

# Midterm #3 Topics, 1

## **Mars**

*Basic properties*  
*Moons*  
*Surface features*  
*Internal structure*  
*Atmosphere*  
*Water*

## **Icy gas giants**

*Atmosphere*  
*Internal Structure*  
*Wind & storms*  
*Magnetosphere*

## **Jupiter**

*Atmosphere*  
*Magnetosphere*  
*“Vacuum cleaner”*  
*Thermal emission*

**Galilean moons:** Io, Europa,  
Ganymede, Callisto  
*Composition*  
*Tidal locking, heating*

## **Saturn**

*Rings, composition, origin*  
*Shepherd moons*  
*The Roche limit*  
*Titan*

## **Uranus**

*Rotation*

## **Neptune**

*Discovery*

## **Asteroids**

*Composition, origin*  
*Ceres*  
*Lagrange points*

## **Dwarf planet**

*Definition (vs planet)*  
*Pluto, Eris, Sedna, etc*

## **Oort cloud**

## **Comets**

*Origin, composition*  
*Gas tail, dust tail*  
*Dust trail, meteorites*

## **Exoplanets**

*Detection methods*  
*Properties*

## **Life in Solar System ?**

*Definition, properties*  
*Hardy, simple lifeforms*  
*Mars, Europa, Enceladus*

# Midterm #3 Topics, 2

## Sun

*Blackbody radiation source*

*Temperature*

*Size*

*Composition*

*Sunspots, 11 year cycle*

*Corona, solar wind*

*Internal structure*

## Solar fusion

*Proton-proton fusion chain*

$E=mc^2$

*Power output, lifetime of Sun*

## Observing Stars

*Apparent magnitude, brightness*

*Luminosity & distance*

## Star properties

*Luminosity, intensity, size*

*Temperature, color*

*Mass*

## Luminosity vs Mass

*Luminosity  $\propto$  Mass<sup>3.9</sup>*

## Luminosity vs Temperature

*H-R diagram*

*Main sequence*



# Stellar Classification

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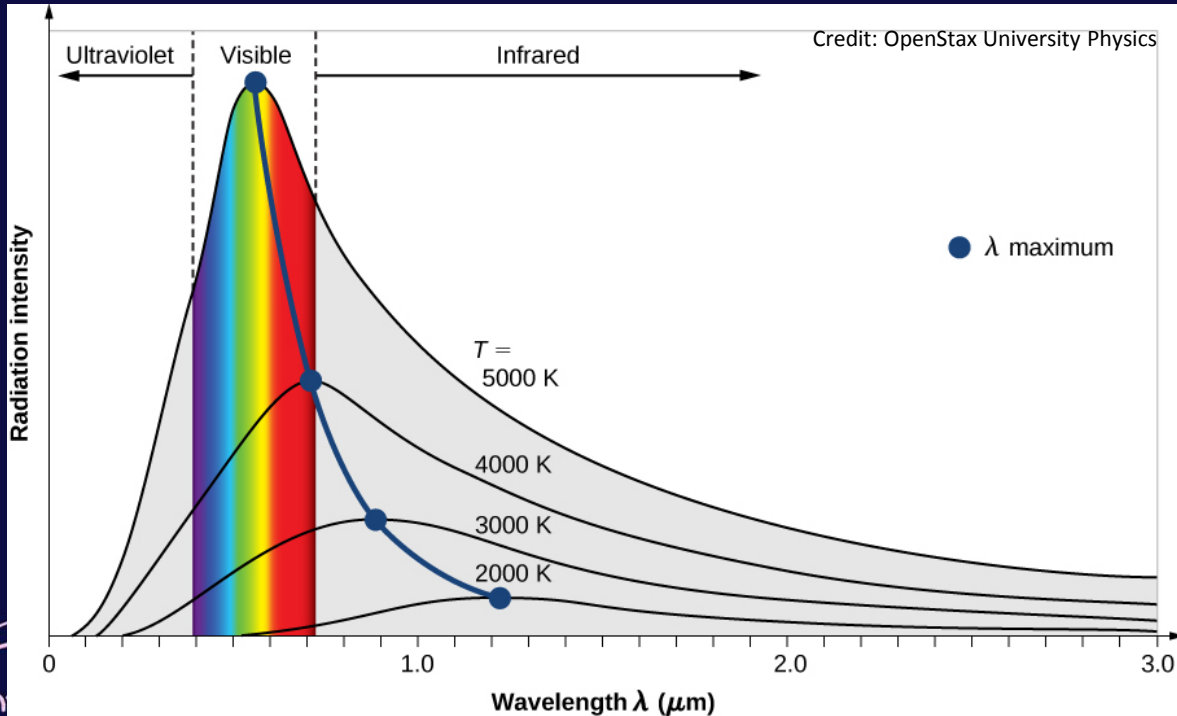
# What do we see?



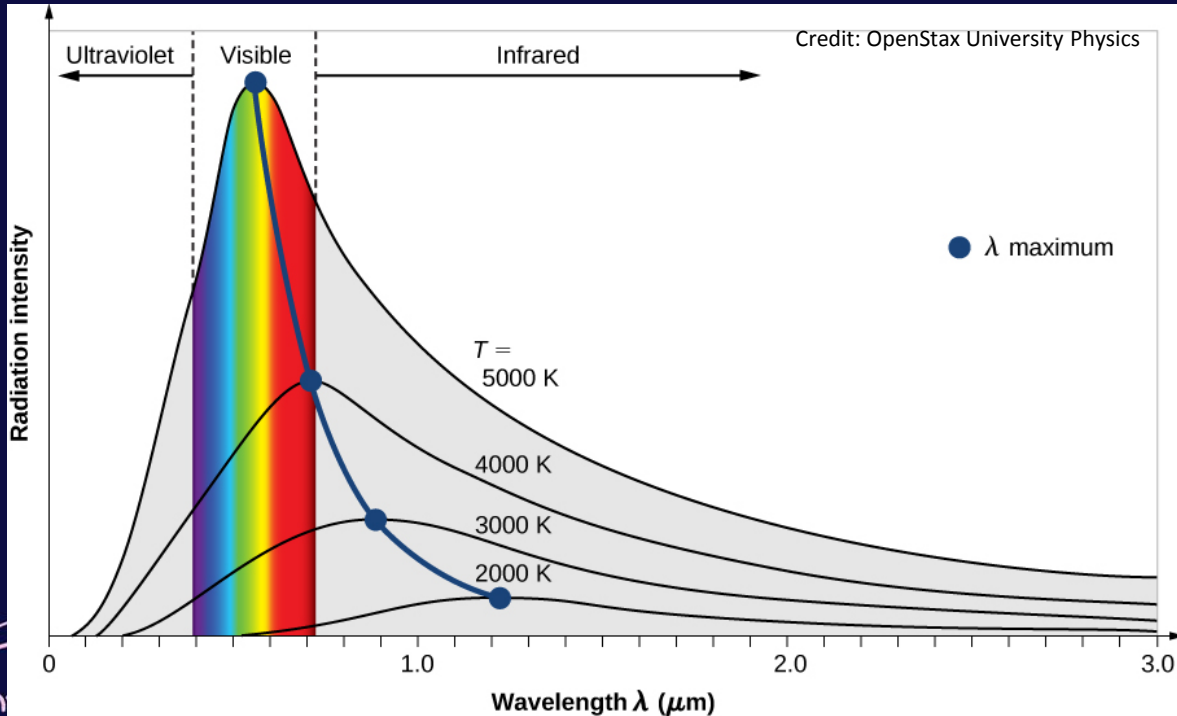
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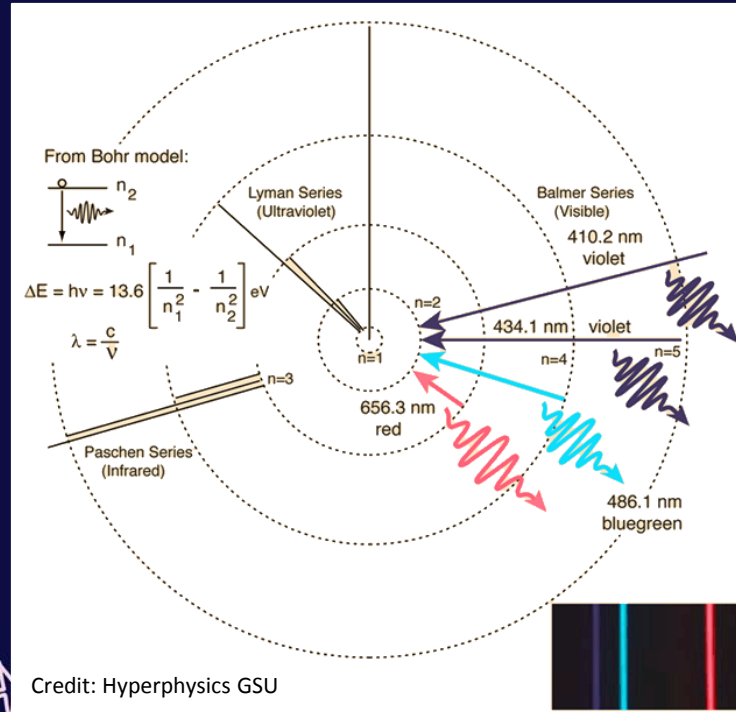
# Why are stars different colors?



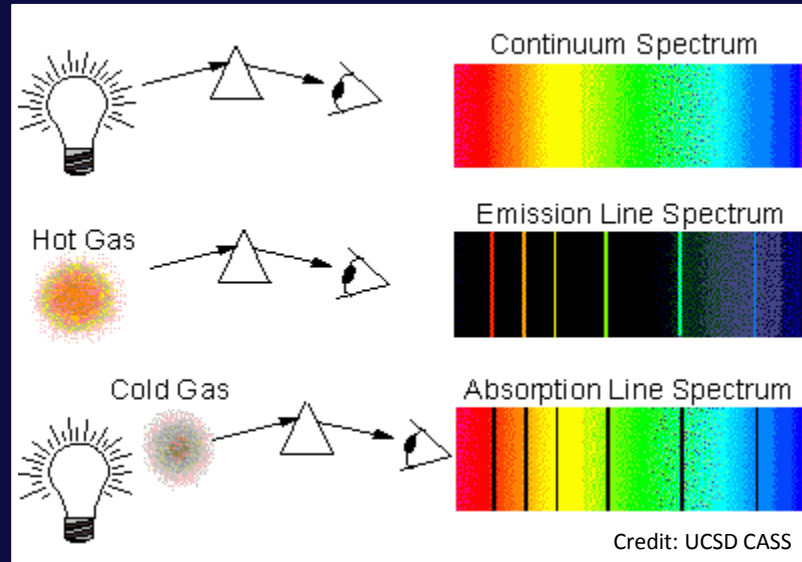
# Why aren't there green stars?



# From stars down to atoms...



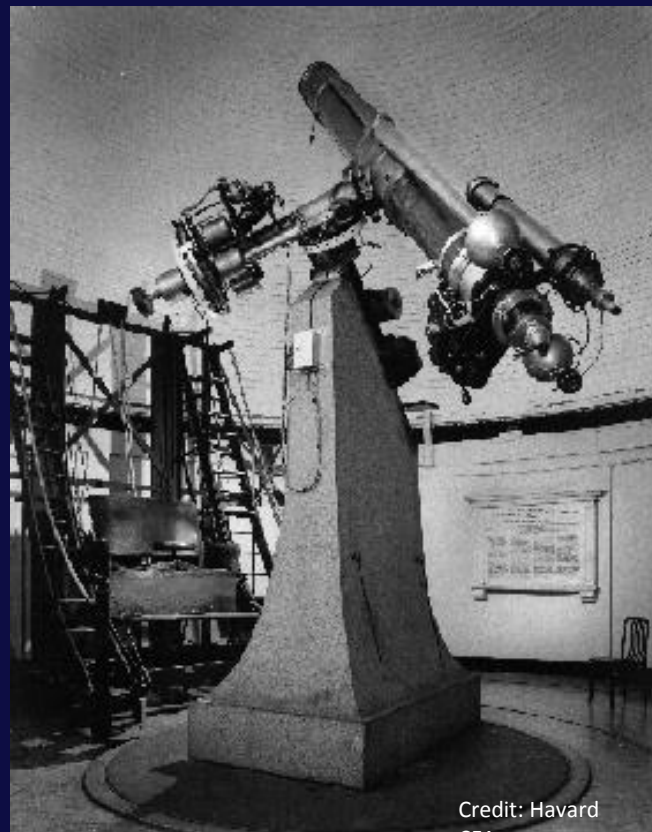
# ~Spectroscopy~





# Draper Catalog and Williamina Fleming

- 1st photo of a stellar spectra (Vega's spectra, to be specific)
- Classified over 10,000 stars in the first version of the catalog
- Used letters A-Q
  - P for planetary nebula
  - Q for oddballs
- Antonia Maury rearranged the classification order

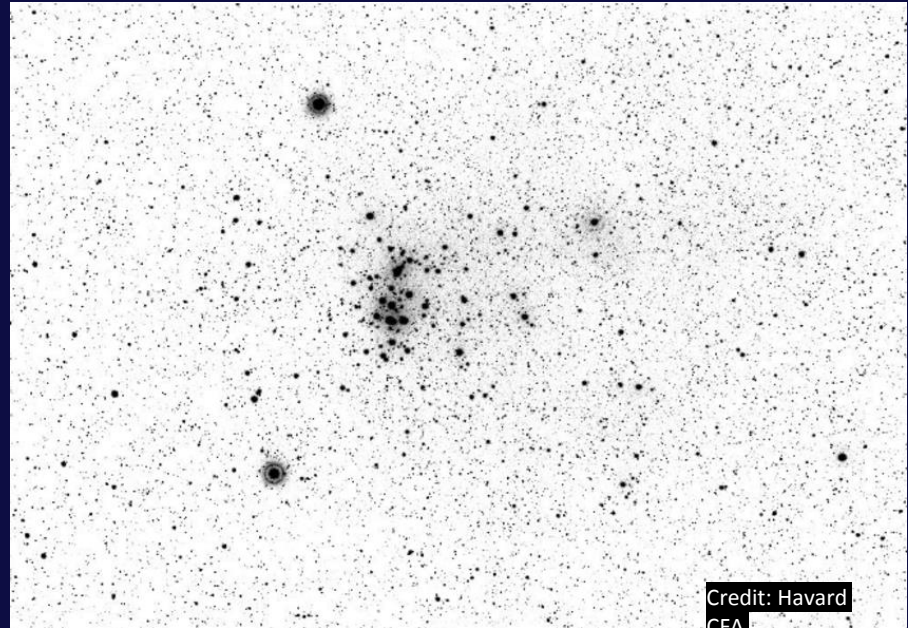


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# Annie Jump Cannon

- Focused on Balmer lines and dropped a lot of letters
- Rearranged to
  - OBAFGKM
  - (Oh, be a fine guy/girl, kiss me)
- Classified over 350,000 stars
  - could do 3 stars a minute

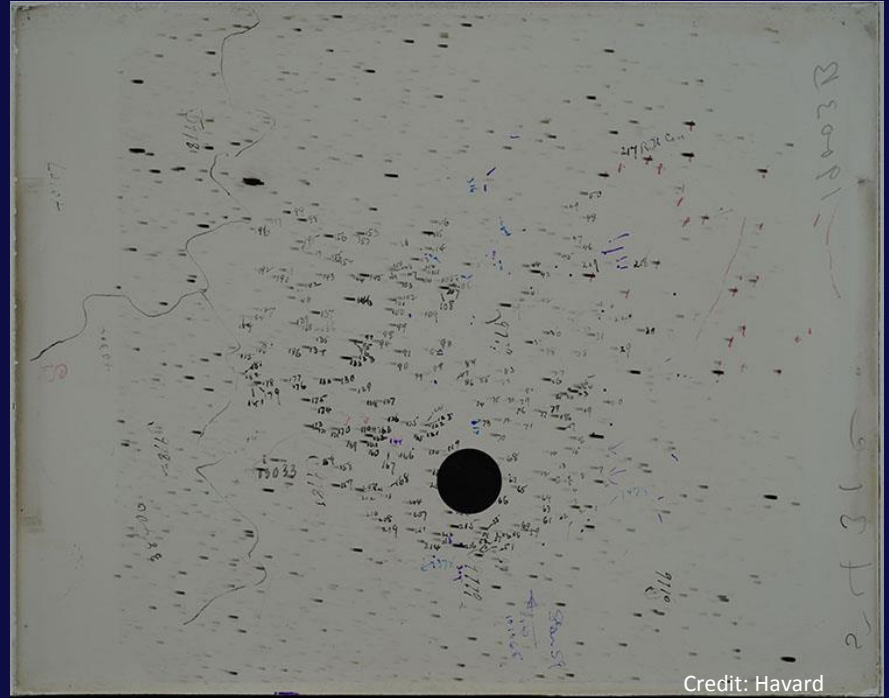


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# Glass Plates

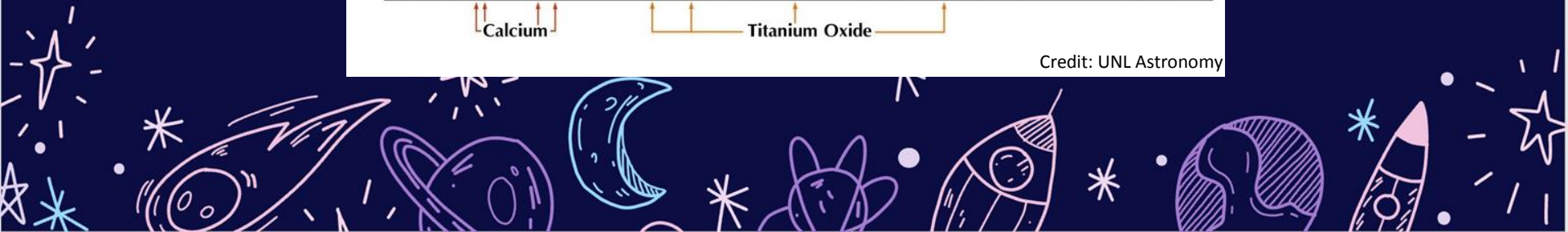
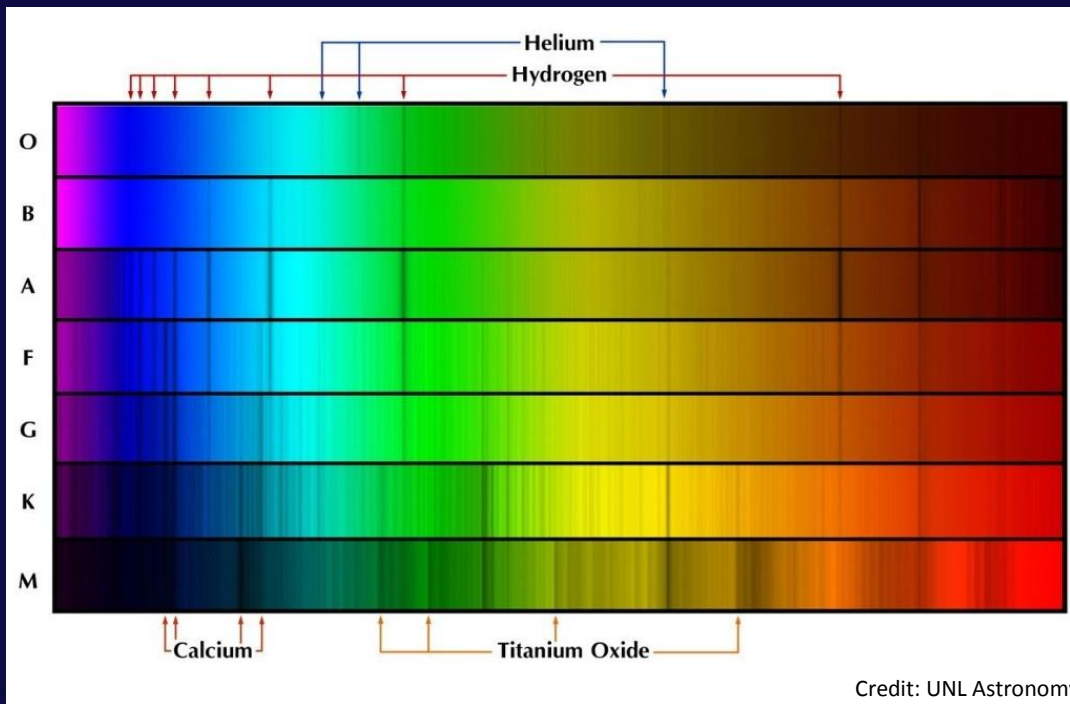
- Those little smudges? Spectra!! About a cm long!! Dozens of them on this single photograph!
- Handwritten notes on which star is which and their classifications
- Over 500,000 glass plates at the CFA
- Currently being digitized



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# Spectral Classes



Why different spectra?



# Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin

- Earned a Ph.D. from Harvard for her work
- Built on Saha's ionization theory
- Reasoned that stars' spectra are not different because of entirely different composition
  - Instead, differences are due to temperature



# Ionization

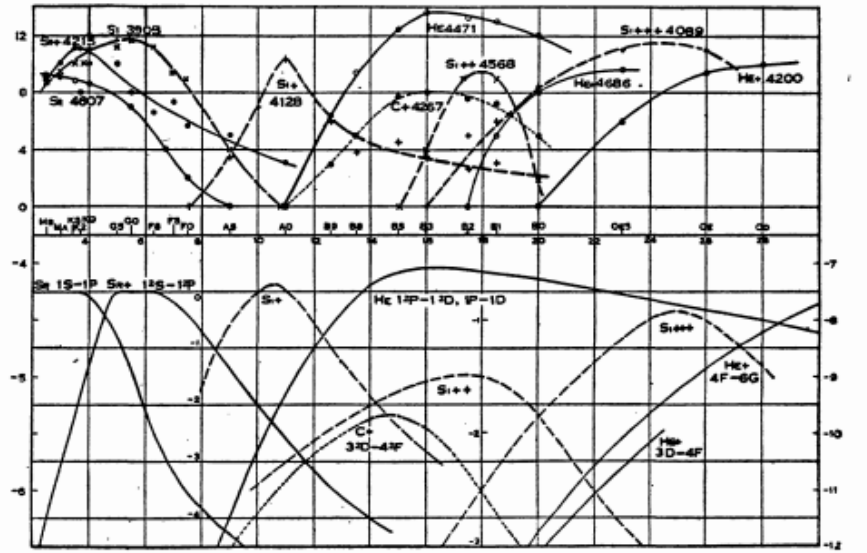
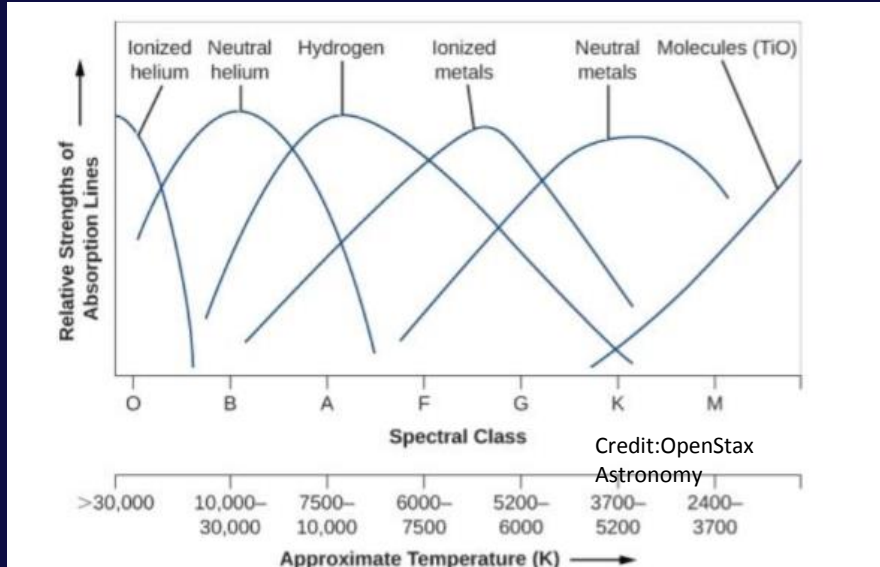
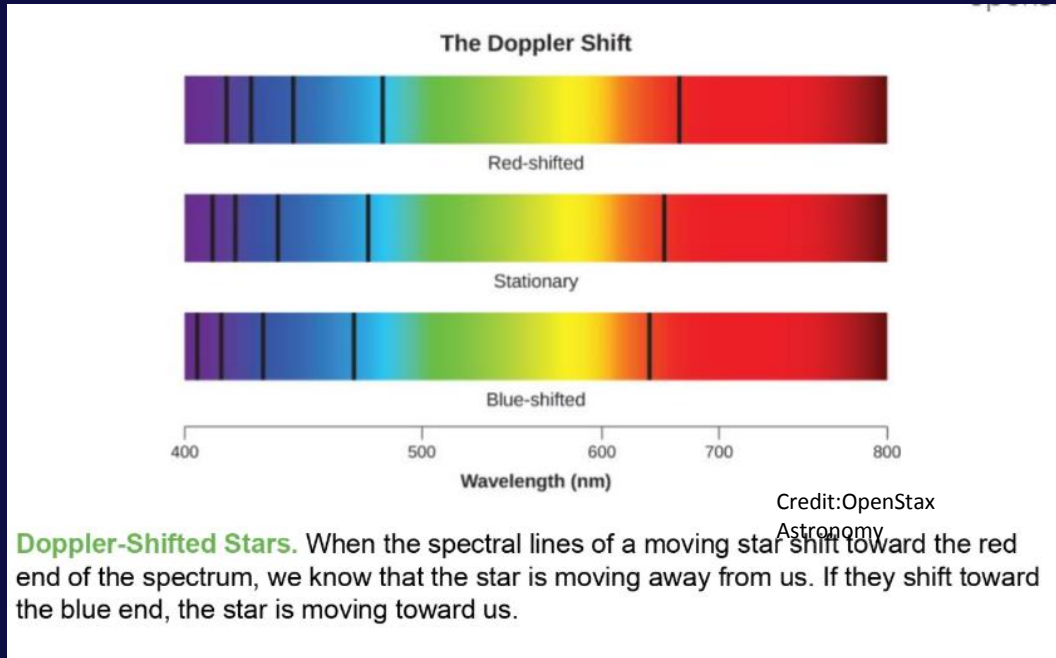


FIGURE 8

Credit: Payne, ADS

Reproduced from H.C.256, 1924. Comparison between observation and ionization theory for the hotter stars. The observations are contained in the upper part of the diagram, and the theoretical curves (based on a partial electron pressure  $1.3 \times 10^{-4}$  atmospheres) are given in the lower part of the figure. For the upper half, ordinates are the observed intensities contained in Table XIX; abscissae are spectral classes from the Draper Catalogue. In the lower part of the figure, ordinates are logarithms of computed fractional concentrations; abscissae are temperatures in thousands of degrees. The abscissae of the upper and lower diagrams have been adjusted so that the observed and computed maxima coincide, thus forming a preliminary temperature scale.

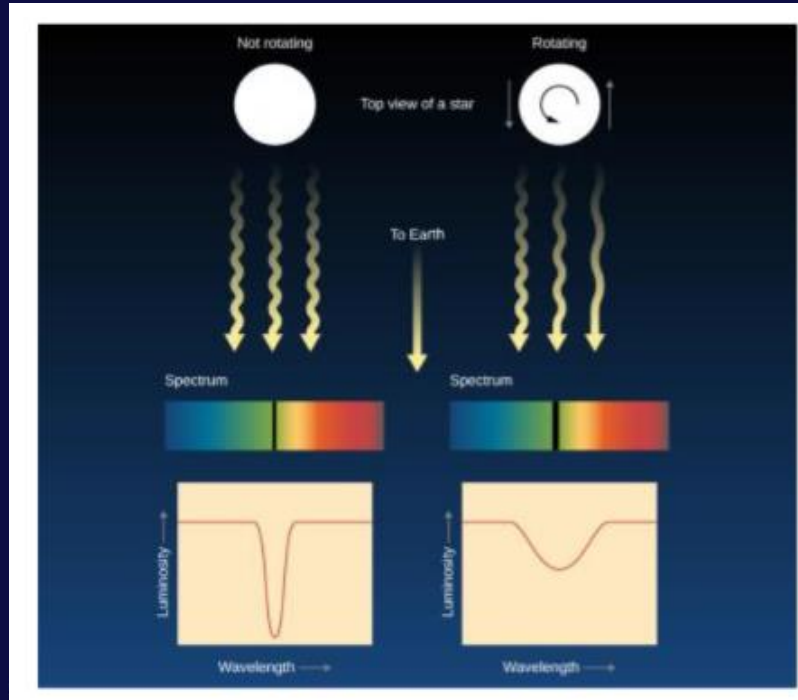
# Doppler Shift



**Doppler-Shifted Stars.** When the spectral lines of a moving star shift toward the red end of the spectrum, we know that the star is moving away from us. If they shift toward the blue end, the star is moving toward us.



# Doppler Broadening



Credit: OpenStax  
Astronomy