

New Mn II energy levels from the STIS-HST spectrum of the HgMn star HD 175640[★]

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ABSTRACT

Aims. The NIST database lists several Mn II lines that were observed in the laboratory but not classified. They cannot be used in spectrum synthesis because their atomic line data are unknown. These lines are concentrated in the 2380–2700 Å interval. We aimed to assign energy levels and log *gf* values to these lines.

Methods. Semi-empirical line data for Mn II computed by Kurucz were used to synthesize the ultraviolet spectrum of the slow-rotating, HgMn star HD 175640. The spectrum was compared with the high-resolution spectrum observed with the HST-STIS equipment. A UVES spectrum covering the 3050–10 000 Å region was also examined.

Results. We determined a total of 73 new energy levels, 58 from the STIS spectrum of HD 175640 and another 15 from the UVES spectrum. The new energy levels give rise to numerous new computed lines. We have identified more than 50% of the unclassified lines listed in the NIST database and have changed the assignment of another 24 lines. An abundance analysis of the star HD 175640, based on the comparison of observed and computed ultraviolet spectra in the 1250–3040 Å interval, is the by-product of this study on Mn II.

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1. Introduction

The availability of a reliable and complete set of atomic data is an essential requirement for research in stellar physics, in particular for computing stellar atmospheres and stellar spectra to be compared with observations at various resolutions.

The high-resolution, high signal-to-noise stellar spectra observed by the modern telescopes and spectrographs have proved to be a useful tool for studies aimed at extending the knowledge of atomic and molecular data. An example is the analysis of the UVES spectrum of the peculiar star HR 6000 which has permitted us to fix about 120 Fe II energy levels not observed before in the laboratory, but predicted with approximate energy values by the theory (Castelli et al. 2008, 2009; Castelli & Kurucz 2010). Another example of the use of stellar spectra to derive atomic data is the paper by Peterson & Kurucz (2015) who obtained 66 new energy levels for Fe I from the analysis of HST-STIS spectra of a group of 13 metal-poor stars. In the above works, for each new determined energy level, several new transitions with wavelengths and oscillator strengths are associated, so that the line lists used for computing spectra are considerably augmented.

In this paper we extend to Mn II the above described studies. History has shown that the refinement and extension of our atomic database has lead to important astronomical discoveries.

In the case of the Mn II spectrum, the subject of the present paper, the extended analysis by Iglesias & Velasco (1964) enabled many new line identifications in the class of stars now known as mercury-manganese (HgMn) stars, occupying the spectral region ~A0/B9-B6 (10 500–16 000 K). This in turn enabled Bidelman (1962) and Dworetzky (1969) to show that these stars were enormously enriched in mercury and platinum. In the present study, we have been able to obtain abundances for ten elements that were unavailable from the ground spectra (B, N, Al, Cl, V, Zn, Ge, As, Ag, and Cd). The ability to distinguish their spectral lines from those of Mn II was essential.

To study the Mn II spectrum, we adopted the same procedure described by Castelli & Kurucz (2010). We analysed HST-STIS spectra from 1250–3045 Å and a UVES spectrum from 3050 to 10 000 Å of the HgMn star HD 175640. It is a slowly rotating star with an abundance in manganese on the order of 2.5 dex over the solar value. The UVES spectrum, previously analyzed to derive stellar parameters and abundances by Castelli & Hubrig (2004), was further examined for this paper to derive new Mn II energy levels.

To fix new energy levels we adopted the semi-empirical Mn II line data computed by Kurucz. We determined a total of 73 new energy levels, 58 from the HST-STIS spectrum and 15 from the UVES spectrum. Updated line lists for most elements were adopted in order to synthesize the spectra. The most recent work on Mn II is that of Kramida & Sansonetti (2013) who critically analyzed all the atomic data available in the literature for this ion. They revised the Sugar & Corliss (1985) energy levels and

[★] Tables A.1 and A.2 are only available at the CDS via anonymous ftp to cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr (130.79.128.5) or via <http://cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr/viz-bin/qcat?J/A+A/580/A10>

provided a list of Mn II spectral lines and transition probabilities taken mostly from experimental sources. The Mn II atomic data of the NIST database (Kramida et al. 2014) are the result of the Kramida & Sansonetti (2013) work. In the database there are numerous unclassified lines of Mn II. They are concentrated in the 2380–2700 Å interval which was observed for HD 175640 at about 120 000 resolution. The new Mn II energy levels have permitted us to identify more than 50% of the lines unclassified in the NIST database.

2. Observations and data reduction

HD 175640 (HR 7143) is one of the targets included in the “Hot Stars” program (GO-13346), which is part of the “Advanced Spectral Library (ASTRAL)” Project (Ayres 2014). The star was observed in Cycle 21 of the Space Telescope Imaging Spectrograph (STIS). The spectrum covers the range 1150–3045 Å. The nominal resolving power R ranges from about 30 000 to 120 000; signal-to-noise ratio is larger than 100. We used the final spectrum that resulted from the calibration and the merging of the individual spectra observed in the different wavelength intervals, as performed by the ASTRAL Science Team (Carpenter et al. 2015).

For this work we analyzed the whole region from 1250 to 3045 Å. We used the IRAF tool “continuum” to normalize the observed spectrum to the continuum level. When we compared observed and computed spectra we tentatively fixed different resolving powers for the different spectral intervals roughly corresponding to the different resolutions of the different observed regions (Ayres 2010). In particular, we adopted R equal to 50 000, 40 000, 25 000, 30 000, and 120 000 for the ranges 1250–1340 Å, 1340–1690 Å, 1690–2200 Å, 2200–2332 Å, and 2332–3045 Å, respectively. The observed spectrum was shifted to the Ritz wavelengths, as derived from the energy levels, using mostly Fe II lines as reference lines, owing to their accurate wavelengths derived from the Nave & Johansson (2013) energy levels. The shift to superimpose the observed spectrum to the synthetic spectrum is $+25 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ in the 1250–2000 Å region. After conversion of the wavelength scale of the 2000–3040 Å interval from vacuum to air, the shift is $+24.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. We estimate an uncertainty in the velocity shift on the order of 0.5 km s^{-1} , corresponding to an uncertainty in the wavelength scale of 0.2 mÅ , 0.35 mÅ , and 0.5 mÅ at 1250 Å, 2000 Å, and 3000 Å, respectively.

3. The star HD 175640

The stellar parameters and the abundances of HD 175640 were determined by Castelli & Hubrig (2004) in a previous analysis of the optical spectrum of the star. An ATLAS12 (Kurucz 2005) model with parameters $T_{\text{eff}} = 12\,000 \text{ K}$, $\log g = 3.95$, and microturbulent velocity $\xi = 0 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ was computed for the individual stellar abundances. They were obtained from the equivalent widths of selected lines and are listed in the third column of Table 1. The SYNTH code (Kurucz 2005) was used to compute a synthetic spectrum for the 3050–10 000 Å region which was compared with the observed spectrum. The ATLAS12 model and the given set of abundances were adopted. A rotational velocity of $v \sin i = 2.5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ was derived from the comparison of the observed and computed spectra. The adopted zero microturbulent velocity was based both on the Adelman (1994) conclusions that most HgMn stars have little or no microturbulent velocity and on the consistent abundances we obtained from the

Table 1. Abundances $\log(N_{\text{elem}}/N_{\text{tot}})$ for HD 175640 [12 000 K, 3.95] adopted to compute the ultraviolet synthetic spectrum.

Elem.	HD 175640		Sun
	UV	Visible	
He I		−1.73	−1.11
Be II		−10.64	−10.99
B II	−8.75		−9.34
C I	<−4.00	−4.11 ± 0.23	−3.61
C II	−4.00	−4.05 ± 0.16	−3.61
N I	−5.95	≤−5.78	−4.21
O I	−3.28	−3.18 ± 0.11	−3.35
Ne I		−4.35	−4.11
Na I		−5.47	−5.80
Mg I	−4.69	−4.64 ± 0.06	−4.44
Mg II	−4.69	−4.71 ± 0.07	−4.44
Al I		<−7.50	−5.59
Al II	−7.00		−5.59
Al III	−7.00		−5.59
Si I	−4.80		−4.53
Si II	−4.80	−4.72 ± 0.08	−4.53
Si III	−4.80	−4.58 ± 0.04	−4.53
Si IV	−4.80		−4.53
P I	<−6.28		−6.63
P II	−6.28	−6.28 ± 0.08	−6.63
P III	−6.28		−6.63
S I	−5.30		−4.92
S II	−5.30	−5.12 ± 0.03	−4.92
Cl I	−7.50		−6.54
Ca I		−5.26	−5.70
Ca II	−5.54	−5.67 ± 0.25	−5.70
Sc II	−9.08	−9.08 ± 0.15	−8.89
Sc III	−9.08		−8.89
Ti II	−5.67	−5.67 ± 0.11	−7.09
Ti III	−5.67		−7.09
V II	−9.94	≤−9.04	−8.11
Cr I		−5.22 ± 0.09	−6.40
Cr II	−5.36	−5.41 ± 0.07	−6.40
Cr III	−5.36		−6.40
Mn I	−4.20	−4.20 ± 0.08	−6.61
Mn II	−4.20	−4.25 ± 0.04	−6.61
Mn III	−4.20:		−6.61
Fe I	−4.83	−4.78 ± 0.08	−4.54
Fe II	−4.83	−4.84 ± 0.13	−4.54
Fe III	−4.83		−4.54
Co II	−9.00	−8.08:	−7.05
Ni II	−6.09	−6.09 ± 0.16	−5.82
Ni III	−6.09		−5.82
Cu I		−6.52	−7.85
Cu II	−6.50		−7.85
Zn II	−8.70		−7.48
Ga I	−5.43		−9.00
Ga II	−5.43	−5.43 ± 0.04	−9.00
Ga III	<−5.43 ?		−9.00
Ge II	−10.1		−8.39
As II	−7.50		−9.74
Br II		−7.12 ± 0.04	−9.50
Sr II		−8.41	−9.17
Y II	−6.66	−6.66 ± 0.20	−9.83
Y III	>−6.66		−9.83

Notes. Solar abundances are from Asplund et al. (2009).

equivalent widths of 55 weak and strong Fe II lines measured in the optical region (Castelli & Hubrig 2004).

In this paper we compared the observed HST-STIS spectrum with a synthetic spectrum computed for the 1250–3045 Å

Table 1. continued.

Elem	HD175640		Sun
	UV	Visible	
Zr II		-8.67 ± 0.17	-9.46
Zr III	-8.50		-9.46
Rh II	-8.50	-8.50	-11.13
Pd I		-6.41 ± 0.30	-10.47
Pd II	-6.30		-10.47
Pd III	-6.30		-10.47
Ag II	-8.50		-11.10
Cd II	-9.53		-10.33
Xe II		-5.96 ± 0.20	-9.80
Ba II		-9.27	-9.86
Pr III		-9.62	-11.32
Nd III		-9.57 ± 0.08	-10.62
Yb II	-8.10	-8.10 ± 0.19	-11.20
Yb III	>-8.10	-7.31 ± 0.01	-11.20
Os II		-10.55	-10.64
Ir II	-11.15	-10.66:	-10.66
Pt	-10.42	-7.63	-10.42
Au II	-7.51	-7.51 ± 0.06	-11.12
Au III	-7.51		-11.12
Hg I	-6.60	-6.19 ± 0.18	-10.87
Hg II	-6.60	-6.53 ± 0.23	-10.87
Hg III	-6.60		-10.87

interval. We used the ATLAS12 model atmosphere adopted in Castelli & Hubrig (2004) and the abundances listed in the second column of Table 1. We started with the abundances adopted to compute the optical spectrum and then we modified some of them in order to better fit the ultraviolet spectrum. The abundances of B, N, Al, Cl, V, Zn, Ge, As, Ag, and Cd were derived only in this paper. For those elements that do not show lines in the HST-STIS spectrum we adopted the abundances derived from the optical region if they did not produce inconsistent results, as is the case of Pt. For the ions Cr I, Pt I, Ga III, Y III, and Yb III the ionization equilibria are not satisfied. We did not use their corresponding abundance to compute the synthetic spectrum, but that of the ions in the other ionization stages. In addition, the abundance derived from Mn I and Mn II gives incorrect profiles for a large number of Mn III lines, that are either not observed or are computed as too strong (Fig. 1). These lines are mostly due to transitions having either an even level with energy larger than $172\,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ or an odd level with energy larger than $130\,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$. We compared the Kurucz $\log gf$ values that we used with those from Uylings & Raassen (1997) for the lines in common. Because the differences are not larger than 0.2 dex (while fitting the observed lines requires lowering the $\log gf$ values by 1.0 up to 2.0 dex or more), we could argue that some physical mechanism like the vertical abundance stratification weakens the high-excitation lines of Mn III in HD 175640. On the other hand, the low-excitation lines, in particular those of multiplets 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 (Moore 1950), which lie in the 1900–2400 Å region, are reasonably well predicted by the adopted abundance.

To compute the synthetic spectrum we used the Kurucz database which is formed by the Kurucz (1988; 1993) line lists and by new and revised data (Kurucz 2011). The Kurucz line lists include the hyperfine structure for several elements. In particular, for Mn II, the magnetic dipole and electric quadrupole coupling constants A and B measured by Holt et al. (1999) for 59 levels were used to compute the hyperfine structure of all the lines with coupling constants available for both levels. The

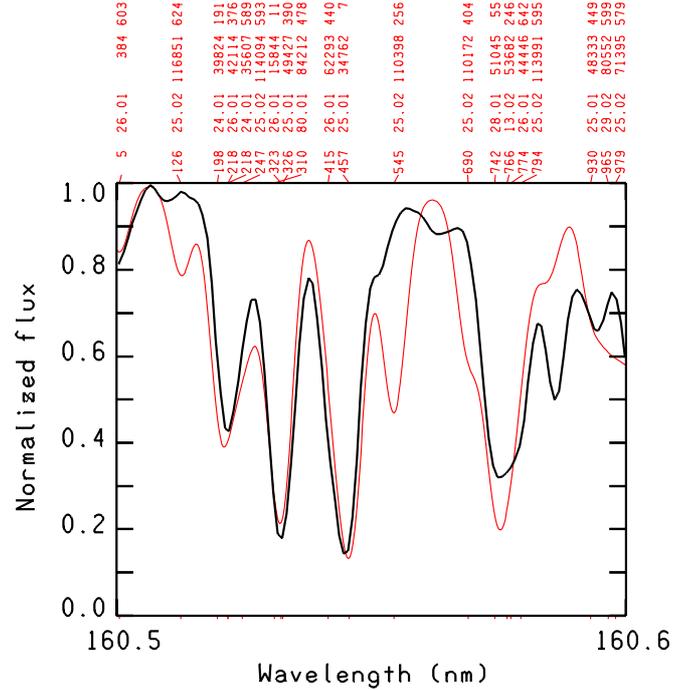


Fig. 1. Example of computed spectrum (red line) displaying Mn III lines not observed in the stellar spectrum (black line). The lines are those at 1605.126 Å, 1605.545 Å, and 1605.690 Å. Their upper level is an even level with energy $179\,152.090\text{ cm}^{-1}$, $172\,682.640\text{ cm}^{-1}$, and $172\,451.230\text{ cm}^{-1}$, respectively. The labels for the lines include the last three digits of the wavelength, the code (atomic number) for the element and ion, the lower energy level in cm^{-1} , and the residual intensity at line center in per mil.

constants and the hyperfine lines are listed on Kurucz’s website¹. The two files quoted in the footnote differ in that experimental $\log gf$ values, when available, are used in the second file instead of the Kurucz computed values which are stored in the first file.

For this work we added lines of Ga II, Ga III, Rh II, Pd II, Ag II, Y III, Zr III, Yb III, Pt II, Pt III, Au II, Au III, Hg II, Hg III. The presence of these elements in the STIS spectrum of HD 175640 was inferred from the previous analysis of the optical region (Castelli & Hubrig 2004). We also used predicted lines and intensities for the STIS region using the “predicted stellar” option of the VALD database (Ryabchikova et al. 1997) with stellar parameters for HD 175640 from Castelli & Hubrig (2004). Additionally, we used results from wavelength coincidence statistic (WCS, Cowley & Hensberge 1981), using measurements of STIS wavelengths for $\lambda > 2000\text{ Å}$. These wavelengths are available online². More information on the heavy elements identified in HD 175640 is given in the Appendix.

In addition to the large overabundance of Mn ([+2.4]), Ti ([+1.4]), Cr ([+1.0]), and the mild underabundance of Fe ([−0.3]), mild overabundances of B, Na, and P, a general underabundance of the light elements (He, C, N, Mg, Al, Si, S, Cl), and general overabundance of several heavy elements (Cu, Ga, As, Br, Sr, Y, Zr, Rh, Pd, Ag, Cd, Xe, Yb, Au, and Hg) were measured. This peculiar chemical composition gives rise to a very rich line spectrum in the ultraviolet.

¹ http://kurucz.harvard.edu/atoms/hyper250155_pos or http://kurucz.harvard.edu/atoms/hyper250155_all

² <http://dept.astro.lsa.umich.edu/~cowley/HR7143air.html>

4. New Mn II energy levels

After adding to the Kurucz line list the missing atomic species relevant for the star and available in the literature, and after comparing the observed spectrum with the synthetic spectrum computed with the abundances given in Table 1, we concentrated on the Mn II lines. Line data for this ion were recently updated and critically evaluated by Kramida & Sansonetti (2013). They list 3969 Mn II lines from 933.0682 Å to 9907.26 Å from which they derived 277 even energy levels and 377 odd energy levels. All the lines are classified as transitions between known energy levels, except for 188 lines observed in the laboratory spectra but not classified. Most of these lines lie in the 2380–2700 Å region. Numerous unidentified lines can be observed in this region in HD 175640. The wavelengths of several of them are the unclassified Mn II lines.

To determine new energy levels we used the same method adopted by Castelli & Kurucz (2010) when they derived new Fe II energy levels from the optical UVES spectrum of HR 6000. Predicted energy levels and $\log gf$ values for Mn II were computed by Kurucz with his version of the Cowan (1981) code (Kurucz 2011). The calculation included 50 even configurations d^6 , $d^5 4d-12d$, $d^4 4s 4d-4s 9d$, $d^5 4s-12s$, $d^4 4s^2$, $d^4 4s 5s-4s 9s$, $d^5 5g-9g$, $d^4 4s 5g-4s 9g$, $d^5 7i-9i$, $d^4 4s 7i-4s 9i$, $d^4 4s 9l$, and $d^4 4p^2$ with 19 686 eigenvalues that were fitted with the least-squares method to 277 known levels. The 41 odd configurations included $d^5 4p-10p$, $d^4 4s 4p-4s 10p$, $d^3 s^2 4p$, $d^5 4f-10f$, $d^4 4s 4f-4s 10f$, $d^5 6h-9h$, $d^4 4s 6h-4s 9h$, $d^5 8k-9k$, and $d^4 4s 8k-4s 9k$ with 19 820 eigenvalues which were least-squares fitted to 377 known levels. The calculations were done in intermediate coupling with all configuration interactions included, with scaled Hartree-Fock starting guesses, and with Hartree-Fock transition integrals. A total of 5 146 779 lines were saved from the transition array of which 41 882 lines are between known levels and have good wavelengths.

To derive new energy levels for Mn II, we considered predicted wavelengths due to transitions between a measured and a predicted energy level. A predicted line is usually not shifted more than ± 10 Å from the corresponding unknown observed line. However, owing to the large number of predicted lines, of unidentified lines, and blends in the ultraviolet spectrum of HD 175640, it is not a straightforward task to find the correct correspondence between a predicted line and an unidentified line observed in the spectrum.

The computed line list was sorted into tables of all the lines with $\log gf \geq -3.0$ connected to every predicted level. At first, we extracted the lines with $\log gf \geq -1.0$ so that only the strongest lines were examined. When at least two strong predicted lines originate from the same predicted level, we searched in the spectrum for an unidentified line with wavelength close to the first of the two predicted lines. From the observed wavelength and the known energy level involved in the transition we derived a possible value for the unknown energy level. We used this energy value to derive the corresponding wavelength of the second predicted line. If there is an unidentified line at this position in the observed spectrum we checked the energy value on other predicted lines connected to the examined predicted level. If the test is positive for a sample of lines (usually from 3 to 5), we assign the checked energy to the unknown level. Otherwise, we selected some other observed unidentified line in the spectrum and we repeated the procedure. We proceed in this way until we find that value for the unknown energy that produces lines which are all observed in the spectrum, but not identified.

Whenever one or more new levels was found, the whole semi-empirical calculation was repeated to produce improved predicted wavelengths and $\log gf$ values.

Using the above procedure we identified 58 new energy levels from the HST-STIS spectrum of HD 175640; five of them have odd parity, the others have even parity. We added 15 more new odd parity energy levels that we obtained from the UVES spectrum of HD 175640. The new energy levels are listed in Tables 2 and 3.

The search for new energy levels in the optical region was rather unsuccessful. The energies $98\,423.93\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $98\,424.00\text{ cm}^{-1}$ of the two levels belonging to the term $3d^5(^6S)4f^7F^o$, were obtained from the strong lines of the triplets at 5294 Å and 5295 Å, which are part of the multiplet $3d^5(^6S)4de^7D^o - 3d^5(^6S)4f^7F^o$. All the transitions of this multiplet give rise to five strong Mn II lines observed at 5294, 5295, 5297, 5299, and 5302 Å. Because the lines computed with the energies listed by Kramida & Sansonetti (2013) are more or less displaced from the observed lines, we modified the energy of the upper level in order to better fit the observed line position. Table 4 compares the energies of the $3d^5(^6S)4f^7F^o$ term adopted in this paper with those listed in the NIST database. The corresponding wavelengths of the multiplet are also listed. Figure 2 shows the five Mn II lines computed with wavelengths from this paper listed in the first column of Table 4 and those from Kramida & Sansonetti (2013) listed in the last column of Table 4.

The energies $113\,840.6\text{ cm}^{-1}$, $113\,840.7\text{ cm}^{-1}$, and $113\,840.8\text{ cm}^{-1}$ of the three levels with $J = 2, 1,$ and 0 respectively, belonging to the odd parity term $3d^5(^6S)6f^7F^o$ were simply extrapolated from the levels with higher J quantum number. The transitions from these levels contribute to two weak and blended lines observed at 7166.4 and 7167.4 Å.

The energy $119\,197.79\text{ cm}^{-1}$ was assumed for all the levels with J from 0 to 7 of the term $3d^5(^6S)8f^7F^o$. They give rise to two weak lines observed at 5180.271 Å and 5181.649 Å. The first one is blended with Fe II 5180.312 Å.

Finally, the observed lines arising from the three last energy levels of Table 3 are listed in Table A.1 (available at the CDS). In addition to the corrections of the odd parity levels shown in Table 4, we modified two other odd parity energy levels from Kramida & Sansonetti (2013) on the basis of all the transitions observed in the spectrum related to them. They are: $81\,802.746\text{ cm}^{-1}$ instead of $81\,803.31\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($3d^5(^2I)4p z^1 I^o$, $J = 6$) and $94\,230.94\text{ cm}^{-1}$ instead of $94\,231.20\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($3d^5(^2S)4p z^3 P^o$, $J = 2$).

5. New Mn II lines

The new Mn II lines due to transitions from the new Mn II energy levels listed in Tables 2 and 3 are given in Table A.1. The new Mn II lines are mostly concentrated in the 2380–2700 Å interval. The upper energy levels (Cols. 1–4) were derived as described in Sect. 4; the lower energy levels (Cols. 5–8) were taken from Kramida & Sansonetti (2013); the wavelength given in Col. 9 is the Ritz wavelength in air for $\lambda \geq 2000$ Å, in vacuum for $\lambda < 2000$ Å. The $\log gf$ values (Col. 10) were computed by Kurucz with the semi-empirical method, the wavelengths given in Col. 11 are the observed laboratory wavelengths listed by Kramida & Sansonetti (2013). In addition to the 109 newly classified lines, we give a different assignment for 24 other lines of the Kramida & Sansonetti (2013) tabulation. This implies different energy levels for these 24 lines. The last column of Table A.1

Table 2. New energy levels of Mn II from the STIS-HST spectrum.

Designation	J	Energy cm^{-1}
$3d^4(^5D)4s4p(^3P)$	$^7F^o$ 3.0	82 303.415
$3d^4(^5D)4s4p(^3P)$	$^7F^o$ 4.0	82 564.493
$3d^5(b^2D)4p$	$^3F^o$ 2.0	100 320.586
	4.0	100 725.176
$3d^5(b^2D)4p$	$^3P^o$ 1.0	101 807.469
$3d^6(^4G)4d$	5F 1.0	106 351.582
	2.0	106 348.454
	3.0	106 340.485
	4.0	106 324.758
	5.0	106 298.960
$3d^5(^4G)4d$	5G 2.0	106 408.011
	3.0	106 408.348
	4.0	106 406.642
	5.0	106 400.766
	6.0	106 387.310
$3d^5(^4G)4d$	3D 3.0	107 192.929
$3d^5(^4G)4d$	3I 5.0	107 155.877
	6.0	107 145 038
	7.0	107 114.165
$3d^5(^4G)4d$	3G 3.0	107 999.208
	4.0	108 007.750
	5.0	108 006.293
$3d^5(^4G)4d$	3F 2.0	108 420.629
	3.0	108 425.105
	4.0	108 420.479
$3d^6(^4P)4d$	5P 1.0	108 617.023
	3.0	108 399.148
$3d^6(^4P)4d$	5F 1.0	108 511.206
	2.0	108 521.377
	3.0	108 561.169
	4.0	108 604.283
	5.0	108 661.385
$3d^5(^4G)4d$	3H 4.0	108 907.450
	5.0	108 906.437
	6.0	108 896.070
$3d^6(^4P)4d$	3D 1.0	109 709.489
	2.0	109 572.155
	3.0	109 370.762
$3d^5(^4P)4d$	3F 2.0	110 664.620
	3.0	110 611.014
$3d^5(^4P)4d$	3P 2.0	110 998.198
$3d^5(^4D)4d$	5G 2.0	111 744.523
	3.0	111 753.977
	4.0	111 761.546
	5.0	111 761.008
	6.0	111 741.583
$3d^5(^4D)4d$	5P 3.0	111 831.748

Table 2. continued.

Designation	J	Energy cm^{-1}
$3d^5(^4D)4d$	5S 2.0	111 991.133
$3d^5(^4D)4d$	5F 2.0	112 141.748
	3.0	112 106.537
	4.0	112 046.403
	5.0	111 943.809
$3d^5(^4D)4d$	5D 4.0	113 199.572
$3d^5(^2I)4d$	3I 5.0	118 544.936
	6.0	118 574.338
	7.0	118 585.339
$3d^5(^2I)4d$	1K 7.0	119 152.797
$3d^5(^2I)4d$	1G 4.0	119 937.245

Table 3. New energy levels of Mn II from the optical region (UVES spectrum).

Designation	J	Energy cm^{-1}
$3d^5(^6S)4f$	$^7F^o$ 1.0	98 423.93
	0.0	98 424.00
$3d^5(^6S)6f$	$^7F^o$ 2.0	113 840.6
	1.0	113 840.7
	0.0	113 840.8
$3d^5(^6S)8f$	$^7F^o$ 6.0	119 197.79
	5.0	119 197.79
	4.0	119 197.79
	3.0	119 197.79
	2.0	119 197.79
	1.0	119 197.79
	0.0	119 197.79
$3d^5(^4G)4f$	$^5H^o$ 7.0	125 218.640
	9.0	125 243.338
$3d^5(^4G)4f$	$^5I^o$ 6.0	125 257.344

indicates whether the new line is listed in the NIST database without any classification (unassigned), listed with a different classification (DIFFERENT assign.), or not listed at all.

Figure 3 shows the Mn II spectrum in the regions 2383–2390 Å interval computed before and after the determination of both new energy levels and new Mn II lines. Figure 4 compares the observed spectrum of HD 175640 with the synthetic spectrum computed both with and without the new Mn II lines. The improvement of the comparison between the observed and computed spectra due to the addition of the new Mn II lines is evident.

6. Mn II log gf values and manganese abundance

For Mn II, Kramida & Sansonetti (2013) tabulate in the NIST database the experimental log gf values from Den Hartog et al. (2011), Kling & Griesmann (2000), and Kling, Schnabel & Griesmann (2001). For lines with upper levels $3d^5(^6S)4p\ z^5P^o$

Table 5. Abundances from Mn II lines with experimental and semi-empirical $\log gf$ values that differ less than ± 0.06 dex.

Wave \AA	$\log gf$ K14	$E(\text{low})$ cm^{-1}	$J(\text{low})$	Term	$E(\text{up})$ cm^{-1}	$J(\text{up})$	Term	hfs	$\log gf$ KSG	Acc.	$\Delta \log gf$ K14-KSG	Abund
1678.643	-2.681	9472.993	2.0	(⁶ S)4s a ⁵ S	69 044.910	2.0	(⁴ P)4p z ³ P	no	-2.638	D ⁺	-0.043	-4.20
2535.659	-0.478	27 583.590	4.0	(⁴ G)4s a ⁵ G	67 009.217	3.0	(⁴ P)4p z ⁵ D	no	-0.502	B ⁺	+0.024	-3.80
2535.977	-1.024	27 588.534	3.0	(⁴ G)4s a ⁵ G	67 009.217	3.0	(⁴ P)4p z ⁵ D	no	-1.045	B ⁺	+0.021	-3.80
2543.457	-0.119	27 589.360	2.0	(⁴ G)4s a ⁵ G	66 894.130	1.0	(⁴ G)4p z ⁵ F	no	-0.138	B	+0.019	-4.20
2557.543	-0.310	27 588.534	3.0	(⁴ G)4s a ⁵ G	66 676.833	2.0	(⁴ P)4p z ⁵ D	no	-0.346	C ⁺	+0.036	-4.10
2716.793	-0.664	29 889.534	3.0	(⁴ P)4s a ⁵ P	66 686.739	3.0	(⁴ G)4p z ⁵ F	yes	-0.646	B ⁺	-0.018	-3.80
2762.558	-1.422	32 857.270	3.0	(⁴ D)4s b ⁵ D	69 044.910	2.0	(⁴ P)4p z ³ P	no	-1.471	D ⁺	+0.049	-4.20
2933.785	-1.421	32 818.440	0.0	(⁴ D)4s b ⁵ D	66 894.130	1.0	(⁴ G)4p z ⁵ F	yes	-1.458	B	+0.037	-4.20
2935.362	-2.047	32 836.740	1.0	(⁴ D)4s b ⁵ D	66 894.130	1.0	(⁴ G)4p z ⁵ F	no	-2.002	C ⁺	-0.045	-3.85
2949.204	+0.313	9472.993	2.0	(⁶ S)4s a ⁵ S	43 370.537	3.0	(⁶ S)4p z ⁵ P	no	+0.253 ^a	A ⁺	+0.060	-4.20
2955.139	-0.972	32 857.270	3.0	(⁴ D)4s b ⁵ D	66 686.739	3.0	(⁴ G)4p z ⁵ F	no	-0.987	B ⁺	+0.015	-3.80
2989.730	-1.934	33 248.660	4.0	(⁴ G)4s a ³ G	66 686.739	3.0	(⁴ G)4p z ⁵ F	no	-1.924	D ⁺	-0.010	-3.90
3050.657	-0.159	36 274.620	2.0	(⁴ P)4s b ³ P	69 044.910	2.0	(⁴ P)4p z ³ P	no	-0.206	B ⁺	+0.047	-4.15
3146.121	-2.546	34 910.770	4.0	d6 b ³ 3G	66 686.739	3.0	(⁴ G)4p z ⁵ F	no	-2.523	D	-0.023	-4.25
3204.878	-1.115	37 851.490	3.0	d6 a ³ 3D	69 044.910	2.0	(⁴ P)4p z ³ P	no	-1.097	B ⁺	-0.018	-4.15
4206.368	-1.584	43 528.661	5.0	(⁴ F)4s a ⁵ F	67 295.446	4.0	(⁴ P)4p z ⁵ D	yes	-1.553	C ⁺	-0.031	-4.05
4292.233	-1.581	43 395.395	3.0	(² D)4s c ³ D	66 686.739	3.0	(⁴ G)4p z ⁵ F	yes	-1.544	D ⁺	-0.037	-4.20
4343.983	-1.105	43 528.661	5.0	(⁴ F)4s a ⁵ F	66 542.539	5.0	(⁴ G)4p z ⁵ F	yes	-1.109	C ⁺	+0.004	-3.80

Notes. ^(a) This value is from Den Hartog et al. (2011).

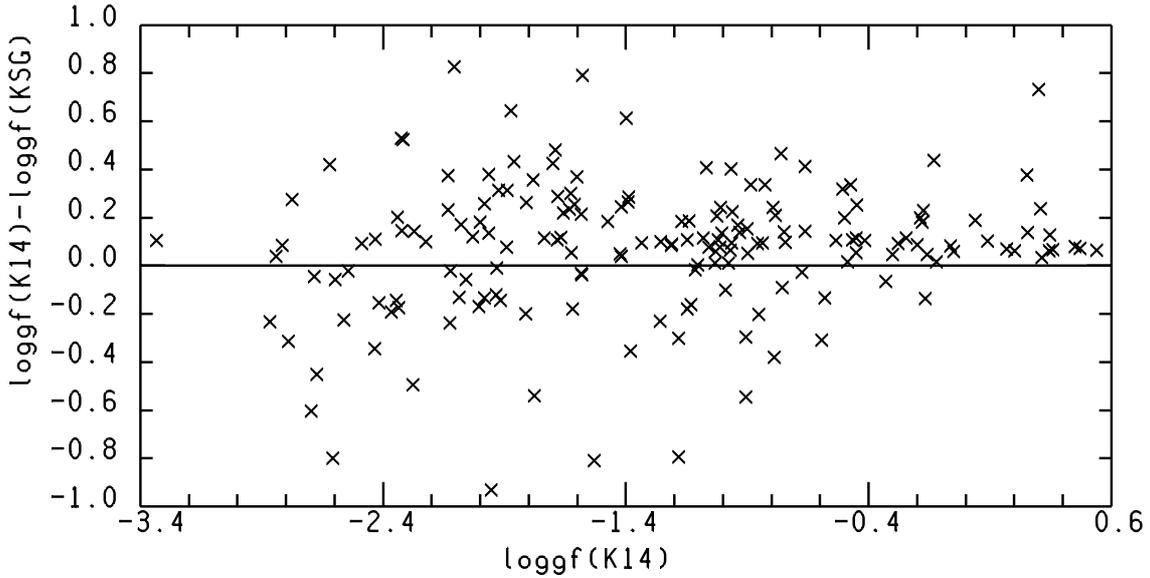


Fig. 5. Comparison of the experimental $\log gf$ values from Kling & Griesmann (2000) and Kling et al. (2001) with the semi-empirical computed values from Kurucz (2014). There are still eight points outside the figure, four with $\log gf > 1.0$ and four with $\log gf < -1.0$.

the problem occurs because some strong Mn II lines have profiles that cannot be reproduced by computations for any adopted abundance. For instance, while the high abundance of -3.8 dex improves the agreement between the observed and computed profiles of the strong line with no wings at 2716.793 \AA , it is too high for the broad line at 2949.204 \AA , which develops unobserved strong wings for abundances larger than -4.20 dex. We note that the experimental $\log gf$ value of this line is determined with an uncertainty ≤ 0.009 dex, so that it cannot be the cause of the weaker than observed computed core for the -4.20 dex abundance, well suited to fitting the wings. An increase in the microturbulent velocity from 0.0 km s^{-1} to higher values does not solve the problem because the effect is the same as that due to an increase in the abundance. The difficulty in fitting the profile

of several strong lines can be due to missing hyperfine structure (but this is not the case of the line at 2716.793 \AA ; $\log gf$ uncertainties larger than those estimated; the adopted model, which may have an incorrect stratification in the uppermost layers; and some manganese vertical abundance stratification causing a manganese accumulation in the upper layers.

The analysis of all the Mn II lines in HD 175640 from 1250 \AA to $10\,000 \text{ \AA}$, has shown that the most reliable manganese abundance is that derived from the lines of multiplet 1 in the $3438\text{--}3500 \text{ \AA}$ spectral region. The measured equivalent widths listed in Castelli & Hubrig (2004) together with the $\log gf$ values from Den Hartog et al. (2011) give an average abundance of -4.17 ± 0.03 dex. This abundance reproduces very well both the wings and the core of the lines at 3441.896 , 3460.315 , 3482.904 ,

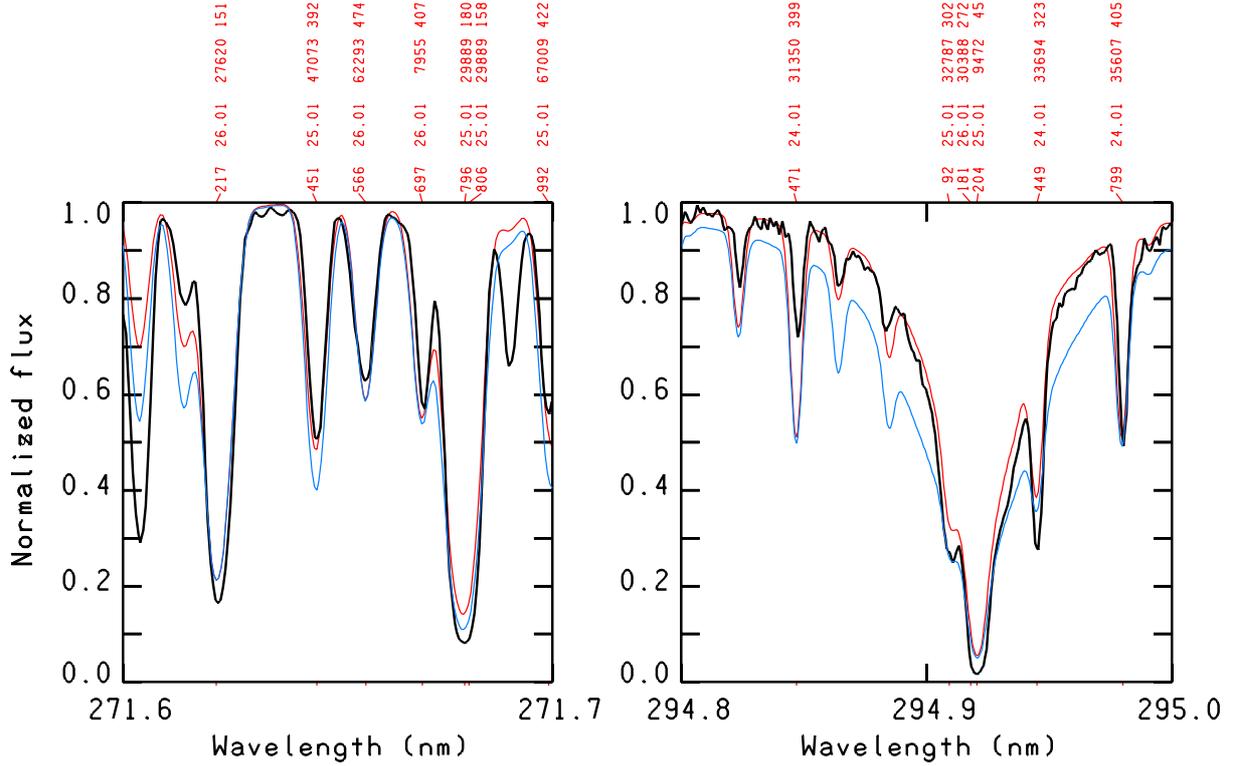


Fig. 6. Comparison of the observed spectrum (black line) with synthetic spectra computed for a manganese abundance of -4.2 dex (red line) and -3.8 dex (blue line). The plot on the left shows how the computed core of the line at 2716.793 \AA increases with increasing abundance, although it does not fit the observed spectrum even with -3.8 dex. A still larger abundance would develop unobserved wings. The line is computed with the hyperfine structure included. The strongest hyperfine components are those at 2716.796 \AA and 2716.806 \AA . The plot on the right shows how the wings of the strong Mn II line at 2949.204 \AA are well fitted by the profile computed with the abundance of -4.2 dex. The higher abundance gives rise to unobserved wings. The meaning of the labels is the same as in Fig. 1.

Table 6. Mn II lines with experimental and semi-empirical $\log gf$ values that differ more than ± 1.00 dex.

Wave \AA	$\log gf$ K14	$E(\text{low})$ cm^{-1}	$J(\text{low})$	Term	$E(\text{up})$ cm^{-1}	$J(\text{up})$	Term	hfs	$\log gf$ KSG	Acc.	$\Delta \log gf$ K14-KSG	$\log gf$ for the -4.20 dex abund
2559.416	-0.350	27 583.590	4.0	$(^4\text{G})4s a^5\text{G}$	66 643.296	4.0	$(^4\text{G})4p z^5\text{F}$	no	-1.424	D	+1.074	-0.35
2717.524	-0.895	29 889.534	3.0	$(^4\text{P})4s a^5\text{P}$	66 676.833	2.0	$(^4\text{P})4p z^5\text{D}$	yes	-2.184	E	+1.289	-0.70
2719.736	-0.319	29 919.444	2.0	$(^4\text{P})4s a^5\text{P}$	66 676.833	2.0	$(^4\text{P})4p z^5\text{D}$	yes	-1.500	D	+1.181	-0.319
2845.848	-2.732	31 514.710	4.0	$d6 a^3\text{F}$	66 643.296	4.0	$(^4\text{G})4p z^5\text{F}$	no	-1.274	D^+	-1.458	-2.85
2956.005	-1.325	32 857.270	3.0	$(^4\text{D})4s b^5\text{D}$	66 676.833	2.0	$(^4\text{P})4p z^5\text{D}$	no	-3.168	D	+1.843	-0.75
2993.603	-2.421	33 147.710	5.0	$(^4\text{G})4s a^3\text{G}$	66 542.539	5.0	$(^4\text{G})4p z^5\text{F}$	no	-1.061	D^+	-1.360	-2.35
4325.047	-2.355	43 528.661	5.0	$(^4\text{F})4s a^5\text{F}$	66 643.296	4.0	$(^4\text{G})4p z^5\text{F}$	yes	-1.115	C^+	-1.240	-2.55
4393.385	-2.646	44 139.031	1.0	$(^2\text{D})4s c^3\text{D}$	66 894.130	1.0	$(^4\text{G})4p z^5\text{F}$	yes	-1.458	D^+	-1.188	-2.70

and 3488.676 \AA . For the other lines of the multiplet the observed core is a little stronger than the computed value.

There are eight points outside the borders of Fig. 5, which were not plotted. They correspond to the lines listed in Table 6 for which the difference between the K14 and KSG $\log gf$ values is larger than ± 1.0 dex. The uncertainties of the experimental $\log gf$ values is high because it is included between ≤ 0.08 dex (score C^+) and > 0.24 dex (score E). We note that the source of the $\log gf$ values for the first three lines in Table 6 was erroneously indicated in the NIST database as c88 (Kurucz 1988) instead of T7259 (Kling et al. 2001). The $\log gf$ value needed to reproduce the line profile when the abundance of -4.20 dex is adopted is given in the last column of Table 6. For all the lines, this $\log gf$ value is closer to that from K14 than to that from KGS. This result suggests that, for some lines, the

experimental $\log gf$ values may be less reliable than the calculated values.

7. Comparison of the observed and computed spectra

The plot of the comparison of the observed and computed spectra of HD 175640 in the whole $1250\text{--}3040 \text{ \AA}$ region is available at the Castelli website³.

When we compare the whole observed region from 1250 \AA to 3046 \AA with the synthetic spectrum we are far from satisfied. From 1250 \AA to 1692 \AA the agreement is poor, except for a

³ <http://wwwuser.oats.inaf.it/castelli/hd175640stis/tab1250-3040.html>

few lines. In fact, in spite of the rather high resolving power ($R \sim 40\,000\text{--}50\,000$), the blends are so numerous and formed by so many components that it is not easy to compute them correctly. There are numerous missing lines, lines computed that are too strong, lines computed that are too weak, and lines probably affected by small wavelength errors. Furthermore, for a few elements, the abundance is different for the different ionization states. Between 1692 \AA and 2332 \AA the comparison is even worse because all the above problems are increased by the rather low resolving power ($R \sim 25\,000\text{--}30\,000$). Only in the $2332\text{--}3040\text{ \AA}$ region does the comparison show a rather good agreement. This range is less crowded with lines than the previous regions and was observed with a very high resolving power ($\sim 120\,000$).

7.1. Problematic Mn II lines

If we restrict the discussion only to the Mn II lines, we see that there are several lines with computed profiles without an observed counterpart. For instance, all the lines arising from the even parity level 43131.51 cm^{-1} ($3d^6 a^1D$, $J = 2$) are predicted as being strong, but they are either not observed at all or have a very weak observed counterpart. Another remarkable line is that at 2703.213 \AA , which is predicted as very strong with both the Kurucz (2014) and Kling et al. (2001) $\log gf$ values, i.e. -0.484 and -0.808 , respectively, but is not observed at all in the spectrum. It would be too long to list here all the Mn II lines computed as too strong compared to the observed ones. In some cases, a possible explanation for the disagreement is the severe mixing affecting one of the two energy levels involved in the transition and the difficulty in computing it. Furthermore, it is very likely that the computed stellar atmosphere is inadequate to explain all the lines observed in the spectrum, in particular for manganese which is very overabundant. In addition to the shortcoming affecting the core of the strong Mn II lines which, as discussed in Sect. 6, is computed as too weak compared to the observed core, there are several Mn II lines in the optical spectrum that seem to be weakened by some emission. While the computed lines are strong the observed lines are weak or even absent. All these lines are due to transitions between high-energy levels like the blend at 6446.188 , 6446.247 , 6446.330 \AA , the lines at 6462.220 , 6462.465 , 6462.800 , 6463.200 , 6463.627 \AA , those at 9903.853 , 9904.428 , 9905.216 , 9906.2 , and 9907.2 \AA , among others.

On the other hand, there are a few strong lines observed in the spectrum that are identified as Mn II in the NIST database, but which are either not predicted by the Kurucz (2014) $\log gf$ values or are predicted as much too weak. Table A.2 (available at the CDS) lists the most significant lines.

7.2. Absorption components of resonance lines

A few strong resonance lines are either double with a red component or are very broad with a redshifted line core. In this last case, the profile is the blend of the line predicted at the Ritz wavelength with an unpredicted redshifted line. In Table 7 we list in Col. 2 the Ritz wavelength and in Cols. 3 and 4 the wavelengths λ_{obs} and λ_{comp} of the two components when they can be disentangled. In this case λ_{obs} is the same as the Ritz wavelength, otherwise λ_{obs} is the wavelength of the blend of the two components unless the line is so saturated that the core lies below the zero level of the normalized flux scale and cannot be measured. The velocity shift of the component is given in Col. 5. We

Table 7. Lines affected by a redshifted component.

Elem	$\lambda(\text{Ritz})$	$\lambda(\text{obs})$	λ_{comp}	V_{shift}	Notes
	(\AA)	(\AA)	(\AA)	km s^{-1}	
Mg I	2852.126	2852.126	2852.20	7.78	double
Mg II	2795.528				saturated
	2802.705				saturated
Si II	1808.013	1808.03			
S II	1250.584	1250.60			
Mn II	2576.104	2576.104	2576.18	8.84	double
	2593.721	2593.721	2593.80	9.13	double
	2605.680	2605.68	2605.75	8.05	double
Fe II	2343.495	2343.53			
	2373.735	2373.735	2373.80	8.21	double
	2382.037				saturated
	2585.876	2585.876	2585.94	7.42	double
	2599.395				saturated
Zn II	2025.484	2025.51			
	2062.001	–	2062.06	8.57	

estimate an error of about 2.5 km s^{-1} related to an uncertainty of 0.02 \AA in the position of the component on the wavelength scale. The average velocity shift is $8.29 \pm 0.56\text{ km s}^{-1}$. We note that the Zn II line at 2062.001 \AA is predicted but not observed, while an unidentified line is present at 2062.060 \AA . We assumed that it is the red component of Zn II 2062.001 \AA . However, it could be the unpredicted line of some other element as well.

Other similar peculiarities observed in HD 175640 are the bump and the broad weak component affecting the red wing of the Ca II profiles at 3933 \AA (K-line) and 3968 \AA (H-line), respectively. Furthermore, strong red components can be observed for the Na I lines at 5890 \AA and 5896 \AA (Castelli & Hubrig, 2004). We measured a velocity shift for the Na I components equal to $+7.4 \pm 0.7\text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $+7.7 \pm 0.7\text{ km s}^{-1}$, respectively.

We cannot say whether the redshifted components are of interstellar or circumstellar origin.

8. Conclusions

Ultraviolet and optical stellar spectra of the HgMn slowly rotating star HD 175640, observed with both HST-STIS and UVES instruments, were used to extend and discuss the atomic data of Mn II available in the NIST database (Kramida & Sansonetti 2013). To this purpose, Mn II lines arising both from levels observed in the laboratory and from levels predicted with semi-empirical methods by Kurucz, were adopted.

We assigned wavelengths, energy levels and $\log gf$ values to about 257 Mn II lines. Of them, 109 lines had already been identified as Mn II by Kramida & Sansonetti (2013), but were unclassified. For another 24 lines we assigned different energy levels from those in the NIST database. This implies different energy levels, different $\log gf$ values, and therefore a different intensity for the lines. The new Mn II line data improve the computation of the synthetic spectra of B-type stars, although more work needs to be done on the atomic data, especially in the ultraviolet. For instance, we note that in the NIST database only wavelengths and intensities are listed for the Mn III lines of the $1250\text{--}3040\text{ \AA}$ region analyzed in the paper. No energy levels and no $\log gf$ values are given for them.

As by-product of this study we have extended to the ultraviolet region the abundance analysis performed by Castelli & Hubrig (2004) in the optical region. Except for cobalt, iridium,

and platinum, we confirmed the optical abundances within the error limits of the equivalent widths analysis made by Castelli & Hubrig (2004). Abundances for elements not observed in the visible, such as B, N, Al, Cl, V, Zn, Ge, As, Ag, and Cd were obtained. The abundance pattern is similar to that of other HgMn stars which have underabundances of the light elements and overabundances of some iron group elements and of some heavy elements. In the case of HD 175640, the most overabundant elements are Ti, Cr, Mn, Ga, As, Br, Y, Zr, Rh, Pd, Ag, Xe, Yb, Au, and Hg.

Appendix A: Heavy elements in HD 175640

We based the abundance analysis in the ultraviolet mostly on the lines listed by Castelli et al. (1985) and by Castelli & Bonifacio (1990) in their study of HR 6000 and ι Her, respectively. The multiplet numbers given in the above papers refer to the Ultraviolet Multiplet Table by Moore (1950). In addition, we made a wide use of the NIST database (Kramida et al. 2014) to search for the most intense lines of a given element. In this section we give some more details only about heavy elements from copper to mercury.

Copper (Cu) $Z = 29$: the abundance of -6.50 dex was estimated from the Cu II lines at 1358.773, 1367.951, 1472.395, 2112.100, 2135.981, 2192.268, 2242.618, and 2247.003 Å. All the lines are blended. The $\log gf$ values are data computed by Kurucz in 2011 and were taken from his database.

Zinc (Zn) $Z = 30$: the zinc abundance was derived from the line of Zn II at 2064.227 Å. The $\log gf$ value $+0.070$ is from the NIST database. The Zn II line at 2062.001 Å originating from a lower level with energy equal to 0.00 cm^{-1} is predicted, but not observed. The $\log gf$ value -0.329 is from the Kurucz database. The other line from the zero energy level at 2025.484 Å is computed too weak and is blended with a strong unidentified line that we assumed to be of interstellar or circumstellar origin. No Zn III lines were observed.

Gallium (Ga) $Z = 31$: for Ga I, Ga II, and Ga III, wavelengths, energy levels, and $\log gf$ values were taken from the NIST database when available.

For Ga I, only the lines at 2874.23, 2943.64, and 2944.17 Å were well observed. For the Ga II lines with $\log gf$ values not available in the NIST database, we used $\log gf$ values from Nielsen et al. (2005) (lines at 1463.576, 1473.690, 1483.453, and 1483.903 Å). For the remaining lines $\log gf$ values were computed from the lifetime measurements of Ansbacher et al. (1985) or estimated on the basis of laboratory intensities and excitation energies (Castelli & Parthasarathy 1995). The abundance -5.43 dex ($[+3.6]$) derived from the optical region adequately reproduces the unblended Ga II lines at 1473.690, 1483.903, 1504.334, 1536.276 Å, as well as the blended lines at 1514.505, 1535.312 Å. The Ga II broad line at 1414.399 Å has too narrow wings, but the classical broadening parameters adopted here are probably not correct. Vice versa, both Ga III profiles at 1495.045 and 1534.462 Å display wings that are too broad. Only these two Ga III lines have $\log gf$ values available in the NIST database. For other lines we adopted estimated values. No isotopic and hyperfine structure was considered in the computations.

Germanium (Ge) $Z = 32$: several Ge II lines were observed. From the line at 1649.19 Å we derived an underabundance of 1.7 dex relative to the solar value. We adopted $\log gf = -0.28$ from the NIST database.

Arsenic (As) $Z = 33$: the lines of As II at 1263.77, 1266.34, 1280.987, and 1287.54 Å were observed in the spectrum. We

adopted $\log gf$ values from Warner & Kirkpatrick (1969) for all them. The observed lines are adequately predicted for an overabundance of -7.50 dex.

Yttrium (Y) $Z = 39$: for the Y II lines, we used the Kurucz database, which includes hyperfine components for several lines. All the lines are blended, except for the strong line at 2422.18 Å. The abundance of -6.66 dex $[+3.2]$ derived from the optical spectrum is well suited to reproducing the observed profile. We added to the line list the Y III lines from Biémont et al. (2011). We modified the two wavelengths 2817.037 Å and 2946.01 Å in 2817.027 Å and 2945.995 Å, in order to match the observed spectrum. The Y III lines at 2367.228, 2414.643, 2817.027, and 2945.995 Å were observed. They are strong lines, either unblended or marginally blended. The abundance from Y III is larger than the abundance from Y II by about 1.0 dex.

Zirconium (Zr) $Z = 40$: several weak Zr III lines were observed in the spectrum, but no Zr II line. A few Zr III lines are unblended, like that at 2102.283 Å. The Zr III line data from the NIST database were adopted. The Zr III abundance agrees, within the error limits, with the value we obtained from the Zr II optical lines.

Rhodium (Rh) $Z = 45$: numerous weak Rh II lines were observed in the spectrum. The line at 1604.45 Å is unblended. Oscillator strengths from Bäckström et al. (2013), Quinet et al. (2012), and Corliss & Bozman (1962) were used. The wavelengths from the NIST database agree more closely with the stellar wavelengths than the wavelengths adopted by Bäckström et al. (2013). The difference is on the order of 0.02 Å. The abundance of -8.50 dex, which was estimated from the UVES spectra on the basis of estimated $\log gf$ values, reproduces the ultraviolet lines in a satisfactory way. None of the Rh III lines listed in the NIST database was identified.

Palladium (Pd) $Z = 46$: numerous Pd II lines were identified. All the lines from the $4d^8 5s-4d^8 5p$ transitions and the strongest lines from the $4d^8 5p-4d^8 6s$ transitions, together with their oscillator strengths, from Quinet (1996) were added in the line lists. Additional lines were taken from Lundberg et al. (1996) and from the NIST database. Unblended lines are those at 2351.347, 2367.966, 2388.310, 2414.7303, 2426.867, 2433.102, 2446.713, 2457.257, 2472.502, 2486.256, 2488.914, 2505.729, 2565.505, 2569.544, 2635.93, and 2658.72 Å. None of the Pd I lines listed in the NIST database was identified. For Pd III, only the line at 1782.55 Å, which according to the NIST data is the one with the largest intensity in the 1250–3040 Å range, perhaps contributes to a strong blend observed at 1782.6 Å.

Silver (Ag) $Z = 47$: the Ag II lines at 2246.412, 2248.749, 2357.917, and 2411.345 Å were observed. The $\log gf$ values from the NIST database were used when available, otherwise we used the Corliss & Botzman (1962) data, as we did for the line at 2438.325 Å, which is computed as too strong.

Cadmium (Cd) $Z = 48$: the Cd II lines at 2144.393 Å and 2265.019 Å were observed and predicted by adopting a 0.8 overabundance over the solar value. The atomic data are from the Kurucz database. The $\log gf$ values are the same as in the NIST database.

Indium (In) $Z = 49$: the In II line at 1586.331 Å, which is predicted as rather strong for solar abundance and $\log gf$ value from the NIST database, is the main component of a complex blend formed by several other lines. We were unable to determine the indium abundance from the blend.

Barium (Ba) $Z = 56$: the two strongest Ba II lines at 2304.249 Å and 2335.267 Å are heavily blended, and so they cannot be used

to confirm the abundance derived from the optical region. No other Ba II lines were observed.

Ytterbium (Yb) $Z = 70$: we adopted the abundance of -8.10 dex ($[+3.0]$) derived from the UVES spectra. We investigated only the Yb II lines with $\log gf$ available in the NIST database. The lines at 2185.716, 2653.745, and 2750.478 can be observed as single weak lines. Some other lines are weak components of blends. We added to the line list all the Yb III lines from Biémont et al. (2001) with an upper energy level lower than $100\,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$. There are numerous Yb III lines in the spectrum. Their profile is very sharp and would require an abundance about 1 dex larger than that derived from the Yb II lines in order to agree with the computed profiles. The same behavior for Yb II and Yb III abundances was observed in the visible (Castelli & Hubrig 2004).

Osmium (Os) $Z = 76$: no Os II lines were observed.

Iridium (Ir) $Z = 77$: except for the weak line observed at 2245.750 \AA , no other Ir II lines can be conclusively identified in the spectrum. From this line we derived an abundance of -11.15 dex, i.e. an underabundance of $[-0.5]$. The $\log gf$ values for Ir II were taken from the Kurucz database. None of the Ir II lines listed in Ivarsson et al. (2004) was observed in the spectrum, even assuming a solar abundance. The Ir II line at 3042.553 \AA is a minor contributor of a blend with Ti II. The blending was not considered when we analyzed the UVES spectrum, so that we derived a solar iridium abundance (Castelli & Hubrig 2004).

Platinum (Pt) $Z = 78$: for Pt II and Pt III we adopted the lines and the transition probabilities listed by Wyart et al. (1995) and by Ryabtsev et al. (1993), respectively. We did not find any clear evidence for a Pt overabundance. Only the Pt II line at 1777.086 \AA is predicted with solar abundance and observed. It is a blend with Fe II 1777.058 \AA , which is computed as weaker than observed, but an overabundance of platinum gives rise to computed lines not observed in the spectrum. We believe that the line at 4514.124 \AA , identified as Pt II in the UVES spectrum (Castelli & Hubrig 2004), is actually due to some other element.

Gold (Au) $Z = 79$: gold is overabundant by 3.6 dex. The abundance from the optical region adequately reproduces the numerous Au II lines observed in the ultraviolet. A few of them are unblended, good examples being the Au II lines at 1469.142, 1673.587, 1740.475, 1793.297 (blend), and 1800.579 \AA . There are several predicted Au III lines, but they are all blended, except for those at 1365.382 and 1385.768 \AA . We adopted the Au II and Au III line lists from Rosberg & Wyart (1997) and Wyart et al. (1996), respectively.

Mercury (Hg) $Z = 80$: the $\log gf$ values for Hg I and Hg II were taken from the NIST database. For Hg III we considered only the three lines at 1360.509, 1647.482, and 1738.540 \AA listed by Proffitt et al. (1999). The abundance of -6.60 dex is well suited to reproducing the lines in the ultraviolet, while -6.30 dex derived from the Hg II line at 3984 \AA (Castelli & Hubrig 2004) is too large. We did not consider any hyperfine structure in the computation of the ultraviolet lines. For Hg I, the line at 1849.499 \AA is blended, while the line at 2536.521 \AA is very weak. No other lines with available $\log gf$ values were observed. Numerous lines of Hg II were observed and computed. For instance, the line at 1942.273 \AA is strong, but it is blended with Mn II at 1942.344 \AA . Two lines at 1321.712 \AA and 1331.738 \AA are single and well reproduced, those at 1354.289, 1539.142, and 1869.226 \AA are strong, but blended. For Hg III, the line at 1360.509 \AA is computed as too strong, that at 1647.471 \AA would be adequately reproduced if the Mn III line at 1647.497 \AA

were omitted; finally, the line at 1738.540 \AA is blended with numerous other components.

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