A STUDY OF ULTRAVIOLET SPECTRA OF DELTA SAGITTAE

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ABSTRACT. High resolution spectrum of the VV Cephei type star δ Sge (M2 II + A0 V) observed with the IUE satellite between 1979-1985 have been analysed. The radial velocity curves of non blended absorption features have been formed. Observed radial velocities are compared with the theoretical radial velocity curve due to orbital motion. We found that observed radial velocity variation is the resultant of radial velocity of hotter component and wind velocity around this star. The wind is perturbed by hotter component. Matching the UV continuum fluxes obtained from IUE high resolution spectra to fluxes of Kurucz model atmospheres yields Te=11000±500 °K. Thus the spectral type of hot component was found as A0.

1. Introduction

Delta Sagittae - classified as M2 II+B by Batten and Fisher (1981) and M2 II+A0 V by Batten (1986) is a spectroscopic binary of VV Cephei type with an orbital period of 3720 days. B type component is eclipsed by the atmosphere of the M giant. The system must have an orbital inclination greater than 70°, since atmospheric eclipses have been observed. The last periastron passage occurred in the second week of April 1990.

Distance to the system was determined 300 pc by Reimers and Kudritzki (1981), 224 pc by Batten and Fisher (1981) and 170±30 pc by Reimers and Schroder (1983).

2. Observations

We have collected twelve IUE images of δ Sge from to IUE-VILSPA data bank, The spectra cover the period between May 26, 1979 and May 14, 1985. All spectra are high resolution and large aperture spectra. Table. 1 shows the list of the images. The phases have been computed by the ephemeris minimum=JD2444271+3720^d. E (Reimers and Schroder, 1985).

3. Line Identification

In all spectra, more than 700 lines have been identified between 1200 and 3000 Å which shows numerous sharp absorption lines, and P Cygni and inverse P Cygni features on the B star's continuum.

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Image	Camera	Date	Phase	Exp.(s)
L4606	LWR	26.05.1979	0.93	600
S6833	SWP	11.10.1979	0.97	2640
L5810	LWR	11.10.1979	0.97	1740
S9649	SWP	30.07.1980	0.05	2700
L8396	LWR	30.07.1980	0.05	1800
S16664	SWP	30.03.1982	0.21	3900
L12903	LWR	30.03.1982	0.21	2400
S21070	SWP	16.09.1983	0.36	2700
L16807	LWR	16.09.1983	0.36	1200
L4095	LWP	27.08.1984	0.45	1980
S25942	SWP	14.05.1985	0.52	1290
L5982	LWP	14.05.1985	0.52	1500

TABLE 1. The high resolution and large aperture images

Fe II lines are dominated in the UV spectrum of δ Sge. In addition singly ionized metal lines as Ni II, Cr II, Mn II are seen. This lines varies in phase and such variations are different for different lines. Furthermore, the UV spectra includes high ionization lines such as C IV, Al III and Si IV. This broad line profiles also vary in phase and the lines are deep broad absorption features during to eclipse however they are less broad and sometimes have emission component outside eclipse. The high ionization lines do not arise from the hot star but δ Sagittae system has an high temperature region which forms high ionization lines. According to Reimers and Kudritzki (1981), the high temperature could be produced by shoch heating when the potential energy of infalling matter is transformed into kinetic energy.

4. Radial Velocities

We have measured the radial velocity of non blended and only absorption features (Table 2). Theoritical radial velocity curves of δ Sge's components obtained by using Batten's (1986) new orbital elements were compared with the observed radial velocities (Figure 1).

		Line	PHASES				
Element	Mult.	Number	0.97	0.05	0.21	0.36	0.52
Fe II	9	2	20.4	10.5	-7.4	-41.9	-18.3
Fe II	38	3	22.1	8.8	-22.7	-42.9	-30.4
Fe II	40, 41, 42	18	27.8	7.6	-21.6	-34.9	-29.3
	43, 44, 45, 47	7					
Ni II	4, 5, 8	3	20.9	7.1	-21.0	-36.6	-25.4

TABLE 2. Mean velocity values as km.s⁻¹

Reimers and Schroder (1983) was found that the extended envelope of M giant expands with 25 to 30 km.s⁻¹. The observed radial velocity variation looks resultant of radial velocity of hot component and wind velocity around this star. The wind is perturbed by hot component. Reimers and Schroder (1989) studied Ca II lines in optical region. They found the expansion velocity of envelope of M giant component.

5. B Star

The ultraviolet spectra of atmospheric eclipsing binaries are dominated by the radiation of hot component. We derived UV continuum and matching the continuum fluxes to fluxes of Kurucz model atmospheres yields Te=11000°K±500 °K. The observed fluxes have been corrected with an average interstellar reddening of E(B-V)=0.03. The correction is too small in the invisibility of the interstellar absorption feature at 2200 Å. Figure 2 shows UV energy distribution curve of δ Sge, and theoreticalfit by Kurucz model atmospheres. Thus, we founded spectral type of hot component of δ Sagittae as A0.

6. Results

- ^ The UV spectra includes high ionization lines such as C IV, Al III and Si IV which vary in phase.
- [^] The observed radial velocity variation looks resultant of radial velocity of hot component and wind velocity around this star. The wind is perturbed by hot component.
- ^ Matching the UV continuum fluxes to fluxes of Kurucz model atmospheres yields $T_e=11000^\circ$ K±500 °K.
- $^{\circ}$ The UV energy distribution curve of δ Sagittae was fitted by Kurucz model atmospheres and founded spectral type of hot component of δ Sagittae as A0.

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