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## BOLOMETRIC CORRECTIONS AND MAGNITUDES OF WR+O STARS

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Bolometric corrections and absolute magnitudes for WR stars have been evaluated by various authors. A review of the results may be found in De Jager (1980). The calibrations, relating BC or  $M_v$  with the spectral subtype, however strongly differ from author to author. Moreover, even with the same observational method a large scatter is found for the same subtype, as was recognised by Conti et al. (1983). The only trend found is the increase of  $M_v$  with the subtype from WN3 to WN7, and for the WC subtypes. In this study BC and  $M_v$  are computed for a number of WR+O binaries.

The results are based on model calculations for double lined spectroscopic WR+O binaries, for which mass estimates have been derived (Hellings, 1984). This was performed under the assumption that these binaries are formed by mass transfer in massive close binaries. The bolometric magnitude  $M_b$  of the WR star is obtained with the mass-luminosity relation for RLOF remnants, stars that may be identified with WR components in WR+O binaries. The  $M_b$  value of the O star is obtained from the model calculations described by Hellings (ibid.). For these models a complete stellar structure picture is available. The visual absolute magnitude  $M_v$  of the O star is obtained from the BC scale of Underhill et al. (1979). If the difference between the magnitudes of the two components is known,  $M_v$  of the WR star is easily computed. If not, we apply the  $M_v$  scale of Conti et al. (1983), relating  $M_v$  with the subtype of the WR star. The error on the magnitudes of the O components is  $\pm 0.3$  mag. For the WR stars the error on  $M_b$  is  $\pm 0.6$ , which is due to the width of the mass-luminosity relation, and the uncertainty of  $M(WR)$ . Finally we compute the distances of these systems with the results of  $M_v$  and with the photometric data ( $b-v, b-v_0, m_v$ ) listed by Hidayat et al. (1982, 1984) and Lundstrom and Stenholm (1984). Possible membership of clusters and associations is discussed.

The results show no obvious relation between any of the variables  $M_b$ ,  $M_v$  or BC and the subtype, which is hardly to expect with such a limited sample. Only for the WN stars, a fair correlation between  $M_v$  and the subtype is possible. The  $M_b$  values are in the range  $-7.6$  to  $-8.9$ . This corresponds to a factor three in luminosity. The visual magnitudes are in the same range as the calibrations found in the literature:  $-3.5$

| WR  | SpC | Mb   | W    | Mb   | O    | Mv | O | dMv | mv    | Av   | Mv   | W    | BC | W | y <sub>o</sub> | y <sub>o</sub> AC | AC       |
|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|----|---|-----|-------|------|------|------|----|---|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 21  | WN4 | -8.5 | -8.0 | -4.5 |      |    |   |     | 9.80  | 2.58 | -4.0 | -4.5 |    |   | 12.2           | 12.1              | Car OB1  |
| 31  | WN4 | -8.0 | -8.5 | -5.1 |      |    |   |     | 10.69 | 2.50 | -4.0 | -4.0 |    |   | 13.6           |                   |          |
| 42  | WC7 | -8.7 | -8.1 | -4.7 | 0.20 |    |   |     | 8.25  | 1.19 | -4.5 | -4.2 |    |   | 12.5           | 12.1              | Car OB1  |
| 79  | WC7 | -8.3 | -8.7 | -5.2 | 0.75 |    |   |     | 6.95  | 1.39 | -4.6 | -3.7 |    |   | 11.3           | 11.5              | NGC 6231 |
| 97  | WN3 | -7.6 | -8.2 | -4.9 |      |    |   |     | 11.15 | 3.65 | -3.6 | -4.0 |    |   | 12.7           |                   |          |
| 113 | WC8 | -8.8 | -8.3 | -5.0 | 0.00 |    |   |     | 9.43  | 3.36 | -5.0 | -3.8 |    |   | 11.8           | 11.5              | Ser OB1  |
| 127 | WN4 | -8.1 | -7.6 | -4.6 | 1.30 |    |   |     | 10.36 | 2.21 | -3.3 | -4.8 |    |   | 13.1           | 13.2              | Vul OB2  |
| 139 | WN5 | -8.2 | -8.7 | -5.3 | 1.50 |    |   |     | 8.27  | 2.91 | -3.8 | -4.4 |    |   | 10.9           | 11.2              | Be 86    |
| 151 | WN5 | -7.8 | -8.0 | -4.7 | 0.00 |    |   |     | 12.40 | 4.22 | -4.7 | -3.1 |    |   | 13.7           |                   |          |

Table 1 : Photometric data for the sample : WR number, Spectral type, Mb for the WR and the O components, Mv for the O star, difference in Mv, apparent magnitude of the system, interstellar extinction correction, Mv of the WR star, Bc of the WR star, distance moduli of the system and of the cluster or association (if present), name of cluster or association.

to 4.5. BC values for the WR components are between -4 and -5, which is about one magnitude more than for O stars. For the WC stars, we find BC around -4, which is slightly less than for WN. On the other hand Mv for the WC stars is on the average 0.8 mag. higher. We stress that these results have only individual meaning. The sample is too small for drawing general calibrations. The Mv values of the O stars are scattered within the error bars of the calibration for O stars of Conti et al. (1983).

The distances of these systems may then be computed with our magnitudes based on the model computations of the individual systems, and with the observational data. Six of the systems considered here are observed in the field of a cluster or an association. The conclusions on possible membership by Lundstrom and Stenholm (1984) are confirmed for WR 42, 79, 113, 127 and 133, taking into account the error bars. Lundstrom and Stenholm classify WR21 as a probable background object. We find its distance modulus to differ only 0.1 from the distance modulus of Car OB1, suggesting a probable membership. This difference is totally due to the magnitudes adopted for the O star, since we both used the Mv scale of Conti et al. (1983) for the WR component of this binary.

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