

# Can Raman O VI Features Trace the Evolutionary Paths of Symbiotic Stars?

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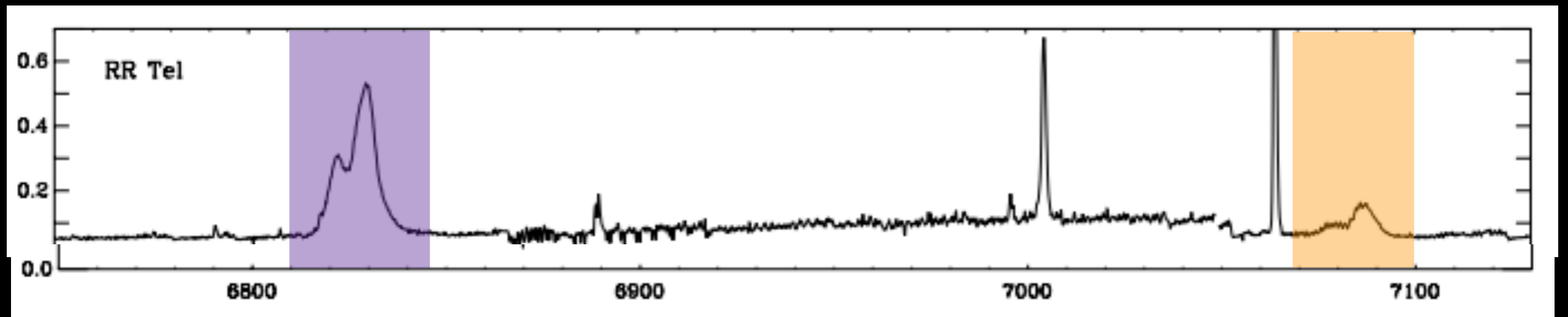
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# Raman O VI Features

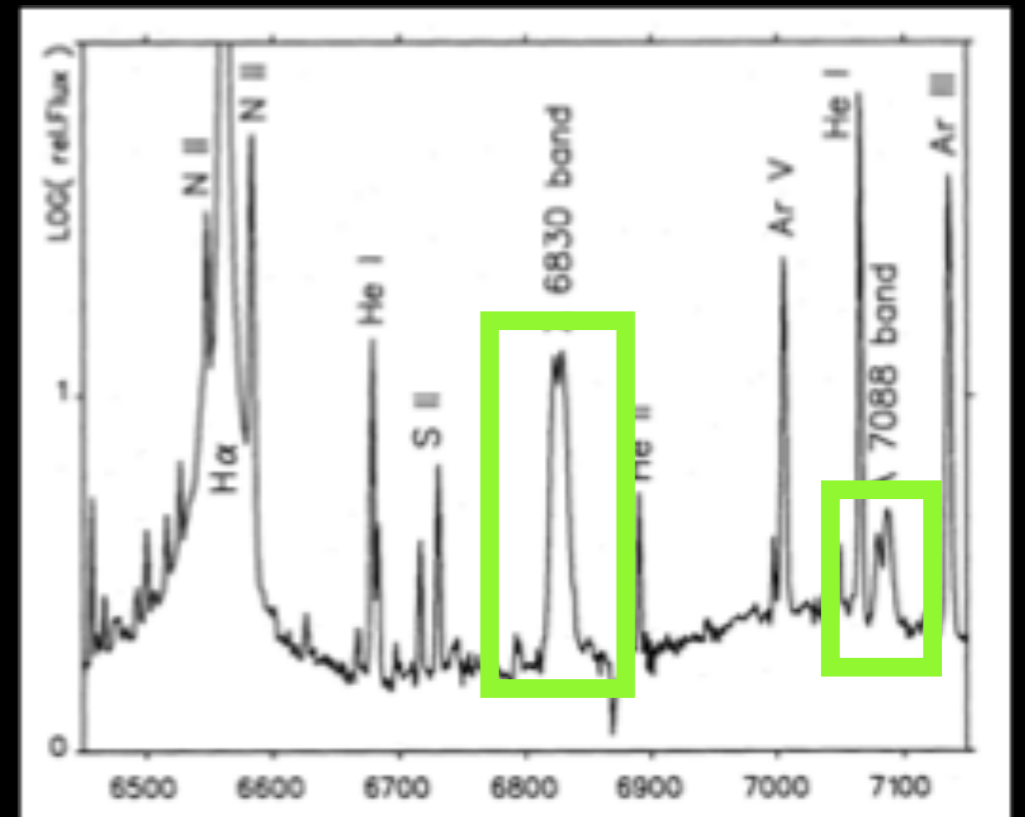
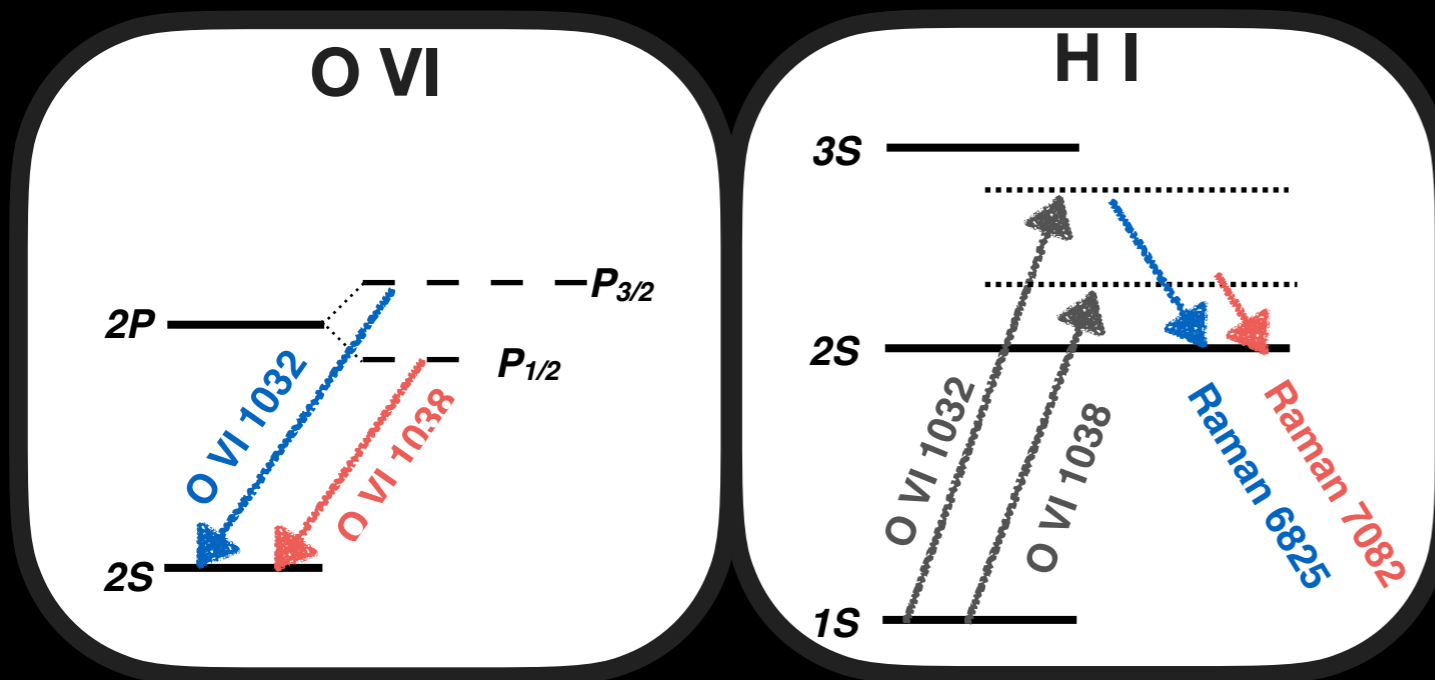
- Two emission bands at 6825 and 7082Å with a broad width of 20-30Å
- They have been detected only in SySts



Munari et al., 1992

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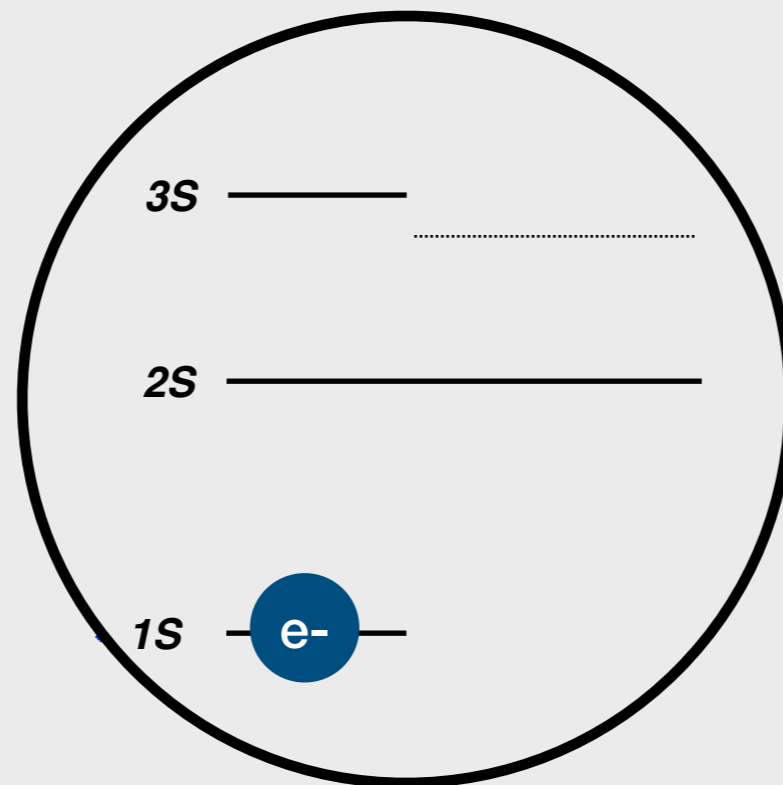
- In 1989, Schmid identified those features as **Raman-scattering of O VI  $\lambda\lambda$  1032 and 1038 doublet by H I**



Schmid H. M., 1989

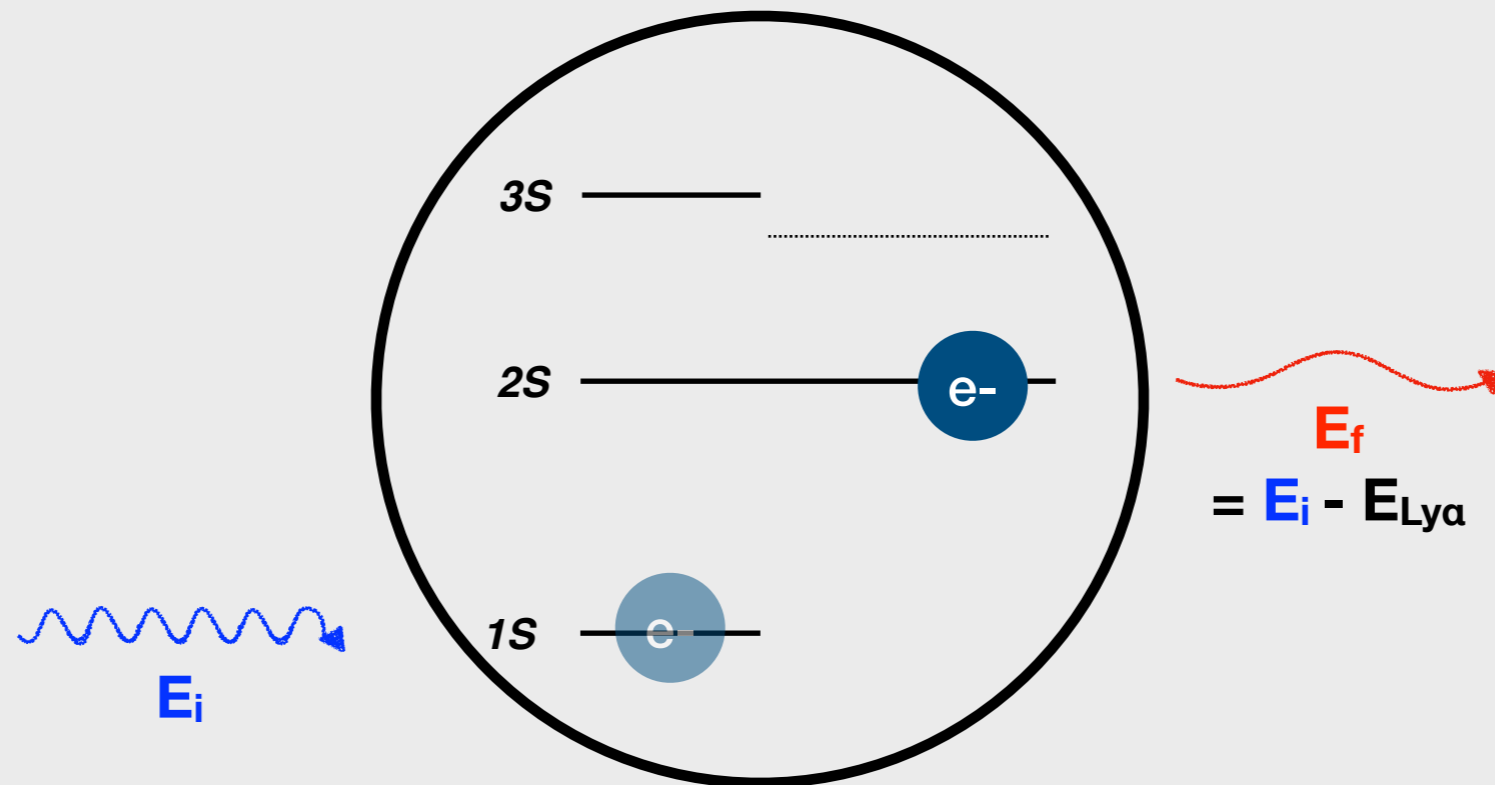
# Raman Scattering by Atomic Hydrogen

## Atomic Hydrogen

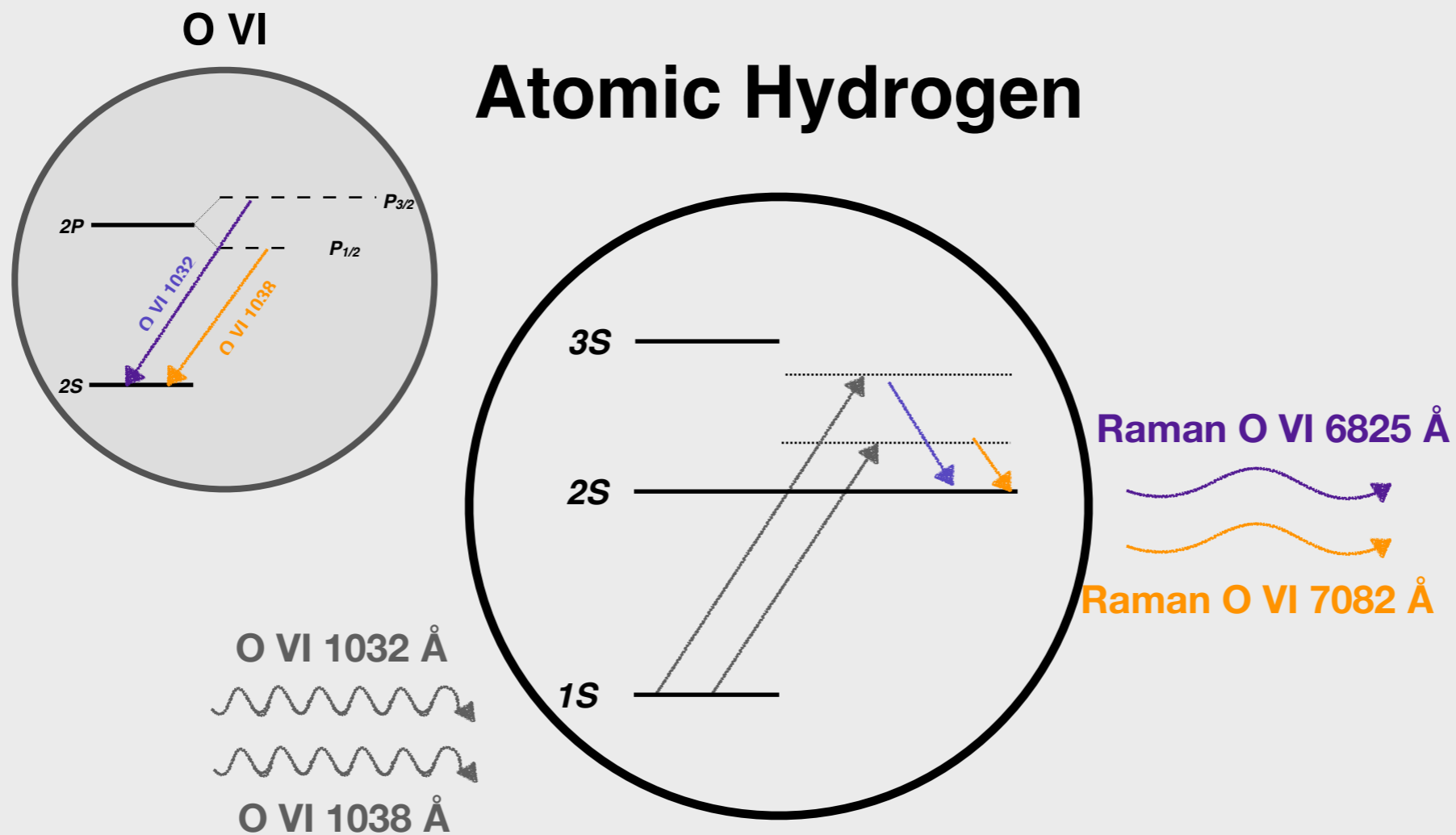


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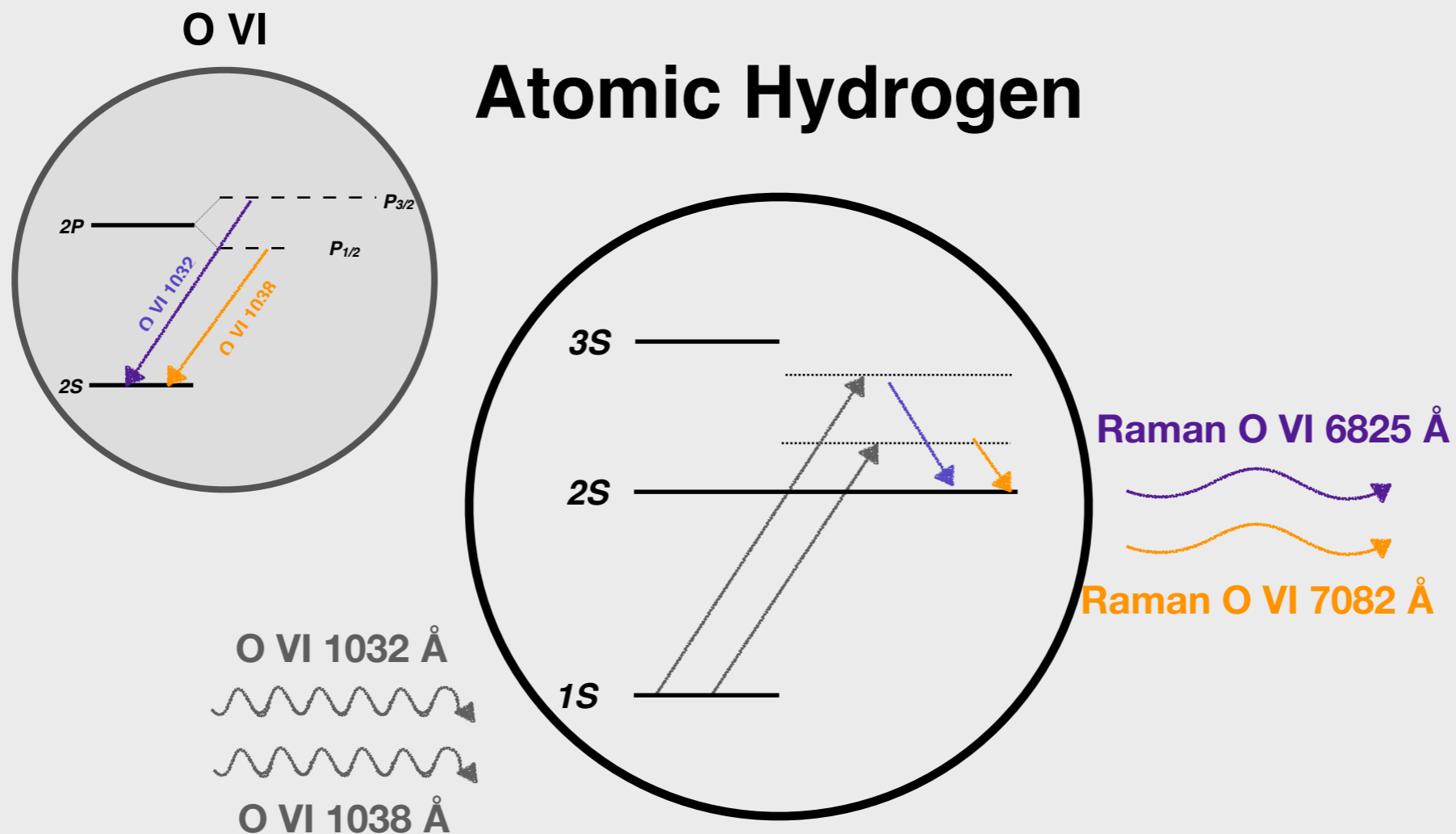
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# Raman-scattered O VI Features



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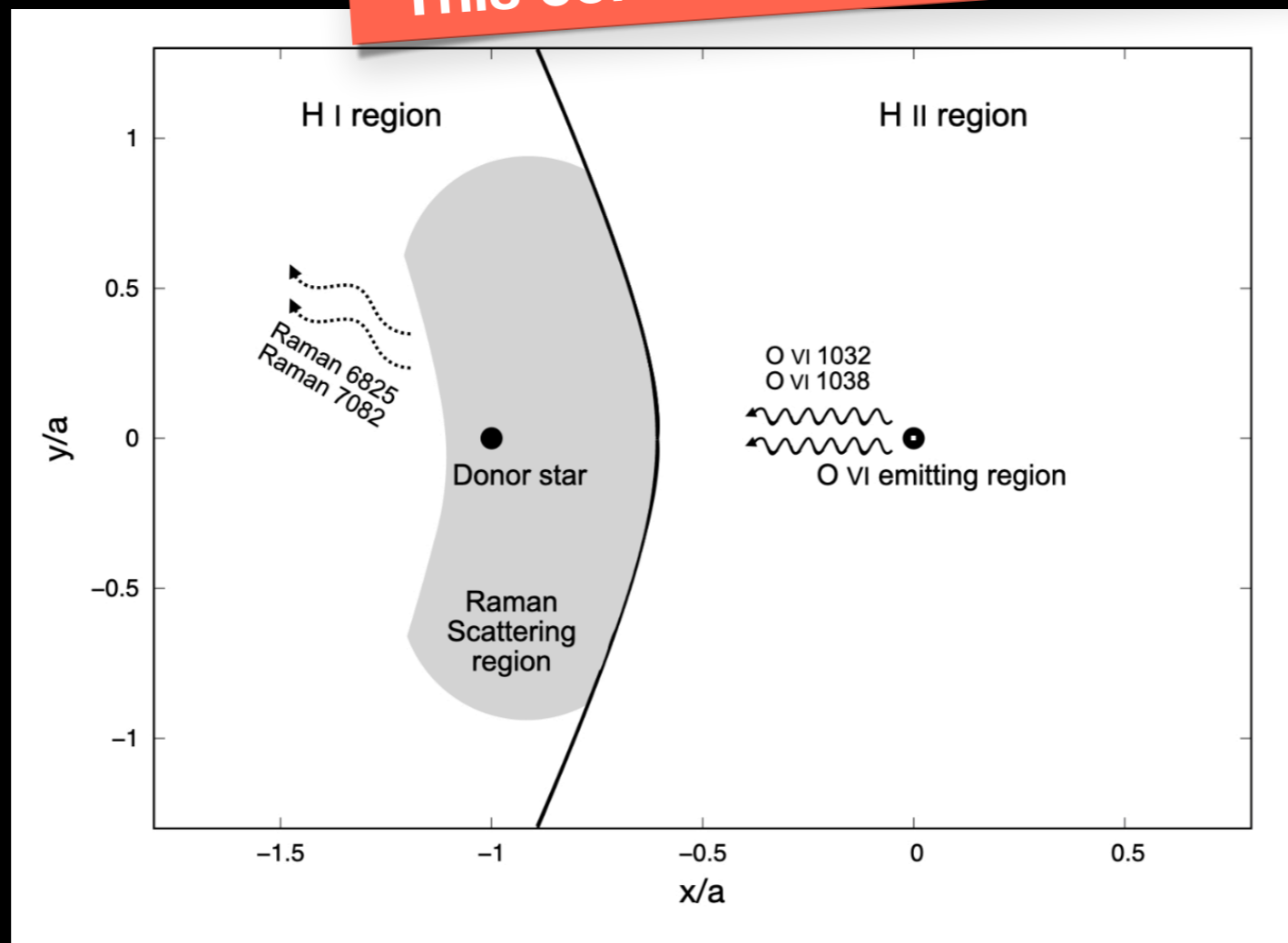


**A very strong far-UV emission source**  
+  
**A thick neutral hydrogen region**

# Raman O VI in SySts

- **A very strong far-UV emission source:**  
Accretion around the white dwarf
- **A thick neutral component:**  
the stellar wind of the cool giant

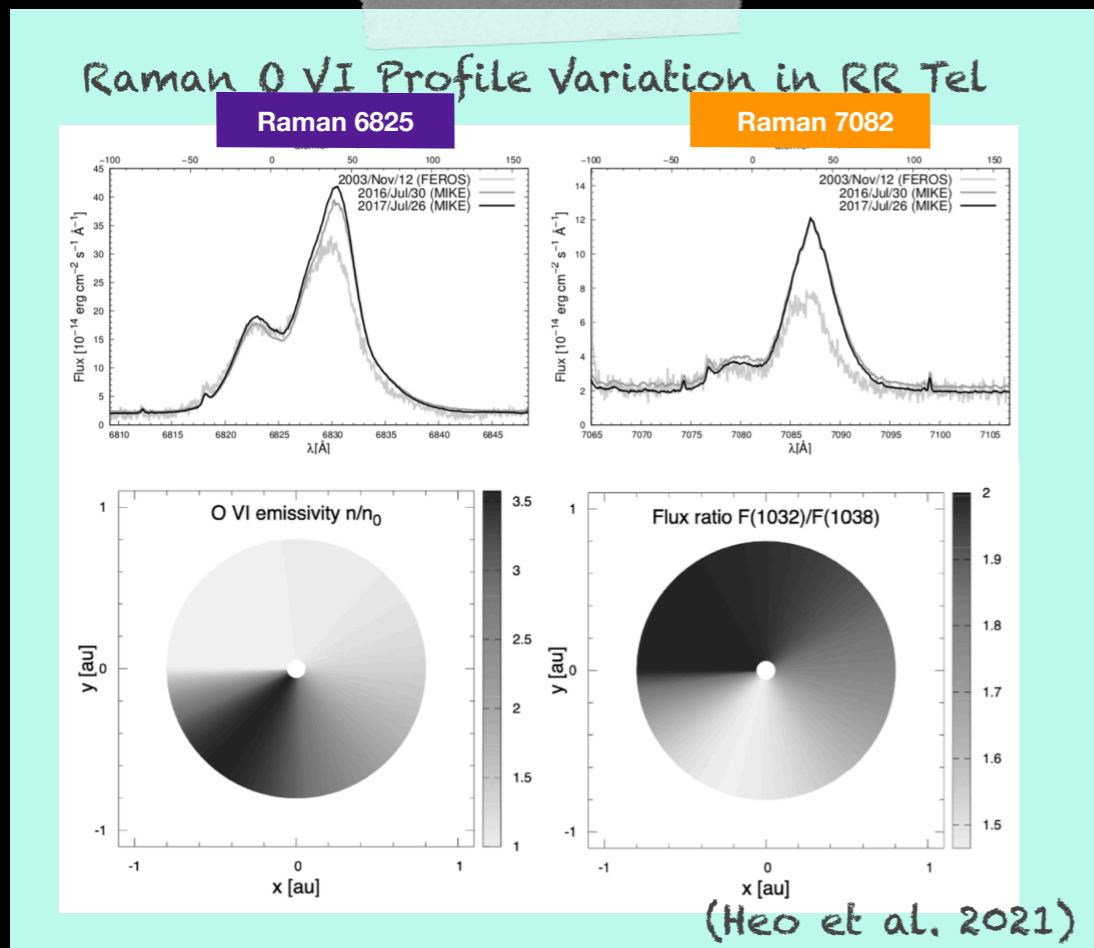
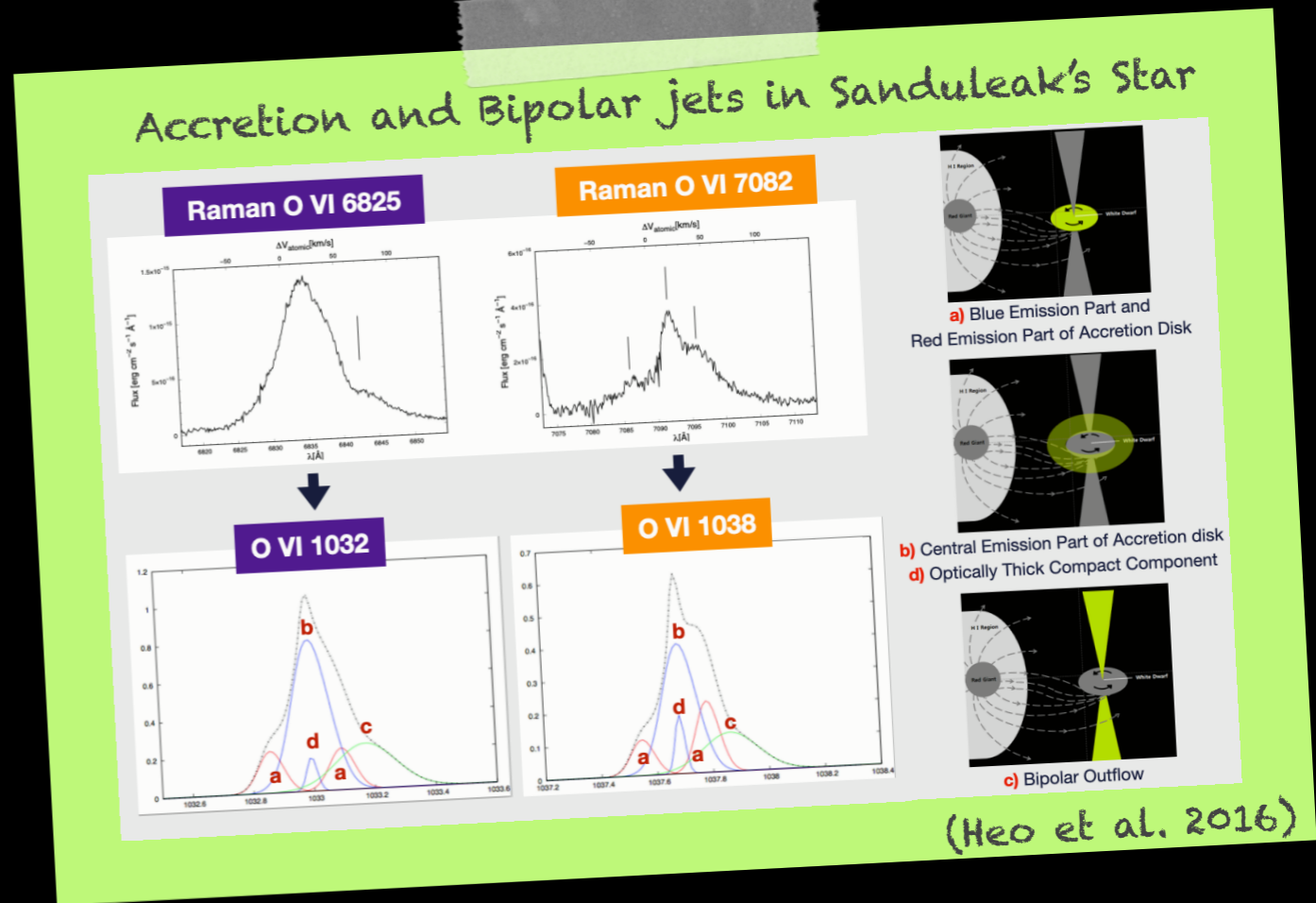
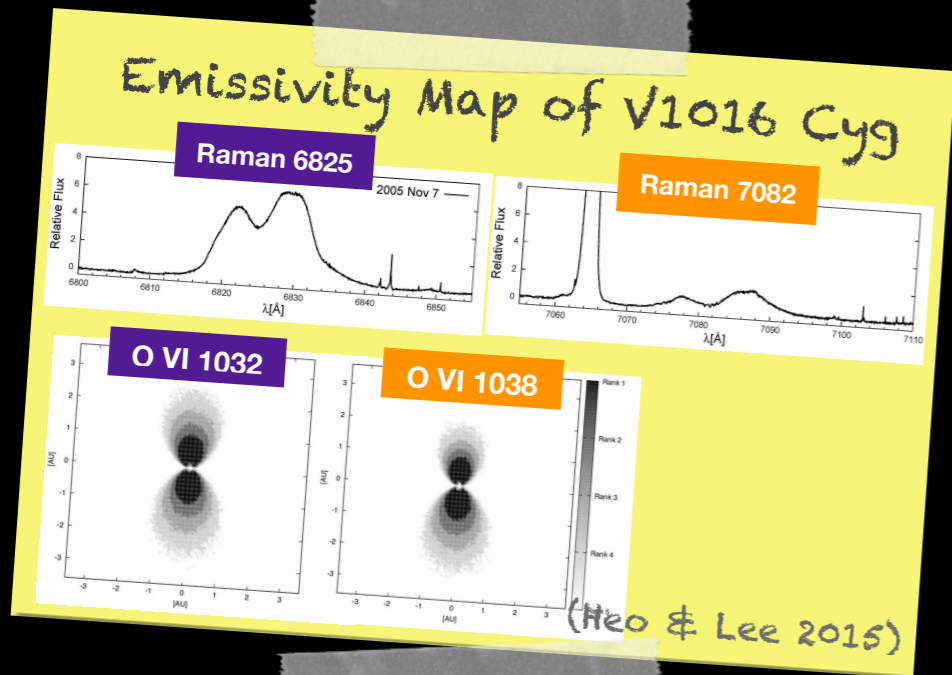
This condition is ideally met in symbiotic stars.



(Heo et al. 2021)



# Profile Analysis of Raman O VI

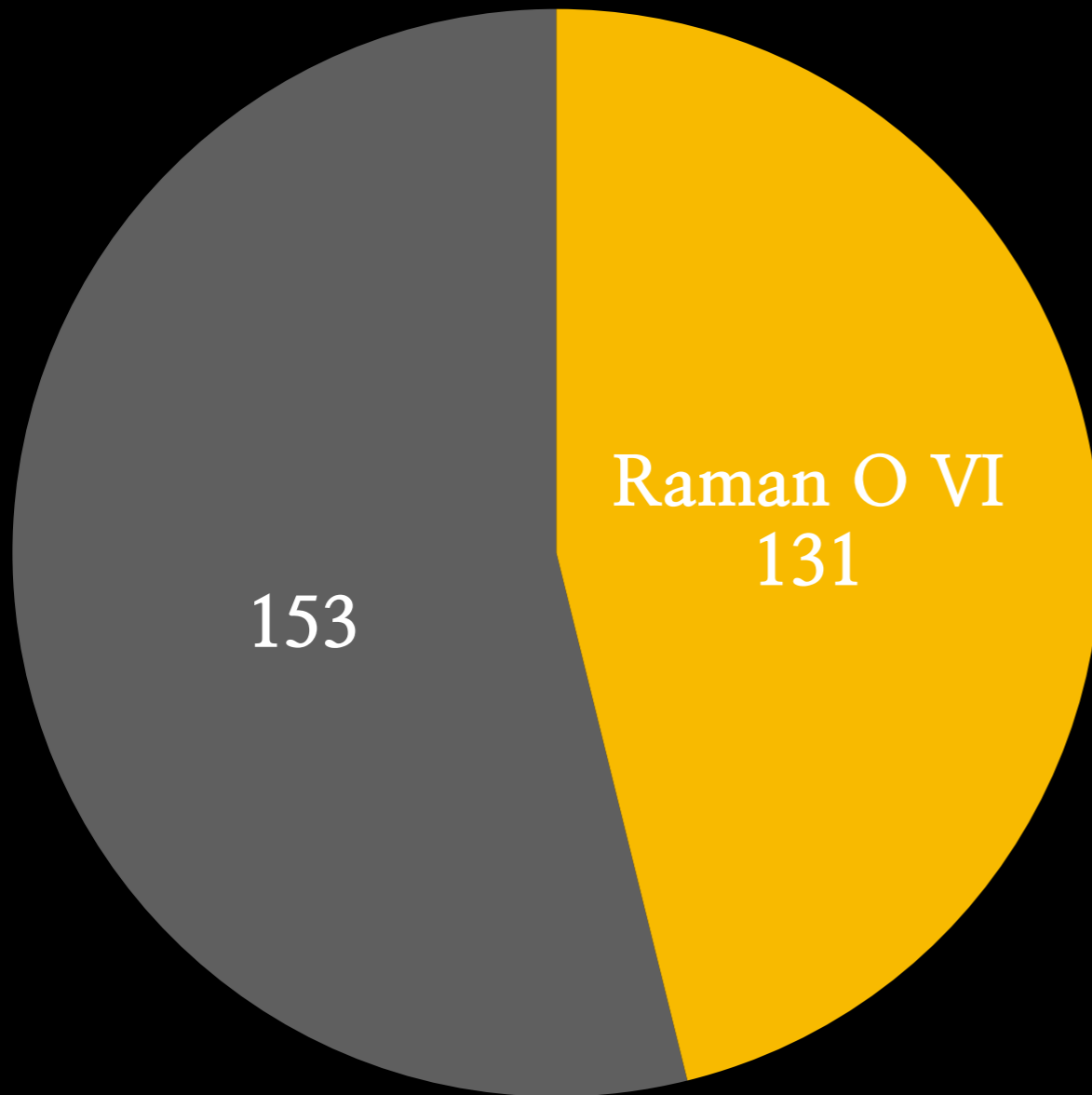


- **Relative motion** of the incident radiation source and the hydrogen gas.
- These Raman O VI features provide valuable insights into the **dynamics and geometry** of the system.

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# Galactic SySts

Confirmed Galactic SySts (284)



New Online Database of Symbiotic Variables  
(June 02, 2024)

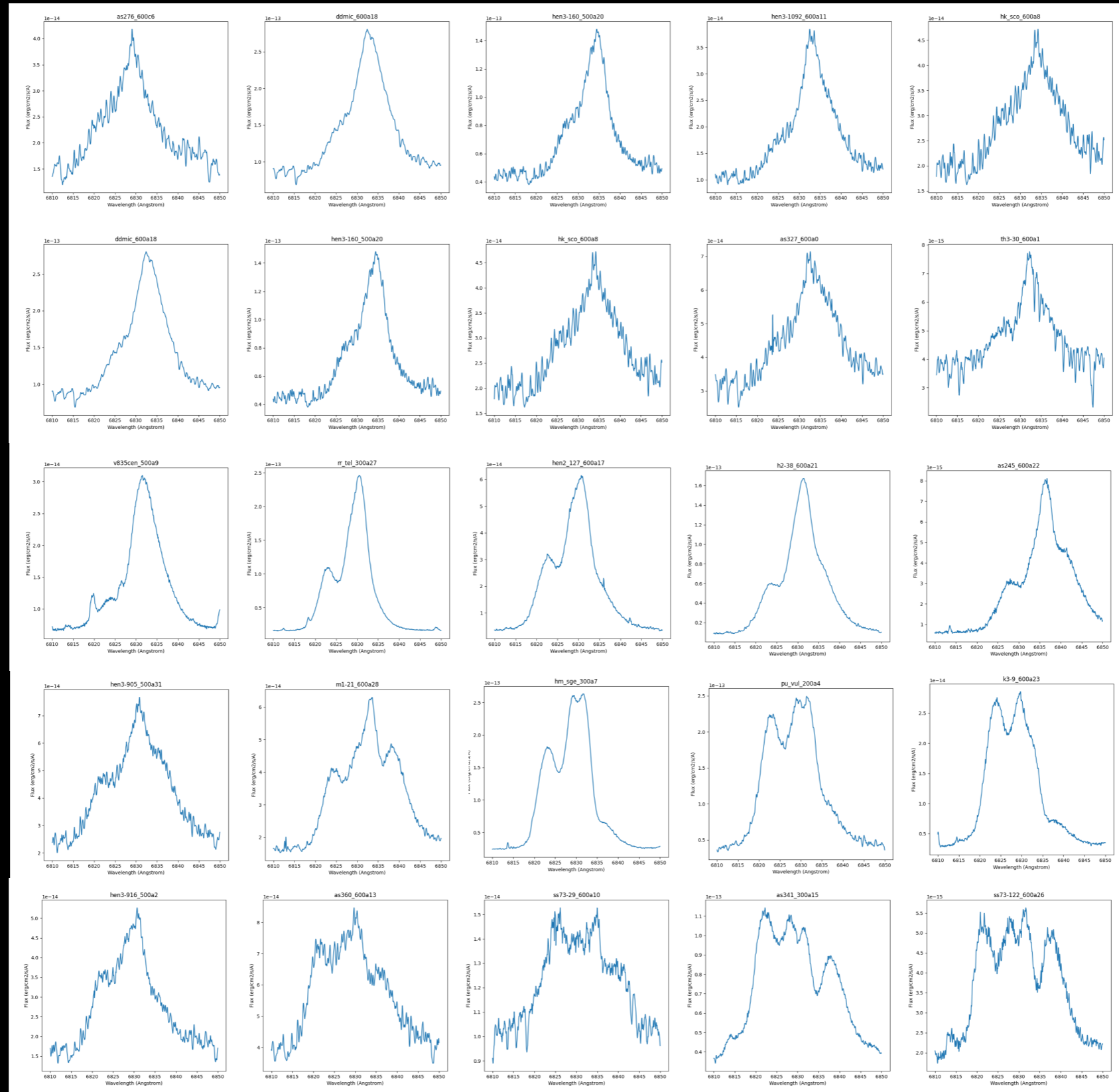
# High-R. Data (2016–2022)

The Magellan Inamori Kyocera Echelle spectrograph (MIKE)

- 6.5 m Magellan–Clay/ MIKE, Las Campanas Observatory, Chile
- $\lambda$ : 3200–5000Å (Blue), 4900–10000Å (Red)
- $R \sim 41,500$  (Blue) ,  $\sim 32,500$  (Red)
- Reduced with the CarPy pipeline

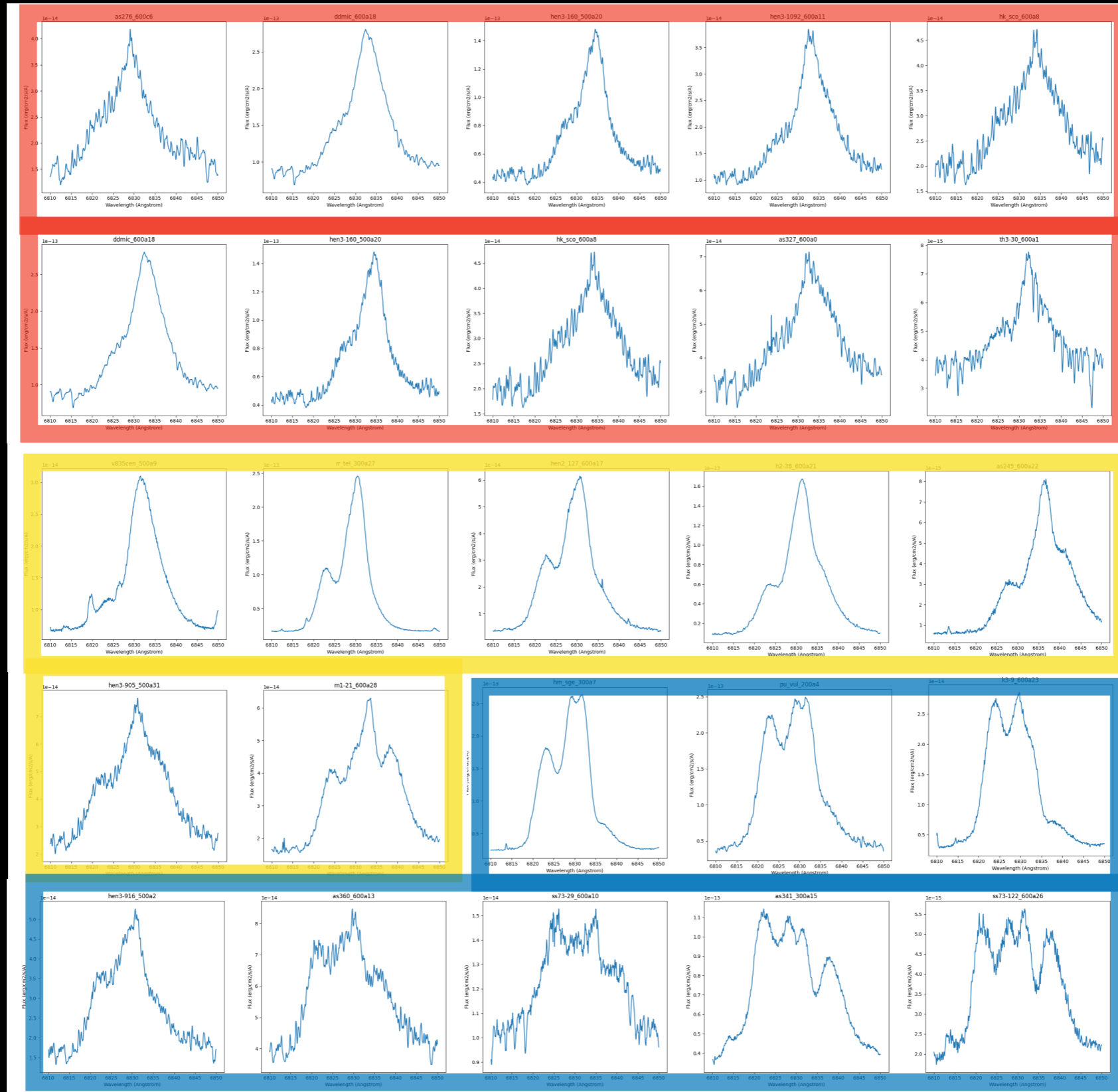


# Raman O VI 6825 in Galactic SySts



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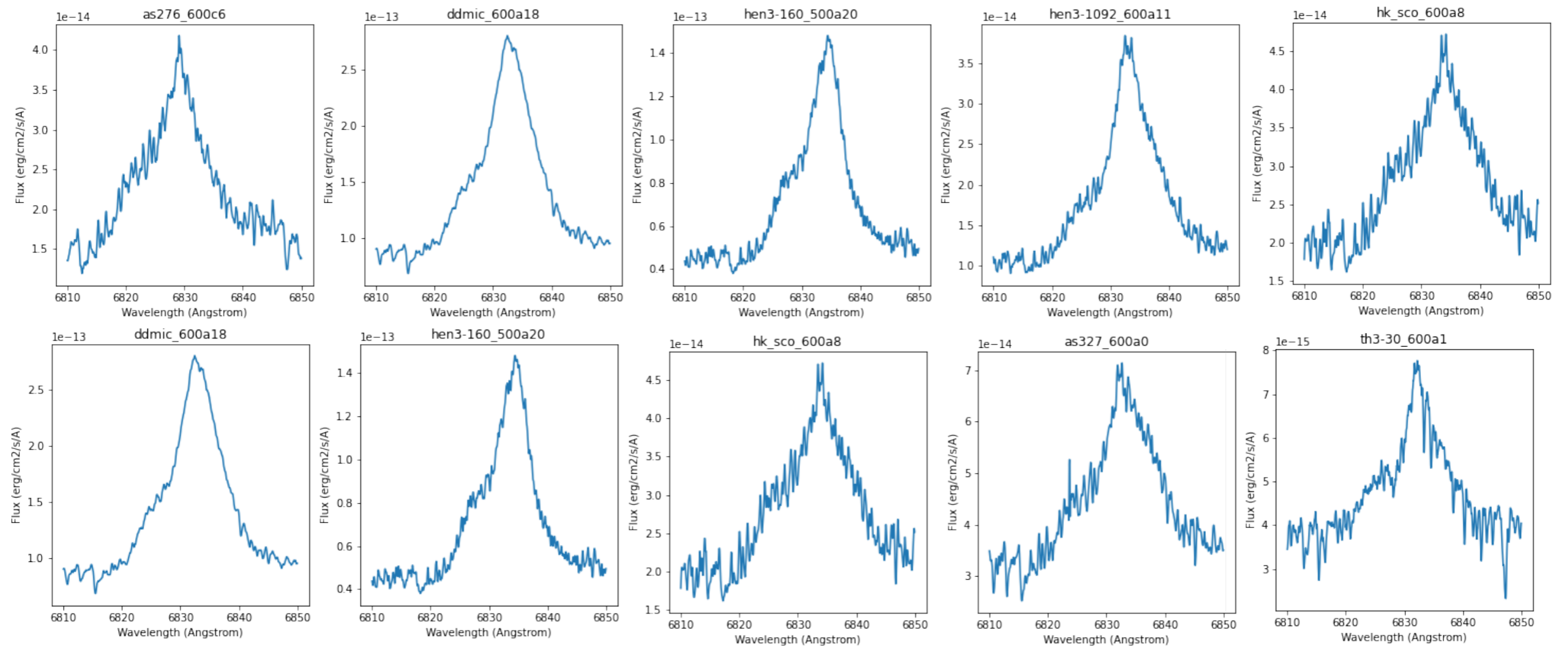
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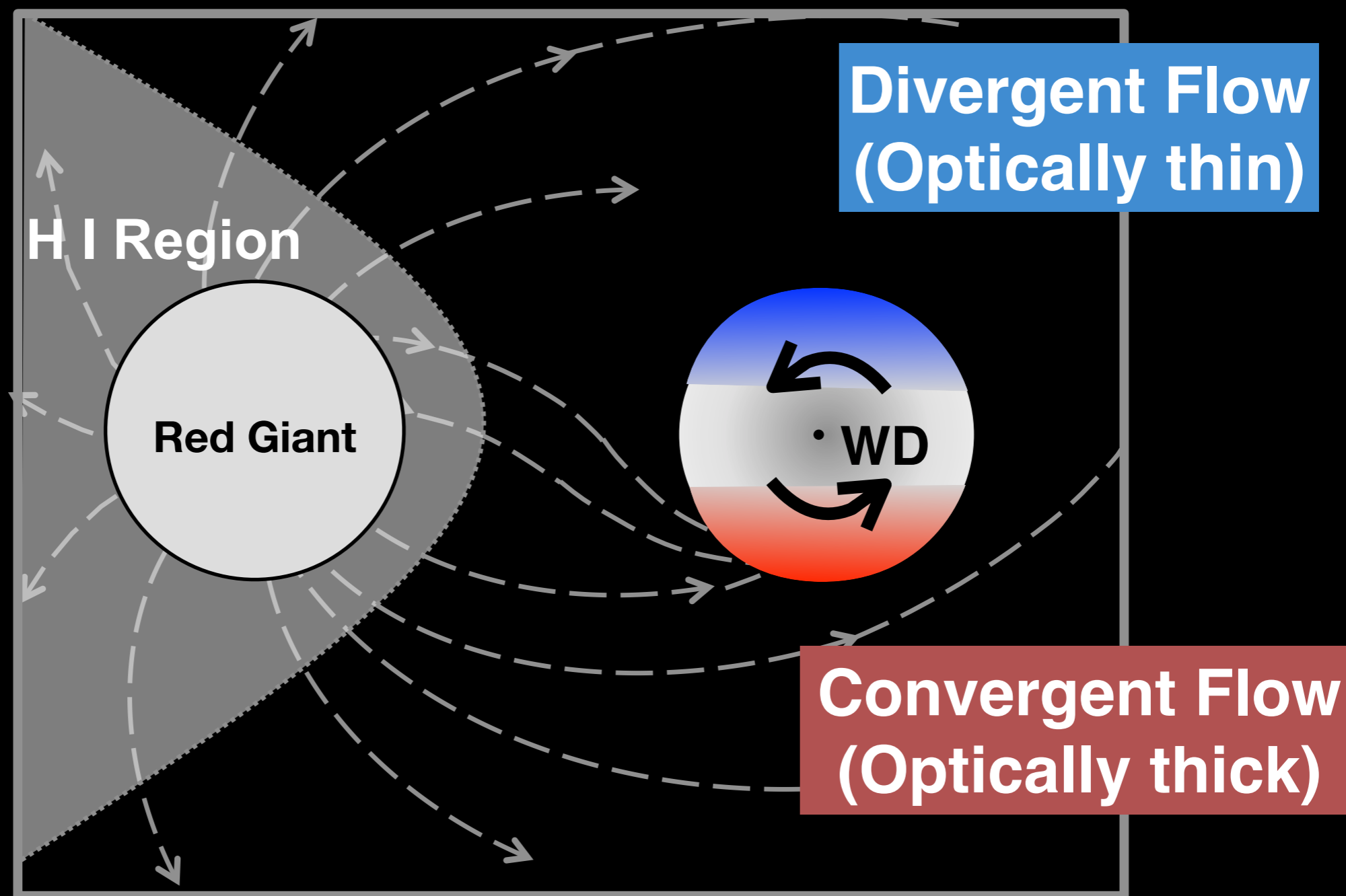
## 1) Single peaked profile



- Widths < 30Å
- Red-shifted profiles

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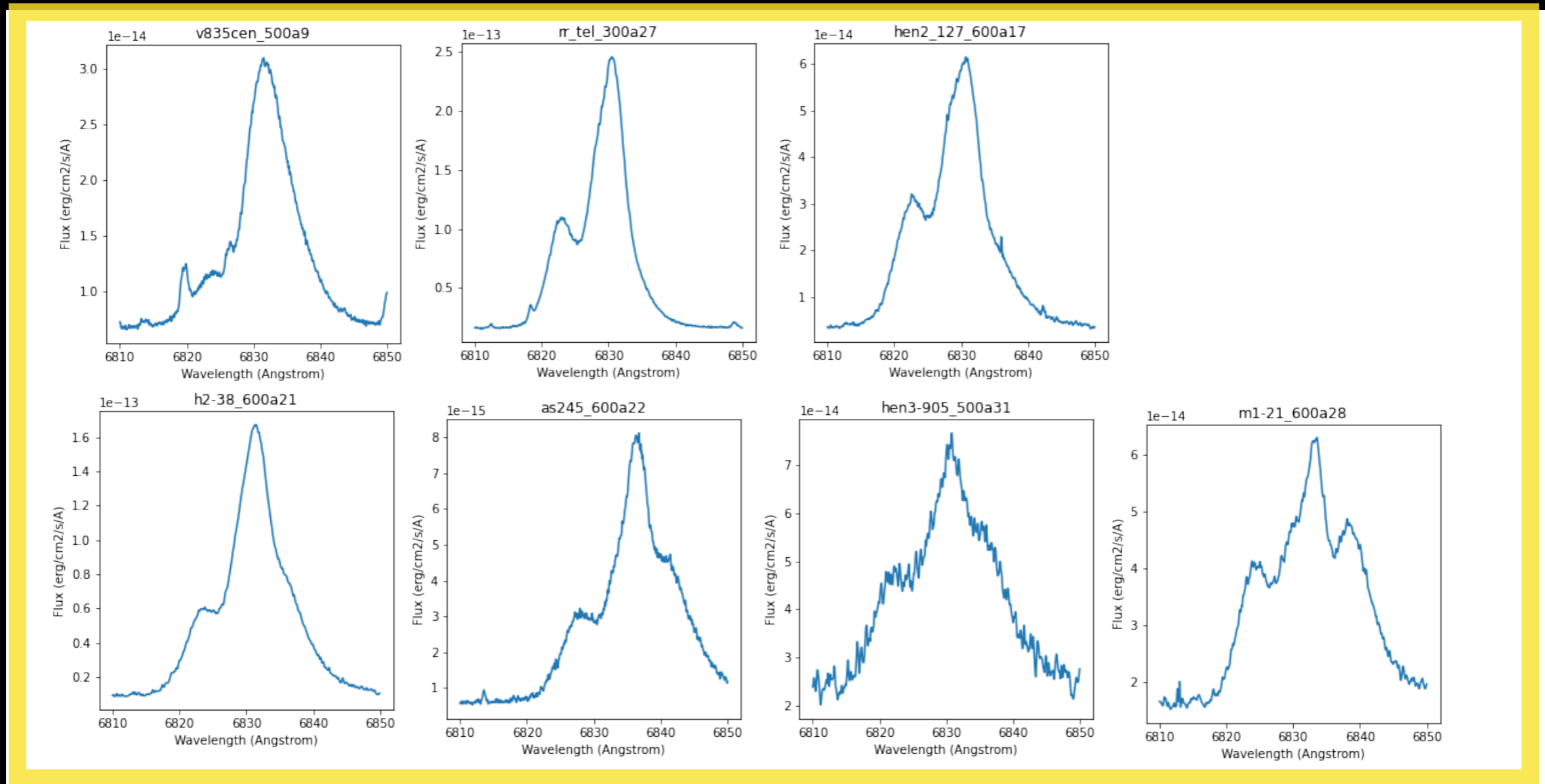
# Raman O VI and Accretion Flow





# Raman O VI 6825 in Galactic SySts

## 2) Double/triple with dominant second peak



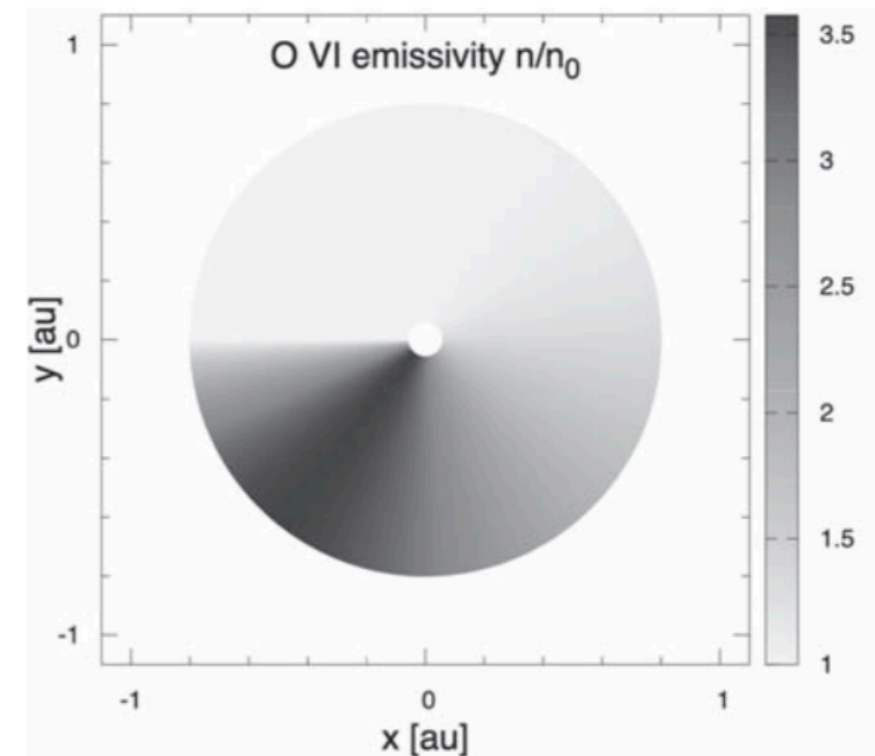
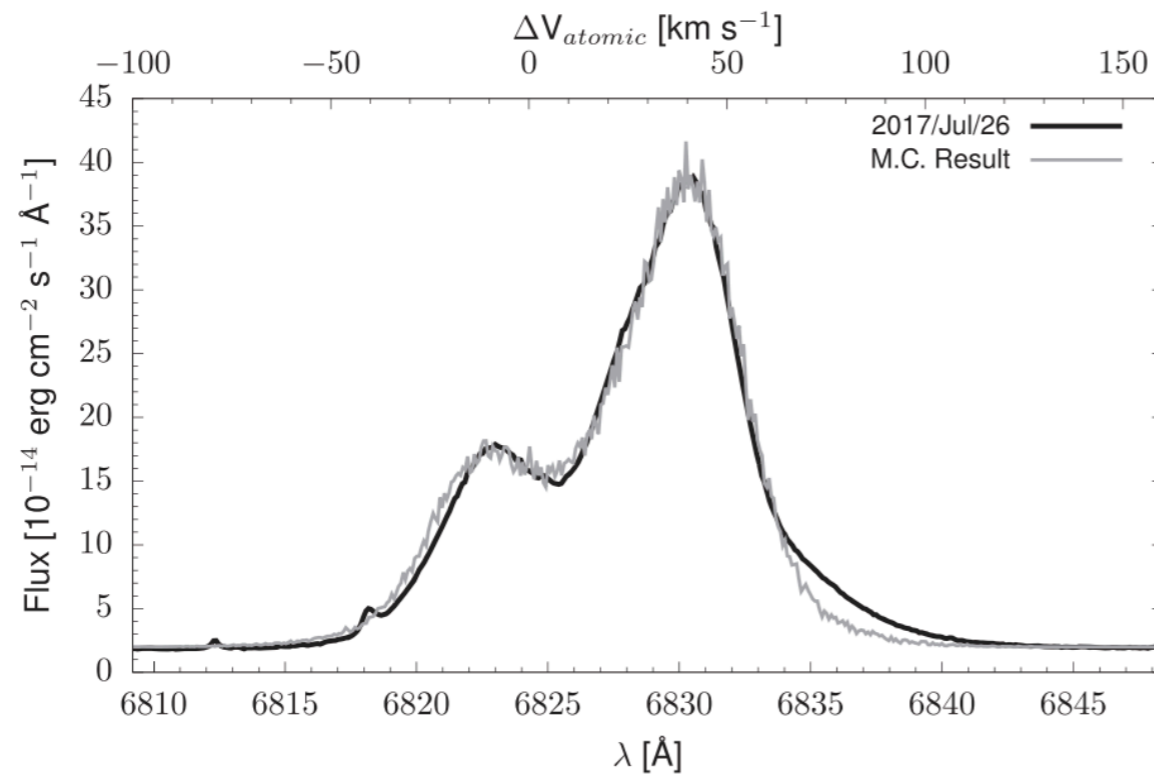
- Clear double peak structure

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## 2) Double/triple with dominant second peak

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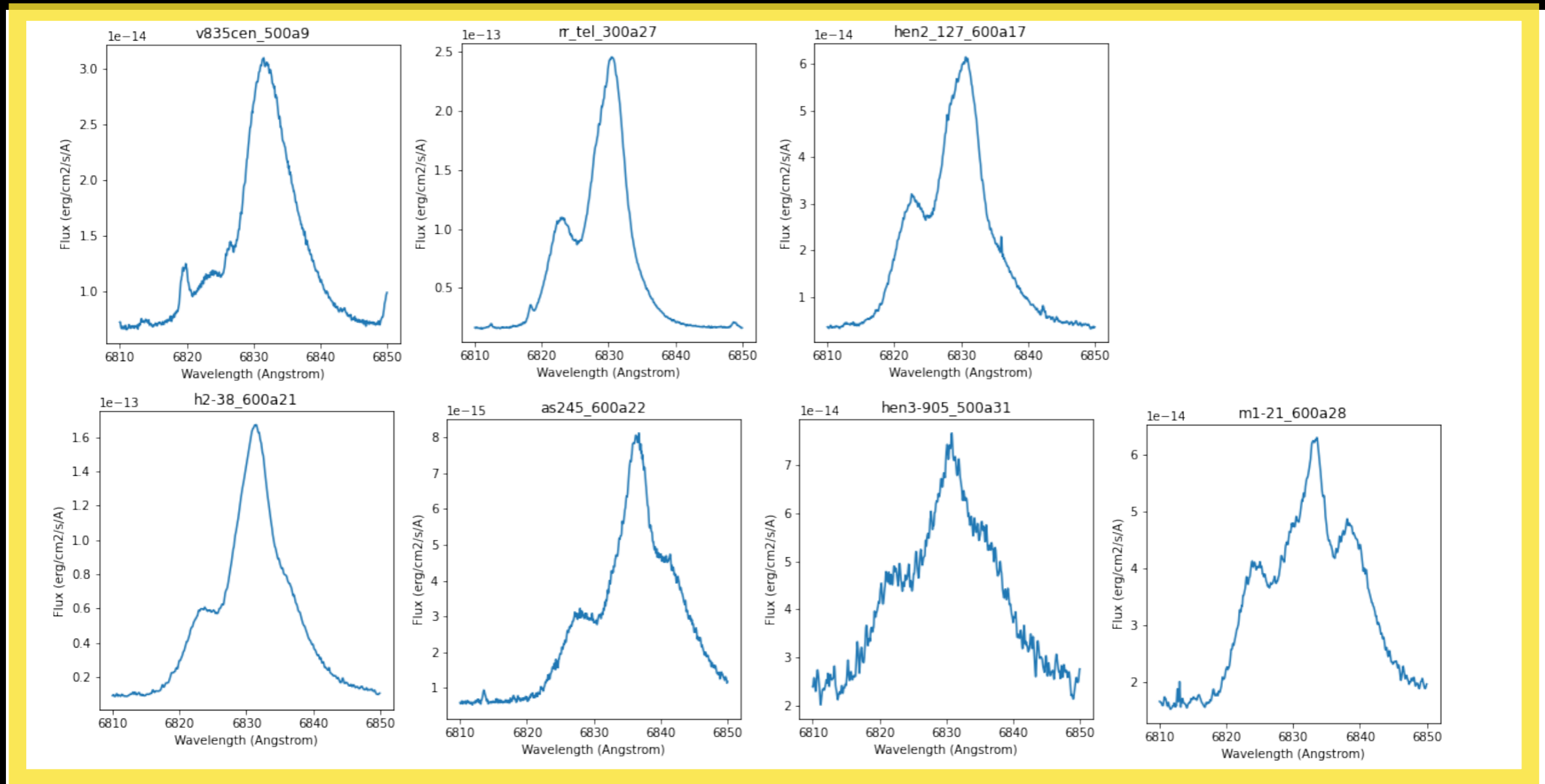


(Heo et al. 2021)

- Keplerian accretion disk model with **azimuthally asymmetric matter distribution**:  
 $v_{\min} \sim 35 \text{ km/s}$ , a physical size of the disk  $\sim 0.8 \text{ au}$
- **Stellar wind and STB ionization front model**:  
Mira wind  $v_{\infty} \sim 20 \text{ km/s}$  and  $\dot{M}_{\text{loss}} \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- **Double peak profile and the stable accretion disk**

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## 2) Double/triple with dominant second peak

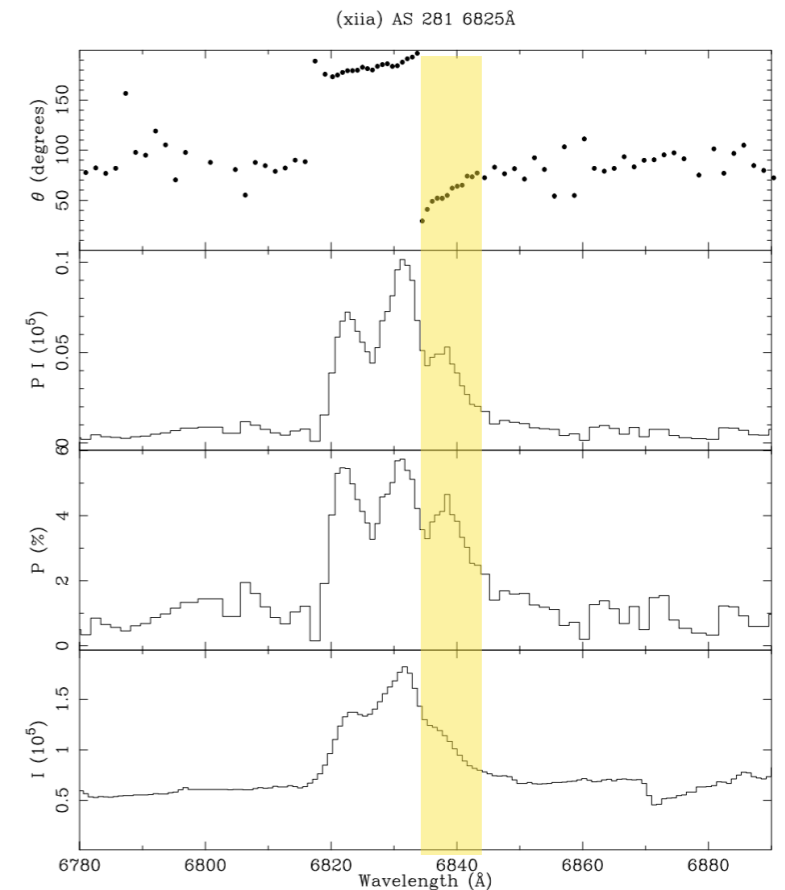
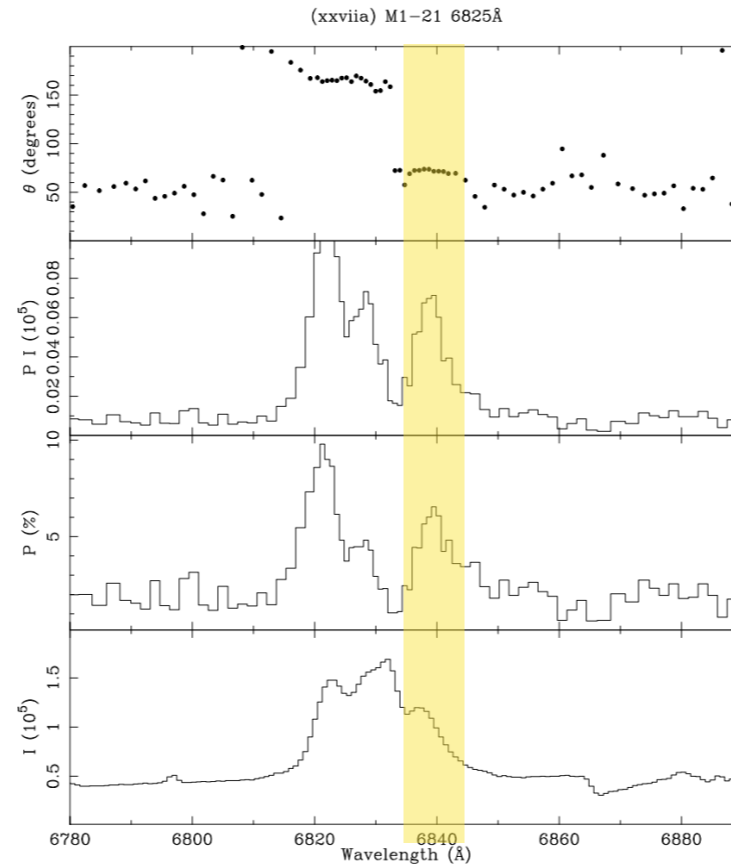
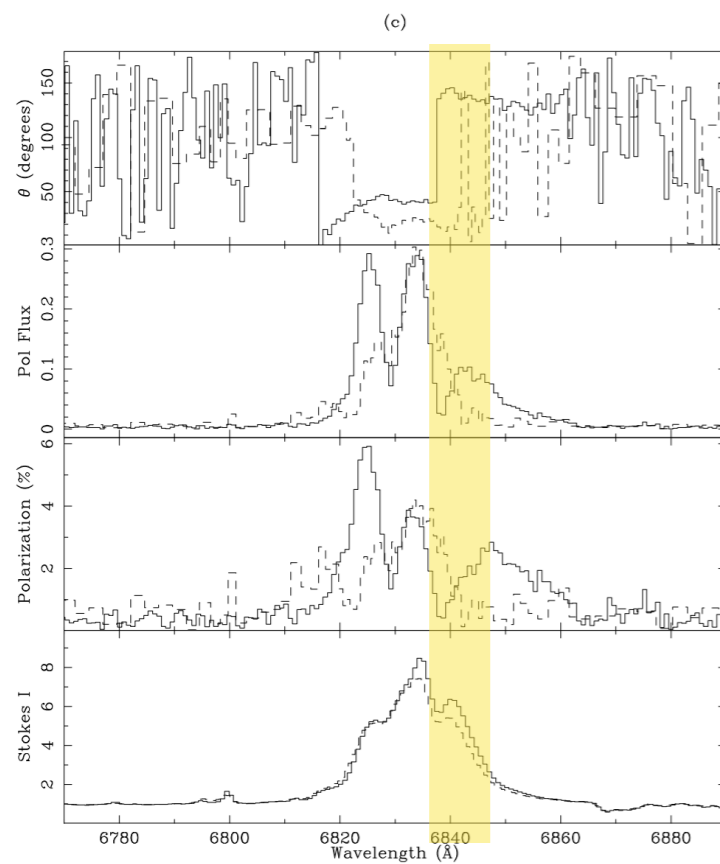


- Clear double peak structure
- Third peak at ~80km/s

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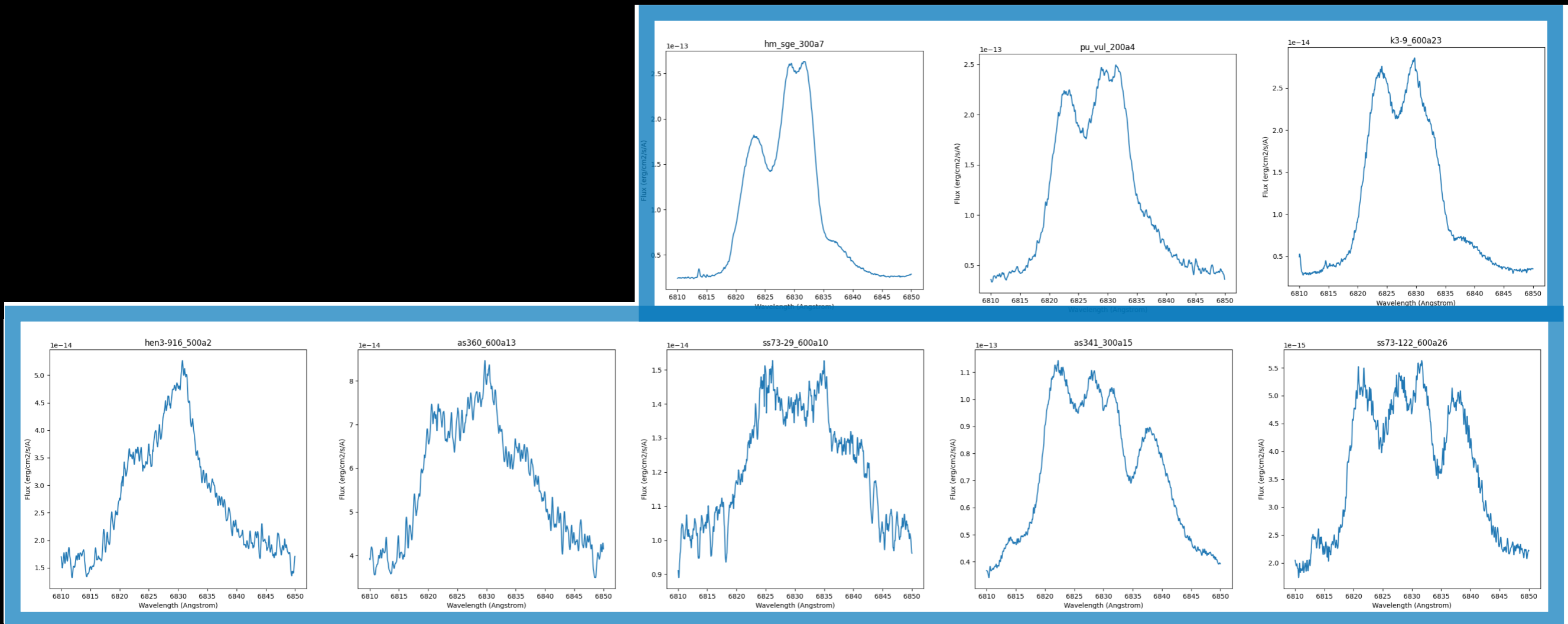


Harries, T. J., & Howarth, I. D. (1996)

- Third peak and jet?

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## 3) Multiple peak with enhanced first peak



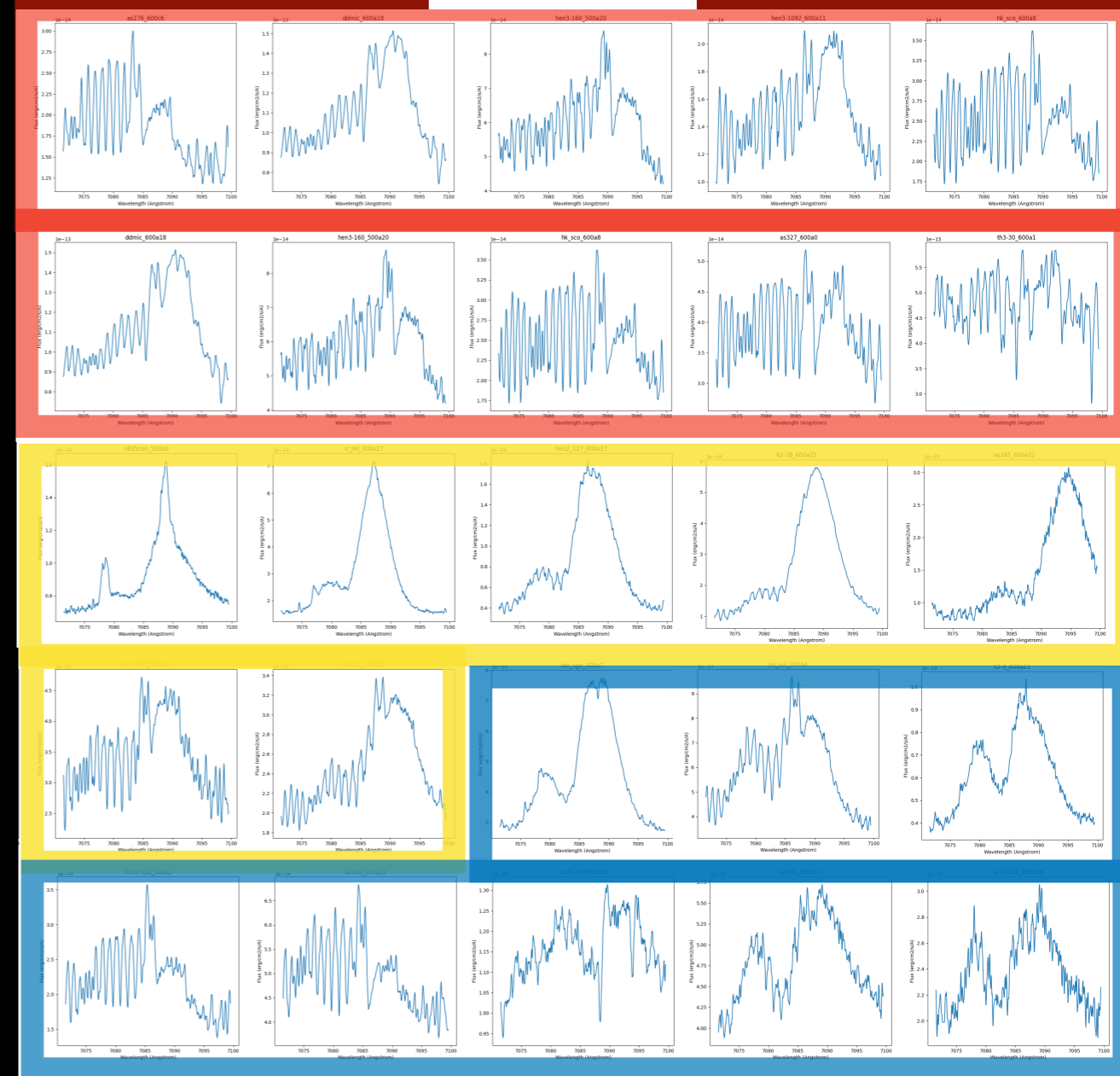
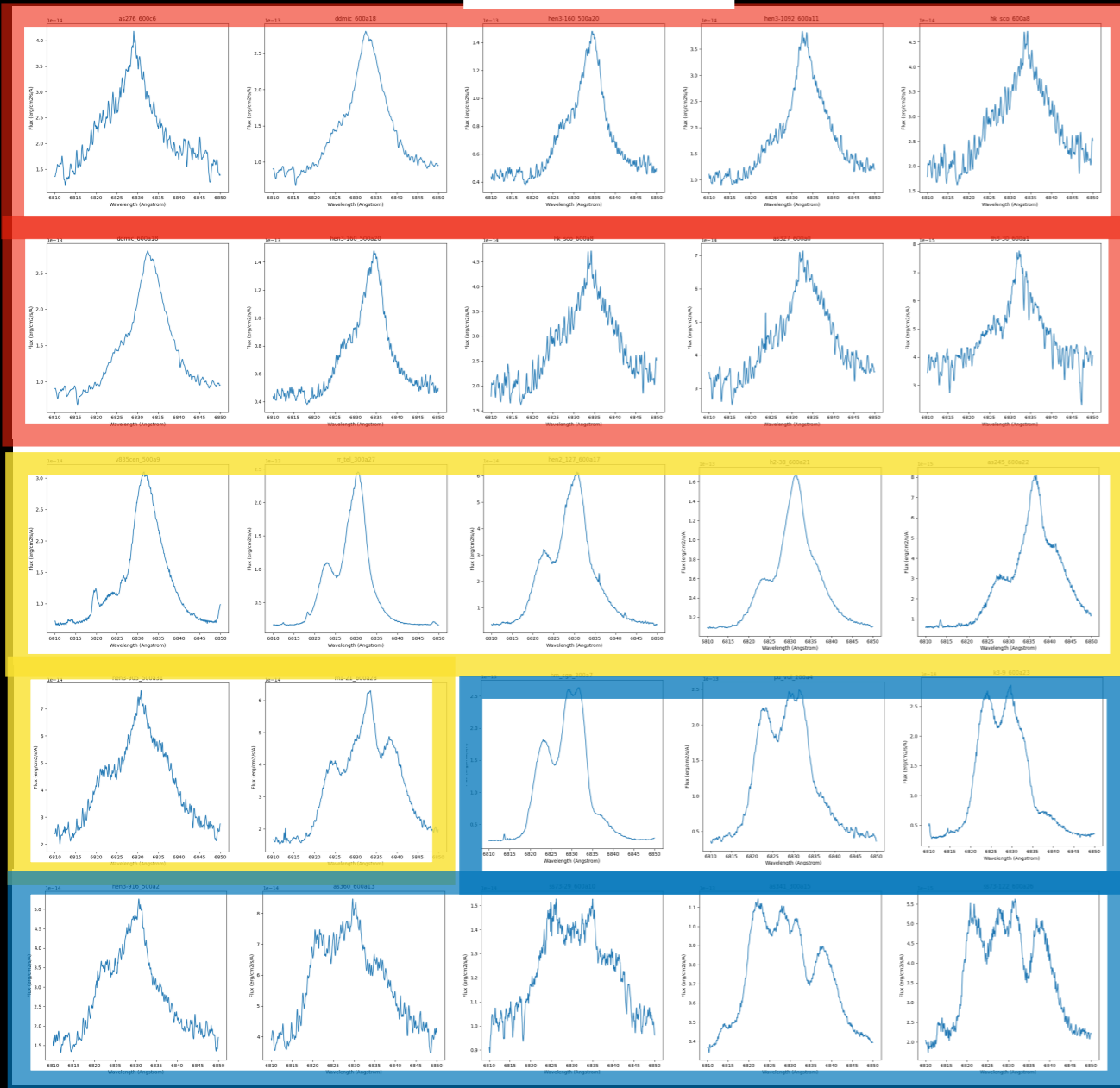
- Multi components with clumpy structures?
- Circumstellar binary medium?

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# Raman 6825 & 7082

## Raman 6825

## Raman 7082



- The Raman O VI features at 6825 & 7082 have different profiles despite having the same origin.
- The combination of differing scattering cross-sections and optical depth, kinematic effects, and the physical conditions of the scattering region all contribute to these observed differences.

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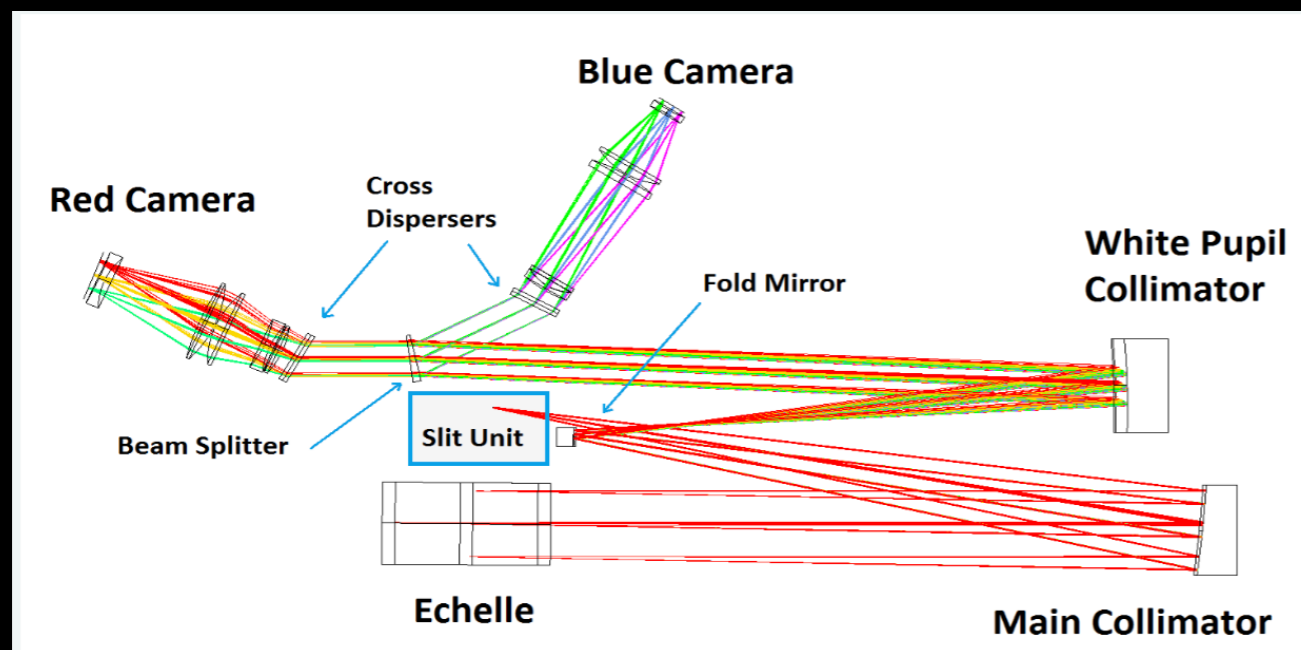
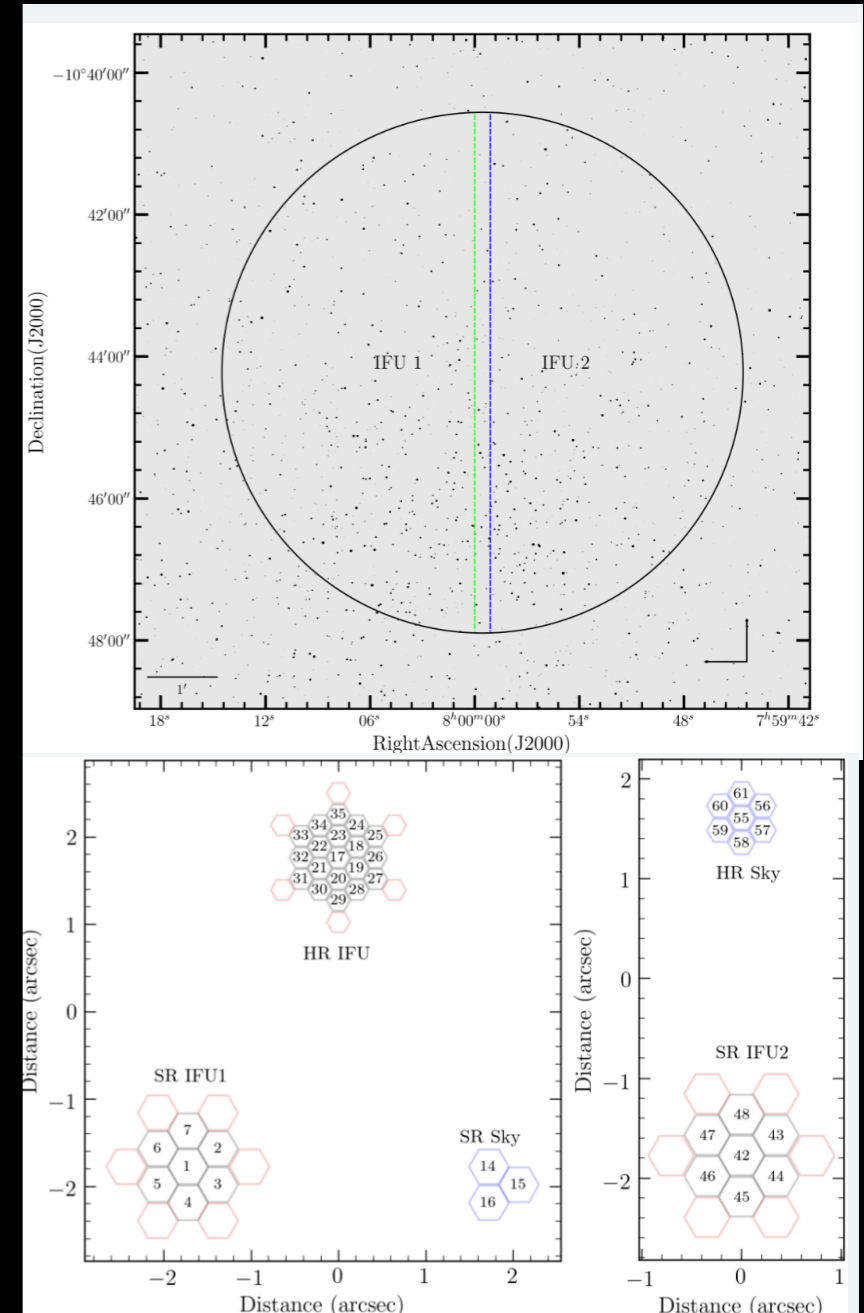
- Physical parameters (e.g., orbital period, IR properties, WD temperature, the stellar type of the cool companion) in the observed SySts.  
→ **The evolutionary stage of the SySts forming Raman O VI features**
- Flux ratios of strong emission lines (e.g.,  $F(\text{Raman}6830)/F(\text{HeII}4686)$ )  
→ **A new diagnostic tool to characterize the symbiotic nebulae**
- Outburst history  
→ to confirm our scenario that Raman O VI profiles provide information of bipolar jet outflow
- X-ray characteristics  
→ The hardness of X-ray depends on the existence of accretion and nuclear burning on their WD surface

# GHOST

## Gemini High-resolution Optical SpecTrograph



- Total wavelength range: 363–950 nm
- Standard Resolution mode:  
R~50,000 (single/ dual targets mode)
- High resolution mode:  
R~75,000 single target

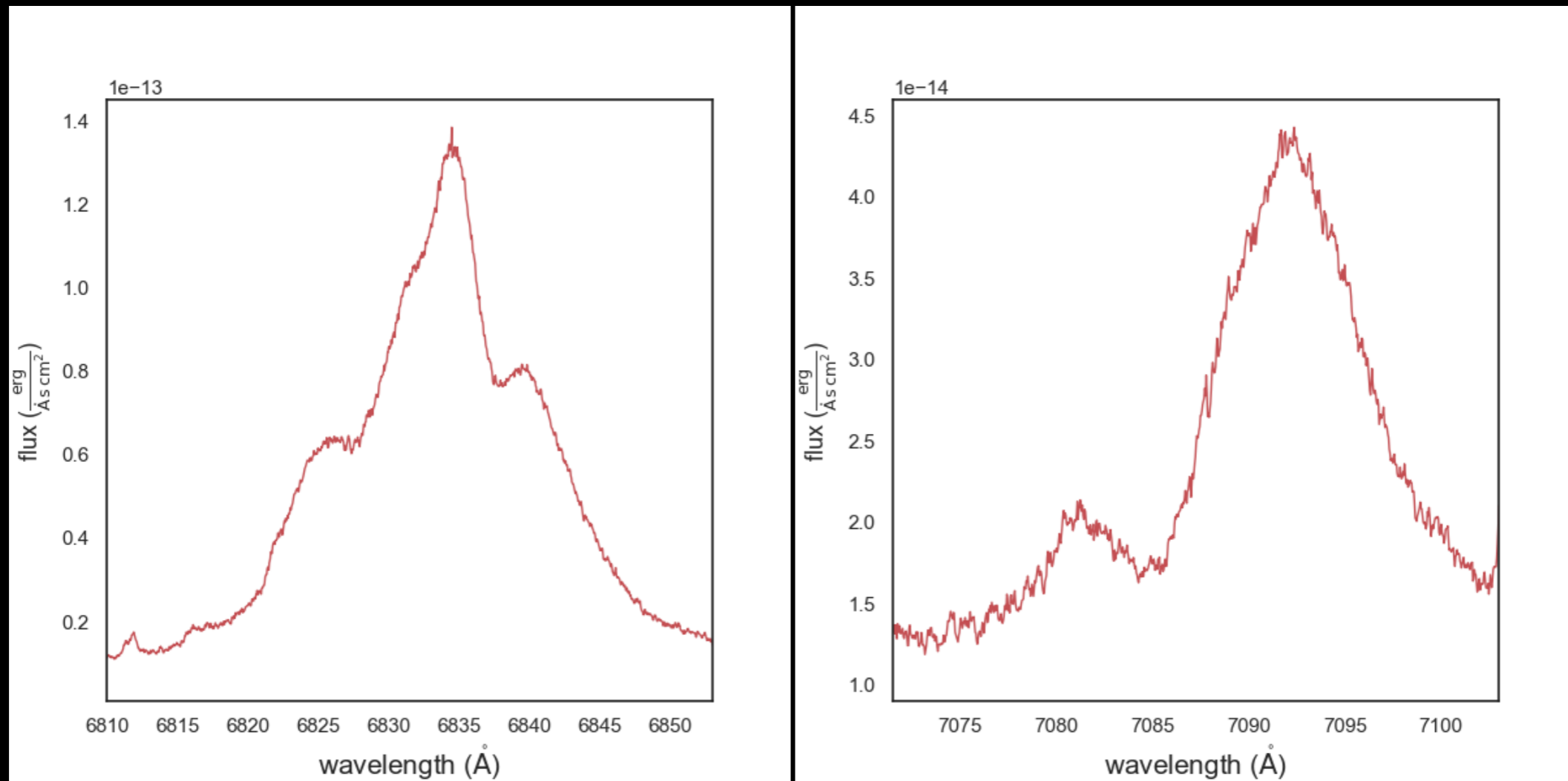




# GHOST data

## V366 Car

- May 16, 2023 during SV run
- Standard, single target mode. 1x2 binning
- 450 sec (150sec \*3)



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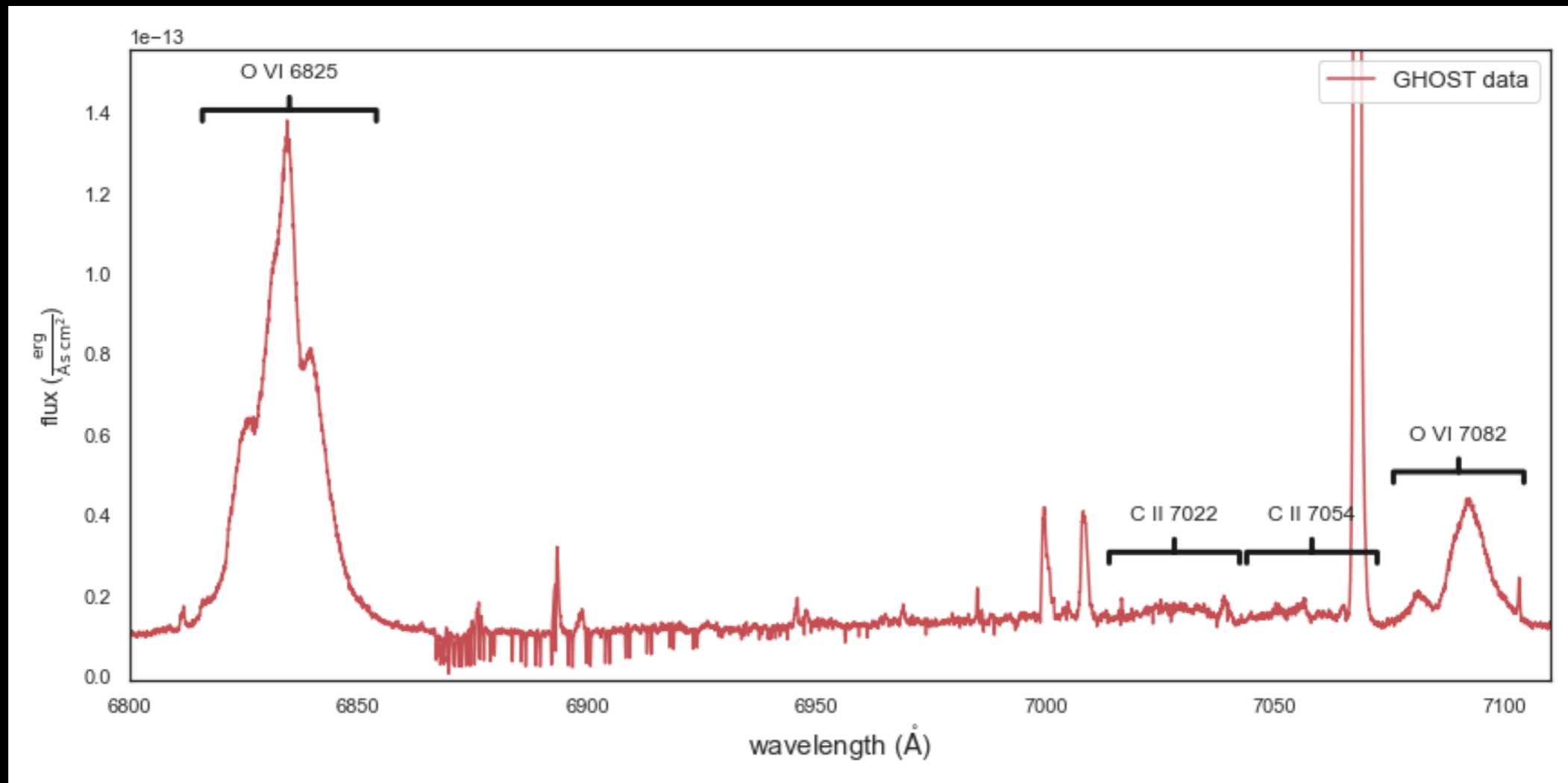
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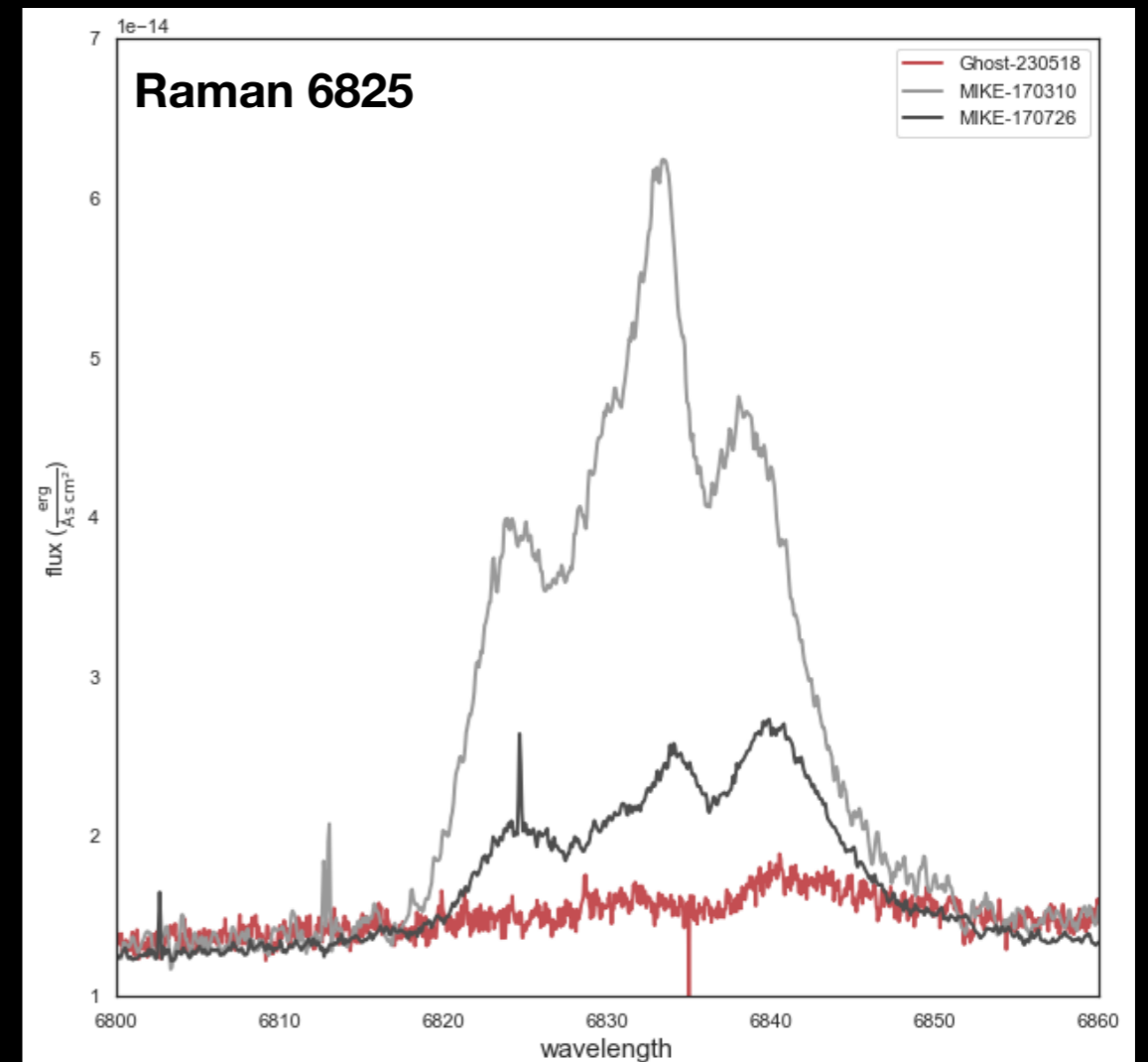
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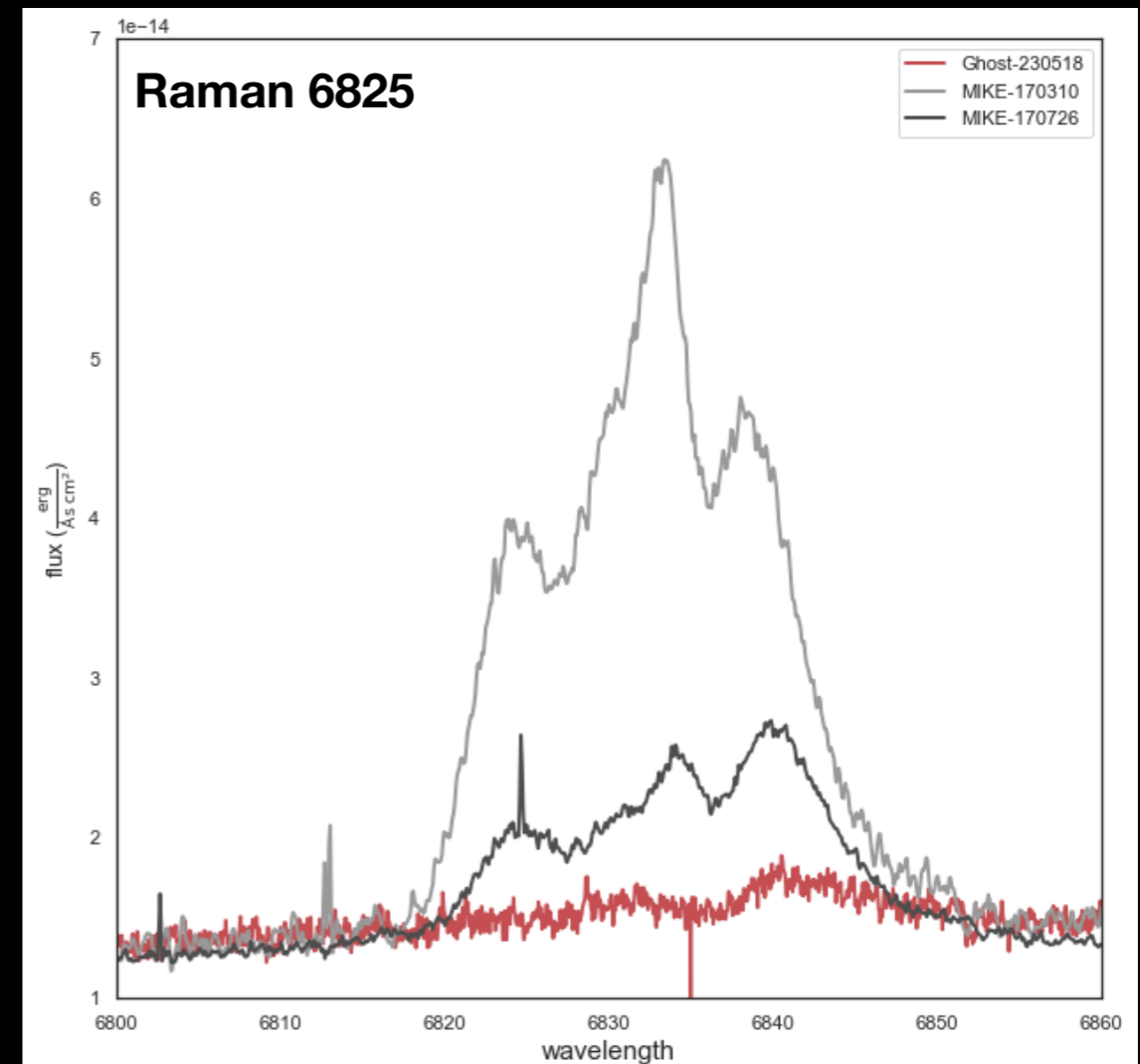
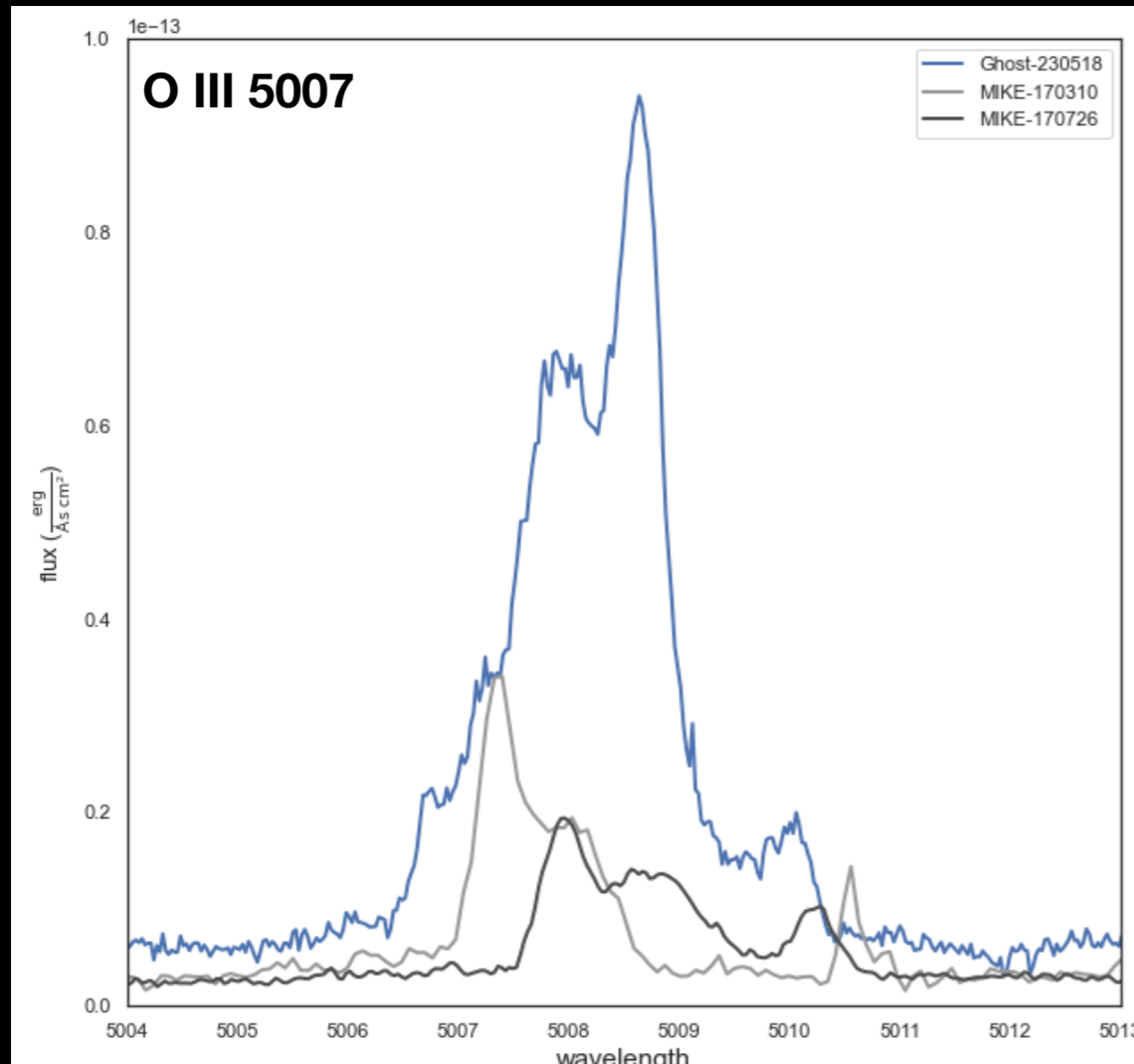


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Gemini High-resolution Optical SpecTrograph



- **Gemini open policy for US time**

US time is open to all astronomers worldwide including those at non-US institutions

- **GHOST reduced data**

US NGO will provide reduced data to all programs, regardless of country

# Summary

- Raman O VI features have the potential to trace the evolutionary paths of symbiotic stars.
- We continue to focus on expanding the sample size and conducting more comprehensive observations with instruments like GHOST.
- Our understanding of the relationship between Raman O VI features and evolutionary stages, potentially leading to new insights and breakthroughs in the field of symbiotic star research

# Thank you



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