

# B supergiants with XTGRID

Dramatic poetry in 5 stanzas

by Peter Nemeth



**Physics of Extreme  
Massive Stars**

Marie-Curie-RISE project  
funded by the European Union



**Astronomický  
ústav  
AV ČR**

# Chapter 1: Prologue



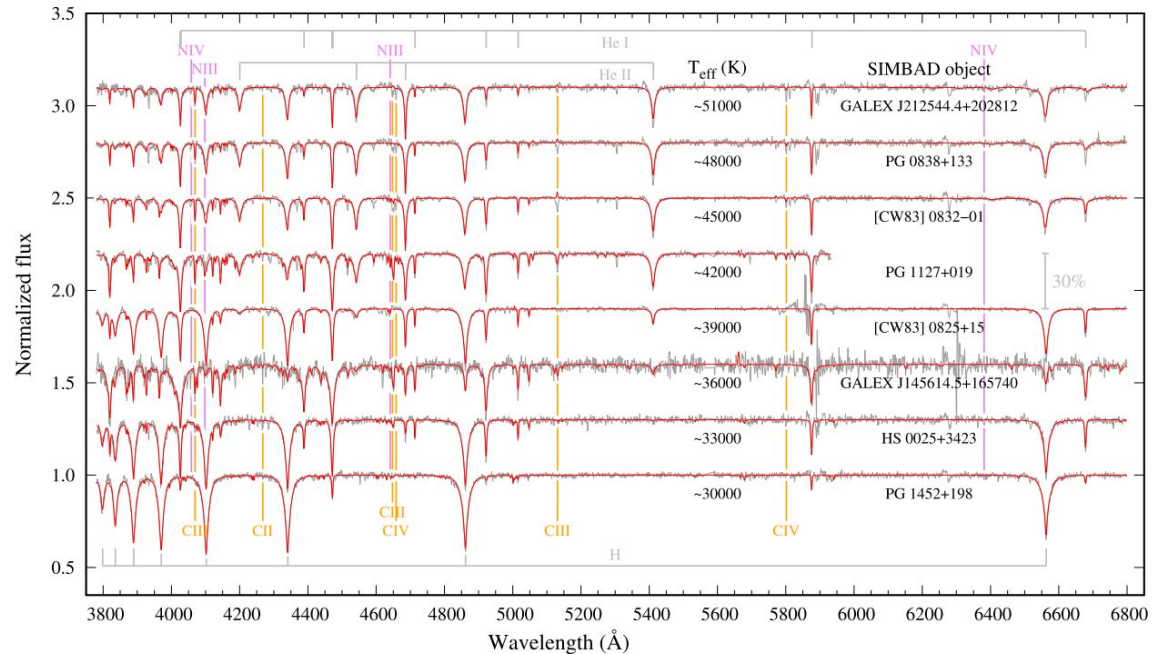
Successful modeling of subdwarf and MS B type stars

Peculiar He-dominated “normal”/post-merger/semi-compact stars

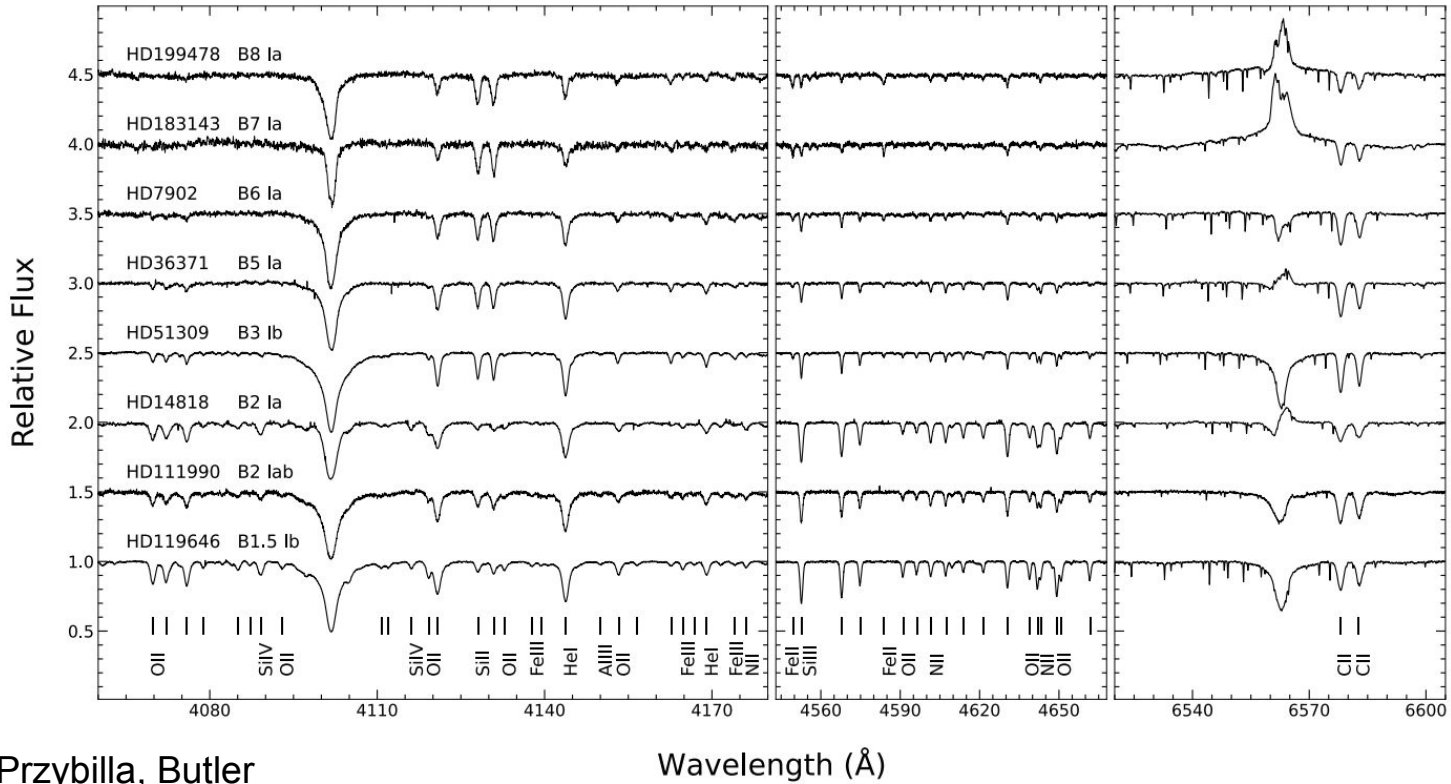
Utilizing *Trusty* models

Let us repeat it for  
B supergiants!

Luo, Németh, Wang, Pan  
2024, *ApJSS* 271, 21

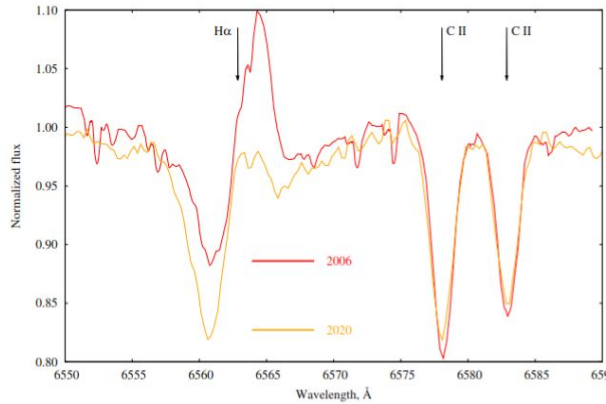


# Chapter 1: Prologue

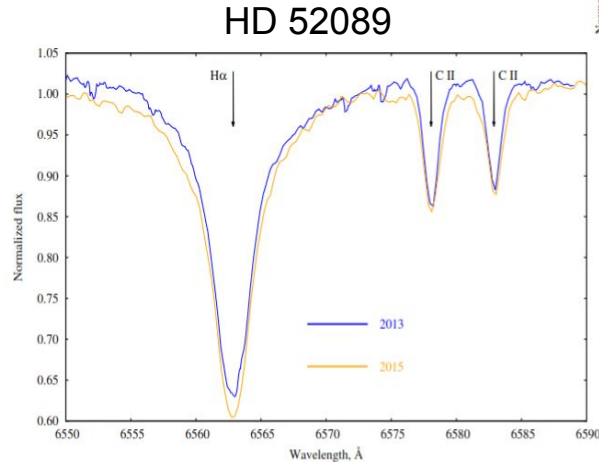


# Chapter 1: Prologue

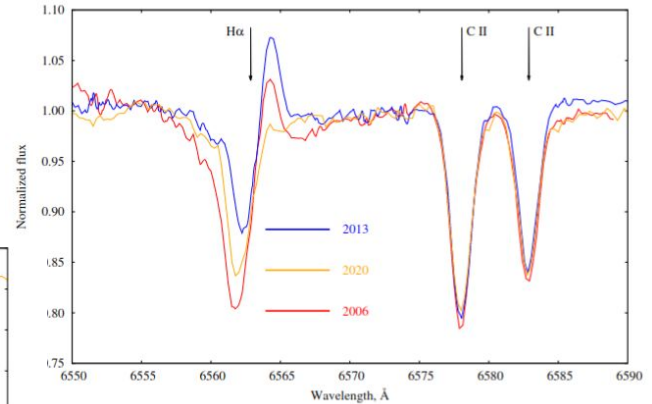
We used the REOSC spectrograph attached to the Jorge Sahade 2.15 m telescope at the Complejo Astronómico El Leoncito (CASLEO), San Juan, Argentina. Covering a range of 4275 - 6800 Å at  $R \sim 13000$ .



HD 42087



HD 52089



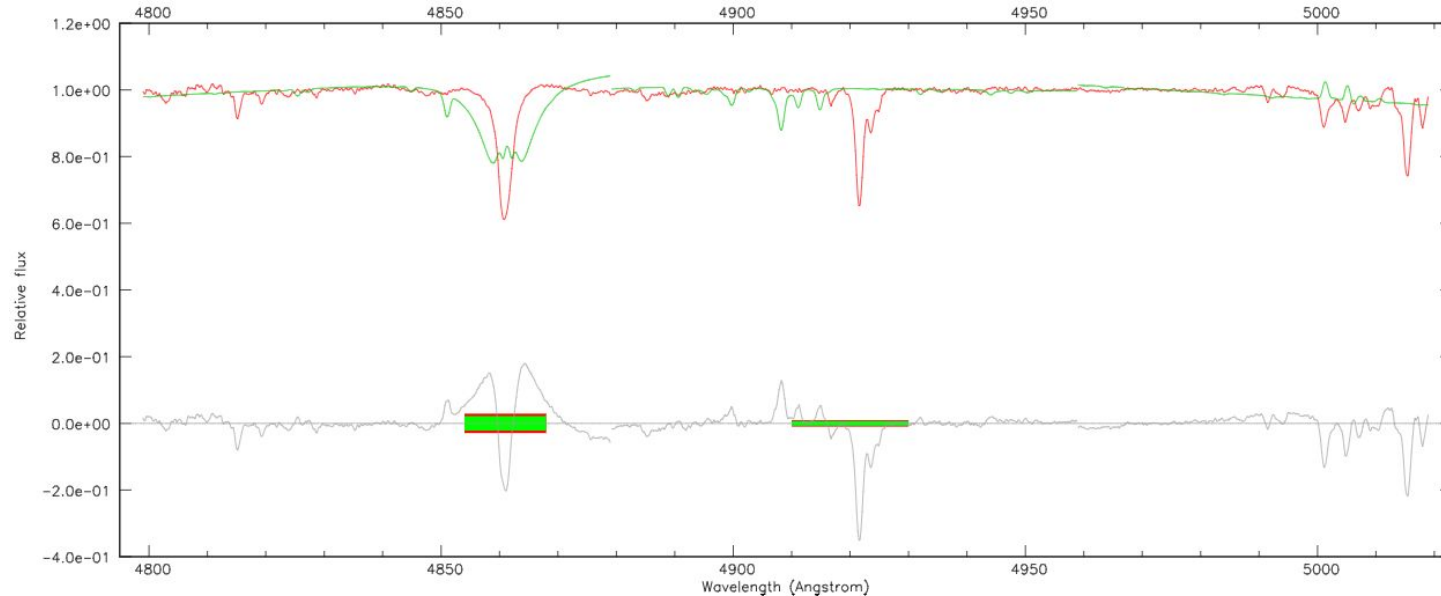
HD 58350

# Chapter 2: Conflicts



TLUSTY does not work as expected! Convergence issues

OSTAR and BSTAR interpolations cannot reproduce the observations



# Chapter 2: Success!



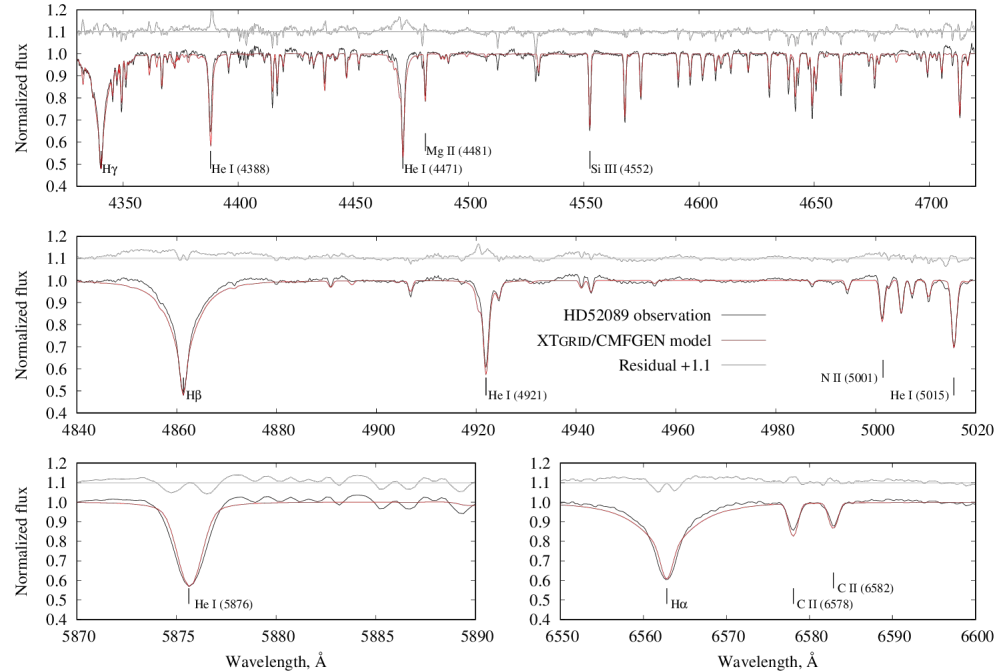
Added CMFGEN to XTGRID to model the photosphere and wind in spherical geometry

HD 52089 }  
HD 58350 } Sánchez Arias, Németh,  
HD 42087 } de Almeida, Ruiz Diaz,  
2023, Galaxies 11/5, 93

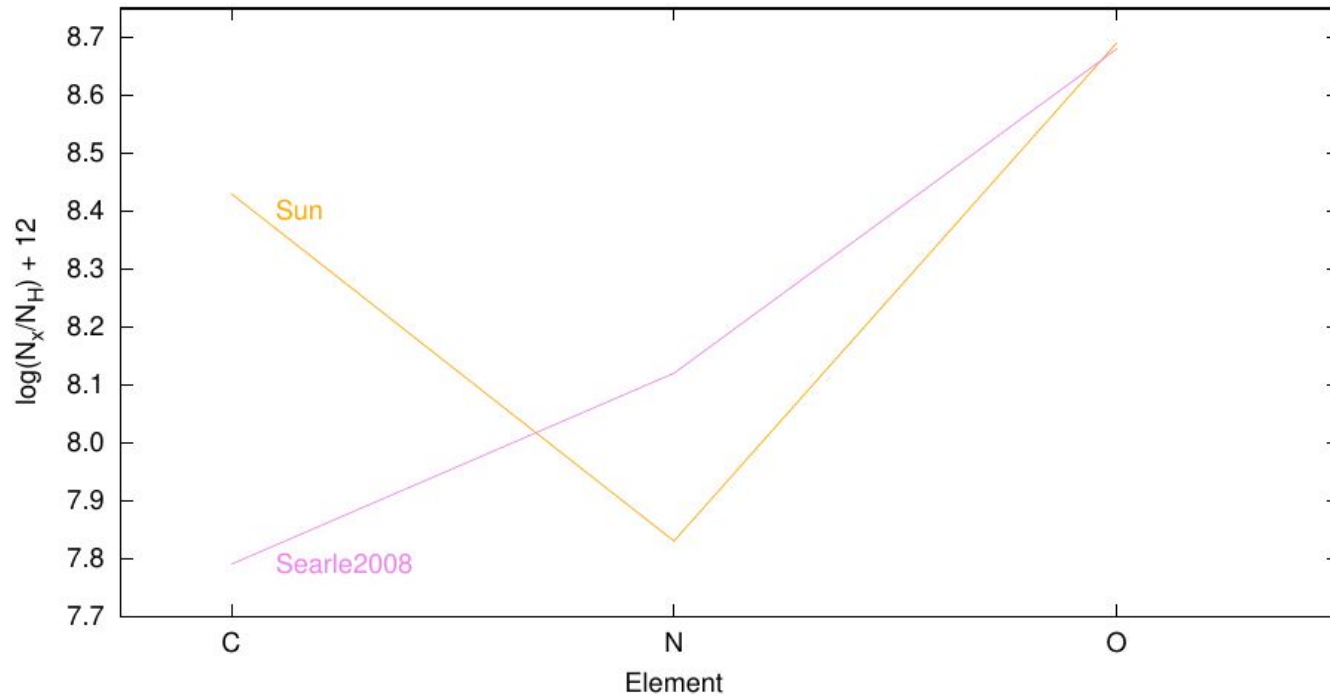
Although with limited models, the observations could be reproduced!

~12 month\$!

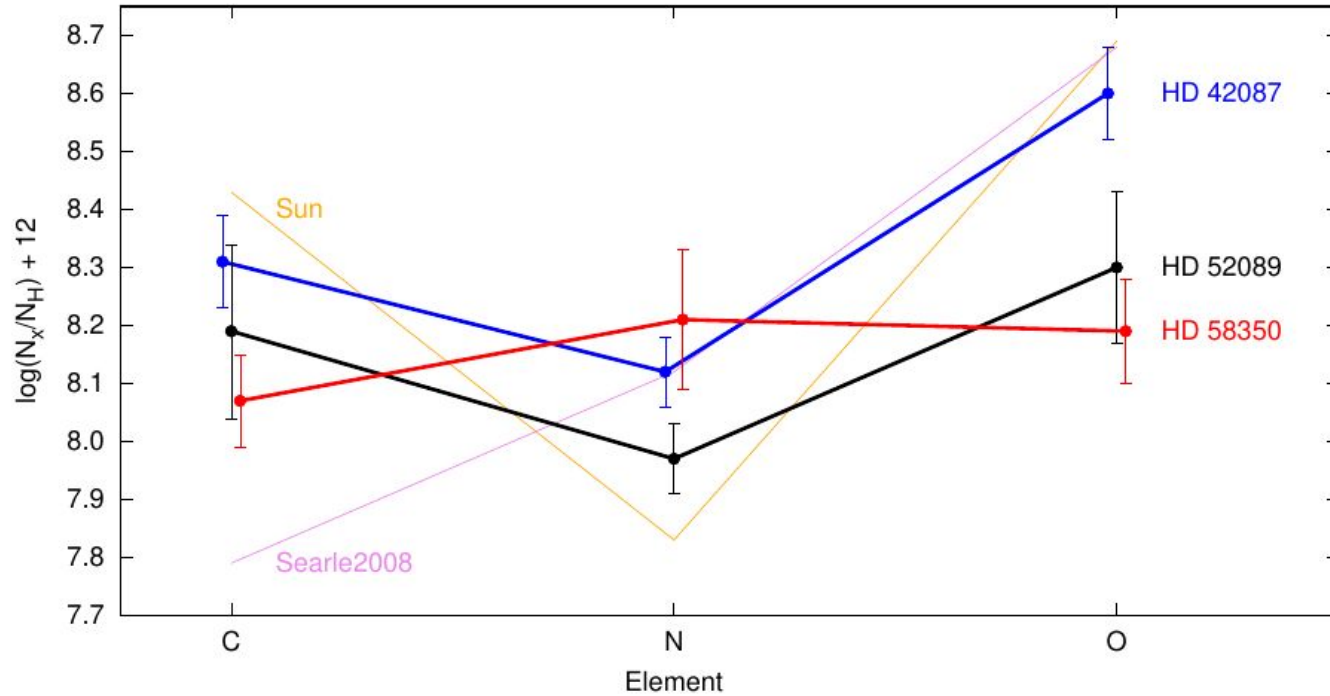
$\dot{M}$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $v_\infty$ ,  $R$ ,  $v_t$ ,  $f$ ;  $T_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\log g$ , He, CNO, Si, Fe



# Chapter 2: Success! But.



# Chapter 2: Success! But.





# Assumption: global stellar parameters ( $M, L, A$ ) are invariant between observations

The mass loss is negligible relative to the stellar mass

The luminosity is constant, only energy redistribution

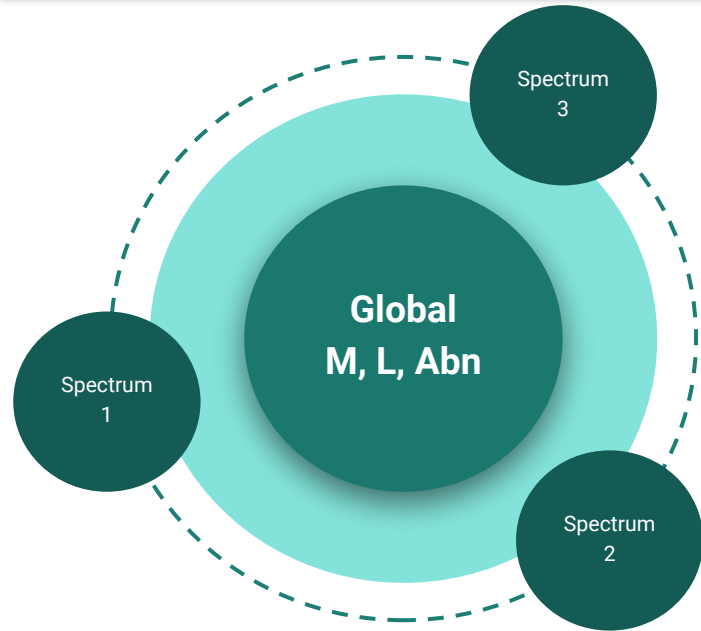
The surface abundances are constant

Allows to combine different observations over months or decades

$$L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4 \qquad M = \frac{gR^2}{G}$$

$$ABN = [\text{mean}, \text{median}, \text{max}, \dots]$$

# Global moving average for M, L, A

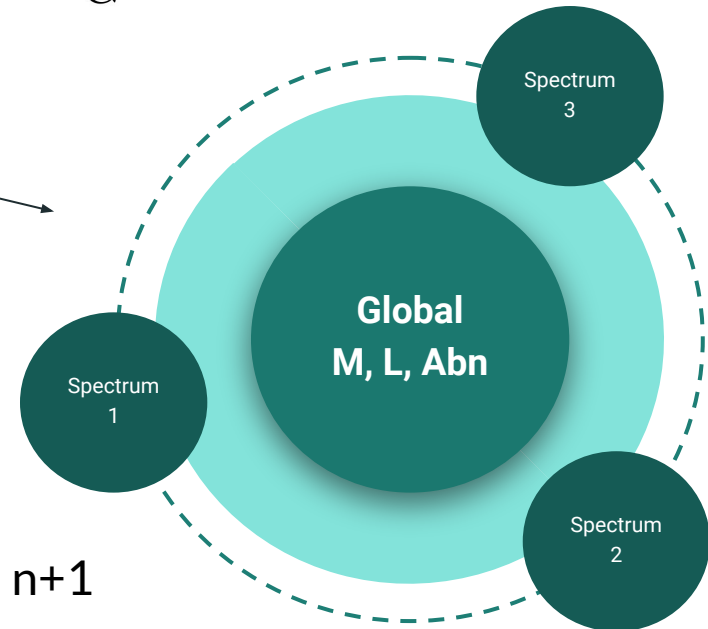


$$ABN = [\text{mean}, \text{median}, \text{max}, \dots]$$

Iteration: n

$$L = 4\pi R^2 \sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4$$

$$M = \frac{gR^2}{G}$$

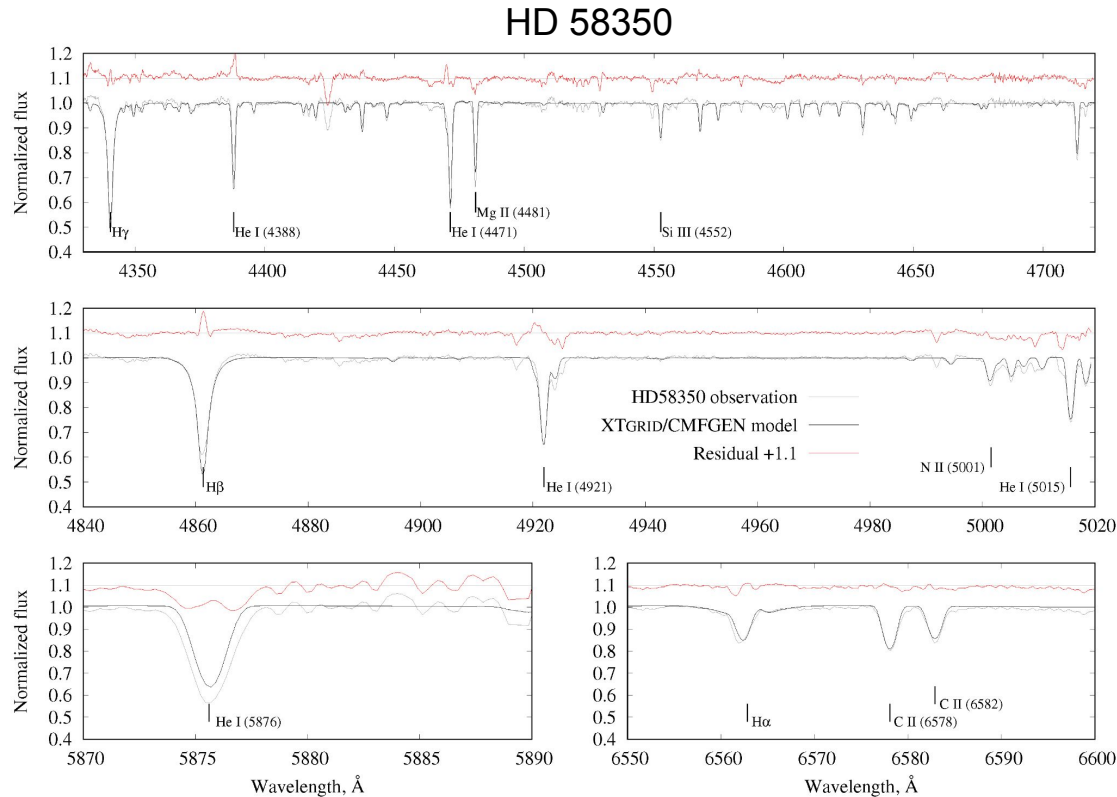


Iteration: n+1

# To do ...

Even though the fit was reassuring, the limited SNR, calibration, and sampling diverted the focus towards HD 14143

Sánchez Arias, Németh,  
de Almeida, Ruiz Diaz,  
Kraus, Haucke  
2023, Galaxies 11/5, 93

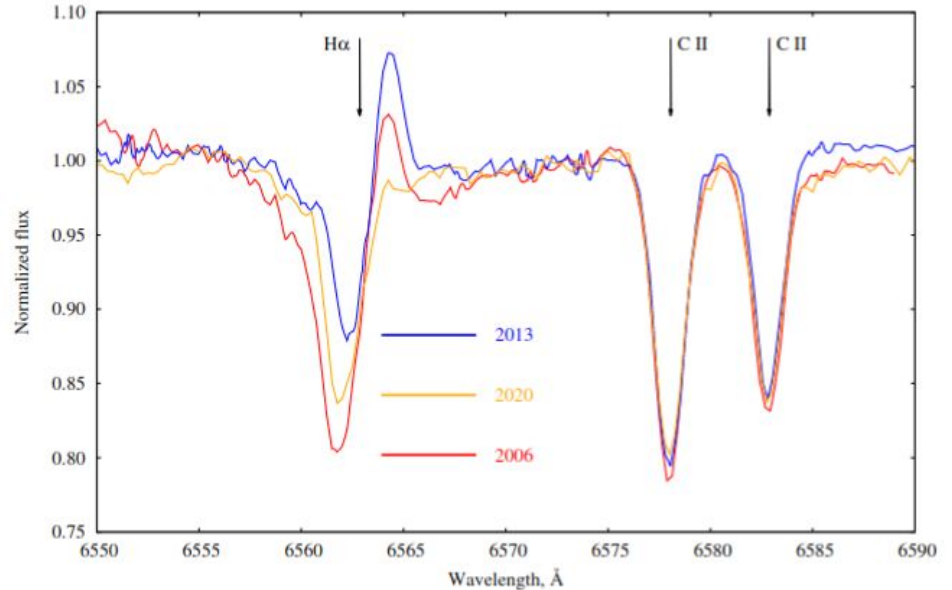


# To do ...

Even though the fit was reassuring, the limited SNR, calibration, and sampling diverted our focus towards HD 14143.

We started Chapter 4.

HD 58350

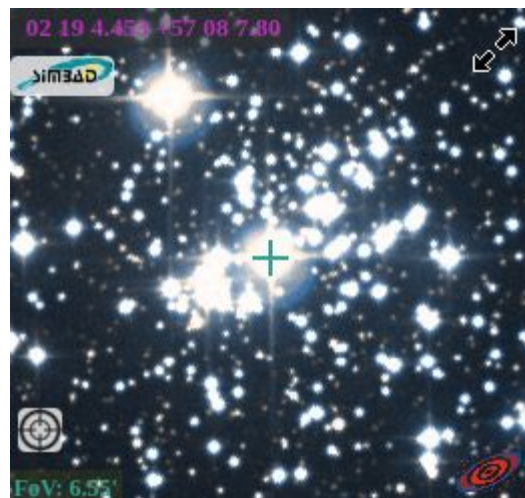


# HD 14134 = 61 And

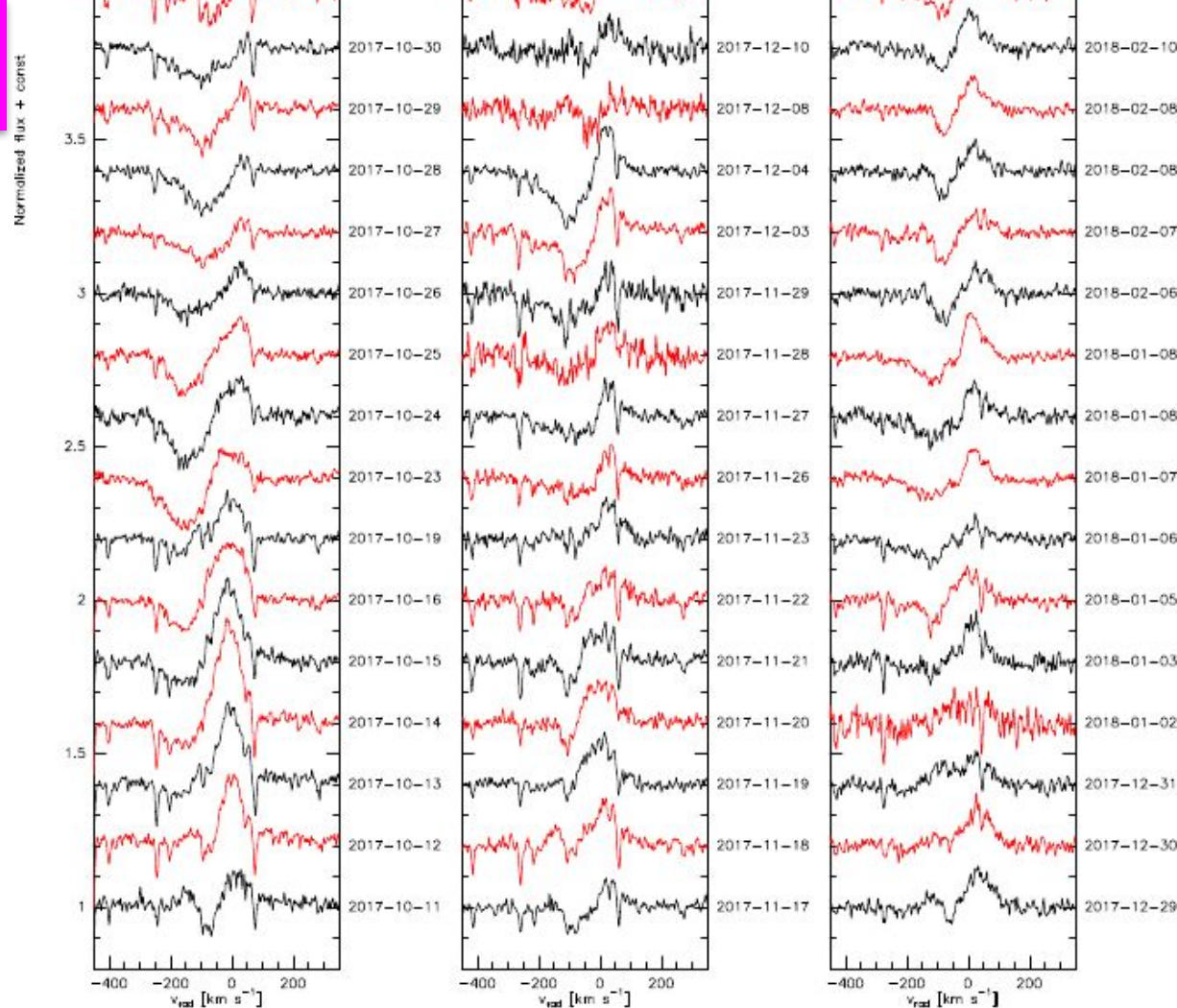
Long term monitoring is available

High SNR

Wild variable



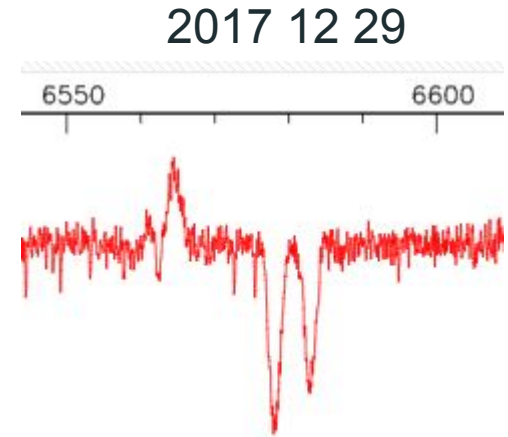
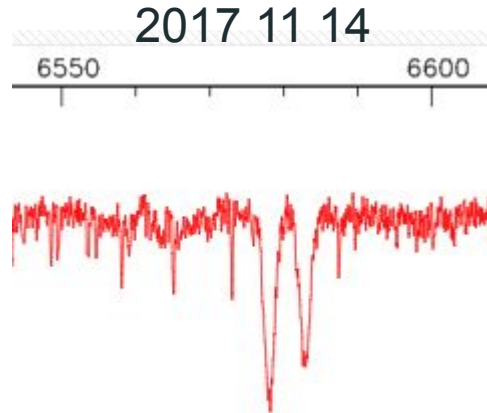
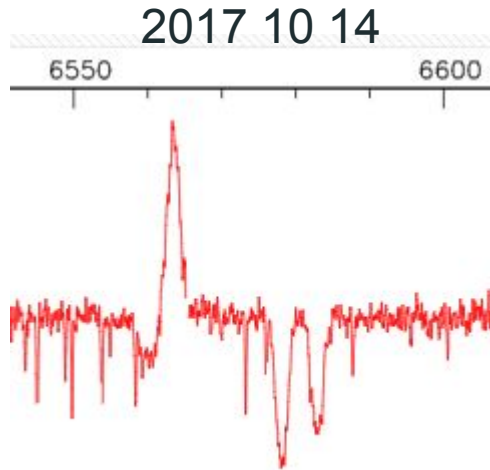
Simbad/Aladin



# 2017 Oct — Nov — Dec spectra

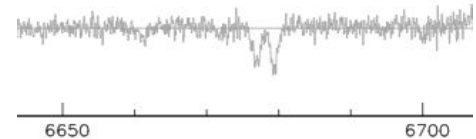
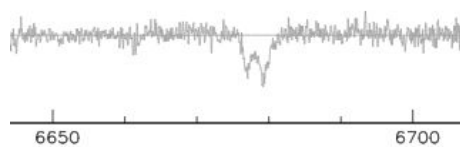
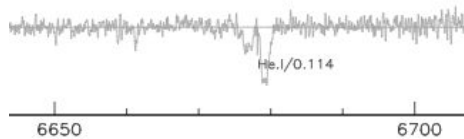
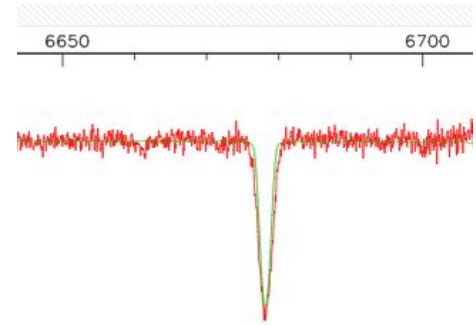
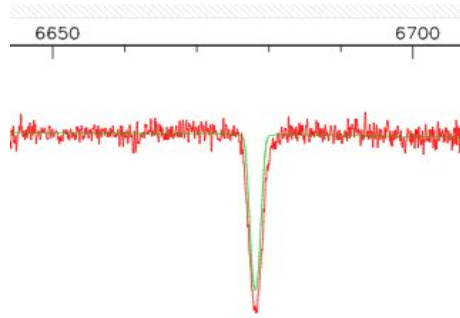
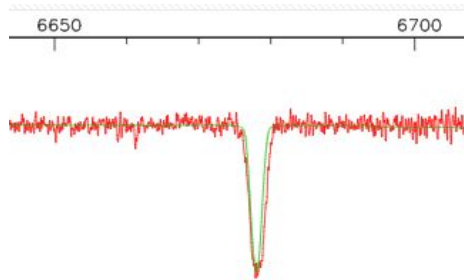
We fit all three spectra with constraints: **same M, L, abundances**

We are interested in the photospheric variations (T, logg, R) due to pulsations.



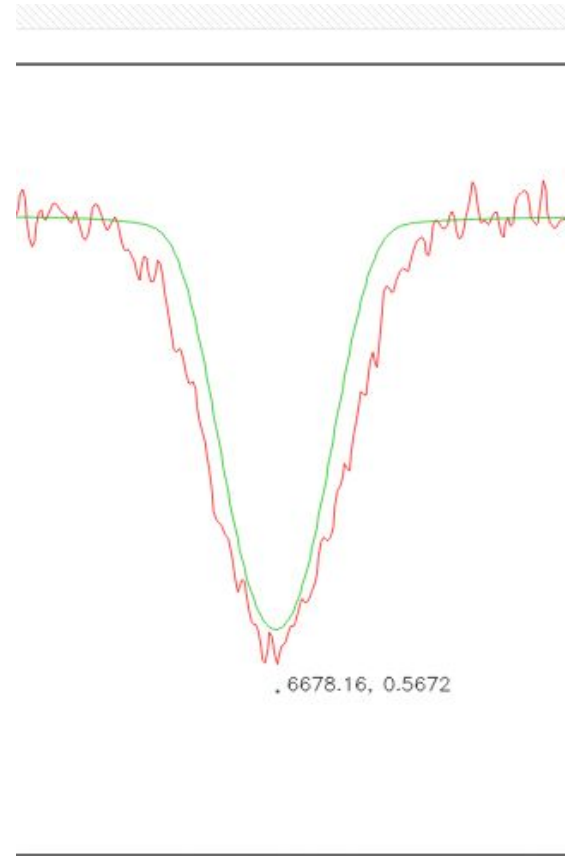
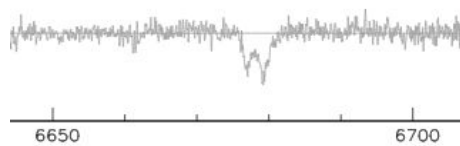
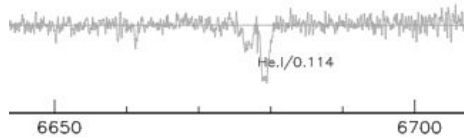
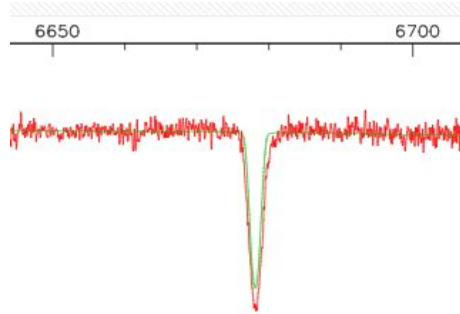
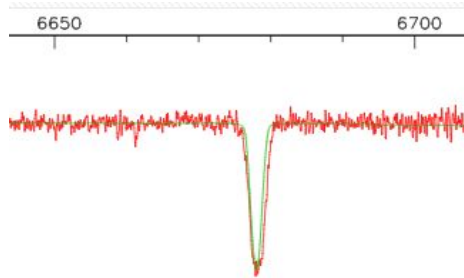
# Chapter 4: New complications

## Helium profiles (He/H = 0.4)



# Chapter 4: New complications

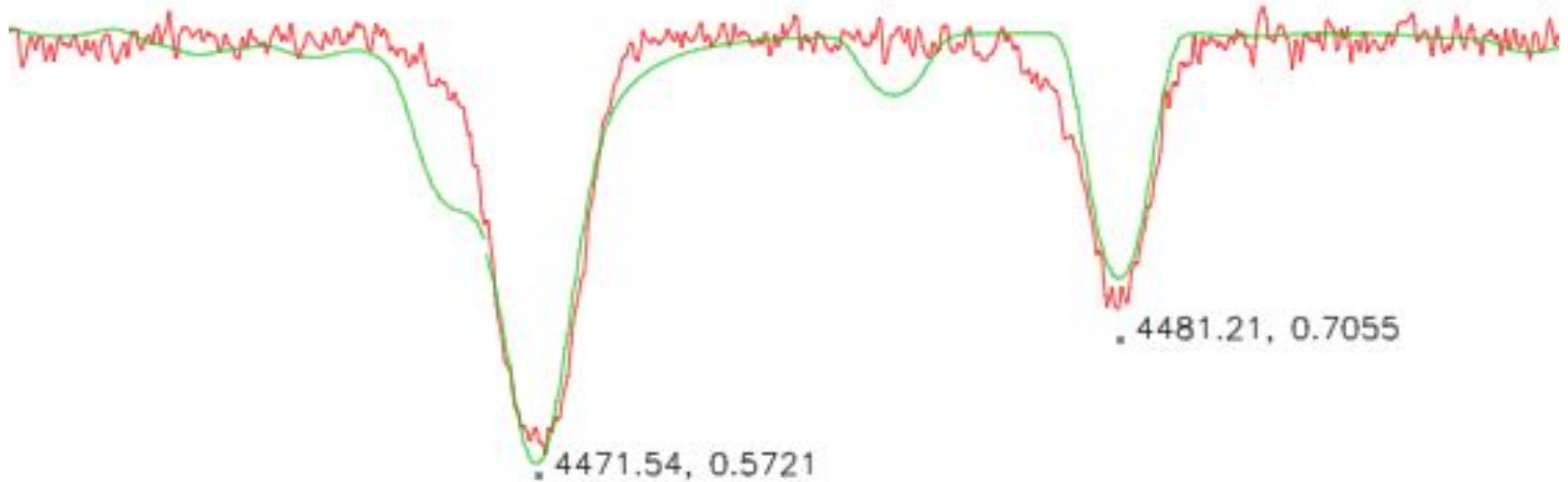
## Helium profiles (He/H = 0.4)





# Chapter 4: New complications

Helium profiles ( $\text{He}/\text{H} = 0.4$ )



# Chapter 4: New complications in HD 14134

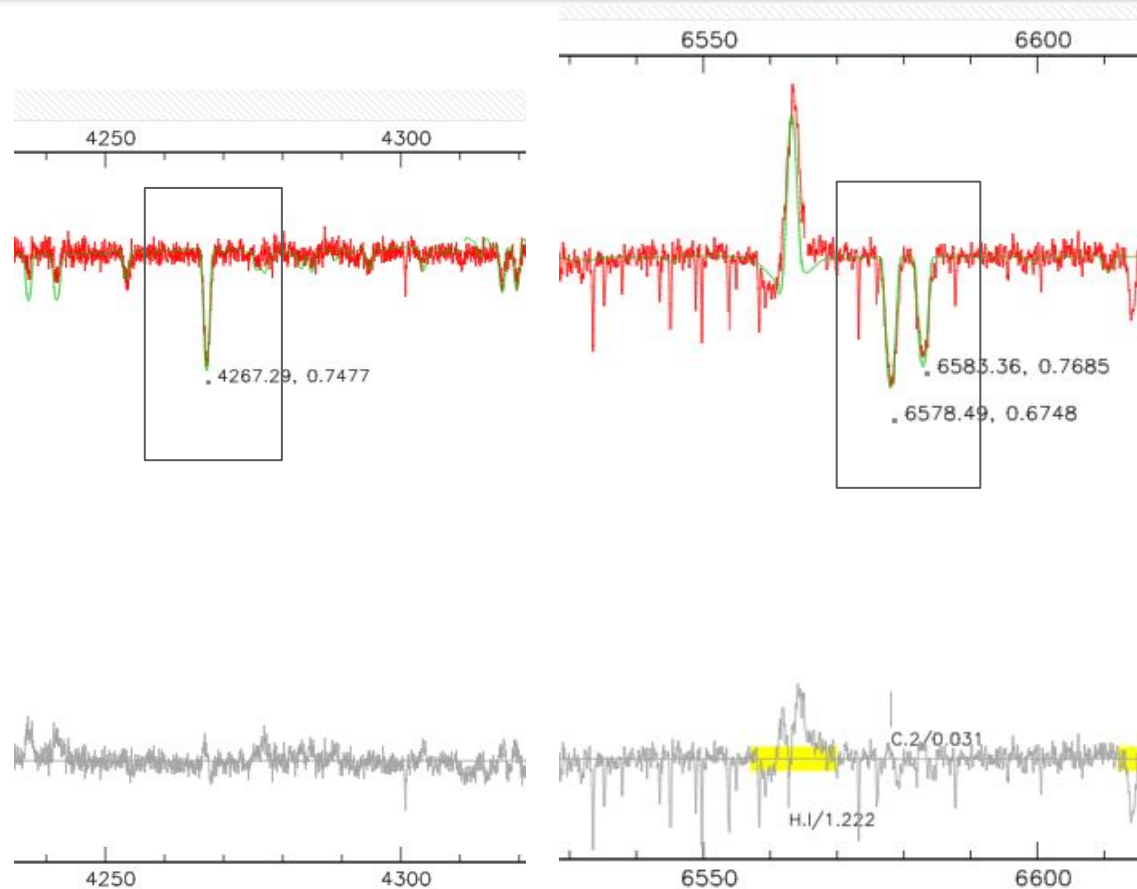
## Carbon profiles

2017 10 14

$\epsilon_C = 8.75$

$\epsilon_N = 8.53$

$\epsilon_O = 9.04$



# Note on diagnostic lines

We derive  $\log g$  from H-gamma,  $T_{\text{eff}}$  from Si lines and equilibria, ...

Okay for comparisons, but we can always find some nice match for some parts of the spectrum with confidence even if the model is inadequate or wrong

The global approach is favorable if the model is able to reproduce all significant features of the observed object

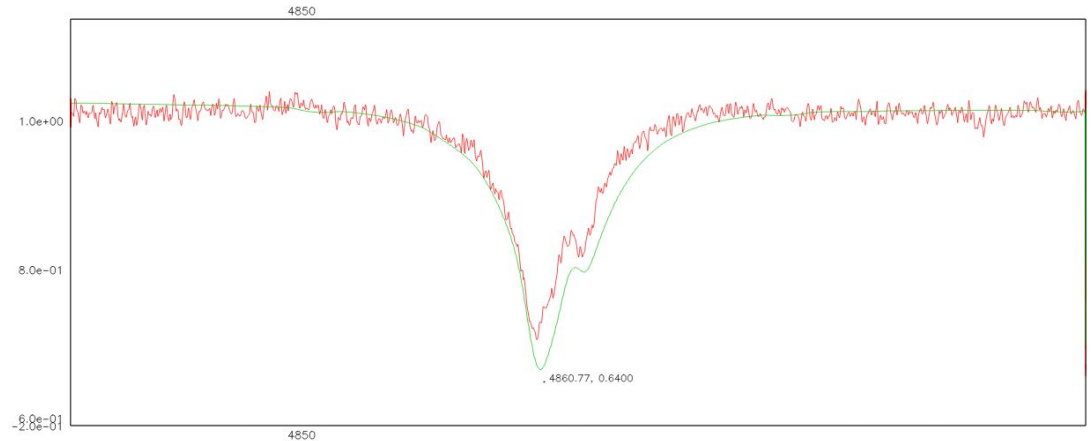
# Observed

Asymmetric line profiles

Highly variable wind

Each line prefers a different  
turbulent velocity

The density profile of the wind  
requires a high (varying?)  
value of Beta

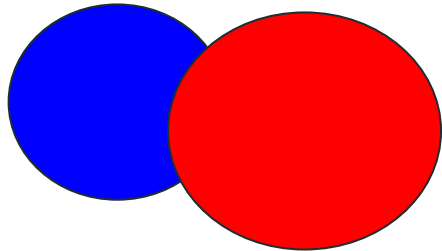


# Clues for future development

Modulated mass loss,  
clumping?

Non-spherical geometry due  
to pulsations or binarity?

Beta-law inadequate?



# Models are being calculated

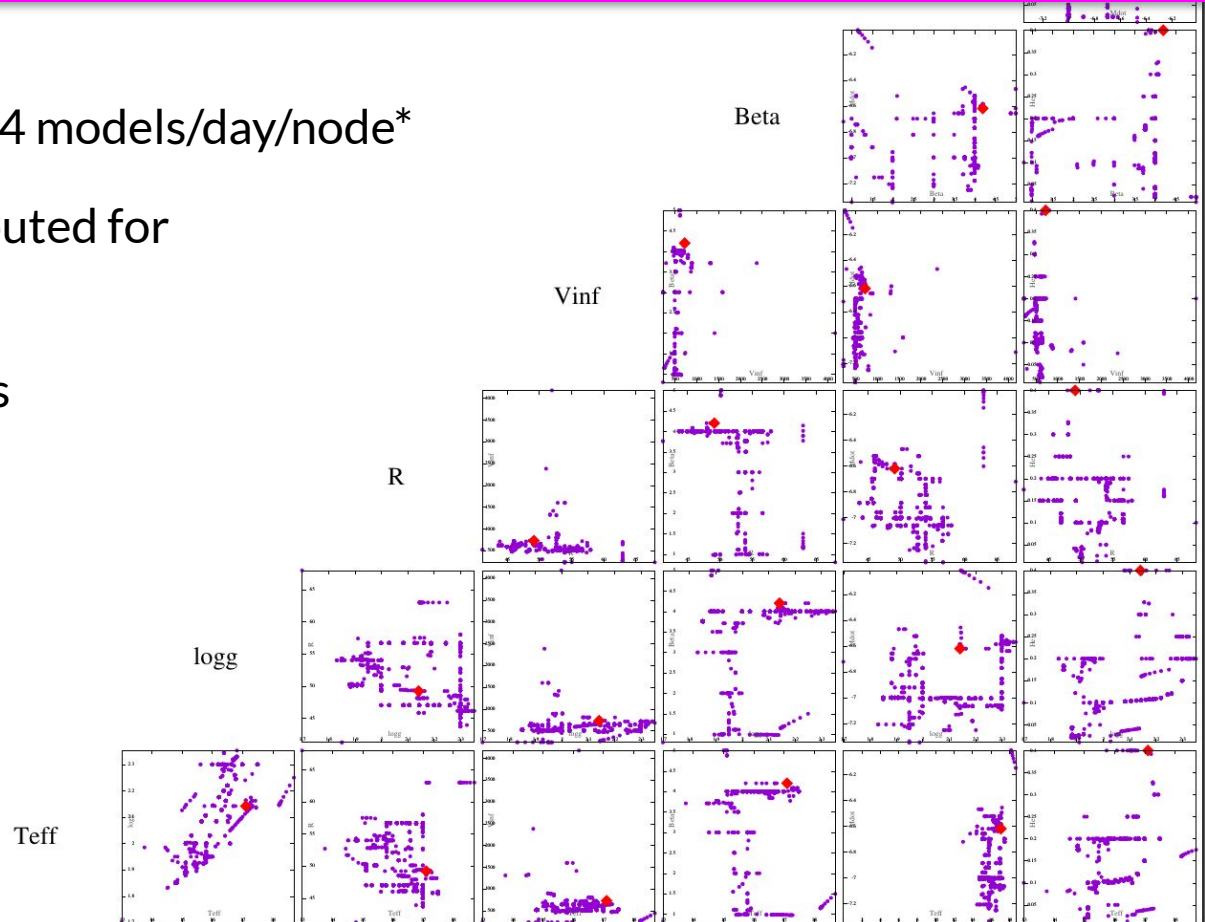
Models are generated at 2-4 models/day/node\*

Synthetic spectra are computed for  
UV, Vis and IR regions

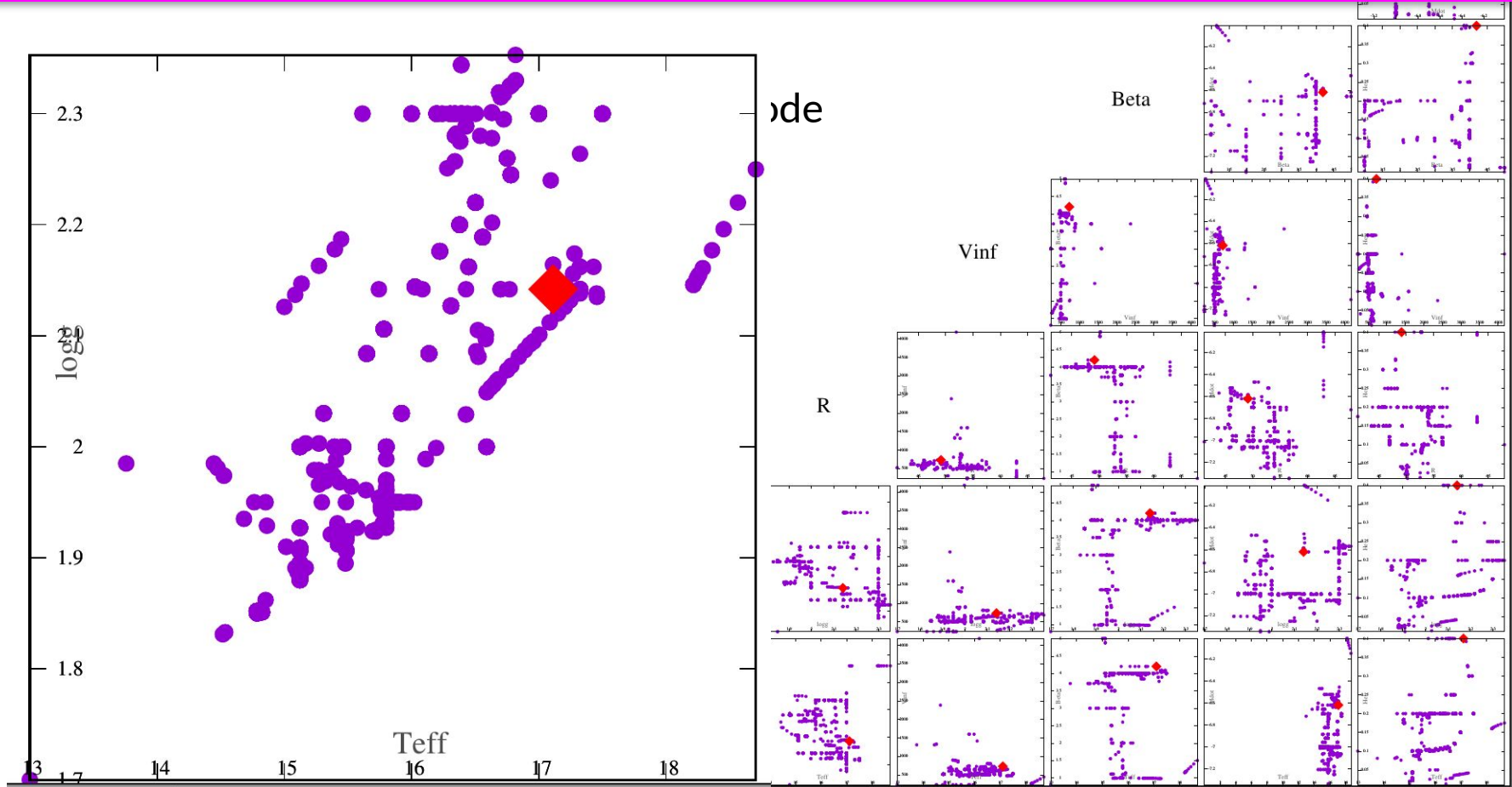
Suitable for future ML tools

Up to 32 dimensions

\*16 core AMD Ryzen



# Models are being calculated



# Solved within POEMS

Automated CMFGEN model calculations

Model failure recovery and tolerance

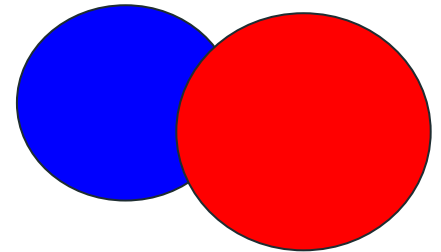
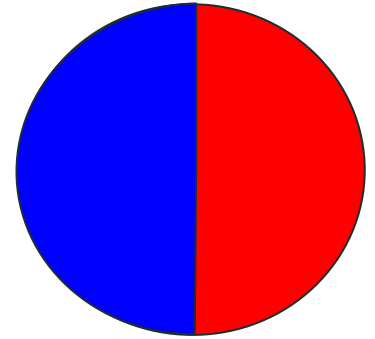
Framework and a web interface

Advanced nearest neighbor interpolator (ANNI)

Global minimization with variable weights or  
diagnostic lines/ranges

Global constraints for multispec analysis

Multicomponent fits: stacking 1D models for two  
hemispheres or a binary, using flux dilution





# Considerations

The “*poetic tool*” is ready, we need to *play* on it.

Major assumption in XTGRID: the applied model atmospheres (TLUSTY or CMFGEN) are able to reproduce the observation.

Then it is up to the procedure to find the best combination of parameters that minimize the merit function.

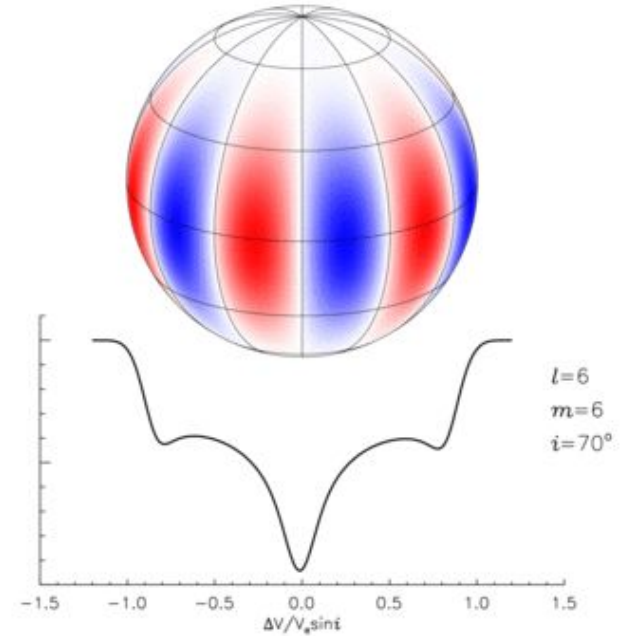
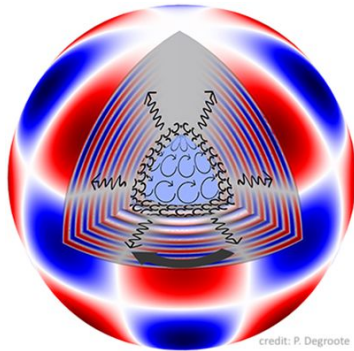
The repeated failure to model pulsating B-supergiants imply that the current models are inadequate.

O type, WR, LBV and transition stars?

# Chapter 5: Epilogue

After tremendous work and lengthy modeling,  
we still have almost nothing established!

For the fundamental parameters of pulsating B  
supergiants from time resolved spectroscopy we  
very likely will need surface integration or 3D  
models.



credit: P. Degroote

# Chapter 5: Epilogue

We are only at the beginning of a beautiful cruise in understanding and modeling B  
supergiants



# B stars in XTGRID

## Bloody B Binaries in the Beautiful Brazil

Peter:  $\rho$  Leo

$$\Delta x \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

