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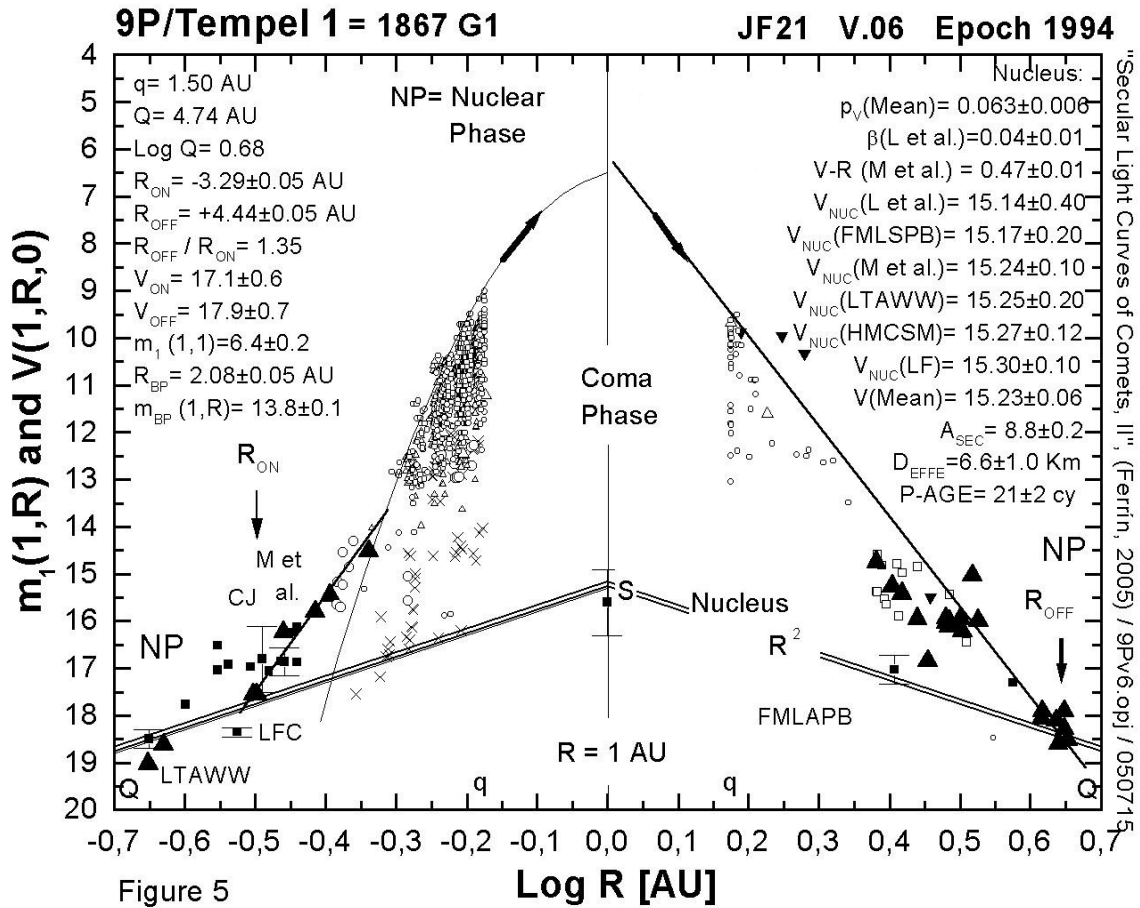


Figure 9P/Update. The updated light curve of 9P/Tempel 1 is presented. Negative logs imply observations before perihelion. The gap in the middle does not imply the lack of observations, but that the comet does not reach to  $R=1$  AU. The parameters of the light curve have been upgraded with respect to those in Paper I (in Icarus). The most significant result is the change in slope evident at  $R= -2.08$  AU from the sun. Before the brake point in the light curve, the law is linear which implies a power law of  $R^n$ , with  $n=8.2 \pm 0.1$ . After that point the secular light curve shows curvature. We are interpreting this change as a change of sublimating something more volatile than water ice (most probably  $\text{CO}_2$ ), to water ice sublimation. In Paper I comets 1P/Halley, 81P/Wild 2 and 21P/Giacobinni-Zinned did show breaks in their power law pre-perihelion. The photometric age has been recalculated and the new result is  $P\text{-AGE} = 21 \pm 2$  comet years.