Stellar Physics with the ALHAMBRA Photometric System

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The ALHAMBRA photometric system

The ALHAMBRA project (Moles et al. 2008): perform a tomography of the universe in some selected areas conforming almost 4 deg² in 8 non-contiguos regions of the sky.

Photometric system :

20 constant-width, nonoverlapping medium-band filters and with uniform transmission, in the optical range(Alh_i , i=1:20) and three bands in the infrared according with the classical JHKs bands.

(T. Aparicio Villegas et al. 2010)

Optical ALHAMBRA photometric system



Stellar classification and physical parameter estimation from ALHAMBRA optical photometry

Reddening-free Q - parameters

$$Q_{ijkl} = m_i - m_j - \frac{E_{ij}}{E_{kl}} (m_k - m_l)$$

$$E_{ij} = A_i - A_j$$



- Not dependence of distances
- 0 0
- Not dependence of reddening
- Depends on an extinction law



Stellar classification and physical parameter estimation from ALHAMBRA photometry : METHODOLOGY

1. Generation of 18 independent Q parameters from ALHAMBRA photometry: theoretical spectra and observed spectra: E_{ii}

$$Q_{ijk} = Alh_i - Alh_j - \frac{E_{ij}}{E_{jk}} (Alh_j - Alh_k)$$

2. Estimation of physical parameters : Teff, logg and [Fe/H] directly from the models

3. E(B-V)??

The model photometry gives us 19 unreddened ALHAMBRA colors :

$$Alh_i - Alh_{i+\Box}$$
 , $i=1:19$

And,

$$E(B-V) = median \quad [i] \left(\alpha_i \cdot E(Alh_i - Alh_{i+I})_i \right), i = 1:19$$

OTHER FACTORS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT...

1. Zero point corrections from ALHAMBRA photometry to synthetic photometry of the models

2. Choice of the best extinction law to be applied on our data: functional criteria

1. Generation of **18 independent Q parameters** from ALHAMBRA photometry: theoretical spectra and observed spectra:

$$Q_{ijk} = Alh_i - Alh_j - \frac{E_{ij}}{E_{ik}} (Alh_j - Alh_k), j = i+1, k = i+2$$

MODELS

BaSeL 2.2 (Lejeune et al. 1998)

White Dwarfs Templates (Holberg & Bergeron, 2006) Next Generation Spectral Library (Gregg et al. 2004)

288 observed spectra with synthetic photometry from NGSL:

$$3440K \le T_{eff} \le 44500K$$

 $0.45 \le \log g \le 7.5$
 $-2.9 \le met \le 0.7$

These stars form part of the set of primary standard stars of the ALHAMBRA photometric system

2. Estimation of physical parameters : Teff, logg and [Fe/H] directly from the models



Considering the 18 dimensional euclidean space formed by 18 independent Q parameters for each object, then, we look for the model which minimize the euclidean distance of both, the star and the model.

An example: HD284248



E(B-V)

From the synthetic photometry of the model, we have 19 unreddened ALHAMBRA colors:

 $Alh_{0i} - Alh_{0(i+1)}, i=1:19$

With the reddened colors of the star, we can determine the color excess in each band:

$$E\left(Alh_{i}-Alh_{i+1}\right)=\left(Alh_{i+1}-Alh_{i+1}\right)-\left(Alh_{i+1}-Alh_{i+1}\right), i=1:19$$

And so, we can generate 19 E(B-V) from each different color excess adopting an extinction law...the E(B-V) associated to the star would be the median of these 19 values:

$$E(B-V) = median \quad [i] \left(\alpha_i \cdot E(Alh_i - Alh_{i+\Box})_i \right), i = 1:19$$



Other things to take into account... ZERO POINT CORRECTIONS of the model photometry

1. Execute the method with BaSeL synthetic photometry and the 288 stars from NGSL.

2. Between the 288 stars, select the ones which has a RMSE < 0.03 in the fit with the Q-parameters

3. For the 19 colors, calculate the differences between the dereddened color of the star and the synthetic color of the best model fit.

4. The offset to correct BaSeL photometry in each color, is the mean of those differences.

RESULT: Much better fits!!! Reduce the RMSE for the cold stars

EXTINCTION LAW

Other things to take into account... EXTINCTION LAW

Comparing three different Milky Way extinction laws:

Nandy et al.(1975) Cardelli et al.(1989) Fitzpatrick (1999)





EXTINCTION LAW

Other things to take into account... EXTINCTION LAW











WHITE DWARFS

Feige 110

Teff (Friedman et al.2002) : 42300 Logg(Friedman et al.2002) : 5.95 E(B-V) :NA Teff Model: 55000 Logg Model: 6.47 E(B-V) fit :0.021(+/- 0.051)



COLD STARS

G SPECTRAL TYPE



COLD STARS

K SPECTRAL TYPE



COLD STARS



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