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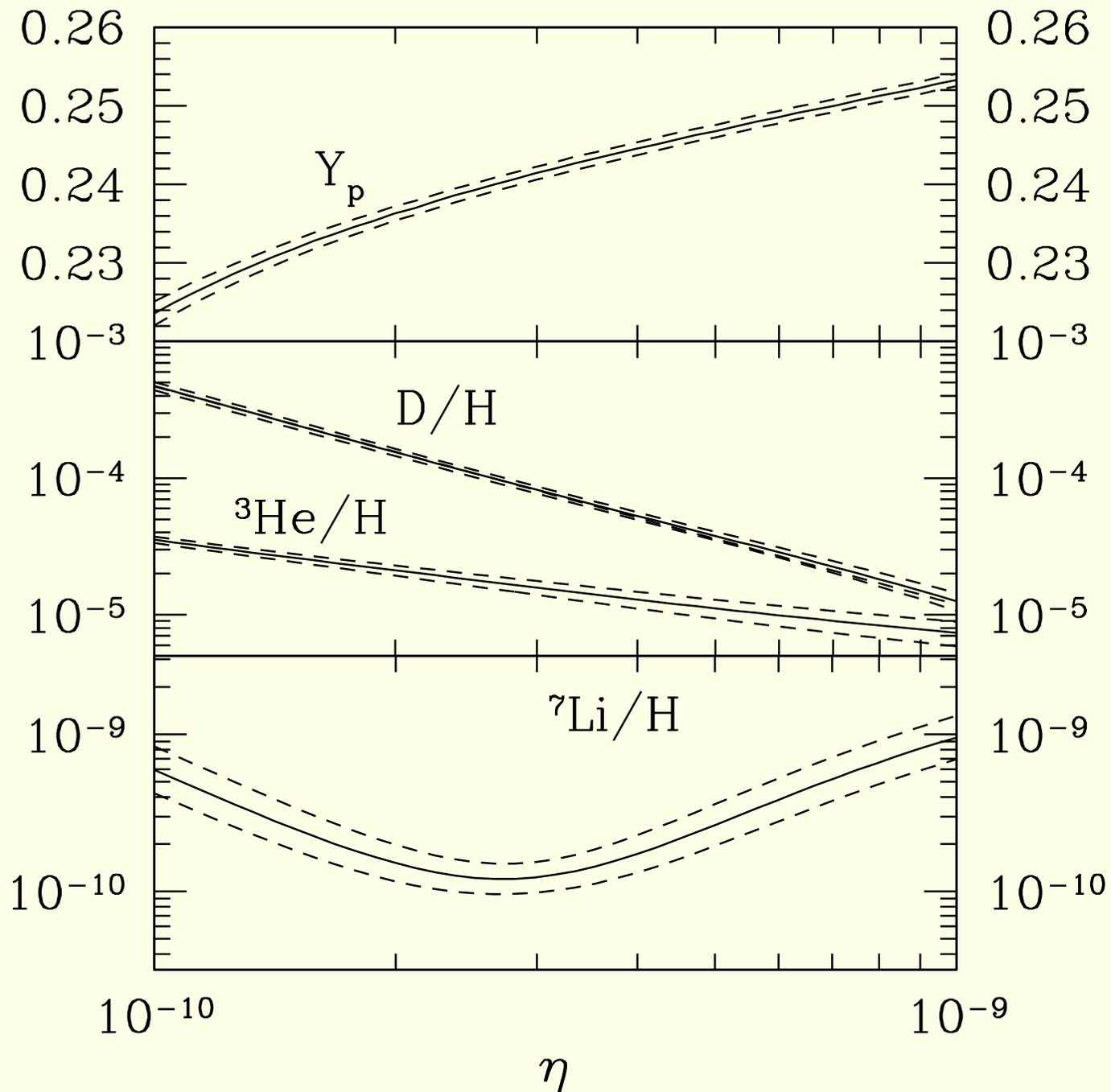
# 元素合成の現状

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)

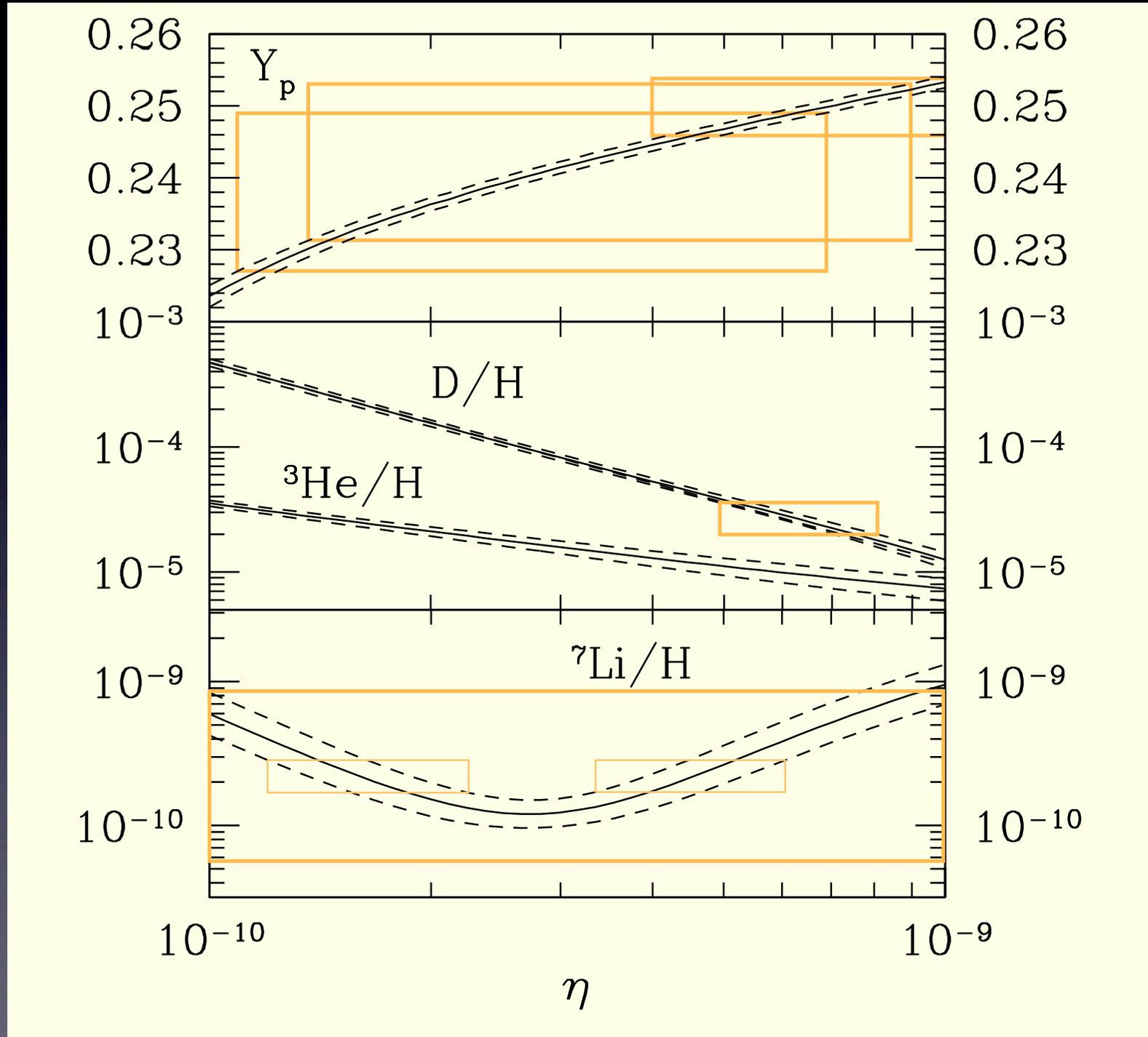
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# I. Introduction BBN: Theory vs. Observation



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# 今日の予定

- Introduction
- He4
- Li7
- Li6
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## 2. He4

# Measurement of He in HII region



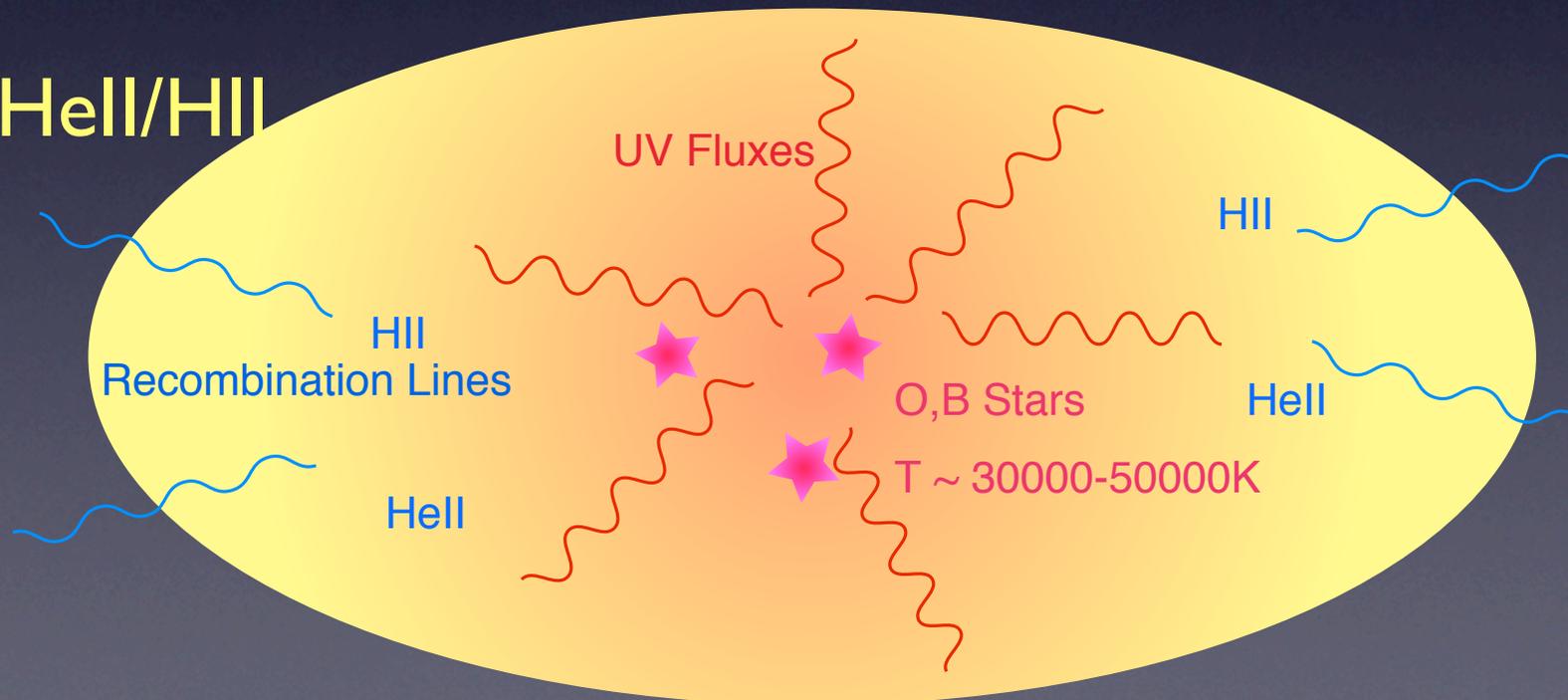
NGC 6611

- HII region
  - OB stars ionize H and He
  - $E(\text{HI}) = 13.6\text{eV}$ ,  $E(\text{HeI}) = 24.6\text{eV}$ ,  $E(\text{HeII}) = 56.4\text{eV}$
- Recombination lines

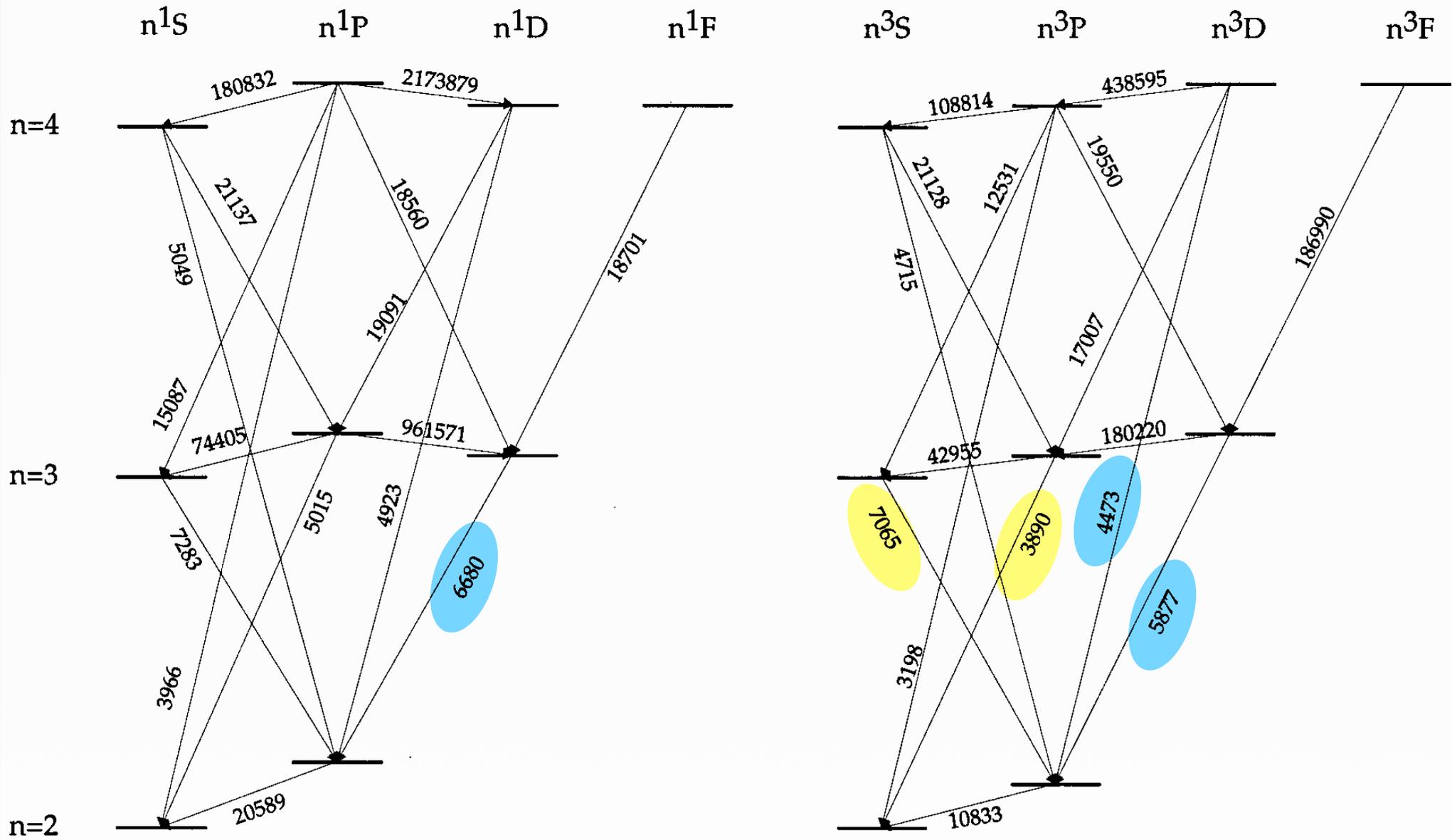
H II HeII



- measure HeII/HII

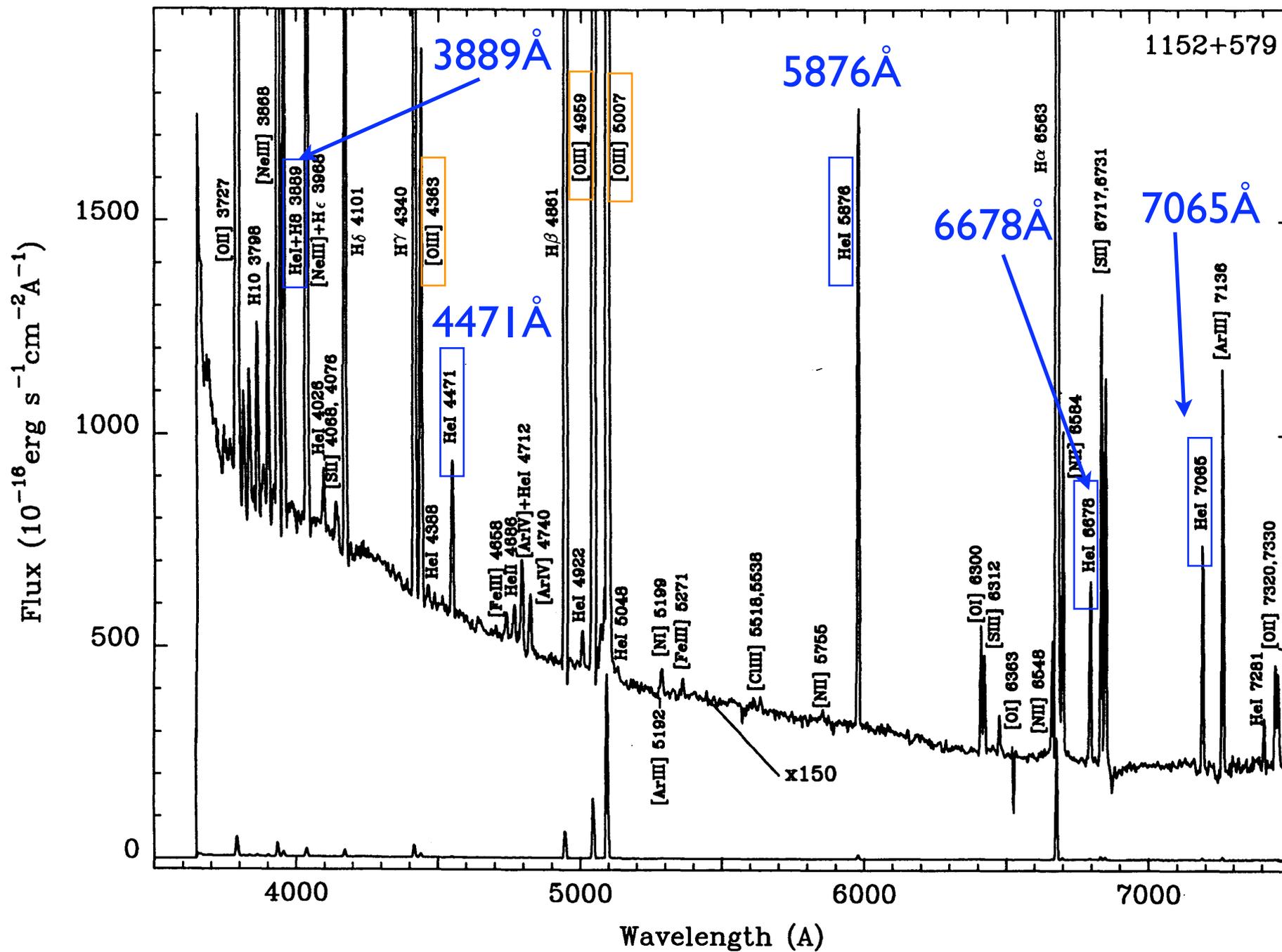


# Energy Level Diagram of Hel



# Spectrum

MRK 193 Izotov, Thuan, Lipovetsky (1994)



# Abundance of singly ionized Helium

$$y^+ = n(\text{HeII})/n(\text{HII})$$

$$y^+ = \frac{F(\lambda)}{F(H\beta)} \frac{E(H\beta)}{E(\lambda)} \left( \frac{W(H\beta)}{W(H\beta) + a_{\text{HI}}} \right) \left( \frac{W(\lambda) + a_{\text{HeI}}}{W(\lambda)} \right) 10^{f(\lambda)C(H\beta)} \frac{1}{f_\lambda}$$

- $\frac{E(H\beta)}{E(\lambda)}$  : Theoretical emissivity scaled to H $\beta$
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# Reddening and Stellar absorption

- Reddening (extinction) scattering and absorption by interstellar dust

$$I_{\lambda} = I_{\lambda 0} e^{-\tau_{\lambda}}$$

$$\tau_{\lambda} = C f(\lambda) \quad \text{extinction law}$$

$$\log \left[ \frac{I(\lambda)}{I(H\beta)} \right] = \log \left[ \frac{F(\lambda)}{F(H\beta)} \right] + C(H\beta) f(\lambda)$$

intrinsic line  
intensity

observed line  
intensity

- Underlying stellar absorption

Solving for reddening and underlying absorption

$$H\alpha/H\beta, H\gamma/H\beta, H\delta/H\beta \Rightarrow C(H\beta), a_{HI}$$

- correction for stellar absorption

$$F_A(\lambda) = F(\lambda) \left( \frac{W(\lambda) + a_{HI}}{W(\lambda)} \right)$$

$W$ : EW (equivalent width)

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- reddening correction

$$X_R(\lambda) = \frac{I(\lambda)}{I(H\beta)} = \frac{F_A(\lambda)}{F_A(H\beta)} 10^{f(\lambda)C(H\beta)}$$

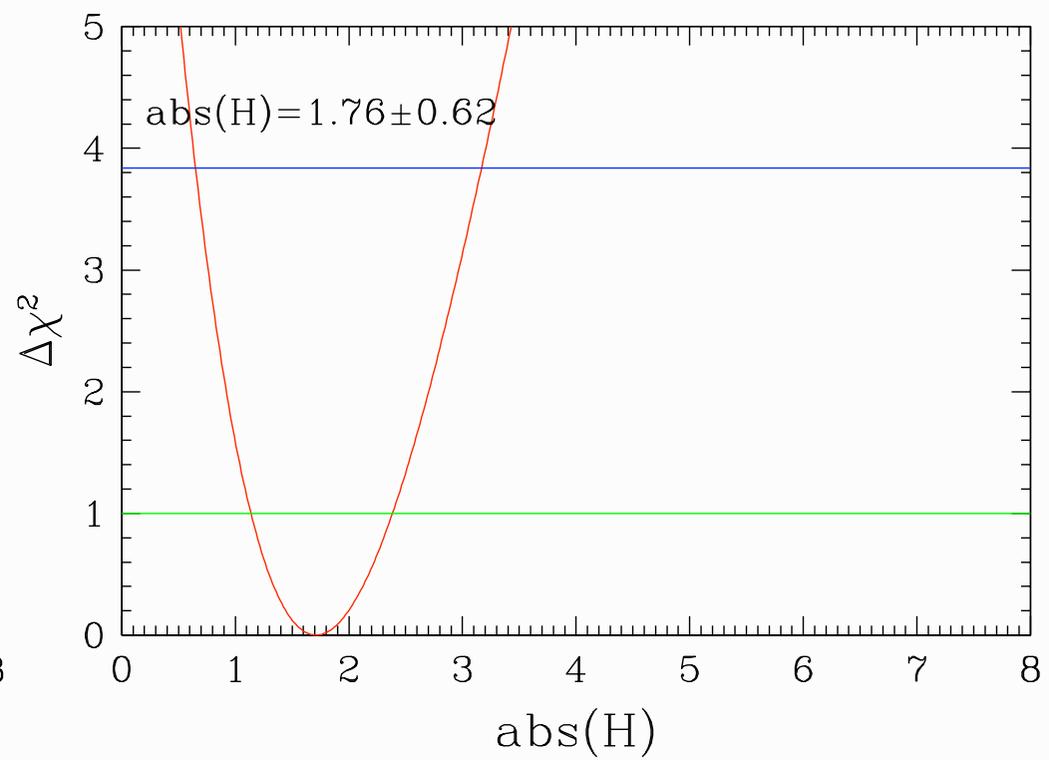
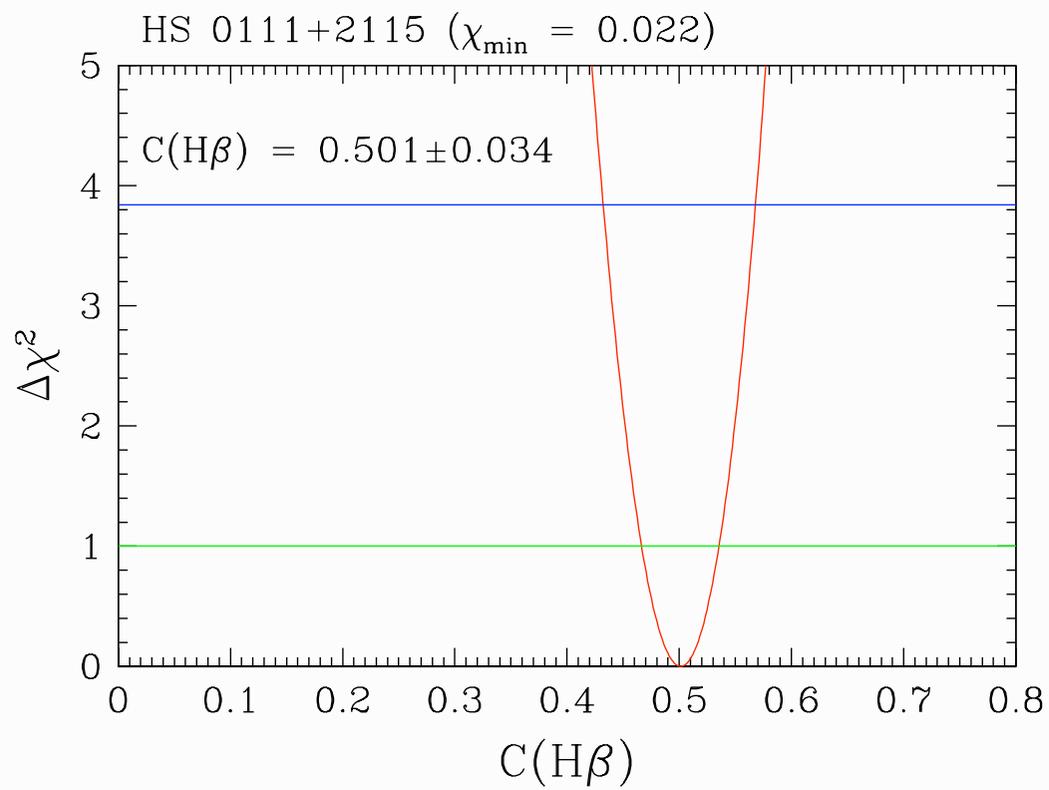
- theoretical value

$$X_T(6563) = 0.3862(\log T_4)^2 - 0.4817 \log T_4 + 2.86 \dots$$

$$T_4 \equiv T/10^4 K$$

- take  $\chi^2$  minimum

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{(X_R(\lambda) - X_T(\lambda))^2}{\sigma_{X_R}^2(\lambda)}$$



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# Theoretical emissivities

Benjamin, Skillman, Smits 1999, ApJ 514,307 [BSS]

$$E(H\beta)/E(3889) = 0.904T^{-0.173-0.00054n_e}$$

$$E(H\beta)/E(4026) = 4.297T^{0.090-0.0000063n_e}$$

$$E(H\beta)/E(4471) = 2.010T^{0.127-0.00041n_e}$$

$$E(H\beta)/E(5876) = 0.735T^{0.230-0.00063n_e}$$

$$E(H\beta)/E(6678) = 2.580T^{0.249-0.00020n_e}$$

$$E(H\beta)/E(3889) = 12.45T^{-0.917} \\ / [3.494 - (0.793 - 0.0015n_e + 0.000000696n_e^2)T]$$

# Helium Abundance

$$y^+ = \frac{F(\lambda)}{F(H\beta)} \frac{E(H\beta)}{E(\lambda)} \left( \frac{W(H\beta)}{W(H\beta) + a_{\text{HI}}} \right) \left( \frac{W(\lambda) + a_{\text{HeI}}}{W(\lambda)} \right) 10^{f(\lambda)C(H\beta)} \frac{1}{f_\lambda}$$

$$\bar{y} = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{y^+(\lambda)}{\sigma(\lambda)^2} / \sum_{\lambda} \frac{1}{\sigma(\lambda)^2}$$

minimize  $\chi^2$



determine  
parameters

$(T), n_e, a_{\text{HeI}}, \tau$

[  $T = T(\text{OIII})$  ]

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{(y^+(\lambda) - \bar{y})^2}{\sigma(\lambda)^2}$$

$\Delta\chi^2 = 1$



uncertainties in  
parameters

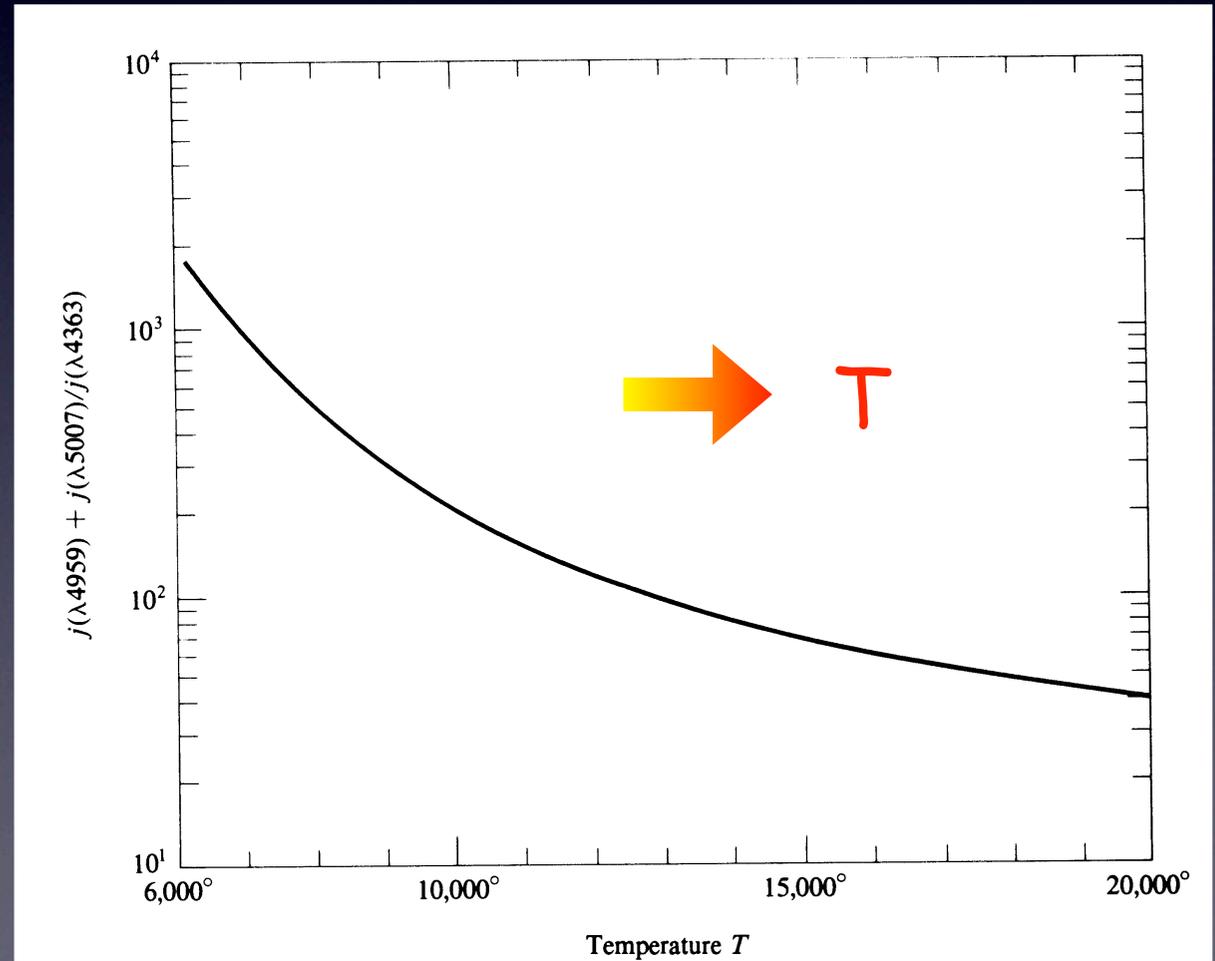
# Temp. measurement from [OIII] lines



Osterbrock's text book §5.2

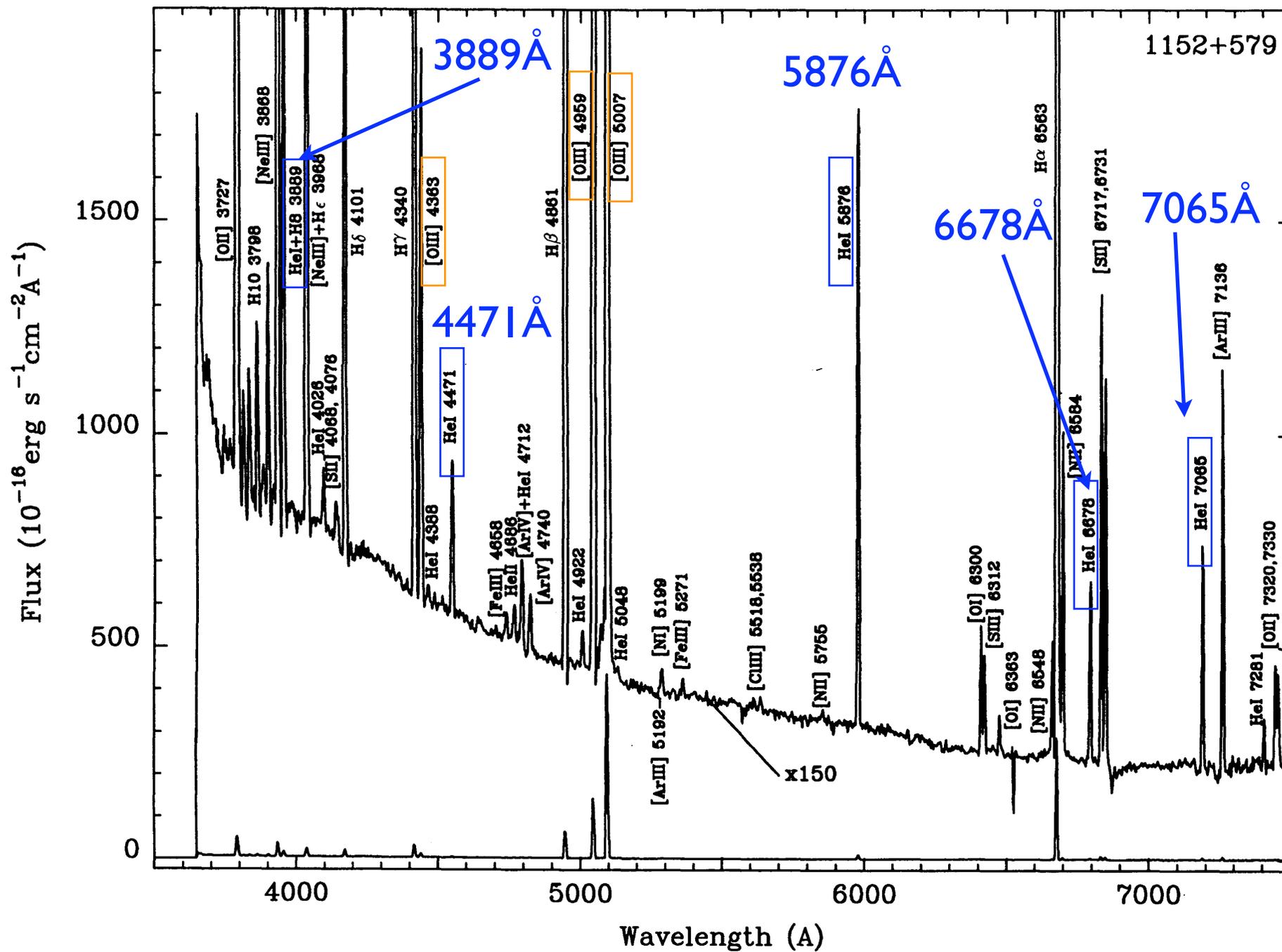
$$\frac{j_{\lambda 4959} + j_{\lambda 5007}}{j_{\lambda 4363}} = \frac{7.73 \exp[(3.29 \times 10^4)/T]}{1 + 4.5 \times 10^{-4}(n_e/T^{1/2})}$$

.....  
collisional de-excitation



# Spectrum

MRK 193 Izotov, Thuan, Lipovetsky (1994)



# Recent Works

- Izotov & Thuan 1998, 2004

- 45 (89) low metallicity HII regions

- use [OIII] emission lines to determine T  $T(\text{HeII}) = T(\text{OIII})$

$$Y_p = 0.244 \pm 0.002$$

- Peimbert, Peimbert & Ruiz 2000

- HII region NGC 346 in SMC

- use HeI emission line to determine T  $T(\text{HeII}) < T(\text{OIII})$

$$Y_p = 0.2345 \pm 0.0026$$

- Luridiana et al 2003

- 5 metal poor HII regions

$$Y_p = 0.239 \pm 0.002$$

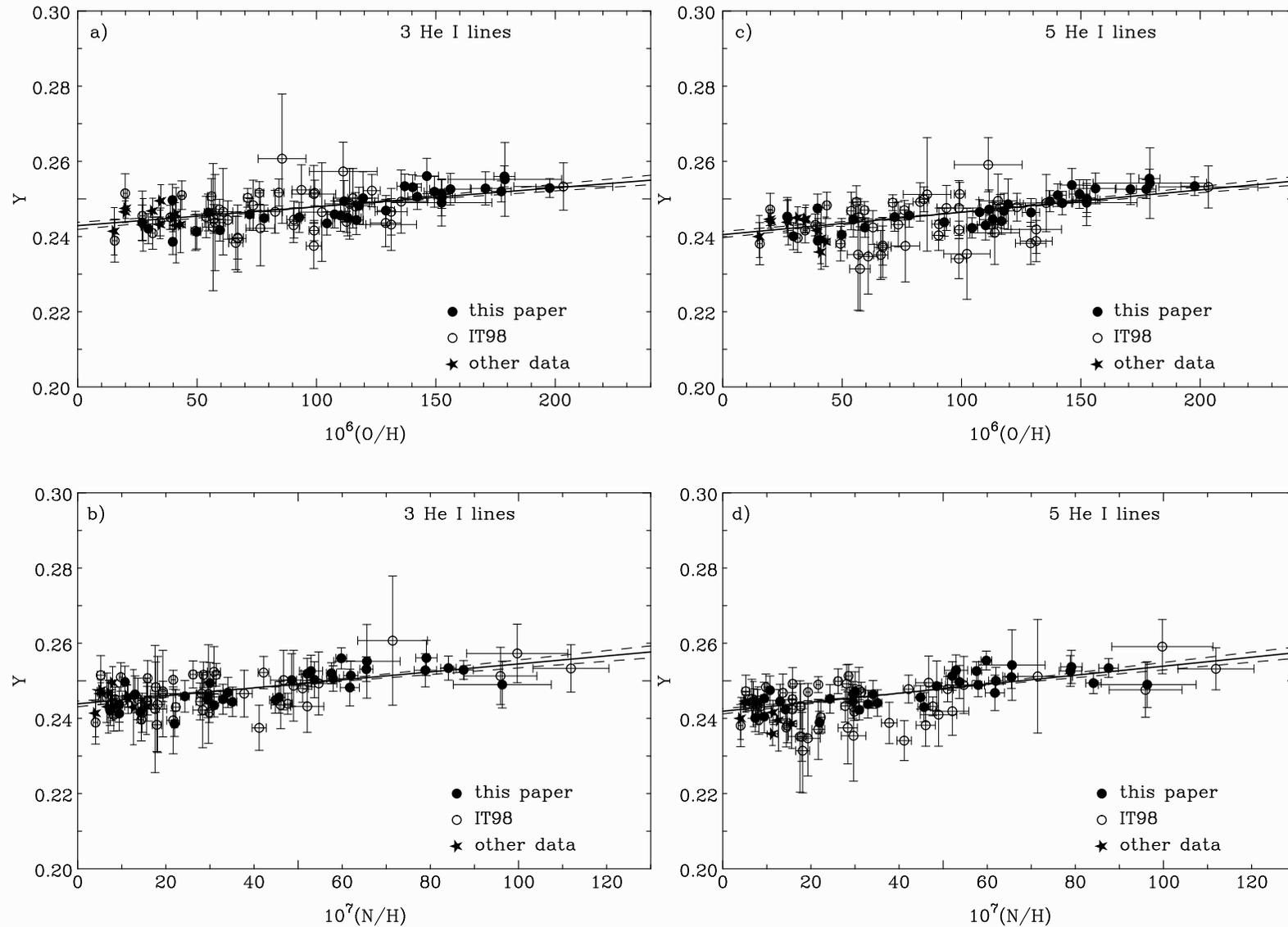


Fig. 2.— Linear regressions of the helium mass fraction  $Y$  vs. oxygen and nitrogen abundances for a total of 82 H II regions in 76 blue compact galaxies. In panels a) and b),  $Y$  was derived using the 3  $\lambda 4471$ ,  $\lambda 5876$  and  $\lambda 6678$  He I lines, and in panels c) and d),  $Y$  was derived using the 5  $\lambda 3889$ ,  $\lambda 4471$ ,  $\lambda 5876$ ,  $\lambda 6678$  and  $\lambda 7065$  He I lines.

Method	Number of H II Regions	Oxygen		Nitrogen	
		Regression	$\sigma$	Regression	$\sigma$
3 He I lines <sup>a,b</sup>	45	0.2451±0.0018 + 21±21(O/H)	0.0048	0.2452±0.0012 + 603±372(N/H)	0.0044
3 He I lines <sup>b</sup>	89	0.2429±0.0009 + 51± 9(O/H)	0.0040	0.2439±0.0008 + 1063±183(N/H)	0.0037
5 He I lines <sup>c,d</sup>	7	0.2421±0.0021 + 68±22(O/H)	0.0035	0.2446±0.0016 + 1084±442(N/H)	0.0040
5 He I lines <sup>c,e</sup>	7	0.2444±0.0020 + 61±21(O/H)	0.0040	0.2466±0.0016 + 954±411(N/H)	0.0044

<sup>a</sup>Data are from IT98.

<sup>b</sup>Only collisional and fluorescent enhancements are taken into account. We have adopted  $T_e(\text{He II}) = T_e(\text{O III})$  and  $ICF(\text{He}) = 1$ .

<sup>c</sup>Collisional and fluorescent enhancements of the He I lines, collisional excitation of hydrogen lines, underlying He I stellar absorption and differences between  $T_e(\text{He II})$  and  $T_e(\text{O III})$  are taken into account.  $ICF(\text{He})$  is set to 1.

<sup>d</sup>Calculated with  $EW_a(\text{H8} + \text{He I } 3889) = 3.0\text{\AA}$ ,  $EW_a(\text{He I } 4471) = 0.4\text{\AA}$ ,  $EW_a(\text{He I } 5876) = 0.3 EW_a(\text{He I } 4471)$ ,  $EW_a(\text{He I } 6678) = EW_a(\text{He I } 7065) = 0.1 EW_a(\text{He I } 4471)$ .

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# T(HeII)/T(OIII)

Peimbert, Peinbert, Luridiana (2002)

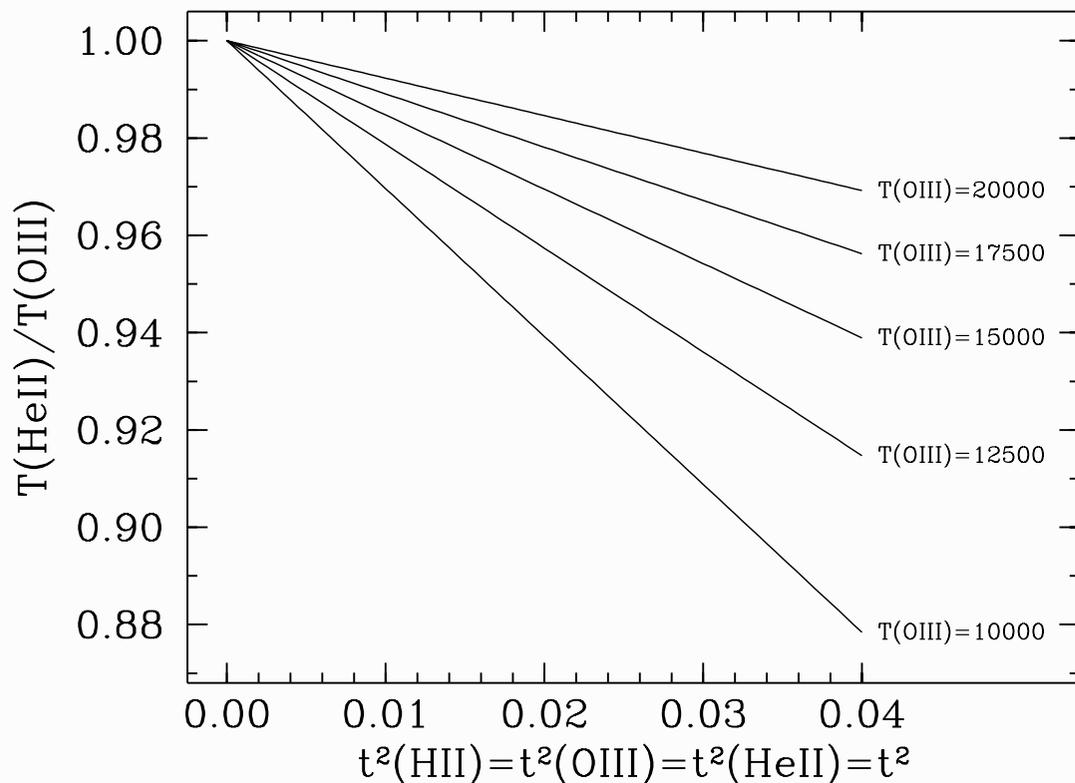


FIG. 1.—The ratio  $T_e(\text{He II})/T_e(\text{O III})$  as a function of  $T_e(\text{O III})$  and temperature fluctuations for the case in which all the O is  $\text{O}^{++}$ . When  $\text{O}^+$  is present, higher  $t^2$  values are expected, particularly for those objects with the highest  $T_e(\text{O III})$  values (see Fig. 2). Typical  $t^2$  values in H II regions are in the 0.01–0.04 range.

average temp

$$T_0 = \frac{\int T n_e n_p dV}{\int n_e n_p dV}$$

mean square temp  
variation

$$t^2 = \frac{\int (T - T_0)^2 n_e n_p dV}{T_0^2 \int n_e n_p dV}$$

pure OIII nebula

$$T(\text{HeII}) = T(\text{OIII}) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{90800}{T(\text{OIII})} - 0.2 \right) \frac{t^2}{2} \right]$$

## Recent Works (cont.)

- Olive & Skillman 2004

- 7 HII regions of IT98
- use HeI emission lines to determine T
- underlying stellar absorption

$$Y_p = 0.249 \pm 0.009$$

- Fukugita, MK 2006

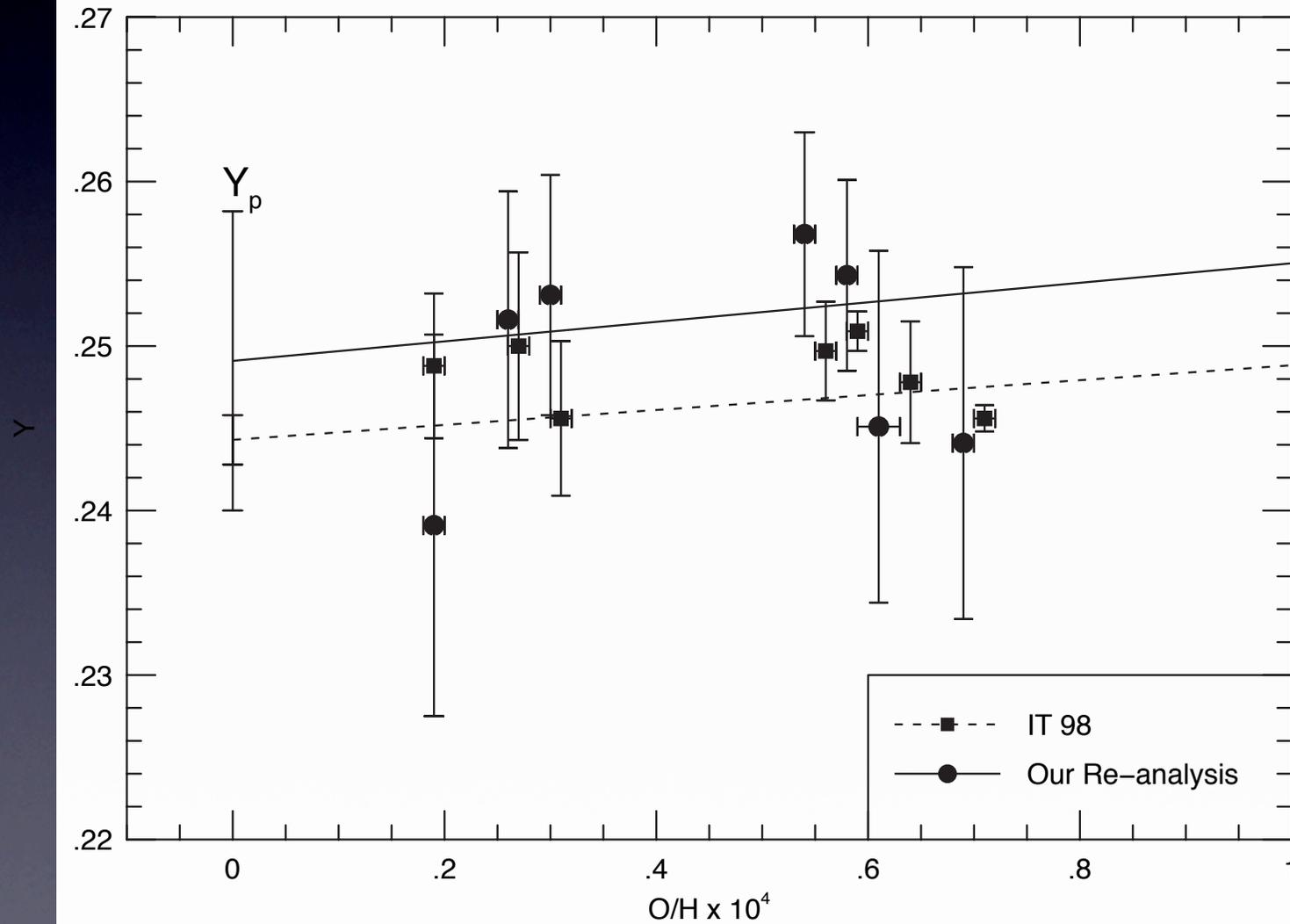
- 33 HII regions of IT04
- use OIII emission line to determine T
- underlying stellar absorption

$$Y_p = 0.250 \pm 0.004$$

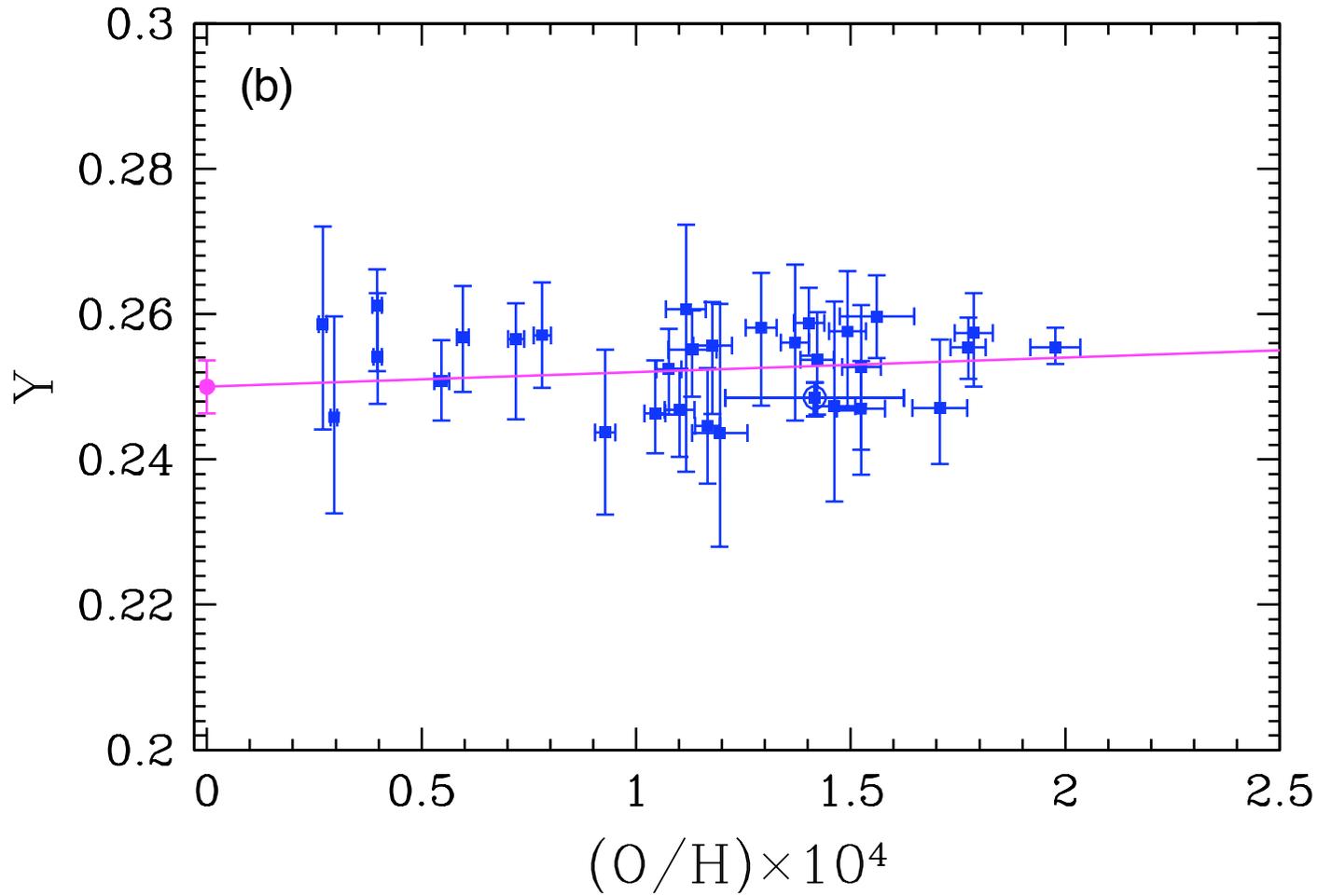
# Olive, Skillman 2004

$$Y_p = 0.2491 \pm 0.0091$$

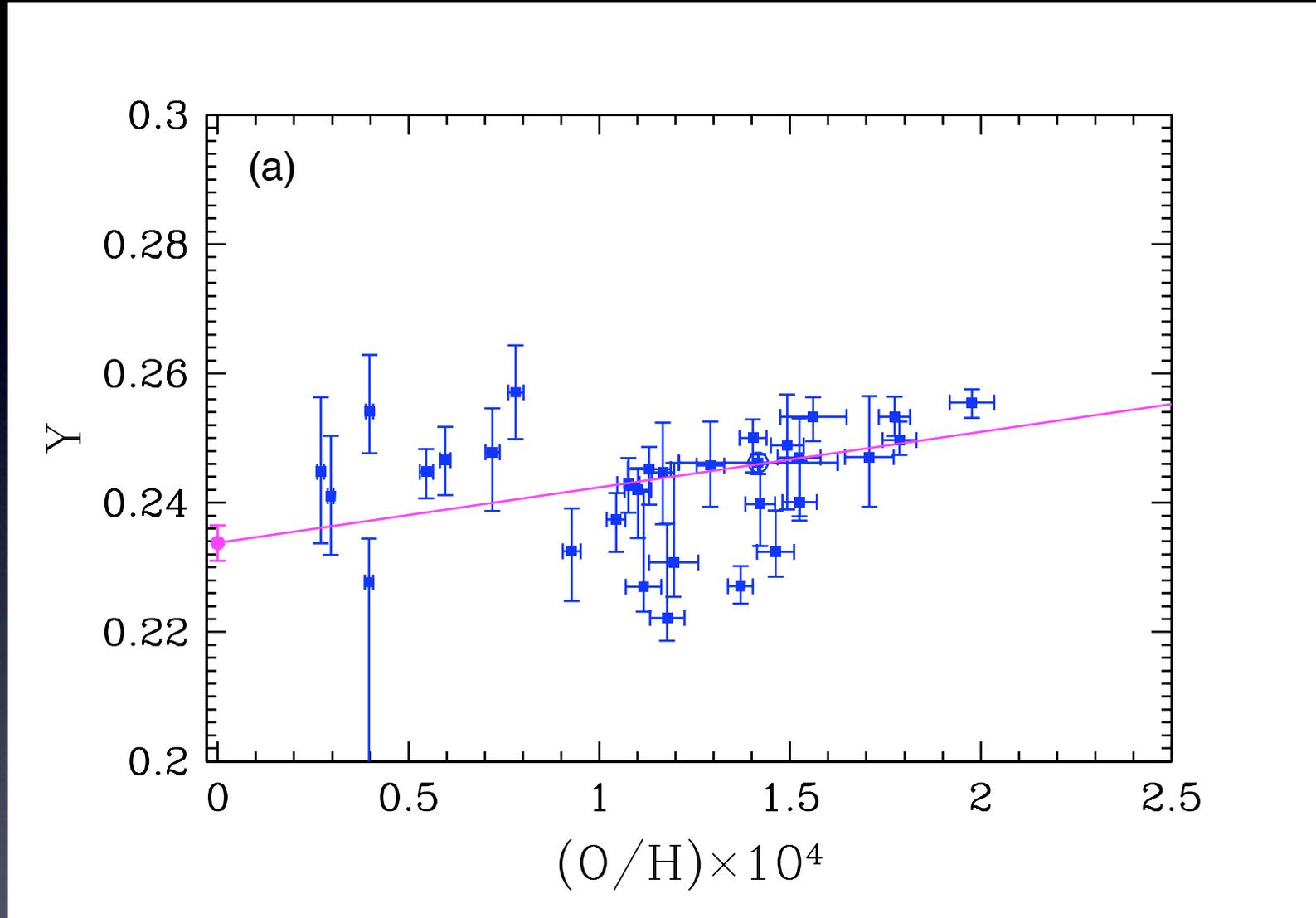
$$\eta_{10} = 6.64^{+11.1}_{-3.82}$$



# Helium Abundance in HII region

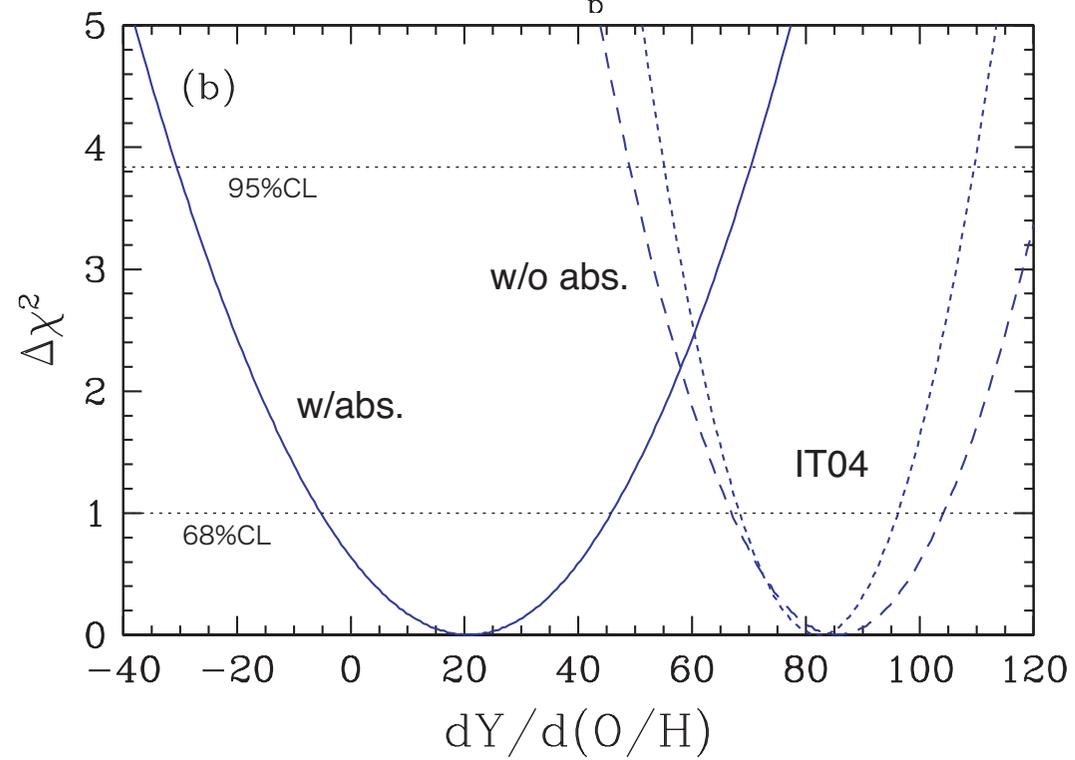
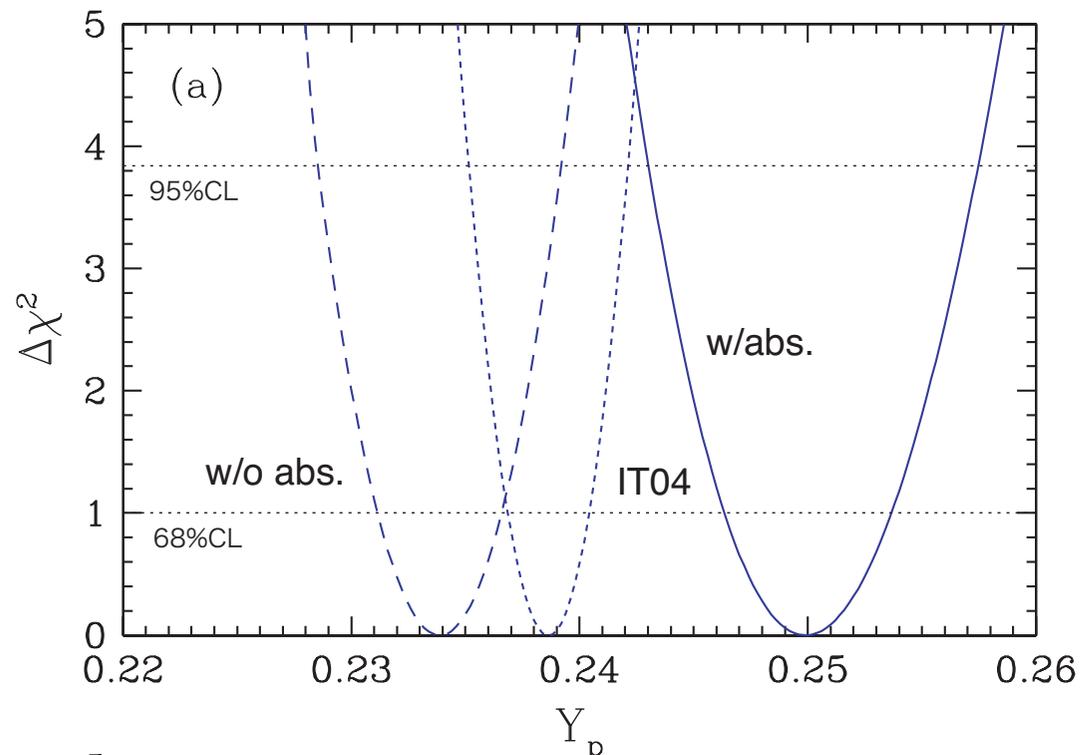


# Without stellar absorption



Fukugita, Kawasaki (2006)

➔  $Y_p = 0.234 \pm 0.004$



# New Determination of $Y_p$

## Use of new computation of HeI emissivity

Porter, Bauman, Ferland, MacAdam 2006

### • Peimbert, Luridiana & Peimbert 2007

PBFM

- 5 HII regions of IT98
- use HeI emission lines to determine T

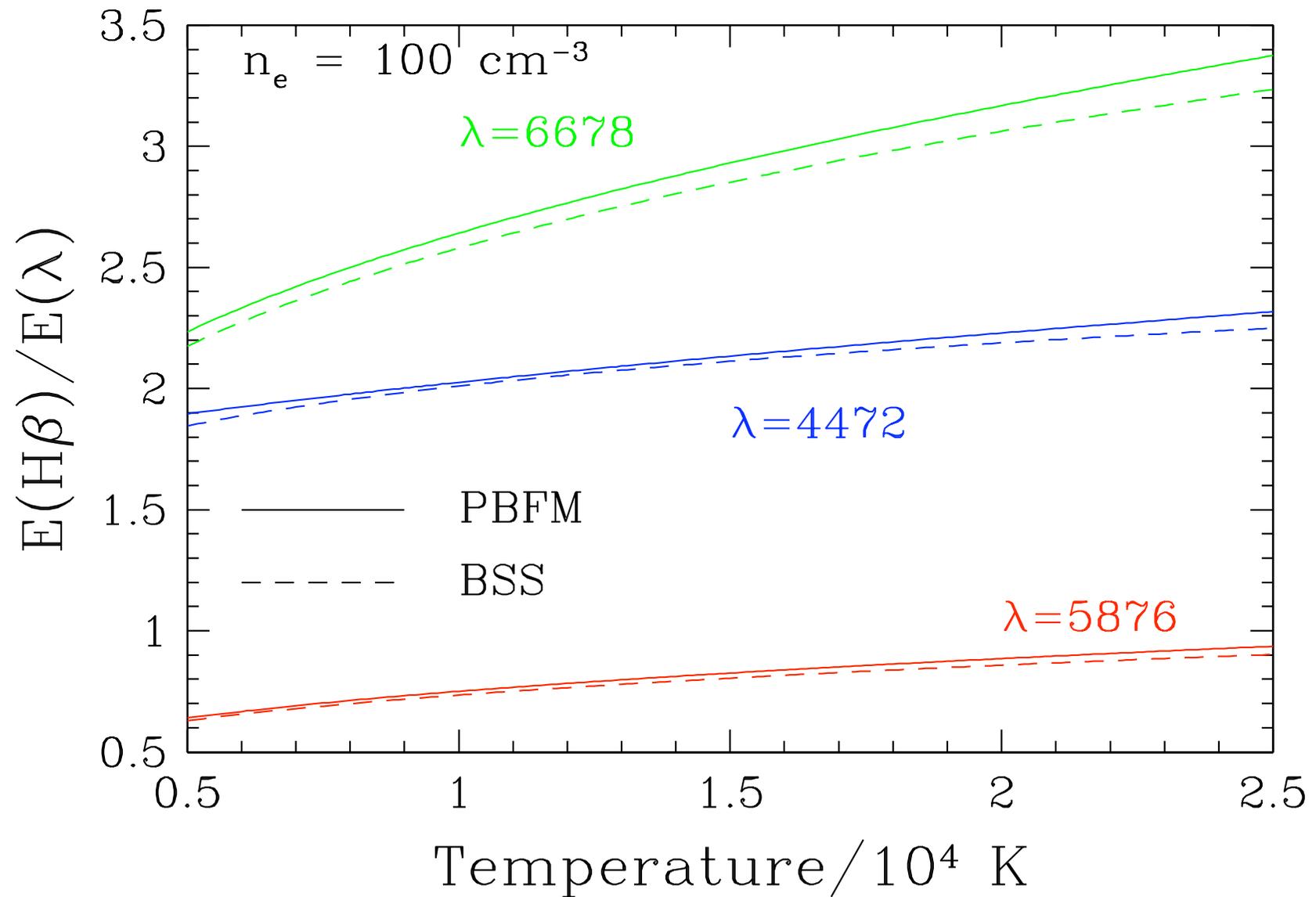
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### • Izotov, Thuan & Stasinska 2007

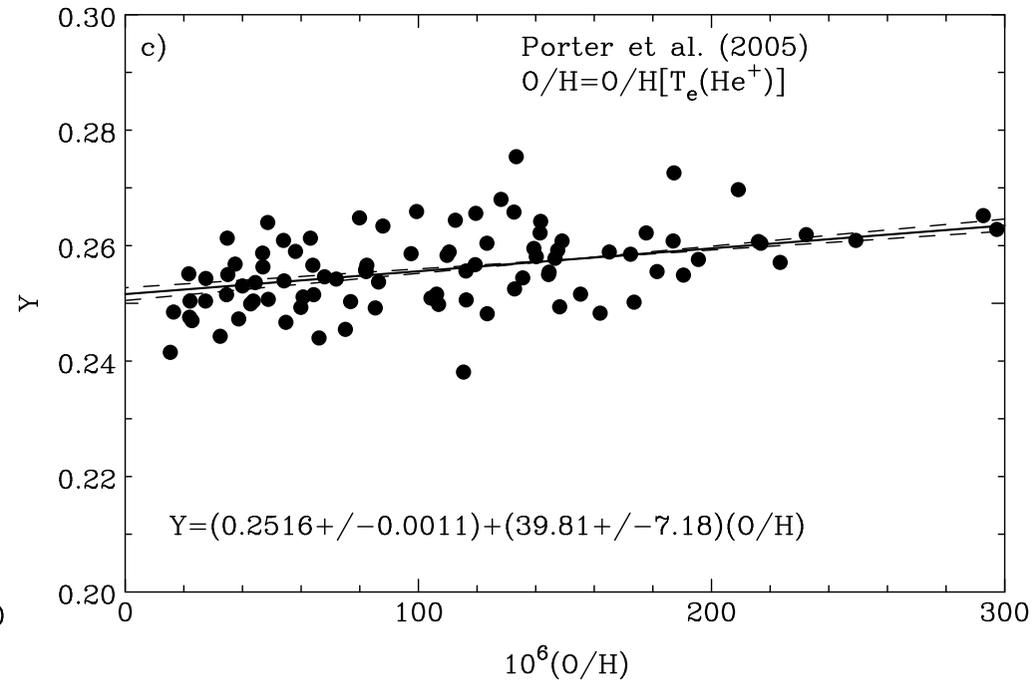
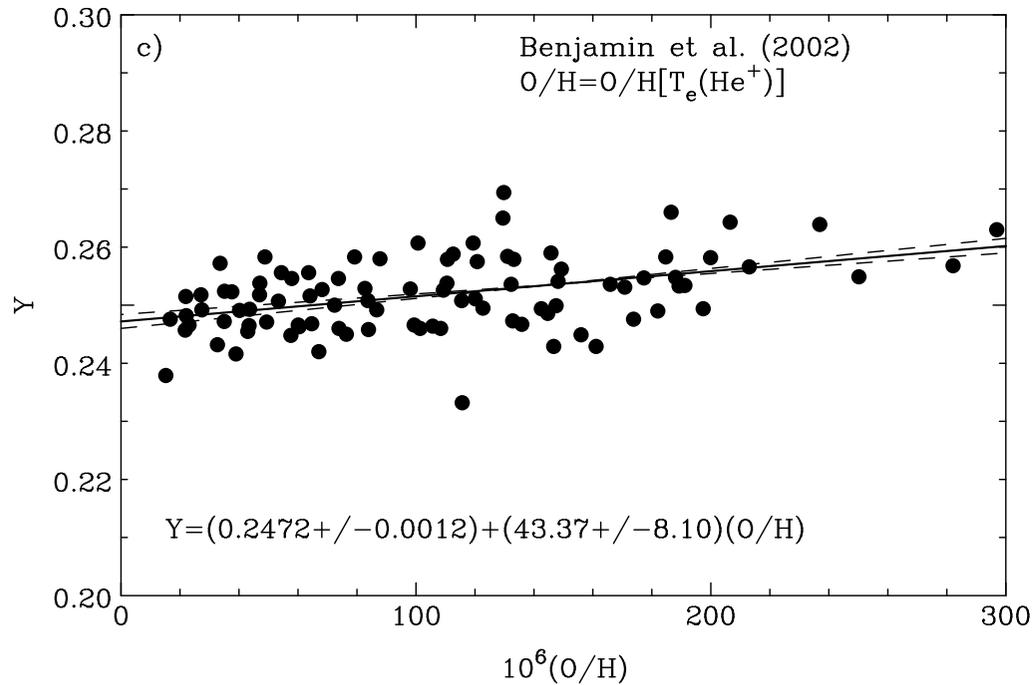
- 93 HII regions (HeBCD) + 271 HII regions in SDSS DR5
- $T(\text{HeII}) = (0.95 - 1.0)T(\text{OIII})$
- underlying stellar absorption

$$Y_p = 0.2516 \pm 0.0011$$

# New Emissivity



# Izotov, Thuan, Stasinska 2007



**BBS**

$$Y_p = 0.2472 \pm 0.0012$$

**PBFM**

$$Y_p = 0.2516 \pm 0.0011$$

# Systematic errors

- He I emissivity
- T(OIII) may be different from T(HeII)
- Underlying HeI stellar absorption
- Collisional excitation of hydrogen emission lines
- HeII and HII regions may not coincident

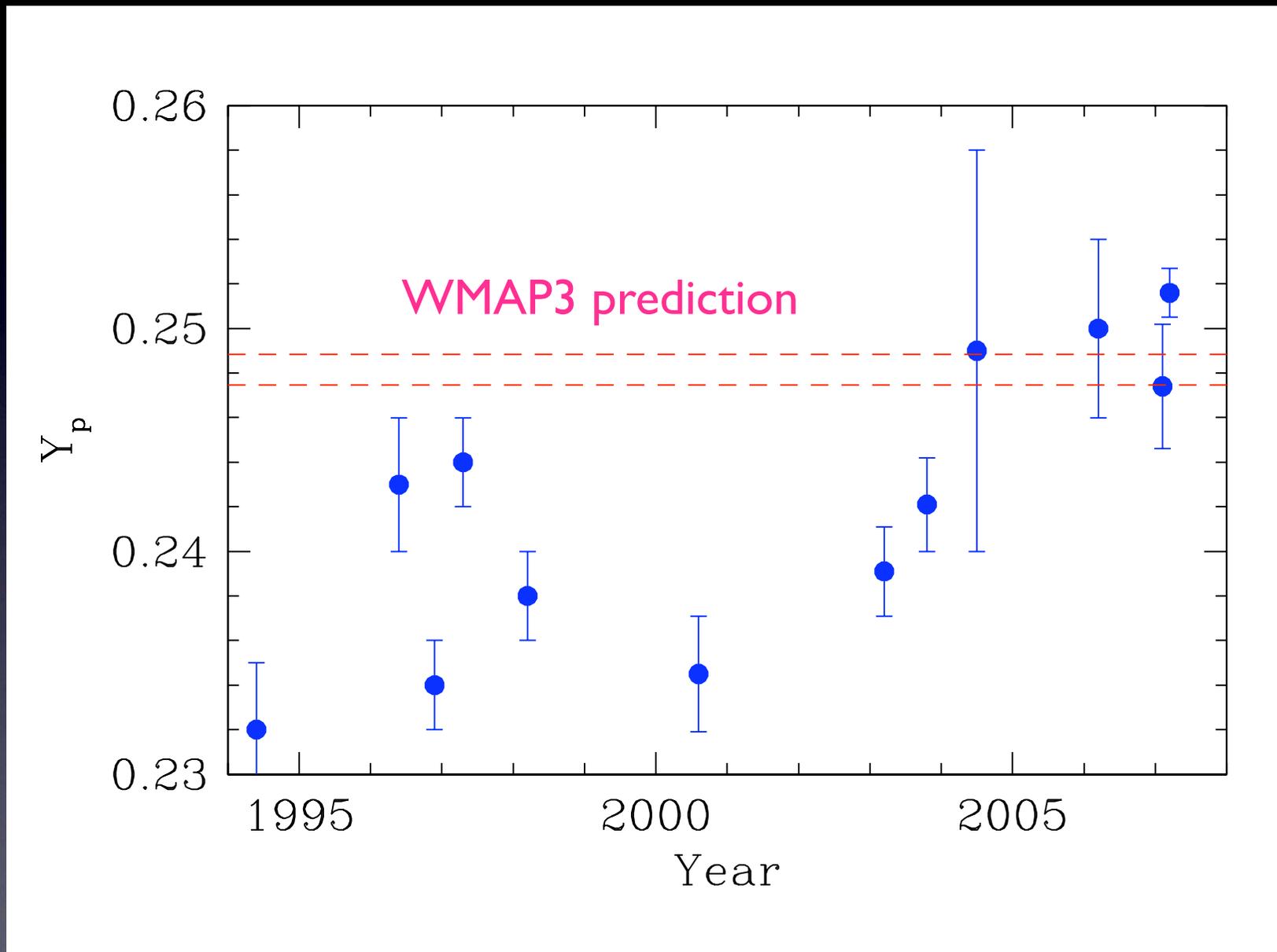
correction factor  $ICF(\text{He}^+ + \text{He}^{2+})$

# Error Budget

IT (2007)

Property	$\Delta Y_p$
He I emissivity	$\lesssim +1.7\%$
$T_e(\text{He}^+) = (0.95 - 1.0) \times T_e(\text{O III})$	$\lesssim -1.0\%$
Underlying He I stellar absorption	$\lesssim +3.0\%$
Collisional excitation of hydrogen emission lines	$\lesssim +1.0\%$
$ICF(\text{He}^+ + \text{He}^{2+})$	$\lesssim -1.0\%$

# $Y_p$ History



# 3. Li7

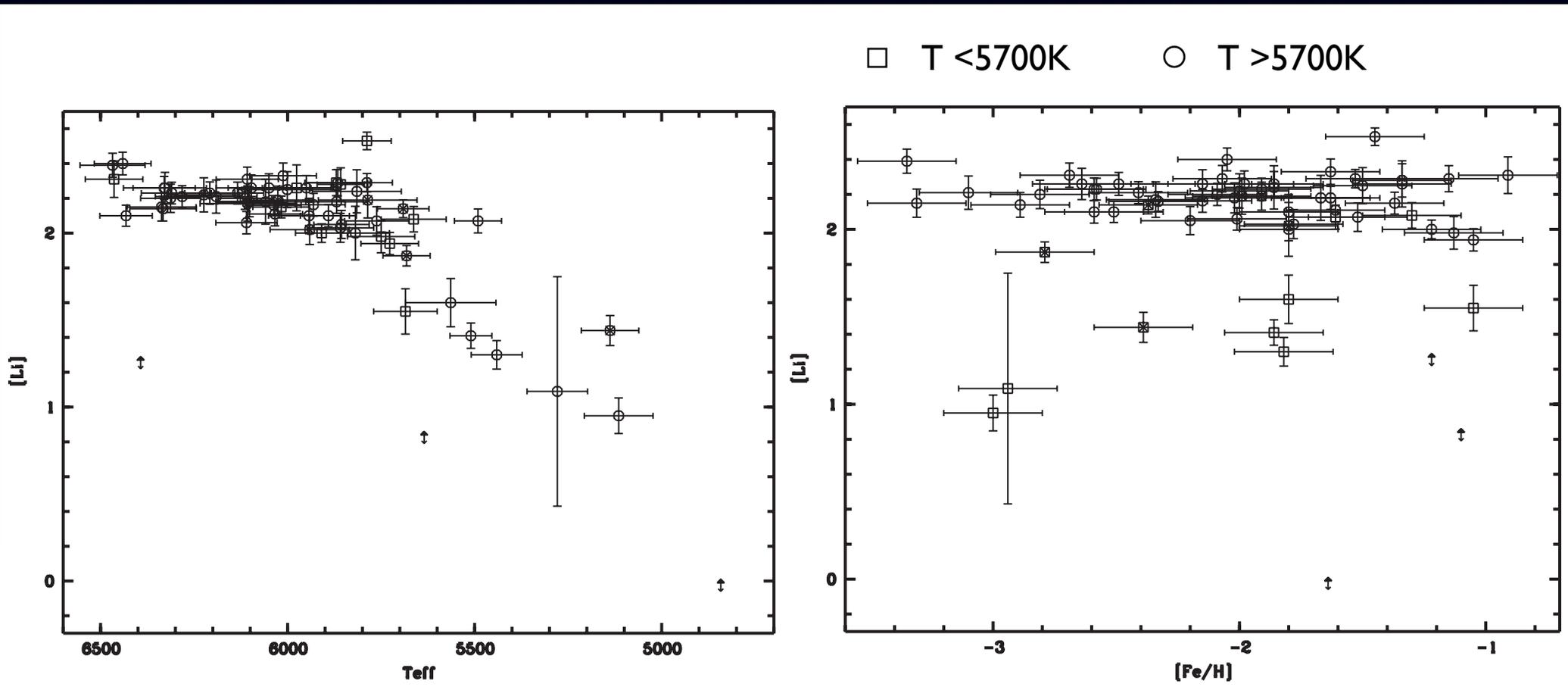
# Li7

- Spite plateau [Spite & Spite (1987)]

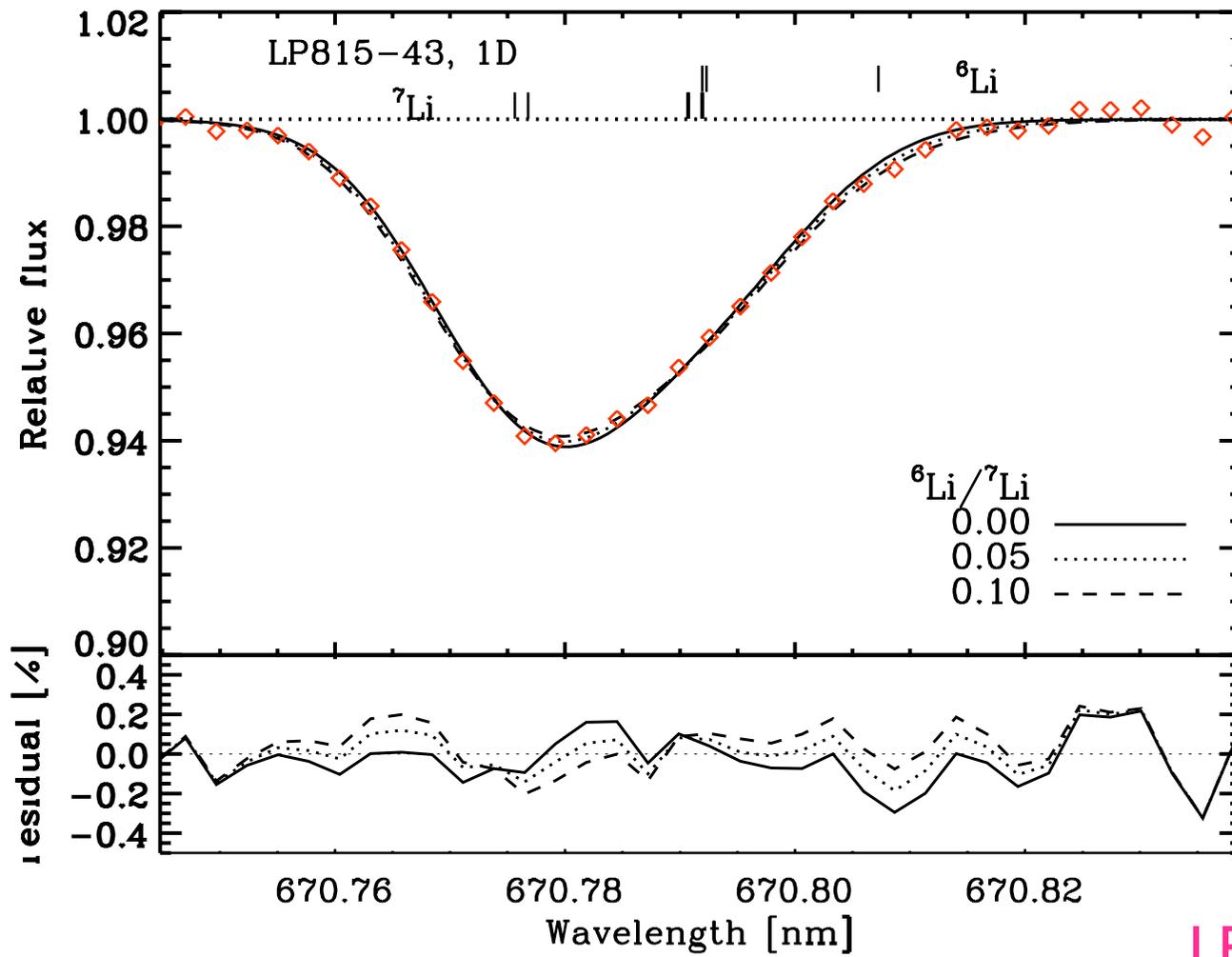
constant Li7 abundance in warmest metal-poor stars



Primordial abundance of Li 7



# 6708Å line



LP815-43

# Recent works

- Bonifacio & Malaro (1997)

- 41 metal-poor stars

- IRFM to determine T

T is found by comparison of infrared flux with bolometric flux

- no dep. on [Fe/H]

$$\log_{10}({}^7\text{Li}/\text{H})_p = -9.762 \pm 0.012(\text{sta}) \pm 0.05(\text{sys})$$

- Ryan et al. (2000)

- 23 metal-poor field stars

- IRFM

- correlation between Li and [Fe/H]

$$\log_{10}({}^7\text{Li}/\text{H})_p = -9.91 \pm 0.10$$

# Infrared flux method

- Effective Temperature

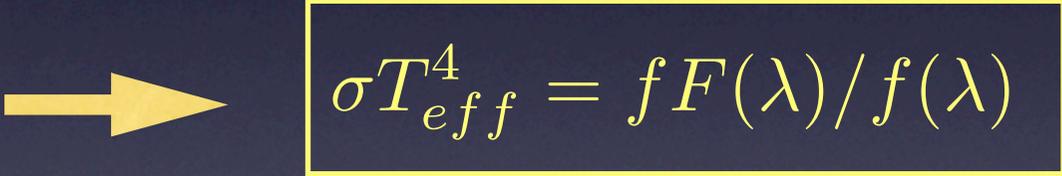
$$\sigma T_{eff}^4 = F = f(r/R)^2$$

$F$  : surface flux  
 $f$  : observed flux  
 $r$  : distance to star  
 $R$  : Radius of star

- Monochromatic flux

$$(r/R)^2 = F(\lambda)/f(\lambda)$$

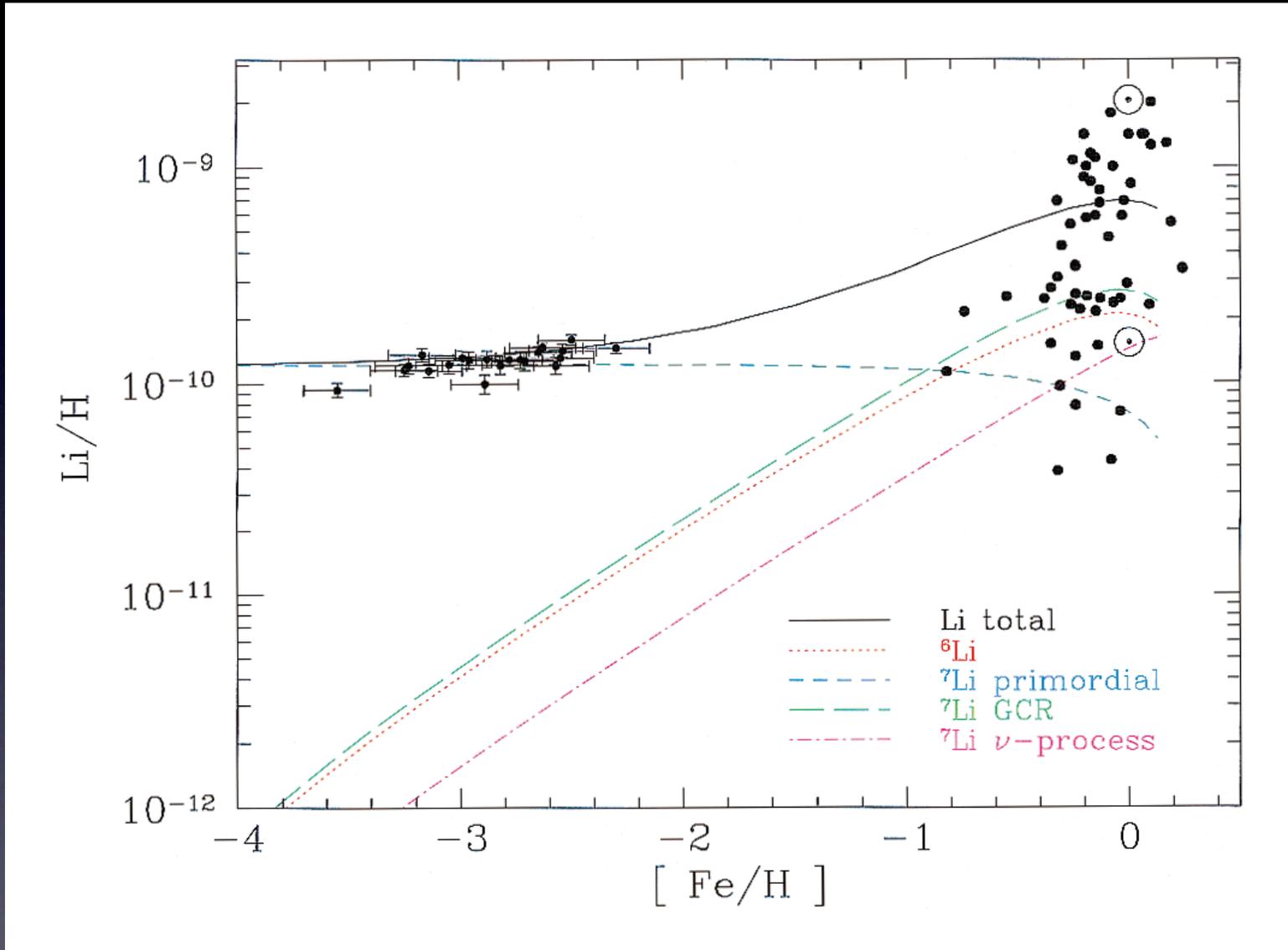
$f(\lambda)$  : observed monochromatic flux  
 $F(\lambda)$  : monochromatic surface flux


$$\sigma T_{eff}^4 = f F(\lambda) / f(\lambda)$$

model atmosphere calc.

- Infrared wavelength is used because the Planck curve is only weakly dependent at infrared wavelength, and hence small uncertainty in choice of a model atmosphere

$$\log_{10}({}^7\text{Li}/\text{H}) = (-9.95 \pm 0.05) + (0.118 \pm 0.023)[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$$



Ryan et al (2000)

# Recent works (cont.)

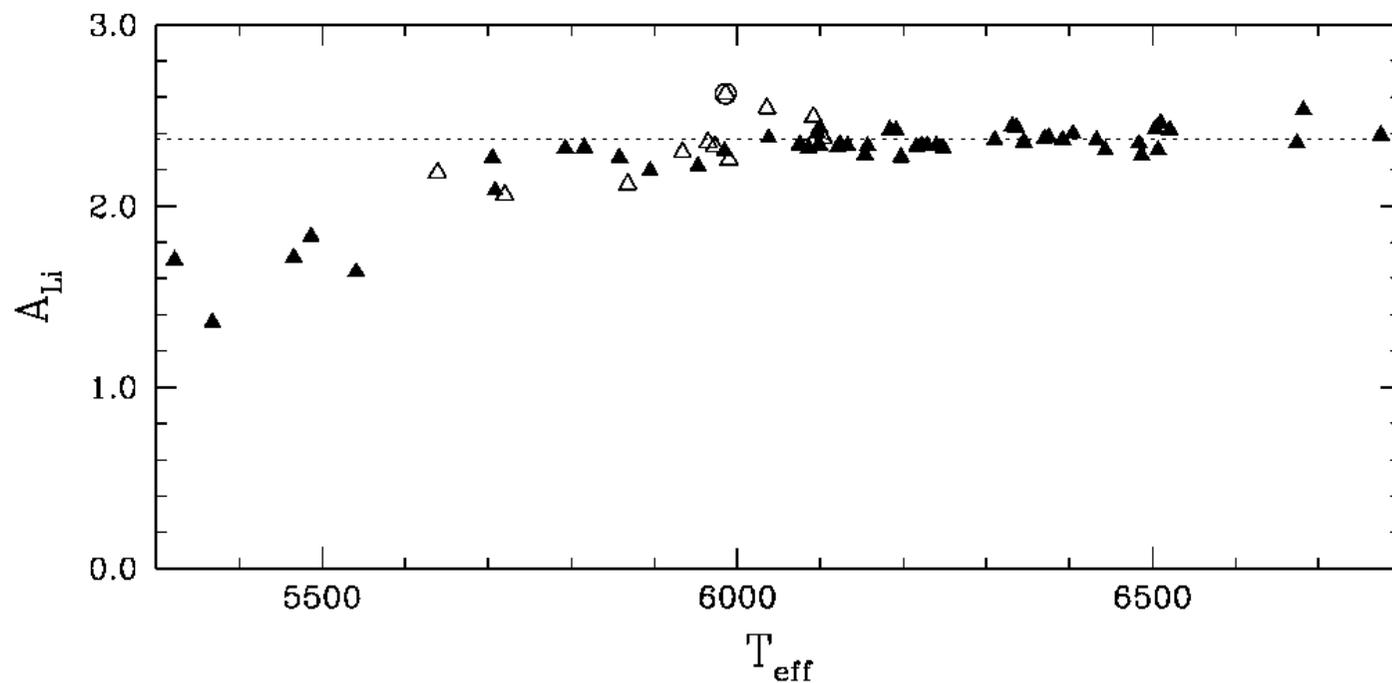
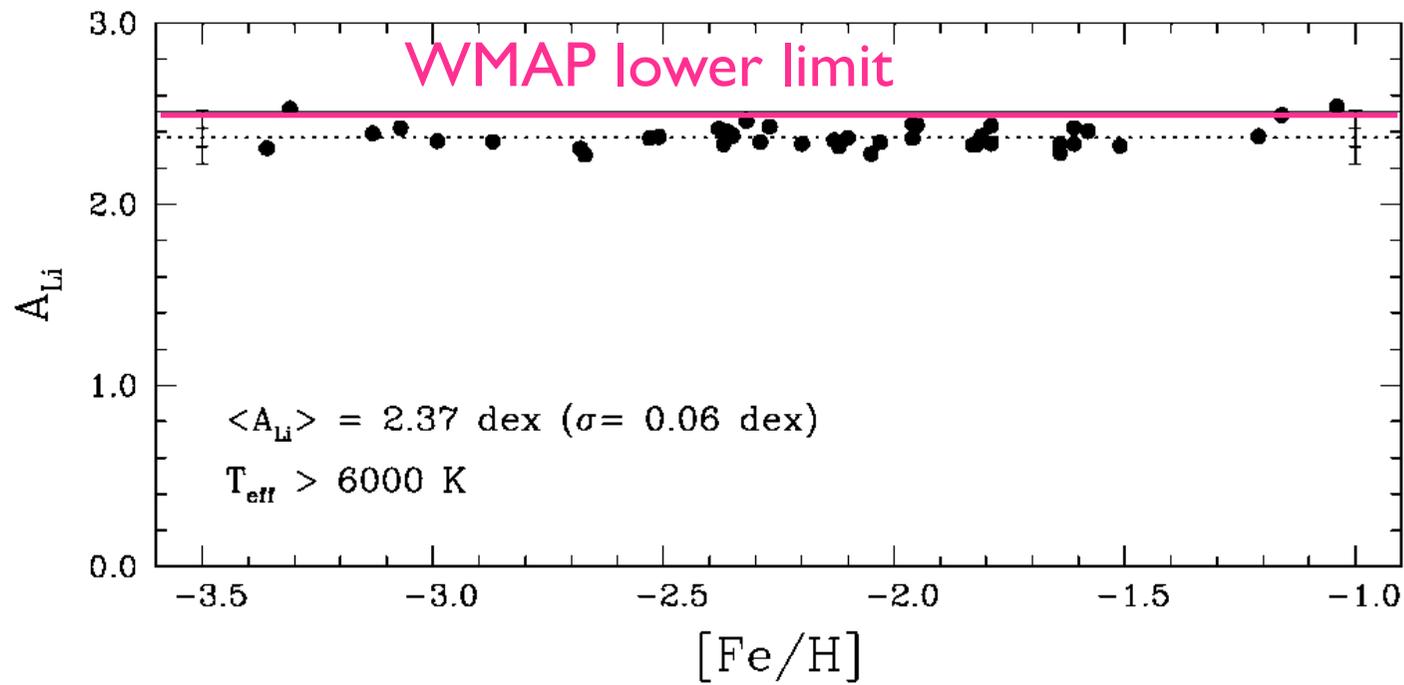
- Bonifacio et al. (2002)
- 12 stars in metal-poor globular cluster NGC6397

$$\log_{10}({}^7\text{Li}/\text{H})_p = -9.66 \pm 0.056$$

$$[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -2.03$$

- Melendez & Ramirez (2004)
  - 41 metal-poor dwarf stars
  - new calibration of IRFM  higher Li abundance
  - no correlation between Li and  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$

$$\log_{10}({}^7\text{Li}/\text{H})_p = -9.63 \pm 0.06$$



# Recent works (cont.)

- Asplund et al. (2005)
  - 24 metal-poor halo dwarfs
  - H $\alpha$  line profile to determine T
  - correlation between Li and [Fe/H]

$$\log_{10}({}^7\text{Li}/\text{H})_p = -9.90 \pm 0.06$$

- Bonifacio et al (2006)
  - 19 metal-poor dwarf stars
  - H $\alpha$  line profile to determine T
  - no correlation between Li and [Fe/H]

$$\log_{10}({}^7\text{Li}/\text{H})_p = -9.90 \pm 0.09$$

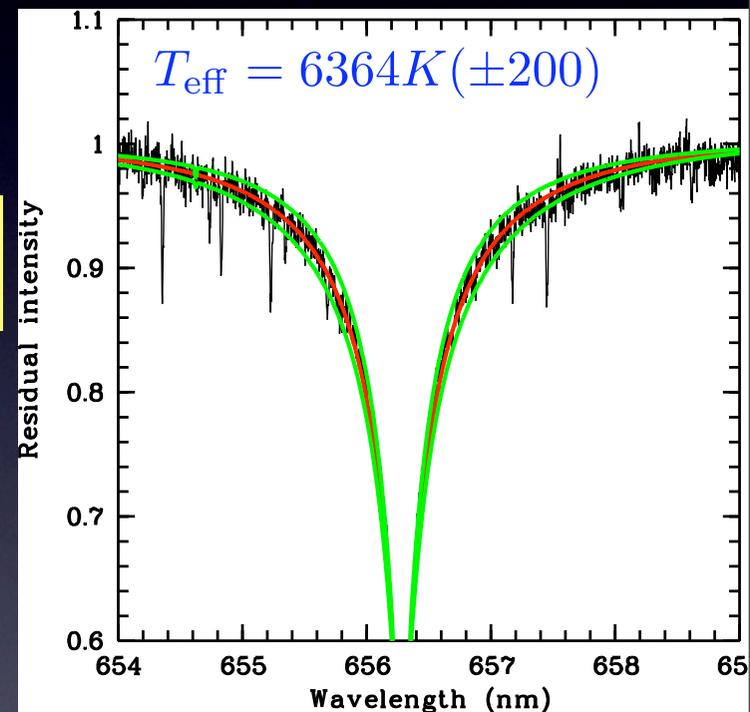
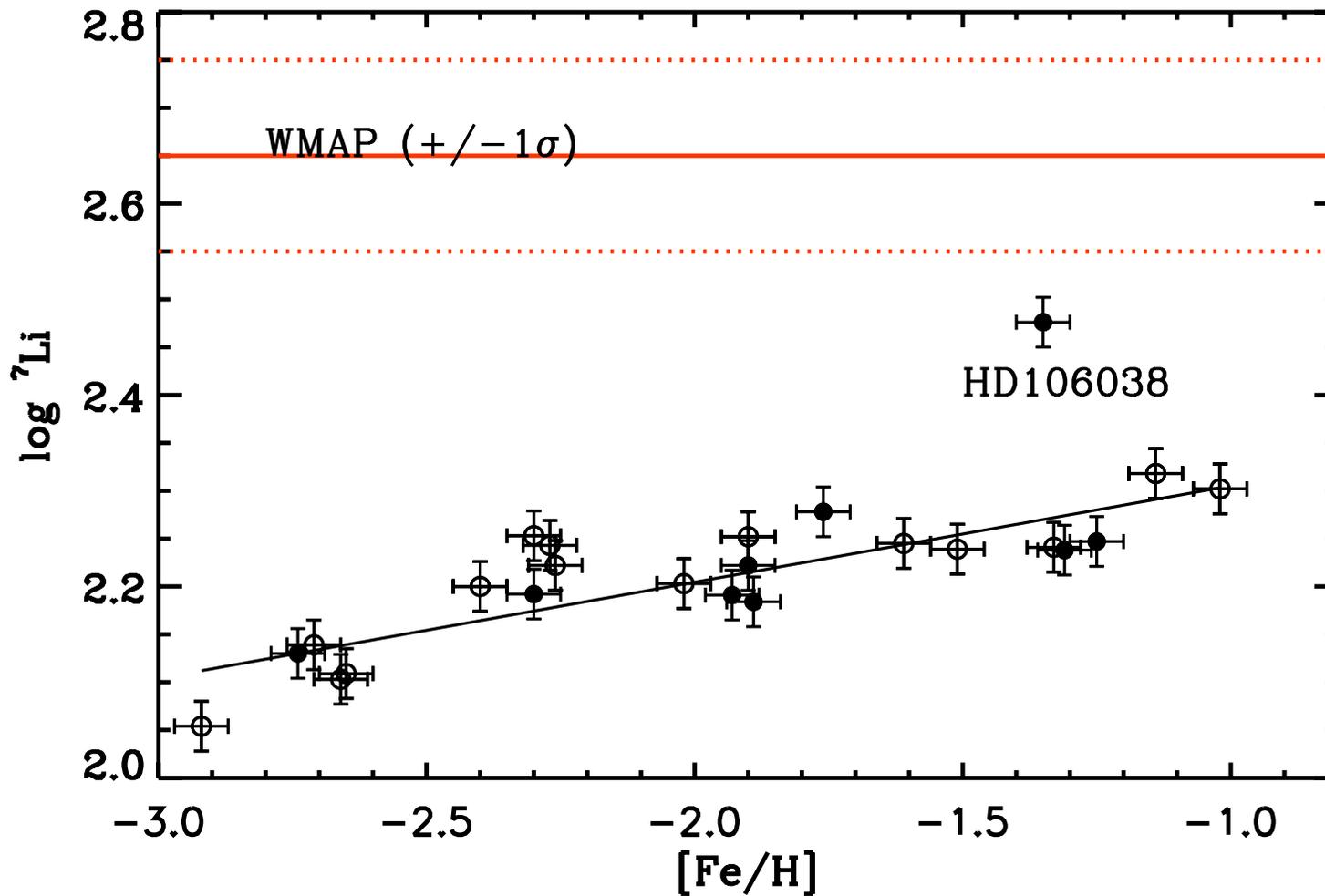


Fig. A.1. Example of fits to the H $\alpha$  line of the star BS 16023-043. The best-fit profile corresponds to  $T_{\text{eff}} = 6364$  K. The other two profiles shown correspond to  $T_{\text{eff}} \pm 200$  K of this value. The narrow absorption features are H $_2$ O telluric lines.

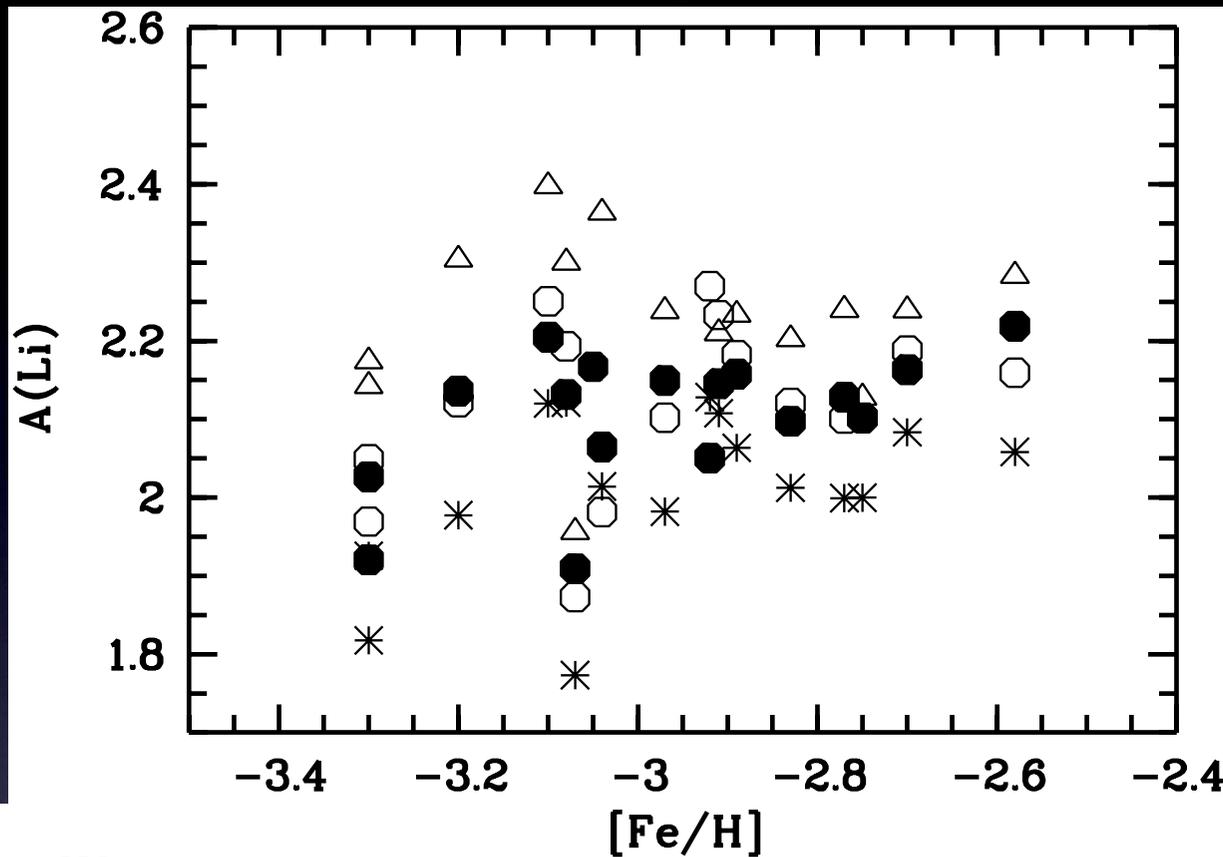


$$\log_{10}({}^7\text{Li}/\text{H}) = (-9.59 \pm 0.02) + (0.103 \pm 0.010)[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$$

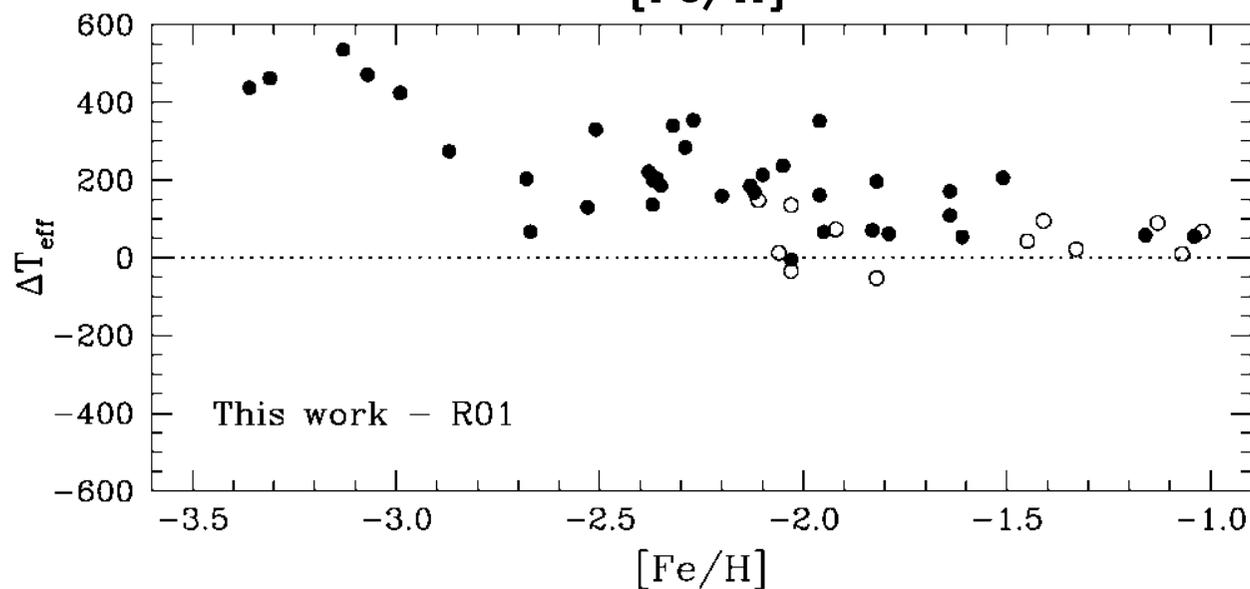
Asplund et al (2005)



# Effect of different temperature scales



Bonifacio et al (2006)



Melendez & Ramirez  
(2000)

# Lithium Problem

- WMAP Prediction

$$\log_{10}({}^7\text{Li}/\text{H})_p = -9.35 \pm 0.10$$

- Observation

$$\log_{10}({}^7\text{Li}/\text{H})_p = -9.90 \pm 0.10$$

- Depletion ?

rotational mixing  $\longrightarrow$  at most  $D_7 = 0.3$  dex

Pinsonneault et al (2002)

large discrepancy

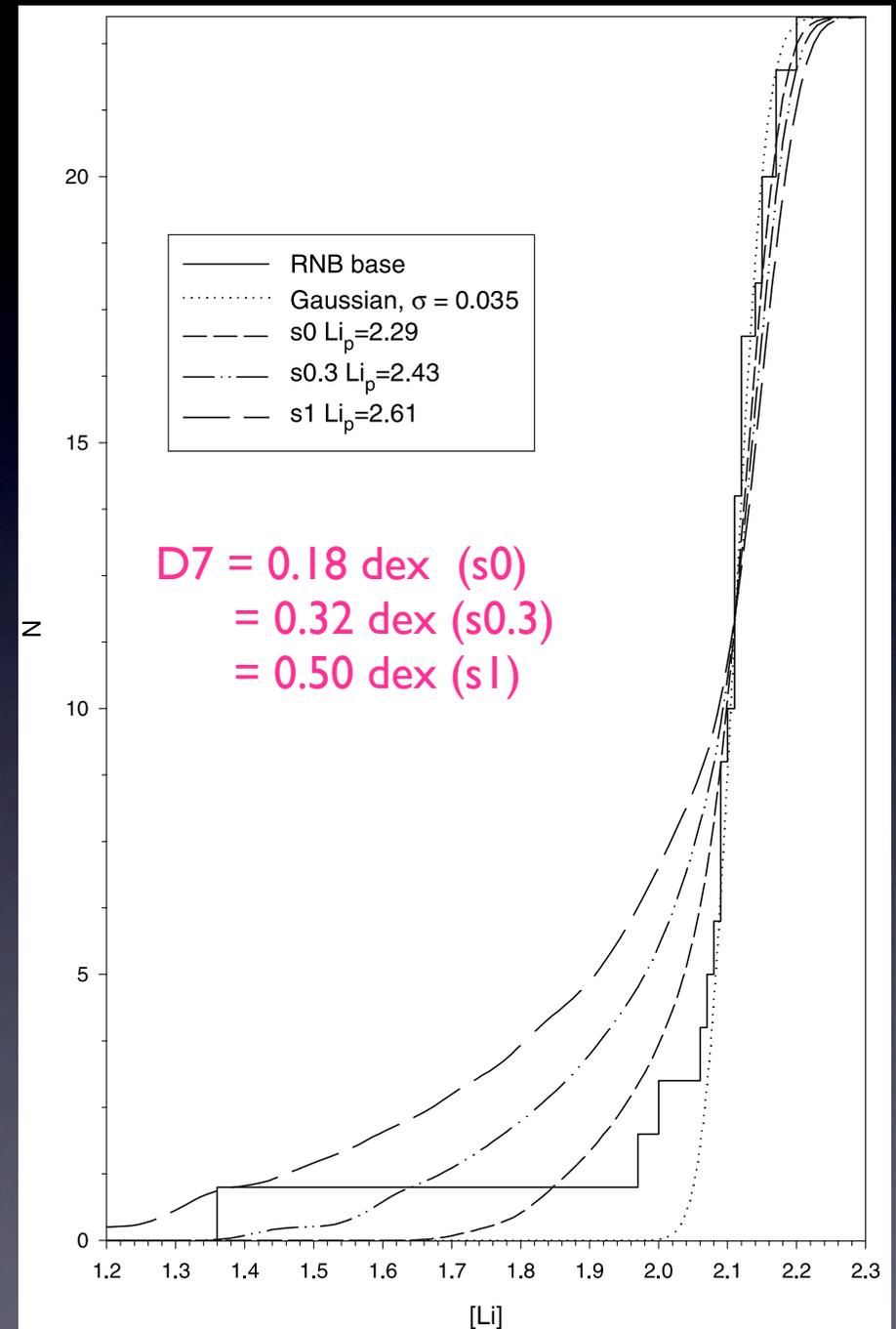


# Rotational mixing and Li7 abundance

Pinsonneault et al (2002)

- Rotation induces mixing in the radiative interiors of stars, leading to surface Li depletion during main-sequence phase
- Ryan, Norris & Beers (1999) sample is fully consistent with mild rotational mixing induced depletion

➔  $D_7 = 0.2 \pm 0.1$



# 4. Li6

# Li6

- Asplund et al (2005)
  - Li6 was detected in 9 out of 24 metal-poor halo dwarfs
  - Detection of Li6 in very metal-poor star LP 815-43

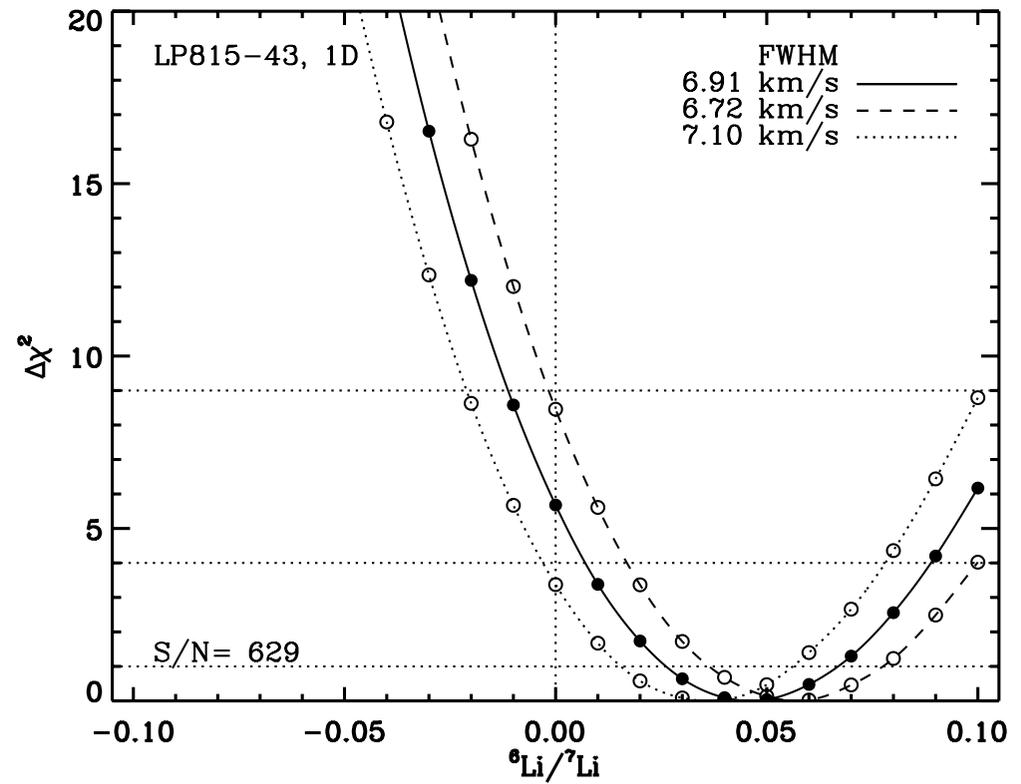
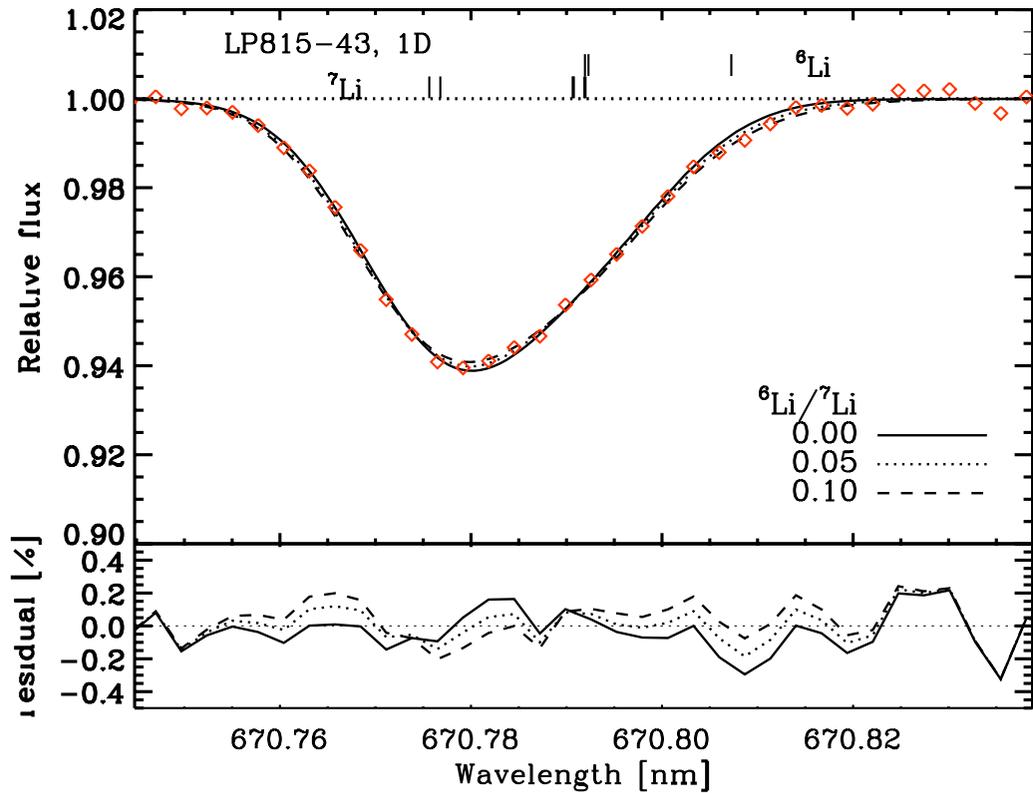
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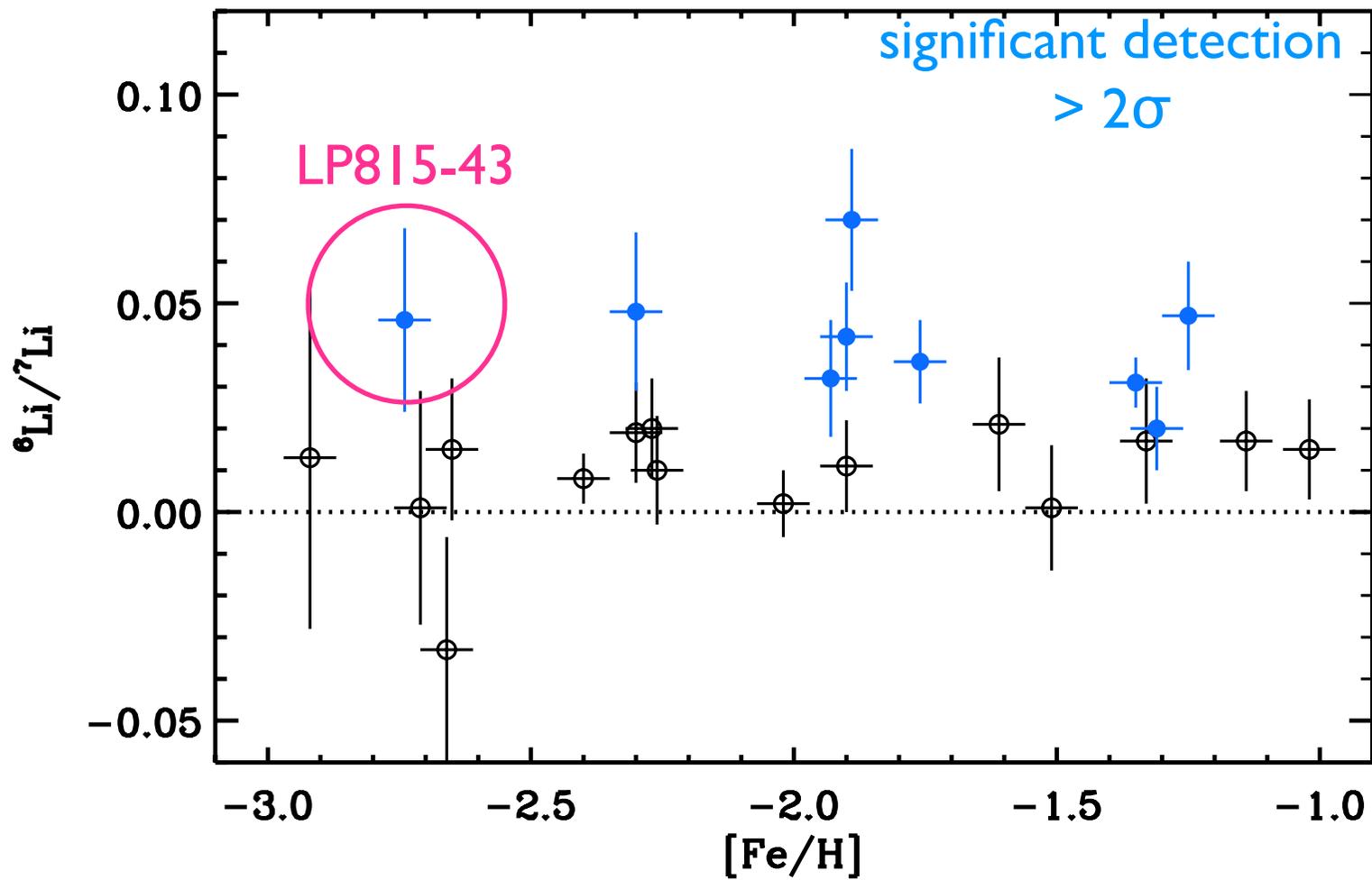
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$${}^6\text{Li}/{}^7\text{Li} \simeq 3 \times 10^{-5}$$

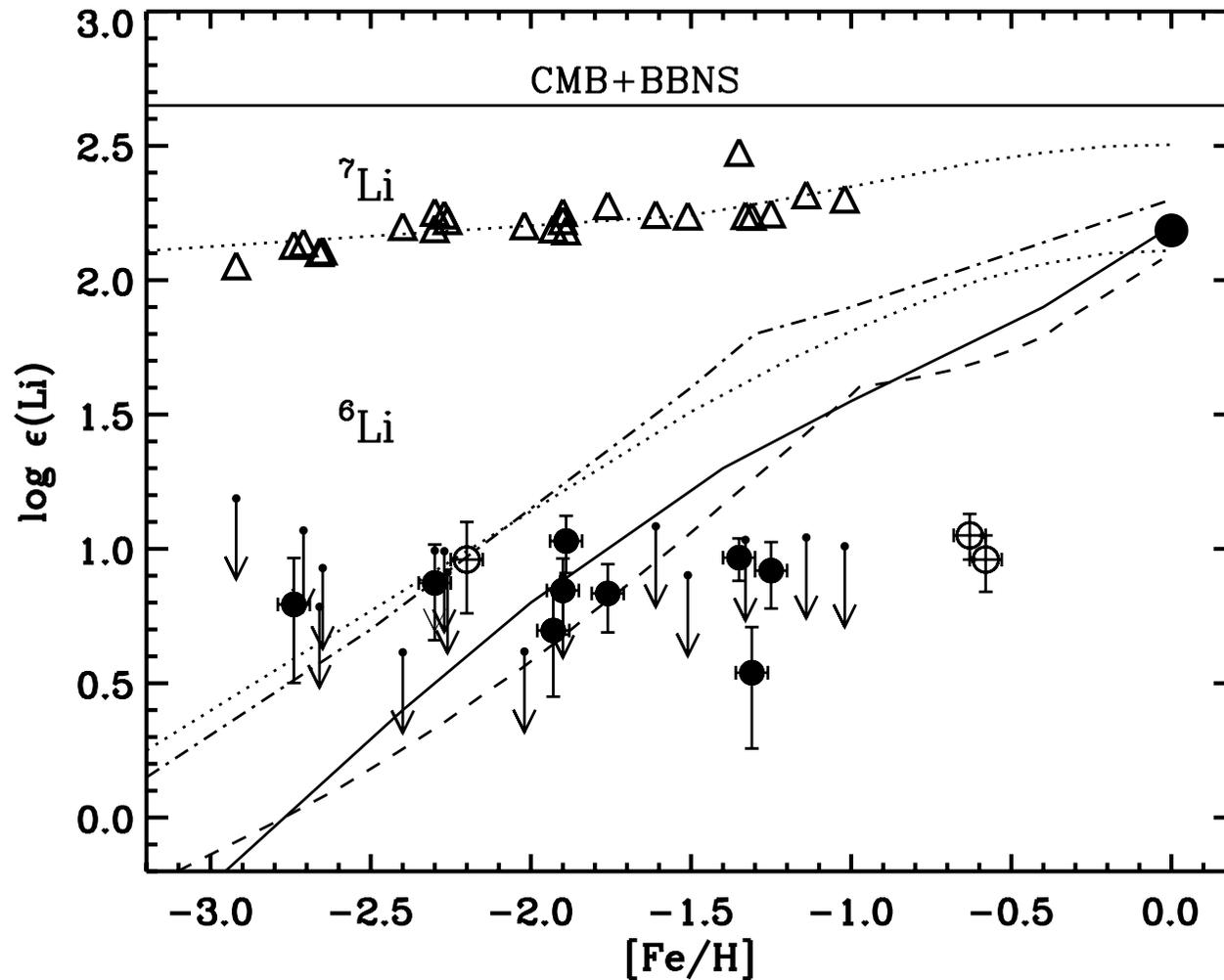
- Depletion ?

$$D_6 \simeq 2.5D_7$$

$$\log_{10}({}^6\text{Li}/{}^7\text{Li})_p = 1.5D_7 + \log_{10}({}^6\text{Li}/{}^7\text{Li})_{obs}$$

# Chemical evolution model

- spallation process (  $p + O, C, N$  )
- $\alpha$ - $\alpha$  fusion reactions



5. D

# D

- Absorption lines in Damped Ly $\alpha$  systems along sight lines of QSOs

- Burles & Tytler (1998)

PKS 1937-1009 (z=3.572)

$$D/H = (3.25 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-5}$$

Q 1009+299 (z=2.504)

$$D/H = 3.98_{-0.67}^{+0.59} \times 10^{-5}$$

- O'Meara et al (2001)

HS 0105+1619 (z=2.536)

$$D/H = (2.54 \pm 0.23) \times 10^{-5}$$

- Kirkman et al (2003)

Q 1243+3047 (z=2.252)

$$D/H = 2.42_{-0.25}^{+0.35} \times 10^{-5}$$

- O'Meara et al (2006)

SDSS1558-0031 (z=2.702)

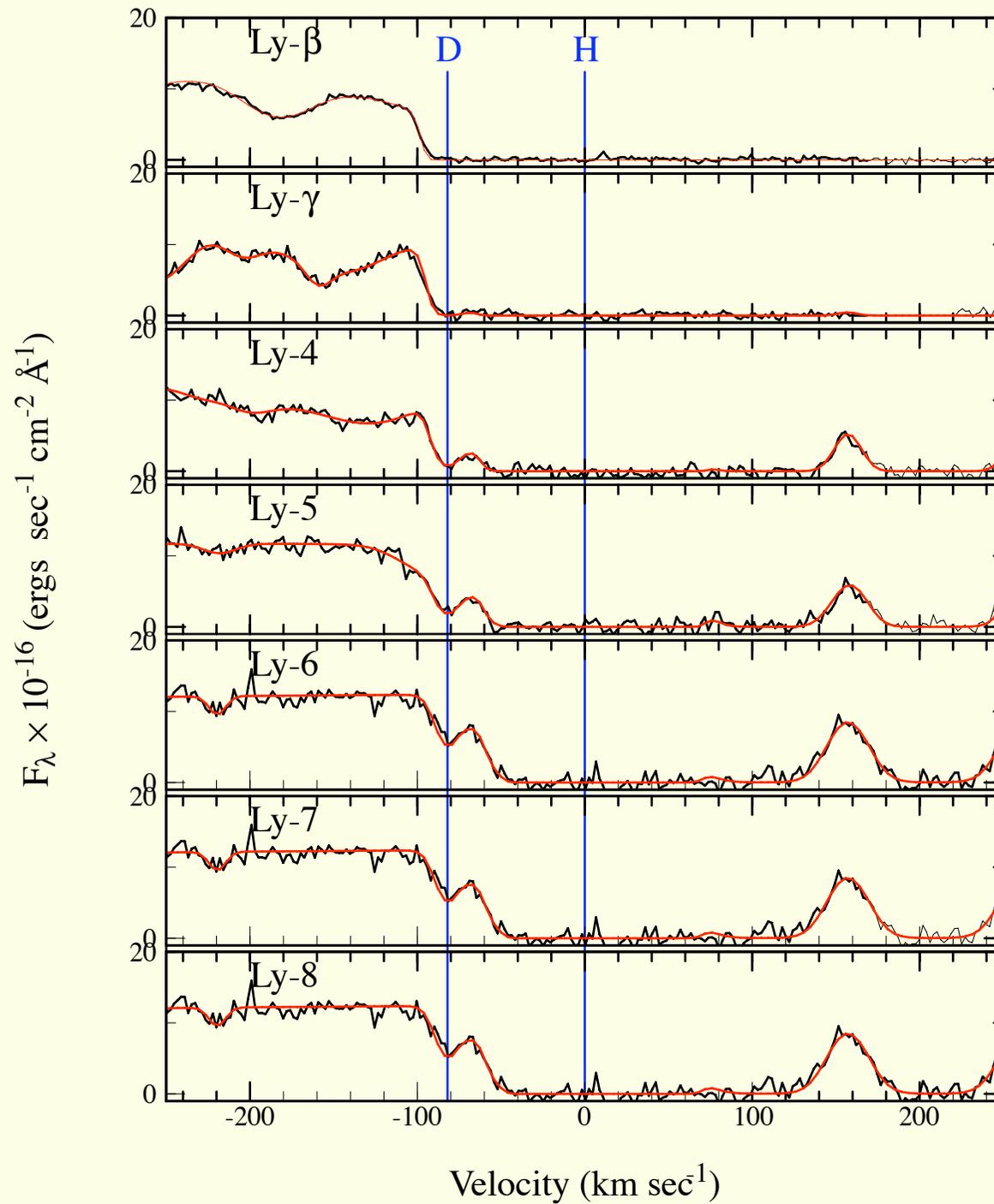
$$D/H = 2.88_{-0.43}^{+0.49} \times 10^{-5}$$

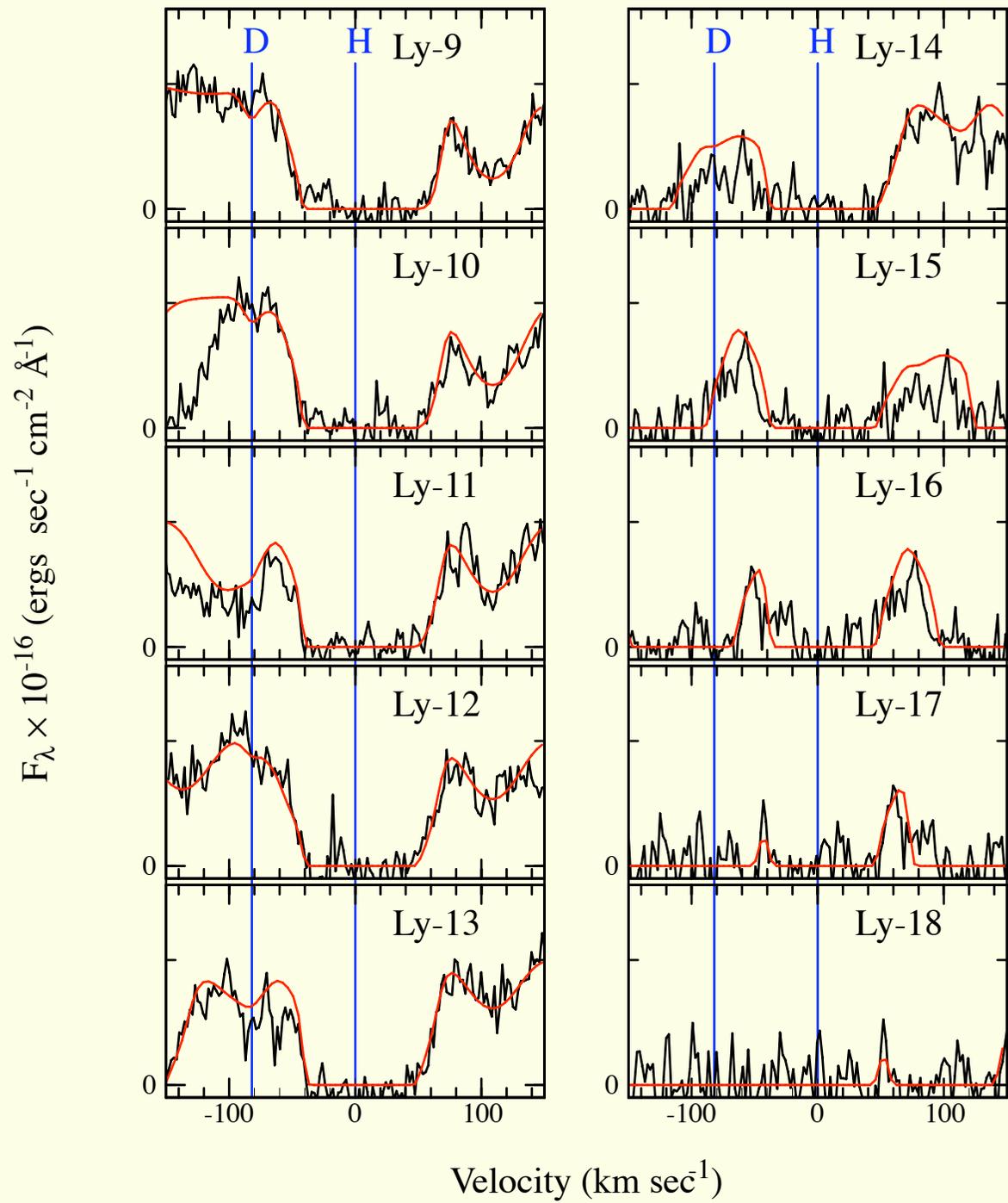
- Pettini & Bowen (2001)

Q 2206-199 (z=2.076)

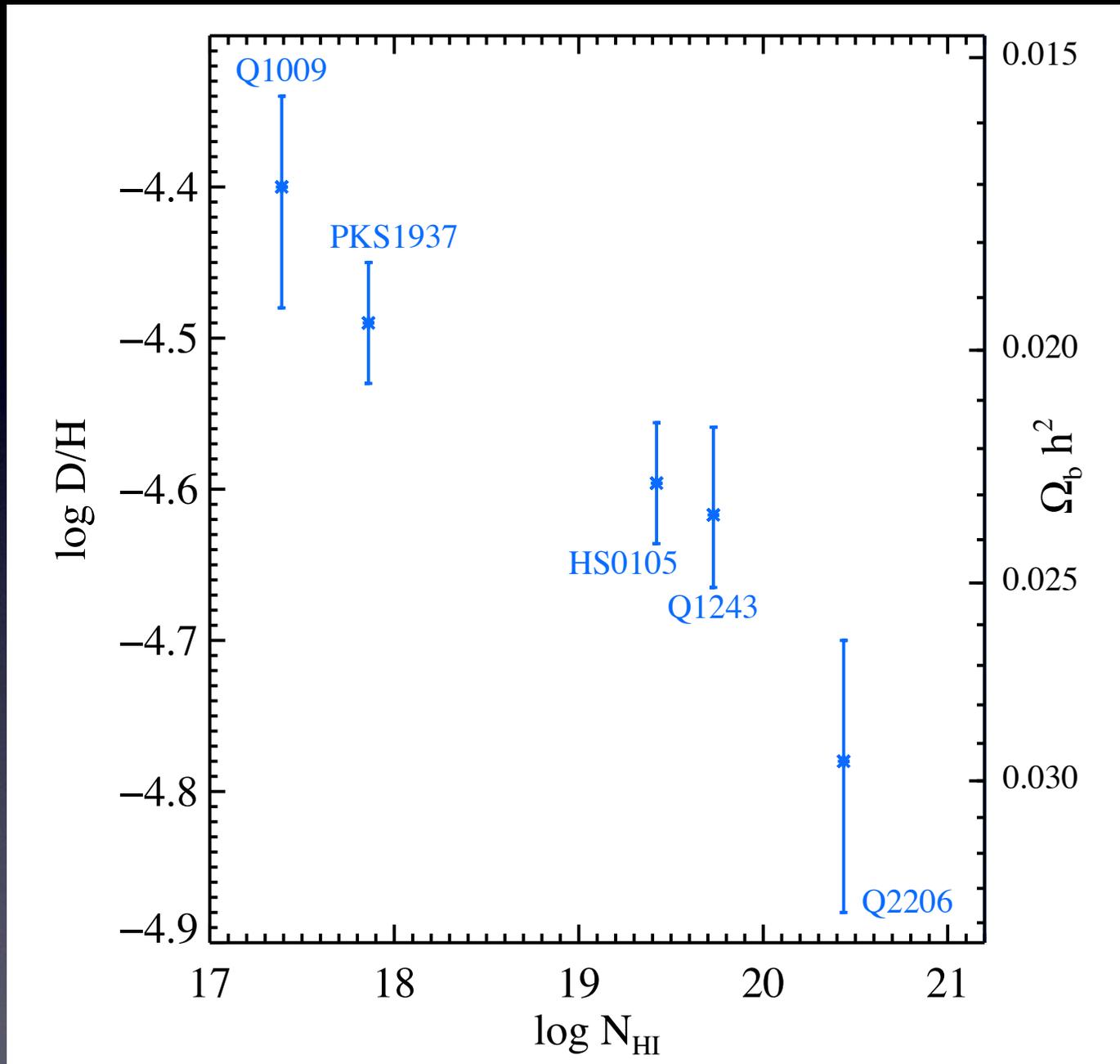
$$D/H = (1.65 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-5}$$

# D absorption in QSO spectrum



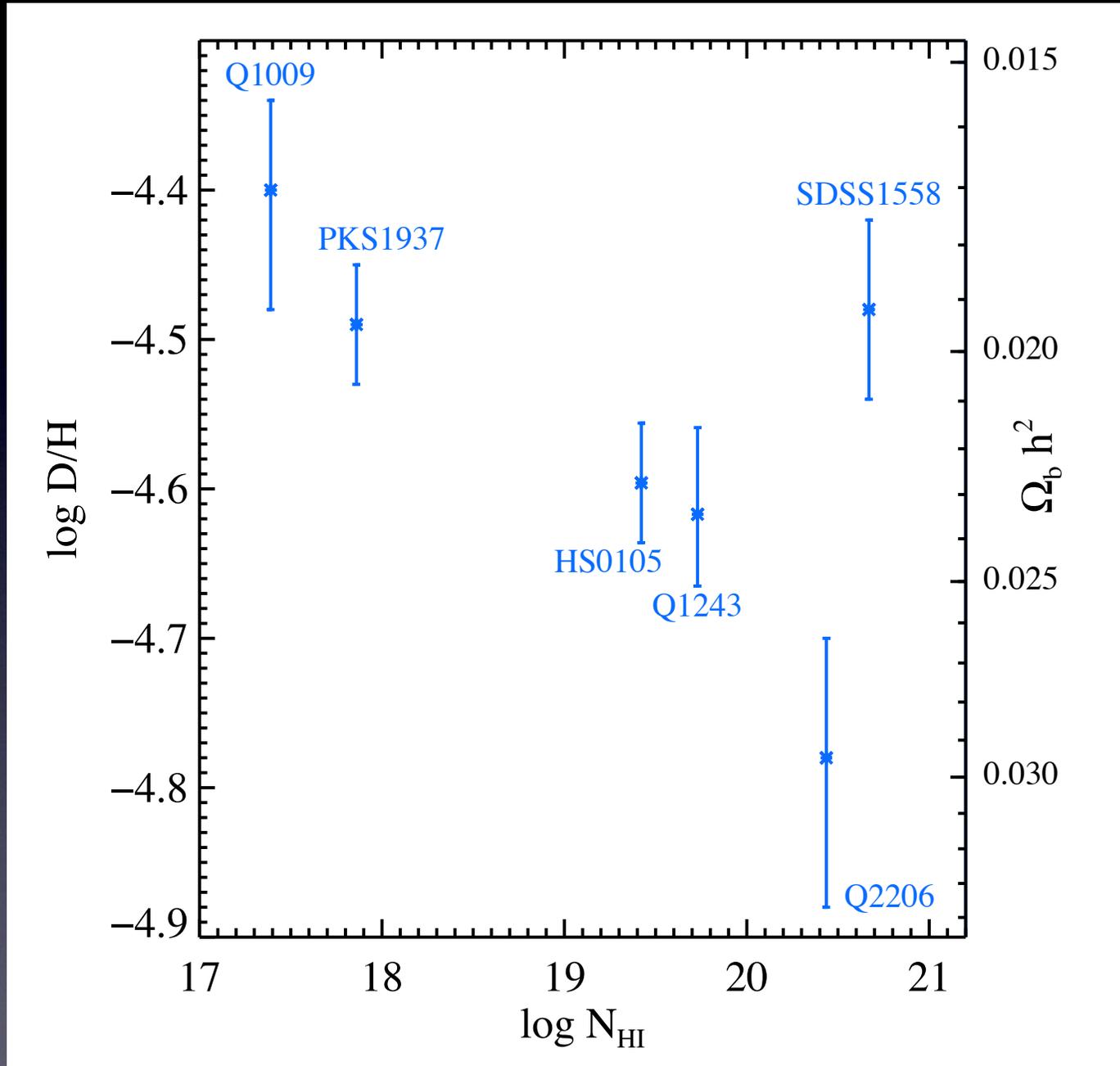


# D/H vs $N_{\text{HI}}$



No plausible mechanism to explain correlation

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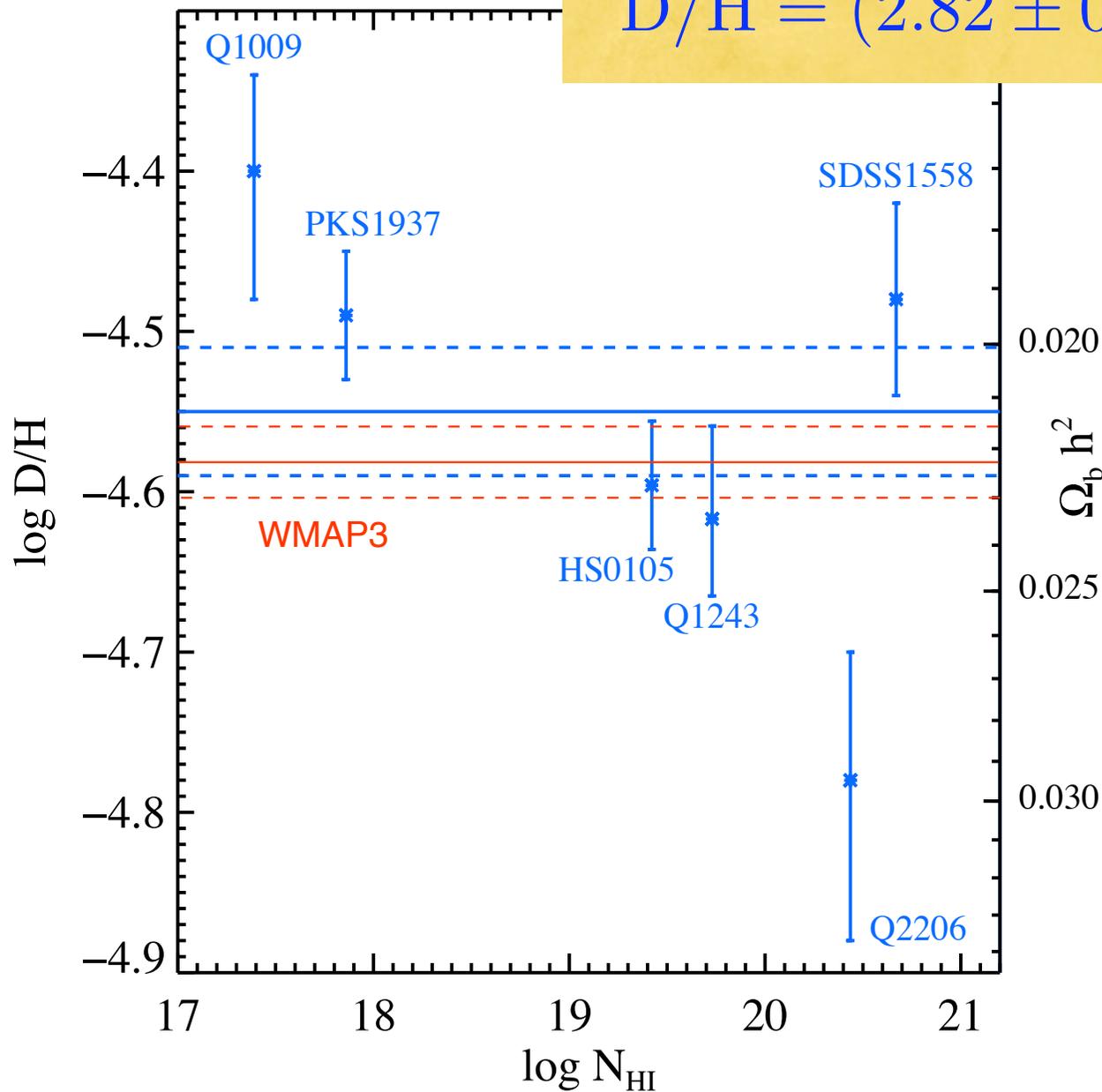


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# D/H vs $N_{\text{HI}}$

weighted mean

$$D/H = (2.82 \pm 0.26) \times 10^{-5}$$



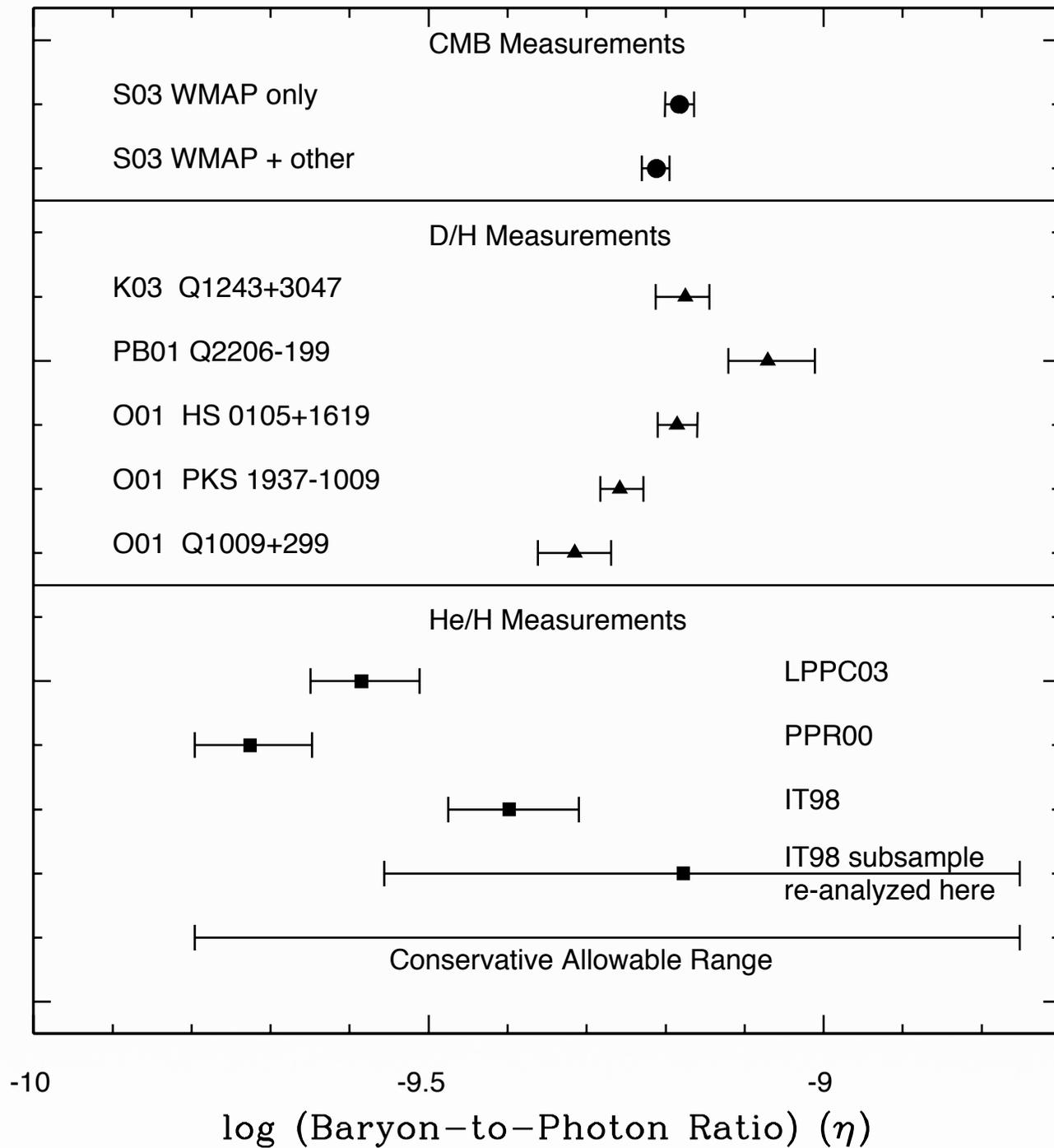
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# Conclusion

- 元素合成の理論と観測はよく合っているが、より精密な定量的比較を行うにはもっと系統誤差の理解が必要
- 宇宙のバリオン密度を精度良く決める役割はCMBにとられた
- しかし、現在でも宇宙の最も初期を探ることのできる重要なプローブである

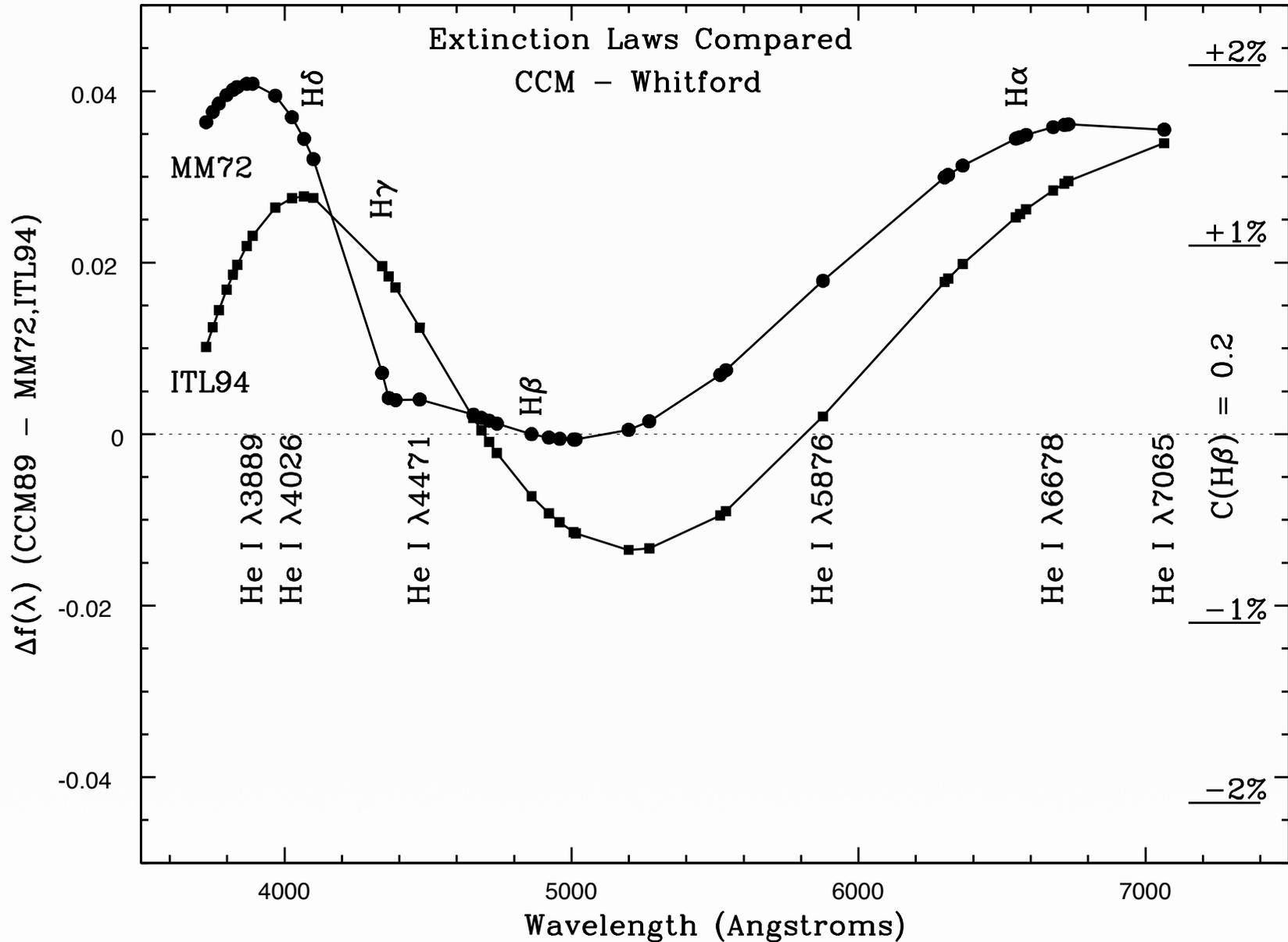
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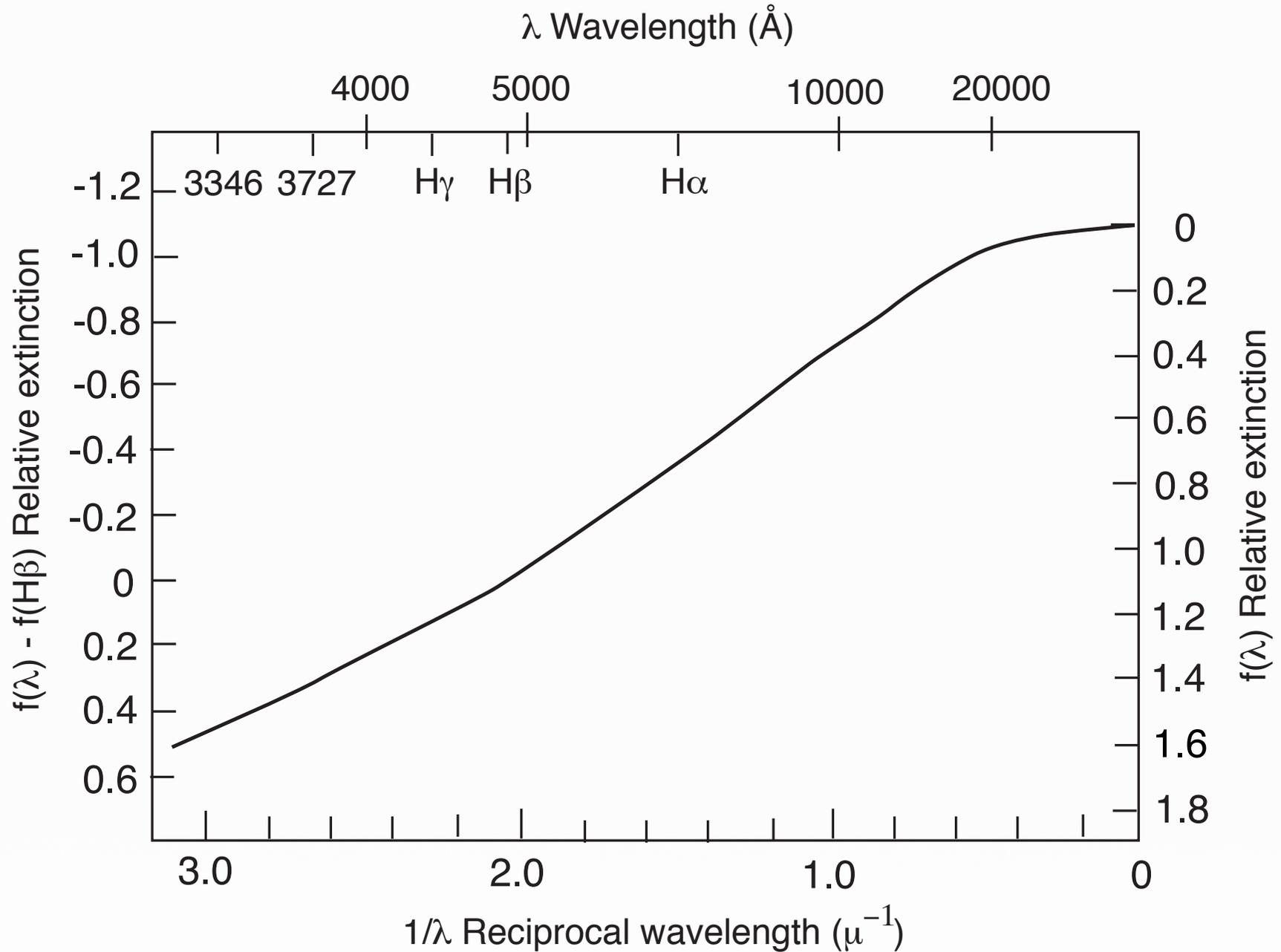


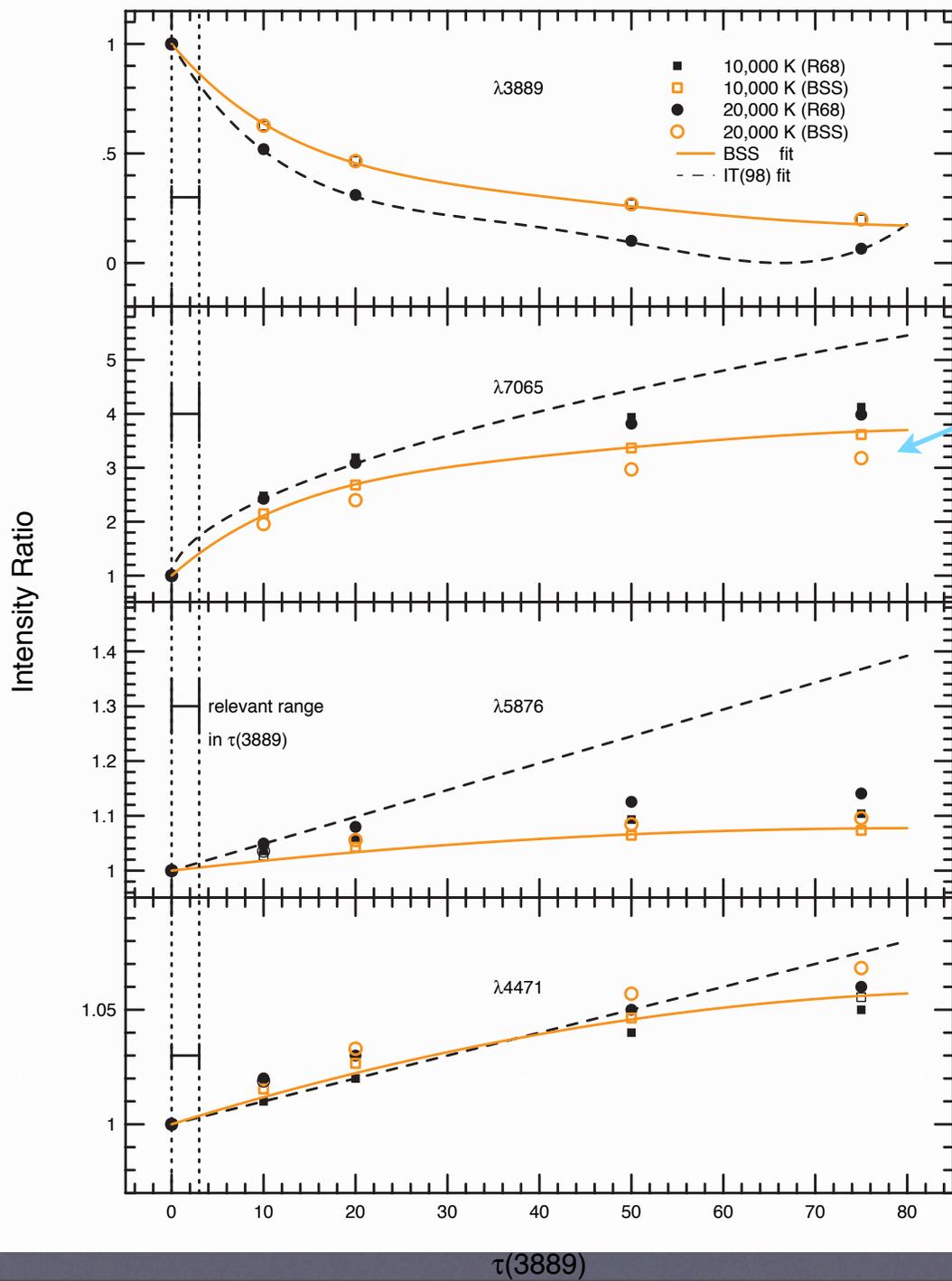
# Extinction Law Comparison

Whitford (1958) as parameterized by Miller & Mathews 1972  
and Izotov, Thuan & Lipovetsky 1994



# Extinction Curve

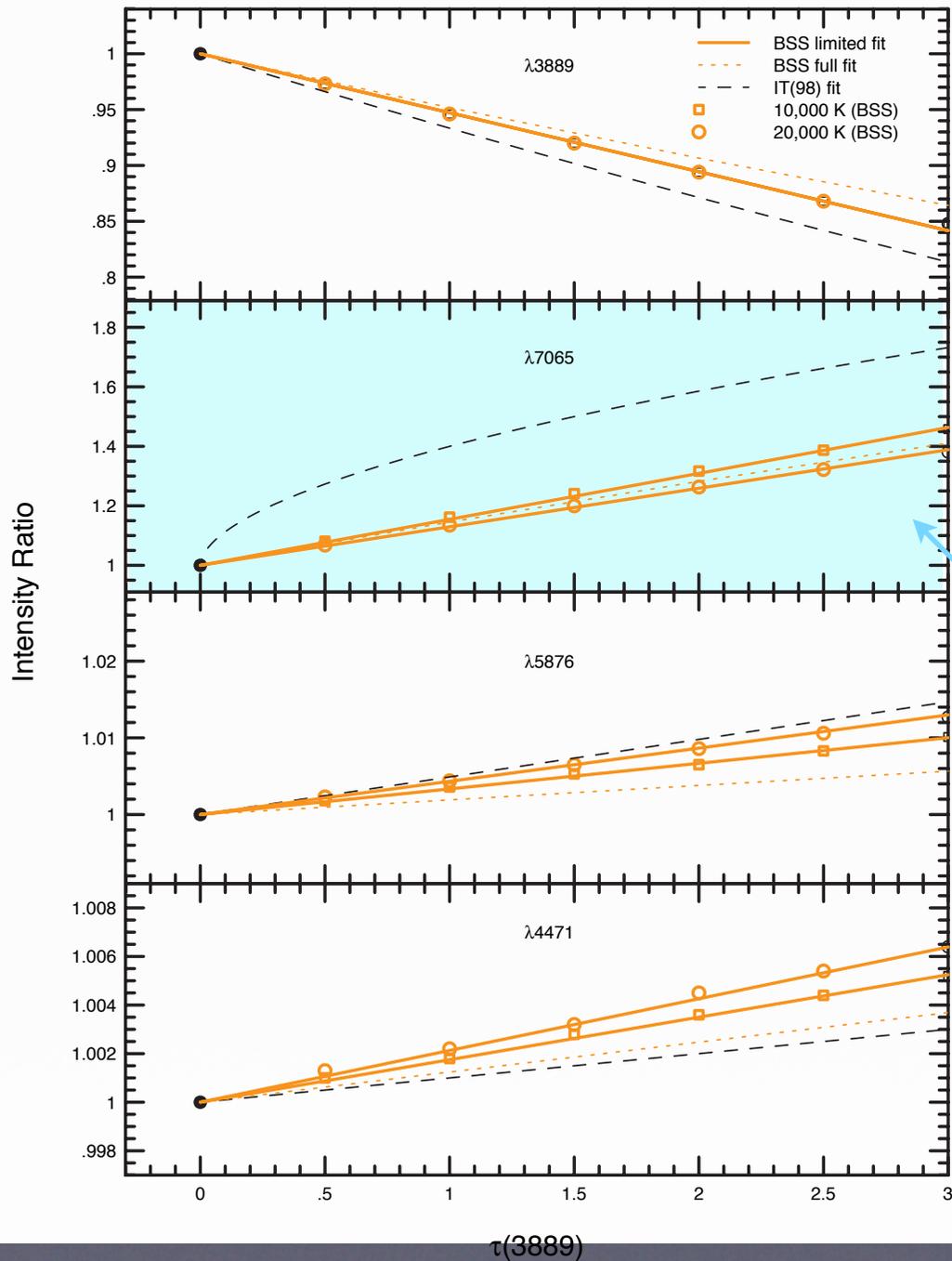




Decrease with increasing temp is due to decreasing population of  $2^3S$  by collisional excitation

fitting:  $f(\tau) = f_0 + f_1\tau + f_2\tau^2 \dots$

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## Fitting formula

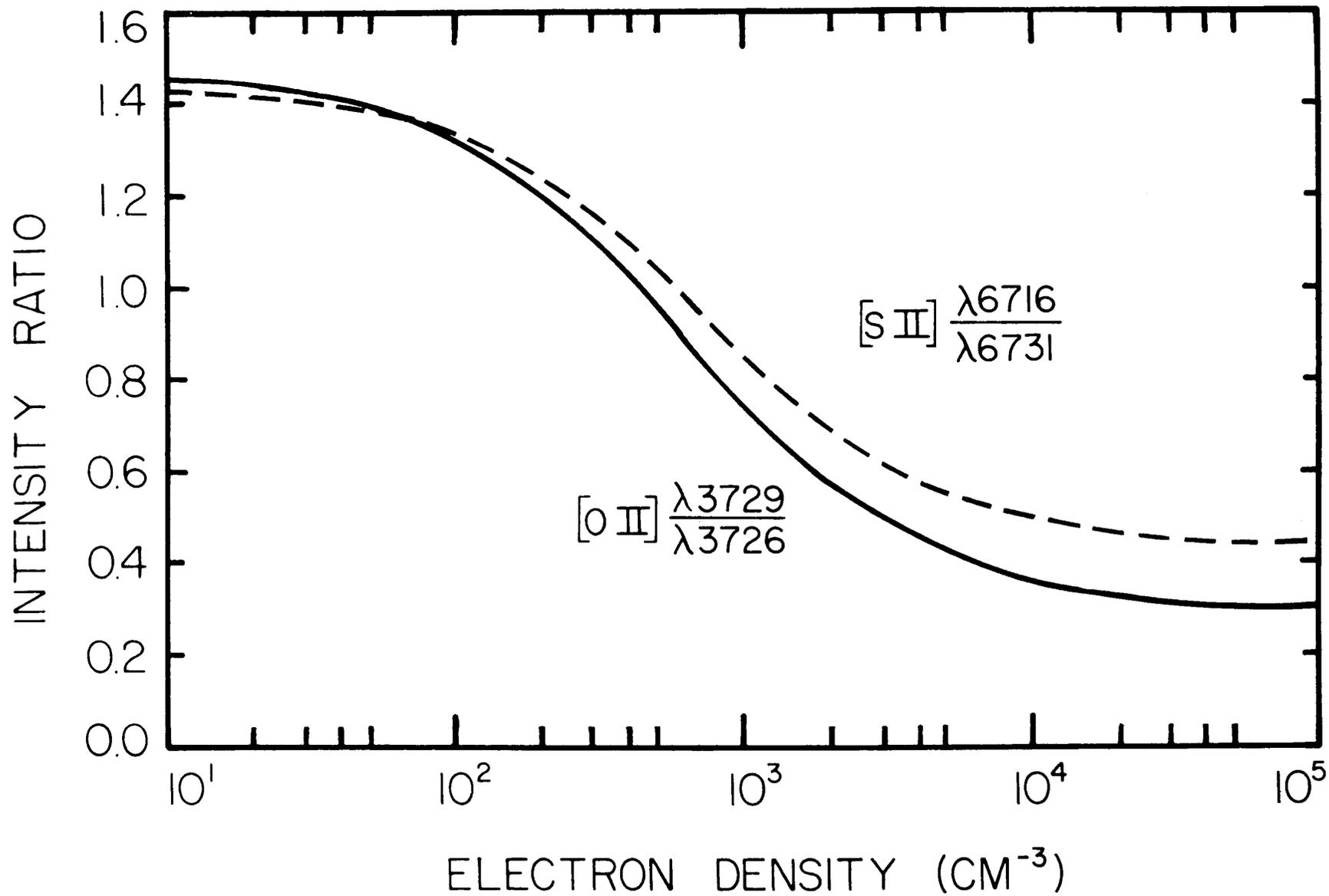
$$f(\tau) =$$

$$1 + (\tau/2)[a + (b_0 + b_1 n_e + b_2 n_e^2)T]$$

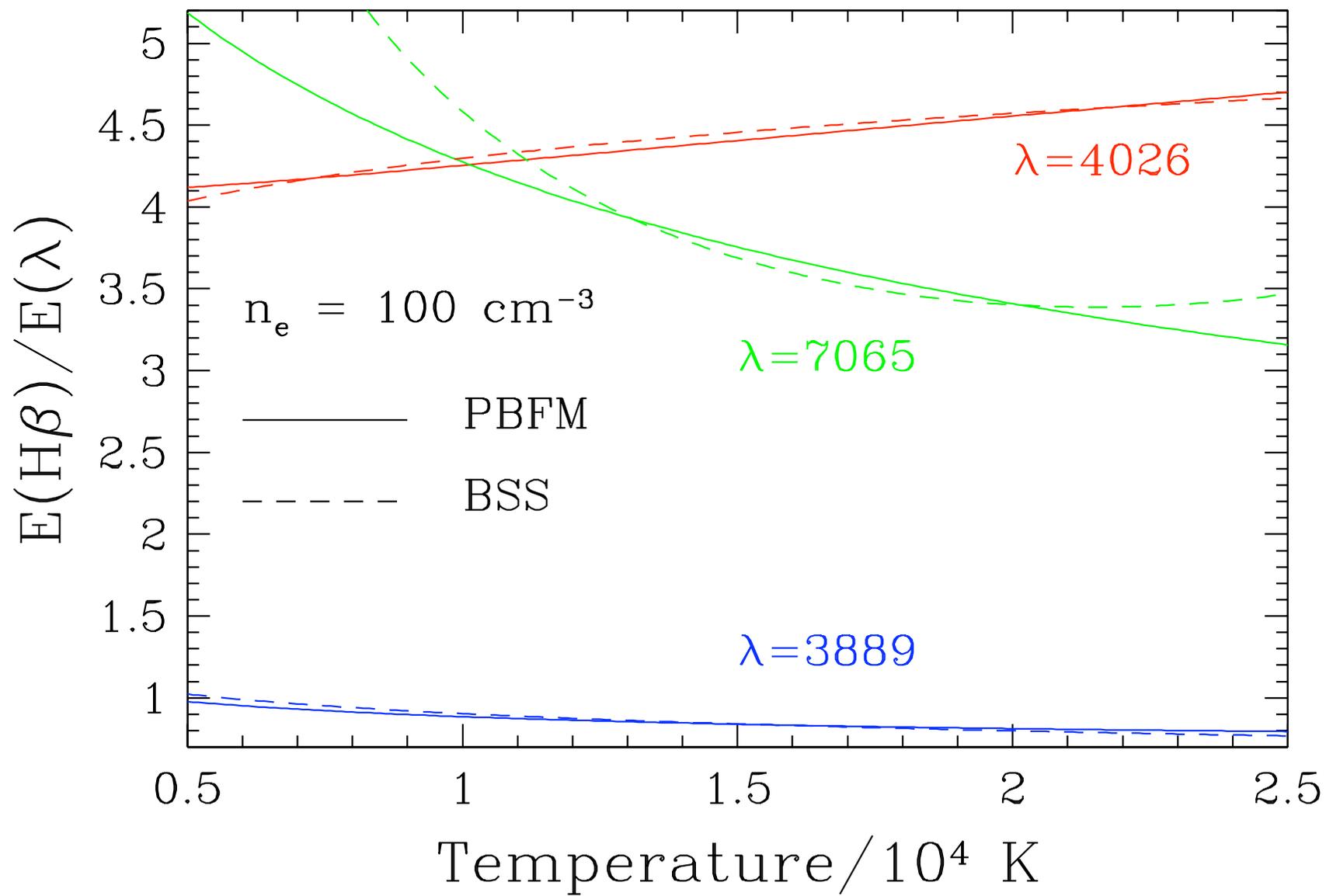
$$(\tau \leq 2.0)$$

large difference  
from IZ 98

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# New Emissivity



# Optical depth functions

$$f(3889) = 1 + (\tau/2) [-0.106 + (5.14 \times 10^{-5} - 4.20 \times 10^{-7}n_e + 1.97 \times 10^{-10}n_e^2)T]$$

$$f(4026) = 1 + (\tau/2) [0.00143 + (4.05 \times 10^{-4} + 3.63 \times 10^{-8}n_e)T]$$

$$f(4471) = 1 + (\tau/2) [0.00274 + (8.81 \times 10^{-4} - 1.21 \times 10^{-6}n_e)T]$$

$$f(5876) = 1 + (\tau/2) [0.00470 + (2.23 \times 10^{-3} - 2.51 \times 10^{-6}n_e)T]$$

$$f(6678) = 1$$

$$f(7065) = 1 + (\tau/2) [0.359 + (-3.46 \times 10^{-2} - 1.84 \times 10^{-4}n_e + 3.039 \times 10^{-7}n_e^2)T]$$

$$\tau = \tau_{3889} = n(2^3S)\sigma_{3889}R_S$$

$n(2^3S)$  : density of HeI in the metastable state

$R_S$  : Stromgren radius

Crighton, Webb, Ortiz-Gil, Fernandez-Soto (2004)

