# Massive Star Wind Variability in the Ultraviolet: Considerations for Optimal Mission Design

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#### Expanding atmospheres



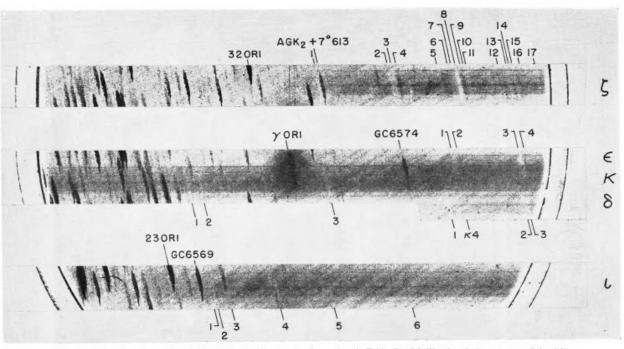


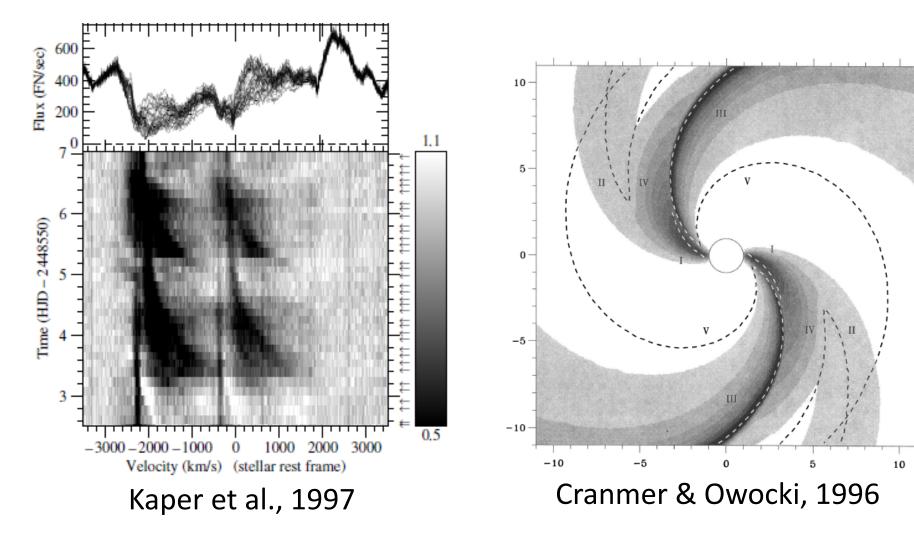
Fig. 3.—Enlarged portions of Fig. 2 with the line identifications by the numbers in Tables 2 and 3. Wavelengths increase toward the right

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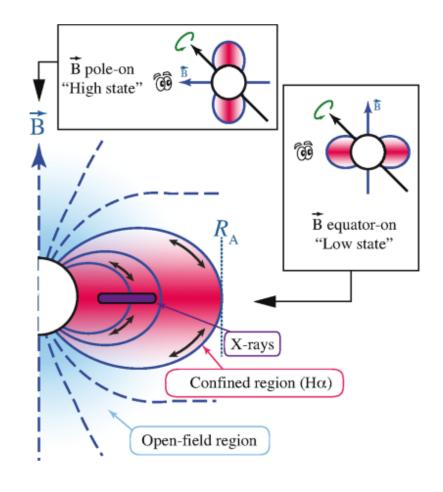
#### MASS LOSS FROM THREE OB SUPERGIANTS IN ORION

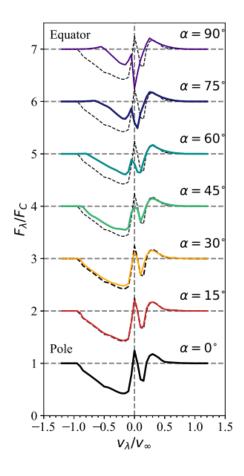
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## Wind structures inferred from dynamic spectra



#### More dramatic large-scale wind structures

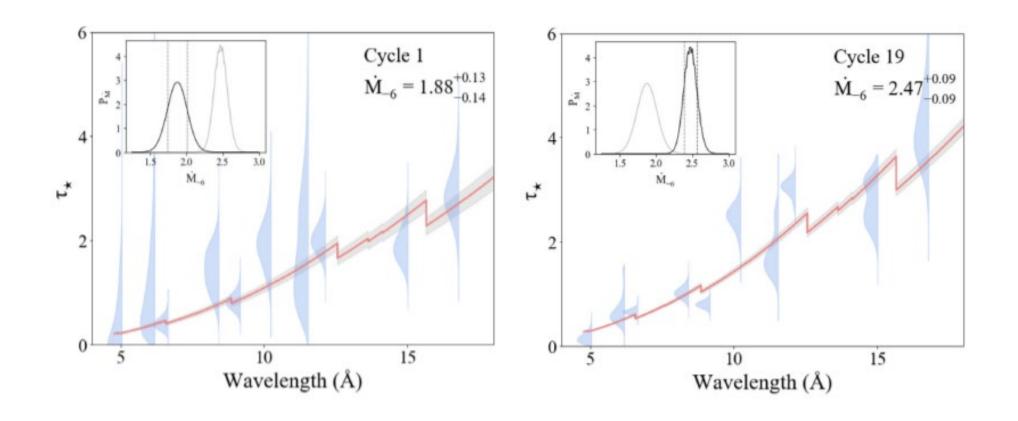




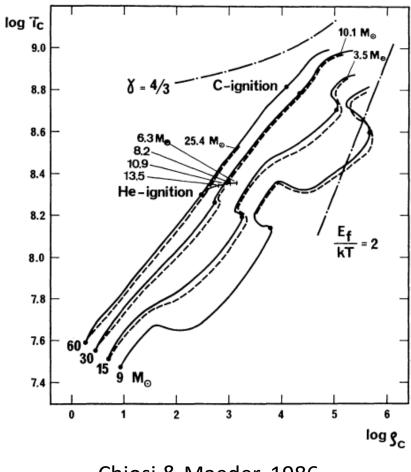
Petit et al., 2015

Erba et al., 2021

#### New timescales of variability?



#### These are fundamental questions



Metallicity (roughly logarithmic scale)

SN IP/c

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BH py fallpack (weak SN)

Weak SN IP/c

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Direct plack hole

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Initial mass (solar masses)

Chiosi & Maeder, 1986

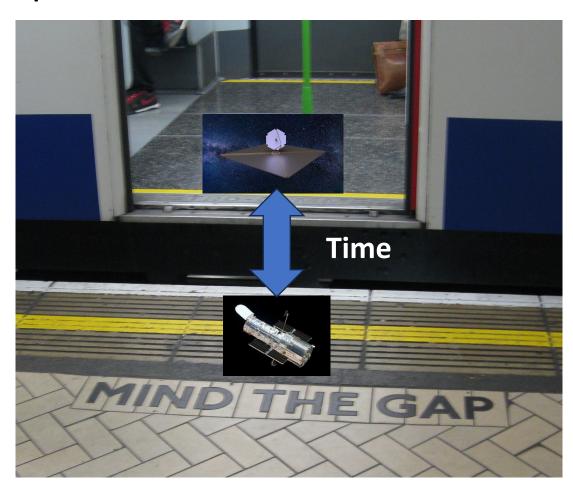
Smith, 2014

#### The name of the game...

... is time-domain.

To probe the multi-scale spatial and temporal properties of massive star winds, we must develop an *agile* suite of observing tools that can deliver *precision*, short *cadence*, and a long *temporal baseline*.

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