# Light curve solutions of six short-period binaries and peculiarities of two of them, NSVS 3640326 and V1007 Cas 

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#### Abstract

Photometric observations in Sloan $g^{\prime}$ and $i^{\prime}$ bands of six binaries with orbital periods of $6-8$ hours are presented. One of them is a newly discovered eclipsing system. NSVS 3640326, V1007 Cas and V568 Peg have fillout factors above 0.26 and their components differ in mass more than 2 times. All systems revealed the O'Connell effect that was reproduced by cool spots on the side surfaces of their primary components. The light curves of NSVS 3640326 and V1007 Cas seem unusual due to their flat MinI. This peculiarity implies an extremely weak limb-darkening effect of their primaries. Another peculiarity of V1007 Cas is that its secondary is cooler, but bigger and considerably more massive, than its primary. Moreover, V1007 Cas turned out to be well below the line representing the mass-luminosity relation for the MS stars on the mass ratio - luminosity ratio diagram.


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## 1. Introduction

Most W UMa stars consisting of solar-type components have orbital periods within $0.25 \mathrm{~d}<P<0.7 \mathrm{~d}$. They are recognized by continuous brightness variations and nearly equal minima depths. The short orbital periods of these binaries mean small orbits and synchronized rotation and orbital revolution.

Both components of the W UMa stars overflow their Roche lobes and form a common envelope of material, which causes the stars to have the same surface temperature to within 100-200 K (Lucy 1968). It is assumed that two stars with a common envelope cannot be in stable equilibrium, but these systems oscillate between states of the full and marginal contact (Flannery 1976; Lucy 1976; Robertson, Eggleton 1977).

The formation of contact binary systems is not well understood. Pribulla, Rucinski (2006) state that it is not possible for a system with a period below
one day to be created in a binary form. A third (distant) companion is necessary for formation of such objects.

The further evolution of short-period detached systems probably is characterized by angular momentum loss (AML) through a magnetized wind with a single mass-ratio reversal (Stepien 2006), while that of contact binaries by combination of AML and mass-ratio oscillations (Qian 2003).

The investigation of the contact binary systems is important for the modern astrophysics for at least three reasons.
(1) The W UMa stars are natural laboratories for the study of late stages of the stellar evolution connected with the processes of mass and angular momentum loss, merging or fusion of the stars (Martin et al., 2011).
(2) The contact binary stars have an unique and useful property: the periodcolor relation. The similar temperatures of the components through a combination of the Kepler third law and the radius-color relationship for Main Sequence (MS) stars lead to a period-color-luminosity relation (Rucinski 1994; Rucinski 1996; Rucinski, Duerbeck 1997; Klagyivik, Csizmadia 2004; Gettel et al. 2006; Eker et al., 2008). This makes contact binaries useful tracers of distance and galactic structure, especially on small scales.
(3) The contact binaries present a numerous family, although their space density and distribution are still debated. Rucinski (2002) found a density of $1.0 * 10^{-5} \mathrm{pc}^{-3}$, or $1 / 500 \mathrm{MS}$ stars, in the solar neighborhood. However, the previous estimate of $1 / 130 \mathrm{MS}$ stars based on OGLE-I data for more distant stars in the Galactic disk is quite different (Rucinski 1998). This discrepancy may be an indication of an uneven distribution of the contact binary fraction across the Galaxy.

The General Catalog of Variable Stars (GCVS) labels 845 stars as EW type variables (Samus et al., 2004). The catalog of Pribulla et al. (2003) contains 361 galactic EW and EB type variables. Gettel et al. (2006) created a new catalog of 1022 contact binary stars from the ROTSE-I database and estimated their space density as $1.7 * 10^{-5} \mathrm{pc}^{-3}$.

Although the continuously varying light curves make the contact binaries detectable within a large range of inclinations, the statistics of W UMa stars with short periods is quite poor (Terrell et al., 2012). There are two reasons for this insufficiency: (a) the period distribution of binaries reveals a very sharp decline in the number of systems with periods below 0.27 days (Drake et al., 2014); (b) the short-period binaries are late stars and thus faint objects for a detailed study.

In this paper we present photometric observations and light curve solutions of six binaries with orbital periods within 6-8 hours: NSVS 3640326, V1007 Cas ( $\equiv$ NSVS $3687570 \equiv$ CSV $8 \equiv$ NSV $49 \equiv$ GSC 03258-00448), NSVS 1776195, UCAC4-525-135123, NSVS 113026 ( $\equiv$ 2MASS J21273926+7639576 $\equiv$ GSC $04599-00229 \equiv$ NSVS $1279949 \equiv$ NSVS $1318204 \equiv$ NSVS $1406039 \equiv$ UCAC4 834-018531 $\equiv$ USNO-B1.0 1666-0103264), V568 Peg. Five of our targets are known binaries from the NSVS database (Wozniak et al., 2004), while one of

Table 1. Old parameters of our targets.

| Target Name |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { RA } \\ 2000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } \\ 2000 \end{gathered}$ | Period <br> [d] | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{V} \\ {[\mathrm{mag}]} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ampl } \\ & {[\mathrm{mag}]} \end{aligned}$ | Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | NSVS 3640326 | 000414.22 | +431803.4 | 0.31129014 | 12.57 | 0.60 | 1 |
| 2 | V1007 Cas | 000803.43 | +510802.8 | 0.3320075 | 12.00 | 0.44 | 2, 3, 4 |
| 3 | NSVS 1776195 | 015934.73 | +53 0248.2 | 0.17604293 | 11.38 | 0.17 | 1 |
| 4 | UCAC4-525-135123 | 203652.63 | +14 5643.3 | 0.25158 | 15.50 | 0.66 | new |
| 5 | NSVS 113026 | 212739.27 | +76 3957.6 | 0.281973 | 12.70 | 0.25 | 5 |
| 6 | V568 Peg | 230813.42 | +33 0302.1 | 0.247074 | 12.90 | 0.45 | 6 |

References: 1 - Shaw et al. (Finding periodic variables in the NSVS); 2 - Otero et al., 2005;
3 - Gettel et al., 2006; 4 - Diethelm, 2013; 5 - Wozniak et al., 2004; 6 - Khruslov, 2008.
them is a newly discovered binary. Table 1 gives the coordinates of our targets and available information for their light variability.

## 2. Observations

Our CCD photometric observations of the targets in Sloan $g^{\prime}, i$, bands were carried out at Rozhen Observatory with the 30-cm Ritchey Chretien Astrograph (located in the IRIDA South dome) using a CCD camera ATIK 4000M (2048 $\times 2048$ pixels, $7.4 \mu \mathrm{~m} /$ pixel, field of view $40 \times 40 \mathrm{arcmin}$ ). Information on our observations is given in Table 2.

The photometric data were reduced by AIP4WIN2.0 (Berry, Burnell 2006). We performed aperture ensemble photometry with the software VPHOT using more than six standard stars in the observed field of each target. Table 7 in the Appendix gives their coordinates and magnitudes from the catalogue UCAC4 (Zacharias et al., 2010).

## 3. Light curve solutions

We solved the Rozhen light curves of the six targets using the code $\operatorname{PHOEBE}$ (Prsa, Zwitter, 2005) by the following procedure.

We used the traditional convention the MinI (phase 0.0) to be the deeper light minimum and the star that is eclipsed at MinI to be the primary component.

We determined in advance the mean temperatures $T_{m}$ of the binaries (Table 3) by their infrared color indices ( $J-K$ ) from the 2MASS catalog and the calibration color-temperature given by Tokunaga (2000).

At the first step we adopted $T_{1}=T_{m}$ and searched for solutions for fixed $T_{1}$ varying the initial epoch $T_{0}$, period $P$, secondary temperature $T_{2}$, orbital inclination $i$, mass ratio $q$ and potentials $\Omega_{1,2}$.

We adopted coefficients of gravity brightening $g_{1}=g_{2}=0.32$ and the reflection effect $A_{1}=A_{2}=0.5$ appropriate for late-type stars, while the limb-

Table 2. Journal of the Rozhen photometric observations.

| Target | Date | Exposure $\left(g^{\prime}, i^{\prime}\right)$ <br> $[\mathrm{sec}]$ | Number $\left(g^{\prime}, i^{\prime}\right)$ | Error $\left(g^{\prime}, i^{\prime}\right)$ <br> $[\mathrm{mag}]$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2014 Oct 12 | 60,90 | 51,45 | $0.004,0.006$ |
|  | 2014 Oct 13 | 60,90 | 155,167 | $0.004,0.005$ |
|  | 2014 Oct 19 | 60,90 | 158,175 | $0.004,0.005$ |
| 2 | 2014 Oct 20 | 60,90 | 183,137 | $0.003,0.004$ |
|  | 2014 Nov 02 | 60,90 | 194,194 | $0.004,0.005$ |
| 3 | 2014 Oct 01 | 30,60 | 165,182 | $0.003,0.004$ |
|  | 2014 Oct 10 | 30,60 | 144,144 | $0.003,0.003$ |
|  | 2014 Oct 11 | 30,60 | 159,151 | $0.003,0.003$ |
| 4 | 2014 Aug 15 | 90,90 | 92,92 | $0.021,0.027$ |
|  | 2014 Aug 18 | 90,90 | 87,85 | $0.018,0.025$ |
| 5 | 2014 Aug 07 | 90,90 | 51,50 | $0.008,0.009$ |
|  | 2014 Aug 08 | 90,90 | 72,69 | $0.007,0.008$ |
|  | 2014 Aug 09 | 90,90 | 90,88 | $0.006,0.007$ |
|  | 2014 Aug 12 | 90,90 | 109,109 | $0.004,0.006$ |
|  | 2014 Aug 14 | 90,90 | 93,92 | $0.004,0.006$ |
|  | 2014 Aug 15 | 90,90 | 109,108 | $0.004,0.006$ |
| 6 | 2014 Sept 24 | 90,90 | 136,136 | $0.005,0.007$ |
|  | 2014 Sept 29 | 90,90 | 51,49 | $0.005,0.007$ |
|  | 2014 Sept 30 | 90,90 | 150,149 | $0.005,0.007$ |
|  | 2014 Oct 11 | 90,90 | 150,149 | $0.007,0.007$ |

Table 3. Parameters of variability of the targets according to the Rozhen data. Their $J-K$ colors from the 2MASS catalog are used for determination of the mean temperatures $\mathrm{T}_{m}$.
$\left.\begin{array}{cccccc}\hline \hline \text { Target } & T_{0}-2450000 & \begin{array}{c}\text { Period } \\ {[\mathrm{d}]}\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\Delta \mathrm{g}^{\prime} \\ {[\mathrm{mag}]}\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\Delta \mathrm{i}^{\prime} \\ {[\mathrm{mag}]}\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}J-K \\ {[\mathrm{mag}]}\end{array}\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\mathrm{T}_{m} \\ {[\mathrm{~K}]}\end{array}\right]$
darkening coefficients for each component and each color were updated according to the tables of Van Hamme (1993).

In order to reproduce the O'Connell effect, we added cool spots on the stellar surfaces of the primary components and varied their parameters (longitude $\lambda$, latitude $\beta$, angular size $\alpha$ and temperature factor $\kappa$ ).

To adjust the stellar temperatures $T_{1}$ and $T_{2}$ around the mean value $T_{m}$, we used the formulae

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\begin{gather*}
T_{1}^{c}=T_{m}+\frac{c \Delta T}{c+1}  \tag{1}\\
T_{2}^{c}=T_{1}-\Delta T \tag{2}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $c=l_{2} / l_{1}$ (luminosity ratio) and $\Delta T$ (difference of temperatures of the components) were determined from the last $P H O E B E$ solution. We derived expressions (1-2) on the basis of formula (4) of Coughlin et al. (2011).

To obtain the best solution, we varied finally the stellar temperatures slightly around the calculated values $T_{1,2}^{c}$ as well as the parameters $i, q$ and $\Omega_{1,2}$.

Table 4 contains the derived parameters by this procedure, where $r_{1,2}$ are relative (volume) stellar radii and $l_{1,2}$ are relative luminosities of the stellar components. The values of $T_{0}$ and $P$ are given in Table 3, while those of the spot parameters are shown in Table 5.

The errors of the obtained parameters are the formal $P H O E B E$ errors.
The synthetic light curves corresponding to our solutions are shown in Figs. $1-6$ as continuous lines.


Figure 1. The folded light curves of NSVS 3640326 with their fits and the corresponding residuals (shifted vertically by an arbitrary number to save space). A color version of this figure is available in the online journal.

## 4. Analysis of the results

The analysis of the light curve solutions of the Rozhen data led to several conclusions.
(1) Our photometric data revealed that the period of NSVS 1776195 is 2 times longer than the published one (Table 1).
(2) The amplitudes of variability of V1007 Cas and V0568 Peg turned out to be considerably bigger than the published ones. We assume that the reason for this discrepancy is the low angular resolution of the published photometric


Figure 2. Same as Fig. 1 for V1007 Cas.


Figure 3. Same as Fig. 1 for NSVS 1776195.
observations by the small NSVS telescopes ( $14.4^{\prime \prime}$ pixel $^{-1}$ ) that prevents separation of two neighboring stars. A close nonvariable star may enter the same pixel or aperture during the photometric measurements of the variable and thus reduce its amplitude of variability.
(3) The light variabilities of NSVS 1776195 and NSVS 113026 are almost ellipsoidal (the eclipses are quite grazing).
(4) Five targets are overcontact binaries, one target (NSVS 1776195) is an almost contact system (Table 4).
(5) The stellar components of all targets are of G and K spectral types.


Figure 4. Same as Fig. 1 for UCAC4-525 135123.


Figure 5. Same as Fig. 1 for NSVS 113026.
(6) The masses of the components of NSVS 3640326, V1007 Cas and V568 Peg differ more than 2 times from each other. Only these targets are with the biggest fillout factors.
(7) The temperature difference of the components of the targets are up to 400 K , i.e. they are almost in thermal contact.
(8) All binaries revealed the O'Connell effect that was reproduced by big cool spots (Table 5) on the side surfaces of their primary components. These spots are manifestation of the magnetic activity of the targets.
(9) The best fit in the two colors required a contribution of third light $l_{3}$


Figure 6. Same as Fig. 1 for V568 Peg.

Table 4. Parameters of the light curve solutions of the targets.

| Par. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $q$ | $0.411(0.001)$ | $2.325(0.005)$ | $0.824(0.001)$ | $0.624(0.006)$ | $0.794(0.001)$ | $0.494(0.001)$ |
| $i$ | $89.7(0.1)$ | $89.5(0.4)$ | $50.6(0.1)$ | $76.0(0.2)$ | $54.7(0.1)$ | $76.3(0.1)$ |
| $T_{1}$ | $5440(48)$ | $4520(34)$ | $6882(35)$ | $5361(35)$ | $5603(41)$ | $5734(48)$ |
| $T_{2}$ | $5273(15)$ | $4410(7)$ | $6502(14)$ | $4972(26)$ | $5801(15)$ | $5409(17)$ |
| $\Omega_{1,2}$ | $2.553(0.004)$ | $5.272(0.012)$ | $3.556(0.009)$ | $3.06(0.01)$ | $3.373(0.004)$ | $2.786(0.002)$ |
| fillout | 0.59 | 0.715 | 0.0006 | 0.157 | 0.082 | 0.265 |
| $r_{1}$ | 0.499 | 0.349 | 0.381 | 0.434 | 0.408 | 0.462 |
| $r_{2}$ | 0.348 | 0.486 | 0.347 | 0.352 | 0.367 | 0.340 |
| $l_{1}$ | 0.71 | 0.38 | 0.47 | 0.69 | 0.500 | 0.74 |
| $l_{2} / l_{1}$ | 0.41 | 1.73 | 1.13 | 0.45 | 1.0 | 0.35 |

Table 5. Parameters of the cool spots on the primary components and third light contribution.

| Target | $\beta$ | $\lambda$ | $\alpha$ | $\kappa$ | $\mathrm{l}_{3}\left(i^{\prime}\right)$ | $\mathrm{l}_{3}\left(g^{\prime}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 90 | 270 | 20 | 0.85 | 0.06 | 0.0 |
| 2 | 90 | 90 | 22 | 0.80 | 0.20 | 0.20 |
| 3 | 90 | 270 | 16 | 0.90 | 0.0 | 0.045 |
| 4 | 90 | 240 | 18 | 0.90 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 5 | 90 | 90 | 15 | 0.80 | 0.05 | 0.0 |
| 6 | 70 | 75 | 22 | 0.85 | 0.07 | 0.06 |

in most cases (Table 5). The considerable third light contribution of V1007 Cas can be explained by the close two neighbors in the target field.
(10) The light curves of NSVS 3640326 and V1007 Cas are quite unusual: the bottoms of their MinI are flat. In order to reproduce this peculiarity, we had to adopt limb-darkening coefficients of their primary components which were considerably smaller than the values appropriate to their temperatures: $u_{1}\left(i^{\prime}\right)=0.05$, $u_{1}\left(g^{\prime}\right)=0.06$ for NSVS 3640326 and $u_{1}\left(i^{\prime}\right)=0.2, u_{1}\left(g^{\prime}\right)=0.3$ for V1007 Cas. In spite of numerous attempts we did not manage to reach excellent modelling of these MinI (see the residuals in Figs. 1-2) in contrast to those of the remaining targets (Figs. 3-6). This failure may be due to the huge fillout factors of these dumbbell-shaped targets (Fig. 7), as well as possible presence of an additional absorption structure as disk-like features or clouds at some Lagrangian points (a result of previous nonconservative mass transfer).


Figure 7. 3D configuration of V1007 Cas.
(11) It is well known that the determination of the mass ratio through a light-curve solution is an ambiguous approach compared to that of a radial velocity solution. However, the rapid rotation of the components of the shortperiod binaries is a serious obstacle to obtain a precise spectral mass ratio from measurement of their highly-broadened and blended spectral lines (Bilir et al., 2005; Dall, Schmidtobreick, 2005). On the other hand, their eclipse depths depend strongly on the potentials and the mass ratios. Hence, the obtained photometric mass ratios of our targets could be considered with confidence, especially those of NSVS 3640326 and V1007 Cas corresponding to total eclipses (Mochnacki, Doughty 1972).

The sensibility of our solutions (measured by $\chi^{2}$ ) to the mass ratio is illustrated in Fig. 8.
(12) V1007 Cas is an unusual system because its secondary component is cooler $\left(T_{2}=0.98 T_{1}\right)$ but bigger $\left(r_{2}=1.39 r_{1}\right)$ and more massive $\left(M_{2}=\right.$ $2.32 M_{1}$ ) than the primary. Figure 9 exhibits the complex variability of its color index ( $g^{\prime}-i^{\prime}$ ) with the orbital phase.


Figure 8. Sensibility of our light curve solution of V568 Peg (measured by $\chi^{2}$ ) to the mass ratio (the remaining parameters are kept fixed at their final values).


Figure 9. A $\left(g^{\prime}-i^{\prime}\right)$ light curve of V1007 Cas and its fit.

The results of our light curve solutions can be used for an estimate of the global parameters of the targets (masses, radii and luminosities) using the statistical period-color-luminosity relation of W UMa stars and an assumption that their components are (almost) MS stars.

## 5. Subclassification of our targets

The contact binary stars were divided into two subtypes, A and W, according to the following criteria: (a) the ratio $R / T$ (radius to temperature): the larger star is the hotter one for an A-type system, while the smaller star is the hotter one for a W-type system (Binnendijk, 1970; Pribulla, et al. 2003); (b) temperature $T$ or spectral type: the A type systems are earlier than the W type binaries whose

Table 6. Subclassification of the targets.

| Criterion/target | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T / R$ | A | W | W | A | W | A |
| $T$ | W | W | W | W | W | W |
| $P$ | W | W | W | W | W | W |
| $q, l_{2} / l_{1}$ | A | $\mathrm{H} / \mathrm{A}$ | $\mathrm{H} / \mathrm{W}$ | A | $\mathrm{H} / \mathrm{W}$ | A |

components are of G and K spectral type; (c) period $P$ : the W-type binaries have shorter periods of 0.22 to 0.4 day (Smith, 1984).

According to Yildiz, Dogan (2013) the A- and the W-subtype contact binaries have different ranges of initial secondary masses: binary systems with an initial mass higher than $1.8 \mathrm{M} \odot$ become an A-subtype, while systems with initial masses lower than this become a W-subtype.

Lucy, Wilson (1979) introduced B-subtype systems whose components are in geometrical, but not thermal contact, with the temperature difference $\Delta \mathrm{T}$ above 1000 K (Rucinski, Duerbeck, (1997).

Csizmadia, Klagyivik (2004) introduced H subtype systems (H/A and H/W) with a large mass ratio ( $q \geq 0.72$ ) whose energy transfer is less efficient than that in other types of contact binary stars. They found that the different subtypes of W UMa's are located in different regions on the mass ratio - luminosity ratio diagram, but above the line $\lambda=q^{4.6}\left(\lambda=l_{2} / l_{1}\right)$ representing the massluminosity relation for the MS detached stars (fig. 1 in Csizmadia, Klagyivik (2004)). This is due to the overluminosity of the secondary components with respect to their current mass.

The subclassification of our targets according to the foregoing criteria is given in Table 6. Its last row shows the region of our targets on the mass ratio - luminosity ratio diagram. As expected, they are located well above the line $\lambda=q^{4.6}$. Only V1007 Cas falls well below this line, as well as below the line $\lambda=q^{0.92}$ representing the relation of Lucy (1968) for W UMa stars. Only this binary has a huge fillout factor (Fig. 7) and an "inverse" mass ratio ( $q=2.32$ ), i.e. its secondary is cooler but more massive than the primary. These peculiarities could be taken as indications of past mass and energy transfer and a possible full merging of the components of this target in the future. All these characteristics make V1007 Cas an interesting target for follow-up spectral and photometric observations.

The subclassification of our targets (Table 6) reveals that some of them belong simultaneously to two subtypes. This result means that the proposed criteria and subdivision are ambiguous and, of course, that the stellar world is richer than one expects.

## 6. Conclusions

We obtained light curve solutions of six binaries with periods within $6-8$ hours. One of them is a newly discovered eclipsing system.

NSVS 3640326, V1007 Cas and V0568 Peg have the biggest fillout factors and big differences of the masses of their components.

The light curves of NSVS 3640326 and V1007 Cas are quite unusual: the bottoms of their MinI are flat. In order to reproduce this peculiarity, we had to adopt limb-darkening coefficients of their primary components which were considerably smaller than the values appropriate to their temperatures. What does the negligible limb-darkening effect of these stars really mean: isothermal photospheres or some unknown mechanism? Is there a relation with the big fillout factors of these systems? Are there some additional absorbing features within their configurations?

All targets revealed the O'Connell effect that was reproduced by big cool spots on the side surfaces of their primary components. It is possible that all of them (or those of them with a big fillout factor) are at the stage of merging via "magnetic braking" (Martin et al., 2011).

V1007 Cas turned out to be well below the line representing the massluminosity relation for the MS stars on the mass ratio - luminosity ratio diagram. This binary has a huge fillout factor and an "inverse" mass ratio ( $q=2.32$ ), i.e. its secondary is cooler, but bigger and more massive, than the primary. In addition the limb-darkening effect of its primary is unusually weak. It is worth studying how these peculiarities of V1007 Cas are connected with its internal structure.

This investigation adds six new systems with estimated parameters to the family of short-period binaries. They could help to improve the statistical relations between the stellar parameters of the low-massive stars.

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## A. Standard stars

Table 7. List of standard stars


