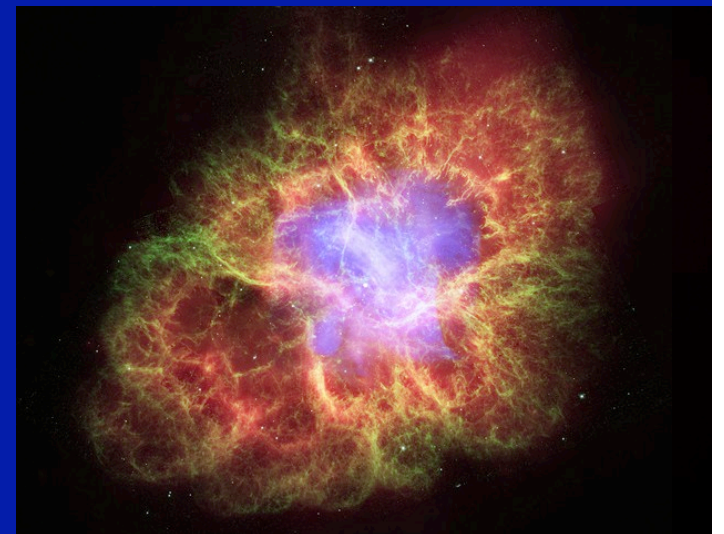
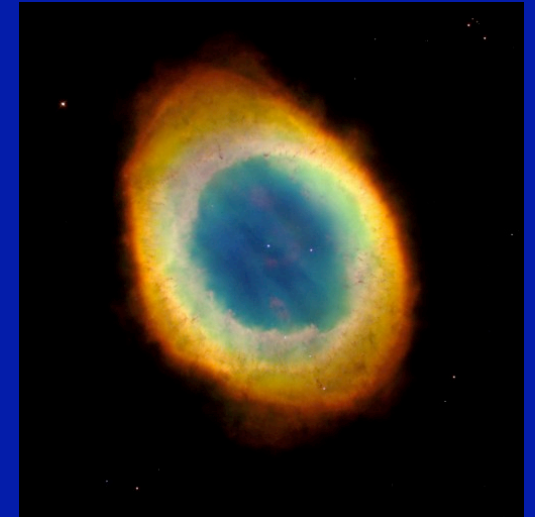
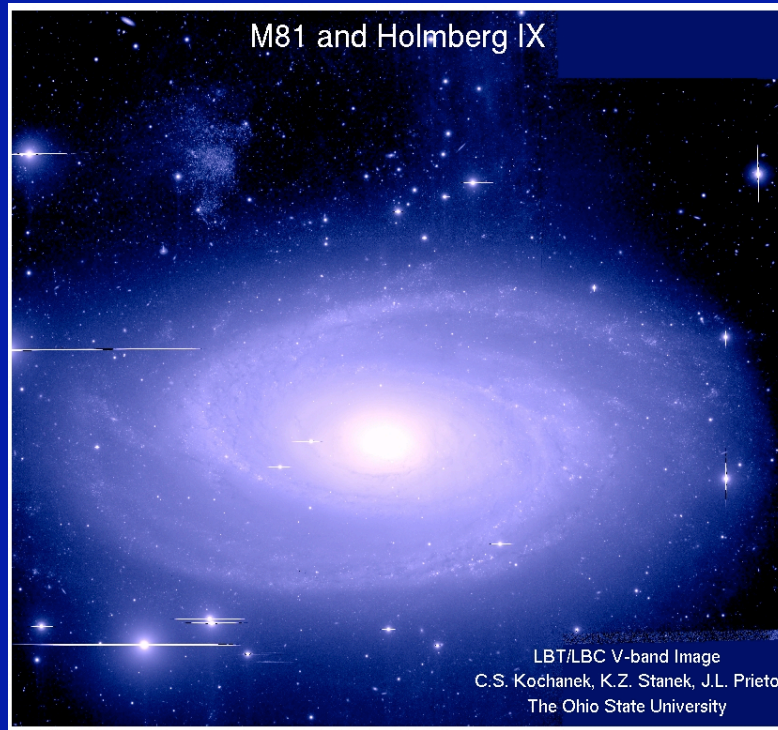
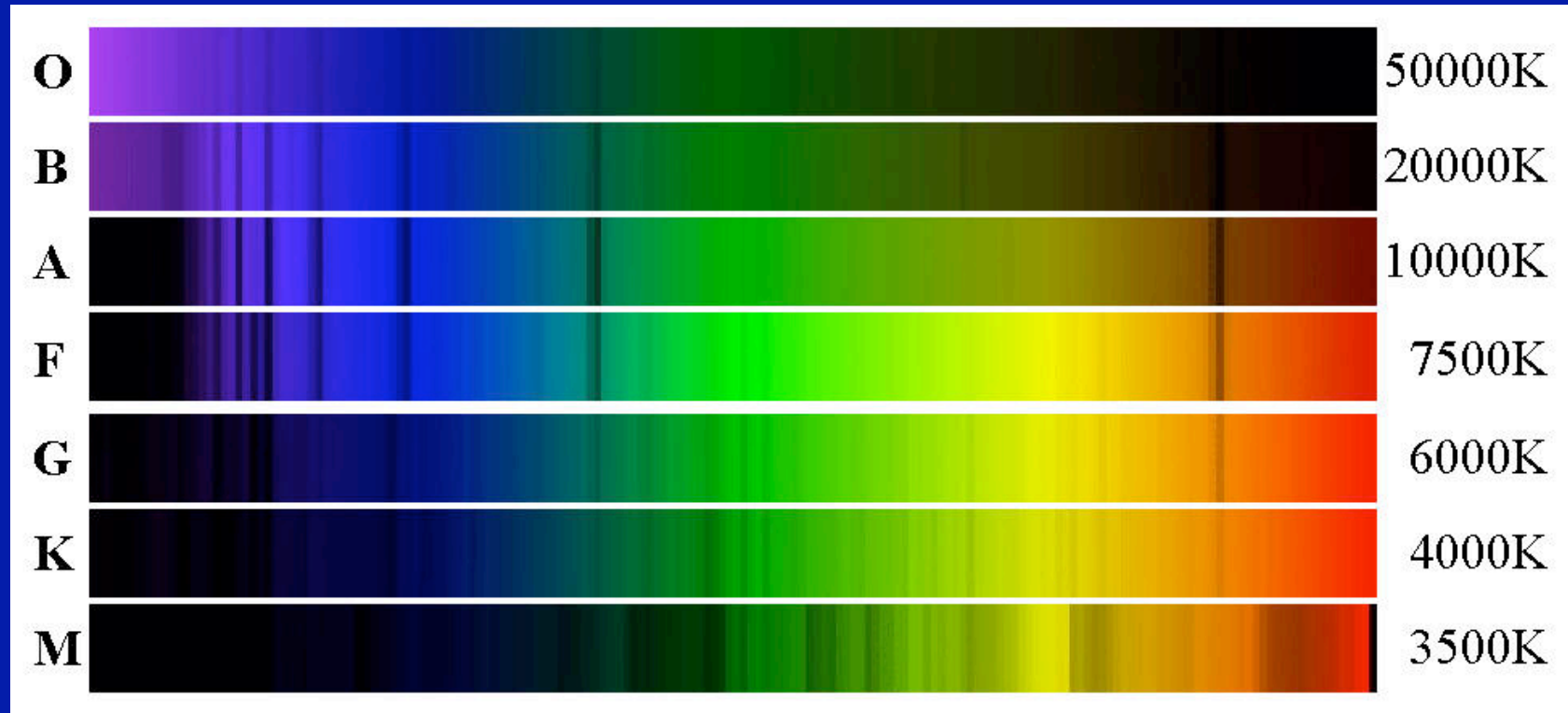
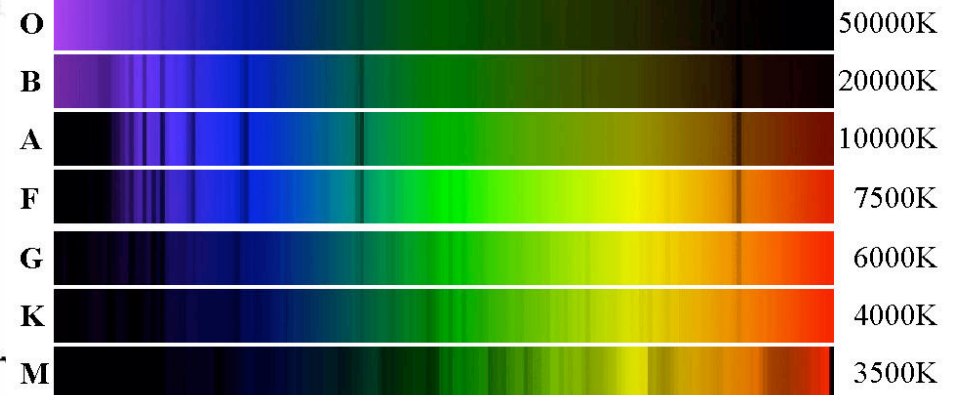
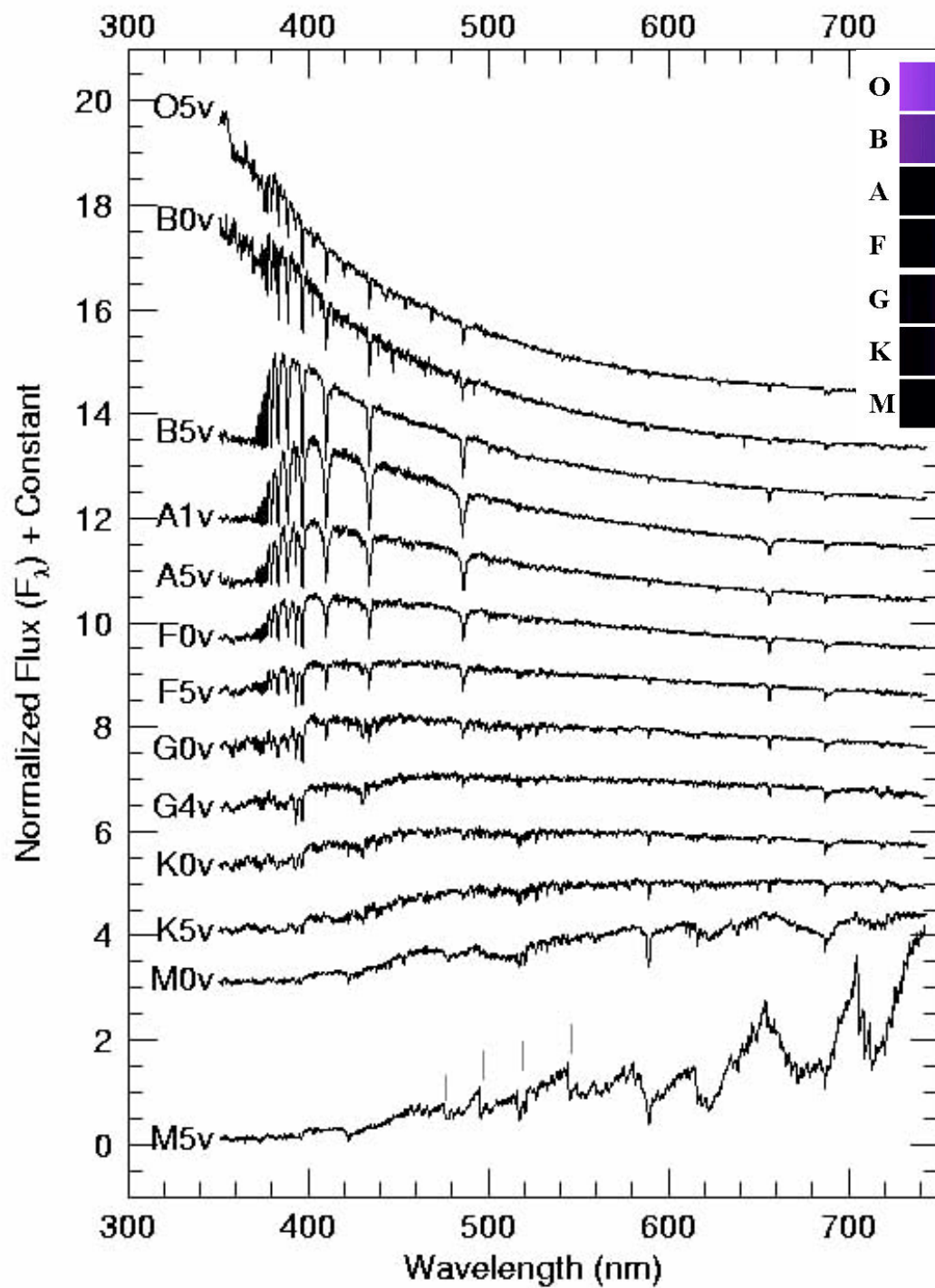




Spectra of Stars



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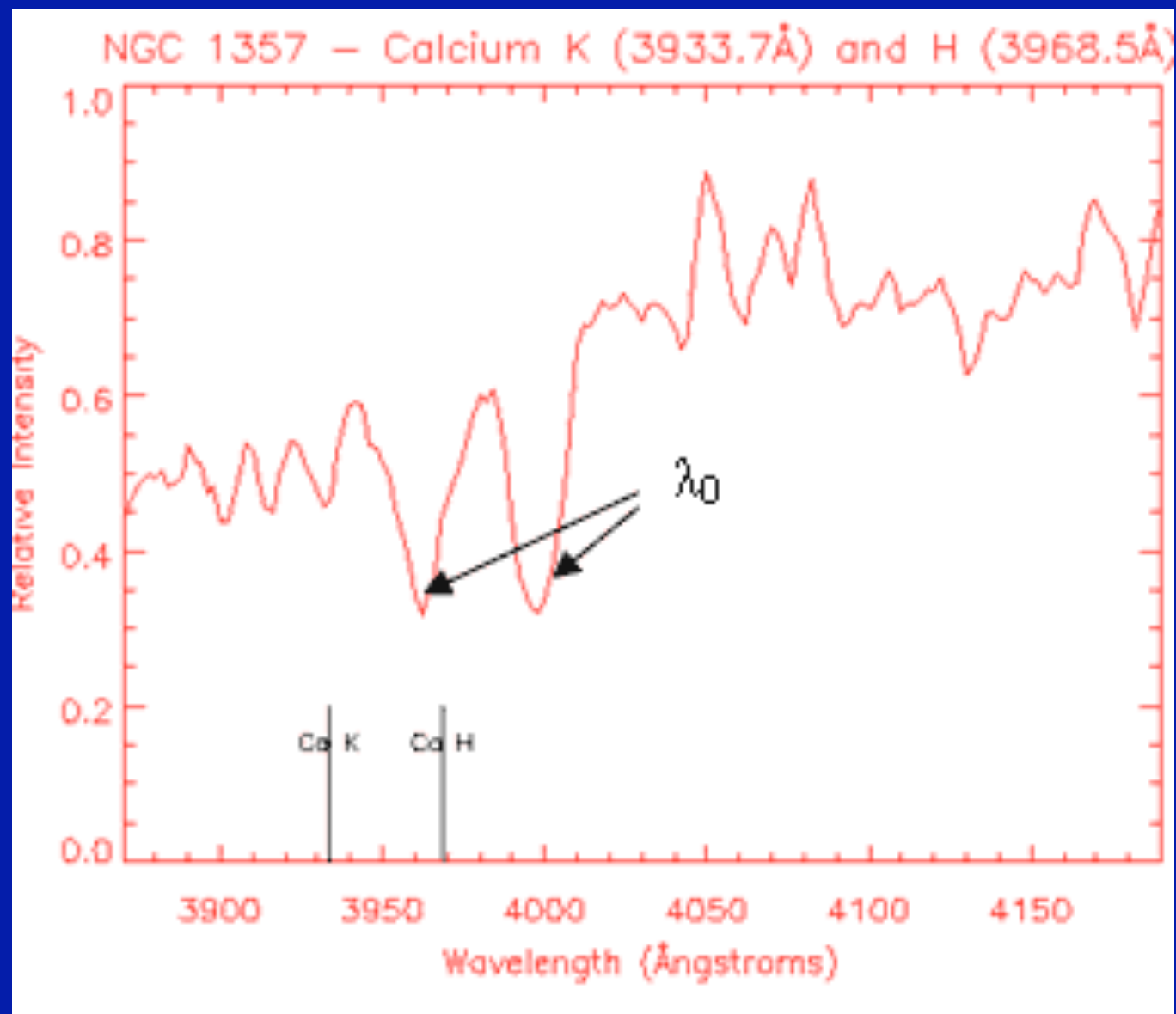


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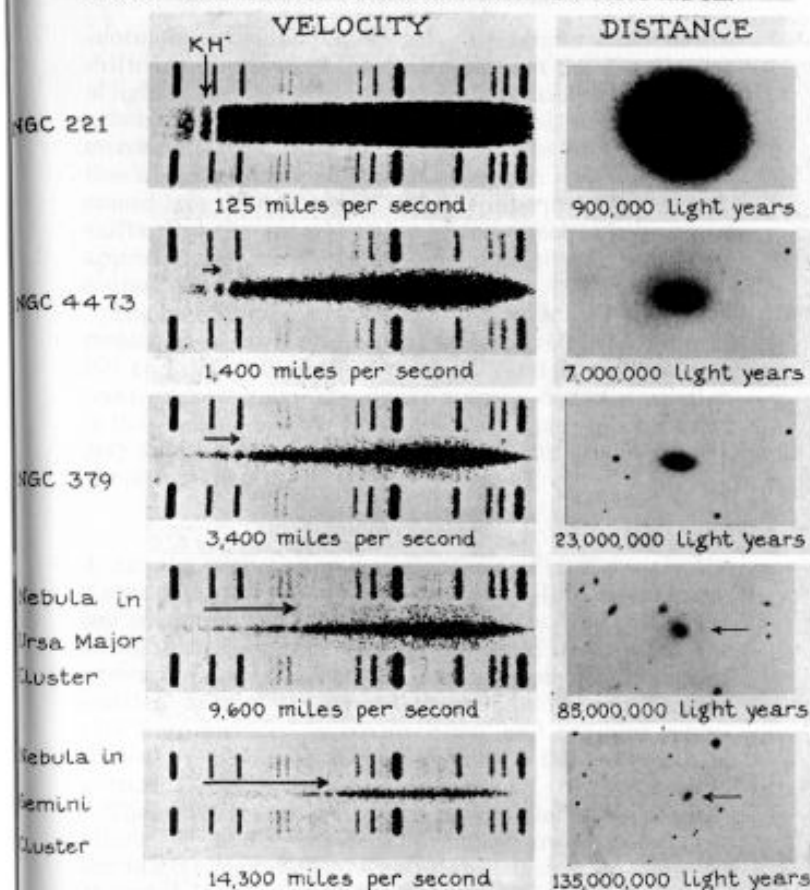
The Velocity-Distance Relation.

THE five examples in the Plate illustrate the empirical law that red-shifts in the spectra of nebulae increase with the apparent faintness of the nebulae. Since apparent faintness measures distance, the law can be stated in the form that red-shifts increase with distance. Detailed investigation shows that the relation is linear (red-shifts = constant $\times$ distance).

Red-shifts resemble velocity-shifts, and no other satisfactory explanation is available at the present time: red-shifts are due either to actual motion of recession or to some hitherto unrecognized principle of physics. Therefore, the empirical law is generally described as the *velocity-distance relation* (velocity = constant $\times$ distance), and is often considered as visible evidence of the expanding universe of general relativity.

The spectra are by Humason. The velocity of NGC 221 is negative—toward the earth—and is a reflection of the sun's motion in its orbit about the center of the galactic system. The other velocities are positive—away from the earth. The distance of NGC 221 (M32) should read 700,000 light years. The revision takes into account the effects of local obscuration.

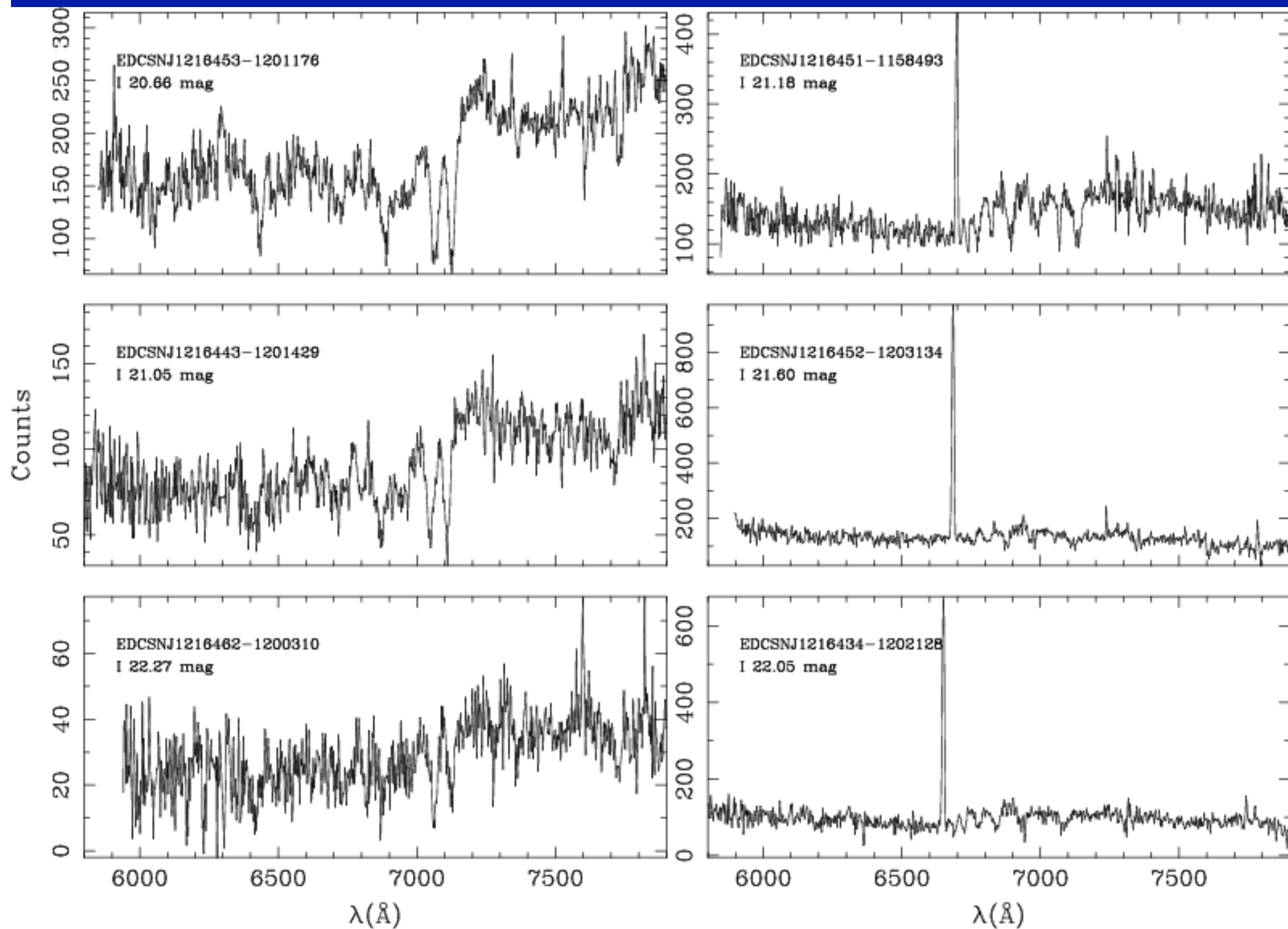
THE VELOCITY-DISTANCE RELATION FOR EXTRA-GALACTIC NEBULAE



The arrows above the nebular spectra point to the H and K lines of calcium and show the amounts these lines are displaced toward the red end of the spectra. The comparison spectra are of helium.

The direct photographs (on the same scale and with approximately the same exposure times) illustrate the decrease in size and brightness with increasing velocity or red-shift.

NGC 4473 is a member of the Virgo cluster and NGC 379 is a member of a group of nebulae in Pisces.



Velocity-Distance Relation among Extra-Galactic Nebulae.

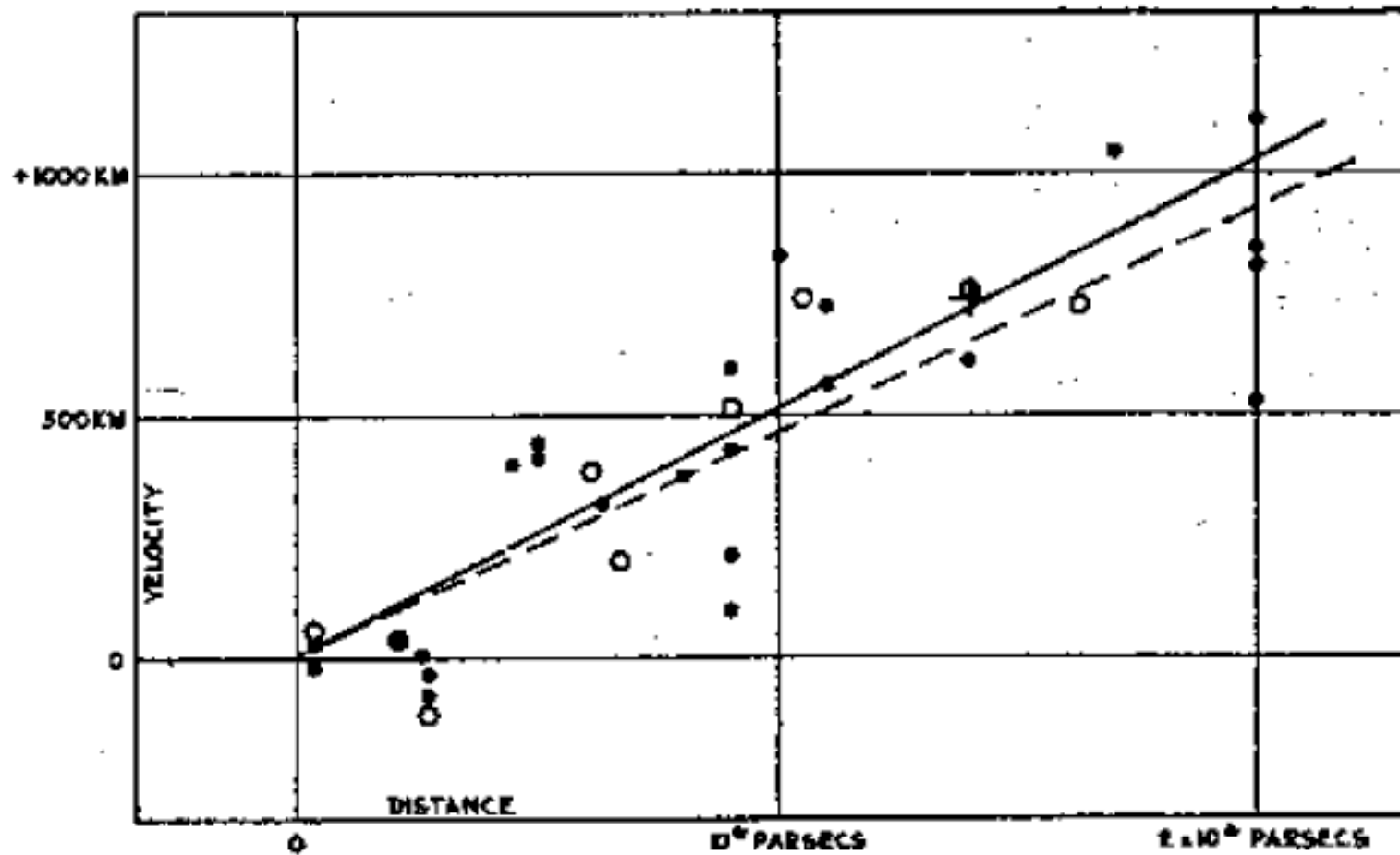
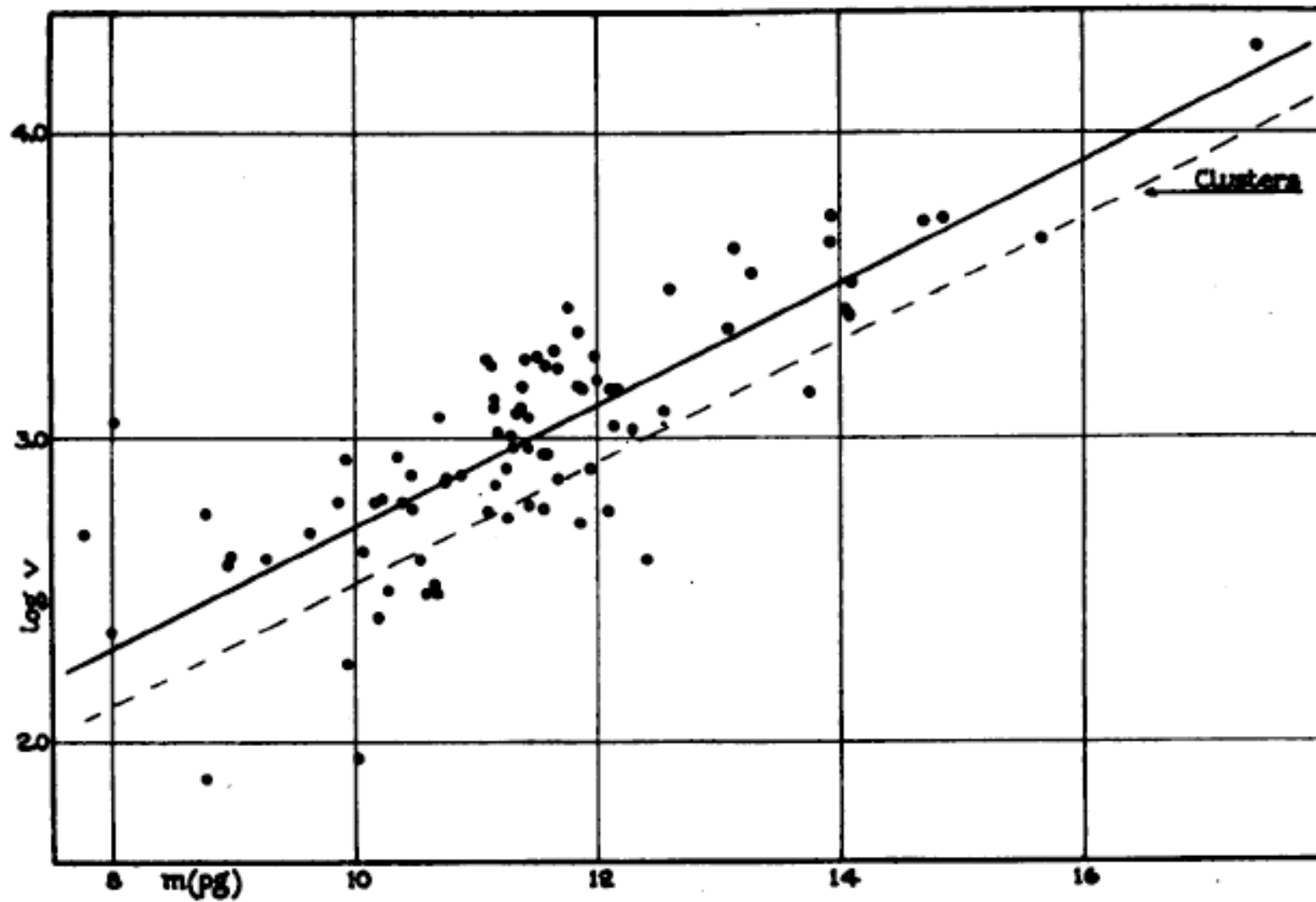


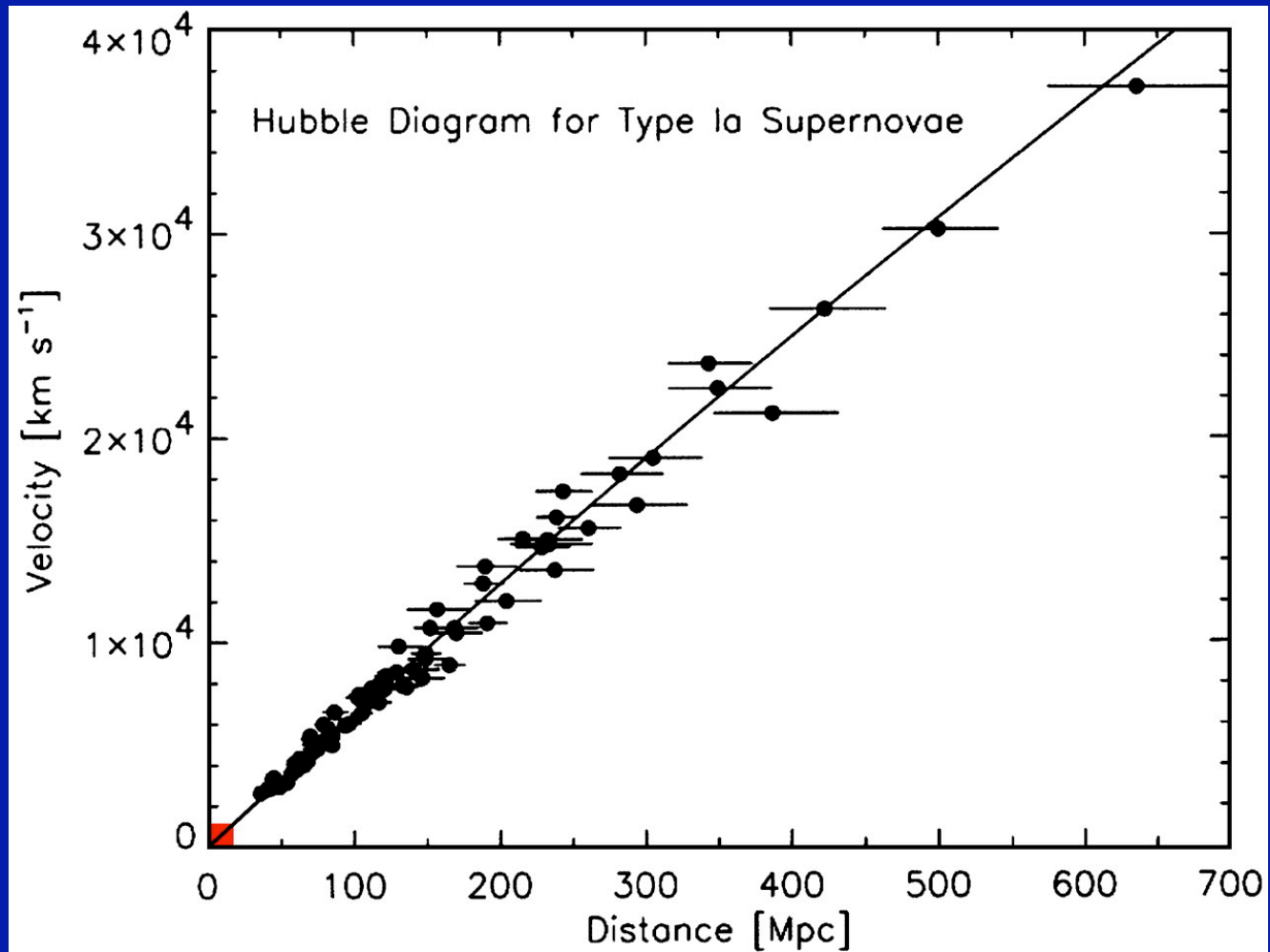
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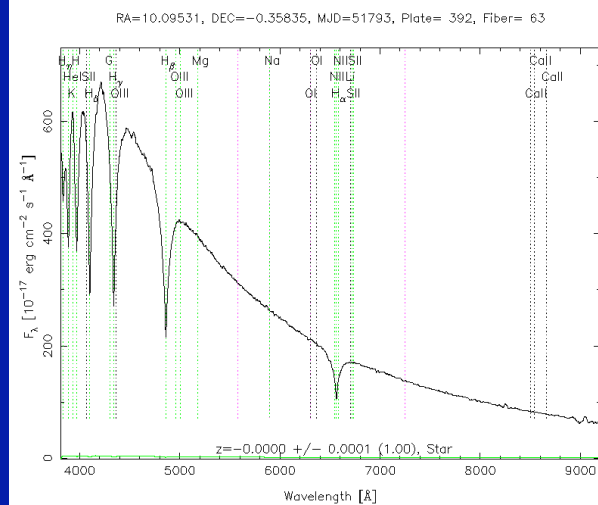
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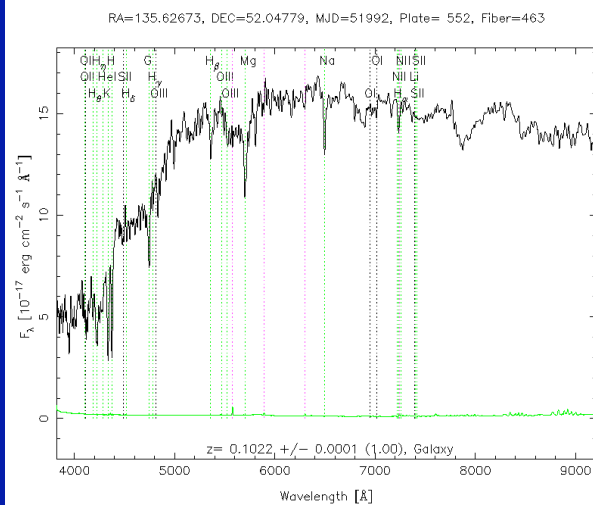
Velocity-Distance Relation for Isolated Nebulae
FIGURE 1

Hubble & Humason 1935

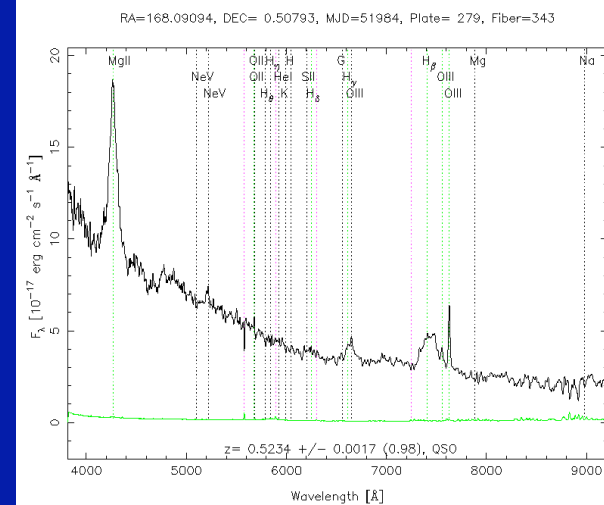




White dwarf



Galaxy



Quasar

