

DISCOVERY OF NEW CHEMICALLY PECULIAR LATE B-TYPE STARS: HD 67044

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Abstract. Using high dispersion high quality spectra of HD 67044 obtained with the echelle spectrograph SOPHIE at Observatoire de Haute Provence, we show that this star contains strong lines of Silicon, Titanium, Chromium, Yttrium, Zirconium and Europium. Line synthesis of these lines yield overabundances which range from 3 \odot up to 200 \odot . We therefore propose that HD 67044 be reclassified as a late Chemically Peculiar B star of the SiCrEu type.

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1 Introduction

HD 67044 currently assigned a B8 spectral type is one of the slowly rotating B stars situated in the northern hemisphere which we are currently observing. The selection criteria for this sample of stars are a declination higher than -15° , spectral class B8 or B9, luminosity class V or IV, and a magnitude V brighter than 7.85. Most of the stars of this B8-9 sample have just recently been observed in December 2014. We are currently performing a careful abundance analysis study of high resolution high $\frac{S}{N}$ ratio spectra of these objects and sort them out into chemically normal stars (ie. whose abundances do not depart more than ± 0.15 dex from solar), new spectroscopic binaries and new chemically peculiar B stars (CPs) which had remained unnoticed so far. We present here new abundance determinations for HD 67044 which allow us to propose that this star is a new CP late B star. Monier et al. (2015) have recently published the discovery of 4 new HgMn stars (3 from this late-B stars sample and one from a sample of 47 early A types stars verifying the same criteria). Royer et al. (2014) have published the analysis of the sample of 47 early A stars having low apparent projected velocities in the northern hemisphere up to $V=6.65$ mag. A careful abundance analysis of high resolution high $\frac{S}{N}$ ratio spectra of these objects has sorted out the sample into 17 chemically normal stars, 12 spectroscopic binaries and 13 Chemically Peculiar stars (CPs) among which 5 are new CP stars.

2 Observations and reduction

HD 67044 has been observed once at Observatoire de Haute Provence using the High Resolution ($R=75000$) mode of SOPHIE in December 2014. A 40 minutes exposure was secured in December 2014 with a $\frac{S}{N}$ ratio of about 130.

3 The nature of the new CP star HD 67044

Several spectral regions have been used to readdress the spectral type of HD 67044. The star being a late B-type dwarf, the chemical peculiarity could be either i) of the HgMn type, ii) or of the Si type or iii) of the SrCrEu type, or iv) a hybrid of the last two. We therefore investigated several spectral regions containing strong resonance or low excitation lines of Hg, Mn, Si, Sr, Cr and Eu. First, the red wing of H_ϵ harbors the Hg II λ 3984 Å line and several Zr II and Y II lines likely to be strengthened in late B star of the Hg-Mn type. The

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Classification lines			
Laboratory Wavelengths (Å)	Identification	Multiplet	Abundance
3982.44	Y II		200 ⊙
3983.87	Hg II	M 2	not detected
3990.96	Zr II		70 ⊙
3998.82	Zr II		70 ⊙
4077.71	Sr II		1 ⊙
4128.07	Si II	M 2	2-3 ⊙
4130.88	Si II	M 2	2-3 ⊙
4136.92	Mn II		about ⊙
4205.04	Eu II		70 ⊙
4215.52	Sr II		1 ⊙
4305.44	Sr II		1 ⊙
4558.65	Cr II	M 1	10 ⊙

Table 1. Classification lines and determined abundances for HD 67044

region from 4125 Å to 4145 Å contains the classification Si II doublet (M 2), the Mn II line at 4136 Å and the Sr II resonance line at 4129.72 Å likely to be strengthened respectively in a Bp Si star, in a star enriched in Mn, and a SrCrEu Bp star. The regions 4070-4080 Å, 4210-4220 Å and 4300-4310 Å contain the resonance lines of Sr II at 4077.71 Å and 4215.52 Å and the low-excitation line at 4305.44 Å. The 4200-4210 Å region contains the Eu II resonance line at 4205.04 Å. The 4550-4560 Å region contains the strongest expected Cr II line at 4558.65 Å. We fail to detect the Hg II line at 3984 Å. The Mn II line at 4136.92 Å is not particularly strong, nor are the Sr II lines. In contrast, the lines of Si II (Multiplet 2), Cr II, Y II, Zr II and Eu II are strong in HD 67044. This leads us to rule out that HD 67044 be a new HgMn star. It probably rather is a new CP star of the SiCrEu type.

4 Model atmospheres and spectrum synthesis

The effective temperature and surface gravity of HD 67044 were first evaluated using $B - V = -0.04$ and the effective temperature calibration versus $B - V$ in Underhill & Doazan (1982). This yields $T_{eff} = 10200$ K in good agreement with Huang et al. (2010) who derived $T_{eff} = 10519$ K and $\log g = 3.72$ which we have adopted for the surface gravity.

A plane parallel model atmosphere assuming radiative equilibrium and hydrostatic equilibrium has been first computed using the ATLAS9 code (Kurucz 1992), specifically the linux version using the new ODFs maintained by F. Castelli on her website. The linelist was built starting from Kurucz's (1992) gfhypall.dat file* which includes hyperfine splitting levels. This first linelist was then upgraded using the NIST Atomic Spectra Database† and the VALD‡ database operated at Uppsala University (Kupka et al. 2000).

5 Evidence for Si, Ti, Cr, Y, Zr and Eu excesses

A grid of synthetic spectra was computed with SYNSPEC48 (Hubeny & Lanz 1992) to model the Si II, Ti II, Cr II, Mn II, Fe II, Y II, Zr II and Eu II lines. Computations were iterated varying the unknown abundance $[\frac{X}{H}]$ until minimisation of the chi-square between the observed and synthetic spectrum. Figure 1 displays the synthesis of 3 lines: Y II 3982.44 Å, Zr II 3990.96 Å, and Zr II 3998.82 Å. The observed line profiles, rectified to the red wing of H_ϵ are compared to the synthetic spectrum providing the best fit to the observed one. The model is computed for an overabundance of Yttrium of 200 ⊙ and a Zirconium overabundance of 70 ⊙ (solid line: observed normalised spectrum, dashed lines: synthetic spectrum).

*<http://kurucz.harvard.edu/linelists/>

†<http://physics.nist.gov/cgi-bin/AtData/linesform>

‡<http://vald.astro.uu.se/vald/php/vald.php>

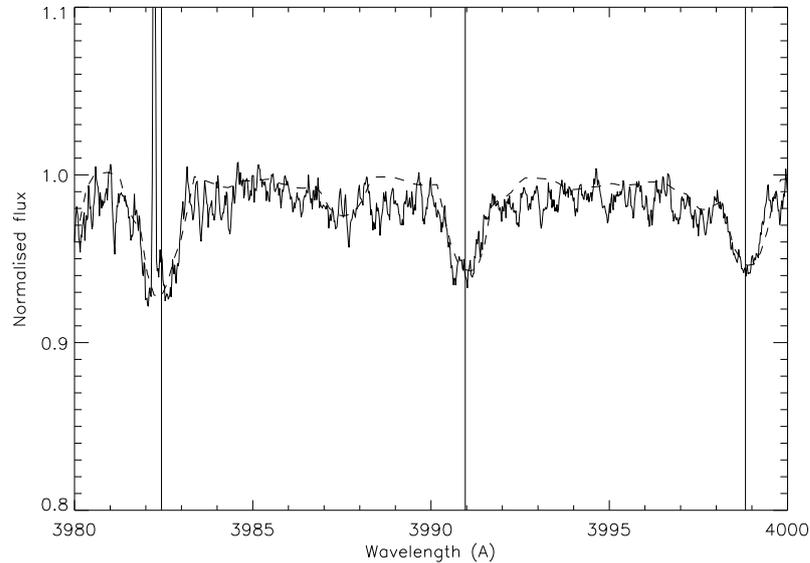


Fig. 1. Synthesis of the Y II and Zr II lines in the red wing of H_ϵ (observed: solid line, model: dashed line)

6 Conclusions

HD 67044 has overabundances which are characteristic of an SiCrEu star. We thus propose that it should be reclassified as a late Chemically Peculiar B star of the SiCrEu type. It displays a mild overabundance of Silicon and large overabundances of Titanium, Chromium, Yttrium, Zirconium and Europium which range from $10 \odot$ to about $200 \odot$. We are currently determining more abundances for this peculiar star.

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