

# POPULATION III STARS

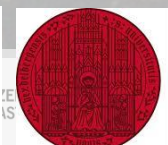
## Spectra and Ionizing Fluxes

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# UNIVERSE THROUGH TIME

## BIG BANG

Universe forms roughly 13.8 billion years ago

**Recombination** occurs 380,000 years after the big bang

**FIRST STARS** form 200–400 million years after the big bang

## DARK AGES

## FIRST GALAXIES

## Reionization

begins when the first stars start to shine

complete within 1 billion years after the big bang

**SUN** forms more than 9 billion years after the big bang

## MODERN UNIVERSE

The distance of first-generation stars. Credit: STScI

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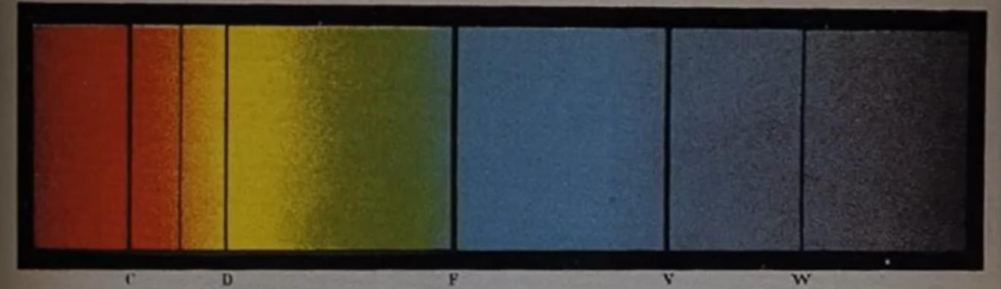
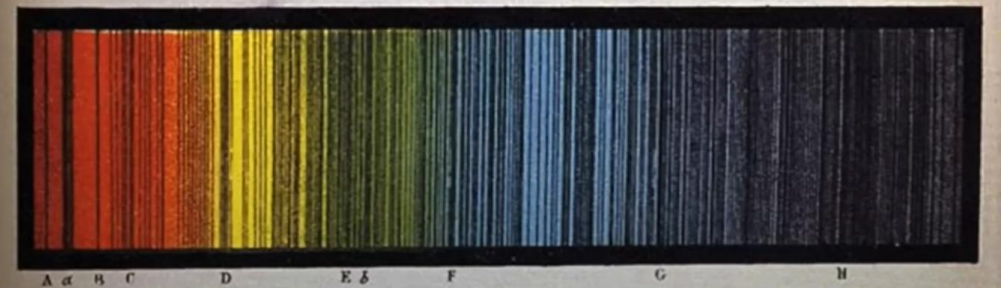


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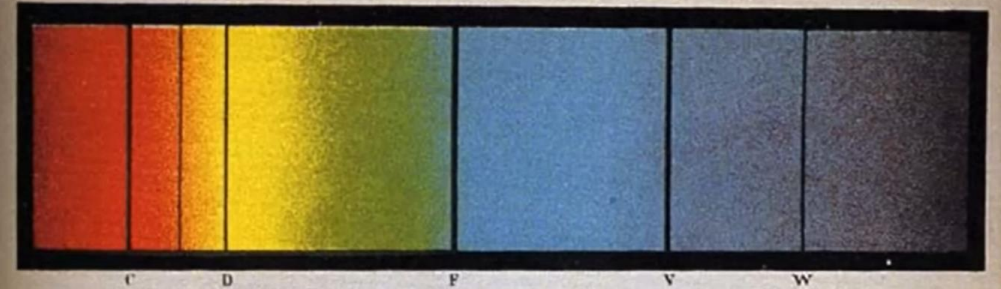
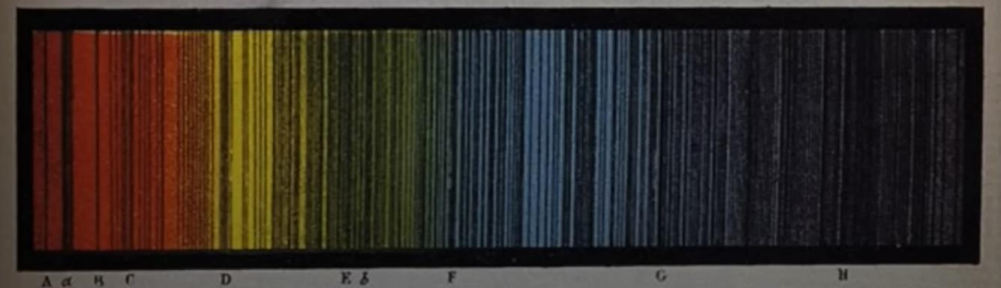
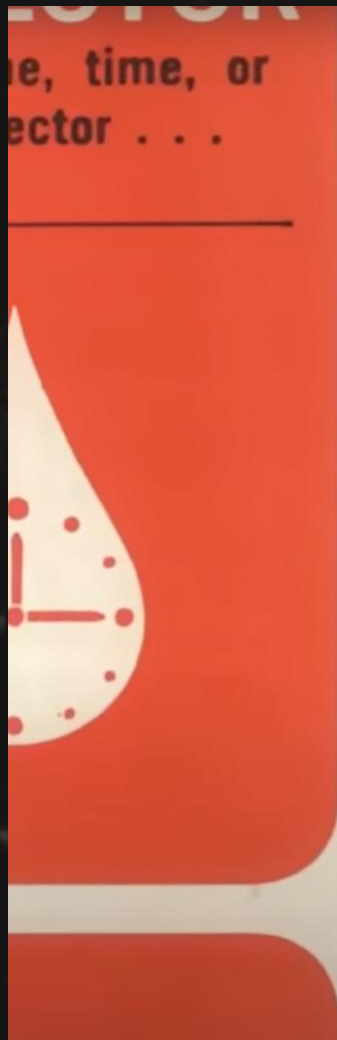


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# FIRST MENTION: POPULATION III STARS



quanta, by ionized hydrogen, due to free-free transitions (changes of an electron's energy near a proton), which absorption and emission occurred mainly during the early, high-temperature stage of evolutionary cosmology. Assuming that the free electrons were then at a temperature of  $10^6$ , he and R. H. Dicke (Princeton) showed that background-radiation quanta detected today were emitted when the density of the universe was about  $10^{-15}$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>, about 1000 years after the "big bang," and that  $T_r$  should be proportional to  $\lambda^2$ . That is, 7-cm quanta observed today were 1400-Å quanta emitted about  $10^{10}$  years ago in larger numbers than 500-Å quanta now detectable as 0.25-cm background radiation. If  $T_r = 3^\circ\text{K}$  at  $\lambda = 7$  cm, Dicke and Peebles predict  $T_r = 0.2^\circ\text{K}$  at  $\lambda = 0.25$  cm, instead of the  $3^\circ\text{K}$  observed.

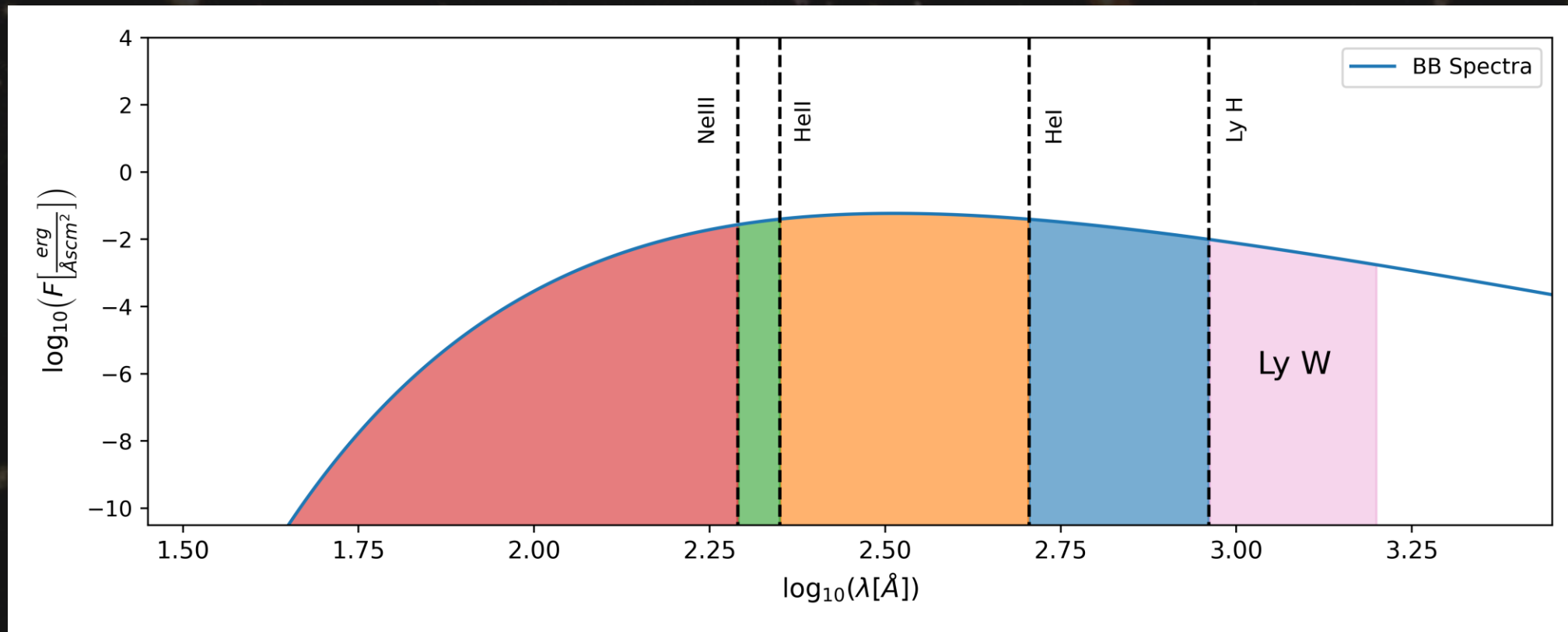
Although the calculations of early

measured directly only in the interiors of hot, young, Population-I stars where the abundance  $Y$  is about 40 percent. One hot, B2, Population-I star in the globular cluster M13 has  $Y = 20$  percent, and the plot of temperature versus luminosity for old Population-II stars in another globular cluster, M3, is consistent with  $Y = 13$  percent. Since helium is found in stellar interiors and is returned to the interstellar medium by supernova explosions it is generally concluded that the primordial gas clouds, from which the first stars were formed, were pure hydrogen ( $Y = 0$ ). Woolf noted that these first-generation "Population-III" stars in our galaxy were probably large (10 solar masses) and short-lived (about  $10^7$  yr). They returned material to the interstellar medium with various amounts of helium added, and thus obscure the original helium abundance

Credit: Thornton Page, 1966

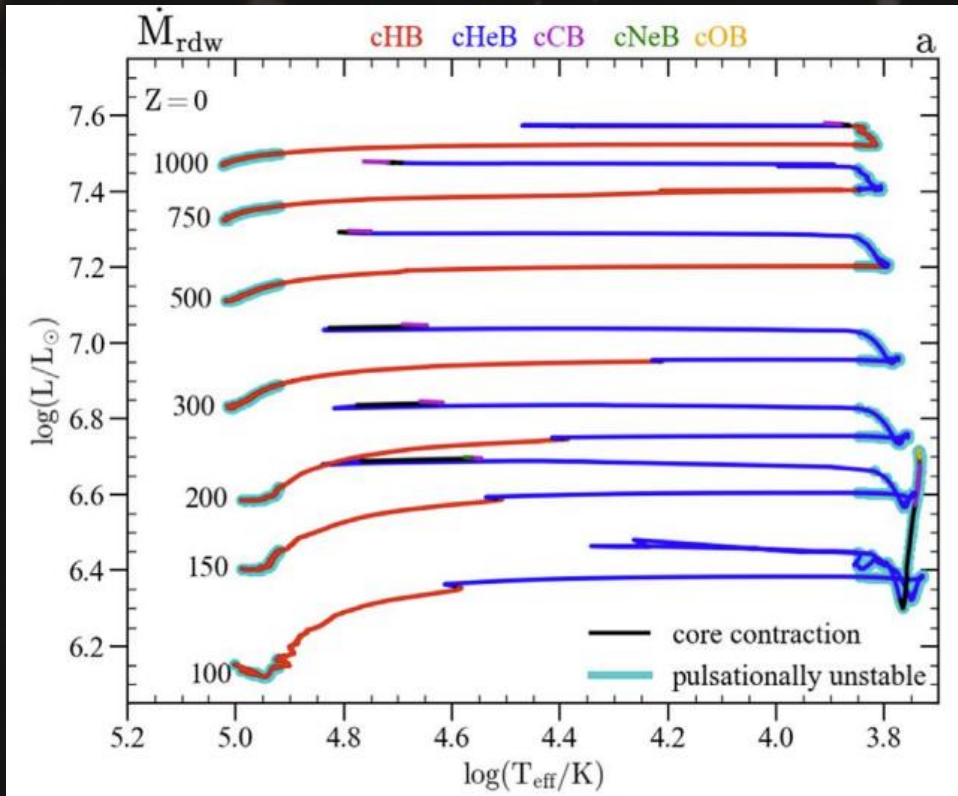
# BLACK BODY AS POP III?

750M<sub>⊙</sub>

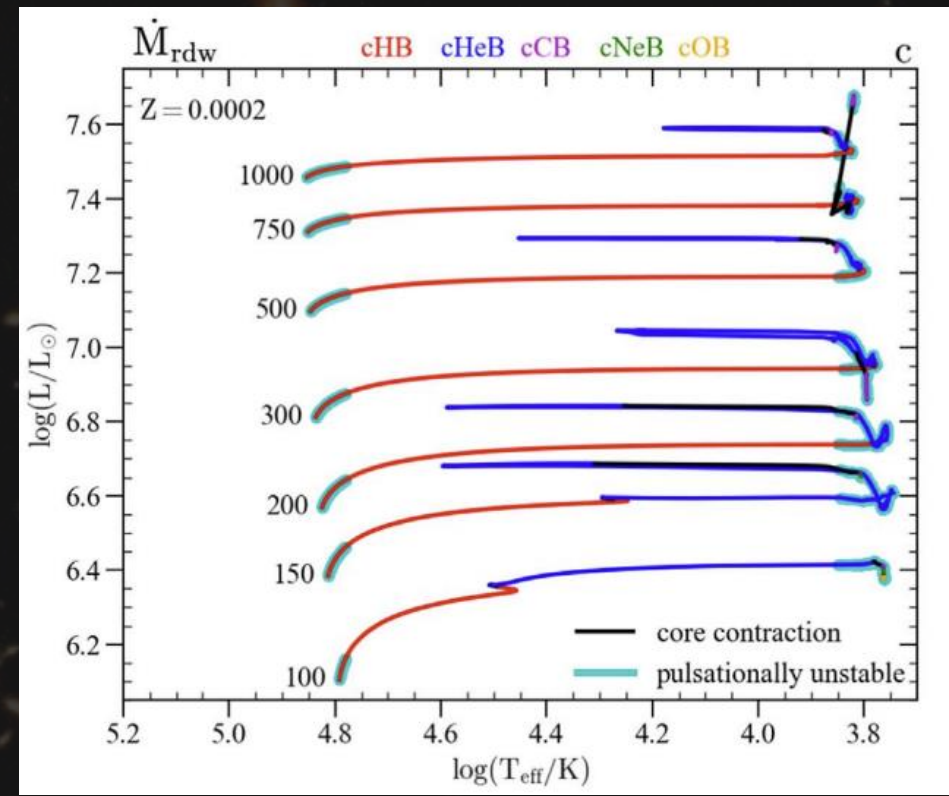


# EVOLUTIONARY TRACKS OF POP III STARS

HRD Tracks for  $Z=0$

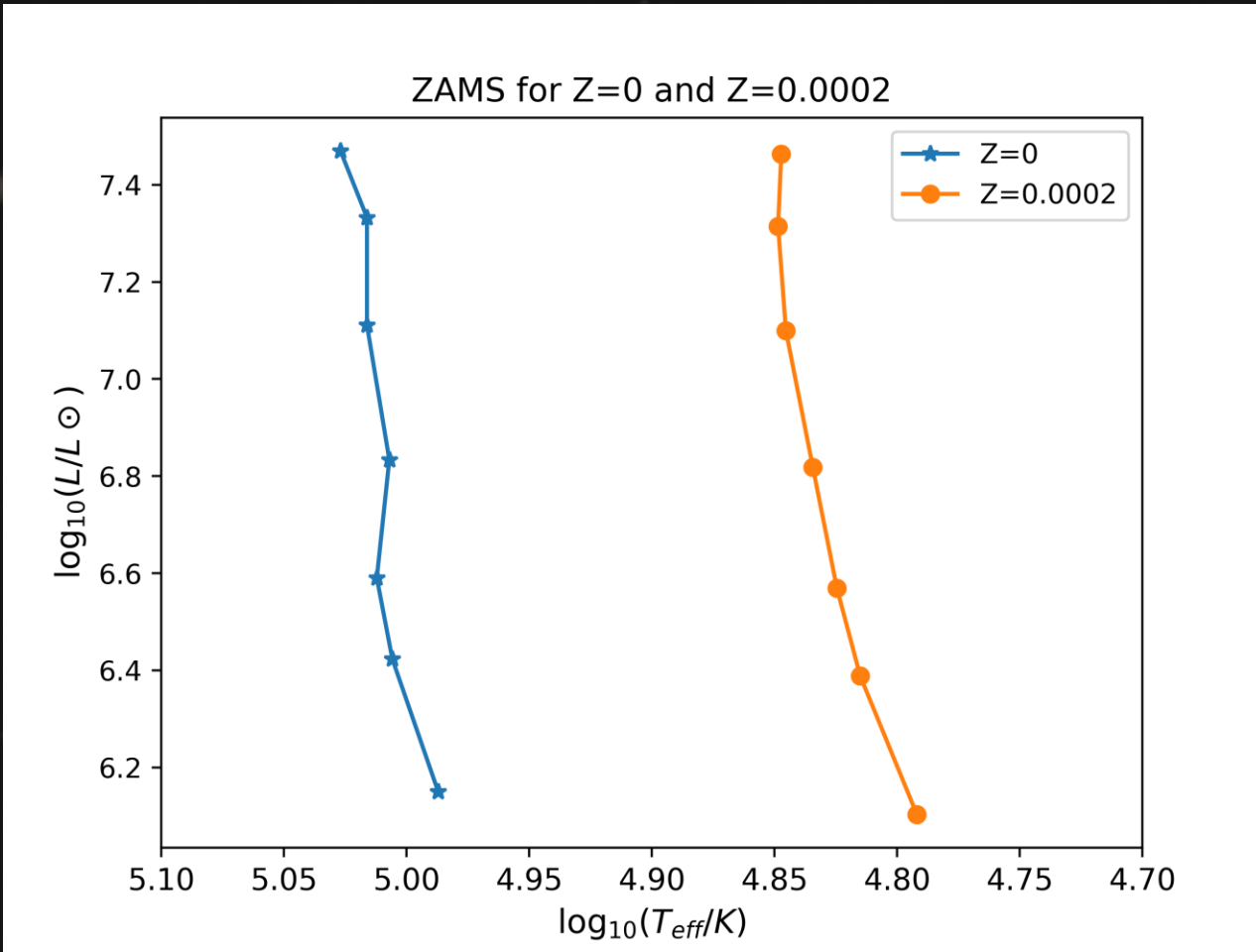


HRD Tracks for  $Z=0.0002$



Credit: Guglielmo Volpato et al 2023

# ZAMS FOR Z=0 AND Z=0.0002



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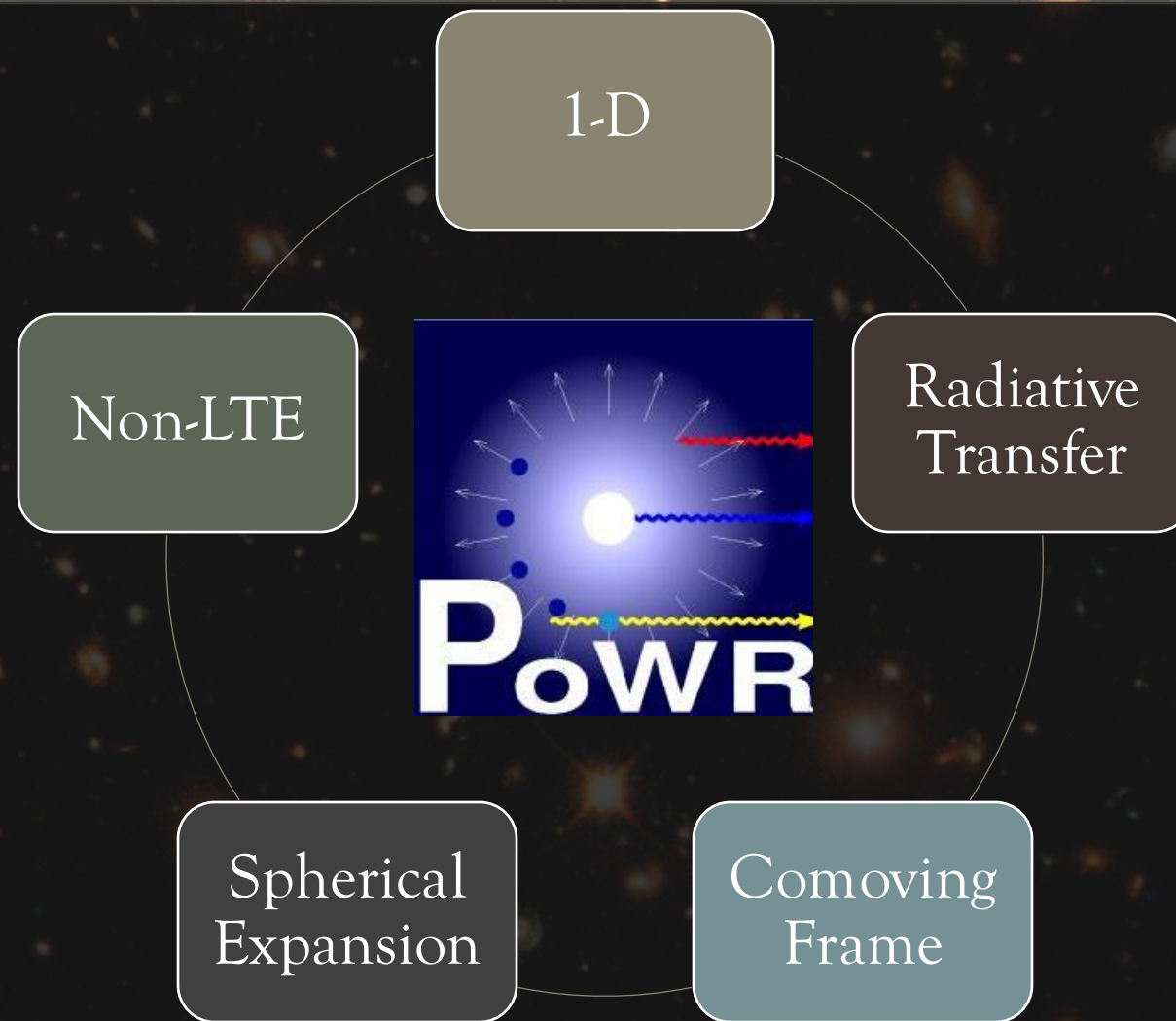
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LTESTART

----- abundances -----
XXXXXXXXXX-----XXXXXXXXXX
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CARBON: 3.639E-05 (mass fraction)
NITROGEN: 9.725E-06 (mass fraction)
OXYGEN: 8.8232E-05 (mass fraction)
NEON: 2.0238E-05 (mass fraction)
MAGNESIUM: 8.8583E-06 (mass fraction)
SODIUM: 4.7101E-07 (mass fraction)
ALUMINIUM: 7.632E-07 (mass fraction)
SILICON: 9.549E-06 (mass fraction)
SULFUR: 4.443E-06 (mass fraction)
ARGON: 9.616E-07 (mass fraction)
CALCIUM: 8.8002E-07 (mass fraction)
GENERIC: 1.9027E-05 (mass fraction)

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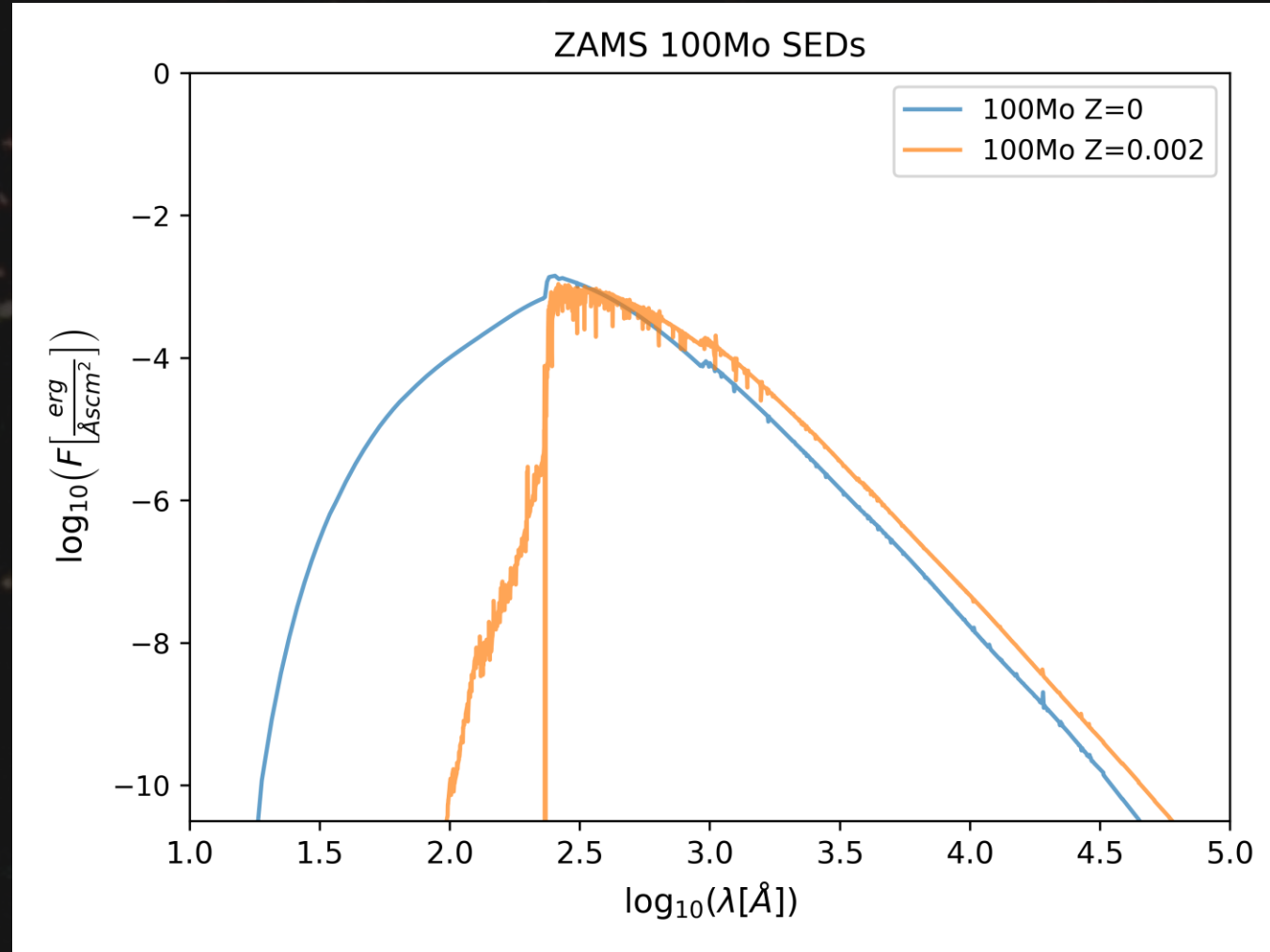


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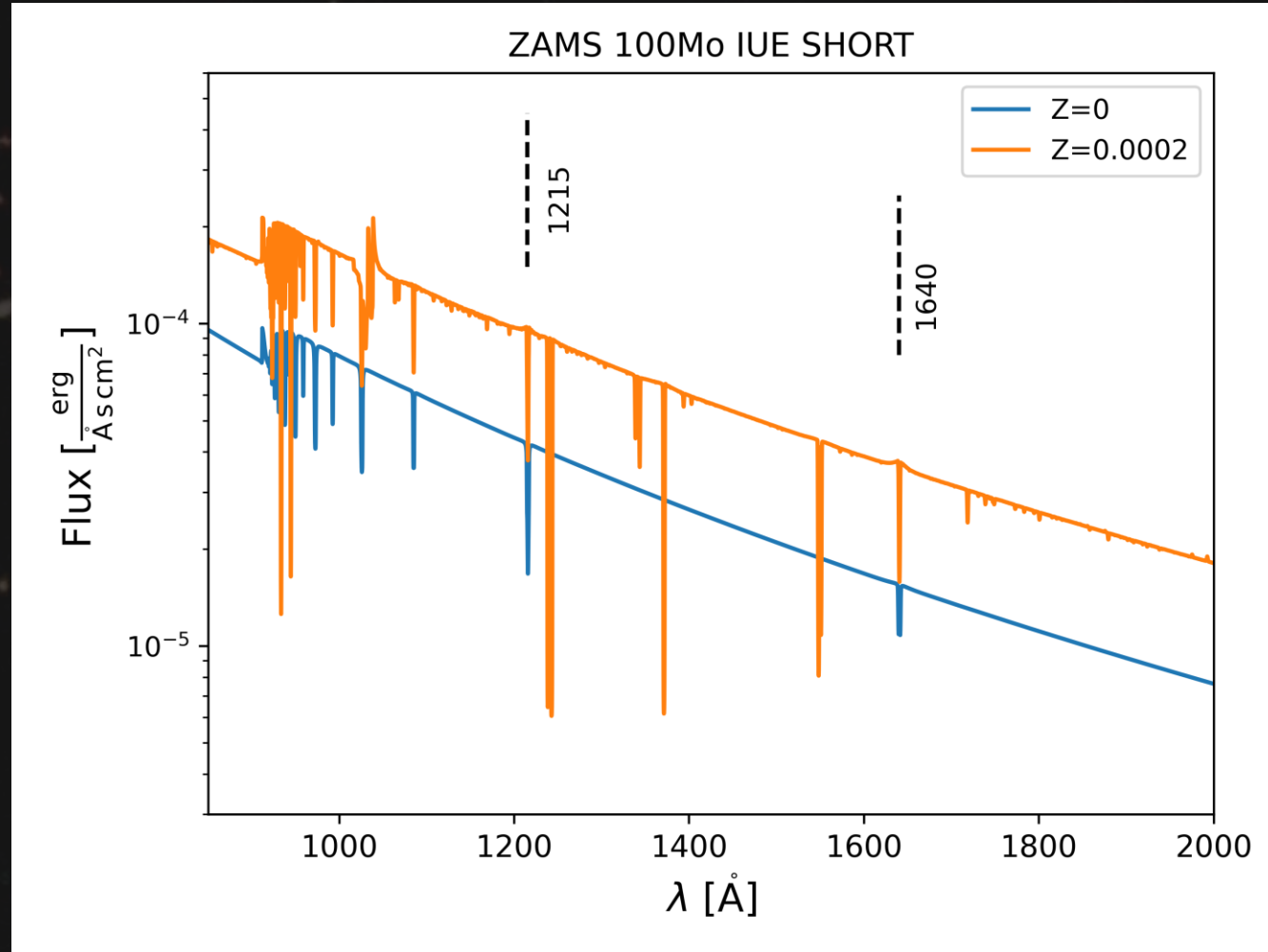


# Results

# COMBINED SED: Z=0 AND Z=0.0002

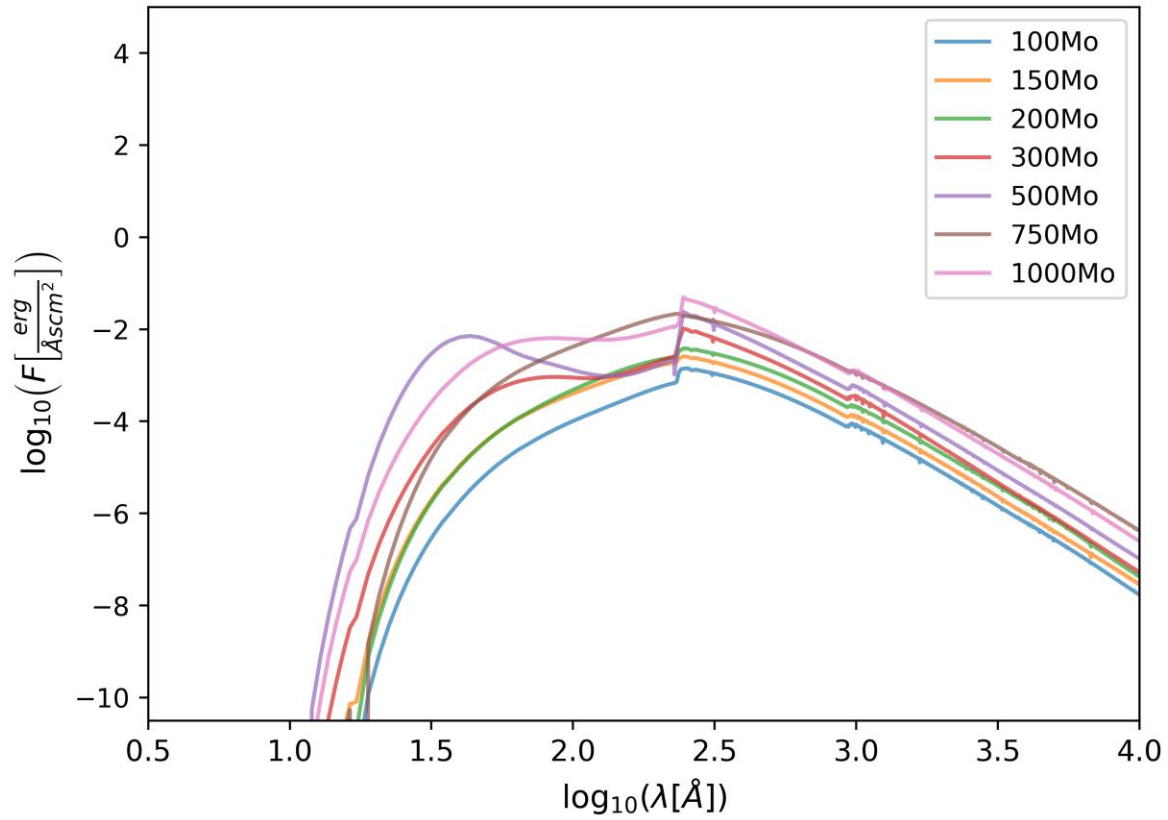


# UV SPECTRA: $Z=0$ AND $Z=0.0002$

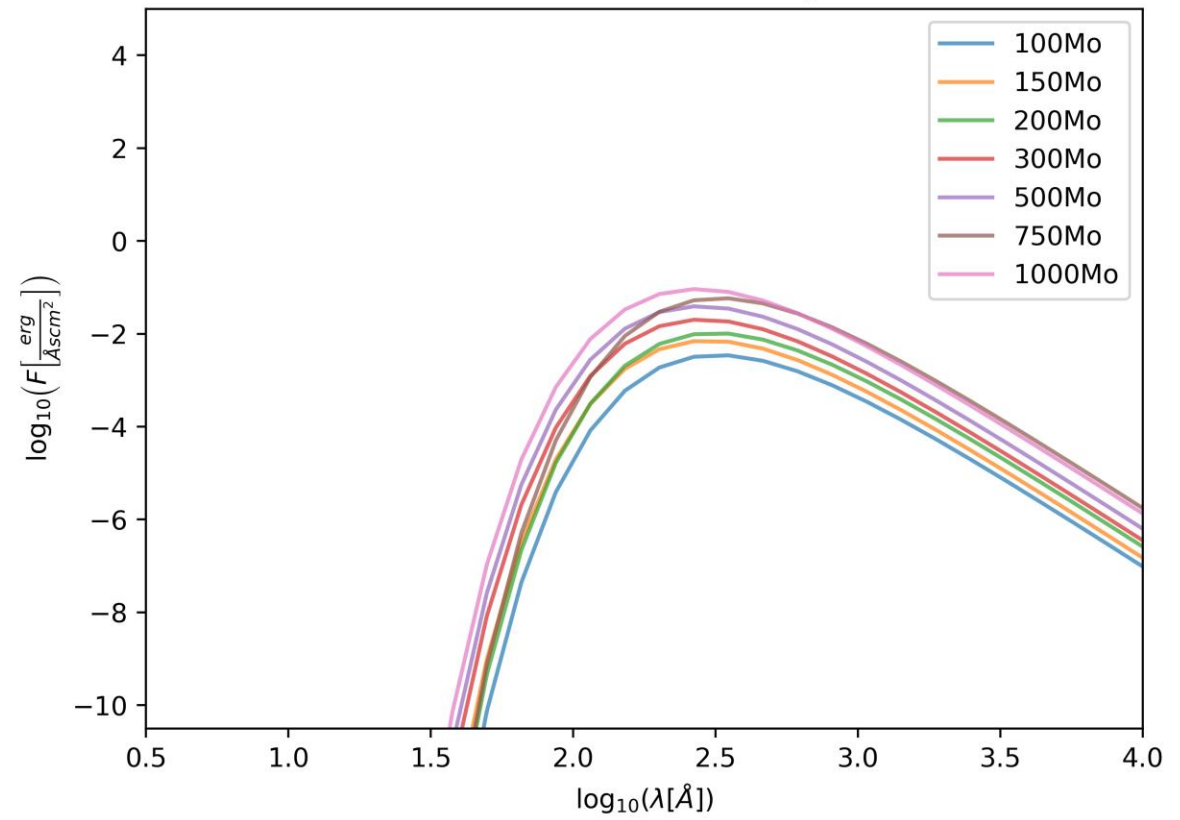


# VISUAL SED COMPARISON

ZAMS Z=0 PoWR

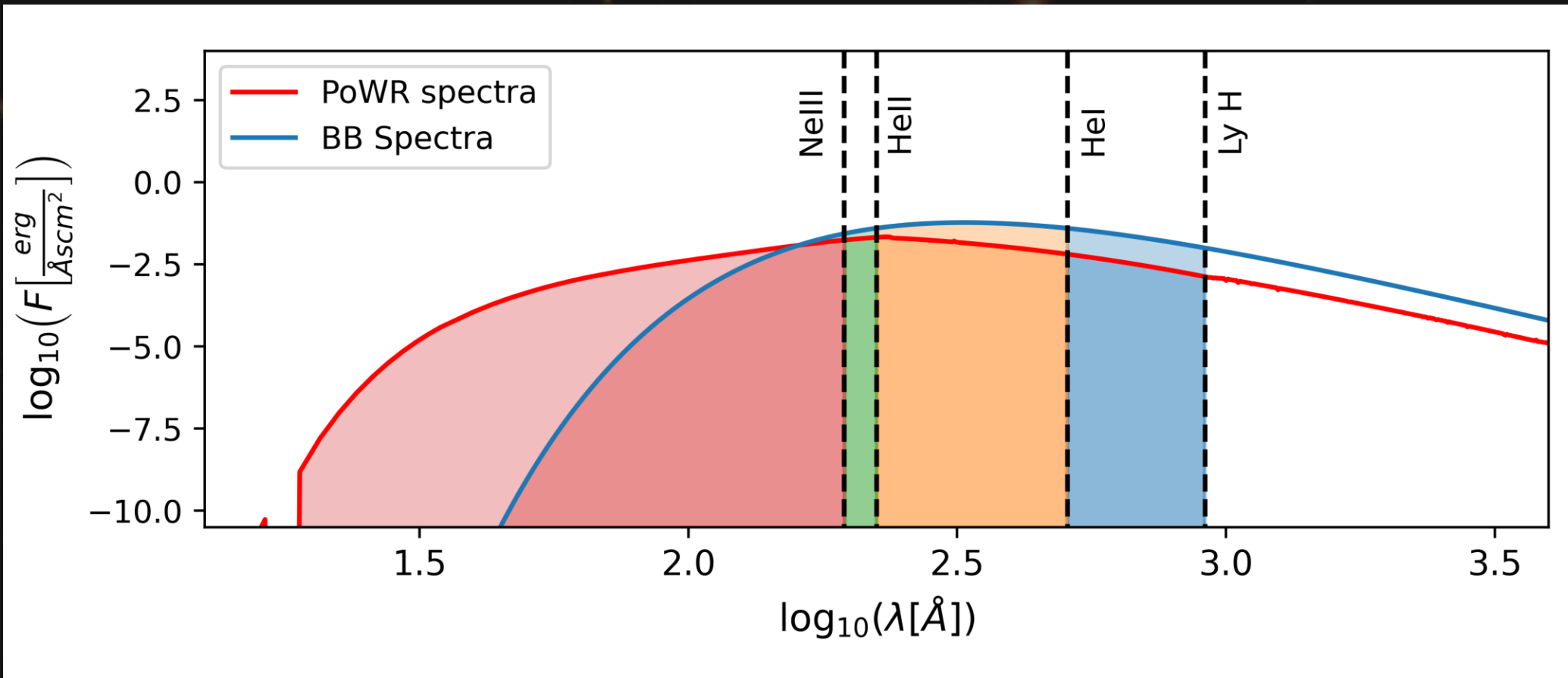


ZAMS Z=0 Black Body



# IONIZING FLUXES

750 M<sub>o</sub>



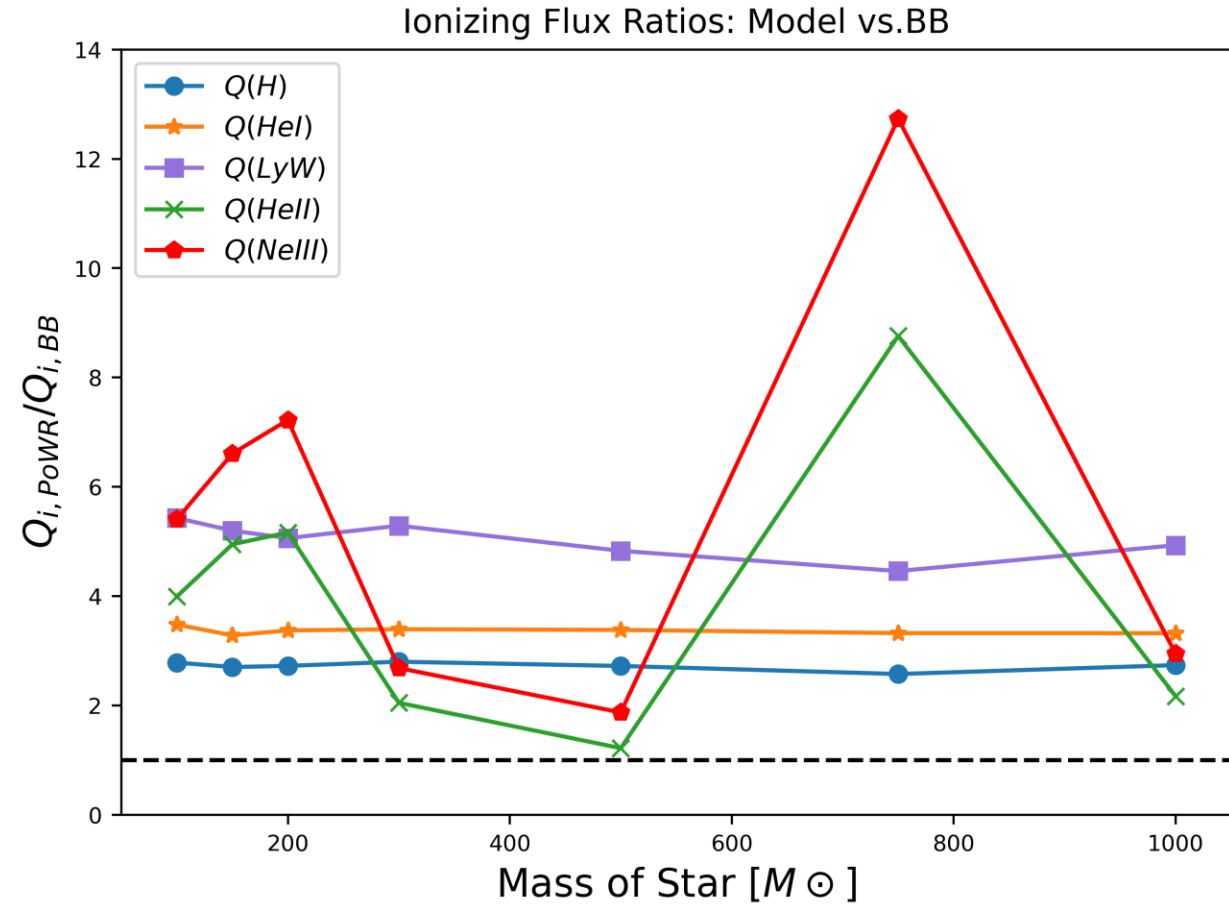
$\log_{10} Q(H)$  for  
PoWR Model:  
51.14

$\log_{10} Q(H)$  for  
Black Body:  
50.73

# IONIZING FLUX RATIOS

A comparison of Ionizing Fluxes for Pop III model by PoWR and a Black Body

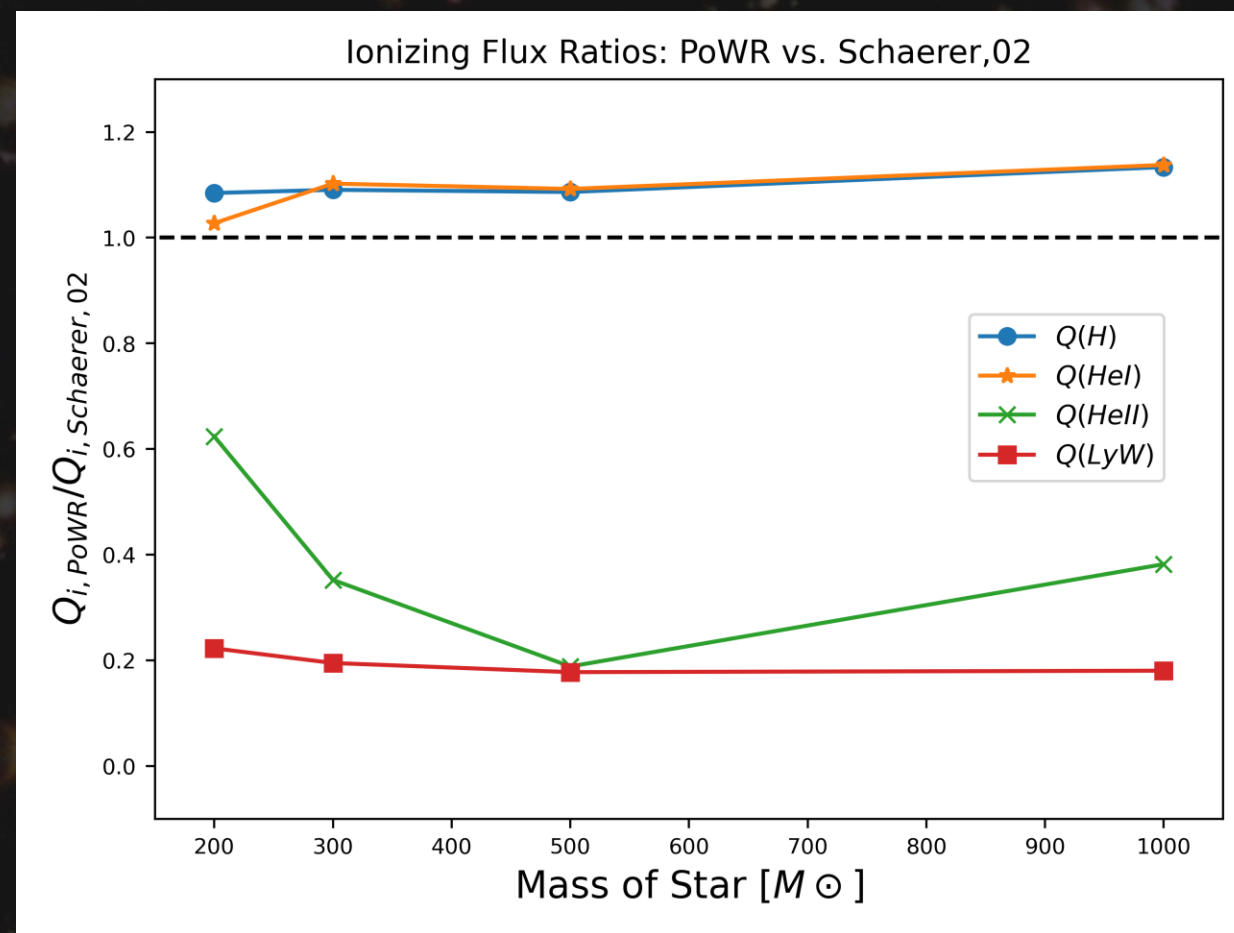
Work	Stellar Mass [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	$Q(H)$	$Q(HeI)$	$Q(HeII)$	$Q(NeIII)$
Pop III	100 $M_{\odot}$	49.94	49.74	48.68	48.43
Black Body		49.50	49.20	48.08	47.69
Pop III	150 $M_{\odot}$	50.20	50.01	49.18	48.95
Black Body		49.77	49.50	48.48	48.13
Pop III	200 $M_{\odot}$	50.39	50.20	49.30	49.08
Black Body		49.96	49.67	48.59	48.22
Pop III	300 $M_{\odot}$	50.64	50.47	49.30	49.09
Black Body		50.19	49.94	48.99	48.66



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A comparison of Ionizing Fluxes for Pop III model by PoWR and D. Schaerer (2002)

Work	Stellar Mass [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	$Q(H)$	$Q(HeI)$	$Q(HeII)$	$Q(LW)$
D.Schaerer (2002) PoWR	1000 $M_{\odot}$	51.20	51.05	50.45	51.23
		49.94	49.74	48.68	50.49
D.Schaerer (2002) PoWR	500 $M_{\odot}$	50.86	50.71	50.11	50.89
		50.90	50.75	49.38	50.14
D.Schaerer (2002) PoWR	300 $M_{\odot}$	50.60	50.43	49.75	50.64
		50.64	50.47	49.30	49.93
D.Schaerer (2002) PoWR	200 $M_{\odot}$	50.36	50.18	49.51	50.39
		50.39	50.20	49.30	49.74

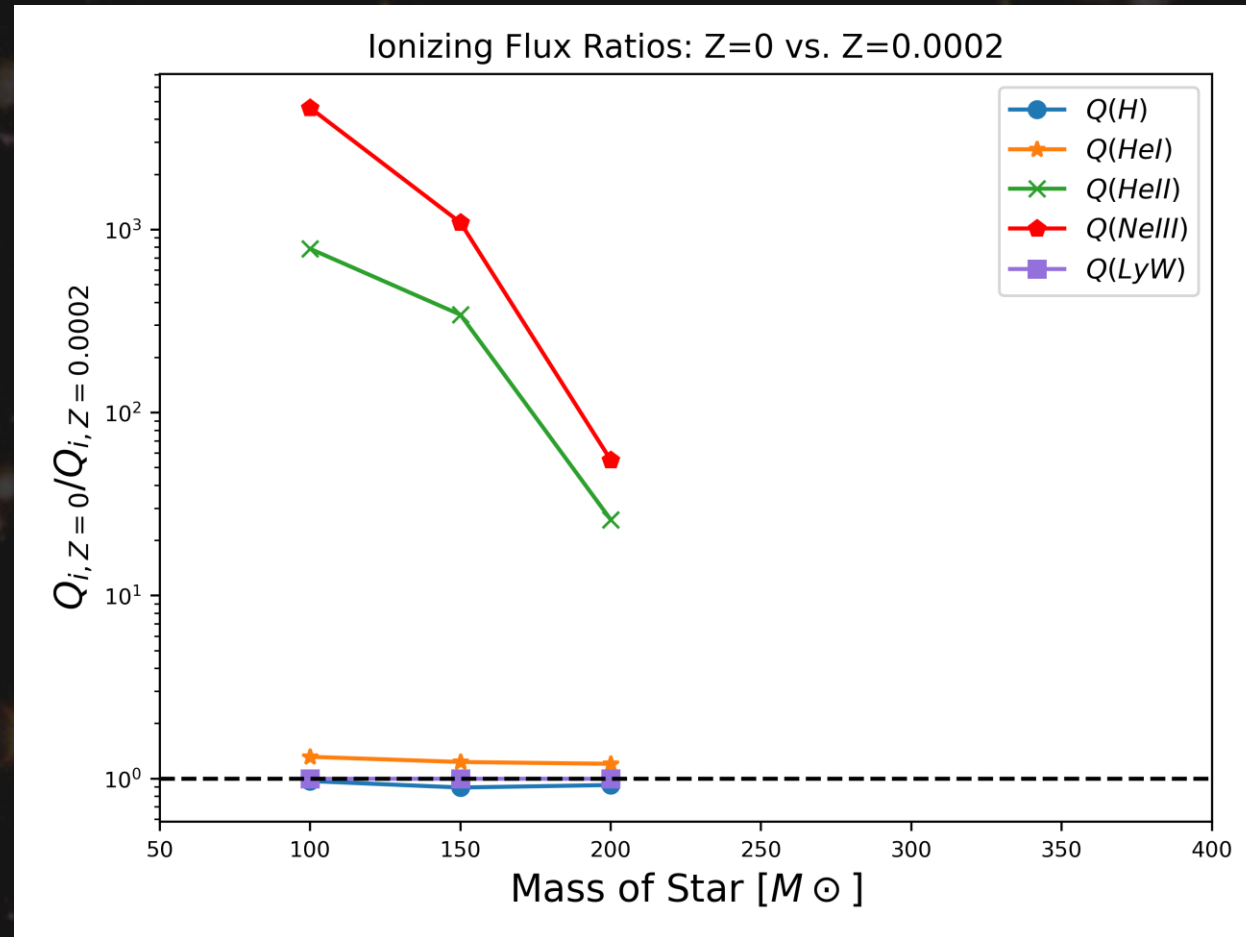




# IONIZING FLUX RATIOS

A comparison of Ionizing Fluxes  
for Pop III model:  $Z=0$  vs  
 $Z=0.0002$

Metallicity	Stellar Mass [ $M_{\odot}$ ]	$Q(H)$	$Q(HeI)$	$Q(HeII)$	$Q(NeIII)$	$Q(LW)$
$Z=0$	$100M_{\odot}$	49.94	49.74	48.68	48.43	49.33
$Z=0.0002$		49.95	49.62	45.79	44.76	49.33
$Z=0$	$150M_{\odot}$	50.20	50.01	49.18	48.95	49.53
$Z=0.0002$		50.25	49.92	46.64	45.91	49.53
$Z=0$	$200M_{\odot}$	50.39	50.20	49.30	49.08	49.74
$Z=0.0002$		50.43	50.11	47.89	47.34	49.74



# CONCLUSIONS

- Black bodies underestimate the ionizing fluxes of Population III stars.
- Low metallicity models considerably differ in the ionizing fluxes as compared to zero metallicity models.
- Low metallicity models show additional features in the Spectra that might not actually be observed for Population III stars.