

T Corona Borealis (T CrB)

And its next nova event

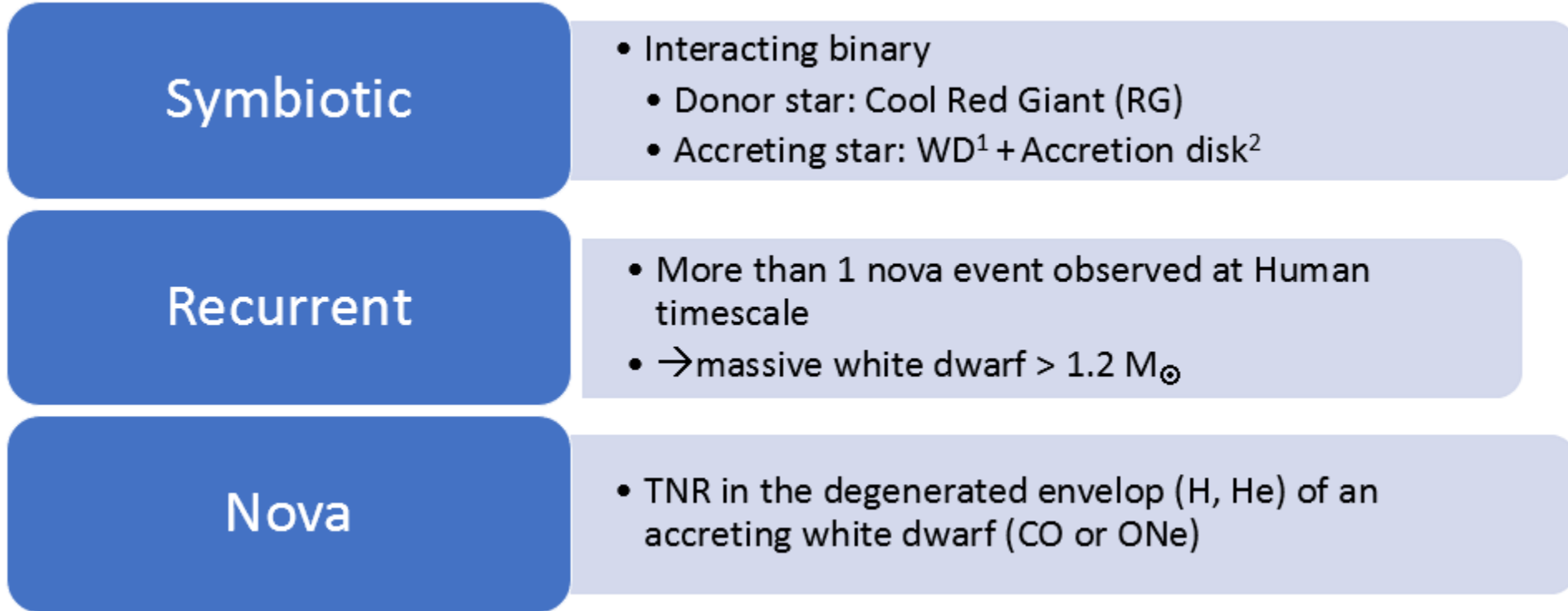


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T CrB as a recurrent symbiotic nova



SyRN

- RS Oph
- T CrB
- V745 Sco
- V3890 Sgr
- V407 Cyg (?)

T CRB nova events

- 1866
- 1946

Notes:

¹ Neutron star in a few cases

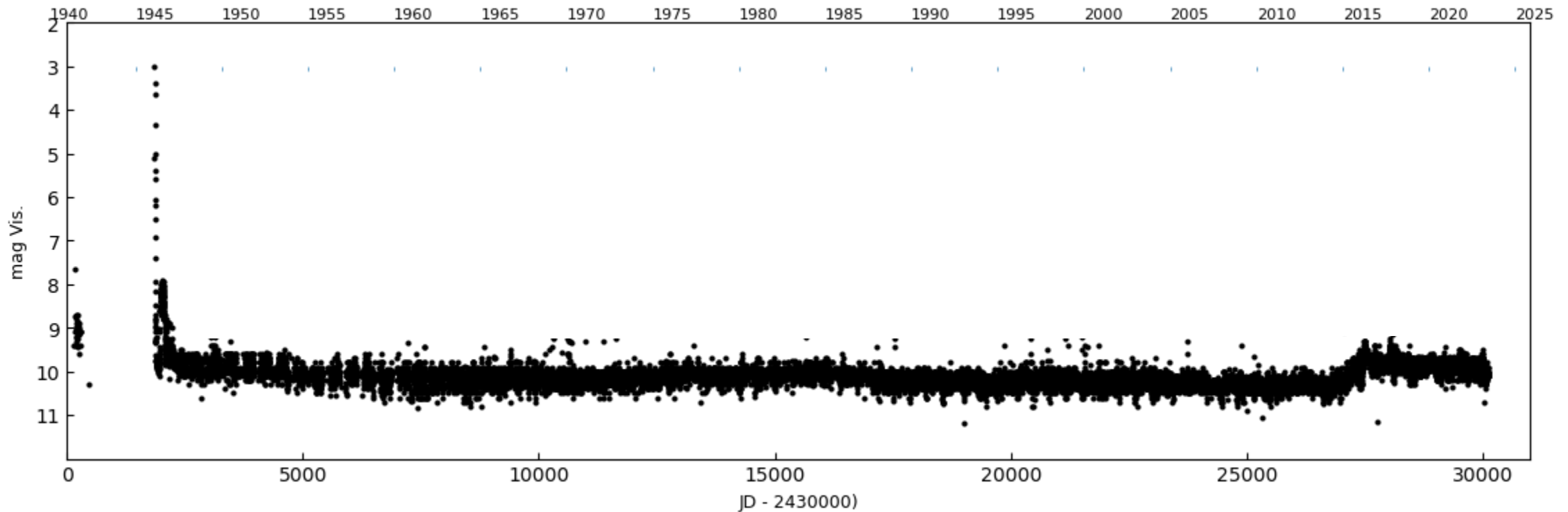
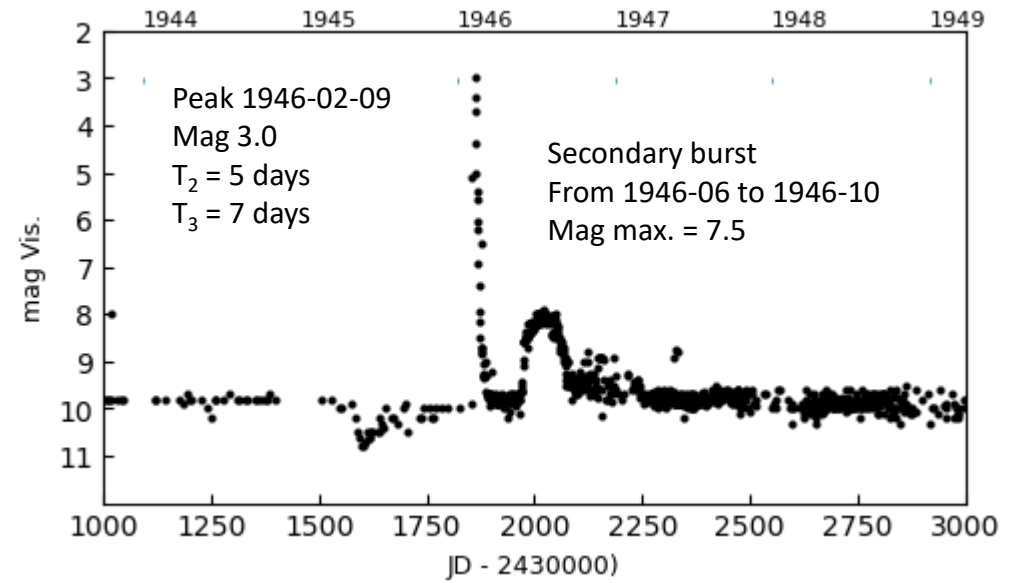
² in some symbiotics

T CrB The 1946 nova event

AAVSO Visual*

* More than 150 000 points !

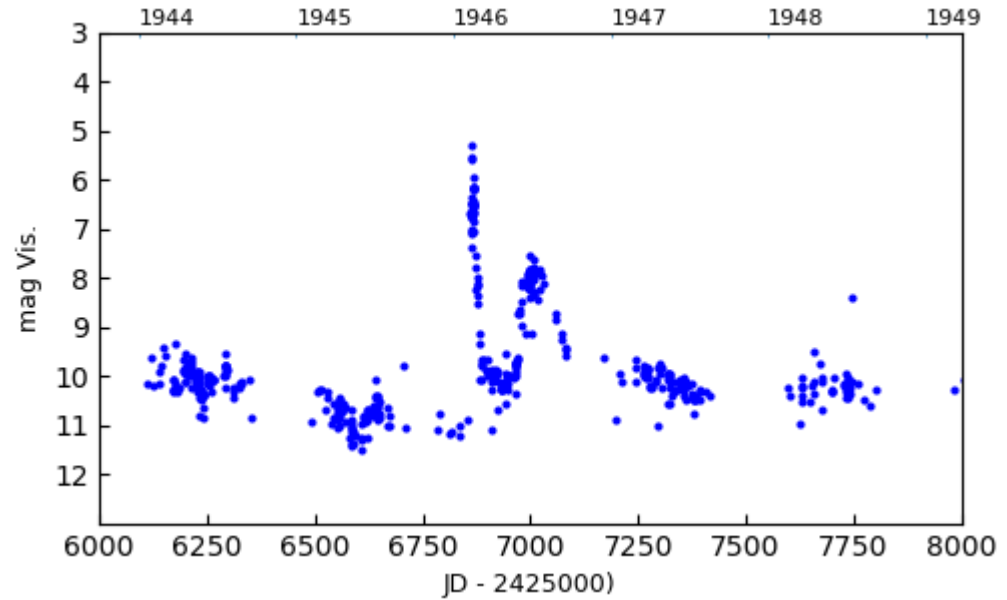
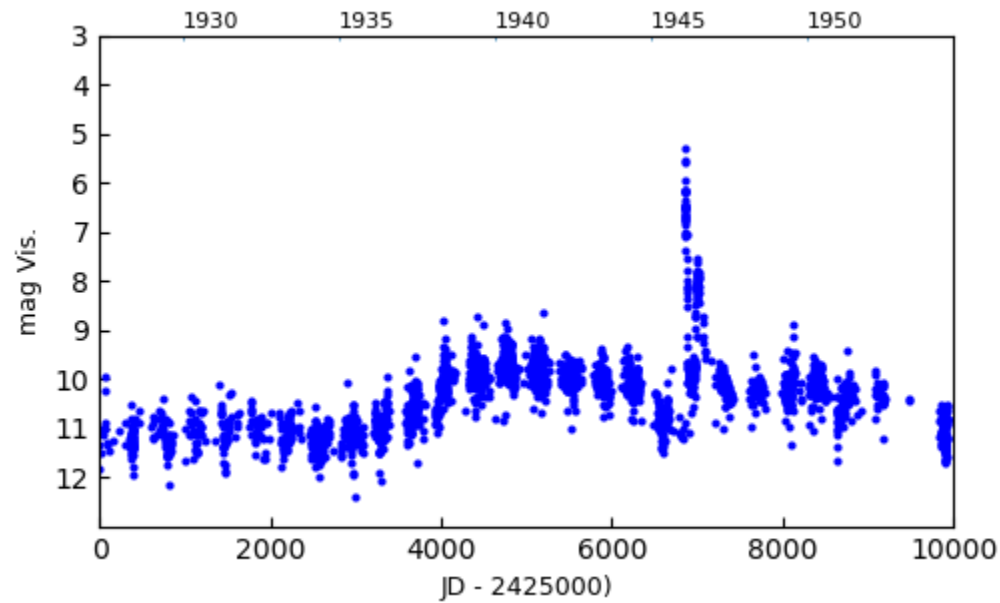
T_2 = time for a 2 mag decrease



T CrB The 1946 nova event

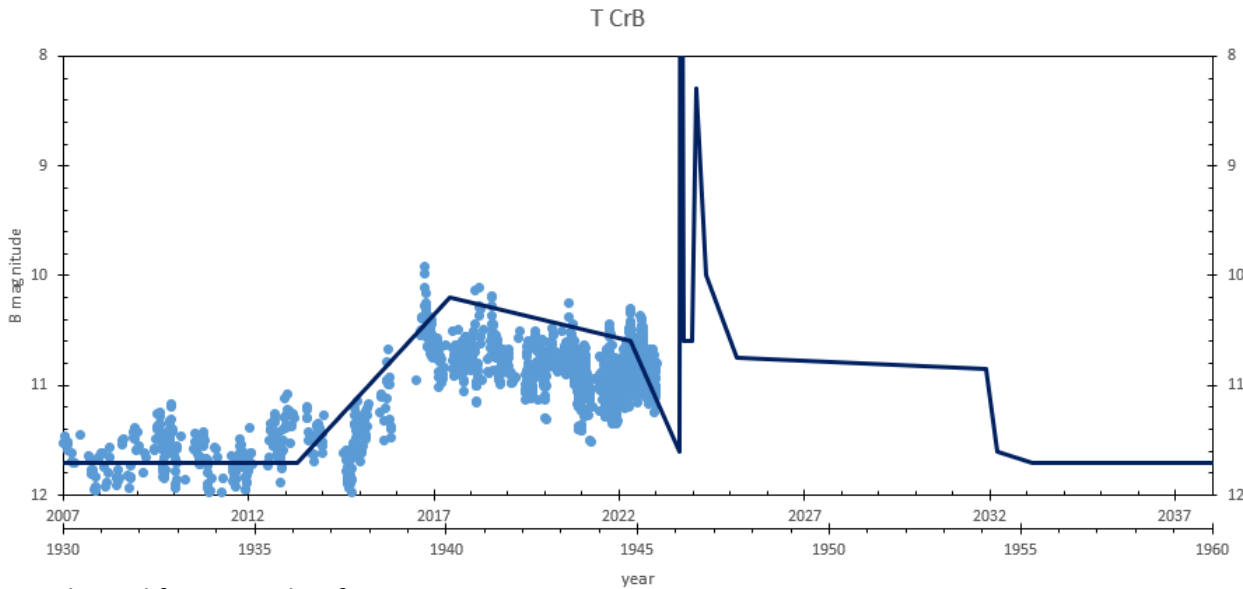
DASCH

(Digital Access to a Sky Century @ Harvard)

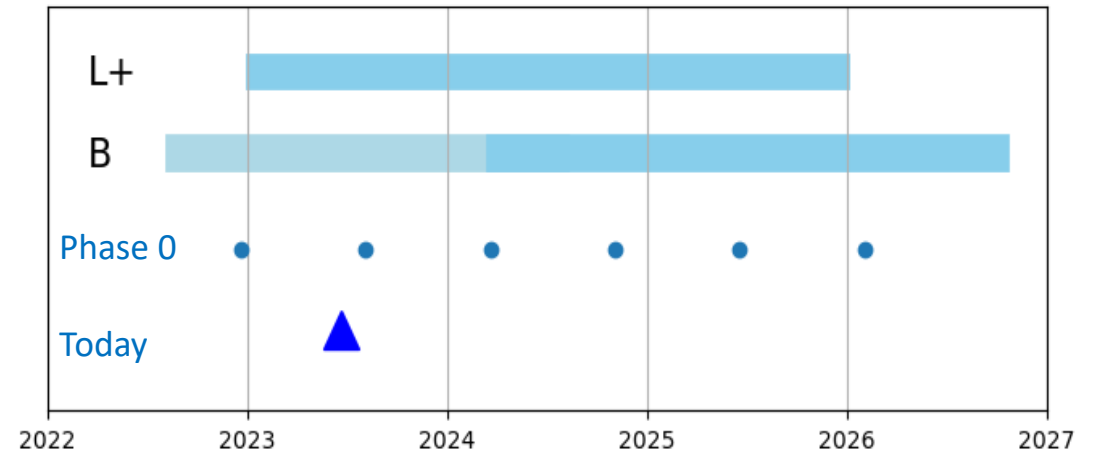


T CrB The 1946 nova event and predictions

AAVSO Visual 2007-2023
B. Schaefer 1930 – 1960 Schematic



Adapted from B. Schaefer



L+ : G. Luna+, 2020
B : B. Schaefer 2019, 2023
Ephemeris: Lines, 1988

T CrB system: key observations

2 nova outbursts

- Degenerated envelop H, He + Massive WD

Hot component $L = 40 L_{\odot}$

- Accretion powered symbiotic ¹

Ellipsoidal variations

- Red giant fills its Roche Lobe

Flickering B, V, X, emission lines

- Accretion disk ²

X rays

- Boundary layer disk-white dwarf

Quiescent & Active States

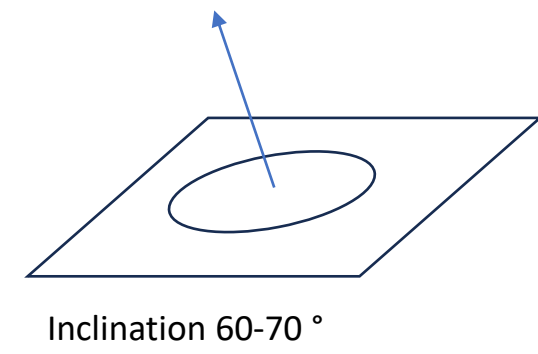
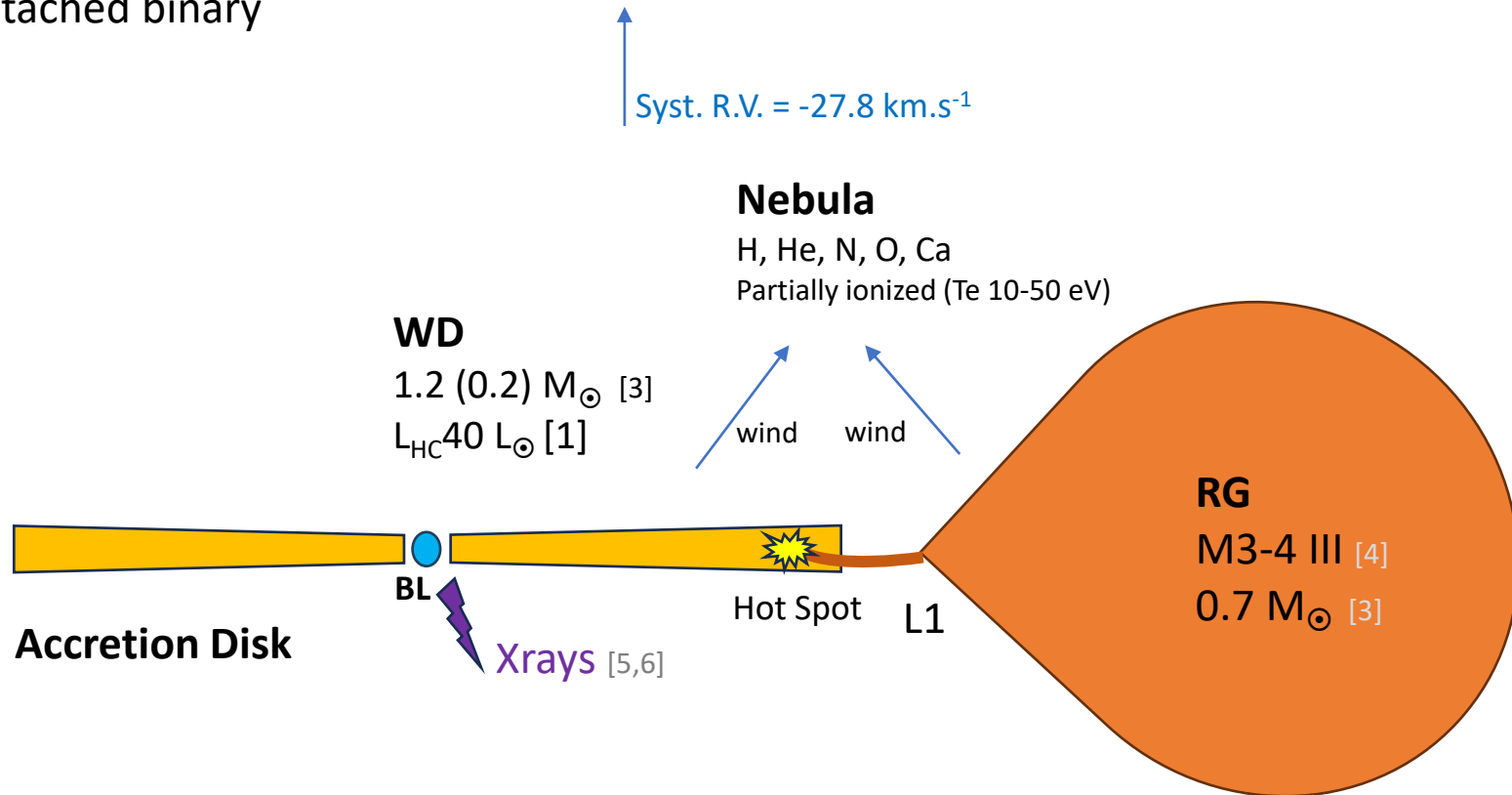
- Mass transfer instabilities

¹ most of symbiotics are fuelled by nuclear steady burning leading to luminosity of the hot component to $1000 L_{\odot}$ As an order of magnitude.

² flickering and accretion disks are uncommon in most of symbiotic systems

T CrB system: a schematic view

Interacting semi-detached binary



Distance= 806 (33) pc [7]

0.9 (0.1) u.a. [1]

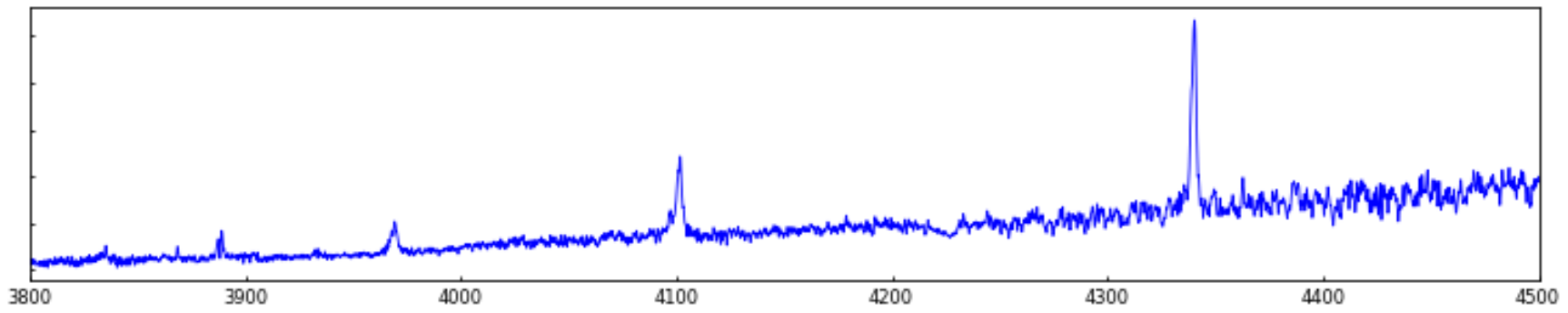
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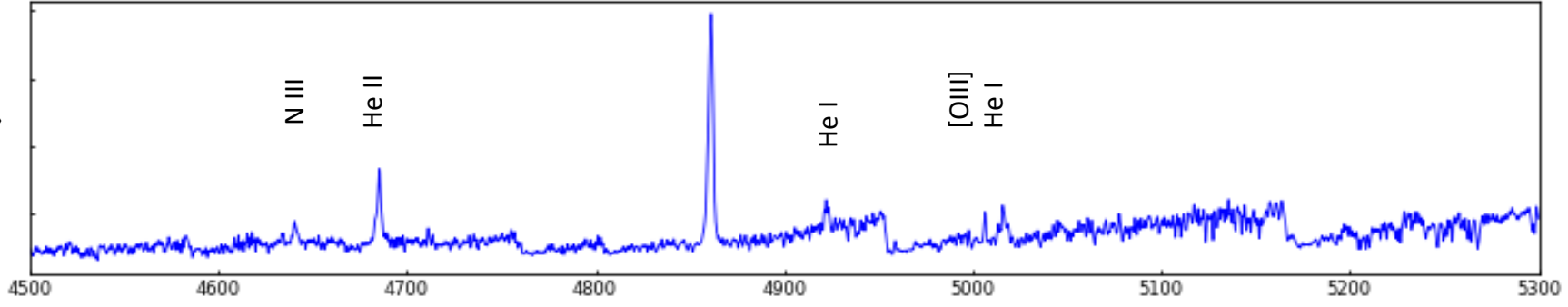
- [1] Selvelli+, 1992
- [2] Kenyon & Garcia, 1986
- [3] Belczinski Mikolajewska, 1988
- [4] Mürset & Schmid, 1999
- [5] Cordova, 1981
- [6] Luna+, 2008
- [7]

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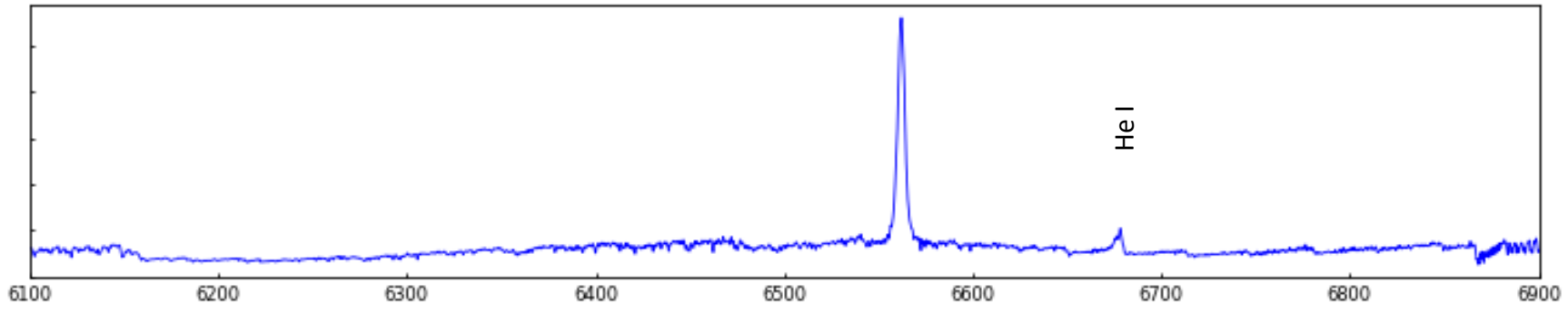
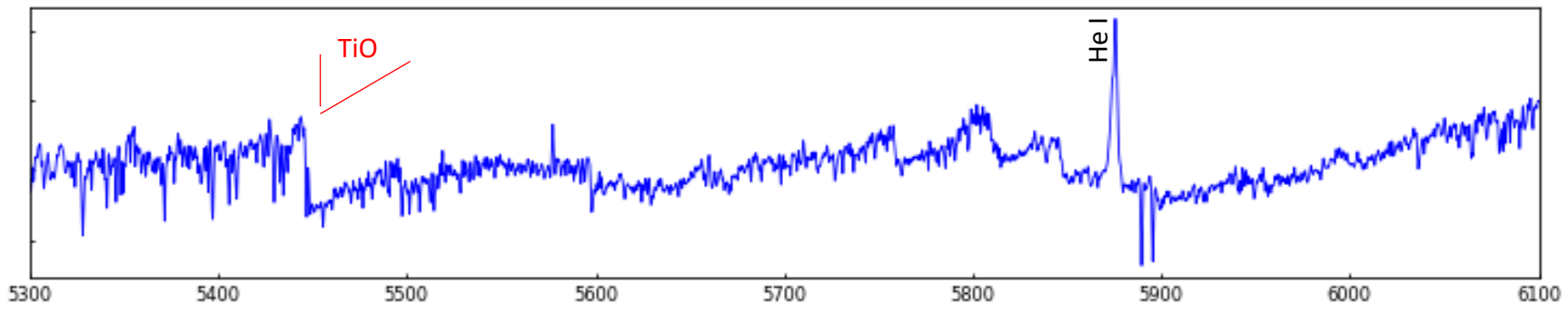
The spectrum
(active state)



« pseudo continuum »
TiO bands
Lines neutral metals



Balmer H I
He II
He I
O III, N III Bowen
[O III]
[Ne III]



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NOUT spectroscop
R = 9000

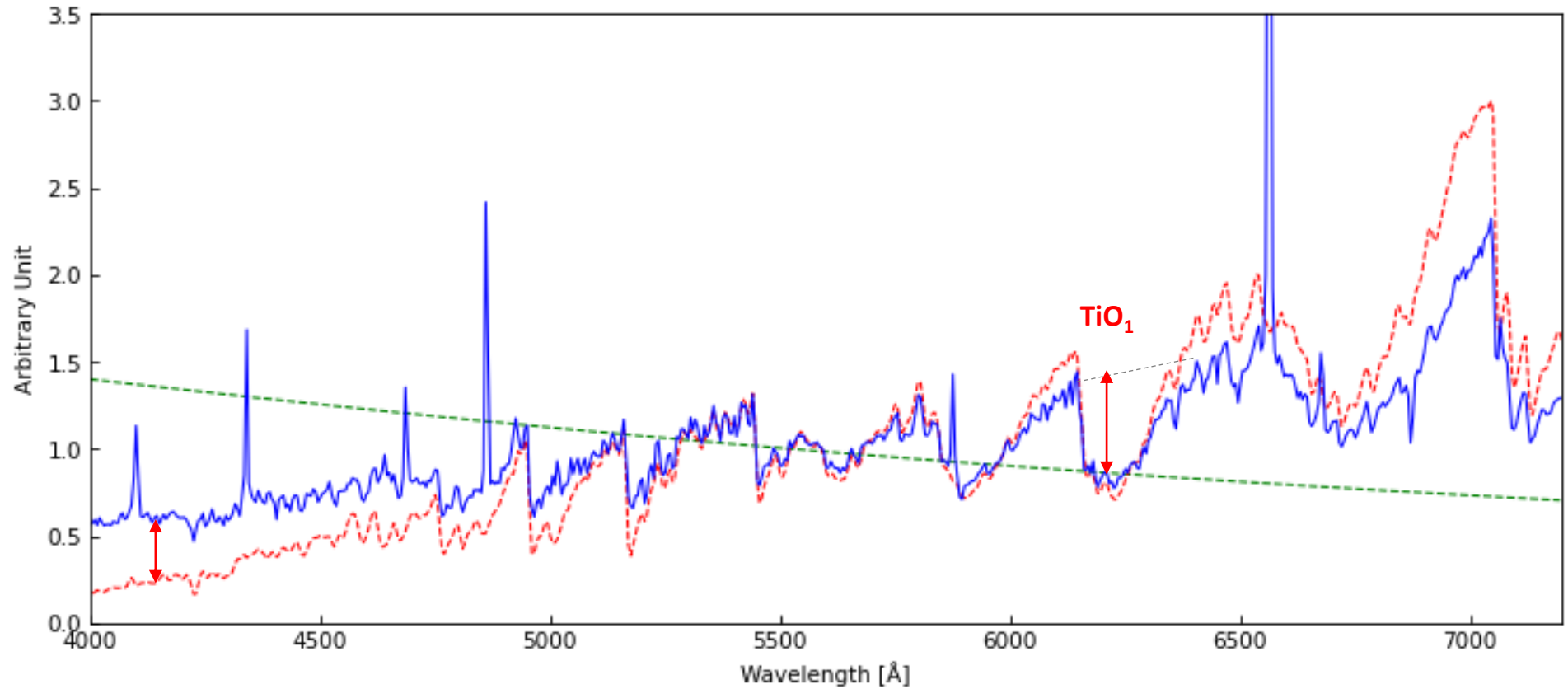
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A composite continuum

T CrB

M4 III [10]

Blackbody 20000 K [11]



Spectrum:
Forrest Sims
LISA R = 1000
2020-04-07

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A composite continuum

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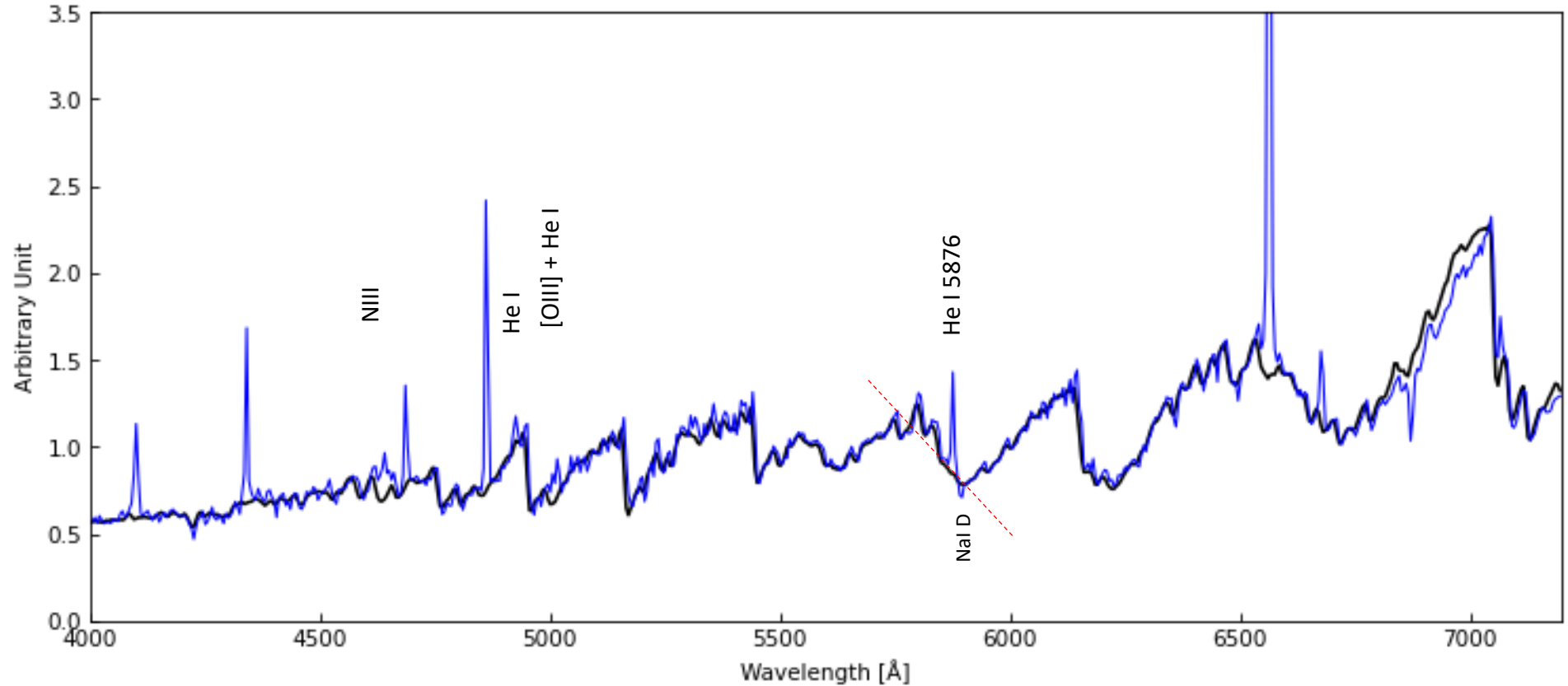
Composite « continuum »

0.7 * M4III + 0.3 * B.B 20000 K

Luminosities
& Temperatures

Faint lines

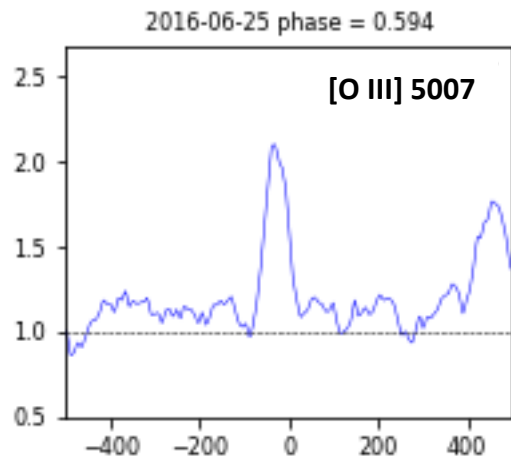
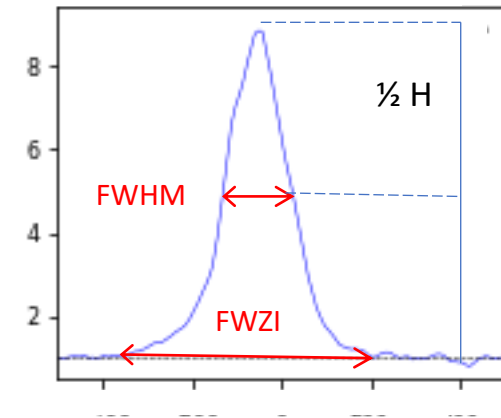
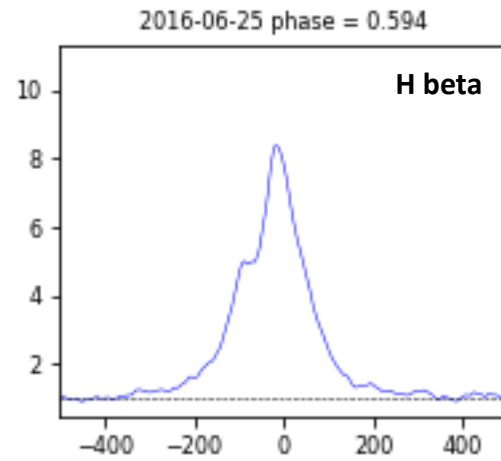
Shape of the continuum
For lines analysis -----



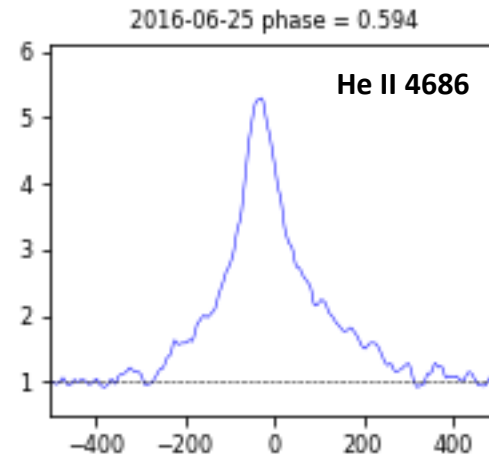
→ Good atmospheric correction needed!

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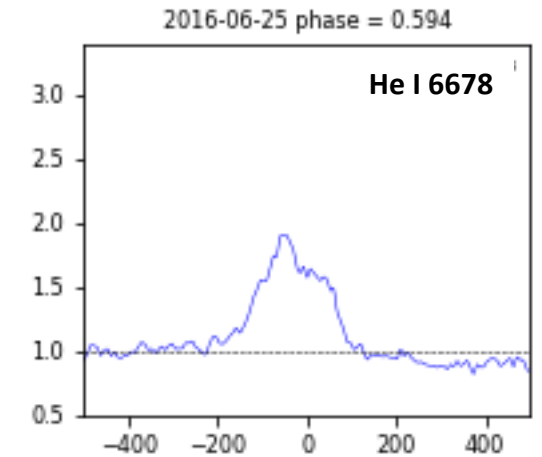
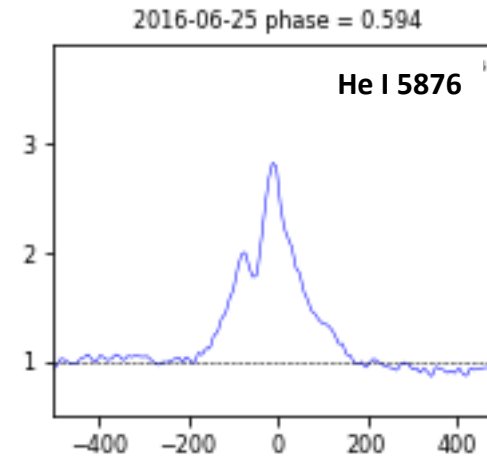
Lines Profiles



2 components
FWHM = 55 km.s⁻¹



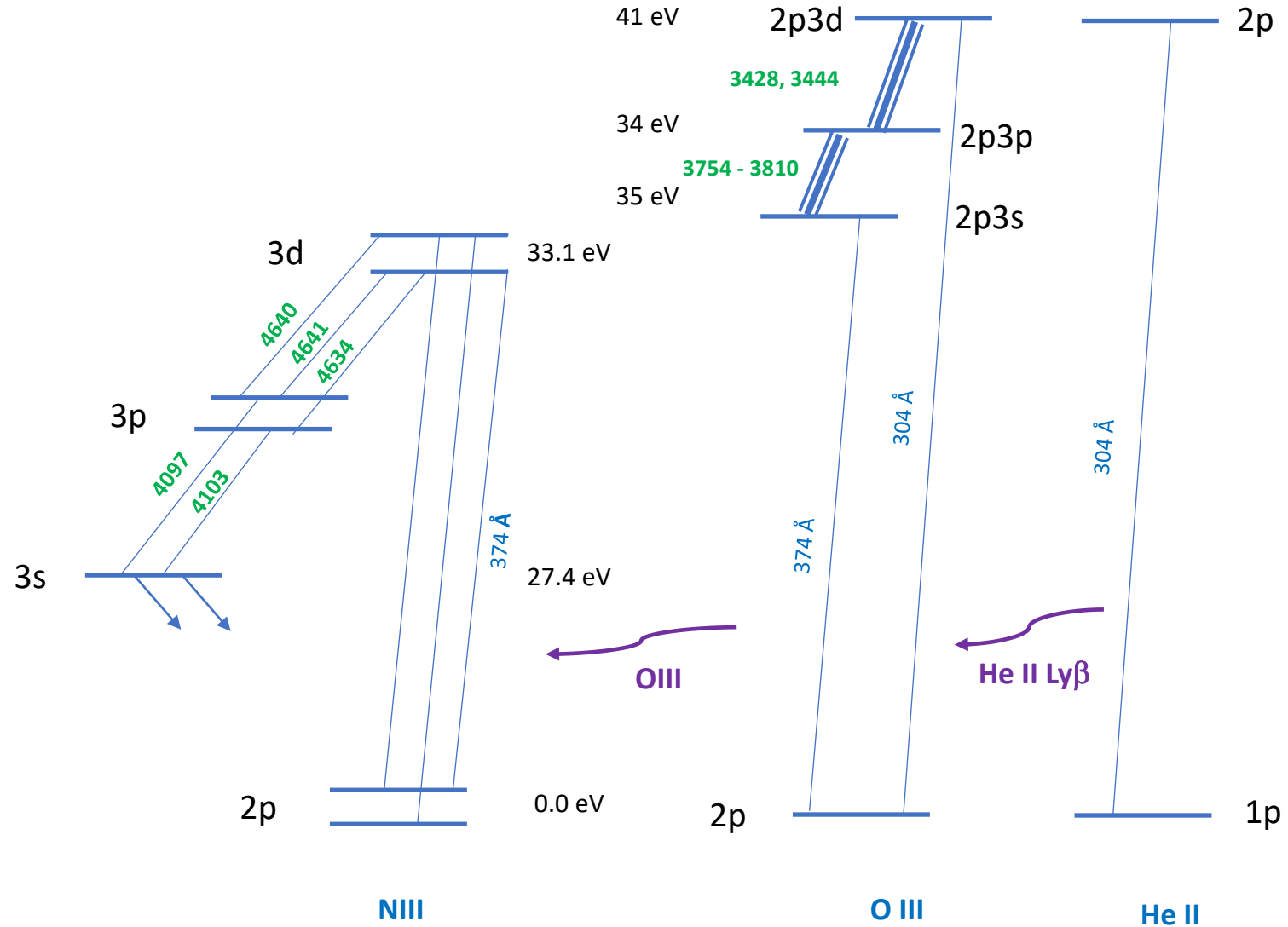
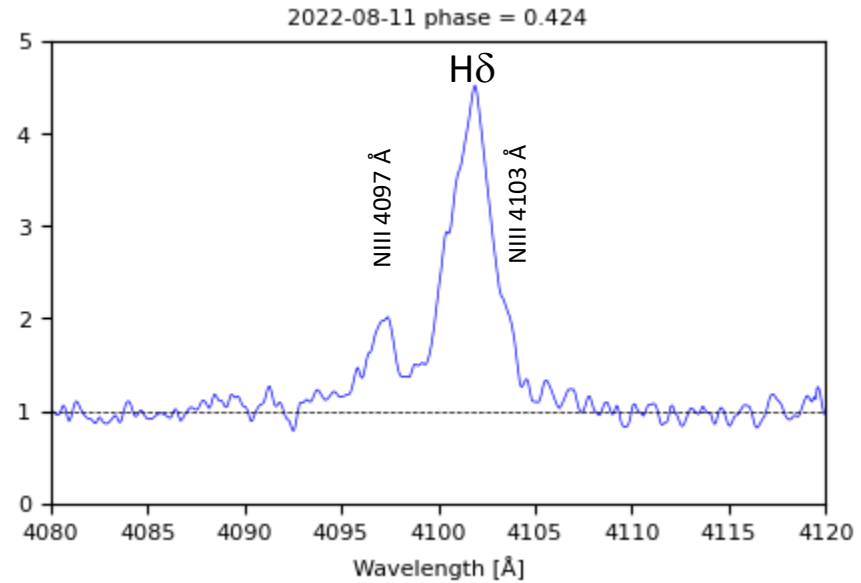
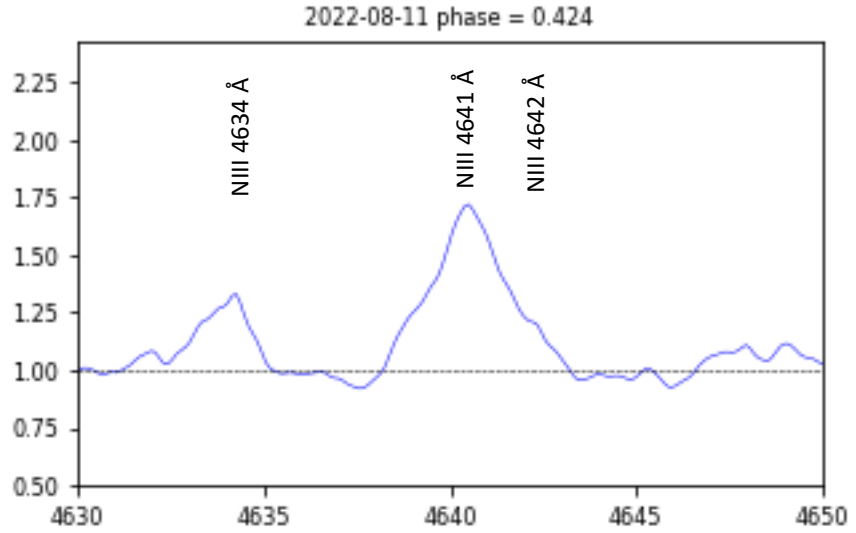
FWZI = 610 km.s⁻¹



- Wind from hot component
- Accretion disk and/or Self absorption
- Nebula

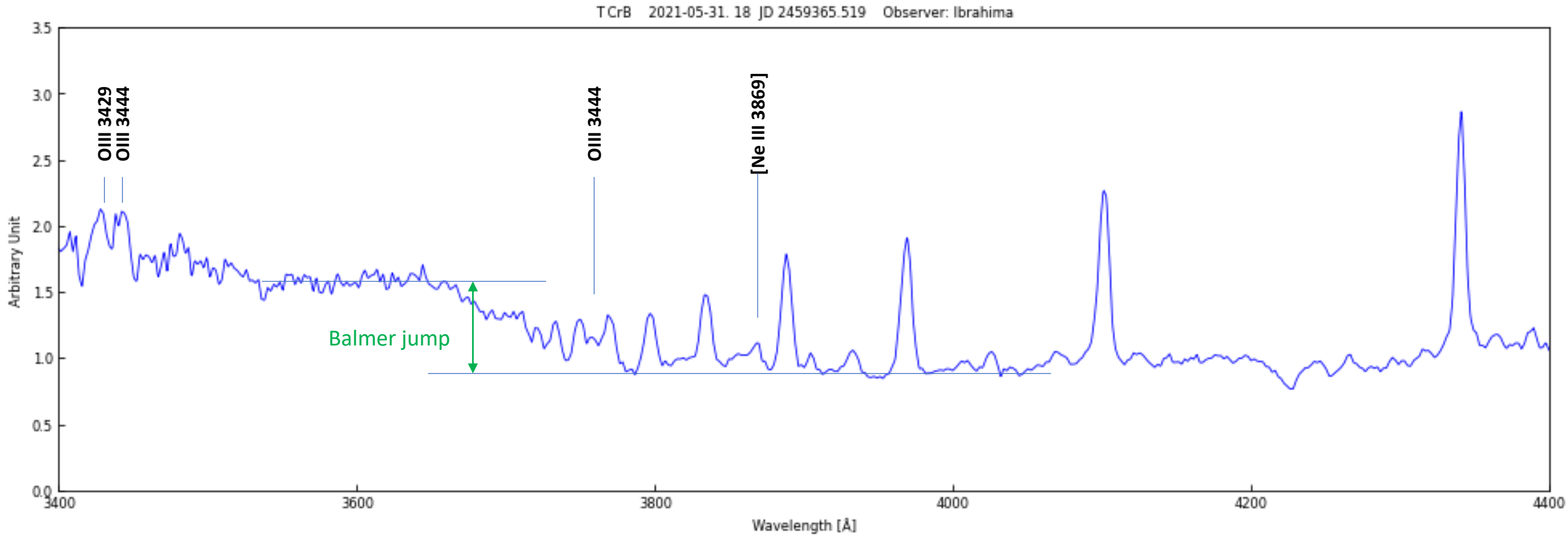
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O III N III Bowen



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The emission line spectrum In near UV



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UVEX R = 700

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Orbital variations: an example H alpha

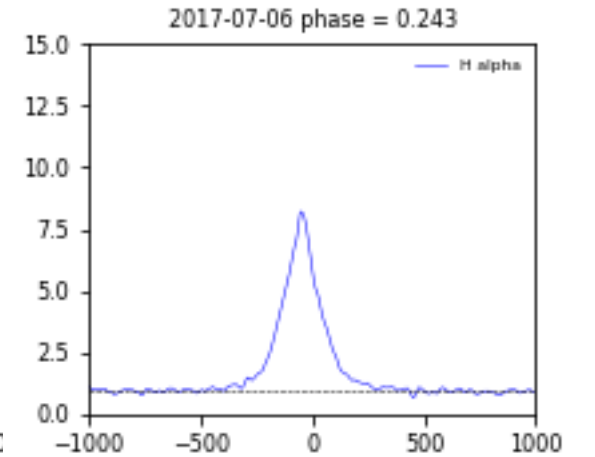
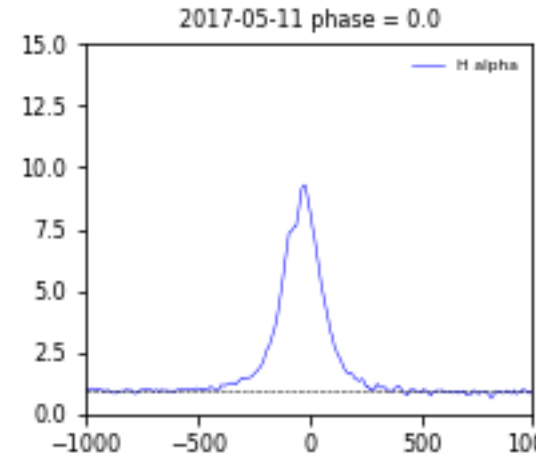
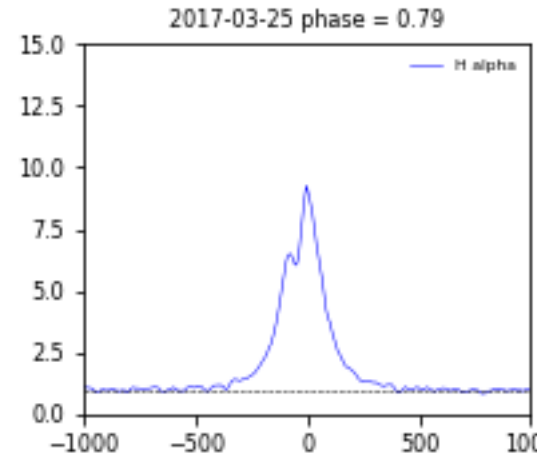
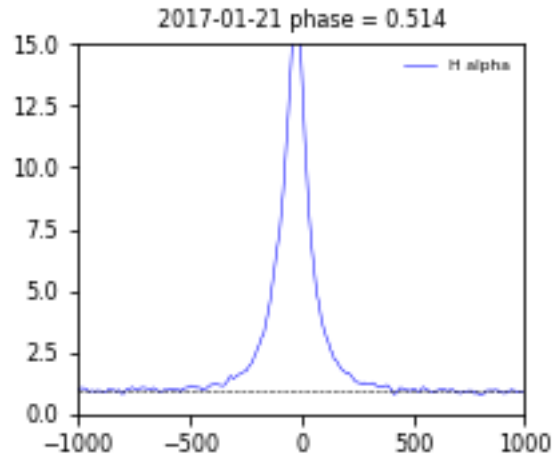
$\phi \sim 0.5$

$\phi \sim 0.75$

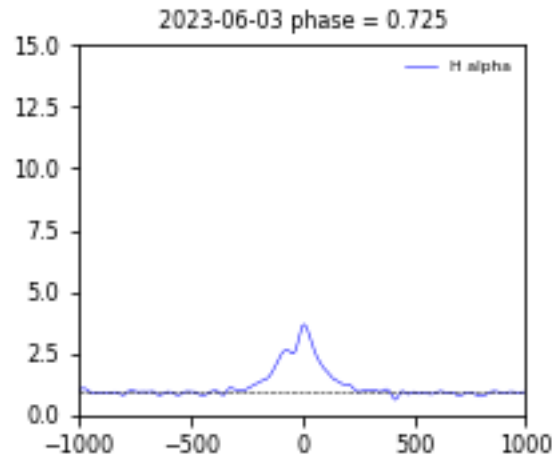
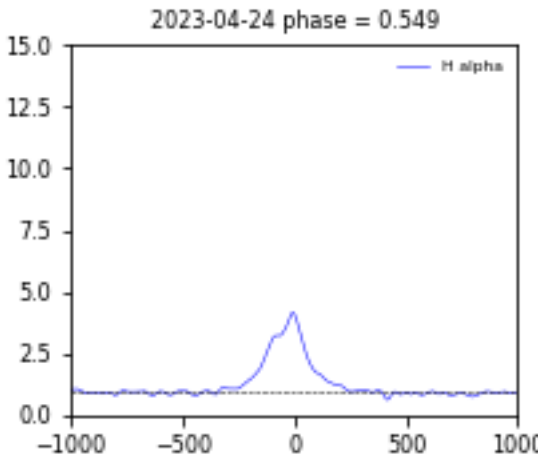
$\phi \sim 0.0$

$\phi \sim 0.25$

2017



2023



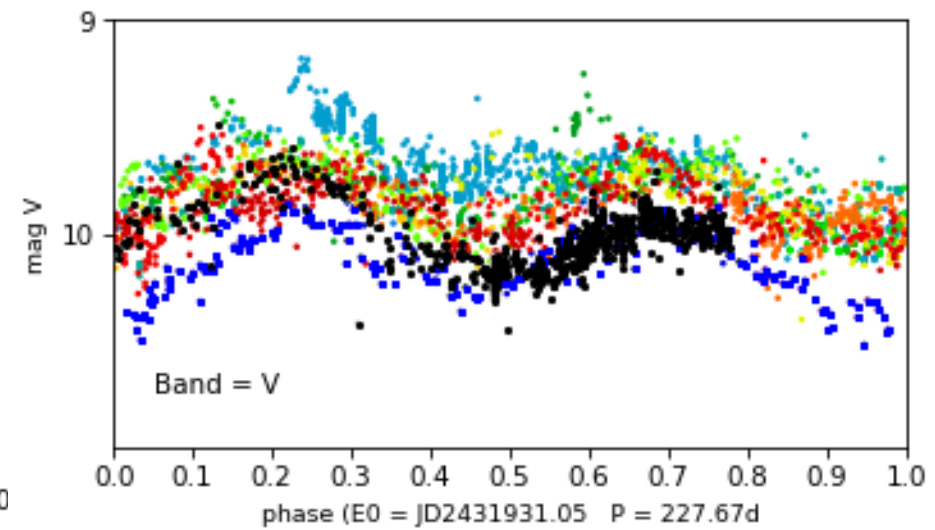
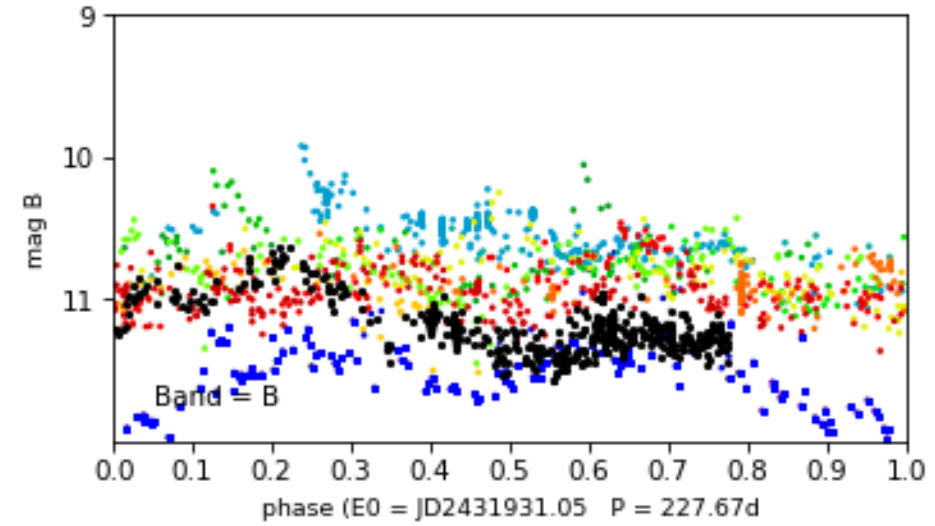
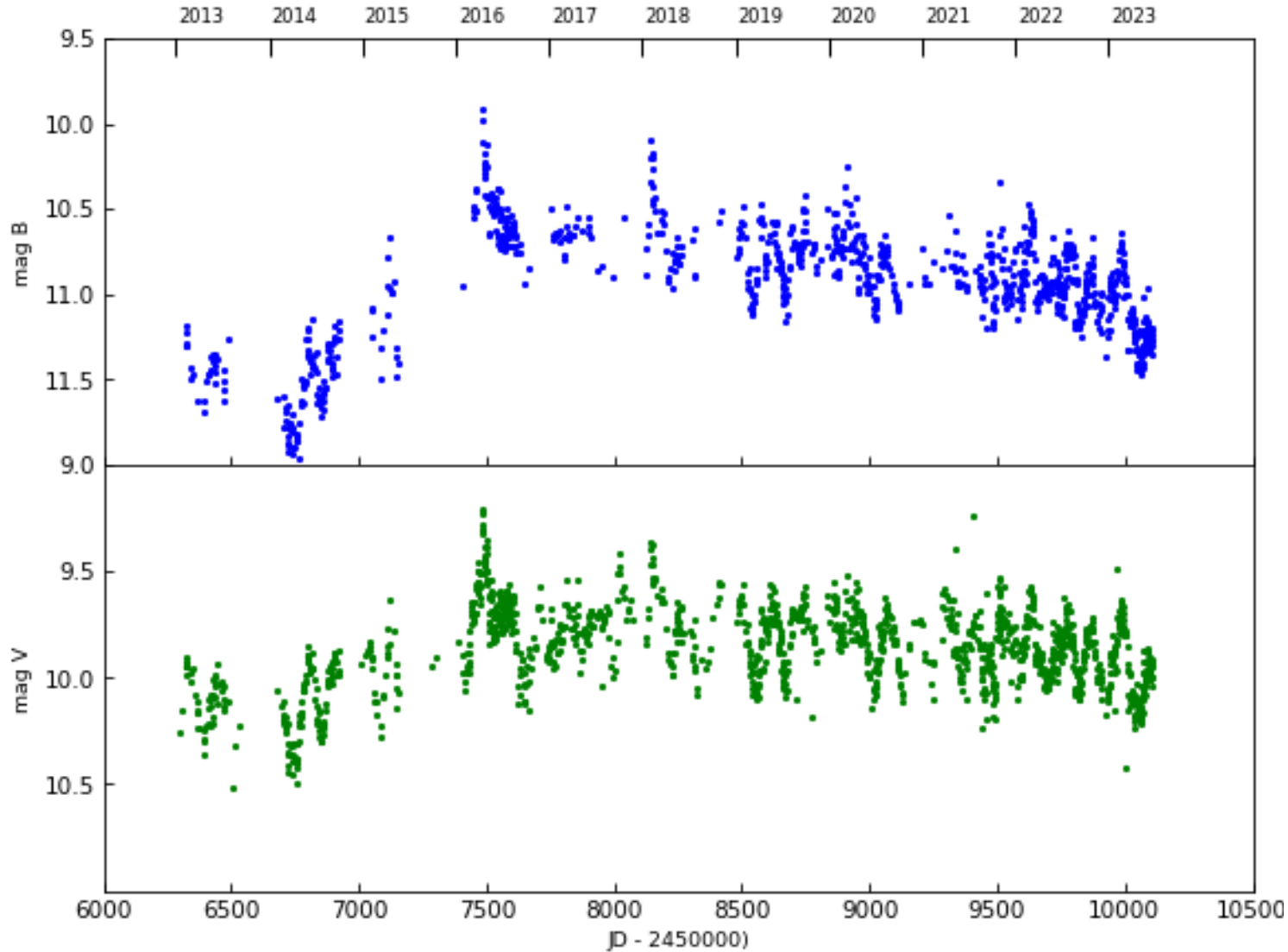
x scale : radial velocity in km.s⁻¹

Echelle spectra
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T CrB Active State

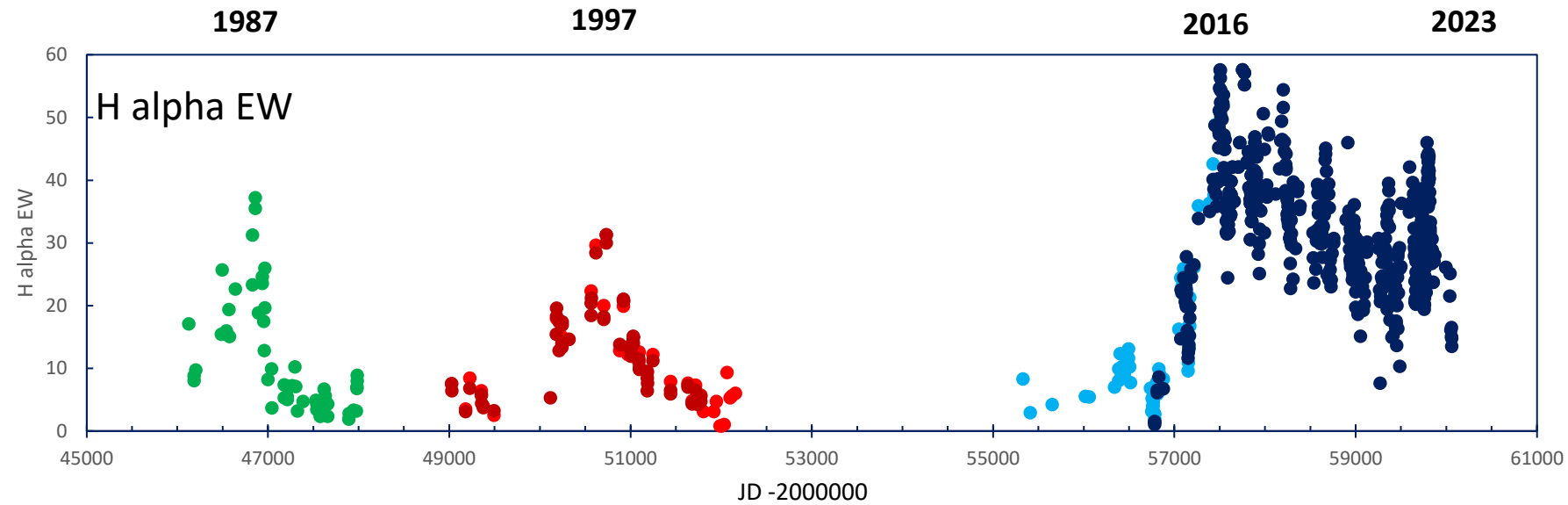
Data: AAVSO
Ephemeris: Lines+, 1988

Blue: pre active state (2013-2014)
Black: current cycle



T CrB Active States

E.W. (equivalent width)
Measure of the flux of a line
relative to the nearby continuum

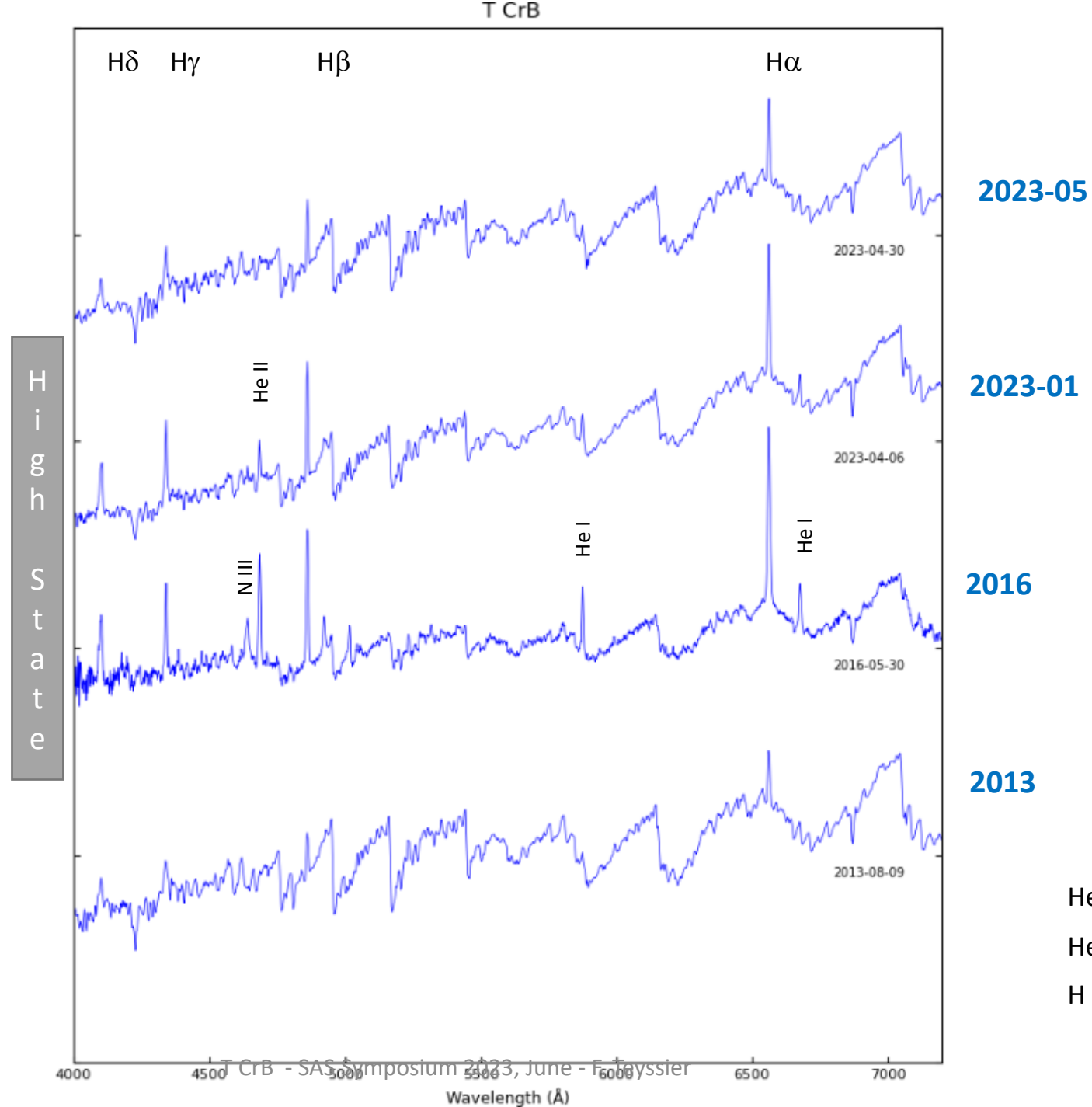


Anupama, 1991
Stanishev, 2004
Zamanov, 2001
Ilkiewicz, 2016
ARAS

Ilkiewicz+:
Essentially based on ARAS data

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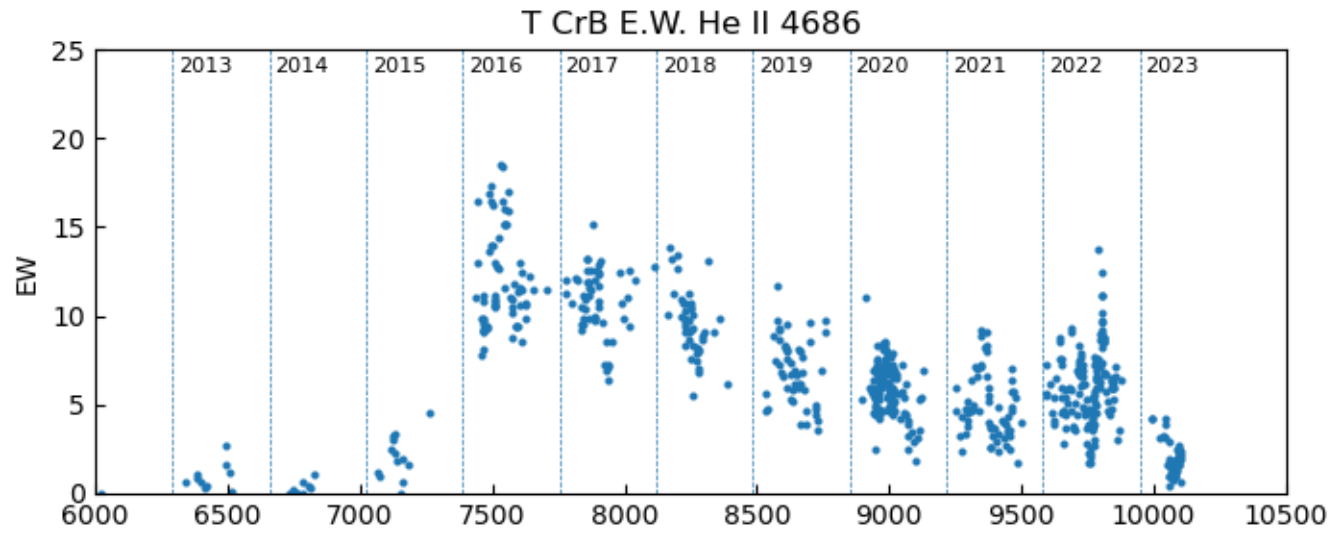
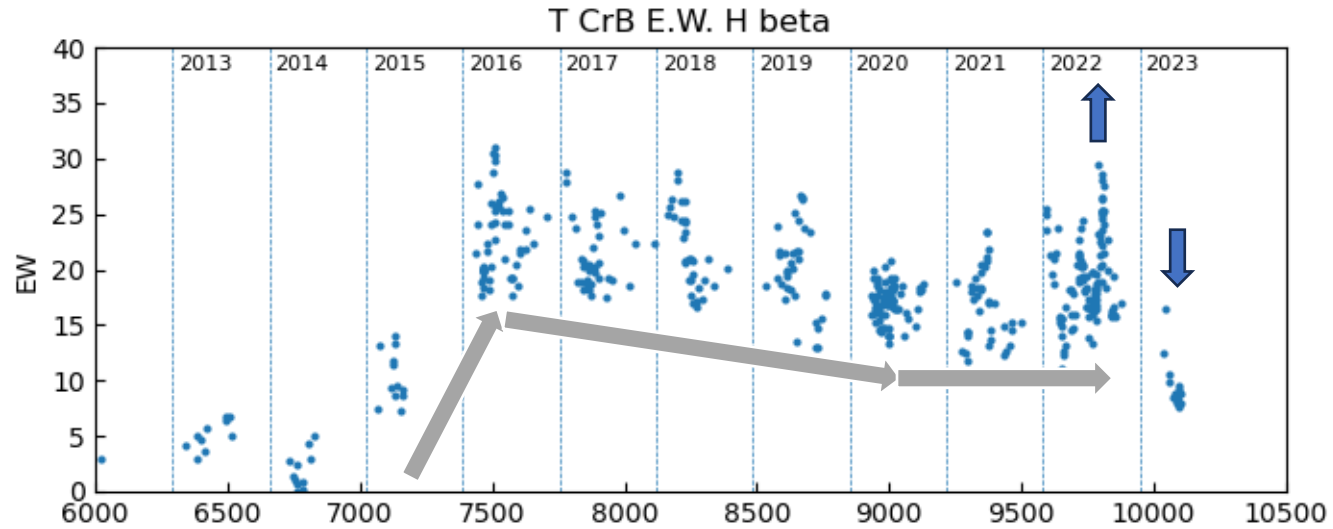
The spectrum
10 years evolution
during the active phase



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LISA R = 1000

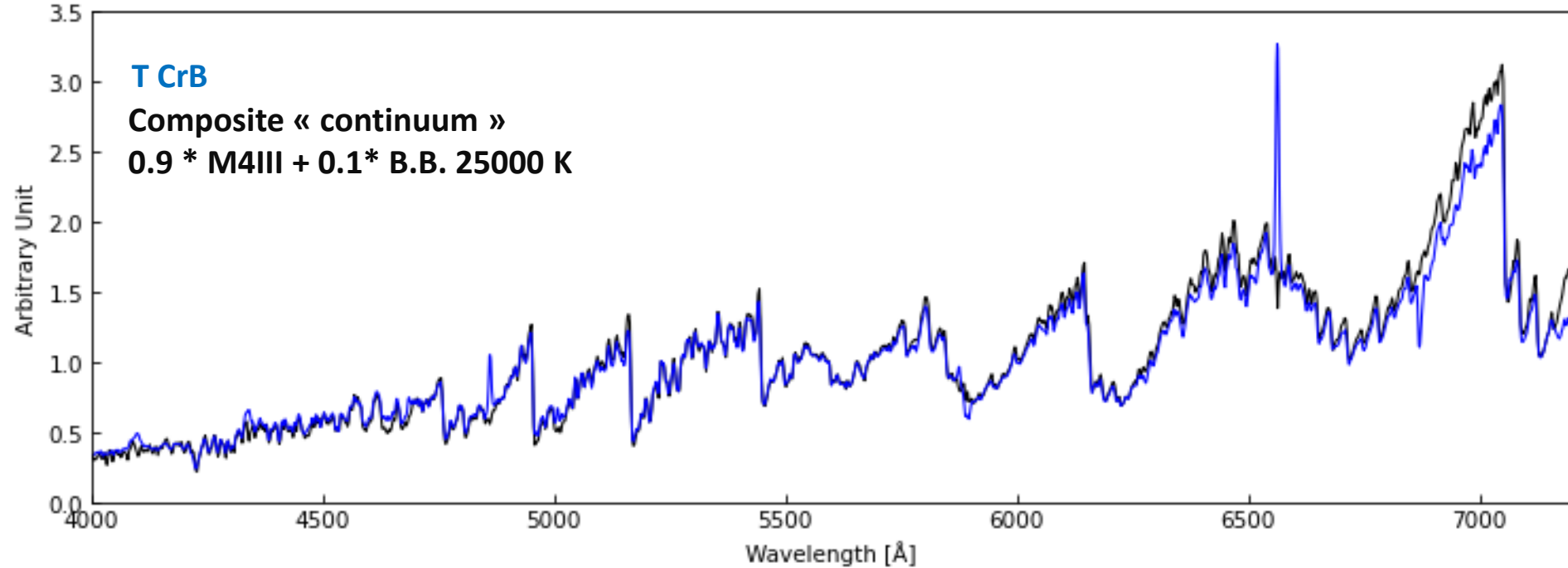
He II 48.6 eV (50 000 K)
He I 24 eV (25 000 K)
H I 13.6 eV (10-15 000 K)

T CrB Last Active State, spectroscopy

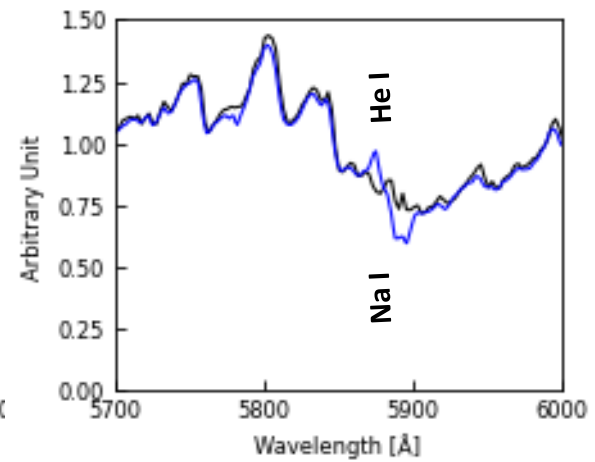
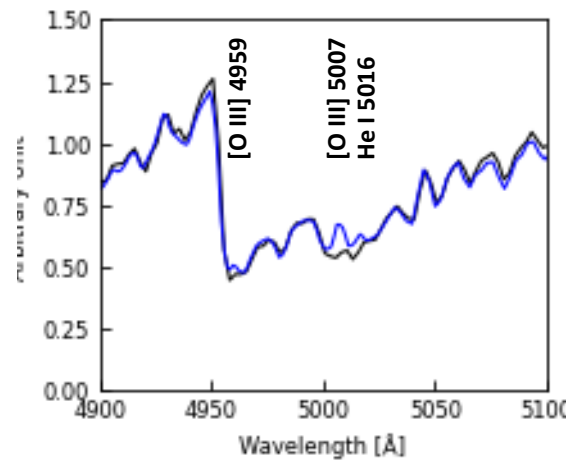
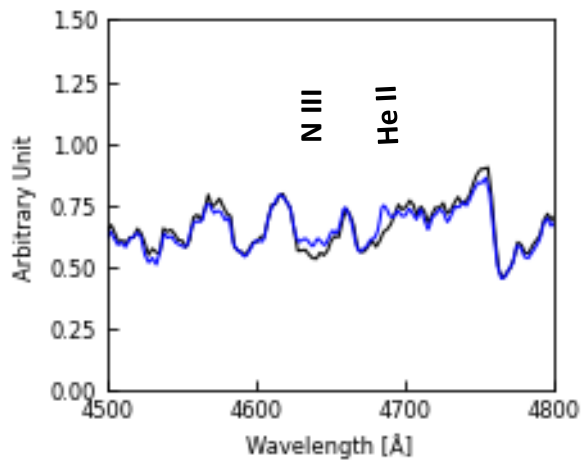


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T CrB Last Active State, the turn-off*

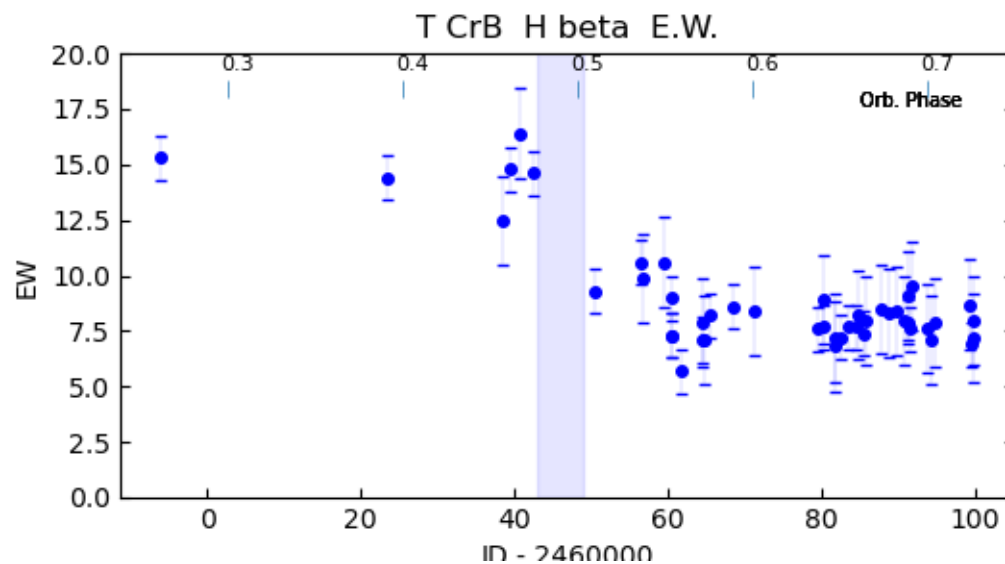
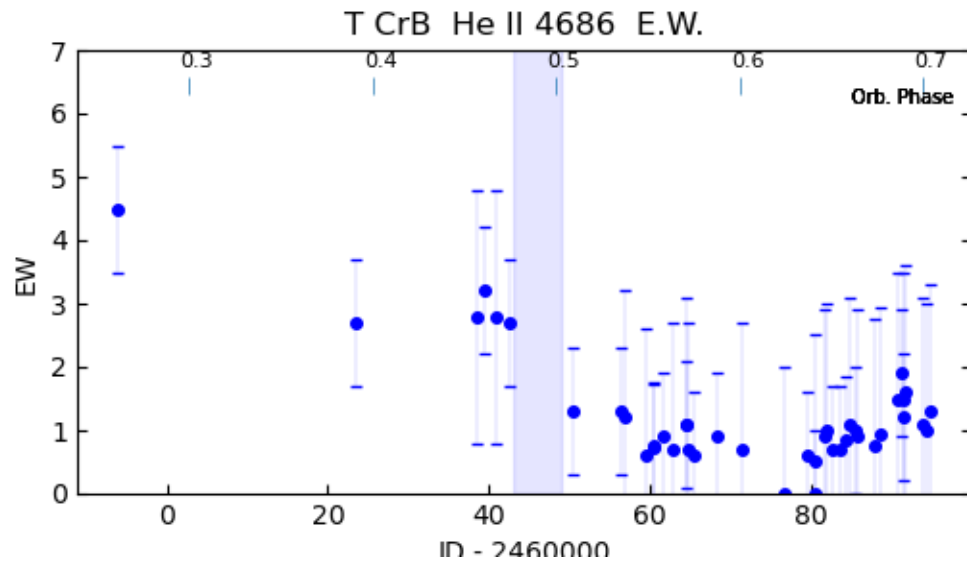


Spectrum:
Forrest Sims
LISA R = 1000
2023-06-15



T CrB Last Active State, the turn-off

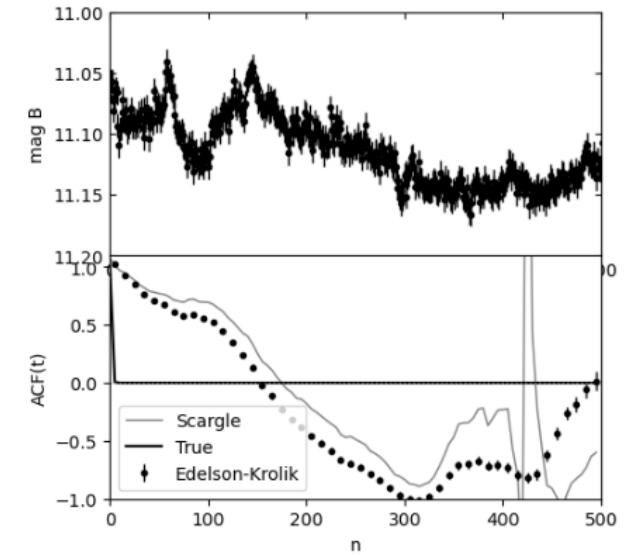
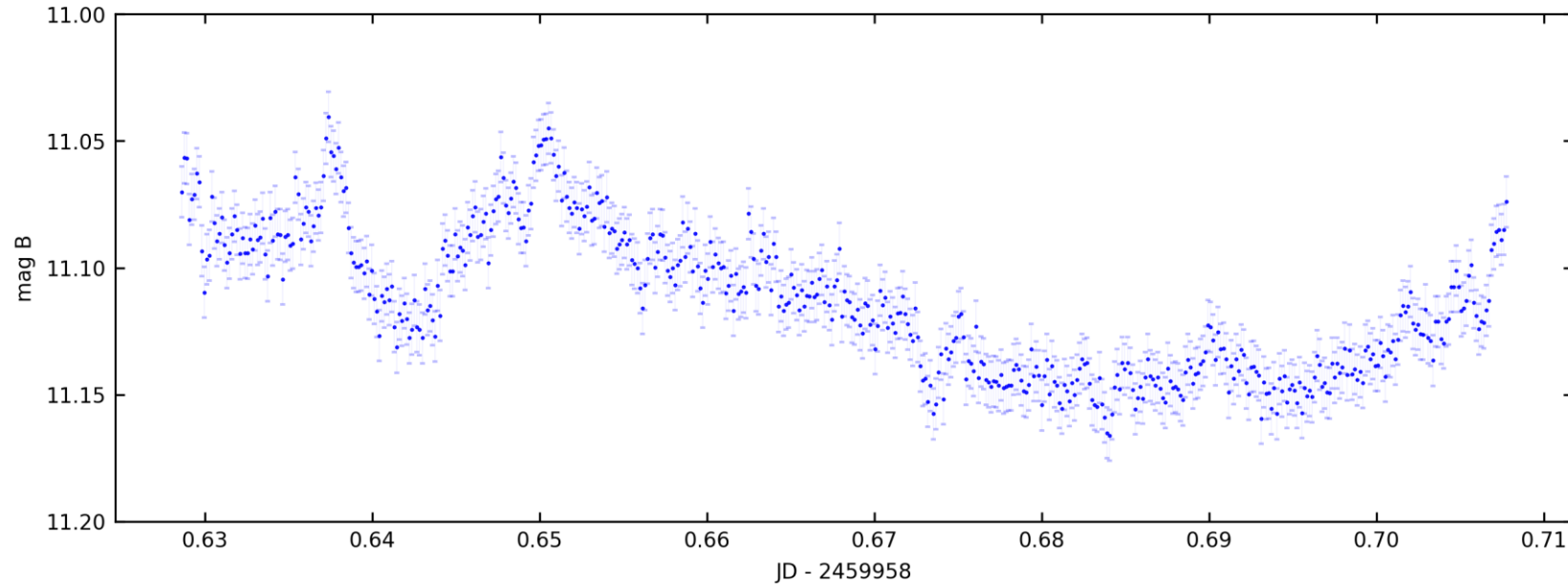
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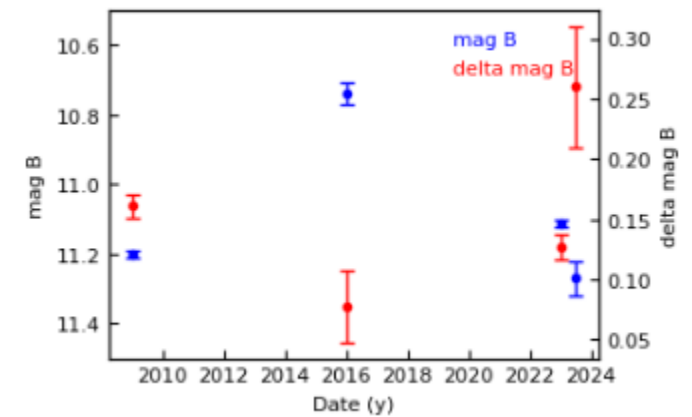
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T CrB Active State: the turn-off - Flickering



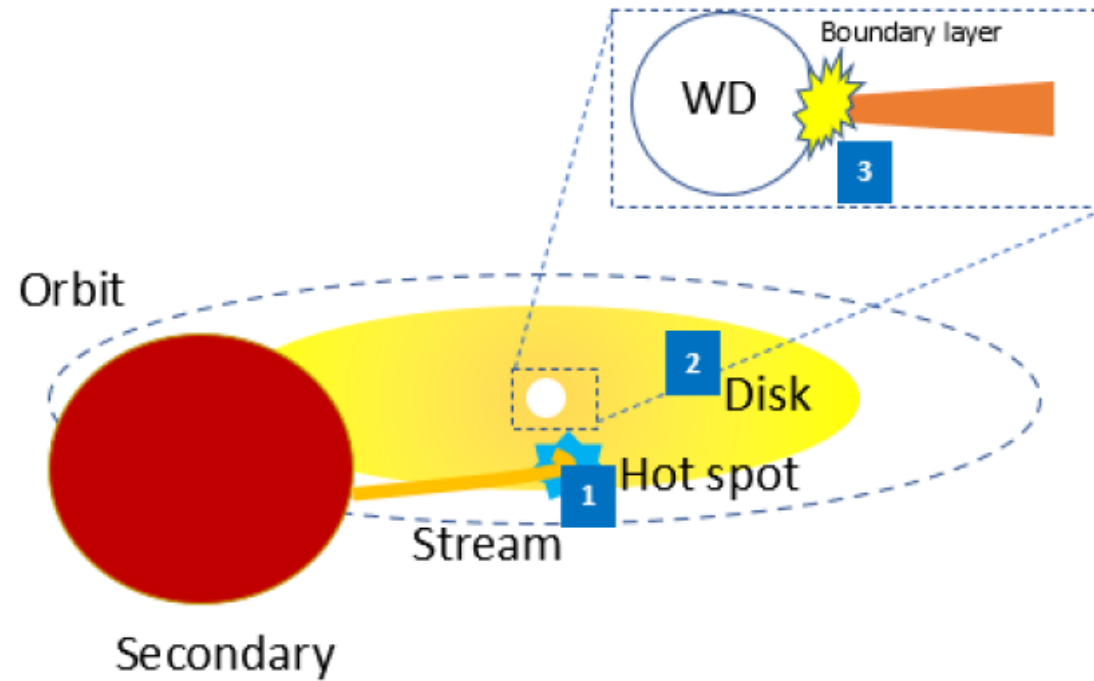
F. Teyssier T1M C2PU (FR) Omicron telescope
In the context of the DUAO 2022 (MAUCA Nice University – FR)
2023 January
Exposures: 10 seconds
<https://www.astronomerstelegam.org/?read=15916>

restore flickering to its original level
(Minev, Zamanov, Stoyanov)
2023 April
<https://www.astronomerstelegam.org/?read=16023>



T CrB Flickering

Possible sources



T CrB Spectroscopy: search for flickering

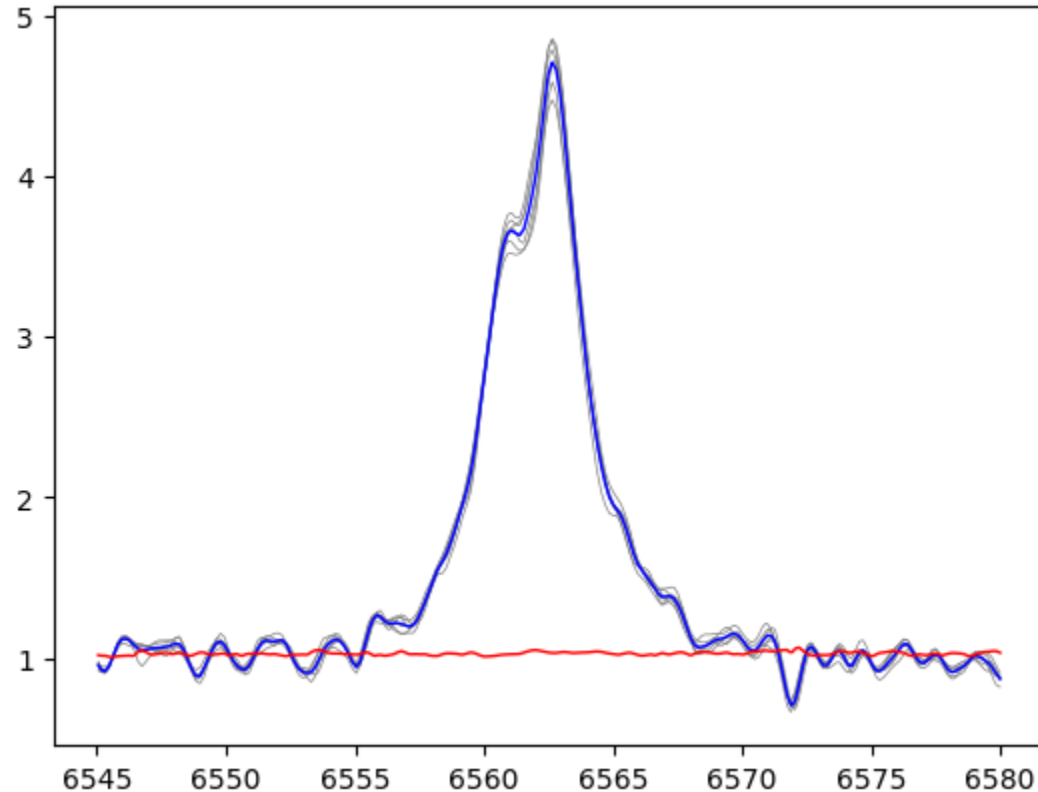
$$\sigma_{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\bar{f}_{\lambda}} \left[\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (f_{i\lambda} - \bar{f}_{\lambda})^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

with

N = number of spectra

\bar{f}_{λ} is the mean spectrum of the series

$f_{i\lambda}$ is the i th spectrum



H alpha line (**blue**)

and the series of 6 elementary spectra (exp. = 600 s) in **grey**

Variance in red (shifted by +1 for clarity)

24-04-2023 F. Teyssier

Spectrograph NOUT R = 9000

For each λ , the variance is under the threshold $3 \cdot \sigma_{\lambda}$ on the continuum.

The null hypothesis of variability can be rejected

Agenda:

2012-2015

Low State

2015-2023

High State

→ 2022-202X

Pre-outburst monitoring: current – 2/3 spectra a week

202X

Nova Outburst Very Short (a few days): **High Cadency & World wide coverage**

202X-202Y

Post Nova monitoring (secondary Bump)



Atmospheric correction



Flux calibrated spectra with V band photometry acquired *during* the run

- Spectra in asdb: <https://aras-database.github.io/database/tcrb.html>
- Web Page: <http://astronomie-amateur.fr/EruptiveStars/TCrB0.html>
- Forum: <http://spectro-aras.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=37&t=2902&start=10>
- Whatsapp group for regular observers

Tribute

This work relies on the contribution of ARAS observers during more than 10 years (> 750 spectra)

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