

A NOTE ABOUT THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE 'OLD' AND 'NEW' SLETTEBAK SYSTEMS OF AXIAL ROTATIONAL VELOCITIES

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RESUMEN

Hemos redeterminado, en el nuevo sistema definido por Slettebak en 1975, las velocidades de rotación axial proyectada de 207 estrellas de tipo B, A y F tempranas. Se obtuvieron rectas de regresión que permiten relacionar en forma estadística el viejo sistema de Slettebak, definido a fines de la década del 40 y principios de la del 50, con el nuevo sistema. Las velocidades que se obtienen en este último, son menores que en el sistema viejo tal lo predicho por Slettebak en 1975.

ABSTRACT

We redetermined projected-axial-rotational velocities for 207 stars in the 'new' Slettebak system. We discussed the relation between the 'old' and the 'new' systems obtaining regression lines to convert values from one system to the other.

Key words: ROTATIONAL VELOCITIES – B STARS – A STARS

I. INTRODUCTION

Recently Uesugi and Fukuda (1982) published the Revised Catalogue of Stellar Rotational Velocities. The Catalogue contains $V \sin i$ values for 6472 stars measured in the 'old' Slettebak system defined by this author between 1949 and 1956 (see Slettebak 1949, 1954, 1955, 1956; Slettebak and Howard 1955). In 1975 Slettebak *et al.* (1975) established a 'new', more refined, system of standard stars. The latter authors estimated that the 'new' system would produce $V \sin i$ values 15% lower than the 'old' system for B type stars and 5% lower for A-F stars.

In this paper we redetermined the projected rotational velocities of 207 stars whose $V \sin i$ values in the 'old' system were determined by Levato and Malaroda (1970), Levato (1972) and Levato (1975). The purpose is to provide an empirical comparison between both systems and to determine regression lines to convert, statistically, measures from one system to the other.

II. OBSERVATIONAL MATERIAL AND RESULTS

The spectra were taken with the Cassegrain spectrographs of the 0.9-m and 1.5-m telescopes at Cerro Tololo

Inter-American Observatory and with the spectrograph of the 1.52-m telescope at the Bosque Alegre station in Cordoba, Argentina. Standard stars were taken with the same instruments and were used to compare visually with the program stars. For this purpose we used a *spectra* comparator made at Marseille for La Plata Observatory.

Table 1 presents the $V \sin i$ values in the 'new' Slettebak system. The spectral types were taken from the previous papers by Levato (1972, 1975) and Levato and Malaroda (1970). Figure 1 shows the relation between the $V \sin i$ values in both systems for the B-type stars, while Figure 2 shows the same for the A-F stars. The regression lines computed using Table 1 and the old values published in Slettebak's papers are:

$$V \sin i (\text{new}) = 0.93 V \sin i (\text{old}) - 6 \text{ ,}$$

for B-type stars.

and

$$V \sin i (\text{new}) = 0.92 V \sin i (\text{old}) - 2 \text{ ,}$$

for the A-F stars, in units of km s^{-1} .

These relations should not be regarded as the definitive transformation between both systems; they are simply the relations that we have found for our measurements. We need these relations to use them in forthcoming papers on the rotation in open clusters where we will compare the average rotation of cluster members (determined with measurements in the new system) with the

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TABLE 1
ROTATION VELOCITIES IN THE NEW SLETTEBAK SYSTEM

| HD, CPD ADS | MK | V sin i (N) | HD, CPD ADS | MK | V sin i (N) |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|--------|----------------|
| 1061 | F0V | 85 | 66546 | B4V | 115 |
| 2885 | A2V | < 40 | 68761 | B2IVe | 300 |
| 9556 A | A3V | 200 | 73882 | O9V | 170 |
| 9656 B | F5:V | 55 | 74956 | A1V | 100 |
| 15695 | A7V | 80 | 75378 | B2III | 70 |
| 16046 A | B9.5V | 90 | 75759 | O9IV | 50 |
| 16046 B | A3V | 200 | 75821 | B0III | < 40 |
| 16555 | A8 III | 200 | 76805 | B4V | 60 |
| 17543 | B6IV | 60 | 80781 | B7IV | 90 |
| 18978 | A7IV | 130 | 81188 | B2IV | 40 |
| 20320 | Am | 80 | 86659 | B3V | 145 |
| 23466 | B3V | 95 | 88955 | A2V | 95 |
| 23754 | F3V | < 40 | 89890 | B3IV | < 40 |
| 25204 | B3V+A | 80 | 91375 | A1V | < 40 |
| 25267 | Ap | < 40 | 91636 | A1V | < 40 |
| 27376 | B8.5Vp | < 40 | 99211 | A7III | 120 |
| 27411 | Am | < 40 | 102660 | Am | < 40 |
| 27628 | Am | 40 | 103192 | B9IV | 50 |
| 27749 | Am | < 40 | 104337 | B1.5V | 70 |
| 29140 | Am | < 45 | 104671 | Am | 50 |
| 29376 | B3V | 240 | 104841 | B2IV | 40 |
| 30211 | B5IV | 80 | 109026 | B5V | 125 |
| 30422 | A3IV | 130 | 109536 | A7III | 80 |
| 31237 | B2III | 60 | 110335 | B7IV | 205 |
| 32040 A | B8V | 350 | 110379 | F0V | < 40 |
| 32040 B | B9V | 300 | 110951 | Am | 70 |
| 34527 A | B9V | 300 | 111775 | A0IV | < 40 |
| 34527 B | A1V | < 40 | 112092 B | B4V | 240 |
| 34816 | B0.5IV | < 40 | 114911 | B8V | 270 |
| 34868 | A0IV | 50 | 116458 | Ap | < 40 |
| 35149 A | B1V | 280 | 120640 | B4III | 50 |
| 35149 B | B3V | 300 | 120955 | B5IV-V | < 40 |
| 35281 A | B8V | 140 | 121263 | B2V | 175 |
| 35281 B | A5IV | 90 | 123515 | B9IV | < 40 |
| 35588 | B2V | 120 | 124471 | B1III | < 40 |
| 36486 | B2.5V | 110 | 125158 | Am | 60 |
| 36695 | B1V | 170 | 125288 | B8III | 55 |
| 37017 | B2V | < 45 | 125337 | Am | < 40 |
| 40494 | B3IV | 60 | 126129 A | A0V | 125 |
| 41841 | Am | < 40 | 126341 | B2IV | < 40 |
| 43107 | B8V | 85 | 129175 B | A7V | 185 |
| 46328 | B0III | < 40 | 129422 | A9V | 250 |
| 48434 | B0III | 65 | 129723 | Am | 75 |
| 49591 | B8Ve | 215 | 130819 | F3V | 45 |
| 50223 | F6:5:IV-V | 50 | 130841 | A6III | 100 |
| 50506 | A5III | 140 | 133652 | Ap | 70 |
| 51557 | B8V | 100 | 134482 | A3IV | 175 |
| 53704 | Am | < 45 | 134687 | B3IV | < 40 |
| 56022 | Ap | < 40 | 135379 | A3IV | 85 |
| 57061 | O9.5III | 90 | 135876 | B0V | 110 |
| 60532 | F7IV | < 40 | 139664 | F5IV | 80 |
| 60753 | B6IV | 120 | 140008 | B5IV | 90 |

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TABLE 1 (CONTINUED)

| HD, CPD ADS | MK | V sin i (N) | HD, CPD ADS | MK | V sin i (N) |
|----------------|---------|----------------|----------------|--------|----------------|
| 140873 | B8IV | 100 | 193281 A | A2III | 100 |
| 141556 | B9IV | ≤ 40 | 193281 B | A2IV | 85 |
| 142049 | Am | 70 | 195093 | A8V | 110 |
| 142114 | B2.5V | 290 | 195094 | A2V | 230 |
| 142217 A | B1V | 90 | 195627 | A9III | 150 |
| 142217 B | B2V | 50 | 195961 | δ Scu | ≤ 40 |
| 142629 | A3V | 80 | 196544 | A2V | 60 |
| 142630 | B9V | 200 | 197157 | A7IV | 115 |
| 143018 | B1V | 95 | 198391 | A1V | ≤ 40 |
| 143474 | A7V | 125 | 198743 | Am | 70 |
| 144217 | B0.5IV | 100 | 199443 | A7IV | 70 |
| 144426 | Am | 60 | 202730 | A5V | 185 |
| 145502 A | B2V | 150 | 204188 | Am | 60 |
| 145502 B | B9Vp | 75 | 205767 | A7V | 135 |
| 149430 | B0III | ≤ 40 | 206742 | A0V | < 45 |
| 156928 | A1V | 105 | 207098 | Am | 80 |
| 157243 | B6V | 120 | 207155 | A2V | 165 |
| 157919 | δ Scu | 80 | 208718 A | F2V | 100 |
| 158926 | B2IV | 135 | 209859 | A7V | 90 |
| 159082 | B9.5IV | 60 | 210049 | A2Ve | 280 |
| 161270 | A0V | 85 | 213398 | A0V | < 40 |
| 161289 | A0V | 150 | 216336 | A0V | 50 |
| 164353 B | B1V | 150 | 220391 | A3III | 120 |
| 164492 A | O7V | ≤ 40 | 220932 | A4III | 150 |
| 164492 B | B1V | 150 | 223024 A | F0IV | 70 |
| 165040 | A3V | ≤ 40 | 223024 B | F2III | 100 |
| 165475 A | A3IV | 200 | 223991 A | A2V | ≤ 45 |
| 169022 | B9IV | 150 | 223991 B | F2V | 50 |
| 170465 | B6IV | 50 | 224113 | B6V | 280 |
| 170523 | B3III | 70 | -40°1027 A | A3V | 250 |
| 171034 | B2V | 120 | -40°1027 B | A0:IV: | 160 |
| 171978 | A2V | 80 | -32°1479 A | A5IV | 170 |
| 173300 | B8III | 75 | -34°1626 A | A3V | 260 |
| 176270 A | B8V-IV | ≤ 45 | -34°1626 B | F7V | 90 |
| 176270 B | B9V | 180 | ADS 3355 A | A0V | ≤ 45 |
| 178125 | B8III | 50 | ADS 3355 B | A1IV | ≤ 45 |
| 181182 | B8III | 90 | ADS 3910 A | B2IV-V | ≤ 40 |
| 181454 B | A5V | 140 | ADS 4134 B | B2.5V | 110 |
| 184035 | A5IV-V | 60 | -42°1975 A | A8III | 120 |
| 184552 | Am | ≤ 45 | -42°1975 B | F5V | 80 |
| 184915 | B0.5III | 200 | -75°1409 A | A0V | 85 |
| 185344 A | F1IV | 60 | -75°1409 B | A0V | 100 |
| 185344 B | F2III | 90 | -52°11213 A | A2V | 85 |
| 185936 | B5V | 100 | -52°11213 B | A0V | ≤ 40 |
| 188293 A | B6V | 300 | -63°4566 A | A0IV | 105 |
| 188097 | Am | 70 | -63°4566 B | A1III | 200 |
| 188728 | A1IV | ≤ 45 | ADS 13946 A | B7V | 90 |
| 189103 | B3IVp | 50 | ADS 15147 A | A1V | 85 |
| 189198 | A7III | 130 | ADS 15147 B | F2V | ≤ 40 |
| 190850 A | A1IV-V | 160 | -73°2253 A | A1V | ≤ 45 |
| 190850 B | A2V | 140 | -73°2252 B | A1V | 90 |
| 191692 | B9III | 65 | | | |

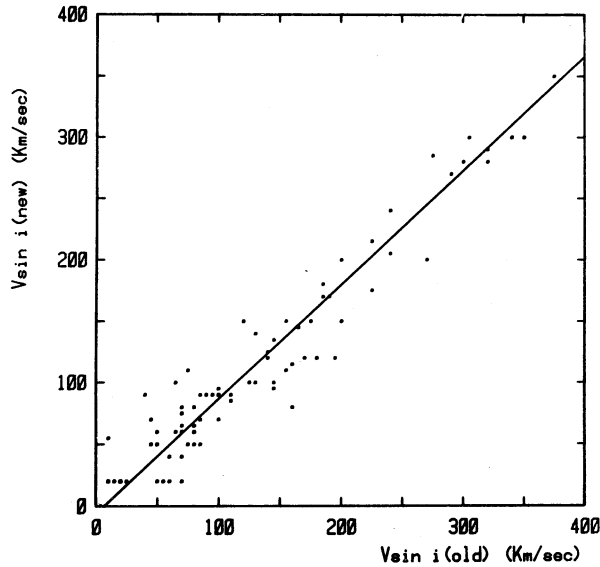


Fig. 1. Relation between the $V \sin i$ values in the 'new' and 'old' Slettebak systems for B-type stars. The regression line is also shown.

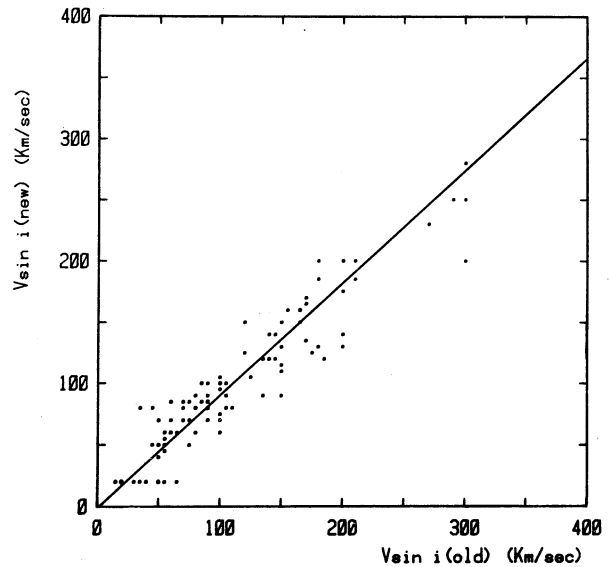


Fig. 2. Relation between the $V \sin i$ values in the 'new' and 'old' Slettebak systems for A-F type stars. The regression line is also shown.

average for field stars (using measurements taken from the Uesugi and Fukuda Catalogue in the old system).

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