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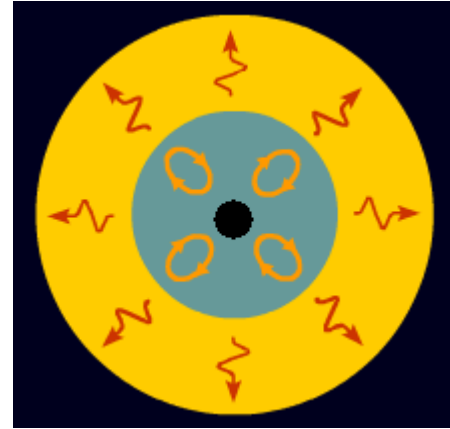
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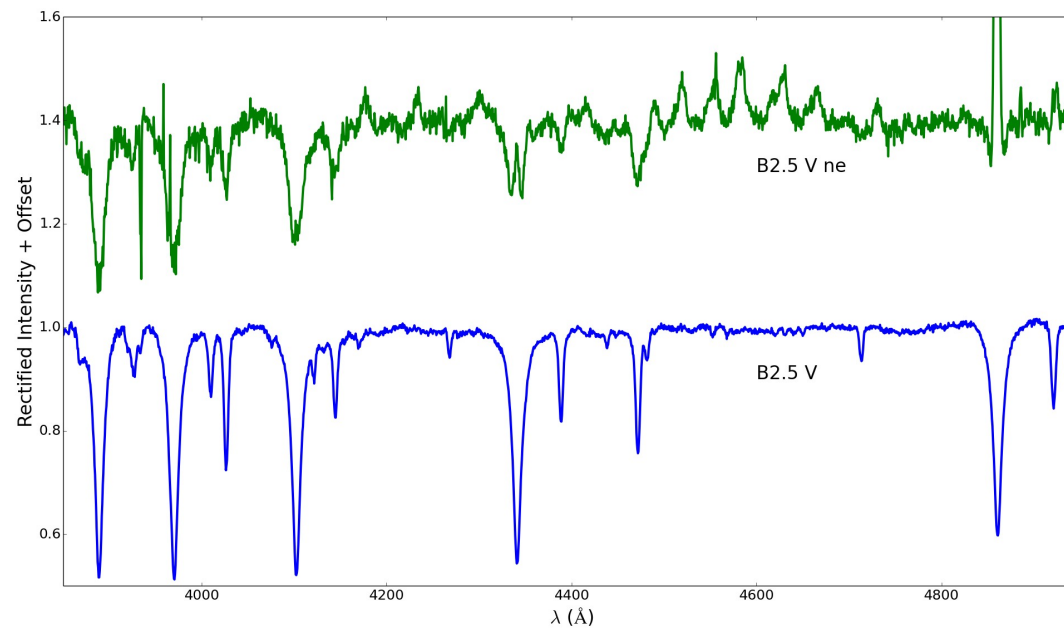


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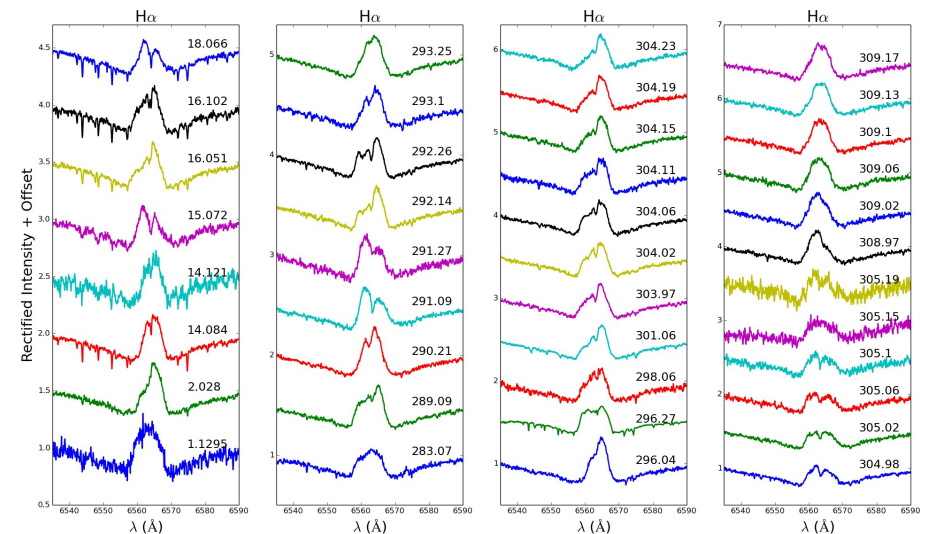
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$$\frac{dI_{\lambda}}{d\tau} = -I_{\lambda} + S_{\lambda}$$

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} + S_{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\lambda}})$$

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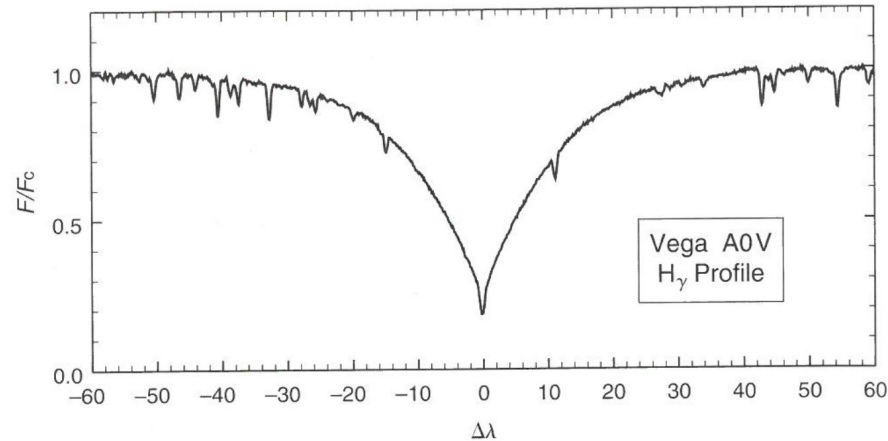
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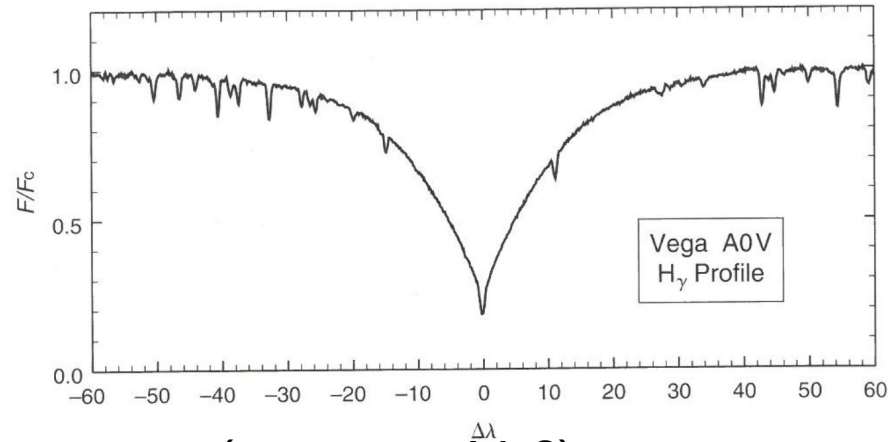
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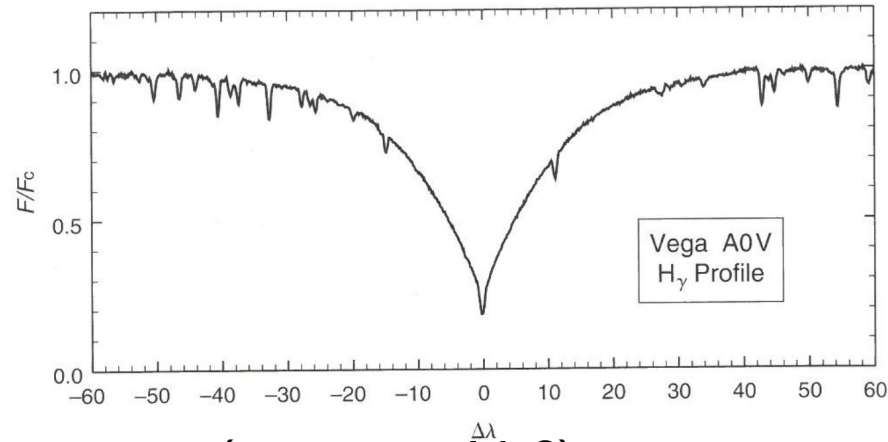
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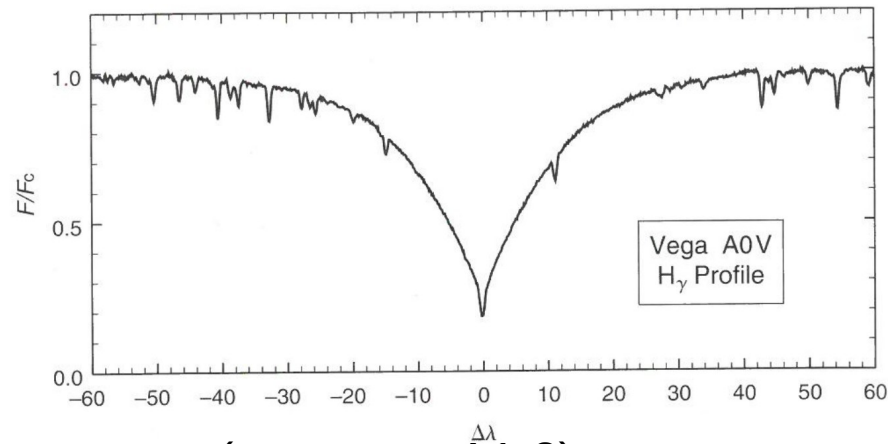
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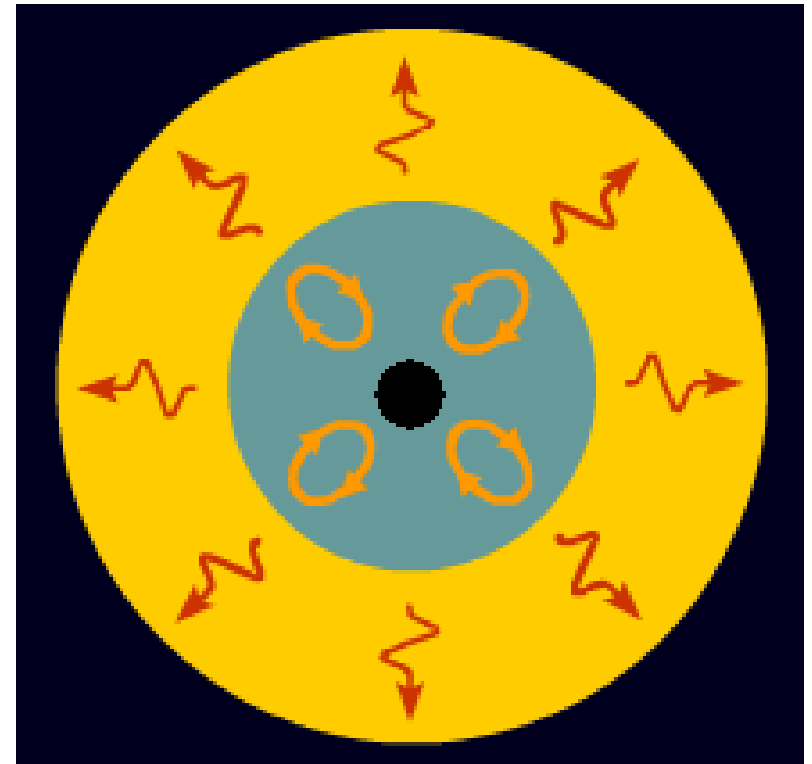
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NOT Considering O8 and above:

- Convective interior, puffer stars

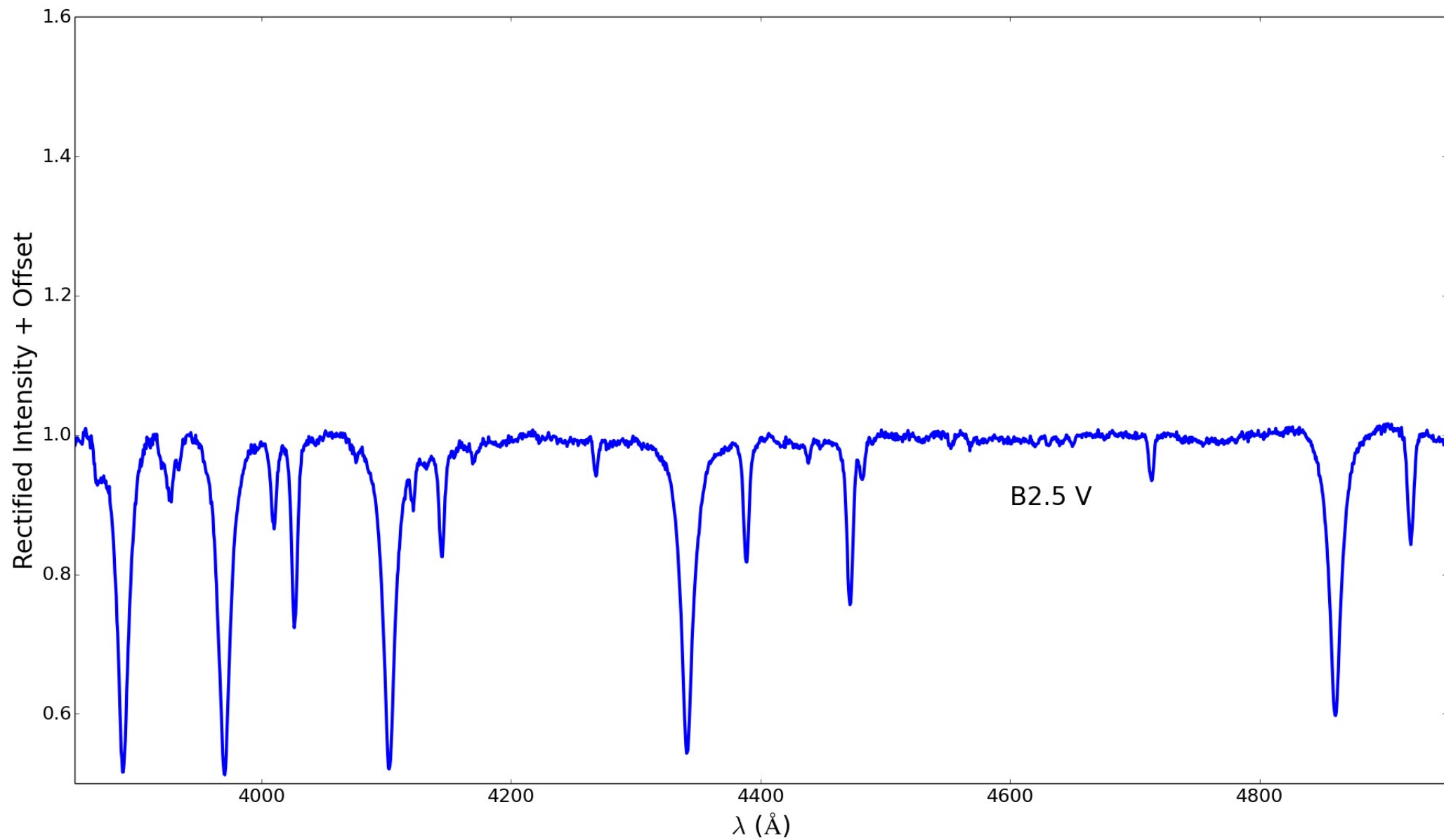


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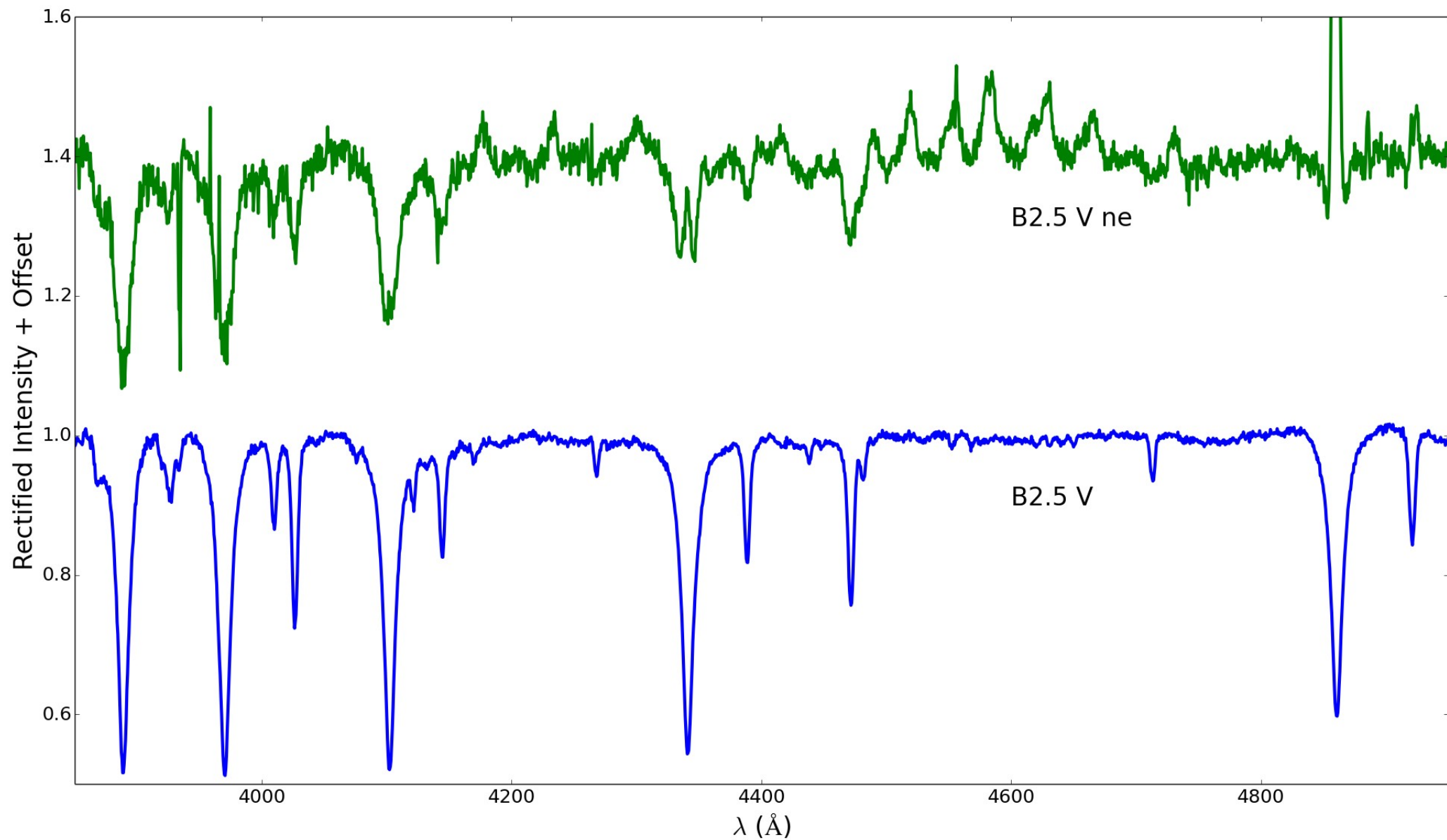
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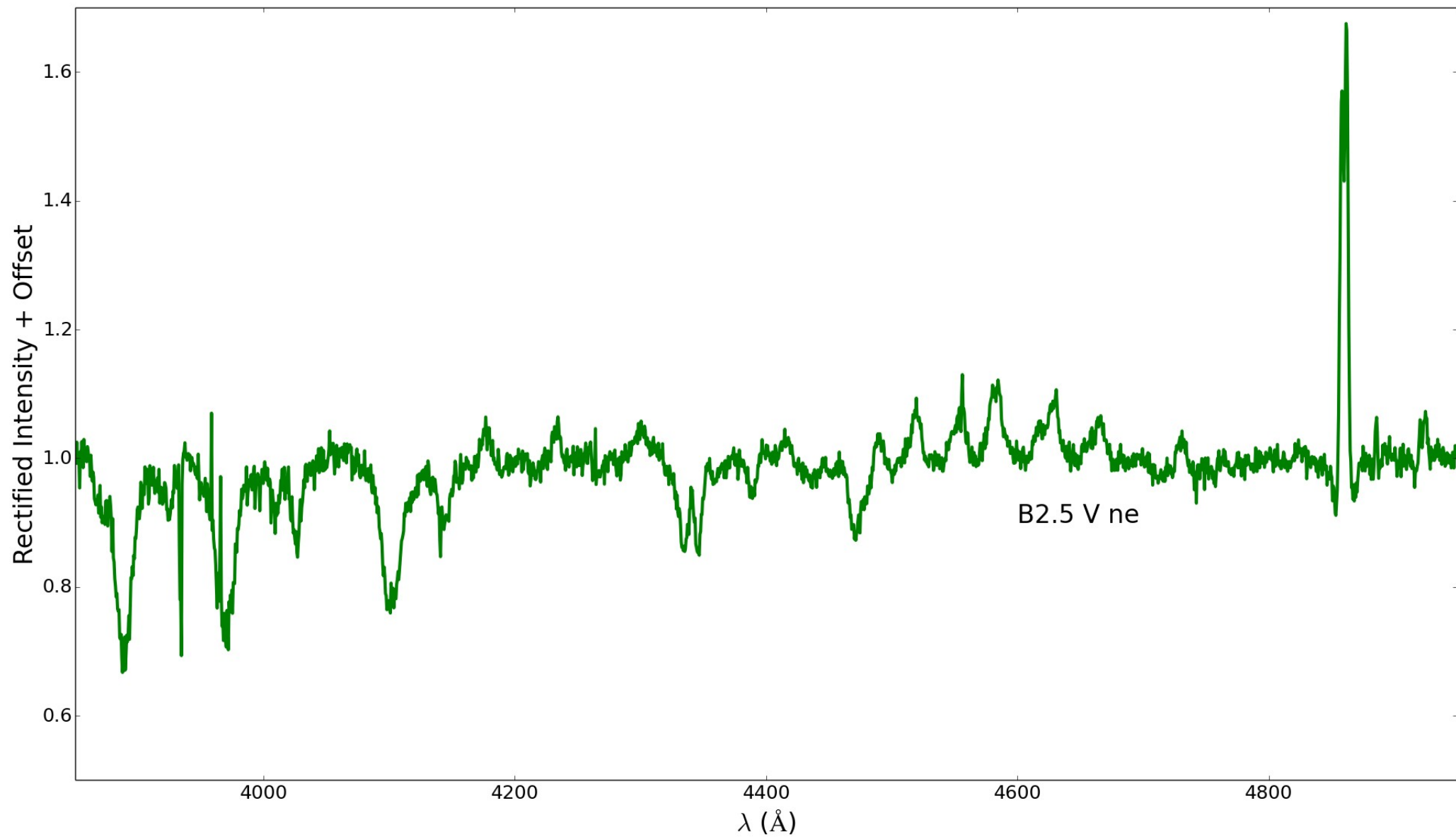
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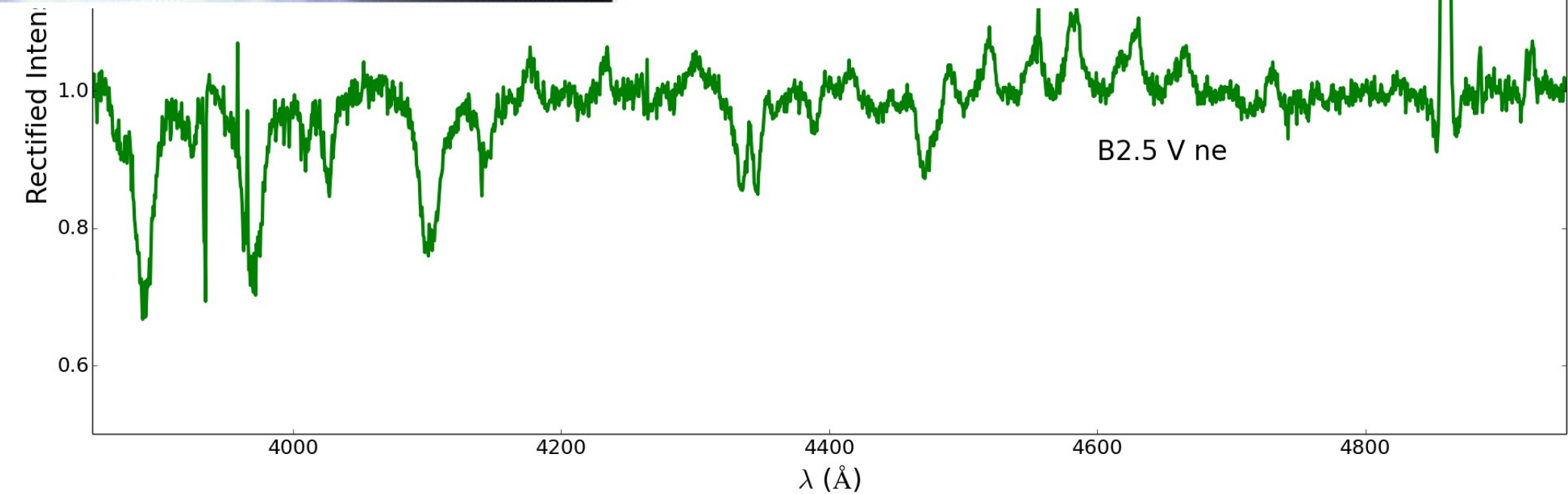
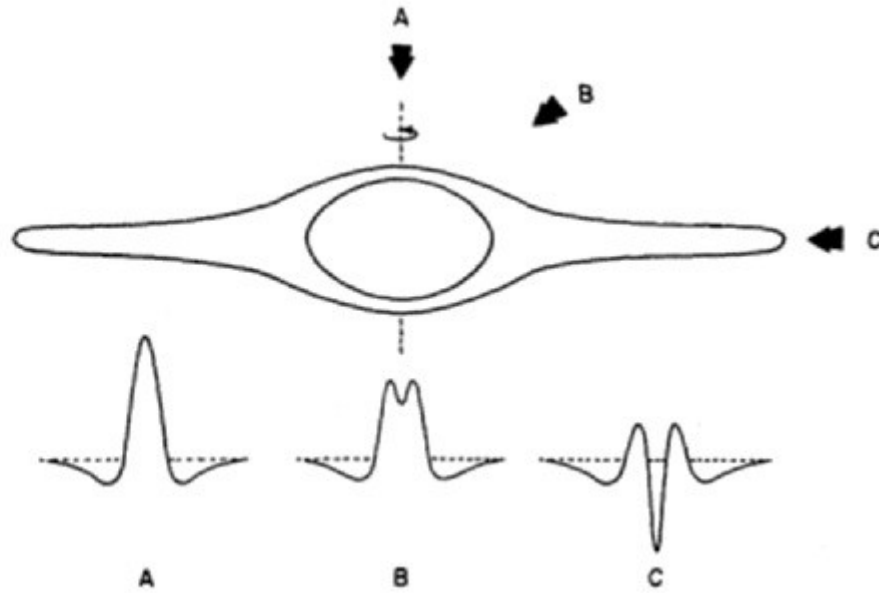
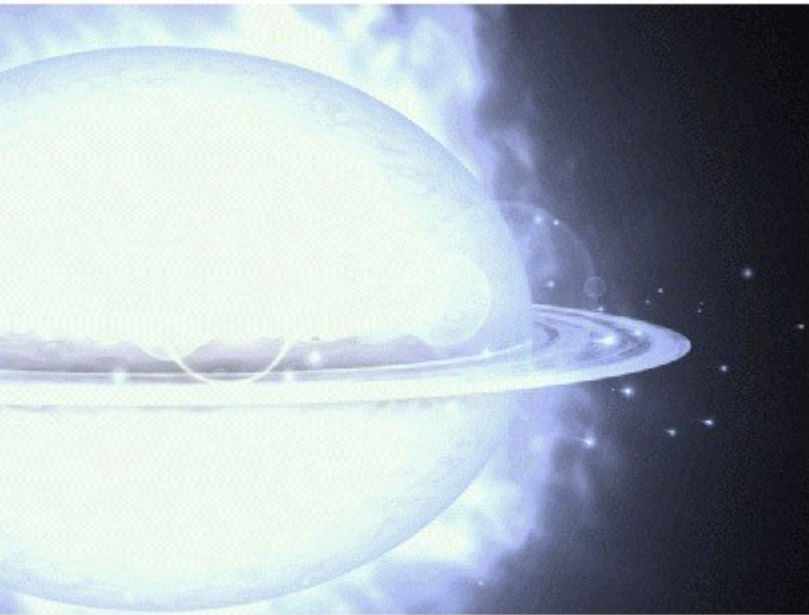
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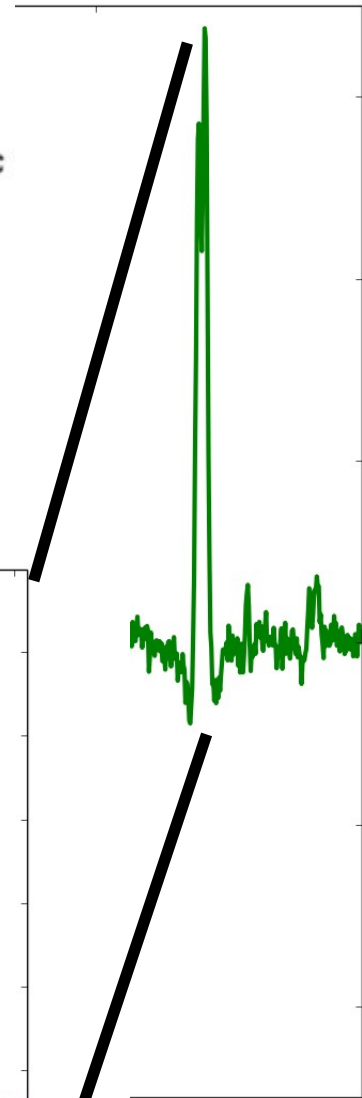
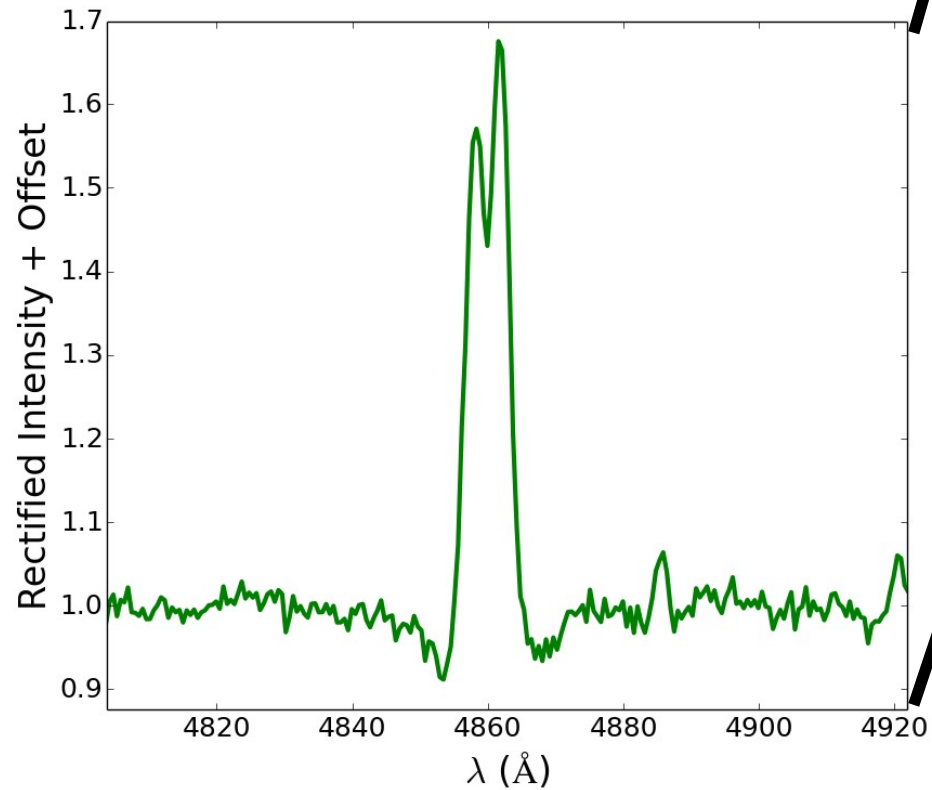
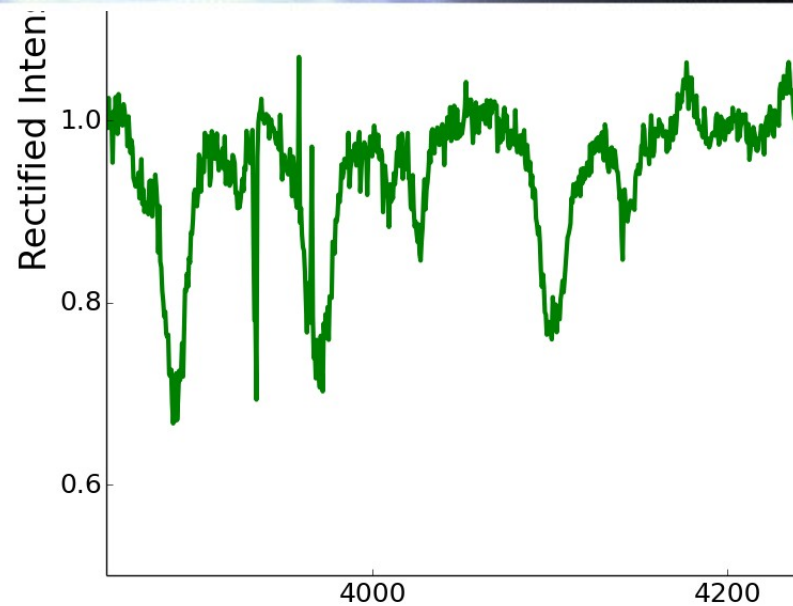
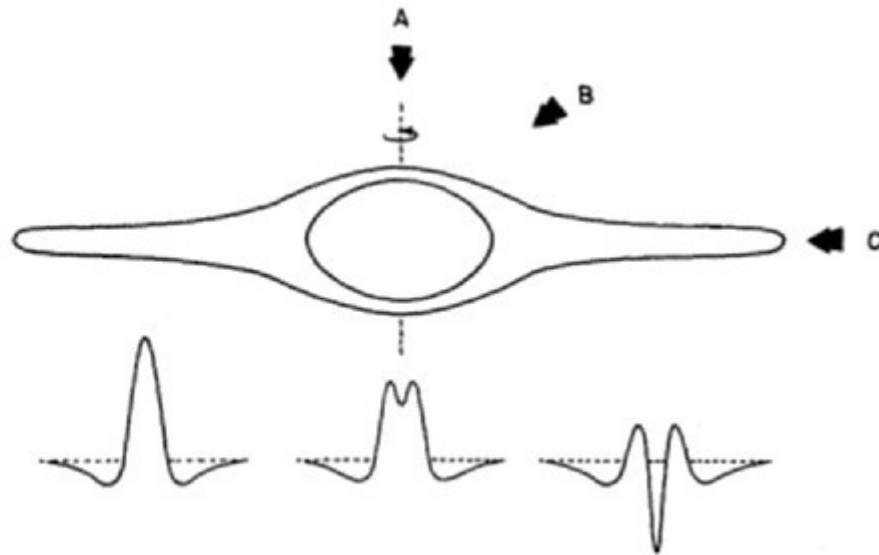
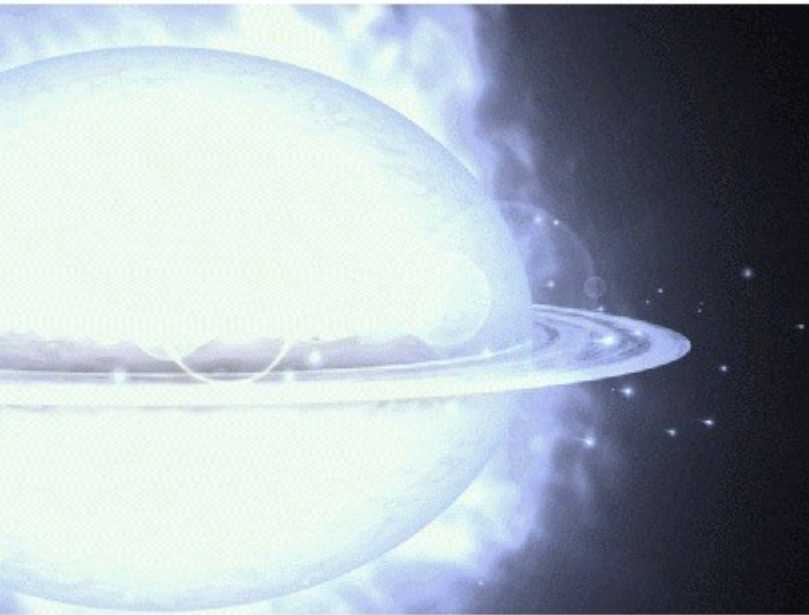
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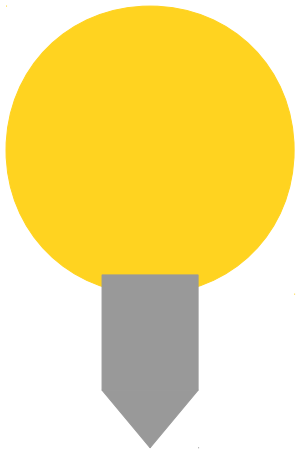
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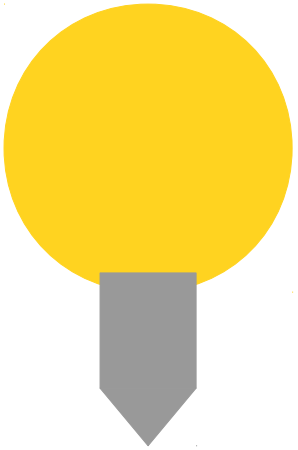
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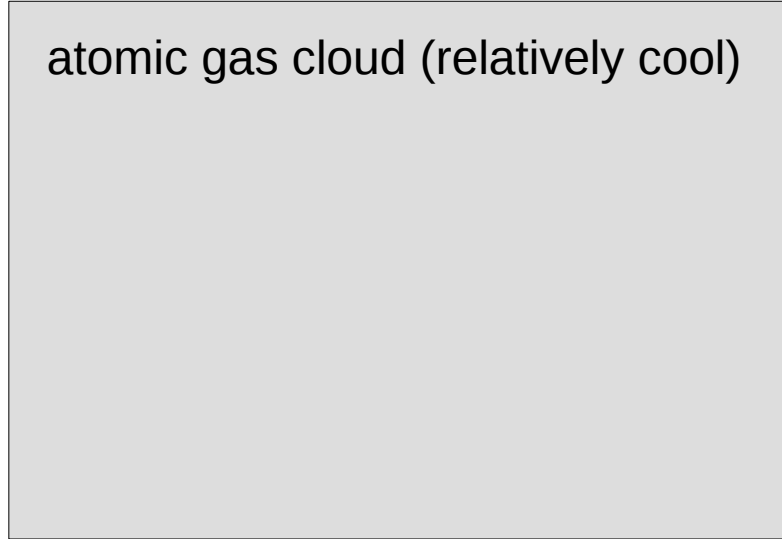


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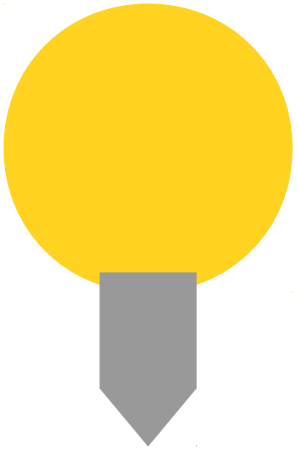
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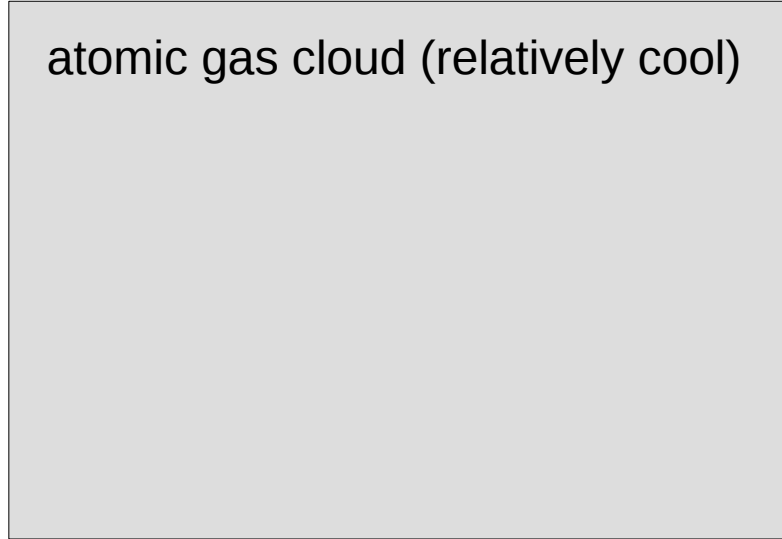


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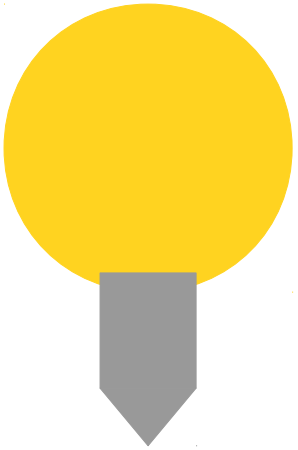


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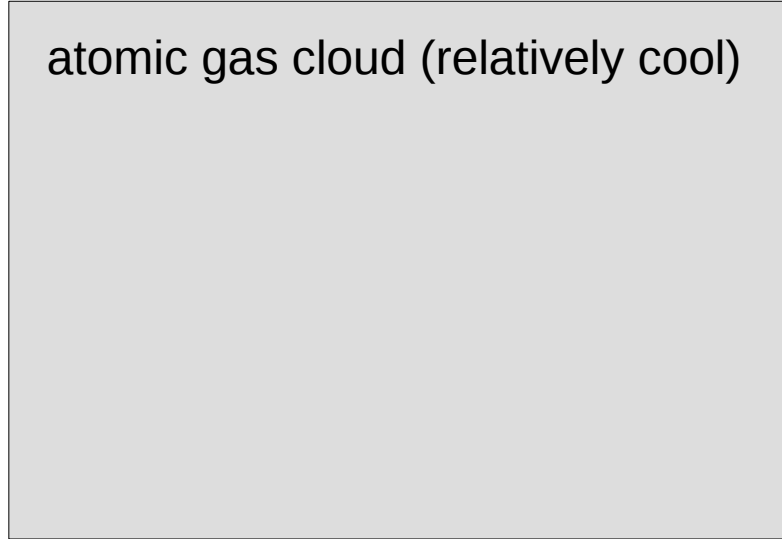


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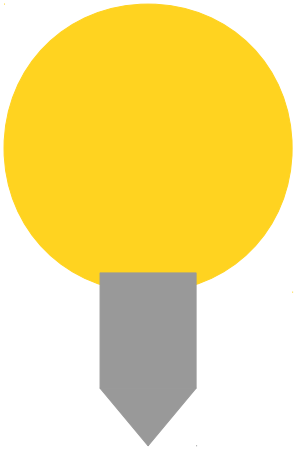


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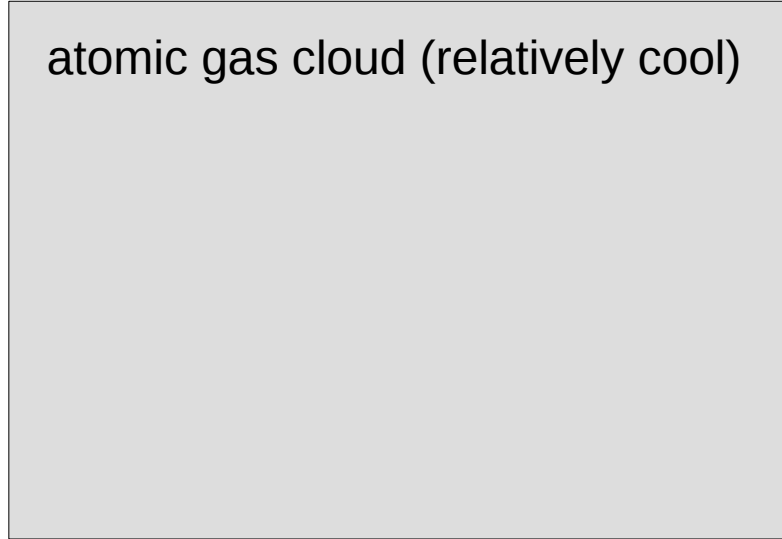


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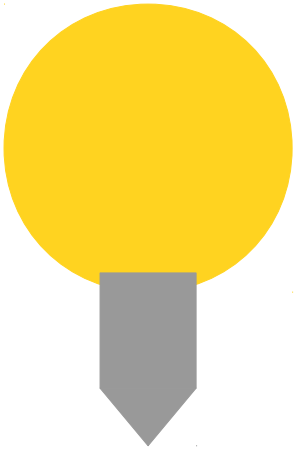


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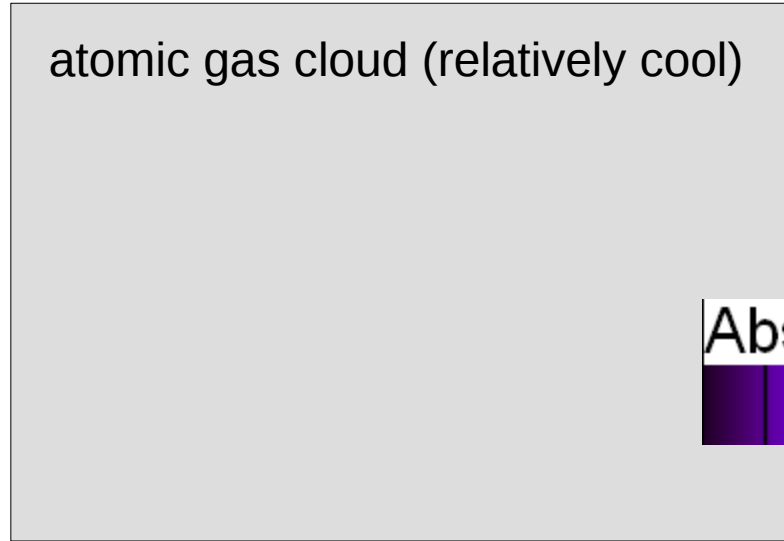


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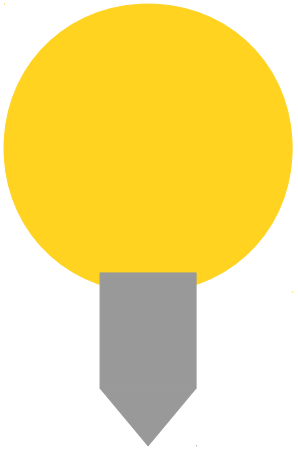


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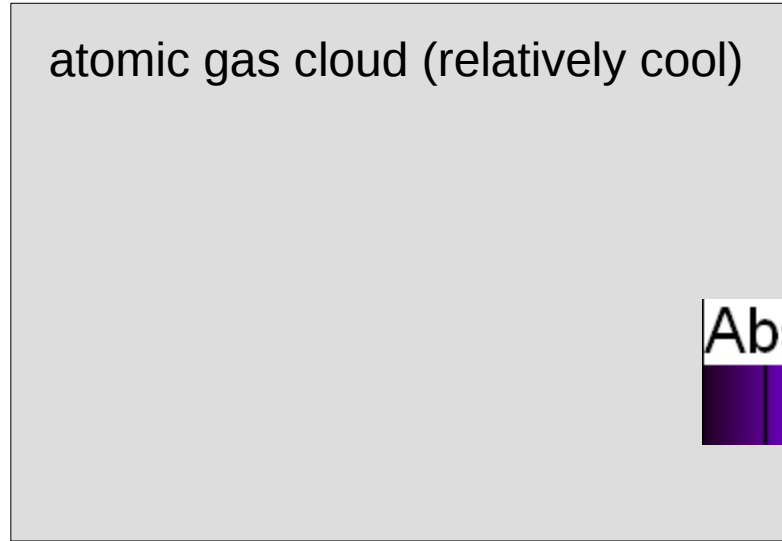


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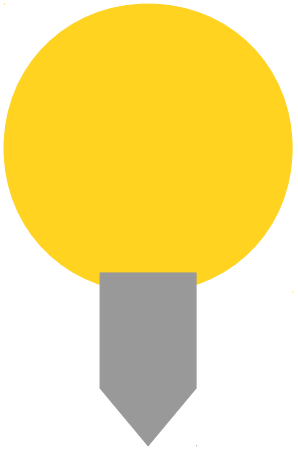


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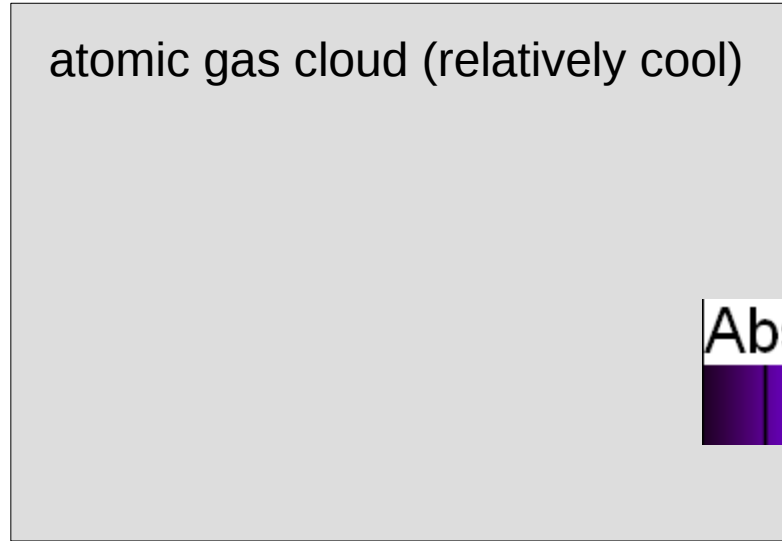


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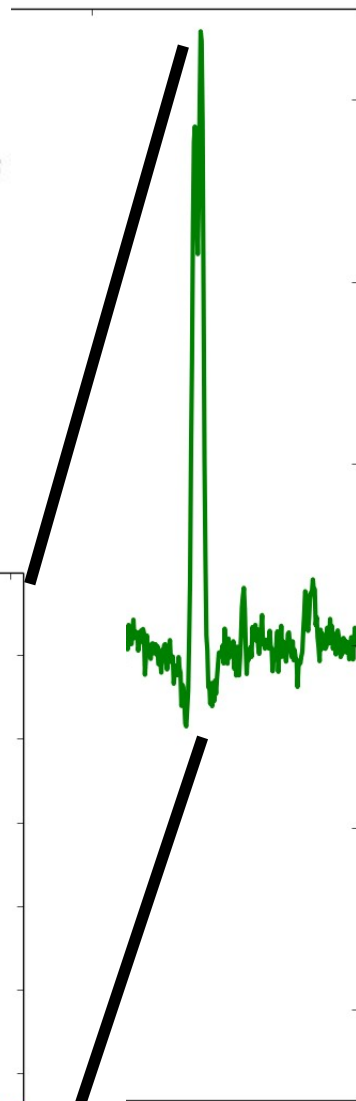
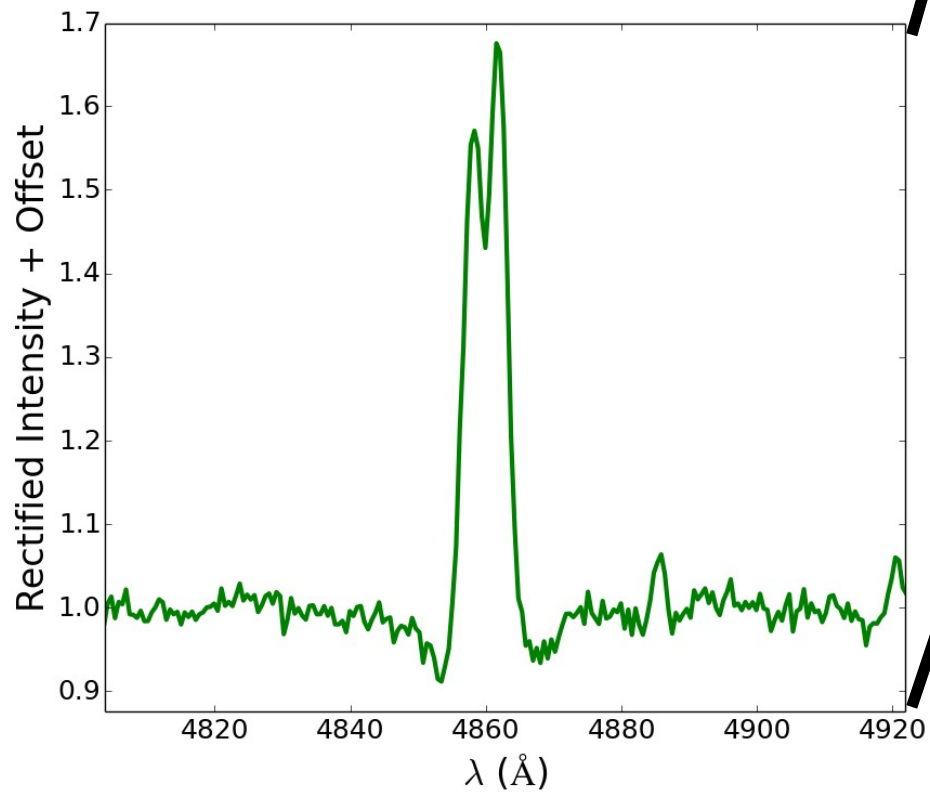
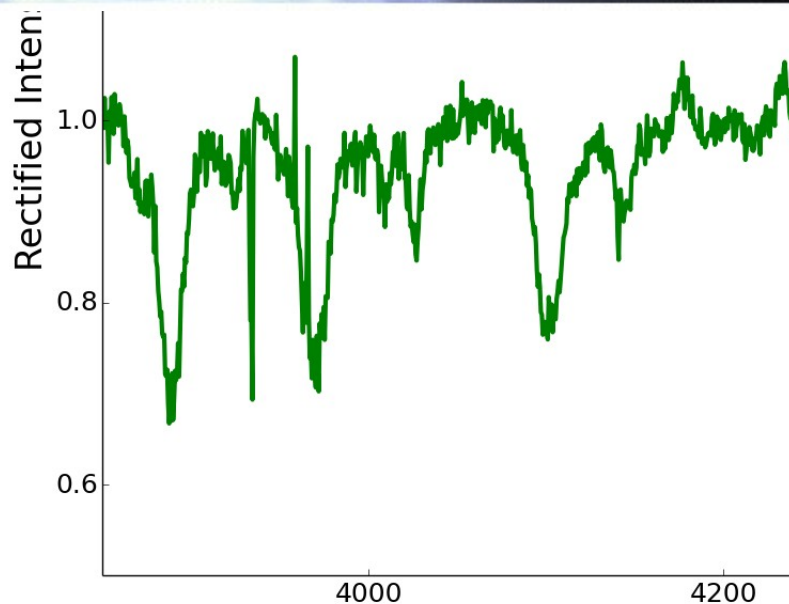
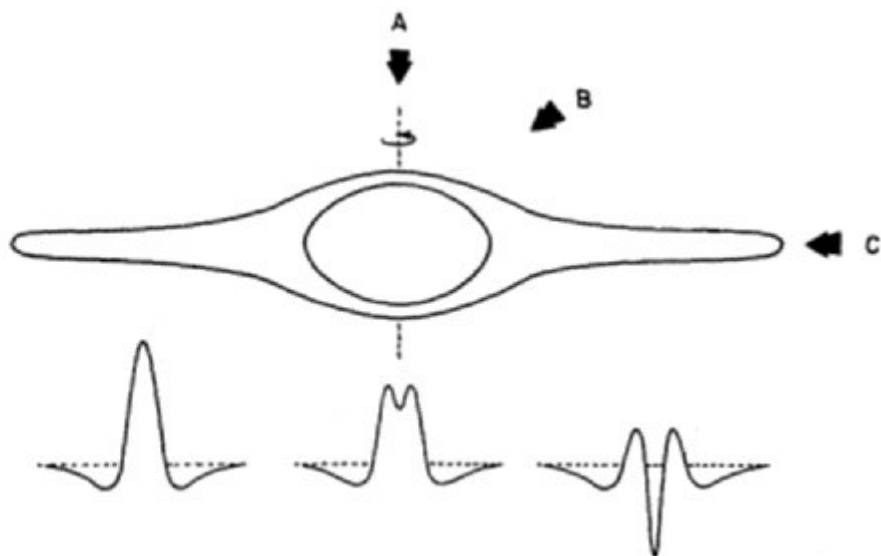
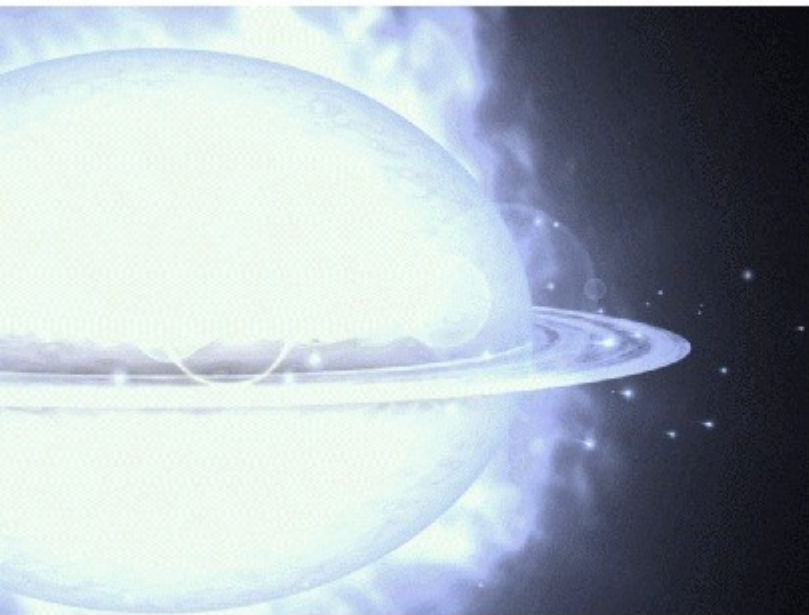


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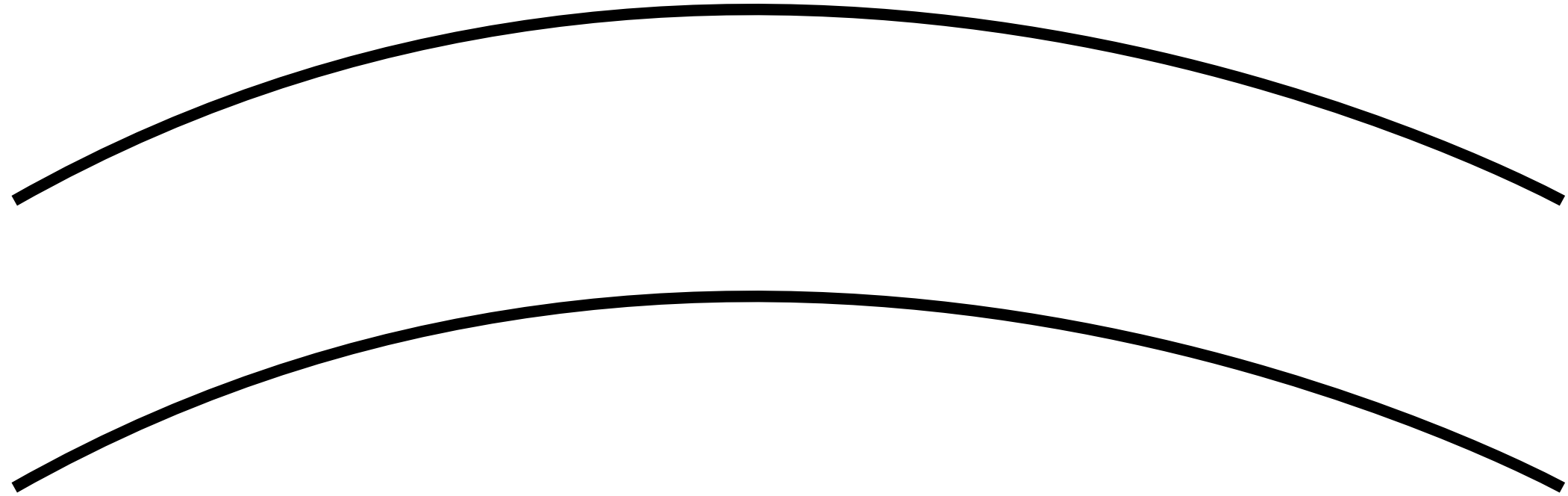
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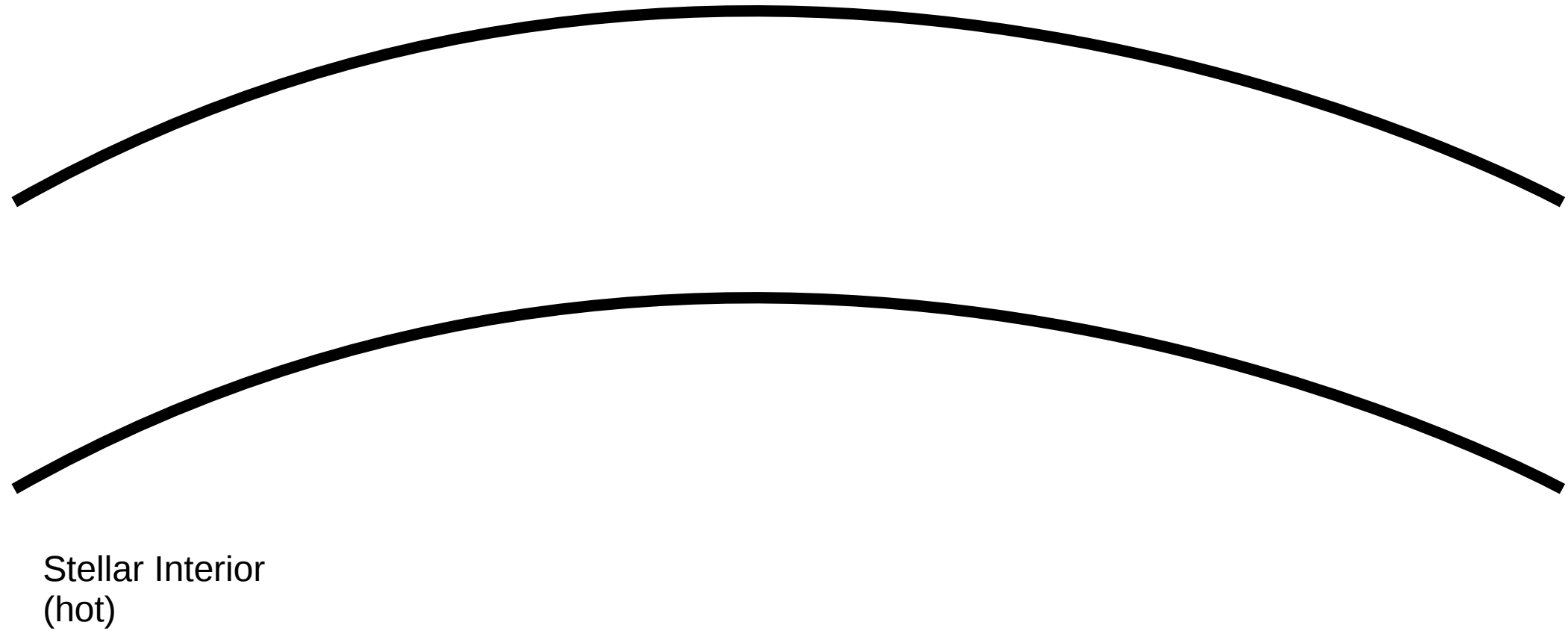
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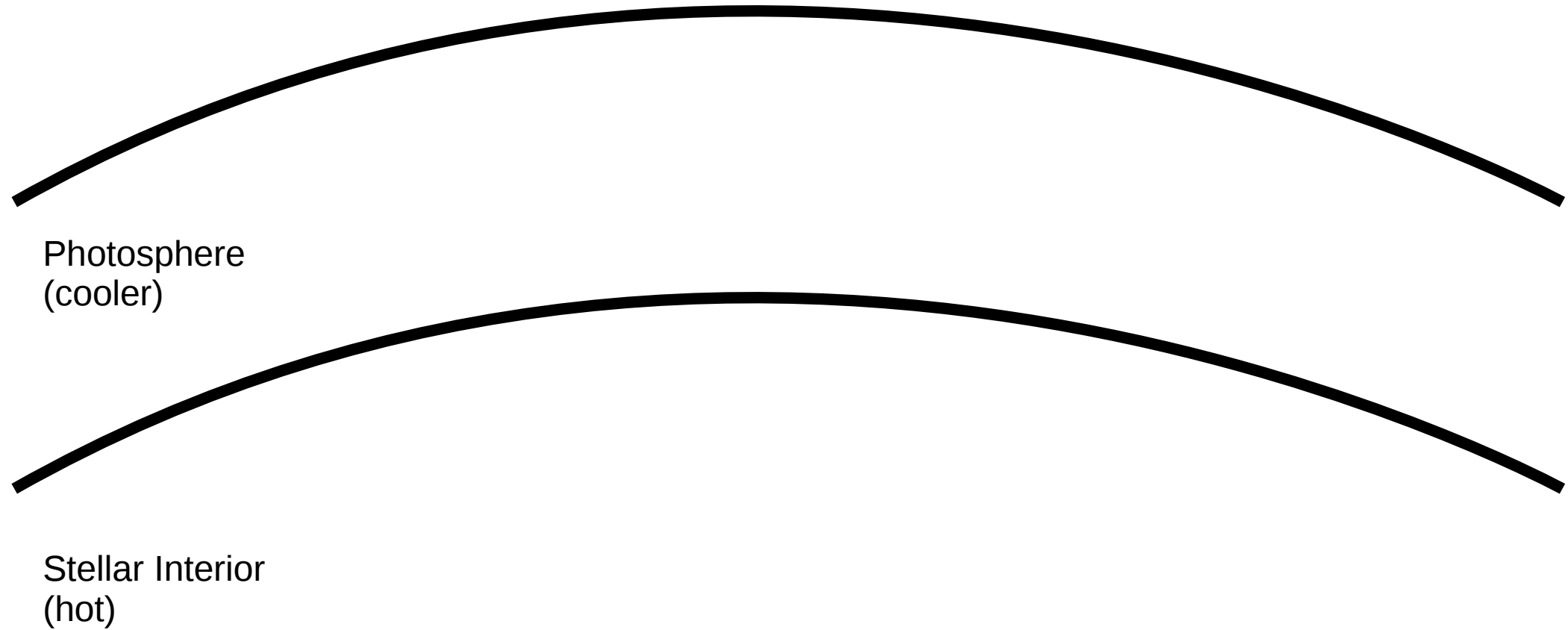
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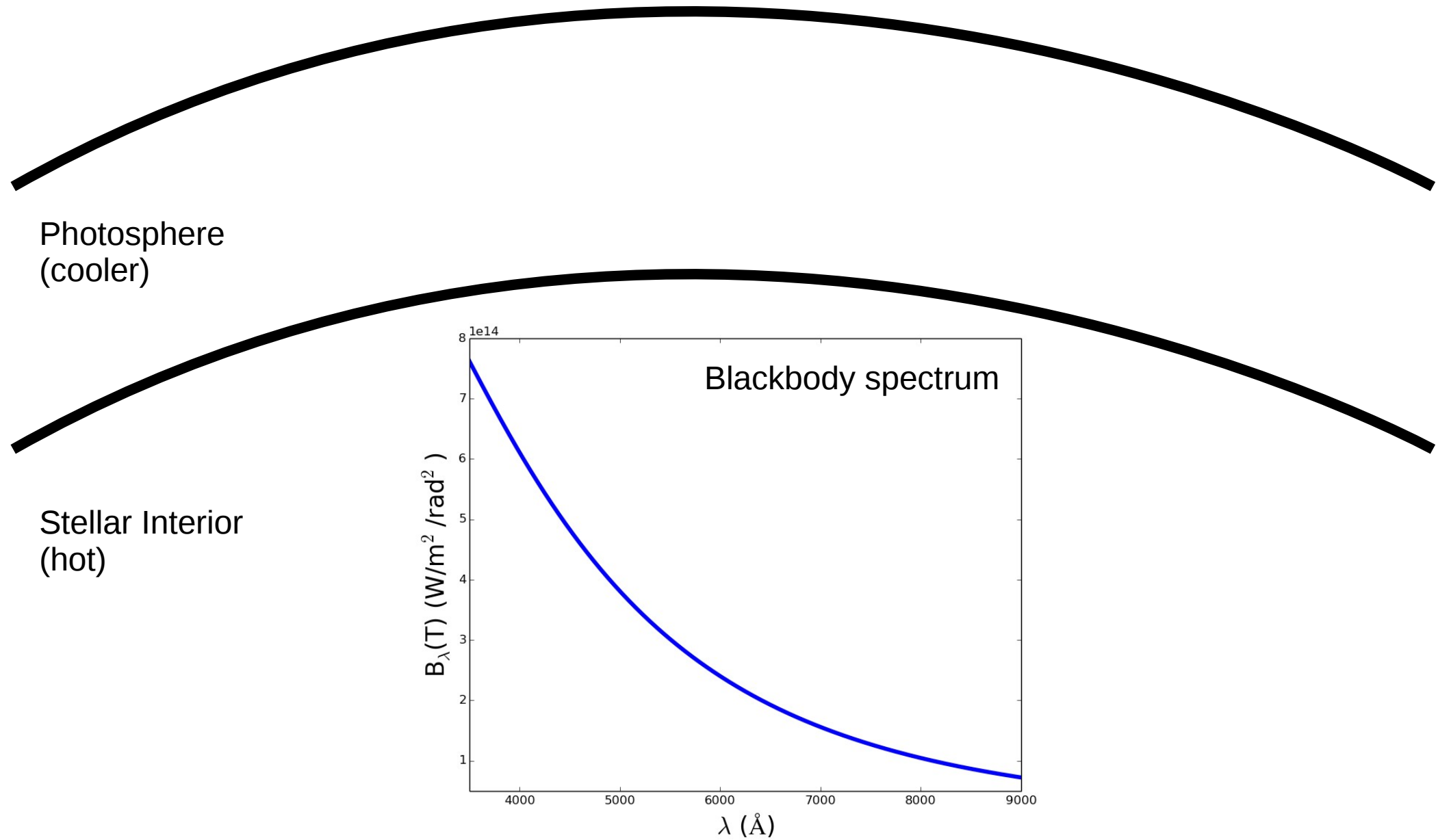
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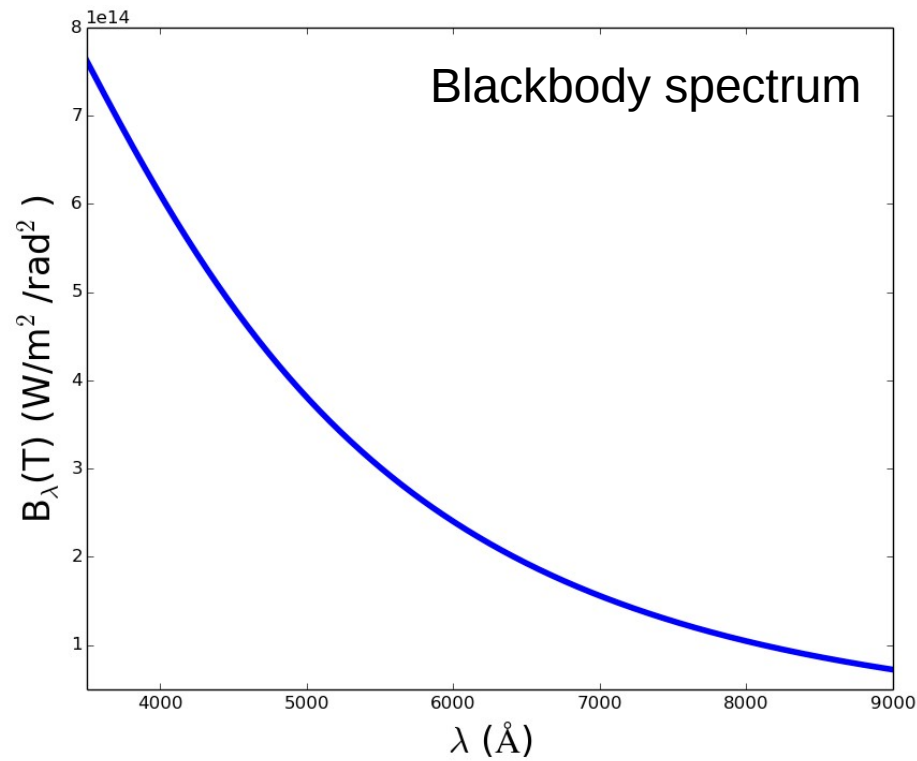
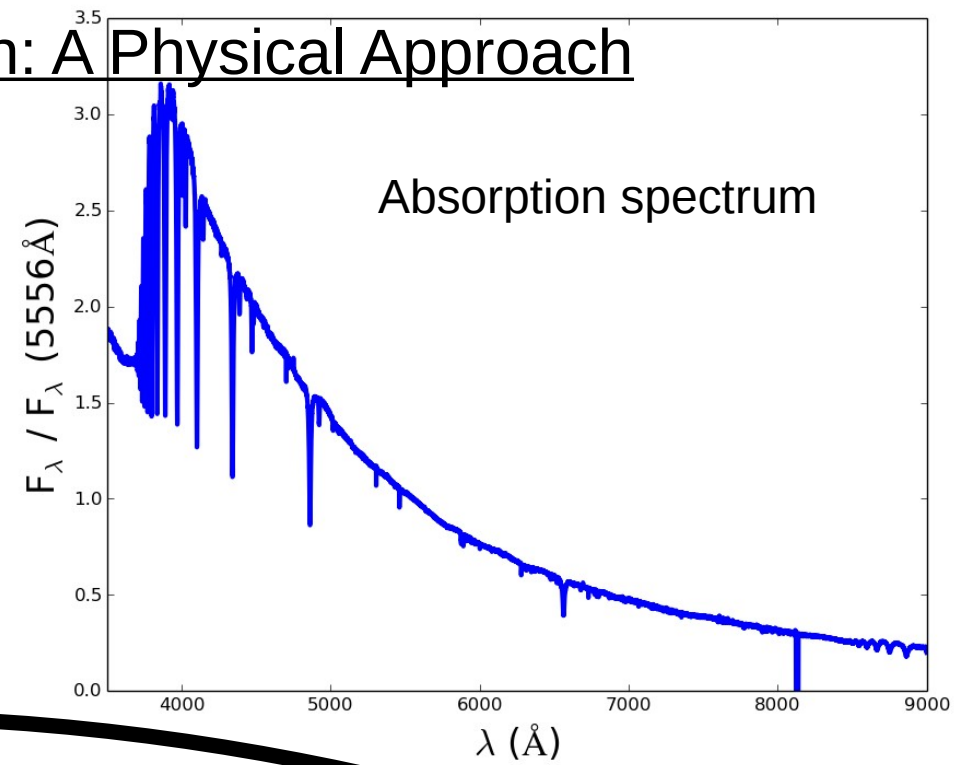
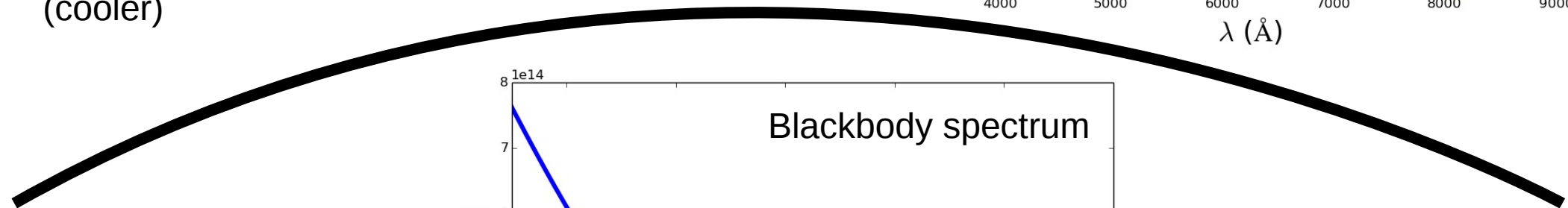
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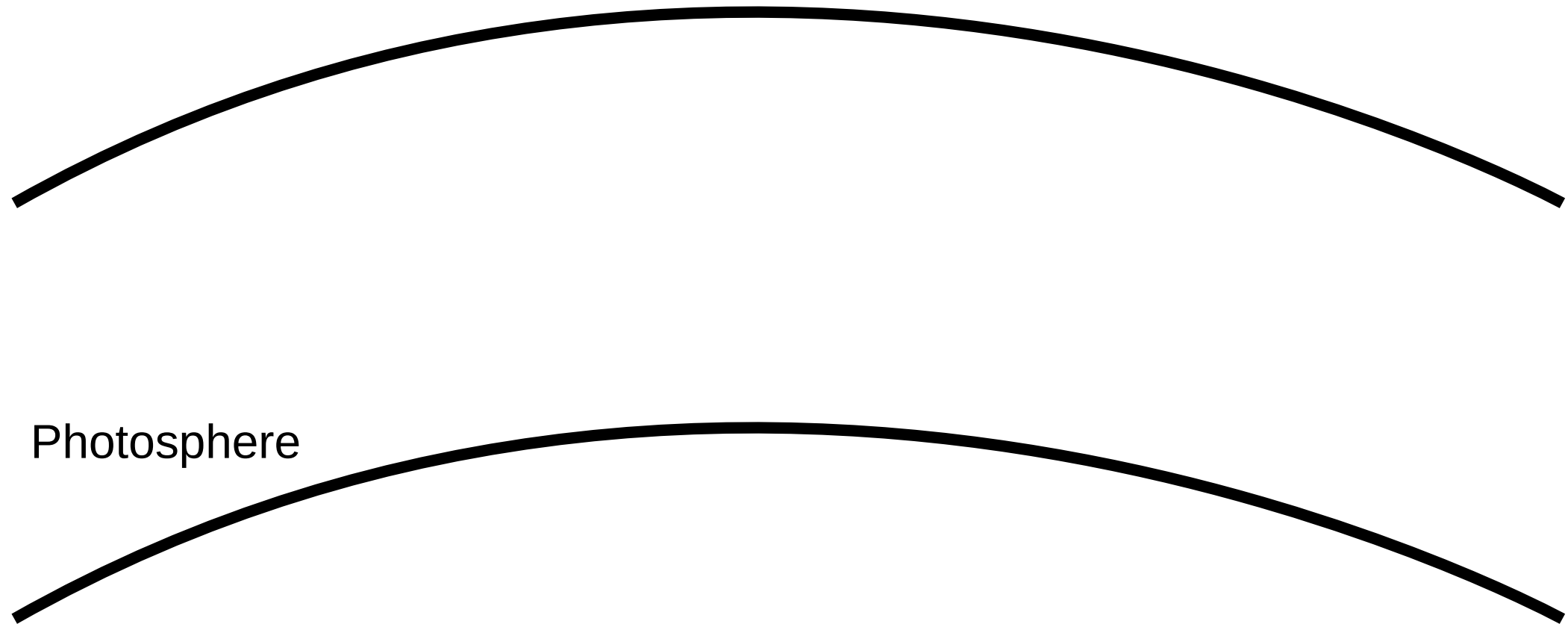
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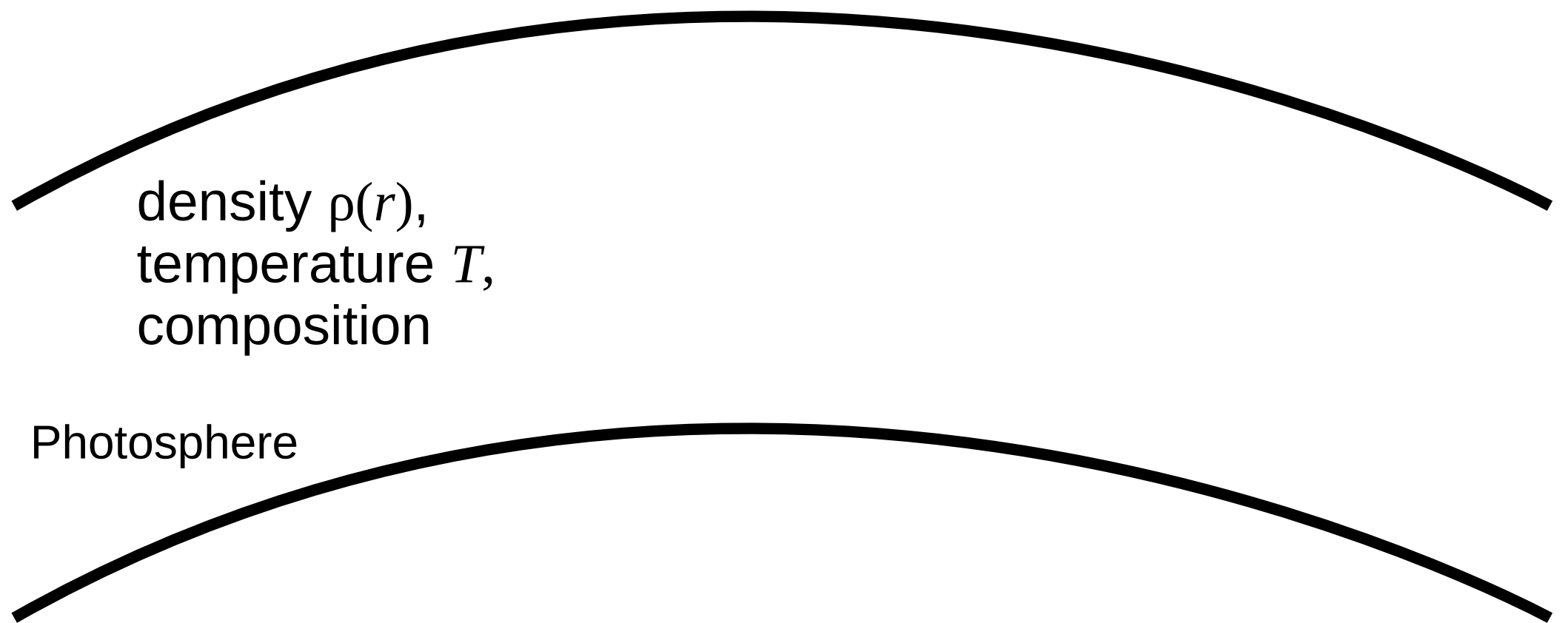
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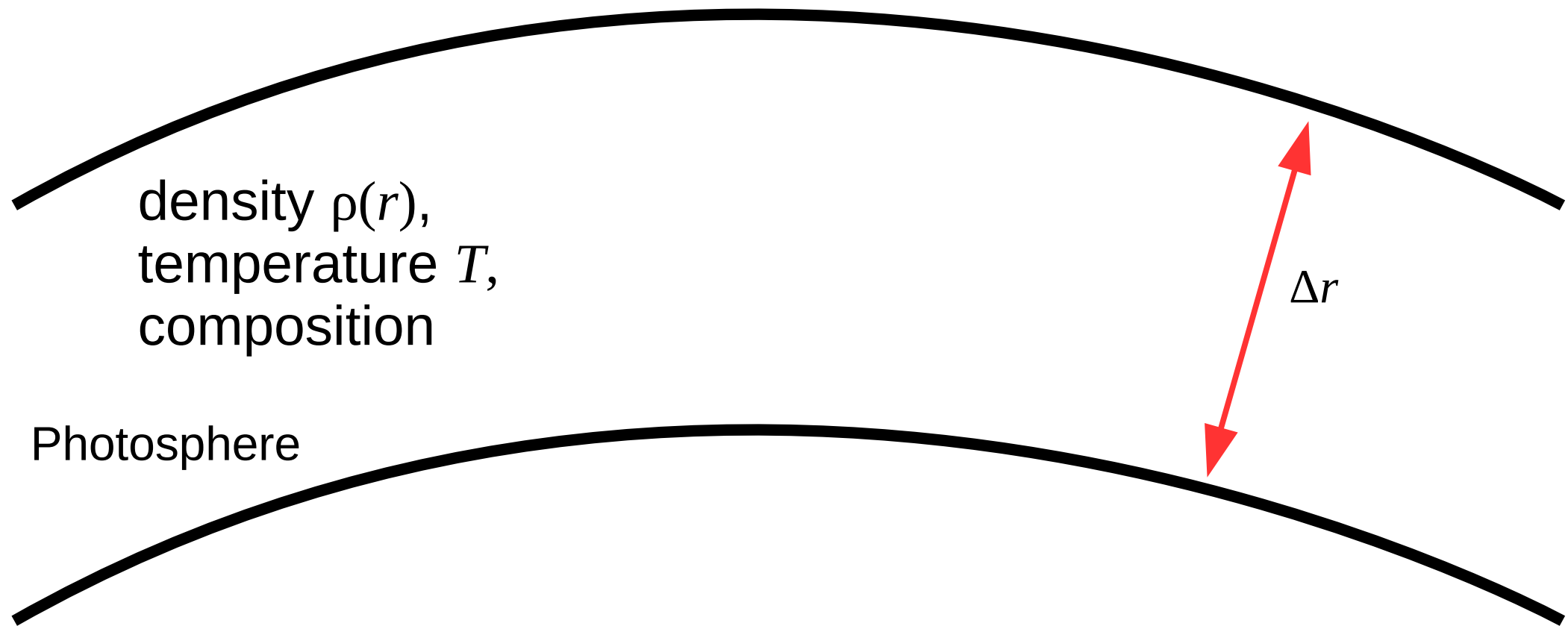


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density  $\rho(r)$ ,  
temperature  $T$ ,  
composition

Photosphere

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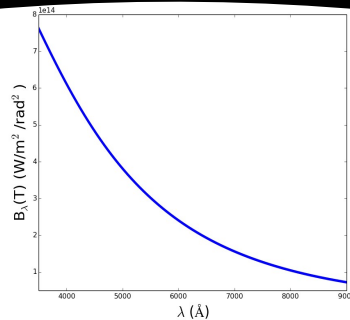
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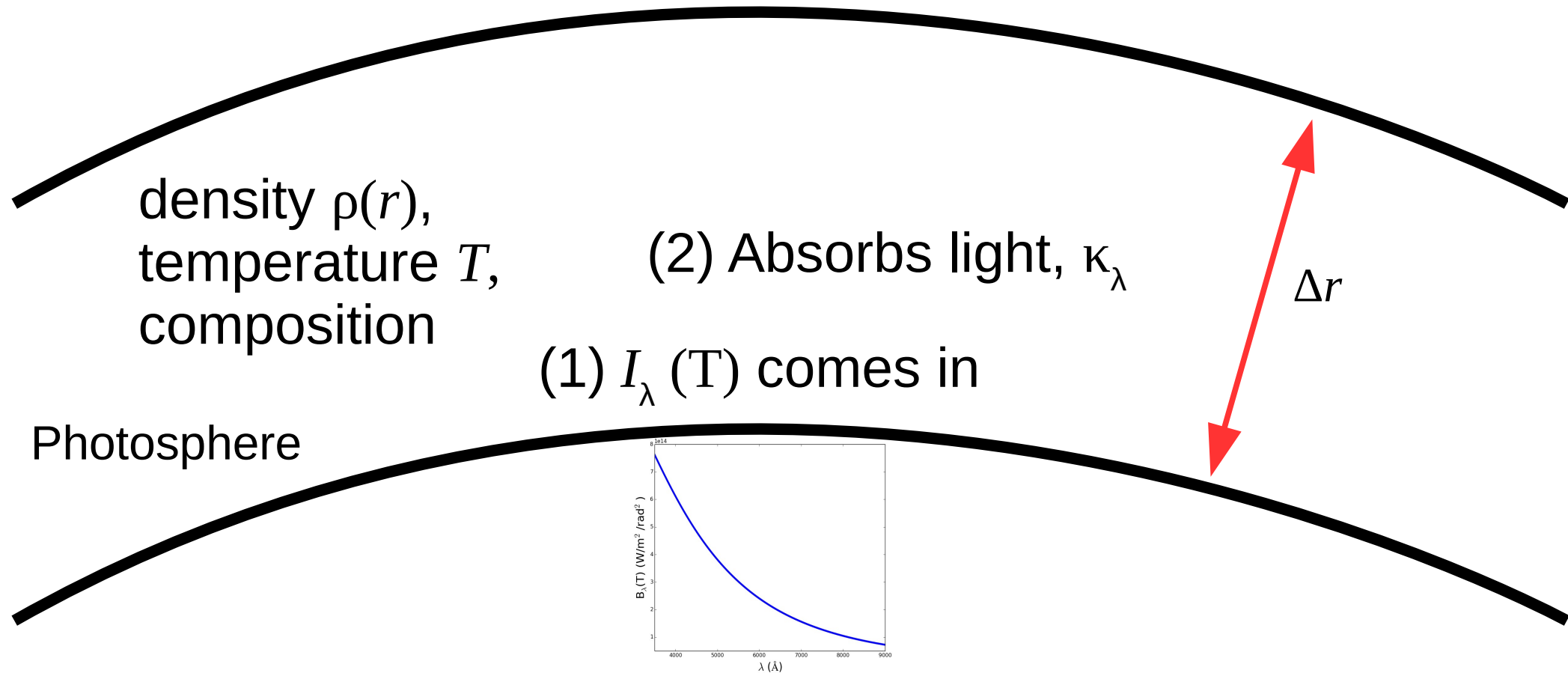
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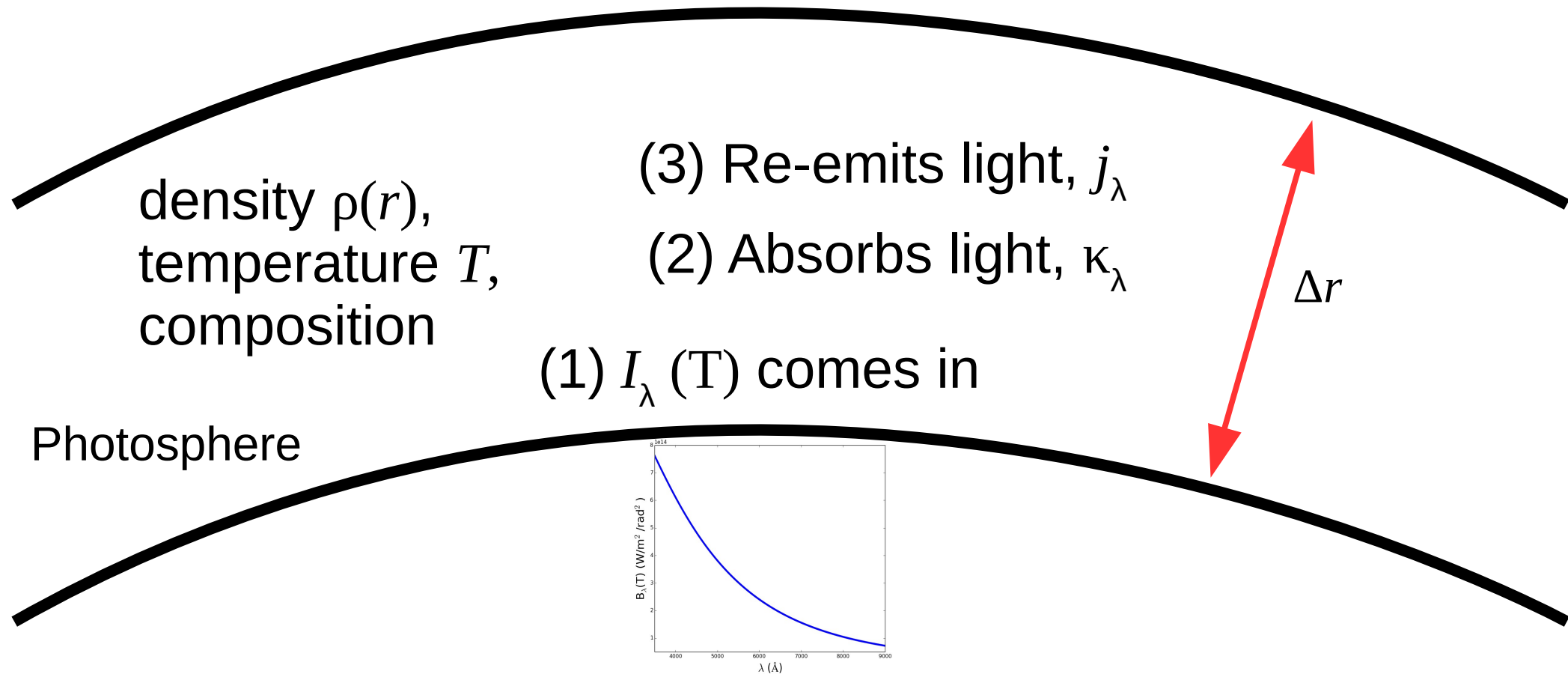
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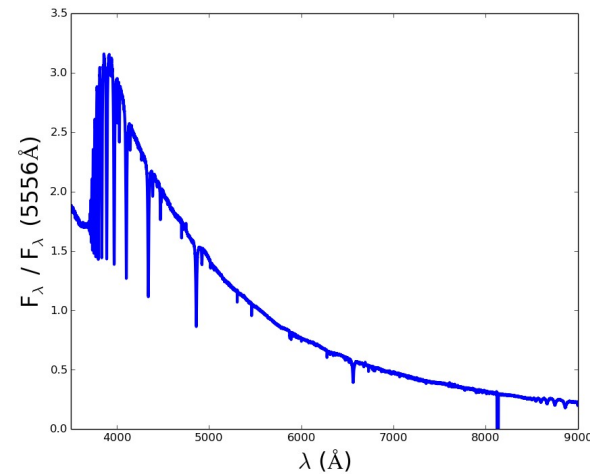


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(4) Light comes out



(3) Re-emits light,  $j_\lambda$

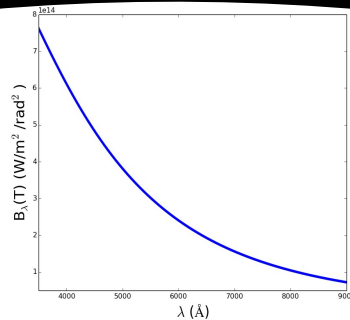
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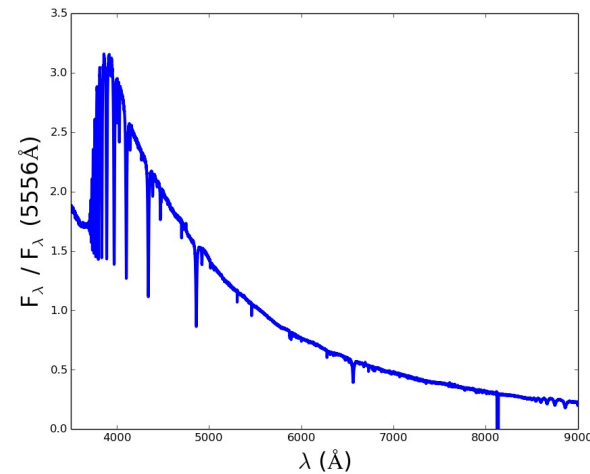
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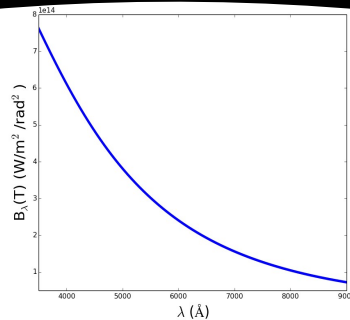
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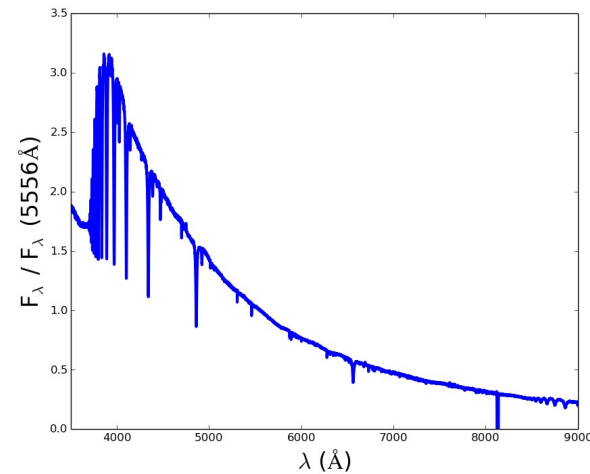
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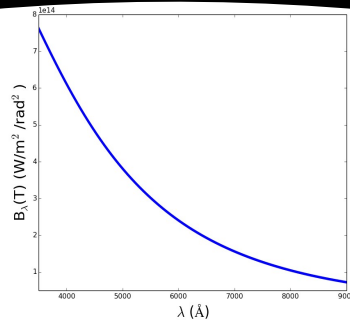
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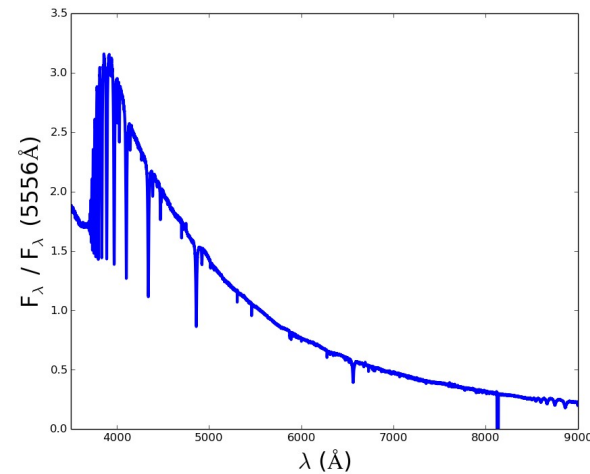
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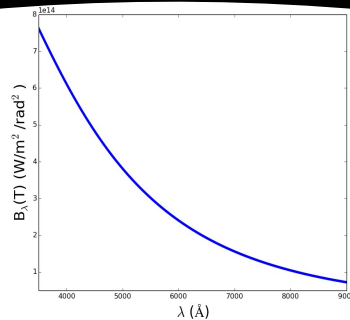
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$$(3) \Delta I_\lambda^{emitted} = j_\lambda \rho \Delta r$$

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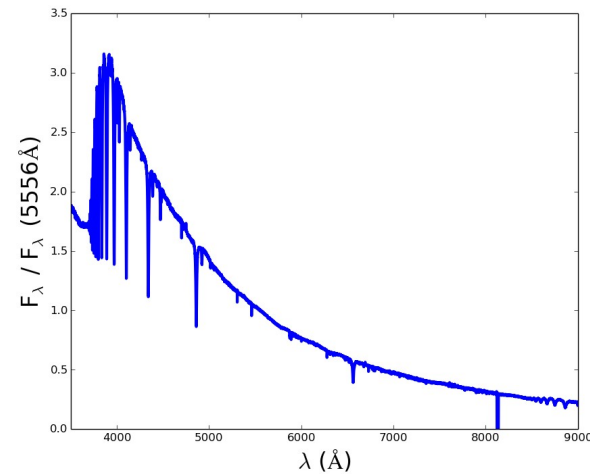
$$(1) I_\lambda^0$$

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# 4. Emission versus Absorption: A Physical Approach

$$(4) I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 + \Delta I_{\lambda}^{absorbed} + \Delta I_{\lambda}^{emitted}$$



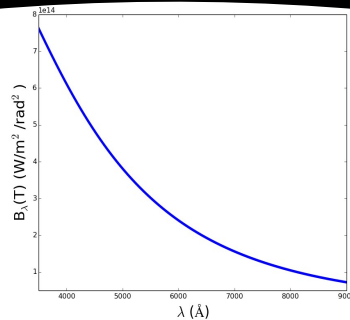
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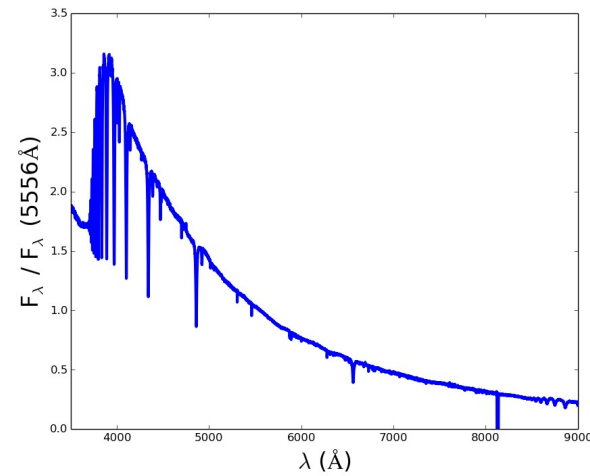
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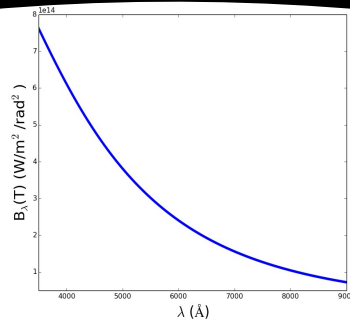


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$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 + \Delta I_{\lambda}^{\text{absorbed}} + \Delta I_{\lambda}^{\text{emitted}}$$

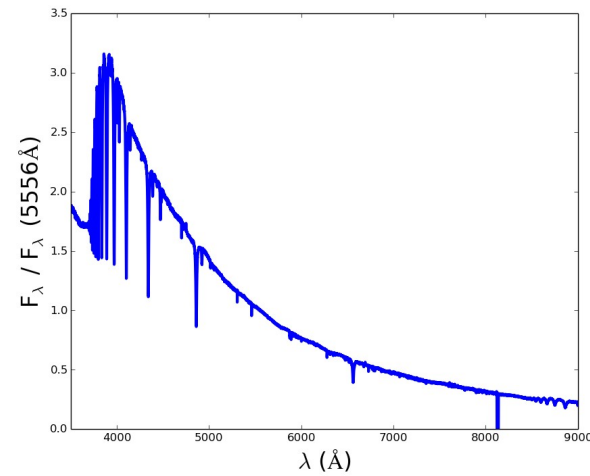


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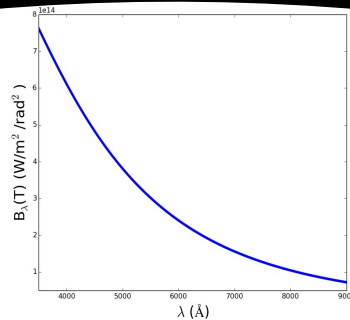
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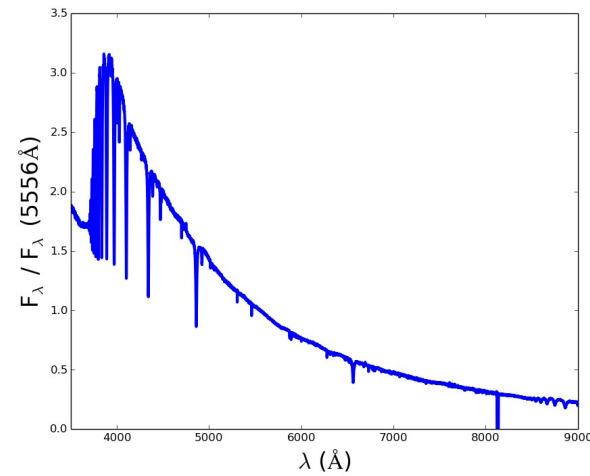
$$\Delta \tau_{\lambda} = \kappa_{\lambda} \rho \Delta r$$

Photosphere



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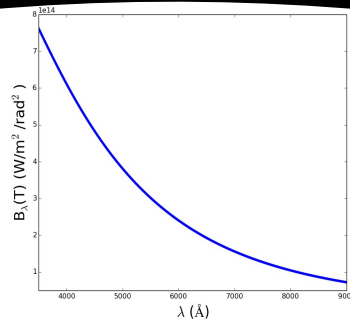
$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 + \Delta I_{\lambda}^{\text{absorbed}} + \Delta I_{\lambda}^{\text{emitted}}$$



$$S_{\lambda} = \frac{j_{\lambda}}{\kappa_{\lambda}}$$

$$\Delta \tau_{\lambda} = \kappa_{\lambda} \rho \Delta r$$

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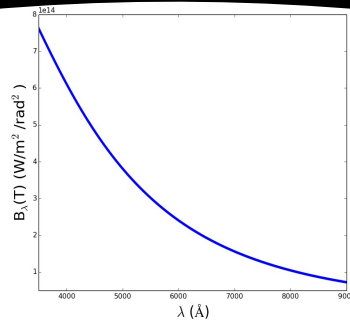
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$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} + S_{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\lambda}})$$

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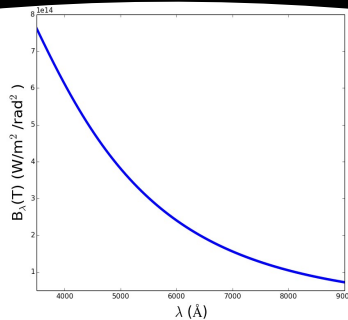
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(light taken out)

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Photosphere



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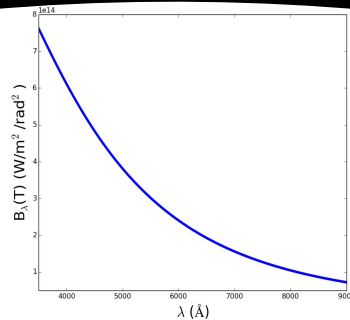
$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} + S_{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\lambda}})$$

(light taken out)                      (light added by the cloud)

$$S_{\lambda} = \frac{j_{\lambda}}{\kappa_{\lambda}}$$

$$\Delta \tau_{\lambda} = \kappa_{\lambda} \rho \Delta r$$

Photosphere



## 4. Emission versus Absorption: A Physical Approach

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} + S_{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\lambda}})$$

(final intensity)

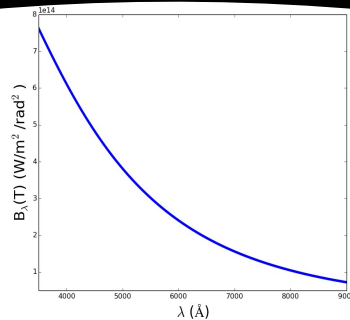
(light taken out)

(light added by the cloud)

$$S_{\lambda} = \frac{j_{\lambda}}{\kappa_{\lambda}}$$

$$\Delta \tau_{\lambda} = \kappa_{\lambda} \rho \Delta r$$

Photosphere



#### 4. Emission *versus* Absorption: A Physical Approach

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} + S_{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\lambda}})$$



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$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} + S_{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\lambda}})$$

**Limit A. The cloud layer is optically thick**

#### 4. Emission *versus* Absorption: A Physical Approach

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} + S_{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\lambda}})$$

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$$\tau_{\lambda} \rightarrow \infty$$

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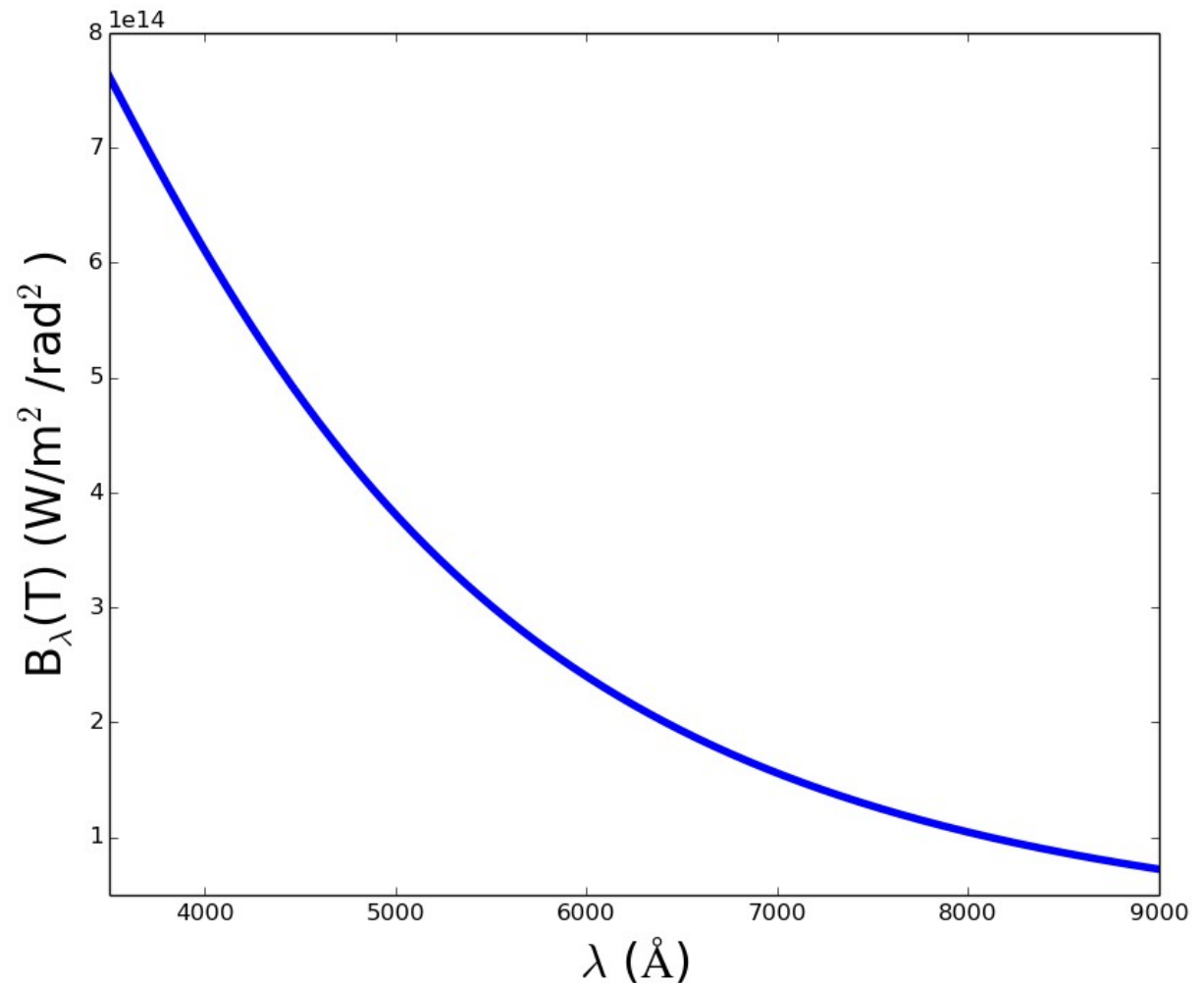
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#### 4. Emission *versus* Absorption: A Physical Approach

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} + S_{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\lambda}})$$

**Limit B.**

#### 4. Emission *versus* Absorption: A Physical Approach

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**Limit B. The cloud layer is optically thin**

#### 4. Emission *versus* Absorption: A Physical Approach

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} + S_{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\lambda}})$$

**Limit B. The cloud layer is optically thin**

$$e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} \rightarrow 1 - \tau_{\lambda}$$



#### 4. Emission *versus* Absorption: A Physical Approach

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} + S_{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\lambda}})$$

**Limit B. The cloud layer is optically thin**

$$e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} \rightarrow 1 - \tau_{\lambda}$$

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 + [S_{\lambda} - I_{\lambda}^0] \tau_{\lambda}$$

#### 4. Emission *versus* Absorption: A Physical Approach

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 + [S_{\lambda} - I_{\lambda}^0] \tau_{\lambda}$$

**Limit B. The cloud layer is optically thin**

**Case I.**

#### 4. Emission *versus* Absorption: A Physical Approach

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 + [S_{\lambda} - I_{\lambda}^0] \tau_{\lambda}$$

**Limit B. The cloud layer is optically thin**

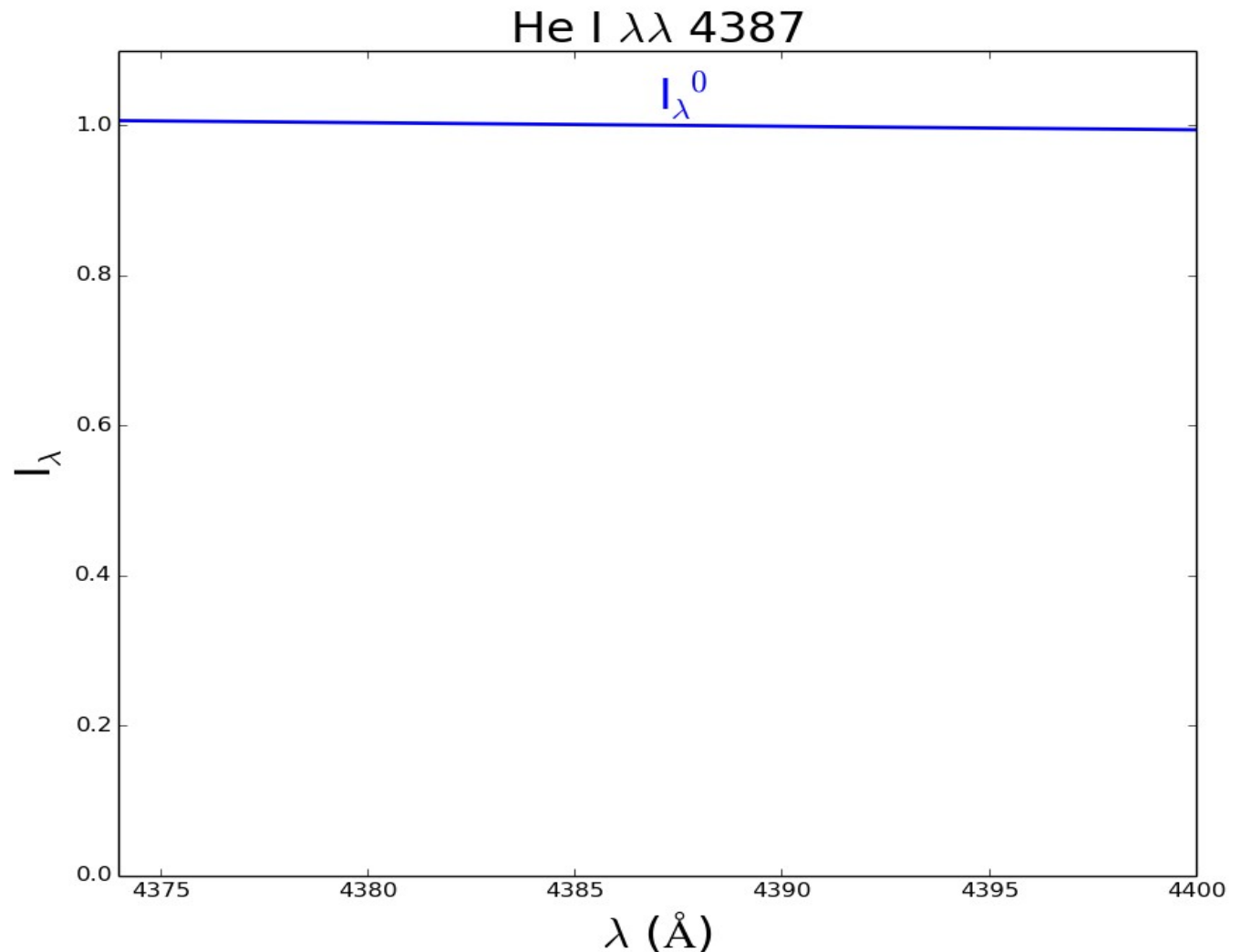
**Case I.  $I_{\lambda}^0 > S_{\lambda}$**

#### 4. Emission versus Absorption: A Physical Approach

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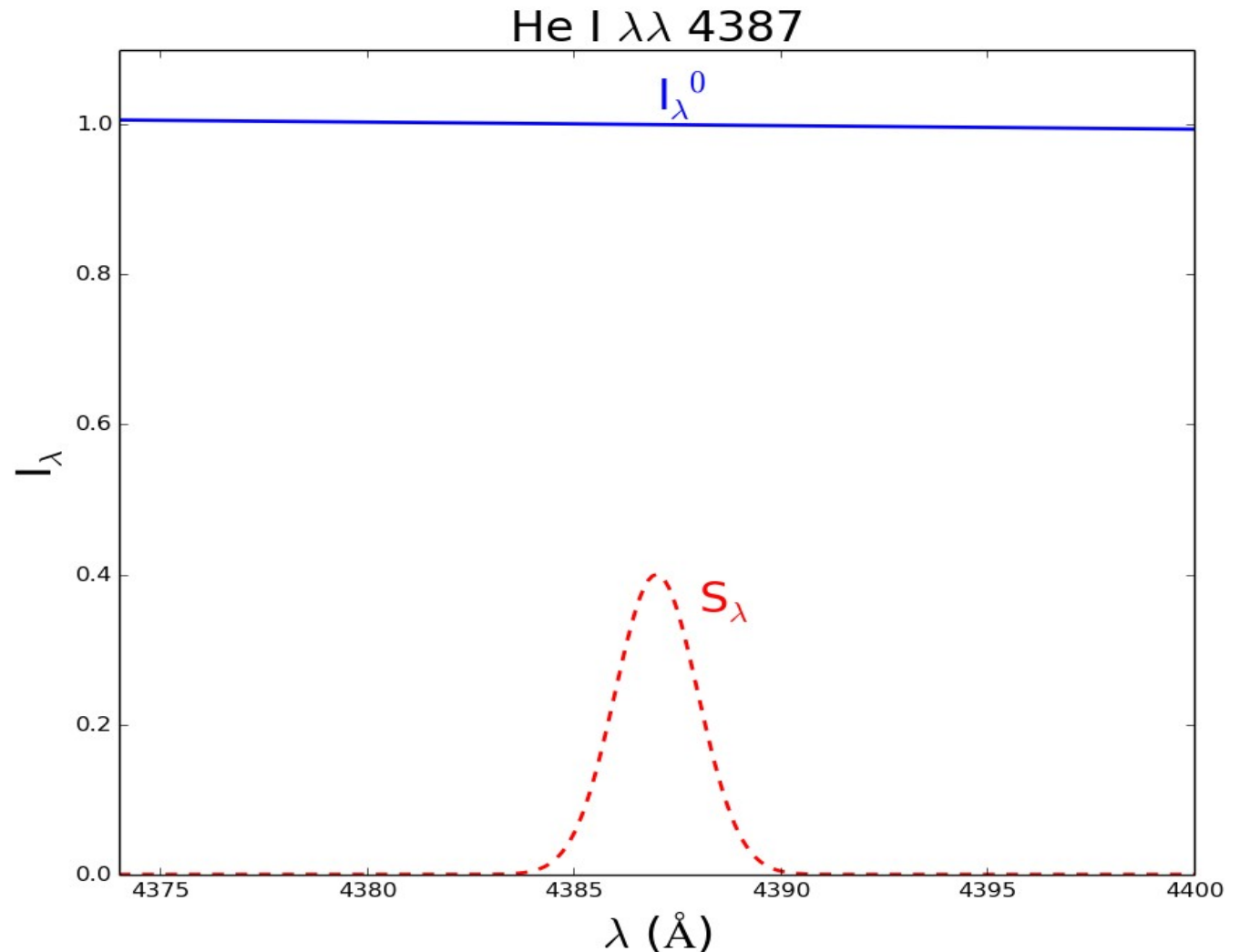


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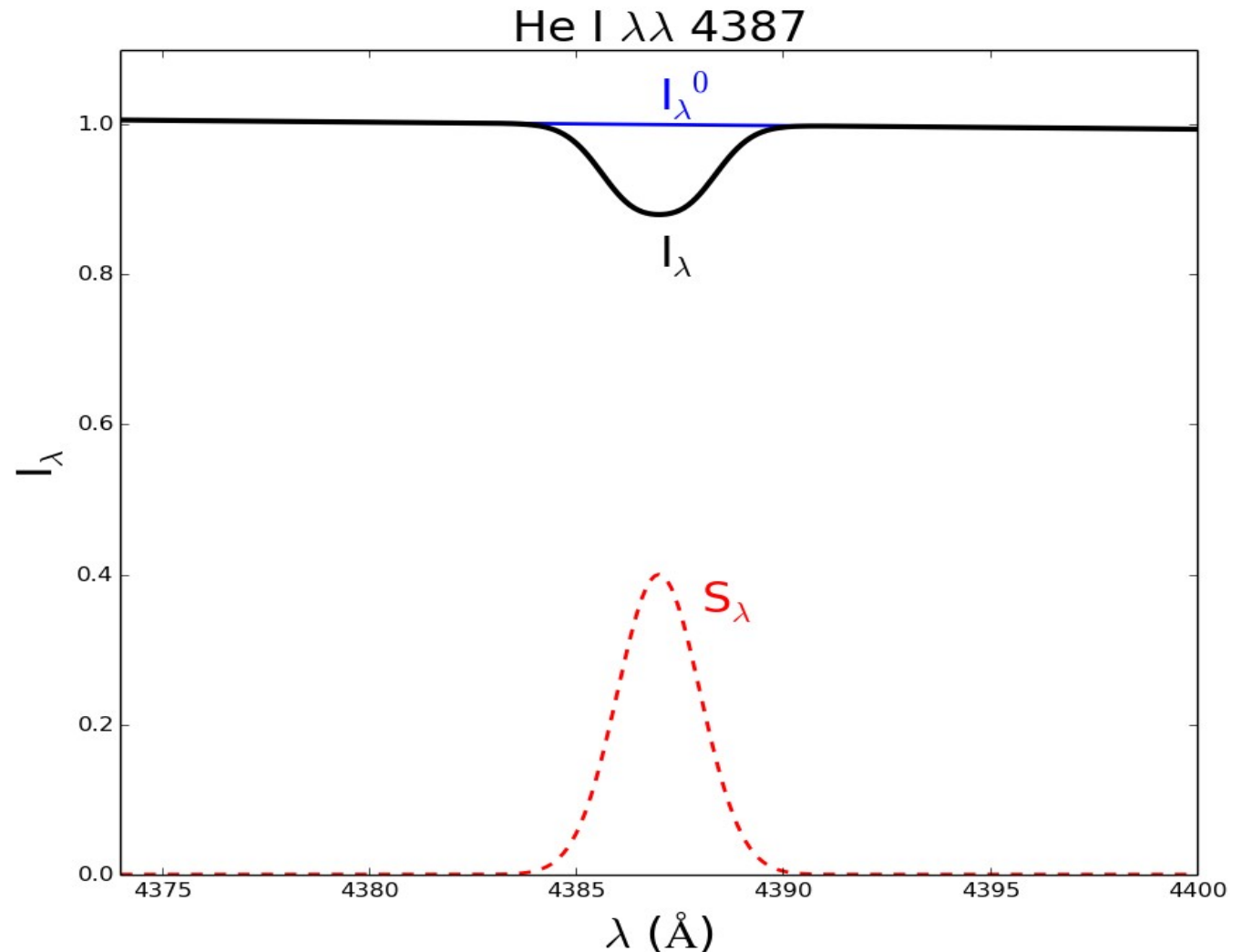


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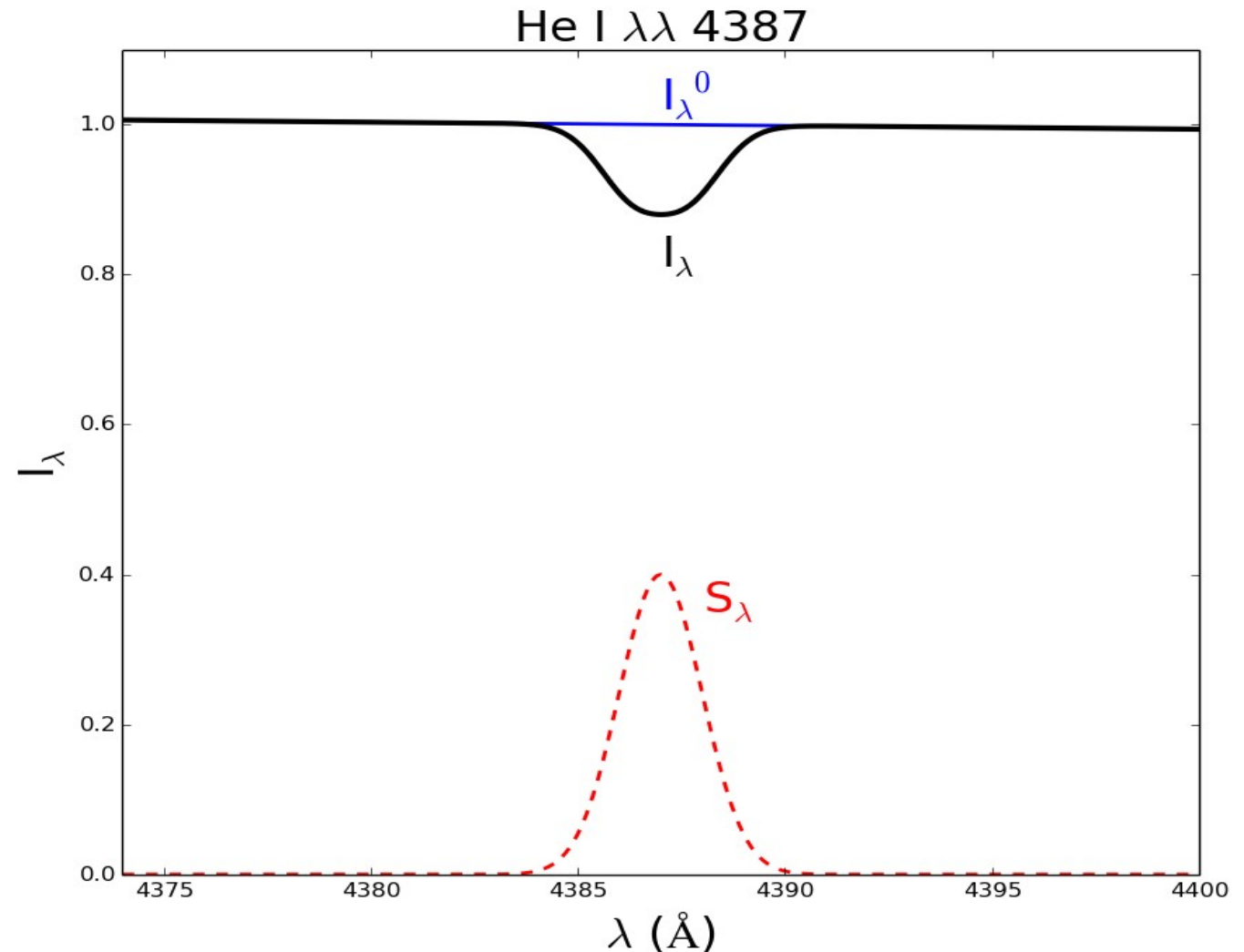
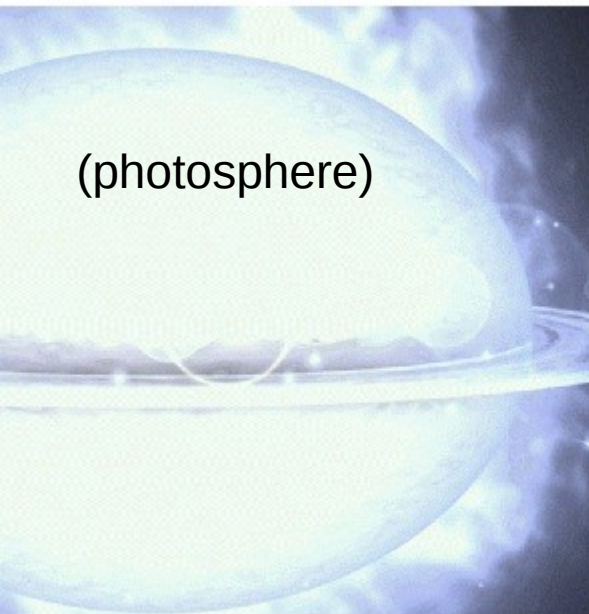


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**Limit B. The cloud layer is optically thin**

**Case I.  $I_{\lambda}^0 > S_{\lambda}$**



#### 4. Emission *versus* Absorption: A Physical Approach

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 + [S_{\lambda} - I_{\lambda}^0] \tau_{\lambda}$$

**Limit B. The cloud layer is optically thin**

**Case II.**



#### 4. Emission *versus* Absorption: A Physical Approach

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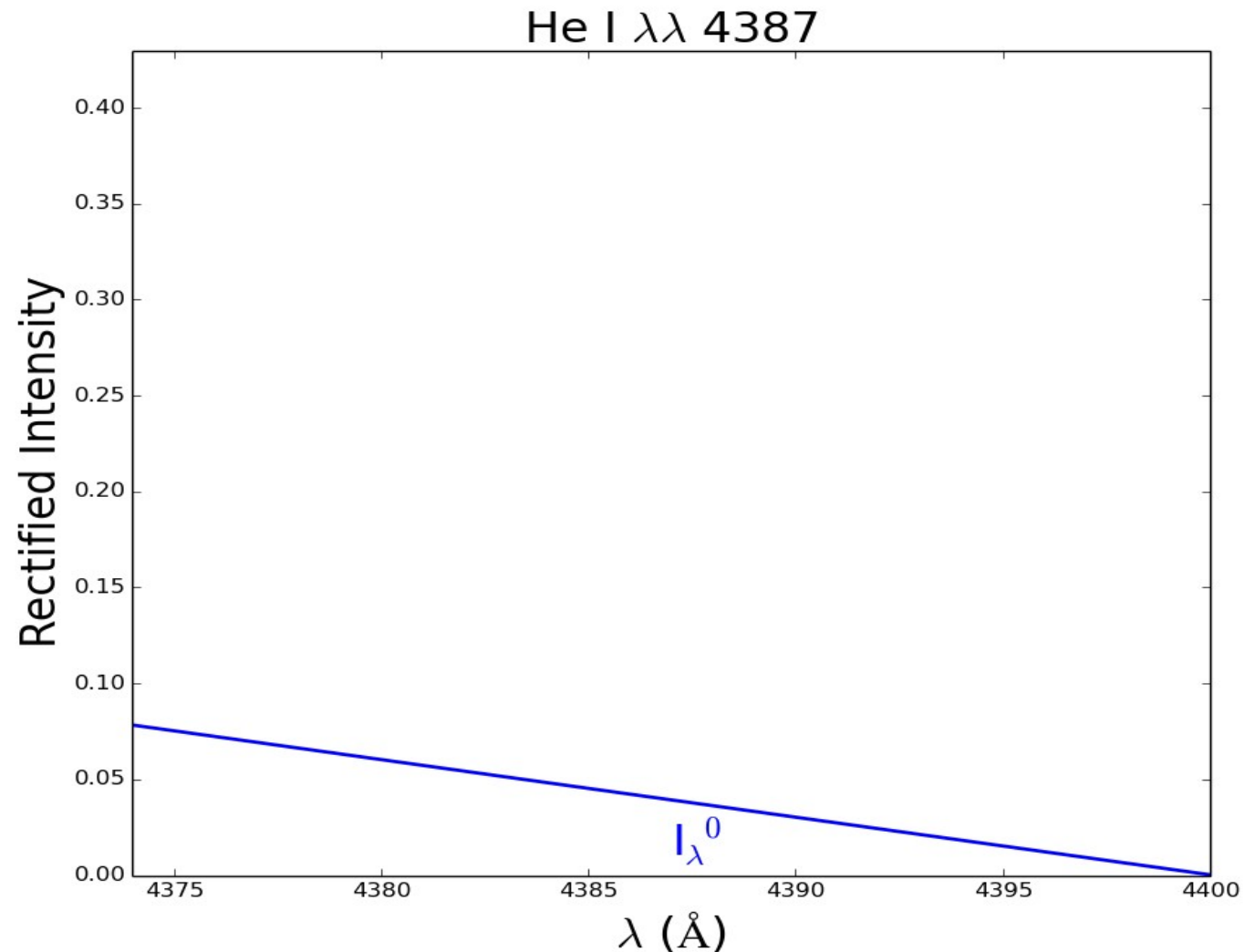
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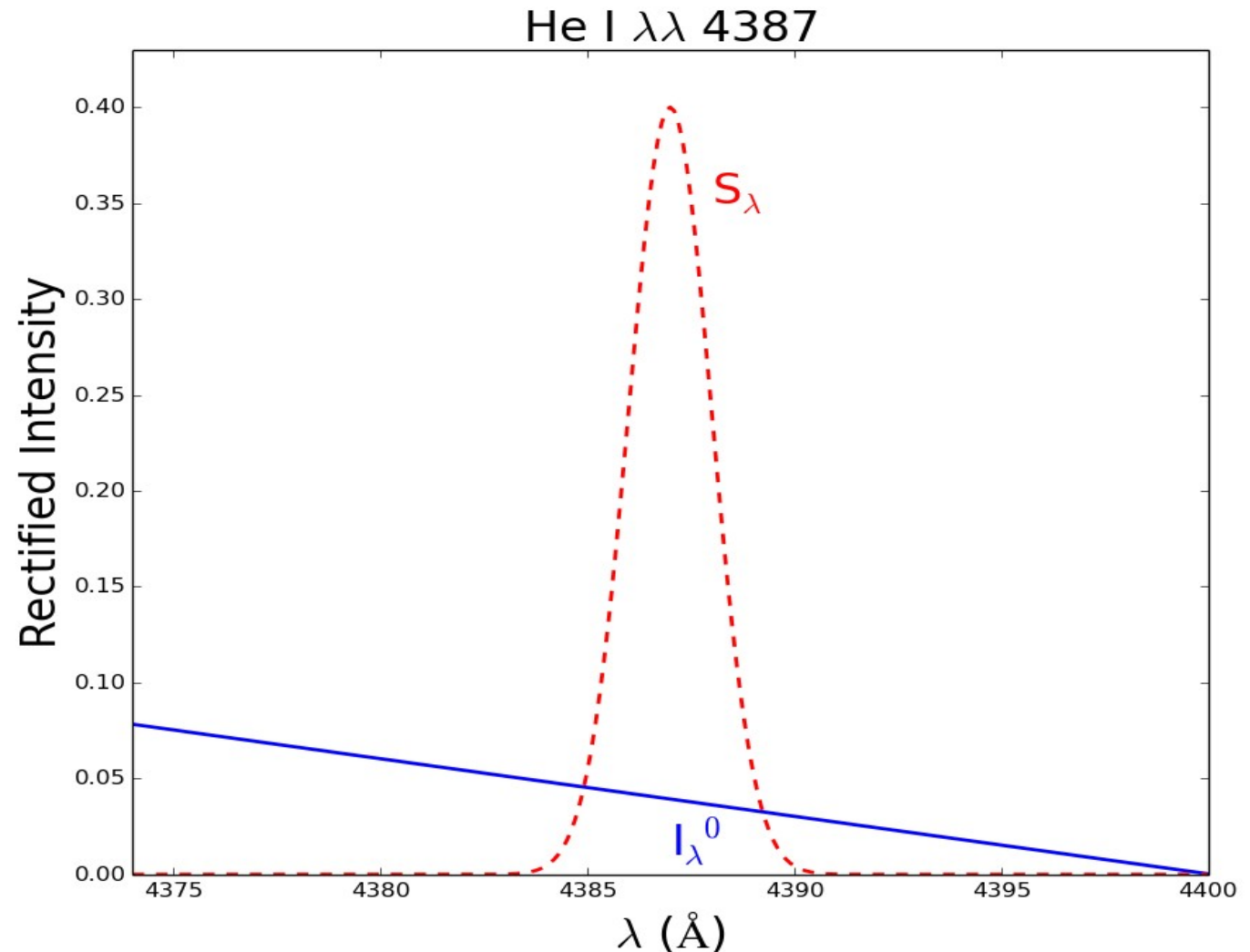


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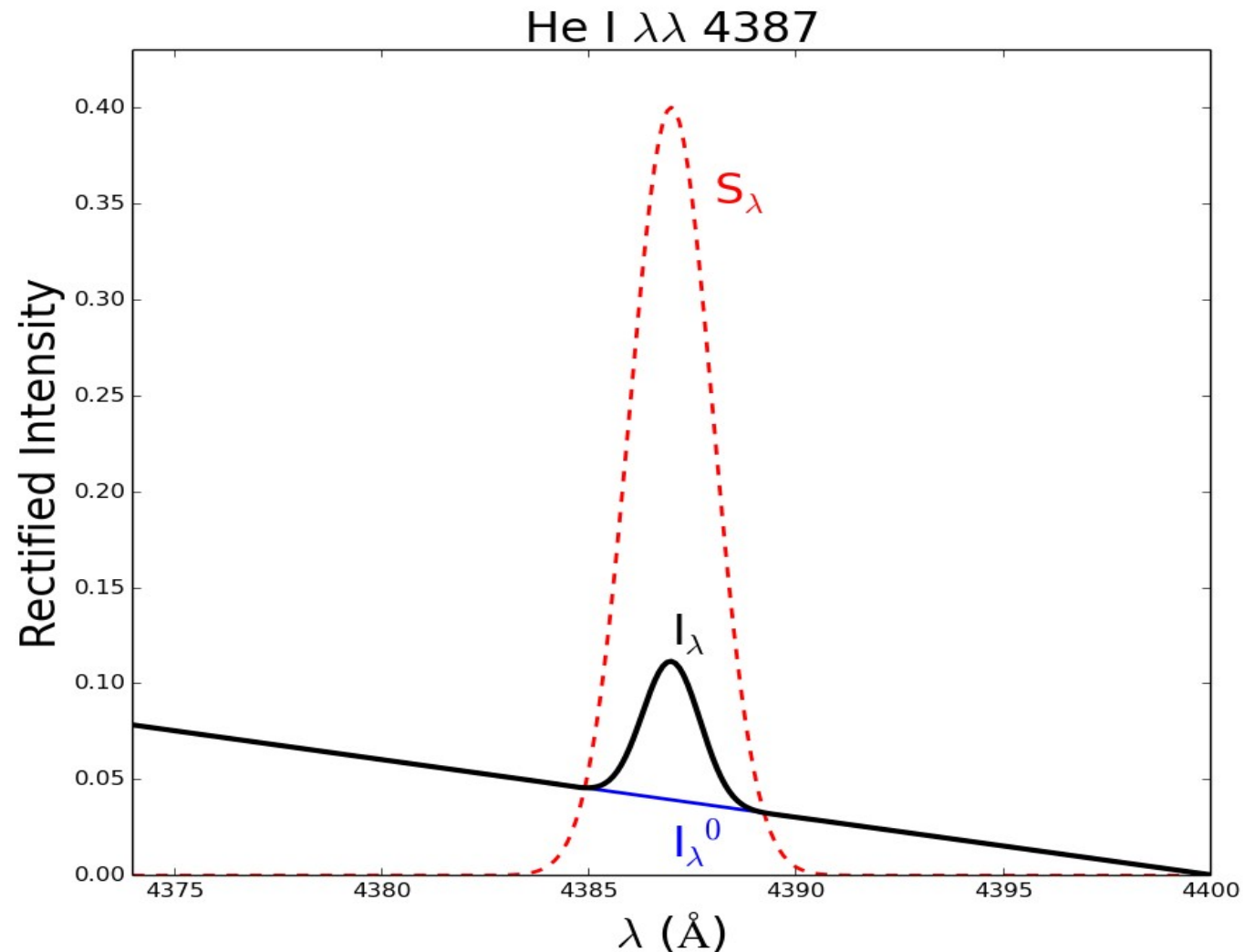


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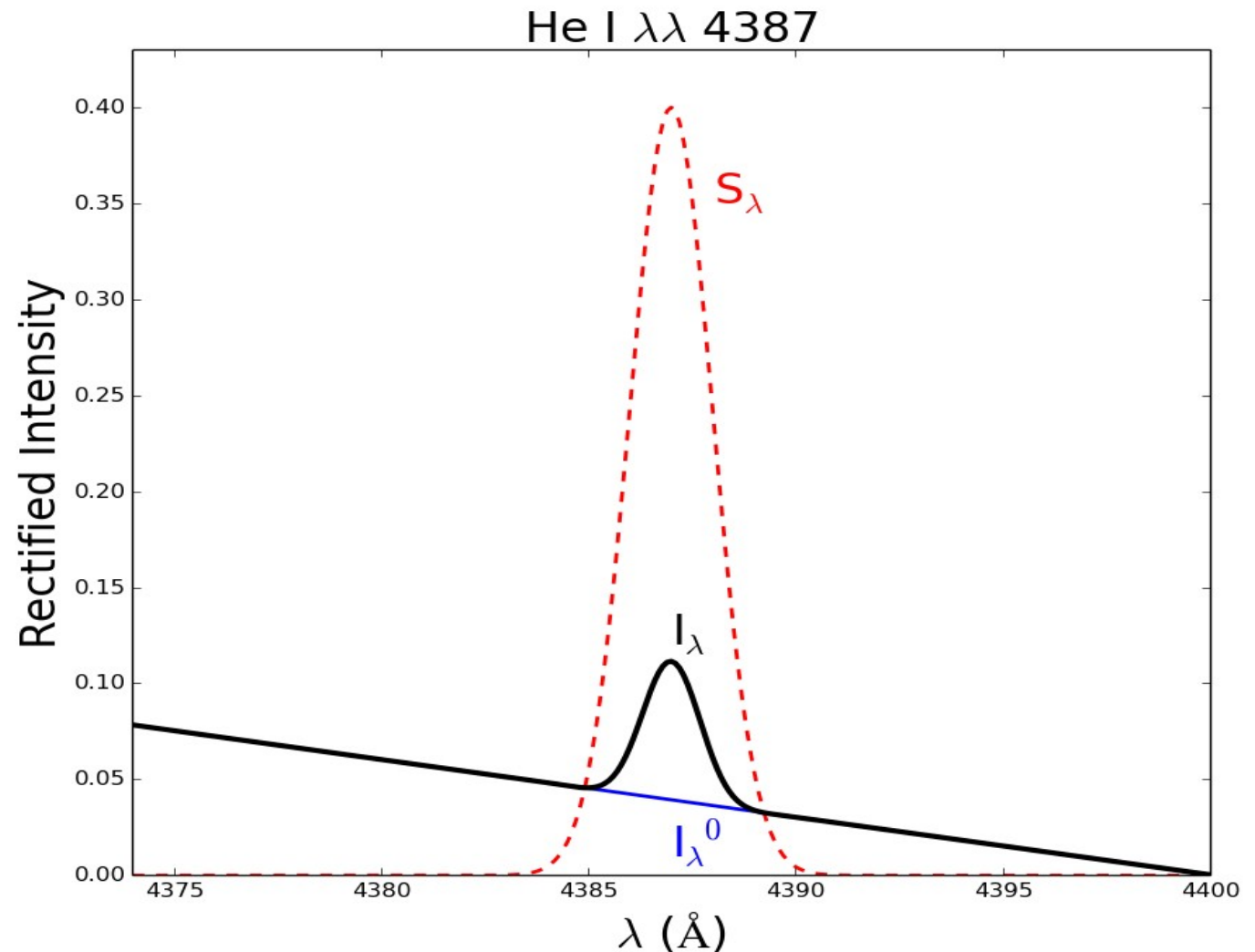
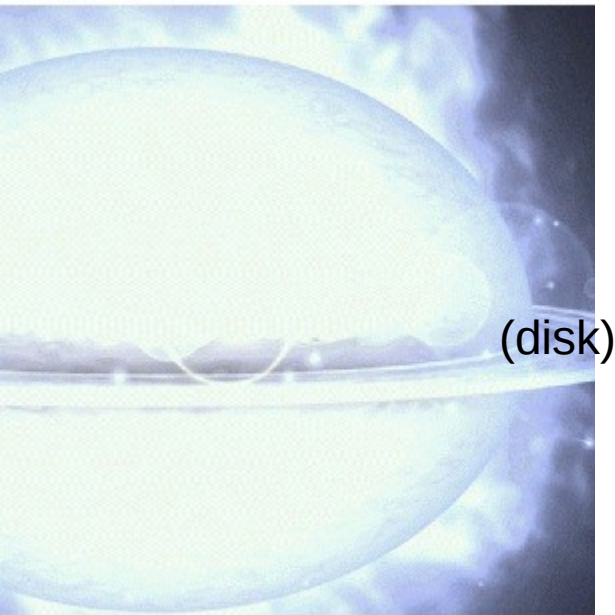


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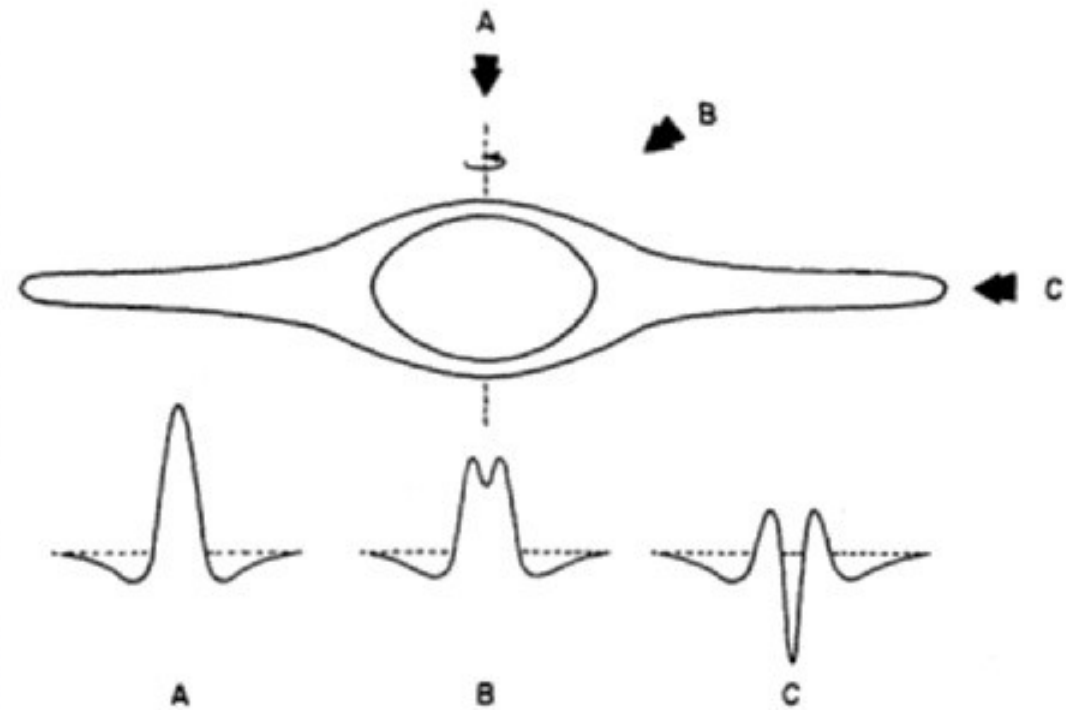
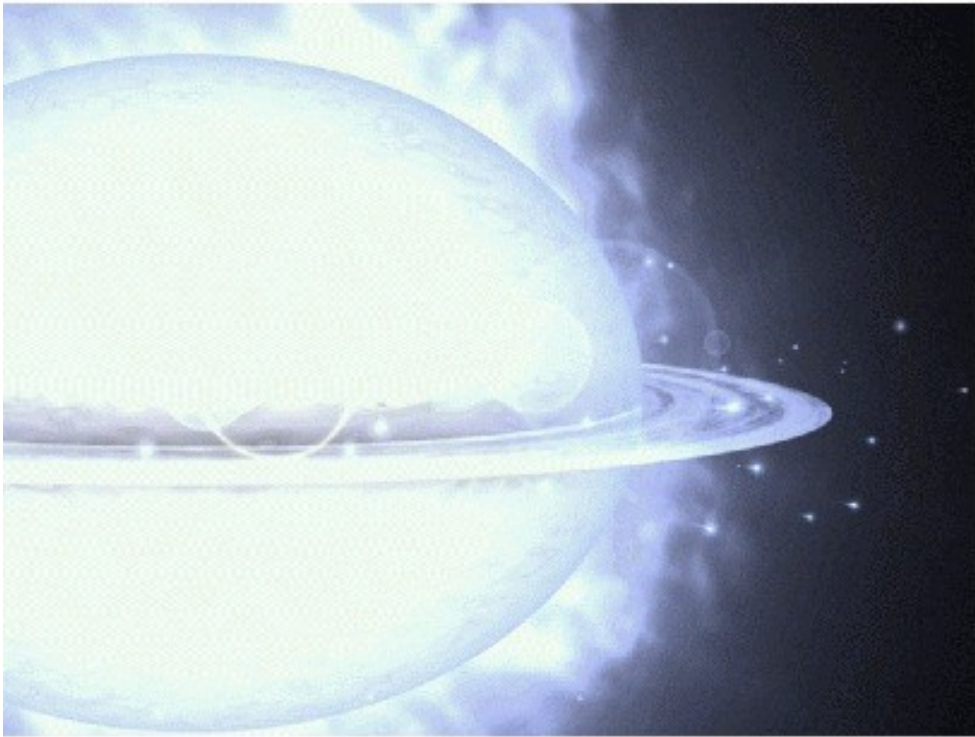
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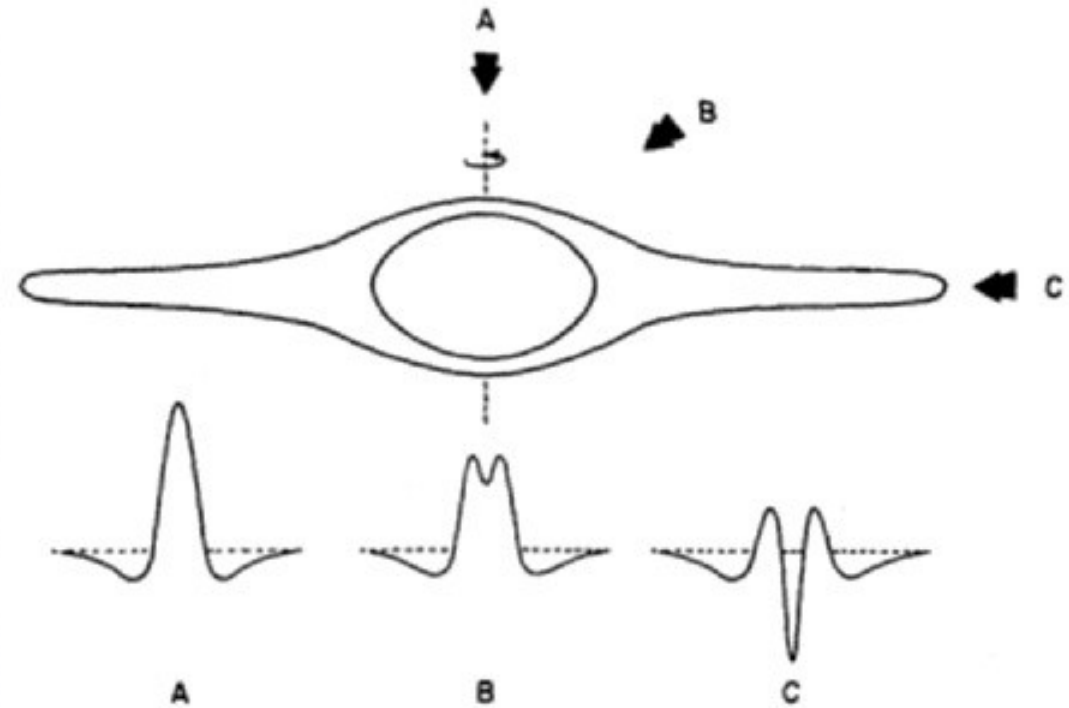
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photosphere:

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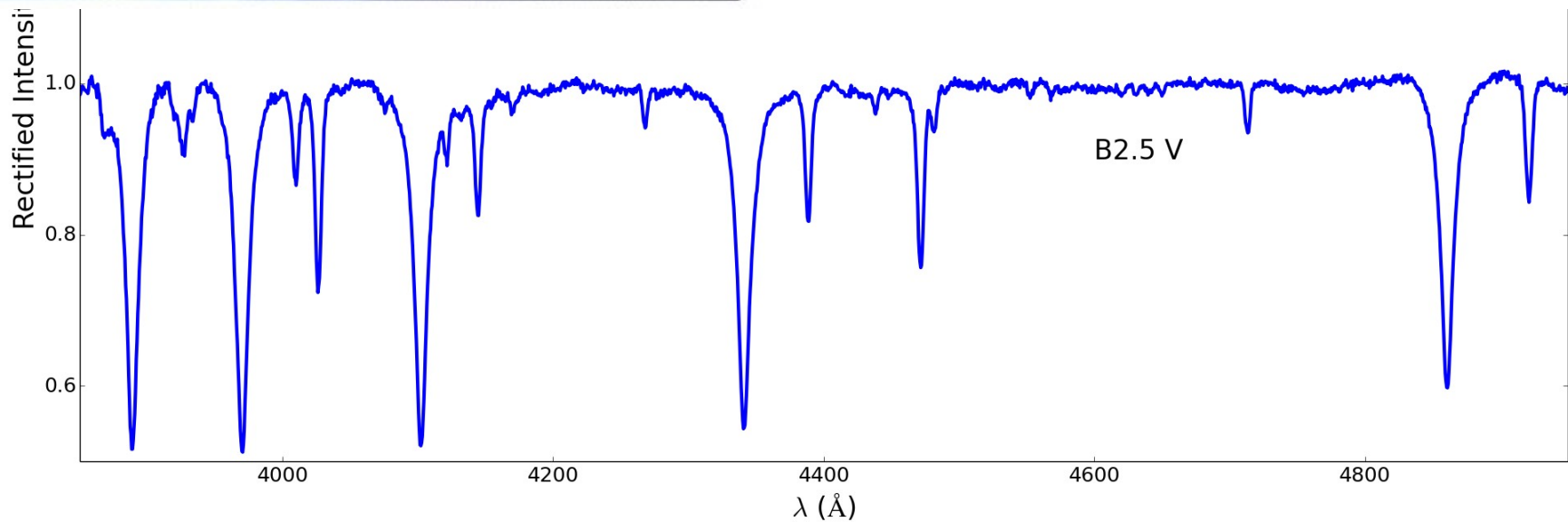
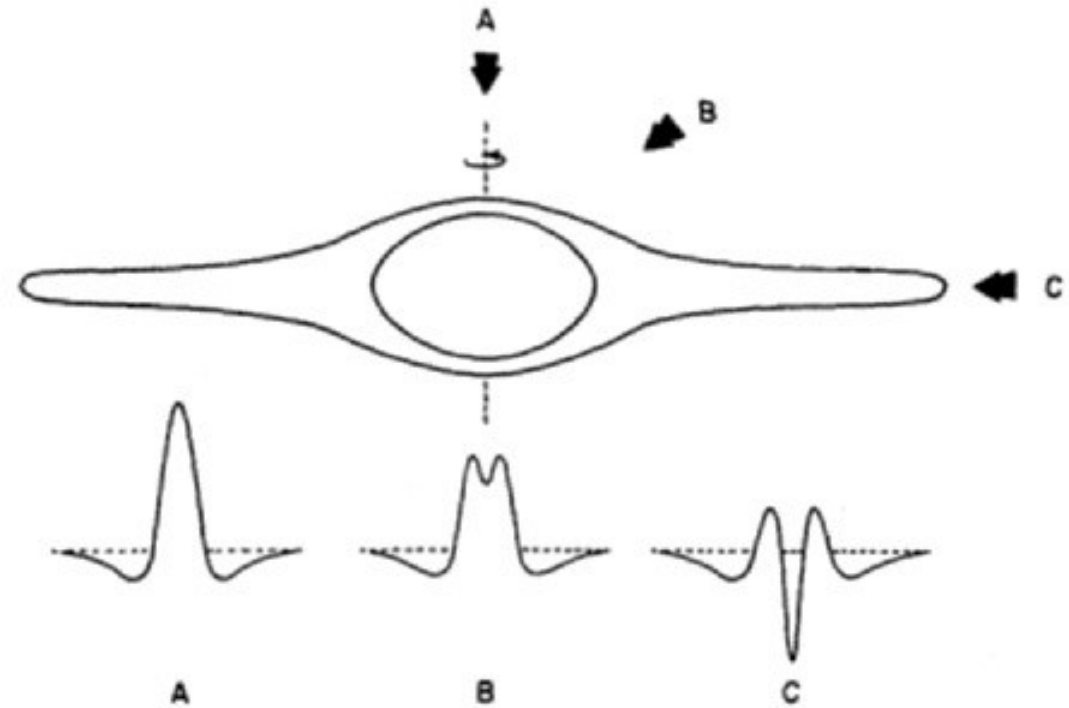




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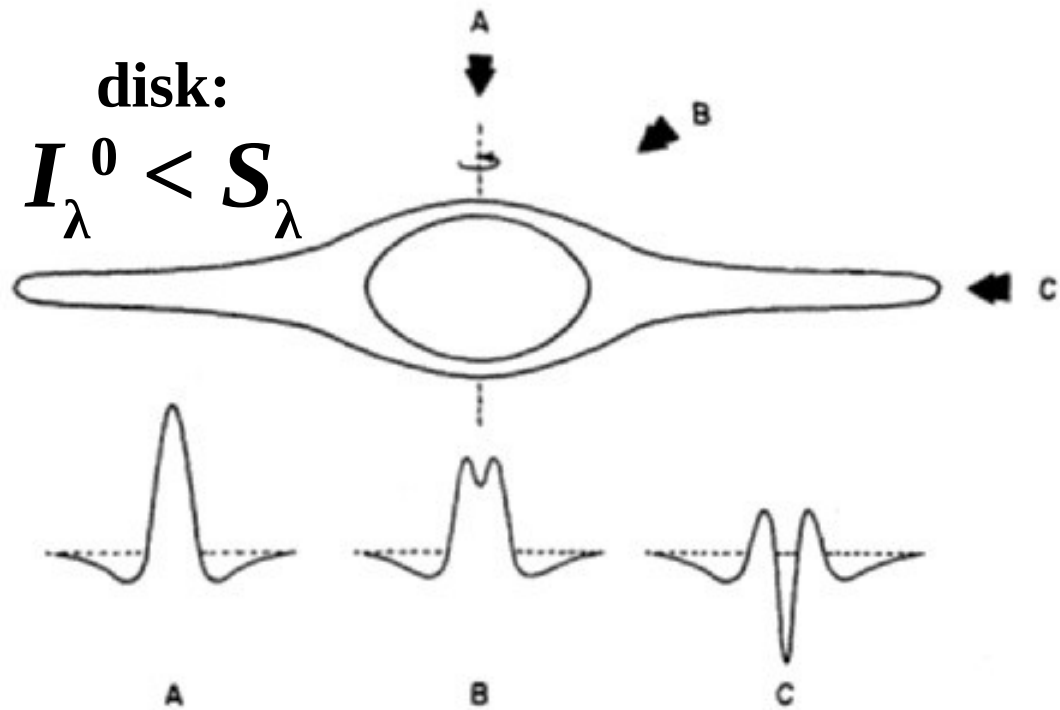




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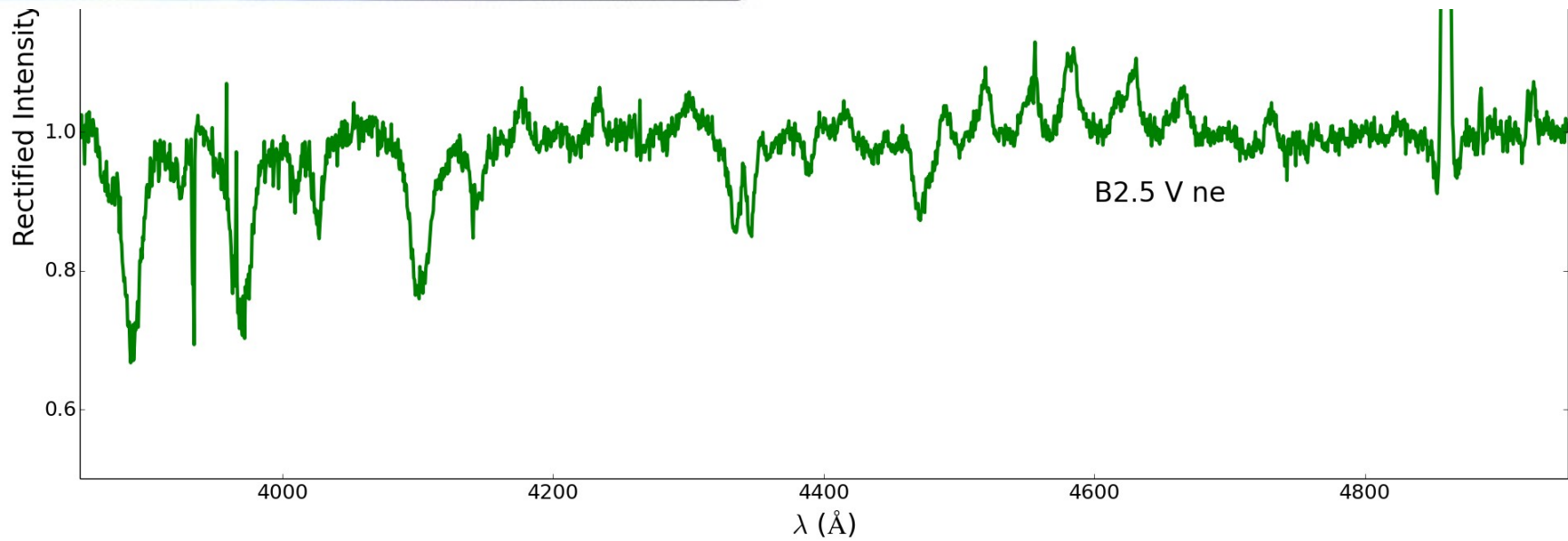
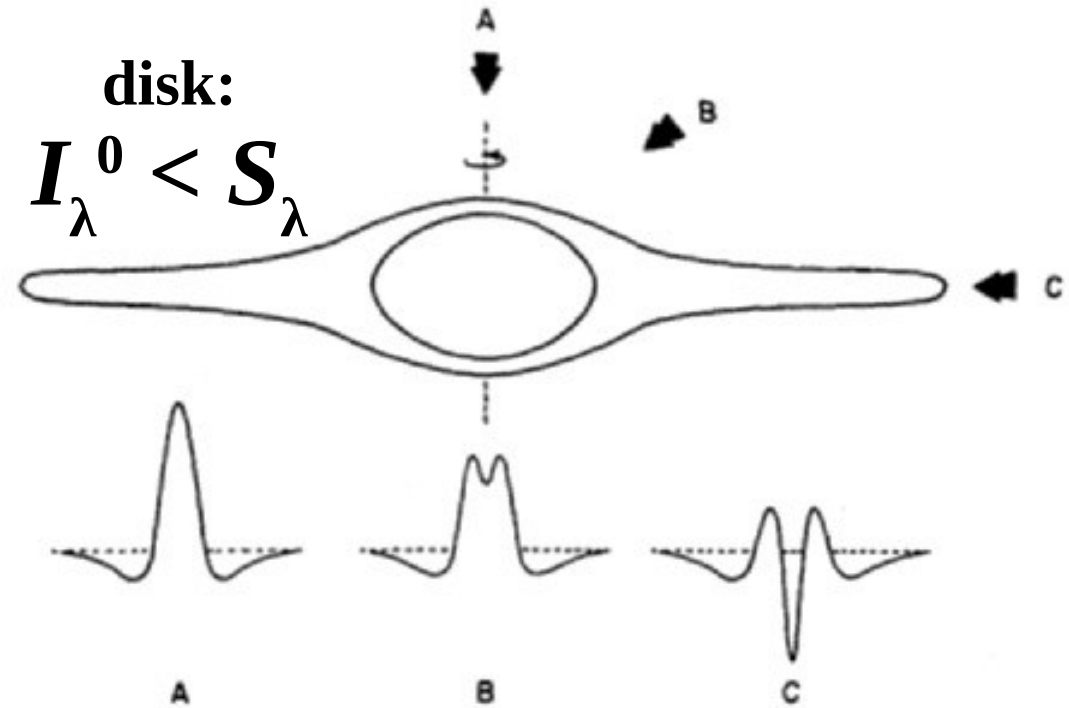
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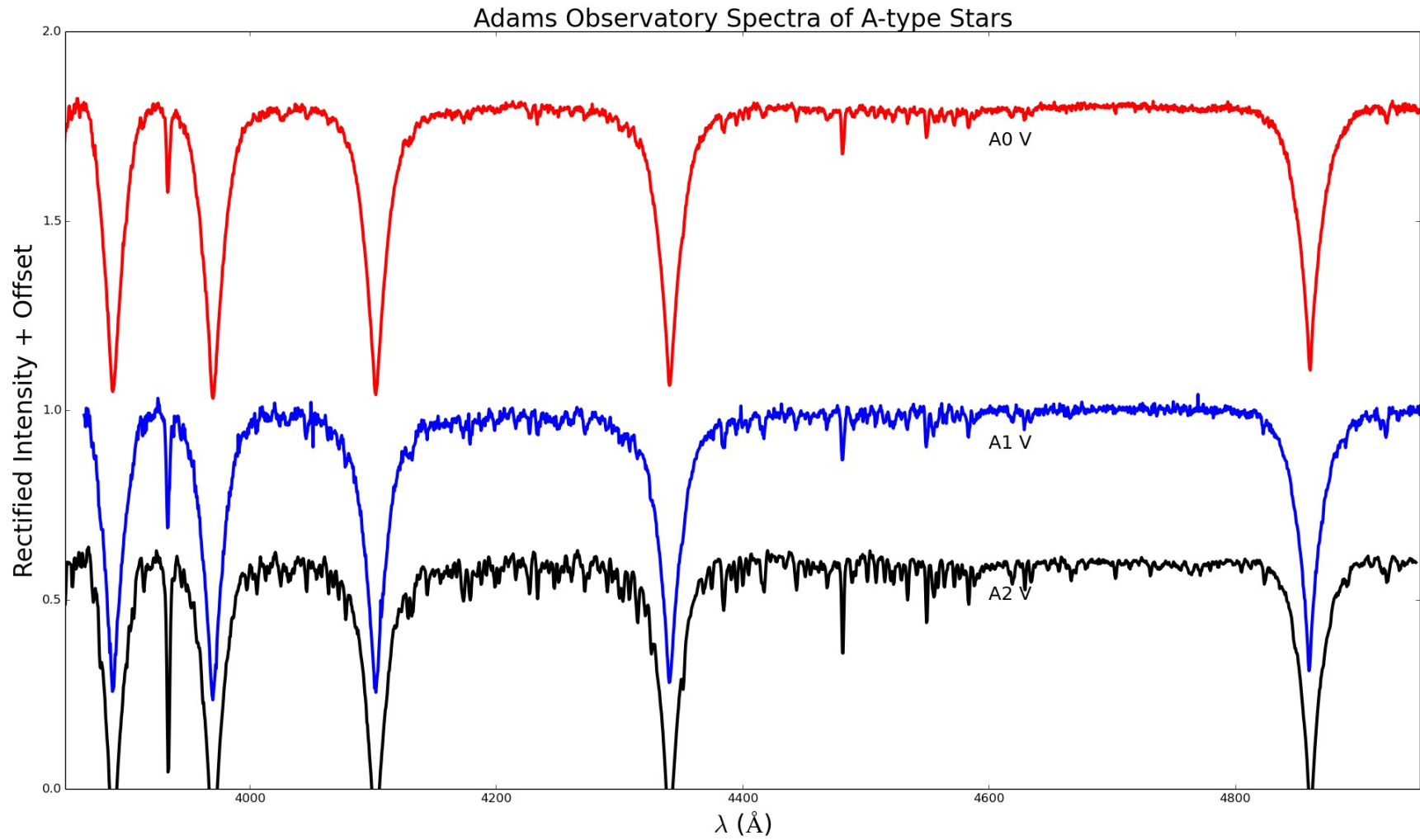
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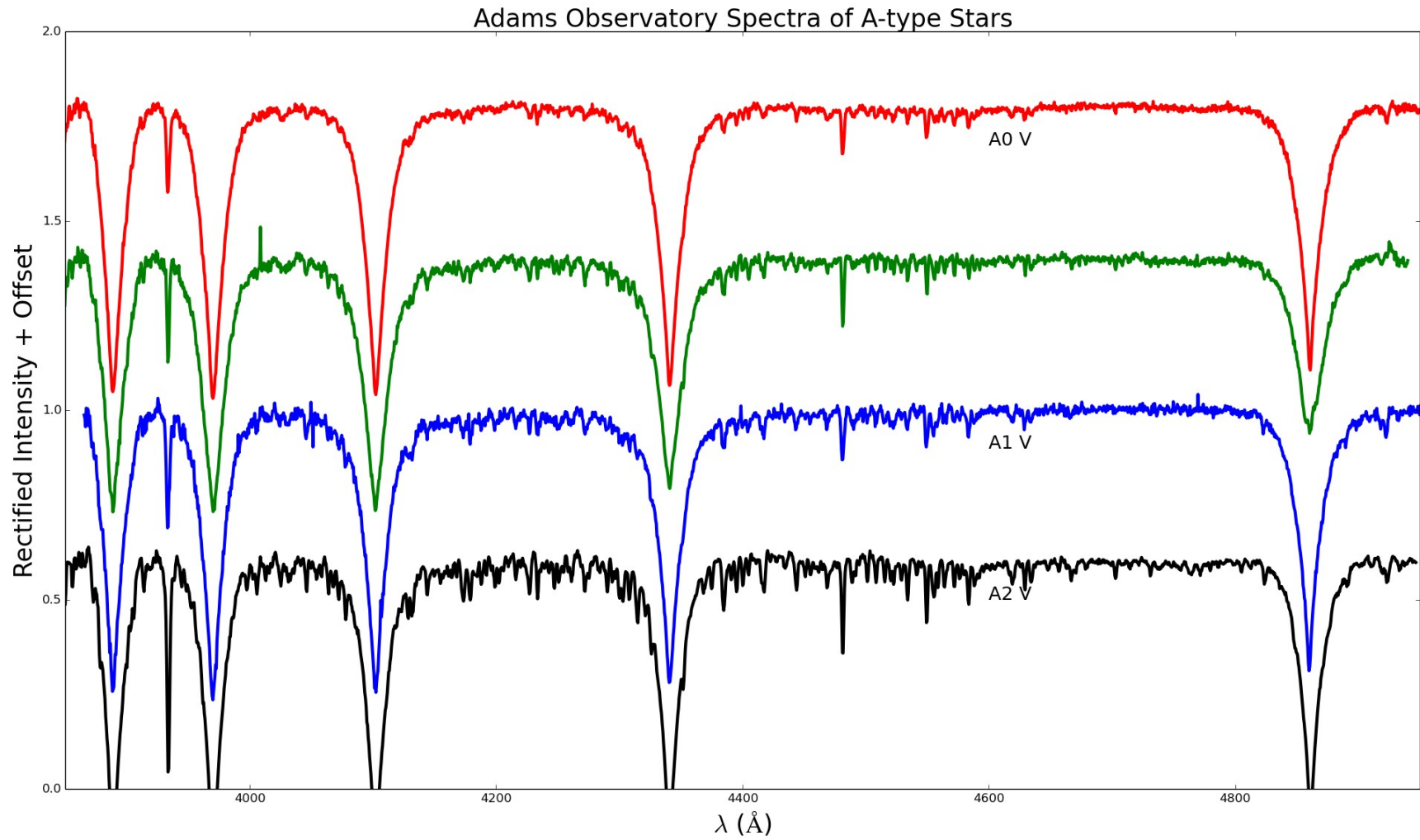


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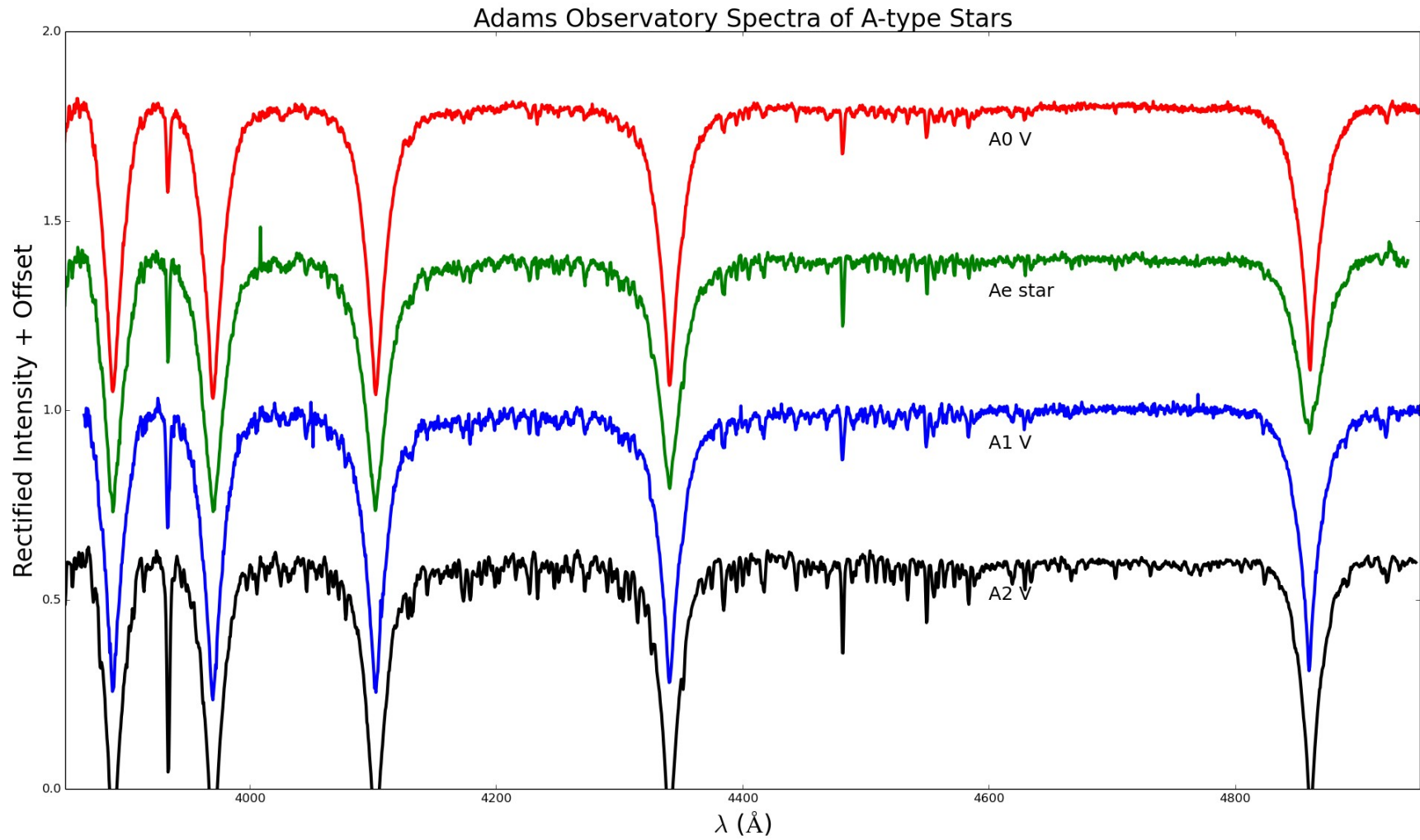
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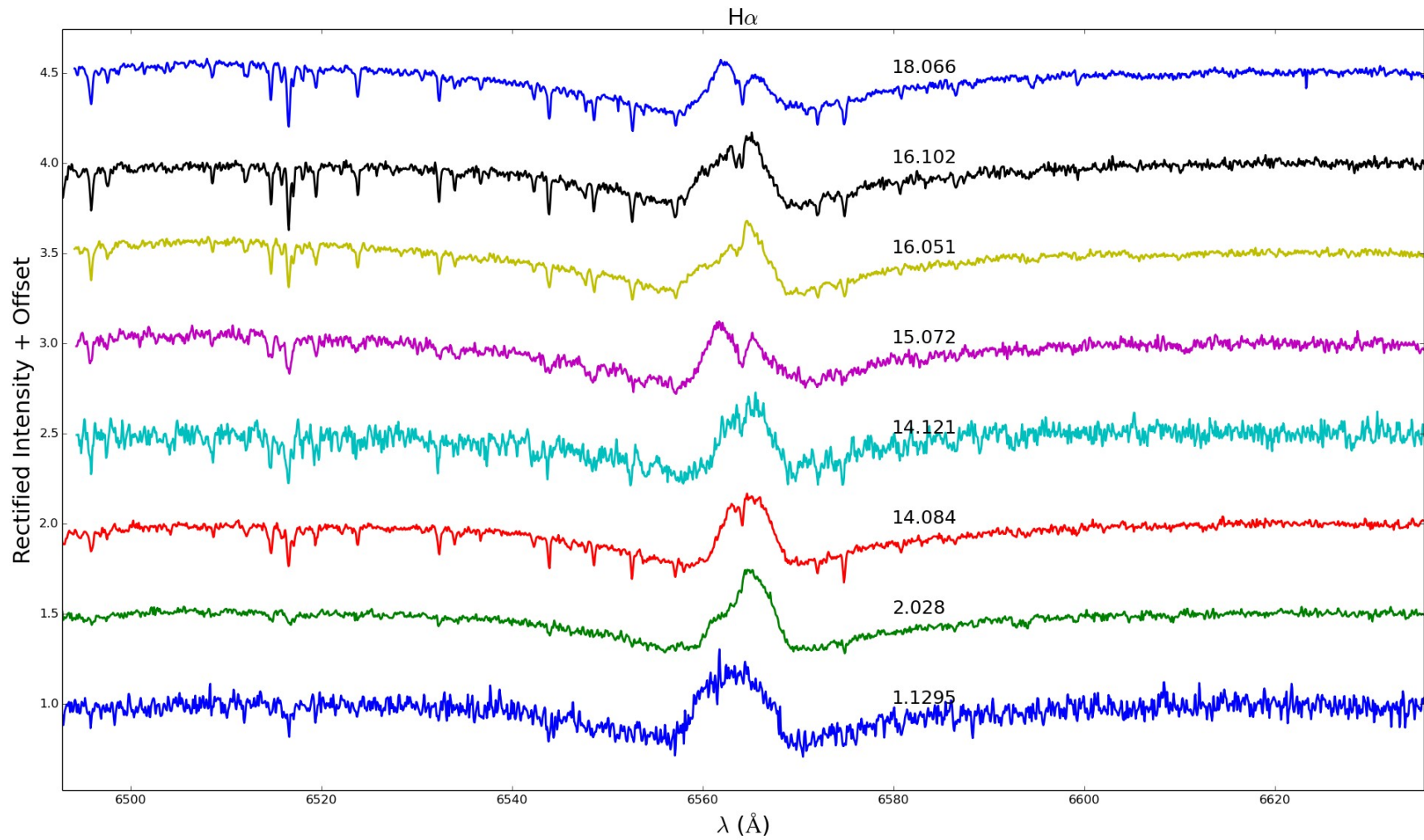


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Balmer and Fe II (42) multiplet emission were discovered in a spectrum of HD 63021 on 10 April (UTC), 2018. Subsequent observations revealed variability in both photospheric absorption lines and Balmer line emission.

Figure [1\(a\)](#) shows H $\alpha$  observations over the course of 18 nights. The emission morphology changes on a nightly basis; additional spectra not exhibited show that emission changes perceptibly on the scale of hours.

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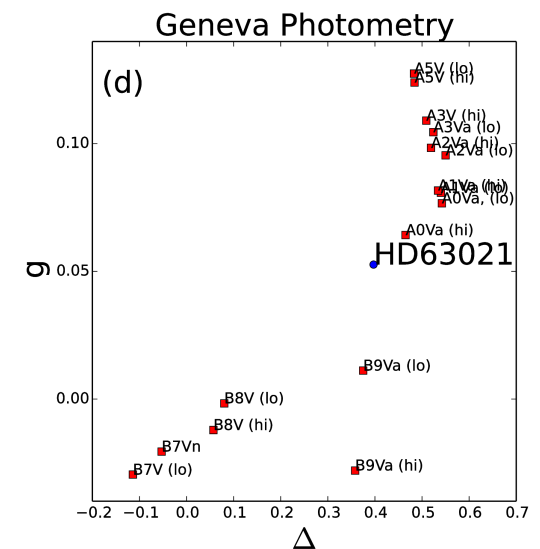
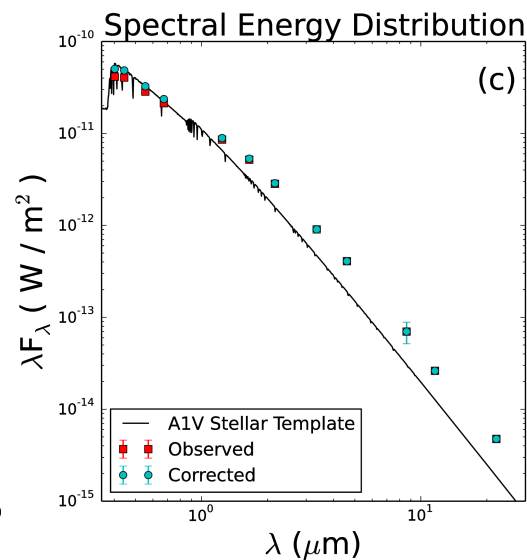
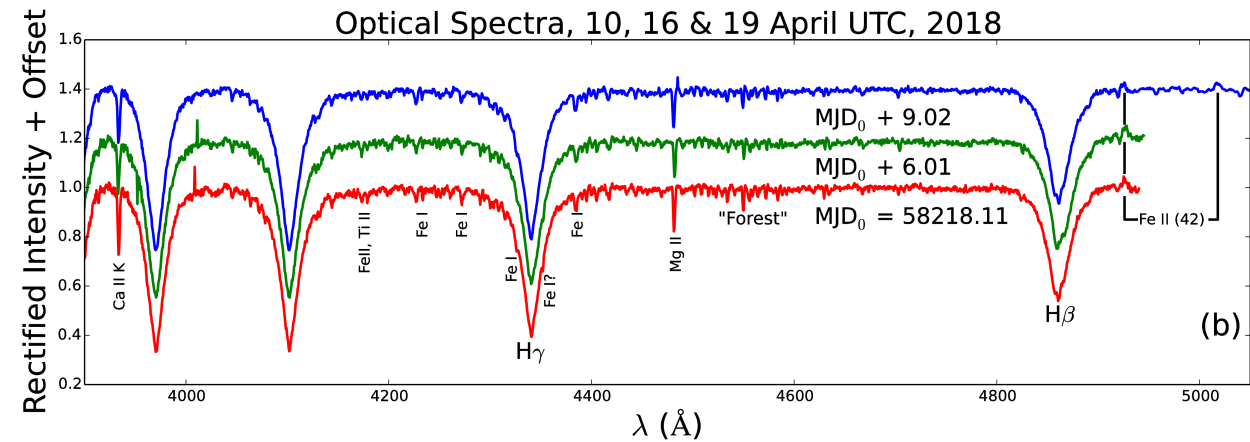
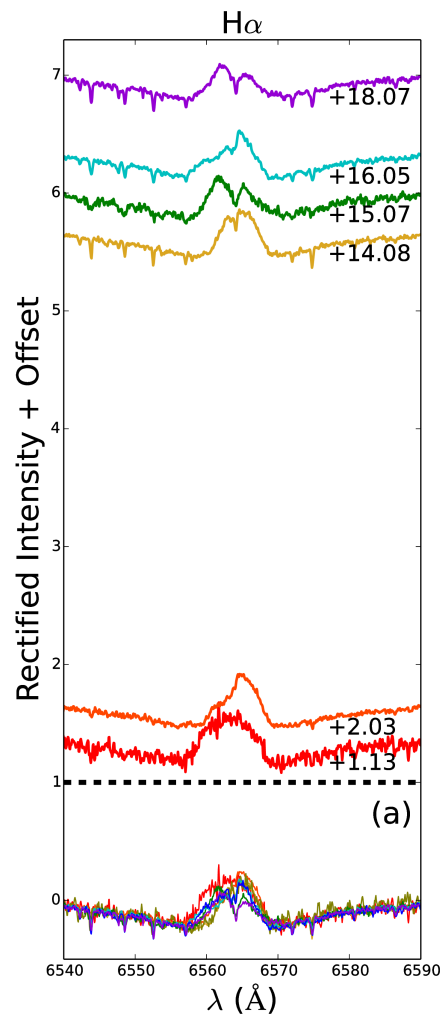
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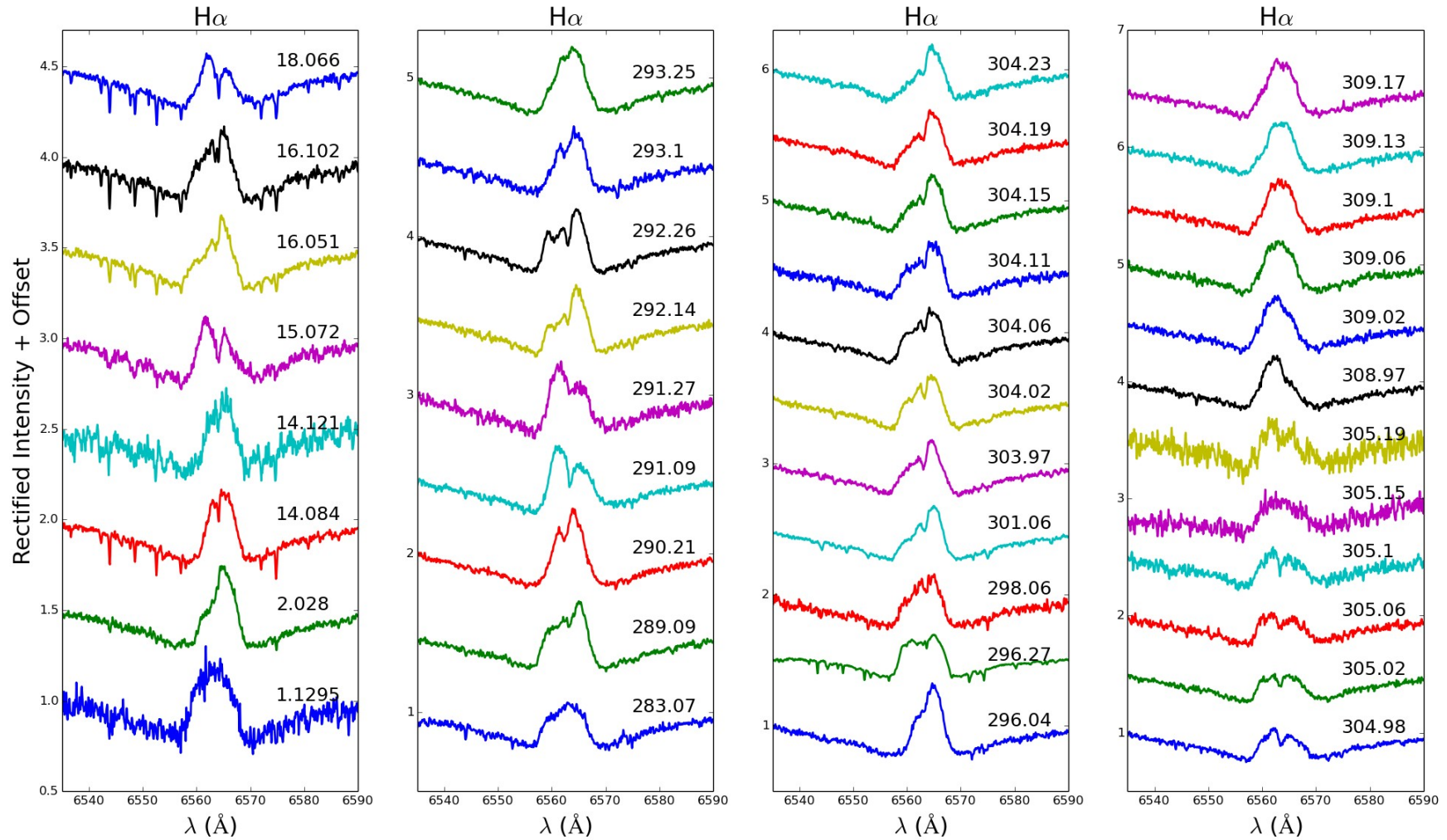
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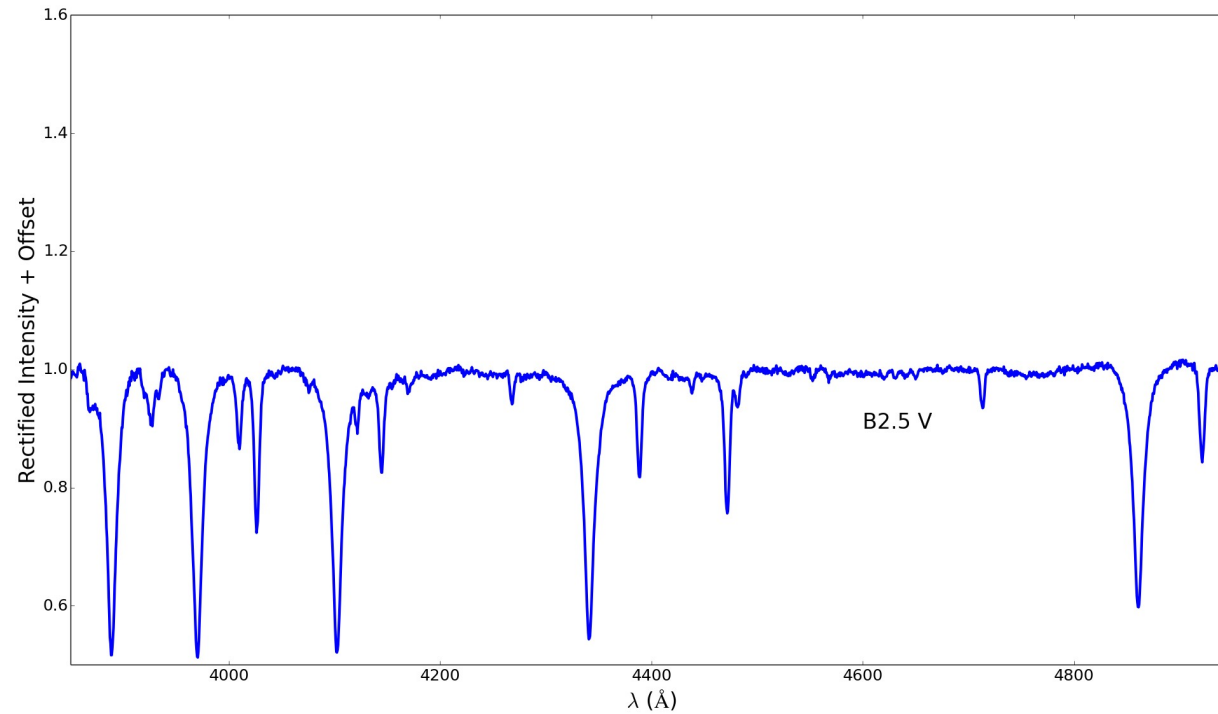
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Spec Type	Mass ( $M_{\text{sol}}$ )	Radius ( $R_{\text{sol}}$ )	$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)
A2	2.2	1.75	8,900
B3	6.3	3.5	16,500

Spec Type	Mass ( $M_{\text{sol}}$ )	Radius ( $R_{\text{sol}}$ )	$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)
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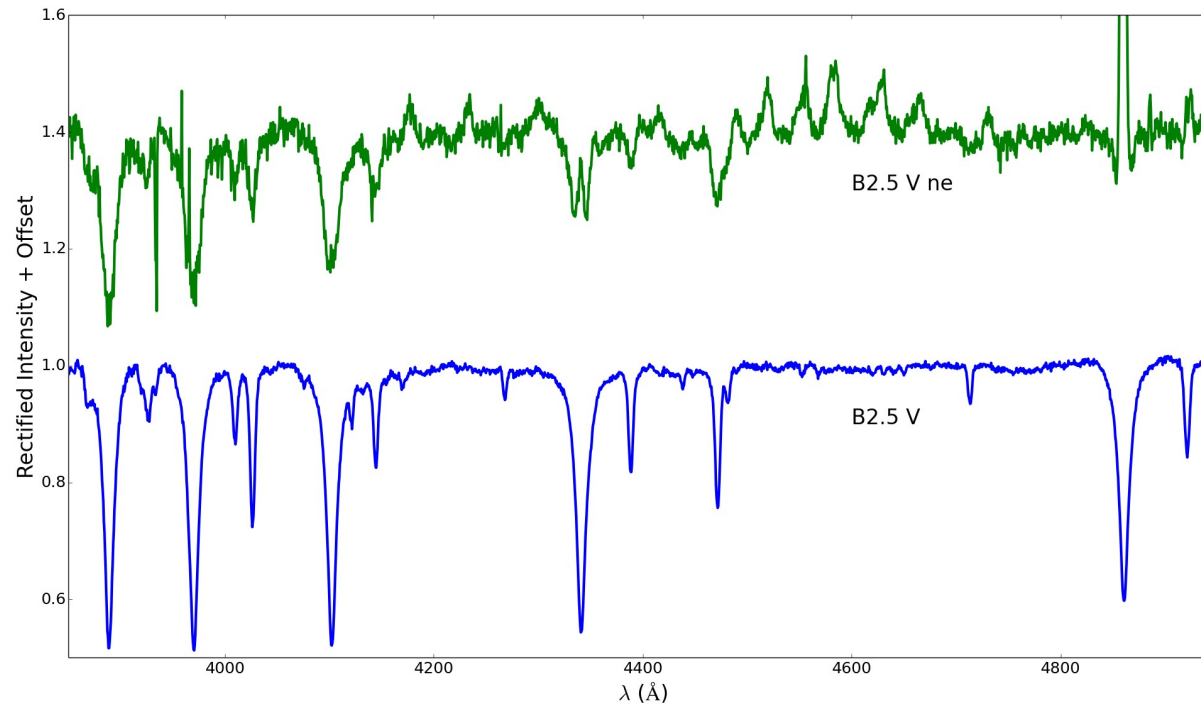
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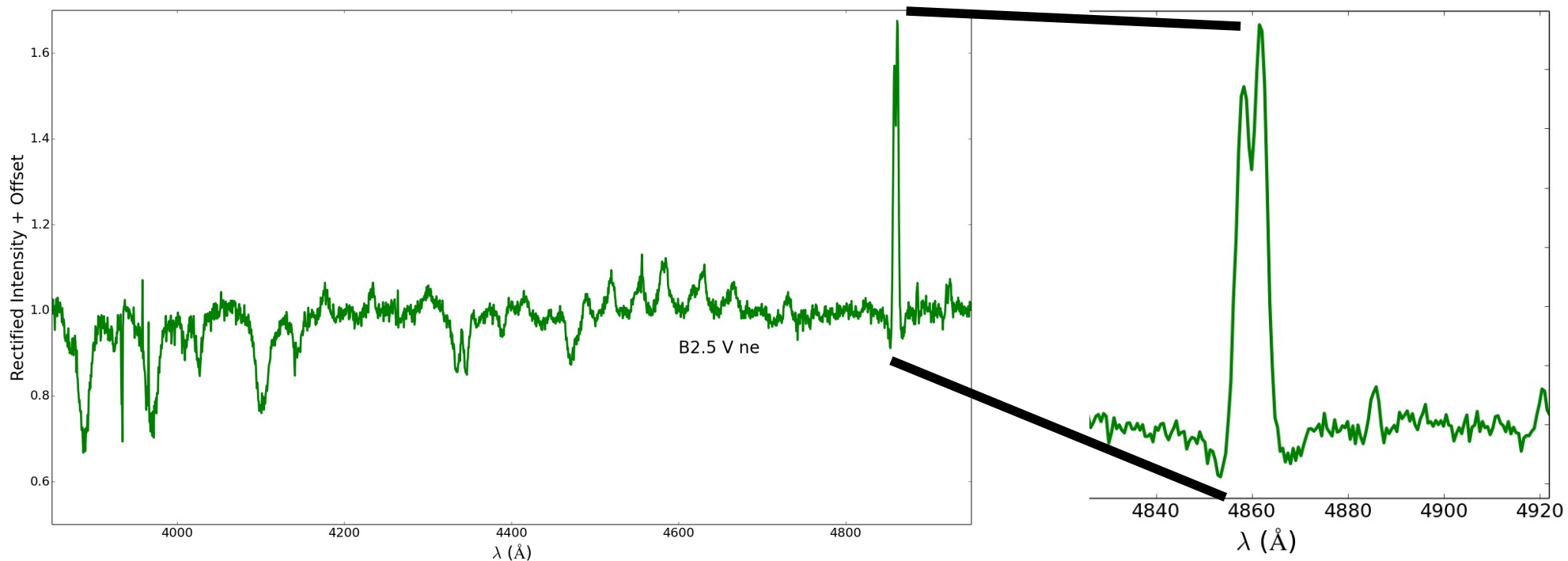
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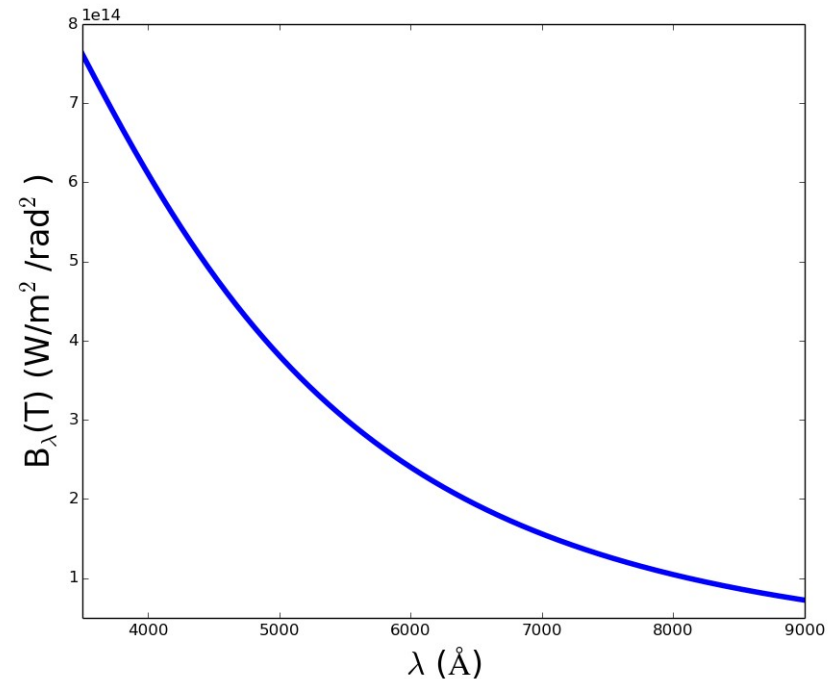
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$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda}^0 e^{-\tau_{\lambda}} + S_{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\tau_{\lambda}})$$

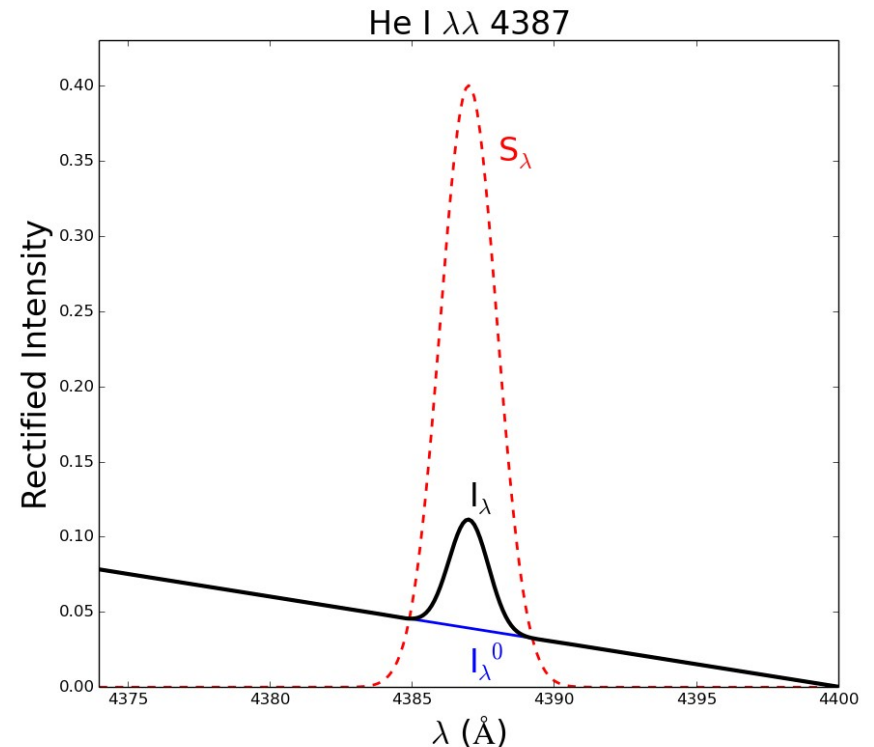
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