

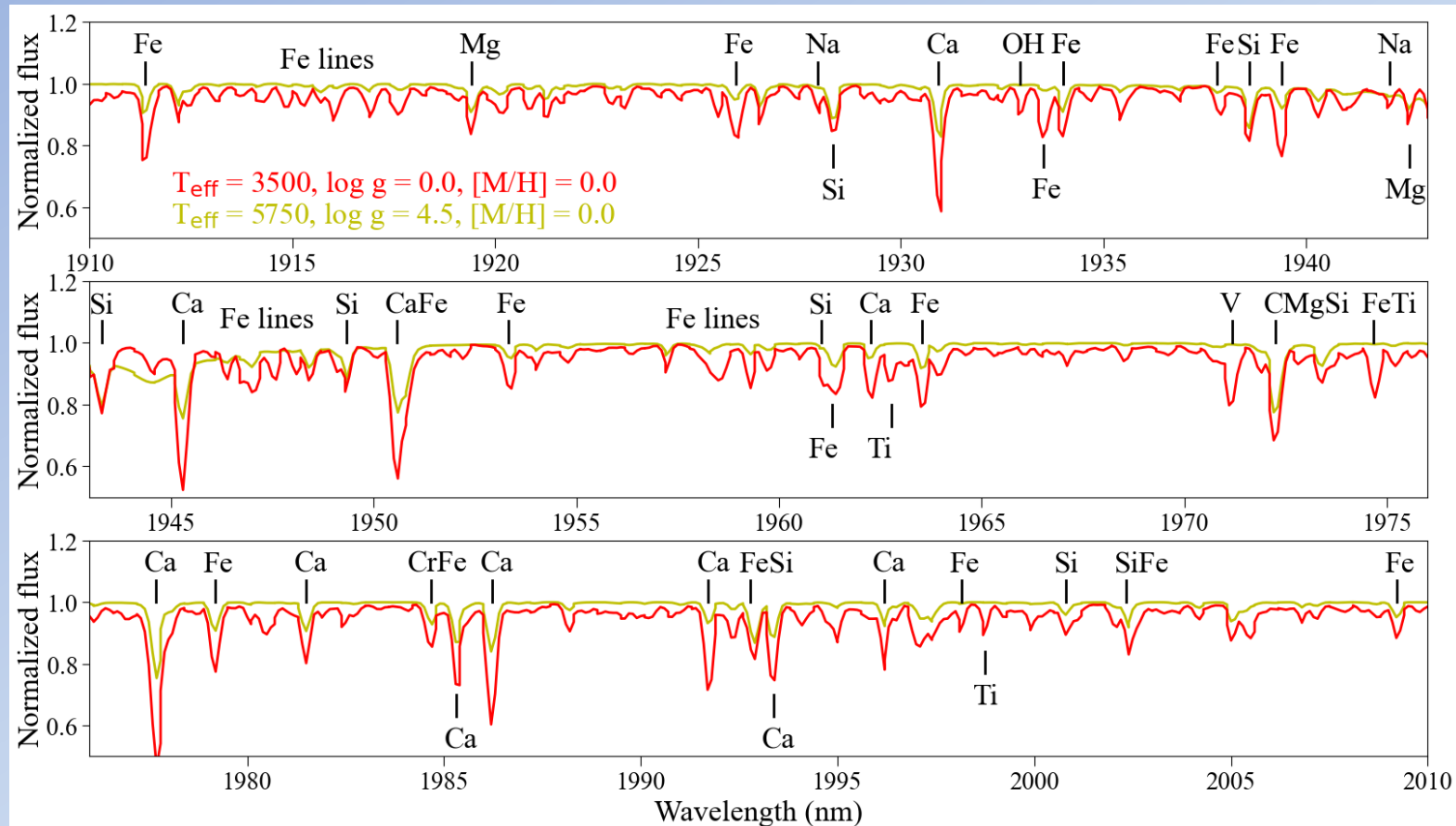
Radial velocity calculations for GaiaNIR

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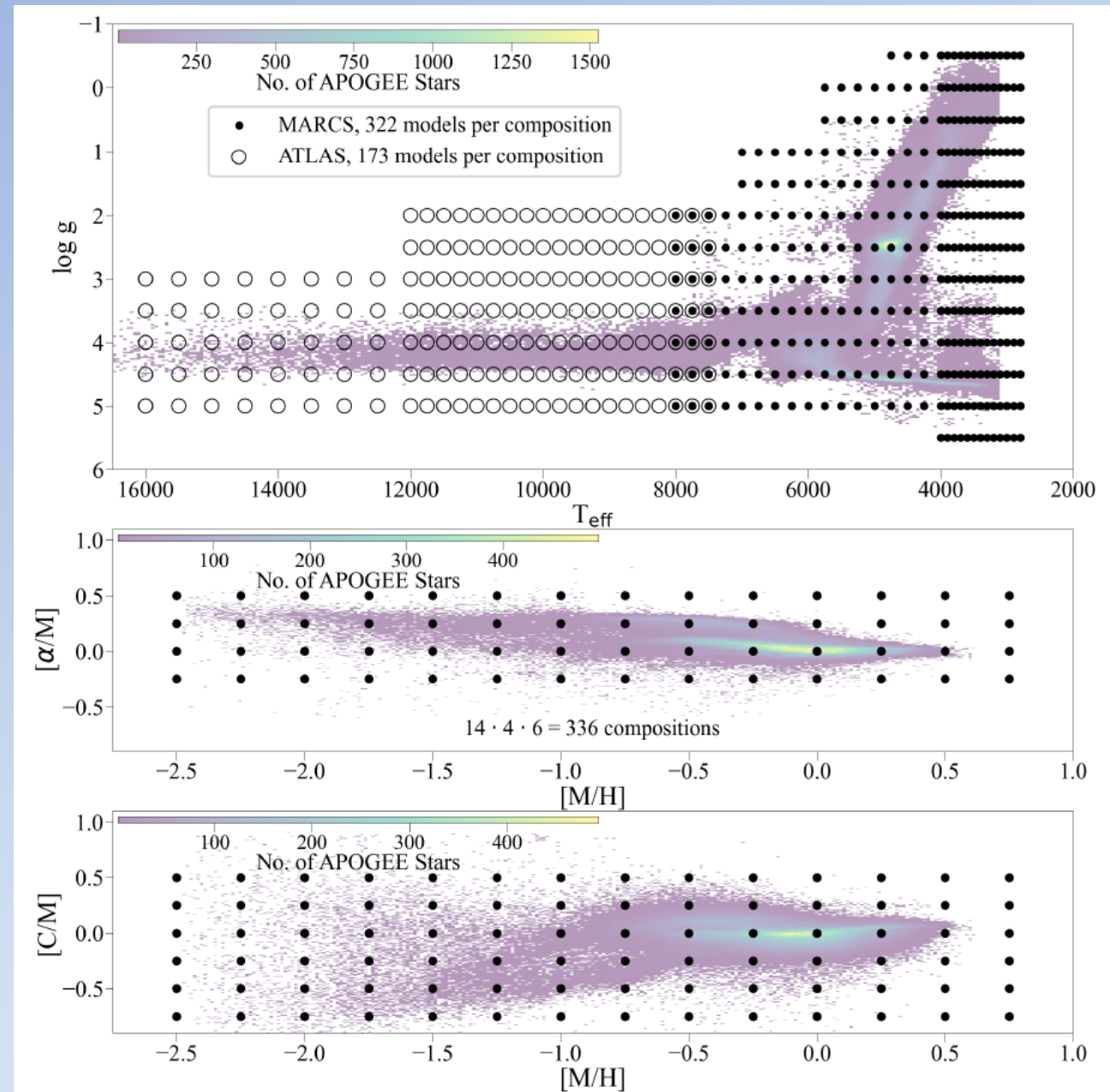
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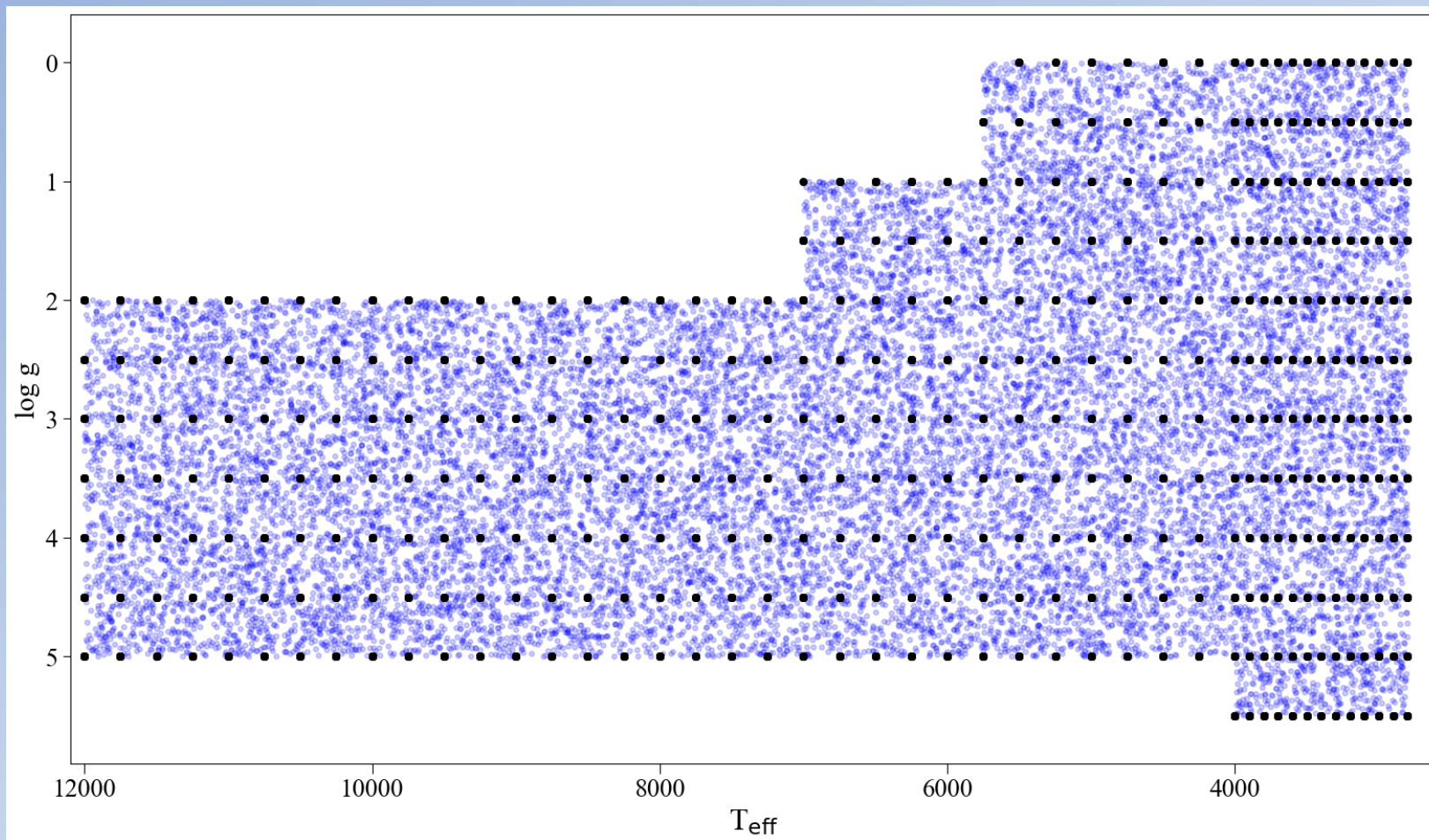
The BOSZ database

- The modeling of stellar spectra of flux standards observed by the Hubble and James Webb space telescopes requires a large synthetic spectral library that covers a wide atmospheric parameter range.
- *Mészáros, Sz. et al. 2024, A&A, 686, 197*: The updated BOSZ synthetic stellar spectral library :
<https://archive.stsci.edu/prepds/bosz/>
- 336 compositions, spectra between 50 nm and 32 μm . These new local thermodynamic equilibrium (LTE) models incorporate both MARCS and ATLAS9 model atmospheres, updated continuous opacities, and 23 new molecular line lists.

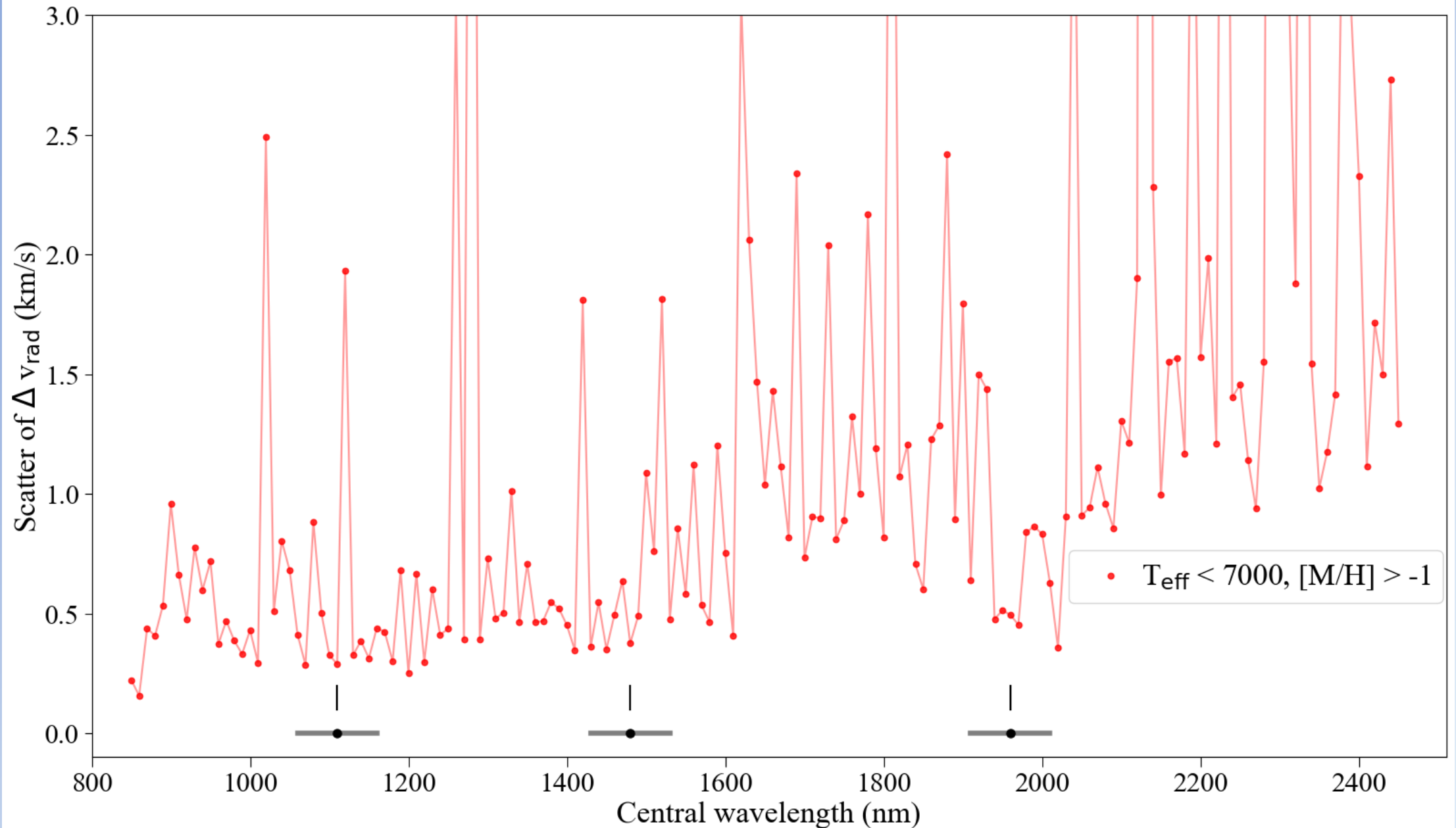


Parameters of calculations

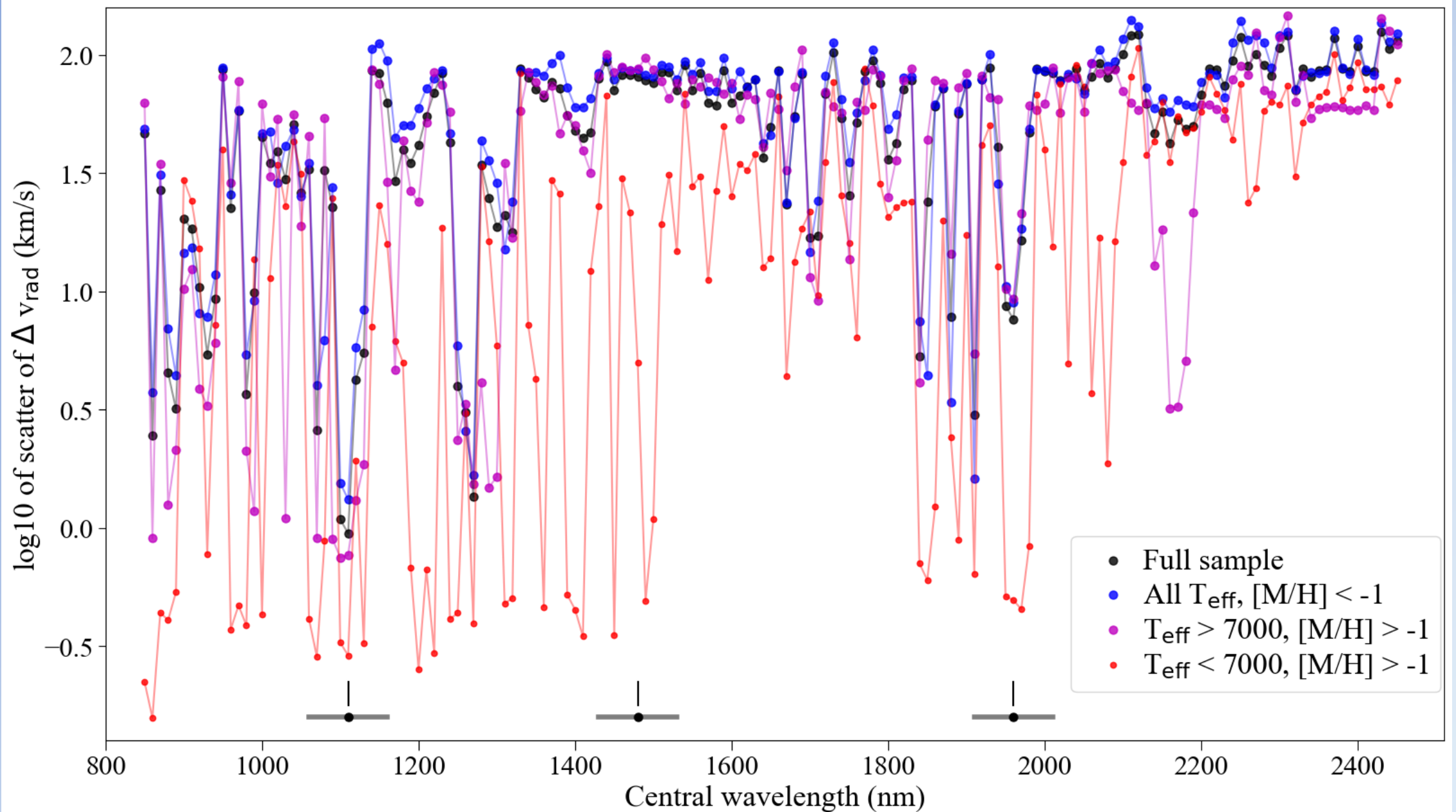
- Is there a 100 nm wide wavelength region that provides precise enough radial velocities in the mid-IF?
- 20000 synthetic spectra with random T_{eff} , $\log g$ and $[M/H]$.
- Assigned random v_{rad} between -100 and 100 km/s.
- SNR from 10 to 100 with Gaussian noise pattern.
- Running `pyasl.crosscorrRV` from -150 and 150 km/s, template is the spectrum without any noise.
- The median and scatter of the differences were calculated of stars for which the difference did not exceed ± 50 km/s to eliminate erroneous measurements.



The scatter vs. central wavelength

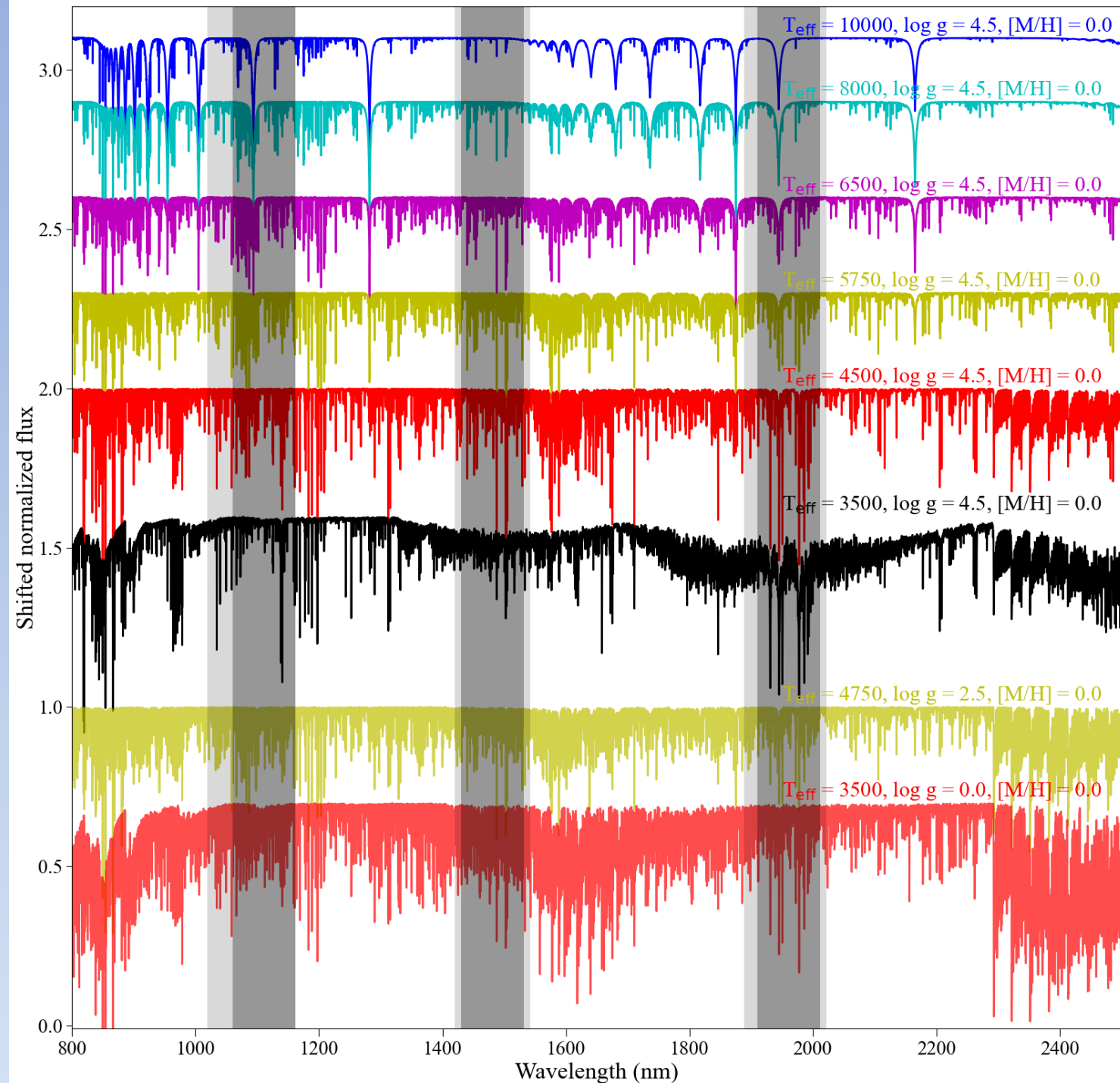


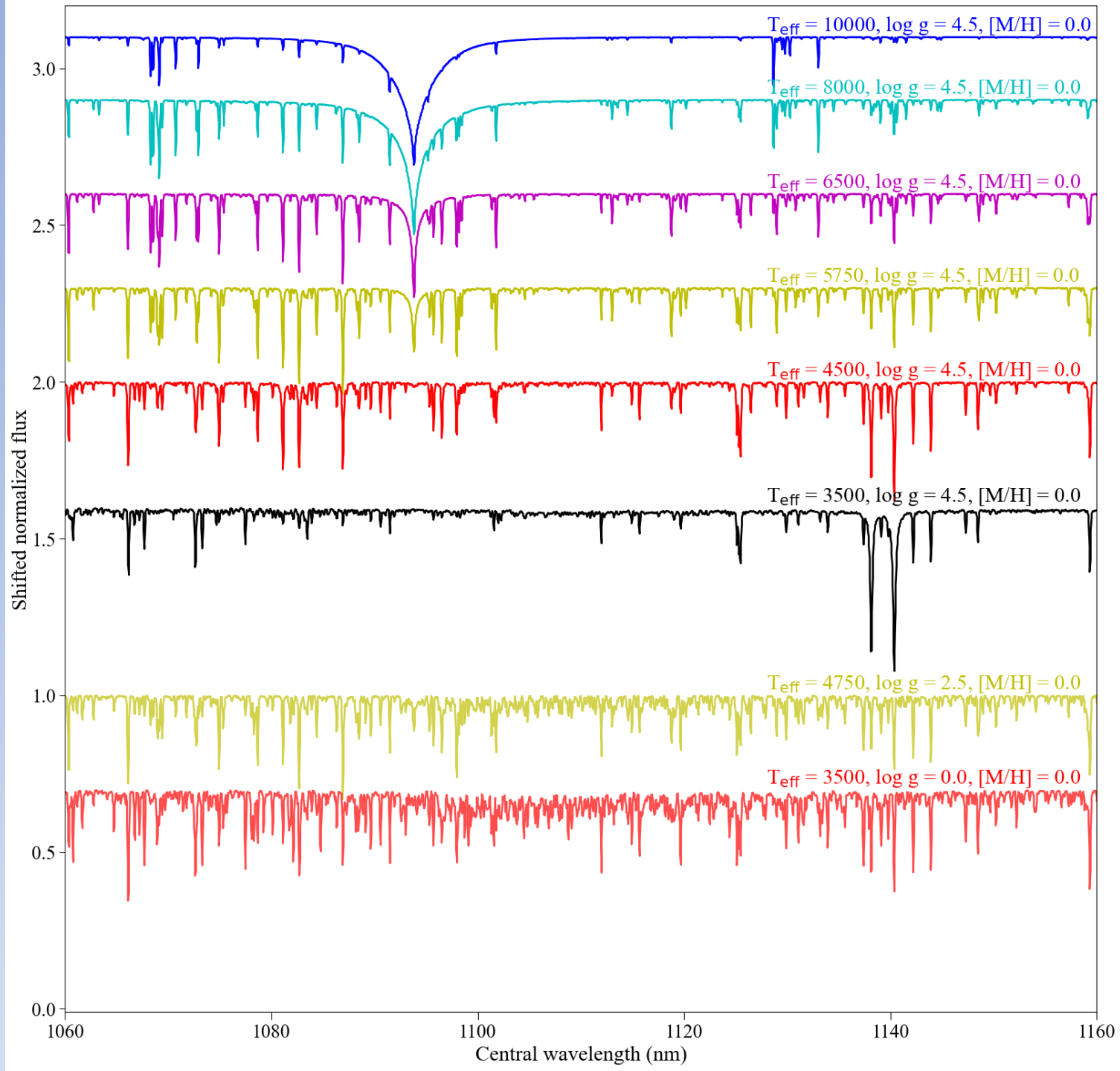
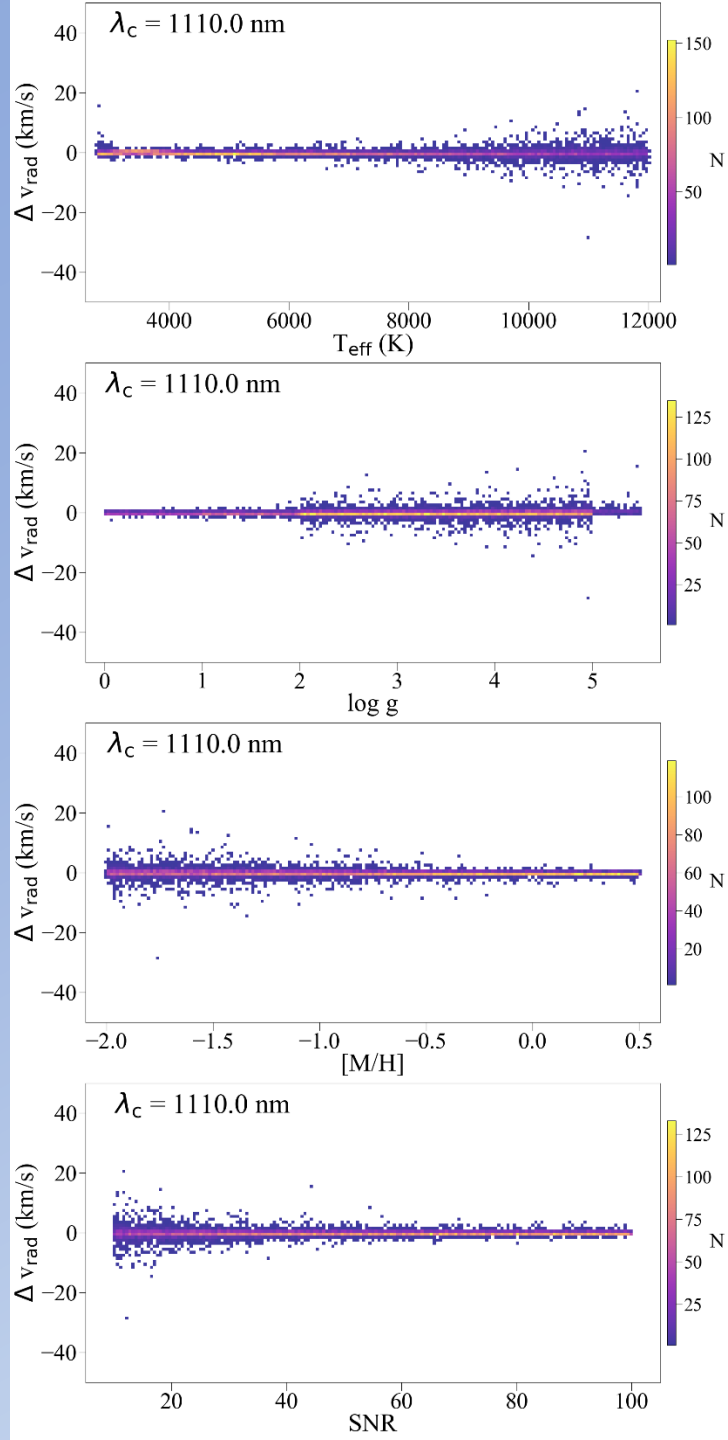
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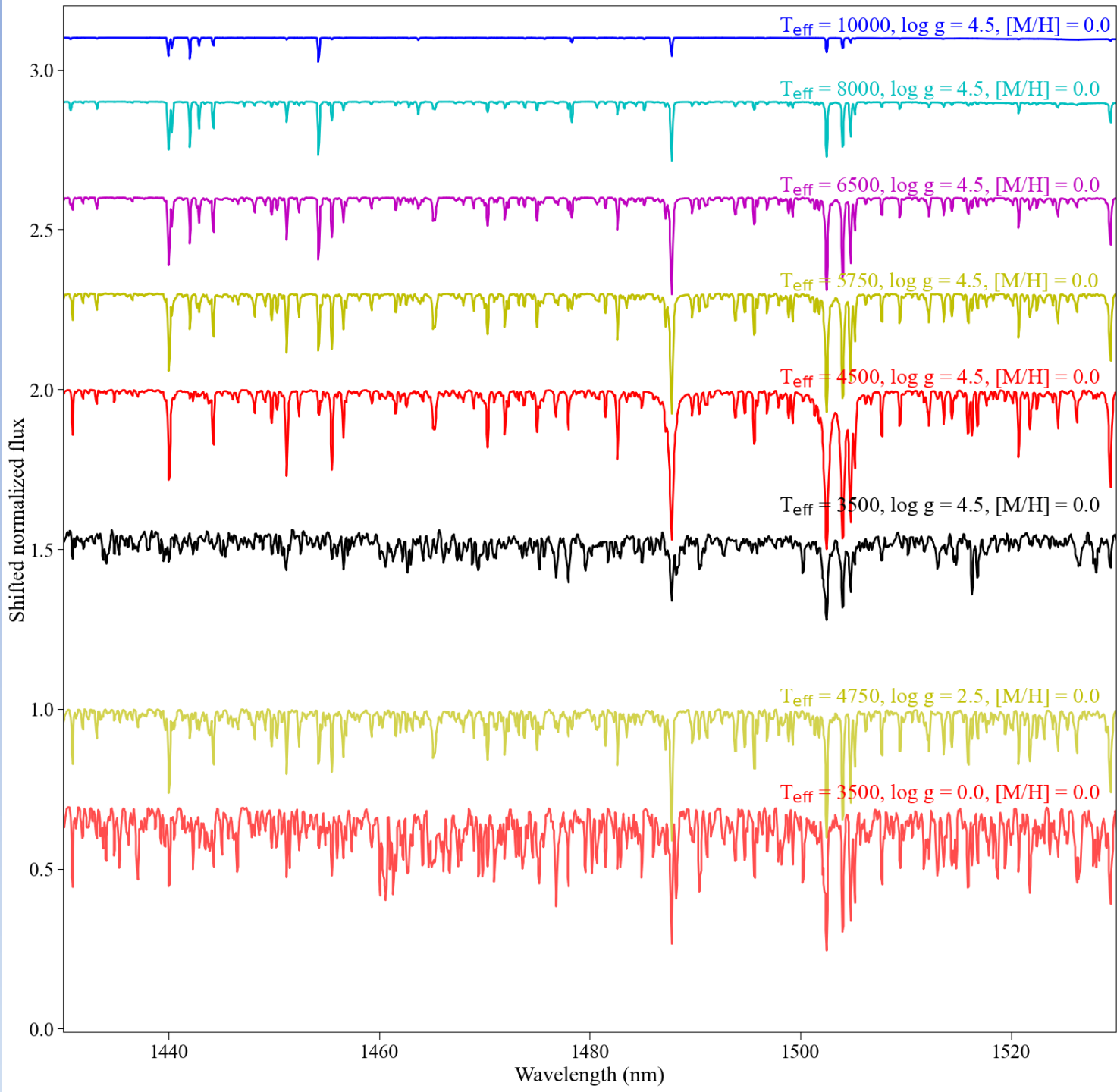
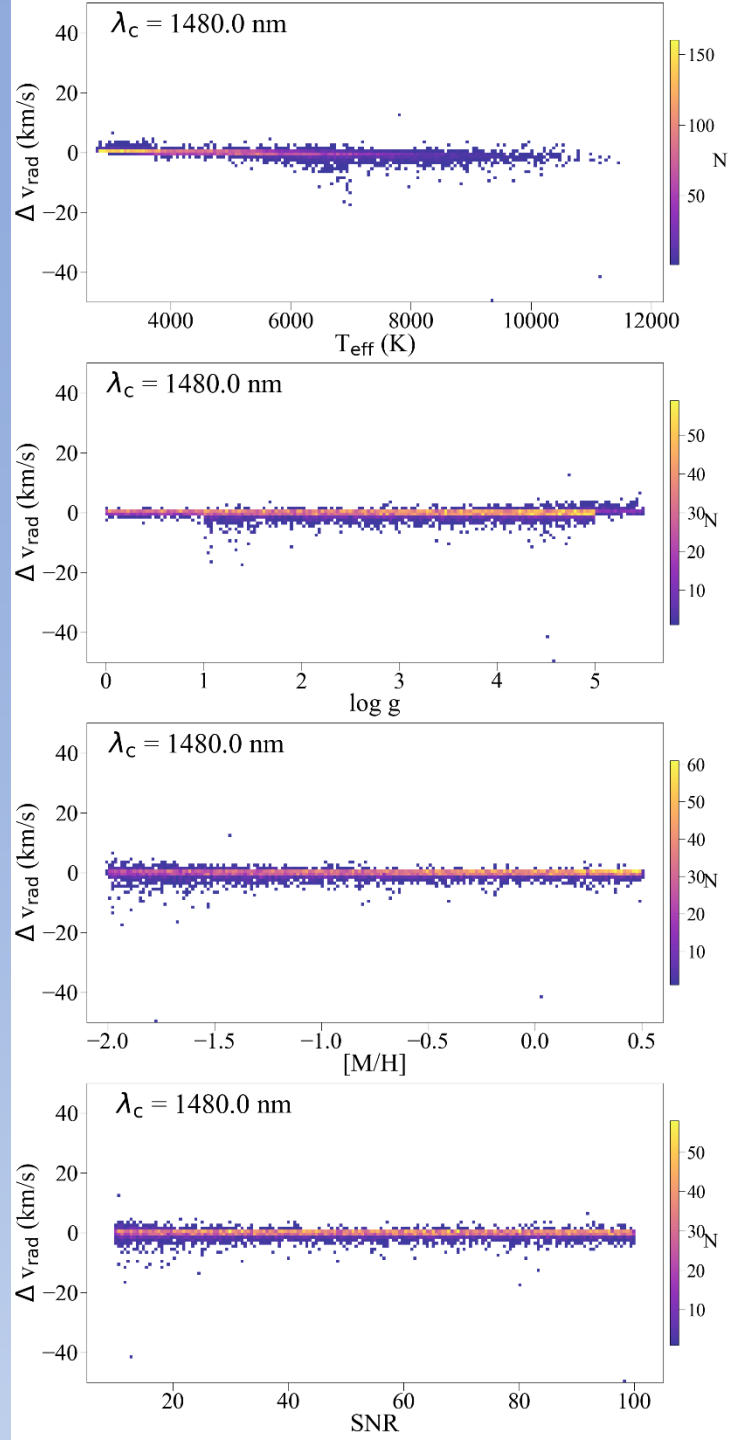


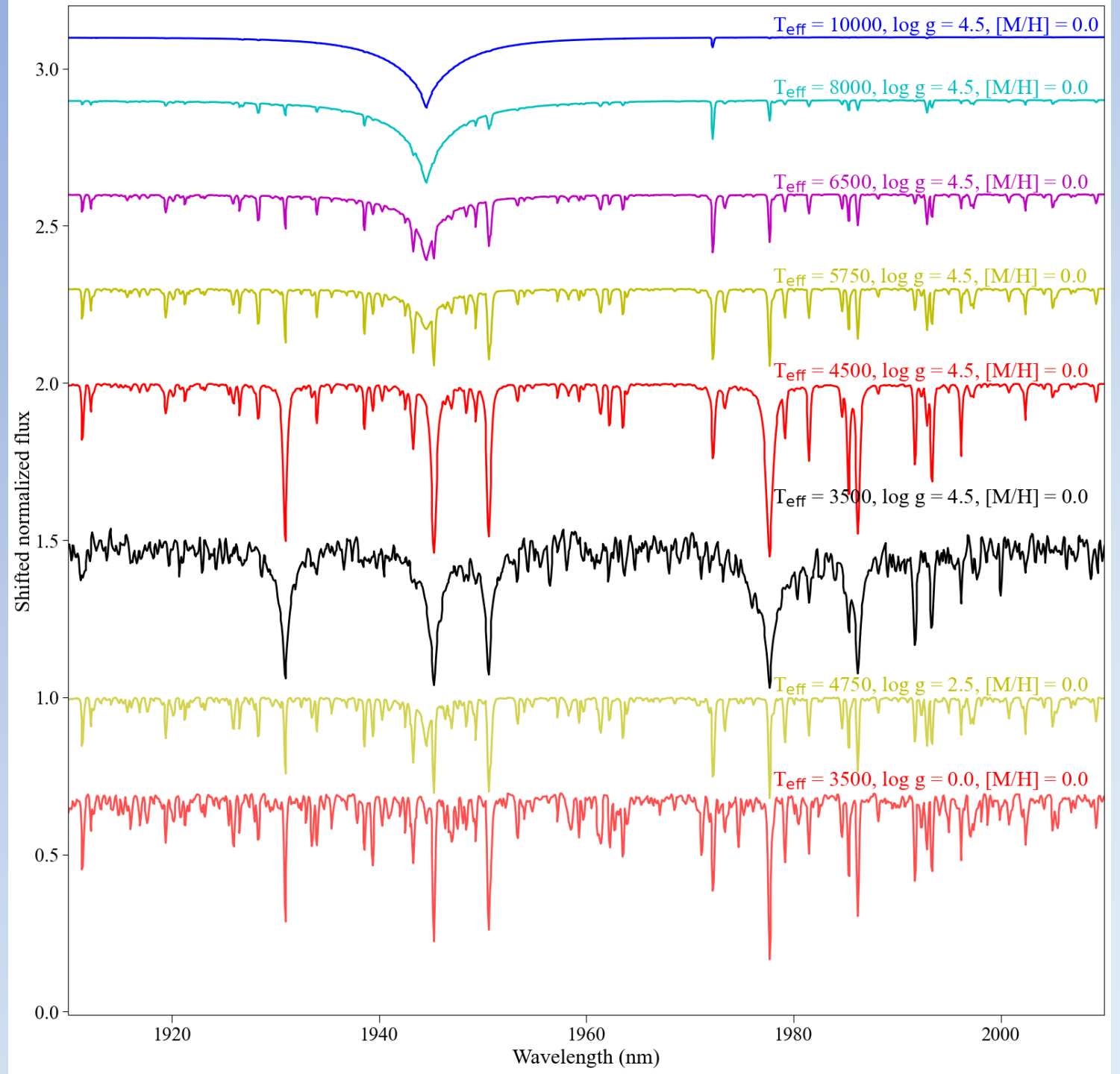
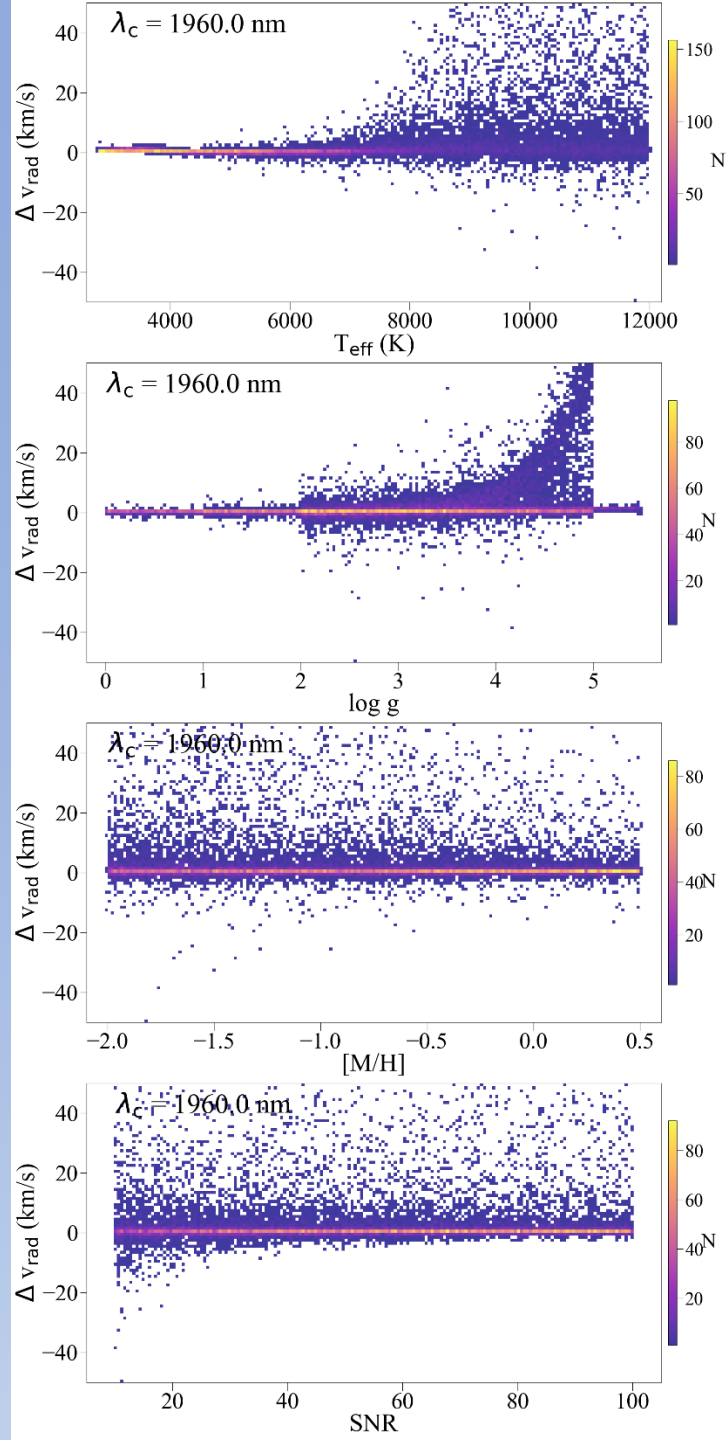
Selected windows

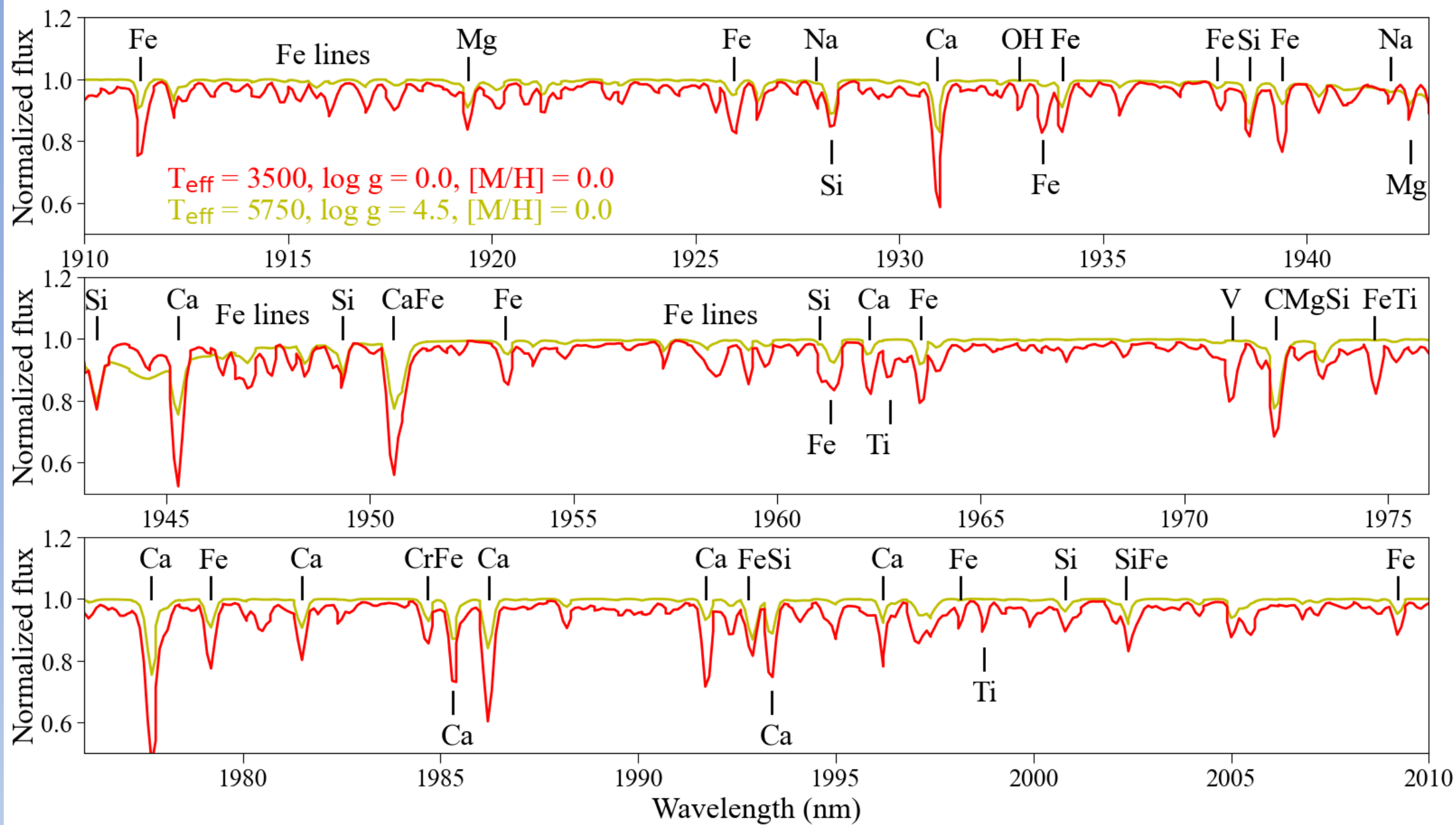
- Three windows selected:
- **1910 – 2010 nm:** preferred region, strong Fe and Ca lines across a large parameter space. A factor of two less precise than the 1060 – 1160 nm region.
- **1430 – 1530 nm:** backup region, strong Fe, Ca, Mg lines, no v_{rad} possible above $\sim 10000\text{K}$.
- **1060 – 1160 nm:** this is the most precise region; however, it is not at sufficiently longer wavelength than Gaia's spectrograph.











Available species: Mg, Si, Ca, Fe, with less confidence: Na, Ti, V, O (OH), C? (CO), N? (CN)

Overview

- We generate 20000 random synthetic spectra with random T_{eff} , $\log g$, $[M/H]$, v_{rad} and SNR and re-derived their radial velocity.
- Based on these tests we recommend to use the 1910 – 2010 nm region where strong Fe and Ca lines across a large parameter space help measure accurate and precise radial velocities.
- Backup option could be the 1430 – 1530 nm region, but there are multiple good options for the central wavelength between 1200 and 1600 nm.
- It is worth doing a new analysis in 1 nm steps and finer sampling of spectra and going from 1200 nm to 2100 nm.
- How well could we measure T_{eff} , $\log g$, $[M/H]$, and abundances from the 1910 – 2010 nm region?