## B P3 Omicron Leonis, an evolving Am binary

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Both components of the composite-spectrum binary $o$ Leo($V = 3.52$ mag) have Am characteristics, even though the primary is an evolving giant ($\log g = 3.25$) with $T_{\rm eff} \sim 6100$ K. This is believed to be the first isolation of such a cool Am star, and the finding challenges the theories of diffusion which are widely accepted as the cause of metallicism. The primary component of $o$ Leo appears to be deficient in Ca and Sc, as are classical Am stars, and therefore seems to be in a class on its own. The unusual state of the primary component is attributable either to its current state of rapid evolution, or to regular Am-star evolution that is difficult to recognize spectroscopically.