Creating and using large grids of pre-calculated model atmospheres for rapid analysis of stellar spectra

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Abstract

Nowadays many sophisticated stellar atmosphere code exist for the analysis of massive star spectra. They model the full spectrum, and has been used to model OB stars, W-R stars, luminous blue variables, and even supernovae. However, they normally require the user to have substantial knowledge and experience in calculating synthetic spectra, and even then a complete analysis of a star can be very difficult and time-consuming. Computations and modelling are greatly eased when suitable initial models are available. To expedite modelling, or to run a quick rudimentary analysis of the stellar spectra, we are undertaking a project to create a mega-grid of pre-calculated stellar atmosphere models (using the code CMFGEN) which will be available to the general astronomical community via internet. Tools are also being developed to use this database for analysis.

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