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PHOTOELECTRIC UBV LIGHT CURVES OF RT And

The star RT And has been classified by Hall (1976) as an object belonging to a "Short-Period Group" with properties similar to the RS CVn group.

Mancuso et al. (1979a) have published a series of V light observations for the years 1972, 1973, 1974 where a complete historical review of the star's observations are also presented.

The star was observed photoelectrically with the 1.2 m Kryonerion telescope from 26 Sep. 1988 to 19 Oct. 1988 through a single channel photon counting photometer described by Dapergolas and Korakitis (1987). The photometer employs a high gain 9789 QB phototube and UBV conventional filters. Its output is fed directly to a microcomputer enabling rapid data access.

The data reduction method is the standard one, comparison and check stars are BD $+52^{\circ}$ 3384 and BD $+52^{\circ}$ 3377 and the accuracy of the observations presented here is ± 0.015 mag for V, B and ± 0.025 for U.

The observations have been reduced using the ephemeris:

Min. I = $2443732.4498 + 0.62892965 \cdot E$

given by Mancuso et al. (1979b). Table I lists the dates of observations and phases covered whereas Figures 1, 2 and 3 summarise the results for U, B, V (Var. - Comp. star).

Table I

Date	Phase
26 Sep.	.4262
28 Sep.	.3881
29 Sep.	.8734
18 Oct.	.1947
19 Oct.	.7598

Our light curves show asymmetry in the secondary minimum getting larger towards shorter wavelengths. A distortion wave with a minimum at about 0.7 - 0.8 phase is also present in our light curves. Zeilik et al. (1982) found this minimum at 0.8 phase.

The variability in the levels of maxima noticed by Mancuso et al. (1979a) have been noticed here as well comparing their observations and those presented here.

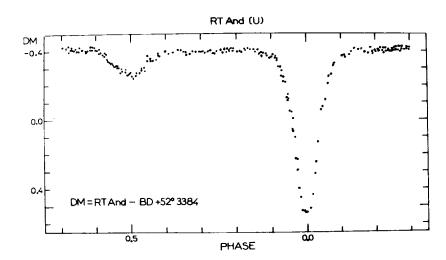


Figure 1

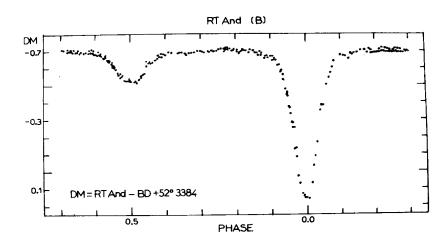


Figure 2

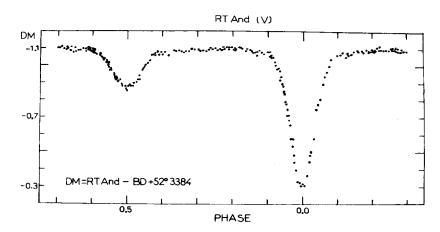


Figure 3

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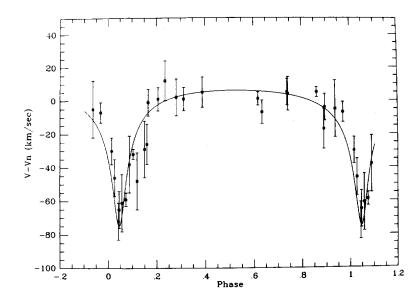
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AMENDMENT

In the No. 3246 issue of the IBVS both Figure 1 and Table I contain erroneous data. The correct version of the Figure and Table on HD 37020 is given below

Table I

a₁ sin i = 0.171 AU e = 0.709 182° $V_{o} = -5.8 \text{ km/sec} + V_{n}(\text{%})$ $T_{o} = \text{ J.D. } 2444194.651}$ (%) V_{n} is the radial velocity of the Orion Nebula



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