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# Abstract

We describe an optical survey for microquasars in the nearby galaxy M33. These objects, thought to be stellar mass black holes accreting material from a nearby companion star, are exceedingly rare, with only a dozen known in our galaxy. The brightest optical microquasar, SS 433, has spectacular emission lines in its spectra, which display extraordinarily large velocities, up to an appreciable fraction of the speed of light.

Our survey was undertaken using the Visible Integral-field Replicable Unit Spectrograph (VIRUS) of the Hobby-Eberly Telescope (HET). VIRUS can simultaneously obtain over 30,000 spectra covering 3500-5500Å. We have acquired VIRUS observations covering a large fraction of M33 and have examined a set of 432 locations based on a microquasar candidate list presented by Calzetti et al. (1995). Each Calzetti target object is cross-referenced with known surveys of radio sources, X-ray sources, SNRs, HII regions, and Wolf-Rayet stars, as well as the Hubble Space Telescope's PHATTER F475W imaging. Based on their emission features at  $H\beta$ ,  $[O III]\lambda 5007$ ,  $CIII/NIII\lambda 4645$ , and  $He\lambda 4686$ , or other notable spectral features, a total of 40 candidates were selected for further review. Each of these 40 objects were classified as one of six types of objects. None of the candidates meet the requirements to be considered an SS 433-like object. It seems unlikely at this time that an SS 433 analog exists in M33.

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# **Chapter 1**

## **Introduction**

## 1.1 Microquasars

Quasars were first recognized as luminous, distant objects six decades ago [Schmidt, 1963]. They are supermassive black holes with masses on the order of millions to billions of solar masses located at the center of a galaxy. Gas and dust from the surrounding galaxy fall into the black hole, and due to the extreme gravitational forces, become luminous. These objects are among the most luminous sources in the universe, often emitting thousands of times more light than the entire Milky Way galaxy, and doing so in a volume comparable to the scale of the solar system. While these are interesting objects, the extreme distances at which they are found and the large timescales on which they evolve makes them challenging objects to study in detail.

Microquasars deal with a very similar phenomenon, but on a far smaller scale. Currently, microquasars are understood to be stellar mass ( $\sim 10\text{-}40 M_{\odot}$ ) black holes, orbiting as a binary around a companion star, with the star transferring mass to the black hole [Mirabel and Rodríguez, 1999]. The presence of the companion star allows the microquasar to form an accretion disk, similar to those found around quasars. As microquasars are scaled down by many orders of magnitude from typical quasars, observing a microquasar on a fairly short timescale (even days or minutes) provides insights that would take thousands of years to observe from a quasar.

Microquasars are unique sources due to their emissions in both the radio and x-ray bands. The accretion disks described in Mirabel and Rodríguez (1999) are incredibly luminous in x-ray wavelengths. This property has led to studies of other ultraluminous X-ray sources (ULXs) in the galaxy, which have been hypothesized to be microquasars [Poutanen et al., 2007]. In addition to the extremely x-ray luminous accretion disks, microquasars are observed to have double-sided radio jets [Spencer, 1979, Mirabel et al., 1992]. These jets produce relativistic ( $v \geq 0.1c$ ) synchrotron emission, with the ejecta from some microquasars reaching speeds up to  $0.98c$  [Mirabel and Rodríguez, 1999].

Stephenson-Sanduleak 433 (SS 433; Stephenson and Sanduleak, 1977) was the first discovered microquasar, and has proven to be an interesting object, even among other microquasars. Its high luminosity in the optical band has made it easier to study than other microquasars, which typically have very low optical luminosity [Margon, 1984]. The optical spectrum of SS 433 contains many unusual emission lines, including a very strong and broad  $H\alpha$  line and He I lines, which appear in various components - one with a large redshift and another with a large blueshift [Liebert et al., 1979, Margon et al., 1979]. These spectral features change in wavelength on a time scale of days, and the variability in Doppler shift reaches magnitudes up to  $50,000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  in redshift and  $30,000 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  in blueshift [Margon, 1984].

## 1.2 Discovery of SS 433: The First Microquasar

SS 433 was discovered in 1975 in a radio survey designed to detect and classify supernova remnants (SNRs) [Clark et al., 1975a]. The survey labeled what is known today as SS 433 as the source G39.7-2.0, and associated it with the SNR W50. At the 408 MHz waveband used in the survey, SS 433 was described as having low surface brightness, making it difficult to estimate the flux density. However, the authors supported the classification of G39.7-2.0 as an SNR.

The following year, the X-ray Astronomy Group at the University of Leicester published results detailing ten new X-ray sources [Seward et al., 1976]. Their survey identified the X-ray source A1909+04 and associated it with SNR W50 from Clark and Caswell’s catalogue. The authors labeled A1909+04 as the most interesting object in their survey, as the X-ray observations appeared as a variable point source, indicating that it could be a remnant of the original star, rather than a source associated with the ejecta from the supernova.

The first documentation of SS 433 in the optical band was in 1977, when Stephenson and Sanduleak [Stephenson and Sanduleak, 1977] published a catalog of stars with H-alpha emissions in the plane of the Milky Way. The catalog details observations of 455 sources, including positions on the sky and magnitude. SS 433 was one of many stars in the catalog noted to have a very strong H alpha emission line, but there was no other feature of note in their data.

One of the first papers to note that all three observations were from the same source in the sky was published by Clark and Murdin (1978). The authors compared SS 433 to a similar radio/X-ray/optical source, Circinus X-1, which had been associated with the SNR G321.9-0.3, and hypothesized that these objects may represent a subclass of stellar remnants of supernovae. Each source had a very broad H-alpha line and three Helium emission lines at 5,876, 6,678, and 7,065 Angstroms. As Cir X-1 had been modeled as a binary system containing an X-ray emitter orbiting a massive early type star [Clark et al., 1975b], the authors suggested that SS 433 may be the same type of object. Subsequent research suggested that while both objects are interesting, SS 433 far was more exotic than Cir X-1 [Margon et al., 1979]. Currently, SS 433 has been classified as a microquasar.

### 1.3 Neighborhood Search for Microquasars

Despite other Galactic examples of similar phenomenon, SS 433 remains unique. Finding another source like SS 433 in a less extinct and different environment would add to our understanding of the jet phenomenon, creation mechanisms, and influence of such systems on their surroundings.

SS 433 is intrinsically luminous ( $M_V \approx -7$ ), which means it is feasible to find similar objects in the Local Group of galaxies, i.e., M31 and M33. Since SS 433 is a Population I object associated with a supernova remnant [Calzetti et al., 1995] (hereafter C95), it is important to search for analogs in a galaxy which has active star formation. M33 is such a galaxy, and it is a face-on system, which means there is less extinction along the majority of the lines of sight to the galaxy when compared to M31. Additionally, M33 has been recently covered by a Hubble Space Telescope (HST) treasury survey, PHATTER [Williams et al., 2021], allowing one to photometrically resolve complex populations in M33 (see §2.2).

There have been many efforts to identify SS 433 analogs in M33; of particular interest is that of C95. The team compiled a list of 432 candidate SS 433 stars based on a list of criteria.

C95 lists 432 potential optical candidates of microquasars in M33. The candidates were identified from an imaging survey of M33 using the Kitt Peak 4m telescope covering the H $\alpha$  region and a narrow band continuum around 6100Å [Long et al., 1990]. This survey covered the central

15' of M33, accounting for about 70% of the most active star-forming region.

Images were obtained in two observing runs, one in September 1986 and one in November 1987, and covered 19 fields. The  $800 \times 800$  pixel TI-2 CCD on the Kitt Peak telescope has a field of view of  $3.86'$  on each side, and the centers of each observation were separated by  $3.5'$ , giving an overlap of about  $30''$  between each region. More information on these observations can be found in Long et al. (1990).

In each of the 19 fields, SS 433 candidates were identified using two sets of criteria. Objects which appeared brighter in the  $H\alpha$  images than the  $6100\text{\AA}$  continuum images were flagged as being  $H\alpha$  emitters, a characteristic which is expected of SS 433-like objects. A total of 153 of these “emission line candidates” were found by C95, which are reproduced in Table A.1.

The other group of candidates defined by C95 are sources which appeared as point-like objects in the  $6100\text{\AA}$  continuum images, and are projected onto extended nebulosity in the  $H\alpha$  images. These sources are likely to be associated with extended  $H\alpha$  emission, and are labeled as “embedded candidates”; 279 of these sources were identified, which are reproduced in Table A.2.

## 1.4 Project Goals

We aim to cover the list of candidate SS 433 objects, along with the wider PHATTER survey, using the VIRUS IFU spectrograph to provide the highest spatial resolution integral field unit dataset on a nearby galaxy to date. With the VIRUS data, we can examine the spectra of each target and their surrounding environment to assess if they are a good microquasar candidate star.

While the project may not definitively answer the question if there are microquasars in our galactic neighborhood, the results of this survey will have important impacts. If a microquasar (or multiple) is found, it could provide unique insight to where these objects come from and how they form. If, however, a microquasar is not found, this result will place strong constraints on the cosmic frequency of microquasars in M33, and presumably, all galaxies of similar type.

# **Chapter 2**

## **Observations**

## 2.1 VIRUS

Our study of M33 and the PHATTER survey region (see §2.2) was carried out on the 10-m Hobby-Eberly Telescope (HET; Ramsey et al., 1998). The data were obtained by VIRUS (Visible Integral-field Replicable Unit Spectrograph; Hill et al., 2021) is a massively replicated, fiber-fed spectrograph consisting of 78 integral field units (IFUs), each comprised of 448 1.5'' diameter fibers covering a 50'' x 50'' field of view. Each IFU feeds two low-resolution ( $R \sim 800$ ) spectrographs that cover the wavelength region of  $3500 < \lambda < 5500\text{\AA}$ .

The fibers within each IFU have roughly a one-third fill factor of the IFU. To account for these gaps, observations of a given field are taken in a 3-point dither pattern. The M33 pointings use a minimum exposure time of 360 seconds per dither, for a total exposure time of 18 minutes per observation. In the case of non-optimal observing conditions, the exposure time is adjusted using real-time estimates of seeing conditions and the sky brightness background to achieve a more consistent signal-to-noise ratio per exposure [Gebhardt et al., 2021].

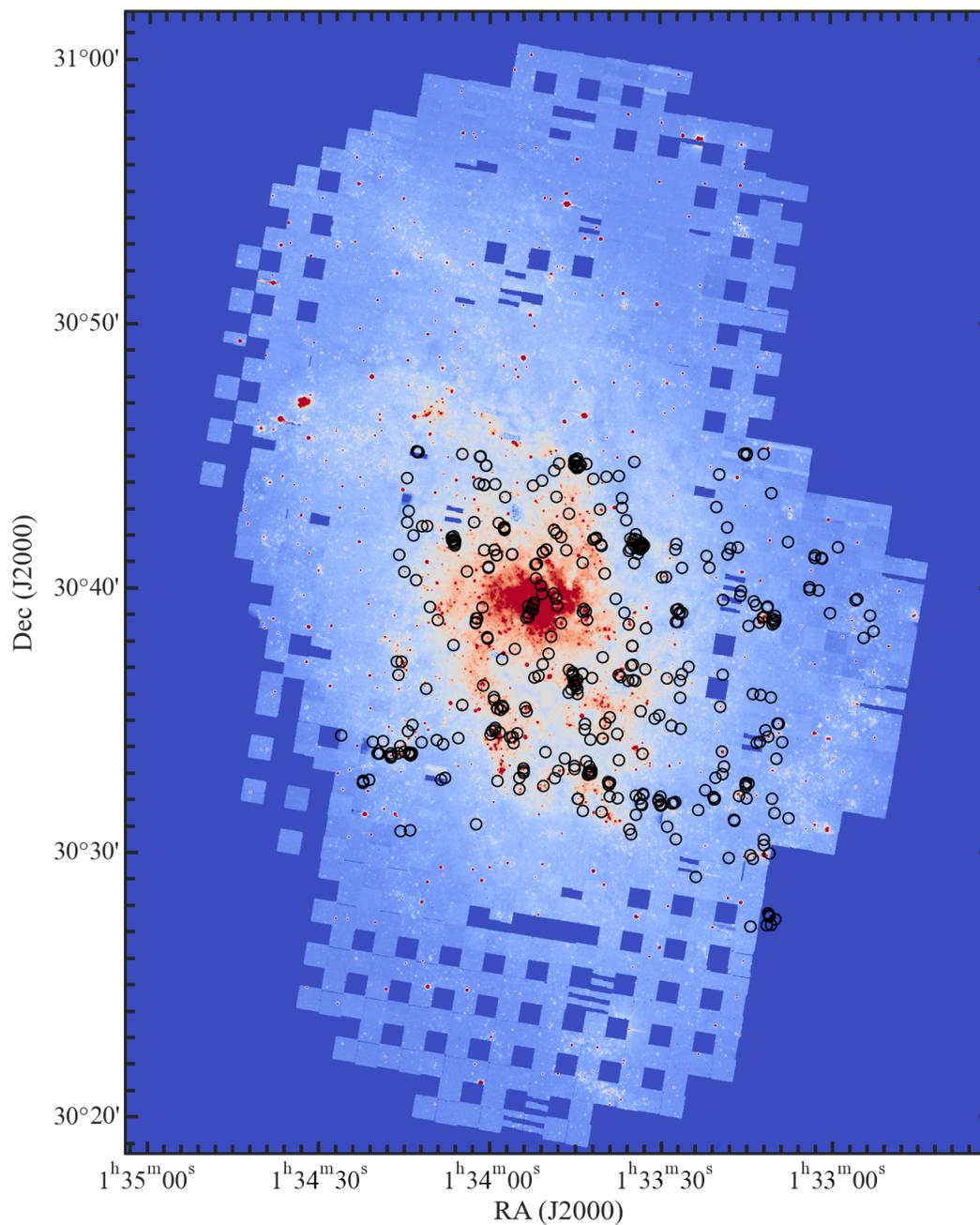
There are six missing IFUs at the center of the VIRUS FoV for other fiber-fed instruments at the HET. Each VIRUS IFU is separated from its nearest neighbor by 100'', leaving a gap of 50'' between each fiber bundle. Pointings were manually chosen to fill in the gaps between IFUs and sufficiently cover the center of the galaxy. M33 was observed both in December 2022 - January 2023 and in December 2023 - January 2024. In the 2022-23 observing period, the goal was to obtain 13 shots that efficiently covered the PHATTER region of M33 completely while including enough overlap of IFU observations for self-consistent relative calibration. In the 2023-24 season, the coverage was extended to larger radii of M33 with 16 additional pointings placing an emphasis on star-forming regions as well as more uniformly covering the PHATTER footprint and filling in gaps where poor IFU data from the VIRUS instrument left blank regions.

While the HET can point at any azimuth, it is a fixed altitude telescope, and only observes at an elevation of  $55^\circ$ . At the declination of M33, there are two possible observing times: once when the galaxy is rising through the HET's line of sight to the east, and once when it is setting through the line of sight to the west. Due to conflicts with the Hobby Eberly Telescope Dark Energy Experiment (HETDEX; Gebhardt et al., 2021), M33 was always observed on the western track. This constraint provided a common position angle of the VIRUS field of view for all exposures. The VIRUS coverage of M33 can be seen in Figure 2.1.

## 2.2 PHATTER Survey

The Panchromatic Hubble Andromeda Treasury: Triangulum Extended Region (PHATTER) survey is a dataset of resolved stellar photometry over 6 wavebands, providing data for 22 million stars in M33 [Williams et al., 2021]. The survey covers  $\sim 14$  square kpc and extends to 14' from the center of M33.

Observations were taken on the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) using the Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS) for optical band exposures and the Wide Field Camera 3 (WFC3) for near-ultraviolet and near-infrared exposures. The survey area was broken into 3 'bricks', each of which



**Figure 2.1:** VIRUS coverage of M33. Covered regions are overlaid with F473W imagery from the PHATTER survey while uncovered regions are blue. C95 SS 433 candidates are shown as black circles. The nine candidates which have no VIRUS coverage can be seen in the lower right corner of the image.

has a total area of  $3 \times 6$  WFC3 footprints. Each brick was divided into 18 fields, with one half brick (9 fields) being observed at a time. WFC3 and ACS observed in parallel - while WFC3 observed one half of a brick, ACS observed the other. Exposures for the other half of the brick were taken  $\sim 6$  months later, after HST had rotated  $180^\circ$ .

The most relevant waveband covered by the PHATTER survey for this paper is the F475W data, which provides good coverage around  $5000\text{\AA}$ , within the VIRUS range. In this band, PHATTER provides imagery to a depth of  $\sim 28.5$  in the lowest surface density regions of M33, and  $\sim 26.5$  in the most crowded regions near the center of M33. ACS provides  $\sim 0.05''$  spatial resolution for this waveband.

These data will be used in this project to better resolve the bright stars responsible for spectroscopic features seen in either the VIRUS data or the C95 candidate list. The PHATTER survey covers 343 out of the 432 SS 433 candidates, giving much deeper and more highly resolved images for most of the candidate set.

## 2.3 JVLA Radio Survey of M33

Radio data in this paper is from a survey conducted from 2012-2013 with the Jansky Very Large Array (JVLA; White et al., 2019). Observations were taken in JVLA's 1.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands, which span 1-2 GHz and 4-6 GHz, respectively. The 1.4 GHz exposures were captured with seven unique pointings. The 5 GHz exposures, which have a smaller field of view, required 41 pointings. The survey covers the central region of M33 with full sky coverage of all 432 Calzetti SS 433 candidates.

SS 433 was discovered in an SNR with radio emission, so it is reasonable to assume that an analog may be found in a similar environment. The JVLA survey has a limiting depth of  $20 \mu\text{Jy}$  and a resolution of  $5.9''$  (FWHM). While radio emission from a microquasar may be fainter than this survey could detect, collecting known radio sources in M33 and matching them with the Calzetti catalog may still provide insights into the origins of some of the more interesting objects found in M33.

## 2.4 MMT Spectroscopy in M33

Previous surveys from the Multiple Mirror Telescope (MMT) have obtained optical spectra in M33, with the primary goal of investigating candidate lists for various objects. These surveys are applicable to the search for microquasars in M33, as they provide additional spectroscopy over the C95 candidates.

In the case of a microquasar candidate, these additional spectra could provide evidence of a moving emission lines typical of an actively accreting disk. These MMT surveys can also provide insight into potential classifications for interesting objects in M33 that are not microquasars.

Each MMT survey used the 270 line  $\text{mm}^{-1}$  grating, which covers  $3700\text{-}9000\text{\AA}$ , thus overlapping all but the bluest wavelength range in VIRUS. The MMT observations included four general

classes of objects: Supernova Remnants, HII Regions, Wolf-Rayet Stars, and Luminous Blue Variables/Supergiant Stars.

Supernova remnants have been linked to the formation of microquasars, as SS 433 was found in a known supernova remnant. Therefore, it may be useful to compare each C95 target with known SNRs in M33. A 2018 MMT survey [Long et al., 2018] provides spectroscopic observations of SNR candidates proposed by Long et al. (2010) and Lee & Lee (2014). This survey covered 197 SNR candidates, and provided first-time spectroscopy of 120 of the candidates.

HII regions are extended environments of ionized hydrogen in which star formation can take place. These objects are important in the search for microquasars because microquasars are expected to be Population I objects, i.e., they likely will be in a region of star formation. Specifically for this search, HII regions may also be important because they have strong  $H\alpha$  emission lines, which could cause an HII region to make it on to the C95 candidate list. A 2017 survey (Lin et al., 2017) provides spectroscopic follow up for HII region candidates proposed by Hoopes et al. (2001). The survey covers 413 HII region candidates. Table 1 from Lin et al. (2017) is used in this paper to cross reference C95 candidates with HII regions.

Wolf-Rayet (WR) stars are the final stage of a high mass star's evolution before it erupts into a Type Ibc supernova. These stars are characterized by high mass loss rates, and the resulting stellar winds create the broad emission lines found in a WR star's spectrum. These objects are important to this search because many of their spectral features coincide with those expected of a microquasar, which can cause them to be flagged as microquasar candidates. A 2011 survey (Neugent and Massey, 2011) provides spectroscopic observations of WR star candidates found in narrow-band images of the critical WR emission features  $NIII\lambda 4650$  and  $HeII\lambda 4686$ . The survey covers 206 WR star candidates. Table 5 from Neugent and Massey (2011) is used in this paper to cross reference Calzetti candidates with known WR stars.

Supergiant stars commonly possess strong hydrogen emission in their spectra, which would cause them to be included in the C95 candidate list. Luminous blue variables (LBVs) are a subset of supergiant stars which show photometric variations, but are also extremely luminous and have strong hydrogen emission lines. Any of these objects that have already been classified can be removed from the C95 candidate list. A 2014 and 2017 survey (Humphreys et al., 2014, Humphreys et al., 2017) provides spectroscopic observations of luminous blue variable stars, FeII emission line stars, and other supergiants. The survey covers a total of 214 luminous and variable stars in M31 and M33. Table 1 from Humphreys et al. (2014) and Table 7 from Humphreys et al. (2017) were merged and used in this paper to cross reference Calzetti candidates with known luminous variable stars.

## 2.5 Chandra Observations of M33

The data used from the Chandra X-ray Observatory in this paper was produced by the Chandra ACIS Survey of M33 (ChASeM33; Plucinsky et al., 2008). Exposures of seven different fields were taken to cover the central region of M33 at a resolution of  $5''$  to resolve source confusion in the inner galaxy and increase the reliability of association between X-ray sources and sources

at other wavelengths. Each field was observed twice during the period from September 2005 - November 2006, with most exposures having an integration time of 100 ks, but some being shorter due to scheduling constraints [Tüllmann et al., 2011].

ChASem33 detected 662 X-ray sources, at least 100 of which were identified to be within M33 [Tüllmann et al., 2011]. Of the 662 sources, classifications were suggested for 183, of which 45 are likely some form of SNR.

# **Chapter 3**

## **Data Processing**

The initial processing of the VIRUS observations were performed by the software package Remedy<sup>1</sup> (Zeimann et al. 2024, submitted). The reductions included bias subtraction, gain multiplication, error propagation, pixel masking, fiber trace, wavelength calibration, scattered light subtraction, spectral extraction, and fiber normalization. The astrometric calibration was calculated through a comparison with Pan-STARRS1 photometric catalogs (Chambers et al., 2019) as described in Zeimann et al. (2024, submitted). Due to the large presence of M33 continuum and line emission throughout our VIRUS frames, we opted for a new sky subtraction and flux calibration method than was done for more “blank” fields in Gebhardt et al. (2021) and Zeimann et al. (2024, submitted).

The HET is a fixed-altitude telescope with a wide-field corrector and a focal plane situated on a moving tracker. The total mirror illumination and the mirror segments that are illuminated changes as a function of tracker position. As the mirror illumination changes so does the flat-field of the focal plane. The offsets of the flat-field from center track to the edge of a track is most dramatic for IFUs on the edge of the focal plane; this effect is well-modeled by a first order 2D polynomial. For “blank” observations (i.e., where most of the fibers do not contain an object), a local sky subtraction for each IFU can correct this flat-field effect. However, we cannot perform a local sky subtraction because the VIRUS exposures of M33 have fewer fibers that include only sky emission. To effectively handle this issue, we require an imaging survey of M33 that overlaps with the VIRUS wavelength coverage, has good flux calibration, and has a wide enough field of view that background subtraction is not an issue. We chose the B-band imaging from the Local Group Survey (Massey et al. 2006), as it is well situated in the VIRUS wavelength coverage and it is from a dedicated program to provide UBVRI photometry obtained from the Mosaic camera of M31 and M33 using the Kitt Peak 4-m telescope.

For each VIRUS exposure, we synthesized a *B*-band image for the total flux in each fiber (sky + science) and performed aperture photometry using the fiber radius on the Massey et al. (2006) *B*-band imaging. By comparing the VIRUS measurements to the imaging, we can fit a line whose intercept indicates the sky intensity of the *B*-band and whose slope indicates residual flux calibration offset. Using a median sky from neighboring “blank” observations and scaling that sky by our *B*-band sky intercept, we constructed an initial sky model for sky subtraction. Since the initial sky model comes from a separate observation and the sky (especially in the blue) can change over the different timescales involved ( $\sim 1$ -2 hours), we modified the initial sky using a principal component analysis (PCA). We combined all of the neighboring sky observations to create a five component PCA vector basis, and for each exposure we solved for the five eigenvalues to adjust our initial sky spectrum. This task was performed by computing a median spectrum after initial sky subtraction, using PPXF (Cappellari & Emsellem 2004; Cappellari 2017; Cappellari 2023) to model the stellar and gas emission along with solving for the five eigenvalues in an iterative fashion. This process was iterated three times before convergence. The PCA additions to the initial sky are mostly minor and are highly correlated to sky line intensities and the blue continuum of the sky. Our final sky estimate includes this PCA component.

We also examined the flux calibration factors as function of focal plane position. The differential illumination over the field of view requires a first order 2D polynomial to account for the

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<sup>1</sup><https://github.com/grzeimann/Remedy>

fiber normalization of each exposure. We also took an average of all of the offsets for individual amplifiers over all of our exposures to account for gain multiplication errors in the data frame headers (usually a 1-2% effect). The final comparison between the imaging and the VIRUS synthetic values suggests a flux calibration on the order of  $\sim 5\%$ .

After our sky subtraction and flux normalization steps, a combined data cube over our VIRUS coverage was created. We constructed a  $32.8' \times 43.2'$  grid with  $1''$  pixels; for each exposure we identified the closest pixel to each fiber. This process had to be performed at each wavelength separately to account for differential atmospheric refraction. All of the light for a given fiber is placed into its closest pixel, conserving flux by accounting for the fiber area compared to the pixel area. After this correction is made for each exposure, we create the median image to account for fibers contributing multiple times from different exposures to a single pixel (i.e., overlapping exposures). A flux conserving Gaussian filter is then used to spread out the light using a seeing kernel of  $1.8''$ . This process is flux conserving and is one approach to move from an irregular layout of fibers from many exposures to a uniform grid with minimal interpolation and loss of signal-to-noise ratio. Our data cube was primarily used for image creation and visual examination.

Despite extensive efforts, data processing issues remain in both our fiber spectra and our data cube. The most common problem related to this program is an incorrect wavelength solution for an amplifier not flagged by our automated quality control. This error led to artifacts that mimic real emission at incorrect wavelengths. Because of this feature, we visually inspected all of our candidates and re-inspected the processed fiber data to verify truly interesting objects.

### 3.1 Extraction of the Object Spectra

The sky positions from C95 were in B1950 coordinates so they were converted to the J2000 coordinate system of our VIRUS observations. For each target, we calculated the mean spectrum for all of the fibers within  $3.5''$ . Since this extraction region contains light from our target source as well as emission from the underlying M33 population, we also calculated the median spectrum of fibers from between  $12''$  and  $15''$  to form our background spectrum. We subtracted the median of the background fibers from our mean central aperture spectrum, then scaled the result by the area ratio of the extraction aperture divided by the area of a single fiber. This method produces a background-subtracted total spectrum of our target.

In total, good spectra were obtained for 408 of the 432 C95 candidates, which are used for further analysis. A list of the 24 candidates that do not have good spectra can be found in Table 4.1.

## **Chapter 4**

# **Classification of Spectra of Microquasar Candidates**

In this section, all C95 candidates will be referred to by their ID number, which can be found in the second column of the tables in Appendix A. IDs ending in  $e$  come from Table A.1, and IDs ending in  $b$  come from Table A.2.

## 4.1 Analysis of VIRUS Spectroscopy of Microquasar Candidates

Prior to searching for microquasars in the C95 candidate list, several classes of objects were removed from the list. The first group of objects removed from the list are those which are not well covered by VIRUS. Nine of the original 432 C95 candidates were not included in the VIRUS observations. Another 15 objects were removed from consideration either because they have bad amplifiers due to wavelength solution issues, or because they are so close to the edge of the coverage that the data are compromised. A full list of these objects is in Table 4.1.

The second group of objects removed from the dataset is those that have previously been catalogued as Wolf-Rayet stars. Wolf-Rayet stars share many of the emission lines expected of a microquasar, including a strong  $H\alpha$  line (explaining their inclusion in the C95 candidate list), as well as strong CIII/NIII $\lambda$ 4645 and He $\lambda$ 4686 emission. A total of 47 of the C95 candidates coincided (within  $3.5''$ ) of Wolf-Rayet stars catalogued by Nuegent and Massey (2011). A list of objects can be found in Table 4.2. After removing candidates not well covered by VIRUS and those coincident with WR stars, 361 remained to be analyzed.

Fabrika et al. (1995) compiled a list of criteria for microquasars. Within the VIRUS spectra themselves, we expect to have broad emission lines with significant velocity offset from known emission lines. This would imply a high velocity collimated jet at fractions of the speed of light, likely associated with Balmer emission, and characteristic of microquasars. If there are multiple exposures of the source, they can be compared for changes in the spectra, which could add additional evidence of a high-speed jet and therefore a microquasar. We also expect to see broad He $\lambda$ 4686 and the blended CIII,NIII lines at 4640-50 $\text{\AA}$ ; these lines are typical in Wolf-Rayet stars with strong winds.

The C95 candidate list was compiled essentially on the criterion that an object be associated with  $H\alpha$  emission (either through its own emission of  $H\alpha$ , or through extended  $H\alpha$  emission). However, this feature alone is not sufficient to make a source a good microquasar candidate. In order to effectively isolate potential microquasar candidates from the 423 VIRUS spectra, we have two additional selection criteria.

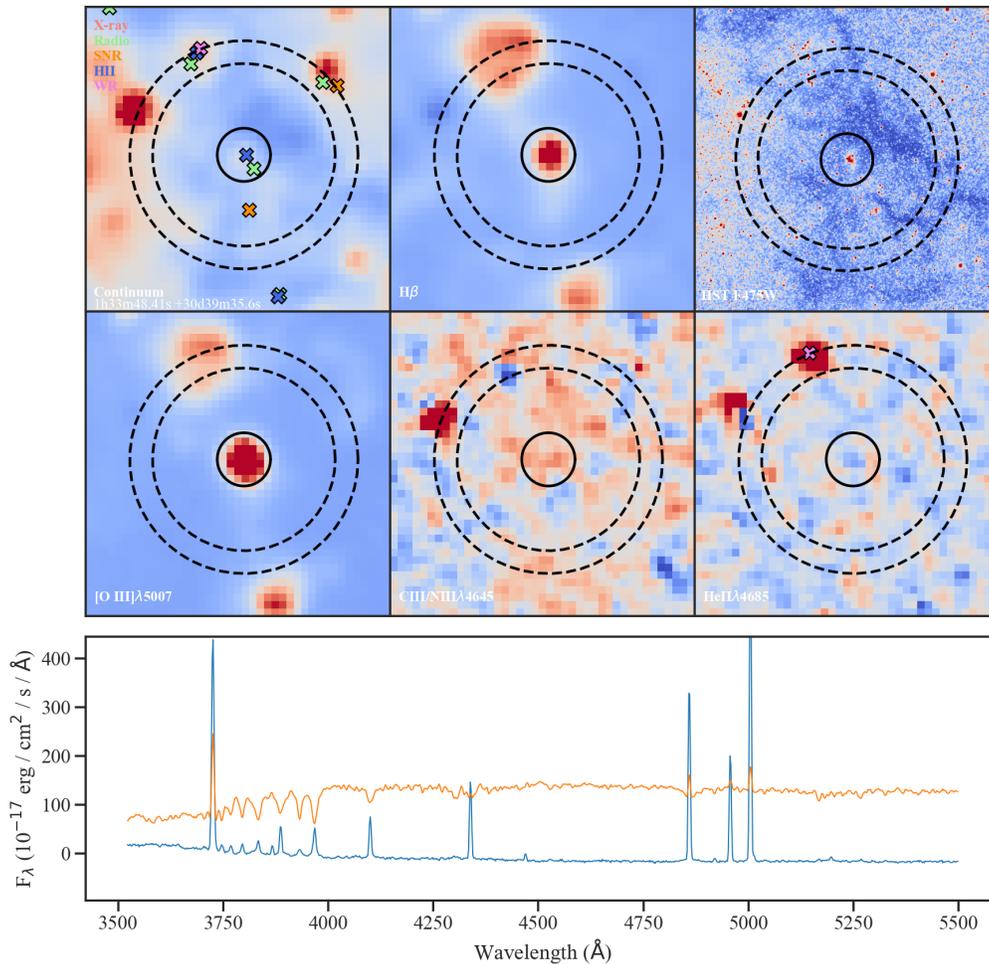
The first selection criterion arises from the known emission lines associated with SS 433. The strongest features in SS 433 are strong stationary hydrogen lines. With VIRUS spectroscopy, we expect to have good coverage of the  $H\gamma$  and  $H\beta$  emission lines at 4340 $\text{\AA}$  and 4861 $\text{\AA}$ . Additionally, SS 433 is associated with strong emission lines at HeII $\lambda$ 4686 and CIII/NIII $\lambda$ 4645 (Fabrika and Sholukhova, 1995), which are also well covered by VIRUS. Another emission line is [O III] $\lambda$ 5007; this line is a key diagnostic because it separates SS 433 from other objects, such as SNRs, HII regions, and Wolf-Rayet stars, which all have strong [O III] $\lambda$ 5007 emission, while a microquasar is not expected to show strong [O III] emission. Any source displaying strong emission lines in  $H\beta$ ,

HeII $\lambda$ 4686 and CIII/NIII $\lambda$ 4645, but weak or no emission in [O III] $\lambda$ 5007 were selected for further analysis. Sources with strong emission in H $\beta$ , HeII $\lambda$ 4686 and CIII/NIII $\lambda$ 4645, and emission in [O III] were also selected for additional study, since it is possible that a microquasar could have weak [O III] emission or potentially a doppler-shifted line around 5007 $\text{\AA}$ .

The second criterion is based on the jet phenomenon of SS 433. Since microquasars have high velocity doppler shifts, it is expected that broad emission lines or emission lines at unknown wavelengths will be present. For this reason, the spectra of the 423 objects were visually examined for spectral features that fell into these two categories. These objects were also selected for further analysis, regardless of emission in the wavebands discussed for the first criterion.

For each candidate, we created an inspection figure that includes 6 images and two spectra. Starting from the VIRUS data cube described in §3, we created a synthetic continuum image by collapsing the wavelengths of the data cube from 4870 $\text{\AA}$  to 5070 $\text{\AA}$  in a 40'' x 40'' region centered on the candidate. To examine the emission features of H $\beta$ , [O III] $\lambda$ 5007, CIII/NIII $\lambda$ 4645, and He $\lambda$ 4686, we used a moving median (window  $\approx$  100 $\text{\AA}$ ) to subtract the continuum of each pixel in the cube and sum the light within  $\pm 6\text{\AA}$  of the target emission. Cutouts (40'' x 40'') of the same region of the F475W imaging from the PHATTER survey allowed us to resolve the stellar population well below the typical seeing of our VIRUS observations ( $\sim 1.8''$ ). An example of the inspection format is presented in Figure 4.1. These inspection diagrams allowed us to easily identify key features of each object, especially emission in each of the four important wavelengths for a potential microquasar.

Using these inspection figures, the remaining 361 candidates were visually inspected for the presence of broad emission lines, emission lines at unknown wavelengths, or strong emission lines in H $\beta$ , HeII $\lambda$ 4686 and CIII/NIII $\lambda$ 4645. A total of 40 candidates met at least one of these criteria and were selected for further analysis. A list of these candidates can be found in Table 4.3.



**Figure 4.1:** Example Inspection Diagram; this is the information for object 1 in Table A.1 (ID 95e). The top left image in the grid shows the synthetic VIRUS continuum image from 4780Å to 5070Å, as well as markings representing known sources, with red marks representing X-ray sources, green marks representing radio sources, orange marks representing SNRs, blue marks representing HII regions, and pink marks representing Wolf-Rayet stars. The top right image is PHATTER survey F475W imaging. The top middle, bottom left, bottom middle, and bottom right images are the VIRUS data of the source in the H $\beta$ , [O III] $\lambda$ 5007, CIII/NIII $\lambda$ 4645, and HeII $\lambda$ 4686 wavebands, respectively. The bottom of the panel displays VIRUS spectroscopy, with the orange line representing the median spectra of pixels between the inner dashed annulus ( $>12''$ ) and the outer dashed annulus ( $<15''$ ). The orange line was scaled from the area of a single fiber to the extraction annulus aperture ( $3.5''$ ). The blue line represents the background-subtracted spectrum of pixels within the solid annulus ( $<3.5''$ ).

**Table 4.1:** Candidates Lacking Quality VIRUS Spectra

| ID <sup>a</sup> | RA (J2000) | Dec (J2000) | Reason           |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| 26e             | 1:33:15.92 | 30:39:51.9  | Not covered      |
| 25e             | 1:33:15.33 | 30:45:03.6  | Bad amplifier    |
| 27e             | 1:33:16.03 | 30:39:41.4  | Edge of Coverage |
| 16e             | 1:33:10.71 | 30:27:14.8  | Not covered      |
| 37e             | 1:33:19.71 | 30:44:16.8  | Bad amplifier    |
| 18e             | 1:33:11.46 | 30:27:13.7  | Not covered      |
| 133e            | 1:34:08.60 | 30:32:44.4  | Not covered      |
| 131e            | 1:34:07.89 | 30:32:48.4  | Edge of coverage |
| 18b             | 1:33:10.97 | 30:27:33.5  | Not covered      |
| 19b             | 1:33:10.97 | 30:29:56.9  | Edge of coverage |
| 38b             | 1:33:14.92 | 30:45:00.4  | Bad amplifier    |
| 98b             | 1:33:34.38 | 30:42:01.2  | Bad amplifier    |
| 15b             | 1:33:09.96 | 30:27:27.5  | Not covered      |
| 47b             | 1:33:19.06 | 30:39:32.3  | Not covered      |
| 21b             | 1:33:11.20 | 30:27:40.9  | Not covered      |
| 20b             | 1:33:11.09 | 30:27:36.6  | Not covered      |
| 101b            | 1:33:34.53 | 30:41:50.8  | Bad amplifier    |
| 37b             | 1:33:14.86 | 30:45:04.4  | Bad amplifier    |
| 256b            | 1:34:12.77 | 30:45:07.4  | Edge of coverage |
| 52b             | 1:33:22.20 | 30:32:20.4  | Bad amplifier    |
| 123b            | 1:33:40.67 | 30:42:57.8  | Bad amplifier    |
| 255b            | 1:34:12.59 | 30:45:07.9  | Edge of coverage |
| 29b             | 1:33:12.61 | 30:34:10.1  | Edge of coverage |
| 257b            | 1:34:12.90 | 30:45:09.5  | Edge of coverage |

<sup>a</sup>As given in C95 (see §A.1)

**Table 4.2:** Known Wolf-Rayet Stars in Calzetti Candidate List

| ID <sup>a</sup> | RA (J2000) <sup>b</sup> | Dec (J2000) <sup>b</sup> | Spectral Type <sup>c</sup> | ID <sup>c</sup> | Ang. Sep (″) <sup>d</sup> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 68e             | 1:33:36.80              | 30:43:01.5               | WN4+O                      |                 | 1.98                      |
| 45e             | 1:33:26.61              | 30:35:50.3               | WN6                        |                 | 0.11                      |
| 25e             | 1:33:15.32              | 30:45:03.6               | WN3, WN/CE                 | MC 20           | 0.21                      |
| 22e             | 1:33:14.31              | 30:29:52.8               | WN                         | MJ E6           | 2.52                      |
| 107e            | 1:33:52.46              | 30:43:51.8               | WN8                        | MCA 12          | 0.37                      |
| 144e            | 1:34:15.75              | 30:34:00.5               | WNL                        | AM 27           | 0.32                      |
| 146e            | 1:34:16.09              | 30:36:42.0               | Ofpe/WN9                   |                 | 0.23                      |
| 108e            | 1:33:54.84              | 30:32:23.0               | WN9-10                     | OB 6-5          | 0.25                      |
| 112e            | 1:33:58.29              | 30:34:31.2               | WNL                        | AM 18           | 2.88                      |
| 114e            | 1:33:58.72              | 30:35:26.1               | B1 Ia+WNE                  | OB 2-4          | 0.54                      |
| 148e            | 1:34:18.76              | 30:34:11.6               | Ofpe/WN9                   | UIT 349         | 0.30                      |
| 137b            | 1:33:43.18              | 30:39:06.5               | WN 7+abs                   | W91 129         | 0.33                      |
| 221b            | 1:33:58.71              | 30:35:26.0               | B1 Ia+WNE                  | OB 2-4          | 0.52                      |
| 92b             | 1:33:33.79              | 30:41:32.2               | WNLx2?                     | MC 31           | 1.83                      |
| 25b             | 1:33:11.88              | 30:38:53.6               | WNL                        | MC 17           | 0.96                      |
| 84b             | 1:33:33.50              | 30:41:33.0               | WNL?                       | MC 30           | 0.37                      |
| 209b            | 1:33:55.86              | 30:34:07.5               | WC4-5                      | AM 15           | 1.08                      |
| 83b             | 1:33:33.49              | 30:41:31.8               | WNL?                       | MC 30           | 1.57                      |
| 203b            | 1:33:53.80              | 30:35:27.7               | WNE                        | MJ G34          | 1.01                      |
| 202b            | 1:33:53.61              | 30:38:51.6               | Ofpe/WN9                   | MJ X15          | 0.14                      |
| 213b            | 1:33:56.42              | 30:34:20.6               | WN3                        |                 | 1.19                      |
| 184b            | 1:33:48.81              | 30:39:47.1               | WN                         | MJ X4           | 2.60                      |
| 60b             | 1:33:27.28              | 30:39:09.5               | Ofpe/WN9                   | MJ C7           | 0.45                      |
| 74b             | 1:33:32.97              | 30:41:35.9               | WNL                        | AM 4            | 0.26                      |
| 133b            | 1:33:42.56              | 30:33:14.5               | WC4-5                      | MC 44           | 0.37                      |
| 179b            | 1:33:46.86              | 30:33:32.6               | WN6/C4                     | MC 48           | 2.07                      |
| 63b             | 1:33:27.76              | 30:31:50.8               | WN                         | MC 27           | 0.15                      |
| 97b             | 1:33:34.30              | 30:41:30.1               | WN8                        | AM 7            | 0.33                      |
| 23b             | 1:33:11.26              | 30:39:14.6               | WN3+abs                    |                 | 2.83                      |
| 193b            | 1:33:51.92              | 30:40:21.2               | WC4+abs                    | MC 56           | 2.58                      |
| 90b             | 1:33:33.74              | 30:41:36.2               | WNLx2?                     | MC 31           | 2.22                      |
| 96b             | 1:33:34.04              | 30:41:16.9               | WN                         | MCA 4           | 0.27                      |
| 178b            | 1:33:46.18              | 30:36:01.9               | WN4b                       | MC 46           | 2.61                      |
| 274b            | 1:34:17.40              | 30:33:34.6               | WN3+neb                    |                 | 2.43                      |
| 86b             | 1:33:33.59              | 30:41:35.1               | WNL?                       | MC 30           | 2.12                      |
| 277b            | 1:34:19.54              | 30:33:43.8               | WN3-4+ne                   |                 | 2.04                      |
| 278b            | 1:34:19.73              | 30:33:44.0               | WN3-4+ne                   |                 | 1.17                      |
| 110b            | 1:33:35.73              | 30:36:28.9               | WC                         | MC 34           | 0.16                      |
| 81b             | 1:33:33.47              | 30:41:29.4               | WC6                        | AM 5            | 2.01                      |
| 93b             | 1:33:33.80              | 30:41:29.5               | WN7                        | N595-WR9        | 0.23                      |
| 91b             | 1:33:33.74              | 30:41:33.8               | WNLx2?                     | MC 31           | 0.27                      |
| 232b            | 1:34:00.49              | 30:38:07.7               | WN?                        | MJ X16          | 1.89                      |
| 271b            | 1:34:16.38              | 30:37:12.3               | WN7                        | UIT 343         | 0.29                      |
| 87b             | 1:33:33.63              | 30:41:31.8               | WNL?                       | MC 30           | 2.34                      |
| 88b             | 1:33:33.65              | 30:41:29.6               | WN7                        | N595-WR9        | 2.14                      |
| 22b             | 1:33:11.23              | 30:39:17.0               | WN3+abs                    |                 | 1.20                      |
| 228b            | 1:33:59.65              | 30:34:35.0               | WN5                        |                 | 0.78                      |

<sup>a</sup>As given in C95 (see §A.1)<sup>b</sup>J2000 coordinates of the C95 target<sup>c</sup>As given in Table 5 of Neugent and Massey (2011)<sup>d</sup>Angular separation between C95 target and WR star

## 4.2 Results

All 361 candidates were evaluated following the criteria set in §4.1; 40 were chosen for further study, which are given in Table 4.3. The objects in this table were further analyzed to see if they could actually be microquasars, and were assigned into various groups based on their proposed classification. For each group, one example inspection diagram is shown. All other inspection diagrams for objects in Table 4.3 can be found in Appendix B.

**Table 4.3:** Potential SS 433 Candidates

| ID   | RA (J2000) | Dec (J2000) | H $\beta^a$ | O $_3^a$ | C $_3$ /N $_3^a$ | He $_2^a$ | Section $^b$ |
|------|------------|-------------|-------------|----------|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 100e | 1:33:50.11 | 30:41:26.4  | y           | n        | n                | n         | 4.2.3        |
| 101e | 1:33:50.12 | 30:41:26.4  | y           | n        | n                | n         | 4.2.3        |
| 130e | 1:34:06.66 | 30:41:47.5  | y           | y        | n                | n         | 4.2.3        |
| 48e  | 1:33:27.39 | 30:30:29.3  | y           | n        | y                | y         | 4.2.4        |
| 99e  | 1:33:49.25 | 30:38:09.2  | y           | y        | n                | y         | 4.2.6        |
| 80e  | 1:33:40.41 | 30:31:31.2  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.1        |
| 147e | 1:34:16.13 | 30:33:44.7  | y           | n        | y                | y         | 4.2.3        |
| 122e | 1:34:01.19 | 30:36:18.2  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.2        |
| 177b | 1:33:46.13 | 30:36:53.6  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.5        |
| 28b  | 1:33:12.09 | 30:38:52.2  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.1        |
| 165b | 1:33:45.15 | 30:36:19.9  | y           | n        | y                | y         | 4.2.6        |
| 113b | 1:33:37.05 | 30:36:37.5  | y           | n        | y                | y         | 4.2.4        |
| 65b  | 1:33:29.09 | 30:40:24.2  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.2        |
| 199b | 1:33:53.23 | 30:38:53.7  | y           | y        | n                | n         | 4.2.1        |
| 139b | 1:33:43.70 | 30:39:05.3  | y           | y        | n                | n         | 4.2.5        |
| 251b | 1:34:06.74 | 30:41:54.2  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.2        |
| 155b | 1:33:44.72 | 30:44:37.0  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.2        |
| 99b  | 1:33:34.39 | 30:32:08.2  | y           | y        | n                | y         | 4.2.2        |
| 62b  | 1:33:27.50 | 30:31:53.6  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.1        |
| 116b | 1:33:38.98 | 30:32:06.4  | y           | y        | n                | n         | 4.2.2        |
| 58b  | 1:33:26.96 | 30:39:11.2  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.1        |
| 55b  | 1:33:26.27 | 30:40:44.9  | y           | y        | n                | y         | 4.2.4        |
| 49b  | 1:33:20.53 | 30:32:01.5  | y           | y        | n                | n         | 4.2.5        |
| 85b  | 1:33:33.56 | 30:41:27.0  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.1        |
| 76b  | 1:33:33.12 | 30:41:32.6  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.1        |
| 94b  | 1:33:34.00 | 30:41:35.6  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.1        |
| 250b | 1:34:06.53 | 30:41:48.6  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.3        |
| 276b | 1:34:19.38 | 30:33:43.3  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.1        |
| 67b  | 1:33:29.89 | 30:31:47.3  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.2        |
| 64b  | 1:33:28.07 | 30:31:50.5  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.1        |
| 171b | 1:33:45.26 | 30:36:26.4  | y           | n        | n                | n         | 4.2.4        |
| 164b | 1:33:44.96 | 30:36:16.8  | y           | y        | n                | n         | 4.2.5        |
| 148b | 1:33:44.55 | 30:44:32.5  | y           | y        | n                | n         | 4.2.5        |
| 146b | 1:33:44.42 | 30:44:35.2  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.2        |
| 154b | 1:33:44.70 | 30:44:36.9  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.2        |
| 30b  | 1:33:12.73 | 30:38:40.9  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.4        |
| 168b | 1:33:45.16 | 30:44:47.2  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.2        |
| 147b | 1:33:44.43 | 30:44:35.1  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.2        |
| 163b | 1:33:44.92 | 30:44:48.9  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.2        |
| 161b | 1:33:44.90 | 30:44:48.8  | y           | y        | y                | y         | 4.2.2        |

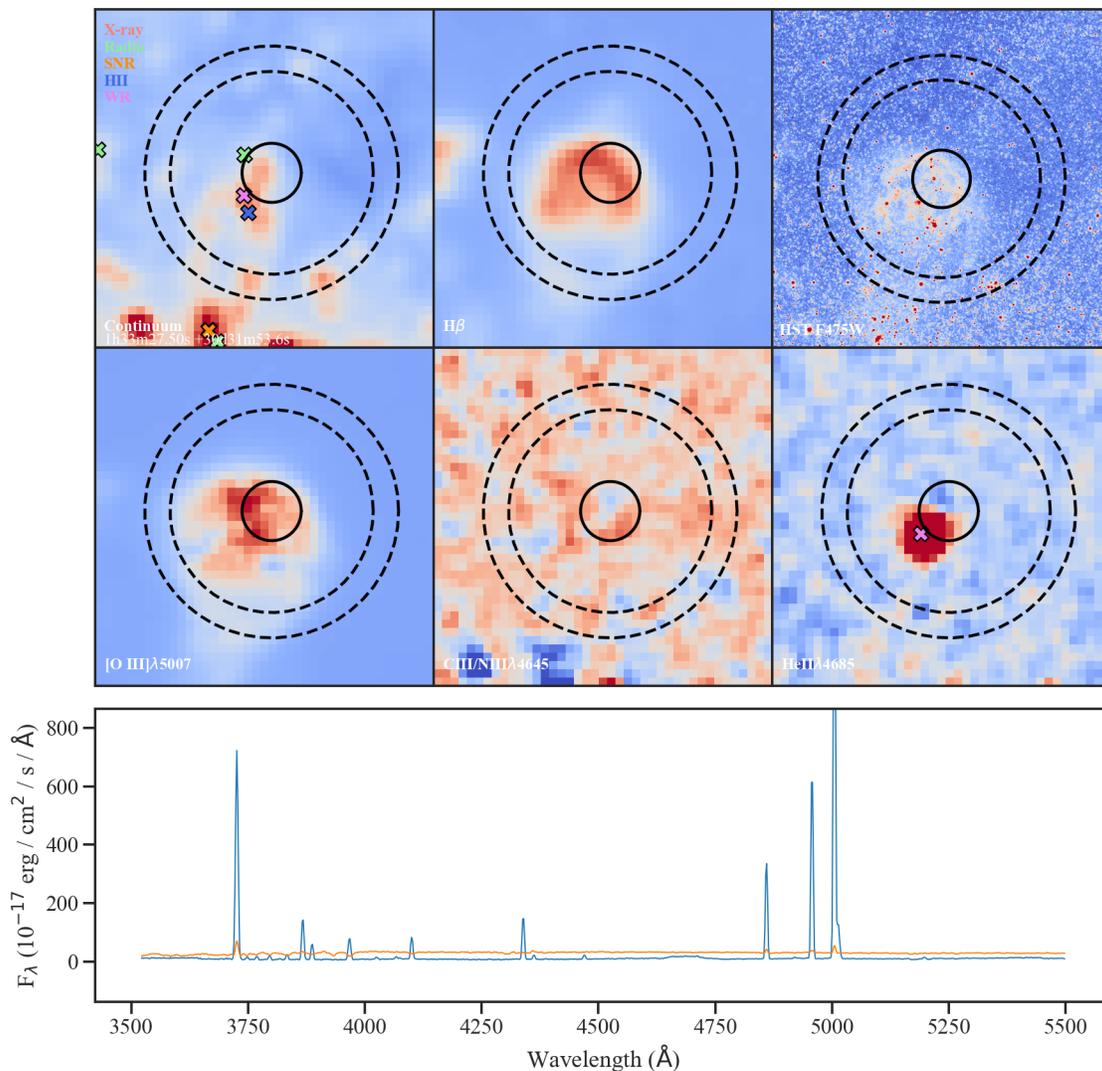
<sup>a</sup>Indicates if the object has emission in the given waveband

<sup>b</sup>Section in which the object is classified

### 4.2.1 Objects Near Wolf-Rayet Stars

This class of objects contains pointings which are outside of the angular separation range ( $<3.5''$ ) considered to be coincident with a known Wolf-Rayet star, but close enough that a known Wolf-Rayet star may contaminate the spectroscopy for the object of interest. These objects typically display strong  $H\beta$  and [O III] lines, with weak CIII/NIII and HeII emission, all of which are typical of Wolf-Rayet stars. The proximity to the known W-R stars and the lack of broad, unknown emission lines make it unlikely for these objects to be SS 433 candidates.

The ten C95 objects which fall into this category are 80e, 28b, 199b, 62b, 58b, 85b, 76b, 94b, 276b, and 64b (also noted in Table 4.3). Figure 4.2 shows the inspection diagram for object 62b as an example of this class of objects. The rest of the inspection diagrams can be found in Appendix B.1.

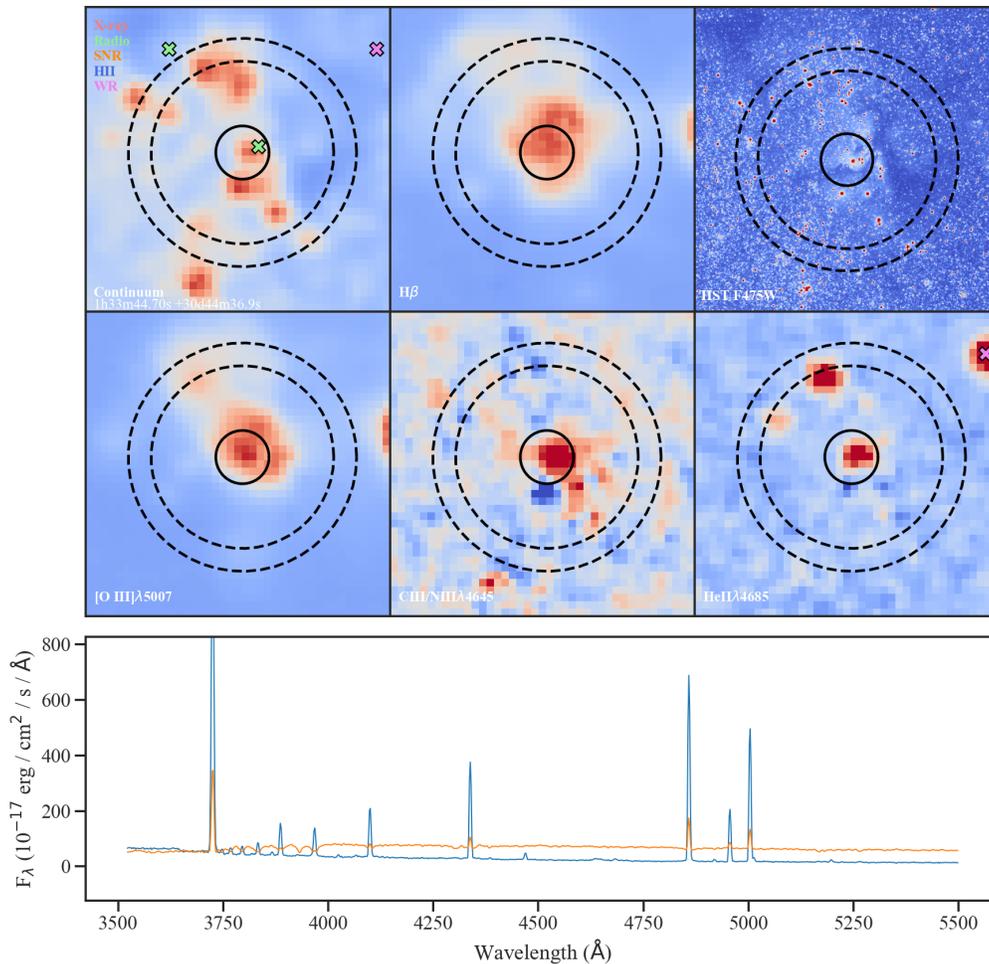


**Figure 4.2:** Inspection diagram for object 62b. The diagram shows the strong  $H\beta$  and [O III] lines and weak CIII/NIII and HeII lines. A W-R star is just outside the inner  $3.5''$  annulus, and is likely contaminating the spectrum.

## 4.2.2 New Wolf-Rayet Stars

This class of objects contains pointings which are neither coincident with a known Wolf-Rayet star nor close enough to be contaminated by one. These objects typically display strong  $H\beta$  and [O III] lines, with weak CIII/NIII and HeII emission, all of which are typical of Wolf-Rayet stars. The lack of proximity to the known W-R stars, the presence of W-R emission lines, and the lack of broad, unknown emission lines make it likely that these are new Wolf-Rayet stars, and not microquasars.

The twelve C95 objects which fall into this category are 122e, 65b, 251b, 155b, 99b, 116b, 67b, 146b, 154b, 168b, 147b, and 161b/163b<sup>1</sup> (also noted in Table 4.3). Figure 4.3 shows the inspection diagram for object 154b as an example of this class of objects. The rest of the inspection diagrams can be found in Appendix B.2.



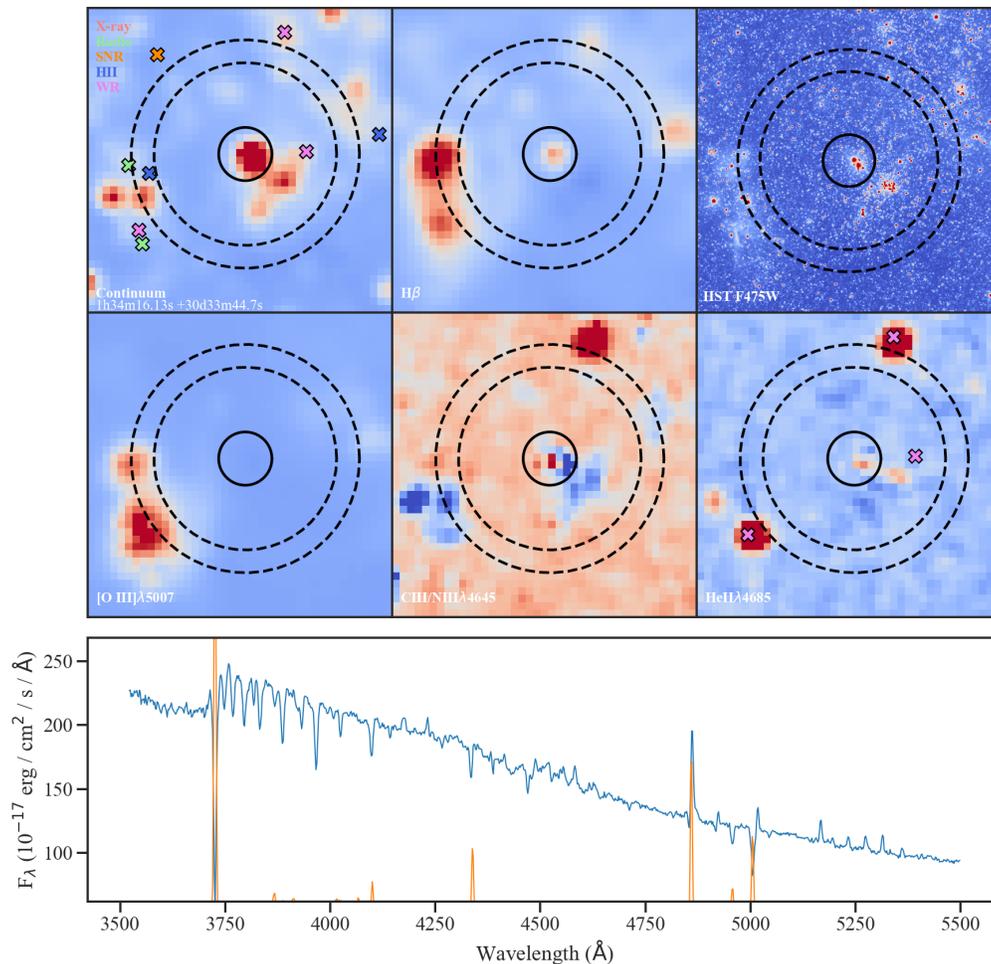
**Figure 4.3:** Inspection diagram for object 154b. The diagram shows the strong  $H\beta$  and [O III] lines, and the weak CIII/NIII and HeII lines. No known W-R stars are sufficiently near ( $<3.5''$ ) to contaminate the spectrum.

<sup>1</sup>Objects 161b and 163b are likely the same object, with pointings only separated by  $\sim 0.03''$ .

### 4.2.3 Known Supergiant Stars

These objects are supergiant stars, each of which have been previously classified in the literature. These stars are known to have strong Balmer emission lines, so they would be included in the C95 candidate set since they possess strong  $H\alpha$  features, and are included in this set because they are strong in  $H\beta$  and often have emission at forbidden lines, which is expected of a microquasar. The five C95 candidates which fall into this category and their classifications are:

- Object 100e/101e<sup>2</sup> is a supergiant B[e] star [Kraus, 2019].
- Object 147e (Figure 4.4) is known as B526 and is a B2.5 Ia star [Humphreys et al., 2014].
- Object 130e/250b<sup>3</sup> is known as B416 and is a luminous blue variable with spectral type B[e] [Shemmer et al., 2000].



**Figure 4.4:** Inspection diagram for object 147e. The diagram shows the strong  $H\beta$  emission line, as well as numerous other spectral features including FeII emission that are typical of a B-type supergiant.

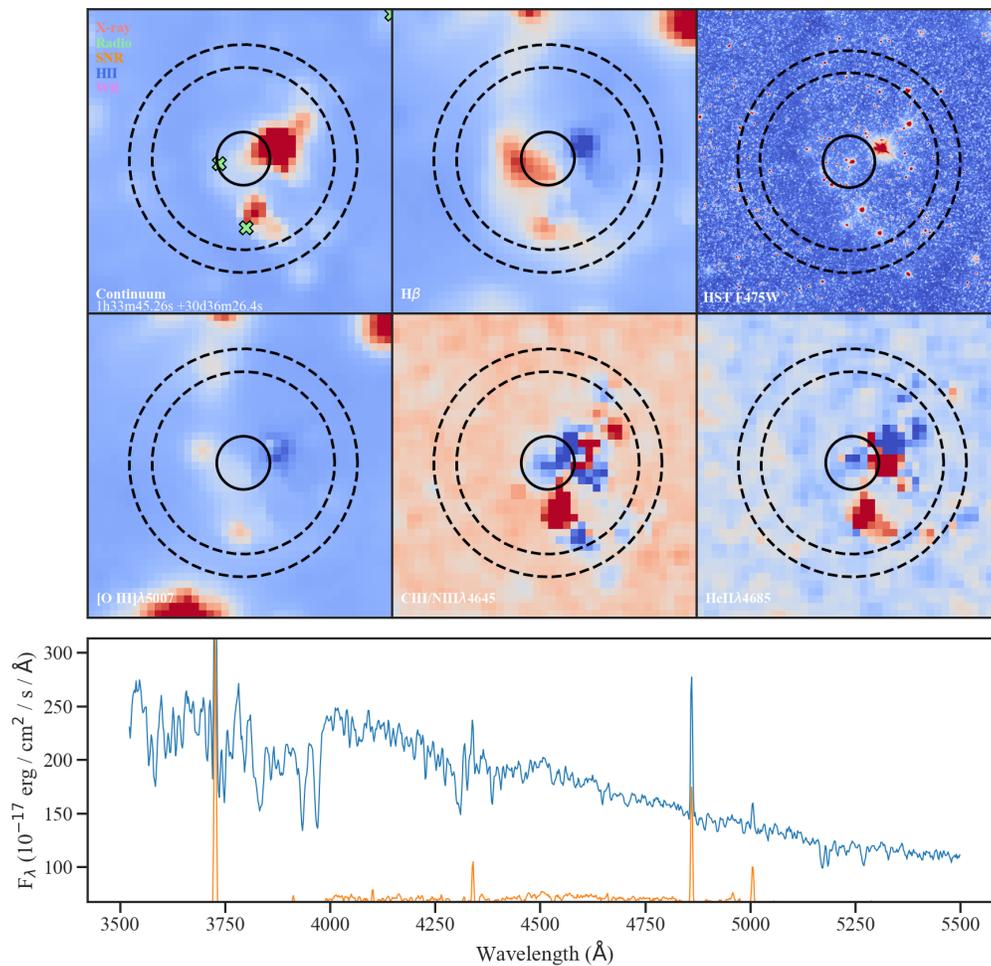
<sup>2</sup>Objects 100e and 101e are likely the same object, with pointings only separated by  $\sim 0.01''$ .

<sup>3</sup>Objects 130e and 250b are likely the same object, with pointings only separated by  $\sim 1.1''$ .

#### 4.2.4 Bright Star Spectra

These objects were flagged for further consideration because their spectra potentially contained emission at all of the critical wavelengths. Their spectra, however, are dominated by bright stars; for this reason, they cannot be confidently classified from their spectroscopy as a microquasar or otherwise. While broad emission cannot easily be discounted from these spectra, it is unlikely that any of these sources are microquasars, as they are not coincident with X-ray sources or SNRs, both of which SS 433 is associated.

The five C95 candidates which fall into this category are 48e, 113b<sup>4</sup>, 55b, 174b, and 30b (also noted in Table 4.3). Figure 4.5 shows the inspection diagram for object 174b as an example of this class of objects. The rest of the inspection diagrams can be found in Appendix B.4.



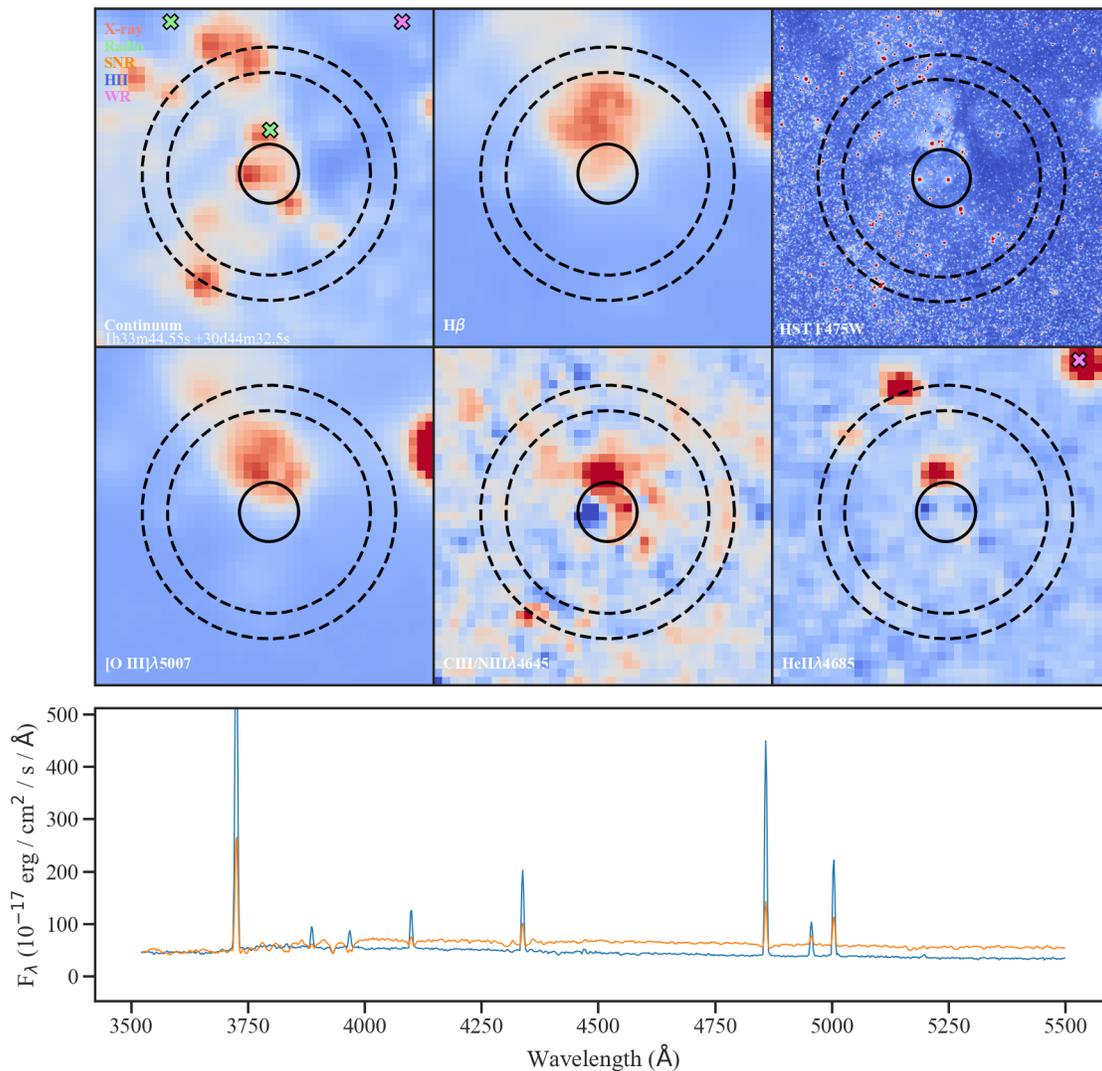
**Figure 4.5:** Inspection diagram for object 174b, which shows a spectrum dominated by a bright star.

<sup>4</sup>Object 113b is listed in Humphreys et al. (2014) as an intermediate type F5-F8 Ia star.

## 4.2.5 Narrow Emission Spectra

Objects in this group were flagged because they have emission at critical wavelengths; however, these objects only show narrow emission, with no broad emission at unknown wavelengths. This result makes it extremely unlikely that they are microquasars, since such an object should show broad emission due to the jet phenomenon. Additionally, these sources are not coincident with know X-ray sources or SNRs.

The five C95 candidates which fall into this category are 177b, 139b, 49b, 164b, and 148b (also noted in Table 4.3). Figure 4.6 shows the inspection diagram for object 148b as an example of this class of objects. The rest of the inspection diagrams can be found in Appendix B.5.



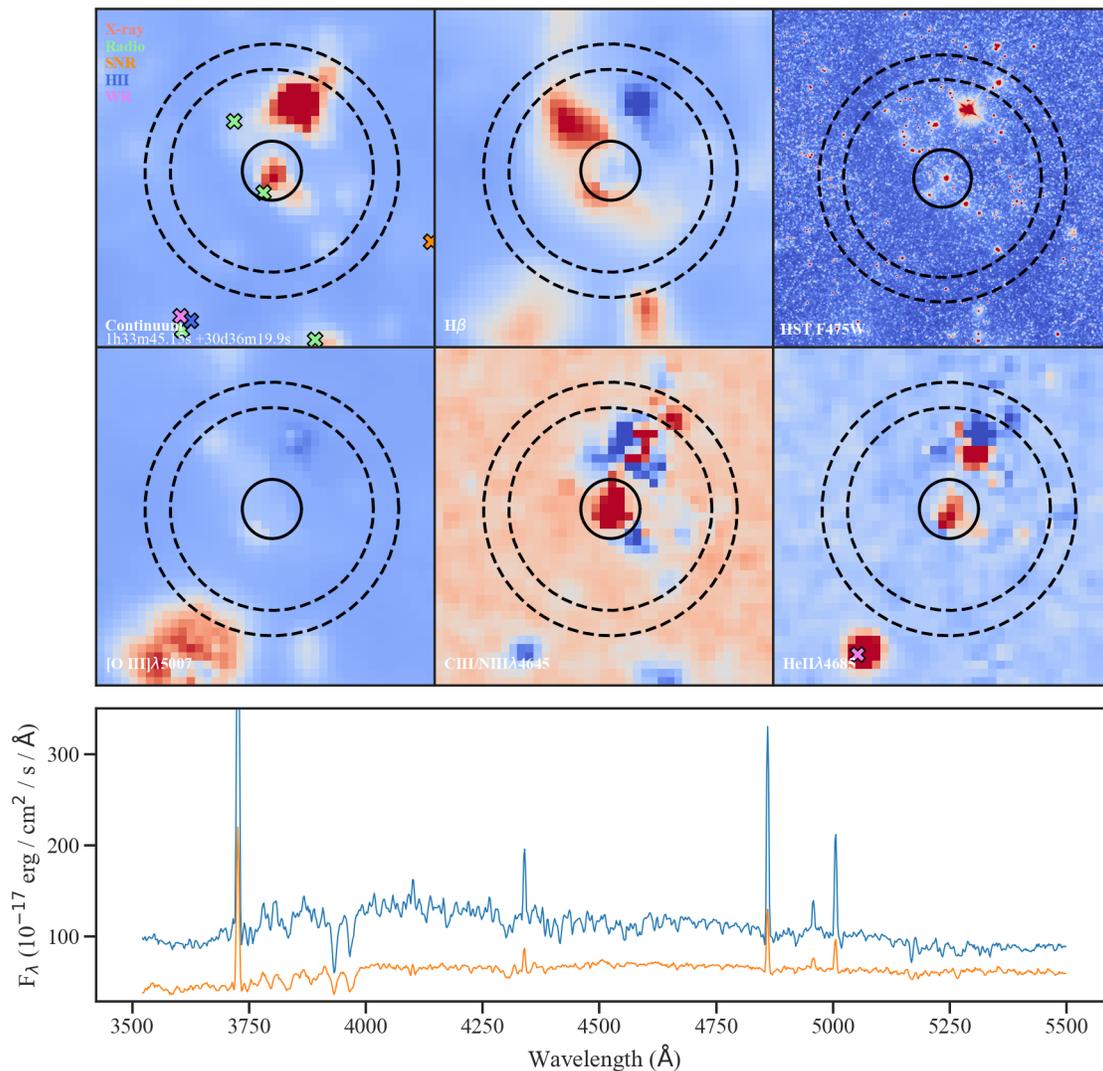
**Figure 4.6:** Inspection diagram for object 148b. The diagram shows clear emission lines at  $H\beta$  and  $[O III]$ , with weaker emission at  $CIII/NIII$  and  $HeII$ . However, there are no broad spectral features.

## 4.2.6 Other Objects

The last two objects in the sample do not fall neatly into the other categories.

### Object 165b

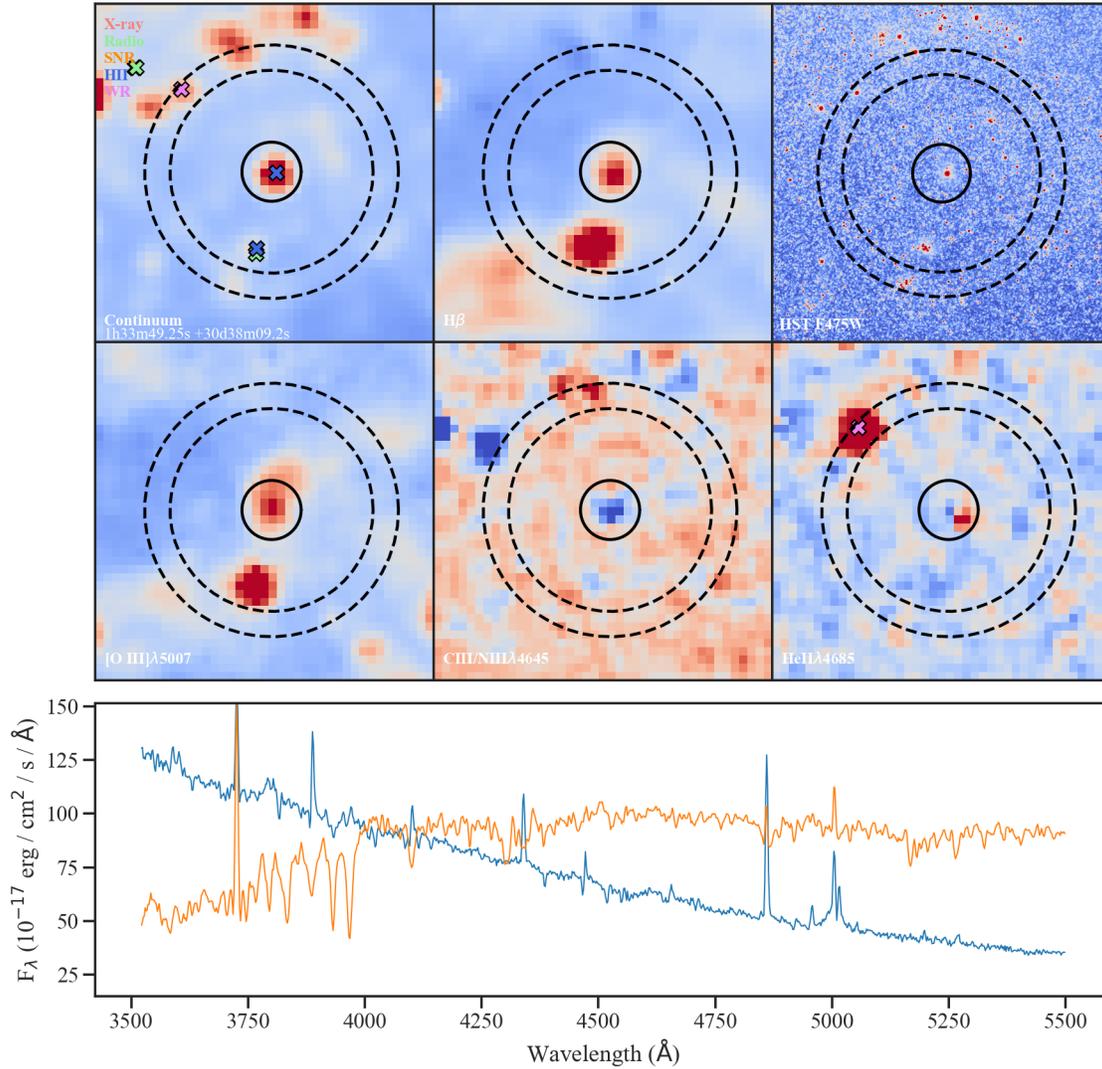
Object 165b shows emission in all critical wavebands. It appears to be a normal HII region, with a bright star (seen clearly in the PHATTER F475W image in Figure 4.7) affecting the continuum estimate and masking the emission lines. Although there is a star spectrum in the data, this is likely just a typical HII region, and therefore not a microquasar candidate.



**Figure 4.7:** Inspection diagram for object 165b. The diagram shows the emission lines characteristic of a Wolf-Rayet star. An extremely luminous source can be seen in the upper right of the second annulus, which likely affects the continuum estimate.

## Object 99e

Object 99e is Variable B, originally discovered and named by Hubble and Sandage in 1953. It is an extremely luminous star with spectral type B0-B2 [Humphreys et al., 2014], and not a microquasar candidate. The inspection diagram with VIRUS spectroscopy for Var B is shown in Figure 4.8.



**Figure 4.8:** Inspection diagram for object 99e (Var B).

### 4.3 Summary

This paper has provided spectroscopic observations for the microquasar candidate object list presented by C95. VIRUS spectroscopy taken during December 2022-January 2023 and December 2023-January 2024 provides the highest resolution IFU dataset of a nearby galaxy to date. Processing of the VIRUS observations were done using `Remedy`, and object spectra were extracted and background-subtracted. Spectra 408 of the 432 C95 sources were acquired by VIRUS spectroscopy.

Each C95 target object was cross-referenced with known surveys of radio sources, X-ray sources, SNRs, HII regions, and Wolf-Rayet stars, as well as PHATTER F475W imaging. These surveys provide the context in which each C95 source should be examined, and what the nature of each object was.

Objects were selected for further examination depending on their spectral features. A total of 40 out of the 408 well-covered objects were selected, with 27 objects being selected for their emission features in  $H\beta$ , [O III], CIII/NIII, and HeII, and another 13 objects being selected for interesting features in their spectra that may indicate a dopper-shifted line typical of a microquasar. These 40 candidates were broken broadly into 6 different classifications: objects near Wolf-Rayet stars (10 targets), new Wolf-Rayet stars (13 targets), supergiant stars (5 targets), noisy spectra (5 targets), narrow band spectra (5 targets), and other objects (2 targets).

Of these groups, the one particularly of note is the proposed set of 13 new Wolf-Rayet stars. Neugent and Massey (2011) give a list of 206 Wolf-Rayet stars in M33, a value they estimate is complete to within 5%. If this estimate is correct, the new Wolf-Rayet stars found in this paper nearly represents the remainder of the W-R population in M33.

VIRUS spectroscopy does not support the existence of an SS 433-like object within the 408 well-covered objects in the C95 candidate list. Since the list was constructed of the most luminous  $H\alpha$  sources in M33, and we expect a microquasar to possess a strong  $H\alpha$  line, this result limits the potential presence of a microquasar in M33 to  $\sim 5\%$  of the  $H\alpha$  emitters in the galaxy. While possible, we expect that it is not likely for a microquasar to be present in the 24  $H\alpha$  sources not covered by this survey. Our failure to identify any microquasars in our M33 data indicates that it is unlikely that any microquasars with luminosities near the prototype, SS 433, exist in this galaxy.

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# **Appendix A**

## **Candidate List Tables**

**Table A.1:** Emission Line Candidates

| #  | ID   | R.A. (J2000) | Dec. (J2000) | EW (H $\alpha$ ) | V <sup>b</sup> | H $\beta$ | O <sub>3</sub> | C <sub>3</sub> /N <sub>3</sub> | He <sub>2</sub> |
|----|------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1  | 95e  | 1:33:48.41   | 30:39:35.6   | 1763.5           | 19.18          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 2  | 73e  | 1:33:37.91   | 30:39:34.7   | 1312.5           | 20.13          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 3  | 59e  | 1:33:34.39   | 30:31:24.9   | 663.9            | 20.66          | y         | y              | y                              | n               |
| 4  | 68e  | 1:33:36.80   | 30:43:01.5   | 603.2            | 21.21          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |
| 5  | 152e | 1:34:22.29   | 30:32:37.0   | 396.1            | 21.16          | y         | y              | y                              | n               |
| 6  | 20e  | 1:33:12.49   | 30:35:56.4   | 377.6            | 22.03          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 7  | 100e | 1:33:50.11   | 30:41:26.4   | 375.2            | 17.23          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 8  | 101e | 1:33:50.12   | 30:41:26.4   | 285.0            | 17.22          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 9  | 90e  | 1:33:44.57   | 30:32:01.0   | 250.9            | 18.87          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 10 | 71e  | 1:33:37.40   | 30:36:41.8   | 245.0            | 19.35          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 11 | 89e  | 1:33:44.56   | 30:32:01.1   | 226.4            | 18.59          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 12 | 151e | 1:34:22.25   | 30:32:41.8   | 203.9            | 21.84          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 13 | 149e | 1:34:21.21   | 30:32:44.0   | 183.1            | 21.73          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 14 | 19e  | 1:33:11.90   | 30:45:03.1   | 159.8            | 20.43          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 15 | 96e  | 1:33:48.61   | 30:32:47.8   | 147.9            | 20.25          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 16 | 120e | 1:34:00.71   | 30:44:37.0   | 145.4            | 19.12          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 17 | 153e | 1:34:26.12   | 30:34:24.6   | 144.7            | 19.54          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |
| 18 | 110e | 1:33:57.35   | 30:43:25.6   | 142.7            | 20.34          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 19 | 26e  | 1:33:15.92   | 30:39:51.9   | 130.1            | 20.69          |           |                |                                |                 |
| 20 | 117e | 1:33:59.24   | 30:41:25.9   | 128.2            | 20.24          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 21 | 81e  | 1:33:41.85   | 30:44:06.9   | 114.6            | 20.53          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 22 | 123e | 1:34:01.34   | 30:39:15.4   | 112.8            | 20.20          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 23 | 45e  | 1:33:26.61   | 30:35:50.3   | 109.8            | 20.52          | y         | y              | y                              | y               |
| 24 | 130e | 1:34:06.66   | 30:41:47.5   | 109.1            | 16.76          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 25 | 41e  | 1:33:23.88   | 30:29:03.7   | 104.3            | 20.38          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 26 | 85e  | 1:33:42.80   | 30:32:55.9   | 99.0             | 18.76          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 27 | 118e | 1:34:00.41   | 30:38:04.5   | 97.5             | 20.73          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 28 | 113e | 1:33:58.68   | 30:32:41.6   | 96.6             | 20.75          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 29 | 84e  | 1:33:42.79   | 30:32:56.1   | 91.6             | 18.56          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 30 | 4e   | 1:33:07.60   | 30:31:16.6   | 85.7             | 19.50          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 31 | 3e   | 1:32:54.35   | 30:38:05.3   | 85.2             | 20.27          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 32 | 25e  | 1:33:15.32   | 30:45:03.6   | 84.9             | 20.30          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 33 | 126e | 1:34:04.06   | 30:40:36.9   | 83.3             | 19.17          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 34 | 134e | 1:34:09.18   | 30:38:46.7   | 82.4             | 20.74          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 35 | 75e  | 1:33:39.54   | 30:44:11.8   | 80.3             | 20.36          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 36 | 22e  | 1:33:14.31   | 30:29:52.8   | 78.0             | 20.28          | n         | n              | n                              | y               |
| 37 | 27e  | 1:33:16.03   | 30:39:41.4   | 71.5             | 20.88          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 38 | 63e  | 1:33:35.02   | 30:37:47.9   | 66.2             | 20.68          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |

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|----|------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 39 | 12e  | 1:33:10.37   | 30:38:36.6   | 64.1             | 19.91          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 40 | 48e  | 1:33:27.39   | 30:30:29.3   | 63.2             | 18.45          | y         | n              | y                              | y               | * |
| 41 | 107e | 1:33:52.46   | 30:43:51.7   | 62.4             | 19.65          | y         | y              | y                              | y               |   |
| 42 | 144e | 1:34:15.75   | 30:34:00.5   | 61.3             | 19.60          | n         | n              | y                              | y               |   |
| 43 | 16e  | 1:33:10.71   | 30:27:14.8   | 61.0             | 19.95          |           |                |                                |                 |   |
| 44 | 138e | 1:34:14.00   | 30:30:49.5   | 57.0             | 20.96          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 45 | 70e  | 1:33:37.36   | 30:33:28.8   | 56.9             | 19.30          | y         | n              | n                              | y               |   |
| 46 | 109e | 1:33:54.84   | 30:32:48.9   | 56.8             | 19.18          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 47 | 62e  | 1:33:35.01   | 30:37:47.9   | 51.0             | 20.65          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 48 | 143e | 1:34:15.69   | 30:30:47.7   | 49.1             | 20.06          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 49 | 121e | 1:34:01.02   | 30:41:25.3   | 47.1             | 20.67          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 50 | 57e  | 1:33:33.50   | 30:31:49.5   | 45.9             | 19.77          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 51 | 136e | 1:34:11.94   | 30:42:19.4   | 45.7             | 20.90          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 52 | 119e | 1:34:00.68   | 30:44:37.1   | 45.4             | 19.76          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 53 | 31e  | 1:33:18.11   | 30:29:46.6   | 43.0             | 20.01          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 54 | 78e  | 1:33:40.24   | 30:34:17.7   | 41.5             | 19.23          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 55 | 49e  | 1:33:27.42   | 30:41:26.3   | 37.2             | 20.87          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 56 | 37e  | 1:33:19.71   | 30:44:16.8   | 36.7             | 21.05          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 57 | 38e  | 1:33:20.21   | 30:43:02.8   | 36.0             | 19.82          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 58 | 14e  | 1:33:10.55   | 30:43:34.2   | 33.9             | 20.36          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 59 | 54e  | 1:33:31.07   | 30:35:03.0   | 33.8             | 19.42          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 60 | 53e  | 1:33:30.28   | 30:35:10.5   | 32.6             | 19.60          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 61 | 146e | 1:34:16.09   | 30:36:42.0   | 32.4             | 18.10          | y         | y              | y                              | y               |   |
| 62 | 69e  | 1:33:37.35   | 30:44:13.5   | 31.7             | 20.88          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 63 | 99e  | 1:33:49.25   | 30:38:09.2   | 31.3             | 16.76          | y         | y              | n                              | y               | * |
| 64 | 77e  | 1:33:39.84   | 30:40:32.1   | 31.1             | 19.47          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 65 | 18e  | 1:33:11.46   | 30:27:13.7   | 30.3             | 20.47          |           |                |                                |                 |   |
| 66 | 98e  | 1:33:48.74   | 30:42:11.3   | 30.2             | 20.06          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 67 | 139e | 1:34:14.23   | 30:33:43.2   | 29.7             | 19.35          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 68 | 51e  | 1:33:28.89   | 30:30:57.8   | 29.2             | 19.70          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 69 | 106e | 1:33:52.43   | 30:39:09.6   | 28.3             | 16.33          | y         | y              | y                              | n               |   |
| 70 | 50e  | 1:33:28.15   | 30:34:46.9   | 27.6             | 20.37          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 71 | 60e  | 1:33:34.63   | 30:44:45.4   | 26.9             | 19.76          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 72 | 66e  | 1:33:35.63   | 30:38:36.6   | 25.1             | 18.87          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 73 | 74e  | 1:33:38.98   | 30:35:06.1   | 24.6             | 19.89          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 74 | 97e  | 1:33:48.71   | 30:44:25.9   | 24.5             | 19.70          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 75 | 2e   | 1:32:53.23   | 30:38:56.1   | 22.5             | 19.82          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 76 | 47e  | 1:33:27.26   | 30:41:39.2   | 22.3             | 21.18          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 77 | 88e  | 1:33:43.36   | 30:34:38.0   | 22.1             | 19.32          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 78 | 65e  | 1:33:35.54   | 30:30:51.6   | 21.3             | 19.80          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |

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|-----|------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 79  | 44e  | 1:33:26.53   | 30:34:39.9   | 21.1             | 20.18          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 80  | 83e  | 1:33:42.38   | 30:34:15.3   | 21.0             | 19.94          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 81  | 32e  | 1:33:18.31   | 30:42:16.5   | 20.9             | 21.04          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 82  | 46e  | 1:33:26.63   | 30:36:29.6   | 20.5             | 20.11          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 83  | 58e  | 1:33:33.56   | 30:35:19.9   | 20.5             | 20.18          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 84  | 102e | 1:33:50.62   | 30:32:30.2   | 20.4             | 18.20          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 85  | 5e   | 1:33:07.62   | 30:41:43.5   | 20.2             | 19.11          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 86  | 39e  | 1:33:21.46   | 30:40:45.3   | 20.1             | 19.57          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 87  | 40e  | 1:33:21.96   | 30:41:11.9   | < 20.            | 19.26          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 88  | 82e  | 1:33:42.09   | 30:36:35.2   | < 20.            | 19.91          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 89  | 76e  | 1:33:39.78   | 30:34:52.2   | < 20.            | 19.07          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 90  | 43e  | 1:33:26.31   | 30:36:44.0   | < 20.            | 20.11          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 91  | 30e  | 1:33:17.74   | 30:41:29.1   | < 20.            | 19.99          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 92  | 87e  | 1:33:43.32   | 30:34:51.0   | < 20.            | 20.02          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 93  | 145e | 1:34:15.98   | 30:41:14.5   | < 20.            | 19.48          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 94  | 29e  | 1:33:16.44   | 30:41:31.1   | < 20.            | 19.02          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 95  | 127e | 1:34:04.87   | 30:35:33.8   | < 20.            | 19.63          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 96  | 42e  | 1:33:25.12   | 30:37:00.5   | < 20.            | 18.13          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 97  | 64e  | 1:33:35.23   | 30:30:40.8   | < 20.            | 19.48          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 98  | 67e  | 1:33:36.39   | 30:39:03.1   | < 20.            | 20.09          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 99  | 79e  | 1:33:40.24   | 30:34:17.6   | < 20.            | 18.90          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 100 | 80e  | 1:33:40.41   | 30:31:31.2   | < 20.            | 20.23          | y         | y              | y                              | y               |
| 101 | 116e | 1:33:59.22   | 30:41:25.6   | < 20.            | 19.27          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 102 | 21e  | 1:33:13.84   | 30:35:58.5   | < 20.            | 17.58          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 103 | 93e  | 1:33:48.33   | 30:43:26.2   | < 20.            | 20.19          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 104 | 111e | 1:33:57.86   | 30:37:17.7   | < 20.            | 19.09          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 105 | 104e | 1:33:51.47   | 30:36:40.0   | < 20.            | 19.22          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 106 | 72e  | 1:33:37.66   | 30:34:28.3   | < 20.            | 20.27          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 107 | 115e | 1:33:59.09   | 30:43:54.8   | < 20.            | 20.11          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 108 | 92e  | 1:33:47.51   | 30:41:54.9   | < 20.            | 19.63          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 109 | 140e | 1:34:14.31   | 30:42:54.0   | < 20.            | 19.73          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 110 | 23e  | 1:33:14.59   | 30:38:32.9   | < 20.            | 20.05          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 111 | 137e | 1:34:12.01   | 30:34:09.0   | < 20.            | 20.00          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 112 | 91e  | 1:33:46.60   | 30:41:25.3   | < 20.            | 18.81          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 113 | 33e  | 1:33:19.14   | 30:36:42.5   | < 20.            | 18.76          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 114 | 34e  | 1:33:19.19   | 30:32:56.9   | < 20.            | 18.10          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 115 | 108e | 1:33:54.84   | 30:32:23.0   | < 20.            | 18.12          | y         | y              | y                              | y               |
| 116 | 141e | 1:34:14.58   | 30:44:08.8   | < 20.            | 20.39          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 117 | 8e   | 1:33:09.71   | 30:33:31.5   | < 20.            | 17.99          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 118 | 94e  | 1:33:48.35   | 30:42:03.9   | < 20.            | 19.91          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |

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|-----|------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 119 | 124e | 1:34:02.43   | 30:31:03.2   | < 20.            | 18.90          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 120 | 103e | 1:33:50.86   | 30:44:03.2   | < 20.            | 18.70          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 121 | 61e  | 1:33:34.65   | 30:40:55.9   | < 20.            | 18.28          | y         | n              | n                              | y               |
| 122 | 55e  | 1:33:32.59   | 30:38:27.7   | < 20.            | 19.30          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 123 | 105e | 1:33:52.20   | 30:36:36.4   | < 20.            | 18.31          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 124 | 6e   | 1:33:08.71   | 30:34:09.2   | < 20.            | 19.44          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 125 | 35e  | 1:33:19.29   | 30:33:48.2   | < 20.            | 15.29          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 126 | 28e  | 1:33:16.30   | 30:32:07.3   | < 20.            | 18.38          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 127 | 135e | 1:34:09.34   | 30:34:14.2   | < 20.            | 19.10          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 128 | 7e   | 1:33:09.52   | 30:34:51.5   | < 20.            | 18.63          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 129 | 24e  | 1:33:14.97   | 30:32:01.5   | < 20.            | 18.61          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 130 | 17e  | 1:33:11.16   | 30:34:21.8   | < 20.            | 17.21          | n         | n              | y                              | y               |
| 131 | 13e  | 1:33:10.50   | 30:32:00.9   | < 20.            | 18.43          | n         | n              | y                              | y               |
| 132 | 10e  | 1:33:10.07   | 30:31:28.3   | < 20.            | 19.03          | n         | n              | y                              | n               |
| 133 | 86e  | 1:33:42.96   | 30:38:47.4   | < 20.            | 18.92          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 134 | 150e | 1:34:22.20   | 30:32:39.4   | < 20.            |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 135 | 112e | 1:33:58.29   | 30:34:31.2   | < 20.            |                | n         | n              | y                              | y               |
| 136 | 15e  | 1:33:10.68   | 30:35:50.6   | < 20.            |                | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 137 | 133e | 1:34:08.60   | 30:32:44.4   | < 20.            |                |           |                |                                |                 |
| 138 | 147e | 1:34:16.13   | 30:33:44.7   | < 20.            |                | y         | n              | y                              | y               |
| 139 | 128e | 1:34:04.89   | 30:45:03.1   | < 20.            |                | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 140 | 125e | 1:34:02.80   | 30:42:28.5   | < 20.            |                | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 141 | 114e | 1:33:58.72   | 30:35:26.1   | < 20.            |                | y         | y              | n                              | y               |
| 142 | 148e | 1:34:18.76   | 30:34:11.6   | < 20.            |                | n         | n              | y                              | y               |
| 143 | 36e  | 1:33:19.58   | 30:35:29.9   | < 20.            |                | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 144 | 129e | 1:34:05.56   | 30:34:18.7   | < 20.            |                | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 145 | 132e | 1:34:08.22   | 30:34:04.9   | < 20.            |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 146 | 122e | 1:34:01.19   | 30:36:18.2   | < 20.            |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               |
| 147 | 131e | 1:34:07.89   | 30:32:48.4   | < 20.            |                | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 148 | 142e | 1:34:15.07   | 30:40:36.0   | < 20.            |                | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 149 | 52e  | 1:33:28.92   | 30:36:34.3   | < 20.            | 20.38          | n         | y              | n                              | y               |
| 150 | 9e   | 1:33:10.07   | 30:38:40.0   | < 20.            | 20.84          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 151 | 11e  | 1:33:10.24   | 30:38:45.0   | < 20.            |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 152 | 56e  | 1:33:33.32   | 30:31:47.0   | < 20.            |                | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 153 | 1e   | 1:32:52.64   | 30:38:20.4   | < 20.            | 19.98          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |

<sup>a</sup>Objects with an asterisk are included in Table 4.3.

**Table A.2:** Embedded Candidates

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|----|------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1  | 162b | 1:33:44.92   | 30:36:28.3   | 14.36          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 2  | 177b | 1:33:46.13   | 30:36:53.6   | 16.28          | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 3  | 28b  | 1:33:12.09   | 30:38:52.2   | 16.55          | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 4  | 137b | 1:33:43.18   | 30:39:06.5   | 16.87          | n         | n              | y                              | y               |   |
| 5  | 221b | 1:33:58.71   | 30:35:26.0   | 16.87          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 6  | 165b | 1:33:45.15   | 30:36:19.9   | 16.93          | y         | n              | y                              | y               | * |
| 7  | 113b | 1:33:37.05   | 30:36:37.5   | 17.13          | y         | n              | y                              | y               | * |
| 8  | 207b | 1:33:55.21   | 30:34:29.6   | 17.22          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 9  | 16b  | 1:33:10.26   | 30:38:44.7   | 17.28          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 10 | 150b | 1:33:44.64   | 30:35:59.0   | 17.39          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 11 | 153b | 1:33:44.68   | 30:36:11.2   | 17.40          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 12 | 182b | 1:33:48.00   | 30:33:04.5   | 17.43          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 13 | 92b  | 1:33:33.79   | 30:41:32.2   | 17.45          | n         | n              | y                              | y               |   |
| 14 | 25b  | 1:33:11.88   | 30:38:53.6   | 17.50          | y         | y              | y                              | y               |   |
| 15 | 157b | 1:33:44.81   | 30:44:45.0   | 17.51          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 16 | 196b | 1:33:52.40   | 30:39:20.9   | 17.57          | y         | n              | n                              | y               |   |
| 17 | 65b  | 1:33:29.09   | 30:40:24.2   | 17.68          | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 18 | 199b | 1:33:53.23   | 30:38:53.7   | 17.76          | y         | y              | n                              | n               | * |
| 19 | 206b | 1:33:54.12   | 30:33:09.8   | 17.81          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 20 | 197b | 1:33:52.67   | 30:39:13.7   | 17.82          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 21 | 139b | 1:33:43.70   | 30:39:05.3   | 17.87          | y         | y              | n                              | n               | * |
| 22 | 132b | 1:33:42.53   | 30:32:58.3   | 17.93          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 23 | 84b  | 1:33:33.50   | 30:41:33.0   | 18.02          | n         | n              | y                              | y               |   |
| 24 | 209b | 1:33:55.86   | 30:34:07.5   | 18.17          | n         | n              | y                              | y               |   |
| 25 | 83b  | 1:33:33.49   | 30:41:31.8   | 18.23          | n         | y              | y                              | y               |   |
| 26 | 203b | 1:33:53.80   | 30:35:27.7   | 18.23          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 27 | 17b  | 1:33:10.43   | 30:38:49.4   | 18.31          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 28 | 218b | 1:33:57.84   | 30:35:31.7   | 18.43          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 29 | 175b | 1:33:45.71   | 30:36:09.6   | 18.47          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 30 | 180b | 1:33:47.53   | 30:38:39.8   | 18.51          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 31 | 141b | 1:33:43.73   | 30:40:56.6   | 18.59          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 32 | 202b | 1:33:53.61   | 30:38:51.6   | 18.65          | y         | n              | y                              | y               |   |
| 33 | 66b  | 1:33:29.78   | 30:40:23.4   | 18.65          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 34 | 149b | 1:33:44.56   | 30:44:32.6   | 18.76          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 35 | 213b | 1:33:56.42   | 30:34:20.6   | 18.84          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 36 | 160b | 1:33:44.83   | 30:44:32.6   | 18.84          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 37 | 185b | 1:33:49.72   | 30:37:30.3   | 18.93          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 38 | 184b | 1:33:48.81   | 30:39:47.1   | 18.94          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 39 | 169b | 1:33:45.18   | 30:44:49.1   | 18.97          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |

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| 40 | 142b | 1:33:43.78   | 30:36:44.7   | 18.97          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 41 | 60b  | 1:33:27.28   | 30:39:09.5   | 18.98          | y         | n              | y                              | y               |   |
| 42 | 226b | 1:33:59.24   | 30:35:44.9   | 19.01          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 43 | 159b | 1:33:44.83   | 30:44:45.1   | 19.11          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 44 | 126b | 1:33:41.81   | 30:41:49.5   | 19.17          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 45 | 74b  | 1:33:32.97   | 30:41:35.9   | 19.17          | n         | n              | y                              | y               |   |
| 46 | 251b | 1:34:06.74   | 30:41:54.2   | 19.18          | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 47 | 68b  | 1:33:30.05   | 30:31:45.3   | 19.23          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 48 | 208b | 1:33:55.63   | 30:37:41.1   | 19.29          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 49 | 190b | 1:33:50.86   | 30:39:45.8   | 19.30          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 50 | 200b | 1:33:53.28   | 30:39:18.7   | 19.36          | n         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 51 | 201b | 1:33:53.58   | 30:35:19.7   | 19.36          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 52 | 265b | 1:34:14.21   | 30:33:43.1   | 19.36          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 53 | 240b | 1:34:02.47   | 30:38:41.5   | 19.38          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 54 | 187b | 1:33:50.68   | 30:41:20.6   | 19.38          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 55 | 133b | 1:33:42.56   | 30:33:14.5   | 19.39          | n         | n              | y                              | y               |   |
| 56 | 155b | 1:33:44.72   | 30:44:37.0   | 19.41          | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 57 | 36b  | 1:33:14.64   | 30:32:35.4   | 19.45          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 58 | 195b | 1:33:52.25   | 30:39:26.2   | 19.46          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 59 | 18b  | 1:33:10.97   | 30:27:33.5   | 19.48          |           |                |                                |                 |   |
| 60 | 227b | 1:33:59.32   | 30:35:52.0   | 19.48          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 61 | 238b | 1:34:02.24   | 30:38:50.0   | 19.49          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 62 | 19b  | 1:33:10.97   | 30:29:56.9   | 19.50          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 63 | 99b  | 1:33:34.39   | 30:32:08.2   | 19.51          | y         | y              | n                              | y               | * |
| 64 | 104b | 1:33:34.89   | 30:36:30.3   | 19.51          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 65 | 198b | 1:33:53.22   | 30:39:02.8   | 19.52          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 66 | 62b  | 1:33:27.50   | 30:31:53.6   | 19.54          | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 67 | 191b | 1:33:51.11   | 30:40:05.0   | 19.54          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 68 | 117b | 1:33:39.00   | 30:32:36.1   | 19.54          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 69 | 89b  | 1:33:33.73   | 30:32:01.1   | 19.55          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 70 | 130b | 1:33:42.27   | 30:33:01.4   | 19.55          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 71 | 59b  | 1:33:27.03   | 30:38:42.2   | 19.56          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 72 | 172b | 1:33:45.39   | 30:36:42.9   | 19.58          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 73 | 179b | 1:33:46.86   | 30:33:32.6   | 19.58          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 74 | 236b | 1:34:01.77   | 30:44:57.3   | 19.64          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 75 | 38b  | 1:33:14.92   | 30:45:00.4   | 19.65          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 76 | 98b  | 1:33:34.38   | 30:42:01.2   | 19.66          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 77 | 210b | 1:33:56.05   | 30:34:21.8   | 19.66          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 78 | 264b | 1:34:14.03   | 30:33:44.1   | 19.68          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 79 | 267b | 1:34:14.39   | 30:34:34.3   | 19.69          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 80 | 131b | 1:33:42.28   | 30:33:01.1   | 19.69          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |

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| 81  | 119b | 1:33:39.24   | 30:32:39.5   | 19.72          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 82  | 189b | 1:33:50.76   | 30:37:06.3   | 19.74          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 83  | 138b | 1:33:43.50   | 30:39:11.7   | 19.75          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 84  | 222b | 1:33:58.83   | 30:41:13.5   | 19.79          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 85  | 205b | 1:33:54.10   | 30:33:00.0   | 19.79          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 86  | 186b | 1:33:50.25   | 30:33:47.2   | 19.79          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 87  | 116b | 1:33:38.98   | 30:32:06.4   | 19.81          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 88  | 263b | 1:34:13.96   | 30:33:39.5   | 19.82          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 89  | 245b | 1:34:06.37   | 30:41:43.8   | 19.85          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 90  | 72b  | 1:33:30.43   | 30:31:58.4   | 19.87          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 91  | 14b  | 1:33:09.92   | 30:38:55.5   | 19.89          | n         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 92  | 254b | 1:34:11.20   | 30:36:10.7   | 19.96          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 93  | 105b | 1:33:34.90   | 30:37:05.5   | 19.97          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 94  | 13b  | 1:33:09.87   | 30:38:46.4   | 19.97          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 95  | 135b | 1:33:43.07   | 30:44:40.9   | 20.02          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 96  | 212b | 1:33:56.12   | 30:41:15.8   | 20.03          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 97  | 73b  | 1:33:32.72   | 30:36:55.1   | 20.04          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 98  | 15b  | 1:33:09.96   | 30:27:27.5   | 20.05          |           |                |                                |                 |
| 99  | 51b  | 1:33:20.75   | 30:32:04.8   | 20.06          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 100 | 61b  | 1:33:27.33   | 30:38:42.2   | 20.07          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 101 | 54b  | 1:33:26.24   | 30:39:02.8   | 20.07          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 102 | 192b | 1:33:51.79   | 30:40:54.4   | 20.08          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 103 | 231b | 1:34:00.27   | 30:40:47.6   | 20.09          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 104 | 9b   | 1:33:02.95   | 30:41:07.3   | 20.11          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 105 | 120b | 1:33:40.21   | 30:37:22.3   | 20.12          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 106 | 129b | 1:33:42.25   | 30:32:57.9   | 20.13          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 107 | 2b   | 1:32:55.75   | 30:39:30.9   | 20.14          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 108 | 47b  | 1:33:19.06   | 30:39:32.3   | 20.15          |           |                |                                |                 |
| 109 | 63b  | 1:33:27.76   | 30:31:50.8   | 20.17          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |
| 110 | 97b  | 1:33:34.30   | 30:41:30.1   | 20.19          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 111 | 235b | 1:34:01.66   | 30:44:58.1   | 20.19          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 112 | 23b  | 1:33:11.26   | 30:39:14.5   | 20.20          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 113 | 127b | 1:33:41.84   | 30:41:49.3   | 20.22          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 114 | 136b | 1:33:43.10   | 30:33:26.2   | 20.26          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 115 | 239b | 1:34:02.42   | 30:38:50.7   | 20.27          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 116 | 128b | 1:33:42.21   | 30:33:06.0   | 20.28          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 117 | 58b  | 1:33:26.96   | 30:39:11.2   | 20.30          | y         | y              | y                              | y               |
| 118 | 21b  | 1:33:11.20   | 30:27:40.9   | 20.32          |           |                |                                |                 |
| 119 | 103b | 1:33:34.86   | 30:41:47.4   | 20.38          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 120 | 55b  | 1:33:26.27   | 30:40:44.9   | 20.40          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |
| 121 | 82b  | 1:33:33.49   | 30:41:38.0   | 20.41          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |

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| 122 | 193b | 1:33:51.92   | 30:40:21.2   | 20.42          | y         | y              | y                              | y               |
| 123 | 75b  | 1:33:33.08   | 30:32:10.1   | 20.45          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 124 | 50b  | 1:33:20.64   | 30:31:59.3   | 20.45          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 125 | 145b | 1:33:44.10   | 30:44:38.1   | 20.48          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 126 | 134b | 1:33:42.73   | 30:32:59.9   | 20.49          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 127 | 217b | 1:33:57.69   | 30:35:27.7   | 20.50          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 128 | 233b | 1:34:01.05   | 30:43:52.8   | 20.51          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 129 | 20b  | 1:33:11.09   | 30:27:36.6   | 20.52          |           |                |                                |                 |
| 130 | 268b | 1:34:14.56   | 30:42:28.3   | 20.57          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 131 | 90b  | 1:33:33.74   | 30:41:36.2   | 20.58          | n         | y              | y                              | y               |
| 132 | 100b | 1:33:34.48   | 30:36:28.4   | 20.58          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 133 | 96b  | 1:33:34.04   | 30:41:16.9   | 20.61          | n         | n              | y                              | y               |
| 134 | 183b | 1:33:48.18   | 30:39:18.5   | 20.62          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 135 | 174b | 1:33:45.54   | 30:36:39.7   | 20.63          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 136 | 144b | 1:33:44.09   | 30:44:38.1   | 20.63          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 137 | 125b | 1:33:41.46   | 30:41:51.8   | 20.64          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 138 | 57b  | 1:33:26.81   | 30:39:00.6   | 20.66          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 139 | 56b  | 1:33:26.65   | 30:39:03.9   | 20.67          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 140 | 48b  | 1:33:20.41   | 30:32:48.6   | 20.68          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 141 | 40b  | 1:33:15.12   | 30:32:28.2   | 20.69          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 142 | 111b | 1:33:36.06   | 30:42:33.2   | 20.70          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 143 | 49b  | 1:33:20.53   | 30:32:01.5   | 20.71          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 144 | 107b | 1:33:35.30   | 30:41:29.2   | 20.73          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 145 | 242b | 1:34:06.12   | 30:41:46.5   | 20.73          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 146 | 53b  | 1:33:23.45   | 30:31:35.4   | 20.75          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 147 | 112b | 1:33:36.80   | 30:43:23.2   | 20.75          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 148 | 143b | 1:33:43.80   | 30:36:45.0   | 20.76          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 149 | 115b | 1:33:38.93   | 30:32:37.7   | 20.76          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 150 | 178b | 1:33:46.18   | 30:36:01.9   | 20.77          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |
| 151 | 34b  | 1:33:13.89   | 30:29:44.6   | 20.78          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 152 | 274b | 1:34:17.40   | 30:33:34.6   | 20.79          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |
| 153 | 140b | 1:33:43.70   | 30:31:33.6   | 20.79          | n         | n              | n                              | n               |
| 154 | 273b | 1:34:17.40   | 30:33:43.9   | 20.82          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 155 | 106b | 1:33:35.23   | 30:37:03.3   | 20.85          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 156 | 32b  | 1:33:13.29   | 30:39:20.1   | 20.93          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 157 | 244b | 1:34:06.21   | 30:41:36.0   | 20.96          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 158 | 269b | 1:34:15.04   | 30:33:47.6   | 21.07          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 159 | 39b  | 1:33:15.08   | 30:32:37.0   | 21.07          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 160 | 194b | 1:33:52.03   | 30:40:52.4   | 21.09          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 161 | 279b | 1:34:20.58   | 30:34:09.9   | 21.09          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |
| 162 | 6b   | 1:33:01.80   | 30:41:07.4   | 21.11          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |

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| 163 | 42b  | 1:33:17.11   | 30:31:10.9   | 21.12          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 164 | 85b  | 1:33:33.56   | 30:41:27.0   | 21.13          | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 165 | 69b  | 1:33:30.09   | 30:32:05.9   | 21.20          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 166 | 76b  | 1:33:33.12   | 30:41:32.6   | 21.25          | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 167 | 10b  | 1:33:03.84   | 30:39:55.0   | 21.26          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 168 | 26b  | 1:33:11.94   | 30:30:15.6   | 21.28          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 169 | 80b  | 1:33:33.37   | 30:41:41.7   | 21.29          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 170 | 11b  | 1:33:03.87   | 30:40:00.8   | 21.29          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 171 | 45b  | 1:33:18.24   | 30:41:15.4   | 21.30          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 172 | 78b  | 1:33:33.24   | 30:33:43.1   | 21.33          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 173 | 109b | 1:33:35.58   | 30:41:23.5   | 21.38          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 174 | 1b   | 1:32:55.48   | 30:39:33.7   | 21.40          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 175 | 43b  | 1:33:17.18   | 30:31:13.4   | 21.42          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 176 | 4b   | 1:33:00.26   | 30:39:01.8   | 21.51          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 177 | 243b | 1:34:06.18   | 30:41:40.0   | 21.55          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 178 | 166b | 1:33:45.15   | 30:33:08.6   | 21.55          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 179 | 266b | 1:34:14.22   | 30:33:45.8   | 21.60          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 180 | 121b | 1:33:40.41   | 30:41:34.8   | 21.63          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 181 | 44b  | 1:33:18.23   | 30:41:15.5   | 21.67          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 182 | 41b  | 1:33:15.16   | 30:32:32.9   | 21.73          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 183 | 86b  | 1:33:33.59   | 30:41:35.1   | 21.73          | n         | n              | y                              | y               |   |
| 184 | 277b | 1:34:19.54   | 30:33:43.8   | 21.76          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 185 | 101b | 1:33:34.53   | 30:41:50.8   | 21.76          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 186 | 225b | 1:33:59.12   | 30:34:36.8   | 21.79          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 187 | 275b | 1:34:17.46   | 30:33:38.0   | 21.88          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 188 | 278b | 1:34:19.73   | 30:33:44.0   | 21.89          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 189 | 94b  | 1:33:34.00   | 30:41:35.6   | 21.97          | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 190 | 102b | 1:33:34.82   | 30:41:38.6   | 21.97          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 191 | 262b | 1:34:13.76   | 30:33:41.9   | 22.25          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 192 | 230b | 1:34:00.27   | 30:40:45.1   | 22.28          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 193 | 37b  | 1:33:14.86   | 30:45:04.4   | 22.35          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 194 | 3b   | 1:32:58.85   | 30:41:31.1   | 22.42          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 195 | 249b | 1:34:06.44   | 30:41:56.4   | 22.69          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 196 | 8b   | 1:33:02.89   | 30:41:12.9   | 22.71          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 197 | 7b   | 1:33:02.26   | 30:39:53.3   | 22.74          | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
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| 199 | 250b | 1:34:06.53   | 30:41:48.6   | 23.18          | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 200 | 256b | 1:34:12.77   | 30:45:07.4   | 23.24          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 201 | 253b | 1:34:11.05   | 30:42:19.9   | 23.30          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 202 | 110b | 1:33:35.73   | 30:36:28.9   | 23.70          | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 203 | 52b  | 1:33:22.20   | 30:32:20.4   | 24.11          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |

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| 205 | 46b  | 1:33:18.92   | 30:33:14.3   | 25.02          | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 206 | 259b | 1:34:13.46   | 30:41:58.6   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 207 | 95b  | 1:33:34.01   | 30:41:47.8   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 208 | 276b | 1:34:19.38   | 30:33:43.3   |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 209 | 67b  | 1:33:29.89   | 30:31:47.2   |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 210 | 272b | 1:34:17.21   | 30:33:39.0   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 211 | 124b | 1:33:41.34   | 30:41:53.5   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 212 | 123b | 1:33:40.67   | 30:42:57.8   |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               |   |
| 213 | 223b | 1:33:58.84   | 30:41:13.6   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 214 | 224b | 1:33:59.08   | 30:34:41.9   |                | y         | y              | y                              | n               |   |
| 215 | 33b  | 1:33:13.65   | 30:39:28.8   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 216 | 71b  | 1:33:30.41   | 30:31:55.2   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 217 | 252b | 1:34:10.55   | 30:39:16.1   |                | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 218 | 122b | 1:33:40.51   | 30:41:38.0   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 219 | 81b  | 1:33:33.47   | 30:41:29.4   |                | y         | y              | y                              | n               |   |
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| 221 | 171b | 1:33:45.26   | 30:36:26.4   |                | y         | n              | n                              | n               | * |
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| 227 | 167b | 1:33:45.16   | 30:33:15.5   |                | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 228 | 35b  | 1:33:14.31   | 30:27:10.9   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 229 | 188b | 1:33:50.70   | 30:41:20.6   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 230 | 216b | 1:33:57.55   | 30:42:14.3   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
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| 233 | 204b | 1:33:54.09   | 30:33:04.5   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
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| 239 | 173b | 1:33:45.47   | 30:36:47.8   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 240 | 158b | 1:33:44.82   | 30:44:32.5   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 241 | 211b | 1:33:56.12   | 30:41:15.8   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 242 | 271b | 1:34:16.38   | 30:37:12.3   |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               |   |
| 243 | 30b  | 1:33:12.73   | 30:38:40.9   |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
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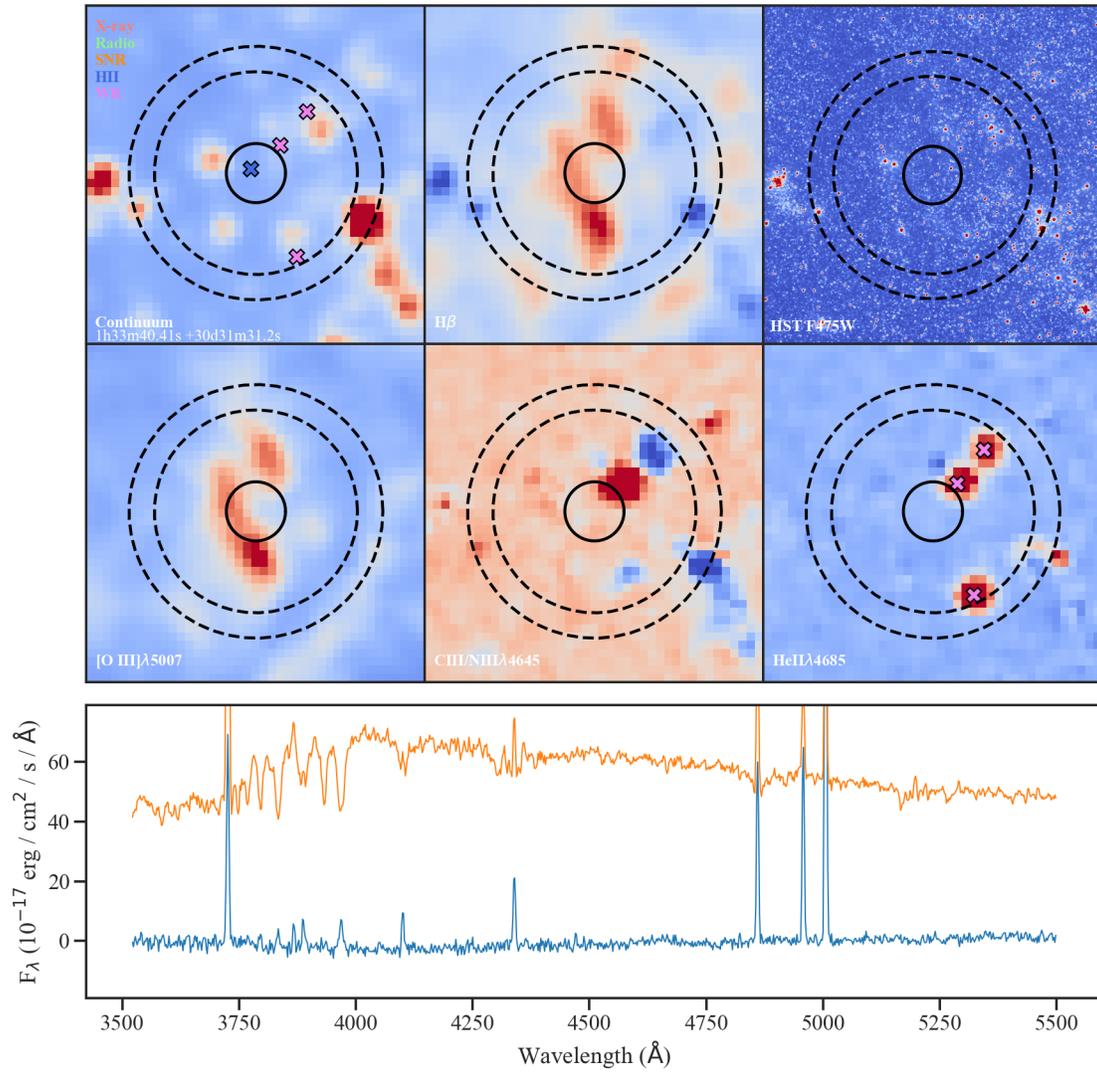
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| 248 | 79b  | 1:33:33.35   | 30:41:39.0   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 249 | 87b  | 1:33:33.63   | 30:41:31.8   |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               |   |
| 250 | 151b | 1:33:44.65   | 30:36:31.5   |                | n         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 251 | 237b | 1:34:01.94   | 30:43:55.9   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 252 | 24b  | 1:33:11.64   | 30:34:36.1   |                | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 253 | 147b | 1:33:44.43   | 30:44:35.0   |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 254 | 255b | 1:34:12.59   | 30:45:07.9   |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               |   |
| 255 | 88b  | 1:33:33.65   | 30:41:29.6   |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               |   |
| 256 | 246b | 1:34:06.39   | 30:41:44.7   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 257 | 247b | 1:34:06.42   | 30:37:49.7   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 258 | 163b | 1:33:44.92   | 30:44:48.9   |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 259 | 29b  | 1:33:12.61   | 30:34:10.1   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 260 | 161b | 1:33:44.90   | 30:44:48.8   |                | y         | y              | y                              | y               | * |
| 261 | 258b | 1:34:12.99   | 30:40:17.1   |                | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 262 | 22b  | 1:33:11.23   | 30:39:17.0   |                | n         | n              | n                              | y               |   |
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| 264 | 114b | 1:33:37.59   | 30:32:02.3   |                | y         | n              | n                              | n               |   |
| 265 | 77b  | 1:33:33.13   | 30:32:12.3   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 266 | 156b | 1:33:44.76   | 30:44:46.7   |                | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
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| 268 | 261b | 1:34:13.73   | 30:33:45.0   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 269 | 257b | 1:34:12.90   | 30:45:09.5   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 270 | 70b  | 1:33:30.12   | 30:31:47.9   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 271 | 234b | 1:34:01.08   | 30:43:53.3   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 272 | 176b | 1:33:46.13   | 30:42:47.9   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 273 | 260b | 1:34:13.61   | 30:34:48.6   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 274 | 219b | 1:33:58.15   | 30:35:22.9   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 275 | 181b | 1:33:47.86   | 30:44:42.0   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 276 | 228b | 1:33:59.65   | 30:34:35.0   |                | y         | y              | n                              | y               |   |
| 277 | 108b | 1:33:35.33   | 30:41:51.3   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 278 | 270b | 1:34:15.54   | 30:37:12.0   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |
| 279 | 12b  | 1:33:09.30   | 30:34:51.1   |                | y         | y              | n                              | n               |   |

<sup>a</sup>Objects with an asterisk are included in Table 4.3.

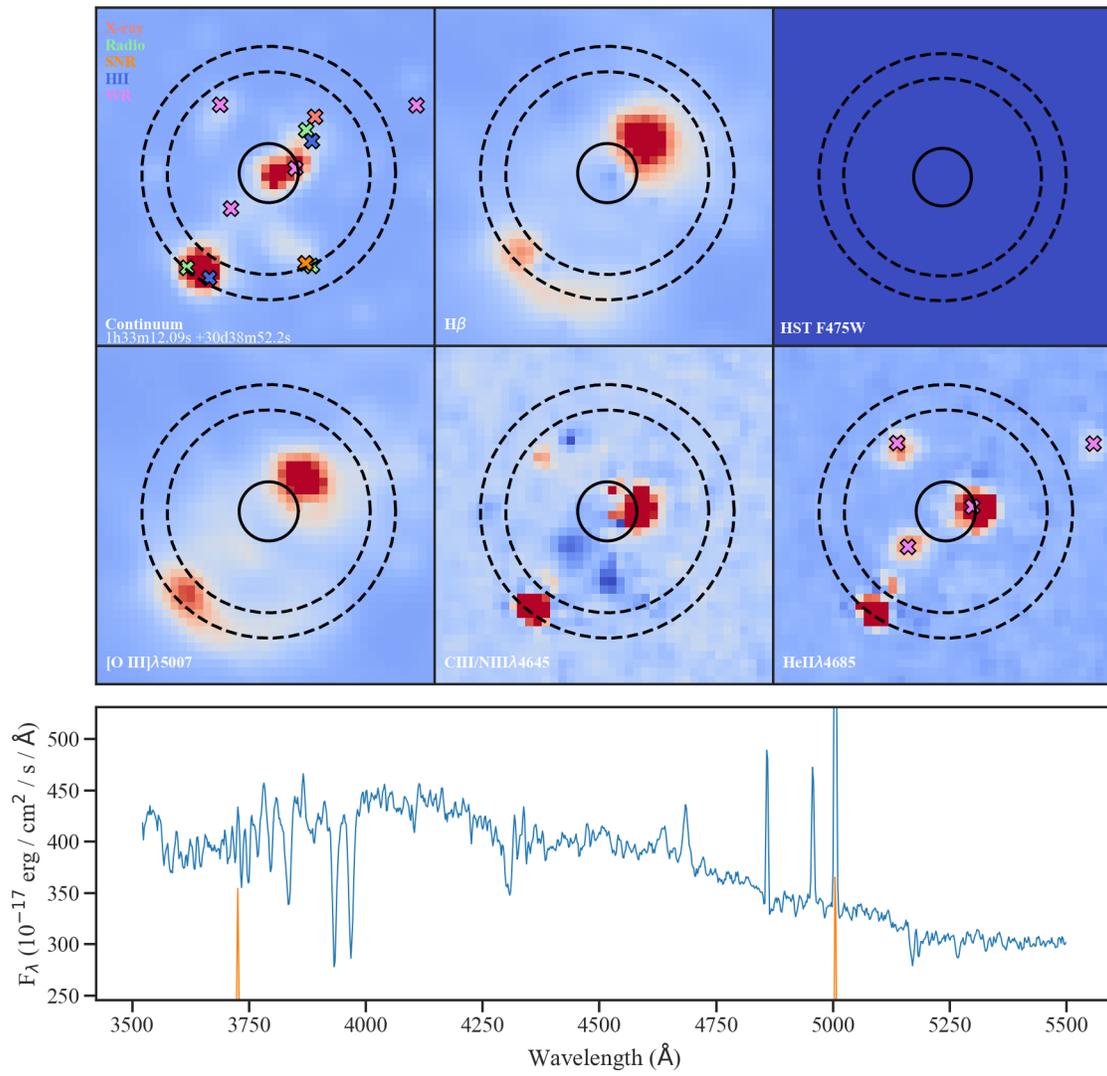
# **Appendix B**

## **Candidate Diagrams**

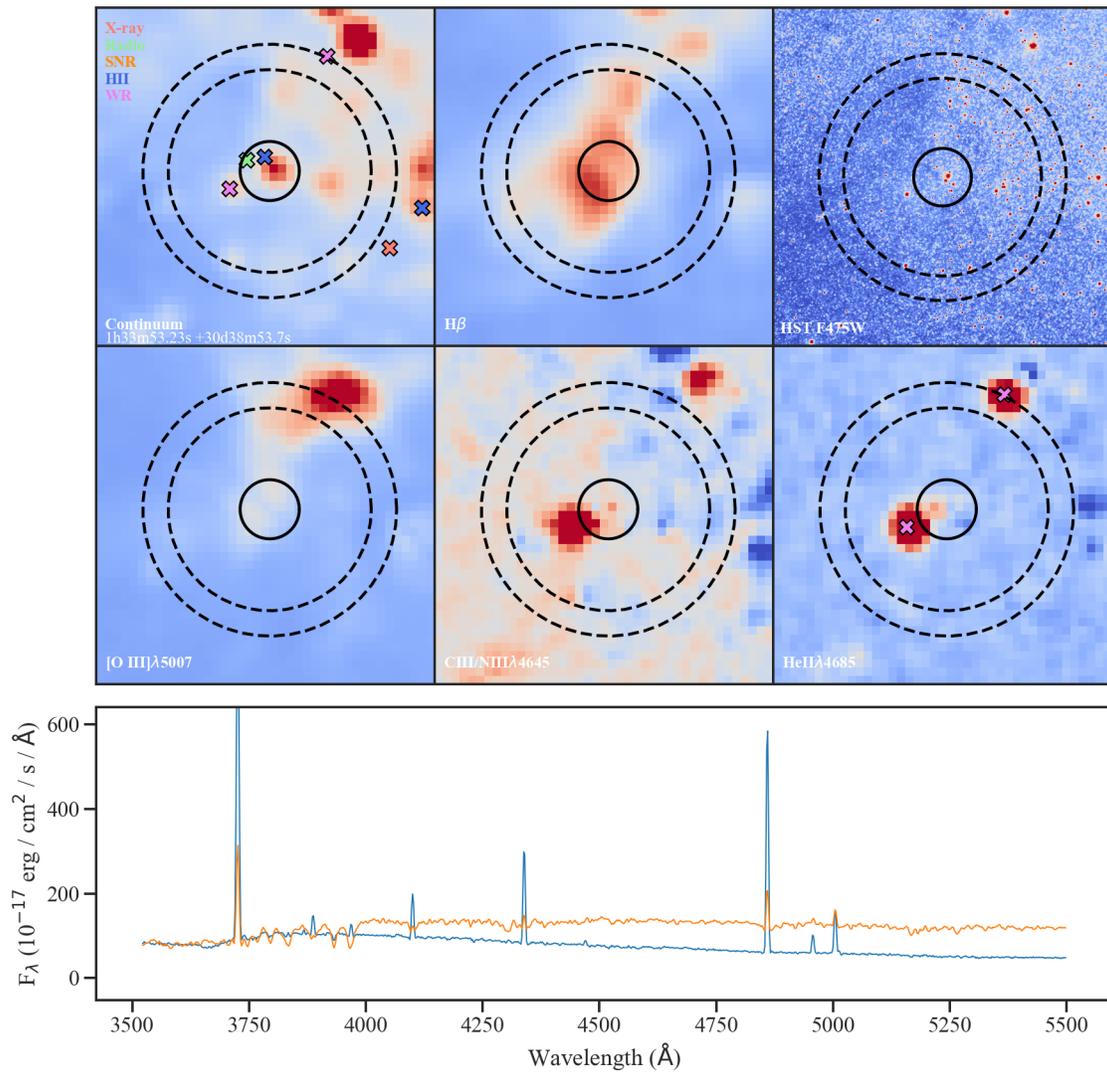
## B.1 Objects Near Wolf-Rayet Stars



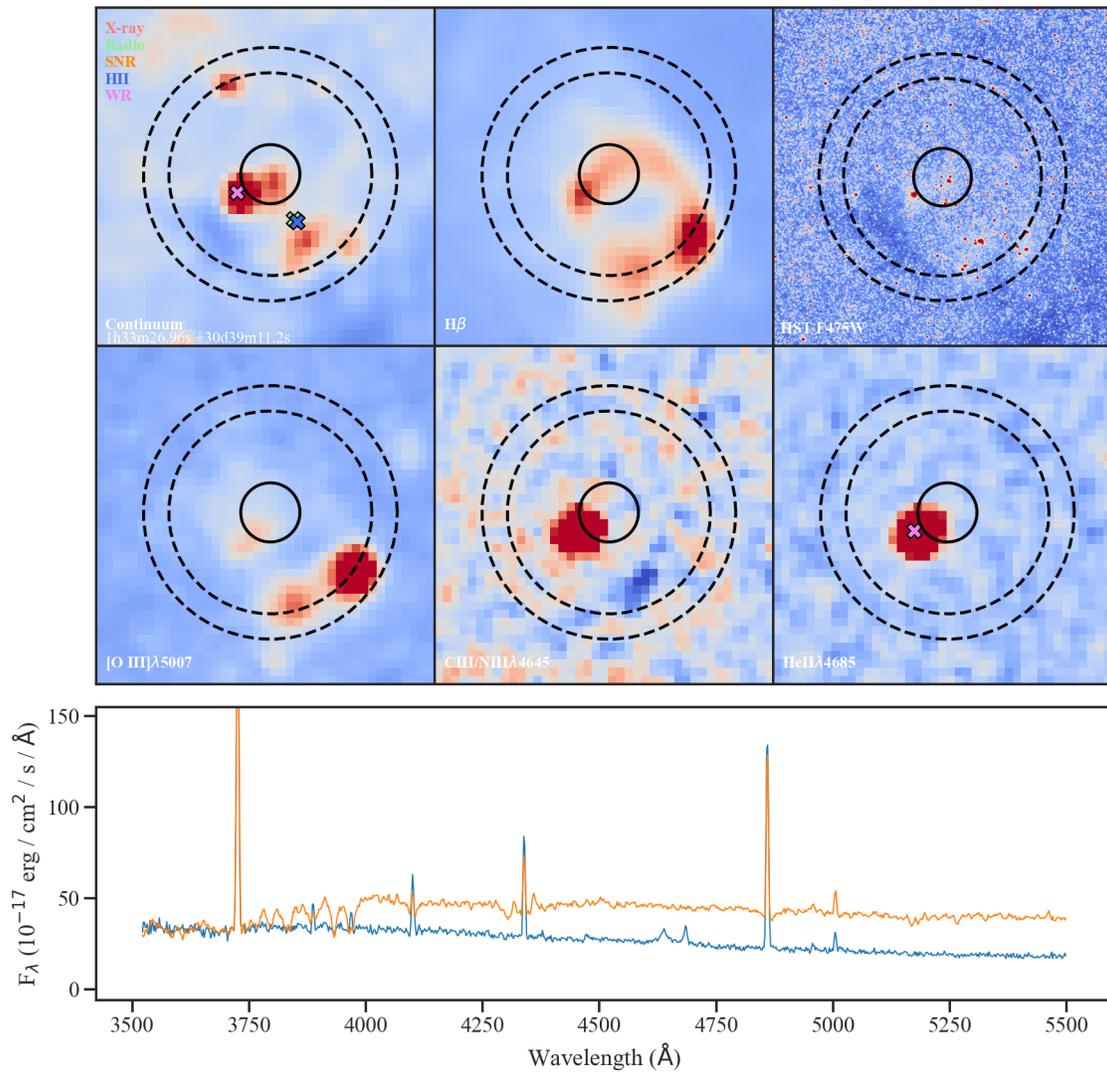
**Figure B.1:** Object 80e Inspection Diagram



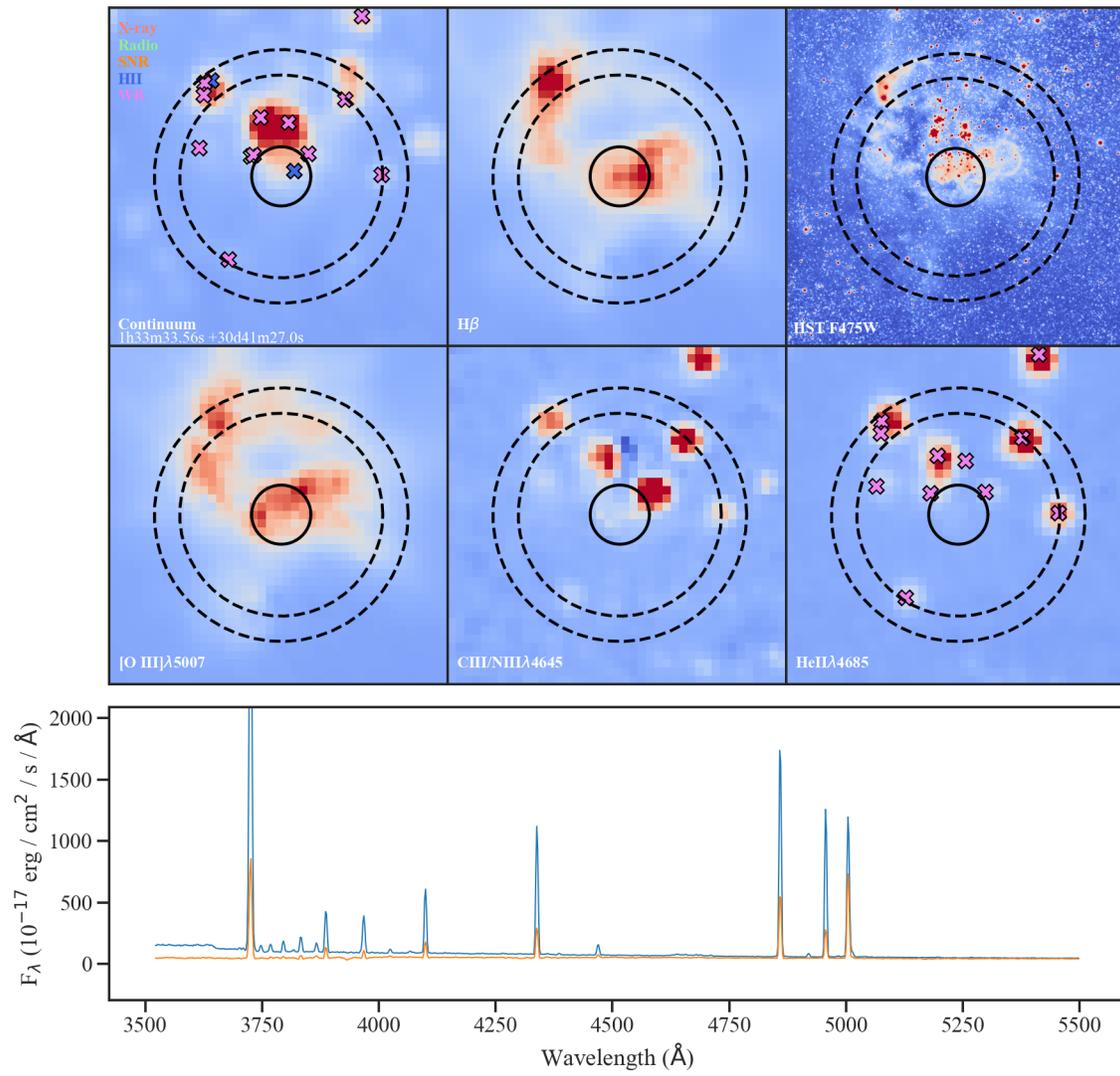
**Figure B.2:** Object 28b Inspection Diagram



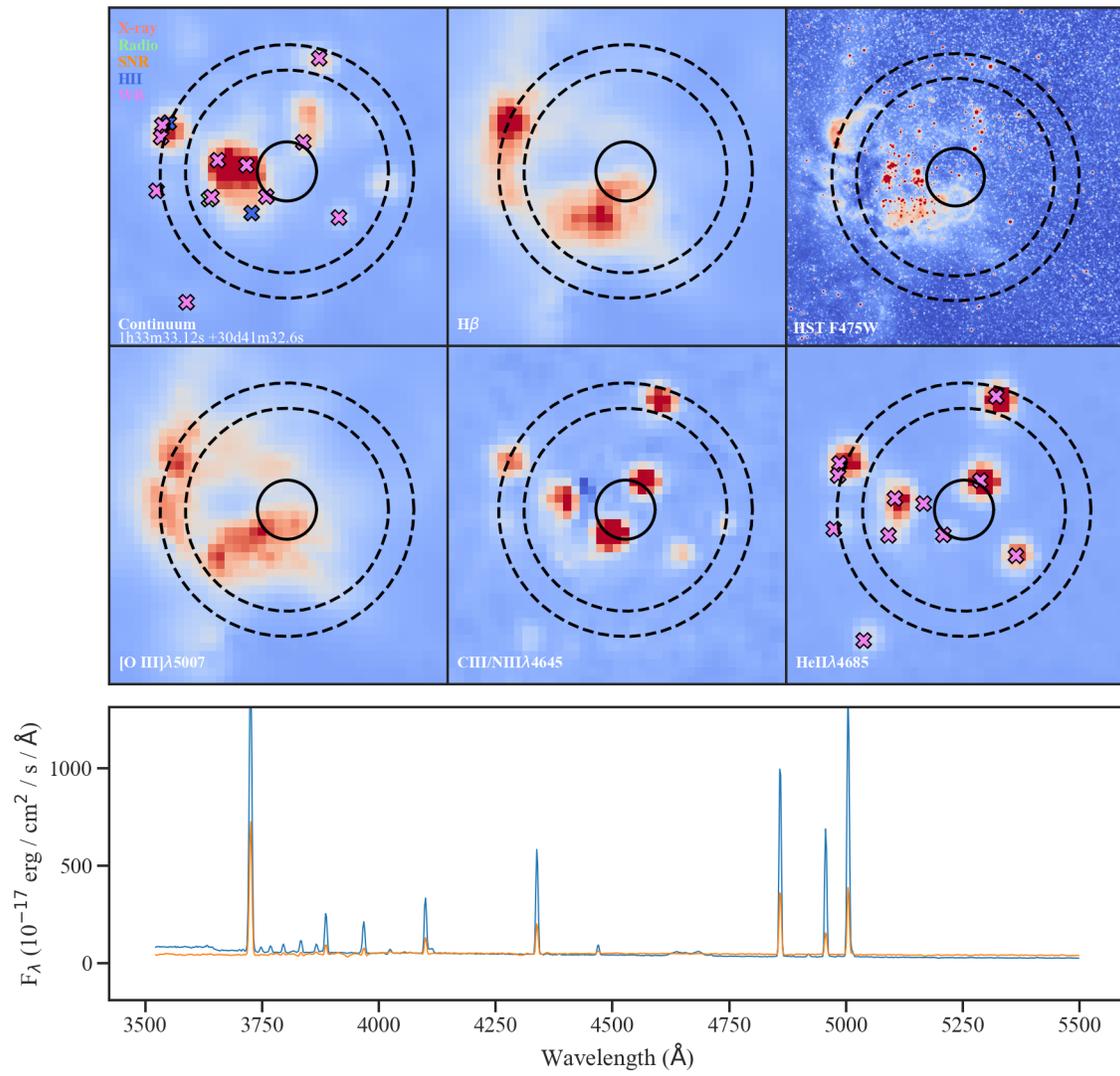
**Figure B.3:** Object 199b Inspection Diagram



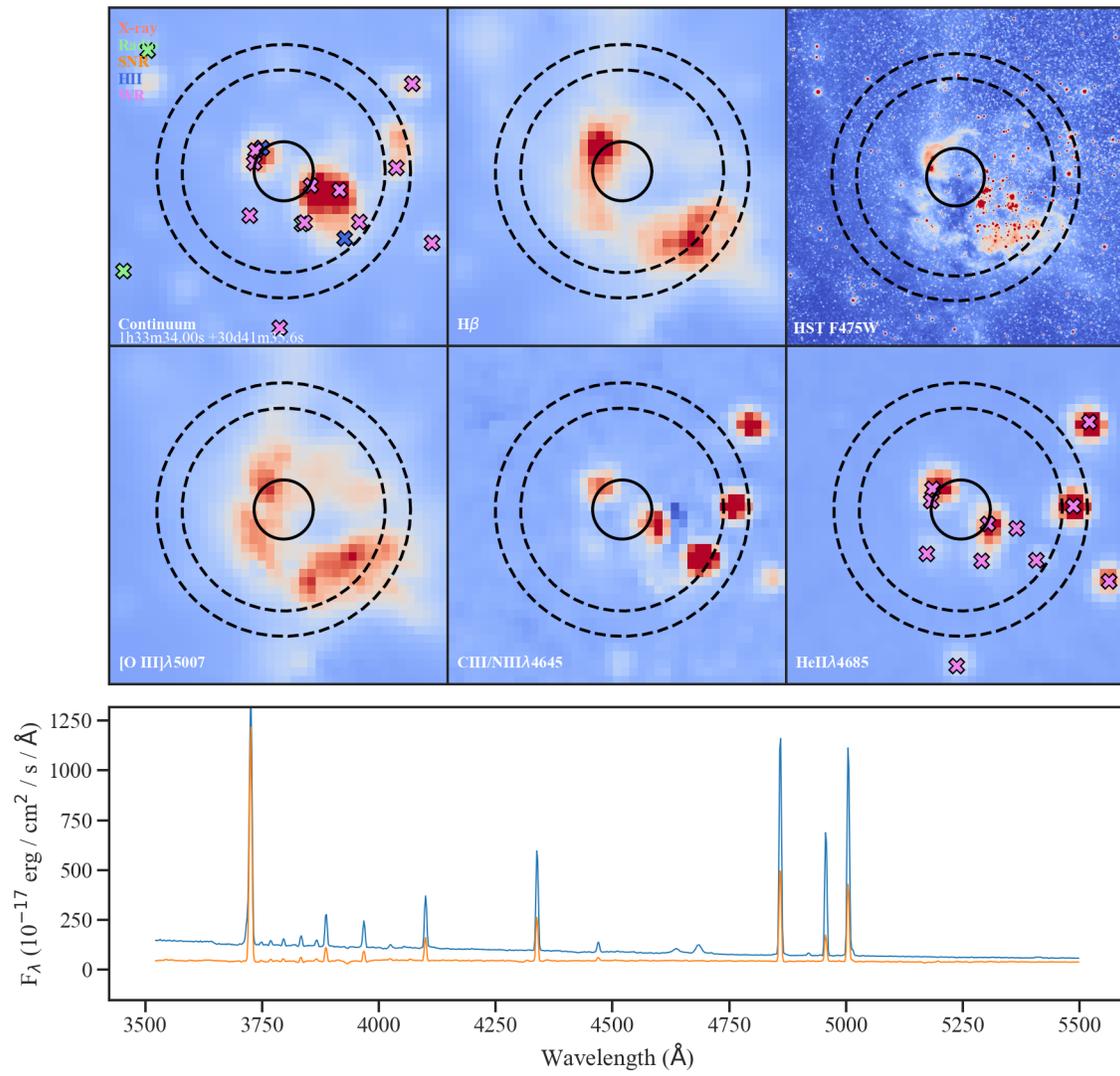
**Figure B.4:** Object 58b Inspection Diagram



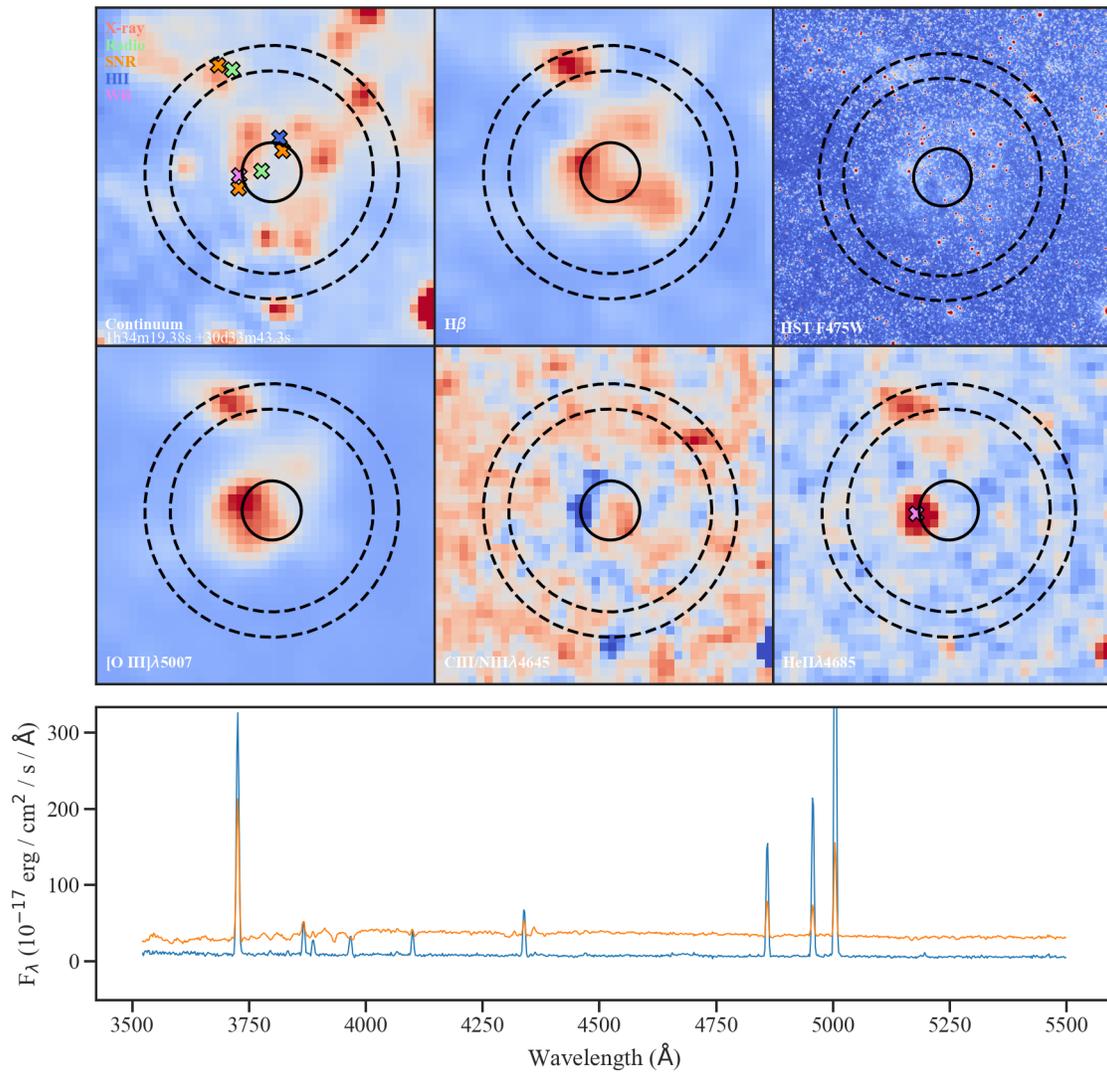
**Figure B.5:** Object 85b Inspection Diagram



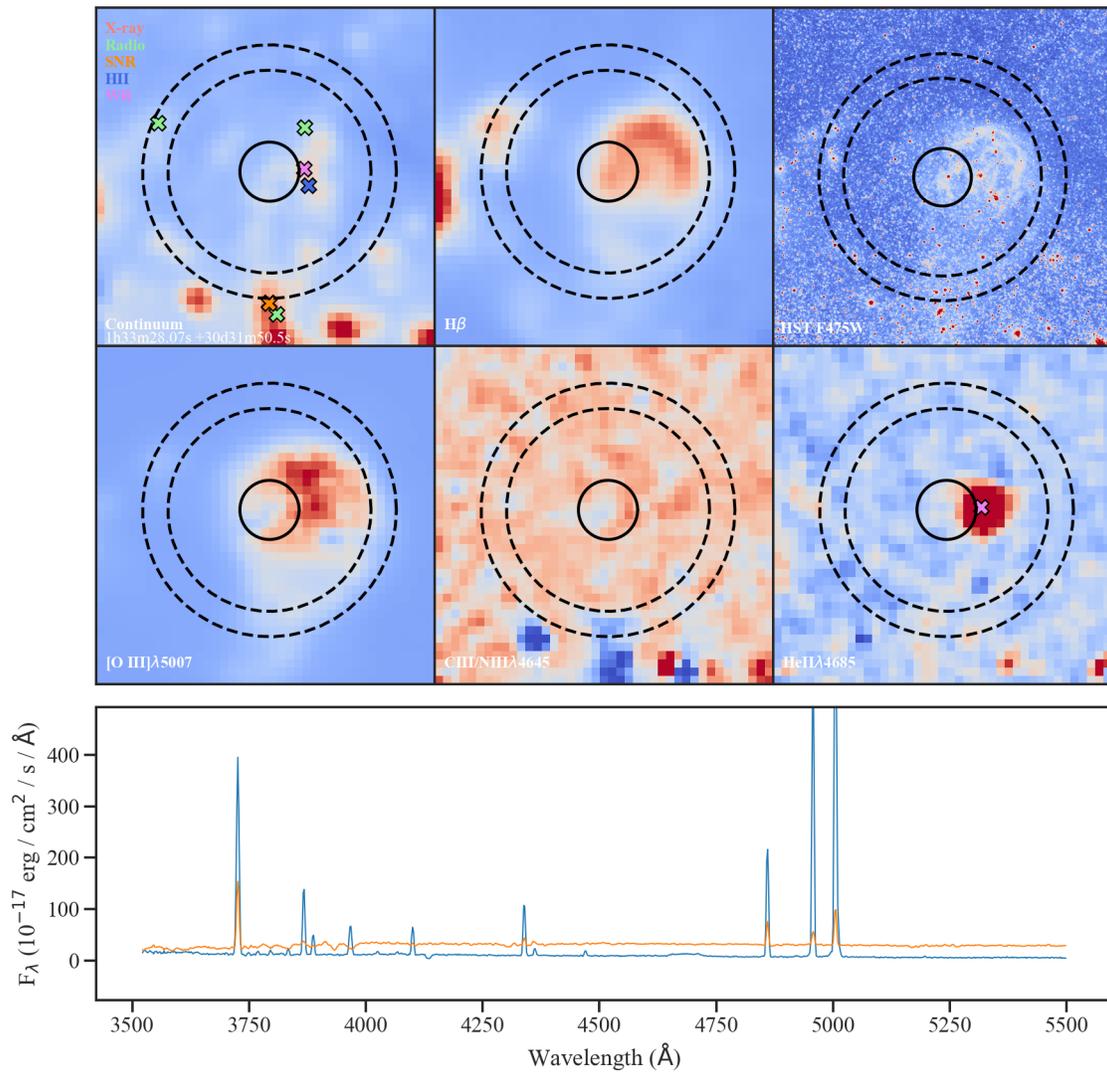
**Figure B.6:** Object 76b Inspection Diagram



**Figure B.7:** Object 94b Inspection Diagram

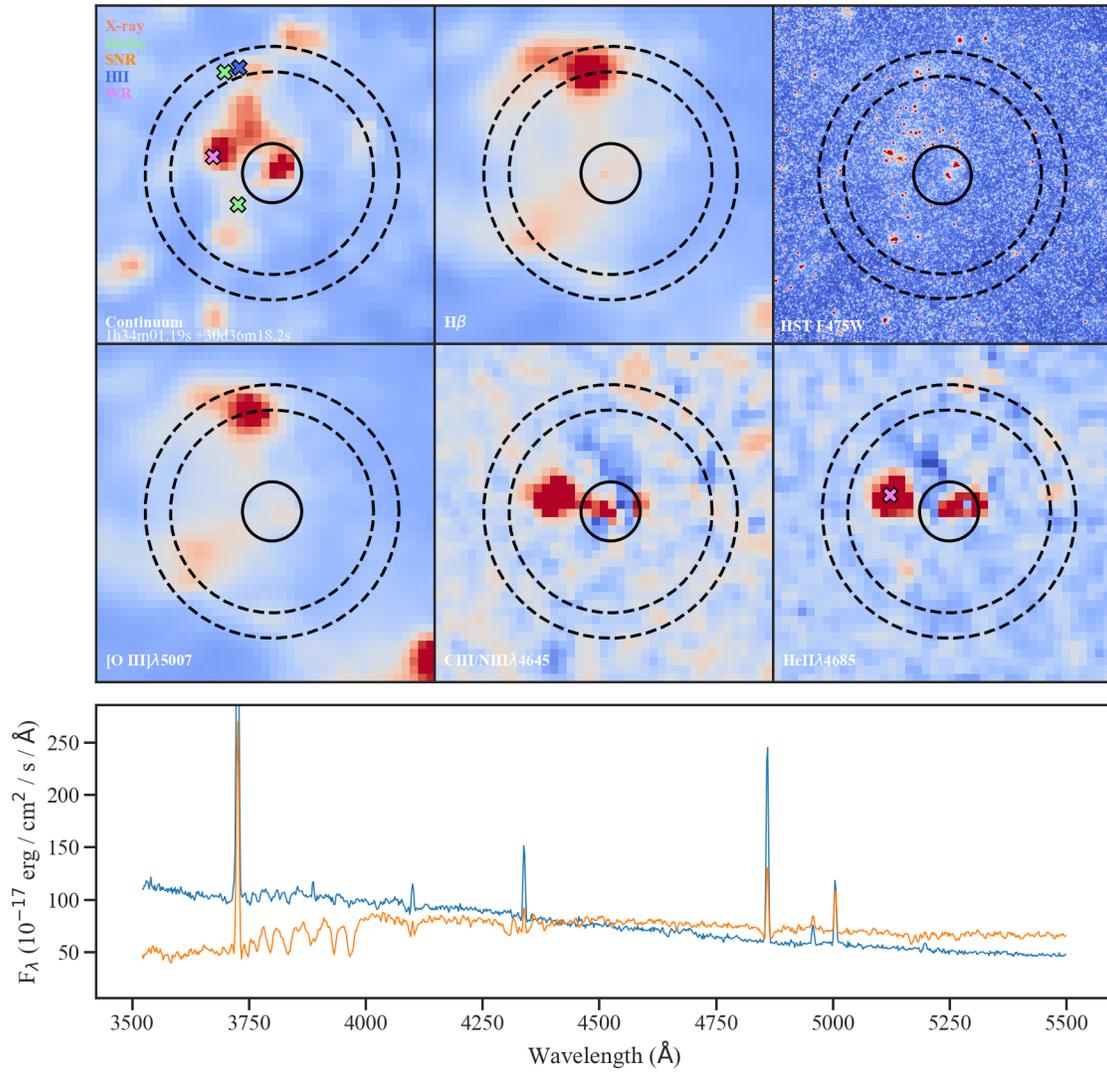


**Figure B.8:** Object 276b Inspection Diagram

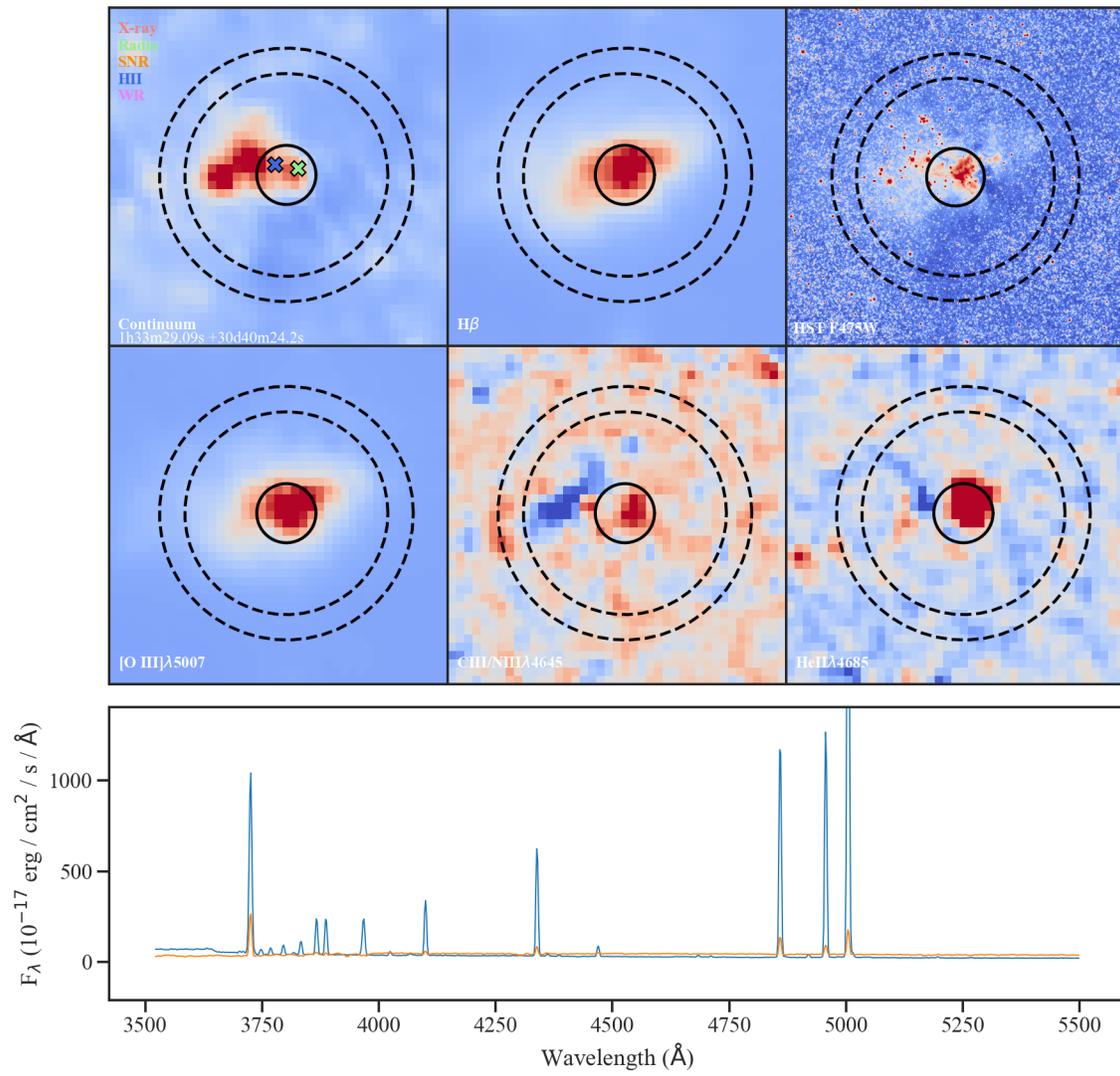


**Figure B.9:** Object 34b Inspection Diagram

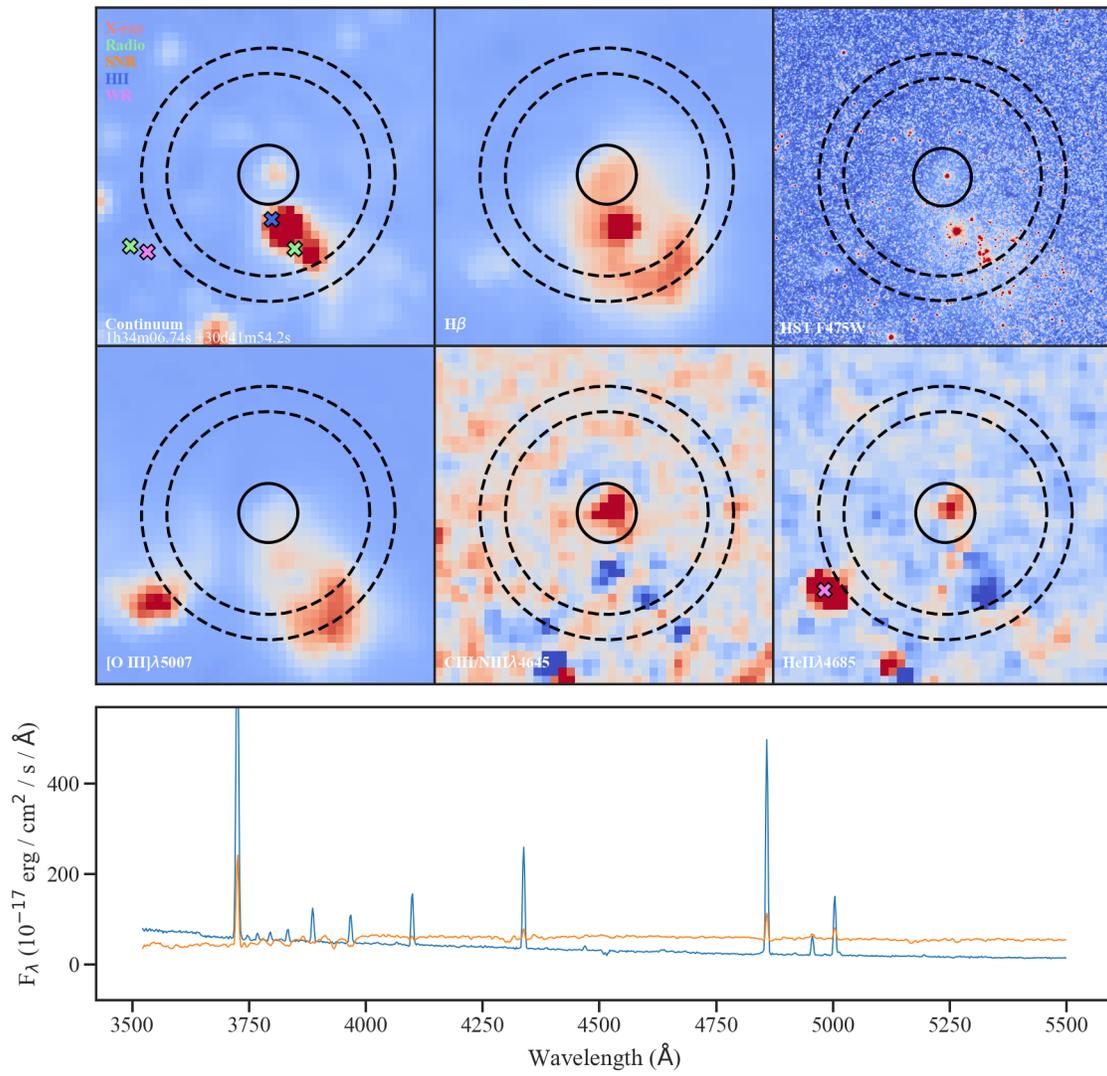
## B.2 New Wolf-Rayet Stars



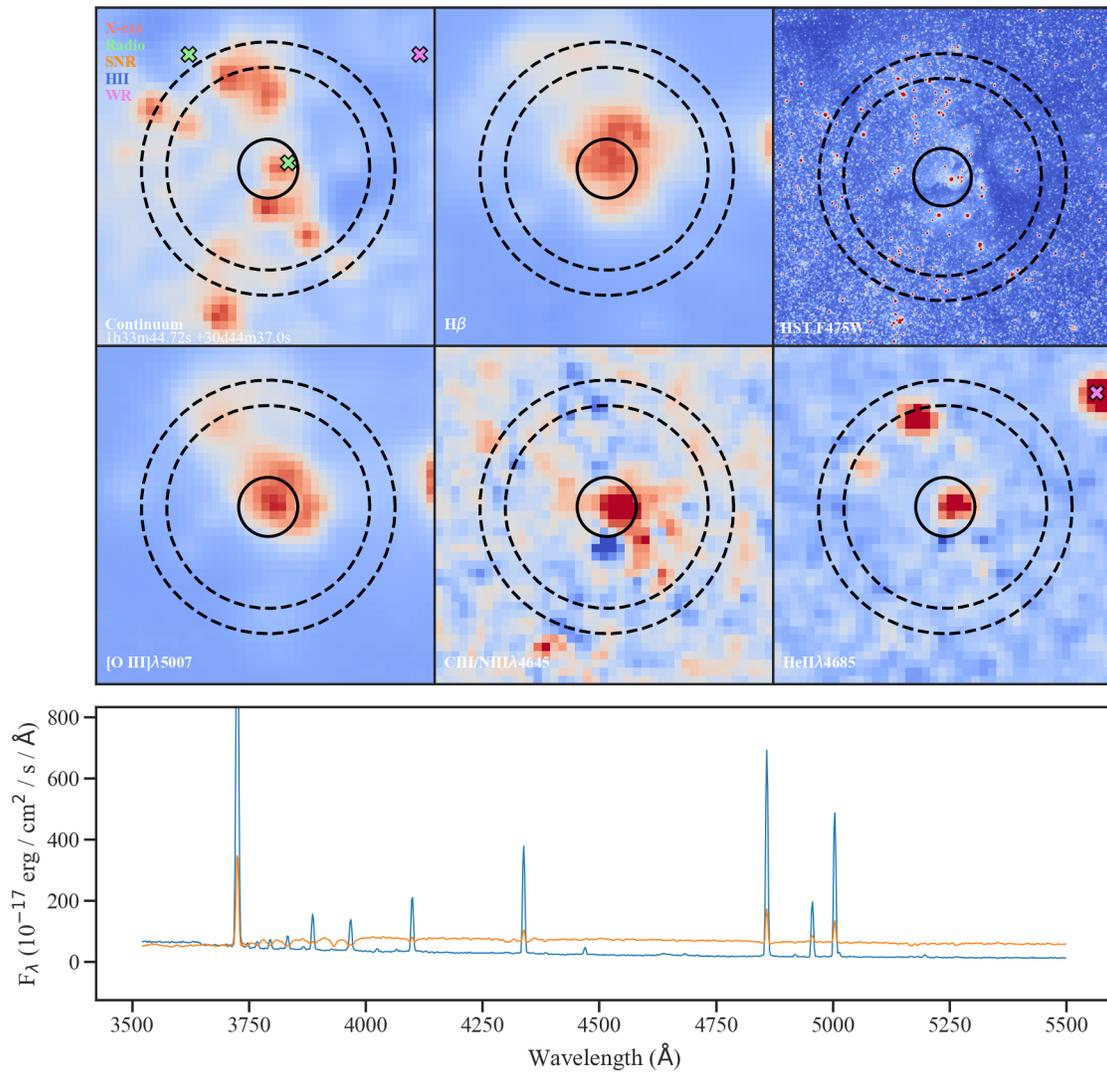
**Figure B.10:** Object 122e Inspection Diagram



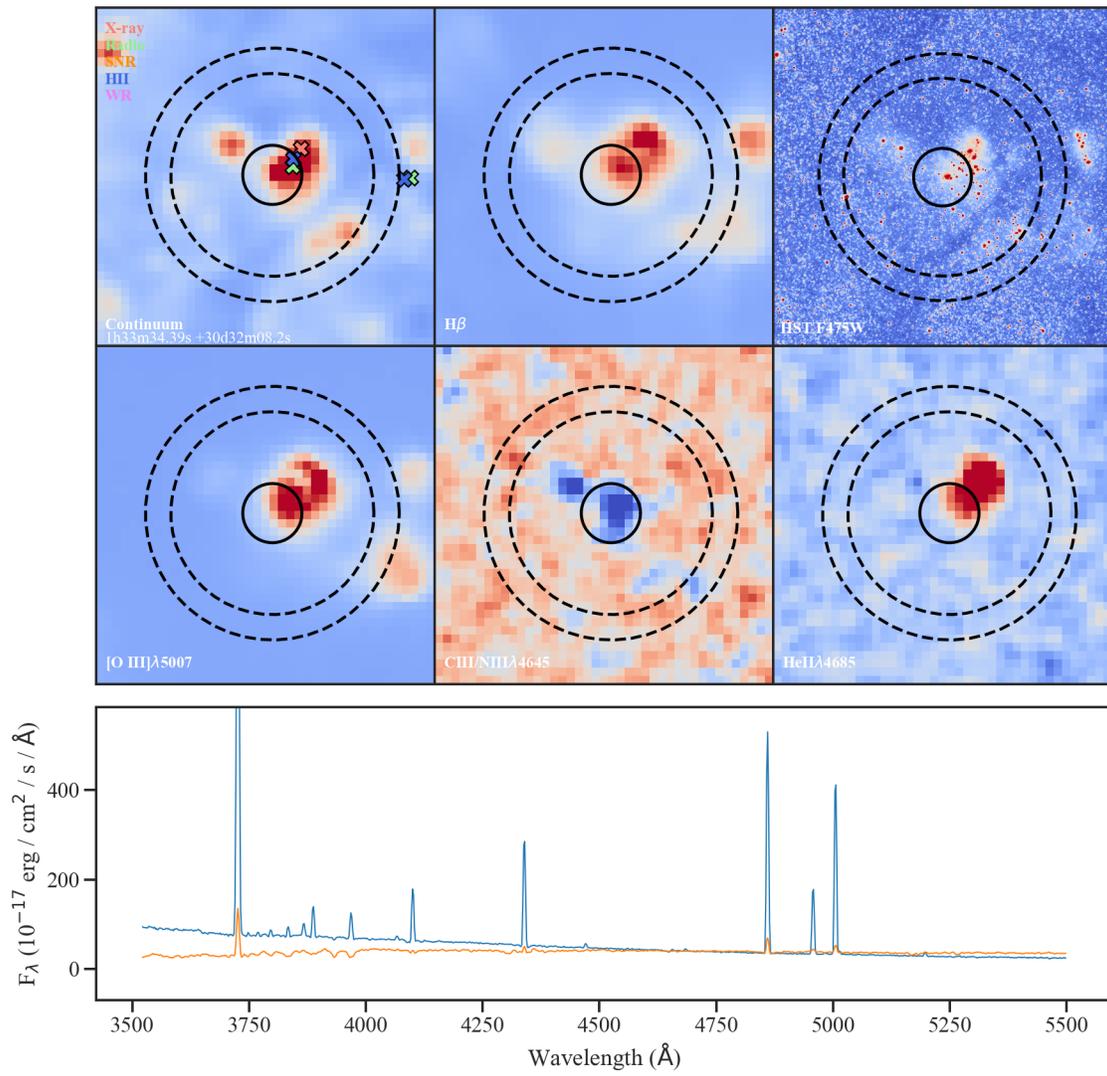
**Figure B.11:** Object 65b Inspection Diagram



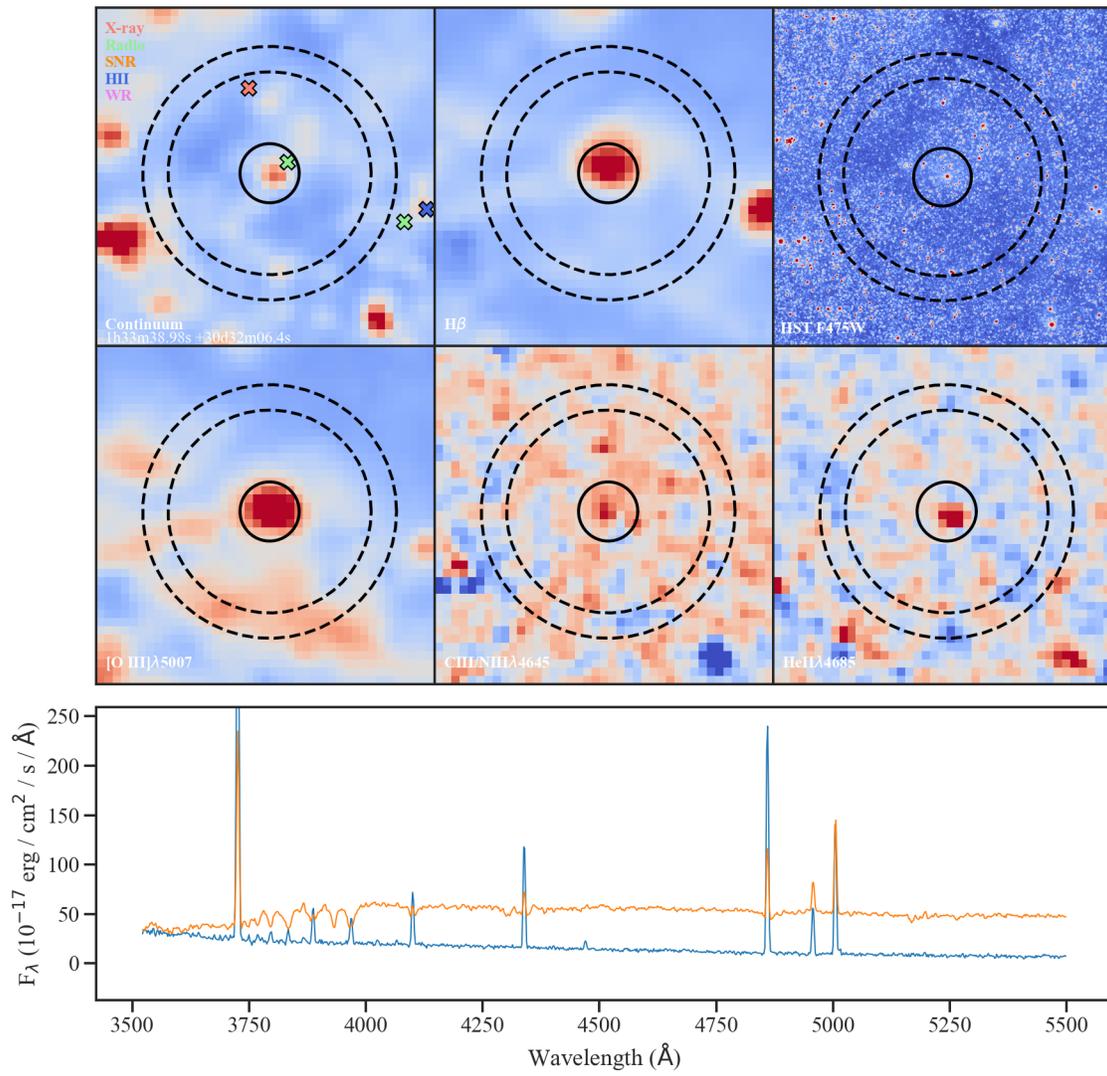
**Figure B.12:** Object 251b Inspection Diagram



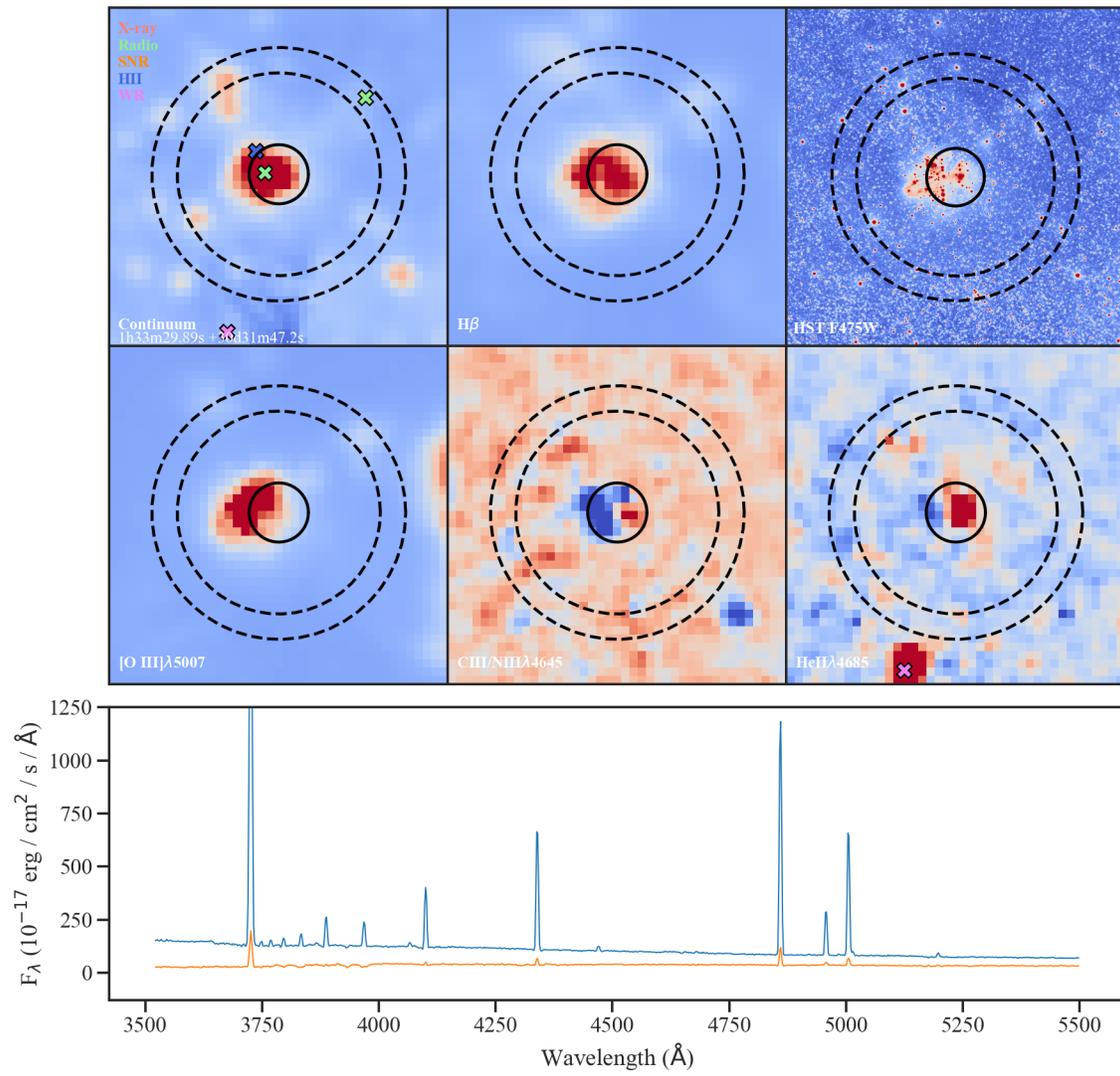
**Figure B.13:** Object 155b Inspection Diagram



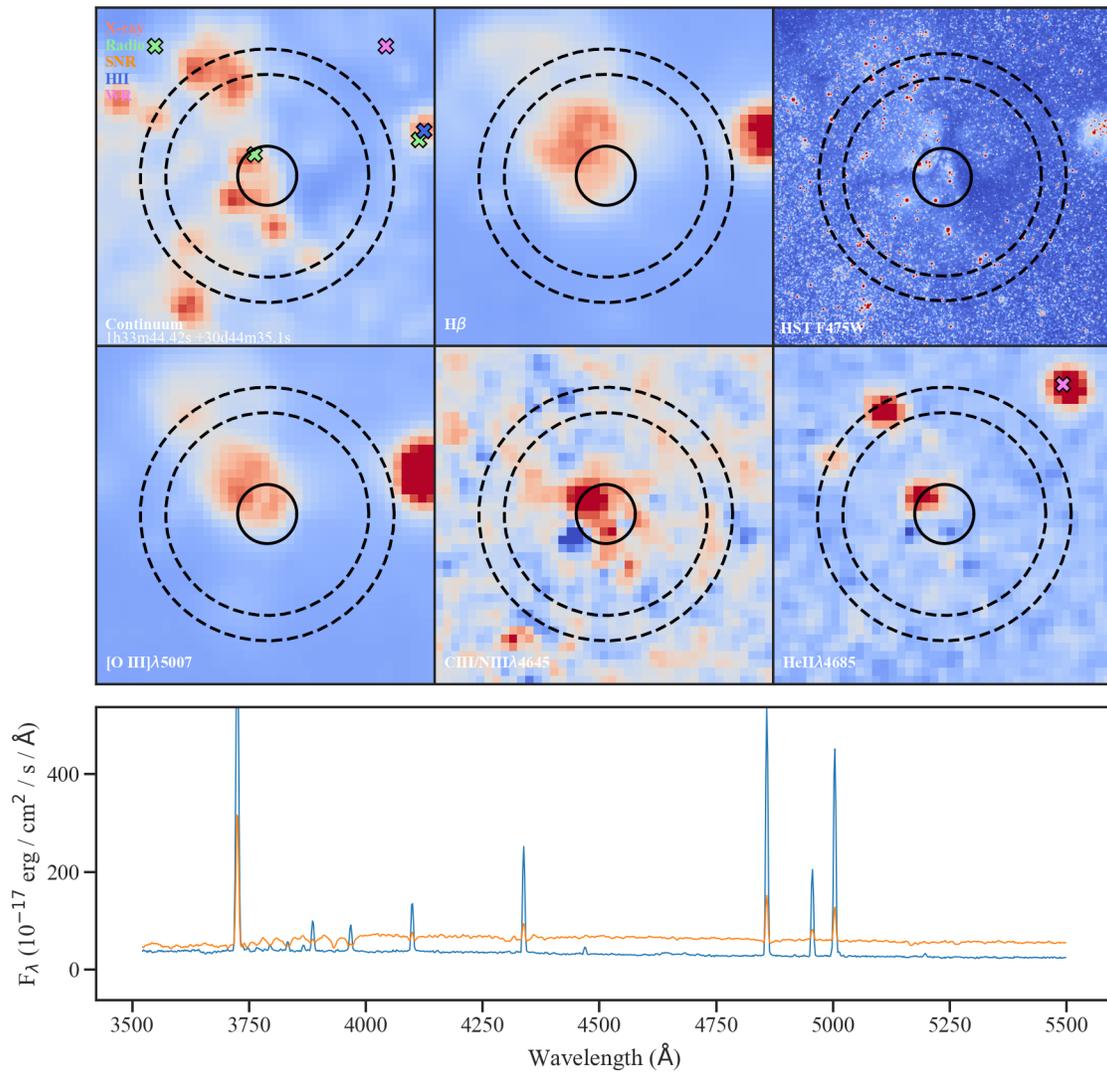
**Figure B.14:** Object 99b Inspection Diagram



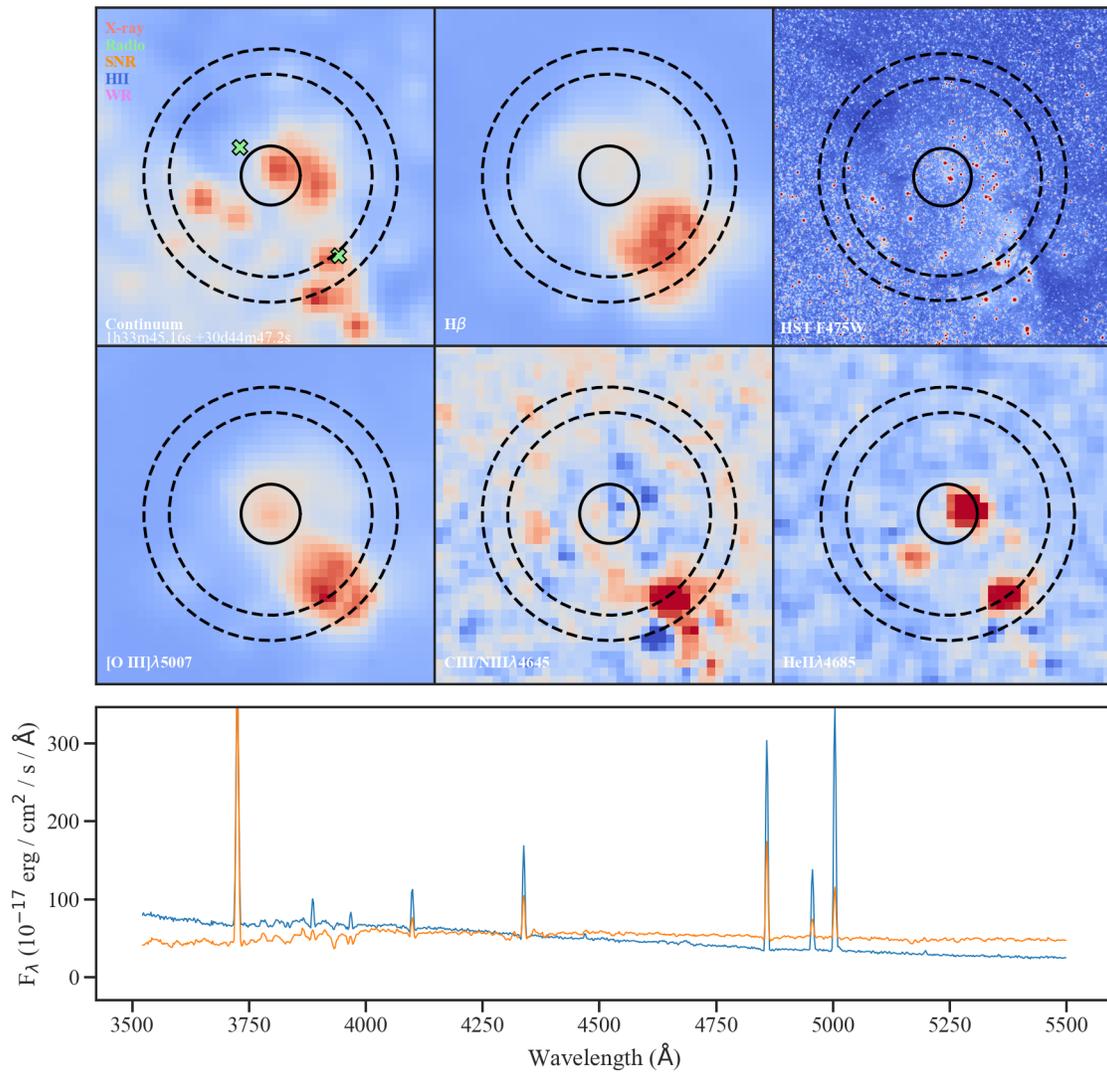
**Figure B.15:** Object 116b Inspection Diagram



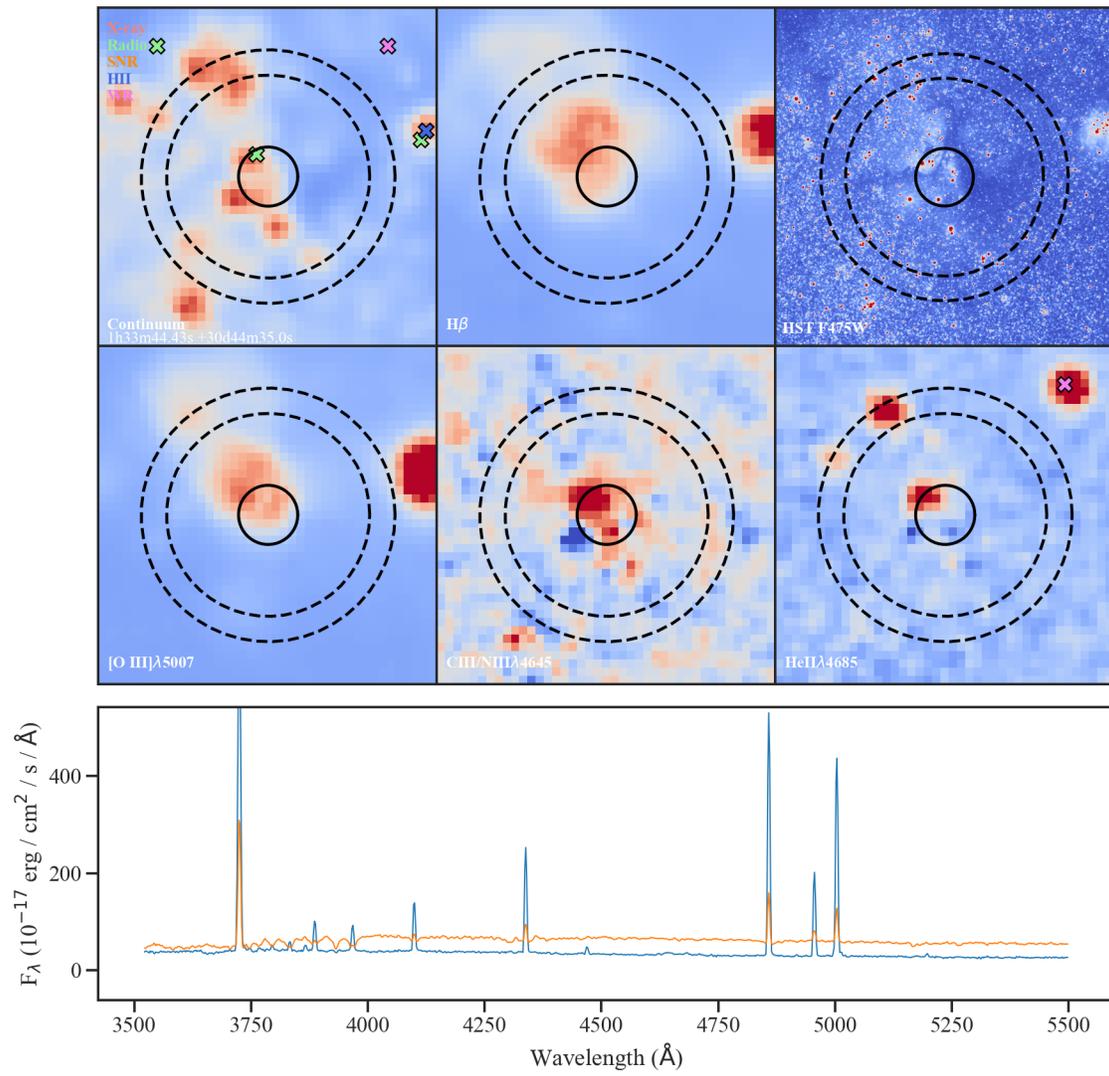
**Figure B.16:** Object 67b Inspection Diagram



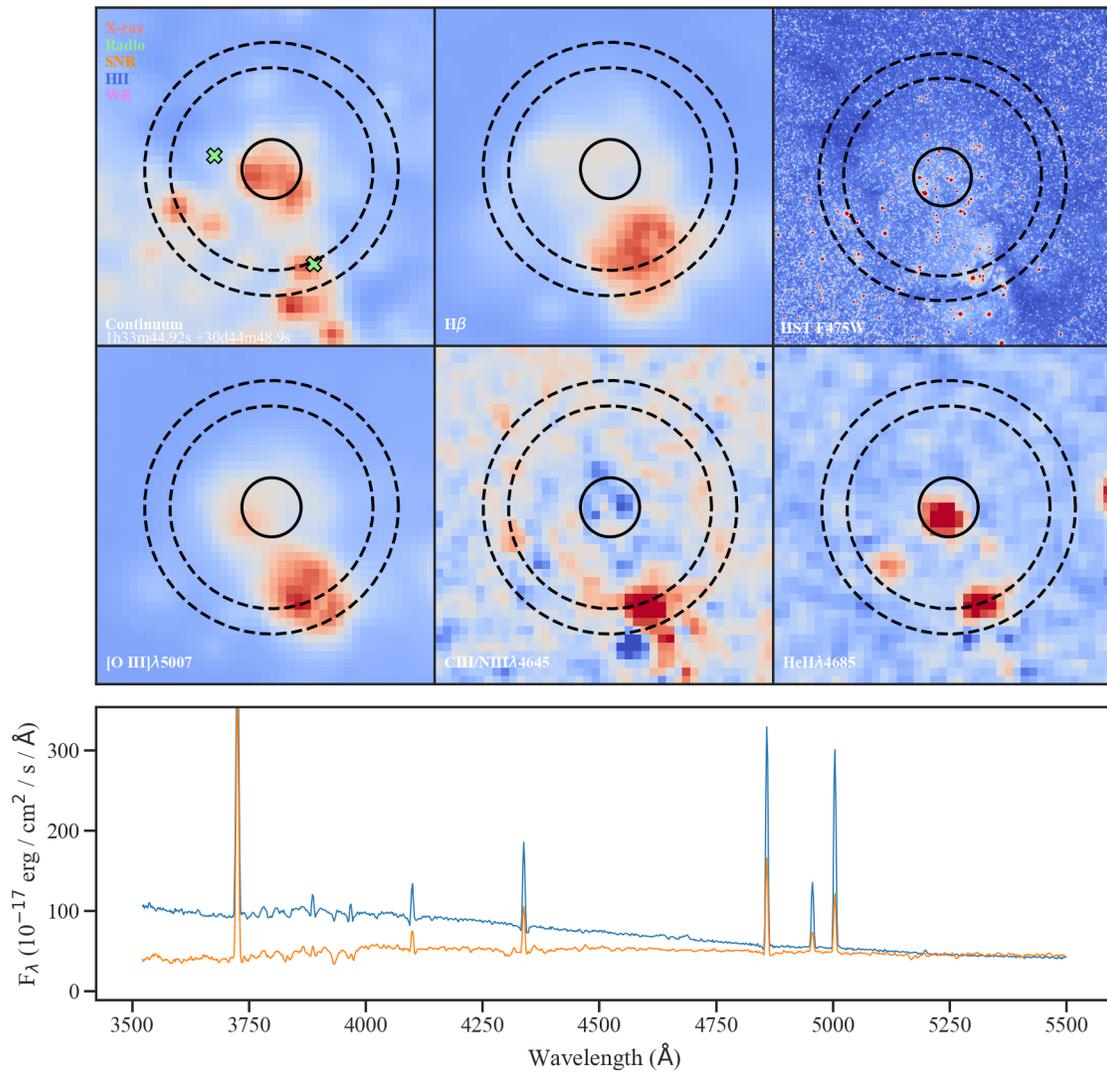
**Figure B.17:** Object 146b Inspection Diagram



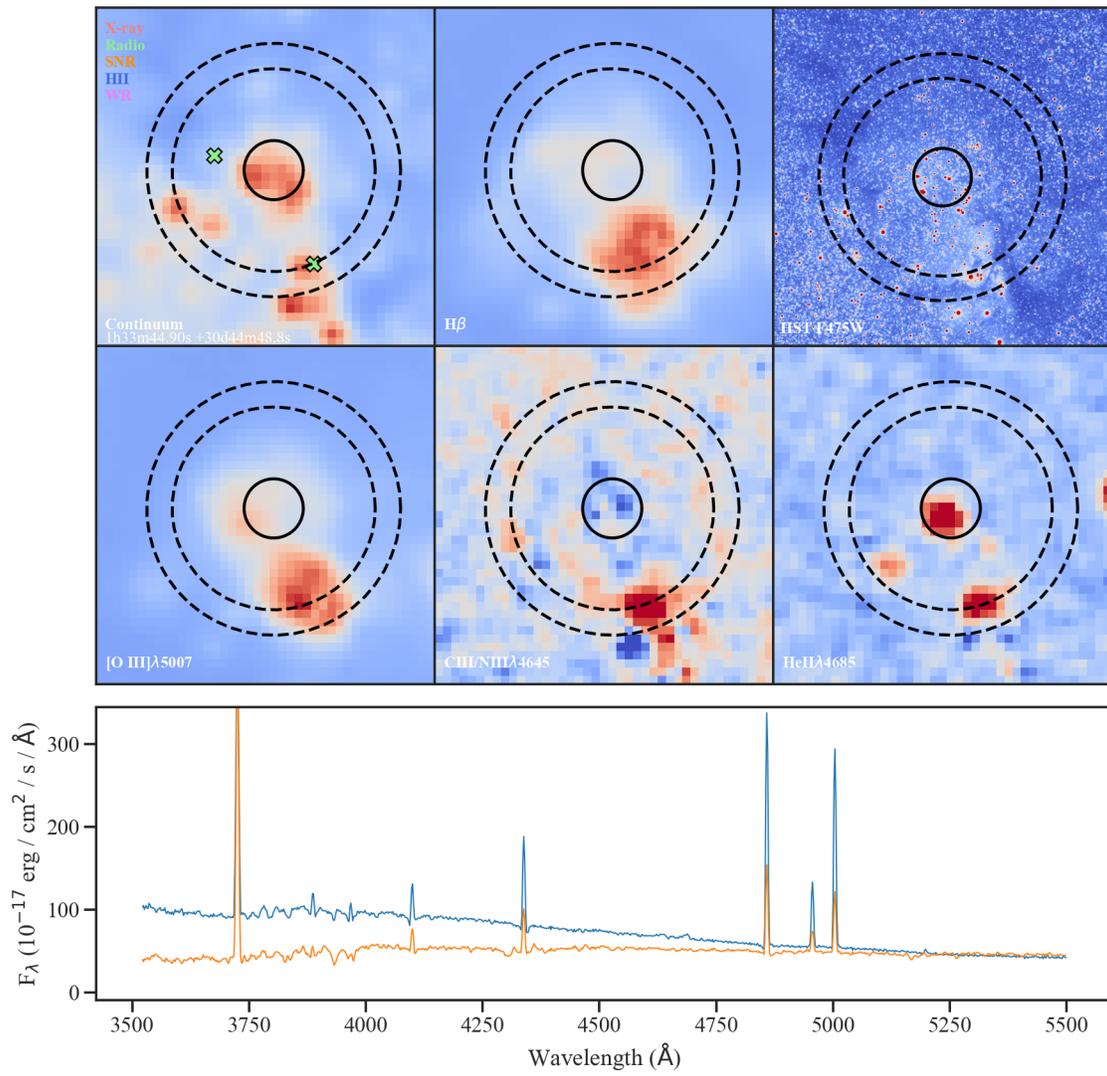
**Figure B.18:** Object 168b Inspection Diagram



**Figure B.19:** Object 147b Inspection Diagram

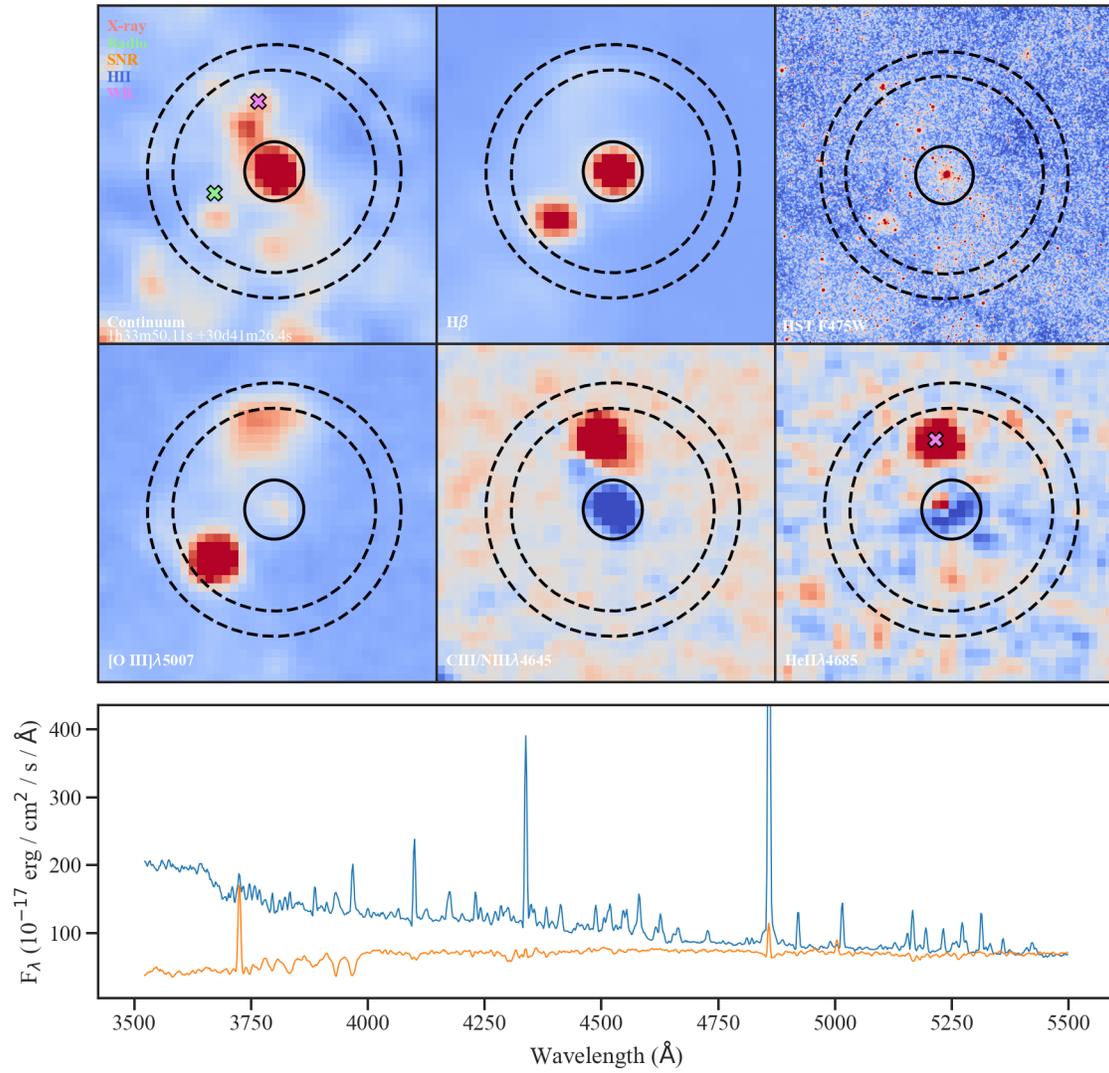


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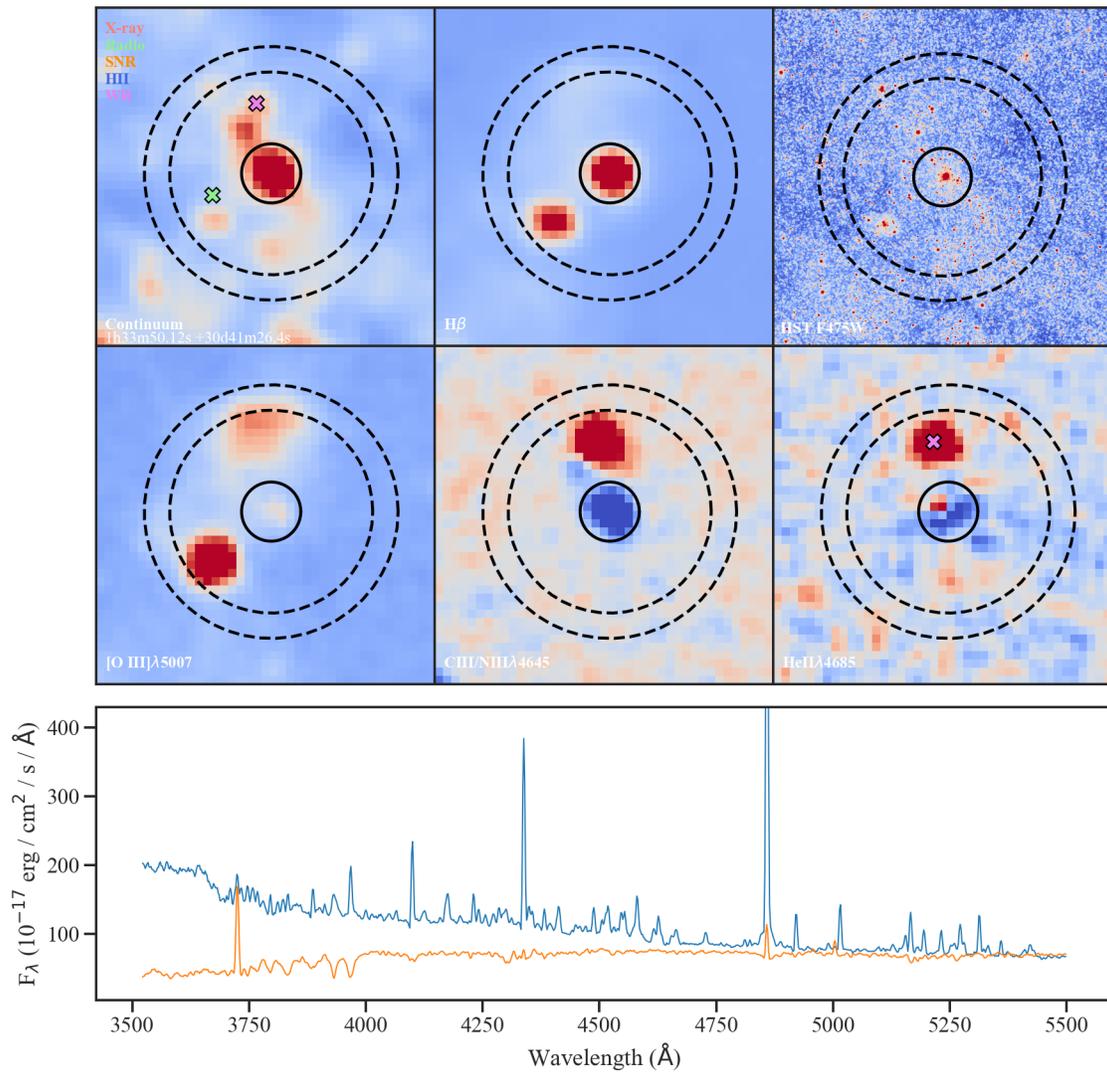


**Figure B.21:** Object 161b Inspection Diagram

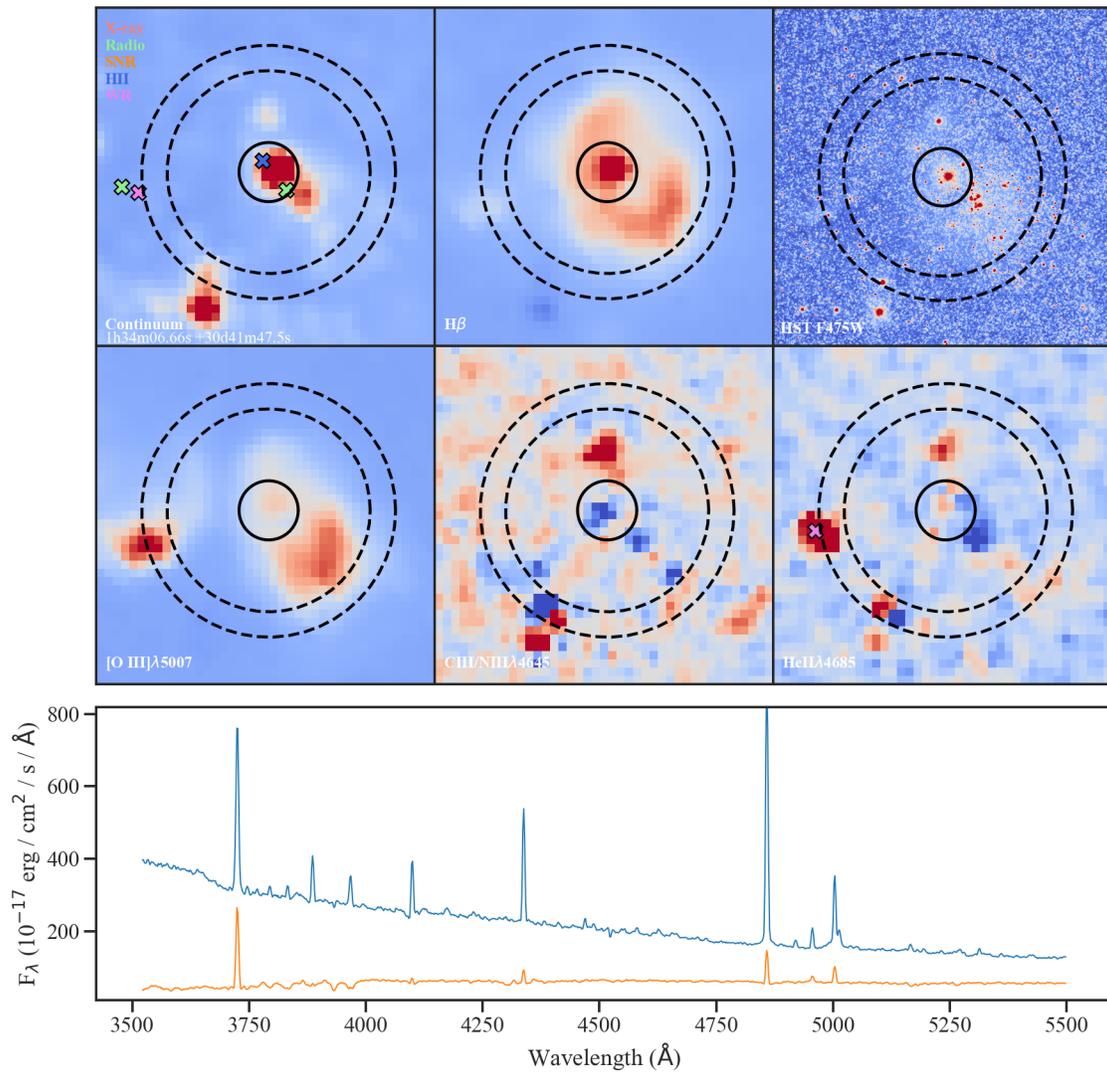
### B.3 Supergiant Stars



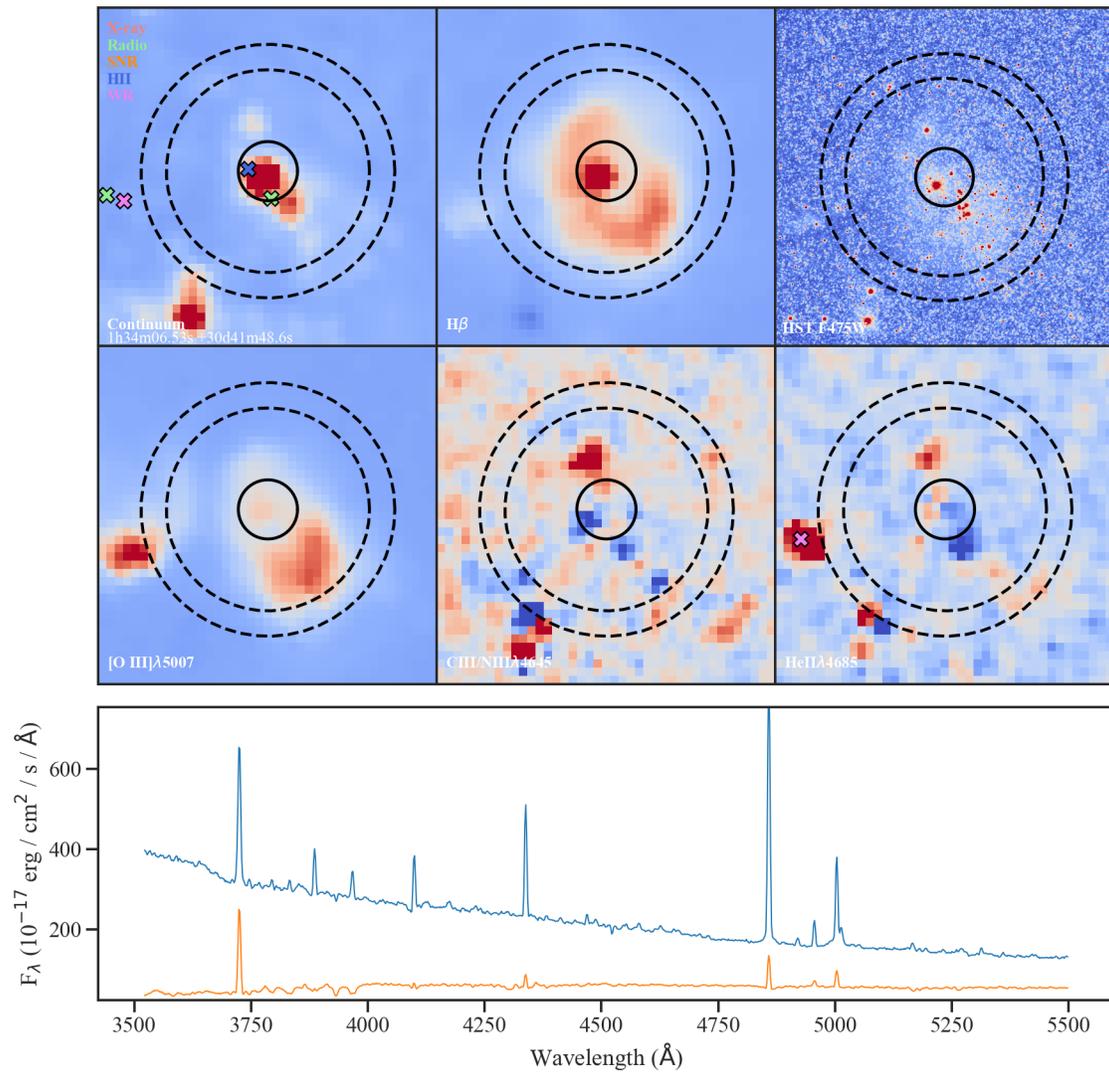
**Figure B.22:** Object 100e Inspection Diagram



**Figure B.23:** Object 101e Inspection Diagram

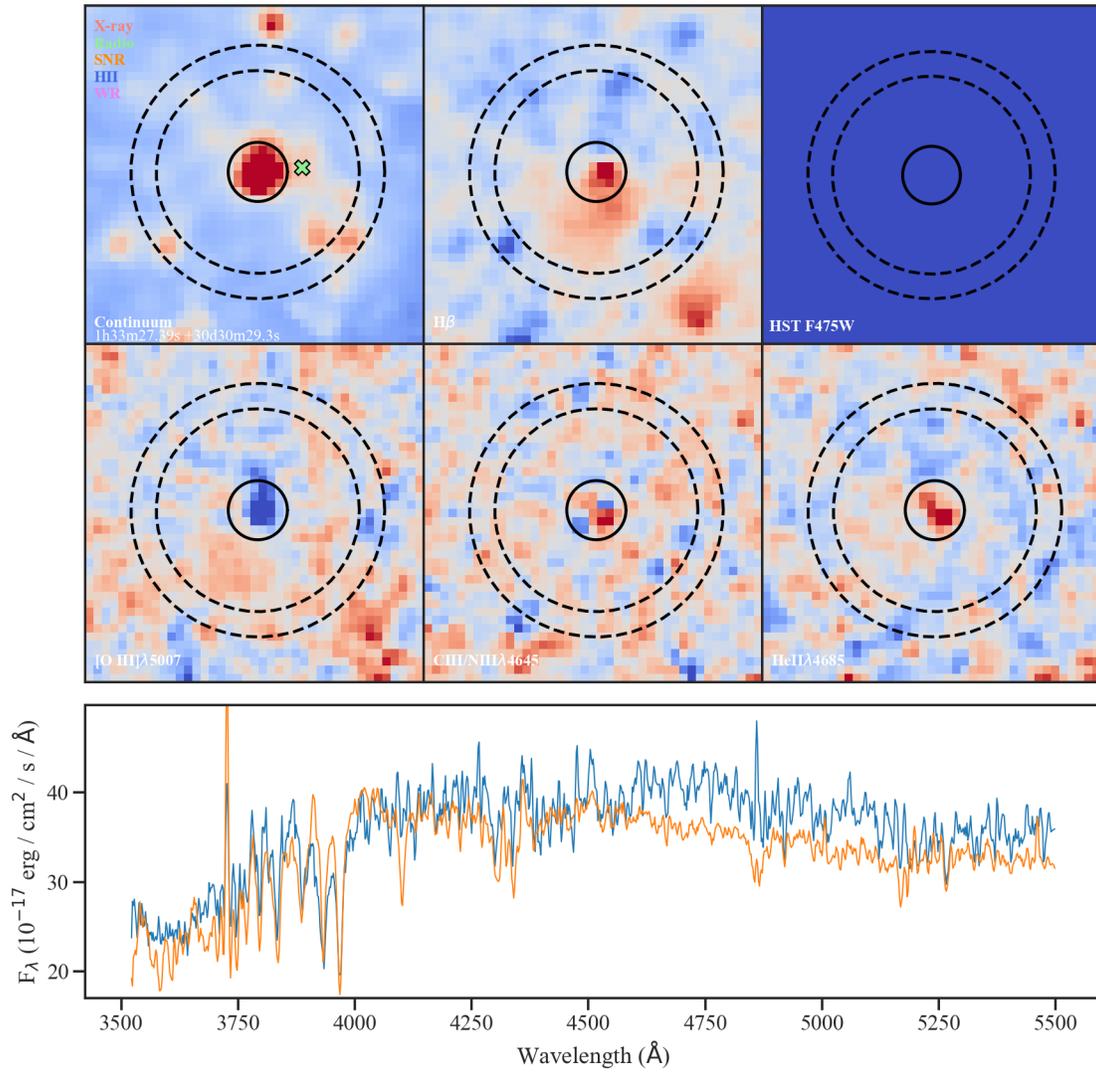


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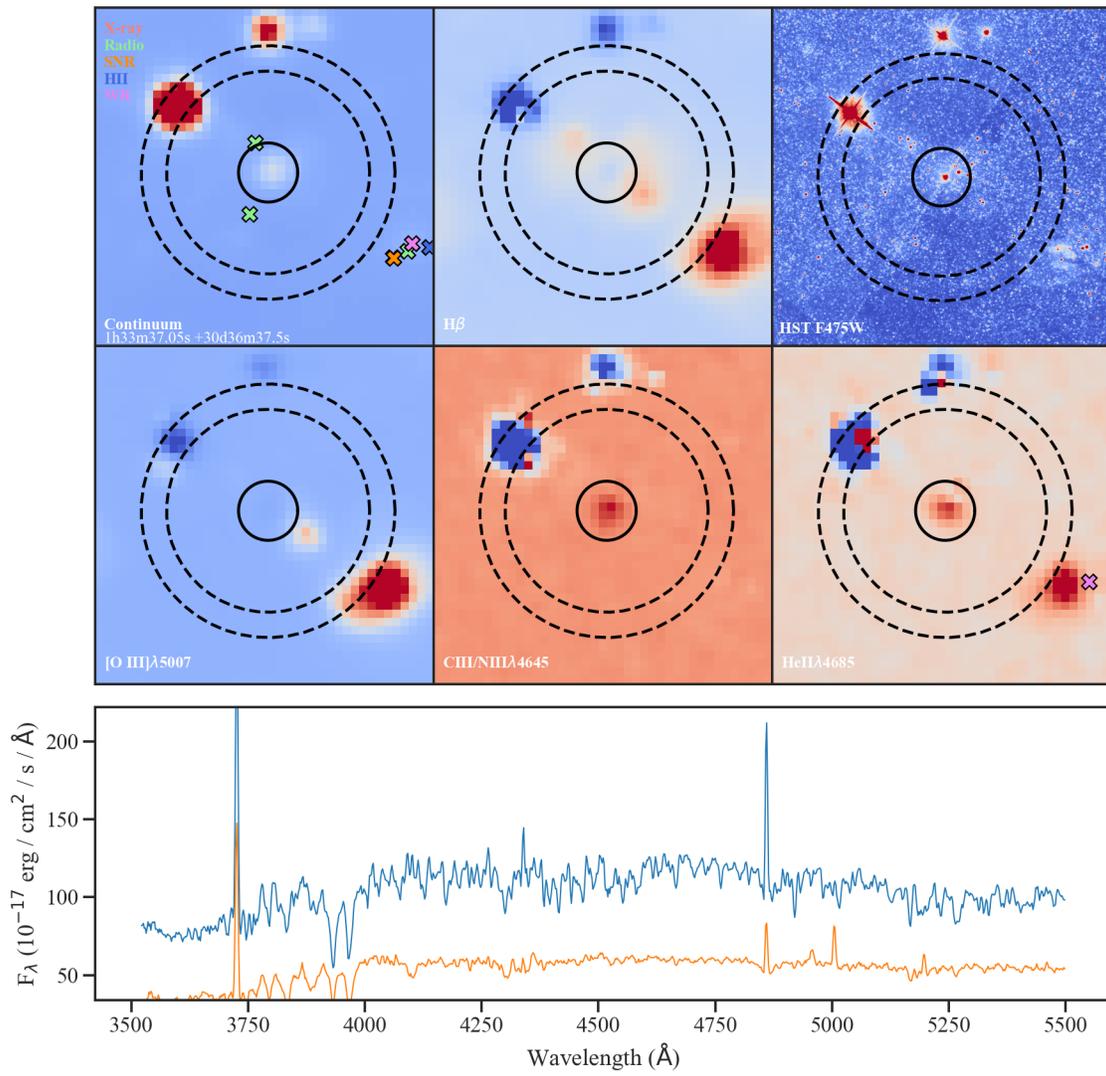


**Figure B.25:** Object 250b Inspection Diagram

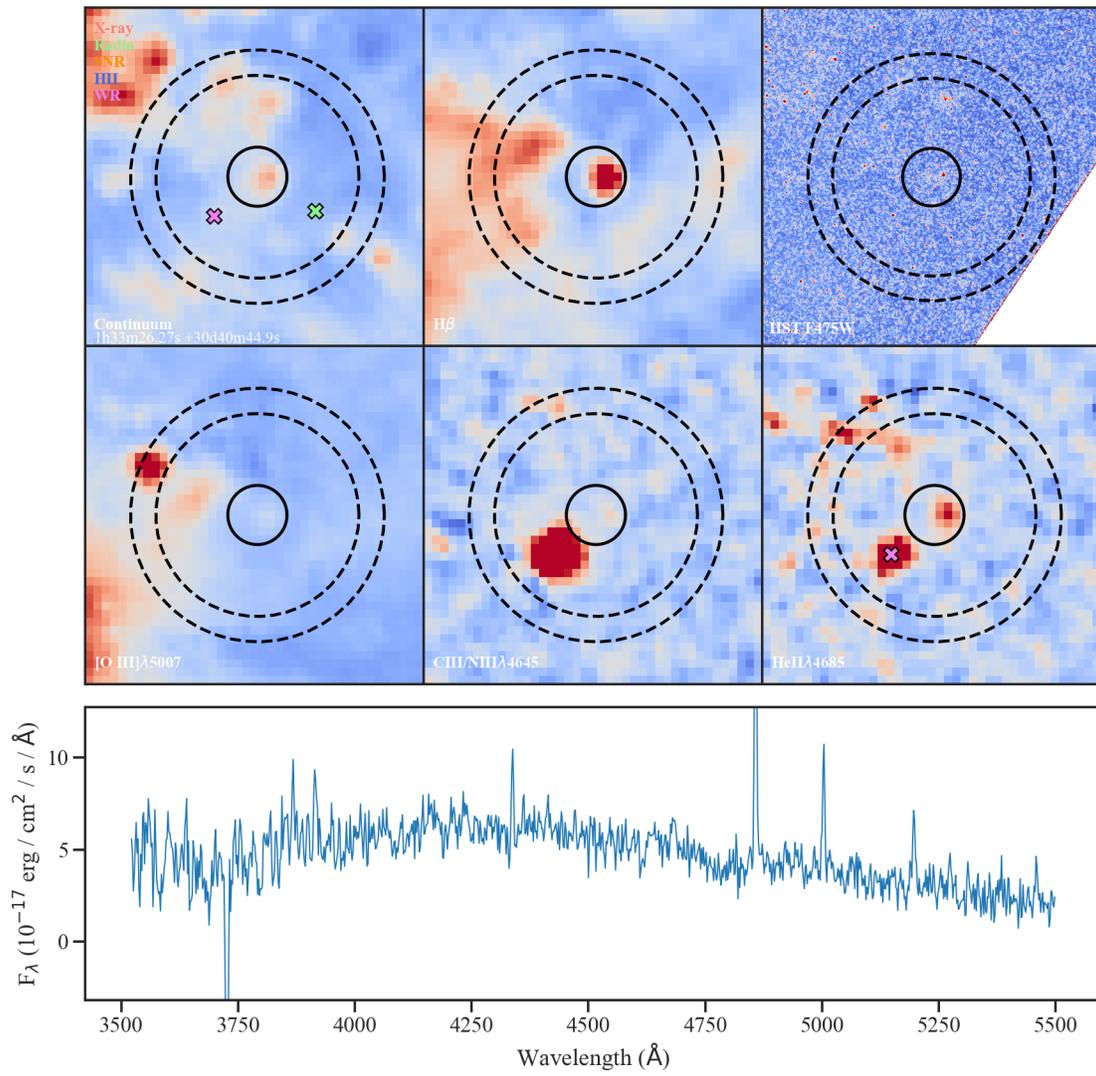
## B.4 Bright Star Spectra



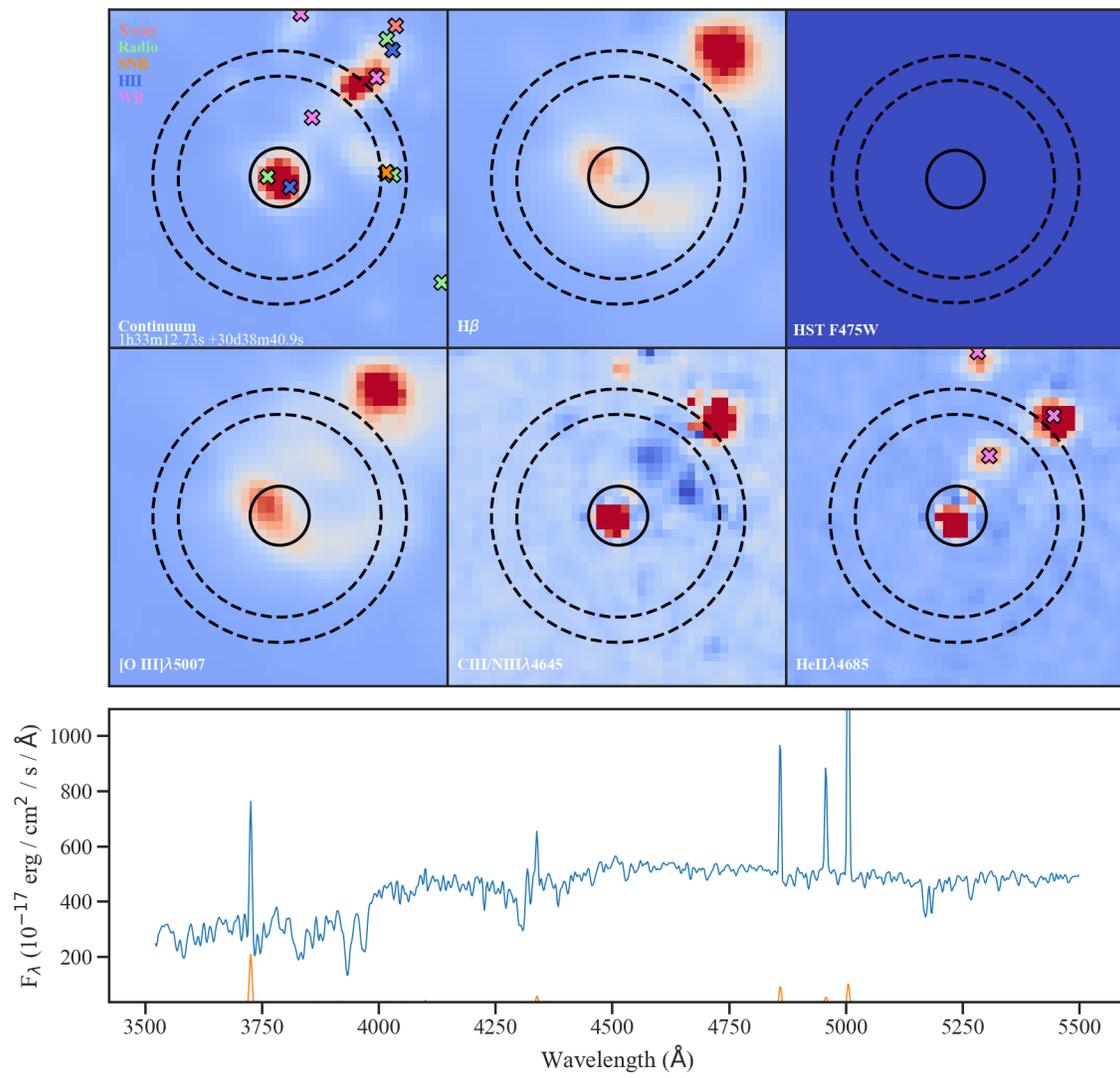
**Figure B.26:** Object 48e Inspection Diagram



**Figure B.27:** Object 113b Inspection Diagram

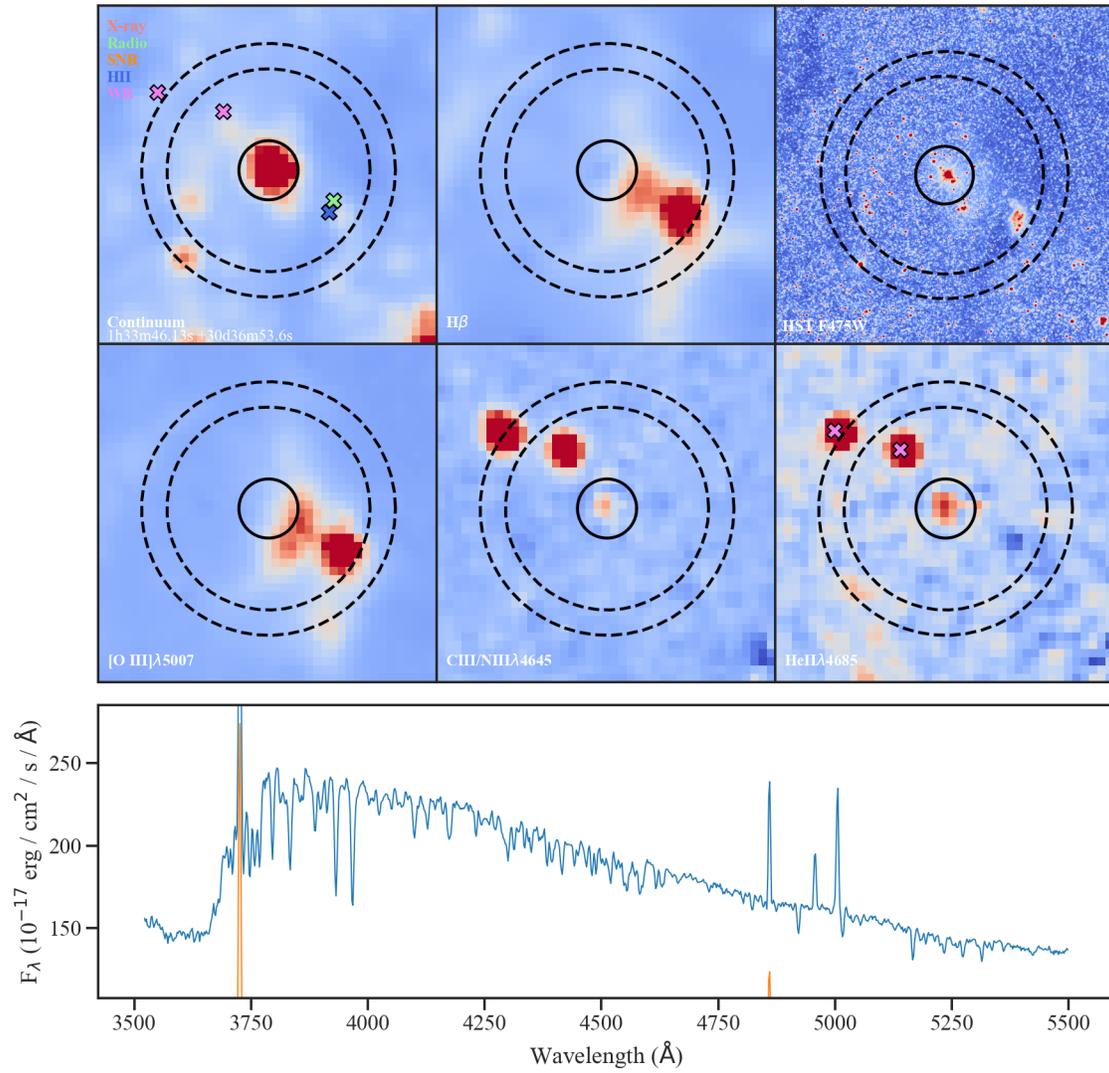


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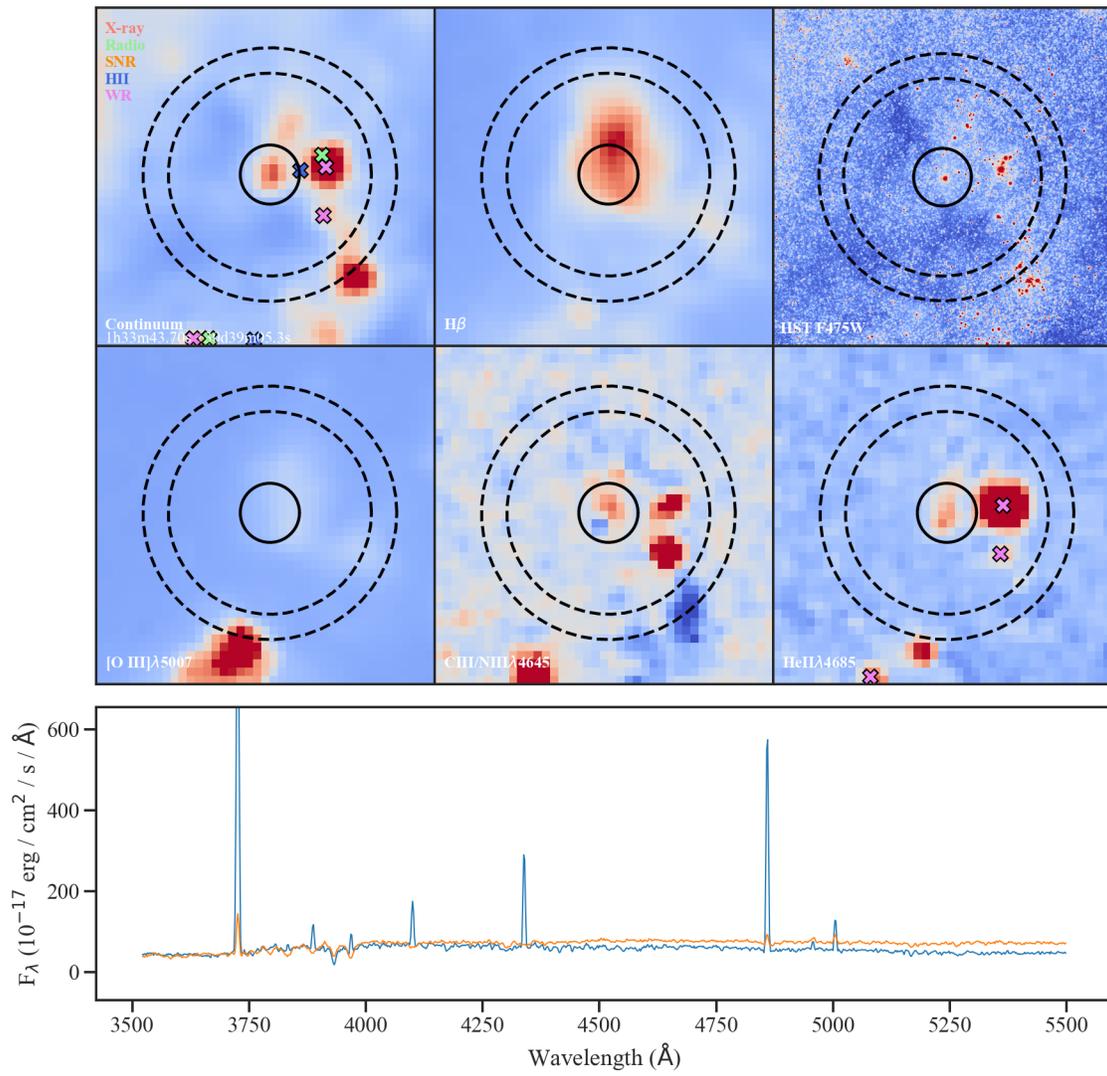


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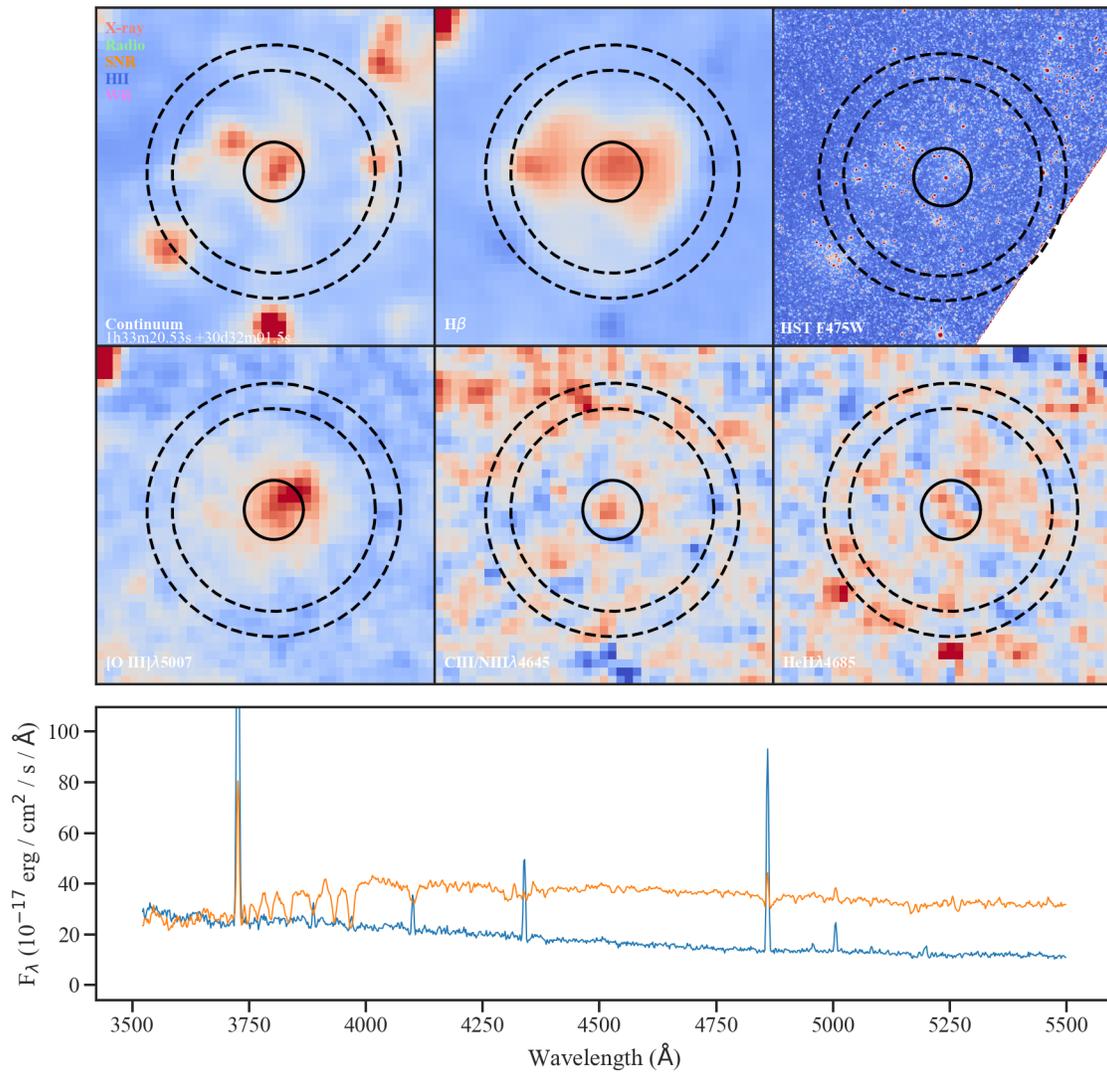
## B.5 Narrow Emission Spectra



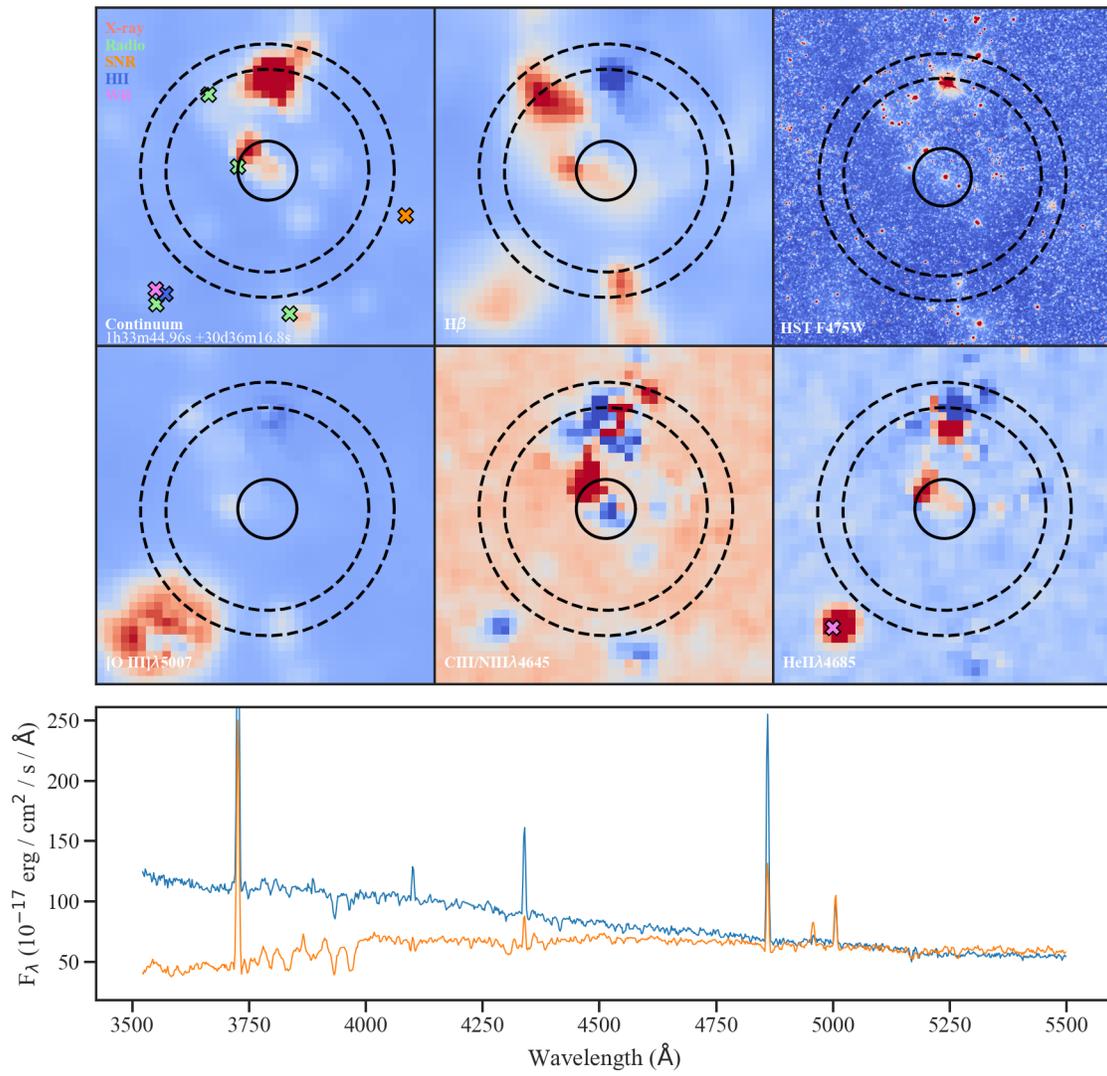
**Figure B.30:** Object 177b Inspection Diagram



**Figure B.31:** Object 139b Inspection Diagram



**Figure B.32:** Object 49b Inspection Diagram



**Figure B.33:** Object 164b Inspection Diagram