

DISCUSSION

Garrison: How can you compare the brightest Magellanic Cloud stars with those in the Galaxy? The brightest ones in the Galaxy are too far north to reach from the south, e.g. μ Cep, for which I determined an absolute magnitude of -7.7. It may be that the spectra of the bright M supergiants in the clouds are like μ Cep, but we cannot compare it easily.

Feast: The Magellanic Stars of which I have been speaking have $M_v \sim -5$ and hence are comparable to late type Ib stars for which there are a considerable number of standards available from north and south.