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# ABSTRACT

In this thesis, we present a first comprehensive survey of diffuse interstellar bands (DIBs) in  $0.91 - 1.32\mu\text{m}$  with the newly developed near-infrared (NIR) spectrograph, WINERED, mounted on the Araki 1.3 m Telescope in Japan. The DIBs in the NIR wavelength range are expected to be electronic transitions of ionized large-sized carbon molecules, such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) and fullerenes. The NIR wavelength range is also useful in exploring the DIBs toward the stars with heavy interstellar extinction because of its higher transmittance in interstellar clouds compared with the optical wavelength range. Despite the potential importance of the DIBs in the NIR wavelength range, there has been no systematic search while exceeding 500 DIBs have been detected mainly in the optical wavelength range. WINERED offers a high resolution of  $R \equiv \lambda/\Delta\lambda = 28,300$  with high sensitivity in a wide wavelength coverage of  $0.91 - 1.36\mu\text{m}$ , where only five DIBs have been identified till now. With the survey, we aimed to extensively search for NIR DIBs and to reveal their properties. We present following three studies of NIR DIBs in this thesis.

## **The search for NIR DIBs**

We obtained high-resolution ( $R = 28,300$ ) spectra of 25 early-type stars with color excesses of  $0.07 < E(B - V) < 3.4$ . We searched for the absorption lines originating from interstellar gas clouds by comparing the obtained spectra with the stellar model spectra. Consequently, in addition to the five DIBs previously identified in the wavelength coverage of WINERED, we identified 15 new DIBs, seven of which were reported as DIB “candidates” by Cox.

### **The properties of NIR DIBs**

We analyzed the correlations among NIR DIBs, strong optical DIBs, and the reddening of the stars. Consequently, we found that all NIR DIBs show weaker correlations with the reddening rather than the strong optical DIBs, suggesting that the equivalent widths of NIR DIBs depend on some physical conditions of the interstellar clouds, such as UV flux. Three NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10780$ , 10792, and 11797, are found to be classifiable as a “family,” in which the DIBs are well correlated with each other, suggesting that the carriers of these DIBs are connected with some chemical reactions and/or have similar physical properties such as ionization potential. We also found that the three strongest NIR DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10780$ , 11797, and 13175 are well correlated with the optical DIB  $\lambda 5780.5$ , whose carrier is proposed to be a cation molecule with high ionization potential, indicating that the carriers of the NIR DIBs could be cation molecules.

### **The environmental dependence of NIR DIBs in the Cyg OB2 association**

In order to reveal the environmental dependence of NIR DIBs, we obtained the NIR high-resolution spectra of seven early-type stars in the Cyg OB2 association, toward which the gas clouds are known to have complex gaseous structures exposed to the strong flux of ionizing photons. We detected all 18 NIR DIBs with large EWs toward all the observed stars. We examined the relations between the DIBs and the column densities of  $C_2$  molecules in the literature. Consequently, we could not find any clear relations between DIBs and  $C_2$  column densities toward the Cyg OB2 association, suggesting that NIR DIB carriers are distributed mainly in the diffuse component rather than in the dense component. Such properties of NIR DIBs are common to those of “classical” strong DIBs in the optical wavelength range. It is also found that the EW ratios of DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10504$  and 5780.5 to DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10780$ , 10792, 11797, 12623, and 13175 in the Cyg OB2 association are lower than those in the diffuse interstellar environment by a factor of two. We suggest that the environmental dependence of DIB ratios illustrates some difference in the properties of the DIB carriers, such as the stability to the high-energy photons and the ionization potential.



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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Diffuse interstellar bands

Diffuse interstellar bands (DIBs) are ubiquitous absorption lines in optical wavelength range detected in the spectra of reddened stars, which originate from foreground interstellar clouds. DIBs were discovered in the observation at Lick Observatory by Heger (1919) (Fig. 1.1). After her first study, four DIBs at  $\lambda = 5780, 5797, 6284,$  and  $6614\text{\AA}$  were proved to originate from the interstellar clouds in the lines of sight of the stars by Merrill (1936). The DIBs are intrinsically broader than the interstellar atomic transitions (e.g., sodium D lines), which is the reason why they are named “diffuse” interstellar bands.

Since the first studies about a century ago, the most important question arising from the DIB studies has been “What are the DIB carriers?” Now, DIBs are thought to be the electronic transitions of free carbon-based molecules. The broadness of DIBs can be explained by the unresolved rotational contour of large molecules with small rotational constant  $B$ . In fact, two DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 5797$  and  $6614$  were found to exhibit profiles with three components, which are reminiscent of P, Q, R branches of molecular rotational transitions (Fig. 1.2). Recently, the carriers of a few weak DIBs were possibly identified as carbon chain molecules (see §1.2.3 for detail). However, the main contributor to DIBs are not unveiled at all (see next section for the specific proposed candidates).

The observations of DIBs with high-resolution spectrographs have revealed their complex-

ity and ubiquitousness in the Universe. Recent spectroscopic surveys have identified about 500 DIBs mainly in optical wavelength region (see Fig. 1.3; Jenniskens & Desert, 1994; Tuairisg et al., 2000; Hobbs et al., 2008, 2009). The correlations among some strong DIBs have been investigated in search of the pairs of DIBs originating from an identical molecule (Cami et al., 1997; Moutou et al., 1999; Friedman et al., 2011). However, no perfect correlations have been found, except for  $\lambda\lambda 6196.0$  and  $6613.6$  (McCall et al., 2010), which led to the proposal “one DIB - one molecule”. Therefore, the large number of DIBs illustrates the richness of the molecules in the Universe. However, note that some vibrational progressions of a large molecule were found in the DIB spectrum recently, suggesting that the DIBs consisting of the progressions originate from an identical molecule (Fig. 1.4; Duley & Kuzmin, 2010). DIBs have also been investigated in extragalactic objects, such as the Magellanic clouds (Welty et al., 2006; Cox et al., 2007), M31 (Cordiner et al., 2011), and high- $z$  damped Ly $\alpha$  systems (Lawton et al., 2008). The understanding of the molecular chemistry and evolution in the Universe is one of the central topics in the field of Astrochemistry and Astrobiology. DIBs will play an important role to reveal the formation and destruction processes of organic material in interstellar clouds, ultimately the seeds of life in the Universe.

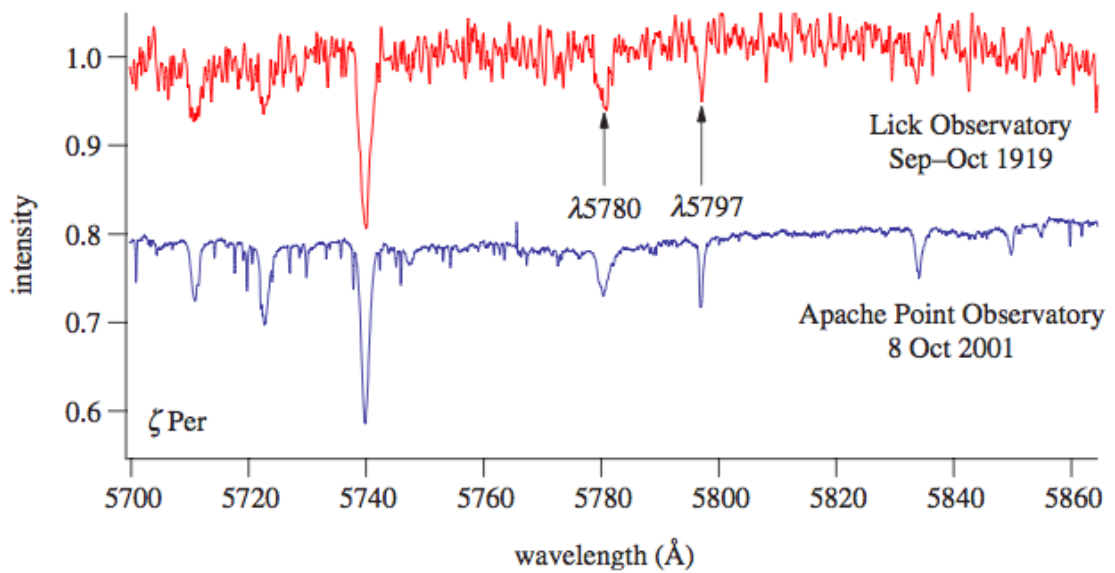


Figure 1.1: The first DIB spectrum of  $\zeta$  Per obtained by Mary Lea Heger at Lick Observatory (red line) and the recent spectrum of the same star obtained at Apache Point Observatory (blue line). This figure is reproduced from the review of DIB history by McCall & Griffin (2013).

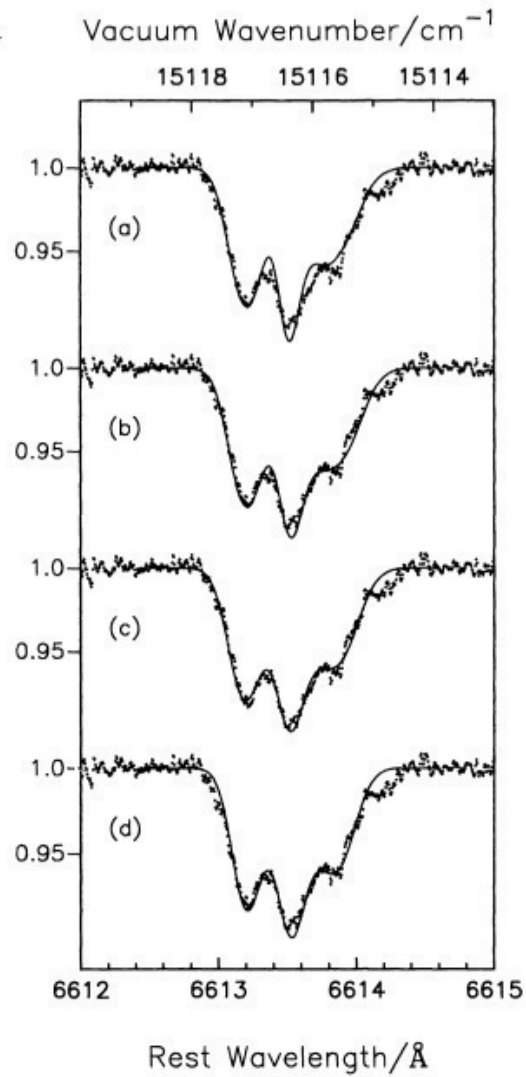


Figure 1.2: The ultra-high-resolution ( $R = 600,000$ ) profile of DIB  $\lambda 6614$  toward  $\mu$  Sgr and four fitted molecular rotational contours ((a) - (d)). This figure is reproduced from Kerr et al. (1996).

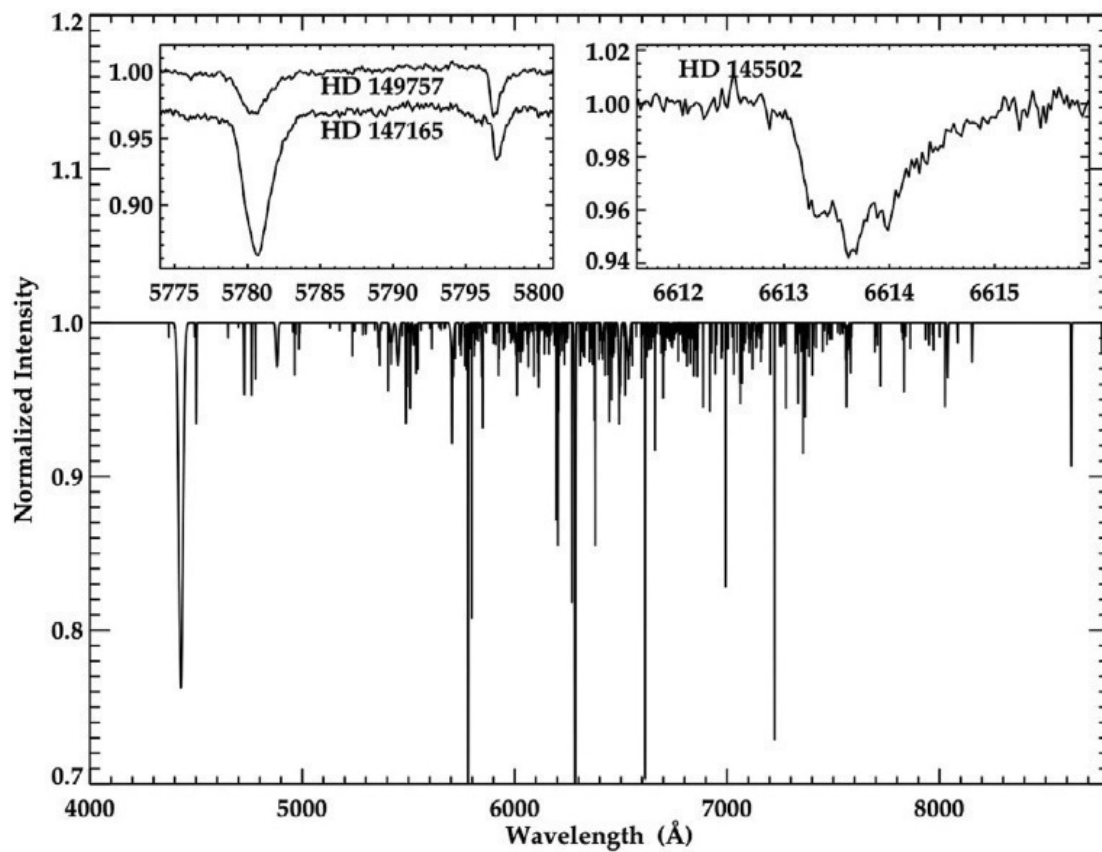


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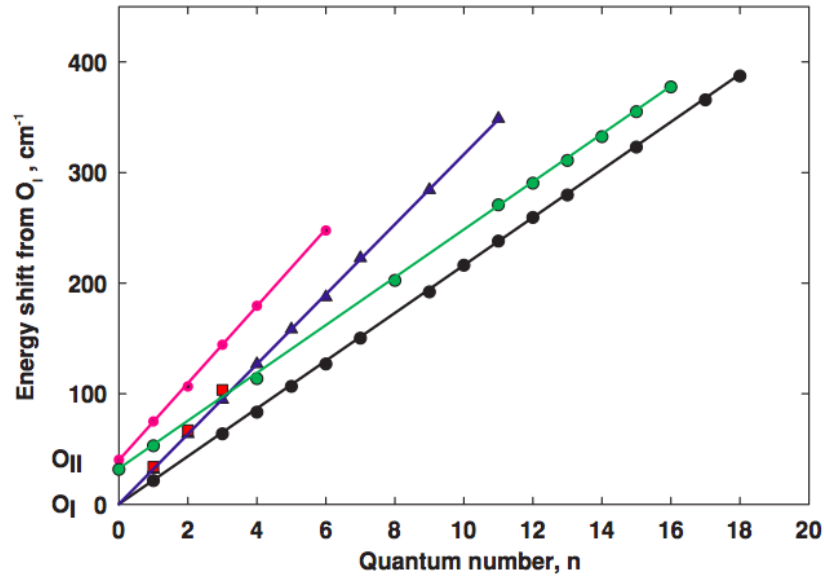


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## 1.2 Proposed carriers

Recent enormous progresses in the laboratory experiments to measure the absorption spectra of specific gas-phase molecules have been stimulating the researchers to directly identify the DIB carriers. However, contrary to expectations, the DIB carriers could not be identified at all except for very few instances. Here, we summarize some proposed carrier molecules and its status. The molecules shown here are just popular candidates frequently referred. There are some proposals that are not summarized here (e.g., see Jones, 2014)

### 1.2.1 Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon

Because polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are known to be abundant and ubiquitous in the Universe from the observations of the UIR bands in mid-infrared, the class of PAH molecules are proposed to be the DIB carriers (Tielens, 2008). The large number of DIBs exceeding 500 can be explained by the many possible species of PAHs, which are estimated



to contain  $\sim 50$  C atoms per molecule on average. Though the properties of the “mixture” of PAHs, such as the abundance and the ionization state, can be constrained by the UIR emission bands, it is still hard to constrain their structures and sizes of specific PAHs just by the emission bands. If the DIB carriers are identified as PAHs, we can better understand the variety and abundance of specific PAHs in interstellar clouds, which will eventually allow us to study the formation and destruction processes of such organic material in the Universe.

The measurement of the absorption bands of PAHs in the laboratory is a laborious and difficult work. It is difficult to make the gas-phase PAHs and control their ionization state. In addition, the possible patterns of the molecular structures of PAHs are numerous. The first laboratory spectra of PAHs in near-UV to near infrared wavelength range have been obtained in the last decade. At first, the absorption spectra of PAHs have been obtained with matrix isolation technique (Salama et al., 1999; Clayton et al., 2003; Mattioda et al., 2005). However, the possible shifts and broadening of the absorption bands by the solid matrix prevented us from the firm identification of DIB carriers as PAH molecules. The gas-phase spectra of some PAHs, which can be compared to DIBs, were obtained quite recently by Gredel et al. (2011) and Salama et al. (2011). They could not detect the absorption lines of some neutral PAHs in near-UV spectra of stars and derived the upper limits of the abundances of some specific neutral PAHs. Because the examined size and ionization states of PAHs are still limited, it is expected that the further progress of the laboratory experimental studies will settle the proposal that DIBs originate from interstellar PAHs.

Along with the non-detection of the electronic transitions of interstellar PAHs, some issues have also been proposed for the PAH-DIB hypothesis. The number of possible structures of PAHs ( $\sim$  several million) is much larger than the number of DIBs detected so far ( $\sim 500$ ) (Steglich et al., 2011). If the PAH-DIB hypothesis is correct, a few selected PAHs must be abundant enough to be detected in interstellar medium. Furthermore, the electronic transitions of PAH cations are much broader than DIBs (Biennier et al., 2003). As a possible solution for the proposed issues, Rouillé et al. (2012) suggested that the polyynyl-substituted PAH molecules can be the carries of DIBs because they have transitions in optical wavelength range with widths as narrow as those of DIBs and higher oscillator strengths than their parent

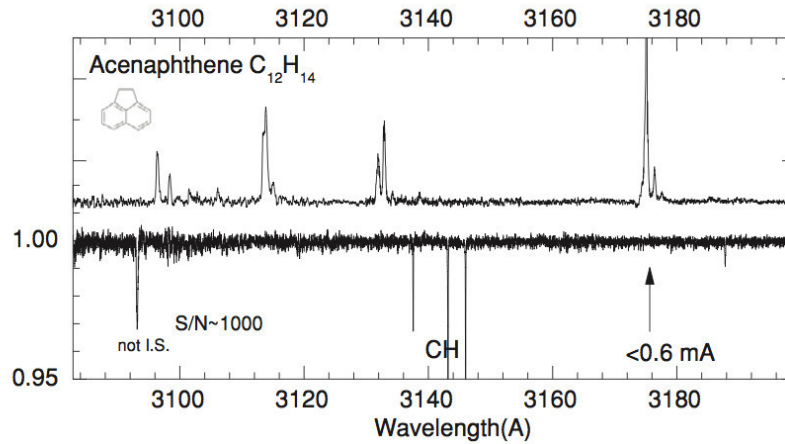


Figure 1.5: An example of the comparison between the PAH absorption spectrum (upper line: aceneaphthene) and the DIB spectrum (lower line) (Salama et al., 2011). The absorption bands could not be detected in the stellar spectrum and the upper limit for the equivalent width of the strongest band was derived. This figure is reproduced from Salama et al. (2011).

PAHs. Although this proposal is still controversial, interstellar PAHs are thought to be the most attractive candidates of the DIB carriers.

### 1.2.2 Fullerenes

Fullerenes (e.g.,  $C_{60}$  and  $C_{70}$ ) are also fascinating candidates of the DIB carriers. Foing & Ehrenfreund (1994) detected two DIBs at  $\lambda = 9577$  and  $9632\text{\AA}$ , which are similar to the wavelengths of main electronic transitions of ionized buckminsterfullerene ( $C_{60}^+$ ). However, the identification has not been confirmed yet because the compared absorption spectrum of  $C_{60}^+$  is obtained by the matrix isolation technique, which can shift and broaden the transitions. Misawa et al. (2009) reported the detection of the candidates of weaker sub-bands of  $C_{60}^+$  at  $\lambda \sim 9017, 9210, 9258\text{\AA}$ . Recently, the mid-infrared emission bands of fullerenes  $C_{60}$  and  $C_{70}$  in a young planetary nebulae Tc 1 were reported by Cami et al. (2010). However, the transitions of neutral  $C_{60}$  molecules at  $\lambda \sim 3760, 3980, \text{and } 4024\text{\AA}$  could not be detected in the fullerene-rich planetary nebulae yet (García-Hernández & Díaz-Luis, 2013). Though the number of possible structures of fullerenes and its derivatives cannot explain all the over 500 DIBs, it is expected that some DIBs will be identified as the absorption band of the interstellar fullerenes.

### 1.2.3 Carbon chains

Three diatomic molecules, CH, CH<sup>+</sup>, and CN, are known to have the absorption lines in the optical wavelength range (Snow & McCall, 2006). The Phillips band system of C<sub>2</sub> molecule is also detected in far red and near-infrared wavelength range: the (1,0), (2,0), and (3,0) bands at  $\lambda \sim 10140$ , 8765, and 7720 Å, respectively. Note that the fundamental (0,0) band of C<sub>2</sub> at  $\lambda \sim 12070$  Å had not been detected in interstellar medium yet. Maier et al. (2001) detected the transition of the simplest polyatomic carbon chain molecule C<sub>3</sub> at 4051.6 Å. On the analogy of such simple molecules, the longer carbon chain molecules are expected to be distributed in interstellar medium and detectable as DIBs. Motylewski et al. (2000) reported a possible detection of a weak band of HCCCCCN<sup>+</sup> at 5819.27Å. Maier et al. (2004) searched for the transitions of bare carbon chains C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub> in interstellar medium, but could not detect. Krelowski et al. (2010) and Maier et al. (2011a) possibly identified the carriers of some DIBs as HC<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> and *l*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, respectively (Fig. 1.6). Note that Maier et al. (2011b) suggested that the assignment of HC<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup> as the carrier of a DIB at 5069Å by Krelowski et al. (2010) is unlikely because of the slight difference of the band shape and wavelength between the DIB and the laboratory absorption spectrum of HC<sub>4</sub>H<sup>+</sup>. However, the absorption bands of carbon chains cannot be a main contributor of DIBs because all of the identified absorption bands are quite weak.

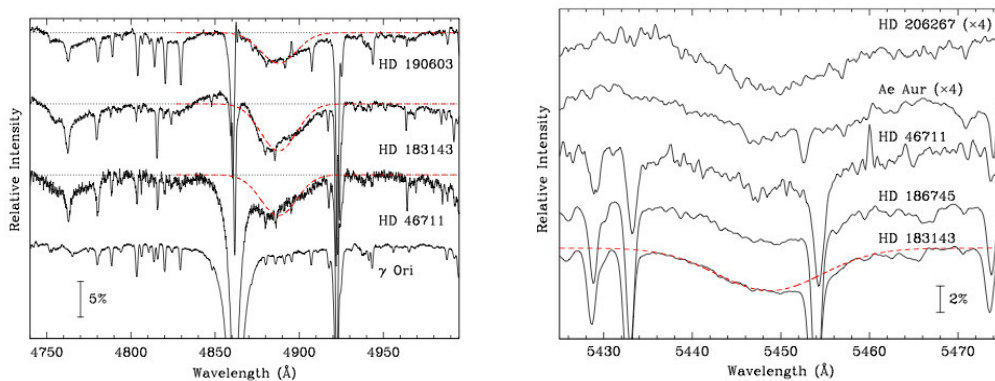


Figure 1.6: The comparison between the DIB spectra (black lines) and the laboratory absorption spectrum of *l*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub> (dashed red lines). The DIBs at 4887Å and 5450Å seem to agree with the absorption lines of *l*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>. This figure is reproduced from Maier et al. (2011a).

### 1.3 Near-infrared DIBs

The DIBs in the near-infrared (NIR) wavelength range are of great interest in search of the transitions of ionized large-sized PAHs (Salama et al., 1996; Mattioda et al., 2005; Ruiterkamp et al., 2005). Salama et al. (1996) illustrated the transitions of the electrons in neutral and ionized PAHs (Fig. 1.7). While only the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions are possible in neutral PAHs, the transitions within the  $\pi$  or the  $\pi^*$  levels are possible in the cation and anion of PAHs. The energy of the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi$  or the  $\pi^* \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions are lower than that of the  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  transitions. Therefore, the transitions of ionized PAHs appear in the longer wavelength range compared to those of neutral PAHs. Because the  $\pi$  and  $\pi^*$  levels are mirror images in the first order approximation, the transitions of cation and anion of PAHs appear at similar wavelengths. Fig. 1.8 shows the transitions of the specific PAHs (neutral, cations, and anions) from the theoretical calculation (Ruiterkamp et al., 2005) and laboratory measurements (Mattioda et al., 2005; Gredel et al., 2011; Salama et al., 2011). The transitions of ionized PAHs are distributed from the optical to NIR wavelength range, suggesting that they can be the carriers of DIBs. In general, larger PAH molecules have transitions at longer wavelength (Salama et al., 1996; Ruiterkamp et al., 2005). Therefore, the ionized large-sized PAHs would have the electronic transitions in the NIR wavelength range, which are detectable as DIBs.

The NIR wavelength range is also useful in exploring the DIBs toward the stars with heavy interstellar extinction because of its higher transmittance in interstellar clouds compared to the optical wavelength range. The environmental dependences of DIBs can be investigated by observing the NIR DIBs toward, for example, the stars embedded in the dense clouds and the distant stars in the inner and outer regions of our Galaxy (Adamson et al., 1994; Geballe et al., 2011; Rawlings et al., 2014). The properties of NIR DIBs can also be used as the new diagnostics of interstellar clouds (Zasowski et al., 2015).

Despite the potential importance of the DIBs in the NIR wavelength range, they have not been searched extensively while exceeding 500 DIBs have been detected mainly in optical wavelength range. Only two DIBs at  $\lambda = 11797$  and  $13175\text{\AA}$  discovered by Joblin et al. (1990) were known at  $\lambda > 1\mu\text{m}$  until recently (Fig. 1.8). This is because the power of NIR spectrograph is much weaker than that of optical in view of the sensitivity and the spectral

resolution. Many telluric absorption lines in the NIR wavelength range due to water vapor and oxygen in the atmosphere also veil weak DIBs. Owing to the recent progress in NIR high-resolution spectroscopy, the number of NIR DIBs has increased. Geballe et al. (2011) detected 11 new DIBs in the  $H$ -band toward the Galactic center. Cox et al. (2014) reported 12 NIR DIB “candidates” in  $0.9 < \lambda < 2.5\mu\text{m}$  detected in their spectral survey of NIR DIBs with the X-shooter spectrograph on the Very Large Telescope (VLT). However, the weak DIBs in the NIR wavelength range have not been searched comprehensively yet in the earlier studies. Even their basic properties, such as the line profile, the EW variations, and the correlations, have not been fully examined. Independently of the PAH-DIB hypothesis, revealing their properties in various environments would contribute to the identification of the DIB carriers.

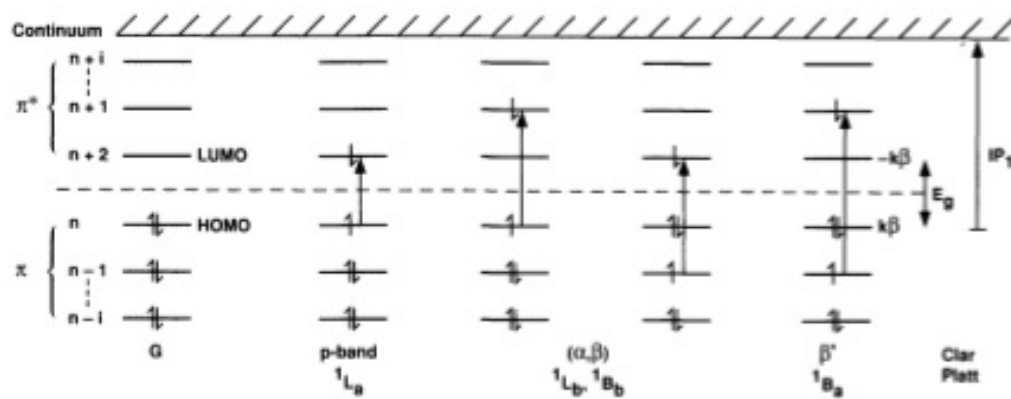


FIG. 7a

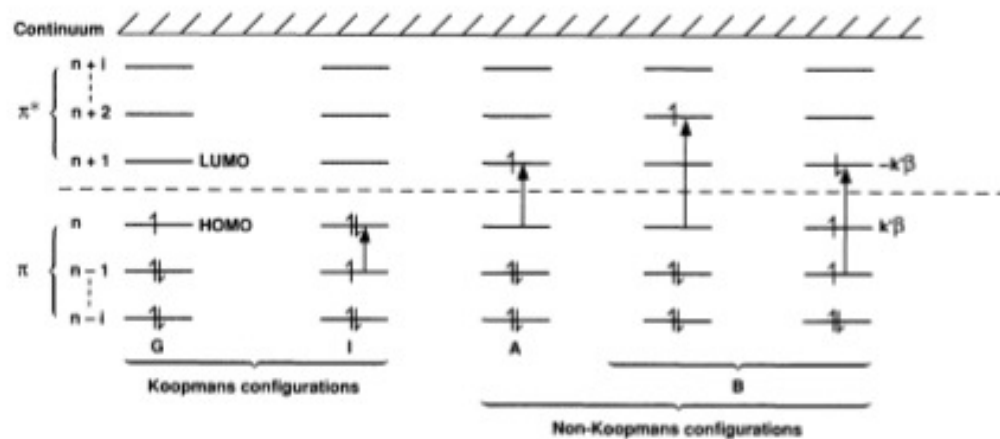


FIG. 7b

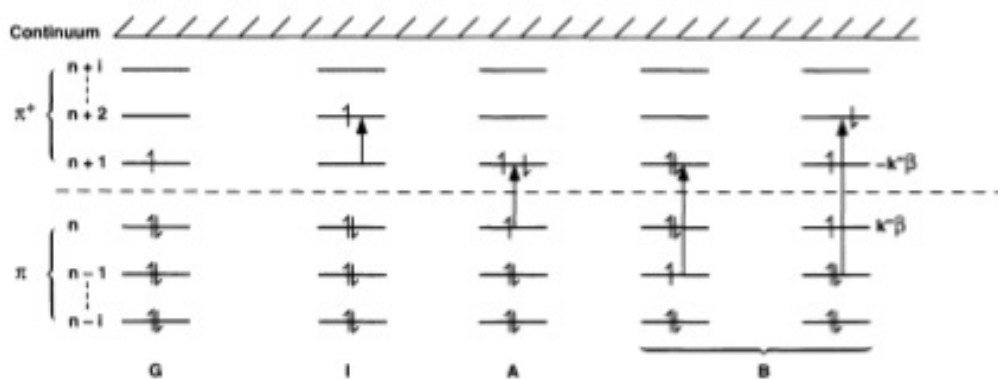


FIG. 7c

Figure 1.7: Hückel  $\pi$  molecular orbital energy level diagrams for (a) neutral, (b) cation, and (c) anion PAHs. This figure is reproduced from Salama et al. (1996).

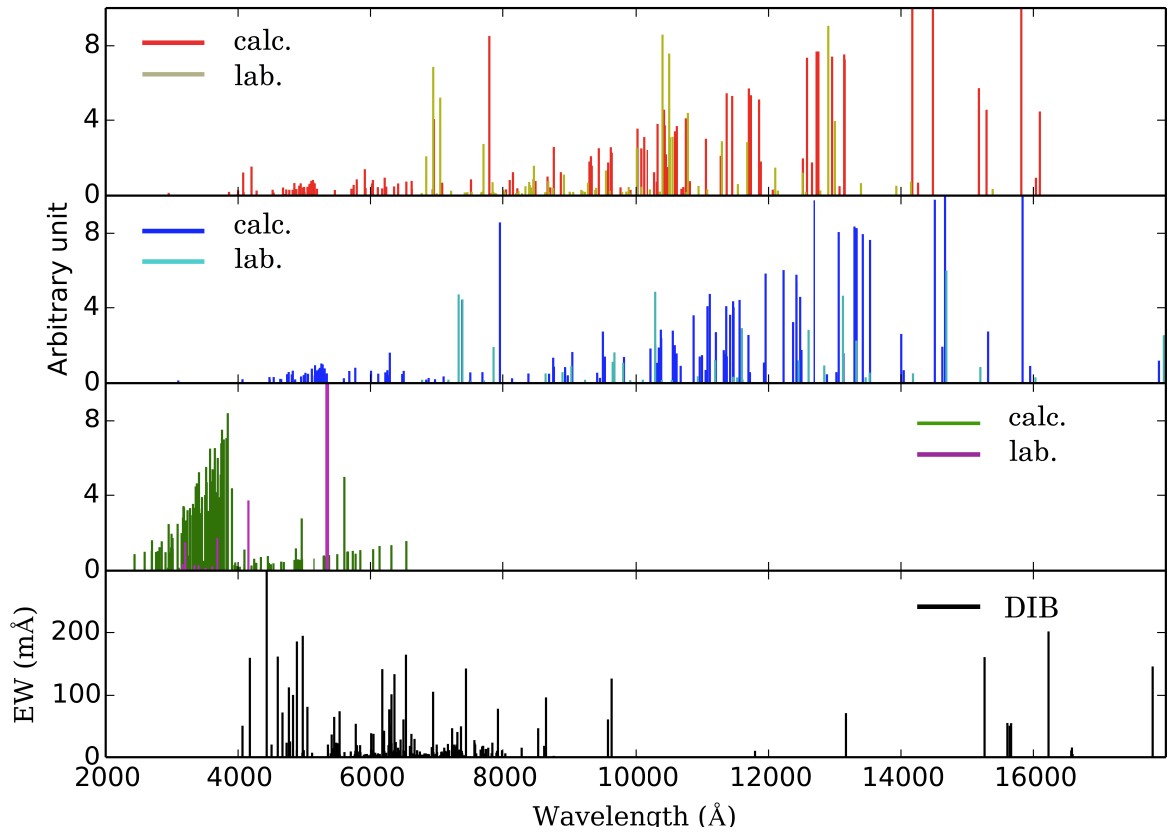


Figure 1.8: The absorption spectra of the specific neutral, cation, and anion PAHs in the literature (three upper panels) and DIB spectrum (lower panel). The DIB spectrum is synthesized from Jenniskens & Desert (1994) and Geballe et al. (2011). The PAH spectra are from the theoretical calculation by Ruiterkamp et al. (2005) (green, red, and blue lines for neutral, cation, and anion PAHs, respectively) and the laboratory experiments by Gredel et al. (2011) and Salama et al. (2011) for neutral PAHs (magenta lines) and Mattioda et al. (2005) for ionized PAHs (yellow and cyan lines for cation, and anion PAHs, respectively).

## 1.4 The purpose of this thesis

In this thesis, we present a first comprehensive survey of NIR DIBs in  $z$ -,  $Y$ - and  $J$ -bands with newly developed NIR echelle WINERED spectrograph (Ikeda et al., 2006; Yasui et al., 2006, 2008; Kondo et al., 2015) mounted on the Araki 1.3 m Telescope in Koyama Astronomical Observatory in Japan. WINERED offers a high resolution of  $R \sim 28,300$  with high sensitivity in wide wavelength coverage of  $0.91 - 1.36\mu\text{m}$ , where only four DIBs have been confirmed till now (see Fig. 1.8). With the survey, we aimed to extensively search for NIR DIBs and to reveal their properties. Because WINERED is newly developed and the data reduction pipeline is critical for an extensive survey work, we started from the development of the automatic data reduction pipeline customized for the WINERED data. All the data obtained in our survey were reduced with this pipeline. We present the following three studies on NIR DIBs in this thesis.

### 1.4.1 The search for NIR DIBs

First, we obtained high-resolution spectra of 25 early-type stars with color excesses of  $0.07 < E(B - V) < 3.4$ . We searched for the DIB features originating from the interstellar medium in the obtained spectra. Consequently, in addition to the four DIBs previously detected in the wavelength coverage of WINERED, we identified 16 new DIBs, eight of which were reported as DIB “candidates” by Cox et al. (2014).

### 1.4.2 The properties of NIR DIBs

Subsequently, we investigated the basic properties of the identified NIR DIBs by examining their correlations. The correlations among the strength of DIBs and the amount of other atomic or molecule species in the gas clouds have been extensively investigated for the DIBs in the optical wavelength range to reveal their properties (Krelowski & Walker, 1987; Cami et al., 1997; McCall et al., 2010; Friedman et al., 2011). Regarding the NIR DIBs, although earlier studies succeeded in detecting new DIBs, their properties in the interstellar clouds have not been investigated owing to small sample size (Joblin et al., 1990; Cox et al., 2014). We analyzed the correlations among NIR DIBs, “classical” strong optical DIBs, and the reddening



of the stars.

### 1.4.3 The environmental dependence of NIR DIBs in the Cyg OB2 association

In order to reveal the environmental dependence of DIBs, we obtained the NIR high-resolution spectra of seven early-type stars in the Cyg OB2 association, which contains a number of bright early-type stars with large extinction. The observation of the stars in the Cyg OB2 association allow us to study the correlations of DIBs including weak ones more confidently owing to the large EWs. In addition, the lines of sight toward the Cyg OB2 association, in particular the Cyg OB2 No.12, have received much attention because of the detection of large amount of  $\text{H}_3^+$  molecules by McCall et al. (1998). Several small-sized molecules (e.g.,  $\text{C}_2$ , CN,  $\text{HCO}^+$ , and CO) are also detected toward the Cyg OB2 association (Gredel et al., 2001; Casu et al., 2005). The models reproducing the abundances of  $\text{H}_3^+$  toward the Cyg OB2 association suggested that the lines of sight contain the diffuse clouds ( $n = 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) and embedded dense clouds ( $n = 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) (Cecchi-Pestellini & Dalgarno, 2000). Such density structure of the gas clouds was supported by the observations of  $\text{C}_2$  and CO (Gredel et al., 2001; Casu et al., 2005). Gredel et al. (2001) showed that the abundances of  $\text{C}_2$  and CN can be explained by the chemistry induced by the high X-ray flux from the early-type stars in the association. As such, the clouds of the Cyg OB2 association have complex density structure and are exposed to the strong flux of the high-energy photons from nearby OB stars. The environment is quite different from the interstellar environment. By revealing the environmental dependence of DIBs in the Cyg OB2 association, we could peer into the characteristics of the DIB carriers. We obtained the NIR high-resolution spectra of the seven brightest stars in  $J$ -band, and investigated the DIBs toward their lines of sight in comparison with those in the diffuse interstellar environment.

## 1.5 Outline

This thesis is composed as follows. In Chapter 2, we describe the specifications and the status of WINERED, and our whole observations. In Chapter 3, we describe the data reduction

pipeline originally developed for the WINERED data. In the following Chapters, three studies of NIR DIBs are presented: 1) the search for NIR DIBs (Chapter 4), 2) the properties of NIR DIBs (Chapters 5, 6, and 7), and 3) the environmental dependences of NIR DIBs in the Cyg OB2 association (Chapter 8). In Chapter 9, the summary of this thesis and the future prospect are presented.

## Chapter 2

# Observation

### 2.1 WINERED

In this thesis, we used the newly developed high-resolution spectrograph, WINERED (Fig. 2.1; Ikeda et al., 2006; Yasui et al., 2006, 2008; Kondo et al., 2015), which is mounted on the F/10 Nasmyth focus of the Araki 1.3 m telescope (Fig. 2.2) at Koyama Astronomical Observatory, Kyoto-Sangyo University, Japan (Yoshikawa et al., 2012). The primary objective of WINERED is to realize NIR high-resolution spectrograph with high sensitivity by achieving high optical throughput ( $> 40\%$ ), which is about twice as high as those of conventional high resolution spectrographs. WINERED has three observational modes, one is the normal grating mode ( $N$ -mode) covering  $0.91 - 1.36\mu\text{m}$  in one exposure with  $R = 28,300$  using a reflective echelle grating. The others are two immersion grating modes,  $Y$ - and  $J$ -modes, which cover  $0.96 - 1.13\mu\text{m}$  and  $1.12 - 1.35\mu\text{m}$ , respectively, with  $R = 103,000$ . These modes are now under development. Table 2.1 summarizes the basic specifications of WINERED.

We have completed the development of WINERED in  $N$ -mode, and started engineering observations. Figure 2.3 shows the Echellogram of an astronomical object and a flat lamp. Figure 2.4 and 2.5 show the measured spectral resolution and throughput of WINERED as a function of wavelength. The achieved spectral resolution is comparable to those of many IR high resolution spectrographs, but the high throughput and wide wavelength coverage allowed us an efficient search of weak DIBs for the first time.

Table 2.1: The basic specifications of WINERED.

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Wavelength Coverage      | 0.91-1.36 $\mu\text{m}$                            |
| Spectral Resolution      | $R = 28,300$ ( $\Delta v = 11 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ) |
| Throughput               | $\sim 40 \%$                                       |
| Pixel Scale <sup>1</sup> | $0''.8 / \text{pix}$                               |
| Slit Width <sup>1</sup>  | $1''.6$ (2 pix)                                    |
| Slit Length <sup>1</sup> | 48''   |
| Array                    | HAWAII-2RG 2048 $\times$ 2048                      |

<sup>1</sup> Calculated for the Araki 1.3 m telescope.

WINERED looked the first light in May 2012, and we started engineering observations with an engineering grade array. The detection limit of WINERED was estimated as  $J = 11.4$  mag for the total integration time of 8 hrs ( $1,800\text{sec} \times 16$ ) and  $S/N = 30$ . The scientific grade array was installed in Aug 2013 and the detection limit was improved by about 1 mag in  $J$ -band. In the engineering observations, the ambient background was found to be about 50 times higher than expected because of a thermal leak in  $1.7 - 1.8\mu\text{m}$ . To reduce the thermal leak, we installed an  $H$ -band blocking filter in Mar 2014, to achieve the originally specified detection-limit  $J = 13.5$  mag. However, the filter was slightly distorted due to a mechanical failure and caused a slight blurring of the light. Consequently, the resultant spectral resolution became  $R \sim 20,000$  for the observing runs during summer of 2014. This problem is now being solved with an overhaul of the instrument in winter of 2014.

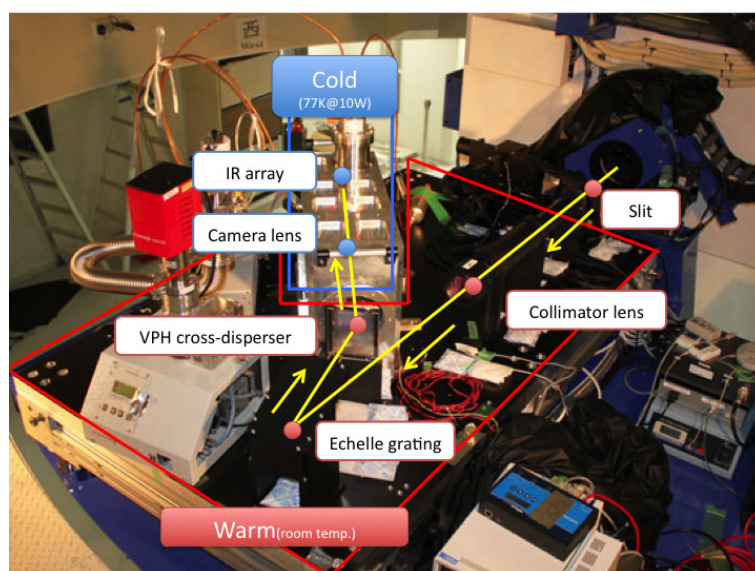


Figure 2.1: WINERED mounted on the Nasmyth focus of the Araki 1.3m telescope. Warm optics, including the echelle grating and the cross-disperser (VPH), are exposed for viewing purpose.



Figure 2.2: The picture of the Araki 1.3m telescope.

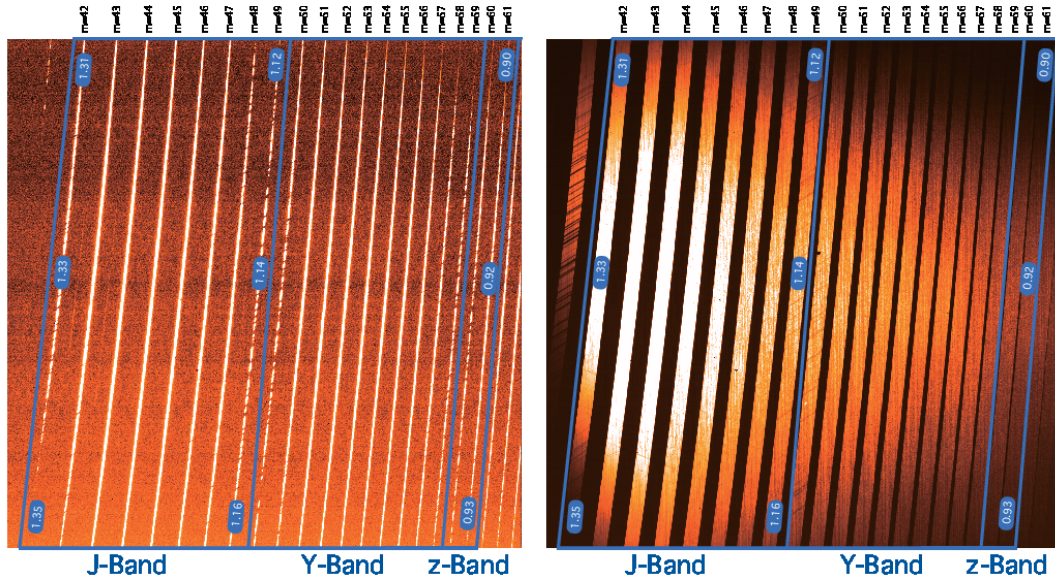


Figure 2.3: Echellogram of an astronomical object (left) and a flat-lamp (right) obtained with WINERED.

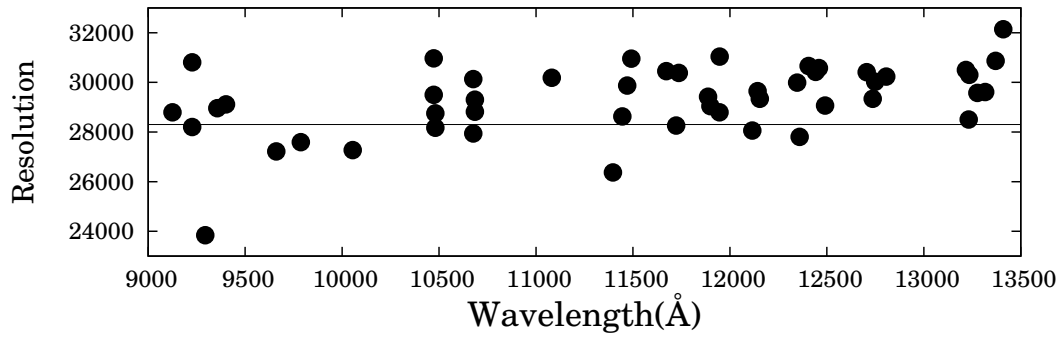


Figure 2.4: Measured spectral resolution of WINERED. The black points show the measured values. The solid line shows the designed spectral resolution, which is defined by 2-pixel sampling.

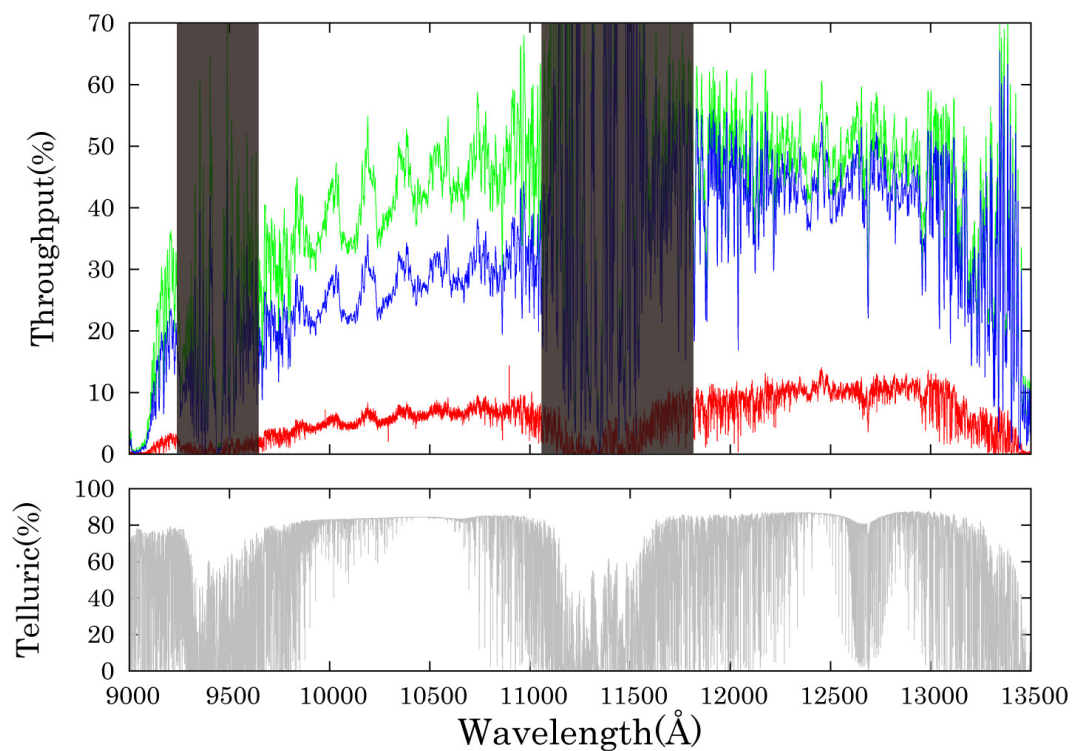


Figure 2.5: Estimated throughput of WINERED. The top panel shows the throughput (Green: WINERED optics only, Blue: WINERED optics times QE of the SG array, Red: as observed with the EG array). The bottom panel shows the assumed telluric absorption spectrum for estimating the throughput.



## 2.2 Targets and Observations

### 2.2.1 The survey of NIR DIBs

We selected bright early-type (O, B, A) stars with  $J < 6.2$  mag from the literatures as targets of our initial survey (Table 2.2). The color excesses of the targets are in the range  $0.07 < E(B - V) < 0.85$  except for Cyg OB2 No.12 ( $E(B - V) = 3.4$ ). We also obtained the spectra of Rigel ( $E(B - V) = 0.0$ ) as a reference, which should not show any absorption features due to interstellar dust. Observations of almost all targets were conducted from November 2013 to January 2014. Only two stars (Cyg OB2 No.12 and HD190603) were observed in July 2012 when we used an engineering array with worse sensitivity, in particular at shorter wavelength ( $\lambda < 1\mu\text{m}$ ), compared to that of the currently used scientific array. Therefore, the signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) and quality of the spectra of these stars are not as good as the other data. The telescope was nodded by about 30 arcsec along the direction of the slit length between alternating frames to offset the sky emission. Only for HD 37043, which is embedded in the Orion Nebulae, were the frames obtained without nodding, and corresponding sky frames were obtained in a field far from the star to avoid the emission from the Orion Nebulae. Note that the telluric absorption lines by water are stronger for two stars, HD190603 and Cyg OB2 No.12, than for the other stars because these two stars were observed in July, when the humidity is very high in Japan.

### 2.2.2 Cyg OB2 association

We observed seven stars in the Cyg OB2 association, which are the brightest in the  $J$ -band. The observations were conducted with WINERED mounted on the Araki 1.3 m telescope during Sep and Oct in 2014. Owing to the distortion in the newly installed thermal cut filter, the spectral resolution became  $R \approx 20,000$ , which is lower than the designed value of WINERED,  $R = 28,300$  (see §2.1). Because we do not focus on the profiles of DIBs, the lower resolution does not affect our results and discussion. Table 2.3 summarizes the observation of the Cyg OB2 association. We observed the telluric standard stars of A0V type at similar airmass as those of the targets.

Table 2.2: Summary of Observations and Targets for the DIB survey

| Star          | Spectral Type | $J$   | $E(B - V)$ | Obs. Date  | Integration Time<br>(sec) | S/N <sup>1</sup> |           | Telluric <sup>3</sup> |
|---------------|---------------|-------|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
|               |               | (mag) | (mag)      |            |                           | Raw              | Corrected |                       |
| HD2905        | B1Iae         | 4.141 | 0.33       | 2014/1/22  | 720                       | 600              | 600       | 50 Cas                |
| HD12953       | A1Iae         | 4.062 | 0.62       | 2014/1/22  | 960                       | 700              | 600       | 50 Cas                |
| HD14489       | A2Ia          | 4.528 | 0.40       | 2014/1/22  | 1,800                     | 750              | 650       | 50 Cas                |
| HD20041       | A0Ia          | 4.057 | 0.73       | 2014/1/21  | 1,200                     | 750              | 750       | 50 Cas                |
| HD21291       | B9Ia          | 2.712 | 0.42       | 2013/12/25 | 1,200                     | 400              | 300       | 50 Cas                |
| HD21389       | A0Iab         | 3.050 | 0.55       | 2013/12/25 | 1,500                     | 500              | 500       | 50 Cas                |
| HD23180       | B1III         | 3.610 | 0.31       | 2014/1/22  | 1,300                     | 600              | 500       | 7 Cam                 |
| HD24398       | B1Ib          | 2.650 | 0.32       | 2013/12/25 | 400                       | 450              | 300       | 50 Cas                |
| HD24912       | O7.5IIIe      | 3.987 | 0.33       | 2013/12/25 | 1,200                     | 400              | 300       | 50 Cas                |
| HD25204       | B3V+A4IV      | 3.572 | 0.30       | 2014/1/23  | 720                       | 650              | 400       | 7 Cam                 |
| HD30614       | O9.5Ia        | 4.243 | 0.30       | 2014/1/22  | 960                       | 550              | 400       | 7 Cam                 |
| HD36371       | B4Ib          | 4.246 | 0.43       | 2014/1/23  | 720                       | 700              | 550       | 7 Cam                 |
| HD36486       | B0III+O9V     | 2.744 | 0.07       | 2014/1/23  | 240                       | 750              | 400       | 21 Lyn                |
| HD36822       | B0III         | 4.807 | 0.11       | 2014/1/23  | 1,200                     | 600              | 450       | 7 Cam                 |
| HD37043       | O9III         | 3.490 | 0.07       | 2014/1/23  | 600                       | 600              | 350       | 7 Cam                 |
| HD37128       | B0Iab         | 2.191 | 0.08       | 2013/12/8  | 240                       | 700              | 450       | HR1483                |
| HD37742       | O9Iab         | 2.210 | 0.08       | 2014/1/23  | 240                       | 850              | 400       | 7 Cam                 |
| HD38771       | B0Iab         | 2.469 | 0.07       | 2013/12/8  | 240                       | 600              | 350       | HR1483                |
| HD41117       | B2Iaev        | 4.186 | 0.44       | 2014/1/23  | 720                       | 500              | 400       | 21 Lyn                |
| HD43384       | B3Iab         | 5.187 | 0.57       | 2014/1/23  | 1,440                     | 500              | 400       | 21 Lyn                |
| HD50064       | B6:Ia         | 6.175 | 0.85       | 2014/1/24  | 1,200                     | 300              | 300       | omi Aur               |
| HD190603      | B1.5Ia+       | 4.416 | 0.70       | 2012/6/28  | 800                       | 200              | 200       | HIP87108              |
| HD202850      | B9Iab         | 3.973 | 0.13       | 2013/12/25 | 180                       | 170              | 170       | 50 Cas                |
| HD223385      | A3Iae         | 3.500 | 0.59       | 2014/1/22  | 720                       | 650              | 550       | 50 Cas                |
| Cyg OB2 No.12 | B3-4Ia+       | 4.667 | 3.4        | 2012/6/28  | 800                       | 100              | 100       | HIP87108              |
| Rigel         | B8Iab         | 0.206 | 0.00       | 2013/12/8  | 8                         | 650              | 300       | HR1483                |

<sup>1</sup> The signal-to-noise ratio of the spectrum at  $\lambda \sim 10400\text{\AA}$ .<sup>2</sup> The signal-to-noise ratio of the spectrum at  $\lambda \sim 10400\text{\AA}$  after the correction of telluric absorption lines.<sup>3</sup> Telluric standard stars used for the correction of the telluric absorption lines.

Table 2.3: Summary of Observations and Targets in the Cyg OB2 Association

| Stars | Spectral Type | $J$   | $E(B - V)$ | Obs. Date  | Integration Time<br>(sec) | S/N <sup>1</sup> |           | Telluric <sup>3</sup> | $\lambda 5780.5^4$<br>(mÅ) |
|-------|---------------|-------|------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
|       |               | (mag) | (mag)      |            |                           | Raw              | Corrected |                       |                            |
| No.3  | O9            | 6.498 | 2.01       | 2014/9/11  | 1,800                     | 300              | 250       | $\rho$ Peg            | —                          |
| No.5  | O7Ia          | 5.187 | 1.99       | 2014/9/20  | 1,200                     | 400              | 300       | c And                 | 787.4                      |
| No.8A | O6Ib+O4.5III  | 6.123 | 1.55       | 2014/9/16  | 2,400                     | 300              | 300       | 35 Vul                | —                          |
| No.9  | O5If          | 6.468 | 2.25       | 2014/9/13  | 1,800                     | 300              | 300       | 29 Vul                | 1004.3                     |
| No.10 | O9.5Ia        | 6.294 | 1.83       | 2014/9/11  | 1,800                     | 250              | 250       | $\rho$ Peg            | 1021.4                     |
| No.11 | O5.5Ifc       | 6.650 | 1.75       | 2014/9/14  | 2,400                     | 300              | 250       | HR 8844               | —                          |
| No.12 | B3-4Ia        | 4.667 | 3.4        | 2014/10/17 | 3,600                     | 500              | 500       | HR 196                | 929.1                      |

<sup>1</sup> The signal-to-noise ratio of the spectrum at  $\lambda \sim 10400\text{\AA}$ .<sup>2</sup> The signal-to-noise ratio of the spectrum at  $\lambda \sim 10400\text{\AA}$  after the correction of telluric absorption lines.<sup>3</sup> Telluric standard stars used for the correction of the telluric absorption lines.<sup>4</sup> The EWs of DIB  $\lambda 5780.5$  from Chlewicki et al. (1986).

## Chapter 3

# Data Reduction

### 3.1 Data reduction pipeline

We developed the data reduction pipeline for WINERED data. The pipeline includes the interpolation of bad pixels, the subtraction of scattered light and sky, the flat fielding, the transformation, the extraction of one dimensional spectra, and the application of dispersion solution. All of the data obtained with WINERED are automatically reduced with this pipeline. Here, we briefly summarize the pipeline procedures, which mainly uses the tasks in IRAF<sup>1</sup>.

First, the bad pixels in the raw data are interpolated by the counts of the surrounding good pixels. The map of bad pixels are prepared for each observational runs. The scattered light and bias are removed by fitting two dimensional polynomial function to the counts of inter-order regions using an IRAF task, *apscatter*. These procedures are also applied to the flat images, which are obtained by observing the dome flat. Then, the object images are divided by the flat image and the corresponding noded frames are subtracted to offset the sky emission.

Subsequently, the one dimensional spectra are extracted from the two dimensional images. Because the slit direction is tilted from the axes of the array coordinate (Fig. 3.1), the array

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<sup>1</sup>IRAF is distributed by the National Optical Astronomy Observatory, which is operated by the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc., under cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation.

coordinate must be transformed to the coordinate whose axis is in the slit direction. An IRAF task, *transform*, which transform the images from the long-slit spectroscopy, cannot be used for the Echelle imaga. Therefore, we made a custom software to transform the coordinate for WINERED data. The detailed procedure of the transformation will be described in the next section. From the transformed images, one dimensional spectra of astronomical objects are extracted by an IRAF task, *apall*, and dispersion solution is applied to the spectra. The dispersion solution is prepared for each run using about 200 emission lines of ThAr lamp as a comparison. After the automatic reduction with the pipeline, we manually removed the telluric absorption lines in the object spectra by dividing them by the telluric standard spectra using an IRAF task, *telluric*. Note that we did not remove the hydrogen and metal absorption lines in standard stars, because the profile fitting and removal of those features is difficult in many cases due to contamination of atmospheric absorption lines. Therefore, emission-like features appear in the divided spectra. The spectra are normalized by a low-order Legendre function using the IRAF task, *continuum*, for each order of Echelle spectra.

## 3.2 Transformation

Fig. 3.1 shows the combined image of a flat frame and a comparison frame (ThAr lamp) obtained by WINERED. The slit direction, which is shown with the emission lines of Th or Ar, is tilted from the axes of the array coordinate. Because the extraction of one-dimensional spectra with an IRAF task, *apall*, are conducted by integrating the spectra in the direction of the axes of the array coordinate, the image must be transformed to align the slit direction to the axes of the array coordinate. Here, we define  $(X, Y)$  and  $(U, V)$  as the array coordinates and the transformed array coordinates, respectively. Because the slit image can be regarded as a straight line, the coordinate transformation matrix can be expressed by very simple formulas. Fig. 3.2 shows the schematic image of the transformation. In this case, the

coordinate transformation matrix is expressed as:

$$U = X, \quad (3.1)$$

$$V = Y - X \tan \theta, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between the slit direction and  $X$  axis. As for the WINRED data, the angle  $\theta$  is not constant but a function of the array coordinates, ranging from about 29 degree to 35 degree. Fig. 3.3 shows the  $\theta - Y$  plot made by measuring the angles of the slit to the array coordinate  $Y$  at the center of the emission lines of a comparison frame. From this plot, the angle  $\theta$  is found to be expressed as a linear function of  $Y$ . Therefore,  $\theta(X, Y)$  can be written as:

$$\theta(X, Y) = aY + b. \quad (3.3)$$

Using this relation, the coordinate transformation matrix (Eq. (3.1) and (3.2)) can be expressed as:

$$U = X, \quad (3.4)$$

$$V = Y - X \tan(aY + b). \quad (3.5)$$

This coordinate transformation matrix must be prepared for all strips of the cross-dispersed order because the angle is not constant throughout the array. The same matrix can be used for the transformation of each strip of the cross-dispersed order only when the matrix is a linear function of the array coordinates  $(X, Y)$ . As for the WINERED data, the transformation is conducted as shown in Fig. 3.4. In this case, the coordinate transformation matrix of cross-dispersed order  $i$  can be expressed as:

$$U_i = X, \quad (3.6)$$

$$V_i = Y - (X - f_i(Y)) \tan(aY + b), \quad (3.7)$$

where  $(U_i, V_i)$  is the array coordinate of order  $i$  after the transformation, and  $f_i(Y)$  is the  $X$  value at the center of the strip of order  $i$  as a function of  $Y$  (see the caption of Fig. 3.4

for the detailed explanation of the formulas). By determining the parameters,  $a$  and  $b$ , and the function,  $f_i(Y)$ , from the obtained WINERED data, we could obtain the matrix formulas of the transformation for each order. The parameters  $a$  and  $b$  are obtained by the fitting shown in Fig. 3.3 and  $f_i(Y)$  is obtained by an IRAF task, *aptrace*. Consequently, we could obtain the transformed images of each order by using the matrix as an input for an IRAF task, *transform* (Fig. 3.5).

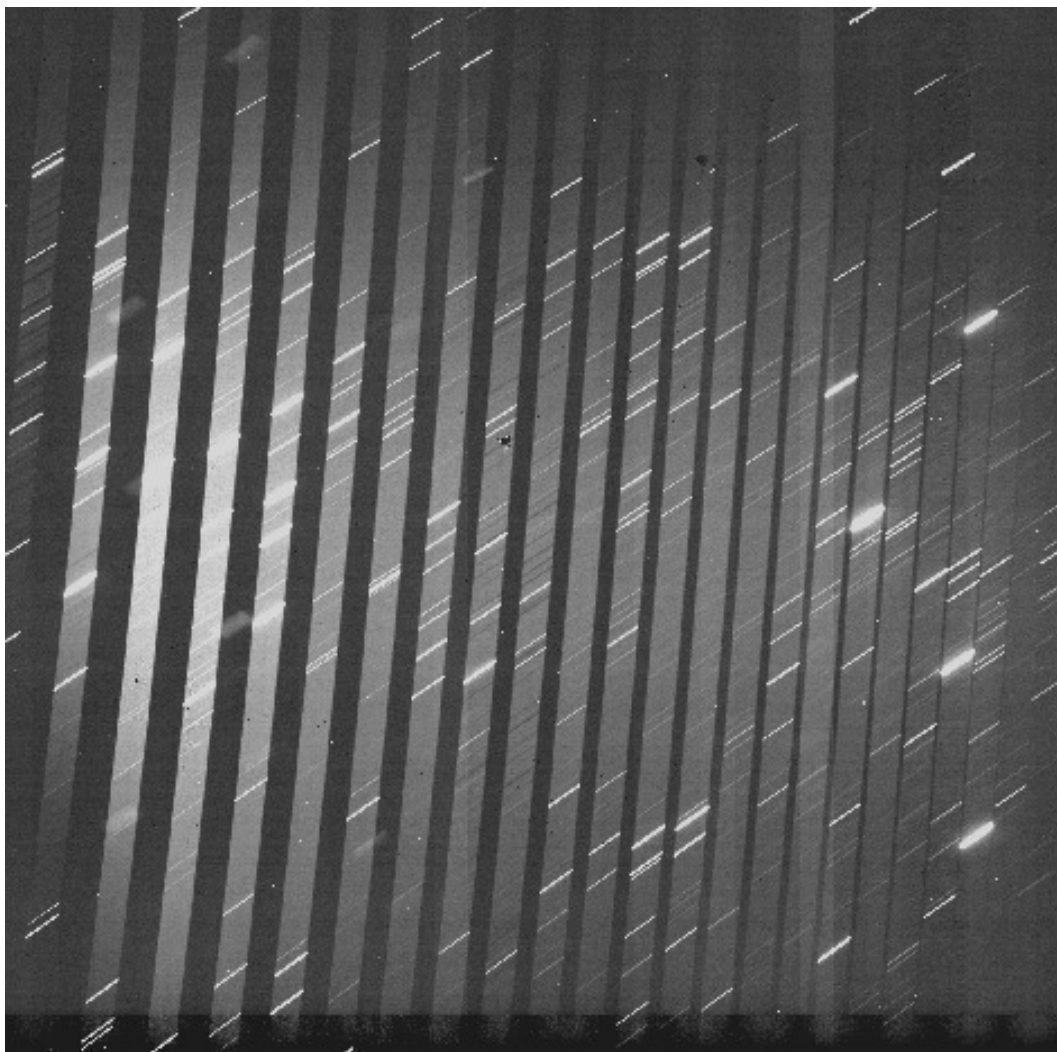


Figure 3.1: A combined image of a flat frame and a comparison frame obtained by WINERED. The slit direction is tilted to the array coordinates.

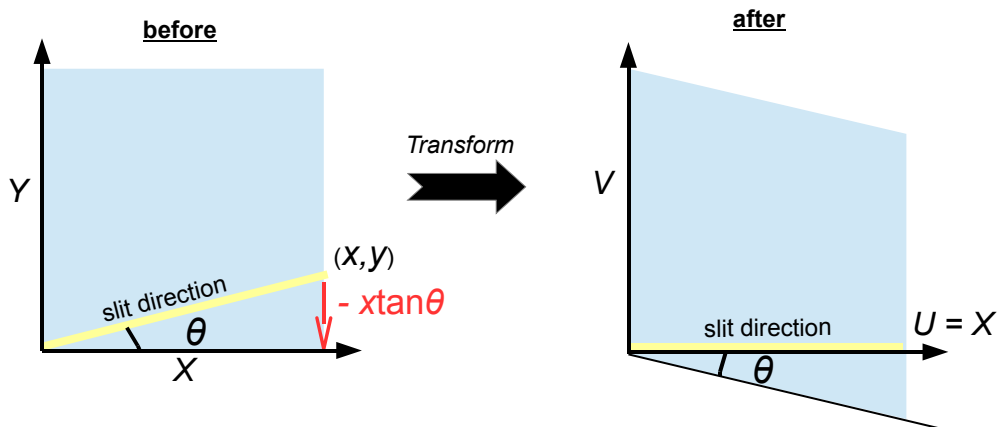


Figure 3.2: A schematic image of the coordinate transformation.

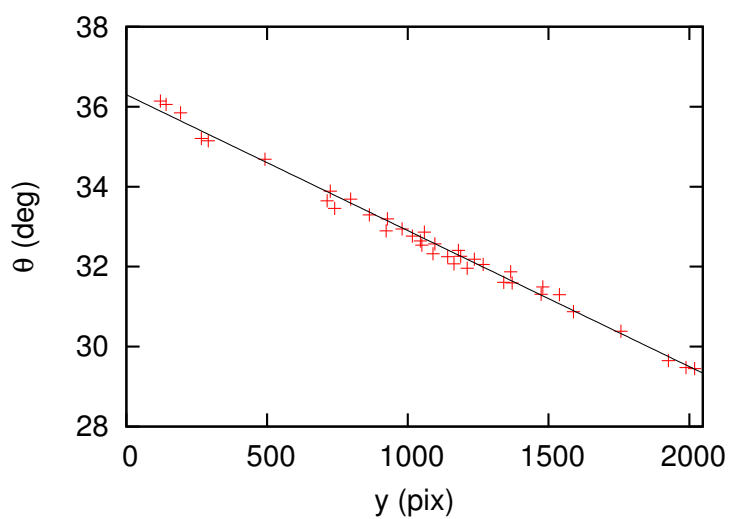


Figure 3.3: The plot of the angle of the slit direction to the  $X$  axis ( $\theta$ ) versus  $Y$ . The red crosses show the measured angles and the central  $Y$  value of the emission lines in the comparison frame. The black line is a linear function fitted to the red crosses.

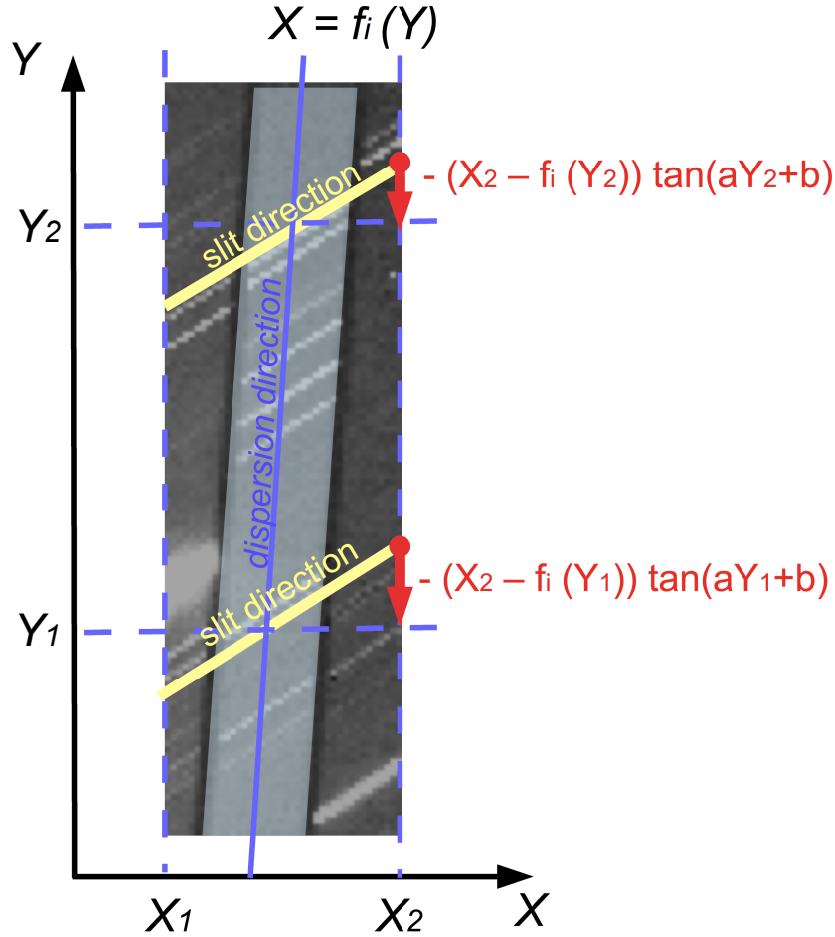


Figure 3.4: The image of a comparison frame and the formulation of the transformation procedure. The shaded area (a gray parallelogram at the center) shows the spectrum of  $i$ -th order. The image must be transformed to align the slit direction (yellow) to an axis of the array coordinate. First, we set the center line of the order (a blue thick line) as a standard, whose  $Y$  value does not change by the transformation. Because the true center line is tilted and curved slightly, it should be expressed with a relation  $X = f_i(Y)$ , where the function  $f_i(Y)$  is a polynomial function of  $Y$  obtained by the fitting procedure for an object frame. For example, at  $Y = Y_1$ , the slit direction is tilted from the  $X$ -axis by  $\theta = aY_1 + b$ . Therefore, for example, the point  $(X_2, Y_1)$  is shifted by  $-(X_2 - f_i(Y_1)) \tan(aY_1 + b)$  by the transformation. Consequently, the coordinate transformation matrix required here is expressed as Eq. 3.6 and 3.7.



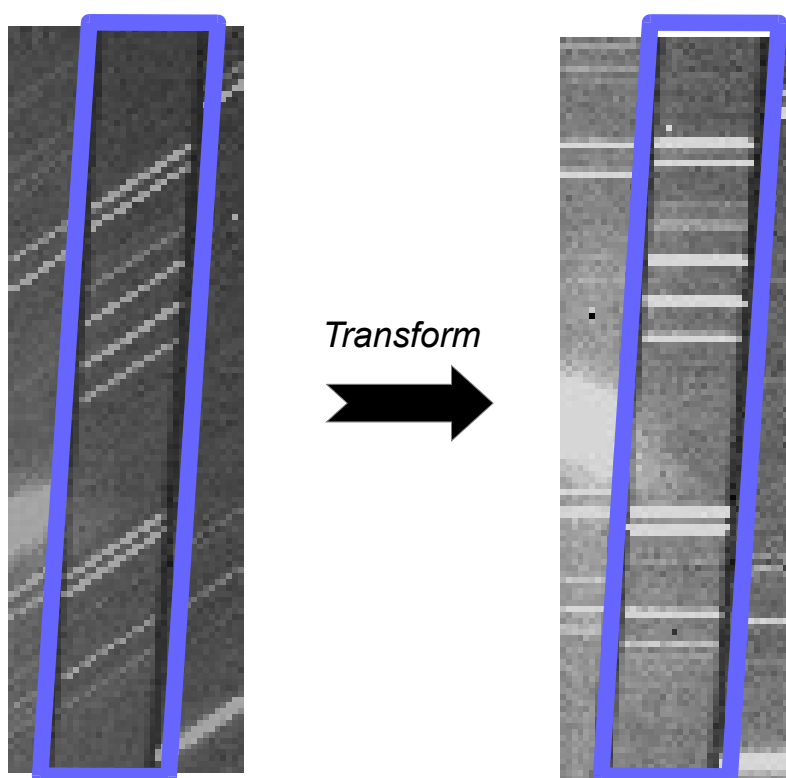


Figure 3.5: The image of the coordinate transformation of the WINERED data. The tilted slit images are aligned to the direction of the array coordinate after the transformation.



## Chapter 4

# The Search for DIBs

In our wavelength range, four major DIBs are known at  $\lambda = 9577, 9633, 11797, \text{ and } 13175\text{\AA}$  (Joblin et al., 1990; Foing & Ehrenfreund, 1994). In addition, Groh et al. (2007) found a DIB at  $\lambda = 10780\text{\AA}$ , which is correlated with  $E(B - V)$ . We first searched for these five DIBs in the target spectra. Although  $\lambda\lambda 9577$  and  $9633$ , which are proposed to be the electronic transitions of the fullerene cation ( $\text{C}_{60}^+$ ; Foing & Ehrenfreund, 1994; Jenniskens et al., 1997; Galazutdinov et al., 2000), are detected toward some reddened stars, their EWs cannot be estimated confidently because of heavy telluric absorption lines. Conversely, the fairly strong DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 11797$  and  $13175$ , are detected toward many lines of sight. In addition to these five major DIBs, three weak DIBs at  $\lambda = 9017, 9210, \text{ and } 9258\text{\AA}$  were reported in the Orion Nebulae by Misawa et al. (2009), who suggested that these DIBs are additional features of  $\text{C}_{60}^+$ . Because the DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 9210$  and  $9258$ , which fall in our wavelength range, are blended with stellar absorption lines, it was difficult to evaluate their EWs without modeling the stellar spectra. The “ $\text{C}_{60}^+$ ” DIBs in the wavelength range of WINERED,  $\lambda\lambda 9210, 9258, 9577, \text{ and } 9633$ , will be discussed in a separate study after a complete evaluation of the contamination by the overlapped telluric and stellar absorption lines.

Subsequently, we searched for new DIBs in the wavelength range of  $0.91 < \lambda < 1.32\mu\text{m}$ . Note that the wavelength ranges  $0.93 < \lambda < 0.96\mu\text{m}$ ,  $1.11 < \lambda < 1.16\mu\text{m}$ , and  $\lambda > 1.32\mu\text{m}$  were not usable in searching for DIBs owing to heavy telluric absorption lines. We searched for the absorption lines satisfying the following two criteria: 1) the absorption lines are detected

with a  $5\sigma$  level in the spectra of reddened stars, and 2) the absorption lines do not exist in the spectra of the reference star Rigel or the model stellar spectra of the A0Ia, A0V, B5Ia, and B5III stars. We synthesized model spectra using the SPTOOL program (Takeda, 1995), which employs ATLAS9 model atmospheres (Kurucz, 1993).<sup>1</sup> We first searched for such absorption lines in the spectrum of HD20041, because even weak DIBs are expected to be detectable toward HD20041 in view of the high S/N of the spectrum and the large EWs of  $\lambda\lambda 11797$  and  $13175$ . Then, we searched for absorption lines in the spectra of other stars that are detected near the wavelength of the absorption lines detected toward HD20041. Consequently, 15 absorption features were detected toward multiple lines of sight as new DIB candidates.

To confirm that the candidate absorption features are DIBs originating from the interstellar clouds, we checked the consistency between the velocity of the intervening gas clouds and those of the detected absorption features. The rest-frame wavelengths of the absorption features were determined by fitting Gaussian profiles to the absorption features detected toward HD20041 (see the next section for details). As for the stars toward which the interstellar atomic absorption lines (K I, Na I, and Ca I) have been reported in the literature (see the Table 4.1 footnote for references), we compare the velocities of the detected absorption lines we detected with those of the atomic absorption lines. Regarding the other stars without known interstellar atomic lines, we compare the velocities of the candidate absorption lines with those of the confirmed DIB  $\lambda 11797$ . The absorption lines whose velocities are inconsistent with those of the interstellar clouds should be categorized as non-DIBs. However, no absorption features were rejected by checking their velocities. Because their EWs do not show any dependence on the stellar spectral types but exhibit positive correlations with  $E(B - V)$  (see §6.1), we conclude that all of the absorption features are truly DIBs.

In summary, we identified 15 new DIBs in addition to five DIBs previously identified in this wavelength range. Table 4.2 summarizes all the DIBs detected. The table also shows the

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<sup>1</sup>The atomic line data was adopted from the Vienna Atomic Line Database (VALD; Kupka et al., 1999). The effective temperatures and surface gravities are as follows :  $(T_{\text{eff}}, \log g) = (9900, 2.1)$  for A0Ia,  $(9727, 4.27)$  for A0V,  $(13600, 2.5)$  for B5Ia, and  $(15000, 4.22)$  for B5III. These values are adopted from Gray (1992) ( $T_{\text{eff}}$  of A0V and  $\log g$  of A0V and B5V), Gray & Corbally (2009) ( $T_{\text{eff}}$  of A0Ia and B5V), and Cox (2000) ( $\log g$  of A0Ia and B5Ia).

effect of the stellar and telluric absorption lines on the DIBs. Figures 4.1- 4.5 show the DIB spectra for all observed stars. The EWs of all DIBs toward all observed stars are summarized in Table 4.3. We calculated the EWs by a simple integration because the DIB profiles are not well established. Only for DIB  $\lambda 10504$ , whose EWs cannot be evaluated by simple integration because of blending with stellar lines (see §4.3.1 for details), we fit Gaussian profiles to the DIB profile to estimate the EWs. The wavelength range used for the integration is arbitrarily set to include the whole DIB region (see Figures 4.1-4.5). The uncertainties of the EWs ( $\sigma_{\text{err}}$ ) or  $5\sigma$  upper limits ( $EW_{\text{upp}}^{5\sigma}$ ) are estimated from the S/N of the neighboring continuum using the following equations:

$$\sigma_{\text{err}} = \Delta\lambda\sqrt{w}(S/N)^{-1}, \quad (4.1)$$

$$EW_{\text{upp}}^{5\sigma} = 5\Delta\lambda\sqrt{w_{\text{inst}}}(S/N)^{-1}, \quad (4.2)$$

where  $\Delta\lambda$  is the wavelength interval per pixel ( $\sim 0.2 \text{ \AA}$ ),  $w$ , and  $w_{\text{inst}}$  are the widths of the DIB and the instrumental profile in pixels, respectively. Here,  $w_{\text{inst}}$  is defined as  $2J + 1$  pixel, where  $J(= 2\text{pixels})$  is the slit width used in our observation. We did not consider additional systematic uncertainties due to continuum fitting, telluric absorption lines, and stellar lines. Several concerns on the systematic uncertainties in the EWs of each DIB will be discussed in §4.3.

Recently, Cox et al. (2014) reported 11 new NIR DIB candidates with their NIR DIB survey with VLT/X-shooter, 8 of which fall in our wavelength range, although they could not confirm that the candidates are truly DIBs because they detected the candidates only toward 3 stars at most. Of their candidates, 7 are included in our newly identified 15 DIBs for which we confirmed that they are truly DIBs by detecting them toward many lines of sight. Note that a line at  $\lambda \sim 10507\text{\AA}$ , which is reported as a DIB candidate by Cox, is identified as a stellar absorption line of N Roman1 in this study. The DIB  $\lambda 10792$  was originally reported as an unidentified line by Groh et al. (2007).

Table 4.1: The Line-of-sight Velocities of Intervening Interstellar Clouds

| Star          | $E(B - V)$<br>(mag) | $v_{\odot}$ <sup>1</sup><br>(km s <sup>-1</sup> ) | Ref. <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------|---------------------|---|-------------------|
| HD2905        | 0.33                | -21   | 1, 2              |
| HD12953       | 0.62                | —   | —, —              |
| HD14489       | 0.40                | —   | —, —              |
| HD20041       | 0.73                | -5  | 1, 3              |
| HD21291       | 0.42                | 0   | —, 2              |
| HD21389       | 0.55                | -10   | 1, 3              |
| HD23180       | 0.31                | 13  | 1, 2              |
| HD24398       | 0.32                | 15  | 1, 2              |
| HD24912       | 0.33                | 7   | 1, 2              |
| HD25204       | 0.30                | —   | —, —              |
| HD30614       | 0.30                | -3  | 1, 4              |
| HD36371       | 0.43                | —   | 1, —              |
| HD36486       | 0.07                | 24  | 1, 5              |
| HD36822       | 0.11                | 25  | 1, 6              |
| HD37043       | 0.07                | 8   | 1, 5              |
| HD37128       | 0.08                | 25  | 1, 2              |
| HD37742       | 0.08                | 23  | 1, 6              |
| HD38771       | 0.07                | 20  | 1, 2              |
| HD41117       | 0.44                | 15  | 1, 2              |
| HD43384       | 0.57                | —   | 1, —              |
| HD50064       | 0.85                | —   | 1, —              |
| HD190603      | 0.70                | —   | —, —              |
| HD202850      | 0.13                | —   | 1, —              |
| HD223385      | 0.59                | -28   | —, 2              |
| Cyg OB2 No.12 | 3.4                 | —   | 1, —              |
| Rigel         | 0.00                | —   | —, —              |

<sup>1</sup> The heliocentric velocity of the strongest velocity component of the interstellar clouds.

<sup>2</sup> Left: References for DIBs in the optical wavelength range. Right: References for atomic absorption lines to define the velocities of interstellar clouds: (1) Friedman et al. (2011), (2) Welty & Hobbs (2001) (K I), (3) on-line catalog by Dan Welty (<http://astro.uchicago.edu/dwelty/gal.html>), (4) Welty et al. (2003) (Ca I), (5) Welty et al. (1994) (Na I), (6) Price et al. (2001) (Na I, Ca II)

Table 4.2: Summary of the Identified DIBs

| DIB <sup>1</sup>  | $\lambda_0$ (Å) <sup>2</sup> | EW (mÅ) <sup>3</sup> | FWHM <sup>4</sup> (Å) | Ref. <sup>5</sup> | Stellar Line <sup>6</sup> | Telluric Effect <sup>7</sup> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| $\lambda 9880$    | $9880.34 \pm 0.10$           | $18.2 \pm 1.9$       | $1.25 \pm 0.12$       | This study        | –                         | Slightly affected            |
| $\lambda 10360$   | $10360.69 \pm 0.10$          | $17.5 \pm 1.2$       | $1.63 \pm 0.11$       | 2                 | –                         | None                         |
| $\lambda 10393$   | $10393.17 \pm 0.10$          | $25.6 \pm 1.6$       | $2.62 \pm 0.18$       | 2                 | Mg II                     | None                         |
| $\lambda 10438$   | $10438.00 \pm 0.21$          | $21.6 \pm 1.6$       | $6.06 \pm 0.52$       | 2                 | –                         | None                         |
| $\lambda 10504$   | $10504.52 \pm 0.10$          | $36.2 \pm 0.9$       | $1.46 \pm 0.25$       | 2                 | N I, Fe II                | None                         |
| $\lambda 10697$   | $10696.71 \pm 0.05$          | $120.3 \pm 5.3$      | $4.73 \pm 0.12$       | 2                 | Many C I, Si I            | Slightly affected            |
| $\lambda 10780$   | $10780.46 \pm 0.10$          | $57.1 \pm 2.1$       | $1.64 \pm 0.07$       | 3                 | –                         | Slightly affected            |
| $\lambda 10792$   | $10792.15 \pm 0.18$          | $17.3 \pm 2.0$       | $2.52 \pm 0.43$       | 3                 | –                         | Slightly affected            |
| $\lambda 11797$   | $11797.53 \pm 0.10$          | $61.0 \pm 3.5$       | $1.51 \pm 0.04$       | 1                 | –                         | Overlapped                   |
| $\lambda 12293^8$ | $12293.69 \pm 0.10$          | –                    | $1.76 \pm 0.24$       | This study        | N I                       | Overlapped                   |
| $\lambda 12337$   | $12337.32 \pm 0.23$          | $25.5 \pm 2.0$       | $5.08 \pm 0.53$       | 2                 | –                         | Slightly affected            |
| $\lambda 12518$   | $12518.69 \pm 0.18$          | $9.7 \pm 1.6$        | $2.32 \pm 0.42$       | This study        | –                         | Slightly affected            |
| $\lambda 12536$   | $12536.69 \pm 0.13$          | $13.1 \pm 1.8$       | $1.72 \pm 0.31$       | This study        | –                         | Slightly affected            |
| $\lambda 12623$   | $12623.86 \pm 0.11$          | $38.1 \pm 4.1$       | $2.16 \pm 0.25$       | This study        | –                         | Overlapped                   |
| $\lambda 12799$   | $12799.13 \pm 0.09$          | $50.8 \pm 3.1$       | $2.22 \pm 0.20$       | This study        | He I, H I(Pa $\beta$ )    | Slightly affected            |
| $\lambda 12861$   | $12861.62 \pm 0.22$          | $24.4 \pm 2.3$       | $4.36 \pm 0.51$       | This study        | –                         | Slightly affected            |
| $\lambda 13027$   | $13027.68 \pm 0.35$          | $37.6 \pm 2.2$       | $3.36 \pm 0.81$       | 2                 | –                         | Overlapped                   |
| $\lambda 13175$   | $13175.55 \pm 0.10$          | $285.2 \pm 5.6$      | $4.07 \pm 0.19$       | 1                 | –                         | Overlapped                   |

<sup>1</sup> The rest-frame wavelength in air.<sup>2</sup> The center wavelength measured for the profile of DIBs toward HD20041. The  $1 \sigma$  uncertainties are shown.<sup>3</sup> The equivalent widths of DIBs toward HD20041. The  $1 \sigma$  uncertainties are shown.<sup>4</sup> The  $1 \sigma$  uncertainties are shown.<sup>5</sup> References, in which the DIB was reported for the first time: (1) Joblin et al. (1990), (2) Cox et al. (2014), (3) Groh et al. (2007)<sup>6</sup> Contaminated stellar absorption lines.<sup>7</sup> How heavily the DIB is affected by the contamination of telluric absorption lines.<sup>8</sup>  $\lambda_0$  and FWHM of this DIB are measured for HD21389. See §5.2 for detail.

Table 4.3: EWs of DIBs

| Stars         | $E(B-V)$ | $\lambda 9980$  | $\lambda 10360$ | $\lambda 10393$ | $\lambda 10438$ | $\lambda 10504$ | $\lambda 10697$  | $\lambda 10780$ | $\lambda 10792$ | $\lambda 11797$  |
|---------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| HD2905        | 0.33     | $10.9 \pm 2.2$  | $6.0 \pm 0.9$   | $5.8 \pm 0.9$   | $4.6 \pm 0.9$   | $8.3 \pm 1.2$   | $93.7 \pm 5.3$   | $47.8 \pm 2.0$  | $7.5 \pm 1.5$   | $38.3 \pm 2.7$   |
| HD12953       | 0.62     | $13.0 \pm 1.6$  | $19.4 \pm 1.6$  | $11.4 \pm 0.9$  | < 3.3           | —               | $90.5 \pm 5.5$   | $71.2 \pm 2.6$  | $25.3 \pm 2.9$  | $78.7 \pm 3.2$   |
| HD14489       | 0.40     | $11.8 \pm 1.8$  | $14.1 \pm 1.0$  | —               | < 3.0           | $30.8 \pm 0.7$  | $86.1 \pm 4.9$   | $66.4 \pm 1.5$  | $19.4 \pm 2.0$  | $70.1 \pm 2.8$   |
| HD20041       | 0.73     | $18.2 \pm 1.9$  | $17.5 \pm 1.2$  | $25.6 \pm 1.6$  | $21.6 \pm 1.6$  | $36.2 \pm 0.9$  | $120.3 \pm 5.3$  | $57.1 \pm 2.1$  | $17.3 \pm 2.0$  | $61.0 \pm 3.5$   |
| HD21291       | 0.42     | < 8.4           | $8.3 \pm 1.3$   | < 4.2           | $16.9 \pm 2.2$  | $18.4 \pm 1.5$  | $102.9 \pm 9.2$  | $22.7 \pm 3.3$  | $11.5 \pm 3.0$  | $18.0 \pm 4.6$   |
| HD21389       | 0.55     | $16.8 \pm 2.0$  | $15.5 \pm 1.2$  | —               | $13.2 \pm 1.5$  | $45.9 \pm 1.1$  | $217.3 \pm 9.2$  | $123.9 \pm 3.3$ | $36.3 \pm 2.8$  | $103.6 \pm 3.5$  |
| HD23180       | 0.31     | < 5.3           | < 2.5           | < 2.8           | $10.8 \pm 1.3$  | < 4.3           | —                | $11.8 \pm 1.3$  | < 4.1           | $10.9 \pm 1.4$   |
| HD24398       | 0.32     | < 8.1           | < 4.0           | < 3.6           | < 4.4           | < 6.2           | —                | $9.2 \pm 2.3$   | < 7.9           | < 19.8           |
| HD24912       | 0.33     | < 7.5           | < 4.9           | < 4.2           | $10.7 \pm 1.9$  | $18.6 \pm 2.0$  | $55.4 \pm 5.6$   | $44.5 \pm 3.4$  | $17.7 \pm 2.8$  | $33.8 \pm 4.6$   |
| HD25204       | 0.30     | < 5.2           | < 2.2           | < 2.3           | < 2.4           | < 4.6           | —                | < 6.9           | < 6.5           | < 9.6            |
| HD30614       | 0.30     | < 5.0           | < 2.7           | $6.3 \pm 0.9$   | < 3.1           | $10.4 \pm 1.2$  | —                | $6.7 \pm 1.0$   | —               | $24.9 \pm 3.2$   |
| HD36371       | 0.43     | $9.3 \pm 1.6$   | $9.1 \pm 1.1$   | $9.2 \pm 1.0$   | $18.3 \pm 1.4$  | $29.1 \pm 1.1$  | $139.4 \pm 7.4$  | $58.0 \pm 2.6$  | $15.4 \pm 1.0$  | $67.4 \pm 3.3$   |
| HD36486       | 0.07     | < 5.1           | < 2.3           | < 2.2           | < 2.7           | < 3.7           | —                | $9.6 \pm 1.6$   | < 5.4           | < 7.2            |
| HD36822       | 0.11     | < 5.6           | < 2.4           | < 2.8           | < 3.2           | < 4.5           | —                | $11.9 \pm 1.5$  | < 5.3           | $17.1 \pm 3.5$   |
| HD37043       | 0.07     | < 6.1           | < 3.3           | < 2.5           | < 2.4           | < 4.4           | —                | < 6.1           | < 6.1           | < 14.4           |
| HD37128       | 0.08     | < 7.7           | < 2.5           | < 2.0           | < 2.4           | < 3.4           | —                | $9.5 \pm 1.7$   | < 4.9           | < 7.2            |
| HD37742       | 0.08     | < 6.2           | < 2.0           | < 1.9           | < 2.2           | < 3.3           | —                | < 6.0           | < 6.0           | < 9.6            |
| HD38771       | 0.07     | < 8.4           | < 2.5           | < 2.3           | < 2.6           | < 3.8           | —                | $13.0 \pm 2.0$  | < 6.2           | —                |
| HD41117       | 0.44     | $16.0 \pm 1.7$  | $8.2 \pm 1.0$   | $6.5 \pm 0.9$   | $16.5 \pm 1.4$  | $18.1 \pm 1.0$  | $85.6 \pm 5.8$   | $47.2 \pm 2.0$  | $20.6 \pm 2.0$  | $47.2 \pm 2.3$   |
| HD43384       | 0.57     | $15.2 \pm 1.9$  | $14.4 \pm 1.5$  | < 3.9           | $11.5 \pm 1.3$  | $26.9 \pm 1.1$  | $117.7 \pm 4.6$  | $54.3 \pm 2.3$  | $14.5 \pm 2.2$  | $70.5 \pm 3.1$   |
| HD50064       | 0.85     | < 18.3          | < 6.4           | < 6.5           | $40.9 \pm 2.9$  | —               | $171.6 \pm 9.6$  | $96.3 \pm 4.2$  | $36.0 \pm 4.3$  | $105.1 \pm 6.6$  |
| HD190603      | 0.70     | $18.2 \pm 5.2$  | $18.2 \pm 2.7$  | < 15.8          | < 13.0          | $45.5 \pm 6.6$  | $233.8 \pm 12.8$ | $136.2 \pm 5.2$ | $50.9 \pm 3.7$  | $139.2 \pm 7.8$  |
| HD202850      | 0.13     | < 14.1          | < 10.9          | < 10.7          | < 12.8          | —               | —                | $43.2 \pm 4.1$  | —               | $46.2 \pm 8.5$   |
| HD223385      | 0.59     | $22.1 \pm 2.5$  | $27.5 \pm 1.4$  | —               | $24.6 \pm 1.5$  | —               | $169.1 \pm 6.3$  | $156.3 \pm 3.3$ | $57.3 \pm 3.4$  | $170.4 \pm 4.1$  |
| Cyg OB2 No.12 | 3.4      | $92.6 \pm 10.2$ | $72.7 \pm 5.9$  | $37.7 \pm 5.3$  | < 27.8          | $99.0 \pm 3.5$  | $434.6 \pm 16.5$ | $322.9 \pm 6.1$ | $72.8 \pm 6.5$  | $300.5 \pm 14.5$ |
| Rigel         | 0.0      | < 11.0          | < 2.2           | < 2.4           | < 2.5           | —               | —                | < 5.7           | < 5.8           | < 9.3            |

The EWs are given in units of mÅ. The bars mean that the EW or upper limit of the DIB could not be evaluated due to the overlapped stellar absorption lines and/or the residual features of the telluric correction.



Table 4.3: Continued.

| Stars         | $E(B-V)$ | $\lambda 12293$ | $\lambda 12337$ | $\lambda 12518$ | $\lambda 12536$ | $\lambda 12623$ | $\lambda 12799$ | $\lambda 12861$ | $\lambda 13027$ | $\lambda 13175$ |
|---------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| HD2905        | 0.33     | 5.9 ± 1.1       | 7.4 ± 1.1       | < 5.0           | < 4.3           | 10.1 ± 2.1      | 12.3 ± 1.6      | < 5.5           | 28.2 ± 2.2      | 99.2 ± 5.0      |
| HD12953       | 0.62     | 7.9 ± 1.1       | 13.7 ± 1.5      | < 3.2           | 10.9 ± 1.3      | 20.1 ± 2.5      | 22.3 ± 1.4      | 27.3 ± 2.3      | 18.2 ± 1.8      | 294.0 ± 5.3     |
| HD14489       | 0.40     | 14.5 ± 1.4      | 16.1 ± 2.0      | 8.1 ± 1.4       | 27.0 ± 2.4      | 37.5 ± 3.8      | 30.1 ± 2.3      | 21.4 ± 1.9      | < 5.7           | 307.0 ± 6.1     |
| HD20041       | 0.73     | —               | 25.5 ± 2.0      | 9.7 ± 1.6       | 13.1 ± 1.8      | 38.1 ± 4.1      | 50.8 ± 3.1      | 24.4 ± 2.3      | 37.6 ± 2.2      | 285.2 ± 5.6     |
| HD21291       | 0.42     | < 9.0           | 17.9 ± 2.7      | < 10.5          | < 12.5          | < 13.8          | 38.8 ± 4.8      | < 9.2           | < 12.5          | —               |
| HD21389       | 0.55     | 19.4 ± 2.0      | 15.2 ± 1.7      | 7.4 ± 1.5       | 29.8 ± 2.3      | 53.9 ± 3.6      | 43.4 ± 2.7      | 58.4 ± 3.3      | 17.3 ± 2.5      | 479.4 ± 9.1     |
| HD23180       | 0.31     | 7.9 ± 1.6       | < 5.0           | < 6.3           | < 6.3           | < 5.7           | < 7.3           | < 4.0           | < 4.5           | 13.8 ± 3.1      |
| HD24398       | 0.32     | < 10.0          | < 8.5           | < 10.3          | < 11.3          | < 9.6           | < 13.0          | < 10.3          | < 13.0          | < 17.5          |
| HD24912       | 0.33     | 11.9 ± 2.4      | 19.7 ± 2.9      | < 9.2           | < 11.5          | < 15.1          | 25.1 ± 3.5      | < 11.1          | < 11.9          | 199.2 ± 13.7    |
| HD25204       | 0.30     | < 5.5           | < 5.4           | < 6.1           | < 7.4           | —               | < 9.1           | < 7.0           | < 6.9           | < 16.7          |
| HD30614       | 0.30     | < 5.0           | < 4.9           | < 5.0           | < 4.7           | < 6.4           | < 7.0           | < 5.5           | < 5.4           | < 13.2          |
| HD36371       | 0.43     | 12.1 ± 1.8      | < 5.1           | 12.8 ± 1.9      | < 7.0           | —               | 10.0 ± 2.8      | 16.2 ± 2.7      | 14.3 ± 2.5      | 219.0 ± 7.7     |
| HD36486       | 0.07     | < 8.3           | < 7.0           | < 7.0           | < 6.7           | < 7.8           | 16.9 ± 2.9      | 15.7 ± 2.2      | < 6.9           | < 13.7          |
| HD36822       | 0.11     | < 5.2           | < 5.8           | < 6.5           | < 6.5           | < 11.9          | < 10.9          | < 7.4           | < 8.4           | < 14.2          |
| HD37043       | 0.07     | < 8.0           | < 7.5           | < 8.9           | < 11.6          | < 13.3          | —               | < 8.7           | < 9.0           | < 13.4          |
| HD37128       | 0.08     | < 5.3           | < 4.4           | < 6.1           | < 7.3           | < 7.1           | —               | 10.4 ± 2.0      | < 7.4           | —               |
| HD37742       | 0.08     | < 6.2           | < 6.1           | < 6.6           | < 6.5           | < 8.6           | < 8.4           | 11.0 ± 1.9      | < 8.4           | < 14.4          |
| HD38771       | 0.07     | < 5.6           | —               | < 7.6           | < 9.8           | < 11.1          | —               | < 7.7           | < 8.0           | —               |
| HD41117       | 0.44     | < 5.1           | 11.9 ± 1.6      | < 6.8           | 9.3 ± 1.8       | 18.6 ± 2.2      | 21.4 ± 1.9      | 18.7 ± 2.3      | 36.1 ± 2.7      | 155.3 ± 4.7     |
| HD43384       | 0.57     | 8.2 ± 1.6       | 39.0 ± 3.0      | < 7.4           | 11.1 ± 2.2      | 29.8 ± 2.9      | 32.4 ± 2.3      | 32.5 ± 3.2      | 19.0 ± 2.5      | 241.8 ± 6.6     |
| HD50064       | 0.85     | 14.2 ± 3.4      | < 9.6           | < 10.3          | 55.7 ± 4.9      | 65.3 ± 5.9      | 56.0 ± 3.8      | < 15.8          | 43.2 ± 4.4      | 386.5 ± 14.8    |
| HD190603      | 0.70     | 21.5 ± 2.9      | 76.5 ± 5.6      | 31.5 ± 4.1      | < 9.8           | 48.9 ± 3.7      | 21.6 ± 3.6      | 24.4 ± 4.0      | —               | 493.8 ± 11.6    |
| HD202850      | 0.13     | < 16.2          | < 15.6          | < 14.8          | < 15.8          | < 23.5          | —               | < 14.8          | < 16.2          | —               |
| HD223385      | 0.59     | 12.5 ± 1.7      | 37.1 ± 2.8      | 24.3 ± 1.7      | 22.2 ± 1.6      | 41.3 ± 3.1      | 34.9 ± 2.2      | 27.4 ± 3.2      | —               | 436.6 ± 6.5     |
| Cyg OB2 No.12 | 3.4      | —               | 162.3 ± 10.9    | 42.7 ± 5.5      | 48.7 ± 4.7      | 141.2 ± 6.5     | 87.7 ± 6.0      | 73.6 ± 4.2      | —               | 982.3 ± 12.5    |
| Rigel         | 0.0      | < 7.5           | —               | < 9.0           | < 7.6           | < 9.0           | —               | < 7.6           | < 9.4           | —               |

The EWs are given in units of mÅ. The bars mean that the EW or upper limit of the DIB could not be evaluated due to the overlapped stellar absorption lines and/or the residual features of the telluric correction.

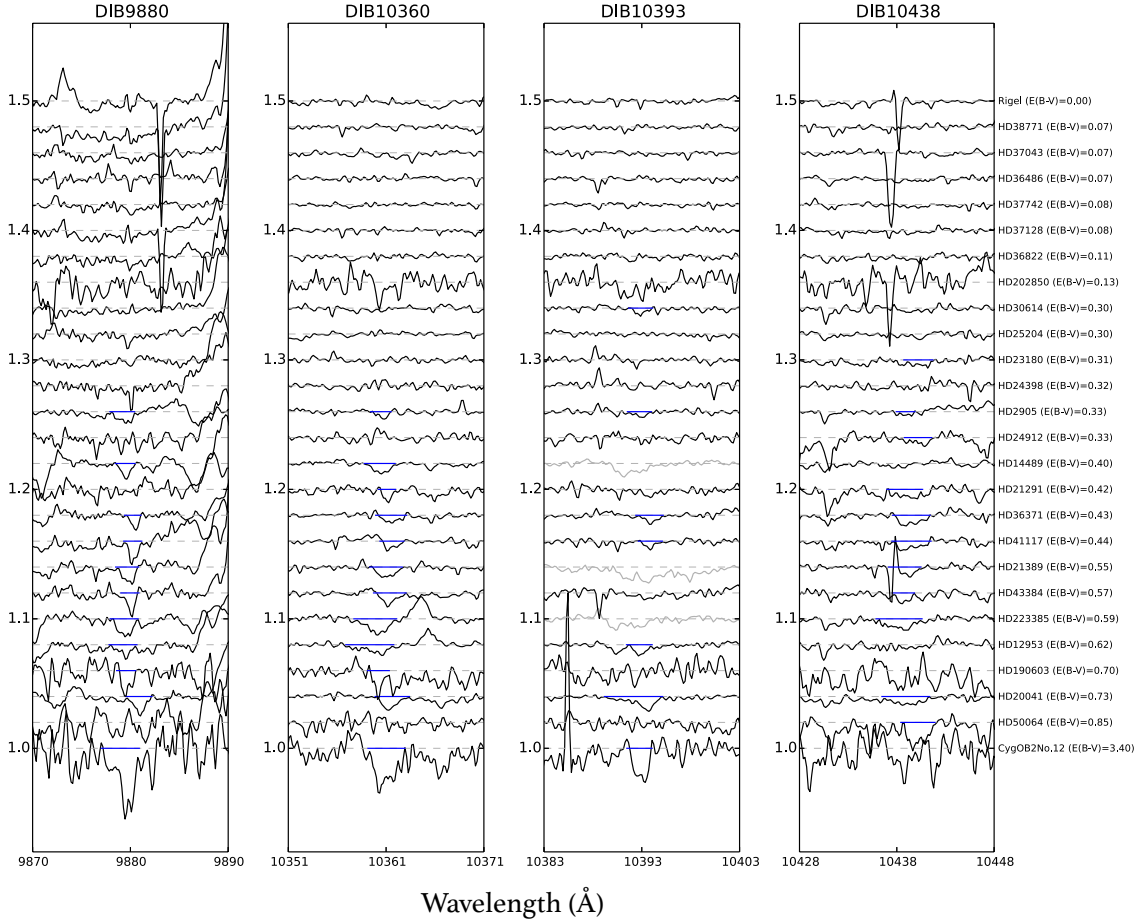


Figure 4.1: Spectra of four DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 9880$ ,  $10360$ ,  $10393$ , and  $10438$ , for all targets plotted in increasing order of  $E(B - V)$  from top to bottom. The spectra are normalized and plotted with arbitrary offsets. The continuum level of each star is shown by a dashed thin line. The spectra of the stars, in which the EWs or upper limits of the DIBs cannot be evaluated due to overlapped stellar and/or telluric absorption lines, are plotted with gray lines. The integrated ranges used in the calculation of the EWs are shown as thick blue lines.

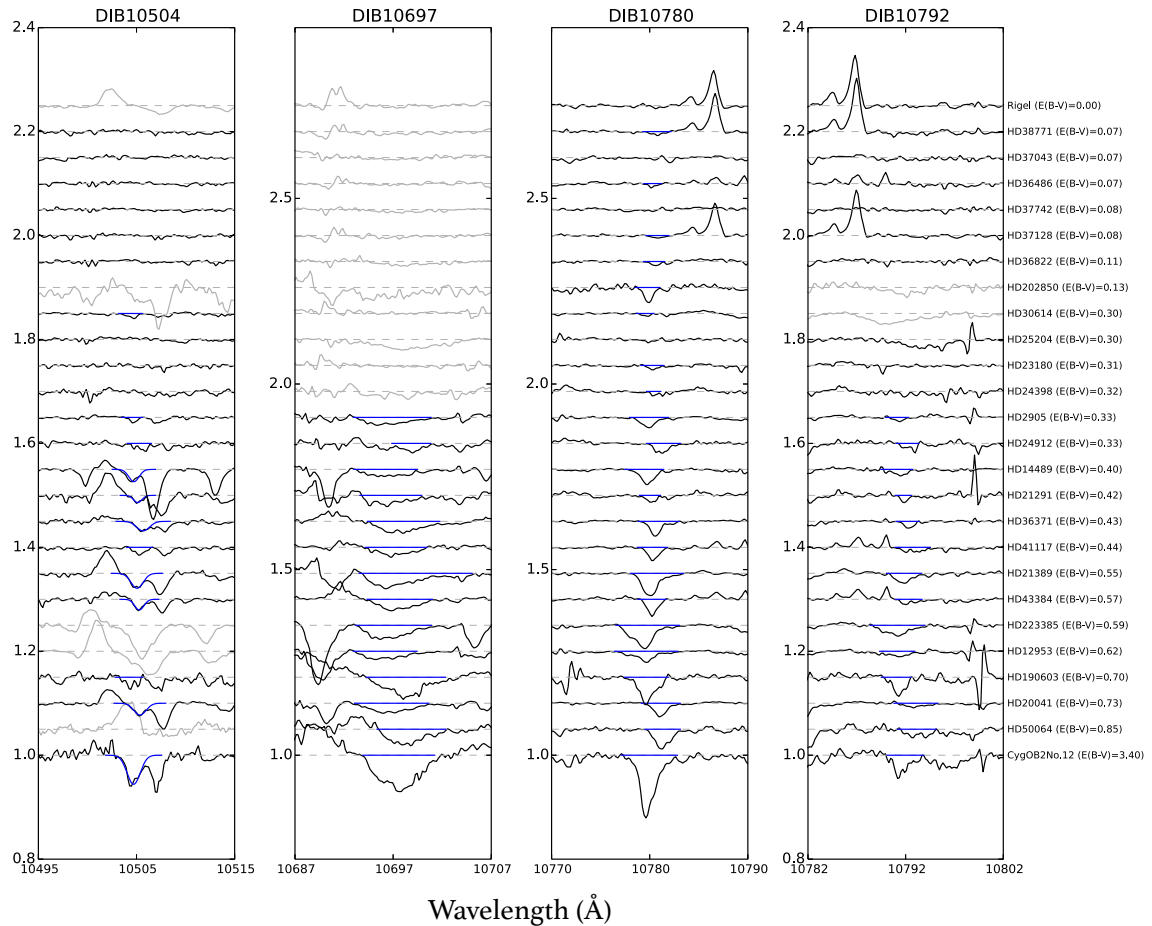


Figure 4.2: Spectra of four DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10504, 10697, 10780,$  and  $10792$  for all targets. The notations are the same as those in Figure 4.1 except for DIB  $\lambda 10504$ , for which the EWs are estimated by fitting Gaussian profiles (shown as blue lines) to avoid the blending of the stellar absorption lines (see §5.3.1 for detail). The spectra of  $\lambda 10697$  were divided by the spectra of telluric standard stars, from which overlapped C I and Si I stellar absorption lines were removed (see §5.3.2 for details).

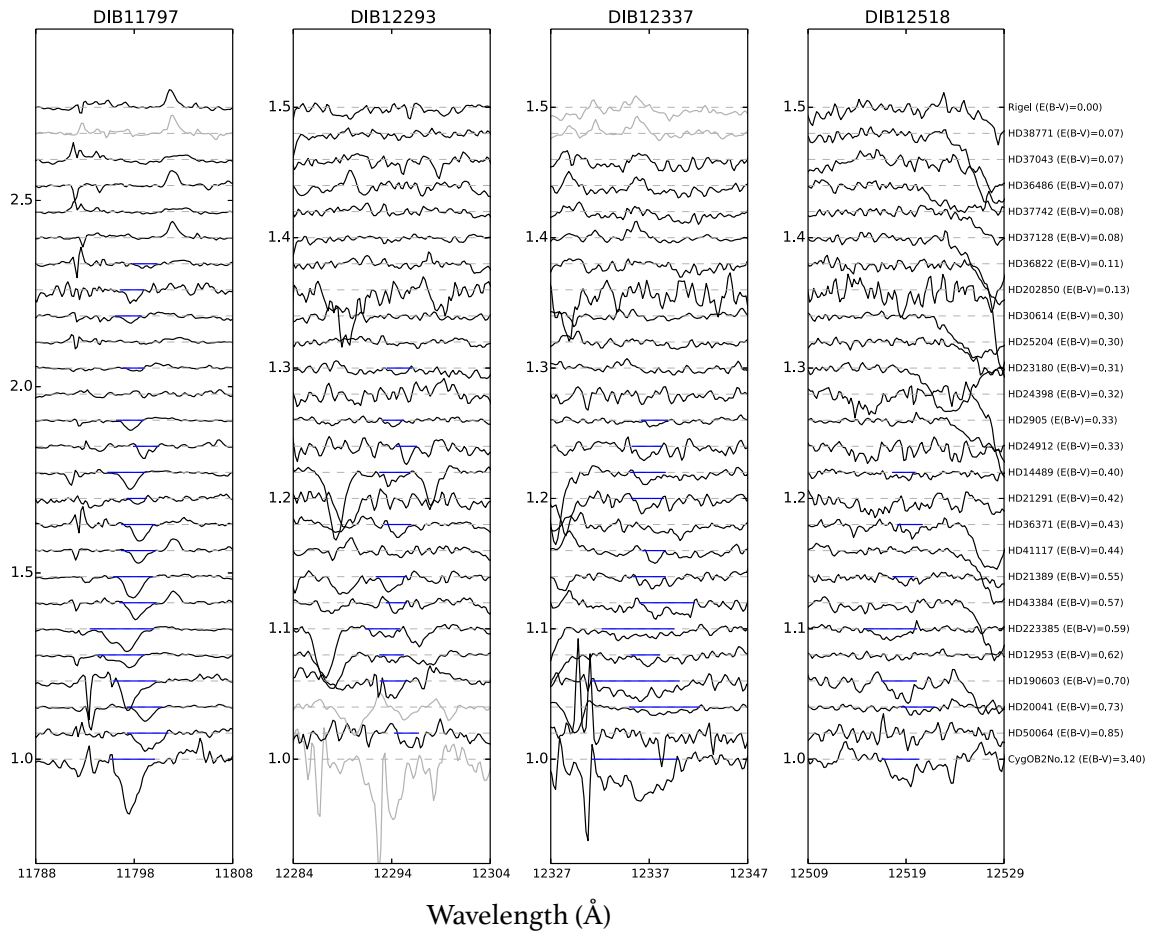


Figure 4.3: Spectra of DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 11797$ ,  $\lambda\lambda 12293$ ,  $\lambda\lambda 12337$ , and  $\lambda\lambda 12518$  for all targets. The notations are the same as those in Figure 4.1.

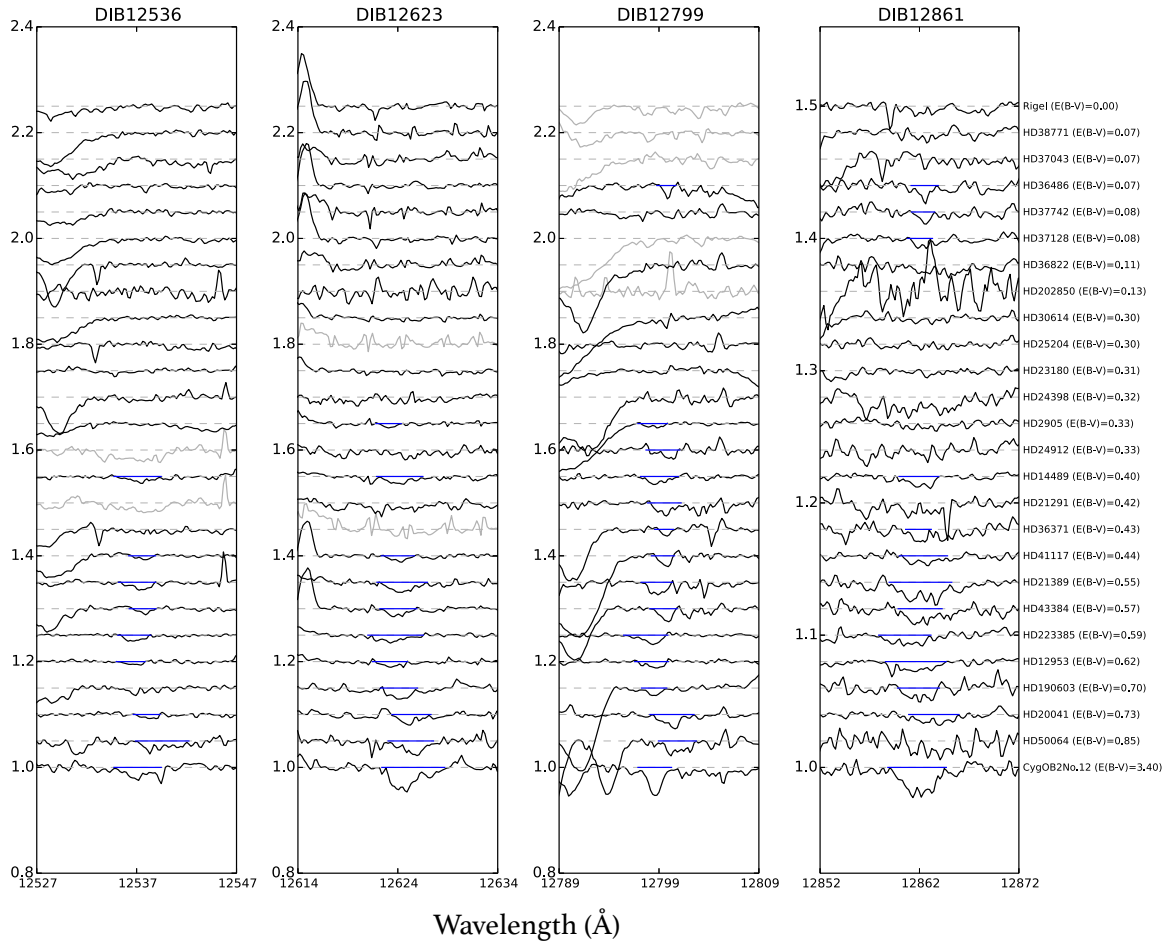


Figure 4.4: Spectra of DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 12536, 12623, 12799,$  and  $12861$  for all targets. The notations are the same as those in Figure 4.1. The spectra of  $\lambda 12799$  were normalized with a high-order polynomial function to remove the overlapped He I and H I stellar absorption lines (see §5.3.5 for details).

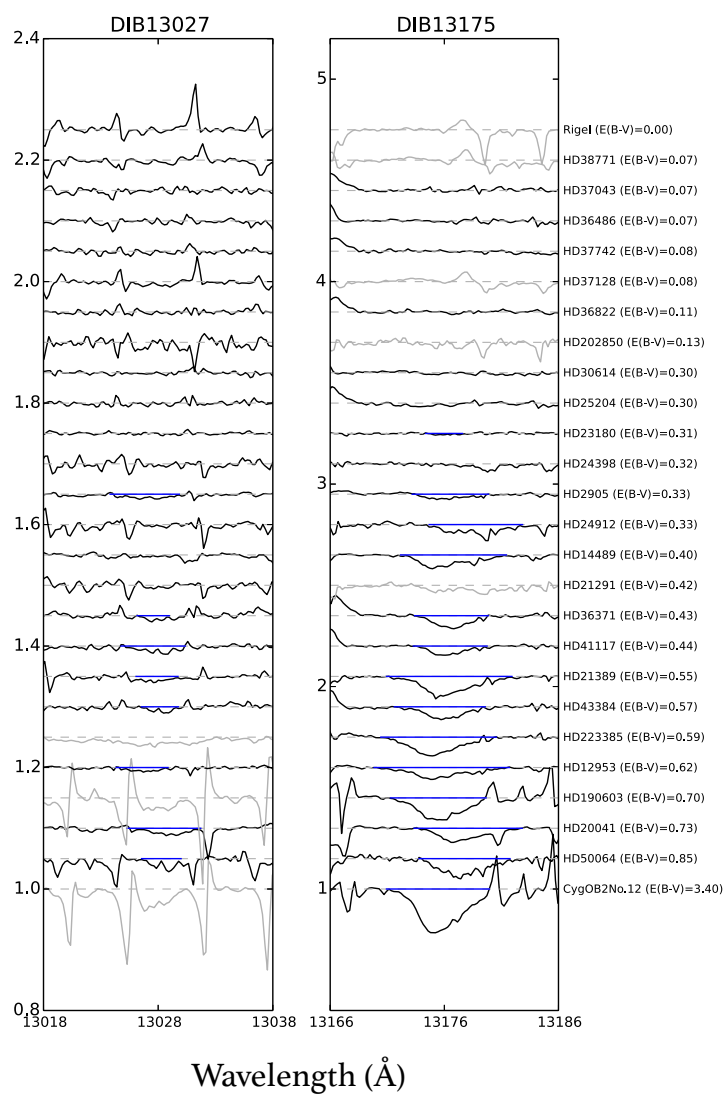


Figure 4.5: Spectra of DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 13027$  and  $13175$  for all targets. The notations are the same as those in Figure 4.1.

# Chapter 5

## Properties of NIR DIBs

### 5.1 EW distribution

Figure 5.1 shows the distribution of the ratios of the EWs to  $E(B - V)$  for DIBs in  $4000\text{\AA} < \lambda < 18000\text{\AA}$ . The data for optical DIBs in the wavelength range  $4000\text{\AA} < \lambda < 10000\text{\AA}$  are adopted from the catalog published on the Web<sup>1</sup> by P. Jenniskens. The catalog is primarily based on the studies by Jenniskens & Desert (1994) and Krelowski et al. (1995) (see the Web site for other references). We do not include the recent surveys of DIBs in the optical wavelength range such as Tuairisg et al. (2000); Hobbs et al. (2008, 2009) in this figure, because most of the DIBs found in these surveys are weak. The data for  $H$ -band DIBs are adopted from Cox et al. (2014). Because the authors do not show the ratios of EWs to  $E(B - V)$ , we roughly estimated them by dividing the EWs toward 4U 1907+09 by the color excess,  $E(B - V) = 3.48$ . Regarding the DIBs identified in this study, we determine the ratios of EWs to  $E(B - V)$  by fitting linear functions ( $EW = a \times E(B - V) + b$ ) to  $EW - E(B - V)$  plots (see §6.1 and Table 6.1). From Fig. 5.1, we found that the NIR DIB  $\lambda 13175$  is one of the strongest DIBs ever detected. We also found that there are many DIBs in the range  $0.91 < \lambda < 1.32\mu\text{m}$ , in which only four DIBs were previously confirmed. All of the DIBs detected herein are stronger than  $10\text{ m\AA}$ , below which the majority of optical DIBs are distributed. Assuming a similar distribution as that of the optical DIBs, we expect that the

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<sup>1</sup><http://leonid.arc.nasa.gov/DIBcatalog.html>

number of weak NIR DIBs increases by an order of magnitude through deeper spectroscopic observations.

## 5.2 Wavelength and FWHM

We measured the rest-frame wavelengths in air ( $\lambda_0$ ) and full width at half maximum (FWHM) of all identified DIBs by fitting Gaussian functions to profiles. We fitted the Gaussian functions to the profiles of HD20041, toward which almost all DIBs are detected with high S/N. Because the DIB  $\lambda 12293$  toward HD20041 is blended with two N I stellar absorption lines, we used the spectrum of HD21389 only for this DIB. Table 4.2 summarizes the fitting results, and Figure. 5.2 shows the spectra of the DIBs and fitted Gaussian profiles. We shift the measured wavelength to the rest-frame wavelength using the heliocentric velocities of the strongest velocity component of the interstellar clouds toward these stars (Table 4.1). The systematic uncertainties may remain in the measured  $\lambda_0$  and FWHMs of the DIBs because of the possible velocity dispersion of multiple velocity components toward these two stars.

## 5.3 Comments on individual DIBs

### 5.3.1 $\lambda\lambda 10360, 10393, 10438, \text{ and } 10504$

These DIBs fall in the wavelength ranges without any telluric absorption lines. Because the S/N of raw spectra is higher compared with the S/N of spectra divided by that of telluric standard stars, their EWs are calculated from the undivided spectra. DIB  $\lambda 10504$  is contaminated by two stellar lines: Fe II  $\lambda 10501.5$  emission line of supergiant stars of early A-type and late B-type and N I  $\lambda 10507.0$  absorption line of stars earlier than late B-type (Figure. 5.2). In the case when the relative velocity between the background star and the interstellar clouds is large, the observed DIB is blended by the lines. A relative velocity of only  $\sim 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , which produces a wavelength shift of  $\sim 1 \text{ \AA}$ , can affect the calculation of EWs of the DIB. In this study, we do not calculate the EWs of the DIB toward HD50064 and HD223385, which are clearly detected but significantly blended by the stellar lines (see Figure 4.2). When the DIB is separately detected with slight blending, we calculate the EWs by fitting two Gaussian



profiles to the blended DIB profile and N I absorption line (Figure 4.2). We do not estimate systematic uncertainties from the fitting procedure. For a more precise analysis of this DIB, a model spectrum that reproduces both the absorption and emission lines for each star is required.

### 5.3.2 $\lambda 10697$

The DIB  $\lambda 10697$  is surrounded by strong stellar absorption lines of C I and Si I as well as telluric absorption lines (Figure 5.2). Because these stellar metal absorption lines are also detected in the A0V telluric standard stars, many false emission-like features appear in all telluric-corrected spectra. These artificial features significantly affect the continuum fitting and evaluation of EWs or upper limits. Therefore, we attempted to remove from the telluric standard spectra the C I lines at 10689.72, 10683.03, 10691.24, and 10707.32Å and the Si I lines at 10685.34 and 10694.25Å.

First, we define the instrumental profile of stellar metal absorption lines using the absorption profile of S I 10459.41Å and Si I 10827.09Å lines, which are free from any blending of telluric absorption lines and show a clear line profile. The profiles of S I 10459.41Å and Si I 10827.09Å lines are used for the removal of C I and Si I lines, respectively. We then fit the instrumental profiles to the C I and Si I lines by shifting the wavelength and scaling the intensity on the basis of the intensity ratios of the metal absorption lines in the model spectra of A0V stars. We construct a spectrum containing only C I and Si I absorption lines by synthesizing the profiles of each absorption line. These stellar metal lines are removed from the telluric standard spectra by dividing them by the synthetic spectra of C I and Si I lines. Note that the slight residuals appear to remain in the resultant spectra for some telluric standard stars probably because the S I line profile is slightly different from the C I lines. Finally, telluric absorptions are corrected using the C I and Si I corrected spectra of telluric standard stars. Consequently, the continuum fitting is improved except for Cyg OB2 No.12 and HD190603, for which the data were obtained in 2012 July (when the climate is humid in Japan), and the metal absorption lines of the telluric standard star HIP87108 could not be removed well because of the low S/N and quite strong telluric absorption lines. Figure 4.2

shows the spectra of  $\lambda 10697$  divided by the spectra of telluric standard stars, from which the C I and Si I absorption lines were removed. The EWs of  $\lambda 10697$  are estimated, but the upper limit of the EW is not evaluated because of the possible residual of stellar metal lines when the DIB is not detected.

### 5.3.3 $\lambda 12293$

The DIB is located between two N I absorption lines,  $\lambda\lambda 12289.18$  and  $12298.54$  (Figure 5.2). Because of the relatively large wavelength offset  $\sim 5\text{\AA}$  ( $\sim 120\text{ km s}^{-1}$ ), it is unusual that they are blended significantly. However, these stellar lines affect the determination of the continuum level around the DIB. In particular, the DIB of HD20041 is surrounded by both the N I absorption lines and false emission-like features from the N I absorption lines in the telluric standard star. Although the DIB itself is clearly detected toward HD20041, we cannot estimate its EW.

### 5.3.4 $\lambda 12799$

Because the DIB is located in the wings of the strong and broad He I and H I (Pa  $\beta$ ) absorption lines, we remove these broad lines by fitting a high-order polynomial function with an IRAF task (i.e., *continuum*) for telluric-corrected spectra (Figures. 4.4 and 5.2). Although we do not consider various possible systematic uncertainties, we can identify this absorption as a DIB because of a clear positive correlation with  $E(B - V)$  (see §6.1). Note that the upper limit of the EWs for the DIB cannot be evaluated for Rigel, HD38771, and HD37043 because the telluric absorption lines cannot be removed sufficiently well.

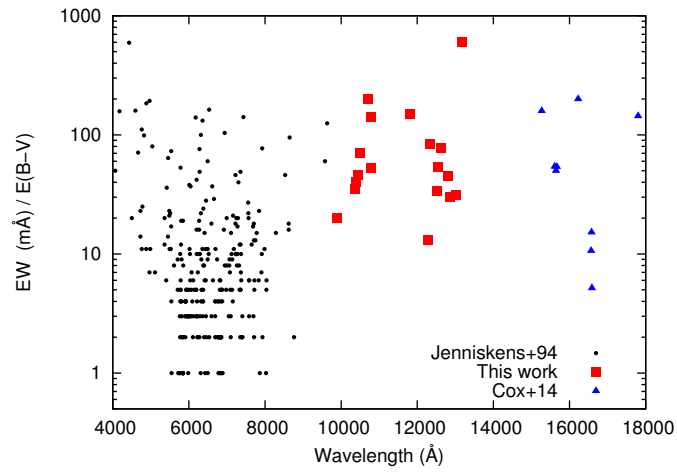


Figure 5.1: Distribution of the ratios of the EWs to  $E(B - V)$  as a function of the wavelength for all DIBs in optical and near-infrared. Black circles, red squares, and blue triangles represent the points of optical DIBs from Jenniskens & Desert (1994), NIR DIBs found in this study, and DIBs in the  $H$ -band from Cox et al. (2014), respectively.

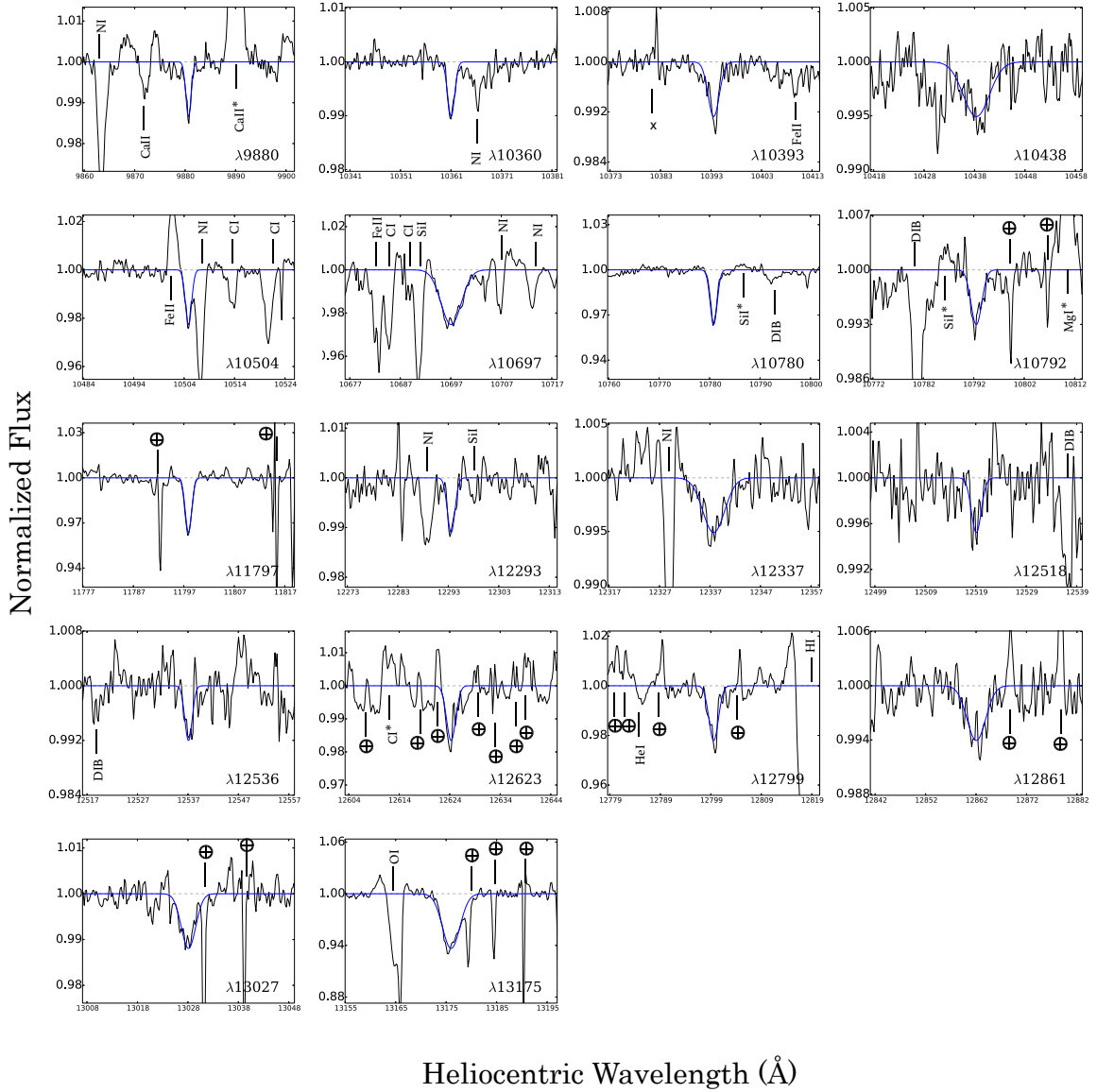


Figure 5.2: Profiles of identified DIBs toward HD20041 ( $E(B - V) = 0.73$ ). The spectrum of HD21389 ( $E(B - V) = 0.55$ ) is shown only for  $\lambda 12293$  because  $\lambda 12293$  toward HD20041 is blended by the stellar absorption lines (see the main text for details). The black line shows the observed spectrum, while the blue line shows the Gaussian profile fitted to the DIB. The stellar absorption and emission lines are marked with vertical lines and the species names (emission lines with asterisk: artificial emission-like features from the absorption lines of telluric standard stars). The residuals of corrected telluric absorption lines are marked with “ $\oplus$ ”. The spurious features are marked with x’s.

# Chapter 6

## Correlations

To reveal the properties of the DIB carriers in an astronomical environment, it is a first step to investigate the correlations among DIBs as well as the correlations of DIBs with the parameters of interstellar clouds, such as reddening (Herbig, 1993; Cami et al., 1997; Friedman et al., 2011). The correlations of the NIR DIBs at  $\lambda > 1\mu\text{m}$  have been discussed for a limited number of lines of sight (Joblin et al., 1990; Geballe et al., 2011; Cox et al., 2014) except for the strongest DIB in the  $H$ -band,  $\lambda 15272$ , which was examined by Zasowski et al. (2015) for about 60,000 lines of sight in the SDSS-III/APOGEE survey. Here, we analyze the correlations among the NIR DIBs that we identified at  $0.91 < \lambda < 1.32\mu\text{m}$ ,  $E(B - V)$ , and optical DIBs, with a significant number of lines of sight (i.e., 25) for the first time. The EWs of the optical DIBs are adopted from Friedman et al. (2011), who investigated the correlations among eight strong optical DIBs ( $\lambda\lambda 5487.7, 5705.1, 5780.5, 5797.1, 6196.0, 6204.5, 6283.8,$  and  $6613.6$ ). Among the 25 stars that we observed, the optical spectra of 19 stars were also obtained in Friedman et al. (2011). Therefore, it is possible that the correlation between optical and NIR DIBs can be investigated using a significant number of lines of sight.

### 6.1 Correlations with $E(B - V)$

Figure 6.1 show the  $\text{EW}-E(B - V)$  plot. We also plot the data of Cox et al. (2014) for the DIBs that they detected. However, we do not include their data in the calculation of the

correlation coefficients in order to preserve the uniformity of data. We fit the linear functions ( $EW = a \times E(B - V) + b$ ) to each  $EW - E(B - V)$  plot. The results are summarized in Table 6.1. In the calculation of the correlation coefficients, we exclude the data point of Cyg OB2 No.12, for which the EWs of the optical DIBs are known to be much lower than that expected from the correlation with  $E(B - V)$  (Chlewicki et al., 1986). To compare the correlation coefficients with those of the optical DIBs, we also show the correlation coefficients between  $E(B - V)$  and the EWs of the eight optical DIBs taken from Friedman et al. (2011) (Table 6.1). To eliminate the bias effect and the difference in sample size, we calculate the correlation coefficients using only the 19 stars observed in both NIR (our data) and optical wavelength ranges (Friedman et al., 2011). As an example, Figure 6.2 shows the correlations of the optical DIB  $\lambda 5780.5$  and the NIR DIB  $\lambda 11797$  with  $E(B - V)$ .

All NIR DIBs are found to have a positive correlation with  $E(B - V)$ , which is expected for DIBs. We focus on the DIBs detected toward more than 10 lines of sight, whose correlation coefficients appear to be reliable. The correlation coefficients of all the NIR DIBs are found to be lower than those of the eight strong optical DIBs calculated for the same sample ( $r \sim 0.9$ ). When discussing the difference between two correlation coefficients, we must consider the attenuation of the correlations due to measurement errors and the statistical significance of the difference between correlation coefficients. Here, we will consider whether the differences in the correlation coefficients between optical and NIR DIBs are statistically significant. We focus on the correlation coefficients of three NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 11797, \text{ and } 13175$ , because they are detected toward many lines of sight ( $> 10$ ) and the uncertainties of their EWs are expected to be low owing to their large EWs and the smaller effect of contamination by stellar lines. Regarding the other DIBs, statistical tests are not meaningful because of the limited sample size and/or large systematic uncertainties.

We conduct a statistical test for the pairs of the three NIR DIBs and eight optical DIBs to clarify the difference between the correlation coefficients using the Fisher  $z$ -transformation. Consequently, the correlation coefficients of the five optical DIBs with  $r > 0.91$  are found to be different from those of the three NIR DIBs, with a 95% significance level. Therefore, the difference in the correlation coefficients with  $E(B - V)$  between the optical and NIR DIBs

are suggested to be statistically significant for some pairs. As for the other pairs and NIR DIBs, further observations are necessary.

The high correlation coefficients of optical DIBs show that the abundances of their carriers are simply in proportion to the amount of gas in the lines of sight. Considering the lower correlation coefficients of NIR DIBs, we infer that the abundance of the NIR DIB carriers is more sensitive to other physical parameters of the interstellar clouds (such as ionization UV flux) as well as to the amount of gas in the line of sight.

## 6.2 Correlations among NIR DIBs: A family of NIR DIBs?

We also examine the correlations between all pairs of NIR DIBs except for 5 weak DIBs, which are detected toward fewer than 10 stars, and 2 DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 12293$  and  $12799$ , whose EWs have large systematic uncertainties owing to a blending of neighboring stellar absorption lines. From the NIR DIB set identified, we search for so-called families, in which DIBs are well correlated with each other. DIBs in a family are expected to arise from molecules having similar physical and/or chemical properties (Moutou et al., 1999; McCall et al., 2010).

The correlation coefficients for all 55 pairs consisting of 11 DIBs are shown in Table 6.2. As in the previous section, we do not include the EWs of DIBs toward Cyg OB2 No.12 in the calculation. All pairs are found to have positive correlation coefficients. In particular, three pairs consisting of  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 10792,$  and  $11797$  have the highest correlation coefficients with  $r \sim 0.95$ , suggesting that these DIBs can be classified as a family (Figure 6.3). Because all three DIBs are fairly strong and detected toward over 10 lines of sight, the correlation coefficients should be reliable. Note that  $\lambda 13175$  is also well correlated with the three DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 10792,$  and  $11797$ , but the correlation coefficients ( $r \sim 0.9$ ) are slightly lower than those among the three DIBs. Because there are several points that do not quite fit the correlation, carriers of these three DIBs would not be the same molecule. Note that  $\lambda 10792$  toward Cyg OB2 No.12 is considerably weaker than that expected from the correlations (Figure 6.3), suggesting that the carrier of this DIB may become less abundant due to some chemical processes, which would be efficient in a dense cloud with  $n_{\text{H}} \sim 10^3 \text{cm}^{-3}$  (Casu et al., 2005). Alternatively, the high X-ray flux from many massive stars in the Cygnus OB2

association including Cyg OB2 No.12 may affect the abundance of the  $\lambda 10792$  carrier (Gredel et al., 2001).

Two pairs,  $\lambda 10504 - \lambda 12623$  and  $\lambda 10504 - \lambda 13175$ , are also found to have high correlation coefficients of  $r > 0.95$  (Figure 6.4). However, the correlation coefficient of the remaining pair,  $\lambda 12623 - \lambda 13175$ , is lower ( $r = 0.84$ ). This is because the EWs of  $\lambda 12623$  and  $13175$  toward HD50064, whose EW of  $\lambda 10504$  cannot be measured owing to the blending of the stellar absorption lines (see §6.3.1), do not match the correlation. As the number of lines of sight used for the calculation of the correlation coefficients is small for these pairs (e.g., seven stars for the  $\lambda 10504 - \lambda 12623$  pair), the correlation coefficients could be affected by the sample selection. Although these DIBs may form another family in view of the high correlation coefficients, it is necessary to increase the data points to confirm this from more solid correlations.

### 6.3 Correlations of NIR DIBs with optical DIBs

Finally, we examine the correlations between the optical and NIR DIBs. We focus on four NIR DIBs,  $\lambda 10438$ ,  $10780$ ,  $11797$ , and  $13175$ , whose correlation coefficients with optical DIBs can be calculated with over 10 data points. Regarding the other DIBs, the number of data points available for the calculation of the correlation coefficients is too small for a statistical discussion. As in the previous two sections, we exclude Cyg OB2 No.12 from the calculation of the correlation coefficients. Table 6.3 shows the correlation coefficients of 32 pairs consisting of 8 optical DIBs and 4 NIR DIBs. As a reference, we also calculate the correlation coefficients among optical DIBs using only the stars observed by us and Friedman et al. (2011).

Friedman et al. (2011) showed that the correlation coefficients of all pairs consisting of eight optical DIBs have  $r > 0.9$ , except for the two pairs  $\lambda 5487.7 - \lambda 5797.1$  ( $r = 0.87$ ) and  $\lambda 5797.1 - \lambda 6283.8$  ( $r = 0.86$ ). The correlation coefficients calculated in this study for the optical DIBs are as high as theirs for all pairs. However, none of the correlation coefficients between NIR and optical DIBs are found to be as high as those among optical DIBs, suggesting that these NIR DIBs do not form a family with the optical DIBs. This is consistent with the discussion in §6.1, in which a clear difference in the correlation coefficients with  $E(B - V)$



between optical and NIR DIBs is shown.

In addition, we find that the three strongest NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 11797$ , and  $13175$  are better correlated with  $\lambda\lambda 5705.1, 5780.5, 6204.5$ , and  $6283.8$  ( $r = 0.8-0.9$ ) than with  $\lambda\lambda 5797.1, 6196.0$ , and  $6613.6$  ( $r = 0.6-0.7$ ) although there are a few exceptions such as  $\lambda 5705.1 - \lambda 13175$  ( $r = 0.75, N = 10$ ), whose correlation coefficient is lower compared to those of  $\lambda 5705.1 - \lambda 10780$  and  $\lambda 5705.1 - \lambda 11797$ . Figure 6.5 shows the correlations between four NIR DIBs and two representative optical DIBs in the two groups,  $\lambda\lambda 5780.5$  and  $5797.1$ . The DIB  $\lambda 10438$  is moderately well correlated with the eight optical DIBs (correlation coefficients are  $\sim 0.7-0.8$ ). Because the DIB  $\lambda 10438$  is weaker than the other three DIBs, the correlation coefficients could be affected by the relatively large uncertainty of the EWs.

These two groups of optical DIBs classified by their correlation with NIR DIBs are consistent with the previous studies on the correlations among optical DIBs. Cami et al. (1997) showed that two pairs of  $\lambda\lambda 5780.5, 6204.5$  and  $\lambda\lambda 5797.1, 6613.6$ , which are members of the groups, are well correlated.  $\lambda\lambda 6196.0, 6613.6$  is the only pair that is proposed to have a perfect correlation (Moutou et al., 1999; McCall et al., 2010). However, the differences in the correlation coefficients between the two groups are not statistically significant. For all pairs, we cannot exclude the null hypothesis that the correlation coefficients are not truly different. For example, the probability that the two correlation coefficients of  $\lambda 5780.5 - \lambda 10780$  ( $r = 0.85, N = 17$ ) and  $\lambda 5797.1 - \lambda 10780$  ( $r = 0.70, N = 15$ ) are not different is estimated to be  $p = 0.32$ , which is too high to reject the null hypothesis. Therefore, it is necessary to increase the number of samples to clarify the difference in correlation coefficients.

Table 6.1: Correlation Coefficients between EWs and  $E(B - V)$  and the Results of Linear Least-square Fit

| DIB              | $N^1$ | $r^2$ | $a$            | $b$          |
|------------------|-------|-------|----------------|--------------|
| $\lambda 9880$   | 10    | 0.68  | $20 \pm 8$     | $4 \pm 4$    |
| $\lambda 10360$  | 11    | 0.73  | $35 \pm 11$    | $-4 \pm 6$   |
| $\lambda 10393$  | 6     | 0.88  | $40 \pm 11$    | $-8 \pm 5$   |
| $\lambda 10438$  | 11    | 0.83  | $46 \pm 10$    | $-6 \pm 5$   |
| $\lambda 10504$  | 11    | 0.80  | $71 \pm 18$    | $-8 \pm 8$   |
| $\lambda 10697$  | 13    | 0.60  | $202 \pm 81$   | $21 \pm 43$  |
| $\lambda 10780$  | 21    | 0.73  | $141 \pm 30$   | $-4 \pm 12$  |
| $\lambda 10792$  | 13    | 0.56  | $53 \pm 24$    | $-3 \pm 13$  |
| $\lambda 11797$  | 17    | 0.69  | $149 \pm 41$   | $-4 \pm 19$  |
| $\lambda 12293$  | 11    | 0.45  | $13 \pm 8$     | $6 \pm 4$    |
| $\lambda 12337$  | 11    | 0.60  | $84 \pm 37$    | $-18 \pm 19$ |
| $\lambda 12518$  | 6     | 0.46  | $34 \pm 33$    | $-4 \pm 18$  |
| $\lambda 12536$  | 8     | 0.50  | $54 \pm 38$    | $-10 \pm 22$ |
| $\lambda 12623$  | 10    | 0.71  | $77 \pm 27$    | $-8 \pm 16$  |
| $\lambda 12799$  | 14    | 0.65  | $45 \pm 15$    | $7 \pm 8$    |
| $\lambda 12861$  | 12    | 0.56  | $30 \pm 14$    | $11 \pm 6$   |
| $\lambda 13027$  | 8     | 0.48  | $31 \pm 23$    | $9 \pm 13$   |
| $\lambda 13175$  | 13    | 0.70  | $601 \pm 182$  | $-39 \pm 96$ |
| $\lambda 5487.7$ | 13    | 0.91  | $194 \pm 26$   | $-8 \pm 11$  |
| $\lambda 5705.1$ | 14    | 0.85  | $181 \pm 32$   | $0 \pm 14$   |
| $\lambda 5780.5$ | 19    | 0.94  | $809 \pm 70$   | $-34 \pm 23$ |
| $\lambda 5797.1$ | 15    | 0.94  | $298 \pm 31$   | $-9 \pm 12$  |
| $\lambda 6196.0$ | 19    | 0.96  | $82 \pm 6$     | $-3 \pm 2$   |
| $\lambda 6204.5$ | 18    | 0.93  | $305 \pm 31$   | $-2 \pm 11$  |
| $\lambda 6283.8$ | 17    | 0.89  | $1662 \pm 221$ | $19 \pm 81$  |
| $\lambda 6613.6$ | 18    | 0.98  | $358 \pm 18$   | $-22 \pm 6$  |

<sup>1</sup> Number of stars with DIB detection ( $5\sigma$ ), which are used for the calculation of the correlation coefficients. The data of Cyg OB2 No.12 is not included in the calculations of correlation coefficients and the fitting of linear functions ( $EW = a \times E(B - V) + b$ ). See §6.1 for detail.

<sup>2</sup> Correlation coefficients ( $E(B - V) - EW$ )

Table 6.2: Correlation Coefficients among NIR DIBs

|                 | $\lambda 9880$ | $\lambda 10360$ | $\lambda 10438$ | $\lambda 10504$ | $\lambda 10697$ | $\lambda 10780$ | $\lambda 10792$ | $\lambda 11797$ | $\lambda 12337$ | $\lambda 12623$ | $\lambda 13175$ |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| $\lambda 9880$  | –              | 0.75 (10)       | 0.62 (7)        | 0.57 (8)        | 0.52 (10)       | 0.70 (10)       | 0.76 (10)       | 0.71 (10)       | 0.54 (9)        | 0.61 (9)        | 0.63 (10)       |
| $\lambda 10360$ | –              | –               | 0.66 (8)        | 0.89 (9)        | 0.45 (11)       | 0.78 (11)       | 0.80 (11)       | 0.85 (11)       | 0.47 (10)       | 0.57 (9)        | 0.75 (10)       |
| $\lambda 10438$ | –              | –               | –               | 0.47 (8)        | 0.46 (10)       | 0.46 (11)       | 0.56 (10)       | 0.55 (11)       | 0.51 (8)        | 0.77 (7)        | 0.57 (10)       |
| $\lambda 10504$ | –              | –               | –               | –               | 0.82 (10)       | 0.88 (11)       | 0.81 (10)       | 0.90 (11)       | 0.58 (9)        | 0.99 (7)        | 0.95 (9)        |
| $\lambda 10697$ | –              | –               | –               | –               | –               | 0.82 (13)       | 0.75 (13)       | 0.77 (13)       | 0.66 (11)       | 0.77 (10)       | 0.85 (12)       |
| $\lambda 10780$ | –              | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | 0.96 (13)       | 0.97 (17)       | 0.50 (12)       | 0.65 (10)       | 0.92 (13)       |
| $\lambda 10792$ | –              | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | 0.94 (13)       | 0.63 (11)       | 0.63 (10)       | 0.87 (12)       |
| $\lambda 11797$ | –              | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | 0.63 (11)       | 0.63 (10)       | 0.90 (13)       |
| $\lambda 12337$ | –              | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | 0.54 (9)        | 0.60 (10)       |
| $\lambda 12623$ | –              | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | 0.84 (10)       |
| $\lambda 13175$ | –              | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               | –               |

The number in parentheses denotes the number of stars used for the calculation of the correlation coefficients. The data of Cyg OB2 No.12 is not included in the calculations of the correlation coefficients.

Table 6.3: Correlations Coefficients among Optical DIBs and those between Optical and NIR DIBs

|                  | $\lambda 5705.1$ | $\lambda 5780.5$ | $\lambda 6204.5$ | $\lambda 6283.8$ | $\lambda 5487.7$ | $\lambda 5797.1$ | $\lambda 6196.0$ | $\lambda 6613.6$ |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| $\lambda 5705.1$ | –                | 0.95 (14)        | 0.94 (14)        | 0.93 (14)        | 0.94 (13)        | 0.89 (14)        | 0.80 (14)        | 0.87 (14)        |
| $\lambda 5780.5$ | –                | –                | 0.99 (18)        | 0.97 (17)        | 0.97 (13)        | 0.94 (15)        | 0.95 (19)        | 0.96 (18)        |
| $\lambda 6204.5$ | –                | –                | –                | 0.99 (16)        | 0.95 (13)        | 0.93 (15)        | 0.93 (18)        | 0.95 (18)        |
| $\lambda 6283.8$ | –                | –                | –                | –                | 0.88 (13)        | 0.89 (15)        | 0.89 (17)        | 0.91 (16)        |
| $\lambda 5487.7$ | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | 0.97 (13)        | 0.96 (13)        | 0.94 (13)        |
| $\lambda 5797.1$ | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | 0.94 (15)        | 0.94 (15)        |
| $\lambda 6196.0$ | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | 0.98 (18)        |
| $\lambda 6613.6$ | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                | –                |
| $\lambda 10438$  | 0.39 (8)         | 0.61 (9)         | 0.64 (9)         | 0.60 (9)         | 0.54 (8)         | 0.58 (9)         | 0.40 (9)         | 0.61 (9)         |
| $\lambda 10780$  | 0.75 (13)        | 0.81 (15)        | 0.86 (14)        | 0.91 (15)        | 0.61 (12)        | 0.71 (13)        | 0.74 (15)        | 0.68 (14)        |
| $\lambda 11797$  | 0.86 (12)        | 0.83 (11)        | 0.90 (11)        | 0.95 (11)        | 0.73 (11)        | 0.77 (11)        | 0.74 (11)        | 0.70 (11)        |
| $\lambda 13175$  | 0.68 (9)         | 0.78 (9)         | 0.87 (9)         | 0.92 (9)         | 0.49 (8)         | 0.63 (9)         | 0.48 (9)         | 0.60 (9)         |

The number in parentheses denotes the number of stars used for the calculation of the correlation coefficients. The data of Cyg OB2 No.12 is not included in the calculations of the correlation coefficients.

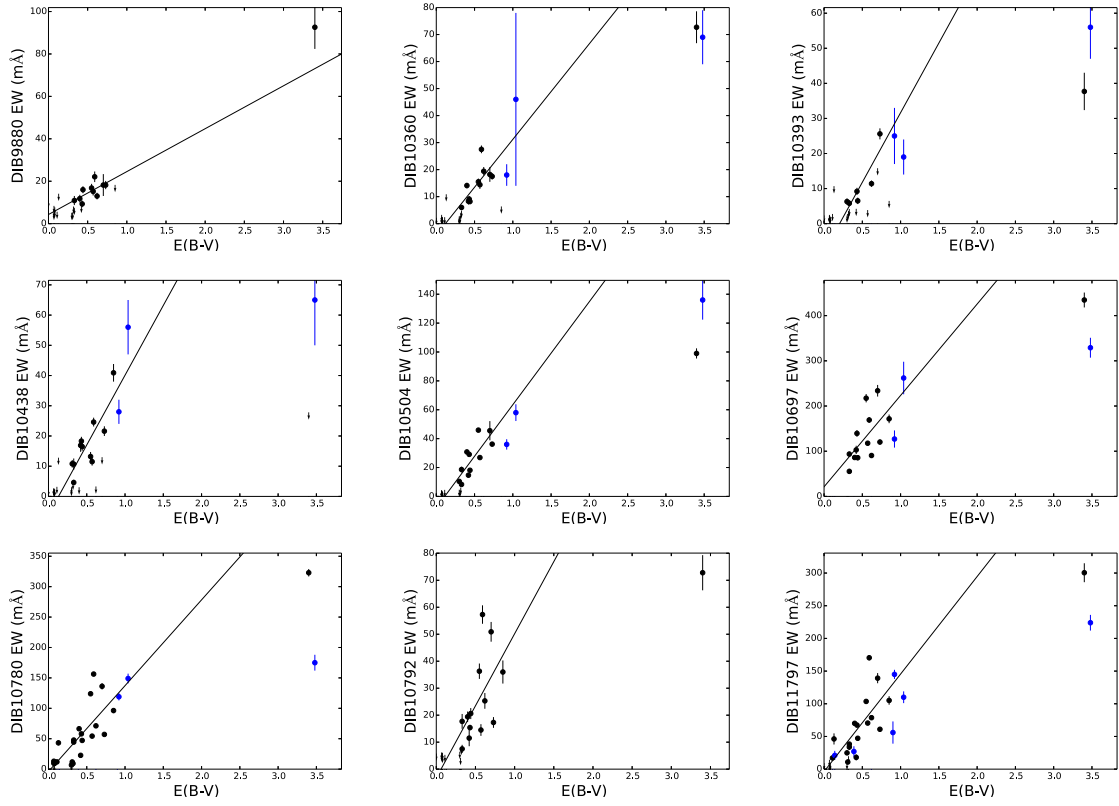
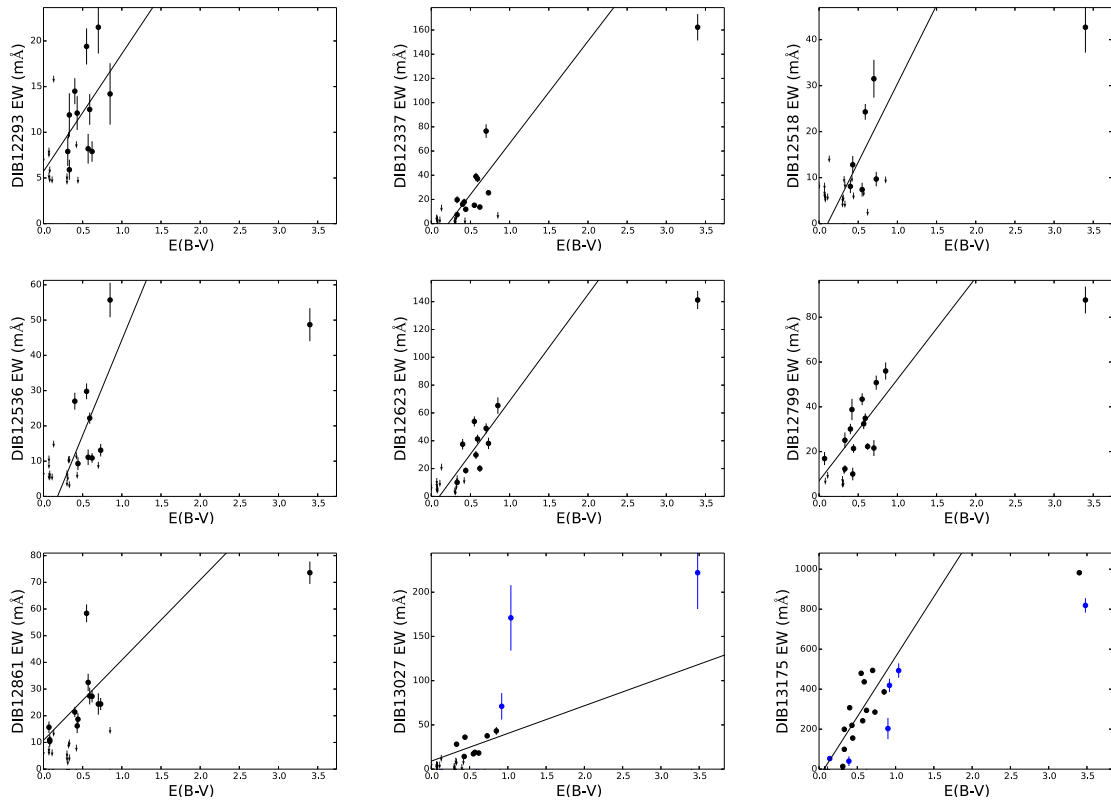


Figure 6.1: Correlations of NIR DIBs with  $E(B - V)$ . The black points show the EWs obtained by us, while the blue points show the EWs obtained by Cox et al. (2014). The lines in each panel show the linear functions fitted to each plot. The blue points and the points of Cyg OB2 No.12 at  $E(B - V) = 3.4$  are not included in the fitting.

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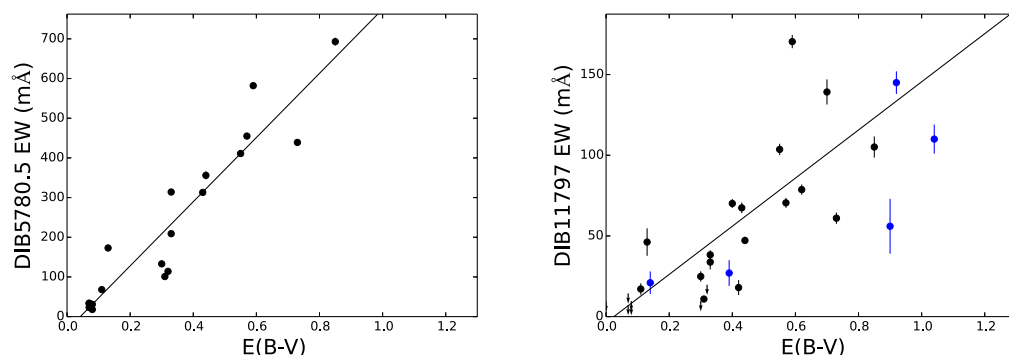


Figure 6.2: Comparison of correlations of optical DIB  $\lambda 5780.5$  (left panel) and NIR DIB  $\lambda 11797$  (right panel) with  $E(B - V)$  for the range of  $E(B - V) < 1.1$ . For the right panel, the black points show the EWs obtained by us, while the blue points show the EWs obtained by Cox et al. (2014). For the left panel, the black points are from Friedman et al. (2011). The lines in each panel show the linear functions fitted to each plot. The blue points are not included in the fitting.

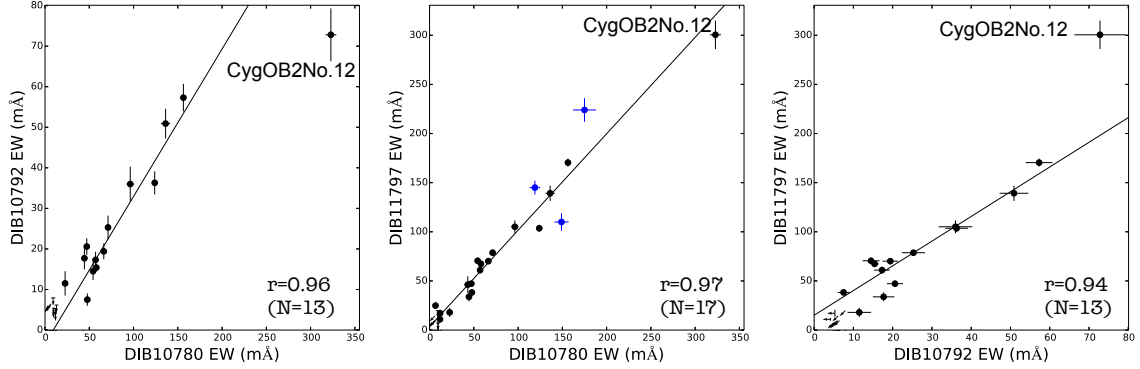


Figure 6.3: Correlations among three NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 10792,$  and  $11797$ . The black points show our data, while the blue points are from Cox et al. (2014). The lines in each panel show the linear functions fitted to each plot. The correlation coefficients ( $r$ ) and the number of stars used in the calculation ( $N$ ) are shown in each panel. The blue points and the points of Cyg OB2 No.12 are not included in the fitting.

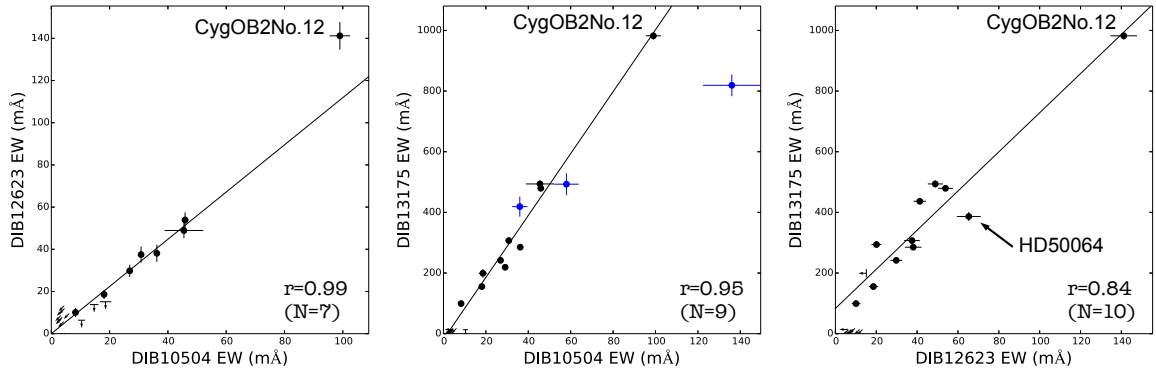


Figure 6.4: Correlations among three NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10504, 12623,$  and  $13175$ . The notations are the same as those Figure 6.3.

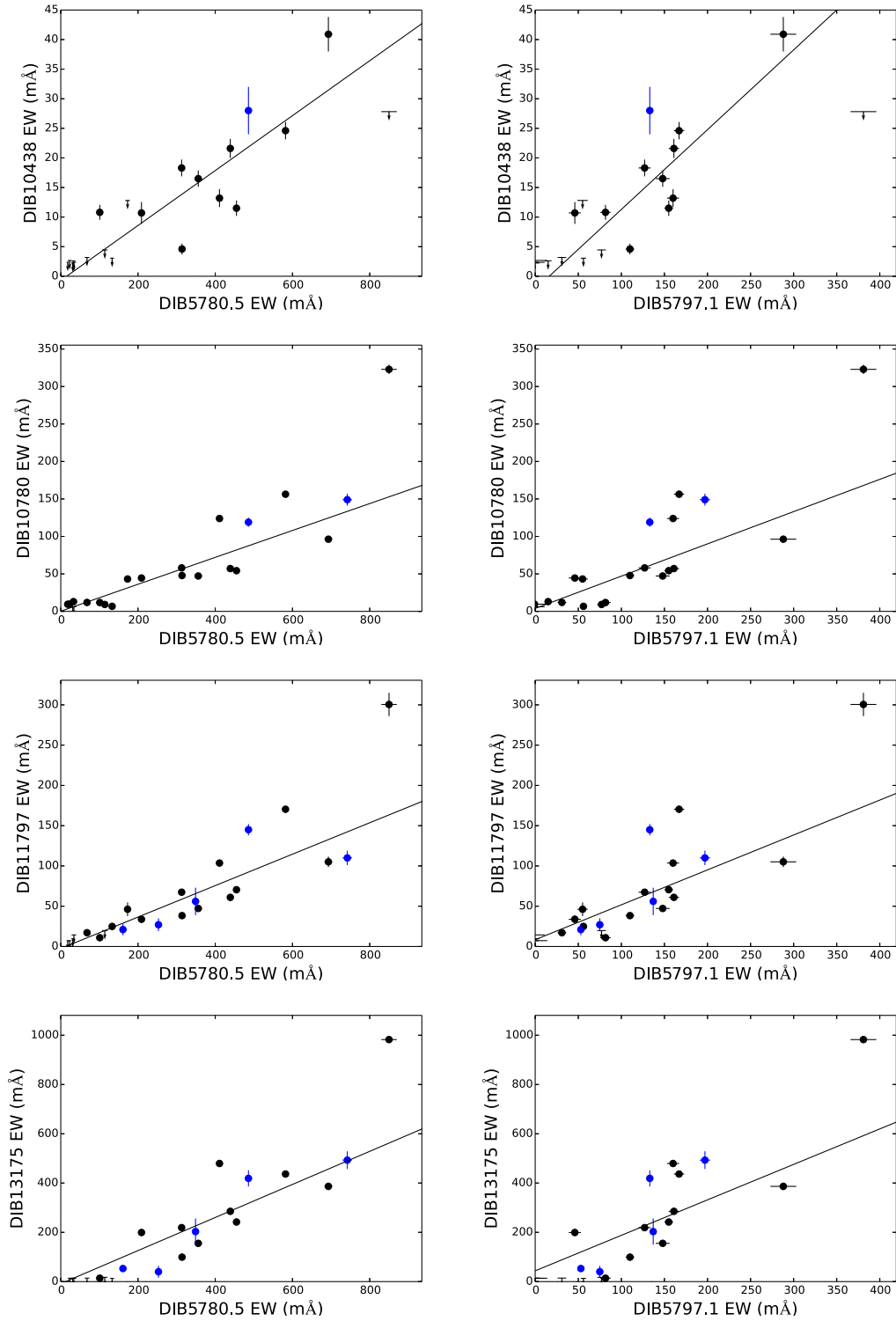


Figure 6.5: Correlations of four NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10438$ ,  $10780$ ,  $11797$ , and  $13175$ , with two optical DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 5780.5$ ,  $5797.1$ . The black points show our data, while the blue points are from Cox et al. (2014). The lines in each panel show the linear functions fitted to each plot. The blue points and the points of Cyg OB2 No.12 are not included in the fitting.



## Chapter 7

# The Carriers of NIR DIBs

### 7.1 Cation molecules

In §6.3, we suggested that  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 11797,$  and  $13175$  are better correlated with  $\lambda\lambda 5705.1, 5780.5, 6204.5,$  and  $6283.8$  ( $r = 0.8 - 0.9$ ) than with  $\lambda\lambda 5797.1, 6196.0,$  and  $6613.6$  ( $r = 0.6 - 0.7$ ). Among the optical DIBs, the environmental dependencies of two representative DIBs in the two groups,  $\lambda\lambda 5780.5$  and  $5797.1$ , have been extensively investigated (Krelowski & Walker, 1987; Cami et al., 1997; Vos et al., 2011; Friedman et al., 2011). The ratio  $\lambda 5797.1/\lambda 5780.5$  depends on the local UV intensities of the clouds because of the different ionization potentials of the DIB carriers (Cami et al., 1997; Vos et al., 2011). Cami et al. (1997) suggested that the ionization potential of the  $\lambda 5791.1$  carrier is lower than that of the  $\lambda 5780.5$  carrier. On the basis of modeling of the photoionization equilibrium, Sonnentrucker et al. (1997) estimated the ionization potential of the  $\lambda 5797.1$  carrier as  $\sim 11$  eV, whereas they suggested that the  $\lambda 5780.5$  carrier is a cation molecule according to its high ionization potential. The stronger correlations of the three NIR DIBs with  $\lambda 5780.5$  rather than with  $\lambda 5797.1$  may show that their carriers are also cation molecules with ionization potentials as high as the  $\lambda 5780.5$  carrier, probably ionized PAHs. It is also suggested that the other weaker NIR DIBs that are well correlated with the three strongest DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 11797,$  and  $13175$ , such as  $\lambda\lambda 10504, 10792,$  and  $12623$ , are also from cation molecules (see §6.2).

In our sample, HD23180 ( $E(B - V) = 0.31$ ) and HD24398 ( $E(B - V) = 0.32$ ) have

high  $\lambda 5797.1/\lambda 5780.5$  ratios of  $\sim 0.7-0.8$ , suggesting that the clouds toward these stars are  $\zeta$ -type, meaning that the UV intensity is weak relative to the cloud density (Vos et al., 2011). We compare the EWs of NIR DIBs in the  $\zeta$ -type clouds with those toward two stars with similar  $E(B - V)$ , HD2905 ( $E(B - V) = 0.33$ ) and HD24912 ( $E(B - V) = 0.33$ ), whose  $\lambda 5797.1/\lambda 5780.5$  ratios are  $\sim 0.3$ , which is near the threshold for the classification of  $\zeta$ -,  $\sigma$ -type clouds.  $\lambda 5780.5$  in  $\zeta$ -type clouds is weaker than those toward HD2905 and HD24912 by a factor of two to three although their color excesses are almost the same. This can be interpreted as the results of the  $\lambda 5780.5$  carrier decreasing in  $\zeta$ -type clouds, where the molecules are shielded from the UV flux. From our results, the NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 11797, \text{ and } 13175$ , in  $\zeta$ -type clouds are also found to be weaker than those toward HD2905 and HD24912 by a factor of three to four, which is similar to the factor of  $\lambda 5780.5$ . This similar dependence on the UV intensity also illustrates that the carriers of  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 11797, \text{ and } 13175$  and  $\lambda 5780.5$  may have similar ionization potentials.

## 7.2 Carrier candidates

We showed that a considerable number of DIBs are widely distributed in the NIR wavelength range as in the optical wavelength range. A number of ionized large-sized carbon molecules are proposed to have the transitions in the NIR wavelength range, which is consistent with our suggestion that the carriers of some NIR DIBs are cation molecules. First, ionized buckminsterfullerenes ( $C_{60}^+$  and  $C_{60}^-$ ) are also suggested to have transitions in the NIR wavelength range from the laboratory experiment (Fulara et al., 1993). In fact, DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 9577$  and  $9633$  are expected to be the transitions of  $C_{60}^+$  (Foing & Ehrenfreund, 1994). Next, ionized PAHs (cation and anion) are theoretically suggested to have lower-energy transitions in the NIR wavelength range (Salama et al., 1996; Ruiterkamp et al., 2005). Mattioda et al. (2005) obtained the absorption spectra of some ionized PAH molecules in the NIR wavelength range. Recently, Jones (2013) proposed that heteroatom-doped (e.g., Si, O, N, and S) hydrogenated amorphous carbons (a-C: H: X) can be the DIB carriers. However, there is no strong evidence of any of those candidates of NIR DIB carriers. Further observational constraints on DIB properties as well as the identification with NIR absorption spectra of the proposed molecules

in the laboratory are necessary to reveal the carriers of NIR DIBs.

The NIR absorption spectra of 27 ionized PAHs (cations and anions) are obtained by Mattioda et al. (2005) using the matrix-isolation technique. Cox et al. (2014), who explored the DIBs in the NIR wavelength range, compared their newly detected DIB candidates and the electronic transitions of ionized PAHs. They found that some of the NIR DIBs are detected within a few tens of angstroms from the wavelengths of the strong electronic transitions of ionized PAHs reported by Mattioda et al. (2005). Among the eight NIR DIB candidates that are confirmed as DIBs in this study, they suggested that the wavelengths of  $\lambda\lambda 10393, 10438, 10504, 10780,$  and  $13027$  are near those of strong bands of singly ionized PAHs. Among the eight NIR DIBs newly detected in this study, the DIB  $\lambda 10792$  is detected close to the wavelength of the strong electronic transition of  $C_{42}H_{22}^+$  ( $\lambda = 10790\text{\AA}$ ), but the wavelength of the other DIBs do not correspond to the strong electronic transitions of ionized PAHs. However, as Cox et al. (2014) pointed out, the pure gas-phase spectra of ionized PAHs are required for the firm identification of NIR DIBs with ionized PAHs.



## Chapter 8

# NIR DIBs toward the Cygnus OB2 association

In this chapter, we present a study of the NIR DIBs toward the Cyg OB2 association. Cyg OB2 association contains a number of bright early-type stars with large extinction, toward which strong DIBs can be detected (Chlewicki et al., 1986). By making use of the large EWs, we investigated more correlations of NIR DIBs including weak ones with much improved confidence. The gas clouds toward the Cyg OB2 association have complex gaseous structures and are exposed to the strong flux of ionizing photons from the early-type stars in the association, thus it is a good laboratory to investigate the environmental dependence of NIR DIBs. More detailed introduction of this study is given in §1.4.3. The summary of the observations is given in §2.2.2.

### 8.1 DIBs toward the Cyg OB2 association

We searched for all NIR DIBs identified in Chapter 4 in the spectra of seven stars in the Cyg OB2 association. Note that we do not evaluate the EWs of DIB  $\lambda 10697$  toward the Cyg OB2 association because of the overlapped stellar absorption lines (see §5.3.2 for detail). The EWs of DIBs are calculated with the same procedure as in Chapter 4. Table 8.1 summarizes the EWs and the uncertainties of NIR DIBs. Figures 8.1 – 8.5 show the DIB spectra of all

the observed stars. Owing to the large EWs and high S/N of the spectra, all NIR DIBs are clearly detected toward all the observed stars. The EWs of  $\lambda 10780$ ,  $10792$ , and  $12518$  toward Cyg OB2 No.5 could not be estimated because the stellar absorption lines are overlapped on the DIBs. Note that the EWs of  $\lambda 12518$  toward No. 10 and  $\lambda 13027$  toward No. 8A could not be estimated due to the residual of the telluric absorption lines.

## 8.2 DIBs and C<sub>2</sub>

Thorburn et al. (2003) show that some DIBs are well correlated with C<sub>2</sub> molecules, suggesting that those “C<sub>2</sub> DIBs” are chemically related to C<sub>2</sub>. Ádámkóvics et al. (2005) show that the C<sub>2</sub> DIBs are detected in the diffuse cloud core, where the typical strong DIBs (e.g.,  $\lambda\lambda 4430$ ,  $5797$ , and  $5780$ ) are quite weak. They suggested that the C<sub>2</sub> DIB carriers are distinct from the carriers of the typical strong DIBs, and occupy the denser regions of clouds than the strong DIBs. Because the column densities of C<sub>2</sub> molecules were obtained toward No. 5, 7, 8A, 9, 11, and 12 by Gredel et al. (2001), we can refer to the relations between C<sub>2</sub> and DIBs for the first time. The column densities of C<sub>2</sub> toward No. 5, 7, 8A, 9, 11, and 12 were estimated as  $10_{-1.5}^{+3.5}$ ,  $< 3.3$ ,  $3.3$ ,  $5.2 \pm 1$ ,  $< 3.3$  and  $20_{-2}^{+4} \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , respectively, from the C<sub>2</sub> (2,0) Phillips band around  $\lambda = 7720 \text{ \AA}$  (Gredel et al., 2001). Figure 8.6 shows the correlations between NIR DIBs and C<sub>2</sub> column densities toward the Cyg OB2 association. Although the number of the lines of sight is only five at most, no clear relations are found between all NIR DIBs and C<sub>2</sub> in the Cyg OB2 association. The column densities of C<sub>2</sub> toward the Cyg OB2 association are of wide range while all NIR DIBs are fairly strong toward all observed lines of sight.

The model of Cecchi-Pestellini & Dalgarno (2000), which reproduced the abundances of H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, C<sub>2</sub> and CO toward No. 12 (McCall et al., 1998), suggests that the H<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> absorption originates from the diffuse component with  $n_{\text{H}} = 100 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , while C<sub>2</sub> and CO are formed in the embedded denser component with  $n_{\text{H}} = 7 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The lack of clear relations between NIR DIBs and C<sub>2</sub> suggests that the NIR DIBs may be mainly contributed from the diffuse component rather than the dense component. Such properties are common to the optical strong DIBs (Adamson et al., 1991; Ádámkóvics et al., 2005). It is found that the NIR DIBs

identified here are distinct from “C<sub>2</sub> DIBs”.

### 8.3 Environmental dependence of DIBs

In Chapter 6, we investigated the correlations among NIR DIBs, strong optical DIBs, and the reddening of stars. Consequently, we found some groups of DIBs that are well correlated. DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 10792$  and  $11797$  were found to be classifiable as a DIB family, in which the DIBs are well correlated. The strongest NIR DIB  $\lambda 13175$  is also well correlated with the three NIR DIBs though the number of the detected  $\lambda 13175$  was not as large as the other three DIBs. DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10504, 12623$  and  $13175$  were also found to be well correlated though the statistics was relatively poor. The representative optical DIB  $\lambda 5780.5$  is relatively better correlated with NIR DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 11797$ , and  $13175$  than  $\lambda 5797.1$ . Here, we investigate the correlations of those DIBs toward the Cyg OB2 association to assess their environmental dependence of DIBs. Because of the lack of clear relations between DIBs and C<sub>2</sub>, all of the NIR DIBs are suggested to originate mainly from the diffuse component, which is exposed to the flux of high-energy photons from the early-type stars in the association. By revealing the dependence of DIBs on the environments, such as the UV-flux, the properties of the DIB carriers could be constrained.

Figure 8.7 shows the correlations among four DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 10792, 11797$ , and  $13175$ . It is found that the tight correlations of those DIBs seen in the diffuse interstellar environment also continue even in the harsh environment of the Cyg OB2 association. Note that only  $\lambda 10792$  toward No. 8A is weaker than expected from the correlations.

Figure 8.8 shows the correlations among  $\lambda\lambda 10504, 12623$ , and  $13175$ . Two DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 12623$  and  $13175$ , are well correlated also in the Cyg OB2 association, but the correlation coefficient is not as high as those among the four DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 10792, 11797$  and  $13175$ . Note that  $\lambda 12623$  is also well correlated with  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 10792$ , and  $11797$ , which are tightly correlated with  $\lambda 13175$  (see Figure 8.9). The correlation is consistent with the extrapolation of the correlation from the survey data (see the fitted line in the right panel of Figure 8.8). However, the correlations between  $\lambda 10504$  and  $\lambda\lambda 12623$  and  $13175$  in the Cyg OB2 association are quite different from the correlations from the survey data, suggesting that the ratios of  $\lambda 10504$  to

the other two DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 12623$  and  $13175$ , in the Cyg OB2 association become smaller than those in the diffuse interstellar environment. Figure 8.10 shows the EW ratios among the three DIBs as functions of the color excesses. The ratios of  $\lambda 10504$  to  $\lambda\lambda 12623$  and  $13175$  in the Cyg OB2 association are lower than the ratios in the diffuse interstellar environment by a factor of about two. We suggest that the difference of the ratios between the Cyg OB2 association and the survey data is caused by the environmental dependence of the DIBs.

Figure 8.11 shows the ratios between the optical DIB  $\lambda 5780.5$  and  $\lambda\lambda 10504$  and  $13175$ . The EWs of  $\lambda 5780.5$  for No.5, 9, 10, and 12 are adopted from Chlewicki et al. (1986), while there are no observations of DIBs in the optical wavelength range toward No. 3, 8A, and 11. The ratios of  $\lambda 5780.5$  to  $\lambda\lambda 12623$  and  $13175$  are also found to be lower in the Cyg OB2 association than those in the diffuse interstellar environment, while the ratios of  $\lambda 10504$  to  $\lambda 5780.5$  in the Cyg OB2 association are consistent with those in the interstellar environment. Although the correlation between  $\lambda 10504$  and  $\lambda 5780.5$  was not discussed in Chapter 6 because of the small number of the data points (i.e., 8), these DIBs are expected to be well correlated because the two pairs of  $\lambda 10504 - \lambda 13175$  and  $\lambda 5780.5 - \lambda 13175$  are well correlated, which is confirmed in the top panel of Figure 8.11.

In summary, it is found that 1)  $\lambda\lambda 10780$ ,  $10792$ ,  $11797$ , and  $13175$  are tightly correlated in the Cyg OB2 association as well as in the interstellar environment (Figure 8.7), 2)  $\lambda 12623$  and  $\lambda 13175$  are also well correlated in the Cyg OB2 association as well as in the interstellar environment (Figure 8.10), and 3) the ratios of  $\lambda\lambda 10504$  and  $5780.5$  to  $\lambda 13175$  are lower than those in interstellar environment by a factor of about two (Figures 8.10 and 8.11). Consequently, the DIBs can be classified into two groups from the perspective of the environmental dependence in the Cyg OB2 association: Group 1)  $\lambda\lambda 10780$ ,  $10792$ ,  $11797$ ,  $12623$ , and  $13175$  and Group 2)  $\lambda\lambda 5780.5$  and  $10504$ . The ratios of the DIBs in Group 1 to the DIBs in Group 2 becomes larger in the Cyg OB2 association than in the interstellar environment by a factor of about two.

The environmental dependence of the DIBs may be attributed to the strong flux of the ionizing photons from the early-type stars in the Cyg OB2 association. Gredel et al. (2001) suggest that the abundances of light molecules ( $C_2$ , CN, CO, CH, and  $H_3^+$ ) toward No. 12



can be explained by a chemistry induced by X-ray from the early-type stars. The high-energy ionizing photons would cause the destruction and/or ionization of the carrier molecules. If the carriers of the DIBs in Group 1 are more stable than those in Group 2 against to the flux of the ionizing photons, the carriers of DIBs in Group 2 would be destroyed and the abundances would become lower than in the interstellar environment as observed. The ionizing photon flux can affect the ionization state of the carrier molecules. If the carriers of some NIR DIBs are truly cation molecules as suggested in Chapter 7, the strong flux of ionizing photons in the Cyg OB2 association would increase the ionizing fraction of the DIB carriers. The difference of ionization potentials between the DIB carriers in Group 1 and 2 could result in the environmental dependence of the DIB ratios.

## 8.4 Correlations among weak DIBs

We also investigated the correlations among weak DIBs, which could not be discussed in Chapter 6 owing to their low detection rates and large uncertainties for weak absorption lines. The large EWs of weak DIBs toward the Cyg OB2 association allow us to examine the correlations confidently. Figure 8.12 shows the correlations among two weak DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 12861$  and  $13027$  and a strong DIB  $\lambda 10780$ . It is found that these weak DIBs are well correlated with  $\lambda 10780$  as well as with  $\lambda\lambda 10792, 11797,$  and  $13175$ . Although the statistics is still poor to assess the significance of the correlations of these weak DIBs, their carriers could be chemically related to the carriers of the strong NIR DIBs. As for the other weak DIBs, we could not find good correlations in the Cyg OB2 association.

## 8.5 The C<sub>2</sub> Phillips bands

Besides the NIR DIBs, we detected the C<sub>2</sub> (0,0) and (1,0) Phillips bands around  $\lambda = 12070$  and  $10130 \text{ \AA}$ , respectively, toward some of the observed stars in the Cyg OB2 association. This is the first detection of the C<sub>2</sub> (0,0) bands, which is the most fundamental band of C<sub>2</sub> molecules, in interstellar medium, while the (1,0) bands were previously detected by Gredel & Muench (1994) only for No. 5 and No. 12. Here, we report the detection of these bands.

We do not discuss the density and rotational temperature of the intervening clouds, which can be analyzed with these (0,0) and (1,0) bands, because it is out of the scope of this thesis. The interstellar C<sub>2</sub> molecules have been observed mainly with the (2,0) and (3,0) bands around  $\lambda = 8765$  and  $7720 \text{ \AA}$ , respectively. The C<sub>2</sub> Phillips bands can be used as the thermometer and densitometer of interstellar clouds because the population distribution of each rotational level is the function of rotational excitation temperature and the density of the clouds (Snow & McCall, 2006). Because the (0,0) and (1,0) bands are intrinsically stronger than the (2,0) and (3,0) bands, the former bands are expected to be superior to the latter bands as the thermometer and densitometer of interstellar clouds. In addition, the (0,0) and (1,0) bands in the NIR wavelength range will be powerful tracers of C<sub>2</sub> molecules toward the stars obscured by the interstellar dust because of the higher transmittance of the starlight in the NIR wavelength range in interstellar clouds compared to the optical wavelength range.

### 8.5.1 First detection of the (0,0) bands

Figure 8.13 shows the C<sub>2</sub> (0,0) band spectra of the seven stars in the Cyg OB2 association around  $\lambda = 12070 \text{ \AA}$ . The most reddened star, No. 12, has the strongest absorption bands among the observed stars (Figure 8.14). The EWs of the C<sub>2</sub> bands toward No. 12 were measured by fitting Gaussian functions (Table 8.2). Because the (0,0) bands are the strongest compared to the other (1,0), (2,0), and (3,0) bands, the transitions with higher rotational levels, such as  $Q(20)$ ,  $R(20)$ , and  $Q(22)$ , are clearly detected. Some of the  $R$ -branch lines are blended with the other transitions of the (0,0) bands because our spectral resolution ( $R = 20,000$ ) is not enough to resolve them. The (0,0) bands toward No. 3, 5, 8A, and 9 are also clearly detected. As for No. 10 and 11, which are located in the outskirts of the Cyg OB2 association, even the strongest transitions,  $Q(2)$  and  $Q(4)$ , could not be detected.

### 8.5.2 The (1,0) bands

Figure 8.15 shows the C<sub>2</sub> (1,0) band spectra of the seven stars in Cyg OB2 association around  $\lambda = 10135 \text{ \AA}$ . The (1,0) bands were clearly detected toward No. 3, 5, 9, and 12 while the bands could not be detected toward No. 10 and 11. The  $Q(4)$  line was marginally detected

toward No. 8A. As seen in the (0,0) band spectra, No. 12 has the strongest (1,0) bands in the observed seven stars (see Figure 8.16). Gredel & Muench (1994) detected three transitions of the (1,0) bands ( $R(0)$ ,  $Q(2)$ , and  $Q(4)$ ) toward Cyg OB2 No. 5 and 12 with higher spectral resolution,  $R = 65,000$ , than ours ( $R \approx 20,000$ ). They detected four velocity components of the C<sub>2</sub> bands toward both stars, which could not be resolved in our spectra with the lower spectral resolution. The EWs measured for our WINERED spectra of No. 12 (Table 8.2) are consistent with the total EWs reported by Gredel & Muench (1994) within the uncertainties ( $36 \pm 15$ ,  $65 \pm 12$ , and  $53 \pm 10$  mÅ for  $R(0)$ ,  $Q(2)$ , and  $Q(4)$  lines, respectively).

Table 8.1: EWs of DIBs

| Stars      | $E(B - V)$ | $\lambda 9980$ | $\lambda 10360$ | $\lambda 10393$ | $\lambda 10438$ | $\lambda 10504$ | $\lambda 10780$ |
|------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| CygOB2No3  | 2.01       | $85.3 \pm 4.3$ | $77.0 \pm 3.5$  | $74.7 \pm 4.6$  | $83.6 \pm 5.5$  | $85.2 \pm 1.7$  | $403.2 \pm 6.2$ |
| CygOB2No5  | 1.99       | $59.5 \pm 3.7$ | $77.2 \pm 2.7$  | $46.3 \pm 2.5$  | $78.0 \pm 3.2$  | $75.0 \pm 3.2$  | —               |
| CygOB2No8A | 1.55       | $52.9 \pm 3.0$ | $94.8 \pm 4.4$  | $47.5 \pm 3.4$  | $125.8 \pm 5.5$ | $75.1 \pm 1.9$  | $279.0 \pm 6.7$ |
| CygOB2No9  | 2.25       | $53.8 \pm 3.2$ | $76.5 \pm 3.8$  | $48.6 \pm 3.3$  | $75.9 \pm 4.1$  | $84.2 \pm 1.8$  | $347.8 \pm 4.2$ |
| CygOB2No10 | 1.83       | $71.6 \pm 4.9$ | $97.9 \pm 3.8$  | $47.8 \pm 3.0$  | $201.4 \pm 5.8$ | $80.0 \pm 2.7$  | $486.3 \pm 5.5$ |
| CygOB2No11 | 1.75       | $77.0 \pm 5.8$ | $104.2 \pm 4.2$ | $48.6 \pm 3.0$  | $81.8 \pm 4.6$  | $76.9 \pm 4.4$  | $387.9 \pm 6.1$ |
| CygOB2No12 | 3.4        | $59.3 \pm 3.0$ | $96.2 \pm 3.3$  | $51.8 \pm 3.2$  | $93.2 \pm 4.3$  | $78.0 \pm 1.7$  | $322.0 \pm 3.5$ |

| Stars      | $E(B - V)$ | $\lambda 10792$ | $\lambda 11797$ | $\lambda 12293$ | $\lambda 12337$  | $\lambda 12518$ | $\lambda 12536$ |
|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| CygOB2No3  | 2.01       | $115.2 \pm 4.2$ | $347.8 \pm 6.8$ | $65.1 \pm 4.0$  | $239.1 \pm 8.3$  | $33.4 \pm 3.8$  | $78.1 \pm 4.2$  |
| CygOB2No5  | 1.99       | —               | $213.6 \pm 5.9$ | $51.1 \pm 3.1$  | $203.9 \pm 4.4$  | —               | $57.9 \pm 4.5$  |
| CygOB2No8A | 1.55       | $115.2 \pm 5.4$ | $220.6 \pm 5.3$ | $49.2 \pm 3.5$  | $129.1 \pm 8.1$  | $33.9 \pm 3.4$  | $73.5 \pm 4.3$  |
| CygOB2No9  | 2.25       | $85.9 \pm 2.8$  | $290.2 \pm 4.8$ | $54.1 \pm 2.8$  | $255.9 \pm 5.2$  | $29.2 \pm 2.6$  | $89.7 \pm 3.9$  |
| CygOB2No10 | 1.83       | $140.7 \pm 5.7$ | $401.3 \pm 7.4$ | $93.5 \pm 4.2$  | $208.2 \pm 6.5$  | —               | $92.7 \pm 5.1$  |
| CygOB2No11 | 1.75       | $95.6 \pm 6.8$  | $279.3 \pm 7.3$ | $60.8 \pm 4.8$  | $276.2 \pm 13.6$ | $29.2 \pm 4.2$  | $74.4 \pm 5.5$  |
| CygOB2No12 | 3.4        | $82.5 \pm 4.4$  | $277.5 \pm 4.1$ | $75.2 \pm 4.1$  | $291.8 \pm 3.9$  | $49.3 \pm 3.4$  | $62.3 \pm 2.7$  |

| Stars      | $E(B - V)$ | $\lambda 12623$ | $\lambda 12799$ | $\lambda 12861$ | $\lambda 13027$ | $\lambda 13175$   |
|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| CygOB2No3  | 2.01       | $245.5 \pm 7.1$ | $158.0 \pm 4.4$ | $97.1 \pm 6.2$  | $179.2 \pm 5.5$ | $1374.8 \pm 11.9$ |
| CygOB2No5  | 1.99       | $135.0 \pm 7.5$ | $118.6 \pm 4.8$ | $56.6 \pm 3.4$  | $84.9 \pm 5.6$  | $949.8 \pm 10.3$  |
| CygOB2No8A | 1.55       | $110.7 \pm 5.0$ | $62.3 \pm 5.3$  | $73.4 \pm 6.5$  | —               | $905.9 \pm 9.1$   |
| CygOB2No9  | 2.25       | $185.7 \pm 5.4$ | $89.0 \pm 3.2$  | $97.0 \pm 4.0$  | $131.3 \pm 4.0$ | $1197.3 \pm 9.9$  |
| CygOB2No10 | 1.83       | $183.4 \pm 7.3$ | $78.5 \pm 3.2$  | $130.5 \pm 7.0$ | $263.9 \pm 6.7$ | $1475.7 \pm 11.2$ |
| CygOB2No11 | 1.75       | $140.9 \pm 7.9$ | $122.1 \pm 6.5$ | $109.6 \pm 5.9$ | $115.9 \pm 5.9$ | $1270.0 \pm 13.1$ |
| CygOB2No12 | 3.4        | $140.4 \pm 6.3$ | $120.7 \pm 3.1$ | $98.2 \pm 2.5$  | $108.4 \pm 4.8$ | $1148.4 \pm 7.6$  |

The EWs are given in units of mÅ. The bars mean that the EW or upper limit of the DIB could not be evaluated due to the overlapped stellar absorption lines and/or the residual features of the telluric correction.

Table 8.2: EWs of the C<sub>2</sub> Phillips bands toward No. 12.

| Transition | (0,0) <sup>2</sup><br>(mÅ) | (1,0) <sup>3</sup><br>(mÅ) | (2,0) <sup>4</sup><br>(mÅ) | (3,0) <sup>5</sup><br>(mÅ) |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| P(2)       | 5.0                        | 9.2                        | 5.0                        | 6.5                        |
| P(4)       | 31.0                       | 23.9                       | 7.7                        | -                          |
| P(6)       | 22.4                       | 22.9                       | 8.7                        | -                          |
| P(8)       | 15.3                       | 10.9                       | 4.8                        | -                          |
| P(10)      | -                          | 12.4                       | < 3                        | -                          |
| P(12)      | -                          | 9.1                        | 1.5                        | -                          |
| P(14)      | 6.6                        | -                          | 1.5                        | -                          |
| P(16)      | -                          | bl.                        | -                          | -                          |
| Q(2)       | 93.8                       | 59.7                       | 26.9                       | 10.0                       |
| Q(4)       | 92.1                       | 53.7                       | 27.0                       | 5.3                        |
| Q(6)       | 52.4                       | 43.3                       | 16.6                       | 8.8                        |
| Q(8)       | 59.3                       | 32.7                       | 14.3                       | -                          |
| Q(10)      | 27.4                       | 14.7                       | 14.0                       | -                          |
| Q(12)      | 23.7                       | 12.7                       | 6.3                        | -                          |
| Q(14)      | 20.4                       | 11.0                       | 5.2                        | -                          |
| Q(16)      | -                          | 16.6                       | 4.3                        | -                          |
| Q(18)      | -                          | 7.3                        | 3.0                        | -                          |
| Q(20)      | 14.8                       | -                          | -                          | -                          |
| Q(22)      | 7.5                        | bl.                        | -                          | -                          |
| Q(24)      | -                          | 30.1                       | -                          | -                          |
| R(0)       | 71.4                       | 47.2                       | 14.0                       | 7.1                        |
| R(2)       | 78.1                       | bl.                        | 21.1                       | 5.0                        |
| R(4)       | 36.3                       | bl.                        | 18.9                       | -                          |
| R(6)       | bl.                        | bl.                        | 14.7                       | -                          |
| R(8)       | bl.                        | bl.                        | -                          | -                          |
| R(10)      | 4.4                        | bl.                        | 5.6                        | -                          |
| R(12)      | bl.                        | bl.                        | 2.5                        | -                          |
| R(14)      | bl.                        | 8.6                        | < 1.5                      | -                          |
| R(16)      | bl.                        | -                          | < 1.5                      | -                          |
| R(18)      | bl.                        | 12.6                       | < 1.5                      | -                          |
| R(20)      | 5.6                        | -                          | -                          | -                          |
| R(22)      | -                          | 5                          | -                          | -                          |
| R(24)      | -                          | 4.4                        | -                          | -                          |

<sup>1</sup> The transitions that cannot be detected within uncertainties are shown with bars (“-”). The transitions that appear to be detected but blended with the other transitions are shown with “bl.”.

<sup>2</sup> The EWs of the (0,0) bands measured for the WINERED spectra of No.12.

<sup>3</sup> The EWs of the (1,0) bands measured for the WINERED spectra of No.12.

<sup>4</sup> The EWs of the (2,0) bands adopted from Gredel et al. (2001).

<sup>5</sup> The EWs of the (3,0) bands adopted from Gredel et al. (2001).

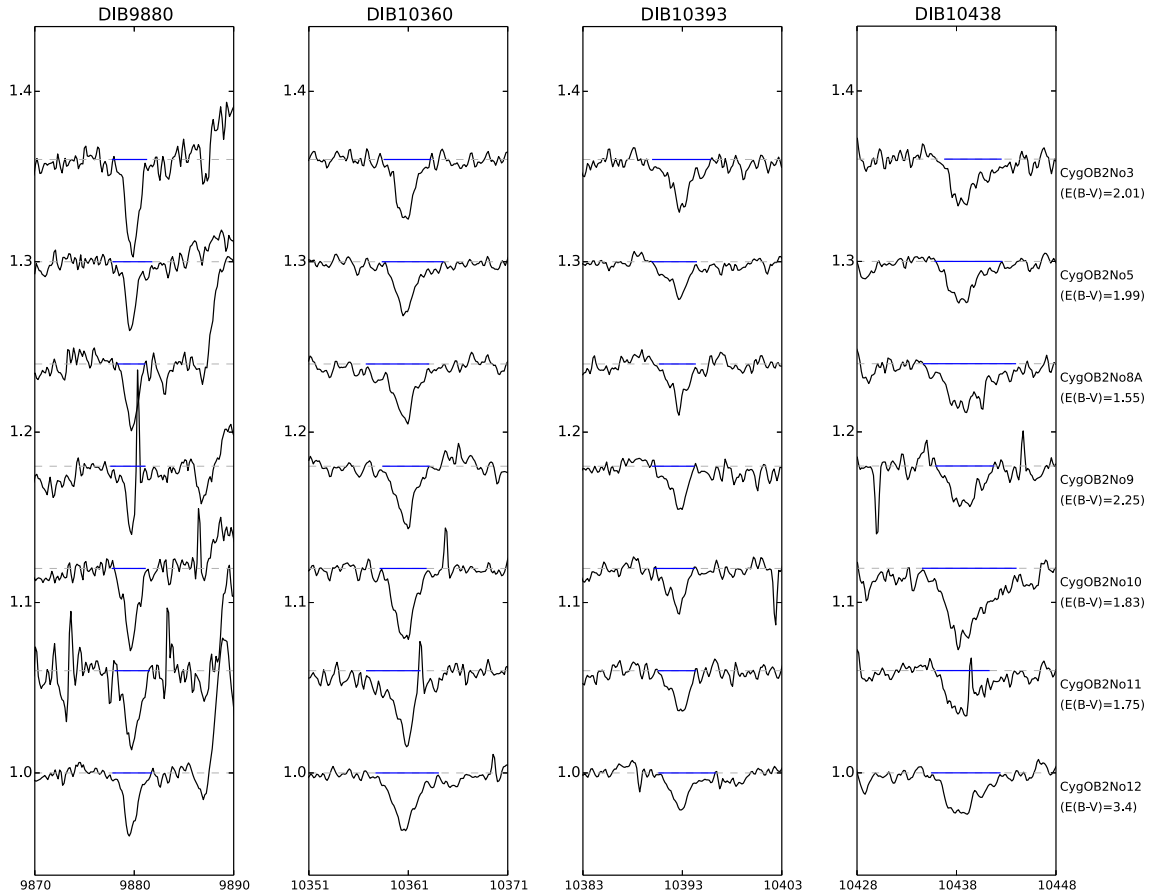


Figure 8.1: Spectra of four DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 9880, 10360, 10393,$  and  $10438$ , for all targets plotted in increasing order of  $E(B - V)$  from top to bottom. The spectra are normalized and plotted with arbitrary offsets. The continuum level of each stars is shown by a dashed thin line. The spectra of the stars, in which the EWs or upper limits of the DIBs cannot be evaluated due to overlapped stellar and/or telluric absorption lines, are plotted with gray lines. The integrated ranges used in the calculation of the EWs are shown as thick blue lines.

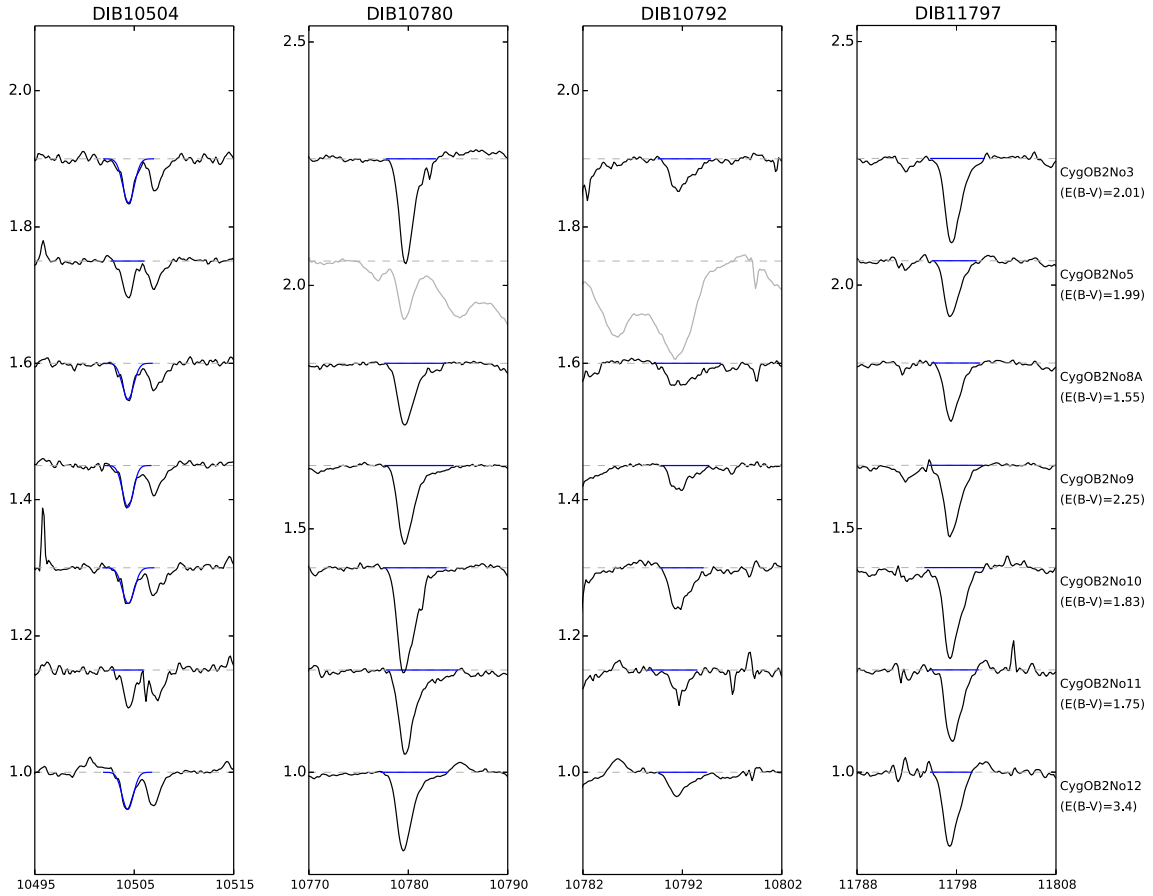


Figure 8.2: Spectra of four DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10504$ ,  $10780$ ,  $10792$ , and  $11797$  for all targets. The notations are the same as those in Figure 8.1 except for DIB  $\lambda 10504$ , for which the EWs are estimated by fitting Gaussian profiles (shown as blue lines) to avoid the blending of the stellar absorption lines (see §5.3.1 for detail).

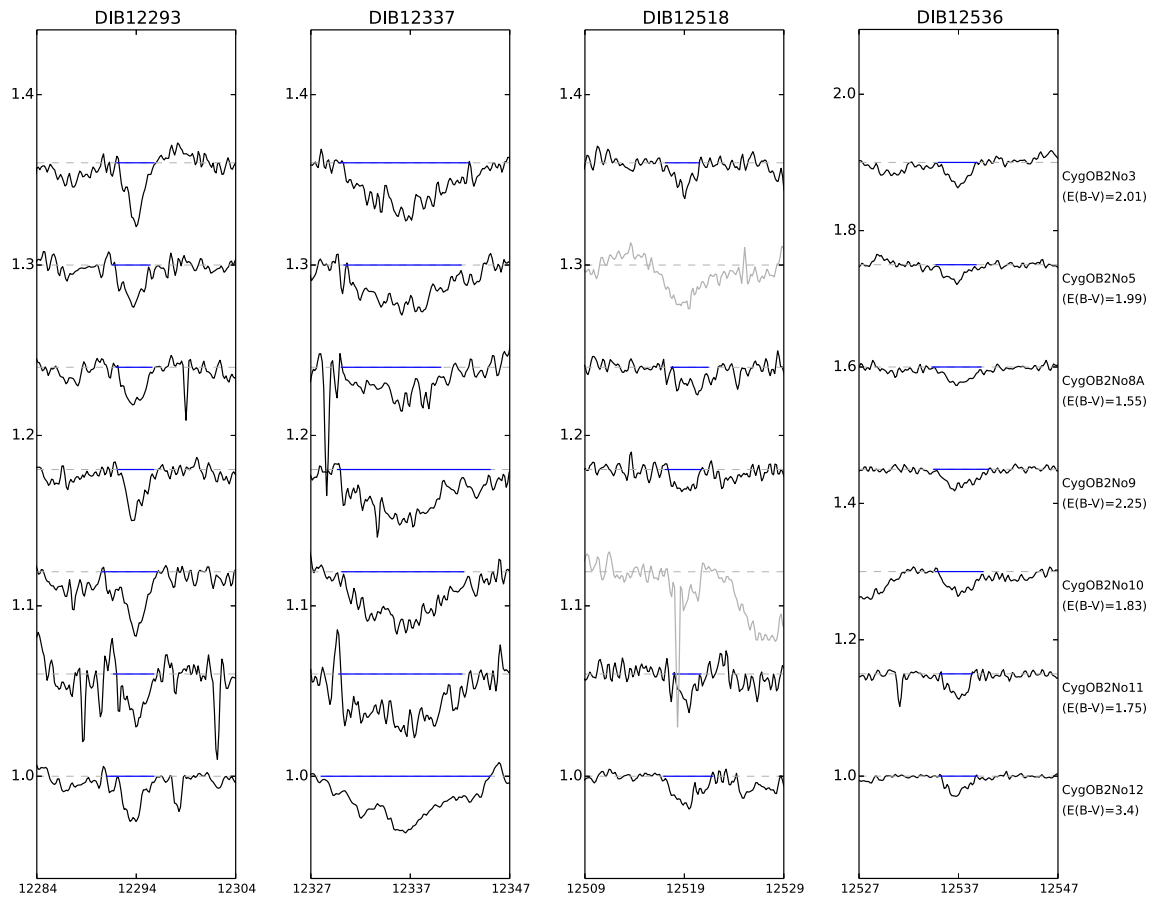


Figure 8.3: Spectra of DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 12293$ ,  $12337$ ,  $12518$ , and  $12536$  for all targets. The notations are the same as those in Figure 8.1.

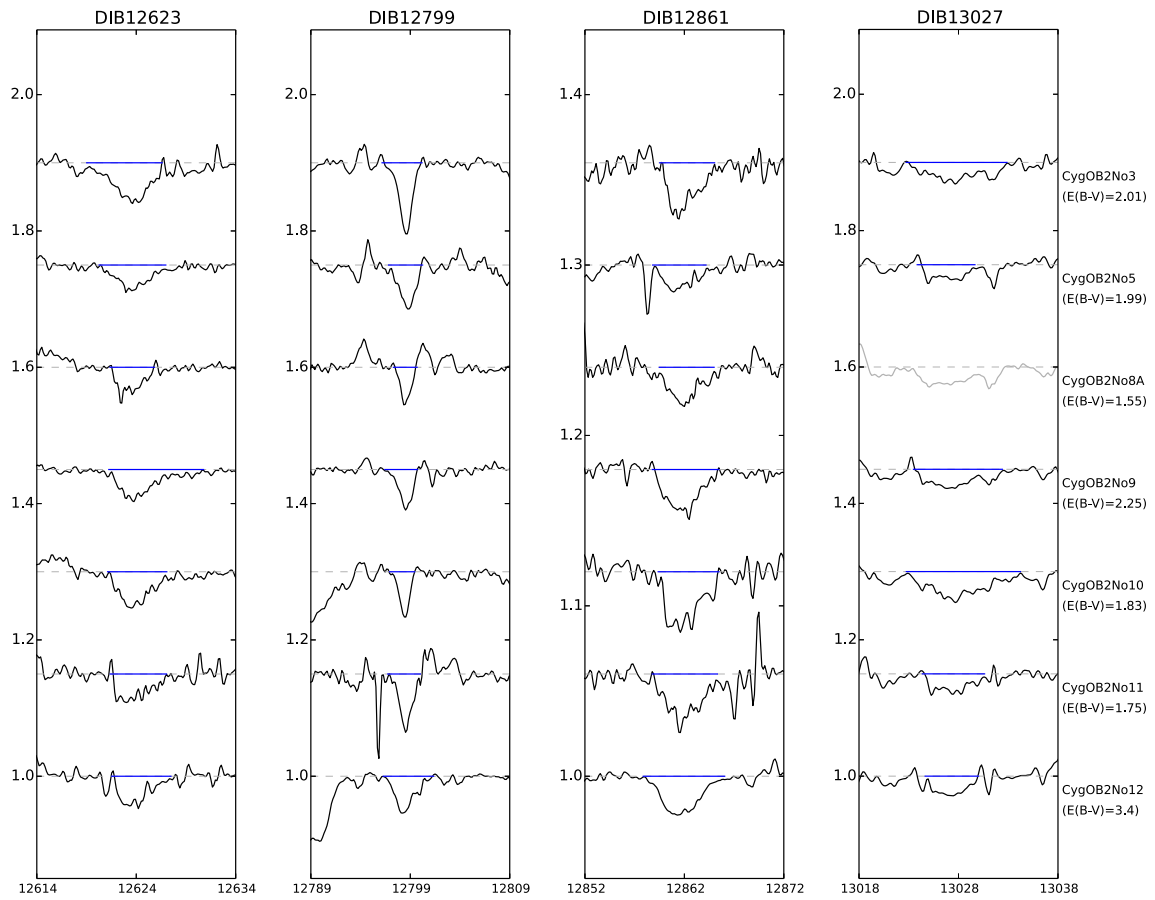


Figure 8.4: Spectra of DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 12623$ ,  $12799$ ,  $12861$ , and  $13027$  for all targets. The notations are the same as those in Figure 8.1.



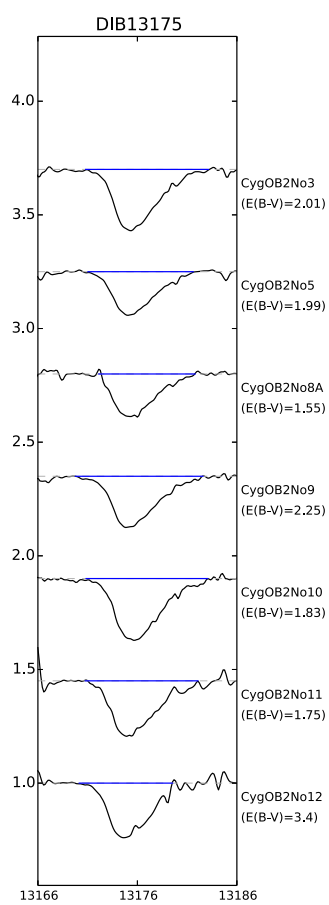


Figure 8.5: Spectra of a DIB  $\lambda 13175$  for all targets. The notations are the same as those in Figure 8.1.

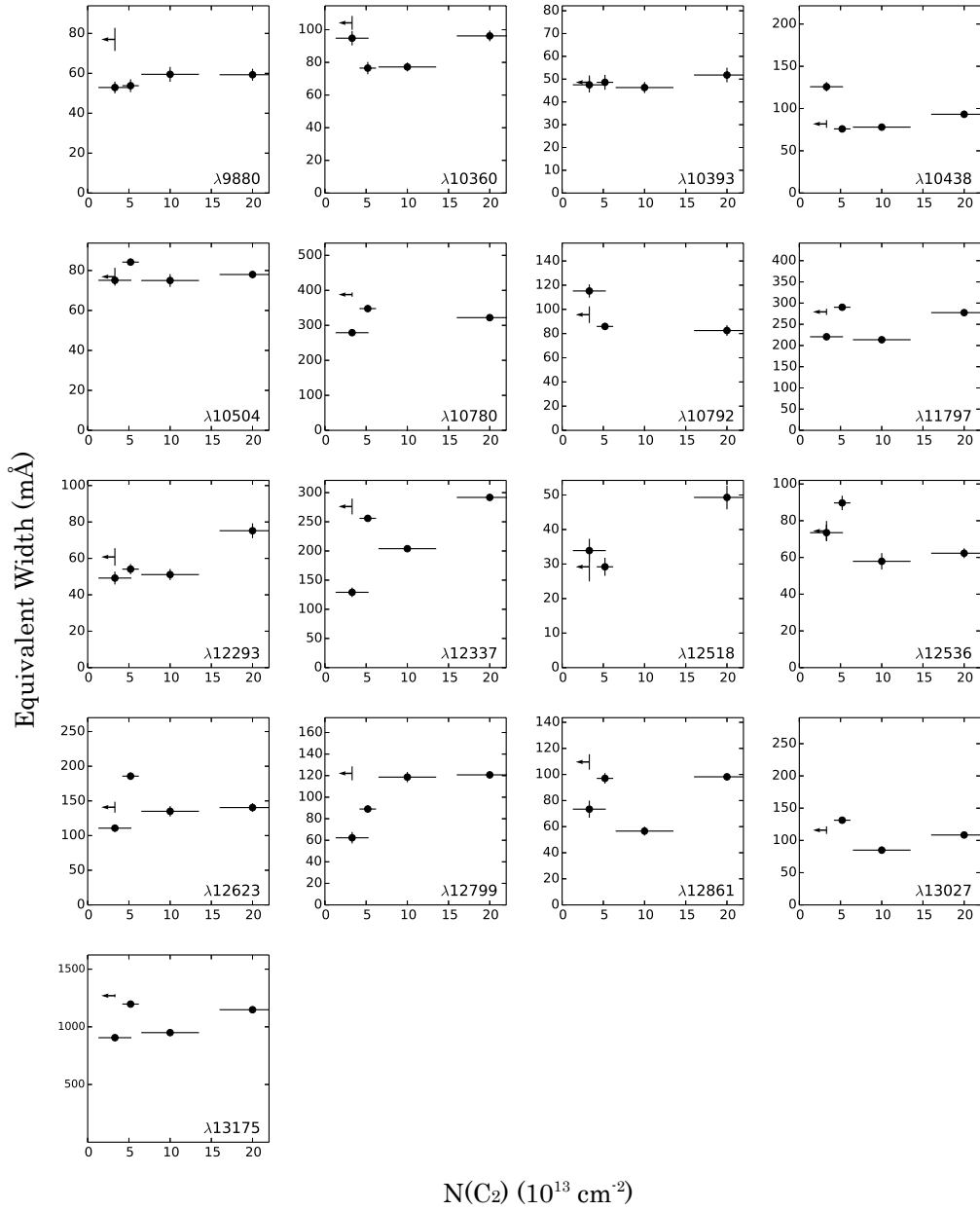


Figure 8.6: The EWs of 19 NIR DIBs as a function of the column densities of C<sub>2</sub> molecules. The C<sub>2</sub> column densities are adopted from Gredel et al. (2001), who obtained the spectra of the absorption lines of the C<sub>2</sub> (2,0) Phillips bands toward the Cyg OB2 No. 5, 8A, 9, 11, and 12.

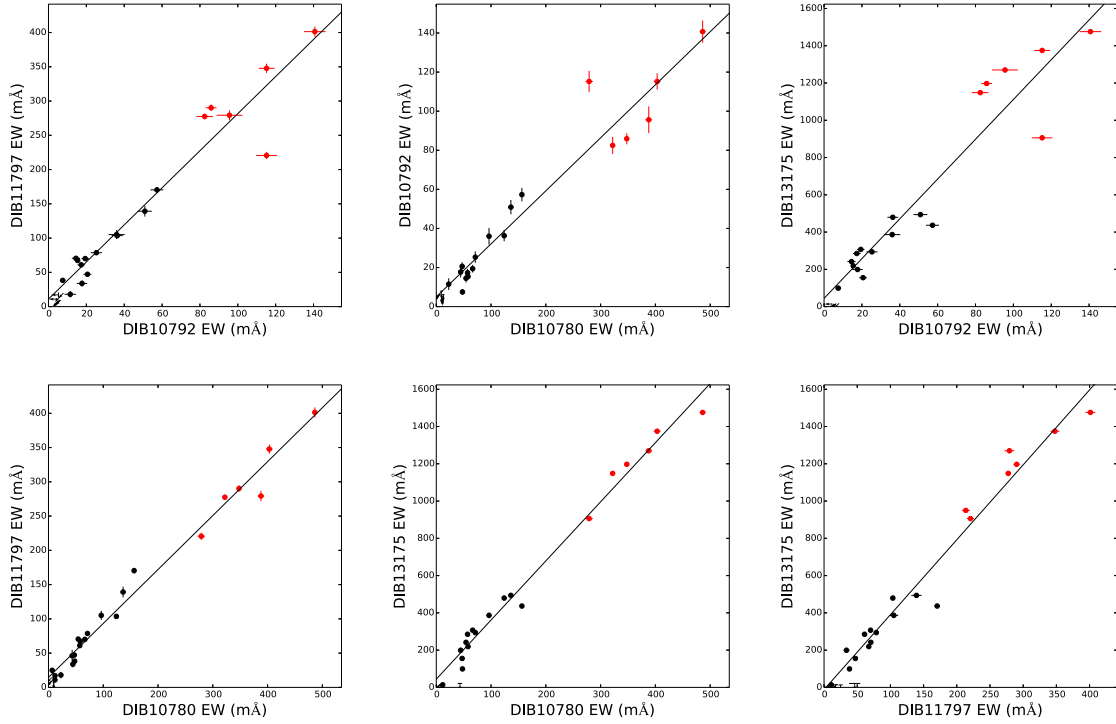


Figure 8.7: Correlations among four NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10780$ , 10792, 11797 and 13175. The black points show the survey data from the previous chapters, while the red points show the data points of the stars in the Cyg OB2 association. The lines in each panel show the linear functions fitted to all data points in each plot.

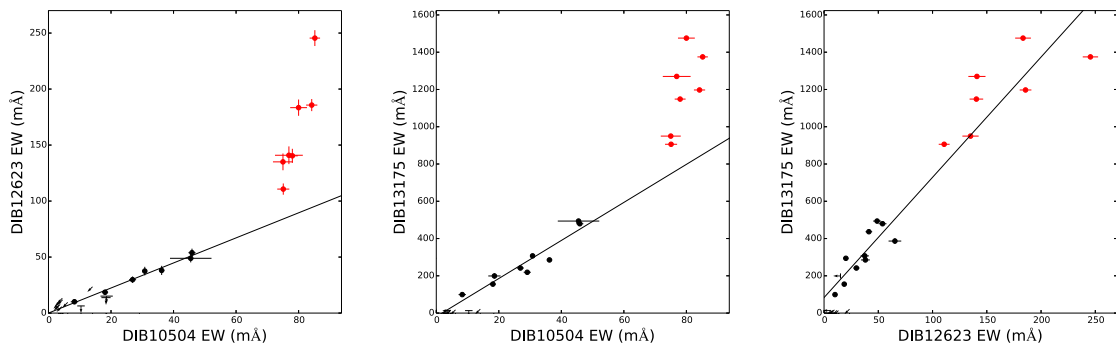


Figure 8.8: Correlations among three NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10504$ , 12623, and 13175. The lines in each panel show the linear functions fitted to the black points in each plot. The notations are the same as those in Figure 8.7.

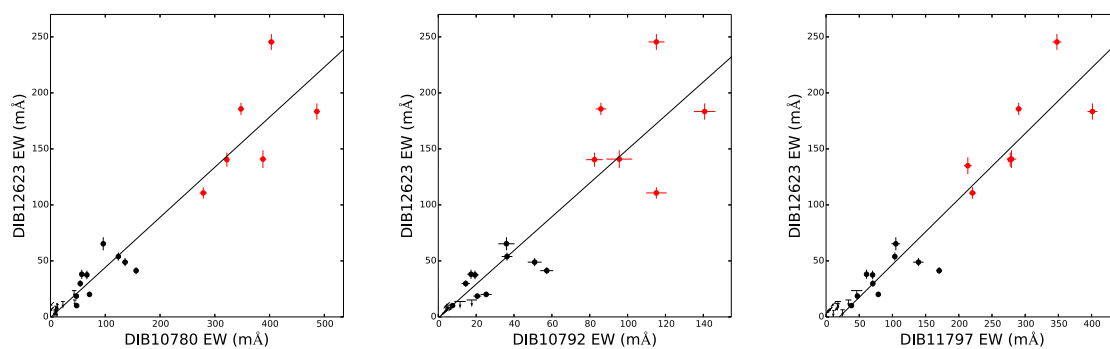


Figure 8.9: Correlations among of  $\lambda 12623$  with three NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10780$ ,  $10792$ , and  $11797$ . The notations are the same as those in Figure 8.7.

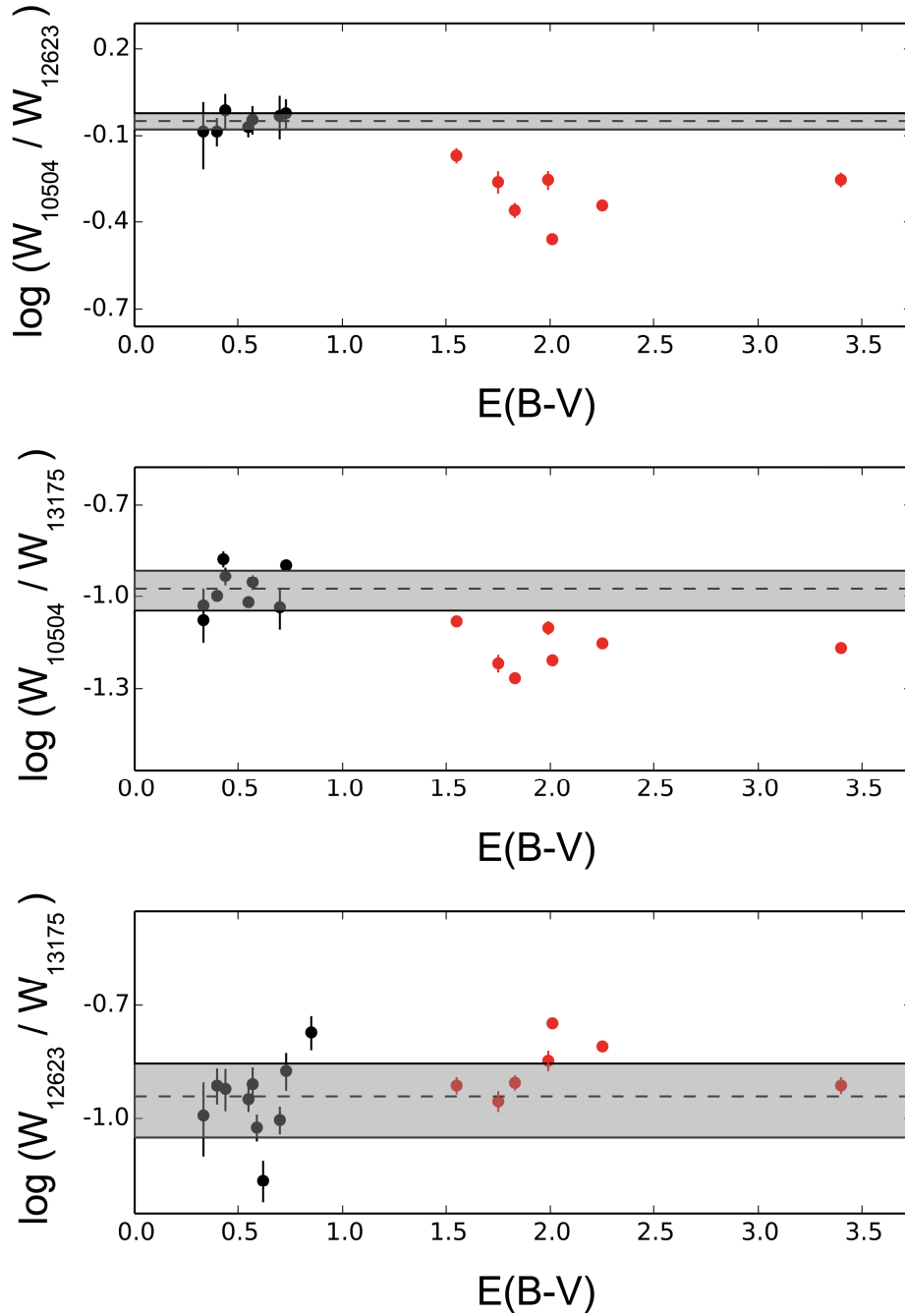


Figure 8.10: The EW ratios among three NIR DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10504$ ,  $12623$  and  $13175$  as a function of  $E(B - V)$ . The dashed lines show the average of the ratios calculated from the survey data. The shaded areas show the standard deviations of the ratios.

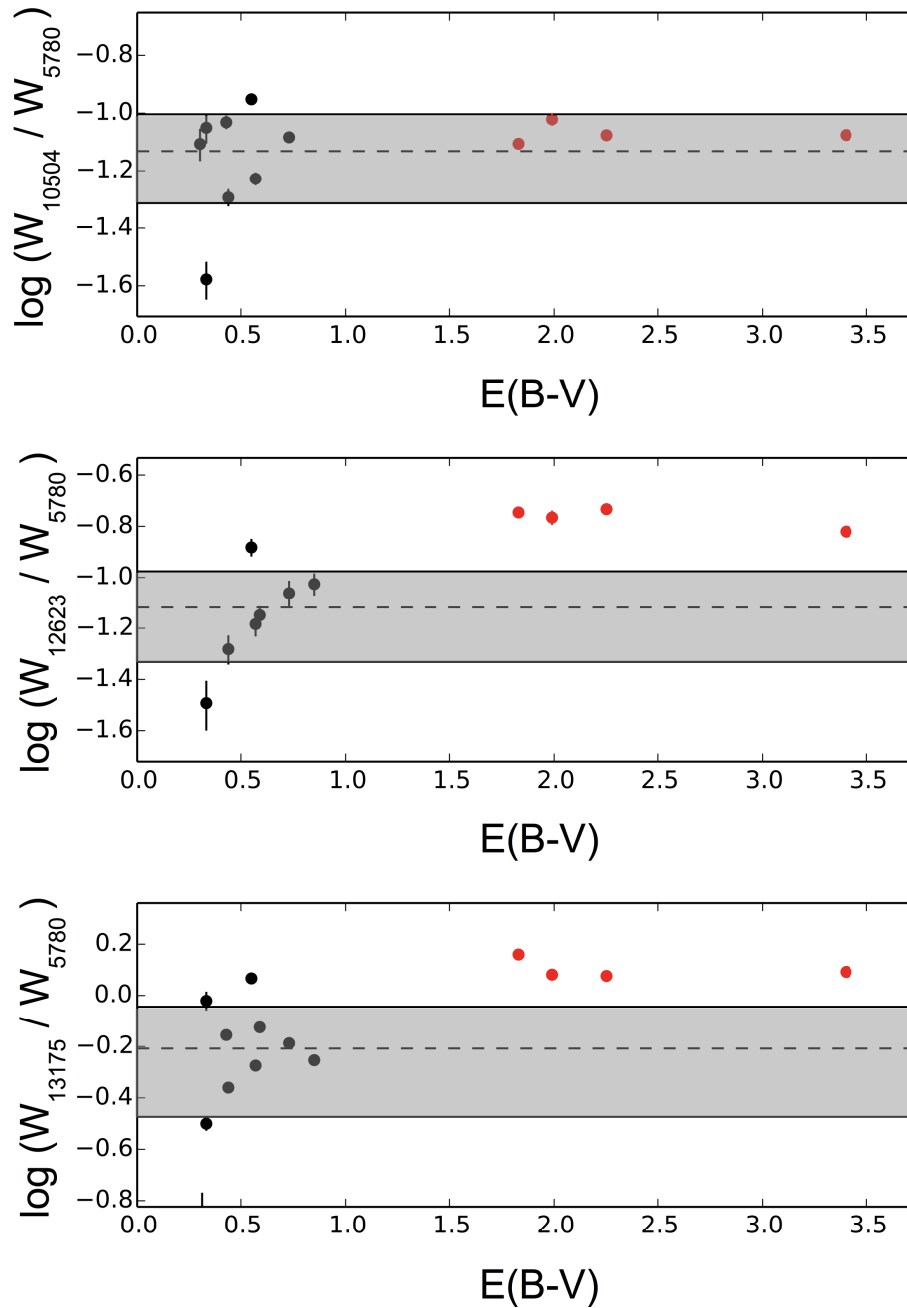


Figure 8.11: The EW ratios of NIR DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10504$  and  $13175$  to  $\lambda 5780.5$  as a function of  $E(B - V)$ . The notations are the same as those in Figure 8.10.

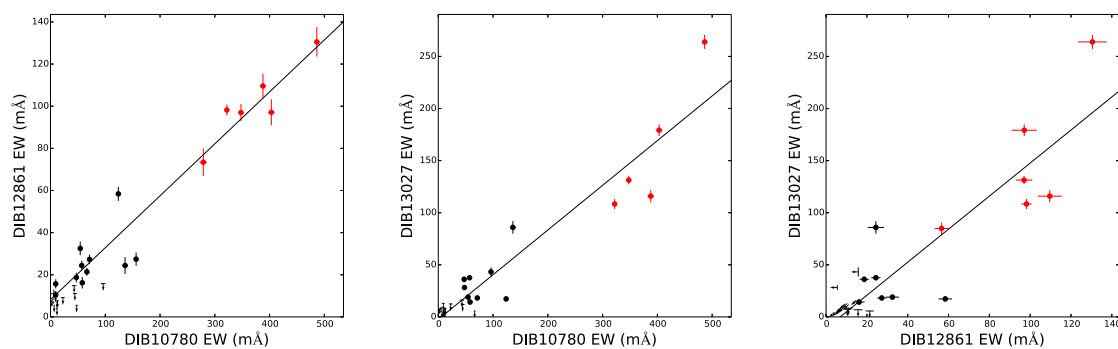


Figure 8.12: Correlations among four NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10780$ , 12861, and 13027. The notations are the same as those in Figure 8.7.

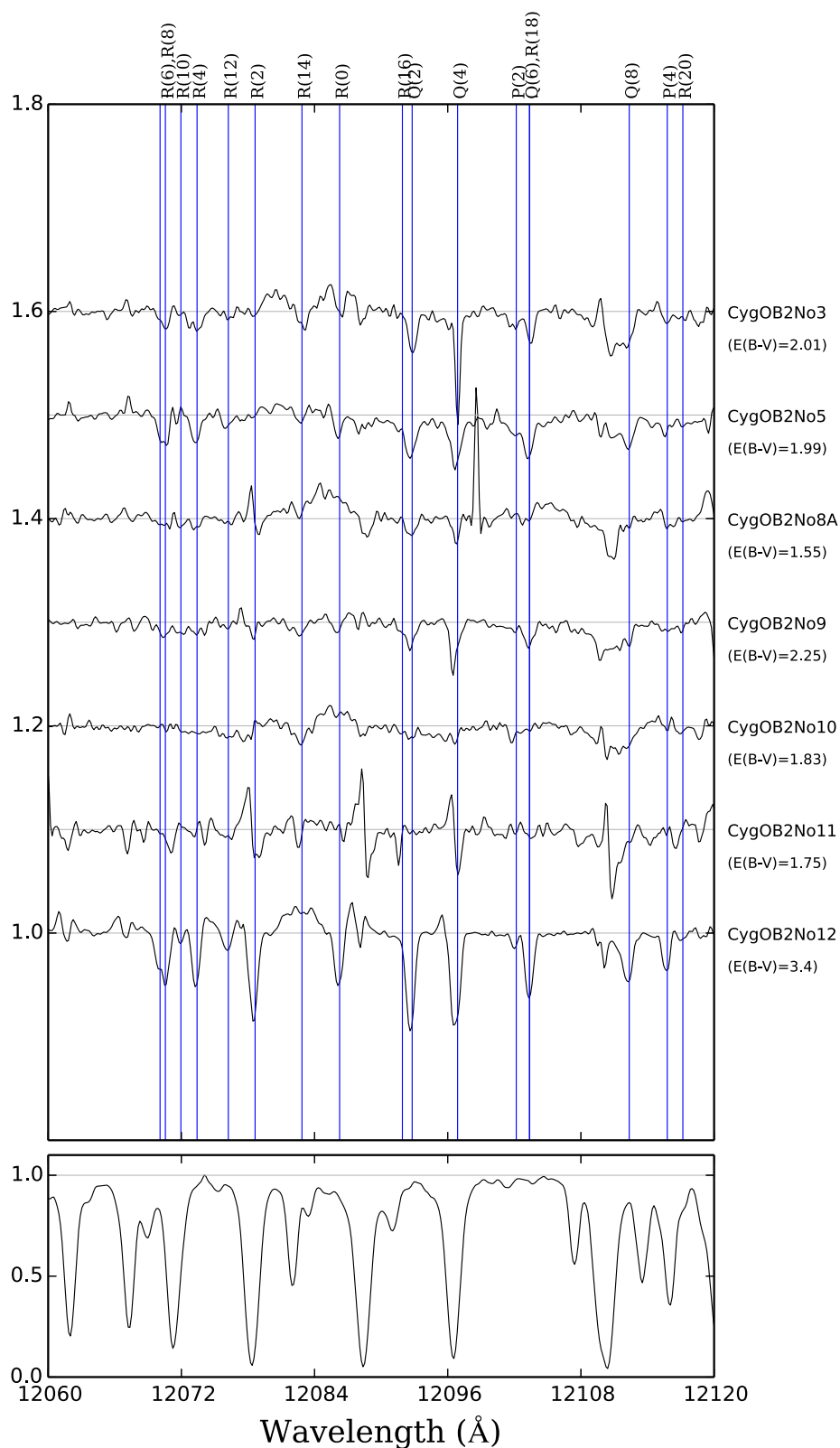


Figure 8.13: The Winered spectra of  $C_2$  (0,0) Phillips bands toward all the stars observed in the Cyg OB2 association (upper panel) and the spectrum of an A0V telluric standard star (lower panel). The positions of the  $C_2$  (0,0) Phillips bands are shown by the blue vertical lines.



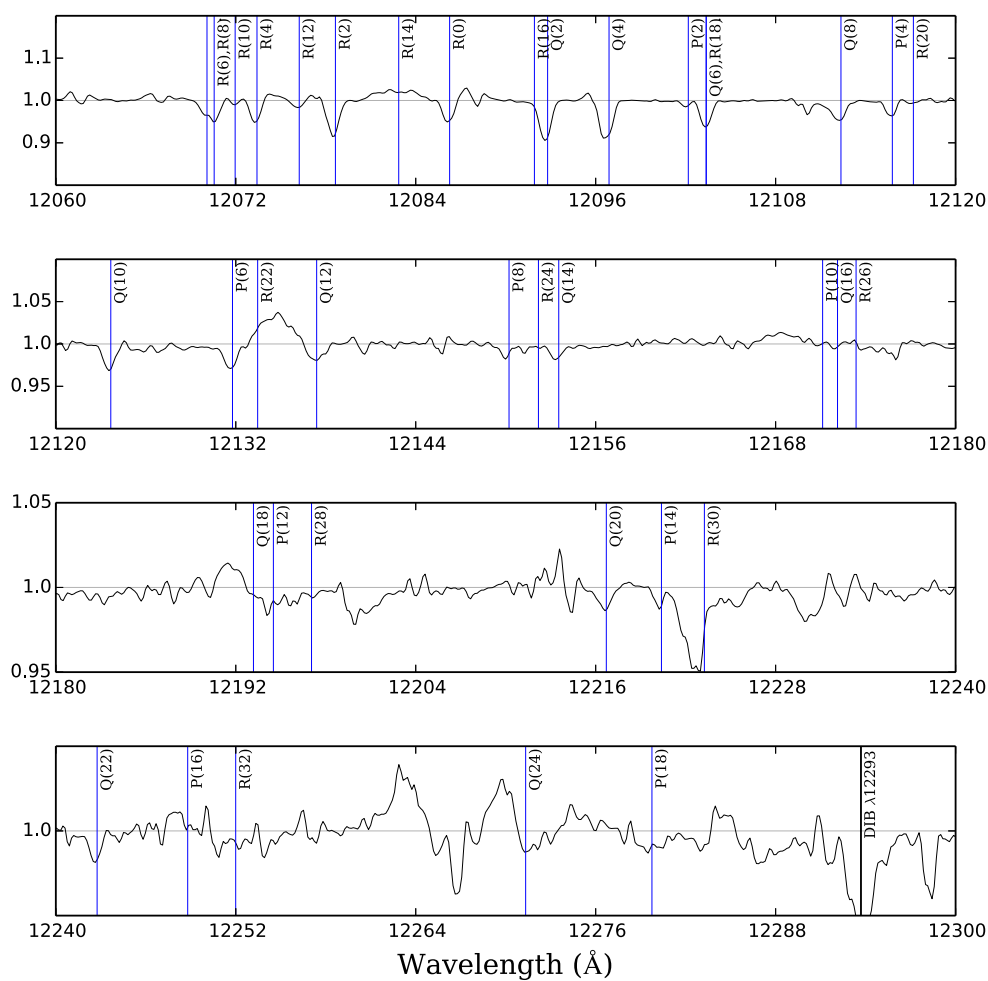


Figure 8.14: The WINERED spectra of the C<sub>2</sub> (0,0) Phillips bands of Cyg OB2 No.12.

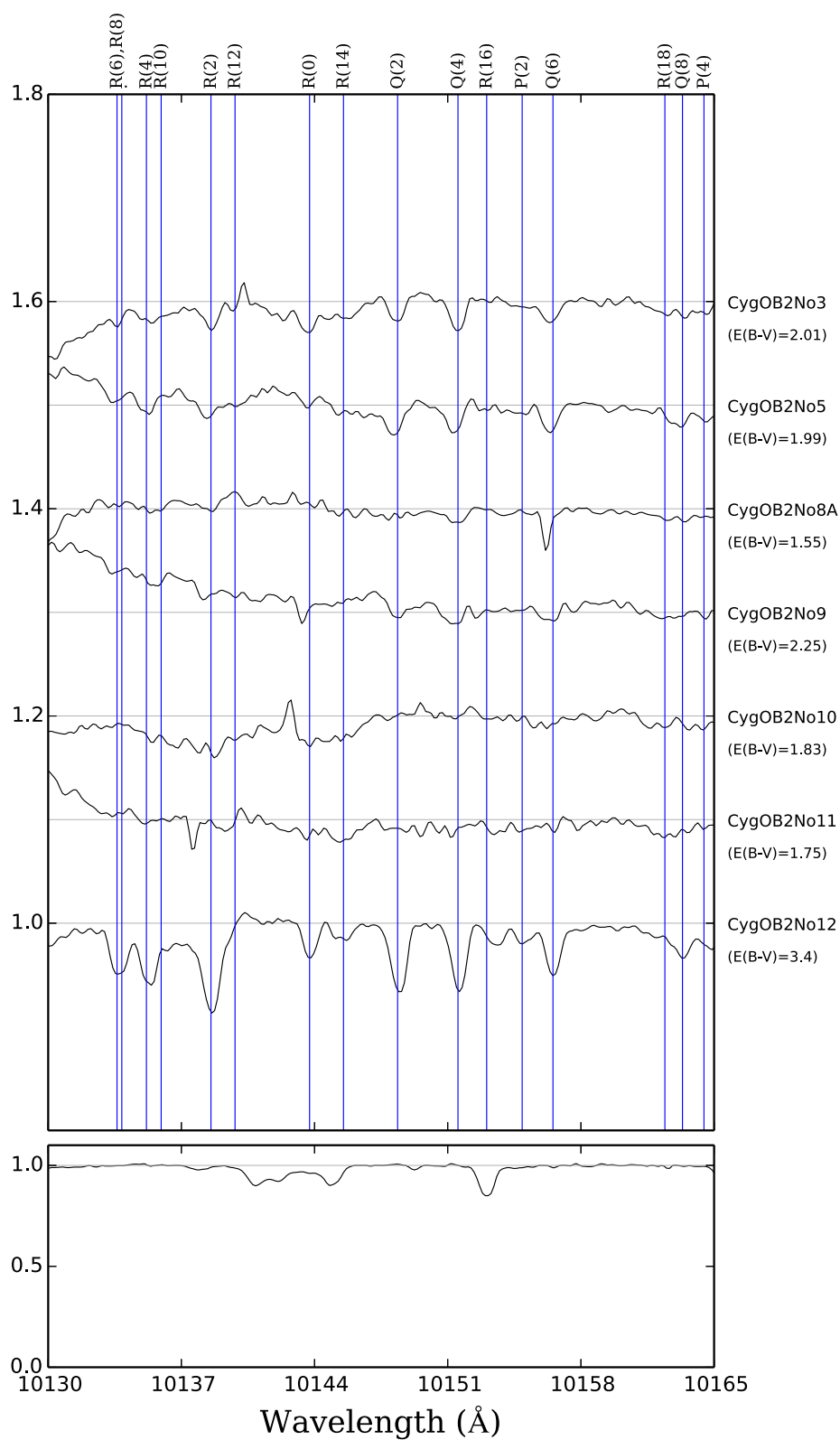


Figure 8.15: The Winered spectra of C<sub>2</sub> (1,0) Phillips bands toward all the stars observed in the Cyg OB2 association (upper panel) and the spectrum of an A0V telluric standard star (lower panel). The positions of the C<sub>2</sub> (0,0) Phillips bands are shown by the blue vertical lines.

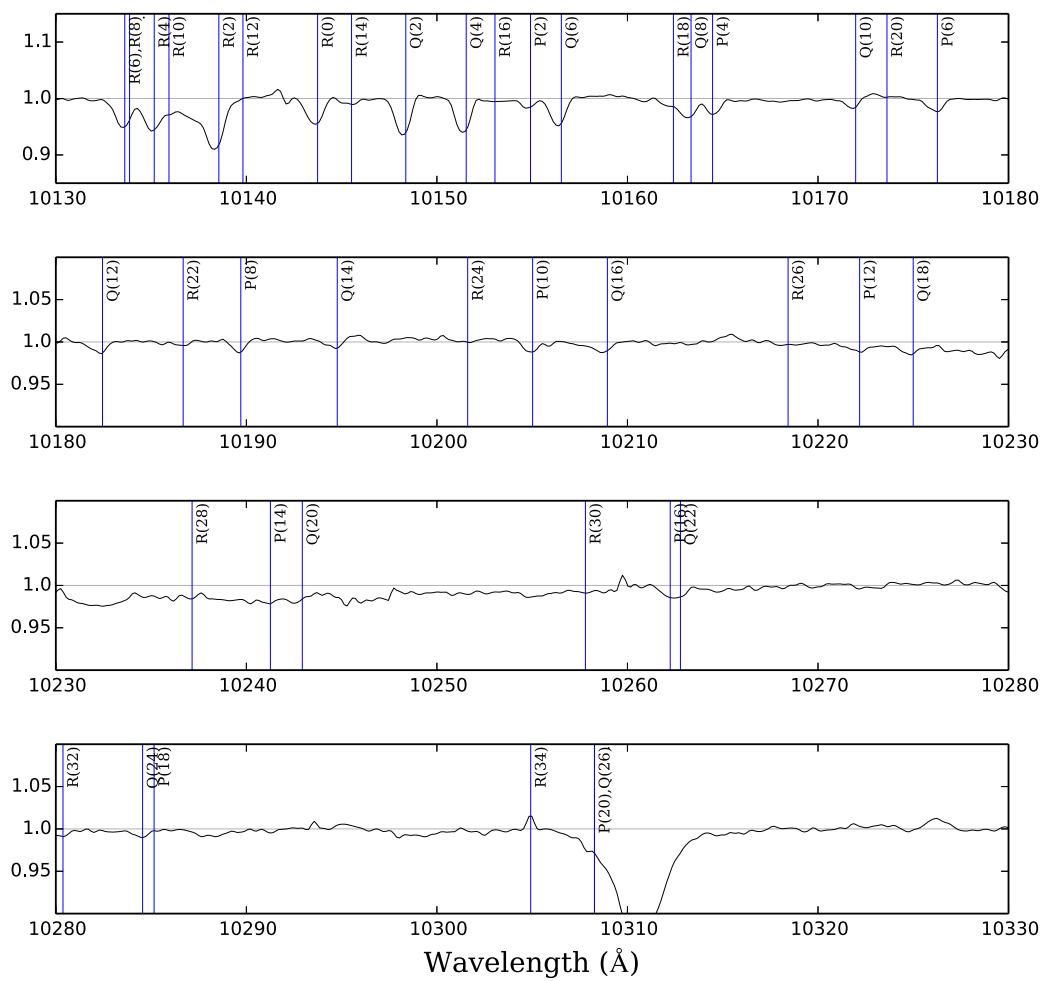


Figure 8.16: The WINERED spectra of the C<sub>2</sub> (1,0) Phillips bands of Cyg OB2 No.12.



## Chapter 9

# SUMMARY

In this thesis, we presented a first comprehensive survey of DIBs in the NIR wavelength range with the newly developed NIR Echelle spectrograph WINERED. We obtained the NIR high-resolution spectra of 25 early-type stars with color excesses of  $0.07 < E(B - V) < 3.4$ . We searched for NIR DIBs in the wavelength coverage of WINERED,  $0.91 < \lambda < 1.32 \mu\text{m}$ . Consequently, we identified 15 new DIBs in addition to five DIBs previously detected in this wavelength range. All of the DIBs detected herein are stronger than  $10 \text{ m}\text{\AA}$ , below which the majority of optical DIBs are distributed. Assuming a similar distribution as that of the optical DIBs, we expect that the number of weak NIR DIBs increase by an order of magnitude through deeper spectroscopic observations.

Using the largest data set so far of NIR high-resolution spectra for 25 reddened early-type stars, we investigated the correlations among NIR DIBs, eight strong optical DIBs investigated by Friedman et al. (2011) ( $\lambda\lambda 5487.7, 5705.1, 5780.5, 5797.1, 6196.0, 6204.5, 6283.8, \text{ and } 6613.6$ ), and the reddening of stars. Our findings are summarized as follows:

1. All identified NIR DIBs are found to have correlation coefficients with  $E(B - V)$  that are not as high as those of the strong optical DIBs. The lower correlation coefficients of NIR DIBs with  $E(B - V)$  show that the abundance of the NIR DIB carriers depends on some physical properties of gas clouds, such as UV flux, as well as on the amount of gas in the line of sight.

2. Three NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 10792,$  and  $11797,$  are found to be well correlated with each other, suggesting that these three DIBs consist of a “family,” wherein the carrier molecules share similar physical and chemical properties. Because some data points do not quite fit the correlation, these DIBs would appear to originate from a different molecule.
3. The three strongest NIR DIBs,  $\lambda\lambda 10780, 11797,$  and  $13175,$  are found to be correlated better with  $\lambda\lambda 5705.1, 5780.5, 6204.5,$  and  $6283.8$  ( $r = 0.8 - 0.9$ ) than with  $\lambda\lambda 5797.1, 6196.0,$  and  $6613.6$  ( $r = 0.6 - 0.7$ ). Moreover, those NIR DIBs are found to be relatively weaker in  $\zeta$ -type clouds, where the molecules are shielded from UV flux, in the same manner as  $\lambda 5780.5,$  whose carrier is proposed to be a cation molecule with high ionization potential. Considering the similarity between the strongest NIR DIBs as well as some other NIR DIBs with  $\lambda 5780.5,$  we suggest that the carriers of these three NIR DIBs are also cation molecules.
4. We compared the wavelengths of newly identified NIR DIBs with the transitions of some specific ionized PAHs measured by Mattioda et al. (2005) with the matrix isolation technique. DIB  $\lambda 10792$  is detected close to the wavelength of the strong electronic transition of  $C_{42}H_{22}^+$  ( $\lambda = 10790\text{\AA}$ ), but the wavelength of the other DIBs do not correspond to the strong electronic transitions of ionized PAHs. However, the pure gas-phase spectra of ionized PAHs are required for firm identification of NIR DIBs with ionized PAHs. The DIBs in the NIR wavelength range have been expected to be the electronic transitions of the ionized large-sized carbon molecules, such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) and fullerenes, which is consistent with our suggestion that the carriers of some NIR DIBs are cation molecules. However, any candidates of the carriers of NIR DIBs do not have strong evidences yet. Further observational constraints on the DIB properties as well as the identification with NIR absorption spectra of the proposed molecules in the laboratory are necessary to reveal the carriers of the NIR DIBs.

We investigated the environmental dependence of DIBs toward the Cyg OB2 association. Cyg OB2 association contains a number of bright early-type stars with large extinction,

toward which strong DIBs can be detected (Chlewicki et al., 1986). The gas clouds toward the Cyg OB2 association are known to have complex gaseous structures exposed to the strong flux of ionizing photons from the ambient early-type stars. We observed the seven brightest stars in  $J$ -band in the Cyg OB2 association and detected all NIR DIBs with large EWs toward all the observed stars. We obtained the following results.

- 5 We could not confirm any clear relations between DIBs and  $C_2$  column densities, which were estimated by Gredel et al. (2001) using the  $C_2$  (2,0) and (3,0) Phillips bands. This suggests that the DIB carriers are distributed mainly in the diffuse component with  $n_H \sim 100\text{cm}^{-3}$  rather than in the dense component with  $n_H > 10^4\text{cm}^{-3}$ , where  $C_2$  molecules are distributed. Such properties of NIR DIBs are common to those of “classical” strong DIBs in the optical wavelength range.
- 6 Subsequently, we investigated the environmental dependence of DIBs that are well correlated. Consequently, we found that the EW ratios of DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10504$  and  $5780.5$  to DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10780$ ,  $10792$ ,  $11797$ ,  $12623$ , and  $13175$  in the Cyg OB2 association are lower than those in the interstellar environment by a factor of two. We suggest that the environmental dependence of DIB ratios illustrates some difference in the properties of the DIB carriers, such as the stability to the high-energy photons.
- 7 The large EWs of weak DIBs toward the Cyg OB2 association allow us to examine the correlations confidently. The DIBs  $\lambda\lambda 10780$ ,  $12861$ , and  $13027$  are found to be well correlated, suggesting that their carriers could be chemically related to the carriers of the strong NIR DIBs.
- 8 In the observation of the Cyg OB2 association, we could also detect the  $C_2$  (0,0) and (1,0) Phillips bands around  $\lambda = 12070$  and  $10130\text{\AA}$ , respectively. This is the first detection of the  $C_2$  (0,0) Phillips bands in the interstellar medium, which is the most fundamental band of  $C_2$  molecules. Compared to the (2,0) and (3,0) bands in the far red wavelength range, which have been mainly used as the tracer of interstellar  $C_2$  molecules, the (0,0) and (1,0) bands in the NIR wavelength range will be powerful tracers of  $C_2$  molecules toward the stars obscured by the interstellar dust because of the higher transmittance

of the starlight in the NIR wavelength range in interstellar clouds.

In summary, as a result of our survey of NIR DIBs, we could extend the DIB studies to the NIR wavelength range, where few detection of strong DIBs have been reported. The NIR wavelength range is of great advantage to investigate DIBs toward the stars with heavy interstellar extinction, such as the stars in inner and outer Galaxy and the stars embedded in the dense molecular clouds. By revealing the properties of DIBs in such various environment, the properties of the DIB carriers are expected to be constrained more strongly, which will contribute to the firm identification of the DIB carriers in the future.



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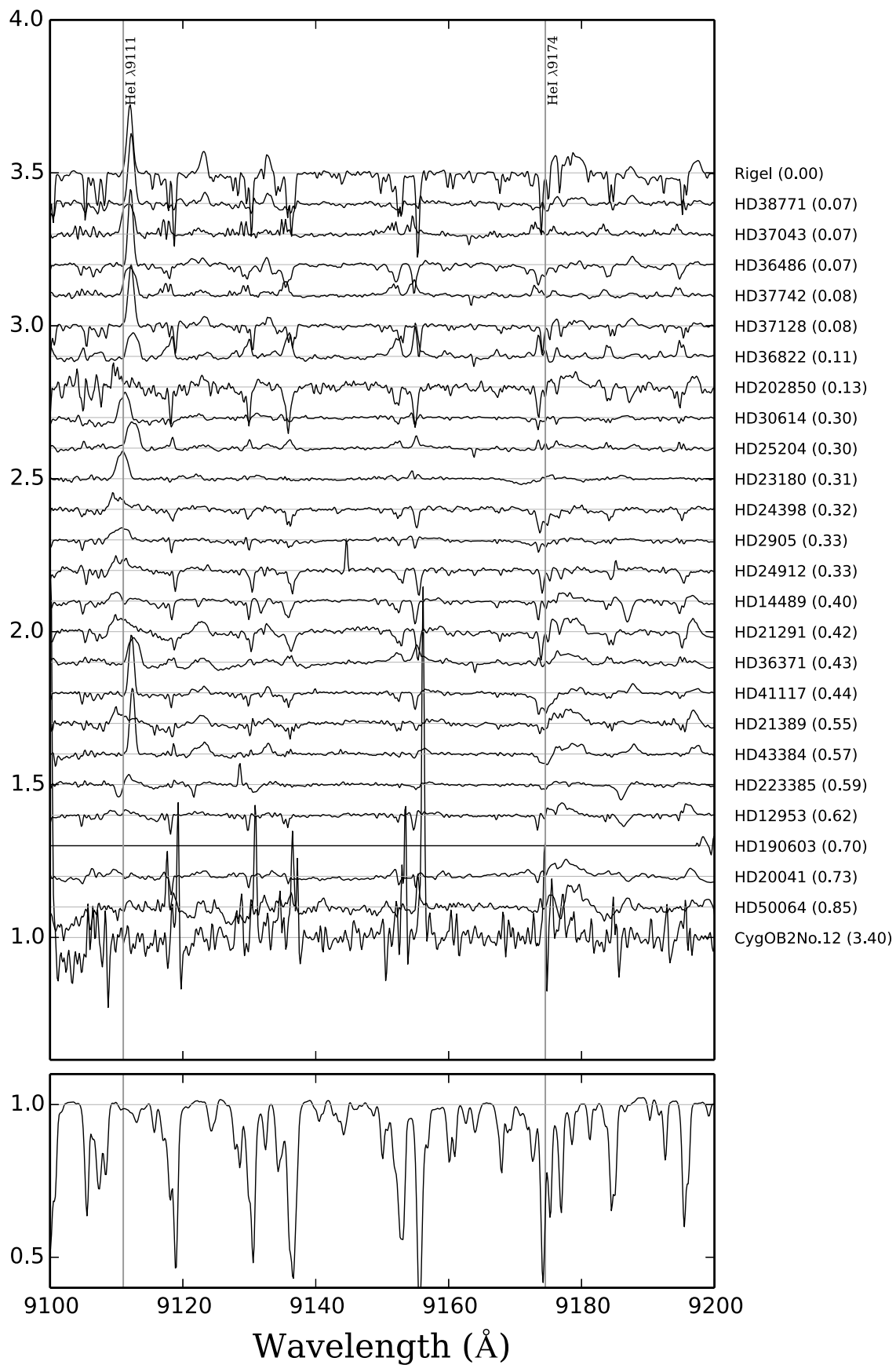


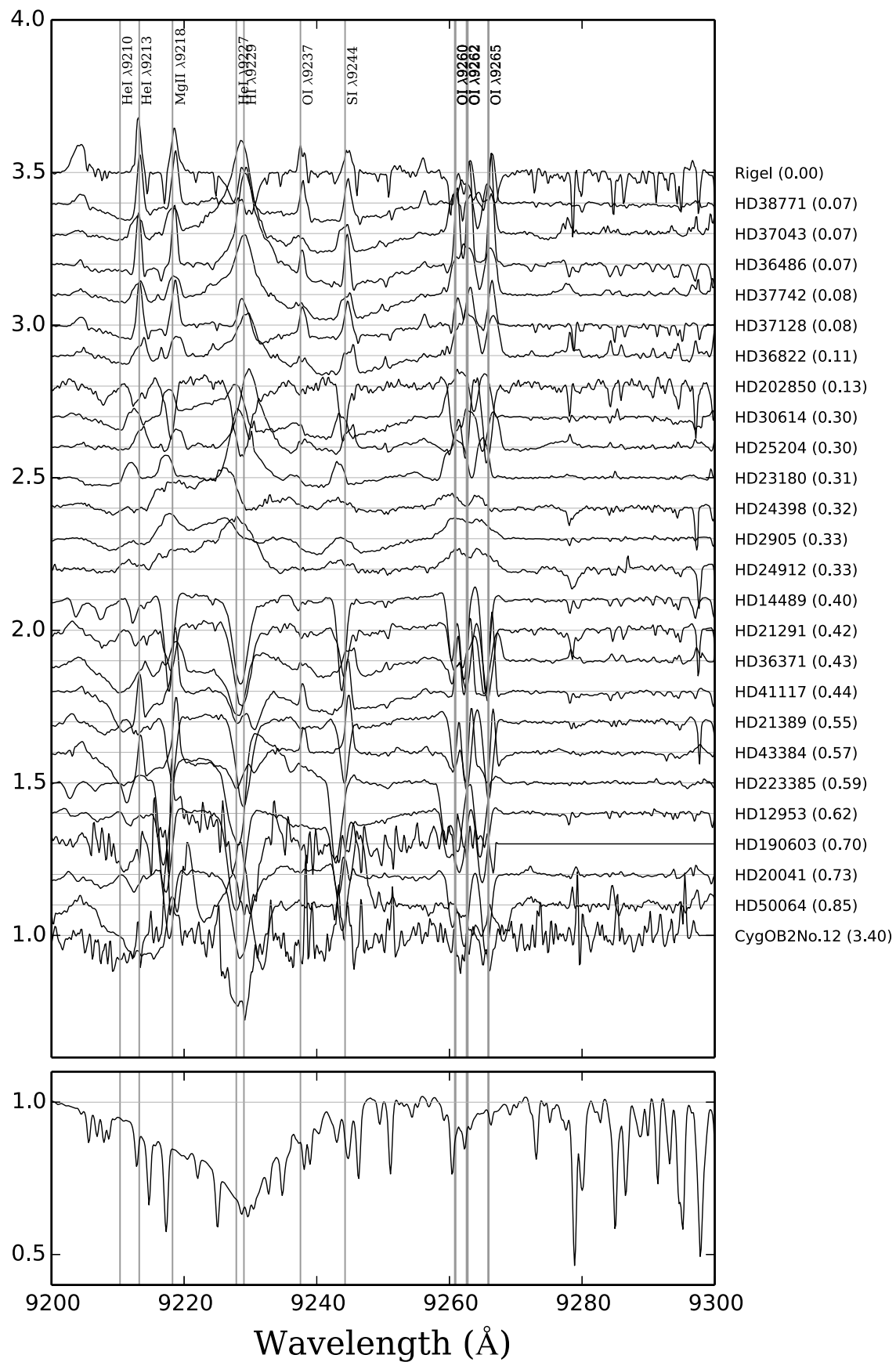


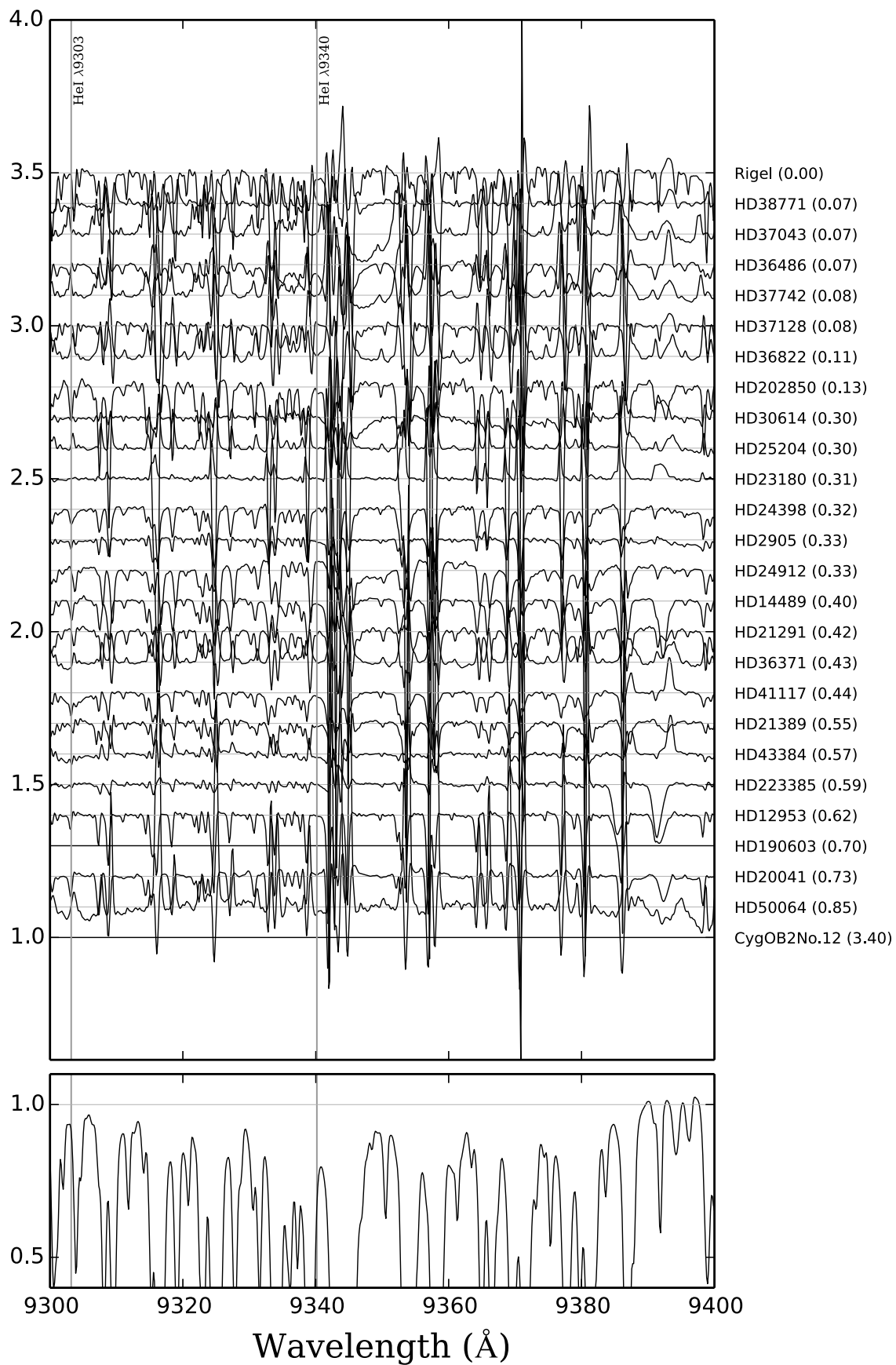
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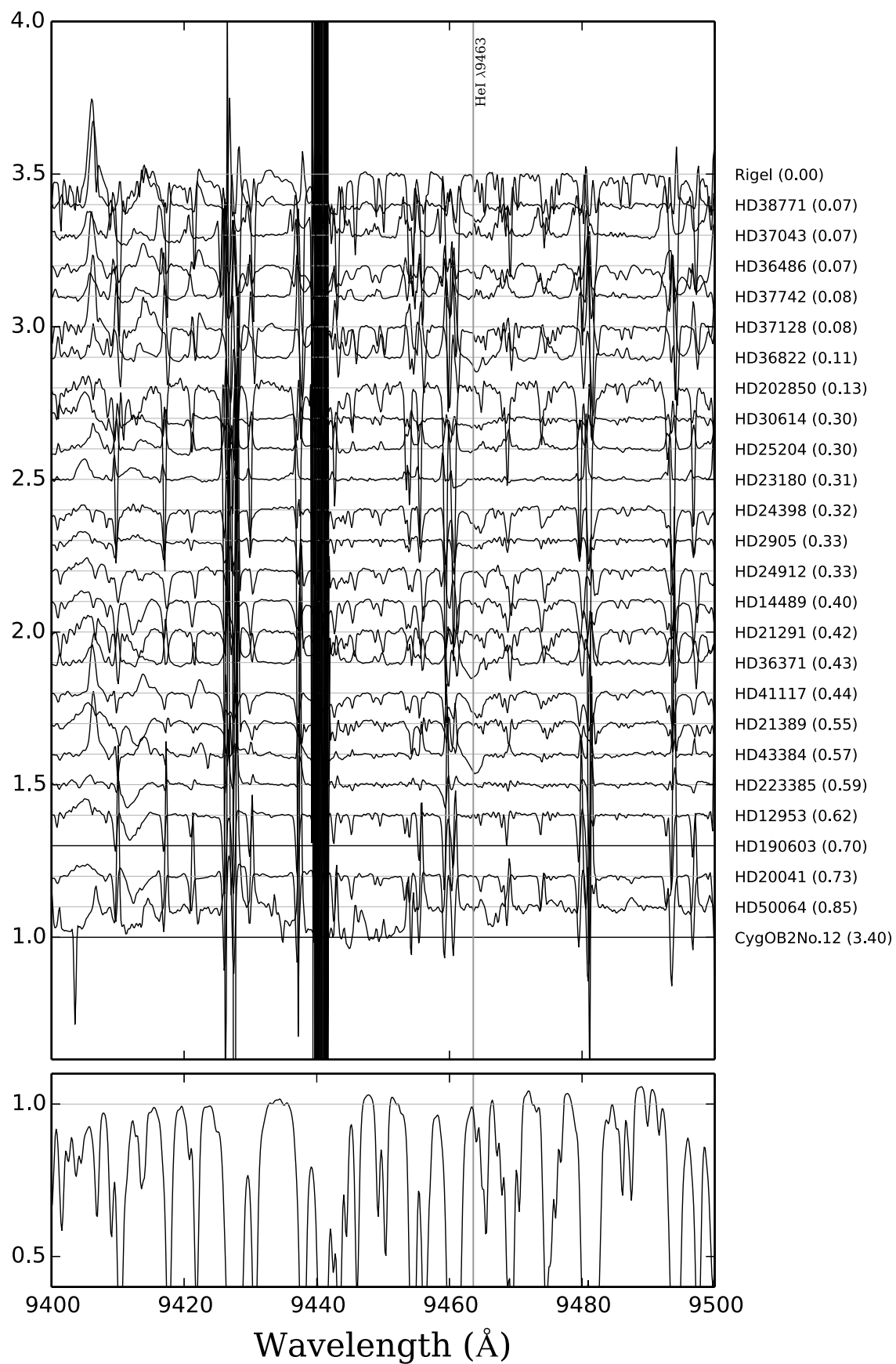
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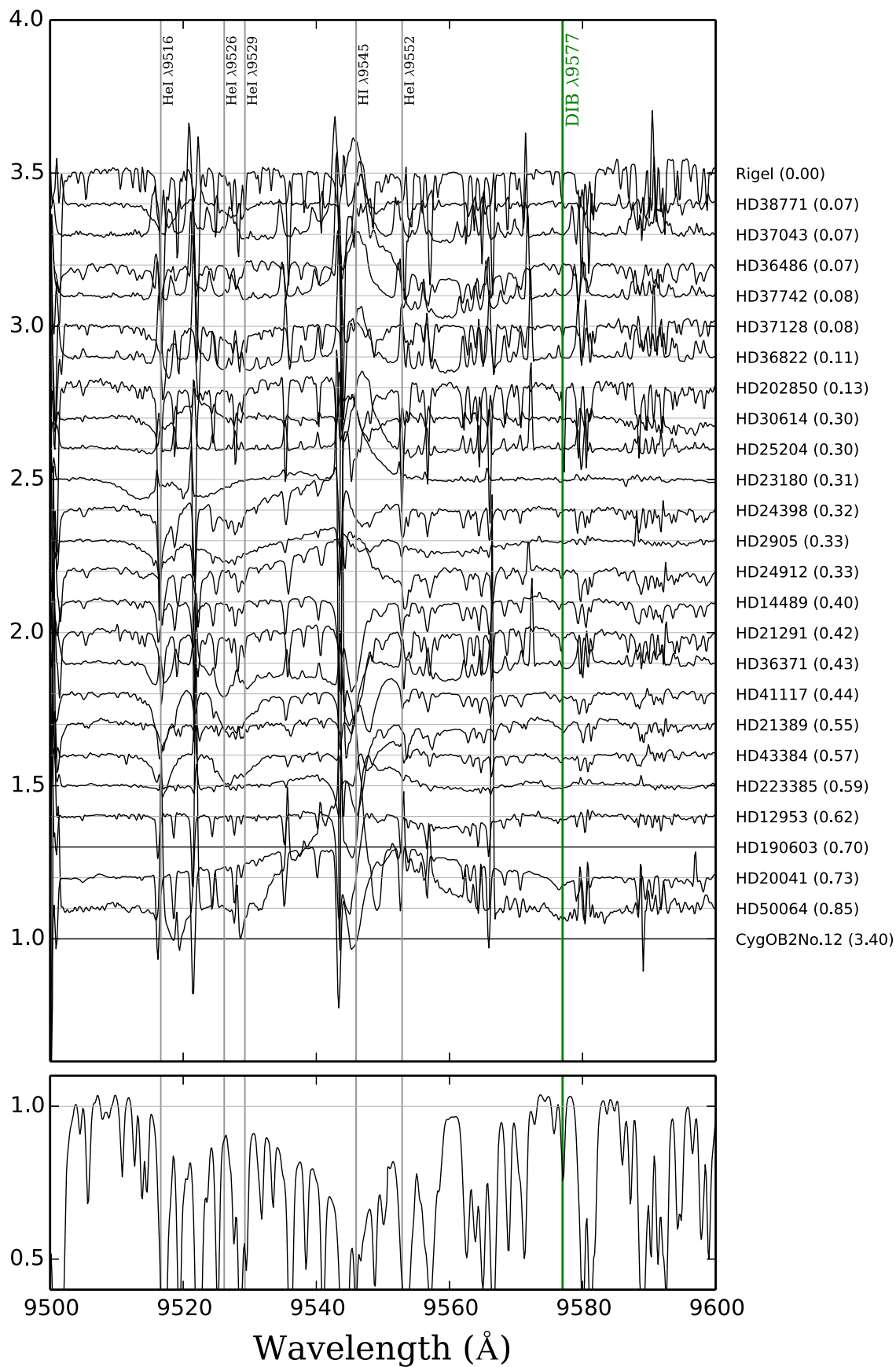
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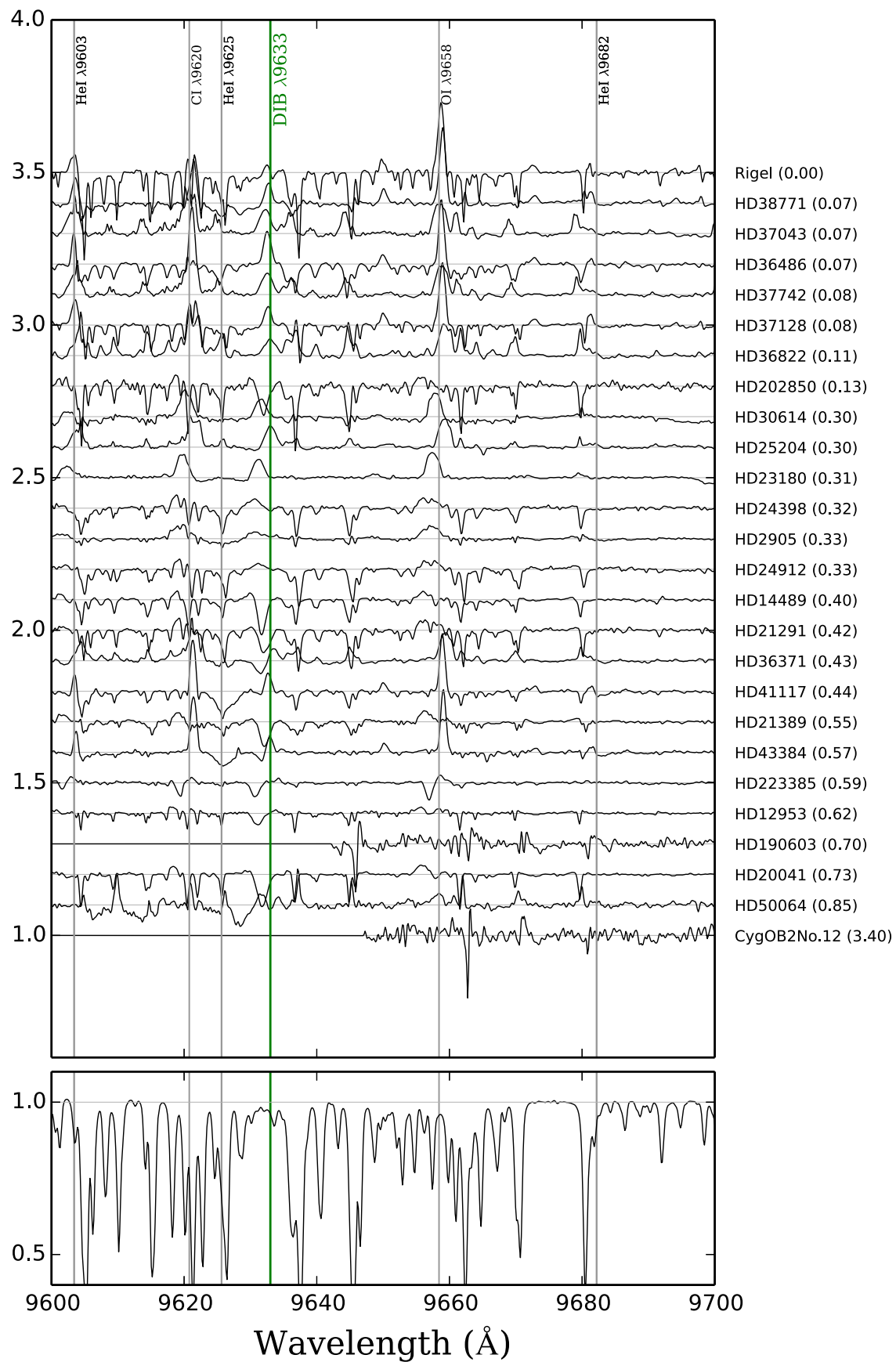


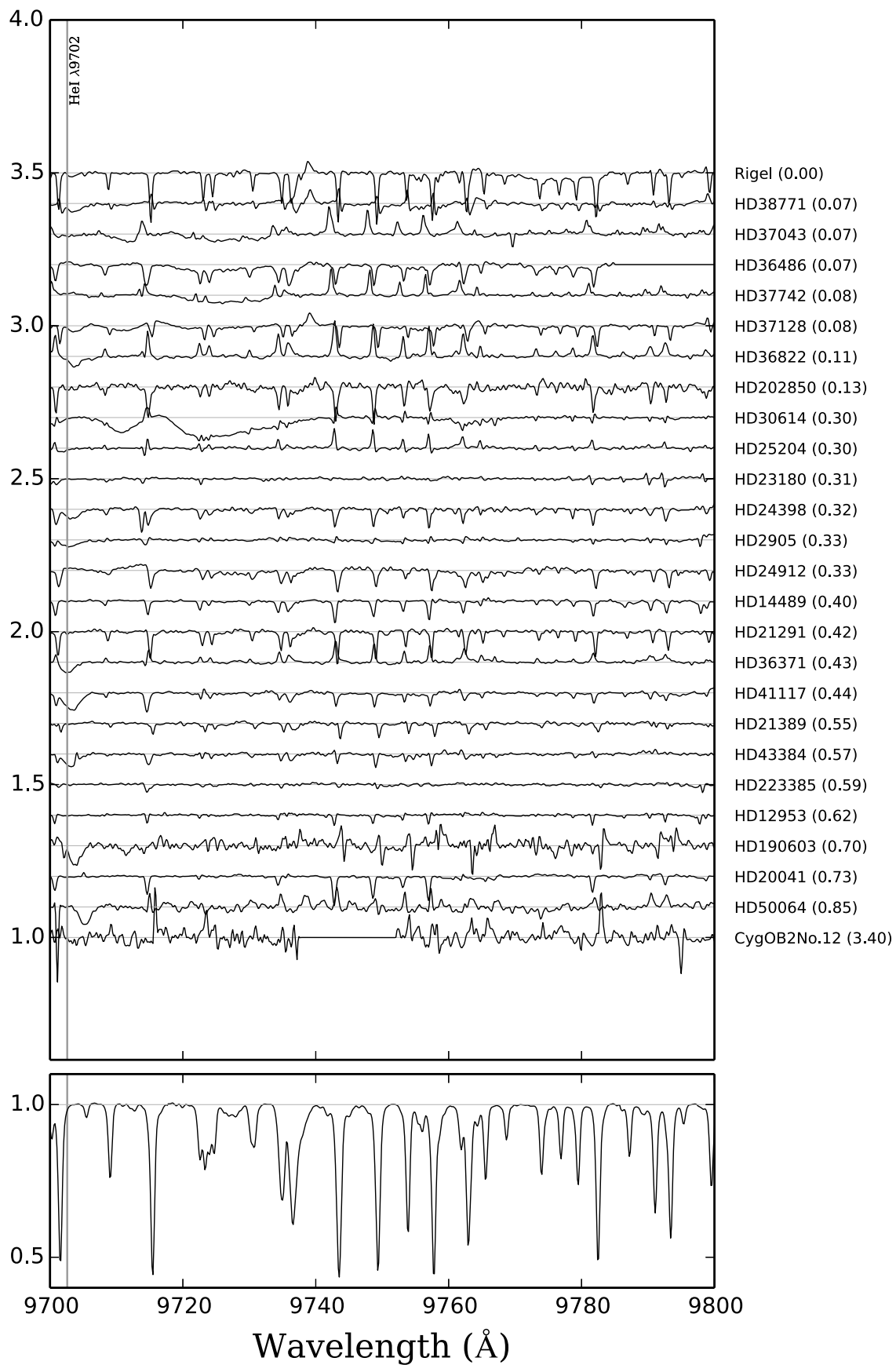




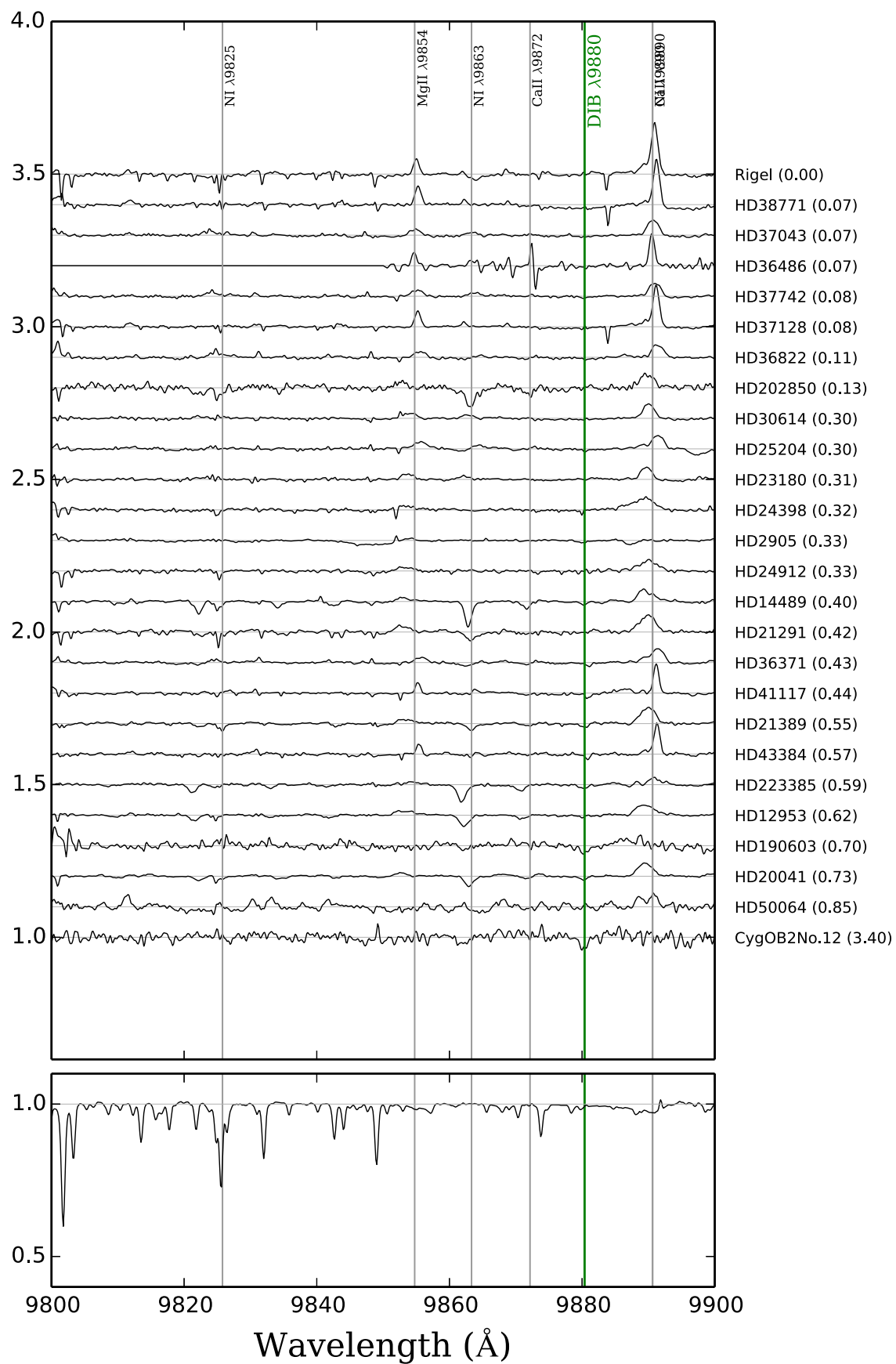


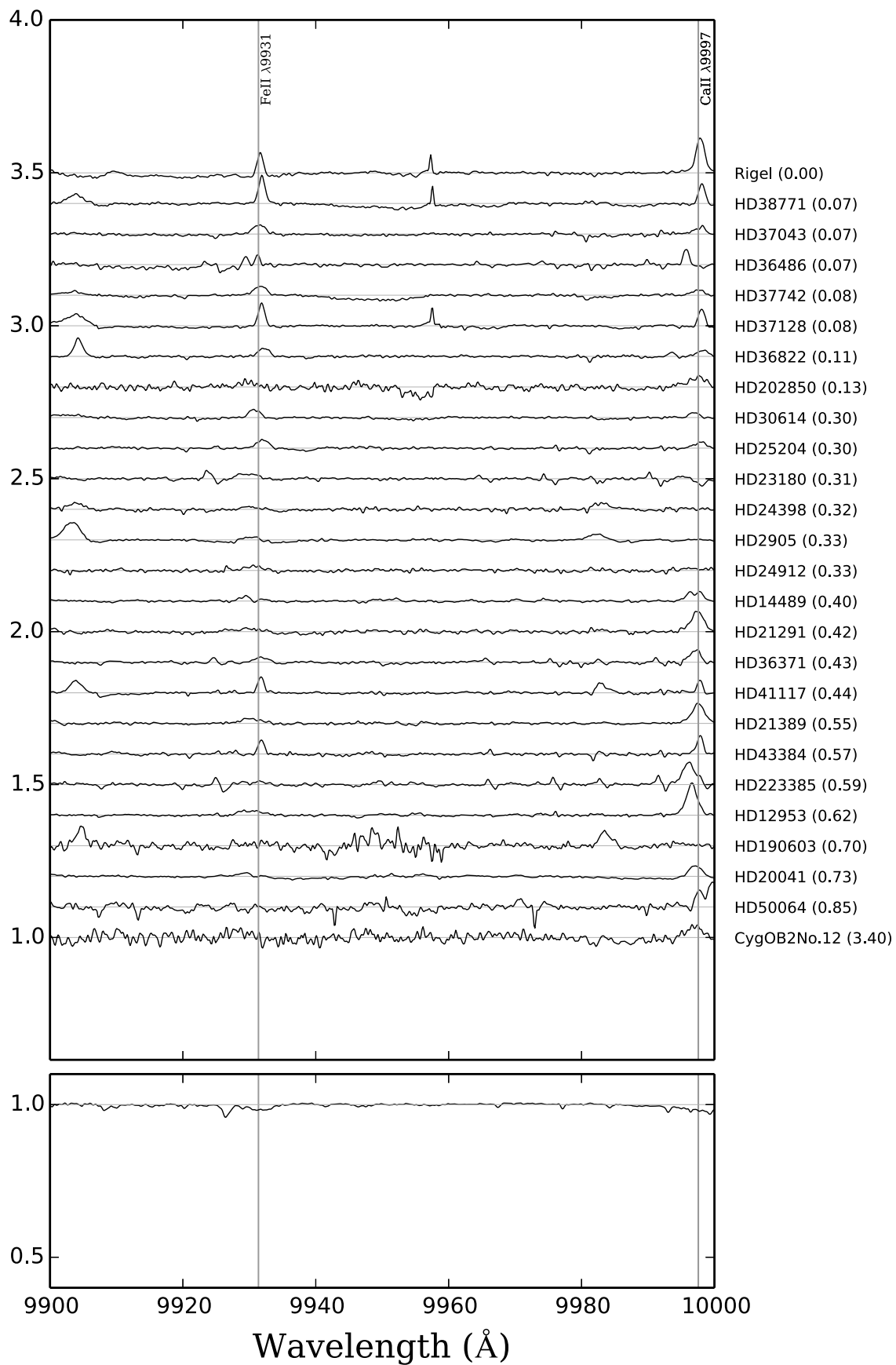


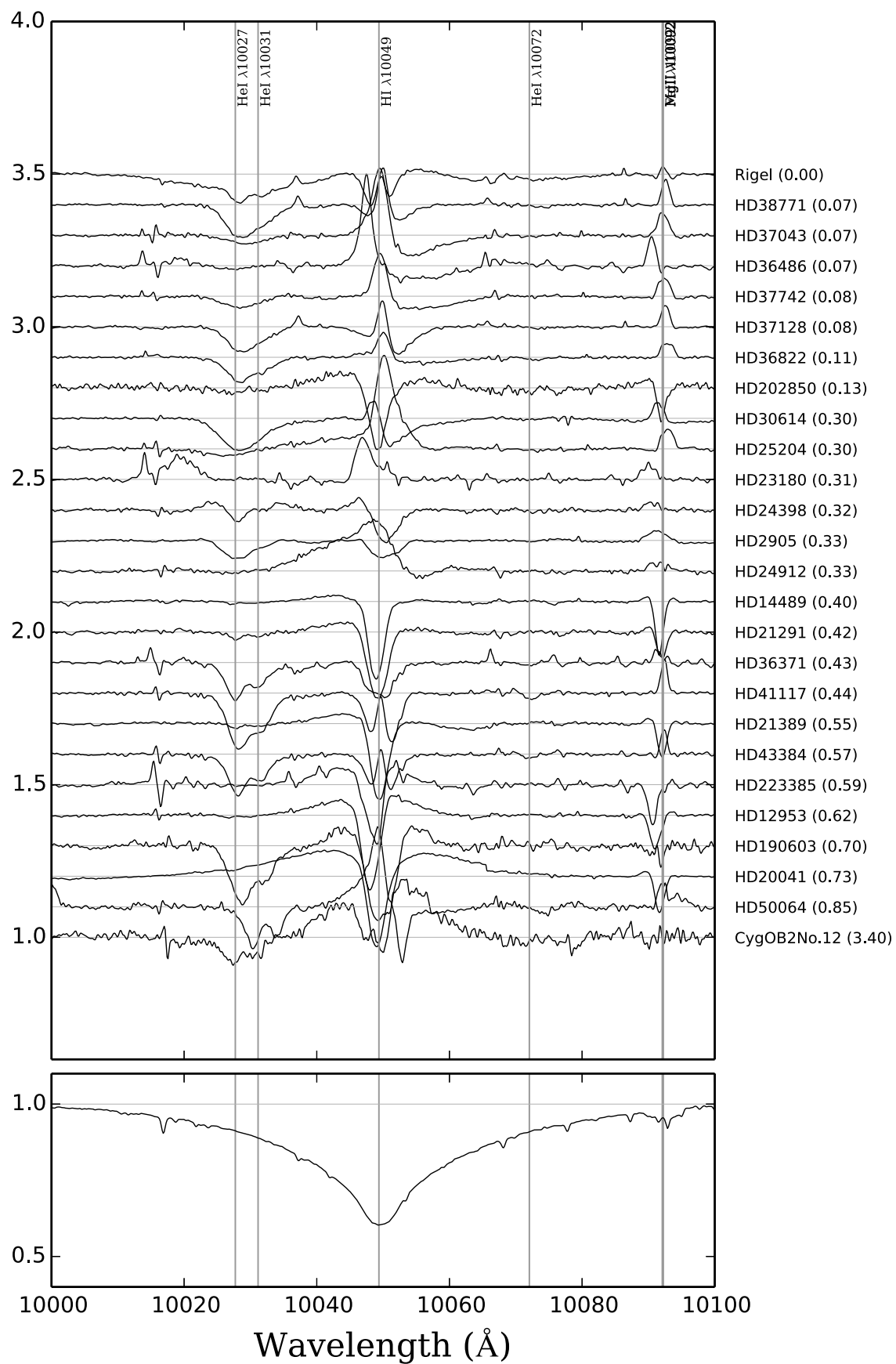


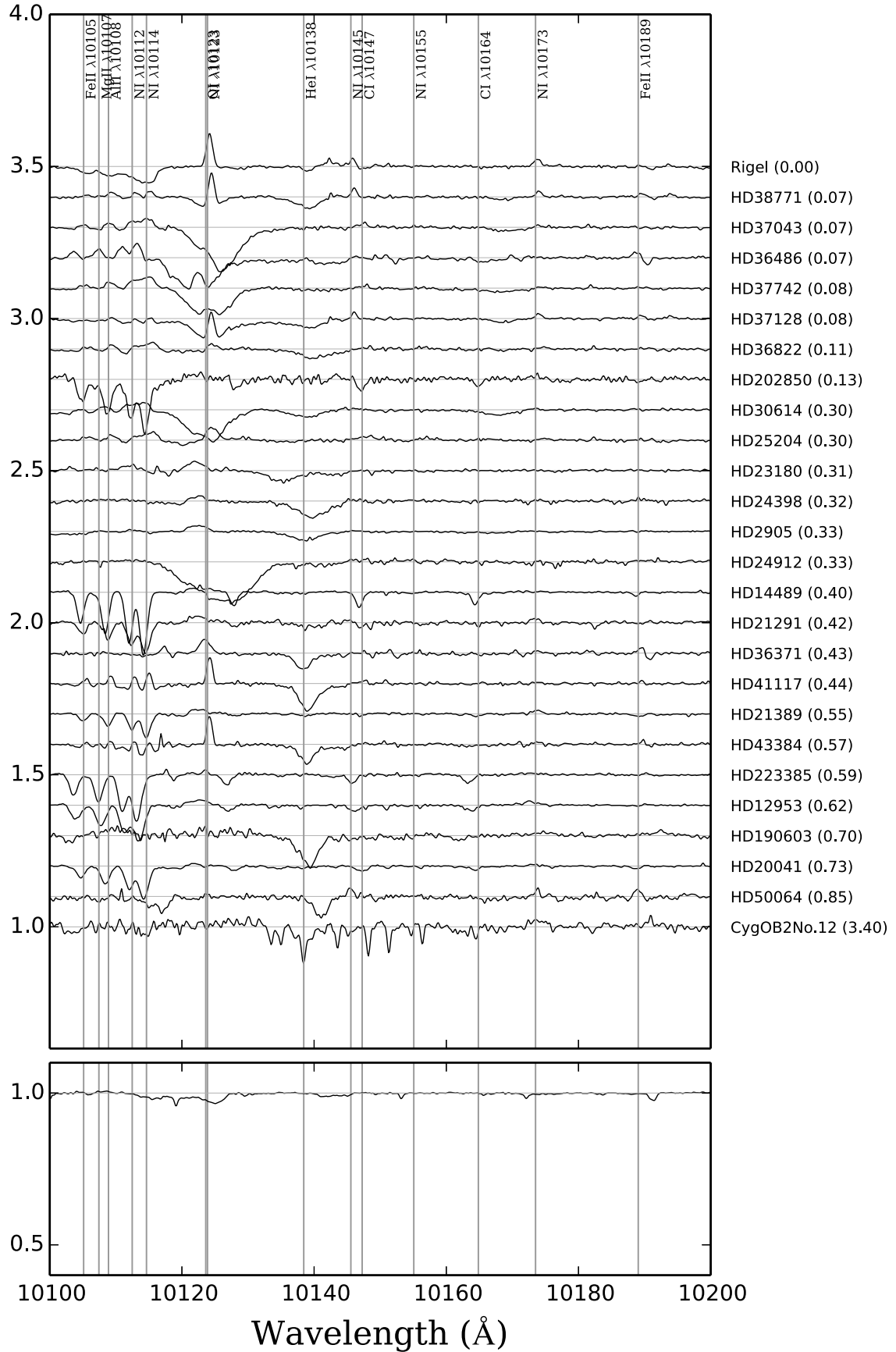


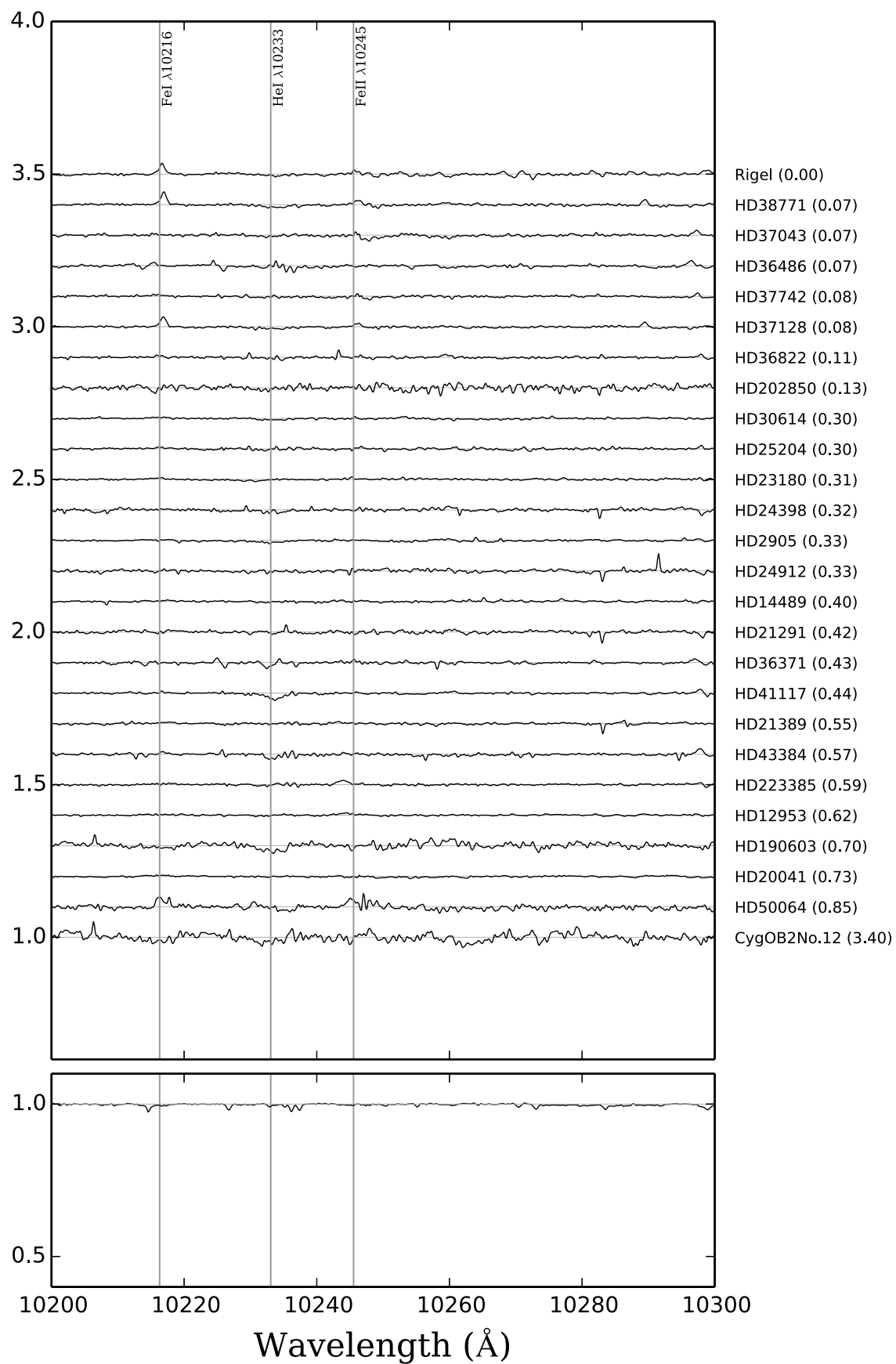


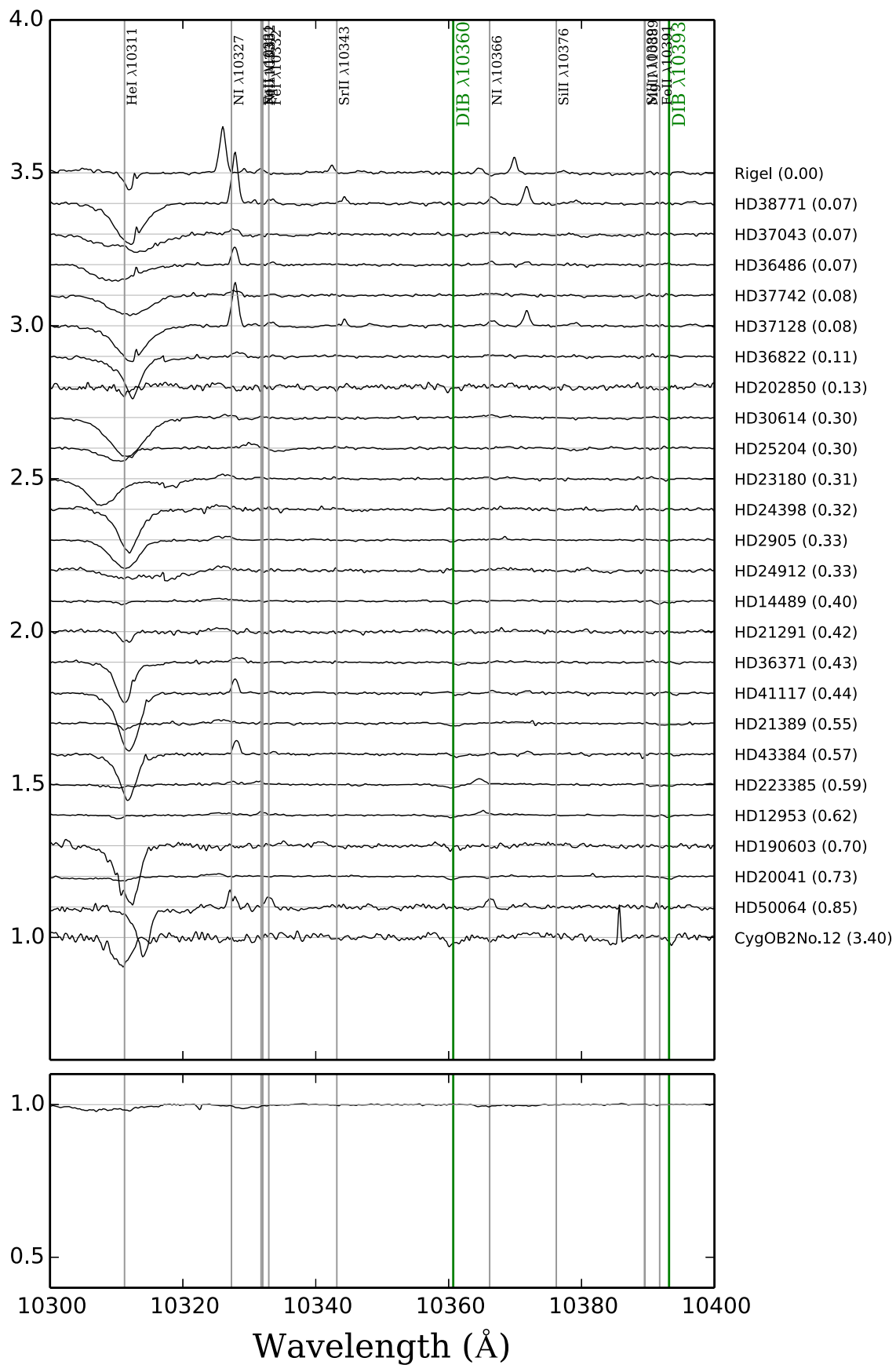


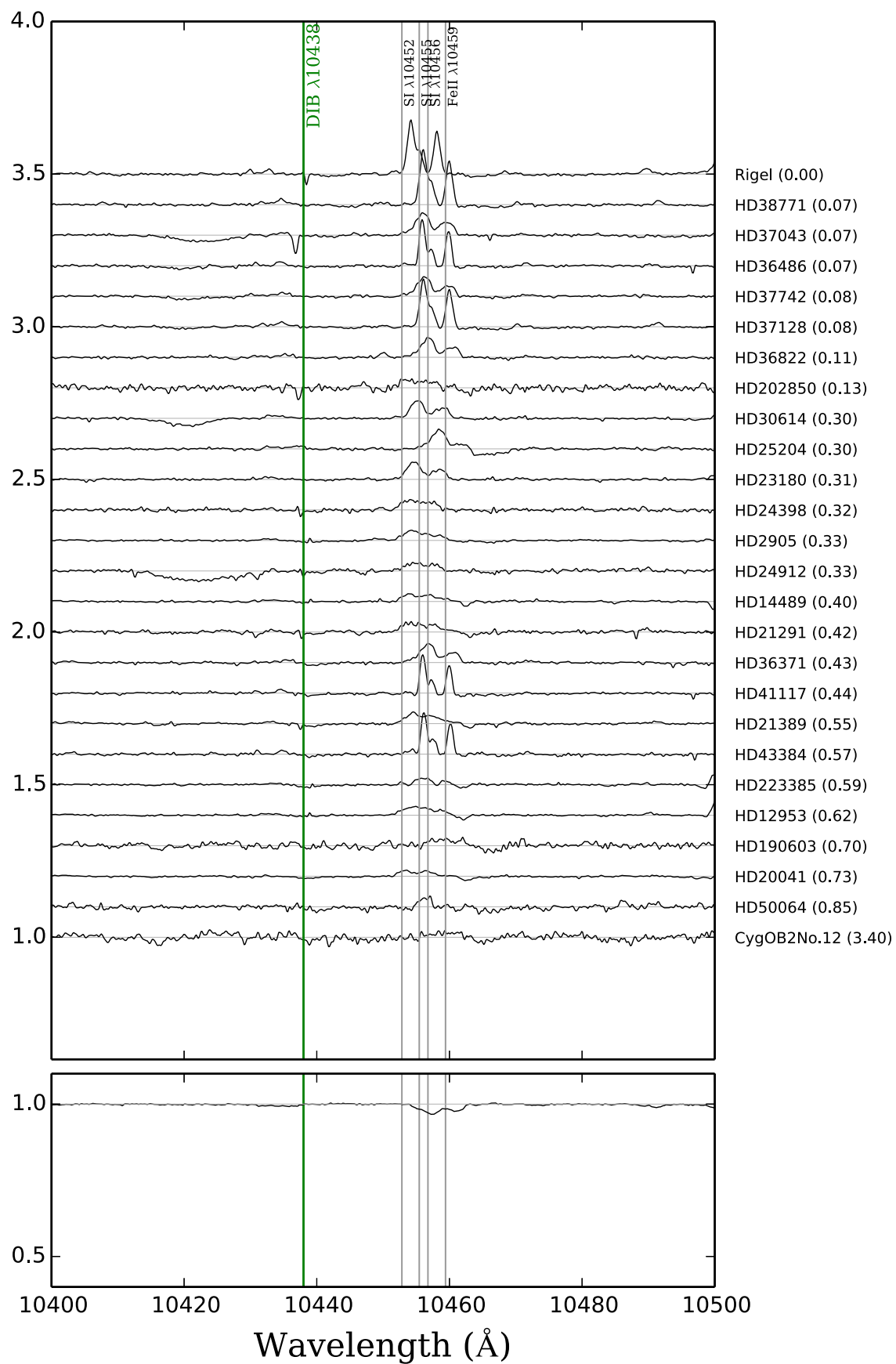


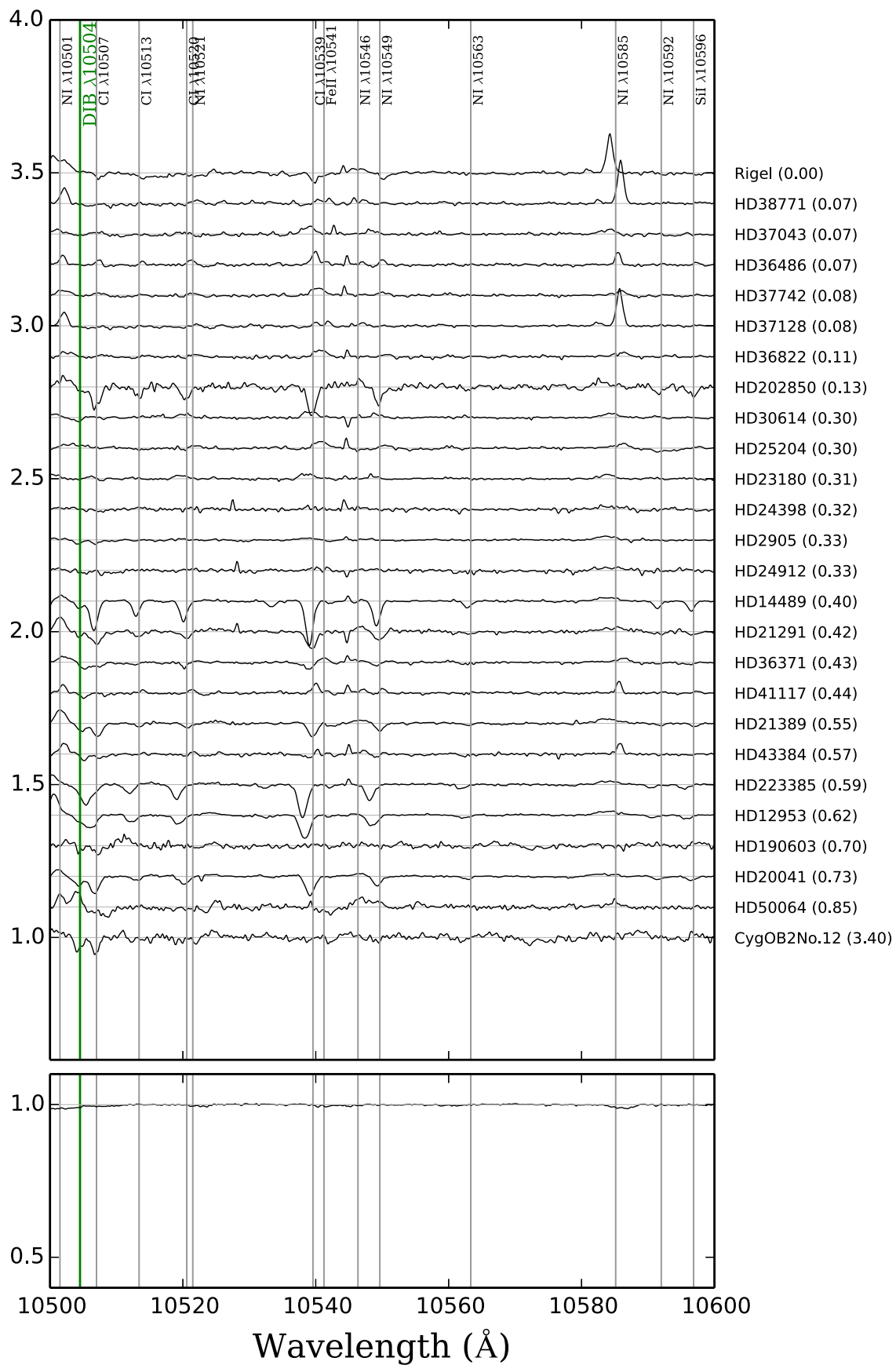




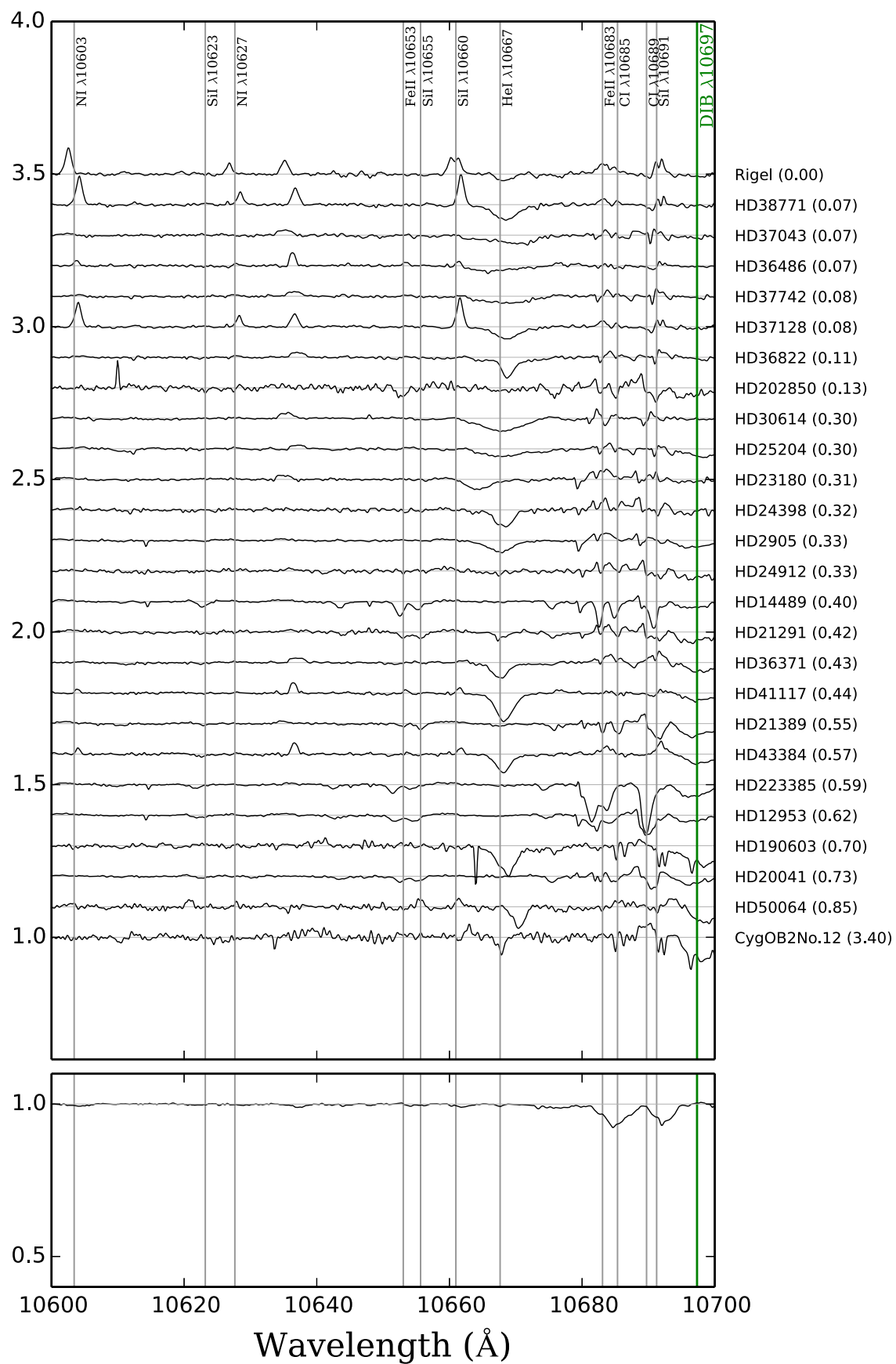


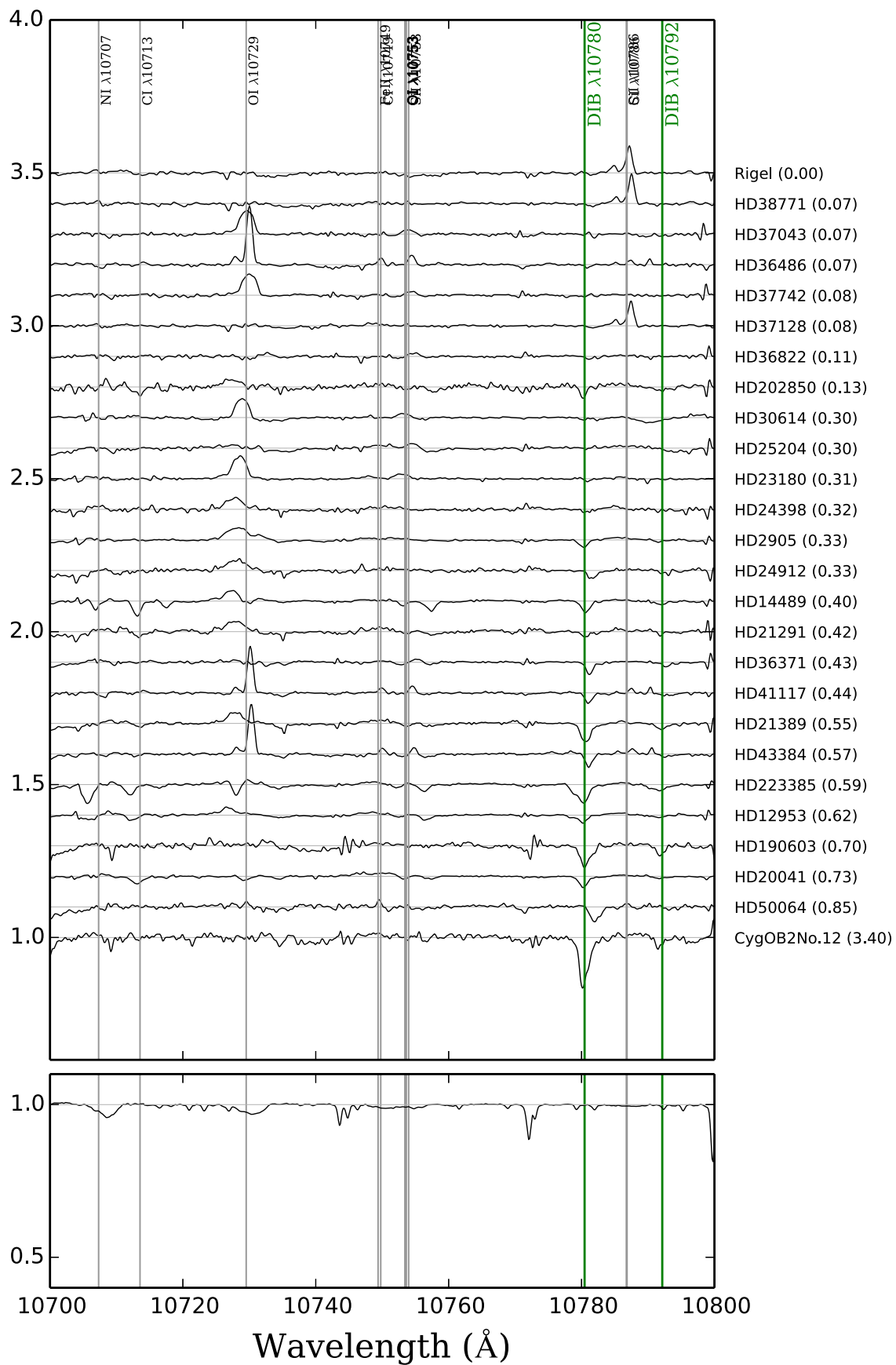


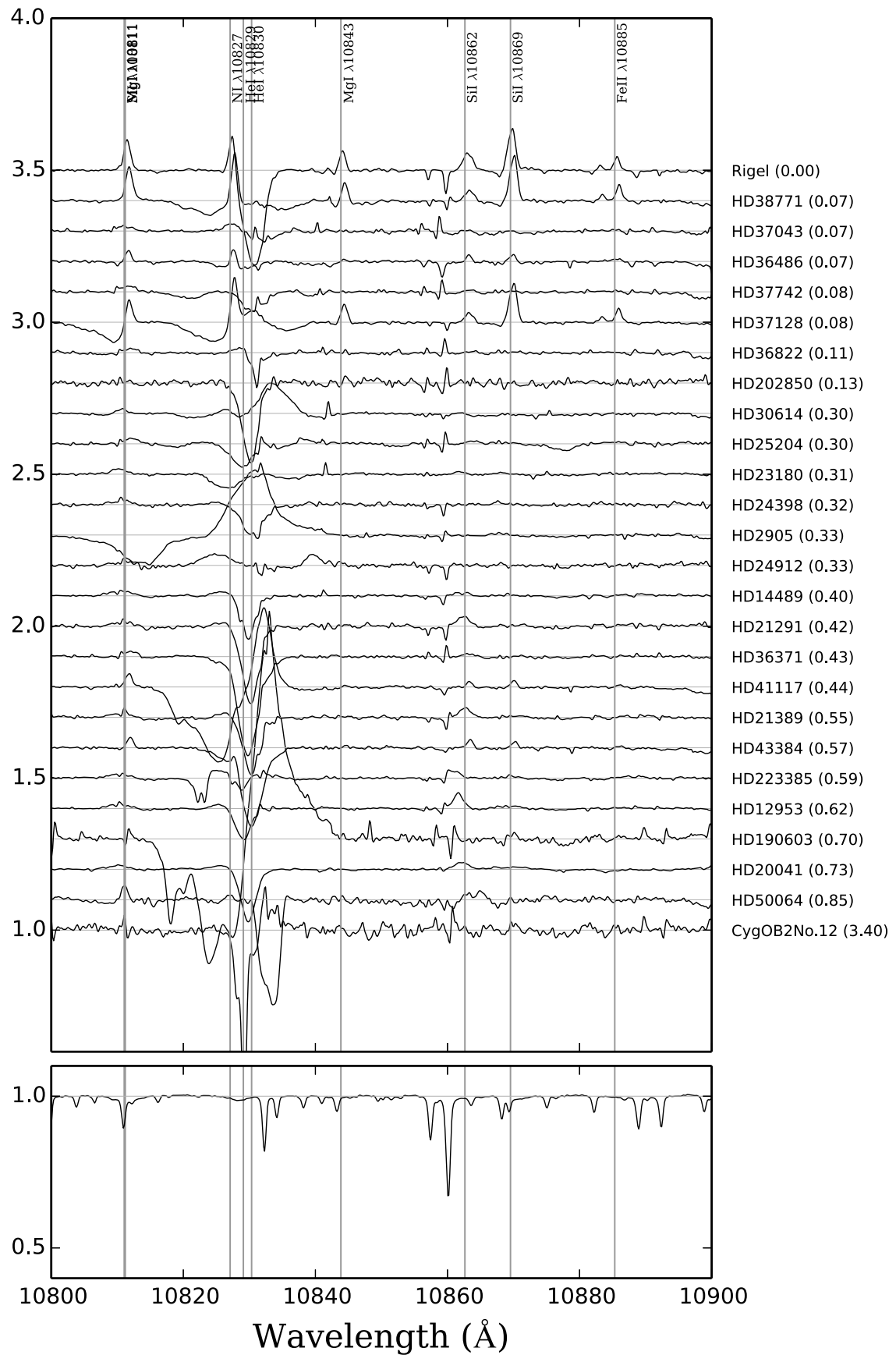


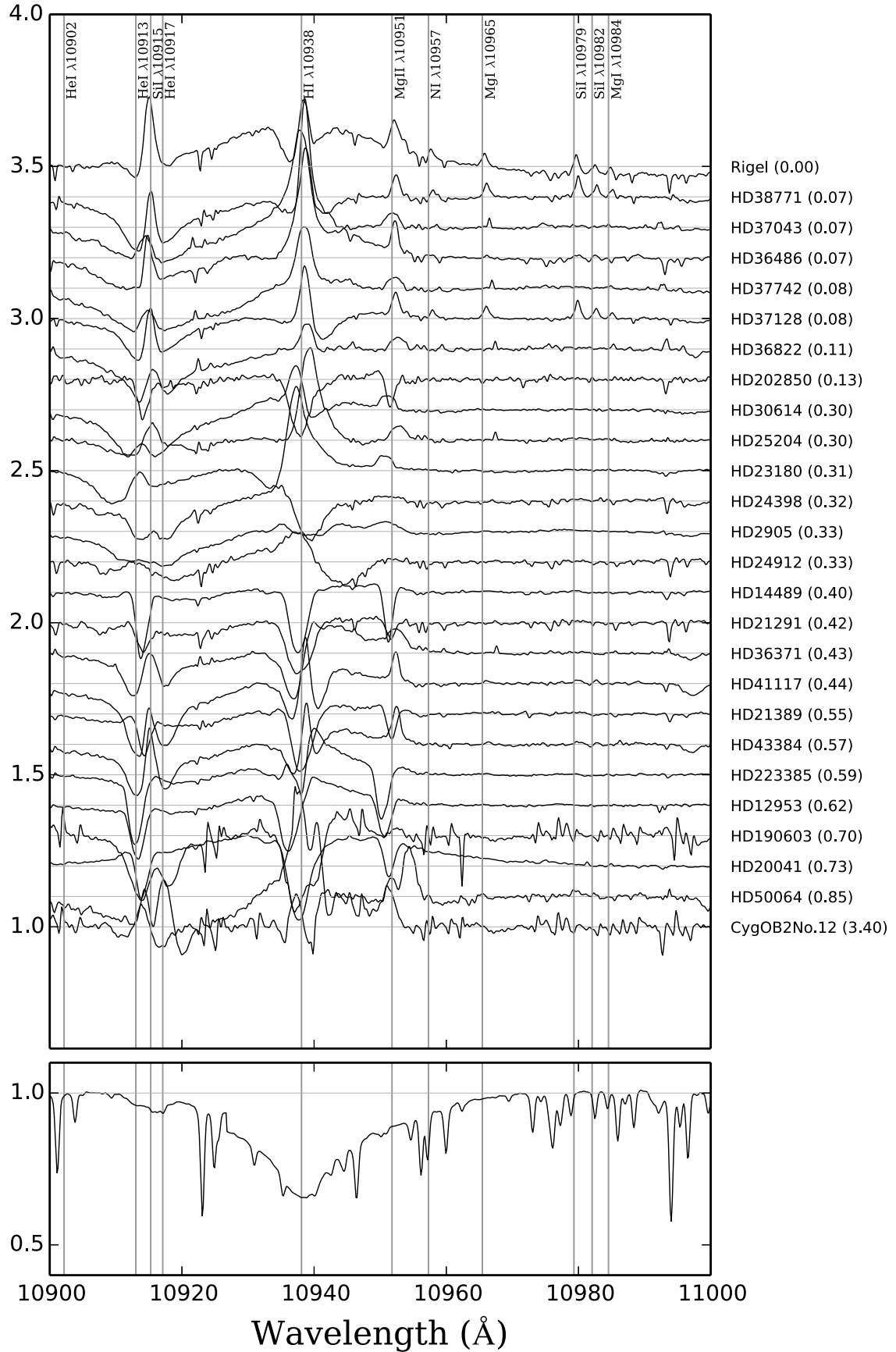


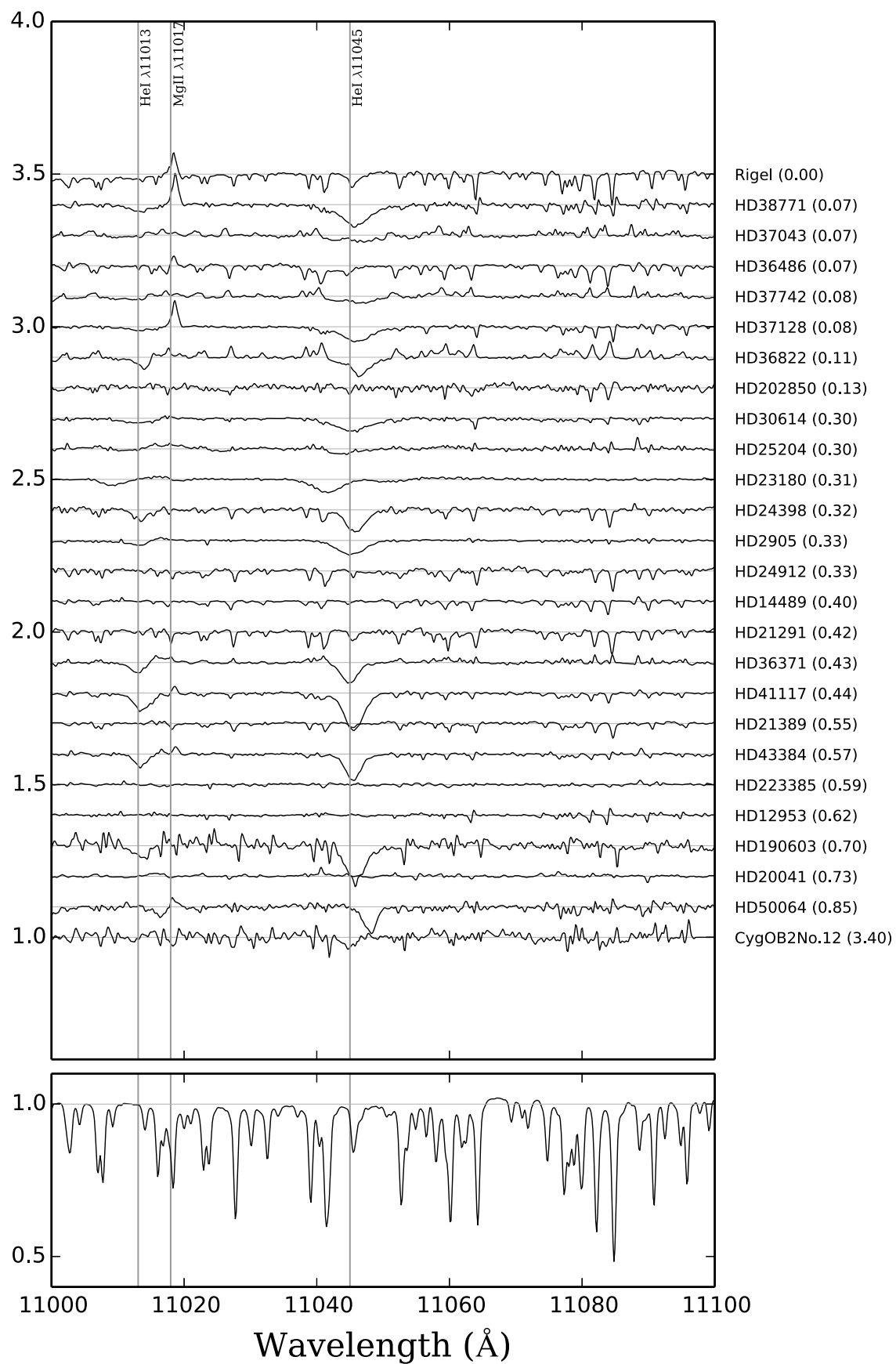


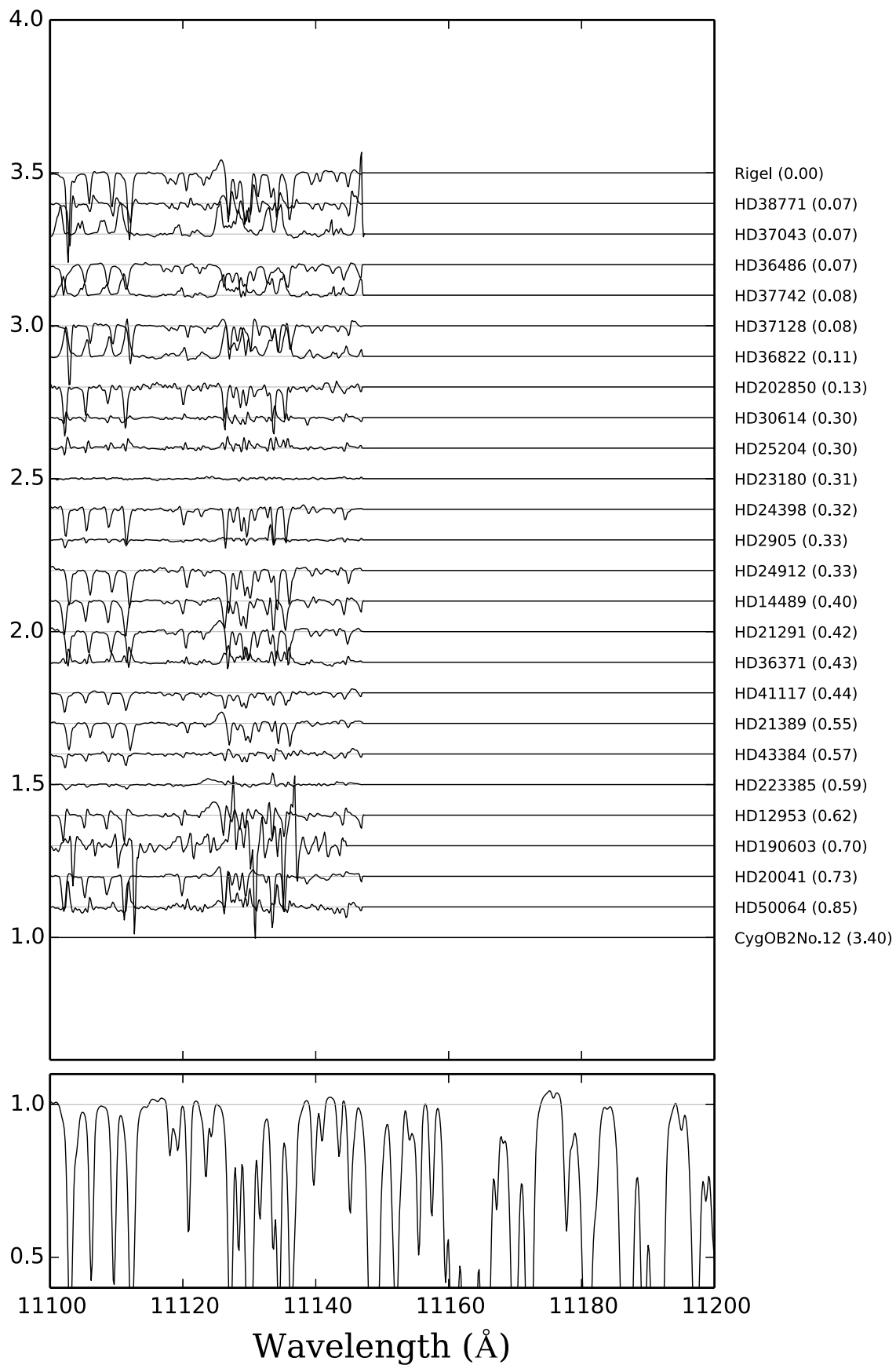


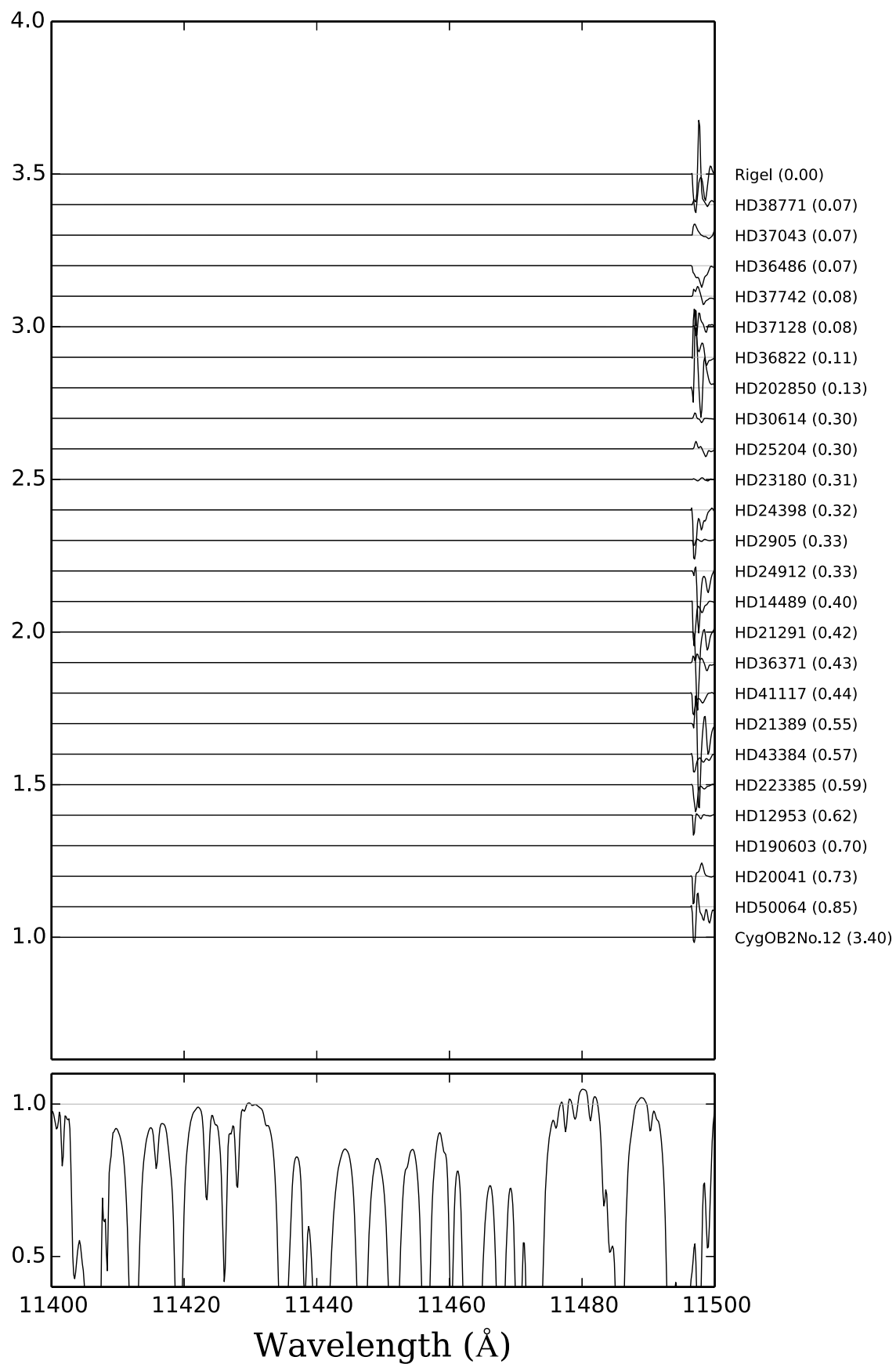


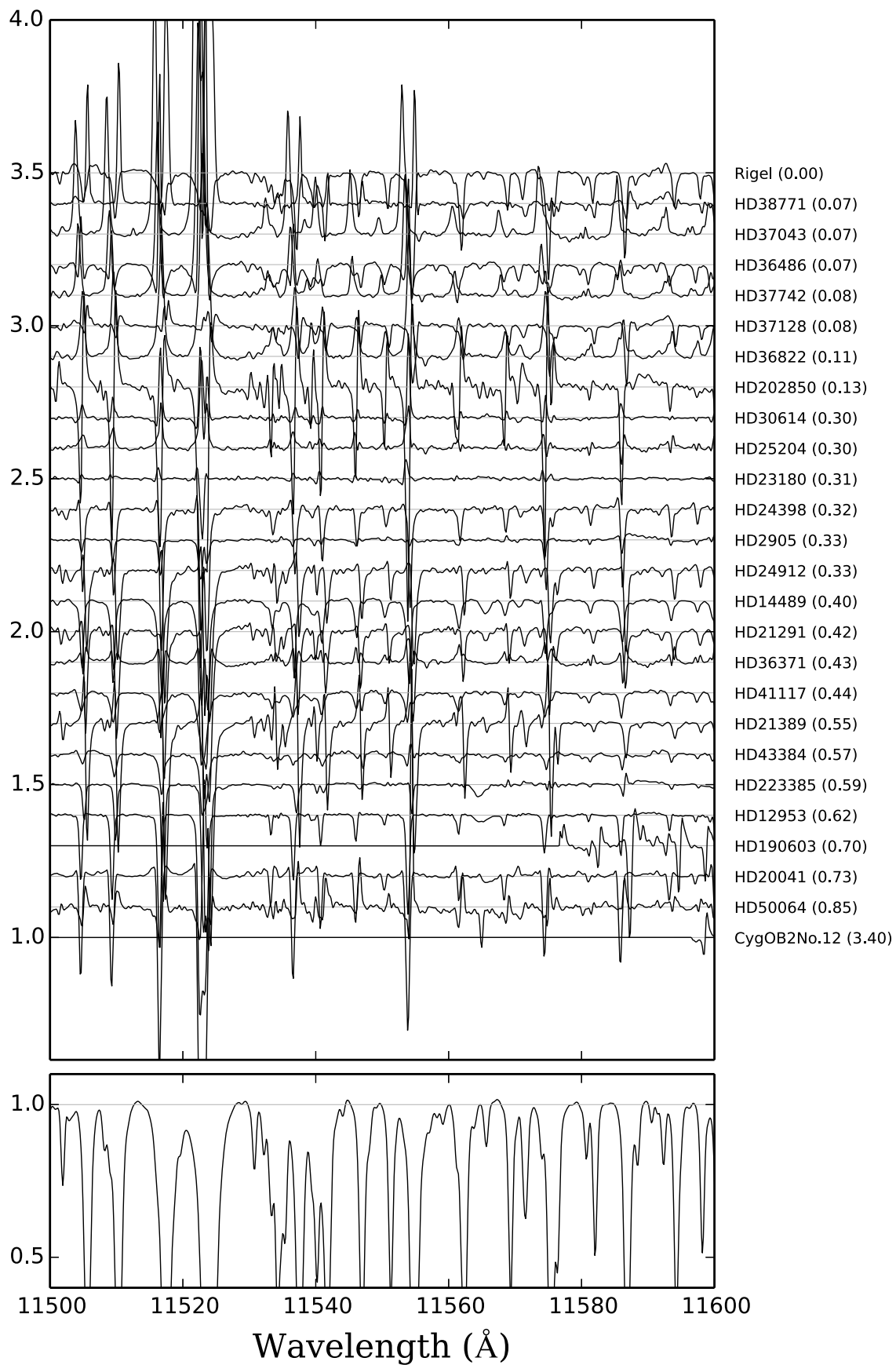




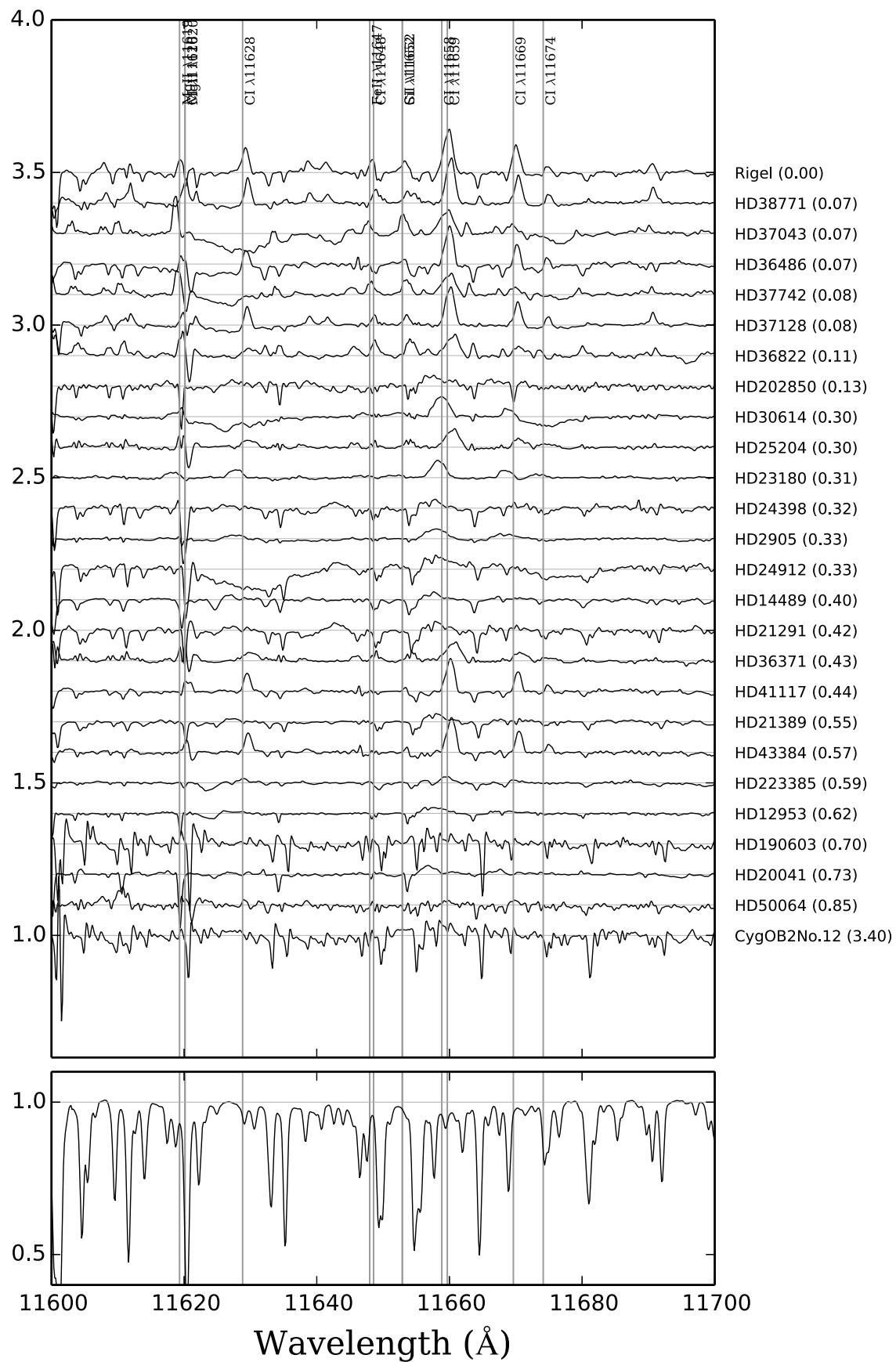


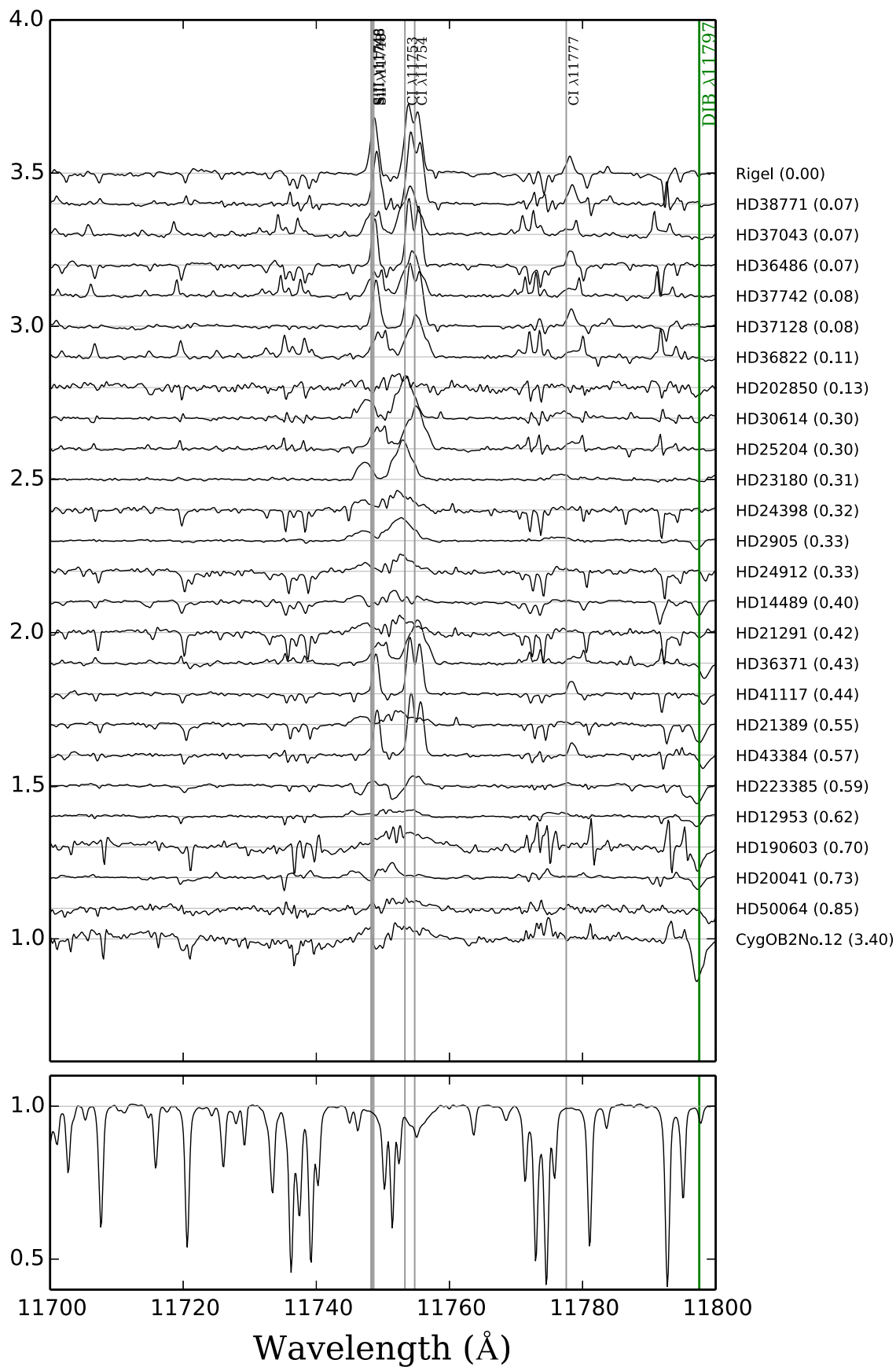


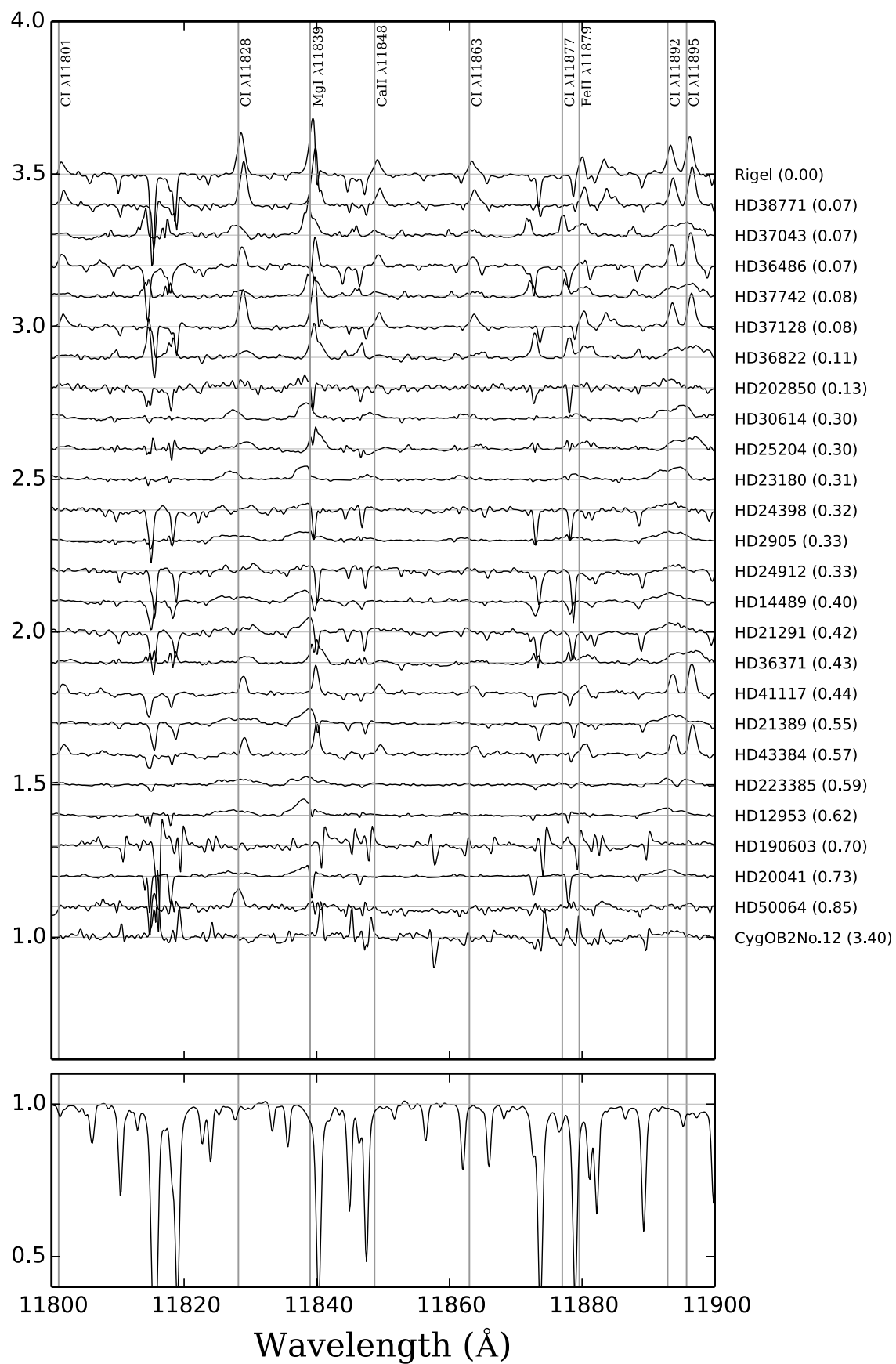


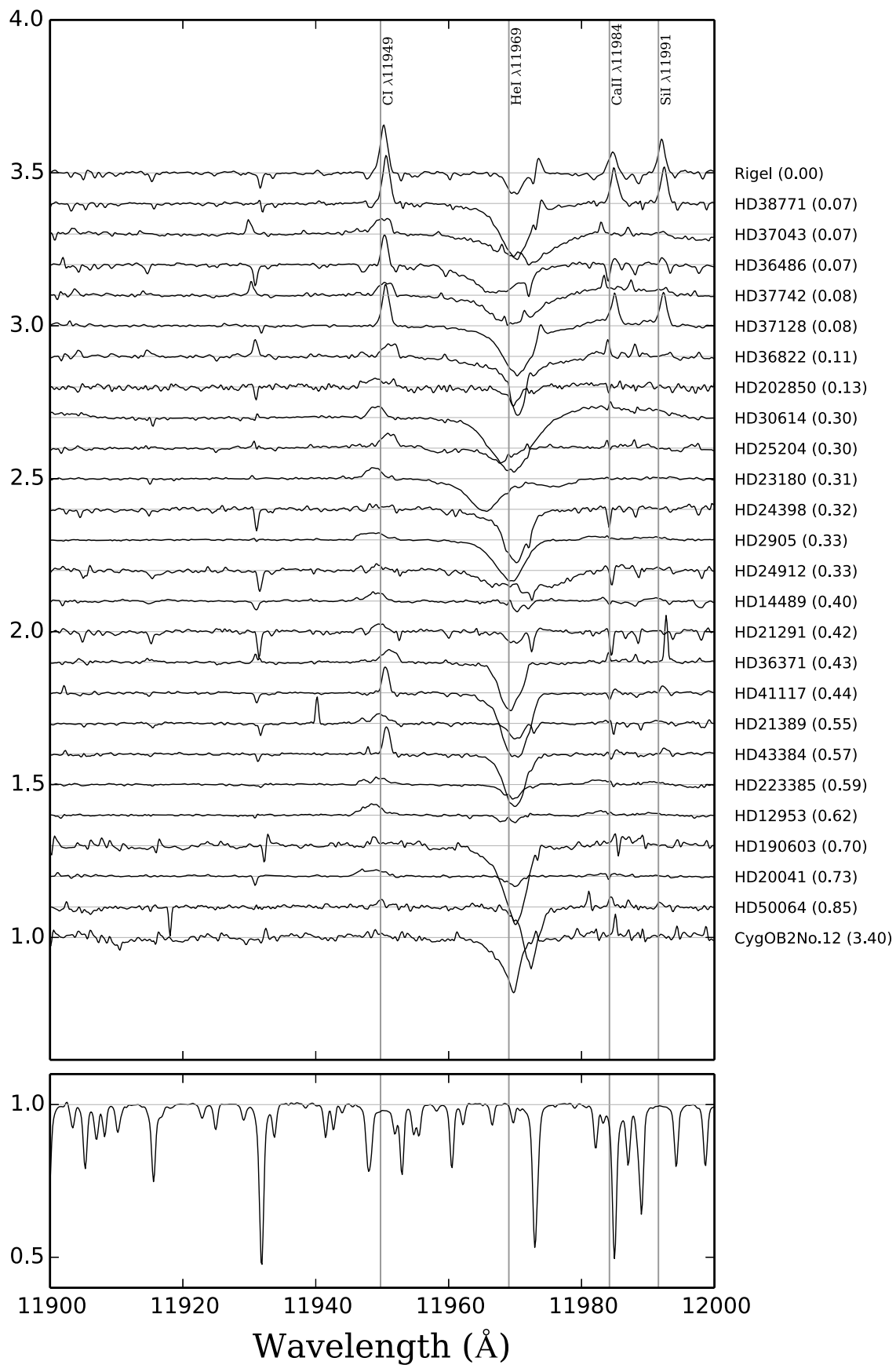


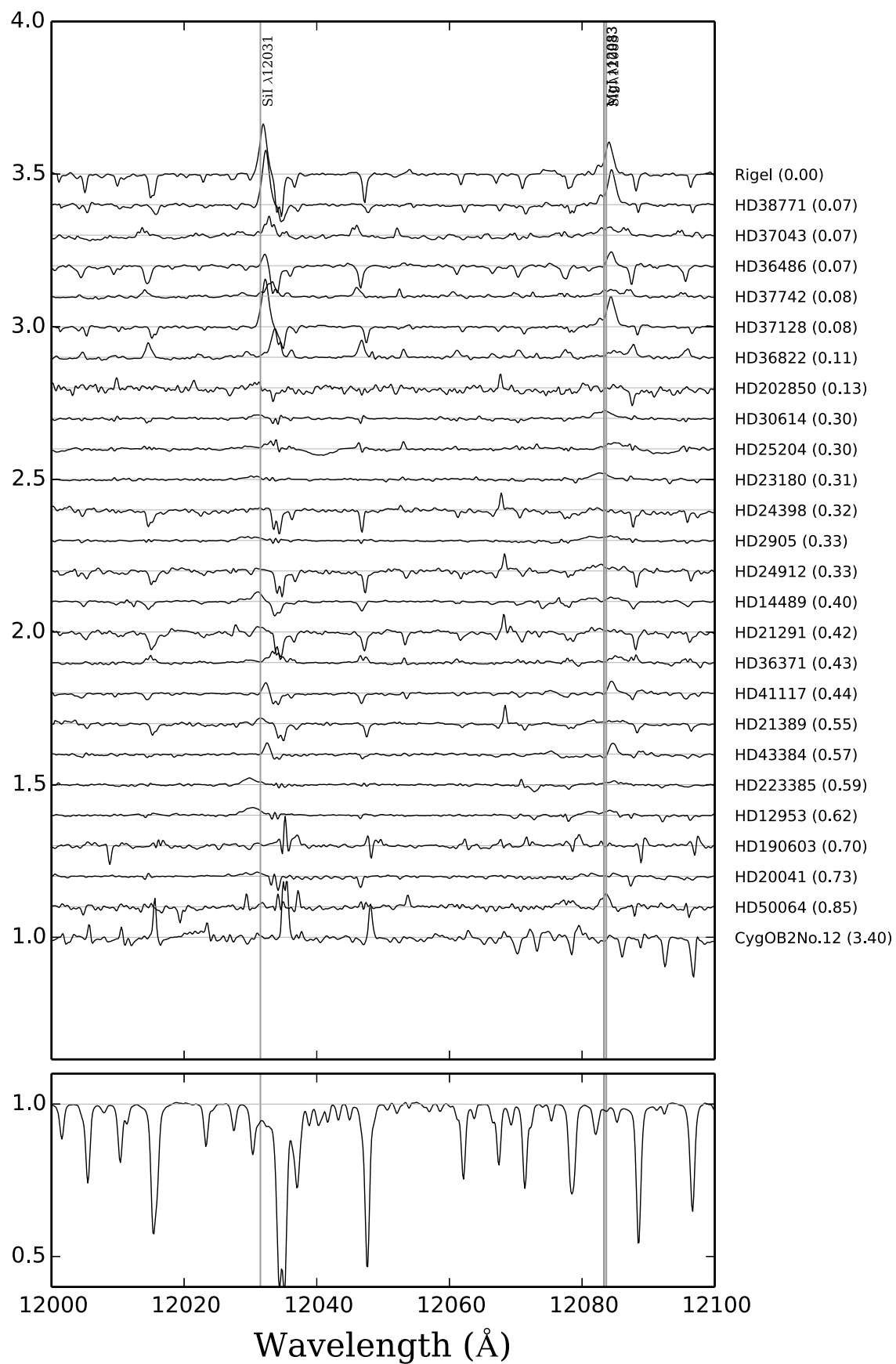


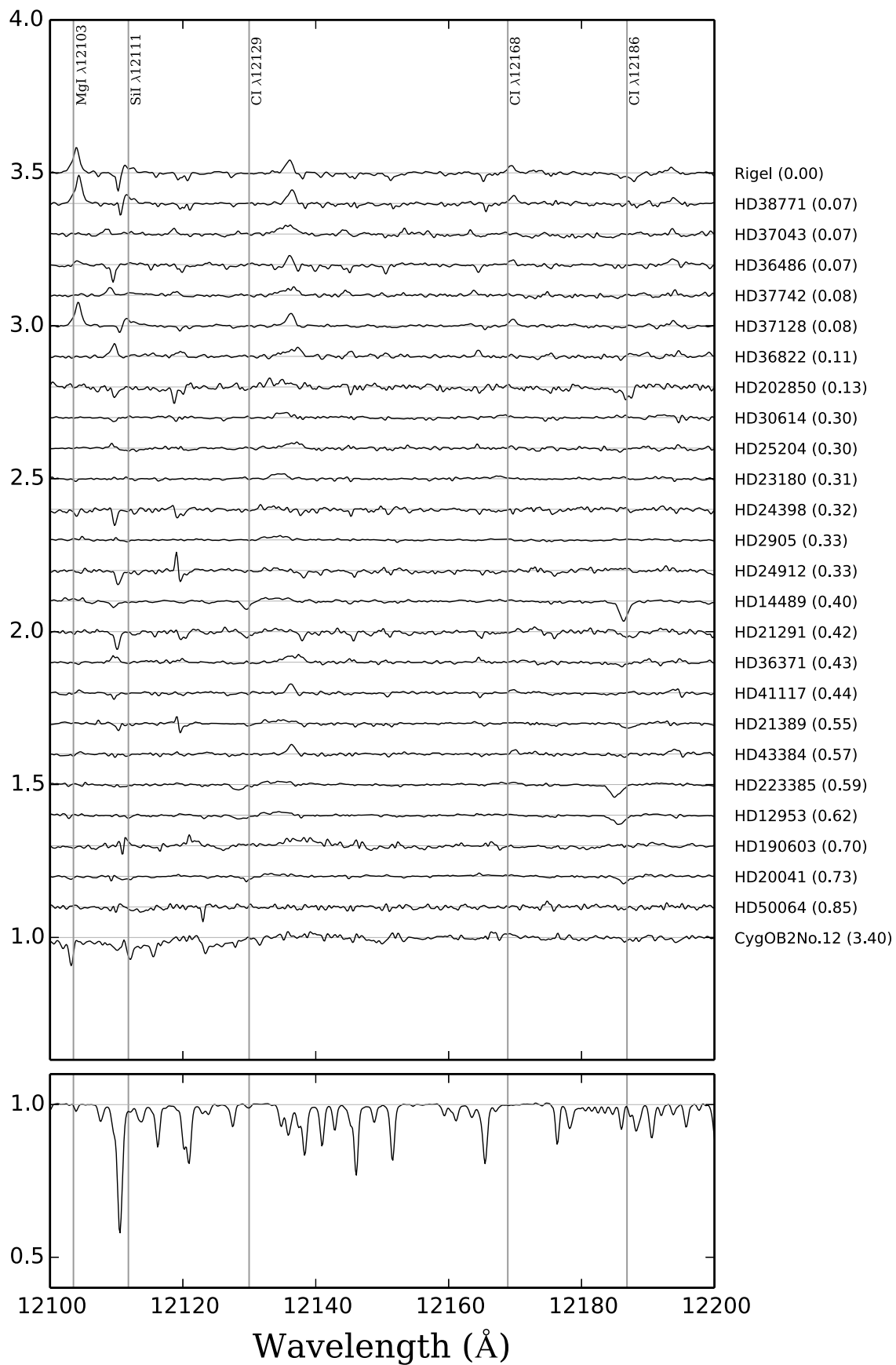


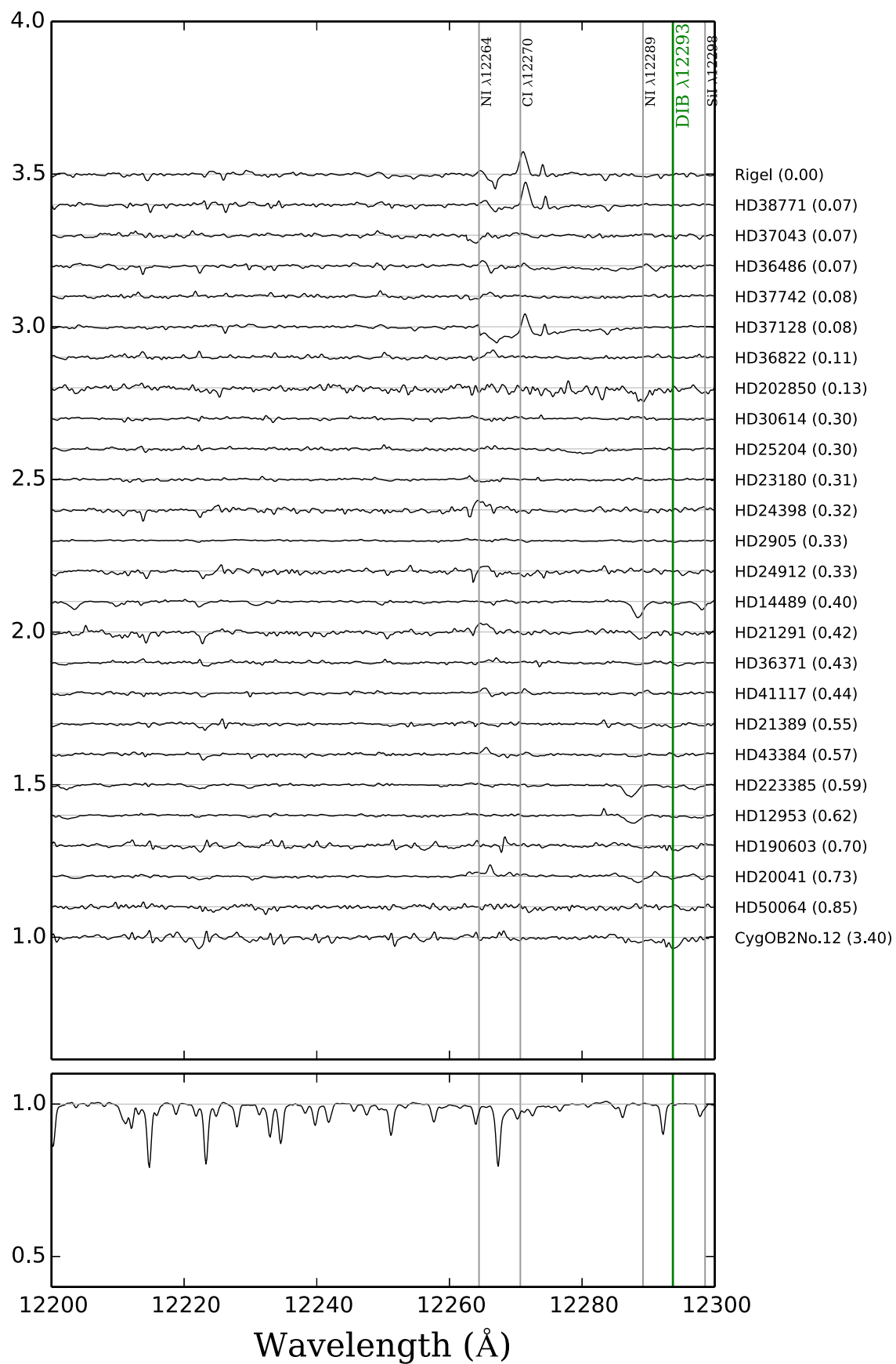


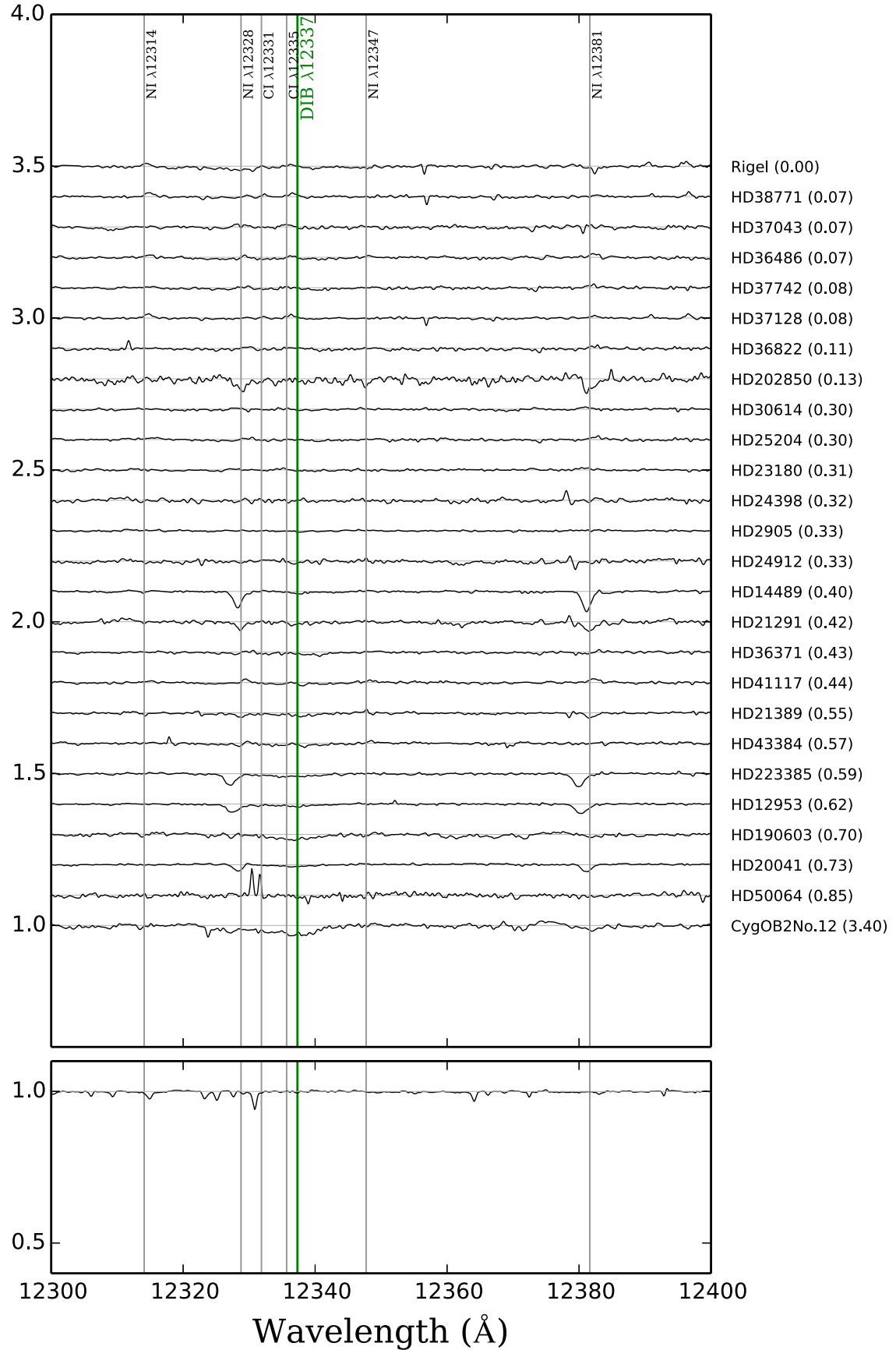




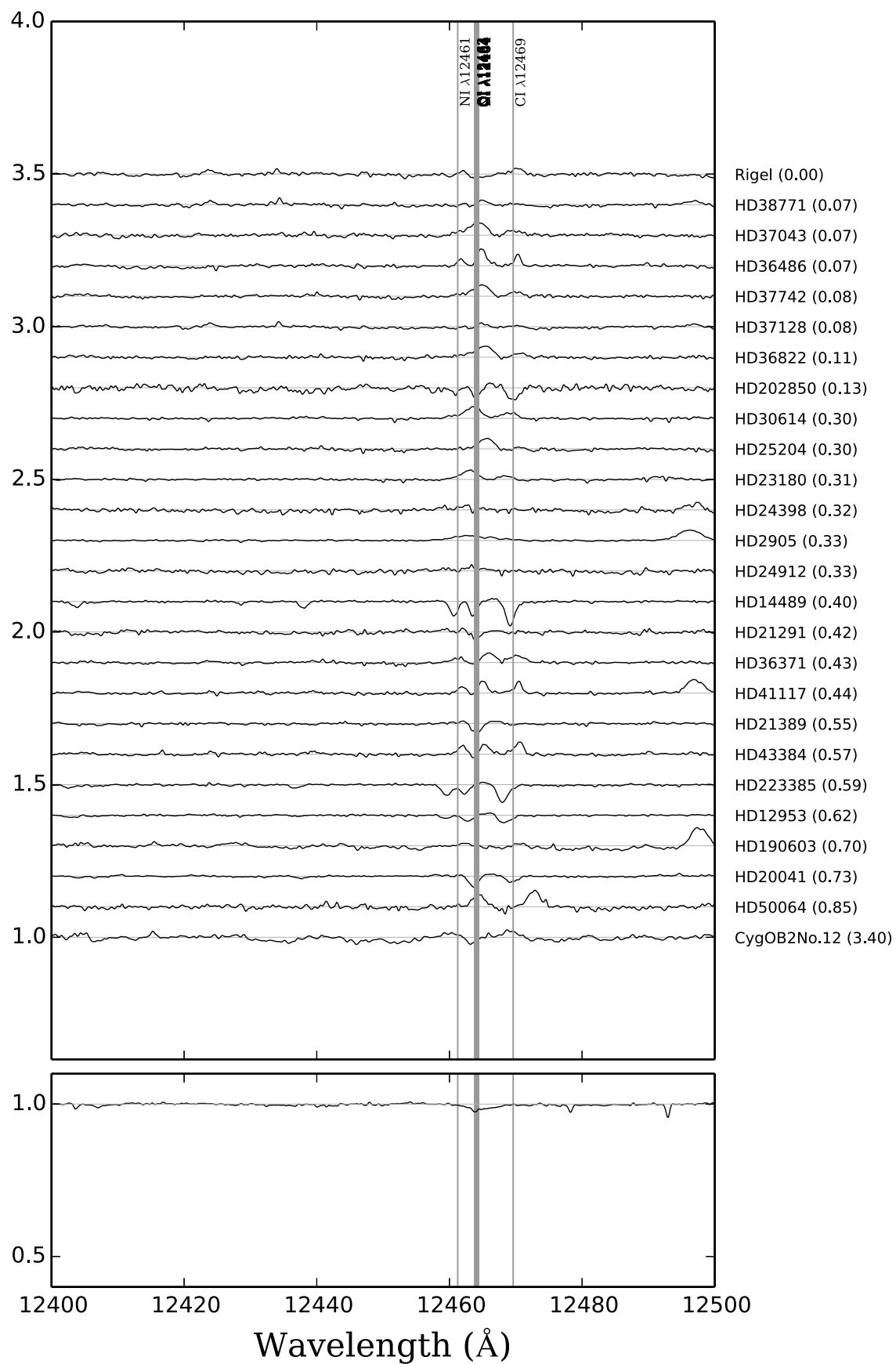


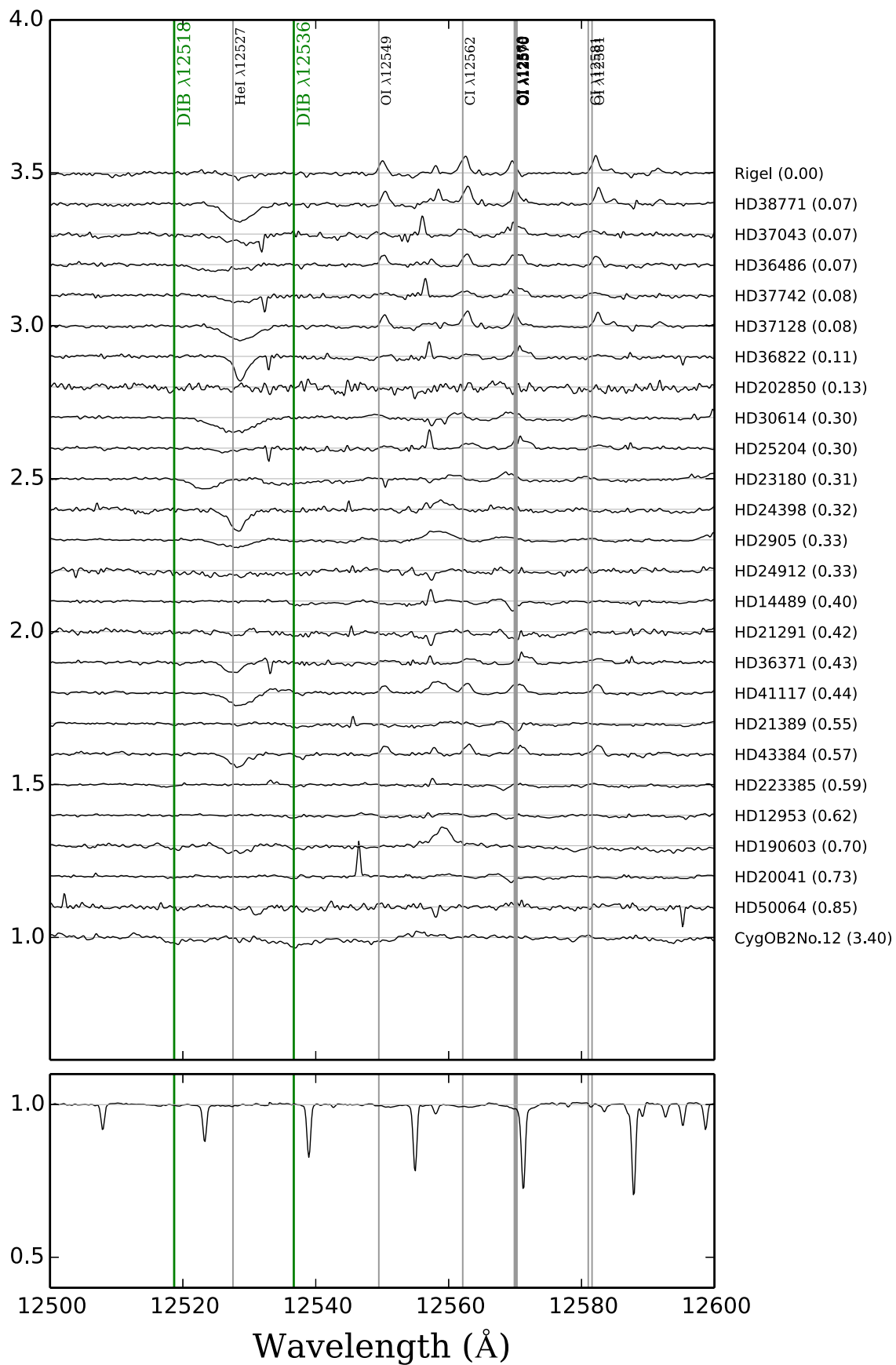


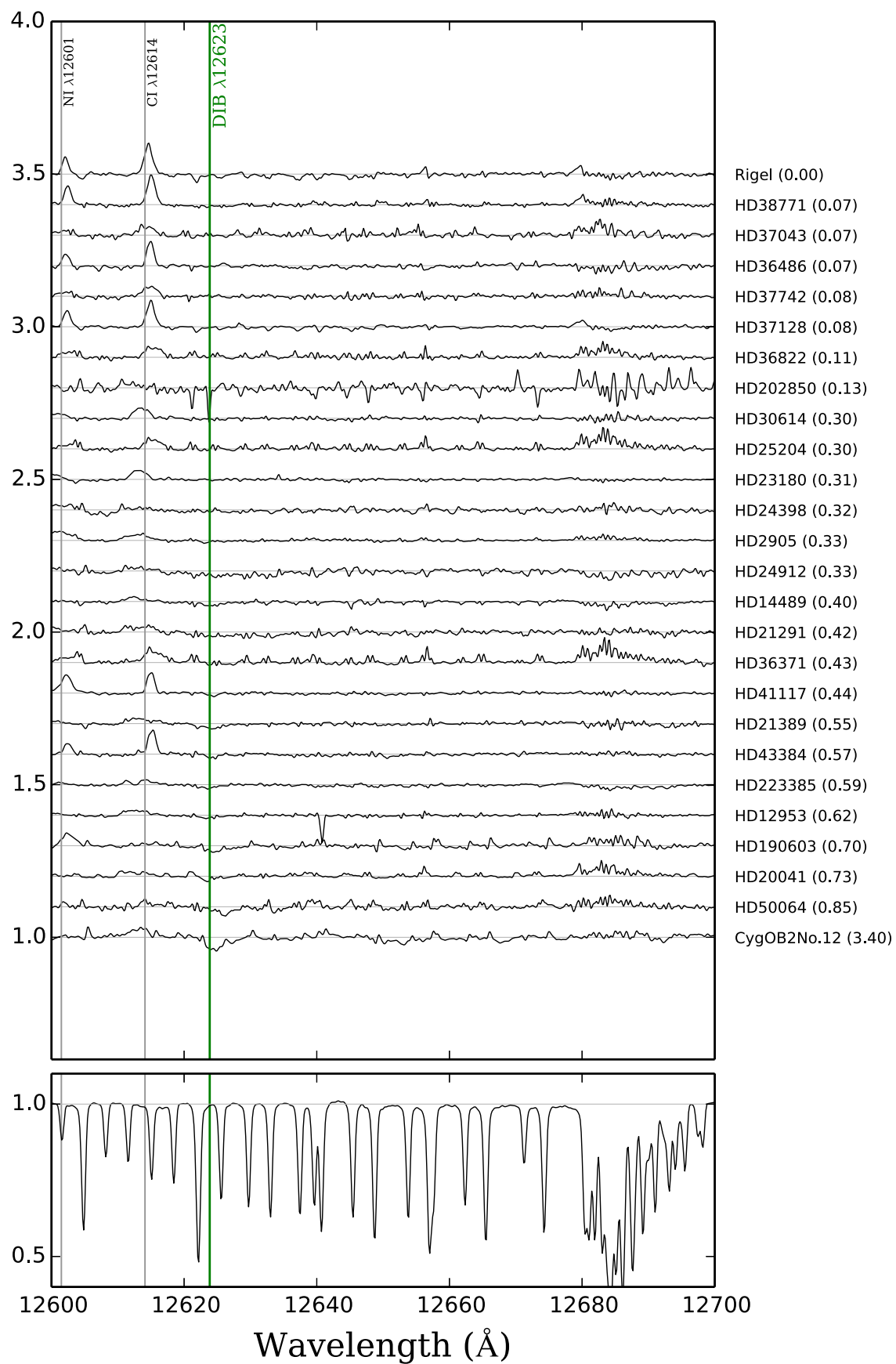


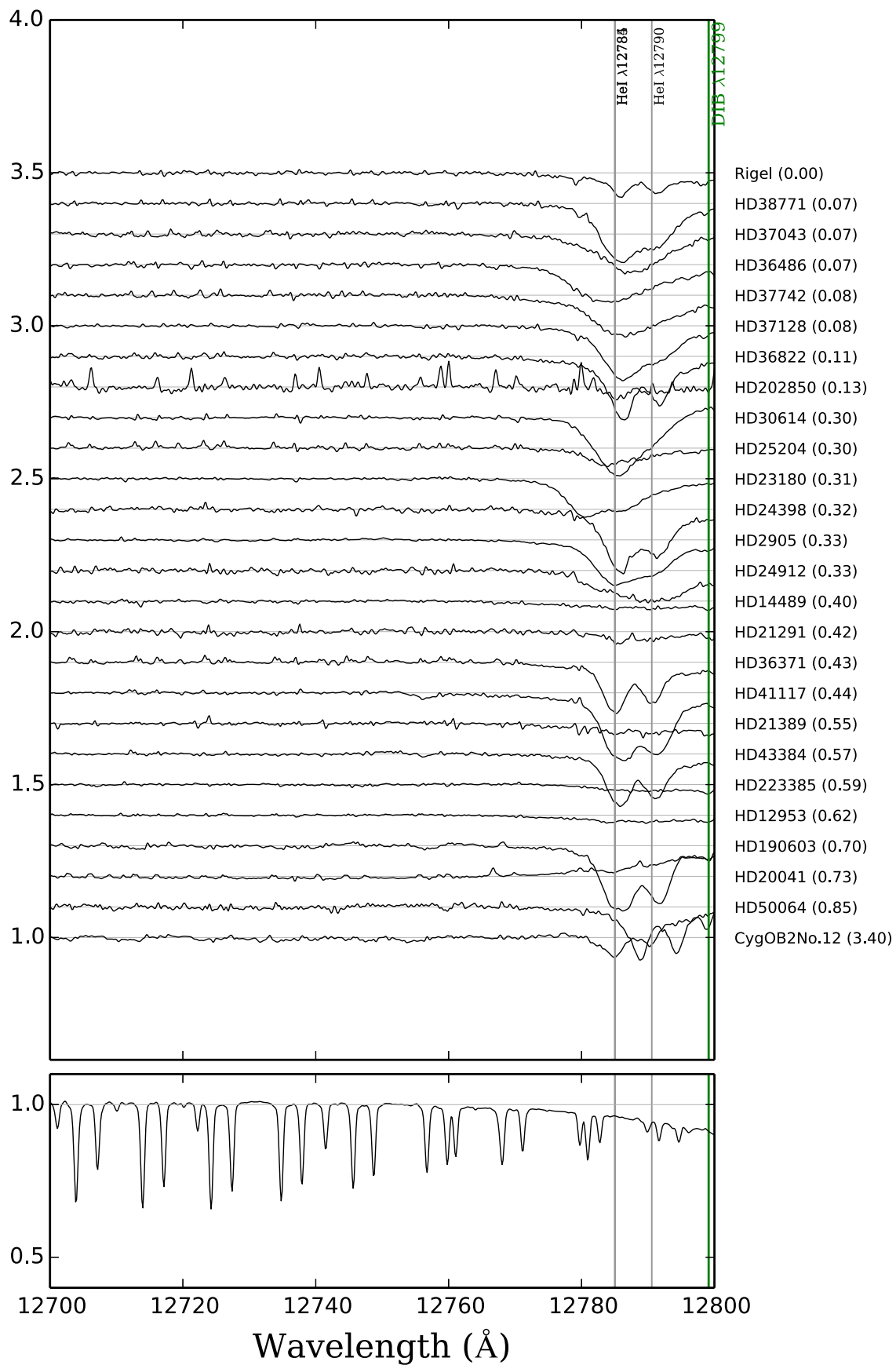


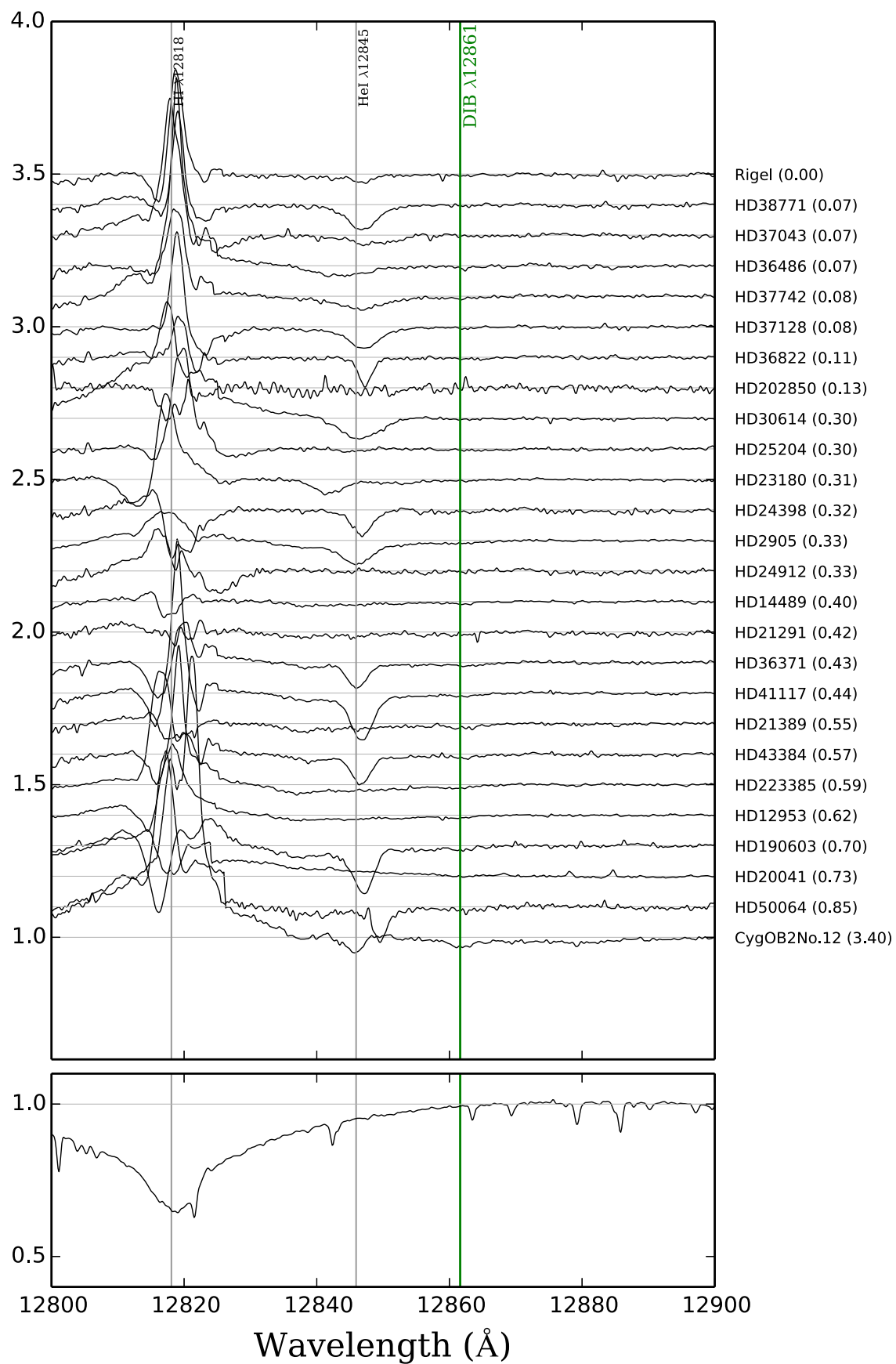


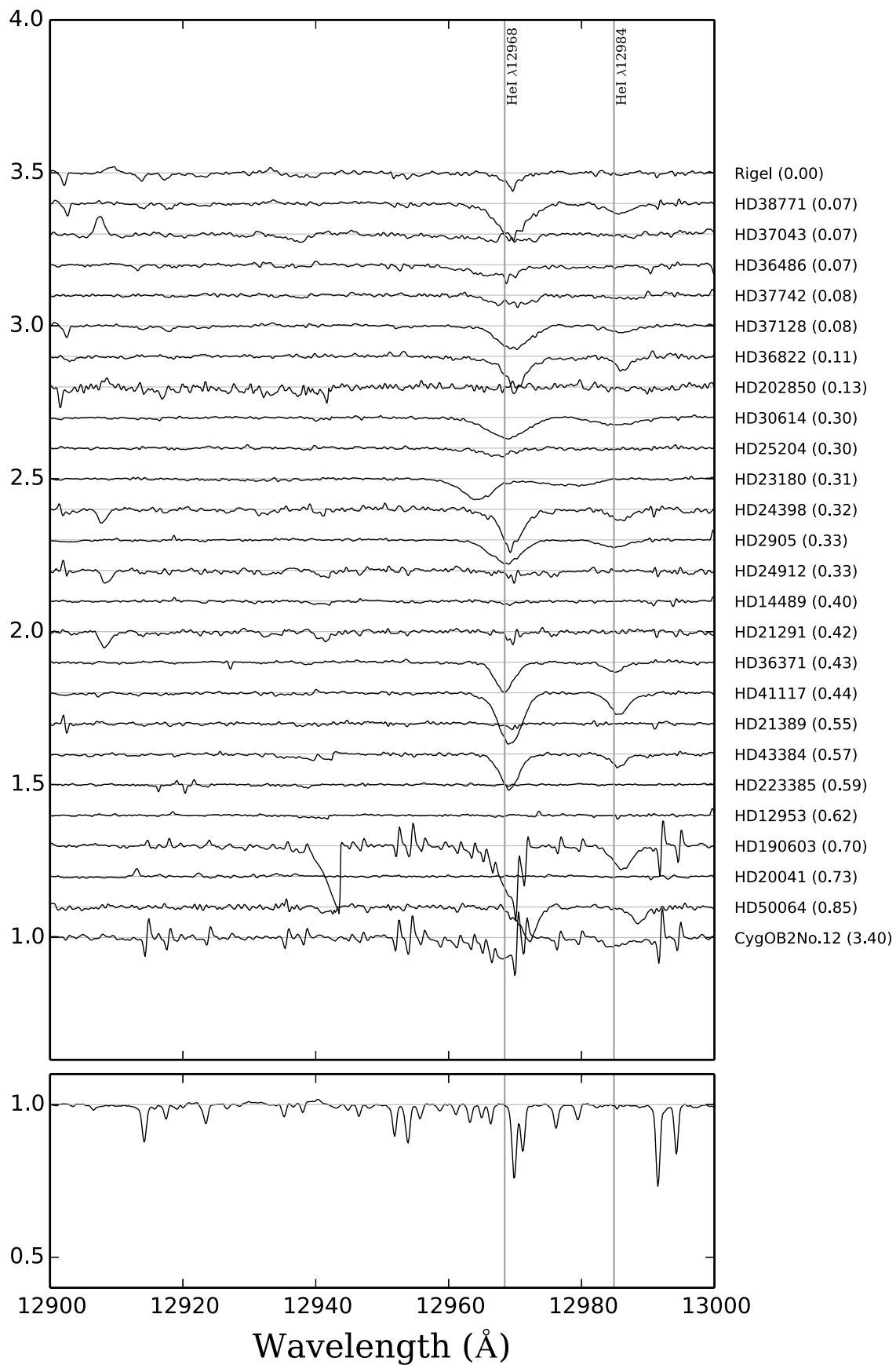


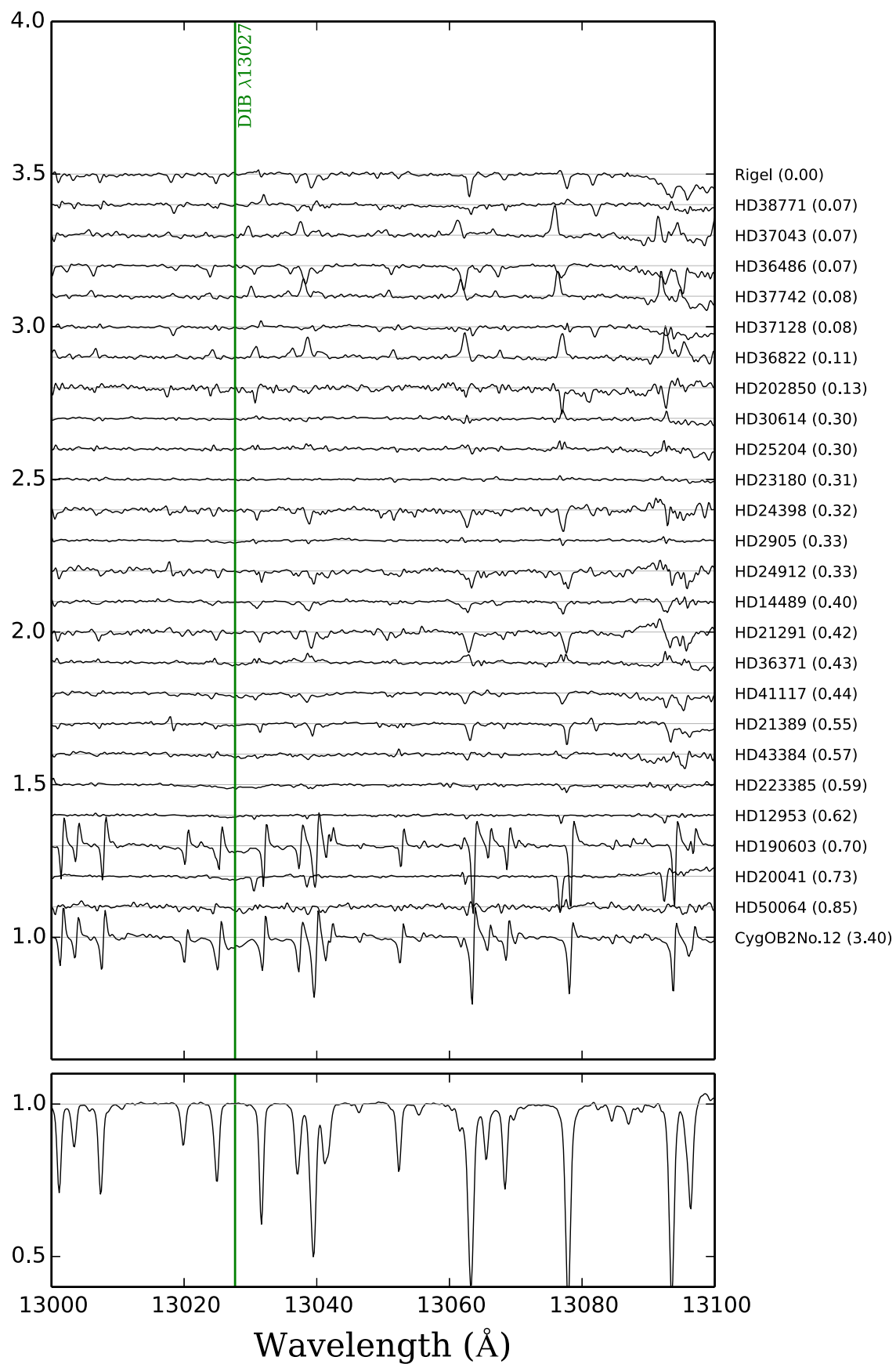


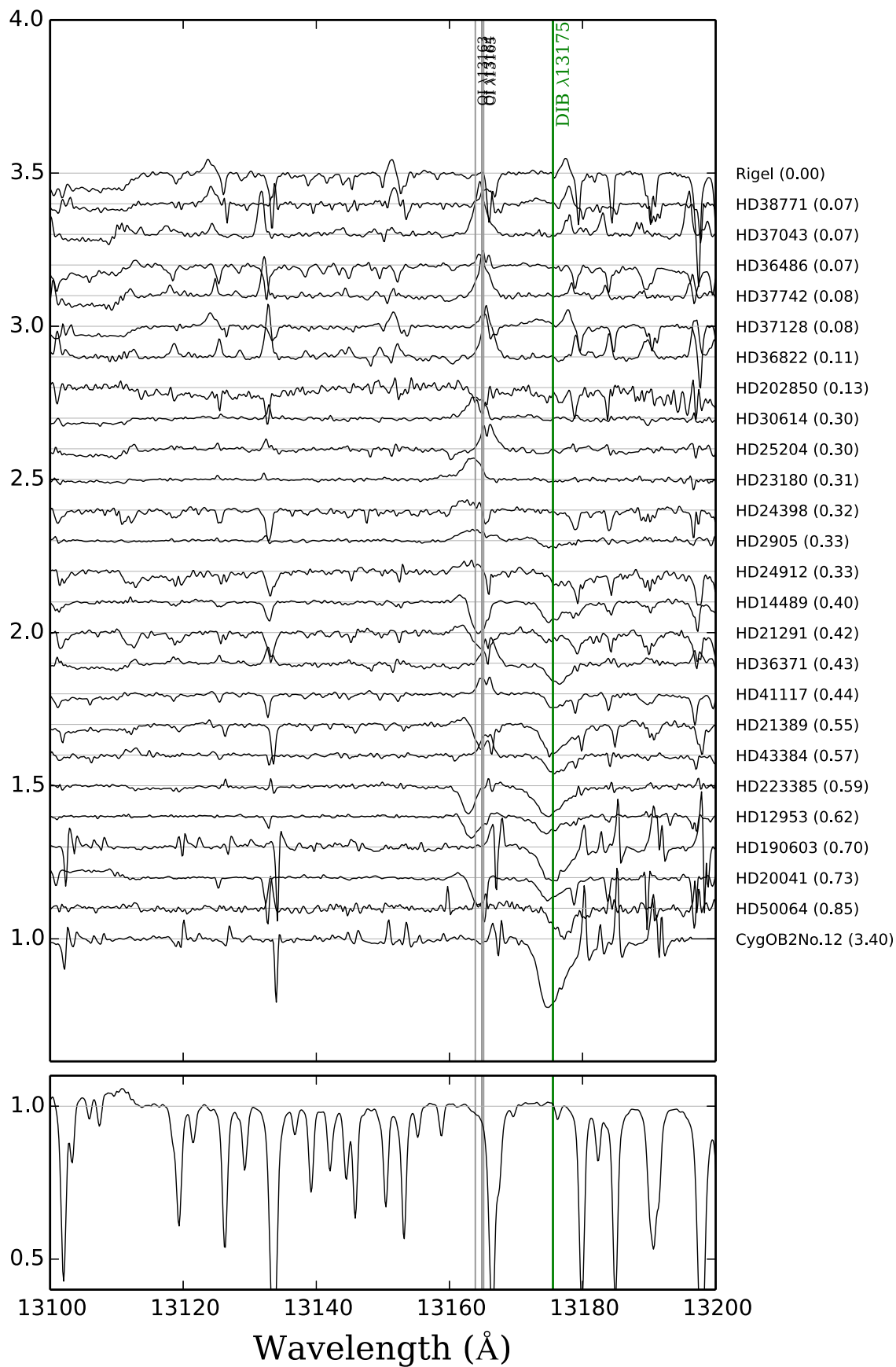




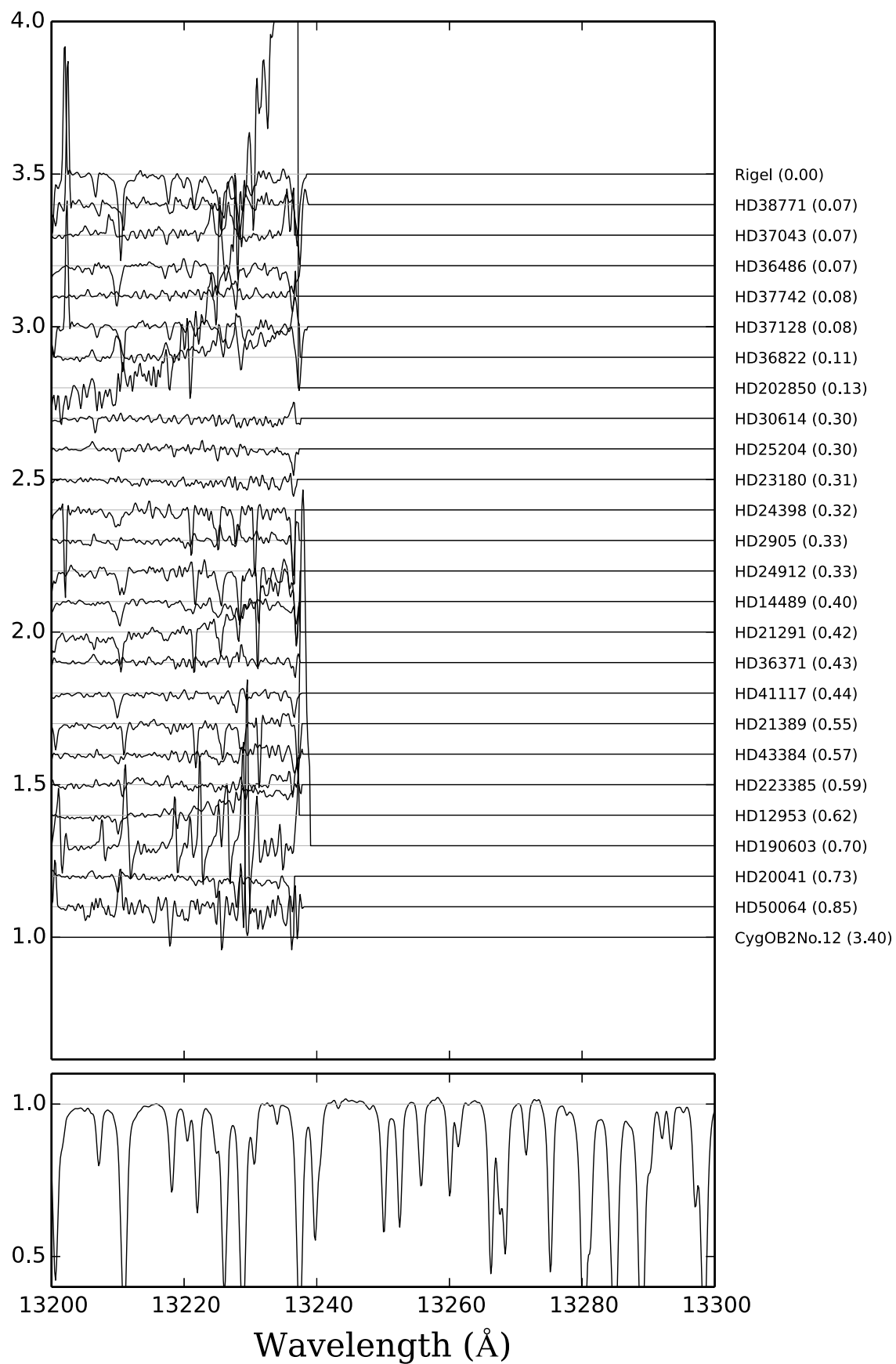










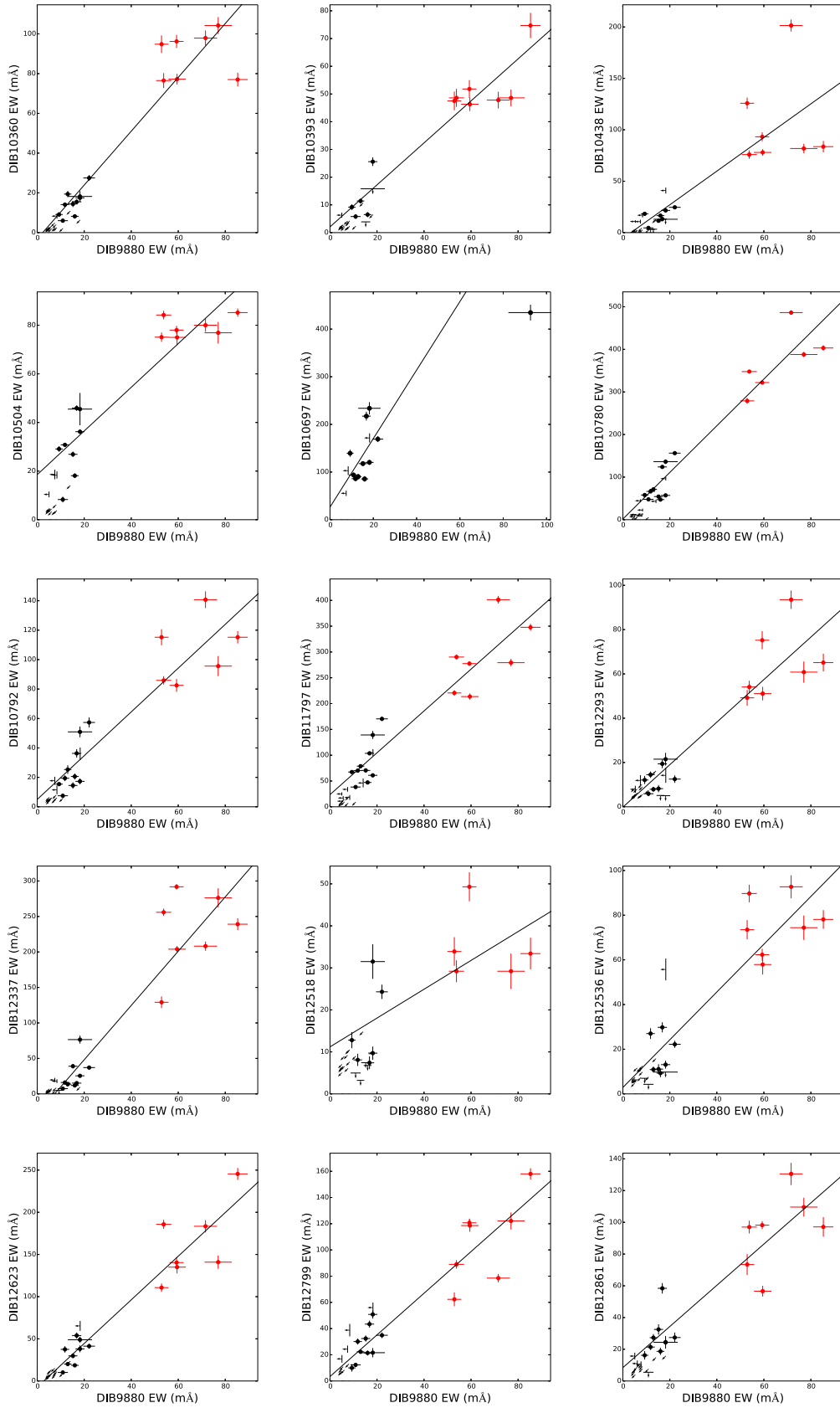


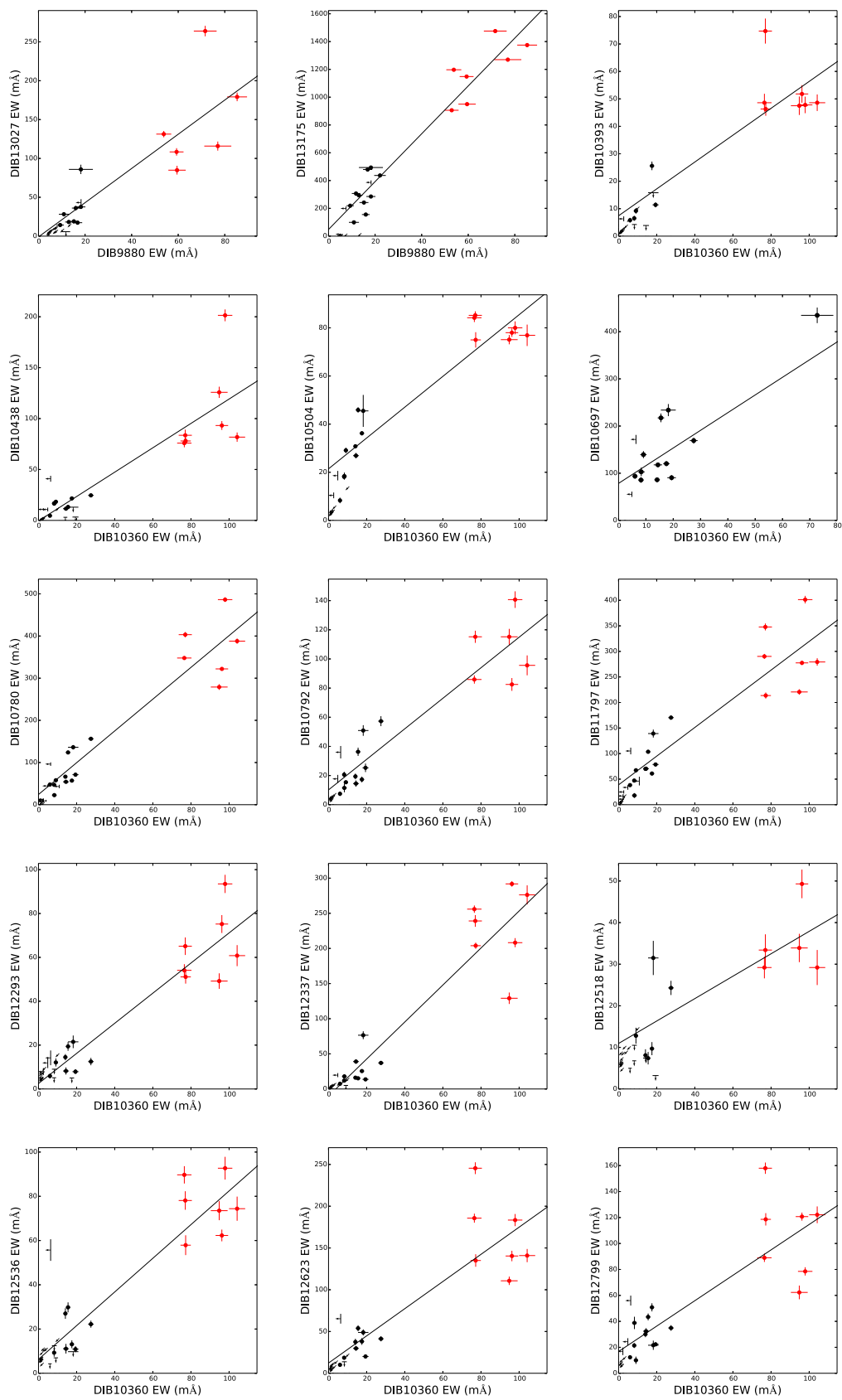


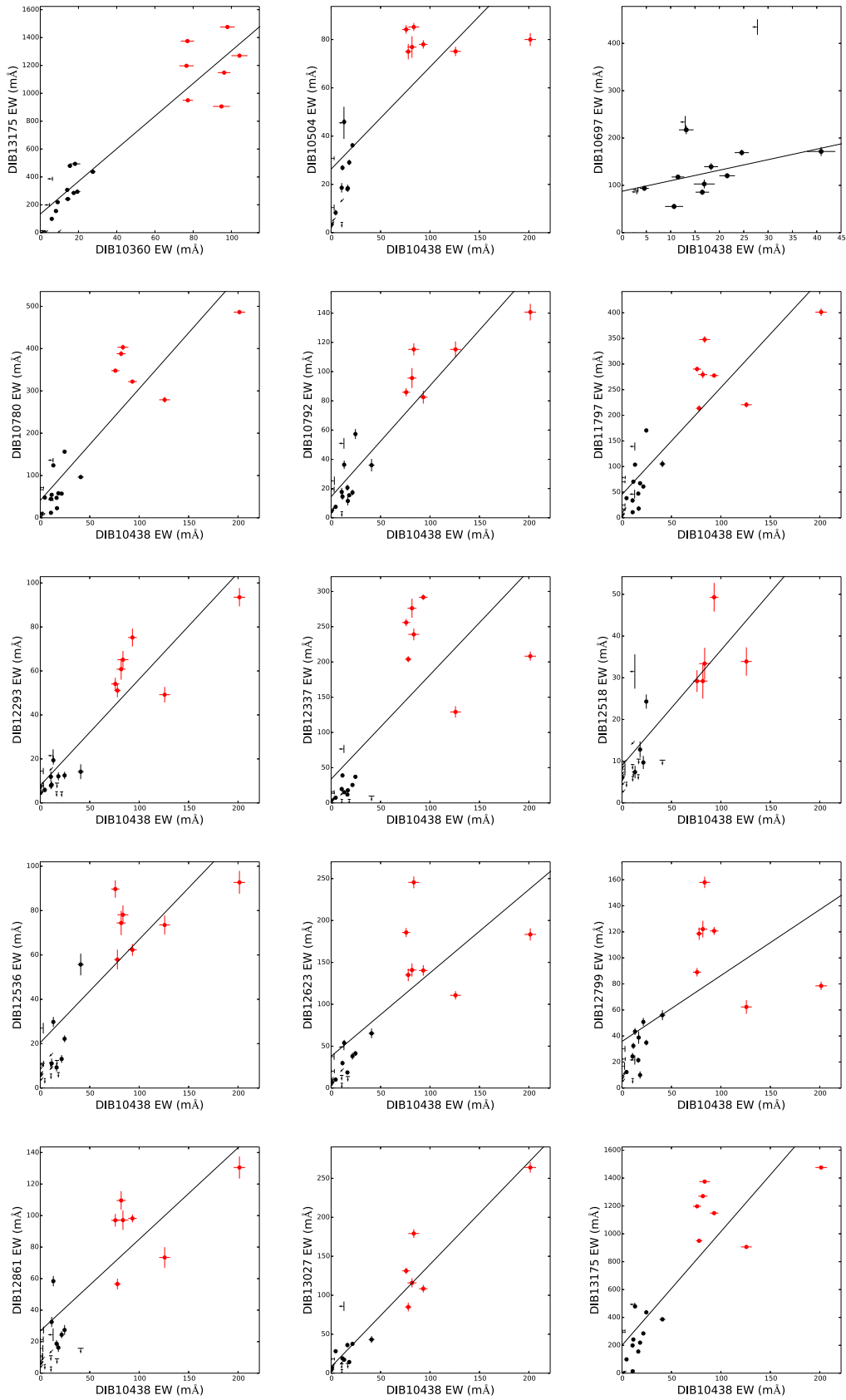
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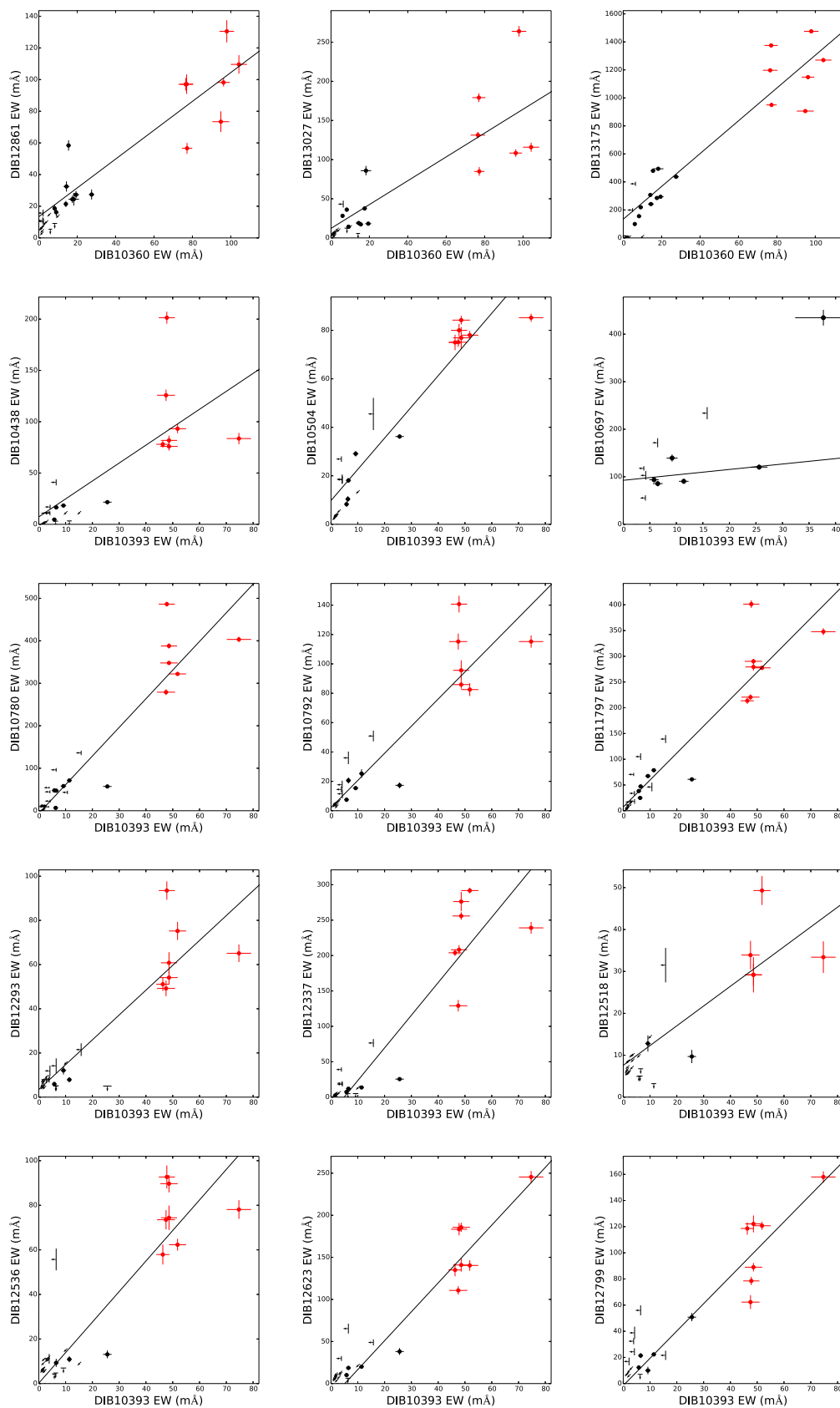
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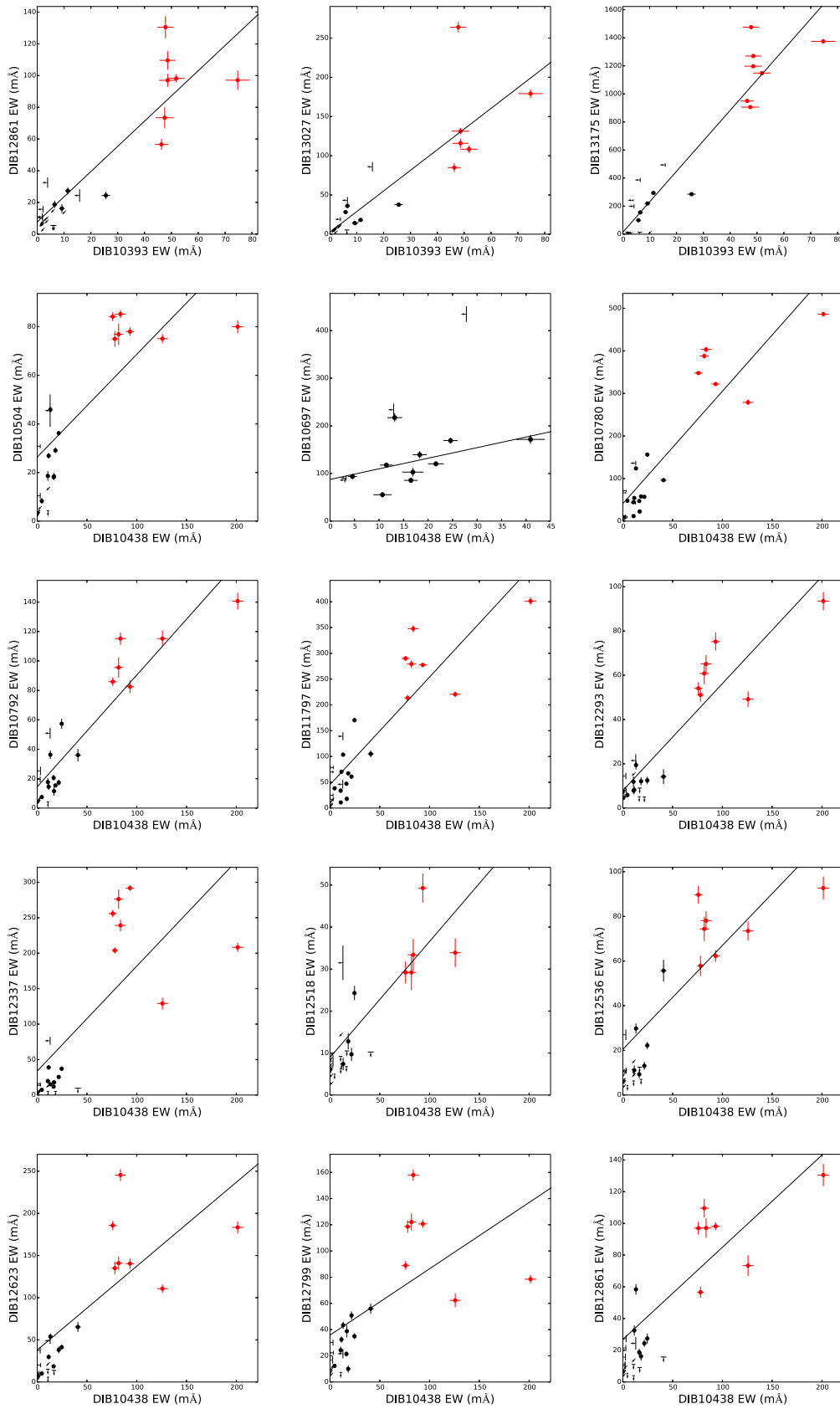
Correlations among 18 NIR DIBs from the survey data (black circles; Chapter 4) and the data of the Cyg OB2 association (red circles; Chapter 8) are shown. The black lines show the linear function fitted to the all points in each plot.



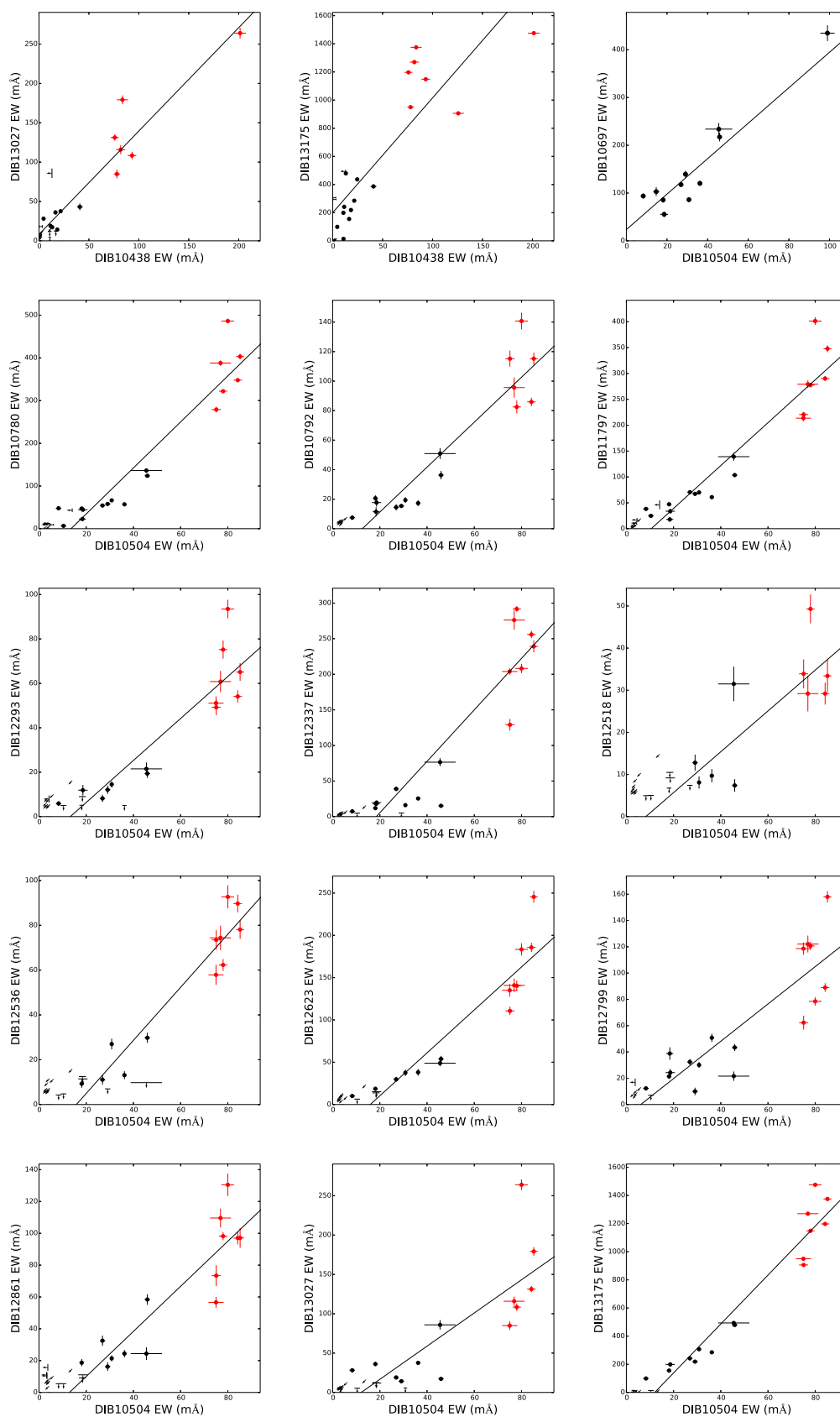


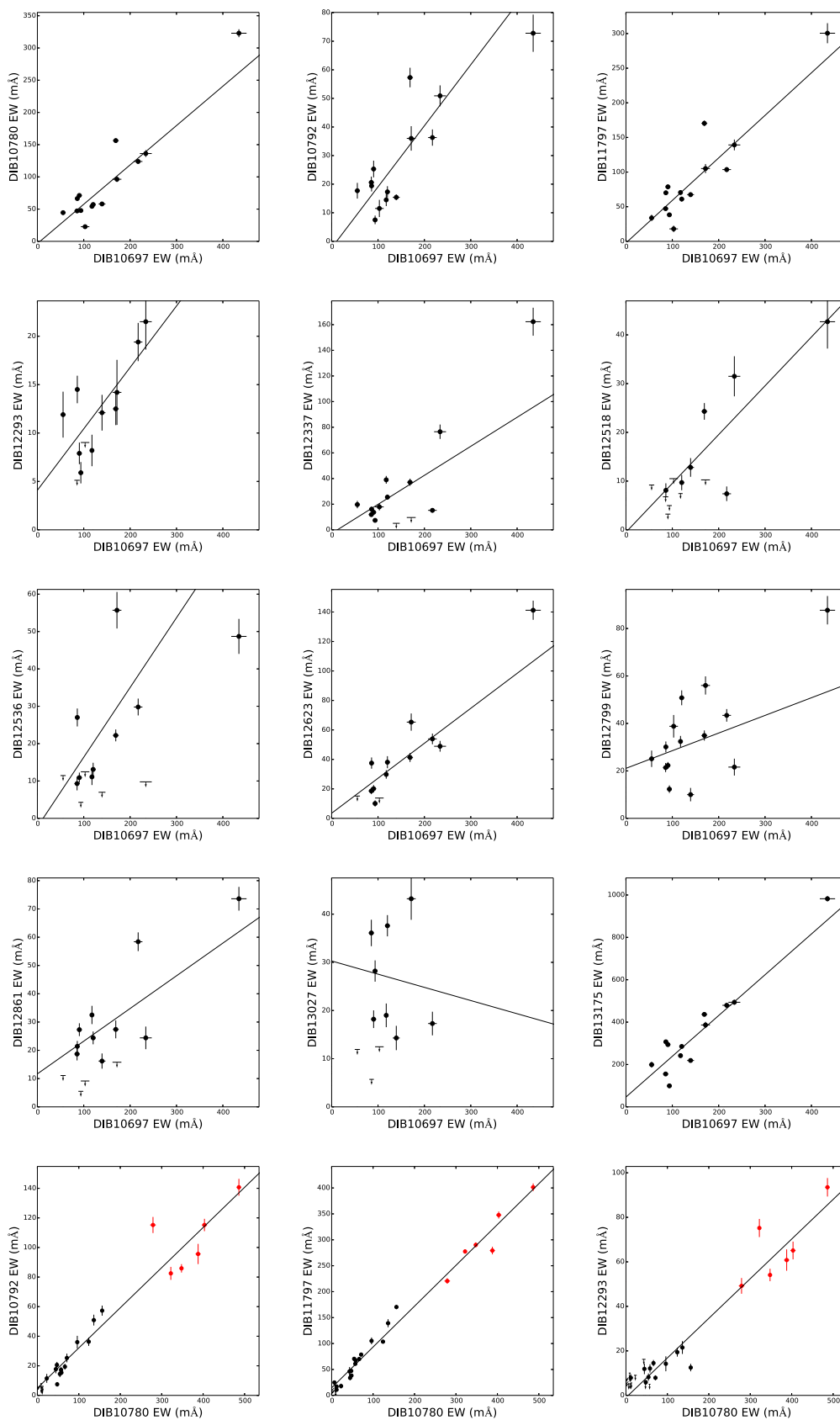


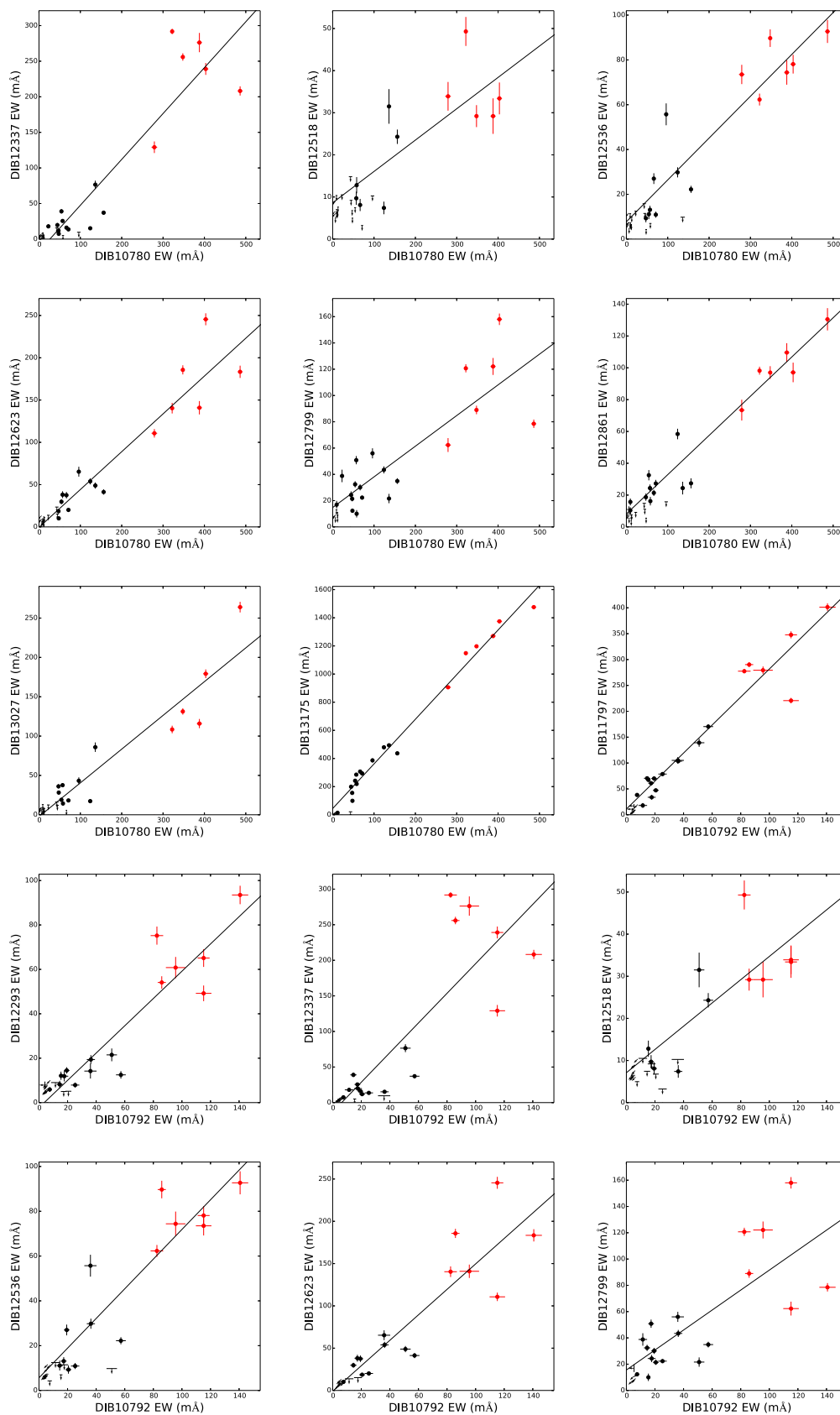


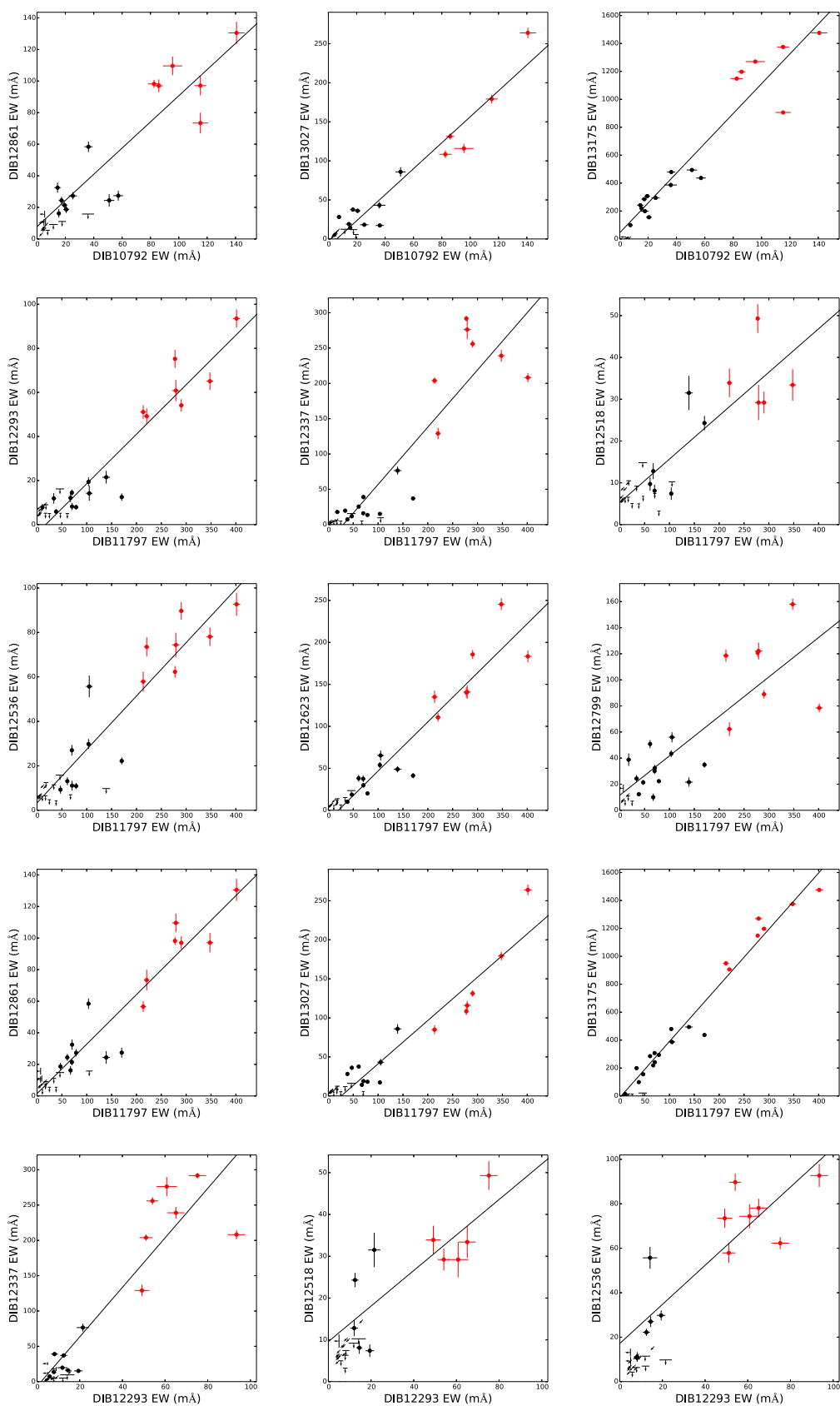


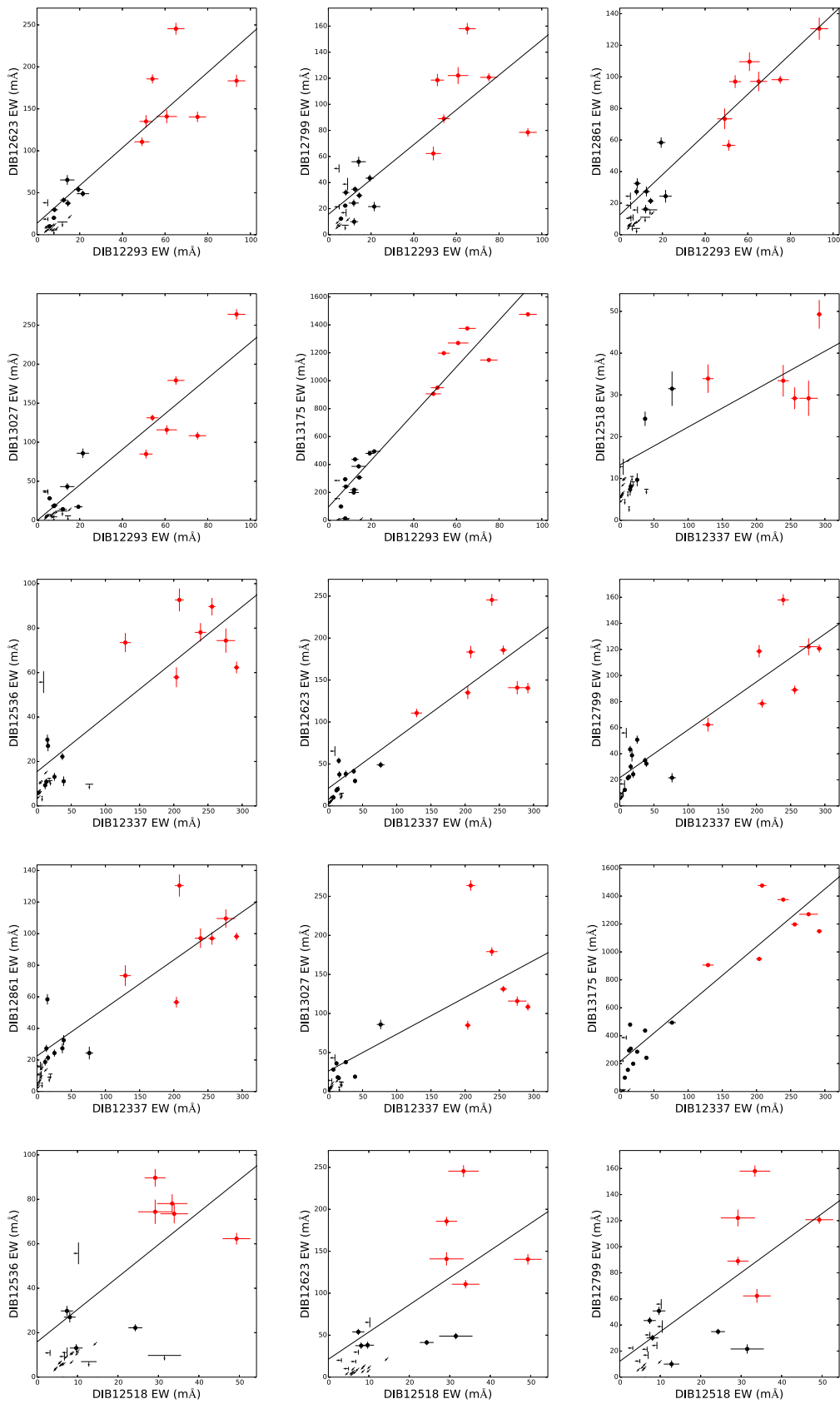


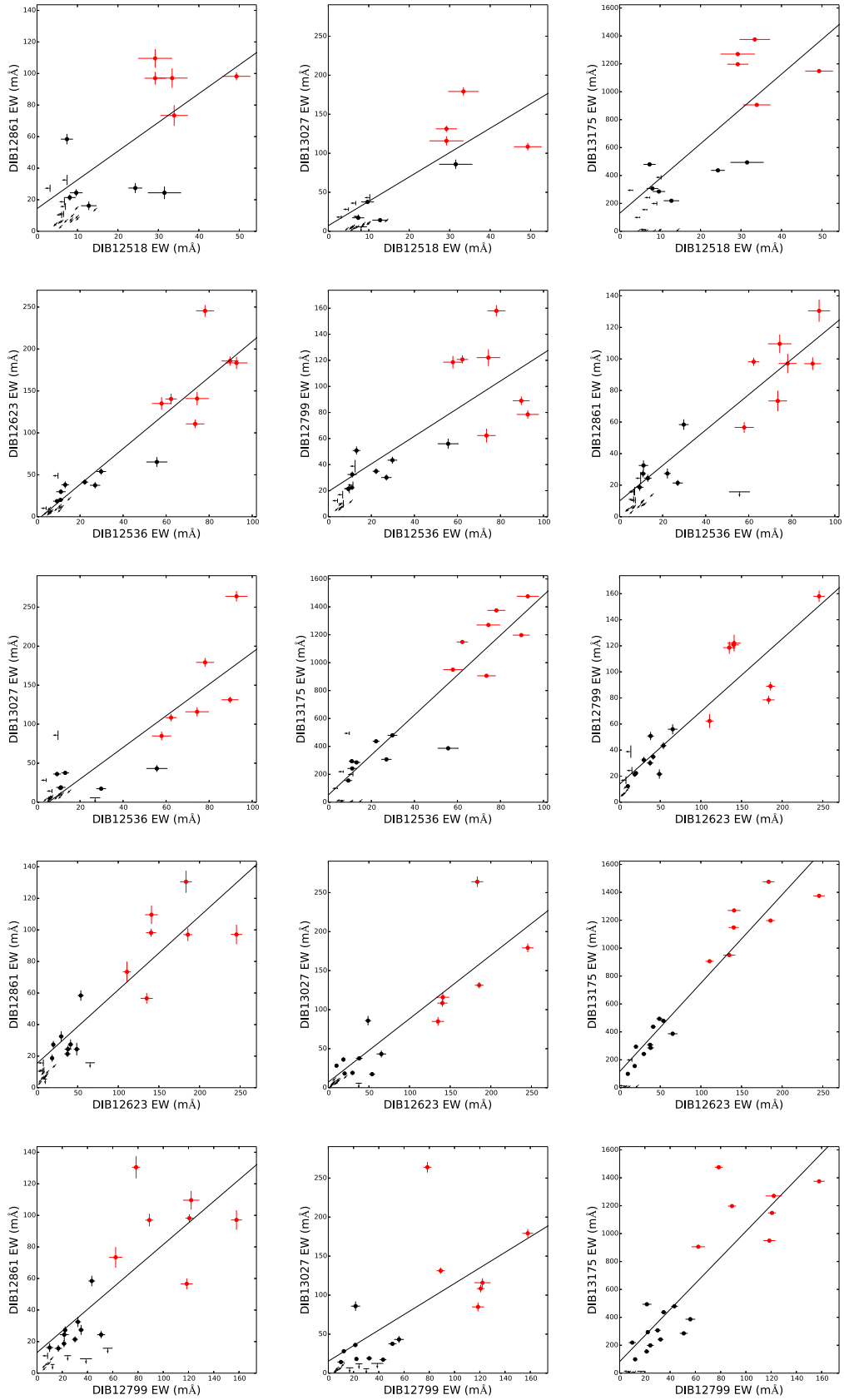


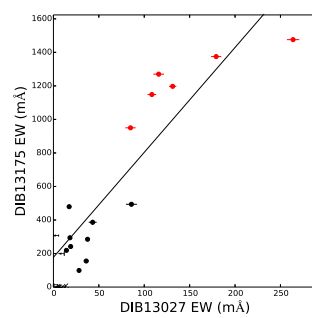
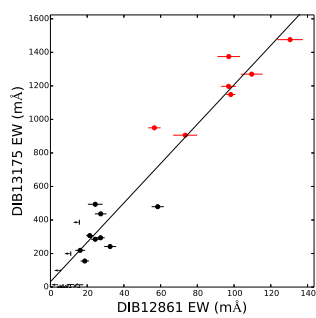
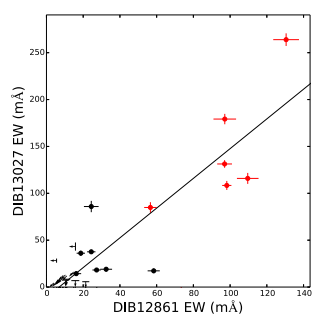
















## Appendix C

# Correlations between NIR DIBs and optical DIBs

Correlations between four NIR DIBs ( $\lambda\lambda 10438, 10780, 11797, \text{ and } 13175$ ) and two representative optical DIBs ( $\lambda\lambda 5780.5 \text{ and } 5797.1$ ) from the survey data (black circles; Chapter 4) and the data from Cox et al. (2014) (blue circles) are shown in this appendix. The black points show the DIBs toward the target stars of the survey. The blue points show the DIBs detected by Cox et al. (2014). The black line shows the linear function fitted to the black points.

