

THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES AND EFFECTIVE TEMPERATURE SCALE OF O-TYPE STARS AS A FUNCTION OF METALLICITY. II. ANALYSIS OF 20 MORE MAGELLANIC CLOUD STARS AND RESULTS FROM THE COMPLETE SAMPLE^{1,2}

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ABSTRACT

In order to determine the physical properties of the hottest and most luminous stars and understand how these properties change as a function of metallicity, we have analyzed *HST*/UV and high-S/N optical spectra of an additional 20 Magellanic Cloud stars, doubling the sample presented in the first paper in this series. Our analysis uses non-LTE line-blanketed models that include spherical extension and the hydrodynamics of the stellar wind. In addition, our data set includes *FUSE* observations of O VI and *HST* near-UV He I and He II lines to test for consistency of our derived stellar properties for a few stars. The results from the complete sample are as follows: (1) We present an effective temperature scale for O stars as a function of metallicity. We find that the SMC O3–7 dwarfs are 4000 K hotter than Galactic stars of the same spectral type. The difference is in the sense expected due to the decreased significance of line blanketing and wind blanketing at the lower metallicities that characterize the SMC. The temperature difference between the SMC and Milky Way O dwarfs decreases with decreasing temperature, becoming negligible by spectral type B0, in accord with the decreased effects of stellar winds at lower temperatures and luminosities. The temperatures of the LMC stars appear to be intermediate between that of the Milky Way and SMC, as expected based on their metallicities. Supergiants show a similar effect but are roughly 3000–4000 K cooler than dwarfs for early O stars, also with a negligible difference by B0. The giants appear to have the same effective temperature scale as dwarfs, consistent with there being little difference in the surface gravities. When we compare our scale to other recent modeling efforts, we find good agreement with some CMFGEN results, while other CMFGEN studies are discordant, although there are few individual stars in common. WM-BASIC modeling by others has resulted in significantly cooler effective temperatures than what we find, as does the recent TLUSTY/CMFGEN study of stars in the NGC 346 cluster, but our results lead to a far more coeval placement of stars in the H-R diagram for this cluster. (2) We find that the wind momentum of these stars scales with luminosity and metallicity in the ways predicted by radiatively driven wind theory, supporting the use of photospheric analyses of hot luminous stars as a distance indicator for galaxies with resolved massive star populations. (3) A comparison of the spectroscopic masses with those derived from stellar evolutionary theory shows relatively good agreement for stars with effective temperatures below 45,000 K; however, stars with higher temperatures all show a significant mass discrepancy, with the spectroscopic masses a factor of 2 or more smaller than the evolutionary masses. This problem may in part be due to unrecognized binaries in our sample, but the result suggests a possible systematic problem with the surface gravities or stellar radii derived from our models. (4) Our sample contains a large number of stars of the earliest O types, including those of the newly proposed O2 subtype. We provide the first quantitative descriptions of their defining spectral characteristics and investigate whether the new types are a legitimate extension of the effective temperature sequence. We find that the N III/N IV emission line ratio used to define the new classes does not, by itself, serve as an effective temperature indicator within a given luminosity class: there are O3.5 V stars that are as hot or hotter than O2 V stars. However, the He I/He II ratio does not fair much better for stars this hot, as we find that He I λ 4471/He II λ 4542, usually taken primarily as a temperature indicator, becomes sensitive to both the mass-loss rate and surface gravities for the hottest stars. This emphasizes the need to rely on *all* of the spectroscopic diagnostic lines, and not simply N III/N IV or even He I/He II, for these extreme objects. (5) The two stars with the most discordant radial velocities in our sample happen to be O3 “field stars,” i.e.,

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found far from the nearest OB associations. This provides the first compelling observational evidence as to the origin of the field O stars in the Magellanic Clouds, i.e., that these are classic runaway OB stars, ejected from their birthplaces.

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1. INTRODUCTION

An accurate knowledge of the stellar effective temperature scale provides the means of converting the observed properties of a star into its physical properties. The issue is particularly important—and challenging—for the massive O-type stars, as the bolometric corrections (BCs) are a very steep function of the assumed effective temperature (T_{eff}) at the extremely high T_{eff} values that characterize these objects. For these hot stars, a 10% error in T_{eff} results in an error of 30% in the derived bolometric luminosity of a star (starting from the absolute visual magnitude; see Massey 1998), compromising any attempt to use stellar evolutionary tracks to determine distances, initial mass functions (IMFs), and ages of clusters (see, for example, Massey 1998; Slesnick et al. 2002). In addition, a 10% uncertainty in T_{eff} results in a factor of 2 or more uncertainty in the Lyman continuum flux, affecting our understanding of the ionization balance of H II regions and the porosity of the interstellar medium in general (see, for example, Oey & Kennicutt 1997; Oey 2005).

At the same time, the determination of the effective temperature scale of O-type stars is complicated by the fact that the stellar atmospheres of these stars are physically complex (see, for example, Kudritzki 1998). The strong spectral features are formed under non-local thermodynamic equilibrium (NLTE) conditions (Auer & Mihalas 1972), while stellar winds provide a significant source of heating of the photosphere through the backscattering of radiation (Hummer 1982; Abbott & Hummer 1985). Modern stellar atmosphere models for O-type stars include NLTE, spherical extension, the hydrodynamics of the stellar winds, and the effects of line blanketing; see, for example, Pauldrach et al. (2001), Hillier et al. (2003), and Puls et al. (2003, 2005) for descriptions of the stellar atmosphere programs WM-BASIC, CMFGEN, and FASTWIND, respectively.

The most recent improvement in these codes is an improved treatment of line blanketing. The results of fitting these improved models to stars have suggested that the previous effective temperature scale for Galactic O stars may be too hot by as much as $\sim 20\%$ (see, for example, Martins et al. 2002; Bianchi & Garcia 2002; Garcia & Bianchi 2004; Repolust et al. 2004), while the results for the Magellanic Clouds are mixed (compare Crowther et al. 2002; Bouret et al. 2003; Hillier et al. 2003; Martins et al. 2004).

We are engaged in a new determination of the effective temperature scale of O-type stars, with an emphasis on how the conversion from spectral type to T_{eff} depends on the initial composition of the gas out of which the star was formed; i.e., how do the physical properties of an O7.5 V star differ in the SMC, LMC, Milky Way, and the Andromeda galaxy, systems that span a range of 10 in metallicity? In a previous paper (Massey et al. 2004, hereafter Paper I) we analyzed the spectra of a sample of 20 SMC and LMC O-type stars using FASTWIND. The same code has recently been used to analyze a sample of Galactic O-type stars (Repolust et al. 2004), obtained at a similar signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) and spectral resolution (Herrero et al. 1992). Our study suggested that the Magellanic Cloud sample is 3000–4000 K hotter than their Galactic counterparts for the early through mid-O types, although the sample size precluded a more definitive statement.

Here we extend these studies to an additional sample of 20 Magellanic Cloud O-type stars and consider the results from the complete sample of 40 stars. In § 2 we describe the space- and ground-based data of the new sample, along with our reduction procedures. In § 3 we provide the model fits to these spectra, determining physical parameters, and describe the spectrum of each star in turn (§ 3.1). Our data include very high S/N spectra of stars of the earliest types, including the newly proposed “O2” type (Walborn et al. 2002), and in § 4 we provide the first quantitative classification criteria for such stars. Our analysis also allows us to investigate whether the physical properties of such stars are well correlated with the new spectral subtypes (i.e., are O2 V stars necessarily hotter than stars classified as O3 V or O3.5 V?). Our analysis of the complete sample of 40 stars then allows us to compare the physical properties of such stars as a function of metallicity (§ 5), including deriving effective temperature scales for the SMC, LMC, and Milky Way (§ 5.1) O stars, comparing the wind momentum–luminosity relationship (Kudritzki et al. 1995) to that expected from radiatively driven wind theory (§ 5.2), and investigating whether or not the derived spectroscopic masses agree well with the masses obtained from stellar evolutionary models (§ 5.3). We summarize our conclusions and lay out the need for future work in § 6.

We emphasize here that we realize that the model atmospheres are constantly improving: that just as the models today are considerably more sophisticated than the first NLTE models of Auer & Mihalas (1972) on which the first modern effective temperature scale of O stars was derived (Conti & Alschuler 1971), so will the models 30 years hence include better physics. Furthermore, even the models of today that purport to include similar physics do not necessarily yield the same results. So, we accept that ours will not be the final word on the absolute effective temperature scale. However, by using the same models and techniques on a large sample of objects in the SMC and LMC that have been used on Galactic stars, we can make the first cut at an effective temperature scale of hot stars that includes the effects of metallicity. We believe that the relative differences of the scales we derive are accurate and significant.

2. OBSERVATIONS AND REDUCTIONS

The stars are listed in Table 1. As discussed in Paper I, good photometry provides the key to an accurate value of the absolute visual magnitude M_V , needed in order to constrain the stellar radius. Unless otherwise noted in the table, the photometry comes from the CCD *UBV* measurements by Massey (2002) or Massey et al. (2000), except for the R136 stars, which come from the WFPC2 photometry of Hunter et al. (1997). Conversion to M_V for the non-R136 stars was done by using the color excesses determined from the spectral types (see Paper I), adopting distance moduli of 18.9 and 18.5 for the SMC and LMC, respectively, following Westerlund (1997) and van den Bergh (2000). The M_V values for the R136 stars were derived in a similar manner by Massey & Hunter (1998).

The spectroscopic observations are summarized in Tables 2 and 3. In general, our modeling efforts require data in the UV in order to determine the terminal velocity v_∞ of the stellar wind. These data we have obtained with the Space Telescope Imaging Spectrograph (STIS) on the *Hubble Space Telescope* (HST) using

TABLE 1
PROGRAM STARS

Name ^a	Cat ID ^b	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	V	$B - V$	$U - B$	$E(B - V)^c$	M_V^d	Spectral Type ^e
AV 177	SMC-038024	00 56 44.17	-72 03 31.3	14.53	-0.21	-1.05	0.12	-4.78	O4 V((f))
AV 435	SMC-067670	01 08 17.88	-71 59 54.3	14.00	-0.06	-0.98	0.28	-5.81	O3 V((f*))
AV 440	SMC-068756	01 08 56.01	-71 52 46.5	14.48	-0.18	-1.00	0.15	-4.93	O8 V
AV 446	SMC-069555	01 09 25.46	-73 09 29.7	14.59	-0.24	-1.06	0.10	-4.66	O6.5 V
AV 476	SMC-074608	01 13 42.41	-73 17 29.3	13.52	-0.09	-0.93	0.28	-6.29	O2-3 V + companion
Sk -67°22=BAT 99-12	LMC-034056	04 57 27.47	-67 39 03.3	13.44	-0.18	-1.05	0.16	-5.53	O2 If*
Sk -65°47=LH 43-18 .....	...	05 20 54.67	-65 27 18.3	12.68	-0.13	-0.93	0.19	-6.39	O4 If
LH 58-496=LH 58-10a ^f .....	...	05 26 44.21	-68 48 42.1	13.73	-0.23	-1.09	0.11	-5.09	O5 V(f)
LH 81:W28-23 .....	...	05 34 50.11	-69 46 32.3	13.81	-0.16	-1.13	0.15	-5.14	O3.5 V((f+))
LH 90:Br 58=BAT 99-68 ^g .....	...	05 35 42.02	-69 11 54.2	14.13	0.49	-0.48	0.85	-6.98	O3 If/WN 6
LH 90:ST 2-22 .....	...	05 35 45.26	-69 11 35.1	13.93 ^h	0.18 ^h	-0.73 ^h	0.60	-6.41	O3.5 III(f+)
BI 237	LMC-164942	05 36 14.68	-67 39 19.3	13.89	-0.12	-0.97	0.25	-5.38	O2 V((f*))
BI 253	LMC-168644	05 37 34.48	-69 01 10.4	13.76	-0.09	-1.02	0.25	-5.50	O2 V((f*))
LH 101:W3-14=ST 5-52 ⁱ .....	...	05 39 05.41	-69 29 20.7	13.41	-0.15	-0.89	0.17	-5.60	O3 V + O V composite
LH 101:W3-19=ST 5-31 .....	...	05 39 12.20	-69 30 37.6	12.37 ^h	-0.06 ^h	-0.92 ^h	0.30	-7.04	O2 If*
LMC 2-675 .....	...	05 43 13.00	-67 51 16.0	13.66	-0.25	-1.14	0.07	-5.04	O2 III(f*) + O V composite
R136-007=Mk 39 ^j .....	...	05 38 40.3186	-69 06 00.172	13.01	...	...	0.47	-6.9	O2 If* composite
R136-014=Mk 37 ^j .....	...	05 38 42.4986	-69 06 15.396	13.57	...	...	0.48	-6.4	O3.5 If*
R136-018 ^j .....	...	05 38 44.2211	-69 05 56.954	13.91	...	...	0.42	-5.9	O3 III
R136-033 ^j .....	...	05 38 42.2106	-69 06 00.988	14.43	...	...	0.35	-5.1	O3 V

NOTE.—Coordinates and photometry are from Massey (2002) or Massey et al. (2000) unless otherwise noted.

^a Identifications are as follows: “AV” from Azzopardi & Vigneau (1982); “BI” from Brunet et al. (1975); “BAT” from Breysacher et al. (1999); “Br” from Breysacher (1981); “LH” from Lucke (1972) except as noted, “LMC 2” from Massey et al. (1995) and Massey (2002); “Sk” from Sanduleak (1969); “ST” from Testor & Niemela (1998); “W” from Westerlund (1961); “Mk” from Melnick (1985); “R136-NNN” from Hunter et al. (1997) and Massey & Hunter (1998).

^b Designations from the catalog of Massey (2002).

^c From averaging the color excesses in $B - V$ and $U - B$ based on the spectral type. See Massey (1998).

^d Computed using $A_V = 3.1E(B - V)$, with assumed distance moduli for the SMC and LMC of 18.9 and 18.5, respectively (Westerlund 1997; van den Bergh 2000).

^e New to this paper.

^f LH 58-10A identification is from Lucke (1972); LH 58-496 identification is from Garmany et al. (1994).

^g Misidentified with a neighboring bright star in Table 4 of Massey (2002).

^h Photometry new to this paper, based on the CCD material described by Massey (2002).

ⁱ Coordinates and photometry from Testor & Niemela (1998).

^j Coordinates and photometry from Hunter et al. (1997) and Massey & Hunter (1998).

the FUV-MAMA detector. Data in the blue-optical region are used to constrain both the surface gravity g (from the wings of the Balmer absorption lines) and the effective temperatures T_{eff} (from the He I and He II absorption lines). Since the detection of very weak (20–50 mÅ) He I $\lambda 4471$ is needed for our modeling of the hottest stars in our sample, we chose to obtain long-slit data at high S/N. The long-slit observations allow the subtraction of nebular emission in this line, and we aimed for an S/N that would allow accurate measurement and detection of this important He I line. For all but the R136 stars, we obtained 1.4 Å resolution data with the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory (CTIO) 4 m telescope and RC spectrograph, and an S/N of 400–500 was obtained with a great deal of care to flat fielding (see Paper I). The choice of spectral

resolution was a reasonable match to the expected line widths. Spectra of the R136 stars come from CCD observations with *HST* STIS, obtained (in general) at an S/N of 100 per 0.4 Å spectral resolution element, providing a sensitivity about half as great.⁴ Finally, data at H α are needed to determine the mass-loss rate \dot{M} .

⁴ Others recently have made different choices in obtaining optical data for their modeling of MC O stars: Bouret et al. (2003) and Heap et al. (2005) rely on the echelle spectra described by Walborn et al. (2000), obtained at higher dispersion than ours, but with a short slit that precluded easy sky (nebular) subtraction. The VLT-Flames survey by Evans et al. (2005) uses fibers on an 8.2 m telescope to sample many stars, with only modest compromise for nebular subtraction. We consider these approaches complementary to ours, each with its advantages and disadvantages.

TABLE 2
SOURCES OF DATA USED IN THIS STUDY

Spectral Region	Telescope	Instrument	Aperture (arcsec)	Grating	Wavelength (Å)	Resolution (Å)	S/N ^a	Use
Far-UV	<i>FUSE</i> /C002	...	30 × 30	...	905–1187	0.1	40	Terminal velocities
UV	<i>HST</i> /9412	STIS	0.2 × 0.2	G140L	1150–1740	0.9	30	Terminal velocities
Near-UV	<i>HST</i> /9412	STIS	0.2 × 52	G430M	3020–3300	0.4	10–80	Check on the modeling
Blue-optical	CTIO 4 m	RC Spec	1.3 × 330	KPGLD	3750–4900	1.4	400–500	Modeling
	<i>HST</i> /7739, 9412	STIS/CCD	0.2 × 52	G430M	4310–4590	0.4	100	Modeling
	<i>HST</i> /6417	FOS	0.26 (circ)	G400M	3250–4820	3.0	40–60	Spectral class R136 stars
H α	CTIO 4 m	RC Spec	1.3 × 330	KPGLD	5400–7800	2.8	150	Modeling
	<i>HST</i> /7739, 9412	STIS/CCD	0.2 × 52	G750M	6300–6850	0.8	60	Modeling

^a Signal-to-noise ratio per spectral resolution element.

TABLE 3
SPECTRAL REGIONS OBSERVED

Star	FUV	UV	NUV	Blue–Optical	H α
AV 177.....	<i>FUSE</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	CTIO 4 m	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
AV 435.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	CTIO 4 m	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
AV 440.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	CTIO 4 m	<i>HST/9412</i>
AV 446.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	CTIO 4 m	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
AV 476.....	<i>FUSE</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	CTIO 4 m	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
Sk $-67^{\circ}22$	<i>FUSE</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	CTIO 4 m	<i>HST/9412</i>
Sk $-65^{\circ}47$	<i>FUSE</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>
LH 58-496.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>	CTIO 4 m	<i>HST/9412</i>
LH 81:W28-23.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>	CTIO 4 m	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
LH 90:Br 58.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	CTIO 4 m	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
LH 90:ST 2-22.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	CTIO 4 m	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
BI 237.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	CTIO 4 m	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
BI 253.....	<i>FUSE</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	CTIO 4 m	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
LH 101:W3-14.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>	CTIO 4 m	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
LH 101:W3-19.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
LMC 2-675.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	<i>HST/9412</i>	CTIO 4 m	CTIO 4 m, <i>HST/9412</i>
R136-007.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	<i>HST/7739, HST/6417</i>	<i>HST/7739</i>
R136-014.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	<i>HST/7739, HST/6417</i>	<i>HST/7739</i>
R136-018.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	<i>HST/7739, HST/6417</i>	<i>HST/7739</i>
R136-033.....	...	<i>HST/9412</i>	...	<i>HST/7739, HST/6417</i>	<i>HST/7739</i>

For this we relied on both ground-based CTIO and/or STIS observations. Full details can be found in Paper I. We note that in general our stars were isolated compared to the slit width (Table 2). Although one cannot in general exclude the possibility of an unresolved companion on the slit, these can be revealed by the sort of detailed analysis we undertake here.

In addition, we also obtained data in two other wavelength regions for a few of our stars to provide some independent check on the modeling: how well do the data in these regions, not used for the model fits, agree with our results? One of these regions is the 3020–3300 Å “near-ultraviolet” (NUV) region, obtained with *HST* STIS-CCD in order to observe the He I $\lambda 3187$ and He II $\lambda 3203$ lines. We found relatively good agreement in Paper I for the two stars that were observed in the region. Of more critical interest is the far-ultraviolet (FUV) region. We obtained data in the wavelength range 905–1187 Å with the *Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer* (*FUSE*) satellite (Moos et al. 2000). This spectral region contains the high-excitation O VI $\lambda\lambda 1032, 1038$ doublet, which provides a useful check on the determination of v_{∞} (see Figs. 5 and 6 of Taresch et al. 1997). The large aperture ($30'' \times 30''$; see Table 2) necessitated the selection of isolated targets.

The reduction procedures for both the *HST* and CTIO data are given in Paper I and are not repeated here other than to note that the CCD spectra (both STIS and CTIO) were reduced with IRAF⁵ using the optimal extraction algorithms. For the *HST* STIS CCD data, this led to a substantial improvement in S/N over that delivered by the pipeline (see Fig. 1 of Paper I). For the STIS UV MAMA observations we used the standard pipeline reductions, as we found that reanalysis of these data made no improvement to that of the pipeline.

The *FUSE* spacecraft and its instrumentation are described by Moos et al. (2000) and Sahnou et al. (2000). The *FUSE* spectra were extracted from the two-dimensional raw spectral images using CalFUSE version 2.1.6, which uses an optimal extraction algorithm developed by S. Lacour.⁶ The observations consisted of from two to six individual subexposures, which were extracted,

calibrated in flux, aligned in wavelength, and, if required, scaled in signal level to create a co-added spectrum of each star. Three of our stars (Sk $-67^{\circ}22$, AV 476, and AV 177) were observed in July or August of 2002, following the discovery by the *FUSE* project of an error in the flux calibration procedure used by CalFUSE.⁷ We have confirmed that the effects of the reported error are entirely negligible ($<2\%$) for the three spectra at the wavelengths of the O VI lines, which are of primary interest to us here.

These *FUSE* data are obtained in eight channels (LiF1a, LiF1b, LiF2a, LiF2b, SiC1a, SiC1b, SiC2a, and SiC2b). For four of the stars, the agreement between the channels was good in the regions of overlap, and we averaged the data to produce a higher S/N spectrum, binned at 0.1 Å. For one of the stars, AV 177, the agreement between the eight channels of *FUSE* was poor, with only two of the channels (LiF1a and LiF1b) showing the expected flux levels and a normal spectrum. The observation was repeated at our request, but the new data suffered from an even worse problem involving data dropout, and we obtained useful data only from LiF1a and LiF2b. We combined these four observations for our treatment of AV 177.

3. ANALYSIS

Following the procedures of Paper I, we first determined the star’s terminal velocity v_{∞} from radiative transfer fits of the P Cygni profile of the C IV $\lambda 1550$ doublet, as well as (where possible) Si IV $\lambda 1400$ and N V $\lambda 1240$, although the Si IV line is usually too weak and the N V line is often contaminated by strong interstellar Ly α absorption. The fitting is done based on the SEI method (see Lamers et al. 1987; Haser 1995; Haser et al. 1995). We list the resultant values in Table 4. We estimate our uncertainty in this procedure as 50–100 km s^{−1}, with larger uncertainties (up to 200 km s^{−1}) indicated by a colon. Two stars had even less certain measurements, and we estimate the uncertainties as 300–500 km s^{−1}.

In running the FASTWIND models, we adopted these values of v_{∞} and began with the assumption that β (a measure of the steepness of the velocity law) has a value of 0.8 following Puls et al. (1996). In addition, we began by adopting an He/H number

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⁶ See <http://fuse.pha.jhu.edu/analysis/calfuse.html>.

⁷ See http://fuse.pha.jhu.edu/analysis/fcal_bug/fcal_bug.html.

TABLE 4
TERMINAL VELOCITIES IN km s^{-1}

Star	v_∞	Lines Used	Comments
AV 177.....	2650	C IV, N V	
AV 435.....	1500::	C IV, Si IV	Weak C IV
AV 440.....	1300:	C IV	Weak C IV
AV 446.....	1400:	C IV	Weak C IV
AV 476.....	2670	C IV	
Sk -67°22.....	2650	C IV	
Sk -65°47.....	2100	C IV	
LH 58-496.....	2400::	C IV	Wide C IV, plus absorption contamination
LH 81:W28-23.....	3050	C IV	
LH 90:Br 58.....	1900:	Si IV	Could not use C IV
LH 90:ST 2-22.....	2560	C IV	
BI 237.....	3400	C IV	
BI 253.....	3180	C IV	
LH 101:W3-14.....	3100	C IV	
LH 101:W3-19.....	2850	C IV	
LMC 2-675.....	3200	C IV	
R136-007.....	2100	C IV, Si IV	
R136-014.....	2000	C IV, Si IV	Velocity scale uncertain
R136-018.....	3200	C IV	
R136-033.....	3250	C IV	

ratio of 0.1 and adjusted it if needed. The absolute visual magnitudes M_V were drawn from Table 1 and constrained the stellar radius of each model. We assumed a metallicity Z/Z_\odot of 0.2 for the SMC stars and 0.5 for the LMC stars, as argued in Paper I. Following Repolust et al. (2004), we adopted a microturbulence velocity of 10 km s^{-1} for the models with effective temperatures of 36,000 K and below and 0 km s^{-1} for the hotter models.

For each star, we ran a series of grids, allowing then the values for T_{eff} , $\log g$, and \dot{M} to vary, until we had satisfactory fits (as judged by eye) between the synthetic and observed spectra. In a number of cases, a good fit to the strengths of the He I and He II lines necessitated a slight increase in the He/H ratio, as described below. The lines examined included the H δ , H γ , H β , and H α Balmer lines, the He I $\lambda 4387$ singlet line, the He I $\lambda 4471$ triplet line (and occasionally the He I $\lambda 4713$ triplet line), and the He II $\lambda \lambda 4200, 4542$ lines. We examined, but did not give much weight to, the fit of the wind-sensitive He II $\lambda 4686$ line in determining the fits but illustrate the agreement between the models and the observed spectra.

As discussed both by Repolust et al. (2004) and in Paper I, FASTWIND does not produce a strong enough He I $\lambda 4471$ line for giants and supergiants of spectral type O6 and later. Fortunately, the He I $\lambda 4387$ singlet line can be used for these spectral types, with simultaneous good fits to this line and the He II absorption. A detailed comparison of the output of FASTWIND and CMFGEN by Puls et al. (2005) has demonstrated that the same problem should be encountered with CMFGEN (since the agreement of the He I triplet lines, including He I $\lambda 4471$, in both codes is remarkable), consistent with our statement in Paper I that this is an example of a long-standing problem with stellar atmosphere codes (see Voels et al. 1989). This so-called generalized dilution effect is yet to be understood.⁸

⁸ Puls et al. (2005) do reveal very significant differences between the strengths of the He I *singlet* lines predicted by CMFGEN and FASTWIND in the temperature regime 36,000–41,000 (for dwarfs) and 31,000–35,000 K (for supergiants). This disagreement between the behavior of He I singlets may well account for some of the systematics between our effective temperature scale and those of some CMFGEN studies, as well as the strong differences in results on similar stars found by different CMFGEN studies; see the discussion in § 5.1.

Below we discuss the individual stars in our sample. In determining the spectral types, we first consider the visual impression of the spectra, following the premises of Walborn & Fitzpatrick (1990). We then measured the equivalent widths of He I $\lambda 4471$ and He II $\lambda 4542$, the principle classification lines, and determined $\log W' = \log W(4471) - \log W(4542)$, and we compared that to that used to differentiate the spectral subtypes by Conti & Alschuler (1971). In practice, there was no disagreement between these two methods. For the earliest type stars, we also make reference to the new classification criteria proposed by Walborn et al. (2002, 2004), based on the strengths of the N IV $\lambda 4058$ and N III $\lambda \lambda 4534, 4542$ emission lines and the N V $\lambda \lambda 4603, 4619$ absorption lines. Walborn et al. (2002) used this to attempt to break the degeneracy of the O3 spectral class and introduced types O2 (N IV \gg N III) and redefined O3 as “weak He I with N IV $>$ N III.” In § 4 we attempt to provide a slightly more quantitative description. One needs to keep in mind, however, that there is yet to be a demonstration that stars classified as “O2” are necessarily hotter than stars classified as “O3,” although this is clearly the implication of the scheme; we also examine this in § 4. Furthermore, as emphasized in Paper I, there is no a priori basis for assuming that the strengths of the “Of” characteristics (He II $\lambda 4686$ and N III $\lambda \lambda 4634, 4642$ emission) will scale with luminosity in the same way in the SMC as in the Milky Way for stars of the same effective temperatures, given the factor of 5 difference in metallicity between these two systems and the corresponding differences in stellar winds. N III $\lambda \lambda 4634, 4642$ emission is a complex NLTE effect and its size is mainly due to effective temperature (Mihalas & Hummer 1973; Taresch et al. 1997), while He II $\lambda 4686$ will depend on the stellar wind properties, such as density and temperature. Accordingly, we note any discrepancies between these traditional luminosity indicators and the actual M_V of the stars.

The model fits give us a measure of the *effective* surface gravity g_{eff} , which will be the combination of the *true* surface gravity g_{true} offset by centrifugal acceleration due to the rotation of the star. This correction is estimated (in a statistical sense) as

simply the square of the projected rotational velocity divided by the stellar radius:

$$g_{\text{true}} = g_{\text{eff}} + \frac{(v \sin i)^2}{6.96R} \quad (1)$$

(Repolust et al. 2004), where the numerical factor allows the use of the usual units, i.e., km s^{-1} for $v \sin i$ and solar units for R . We have a good estimate of $v \sin i$ from comparing the model lines with the observed spectra, except that our spectral resolution results in a minimum “rotational” velocity of (generally) 110 km s^{-1} . However, for these stars with minimal rotational velocities the centrifugal correction is tiny (0.01 in $\log g$) and insignificant compared to the typical fitting uncertainty of 0.1 in $\log g$ (Paper I and § 5). However, for the fast rotators in our sample the correction can be marginally significant, amounting to 0.05 dex in several cases and 0.13 dex in one case (AV 296, from Paper I). The spectroscopic masses should be determined from the true surface gravities, i.e., $M_{\text{spect}} = (g_{\text{true}}/g_{\odot})R^2$.

The final values for the fits are given in Table 5. If we were only able to determine a lower limit to T_{eff} , then the values for $\log g$, R , \dot{M} , and the derived M_{spect} would be uncertain. Note that in Paper I the stars with only a lower limit on T_{eff} had their stellar radii incorrectly listed as lower limits.

3.1. Comments on Individual Stars

3.1.1. SMC

AV 177.—This star was previously classified as O5 V by Crampton & Greasley (1982). Visually, we would classify the star as an O4 V((f)) (Fig. 1a). This is confirmed by our measurement $\log W' = -0.75$. The strength of He I $\lambda 4471$ (EW = 170 mÅ) would preclude it being classified as an O3. The luminosity class “V” based on the strong He II $\lambda 4686$ absorption is consistent with the star’s absolute visual magnitude, $M_V = -4.8$. There is a trace of emission at N III $\lambda \lambda 4634, 4642$ (EW $\sim -250 \text{ mÅ}$) leading to the “((f))” designation; there is no sign of N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission. We obtained satisfactory fits with a slightly increased He/H number ratio (0.15), as shown in Figure 1b. The mass-loss rate is low ($< 5 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$), and only an upper limit can be established. (A value of $3 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ is used in the fitting.) The H α profile obtained from the ground-based data agrees well with the *HST* data; we use the former, since its S/N is greater.

AV 435.—This star had been previously classified as O4 V by Massey et al. (1995). Here we would call it an O3 V. Although He I $\lambda 4471$ is weakly present (Fig. 2a), its equivalent width is only 125 mÅ. This is comparable to or smaller than the strength seen in the original O3 V prototypes HD 93128 and HDE 303308 (Simon et al. 1983), as well as the other star used by Walborn (1971a) to define the O3 class, HD 93250 (Kudritzki 1980). Walborn et al. (2002) have proposed revising the early O-type classes based on the strength of selective emission lines, e.g., N IV $\lambda 4058$ and N III $\lambda \lambda 4334, 4342$. Since N IV $\lambda 4058$ is (weakly) present (EW = -80 mÅ), with N III emission weaker (EW $> -60 \text{ mÅ}$), this would also lead to an O3 V((f*)) classification according to these revised criteria. The ((f*)) simply refers to the fact that N IV $\lambda 4058$ is in emission and equal to or stronger than any N III emission. The absolute visual magnitude $M_V = -5.8$ would be consistent with either the “V” or “III” luminosity class; see Conti (1988). The fits we obtained (Fig. 2b) are a good match to the observed spectrum. Again we found that the agreement between the ground-based H α profile and that obtained with *HST* is good and show the former in the figure.

AV 440.—Previously the star had been classified as O7 V by Garmany et al. (1987), but it is clear in our spectrum (Fig. 3a) that He I $\lambda 4471$ is somewhat stronger than He II $\lambda 4542$, and visually we would call this an O8 V star. We measure $\log W' = +0.12$, in accord with this determination. The absolute magnitude $M_V = -4.9$ is consistent with the “V” luminosity class suggested by the star’s He II $\lambda 4686$ absorption.

In order to find a good fit, we needed to again slightly increase the He/H number ratio from the canonical 0.10 to 0.12. This allowed us to then obtain excellent matches to the He II lines (Fig. 3b). Although the central core of the model’s He I $\lambda 4471$ line is weaker than observed, the EWs of this line in the adopted fit and from the star are nearly identical (0.70 vs. 0.78 Å, respectively), and we find excellent agreement for the He I $\lambda 4387$ line, as well as the He I $\lambda 4713$ line (not shown). No ground-based H α was obtained, and so we rely on the *HST* observation for the mass-loss determination. Although we used a value of $1 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, in fact we could only set an upper limit on the mass-loss rate ($\dot{M} < 3 \times 10^{-7} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$).

AV 446.—This star was classified as O6.5 V by Garmany et al. (1987). We measure $\log W' = -0.13$, consistent with this classification. The only spectral anomaly is that the line depth of He I $\lambda 4471$ is somewhat greater than that of He II $\lambda 4542$ in our spectrum (Fig. 4a), even though the He I line has a smaller equivalent width. This implies that the line widths differ. This is usually an indication of a binary (see, for example, Walborn 1973b and the follow-up study by Massey & Conti 1977). However, the absolute magnitude $M_V = -4.7$ is indicative of a single star with luminosity class “V,” consistent with the spectral appearance. The good agreement of the model and observed spectra (Fig. 4b) also supports a single-star interpretation. A comparison of the ground-based and *HST* H α profile shows reasonable agreement, and so we used the higher S/N ground-based data for the fit. Once again we could set only an upper limit on the mass-loss rate.

AV 476.—This star was classified as an O6.5 V by Massey et al. (1995). Our higher S/N spectrum, shown in Figure 5, would suggest a somewhat earlier type. We measure $\log W = -0.34$, indicative of a spectral type of O5.5. He II $\lambda 4686$ is comparable in strength to He II $\lambda 4542$, and there is no sign of N III $\lambda \lambda 4634, 4642$ emission. Thus, if this were a Galactic star, we would assign a luminosity class of “V.” The high absolute visual luminosity of this star $M_V = -6.3$ is more in keeping with the star being a giant. We argued in Paper I that these “f” characteristics should not (and often do not) scale with luminosity the same way in the metal-poor SMC as they do in the Milky Way, as the He II $\lambda 4686$ emission that is used as a luminosity indicator will be weaker (at the same luminosity) in the SMC as the stellar winds are weaker. An alternative explanation could be that this star is a binary and the spectrum composite. Our fitting efforts are consistent with the latter interpretation in this case, as the hydrogen and He II lines have a very high radial velocity (270 km s^{-1}), which is not shared by the He I velocities. There is a hint of N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission in the spectrum (Fig. 5), and we suggest that this star is an O2–3 V plus a somewhat later O type. We note that there is significant nebular contamination in the ground-based H α profile.

3.1.2. The Non-R136 LMC Stars

Sk $-67^{\circ}22$.—Classically, we would classify this star as O3 If*/WN, where the second part of the nomenclature simply denotes that the emission features are comparable to what might be found in a Wolf-Rayet star (see Fig. 6a). Indeed, this star was one of the first to be described with this “intermediate” designation

TABLE 5
RESULTS OF MODEL FITS

Name	Spectral Type	T_{eff} (K)	$\log g_{\text{eff}}$ (cgs)	$\log g_{\text{true}}^a$ (cgs)	R (R_{\odot})	M_V (mag)	BC (mag)	M_{bol} (mag)	Mass (M_{\odot})	\dot{M} ($10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$)	β	v_{∞} (km s^{-1})	He/H	Comments
AV 177	O4 V((f))	44000	3.80	3.85	8.9	-4.78	-4.04	-8.82	21	0.3	0.8	2650	0.15	$\dot{M} < 0.5$
AV 435	O3 V((f*))	45000	3.80	3.81	14.2	-5.81	-4.12	-9.93	48	0.5	0.8	1500::	0.10	
AV 440	O8 V	37000	4.00	4.01	10.6	-4.93	-3.52	-8.45	42	0.1	0.8	1300:	0.12	$\dot{M} < 0.3$
AV 446	O6.5 V	41000	4.15	4.15	8.8	-4.66	-3.82	-8.48	40	0.1	0.8	1400	0.15	$\dot{M} < 0.3$
AV 476	O2-3 V + companion	...	...	...	-6.29	...	...	...	...	...	...	2670	...	Composite
Sk -67°22	O2 If*	>42000	≈3.5	≈3.56	≈13.2	-5.53	<-3.94	-9.47	≈23	15	0.8	2650	0.30	T_{eff} lower limit
Sk -65°47	O4 If	40000	3.60	3.62	20.1	-6.39	-3.79	-10.18	61	12	0.8	2100	0.10	
LH 58-496	O5 V	42000	4.00	4.04	10.5	-5.09	-3.88	-8.97	44	0.6	0.8	2400	0.10	
LH 81:W28-23	O3.5 V((f+))	47500	3.80	3.81	10.0	-5.14	-4.26	-9.40	24	2.5	0.8	3050	0.25	
LH 90:Br 58	O3 If/WN 6	40000-42000:	3.5:	3.5:	30:	-6.98	-4.1::	-11.1:	100::	40:	3.0	1900	0.1::	See text
LH 90:ST 2-22	O3.5 III(f+)	44000	3.70	3.71	18.9	-6.41	-4.05	-10.46	67	4.5	0.8	2560	0.20	
BI 237	O2 V((f*))	48000	3.90	3.92	11.1	-5.38	-4.29	-9.67	37	2.0	0.8	3400	0.10	
BI 253	O2 V((f*))	>48000	≈3.90	≈3.93	≈11.8	-5.50	<-4.30	<-9.80	≈43	3.5	0.8	3180	0.10	T_{eff} lower limit
LH 101:W3-14	O3 V + O V	...	...	...	-5.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	3100	...	Composite
LH 101:W3-19	O2 If*	>44000	≈3.90	≈3.91	≈25.5	-7.04	<-4.06	<-11.10	≈193	20	0.8	2850	0.10	T_{eff} lower limit
LMC 2-675	O2 III(f*) + O V	...	...	...	...	-5.04	...	...	...	...	...	3200	...	Composite
R136-007	O2 If* composite	...	...	...	...	-6.9	...	...	...	...	...	2100	...	Composite
R136-014	O3.5 If*	38000	3.50	3.51	21.1	-6.4	-3.65	-10.0	53	23	0.8	2000	0.10	
R136-018	O3 III(f*)	45000	3.75	3.77	14.7	-5.9	-4.11	-10.0	46	2.0	0.8	3200	0.10	
R136-033	O2-3.5 V	47000	3.75	3.77	9.8	-5.1	-4.23	-9.3	21	2.0	0.8	3250	0.10	

^a By number.

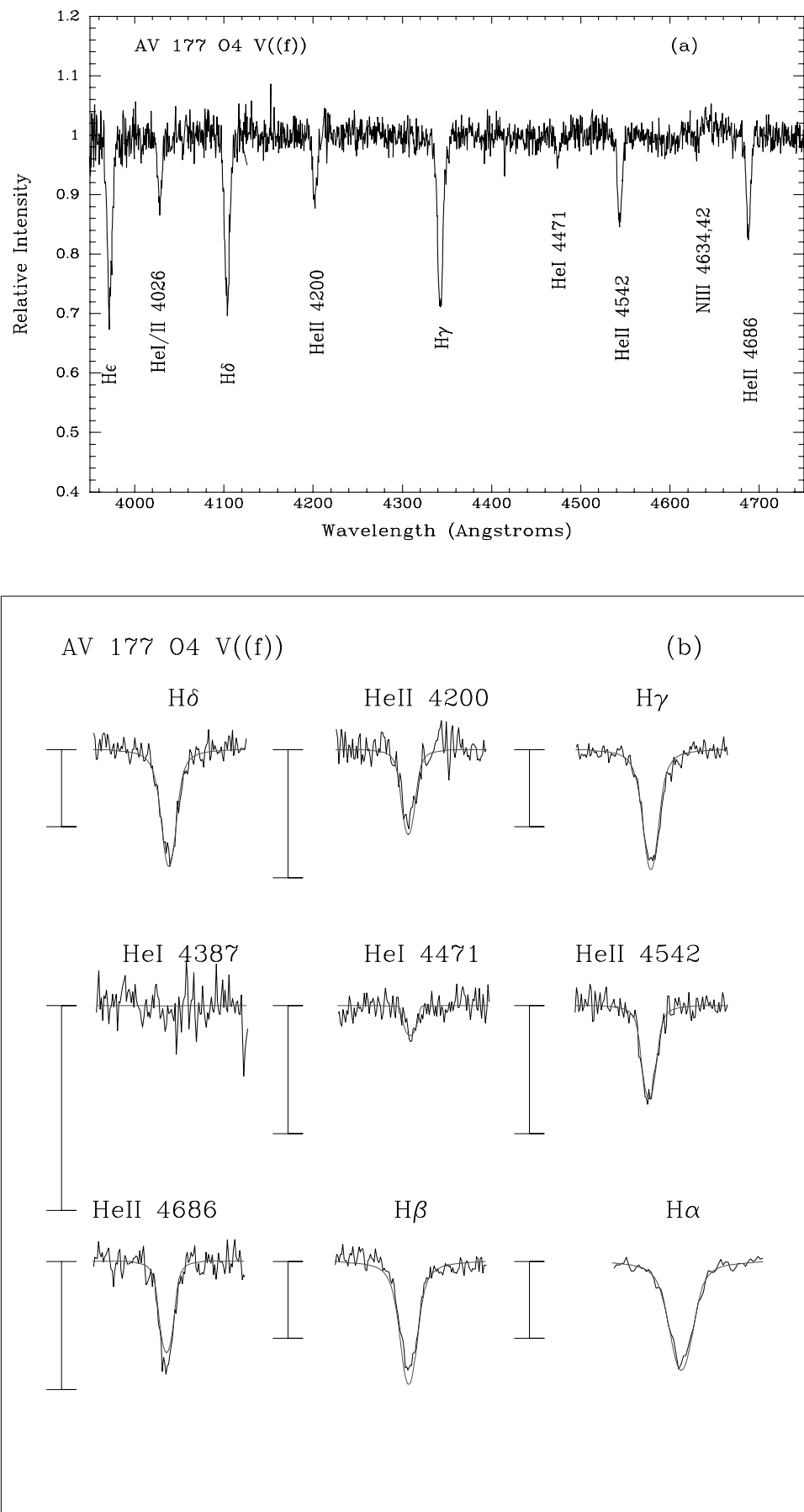


FIG. 1.—AV 177. (a) Portion of the blue–optical spectrum of AV 177 shown with the major lines identified. (b) Selected spectral lines (*black*) shown compared to the model fits (*thin black line*). The bar to the left of each line shows a change of 20% intensity relative to the continuum, and the top of the bar denotes the continuum level. A radial velocity of 100 km s^{-1} and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 220 km s^{-1} were used in making this comparison. [See the electronic edition of the *Journal* for a color version of Fig. 1b.]

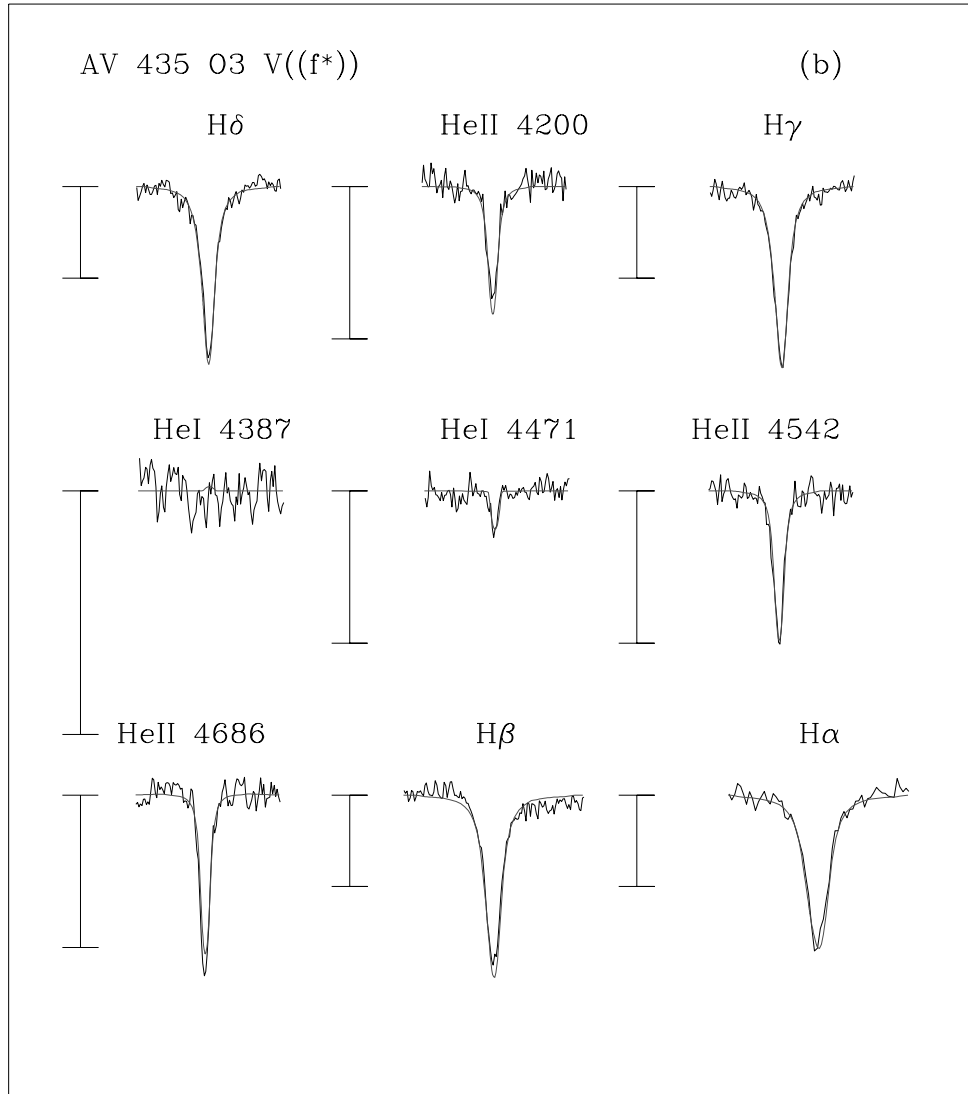
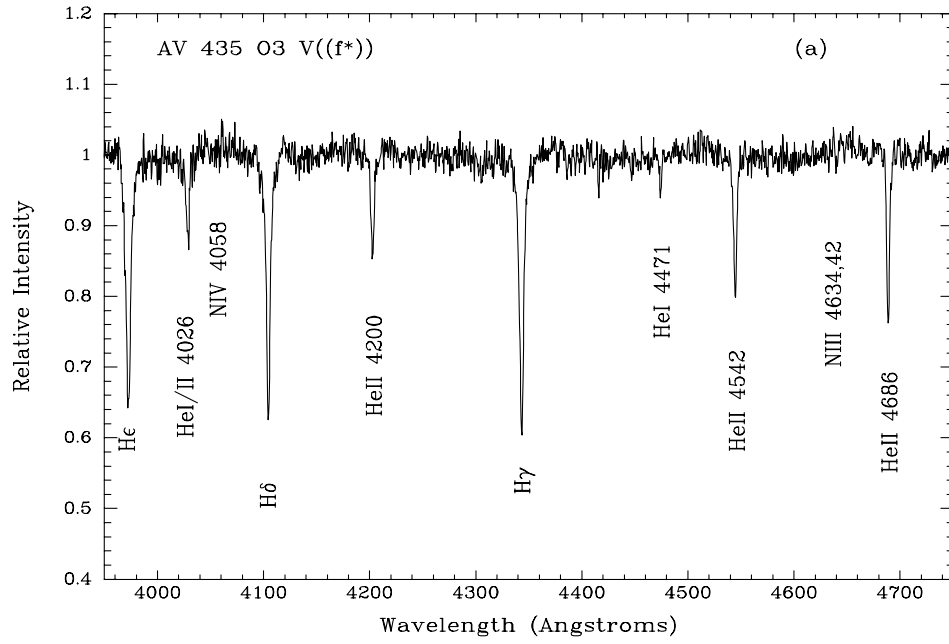


FIG. 2.—Same as Fig. 1, but for AV 435. A radial velocity of 200 km s^{-1} and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 110 km s^{-1} were used in making this comparison. [See the electronic edition of the Journal for a color version of Fig. 2b.]

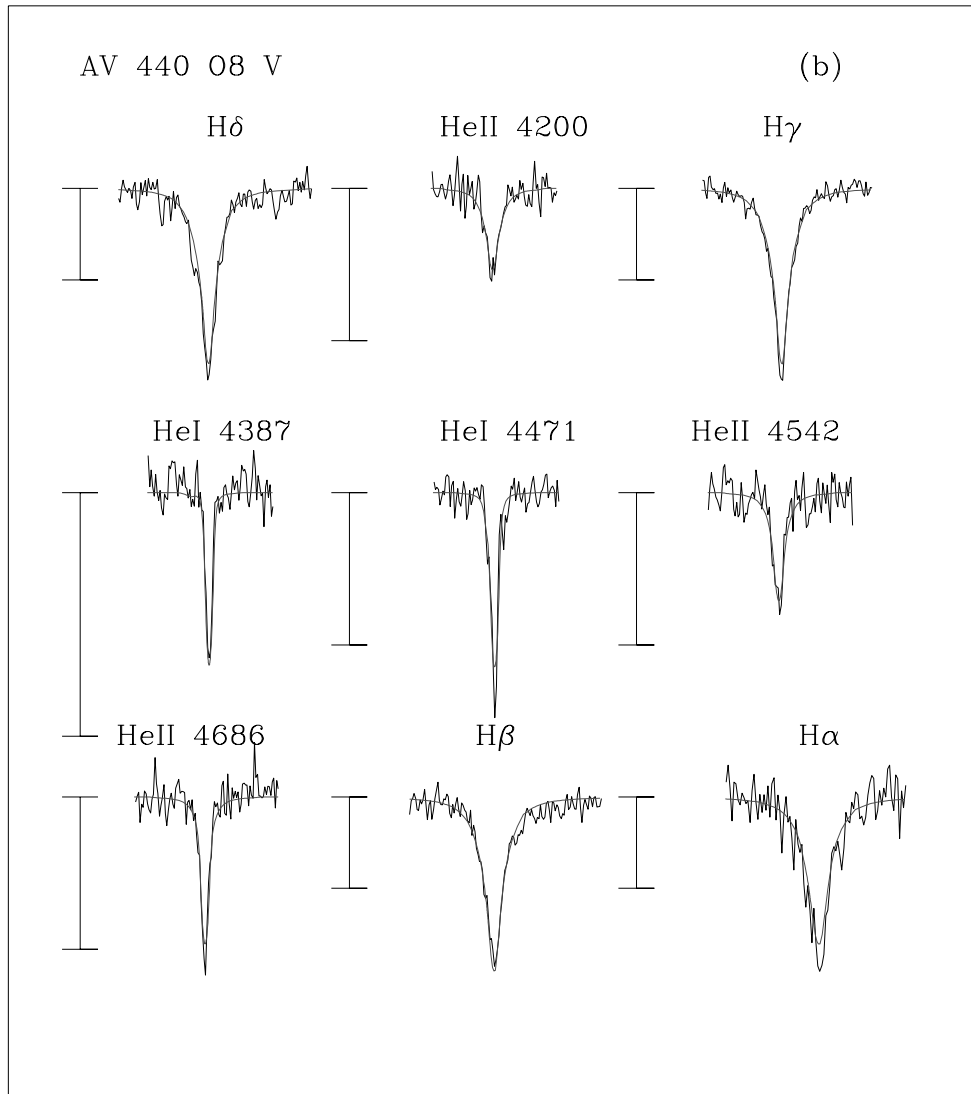
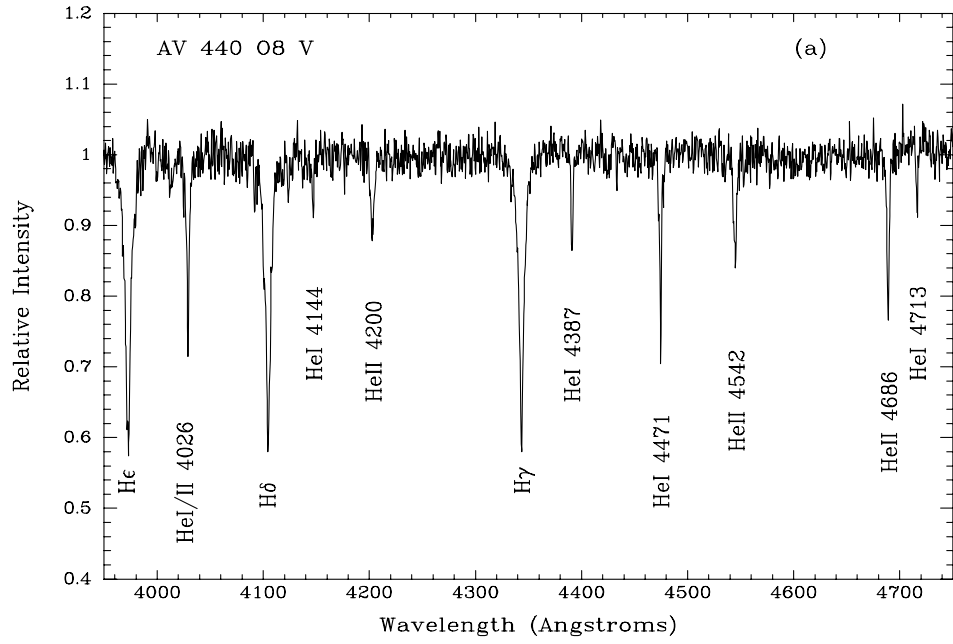


FIG. 3.—Same as Fig. 1, but for AV 440. A radial velocity of 190 km s^{-1} and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 100 km s^{-1} were used in making this comparison. [See the electronic edition of the *Journal* for a color version of Fig. 3b.]

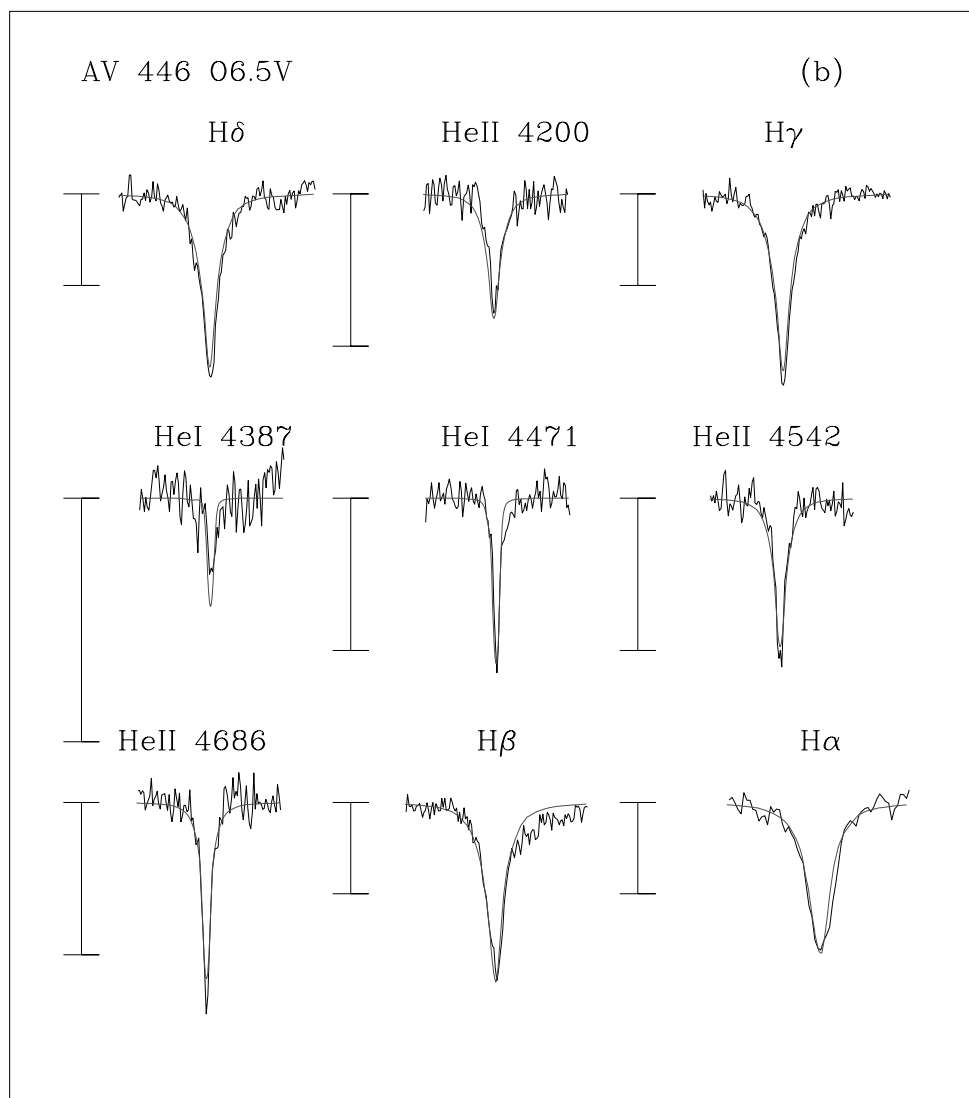
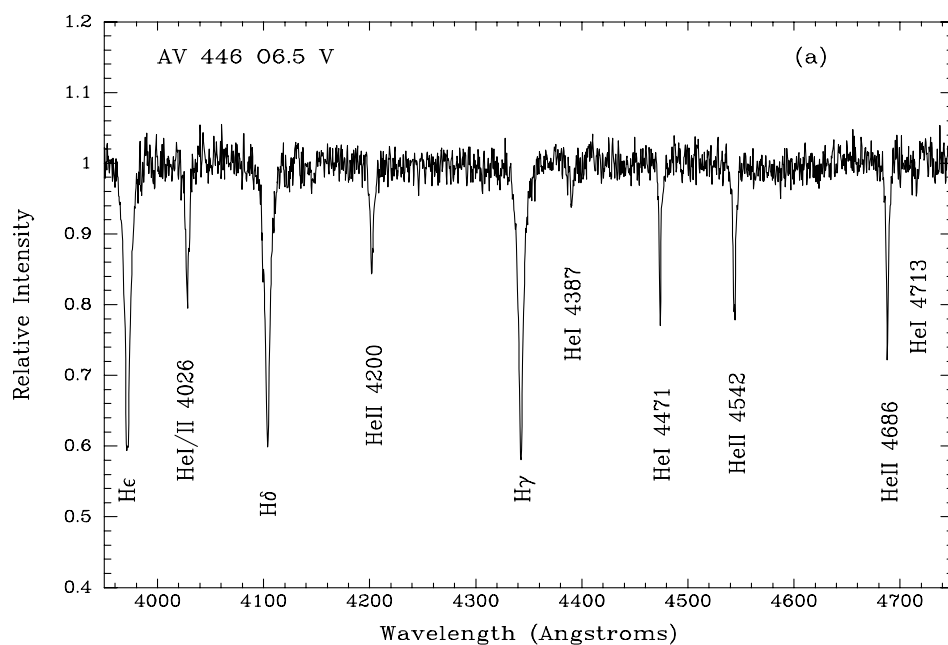


FIG. 4.—Same as Fig. 1, but for AV 446. A radial velocity of 140 km s^{-1} and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 95 km s^{-1} were used in making this comparison. [See the electronic edition of the Journal for a color version of Fig. 4b.]

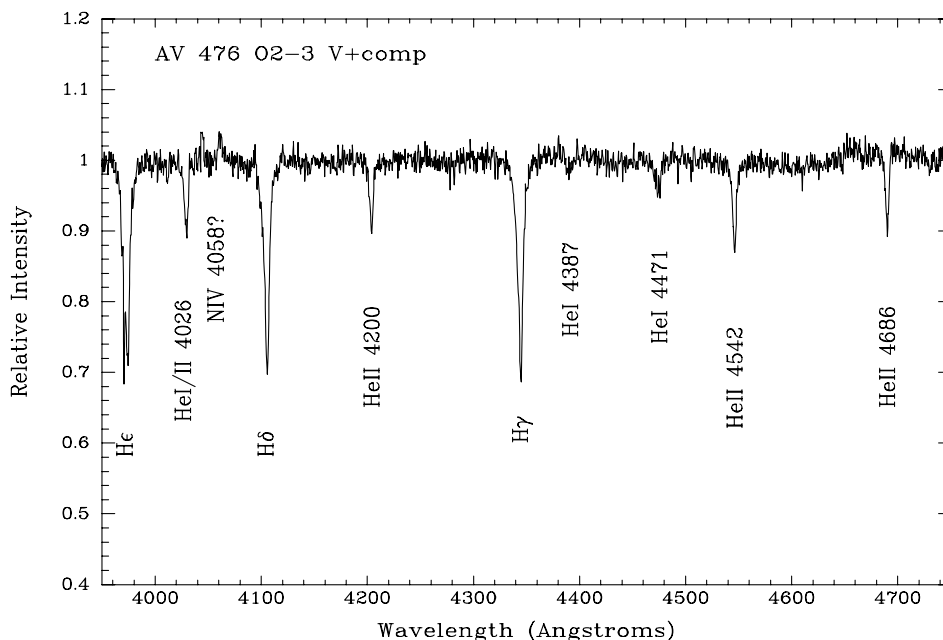


FIG. 5.—AV 476. This star shows a composite spectrum.

(Walborn 1982). Nevertheless, its spectrum is quite unlike that of a typical Wolf-Rayet star, in that its absorption-line spectra lack P Cygni components, and it is much more like an ordinary O-type star than more extreme “intermediate” stars, such as Br 58 discussed below. Nevertheless, the “slash” designation resulted in its being included in the recent compilation of Wolf-Rayet stars in the LMC (Breysacher et al. 1999). Were it to be classified according to the Walborn et al. (2002) criteria, it would have to be considered to be an O2 If*, as N IV $\lambda\lambda 4058$ emission is much stronger than the slight N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ emission visible on the blue wing of He II $\lambda 4686$, and there is no hint of He I $\lambda 4471$ in our spectrum. However, Walborn et al. (2002) explicitly excluded O3 If*/WN objects from consideration when discussing the O2 spectral class. Following in these footsteps, should we call this star an O2 If*/WN? It seems to us that *all* of the so-called O3 If*/WN stars might be similarly reclassified as O2 If*. Both Walborn (1982) and Conti & Bohannon (1989) have stressed the difficulty of classing such “intermediate” objects, and the introduction of the O2 I classification has added yet another wrinkle. Furthermore, the prototype (and, until Paper I, the only member) of the O2 If* class is the star HD 93129A, which has relatively weak He II $\lambda 4686$. However, Nelan et al. (2004) have now split HD 93129A into two components ($\Delta m = 0.5$ mag) separated by 60 mas, which might account for the weaker emission. In Sk $-67^\circ 22$ the N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission is almost identical in strength to that of R136-020 (discussed in Paper I), while the He II $\lambda 4686$ line is nearly twice as strong. Several additional examples are discussed below, and a comparison of their spectra is made in § 4. C IV $\lambda 4658$ is present (EW = -300 mÅ) in emission.

Despite the strong emission, our fitting was straightforward, and good fits were obtained (Fig. 6b). We had to increase the He/H ratio to 0.3 to obtain He lines of the right strength relative to H. Only a lower limit could be set on T_{eff} since no He I could be detected. However, if the temperature were 45,000 K rather than 42,000 K, we would have to significantly increase the He/H ratio even further to maintain a good fit. We note that this star has a large projected rotational velocity ($v \sin i = 200$ km s $^{-1}$) com-

pared to most of the other stars in our sample, and we offer the speculation that the chemical enrichment implied by He/H ~ 0.3 and the strong emission are both coupled to this. As Maeder & Meynet (2000) demonstrate, high rotational velocities can result in efficient mixing of processed material from the core of a star and can also lead to enhanced mass loss, particularly from the poles (see Owocki et al. 1998).

The radial velocity of this star is quite large, 430 km s $^{-1}$, and is about 150 km s $^{-1}$ greater than the systemic velocity of the LMC (Kim et al. 1998). A similar radial velocity was seen in both our blue CTIO spectrum and *HST* H α spectrum; otherwise, we would be inclined to believe that this might be a binary. This star was cited by Massey (1998) as an example of an isolated (field) O3 star. Its high radial velocity suggests that it is a runaway star, ejected from its birth place.

Sk $-65^\circ 47$.—This star was classified as O4 If on the basis of the present spectrum (Fig. 7a) by Massey et al. (2000). Here we concur with this type. He I $\lambda 4471$ is only weakly present, with an equivalent width $W = 115$ mÅ. Given the weakness of He I $\lambda 4471$, we might be tempted to reclassify the star as O3, were it not for the fact that $\log W' = -0.68$, consistent with the O4 classification. Furthermore, Walborn et al. (2002) suggest that for an O3.5 N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ emission is similar in strength to N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission, while here we find N III $>$ N IV (although the latter is clearly present), also leading us to the O4 subtype. The strengths of the N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ and He II $\lambda 4686$ emission lines lead to the “If” luminosity class. This is consistent with the absolute magnitude $M_V = -6.4$, a value that is typical for an O4 If star (Conti 1988). Good fits to the lines were easily found (Fig. 7b), and the physical parameters are well constrained.

LH 58-496.—This star was classified as O3-4 V by Conti et al. (1986) and Garmany et al. (1994). Our higher S/N data (Fig. 8a) suggest a later type, O5 V, consistent with our measurement of $\log W' = -0.52$. The absolute magnitude, $M_V = -5.1$, is in good agreement with our spectral classification of a dwarf. We obtained a good fit (Fig. 8b), except for the H β profile, which is likely filled in by emission. The H α data were obtained with *HST* and thus provide a relatively nebular-free profile.

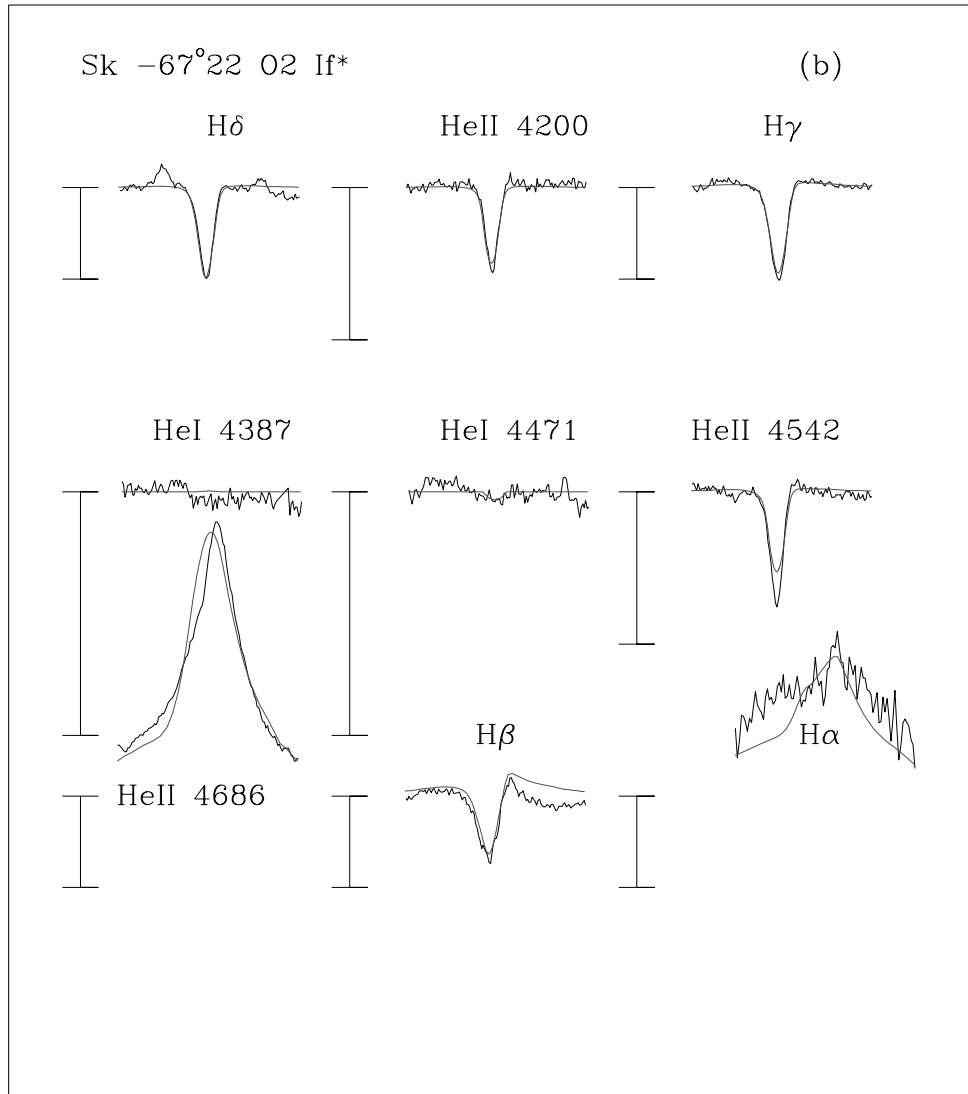
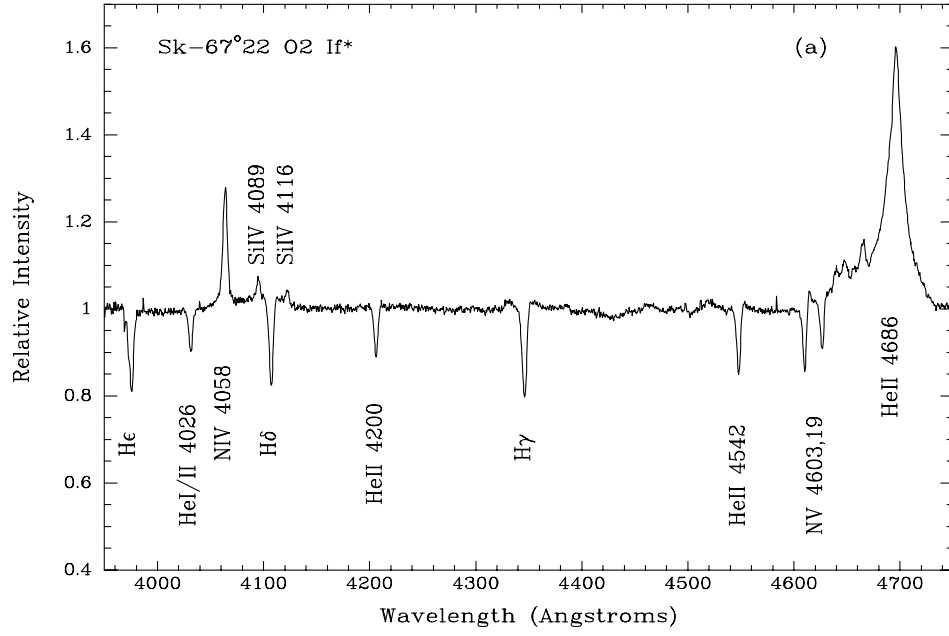


FIG. 6.—Same as Fig. 1, but for Sk -67°22. A radial velocity of 430 km s⁻¹ and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 200 km s⁻¹ were used in making this comparison. The *HST* H α observation is shown. [See the electronic edition of the *Journal* for a color version of Fig. 6b.]

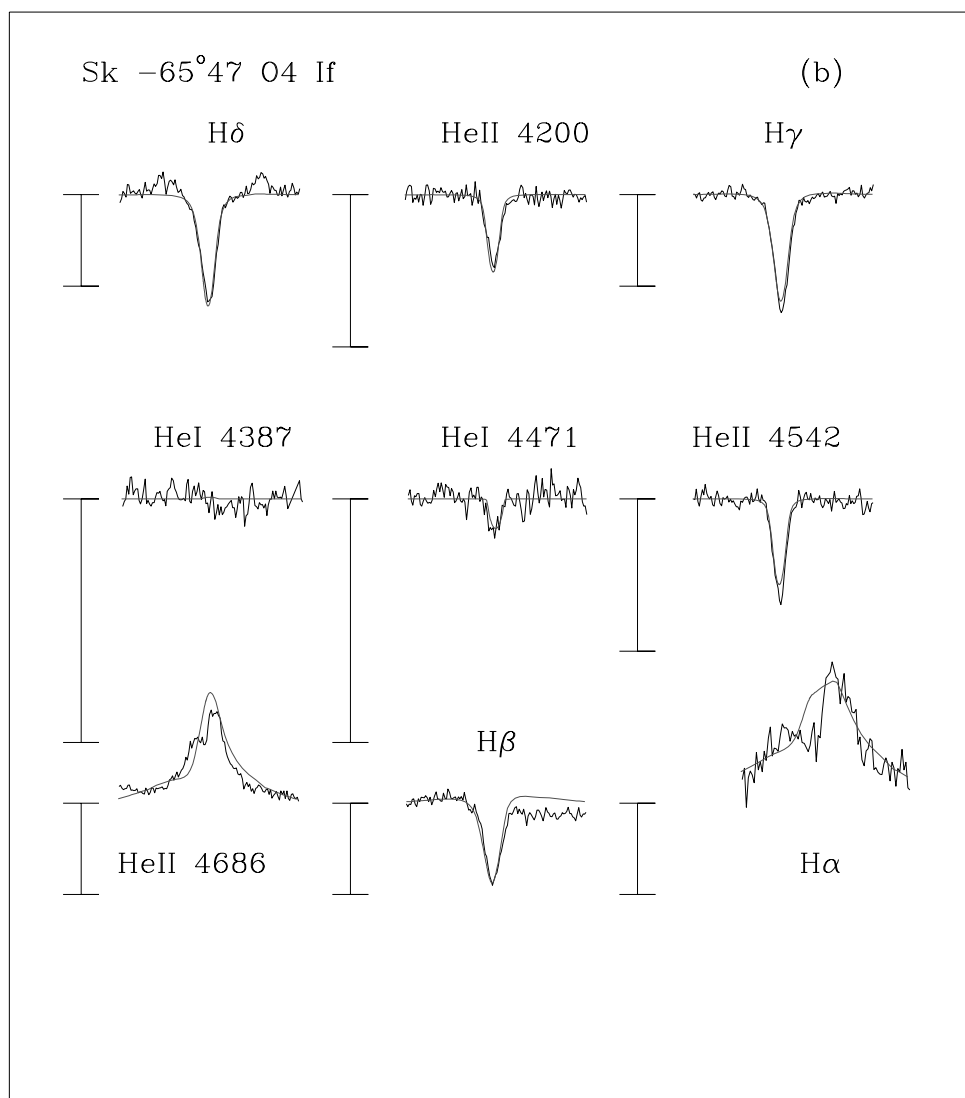
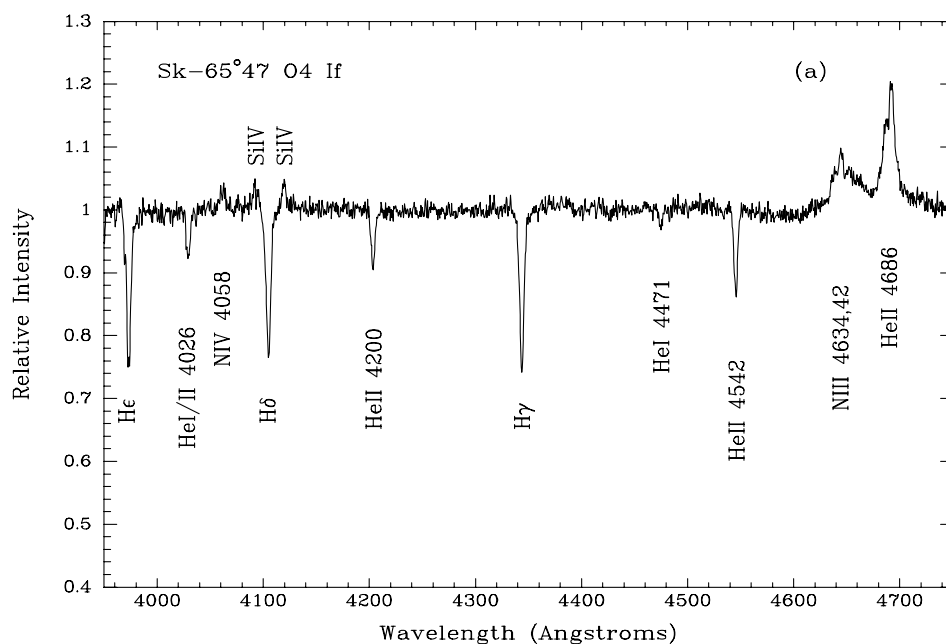


FIG. 7.—Same as Fig. 1, but for Sk -65°47. A radial velocity of 250 km s⁻¹ and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 160 km s⁻¹ were used in making this comparison. [See the electronic edition of the Journal for a color version of Fig. 7b.]

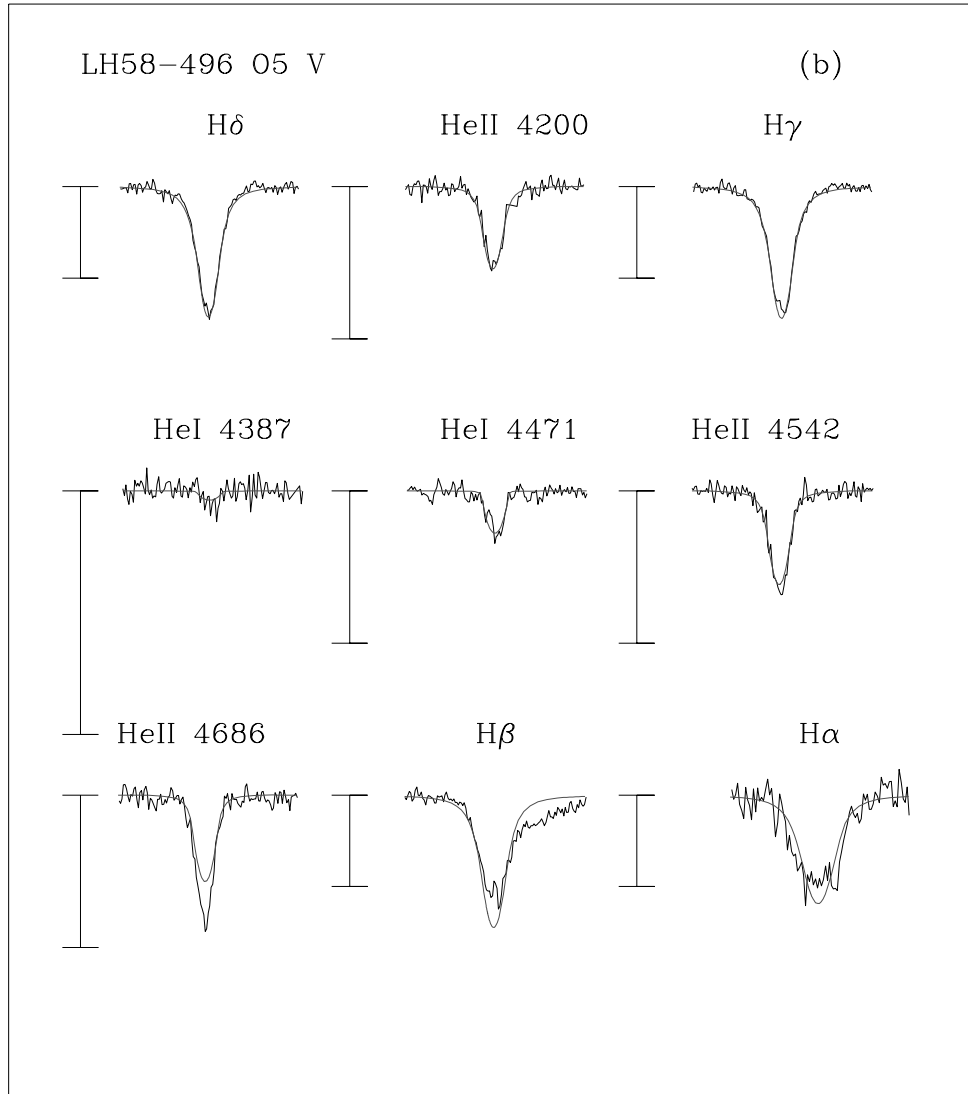
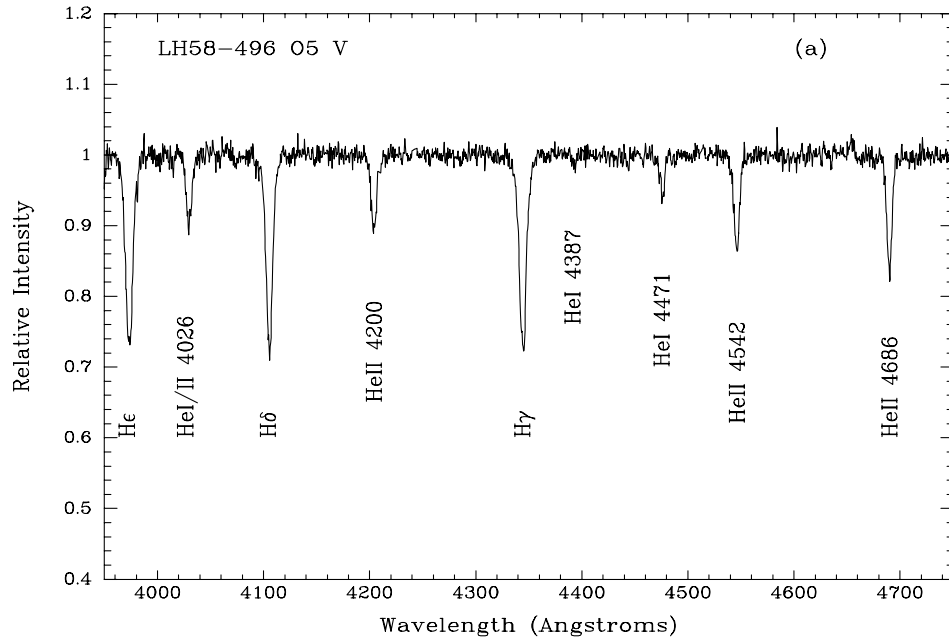


FIG. 8.—Same as Fig. 1, but for LH 58-496. A radial velocity of 275 km s^{-1} and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 250 km s^{-1} were used in making this comparison. [See the electronic edition of the *Journal* for a color version of Fig. 8b.]

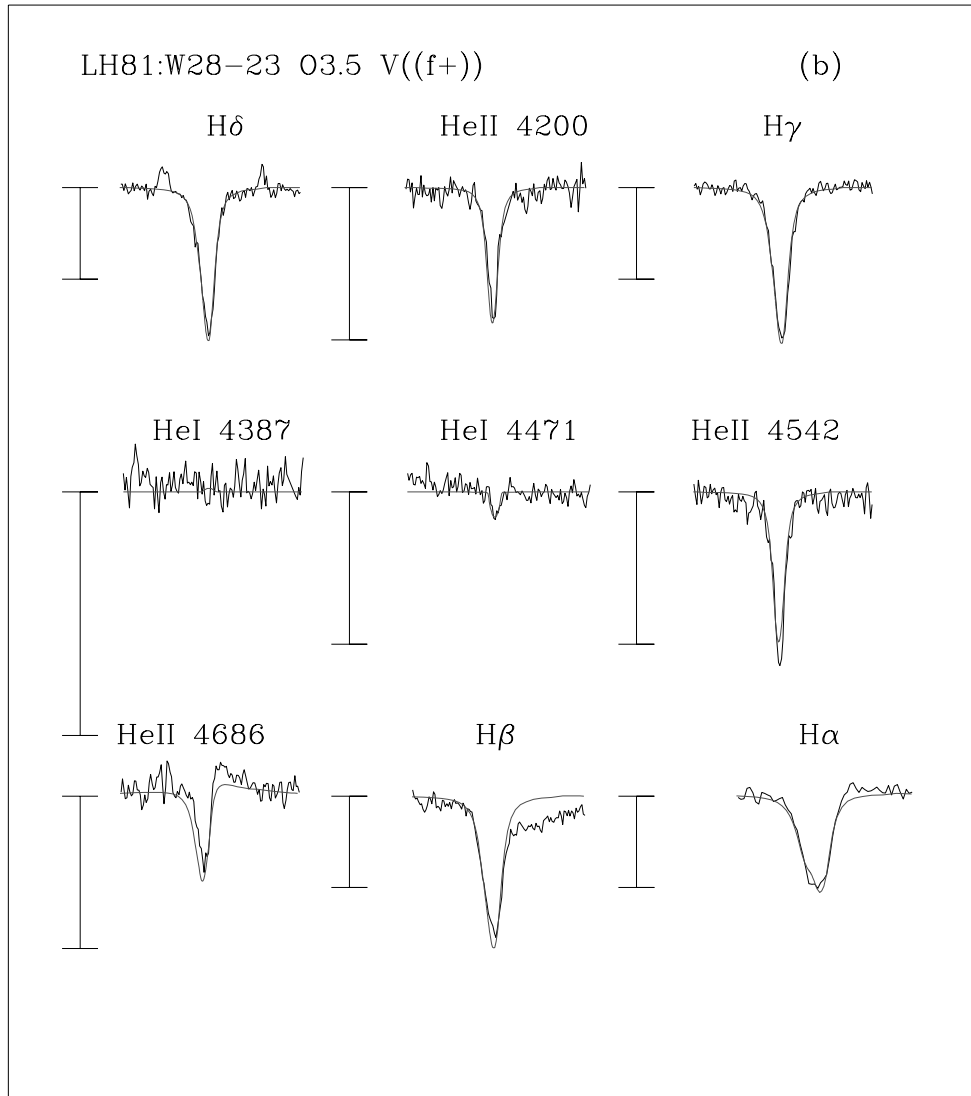
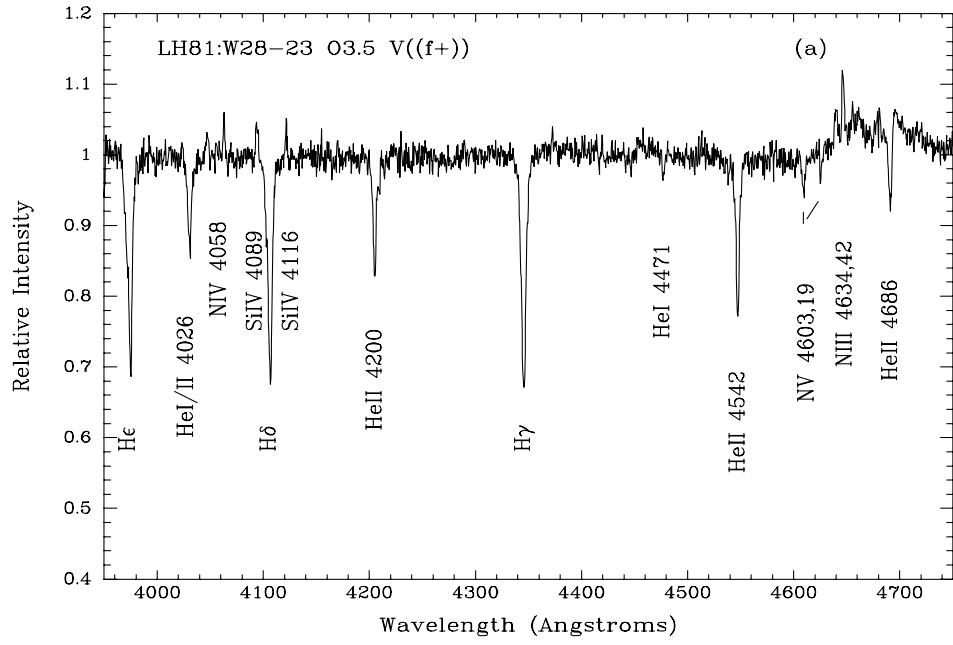


FIG. 9.—Same as Fig. 1, but for LH 81:W28-23. A radial velocity of 350 km s^{-1} and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 120 km s^{-1} were used in making this comparison. A cosmic ray on the wing of the He II $\lambda 4200$ has been removed in this plot. [See the electronic edition of the *Journal* for a color version of Fig. 9b.]

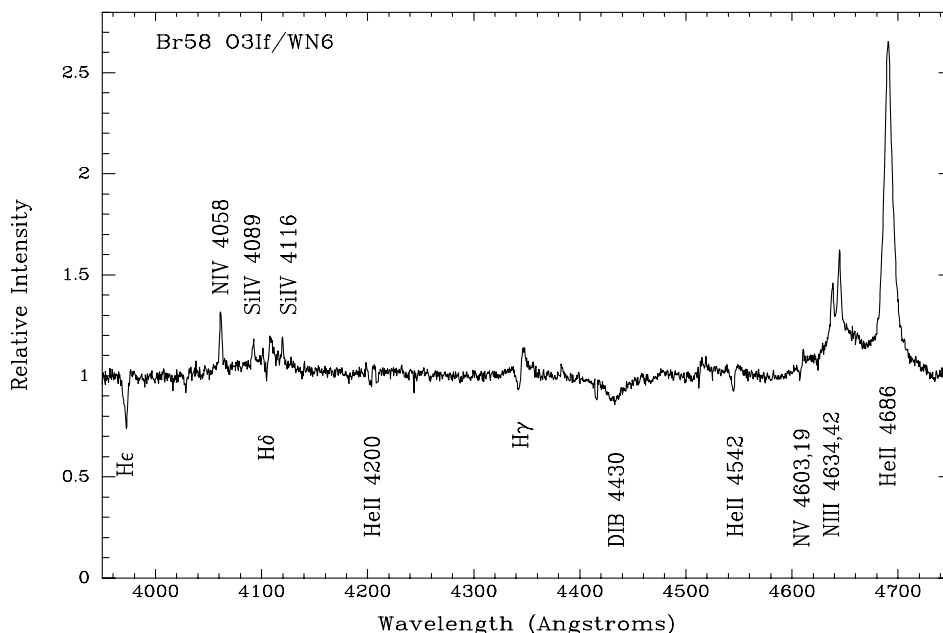


FIG. 10.—LH 90:Br 58. The strong emission in this star prevented a satisfactory fit, although tentative parameters are given in the text. Note the strong diffuse interstellar band at 4430 Å.

LH 81:W28-23.—This star was previously classified as O3 V by Massey et al. (2000) based on the same data as used here. Although He I $\lambda\lambda 4471$ is readily identified in our spectrum (Fig. 9a), its presence is due to the high S/N, as we measure an equivalent width of only 80 mÅ. We find a value of $\log W' = -1.0$, well below the value -0.6 that separates the O4 stars from the O5 stars (Conti 1988). N V $\lambda\lambda 4603, 4619$ absorption is clearly present, and N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission ($EW = -120$ mÅ) is less than that of N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ ($EW = -500$ mÅ). Thus, under the Walborn et al. (2002) scheme, the star would be classified as “O3.5 V((f+)),” with the “((f+))” denoting N III emission with comparable Si IV emission. The strong He II $\lambda 4686$ absorption indicates that the star is a dwarf, consistent with its $M_V = -5.1$ value.

Our modeling of this star was straightforward, although it quickly became clear that we had to significantly increase the He/H number ratio from its canonical 0.1 value to 0.25 in order to match the observed spectrum. The final fits are shown in Figure 9b. The ground-based H α profile agrees well with that obtained with *HST*; accordingly, the former is shown, as it is considerably less noisy.

LH 90:Br 58.—Breysacher (1981) included this star in his catalog of LMC Wolf-Rayet stars, where it is classified as WN 5–6. The star was reclassified by Testor et al. (1993) as WN 6–7. The lower Balmer lines are in emission (H α) or P Cygni (H γ , H δ), and He II $\lambda\lambda 4200$ and 4542 are present primarily in absorption (Fig. 10), leading Massey et al. (2000) to argue that the star is more properly called an O3 If/WN 6, although as mentioned earlier the classification of such “intermediate” objects is difficult. The equivalent width of He II $\lambda 4686$ is -18 Å; usually -10 is taken (somewhat arbitrarily) as the dividing line between an Of star with strong emission line and a bona fide Wolf-Rayet star of the WN sequence. Clearly the emission is considerably greater than in Sk $-67^\circ 22$ (Fig. 6a). Although Br 58 is a member of a “tight cluster” (see Fig. 1a of Testor et al. 1993), our 1.3 slit width and position angle excluded resolved neighbors. We note that there is little evidence from a visual examination of the spectrum that there is enhanced helium present at the surface of

the star, and a more detailed analysis than what we can perform is needed to argue if nitrogen is enhanced or not.

In any event, the strong emission defeated our efforts to obtain an acceptable fit. We did establish that a steep velocity law ($\beta = 3.0$) and high mass-loss rate ($40 \times 10^{-6} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$) gave an excellent fit to the H α profile, with a temperature of 40,000–42,000 K giving a reasonable match to the He II line strength if a $\log g = 3.5$ was assumed. The high value of β alone might suggest that the star is *physically* more like a Wolf-Rayet star than like a normal O star, for which this large a value for β would be unexpected. Our fit is not of the same quality as that we achieve for other stars, as clearly the treatment of the stellar wind dominates the stellar parameters. If these parameters are even approximately correct, the star is quite luminous ($M_{\text{bol}} = -11.1$) with a radius of $30 R_\odot$ and hence an inferred spectroscopic mass $>100 M_\odot$. An analysis that includes separate determinations of the elemental abundances (not possible with our current implementation of FASTWIND) is clearly warranted for this interesting object. We do not include this star in our analysis in § 5, and therefore it has no effect on our derived effective temperature scale. In addition, we exclude this star from consideration in § 4 since its physical parameters are poorly determined.

LH 90:ST 2-22.—This star was classified as O3 III(f*) by Schild & Testor (1992) and reclassified as O3 V((f)) by Massey et al. (2000) based on the same spectral data as used here. The spectrum is shown in Figure 11a. He I $\lambda 4471$ is weakly present (EW of 140 mÅ), with $\log W' = -0.85$. Should this star be instead classified as an O4? We find N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission weaker than N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ ($EW = -200$ mÅ versus $EW = -700$ mÅ), with the presence of N V $\lambda\lambda 4603, 4619$ absorption uncertain. Thus, according to the criteria given by Walborn et al. (2002), we would classify this star as an O3.5 were we to rely on the nitrogen emission lines. As to the luminosity class, the prototype O3.5 III(f*) star Pismis 24-17 (Walborn et al. 2002) clearly has much stronger N V $\lambda\lambda 4603, 4619$ absorption (compare Fig. 4 of Walborn et al. 2002 with our Fig. 11a), although the N IV and N III emission appears stronger in LH 90:ST 2-22 than in the

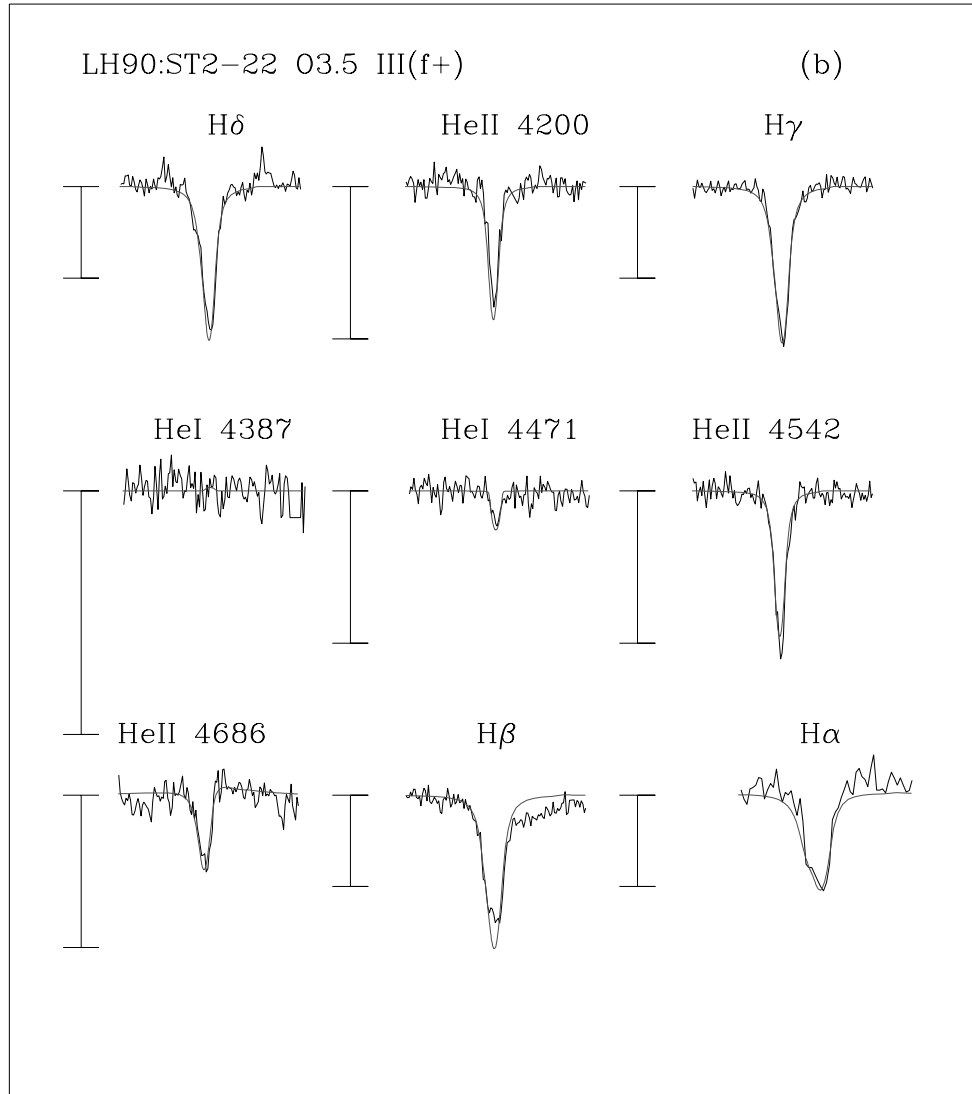
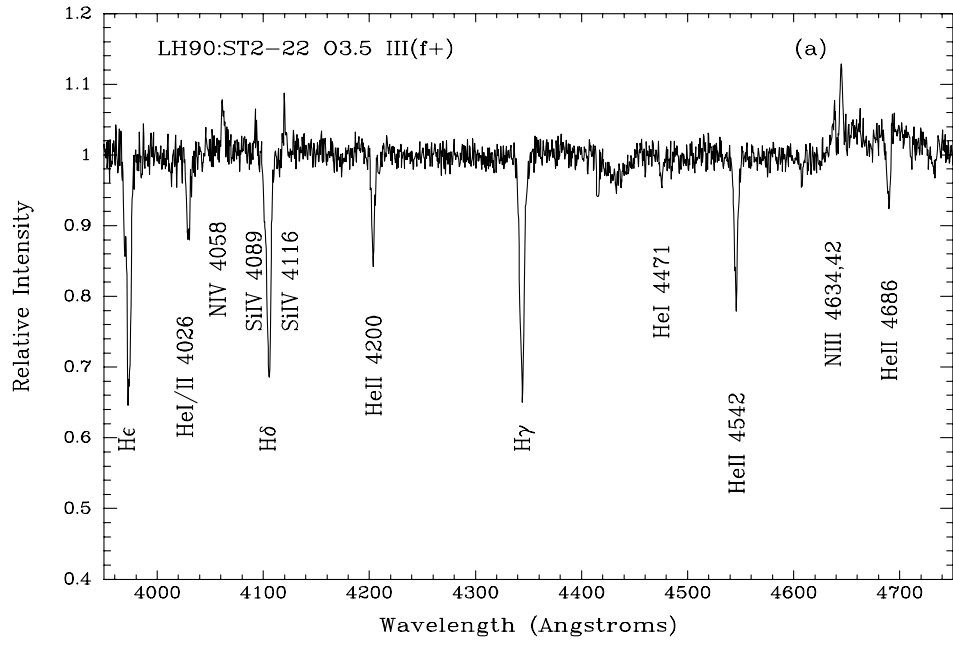


FIG. 11.—Same as Fig. 1, but for LH 90:ST 2-22. A radial velocity of 250 km s^{-1} and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 120 km s^{-1} were used in making this comparison. A cosmic ray on the He II $\lambda 4200$ profile has been removed in this fit. [See the electronic edition of the Journal for a color version of Fig. 11b.]

O3.5 V(f+) star HD 93250. The appearance of He II $\lambda 4686$ suggests a giant (III) luminosity class. The absolute magnitude of LH 90:ST 2-22 is -6.4 , which is more typical of an O3–4 supergiant (O3–4 I) than a dwarf (Table 3-1 of Conti 1988). We adopt O3.5 III(f+) as the spectral type, where the plus sign denotes that Si IV $\lambda\lambda 4089, 4116$ is in emission, a redundant reminder given that all stars so classified have this feature (see Walborn et al. 2002).

The fitting of this star was straightforward. The widths of the Balmer line wings necessitated a value $\log g = 3.7$. The fits are shown in Figure 11*b*. A slightly elevated He/H number ratio (0.2) was needed in order to get the helium lines as strong as what was observed.

BI 237.—This star was classified as an O3 V by Massey et al. (1995) using older, poorer S/N data than what we have obtained for the present study. The spectrum is shown in Figure 12*a*. We see that this star is somewhat earlier than that of LH 90:ST 2-22 (Fig. 11*a*) discussed above, with He I $\lambda 4471$ nearly absent. We do detect *some* He I $\lambda 4471$, but at a very weak level (~ 20 mÅ), a detection possible only with our extremely high (500) S/N spectrum. With the EW of He II $\lambda 4542 \sim 750$ mÅ we conclude $\log W' \sim -1.6$! The nitrogen emission line criteria proposed by Walborn et al. (2002) would make this either an O2 V((f*)) (“N IV \gg N III, no He I”) or an O3 V((f*)) (“N IV \gtrsim N III; very weak He I”), given that N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission (EW = -165 mÅ) is stronger than the N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ emission (EW = -90 mÅ).

Whether one should call the star an O2 or an O3 is of course dependent on the interpretation of the nonquantitative criteria enumerated by Walborn et al. (2002). However, the presence of C IV $\lambda 4658$ emission, with an EW = -140 mÅ (also seen in BI 253, discussed below), is taken by Walborn et al. (2002) as an extreme hot O2 spectrum. We therefore call the star an O2 V((f*)), despite the (very) weak presence of He I $\lambda 4471$. The absolute magnitude ($M_V = -5.4$) is consistent with the dwarf designation suggested by the strong He II $\lambda 4686$ absorption feature (Fig. 12*a*).

Despite the extreme spectral type, the fitting was very straightforward, with the only complication that the He II $\lambda 4200$ profile was corrupted. The fit is shown in Figure 12*b*. The physical parameters are extremely well constrained thanks to the very weak presence of He I $\lambda 4471$. The *HST* H α profile agrees well with the higher S/N ground-based data; thus, we used the latter.

This star is one of the “field” early-type stars identified by Massey et al. (1995), located well outside the nearest known OB association (LH 88). We do note that the radial velocity of this star is quite high (~ 400 km s $^{-1}$), compared to the systemic LMC velocity of 279 km s $^{-1}$). Thus, this field O2 star would also qualify as an OB runaway. In concert with the similar results for the field O3 star Sk $-67^\circ 22$, we believe that this provides an explanation for the long-standing mystery of such early-type field stars (Massey et al. 1995; Massey 1998).

BI 253.—This star has many similarities to BI 237. It too was classified as O3 V by Massey et al. (1995) but was part of the basis for the Walborn et al. (2002) extension of the spectral sequence to O2. Based on the spectrum we obtained as part of the present study, Walborn et al. (2002) propose BI 253 as the prototype for the newly defined O2 V class. It is interesting to compare its spectrum (Fig. 13*a*) with that of BI 237 (Fig. 12*a*), which we argue above is also a member of the O2 V class. The nitrogen spectrum would suggest that BI 253 is somewhat hotter, as N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ emission is not visible in our spectrum, while N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission and N V $\lambda\lambda 4603, 4619$ absorption are

both considerably stronger than in BI 237. The EW of N IV $\lambda 4058$ is nearly 3 times stronger in BI 253, with the line having an EW of about -450 mÅ. He I $\lambda 4471$ is *not* detectable, although this could simply be due to the poorer S/N of this spectrum compared to that of BI 253 (225 vs. 500). We feel confident in placing an upper limit of 25 mÅ on its presence, requiring $\log W' < -1.5$, as the EW of He II $\lambda 4542$ is 710 mÅ. C IV $\lambda 4658$ emission is present (EW = -160 mÅ) in comparable intensity to that of BI 237. The star’s absolute magnitude ($M_V = -5.5$) is consistent with the dwarf designation suggested by the appearance of He II $\lambda 4686$. We describe the spectrum as O2 V((f*)), consistent with Walborn et al. (2002) notation, although we note that the lack of N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ emission makes the use of the “f” designation arguable.

The fitting was again straightforward (Fig. 13*b*), although only a lower limit could be set on the effective temperature (and hence on other stellar parameters) due to the lack of an unambiguous detection of He I $\lambda 4471$. The mass-loss rate is somewhat greater in BI 253 than it is in BI 237.

LH 101:W3-14.—Both LH 101:W3-14 and LMC 2-675 (discussed below) are stars whose spectra are moderately early (\sim O5) according to the He I/He II ratio, but which show nitrogen features typical of much earlier stars. Are these stars spectral composites or nitrogen-enriched objects? We have previously shown that when a star is a spectral composite we can seldom match the actual He I and He II line strengths with a single model. The star was classified as O3 V by Testor & Niemela (1998) and then reclassified as ON5.5 V((f)) by Massey et al. (2000) based on the spectrum used here. The Testor & Niemela (1998) spectrum of this star is clearly noisy (see their Fig. 4), and it is not clear whether or not He I absorption is present in their spectrum. It is certainly present in ours, at a strength typical of an O5 star, with a value of $\log W'$ equal to -0.49 . Here we also see (Fig. 14) N IV $\lambda 4058$ and N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ emission of comparable intensity, so if we were to ignore the He I absorption spectrum, we would conclude that the star was O3 V((f*)) according to the criteria of Walborn et al. (2002). N V $\lambda\lambda 4603, 4619$ absorption is also weakly present, characteristic of an early spectral type. On the other hand, the presence of C III $\lambda 4650$ absorption is typical of a later spectral type (O8.5+). The absolute visual magnitude of the star, $M_V = -5.6$, is somewhat brighter than the $M_V = -5.2$ value listed by Conti (1988) for an O5 dwarf and is more consistent with a giant classification. The strength of He II $\lambda 4686$ absorption is weaker than that of He II $\lambda 4542$, and so a giant designation is not precluded. Alternatively, the absolute magnitude may be suggesting that the object is the composite of two dwarfs.

The modeling quickly demonstrated to our satisfaction that this spectrum is composite. A 40,000 K model can match the line strengths of the He II lines and that of He I $\lambda 4387$, but this model’s He I $\lambda 4471$ line is then many times stronger than what is actually observed. (This goes in the *opposite* sense of the “dilution effect” described by Repolust et al. 2004.) We can achieve the correct line *ratio* for He I $\lambda 4387$ and He I $\lambda 4471$ by lowering the effective temperature to 38,000 K, but the He I line *strengths* are then much greater than what is actually observed, and the He II lines are too weak. This is consistent with a composite spectrum, with an O3 V dominating the nitrogen and He II spectrum and a latter O type dominating the He I spectrum. We further note that the He I $\lambda 4471$ line appears to be broader ($v \sin i = 130$ km s $^{-1}$) than the He II lines ($v \sin i = 110$ km s $^{-1}$), a difference that is quite noticeable with our S/N and dispersion. This is consistent with the spectral classification of Walborn et al. (2002) based on the same data.

LH 101:W3-19.—This star was classified as O3 If by Testor & Niemela (1998) and again as O3 If* by Massey et al. (2000); the

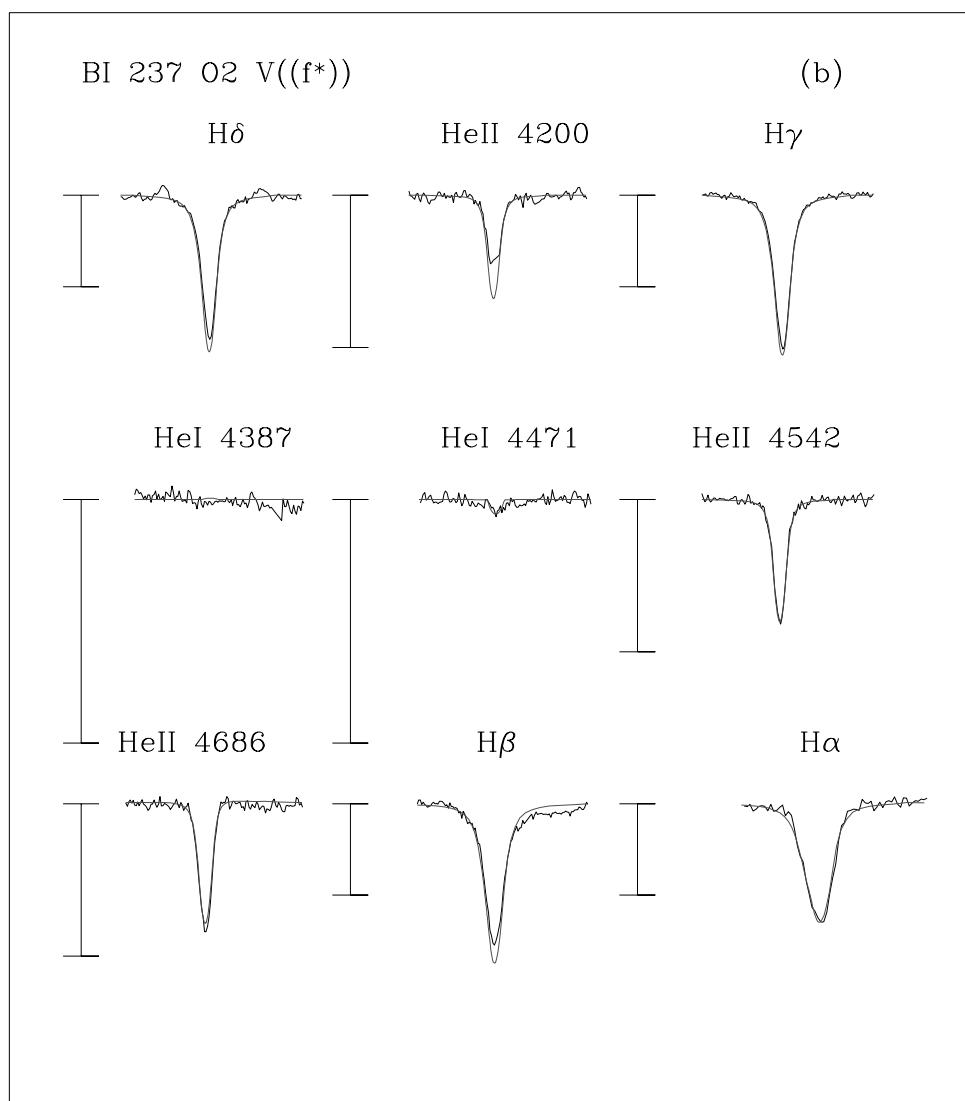
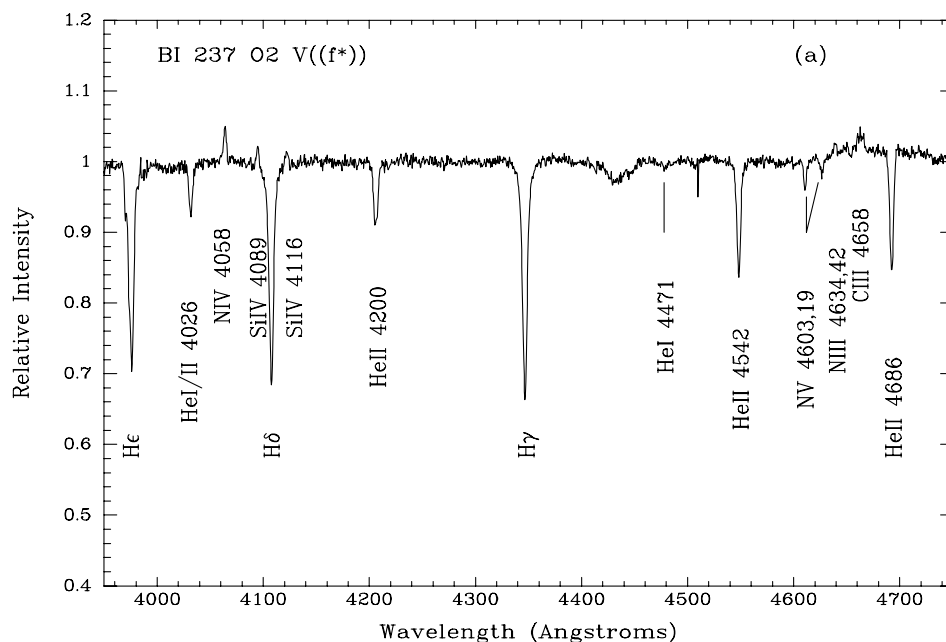


FIG. 12.—Same as Fig. 1, but for BI 237. A radial velocity of 430 km s^{-1} and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 150 km s^{-1} were used in making this comparison. The He II $\lambda 4200$ profile was flat bottomed, presumably due to a reduction problem, and not used in making the fit. [See the electronic edition of the *Journal* for a color version of Fig. 12b.]

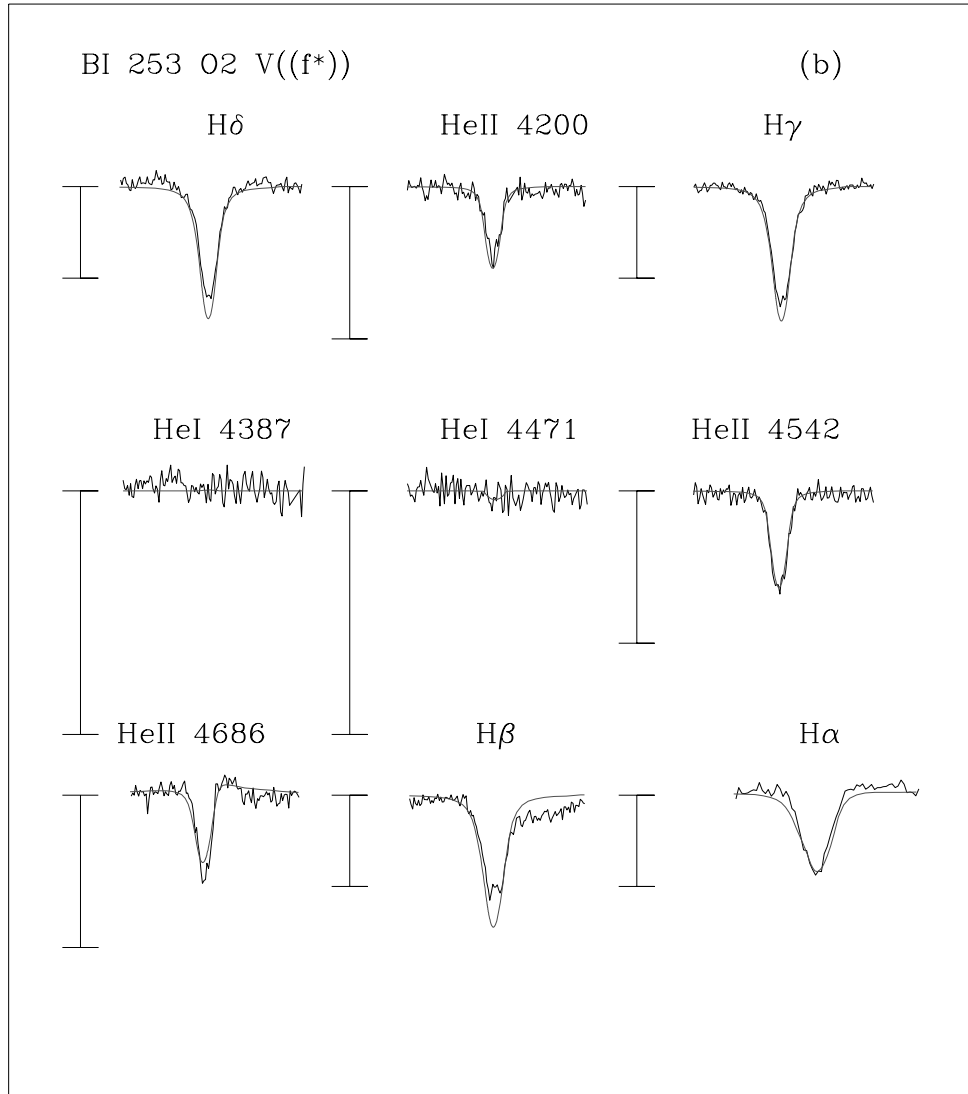
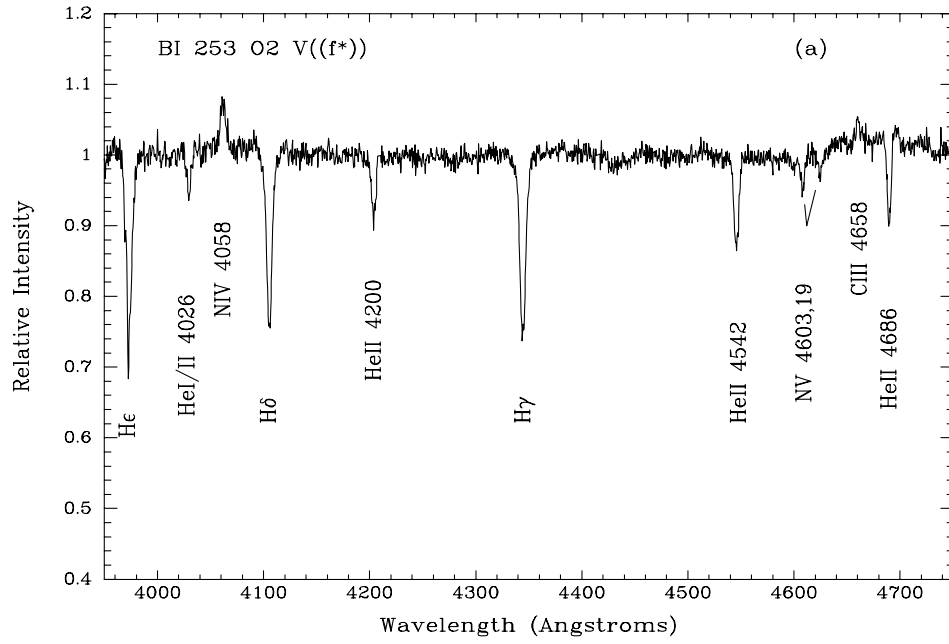


FIG. 13.—Same as Fig. 1, but for BI 253. A radial velocity of 270 km s^{-1} and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 200 km s^{-1} were used in making this comparison. [See the electronic edition of the Journal for a color version of Fig. 13b.]

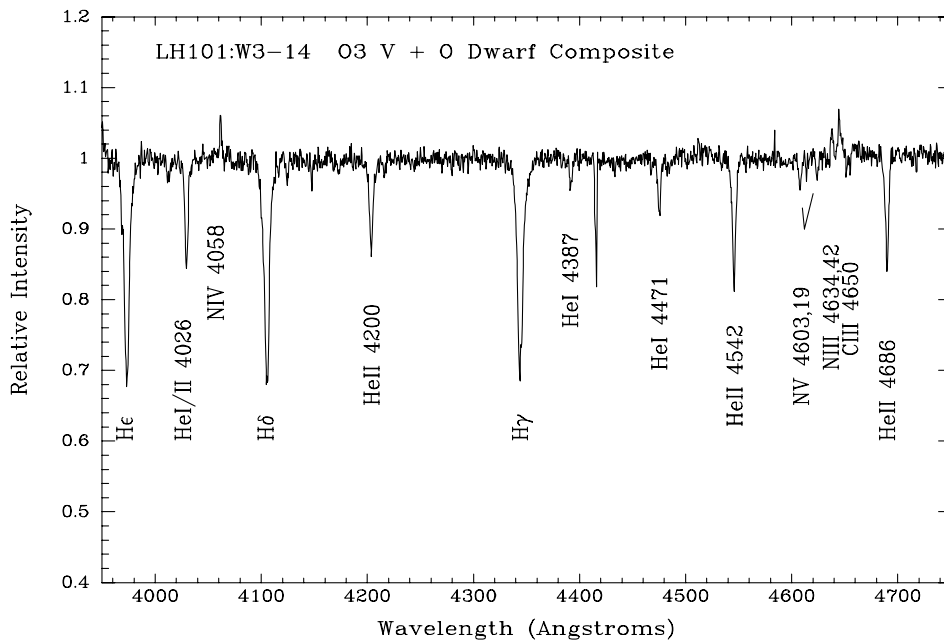


FIG. 14.—LH 101:W3-14. The spectrum shown here is composite, with an O3 star dominating the nitrogen and He II spectra and a later O-type star contributing the He I. No single model was able to fit the strengths of the He I and He II lines.

data for the latter are the same as what are used here. Using the criteria suggested by Walborn et al. (2002), the star would have to be considered of spectral type O2 If*, as the N IV $\lambda\lambda 4058$ emission (EW = -300 mÅ) is greater than the N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ emission (EW = -230 mÅ; Fig. 15a). The presence of weak C IV $\lambda 4658$ emission (EW = -150 mÅ) suggests that it is quite hot. N V $\lambda\lambda 4603, 4619$ absorption and Si IV $\lambda\lambda 4089, 4116$ emission are clearly visible. He II $\lambda 4686$ is in strong emission rather than P Cygni emission, attesting that it is a supergiant and not a giant. A supergiant classification is consistent with the high absolute visual magnitude, $M_V = -7.04$, found for this star.

We have *HST* and ground-based data for both the blue part of the spectra and $H\alpha$. Nebulosity is strong around this star, and the *HST* data proved crucial for the $H\alpha$ region. Although the *HST* data in the blue give less contaminated Balmer lines, the S/N is so much worse (130 vs. 420 per 1.4 Å) that we used the ground-based data for the fitting but checked that the *HST* data yielded similar results.

The fitting of this star was relatively straightforward, with reasonably good fits. The surface gravity of the star is somewhat higher than what we might naively expect for a supergiant, with $\log g = 3.9$. The inferred spectroscopic mass is very high, $>190 M_\odot$, one of the highest known. He I $\lambda 4471$ may be *marginally* detected, with an EW of 50 mÅ (and $\log W' \sim -1.1$); we were unable to convince ourselves whether or not this feature was real, and we therefore treat the effective temperature as a lower limit.

LMC 2-675.—This star was classified as “O3 If+O” by Massey et al. (1995), who recognized its composite nature. The spectrum of this star (Fig. 16) is very similar in appearance to that of LH 101:W3-14 (Fig. 14), with an He I/He II ratio suggesting a spectral type O5, but with strong N features that would be characteristic of an earlier type. Our modeling confirms that this object is a composite. No model simultaneously fits the strengths of the He I and He II lines. In this case we find that we can match the He II lines and the He I $\lambda 4387$ line with a single model of temperature $40,000$ K, but that the He I $\lambda 4471$ line from the model is much too strong. Furthermore, the He II lines are

shifted in radial velocity by about 30 km s^{-1} relative to those of He I and H. The strength of N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission and N V $\lambda\lambda 4603, 4619$ absorption, plus the absence of any N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ emission, would suggest that one of the components is an O2 giant [i.e., O2 III(f*)]. The other component must be an O-type dwarf. Note that for the earliest types (O2–3.5) the absolute visual magnitude is not a good indicator of luminosity class, as argued in Paper I, so this need not be in conflict with the relatively modest $M_V = -5.0$.

3.1.3. The R136 Stars

The R136 cluster in the LMC contains more extreme O-type stars than are known in total elsewhere (Massey & Hunter 1998). For an interesting subsample of stars, the Faint Object Spectrograph (FOS) “classification quality” spectra of Massey & Hunter (1998) have been supplemented by higher resolution STIS spectra with considerably greater S/N for the purposes of modeling. Since the STIS spectra cover only the wavelength region from H γ to He II $\lambda 4542$ (plus a separate exposure at $H\alpha$; see § 2), we make use of the FOS spectra in determining the spectral type but use only the STIS data for the modeling. The model spectra for the He II $\lambda 4686$ line are, however, compared to the FOS data for this line. In presenting the blue–optical spectra, we have spliced in the better STIS data in the wavelength region 4310 – 4590 Å.

R136-007.—This star was classified as O3 If*/WN 6-A by Walborn & Blades (1997); Massey & Hunter (1998) agreed with this spectral type. The spectrum is shown in Figure 17. As noted earlier, the “slash” designation simply denotes strong Of-like emission. Walborn et al. (2002) specifically excluded such “slash” stars from their discussion, but to us this division seems arbitrary and unnecessary. The absorption spectrum is straightforwardly interpreted as O2–O3 given the strong He II $\lambda 4542$ and lack of detection of He I $\lambda 4471$. Based on the nitrogen emission spectrum, we would classify the star as O2 If*, as N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission is much stronger than N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ emission. C IV $\lambda 4658$ emission is also present, suggesting that this is a particularly hot O2 star. The presence of N V $\lambda\lambda 4603, 4619$ absorption

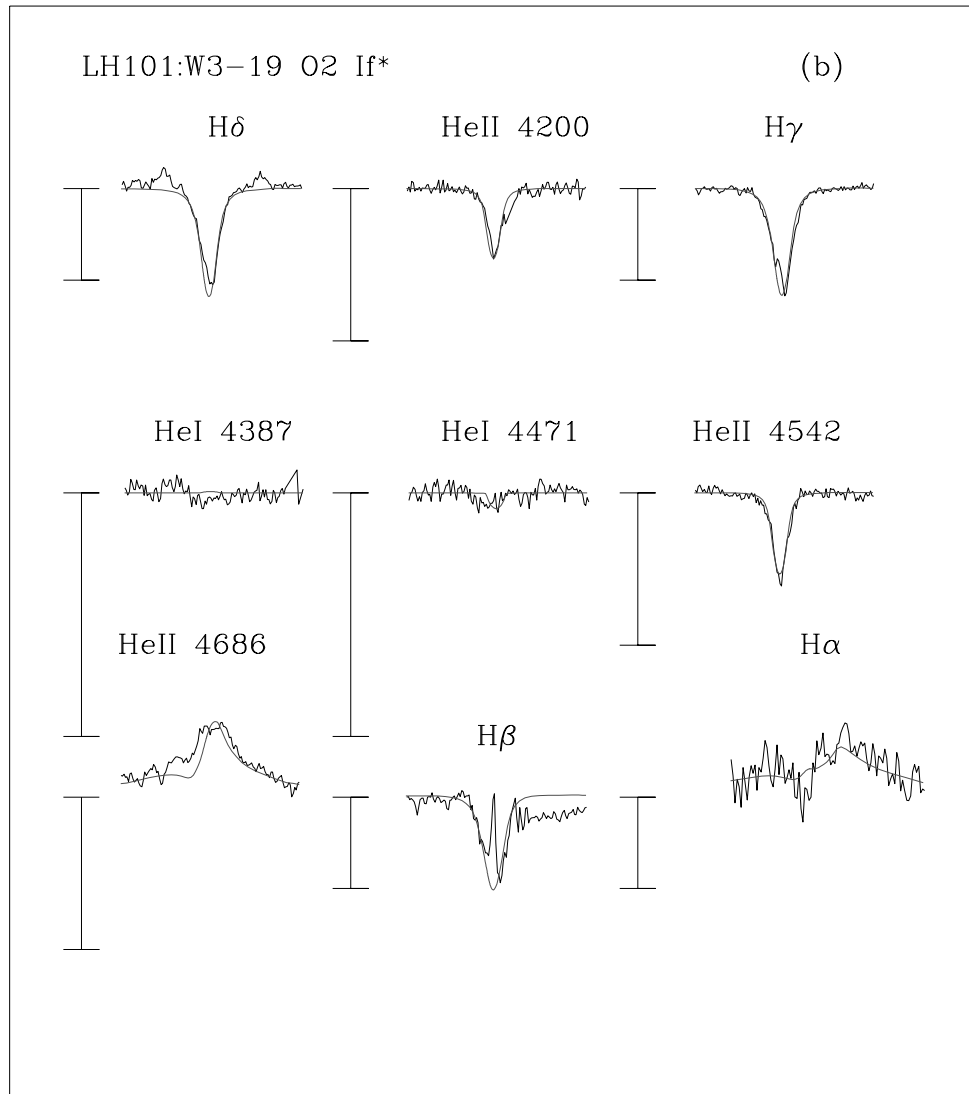
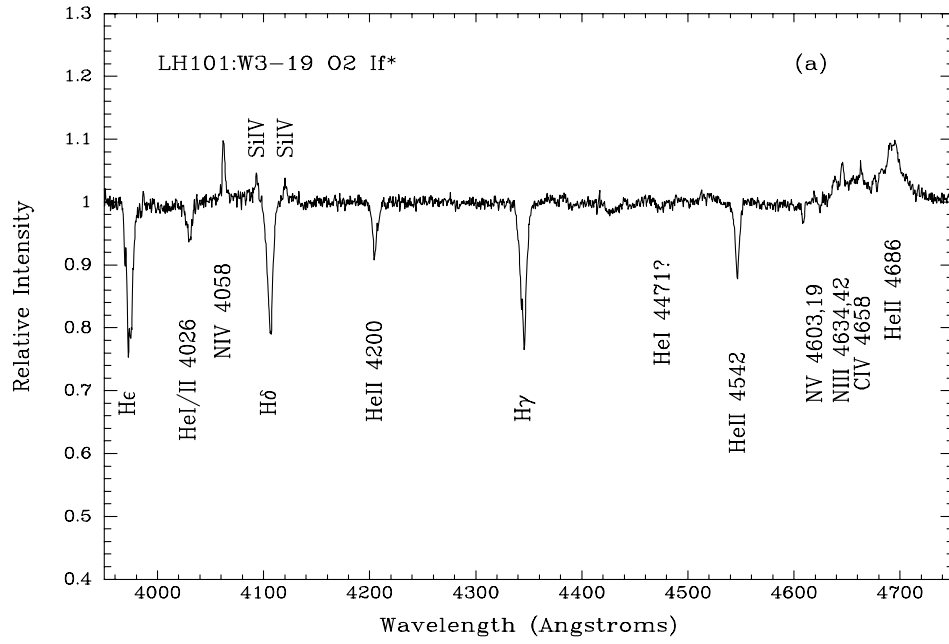


FIG. 15.—Same as Fig. 1, but for LH 101:W3-19. A radial velocity of 320 km s^{-1} and a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 180 km s^{-1} were used in making this comparison. [See the electronic edition of the Journal for a color version of Fig. 15b.]

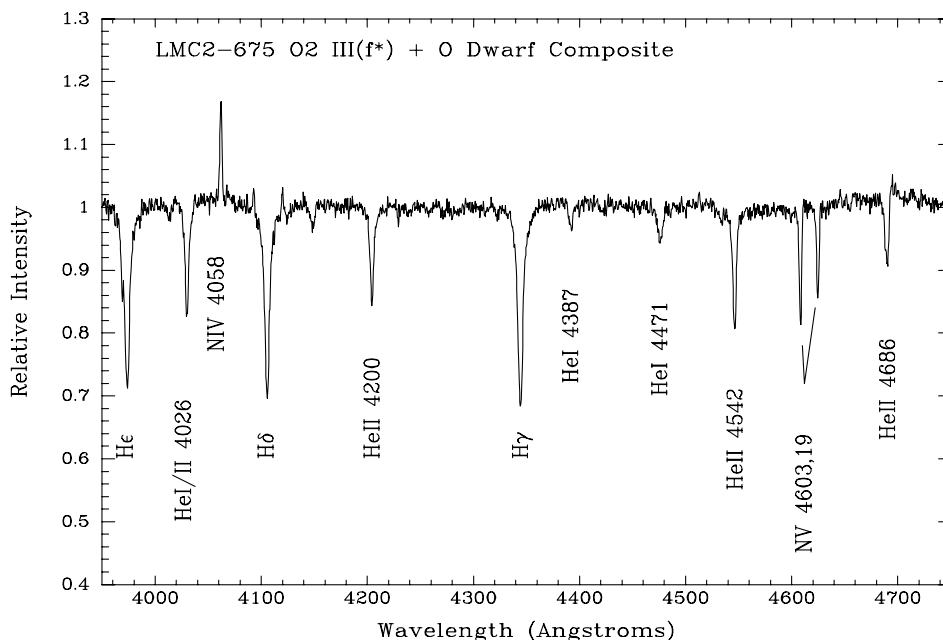


FIG. 16.—LMC 2-675. The spectrum shown here is composite, with an O3 star dominating the nitrogen and He II spectra and a later O-type star contributing the He I. As in Fig. 14, no single model was able to fit the strengths of the He I and He II lines.

and Si IV $\lambda\lambda 4089, 4116$ emission is also consistent with this designation. The EW of He II $\lambda 4686$ is -7 \AA , somewhat short of the -10 \AA (arbitrary) boundary between Wolf-Rayet and Of stars. The intrinsic emission will be slightly stronger, given the presence of a fainter companion (see below). Its absolute visual magnitude $M_V = -6.9$ is similar to that of the O2 If* star LH 101:W3-19 discussed above and is consistent with a supergiant designation.

We had difficulty matching the depth of the hydrogen and He II lines with our modeling and are forced to conclude that this star is a composite. Indeed, Massey et al. (2002) found light varia-

tions of this star that are indicative of eclipses. Subsequent imaging has now identified a period for the system, and a radial velocity study is in progress.

R136-014.—This star was classified as O4 If by Melnick (1985; under the designation Mk 37) and as O4 If+ by Massey & Hunter (1998). Although He I $\lambda 4471$ is *weakly* present in our STIS spectrum (Fig. 18a), the EW is only 40 m\AA , and it is difficult to see how it could have been unambiguously detected in these earlier studies. We derive a value of $\log W' = -1.0$, suggesting a type earlier than O4. Walborn et al. (2002) reclassify the star (under the name “MH 14”) as O3.5 If*, given the equal strengths

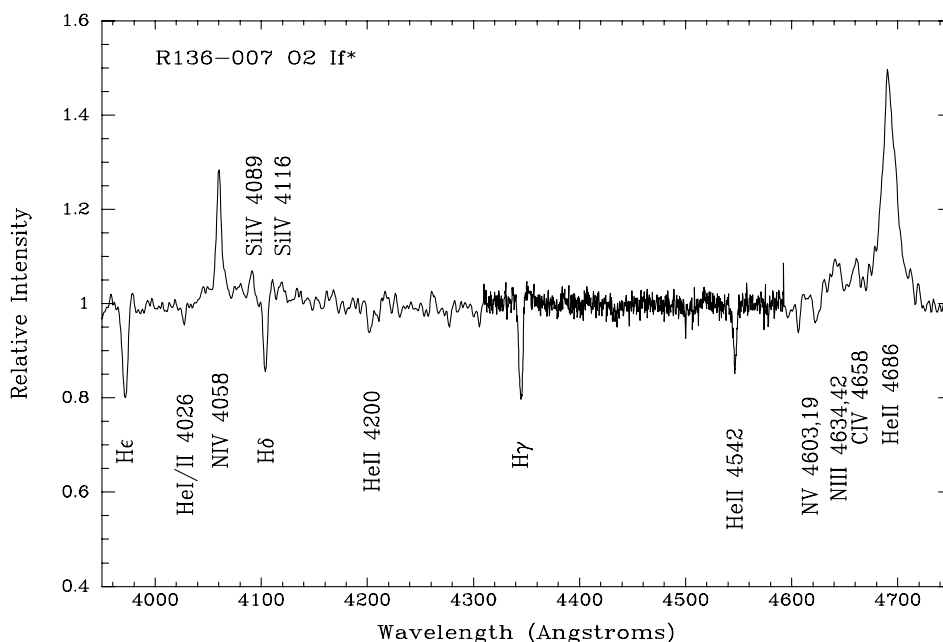


FIG. 17.—R136-007. We identify the major lines in the spectrum of R136-007. The data are from the FOS observations of Massey & Hunter (1998), except for the region 4310–4590 \AA , where we have spliced in our higher S/N STIS spectrum. No combination of parameters led to a good fit, and we conclude that the star is composite, consistent with the discovery of eclipses in the light curve by Massey et al. (2002).

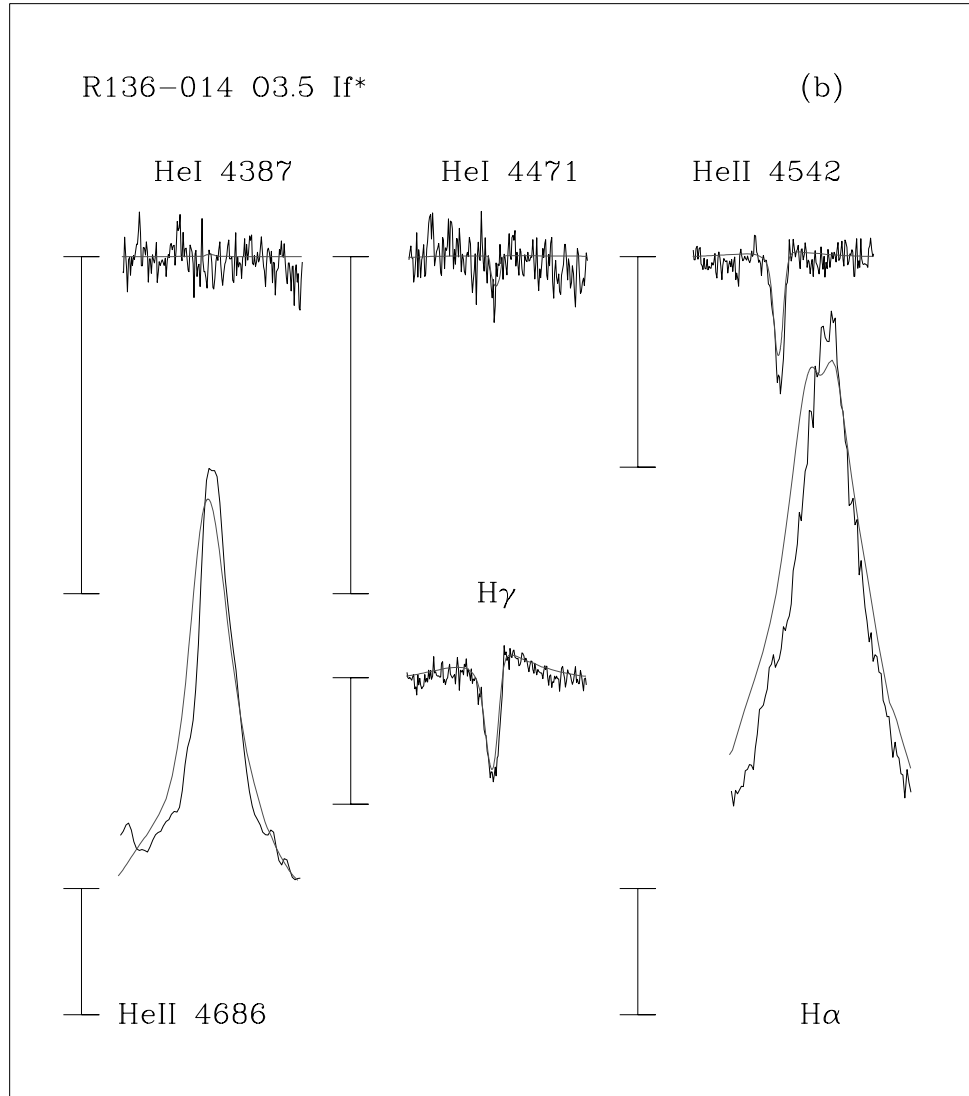
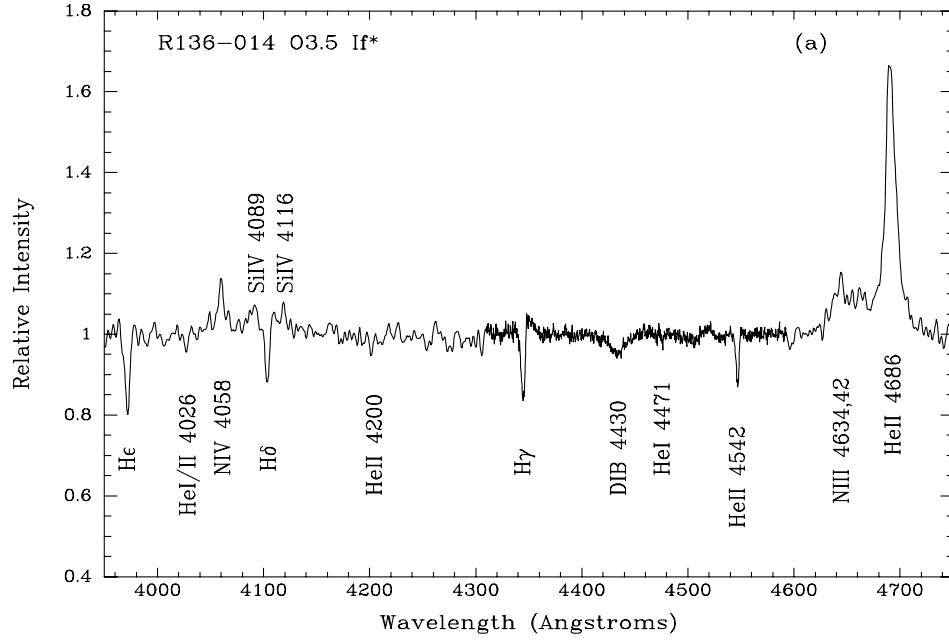


FIG. 18.—R136-014. The data in (a) come from the FOS observations of Massey & Hunter (1998), except for the region 4310–4590 Å, where we have spliced in our higher S/N STIS spectrum. In (b) the profiles are from the STIS data, except for that of He II λ 4686, which comes from the FOS data. The colors and symbols have the same meaning as in Fig. 1. Problems with the STIS wavelength zero point preclude determining an accurate radial velocity; a rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 120 km s^{-1} was used in making this comparison. [See the electronic edition of the *Journal* for a color version of Fig. 18b.]

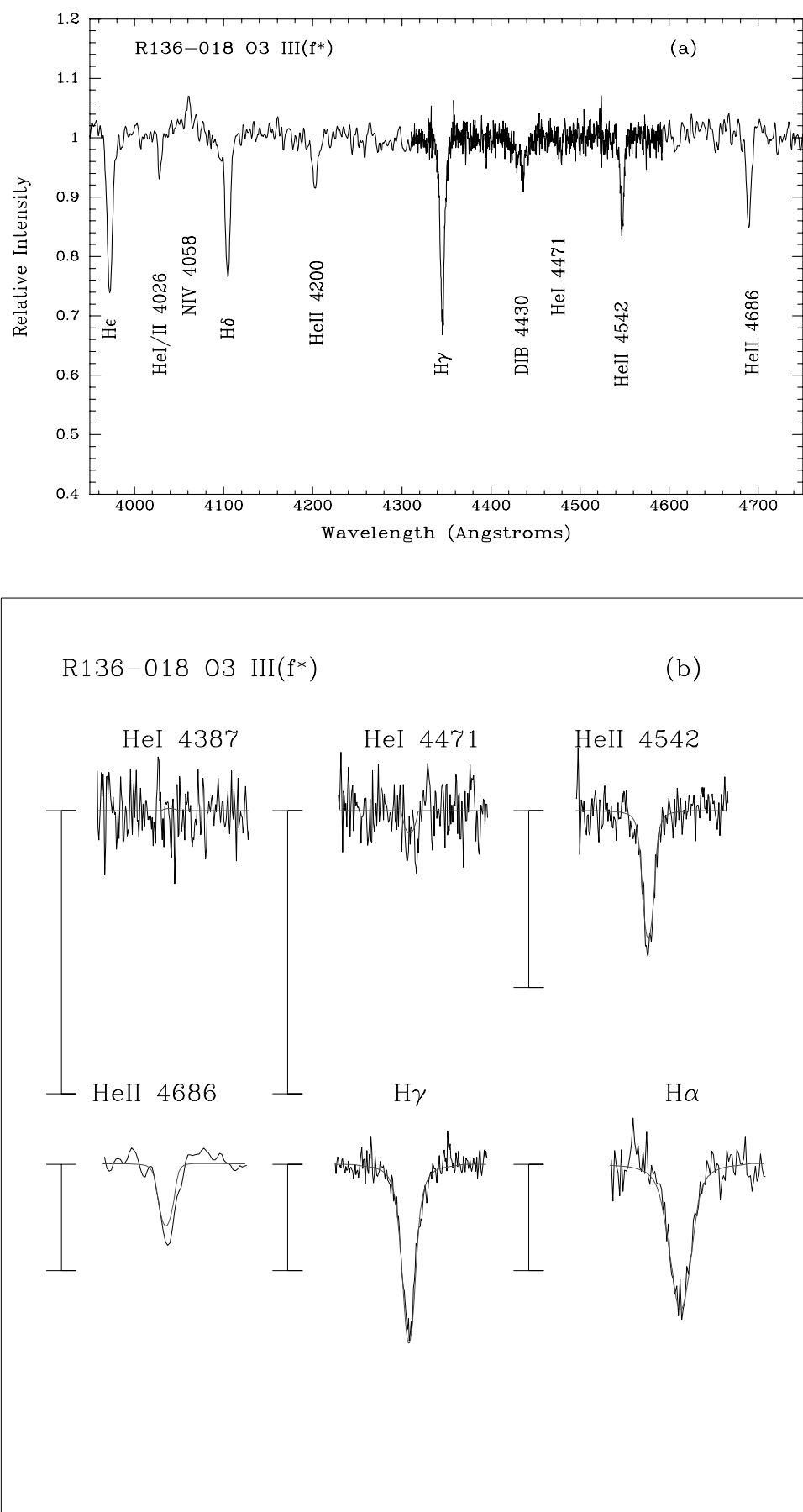


FIG. 19.—Same as Fig. 18, but for R136-018. A rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 180 km s^{-1} was used in making this comparison. [See the electronic edition of the *Journal* for a color version of Fig. 19b.]

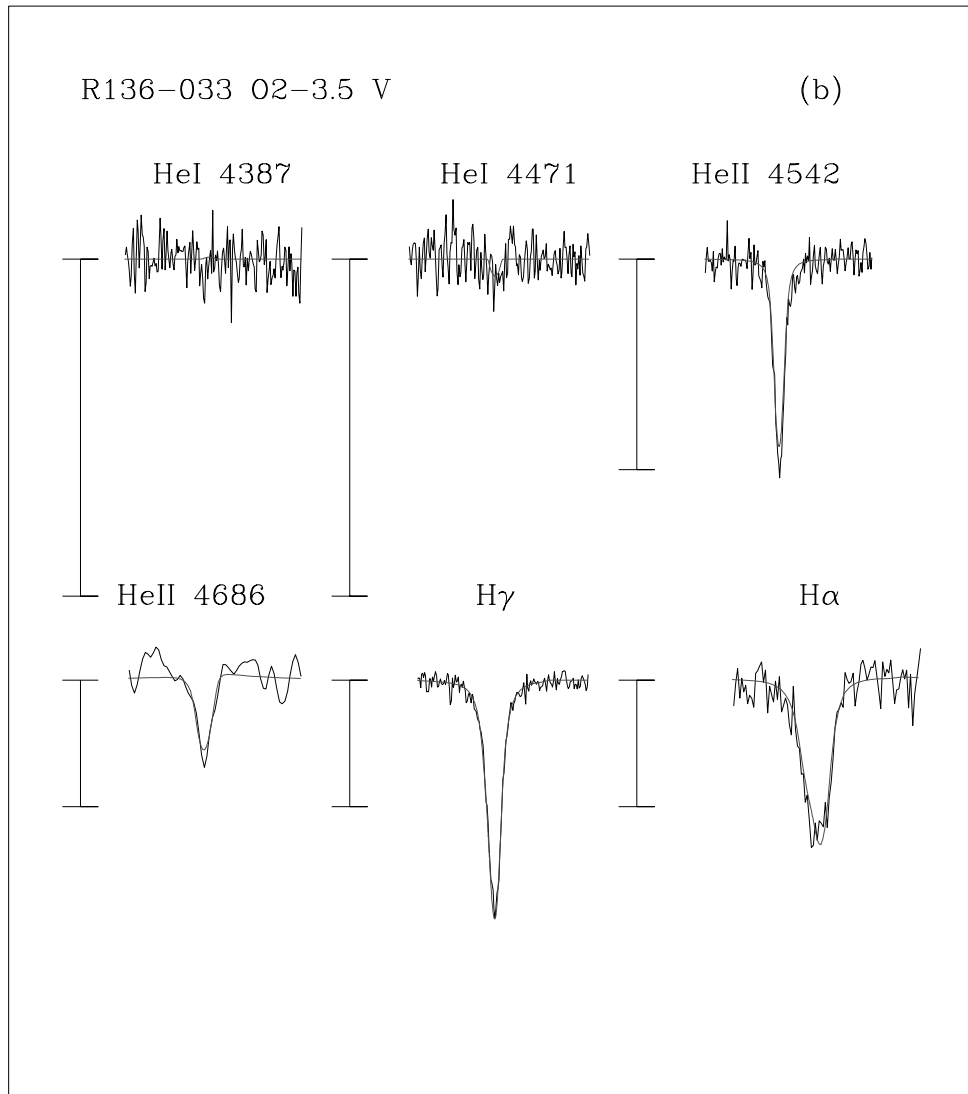
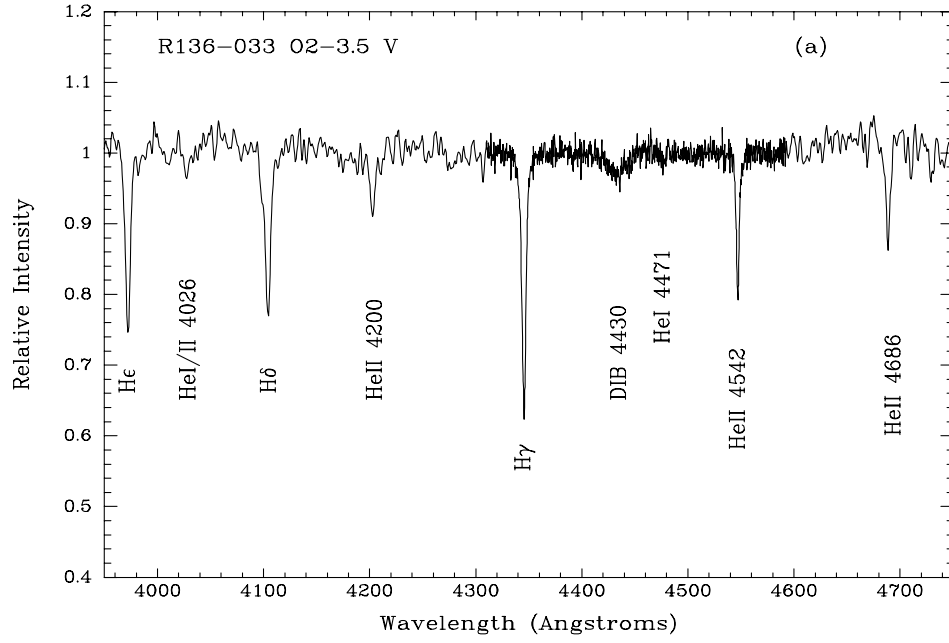


FIG. 20.—Same as Fig. 18, but for R136-033. A rotational broadening $v \sin i$ of 120 km s^{-1} was used in making this comparison. [See the electronic edition of the *Journal* for a color version of Fig. 20b.]

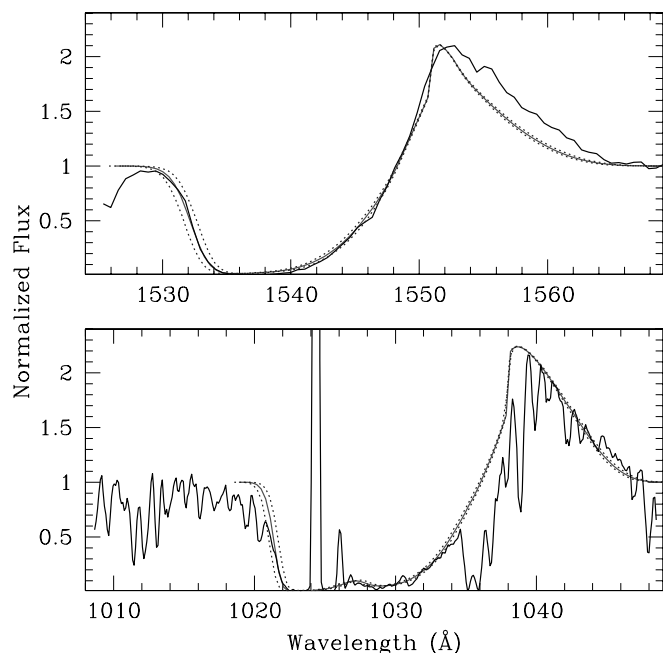


FIG. 21.—C IV vs. O VI terminal velocities. For the star Sk $-67^{\circ}22$ we show the C IV profile (top) and O VI profile (bottom) along with our adopted SEI fits. In both cases we found a terminal velocity $v_{\infty} = 2650 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. The dotted lines show the sensitivity of the velocity to a change of $\pm 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. Since there has been no correction for underlying photospheric absorption for C IV, the poor fit on the long-wavelength side of C IV is expected; it is the short-wavelength side that defines the terminal velocity. Similarly the agreement with the O VI could be improved by better correction for interstellar absorption, but the short-wavelength side demonstrates that the terminal velocity is well determined. Note the presence of Ly β emission in the O VI profile. [See the electronic edition of the Journal for a color version of this figure.]

of the N IV $\lambda 4058$ and N III $\lambda \lambda 4634, 4642$ emission lines. The He II $\lambda 4686$ line has an EW of -7 \AA , and the star's absolute magnitude, $M_V = -6.4$, is consistent with it being a supergiant (Conti 1988).

The fits were relatively straightforward, and the comparison between the model and observations is shown in Figure 18b. Note that although He II $\lambda 4686$ was not used in the process, the agreement between the model and the observation is quite good.

R136-018.—This star was classified as O3 III(f*) by Massey & Hunter (1998), and this spectral type was repeated by Walborn et al. (2002). We show the spectrum in Figure 19a. He I $\lambda 4471$ is present with an EW of 90 m\AA ; we measure $\log W' = -0.87$. N IV $\lambda 4058$ is present in emission (EW = -750 m\AA), although N III $\lambda \lambda 4634, 4642$ is not; the N emission lines would therefore allow either an O2 or O3 classification according to Walborn et al. (2002), while the strength of He I would argue for the later type. The strength of He II $\lambda 4686$ absorption and overall weakness of the nitrogen emission spectra argue that the star is a dwarf or giant rather than a supergiant. Its absolute magnitude, $M_V = -5.9$, is intermediate between that expected for a dwarf and a supergiant (Conti 1988), and so we retain the O3 III(f*) classification.

The fitting of this star required only two model runs to obtain an excellent fit; we show the agreement between the observation and model spectrum in Figure 19b. The surface gravity is found to be consistent with a giant.

R136-033.—This star was classified as O3 V by Massey & Hunter (1998). He I $\lambda 4471$ is marginally detected, with an EW $\sim 50 \text{ m\AA}$ and $\log W' = -1.2$ (Fig. 20a). By the “old” criteria, we would call this spectral subtype O3. Neither N IV $\lambda 4058$ nor N III $\lambda \lambda 4634, 4642$ emission is detectable in our FOS spectrum, and

so it is difficult to know how to apply the criteria suggested by Walborn et al. (2002) based on the relative intensities of these lines. (We return to this issue in general in § 4.) For now, we call the star an O2–3.5 V. The absolute magnitude $M_V = -5.1$ is consistent with the star being a dwarf.

The fitting for this star was also straightforward, and the results are shown in Figure 20b. The surface gravity for this star is found to be similar to that of R136-018 ($\log g = 3.75$), despite the fact that R136-033 is a dwarf and R136-018 is a giant. We note in § 5 that there is no clear distinction in the surface gravities of giants and dwarfs in general among the earlier O stars. We list its parameters in Table 5 as if the presence of He I $\lambda 4471$ were real, but possibly these should be viewed as upper limits.

3.2. Agreement with Other Wavelength Regions

3.2.1. Far-Ultraviolet

There are five stars in our sample for which we have *FUSE* data. Of these, one star is composite (AV 476), and we do not consider this further. For the remainder, we performed SEI fitting of the O VI in the same manner as was carried out on the other UV data. In Figure 21 we compare the fits of the O VI line to that of C IV for the star Sk $-67^{\circ}22$. In each panel the solid line shows the adopted $v_{\infty} = 2650 \text{ km s}^{-1}$, with the dotted lines showing $\pm 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. We compare the velocities for all four stars in Table 6; clearly the agreement is excellent.

We can of course go much further with both the *FUSE* and *HST/UV* data. Some studies of the physical properties of O-type stars have relied solely on the ultraviolet region for modeling (see, for example, Martins et al. 2004; Garcia & Bianchi 2004; Bianchi & Garcia 2002; Pauldrach et al. 2001), while other recent studies have included both the optical and ultraviolet regions in their modeling efforts (for instance, Crowther et al. 2002; Hillier et al. 2003; Bouret et al. 2003). In general, the UV provides the much needed diagnostics of the stellar wind lines (particularly the terminal velocities), but the various lines that have been proposed as particularly temperature sensitive (for example, C III $\lambda 1176$ to C IV $\lambda 1169$ by Bouret et al. [2003] quoting in advance Heap et al. 2005; Fe IV to Fe V by Hillier et al. 2003; Ar VI $\lambda 1000$ to Ar VII $\lambda 1064$ by Taresch et al. 1997) are usually useful over a very limited temperature range, and, more importantly, good matches between the model and stellar spectra require determining the abundances of the particular element. The lines in the UV region are also not particularly sensitive to the surface gravity; see discussion in Pauldrach et al. (2001). We believe that there is much to be gained by fitting the UV and optical region, as has been shown in the past by some (see in particular Taresch et al. 1997) but has generally been ignored by others. Although the present paper (and Paper I) has made some use of the UV (in terms of determining the terminal velocity), our study has been wedded to that of the optical lines, as these lines have the greatest sensitivity to $\log g$ and T_{eff} . Nevertheless, the UV region contains differing ion states of various metal lines that can be effectively employed. In addition, wind clumping will

TABLE 6
O VI VERSUS C IV TERMINAL VELOCITIES (km s^{-1})

Star	Spectral Type	O VI	C IV
AV 177.....	O4 V((f))	2500	2650
Sk $-67^{\circ}22$	O2 If*	2650	2650
Sk $-65^{\circ}47$	O4 If	2000	2100
BI 253.....	O2 V((f*))	3200	3180

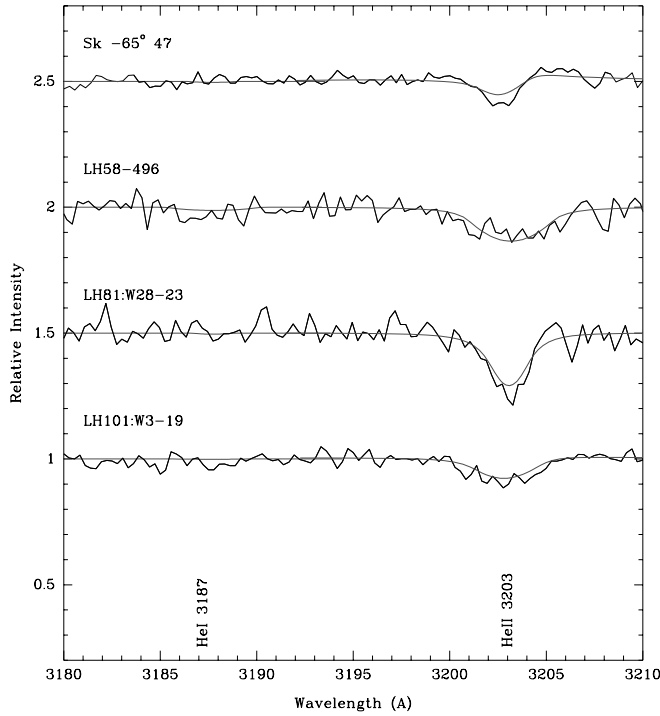


FIG. 22.—NUV region. The region containing the He I $\lambda 3187$ and He II $\lambda 3203$ lines is shown for the four noncomposite stars in our sample for which we have data in this region. Although we did not use this region in obtaining the final parameters, each star shows good agreement with the corresponding model. [See the electronic edition of the *Journal* for a color version of this figure.]

affect the UV and the optical in different ways. The most robust answers will come from fully utilizing both the optical and UV, and we plan to make further use of our beautiful UV spectra (both *HST* and *FUSE*) in a subsequent paper.

3.2.2. The NUV: He I $\lambda 3187$ and He II $\lambda 3203$

In Paper I we (re)introduced the He I $\lambda 3187$ and He II $\lambda 3203$ lines as an interesting check on the models and effective temperatures we adopt. Morrison (1975) was the first to call attention to the usefulness of these lines, noting that the He II $\lambda 3203$ ($n = 3-5$) line was the only accessible He II line that did not involve transitions from $n = 4$. The He I $\lambda 3187$ line is a triplet $2^3S-4^3P^o$, similar to $\lambda 4471$ ($2^3P^o-4^3D$).

Of the six stars in this paper for which we have observations in the NUV region, two are composites. In Figure 22 we show the spectra of the other four. Although we did not use this region in determining the physical parameters of these stars, in all four cases there is good agreement between the observed spectra and the models for He II $\lambda 3203$. In Paper I we also demonstrated good agreement for the two stars for which we had NUV data. We conclude that the He II $\lambda 3203$ line yields answers that are consistent with that of He II $\lambda \lambda 4200$ and 4542 . None of the stars were sufficiently late for He I $\lambda 3187$ to be detected at our S/N, consistent with the output of the stellar atmosphere models. Since He I $\lambda 4471$ and, in some cases, even He I $\lambda 4387$ are measurable in all of these stars (with the possible exception of LH 101:W3-19; see § 3.1), we note that while the NUV region provides reassurance on our fitting procedure, the additional information added is limited.

4. THE EARLIEST O STARS

Although the main goal of our paper is to derive physical parameters, we have assembled some of the highest quality op-

tical spectra on some of the earliest O stars known, and we would be remiss to not use this to comment on the spectral classification scheme. Conti & Alschuler (1971) provided equivalent width measurements of the primary spectral classification lines He I $\lambda 4471$ and He II $\lambda 4542$ for a large sample of O stars that had been classified in the “traditional way” (visually comparing the spectra of program stars to the spectra of spectral standards) and provided a *quantitative* scale that could be used to distinguish the spectral subtypes from one another; i.e., an O8 spectral type had a value of $\log W' = \text{EW}(\text{He I } \lambda 4471)/\text{EW}(\text{He II } \lambda 4542)$ between 0.10 and 0.19, while an O8.5 star had a value of $\log W'$ between 0.20 and 0.29. This scheme was slightly revised for the earliest types by Conti & Frost (1977), who used the criteria that O4 stars have $\log W' < -0.60$ while in O3 stars He I $\lambda 4471$ is “absent.” (A summary of the $\log W'$ appears in Table 1-3 of Conti 1988.) Of course, this leads to the O3 classification as being degenerate; i.e., at a given surface gravity, stars with any temperature above some value might be classified as “O3.” Indeed, when higher S/N spectrograms were obtained by Kudritzki (1980) and Simon et al. (1983) of the prototype O3 stars HD 93205, HD 93128, and HD 303308 (Walborn 1971a, 1973a), weak He I $\lambda 4471$ was revealed, with EWs of 75–250 mÅ and $\log W' = -1.1$ to -0.5 . (HD 303308, with a $\log W' = -0.5$, would today be classified as an O4 star; see Table 3 of Walborn et al. [2002]. Another O3 star for which Simon et al. [1983] detected He I $\lambda 4471$ is HD 93129A, but today we recognize that this is a composite spectrum; see Nelan et al. [2004].) However, to date no one has actually provided a quantitative distinction in the He I/He II ratio between spectral types O3 and O4.

Detection of weak He I $\lambda 4471$ is crucial for an accurate temperature determination using our method, and we can ask, what is our expected detection limit? With an S/N of 400 per 1.4 Å spectral resolution element, we should be able to reliably detect (at the 3σ level) a line whose equivalent width is $3 \times (1/400) \times 1.2$ Å, or about 0.009 Å (9 mÅ). This is consistent with our measurements of the 20 mÅ in the spectra of some stars (i.e., BI 237). For the R136 stars, with an S/N of 100 per 0.4 Å spectral resolution element, a limit of about 20 mÅ is expected. In a few cases, the STIS spectra had worse S/N, and only an upper limit to He I $\lambda 4471$ can be detected; we note such cases. What about the effects of normalization on such weak lines? In normalizing our spectra, we used a low-order cubic spline fit through line-free regions. Care was taken with this procedure. Comparing the continuum levels in our normalized spectra in the region around He I $\lambda 4471$, we find that this procedure worked very well: with some very early stars (BI 237) the normalization proved good to 0.05%; in general, the agreement was good to a few tenths of a percent. What effect will that have on the measured equivalent widths? If our continuum placement was in error by 0.5% (which, we believe, would be an extreme case), then we would measure a 20 mÅ line as having an EW of 28 mÅ. Thus, we expect that any error introduced by our normalization will have an effect comparable to that of the large but finite S/N of the spectra.

Walborn et al. (2002) attempted to reduce the O3 degeneracy problem by using the N IV $\lambda 4058$ and N III $\lambda \lambda 4634, 4642$ emission lines to extend the spectral classification to spectral type O2 (“N IV \gg N III”) with the introduction of an intermediate type (O3.5) for which N IV \sim N III. (The O2 class would then be the degenerate subtype.) The classification criteria are not quantitative, and the system still relies on statements such as “very weak He I” or “no He I” as secondary criteria. The criticism has been made (both here and in Paper I) that relying on the relative strengths of the optical nitrogen lines lacks a solid theoretical underpinning; i.e., although a unique spectral subclass may be

TABLE 7
LINE STRENGTHS IN THE EARLIEST O-TYPE STARS

STAR	TYPE	T_{eff} (1000 K)	$\log g_{\text{true}}$ (cgs)	\dot{M} ($10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$)	EWs (mÅ)		$\log [\text{EW}(\text{He I})/\text{EW}(\text{He II})]$	EWs (mÅ)		$\log [\text{EW}(\text{N III})/\text{EW}(\text{N IV})]$	COMMENTS
					He I $\lambda 4471$	He II $\lambda 4542$		N IV $\lambda 4058$	N III $\lambda 4634,42$		
Dwarfs											
BI 237	O2 V((f*))	48.0	3.92	2.0	20 ± 10	750 ± 10	-1.6 ± 0.2	-165 ± 20	-90 ± 20	-0.3 ± 0.1	C IV λ 4658
BI 253	O2 V(f*)	>48.0	≈ 3.93	3.5	$<25 \pm 10$	710 ± 10	$<-1.5 \pm 0.2$	-450 ± 20	$>-60 \pm 20$	$<-0.9 \pm 0.1$	C IV λ 4658
AV 435 ^a	O3 V((f*))	45.0	3.81	0.5	125 ± 10	750 ± 10	-0.8 ± 0.0	-80 ± 20	$>-60 \pm 20$	$<-0.1 \pm 0.2$	
LH 101:W3-24.....	O3.5 V((f+))	48.0	4.01	0.5	120 ± 10	790 ± 10	-0.8 ± 0.0	$>-20 \pm 20$	-200 ± 20	$>1.0 \pm 0.4$	O3 V((f)) in Paper I
LH 81:W28-23.....	O3.5 V((f+))	47.5	3.81	2.5	80 ± 10	830 ± 10	-1.0 ± 0.1	-120 ± 20	-500 ± 20	0.6 ± 0.1	
AV 177 ^a	O4 V((f))	44.0	3.85	0.3	170 ± 10	950 ± 10	-0.8 ± 0.0	$>-50 \pm 20$	-250 ± 20	$>0.7 \pm 0.2$	
LH 81:W28-5.....	O4 V((f+))	46.0	3.81	1.2	200 ± 10	890 ± 10	-0.7 ± 0.0	-50 ± 20	-480 ± 20	1.0 ± 0.2	
R136-055.....	O2-3.5 V	47.5	3.81	0.9	35 ± 20	650 ± 20	-1.3 ± 0.2	$>-200 \pm 100$	$>-200 \pm 100$	...	O3 V in Paper I
R136-033.....	O2-3.5 V	47.0	3.77	2.0	50 ± 20	790 ± 20	$<-1.2 \pm 0.2$	$>-200 \pm 100$	$>-200 \pm 100$	...	O3 V in this paper
R136-040.....	O2-3.5 V	>51.0	≈ 3.81	2.0	$<100 \pm 50$	760 ± 20	$<-0.9 \pm 0.2$	$>-200 \pm 100$	$>-200 \pm 100$	...	O3 V in Paper I
Giants											
LH 64-16.....	ON2 III(f*)	54.5	3.91	4.0	100 ± 10	1090 ± 10	-1.0 ± 0.0	-660 ± 20	-120 ± 20	-0.7 ± 0.1	C III λ 4658
R136-047.....	O2 III(f*)	>51.0	≈ 3.91	6.0	$<30 \pm 20$	450 ± 20	$<-1.2 \pm 0.3$	-700 ± 100	$>-250 \pm 100$	$<-0.5 \pm 0.2$	
R136-018.....	O3 III(f*)	45.0	3.77	2.0	90 ± 20	670 ± 20	-0.9 ± 0.1	-750 ± 100	$>-150 \pm 100$	$<-0.7 \pm 0.3$	
LH 90:ST 2-22.....	O3.5 III(f+)	44.0	3.71	4.5	140 ± 10	880 ± 10	-0.9 ± 0.0	-230 ± 20	-750 ± 20	0.5 ± 0.0	
Supergiants											
Sk -67°22	O2 If*	>42.0	≈ 3.56	15	$<50 \pm 20$	650 ± 20	$<-1.1 \pm 0.2$	-1610 ± 20	-350 ± 20	-0.7 ± 0.0	C IV λ 4658
LH 101:W3-19.....	O2 If*	>44.0	≈ 3.91	<20	$<\sim 50 \pm 20$	570 ± 20	$<-1.1 \pm 0.2$	-300 ± 20	-230 ± 20	-0.1 ± 0.1	C IV λ 4658
R136-020.....	O2 If*	>42.5	≈ 3.61	23	$<30 \pm 20$	510 ± 20	$<-1.2 \pm 0.3$	-2570 ± 50	$>-100 \pm 50$	$<-1.4 \pm 0.2$	
R136-036.....	O2 If*	>43.0	≈ 3.71	14	$<50 \pm 20$	550 ± 20	$<-1.0 \pm 0.2$	-2020 ± 100	$>-200 \pm 100$	$<-1.0 \pm 0.2$	
LH 90:Br 58 ^b	O3 If/WN 6	40-42	3.5:	40:	$<50 \pm 20$	400 ± 20	$<-0.9 \pm 0.2$	-1010 ± 20	-480 ± 20	-0.3 ± 0.0	
R136-014.....	O3.5 If*	38.0	3.51	23	40 ± 20	400 ± 20	-1.0 ± 0.2	-1360 ± 100	-1400 ± 100	0.0 ± 0.0	
Sk -65° 47	O4 If	40.0	3.62	12	115 ± 10	550 ± 10	-0.7 ± 0.0	-175 ± 20	-1540 ± 20	0.9 ± 0.1	

^a SMC star.

^b This star is excluded from consideration in Fig. 24 due to the uncertainty in its effective temperature.

defined, it is not clear that a star's effective temperature is the primary thing that distinguishes O2 stars from O3 stars in this scheme. The mechanism for N III emission in O stars has been well described by Mihalas & Hummer (1973), who demonstrated that the N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ lines will come into emission even in a static, nonextended atmosphere if the effective temperature is sufficiently high, due to a complicated NLTE effect. Thus, the presence of N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ in dwarfs and giants should be related to effective temperature. However, for stars with significant mass-loss rates, an additional process known as the Swings mechanism (Swings 1948) will come into play, enhancing the N III emission (see discussion in Mihalas & Hummer 1973). No such detailed analysis exists for the N IV $\lambda 4058$ line, although Taresch et al. (1997) show its behavior as a function of effective temperature holding the surface gravity constant and maintaining the same H α profile by slightly varying the mass-loss rate. Indeed, the Taresch et al. (1997) analysis of HD 93129A showed the power of using the N III and N IV emission lines as a constraint on the effective temperature, *if* other parameters (such as $\log g$ and \dot{M}) were constrained by other observations.

In order to provide a more quantitative assessment of the classification criteria, in Table 7 we provide for the first time equivalent width measurements and ratios for the He I $\lambda 4471$ /He II $\lambda 4542$ absorption lines and N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ /N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission lines, for a sample of the earliest O-type stars. We have classified the stars using the Walborn et al. (2002) criteria; otherwise, all of the stars earlier than O4 would simply be described as “O3.” Some of the dwarfs in Paper I had no detected N III or N IV emission and were simply called “O3 V”; here we “revised” the type to “O2–3.5 V.” (The need to detect these lines, which are weak or nonexistent in dwarfs, particularly at low metallicities, is an obvious drawback to the new classification scheme.)

First, let us note that the dividing line between O3 stars and O4 stars occurs at roughly $\log W' = -0.8$, and we would propose this as an improvement over the old description that He I be “absent.” However, even a casual inspection of Table 7 shows the effect that mass loss has on the derived effective temperature for a given He I/He II ratio. LH 101:W3-24, an O3 V((f+)) star, and BI 237, an O2 V((f*)) star, both have similar T_{eff} and $\log g$, although their He I/He II ratios differ by a factor of 6! This can be readily attributed to the significantly greater mass-loss rate of BI 237 due to its larger radius, mass, and luminosity. (Recall from the discussion in Paper I and here that the effect of stellar winds will be to *decrease* the derived effective temperature for a given He I/He II ratio, in part because of the filling in of He I due to emission produced in the wind.)

In Figure 23 we show the relationship between the He I/He II and N III/N IV ratios. There is a reasonable correlation in this figure, in that stars of a given luminosity class that have a small He I/He II ratio (*right side of the diagram*) also tend to show a smaller N III/N IV emission line ratio (*top of the diagram*). The correlation is quite good for the dwarfs (*filled circles*), with giants (*triangles*) and supergiants (*open circles*) exhibiting more scatter. To us this is as expected. Although He I absorption is affected by stellar winds (by the filling in of emission), the strength of the nitrogen *emission* lines is likely to be more affected by mass loss (due to, for instance, the Swings mechanism, as discussed above).

We address this in a more quantitative way in Figure 24, where we show the correlation of effective temperature with (a) the He I/He II ratio and (b) the N III/N IV ratios. Again, this considers only the earliest type O stars. For the dwarfs (*filled circles*) there are very large changes in both He I/He II and N III/N IV with little change in effective temperature. In other words, the extension of the spectral classification through O2–O3.5 for the dwarfs is unwar-

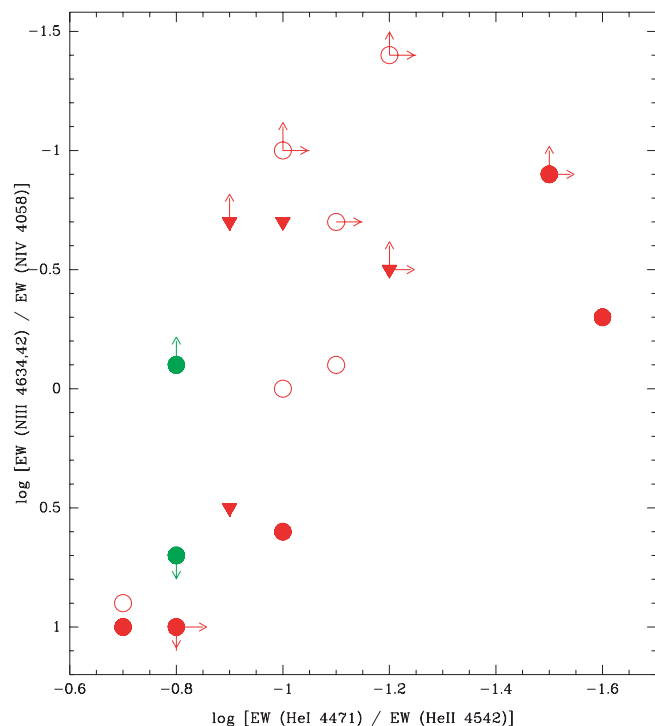


FIG. 23.—N III/N IV vs. He I/He II for O2–3.5 stars. The log of the ratio of the EWs of N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ to N IV $\lambda 4058$ emission is shown as a function of the log of the ratio of the EWs of He I $\lambda 4471$ to He II $\lambda 4542$. Typical errors (as given in Table 7) are 0.2 dex on each axis but are not shown to prevent confusion with lower and upper limits. Dwarfs are shown by filled circles, giants are shown by filled triangles, and supergiants are shown by open circles. Red symbols are for the LMC stars, green for the SMC.

ranted in terms of effective temperature. For the giants (*triangles*) and supergiants (*open circles*) there is more of a correlation of effective temperature with either spectroscopic criterion, but neither is very good. Consider, for example, the star with the *hottest* temperature in our sample, LH 64-16. An independent analysis (using the same optical data, however) yielded a similar effective temperature (Walborn et al. 2004) as what we derived in Paper I. However, the giant R136-018 has an N III/N IV emission ratio that is at least as small but has nearly the *coolest* effective temperature for any of the giants with a measured N III/N IV ratio in our sample! (Recall from the discussion above that the lack of N III emission in the spectrum of R136-018 would allow either an O2 or O3 designation; the argument for the O3 classification came about from the strength of He I absorption.) Of course, we argue in Paper I that the star LH 64-16 is likely the result of binary evolution and should not be considered a prototype of a new type (in contrast to Walborn et al. 2002).

The degeneracy of T_{eff} with $\log W'$ is somewhat surprising, since after all this is the basis for the original MK types (although not the extension to O2–3.5 described by Walborn et al. 2000). By examining the large grid of models computed as part of the Puls et al. (2005) study, we came to understand that the effect is due primarily to the dependence of $\log W'$ on *surface gravity* for stars of the hottest temperatures. This is demonstrated in Figure 25a. There is also a significant dependence of $\log W'$ on the mass-loss rate for the hottest stars with the highest rates and highest temperatures (Fig. 25b).

It is also worth noting that the spectroscopic luminosity criteria proposed for the earliest types (based on the strength of N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ and He II $\lambda 4686$) do not prove to be a reliable indicator of the effective surface gravities. Although the supergiants

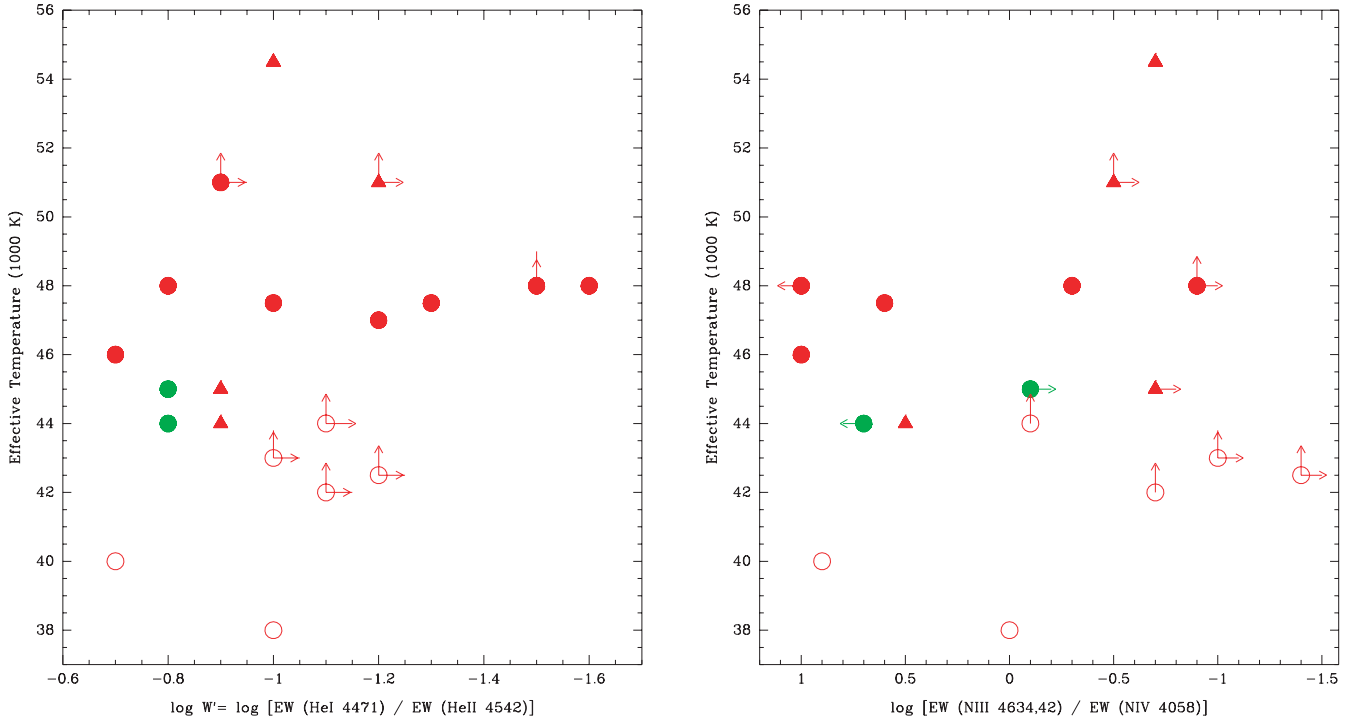


FIG. 24.—Effective temperatures of the earliest type O stars (O2–O3.5) as a function of (a) the He I/He II line ratio and (b) the N III/N IV emission line ratio. Again, the uncertainties in the line ratios are typically 0.2 dex; see Table 7. The symbols have the same meaning as in Fig. 23.

in Table 7 do have lower surface gravities than the dwarfs, one cannot differentiate the dwarfs and giants on the basis of $\log g$. We return to this point in § 5.

Thus, in terms of the *physical properties* of early-type O stars and in particular the effective temperatures, we are forced to conclude that there is little benefit to the extension to spectral type O2 proposed by Walborn et al. (2002). For a star of the same effective temperature and similar surface gravity either the He I/He II ratio or the N III/N IV ratio can vary by essentially the full range found between O2 and O3.5 (for example, BI 237 and LH 101:W3-24). We believe that careful *modeling* of the N III and N IV emission

lines, in concert with other lines, will provide useful diagnostics (following Taresch et al. 1997), and modifications to FASTWIND to allow this are planned. However, our work here suggests that it is naive to expect that any one line ratio (N III/N IV, or even He I/He II) gives insight into the effective temperature of the star for the earliest types. Although the earliest O-type stars (what would have classically been called “O3”) contain stars with a significant range of effective temperatures, no one spectroscopic diagnostic (such as the He I/He II or N III/N IV line ratios) provides a good clue as to the effective temperature without knowledge of the other physical parameters (mass-loss rate, surface

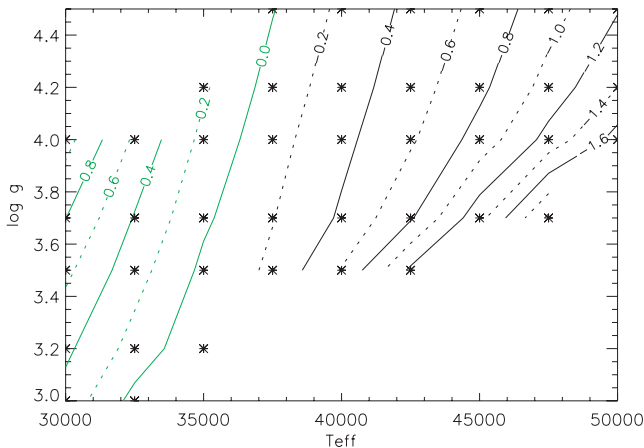


FIG. 25a

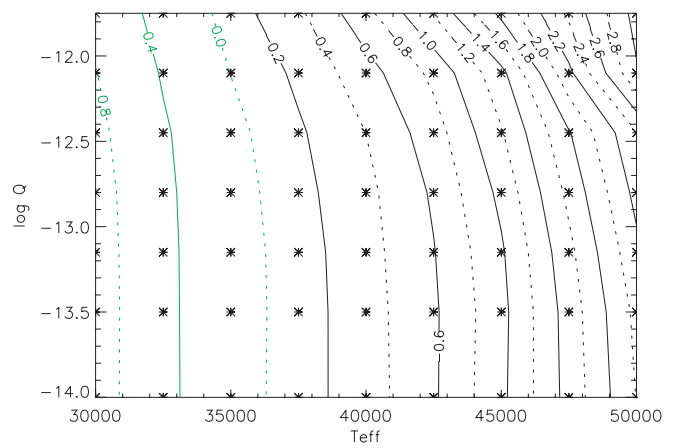


FIG. 25b

FIG. 25.—Dependence of $\log W' = \log [\text{EW}(\text{He I } \lambda 4471)/\text{EW}(\text{He II } \lambda 4542)]$ on effective temperature and mass-loss rates according to FASTWIND. The contours show values of constant $\log W'$ (green for positive, black for negative, with the values indicated). In (a) we show the dependence of $\log W'$ on $\log g$ and T_{eff} with the value of $\log Q$ (as defined below) held constant (-12.45 , corresponding to a mass-loss rate of $10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ for $v_{\infty} = 2000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for a star with radius $10 R_{\odot}$). Although $\log W'$ is primarily a temperature indicator over most of parameter space, it becomes a sensitive function of surface gravity for the hottest stars. (b) There is also a strong dependence of $\log W'$ on the mass-loss rates for hot stars with high rates. The quantity Q is defined as $\dot{M}/(v_{\infty} R)^{1.5}$. The data here all have $\log g = 3.8$.

TABLE 8
PARAMETERS FOR THE COMPLETE SAMPLE

Star	Spectral Type	$v \sin i$ (km s ⁻¹)	T_{eff} (1000 K)	$\log g_{\text{true}}$ (cgs)	\dot{M} (10 ⁻⁶ M_{\odot} yr ⁻¹)	v_{∞} (km s ⁻¹)	R/R_{\odot}	He/H	$\log D_{\text{mom}}$	$\log (L/L_{\odot})$	M_{spect}	M_{evol}^a
Dwarfs												
R136-040.....	O2–3.5 V	120	>51.0	≈3.81	2.0	3400	≈10.3	0.10	≈29.14	>5.82	≈25	>70
BI 253.....	O2 V((f*))	200	>48.0	≈3.93	3.5	3180	≈11.8	0.10	≈29.38	>5.82	≈43	>64
BI 237.....	O2 V((f*))	150	48.0	3.92	2.0	3400	11.1	0.10	29.16	5.77	37	62
R136-033.....	O2–3.5 V	120	47.0	3.77	2.0	3250	9.8	0.10	29.11	5.6	21	52
R136-055.....	O2–3.5 V	120	47.5	3.81	0.9	3250	9.4	0.10	28.75	5.6	21	52
LH 101:W3-24.....	O3 V((f))	120	48.0	4.01	0.5	2400	8.1	0.15	28.33	5.49	25	48
AV 435 ^b	O3 V((f*))	110	45.0	3.81	0.5	1500::	14.2	0.10	28.3::	5.87	48	62
LH 81:W28-23.....	O3 V((f+))	120	47.5	3.81	2.5	3050	10.0	0.20	29.18	5.66	24	55
AV 177 ^b	O4 V((f))	220	44.0	3.85	0.3	2650	8.9	0.15	28.18	5.43	21	40
LH 81:W28-5.....	O4 V((f+))	120	46.0	3.81	1.2	2700	9.6	0.20	28.80	5.58	22	50
AV 377 ^b	O5 V((f))	120	45.5	4.01	<0.3	2350	9.1	0.35	<28.13	5.52	31	45
AV 14 ^b	O5 V	150	44.0	4.01	<0.3	2000	14.2	0.10	<28.15	5.85	75	59
LH 58-496.....	O5 V	250	42.0	4.04	0.6	2400	10.5	0.10	28.47	5.49	44	41
AV 446 ^b	O6.5 V	95	41.0	4.15	<0.3	1400	8.8	0.15	<27.90	5.29	40	33
AV 207 ^b	O7.5 V((f))	120	37.0	3.72	<0.3	2000	11.0	0.10	<28.10	5.32	23	29
AV 296 ^b	O7.5 V((f))	300	35.0	3.63	0.5	2000	11.9	0.10	28.34	5.28	22	29
AV 440 ^b	O8 V	100	37.0	4.01	<0.3	1300:	10.6	0.12	<27.9:	5.28	42	30
Giants												
LH 64-16.....	ON2 III(f*)	120	54.5	3.91	4.0	3250	9.4	1.0	29.40	5.85	26	76
R136-047.....	O2 III(f*)	120	>51.0	≈3.91	6.0	3500	≈10.4	0.10	≈28.64	>5.82	≈32	>70
R136-018.....	O3 III(f*)	180	45.0	3.77	2.0	3200	14.7	0.10	29.19	5.9	46	65
LH 90:ST 2-22.....	O3.5 III(f+)	120	44.0	3.71	4.5	2560	18.9	0.20	29.50	6.08	67	79
AV 378 ^b	O9.5 III	110	31.5	3.27	...	...	15.4	0.15	...	5.34	17	29
AV 396 ^b	B0 III	120	30.0	3.52	...	...	14.1	0.15	...	5.17	24	22
Supergiants												
LH 101:W3-19.....	O2 If*	180	>44.0	≈3.91	20 ^c	2850	≈25.5	0.10	≈30.26	>6.34	≈193	>109
R136-036.....	O2 If*	120	>43.0	≈3.71	14 ^c	3700	≈12.8	0.10	≈30.07	>5.7	≈31	>50
R136-020.....	O2 If*	120	>42.5	≈3.61	23 ^c	3400	≈16.4	0.20	≈30.30	>5.9	>40	>62
Sk –67°22.....	O2 If*	200	>42.0	≈3.56	15 ^c	2650	≈13.2	0.30	≈29.96	≈5.69	>23	>49
LH 90:Br 58.....	O3 If/WN 6	...	40.0–42.0	3.5:	40: ^c	1900	30:	30.4	0.1::	6.3:	40:	101:
R136-014.....	O3.5 If*	120	38.0	3.51	23 ^c	2000	21.1	0.10	30.12	5.9	53	57
Sk –65°47.....	O4 If	160	40.0	3.62	12 ^c	2100	20.1	0.10	29.85	5.97	61	65
AV 75 ^b	O5.5 I(f)	120	40.0	3.61	3.5	2100	25.4	0.10	29.37	6.16	96	84
AV 26 ^b	O6 I(f)	150	38.0	3.52	2.5	2150	27.5	0.10	29.25	6.14	91	81
AV 469 ^b	O8.5 I(f)	120	32.0	3.13	1.8	2000	21.2	0.20	29.02	5.64	22	39

^a From the nonrotating models of Charbonnel et al. (1993; SMC) and Schaerer et al. (1993; LMC).

^b SMC.

^c H α in emission; these values for \dot{M} should be reduced by a factor of 0.44 to allow for the effects of clumping in the stellar wind. See text.

gravity). This general principle has been previously emphasized by others, notably Sellmaier et al. (1993).

5. RESULTS

With the work described here and in Paper I, we have attempted to model the spectra of 40 O-type stars in the Magellanic Clouds. We succeeded for 13 SMC stars (8 dwarfs, 2 giants, and 3 supergiants) and 20 LMC stars (9 dwarfs, 4 giants, and 7 supergiants), with the other 7 stars showing signs of composite spectra.⁹ This sample is now large enough for us to determine preliminary effective temperature scales for O stars in the SMC and LMC and compare these to that of the Milky Way, using the sample of stars analyzed by Repolust et al. (2004) using the same methods and model atmospheres. We also wish to make good on our promise in Paper I to examine the wind momentum–

luminosity relation from these new data and, finally, to compare the spectroscopically derived stellar masses with those derived from stellar evolutionary tracks.

In Table 8 we summarize the derived parameters for our final sample of 33 stars. In what follows we assume the fitting errors as quoted in Paper I, namely, an uncertainty of about 1000 K (2%–3%) in T_{eff} , 0.1 dex in $\log g$, and 20% in \dot{M} . (The latter assumes that β is the same for all stars and is precisely known; the actual error on \dot{M} may be significantly higher, depending on the validity of this assumption.¹⁰) In general our values for v_{∞} are good to 100 km s⁻¹ (5%). Using the propagation of errors analysis by Repolust et al. (2004; see their eq. [8]), we would then expect

⁹ For one of these stars, AV 469, Evans et al. (2004) obtained a fit that they deemed satisfactory. Possibly we were too fussy in being dissatisfied with our fit and declaring this a composite, but a radial velocity study is underway.

¹⁰ A range of 0.7–1.3 is reasonable for O-type stars. Our inability to derive values for β when H α is in absorption produces a typical error of ± 0.1 dex (25%), with a maximum error of ± 0.2 dex, which is considerable (65%). We can safely say that at worse the values of \dot{M} are uncertain by a factor of 2 if H α is in absorption; however, a 20%–30% error is more typical of what we expect. This error is comparable to the uncertainty we derive in the fits by varying \dot{M} while holding β constant.

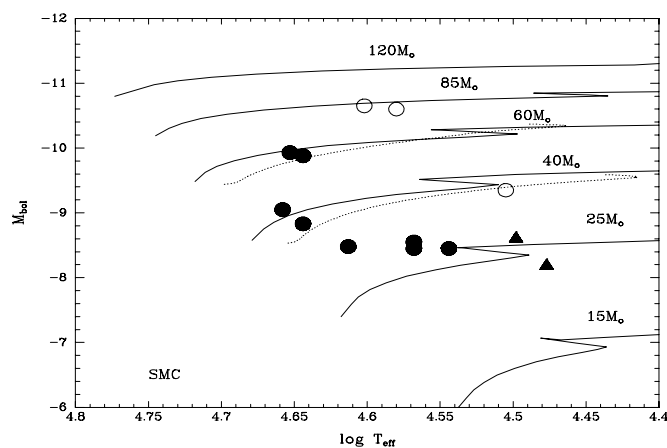


FIG. 26a

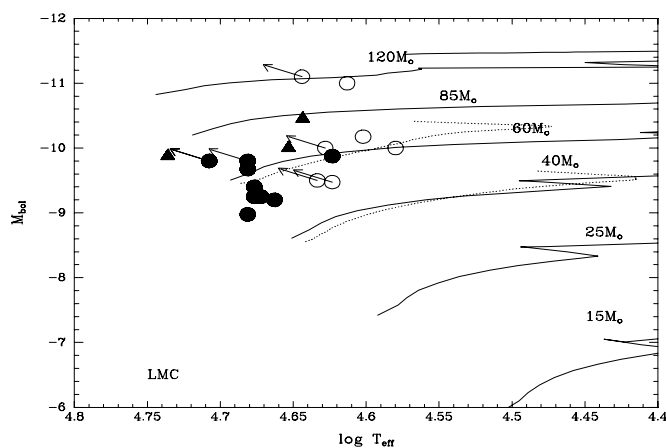


FIG. 26b

FIG. 26.—Location of our stars in the H-R diagram. Dwarfs are indicated by filled circles, giants by triangles, and supergiants by open circles. (a) Nonrotating stellar evolutionary models of Charbonnel et al. (1993) are shown for the SMC, and (b) those of Schaerer et al. (1993) are shown for the LMC. Only the H-burning part of the tracks is shown. For comparison, we include the newer rotation models (*dotted lines*) for initial masses of 60 and 40 M_{\odot} .

the uncertainty in the derived stellar radius R to correspond to $\Delta \log R \sim 0.03$, or about 7%, where we have allowed for a 0.1 mag uncertainty in M_V . (The uncertainty in the radii of Galactic stars is about twice as great, given the much greater uncertainty in the distances and hence a larger uncertainty in M_V .) The total luminosity of the star is uncertain by about 0.12 mag in M_{bol} , or 0.05 in $\log (L/L_{\odot})$.

For the stars with only lower limits on T_{eff} we expect that the values for the stellar radii, D_{mom} , and M_{spect} are all *approximately* correct; nevertheless, we do not use them in the analysis, in order not to mix good values with bad.

In Figure 26 we show the location of our stars in the H-R diagram, where we have overplotted the evolutionary tracks of the Geneva group (i.e., SMC, Charbonnel et al. 1993; LMC, Schaerer et al. 1993). For simplicity we show only the H-burning part of the tracks. Since the time of these calculations various improvements have been made in the evolutionary code, such as the inclusion of the Vink et al. (2000, 2001) prescription for mass loss, improved opacities, and, most importantly, the inclusion of the effects of rotation. However, a full set of these tracks are not available for low metallicities. We do show the new tracks (for an initial rotation velocity of 300 km s $^{-1}$) for initial masses of 60 and 40 M_{\odot} from Meynet & Maeder (2005); we are grateful to Georges Meynet for making these tracks available to us.

5.1. Effective Temperatures, Surface Gravities, and Bolometric Corrections

In Figure 27 we show the effective temperatures as a function of spectral subtype for the complete data set: SMC stars are shown in green, the LMC in red, and the Milky Way in black, with different symbols representing the various luminosity classes. Due to the constraints of limited observing time and our emphasis on trying to understand the effect that metallicity has on the physical parameters of stars, our LMC sample (intermediate metallicity) is incomplete but biased toward the earliest spectral types, while the SMC sample (low metallicity) was chosen to cover the full range of spectral subtypes for direct comparison with the Milky Way sample of Repolust et al. (2004).

First, we can see from Figure 27 that in both the Milky Way and the SMC the effective temperatures of supergiants are 3000–4000 K cooler than dwarfs of the same spectral types for early O stars (O4–O6). For stars of spectral type O8 and later, there is essentially no difference in the effective temperatures of dwarfs

and supergiants. In both galaxies the giants (*triangles*) appear to follow the same sequence as the dwarfs (*filled circles*). For the early O stars (O4–O6) SMC stars are roughly 4000 K hotter than their Galactic counterparts. By spectral type O8 the difference is about 2000 K, and by O9.5 the data are consistent with no difference. Thus, by coincidence the effective temperature scale of SMC *supergiants* is very similar to that of Milky Way *dwarfs*.

This is consistent with what we expect by way of the effects that stellar winds will have on the effective temperature scale of stars: at higher temperatures, stars with high luminosities (supergiants) will have higher mass-loss rates than stars of lower luminosity

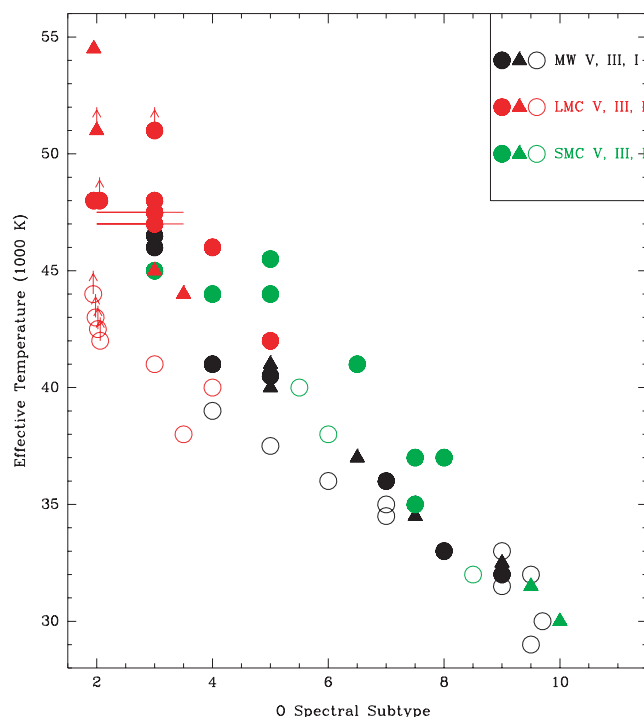


FIG. 27.—Effective temperatures as a function of spectral subtype, with a value of 2 denoting spectral type O2, 5.5 denoting O5.5, and 10 denoting B0. The filled circles are for dwarfs, the filled triangles are giants, and the open circles are supergiants. Black symbols correspond to the Milky Way, red to the LMC, and green to the SMC. The data for the Milky Way are taken from Repolust et al. (2004); the data for the SMC and LMC are taken from Paper I and the present study.

(dwarfs). At higher metallicities (Milky Way) the mass-loss rates will be higher than at lower metallicities (SMC). By the later spectral types (O8–B0) the differences become minor. While this is expected for dwarfs, as these stars have progressively weaker stellar winds with spectral types (as the luminosity decreases with later spectral type as well), it is somewhat surprising for the supergiants, as even B0–2 I stars can still have very high mass-loss rates. We can offer a few possibilities. Perhaps the effect is caused by the fact that the continuum edges of H and He I are becoming increasingly important at cooler temperatures. These edges would do their own “blanketing” and block out significant amounts of the flux. Also at cooler temperatures the peak flux occurs at longer wavelengths, which we expect to then result in a decrease in the effects of wind blanketing. But, in all this we should keep in mind that we have included only one SMC late O-type supergiant in our analysis and that possibly additional data will invalidate this effect.

The LMC data on the earliest spectral types (O2–O3.5) emphasize again how diverse a group of stars these are. Nevertheless, some clear patterns emerge, in particular the fact that the supergiants are significantly (≈ 5000 K) cooler than dwarfs of similar spectral types.

With these trends in mind, we provide in Table 9 a provisional effective temperature scale for the three galaxies. Owing to the lack of data points for intermediate and late LMC O stars, we have adopted values for the LMC that are intermediate for that of the SMC and Milky Way; what limited data we do have (i.e., spectral type O5 in Fig. 27) support this. We emphasize that this scale is not the final word on the subject; indeed, we were in a quandary as to what effective temperatures to assign for the O3–O4 class where the SMC dwarfs in our sample have a lower effective temperature scale than the O5 V dwarfs; we chose to assign a higher temperature than our analysis of AV 177 and AV 378 would indicate. The effective temperature scales can be made more trustworthy by observations and analysis of LMC stars of all luminosity classes at intermediate and late O type and SMC stars of the earliest types, as well as SMC late O supergiants. Another priority would be studies of stars of additional O and early B type in the Milky Way to complement the efforts of Repolust et al. (2004).

We present the adopted temperature scale in Figure 28a. We include for comparison the Vacca et al. (1996) scale for Galactic stars, which is much hotter; the scales are shown in comparison to the data in Figures 28b and 28c.

We were initially surprised to find that the effective temperature scales for giants and dwarfs were indistinguishable, but an inspection of the surface gravities in Table 8 reveals the reason: in general, there is no difference in the surface gravities derived for these stars, except for the two latest types. In our sample this might be due to the fact that all but these two giants are of early type (O2–3.5) where, as we have previously emphasized, the physical properties are not obviously correlated with the details of the spectral properties. However, even for the Galactic stars studied by Repolust et al. (2004) there is only a modest difference found in the surface gravities of dwarfs and giants, with averages of 3.7 (dwarfs) and 3.6 (giants) found from their Table 1. Conti & Alschuler (1971) note that in the original MK system luminosity classes were defined for O stars only for the O9 subclass, and this was based on the strength of ratio of Si IV $\lambda\lambda 4089, 4019$ to He I $\lambda 4143$ (see Morgan et al. 1943). Subsequently, Walborn (1971b) used the N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ emission lines and the He II $\lambda 4686$ line (either absorption or emission) to establish luminosity classification criteria. As we have previously noted, these lines are not gravity sensitive per se but rather may reflect the effects of surface abundances, effective temperatures, and what is hap-

TABLE 9
EFFECTIVE TEMPERATURE SCALE (K)

TYPE	MILKY WAY		SMC	
	V+III	I	V+III	I
O3.....	46500	40250	49500	45250
O4.....	44000	39000	47750	43000
O5.....	41000	37750	45000	41000
O5.5.....	39500	36750	43500	40000
O6.....	38250	36000	42250	38500
O6.5.....	37000	35500	41000	37500
O7.....	36000	34750	39250	36250
O7.5.....	34750	34000	37750	35250
O8.....	33750	33000	36250	34000
O8.5.....	32750	32500	34500	33000
O9.....	31750	31750	33000	32000
O9.5.....	30750	30750	31500	30750
B0.....	30000	29750	30000	29750

pening in the stellar winds (both mass-loss rate and density/temperature profiles) in a complicated manner. It is clear that the supergiants (in both the Milky Way and the Magellanic Clouds) have lower surface gravities than do the stars spectroscopically classified as dwarfs, but there is so far no evidence to support that the early- or mid-type giants (defined primarily as having “weakened” He II $\lambda 4686$ absorption) have lower surface gravity than the dwarfs. Theoretical modeling that includes the N III $\lambda\lambda 4634, 4642$ line will help address this important issue.

However, for now let us note a particularly egregious example, namely, the star LH 64-16. Walborn et al. (2002, 2004) make a point of declaring this the prototype of the O2 giant class. Yet, compare its physical properties to the O2 dwarfs BI 253 and BI 237. LH 64-16 may be hotter, but the three stars have the same surface gravities and similar stellar radii, mass-loss rates, and bolometric luminosities. The spectral appearance of LH 64-16 differs from that of BI 253 and BI 237 primarily in the fact that the He II $\lambda 4686$ shows more of a P Cygni profile in LH 64-16, plus the nitrogen lines (N IV and N III emission and N V absorption) are significantly stronger than in BI 237 and BI 253. The only physical difference we can discern between the two stars is one of chemical abundances (Paper I; Walborn et al. 2004). In Paper I we speculated that perhaps this star is the product of binary evolution. In any event, the luminosity criteria used by Walborn et al. (2002) in this case do not seem to be tied to the properties one usually uses to distinguish among the second MK dimension, such as actual luminosity.

How does our effective temperature scale compare to that from other recent studies using line-blanketed models? We give the comparison in Figure 29. First, let us consider the supergiants (Fig. 29a). The overall agreement is fairly modest. In particular, the results of WM-BASIC modeling of the UV spectra of Galactic supergiants by Bianchi & Garcia (2002) and Garcia & Bianchi (2004; *black squares*) give effective temperatures considerably lower than those indicated by the Repolust et al. (2004) data on which our scale is based. The FASTWIND study of Cyg OB2 stars by Herrero et al. (2002; *black open circles*) is in better agreement, unsurprising since the same models and methodology were used. Even so, their data would suggest that our Galactic scale should be hotter for the earliest supergiants and cooler for the latest than our scale. As for the Magellanic Cloud data, the results are quite mixed, and there is not good internal agreement of the various CMFGEN studies. The Crowther et al. (2002) and Hillier et al. (2003) studies of several LMC and SMC supergiants would

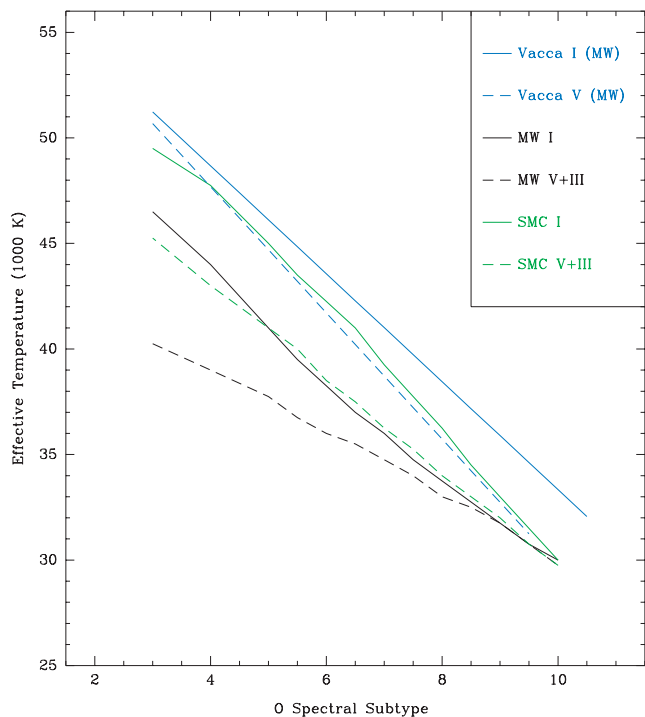


FIG. 28a

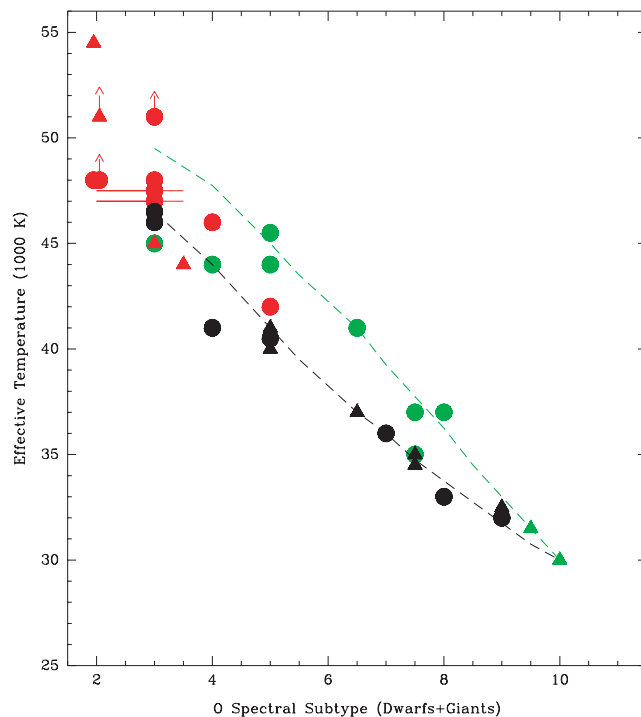


FIG. 28b

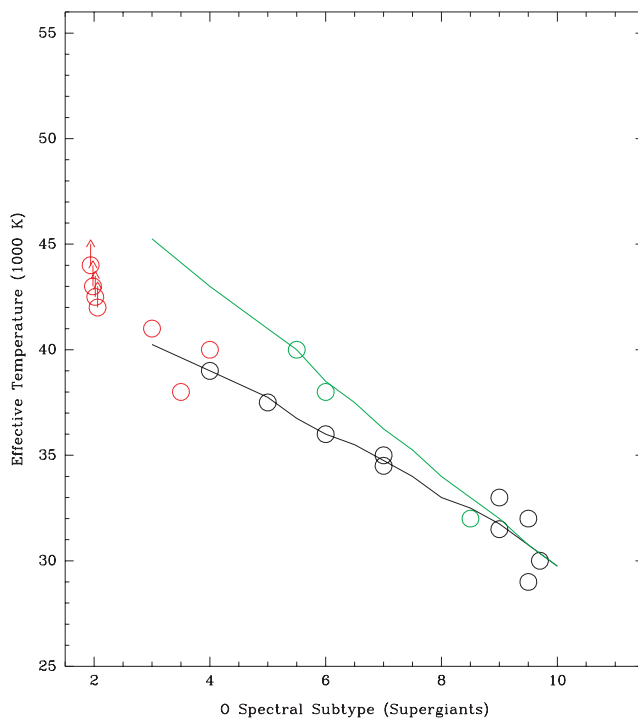


FIG. 28c

FIG. 28.—Effective temperature scale adopted here for the SMC (*green*) and the Milky Way (*black*). Solid lines denote the scale for supergiants; dashed lines are for dwarfs and giants. (a) Supergiant and dwarf effective temperature scales from Vacca et al. (1996), shown for comparison in blue. (b) Effective temperature scale in comparison with the data for the dwarfs and giants. (c) Supergiant effective temperature scale shown in comparison with the data. The LMC scale is assumed to be intermediate between that of the SMC and the Milky Way.

indicate lower temperatures than what we find (in general), while the Evans et al. (2004) analysis of an SMC O8.5 supergiant suggests a somewhat higher effective temperature than that of the O7 supergiants in the other studies. As discussed earlier, Puls et al. (2005) have found significant difference for the He I singlets pro-

duced by FASTWIND and CMFGEN in certain temperature regimes. Until this matter is resolved and the same data reanalyzed, it is hard to know what to make of these differences.

For the dwarfs and giants (Fig. 29b) we again see that the FASTWIND modeling indicates higher effective temperatures than

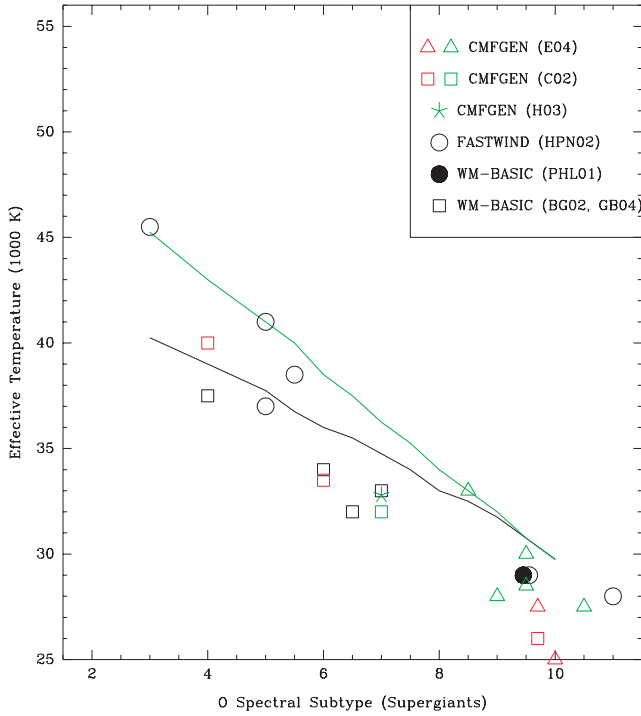


FIG. 29a

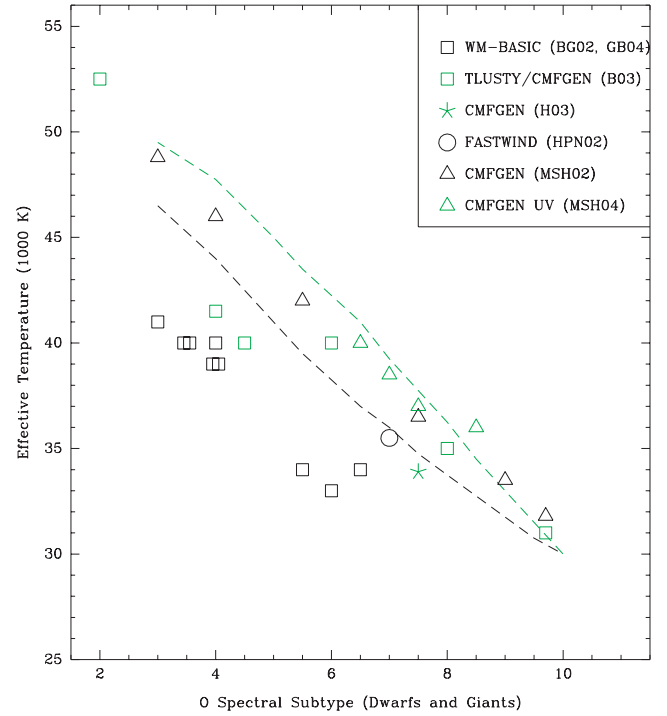


FIG. 29b

FIG. 29.—Our effective temperature scales (*dashed or solid lines*) compared to recent data from others. Black symbols represent the Milky Way; red, the LMC; and green, the SMC. The different symbols are indicated in the key, where the data come from Bianchi & Garcia (2002; “BG02”), Garcia & Bianchi (2004; “GB04”), Crowther et al. (2002; “C02”), Hillier et al. (2003; “H03”), Herrero et al. (2002; “HPN02”), Bouret et al. (2003; “B03”), Martins et al. (2002; “MSH02”), Martins et al. (2004; “MSH04”), and Evans et al. (2004; “E04”).

that obtained by the WM-BASIC modeling of the UV spectra by Bianchi & Garcia (2002) and Garcia & Bianchi (2004), who find temperatures that are about 4000 K cooler than the mean relationship we derive from the Repolust et al. (2004) data. (The single giant modeled with FASTWIND by Herrero et al. [2000] agrees with this mean Galactic relationship.) The WM-BASIC modeling by Bianchi & Garcia (2002) and Garcia & Bianchi (2004) involves careful fitting of the absolute strengths of such lines as C IV $\lambda 1169$, C III $\lambda 1176$, P V $\lambda \lambda 1118, 1128$, Si IV $\lambda \lambda 1123, 1128$, etc. In Paper I we note that the *flux distributions* of FASTWIND and WM-BASIC models agree well despite the former’s use of approximate line blanketing and blocking; this is now demonstrated at length by Puls et al. (2005). We do not have a ready explanation for the systematic difference apparent between the parameters derived by the WM-BASIC and FASTWIND modeling. However, we believe that the first step in investigating this is to use FASTWIND modeling on the optical spectra of the same stars studied by Bianchi & Garcia (2002) and Garcia & Bianchi (2004) and, similarly, to use WM-BASIC to model the UV spectra of the same stars studied by Repolust et al. (2004) using WM-BASIC and in order to understand the specific differences. We have earlier alluded to the need for such a complete modeling effort.

In our comparison of the dwarfs and giants we include the results of the CMFGEN modeling of Martins et al. (2002), which, for the Galactic stars, indicate a *higher* effective temperature scale than our own, in contrast to the WM-BASIC results. The Martins et al. (2002) study is theoretical in the sense that no actual stars were used; instead, the synthetic He I $\lambda 4471$ /He II $\lambda 4542$ equivalent width ratios were used to assign “spectral types” to the models, which were run with reasonable mass-loss rates. We note that this procedure avoids the potential modeling problem involving the He I singlets (Puls et al. 2005) discussed earlier.

For the SMC dwarfs modeled by Martins et al. (2004) with CMFGEN there is very good agreement with our scale, despite the fact that their observations were all obtained in the UV. Of course, this again means that the CMFGEN modeling was unaffected by any potential problem with the He I singlets. We do note in passing an intrinsic uncertainty of the placement of these stars in our diagram; Martins et al. (2004) estimated the spectral types based on the optical spectra produced by the models, since they had no optical observations.

However, there are other studies of SMC dwarfs and giants that are at variance with our results. First, there is AV 69, an OC7.5 III(f) star whose UV and optical spectra were analyzed by Hillier et al. (2003; denoted by the green star in Fig. 29b), who find a low effective temperature compared to our scale. More disturbing, at first blush, is the discrepancy between our effective temperature scale for SMC dwarfs and the analysis of stars in the NGC 346 H II region using TLUSTY and CMFGEN modeling with apparently similar results from the two codes (Bouret et al. 2003).¹¹ However, we note that NGC 346 is the strongest H α source in the SMC and that the data used by Bouret et al. (2003) (and Heap et al. 2005) were obtained with short-slit echelle data, which limited their ability to do sky (nebular) subtraction.¹²

¹¹ In a recent preprint Heap et al. (2005) use the same optical data and derive identical answers from their modeling. The resulting effective temperature scale is considerably lower than ours (6000 K) for the early SMC O stars.

¹² The version of the data shown by Walborn et al. (2000) lacked nebular subtraction and made no correction for the moonlight continuum contamination (although the solar *line* spectrum was removed in an ad hoc manner). This was partially corrected by a rereduction of the data for the versions used by Hillier et al. (2003), Bouret et al. (2003), and Heap et al. (2005), although no correction could be made for NGC 346–368 or NGC 346–487 since there were not enough sky pixels. We are indebted to Chris Evans for correspondence on this subject. We have recently obtained our own high-S/N optical spectra of the NGC 346 stars, and an analysis is underway.

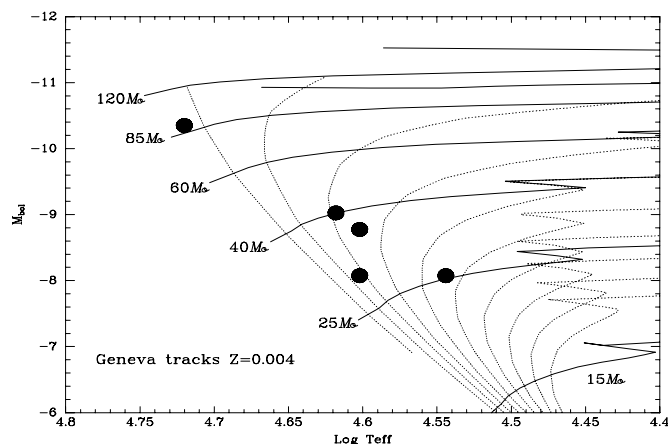


FIG. 30a

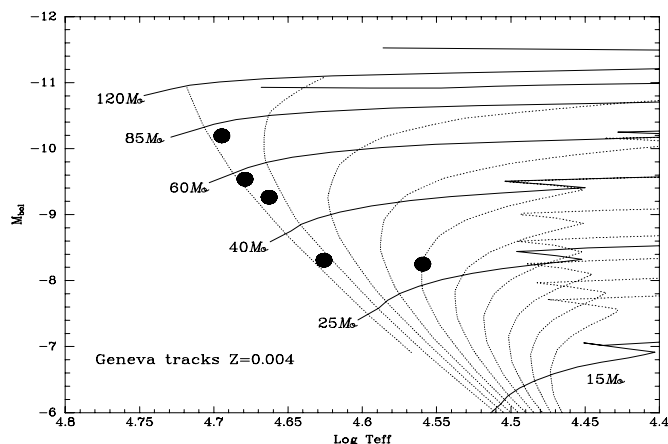


FIG. 30b

FIG. 30.—H-R diagram for the NGC 346 stars studied by Bouret et al. (2003), excluding NGC 346-MPG 12, which Walborn et al. (2000) argue is not part of the cluster. The evolutionary tracks (solid lines) are from Charbonnel et al. (1993) computed for a metallicity of $Z = 0.004$. The dotted lines are isochrones computed from these models for ages of 1–10 Myr at intervals of 1 Myr. (a) Stars placed with the parameters of Bouret et al. (2003). (b) Stars placed using the average spectral type to effective temperature calibration given here. In both cases the same photometry and color excesses were used, although a more realistic estimate of the reddening would result in stars about 0.1 mag more luminous.

However, since the Bouret et al. (2003) study does involve stars in a single cluster, it does give us a chance to allow stellar evolutionary theory to weigh in on the issue of the effective temperature scales. Using what became the Chlebowski & Garmany (1991) effective temperature scale, Massey et al. (1989) derived an H-R diagram for this cluster that was highly coeval, with an age of 2–4 Myr and a typical age spread of 1 Myr (see also Massey 1998, 2003). The H-R diagram shown by Bouret et al. (2003), their Fig. 12) implies an age spread of >7 Myr rather than 1 Myr.¹³ Even excluding the oldest star (NGC 346-MP 12, a nitrogen-rich O9.5–B0 V star that Walborn et al. [2000] suggest is not a member of the cluster), the age range is 5 Myr. Furthermore, although Bouret et al. (2003) fail to comment on this point, the O2 III star would have the youngest age (0.5 Myr); its location in the H-R diagram would be consistent with it being a *dwarf* and not a giant.

We compare the H-R diagram derived from their values to one that we construct using our new effective temperature calibration in Figure 30. For consistency we have used the reddenings and spectral types adopted by Bouret et al. (2003) in making this comparison.¹⁴ The effective temperature scale we adopt here leads to more consistent ages for the stars in the cluster. While this does not prove that our scale is right and the Bouret et al. (2003) values are wrong, it does emphasize an often overlooked point, namely, that changes in the effective temperature scale of O stars do have implications in the interpretation of H-R diagrams and star formation in clusters; see discussion in Hanson (2003) and Massey (2003). We plan a reanalysis of the NGC 346

¹³ Note that although Bouret et al. (2003) incorrectly attribute the source of the photometry used in constructing their H-R diagram to Walborn et al. (2000), it was actually that of Massey et al. (1989); i.e., both studies started with the same UBV values, and thus the differences in the H-R diagrams are due purely to the different effective temperature scales and slight differences in the treatment of reddenings. See below for more on the latter point.

¹⁴ It should be noted that the intrinsic colors used by Bouret et al. (2003) lead to low values for the reddenings of the earliest stars, $E(B - V) = 0.05 - 0.12$. Massey et al. (1989) find a somewhat greater color excess (0.09–0.15). By comparison to other early-type stars in the SMC, the reddening of the early O stars in NGC 346 is average or slightly high, as might be expected; Massey et al. (1995) find an average reddening of 0.09 for the SMC. Were the Bouret et al. (2003) intrinsic colors correct, then many of the early-type stars in the SMC would have reddenings less than the expected foreground reddening to the SMC (Schwering & Israel 1991; Larsen et al. 2000). The Bouret et al. (2003) values also lead to a progression in reddenings with spectral type.

stars using FASTWIND using high-S/N spectra with good sky (nebular) subtraction.

In Figure 31 we show the BCs as a function of effective temperatures. As was the case with unblanketed models, there is no apparent difference with surface gravity, as is shown by the small scatter. There is a slight shift with metallicities, with stars of low metallicity (SMC) having a BC that is perhaps 3%–4% more negative (i.e., more significant) than the higher metallicity (Milky Way) stars. We find that a relationship

$$BC = -6.90 \log T_{\text{eff}} + 27.99 \quad (2)$$

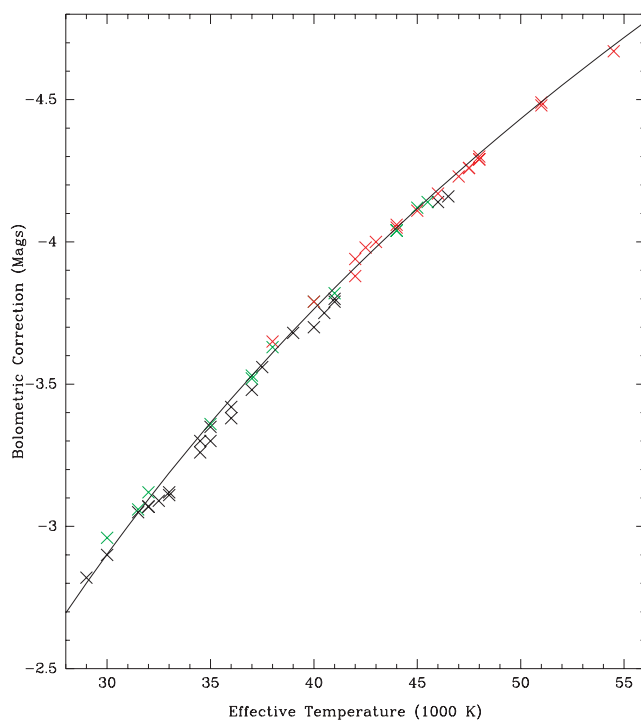


FIG. 31.—BCs are shown as a function of effective temperature. The black crosses are for the Milky Way, the red crosses are for the LMC, and the green crosses are for the SMC. The solid line denotes the relationship given in eq. (2).

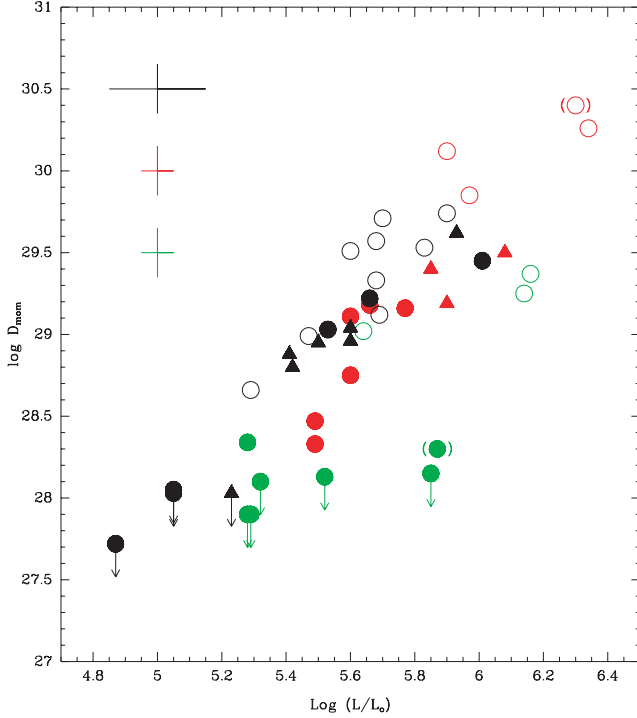


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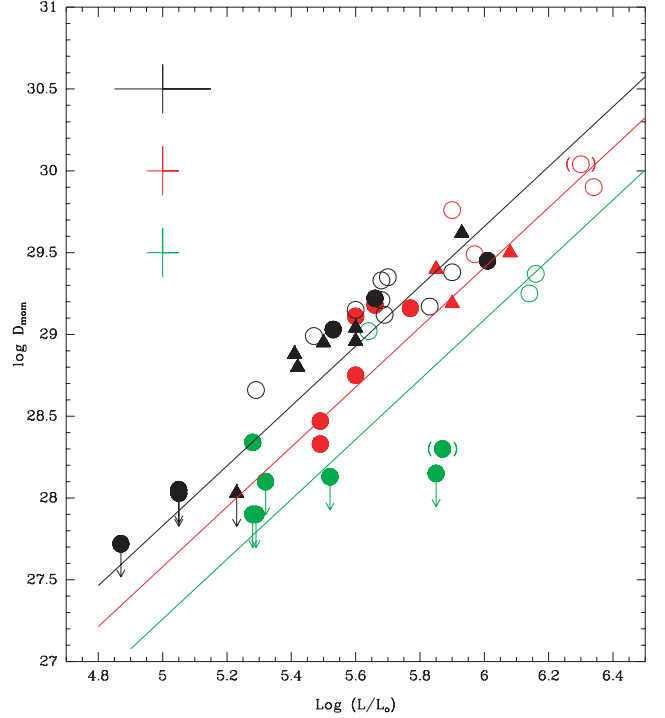


FIG. 32b

FIG. 32.—Wind momentum–luminosity relationship. The symbols have the same meaning as in Fig. 27. Stars with only lower limits on their effective temperatures are not shown, and stars whose values are particularly uncertain are indicated by parentheses. Typical error bars are shown in the upper left. (a) Data are shown uncorrected for wind clumping. (b) Stars showing H α emission have been corrected by -0.36 dex in D_{mom} to correct for the effects of wind clumping on the deduced mass-loss rates. The three lines are *not* fits to the data; instead, these are the theoretical expectations from radiatively driven wind theory.

fits the data with an rms of 0.03 mag. This is very similar to that found by Vacca et al. (1996) considering unblanketed models.

5.2. The Wind Momentum–Luminosity Relationship

Kudritzki et al. (1995) introduced the wind momentum–luminosity relation (WLR), where

$$D_{\text{mom}} \equiv \dot{M} v_{\infty} R_{\star}^{0.5} \propto L^x, \quad (3)$$

with $x = 1/\alpha_{\text{eff}} = 1/(\alpha - \delta)$ (Puls et al. 1996). The force multipliers α and δ have been described by Kudritzki et al. (1989): α would equal 1 in the case that only optically thick lines contributed to the line acceleration force and would equal 0 if only optically thin lines contributed. Typical values are 0.5–0.7 (Kudritzki 2002). The parameter δ describes the ionization balance of the wind and typically has a value between 0.0 and 0.2 (Kudritzki 2002). Since the value of α_{eff} is expected to have only a weak dependence on the effective temperature and metallicity (and in a way that can be theoretically predicted from radiative-driven wind theory; see Puls et al. 2000; Kudritzki 2002; Vink et al. 2000, 2001; but for counterexamples see also Martins et al. 2004), one can in fact use equation (3) to find the distances to galaxies using basic physics combined with quantitative spectroscopy of the bright supergiants.

In Figure 32a we show the WLR for the stars in our sample in comparison to the Galactic sample studied by Repolust et al. (2004). Although there is considerable scatter, it is clear that the SMC stars show a lower value for D_{mom} than do the Galactic stars, with the LMC stars being somewhat intermediate. A more subtle effect is that the supergiants of a given galaxy seem to lie somewhat higher than do the dwarfs and giants.

We can reduce the scatter in this diagram dramatically by correcting the mass-loss rates given in Table 8 for the “clumpiness” of the stellar wind. Puls et al. (2003) and Repolust et al. (2004) argue that any kind of instability requires some time to grow, and thus the lower part of the wind should be minimally affected by clumping. Thus, the only stars whose H α profile should be affected are those for which the profiles are formed in a major volume of the wind, i.e., the stars with H α in emission. If H α is in absorption, this immediately suggests that the only wind contribution is from layers very close to the sonic point, and thus absorption-type profiles should be little affected by wind clumping. If radiatively driven wind theory is correct, then the WLR should be independent of luminosity class, and Repolust et al. (2004) derived a numerical correction factor of 0.44 by forcing Galactic supergiants to follow the same WLR as do the dwarfs and giants. We have applied the same correction factor to our data for the stars with H α in emission; only three LMC supergiants are affected, if we discount the stars for which only upper limits have been determined. It is not clear what metallicity dependence, if any, there might be in this correction factor, but since only the LMC data are affected (other than upper limits), this is probably safe. We show the revised plot in Figure 32b. Indeed the supergiants in the LMC are in better accord with the dwarfs, just as Repolust et al. (2004) found for the Galactic stars.

In general, the SMC stars have a considerably smaller D_{mom} than do the Galactic stars. What would we expect on theoretical grounds? Vink et al. (2001) calculate that for O-type stars, $M \propto Z^{0.69}$, if the Leitherer et al. (1992) relation $v_{\infty} \propto Z^{0.13}$ is taken into account. We can therefore expect that

$$D_{\text{mom}}(Z) \propto Z^{0.82}.$$

If α remained constant, we would then expect that the slopes in Figure 32b would be the same for all three galaxies, but that the intercepts would be -0.25 dex lower for the LMC than for the Milky Way and -0.57 dex lower for the SMC than for the Milky Way. We show these relationships in Figure 32b, where we have adopted the Vink et al. (2001) slope and intercept as given by Repolust et al. (2004) for the Milky Way stars. We consider the agreement excellent in this diagram: the plot shows a clear effect between the Galaxy and the LMC along the lines predicted by theory, and if the upper limits for the SMC stars are close to the true values, then the SMC also seems to agree well, with the exception of two objects. The analysis of the UV spectra we have planned should provide better constraints in the cases where $H\alpha$ provides upper limits only. Kudritzki (2002) has performed careful calculations of the effects of metallicity and effective temperature on the force multipliers, and his calculations show that at an SMC-like metallicity α will be 3% ($T_{\text{eff}} \approx 40,000$ K) and 15% ($T_{\text{eff}} \approx 50,000$ K) larger at an SMC-like metallicity than in the Milky Way. We would thus expect x to be somewhat smaller for the SMC, and the relationship slightly more shallow, which is certainly not excluded by our data.

In evaluating Figure 32 one should keep in mind the typical errors discussed above, i.e., an uncertainty of 0.05 dex in $\log(L/L_{\odot})$ for the Magellanic Cloud objects and of 0.15 for the Galactic objects. The error in $\log D_{\text{mom}}$ is about 0.15 dex for both the Magellanic Cloud and Galactic objects. We show the typical error bars in the figure. Most of the stars follow the relationship fine; the notable exception is the star AV 14, which shows an upper limit of $D_{\text{mom}} = 28.15$ at $\log(L/L_{\odot}) = 5.85$.

5.3. Comparison of Spectroscopic and Evolutionary Masses

The analyses of our stars have yielded values for the “spectroscopic mass,” $M_{\text{spect}} = (g_{\text{true}}/g_{\odot})R^2$, given in Table 8. We remind the reader that these g_{true} values have resulted from a modest correction for centrifugal acceleration to the measured g_{eff} values obtained from the model fits. It is of interest to compare these values with the mass M_{evol} , which we derive from stellar evolutionary models based on a star’s $\log L$ and T_{eff} . This comparison is shown in Figure 33. We have included error bars, with the uncertainty in the evolutionary mass assumed to be due purely to the uncertainty in $\log(L/L_{\odot})$ (i.e., $\Delta \log M_{\text{evol}} = -0.2 \Delta \log L$; see eq. [4] of Massey 1998). These evolutionary masses were derived from the “standard” (nonrotating) models using the older opacities; we return to this point below.

We see that most of the stars in our sample cluster around the mean relationship $M_{\text{spect}} \sim M_{\text{evol}}$ but that both samples contain a fair number of objects in which the evolutionary mass is considerably greater than the spectroscopic mass. This *mass discrepancy* was first found by Groenewegen et al. (1989) and studied extensively by Herrero et al. (1992) for Galactic stars. This problem was investigated by many authors; comparison with the masses determined from binaries has tended to support the evolutionary masses (Burkholder et al. 1997; Massey et al. 2002). The lowering of the effective temperatures for Galactic supergiants has resulted in decreasing, if not eliminating, the discrepancy for Galactic stars (Herrero 2003; Repolust et al. 2004). The expected reason is twofold: first, lower effective temperatures imply a smaller luminosity of a star, and hence the deduced evolutionary mass will be less. Secondly, the new line-blanketed models resulted in larger photospheric radiation pressure, so a higher surface gravity is needed to reproduce the Stark-broadened wings of the Balmer lines.

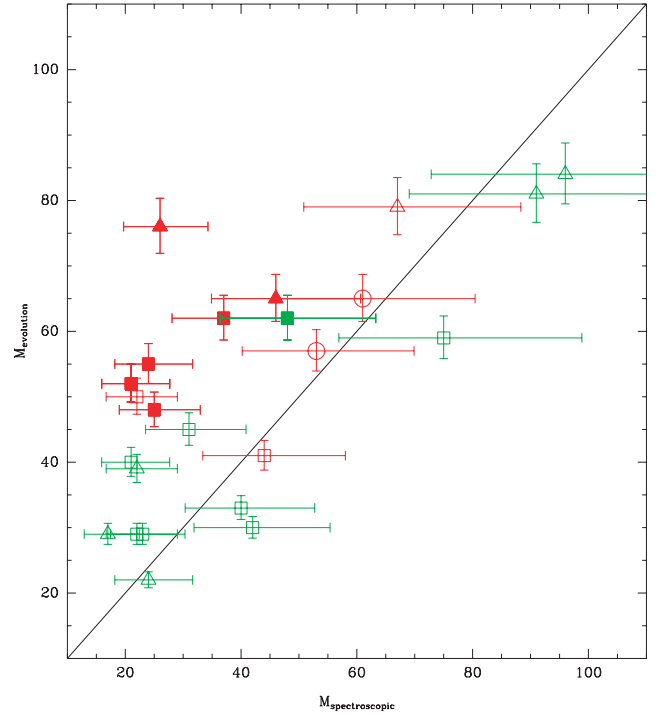


FIG. 33.—Evolutionary masses are compared to the spectroscopic masses. The circles represent supergiants, the triangles represent giants, and the squares represent dwarfs. Green shows the data for the SMC, and red for the LMC. We have distinguished the hottest stars ($T_{\text{eff}} > 45,000$ K) by filled symbols; all of those stars show a significant mass discrepancy.

Although the Galactic mass discrepancy was considerably worse for Galactic supergiants than dwarfs, we see that the discrepant stars in Figure 33 include both dwarfs and giants, and an inspection of Table 8 suggests that the problem stars all have $T_{\text{eff}} > 45,000$ K, and indeed all stars this hot show a significant mass discrepancy. We indicate these stars with filled symbols in the figure. (We note that the two stars with $T_{\text{eff}} > 45,000$ K in the Galactic sample of Repolust et al. [2004] did not show a similar problem.)

In determining the evolutionary masses we have relied on the older tracks of Charbonnel et al. (1993) for the SMC and Schaerer et al. (1993) for the LMC. The effects of newer tracks, including the effects of an initial rotation speed of 300 km s^{-1} , are shown in Figure 26 by the dotted lines for the 60 and $40 M_{\odot}$ tracks. We see that the inclusion of rotation will have a modest effect on the deduced masses compared to the nonrotating models. For the hotter stars the effect will be to make the evolutionary masses lower; at cooler temperatures (on the main sequence) the effect is in the other direction.

For some of the discrepant stars in Figure 33 use of the newer evolutionary models could potentially bring the evolutionary masses into closer agreement with the spectroscopic masses. However, the effect is small compared to the mass discrepancy we find for high temperatures: for stars near the zero-age main sequence (ZAMS), the difference is about 0.25 mag, which is equivalent to 0.05 dex in $\log M$, or about 10%.

It is possible that the objects with large mass discrepancies in Figure 33 represent the results of binary evolution. A good candidate is LH 64-16, discussed in Paper I. This “ON2 III” star shows highly processed material at the surface (Paper I; Walborn et al. 2004), and in Paper I we argue that this star might be the result of binary evolution. We note that this star is found to the

left of the ZAMS in Figure 26, a nonphysical location. A similar problem was found for some of the relatively close binaries in the R136 cluster by Massey et al. (2002), suggesting that the stars had suffered from some binary interactions. However, we are also left with the possibility that at high T_{eff} the models may be underestimating either $\log g$ or R ; given that R is derived from M_V and T_{eff} , a problem with $\log g$ appears to be the more likely possibility.

6. SUMMARY, DISCUSSION, AND FUTURE WORK

We have analyzed 40 O-type stars in the Magellanic Clouds, including many stars of the earliest type. Modeling was successful for 33 of these stars, with the other 7 showing the spectroscopic signature of unresolved companions. This study, in combination with an analysis of 24 Galactic stars by Repolust et al. (2004) using similar techniques and the same model atmosphere code, allows us to obtain the following results:

1. The effective temperatures of O3–O7 dwarfs and giants in the SMC are about 4000 K hotter than for stars of the same spectral type in the Milky Way. The differences decrease as one approaches B0 V. This is readily understood in terms of the *decreased importance* of line and wind blanketing at the lower metallicity that characterizes the SMC. The results for the LMC appear to be intermediate between the two galaxies. A similar effect is seen for the supergiants, although the differences decrease more rapidly with increasing spectral type (see Table 9 and Fig. 27). For each galaxy, there is no difference in the effective temperatures of dwarfs and giants of the same spectral type, while the supergiants are about 4000 K cooler than the dwarfs for the hottest types in the SMC and about 6000 K cooler than the dwarfs for the hottest types in the Milky Way. The differences in effective temperatures between supergiants and dwarfs decrease for the later O-type stars. Our effective temperature scale for dwarfs is in accord with some CMFGEN studies but not for others, and it is significantly hotter than that indicated by WM-BASIC modeling the UV. It is also hotter than the TLUSTY/CMFGEN modeling of NGC 346 stars by Bouret et al. (2003) and Heap et al. (2005). However, our scale leads to more consistent results with stellar evolutionary theory as evidenced by comparisons of the degree of coevolution of stars in the NGC 346 cluster (i.e., Fig. 30).

2. Our data suggest that the wind momentum ($D_{\text{mom}} \equiv v_{\infty} \dot{M} R^{0.5}$) scales with luminosity in the expected way with metallicity as predicted by radiatively driven wind theory (Kudritzki 2002; Vink et al. 2001):

$$D_{\text{mom}} \propto L^{1/\alpha_{\text{eff}}},$$

with $\alpha_{\text{eff}} \approx 0.55$ fairly insensitive to T_{eff} or Z , and with the constant of proportionality scaling with $Z^{0.82}$. Two of the SMC stars with low mass-loss rates do not fit this relationship well, but most of the others do; a detailed analysis of the UV spectra (to be done in the future) might provide better constraints on the wind momenta in those cases.

3. Most of the stars in our sample show a reasonable match between the spectroscopic mass and the evolutionary mass. However, stars with $T_{\text{eff}} > 45,000$ K show a systematic difference, with the spectroscopic mass significantly less (by a factor of 2 or more) than the evolutionary mass. This is similar to the long-standing “mass discrepancy” discussed by Herrero et al. (1992) for Galactic supergiants, but which has now been mostly resolved due to the lower effective temperatures of the Galactic models with the effects of line blanketing included. Use of newer evolu-

tionary tracks (which contain improved opacities, better treatment of mass loss, and the effects of rotation) will tend to decrease the discrepancy, but such improvement is likely to be only of order 10% and will not account for the factor of 2 discrepancies. We are left with the conclusion that the surface gravities or stellar radii may be underestimated in our models for stars of the highest effective temperatures.

4. We find that there is little correlation in the *physical properties* (such as T_{eff}) with the new spectral types O2–3.5. Although stars in this group contain the hottest stars, neither the N III/N IV emission line ratio nor even the He I/He II absorption line ratio provides a clear indication of the star’s effective temperature. For these extreme spectral types such line ratios appear to be sensitive to $\log g$ and \dot{M} , as well as T_{eff} . Thus, although we can predict a star’s effective temperature from its two-dimensional spectral type and metallicity for O4 types and later, it requires a detailed analysis of the entire spectrum to derive a reliable effective temperature (i.e., the mass-loss rate inferred from H α and the terminal velocity of the wind from UV measurements are needed in addition to the blue–optical spectrum).

5. Two of the stars with the largest radial velocities with respect to the LMC are O3 stars listed by Massey et al. (1995) as “field” stars; i.e., they are found far from the nearest OB association. These provide the first compelling evidence for the origin of this field population.

Here we wish to emphasize again the point raised in § 1 that, although we have used the best available data and (we believe) the best models and methodology, the absolute effective temperature scale of O stars is likely to undergo revision in the future as the physics is improved. Indeed, our study here underscores that other “best” methods, such as fitting the UV lines via WM-BASIC, yield temperatures for Galactic stars that are significantly cooler than that found by FASTWIND and some CMFGEN modeling of the optical spectra of an admittedly different sample. Reality is that different lines (and different spectral domains) seem to give different answers at this time, very likely independent of the model code used. That tells us that the physics used in our models is still imperfect. It is hard to tell which method is closer to the truth. Both have their merits. However, the strength of the current study is that we have been able to do a strictly differential comparison based on one and the same method applied to a large sample of objects in three galaxies of different metallicity. While the absolute scale might still be uncertain, we believe that the relative differences of the scales at the different metallicities obtained in our approach are accurate and significant.

Future work should attempt to identify where improvements are needed; the logical place to start is by modeling the UV spectra of the stars studied here and by modeling optical data on samples that have been analyzed only in the UV. In some cases we believe that better data of the same stars (such as the NGC 346 sample studied by Bouret et al. 2003) may help resolve differences seen between our effective temperature scale and others, in much the same way as our better (nebular subtracted) data on the R136 stars led to much better model fits (Paper I). We keenly anticipate the results ahead.

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