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XSL: the X-Shooter Spectral Library

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XSL: the X-Shooter Spectral Library

- ❖ Moderate resolution spectral library, containing ~700 unique stars
- ❖ ESO Large Program in two phases:
 - ❖ Pilot Program: P84 and P85 (Oct 2009 - Oct 2010)
 - ❖ Large Program: P89 - P92 (April 2012 - Sept 2013)



XSL: the Team

- ❖ PI: S. Trager (Kapteyn), A. Lançon (Strasbourg), R. Peletier (Kapteyn)
- ❖ 18 researchers in 9 institutes in 7 countries



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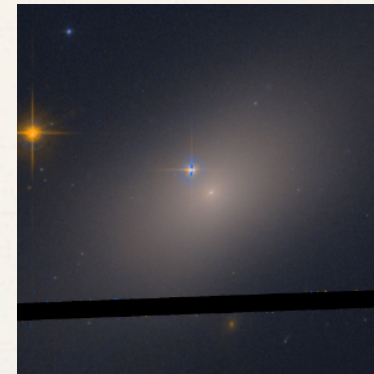
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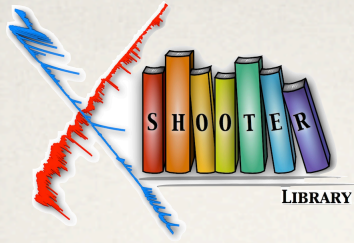
XSL: Science Objectives

Primary

- ❖ Develop a stellar spectral library at moderate resolution covering a wide spectral window for use in stellar population studies
 - ❖ from the atmospheric cutoff in the NUV (300 nm) to the thermal NIR (2480 nm)

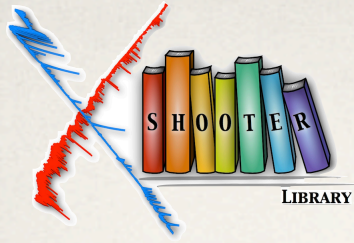


- ❖ Prepare for JWST+E-ELT observations, exploit current generation of instrumentation



XSL: Science Objectives Secondary

- ❖ Provide:
 - ❖ baseline spectra for studies of individual stellar types
 - ❖ test bench for theoretical stellar libraries
 - ❖ templates for kinematics studies of stellar systems



The Perfect Stellar Library

- ❖ Lots of stars: all stellar evolutionary phases for all conceivable stellar compositions
- ❖ Excellent flux and wavelength calibrations
- ❖ Broad wavelength coverage
- ❖ Simultaneous observations at all wavelengths of interest



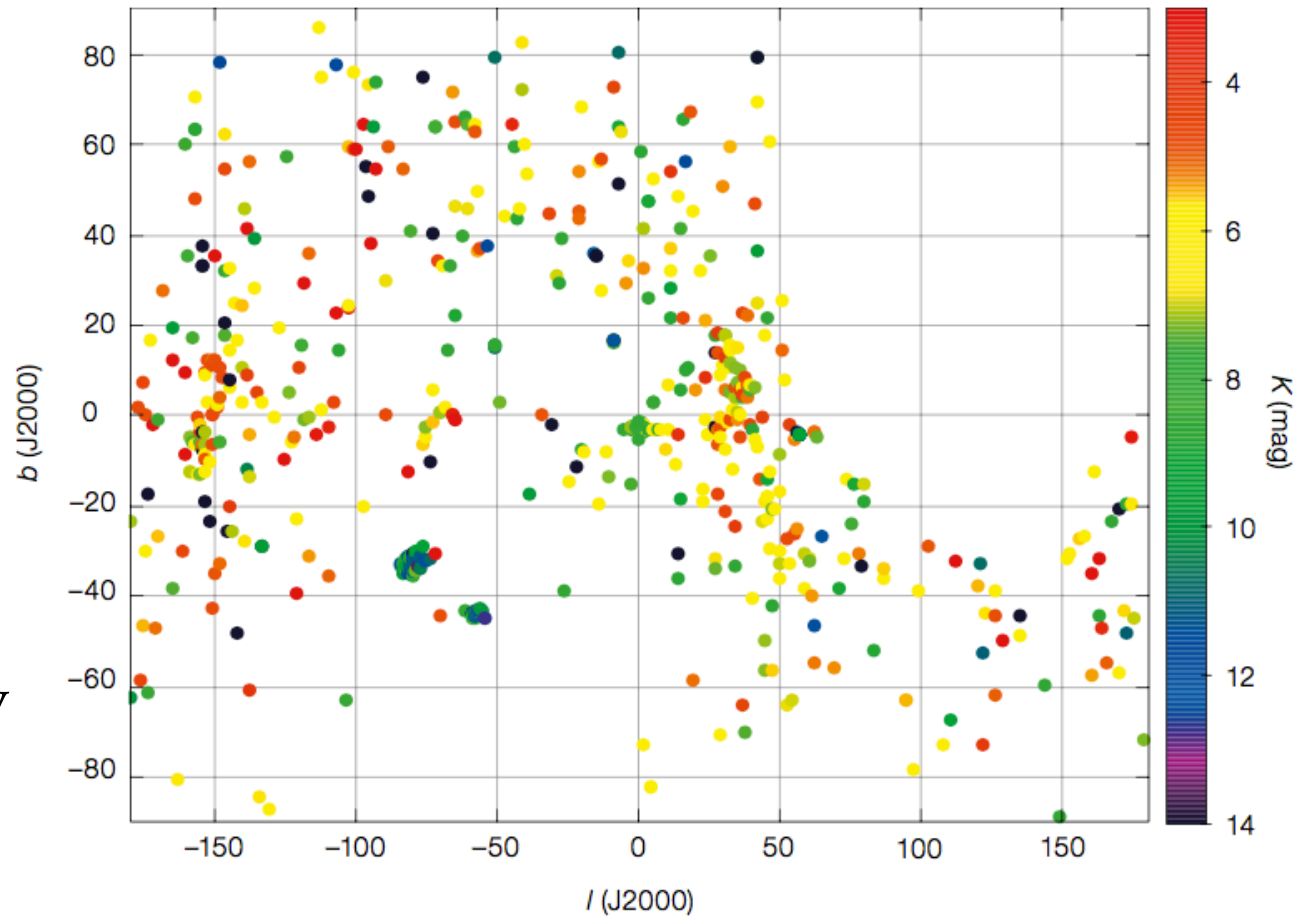
XSL: Target Selection

- ❖ Cover as much of the Hertzsprung–Russell diagram as possible:
 - ❖ special attention to cool stars in the MW and the Magellanic Clouds
 - ❖ Galactic Bulge giants to cover metal-rich stars with abundances similar to those in giant elliptical galaxies.
 - ❖ as much overlap as possible with MILES, Lick/IDS, Jones, IRTF, and Lançon-Wood libraries



XSL: Target Selection

- * Distribution on the sky

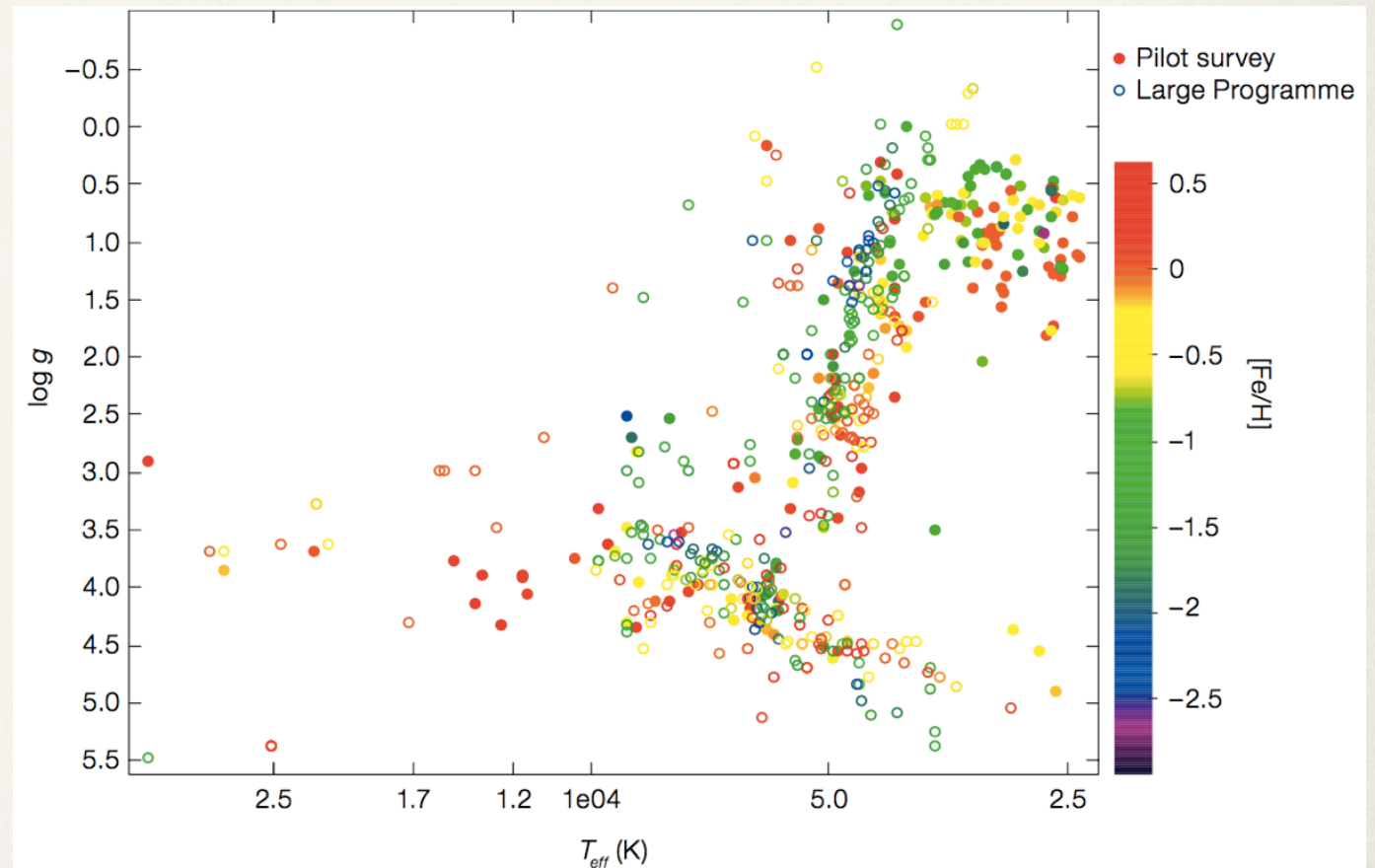


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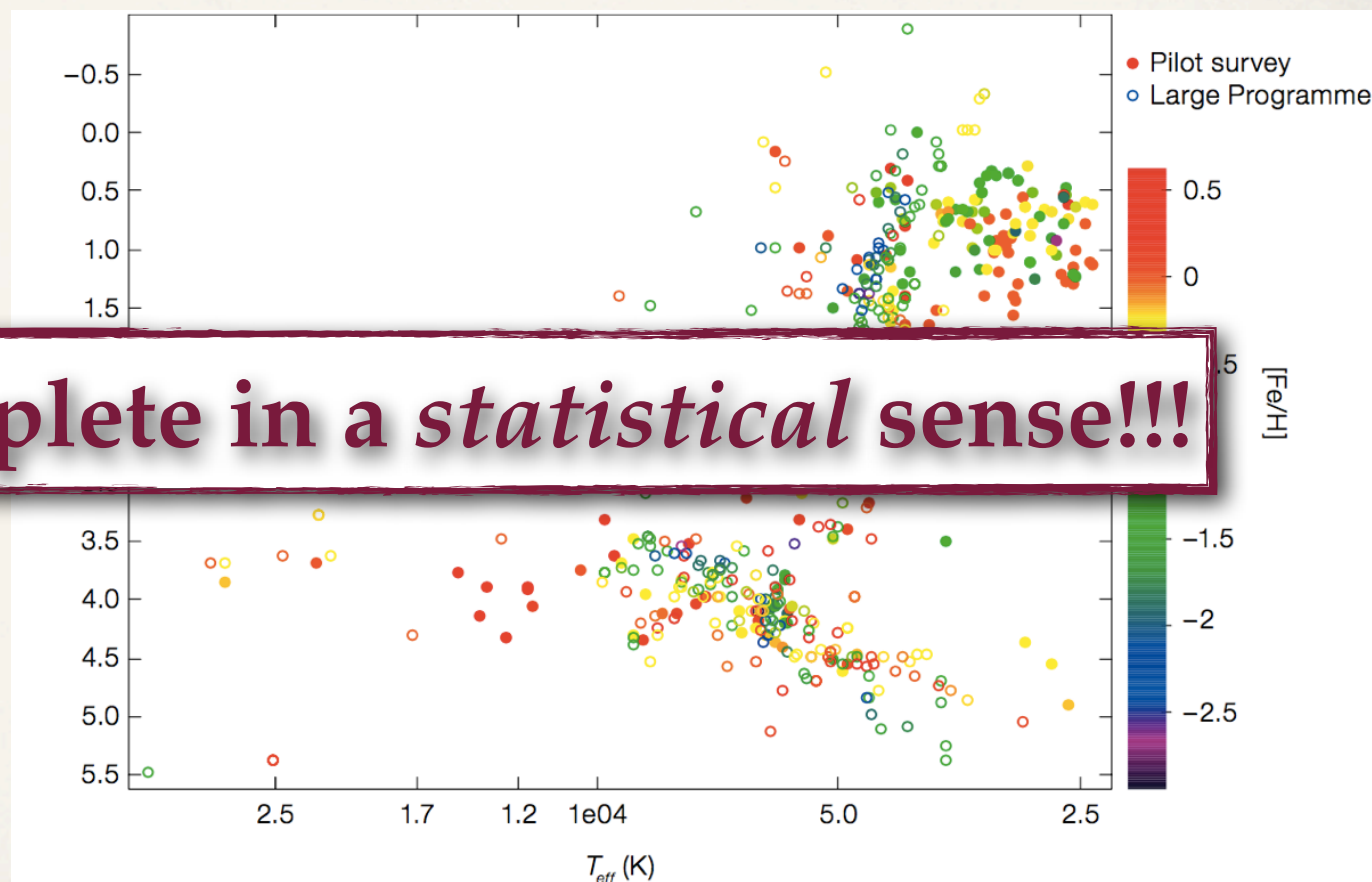
- ❖ XSL atmospheric parameters



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XSL: Target Selection



Not complete in a *statistical* sense!!!

- ❖ XSL atmospheric parameters

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Observations

- ❖ Narrow slit

| Arm | Slit | λ (nm) | R |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|-------|
| UVB | 0.5" \times 11" | 300 — 600 | 9100 |
| VIS | 0.7" \times 11" | 600 — 1020 | 11000 |
| NIR | 0.6" \times 11" | 1000 — 2480 | 8100 |

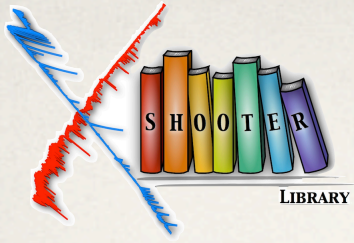
- ❖ Plus 5" wide slit for flux loss corrections



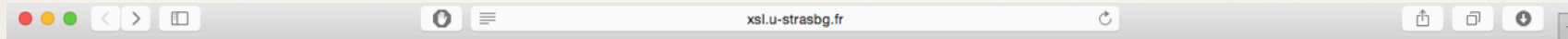
Current status

- ❖ All observations completed by April 2014
- ❖ 697 unique stars observed and almost completely reduced
 - ❖ ~1/3 have repeated observations
- ❖ DR1, *March 2014*: UVB+VIS spectra from the Pilot Program
 - ❖ 246 spectra of 237 unique stars
 - ❖ Dedicated web service: <http://xsl.u-strasbg.fr>

Chen et al. 2014, *A&A*, 565A, 117



DR1: <http://xsl.u-strasbg.fr>



The X-shooter Spectral Library

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The X-shooter Spectral Library is a collection of 3000–25000 Å all stellar spectra observed at a resolving power of $R = \lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 10\,000$ with the medium-resolution spectrograph X-shooter at the Very Large Telescope (VLT).

The current release contains more than 200 stars, while the final sample will contain more than 700 stars and cover most of the HR diagram with spectral types between O and M, as well as AGB stars.

Figures 1 and 2, taken from Chen et al. (2014), show the distribution of spectral types in DR1 and the HR diagram of these stars.

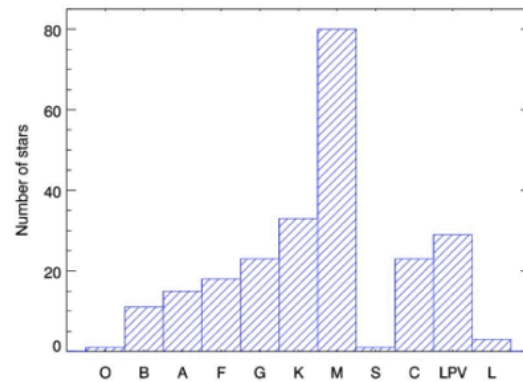


Figure 1: Distribution of the spectral types in XSL observed in Periods 84 and 85 (excluding telluric calibrators). Spectral types were retrieved from SIMBAD or based on educated guesses from the source libraries or atmospheric parameters.

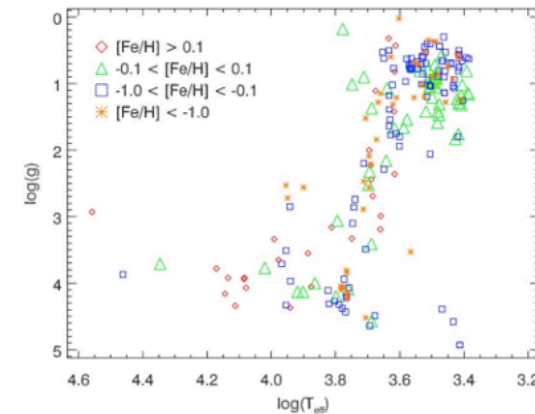


Figure 2: HR diagram of the 219 XSL stars (O–M, LPV, S) with calculated T_{eff} , $\log g$, and $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$, where $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$ is presented in different colors.

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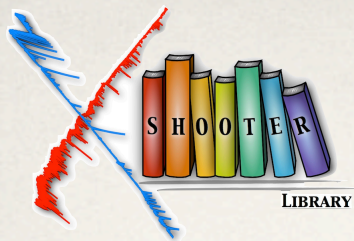
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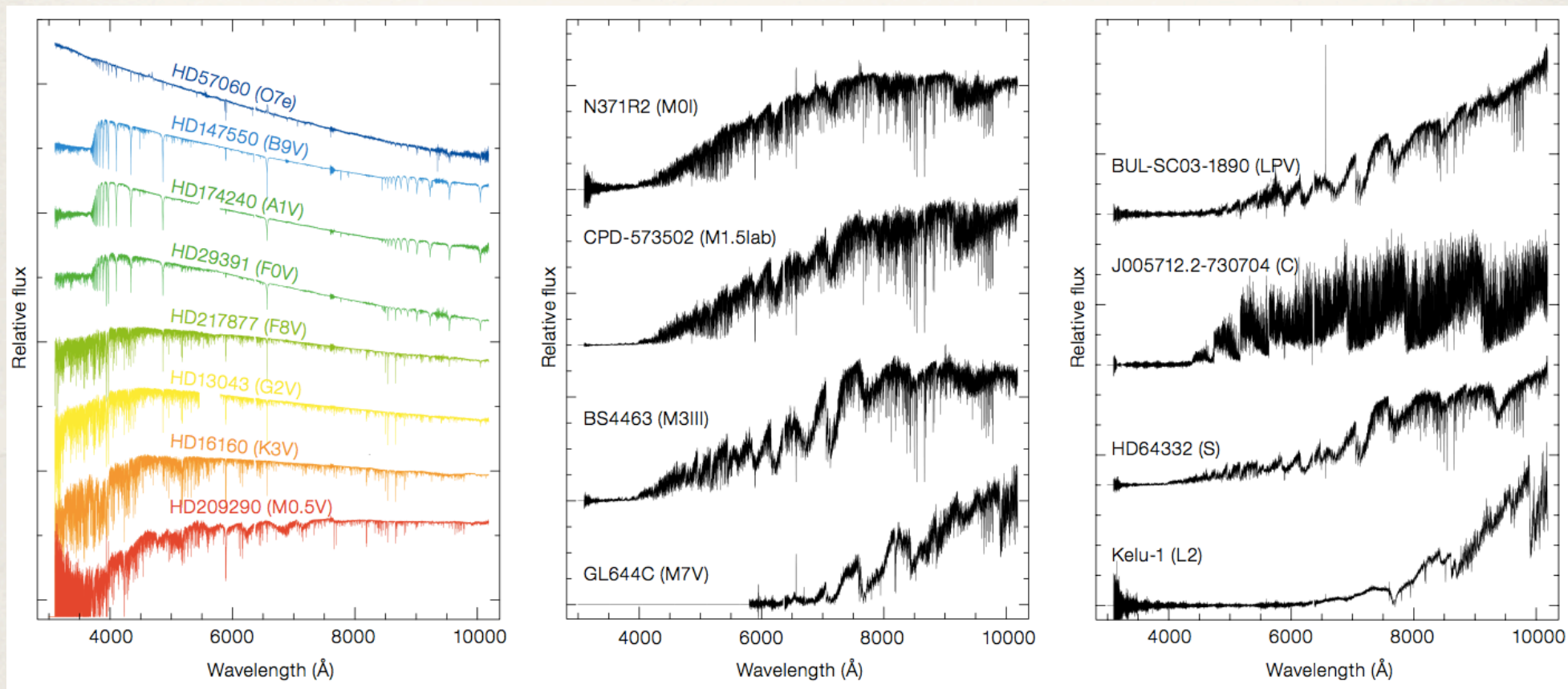
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DR1 spectra

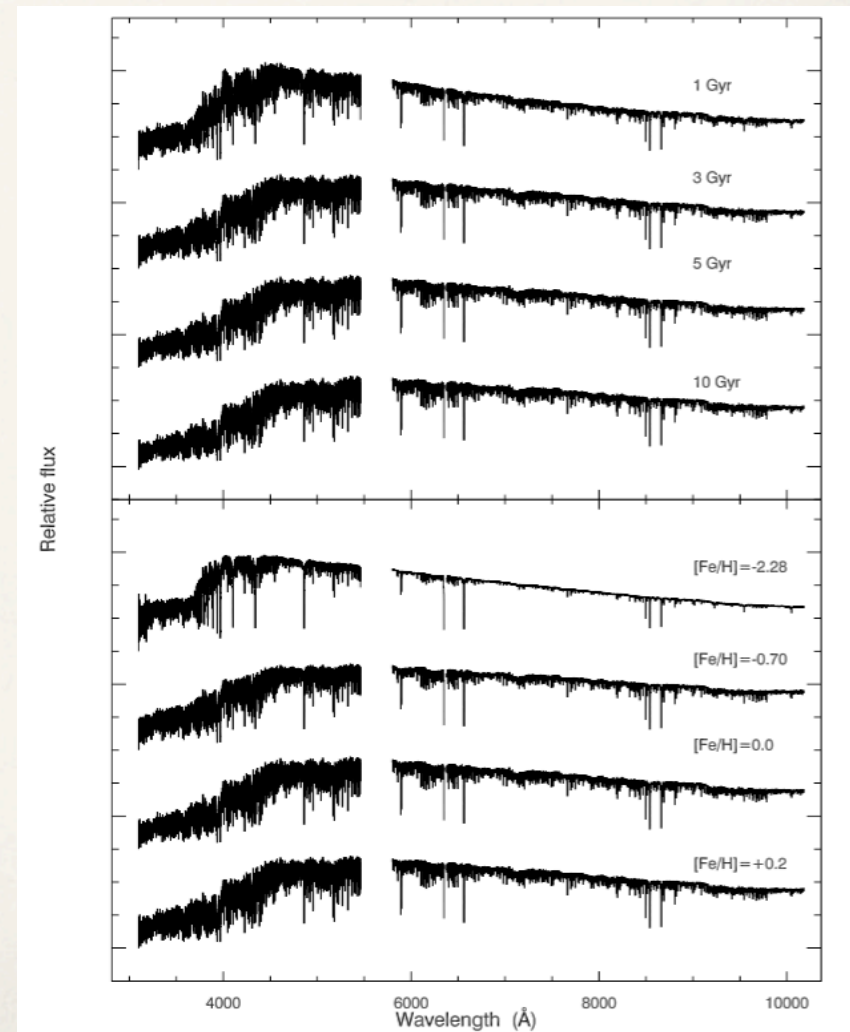


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Stellar population models

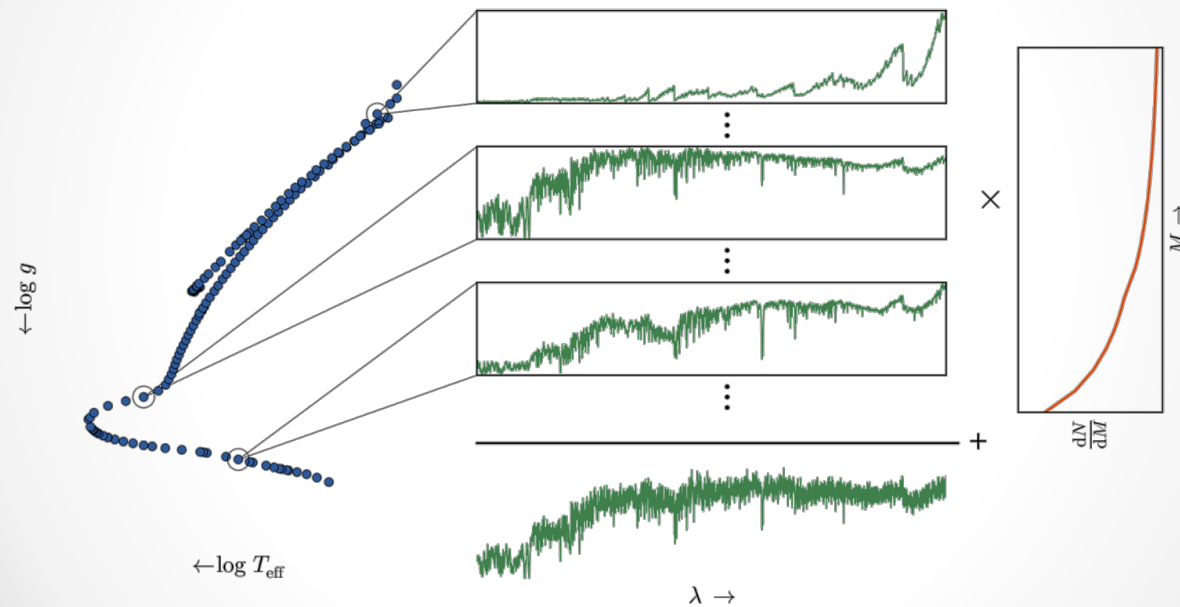
- ❖ Yanping Chen, PhD Thesis 2013, *Univ. of Groningen*
 - ❖ SED in the range 3100 to 10200 Å
 - ❖ $-0.7 < [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < +0.2$
 - ❖ age from 0.1 to 15 Gyr
 - ❖ Marigo and BaSTI isochrones





Stellar population models

Stellar Population Synthesis a Bayesian approach



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First Science Results

Carbon stars in the X-shooter Spectral Library [★]

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ABSTRACT

With a relatively tight locus in color-color diagrams, carbon star spectra have been described as displaying little variety compared to their oxygen-rich asymptotic giant branch counterparts.

We provide a new collection of carbon star spectra that will help to improve population synthesis models and that also permits a new assessment of the relationships between colors and spectral features.

The spectra were obtained with the ESO/VLT X-shooter instrument as part of the X-shooter Spectral Library project. The spectra extend from blue optical wavelengths to $2.4\ \mu\text{m}$ with a resolving power above ~ 8000 . The sample contains 35 stars with a broad range of $(J - K)$ colors and pulsation properties, located in the Milky Way and the Magellanic Clouds.

We show that the distribution of spectral properties of carbon stars at a given $(J - K)$ color becomes bimodal (in our sample) when $(J - K)$ is larger than about 1.5. We describe the two families of spectra that emerge, characterized by the presence or absence of the absorption feature at $1.53\ \mu\text{m}$, generally associated with HCN and C_2H_2 . Anticipating detailed comparisons with model spectra, we suggest that hot circumstellar dust emission in the near-infrared may help to explain the properties of those stars showing this feature.

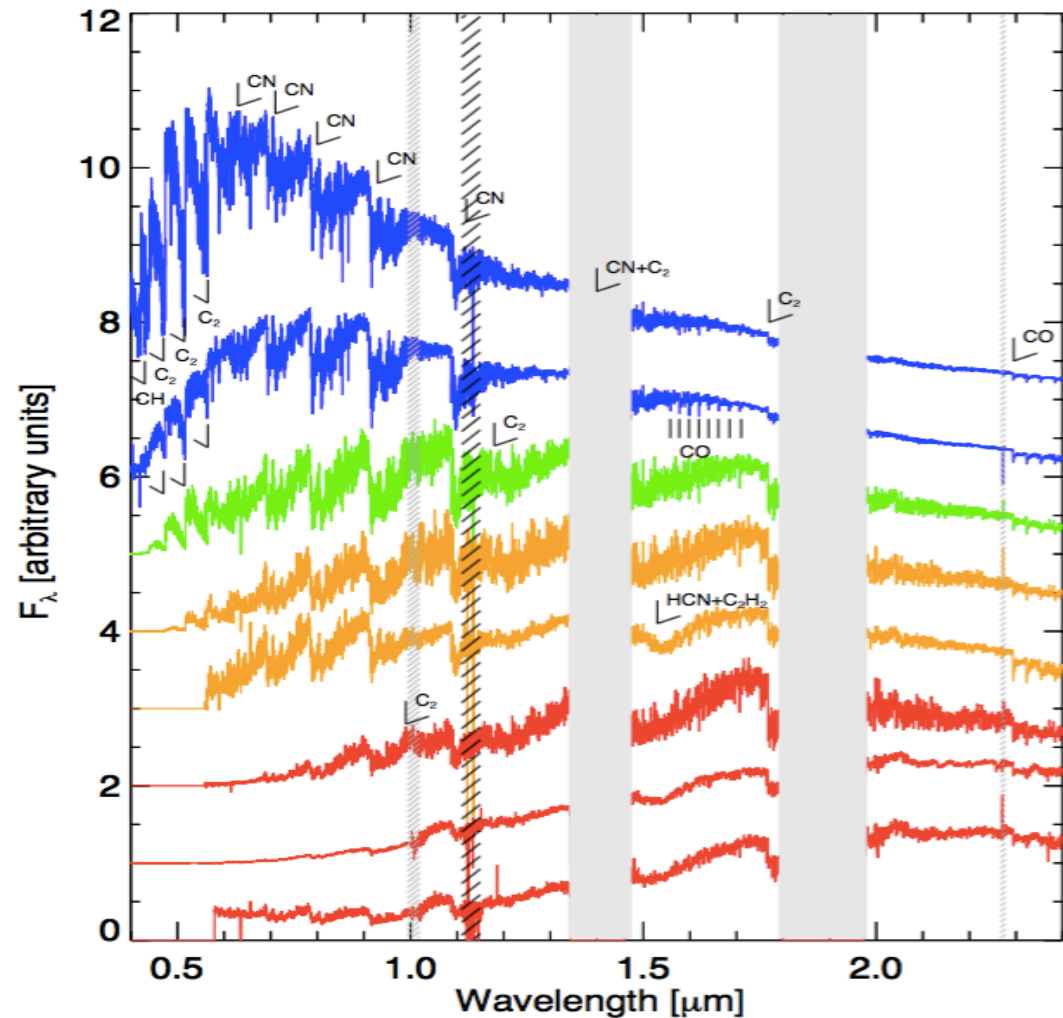
Key words. XSL – stars: AGB - carbon – wavelength: UVB to NIR – feature: $1.53\ \mu\text{m}$

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First Science Results

- ❖ 35 UVB-to-NIR spectra of Carbon-rich stars in the MW and MC

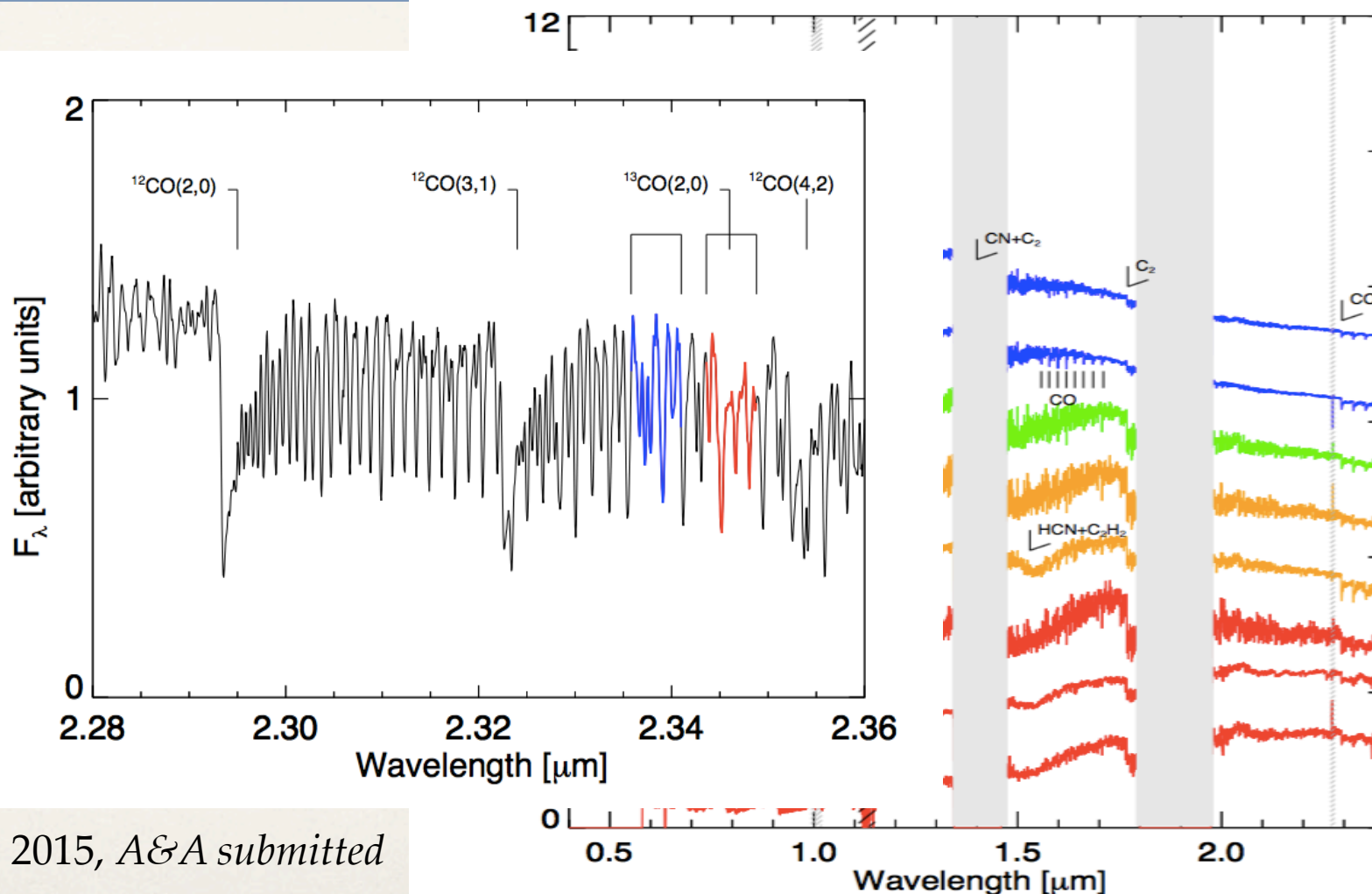


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First Science Results

- 35 UVF of CarK the MV



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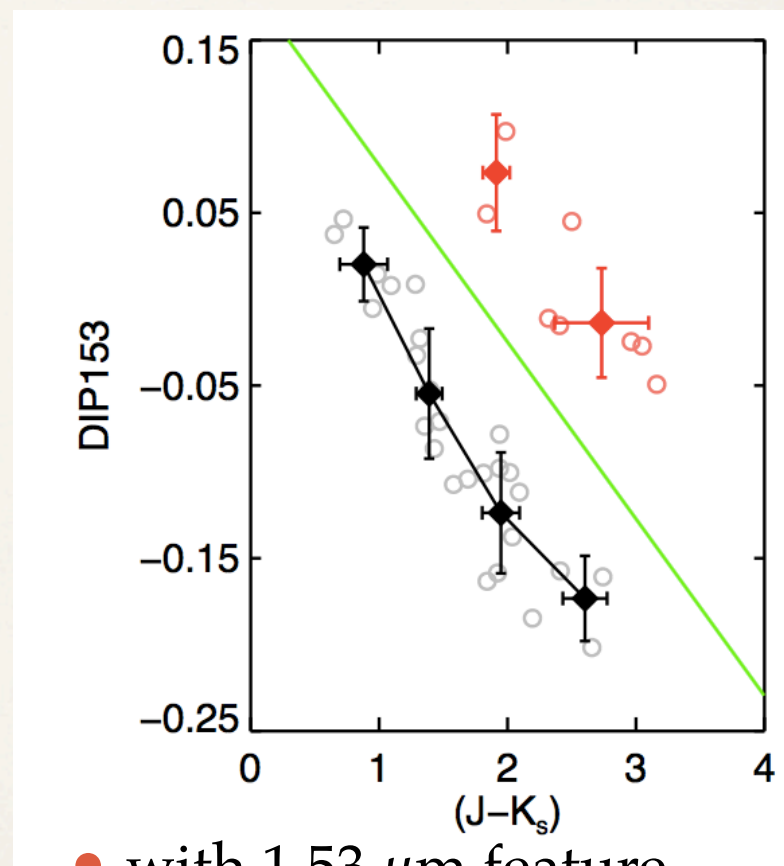


Bimodal behaviour of C-rich stars

- * Two distinct families of C-rich stars
- * Due to hot circumstellar dust emission in the near-infrared?
- * Need comparison with atmospheric models

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08.10.2015, *Rainbows In The Southern Sky, ESO*



- with 1.53 μm feature
- without 1.53 μm feature

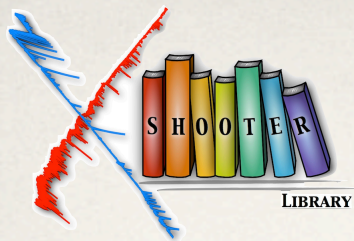
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ESO Phase 3

- ❖ Currently working on it with ESO/ASG
- ❖ Submitted in total 1553 individual narrow slit spectra that passed initial QC
- ❖ 1D spectra at native spectral resolution + flux loss and telluric correction

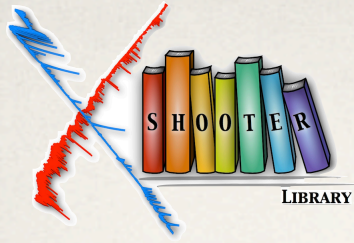
| Arm | Total N of spectra | Unique spectra |
|-----|--------------------|----------------|
| UVB | 628 | 554 |
| VIS | 630 | 557 |
| NIR | 295 | 267 |



XSL DR2, end of 2015

- ❖ Contains all good spectra of Phase 3 put to rest frame plus:
 - ❖ Improved telluric correction
 - ❖ Improved flux calibration
 - ❖ QC flags
 - ❖ spectra per arm at native resolution and merged UVB-to-NIR spectra smoothed to a common resolution

Lyubenova et al., *in prep.*

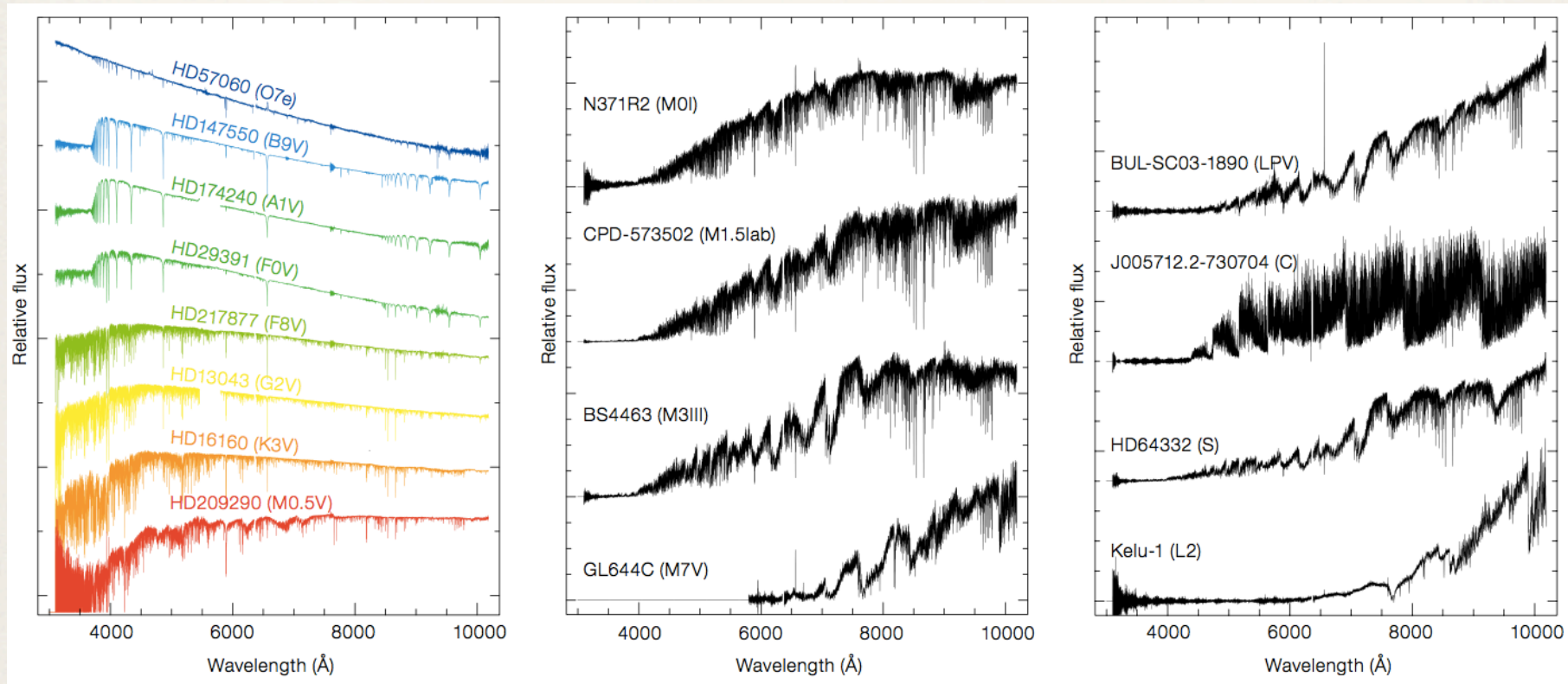


High level data products

- ❖ Radial velocities of stars
- ❖ Stellar atmospheric parameters
- ❖ VIS telluric library
- ❖ ...



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