

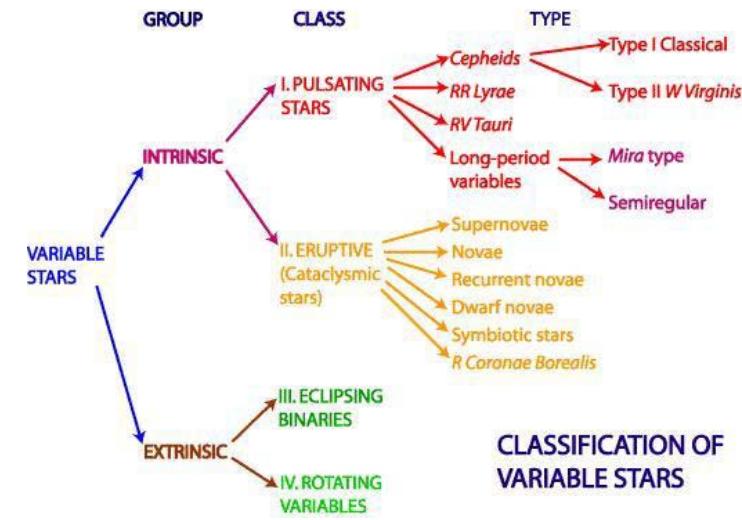
three - body recombination :



# Pulsating Stars

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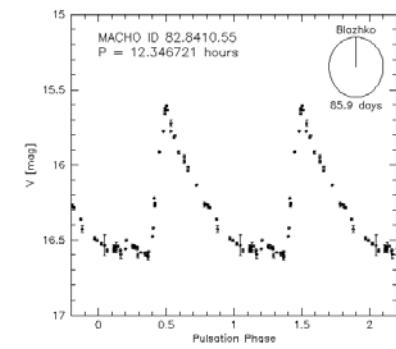
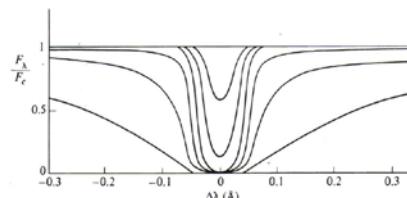
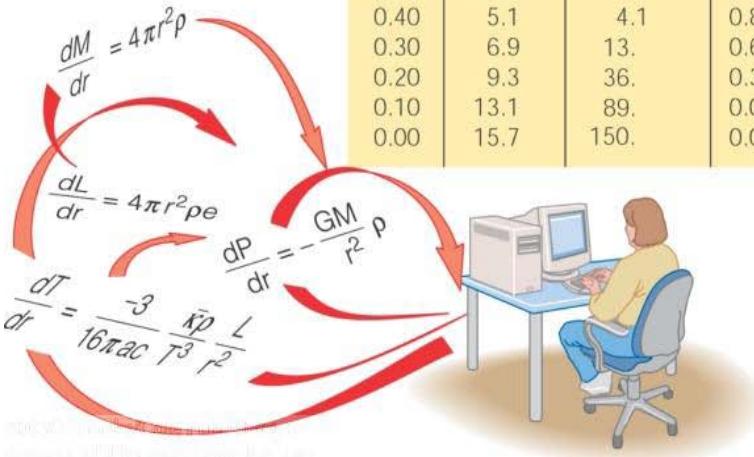
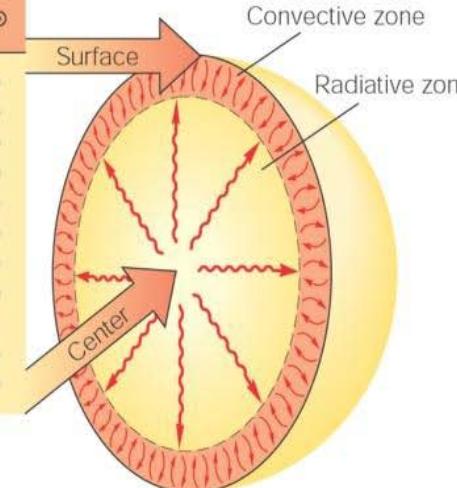


**CLASSIFICATION OF VARIABLE STARS**

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$$\eta_\rho \rightarrow \frac{\gamma+1}{\gamma-1} \text{ if } M_1 \rightarrow \infty$$

$R/R_\odot$	$T$ ( $10^6$ K)	Density ( $\text{g/cm}^3$ )	$M/M_\odot$	$L/L_\odot$
1.00	0.006	0.00	1.00	1.00
0.90	0.60	0.009	0.999	1.00
0.80	1.2	0.035	0.996	1.00
0.70	2.3	0.12	0.990	1.00
0.60	3.1	0.40	0.97	1.00
0.50	4.9	1.3	0.92	1.00
0.40	5.1	4.1	0.82	1.00
0.30	6.9	13.	0.63	0.99
0.20	9.3	36.	0.34	0.91
0.10	13.1	89.	0.073	0.40
0.00	15.7	150.	0.000	0.00



$$\kappa \propto \frac{\rho}{T^{3.5}}$$

# An outstanding laboratory

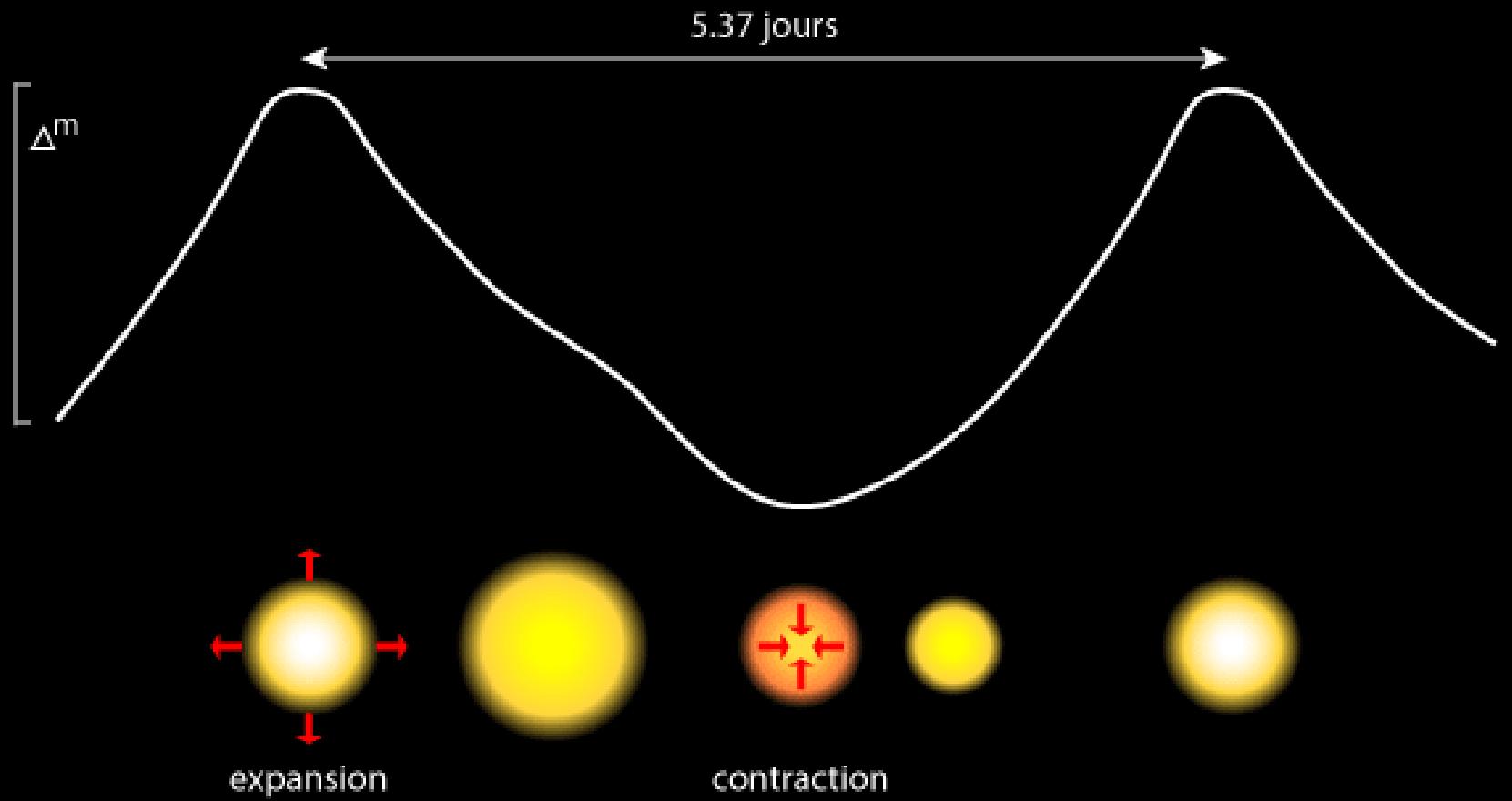
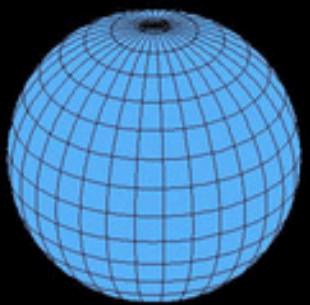


Our Galaxy:  
100 billion stars

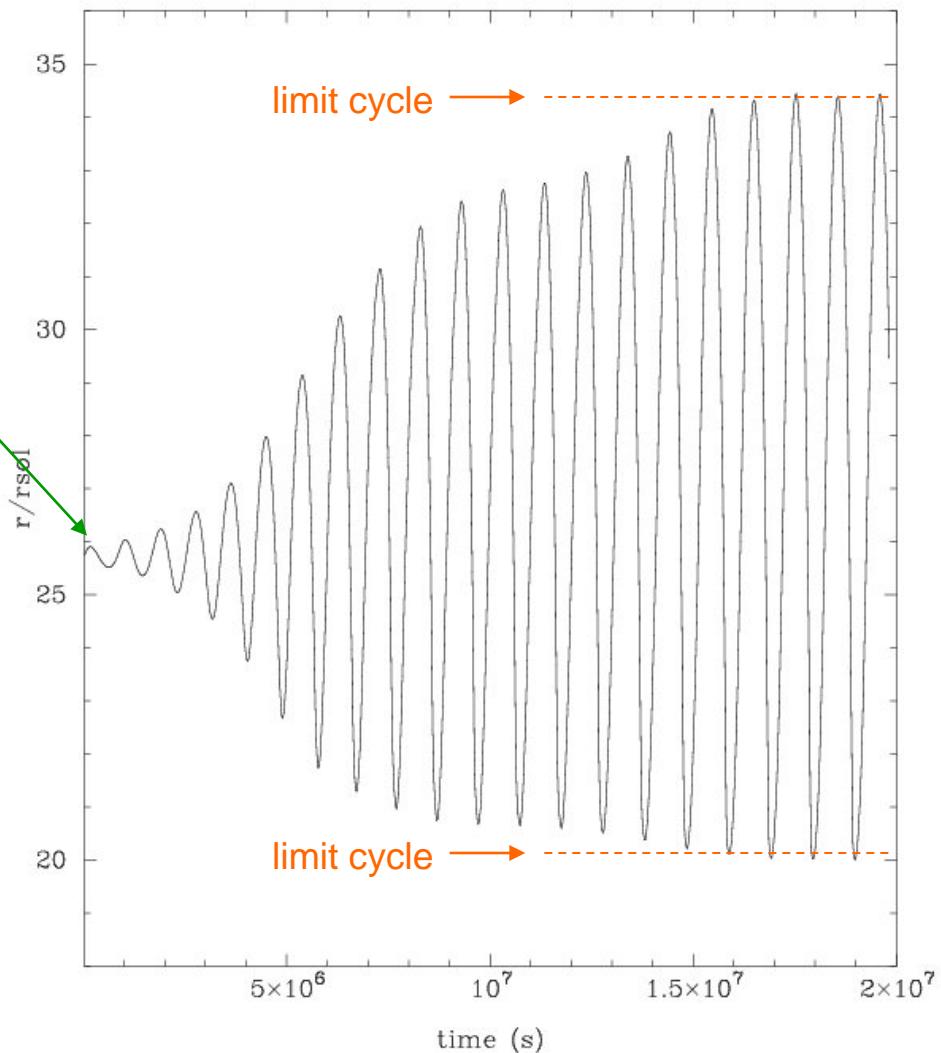
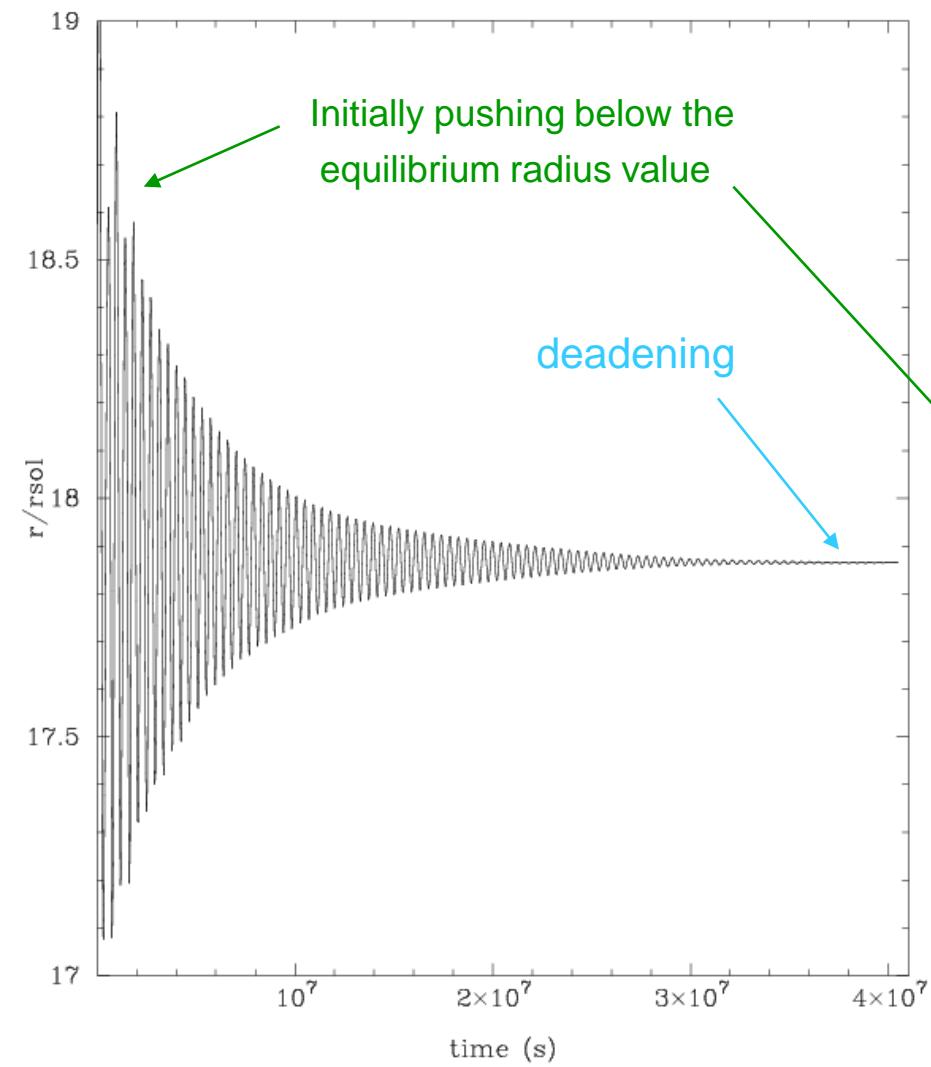
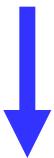
about  
a star  
on 100,000  
is pulsating

★ The Sun

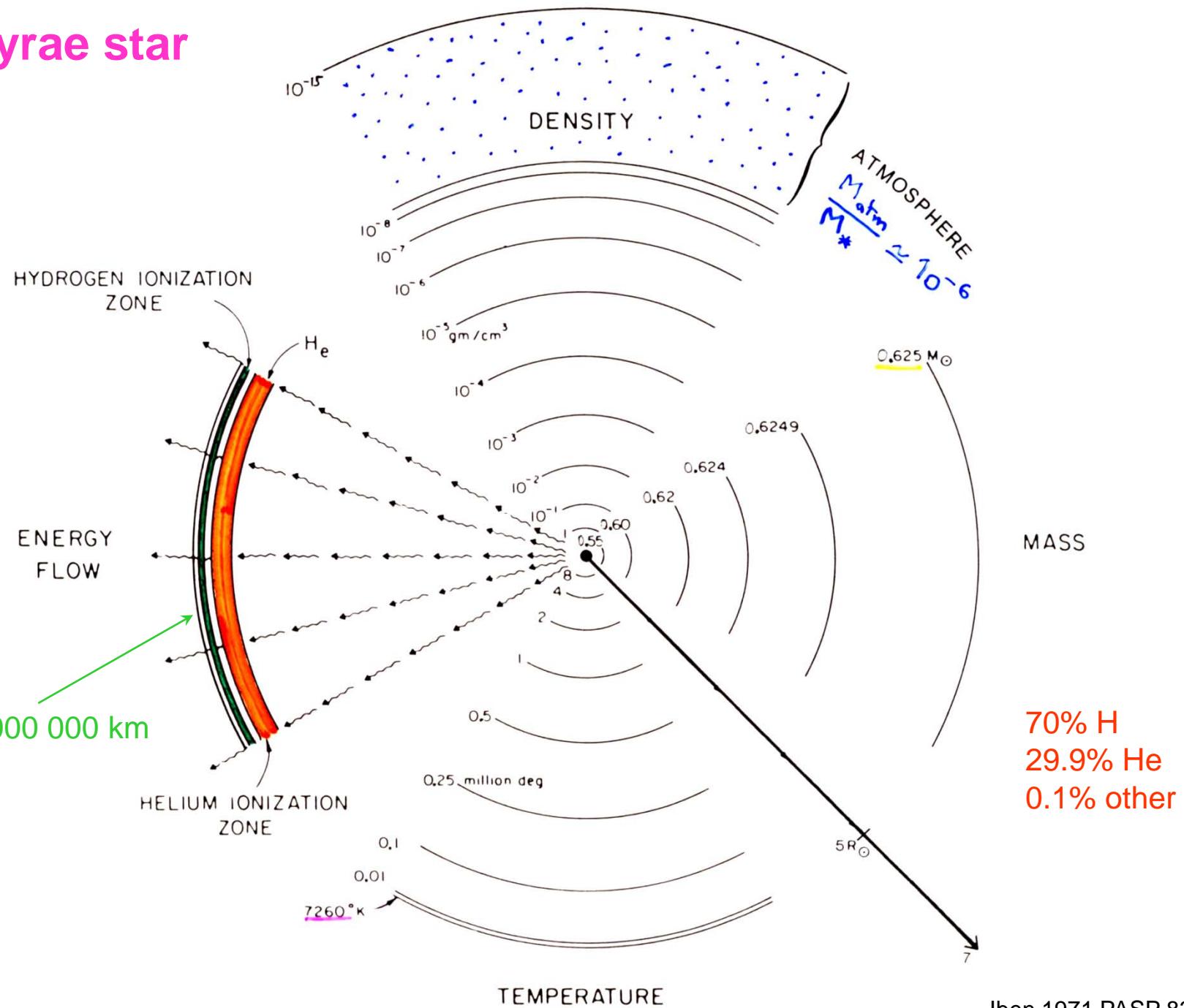
# Stellar pulsation



# Stable (ordinary star) & Unstable (pulsating star)

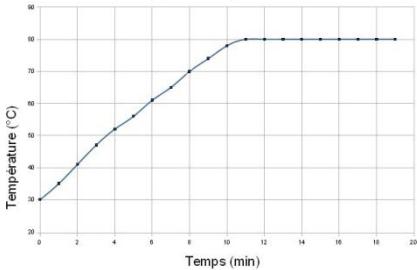


# RR Lyrae star





Variation de la température en fonction du temps pour un liquide



## HYDROGEN IONIZATION ZONE

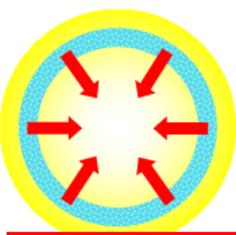


10,000 K

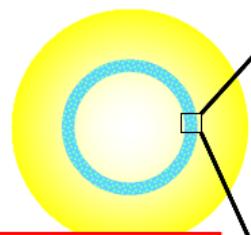
$H_e$

40,000 K

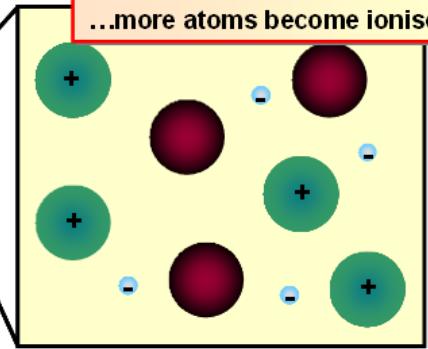
# The $\kappa$ -mechanism



Temperature of partial ionisation zone does not change much upon compression, but...



...more atoms become ionised.



$$\kappa \propto \frac{\rho}{T^{3.5}}$$

photosphere

HELIUM IONIZATION ZONE

three - body recombination :



Radiative recombination



PHYSICS OF  
SHOCK WAVES AND  
HIGH-TEMPERATURE  
HYDRODYNAMIC  
PHENOMENA

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- hydrogen ionization zone ( $H \rightleftharpoons H^+$  and  $He \rightleftharpoons He^+$ )



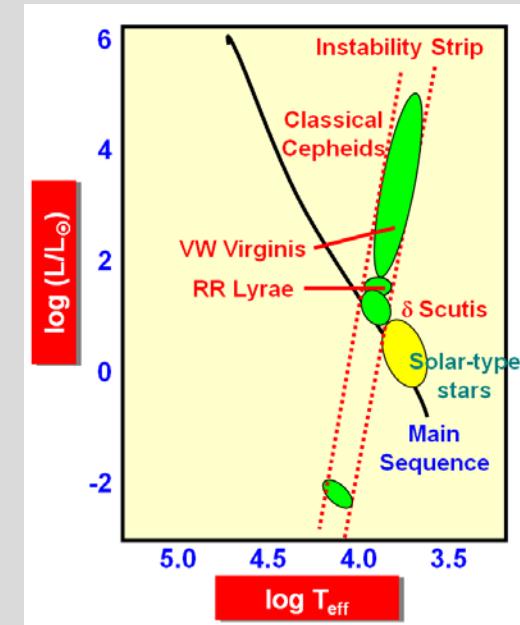
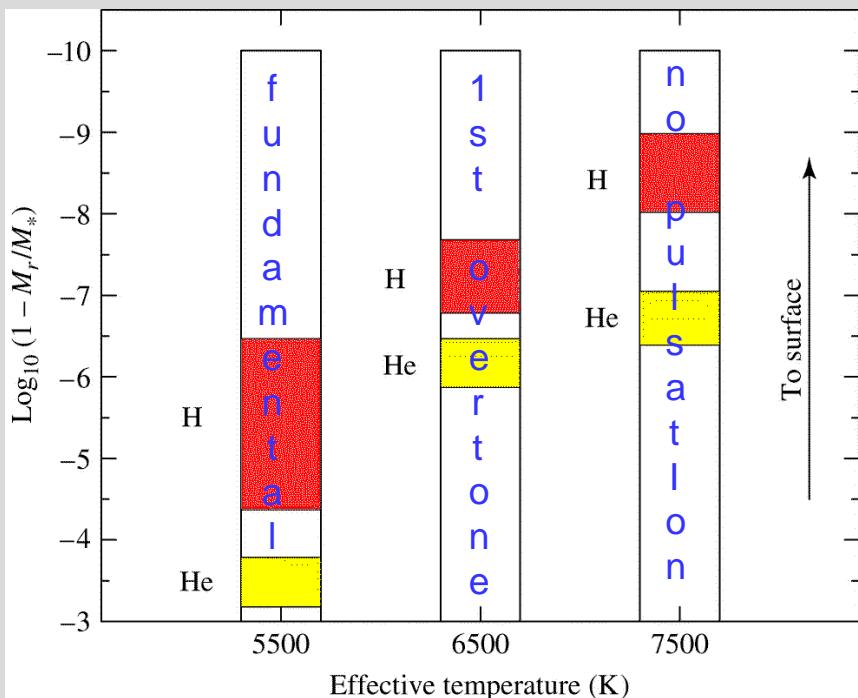
$T = 10,000 - 15,000 \text{ K}$

- helium II ionization zone ( $He^+ \rightleftharpoons He^{++}$ )



$T = 40,000 \text{ K}$

## The instability strip



- If the star is too hot, the ionization zones will be too near the surface to drive the oscillations.
- This accounts for the “**blue edge**” of the instability strip.
- The “**red edge**” is probably due to the onset of convection.

# RR Lyr

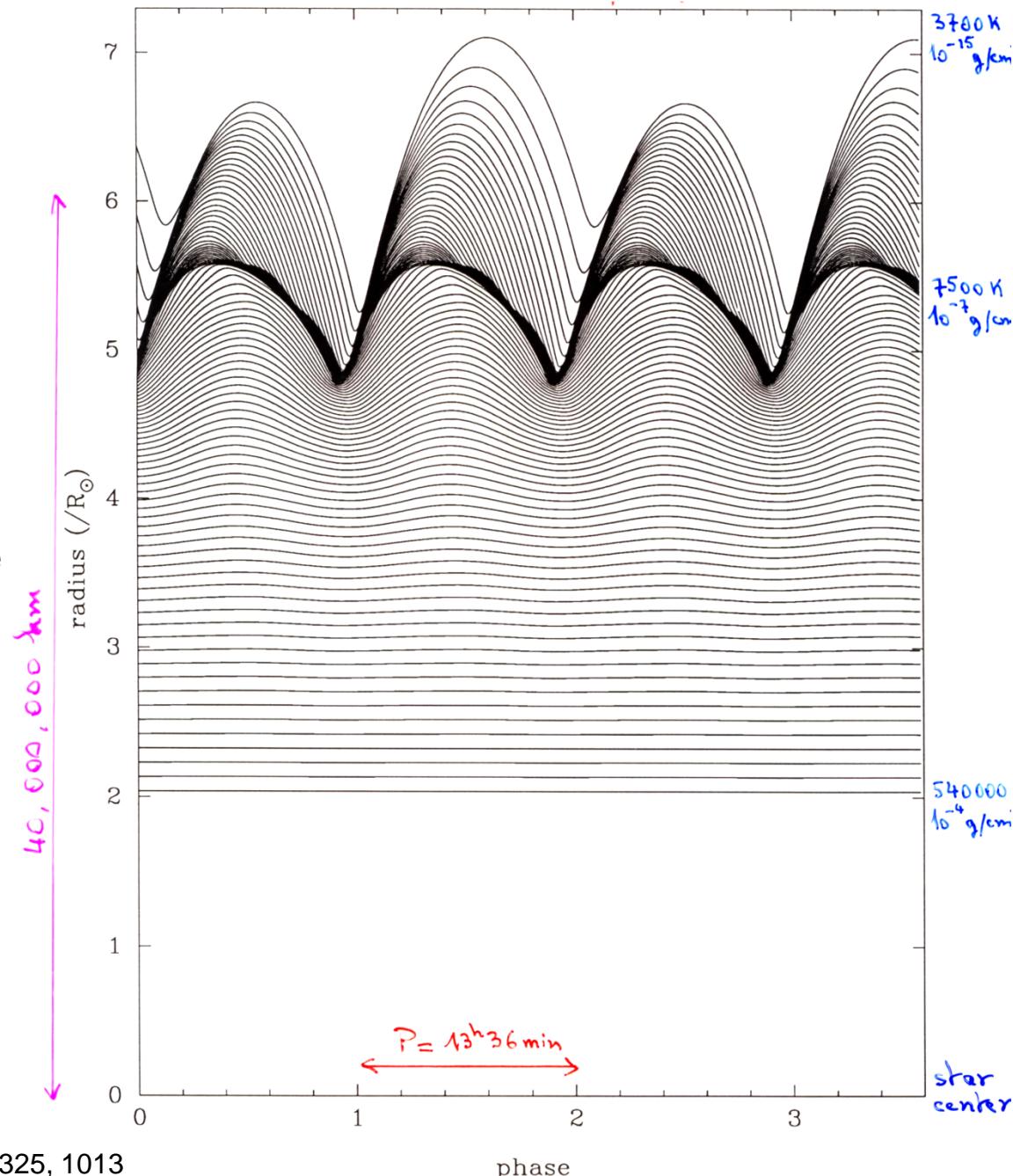
$T_{\text{eff}} = 7175 \text{ K}$

$M = 0.6 M_{\text{sun}}$

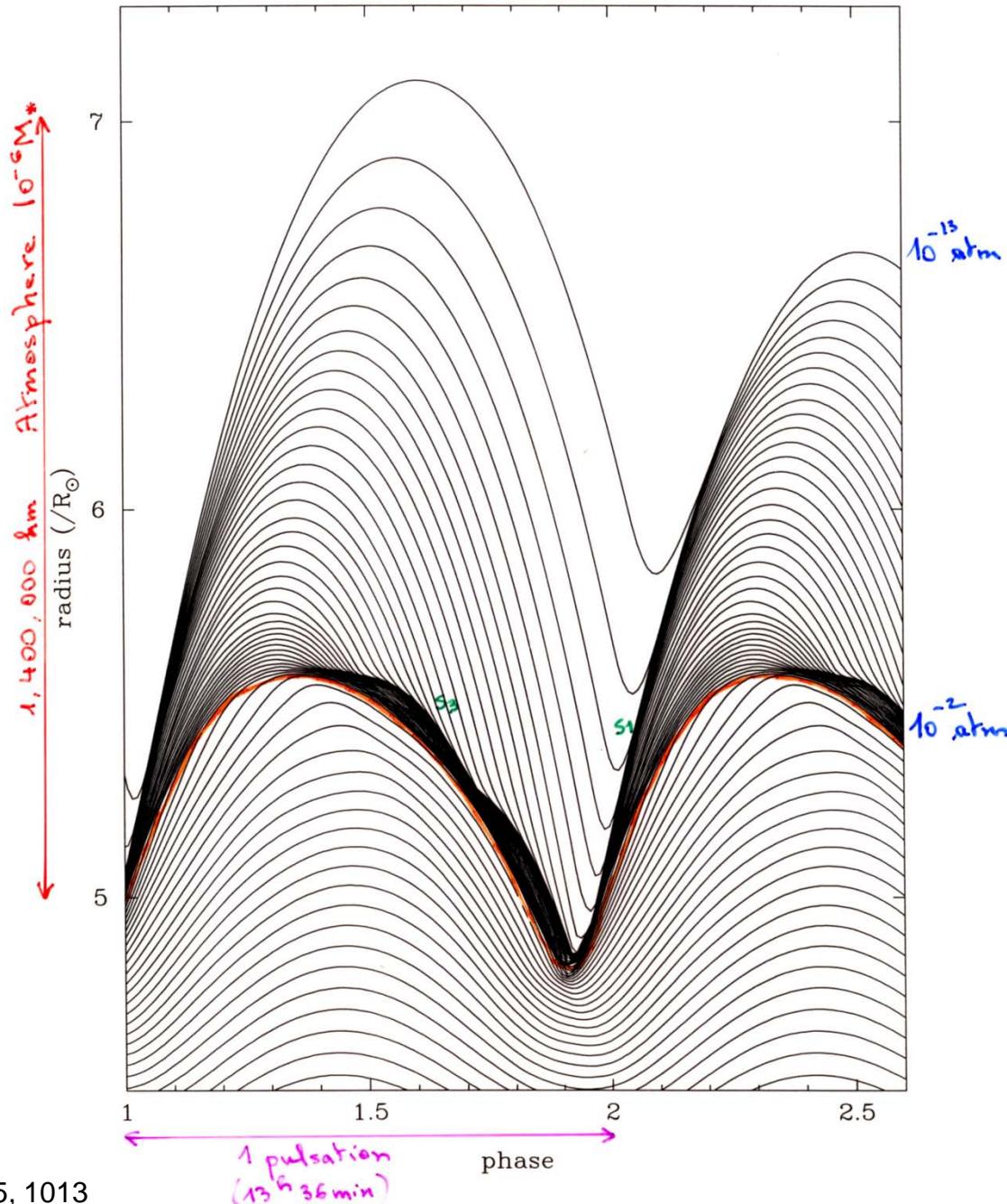
$L = 62 L_{\text{sun}}$

90 layers

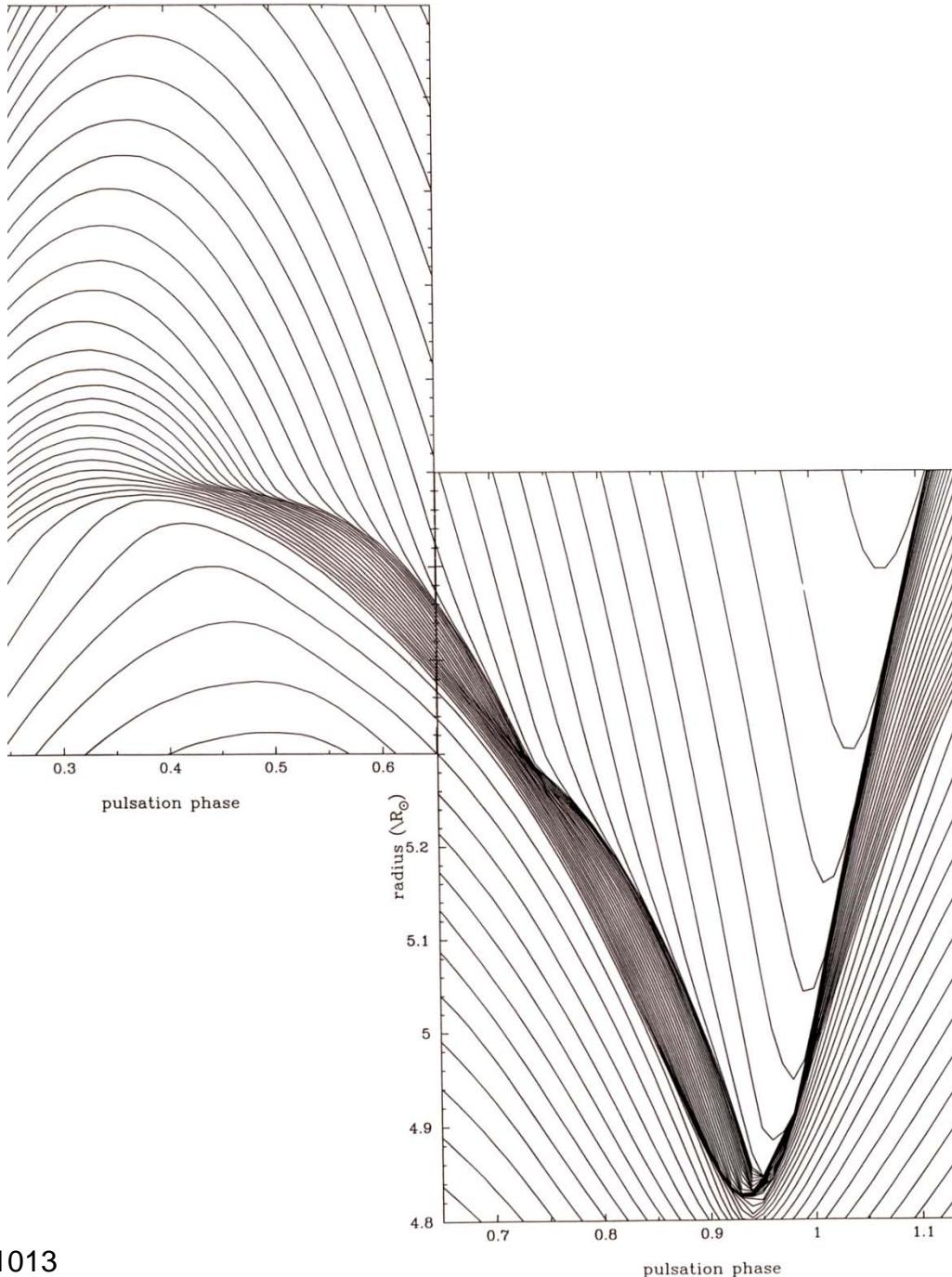
opacity with Fe



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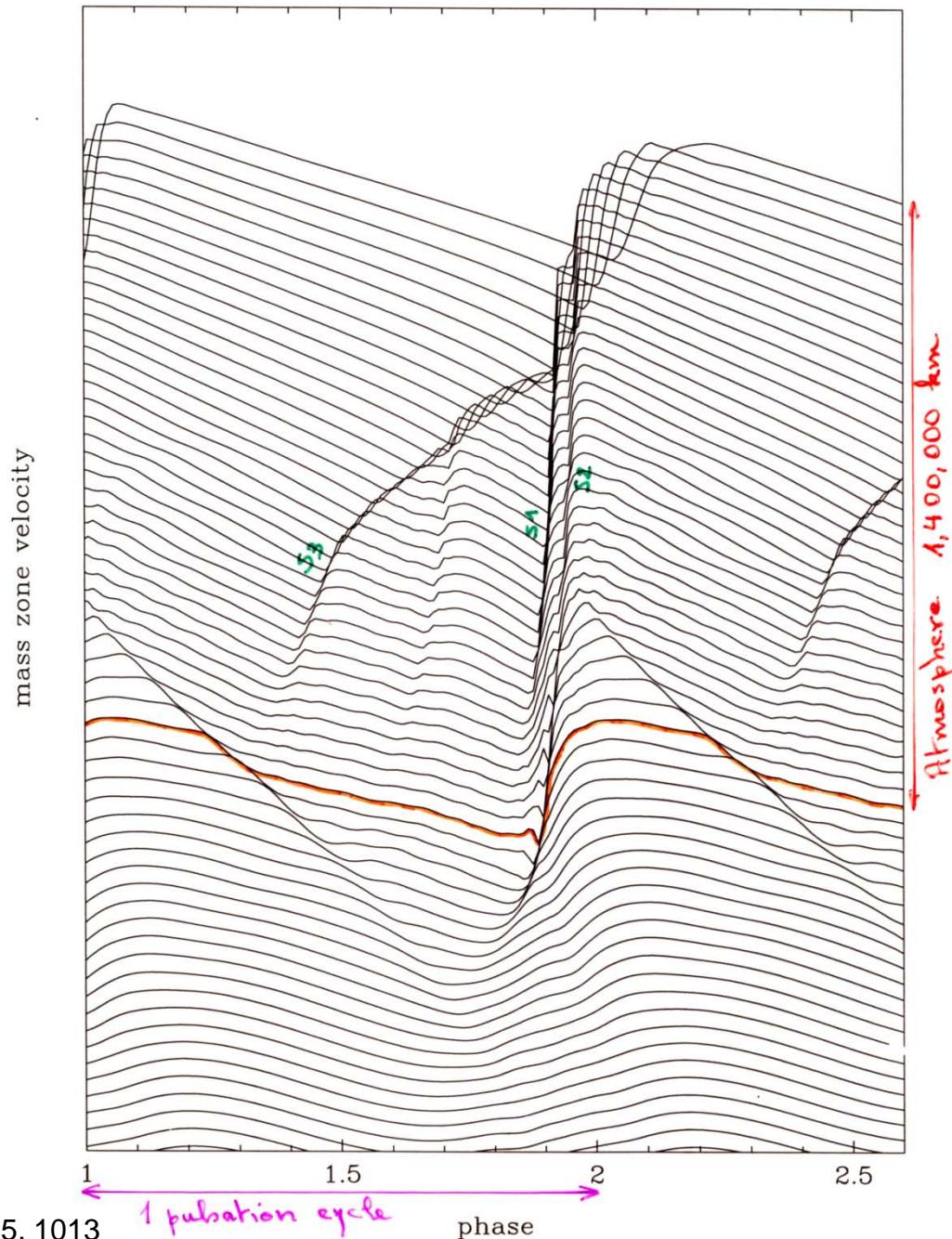


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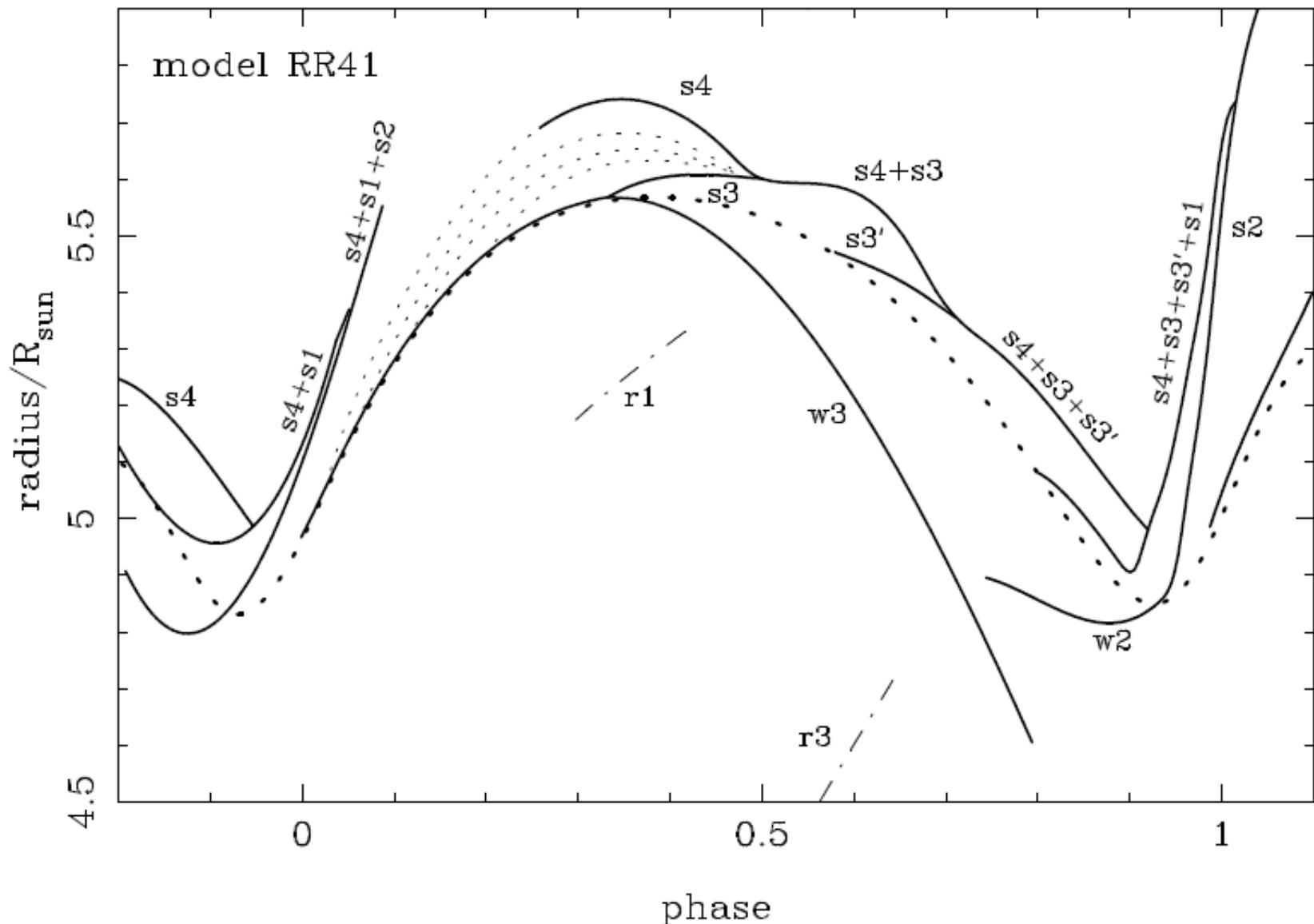
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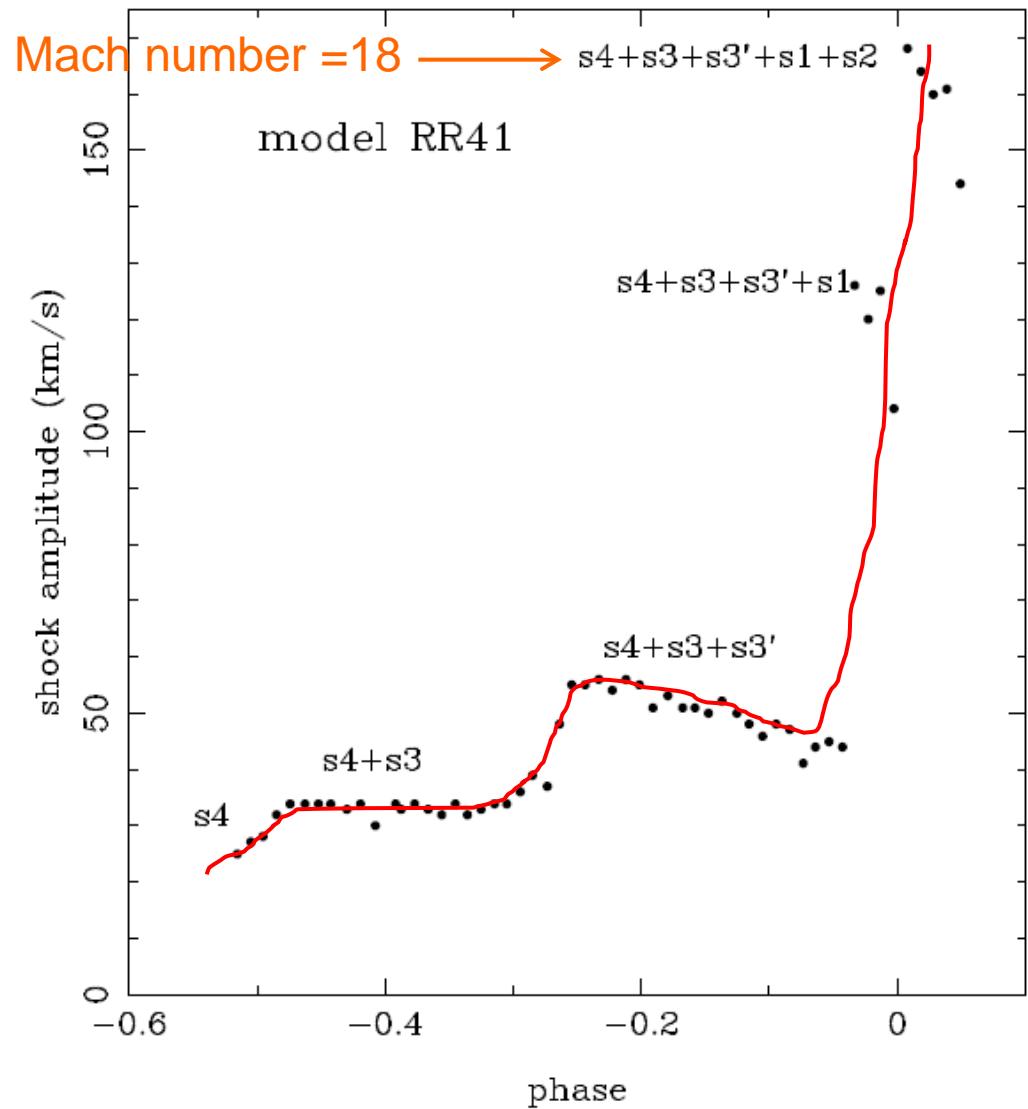
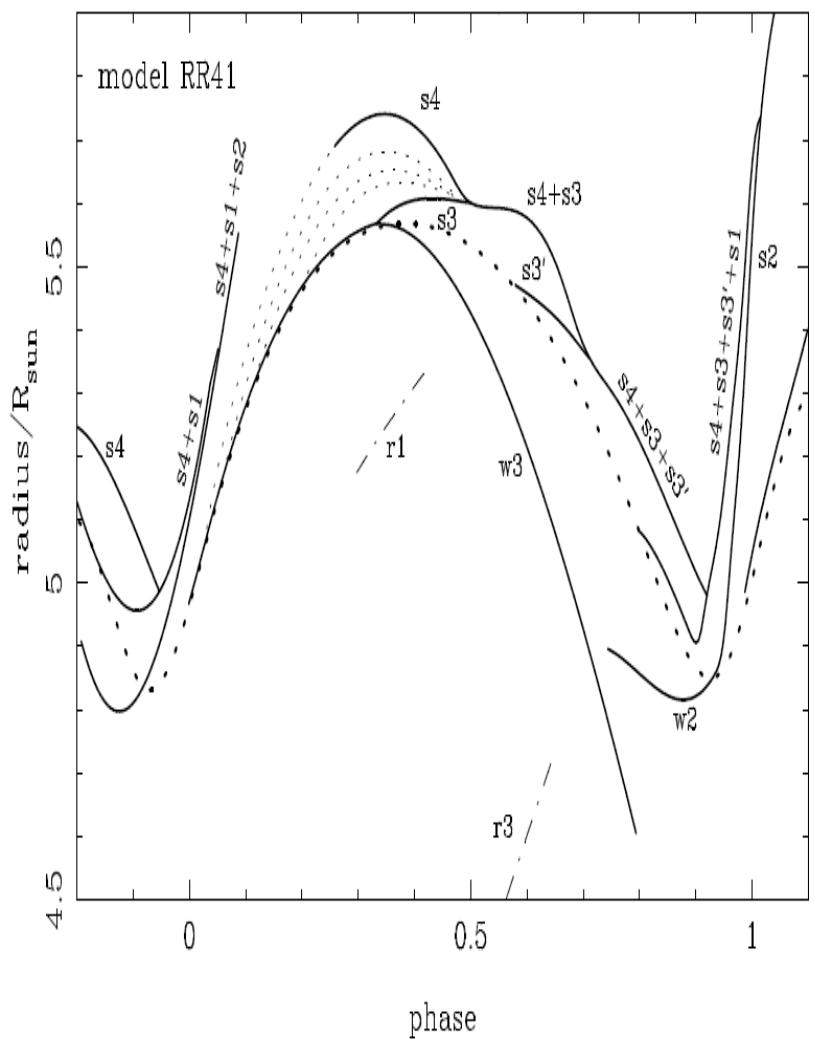




# The 5 shock waves in RR Lyr



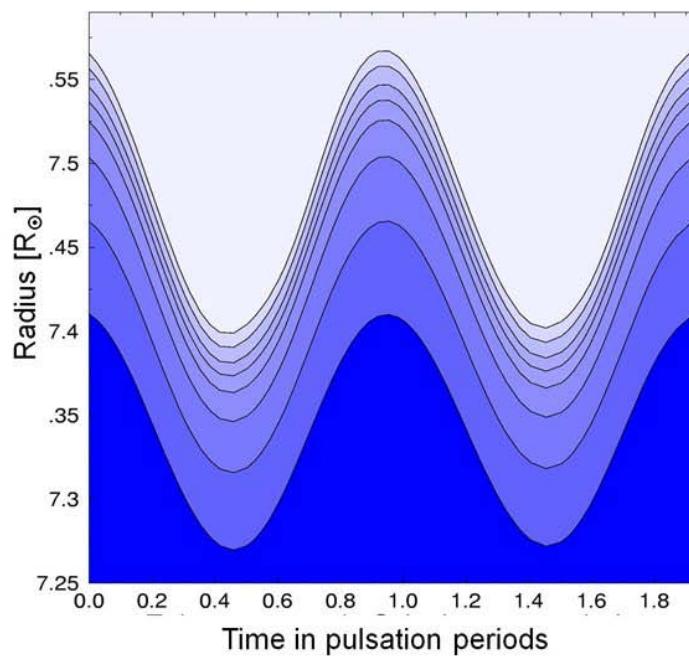
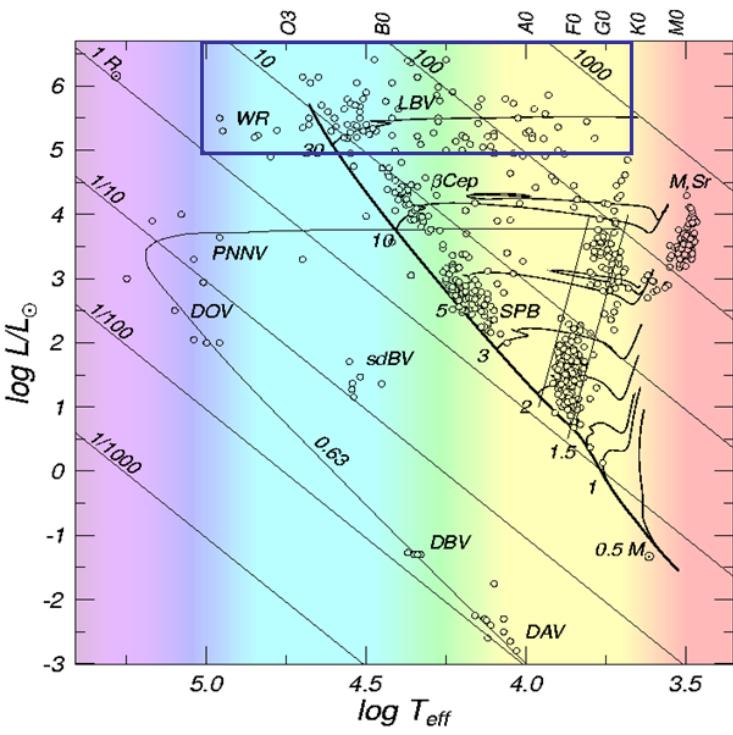
# The velocity of the 5 shock waves in RR Lyr



# Pulsations with small amplitudes

Comparaison de la dynamique atmosphérique dans le cas d'une pulsation classique (small amplitudes) et dans le cas d'une pulsation de fortes amplitudes (atmosphere with shock waves).

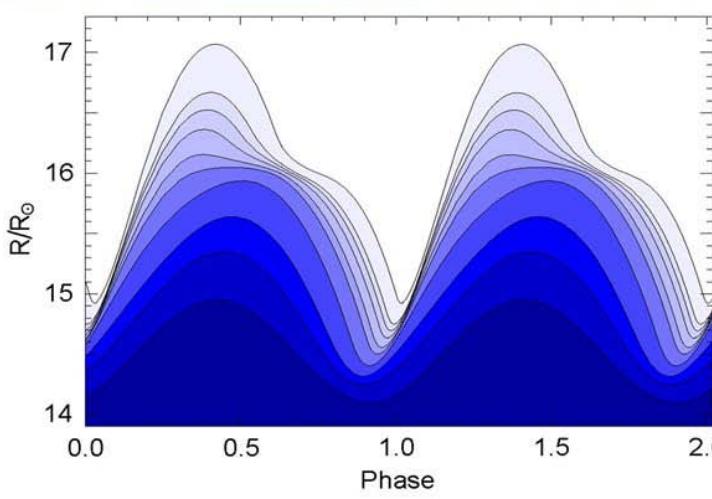
From Ernst A. Dorfi  
Universität Wien.



$M = 20 M_\odot$   
 $L = 66000 L_\odot$   
 $T_{\text{eff}} = 27100 \text{ K}$   
 $P = 0.29 \text{ days}$

Synchronous motion of mass shells

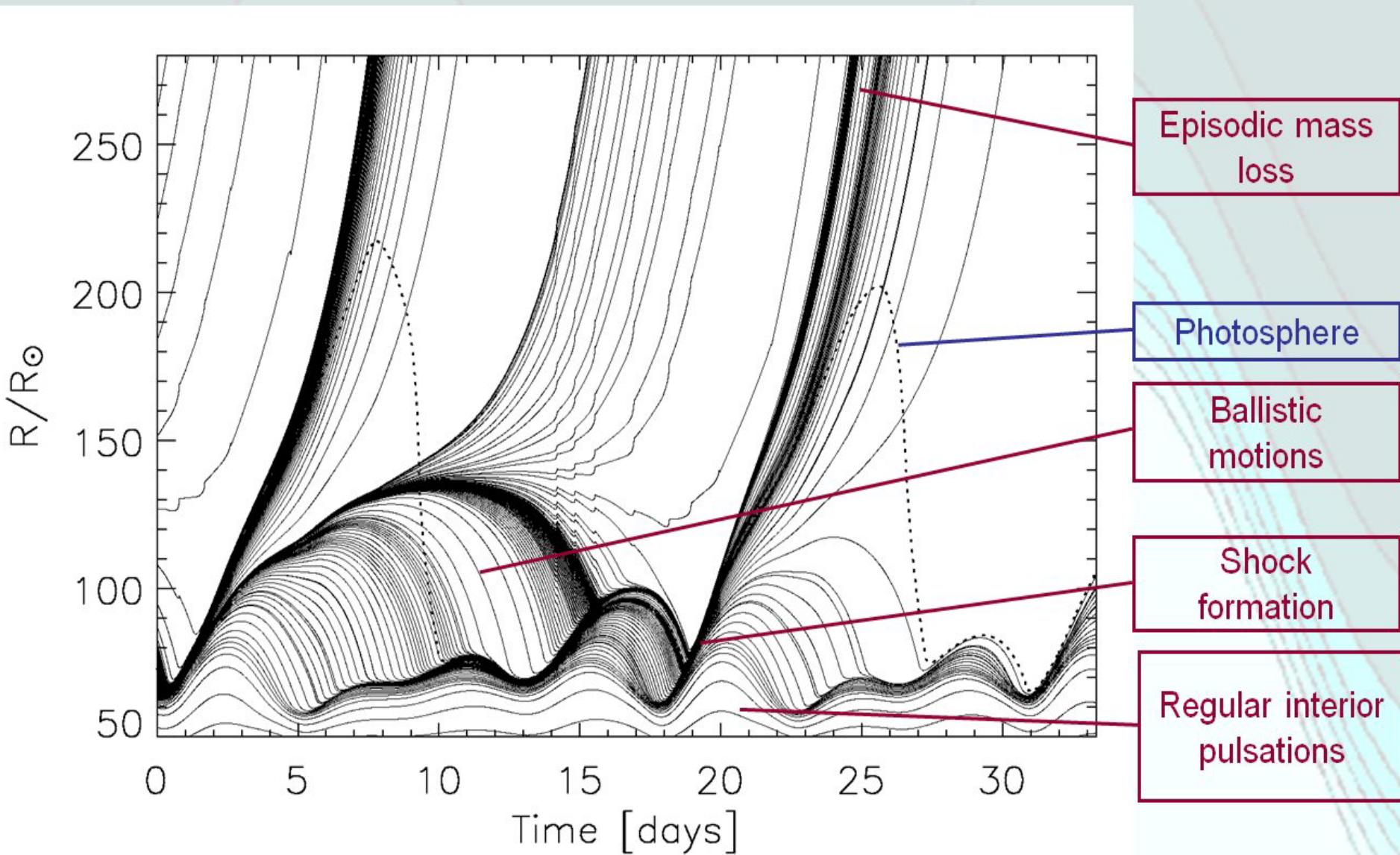
## Atmosphere with shock waves



$M = 25 M_\odot$   
 $L = 282000 L_\odot$   
 $T_{\text{eff}} = 33900 \text{ K}$   
 $P = 0.49 \text{ days}$

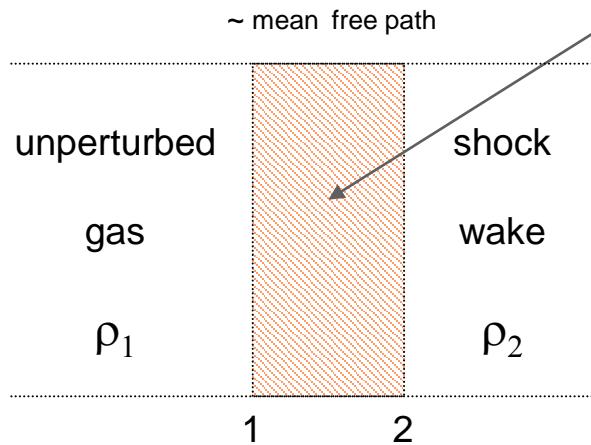
Ballistic motions on the scale of  $t_{\text{ff}}$

# Motion of mass shells



Dynamique extrême de l'atmosphère d'une supergéante pulsante subissant des chocs de très forte intensité conduisant à des phénomènes de perte de masse sporadiques. From Ernst A. Dorfi Universität Wien.

# The weak shock: viscous shock front

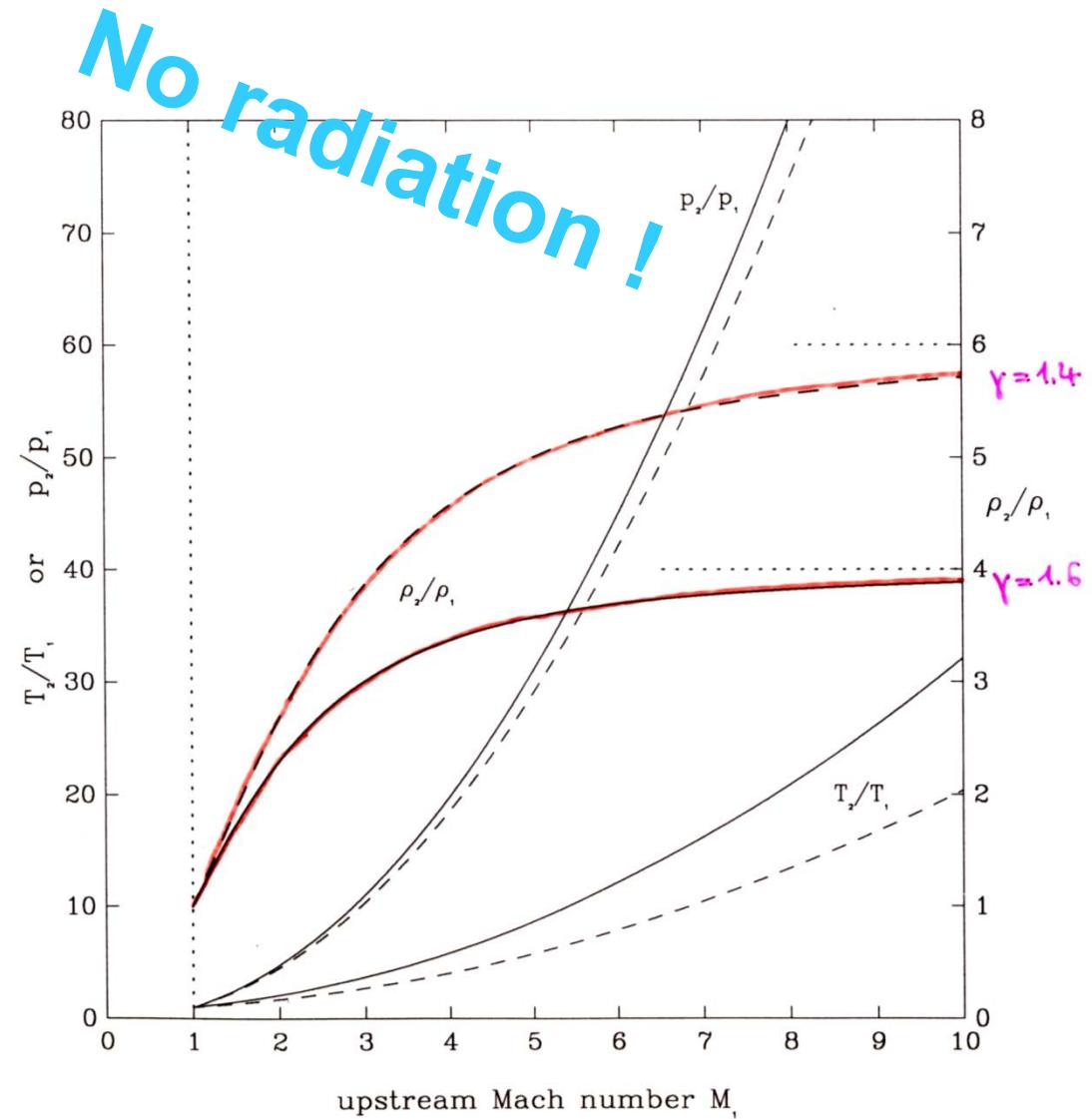


$$\frac{u_1^2}{2} + h_1 = \frac{u_2^2}{2} + h_2$$

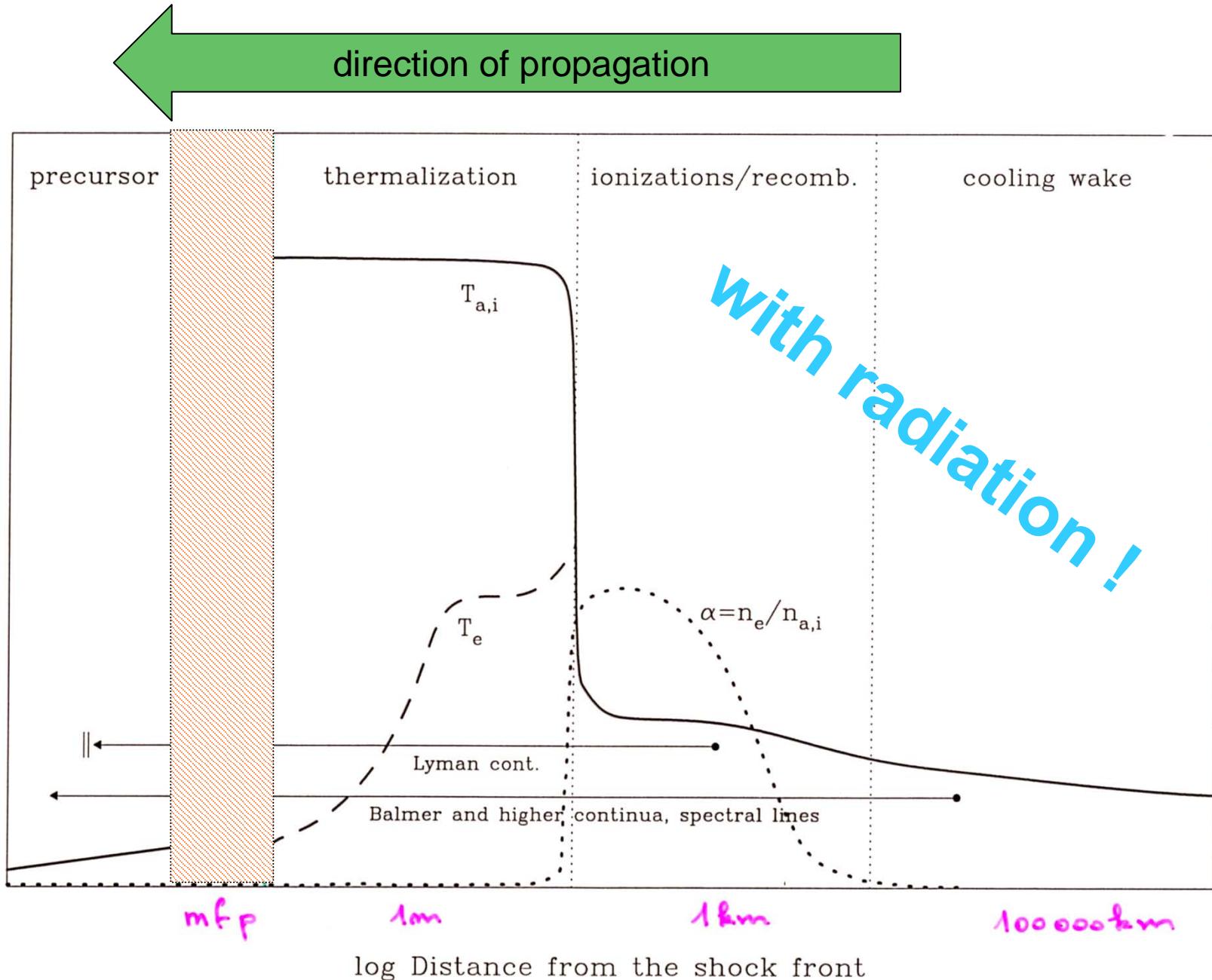
$$h \equiv \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \frac{p}{\rho} + \frac{p}{\rho}$$

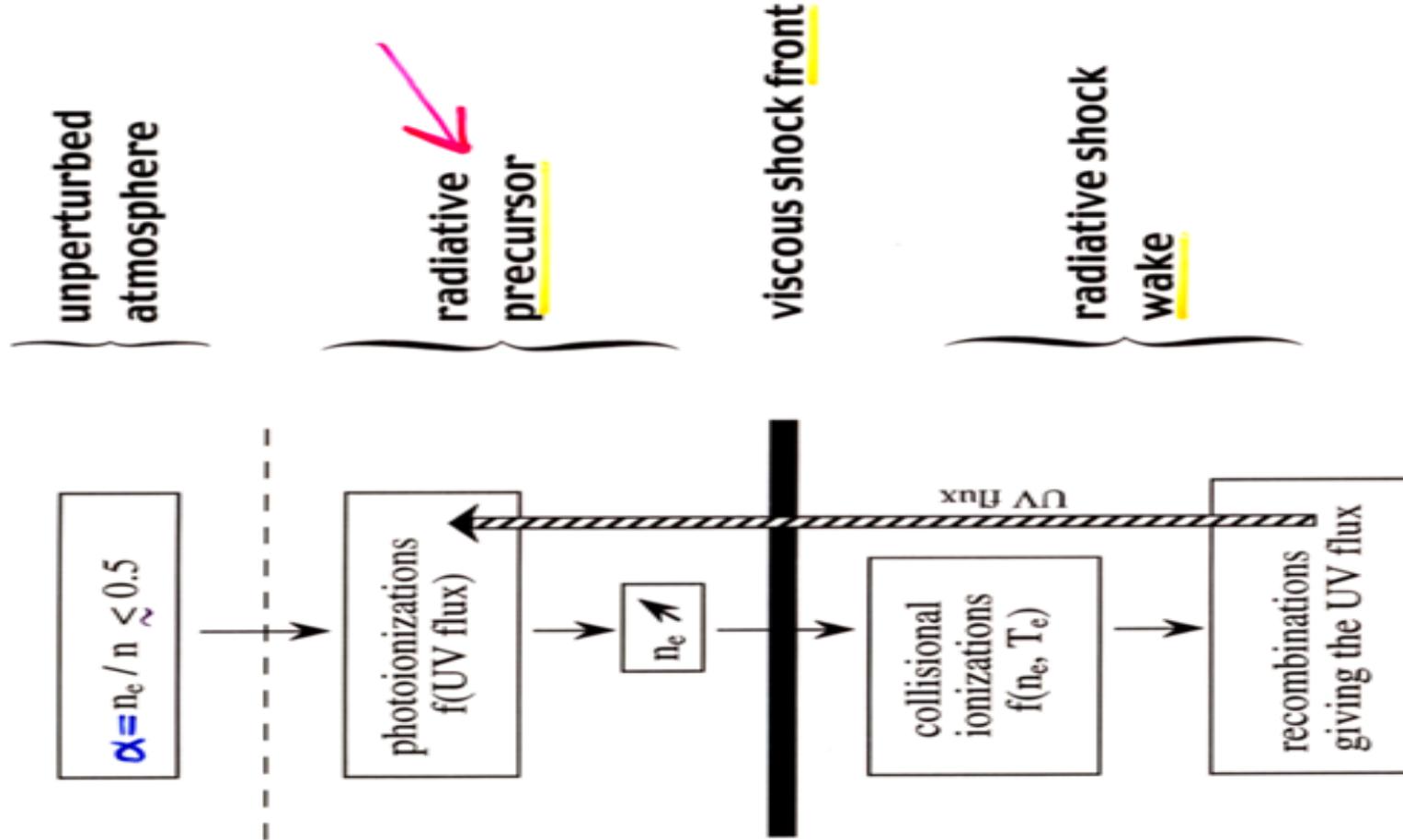
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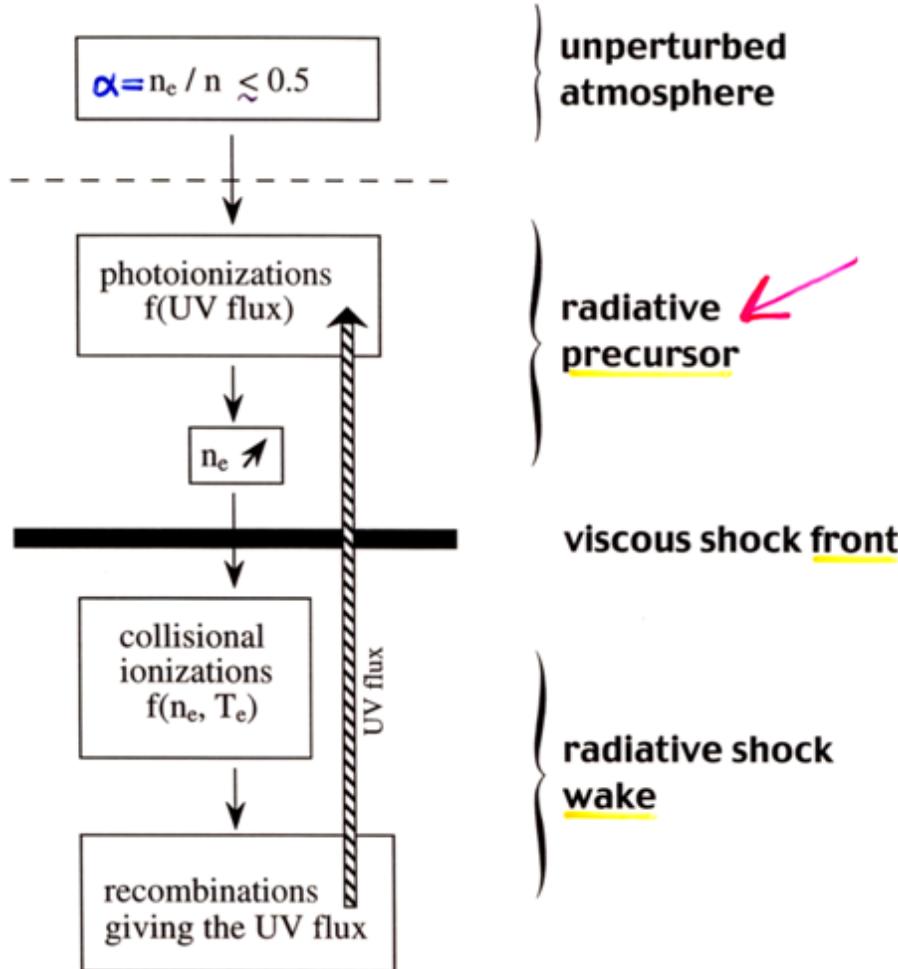
# The strong shock: Hypersonic/Radiative shock wave





# A Strong Coupling

origin: - partially ionized medium  
-  $v_s = 50 \text{ km/s} \ll c = 300,000 \text{ km/s}$



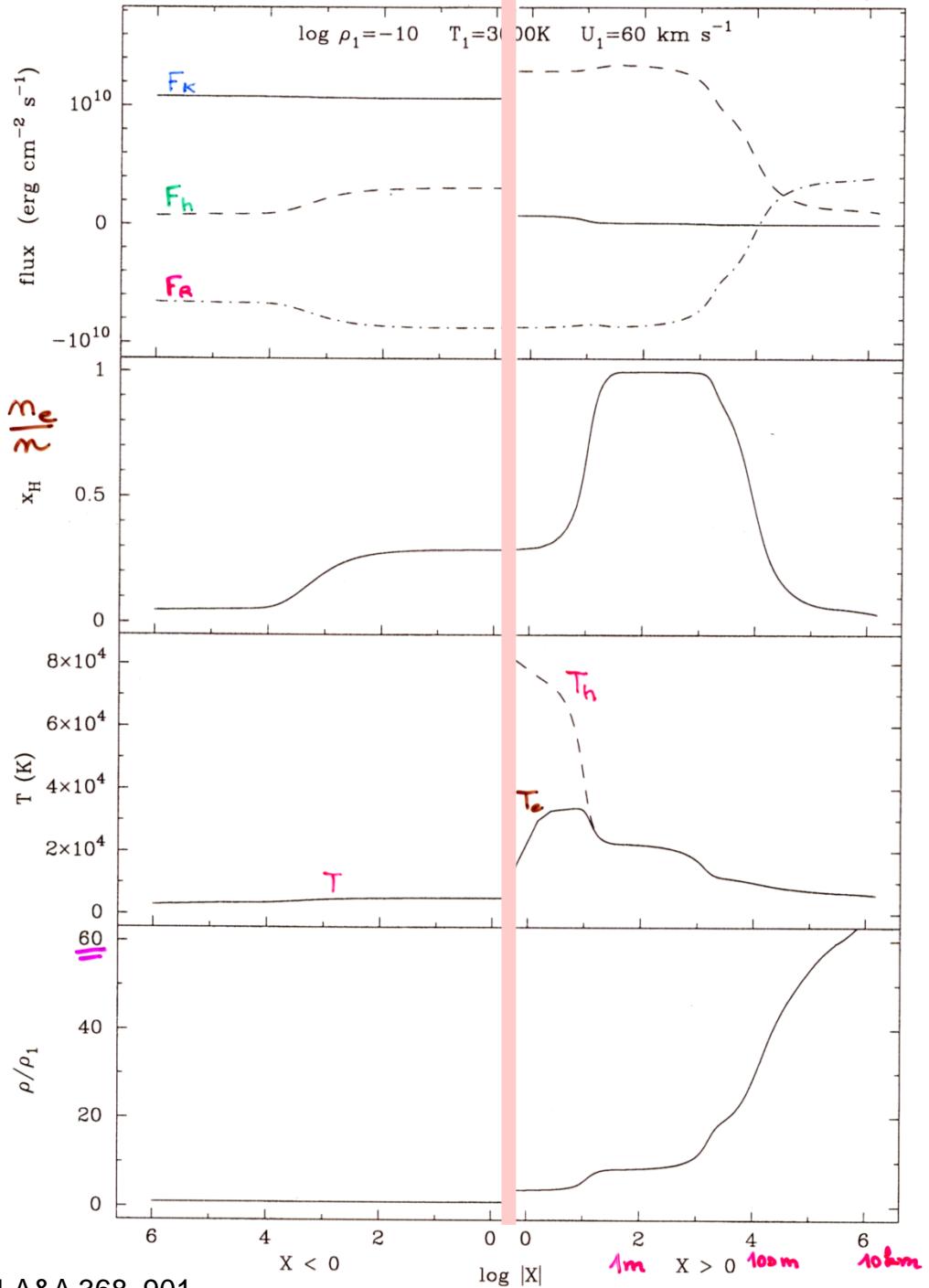
→ *self consistent solution*



$M_1 = 6.5$

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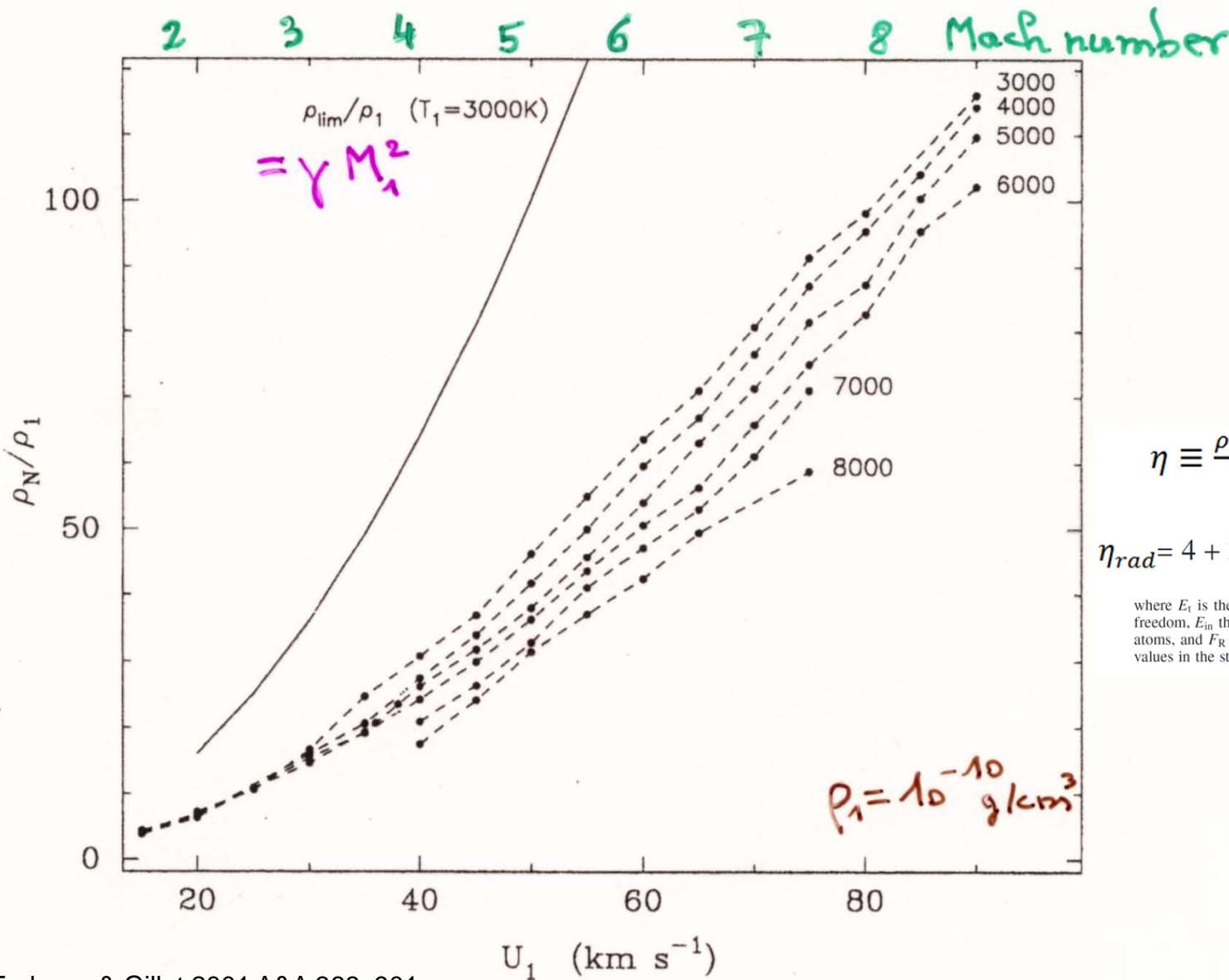


$$\eta \equiv \frac{\rho_{\text{Max}}}{\rho_1} = \eta_{\text{rad}} \rightarrow \gamma M^2$$

$$\eta_{\text{rad}} = 4 + 3 \frac{E_{\text{in}} - E_{\text{in1}}}{E_t} + 3 \frac{F_R - F_{R1}}{\rho U E_t}$$

where  $E_t$  is the specific energy in the translational degrees of freedom,  $E_{\text{in}}$  the specific energy of excitation and ionization of atoms, and  $F_R$  the radiation flux. The subscript 1 refers to the values in the state ahead of the shock.

# Final compression ratio $\rho_N/\rho_1$ at the postshock outer boundary $X_N$ of shock

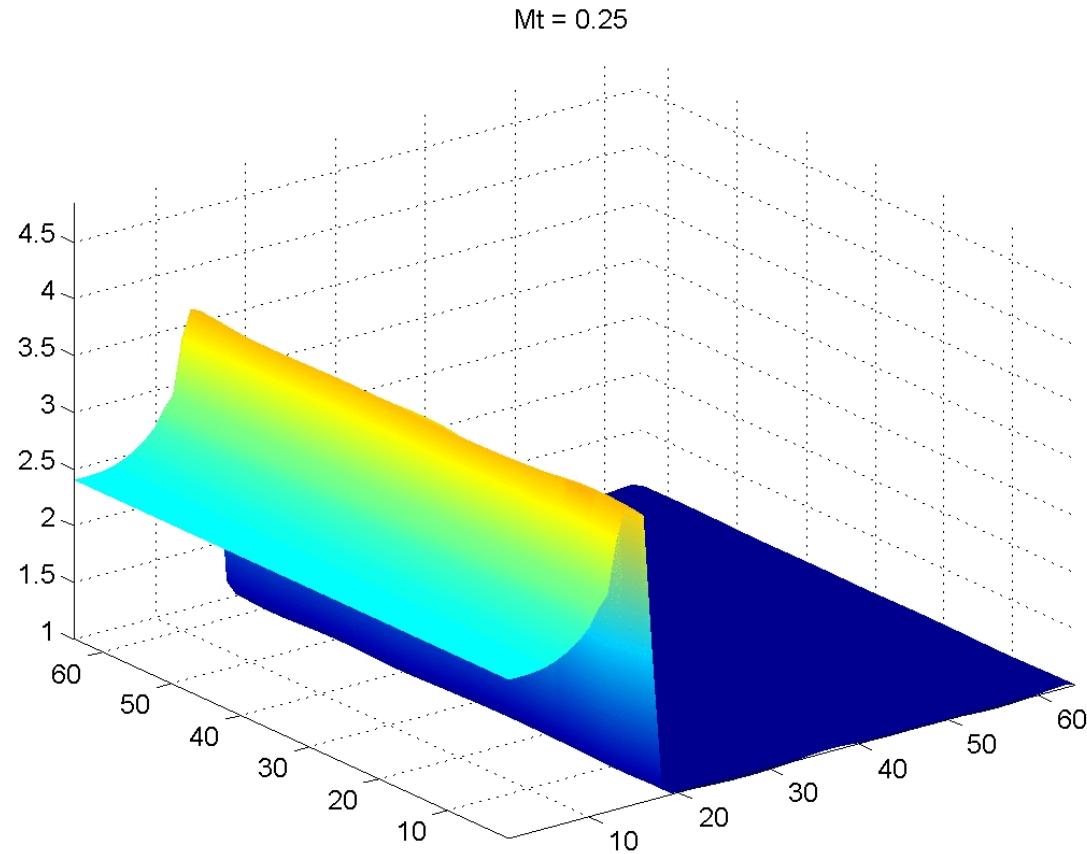


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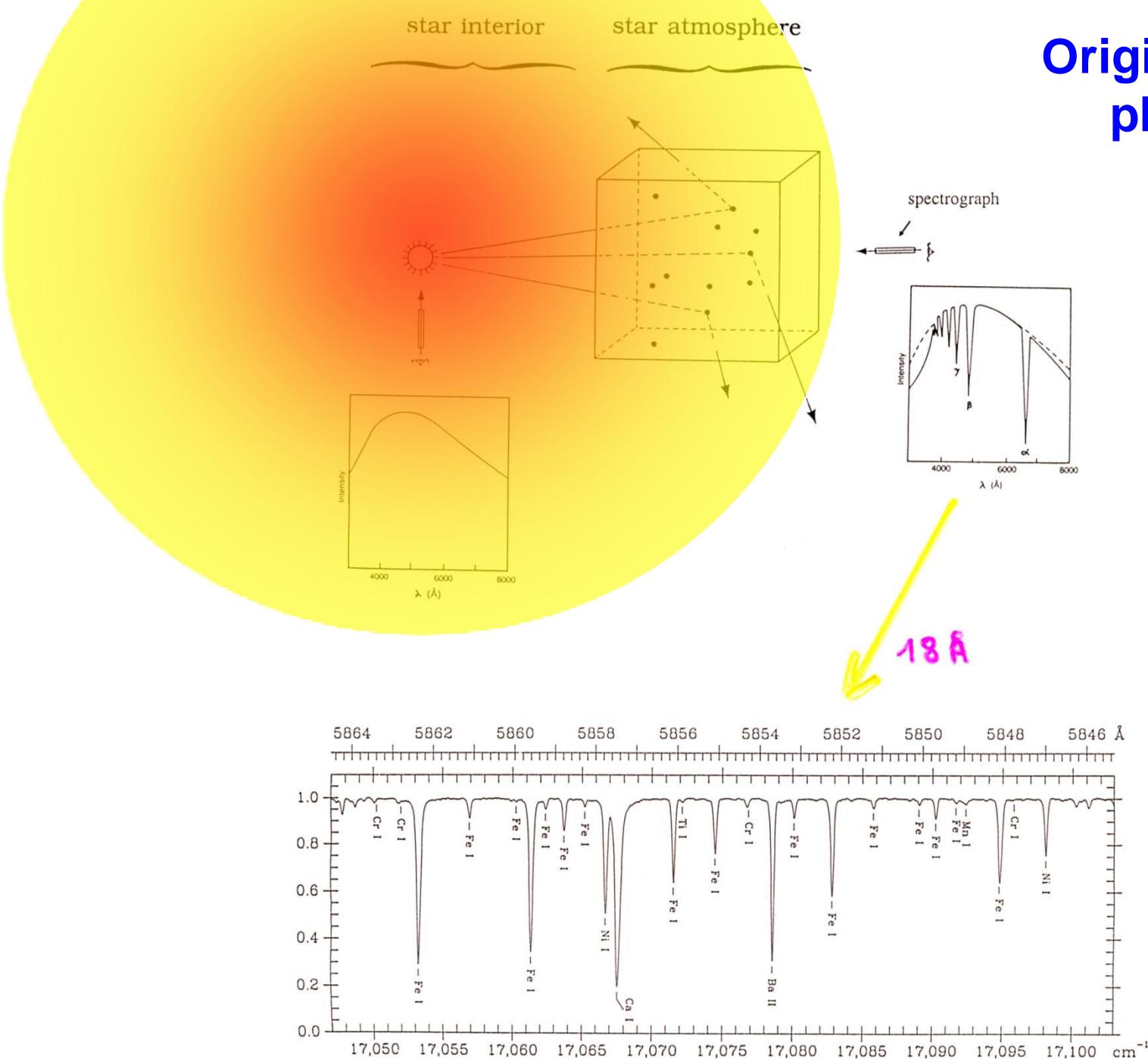
**3D simulation of shock wave with turbulence  
using detailed chemistry. M = 4.156 Mt = 0.25.**

Master of science in aerospace engineering by H.Narayanan Nagarajan 2009 University of Texas at Arlington.

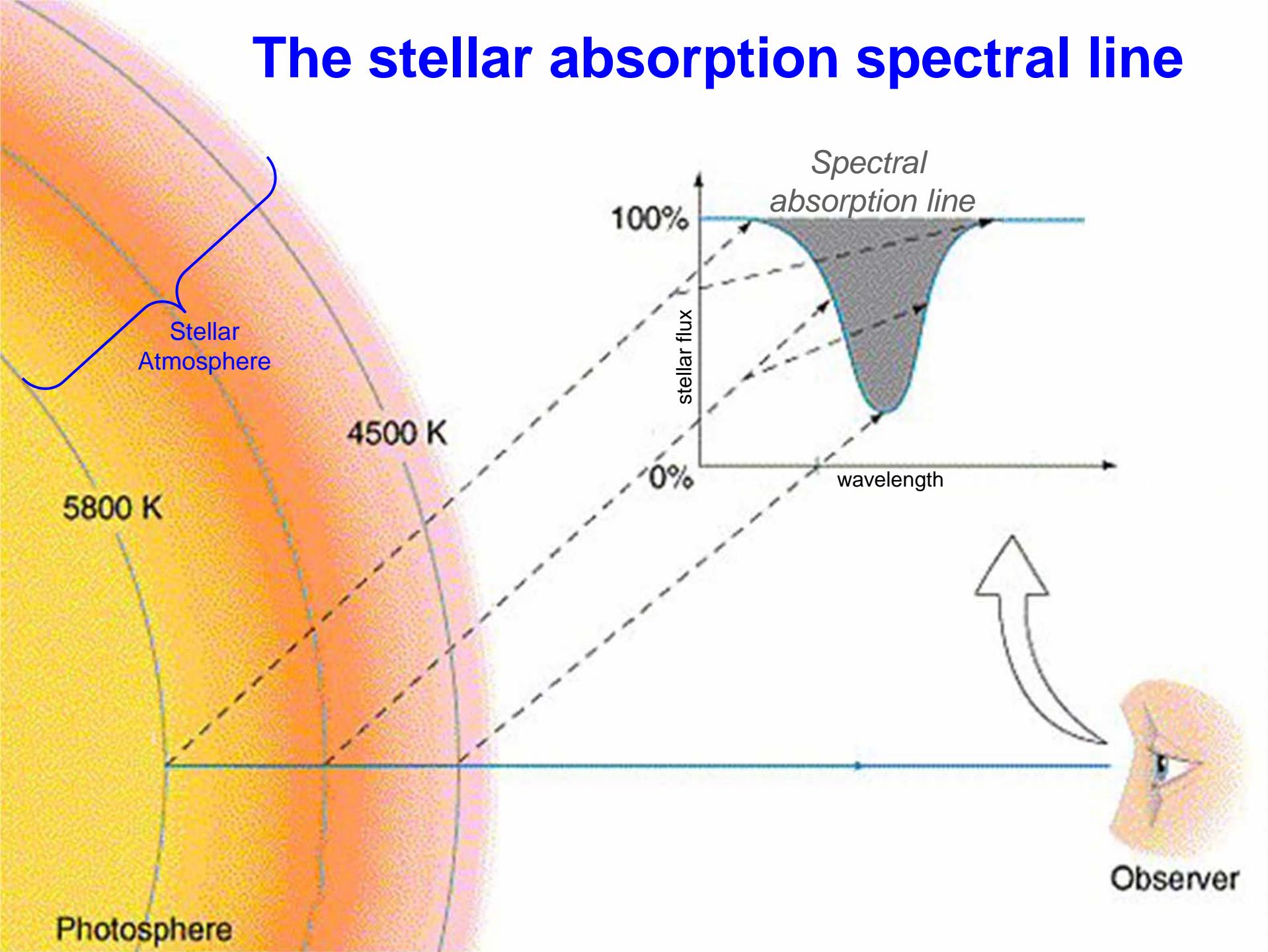


# *Spectroscopy Of Pulsating Stars*

# Origin of stellar photons ?

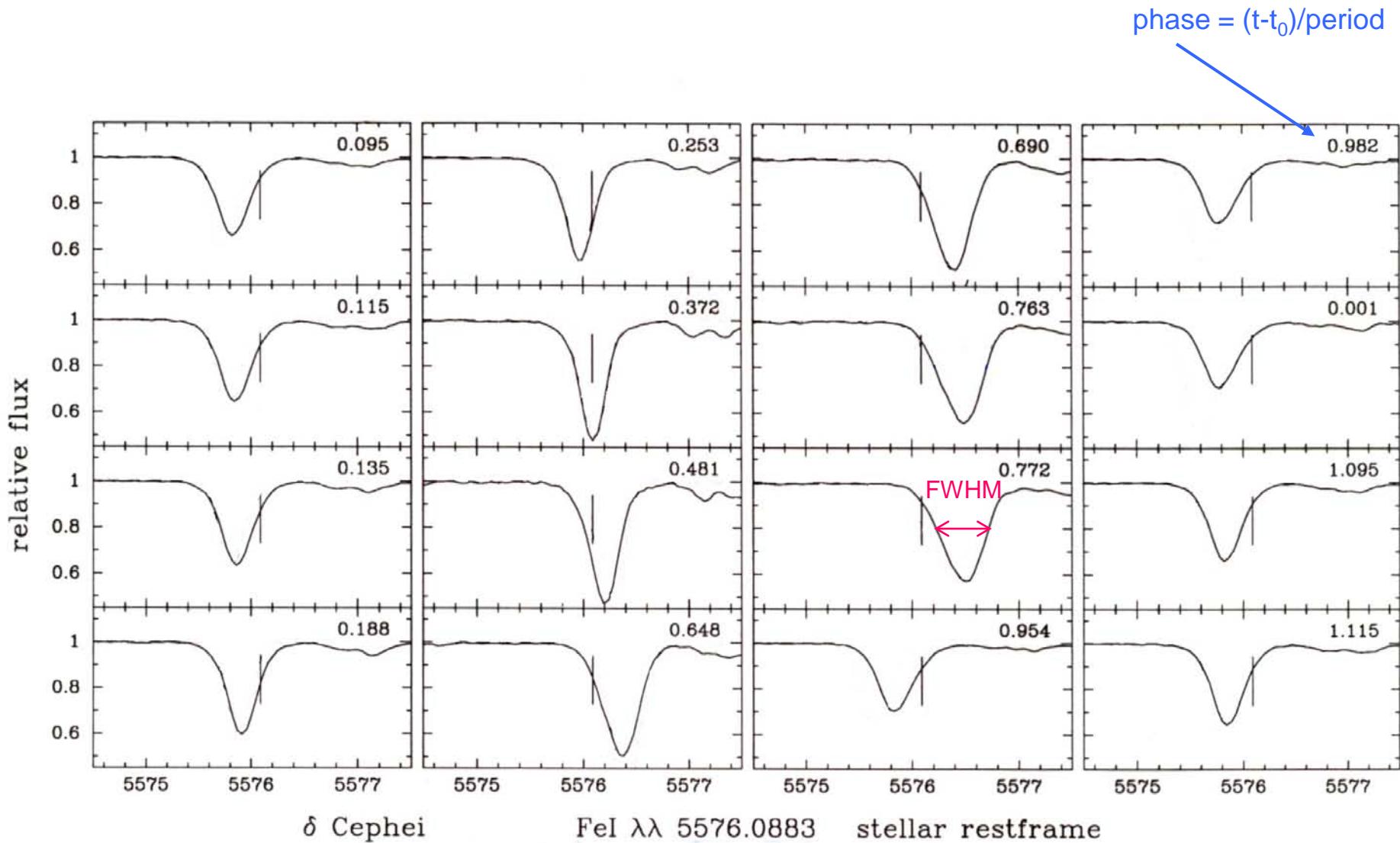


# The stellar absorption spectral line



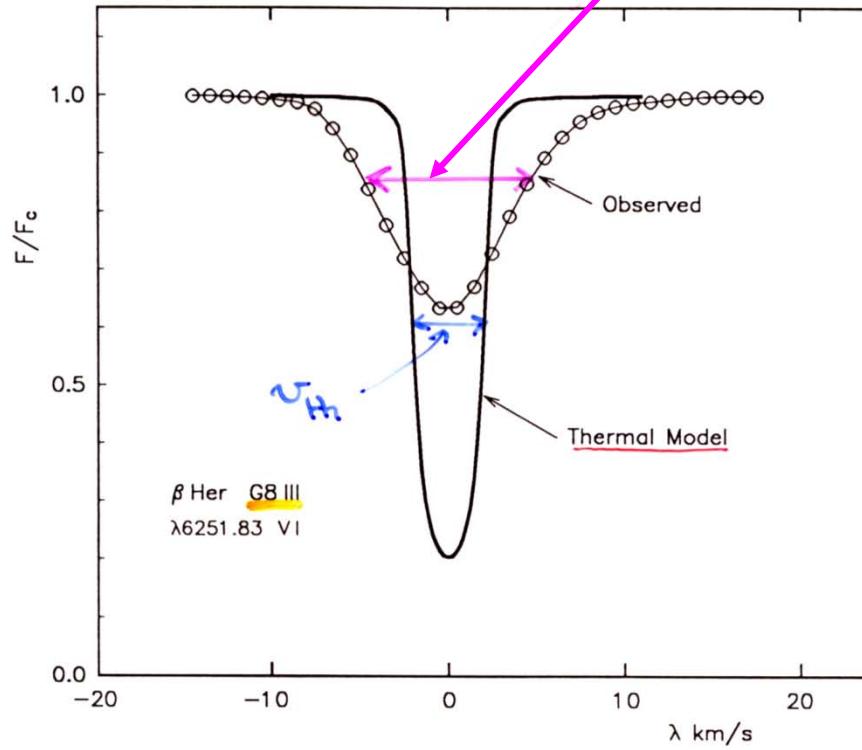






turbulence

$$\text{line width} = \sqrt{V_{\text{th}}^2 + \xi^2}$$



The thermal profile computed from a model photosphere does not look much like the observed one.

$$\text{line width} = \sqrt{V_{\text{th}}^2 + \xi^2} = \Delta\lambda \times \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{E_{\text{turb}}}{E_{\text{th}}} \approx \frac{\xi^2}{V_{\text{th}}^2} = \frac{1}{5}$$



# Profil des raies spectrales

## Effets intrinsèques

### ➤ Largeur naturelle

$\Delta\lambda \sim 0.0001 \text{ \AA} \propto 1/t_{\text{vie}}$  avec  $t_{\text{vie}} \sim 10^{-8} \text{ s}$   
Profil lorentzien

### ➤ Élargissement Doppler thermique

$\Delta\lambda \sim 0.5 \text{ \AA} \propto \sqrt{T/m}$   
Profil gaussien

### ➤ Élargissement "Stark" par collision

$\Delta\lambda > 10 \text{ \AA} \propto \text{densité . section de collision}$   
Profil "plutôt" lorentzien (Holtsmark)

## Causes extérieures

### ➤ Élargissement Doppler dynamique

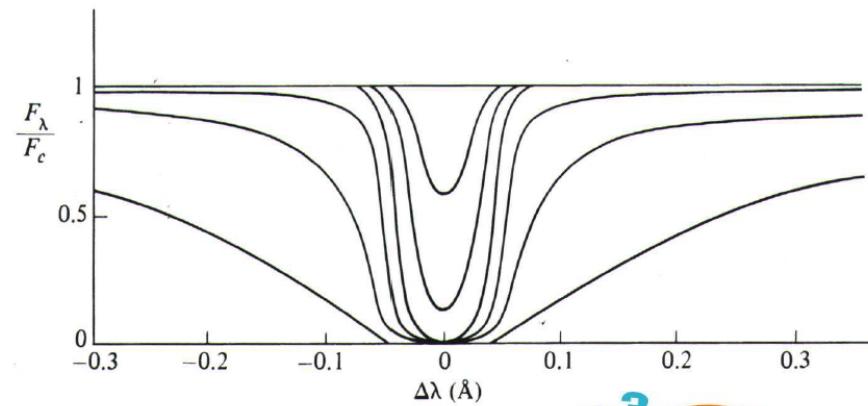
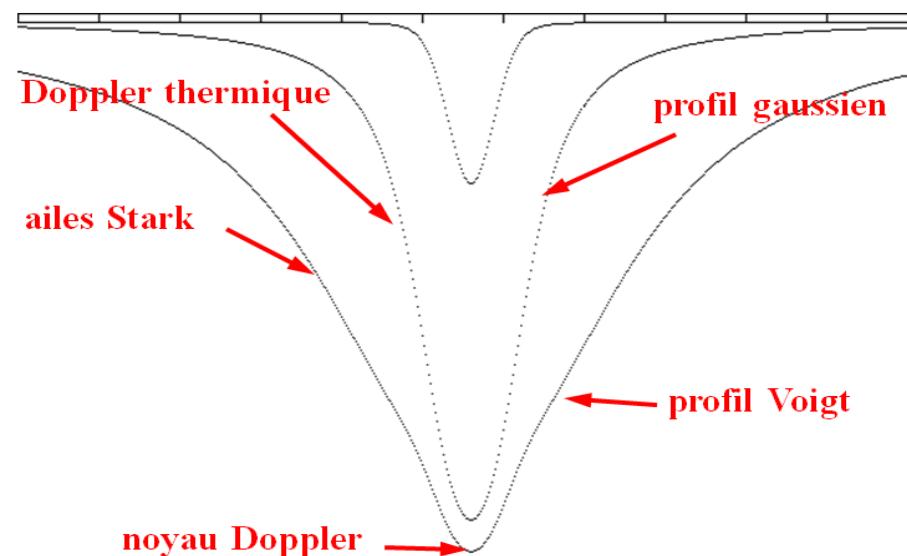
rotations, expansions, etc.  
 $\Delta\lambda$  de 0 à  $> 1000 \text{ \AA} \propto v/c$  où  $z$

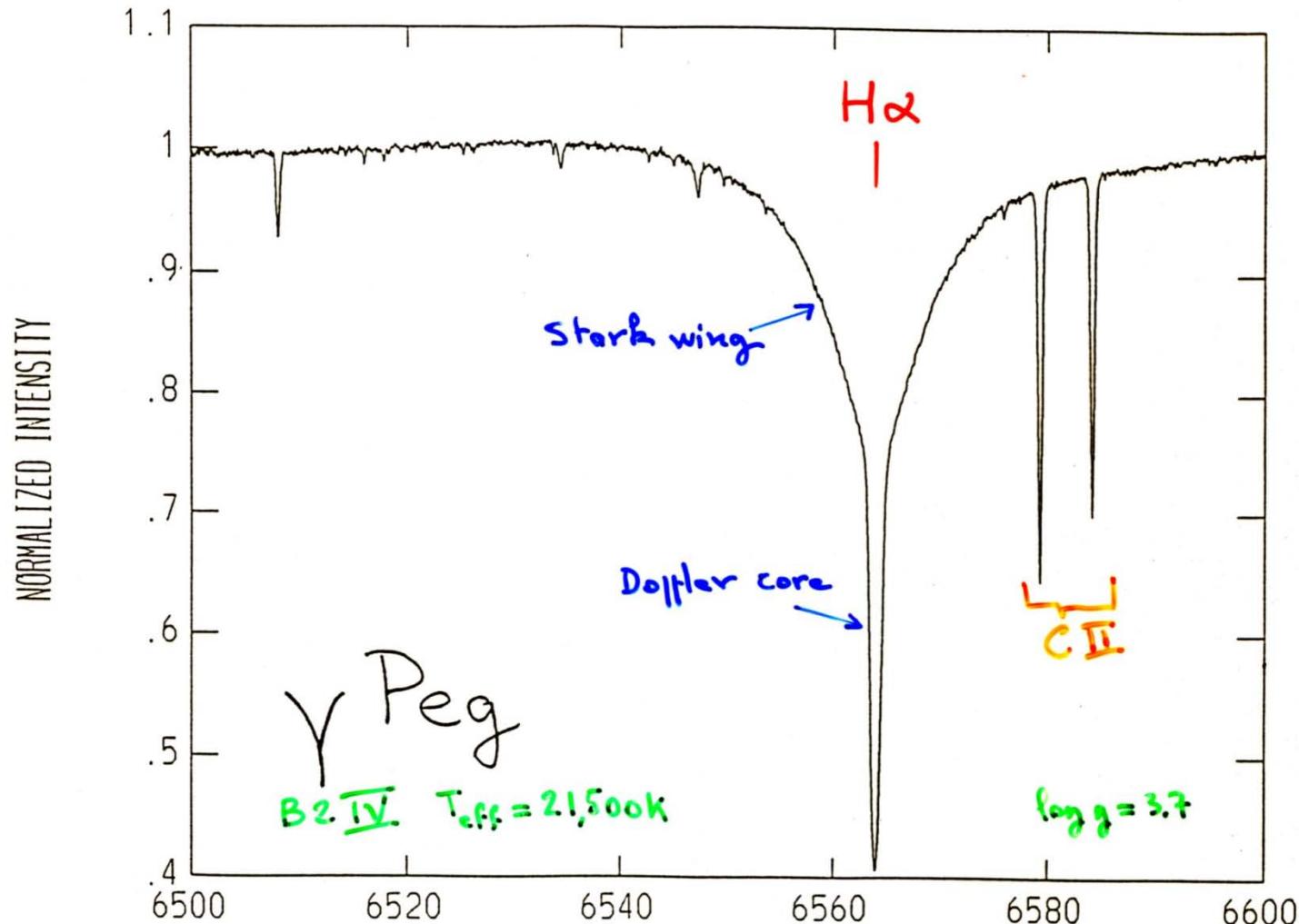
### ➤ Élargissement par levée de dégénérescence

champ magnétique (effet Zeeman), etc.  
 $\Delta\lambda \sim 1 \text{ \AA} \propto \text{champ magnétique}$

### ➤ Élargissement instrumental

$\Delta\lambda = \text{résolution} \propto \min(1/\text{dimension du réseau-échantillonnage})$



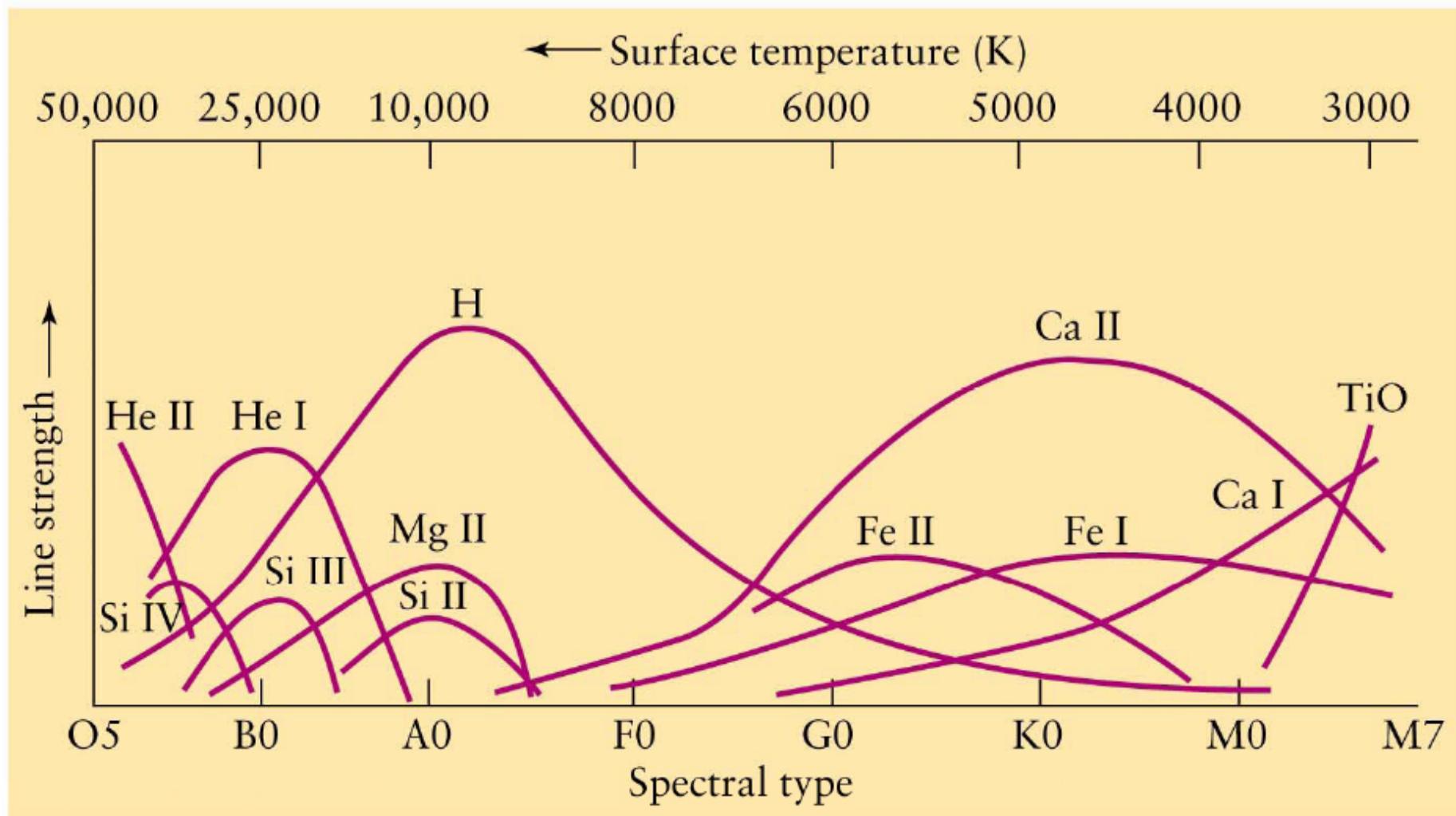


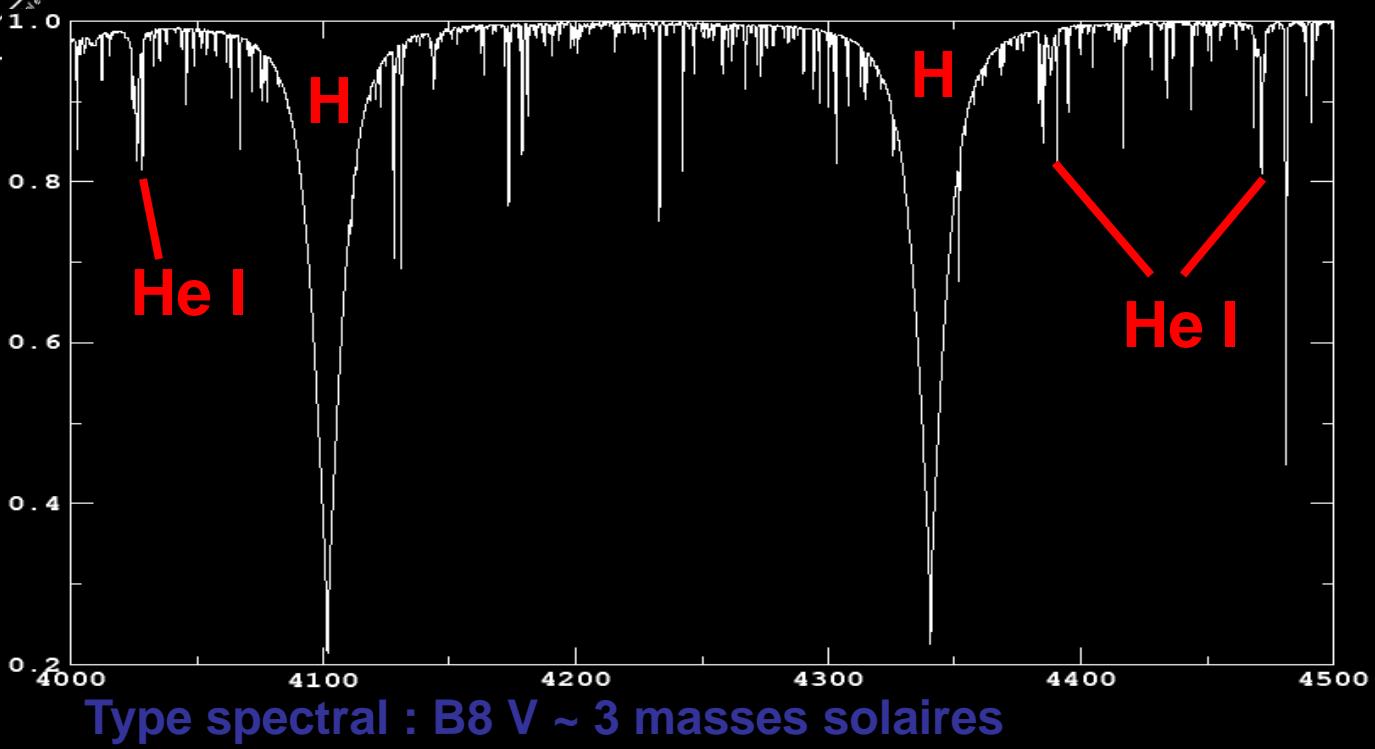
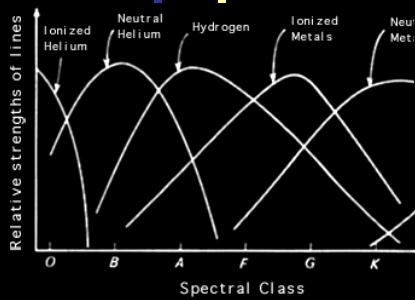
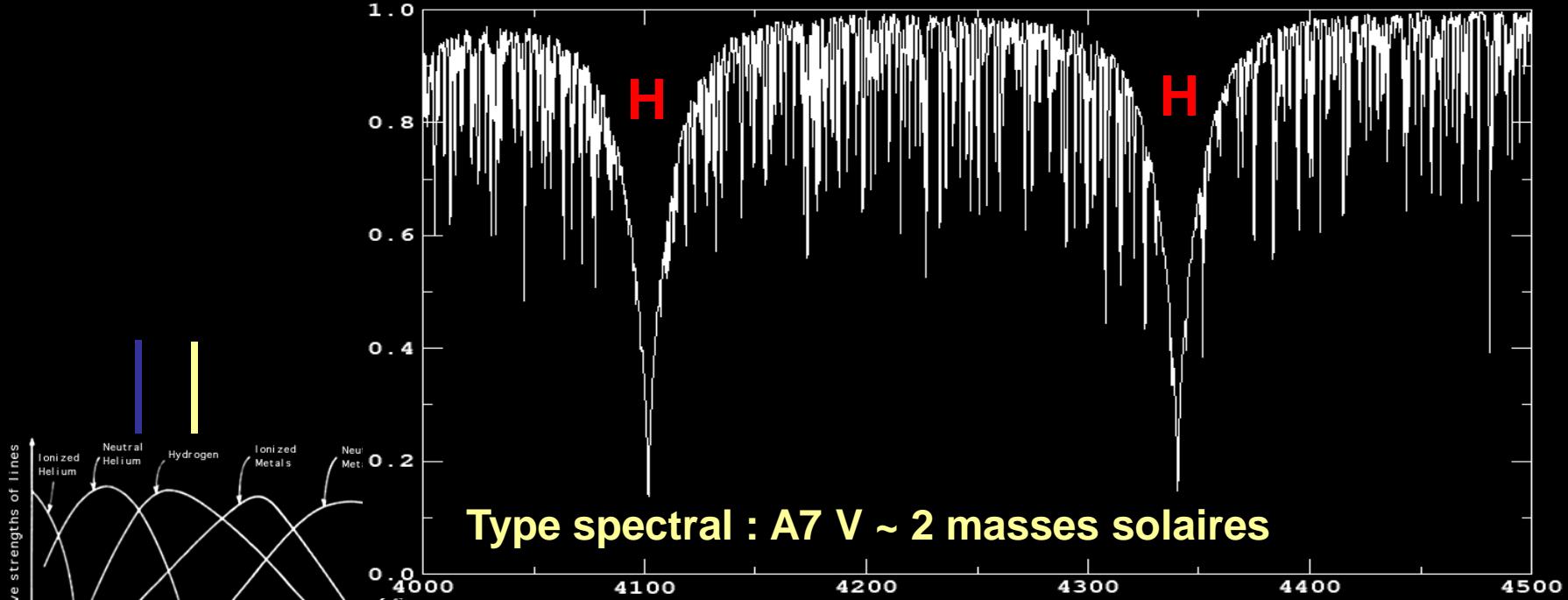
CFH

$R = 33,000$

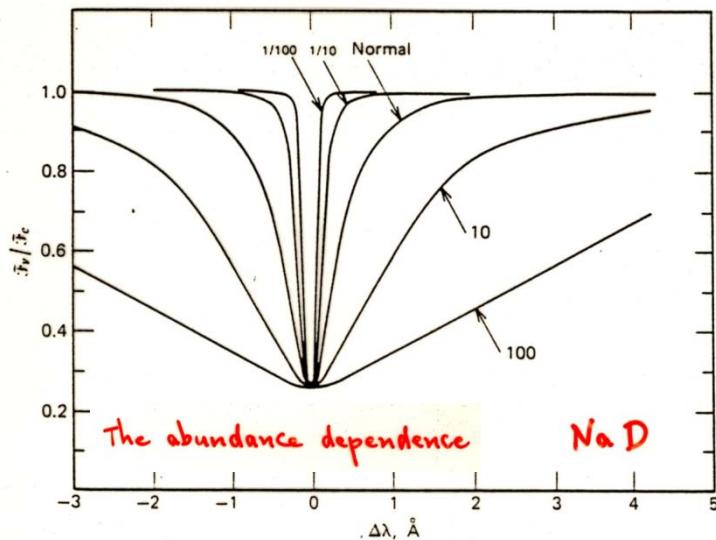
$\Delta\lambda = 0.2 \text{ Å}$

# Ionization via Temperature

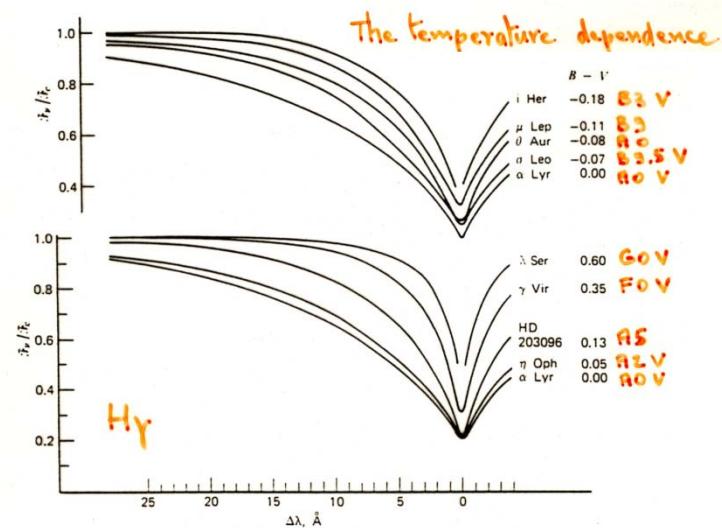




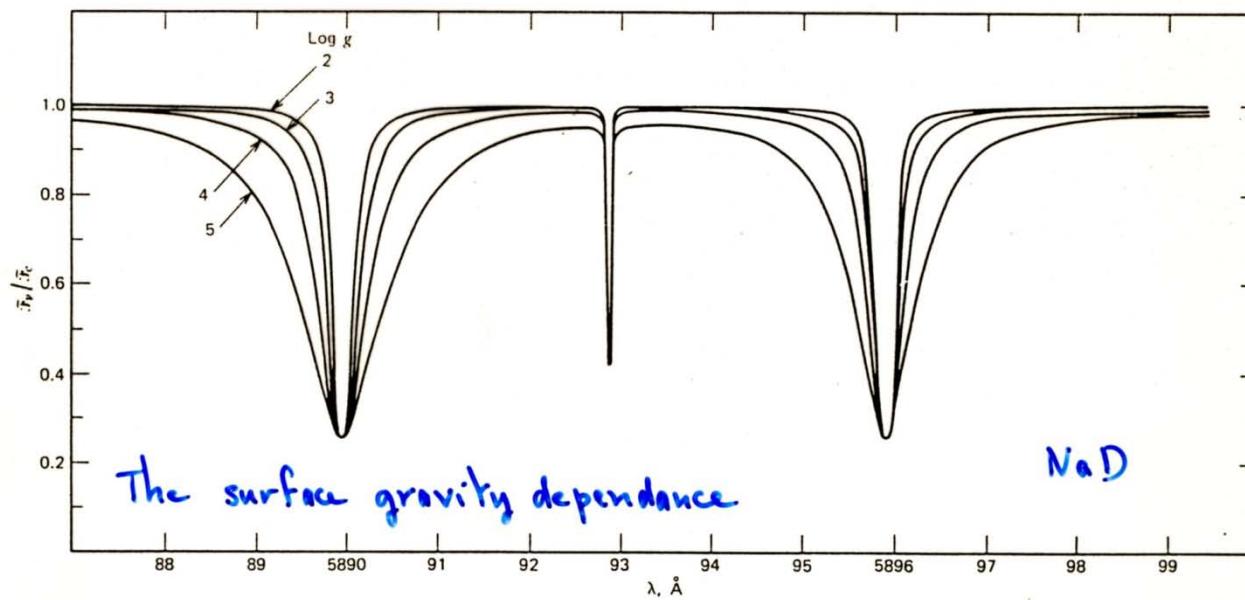
# The behaviour of the line strength



Na D



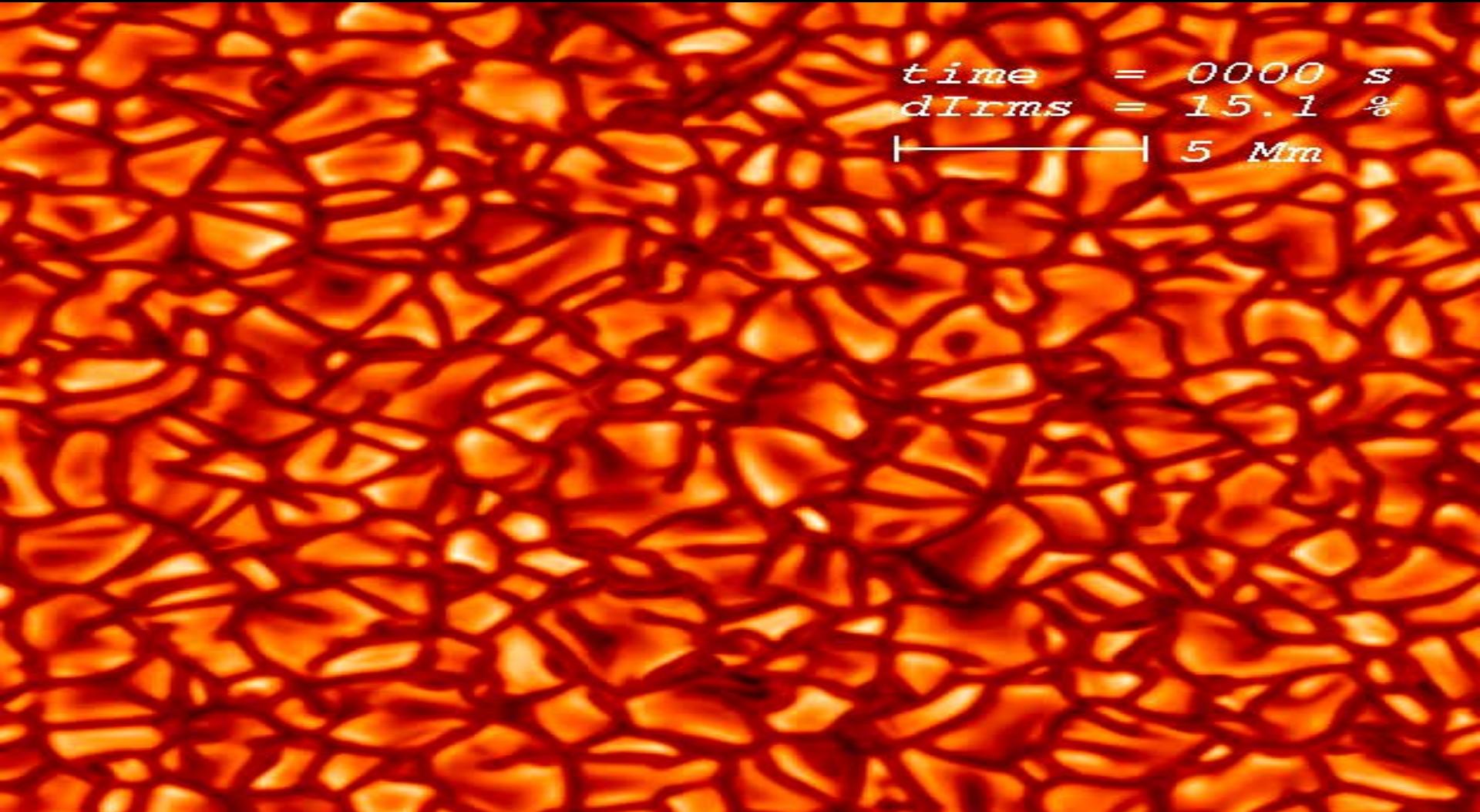
H $\gamma$



The surface gravity dependence

Na D

# STELLAR GRANULATION



# STELLAR CONVECTION

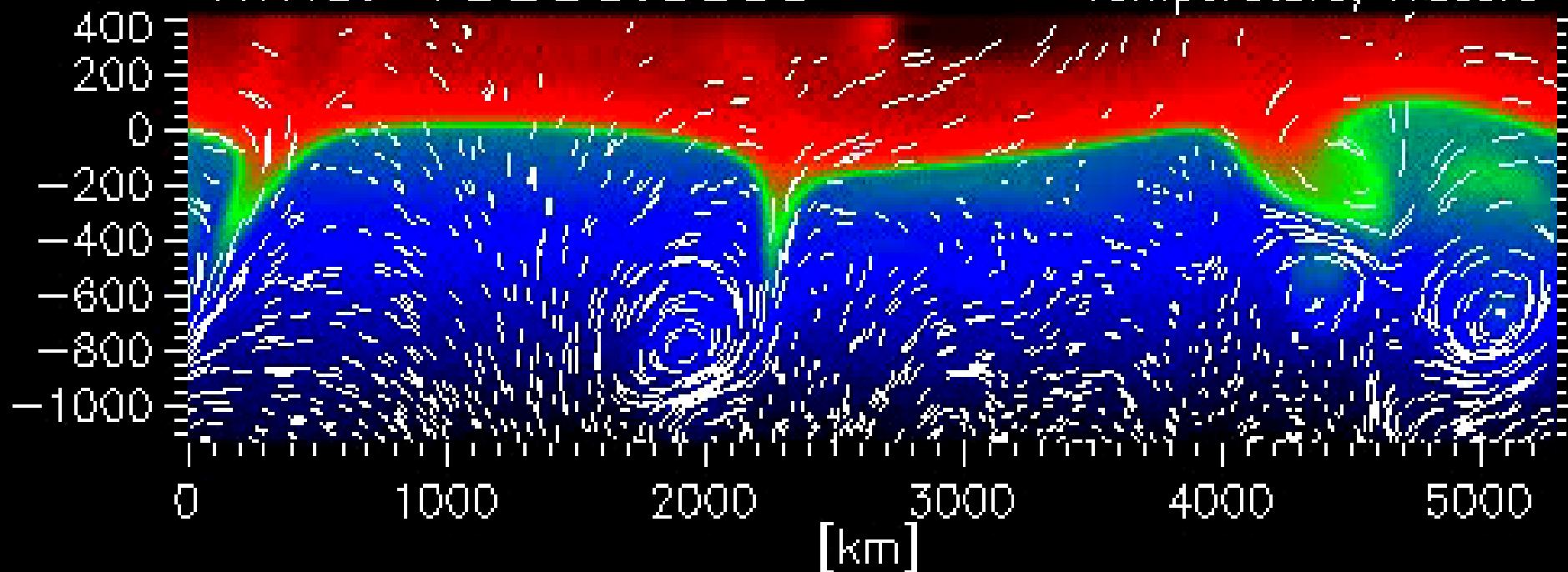
Sun (L71D09),  $T_{\text{eff}}=5770$  K,  $\log g=4.44$

212 x 106 grid points, 11540 s ( $\Delta t=20$  s)

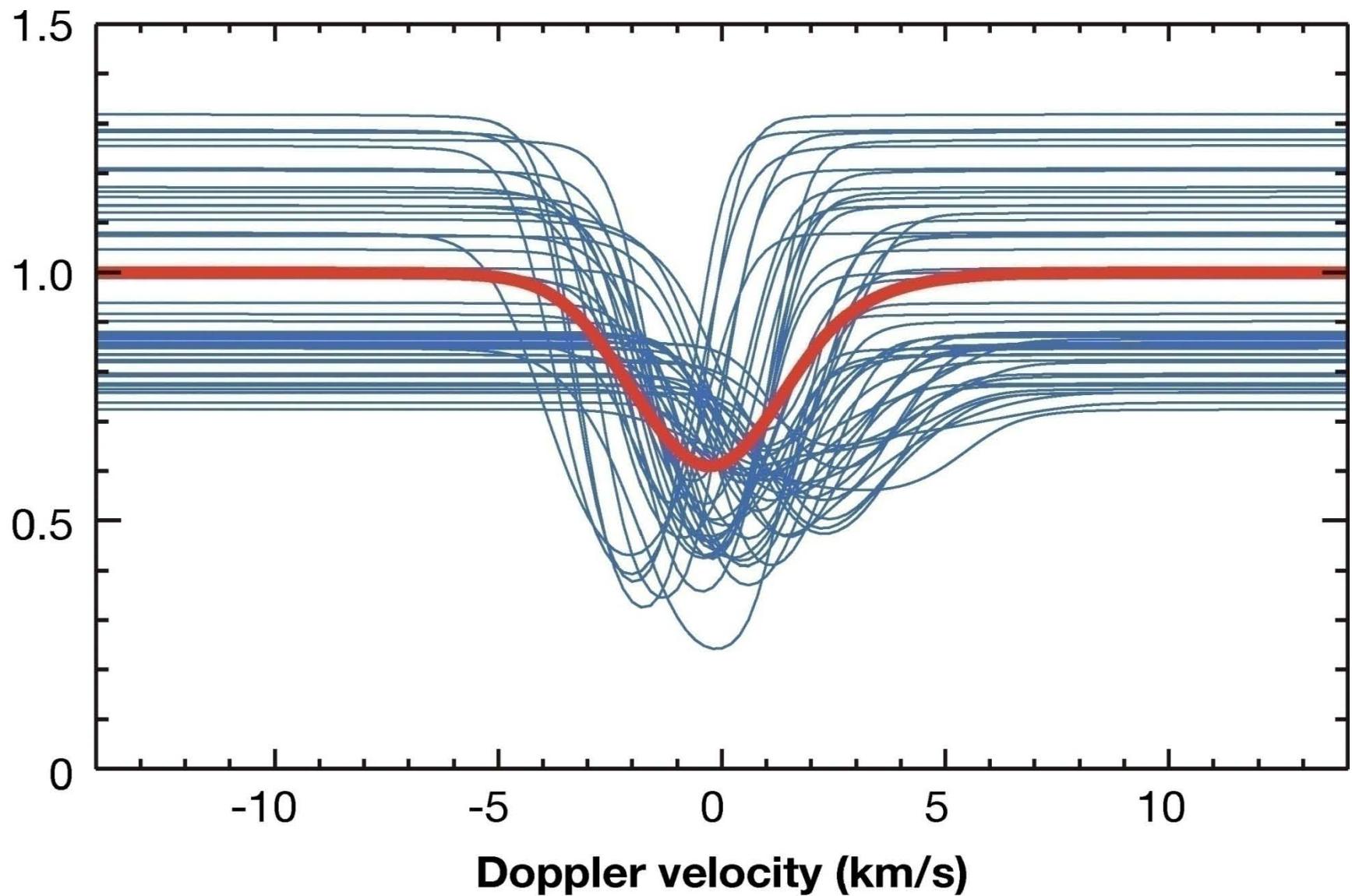
Matthias Steffen, Bernd Freytag

Time: 18880.0 sec

Temperature, Tracers



**Relative intensity**



Spatially resolved line profiles of the Fe I 608.27 nm line in a 3-D solar simulation.

Thick red line is the spatially averaged profile.

Steeper temperature gradients in upflows tend to make their blue-shifted lines stronger

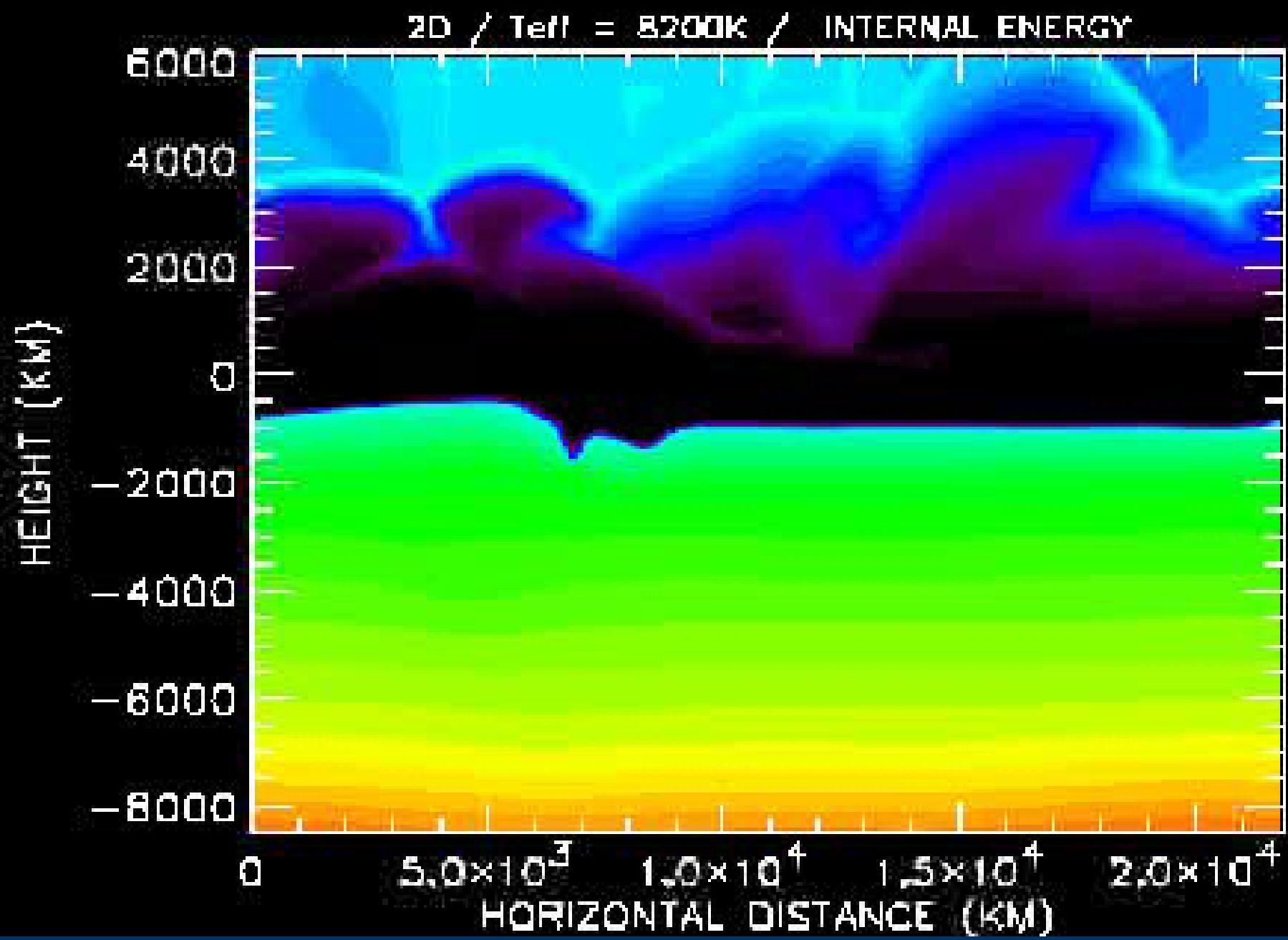
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Betelgeuse M2 lab  $T_{\text{eff}}=3300\text{K}$

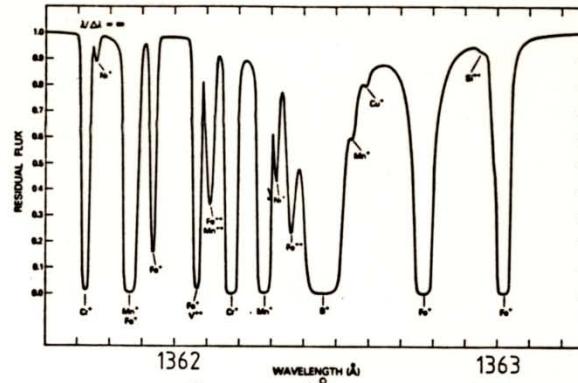
Freytag et al Astron. Nachr. 323, 213, 2002



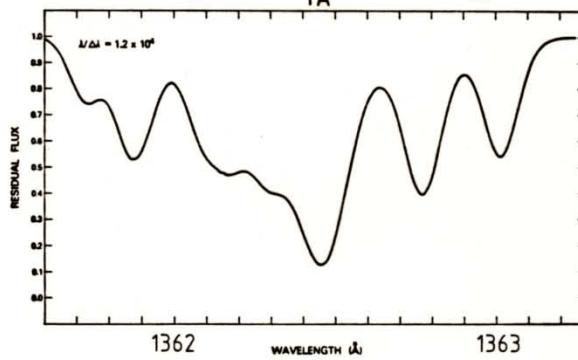
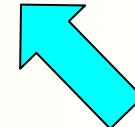


Atmospheric shockwaves (*Hartmut Holweger, Kiel*)

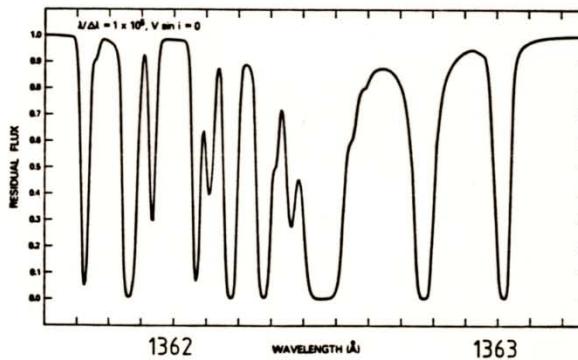
# Spectral Resolution



$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{\text{Theoretical}} \\ & \underline{\text{Spectrum}} \\ R & \equiv \frac{\lambda}{\Delta\lambda} = \infty \end{aligned}$$



IUE  
*High Resolution  
Mode*  
 $R=12,000$   
 $\Delta\lambda = 114 \text{ m}\text{\AA} = 25 \text{ km/s}$



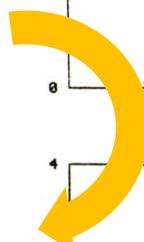
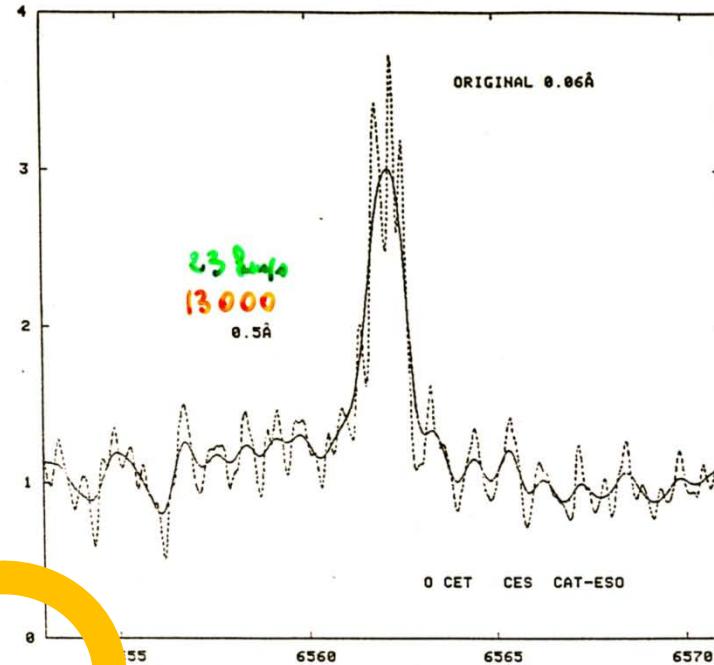
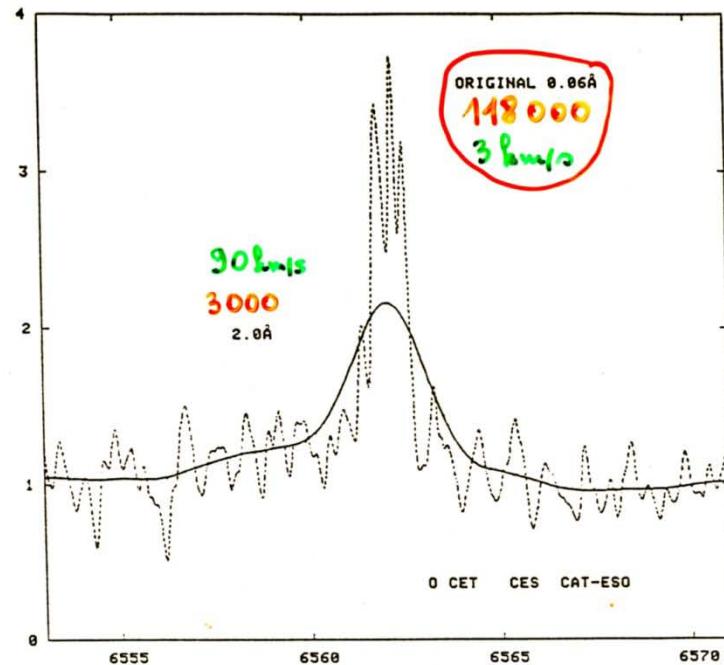
Space Telescope  
High Resolution  
Spectrograph  
 $R=100,000$   
 $\Delta\lambda = 14m\text{\AA} = 3km/s$

In each case  $S/N = \infty$  and no Rotation.

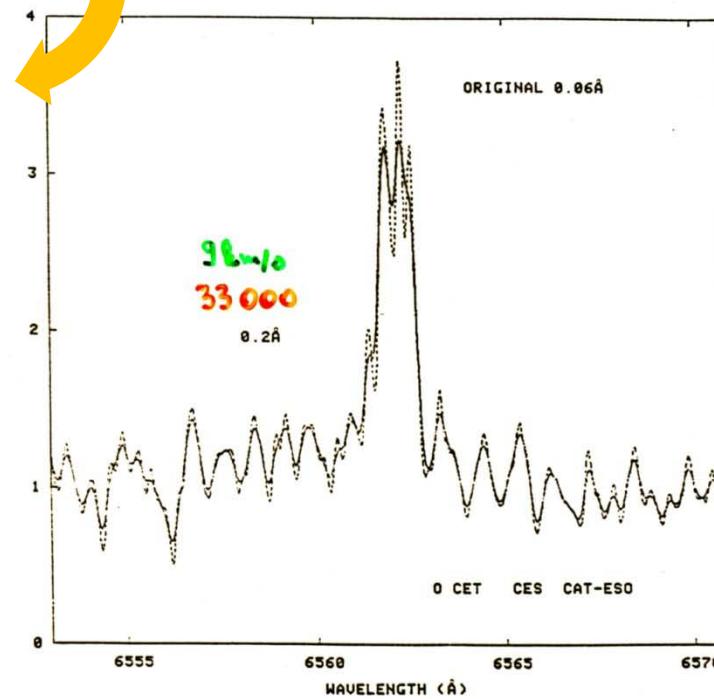
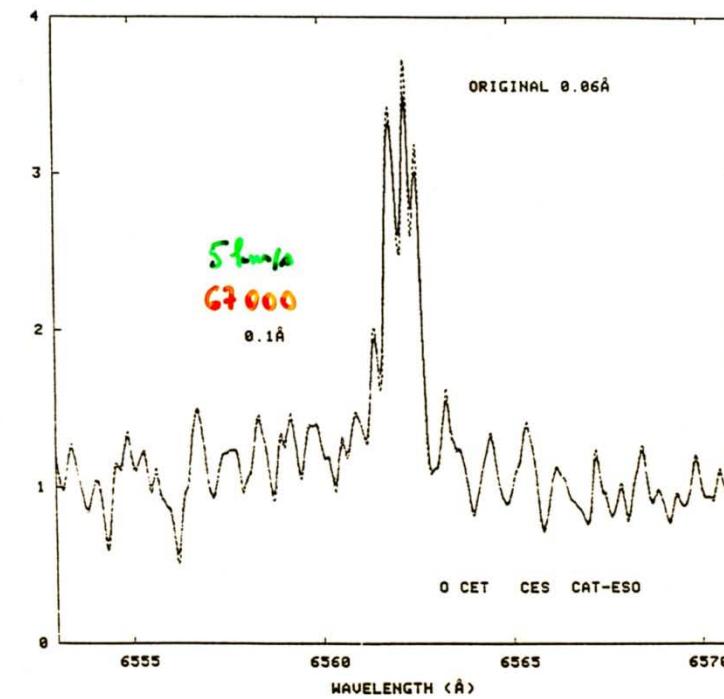
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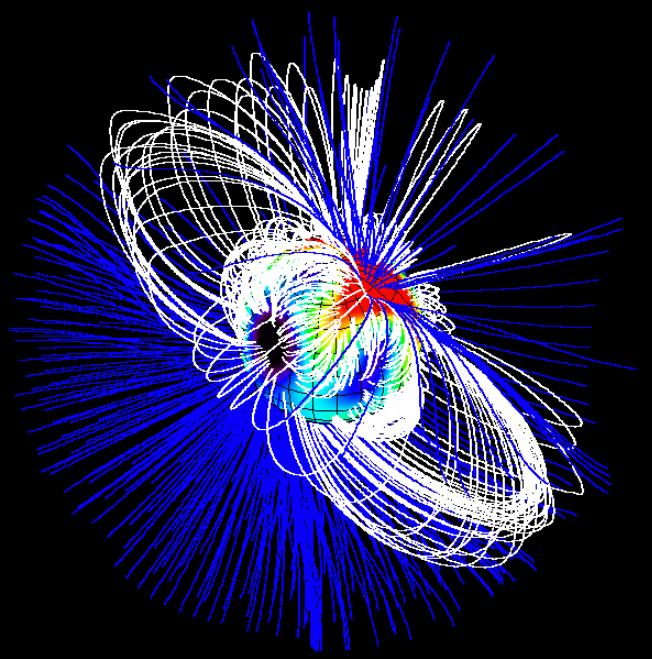
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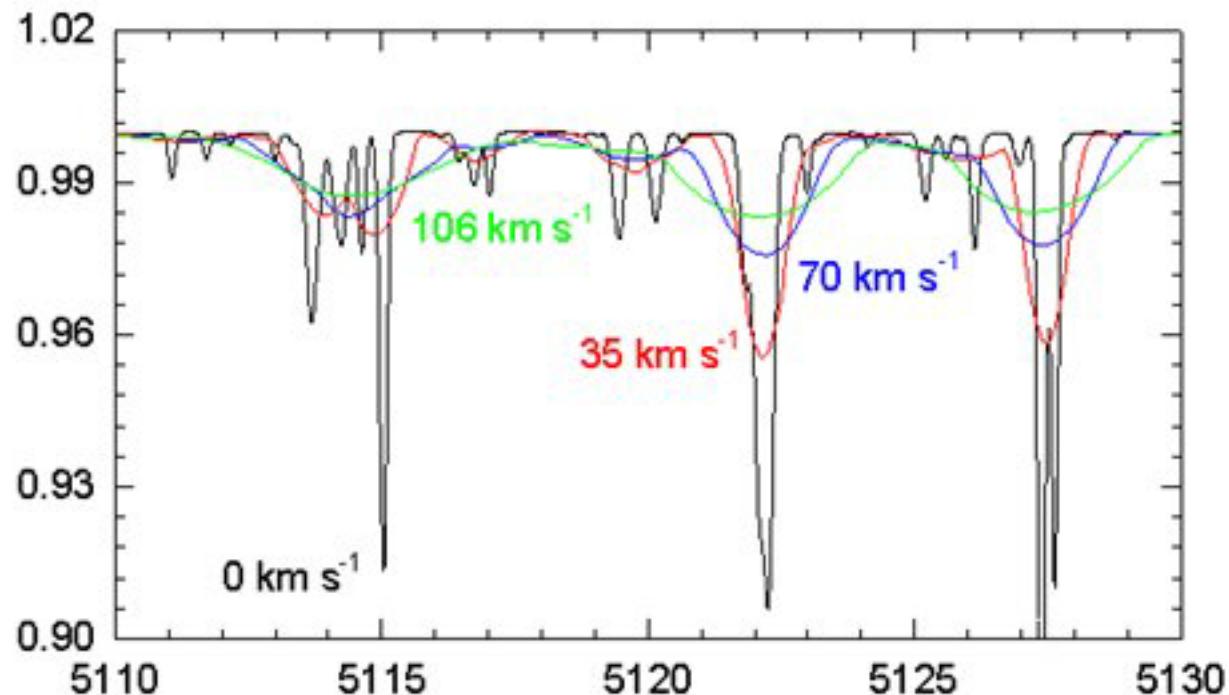


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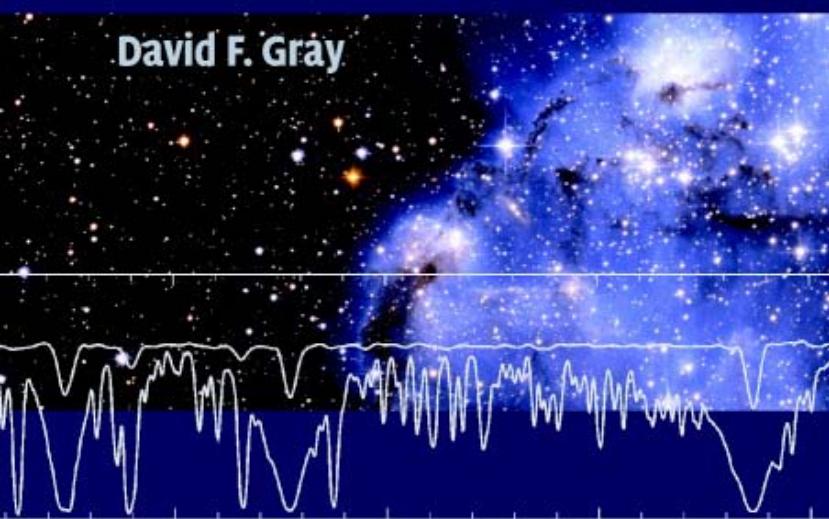


Et la rotation de l'étoile...



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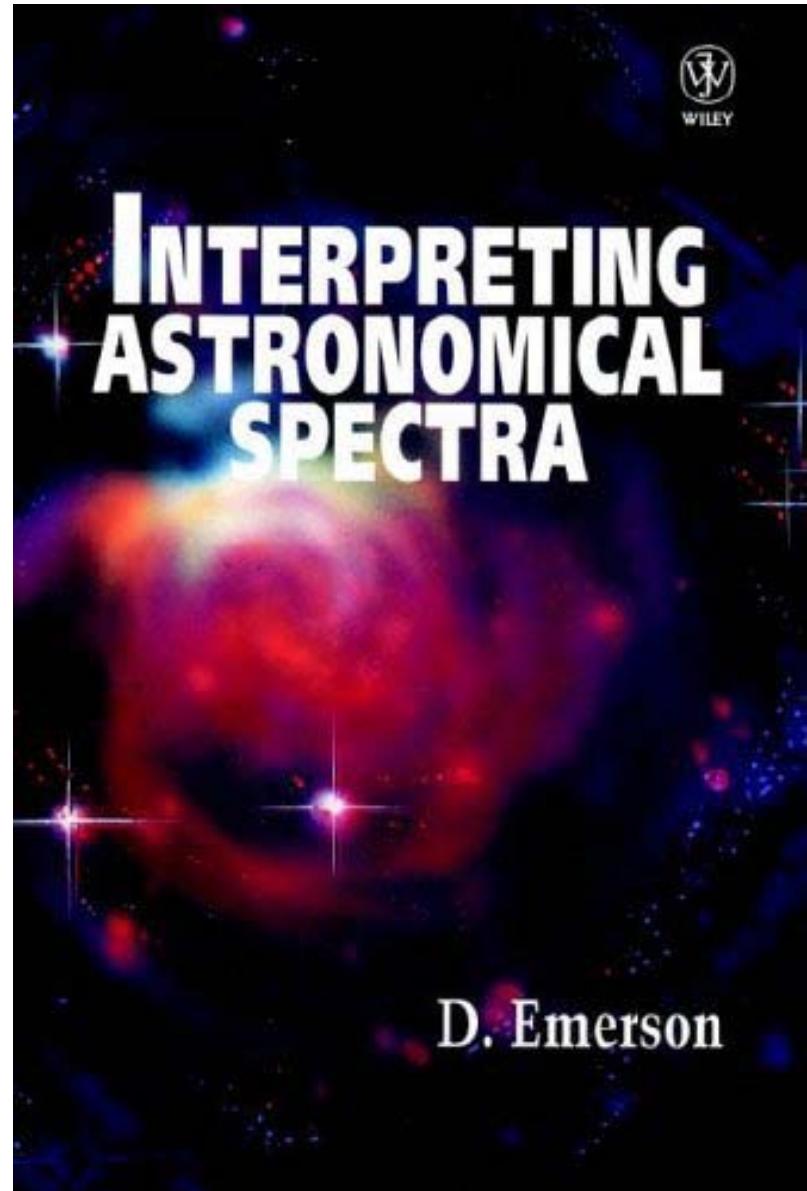
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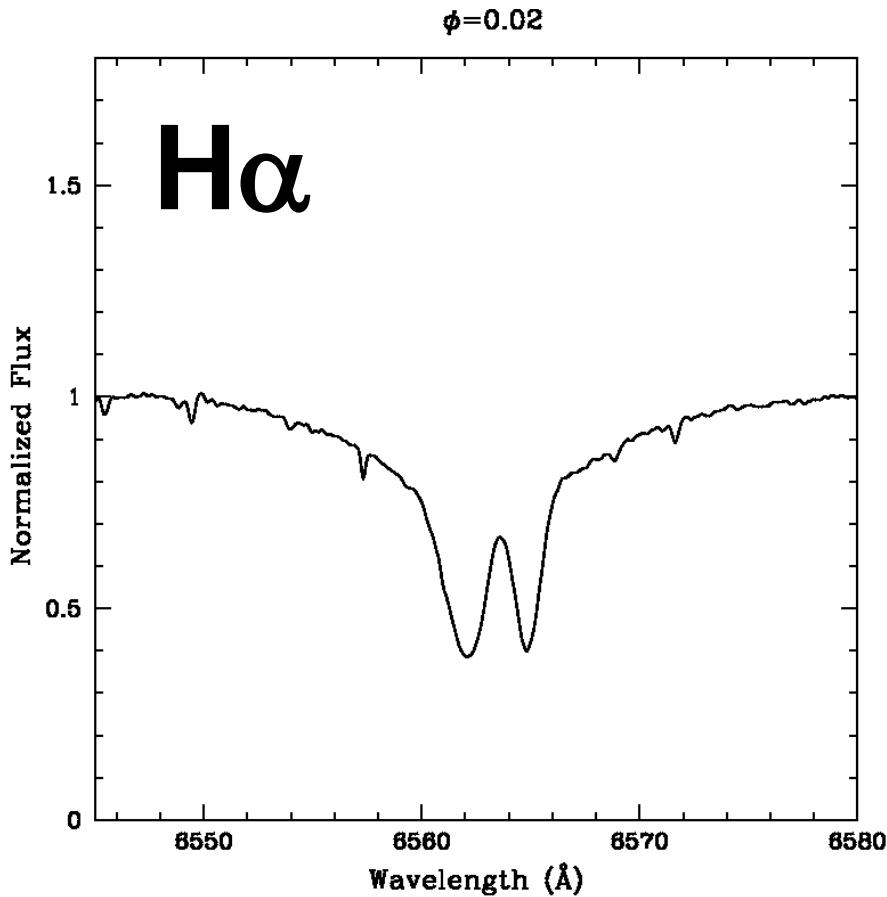
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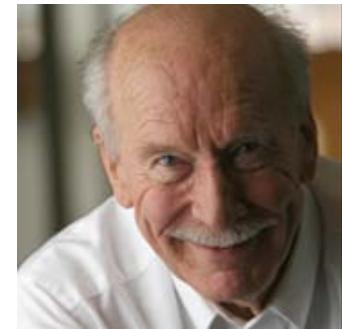
# RR Lyrae @ R = 27,000 and 2.5 m



The evolution of H $\alpha$  profiles during pulsation cycles for WY Ant and XZ Aps, as well as for RV Oct based on many more observations, can be viewed as GIF animations in slides 83–86 of the PowerPoint file HNRLecture2009 at <ftp://ftp.obs.carnegiescience.edu/pub/gwp/HNRLecture>.

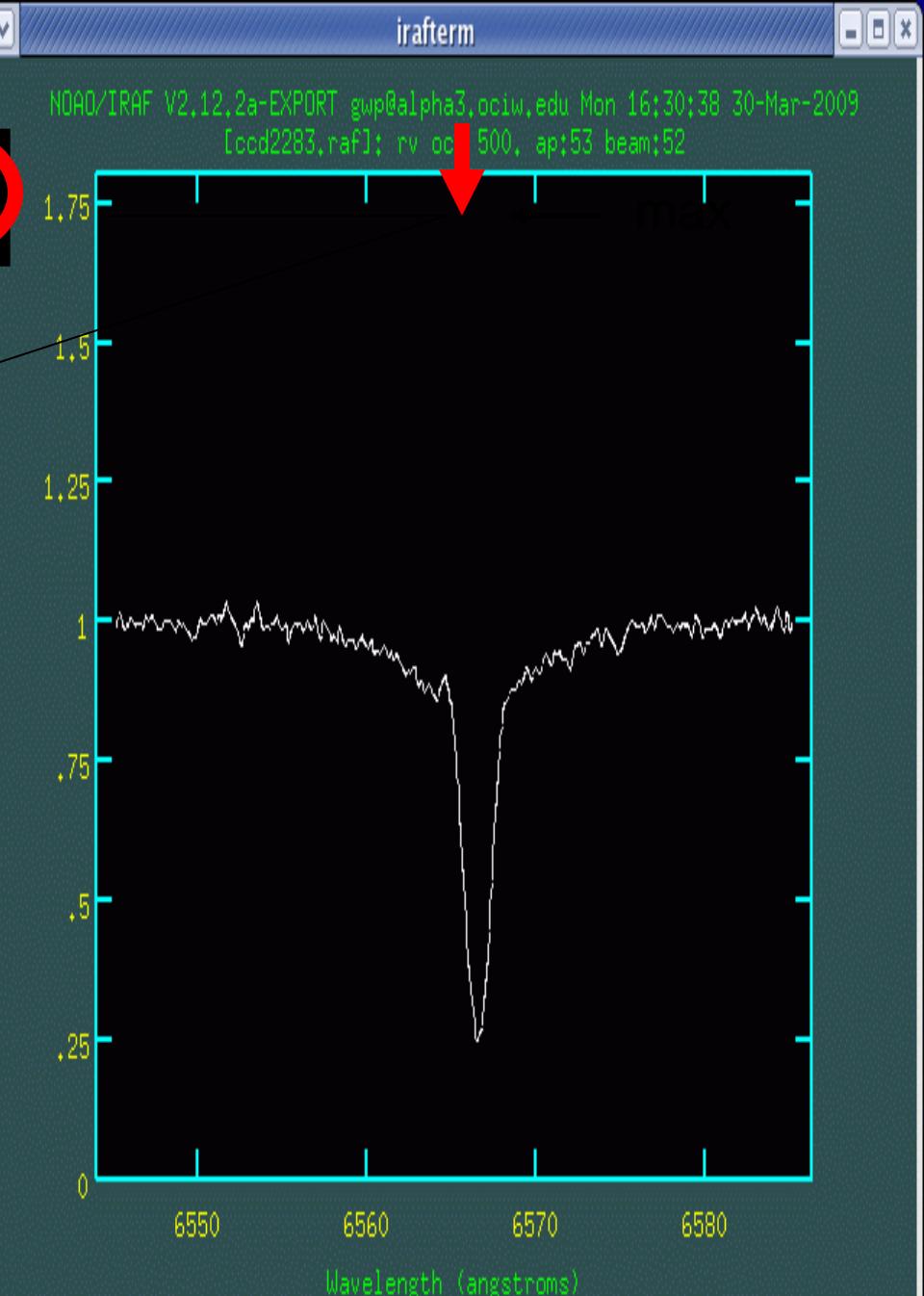
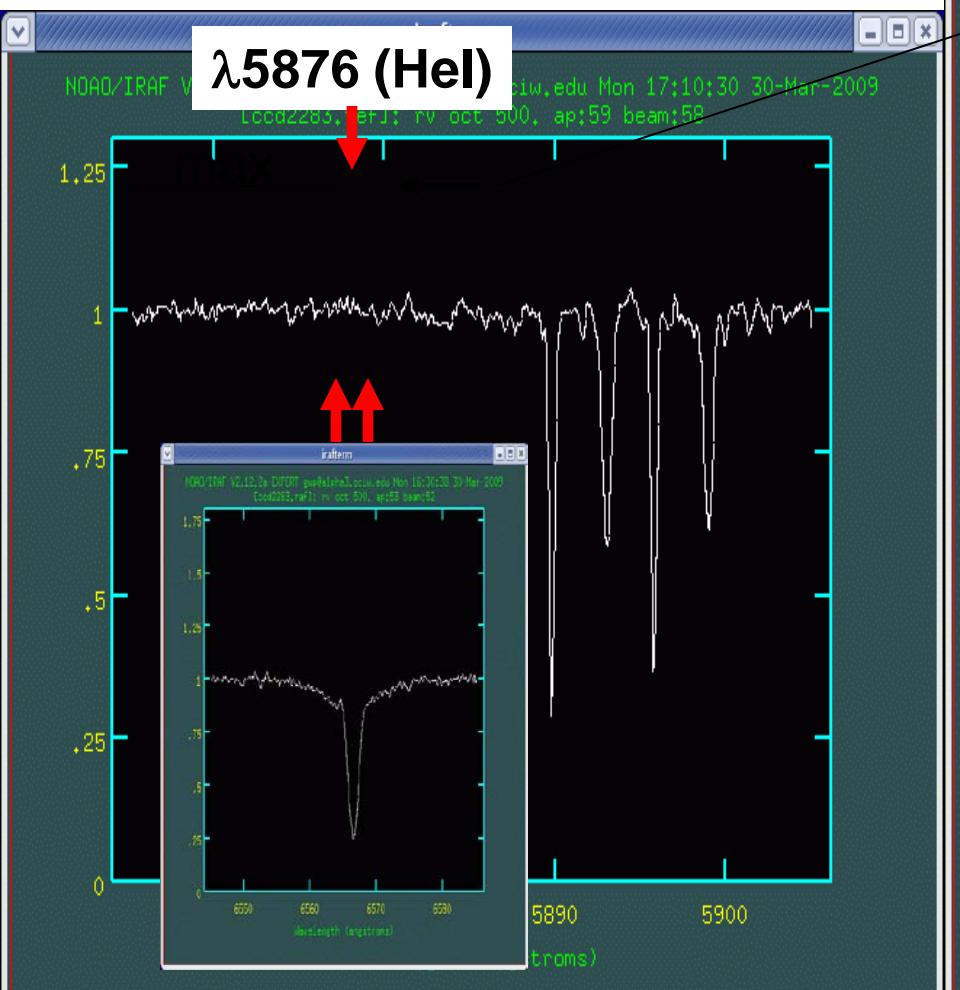
- 2.5 m telescope  
Las Campanas Observatory
- R = 27,000
- Time resolution: 3-10 min
- S/N = 20
- 3500-9000 Å

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# RV Oct in April 2007

$$I(H\alpha)/I(He) = 1.75/1.20 = 1.46$$

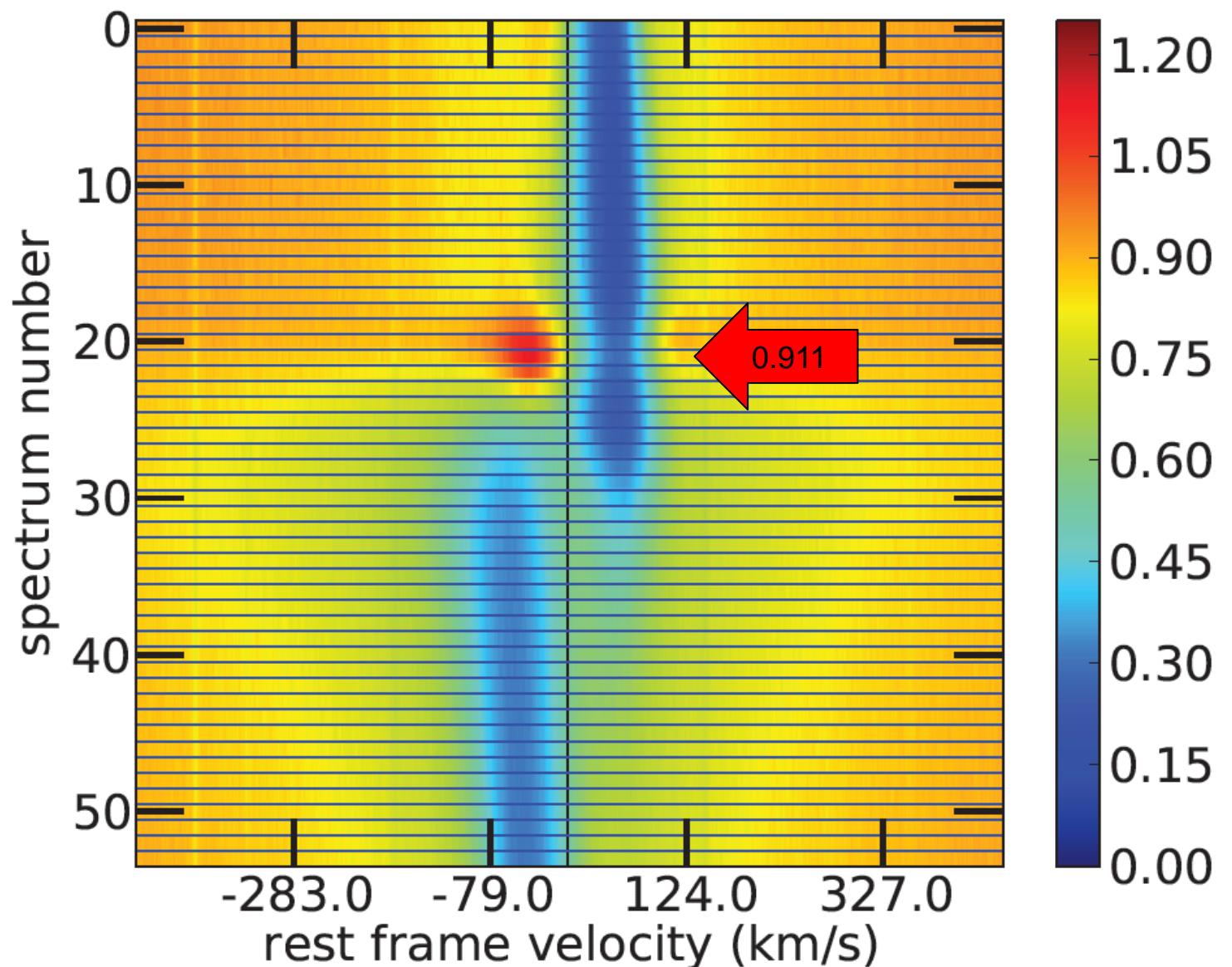


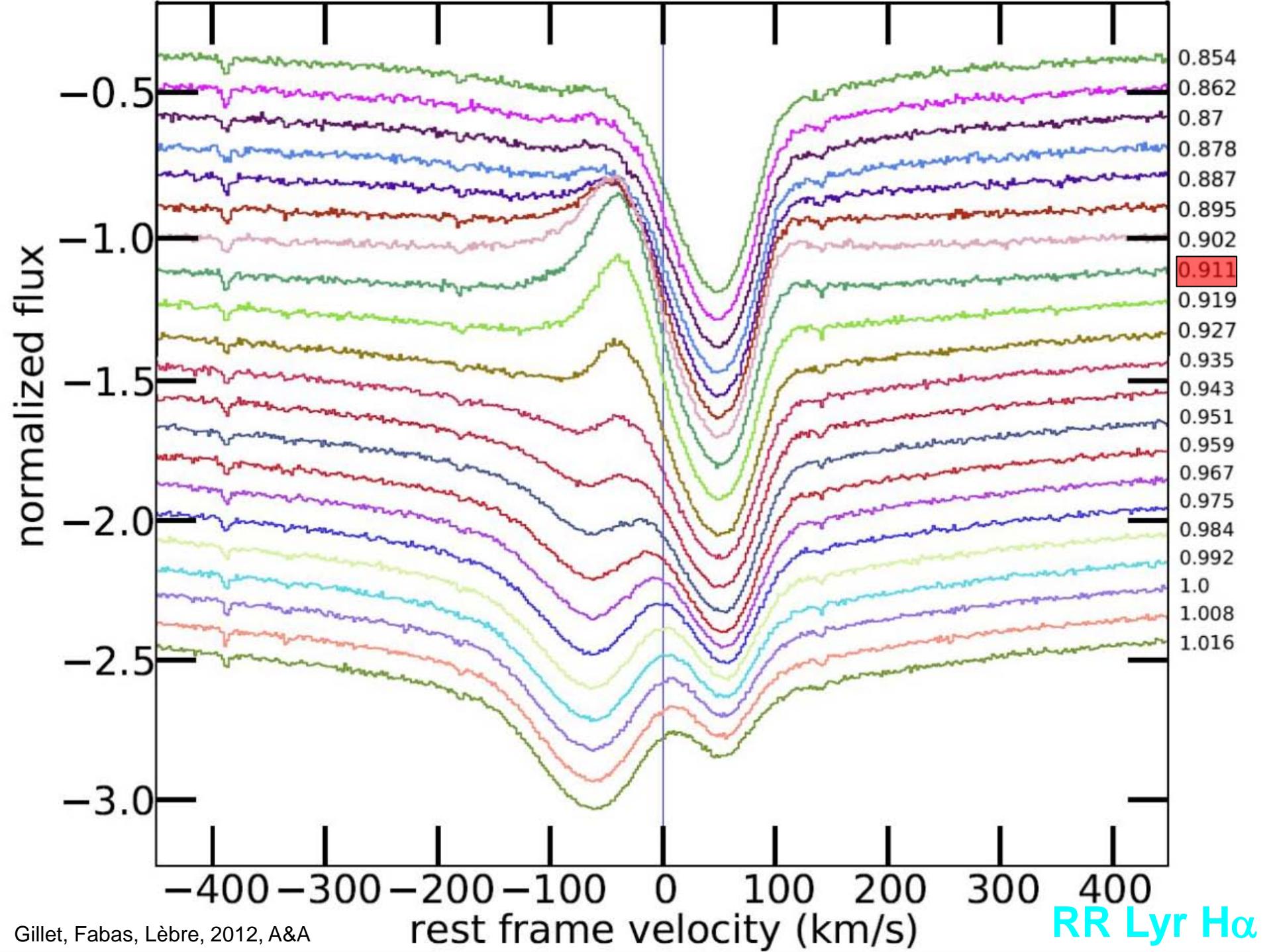


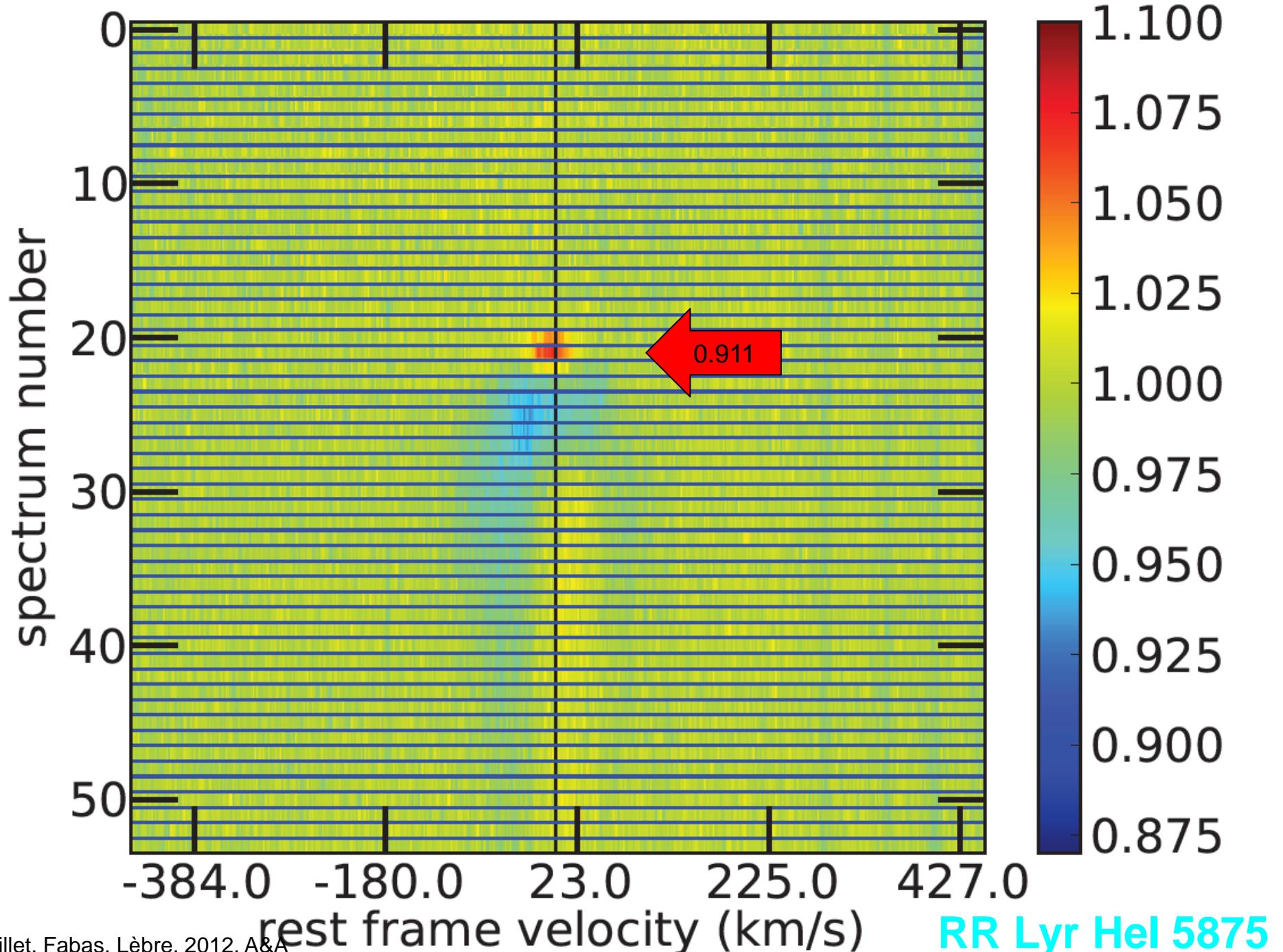
# RR Lyr @ R = 65,000 and 3.6 m

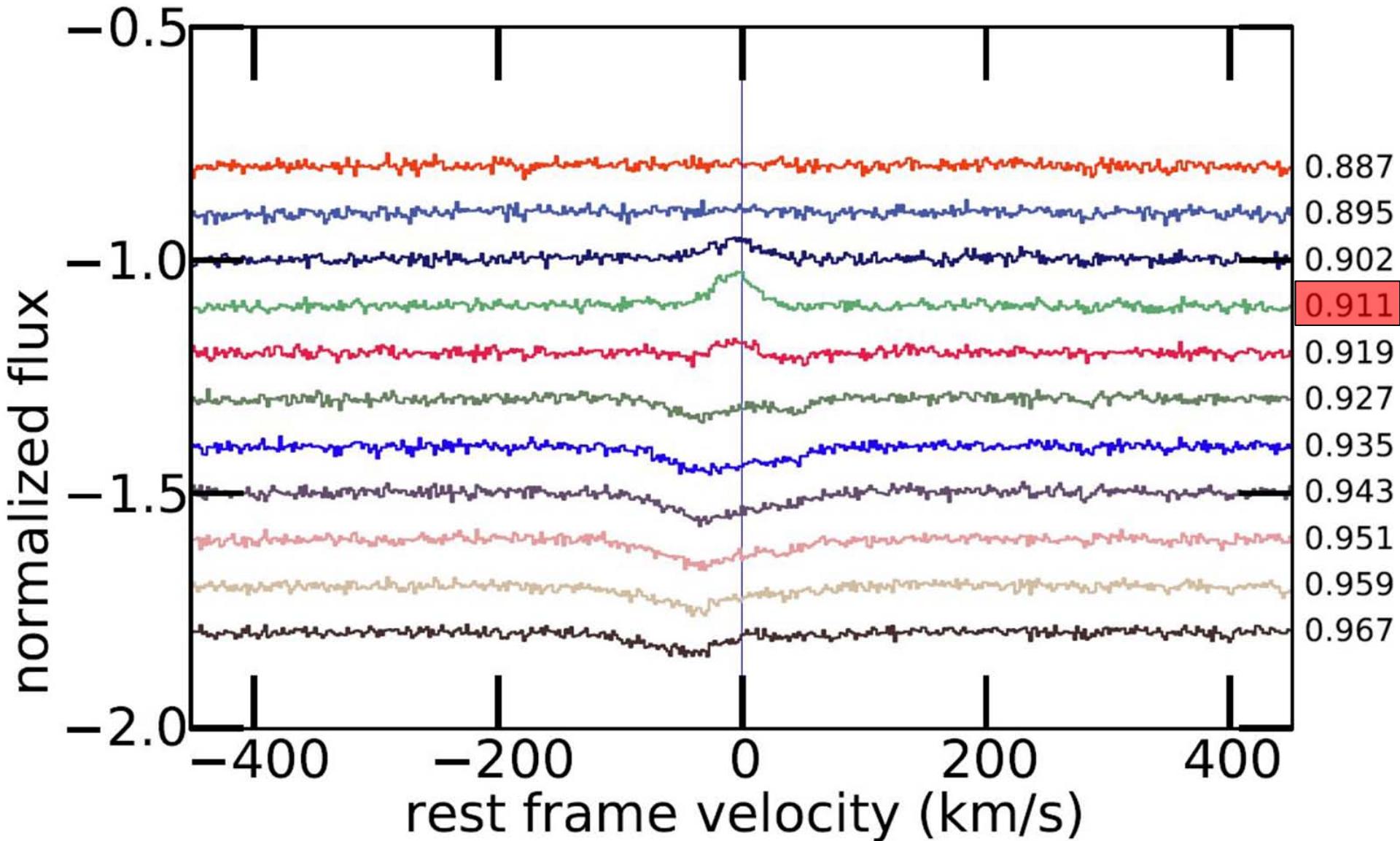


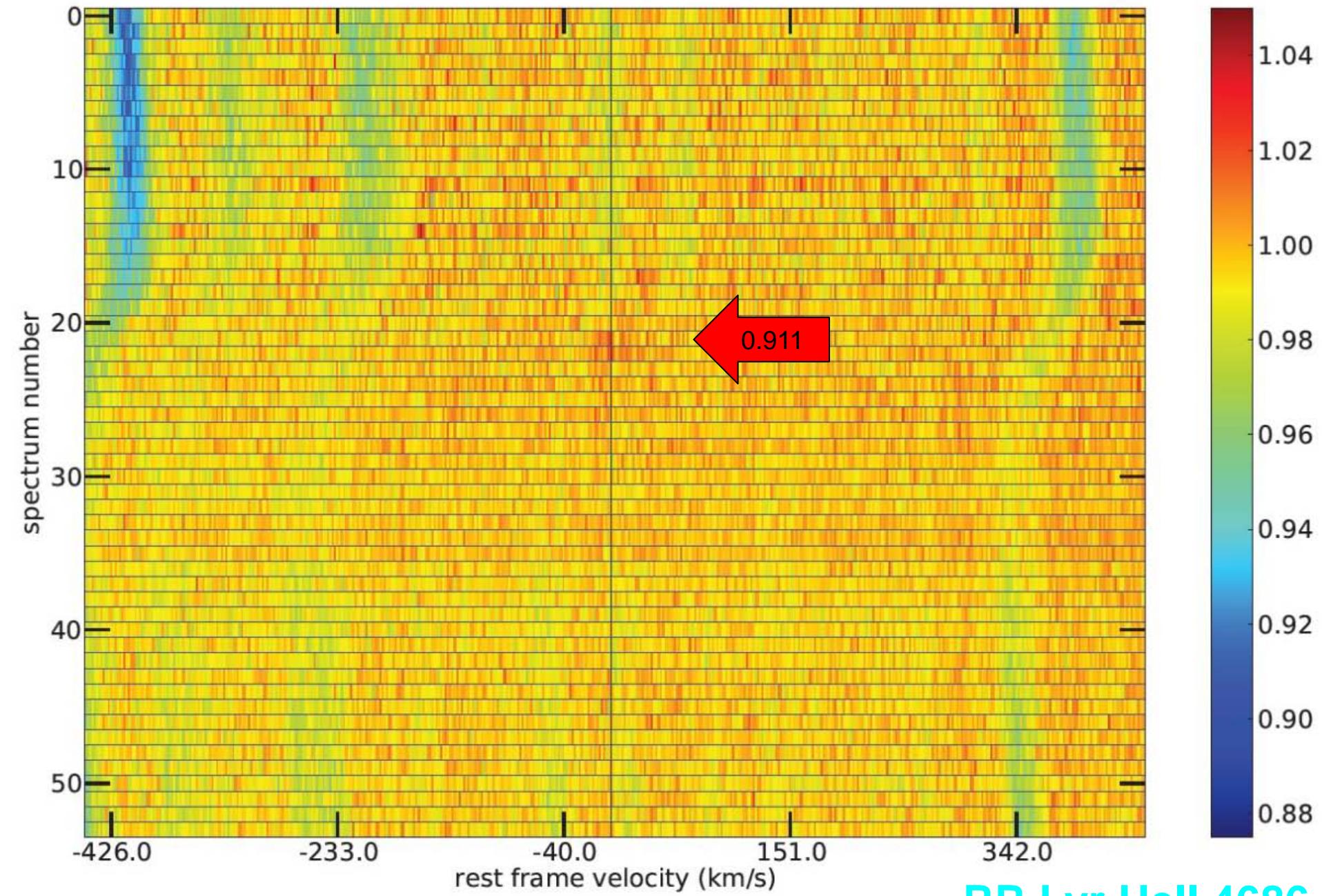
- 3.6 m telescope
- CFHT Observatory
- R = 65,000
- Time resolution: 7 min
- S/N = 180 - 210
- 3000-10100 Å





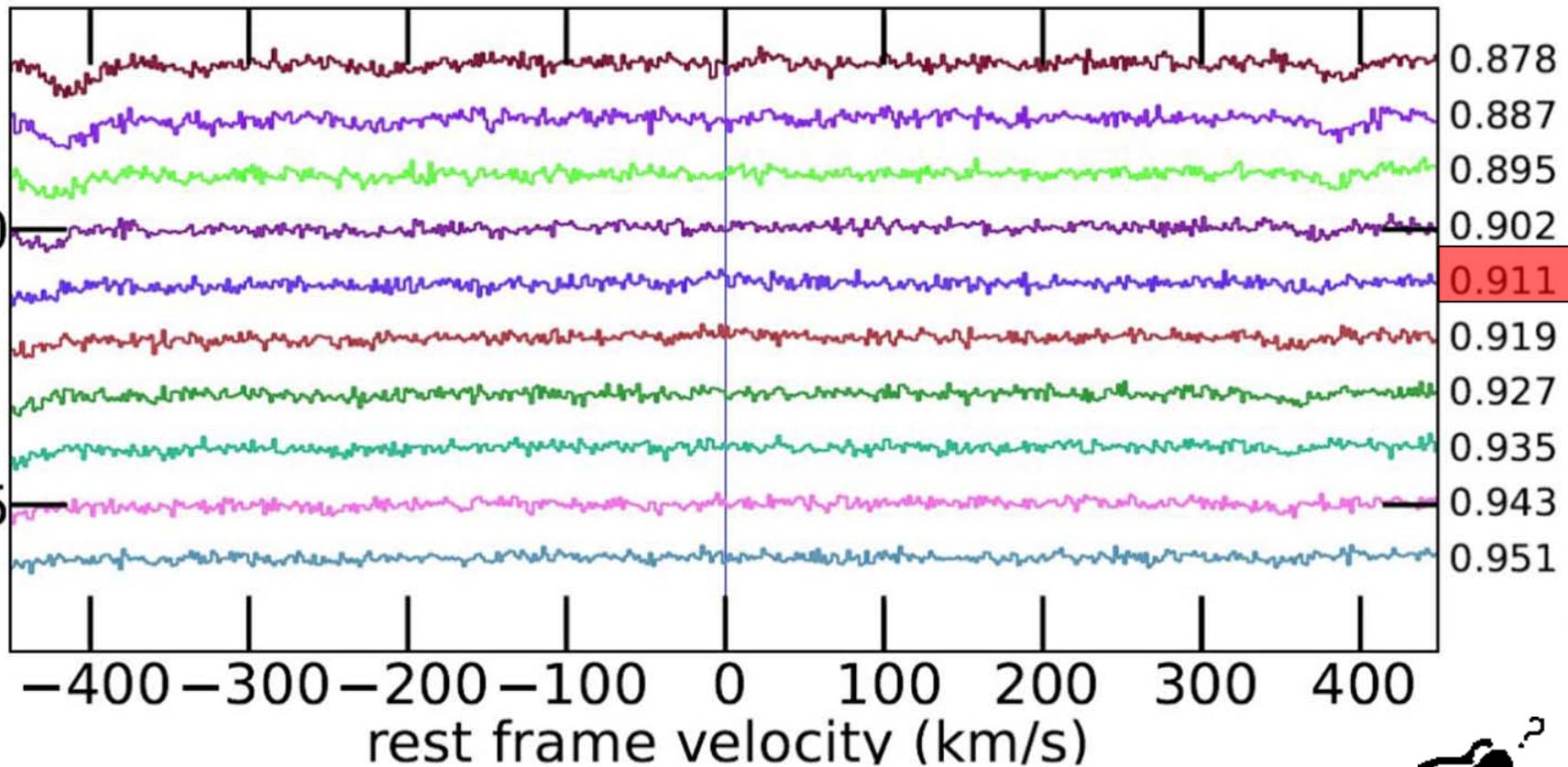






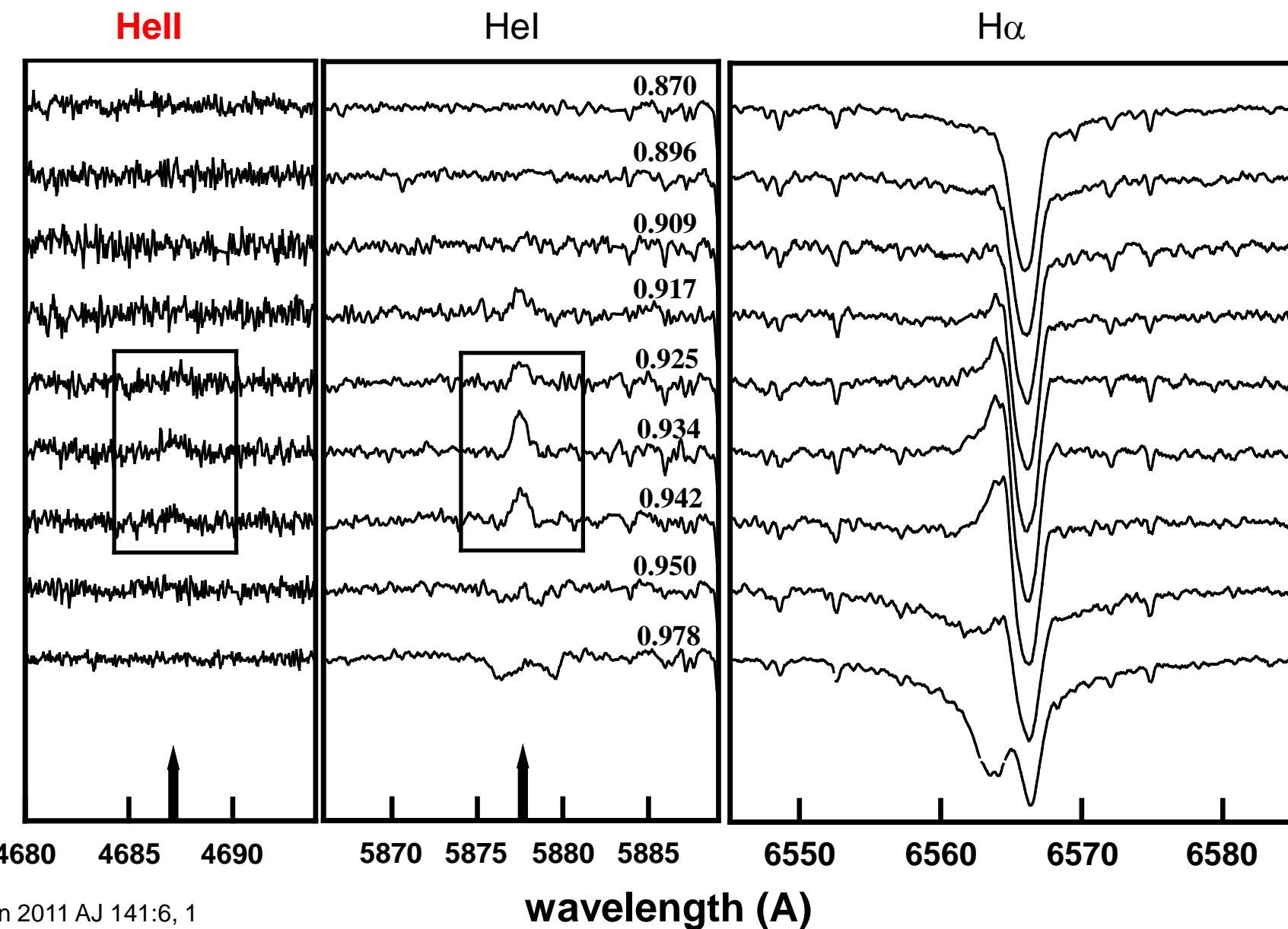
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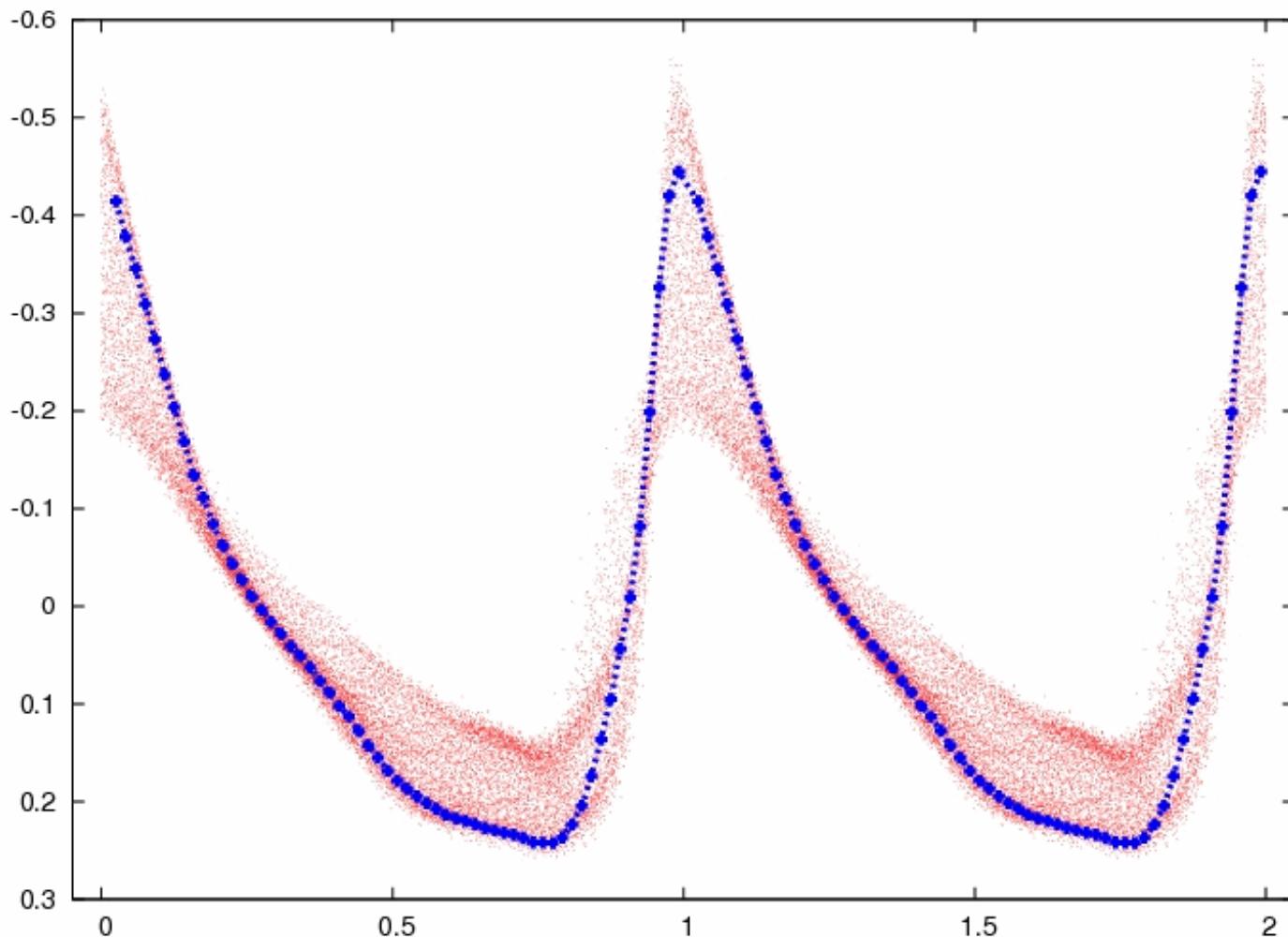


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# AS Vir : inset boxes surround Hell and Hel emission lines in 3 successive spectra

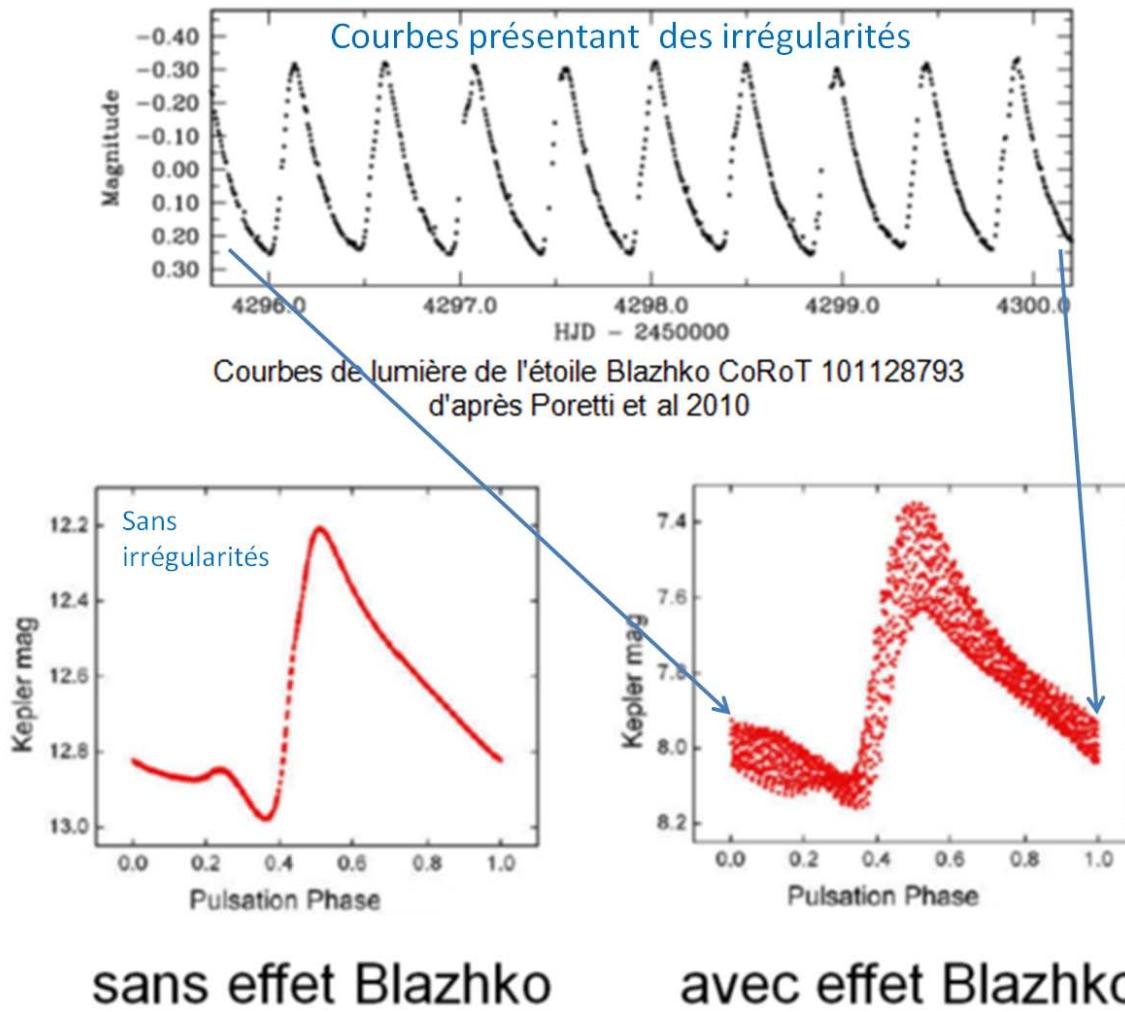


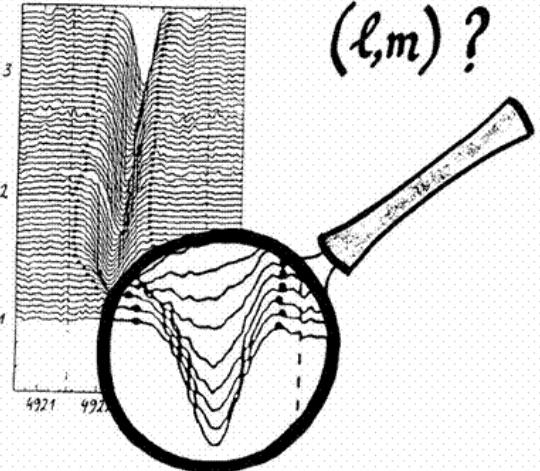
# The Blazhko effect



Courbe de lumière montrant 2 cycles de pulsations de l'étoile RR Lyrae V 1127 Aql évoluant au cours du temps (en bleu), on observe parfaitement l'effet Blazhko. Au cours des 400 cycles (en rouge) observés par le satellite CoRoT, on distingue à la fois une modulation de l'amplitude (sur l'axe vertical des ordonnées), et une modulation de la période de pulsation (sur l'axe horizontal des abscisses).

# The Blazhko effect





# The explanation of the Blazhko effect???

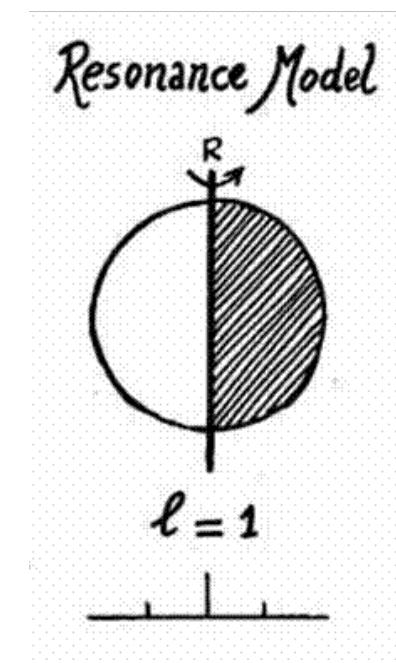
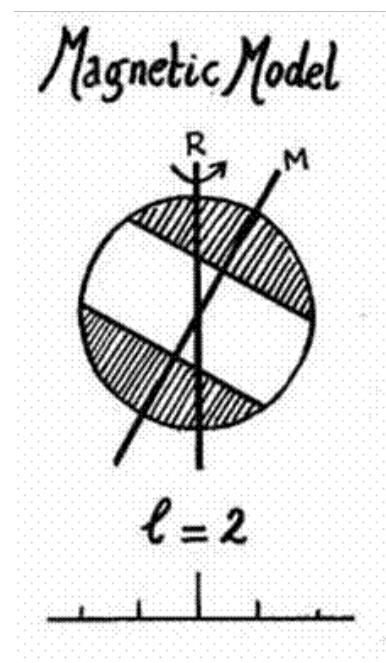
Until today, after over 100 years of research, there were more than 10 explanations proposed but none is satisfactory.

## What is the correct explanation?

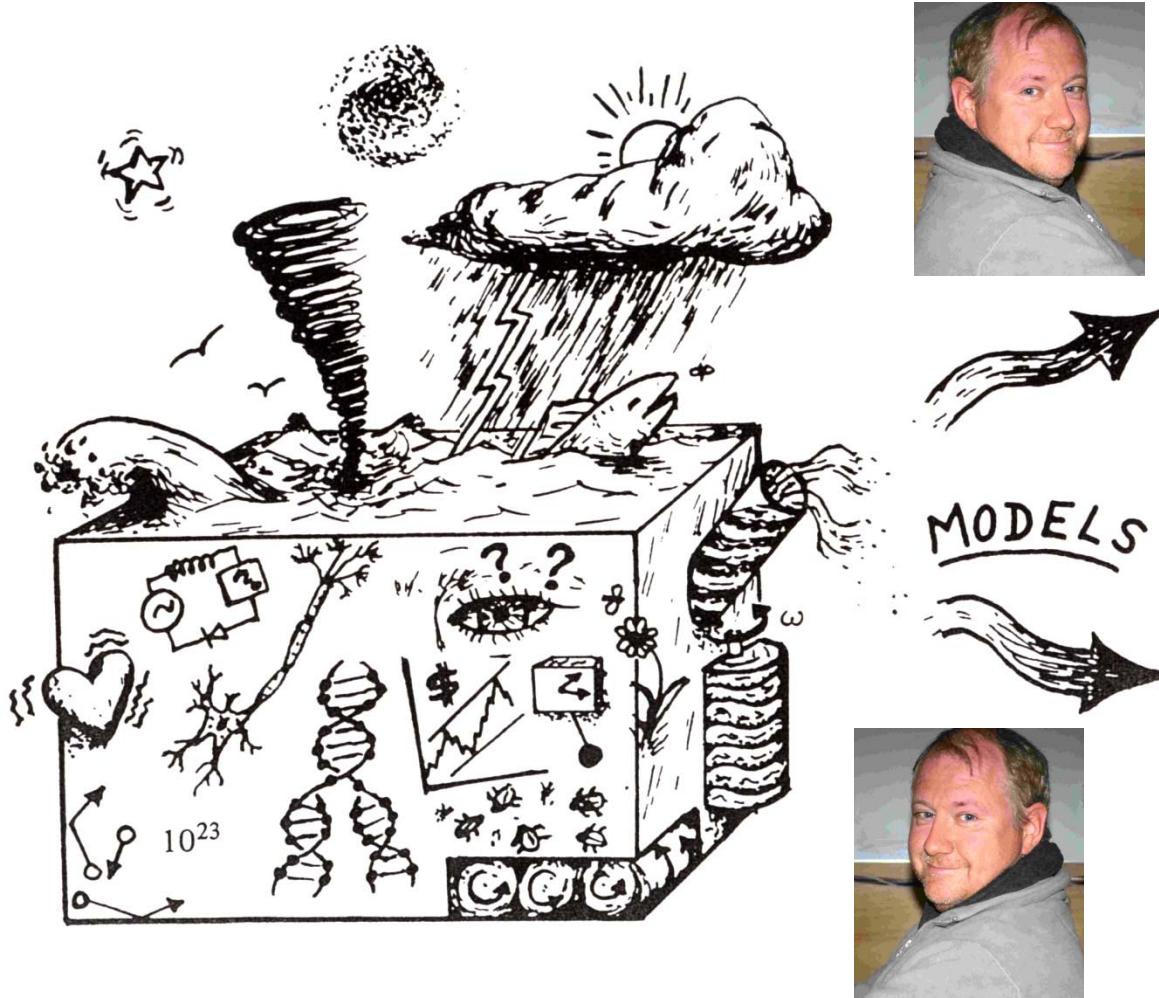


**Connection with :**

- shock(s)?
- helium emission?
- atmospheric dynamics?



# Conclusion



$$\rho u = \rho_0 u_0$$

$$p + \rho u^2 = p_0 + \rho_0 u_0^2$$

$$\frac{p}{\rho} + e + \frac{1}{2}u^2 = \frac{p_0}{\rho_0} + e_0 + \frac{1}{2}u_0^2$$

$$\frac{p_2}{p_1} = 1 + \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma+1} (M_1^2 - 1)$$

$$\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1} = \frac{u_2}{u_1} = \frac{(\gamma+1)M_1^2}{2+(\gamma-1)M_1^2}$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{[2\gamma M_1^2 - (\gamma-1)][2 + (\gamma-1)M_1^2]}{(\gamma+1)^2 M_1^2}$$