## N13a **A Sea Change in Eta Carinae**

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A series of latest observations with Hubble Space Telescope/Space Telescope Imaging Spectrograph (STIS) reveal that a drastic change has taken place in Eta Carinae's stellar wind feature. Major stellar-wind emission features in the spectrum of Eta Carinae has weakened by factors of order relative to the continuum. While it is known to be extremely variable, the scale of the change is unprecedented in the modern observational record. The simplest, but unproven, explanation is a rapid decrease in Eta's massive stellar wind density.

The report will be given on behalf of Eta Carinae HST Treasury team.