Toward the helium abundance: The behavior of the helium 10830Å in the open cluster Stock 2 and field stars

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## Stellar nucleosynthesis

- Helium and heavier elements are enriched in the "material cycle".
- The next generation stars are born with enriched chemical compositions:
  - *Y*,*Z*: mass ratio of helium and heavier elements of a star.



### The elements being measured



## Mg - Fe vs Y - Z diagram



# Universal helium enrichment law?

- Linear relation fitted by primordial and solar Y, Z.
- Globular clusters:
  - Y variation
- Asteroseismology:
  - smaller slope



## He energy levels

- Resonance lines:
  - In UV wavelength
  - Weak in FGK type stars
- He 10830
  - Present in most late-type stars and formed in the chromosphere.
  - Formation mechanisms:
    - Photoionization Recombination (PR), triggered by high-energy photons from the corona.
    - Collisional Excitation (CE)



## Target line: The He 10830

- He 10830 is a helium absorption feature which appears in most of the late-type stars' spectra.
- Near infrared: suffers less extinction.



#### EW(He) – spectral type trend Observations before 1990s

• Zirin (1982)







#### $EW(He) - T_{eff}$ trend Observations after 1990s

- Most of the stars are metalpoor except for those from Fuhrmeister+(2020).
- No clear trend is found except for the M-dwarfs.
- A new sample of stars with similar surface helium abundance is necessary.



## Connection with formation mechanisms

- Previous works suggest EW(He) are correlated with both  $\log R'_{\rm HK}$  and  $\log L_{\rm X}/L_{\rm bol}$ .
- Can He 10830 be used to measure Y?
   Stars with varied Y (Y, log R'<sub>HK</sub>, L<sub>X</sub>, T<sub>eff</sub>, log g)



Stars with same Y,  $T_{eff}$ ,  $\log g$ , [Fe/H]

### Stock 2: an open cluster

- Single stellar population:
  - same age, similar chemical composition
- Age: 450Myr
- [Fe/H] = -0.07
- MSTO stellar mass: ≈ 2.8M<sub>☉</sub>
  (Alonso-Santiago+2021)



## Red clump stars in Stock 2

- The *Y* in dwarfs:
  - Diffusion
  - First dredge-up
- The Y in RCs:
  - The *Y*s are similar
  - Their *Y*s are expected to be larger than those in main-sequence phase.



## Observation

- Stellar Population Astrophysics
  PI: L. Origlia
- High spectral resolution:
  - Probe detailed line shape
- Optical and NIR spectra in the same time
  - He 10830 + Ca II HK
  - Avoid temporal variation of He 10830 or Ca II HK lines.



- Target
  - Open cluster Stock-2
  - 9 giants

#### Measurement of He 10830 1. blending

- Several weak atomic lines present around He 10830.
- The synthetic spectra are stronger than observed spectra.
- log gf values requires correction.



#### Measurement of He 10830 2. line fitting

- Si I and telluric: Voigt profile
- He features: skew Gaussian profile

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$$\frac{A}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\left\{1 + \operatorname{erf}\left[\frac{\gamma(x-\mu)}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right]\right\} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

- A: amplitude
- *µ*: feature centre
- *γ*:asymmetry
- EW: equivalent width
- $\lambda_{ ext{peak}}$ : peak wavelength
- *B*/*R*: blue-to-red ratio



Measurement of Ca II HK lines For constraining the chromospheric structure

- Measuring the core-emission of the Ca II lines.
- $\log R'_{\rm HK} = (F'_{\rm K} + F'_{\rm H})/\sigma T^4_{\rm eff}$



# $\log R'_{\rm HK}$ - EW relation

- Linear relation between He 10830 EW and  $\log R'_{\rm HK}$ 
  - For Stock 2 RCs and field dwarfs
- The EWs of RCs are larger than dwarfs ([Fe/H]~0).
- $Y_{\rm RC} > Y_{\rm dwarf}$
- $Y \uparrow \Rightarrow EW \uparrow$





#### He 10830 in field stars: Targets and observations



- Wavelength
  - 9100-13500Å
- Resolution
  - 28,000
- Target
  - AFGK type stars
  - 93 dwarfs, 70 giants, 29 supergiants
  - [Fe/H]: -1~0

#### Field-XSL



- Wavelength
  - 3000-24800Å
- Resolution
  - 10,000
- Target (X-shooter Spectral Library)
  - AFGK type stars
  - 225 dwarfs, 265 giants, 58 supergiants
  - [Fe/H]: -2~0



# $EW(He) - T_{eff}$ trend of new targets

• More detailed trends compared with Zirin (1982)





# EW(He) - $T_{\rm eff}$ trend

- Dwarf
  - Main and secondary trend;
  - A clear lower boundary in the main trend;
  - Scatter above the lower boundary appears.
- Giant
  - The average EW is smaller than the dwarf's
  - Metal-poor stars tend to have smaller EW.



## EW(He) – $T_{eff}$ trend

- The increase of EW(He) is consistent with that in  $\log R'_{\rm HK}$ .
- Such behavior implies that the CE formation mechanism appears, in the dwarfs near the lower boundary.





#### (Fig. 6.4)

# $\frac{\text{EW(He)} - T_{\text{eff}} \text{ trend}}{\text{with } \log R'_{\text{HK}}}$

- $\log R'_{\rm HK}$  is larger at  $T_{\rm eff} \sim 4000$ K, and smaller in lower/higher temperatures.
- $\log R'_{\rm HK}$  is also correlated with EW(He) in Stock-2 giants.



# $EW(He) - T_{eff}$ trend

- The dwarfs with larger EW(He) also have stronger X-ray radiation.
- The He 10830 for the dwarfs above the lower boundary are dominated by the PR mechanism.
- Such trend is seen but not obvious in the warm giants.



## Summary

- The strength and shape of He 10830 and  $\log R'_{\rm HK}$  for the red clump stars in Stock 2 are measured.
  - EW  $\log R'_{\rm HK}$  linear relation: larger than that for field stars
  - Symmetric line profile: stable chromospheres
- Some empirical trends between He 10830 EW and other parameters present for field stars.
- Observations in He and Ca II line for more cluster would further confirm the possibility of using He 10830 as a helium abundance indicator.

#### How to extend: 1. More stars

- More stars in blue:
  - SPA spectra for giants in other OCs.



### How to extend: 2. Globular cluster?

- P110: 110.2446 (PI: Jian)
- X-Shooter for NGC2808 stars



### How to extend: 2. Globular cluster?

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# Previous observations

Can previous observations tell us about the information of PR/CE mechanism? (Chapter 2 in the thesis)

# Targets and measurements

What new targets are available? (Chapters 3-5 in the thesis)

# EW(He), $\log R'_{\rm HK}$ and $L_{\rm X}$ measurement

- $N_{\rm all} = 749$
- EW(He): 719
- log R'<sub>HK</sub>: 392
- $\log L_{\rm X}/L_{\rm Gaia}$ : 72
  - XMM-Newton
  - ROSAT
- A large sample of EW(He) measurement is derived.



# Discussion

Can He 10830 be used to determine Y, and if so, which star should be the target? (Chapter 8 in the thesis)

# EW(He)-[Fe/H] relation



• Giants rightward of the dividing line would be CE dominated.





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# EW(He) - [Fe/H] relationfor cool giants

- Positive relations between EW(He) and [Fe/H] are found in field-XSL giants with  $4300 < T_{\rm eff} < 4700$ K.
- If they are dominated by CE mechanism, then such relation would be caused by *Y* variation.



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(Fig. 8.3)

# Connection between He 10830 and Y in globular cluster (GC) members

• *"If spectra could be obtained in a globular cluster, providing a larger sample of similar stars, the relative abundance of helium might be assessed."* 

-- Dupree+ (2009)

• The evidence of He 10830 equivalent width (EW) difference is not obvious.



Study	GC	Number of stars
Smith et al. (2014)	M13	6
Pasquini et al. (2011)	NGC2808	2
Dupree & Avrett (2013)	$\omega$ Cen	2
Smith et al. $(2014)$	M13	6
Navarrete et al. (2015)	$\omega$ Cen	24
Strader et al. (2015)	M4	16



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### Previous selections of targets in GCs

- Most of the targets are hotter than 4500K, which is expected to have some extent of corona.
- Future observation aiming to probe Y difference should focus on the giants with  $T_{\rm eff} < 4500$ K.



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## Conclusion

#### • What we know about the He 10830:

	Before	After
EW(He)-T <sub>eff</sub> trend	Rough trends	Detail trends from ~750 stars.
PR/CE mechanism	Exist in dwarfs and giants	Switch between PR/CE for dwarfs and giants
Y sensitivity		Only in CE dominated lines
GC target selection	Warm giants (stronger He 10830)	Cool giants (avoid PR mechanism)

## Future perspective

- One step closer to the *Y* from He 10830:
- EW(He) for cool stars are sensitive to Y.

cool giants

- Reveal the relative *Y* difference for stars with similar stellar parameters.
  - Globular cluster members.
  - Bulge stars.
- Measure Y using He 10830 and detailed chromospheric modelling.
  - (though the method needs to be established yet)

#### Planned observations

- M5: UT22-2-013 with HPF@McDonald;
- NGC2808: 0110.D-4258(A) with X-Shooter@VLT.
- We expect the EW of He 10830 will be different for the stars in different stellar populations.



#### • [Fe/H]: -2~0.2



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### FWHM- $T_{eff}$ for field-WD stars



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# Synthesis of the He 10830

How does *Y* affect the feature? (Chapter 7 in the thesis)

# NLTE radiative transfer calculation for He 10830

- PR and CE; in chromosphere  $\rightarrow$  NLTE
- Atmosphere model + atom model + external radiation:
  - $\rightarrow$  { $n_{\rm H}$ }, H $\alpha$ , H $\beta$  lines;
  - $\rightarrow$  { $n_{\mathrm{He}}$ }, He 10830;
  - $\rightarrow \{n_{\text{CaII}}\}$ , Ca II H&K lines.
- External radiation: I
  - Tobiska (1991):  $I_{\rm T}(\lambda)$  from 18 to 911Å;
  - Controls the amount of high-energy radiation.



### PR dominated He 10830

- VAL-C model
- $I = 0, 10, 20, 30 I_{\rm T}$
- H and Ca II lines are not affected by external radiation, while He 10830 is sensitive to *I*.



Fig.

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## CE dominated He 10830

- I = 0.
- Varying the position of temperature rise ⇔ changing chromospheric density.
- EW(He) is sensitive to chromospheric density, so does the Ca II line core emission  $(\log R'_{\rm HK} \text{ increases}).$



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(Fig. 7.11, 7.12)

### Sensitivity of the EW to Y

- PR dominated He 10830 only have a small sensitivity to helium abundance.
- CE dominated He 10830 is sensitive to helium abundance.



# Explaining the sensitivity Using the $2^{3}S(1s2s)$ populations in PR/CE

#### PR dominant case

- I absorbed by He I
- EW(He)  $\propto I$



#### CE dominant case

- CE rate  $\propto n_{\rm e}$ ,  $n_{1{
  m s}^2}$
- EW(He)  $\propto Y$



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## Fig 1.8



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# Fig 1.9



# Fig 2.4



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# Fig 2.7



## Fig 5.1



## Fig 7.2



# Fig 7.9

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# Fig 8.4

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