



Determining White Dwarf Variability

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Variable Stars: What are they?

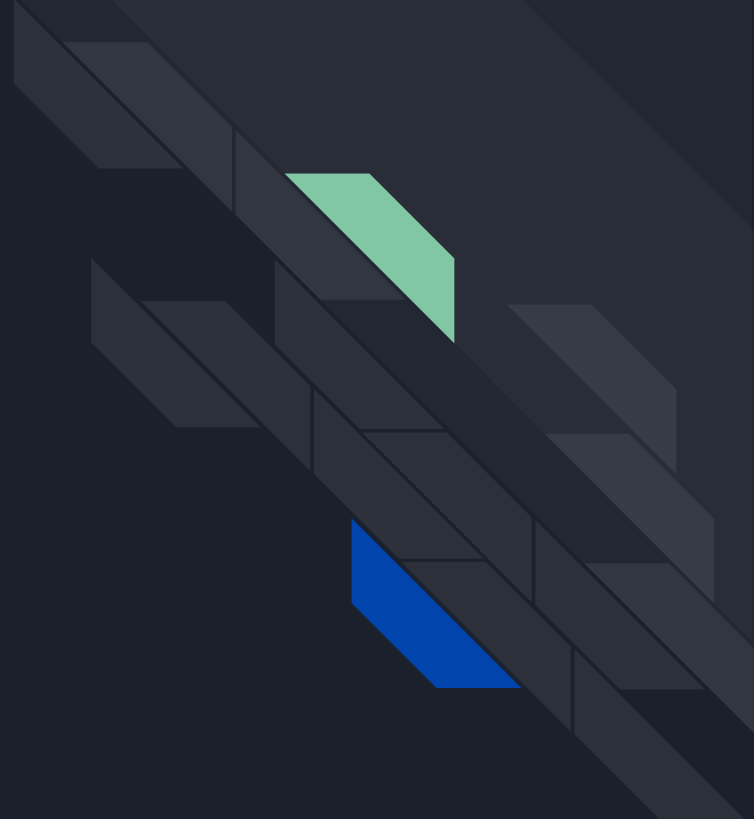
- Varying brightness
 - Intrinsic
 - Caused by the star itself
 - Ex: Pulsations, eruptions
 - Extrinsic
 - Other bodies affecting star
 - Ex: Eclipsing binaries, sunspots
- Any stellar type
 - Research specific: white dwarfs
 - They are very small, dim, late-stage stars



Graphic via: [Exoplanet.sg](https://www.exoplanet.sg)

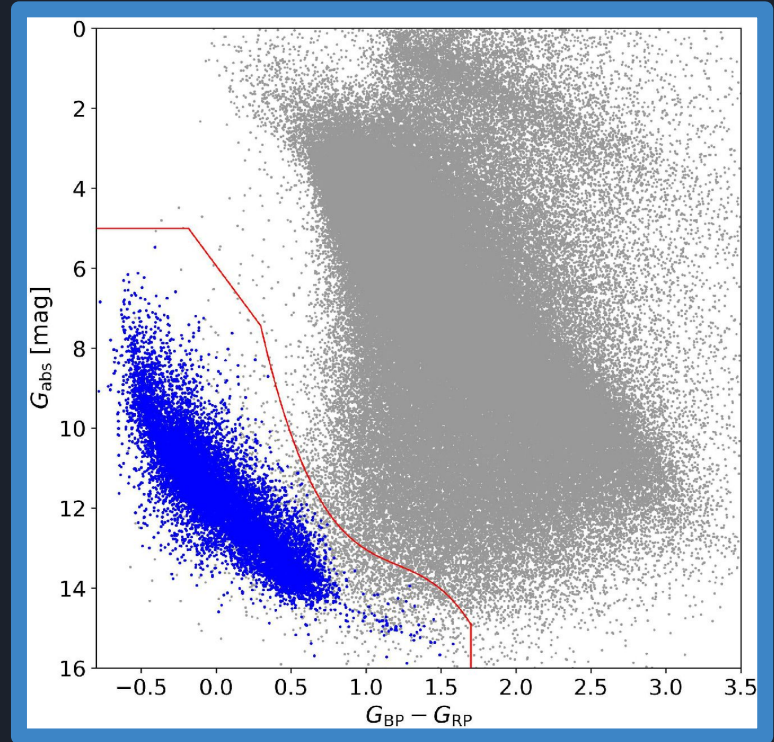
Research Goal:

Discover variable white dwarfs
using ASASSN & TESS targets



Data Acquisition & Methods

- Obtained from ASASSN & TESS Surveys
 - White dwarfs determined from Gentile-Fusillo et al. (2019)
 - <17th magnitude
 - Total targets: 8,500
- Data plotted using code by Aleksander Kosakowski
 - Produces light curves ->
 - Detection of variable targets
- Determine if target is known
 - Vizier, Simbad
- If not, we discovered it!



Gentile-Fusillo et al. (2019)

TESS Target 15207693216816512

