Spectrum of S Aps at deep minimum

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Abstract. A high resolution spectrum ($\sim 30,000$) of the cool RCrB star S Aps was obtained on 5 June 1993 (JD2449143.500) with the CTIO 4 metre cassegrain échelle spectrograph when the star was undergoing a deep light minimum.

The spectrum shows several emission lines superposed on the absorption spectrum. The spectrum has several interesting features, particularly interesting are the features of the NaI D lines. There are two emission systems present (as is typical in RCrB type stars at minimum).

- (1) A very broad emission (FWHM = 340 $\rm Km\,s^{-1}$) is blue shifted by -98km $\rm s^{-1}$ with respect to the stellar velocity of -78 km $\rm s^{-1}$ as reported by Herbig (1993).
- (2) A sharper component (FWHM = $49 \text{ km} s^{-1}$) is located at the stellar velocity. (Na emission from the terrestrial airglow is seen but is clearly resolved from the two stellar components).

The infrared triplet lines of CaII at $\lambda 8495$, 8547 have emissions corresponding to the second set of emissions seen at NaI D (at radial velocity -81Km/s).

The broad emission lines seen here only in the Na D lines are similar to those seen in the few other R CrB's observed in minimum (Rao and Lambert 1993, A.J. 105, 1915; Lambert et. al 1990, JAA, 11, 475; Kenneth and Gaposchkin 1963, Ap.J, 139, 813). The broad lines are clearly blue shifted with respect to the stellar velocity. It is possible that the broad emissions from S Aps arise from an extended region which is asymmetrically arranged about the star such as a bipolar flow with the receding jet obscured by dust. The sharp emissions are quite likely the 'chromospheric' emission lines seen in the declines of all R CrBs.