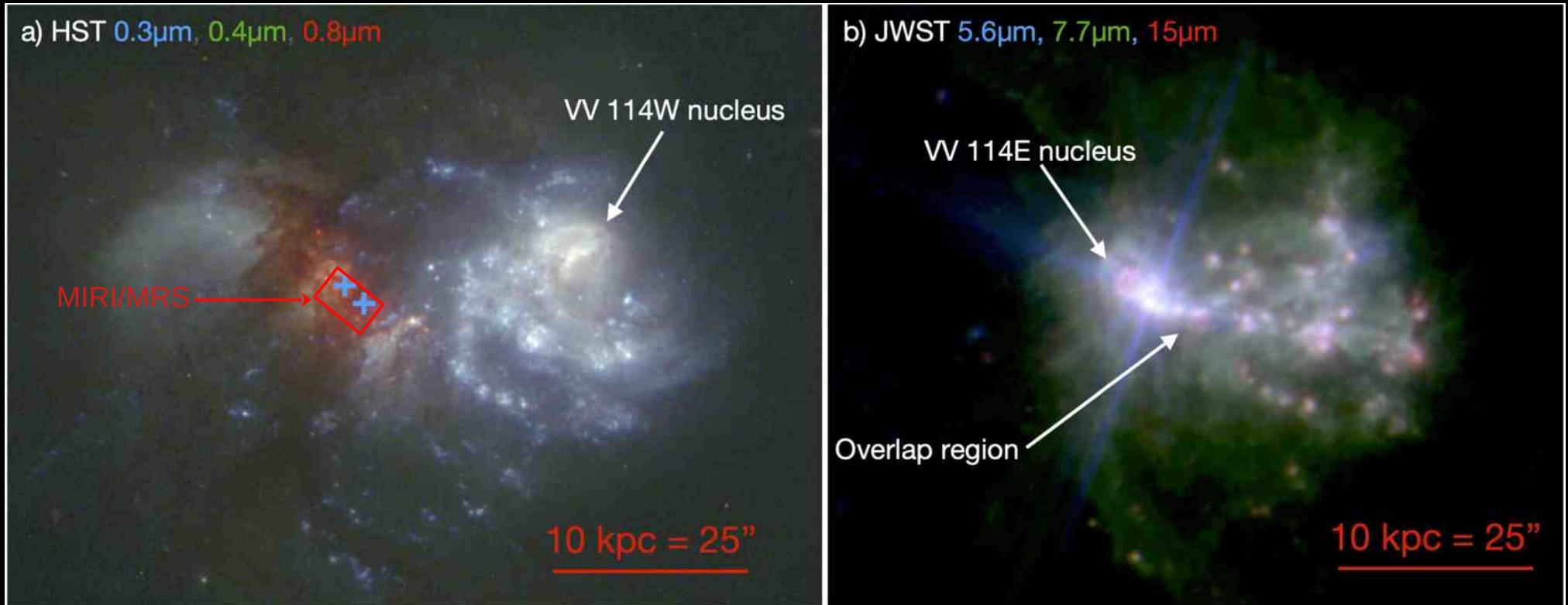


# Exploring the Interacting VV 114E Cores with MIRI/MRS

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# VV 114: Arp236, IC1623

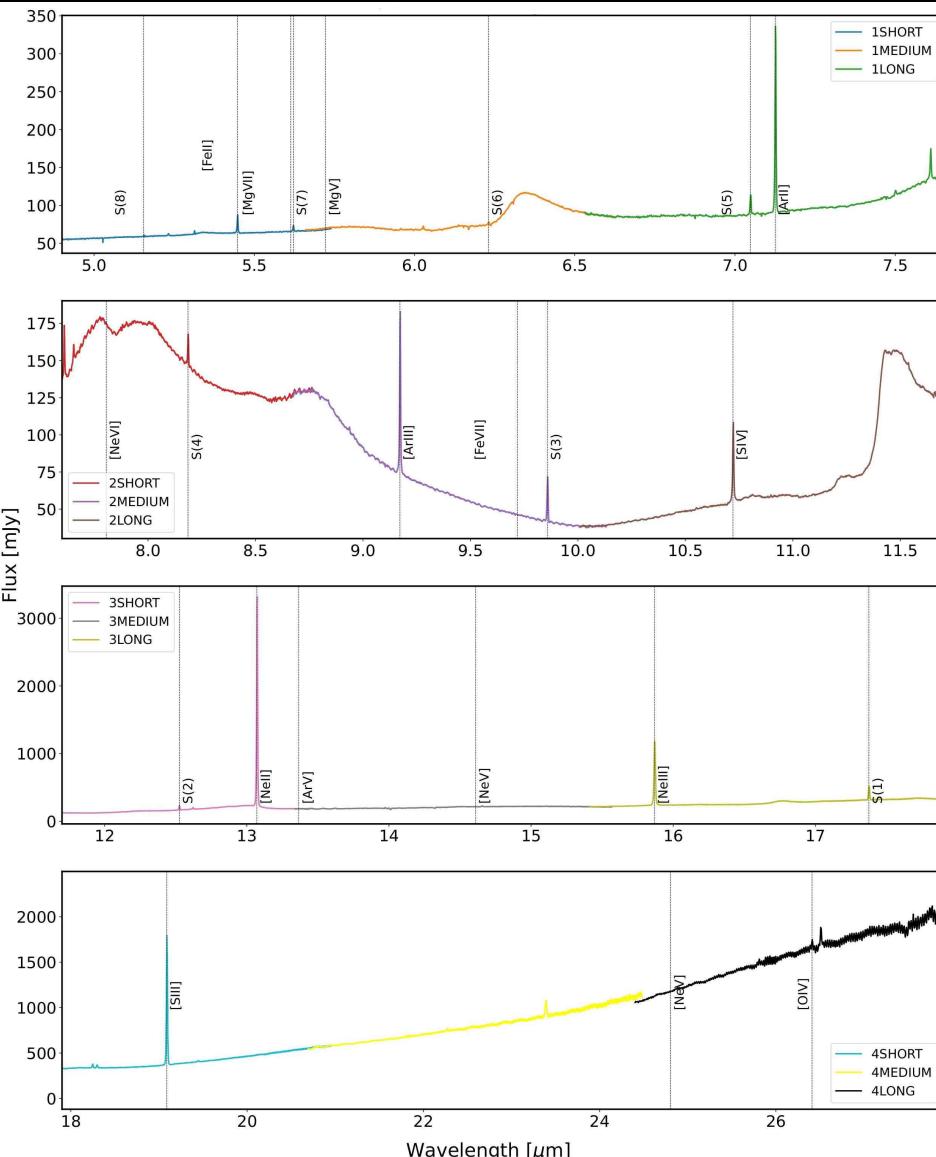


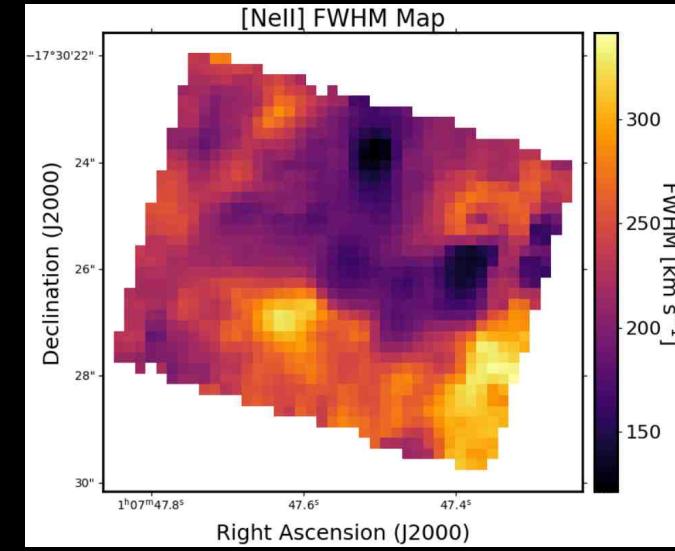
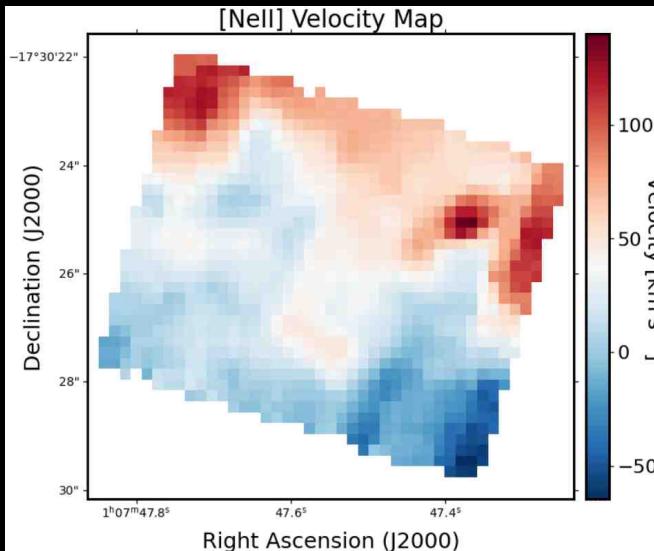
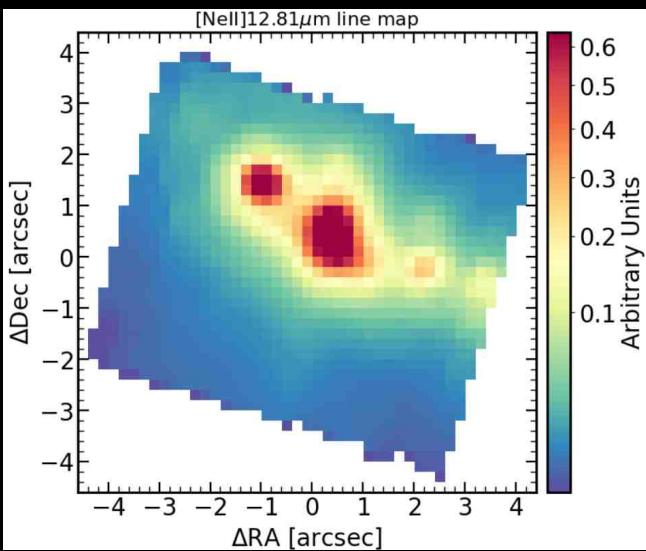
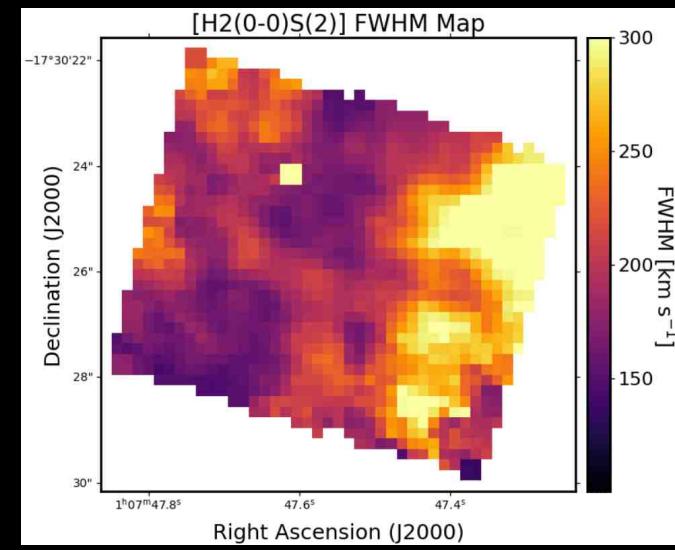
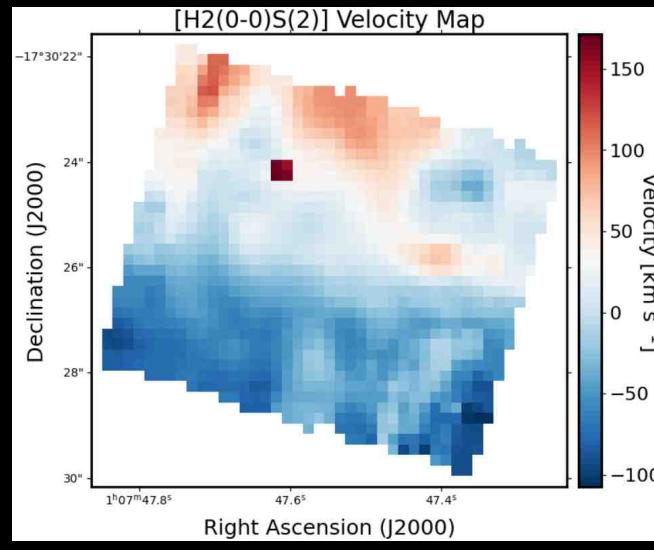
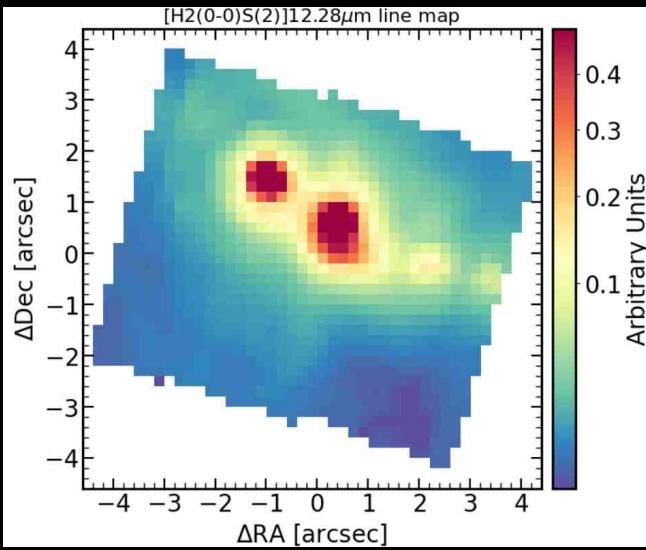
+ symbols mark the location of the VV 114E  
NE and SW cores detected with MIRI

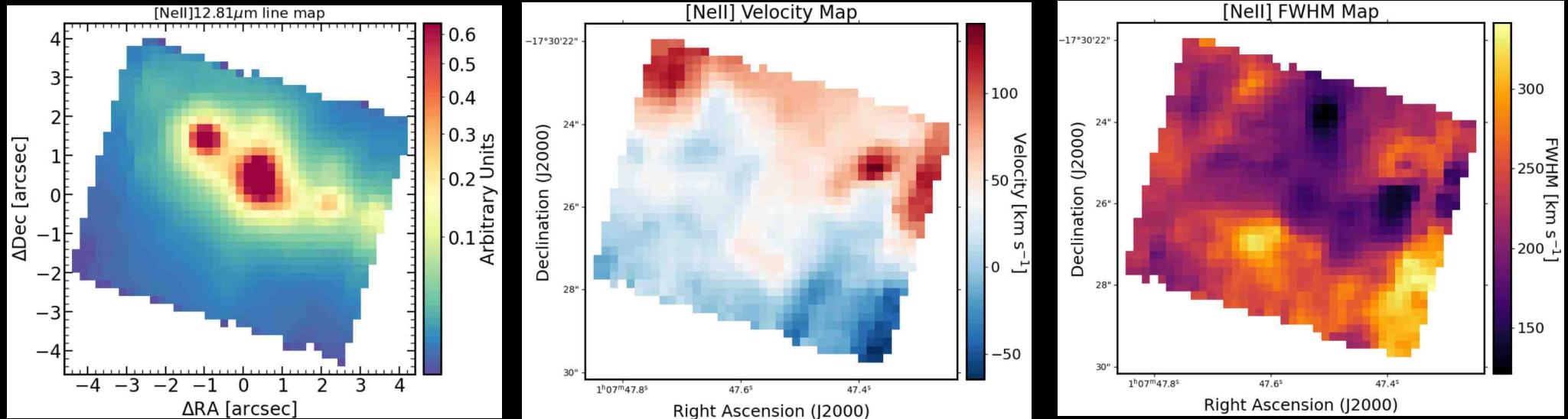
Evans et al. 2022 (GOALS - JWST)

# MIRI/MRS Spectra

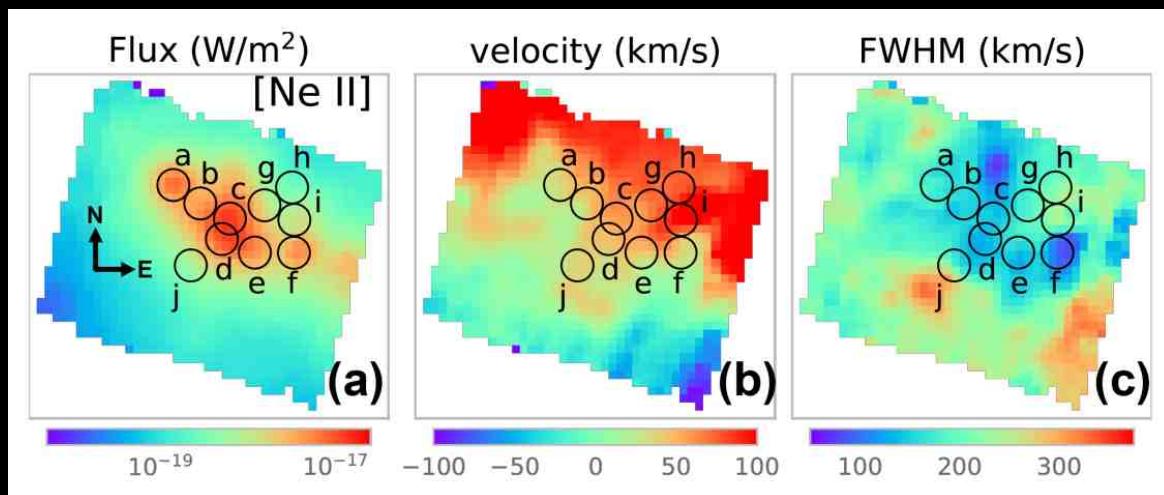
- **9.7  $\mu\text{m}$  Silicate absorption**  
Measures dust obscuration
- **H<sub>2</sub> S(3), H<sub>2</sub> S(2), H<sub>2</sub> S(1)**  
Warm molecular hydrogen emission
- **[Ar II], [Ne II]**  
Low-ionization lines, star-formation
- **[Ar III], [Ne III], [S III], [S IV]**  
Higher-ionization lines, AGN tracers?
- **No high-ionization coronal lines (e.g., [Ne V], [Ne VI])**
- **Pf $\alpha$  (faint)**  
Hydrogen recombination line, star-forming regions heavily obscured by gas, dust

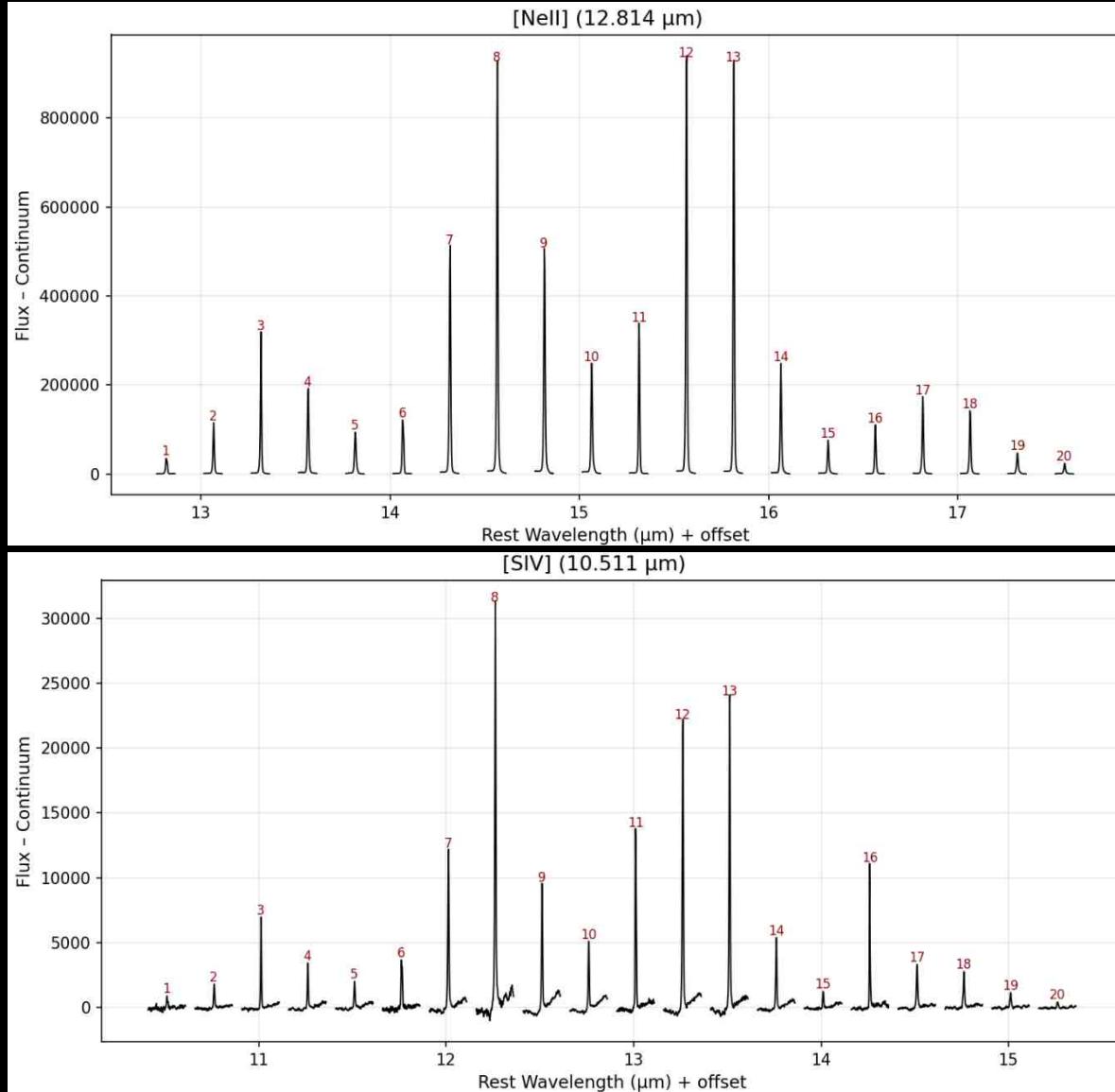
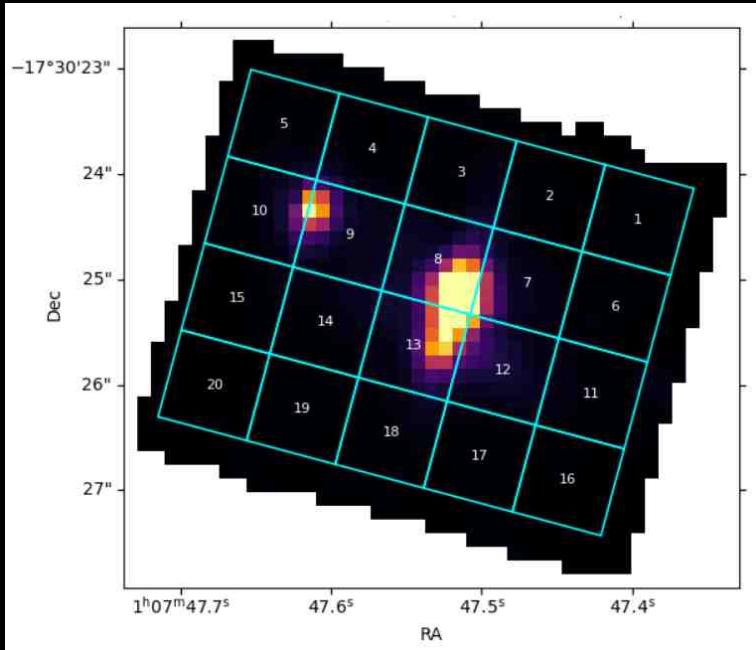






- Complex gas dynamics
- **Tidal Features:** South of the nucleus, consistent with extended tidal feature of interacting galaxy system
- **Outflows:** Broadening, multiple kinematic components





- Regions 9+10:  
[NeII]/[SIV] = 60.684
- Regions 8+7+12+13 :  
[NeII]/[SIV] = 44.267
- MIR not enough to explain the presence of an AGN.
- NIRSpec! (Rich et al. 2023)

# Thank You!



IF PEOPLE SAT OUTSIDE  
AND LOOKED AT THE STARS  
EACH NIGHT, I'LL BET THEY'D  
LIVE A LOT DIFFERENTLY.

