Spectral classification

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Scheme outline

- TT.tt.LL.PPPP

    – where T, t, L and P are digits [0..9]

- TT = main spectral type

- tt = subtype

- LL = luminosity class

- $P_1P_2P_3P_4$

    – P_1P_2 global peculiarities

    – P_3P_4 peculiarities depending on TT

Details

- Anything unknown or not present = 0

- If composite object (P1=1)

  - P3P4 represent the spectral type of the secondary, if it is known

Examples

- F5
  - 13.00.00.0000
- A3 IVn
  - 12.13.21.7000
- O7 IIIf
  - 10.17.23.0002
- SN Ia
  - 29.10.00.0000
- SC9/8 Tc
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