The New SU UMa Dwarf Nova USNO-B1.0 1257-0089884

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We present our discovery of a new dwarf nova USNO-B1.0 1257-0089884. The object showed superhumps, which establish that it is an UGSU variable star. All observations were acquired at the Astrotel-Caucasus Observatory.

During observations of the field of SAO 57626, we discovered a new SU UMa dwarf nova USNO-B1.0 1257–0089884 (Kryachko and Prokopovich 2009). Its UNSO-B1.0 coordinates are: $05^{\rm h}06^{\rm m}17.35$, $+35^{\circ}47'38'.8$ (J2000.0).

Our observations were carried out at the Astrotel-Caucasus observatory using the 300-mm Ritchey-Chretien telescope, equipped with an unfiltered Apogee Alta U9000 CCD camera. A total of 727 images with 5-minute exposures were obtained on JD 2455119–2455176. For basic reductions for dark current, flat fields, and bias, we used IRAF routines. For photometry of the new dwarf nova, we applied VaST software by Sokolovsky and Lebedev (2005). The comparison star was USNO-A2.0 1200–02802479 = USNO-B1.0 1257–0088583 (05 $^{\rm h}04^{\rm m}28^{\rm s}.58$, +35 $^{\circ}45'24''.6$, 2000.0, 2MASS; $R_1 = 13^{\rm m}.86$, $R_2 = 13^{\rm m}.54$, USNO-B1.0). Unfiltered magnitudes were calibrated using the comparison star, assuming $R_{\rm comp} = 13^{\rm m}.70$.

For observations on JD 2455171, the comparison star was USNO-A2.0 1200–02865310 = USNO-B1.0 1256–0089465 (05 $^{\rm h}07^{\rm m}07^{\rm s}.00$, +35 $^{\circ}40'03''.1$, 2000.0, 2MASS; $R_1 = 14^{\rm m}.58$, $R_2 = 14^{\rm m}.17$, USNO-B1.0). Unfiltered magnitudes on JD 2455171 were calibrated using the comparison star, assuming $R_{\rm comp} = 14^{\rm m}.375$.

Figure 1 shows the overall light curve of the superoutburst in November–December, 2009. The object was increasing its brightness on JD 2455159 at a rate of 0. 35 per hour.

From JD 2455160 to JD 2455167, we observed repetitive superhumps, characterized in Table 1.

Table 1. Amplitudes of superhumps (unfiltered observations)

JD	Amplitude, mag
2455160.22	0.05
2455164.28	0.18
2455166.49	0.18
2455167.39	0.28

Enlarged light curves for JD 2455160–2455167 are shown in Fig. 2. Using Peranso software (http://www.peranso.com), we performed a period analysis with Renson's period search algorithm (Renson 1978) for JD 2455160–2455167; the periodogram is shown in Fig. 3. The best period of the superhumps is 0.0092 ± 0.0005 , typical of SU UMa stars. The mean superhump profile on JD 2455167 (118 observations) is shown in Fig. 4.

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The finding chart, based on the POSS-II R plate taken on JD 2447497, is presented in Fig. 5. The star appears to be in an outburst on this plate. It is invisible on the POSS-II B plate taken on JD 2449283, POSS-II IR plate of JD 2450751, or POSS-I R plate of JD 2435107.

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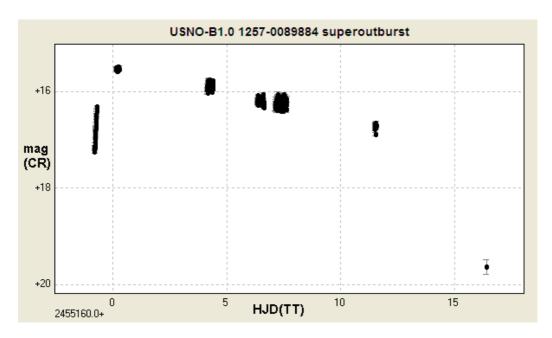


Figure 1. A superoutburst of USNO-B1.0 1257-0089884: the overall light curve.

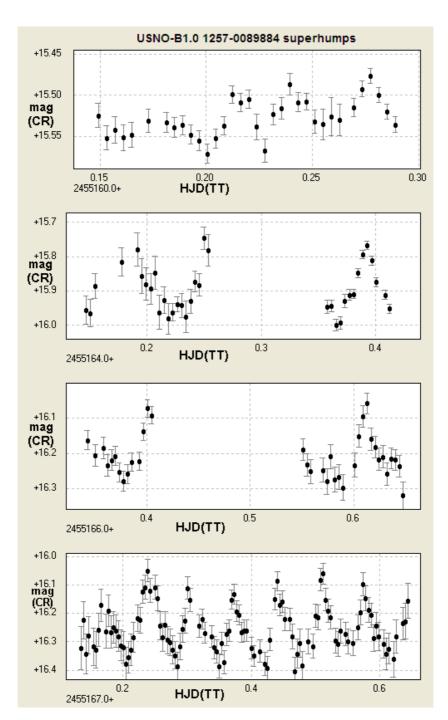


Figure 2. The superhumps of USNO-B1.0 1257–0089884.

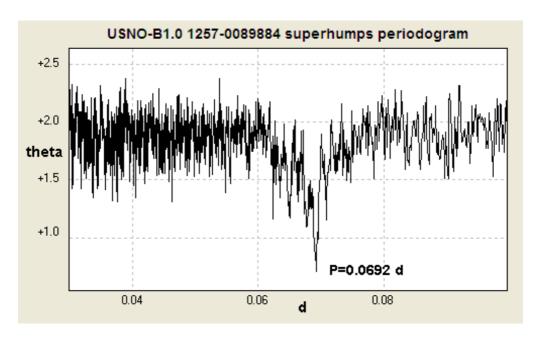


Figure 3. A periodogram for the superhumps of USNO-B1.0 1257–0089884.

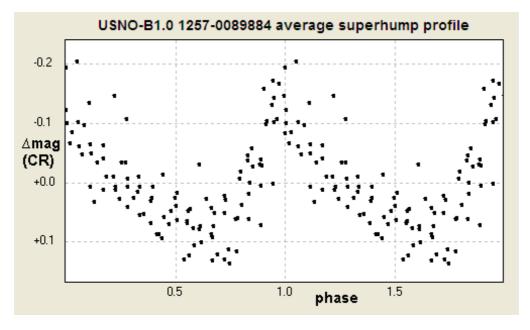


Figure 4. The mean profile of superhumps on JD 2455167.

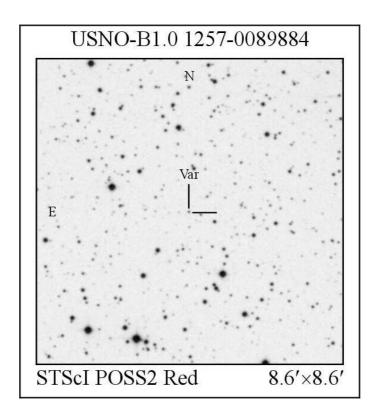


Figure 5. The finding chart of USNO-B1.0 1257-0089884.