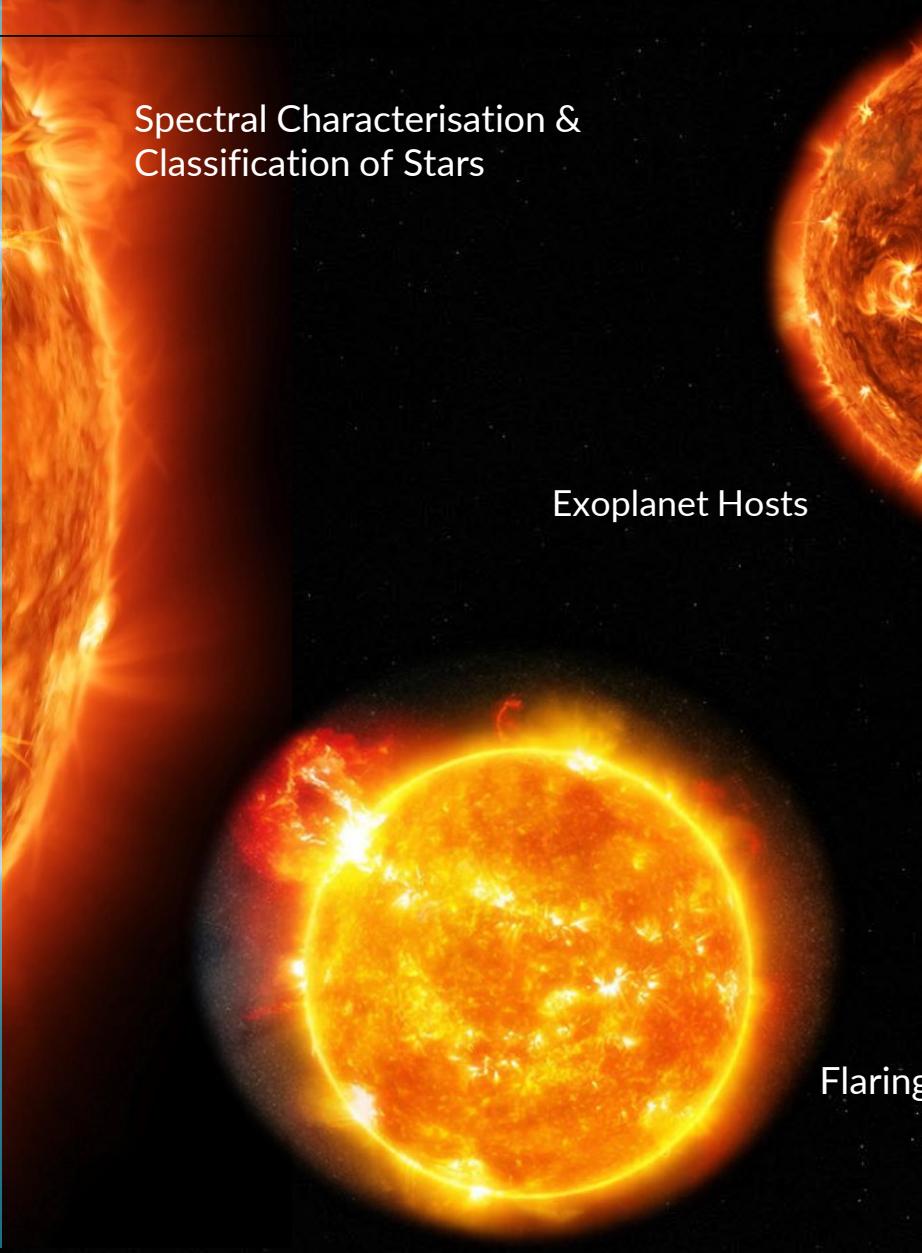
— Repeat/Continuous observations of targets (hundreds of hours available)



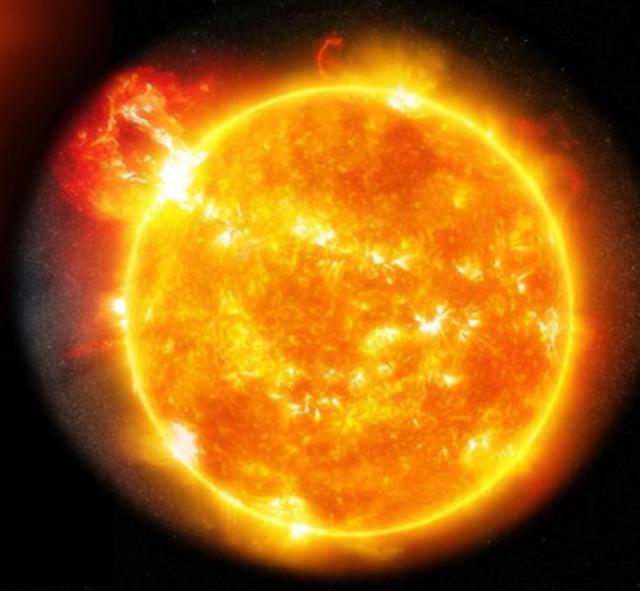
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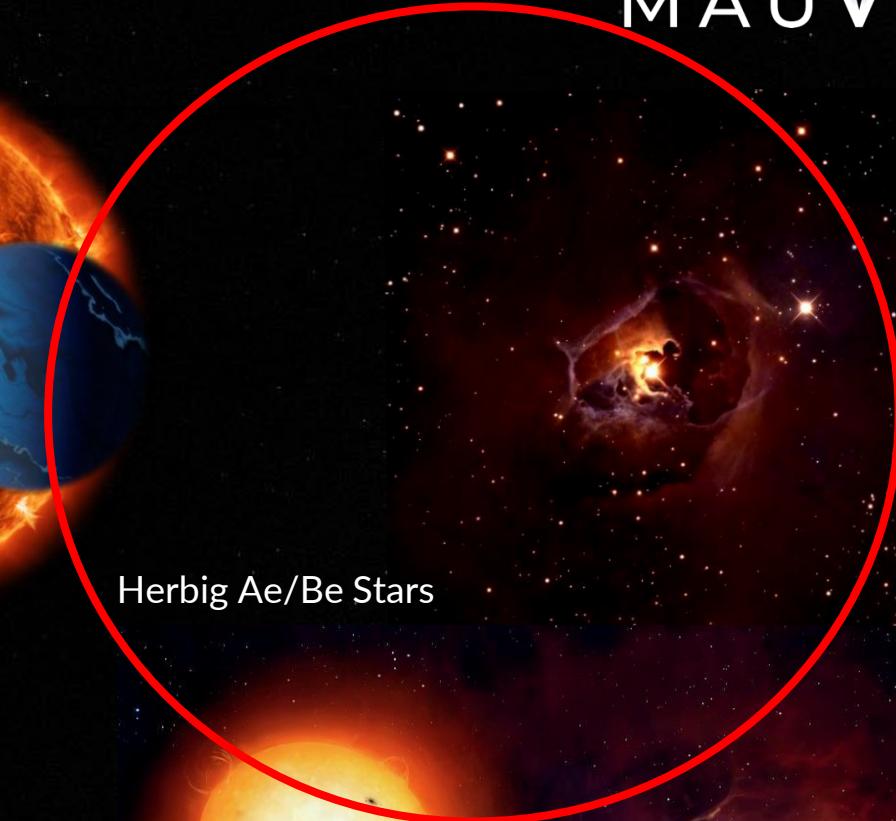
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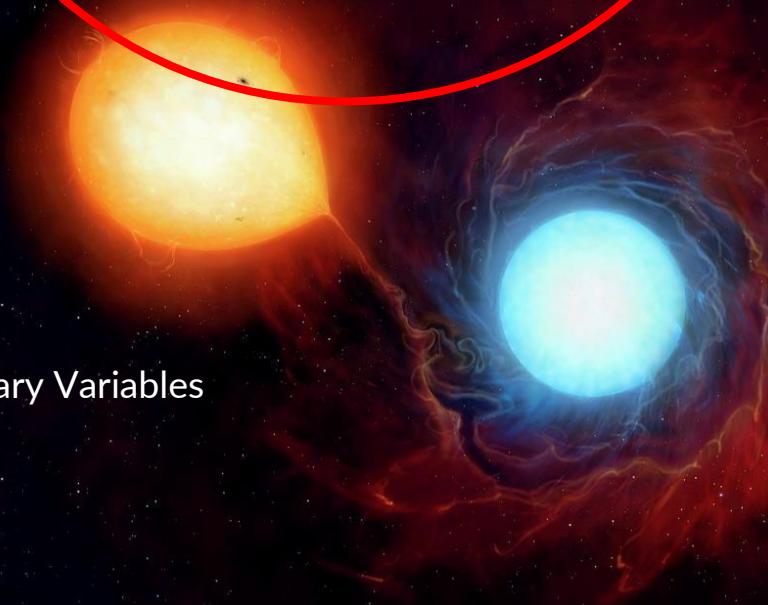
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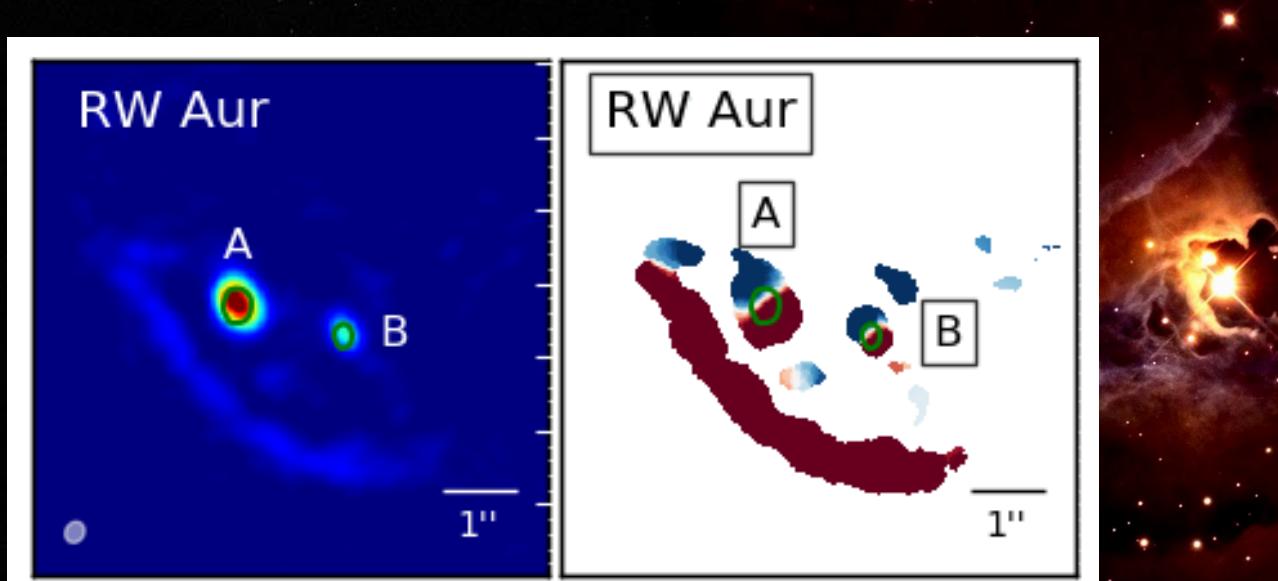


Contact Binary Variables

# Mauve science case III: Motivation / CTTS

## RW Aur A: SpeX Spectral Evidence for Differentiated Planetesimal Formation, Migration, and Destruction in an $\sim 3$ Myr Old Excited CTTS System

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Rota et al. 2022

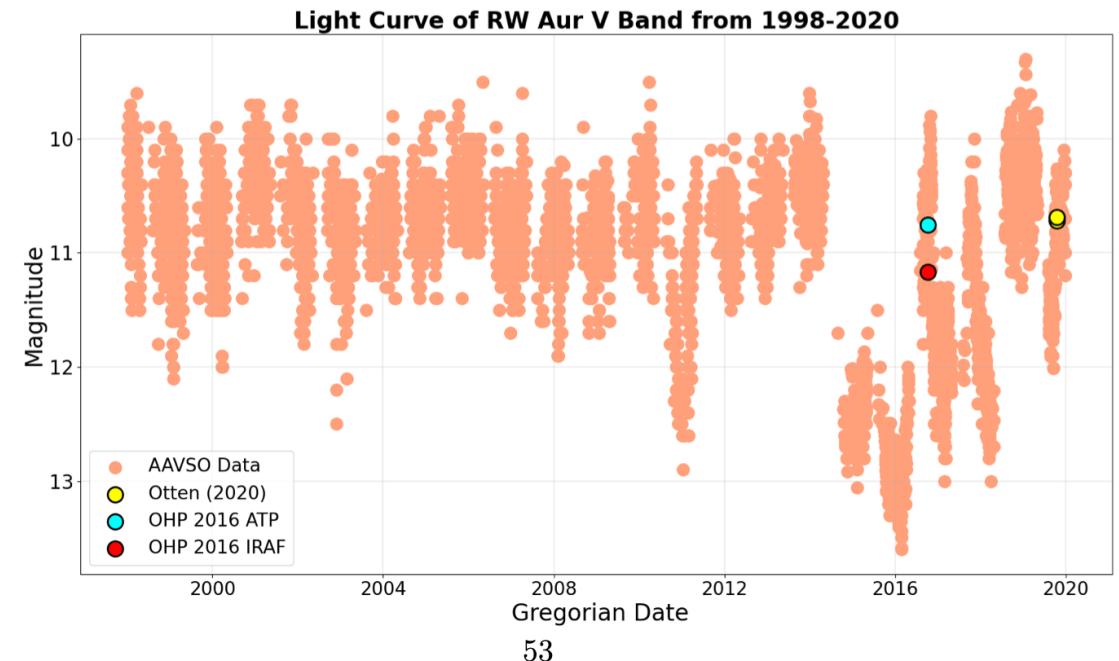
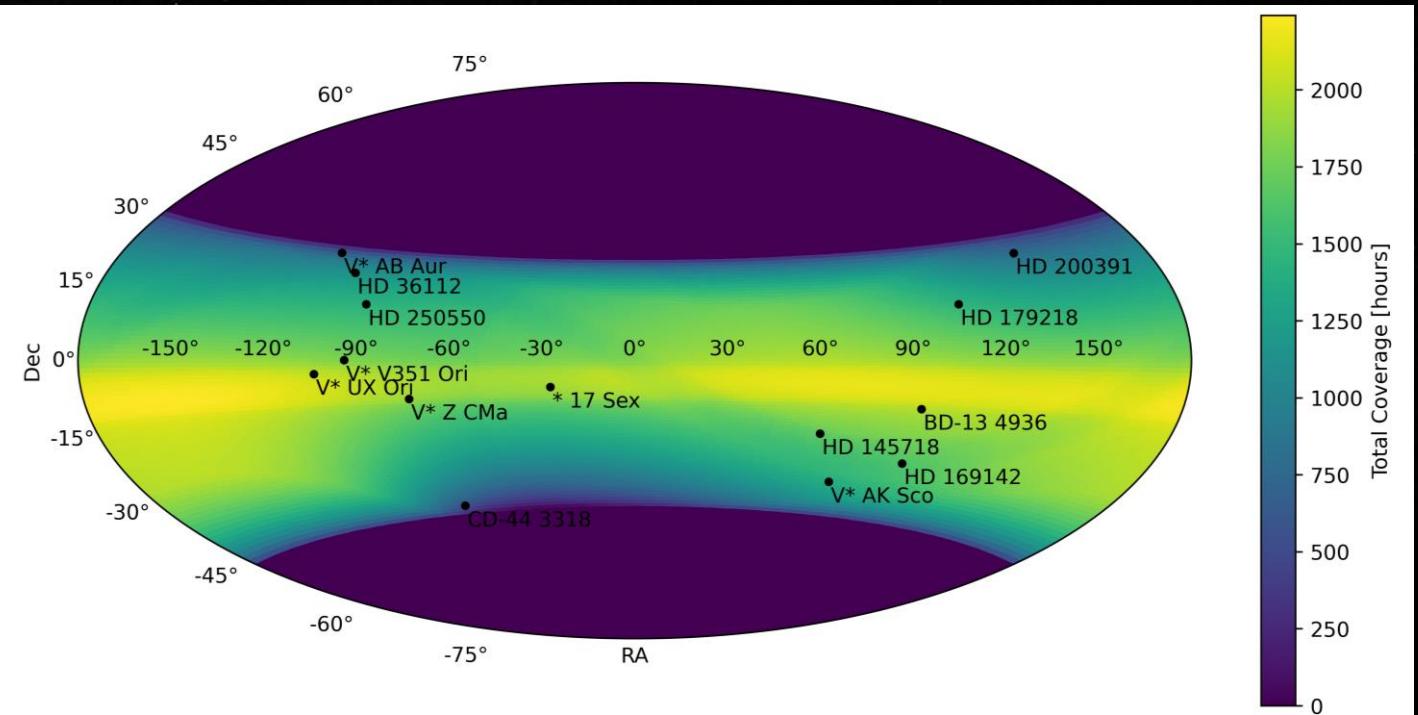


Figure 4.11: Light curve showing the long term variability of the magnitude of RW Aur A in the V band between 1998-2020 using OHP and AAVSO measurements.

Credits to: K. Dowd, E. Whelan

# Mauve science case III: Herbig Ae/Be Stars



## Disc Bearing Systems :

V* AB Aur	HD 31648	HD 37258	HD 50138	V* ER Vul	HD 163296	HD 142666
HD 142666	CD-38 4381	HD 37357	HD 53367	HD 144432	HD 190073	HD 35929
V* AK Sco	HD 36112	HD 250550	HD 52721	HD 169142	HD 179218	HD 35929
V* AB Aur	HD 245185	HD 259431	V* Z CMa	HD 145718	HD 142527	HD 36917

## Orion sample (Protoplanetary disks):

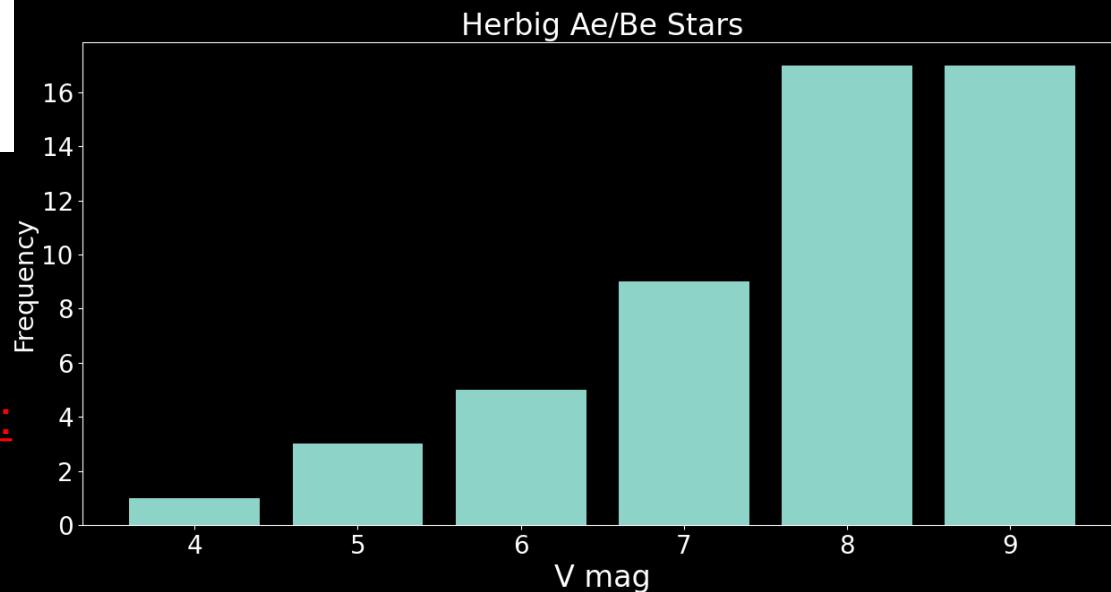
V\* BF Ori \* tet01 Ori A (HD 37020)  
V\* V351 Ori V372 Ori (HD 36917)  
V\* UX Ori V\* BN Ori  
V\* V1366 Ori

## Orion sample (W/O Disk):

V\* NV Ori V359 Ori  
V\* V1230 Ori LP Ori

Grand total of 54 Targets  
(Simbad database + Valenti et al. 2003)  
34/54 with protoplanetary disks

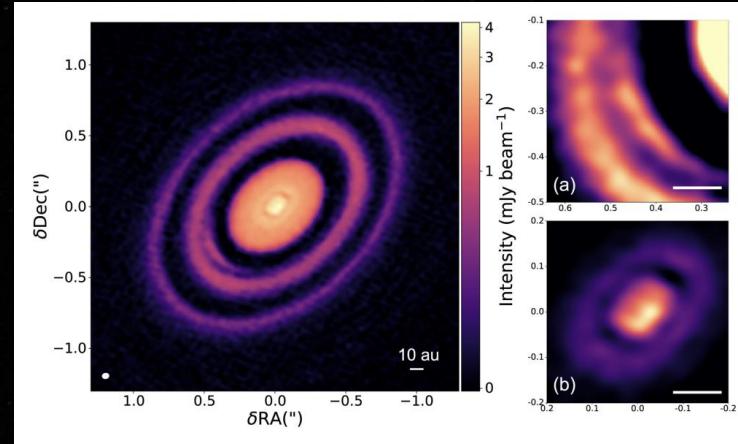
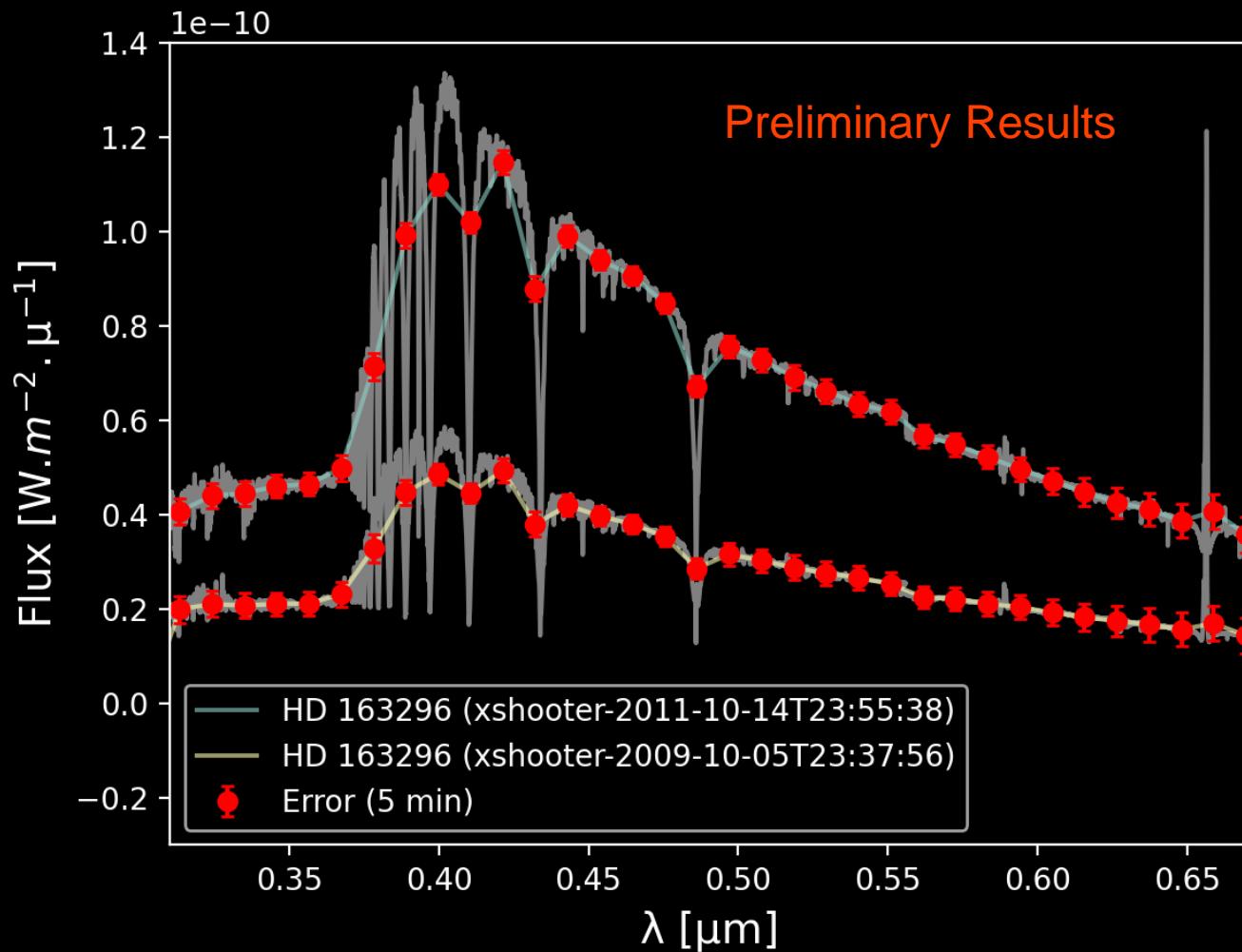
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Scorpius-Centaurus OB Association  
Orion OB Association \*\*



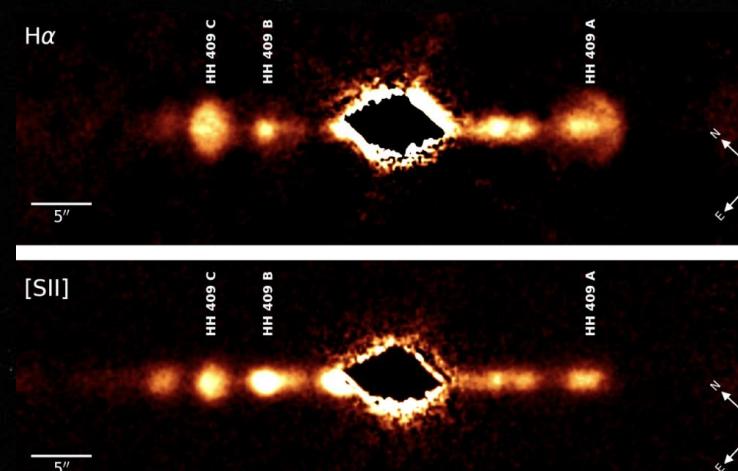
# Target List

# Mauve science case III: Herbig Ae/Be Stars

HD 163296 Variability in Different Epochs – A1Vep –  $V = 6.9$  mag



Isella et al. 2018



Kirwan et al. 2022

- V\* AB Aur
- HD 31648
- V\* UX Ori
- V\* V1366 Ori
- HD 36112
- HD 244524
- HD 245185
- V\* BN Ori
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- V\* Z CMa
- HD 200391
- \* 17 Sex
- V\* AK Sco
- V\* TY CrA
- HD 144432
- HD 169142
- HD 145718
- CD-24 13510
- HD 163296
- HD 313571
- HD 190073
- HD 179218
- CD-44 3318
- HD 142527
- V\* V856 Sco
- BD-13 4936
- HD 150193A
- V\* NV Ori
- HD 142666
- CD-38 4381

# What makes Mauve different?

— So far no devoted campaign to monitoring Herbig Ae/Be stars

- Bright targets
- Random epochs

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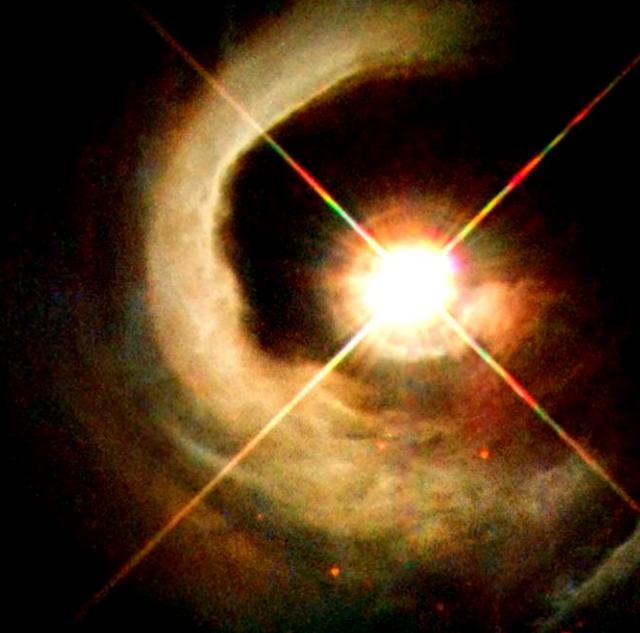
— Monitoring of bright stars (Herbig Ae/Be stars,  $4 < \text{Vmag} < 10$ )

— Wide wavelength range coverage (NUV+Vis) /  
flux-calibrated in U & V bands (Macc & Lacc)

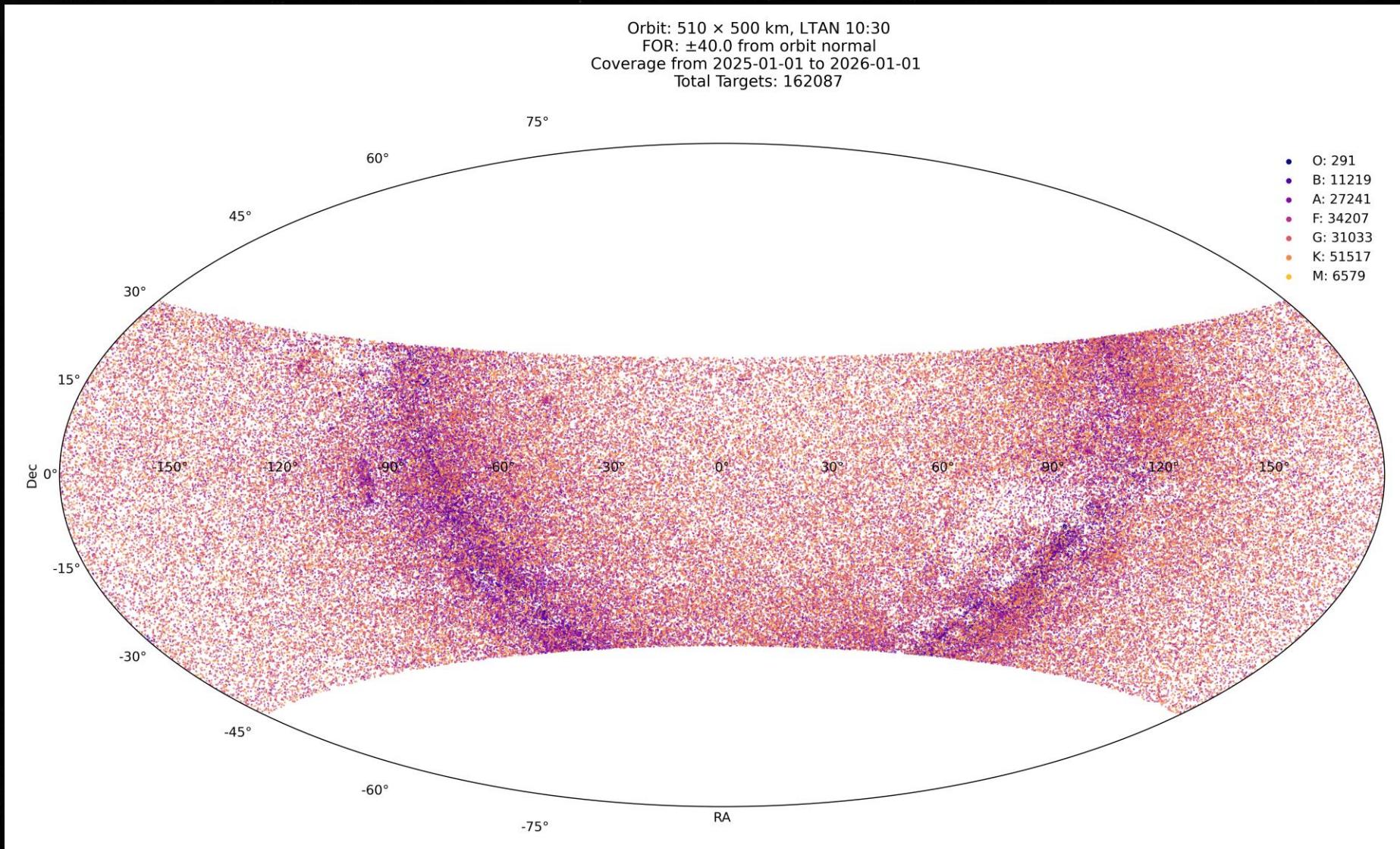
— Accretion variability time scale (daily/monthly/annually)

## Target List

HD 35929  
LP Ori  
HD 36939  
HD 37806  
V\* AE Aur  
HD 35929  
EW CMa (\* 27 CMa)  
V372 Ori (HD 36917)  
HD 316285  
HD 36981  
\* 93 Tau  
V\* V1230 Ori  
V359 Ori  
V\* XY Per



# Mauve Targets (~200,000 , V < 10 mag)



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# Example of Balmer Jump in Flares

