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### NEAR-EARTH ASTEROID LIGHTCURVE ANALYSIS AT THE CENTER FOR SOLAR SYSTEM STUDIES: 2020 SEPTEMBER TO 2021 JANUARY

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Lightcurves of 22 Near-Earth asteroids (NEAs) obtained at the Center for Solar System Studies (CS3) from 2020 October to early 2021 January were analyzed for rotation period, peak-to-peak amplitude, and signs of satellites or tumbling.

CCD photometric observations of 22 near-Earth asteroids (NEAs) were made at the Center for Solar System Studies (CS3) from 2020 September to early 2021 January. Table I lists the telescopes and CCD cameras that were combined to make observations.

Up to nine telescopes can be used for the campaign, although seven is more common. All the cameras use CCD chips from the KAF blue-enhanced family and so have essentially the same response. The pixel scales ranged from 1.24-1.60 arcsec/pixel.

| Telescopes                            | Cameras             |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 0.30-m <i>f</i> /6.3 Schmidt-Cass     | FLI Microline 1001E |
| 0.35-m <i>f</i> /9.1 Schmidt-Cass     | FLI Proline 1001E   |
| 0.40-m <i>f</i> /10 Schmidt-Cass      | SBIG STL-1001E      |
| 0.40-m <i>f</i> /10 Schmidt-Cass      |                     |
| 0.50-m <i>f</i> /8.1 Ritchey-Chrétien |                     |

Table I. List of available telescopes and CCD cameras at CS3. The exact combination for each telescope/camera pair can vary due to maintenance or specific needs.

All lightcurve observations were unfiltered since a clear filter can cause a 0.1-0.3 mag loss. The exposure duration varied depending on the asteroid’s brightness and sky motion. Guiding on a field star sometimes resulted in a trailed image for the asteroid.

Measurements were made using *MPO Canopus*. The Comp Star Selector utility in *MPO Canopus* found up to five comparison stars of near solar-color for differential photometry. To reduce the number of times and amounts of adjusting nightly zero points, we use the ATLAS catalog  $r'$  (SR) magnitudes (Tonry et al., 2018). Those adjustments are usually  $\leq \pm 0.03$  mag. The rare greater corrections may have been related in part to using unfiltered observations, poor centroiding of the reference stars, and not correcting for second-order extinction. Another cause may be selecting what appears to be a single star but is actually an unresolved pair.

The Y-axis values are ATLAS SR “sky” (catalog) magnitudes. The two values in the parentheses are the phase angle ( $\alpha$ ) and the value of  $G$  used to normalize the data to the comparison stars used in the earliest session. This, in effect, had all the observations made at a single fixed date/time and phase angle, leaving any variations due only to the asteroid’s rotation and/or albedo















*My full 2-period Fourier series analysis shows [the] following three periods with the highest signal: 1.879, 2.879 and 5.407 h. Two of the three are real periods of the tumbler, while a third one is related to them; note that  $1/2.879 = 1/1.879 - 1/5.407$ . However, we cannot resolve which two of the three are the real ones based just on this analysis. ... future physical modeling may reveal it.*

His plot shows the two stronger periods of 1.879 h and 5.407 h and how confused lightcurves can be with a tumbling asteroid since the lightcurve almost never repeats itself. It can come close, as on Nov 13 and 15, but those are unlikely solutions, even though they are each close to the period of 2.879 h found by Pravec.

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| Number | Name        | 2020 mm/dd  | Phase       | L <sub>PAB</sub> | B <sub>PAB</sub> | Period(h)           | P.E.   | Amp  | A.E. |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|------|------|
| 2212   | Hephaistos  | 10/19–10/28 | 6.2, 2.9    | 43               | 3                | 48                  | 0.2    | 0.35 | 0.04 |
| 2368   | Beltrovata  | 12/18–12/20 | 1.8, 2.5    | 85               | 3                | 5.786               | 0.003  | 0.91 | 0.03 |
| 7753   | 1988 XB     | 11/29–12/12 | 60.5, 18.2  | 96               | 1                | 42.2                | 0.2    | 0.65 | 0.05 |
| 10115  | 1992 SK     | 10/21–10/25 | *18.0, 15.8 | 36               | 9                | 7.342               | 0.004  | 0.58 | 0.04 |
| 16834  | 1997 WU22   | 11/16–11/20 | 6.4, 6.9    | 53               | 10               | 9.32                | 0.01   | 0.31 | 0.03 |
| 21088  | Chelyabinsk | 12/15–12/19 | 22.8, 21.1  | 124              | 5                | 11.23               | 0.01   | 0.34 | 0.03 |
| 66272  | 1999 JW6    | 11/14–12/20 | *23.3, 34.8 | 68               | 8                | <sup>T1</sup> 502   | 5      | 0.58 | 0.05 |
|        |             |             |             |                  |                  | <sup>T2</sup> 401   | 5      | 0.4  | 0.1  |
|        |             |             |             |                  |                  | <sup>3</sup> 15.99  | 0.01   | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| 68359  | 2001 OZ13   | 11/23–12/05 | 23.9, 30.7  | 44               | –13              | 18.07               | 0.02   | 0.27 | 0.04 |
| 69230  | Hermes      | 10/08–10/15 | 12.5, 22.1  | 4                | –5               | 13.82               | 0.02   | 0.08 | 0.01 |
| 144411 | 2004 EW9    | 10/19–10/25 | 23.6, 18.7  | 47               | 15               | 50                  | 0.2    | 0.81 | 0.05 |
| 153201 | 2000 WO107  | 12/06–12/12 | 18.8, 28.1  | 62               | 3                | 5.022               | 0.001  | 1.22 | 0.05 |
| 154302 | 2002 UQ3    | 10/14–10/19 | 17.7, 14.5  | 36               | 13               | 4.328               | 0.002  | 0.22 | 0.03 |
| 159402 | 1999 AP10   | 08/24–09/17 | *11.3, 12.4 | 341              | –5               | <sup>P</sup> 7.9219 | 0.0003 | 0.27 | 0.02 |
|        |             |             |             |                  |                  | 28.461              | 0.006  | 0.06 | 0.01 |
| 159402 | 1999 AP10   | 10/02–10/07 | 26.3, 32.9  | 356              | 9                | <sup>P</sup> 7.9186 | 0.0004 | 0.33 | 0.02 |
|        |             |             |             |                  |                  | 29.30               | 0.01   | 0.04 | 0.01 |
| 159402 | 1999 AP10   | 01/04–01/04 | 24.4        | 112              | 18               | 7.937               | 0.005  | 0.35 | 0.02 |
| 163902 | 2003 SW222  | 12/06–12/12 | 25.7, 22.7  | 78               | 19               | 4.76                | 0.01   | 0.11 | 0.02 |
| 275714 | 2000 YH4    | 12/15–12/19 | 50.2, 45.0  | 55               | –10              | 4.438               | 0.003  | 0.29 | 0.03 |
| 465749 | 2009 WO6    | 11/19–11/29 | 36.1, 34.4  | 97               | 4                | 86.2                | 0.5    | 1.19 | 0.06 |
| 474179 | 1999 VS6    | 10/27–11/03 | 24.0, 32.9  | 49               | 10               | 15.88               | 0.02   | 0.33 | 0.04 |
|        | 2000 TU28   | 10/07–10/18 | *32.6, 25.2 | 35               | 1                | 128.5               | 0.5    | 1.55 | 0.10 |
|        | 2002 GZ8    | 12/06–12/19 | 43.4, 61.3  | 110              | 19               | 25.448              | 0.005  | 1.06 | 0.03 |
|        | 2003 YJ     | 12/15–12/22 | 34.1, 39.0  | 66               | –11              | 3.255               | 0.001  | 0.22 | 0.04 |
|        | 2013 UX14   | 10/02–10/18 | 51.6, 45.4  | 48               | –8               | 33.119              | 0.006  | 0.46 | 0.03 |
|        | 2020 ST1    | 11/13–11/15 | *5.9, 3.8   | 52               | 1                | 2.875               | 0.003  | 1.2  | 0.06 |

Table III. Observing circumstances. <sup>P</sup>Period of the primary in a binary system. <sup>T1,2</sup>Period associated with tumbling. <sup>3</sup>Third period in a solution. The phase angle ( $\alpha$ ) is given at the start and end of each date range. If there is an asterisk before the first phase value, the phase angle reached a maximum or minimum during the period. L<sub>PAB</sub> and B<sub>PAB</sub> are, respectively the average phase angle bisector longitude and latitude (see Harris et al., 1984). The results for 159402 in 2020 (in italics) are shown here for comparison (see Warner and Stephens, 2021).

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