

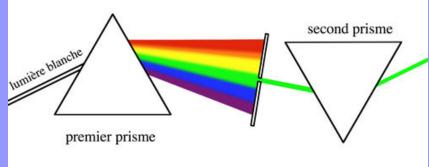
### my "friend" Isaac Newton



Isaac Newton (1642-1726); Mme Tussaud museum / London



#### Light & Colors

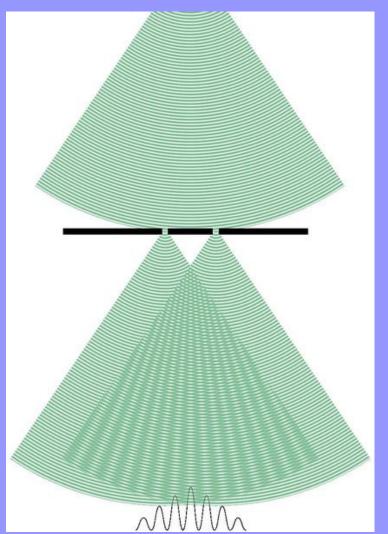


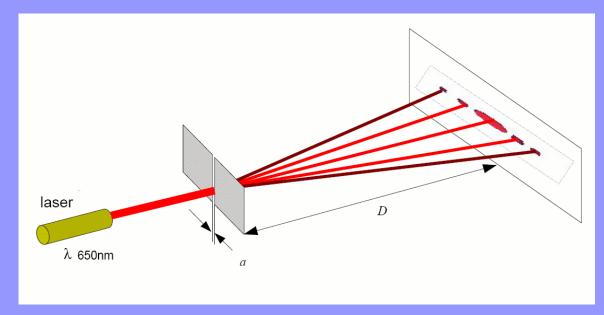
>Isaac Newton : a pionneer

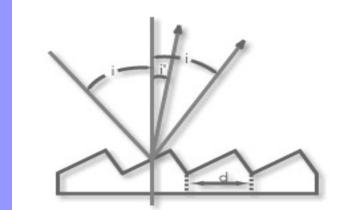
>1670: experience with a prism

Circular "slit" ~6mm:  $\lambda/\Delta\lambda$  ~10!

## Light is a wave



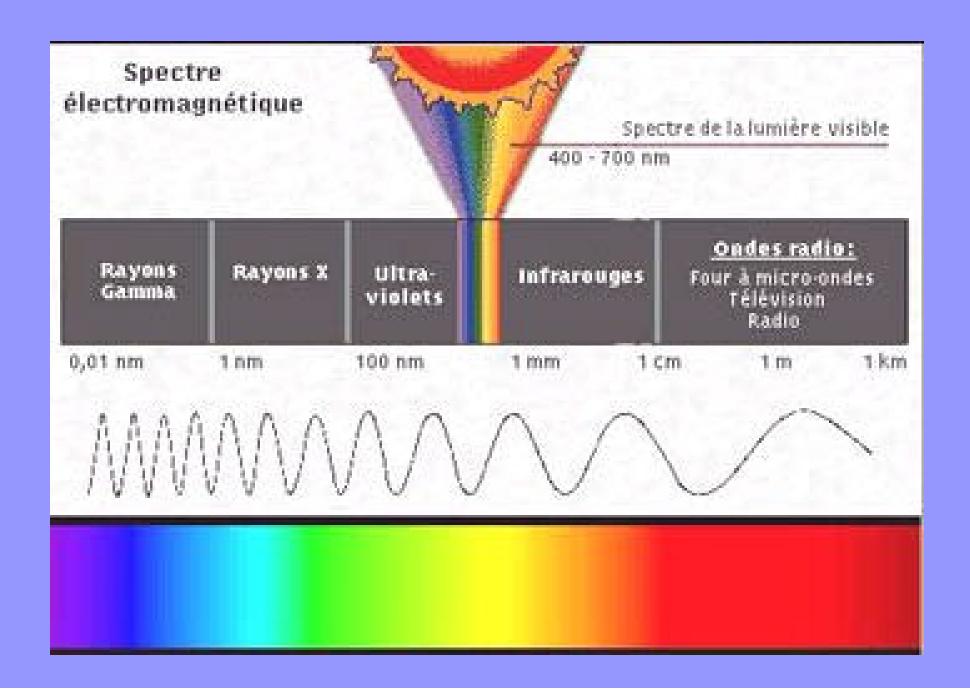




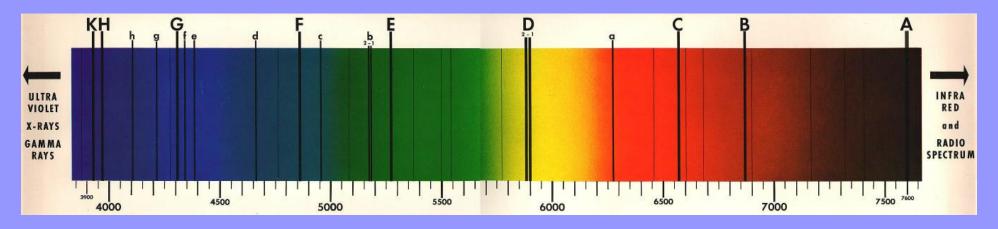


- >Thomas Young (1773-1829)
  - >Wave interpretation of light (1801)
  - >Worked with grating with 20 grooves/mm

#### Electromagnetic spectrum

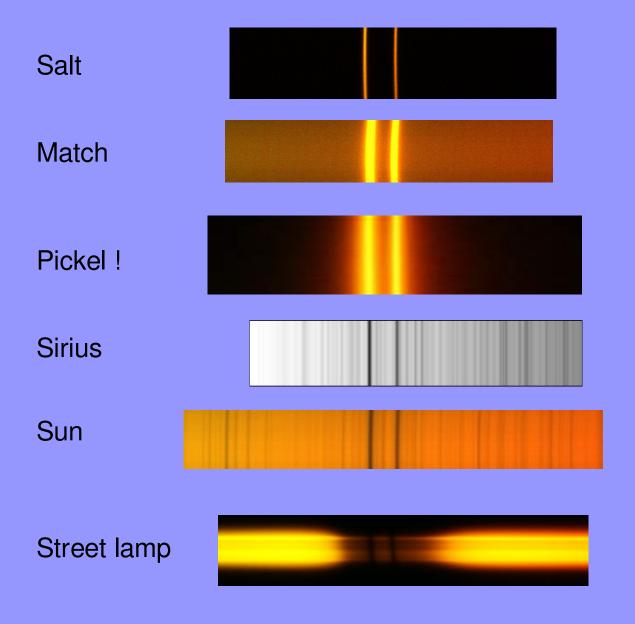


### Solar spectrum

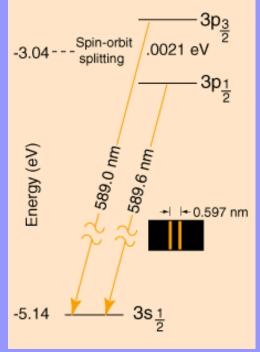


- William Wollaston (1766-1828)
  - >~150 years after Newton!
  - First observation (in 1802) of dark lines
  - Demonstrated the importance of the slit width
- Joseph Fraunhofer (1787-1826)
  - Manufacturer of high quality glasses
  - A, B (Hα), C, D (sodium doublet)... H, K (Calcium) lines
  - Catalog of ~600 raies in 1814
  - Also observed planets and some stars!
- **Edmon Becquerel (1820-1891)** 
  - First photography of the solar spectrum (June 13th, 1842)

#### Sodium in all shape!







### Chemical analysis & spectroscopy

- Léon Foucault (1819-1868)
  - Comparison between spectra on Earth and solar spectrum (sodium lines, 1849)
- Gustav Kirchhoff
  - In parallel, he made the experiment with salt and published in 1859 that sodium should exist on solar atmosphere!
  - A key theoritical result: Kirchhoff laws
- Robert Bunsen (1811-1899)
  - Heidelberg university like Kirchhoff
  - Together, they published in 1860 a paper on « chemical analysis by spectroscopic observation », then in 1861-1863 the analysis of several chemical elements and their work on the solar spectrum
- >...Spectroscopy was born...

# Spectroscopie is born!



Photos: Wikipedia / O. Thizy

## Let's play with a grating...

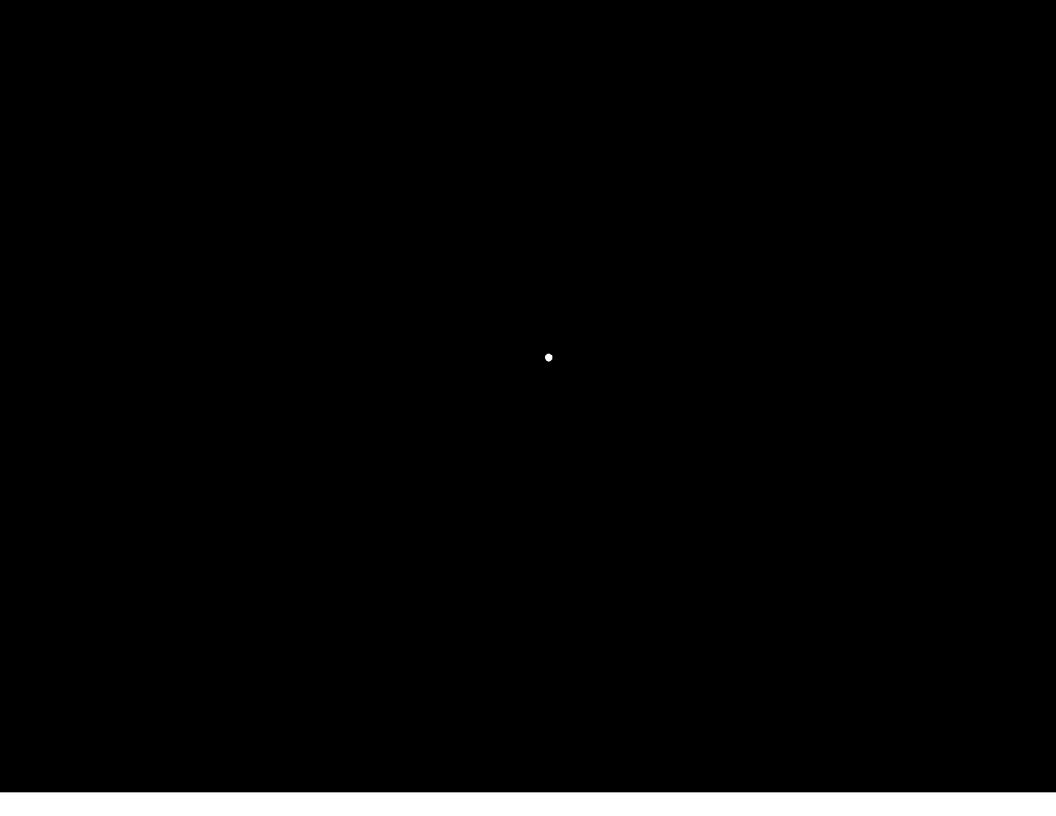


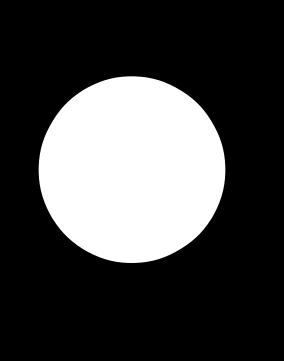
Images : C. Buil / O. Thizy

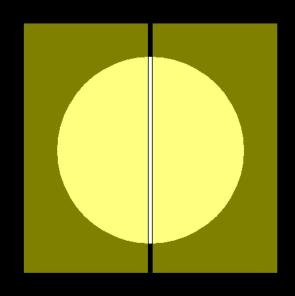
# Star Analyser, the simplest (astro) spectroscope (R ~100)



Converging beam from telescope







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#### Multiple way to setup



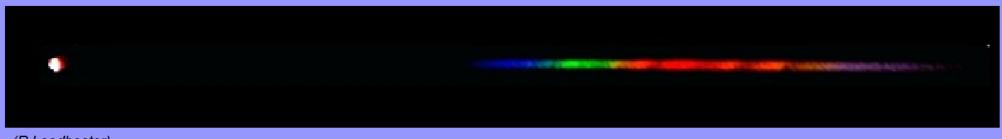
Like a filter (webcam)



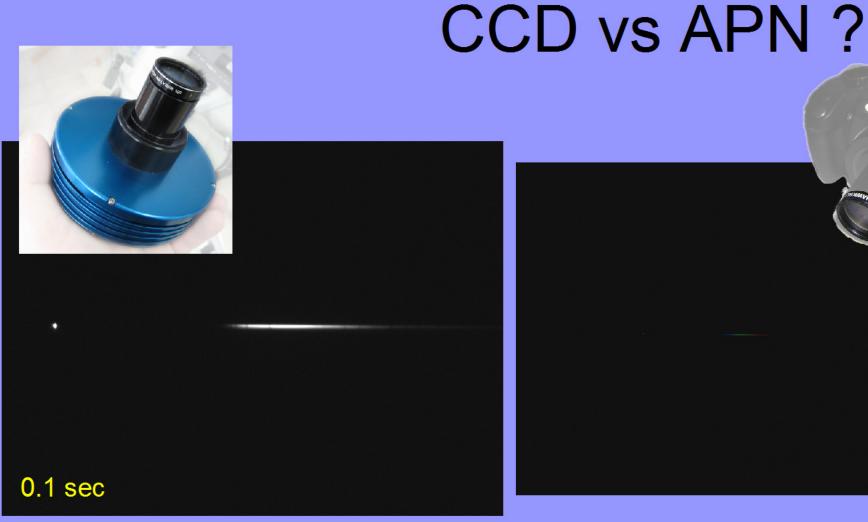
Like a filter (CCD camera)



In front of a lens



(R.Leadbeater)





- >Dynamic: 16-bits
- **Monochrome**
- >Sensitivity, temp. control

- Dynamic: 12-bits
- **Color (Bayer matrix** → **Problem)**
- **Noisy**



# 4-steps astronomical spectroscopy

#### 1 / Acquisition

Prepare your equipment before the night!
Acquire a reference (A-type) star, then your targets



#### 2 / Process reference star (ex: Vega)

Geometry + extract signal column by column (binning) X axis calibration: wavelength calibration / dispersion Y axis calibration: instrumental response



#### 3 / Reduce all your spectra

As above using:

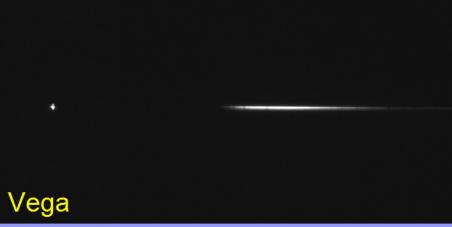
- -wavelength calib. Law (or Zero order + dispersion)
- -divide intensities by your instrumental response

4 / Analyse & publish your spectra (ex: VisualSpec) Measure astrophysical data from your profiles: line intensity, wavelength shift...





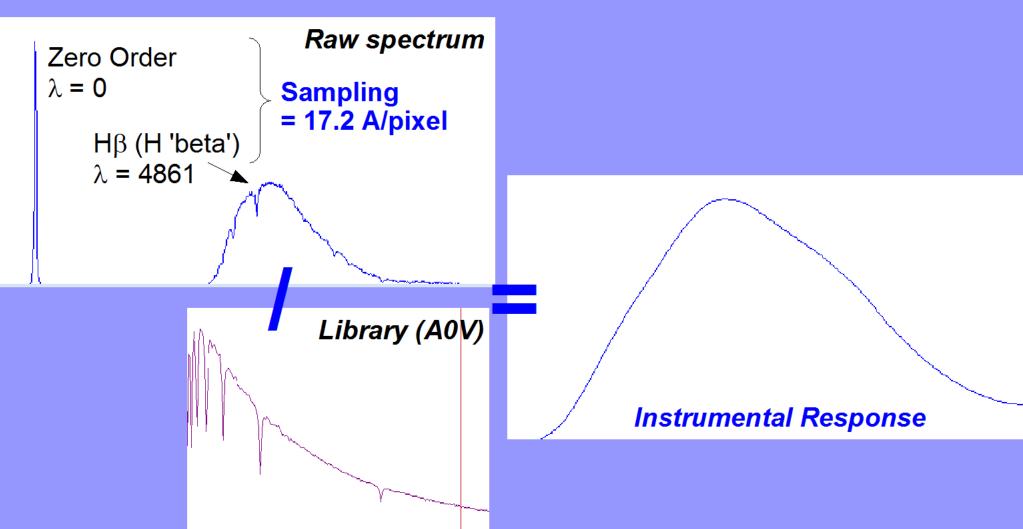
# 1/ Acquisition







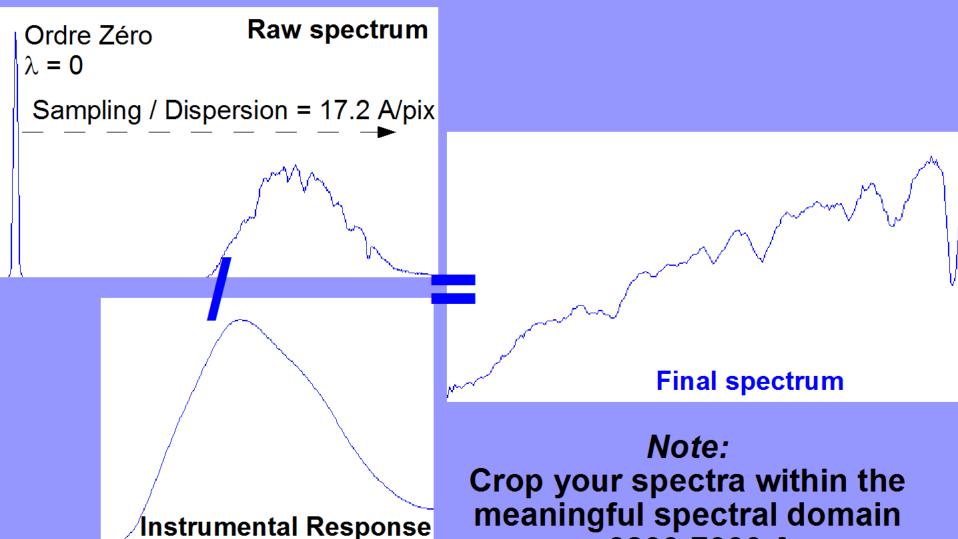
#### 2/ Process reference star





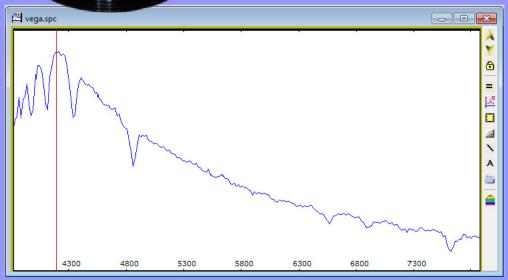
# 3/ Reduce (process) your other spectra

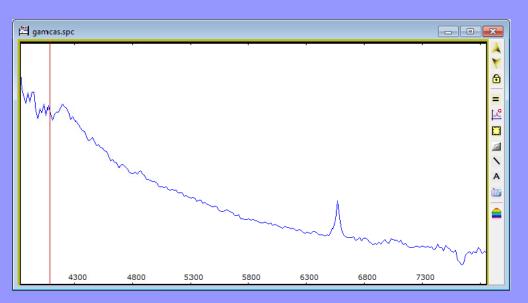
~ 3800-7000 A

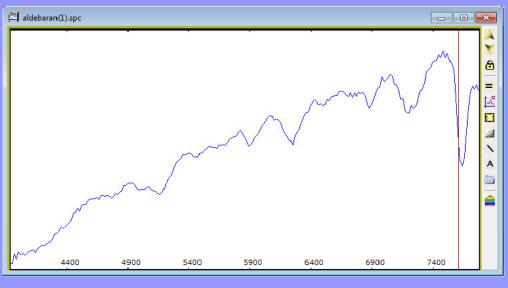




## 4/ Compare your spectra







What do we see?

1/ overall profile varies

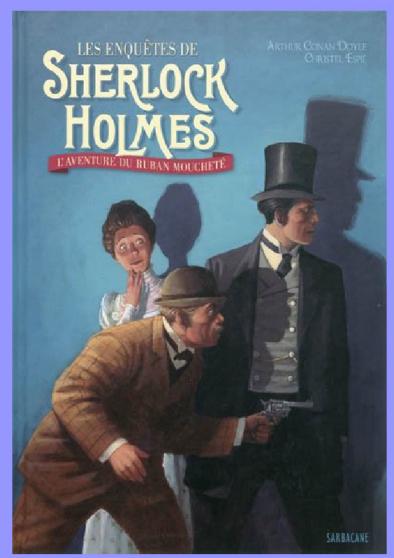
2/ absorption lines

3/ emission lines

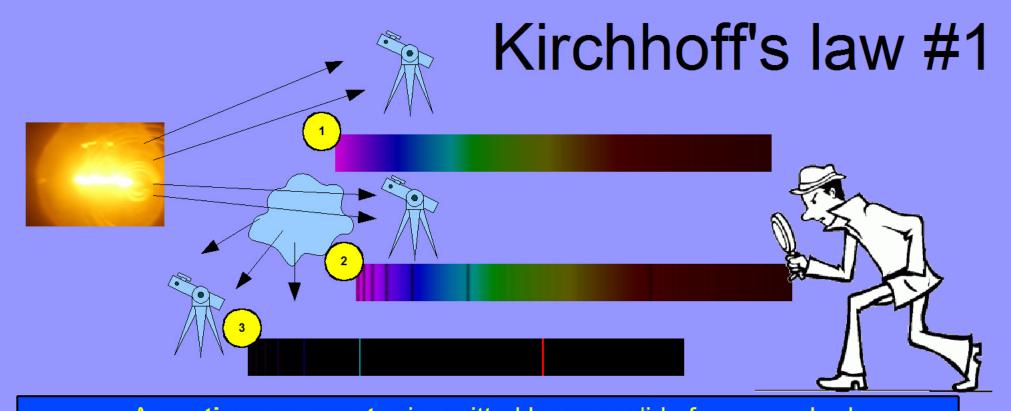
**→ WHY ???** 

### Spectroscopy is first a game!



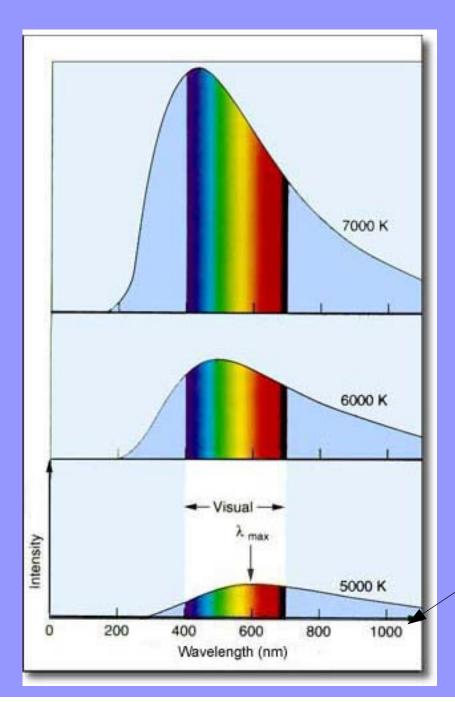


Photos: Google Images



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#### Informations from Planck profile



>Stefan's law:
 Intensity (below the curve) =
 Constant \* T<sup>4</sup>

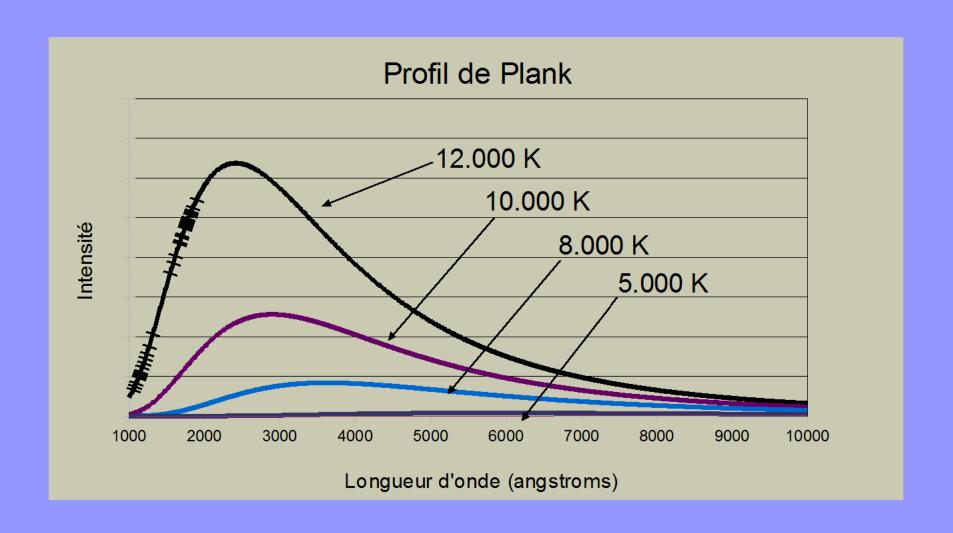
>Wien's law:

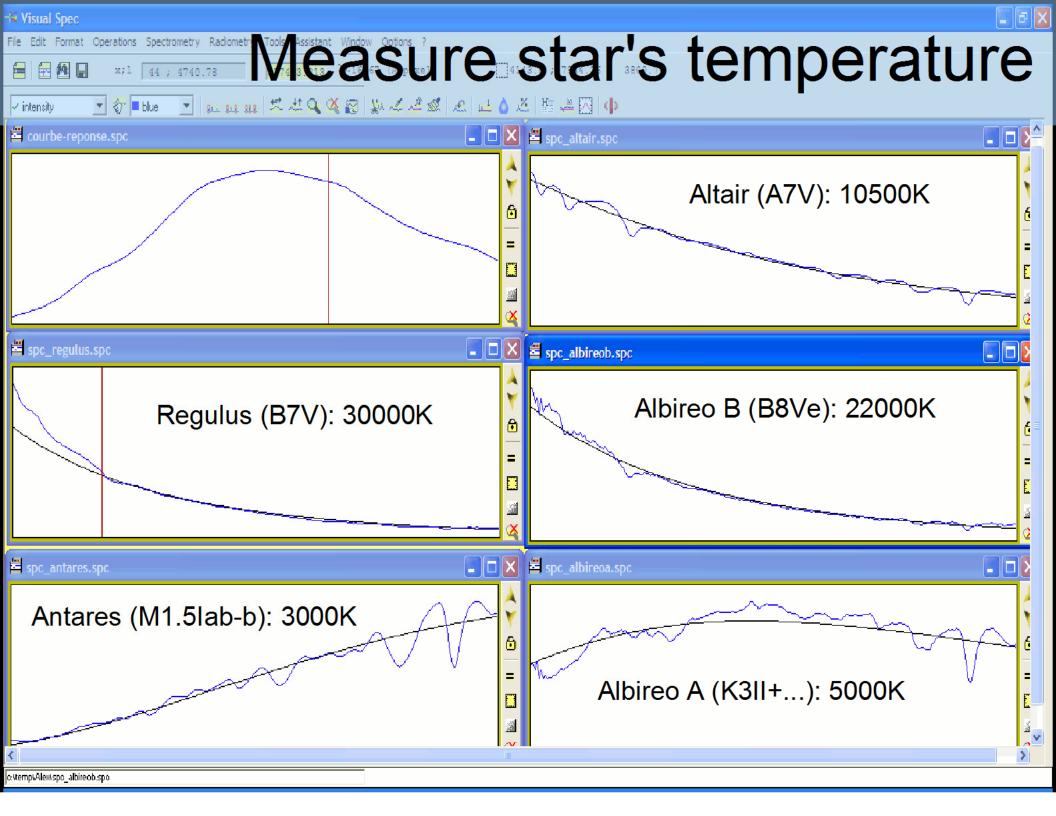
 $\lambda$  max \* Temperature = Constant (2900  $\mu$ m.K)

==>Temperature = Color !!!

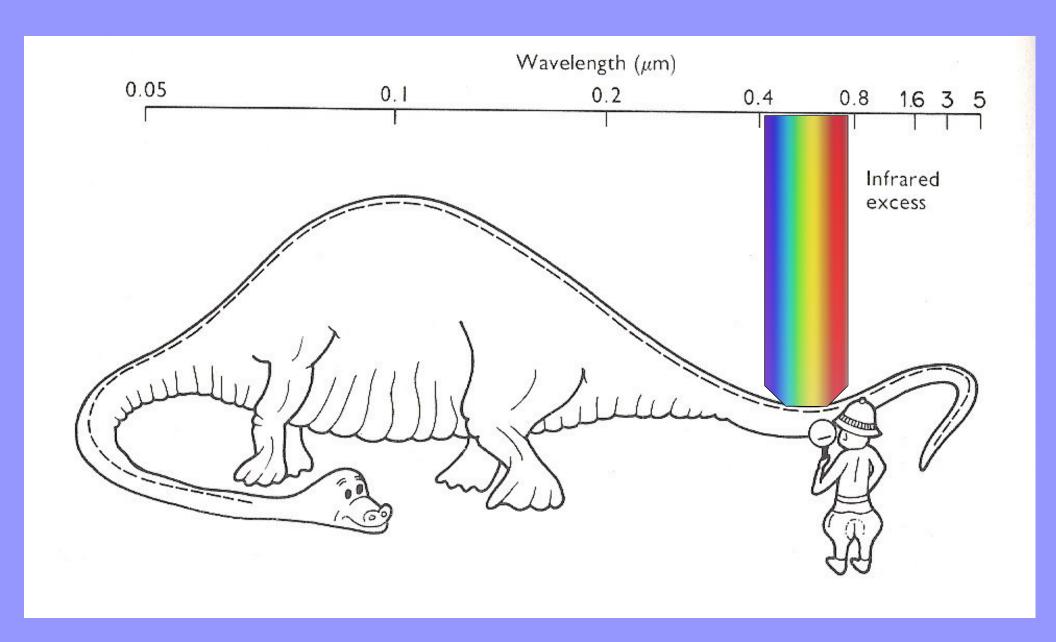
Visible domain = 400-700nm (4000A-7000A)

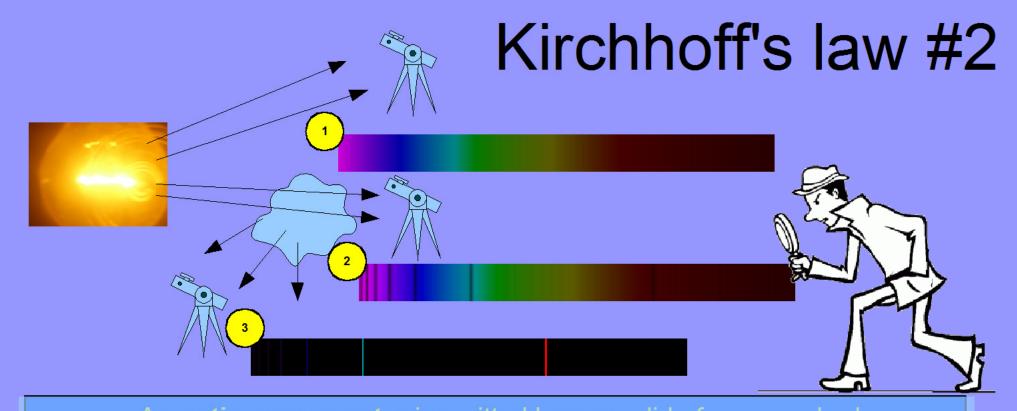
#### Black body profile





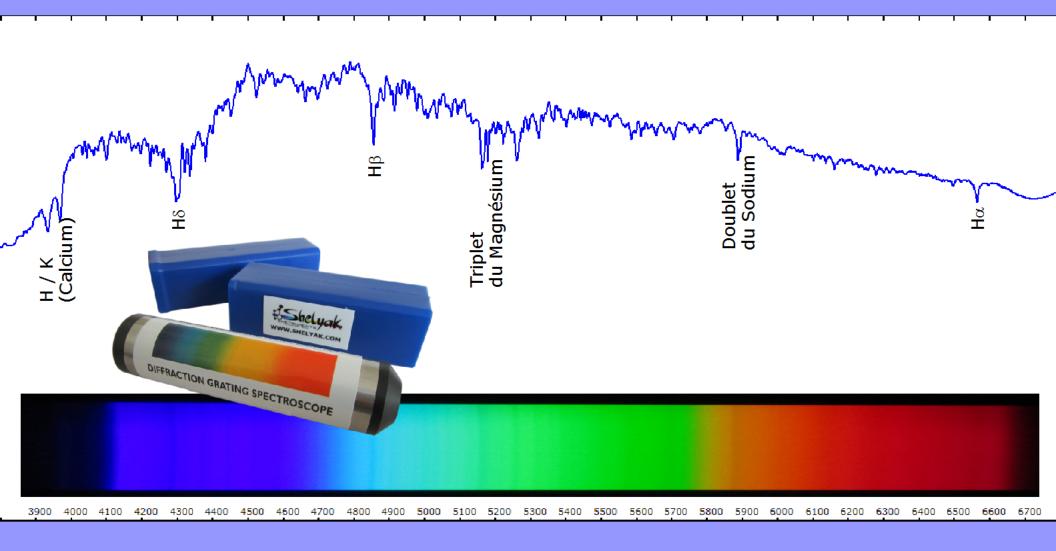
#### Be aware: Visible = partial view





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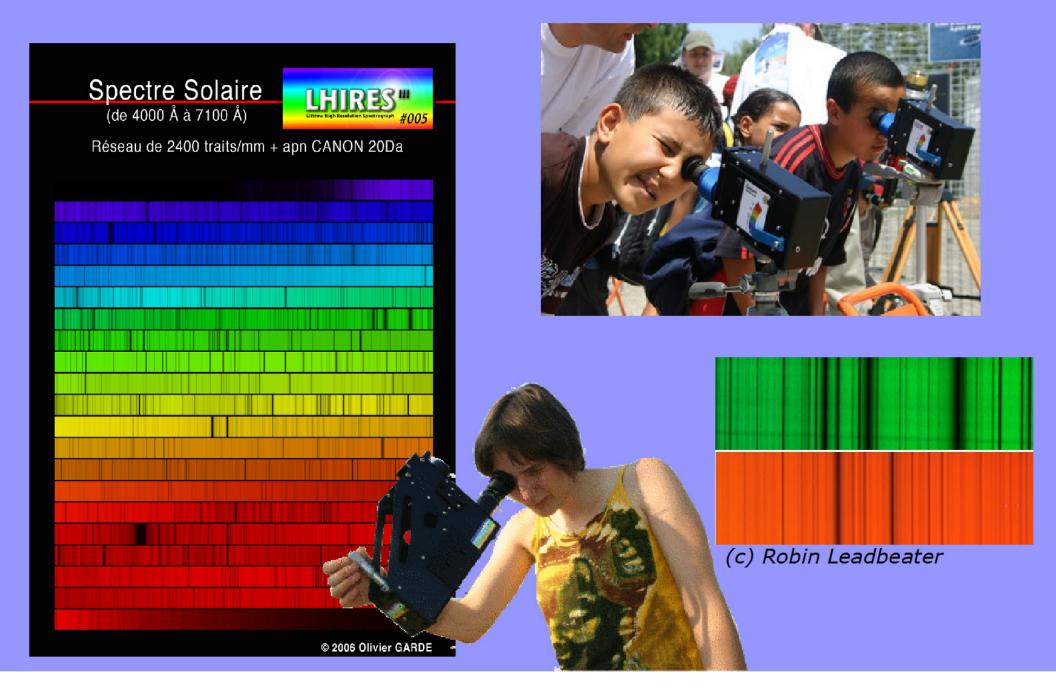
#### Solar spectrum absorption lines



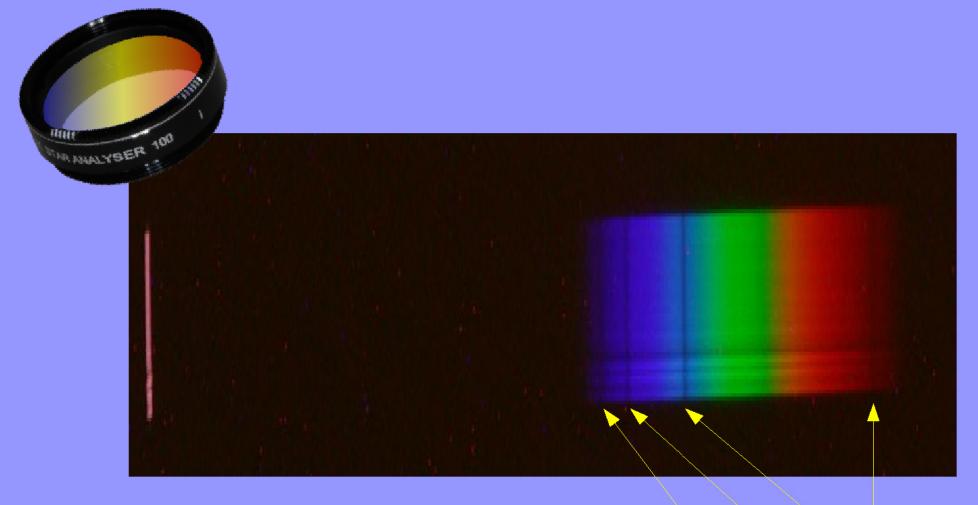
Profil: O. Thizy, janvier 2007; Lhires III – 300tt/mm; Digital Rebel / EOS300D Pic du Midi (ie: no telluric lines)

Spectrum: recorded with the handheld spectroscope.

#### Solar spectrum (visual)

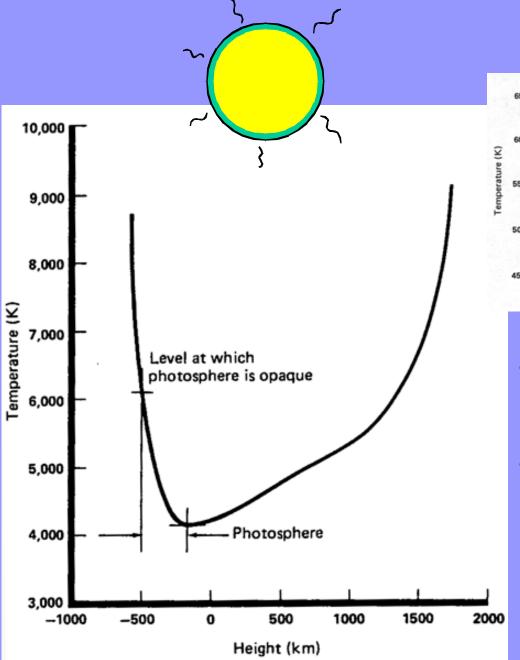


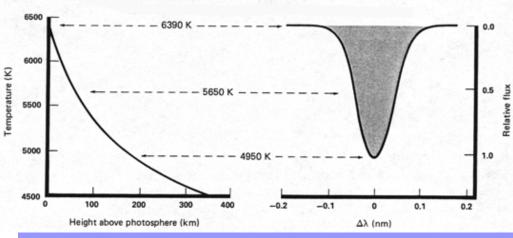
#### Absorption lines?



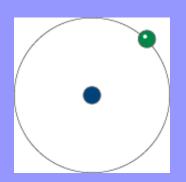
Hydrogen lines (Balmer serie : ... $H\delta$ ,  $H\gamma$ ,  $H\beta$ ,  $H\alpha$ )

#### Photospheric line

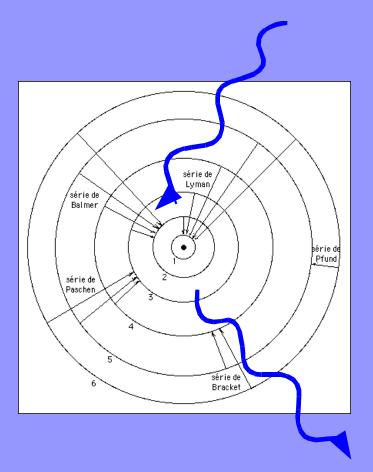




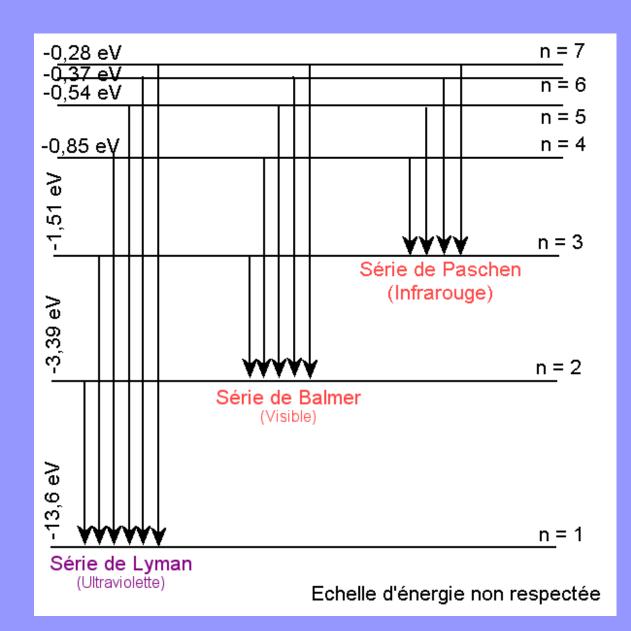
- Photosphere is a very very thin layer
- 'Wings' of the line come from deeper layers than the center of the line



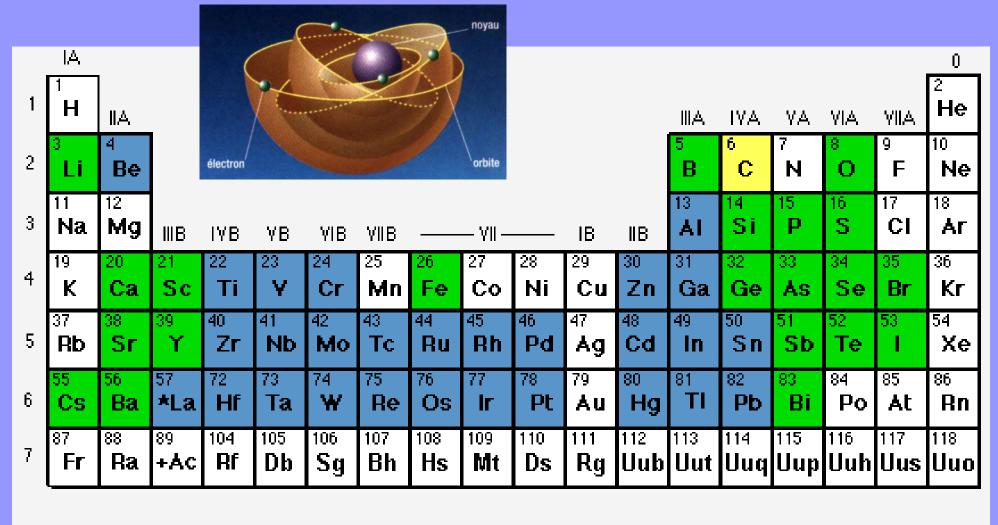
#### Absorption/Emission lines



 $\Delta$ Energy = h \*  $\nu$  = h \*c /  $\lambda$ 



#### Table of elements

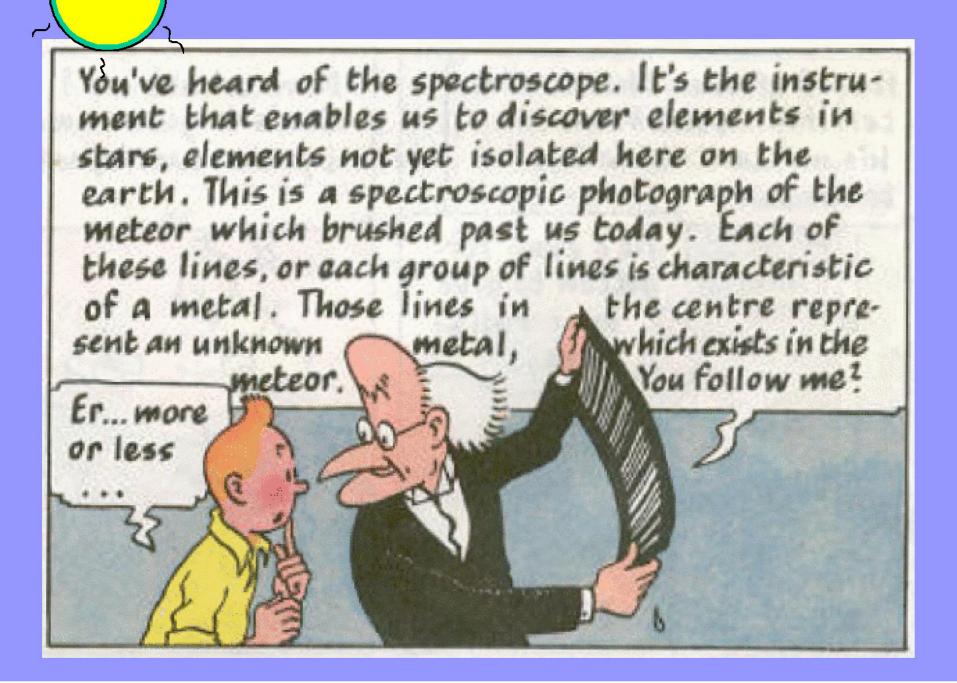


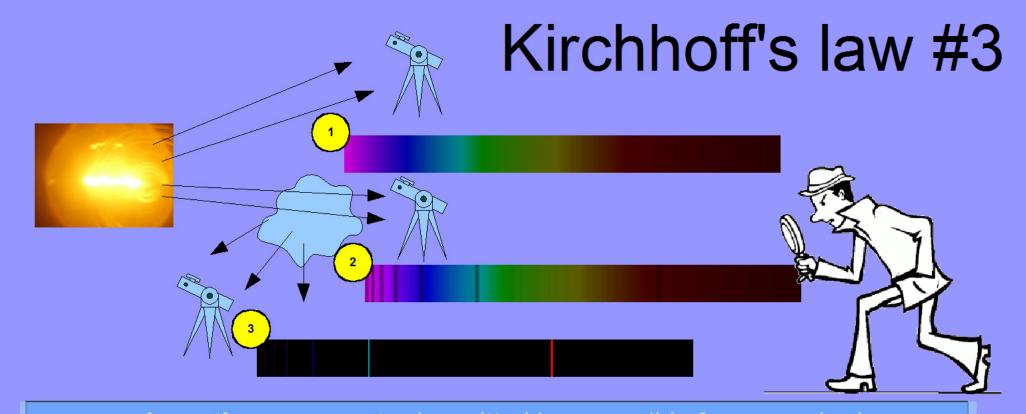
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+Actinide

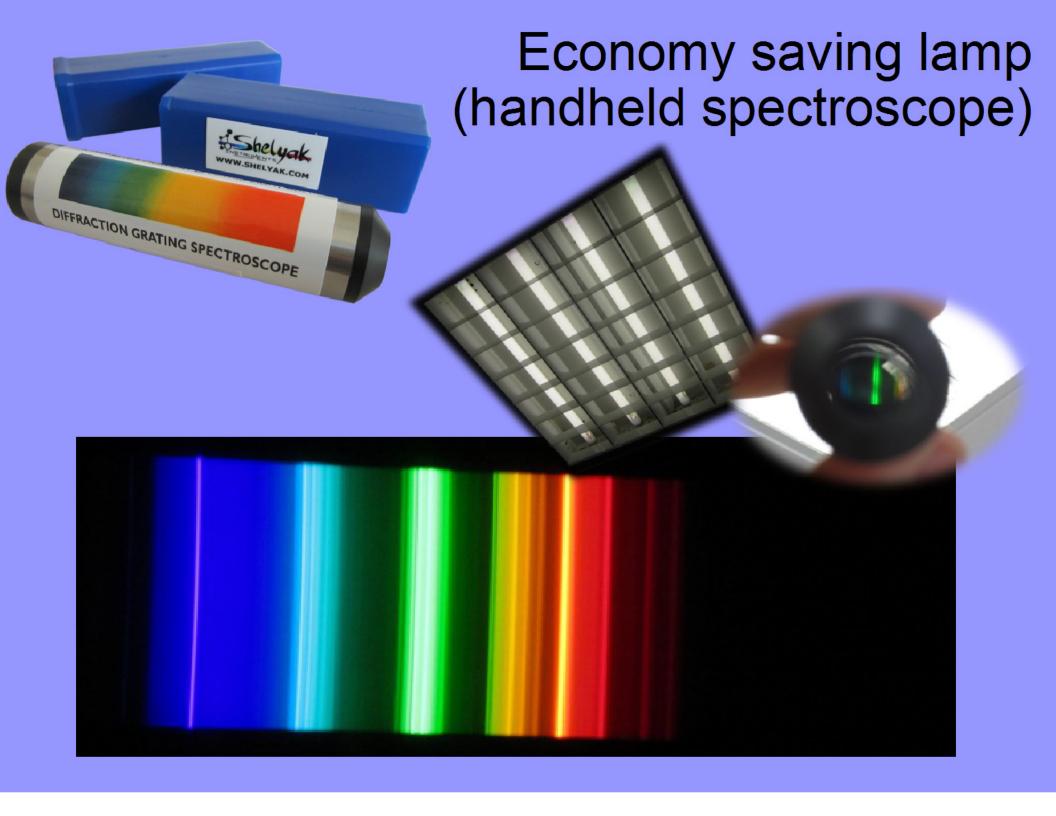
| 58<br><b>Ce</b> |           |    |           |           |           |           |           | _         |           |           |           |           |           |
|-----------------|-----------|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 90              | 91        | 92 | 93        | 94        | 95        | 96        | 97        | 98        | 99        | 100       | 101       | 102       | 103       |
| <b>Th</b>       | <b>Pa</b> | U  | <b>Np</b> | <b>Pu</b> | <b>Am</b> | <b>Cm</b> | <b>Bk</b> | <b>Cf</b> | <b>Es</b> | <b>Fm</b> | <b>Md</b> | <b>No</b> | <b>Lr</b> |

# Absorption lines

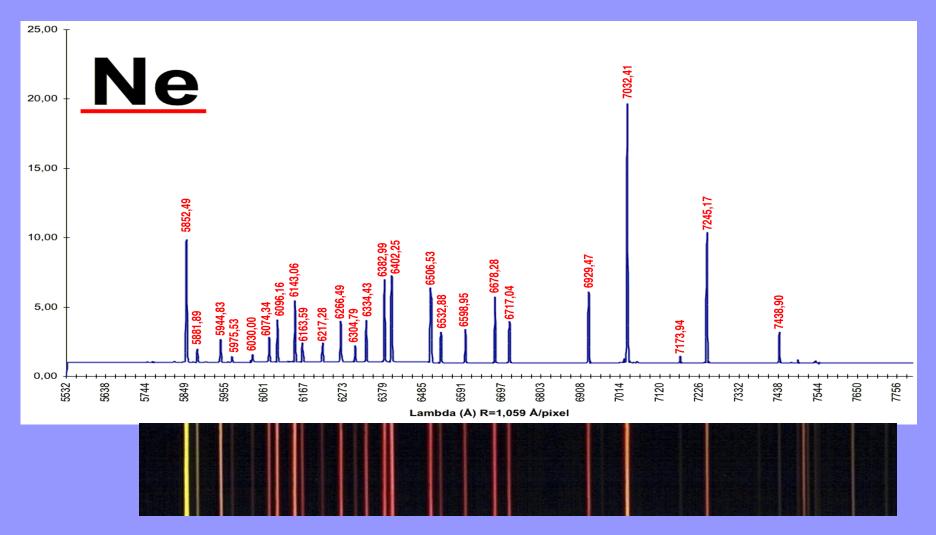




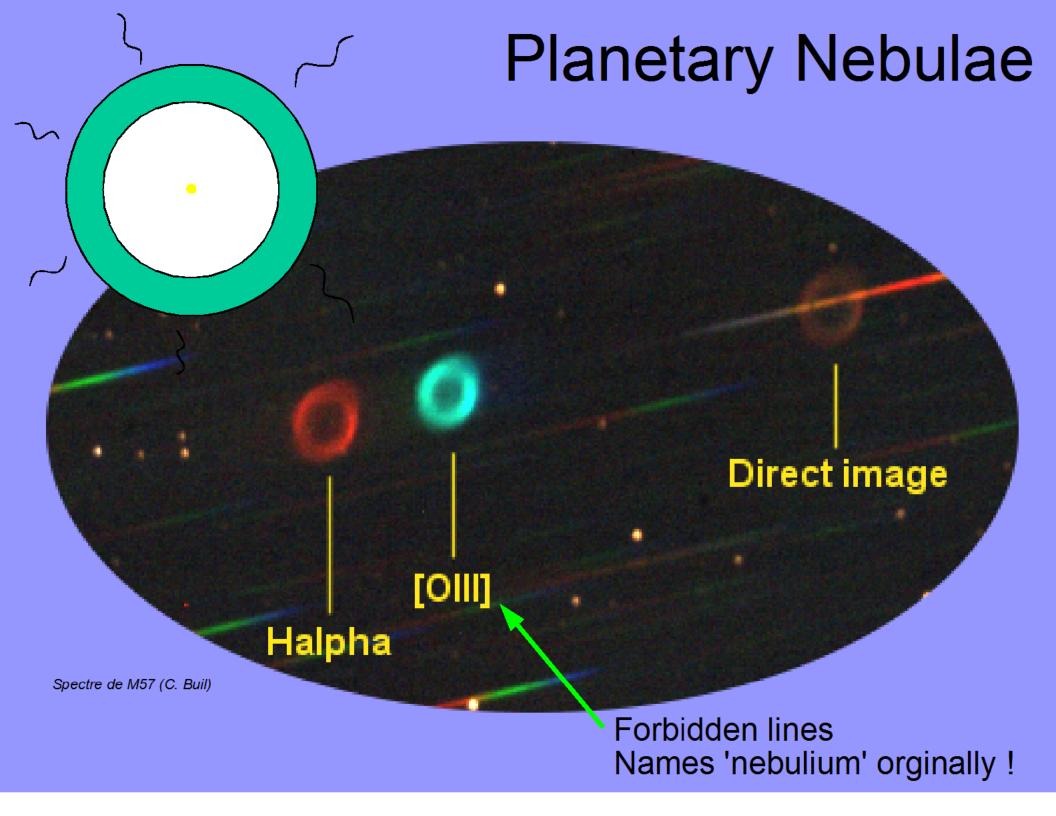
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### Emission lines → calibration

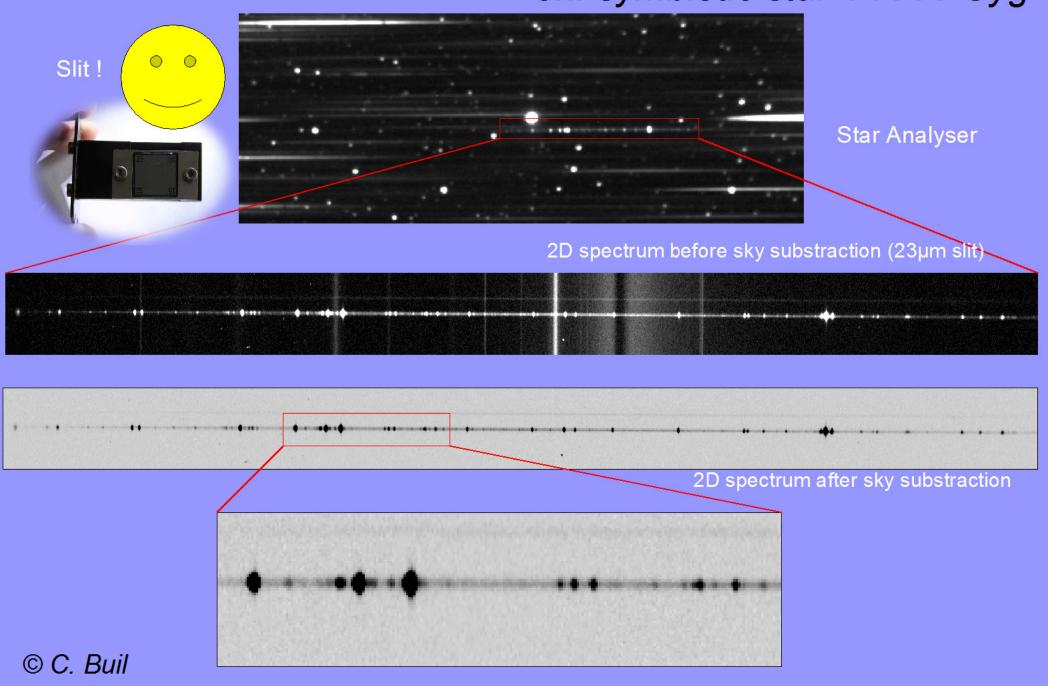


Calibration lamps (ex: internal Lhires III neon)
 → critical!



### Slitless Vs slit spectroscopy

ex: symbiotic star V1016 Cyg



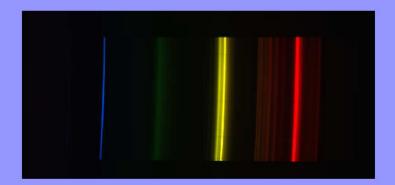


# new *Alpy 600* modular spectrograph

**Slit** 

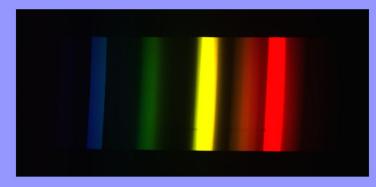
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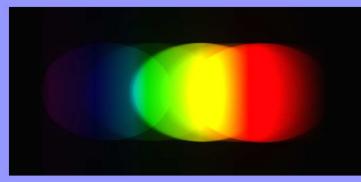
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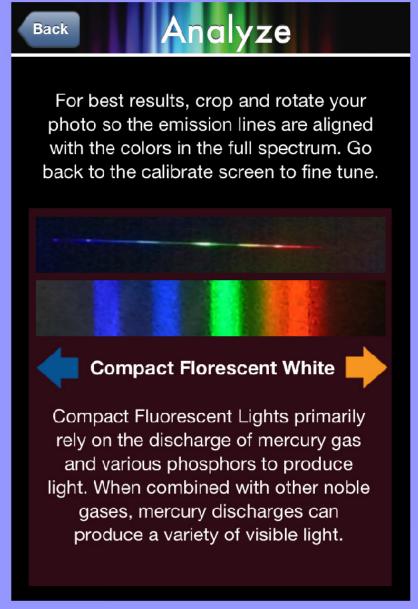
>3mm







# iSpectroscopy...



iPhone application: SpectraSnapp

# Alpy 600 & CCD simple setup

#### Shelyak Instruments ALPY 600 spectrograph with PL1M (QHY5) CMOS camera





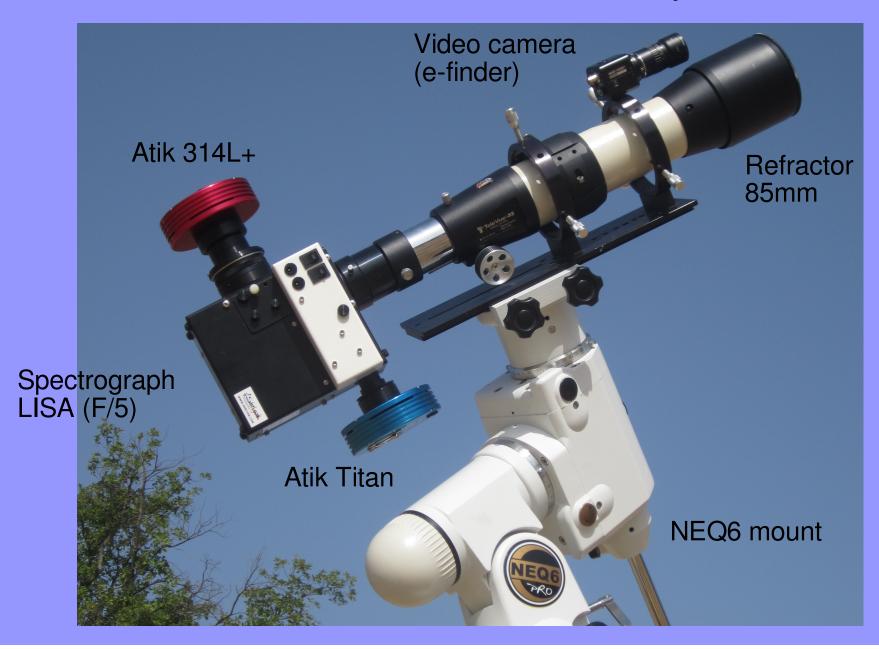


Solar spectrum

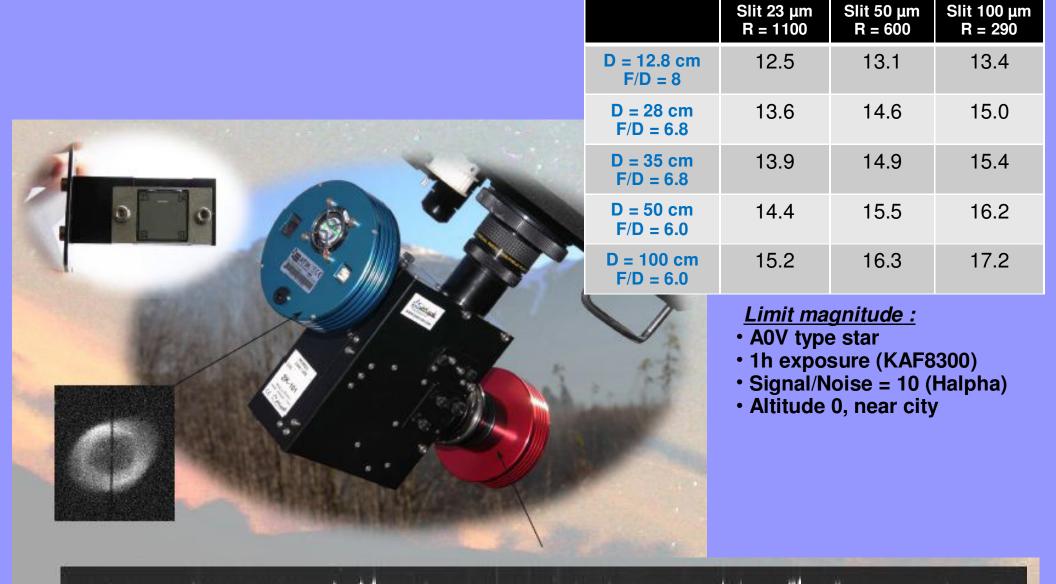
neon spectrum

energy saving lamp spectrum

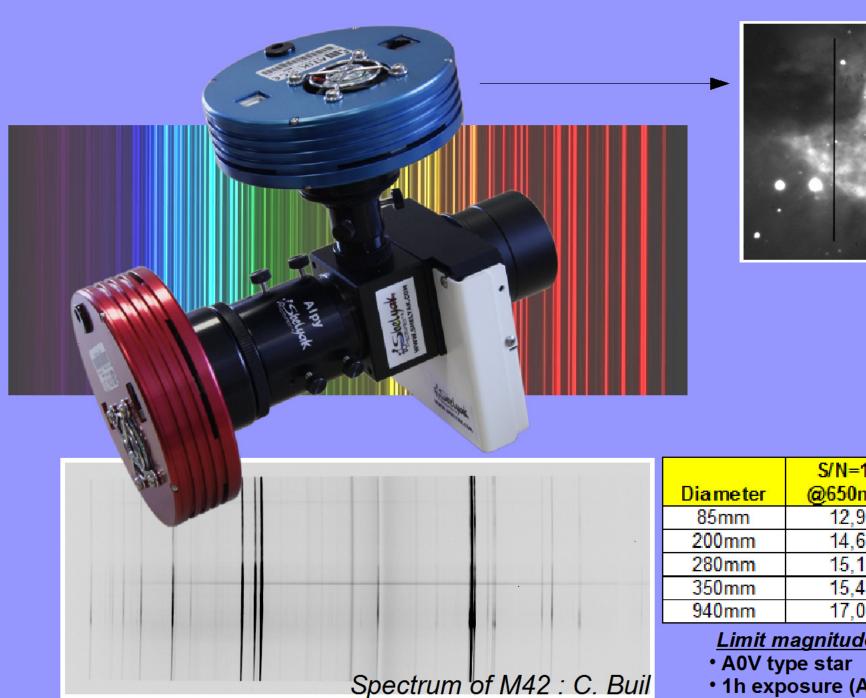
# Gain resolution: LISA Pack (R ~1000)



# In the field: acquisition w/ a LISA



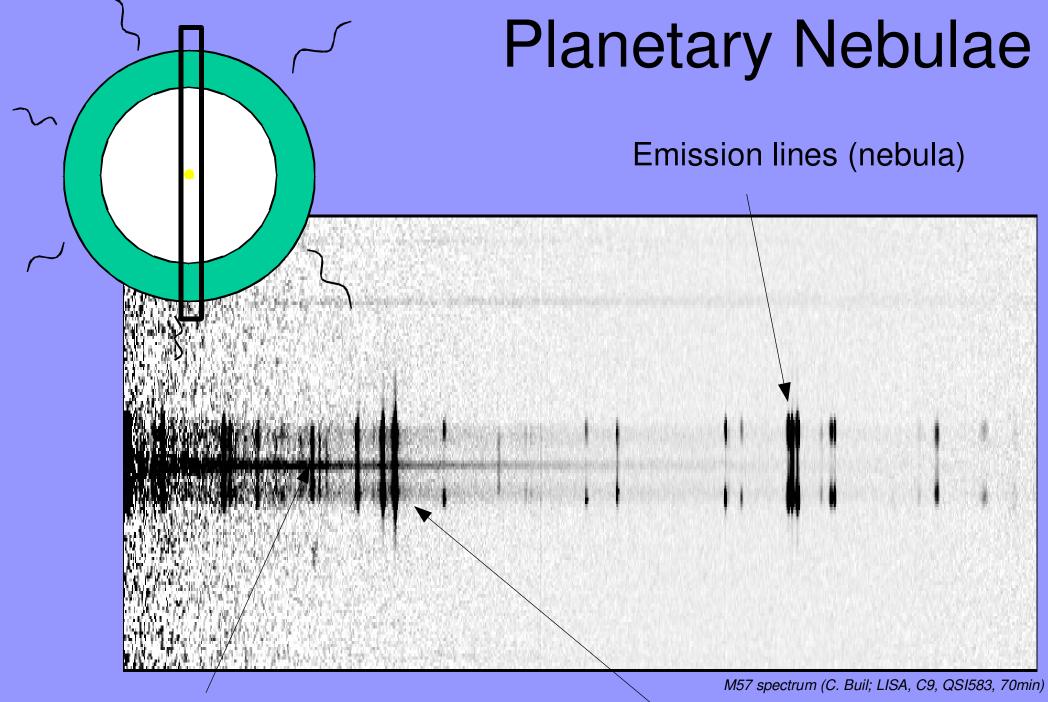
# Alpy modular system



|          | 2/M=10 | 5/N=10  |  |  |
|----------|--------|---------|--|--|
| Diameter | @650nm | @ 450nm |  |  |
| 85mm     | 12,9   | 14,3    |  |  |
| 200mm    | 14,6   | 16,0    |  |  |
| 280mm    | 15,1   | 16,5    |  |  |
| 350mm    | 15,4   | 16,8    |  |  |
| 940mm    | 17,0   | 18,4    |  |  |

#### Limit magnitude:

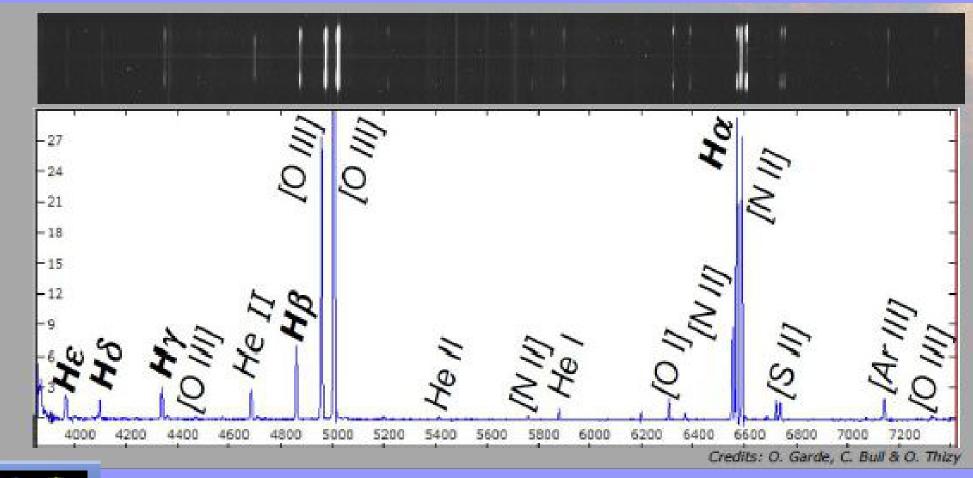
• 1h exposure (Atik 460EX)



Central star spectrum

Nebula continuous spectrum

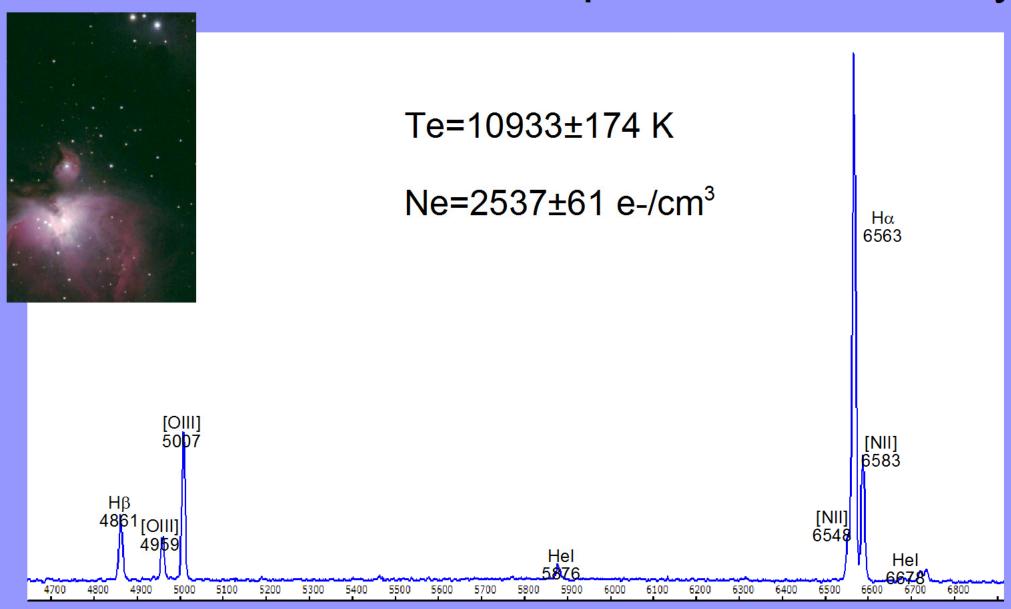
## In practice: data reduction





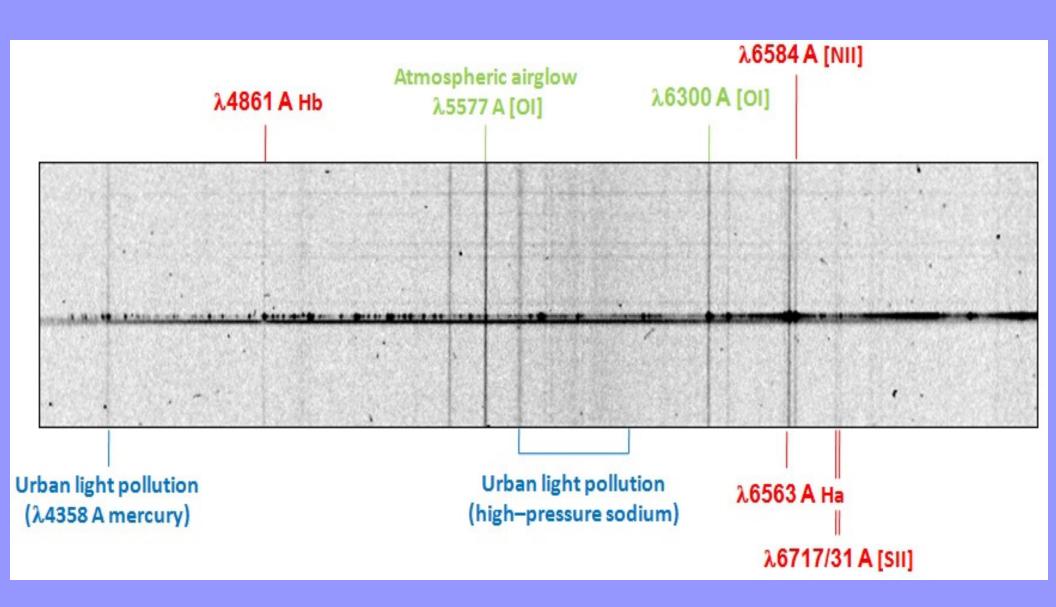
http://www.astrosurf.com/buil/isis/isis.htm

# Nebulae: measure electronic temperature et density

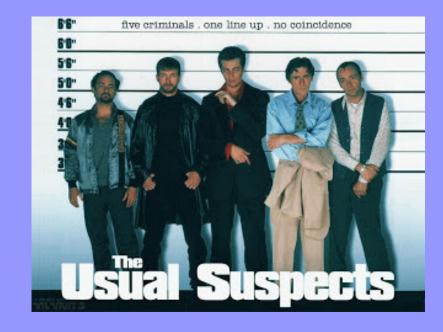


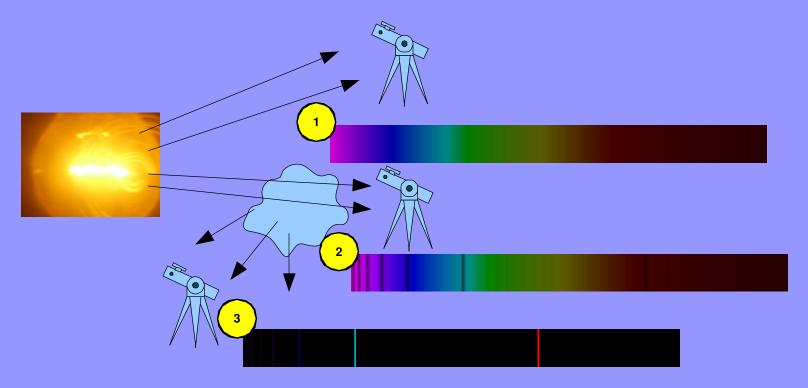
**Spectre de M42** - Lhires III (150tt/mm) + KAF1600 / Acquisition: Benjamin Mauclaire / Traitement: Olivier Thizy Cf: http://bmauclaire.free.fr/astronomie/spectro/atlas/nd/m42/ Image de M42: Olivier Garde & Adrien Viciana (CALA)

# Sky "pollution"!



# Kirchhoff's law summary





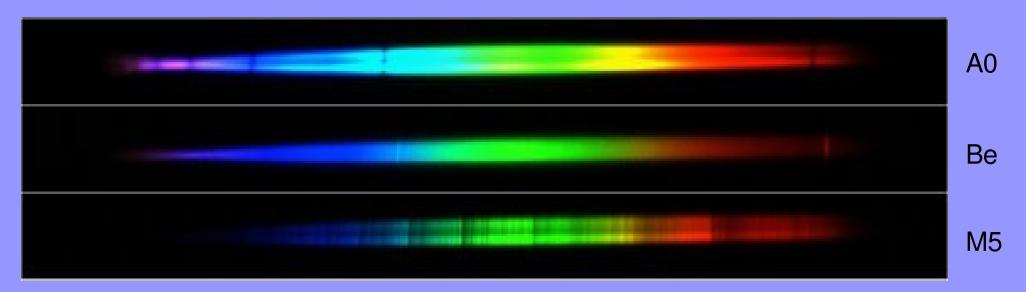
#### Stellar classification

- Some pioneers: Lewis Rutherfurd (1816-1892), Angelo Secchi (1818-1878), William Huggins (1824-1910), Hermann Carl Vogel (1841-1907)
- A key work: Henry Drapper catalog from Harvard
  - Edward Pickering (1846-1919) and his team (of women!); created AAVSO
  - Williama Fleming (1857-1911): typeA...Q; 26000 spectra
  - Antonia Maury (1866-1952): type I...XX; first to put O type before A type in Flemming classication
  - >Annie Cannon (1863-1941)
    - >"OBAFGKM" types
    - >sub-divisions (B0..9)
    - >~400000 spectra of her own !!!



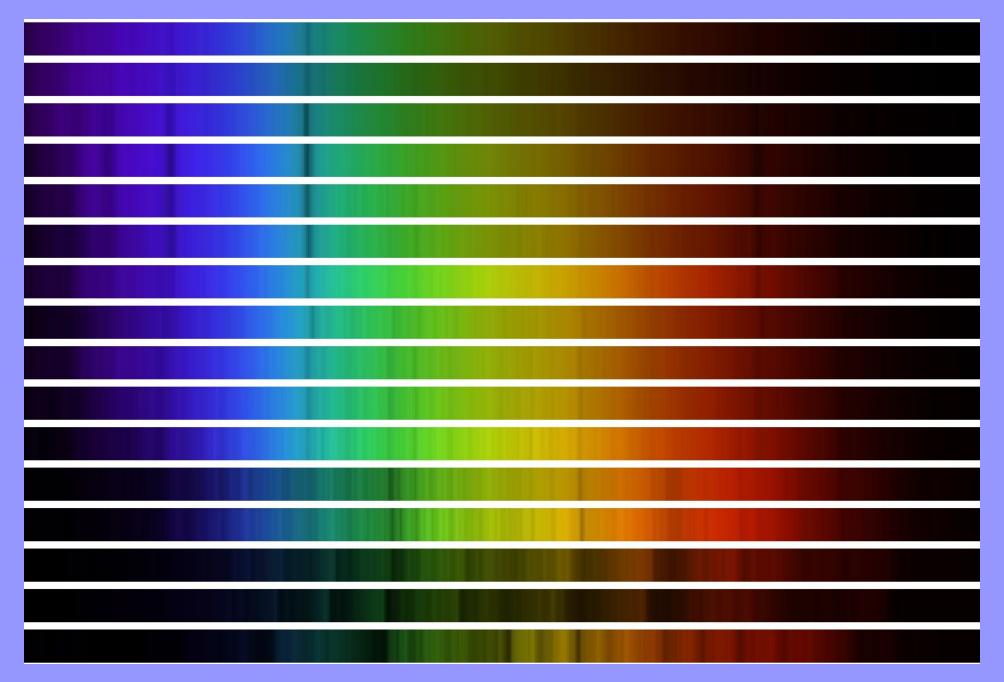
A.J. Cannon

### Spectral Classification (Low Res.)



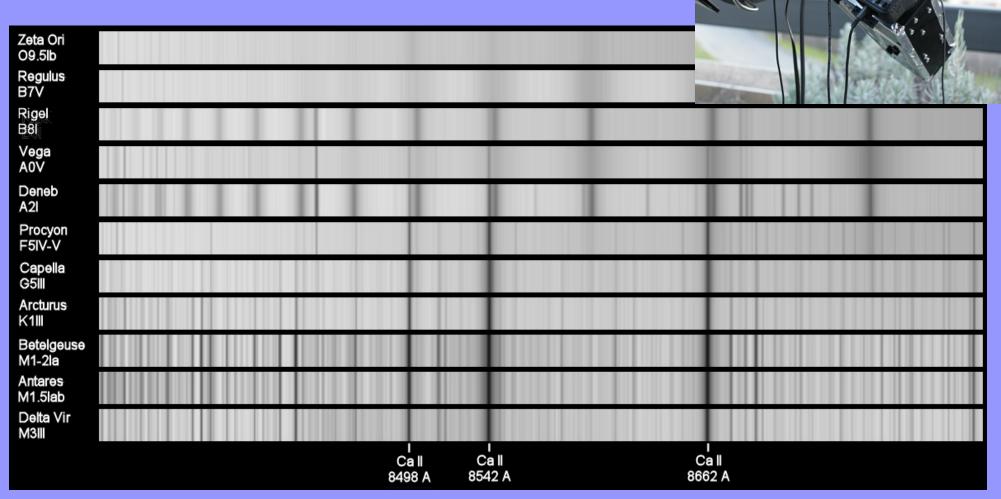
C8 - Lhires III (150tt/mm) - EOS 300D - 30 sec - no computer!

## From ABC... to OBAFGKM!



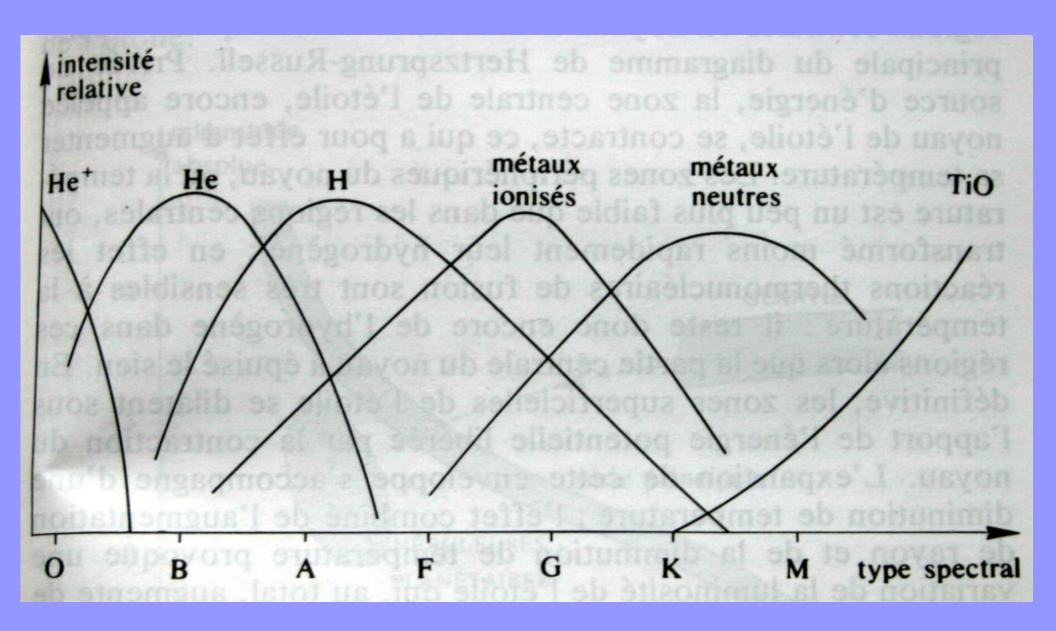
## Spectral Classification (High Res.)

Oh-Be-A-Fine-Girl-Kiss-Me

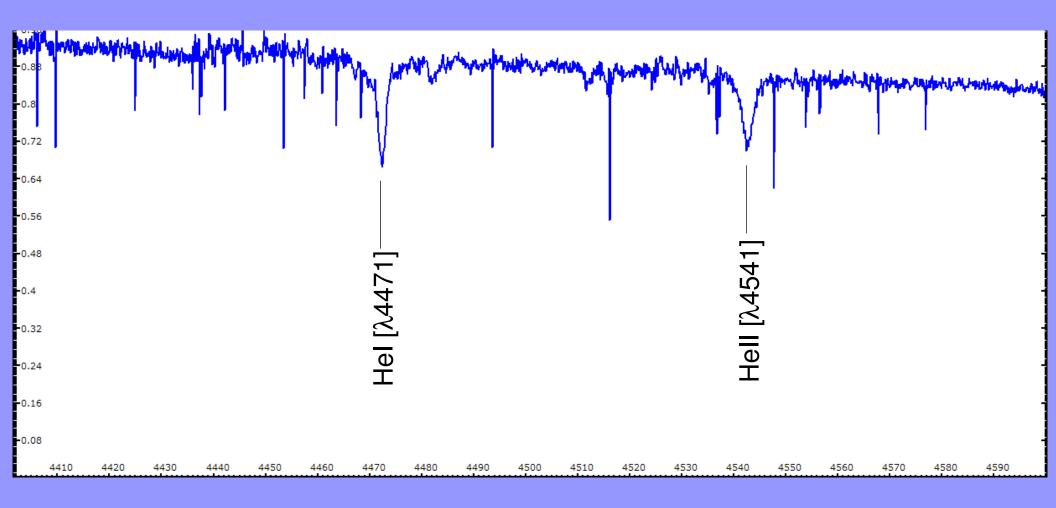


Sequence around Calcium triplet, near Infra-Red. @ Christian Buil / Lhires III + Digital SLR

## Relative intensity per elements



#### A more precise classification's method



Measuring Equivalent Width of HeI [ $\lambda 4471$ ] & HeII [ $\lambda 4541$ ] ==> precise spectral type

HD 47839: HeI [ $\lambda$ 4471] = 0.799 et HeII [ $\lambda$ 4541] = 0.533 ==> type = O8

eShel Shelyak Instruments echelle spectrograph (R~11000) T0.28m f/6.3; Observatoire de Haute Provence – 2009, february 27

#### Stellar classification

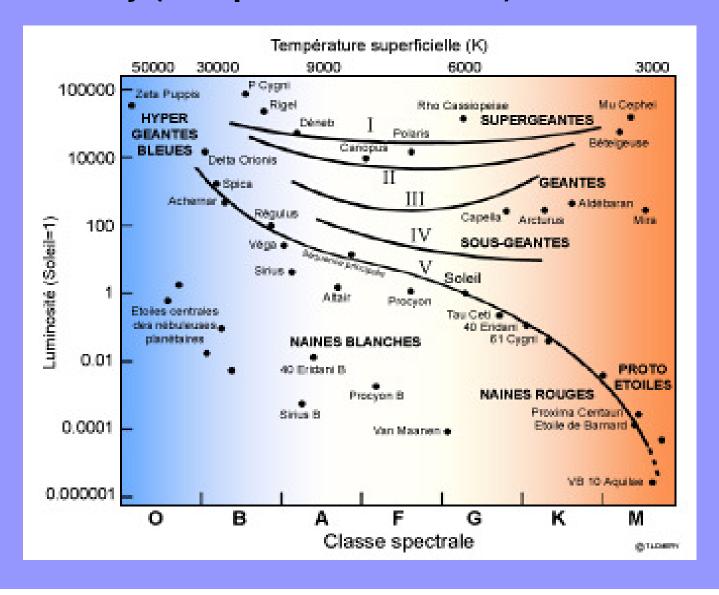
- >1890: Drapper catalog of stellar spectra
- ▶1911-1915:225300 stars reviewed by A.J. Cannon
- >1918-1924: HD (Henry Drapper) catalog published
- >1949: HDE: HD catalog extension
- ▶1943: "Atlas of Stellar Spectra" by William Morgan, Philip Keenan, & Edith Kellman [MKK]
  - >Spectral type from HD catalog (Temperature): OBAFGKM
  - Introduced class of luminosity I...V



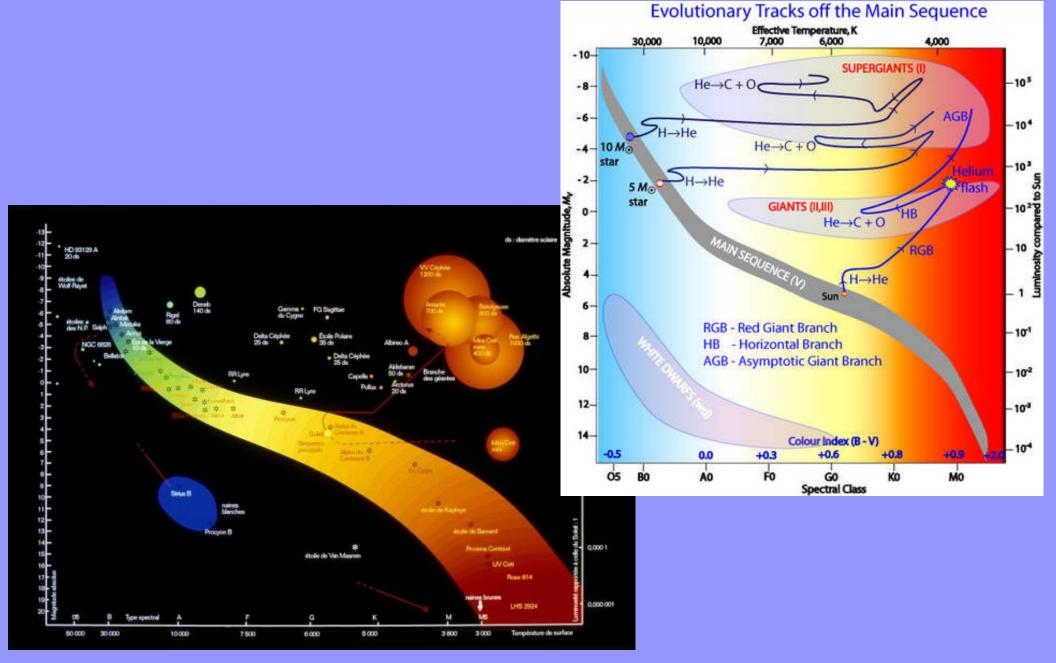
E. Pickering team (all women!) in 1913.

# Beginning of Astrophysics

- Ejnar Hertzsprung (1873-1967) & Henry Russell (1877-1957)
- Color/Luminosity (first published in 1911)

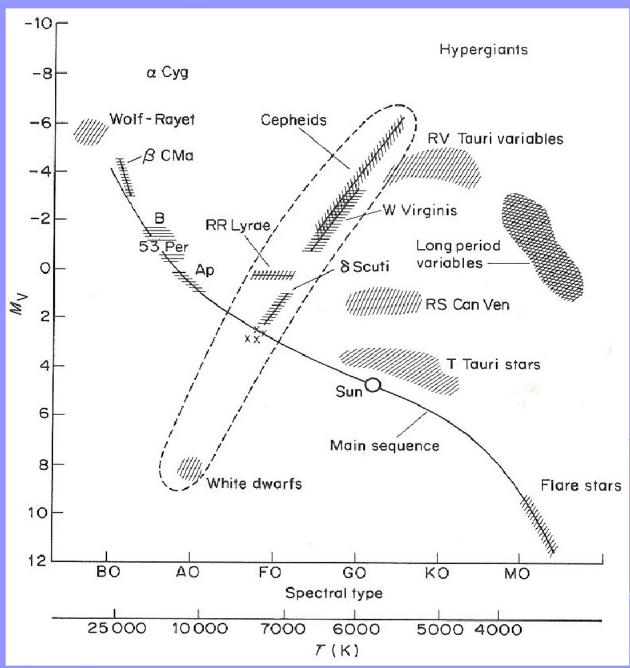


# HR diagram – star life cycle



Source : Ciel et Espace

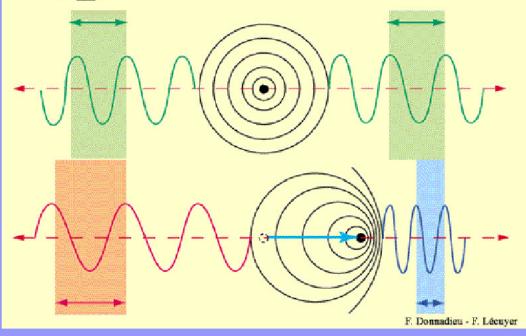
# Variables stars (cf AAVSO)

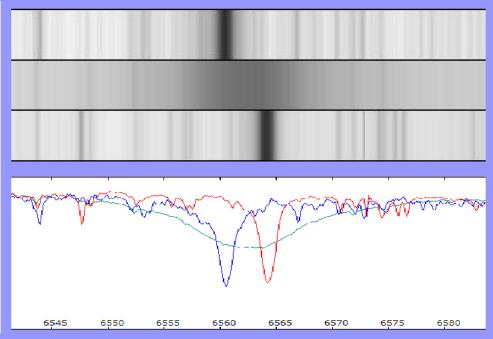




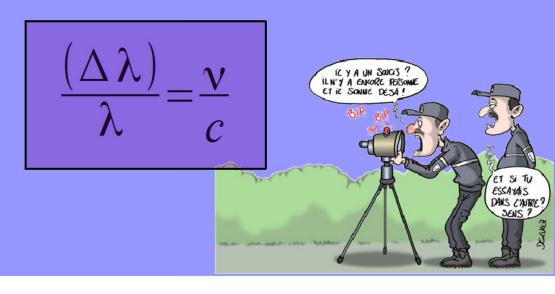


# Doppler-Fizeau: the ideal suspect!





Galaxies redshift = Expansion of our Universe!

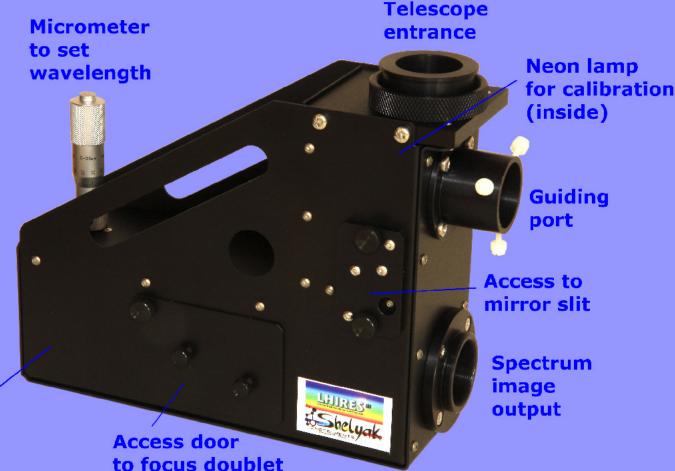


# Lhires III: high-resolution spectrograph to measure Doppler



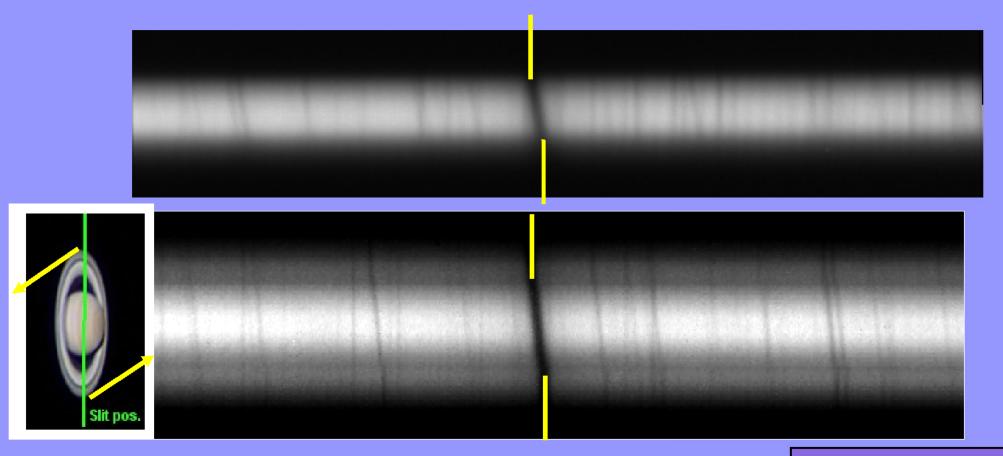
Interchangeable gratings

Grating (inside)



|                         |      | 2400       | 1200 | 600  | 300  | 150  |
|-------------------------|------|------------|------|------|------|------|
| Resolution              | Å    | 0,3        | 1    | 2,5  | 5    | 11   |
|                         | km/s | 18         | 50   | 110  | 230  | 500  |
| Power of Resolution (R) |      | 17000      | 6000 | 2700 | 1300 | 600  |
| Spectral domain         | Å    | <b>8</b> 5 | 250  | 550  | 1100 | 2300 |
| Limiting magnitude      |      | 5          | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    |

#### Planet's rotation



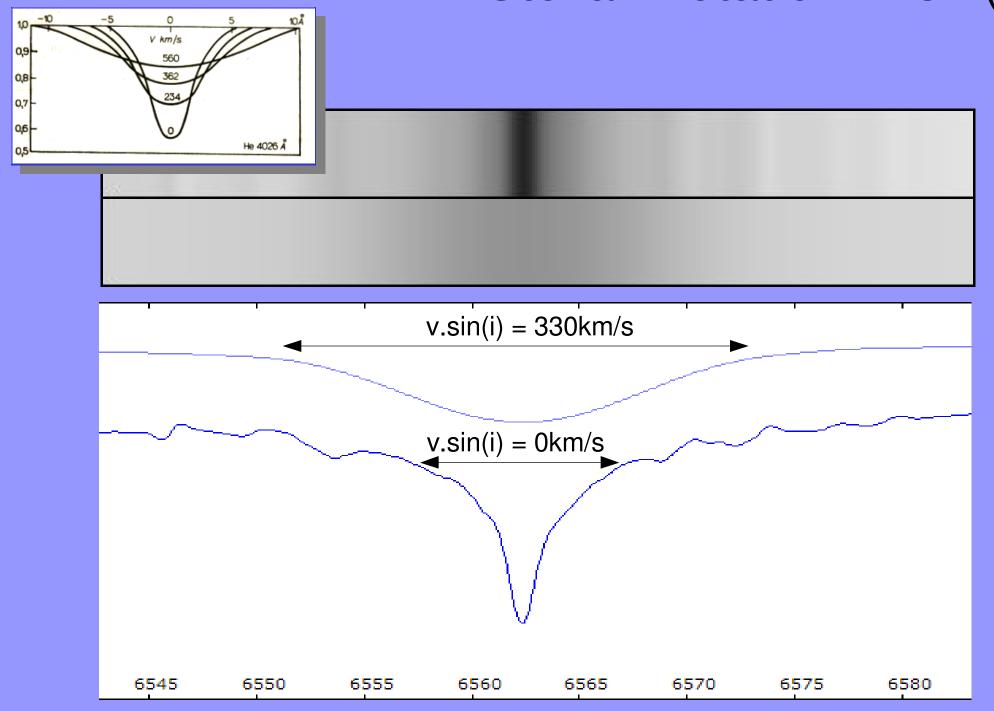
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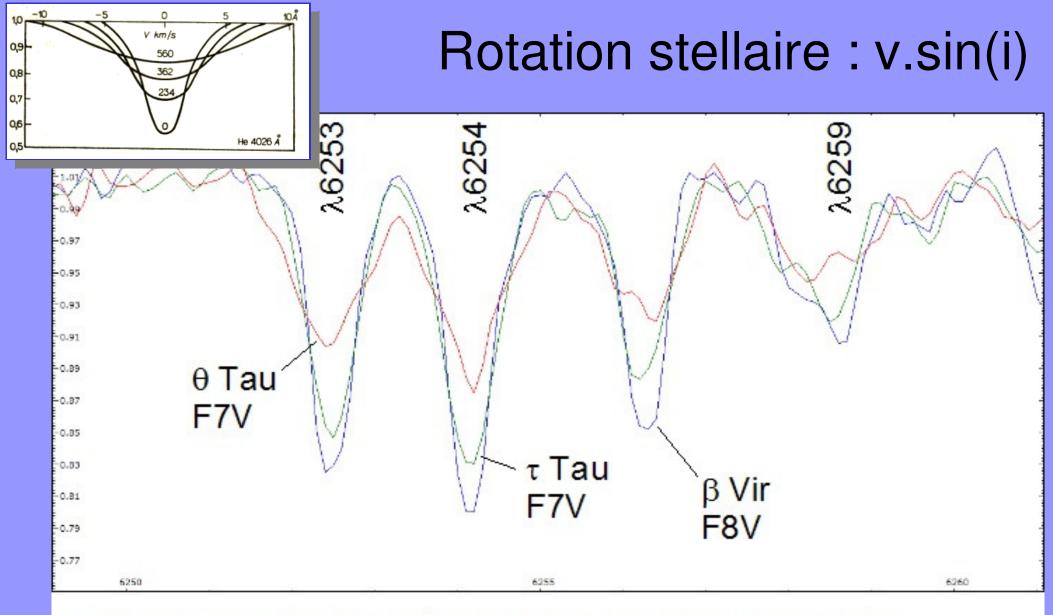
Shift = 7 pixels = 8,8 km/s Period of 10,6 h >> R = 107511 km

$$T^2 = \frac{(4\pi^2)}{(G(m_1 + m_2))} a^3$$

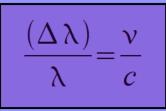
$$\frac{(\Delta \lambda)}{\lambda} = \frac{\nu}{c}$$

### Stellar Rotation: v.sin(i)

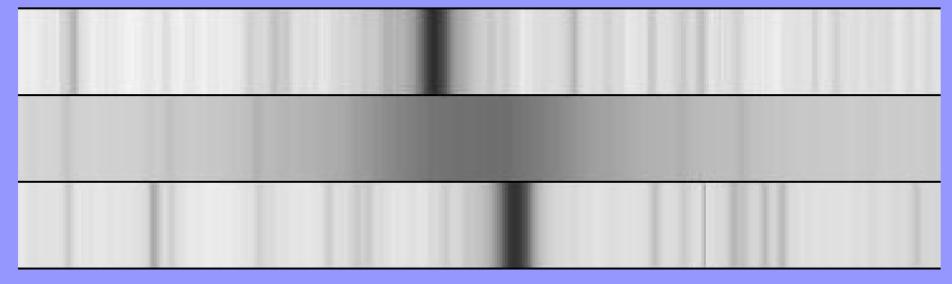




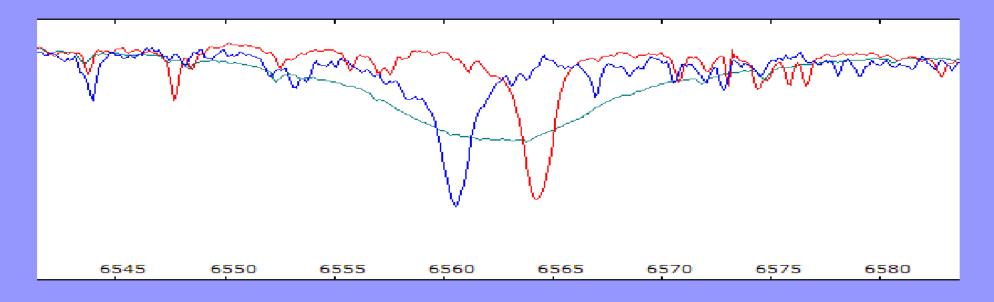
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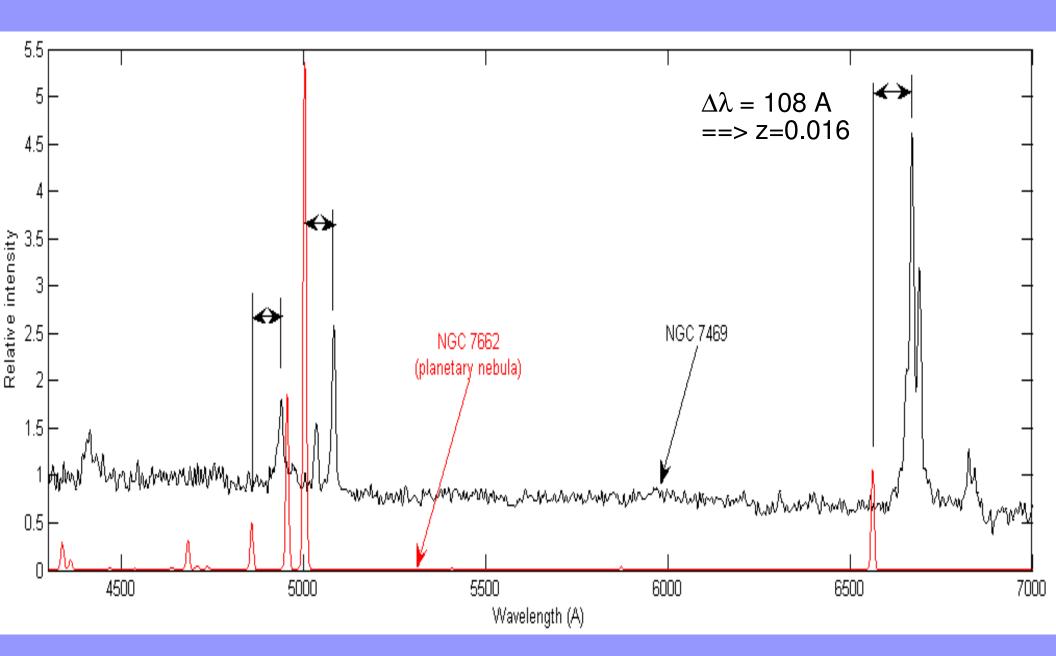
#### Stellar Radial Velocities



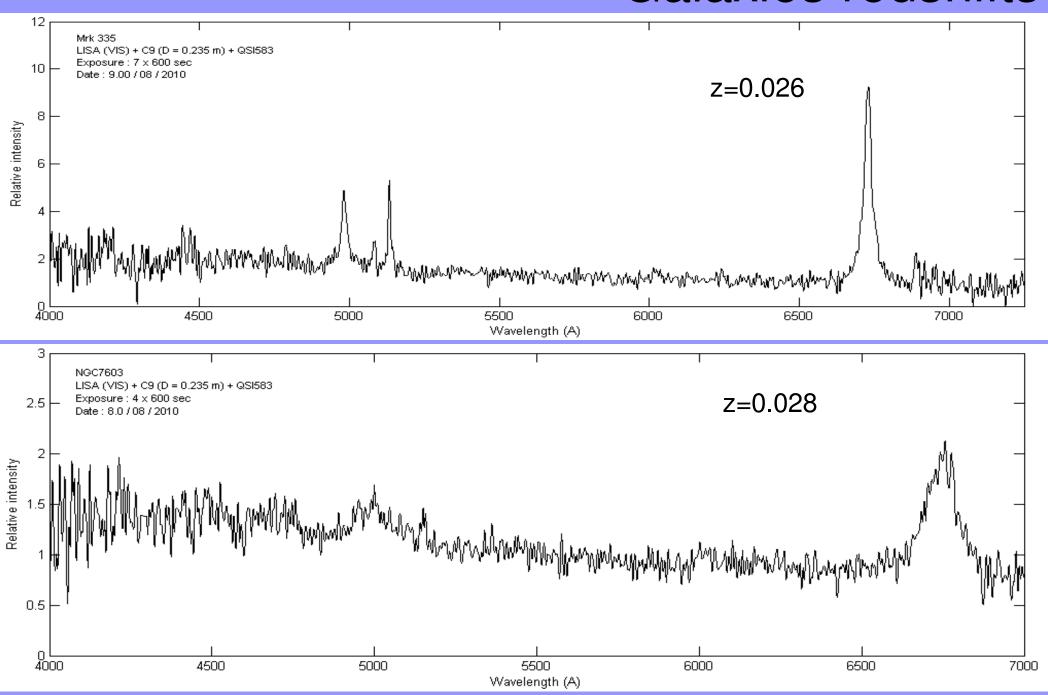
#### SAO104807, Altair, & SAO112958



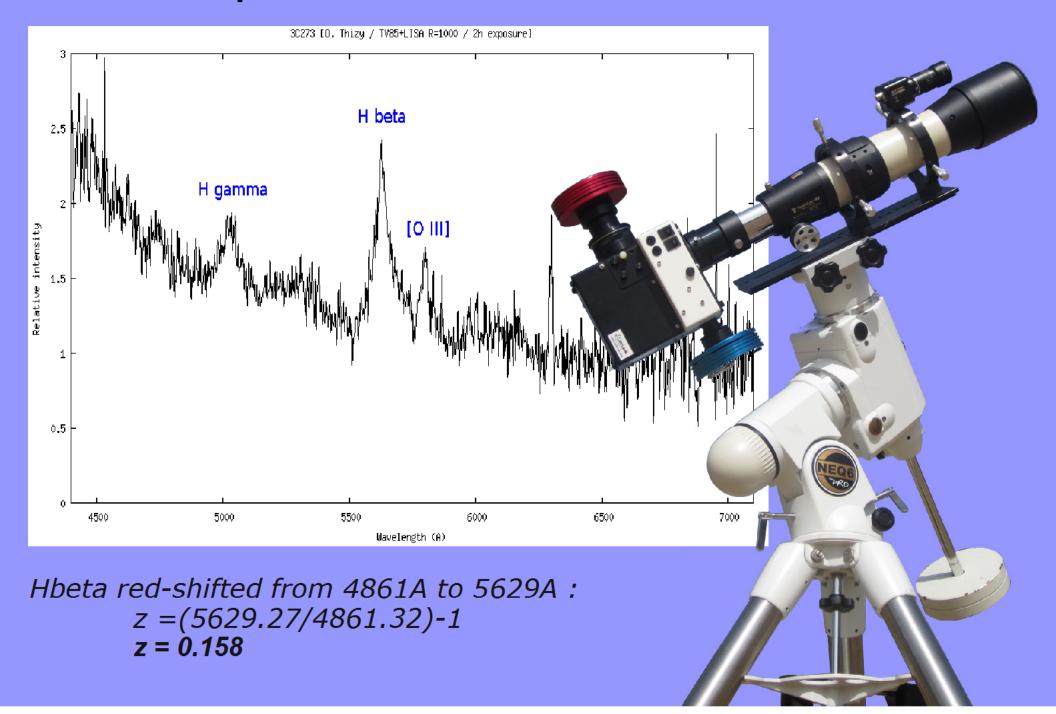
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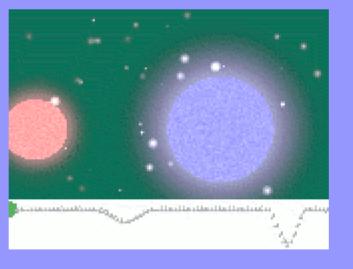


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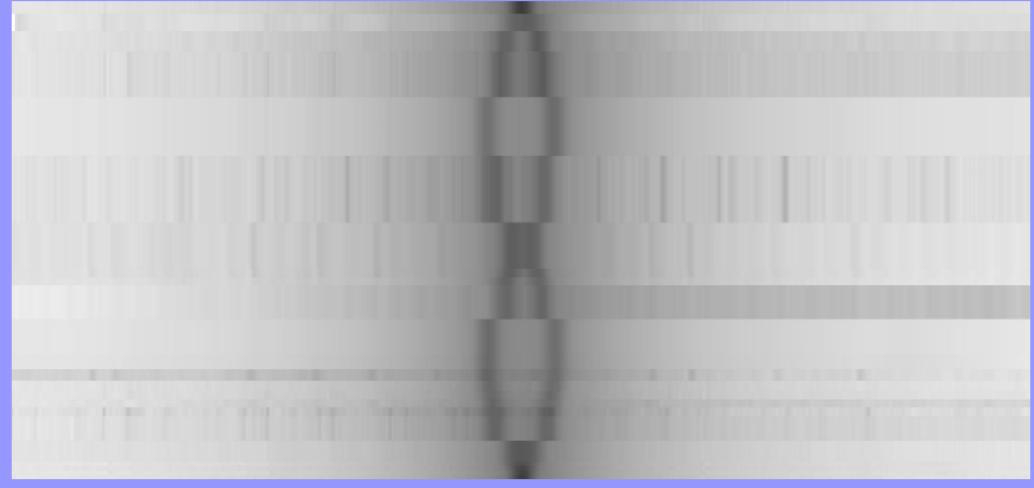
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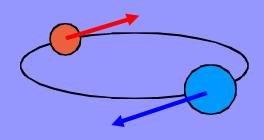


### Spectroscopic binaries

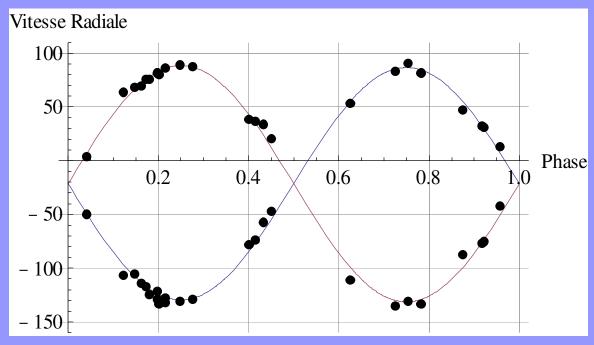




Spectrogrammes de Beta Auriga (30 spectres sur 2006/2007) / O. Thizy et al.



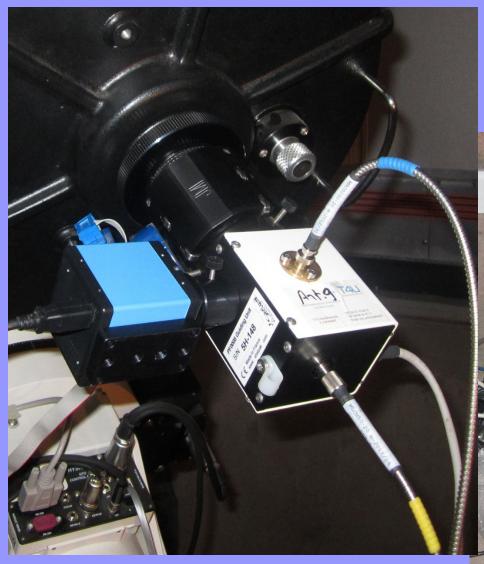
## Spectroscopic binaries



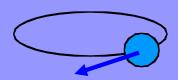
| Paramètres orbitaux                | Cette étude (VSpec) | Cette étude (PeakFit) | Nordström (1994)  |  |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|
| $K_1$ (km.s <sup>-1</sup> )        | $106 \pm 3$         | $108 \pm 3$           | $107.75 \pm 0.40$ |  |
| $K_2$ (km.s <sup>-1</sup> )        | $108 \pm 3$         | 110 ± 3               | $111.25 \pm 0.40$ |  |
| $M_1/M_2$                          | $0.98 \pm 0.06$     | $0.98 \pm 0.06$       | $0.97 \pm 0.01$   |  |
| $V_{\gamma}$ (km.s <sup>-1</sup> ) | $-20 \pm 2$         | -21 ± 2               | $-17.0 \pm 0.4$   |  |
| a.sin(i) (R <sub>sol</sub> )       | $16.7 \pm 0.5$      | $17.1 \pm 0.6$        | $17.13 \pm 0.04$  |  |
| $m_1.\sin^3(i) (M_{sol})$          | $2.02 \pm 0.06$     | $2.15 \pm 0.06$       | $2.19 \pm 0.02$   |  |
| $m_2.\sin^3(i) (M_{sol})$          | $1.99 \pm 0.06$     | $2.11 \pm 0.06$       | $2.12 \pm 0.02$   |  |



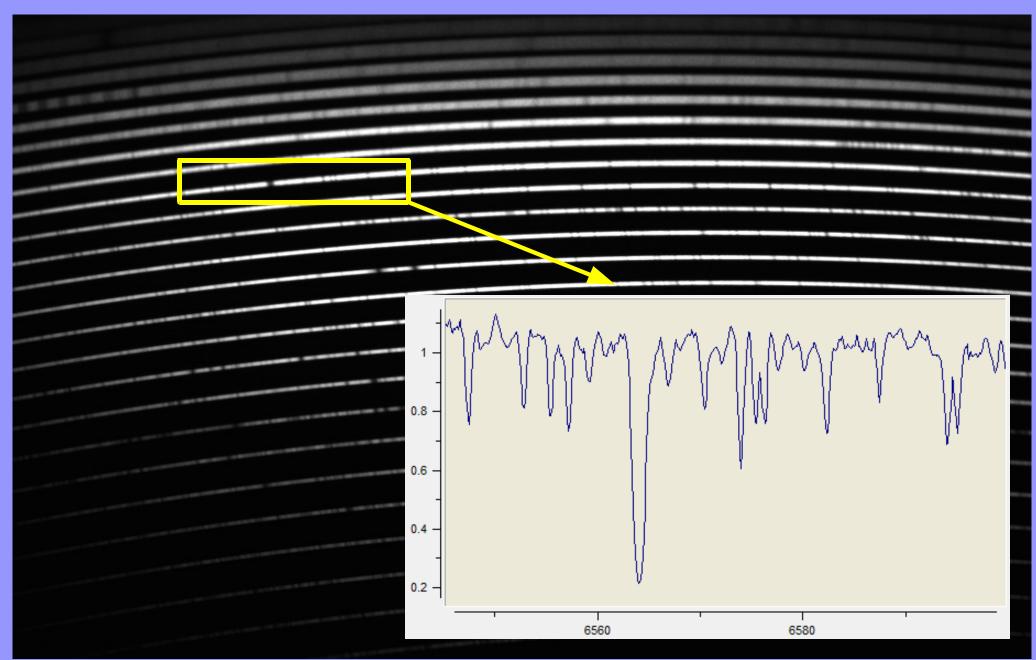
# **eShel** optical fiber fed spectrograph: a tool for Radial Velocities

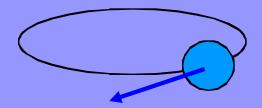






### Eshel spectrum of Aldebaran

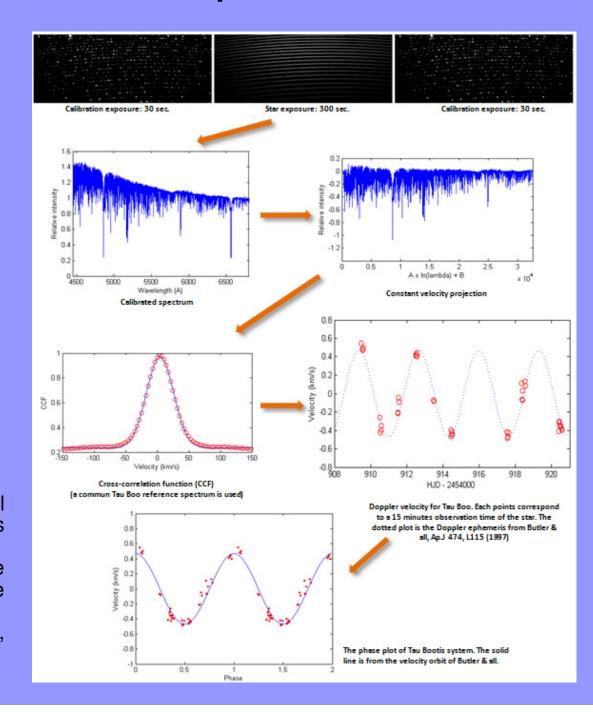


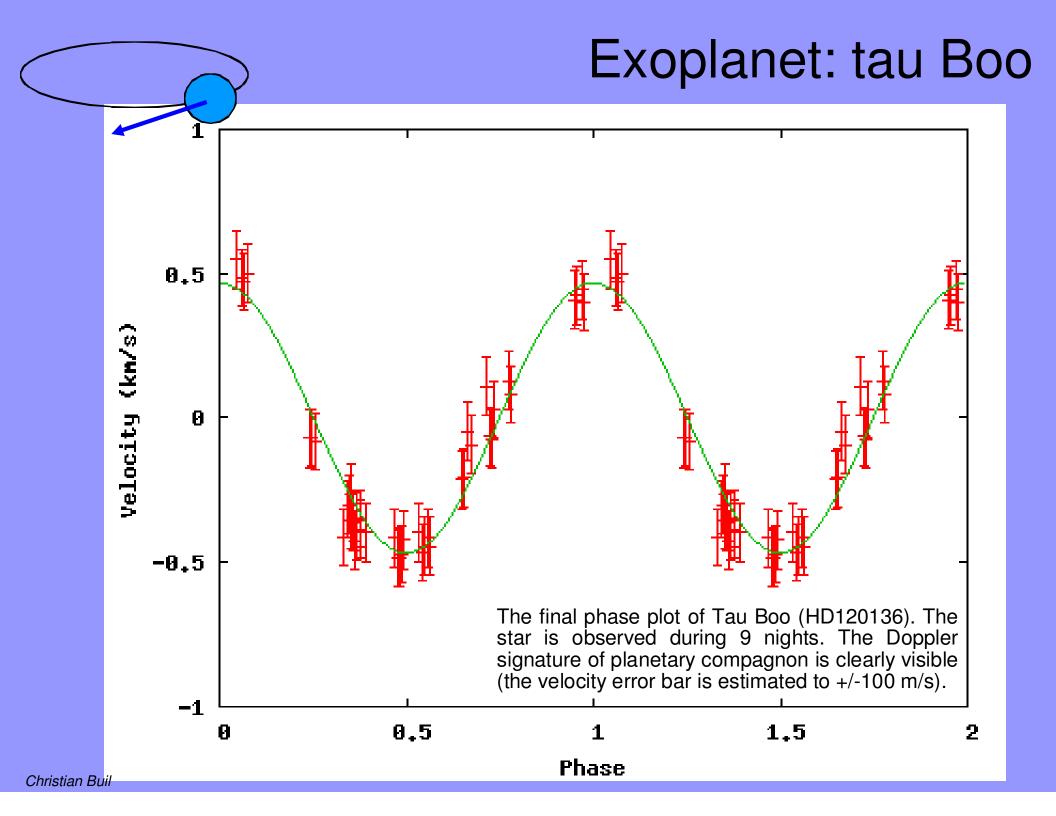


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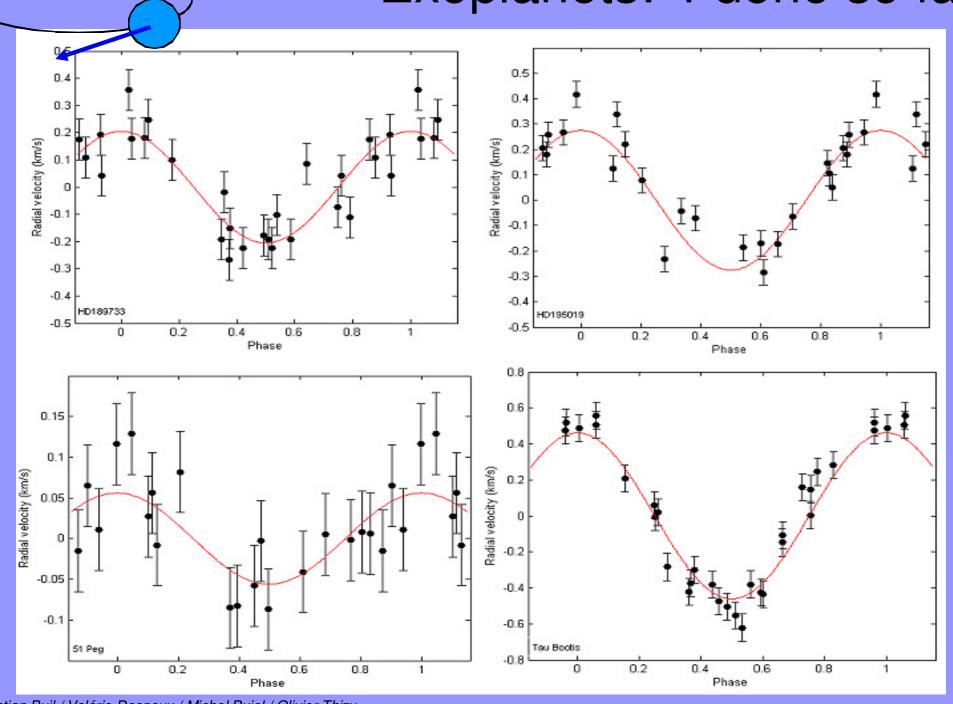
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#### Exoplanet: tau Boo





#### Exoplanets: 4 done so far



### Summary...

#### Light from the stars provides information on :

- their temperature [overall profile]
- their composition and physical conditions of excitation or ionisation (ie temperature) [visible lines]
- a quantitative chemical composition (abondance), pressure and gravity [intensity and line shape]

#### But also on :

- their movements [Doppler effect]
  - radial velocity
  - rotation
  - expansion

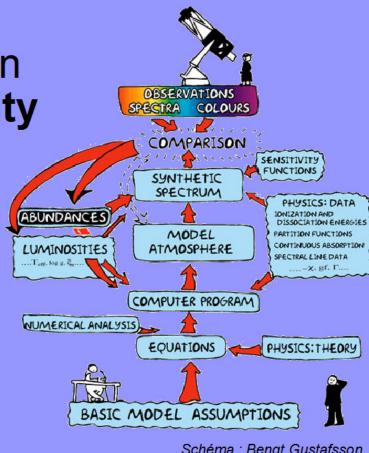


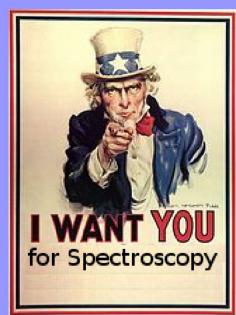
Schéma : Bengt Gustafsson



#### Conclusion

- Spectroscopy a «scientifical game»
- It's a booming area
  - material is available off-the-shelf
  - software solutions are growing and getting simpler to use
  - tutorials & projects are available on the web
  - litterature will follow
  - community is active & helping
- Become an investigator of a night...
- ...and join the Pro/Am community !





#### Useful links



ARAS group

http://www.astrosurf.com/aras/

ARAS forum

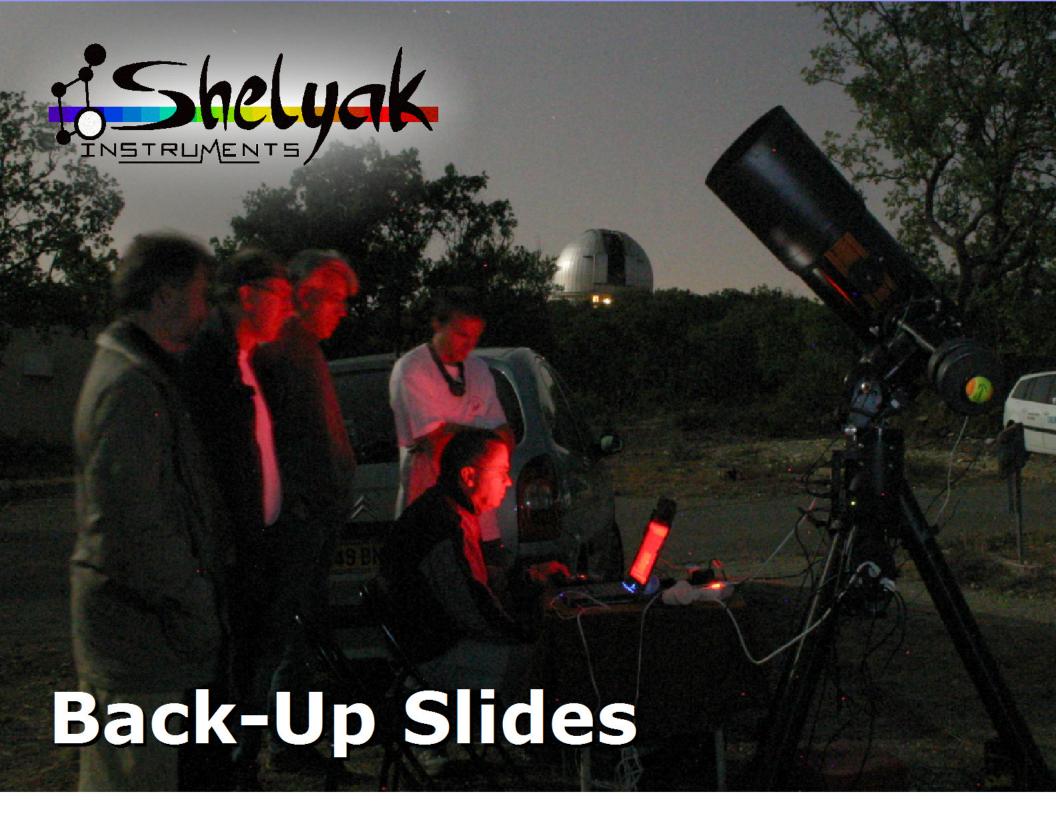
http://www.spectro-aras.com/forum/

Spectro-L discussion http://groups.yahoo.com/group/spectro-I/

**Shelyak Instruments** 

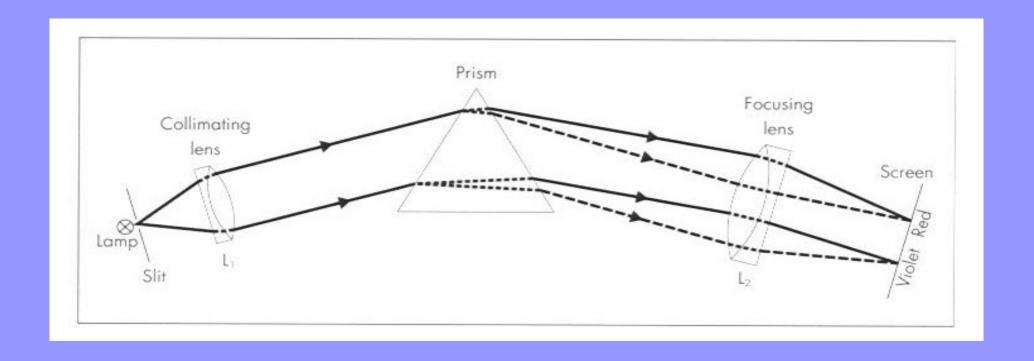
http://www.shelyak.com/







## How does a spectrograph works?



- Dispersion can be done by a prism or a grating
- Slit is one key element for high resolution resolution
- Littrow: collimator = objective
- Professional astronomers also use 'echelle' spectrographs with cross dispersing



### Equipment

#### **Professional:**

eShel is an off-the-shelf optical fibre fed echelle spectrograph for higher RV accuracy and productive spectroscopy



#### Study:

Lhires III (high resolution) and LISA Pack (high luminosity) are exploration tool allowing pro/am collcollaboration



#### Alpy:

Our new modular instrument for educational and scientifical (astronomical) spectroscopy



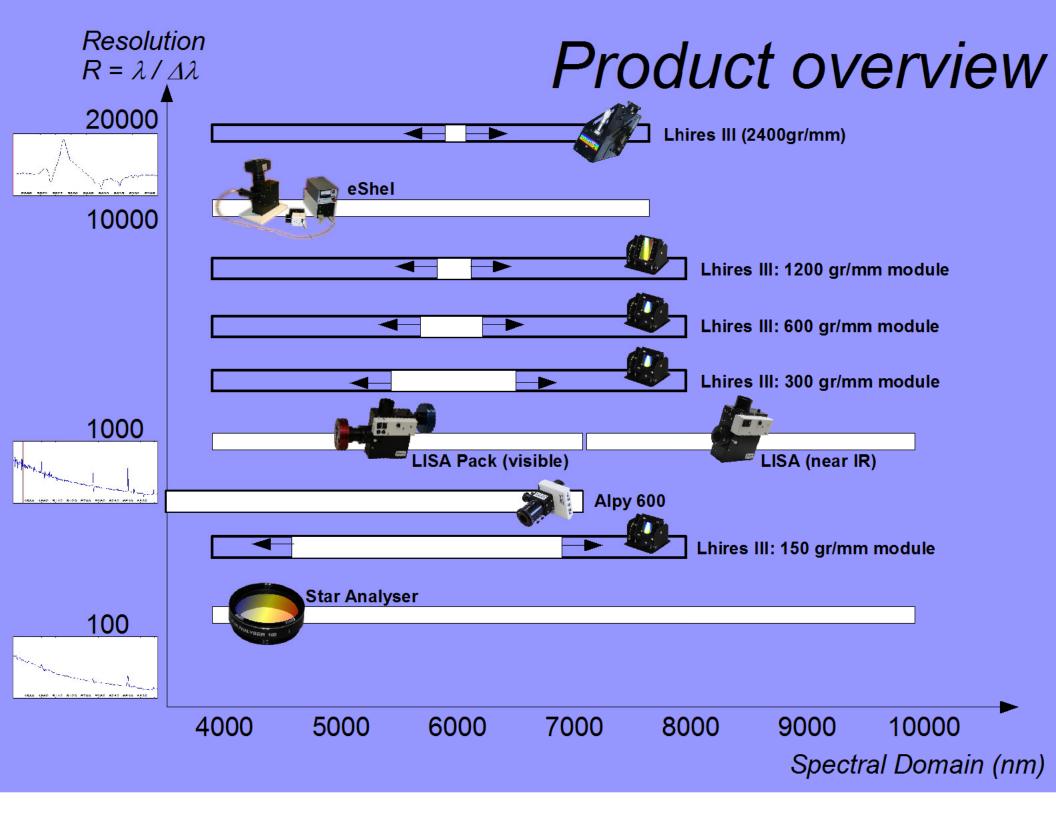
#### **Discover spectroscopy:**

The Star Analyser is the simpliest spectroscope, ideal to get started in this field with limited budget



#### **Share your passion:**

Handheld spectroscope and Lhires Lite visual spectroscope for public outreach



### Take some good Resolutions!



|               | Spectral<br>Domain             | Resolving<br>Power R                       | Resolution<br>(500nm) | Slit                | RV         | Limit<br>mag |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| eShel         | 430-710nm                      | >10000                                     | 0.5 A                 | 50μm<br>F/6         | 50 m/s     | ~10          |
| Lhires III    | Visual<br>(window of<br>~10nm) | ~17000<br>with<br>2400<br>gr/mm<br>grating | 0.3 A                 | 15-<br>35µm<br>F/10 | ~3<br>km/s | ~10          |
| LISA          | 390nm-<br>1μm                  | 600-1000                                   | 5 A                   | 15-<br>35μm<br>F/5  | n/a        | ~16          |
| Alpy 600      | 370-720nm                      | ~600                                       | 10 A                  | multiple<br>slits   | n/a        | ~15          |
| Star Analyser | Visual                         | ~100                                       | 50 A                  | No slit             | n/a        | ~15          |

|  | Applications   |
|--|--|
| eShel  | High level education Bright stars line profile (Be stars, pulsations) Abundances, classification Spectroscopic binaries & exoplanets   |
| Lhires III   | (self) education with low / medium / high resolution modes<br>Stellar classification<br>Bright stars line profile (Be stars, eps Aur, Wolf-Rayet, Slow<br>Pulsating B stars, Herbig Ae/Be) |
| LISA   | Education: lamp, classification, nebulae, galaxie redshift Faint variable stars: cataclysmics, novae, mira Comets classification Asteroids classification                                  |
| Alpy 600   | Step by step educational spectroscopy on bench: lamps, Sun Planet composition, nebulae, galaxie redshift Faint variable stars: cataclysmics, novae, mira Comets classification             |
| Star Analyser  The star Analyse is the star of the sta | Education: star temperature & classification Novae Faint variable stars Supernovae   |



# Some steps back...



#### Oleron 2003

#### >The situation

Very few pro/am collaboration (but some, see Buil Be star atlas), done with custom designed spectrograph.

#### Oleron 2003

- AUDE/CNRS pro/am official school
- Preceedings book to be published soon
- Kick off for Lhires III design
- Kick off Spectro-L list
- Kick off ARAS website front-end



#### La Rochelle: 2006

- Be Stars Spectra (BeSS) database kick off
  - Structuring spectra collection & archiving
  - Defining a spectra file format (FITS based)
- >Workshop on Lhires III (AUDE first kits just received !)





#### La Rochelle: 2009

- ▶10000 amateur spectra in BeSS...
- Exoplanet newly observed: pushing the limits...
- Dozen of active amateur spectroscopists...

>==>More professional astronomers looking for help and support from amateurs!



## OHP practical workshops

- >2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010: a growing interest! International attendance.
- >30-40 instruments, all with spectrographs!
- Different style
  - >workshop Vs talks, need for some theory
  - >structured project Vs autonomous groups
  - courses Vs star party
- ... the optimal format is hard to find !



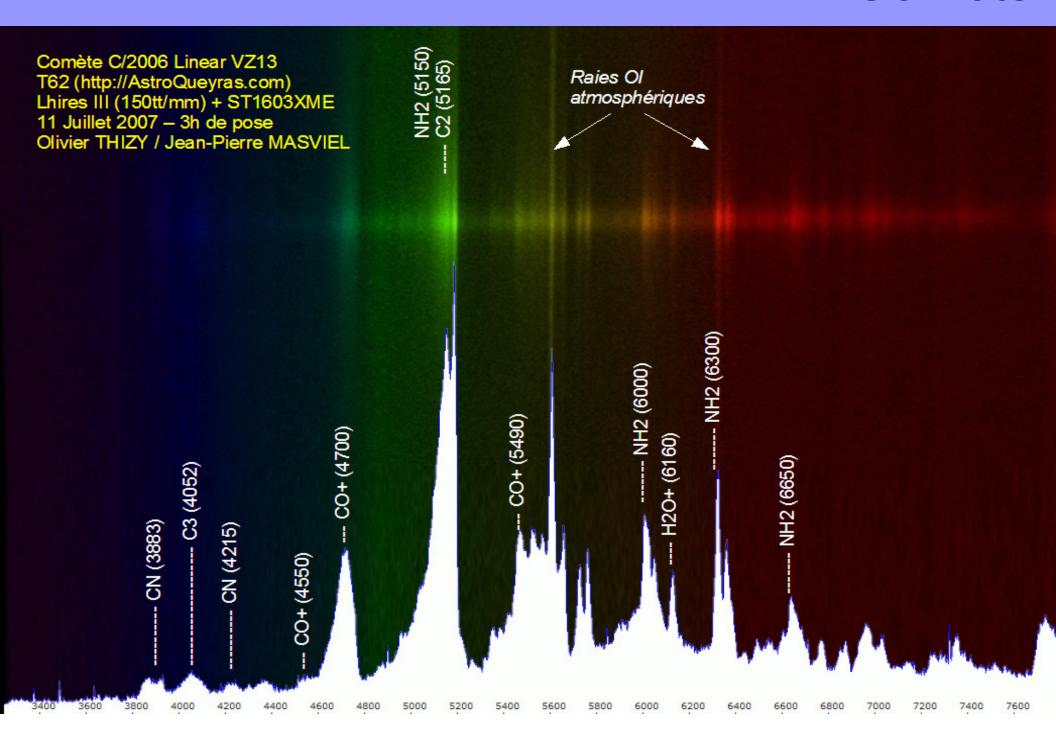
## OHP ambiance...



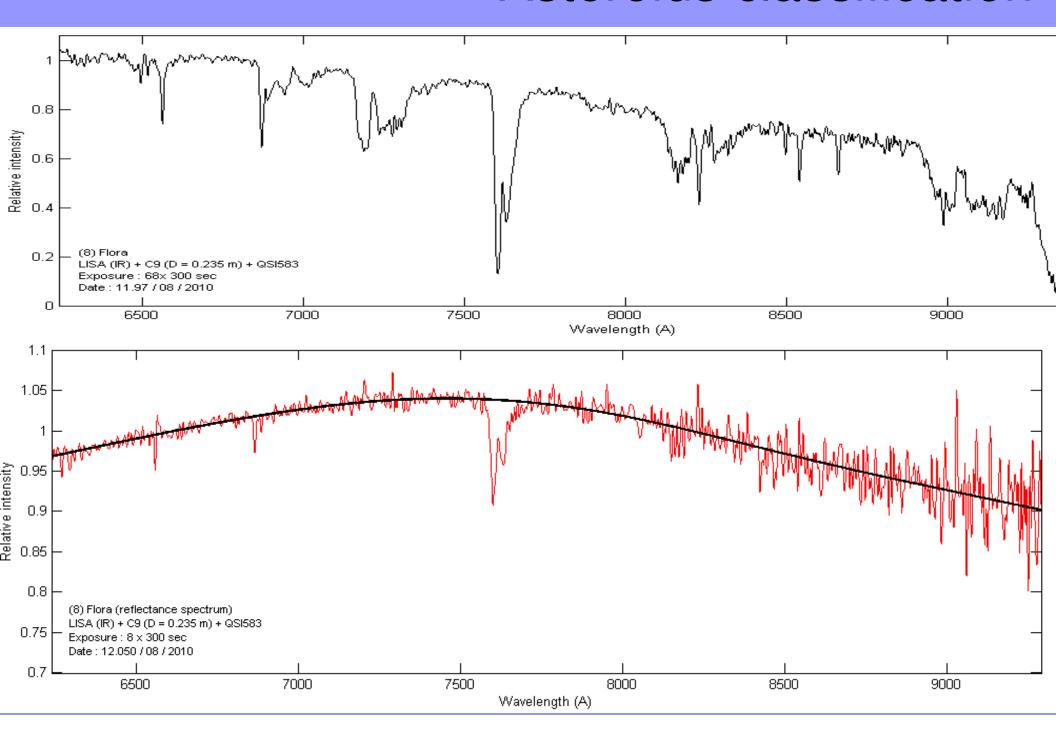


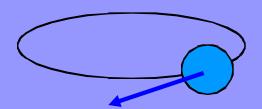


#### Comets



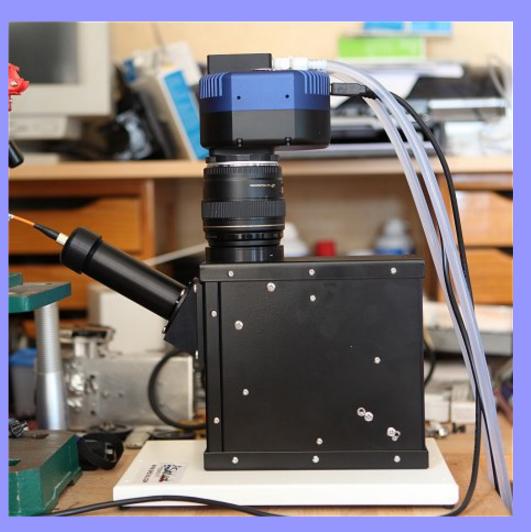
#### Asteroids classification

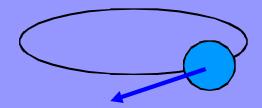




### exoplanets!



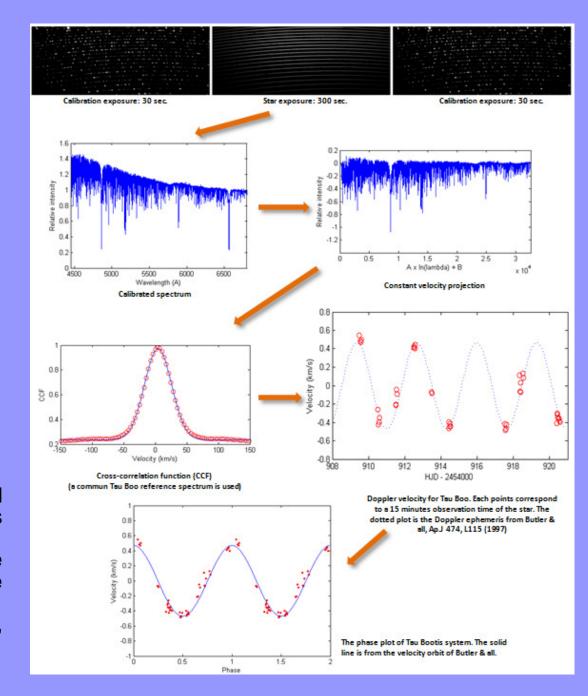


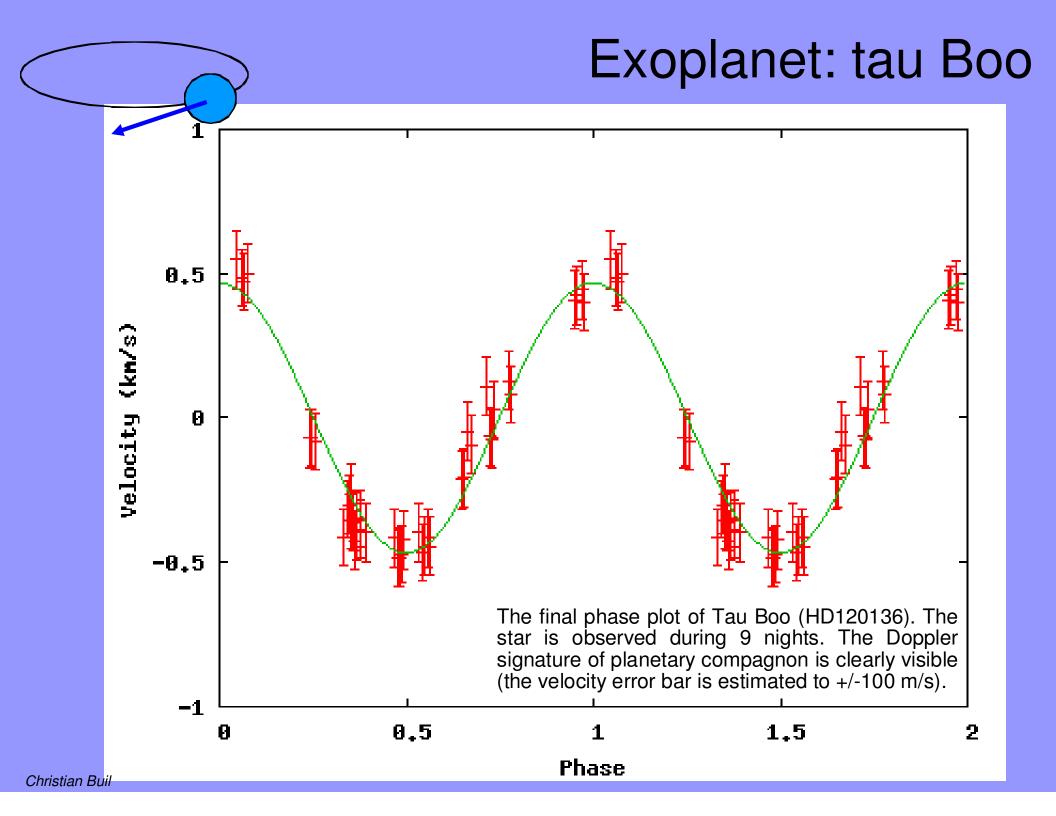


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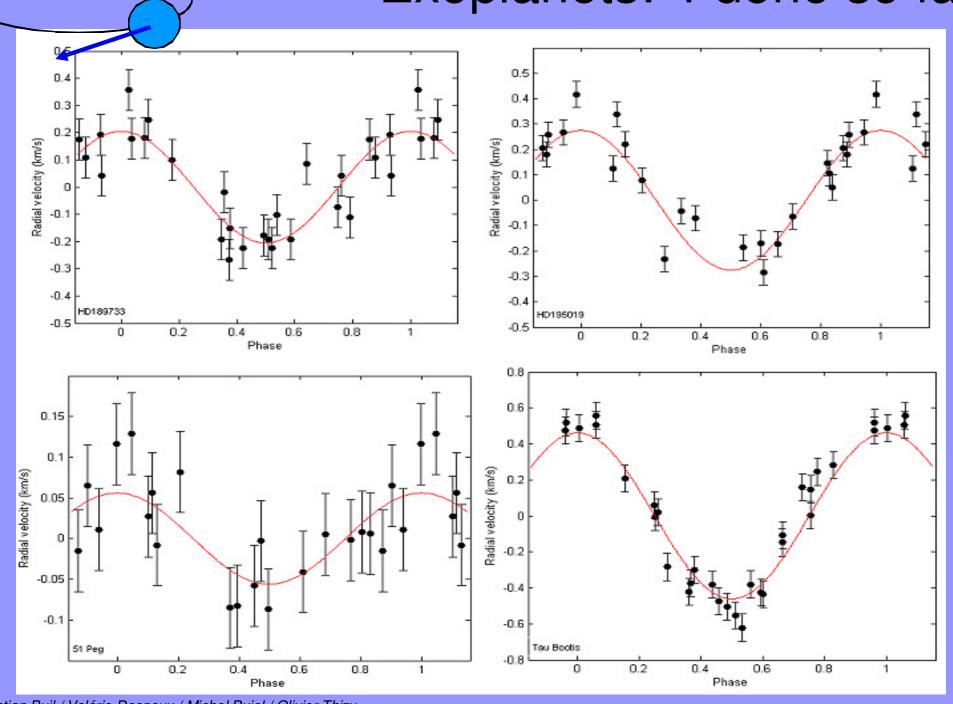
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#### Variable stars in general!

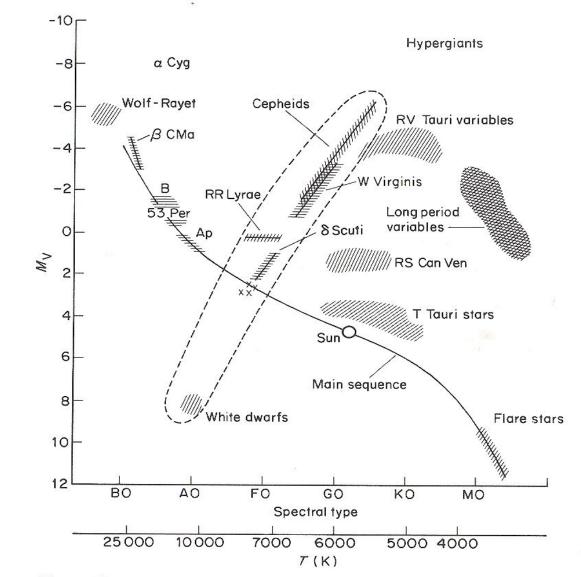
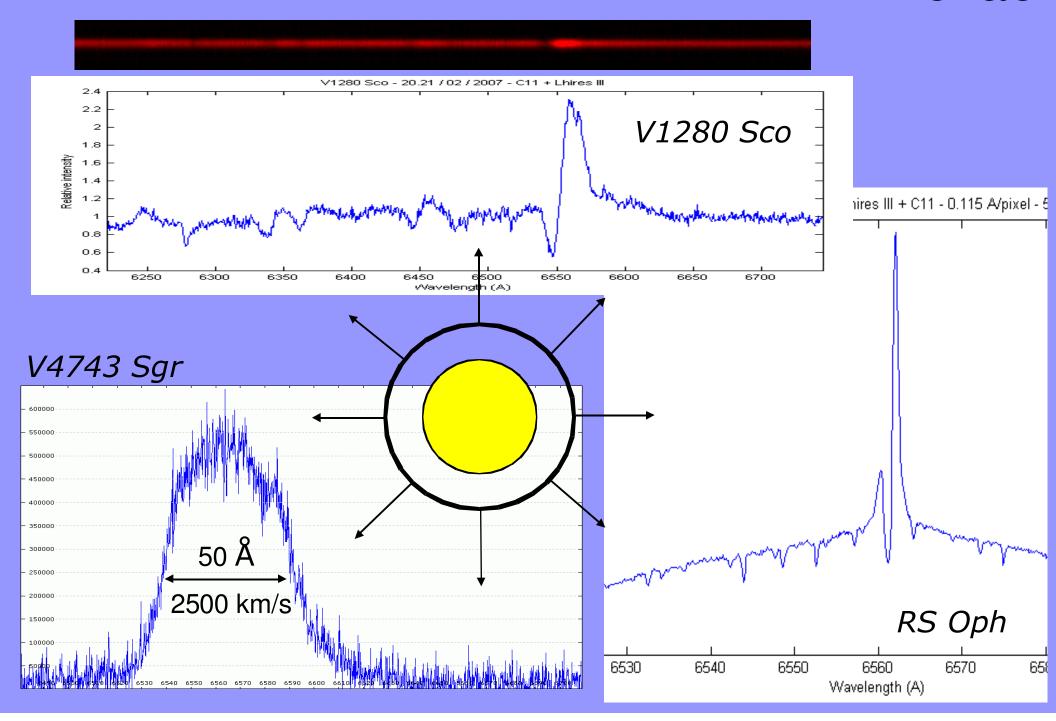
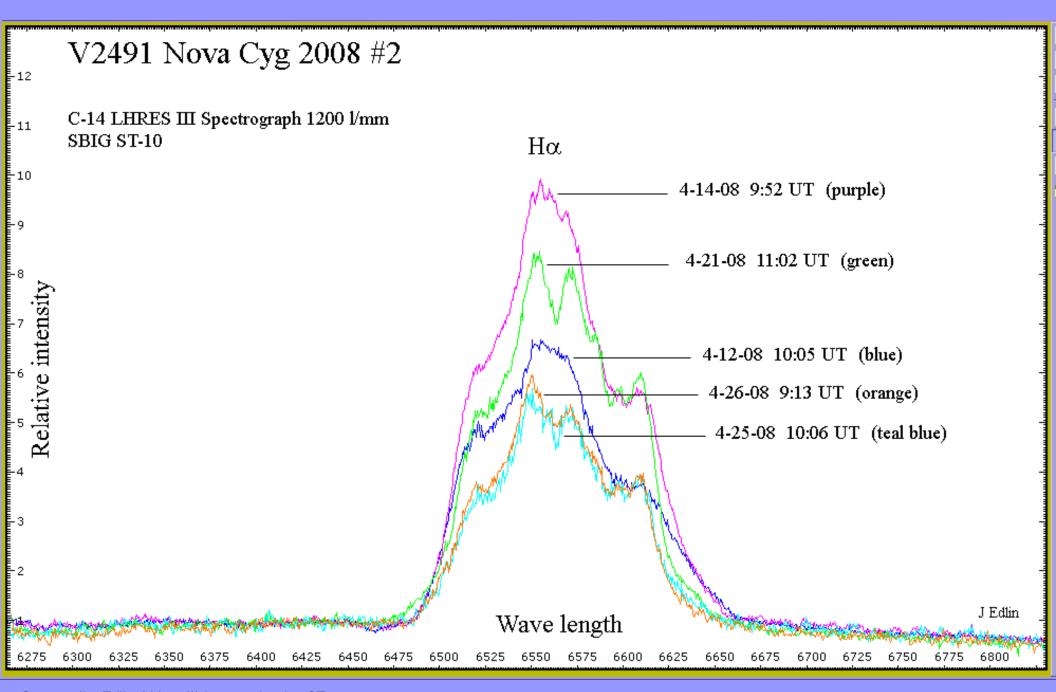


Figure 12.1 A Hertzsprung-Russell diagram showing the approximate location of various types of intrinsically variable star discussed in the text. Cataclysmic variables are binaries containing a compact star (usually a white dwarf) together with a red giant or main sequence star.

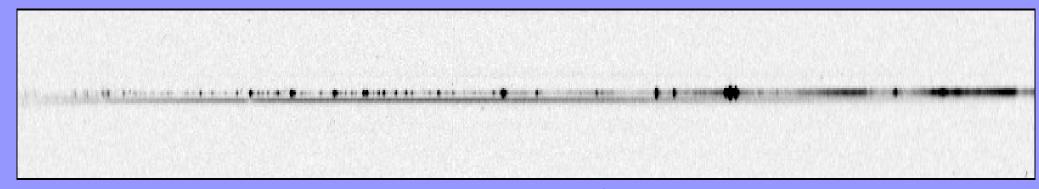
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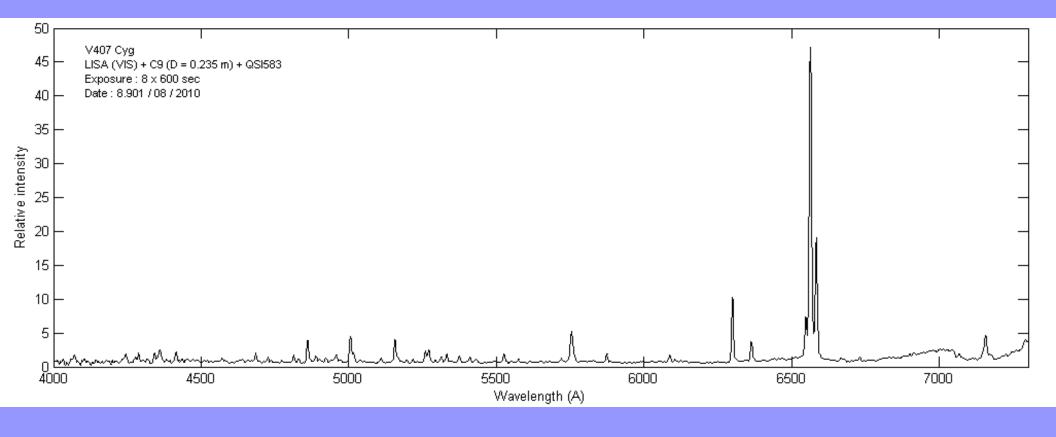
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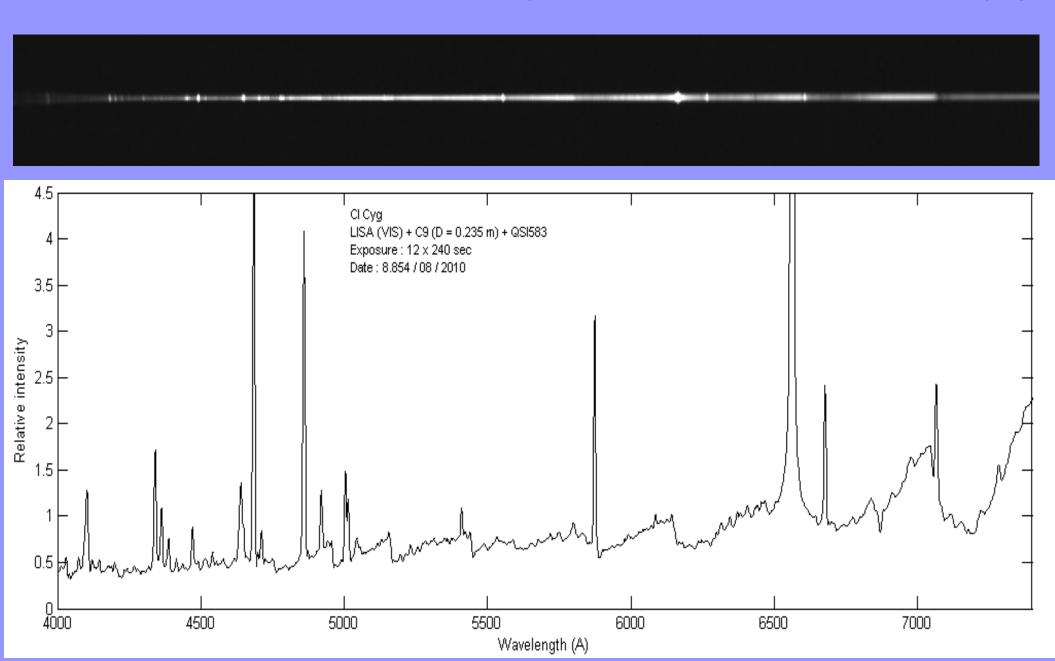
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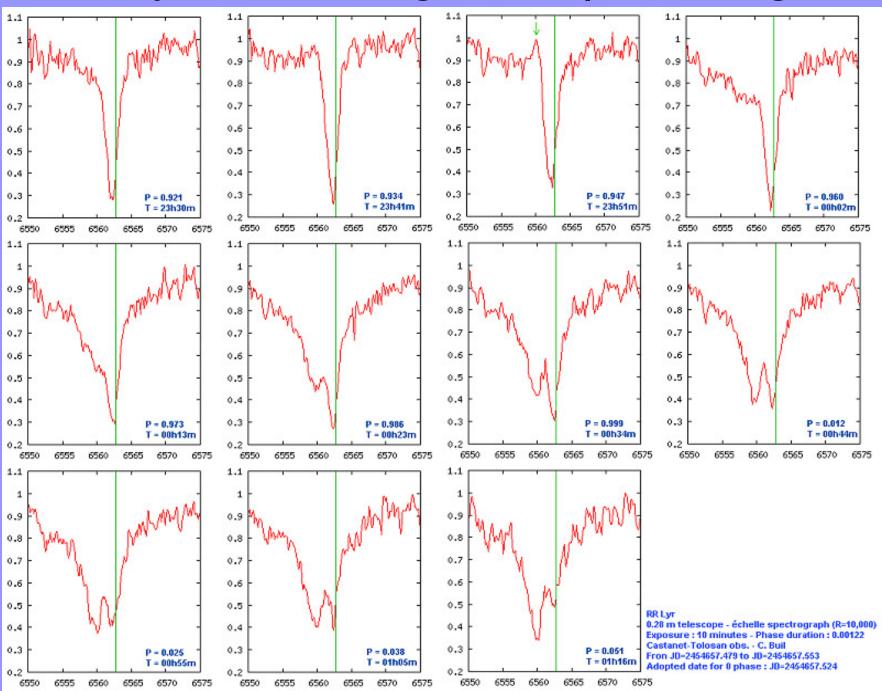
Note: another star spectrum is closed to V407 Cyg spectrum...



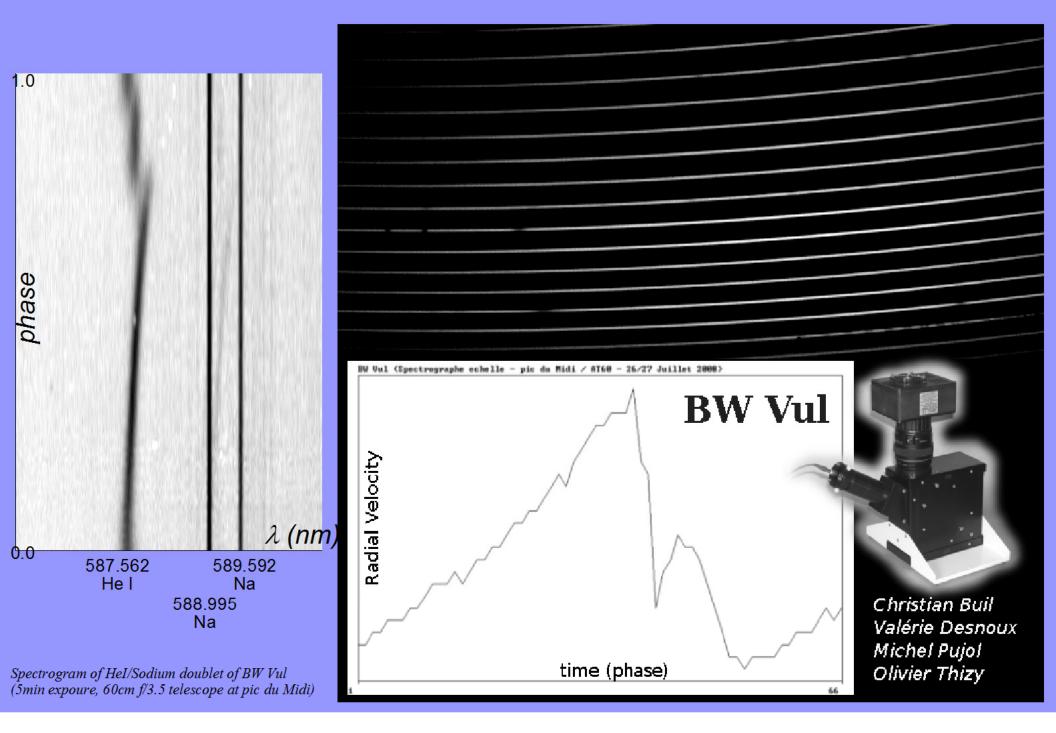
### Symbiotic stars: CI Cyg



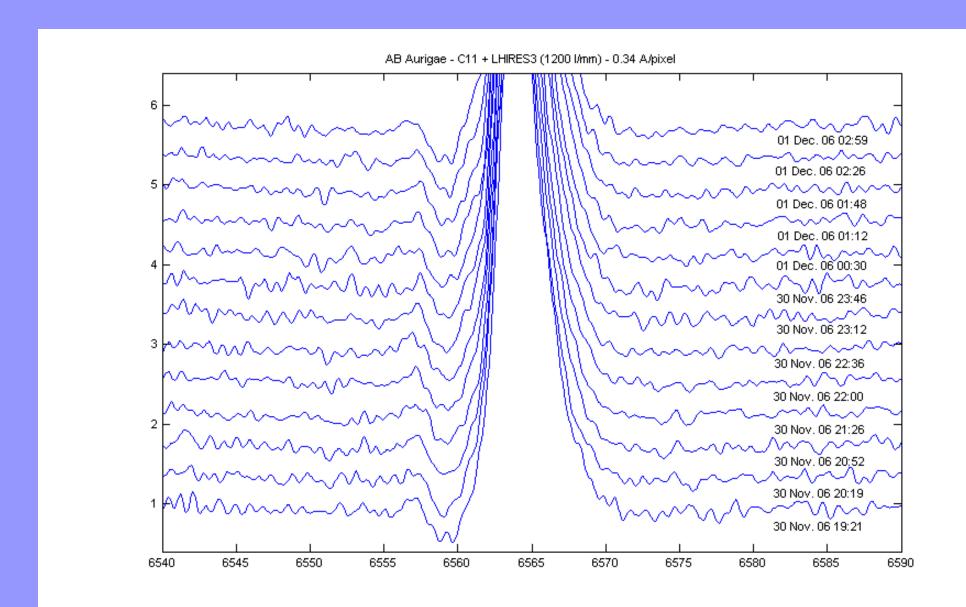
#### RR Lyrae: seeing stars pulsating live!



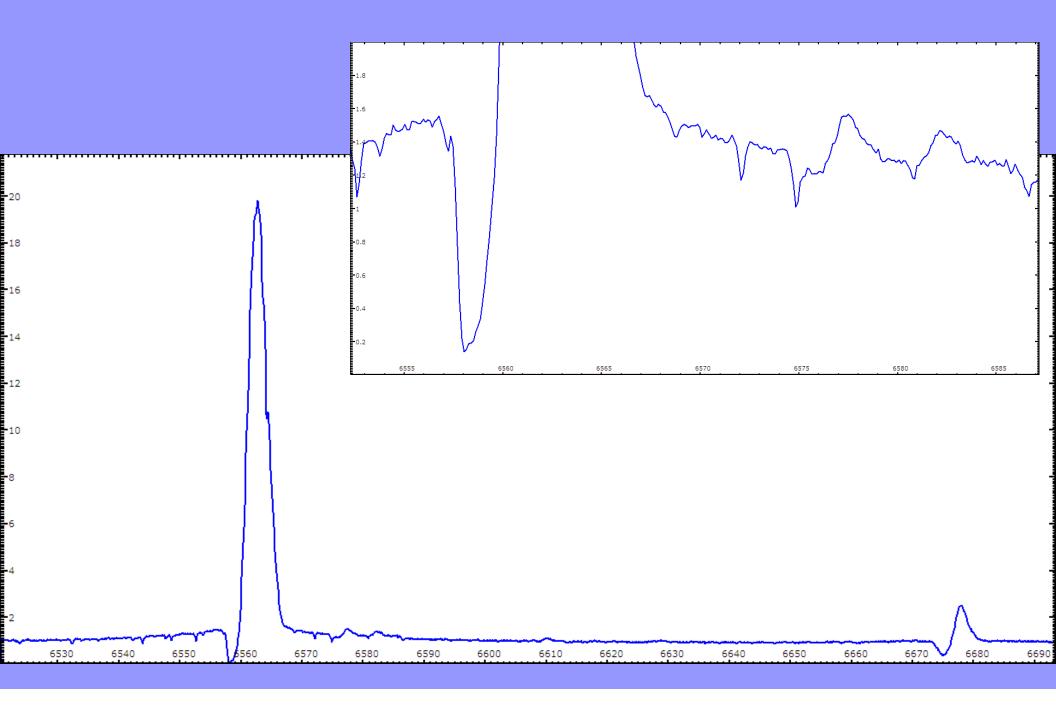
#### BW Vul: at the heart of a star !!!



#### Herbig Ae/Be stars

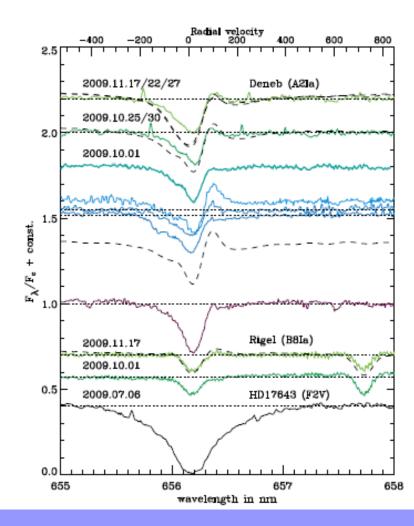


### P Cygni



#### other Active Hot Stars: Rigel, Deneb

O. Chesneau et al.: The H $\alpha$  line-formation region of Deneb and Rigel



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tion about the spectral FWHM and position of the interferometric signal. The spectral location of the differential visibility and differential phase dips are stable at a level of 0.005 nm (~3 km s<sup>-1</sup>). Information from the blue camera was also used, as some important lines, e.g. Siii 6343-6371Å can be investigated (see Fig. 3 and Sect. 3.3).

#### 2.2. Spectroscopy from amateur astronomers

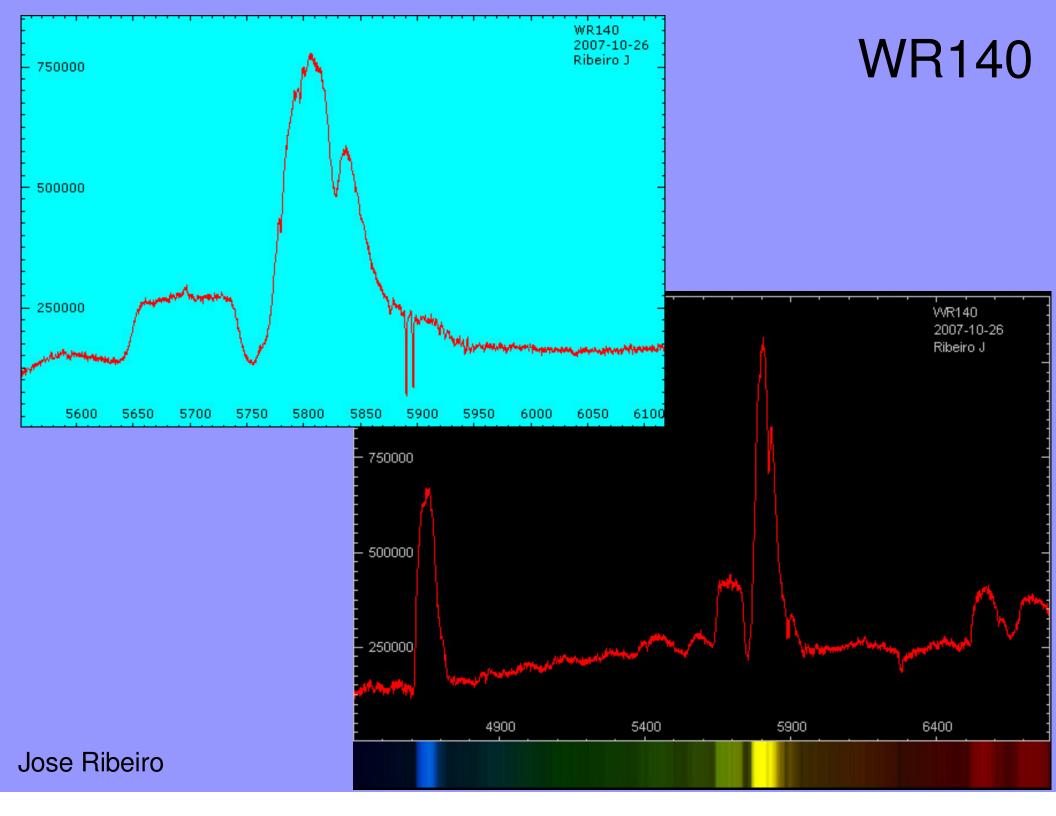
Several H $\alpha$  spectra were obtained during the same period with the 0.28 m amateur telescope (Celestron 11) located in Castanet-Tolosan (France) equipped with the eShel spectrograph and a QSI532 CCD camera (CCD KAF3200ME). These spectra were used in this study as an indication of the emission level and variability of the stars. The typical resolution of these spectra is ~11 000.

The reduction of these data was performed using the standard echelle pipeline (Reshel software V1.11). H2O telluric lines are removed by means of division by a synthetic H2O spectrum using Vspec software - the telluric-line list was taken from GEISA database (LMD/CNRS). We corrected for the diurnal and annual earth velocity are corrected for (spectral wavelengths are given in an heliocentric reference for a stan-

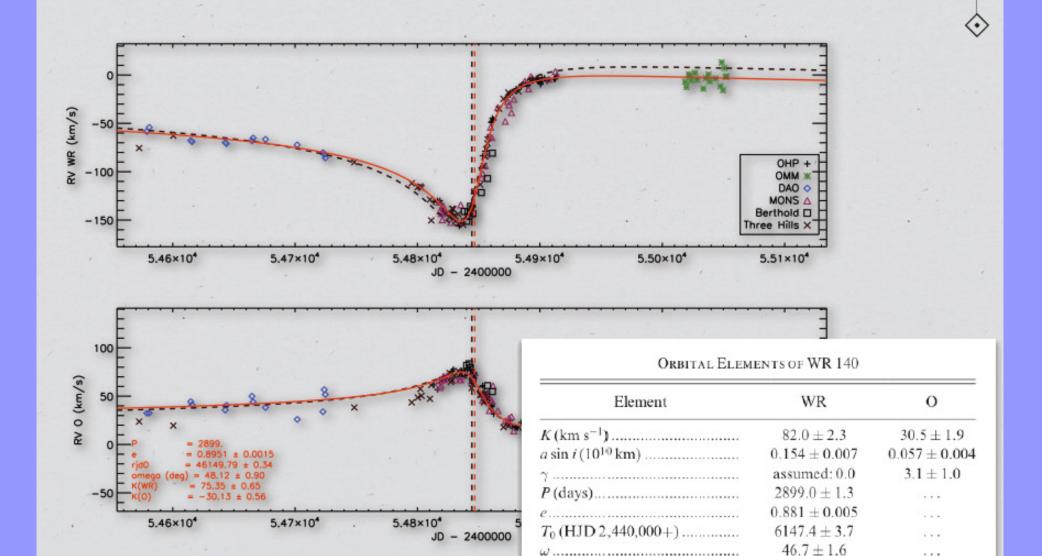
PRef: arXiv:1007.2095v1: Time, spatial, and spectral resolution of the Halpha line-formation region of Deneb and Rigel with the VEGA/CHARA interferometer

#### Wolf-Rayet

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hd197406 (WN7: 300sec)
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hd201272 = ngc7027 (CSPN; 450sec)
hd205211 = ic5117 (CSPN; 300sec)
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hd214419 (WN7+O; 270sec)
hd228766 (pre-WR P Cyg; 300sec)
Messier 57 (420sec)
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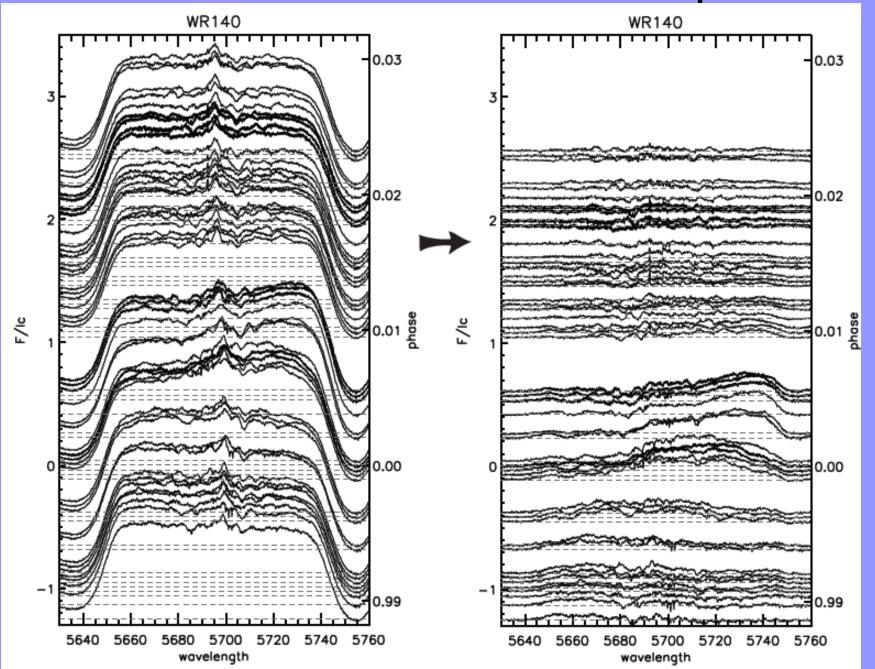


# WR140 / 2009 periastron Radial Velocities



Rémy Fahed et al.

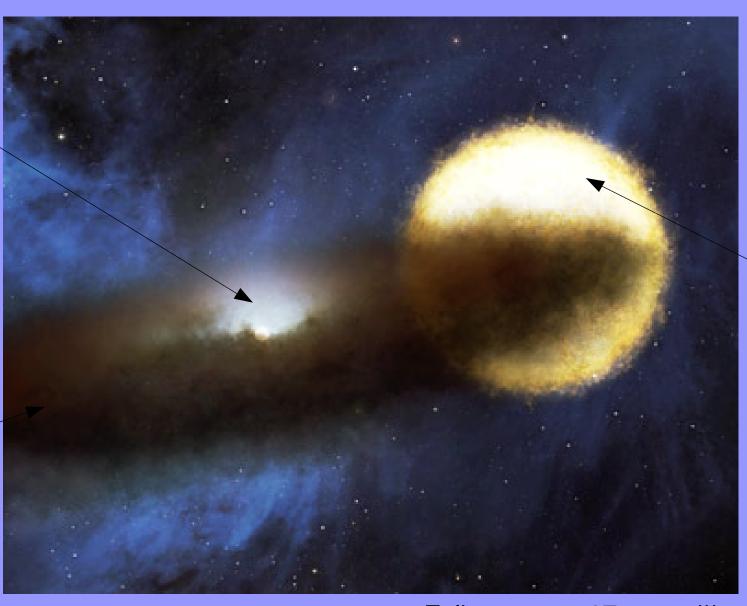
#### WR140 / 2009 periastron



Rémy Fahed et al.: CIII 5696 flat top line as function of phase / excess emission (right)

### Eps Aurigae eclipse

B star? ~15000K 5.9 Msol

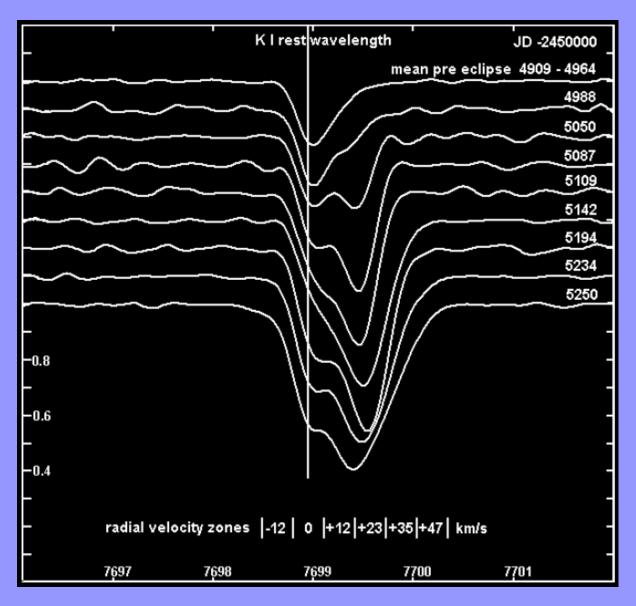


F type star? ~7000K 2.7 Msol?

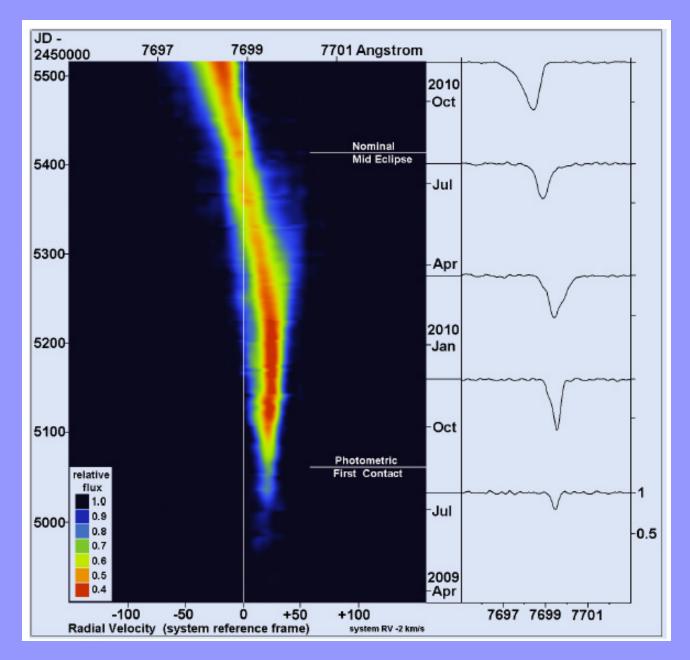
Disk ~500K

- Eclipse every 27 years !!!~15 amateurs contributing
- Over 130 spectra to date?

### Eps Aurigae eclipse : KI 7699 line

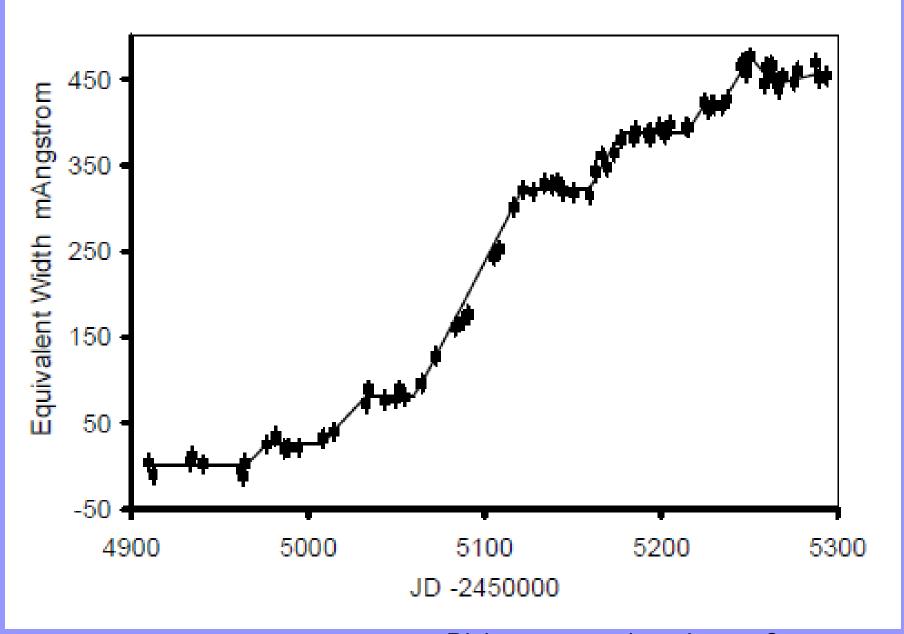


New absorption line appearing!



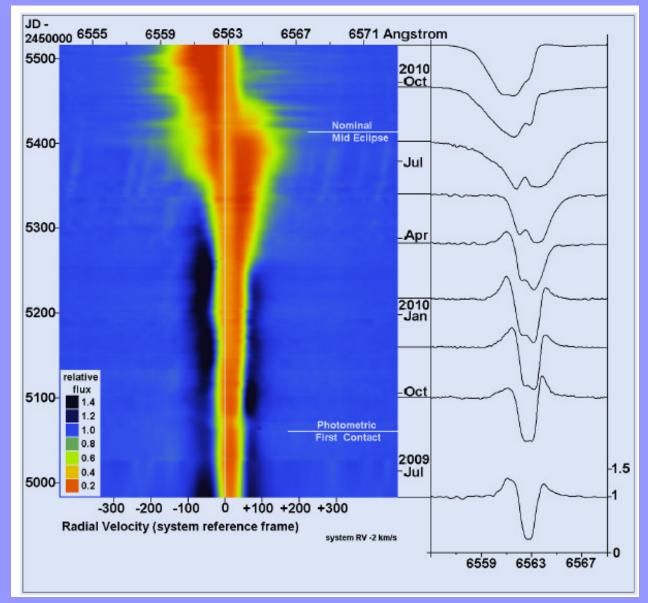
Robin Leadbeater (Lhires III), Bob Stencel: Contour plot showing the evolution of the 7699A neutral potassium line after removal of the interstellar component seen outside eclipse. Coverage is 140 days before first contact to 100 days after predicted mid eclipse.

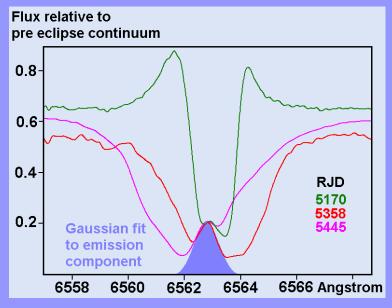
### Eps Aurigae eclipse : KI 7699 line



Disk structures in « rings » ?

#### Eps Aurigae eclipse: Halpha line





A hidden emission component An emission component appeared in the core of the H alpha line close to the rest wavelength.

Robin Leadbeater, Bob Stencel: Contour plot showing the evolution of the H alpha line from pre first contact to approximately 100 days after predicted mid eclipse. It is generated from 159 spectra from all observers.

# eps Aurigae pro-am campaign

- Complementary photometry / spectroscopy campaign
- Over 600 spectra collected (and increasing)!
- Contacts: Robert 'Bob' Stencel (Denver, USA)

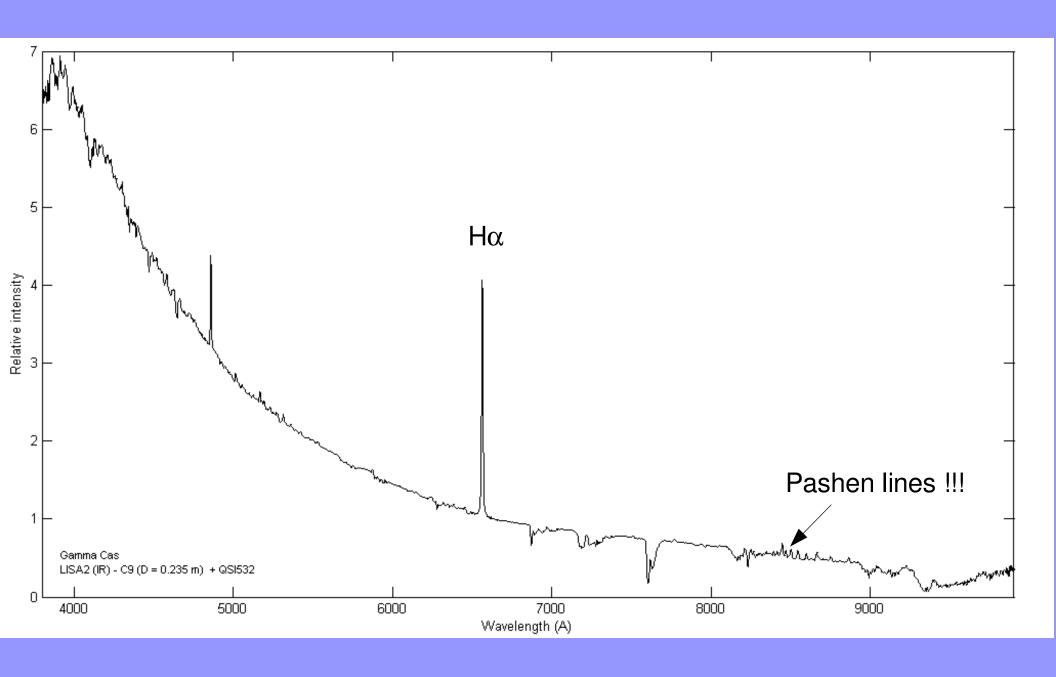
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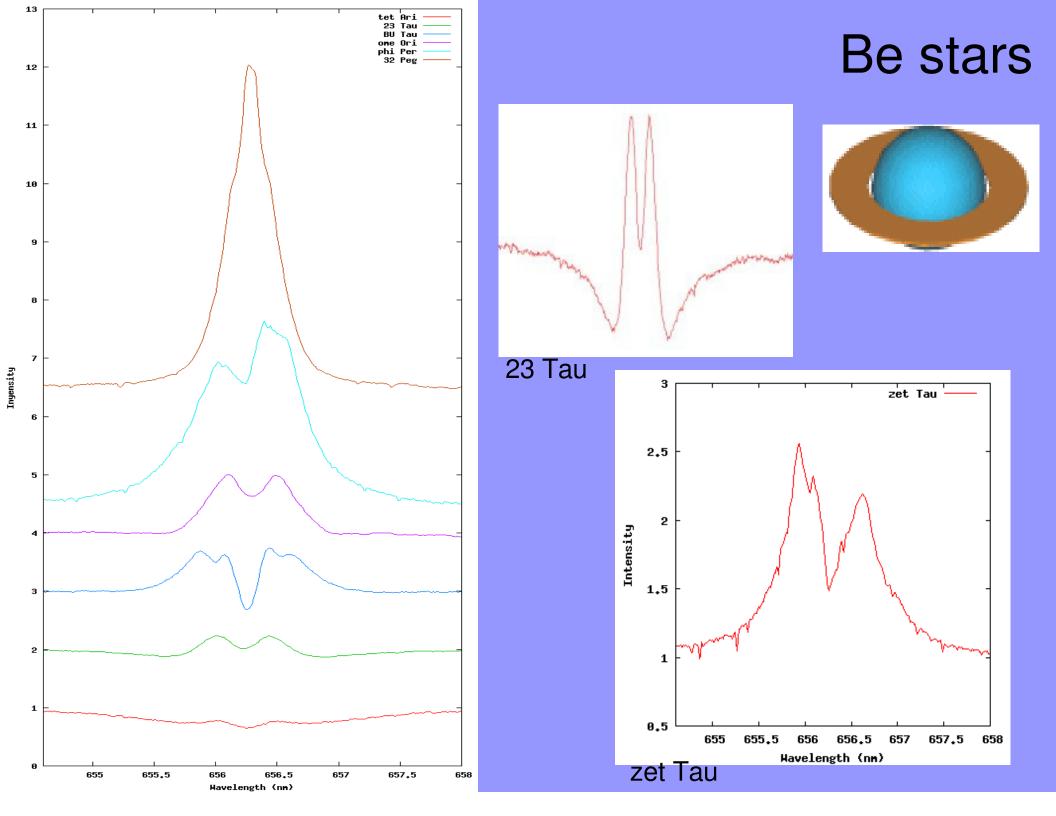
  Robin Leadbeater (amateur; spectroscopy lead)

#### **Publications:**

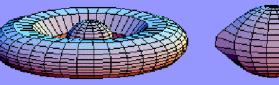
- http://www.threehillsobservatory.co.uk/astro/spectra\_40.htm
- >arXiv:0807.2855v1 : Gearing Up for Epsilon Aurigae's First Eclipse of the Millennium
- >2009SASS...28..157H: Epsilon Aurigae Hydrogen Alpha Emission Line Variation: The Horn Dance
- >2009CBET.1885....1W: Epsilon Aurigae (first detection!)
- >arXiv:1003.3617v2 : Structure in the disc of epsilon Aurigae: Spectroscopic observations of neutral Potassium during eclipse ingress
- >arXiv:1101.1435v1: The International Epsilon Aurigae Campaign 2009-2011. A description of the campaign and early results to May 2010
- Article in Sky & Telescope magazine!

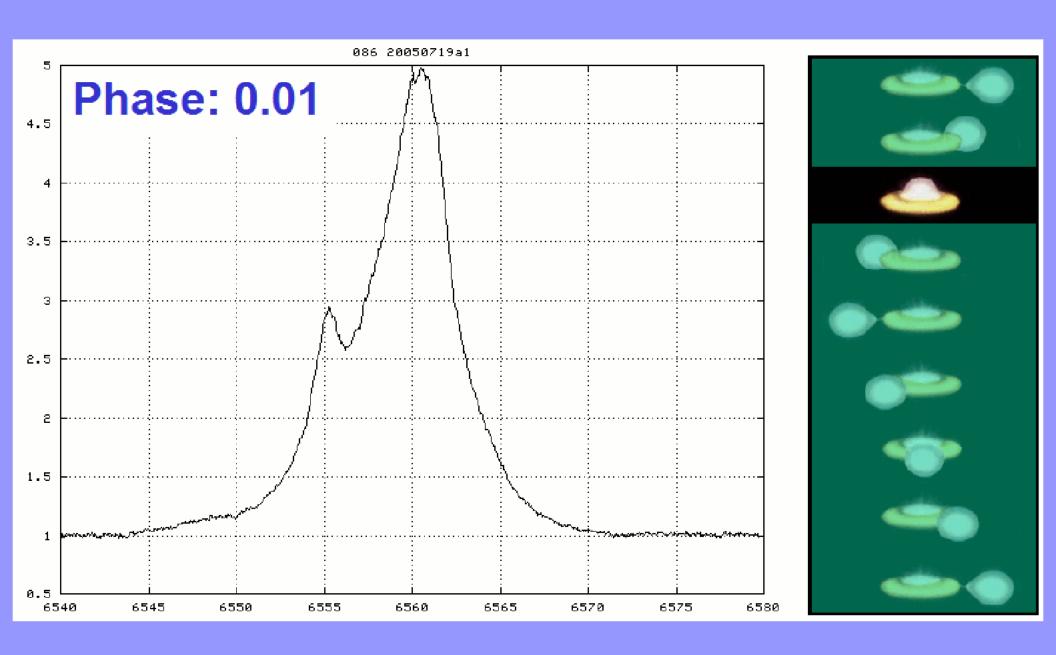
#### A state-of-the-art pro/am project: Be stars



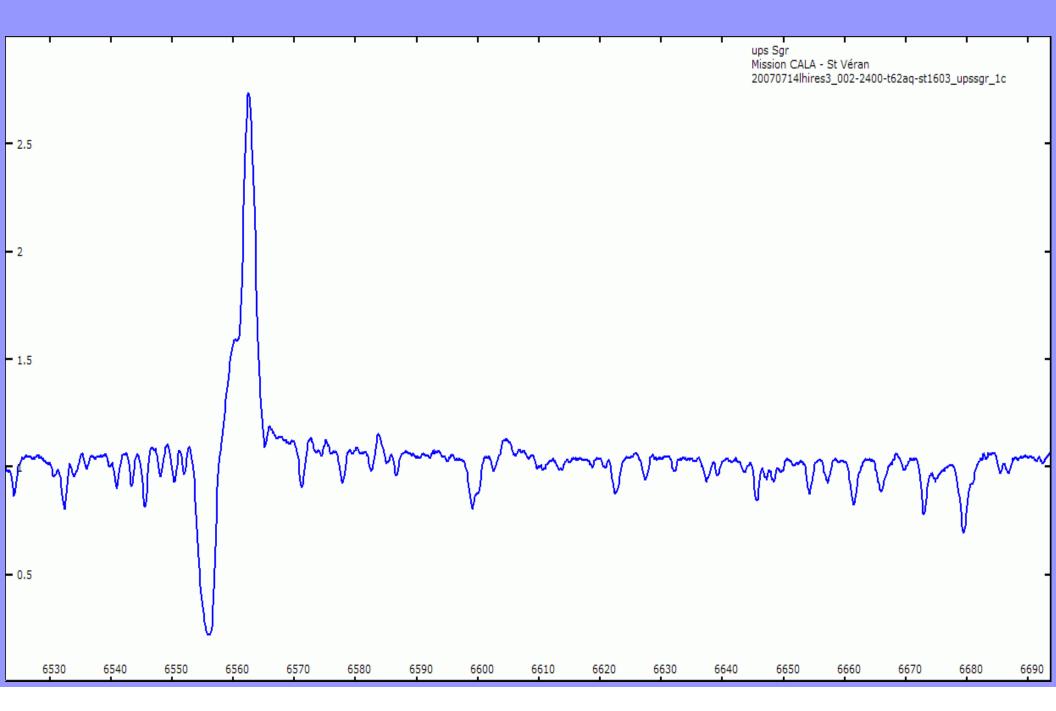


## $H\alpha$ - time evolution $\beta$ Lyr

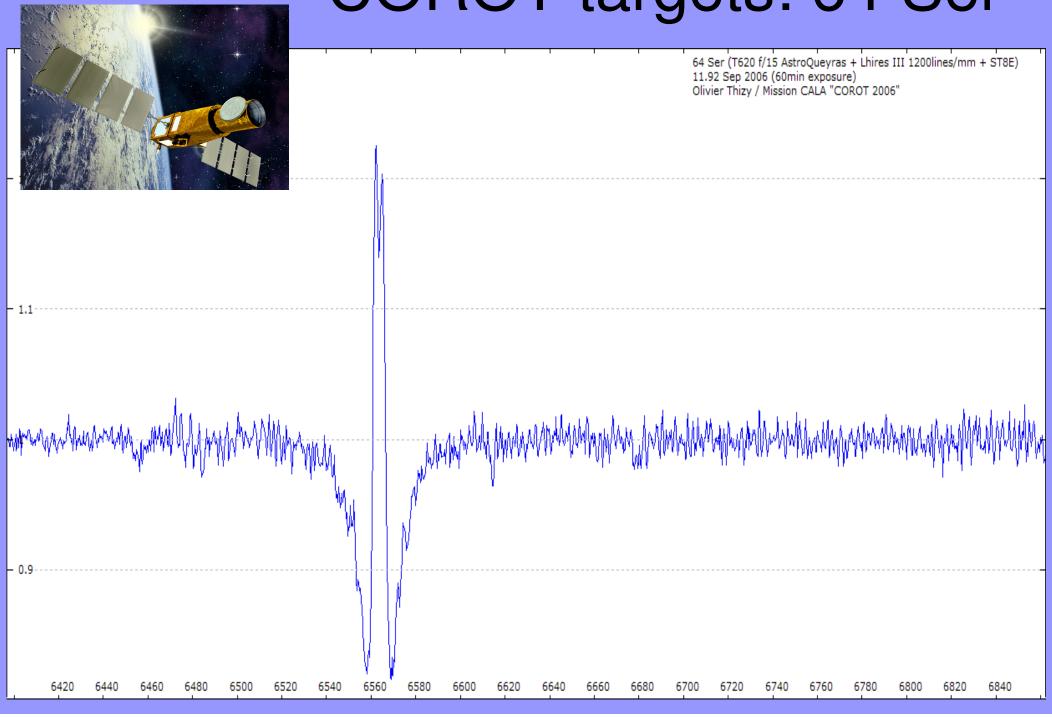




### Exemple of Be targets: υ Sgr

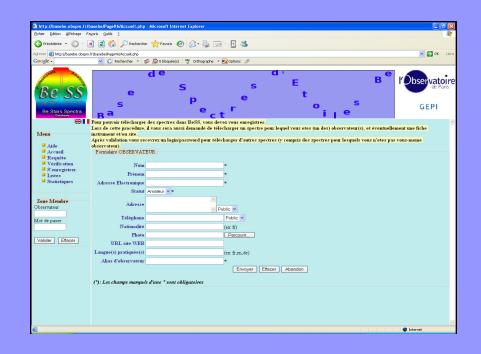


### COROT targets: 64 Ser



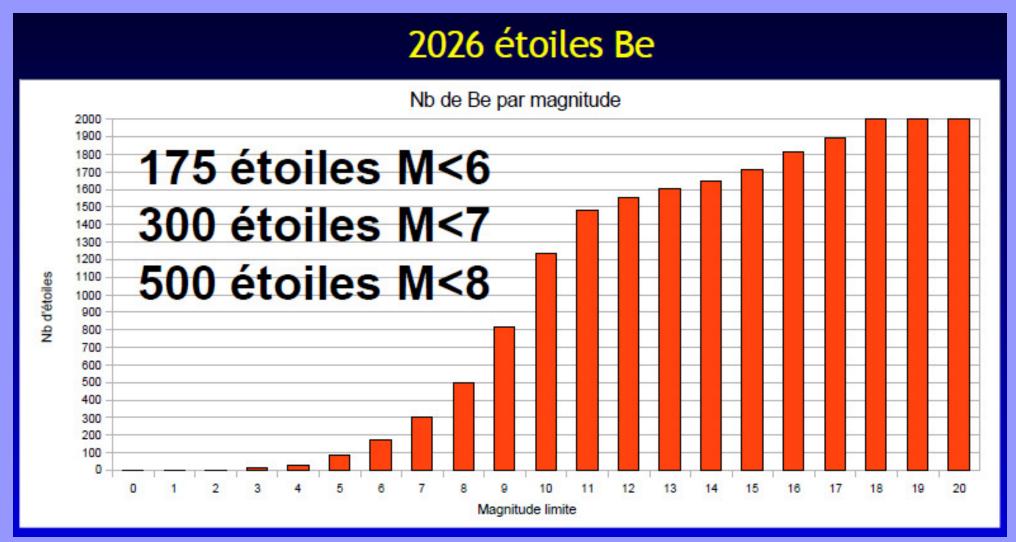


#### BeSS database



URL: http://basebe.obspm.fr

### BeSS catalog



F. Cochard / V. Desnoux

Plenty of BRIGHT stars to work on !!!

#### BeSS database

#### Top ten de tous les insomniaques Top ten des amateurs insomniaques Top ten des pros insomniaques

| Spectres | Observateur       |
|----------|-------------------|
| 37180    | Coralie Neiner    |
| 34940    | Bertrand de Batz  |
| 31153    | archive ELODIE    |
| 7823     | Christian Buil    |
| 5292     | Claude Catala     |
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| 3978     | Olivier Thizy      |
| 839      | Joan Guarro Fló    |
| 575      | Valerie Desnoux    |
| 467      | Thierry GARREL     |
| 370      | Michel Pujol       |
| 358      | Ernst Pollmann     |
| 240      | Benjamin MAUCLAIRE |
| 176      | José Ribeiro       |
| 169      | Jean-Noël TERRY    |

| Spectres | Observateur        |
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| 37180    | Coralie Neiner     |
| 34940    | Bertrand de Batz   |
| 31153    | archive ELODIE     |
| 5292     | Claude Catala      |
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| 1186     | database GAUDI     |
| 871      | Pascale Ehrenfreud |

>11000 amateur spectra from over 30 different users

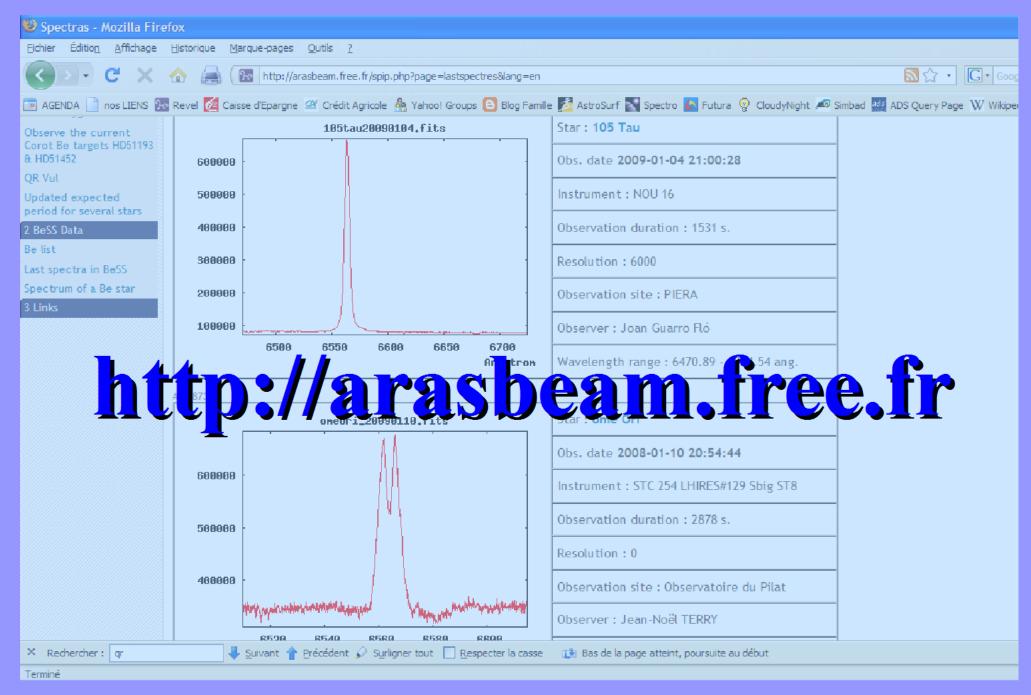
### Equipment used

| Туре           |    |
|----------------|----|
| Lhires III     | 42 |
| Pro            | 13 |
| Other          | 6  |
| eShel          | 5  |
| Total Résultat | 66 |

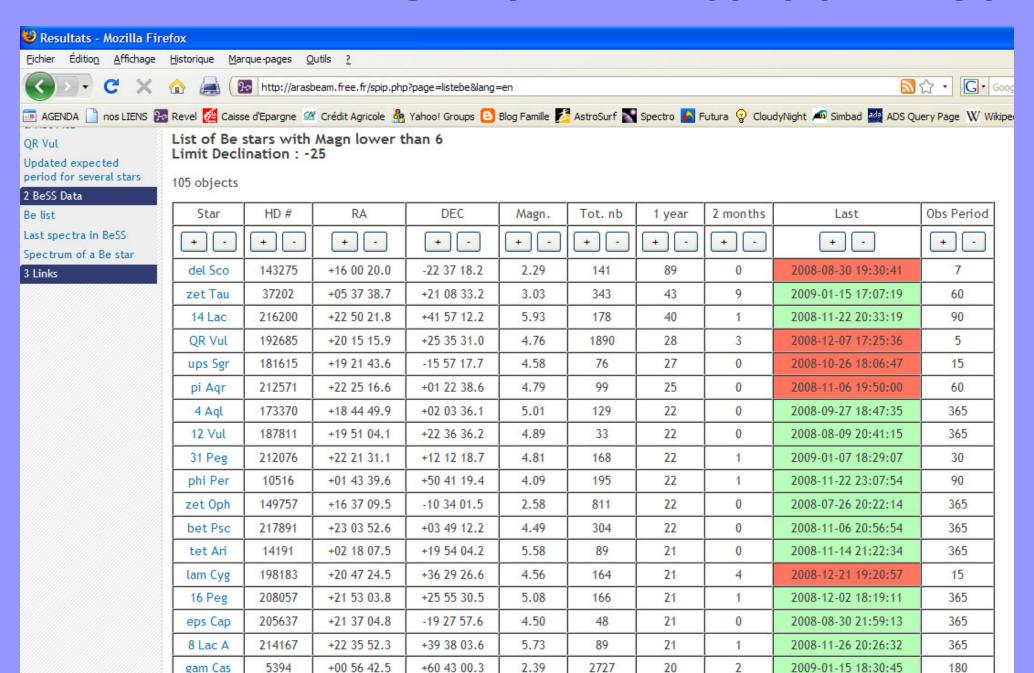


- Amateur telescope size: 12cm to 62cm
- Mainly Lhires spectrographs used by amateurs
- eShel echelle spectrograph is new but provides larger spectral coverage

#### ArasBeAm "amateur" front end

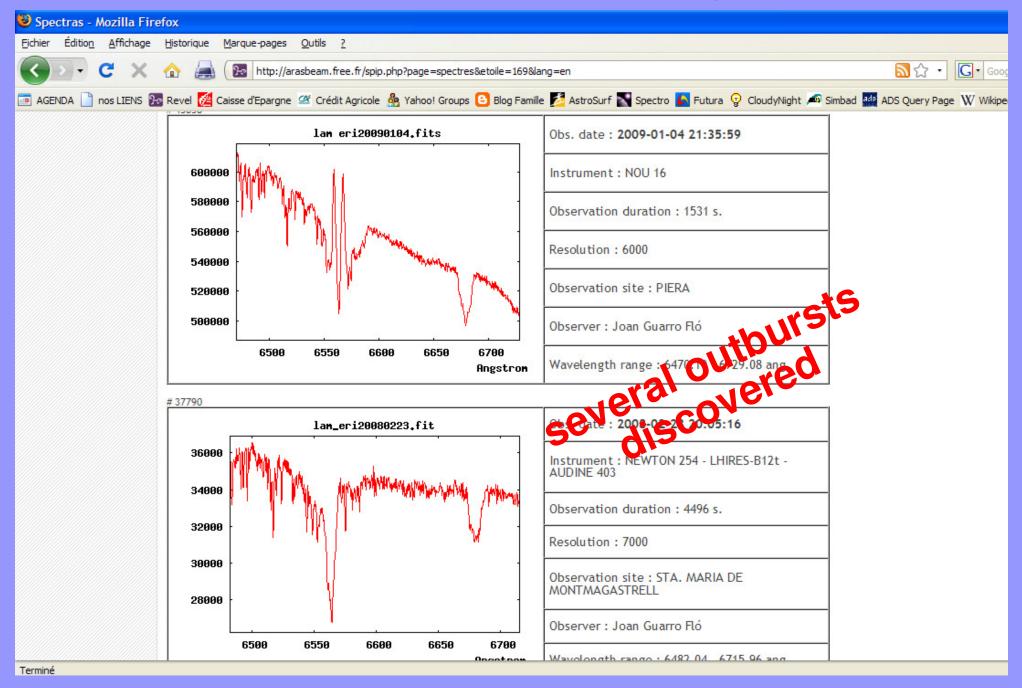


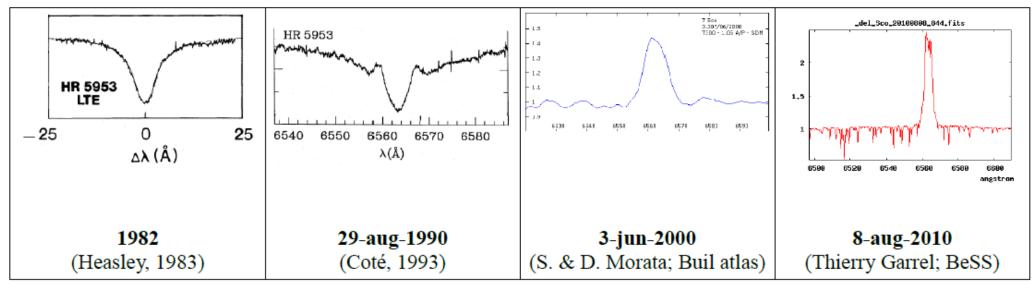
#### ARAS BeAm « to do » list



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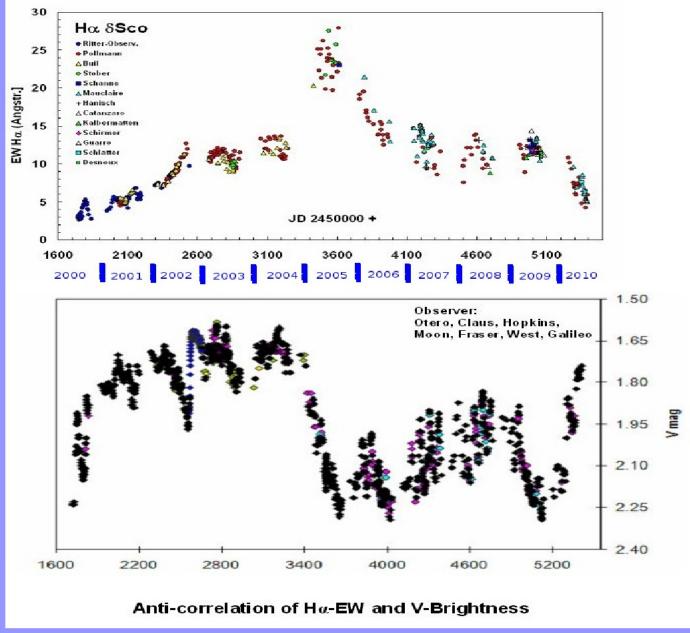
### ArasBeAm: detecting outburst

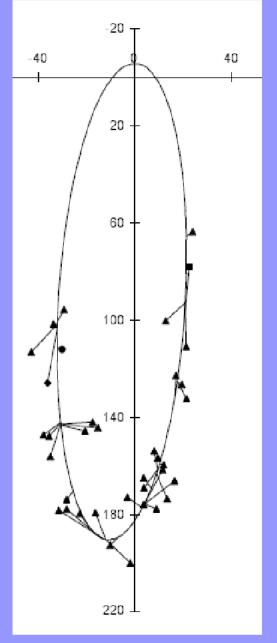




snapshots of delta Sco spectrum (H-alpha) through the years...

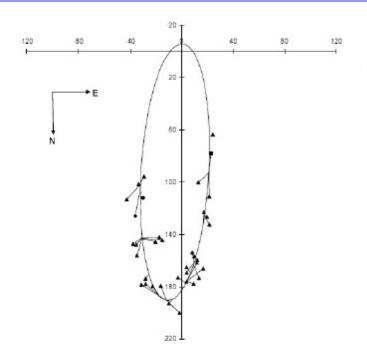
- •Be stars identified as such in 1993
- Outburst in 2000 with sudden increase of visual brightness





Tango et al. 2009

**Ernst Pollmann** 



The orbital elements for  $\delta$  Sco

| Element  | Ref. a                        | Ref. b                     | This Work                                     |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Period P (yr)                                  | $10.58 \pm 0.08$              | $10.58^{c}$                | $10.74\pm0.02$                                |
| Epoch of periastron T                          | $B1971.41 \pm 0.14$           | $J2000.693 \pm 0.008$      | $J2000.69389 \pm 0.00007$                     |
| Eccentricity e                                 | $0.92 \pm 0.02$               | $0.94 \pm 0.01$            | $0.9401 \pm 0.0002$                           |
| Semimajor axis (mas) a"                        | $107 \pm 7$                   | $107^{c}$                  | $98.3 \pm 1.2$                                |
| Inclination i                                  | $48^{\circ}5 \pm 6^{\circ}6$  | $38^{\circ} \pm 5^{\circ}$ | $38^{\circ} \pm 6^{\circ}$                    |
| Long. periastron $\omega$                      | $24^{\circ} \pm 13^{\circ}$   | $-1^{\circ} \pm 5^{\circ}$ | $1.9 \pm 0.1$                                 |
| Long. of asc. node $\Omega$                    | $159^{\circ}3 \pm 7^{\circ}6$ | 175°                       | $175^{\circ}_{\cdot}2 \pm 0^{\circ}_{\cdot}6$ |
| Systemic RV $V_{\gamma}$ (km·s <sup>-1</sup> ) |                               | $-6 \pm 0.5$               | $-6.72 \pm 0.05$                              |
| RV amplitude $K_A$ (km·s <sup>-1</sup> )       |                               |                            | $23.84 \pm 0.05$                              |
| Semimajor axis of primary $a_A$ (km)           |                               |                            | $(7.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{8}$                 |
| Mass function $M_B^3/(M_A + M_B^3)$            |                               |                            | $0.9 \pm 0.4$                                 |

Ref. a Hartkopf et al. (1996)
Ref. b Miroshnichenko et al. (2001)

c Value assumed from Ref. a

interferometric orbit for delta Sco and orbital elements (Tango et al., 2009)

Recent interferometric observations (Tango et al., 2009) led to new orbital elements and masses estimation:  $M1 = 15 + /-7 M^*$  and  $M2 = 8.0 + /-3.6 M^*$ 

- Exact periastron date unknown (around beginning of July 2011)
- Radial Velocity will change drastically few weeks before
- Monitoring of H alpha is key
- Monitoring of He I 6678 is very interesting too

# ==> amateur Spectroscopy is required !!!

# Telegram... from this morning

---- Message original ------

Sujet: [spectro-l] gamma Cas [1 Attachment]

Date: 15 Apr 2011 08:09 GMT

De: Ernst Pollmann <ernst-pollmann@t-online.de>

Répondre à : spectro-l@yahoogroups.com

Pour : Gruppe ARAS <spectro-l@yahoogroups.com>

Dear colleagues !



Myron Smith, Computer Sciences Corporation, Space Telescope Science Institute and my mentor in issues of gamma Cas, is asking for Halpha-EW observations during the coming observation season.

He and his colleague Greg Henry are very interested in correlation between Halpha-EW and photometric brightness within the UBV-system. Meanwhile they monitored the star in this way for 13 years (see fig. 3).

Actually, I gave him the attached compiling plots (fig. 1 & 2) of Halpha EW and visual brightness observations of my colleagues in Hungaria and Germany.

It would be great, if interested observers could measure the Halpha EW for the coming months of visibility.

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Active Spectroscopy in Astronomy http://www.astrospectroscopy.de

==> mag 2 star !

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|--|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Spectrograph   | Star<br>Analyser                   | LISA   | Lhires III  | eShel   |
|  | its Arranysor to                   |  |   |   |
| Resolving Power  | R ~ 100                            | R ~ 1000   | R ~ 600 – 17000   | R ~ 11000   |
| Solar System   |                                    |  |   |   |
| Earth atmosphere   |                                    | Aurora spectra.  | 150: Aurora spectra.  |   |
| Meteors  | Meteor spectra: how useful ???     |  |   |   |
| Moon   |                                    | Geology changes during impact.   | 150: Geology changes during impact.   |   |
| Planet atmosphere  |                                    | Spectra of atmospheric features (near IR ?)                                      |   |   |
| Comets   |                                    | Composition, classification.   | 150-300: Composition, classification.   | Bight comets ?  |
| Asteroids  |                                    | Classification.  | <u> </u>  |   |
| Binaries   |                                    | •  | ·   |   |
| Spectroscopic binaries                                   |                                    |  | 2400: bright binaries period/orbit follow up  | Binaries period and orbital elements improvements.                          |
| Exoplanets   |                                    |  |   | Orbital elements follow up.<br>Discoveries around A-type stars?             |
| Variable Stars   |                                    |  |   |   |
| Be Stars   |                                    | Monitoring, outburst detection,<br>Survey/Discovery, classification.             | 2400: pulsations (hours) ?<br>1200-2400: Line profile changes (days/years)<br>150-600: Monitoring, outburst detection, Survey/Discovery,<br>classification. | Line profile changes (days/years).  |
| Binary Be Stars:<br>delta Sco, VV Cep, zeta Tau, ups Sgr |                                    | Monitoring, Outburst detection.  | 1200-2400: RV measurement (ex: delta Sco)<br>1200-2400: Line profile changes: delta Sco, zeta Tau   | RV measurement (ex: delta Sco)<br>Line profile changes: delta Sco, zeta Tau |
| Herbig Ae/Be   |                                    |  | 1200: spectral changes in few hours.<br>300-600: changes over the years / outburst  | Changes over the years / outburst   |
| LBV (P Cygni)  |                                    |  | 1200-2400: line profile changes (years)   | Line profile changes (years)  |
| Active hot stars<br>(Rigel, Deneb)                       |                                    |  | 1200-2400: line profile changes (years ?)   | Line profile changes (years ?)  |
| Wolf-Rayet   |                                    | Classification.  | 1200-2400: line profile changes (years ?)<br>150-300: classification  |   |
| Binary Wolf-Rayet:<br>WR 140                             |                                    |  | 1200-2400: periastron studies   | Periastron studies; orbital elements; spectral changes.                     |
| epsilon Aurigae<br>(every 27 years !)                    |                                    |  | 2400: line profile change, KI line change (modified Lhires III) eclipse folllow up.   | Line profile changes.   |
| Cataclysmic variables                                    | Outburst monitoring                | Initial classification, monitoring.<br>Line profile changes.<br>Expansion speed. | 1200: Line profile changes at initial stage. Expansion speed. 150-600: Initial classification, monitoring.  | Line profile changes at initial stage.<br>Expansion speed measurement.      |
| Novae  | Initial classification, monitoring | Initial classification, monitoring.<br>Line profile changes.<br>Expansion speed. | 1200: Line profile changes at initial stage. Expansion speed. 150-600: Initial classification, monitoring.  | Line profile changes at initial stage.<br>Expansion speed measurement.      |
| Mira   |                                    | Monitoring during all period.  | 1200: at maximum brightness.<br>150: follow up. during (almost) all period.   | At maximum brightness.  |
| Pulsating stars<br>(RR Lyrae, BW Vul, SPB)               |                                    |  | 600-1200: RV of absorption lines.   | RV changes of absorption lines.   |
| Supernovae   | Initial classification (SN type)   | Initial classification (SN type)   |   |   |
|  |                                    |  |   |   |



### Some books...



More on www.Shelyak.com (bibliography)

#### Some useful links

Groupe ARAS: http://www.astrosurf.com/aras/

Liste Spectro-L: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/spectro-I/

SAS: http://www.socastrosci.org/

CDS Strasbourg http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/

ADS (articles) http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abstract\_service.html

Shelyak Instruments http://www.shelyak.com/

