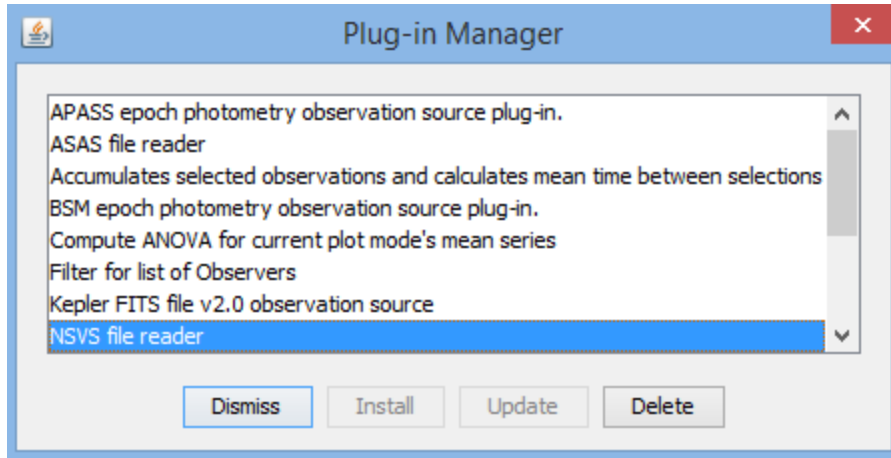


NSVS Plug-In for VStar

Install the NSVS (Northern Sky Variability Survey) plug-in by going to the tool menu and selecting Plug-in Manager. AAVSO login is required. Scroll to and select NSVS file reader and click on install. After installation, restart VStar.



To obtain an NSVS file, go to the NSVS database. In my example, I am going to obtain my data from SkyDot (<http://skydot.lanl.gov/>). Select Northern Sky Variability Survey from this page.

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Welcome to SkyDOT!

This website provides online access to various astronomical data sets related to time domain work. It was conceived within and grew out of the **RAPTOR** project. We hope to gradually expand the data coverage as well as capabilities of SkyDOT and eventually turn it into a convenient tool for obtaining, evaluating and even analysing sky monitoring data. Check for updates.

The **LINEAR** Survey Photometric Database has been released on January 9, 2012.
To access the web interface, please follow the link below.
<https://astroweb.lanl.gov/lineardb>

LINEAR Survey	Nearly 5 billion photometric measurements for more than 24 million objects covering a time baseline of about 7 years. SDSS identifications for most objects are provided.
Northern Sky Variability Survey	An extensive variability survey of the sky north of DEC = -38 degrees with daily time sampling and one year of baseline. The database provides a cone search interface and online access to light curves.
Catalog of RR Lyr variables from NSVS	1188 RRab stars with well-defined light curves. Metallicities are determined for 589 stars by the Fourier parameter method and by the relationship between period, amplitude, and [Fe/H].
Catalog of red AGB variables from NSVS	8678 slowly varying stars with infrared colors corresponding to the evolved asymptotic branch population.

Perform a search around your coordinates of interest.

Northern Sky Variability Survey

Before you start:
 Cone search radius is limited to 120 arc minutes.
 Output is always trimmed to 5000 rows.
 Queries other than `select` are ignored
 Selected flags reject measurements with certain known problems
 (relevant only for light curve viewing)

Cone Search
 Radius is in arc minutes. Format for coordinates is
 sexagesimal hours or decimal degrees: ([+|-]00:00:00 |
 0.0)

RA
 DEC
 Radius

SExtractor flags:
 NEIGHBORS
 BLENDED
 SATURATED
 ATEDGE
 APINCOMPL
 ISINCOMPL
 DBMEMOVR
 EXMEMOVR

Photometric correction flags:
 NOCORR
 PATCH
 LONPTS
 HISCAT
 HICORR
 HISIGCORR
 RADECFLIP

Reload the page to restore standard flags

Put your select query here:

A list of objects from the NSVS database around your coordinates at the radius you specified will appear. Click on the object ID of interest. I will select the object in row 1 for my example. So I will click on Obj ID 61936.

Your query parameters:

RA: 1:30:0.0
 DEC: 85:00:00.0
 radius: 10 arc min

Decimal RA: 22.5
 Decimal DEC: 85

mask 32004

Results:

There are 51 detections in this area (separately counting synonyms)
 Select Object ID to view complete object data

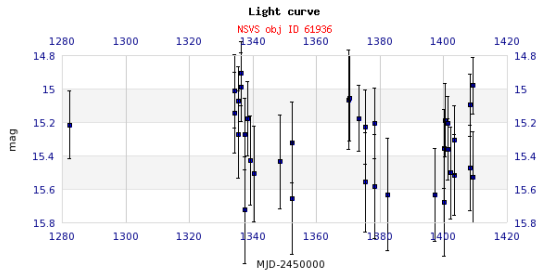
Row #	Obj ID	RA	DEC	Median Mag	Mag Scat	Median Error	Ngood
1	61936	22.33539	85.16179	15.304	0.258	0.241	36
2	61636	20.85379	85.07561	10.252	0.021	0.01	63
3	61656	20.76488	85.04745	15.084	0.147	0.196	36
4	62855	24.10111	84.91728	15.033	0.202	0.187	48
5	62653	23.32847	84.88218	14.591	0.17	0.138	61
6	62554	22.99144	84.87585	13.724	0.087	0.059	70
7	62518	22.76077	84.85107	11.65	0.021	0.013	74
8	62444	22.40581	84.83402	12.454	0.037	0.021	74
9	61726	21.21321	85.09287	12.944	0.059	0.031	75
10	61980	22.00822	85.07147	14.579	0.132	0.129	63
11	61935	22.14385	85.12731	13.681	0.085	0.059	74
12	61870	21.74666	85.08802	13.786	0.085	0.064	74
13	62286	23.0356	85.08375	14.397	0.122	0.111	61
14	62081	22.27062	85.05708	14.16	0.119	0.091	73
15	62163	22.63741	85.08124	13.237	0.047	0.039	73
16	62312	23.04005	85.06674	14.033	0.114	0.08	72

Select the table of data on the right side of the page and paste it into notepad or a similar text editor. Save the file as a .txt file.

NSVS catalog entry: Object ID 61936

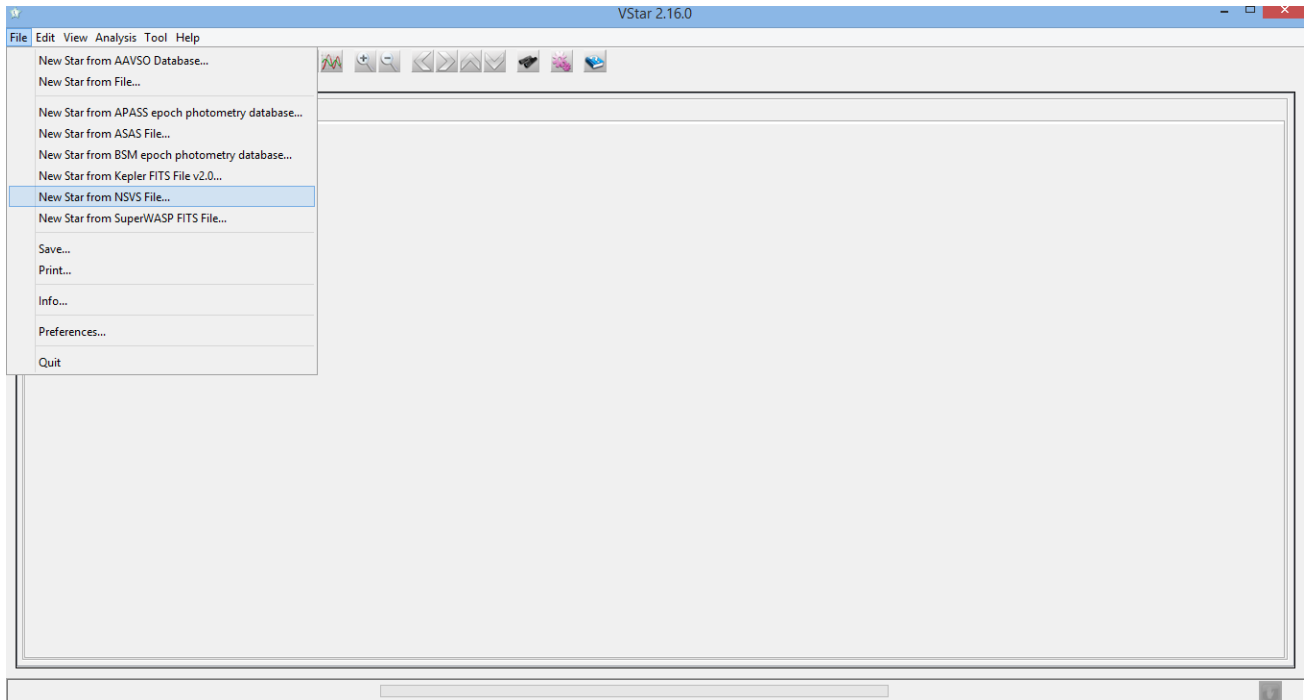
After flag rejection there are 36 points to display

Position (J2000.0)		Photometry	
HTM ID (depth 14)	4097534911	Median ROTSE Mag	15.304
RA	1:29:20.49	Mag Scatter	0.258
DEC	85:9:42.44	Median Error	0.241
RA dec (deg)	22.33539	total N points	60
DEC dec (deg)	85.16179	N good points	36
RA err (arc sec)	3.1	N no flip	42
DEC err (arc sec)	2.52	Flags	0



MJD-50000	mag	err	flags
1282.418683	15.214	0.205	0
1334.331773	15.013	0.22	0
1334.332783	15.142	0.241	0
1335.330283	15.272	0.26	0
1335.331293	15.074	0.207	0
1336.330823	14.988	0.205	0
1336.331843	14.907	0.192	0
1337.331333	15.724	0.32	0
1337.332353	15.271	0.214	0
1338.333943	15.177	0.223	0
1339.334333	15.428	0.268	0
1340.339043	15.508	0.284	0
1348.409593	15.436	0.28	0
1352.331983	15.656	0.332	0
1352.333003	15.32	0.24	0
1370.175383	15.066	0.297	0
1370.332363	15.054	0.255	0
1373.329993	15.175	0.198	0
1375.322063	15.558	0.296	0
1375.323083	15.229	0.223	0
1378.170173	15.583	0.309	0
1378.171193	15.204	0.212	0
1382.322373	15.632	0.335	0
1397.310793	15.633	0.276	0

In VStar, in the file menu select “New star from NSVS file”.



Browse to your saved NSVS file and select it. The raw NSVS data for that object is now available in VStar to be analyzed.

