

# Discovery of Raman-scattered He II λ6545 in the Planetary Nebulae NGC 6886 and NGC 6881

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#### Abstract

Young planetary nebulae (PNe) retain a large amount of neutral material that was shed in the previous asymptotic giant branch stage. The thick H I region in young PNe can be effectively probed by illuminating far-UV radiation that may be inelastically scattered to appear in the optical region. Raman-scattered features are unique spectroscopic tracers of neutral regions that can be used to investigate the mass-loss process in young PNe. We conduct high-resolution spectroscopy of young PNe using the Bohyunsan Observatory Echelle Spectrograph (BOES) and report the discovery of a Raman-scattered He II feature at 6545 Å in NGC 6886 and NGC 6881. The Raman-scattered He II features have been found in only five PNe so far, and in particular, it is the first direct detection of an H<sub>I</sub> component in NGC 6881. The Raman He II  $\lambda$ 6545 features in the two PNe are observed to be redshifted with respect to He II λ6560, indicating that the neutral regions are expanding. We perform line profile analyses using the grid-based Monte Carlo code "STaRS" by assuming a neutral hydrogen region in the shape of a partial spherical shell expanding radially. The profiles are well fitted with the model parameters of covering factor  $CF = 0.3$ , H<sub>I</sub> column density  $N_{\text{HI}} = 5 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , and expansion speed  $v_{\text{exp}} = 25 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for NGC 6886 and  $CF = 0.6$ ,  $N_{\text{HI}} = 3 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , and  $v_{\text{exp}} = 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  fo respectively.

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## 1. Introduction

Low- and intermediate-mass stars  $(0.8 - 8 M_{\odot})$  lose a significant fraction of their mass through slow stellar winds in the asymptotic giant branch (AGB) stage, which plays a crucial role in the chemical enrichment of the interstellar medium (Kwok [2005;](#page-4-0) Höfner & Olofsson [2018](#page-4-0)). The hot core part evolves into a white dwarf with a mass less than the Chandrasekhar limit ( $M_{\text{WD}} < 1.4 M_{\odot}$ ), and the ejected material forms a planetary nebula (PN). A young PN is an ionization-bounded system that contains both ionized and neutral regions (Webster et al. [1988](#page-4-0); Dinerstein [1991](#page-4-0); Taylor et al. [1990](#page-4-0); Kastner et al. [1996;](#page-4-0) Huggins et al. [2005;](#page-4-0) Guzman-Ramirez et al. [2018](#page-4-0)). Because young PNe have recently entered into the PN stage, they are ideal objects to investigate the massloss history in the late stage of stellar evolution.

The existence of an H I component in PNe is known, but still not well understood. One possibility for the existence of an H I component is left over from the previous AGB stage (Glassgold & Huggins [1983](#page-4-0)). Another possibility is that the atomic hydrogen component is formed by the photodissociation of  $H_2$ . H<sub>I</sub> provides important information about the outer region of the circumstellar envelope (CSE) and the interaction between the CSE and interstellar medium (Matthews et al. [2013](#page-4-0)). Although atomic components are difficult to investigate due to severe confusion from the Galactic emission, successful H I 21 cm observations have been carried out, resulting in successful detections of H I regions with mass  $\sim 0.01 M_{\odot}$  in a number of young PNe (Taylor et al. [1990;](#page-4-0) Gussie & Taylor [1995](#page-4-0)).

Another useful tool to probe the thick neutral region is Raman-scattered emission line features formed via the inelastic scattering of far-UV photons by hydrogen atoms. When a far-UV photon with energy near  $Ly\beta$  is incident on a hydrogen atom, an optical photon near H $\alpha$  can be emitted if the hydrogen

atom deexcites into the 2s state instead of the ground state. Raman scattering with atomic hydrogen as an astrophysical tool was first suggested by Schmid ([1989](#page-4-0)). He identified the broad emission features at 6830 Å and 7088 Å in symbiotic stars as Raman-scattered features of O VI  $\lambda\lambda$ 1032 and 1038 (Allen [1980](#page-4-0); Akras et al. [2019](#page-4-0)). Symbiotic stars are wide binary systems consisting of an accreting white dwarf and a mass-losing giant. They provide an ideal place to observe Raman scattering because of the copious amount of far-UV photons emanating from the vicinity of the white dwarf. These UV photons are incident on a thick neutral hydrogen region formed around the evolved giant. Nussbaumer et al. ([1989](#page-4-0)) proposed that photons from He II can be Raman-scattered with hydrogen atoms producing emission lines that can be observed. These Raman-scattered He II features have been detected in the symbiotic stars RR Telescopii, V1016 Cygni, HM Sagittae, and V835 Centauri (van Groningen [1993;](#page-4-0) Lee et al. [2001](#page-4-0); Birriel [2004](#page-4-0)).

Strong He II emitters are found among young PNe having a central star still sufficiently hot to ionize He II with a thick atomic hydrogen component ejected in the previous AGB stage. Raman-scattered He II λ6545 was reported to be found in the young PNe NGC 7027, IC 5117, and NGC 6790 (Péquignot et al. [2003;](#page-4-0) Lee et al. [2006](#page-4-0); Kang et al. [2009](#page-4-0)). The detection of Raman-scattered He II λ4851 arising from Raman scattering of He II λ972 was reported in the PNe NGC 7027, NGC 6302, NGC 6886, and IC 5117 (Péquignot et al. [1997;](#page-4-0) Groves et al. [2002;](#page-4-0) Péquignot et al. [2003](#page-4-0); Lee et al. [2006](#page-4-0)).

In this Letter, we report our first detection of Ramanscattered He II  $\lambda$ 6545 in the two young PNe NGC 6886 and NGC 6881.

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#### 2. Atomic Physics

Raman scattering of atomic hydrogen with incident far-UV radiation near the Lyman  $n \to 1$  ( $n \ge 3$ ) series may result in the emission of an optical photon near the Balmer  $n \rightarrow 2$ series. The wavelength of Raman-scattered radiation  $(\lambda_0)$  is related to that of the incident radiation  $(\lambda_i)$  by energy conservation:

$$
\lambda_o^{-1} = \lambda_i^{-1} - \lambda_{\text{Ly}\alpha}^{-1},\tag{1}
$$

where  $\lambda_{\text{Ly}\alpha}$  is the wavelength of  $\text{Ly}\alpha$ . He II and H I are singleelectron systems, sharing the same electronic level structure. The level spacing of He II is larger than that of H I by a factor slightly exceeding 4 augmented by the fact that the two-body reduced mass of He II is larger by a factor  $\sim 3m_e/4m_p$ , where  $m_e$  and  $m_p$  are the electron and proton masses. This leads to the far-UV He II ( $2n \rightarrow 2$ ) line being systematically blueshifted by an amount  $\sim$ −120 km s<sup>-1</sup> compared to the H<sub>I</sub> (n → 1) Lyman line (Lee et al. [2001](#page-4-0)). In particular, He II  $\lambda$ 1025  $(n = 4 \rightarrow 2)$  is Raman-scattered to form an optical feature at  $6545 \text{ Å}$  according to Equation (1). In addition, Raman scattering He II  $\lambda$ 972 (n = 6  $\rightarrow$  2) may form an optical feature at 4851 Å.

Differentiation of Equation (1) yields the relation between the line widths ( $\Delta\lambda_0$  and  $\Delta\lambda_i$ ):

$$
\frac{\Delta\lambda_o}{\lambda_o} = \left(\frac{\lambda_o}{\lambda_i}\right) \frac{\Delta\lambda_i}{\lambda_i},\tag{2}
$$

giving rise to the formation of broad Raman-scattered features by a factor  $\lambda_0/\lambda_i$ . In the case of Raman scattering near Ly $\beta$ , this factor is ∼6.4. This means that a far-UV line with a line width  $\Delta v = 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  may form a Raman feature with a significantly broadened width of  $\sim$ 190 km s<sup>-1</sup>.

Cross sections for Rayleigh and Raman scattering are computed using time-dependent second-order perturbation theory (e.g., Nussbaumer et al. [1989](#page-4-0); Lee et al. [2006](#page-4-0)). In particular, the cross sections for Rayleigh and Raman scattering<br>of He II  $\lambda$ 1025 are  $\sim$ 5.7  $\times$  10<sup>-21</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> and of He II  $\lambda$ 1025 are  $\sim$  5.7 × 10<sup>-21</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> and  $\sim$ 7.4 × 10<sup>-22</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>, respectively. Raman He II at 6545 Å becomes an excellent probe of H<sub>I</sub> regions characterized by the H<sub>I</sub> column density  $N_{\text{HI}}$  in excess of 10<sup>20</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>.

# 3. Spectroscopy of Planetary Nebulae

## 3.1. Observation

Based on the He II λ4686 line intensity catalog of PNe compiled by Tylenda et al. ([1994](#page-4-0)), we selected candidates with the first priority given to strong He II emitters, for which the line intensity ratio between H $\alpha$  and He II  $\lambda$ 4686, I(HeII4686)/I  $(H\alpha) \gtrsim 0.05$ . We also included the young PNe investigated by Sahai et al.  $(2011)$  $(2011)$  $(2011)$ , since they are considered to possess much neutral matter including atomic hydrogen despite a relatively low value of  $I(HeII4686)/I(H\alpha)$ .

We performed high-resolution spectroscopy for 12 PNe during 2019 April–2020 March using the Bohyunsan Observatory Echelle Spectrograph (BOES) on the 1.8 m telescope at Bohyunsan Optical Astronomy Observatory (BOAO). BOES is an optical fiber-fed echelle spectrograph with a wide spectral coverage of 3500–10500 Å encompassing the entire optical wavelength range. The resolution and the field of view of the spectrograph depend on the diameter of the optical fiber

connected to it. A narrower optical fiber gives higher resolution but a smaller field of view and vice versa. Our observations were carried out using a fiber having a spectral resolution of  $R \sim 30$ , 000 and a field of view of 4.2″. To improve the signalto-noise ratio,  $2 \times 2$  binning was applied at the expense of spectral resolution. Both short and long exposures were taken for each target because Raman-scattered He II features are very weak with a line flux about  $10^{-3}$  times that of H $\alpha$ .

The data were reduced using  $IRAF<sup>1</sup>$  Image preprocessing was carried out using bias and dome flat images. Spectra of a ThAr lamp were obtained for wavelength calibration. Flux calibration was carried out using the spectrophotometric standard stars HR 3454, HR 4554, HR 5501, and HR 9087.

#### 3.2. Spectra of NGC 6886 and NGC 6881

While there were several marginal detections of the Ramanscattered He II features, here we present the two most clear detections. These sources were NGC 6886 and NGC 6881. The left and right panels of Figure [1](#page-2-0) show the BOES spectra of NGC 6886 and NGC 6881, respectively. The upper and lower panels show the short- and long-exposure spectra, respectively. Total integrated times for the long exposure were 2400 and 3300 s for NGC 6886 and NGC 6881, respectively. Strong emission lines including H $\alpha$ , He II  $\lambda$ 6560, and [N II]  $\lambda\lambda$  6548 and 6583 are found in the upper panels.

In the lower panels, two weak emission lines, He II  $\lambda$ 6527 and C II  $\lambda$ 6578, clearly appear. There are broad emission features seen in both sources (denoted with ovals) that are blended with [N II]  $\lambda$ 6548. These are the Raman-scattered He II lines at 6545 Å. Despite the [N II]  $\lambda$ 6583 line being theoretically 3 times stronger than [N II]  $\lambda$ 6548, the absence of a broad emission feature around the [N II]  $\lambda$ 6583 line means we are confident in our identification of the Raman-scattered He II lines. Furthermore, case B recombination theory predicts that the peak value of He II  $\lambda$ 6527 is comparable to that of the Raman-scattered He II  $\lambda$ 6545, which can be seen in Figure [1](#page-2-0) (Storey & Hummer [1995;](#page-4-0) Lee et al. [2006](#page-4-0)).

The profiles of strong lines  $H\alpha$  and He II  $\lambda$ 6560 shown in the upper panels are fairly symmetric. However, it is apparent that the Raman He II features exhibit an extended red tail. Although severe blending with [N II]  $\lambda$ 6548 hinders quantitative analyses, as a first approximation to the line profiles, we applied a single Gaussian fitting to each of the H $\alpha$ , He II, and Raman He II  $\lambda$ 6545 lines. The results are presented in Table [1](#page-2-0). Here,  $\lambda_c$ is the observed center wavelength of each emission line, and  $f_0$ is the peak value of line flux. The FWHM in velocity space is represented by  $v_{\text{G}}$ .

The line center of Raman He II  $\lambda$ 6545 is expected to be found at 6544.47 Å for NGC 6886 and at 6542.76 Å for NGC 6881 based on the values of  $\lambda_c$  of He II  $\lambda$ 6560 and the atomic physical relation given by Equation (1). However, considerable redward deviations of  $\sim$ +190 km s<sup>−1</sup> and  $\sim$ +240 km s<sup>-1</sup> are found for NGC 6886 and NGC 6881, respectively. Considering the line-broadening effect of Raman scattering described by Equation (2), these deviations correspond to receding motions of the H I region with  $\sim$ 30 km s<sup>-1</sup> and  $\sim$ 40 km s<sup>-1</sup> with respect to the central far-UV He II emission region in NGC 6886 and NGC 6881, respectively.

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Figure 1. High-resolution spectra of NGC 6886 (left) and NGC 6881 (right) obtained using BOES. We present raw data (gray) and rebinned data (black). Upper panels show the short-exposure spectra to present strong emission lines including Hα, He II, and [N II] lines. Lower panels show the long-exposure spectra rescaled for clear presentation of weak lines He II  $\lambda$ 6527, C II  $\lambda$ 6578. The broad wing-like feature near [N II]  $\lambda$ 6548 is the Raman-scattered He II  $\lambda$ 6545 line, and has been denoted by an oval.

Table 1 Single Gaussian Parameters for H $\alpha$ , He II Emission Lines, and Raman He II λ6545 Feature of NGC 6886 and NGC 6881 Spectra

PN	Line	$\lambda_c$ (Å)	(erg s <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup> $\AA$ <sup>-1</sup> )	$v_{\rm G}$ $(km s^{-1})$
<b>NGC</b> 6886	$H\alpha$ He II $\lambda$ 6560 He II $\lambda$ 6527 Raman He II	6562.51 6559.84 6526.78 6548.65	$1.47 \times 10^{-11}$ $4.29 \times 10^{-13}$ $1.96 \times 10^{-14}$ $7.31 \times 10^{-15}$	50 36 36 412
<b>NGC</b> 6881	$H\alpha$ He $\mu\lambda$ 6560 He II $\lambda$ 6527 Raman He II	6562.23 6559.57 6526.63 6547.93	$3.18 \times 10^{-12}$ $9.04\,\times\,10^{-14}$ $4.02 \times 10^{-15}$ $2.05 \times 10^{-15}$	34 29 29 379

The He II emission lines are observed to be narrower than Hα with  $v_G \sim 36 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for NGC 6886 and 29 km s<sup>-1</sup> for NGC 6881, respectively. If the Raman conversion efficiency is independent of wavelength, then we may expect that the Raman He II  $\lambda$  6545 features have the line widths of  $v_G \sim 200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , which is much smaller than the values  $\sim$ 400 km s<sup>-1</sup> shown in Table 1. However, the sharply increasing cross section across the He II  $\lambda$ 1025 line implies that the Raman conversion efficiency increases toward the red part. This leads to the resultant line profiles of Raman He II that are significantly enhanced in the red part with additional line broadening (Choi et al. [2020](#page-4-0)).

## 4. Line Formation of Raman-scattered He II

Choi et al. ([2020](#page-4-0)) performed an extensive study of line formation of Raman He II in an expanding H I region with a constant speed by carrying out grid-based Monte Carlo simulations. They showed that complicated behavior manifests itself as center shifts, significant distortions of the line profile, and the appearance of a secondary peak when the H I region expands with a typical speed of  $\sim 30$  km s<sup>-1</sup>.

The same grid-based Monte Carlo code " $STaRS<sup>2</sup>$ " is used to investigate the distribution and kinematics of the neutral



Figure 2. Schematic illustration of the simulation. The neutral region is assumed to be a partial spherical shell with the inner and outer radii  $R_{in}$  and  $R_{\text{out}}$ , respectively, and the opening angle  $\theta$ . The scattering region is divided into a large number of small cubical grids to trace each photon until escape.

hydrogen regions in NGC 6886 and NGC 6881. Figure 2 shows a schematic illustration of the scattering geometry adopted in this work. The scattering region is a partial spherical shell surrounding the central He II region. The covering factor *CF* is defined as  $CF = \frac{\theta}{\pi}$ , where  $\theta$  is the opening angle of the partial spherical shell. The H<sub>I</sub> region is assumed to be of uniform density expanding with a single speed  $v_{\text{exp}}$ .

Far-UV He II  $\lambda$ 1025 photons generated in the central He II region are incident on the H<sub>I</sub> region. The neutral region is optically thick to Rayleigh-scattered UV photons, and optically thin to Raman-scattered optical photons. Each far-UV photon is traced until escape from the neutral region through multiple Rayleigh scattering, or after Raman scattering. The incident far-UV He II  $\lambda$ 1025 is assumed to be described by a single Gaussian function determined in Section [3.2.](#page-1-0)

A simulation model is set with the following free parameters: the covering factor  $CF$  of the scattering region, H<sub>I</sub> column

http://[github.com](http://github.com/csj607/STaRS)/csj607/STaRS



Figure 3. Comparison of the observational data (gray) and our simulation data (black) for NGC 6886 (left) and NGC 6881 (right). The best-fit models are found in the middle panels. In the middle-left panel, the model parameters are  $CF = 0.3$ ,  $N_{\text{HI}} = 5 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , and  $v_{\text{exp}} = 25 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (CF30-N5E20-V25). We also present models with a lower expansion speed of  $v_{exp} = 20$  km s<sup>-1</sup> (CF30-N5E20-V20, top-left) and a higher value of 30 km s<sup>-1</sup> (CF30-N520-V30, bottom-left) for comparison. In the middle-right panel, the model parameters are  $CF = 0.6$ ,  $N_{\text{HI}} = 2 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , and  $v_{\text{exp}} = 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (CF60-N3E20-V30). The top-right and bottom-right panels show the models with  $v_{exp} = 20$  km s<sup>-1</sup> (CF60-N3E20-V20) and 40 km s<sup>-1</sup> (CF60-N3E20-V40), respectively.

density  $N_{\text{HI}}$ , and expanding speed  $v_{\text{exp}}$ . The incident He II  $\lambda$ 1025 flux is deduced from the observed He II  $\lambda$ 6560 line flux and using case B recombination theory (Storey & Hummer [1995](#page-4-0)). We refer to Hyung et al. (1995) and Pottasch & Surendiranath ([2005](#page-4-0)) for NGC 6886 and also Kaler et al. ([1987](#page-4-0)) for NGC 6881 for the values of  $T_e = 1.25 \times 10^4$  K and  $n_e = 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

In Figure 3, we present our best-fit results for NGC 6886 and NGC 6881 in the middle panels. The gray lines represent the observational data and the black lines show our best-fit simulation results. Despite severe blending of the Ramanscattered He II features with strong [N II]  $\lambda$ 6548 lines, the broad features with a red-tail structure are conspicuous in both PNe. These red-tailed features are attributed to the expansion of H<sub>I</sub> region.

In the case of NGC 6886, the best-fit model parameters are  $CF = 0.3$ ,  $N_{\text{HI}} = 5 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , and  $v_{\text{exp}} = 25 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ (CF30-N5E20-V25). Similarly for NGC 6881, the best-fit model is found with parameters of  $CF = 0.6$ ,  $N_{\text{HI}} = 3 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , and  $v_{\text{exp}} = 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  (CF60-N3E20-V30). The line flux of Raman He II is mainly determined by the product of the covering factor  $CF$  and H I column density  $N_{\text{HI}}$ , resulting in degeneracy in the modeling of Raman He II. However, it appears that the fit to Raman He II  $\lambda$ 6545 becomes better with a somewhat lower covering factor  $CF < 0.5$  for NGC 6886 and a higher value  $CF > 0.5$  for NGC 6881, respectively.

In Figure 3, the models with a lower expansion speed (top panels) and a higher speed (bottom panels) show significantly poorer fit to the observed data, providing valid ranges of  $v_{\rm exp} = 25 \pm 5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for NGC 6886 and  $v_{\text{exp}} = 30 \pm 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$  for NGC 6881, respectively. However,

the insufficient data quality and severe blending with [N II] prevent us from putting strong constraints on the model parameters.

## 5. Summary and Discussion

We report our successful detection of Raman-scattered He II at 6545 Å in two young planetary nebulae NGC 6886 and NGC 6881. Gaussian model fitting is applied to find that the Hα and He II  $λ6560$  lines are symmetric, whereas the Ramanscattered He II features appear redshifted from their expected atomic line center and exhibit an extended red-tail structure indicative of the expanding H I regions with respect to the hot central emission region. We perform Monte Carlo simulations using the grid-based 3D code "STaRS" to obtain best-fitting profiles.

In the case of NGC 6886, Péquignot et al. ([2003](#page-4-0)) mentioned their detection of Raman-scattered He II at 4851 Å blueward of Hβ. Our best-fit models suggest that the column density of atomic hydrogen region  $N_{\text{HI}} \sim 5 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  with its covering factor  $CF \sim 0.3$ . We also measure its expanding speed  $v_{\text{exp}}$ to be 25 km s<sup>-1</sup>. A similar result was reported by Taylor et al. ([1990](#page-4-0)).

On the other hand, it is the first direct detection of an H <sup>I</sup> component in NGC 6881. NGC 6881 is an interesting object exhibiting highly collimated quadrupolar lobes and a multiple ring structure of the ionized region that is attributed to a precessing jet (Guerrero & Manchado [1998](#page-4-0); Kwok & Su [2005](#page-4-0)). Furthermore, Ramos-Larios et al. ([2008](#page-4-0)) argued that its ionized quadrupolar lobes and  $H_2$  bipolar lobes show different morphologies and collimation degrees, indicating that this system underwent multiple bipolar ejections with varying mechanisms. We estimate the H<sub>I</sub> column density

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 $N_{\text{HI}} \sim 3 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  and the expansion speed  $v_{\text{exp}}$  = 30 km s<sup>-1</sup> assuming a covering factor of CF ~ 0.6. The total H<sub>I</sub> mass  $M_{\text{HI}}$  based on our model is given by

$$
M_{\rm HI} \simeq 1.4 \times 10^{-4} \left( \frac{N_{\rm HI}}{10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}} \right) \left( \frac{R_{\rm out}}{10^3 \text{ au}} \right)^2 CF M_{\odot},
$$
 (3)

where we set  $R_{\text{out}}$  to 2 times  $R_{\text{in}}$ . The distance to NGC 6886 is about 2.6 kpc, and the angular size of its central ionized region as measured from its optical image is roughly 5″ (Pottasch & Surendiranath  $2005$ ; assumed to be  $R_{\text{in}}$ ), corresponding to a linear size of 13,000 au. This leads to an estimate of  $M_{\text{HI}} \sim 0.03 M_{\odot}$ . The distance to NGC 6881 is ~ 2.5 kpc (Cahn et al. 1992) with an angular size of its central ionized region being  $\sim 5''$  (Kwok & Su 2005), corresponding to a linear size of 13,000 au and therefore  $M_{\text{HI}} \sim 0.04 M_{\odot}$ . Setting  $R_{\text{out}}$  to be twice  $R_{\text{in}}$  is somewhat arbitrary, and of course if we set  $R_{\text{out}}$  to be 4 times  $R_{\text{in}}$ , then the H<sub>I</sub> mass estimate will increase by 4 times.

Raman-scattered He II features can be formed near the hydrogen Balmer series at 6545 Å, 4851 Å, and 4332 Å derived from Raman scattering of far-UV He II λ1025, λ972, and λ949, respectively. The integrated line analyses of Raman He II features are an appropriate probe of H I regions with a column density of  $N_{\text{HI}} \sim 10^{20-23} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ . Deep spectroscopy is required to detect Raman He II  $\lambda\lambda$ 4851 and 4332. The detection of these lines will allow us to carry out better studies of the kinematics and distribution of thick neutral hydrogen regions in PNe.

It is notable that both Raman He II features and C II λ6578 in emission are detected in NGC 7027, IC 5117, and NGC 6790, similar to our two targets NGC 6886 and NGC 6881 (Keyes et al. 1990; Lee et al. 2006; Kang et al. 2009). Furthermore, these objects are also strong polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) emitters (Smith & McLean 2008; Ohsawa et al. 2016) indicating that these PNe possess carbon-enriched environments from the previous AGB stage as a result of dredge-up processes. However, due to small number statistics it is too early to conclude that Raman-scattered He II features are found in only carbon-enriched PNe. A definite conclusion should wait for a more systematic survey of PNe with Raman-scattered He II.

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