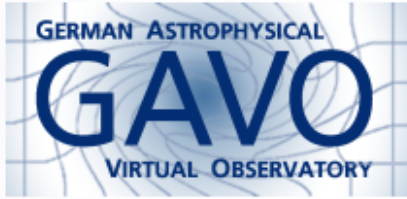


White Dwarf - Atmosphere Models

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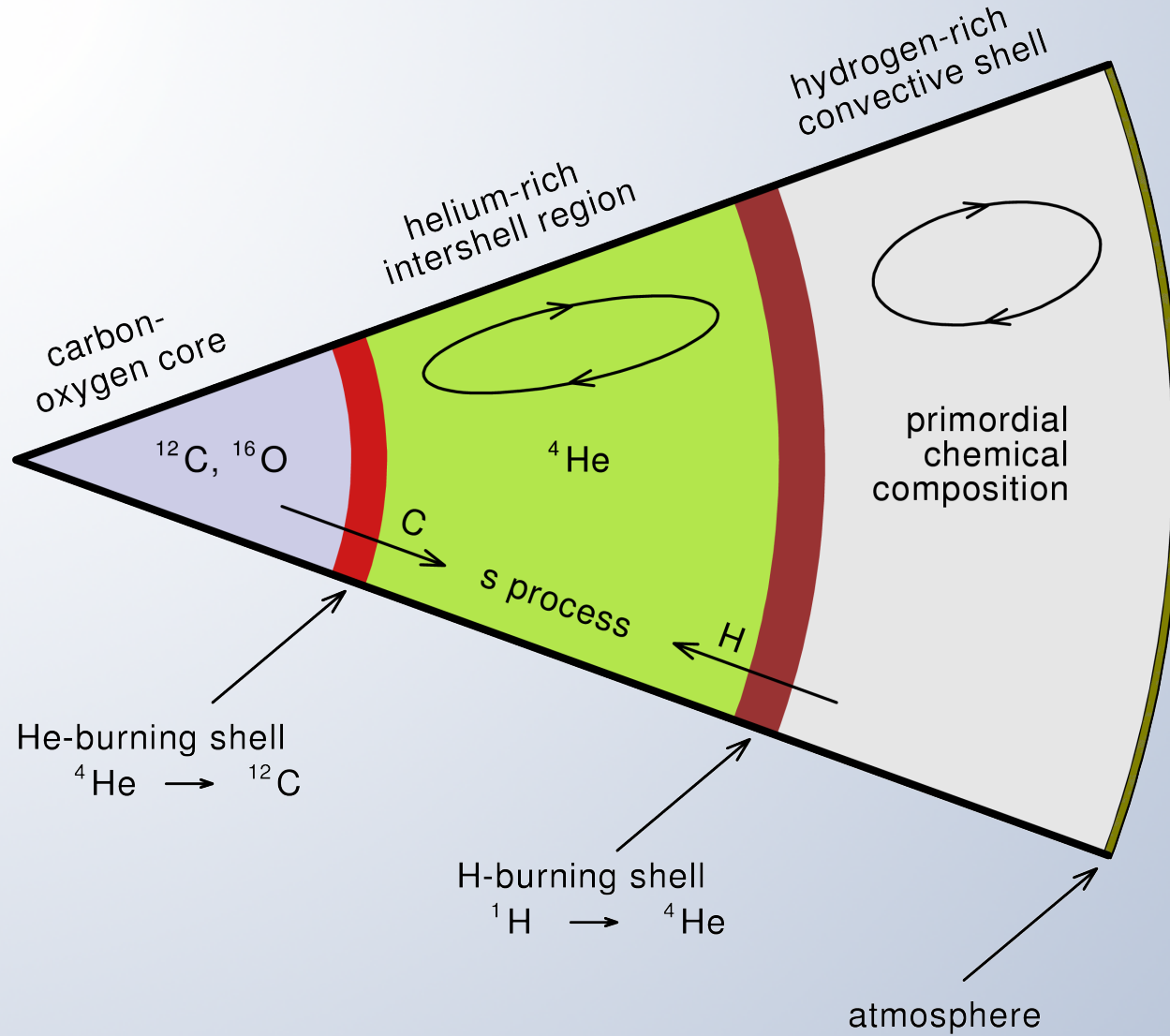




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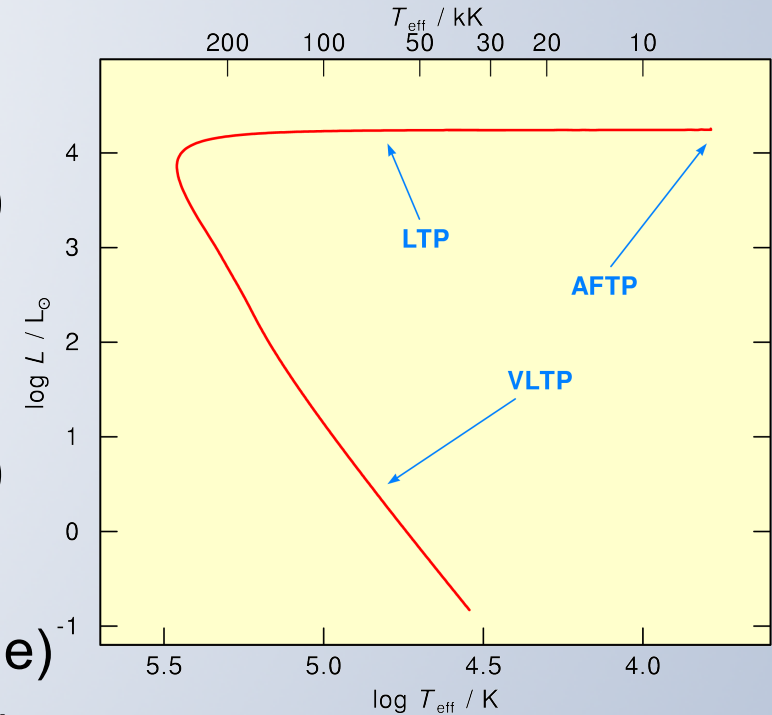
- Hydrogen-Deficient Post-AGB Stars
- Spectral Analysis of Hot, Compact Stars
- Virtual Observatory
 - From the 20th to the 21st Century
- Applications

Interior of AGB Stars

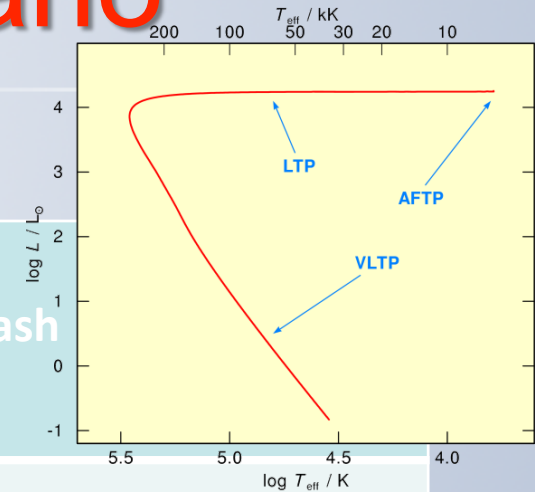


“Born-Again” Post-AGB Stars

- **AGB Final Thermal Pulse (AFTP)**
 - $M_{\text{H}} \approx 10^{-2} M_{\odot}$, $M_{\text{He}} \approx 10^{-2} M_{\odot}$
 - $\approx 20\%$ H left on surface
- **Late Thermal Pulse (LTP)**
 - $M_{\text{H}} \approx 10^{-4} M_{\odot}$, $M_{\text{He}} \approx 10^{-2} M_{\odot}$
 - $\approx 1\%$ H left on surface (not detectable)
- **Very Late Thermal Pulse (VLTP)**
 - $M_{\text{H}} \approx 10^{-4} M_{\odot}$, $M_{\text{He}} \approx 10^{-2} M_{\odot}$
 - no H burning shell, H burned at bottom of He burning shell
 - no H left

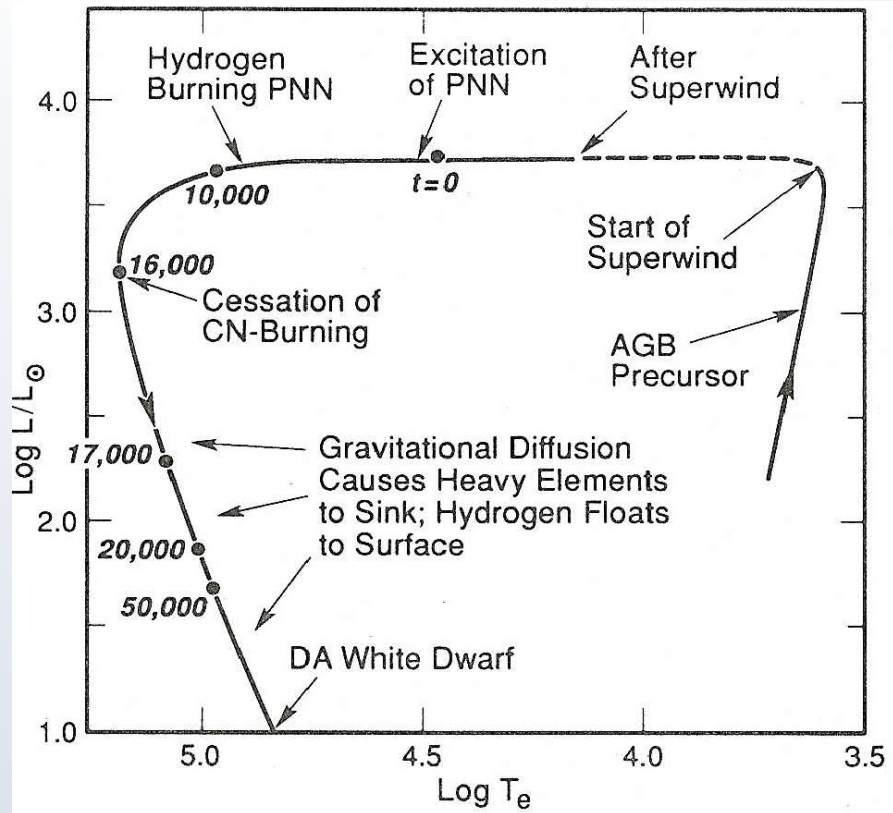


Born-again Scenario

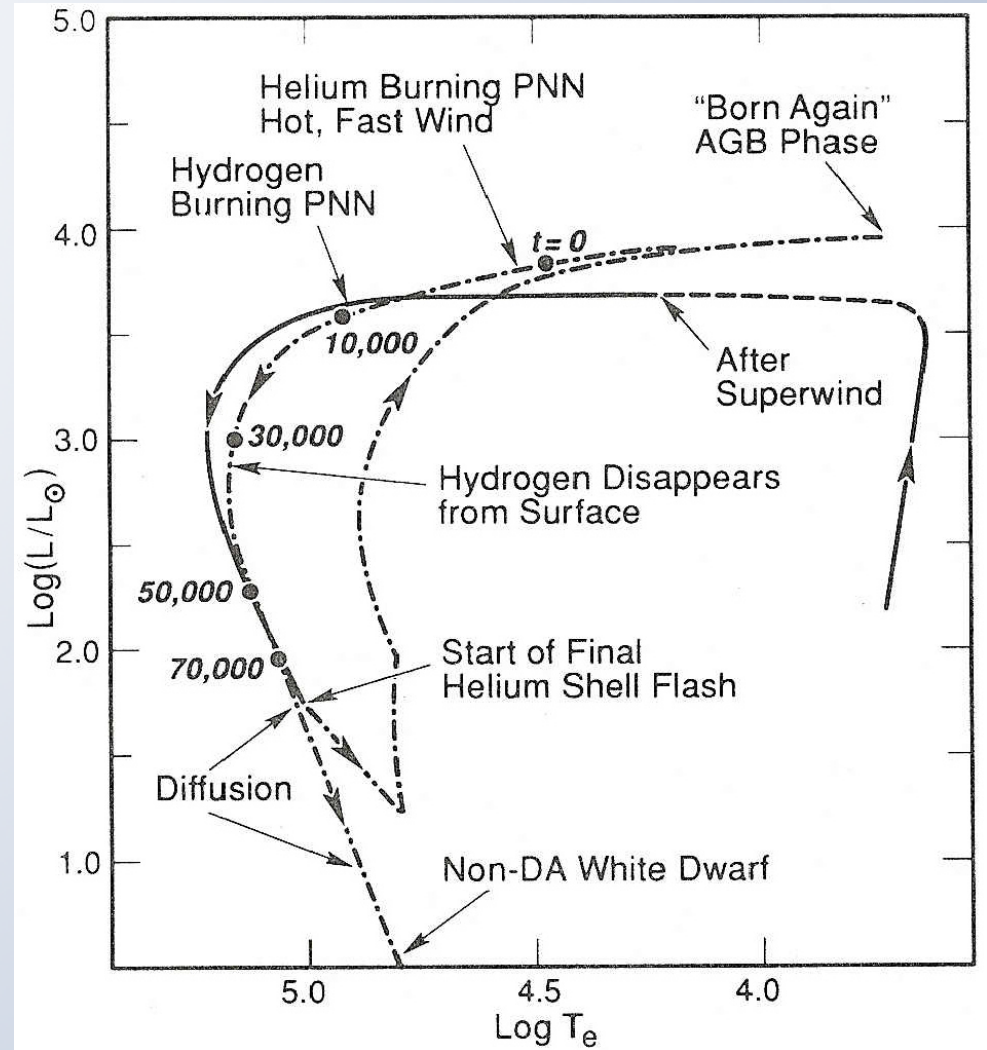


Type of Final Thermal Pulse (He-Shell flash)	before flash	after flash
AFTP AGB Final Thermal Pulse time: still on AGB	envelope: H-rich, $10^{-2}M_{\odot}$ intershell: He-rich, $10^{-2}M_{\odot}$	mixing, remaining H about 20% (by mass)
LTP Late Thermal Pulse time: descended from AGB nuclear burning still on	envelope: H-rich, $10^{-4}M_{\odot}$ intershell: He-rich, $10^{-2}M_{\odot}$	mixing, remaining H about 1% (by mass) – not detectable!
VLTP Very Late Thermal Pulse time: WD cooling track	envelope: H-rich, $10^{-4}M_{\odot}$ intershell: He-rich, $10^{-2}M_{\odot}$	mixing and burning of H, no H left

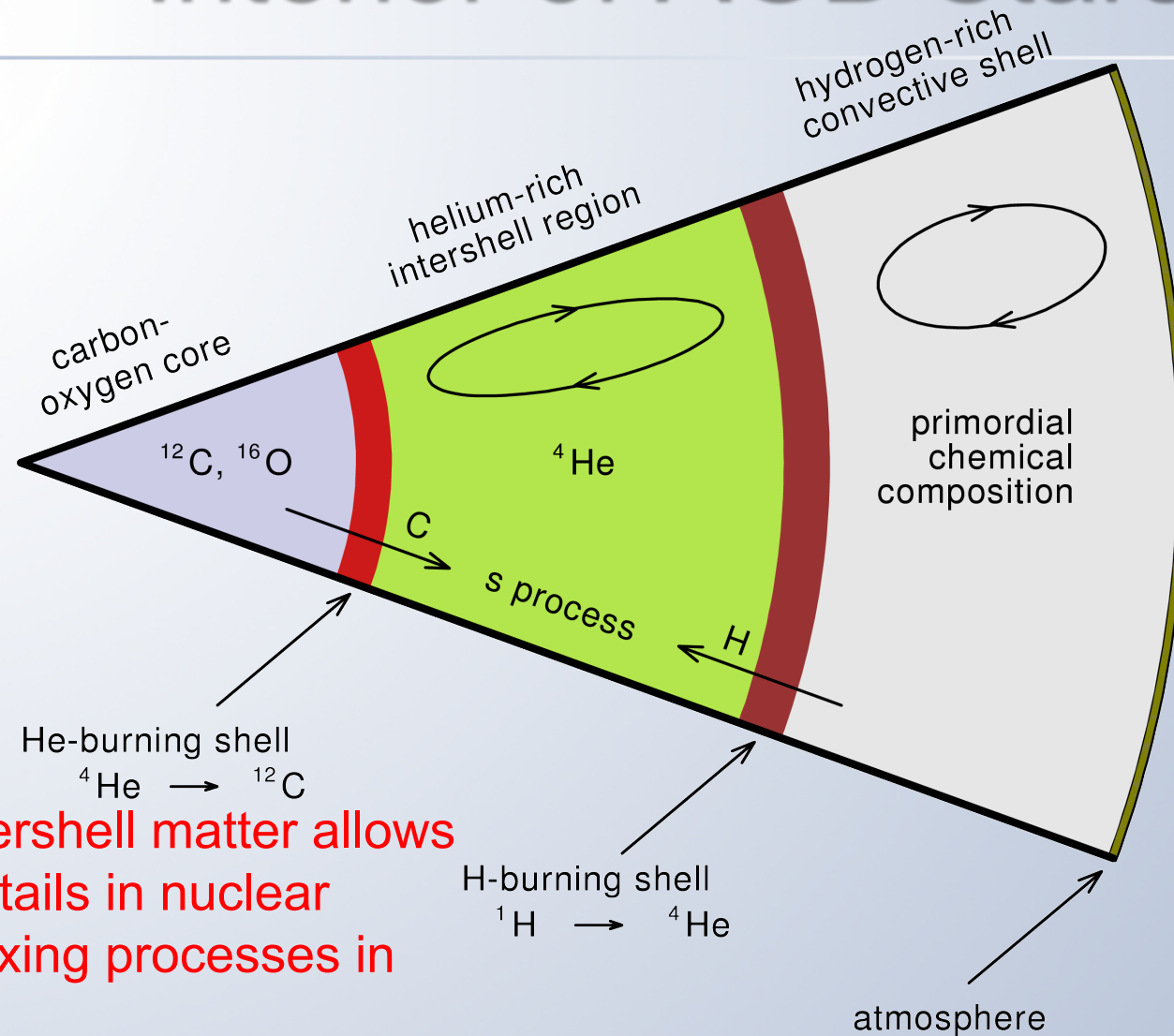
Post-AGB Evolution



Iben 1984, ApJ 277, 333



Interior of AGB Stars



Direct view on intershell matter allows to conclude on details in nuclear processes and mixing processes in AGB stars

→ Test for stellar-evolution models

Model Atmospheres

- **LTE** (Local Thermodynamical Equilibrium)
 - dimension of region in LTE > mean free path of photons
 - occupation numbers from Boltzmann distribution + Saha equation
 - $S \equiv B$
- **NLTE**
 - occupation numbers n_i in stationary equilibrium $\frac{dn_i}{dt} = 0$

Equation System

$$\cos \Theta \frac{dI_v(\tau_v, \Theta)}{d\tau_v} = I_v(\tau_v, \Theta) - S_v(\tau_v)$$

\nearrow mean intensity $\rightarrow 0$ equations
 \nwarrow frequency points + NF equations
 $=$ $S_v = \frac{\eta_v}{K_v}$ NF

statistical equations

$$\dot{n}_i = 0$$

NLTE levels (NL levels) = NL

hydrostatic equilibrium 1
 particle conservation 1
 radiative equilibrium 1

NF + NL + 3 equations

Classical Models

- before 1986!

ion	levels		line transitions
	NLTE	LTE	RBB
H I	5	11	6
H II		1	
He I	5	11	0
He II	6	16	0
He III	1		
	18	48	6

NF = 65

NL = 18

→ 86 equations

numerical accuracy!
 (32 bit computers ...)

Λ Iteration

$$J_v(\tau_v) = \Lambda_v S_v(\tau_v)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} S_v(t_0) E_1(|t_v - \tau_v|) dt_v$$

$$\approx \frac{e^{-x}}{x}$$

→ good for $\Delta\tau \leq 1$

Approximate Λ^* Operator

iteration

step i:
$$J_v^i = \Lambda_v^* S_v^i + \underbrace{(\Lambda_v - \Lambda_v^*)}_{:= \Delta J_v^{i-1}} S_v^{i-1}$$

convergence:
$$S_v^i = S_v^{i-1}$$

advantage: Λ_v^* local operator!

$$J_v^i = J_v^i(n_i, n_e, n_t, T, \Delta J_v^{i-1})$$

→ reduction of equation system!

- transfer equations
- rate equations

$$\Lambda_v^* S_v(\tau_v) = S_v(\tau_v), \tau_v > \gamma$$

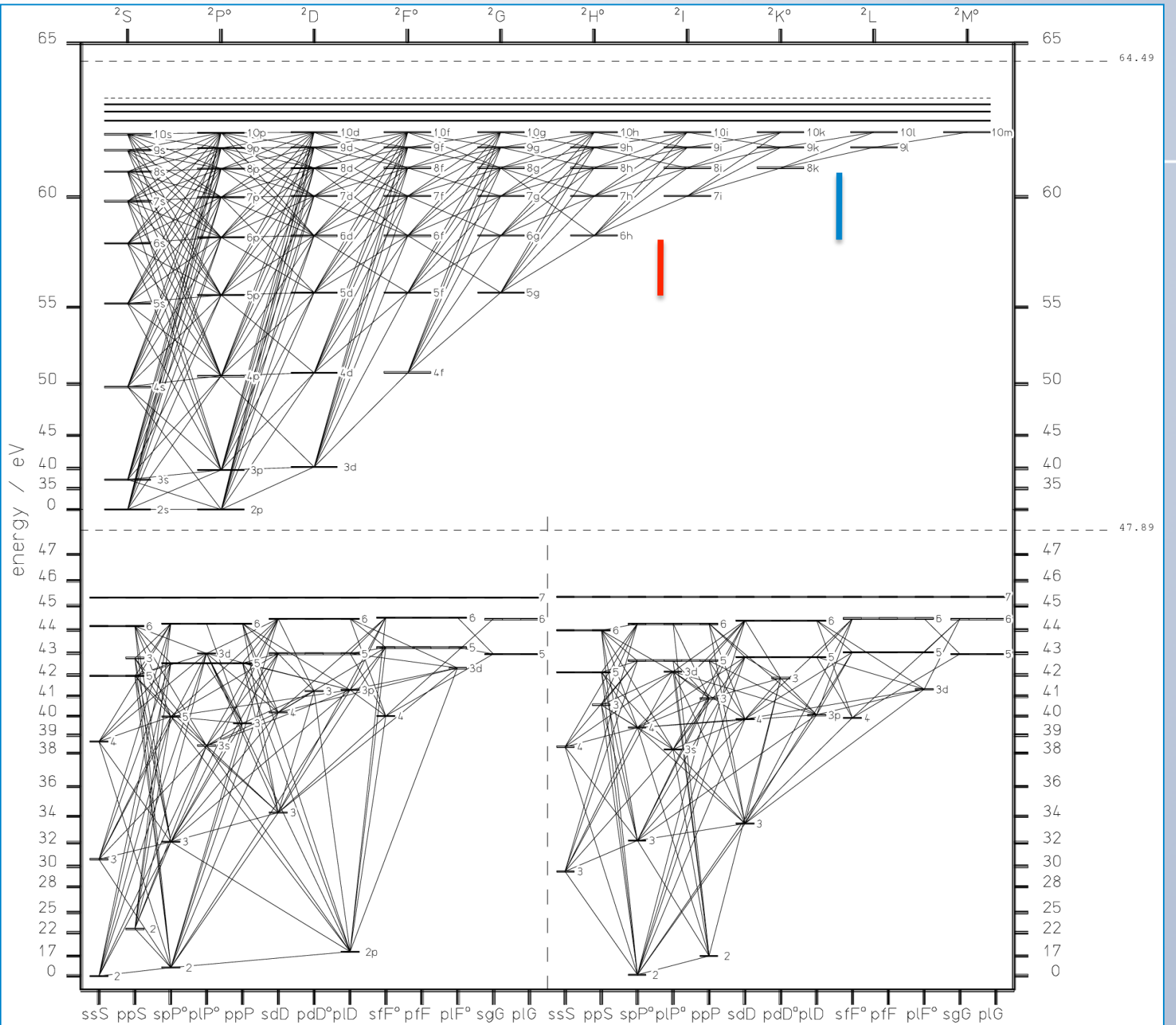
$$= 0, \tau_v < \gamma$$

- “*Classical*” models
 - 1969 H models, complete linearization
 - Auer & Mihalas 1969, ApJ 156, 157
 - 1972 H+He models (Auer & Mihalas, Kudritzki 1976)
 - 1972 H+He + average light element (Mihalas)
- “*Beyond classical*” models
 - 1986 H+He+C, ALI method (Werner)
 - 1990 H - Fe, multi-frequency/multi gray (Anderson)
 - 1991 H+He+C+N+O+Si (Werner, Dreizler, Rauch)
 - 1993 impact of iron-group elements (Hubeny & Lanz)

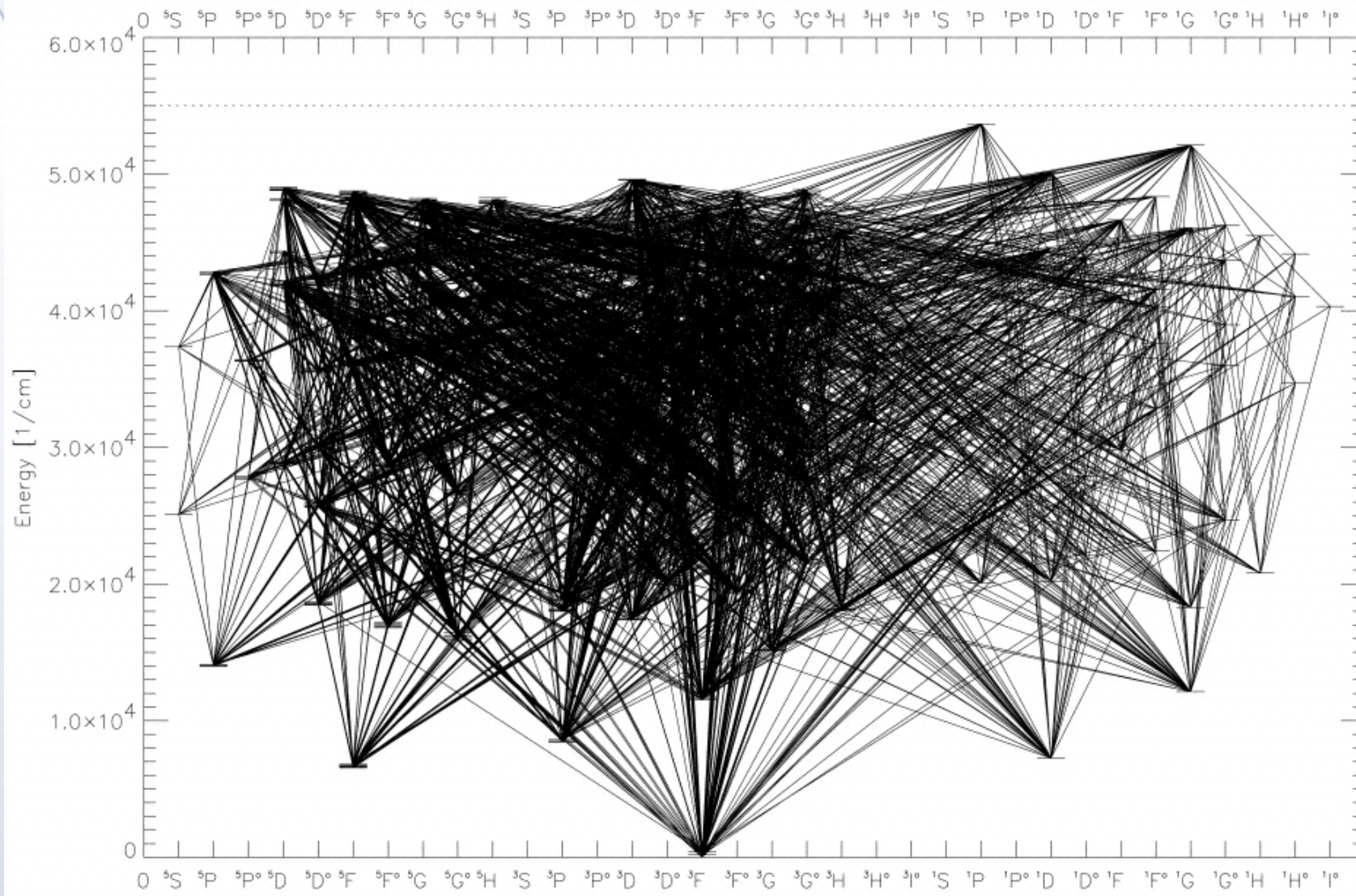
Model Atoms

- levels treated in NLTE energies ?
- levels treated in LTE energies ?
- radiative + collisional transitions
 - RBB/CBB oscillator strengths ?
 - RBF/CBF ionization cross sections ?
 - RFF cross sections ?
- line broadening ?

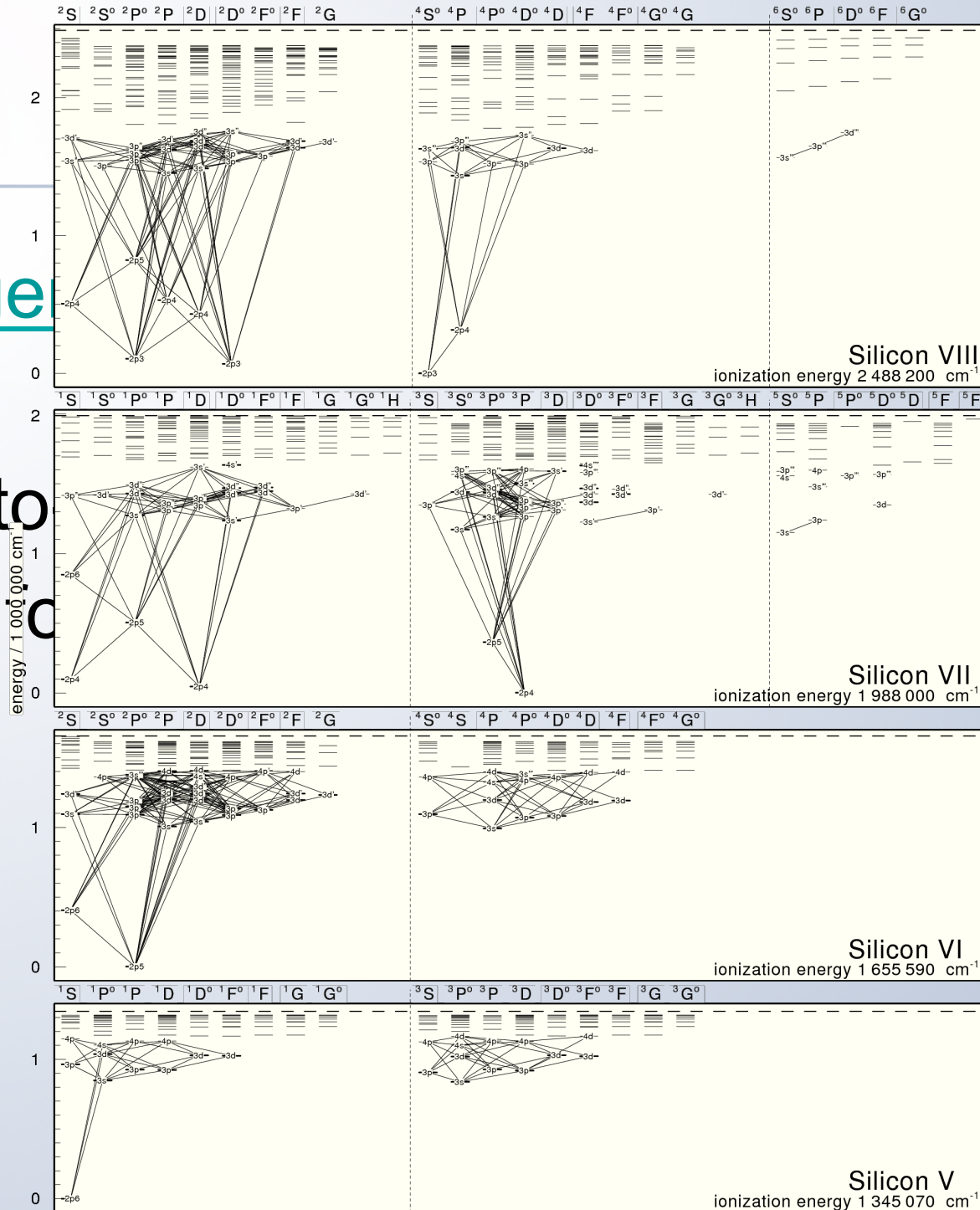
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More Model Atoms ... Fe VII



- Tübingen
- ready-to
- *TMAP*



PG 1159-035: Hot Number in Space

Astronomy studies New Class of Star

Astronomers in Kiel, having such producing a computer simulation are probably the hottest stars in verse, have now obtained first scopic results.

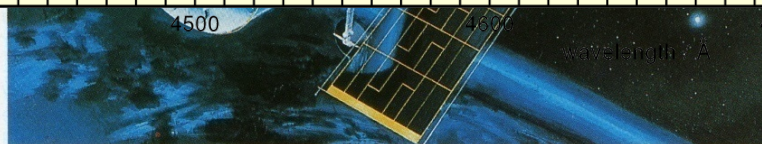
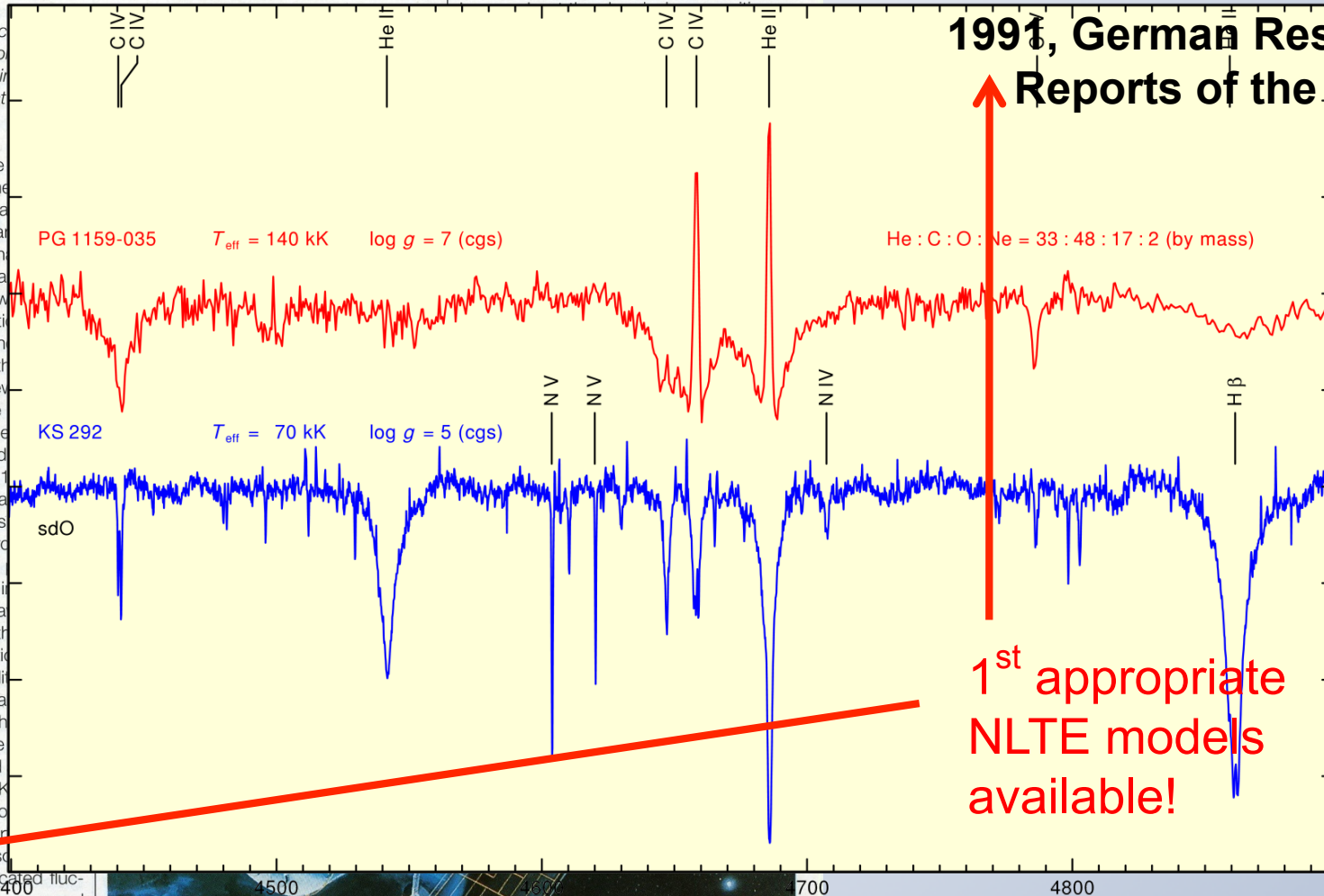
In the mid-seventies, when the astronomer Richard Green, the famous Mount Palomar observatory scanning the northern sky searching for faint blue objects, he could not have imagined just how unusual the star catalogued as PG 1159-035 would turn out to be. Subsequent investigation by an American colleague, McGraw, showed this star was in fact unlike any other stars - he had discovered a new class of star. Green, ambitious to make discoveries, soon uncovered further members of this class, so that today a good number of them are known, and called PG 1159 stars after the prototype. Initial spectra showed that the surfaces of the PG 1159s are hotter than those of any other record. Such hot stars emit the major part of their energy in spectral regions invisible to the human eye, i. e. in the ultraviolet and X-ray regions. Since the earth's atmosphere is opaque to this radiation, only in the eighties that satellites were able to provide actual measurements of X-ray and UV radiation from these stars. The first measurements made by the Voyager probe in 1982 revealed a surface temperature of over 100,000 degrees K, most twenty times hotter than our sun. Another fundamental property of PG 1159-035 had already been discovered in 1979: it was subject to complicated fluctuations in luminosity ranging over several per cent. These fluctuations are starkly reminiscent of those of our sun, even if the amplitudes of those on PG 1159-035 are considerably greater. These fluctuations in

apart from the sun, which can be investigated using the new methods of helioseismology, and justify the step forward from helioseismology to asteroseismology". Before asteroseismology can be profitably employed, detailed knowledge must first have been obtained of the state of the outermost, light-emitting, layers. This has been done for the sun - but with the PG 1159 stars it is just at this point that the dilemma begins. Little, or almost nothing, is

PG 1159-035

Heber & Hunger

1991, German Research, Reports of the DFG



Beyond Classical Models

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- 1993 impact of iron-group elements (Hubeny & Lanz)
- 1993 iron-group elements (Dreizler & Werner)
- 1997 “light-metal” (H-Ca) models (Rauch)
- 2003 H-Ni models (Rauch)
 - “fully metal-line blanketed”

- Tübingen Model-Atmosphere Package

- <http://astro.uni-tuebingen.de/~rauch/TMAP/TMAP.html>

- Werner et al. 2003, ASPC, 288, 31
- Rauch & Deetjen, 2003, ASPC, 288, 103

- NLTE
- plane-parallel or spherical
- homogeneous or diffusion
- hydrostatic equilibrium
- radiative equilibrium

- Spectral Analysis of Hot Stars – Old-Fashioned or Trendy?
- On the Reliability of White Dwarf - Model Atmospheres
- Towards high Energies

Fluorine



- First discovery of fluorine in hot post-AGB stars:

– F VI $\lambda 1139.50 \text{ \AA}$

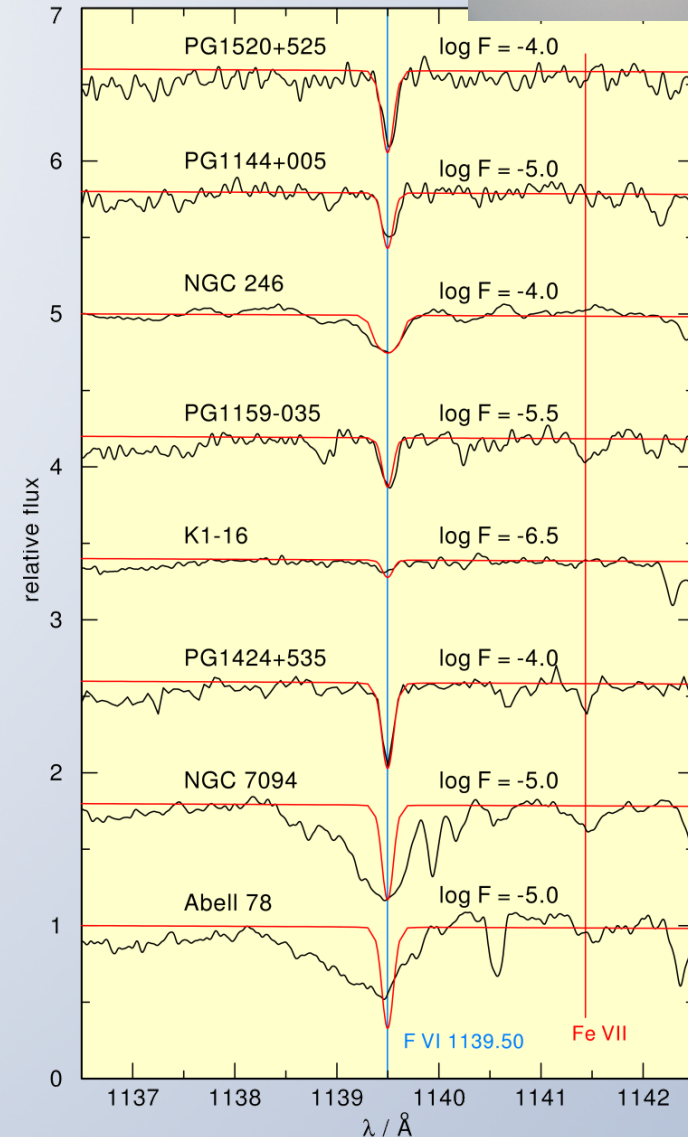
- $^{14}\text{N}(\alpha, \gamma)^{18}\text{F}(\beta^+)^{18}\text{O}(p, \alpha)^{15}\text{N}(\alpha, \gamma)^{19}\text{F}$

- F abundance in PG 1159 stars up to $200 \times$ solar

- Werner, Rauch & Kruk 2005

- F intershell abundance in evolutionary models is right

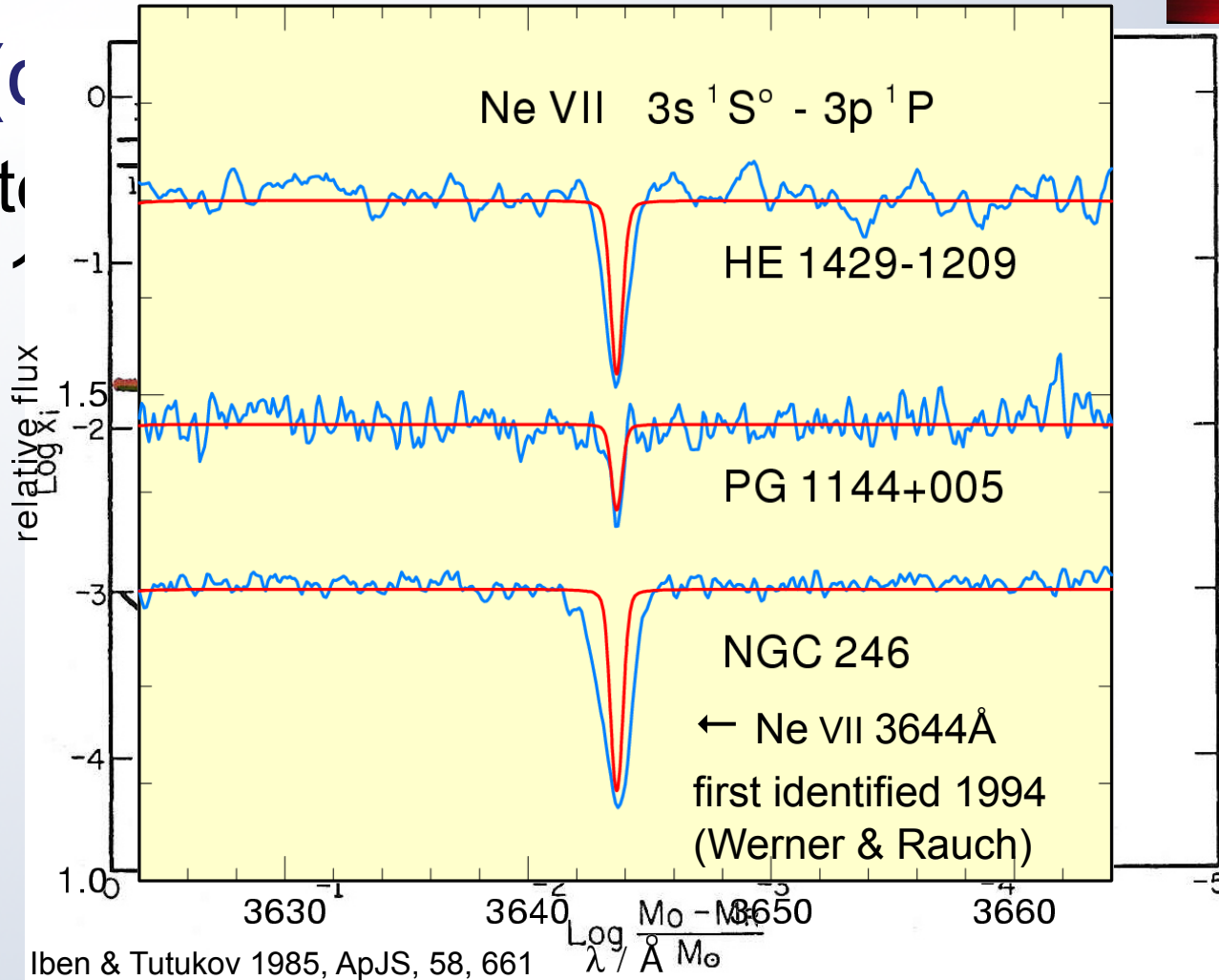
- Lugaro et al. 2004



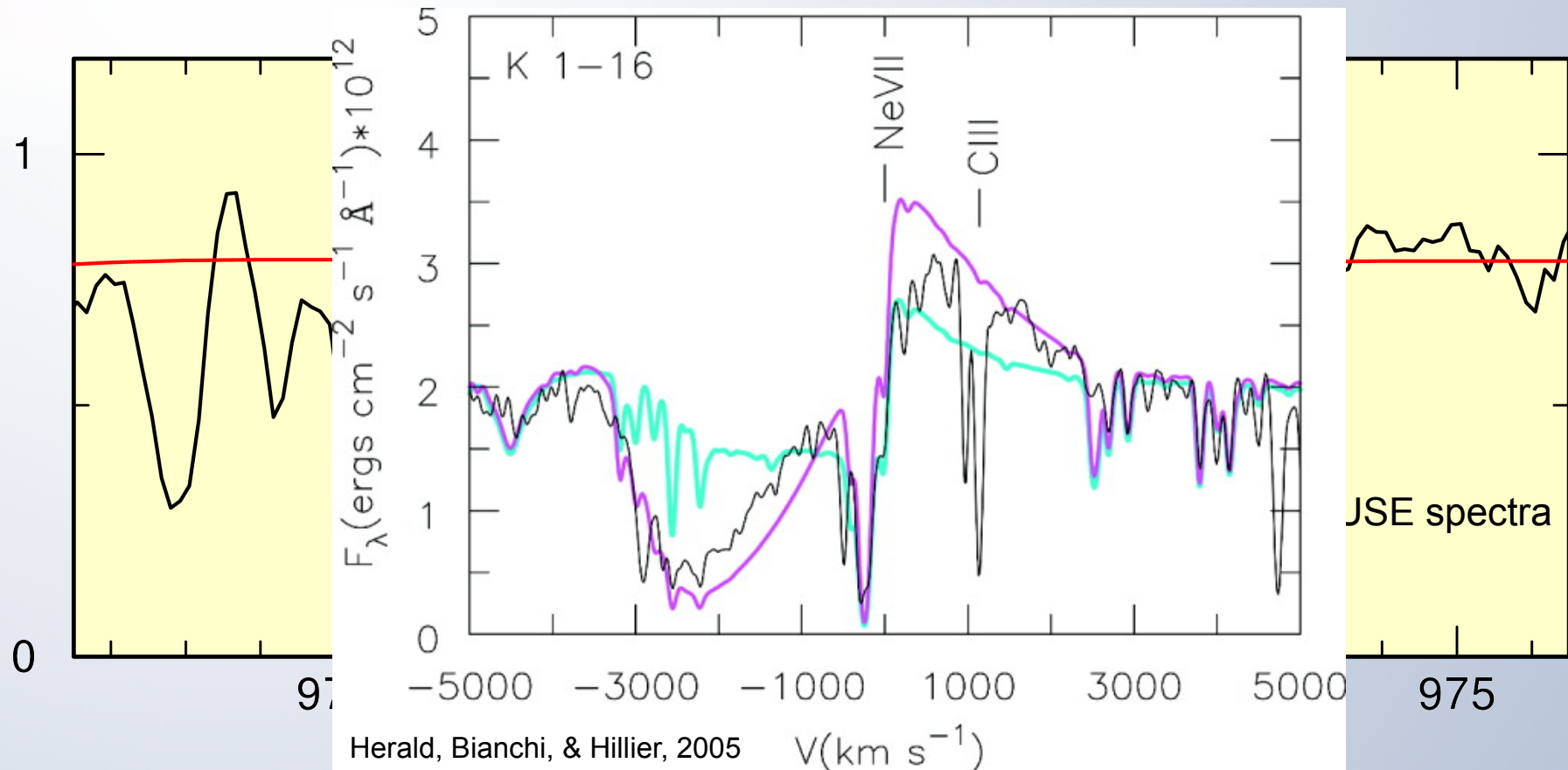
Neon



- $^{14}\text{N}(\text{C})$
- inter
- (1)

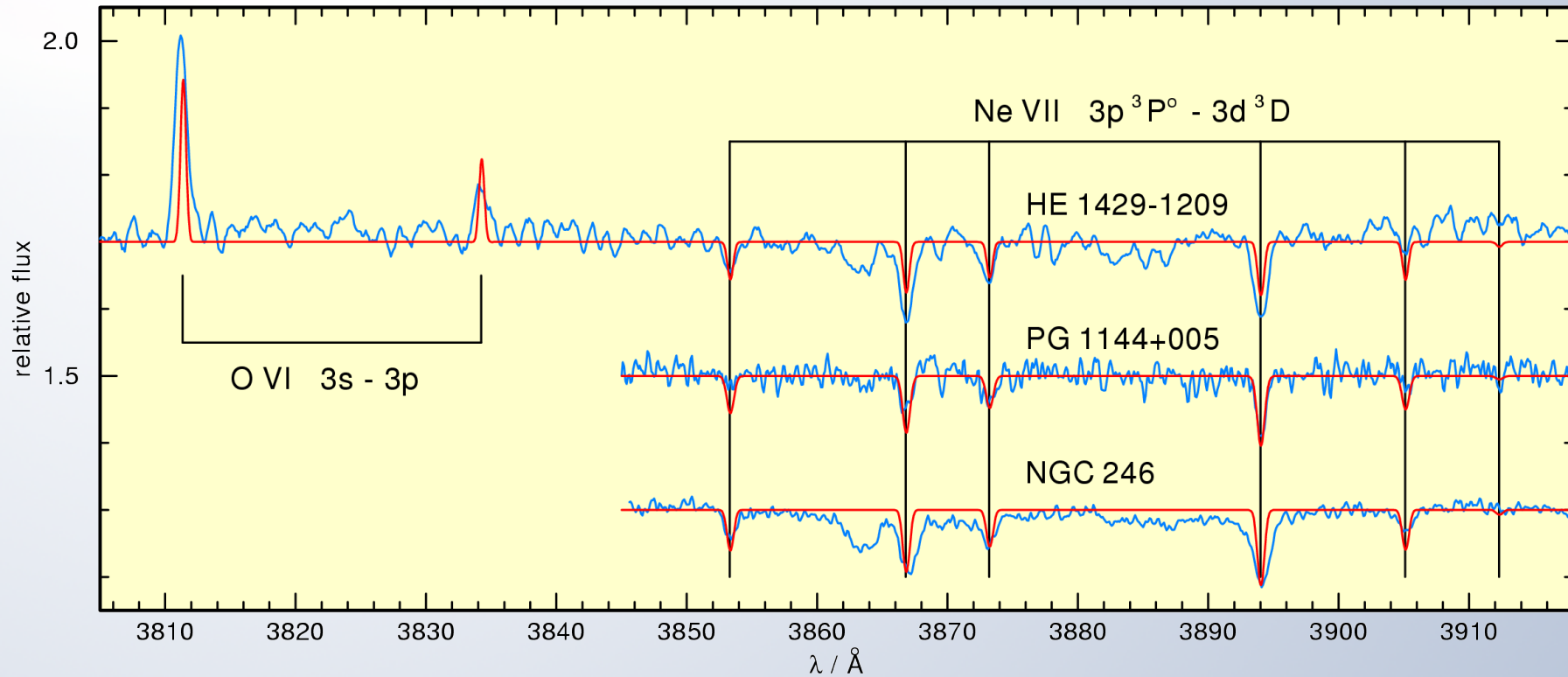


FUSE: Ne VII



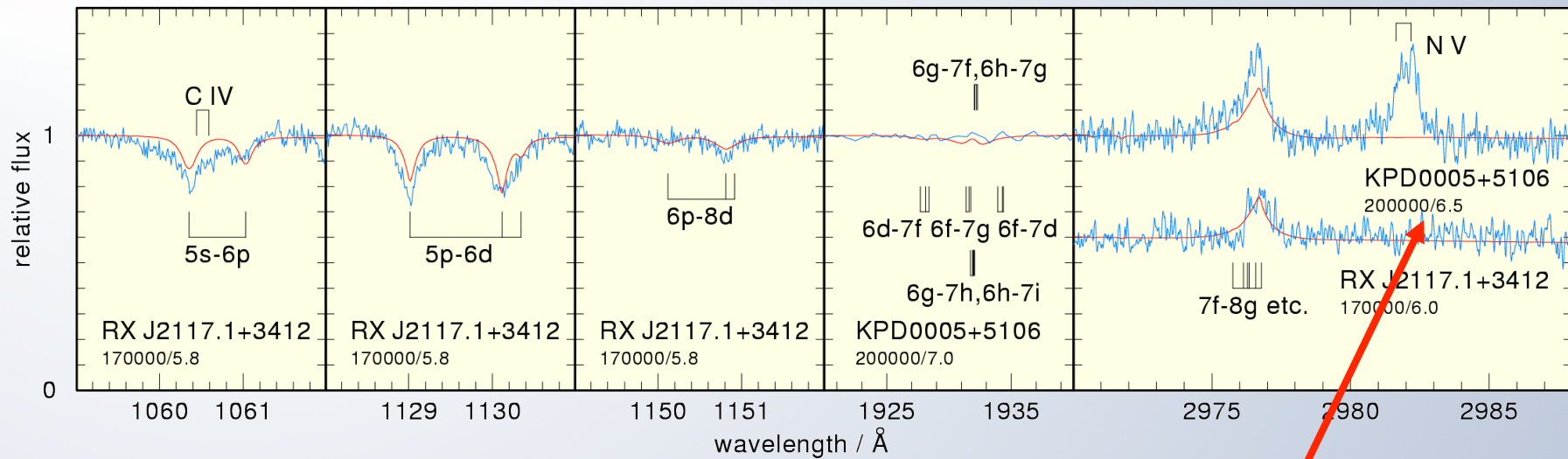
Ne VII $\lambda 973\text{\AA}$ –
 the assumed C III $\lambda 977\text{\AA}$ P Cygni feature

VLT: Ne VII



Newly discovered Ne VII multiplet in VLT spectra (Werner et al. 2004)
Improvement of atomic data of highly excited Ne VII lines → NIST
(Kramida et al. 2006)

Ne VIII



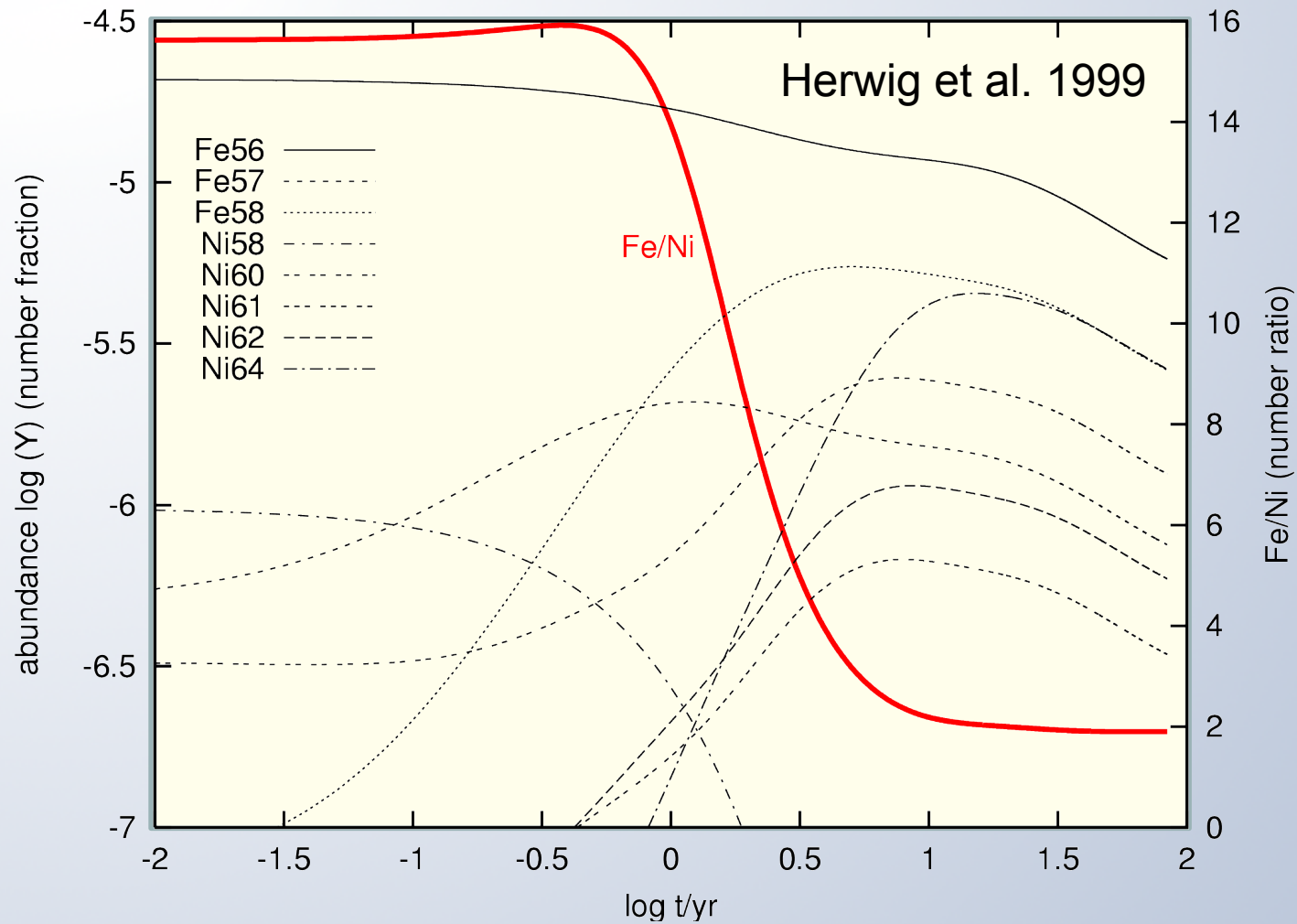
precise determination of T_{eff} in hottest stars, here DO KPD 0005+5106

before: $T_{\text{eff}} = 120\,000\text{ K}$

now: $T_{\text{eff}} = 200\,000\text{ K}$

- FUSE spectral range covers strongest Fe VII lines.
- Up to now, FUSE spectra from four PG1159 stars (K 1-16, PG 1159-035, NGC 7094, A 78) with sufficiently high S/N analyzed.
- What is expected?
- reduced (sub-solar) intershell Fe abundance, by n-captures - **Reduced to what extent?**

S-Process: Fe-Depletion

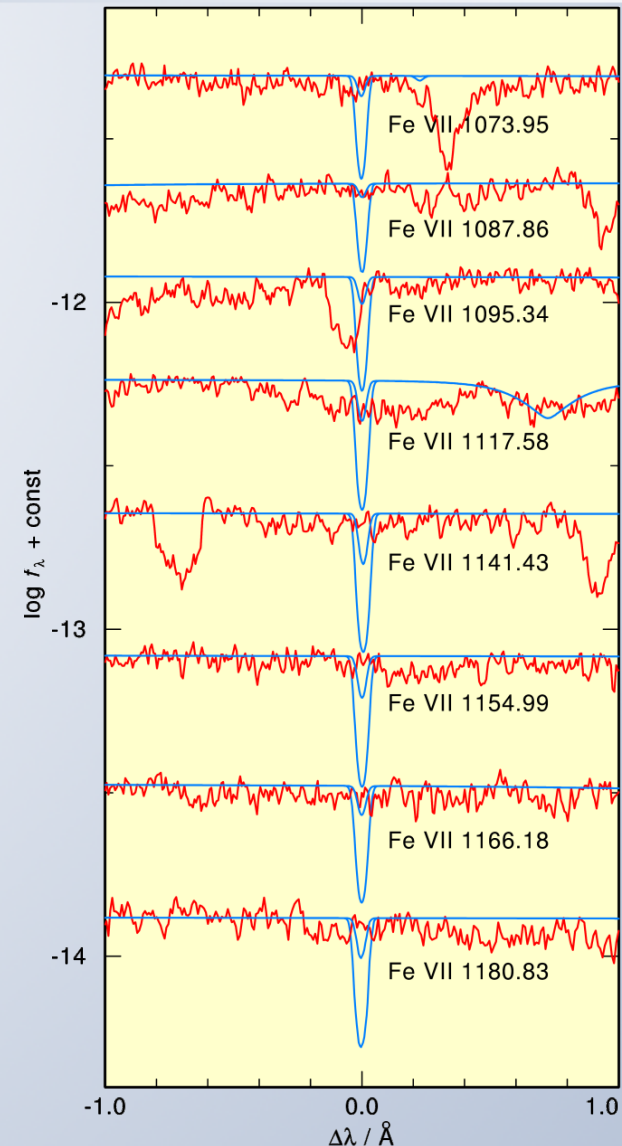


Iron-Deficiency in LTP Stars

- CSPN Abell 78
 - $T_{\text{eff}} = 110\,000\text{ K}$
 - $\log g = 5.5\text{ (cm/sec}^2\text{)}$
 - Fe abundance variation
 - 1/10 and 1/100 solar

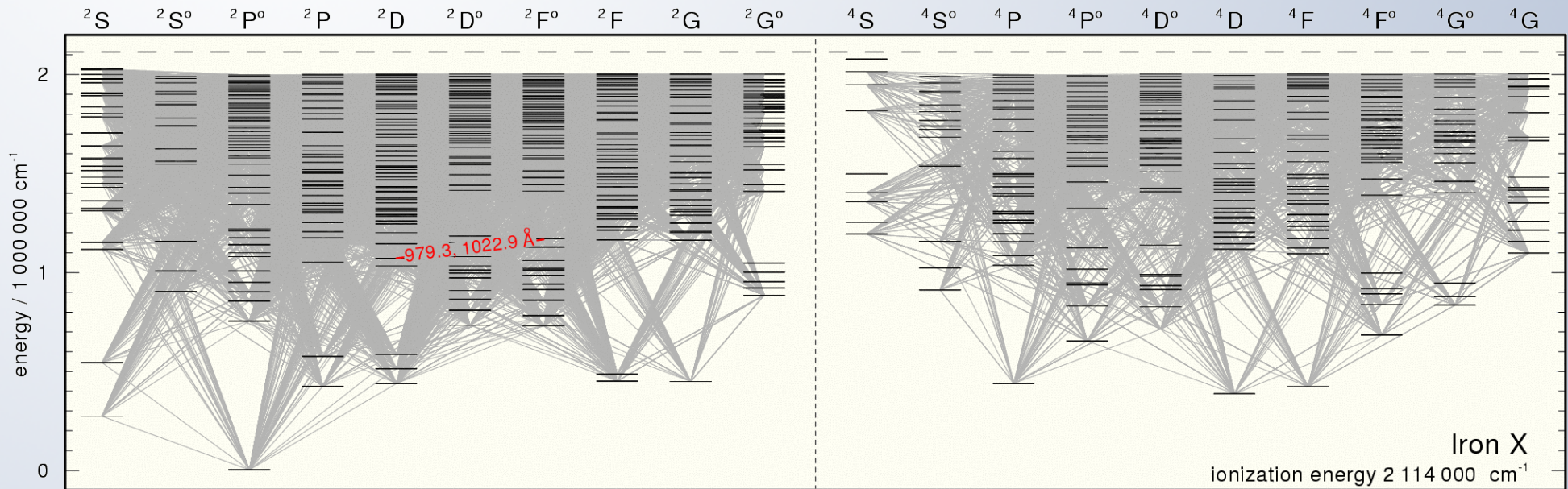
- no iron lines detectable in FUSE spectra of all four examined PG1159 stars:
 - Fe deficiency of 1-2 dex
- **very strong Fe depletion in intershell**

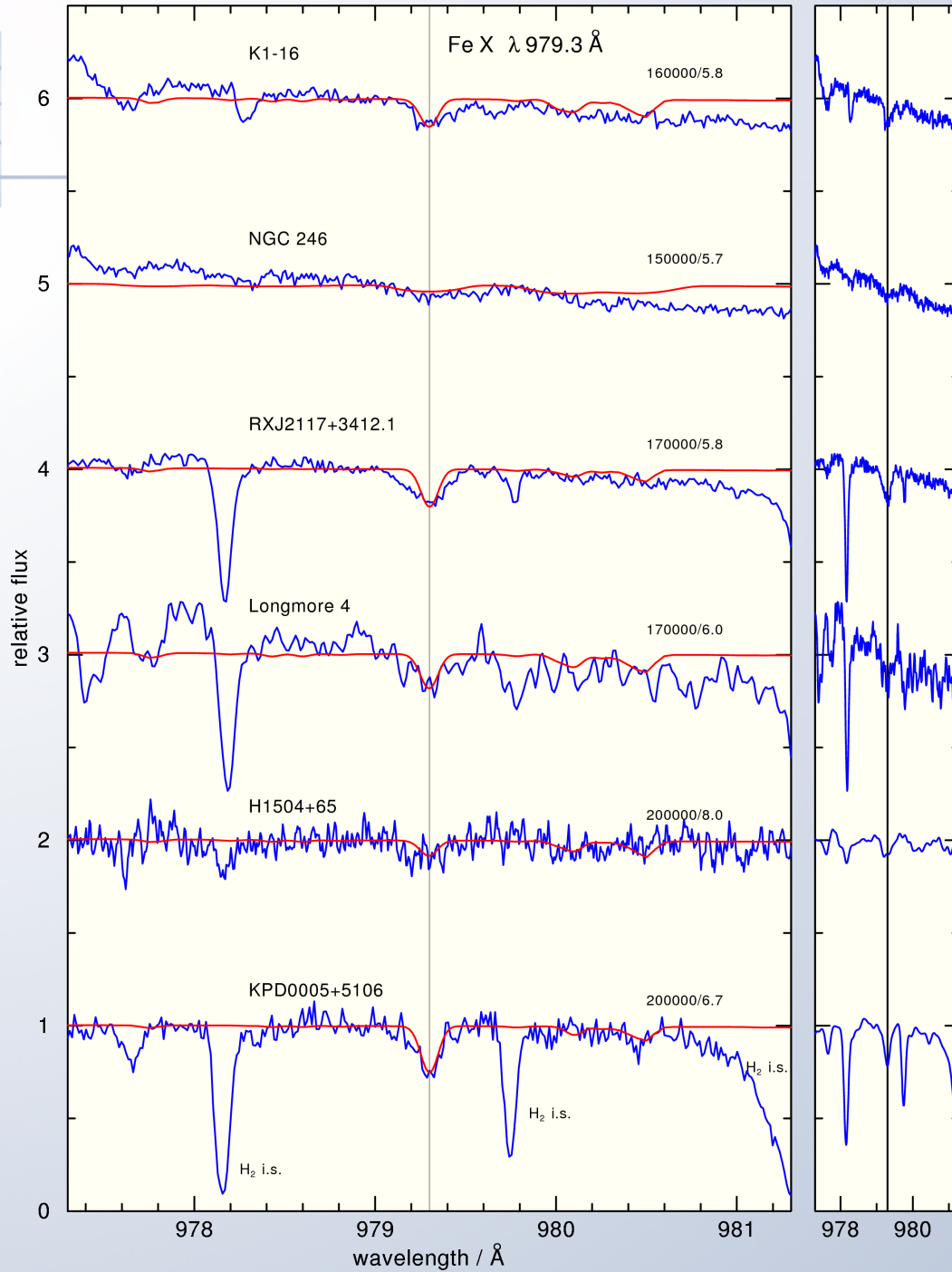
- Miksa et al. 2002, Jahn et al. 2007



Iron in PG 1159 Stars

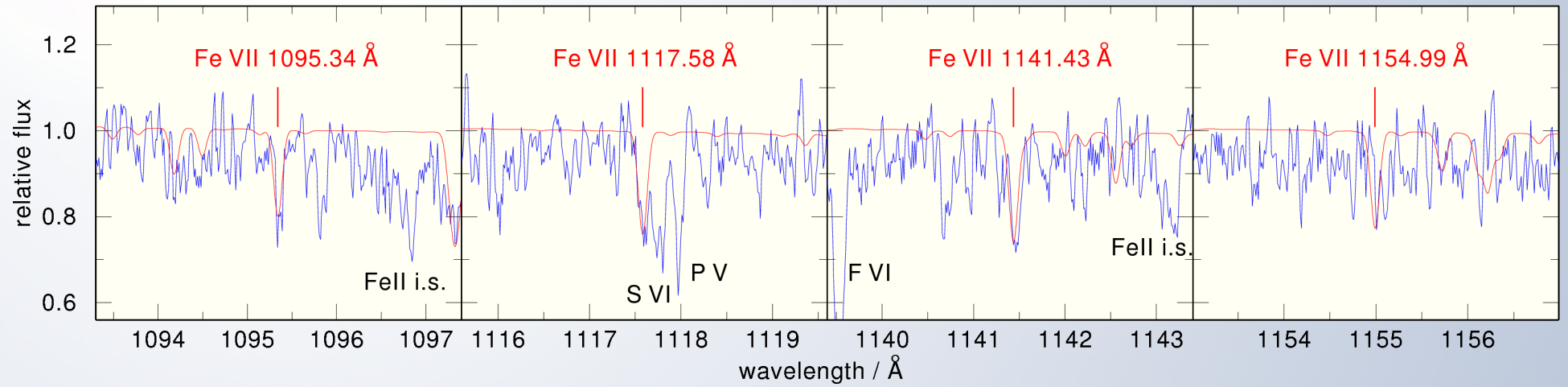
- Werner, Rauch, & Kruk 2010, ApJL 719, 32

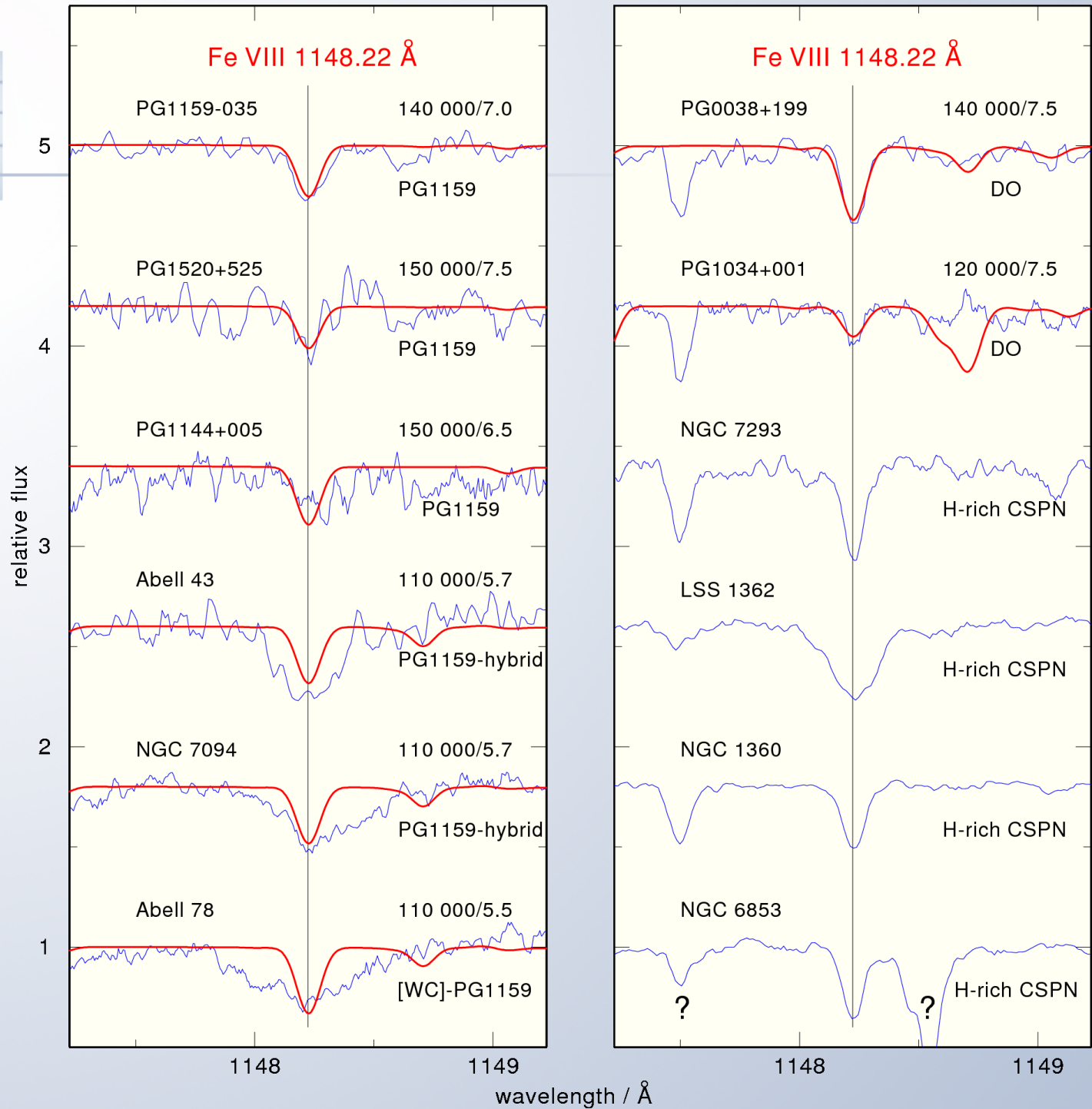




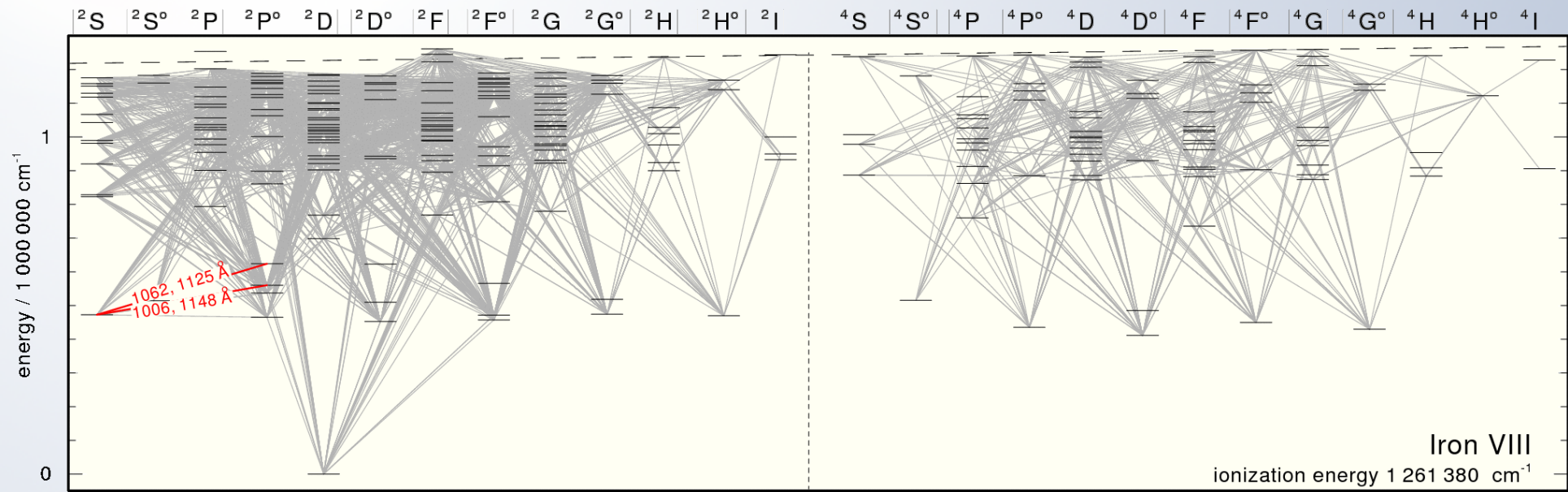
- FUSE: **Ne VII** $\lambda 973.3\text{\AA}$, 2% by mass
 - Werner, Rauch, ..., & Kruk 2004
- FUSE: **F VI** $\lambda 1139.5\text{\AA}$, 200 times solar
 - Werner, Rauch & Kruk 2005
- FUSE: **Ar VII** $\lambda 1063.55\text{\AA}$, solar
 - Werner, Rauch & Kruk 2007
- FUSE: **Ne VIII** lines, 2% by mass
 - Werner, Rauch & Kruk 2007
- HST/STIS: **Ca X** $\lambda\lambda 1462, 1504\text{\AA}$, solar
 - Werner, Rauch & Kruk 2008
- FUSE: **Fe X** $\lambda\lambda 979.3, 1022.9\text{\AA}$, solar
 - Werner, Rauch & Kruk 2010

Iron in PG1159-035





Grotrian diagram of Fe VIII



A&A (2008)

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Author in 2008!

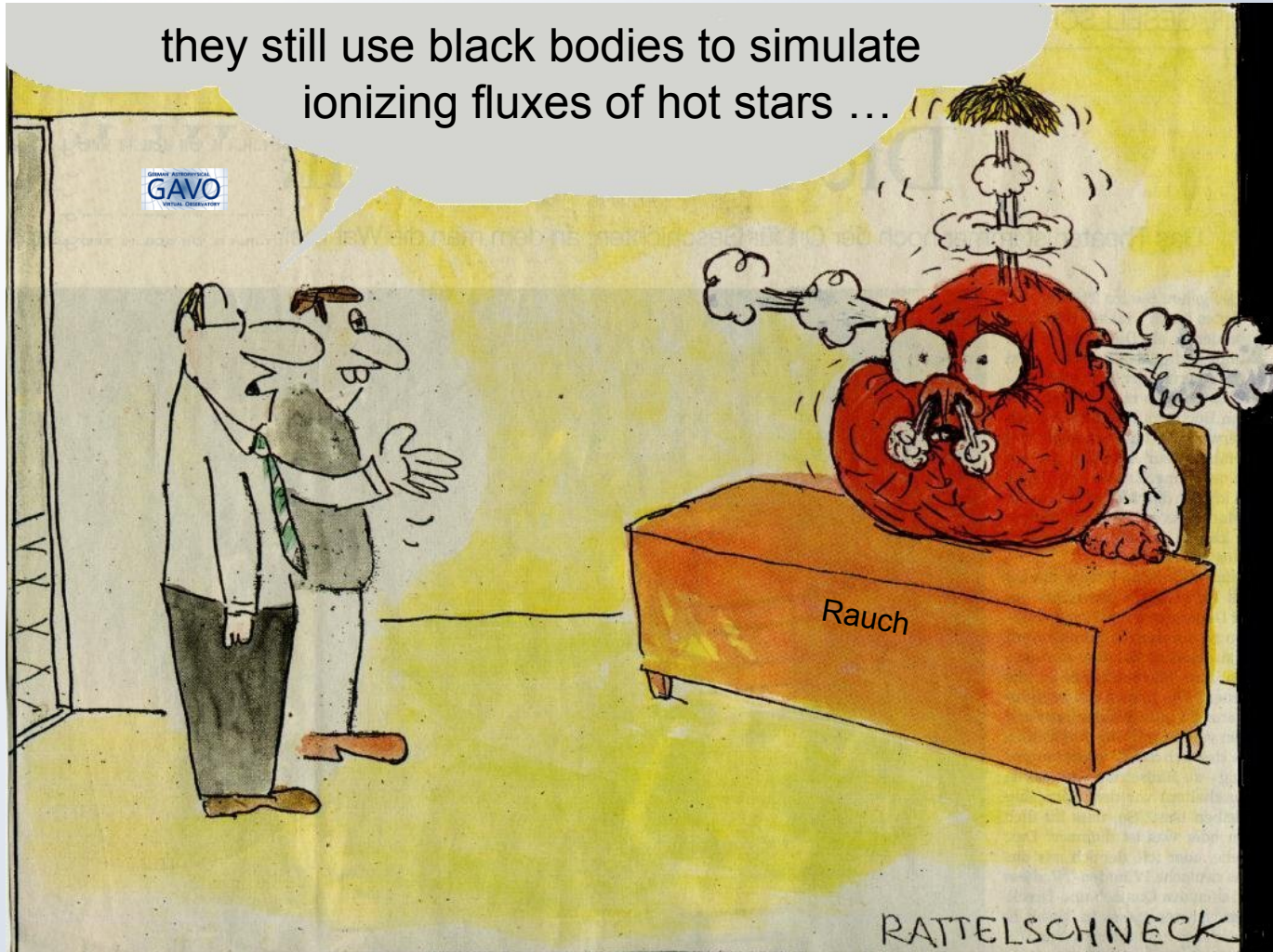
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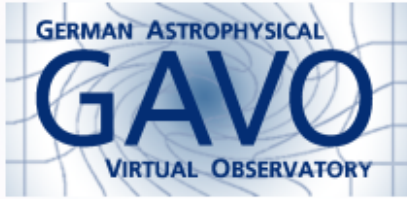
ABSTRACT

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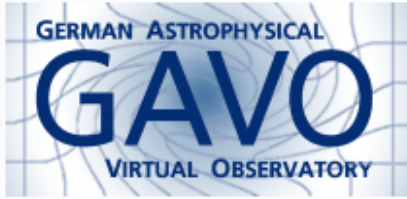
they still use black bodies to simulate
ionizing fluxes of hot stars ...





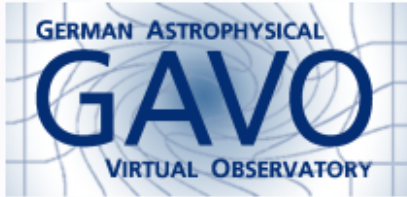
NLTE Model Atmospheres

- **regarded as a domain of specialists**
- high computational times
- atomic data



GAVO Project

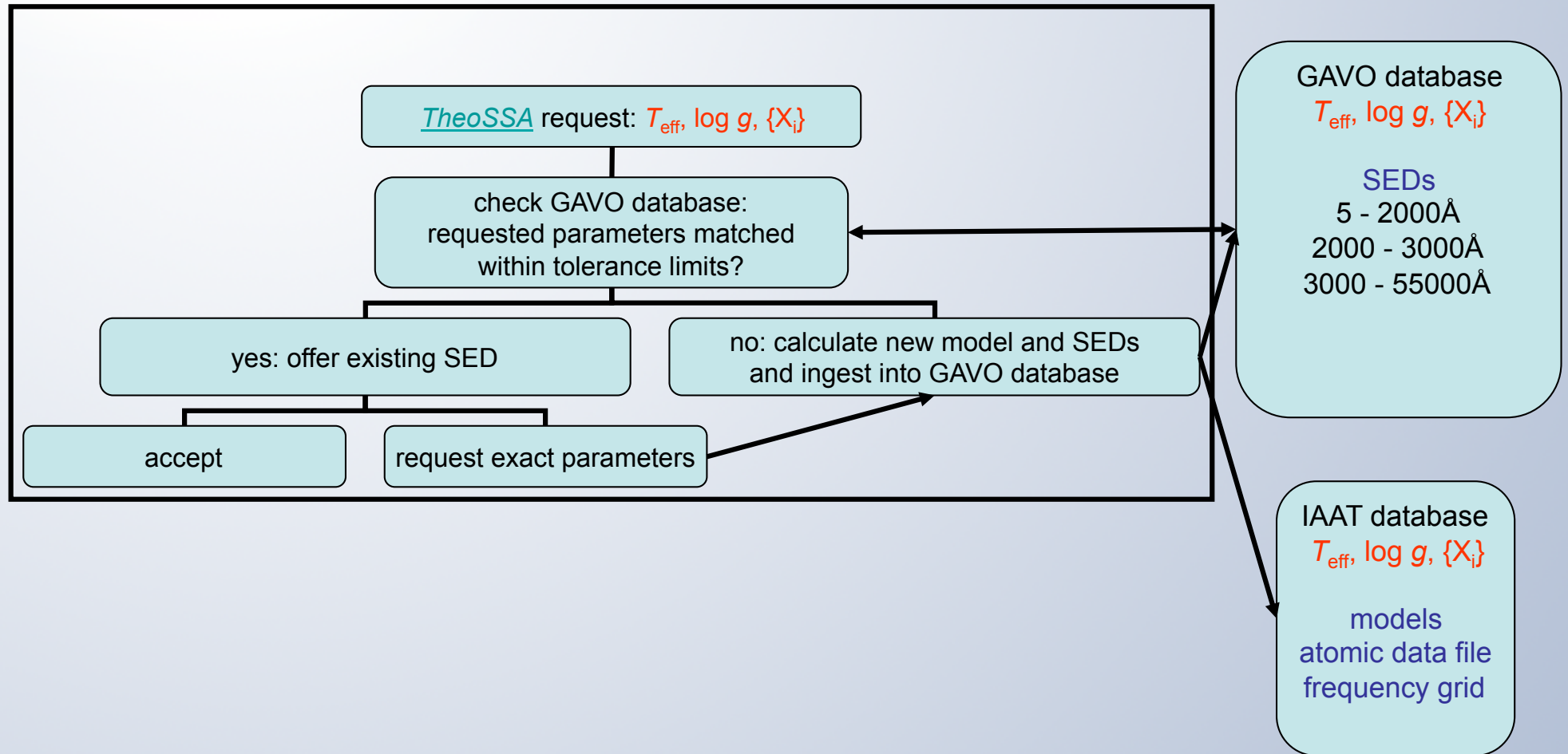
- provide access to SEDs at three levels:
 - fast and easy
 - unexperienced user, no detailed knowledge about the model-atmosphere code necessary
 - individual
 - interested user, detailed analysis of special objects
 - experienced
 - define own model atoms, comparison of codes, etc.

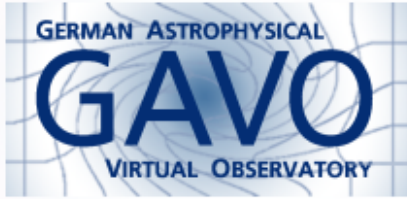


VO Service *TheoSSA*

- based on the Tübingen NLTE Model Atmosphere Package *TMAP*, the *GAVO* Service *TheoSSA* provides
 - Spectral Energy Distributions (SEDs)
 - *TheoSSA* (<http://vo.ari.uni-heidelberg.de/ssatr-0.01/TrSpectra.jsp?>)
 - Simulation Software
 - *TMAW* (<http://astro.uni-tuebingen.de/~TMAW/TMAW.shtml>)
 - Atomic Data
 - *TMAD* (<http://astro.uni-tuebingen.de/~rauch/TMAD/TMAD.html>)

- use SED grids
 - ready to use, interpolation
- calculate individual model atmospheres
 - T_{eff} , $\log g$, mass fraction $\{X_i\}$, $i \in (\text{H, He, C, N, O})$
 - standard model atoms
- create own atomic-data files, $i \in (\text{H - Ni})$,
and calculate model atmospheres and SEDs

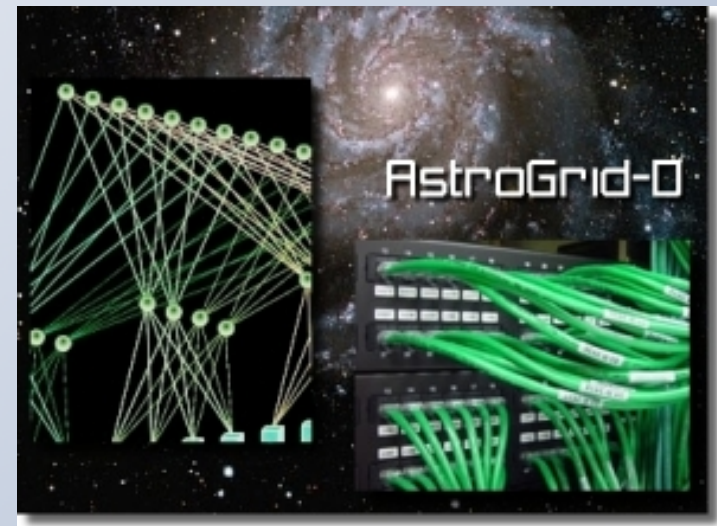




TheoSSA Data Base

- growing in time
 - newly calculated SEDs are automatically ingested
 - meta data at ARI (Heidelberg)
 - SEDs etc. at IAAT (Tübingen)

- cpu time increases with number of considered elements
 - 1 H+He+C+N+O model \approx 1 day on a fast PC
 - IAAT cluster: 16/48 models parallel
- calculation of SED grids
 - compute resources of



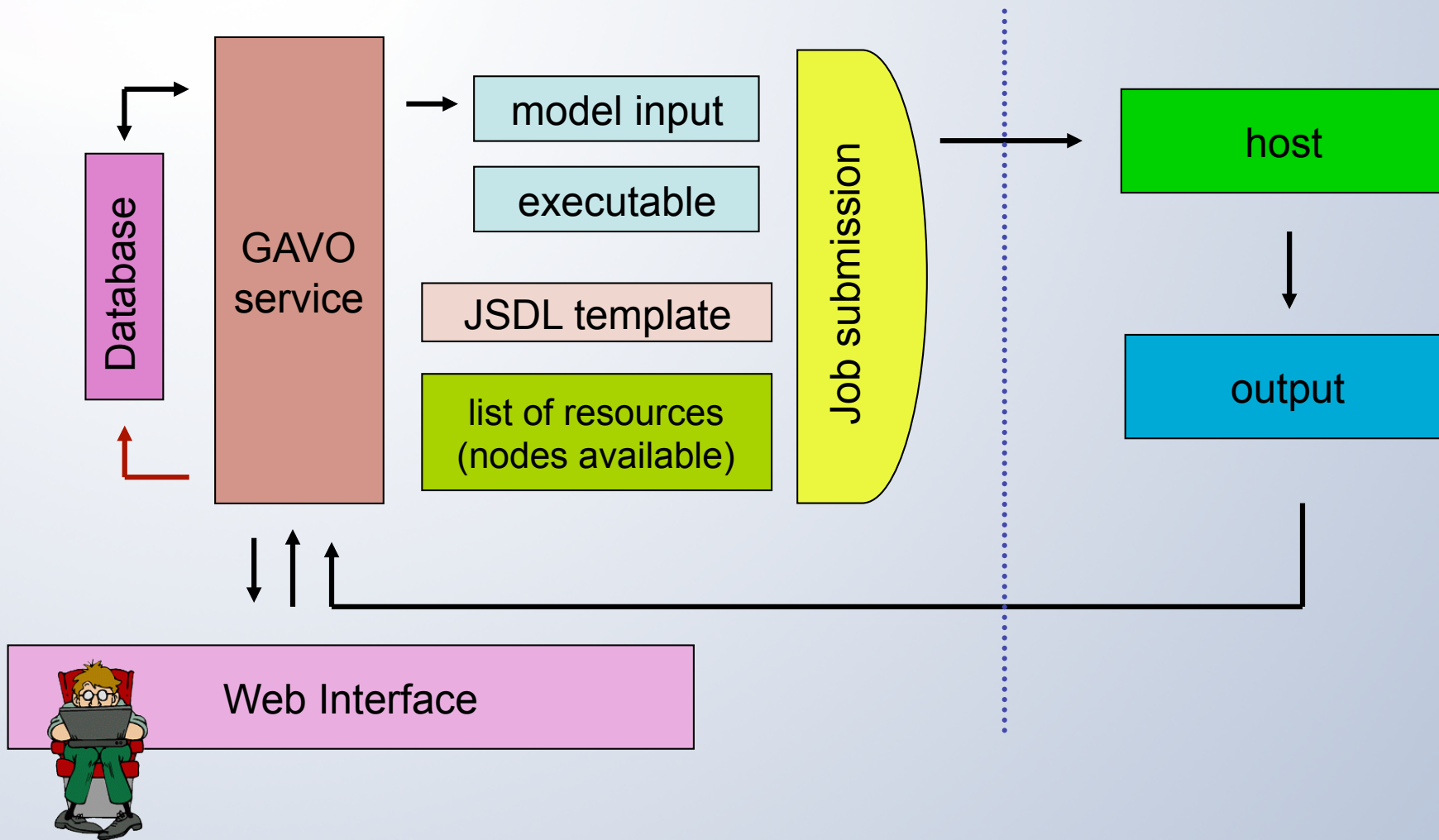
Why use a Grid?



- scales according to demand
 - 1, 10, or 100 cores available at any time
- higher reliability
- middleware offers additional options
 - job monitoring, statistics, error handling
- *TMAP* is easy to compute
 - no inter-process communication
 - no complex compilation, all libraries present



- AstroGrid-D uses the Globus Toolkit middleware (GT4)
- compute resources are retrieved from the MDS (monitoring and discovery service)
- the Job is submitted using a JSDL template (Job Submission Description Language)
- data transfer uses gsiftp, the job staging process is based on GT4 web services (globusrun-ws)
- all written in a two-page shell script



Spectroscopy of LS V +46°21



H α + [O III]

Dean Salman

www.deansalman.com

- exciting star of Sh 2-216
 - closest PN known, $d = 130\text{pc}$
 - apparent diameter 1.6°
 - LS V +46°21 about 0.2 radii off centre
 - mild interaction with ISM
 - thin disk orbit of low inclination and eccentricity
 - Kerber et al. 2004
- FUSE: 67.6 ksec in 2003/2004, $R \approx 0.05 \text{ \AA}$
- STIS: 5.5 ksec in 2000, $R \approx 0.06 \text{ \AA}$

Spectroscopy of LS V +46°21

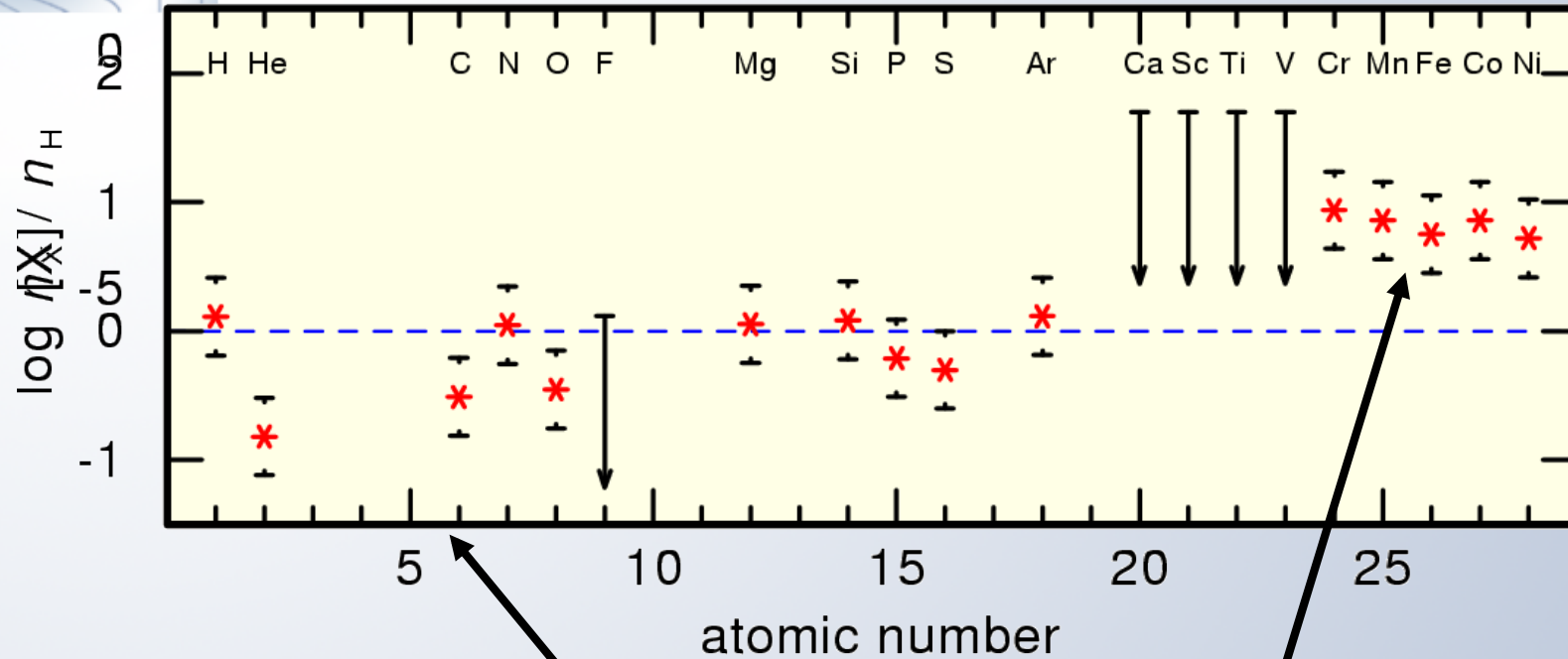
- HHeCNOFMgSiPSAr +
CaScTiVCrMnFeCoNi
 - IrOnIc
 - Rauch & Deetjen 2003
 - 686 NLTE levels
 - 2417 individual lines
 - 9 million iron-group lines
 - Kurucz 1996
- Rauch et al. 2007, A&A, 470, 317

$$T_{\text{eff}} = 95\,000\text{ K}$$
$$\log g = 6.9$$

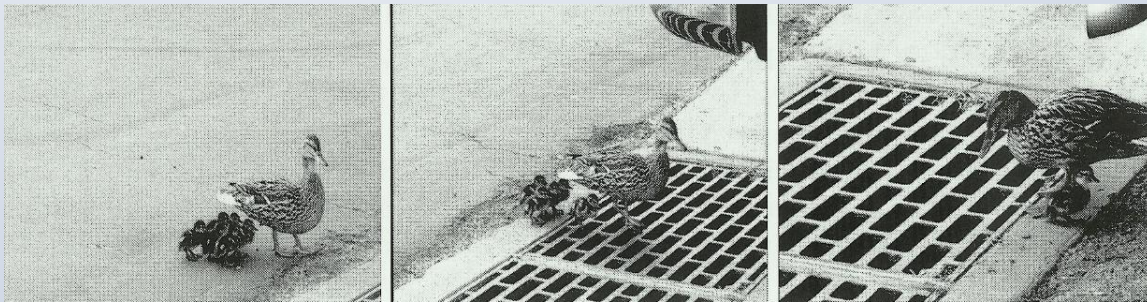
(200 million)

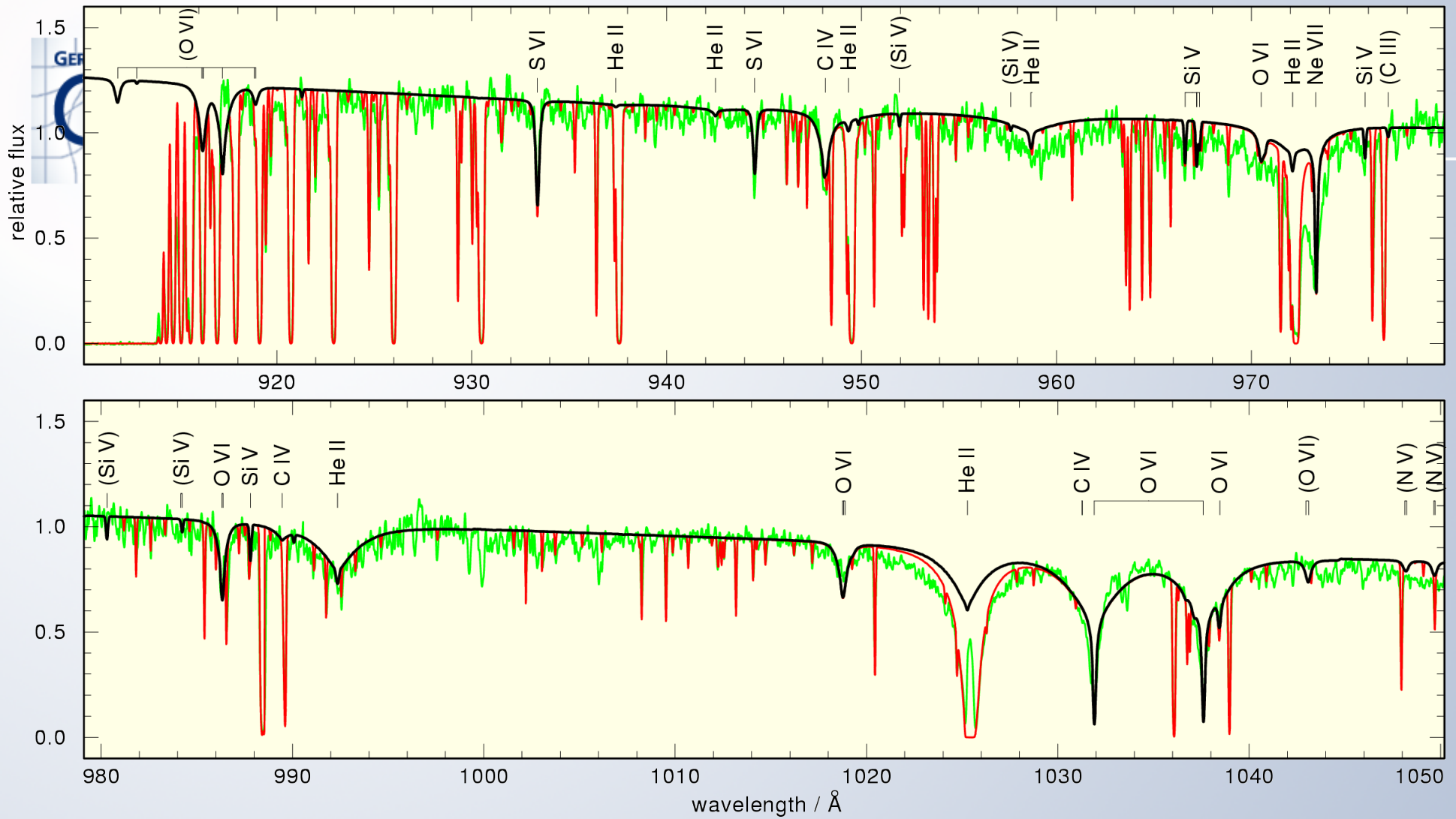
(2009, ...)

LS V +46°21



Photospheric abundances exhibit interplay with diffusive processes (Chayer et al. 1995)

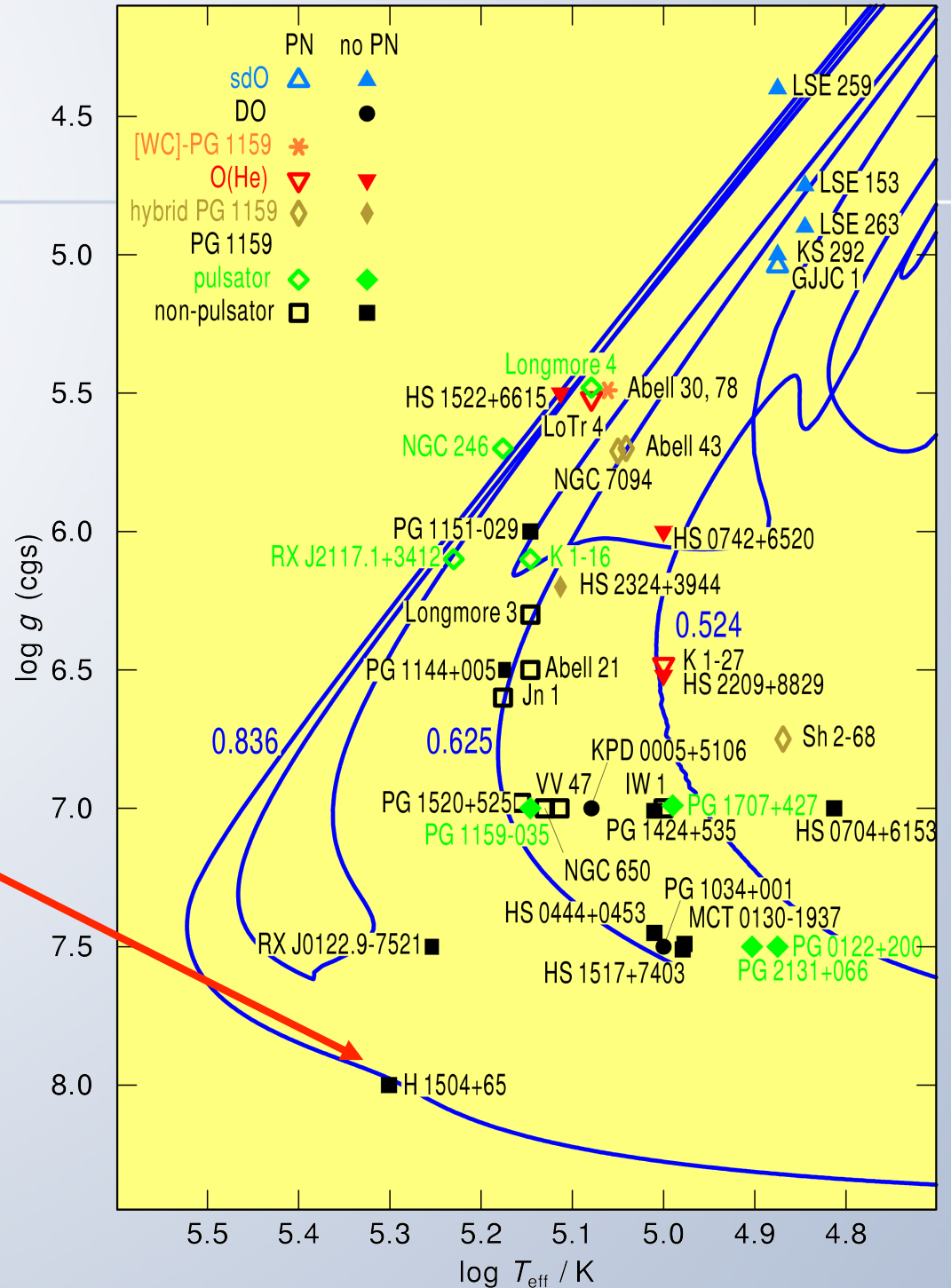




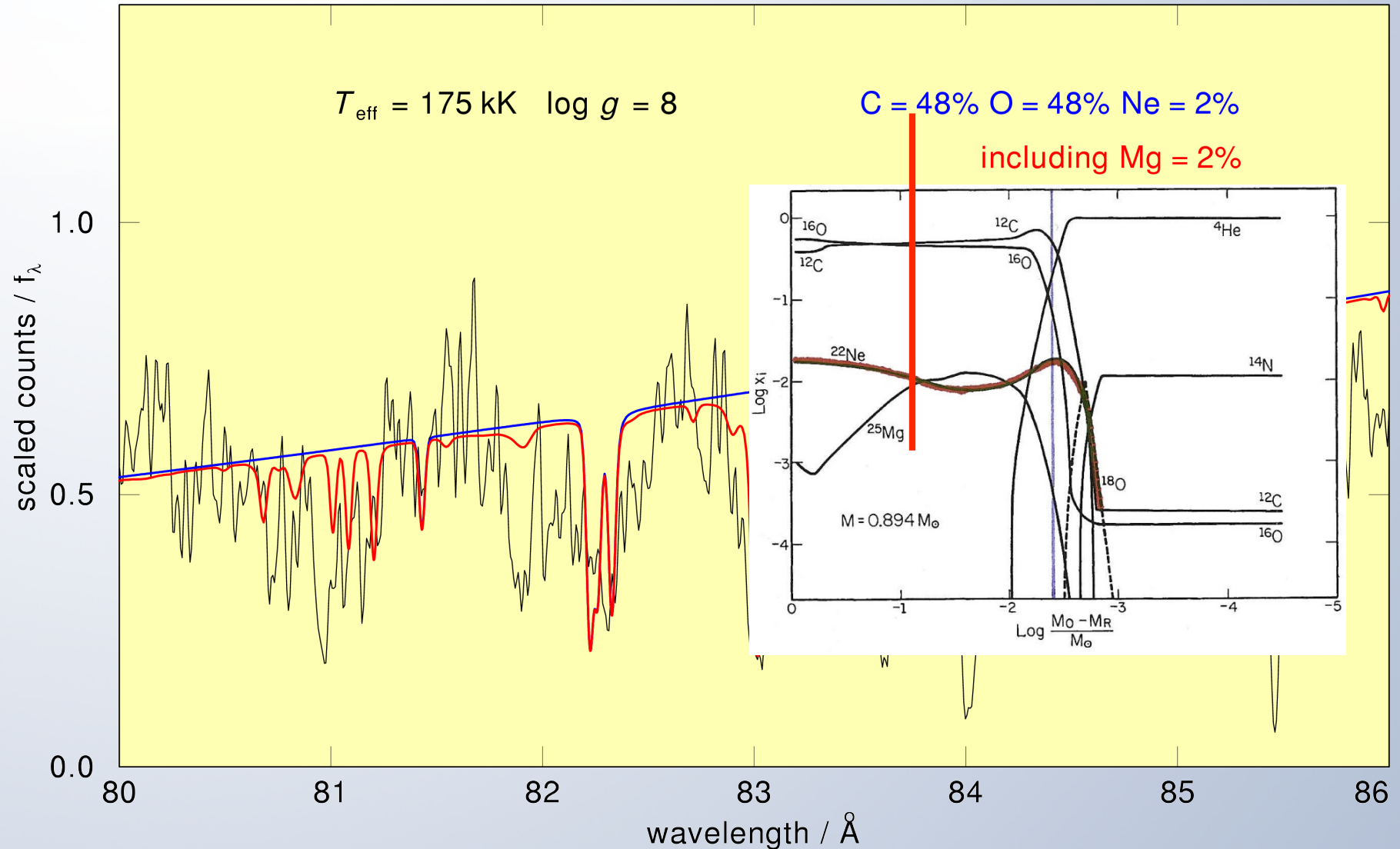
FUSE spectrum of PG1159-035
 and model fit incl. ISM model
 Jahn et al. 2007, A&A, 462, 281

H1504+65

$T_{\text{eff}} = 200\,000\text{ K}$
 $\log g = 8$

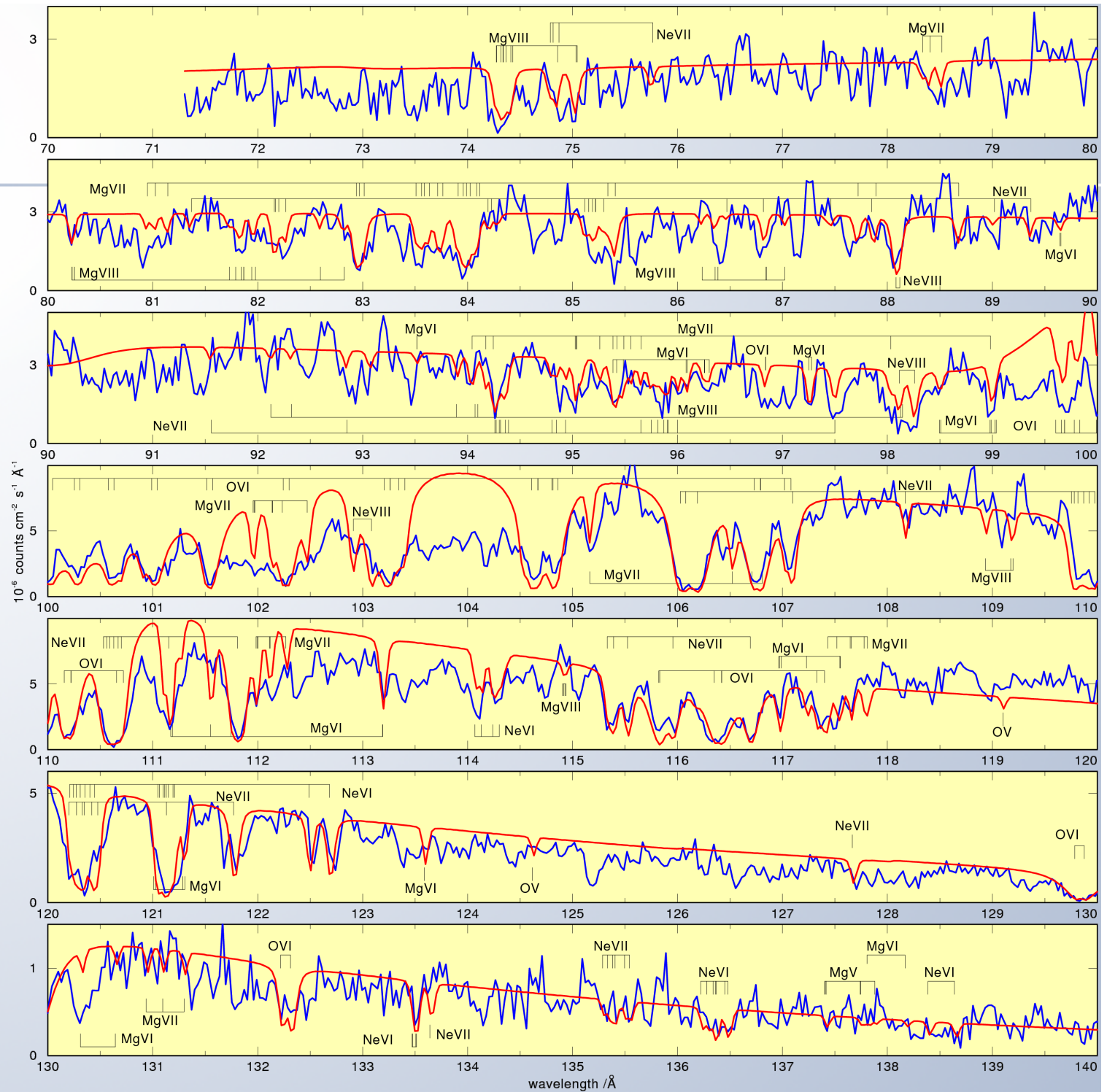


Magnesium in H 1504+65

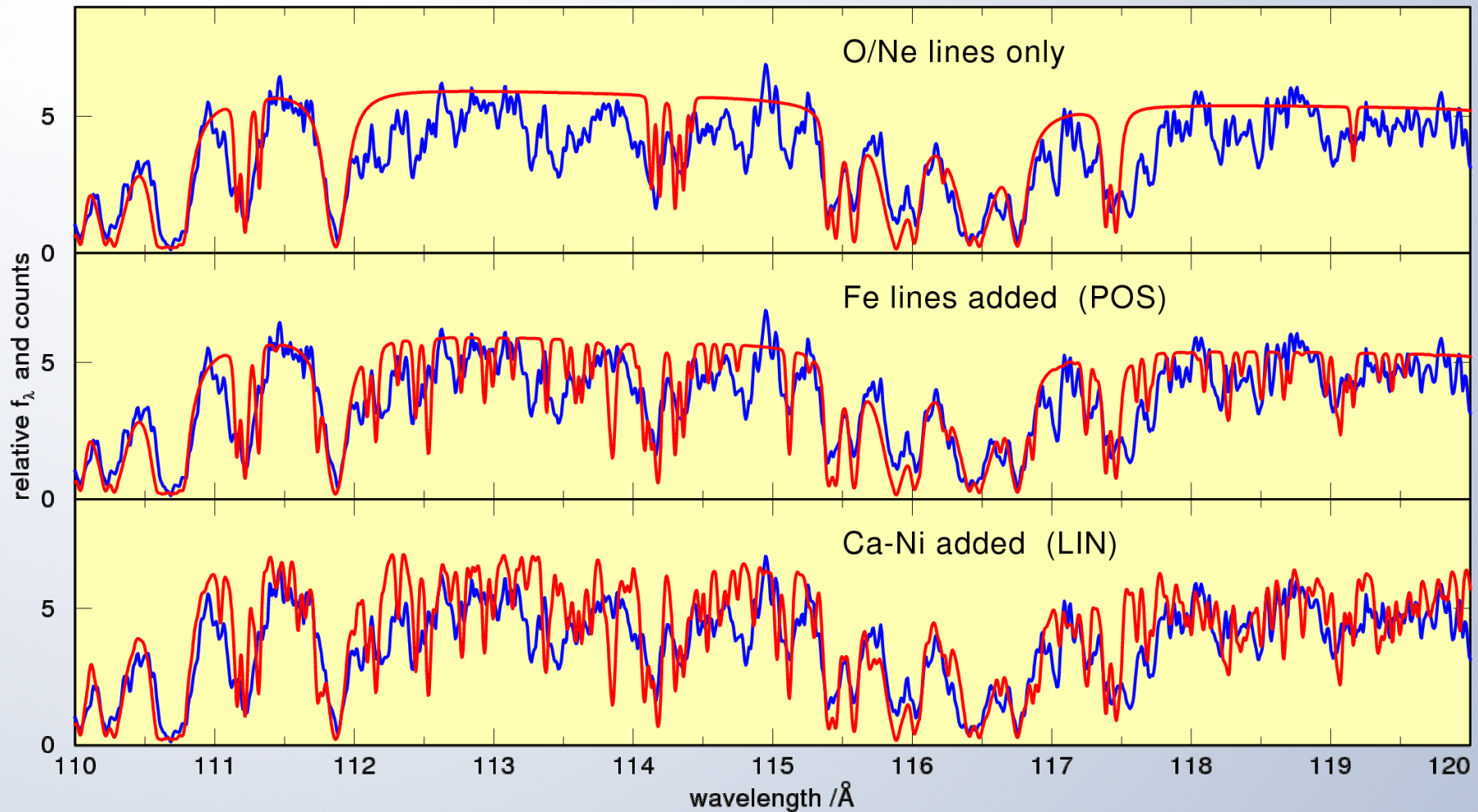


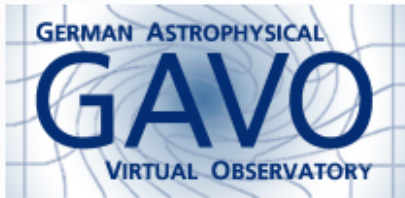
H 1504+65: CHANDRA Spectrum

Werner et al. 2004



H 1504+65: Iron group



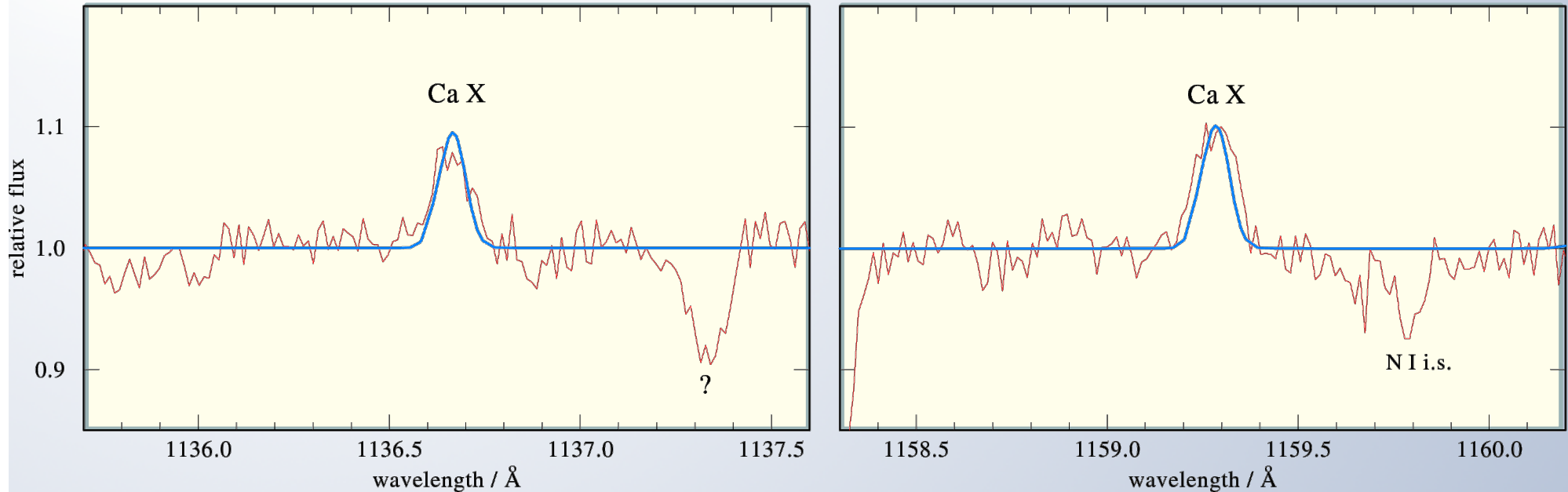


CERTIFICATE

**A study led by
Professor Klaus Werner (Germany)
of the Universität Tübingen
measured the highest surface
temperature on a white dwarf star
of around 200,000 C (360,000 F)
on H1504+65
announcing the results
in May 2004**

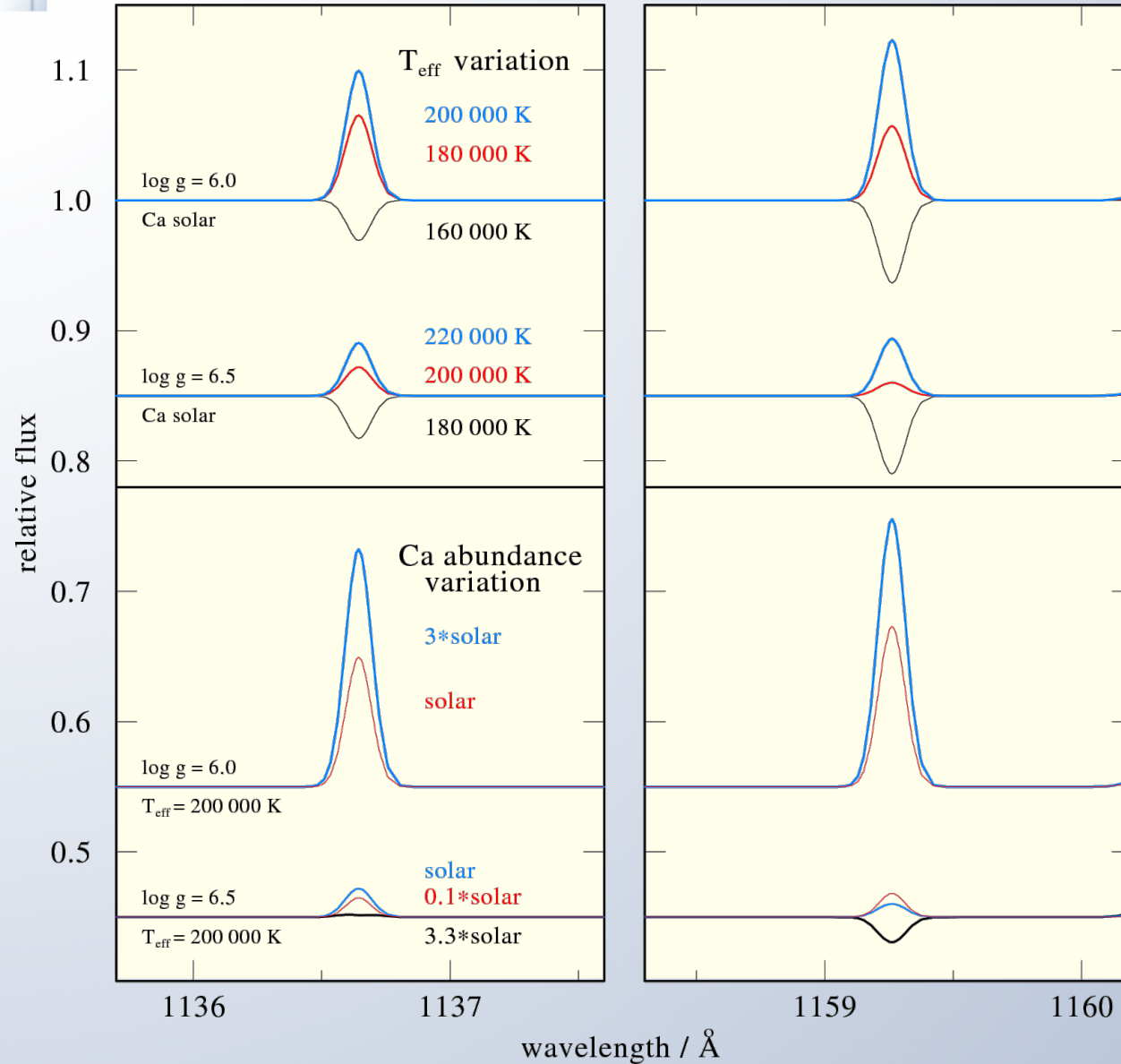
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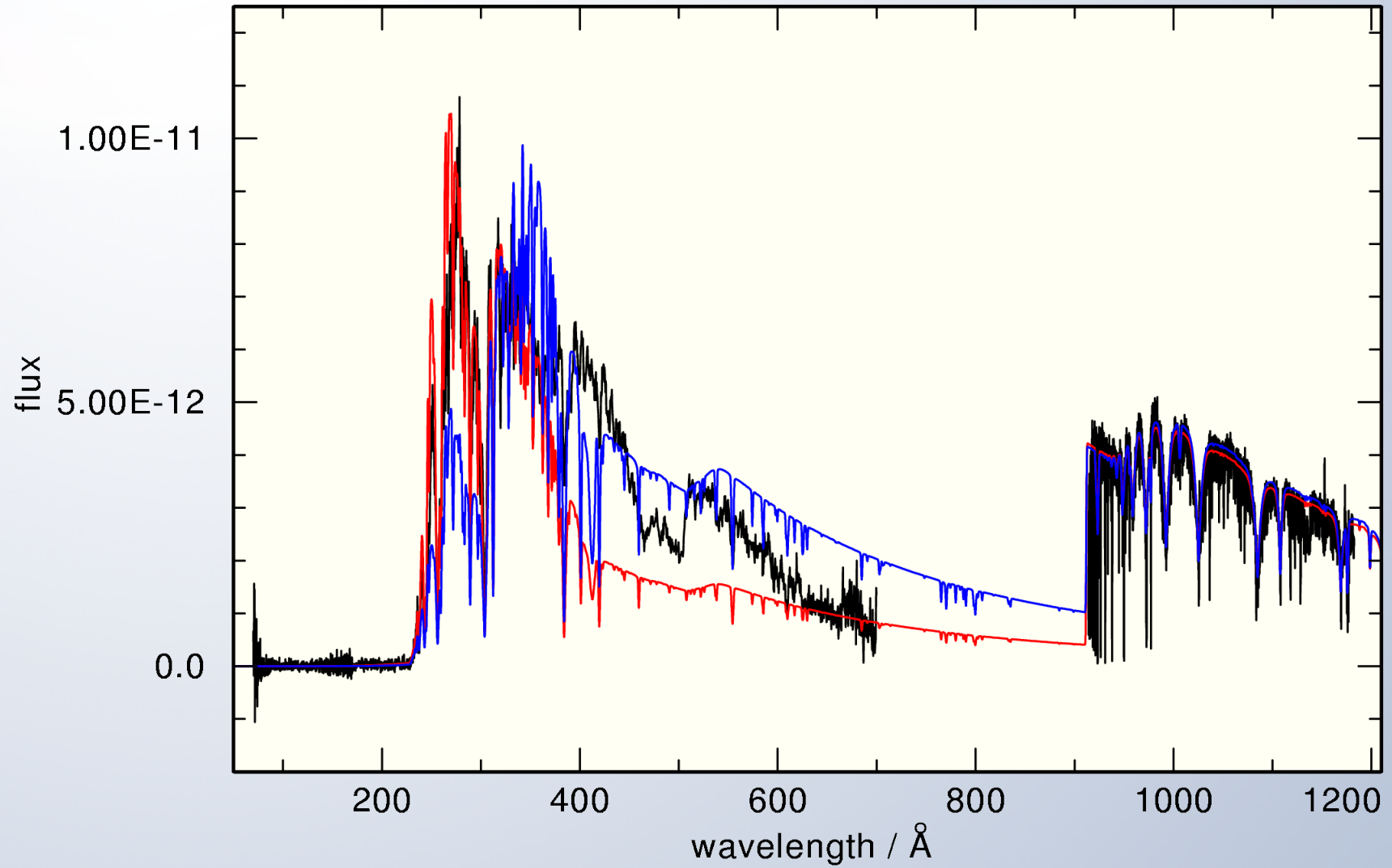
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$T_{\text{eff}} = 200\,000\text{ K}$ instead of $T_{\text{eff}} = 120\,000\text{ K}$

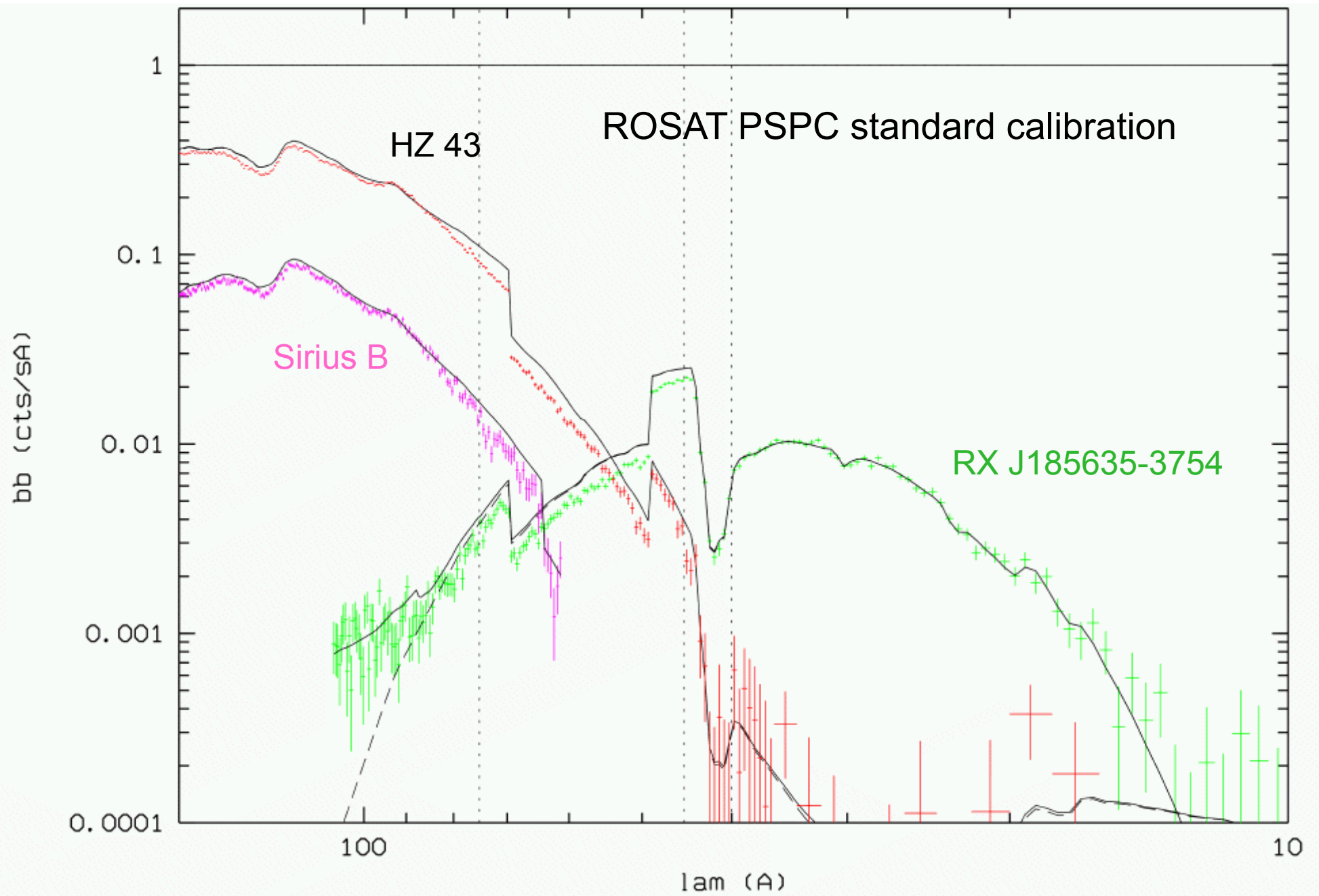
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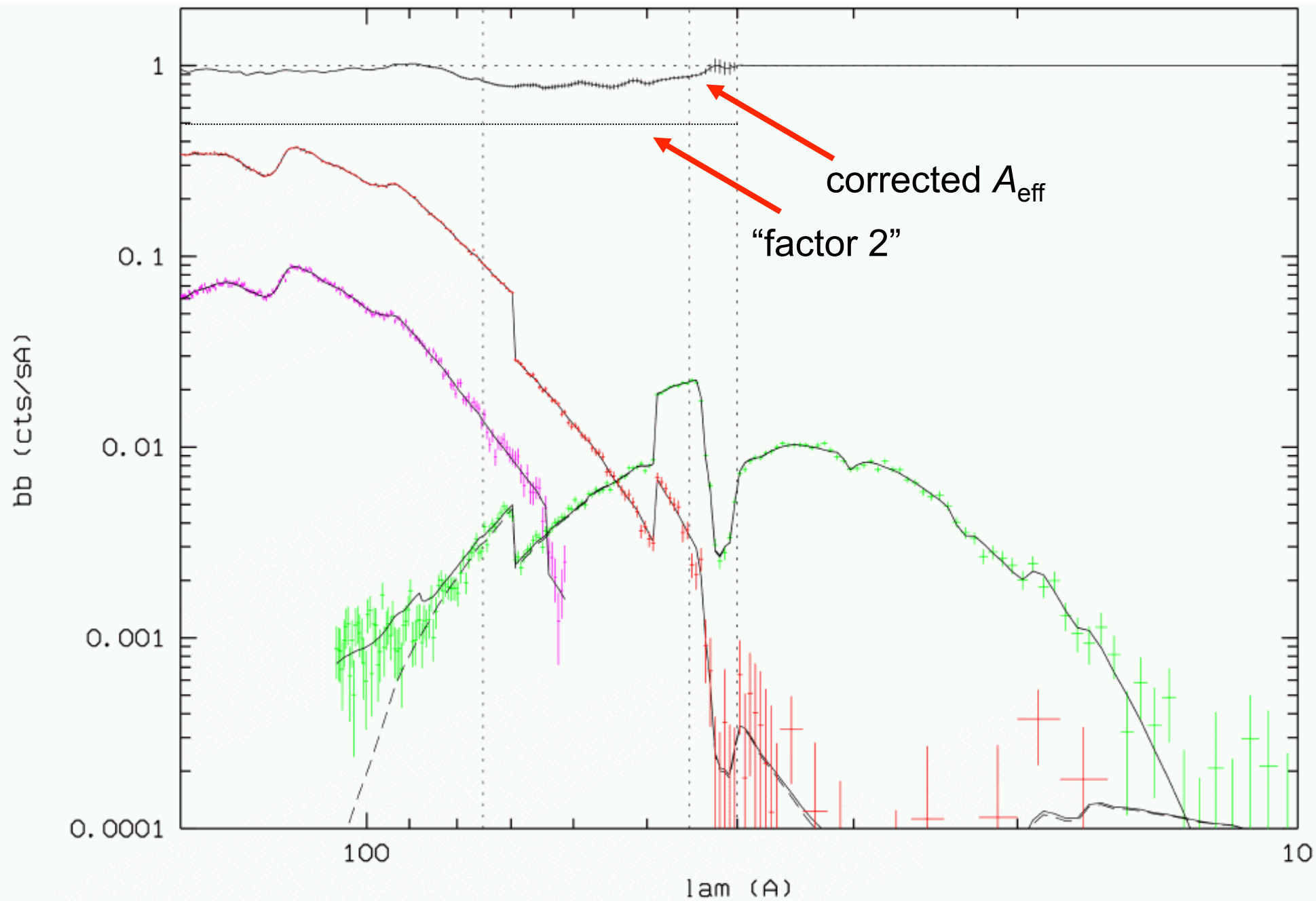


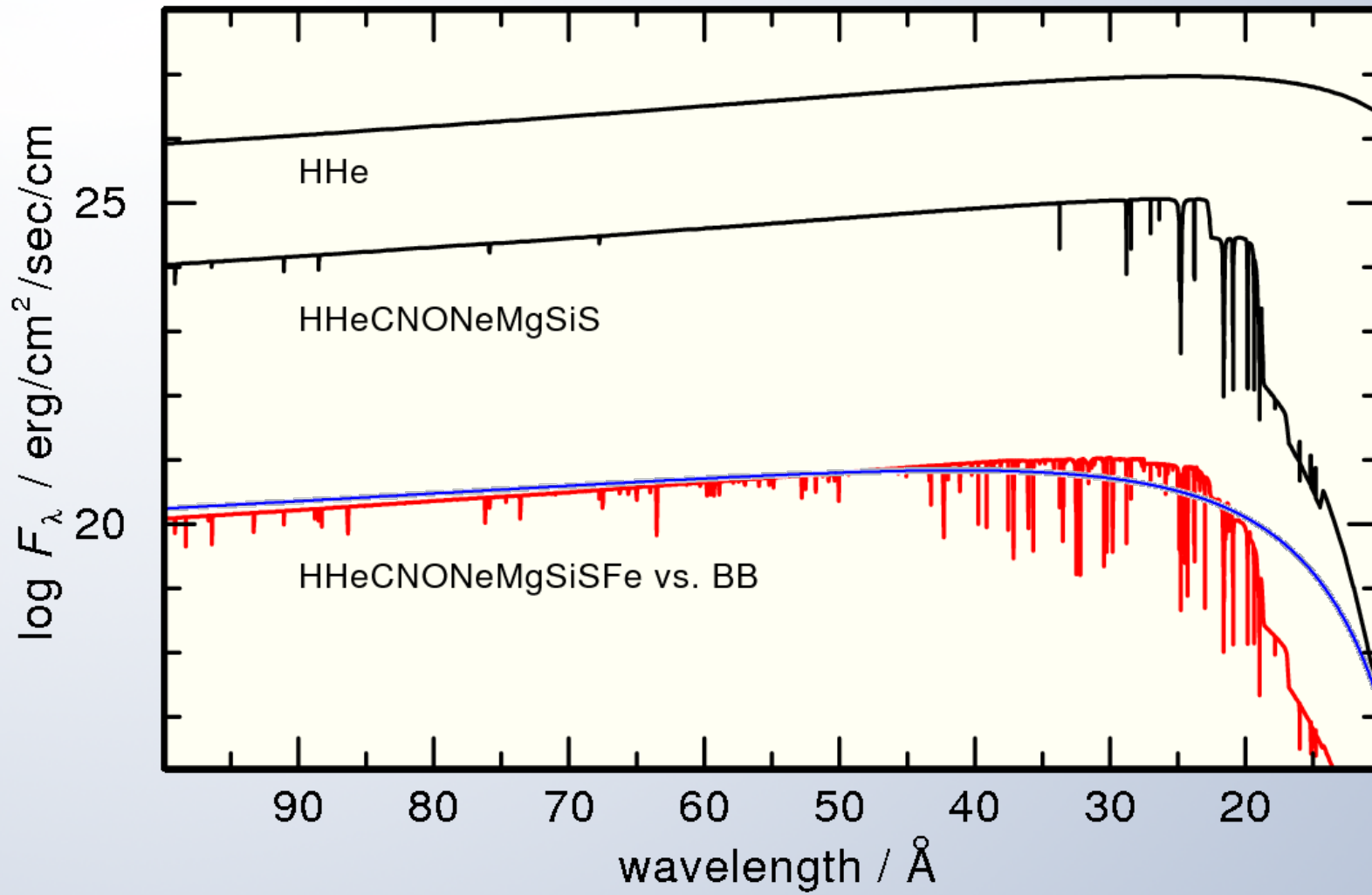


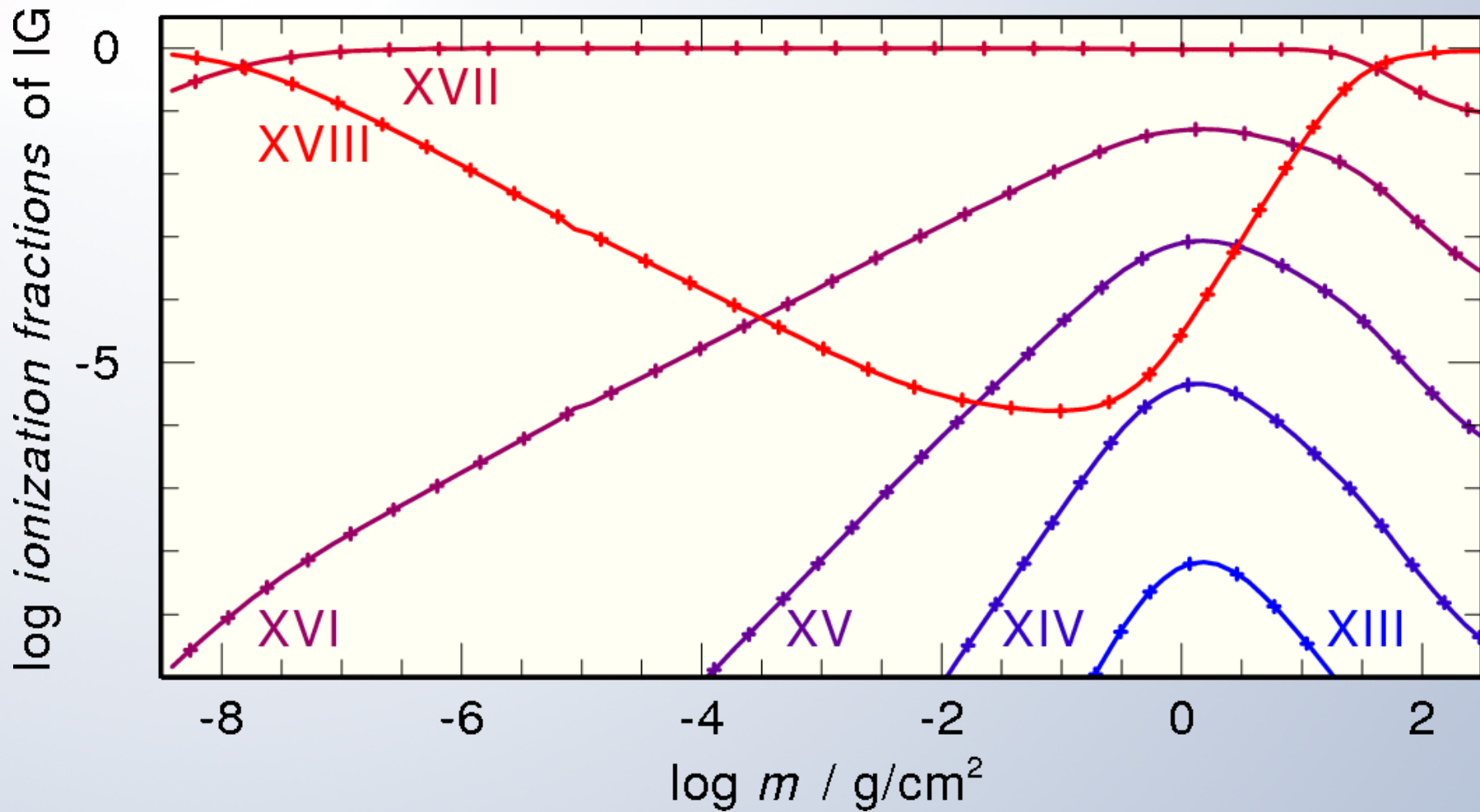
Calibration of Soft X-ray Spectra

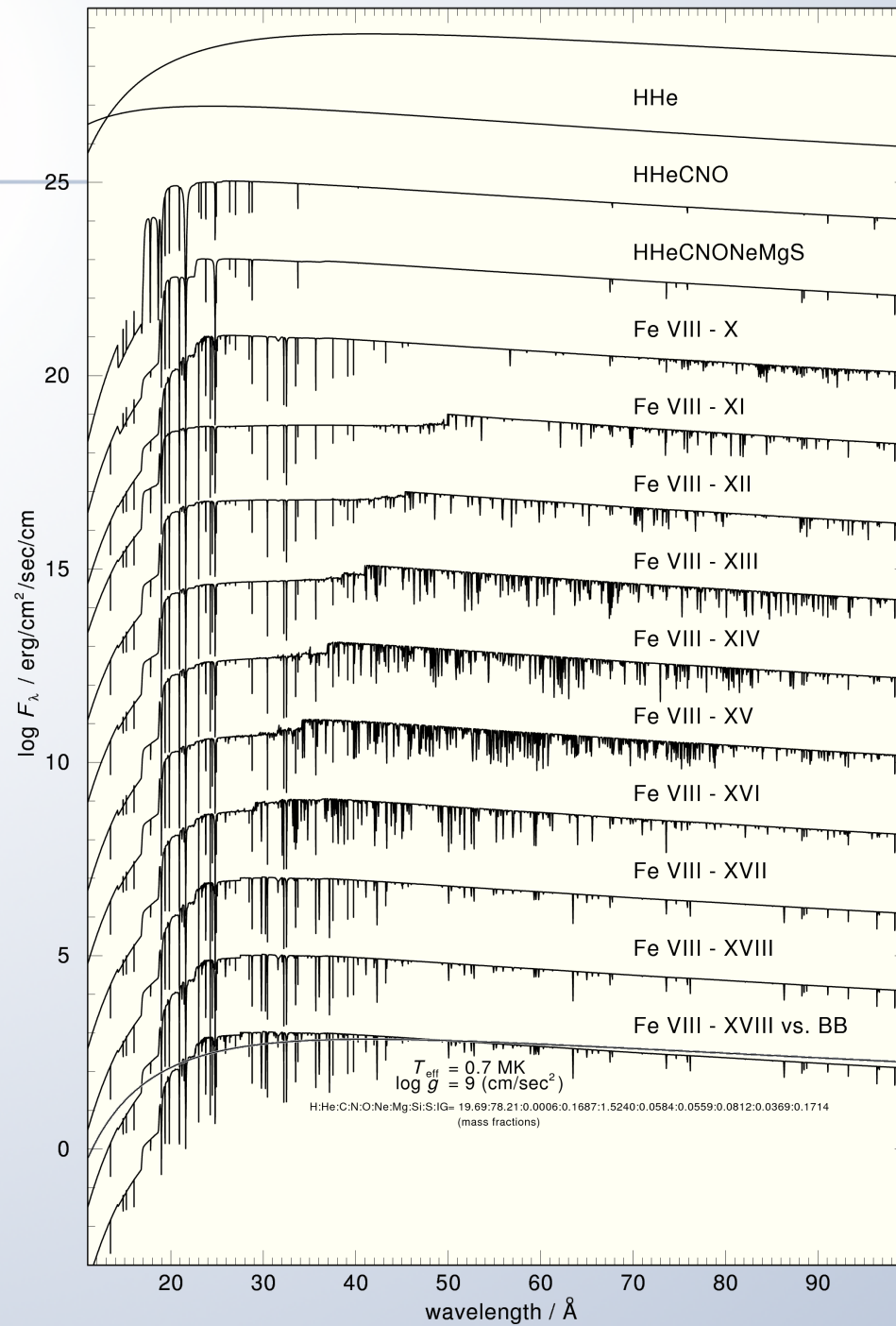
- old problem: ROSAT PSPC detector is a factor 2.0 ± 0.3 more sensitive to the very soft X-ray photons compared to the standard calibration
 - Jordan et al. 1994, A&A 290, 834
 - A_{eff} wrong?
- new investigation by Beuermann et al. 2006
 - Sirius B, HZ 43 (NLTE model-atmosphere fluxes)
 - RX J185635-3754 (black body)



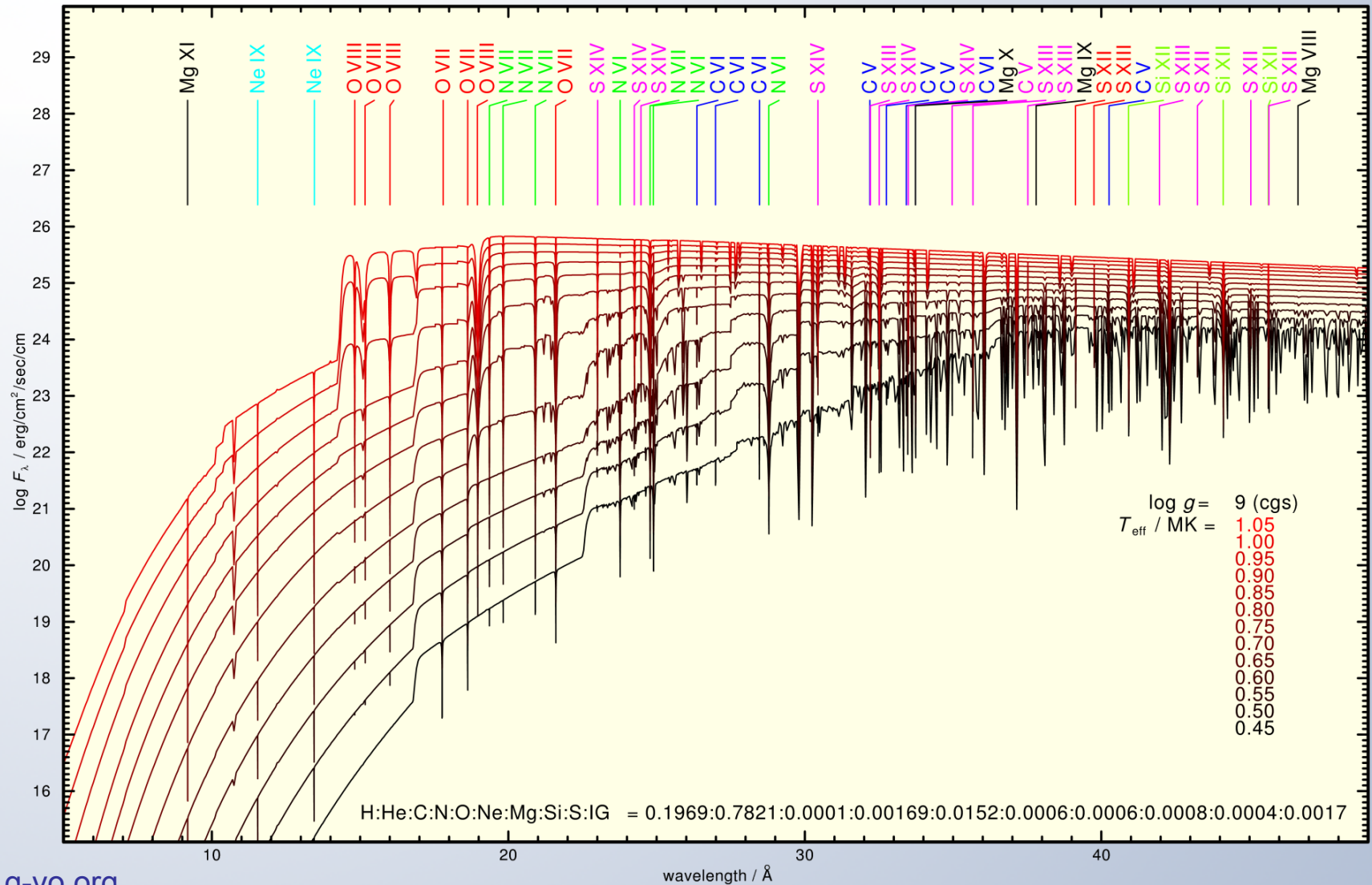


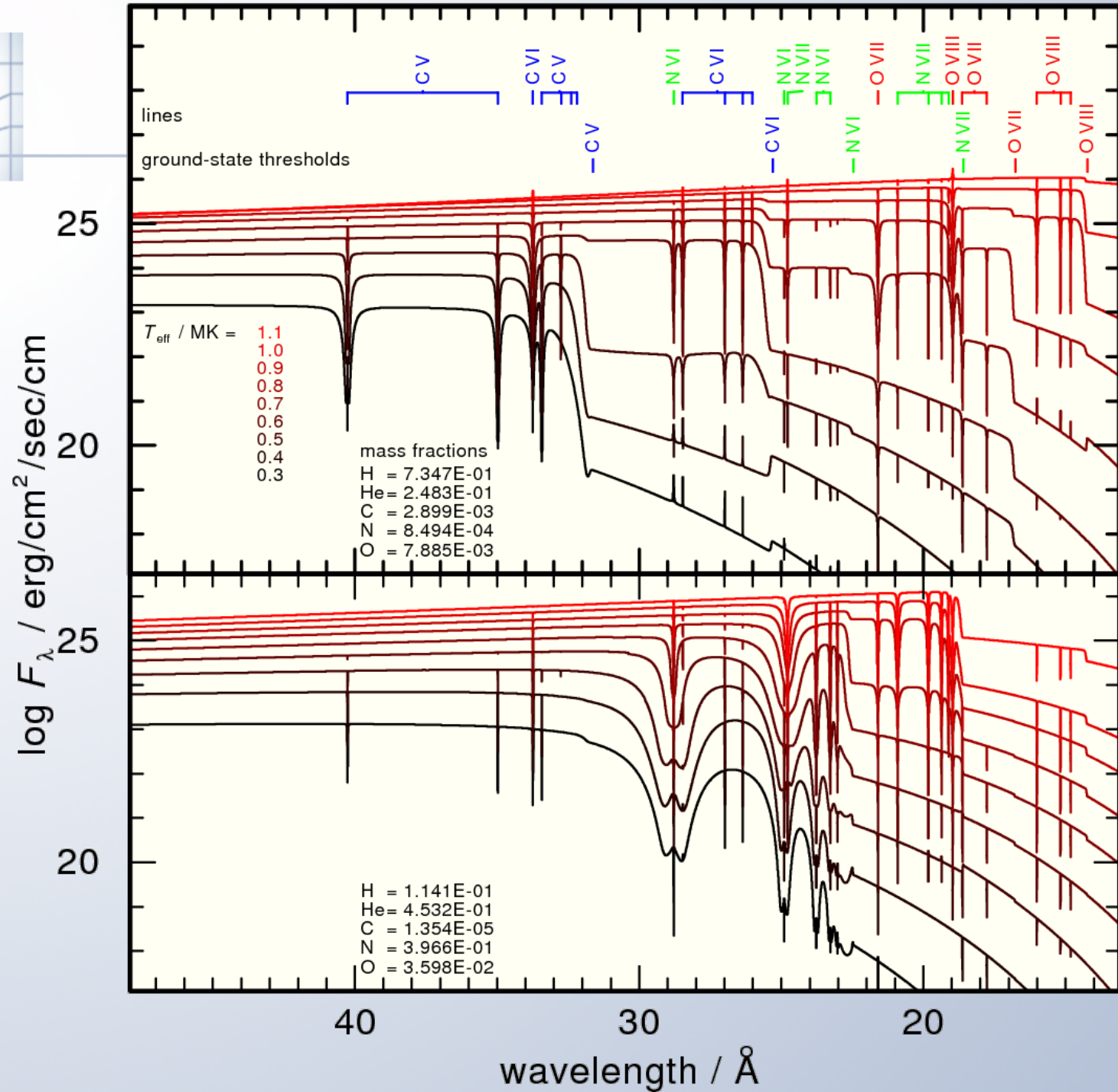


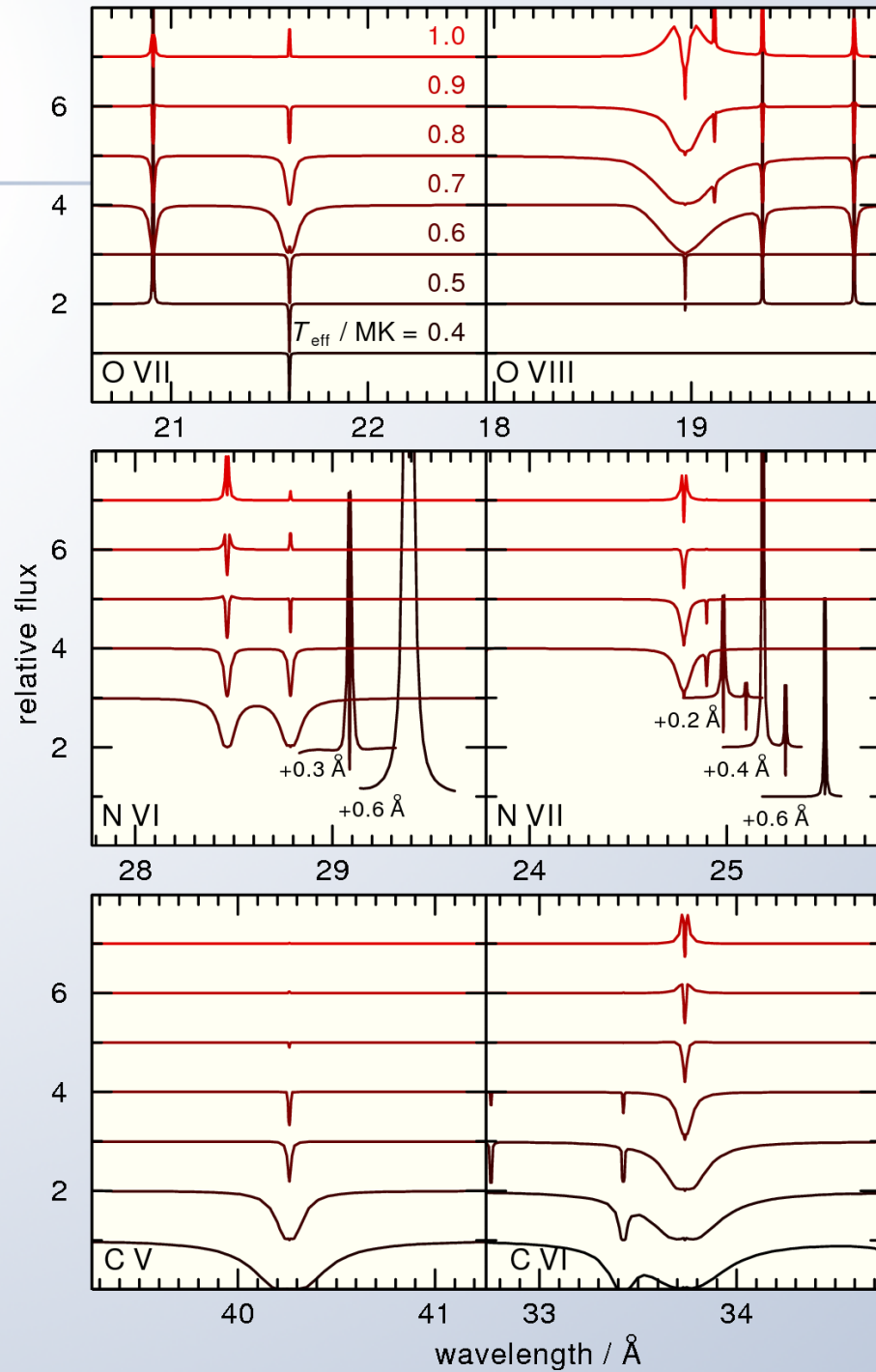


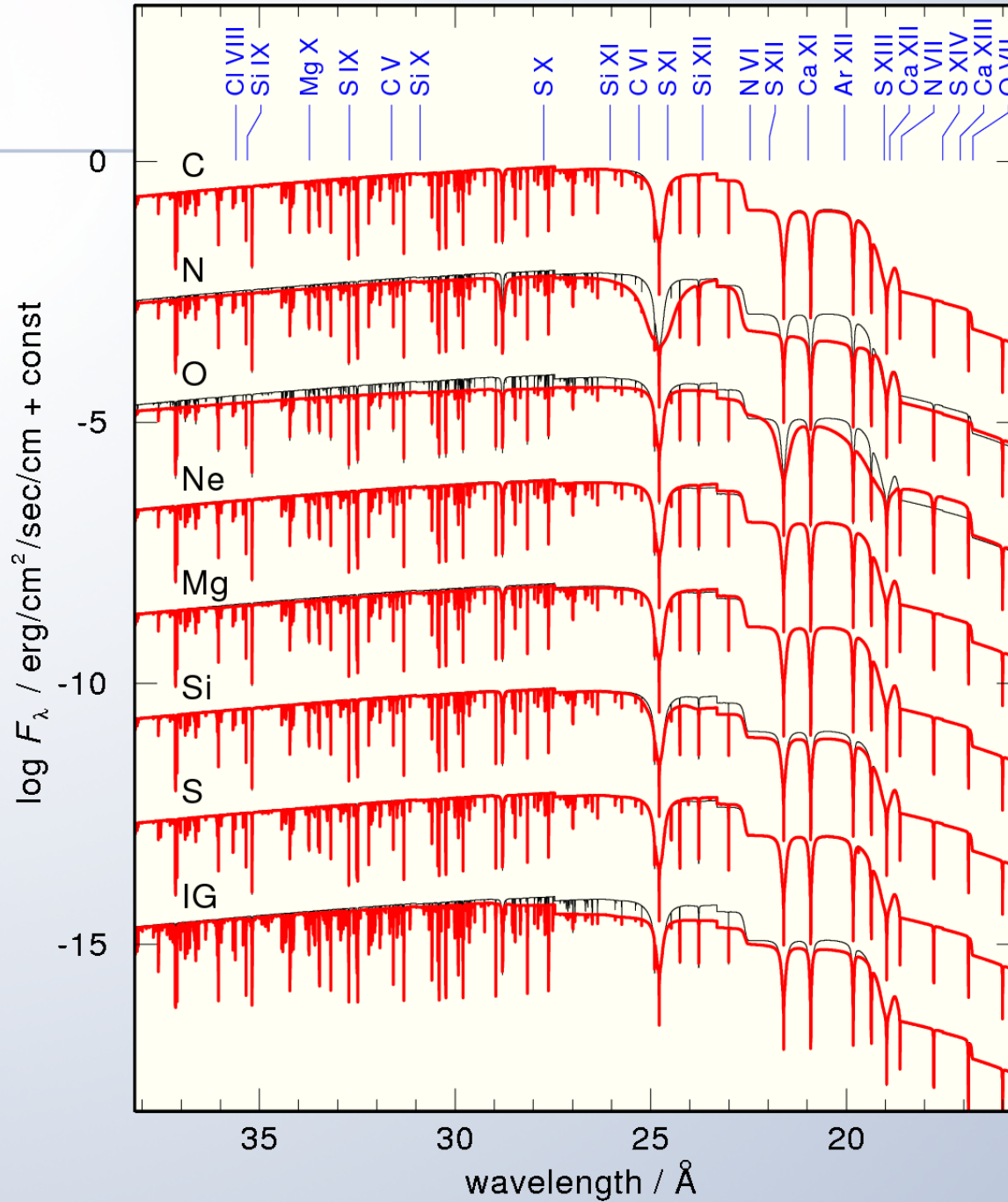


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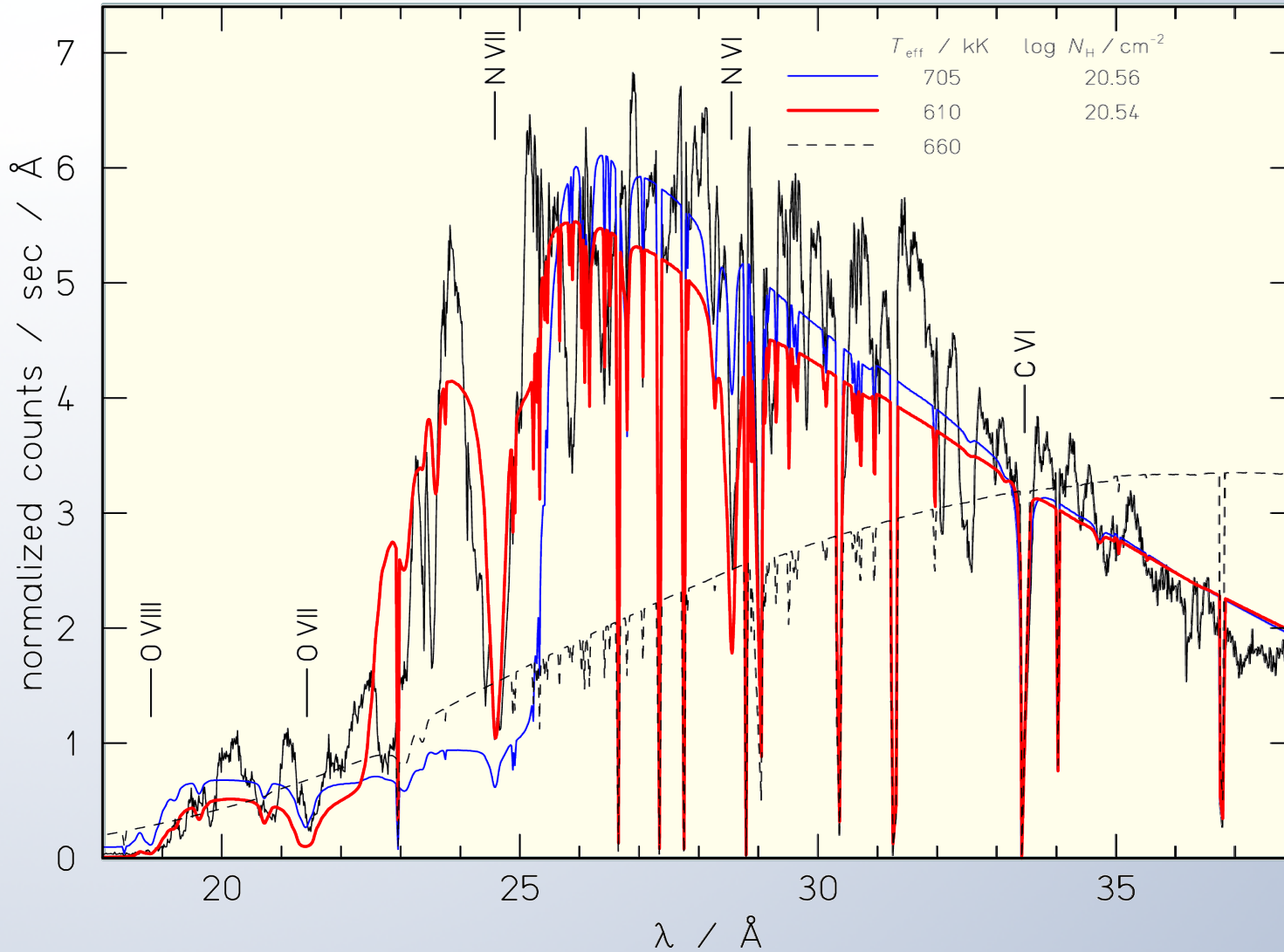


$T_{\text{eff}} = 0.7 \text{ MK}$

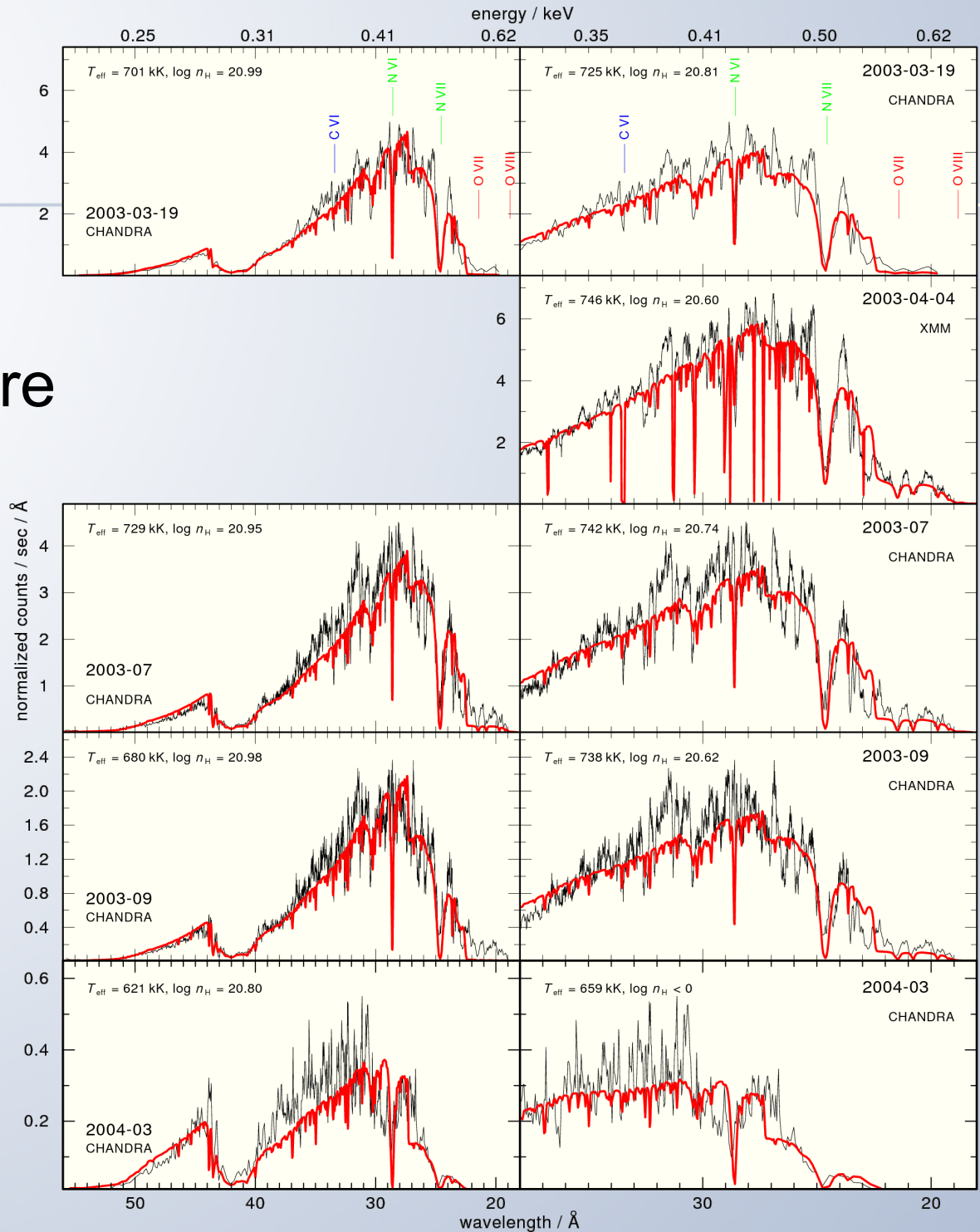
Nova V 4743 Sgr

- outburst Sep 20, 2002, $m_V = 5$
- Mar 2003: brightest super-soft source in the sky
- CHANDRA spectrum
 - C V, C VI, N VI, N VII, O VII absorptions
 - $T_{\text{eff}} \approx 1 - 2 \text{ MK}$ (Ness et al. 2003)
- XMM-RGS spectrum (Apr 4, 2003)
 - $T_{\text{eff}} \approx 610 \text{ kK}$ (Rauch, Werner & Orio 2005)

V 4743 Sgr

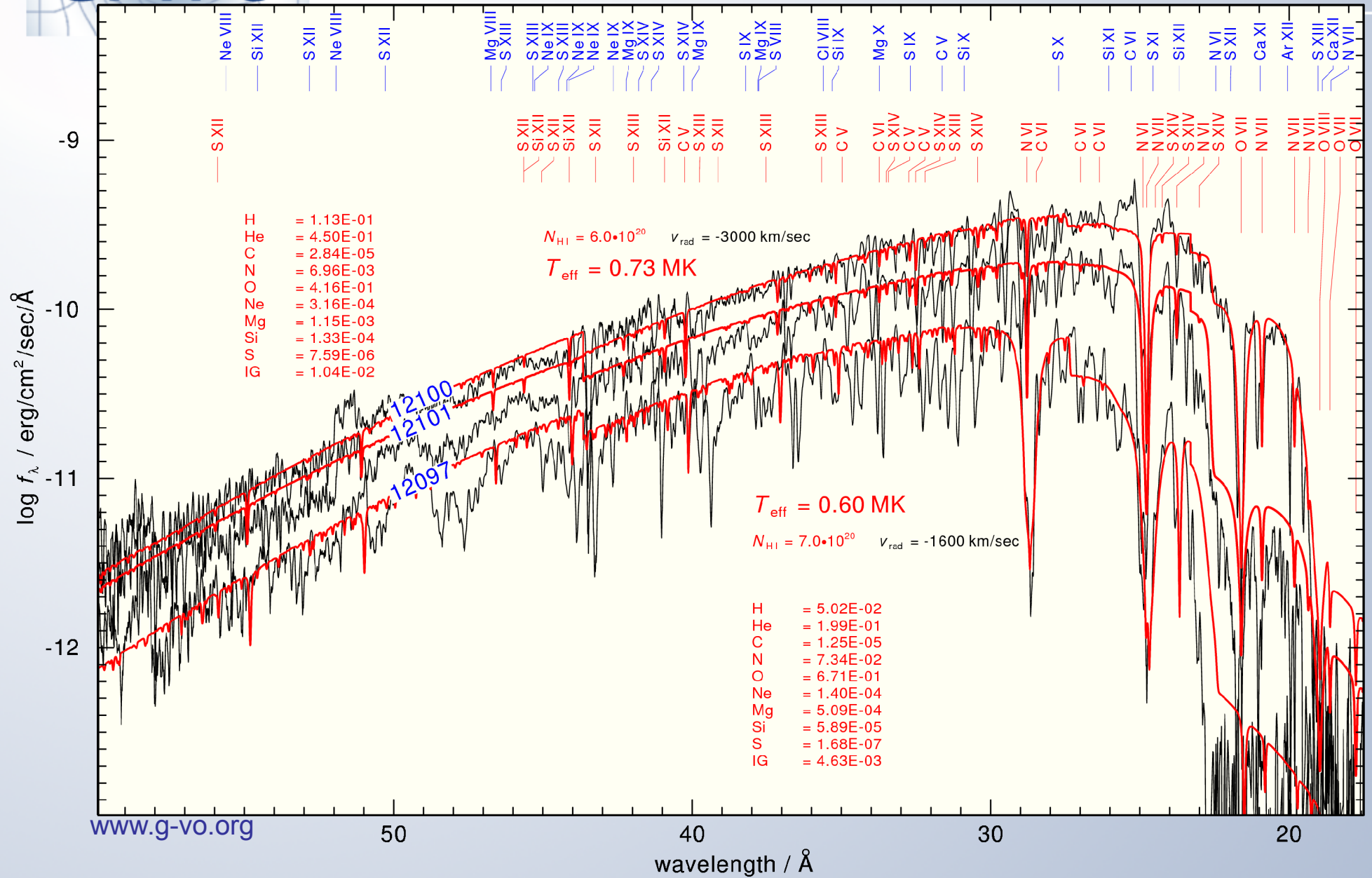


Effective Temperature of Nova V 4743 Sgr after Burst

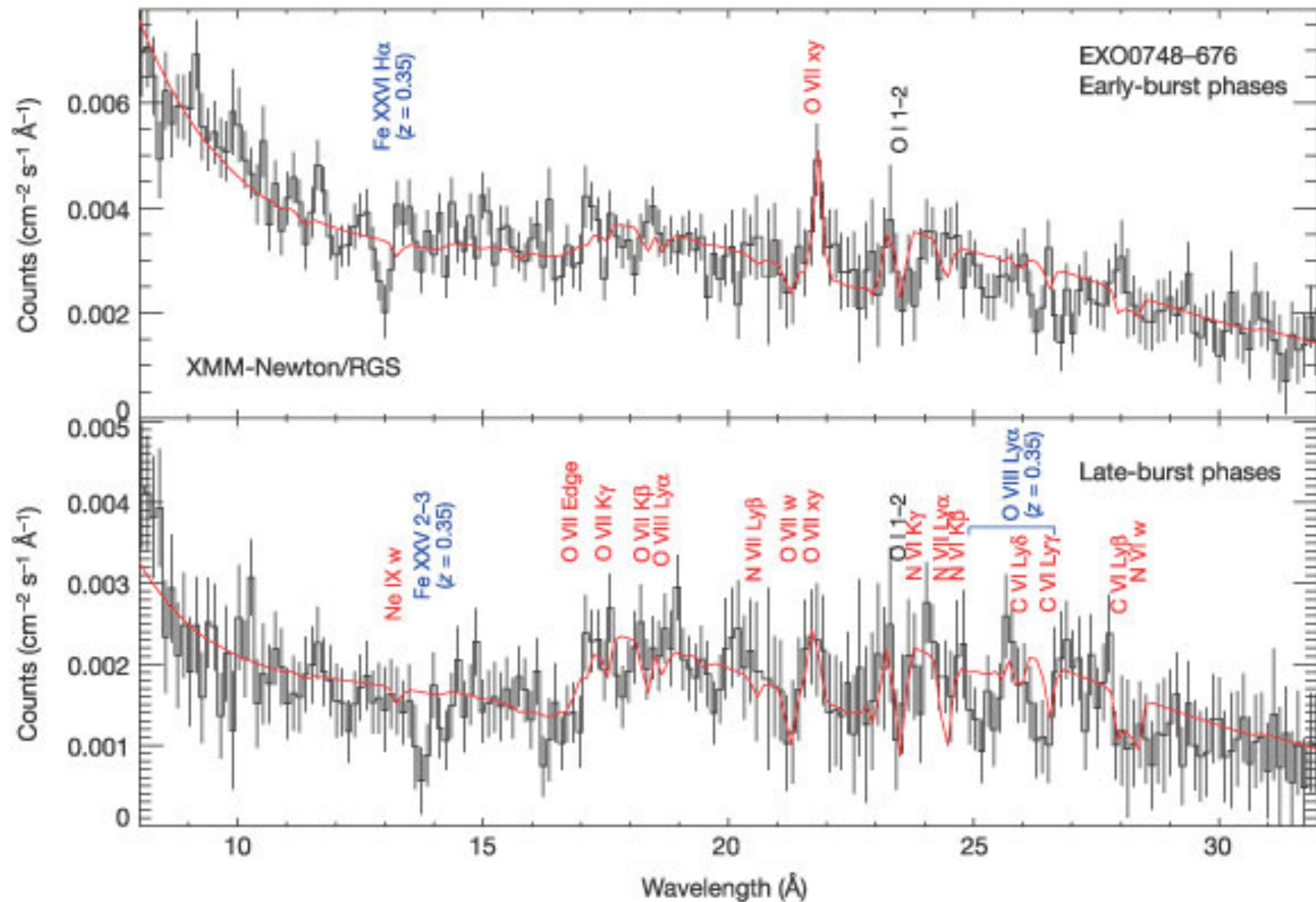


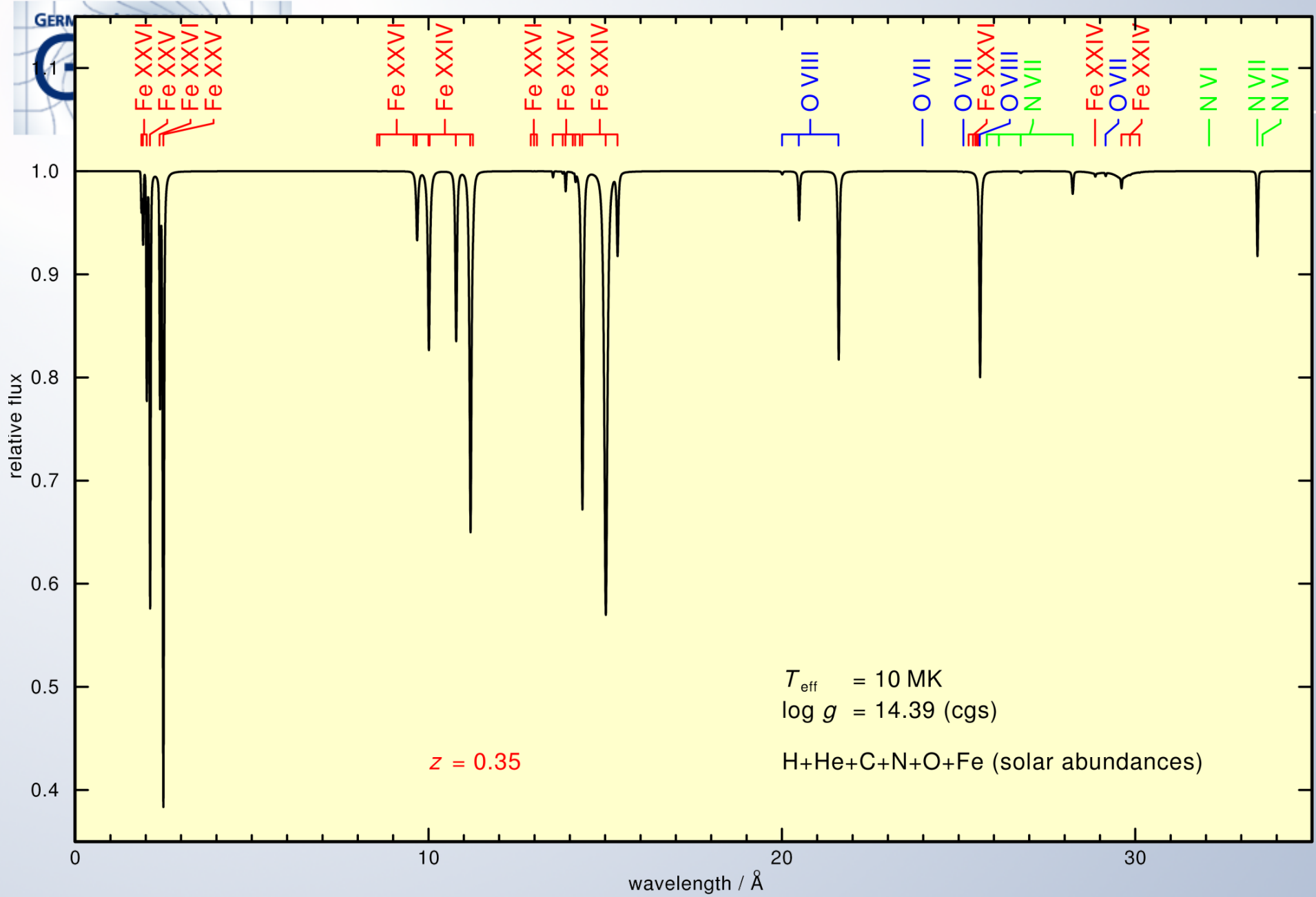
- $T_{\text{eff}} = 550 - 1050$ kK
- $\log g = 9$
- “V 4743 Sgr” abundance pattern
 - C/N abundance ratio from
[C] = -1.5, [N] = 1.8 to [C] = -0.4, [N] = 0.2
- <http://astro.uni-tuebingen.de/~rauch/>
 - atables (in FITS format) for XSPEC

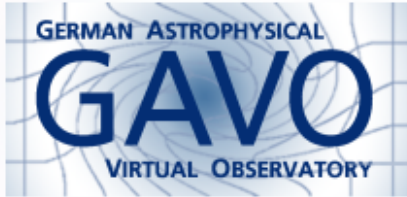
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 - *TMAW* (<http://astro.uni-tuebingen.de/~TMAW/TMAW.shtml>)
- Atomic Data
 - *TMAD* (<http://astro.uni-tuebingen.de/~TMAD/TMAD.html>)