Frequency Analysis of a Delta Scuti Type Component in the Eclipsing Binary Y Cam

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Abstract. We present CCD photometric results of the eclipsing binary Y Cam with a pulsating component. The dominant pulsation frequency of 15.0473 c d⁻¹ has not changed over 39 years, but its amplitude decreased to about half. The pulsational properties of the second frequency showed great differences between Broglia & Conconi (1984)'s result and ours.

Delta Scuti type pulsating components in eclipsing binary systems are attractive observing targets from an asteroseismological point of view because they allow us precise determination of masses and radii for each component, detection of sectoral modes and spatial filtration, etc. (Mkrtichian et al., these proceedings). Nevertheless, few stars have been reported so far and only two stars, AB Cas (Rodríguez et al., 1998) and RZ Cas (Ohshima et al., 2001), were studied in detail.

Reference	H.J.D.	$f_1(c d^{-1})$	$A_1(V)$	$f_2(c \ d^{-1})$	$A_2(V)$	Residual
This study	51855-2061	15.0473	0.00000000000000000000000000000000000	18.2852	0 ^m 0039	0 ^m 0069
BC84 Group I	37582-7760	15.0473	0.0122	14.5890	0 ^m 0060	$0^{\rm m}_{\cdot}0068$
BC84 Group II	44901-5028	15.0473	0.00119	14.6593	0.00103	$0^{m}_{\cdot}0079$

 Table 1.
 Results of multi-frequency analysis

We carried out CCD photometric observations for 17 nights from November 2000 to May 2001, using a PM512 CCD camera attached to the 61cm telescope at the Sobaeksan Optical Astronomy Observatory in Korea. Instrumental magnitudes were obtained using the ADPS (Automatized Differential Photometry System; Park, 1993). A total of 1065 V-band differential magnitudes were collected. Phase diagram and residuals after fitting an eclipsing light curve solution are shown in Fig. 1.

We applied the multiple frequency analysis to investigate the small amplitude oscillation features, and confirmed their presence out of eclipse and in the secondary minimum (orbital phase from 0.1 to 0.9; Fig. 2). Detailed results of

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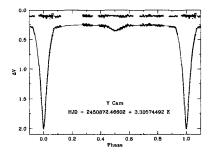


Figure 1. Phase diagram (lower) and residuals (upper).

the analysis are listed in Table 1, including the previous results by Broglia & Conconi (1984) for comparison. The first frequency of 15.0473 c d⁻¹ turned out to be unchanged over about 39 years, but its amplitude decreased to about half. The second frequency and its amplitude showed great differences. In conclusion, we suggest that the pulsating component in the eclipsing binary Y Cam has undergone amplitude variations and/or mode changes.

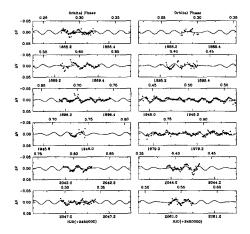


Figure 2. Light variations showing small amplitude pulsation.

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