# CSS J075415.6+191052 and NW Leo: Two Contact Binaries at Different Evolutionary Stages 

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#### Abstract

Multi-color light curves of CSS J075415.6+191052 and NW Leo are presented and the photometric solutions suggest that CSS J075415.6+191052 is an A-subtype contact binary with low mass ratio ( $q=0.178$ ) while NW Leo has a high mass ratio ( $q=0.707$ ). For CSS J075415.6 +191052 , the $R I$ light curves show weakening around the left shoulder of the secondary minimum, which indicates that there may be a dark spot on the secondary component. However, the light curves of $B V$ bands are totally symmetric. It is unreasonable if the dark spot is caused by magnetic activity or mass transfer between the two components. Therefore, weakening of the light curves in this contact binary is caused by something else. A possible explanation is mass transferring from the primary component to the common convective envelope through the inner Lagrangian point, and this part of the mass, for some reason, weakens the $R I$ bands of light from the secondary component. $O-C$ analysis of NW Leo reveals a cyclic period change with a modulation period of 4.7 yr , which may be caused by the light travel time effect of a third body. The positions of CSS J075415.6+191052 and NW Leo in the $P-J_{\text {orb }}^{\prime}$ diagram indicate that CSS J075415.6+191052 mainly abides by the angular momentum loss theory while NW Leo is dominated by the thermal relaxation oscillation theory.


Key words: (stars:) binaries: eclipsing - stars: evolution - stars: individual (CSS J075415.6+191052, NW Leo)

## 1. Introduction

The light curves (LCs) of eclipsing binaries are divided into three types: EA, EB and EW. The time of entry and exit of an eclipse can be found easily in EA-type LCs, in other words, the EA-type LCs do not change continuously. The other two types of LCs both change continuously. EB-type LCs show big differences between the two minima, because the masses of the two components in a binary system are usually different, with the more massive component (primary) being hotter than the less massive one (secondary). However, an EW-type LC exhibits very similar depth between the two minima, which is very special. It means that the two components manifest almost the same effective temperature, even though they have different masses. In addition, many EB- and EW-type LCs display asymmetry [e.g., LL Com (Hu et al. 2019); V599 Aur (Hu et al. 2020)]. For EB-type LCs, mass transfer between the two components or magnetic activity spots is the explanation for LC asymmetry. But for EW-type LCs, the situation is much more complicated. The special properties of EW-type eclipsing binaries are described by Qian et al. (2017), which indicate that EW-type binaries are well worth investigating. The latest studies have improved the understanding of contact binaries (e.g., Li et al. 2019; Zhang et al. 2020a; Zhang \& Qian 2020b;

Li et al. 2020; Qian et al. 2020; Latković 2021; Li et al. 2021), however, the work is far from complete.

According to the Roche geometry, close binaries fall into three categories (Kopal 1955, 1959). If neither component fills its Roche lobe then the binary system is called a detached binary, or else if only one component fills its Roche lobe then the binary is called a semi-detached binary. When both components fill their Roche lobes, the binary system is a contact binary. Due to the two components of a late-type contact binary sharing a common convective envelope in which energy transfer happens (Lucy 1968), their effective temperatures are very close even though they have different masses. For this reason, contact binaries usually exhibit EW-type LCs. Moreover, according to the classification (Binnendijk 1970), contact binaries are divided into two subtypes. If the primary component is eclipsed at the deeper minimum, then it is an A-subtype contact binary, while a W-subtype one is the opposite. A W-subtype contact binary is very unusual in that the secondary component is hotter than the primary one. The connection among energy-transfer, thermal relaxation oscillation (TRO, Flannery 1976; Lucy 1976) and W-subtype contact binaries has been discussed in a previous paper (Zhang et al. 2020a). Liu et al. (2018b) proposed a new mechanism of

Table 1
Coordinates of Targets

| Target 1 | $\alpha_{2000}$ | $\delta_{2000}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| CSS J075415.6+191052 | $07^{\mathrm{h}} 54^{\mathrm{m}} 15^{\mathrm{s}} .67$ | $+19^{\circ} 10^{\prime} 52^{\prime \prime} 3$ |
| Comparison star | $07^{\mathrm{h}} 54^{\mathrm{m}} 03.35$ | $+19^{\circ} 12^{\prime} 400^{\prime \prime} 9$ |
| Check star | $07^{\mathrm{h}} 54^{\mathrm{m}} 25^{\mathrm{s}} .38$ | $+19^{\circ} 11^{\prime} 01^{\prime \prime} 7$ |
| Target 2 | $\alpha_{2000}$ | $\delta_{2000}$ |
| NW Leo | $11^{\mathrm{h}} 22^{\mathrm{m}} 10^{\mathrm{s}} .25$ | $+25^{\circ} 23^{\prime} 18^{\prime \prime} 7$ |
| Comparison star | $11^{\mathrm{h}} 22^{\mathrm{m}} 7.92$ | $+25^{\circ} 22^{\prime} 26^{\prime \prime} 3$ |
| Check star | $11^{\mathrm{h}} 21^{\mathrm{m}} 59^{\mathrm{s} .68}$ | $+25^{\circ} 23^{\prime} 16^{\prime \prime} 9$ |

long-term period variations for contact binaries, which highlights the role of the common convective envelope in the evolution of contact binaries. Therefore, the effect of the common convective envelope on other properties in contact binaries has to be considered. Mass transfer is not the only process occurring between the two components, and the common convective envelope will also be involved.

In addition, several factors may lead contact binaries to merge, such as the mass ratio (Rasio 1995; Arbutina 2007, 2009), the degree of contact (Rasio \& Shapiro 1995) and angular momentum loss (AML, van't Veer 1979; Rahunen 1981; van't Veer \& Maceroni 1989; Stepień \& Gazeas 2012). So, it is very important to examine their current evolutionary state. Contact binaries have so many special properties (Qian et al. 2017, 2020), understanding these properties is important and meaningful. Recently, we devoted systematic research on the special properties of contact binaries. In this study, we take the contact binary CSS J075415.6+191052 as a good example to reveal a new type of LC asymmetry, which was seldom noticed before. In addition, the evolutionary stages of CSS J075415.6+191052 and NW Leo are discussed.

## 2. Photometric Solutions of CSS J075415.6+191052

CSS J075415.6+191052 was observed on three days (2016 December 29, 30 and 2017 January 1) by using the Sino-Thai 70 cm telescope at Lijiang station of Yunnan Observatories. The charge-coupled device (CCD) system was the Andor DW$936 \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{BV}$ and the filter was the Johnson-Cousin-Bessel system. The coordinates of the comparison star and check star are listed in Table 1. BVRI-four band LCs were obtained (see Figure 1) and the phases were computed with the following linear ephemeris,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { Min. } I=H J D 2457753.36040+0.413294 \times E \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Photometric parameters are derived by utilizing the WilsonDevinney (W-D) code (Wilson \& Devinney 1971; Wilson 1979, 1990, 1994). Thanks to the Large Sky Area Multi-Object Fiber Spectroscopic Telescope (LAMOST, also called the Guoshoujing Telescope), a large number of spectral


Figure 1. Bottom: Observed BVRI LCs of CSS J075415.6+191052. Top: The magnitude difference between the comparison star and the check star.
observation data were provided (Luo et al. 2015). The spectral type of F7 is determined, so we set the effective temperature of the primary component as $T_{1}=6217 \mathrm{~K}$. The bolometric and bandpass square-root limb-darkening parameters can be derived from van Hamme (1993). Because the temperature is less than 6500 K , the gravity-darkening and bolometric albedo coefficients were assumed to be $g_{1}=g_{2}=0.32$ (Lucy 1967) and $A_{1}=A_{2}=0.5$ (Rucinski 1969) respectively.

The LCs of CSS J075415.6+191052 are typical EW-type, and Mode 3 (contact mode) is applied. During the modeling, the adjustable parameters were orbital inclination (i), effective temperature of star $2\left(T_{2}\right)$, monochromatic relative luminosity of star $1\left(L_{1 B}, L_{1 V}, L_{1 R}, L_{1 I}\right)$ and dimensionless potential of star $1\left(\Omega_{1}\right)$. Since there is no spectroscopic mass ratio, the mass ratio $(q)$ is determined by comparing a series of solutions with assumed values of $q$ (called the $q$-search method). The photometric solutions listed in Table 2 indicate that CSS J075415.6+191052 is an A-subtype contact binary with a very low mass ratio. Theoretical LCs are plotted in Figure 2.

## 3. Orbital Period Changes and Photometric Solutions of NW Leo

### 3.1. Orbital Period Correction

From 2018 to 2020, we observed NW Leo many times by using the 60 cm telescope administered by Yunnan Observatories. Several minima were obtained (see Table 5). The CCD is Andor DW436 and the filter system is Johnson-CousinBessel. Coordinates of the comparison star and check star are listed in Table 1. VRI three band LCs were obtained and the phases were computed with the linear ephemeris given by


Figure 2. Comparison between observed and theoretical LCs of CSS J075415.6+191052. One can clearly see that the RI bands LCs weaken around phase $0.25-0.5$.

Table 2
Photometric Solutions

| Parameters | J0754 | Errors | NW Leo | Errors |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $i$ | 81.36 | $\pm 0.64$ | 82.35 | $\pm 0.31$ |
| $q\left(m_{2} / m_{1}\right)$ | 0.178 | q-search | 0.707 | q-search |
| $T_{1}$ | 6217 | assumed | 4870 | assumed |
| $T_{2} / T_{1}$ | 0.9891 | $\pm 0.0017$ | 0.9830 | $\pm 0.0018$ |
| $\Omega_{1}$ | 2.1373 | $\pm 0.0026$ | 3.24639 | $\pm 0.0002$ |
| fillout factor | 0.349 | $\pm 0.023$ | 0.02281 | $\pm 0.00049$ |
| $r_{1}$ (pole) | 0.50542 | $\pm 0.00066$ | 0.38655 | $\pm 0.000029$ |
| $r_{1}$ (side) | 0.55555 | $\pm 0.00099$ | 0.408223 | $\pm 0.000036$ |
| $r_{1}$ (back) | 0.5804 | $\pm 0.0012$ | 0.438423 | $\pm 0.000048$ |
| $r_{2}$ (pole) | 0.23636 | $\pm 0.00077$ | 0.328847 | $\pm 0.000029$ |
| $r_{2}$ (side) | 0.2474 | $\pm 0.00093$ | 0.344345 | $\pm 0.000035$ |
| $r_{2}$ (back) | 0.2916 | $\pm 0.0019$ | 0.376991 | $\pm 0.000051$ |
| Radius ratio $\left(R_{2} / R_{1}\right)$ | 0.4736 | $\pm 0.0014$ | 0.852281 | $\pm 0.000071$ |
| $L_{1} /\left(L_{1}+L_{2}\right)(B)$ | 0.82898 | $\pm 0.00032$ |  |  |
| $L_{2} /\left(L_{1}+L_{2}\right)(B)$ | 0.17102 | $\pm 0.00032$ |  |  |
| $L_{1} /\left(L_{1}+L_{2}\right)(V)$ | 0.82683 | $\pm 0.00032$ | 0.6053 | $\pm 0.0011$ |
| $L_{2} /\left(L_{1}+L_{2}\right)(V)$ | 0.17317 | $\pm 0.00032$ | 0.3947 | $\pm 0.0011$ |
| $L_{1} /\left(L_{1}+L_{2}\right)(R)$ | 0.82579 | $\pm 0.00039$ | 0.60007 | $\pm 0.00094$ |
| $L_{2} /\left(L_{1}+L_{2}\right)(R)$ | 0.17421 | $\pm 0.00039$ | 0.39993 | $\pm 0.00094$ |
| $L_{1} /\left(L_{1}+L_{2}\right)(I)$ | 0.82493 | $\pm 0.00046$ | 0.5968 | $\pm 0.00082$ |
| $L_{2} /\left(L_{1}+L_{2}\right)(I)$ | 0.17507 | $\pm 0.00046$ | 0.4032 | $\pm 0.00082$ |
| Lres | 0.002029 |  | 0.002041 |  |

Diethelm (2010),

$$
\begin{equation*}
M i n . I=H J D 2454907.676+0.260606 \times E . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

However, the result suggests that the orbital period needs to be revised (see Figure 3). To correct the orbital period, all available minima from literature were collected (see Table 4), in addition, partial LCs of NW Leo were found from SuperWASP sky survey data (Butters et al. 2010) and a group


Figure 3. LCs of NW Leo. The phases were computed with the old linear ephemeris.


Figure 4. $O-C$ diagram of NW Leo computed with the old linear ephemeris.
of minima were obtained (see Table 5). The $O-C$ diagram is displayed in Figure 4. The $O-C$ trend also indicates that the current orbital period of NW Leo is incorrect. If the orbital period in an ephemeris is wrong, due to the cumulative effect, one cannot calculate the values of $E$ and $O-C$ correctly. In this case, it is impossible to get a correct $O-C$ trend and hence the correct period changes. This situation is similar to VW Boo (Qian \& Zhu 2002) and Qian et al. (2005).

Based on all the minima, a revised linear ephemeris was derived,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\text { Min. } I=H J D 2458174.29606+0.29977264 \times E . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

The $O-C$ values of all minima from the revised linear ephemeris were calculated (see Tables 4 and 5). The


Figure 5. $O-C$ diagram of NW Leo computed with the newly derived linear ephemeris. The red line represents the fitting curve, which suggests a cyclic period variation.
corresponding $O-C$ diagram is plotted in Figure 5, and a leastsquares solution leads to the following nonlinear ephemeris,

$$
\begin{align*}
O-C= & -0.00151( \pm 0.00041)-1.00117( \pm 0.16401) \\
& \times 10^{-6} \times E-4.85092( \pm 1.08875) \times E^{2} \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
& -0.00559( \pm 0.00038) \times \sin [0.00110( \pm 0.00001) \\
& \times E+3.31373( \pm 0.09266)] \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

The fitting curve and the residuals of $O-C$ from Equation (4) are displayed in Figure 5.

### 3.2. Photometric Solutions of NW Leo

Using the revised linear ephemeris (Equation (3)), we recalculated the phases of VRI LCs (see Figure 6). Then, the LCs were analyzed with the W-D code. The spectral type (K3) and the effective temperature of primary component ( 4870 K ) were given by LAMOST. The gravity-darkening coefficients were set as $g_{1}=g_{2}=0.32$ and bolometric albedo as $A_{1}=A_{2}=0.5$.

During the modeling, Mode 3 was utilized, and the adjustable parameters were orbital inclination (i), effective temperature of star $2\left(T_{2}\right)$, monochromatic relative luminosity of star $1\left(L_{1 V}, L_{1 R}\right.$, $\left.L_{1 I}\right)$ and dimensionless potential of star $1\left(\Omega_{1}\right)$. Due to the LCs showing asymmetry (the O' Connell effect), we add a spot on the primary component. Since there is no spectroscopic mass ratio, the mass ratio $(q)$ is determined by the q -search method. The photometric solutions are listed in Table 2, which indicate that NW Leo is an A-subtype contact binary with a high mass ratio. Theoretical LCs and the configuration of NW Leo are plotted in Figures 7 and 8, respectively.


Figure 6. Top: Observed VRI LCs of NW Leo. Bottom: The magnitude difference between the comparison star and check star.


Figure 7. Observed VRI LCs of NW Leo and its theoretical LCs with a hot spot on the primary component.

## 4. Discussions

### 4.1. A Possible Explanation for the Asymmetry of Light Curves in CSS J075415.6+191052

Comparing the observed LCs with the theoretical ones, we found that $B V$ band LCs are totally symmetric but RI bands are not (see Figure 2). Usually, we use magnetic activity to explain the asymmetry of LCs in late type contact binaries. Due to both components of contact binaries filling their Roche lobes, an impact spot caused by mass transfer is also possible. However, for CSS J075415.6+191052, just the RI LCs are a little weak (not enhanced) around the left shoulder


Figure 8. Configuration of NW Leo and location of the spot.
of the secondary minimum, so we first exclude the first case because there is no reason that the magnetic activity spot only affects RI band light. Now that the LCs become weak, it should be a dark spot (not a hot spot), according to the Wien displacement law, with the temperature decreasing, and long wavelength radiation becoming stronger. Some good examples of this effect can be found in previous studies [e.g., V473 Cas (Zhu et al. 2009); SuperWASP J015100.23100524.2 (Qian et al. 2015); 1SWASP J030749.87365201.7 (Liu et al. 2018a)]. However, now the fact is that short wavelength LCs are unchanged while long wave ones are weakened, which means that a dark spot associated with magnetic activity cannot be the explanation for the asymmetry of LCs in this case.

What if the asymmetry in LCs is the result of mass transfer? There are two scenarios: First, mass transfers from the primary component to the secondary. Because this target is an A-subtype contact binary, the primary component is the hotter one. In this case, the result should enhance the LCs, which contradicts the fact that the LCs become weak, so this is impossible. Second, mass transfers from the secondary component to the primary. As mentioned in Section 2, the spot should appear around phase $0.75-1$. However, the weakening of LCs occurs at phase $0.25-0.5$. Therefore, this is also unreasonable. In conclusion, the asymmetry of LCs in CSS J075415.6+191052 is not the result of mass transfer between the two components.

Liu et al. (2018b) proposed that the mass transfer between the two components should first go through a common convective envelope, and the common envelope will keep this part of the mass temporarily. With the accumulation of mass, it will eventually be released. In this case, when the mass stays in the common envelope, it probably absorbs certain wavelengths of light, which results in the weakening of certain LCs. As we discussed above, if mass transfers from the secondary component


Figure 9. Observed RI LCs of CSS J075415.6+191052 and its theoretical LCs with a cool spot on the secondary component.

Table 3
Parameters of Spots

| Parameters | J0754 | NW Leo |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Latitude (rad) | 1.13369 | 0.74577 |
| Longitude (rad) | 0.65411 | 1.63168 |
| Spot radius (rad) | 0.39950 | 0.33365 |
| Temperature factor | $0.69950\left(T_{s} / T_{2}\right)$ | $1.24687\left(T_{s} / T_{1}\right)$ |

to the common envelope, the phase of the weakened LCs is not expected. So, the only possibility is that mass transfers from the primary component to the common envelope through the inner Lagrangian point. If so, when the transferring mass is moving out from the primary component, according to conservation of angular momentum, it will first appear at phase 0.25 and close to the neck of the binary system. Therefore, we added a dark spot on the secondary component near the inner Lagrangian point. Just as we expected, photometric solutions converged soon. Theoretical RI LCs with a dark spot on the secondary component can be seen in Figure 9. Obviously, this fitting result is better than before. The location of the spot is listed in Table 3 and its structure is depicted in Figure 10.

### 4.2. Possible Explanations for the Orbital Period Changes of NW Leo

The quadratic term in Equation (4) reveals a long-term period decrease, which may be caused by the mass transfer from the primary to the secondary component. However, the long-term decreasing trend is not obvious, and more observations are needed to check this trend. The sine term suggests a periodic change with an amplitude of 0.00559 days, and the modulation period is about 4.7 yr . The cyclic period variations of close binaries were often explained by magnetic activity of

Table 4
Minima of NW Leo from Literature

| HJD $2400000+$ | Error (days) | Filter | Type | O-C (days) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 54907.6760 |  | $V$ | p | 0.00240 |
| 55277.9018 | 0.0008 | $V$ | pef. |  |
| 55602.8525 | 0.0009 | $V$ | p | 0.00899 |
| 55956.8767 | 0.0001 | $V$ | p | 0.00615 |
| 56038.7154 | 0.0002 | $V$ | p | -0.00114 |



Figure 10. Configuration of CSS J075415.6+191052 and the location of the spot.
components (Applegate 1992) or light travel time effect of a third body (Liao \& Qian 2010).
For the first case, the energy required to cause the cyclic period change can be estimated by a method described by Brinkworth et al. (2006), and the result is displayed in Figure 11. Since there is no radial velocity study of NW Leo, the masses of both components cannot be determined accurately. For contact binaries, we can estimate the parameters using empirical equations given by Gazeas (2009). Compared with the energy required to produce the cyclic period change, the total energy radiated by the primary component during the whole modulation period did not meet the requirement. Therefore, the Applegate mechanism cannot explain the cyclic oscillation.

In this situation, the most plausible explanation of the cyclic period change in NW Leo is the light travel time effect of a third body. The mass function of the tertiary companion can be computed utilizing the following equation

$$
\begin{align*}
f(m) & =\frac{\omega^{\prime 2}}{G P^{2}}(c \times K)^{3} \\
& =\frac{\left(M_{3} \sin i^{\prime}\right)^{3}}{\left(M_{1}+M_{2}+M_{3}\right)^{2}} . \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$

$\omega^{\prime}$ is the periodic angular frequency, $P$ is the orbital period of the binary, $K$ is the amplitude of the cyclic variation, $c$ is the


Figure 11. Energy required to cause the Applegate mechanism.
speed of light and $i^{\prime}$ is the orbital inclination of the third body. Because the periodic oscillation term is a standard sine function, it corresponds to the situation in which the third body is moving in a circle at a constant speed, so $i^{\prime}$ cannot be too small, which means $\sin i \approx 1$. In order to get accurate information about the additional companion, a radial velocity study is needed.

## 4.3. $P-J^{\prime}{ }_{\text {orb }}$ Diagram

S. B. Qian et al. (2021, in preparation) computed the specific angular momenta ( $J_{\text {orb }}^{\prime}$ ) of binary systems for all the samples compiled by Zhang \& Qian (2020b), and the relation between orbital period and $J_{\text {orb }}^{\prime}$ is shown in Figure 12. With the evolution of contact binaries, the angular momentum remains constant or decreases but cannot increase. Therefore, the evolution direction of the contact binaries should be top-down in Figure 12. Samples near the upper boundary have greater specific angular momentum, which suggests that they are at the beginning of the contact phase. At this stage, contact binaries mainly follow the TRO theory. In contrast, samples near the lower boundary have lost much angular momentum, and they abide by the AML theory. This indicates that TRO and AML may play important roles in the evolution of contact binaries,


Figure 12. The relation between orbital period and specific angular momentum. The positions of CSS J075415.6+191052 and NW Leo in the diagram are marked with a blue star and red star, respectively.
and with AML gradually taking the dominant position, contact binaries will tend to merge.

For comparison, the positions of CSS J075415.6+191052 and NW Leo in Figure 12 are marked with a blue star and red star, respectively. One can clearly see that CSS J075415.6+191052 is near the lower boundary while NW Leo is close to the upper boundary. That is to say, CSS J075415.6+191052 is more evolved than NW Leo, which is in agreement with their photometric solutions. CSS J075415.6+191052 is now dominated by AML, and it has a low mass ratio and slightly deep degree of contact. However, NW Leo mainly follows TRO in the current stage, and it has a high mass ratio and shallow degree of contact.

## 5. Conclusions

LC asymmetry is very common in close binaries, especially in W UMa-type contact binaries. Because both components of
a contact binary fill their Roche lobes and share a common convective envelope, mass and energy transfer are possible. Due to the frequent interactions between the two components, the evolution of contact binaries becomes very complicated. The new photometric analysis suggests that CSS J075415.6 +191052 is a low mass ratio A-subtype contact binary with contact degree of $34.9 \%$. Compared with the theoretical LCs, the observed RI band LCs seem to be a little weaker around the left shoulder of the secondary minimum, whereas $B V$ wave band LCs are not. After detailed discussion, a dark spot that arises from mass transferring from the primary component to the common convective envelope results in this effect. This mechanism, dominated by the common convective envelope, is confirmed, which once again highlights its special role in the evolution of contact binaries.

Based on the photometric study of NW Leo, we conclude that it is a high mass ratio, shallow contact binary ( $f=2.3 \%$ ). Furthermore, its $O-C$ curve features periodic changes and the modulation period is only about 4.7 yr . The total energy radiated from the primary component in the whole modulation period is less than the energy required to produce the cyclic period change, therefore, the cyclic oscillation is caused by the light travel time effect of a third body. The $O-C$ trend also indicates that there is a long-term decrease in its orbital period, which may be caused by mass transfer from the primary to the secondary component. However, the number of current minima is still limited, and the long-term decreasing trend is not obvious. Therefore, more observations are needed to check this trend.

Further study shows that NW Leo is dominated by TRO theory, while CSS J075415.6+191052 mainly follows AML theory. The relation between orbital period and specific angular momentum suggests that the evolution of contact binaries is TRO + AML. For low mass ratio contact binaries, AML will lead to the merger of the binary systems.

Table 5
Calculated Minima of NW Leo

| HJD $2400000+$ | Error (days) | Filter | Type | $O-C$ (days) | HJD $2400000+$ | Error (days) | Filter | Type | $O-C$ (days) | Telescope |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 53130.4757 | 0.0007 | SuperWASP | s | 0.00421 | 54150.5955 | 0.0010 | SuperWASP | S | -0.00230 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 53132.4261 | 0.0014 | SuperWASP | p | 0.00608 | 54152.6938 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00236 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 53135.4230 | 0.0009 | SuperWASP | p | 0.00520 | 54153.5938 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00172 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 53138.4209 | 0.0011 | SuperWASP | p | 0.00543 | 54154.4934 | 0.0006 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00142 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 53141.4182 | 0.0009 | SuperWASP | p | 0.00500 | 54154.6433 | 0.0004 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00142 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 53831.4935 | 0.0016 | SuperWASP | p | 0.00372 | 54155.5422 | 0.0003 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00186 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 53832.3943 | 0.0006 | SuperWASP | p | 0.00514 | 54155.6917 | 0.0007 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00226 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 53832.5415 | 0.0008 | SuperWASP | s | 0.00249 | 54156.5899 | 0.0008 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00333 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 53854.4221 | 0.0010 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00038 | 54157.4919 | 0.0004 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00069 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54091.6906 | 0.0008 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00185 | 54157.6420 | 0.0006 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00042 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54094.6903 | 0.0011 | SuperWASP | p | 0.00013 | 54158.5395 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00222 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54098.7335 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00368 | 54158.6892 | 0.0008 | SuperWASP | , | -0.00250 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54099.6356 | 0.0007 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00089 | 54160.4876 | 0.0006 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00270 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54100.6844 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00127 | 54160.6377 | 0.0008 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00251 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54103.6823 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00103 | 54165.4354 | 0.0004 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00113 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54111.6255 | 0.0010 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00183 | 54165.5822 | 0.0008 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00426 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54111.7750 | 0.0011 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00222 | 54166.4824 | 0.0009 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00336 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54114.6233 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00174 | 54166.6342 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00146 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54114.7743 | 0.0008 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00067 | 54167.5318 | 0.0007 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00313 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54115.6727 | 0.0014 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00159 | 54169.6332 | 0.0011 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00016 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54118.6723 | 0.0011 | SuperWASP | p | 0.00027 | 54170.5314 | 0.0008 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00131 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54120.6180 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00250 | 54171.4310 | 0.0007 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00097 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54121.6704 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | p | 0.00067 | 54171.5784 | 0.0006 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00348 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54122.5699 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | p | 0.00084 | 54192.4124 | 0.0007 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00367 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54122.7157 | 0.0010 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00329 | 54194.5128 | 0.0010 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00169 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54123.6155 | 0.0015 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00272 | 54195.4123 | 0.0009 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00149 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54123.7692 | 0.0003 | SuperWASP | p | 0.00104 | 54195.5609 | 0.0007 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00277 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54140.5543 | 0.0006 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00117 | 54202.4547 | 0.0009 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00374 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54140.7039 | 0.0009 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00139 | 54204.4070 | 0.0007 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00003 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54141.6027 | 0.0016 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00189 | 54206.5028 | 0.0004 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00258 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54142.5026 | 0.0007 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00130 | 54208.4514 | 0.0004 | SuperWASP |  | -0.00256 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54142.6536 | 0.0009 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00023 | 54210.3987 | 0.0006 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00378 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54143.5525 | 0.0009 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00062 | 54210.5504 | 0.0004 | SuperWASP |  | -0.00192 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54145.4986 | 0.0006 | SuperWASP |  | -0.00301 | 54211.4490 | 0.0012 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00262 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54145.6493 | 0.0009 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00227 | 54213.3959 | 0.0007 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00427 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54146.5485 | 0.0006 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00232 | 54214.4474 | 0.0006 | SuperWASP |  | -0.00198 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54146.6988 | 0.0010 | SuperWASP |  | -0.00197 | 54220.4416 | 0.0008 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00321 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54149.5476 | 0.0010 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00097 | 54223.4389 | 0.0007 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00363 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 54149.6978 | 0.0002 | SuperWASP | s | -0.00068 | 54225.3890 | 0.0005 | SuperWASP | p | -0.00209 | 8 Canon 200 mm |
| 58126.3321 | 0.0001 | $R$ | p | -0.00053 | 58458.3336 | 0.0001 | I | S | 0.00293 | YNOs 60 cm |
| 58126.3317 | 0.0001 | V |  |  | 58458.3335 | 0.0001 | R |  |  | YNOs 60 cm |
| 58134.2747 | 0.0001 | I | s | -0.00176 | 58458.3336 | 0.0001 | V |  |  | YNOs 60 cm |
| 58134.2749 | 0.0001 | $R$ |  |  | 58608.0697 | 0.0002 | I | p | 0.00238 | YNOs 60 cm |
| 58134.2744 | 0.0002 | $V$ |  |  | 58608.0695 | 0.0001 | R |  |  | YNOs 60 cm |
| 58174.2962 | 0.0001 | I | p | 0.00000 | 58608.0692 | 0.0001 | V |  |  | YNOs 60 cm |
| 58174.2961 | 0.0001 | $R$ |  |  | 58831.3961 | 0.0001 | I | p | -0.00171 | YNOs 60 cm |
| 58174.2959 | 0.0001 | V |  |  | 58831.3963 | 0.0001 | R |  |  | YNOs 60 cm |


|  |  |  |  |  |  | Table 5 <br> (Continued) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | HJD $2400000+$ | Error (days) | Filter | Type | O-C (days) | HJD $2400000+$ | Error (days) | Filter | Type | $O-C$ (days) | Telescope |
|  | 58174.4461 | 0.0004 | I | s | -0.00042 | 58831.3955 | 0.0003 | V |  |  | YNOs 60 cm |
|  | 58174.4458 | 0.0005 | $R$ |  |  | 58958.0464 | 0.0004 | I | s | $-0.00502$ | YNOs 60 cm |
| $\bigcirc$ | 58174.4447 | 0.0005 | V |  |  |  |  | R |  |  | YNOs 60 cm |
| 6 | 58208.1712 | 0.0003 | I | p | $-0.00009$ |  |  |  |  |  | YNOs 60 cm |
|  | 58208.1695 | 0.0002 | $R$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | YNOs 60 cm |
|  | 58208.1702 |  | V |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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