

# **Comparative Studies of SN Ia Spectra — with Help from SYNOW**

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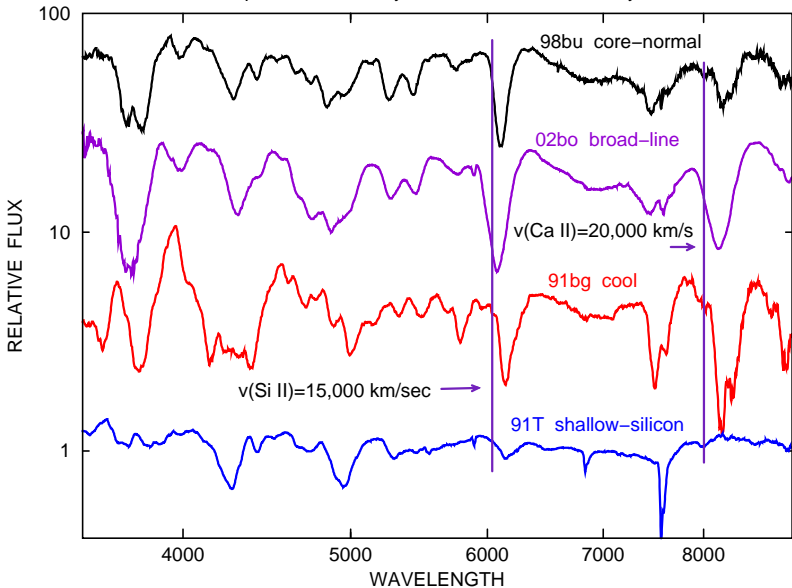
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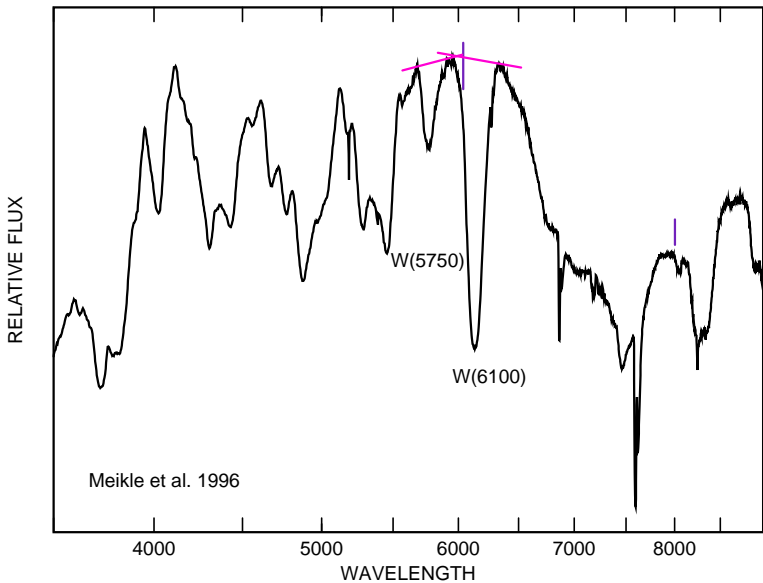
# Four Groups

max – all spectra flattened by local normalization, Jeffery et al. 2007



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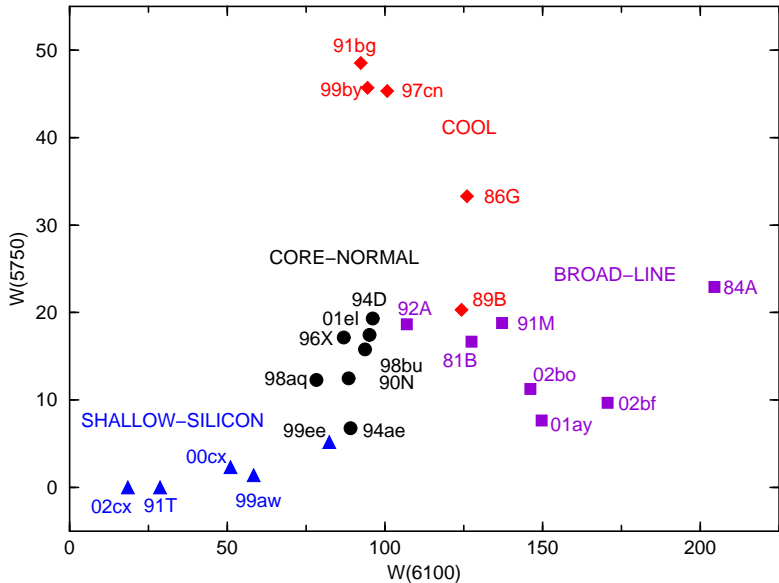
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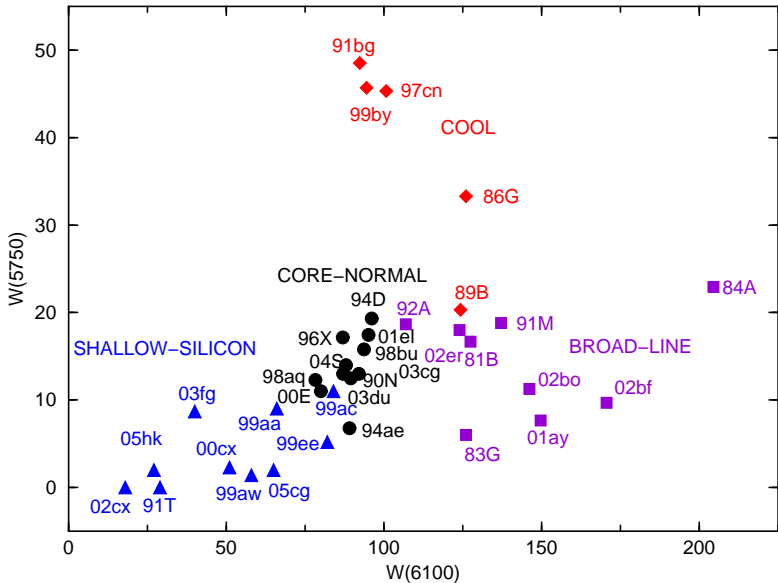
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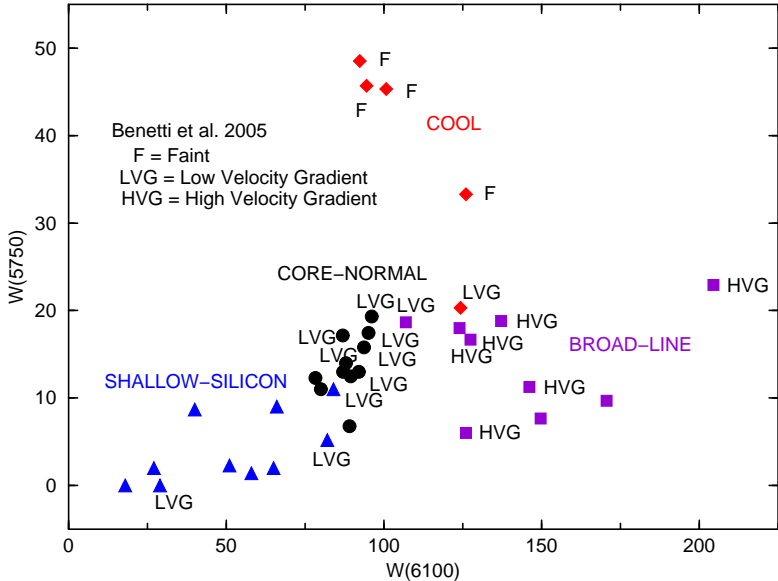
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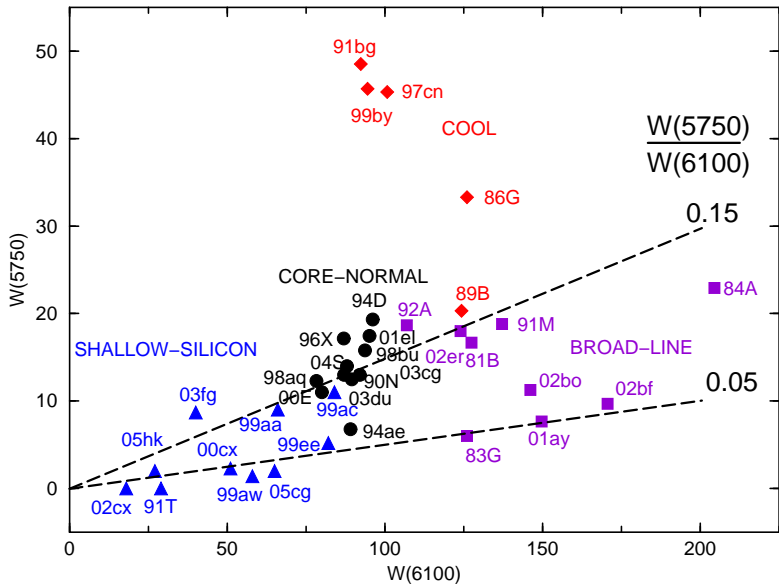
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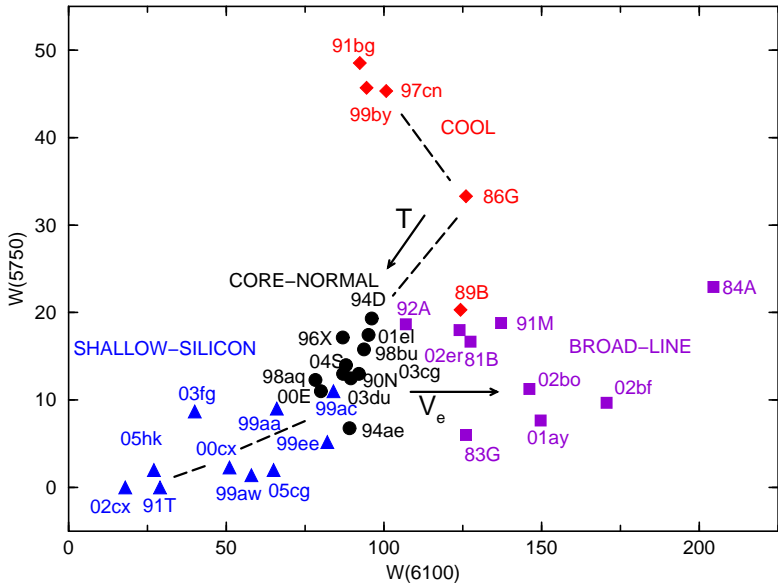
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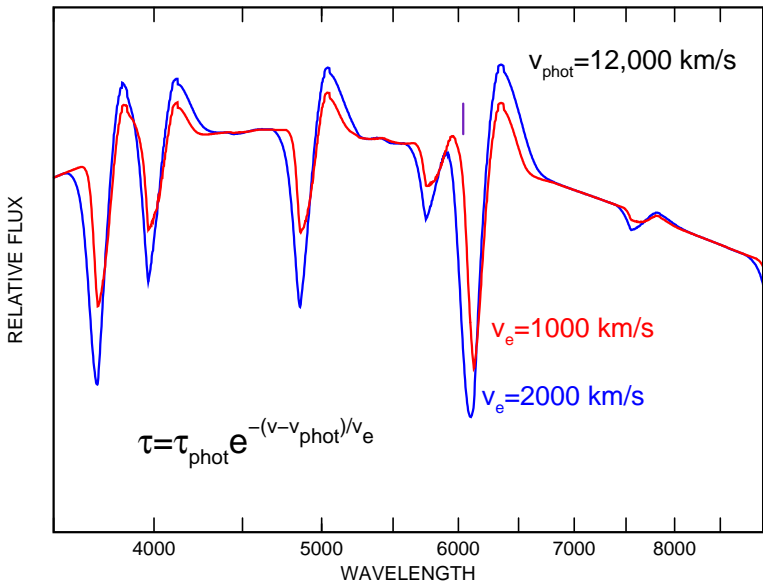
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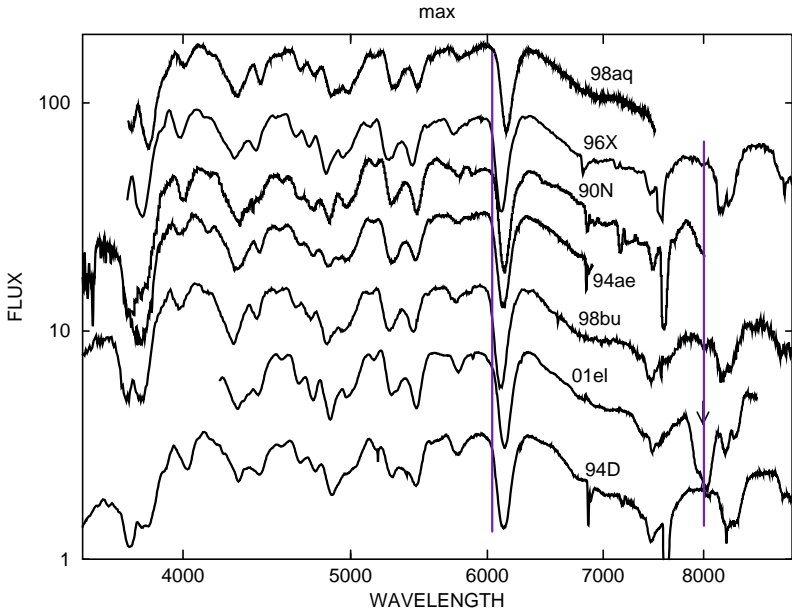


# Si II only

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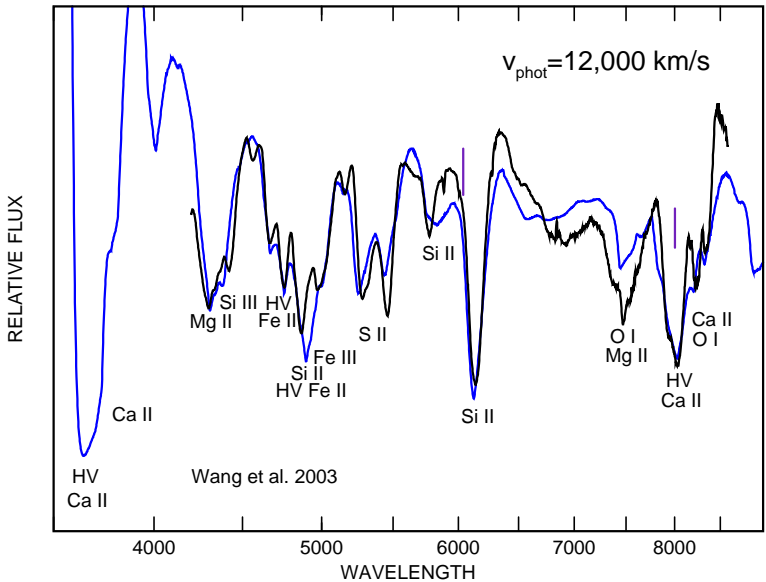
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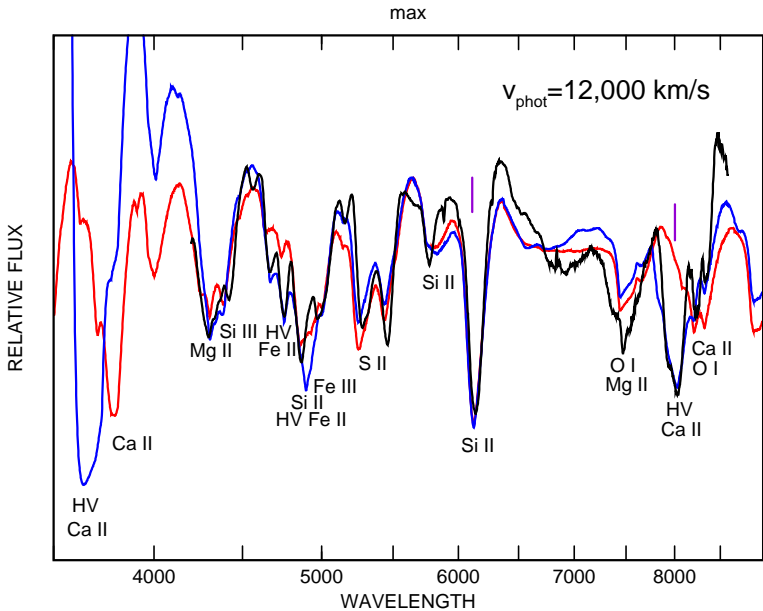
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$v_{\text{phot}} = 12,000 \text{ km/s}$





# SN 2001el, with and without HV Ca II and Fe II



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- ▶ 1990N CN -8, -14      Leibundut et al. (1991)
- ▶ 1991T SS -7, -11      Phillips et al. (1992)
- ▶ 1992A BL -6      P. Challis, unpublished
- ▶ 1994D CN -8, -12      Meikle et al. (1996)
- ▶ 1997br SS -7      Li et al. (1999)
- ▶ 1998aq CN -8      Branch et al. (2003)
- ▶ 1998bu CN -6      Hernandez et al. (2000)
- ▶ 1999aa SS -7, -12      Garavini et al. 2004)
- ▶ 1999ac SS -9, -15      Garavini et al. 2005)
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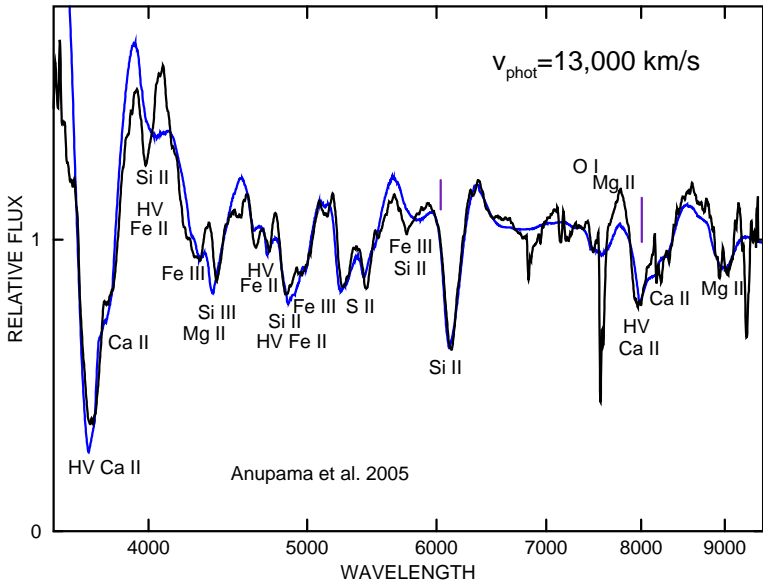


## The Premax Sample (continued)

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- ▶ 2002bo BL –6, –14                **Benetti et al. (2004)**
- ▶ 2002er BL –7, –11                **Kotak et al. (2006)**
- ▶ 2003cg CN –7                      **Elias–Rosa et al. (2006)**
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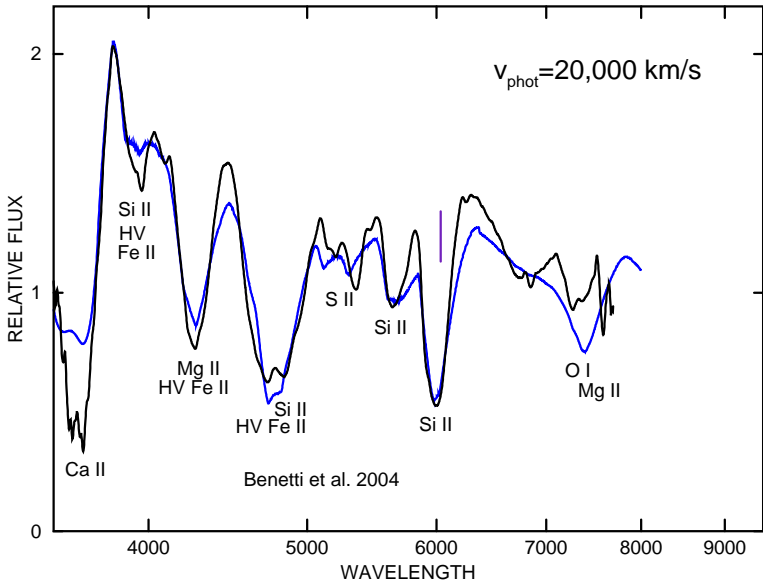
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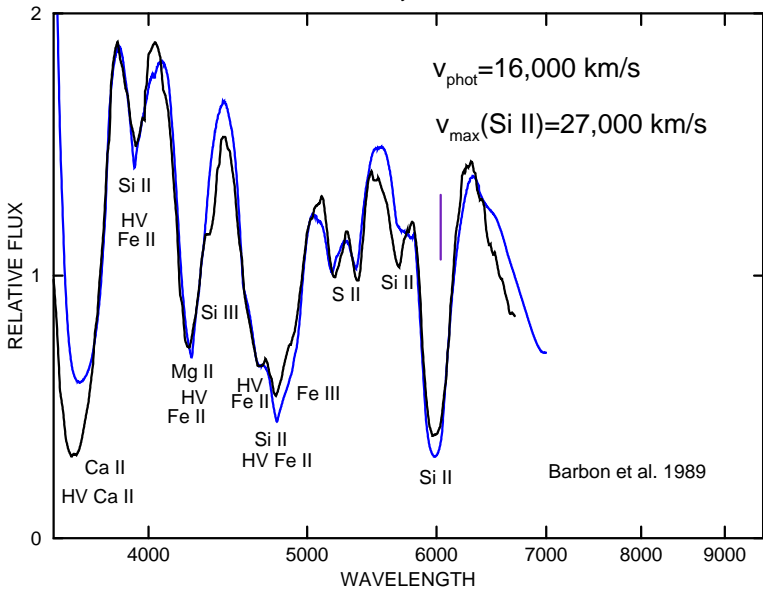
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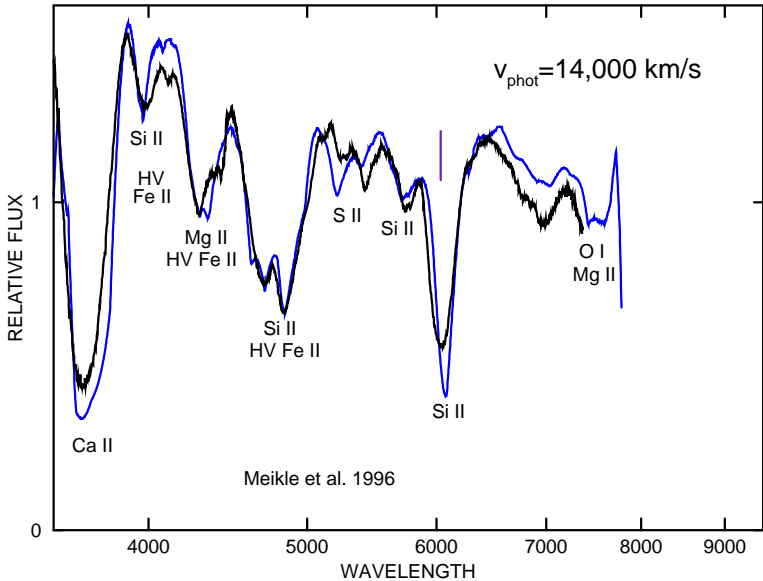
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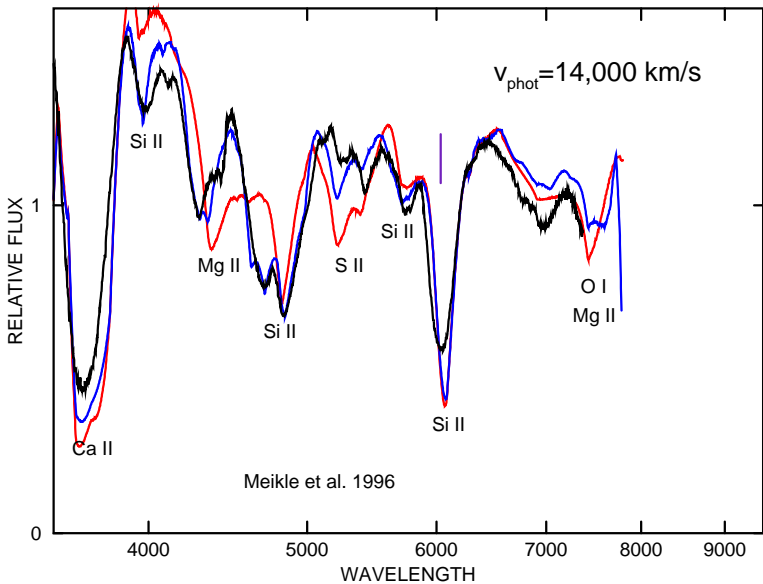
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day -12



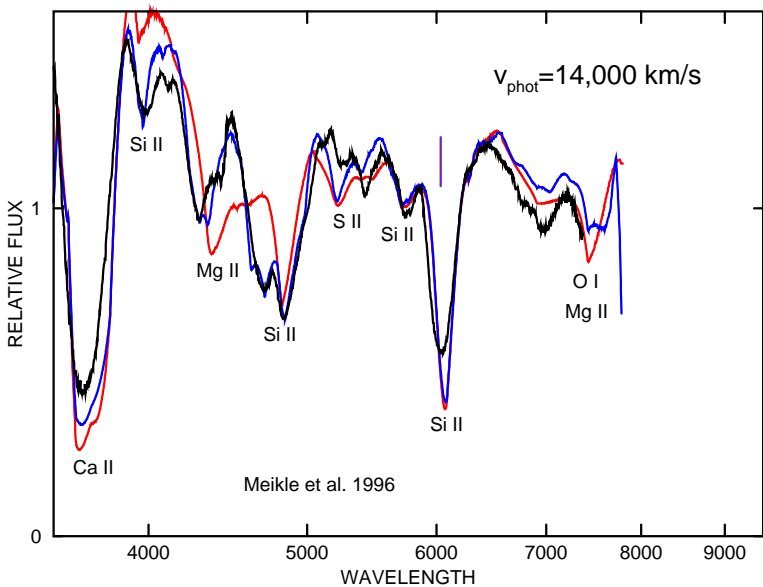
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day -12 without HV Fe II



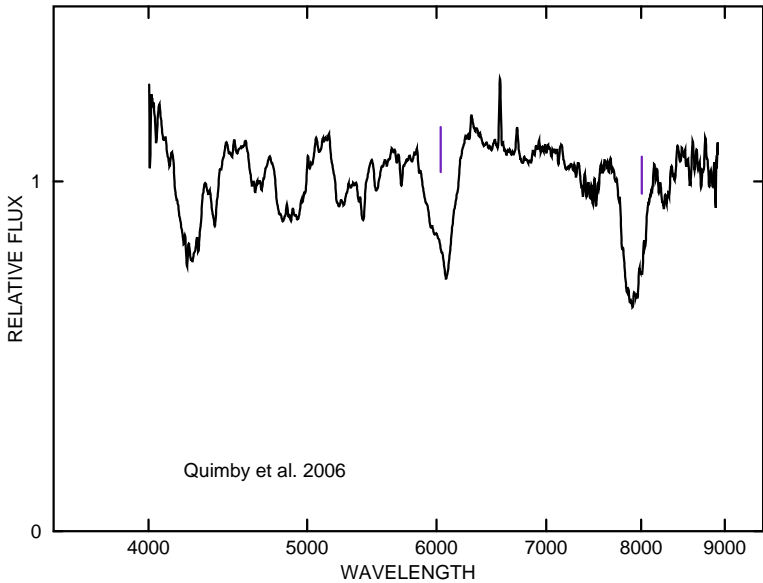
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day -12 without Fe II and with weaker S II



# SN 2005cg SS

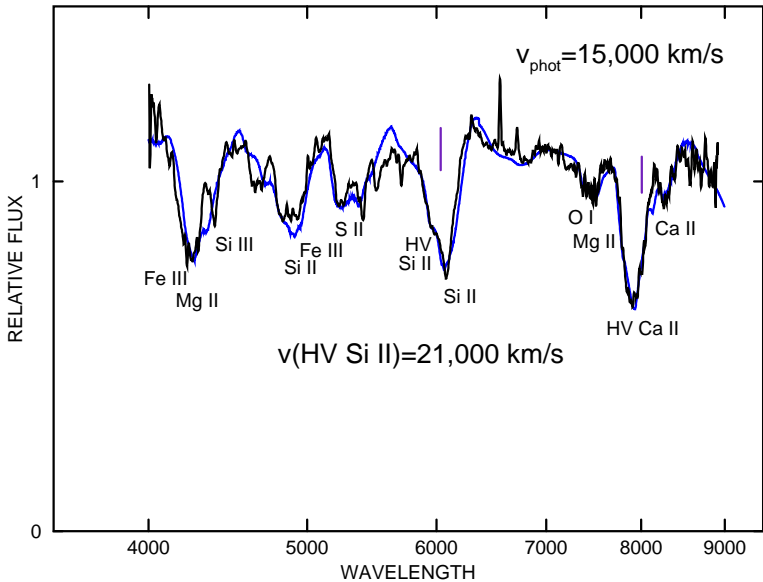
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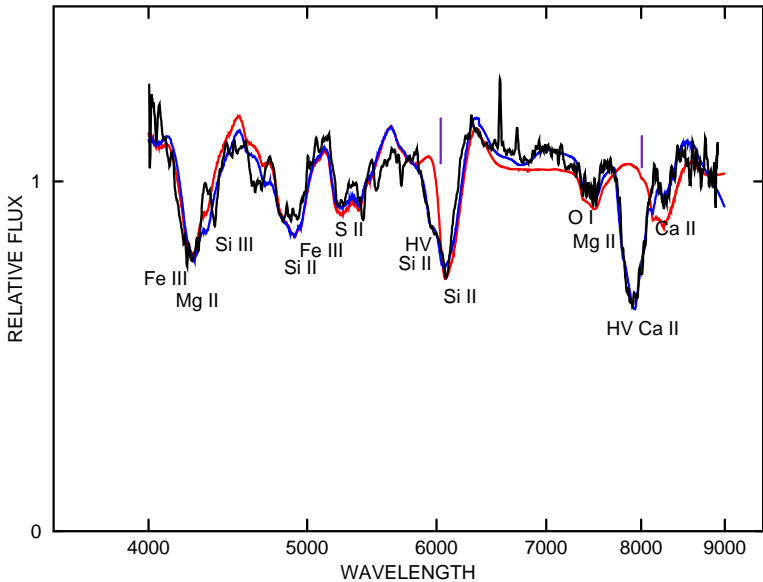
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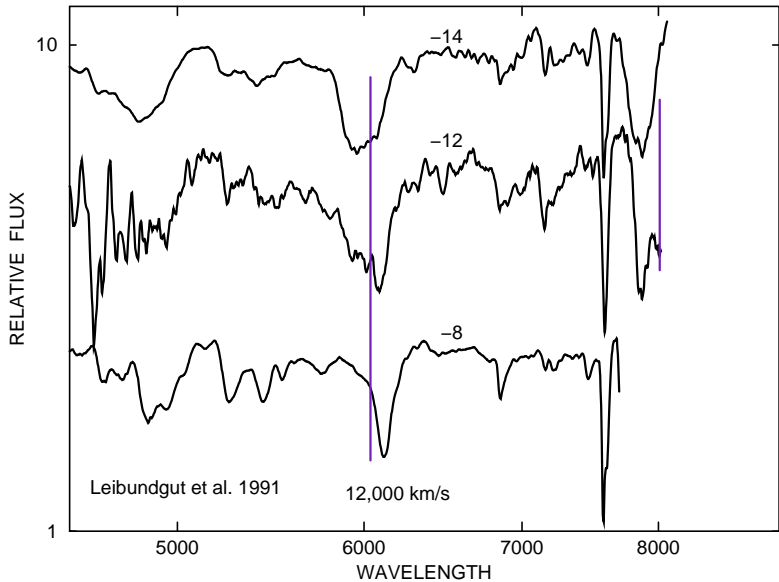
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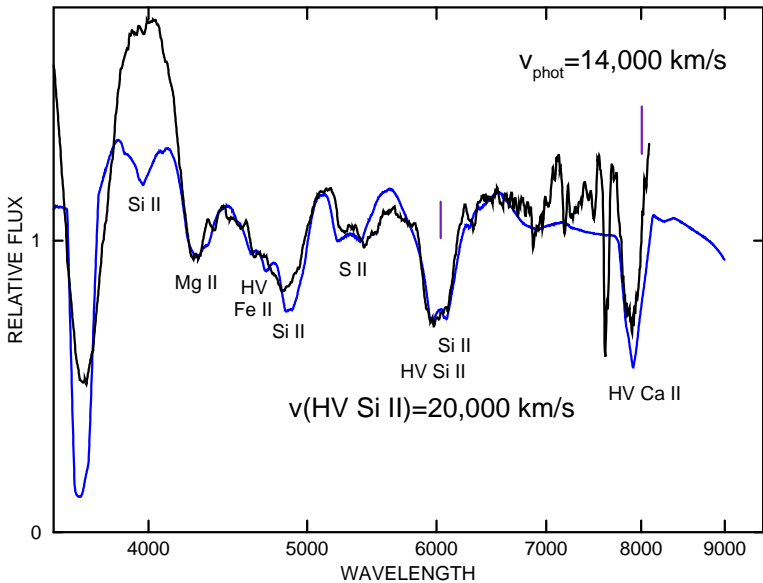
# SN 1990N CN

day -12 - Benetti and Turatto unpublished



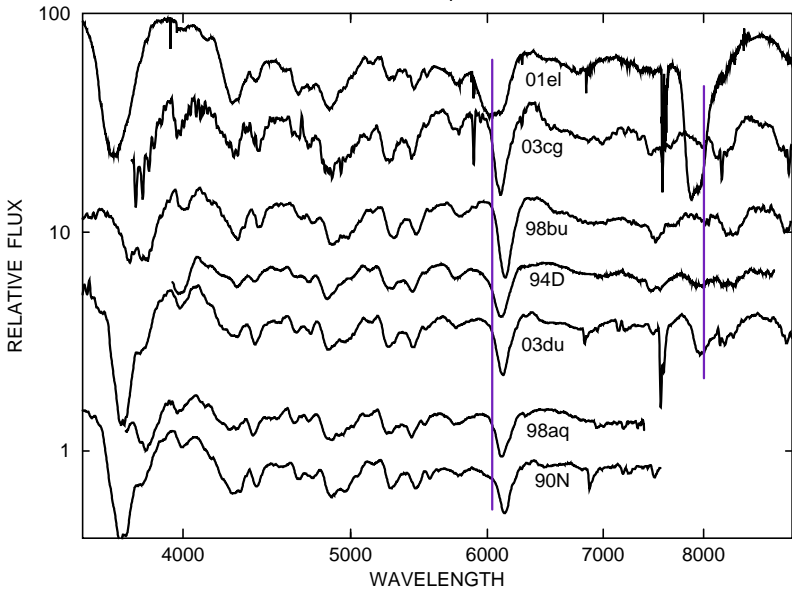
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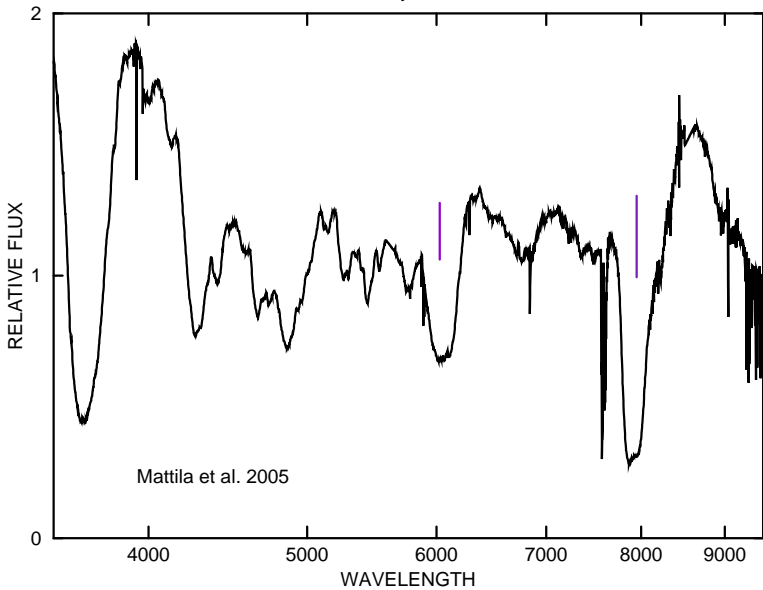
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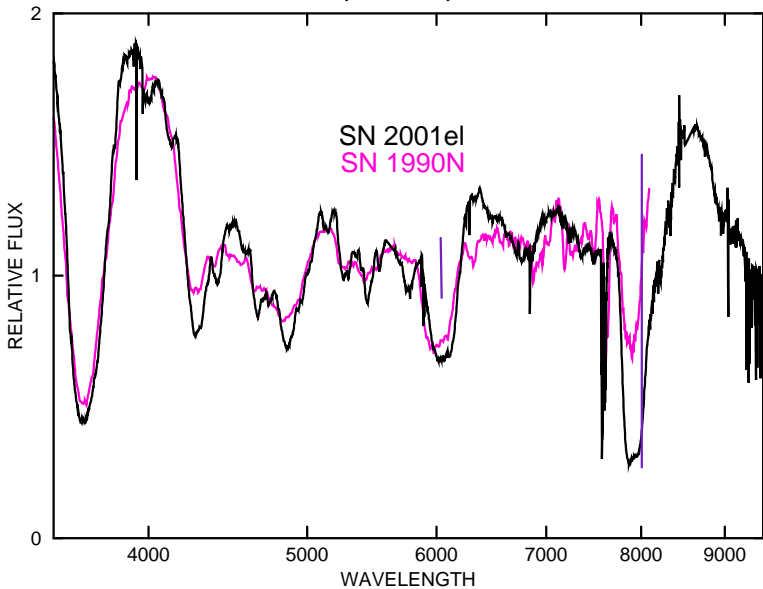
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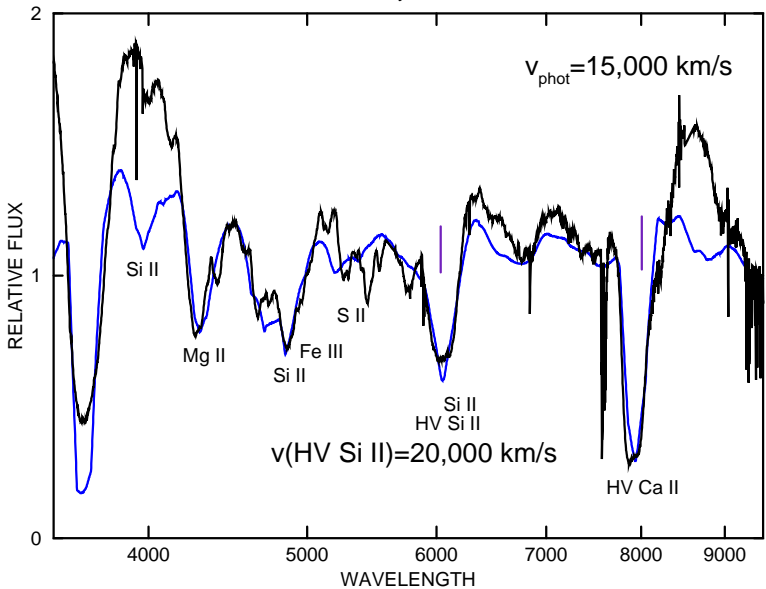
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# SYNOW approximations

- ▶ **spherical symmetry**
- ▶ **sharp photosphere**
- ▶ **velocity proportional to radius**
- ▶ **lines form by resonance scattering, treated in the Sobolev approximation**
- ▶ **relative strengths of lines of an ion are in LTE**
- ▶ **multiple scattering is taken into account**

# SYNOW input parameters

- ▶ velocity at the photosphere
- ▶ optical depth at the photosphere of one “reference line” per ion
- ▶ radial optical–depth profile, e.g.,  $\tau = \tau_{phot} e^{-(v-v_{phot})/v_e}$
- ▶ optional maximum and minimum (“detachment”) velocities for each ion
- ▶ excitation and temperature