

Investigation of Atomic and Molecular Spectrum of γ Herculis

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Abstract: In this study, the line identifications of γ Herculis (γ Her), which is M6III red giant star, were investigated. The line identifications of the star were made by using the Moore Multiplet Table. Astronomic properties of the star were made to find database Simbad by using Hipparcos Catalogue. Spectrum analysis of the star was made by software Image Reduction and Analysis Facility (IRAF).

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I. INTRODUCTION

The aim of observing and surveying the spectra of stars is to have knowledge about that star. The age of the star, mass, chemical composition, etc. are in this knowledge. The total mass is the main determinant of the development of the star. It depends on the mass at the end of the star. According to the stage of evolution in which a star is in the process of evolution, it is changing many properties such as diameter, temperature, chemical composition, mass and many features like this. The most important stages of the star evolution are known as the Main sequence and the Red giant branch. The position of these stages is determined by the mass of the star. The γ Her (M6 III) studied in this study is in the red giant branch. This star is one of the coolest ($T_{\text{eff}}=3250$ K) SRb (semi-regular) variable stars and has a mass, perhaps as great as ($4M_{\odot}$).

In the literature, there are works for different resolutions, wavelengths, spectrum region and telescopes for γ Her. These studies can be sorted: Spectral energy distributions and effective temperature scale of M giant stars have been determined. This study has been applied a method of band model opacity to red giant stars of relatively low effective temperature (M-giant stars) [1]. The Outer atmospheres of the coolest M giants (ρ Persei, 2 Centauri, γ Herculis, θ Apodis and R Lyrae) have been examined at Ultraviolet spectrum region. The chromospheric spectrum found to contain a plethora of Fe II lines, whose relative strengths are strong, affected by saturation and fluorescence, and a few lines of C I, C II, Mg I, Mg II, Al II, Fe I and Cr II. The chromospheric spectra of ρ Persei, R Lyrae, 2 Centauri and γ Her have been found to be remarkably similar [2]. Non-LTE (NLTE) calculations of semiempirical chromospheric models have been presented for 30 γ Her (M6 III). The semiempirical models have been described here are constrained by two high-resolution IUE spectra recording the line profiles of the C II] UV0.01 intersystem lines near 2325 Å, the Mg II h and k lines near 2800 Å, and the Mg I resonance line at 2852 Å [3].

In the study, atomic and molecular spectrum of γ Herculis have been examined. There were not many studies in the investigated literature except for those given in our article for γ Her. Our goal is to contribute to the literature and to provide information about γ Her for wide wavelength range.

II. OBSERVATION

The line identifications of the star were made by using Moore Multiplet Table [4]. Astronomic properties of the star were made to find database Simbad by using Hipparcos Catalogue [5]. The atomic and molecular spectrum of γ Herculis for 5260-8560 Å wavelength range was examined. The observation information is given Table 1 for γ Her. Some observations for γ Her made in the past are given in Table 2.

Table 1. The observation information for gHer

Telescope	B-V	Exposure Time (sec)	Resolving Power ($\lambda/\Delta\lambda$)	Period	Instrume	CCD
<i>RTT150</i>	<i>1.28</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>40,000</i>	<i>89.2</i>	<i>Coude-Echelle</i>	<i>ANDOR</i>

Table 2. Some of g Her observations [3]

Wavelengths (Å)	Date (U. T.)	Telescope	Resolving Power ($\lambda/\Delta\lambda$)	Exposure Time (sec)
<i>2500-3200</i>	<i>1988 June 16</i>	<i>IUE</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>300</i>
<i>2500-2900</i>	<i>1988 June 16</i>	<i>IUE</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>2400</i>
<i>2300-3100</i>	<i>1988 June 17</i>	<i>IUE</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>52800</i>
<i>3922-3975</i>	<i>1989 Aug 13</i>	<i>McMath</i>	<i>21,000</i>	<i>9000</i>
<i>8488-8590</i>	<i>1989 Aug 14</i>	<i>McMath</i>	<i>23,000</i>	<i>120</i>
<i>4181-4248</i>	<i>1989 Aug 27</i>	<i>McMath</i>	<i>21,000</i>	<i>120</i>
<i>6540-6600</i>	<i>1992 Apr 20</i>	<i>McMath</i>	<i>45,000</i>	<i>300</i>

III. IMAGE REDUCTION AND ANALYSIS FACILITY (IRAF)

The accuracy of the spectral analysis results for a star depends on the quality of the observational data analyzed and the reliability of the atomic data used to make the methods used in the analysis current and accurate. The crude spectrum image for the g Her is given in Figure 1.

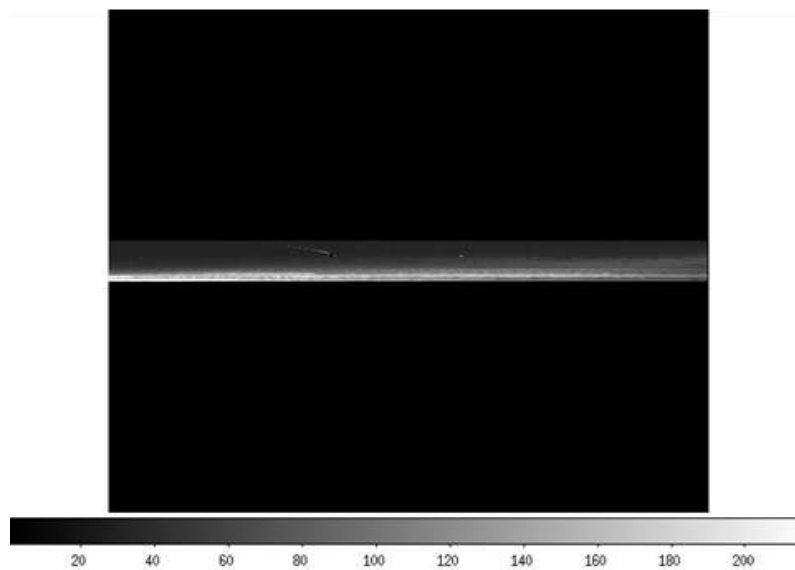


Fig.1. The crude spectrum image for the g Her

Spectrum analysis of star (such as preliminary reduction, reduction, wavelength calibration) was made using by IRAF. There are some rules that must be followed during the reduction process of Echelle spectra. It is necessary to make some adjustments which are caused by the CCD. The most important are dark, bias and flat calibrations [6]. The average bias, dark, and flat images are given in Figure 2, 3, 4.

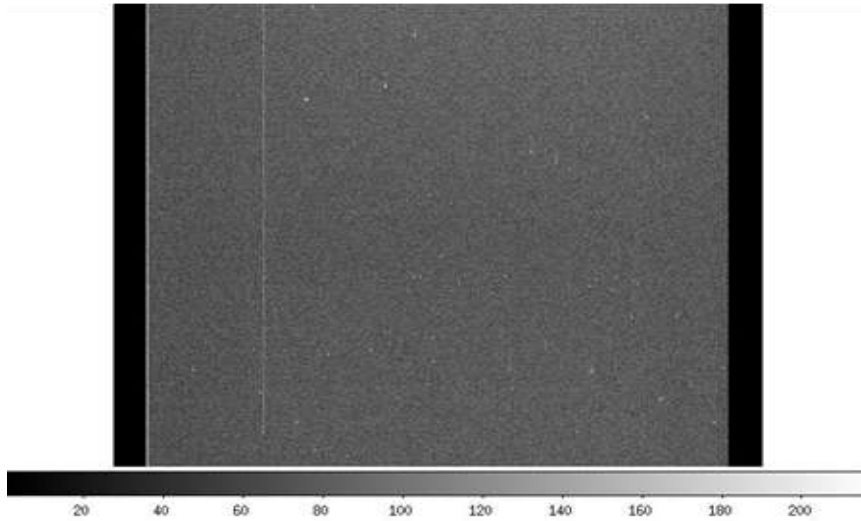


Fig.2. The average bias image

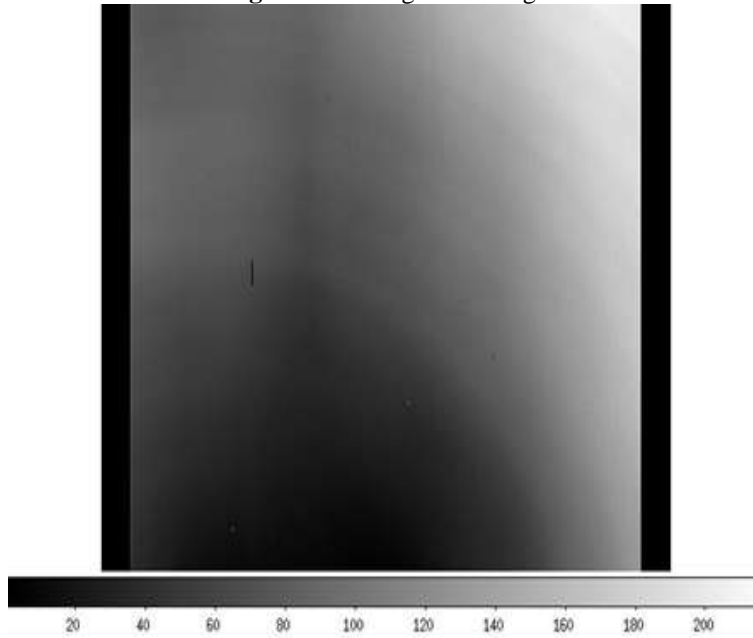


Fig.3. The average dark image

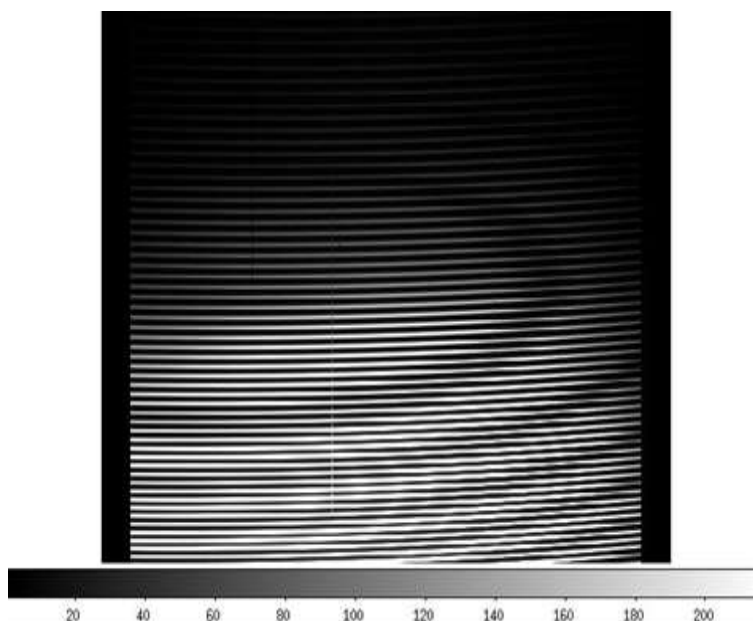


Fig.4. The average flat image

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the study, atomic and molecular spectrum of g Herculis have examined for 5260-8560 Å wavelength interval. The most important feature of M-type stars is the predominance of TiO molecules in their spectra. Especially, the visual spectrum is dominated by the typical TiO bands characterizing the M spectral type. The spectra of M-type stars have metal lines because the effective temperature is low. Molecules are also found in the spectrum of these type stars. Because molecules can bind only at low temperatures.

The M-type stars, strong absorption bands of TiO and metallic lines do not exist at wavelengths shorter than 4000 Å [7]. In our work, TiO bands were found in wavelengths bigger than 4000 Å. In the study, recognition of spectral lines for g Herculis was made by IRAF. The spectrum line diagnostics were done by selecting clean and smooth apertures. Some apertures for g Her spectrum is given Figure 5; 6; 7; 8 and 9.

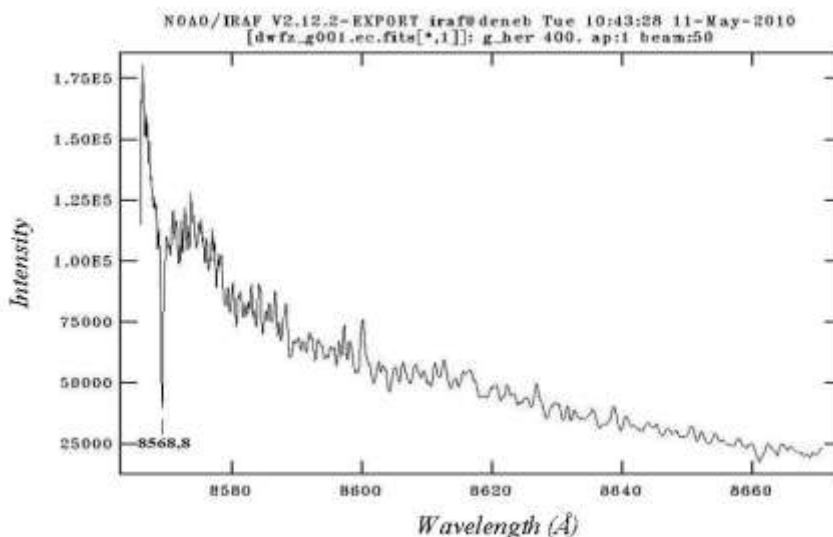


Fig. 5. The first aperture of g Her spectrum

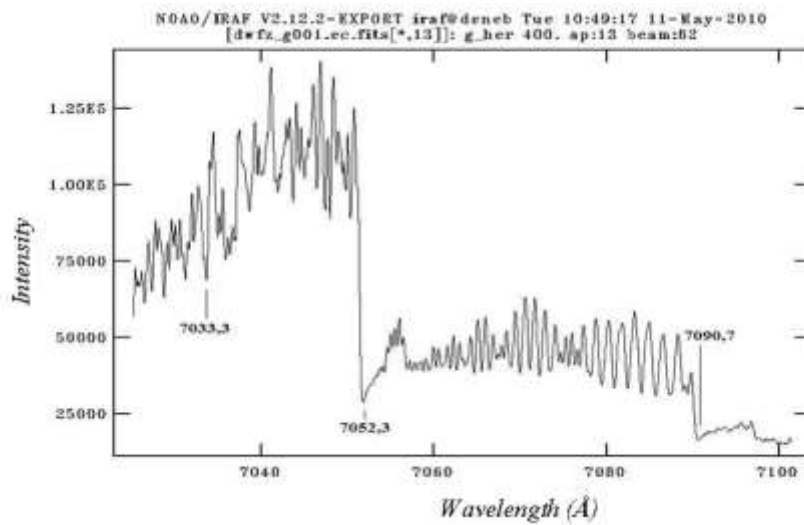


Fig. 6. The 13th aperture of g Her spectrum

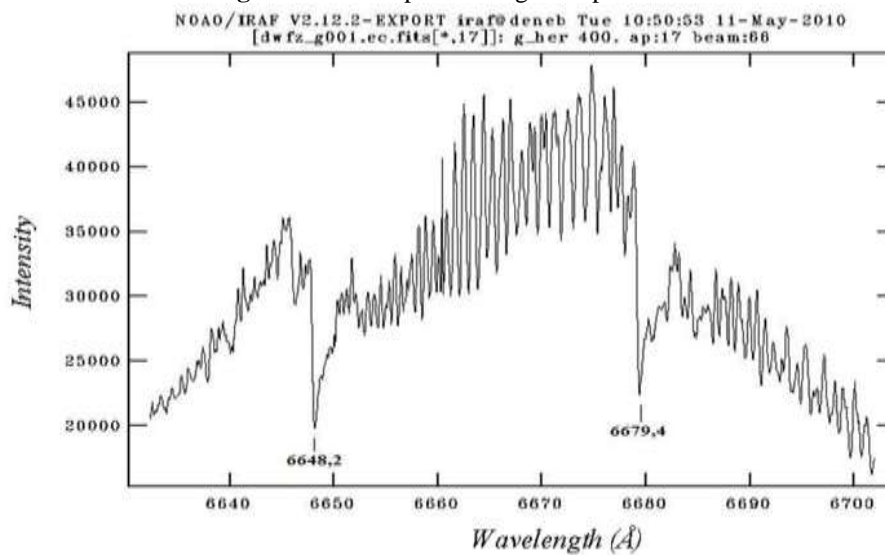


Fig. 7. The 17th aperture of g Her spectrum

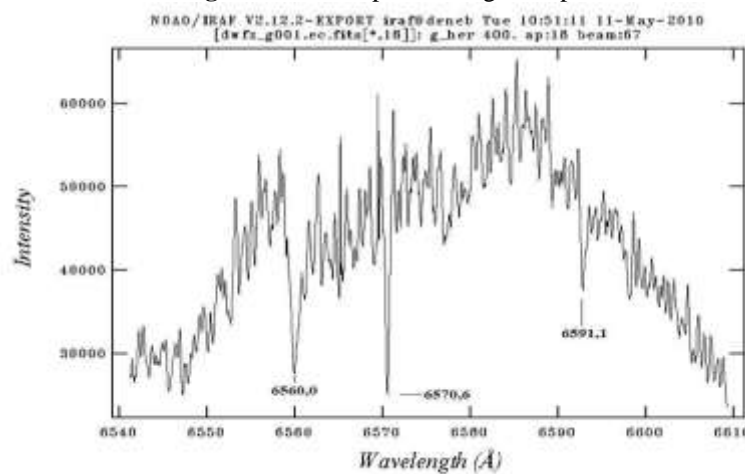


Fig. 8. The 18th aperture of g Her spectrum

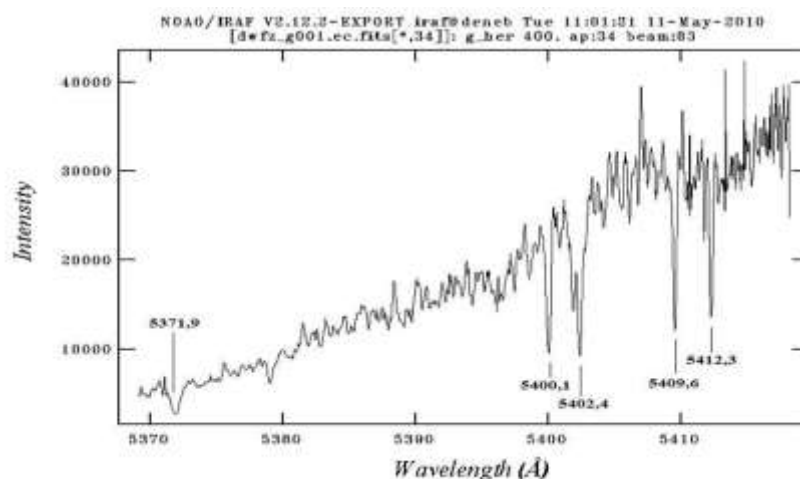


Fig. 9. The 34th aperture of g Her spectrum

TiO bands become stronger at wavelengths shorter than 9000 \AA in stars which have M6 and M7 spectral species. The TiO bands in these species are weak at around $10,000$ and $10,300 \text{ \AA}$. This band comes to the visible level in the stars of M3 spectral type and M is intensified by the increase of spectral. Therefore, M spectral class is a useful criterion for determining. However, in M spectral type stars is also found VO band. This band becomes dominant for M7 and M8-9 spectral species [8]. The atomic, molecular and ionic spectral lines of g Her is given in Table 3. In study of Luttermoser 1994 is obtained Ca I 6573 \AA and $H_{\alpha} \sim 6562.5 \text{ \AA}$. In this work is obtained Ca I 6570.6 \AA and $H_{\alpha} 6560 \text{ \AA}$. According to these results, there is about 2.4 \AA deviation. This deviation is added to the wavelengths. It is estimated that the cause of this deviation is due to the radial velocity of the star. In this work, TiO band head determined by using the study of Valenti *et al.* 1998 [9]. The atomic, molecular, and ionic spectral lines determined by using Multiplet Table [4]. Therefore, the multiplet number is not specified for TiO band heads. In Table 3. λ_{obs} ; observation wavelength and λ_{Lab} ; it is likely the wavelength of the lines. So λ_{Lab} , may correspond to more than one line. As seen in Table 3. in the atmosphere of g Her were found to be definitely present in the dominant Fe I, and Ti I. The number of more than one ionized element is low because the effective temperature is low. In addition, TiO band, which are characteristic of these spectral class stars: 5950.565 \AA , 8198.659 , and 8414.957 \AA for g Her. The spectrum obtained from the celestial bodies is important in obtaining a lot of information about them. The lines seen on the spectrum are closely related to the star temperature. The effective temperature of the celestial body is a clear determinant of what elements, molecules, or ions may be on it. For example, metal lines are not visible at high temperatures when present at low temperatures. Because, metals cannot bond at high temperatures. At low temperatures, atoms are found at the base level and electrons are closest to the nucleus. When the temperature is raised ionized atoms form. Molecules do not form at very high temperatures. In short, metals, molecules, and molecular bands are found in stars with low effective temperatures.

Table 3. The atomic, molecular and ionic spectral lines for g Her

λ_{obs} (Å)	λ_{Lab} (Å)	Multiplet No	λ_{obs} (Å)	λ_{Lab} (Å)	Multiplet No
8568.8+2.4	8571.8 Fe I	1272	7492.2+2.4	7494.72 Fe I	33
8454.1+2.4	8455.24 Cr I	56	7477.2+2.4	7479.06 O I	55
	8457.10 Ti I	141		7479.70 Fe II	72
8436.4+2.4	8438.93 Ti I	224	7474.4+2.4	7476.40 Fe I	1251
				7476.45 O I	55
8421.1+2.4	8423.10 Ti I	150	7422.8+2.4	7476.92 Fe I	1004
				7425.12 Fe II	209
8412.4+2.4	8414.08 Fe I 8414.957 TiO Band Head	1154	7381.8+2.4	7425.64 F I	1
				7384.96 Fe I	1308
8304.4+2.4	8306.115 H 8306.80 Si I	12	7358.7+2.4	7361.39 V I	117
		19		7361.56 Ti I	212
8294.9+2.4	8297.58 Cr I	297	7309.3+2.4	7361.59 Al I	11
				5	7311.02 F I
8290.9+2.4	8293.527 Fe I	623	7275.9+2.4	7311.101 Fe I	1077
				1105	7311.26 Fe I
8286.9+2.4	8287.38 Cr I 8290.62 Cr I	298	7271.4+2.4	7278.48 Fe I	1274
		298		7278.72 Hf II	111
8211.3+2.4	8213.02 Mg I 8198.87 V I 8198.951 Fe I	28	7176.9+2.4	7273.20 S II	18
		1154		7273.77 Ti I	212
8196.4+2.4	8198.659 TiO Band Head	30	7090.7+2.4	7179.16 Fe II	72
		1154		7093.10 Fe I	1189
8151.4+2.4	8151.95 Co I 8160.15 Al II	193	7052.3+2.4	7054.042 Co I	140
		118		7054.62 Gd II	130
8150.8+2.4	8151.95 Co I 8160.15 Al II	193	7033.3+2.4	7035.86 Ti I	307
		118		6968.9+2.4	6971.95 Fe I
8126.9+2.4	8129.32 Fe I 7885.00 Ti I	265	6882.8+2.4	6885.07 O II	45
		68		6885.772 Fe I	1173
7883.1+2.4	7885.26 S II	34	6843.6+2.4	6846.60 Gd II	94
		68		6846.97 O II	45
7877.4+2.4	7879.75 Fe I	1306	6781.2+2.4	6783.27 Fe I	206
				4	6783.71 Fe I
7752.5+2.4	7754.70 F I	4	6766.9+2.4	6783.75 C II	14
				402	6769.62 Ba II
7745.7+2.4	7748.281 Fe I 7748.37 Gd II 7748.93 Ni I	142	6753.7+2.4	6769.66 Fe I	1226
		156		6756.56 Fe I	1120
7743.1+2.4	7745.05 S II 7745.48 Fe I	70	6679.4+2.4	6756.61 A II	20
		1305		6681.03 Cl II	38
7592.6+2.4	7592.74 He II	6	6681.23 Gd II	6681.34 Fe I	1155
				94	

Table 3.-Continued

λ_{obs} (Å)	λ_{Lab} (Å)	Multiplet No	λ_{obs} (Å)	λ_{Lab} (Å)	Multiplet No
6648.2+2.4	6648.08 Fe I 6653.41 N I	13	6148.9+2.4	6151.509 V I	33
		20			6140.9+2.4
6591.1+2.4	6593.878 Fe I	168	6129.3+2.4	6143.23 Zr I	
				1	6131.005 Mn II
6570.6+2.4	6572.781 Ca I 6572.900 Cr I 6574.238 Fe I	16	6090.2+2.4	6131.30 Si I	30
		13		6131.54 Si I	30
6560+2.4	6562.817 H _α	1	6080+2.4	6131.86 Si I	30
				13	6131.917 Mn II
6495.5+2.4	6497.689 Ti I	102	6064.1+2.4	6092.13 S II	20
				23	6092.814 Ti I
6419.6+2.4	6420.47 N I 6421.355 Fe I 6421.507 Ni I	111	5953.1+2.4	6082.431 Co I	169
		258		6082.718 Fe I	64
6414+2.4	6416.905 Fe II 6416.94 Fe I	74	5948.3+2.4	6066.32 Al II	92
		1253		6066.44 Al II	92
6320.5+2.4	6322.165 Ni I 6322.693 Fe I 6322.98 Fe III	249	5875.1+2.4	5955.12 Fe I	1233
		207		5955.37 Zr I	3
6303.9+2.4	6306.047 Sc I 6306.17 Hf II 6306.19 Fe I	3	5872.9+2.4	5955.682 Fe I	1106
		81		5950.13 Fe I	1200
6221.3+2.4	6223.994 Ni I	228	5864.5+2.4	5950.91 A I	12
				1230	5950.565 TiO Band Head
6210.4+2.4	6212.04 Fe I 6212.30 Ti II	1142	5852.19 Fe I	5877.26 Gd II	94
		108		5877.770 Fe I	1083
6172.8+2.4	6175.158 Fe II 6175.424 Ni I	200	5826.4+2.4	5875.6 Fe III	-
		217		5875.618 He I	11
6162+2.4	6162.172 Ca I 6163.42 Ni I 6163.560 Fe I 6163.5939 Ne I 6163.758 Ca I	3	5849.6+2.4	5875.650 He I	11
		230		5875.989 He I	11
6156.9+2.4	6159.409 Fe I	64	5804.4+2.4	5866.453 Ti I	72
		5		5852.19 Fe I	1178
6156.9+2.4	6159.409 Fe I	20	5806.77 Sc II	5852.4878 Ne I	6
		1175		5828.00 N IV	15
6156.9+2.4	6159.409 Fe I	31	5806.77 Sc II	5806.31 Cr II	31
		90		5806.56 La II	90
6156.9+2.4	6159.409 Fe I	1180	5806.77 Sc II	5806.727 Fe I	1180
		8		5806.75 Si II	8
6156.9+2.4	6159.409 Fe I	21	5806.77 Sc II	5806.77 Sc II	21
		21			

Table 3.-Continued

$\lambda_{obs} (\text{Å})$	$\lambda_{Lab} (\text{Å})$	Multiplet No	$\lambda_{obs} (\text{Å})$	$\lambda_{Lab} (\text{Å})$	Multiplet No
5797.8+2.4	5800.02 Fe II	165	5594.9+2.4	5597.21 Gd II	95
	5800.229 Ba I	9		5597.87 Cr I	239
	5800.48 Si II	8		5597.92 Ti I	229
5796.6+2.4	5797.352 V I	142	5587.2+2.4	5589.00 Fe I	1160
	5797.445 Ti I	309			
	5797.53 Cr I	185			
	5797.57 La II	4			
	5797.76 Zr I	4			
	5791.81 Fe II	165			
	5797.912 Si I	9			
	5798.000 Cr I	185			
	5798.194 Fe I	982			
	5798.46 Cr I	17			
5736.4+2.4	5738.22 Fe I	1084	5584.3+2.4	5586.007 V I	85
	5738.286 Mn I	-		5586.16 Gd II	78
	5738.554 Cr I	227		5586.763 Fe I	686
5730.2+2.4	5732.29 Fe I	1313	5535.4+2.4	5537.11 Ni I	188
	5732.72 Fe II	57		5537.756 Mn I	4
	5732.86 Fe I	1055			
5665.4+2.4	5667.164 Sc II	29	5471.7+2.4	5474.09 Fe I	1314
	5667.67 Fe I	209		5474.228 Ti I	108
5663.7+2.4	5666.64 N II	3		5474.449 Ti I	259
	5666.78 Ni I	233		5474.734 Nd II	82
	5666.837 Fe I	1053; 1060	5463.282 Fe I	1163	
5599.5+2.4	5601.285 Ca I	21	5460.6+2.4	5463.38 Hf II	14
				5463.974 Cr I	204
				5455.09 Fe I	627
				5455.14 La I	3
				5455.433 Fe I	1145
			5455.613 Fe I	15	
			5455.80 Cr II	50	
			5455.815 Nd II	83	

Table 3.-Continued

$\lambda_{obs} (\text{Å})$	$\lambda_{Lab} (\text{Å})$	Multiplet No	$\lambda_{obs} (\text{Å})$	$\lambda_{Lab} (\text{Å})$	Multiplet No
5451.2+2.4	5453.255 Ni I	231	5351.6+2.4	5354.01 Co I	91
	5453.338 Co I	194		5354.66 Cr II	29
	5453.646 Ti I	108		5354.67 Ta I	6
	5453.81 S II	6			
5453.98 Fe I	1064				
5435.3+2.4	5437.19 Fe I	1145	5349.9+2.4	5352.000 O V	13
				5352.046 Co I	172
5432.5+2.4	5434.527 Fe I	15	5346.2+2.4	5348.069 Mn I	36
				5348.319 Cr I	18
				5348.40 Hf II	22
				5348.67 Gd I	6
5412.3+2.4	5414.089 Fe II	48	5298.1+2.4	5300.012 Ti I	74
	5414.91 Fe I	874		5300.41 Fe I	1240
				5300.749 Cr I	18
5409.6+2.4	5412.56 Fe I	1237	5297.2+2.4	5299.00 O I	26
	5412.80 Fe I	1162		5299.278 Mn II	11
				5299.85 Hf II	14
5402.4+2.4	5404.23 Ti I	259	5275.3+2.4	5277.31 Fe I	1149
	5404.12 Fe I	1145		5277.32 Fe I	584
	5404.144 Fe I	1165		5277.40 Zr I	27
	5404.87 O I	53		5277.59 Fe I	983
	5404.95 Ta I	13		5277.68 Al II	67
5400.1+2.4	5402.000 Co I	195	5256.8+2.4	5259.09 Fe I	1149
	5402.113 Fe II	-		5259.38 La II	21
	5402.27 Fe III	-		5259.62 C II	30
	5402.51 Ta I	1		5259.743 Pr II	35
	5402.57 Lu I	2		5259.976 Ti I	298
	5402.69 A II	-			
	5402.78 Y II	35			

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