

The Baade-Wesselink analysis of Type II Cepheids



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Research in 2023:

- Type II Cepheids Baade-Wesselink analysis (paper almost finished)
- Anomalous Cepheids Period-Luminosity relations and Baade-Wesselink analysis (paper advanced)
- CoI of JWST proposal for observing Cepheids in the galaxy from the Hubble Flow (H0 determination independent of SNIa, PI: Pierre Kervella)

Published papers:

- Nardetto et al., HARPS-N high spectral resolution observations of Cepheids. II. The impact of the surface-brightness color relation on the Baade-Wesselink projection factor of η Aql, 2023, A&A
- Narloch et al., "Period-Luminosity Relations for Galactic Classical Cepheids in the Sloan Bands", 2023, ApJ
- Zgirski et al., New Near-infrared Period-Luminosity-Metallicity Relations for Galactic RR Lyrae Stars Based on Gaia EDR3 Parallaxes, 2023, ApJ
- Bras et al., "The Baade-Wesselink projection factor of RR Lyrae stars -- Calibration from OHP/SOPHIE spectroscopy and Gaia DR3 parallaxes", A&A (accepted)

Conferences:

• IAU Symposium 376 "At the cross-roads of astrophysics and cosmology: Period–luminosity relations in the 2020s", contributed talk, 17-21.04.2023, Budapest

Other activities:

- Many things related to Rolf Chini Cerro Murphy Observatory (OCM) development
- OCM inauguration (talk, TV and radio interviews)
- Popular talk during CAMK open day

The Baade-Wesselink method

• Distance measured from angular diameter variations (inferred from photometry in two photometric bands and surface brightness-color relation) and physical radius displacement over the pulsating phase

• Physical radius displacement can be measured by integrating the radial velocity curve if the projection factor (p) is known

We can invert the BW method and measure projection factors of pulsating stars with known distances and thus calibrate the method

$$V_{measured} = V_{pulsations} / p$$



Photometry, spectroscopy, distances

- Sample of nearby (<5kpc) Type II Cepheids
- Optical photometry in V from VYSOS 16, near-infrared photometry in Ks from IRIS
- Radial velocities measured from FEROS, CORALIE, HARPS and UVES spectra
- Distances from Gaia DR3 parallaxes



















Systematic uncertainty ~0.05 (p-factor) and $0.2R_{sun}$ (radius) contains: V and K photometric zero point uncertainty, E(B-V) uncertainty, parallax uncertainty and surface brightness uncertainty. Dominating sources of systematic uncertainty: surface brightness and parallax (parallax errors will be smaller in the Gaia DR4).

We selected new Type II Cepheids (~50 in total) -> better precision -> better distances of distant Type II Cepheids from BW method