

A comprehensive investigation of Galactic O-type fast rotators. Their current evolutionary status.

Nikolay Britavskiy¹

S. Simón-Díaz², G. Holgado², J Maiz Apellaniz³, S. Burssens⁴, JJ Eldrige⁵, Y. Naze¹, A. Herrero²

¹Universitè de Liège, ²Instituto de Astrofisica de Canarias (Spain), ³Centro de Astrobiologia ESAC, ⁴Institute of Astronomy KU Leuven, ⁵University of Auckland



vsini distribution for O-type stars

Outline:

- Systematize the spectroscopic binary status, photometric variability, runaway status;
- Compare the results with a theoretical scenarios about the origin of fast-rotating stars;
- Empirically describe all channels from where do they come?

Based on the IACOB (PI: Sergio Simon-Diaz) data:

- 268 slow rotators (excluding SB2 systems);
- 54 fast rotators (including 4 SB2 systems);



Theoretical predictions:

1. Single star spin-up during the star formation process (???) **product**: effectively single fast-rotating star;

2. Binary interaction:

a) mergers,

product: effectively single fast-rotating star;

b) short-period binaries (tides mechanism)

P=2-3 days

product: eclipsing binary system with a significant rotational mixing effect in the fast-rotating star ("Algols");

0.06

0.05

0.04

0.03

0.02

0.01

0

100

200

f (v sin i)

before

overflow

single

stars

300

v sin i (km s⁻¹)

after

Roche-lobe

overflow

500

400

c) post-interaction binaries (mass transfer)

P=5 days – several months

product: (i) a stripped helium star (donor) with fastrotating gainer, (ii) the fast rotating gainer may become a walk/runaway star or (iii) the explosion may result a binary system with the fast rotating gainer and compact object (black hole or neutron star).



algols

100

200

0.004

0.002

n

de Mink et al. (2011, 2013)

nass gainers

mergers

(5.8%)

300

v sin i (km s⁻¹)

400

500

(18.3%)

Analysis of fast-rotating stars:

- 1. Multi-epoch spectroscopic observation of 54 fast-rotators;
- 2. RV analysis based on cross-correlation technique;
- 3. Visual inspection of the line profile variability in order to get info about binary status (LPV/SBs/etc);
- 4. Proper motion analysis in order to find runaways (GAIA EDR3, *Maíz Apellániz et al. 2018);*
- 5. Searching for eclipsing binary (EB) signatures based on TESS lightcurves;
- 6. Looking in literature (Washington Double Star Catalog, SMASH) for any information regarding existing of visual components within (0.1-2 arcmin).

Analysis of fast-rotating stars:





TESS data



RVpp vs vsini distribution of O-type stars



RVpp vs vsini distribution of O-type stars



Our analysis	%	Possible origin of fast rotation
Runaways	47%	O-type gainer which is ejected from system
SB1 (P<5d)	4%	Tides?
SB1 (P>5d)	14%	Secondary O-type gainer
LPV	70% (incl Runaways)	Mergers/not detected companion (?)

TESS data (HD152200 – periodic photometric modulation, reflection?)



TESS data (HD308813 – periodic photometric modulation – really no idea what is this)



TESS data (HD12323 – ellipsoidal variable)



Spectroscopic H-R diagram for a sample of fast-rotating stars





Statistics of SB systems in the slow- and fast-rotating domain

 SLOW
 FAST

 SB1
 13%
 18%

 SB2
 33%
 10%

Runaways 20-30%

47%

- disrupted binary after supernova explosion (mmm.. Renzo et al. 2019 ?)
- dynamical ejection scenario from the clusters

Fast-rotating O-type stars (vsini > 200 km/s; d < 3 kpc)



Fast-rotating O-type stars according to the BPASS models



Appearance of fast-rotators (vsini > 200km/s) according to the BPASS

- 1. No effectively single stars!
- 2. Source of rapid rotation for O-type star: the star has accreted more then 5% of it's initial mass (Z=0.014 to 0.020);
- 3. Mergers? (they would lose more mass than gain and spin-down relatively quickly);
- 4. We assume that the SB1 system is any system with only one O-type component;
- 5. No SB1 are primaries, they are all post mass transfer objects with a companions which are:
 - remnant star after supernova explosion;
 - stripped star/sdO which have undergone a binary interaction, the companion has became a fastrotating O-type star (and not born like that!); This O-star can have a disk;

SB1 O-type systems according to BPASS:

N. Britavskiy et al.: Investigation of the binary nature of Galactic fast-rotating O-type stars



Next steps:

We have nice statistically significant observational data. Let's do some fun with it!

Some thoughts:

- reproduce the observed global properties of the fast rotator population;
- model individual objects (esp. SB1 systems)
 (e.g. Renzo & Götberg 2021, many others MESA related simulations);
- 1. What is the exact history of mass transfer in such systems ?
- 2. How do we get fast rotation ?
- 3. What are the impacts on surface abundances ?
- 4. What are the companions of fast-rotating stars (apart from BH)?

Chemical composition could be a hint...



Conclusions:

- 1. Among 51 fast-rotators: fraction of SB2~12%, fraction of SB1~18%, fraction of LPV runaways ~45% (disrupted binaries), fraction of LPV~70% (mergers?/hidden binaries);
- 2. The fraction of SB1 systems among O-type fast rotators is about 18% which are products of:
 - mass transfer
 - tidal interaction (?)
- 3. The fraction of runaway stars among O-type fast rotators is ~33-50%, which is significantly higher than for slow rotators ~20-30%;
- 4. Comparison of the CNO and helium abundances of our fast-rotators does not show any peculiar patterns that can characterize the different origins of fast rotators.