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Analysis of the IW And star ASAS J071404+7004.3

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Abstract

We made a time-resolved photometric campaign of the bright cataclysmic variable ASAS J071404+7004.3 in 2020. Inghet et al. (2022, arXiv/2109.14514) recently published time-resolved optical spectroscopy, X-ray observations and long- and short-term optical variations. Although their results were correct in many parts, they classified ASAS J071404+7004.3 as a VY Scl-type novalike object. By comparing the ASAS-SN data of this object and the IW And-type object HO Pup, we showed that their type classification was incorrect. ASAS J071404+7004.3 showed outbursts from a standstill followed by shallow dips, which is the defining characteristic of an IW And star. This object predominantly showed states with low-amplitude dwarf nova-type oscillations, some of which could be identified as the “heartbeat”-type state as a variety of the IW And-type phenomenon. The low state described by Inghet et al. (2022) was not a true low state of a VY Scl star, but a dwarf nova-type state with increased outburst amplitudes. Both ground-based (our campaign) and TESS observations detected orbital variations whose periods [0.136589(5) d by the ground-based campaign and 0.1366476(3) d by the TESS data] are in very good agreement with the one obtained by radial-velocity studies by Inghet et al. (2022). The standstill in 2019–2020 in ASAS J071404+7004.3 was not brighter than its dwarf nova-type states. The brightest moment of this object occurred when the amplitudes of dwarf nova-type variations were large, which challenges the widely accepted interpretation that standstills in Z Cam stars occur when the mass-transfer rates are high.

1 Introduction

Inight et al. (2022) reported on the recently identified nearby, bright ($V \sim 12$) cataclysmic variable (CV) ASAS J071404+7004.3. This object was identified as the optical counterpart of the X-ray source 1RXS J071404.0+700413 by Kiraga and Stepień (2013) by examining light variations of ROSAT All Sky Survey sources (Voges et al. 1999) using the northern twin (ASAS-N) of the All-Sky Automated Survey (ASAS: Pojmański 2002). This object was unique among the objects identified by Kiraga and Stepień (2013) in that it was classified as a miscellaneous variable star with a period of 22.44 d.

Inight et al. (2022) published time-resolved optical spectroscopy, X-ray observations and long- and short-term optical variations. The object was confirmed to be a CV with an orbital period of 0.1366454(1) d. Inight et al. (2022) compared the long-term light curve of this object with the AAVSO light curves of prototypical objects of CV subtypes: Z Cam (Z Cam star), V513 Cas (IW And star) and VY Scl (VY Scl star) and concluded that the object belongs to the VY Scl-type CVs based on the visual similarity of the light curve rather than detailed comparisons.

This object was introduced to us by a baavss-alert message “Request for help in monitoring ASAS J071404+7004.3” requested by Boris Gänsicke and posted by Jeremy Shears on 2020 February 7¹. Upon this message, one of the authors (TK) examined All-Sky Automated Survey for Supernovae (ASAS-SN) Sky Patrol data (Shappee et al. 2014; Kochanek et al. 2017) and readily identified it as an IW And star (T. Kato, vsnet-alert 23944² on 2020 February 7) based on the heartbeat-type variation with shallow dips in 2017 and the presence of standstills. This identification was quickly reflected on the AAVSO Variable Star Index (VSX: Watson et al. 2006)³. It is strange that there was no trace of examination of this type identification in Inight et al. (2022) and we clarify the reasons of the apparent discrepancy in the type classification.

In the following section, we describe the results from ASAS-SN observations. We conducted our own campaign of time-resolved photometry by the VSNET Collaboration (Kato et al. 2004), which was aimed to detect possible negative superhumps (T. Kato, vsnet-alert 23949⁴) motivated by the presence of negative superhumps (a tilted disk) in the IW And star KIC 9406652 (Gies et al. 2013; Kimura et al. 2020a; Kimura and Osaki 2021) and a possible suggestion that a tilted disk might be responsible for the IW And-type phenomenon (Kimura et al. 2020a). The log of observations is shown in table 1. The R and I bands refer to Kron-Cousins systems. We also analyzed Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) observations.⁵ The full light-curve is available at the Mikulski Archive for Space Telescope (MAST⁶).

Table 1: Log of observations of ASAS J071404+7004.3.

| Start* | End* | mag [†] | error [‡] | N^{\S} | obs | band [#] |
|------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 58887.2403 | 58887.4579 | 11.562 | 0.003 | 246 | Van | R |
| 58887.2413 | 58887.4583 | 12.020 | 0.003 | 246 | Van | V |
| 58888.4555 | 58888.5833 | 11.594 | 0.003 | 168 | Van | R |
| 58888.4561 | 58888.5827 | 12.056 | 0.003 | 164 | Van | V |
| 58889.6340 | 58889.7702 | 11.841 | 0.003 | 156 | Van | V |

*JD−2400000.

[†]Mean magnitude.

[‡] 1σ of the mean magnitude.

[§]Number of observations.

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¹Although baavss-alert mailing list on yahoo had a publicly accessible archive, this service has already been discontinued and the message is not currently publicly available.

²<<http://ooruri.kusastro.kyoto-u.ac.jp/mailarchive/vsnet-alert/23944>>.

³<<https://www.aavso.org/vsx/index.php?view=detail.top&oid=300502>>.

⁴<<http://ooruri.kusastro.kyoto-u.ac.jp/mailarchive/vsnet-alert/23949>>.

⁵<<https://tess.mit.edu/observations/>>.

⁶<<http://archive.stsci.edu/>>.

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|------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 58890.0932 | 58890.2128 | 11.816 | 0.002 | 359 | Ioh | C |
| 58890.2151 | 58890.3351 | -0.286 | 0.003 | 163 | CRI | C |
| 58890.2334 | 58890.4270 | 11.844 | 0.005 | 100 | BSM | V |
| 58890.2344 | 58890.4280 | 11.640 | 0.006 | 89 | BSM | I |
| 58890.4491 | 58890.5404 | 12.175 | 0.007 | 9 | Van | B |
| 58890.4504 | 58890.5417 | 11.865 | 0.012 | 9 | Van | V |
| 58892.2501 | 58892.5173 | 11.620 | 0.014 | 19 | Van | R |
| 58892.5180 | 58892.5190 | 12.152 | 0.001 | 5 | Van | V |
| 58893.0409 | 58893.2323 | -0.431 | 0.001 | 1358 | KU1 | C |
| 58893.4654 | 58893.5545 | -0.273 | 0.004 | 104 | CRI | C |
| 58893.5152 | 58893.5499 | 12.135 | 0.009 | 6 | Van | B |
| 58893.5166 | 58893.5512 | 11.841 | 0.017 | 6 | Van | V |
| 58893.5676 | 58893.6573 | 12.060 | 0.002 | 330 | May | R |
| 58894.1140 | 58894.1698 | -0.409 | 0.002 | 432 | KU1 | C |
| 58894.3092 | 58894.3092 | 12.093 | — | 1 | Van | CV |
| 58894.3103 | 58894.5522 | 11.889 | 0.014 | 9 | Van | V |
| 58894.5149 | 58894.5509 | 12.146 | 0.010 | 6 | Van | B |
| 58895.2431 | 58895.4151 | 11.871 | 0.006 | 86 | BSM | V |
| 58895.2440 | 58895.4160 | 11.690 | 0.007 | 79 | BSM | I |
| 58895.2490 | 58895.3544 | 11.832 | 0.005 | 60 | GCH | V |
| 58895.2499 | 58895.3552 | 11.616 | 0.006 | 60 | GCH | I |
| 58895.3092 | 58895.5497 | 12.195 | 0.015 | 9 | Van | B |
| 58895.3106 | 58895.5511 | 11.908 | 0.014 | 6 | Van | V |
| 58896.2537 | 58896.4161 | 11.851 | 0.005 | 85 | BSM | V |
| 58896.2546 | 58896.4151 | 11.634 | 0.006 | 57 | BSM | I |
| 58896.3134 | 58896.6055 | 12.136 | 0.015 | 7 | Van | B |
| 58896.3150 | 58896.6069 | 11.849 | 0.009 | 7 | Van | V |
| 58896.4278 | 58896.6302 | 11.854 | 0.007 | 66 | GCH | V |
| 58896.4286 | 58896.6293 | 11.629 | 0.005 | 66 | GCH | I |
| 58897.3853 | 58897.4572 | -0.288 | 0.002 | 98 | CRI | C |
| 58897.4273 | 58897.4846 | 11.838 | 0.006 | 35 | GCH | V |
| 58897.4282 | 58897.6063 | 11.639 | 0.007 | 62 | GCH | I |
| 58898.2358 | 58898.6443 | -0.238 | 0.001 | 2003 | CRI | C |
| 58898.4455 | 58898.5999 | 12.109 | 0.020 | 6 | Van | B |
| 58898.4469 | 58898.6014 | 11.845 | 0.017 | 6 | Van | V |
| 58899.4977 | 58899.7251 | 12.182 | 0.014 | 7 | Van | B |
| 58899.4990 | 58899.7239 | 11.907 | 0.008 | 9 | Van | V |
| 58900.2339 | 58900.4157 | 11.910 | 0.004 | 165 | BSM | V |
| 58900.4976 | 58900.7262 | 12.237 | 0.009 | 8 | Van | B |
| 58900.4993 | 58900.7247 | 11.950 | 0.005 | 8 | Van | V |
| 58900.5435 | 58900.6226 | 11.910 | 0.005 | 48 | GCH | V |
| 58900.5444 | 58900.6216 | 11.689 | 0.005 | 47 | GCH | I |
| 58901.2503 | 58901.6714 | 11.927 | 0.002 | 539 | Kai | V |

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|------------|------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 58901.3029 | 58901.5823 | 11.874 | 0.002 | 318 | BSM | <i>V</i> |
| 58901.4978 | 58901.7253 | 12.107 | 0.007 | 7 | Van | <i>B</i> |
| 58901.4988 | 58901.6578 | 11.872 | 0.017 | 5 | Van | <i>V</i> |
| 58901.5416 | 58901.6152 | 11.915 | 0.007 | 30 | GCH | <i>V</i> |
| 58901.5447 | 58901.6132 | 11.685 | 0.004 | 29 | GCH | <i>I</i> |
| 58902.4975 | 58902.7253 | 12.183 | 0.010 | 9 | Van | <i>B</i> |
| 58902.4989 | 58902.7241 | 11.909 | 0.009 | 9 | Van | <i>V</i> |
| 58903.4981 | 58903.7256 | 12.176 | 0.028 | 7 | Van | <i>B</i> |
| 58903.4990 | 58903.6580 | 11.829 | 0.040 | 6 | Van | <i>V</i> |
| 58904.2401 | 58904.5961 | 11.931 | 0.002 | 407 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58904.4981 | 58904.7253 | 12.187 | 0.029 | 4 | Van | <i>B</i> |
| 58904.4989 | 58904.4994 | 11.916 | 0.013 | 3 | Van | <i>V</i> |
| 58905.2309 | 58905.4930 | -2.011 | 0.002 | 436 | May | <i>R</i> |
| 58905.2415 | 58905.3582 | 11.831 | 0.003 | 161 | Trt | <i>V</i> |
| 58905.3755 | 58905.5422 | -0.251 | 0.003 | 226 | CRI | <i>C</i> |
| 58906.1052 | 58906.3658 | 11.834 | 0.002 | 361 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58906.2829 | 58906.4246 | -0.247 | 0.002 | 192 | CRI | <i>C</i> |
| 58906.4837 | 58906.7254 | 12.082 | 0.003 | 4 | Van | <i>B</i> |
| 58906.4853 | 58906.7242 | 11.827 | 0.026 | 3 | Van | <i>V</i> |
| 58906.9395 | 58907.3708 | 11.814 | 0.003 | 292 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58907.4842 | 58907.6261 | 12.119 | 0.009 | 5 | Van | <i>B</i> |
| 58907.4855 | 58907.7099 | 11.876 | 0.015 | 9 | Van | <i>V</i> |
| 58908.3710 | 58908.5595 | 11.832 | 0.002 | 450 | Trt | <i>CV</i> |
| 58910.5706 | 58910.5711 | 11.628 | 0.006 | 3 | Van | <i>R</i> |
| 58910.9375 | 58911.3143 | 11.800 | 0.003 | 270 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58911.3220 | 58911.5347 | -0.276 | 0.002 | 288 | CRI | <i>C</i> |
| 58911.4681 | 58911.4686 | 11.643 | 0.007 | 3 | Van | <i>R</i> |
| 58911.9661 | 58912.0521 | 11.799 | 0.004 | 55 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58913.3184 | 58913.6768 | 11.791 | 0.001 | 871 | Trt | <i>V</i> |
| 58913.9270 | 58914.0178 | 11.776 | 0.006 | 73 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58914.0531 | 58914.2712 | 11.766 | 0.002 | 456 | Ioh | <i>V</i> |
| 58914.2568 | 58914.4465 | 11.793 | 0.004 | 209 | BSM | <i>V</i> |
| 58914.9345 | 58915.0146 | 11.815 | 0.003 | 167 | Ioh | <i>V</i> |
| 58916.2513 | 58916.4514 | 11.926 | 0.003 | 253 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58916.9406 | 58917.0958 | 11.924 | 0.003 | 147 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58918.9692 | 58919.1906 | 11.842 | 0.002 | 359 | Ioh | <i>V</i> |
| 58919.9386 | 58920.0664 | 11.833 | 0.004 | 119 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58920.2469 | 58920.4573 | 11.865 | 0.002 | 243 | BSM | <i>V</i> |
| 58920.2670 | 58920.5717 | 11.878 | 0.002 | 401 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58920.9181 | 58921.0824 | 11.881 | 0.003 | 151 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58921.2463 | 58921.5264 | -0.249 | 0.002 | 379 | CRI | <i>C</i> |
| 58921.2469 | 58921.4200 | 11.823 | 0.005 | 200 | BSM | <i>V</i> |
| 58921.3510 | 58921.3514 | 11.580 | 0.007 | 3 | Van | <i>R</i> |

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| 58921.9225 | 58922.0375 | 11.836 | 0.012 | 12 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58922.2563 | 58922.4496 | 11.929 | 0.002 | 229 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58922.9169 | 58923.0817 | 11.905 | 0.004 | 141 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58923.2440 | 58923.3678 | 11.919 | 0.003 | 124 | BSM | <i>V</i> |
| 58923.2583 | 58923.3547 | 11.664 | 0.007 | 42 | GCH | <i>I</i> |
| 58923.2913 | 58923.6167 | 11.944 | 0.003 | 318 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58924.2966 | 58924.6162 | 11.939 | 0.002 | 438 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58925.9374 | 58926.0609 | 11.835 | 0.004 | 118 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58926.2837 | 58926.6095 | 11.904 | 0.003 | 306 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58926.9214 | 58927.0259 | 11.822 | 0.004 | 100 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58927.9136 | 58928.0794 | 11.862 | 0.004 | 158 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58928.2683 | 58928.5974 | 11.908 | 0.002 | 405 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58928.9217 | 58929.0517 | 11.855 | 0.003 | 124 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58929.9151 | 58930.0732 | 11.820 | 0.003 | 150 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58931.2772 | 58931.5853 | 11.876 | 0.002 | 379 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58931.9134 | 58932.0502 | 11.806 | 0.005 | 130 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58932.2744 | 58932.5878 | 11.867 | 0.002 | 430 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58932.9478 | 58933.0523 | 11.815 | 0.004 | 100 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58933.2719 | 58933.5594 | 11.882 | 0.002 | 370 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58933.9427 | 58934.0441 | 11.838 | 0.005 | 97 | Aka | <i>V</i> |
| 58934.2866 | 58934.5844 | 11.890 | 0.003 | 399 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58935.2794 | 58935.5188 | 11.902 | 0.002 | 330 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58939.2897 | 58939.5744 | 11.906 | 0.003 | 346 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58940.2760 | 58940.5717 | 11.885 | 0.002 | 322 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58941.2824 | 58941.5637 | 11.907 | 0.003 | 253 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58942.2825 | 58942.5454 | 11.927 | 0.003 | 332 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58943.2586 | 58943.4255 | 12.081 | 0.002 | 326 | May | <i>R</i> |
| 58945.2525 | 58945.4978 | 11.939 | 0.002 | 440 | May | <i>R</i> |
| 58945.2642 | 58945.4158 | 11.800 | 0.002 | 190 | BSM | <i>V</i> |
| 58945.2677 | 58945.3942 | 11.585 | 0.003 | 82 | GCH | <i>I</i> |
| 58945.2915 | 58945.5449 | 11.830 | 0.002 | 302 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58946.2911 | 58946.5505 | 11.833 | 0.002 | 340 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58946.9222 | 58947.2099 | 11.827 | 0.002 | 610 | Ioh | <i>V</i> |
| 58947.2909 | 58947.5459 | 11.878 | 0.002 | 335 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58947.9265 | 58948.2262 | 11.884 | 0.002 | 649 | Ioh | <i>V</i> |
| 58948.2619 | 58948.4155 | 11.931 | 0.003 | 185 | BSM | <i>V</i> |
| 58948.2682 | 58948.4491 | 11.698 | 0.003 | 134 | GCH | <i>I</i> |
| 58948.2861 | 58948.5414 | 11.963 | 0.002 | 335 | Kai | <i>V</i> |
| 58949.2820 | 58949.4997 | 12.034 | 0.002 | 428 | May | <i>R</i> |
| 58949.2993 | 58949.4091 | 11.624 | 0.005 | 56 | GCH | <i>I</i> |
| 58950.0043 | 58950.1393 | 11.758 | 0.002 | 340 | Ioh | <i>V</i> |
| 58953.9519 | 58954.2054 | 11.876 | 0.002 | 695 | Ioh | <i>V</i> |

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2 Results and discussions

2.1 Long-term light curve

Although the ASAS-SN light curves were shown in Inight et al. (2022), they were either too small (their figure 12) or the important feature was not shown (their figure 2), we provide the full ASAS-SN light curve (figures 1, 2 and 3) together with TESS observations and the VSNET campaign data to show important features.

The most obvious feature is the long-lasting standstill between BJD 2458720 and 2459000 (figure 3, the second panel). It was rather a pity that the start of this standstill was not recorded. This standstill was terminated by an outburst which occurred during TESS observations.

The other parts after BJD 2456950 were dominated by low-amplitude dwarf nova-type variations (starting from the fourth panel of figure 1, most of figure 2 except the final part and figure 3 except the second panel and after BJD 2459550). The 22.44 d period in Kiraga and Stepień (2013) apparently referred to these low-amplitude dwarf nova-type variations. Although such low-amplitude dwarf nova-type variations are also seen in IX Vel (Kato 2021b), the cycle length in ASAS J071404+7004.3 is longer compared to IX Vel with 13–20 d and the profile is different in that variations in ASAS J071404+7004.3 tend to have slower rise and steeper decline as seen in the third panel of figure 2. This feature was interpreted as “inside out” (outburst) in Inight et al. (2022).

2.2 Problem of type classification in Inight et al. (2022)

The main reason why Inight et al. (2022) reached an inadequate classification was that they only consulted the relatively old literature Hameury and Lasota (2014) when referring to IW And stars. It is queer that Inight et al. (2022) referred to the category IW And stars, which term was not mentioned in Hameury and Lasota (2014), but was later defined by Kato (2019). These authors apparently dismissed this later definition and subsequent progress (e.g. Kimura et al. 2020b; Kato et al. 2020, 2021). In Kato (2019); Kimura et al. (2020b), the IW And stars were defined to have the features: (1) Standstills are terminated by brightening in IW And-type objects, unlike fading in Z Cam stars. (2) There are quasi-periodic cycles consisting of a (quasi-)standstill with damping oscillations — brightening which terminates the standstill — often a deep dip (not always present within the same object) and returning to a (quasi-)standstill. When deep dips are not present, the light curve looks like a periodic pattern with gradual rise with an increasing rate to a maximum followed by rapid fading. This pattern is referred to as “heartbeat-type oscillations”. It can be confirmed that this is a variety of IW And-type variation since the same object shows both typical IW And-type cycles with deep dips and these heartbeat-type oscillations. The depths of the dips form a continuum from zero (heartbeat-type oscillations) to a few magnitudes in the typical IW And-type cycles. This feature was described for the two objects in FY Vul and HO Pup in Kimura et al. (2020b), and Inight et al. (2022) probably missed modern knowledge of IW And stars. Considering these features, the light curve of ASAS J071404+7004.3 is very similar to that of HO Pup (figures 4 and 5). Just for information, Lee et al. (2021) correctly described HO Pup as an IW And star. The presence of long standstills (second panel in figure 3 and possibly before BJD 2456930 in figure 1) is also similar to the IW And star BO Cet, which showed a long standstill (this object was therefore initially classified as a novalike) lasting for years (Kato et al. 2021).

The second reason is that Inight et al. (2022) did not describe the characteristics of subclasses of CVs correctly. Inight et al. (2022) described IW And stars as showing continual outbursts (not unlike dwarf novae) during the high state (i.e. during the “standstill”). The most obvious feature of the IW And stars, however, is the presence of outbursts at the end of standstills, not during standstills.

Low states in VY Scl stars were also poorly defined (without a reference) and poorly compared with ASAS J071404+7004.3 in Inight et al. (2022). Typical low states of VY Scl stars lasts months to years and there are usually no strong sign of dwarf-nova outbursts during decline despite that the mass-transfer rates decrease. Examples of the light curves and a schematic representation of the lack of dwarf-nova outbursts can be found in Leach et al. (1999). This feature has long been known and the cause of the apparent inconsistency with the disk-instability model has been sought. Leach et al. (1999) suggested heating from a hot white dwarf suppresses thermal instability of the disk. Hameury and Lasota (2002) considered that the magnetism of a white dwarf could truncate the disk, thereby suppressing thermal instability. The presence of magnetism of white dwarfs in VY Scl stars in general, however, has not been apparent by observations. In any case, Inight et al. (2022) did not consider this well-known observational feature of VY Scl stars. The fading episode in ASAS J071404+7004.3

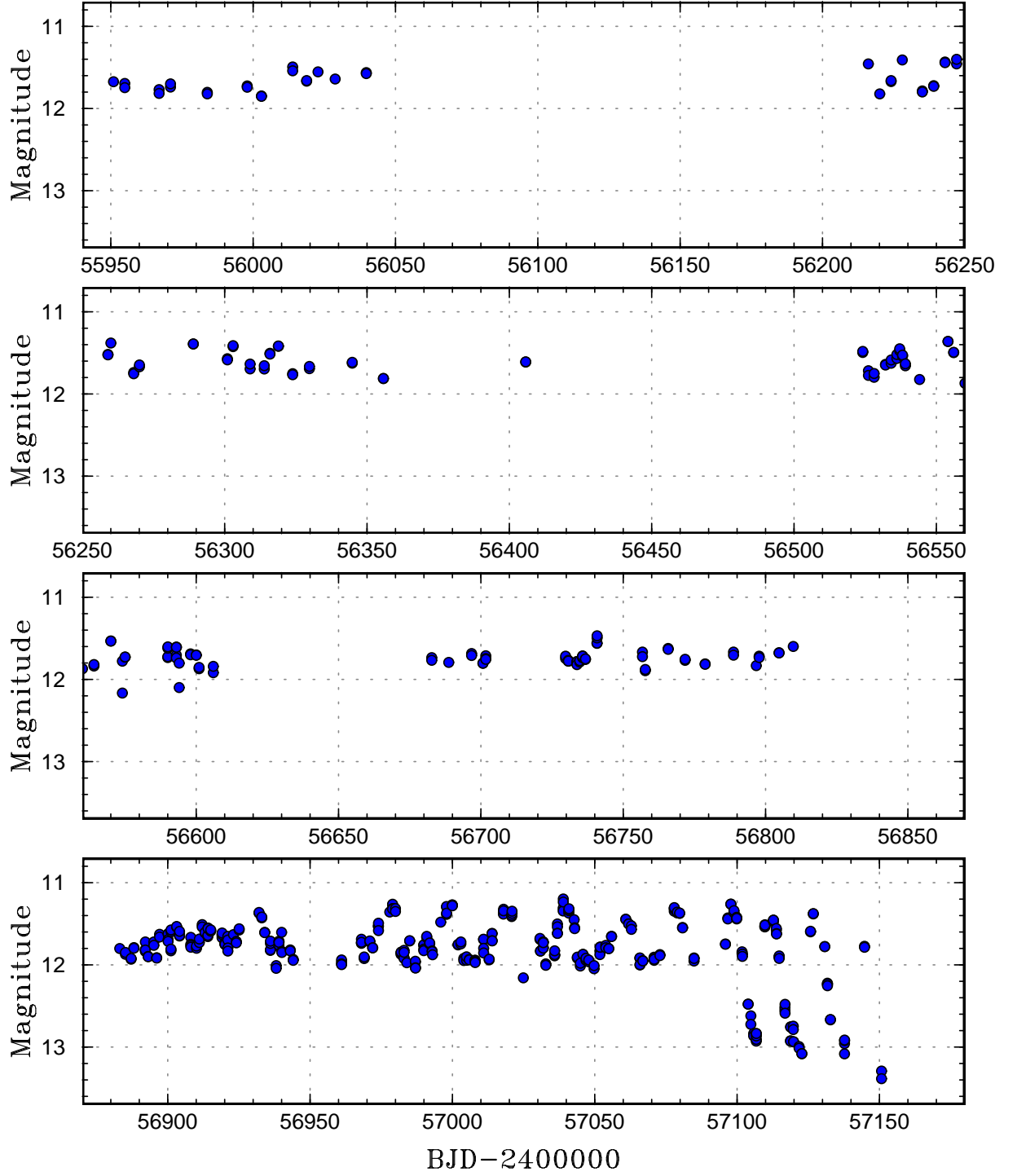


Figure 1: Long-term light curve of ASAS J071404+7004.3 using the ASAS-SN data. All data are in V band. After BJD 2456950, low-amplitude (0.7 mag) dwarf-nova oscillations appeared. After BJD 2457100, the amplitudes of these oscillations became larger (1.6 mag) and the period became shorter.

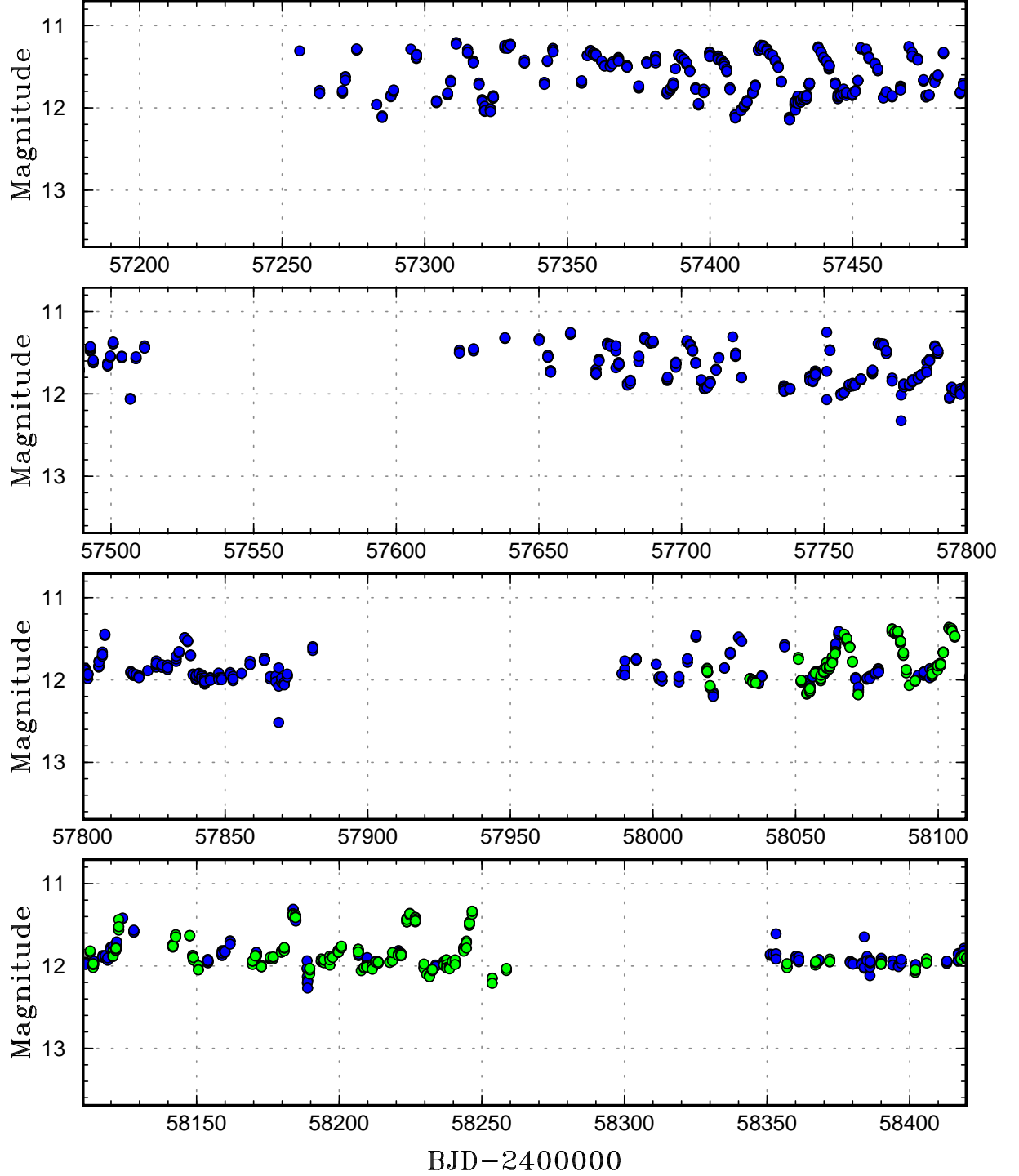


Figure 2: Long-term light curve of ASAS J071404+7004.3 using the ASAS-SN data (2). Blue and green symbols represent V and g observations, respectively. This segment is dominated by low-amplitude dwarf nova-type variations with variable amplitudes and periods. The periods became as short as 10 d. In the latter part of this segment, the periods became longer and the rise to outbursts became slower than the decline. Some outbursts were followed by small dips. This part corresponds to the IW And-type behavior. See figure 5 for a comparison to the IW And star HO Pup.

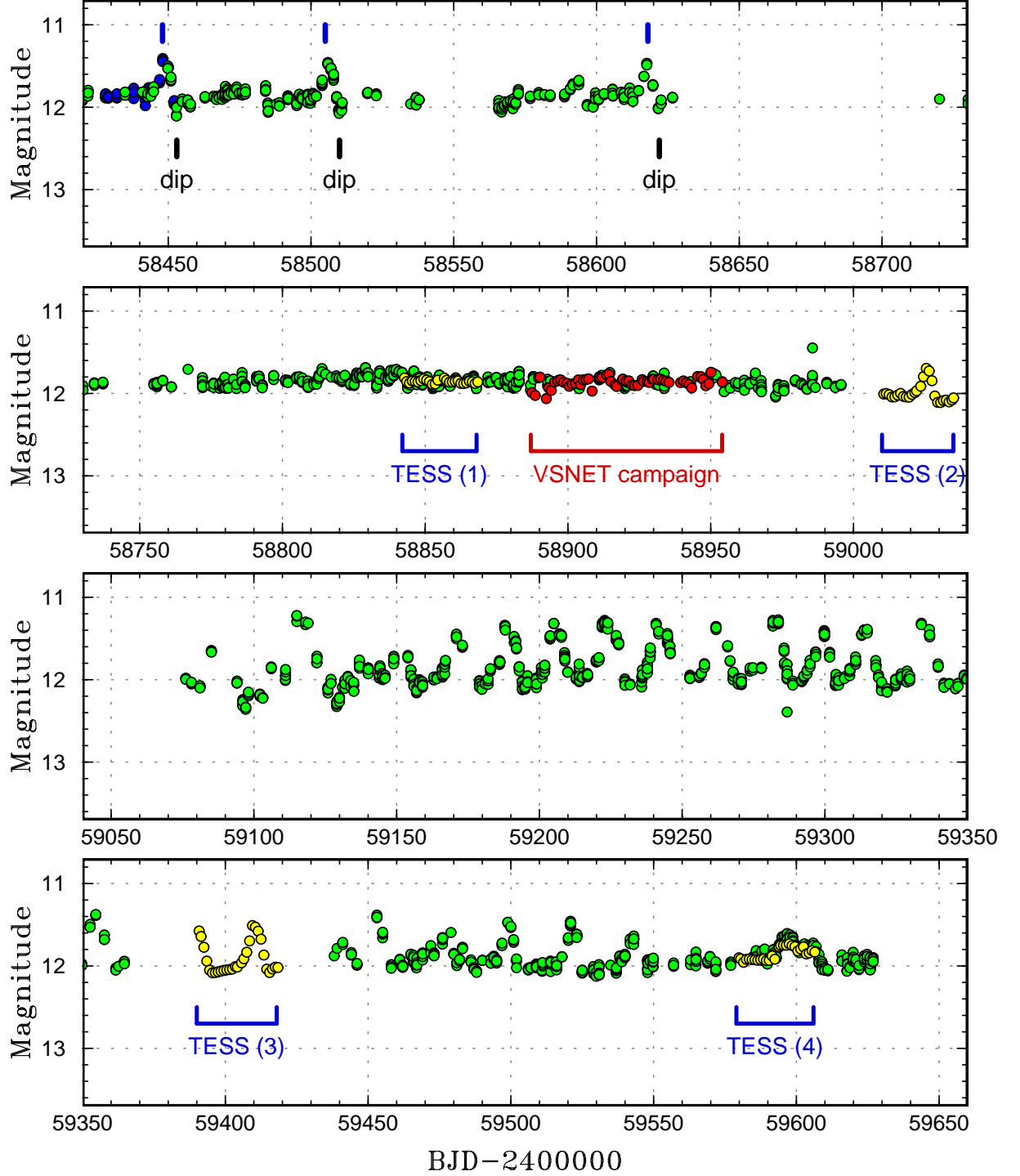


Figure 3: Long-term light curve of ASAS J071404+7004.3 using the ASAS-SN data, TESS data (yellow) and the VSNET campaign data (red). Blue and green symbols for the ASAS-SN data represent V and g observations, respectively. The TESS and VSNET data were binned to 1 d. The initial three runs of the TESS data were shifted by -0.1 mag to match the ASAS-SN data. The first panel shows the typical behavior of an IW And star. Slowly rising standstills were terminated by outbursts (shown by the upper blue ticks), followed by small dips (shown by the lower ticks). See figure 5 for a comparison to the IW And star HO Pup. The second panel shows the standstill phase. An outburst in the TESS data (2) marked the end of the standstill phase. The third panel is also dominated by dwarf nova-type variations.

was simply a dwarf nova phase with larger amplitudes (as in Z Cam stars) when the mass-transfer rate dropped slightly. It is also apparent from figure 4 that excursions to fainter magnitudes while maintaining dwarf nova-type outbursts happen in other IW And stars. This is probably what happened ASAS J071404+7004.3 after BJD 2457100.

The confusion with the VY Scl-type phenomenon is not, however, surprising. Even the authority of CVs Brian Warner considered dwarf nova-type AM CVn stars, which are currently known as helium counterpart of SU UMa/WZ Sge-type stars in hydrogen-rich CVs (see e.g. Tsugawa and Osaki 1997; Kotko et al. 2012), to be analogous to VY Scl stars at least in the past (Warner 1995).

2.3 Analysis of ground-based time-resolved campaign

We obtained more than 25000 measurements between 2020 February 7 and 2020 April 14. Although some observations are apparently common to the “intensive photometric monitoring of the system using small-aperture telescopes throughout February and March 2020” described in Inight et al. (2022), the majority of the data were obtained by VSOLJ observers, the Crimean Astrophysical Observatory and the Kyoto University team, which are not present in the AAVSO International Database⁷ (figures 6 and 7). Inight et al. (2022) did not show any result of period analysis of these ground-based observations. This interval corresponded to the standstill (figure 3, the second panel) and we only searched for periodicities around the orbital period. We used locally-weighted polynomial regression (LOWESS: Cleveland 1979) to remove the long-term trend and applied the Phase Dispersion Minimization (PDM, Stellingwerf 1978) method. The errors of periods by the PDM method were estimated by the methods of Fernie (1989) and Kato et al. (2010). This analysis (figure 8) detected an orbital period of 0.136589(5) d, which agrees with the value by Inight et al. (2022) to better than 0.0005%.

2.4 Period analysis of TESS data

TESS observations have four segments. We performed PDM analysis as in the same way for the ground-based campaign (figures 9, 10, 11 and 12). All segments showed only the orbital signal. We can conclude that there were neither positive nor negative superhumps regardless of the outbursting phase. This result excludes (at least in this object) a possible suggestion that a tilted disk might be responsible for the IW And-type phenomenon (Kimura et al. 2020a). It has been pointed out that a model involving a tilted disk could not reproduce the variation of the disk radius observed in the IW And star KIC 9406652 (Kimura and Osaki 2021). The absence of negative superhumps has also been reported in other IW And stars (IM Eri: Kato et al. 2020; ST Cha: Kato and Kojiguchi 2021; HO Pup: Lee et al. 2021).

The profile of the orbital variation slightly varied. During the long standstill and one outburst, the profile was almost sinusoidal (figures 9, 10). During another outburst cycle, the maximum of the orbital hump had double peaks (figure 11). During the most recent standstill with some variability, the orbital profile became asymmetric (figure 12). There were no apparent changes in the PDM θ diagrams and these changes were not a result of positive/negative superhumps. Orbital profiles from the TESS observations are shown in figure 13. It appears that the phases of maxima and minima varied slightly. These changes may reflect the changes in the state of the accretion disk or the accretion geometry, and need to be studied in detail.

There were no “embedded precursors” as observed in ST Cha (Kato and Hambsch 2021). There was no enhancement of the orbital signal nor appearance of a long period as observed in a long outburst of the SS Cyg star V363 Lyr (Kato 2021a).

We summarize the values of orbital periods in table 2. We obtained the photometric orbital period from the combined TESS data to be 0.1366476(3) d, which is in very good agreement with the one obtained by the radial-velocity study by Inight et al. (2022).

2.5 Are standstills brighter than dwarf nova-type states?

In figure 14, we show the trend of mean magnitudes (averaged in flux) as we did for IX Vel (Kato 2021b) and ST Cha (Kato and Kojiguchi 2021). The result shows that the 2019–2020 standstill was not brighter than the dwarf nova-type states (IW And-type states) before and after this. This indicates that either standstill or IW And state does not occur as the result of changing mass-transfer rates. This conclusion is the same as in Inight et al. (2022). It would be interesting to note that dwarf nova-type state with relatively large amplitudes in 2015–2016

⁷<https://www.aavso.org>.

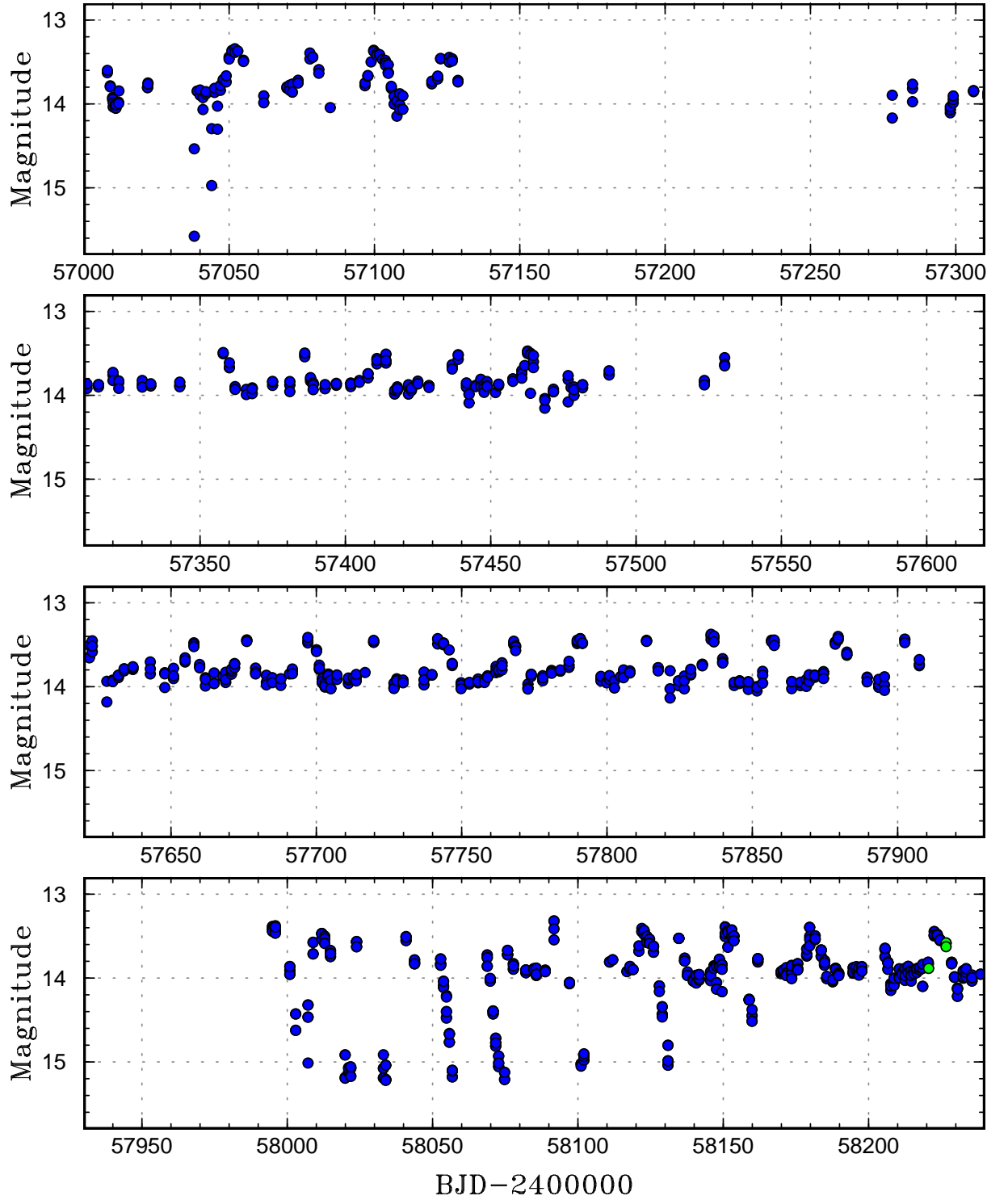


Figure 4: Long-term light curve of HO Pup using the ASAS-SN data. Blue and green symbols represent V and g observations, respectively. The third panel corresponds to “heartbeat-type” oscillations in IW And stars, accompanied by slower rise and steeper decline. This type of variation is considered to be IW And-type cycles simply lacking post-outburst dips. After BJD 2458080, typical IW And-type behavior is seen: standstills terminated by outbursts, followed by dips. It is also apparent that the depths of the dips vary and the dips became inapparent after BJD 2458180, indicating that heartbeat-type oscillations and the typical IW And-type behavior form a smooth continuum.

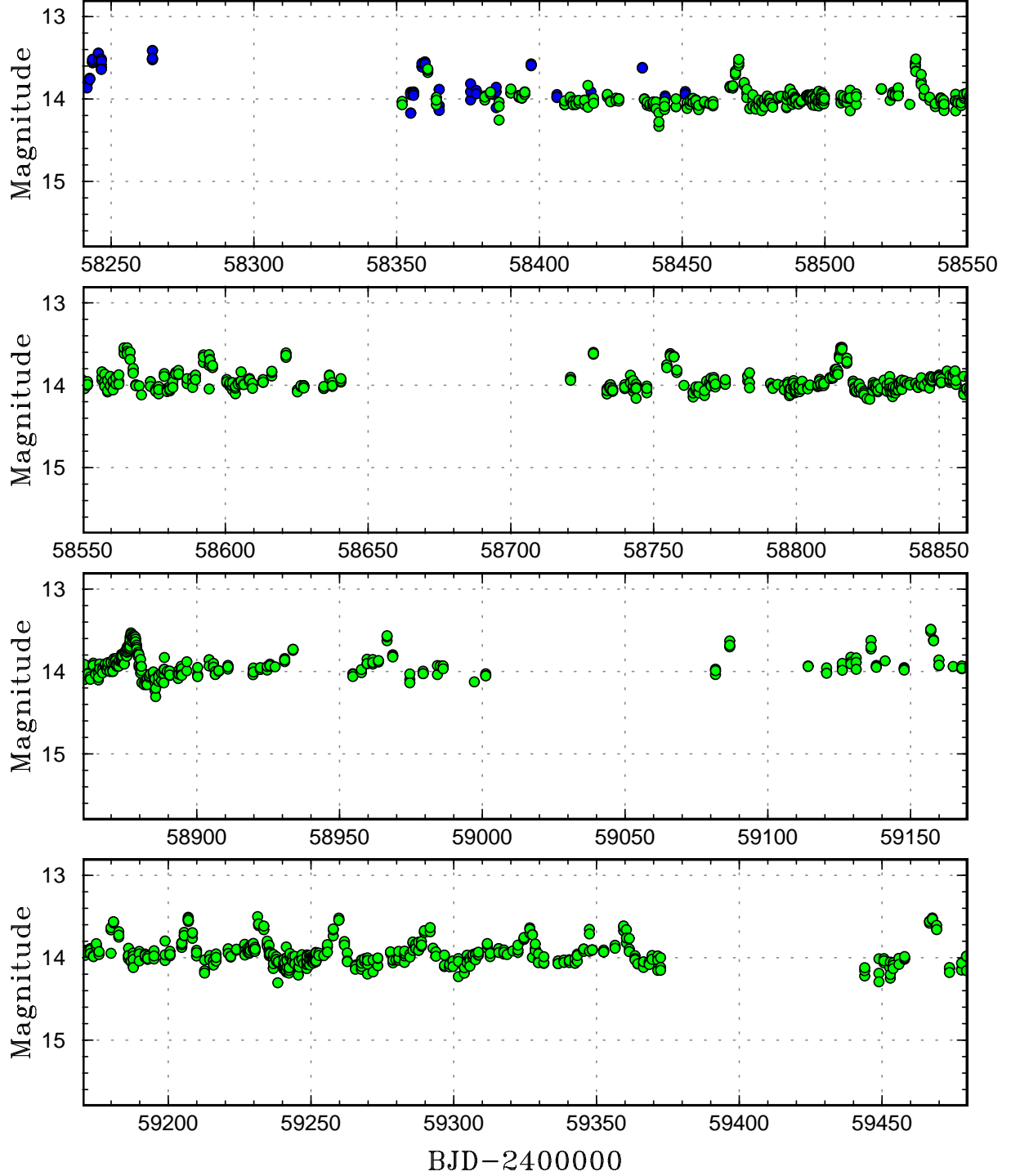


Figure 5: Long-term light curve of HO Pup using the ASAS-SN data (2). Blue and green symbols represent V and g observations, respectively. Most of the time, this star showed heartbeat-type oscillations with variable intervals. This segment is very similar to ASAS J071404+7004.3 between BJD 2458150 and 2458630 (figures 2 and 3).

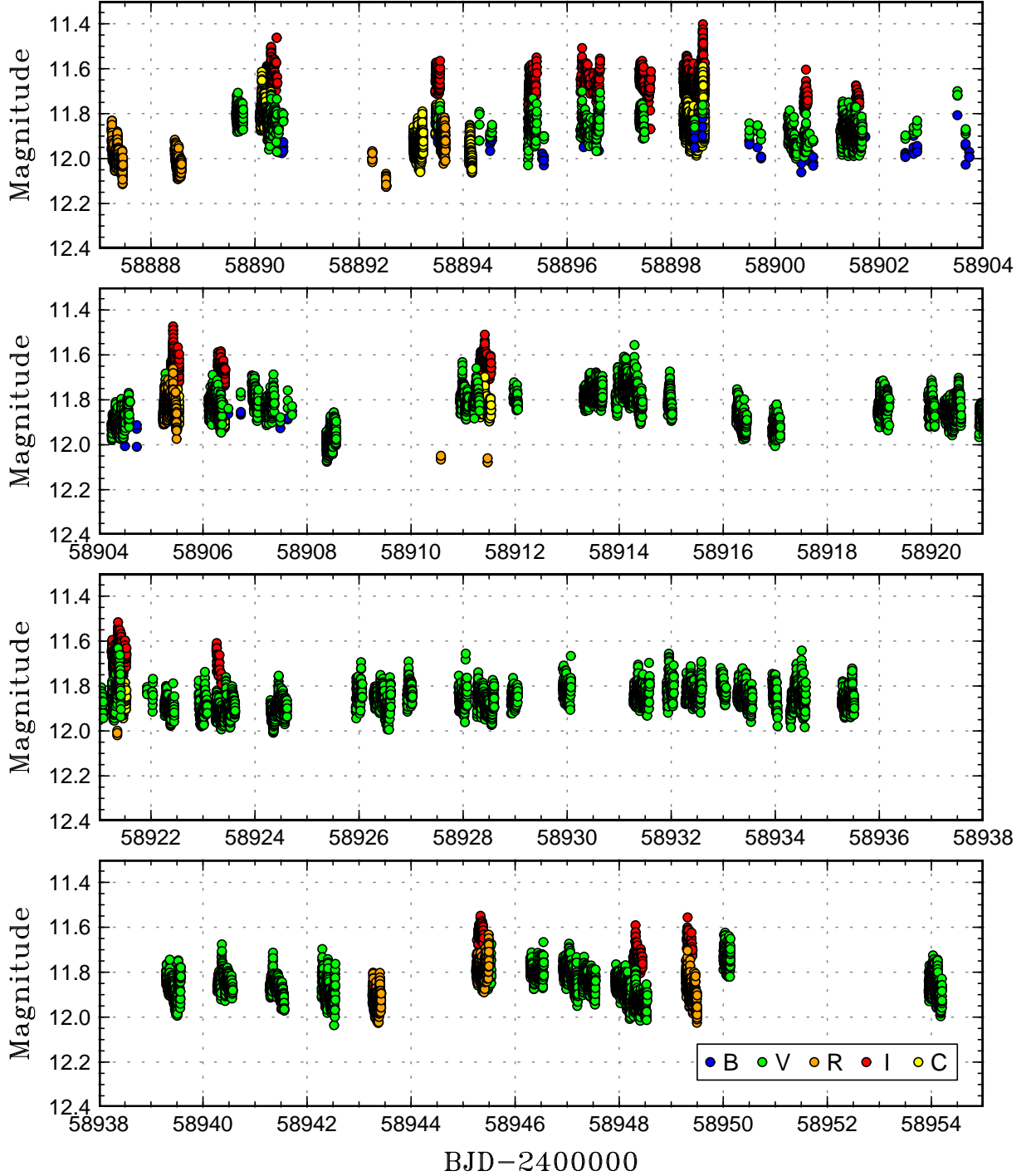


Figure 6: Light curve of ASAS J071404+7004.3 using the ground-based observations obtained by our campaign. The zero points were adjusted by correcting the differences between observers and bands. The color indices against V were determined only for B and I by simultaneous observations, and they are reflected on this figure. The colors corresponded to $B - V = +0.08$ and $V - I = +0.19$. We assumed that the mean magnitudes were the same for V , R and C since there were no simultaneous data for these bands and since the color indices between these bands are expected to be close to zero in this unreddened and disk-dominated CV.

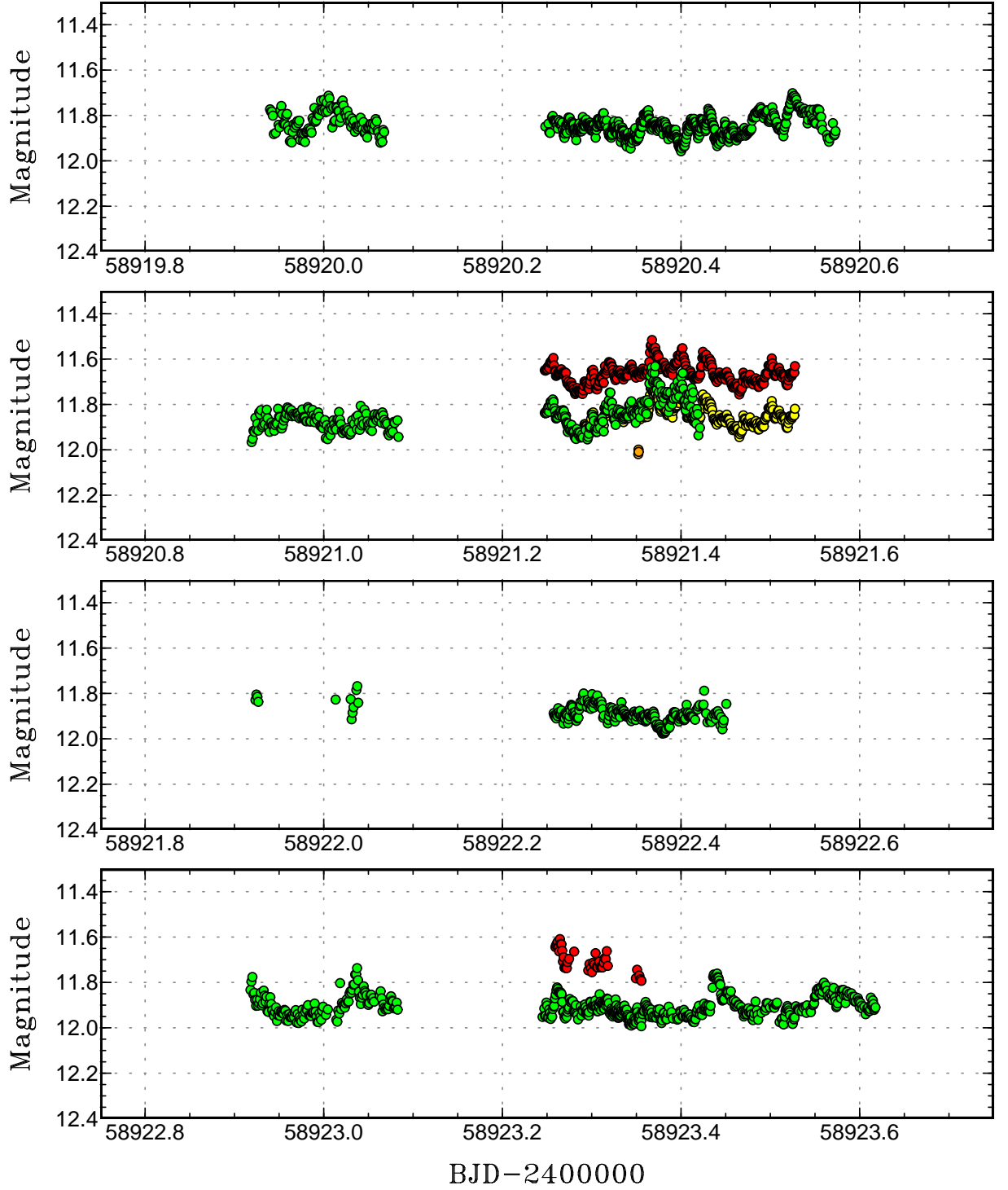


Figure 7: Example of enlarged light curve of ASAS J071404+7004.3 using the ground-based observations obtained by our campaign. The symbols are the same as figure 6.

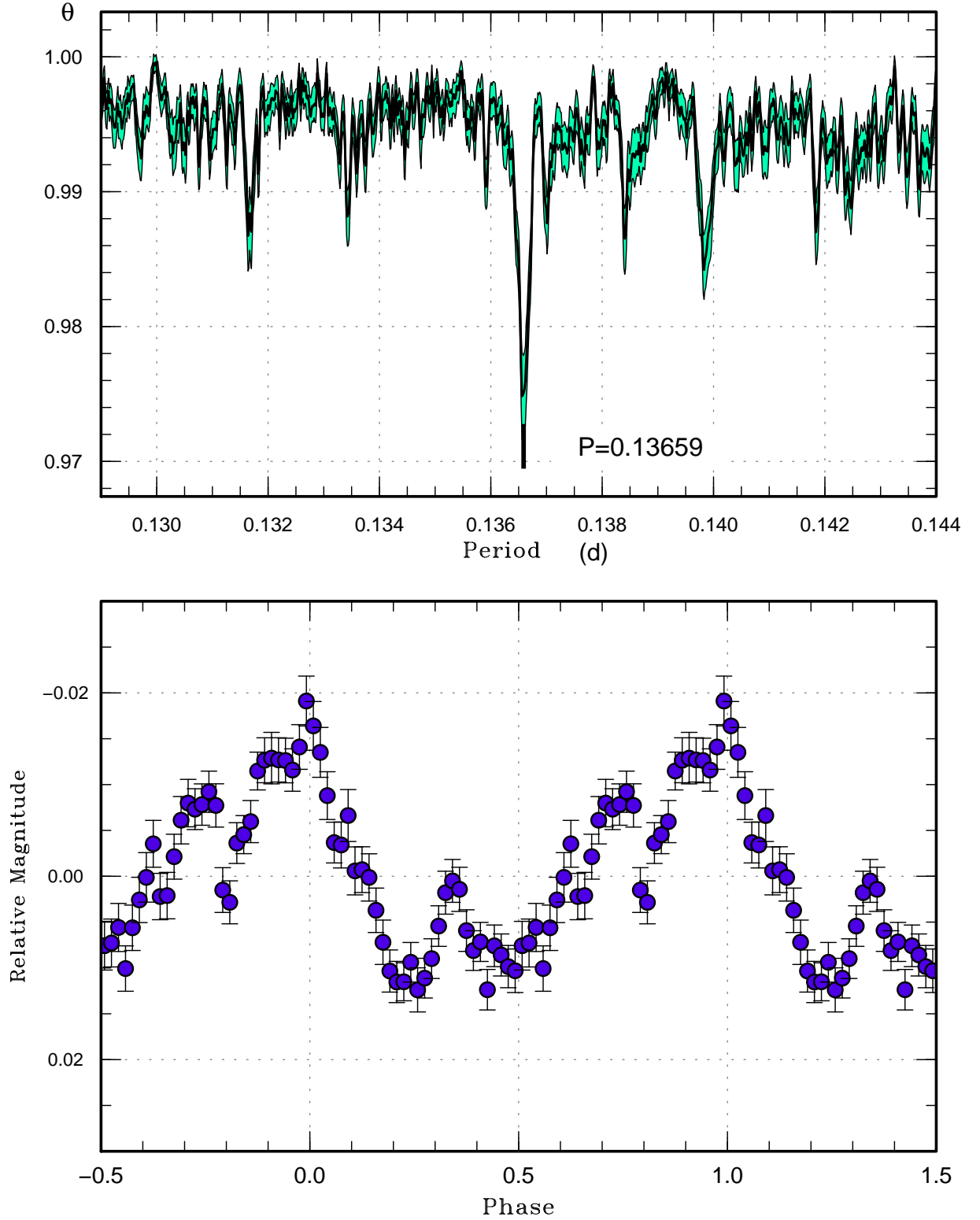


Figure 8: Period analysis of our campaign in 2020 February–April. (Upper): We analyzed 100 samples which randomly contain 50% of observations, and performed the PDM analysis for these samples. The bootstrap result is shown as a form of 90% confidence intervals in the resultant PDM θ statistics. (Lower): Orbital variation.

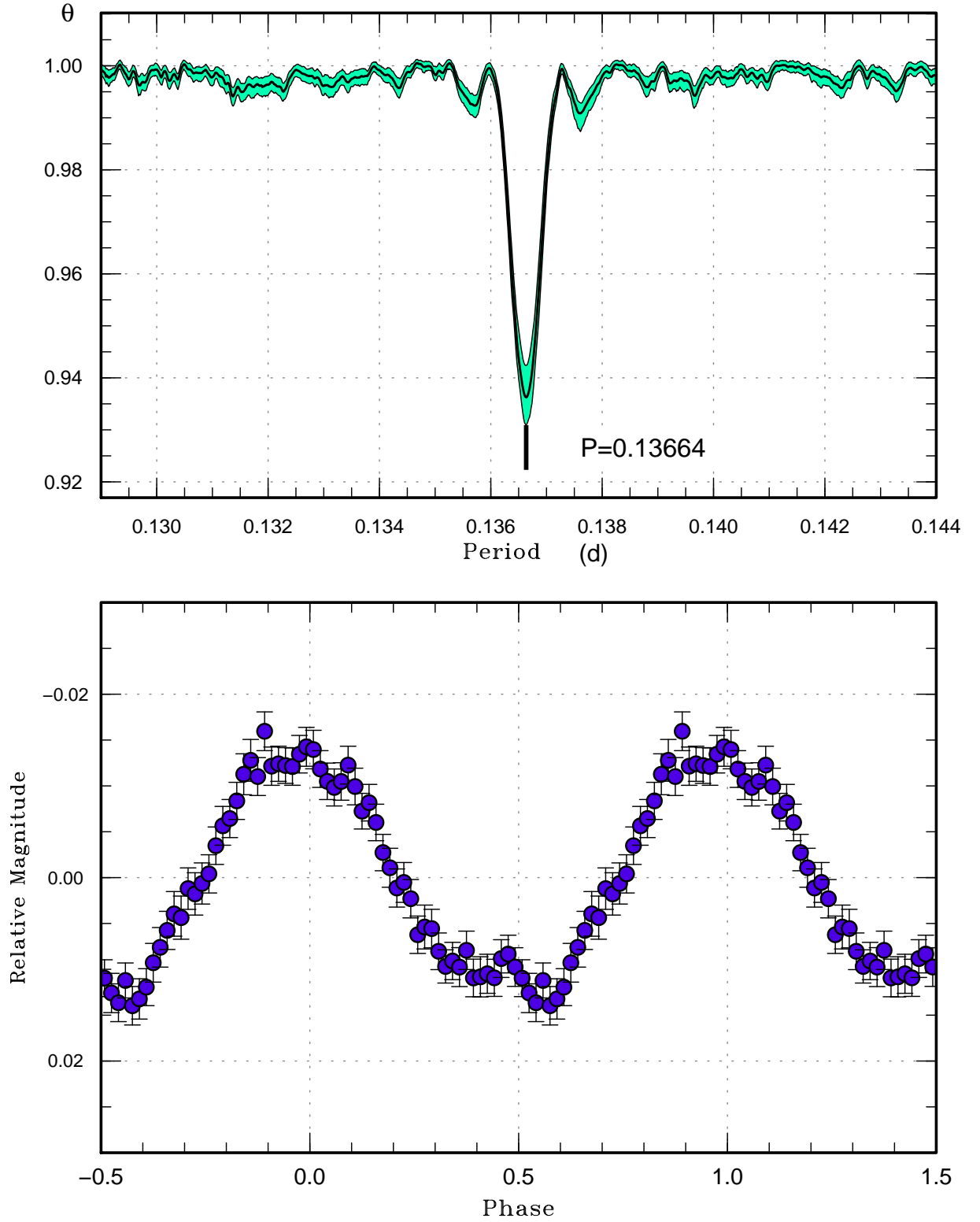


Figure 9: Period analysis of TESS data between BJD 2458842 (2019 December 25) and 2458868 (2020 January 20). These observations correspond to the long standstill phase. (Upper): PDM analysis. (Lower): Orbital variation.

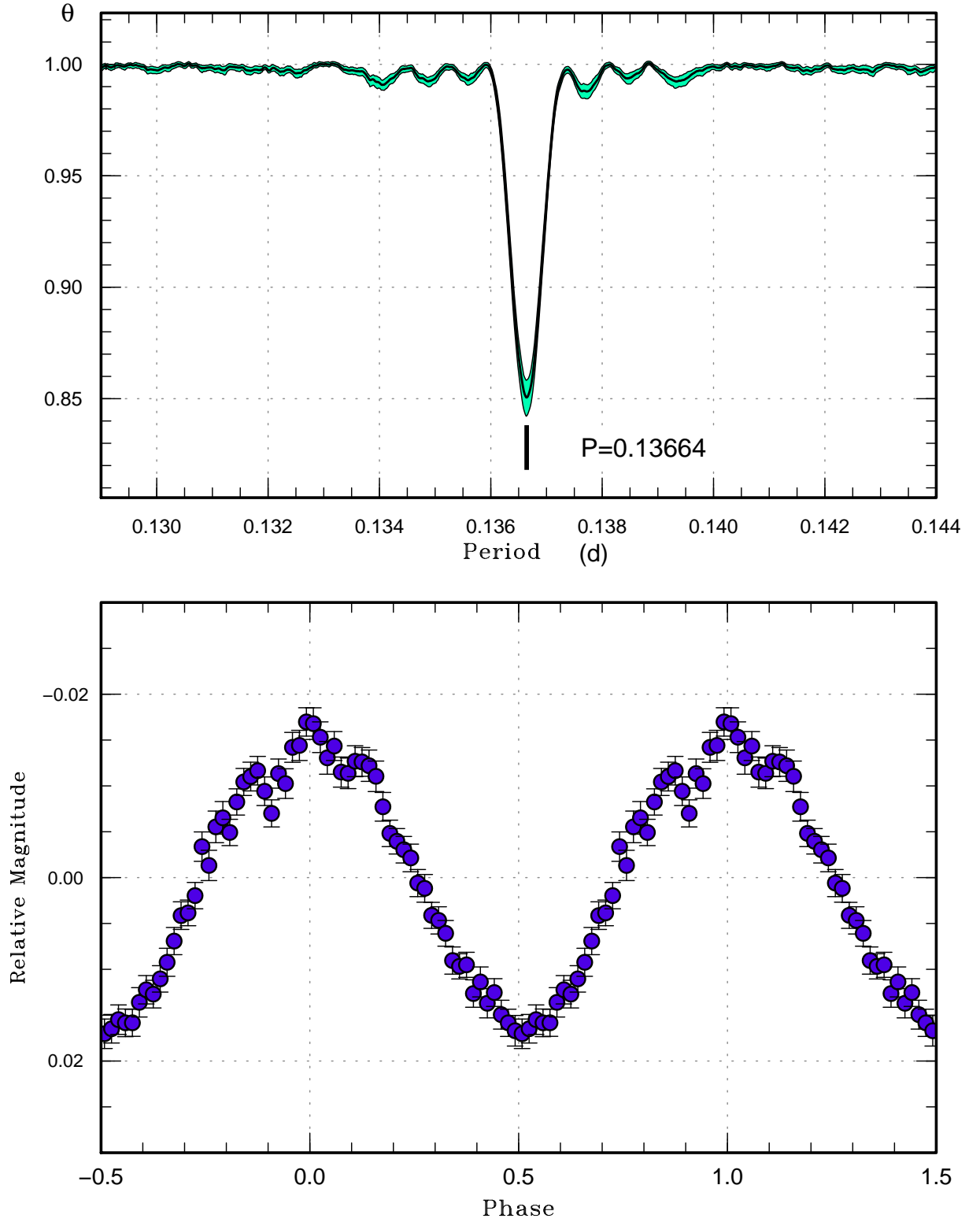


Figure 10: Period analysis of TESS data between BJD 2459010 (2020 June 9) and 2459035 (2020 July 4). These observations covered the outburst that terminated the long standstill phase. (Upper): PDM analysis. (Lower): Orbital variation.

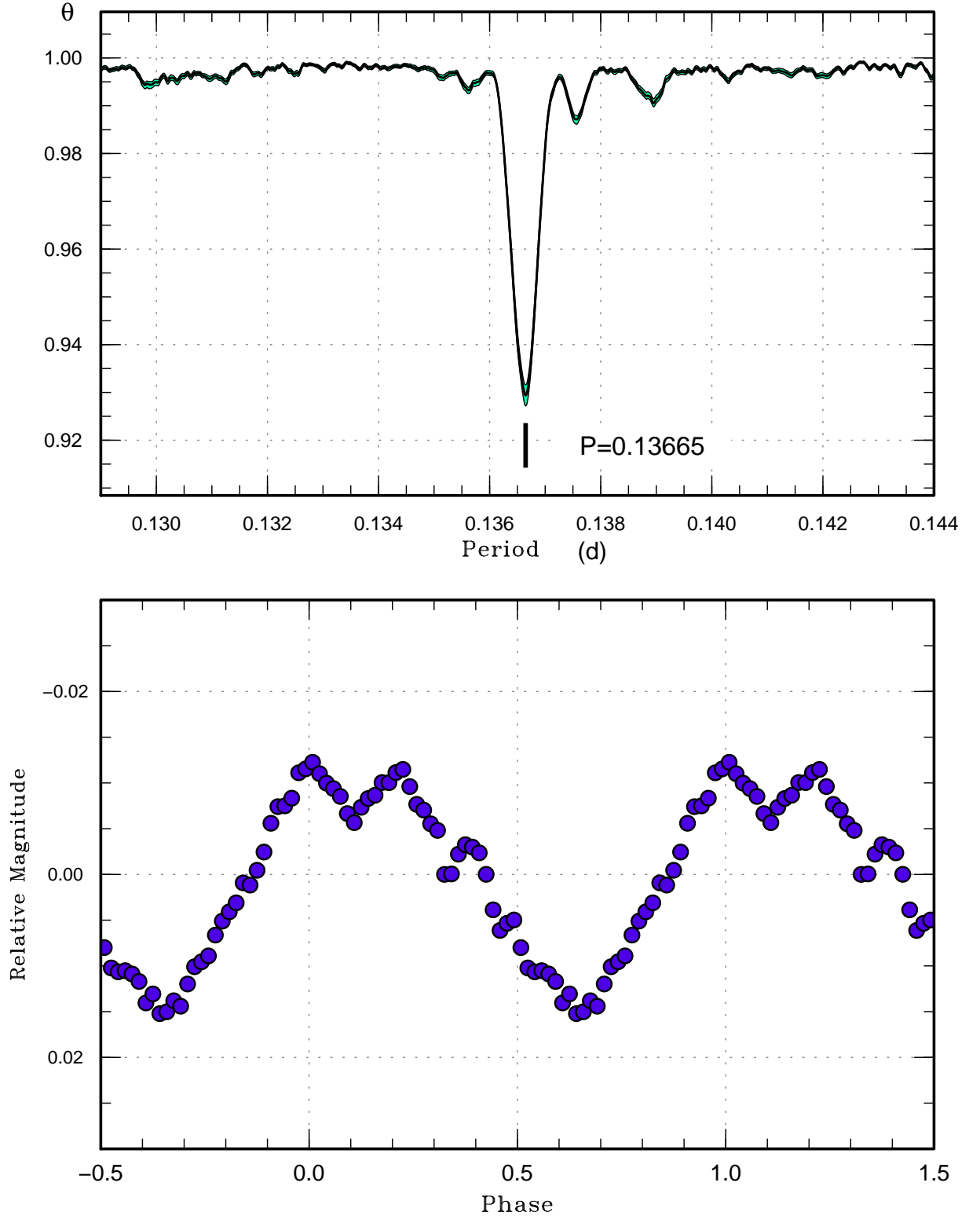


Figure 11: Period analysis of TESS data between BJD 2459390 (2021 June 25) and 2459418 (2021 July 23). These observations covered one complete outburst and one outburst during decline of the heartbeat phase. (Upper): PDM analysis. (Lower): Orbital variation.

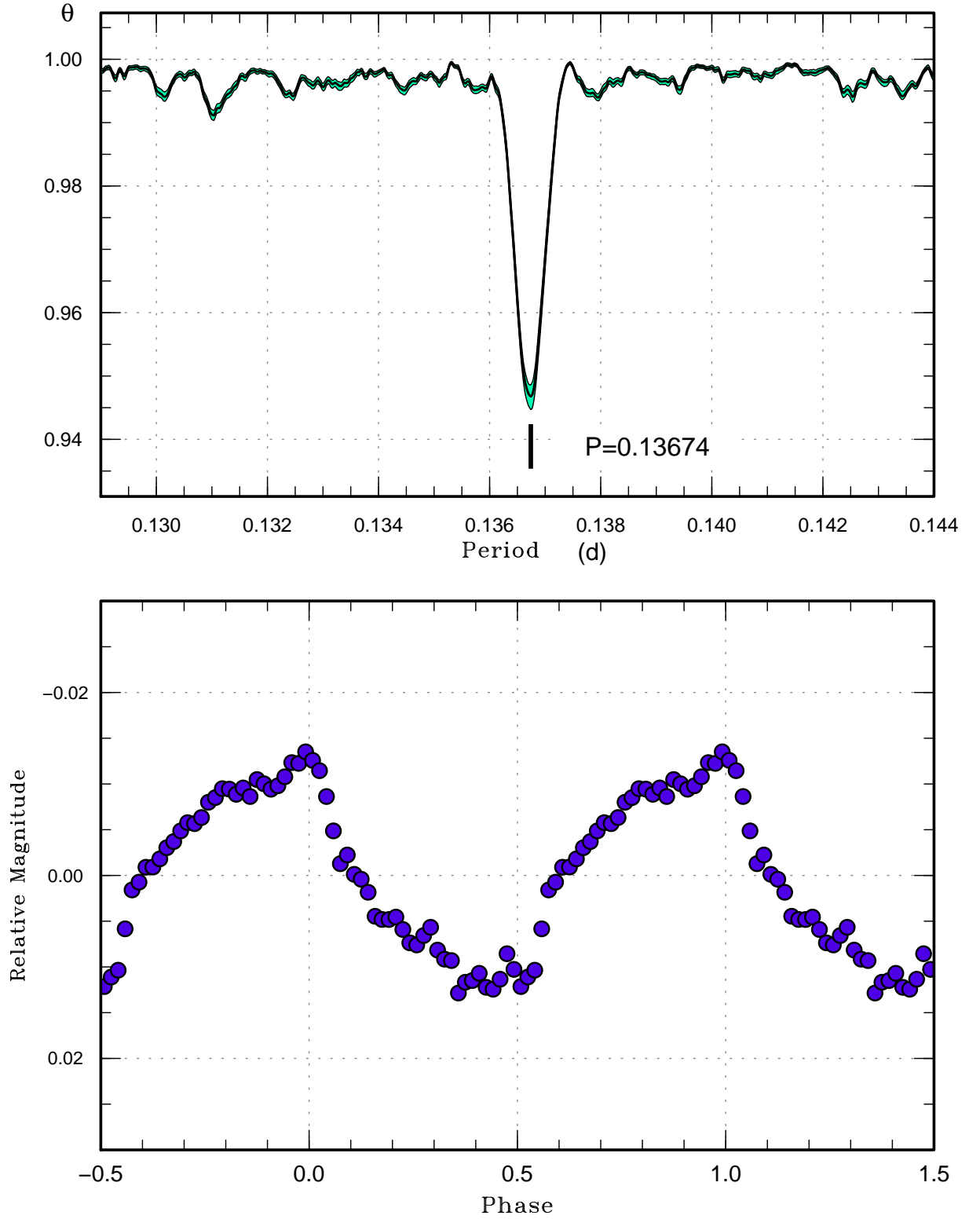


Figure 12: Period analysis of TESS data between BJD 2459579 (2021 December 23) and 2459606 (2022 January 27). These observations correspond to a slightly variable standstill phase. (Upper): PDM analysis. (Lower): Orbital variation.

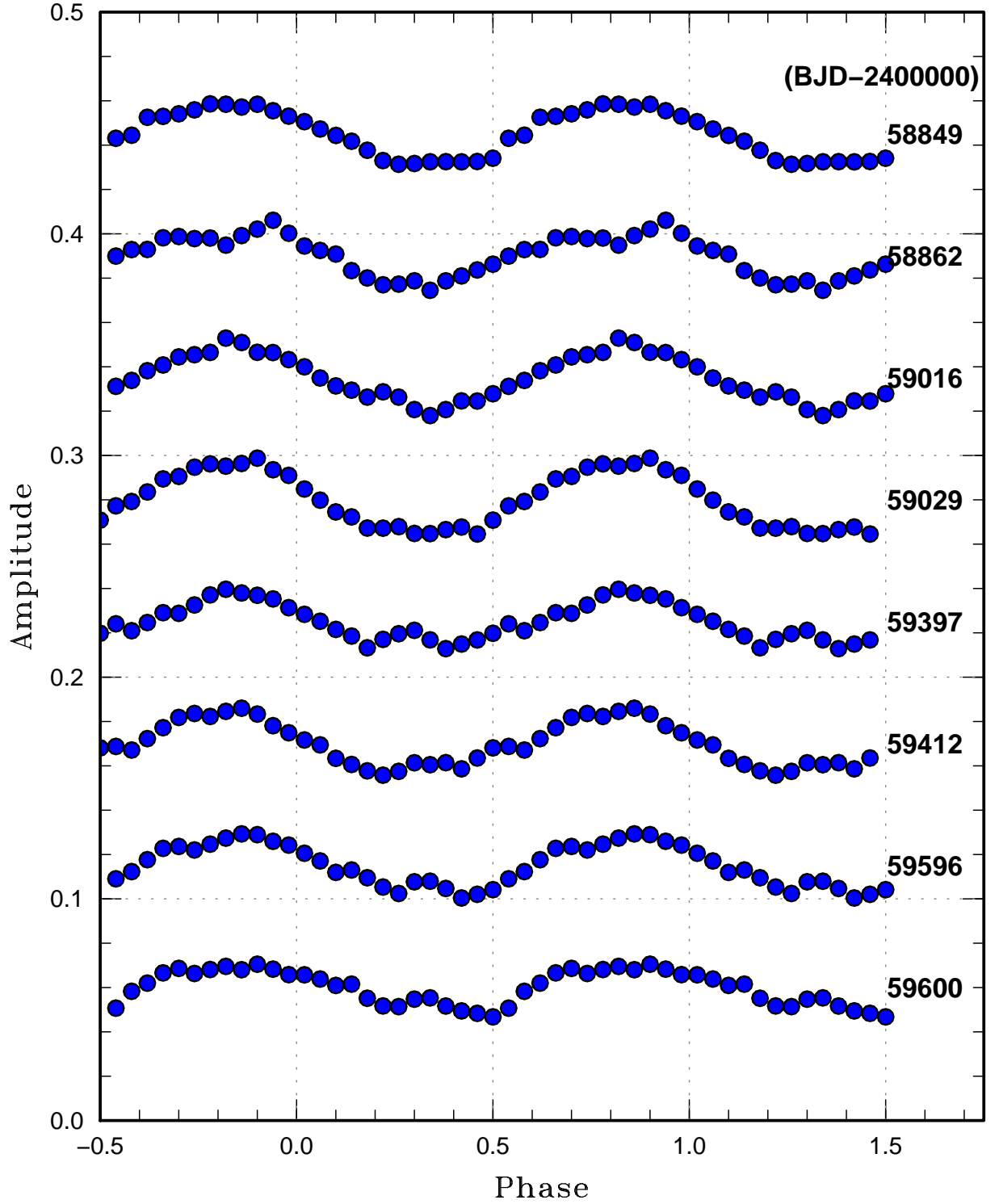


Figure 13: Variation of the orbital profile in TESS data. The data with 14-d segments centered on the dates given to the right of the averaged light curves were used. The epoch and period were from Inight et al. (2022).

Table 2: Orbital period of ASAS J071404+7004.3

| Data | Interval (JD−2400000) | Period (d) | Source |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Radial velocity | 56597–59197 | 0.1366454(1) | Inight et al. (2022) |
| TESS (1) | 58842–58868 | 0.136635(10) | this paper |
| TESS (2) | 59010–59035 | 0.136644(7) | this paper |
| TESS (3) | 59390–59418 | 0.136648(3) | this paper |
| TESS (4) | 59579–59606 | 0.136741(4) | this paper |
| TESS combined | 58842–59606 | 0.1366476(3) | this paper |
| VSNET campaign | 58887–58954 | 0.136589(5) | this paper |

(BJD 2457260–2457700) occurred when the mean magnitude was the brightest. This phenomenon challenges the classical (and widely accepted) interpretation that standstills in Z Cam stars occur when the mass-transfer rates are high (Meyer and Meyer-Hofmeister 1983).

2.6 Notes on interpretations in Inight et al. (2022)

Inight et al. (2022) suggested that there is an outer part of the disk that occasionally becomes sufficiently cool for hydrogen to recombine to explain the dwarf nova-like variations of ASAS J071404+7004.3 (this is an explanation for dwarf-nova outbursts, although Inight et al. (2022) did not adopt the dwarf-nova classification for this object) rather than periodic mass-transfer variations from the secondary as modeled by Hameury and Lasota (2014). Inight et al. (2022) stated that this outburst starts at the inner edge of this area and subsequently spreads outwards. This picture is essentially what was proposed for IW And stars in Kato (2019) (it was written as “the standstill in these objects is somehow maintained in the inner part of the disk and the thermal instability starting from the outer part of the disk terminates the standstill to complete the cycle” in the abstract). It is, however, difficult to consider a disk whose outer part becomes cool for a long time when the mass-transfer hits the outer edge of the disk. Kimura et al. (2020b) considered a tilted disk in which the majority of mass stream hits the inner disk and the outer disk is cool most of the time. Although model simulations by Kimura et al. (2020b) reproduced a limit cycle similar to IW And stars, they could not reproduce the observed disk radius variation (Kimura et al. 2020a) and the frequent occurrence of heating waves in the cool part of the disk was somewhat different from what are observed in IW And stars. The existence of the cool region in the disk of IW And stars during (quasi-)standstills has been confirmed by M. Shibata et al. in preparation and the picture by Kato (2019) and Inight et al. (2022) appear to be correct. We still need an explanation why the outer disk can remain cool in the presence of mass-transfer reaching the outer part of the disk.

Inight et al. (2022) also concluded that the emission lines in ASAS J071404+7004.3 could be reproduced by considering the wind. It would be worth noting that Tampo et al. (2022) considered the same kind of wind during the superoutburst of the WZ Sge star V455 And and reproduced singly peaked emission lines as observed, which are not expected for this high-inclination CV.

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IW And, V455 And, Z Cam, V513 Cas, BO Cet, AM CVn, SS Cyg, IM Eri, V363 Lyr, HO Pup, VY Scl, WZ Sge, SU UMa, IX Vel, FY Vul, ASAS J071404+7004.3, KIC 9406652

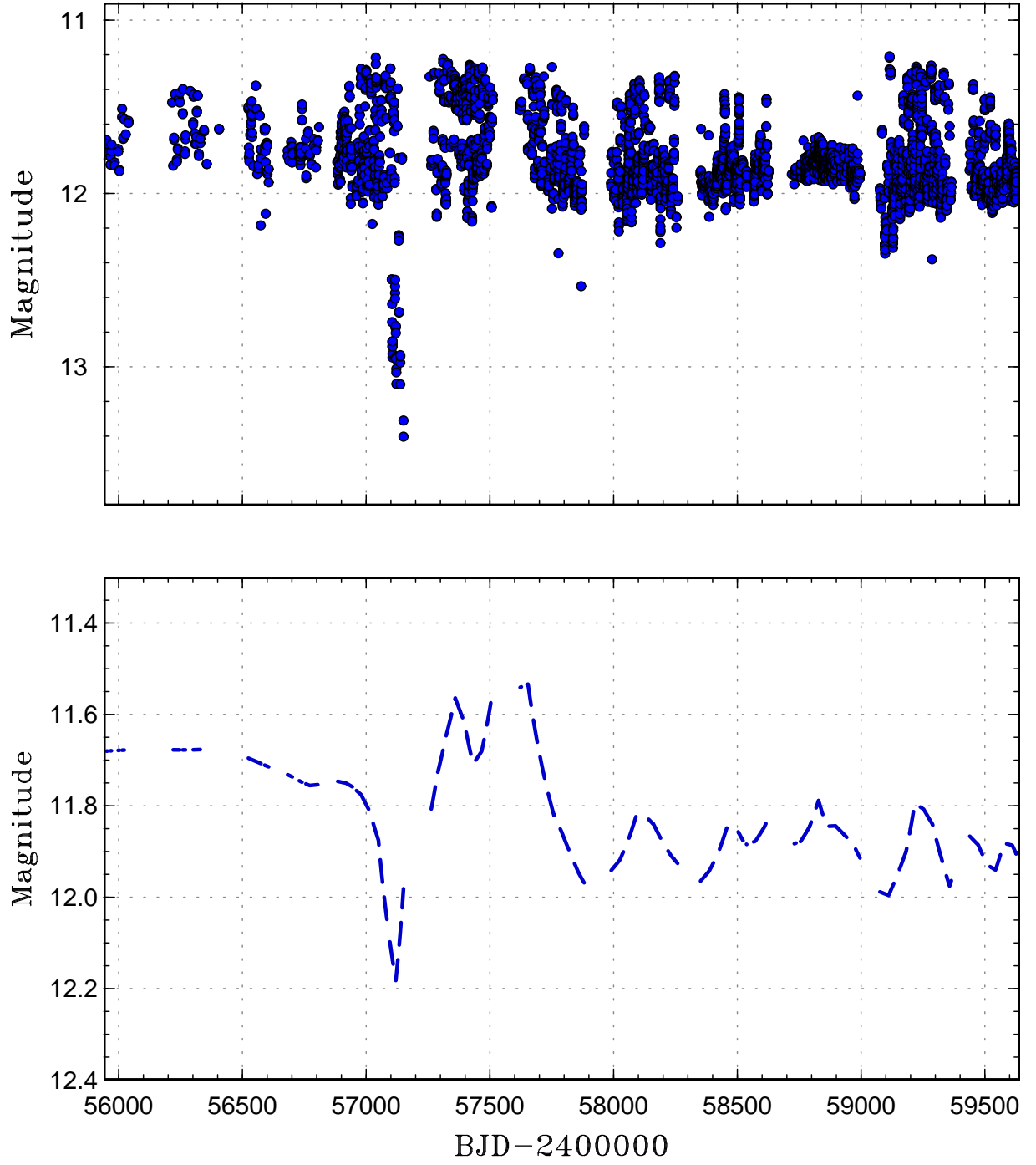


Figure 14: (Upper): ASAS-SN light curve of ASAS J071404+7004.3. (Lower): Trend determined by LOWESS. A smoothing parameter of $f=0.06$ was used.

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