

Tracing the disks around B[e] supergiants in the Magellanic Clouds

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The B[e] phenomenon

" The B[e] classification designates those stars of spectral type B which show forbidden emission lines in their optical spectrum, where the notation "[e]" follows that for forbidden lines."

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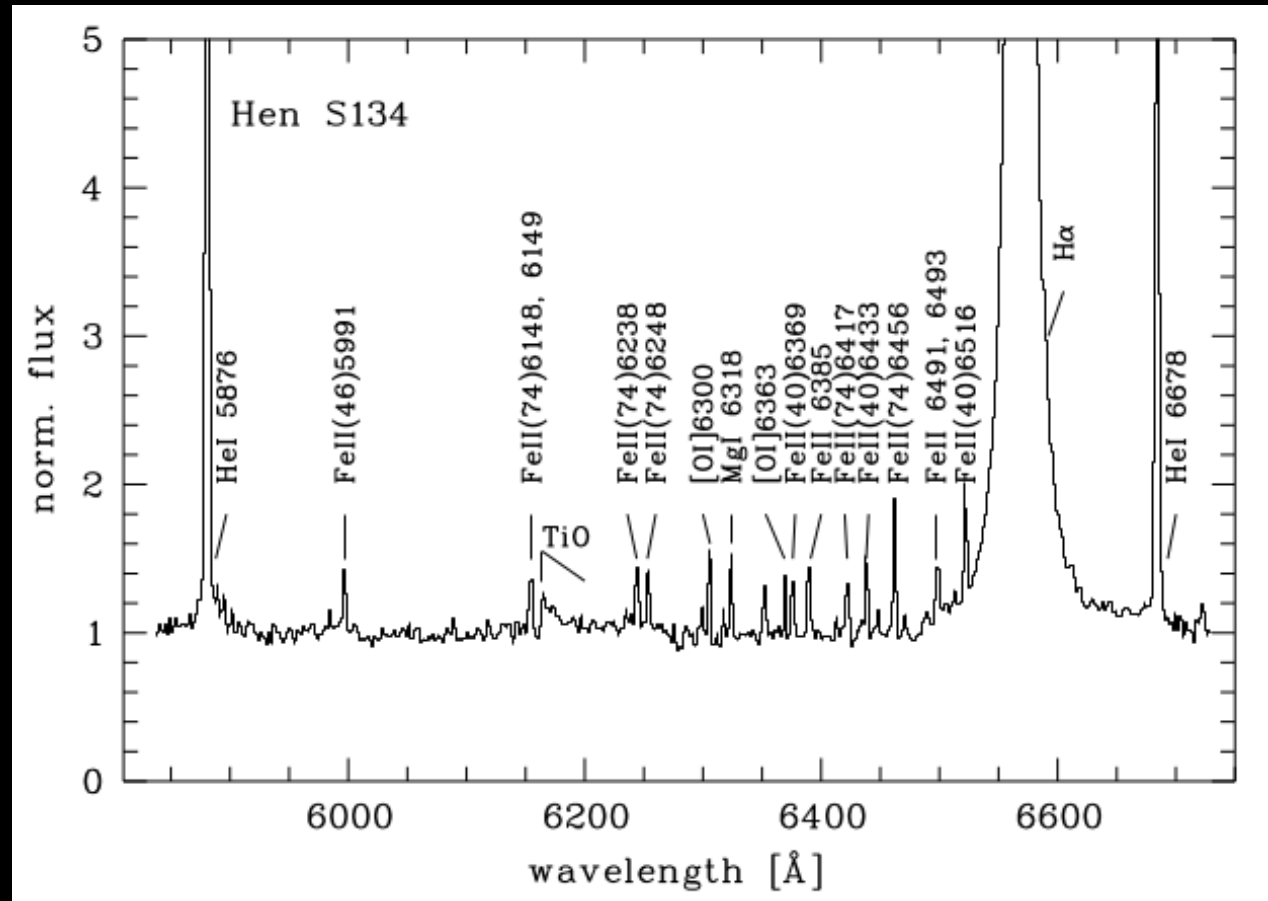
Definition:

- 1. Strong Balmer emission lines.*
- 2. Low excitation permitted emission lines of predominantly low ionization metals in the optical spectrum, e.g. Fe ii.*
- 3. Forbidden emission lines of [Fe ii] and [O i] in the optical spectrum.*
- 4. A strong near or mid-infrared excess due to hot circumstellar dust.*

Lamers et al. 1998 (Allen & Swings, 1976; Zickgraf, 1998)

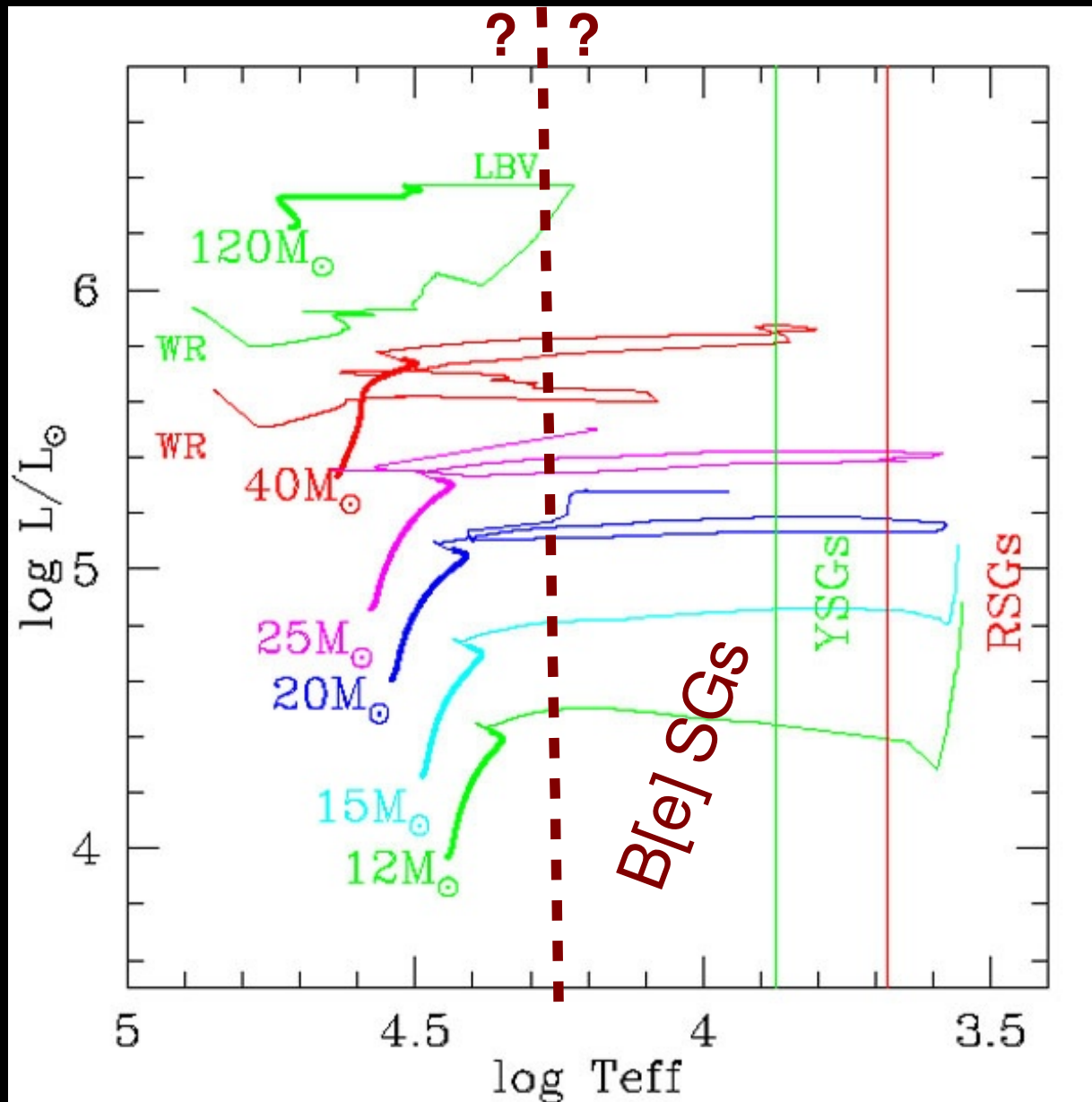
Stars with B[e] phenomenon

1. *B[e] supergiants*
2. *pre-main sequence B[e]-type stars*
3. *compact planetary nebulae B[e]-type stars*
4. *symbiotic B[e]-type stars*
5. *unclassified B[e]-type stars*

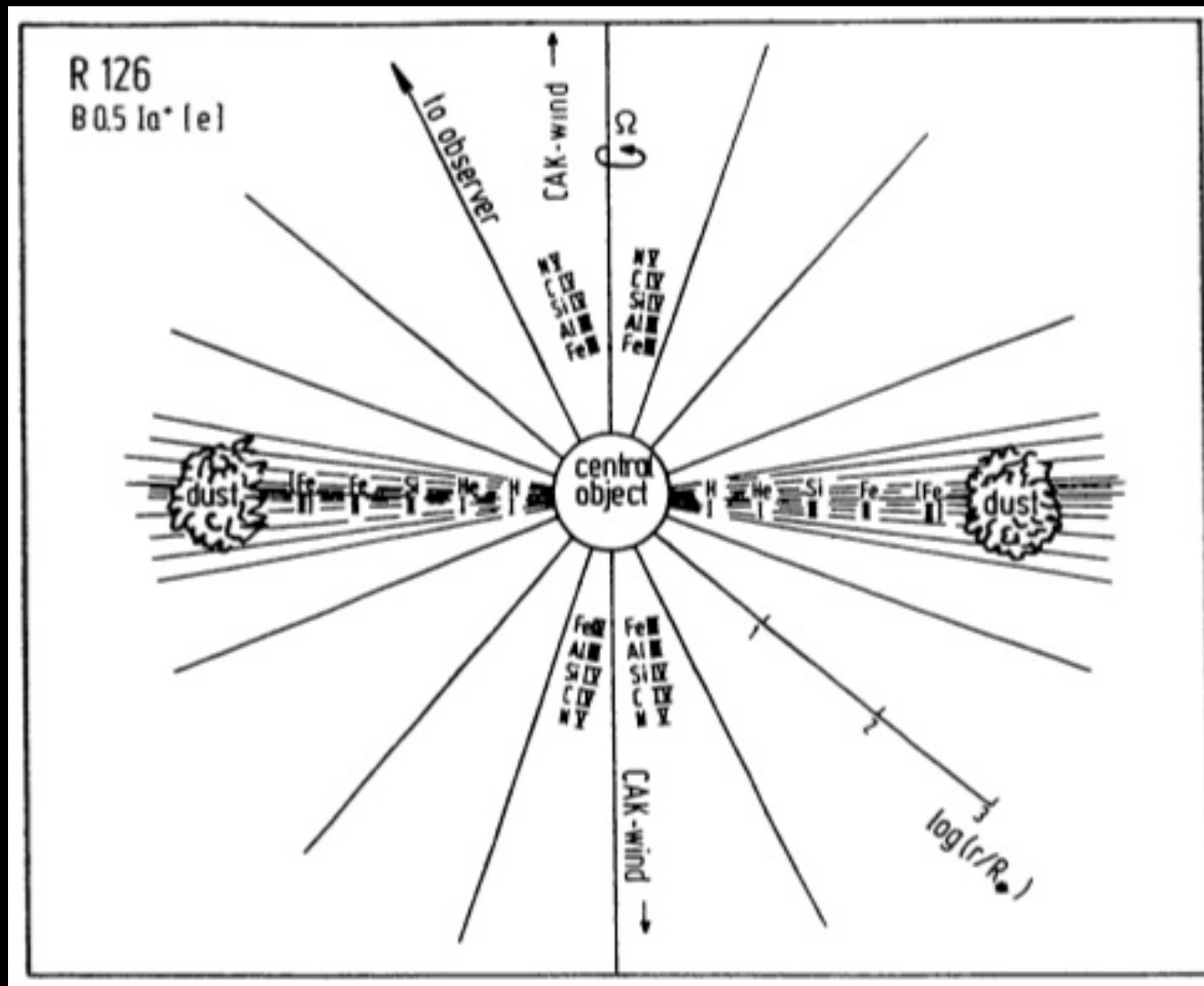


Lamers et al. 1998

Position in HR diagram

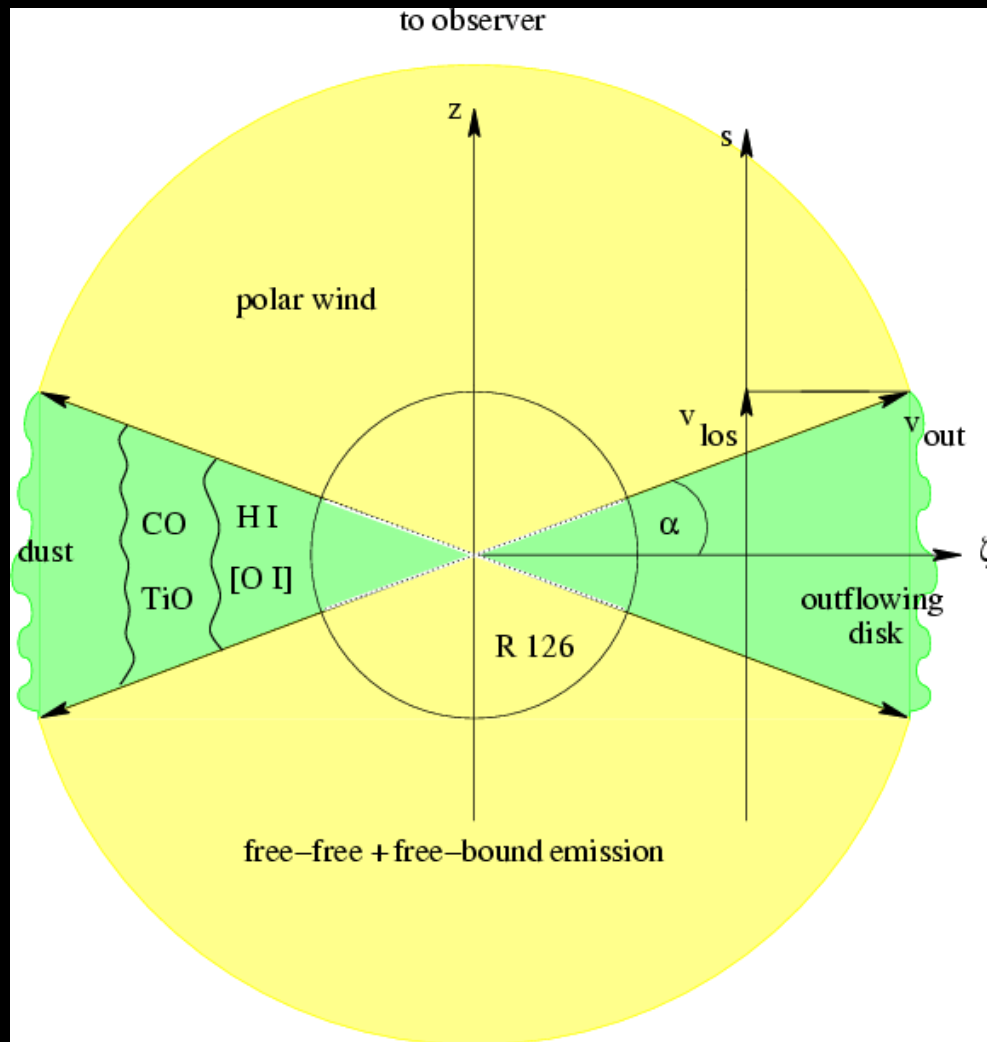


Outflow wind model ...



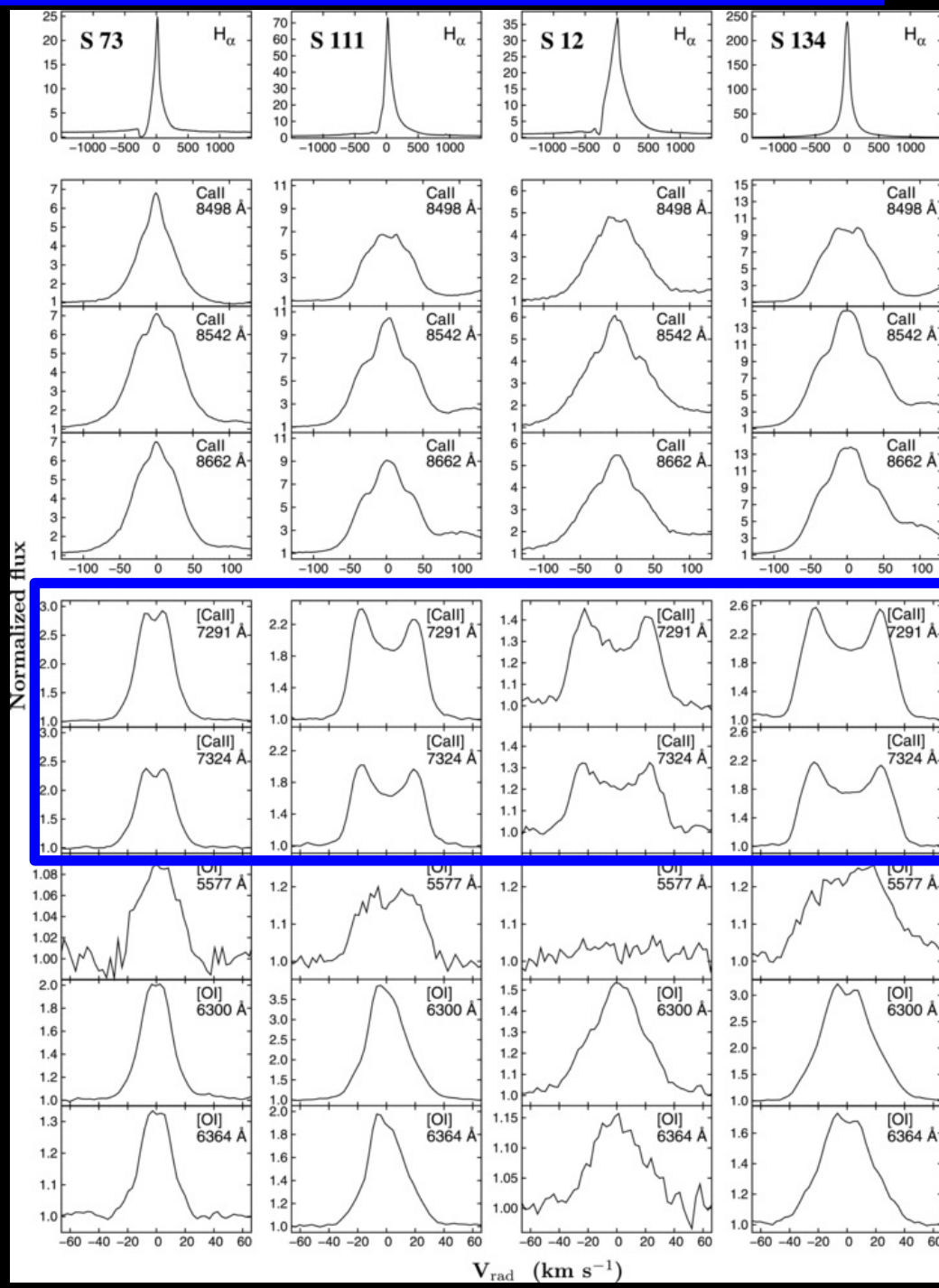
Zickgraf et al. 1985

or Keplerian rotation ?



- > HI very close to the star
- > [OI]/[CaII] lines produced within HI (relatively denser regions)
- [OI] $\lambda\lambda 5577, 6300$ and [CaII] $\lambda 7291$ profiles and intensities are sensitive to density and temperature
→ can probe different regions
- > No indication for outflow, but Keplerian rotation

Observational evidence



> 8 sources in the Magellanic Clouds

> Systematic presence of
[CaII] $\lambda\lambda 7291, 7324$

→ good disk tracers

> Double-peaked lines are indicative
of rotationally-disk structure

Extending our sample

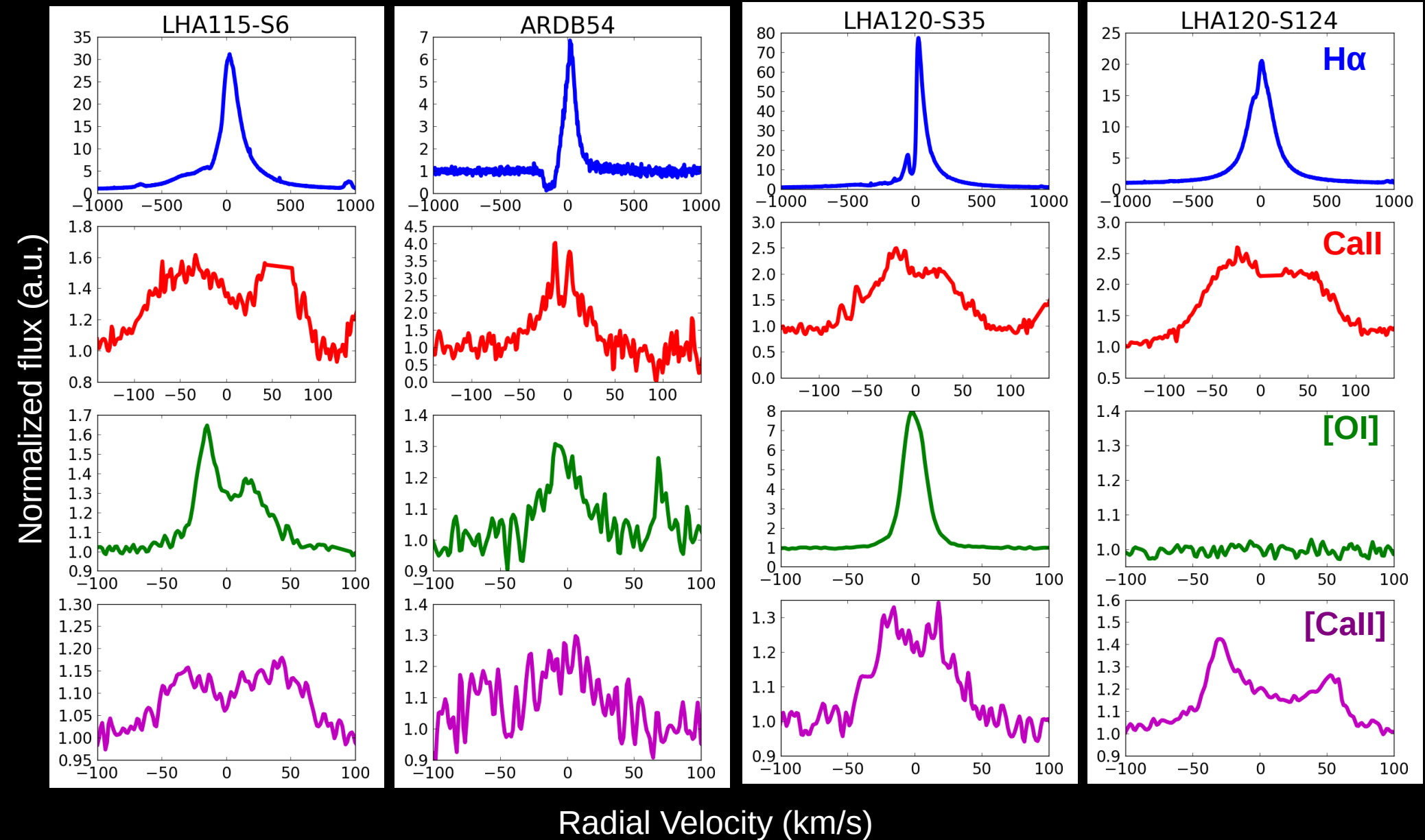
Observations: FEROS instrument at 2.2m MPG/ESO telescope
high-resolution $R \sim 48000$, $\sim 3600\text{-}9200 \text{ \AA}$

Runs: Nov 24 – Dec 4 (2014), May 10 – 18 (2015)

Sample: 4 SMC and 8 LMC B[e] SGs

Data reduction: processing of FEROS pipeline products:
(i) combine spectra (increase SNR)
(ii) identify and eliminate cosmic rays/bad columns
(iii) telluric correction

New identifications



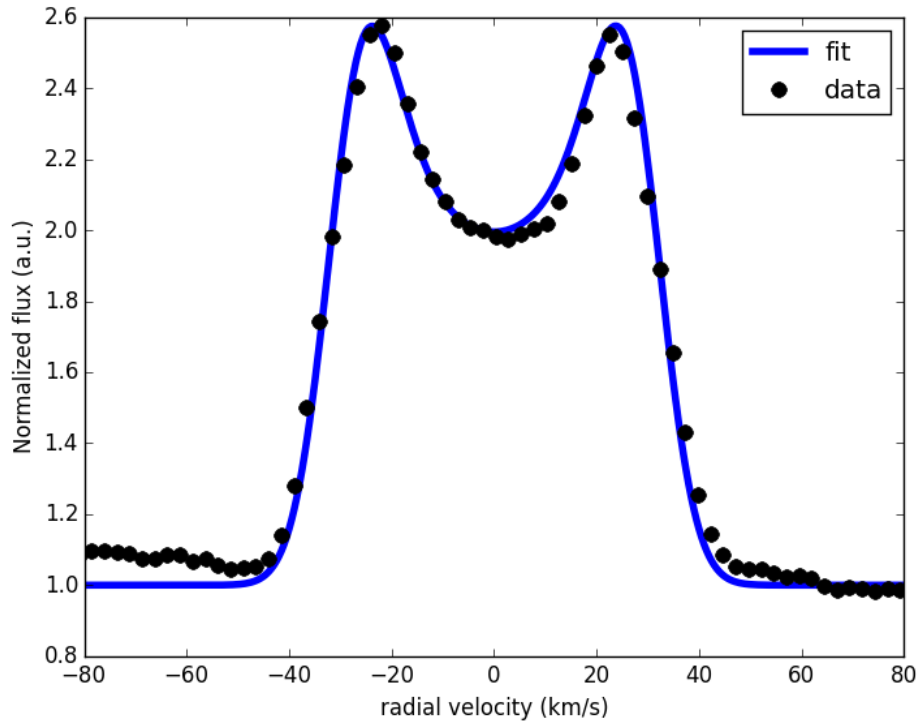
Investigating the kinematics

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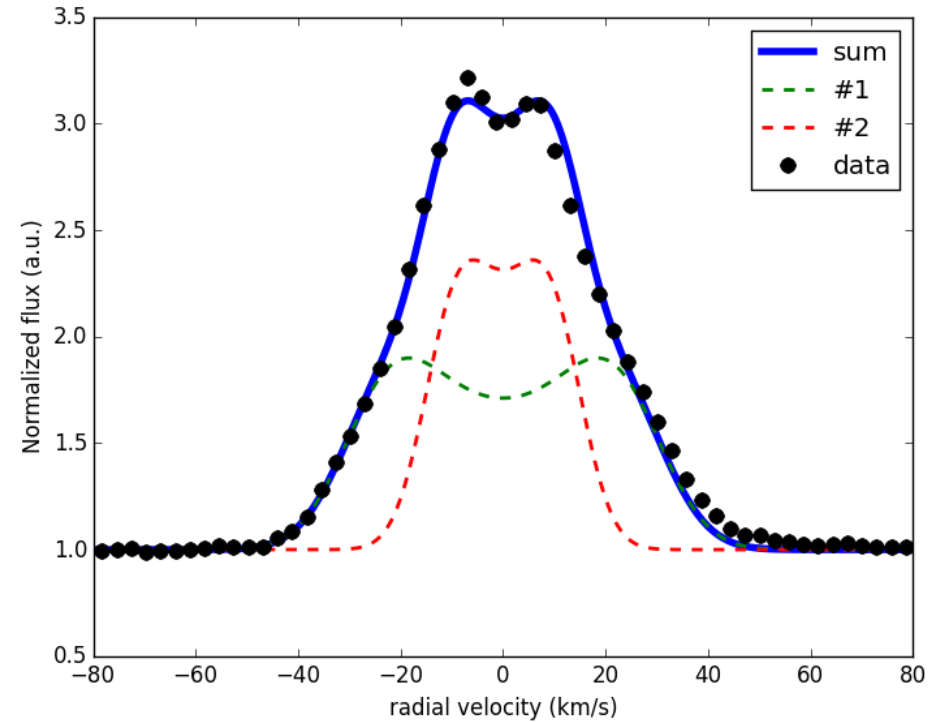
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[CaII] 7291 Å

[OI] 6300Å



$V_{rot} = 29$ km/s



$V_{rot} = 26$ km/s + 12 km/s

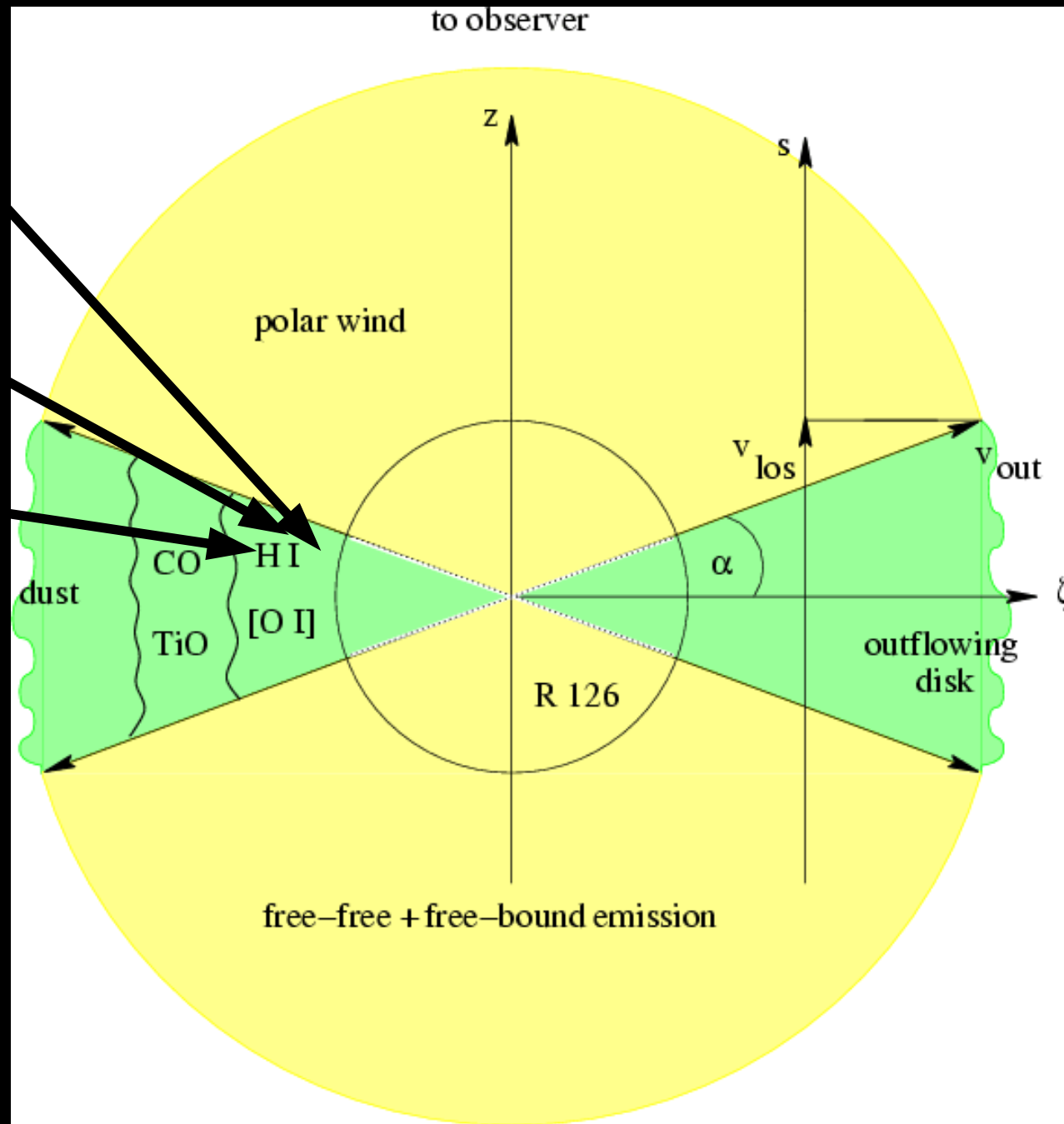
True for (almost) all Aret et al. 2012 sample !

Or rings ?

[Ca II] λ 7291

[OI] λ 5577

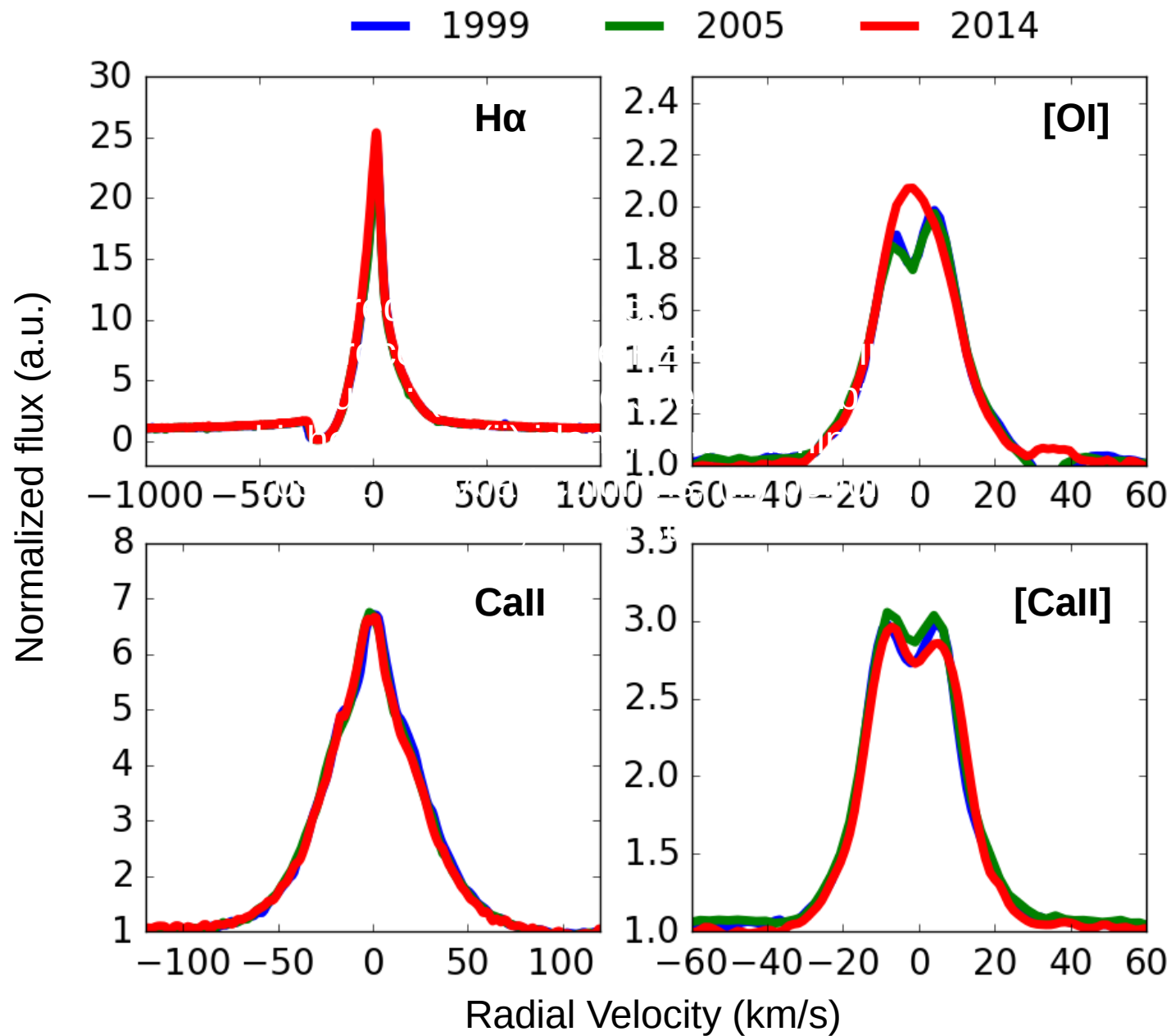
[OI] λ 6300



Variability studies

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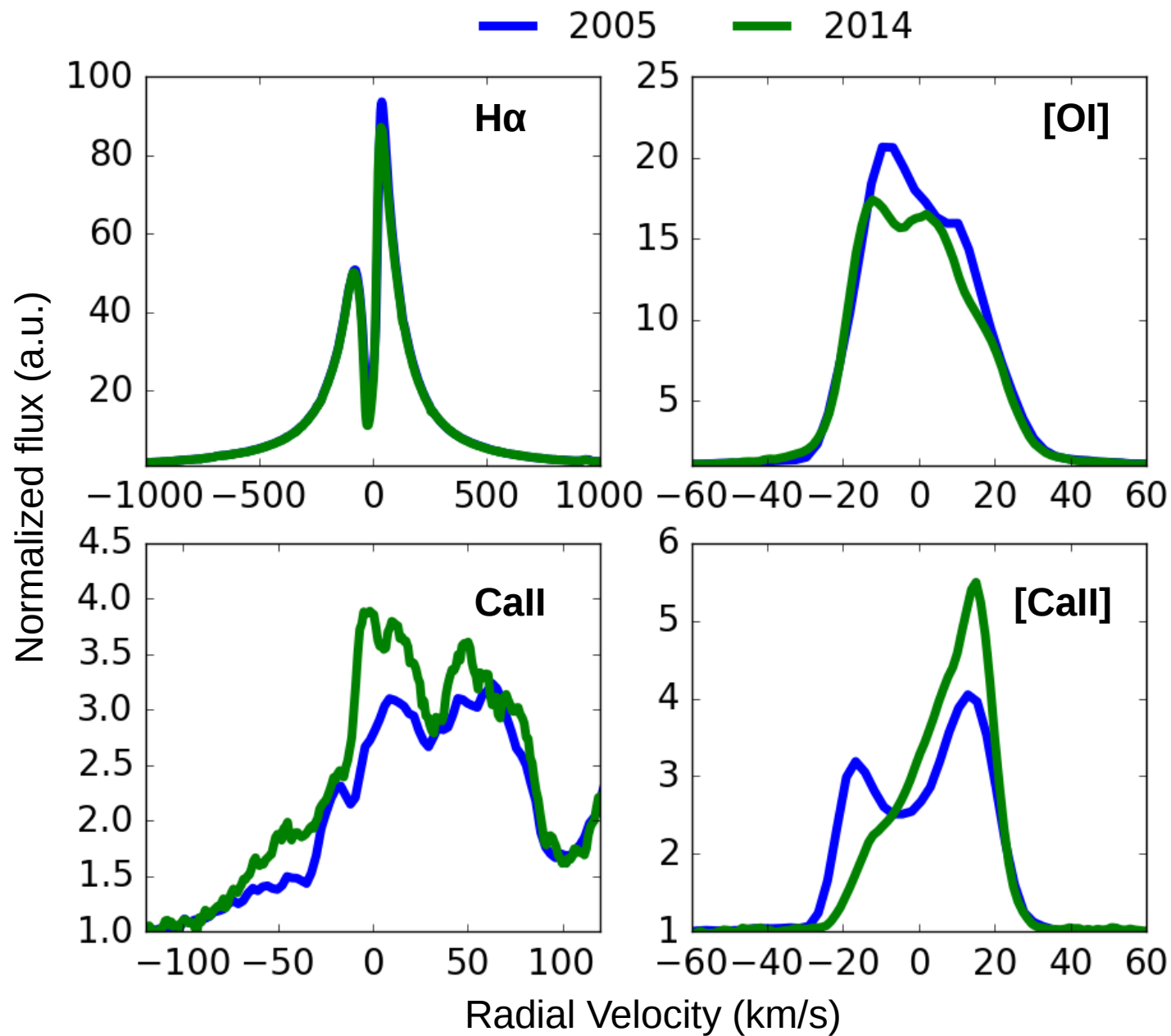
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Variability studies

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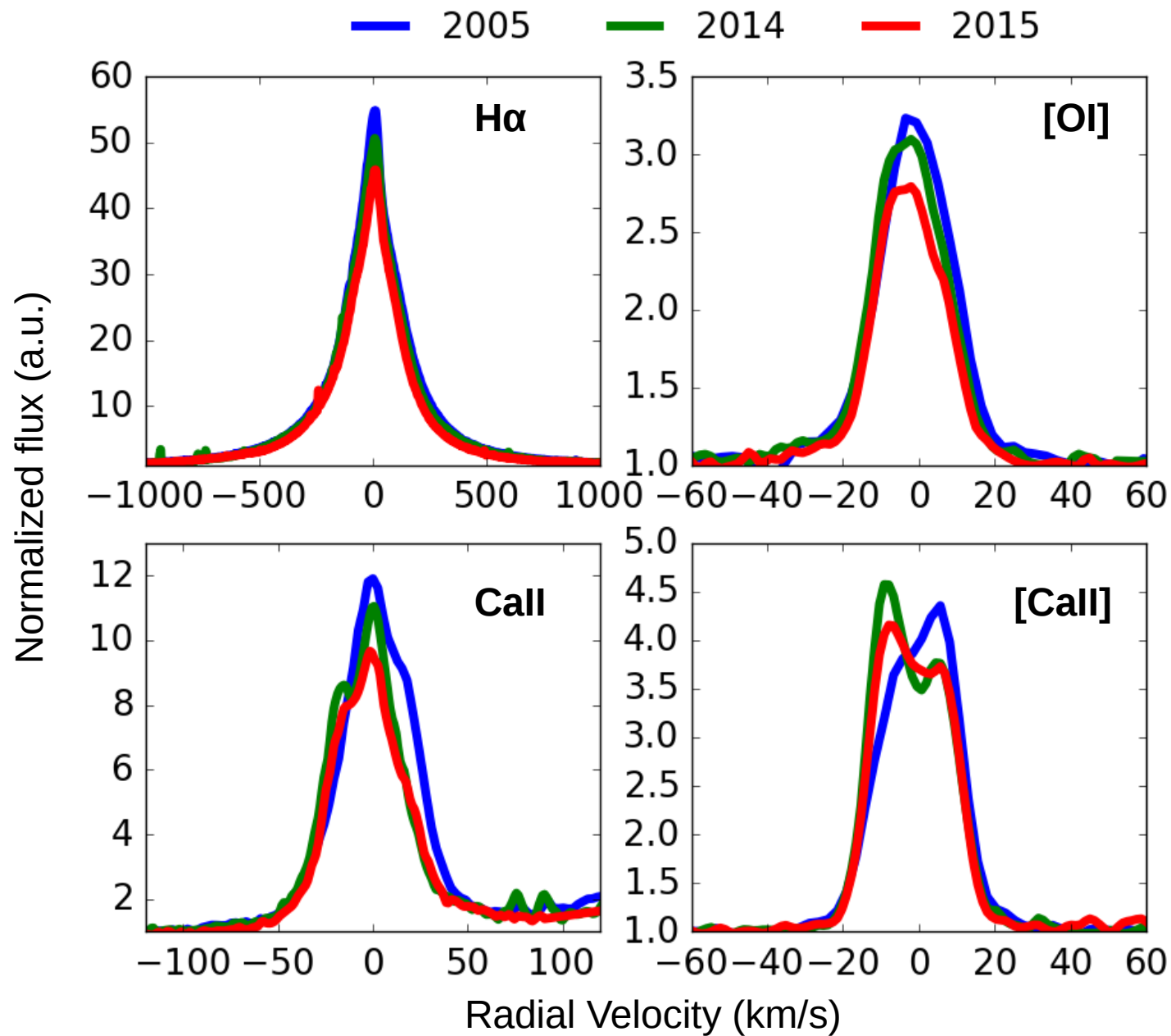
LHA120-S22



Variability studies

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LHA120-S18



Summary

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 - probe regions of different temperature and density
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new FEROS runs

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new data

(12 Magellanic + 10 Galactic sources)

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