

Optical observations of southern planetary nebula candidates*

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Abstract. — We present $H\alpha+[N II]$ images and low resolution spectra of 16 IRAS-selected, southern planetary nebula candidates previously detected in the radio continuum. The $H\alpha+[N II]$ images are presented as finding charts. Contour plots are shown for the resolved planetary nebulae. From these images mean optical angular diameters were determined. Optical spectra show that these IRAS-selected and radio detected planetary nebula candidates are indeed planetary nebulae. The values for their extinction coefficient is generally very high. More than half of the planetary nebulae seem to be of low excitation, having central stars with an effective temperature of probably $\sim 60\,000$ K or less.

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1. Introduction

This is a continuation of the project to identify new planetary nebulae (PN) applying the method as proposed by Pottasch et al. (1988). Unidentified IRAS sources were selected from the IRAS Point Source Catalog (PSC) on the basis of their far IR colors, which are typical of PN. Having selected the potential candidates, there are two ways of confirming that they are PN: first by observing the objects in the radio continuum, and second by means of optical spectra. Radio measurements are especially suitable for a first confirmation, because in this wavelength range the radiation is not attenuated by extinction. The detection of radio continuum emission provides strong evidence that the object is indeed a PN, because it shows the presence of ionized gas. To obtain sufficient positional accuracy for a correct identification, and to avoid confusion, these observations must be made with a synthesis array. This was successfully done for PN candidates inside the galactic bulge (Pottasch et al. 1988; Ratag et al. 1990; Ratag & Pottasch 1991) and outside the galactic bulge (Van de Steene & Pottasch 1993, 1994). Second, to confirm that these IRAS-selected and radio detected PN candidates are indeed PN, they should be observed in the optical. In this paper we present optical imaging and spectroscopy of radio detected PN candidates in the southern hemisphere (Van de Steene & Pottasch 1994; hereafter Paper I).

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2. Selection of the planetary nebula candidates

The sample candidates were selected from the IRAS PSC on the basis of their colors that are typical of PN. Only IRAS sources falling within the color box $F12/F25 \leq 0.35$ and $F25/F60 \geq 0.35$ were chosen, to avoid confusion with galaxies and HII regions having colors just outside this box ($F12$, $F25$, and $F60$ refer to the flux in the IRAS wavelength bands centered at 12, 25, and 60 μm respectively). The sample sources have good flux values (quality 2 or 3) at 12, 25 and 60 μm . The PN candidates are outside the galactic bulge, farther than 15 degrees in longitude from the galactic center. The list of these IRAS-selected and radio observed PN candidates was presented in Paper I.

3. Observations

3.1. Imaging

Images of all IRAS-selected PN candidates were taken through an $H\alpha+[N II]$ filter with the Dutch 0.9 m telescope of the European Southern Observatory at La Silla (Chile) during January and May 1993. The main goal of taking the images was to identify the PN candidates, and then use the images as finding charts for optical spectroscopy. We also wanted to determine the mean optical angular diameters of the PN, in order to compare them with the ones obtained from the radio continuum images.

In January the candidates were observed using the RCA 5049-1-8 CCD of 512×320 pixels having a pixel-size of $0''.49$. The filters used were the $H\alpha+[N II]$ standard

Table 1. Imaging observation log of detected PN candidates

Object	Observer	Date	Time
0835-4027	Snellen	21/01/93	10 min
0857-5011	Snellen	22/01/93	15 min
0936-5413	Snellen	22/01/93	15 min
1002-5553	Snellen	22/01/93	15 min
1011-5640	Snellen	21/01/93	15 min
1200-5333	Snellen	21/01/93	15 min
1231-6401	Snellen	21/01/93	15 min
1412-5947	Snellen	22/01/93	15 min
1417-5824	Snellen	22/01/93	15 min
1434-5858	Snellen	24/01/93	10 min
1557-5445	Vd Steene	20/05/93	4 min
1600-5041	Vd Steene	21/05/93	15 min
1611-4504	Vd Steene	21/05/93	14 min
1633-4807	Vd Steene	22/05/93	20 min
1652-4341	Vd Steene	22/05/93	20 min
1708-4227	Vd Steene	21/05/93	15 min

ESO filter Nr. 387 with a FWHM of 81.8 Å centered at 46568.5 Å and the ESO filter broadband filter Nr. 420 filter with a FWHM of 116.9 Å centered at 45443.6 Å. In May we used the same filters, but the CCD TEK512 Nr. 33 was installed, which has 512x512 pixels of 0''44.

The images were reduced using standard procedures in the IRAF reduction package as described by Massey (1992). Afterwards the images were searched for the presence of a PN near the center of the field using the following procedure: each H α + [N II] image was divided by the continuum one, and all three images were blinked.

Table 1 gives an observation log for the the H α + [N II] images in which a PN was identified. The first column indicates the object, the second column the observer's name, the third column the observation date, and the fourth column the exposure time of the images.

3.2. Spectroscopy

The name of the PN candidate, the date, the exposure time and the orientation of the slit are listed in Table 2. Spectra were taken at the ESO 1.52 m telescope with the Boller & Chivens spectrograph in March and May 1993. We used grating number 2 which has 300 gr/mm. The detector used was a Ford Aerospace 2048L pixel CCD with a pixel size of 15 μ m. The dispersion at the detector plane is 253 Å per mm, which corresponds to 3.8 Å per pixel. The spectral range was from \sim 3500 to 10 500 Å. The spectra were reduced using standard procedures of the reduction package MIDAS. The wavelength calibration was done using a HeAr calibration lamp. For deriving the response curve of the detector, 2 to 3 standard stars were observed each night. The flux determinations were done using the gaussian fitting and deblending commands of

Table 2. Spectroscopy observation log

Object	Observer	Date	Time	slit p.a.
0835-4027	Sahu/Manchado	12/03/93	1 h	-90
0857-5011	Sahu/Manchado	12/03/93	45 min	-90
0936-5413	Sahu/Manchado	13/03/93	1 h	+80
1011-5640	Sahu/Manchado	12/03/93	1 h	-90
1200-5333	Sahu/Manchado	12/03/93	1 h	-90
1231-6401	Vd Steene	24/05/93	1 h	-90
1412-5947	Vd Steene	24/05/93	1 h	-90
1417-5824	Vd Steene	25/05/93	1 h	-1.3
1434-5858	Vd Steene	25/05/93	1 h	-89.6
1557-5445	Vd Steene	24/05/93	1 h	-90
1600-5041	Vd Steene	25/05/93	45 min	-86.6
1611-4504	Sahu	23/08/92	5 min	-90
1633-4807	Vd Steene	26/05/93	1 h	-21.2
1652-4341	Vd Steene	24/05/93	1 h	-90
1708-4227	Vd Steene	25/05/93	1 h	-89.6

the splot program in iraf, which compute a non-linear least-squares Gaussian fit to the line(s). Usually, lines less than 20 Å apart were deblended.

4. Discussion

4.1. Imaging

The images of all identified PN candidates are presented in appendix A as finding charts. If the PN was resolved, its contour plot is shown in Appendix B.

Table 3. Comparison between optical and radio angular diameters

Name	l_o	b_o	θ_{PSF}''	θ_{FWHM}''	θ_{Str}''	θ_{radio}''
0835-4027	260.15	+0.25	1.8	ext.	11.2	10.8
0857-5011	270.12	-2.95	1.3	2.3	4.2	3.0
0936-5413	277.15	-1.57	1.3	< 1.3	< 2.3	2.0
1002-5553	281.18	-0.48	1.2	0.6	1.1	< 3.1
1011-5640	281.61	-0.43	1.1	2.1	3.7	< 3.4
1231-6401	301.11	-1.49	1.0	ext.	3.2	1.2:
1412-5947	313.30	+1.13	1.3	ext.	2.6	< 4.1
1417-5824	314.42	+2.21	1.3	ext.	11.2x4.7	< 4.1
1434-5858	316.25	+0.88	1.6	0.6	1.0	< 9.0
1557-5445	328.07	-1.60	1.8	< 1.8	< 3.2	1.8
1600-5041	331.03	+1.21	2.1	< 2.1	< 3.8	2.7
1611-4504	336.18	+4.13	1.9		7.0	6.1
1633-4807	336.64	-0.70	2.2	0.8:	1.4:	2.9
1652-4341	342.23	-0.37	2.9	2.8	5.0	4.4
1708-4227	344.98	-1.91	1.5	1.2	2.1	2.1

4.1.1. Positional accuracy

We tried to obtain an accurate optical position of the PN using the HST guide star catalog and the package FINDER in IRAF, but the imaged fields were too small

to contain enough guide stars to obtain optical positions with better accuracy than the radio ones. The best we could do was to verify in some cases that the optical positions were comparable to the radio ones, which are in turn close enough to the IRAS source to be associated with it. We think that all optically identified PN are indeed associated with the radio and IR sources. The accuracy of the radio positions is expected to be better than $1''$ in right ascension and declination for all sources.

4.1.2. Angular diameters

The point-spread function is well approximated by a gaussian with a FWHM of θ_{PSF} , derived from the second moments of the profiles of field stars and given in Col. 4 of Table 3. We also determined in this way the FWHM of the PN, θ_{PN} , and then calculated its deconvolved FWHM (given in Col. 5 of Table 3), according to $\theta_{\text{FWHM}} = \sqrt{\theta_{\text{PN}}^2 - \theta_{\text{PSF}}^2}$. However a gaussian profile is a rather poor description of the intensity distribution of a PN. In the case of a partially resolved object, the best approach is to calculate θ_{FWHM} and then apply a correction factor based on an assumed intensity distribution to obtain the true Strömgren angular diameter of the PN (Panagia & Walmsley 1978; Bedding & Zijlstra 1994). The Strömgren angular diameters, θ_{Str} listed in Col. 6 of Table 3 were calculated assuming that the ratio of the inner radius to the Strömgren radius is equal to a half. From the resulting intensity distribution we determined that θ_{FWHM} should be multiplied Ω with a correction factor of 1.8 to obtain the Strömgren radius (van Hoof 1996, in preparation).

For PN whose appearance is stellar an upper-limit is given; the angular diameters of the ones for which the θ_{FWHM} is slightly larger than stellar are marked with a colon. The angular sizes of the well resolved PN were measured in RA and DEC from the lowest contour in the plots presented in Appendix B. Then the geometric mean diameter was calculated and listed in Table 3.

For comparison the radio diameters are given in Col. 7 of Table 3. The radio angular diameters may be less accurate due to the relatively small sizes of the PN compared to the beam, and the lack of uv -coverage. After all the goal of the radio continuum observations had been to try and detect the PN candidates, not to determine accurate angular diameters.

4.1.3. Detection statistics

The PN candidates 1240–6219 and 1510–5754 were detected in the radio continuum but not in $\text{H}\alpha$. If they are indeed PN, they are probably not detected because of large extinction (Kistiakowsky & Helfland 1993).

Another reason could be that they are extra-galactic background sources. However, based on source counts at

6 cm (Donnelly et al. 1987), one would expect $\sim 5\%$, i.e. at most one, of the radio detections to be a background source. Besides the background galaxy 1200–5333 which we detected, is clearly seen in $\text{H}\alpha$.

The observers Sahu/Manchado didn't have the $\text{H}\alpha$ images at their disposal, but by offsetting the telescope from a bright star to the accurate radio position, they managed to obtain some spectra. This offset method for finding the PN works only if the field is not too crowded and the telescope pointing is good. Sahu & Manchado could not identify 1633–4807 for instance.

4.2. Spectroscopic observations

Table 4. Values for logarithmic extinction A_V (mag) = 2.1 $c(\text{H}\beta)$ = 3.1 $c(\text{H}\alpha)$

Name	$c_{\text{H}\beta}$	$c_{\text{H}\alpha}$	A_V mag	Excitation Class	[S III]/[O III]
0835–4027	3.7		7.8	2.6	0.6
0857–5011	2.7		5.7	6.0	0.02
0936–5413	2.8		5.9	1.2	0.17
1011–5640	–	3.4	10.5	5.9	–
1231–6401	1.8		3.8	6.6	0.12
1412–5947	–	3.0	9.3	5.3	50.6
1417–5824	4.0		8.4	6.5	2.7
1434–5858	–	2.5	7.8	2.1	19.9:
1557–5445	4.0		8.4	0.1	1.8
1600–5041	–	3.9	12.1	–	–
1611–4504	2.6		5.5	6.1	–
1633–4807	–	2.7	8.4	–	–
1652–4341	–	3.4	10.5	3.5	12.7
1708–4227	0.9		1.9	–	–

The spectra of the PN candidates detected in $\text{H}\alpha$ are shown in Appendix C. The Table with line-identifications and line-ratios normalized to $\text{H}\beta$, or $[\text{O III}]\lambda 5007$, $\text{H}\alpha$ depending upon which line was available and best determined, are presented in Appendix D. The line-fluxes were corrected for interstellar extinction using the extinction law from Seaton (1979).

This interstellar extinction law and the observed $\text{H}\alpha/\text{H}\beta$ ratio, when compared to the recombination value of 2.85 (Aller 1984), gives a logarithmic extinction at $\text{H}\beta$: $c(\text{H}\beta) = 3.096 \log(\text{H}\alpha / (\text{H}\beta 2.85))$ corresponding to a visual extinction of $A_V = 2.1 c(\text{H}\beta)$. For PN without detectable $\text{H}\beta$ emission, we used the previous expression $c(\text{H}\beta)$, together with the equation by Potasch (1984) based on the radio flux:

$$c(\text{H}\beta) = \log(S_{6\text{cm}} / (3.67 \text{H}\beta)),$$

to derive the logarithmic extinction value at $\text{H}\alpha$, corresponding to a visual extinction of $A_V = 3.1 c(\text{H}\alpha)$. However this is a rough estimate for the extinction, because not all nights were photometric and for the larger nebulae, some flux will have been missed due to the $2''$ slit

width. The values for extinction based on $H\alpha$ and radio flux are therefore likely to be less accurate. The values for the logarithmic extinctions are presented in Table 4. The fact that no $H\beta$ emission was seen, is in itself a clear indication for a high extinction, with A_V larger than ~ 8.0 . While the values for A_V of optically known PN are in the range 0.04 to 4.8 (Osterbrock 1989) we see that for only 2 of the PN in our sample, A_V is smaller than 4.8.

Usually the strongest emission lines in the spectra of optically known PN are the $[O\text{III}]\lambda 5007$ and $H\alpha$ emission lines. However it was noticed that for PN exhibiting large extinction, discovered on the basis of IRAS and radio continuum measurements, the $[S\text{III}]\lambda 9532$ emission line often appears as the strongest line in the PN spectrum. Kistiakowsky & Helfland (1993) predicted that for galactic PN the $[S\text{III}]\lambda 9532$ appears stronger than $[O\text{III}]\lambda 5007$ whenever the visual extinction exceeds 3 magnitudes. For 10 of our 14 spectra the $[S\text{III}]\lambda 9532$ seems clearly stronger than $[O\text{III}]\lambda 5007$, and for 8 of these 10 the $[S\text{III}]\lambda 9532$ line appears even stronger than $H\alpha$. The former seems to occur whenever the visual extinction is larger than about 5.5 magnitudes and the latter whenever the visual extinction is larger than 8 magnitudes. Three PN have such a high extinction that both the $H\beta$ and $[O\text{III}]$ emission lines are absent.

After correction for extinction, the excitation classes of the PN calculated according to Dopita & Meatheringham (1990), are given in Col. 5 of Table 4. The relationship between excitation class and stellar effective temperature is analogous to the relationship between stellar spectral type and effective temperature in the case of stars. An excitation class higher than 5 means that $\text{He II}\lambda 4686$ was observed in the spectrum and that the stellar temperature is higher $\sim 60\,000$ K. From Table 4 we see that about half the number of PN are of low excitation.

5. Notes on individual objects

We searched the literature using the Simbad database to collect up to date information about the individual PN. Half of them were listed in Preite-Martinez (1988) as possible PN candidates on the basis of their IRAS colors. Our objects are not listed in the Strasbourg-ESO catalogue of galactic PN.

0835-4027: This PN was observed at 843 MHz with the Molongolo Synthesis Telescope by Whiteoak (1992) who determined a radio flux of 130 mJy. The fact that this value is slightly higher than ours could be due to the fact that the MOST fields were not cleaned and this radiotelescope had a 10 times larger beam.

1002-5553: This PN candidate was observed in CO by Loup et al. (1990), but the spectrum was affected by interstellar contamination. No spectrum was obtained for this PN candidate. We have insufficient data to confirm this object as PN.

Gal 1200-5333: It was already suggested in Paper I that, based on its IRAS colors, this source could be a galaxy. The $H\alpha$ image shows that this is not a PN and the emission lines in the spectrum are redshifted by about 190 Å.

1231-6401: In the $H\alpha$ image taken with the Dutch 0.90m telescope the object appears to be asymmetric, a bit elongated, and surrounded by a box-like much larger fainter halo. This PN seems elongated and asymmetric, but higher spatial resolution is needed to investigate its morphology. Silva et al. (1993) searched for hydroxyl in this cold IRAS source but didn't detect any. This nebula was observed, and detected, in the CO(2-1) line with the SEST, and was seen to have an intensity of 5.8 K-km/s and an expansion velocity of 25 km/s (R. Sahai private communication). However the emission lines are generally broader than for the other new PN in our sample. they may be slightly resolved, which is indicative of a large expansion velocity of the gas. The co-existence of a strong $[O\text{I}]$ line with a strong He II line is puzzling. No consistent excitation class could be determined from the He II and $[O\text{III}]\lambda 5007$ line. The spectrum shows iron lines though many of these are in blends. We identified $[\text{Fe III}]\lambda 5270$ and $[\text{Fe VIII}]\lambda 6087$. One would expect iron to be depleted in grains in PN, though iron has been seen in high resolution spectra of other PN such as IC 2165 (Huyng 1994) and IC 4997 (Hyung et al. 1994). The forbidden iron emission lines probably originate in the higher density regions of the nebula.

1412-5947: This PN clearly has an elongated morphology, but an image of higher spatial resolution is needed to investigate its, apparent bipolar, structure.

1417-5824: This PN is clearly bipolar. The spectrum was taken along the major axis and some of the stellar continuum is visible in the spectrum.

1510-5754: Silva et al. (1993) searched for hydroxyl in this cold IRAS source but didn't detect any. Nor did Loup et al. (1990) find any CO. We could not identify this radio source in $H\alpha$, neither did we obtain a spectrum. It probably is very extinct and its PN nature should be further investigated at IR wavelengths.

1557-5445: This PN candidate has the second lowest excitation class: it shows $H\beta$ emission, but weak $[O\text{III}]\lambda 5007$, so that its stellar temperature would be less than 30 000 K. Because its IRAS colors are atypical for a compact H II region (Paper I), this object is likely to be a very young PN, worthy of monitoring.

1600-5041: This PN seems to have the highest extinction of all, and consequently only a few emission lines at longer wavelengths are visible in the spectrum.

1611-4504: This PN shows a double peak at its center. However an image at higher resolution is needed to confirm this feature.

1708-4227: This PN has the lowest extinction and the lowest excitation, having a stellar temperature likely

below 30 000 K. The stellar continuum and some stellar absorption lines are visible in the spectrum. This object seems to be very young PN, worthy of further monitoring.

6. Conclusions

Almost all 16 PN candidates selected from the IRAS PSC based on their colors typical for PN, detected in the radio continuum, were confirmed as PN by optical spectroscopy. Most of these IRAS PN are heavily extinct having an average A_V of 7 mag. Large extinction may be the reason why some of the radio detected PN candidates have gone undetected in $H\alpha$. About half of the PN seem to be of low excitation, having a stellar effective temperature lower than $\sim 60\,000$ K. Careful modeling has been done in order to consistently determine the physical parameters of the PN with good optical spectra. The modeling and the results will be discussed in forthcoming papers (van Hoof & Van de Steene 1996 and Van de Steene & van Hoof 1995, in preparation; Van de Steene 1996).

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A. $H\alpha+[N II]$ images

In this appendix all $H\alpha+[N II]$ images in which a PN was identified are presented as finding charts. The PN is indicated by a box. North is at the top and east is to the right. For Figs. 1 to 10 the field of view is 2×2 arcminutes. For Figs. 11 to 16 the field of view is 3.5×3.5 arcminutes.

Fig. 1. 0835-4027

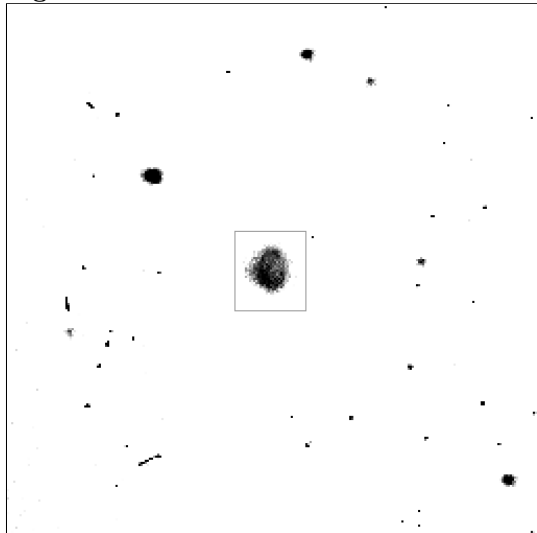


Fig. 2. 0857-5011

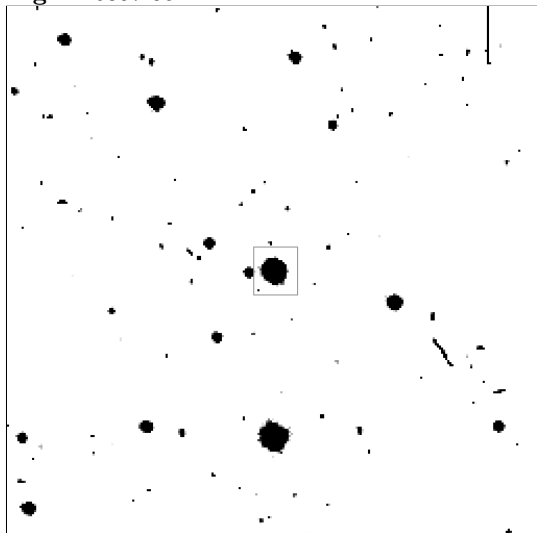


Fig. 3. 0936-5413

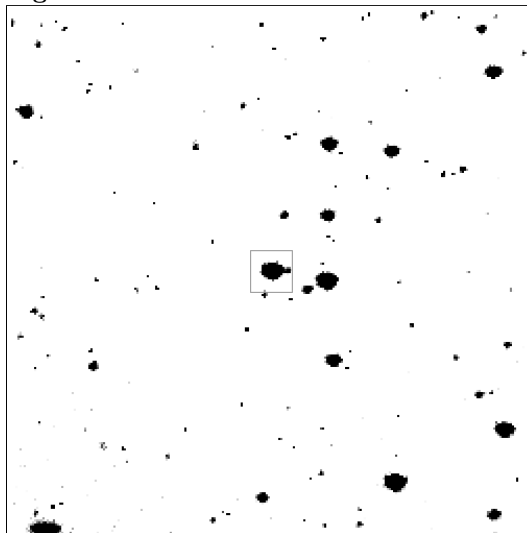


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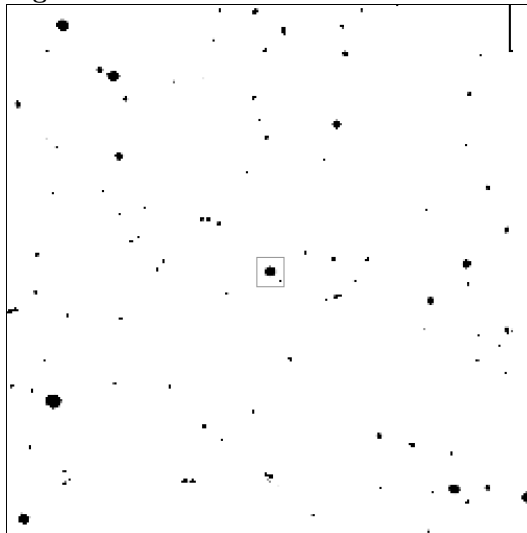


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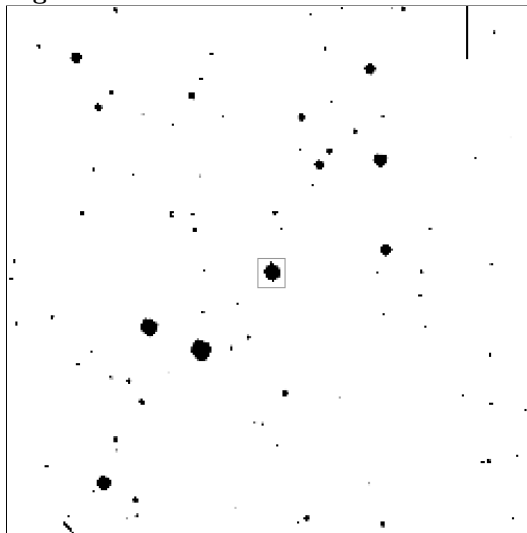


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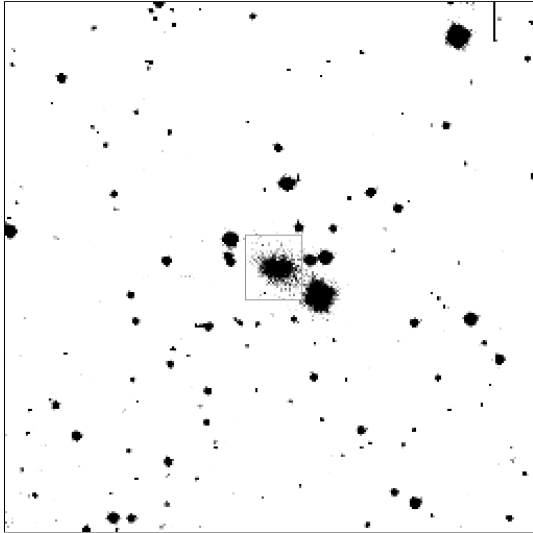


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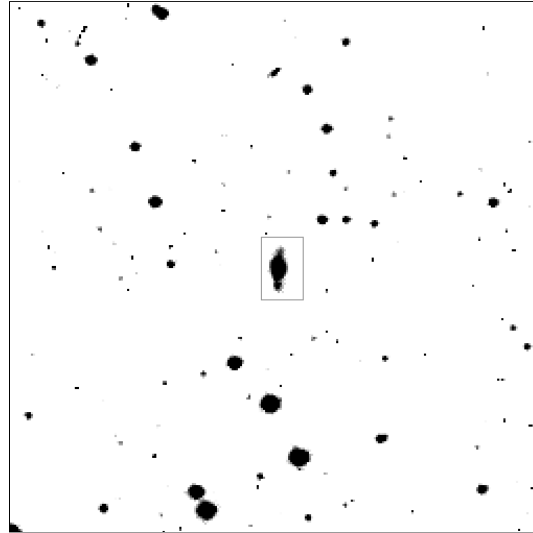


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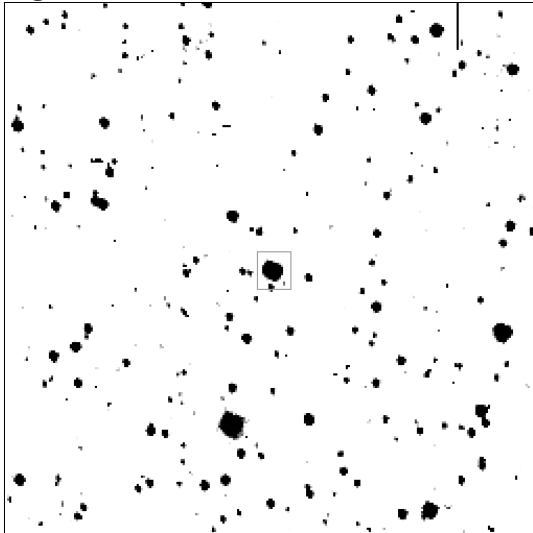


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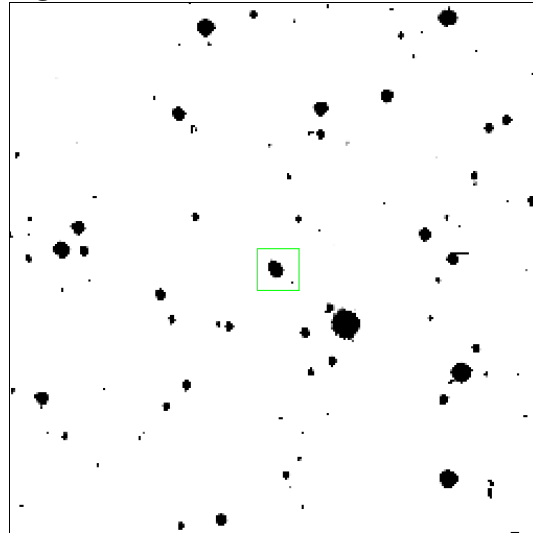


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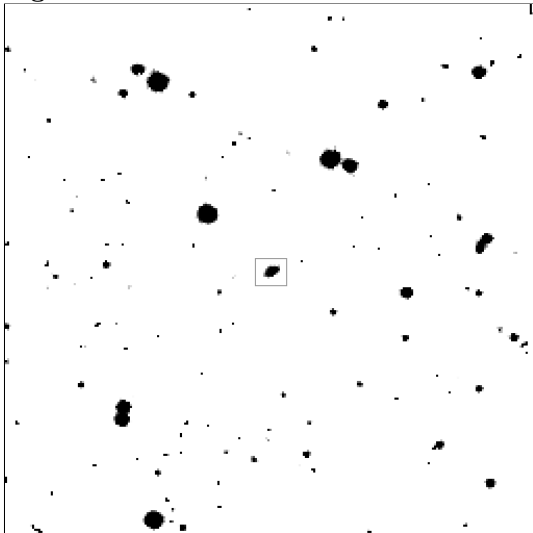


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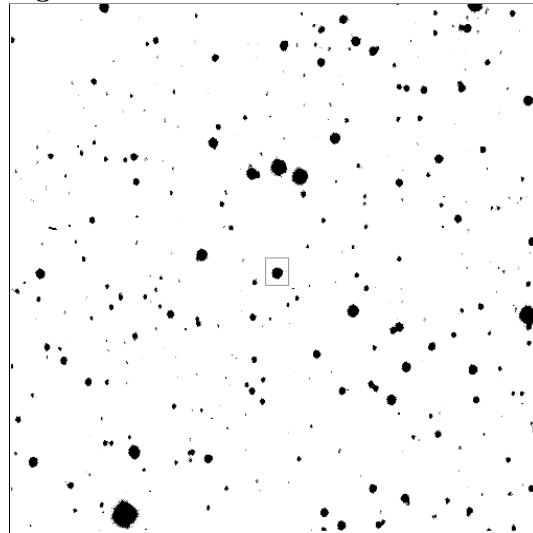
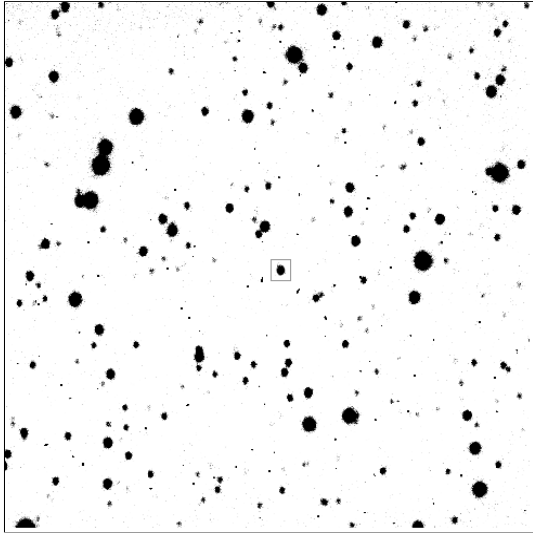
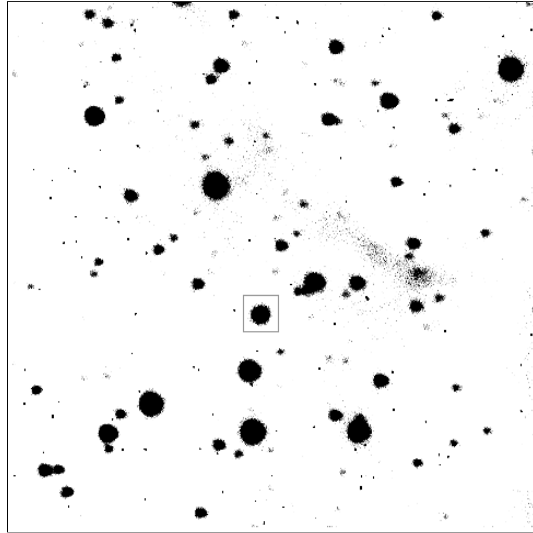
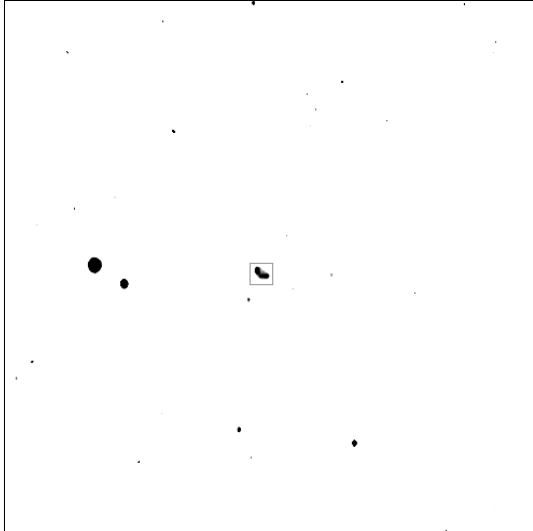
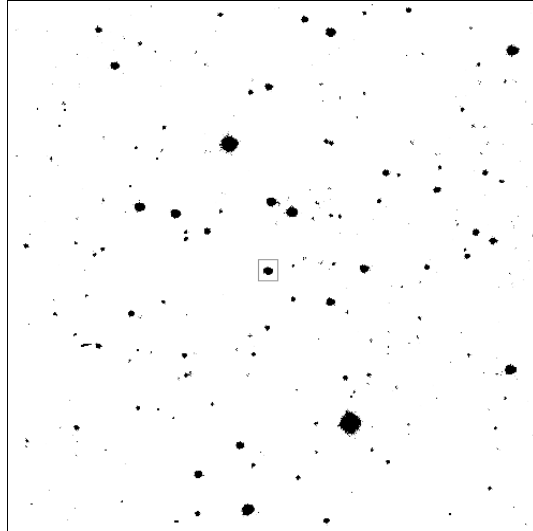
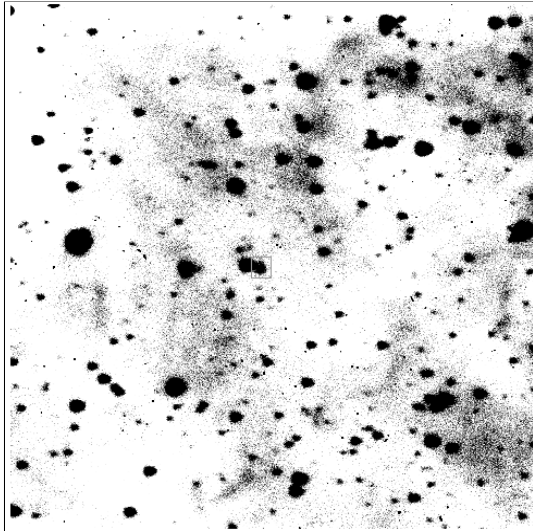
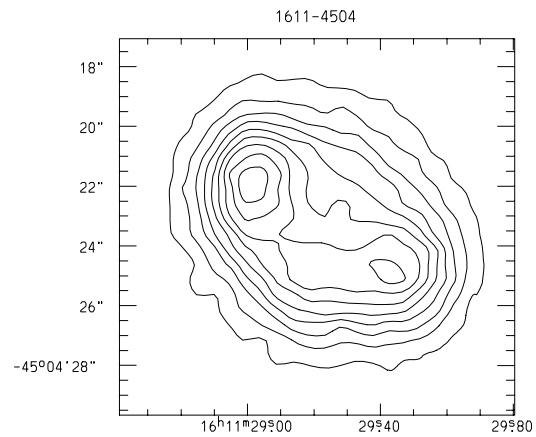
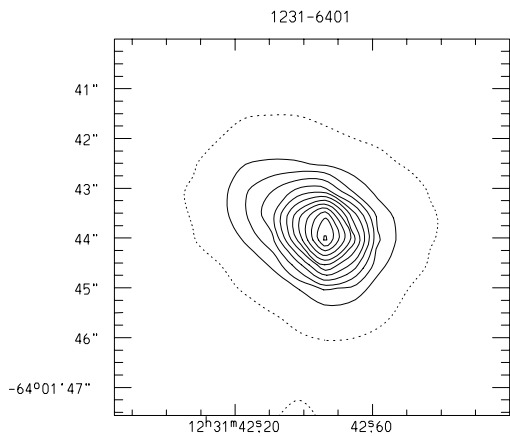
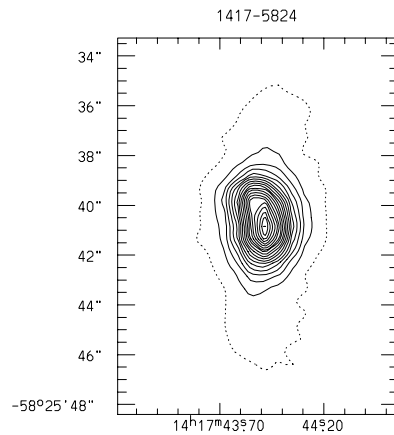
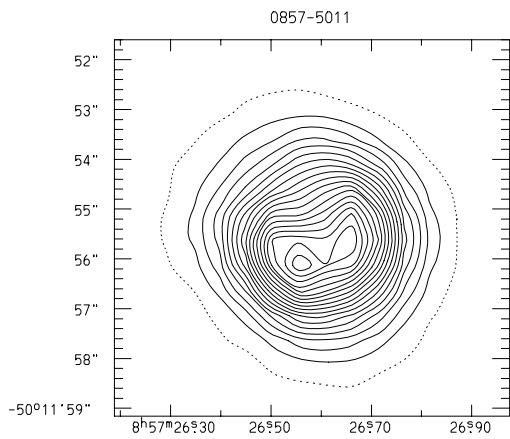
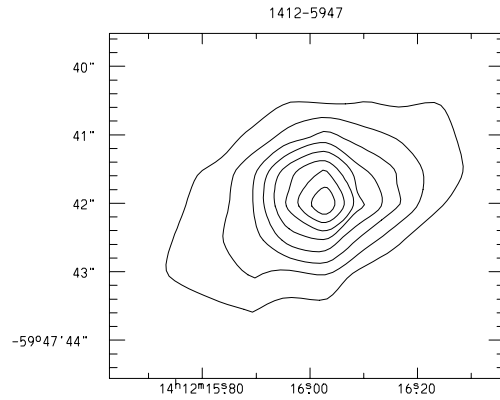
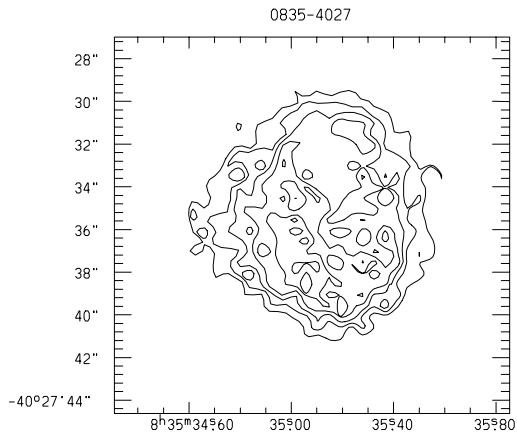


Fig. 12. 1600-5041**Fig. 15.** 1652-4341**Fig. 13.** 1611-4504**Fig. 16.** 1708-4227**Fig. 14.** 1633-4807

B. Contour Plots



Top: the outer, lowest contour is at 50% of the peak; the step-size is 10% of the peak.

Middle: the outer, lowest contour is at 5% of the peak; the step-size is 5% of the peak.

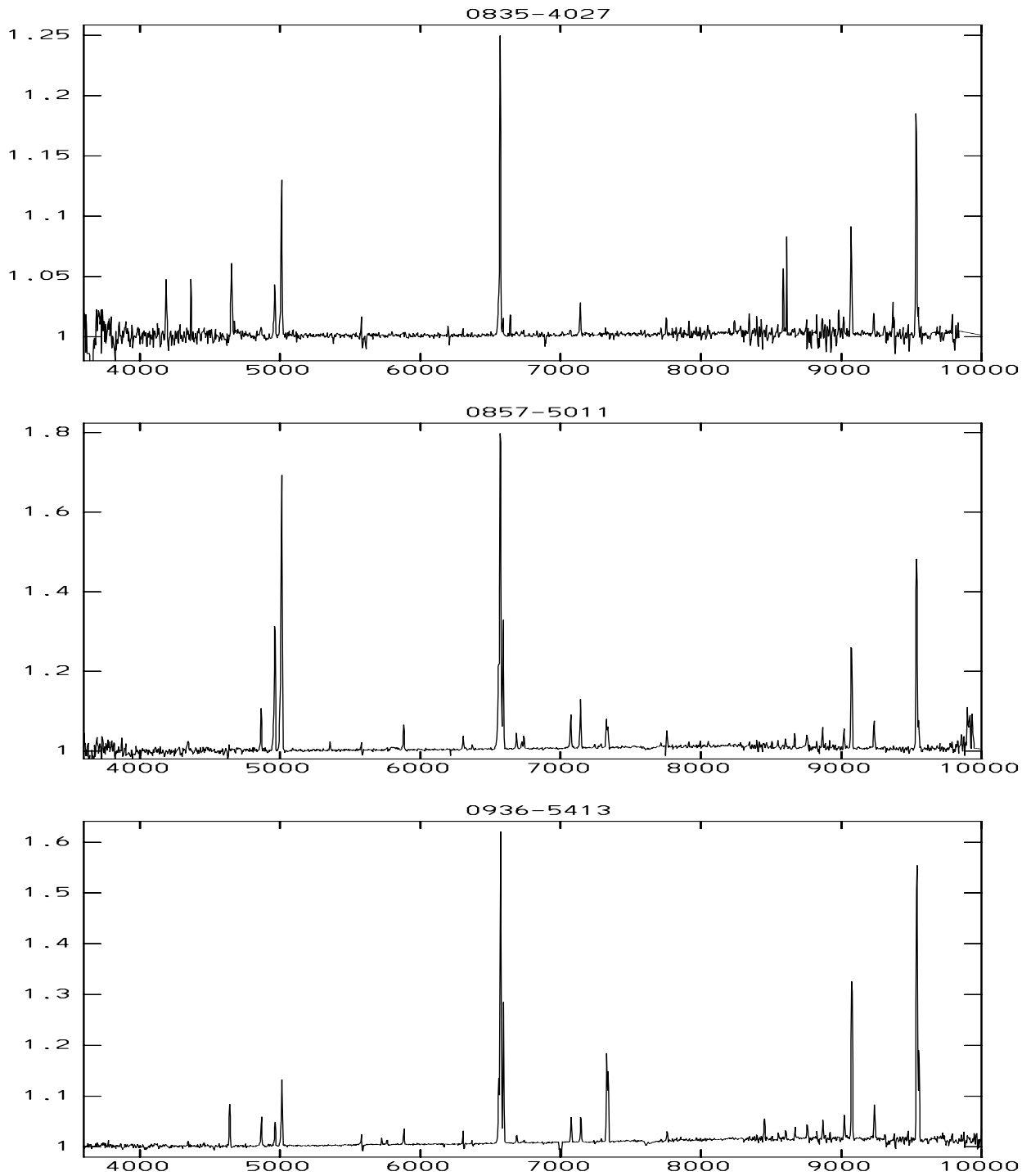
Bottom: the outer, lowest contour is drawn at 2% of the peak; the step-size is 8% of the peak.

Top: the outer, lowest contour is at 20% of the peak; the step-size is 10% of the peak.

Middle: the outer, lowest contour is at 5% of the peak; the step-size is 5% of the peak

Bottom: the outer, lowest contour is at 10% of the peak; the step-size is 10% of the peak.

C. Optical spectra

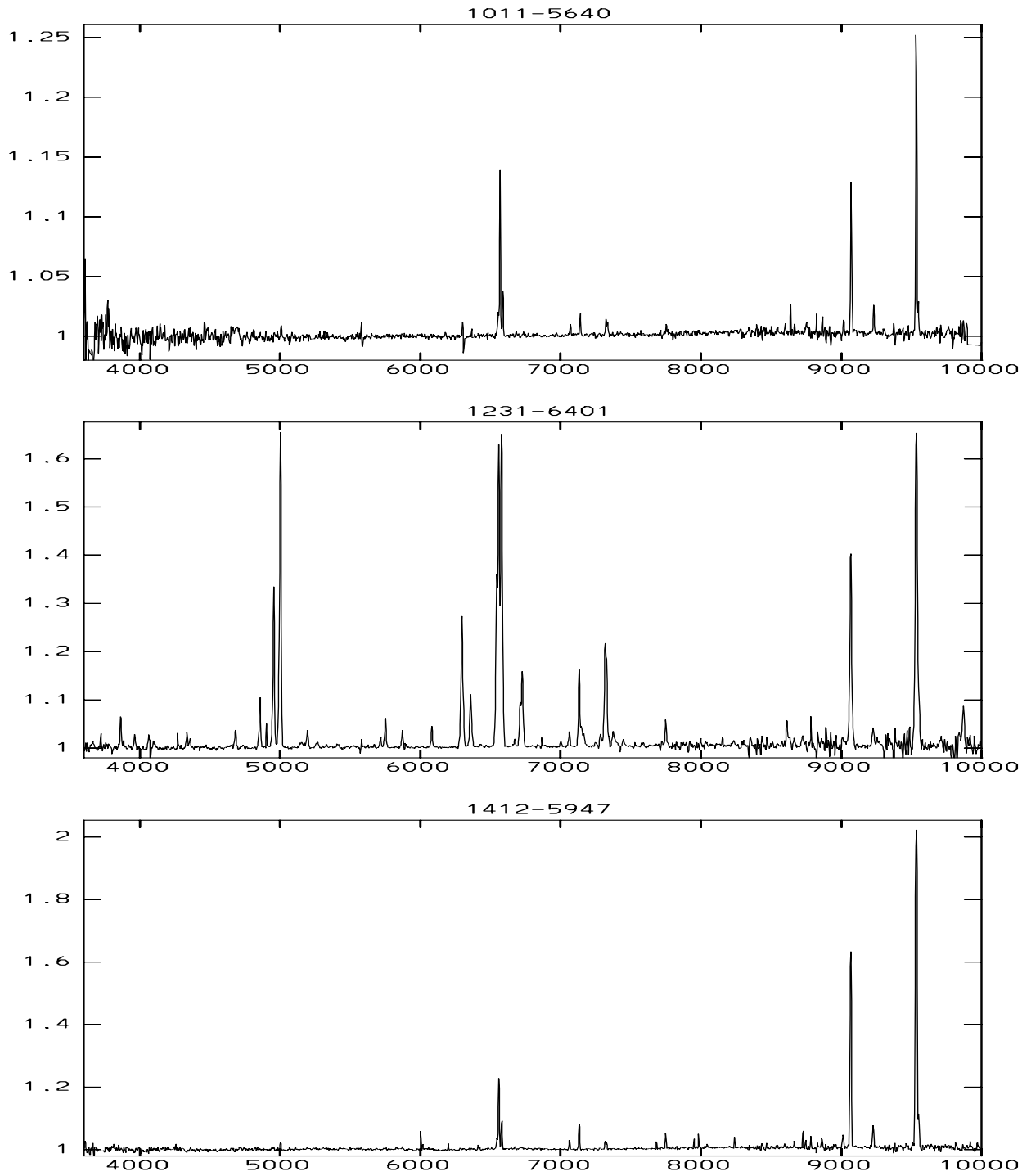


Spectra of IRAS-selected planetary nebula candidates.

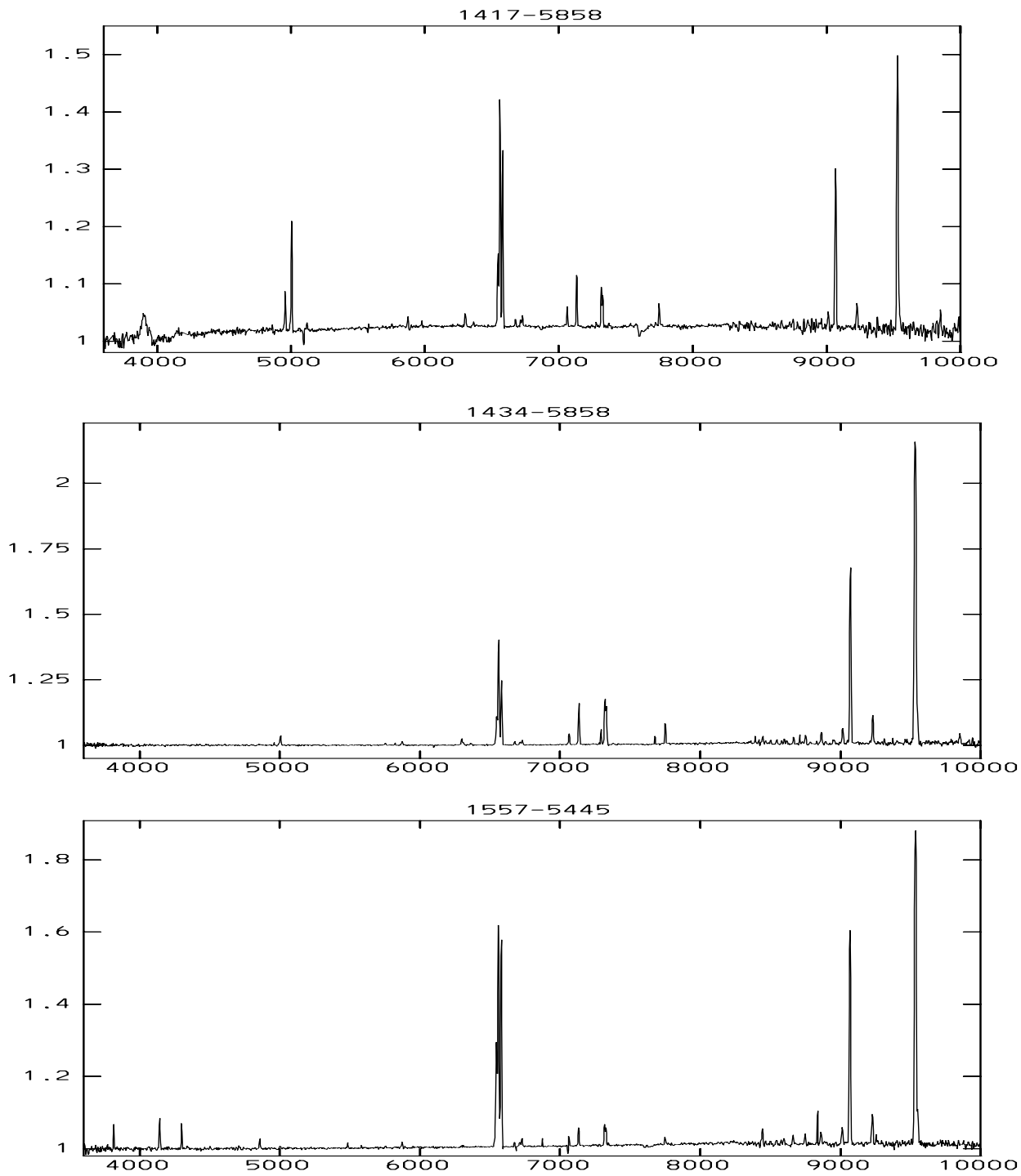
Above every spectrum the name of the object is mentioned.

X-axis: wavelength in angstroms from 3 600 Å to 10 000 Å

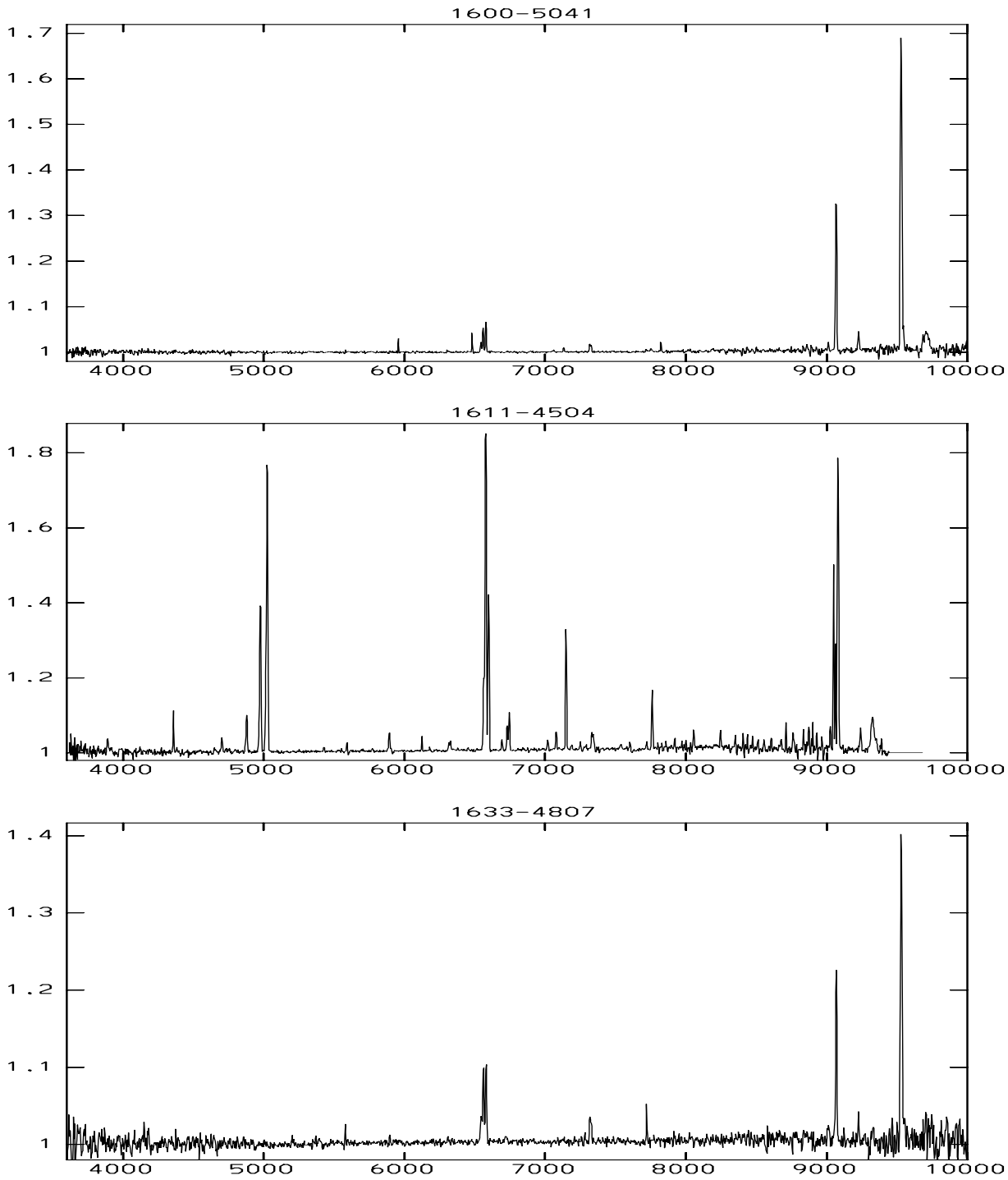
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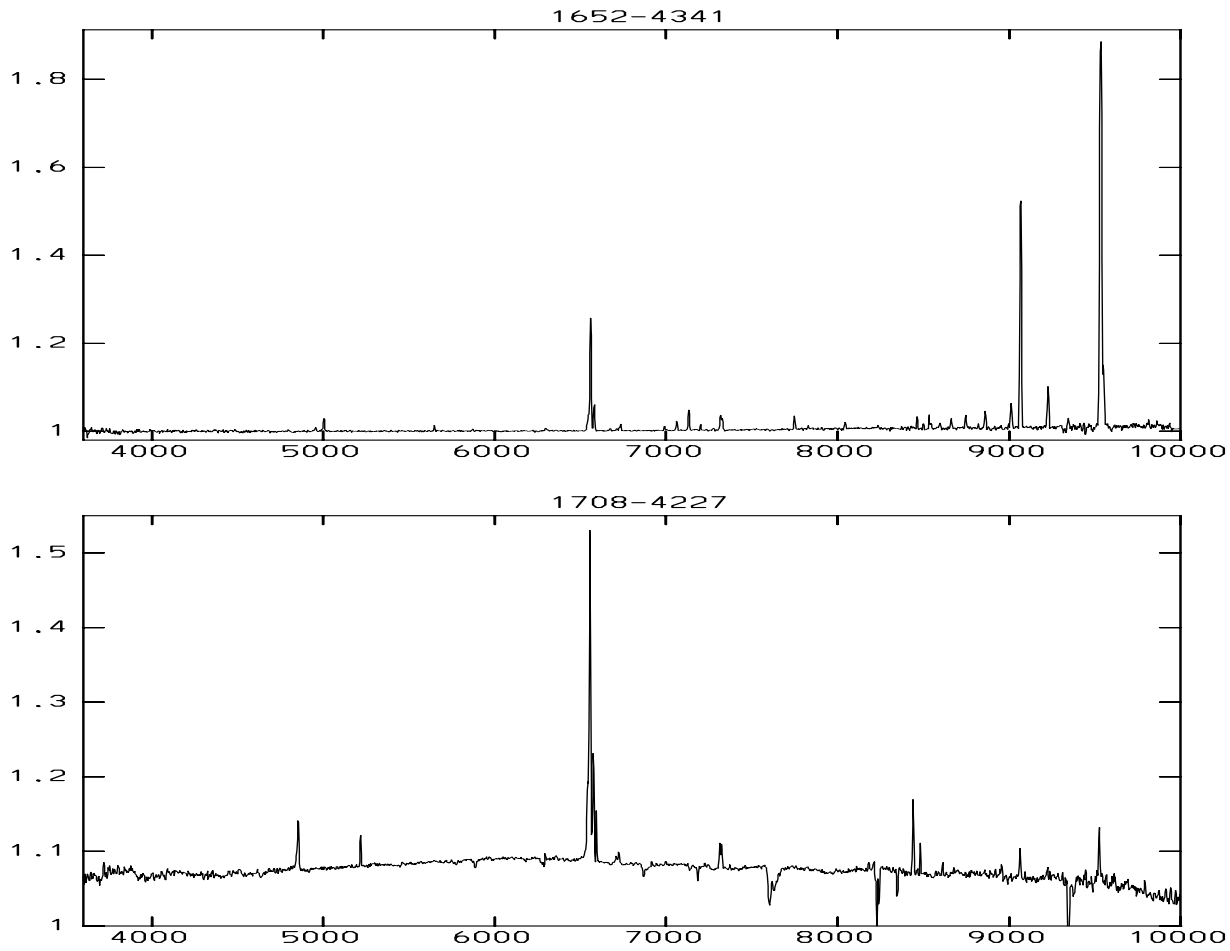
Spectra of IRAS-selected planetary nebula candidates.
Above every spectrum the name of the object is mentioned.
X-axis: wavelength in angstroms from 3600 Å to 10 000 Å
Y-axis: $\text{Log}(10 + I \cdot 10^{15})$ in $\text{ergs/cm}^2/\text{s}/\text{Å}$



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X-axis: wavelength in angstroms from 3600 Å to 10 000 Å
Y-axis: $\text{Log}(10 + I \cdot 10^{15})$ in $\text{ergs/cm}^2/\text{s}/\text{Å}$



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D. Line flux ratios

Line fluxes corrected for interstellar extinction relative to $H\beta$, $[O\text{III}]\lambda 5007$ or $H\alpha$ depending upon which was available and well-determined. An estimate of the percentual uncertainty in the relative flux (err) is also given.

Contaminated lines are indicated by a colon.

λ (Å)	Ident	0835-4027		0857-5011		0936-5413		1011-5640		1231-6401		1412-5947		1417-5824	
		Flux	err	Flux	err	Flux	err	Flux	err	Flux	err	Flux	err	Flux	err
3727	[O II]									58.1	11				
3869	[Ne III]									129.4	10				
3889	He I, HI									18.4	30				
3971	HI, [Ne III]									58.2	10				
4069	[S II]									53.9	10				
4102	HI									17.0	26				
4340	HI			85.9	26	39.2	17			47.7	10				
4363	[O III]									28.3	11				
4686	He II									41.3	10				
4861	HI	5.9	28	100.0	10	100.0	10			100.0	10			6.9	16
4959	[O III]	33.6	10	464.7	10	83.3	10			331.5	10	41.8	19	34.3	10
5007	[O III]	100.0	10	1341.7	10	263.0	10			986.1	10	100.0	10	100.0	10
5200	[N I]									29.6	10				
5309	[Ca V]									2.8	38				
5577	[O I]	2.7:	17	3.9:	22	10:	10	51.8:	12					0.7	43
5755	[N II]					4.9	18			23.9	10			0.4	57
5876	He I			17.4	10	13.8	10			10.7	10			2.0:	10
6300	[O I]	0.4	33	4.9	10	3.6:	12	13.2:	11	121.8	10			1.5	14
6312	[S III]									121.8	10				
6364	[O I]	0.3	47	2.0	19	1.3:	33	3.8:	35	38.0	10			0.4	25
6548	[N II]			42.3	10	35.3	10	19.8	14	119.7	10	11.5	16	5.1	10
6563	HI	16.7	10	285.0	10	285.0	10	100.0	10	285.0	10	54.0	10	19.7	10
6584	[N II]			50.7	10	77.4	10	26.0	10	321.4	10	20.6	10	13.6	10
6678	He I			4.2	10	3.2	10	3.3	29	2.7	12	1.2	27	0.4	14
6716	[S II]			2.3	14	1.0	50	3.7:	38	16.8	10	0.6	65	0.3	15
6731	[S II]			3.2	10	1.1	29	3.1	26	40.7	10	1.0	27	0.6	11
7006	[Ar V]									2.4	14				
7065	He I	0.2	42	7.9	10	9.0	10	3.2	15	5.0	10	3.4	10	0.7	10
7136	[Ar III]	0.9	10	11.1	10	7.6	10	6.4	10			9.0	10	1.8	10
7178	He II														
7281	He I			1.7	66	0.5	40			4.2	10	0.8	83	0.1	22
7323	[O II]			5.5	10	28.3	10	3.0	11	73.1	10	2.5	10	1.2	10
7332	[O II]			5.1	10	21.9	10	4.3	20	73.1	10	1.5	10	0.8	10
7751	[Ar III]	0.3	12	2.6:	10	2.4	10	1.4	15	6.7	10	2.6	10	0.4	10
8046	[Cl IV]														
8237	He II	0.2	17							1.1	19				
8446	O I, HI					37.3	10								
8467	HI														
8502	HI			0.6	13	0.8	16								
8545	HI			0.5	13	1.2	11					0.4	30		
8579	[Cl II]														
8598	HI			0.8	10	1.4	10					0.3	15		
8665	HI			1.0	10	1.2	10					0.3	12		
8750	HI			1.4	14	1.7	10	0.3	22			0.5	10		
8863	HI	0.1	11	1.3	10	1.7	10	0.7	10			0.5	10		
9015	HI	0.1	11	1.3	10	2.1	10	0.5	11			0.7	10	0.1	21
9069	[S III]	0.6	10	9.2	10	19.8	10	5.0	10	47.3	10	18.1	10	1.2	10
9229	HI	0.1	12	1.6	10	3.0	10	0.7	10	3.4	12	1.0	10	0.1	10
9532	[S III]	1.2	10	21.8	10	45.8	10	10.3	10	114.9	10	50.6	10	2.7	10
9546	HI	0.1	10	1.7	10	8.0	10	0.9	10			0.7	10		

Line fluxes corrected for interstellar extinction relative to $H\beta$, $[O III]\lambda 5007$ or $H\alpha$ depending upon which was available and well-determined. An estimate of the percentual uncertainty in the relative flux (err) is also given. Contaminated lines are indicated by a column.

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3727	[O II]														
3869	[Ne III]														
3889	He I, HI														
3971	HI, [Ne III]														
4069	[S II]														
4102	HI														
4340	HI			91.6	29										
4363	[O III]														
4686	He II														
4861	HI	0.07:	73	100.0	10			100.0	10					100.0	10
4959	[O III]	(33)		(10.7)				451.7	10			30.3	13		
5007	[O III]	100.0	10	32.1	46			1360.3	10			100.0	10		
5200	[N I]														
5309	[Ca V]	4.1:	53												
5577	[O I]							5.5:	30	78.9	17				
5755	[N II]	3.9:	38	6.4	43			2.1	75						
5876	He I	5.1:	14	12.6	12			12.0	11			2.1	29		
6300	[O I]	3.3:	10					2.1	32			1.7	37		
6312	[S II]	1.1:	20					3.6	22						
6364	[O I]	1.1:	43					0.7	79						
6548	[N II]	13.0:	10	104.3	10	40.9	10	26.4	10	44.6	12	9.5	10	215.6	10
6563	HI	56.3:	10	285.0	10	100.0	10	285.0	10	100.0	10	37.0	10	285.0	10
6584	[N II]	27.8:	10	261.5	10	115.6	10	76.1	10	104.2	10	7.4	10		
6678	He I	0.8	10	2.6	15			3.2	19			0.6	19		
6716	[S II]	0.9:	26	2.4	18			7.0	10	7.5	34	0.5	18	4.8	22
6731	[S II]	1.3:	10	4.0	10			11.3	10	2.3	95	1.6	10	7.7	11
7006	[Ar V]							2.1	20			0.3	36		
7065	He I	1.9:	10	2.6	10			3.6	11			1.2	10		
7136	[Ar III]	7.2:	10	6.3	10	7.4	23	31.8	10			2.5	10		
7178	He II							1.3	106						
7281	He I							2.0	15			0.3	18		
7323	[O II]	7.0:	10	6.4	10	11.0	11	3.4	28			1.6	10	15.0	10
7332	[O II]	5.0:	10	4.8	10	9.3	14					1.2	10	13.4	10
7751	[Ar II]	1.7:	10	1.5	10			8.1	10			0.9	10		
8046	[Cl IV]											0.4	10		
8237	He II											0.1	13		
8446	[O I], HI	0.06	10	2.8	10									38.8	10
8467	HI	0.3:	10									0.3	10		
8502	HI	0.1:	16					0.8	22			0.2	10		
8545	HI	0.1:	12	0.6	15			1.0	19			0.2	10		
8579	[Cl II]	0.1:	13	0.5	14										
8598	HI	0.1:	10	0.7	11			1.1	15			0.1	10		
8665	HI	0.2:	10	0.8	10			0.6	25			0.2	10		
8750	HI	0.3:	10	1.0	10			2.1	32			0.2	10		
8863	HI	0.3:	10	1.0	10			1.7	30			0.3	10		
9015	HI	0.3:	10	1.1	10	1.1	10	1.0	10			0.3	10		
9069	[S III]	6.0:	10	25.4	10	26.5	10	41.5	10	18.4	10	4.7	10	11.0	10
9229	HI	0.4:	10	1.9	10	2.0	10			2.2	10	0.5	10		
9532	[S II]	19.9:	10	57.6	10	82.0	10			42.4	10	12.7	10	18.2	10
9546	HI	0.4:	10	1.1	10	3.3	10			2.7	15	0.5	10		