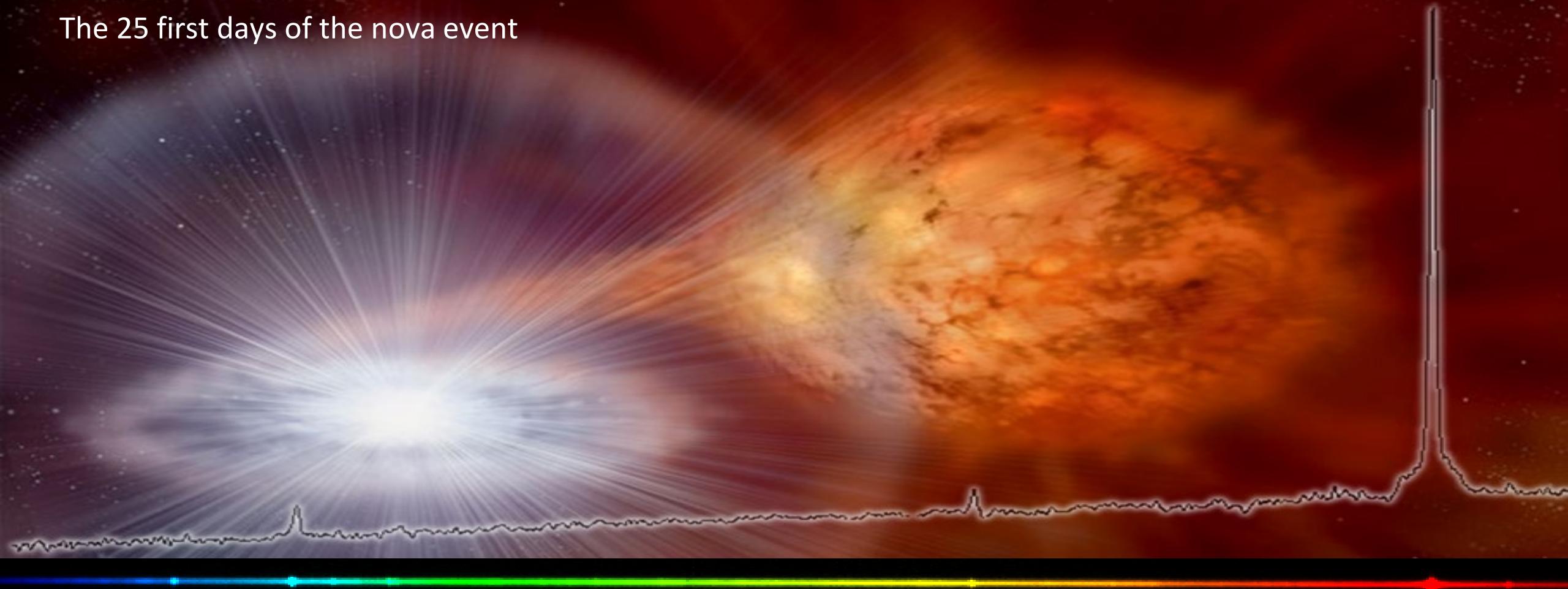


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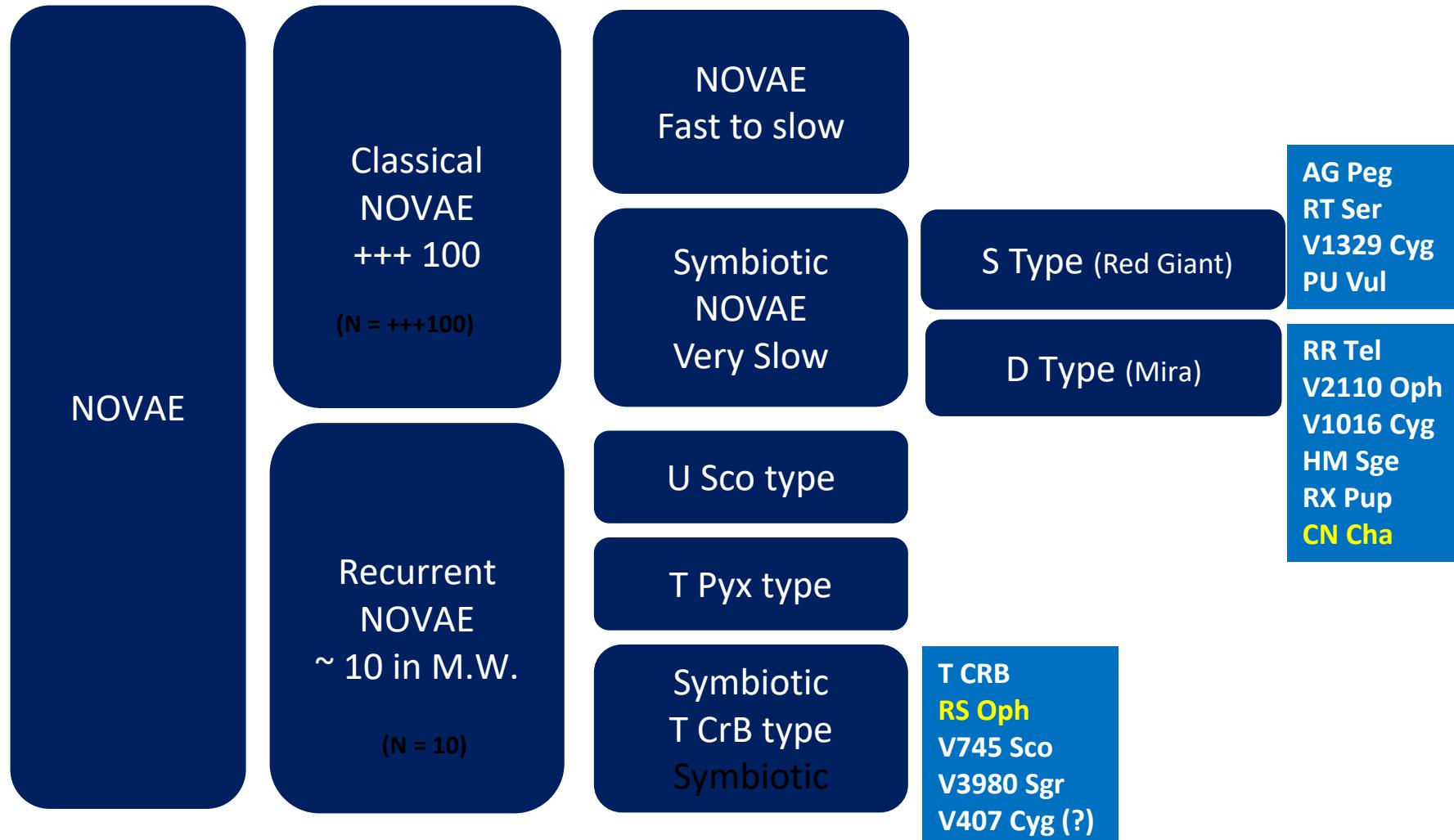
The 25 first days of the nova event



Novae Classification

Explosive event (TNR) in the degenerated envelop
(accreted from a main sequence star or a red giant) at the surface of a white dwarf

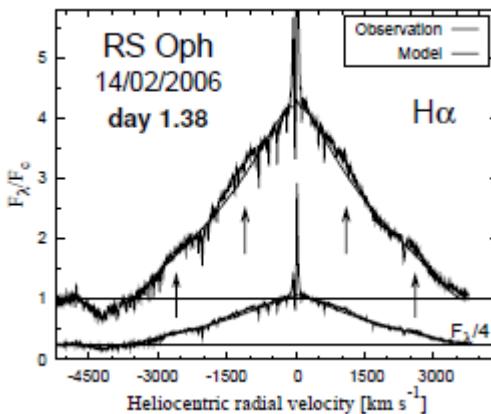
Recurrence = +++ 100 to +++ 1000 y for « classical novae » (observed once)
 < 150 y for recurrent novae (several nova outbursts observed in « modern times »)



Previous nova events

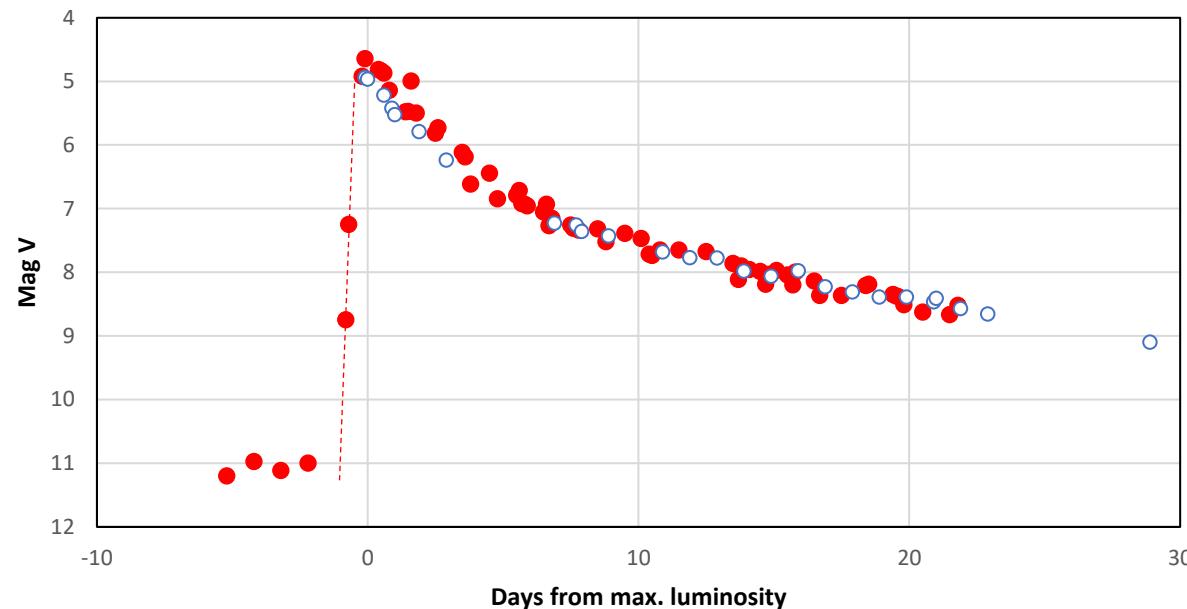
1898
 1907 (?) solar conjunction
 1933
 1945 (?) solar conjunction
 1958
 1967
 1985
 2006
 2021

Very short
 Recurrence time scale ~ 20 y



Skopal+ 2008
 Spectrum obtained by Christian Buil

RS Oph AAVSO V **2006 & 2021**



Max. 2021 ¹: JD 2459435.8 +/- 0.1

Mag V. = 4.6 +/- 0.1

$\Delta V \sim 6.4$ in 1.3 d

$\Delta V/\Delta T \sim 4.9$ mag/d

Rise

Decline

$t_2 = 4.7$ d

$t_3 = 10.4$ d

¹ Munari+, 2021 : 2459436.2 +/- 0.05

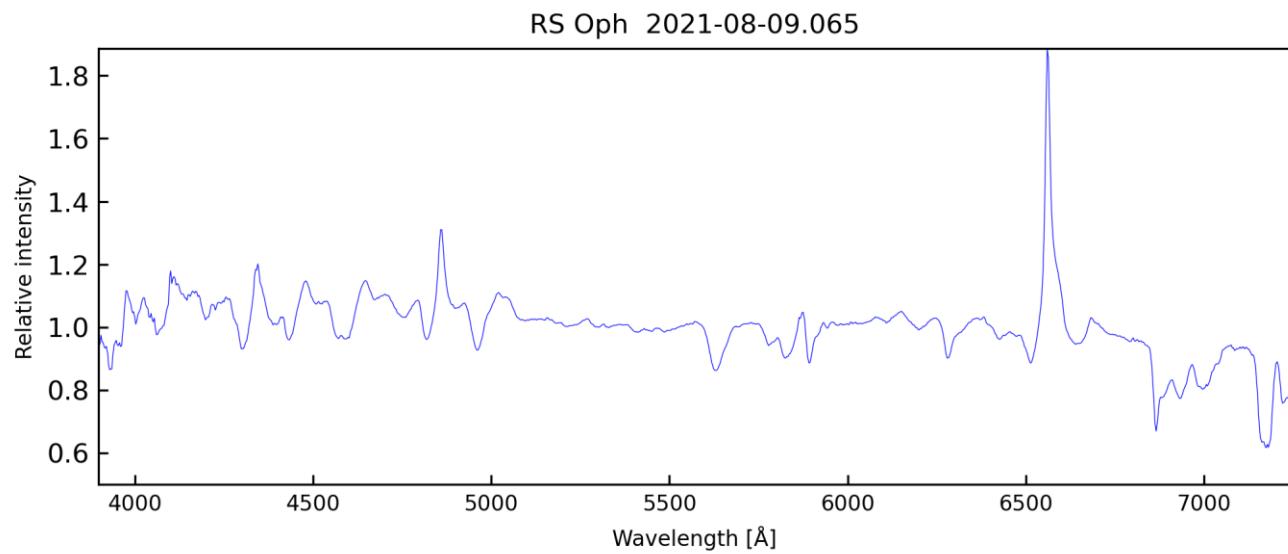
RS Oph 2021 Rise Max – 0.5 day

First spectrum of the event in the database

Secured by J.B. Desrosiers

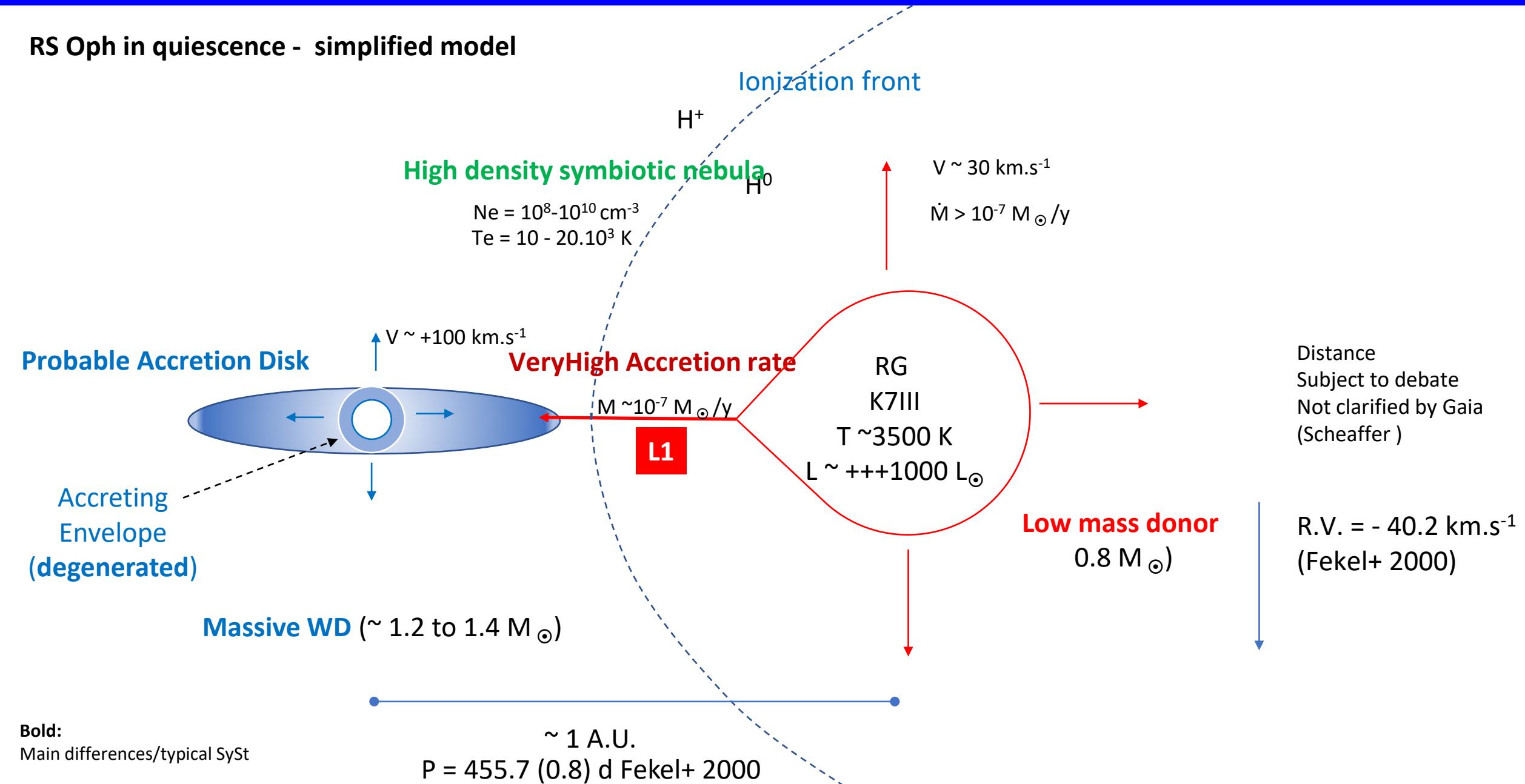
Alpy R = 600

Near Maximum Luminosity



RS Oph in quiescence

RS Oph in quiescence - simplified model

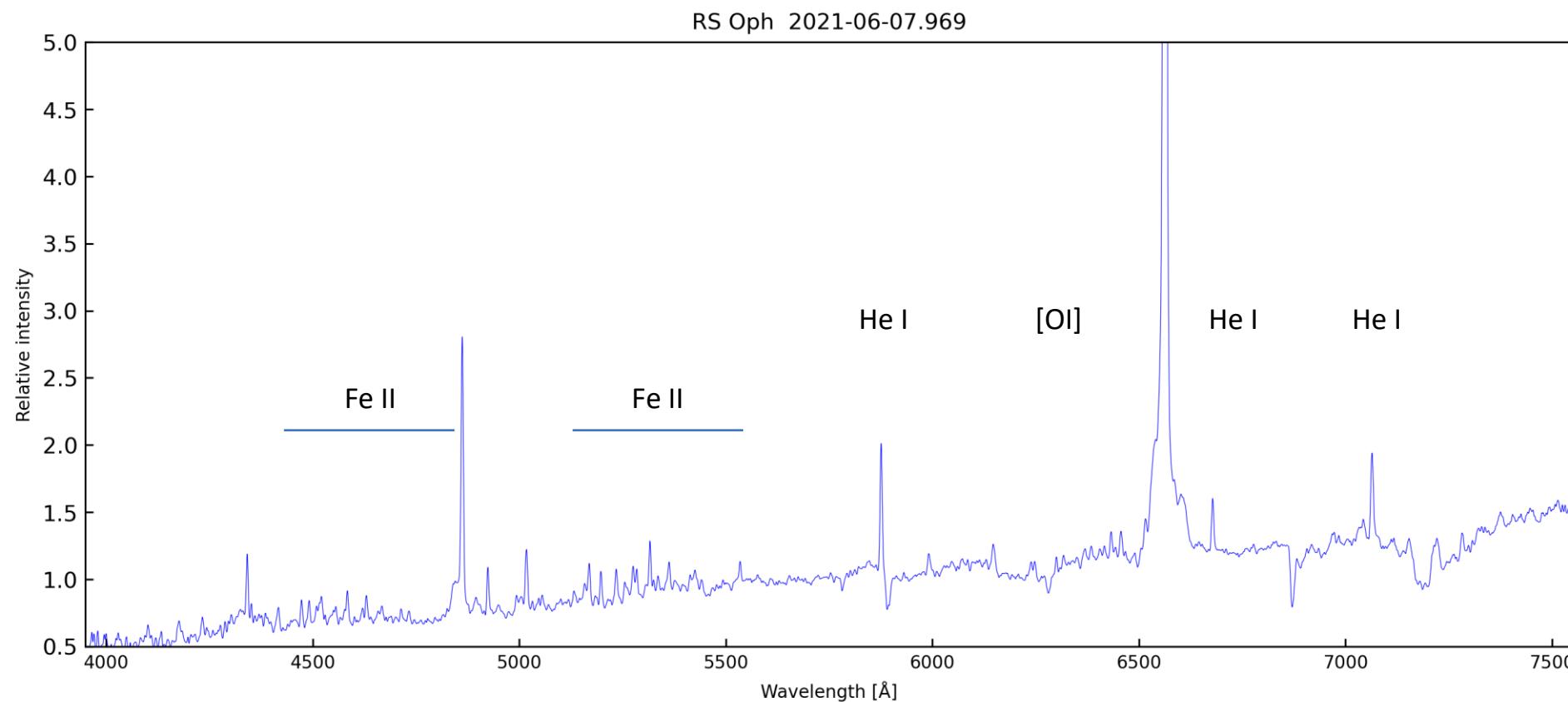


RS Oph in quiescence

Monitoring upon a request of Natalia Shagatova and Augustin Skopal

Last spectrum in quiescence

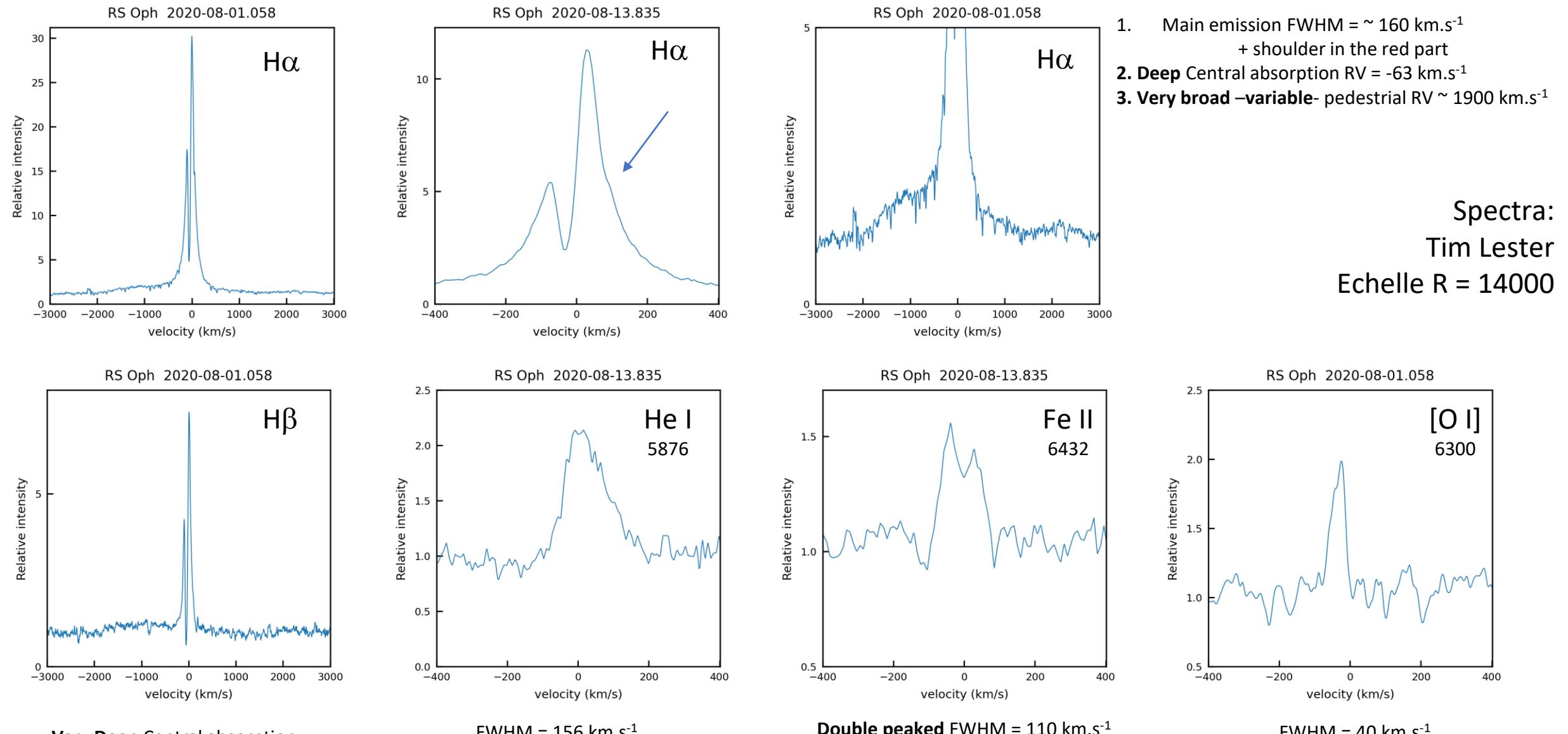
P. Dubovsky
LISA R = 1000



H I
He I
Metals 1+ Fe II

He II missing: ionisation temperature ~ 25 eV (25000 K)
No trace of [NII] 5755, [OIII] ...

RS Oph in quiescence



Spectra:
Tim Lester
Echelle R = 14000

Very Deep Central absorption

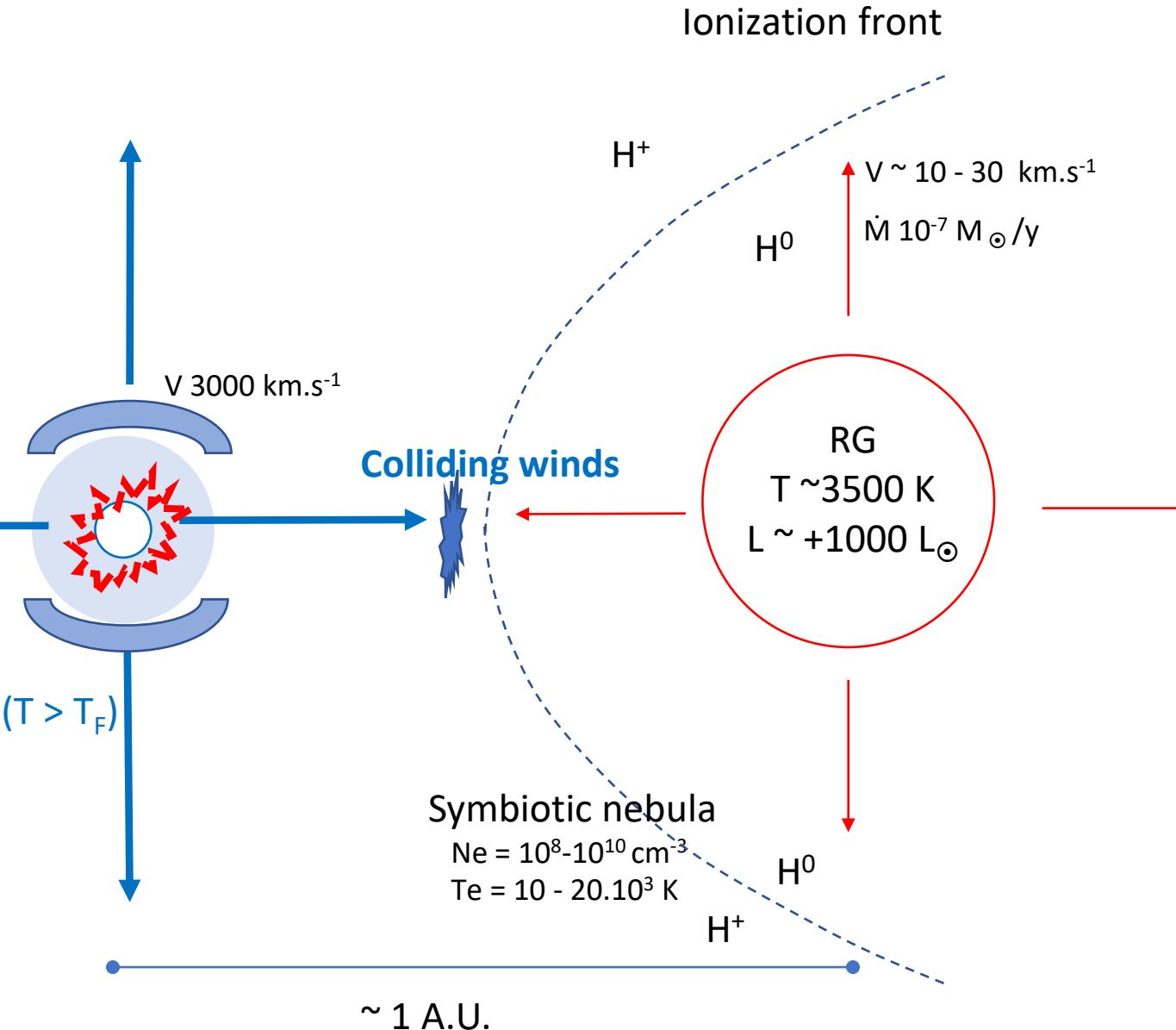
FWHM = 156 km.s^{-1}

Double peaked FWHM = 110 km.s^{-1}

FWHM = 40 km.s^{-1}

Simplified model

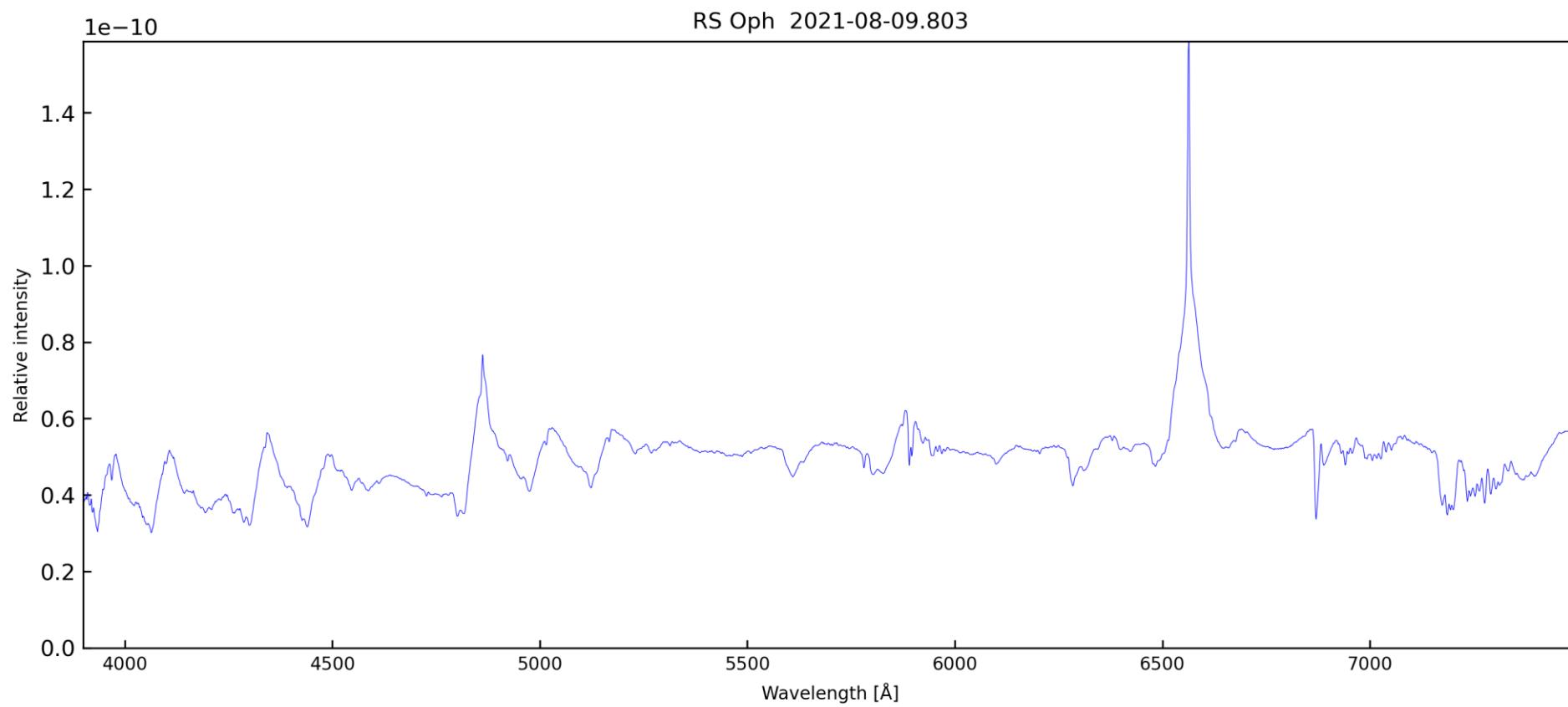
Pre-outburst [1]

 $M_{env} \uparrow$ $P \uparrow > P_{crit}$ $\rightarrow TNR$ $T \uparrow > T_{Fermi}$ 

[1] see:

http://www.astronomie-amateur.fr/Talks/2020_Novae_Part1_EN.pdf

RS Oph 2021 Nova outburst day max + 0.5d



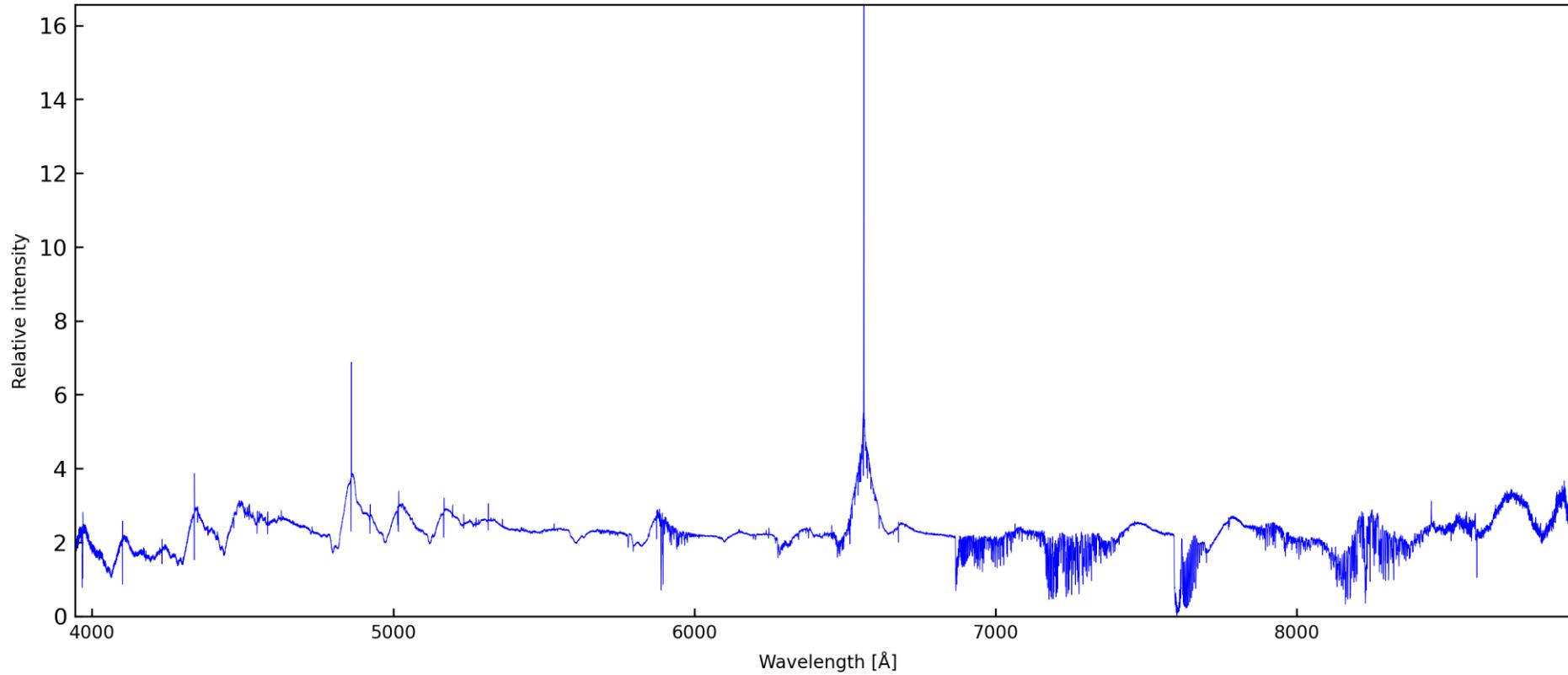
Pavol Dubovsky LISA R – 1000 Flux calibrated spectrum – See also David Boyd spectra

RS Oph 2021 Early decline (max + 0.5 day)

Echelle spectrum

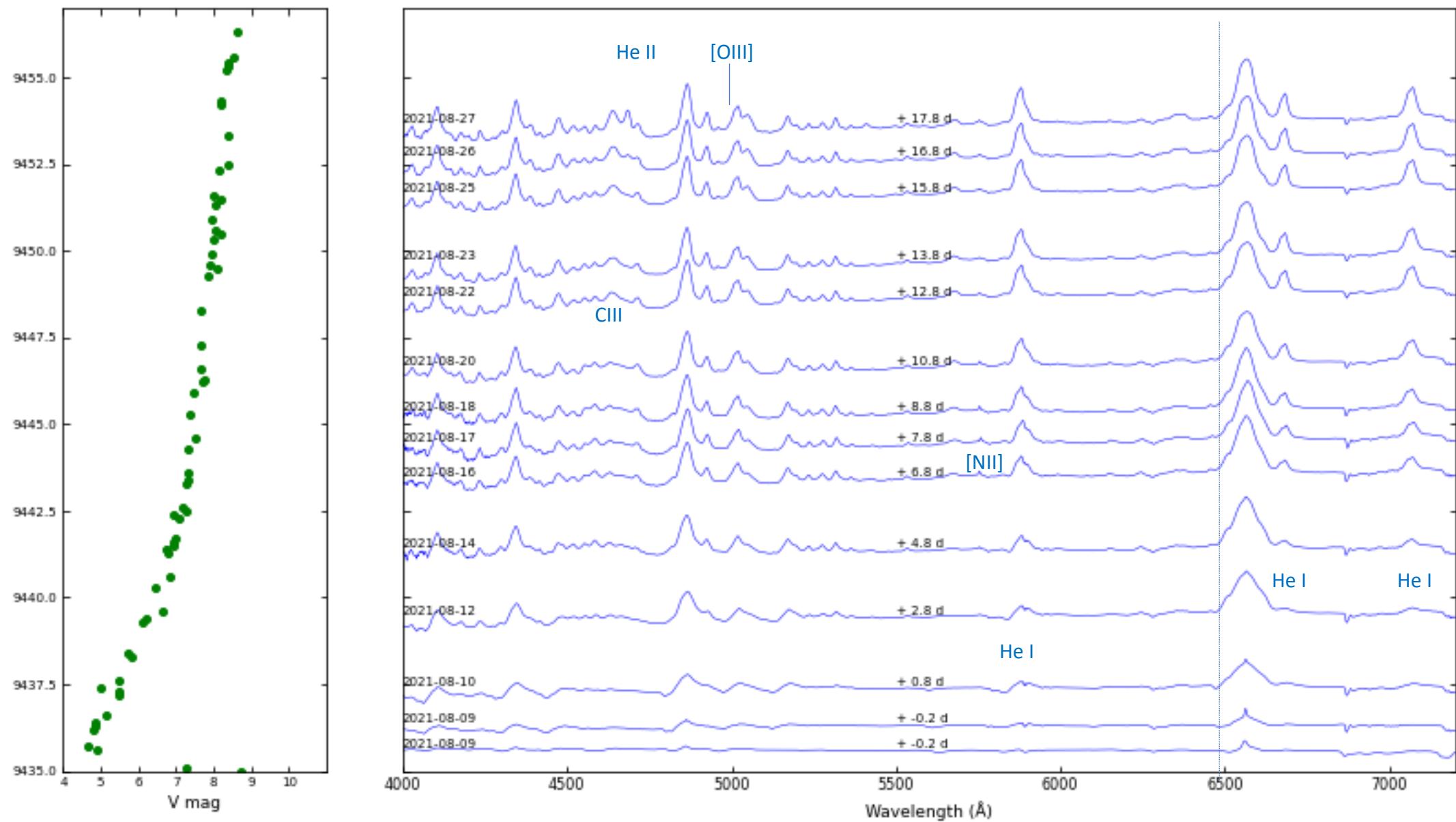
Near Peak

RS Oph 2021-08-09.957

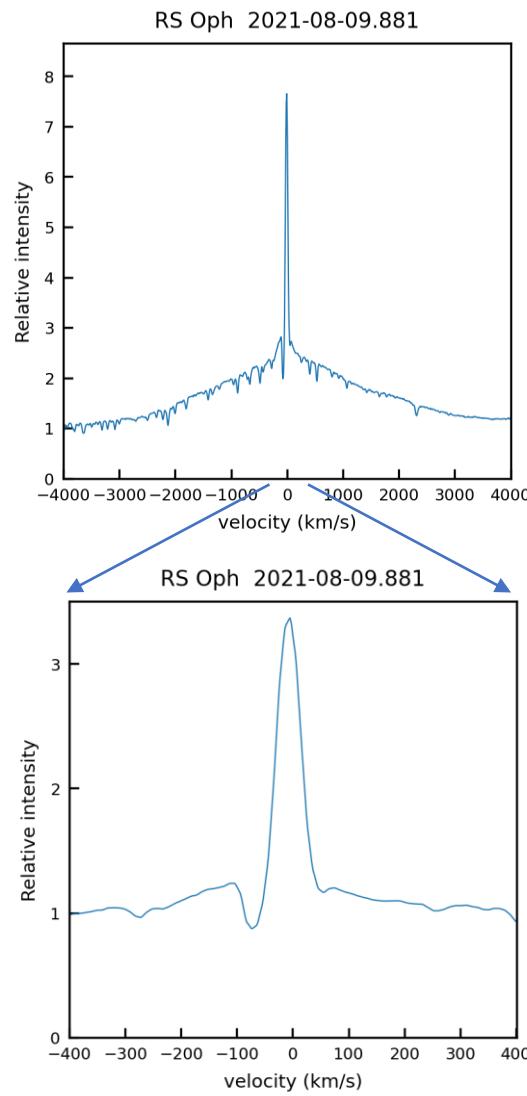


F. Teyssier Remote station SMM-SP with a NOUT- Joan Guarro- (R =9000) mounted at the focus of a SC 16''

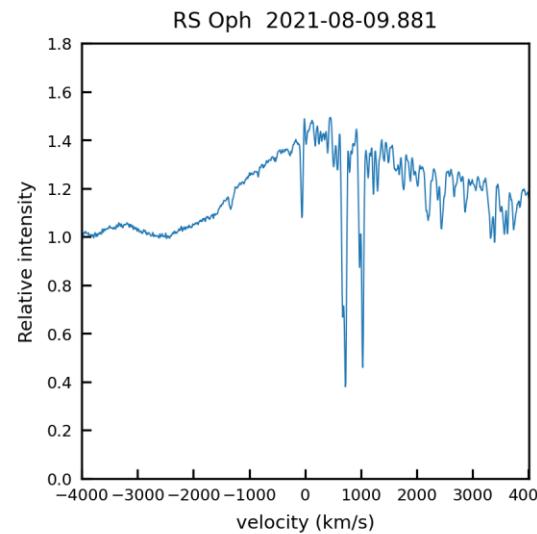
RS Oph 2021 Nova outburst The first 24 days



RS Oph 2021 Nova outburst day ~ 1.5 (max + 0.5d)



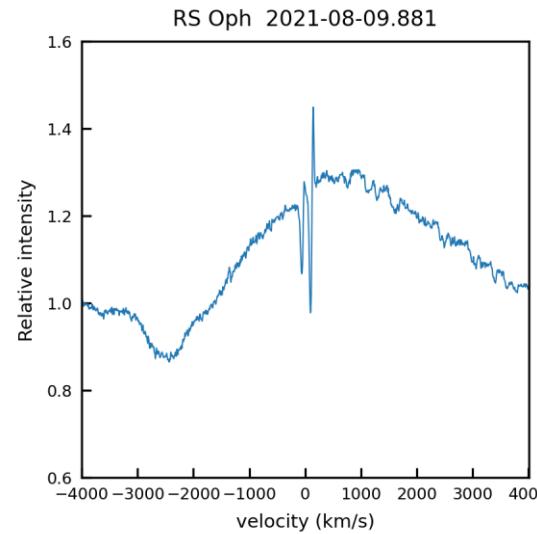
H α



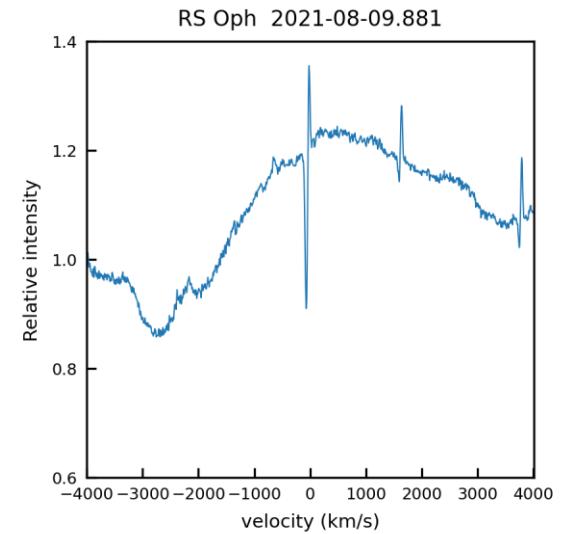
He I 5876

Very faint emission
+ Na I D narrow absorption
No sign of emission
-> T $\sim 10\text{-}20 \text{ kK}$
for the forming zone of narrow components

He I + Fe II 4922-4924 blend

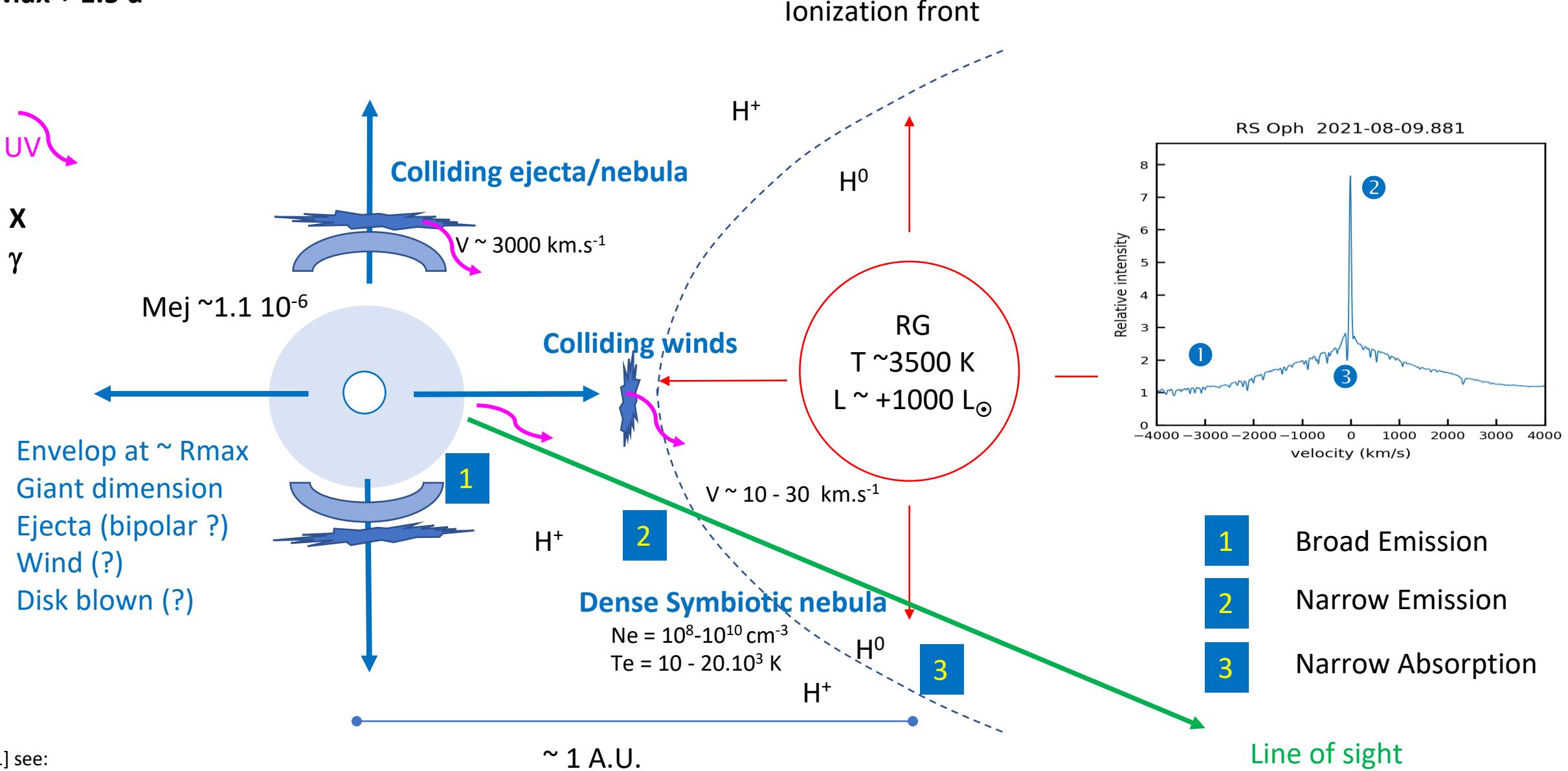


Fe II (46) 5169



RS Oph Nova outburst

Max + 1.5 d



ARAS Database: <https://aras-database.github.io/database/rsoph.html>

339 spectra at resolution 500 to 30000 from 23-03-2011 to 03-09-2021

Daily monitoring with echelle spectra ($R = 9000$ to 11000)

and for the first time with echelle spectra on 14th of August: 12 hours time scale

⇒ **Very fine timing (+/- 0.5 d)** of the major events, notably the rise of high ionized lines

AND

⇒ **Detection of fluctuations** which were unknown despite the modern observations of several outbursts

Echelle spectra used in this presentation were secured by:

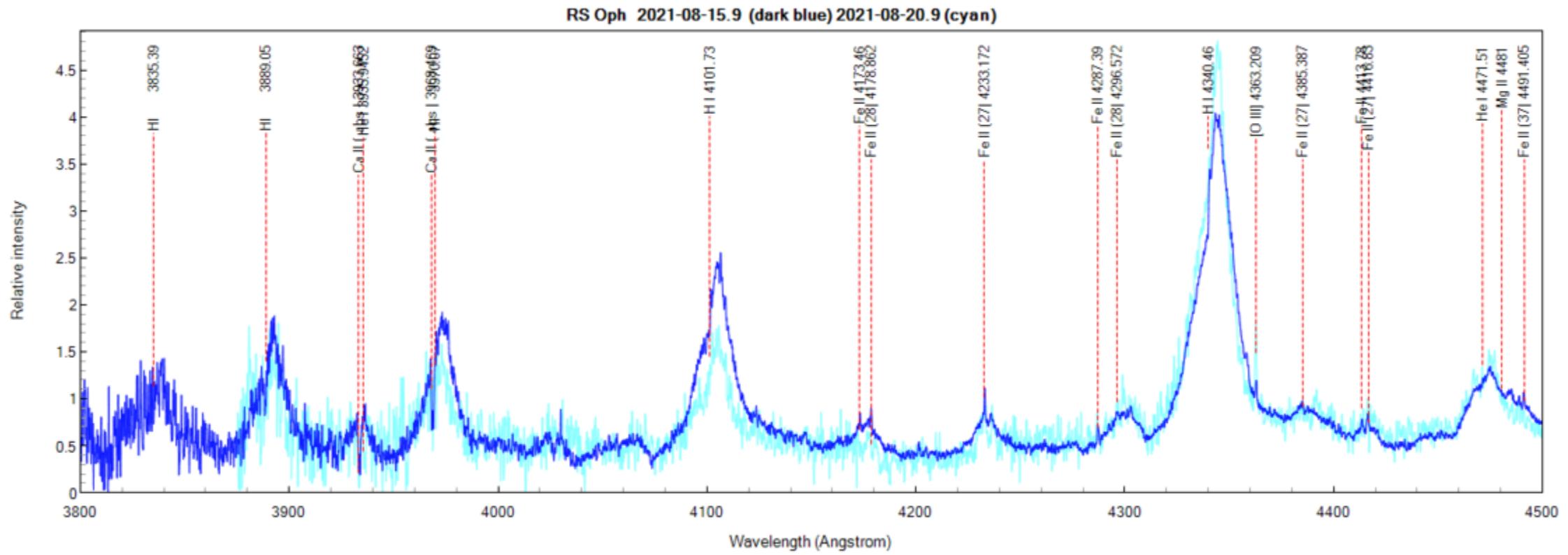
Stephane Charbonnel (FR), Colin Eldridge (AU), Olivier Garde (FR),

Joan Guarro (SP), Olivier Thizy (FR), François Teyssier (FR-SP)

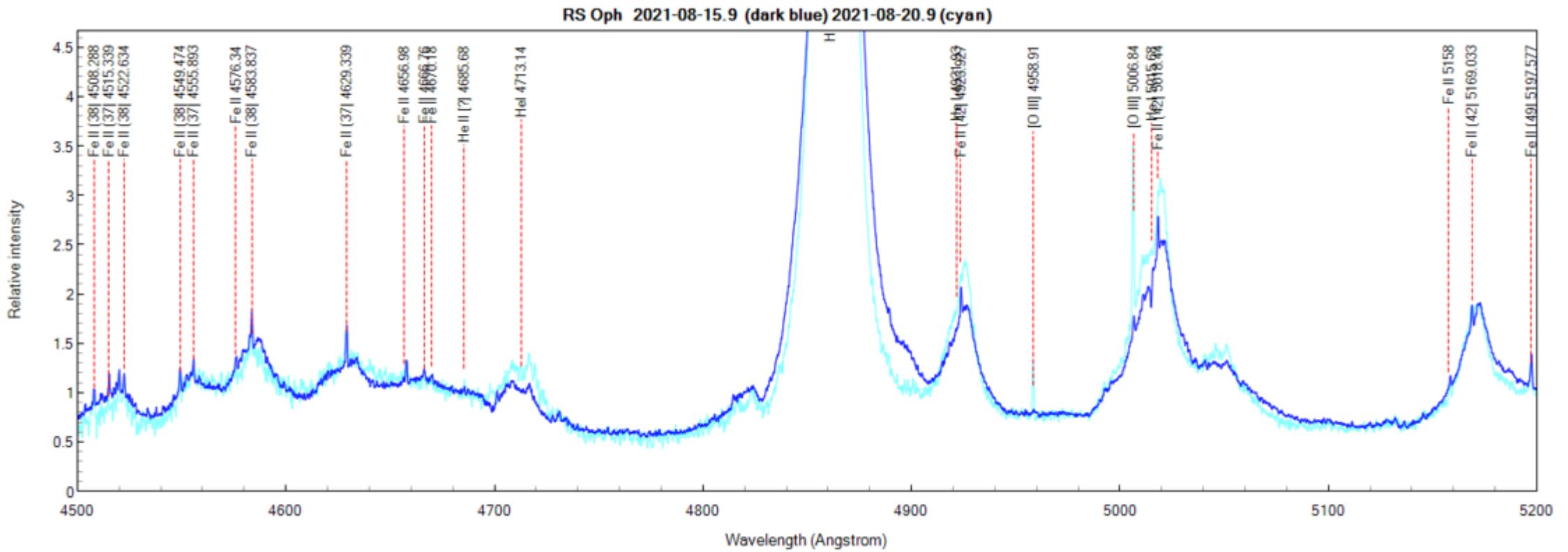
Page 11: the development of the spectrum

using LISA spectra ($R = 1000$) obtained by David Boyd, Pavol Dubovsky, Keith Shank
and Alpy spectrum obtained by Jean-Bruno Desrosiers

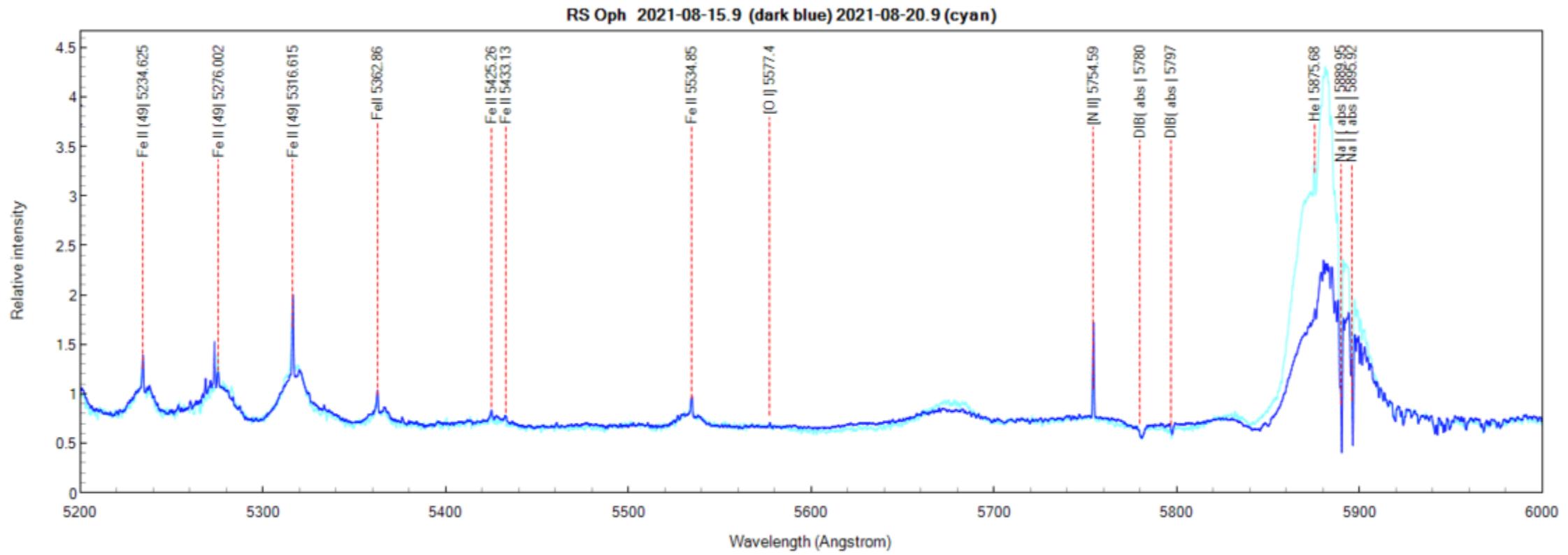
RS Oph 2021 Nova outburst The first 24 days



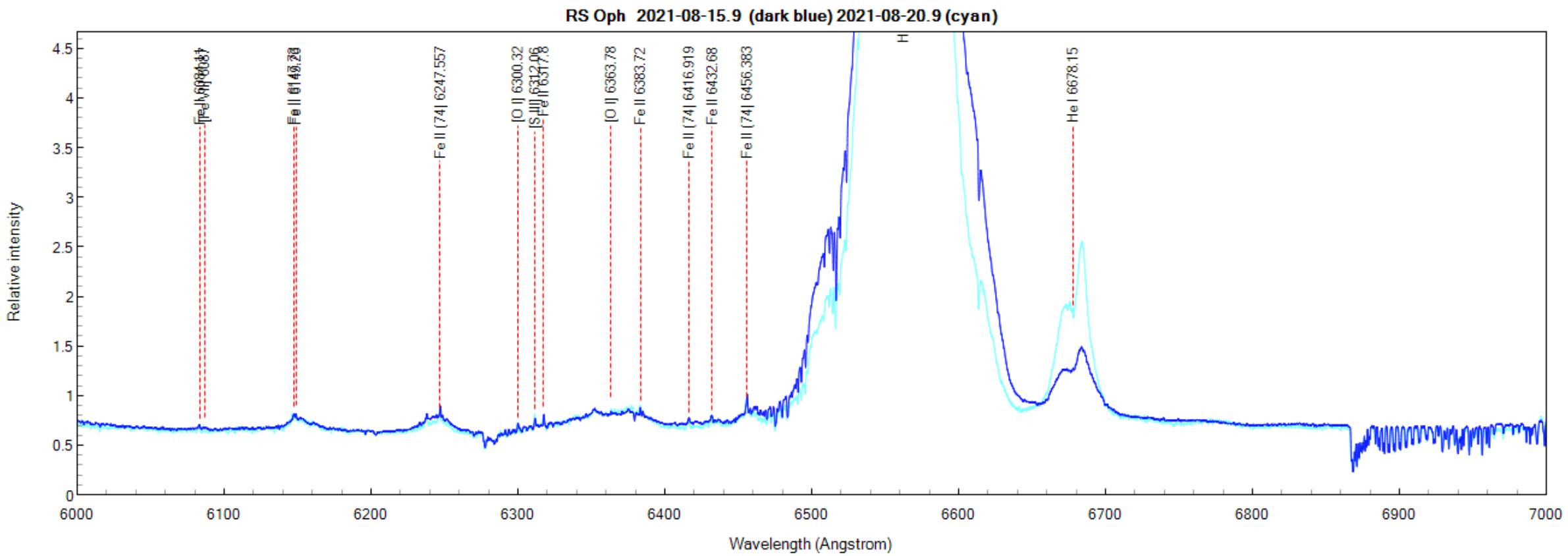
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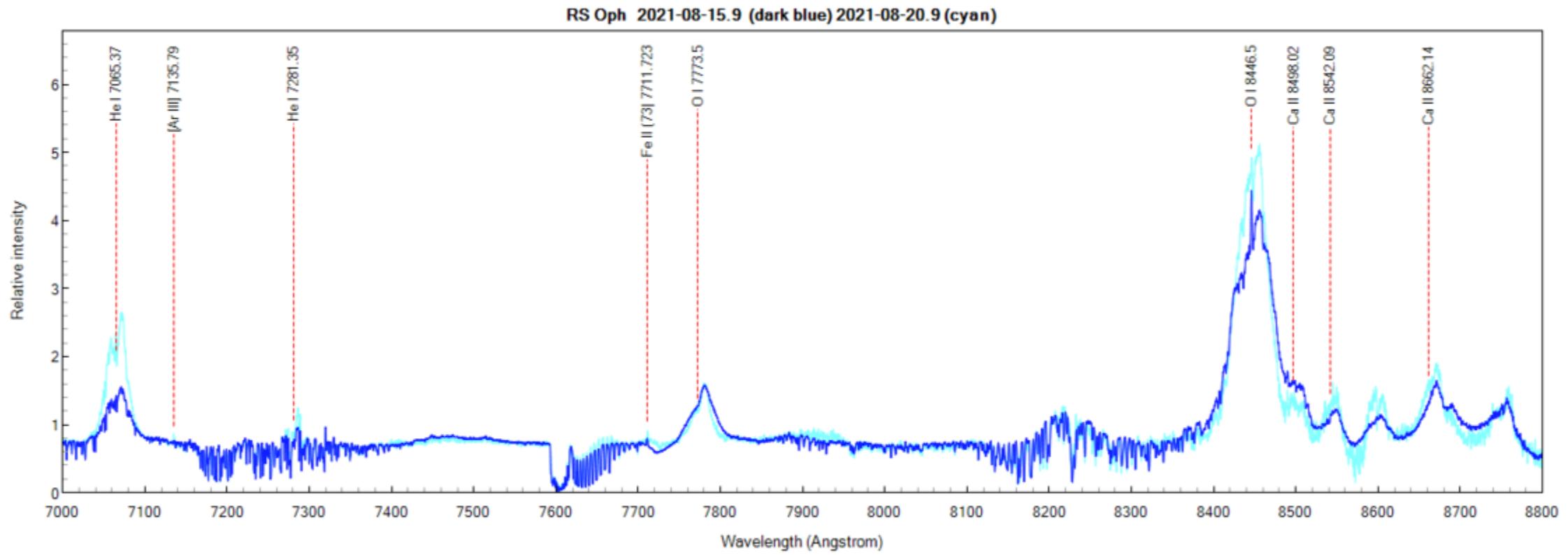
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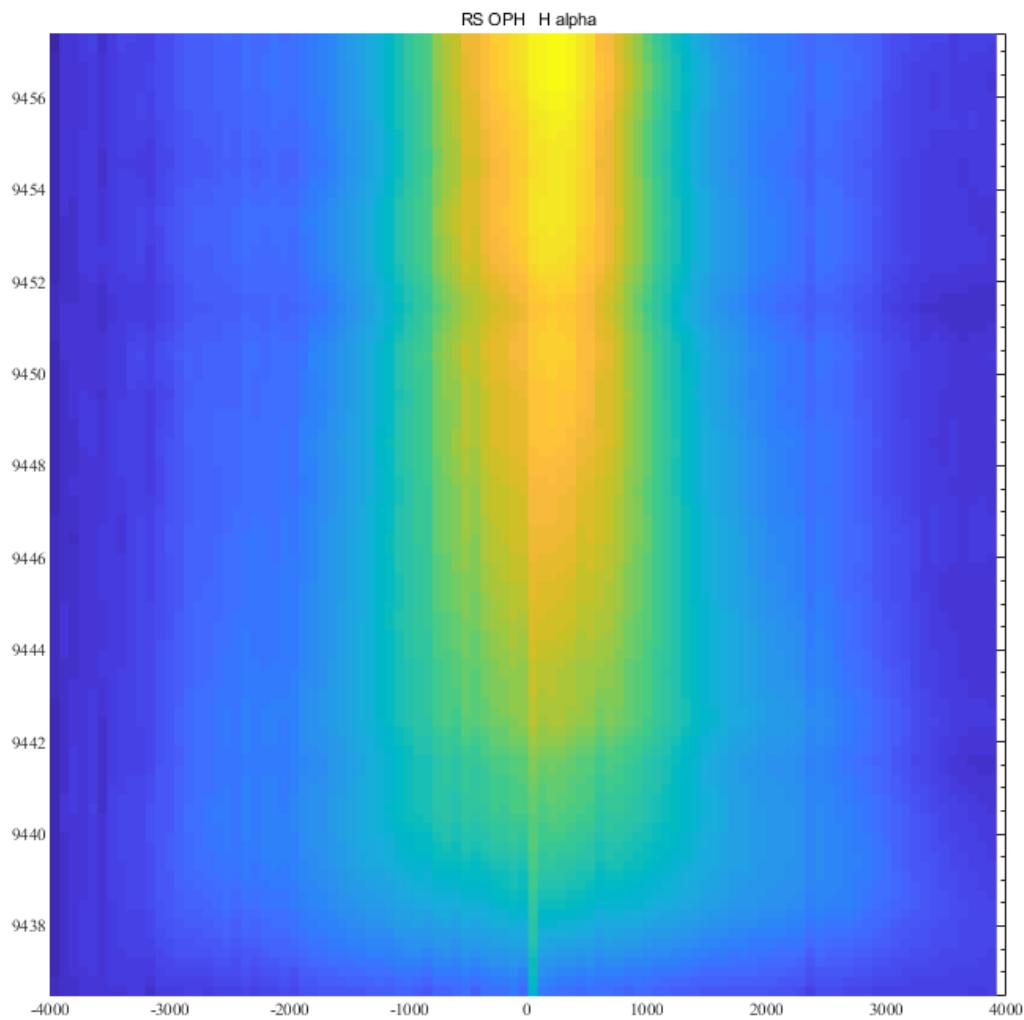
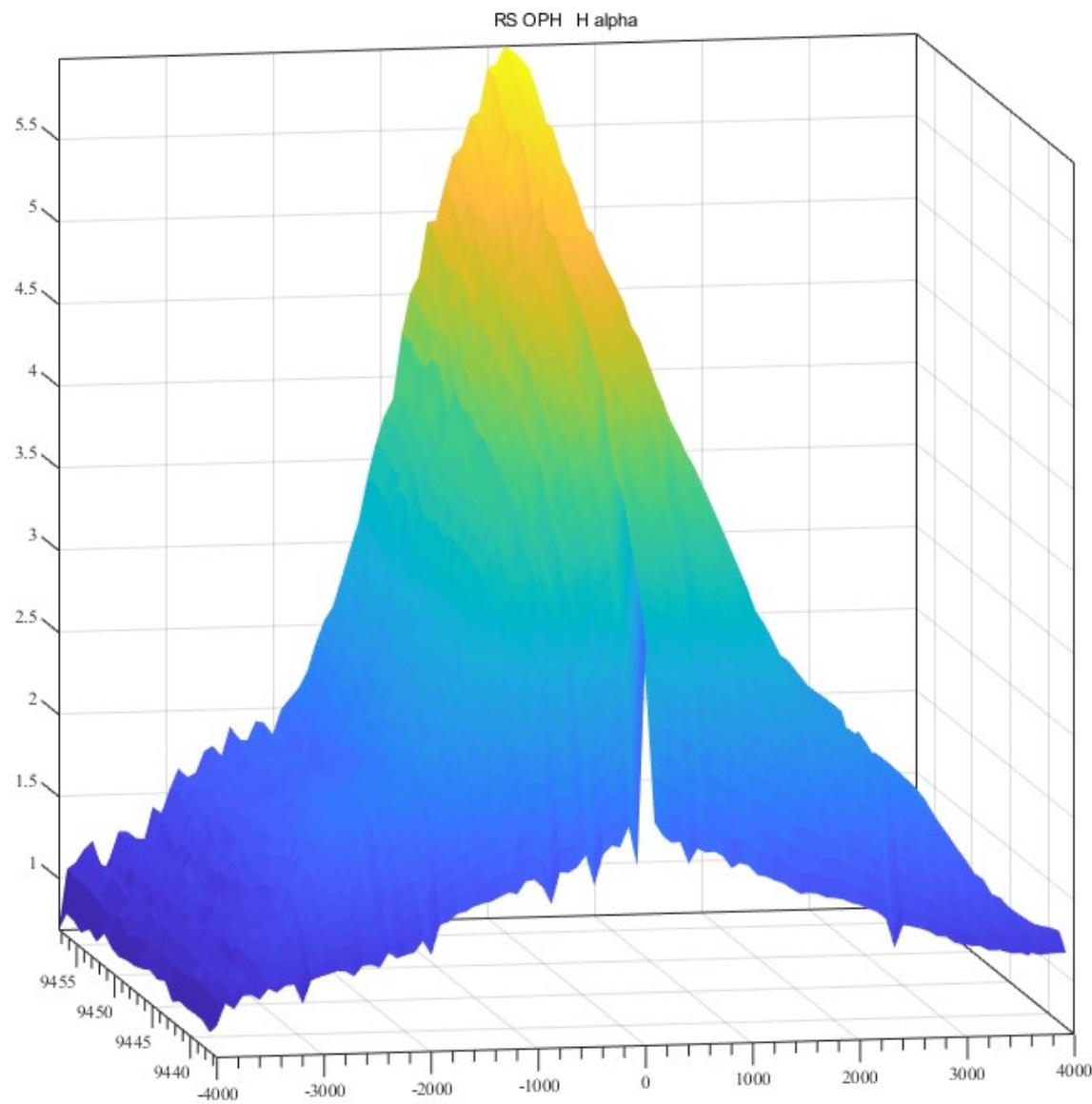


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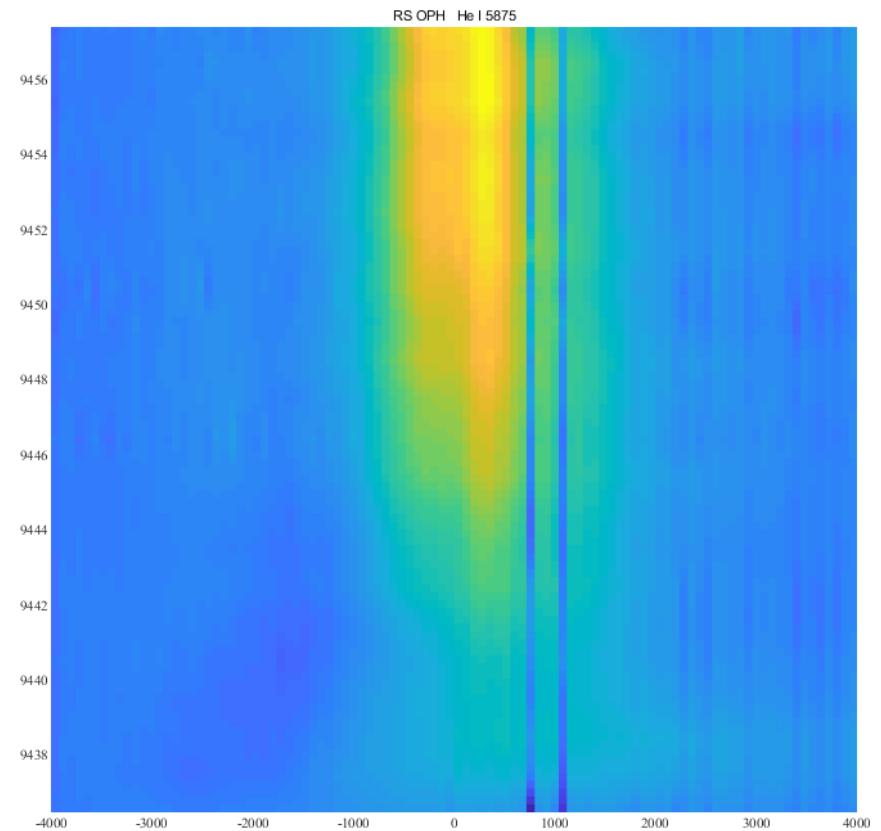
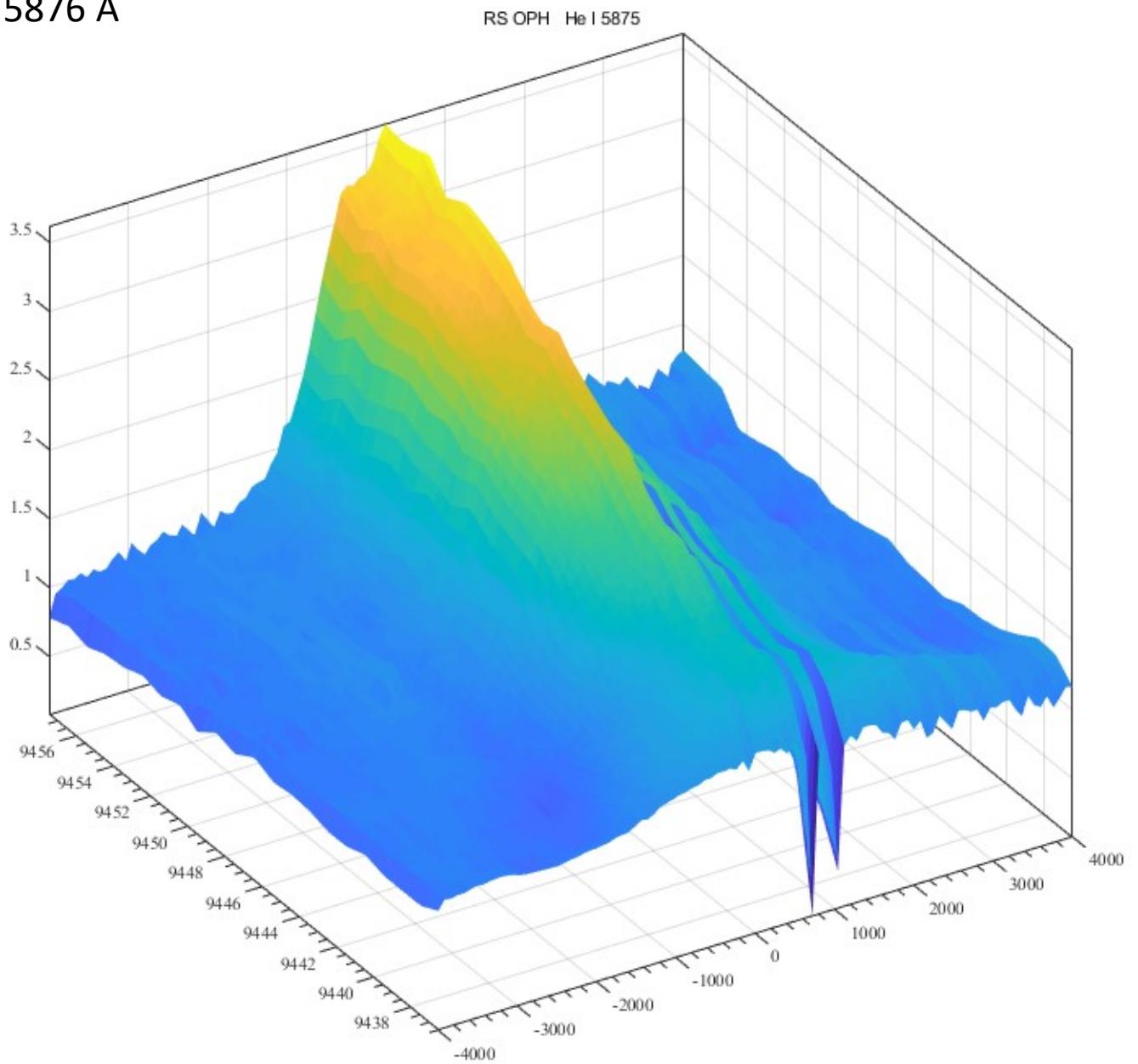
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H alpha

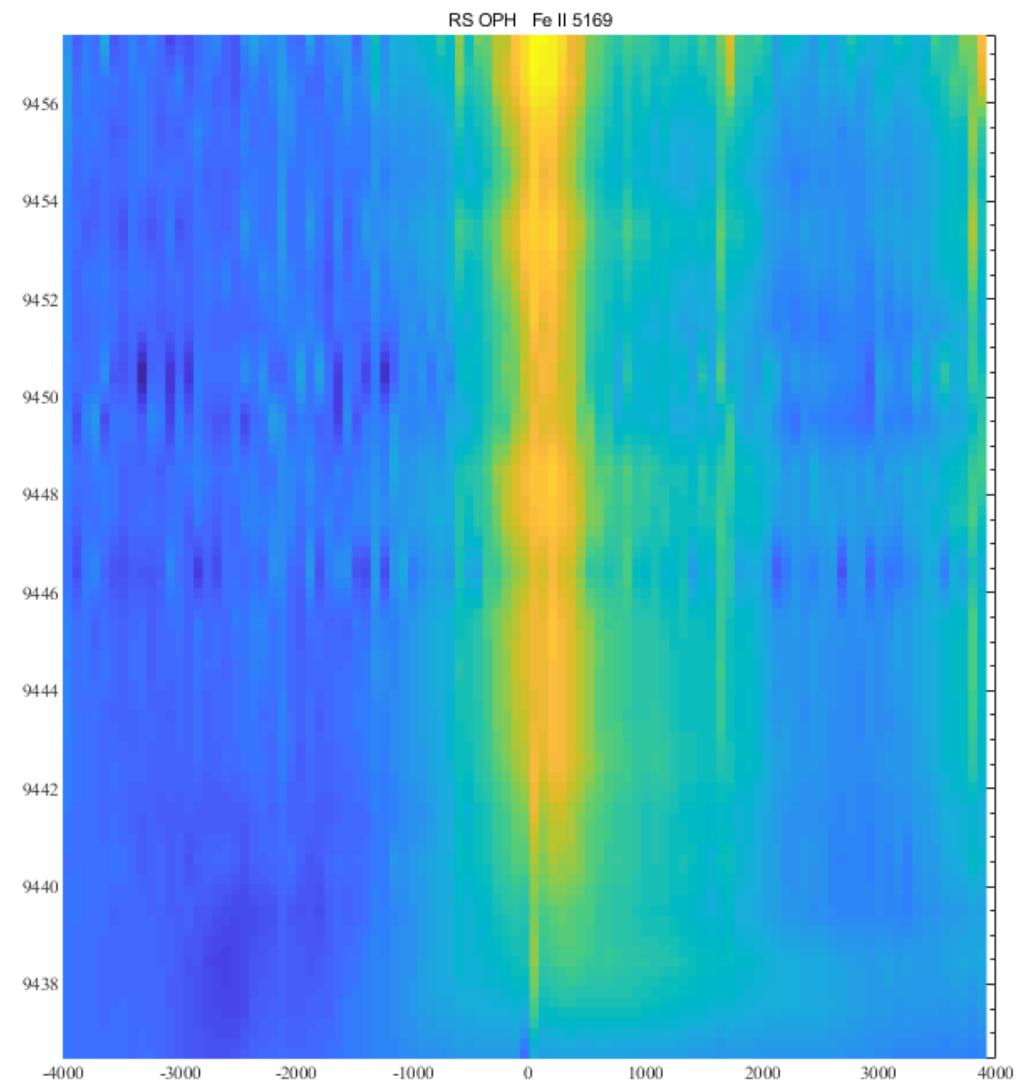
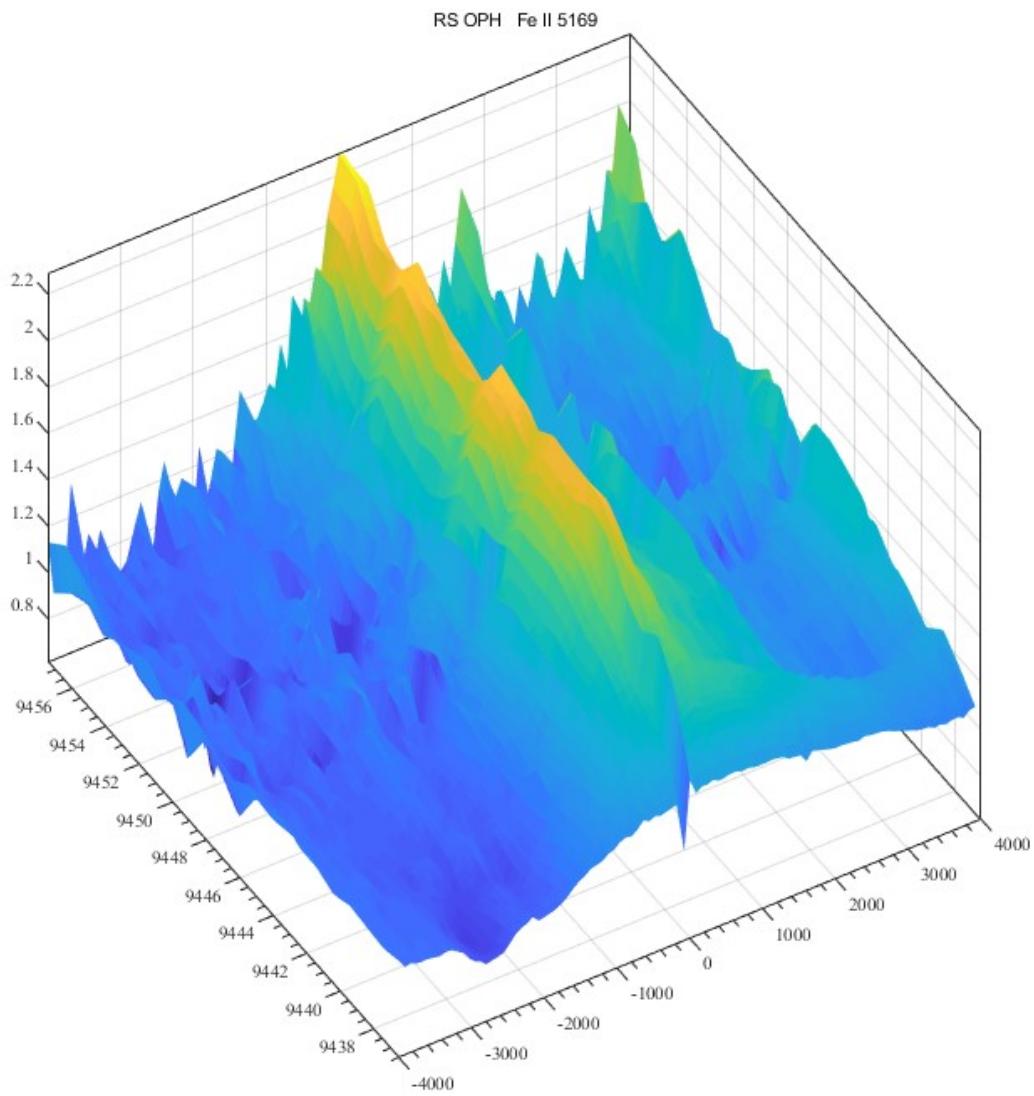


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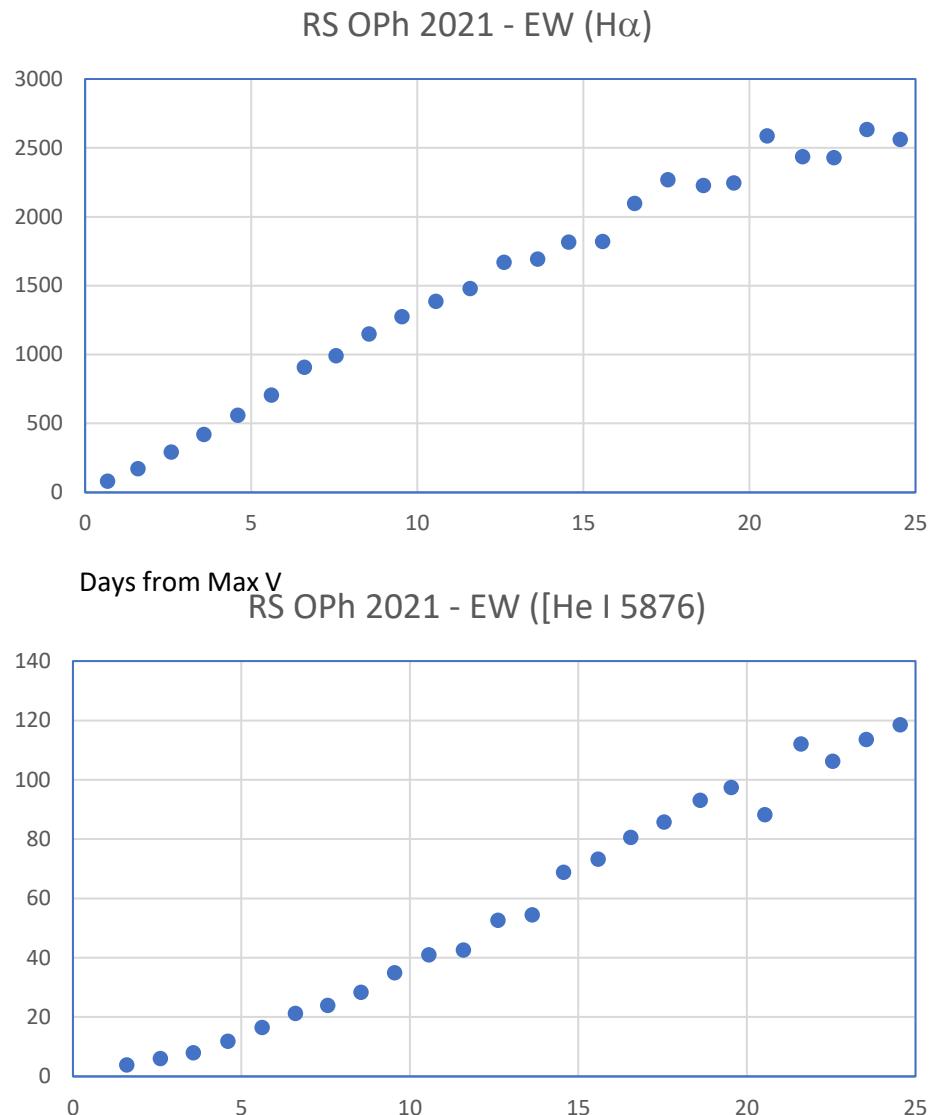
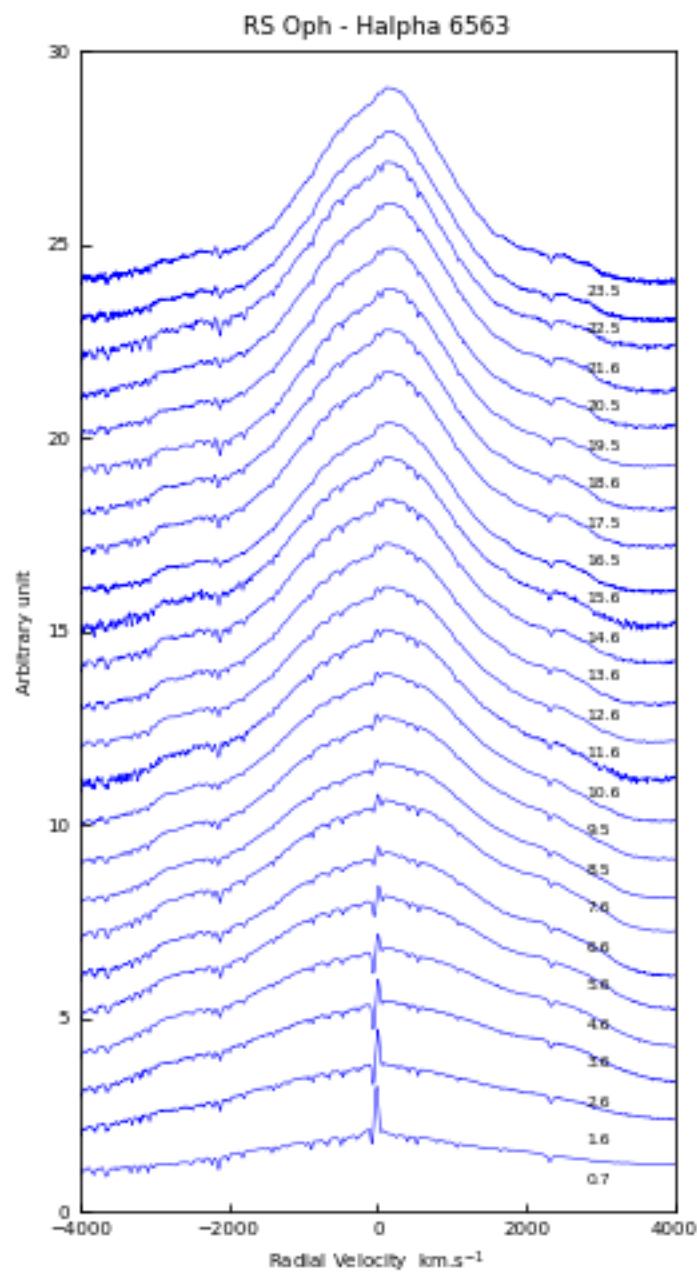
He I 5876 Å



Fe II (42) 5269 Å

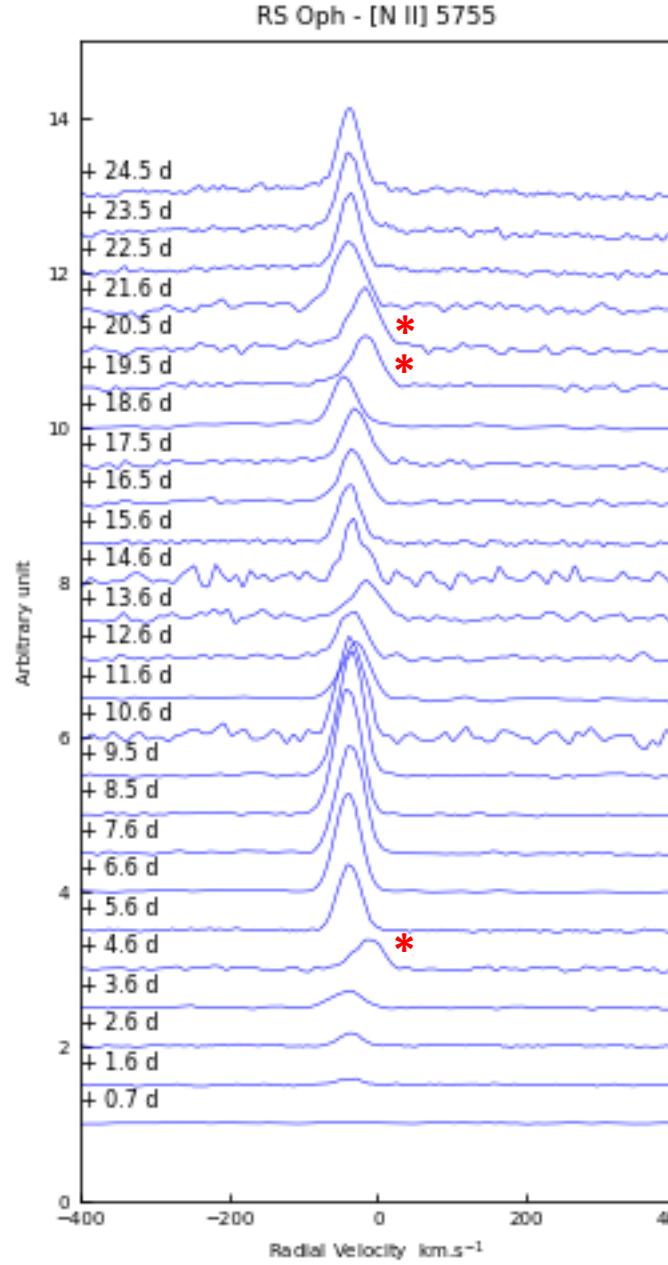


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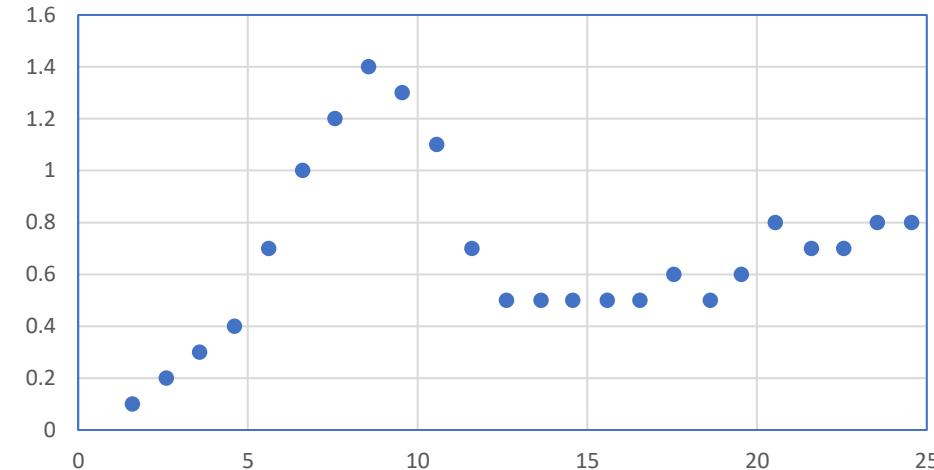
Preliminary
but promising
results

RS Oph 2021 Nova outburst The first 25 days



[N II] 5755 Å
I.E. = 14.5 eV
 $N_{\text{e}}^{\text{crit}} =$

RS OPh 2021 - EW ([NII] 5755)

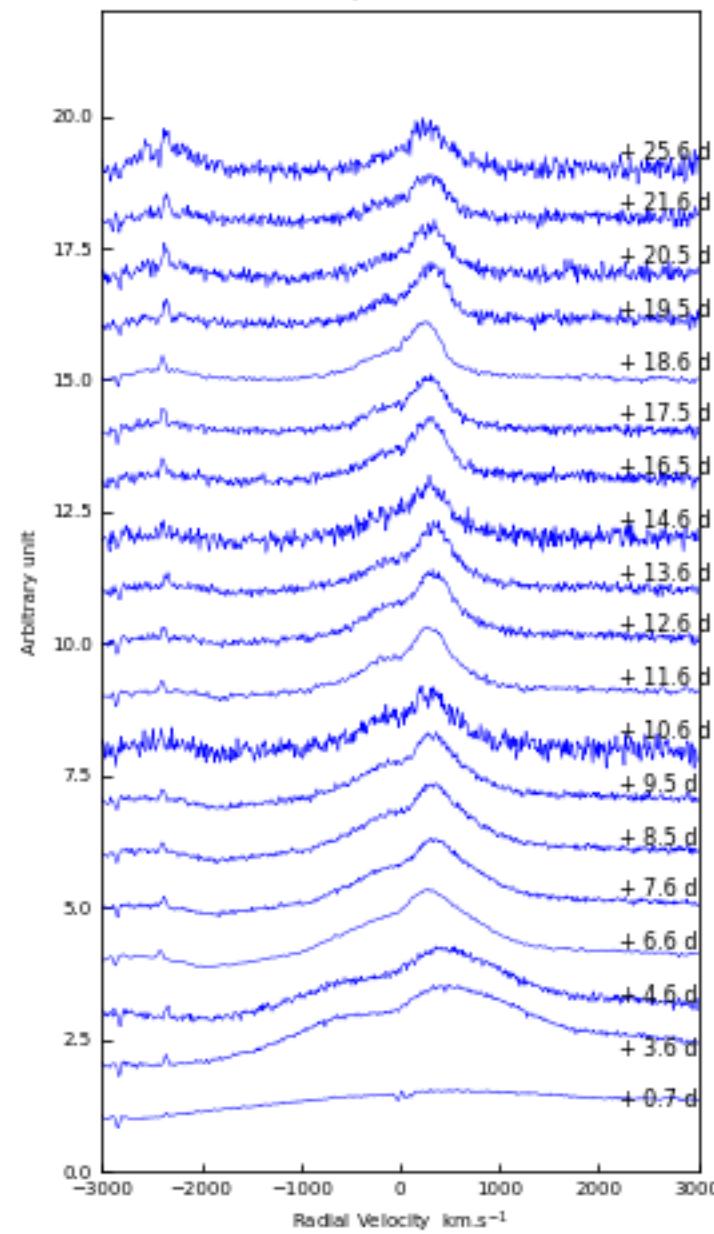


Detected early at day +1.6
As a narrow line ($\text{FWHM} \sim 46 \text{ km.s}^{-1}$)
 $\text{RV} \sim -12 \text{ km.s}^{-1}$

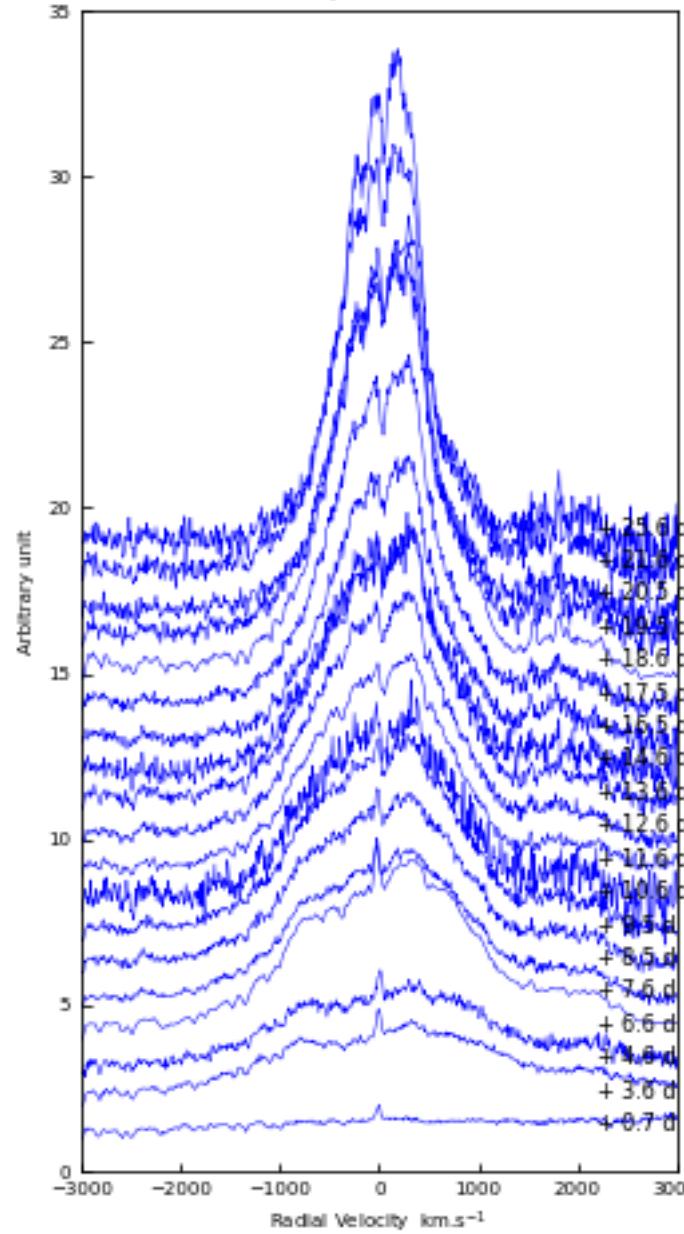
* : HRV to be corrected

RS Oph 2021 Nova outburst The first 24 days

RS Oph - O I 7773



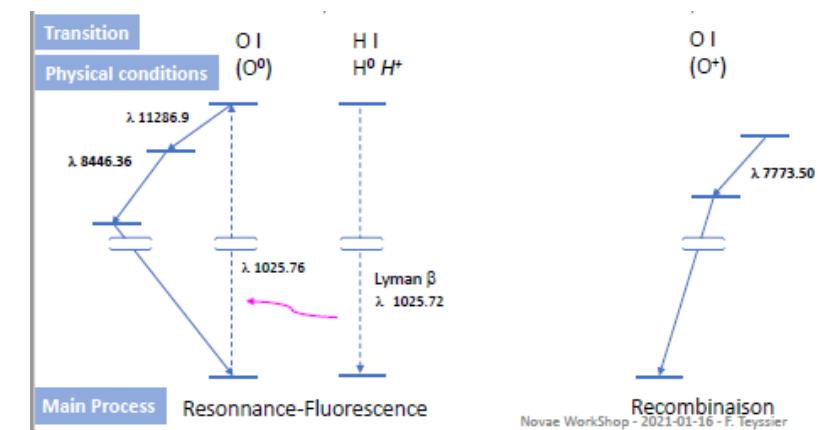
RS Oph - O I 8446



O I II 7773, 8446 Å

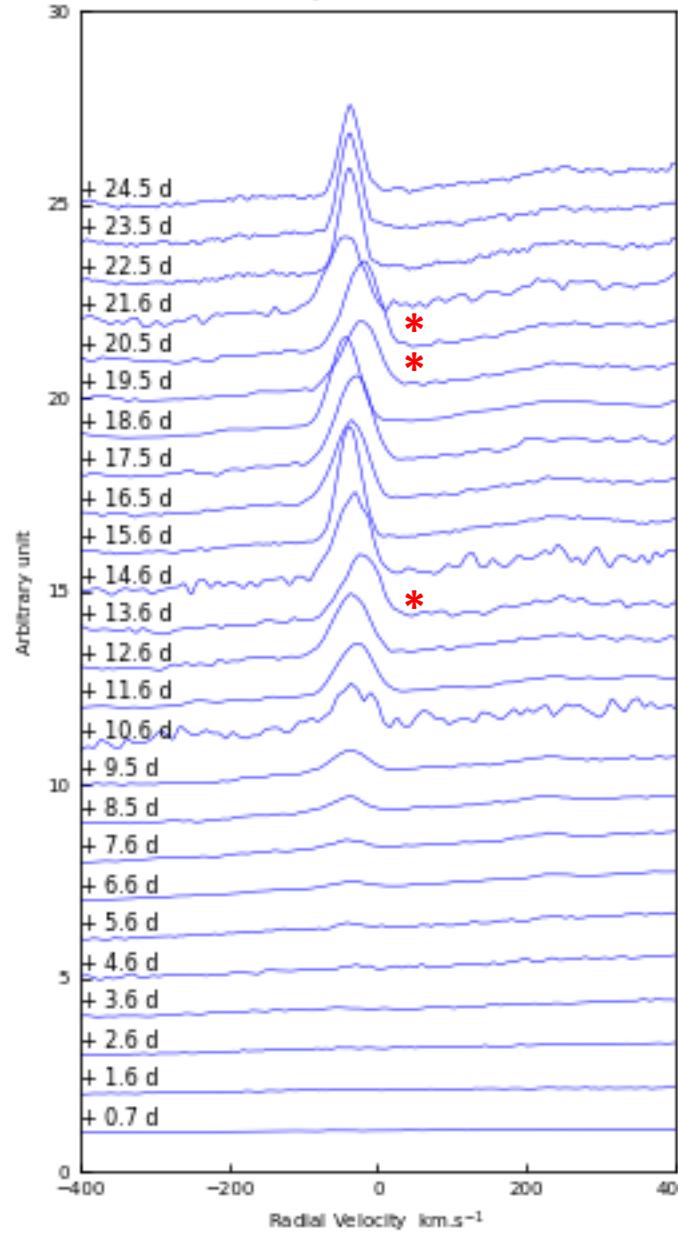
From spectra obtained with NOUT
At SMM-SP and PIE-SP observatories

See also Paolo Berardi spectra
Obtained with Lhires III



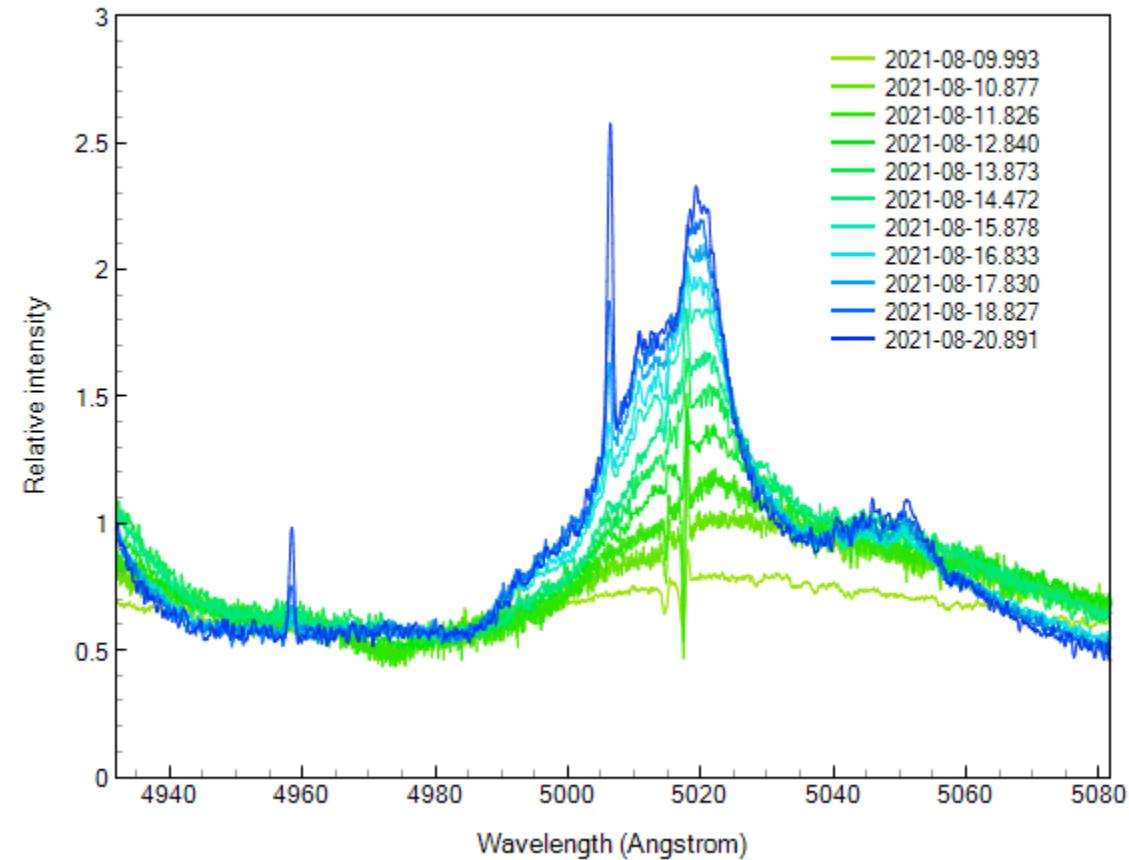
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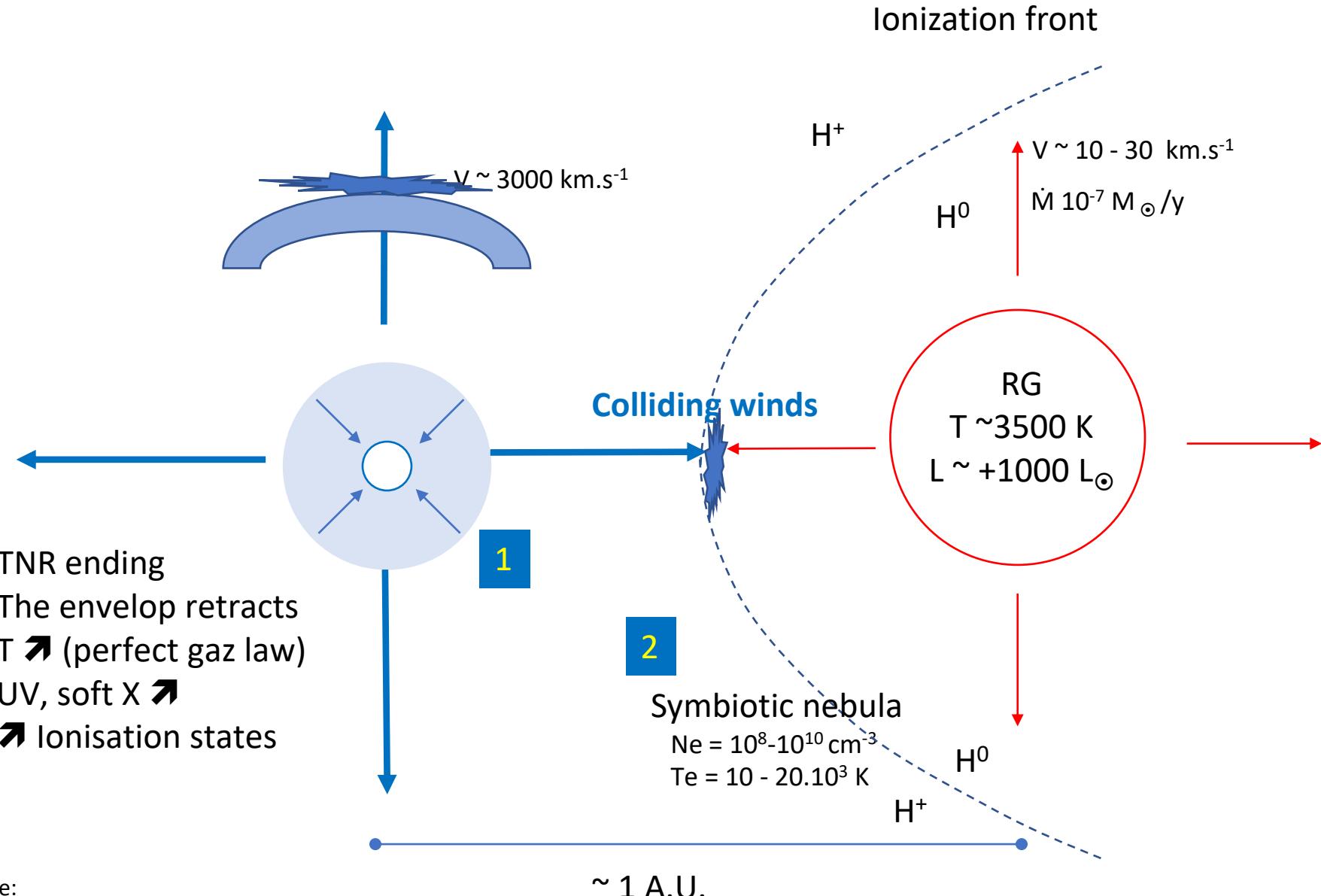
RS Oph - [O III] 5007



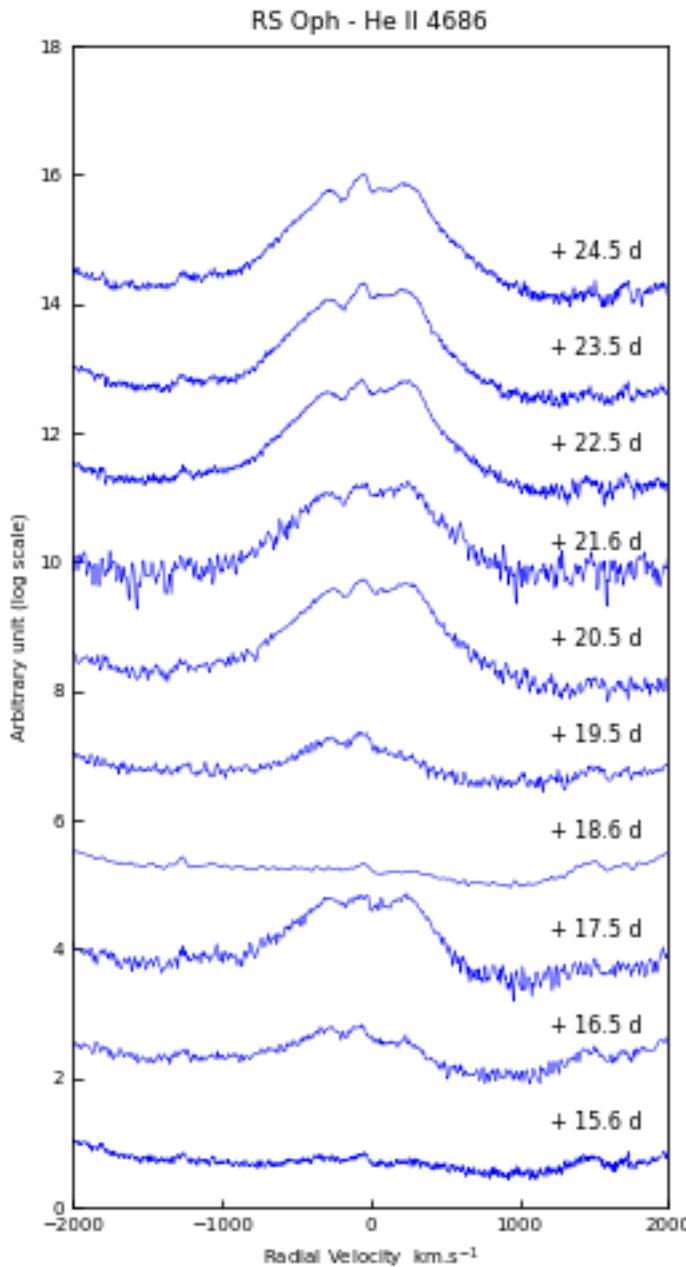
Detected as soon as day +5
As a narrow line (FWHM $\sim 55 \text{ km.s}^{-1}$)
RV $\sim -36 \text{ km.s}^{-1}$

[O III] 5006.84





RS Oph 2021: high ionised lines



He II λ 4686 Å
Recombination
I.E. = 54.4 eV

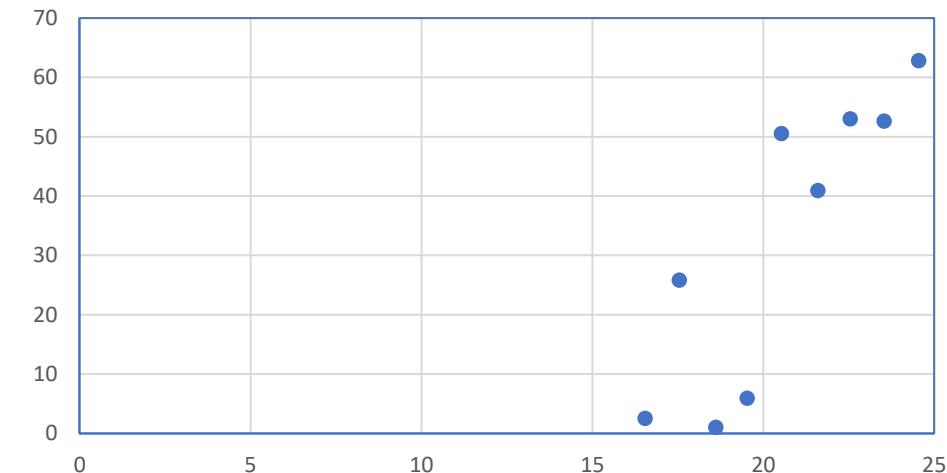
Sudden appearance
On day 16 (± 0.5)
Then **fading to near 0**
on day 18.6
And recovers
from day 19.5

**First detection
of this rapid variation
during an outburst
of RS Oph
as a result of high cadency
monitoring**

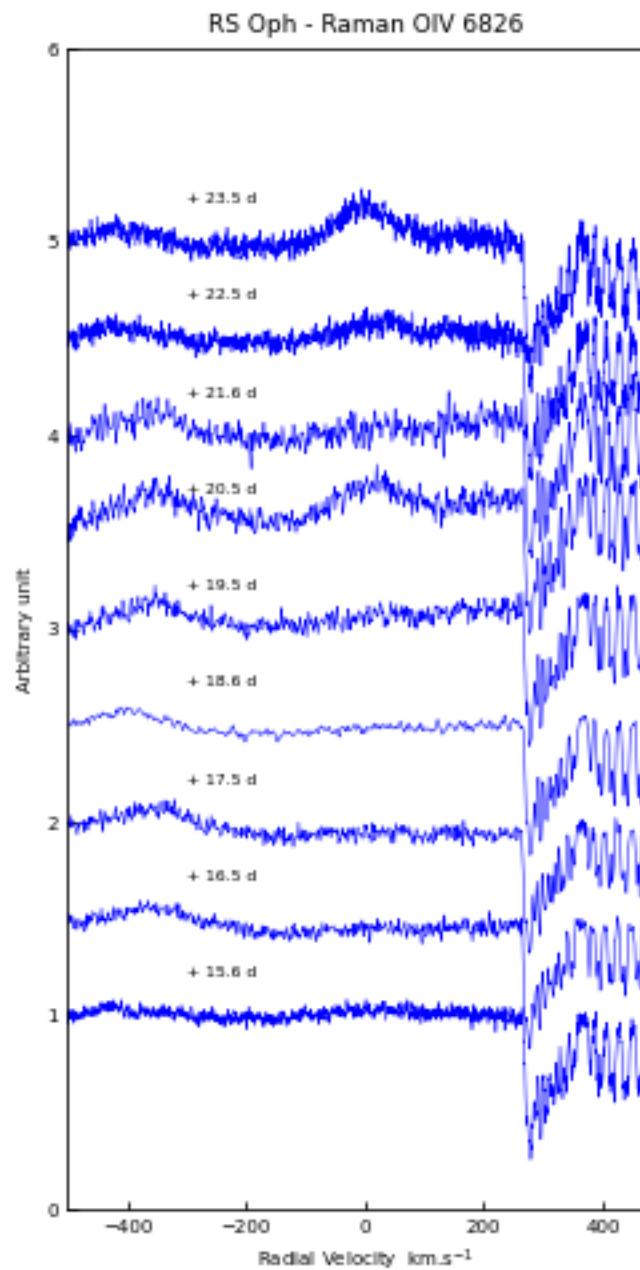
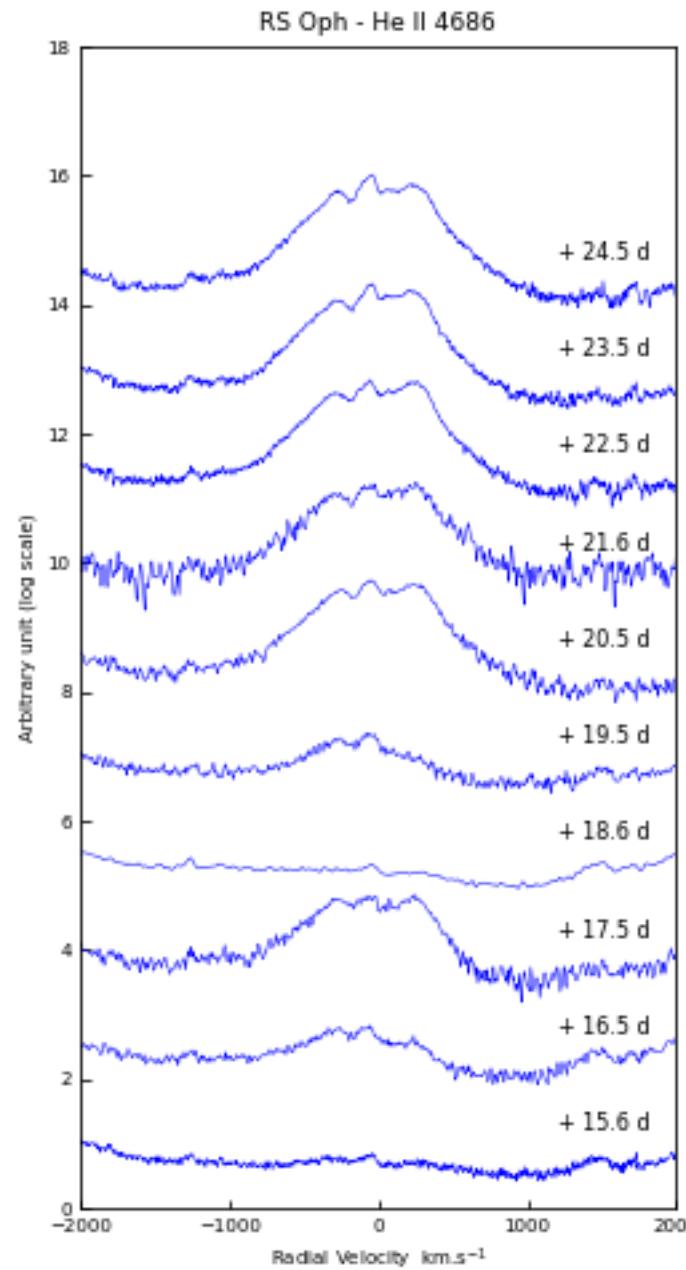
The result was so unexpected
that we use low res spectra
for confirmation
(H. Allen, V. Lecoq,
K. Shank, P. Velez)

ATel #14883

RS Oph 2021 - EW (He II 4686)



RS Oph 2021: high ionised lines



Raman OVI λ 6825 Å
Raman scattering
of OVI $\lambda\lambda$ 1032, 1038
I.E. = 138 eV

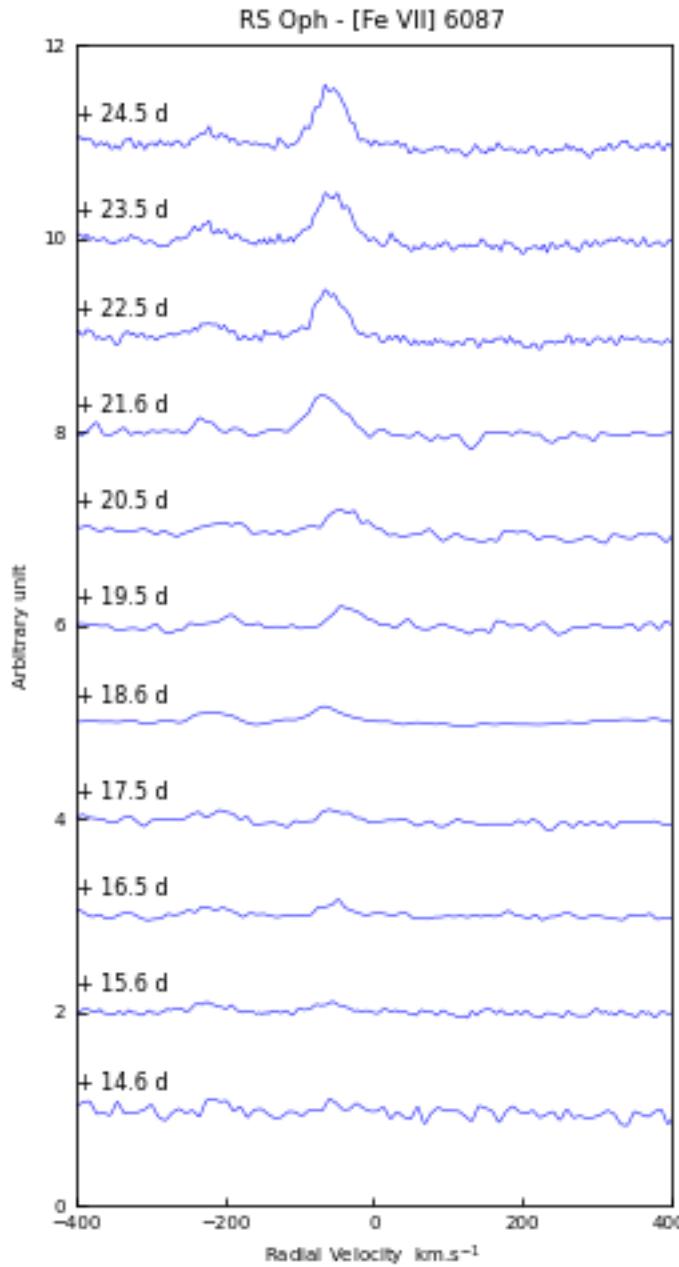
Detected on day 19.5
(+/- 0.5)
Variations

FWHM ~
Narrow

Iijima 2006 detection
at days 5-7
Is very doubtful

Note: radial velocity
in the space of OVI 1032
i.e. divided by 6.7

RS Oph 2021: high ionised forbidden lines

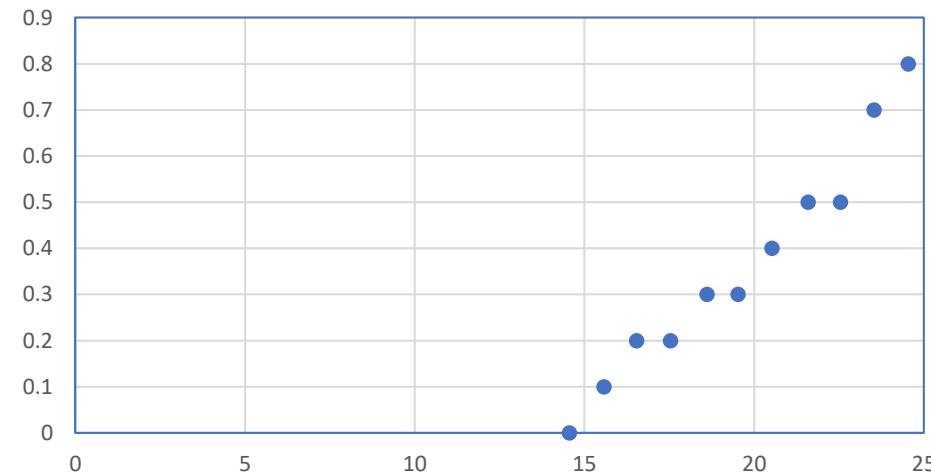


[Fe VII] 6087 Å

I.E. = 75 eV

Detected,
very faint
on day 15.6 (+/- 0.5)

RS OPh 2021 - EW ([Fe VII] 6087)



Provisionnal assessment

1day cadency monitoring at R = 9000-11000 on the visual range

We produced –very probably- the best monitoring of a nova event in RS Oph system- But see also: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.01101>

- Fine timing of the evolution +/- 0.5 day
- Demonstration of significant short-term fluctuations in the evolution of certain lines

Ongoing monitoring at 1 day cadency

- With perhaps new surprises
- Towards very high ionized species

High cadence of both photometric and spectroscopic observations as provided by AAVSO and ARAS databases allows a detailed mapping of usually fast events of outbursts
A. Skopal, 2019

Thanks to amateur photometric and spectroscopic data, we are now able to monitor the evolution of symbiotic systems on timescales which were not previously available.
R. Gàlis & al., 2019

Follow the monitoring

On ARAS Forum

<http://spectro-aras.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=36&t=2804&start=80>

Your observations, taken with higher cadence than usually followed in the literature will be key to understanding this in a broad range of systems. S. Shore, 2015

Your dedication, interest, and persistence are continuing gifts to the community, to future generations who may eventually be able to understand these phenomena because of the precision and care of your contributions. You may think it's just one spectrum, or one datum, but without the history any inferences are tentative at best and misleading at worst. S. Shore, 2020

Next ...

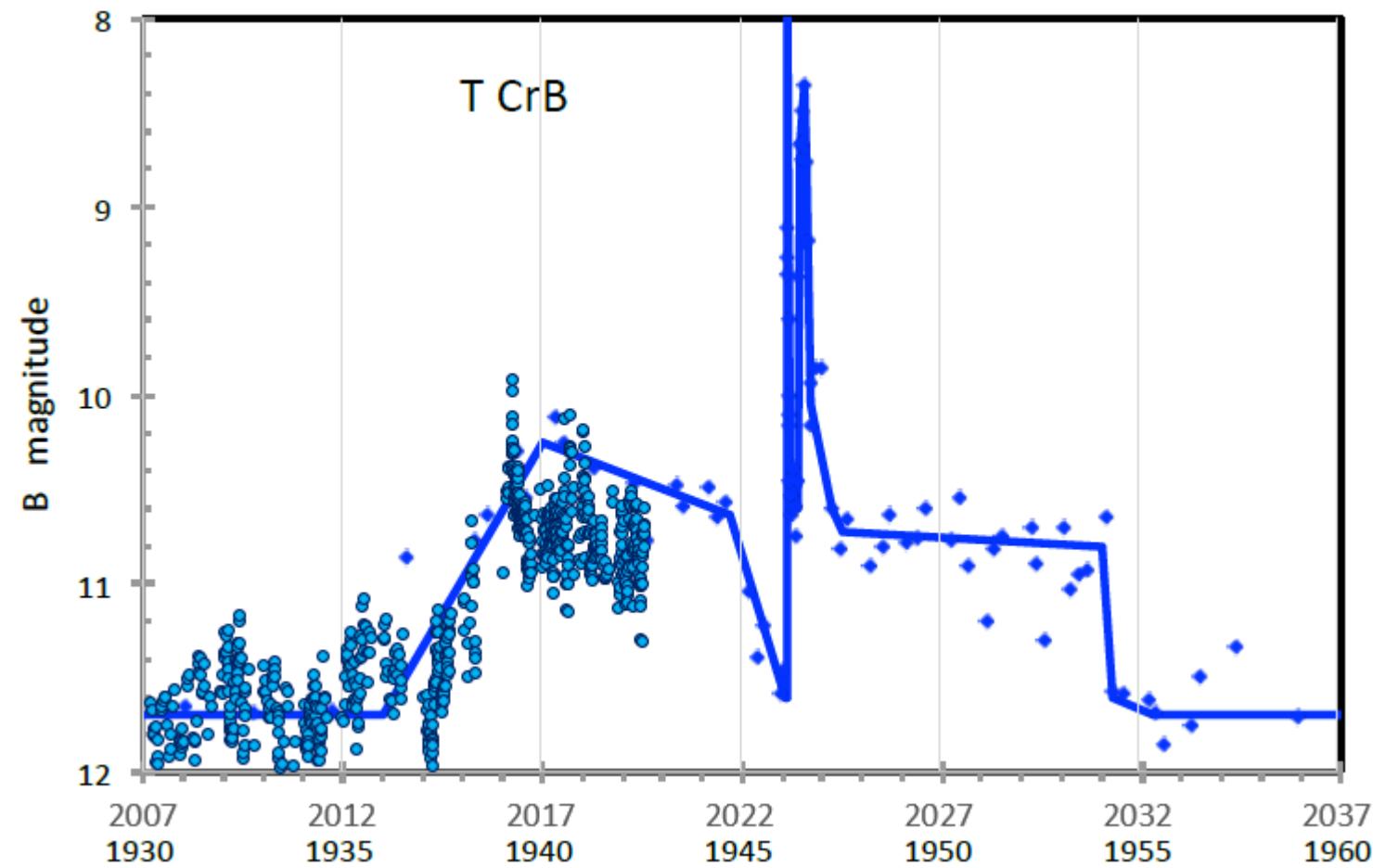
T CrB

Pre-nova outburst monitoring

Adapted from Brad Schaeffer

Diamonds : 1946 Brad Shaefer data
Dots : AAVSO B band - 1 day mean

Outburst predicted : 2023.6 +/-1



Symbiotic stars

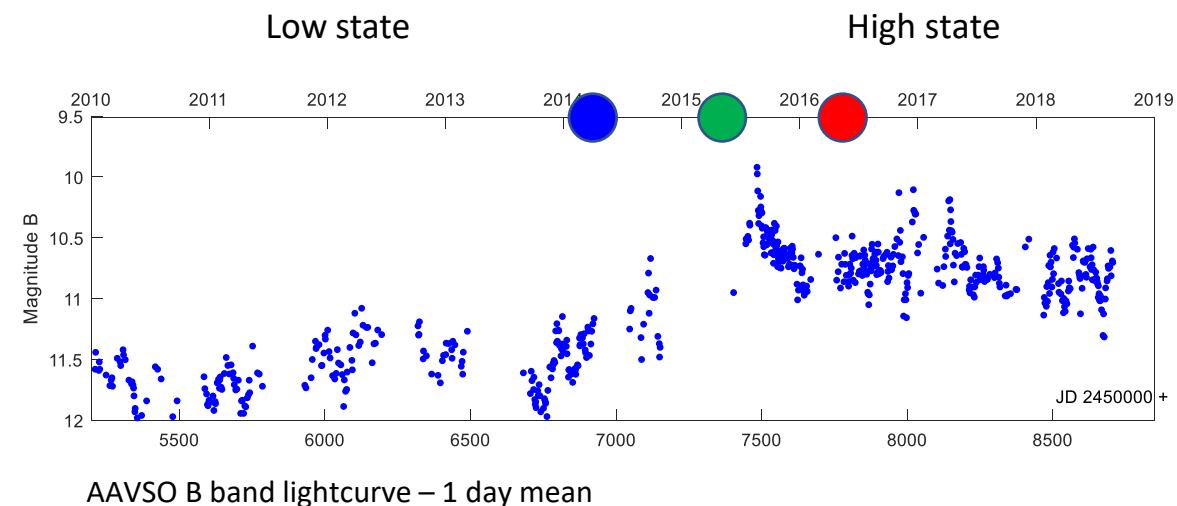
T CrB

T CrB high state since 2015

see e.g. :

Munari +, 2016

Ielkiewisz +,

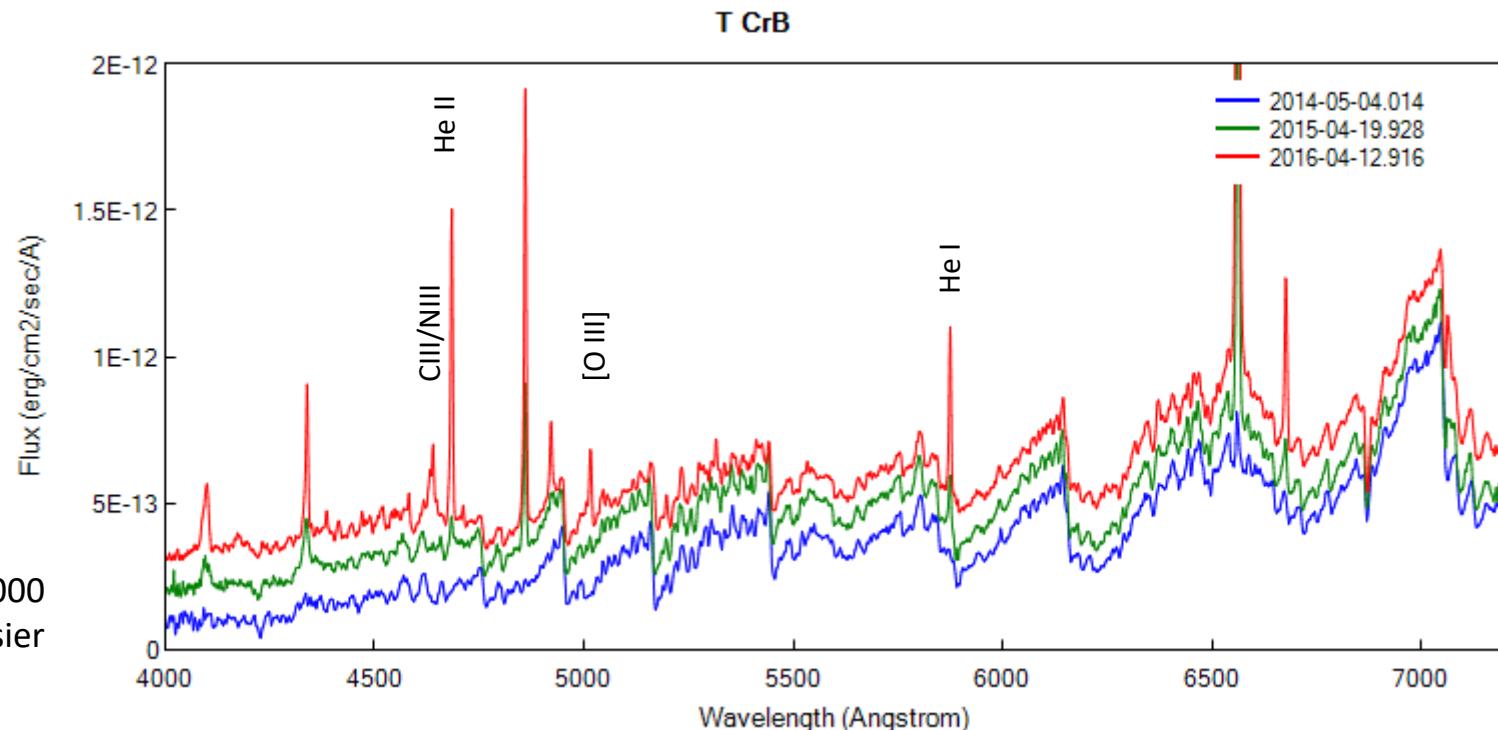


■ Low state : MIII + weak Balmer lines

■ High state

Increase of

- Balmer, He I
- He II, CIII/NIII, [OIII]



Symbiotic stars

T CrB

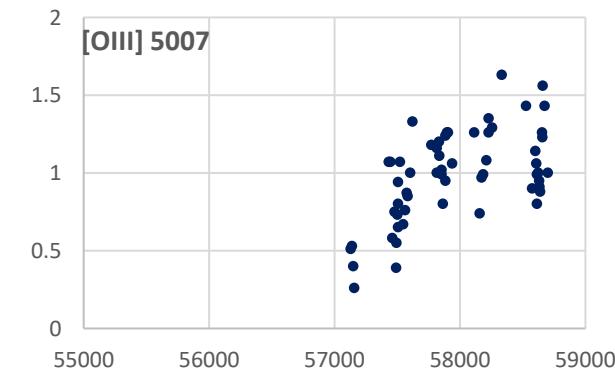
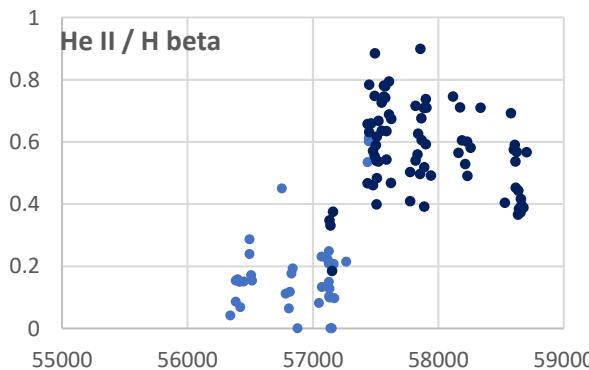
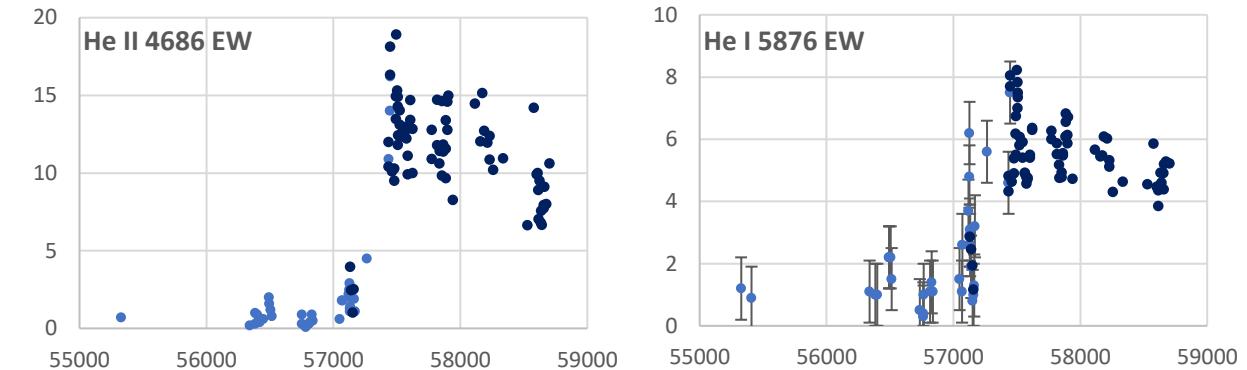
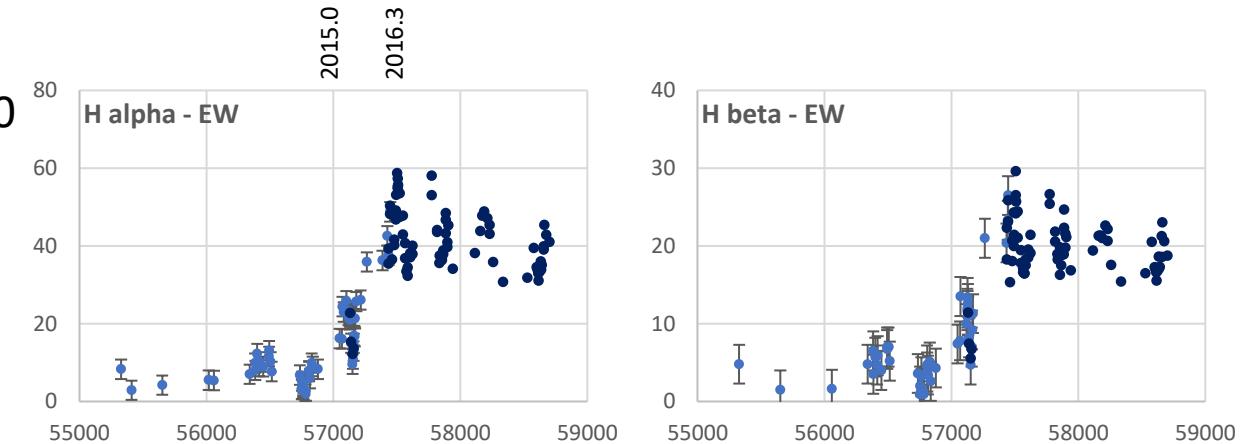
Maximum EW(H α) = 60

Continuing analysis following
Ilkiewicz & al. (2016)

Pale blue: published values

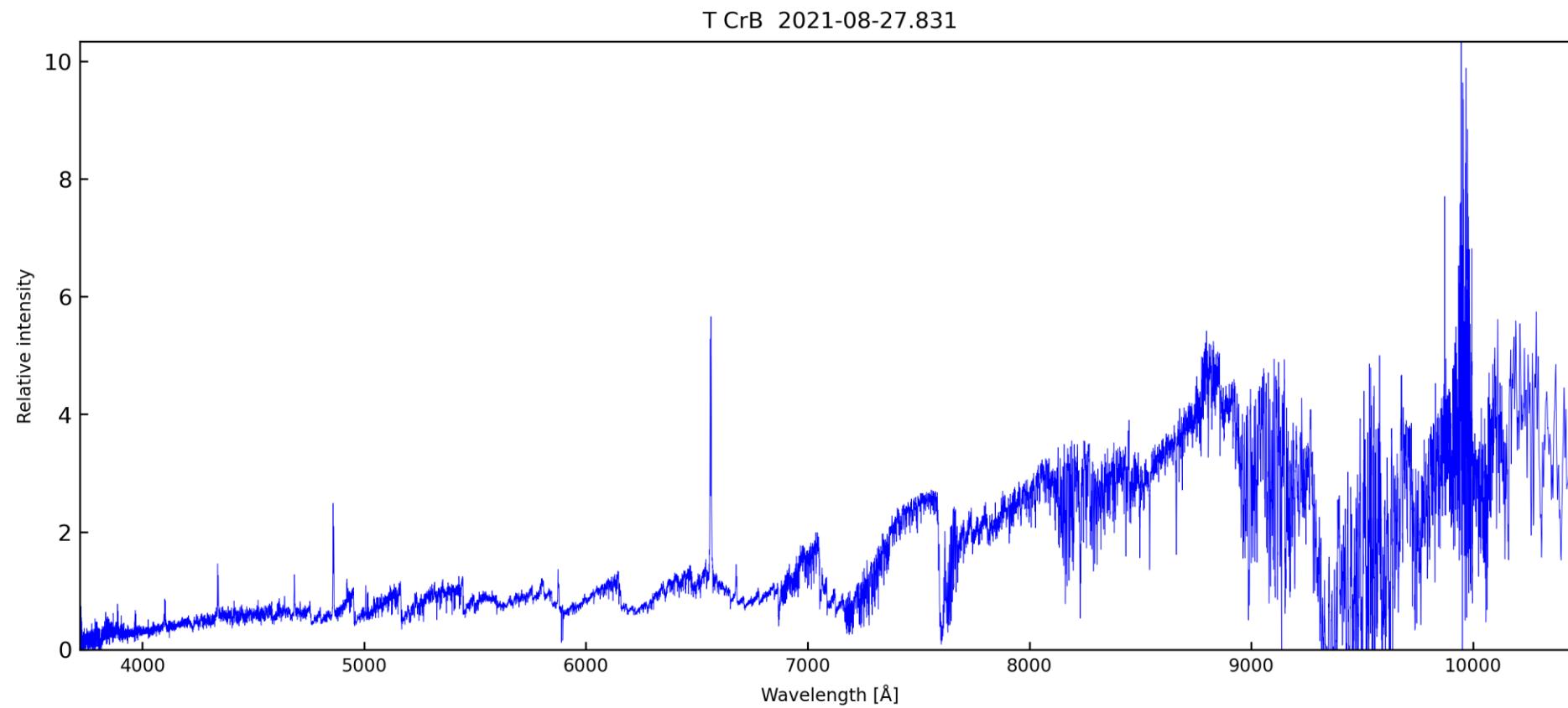
Dark blue: our analysis

Global trend of decline
In parallel to the fading of the luminosity
BUT
Increase of [OIII]



Symbiotic stars

Last échelle spectrum



Last échelle spectrum obtained by Joan Guarro

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Christophe Boussin
Colin Eldridge
Dave Doctor
David Boyd
Erik Bryssinck
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Sean Curry
Stéphane Charbonnel
Terry Bohlsen
Umberto Sollecchia
Vincent Lecocq

Many thanks
to all the observers
who are contributing
to the monitoring
of RS Oph 2021 event

All my (and our)
deep gratitude to Steve
for his tireless support

The Astronomer's Telegram

ARAS Group spectroscopic monitoring of the latest outburst of RS Oph

ATel #14868; *S. N. Shore (Univ. of Pisa), H. Allen, M. Bajer, H. Barker, K. Bazan, P. Berardi, T. Bohlsen, C. Boussin, D. Boyd, E. Bryssinck, C. Buil, S. Charbonnel, S. Curry, J. B. Desrosiers, D. Doctor, P. A. Dubovsky, P. Dubreuil, C. Eldridge, L. Franco, O. Garde, J. Guarro, P. Le Dû, R. Leadbeater, V. Lecocq, J. Martin, F. Teyssier, O. Thizy, P. Velez (ARAS Group)*
on 23 Aug 2021; 11:31 UT

Continuing ARAS Group spectroscopic monitoring of RS Oph: appearance of high ionization lines

ATel #14881; *S. N. Shore (Univ. of Pisa), F. Teyssier, O. Thizy (ARAS Group)*
on 28 Aug 2021; 12:30 UT

ARAS Group monitoring of RS Oph 2021: Rapid profile variations of He II detected

ATel #14883; *S. N. Shore (Univ. of Pisa), F. Teyssier, J. Guarro, H. Allen, V. Lecocq, K. Shank, P. Velez (ARAS Group)*
on 29 Aug 2021; 00:36 UT

Some lectures

What to expect and why:

RS Oph and Symbiotic-like recurrent novae (2021)

by Steve Shore

http://www.astrosurf.com/aras/novae/InformationLetter/ARAS_EruptiveStars_2020-04a.pdf

ARAS observing proposal: Recurrent symbiotic nova RS Oph A. Skopal & N. Shagatova (2019)

<https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2019ESIL...42....2T/abstract>

Multi-wavelength Spectroscopic Study of Shock Phenomena Driven by Explosive Outbursts in Symbiotic-like Recurrent Novae.

Alessandra Azzollini Thesis (Supervisor Steve Shore)

http://www.astronomie-amateur.fr/Documents%20Novae/Tesi_Azzollini.pdf