A NEW PG 1159-TYPE CENTRAL STAR DISCOVERED IN THE ROSAT XRT ALL SKY SURVEY: NON-LTE ANALYSIS OF X-RAY AND OPTICAL SPECTRA

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We report on the discovery of a new PG 1159 star in the ROSAT XRT all sky survey and give results of a model atmosphere analysis. The X-ray source RX J2117.1+3412 is relatively faint (0.33 cnt s⁻¹) and extremely soft. Ground based optical followup spectroscopy (OHP, France) proofs its PG 1159 nature: It belongs to the "low gravity emission" spectral subtype. Optically, it is the second brightest PG 1159 star. CCD [O III] imagery reveals that the star is surrounded by an old arc-shaped planetary nebula of faint surface brightness. The spectral analysis of the central star was performed with non-LTE line blanketed model atmospheres (Werner 1992). We find a complete agreement between the atmospheric parameters determined at optical wavelengths and in the ROSAT PSPC energy range.

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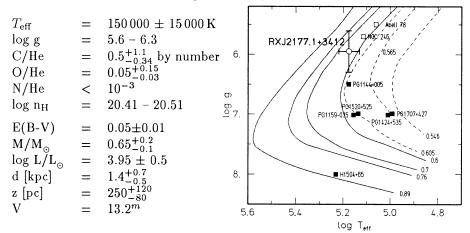


Fig. 1: Position of the new PG 1159- and other H-deficient stars in the log g-log Teff diagram. Open squares: central stars, solid lines: He burners, dashed: H burners.