

Figure 4. Hevelius' (1690a) chart of the region, showing both R Hya and U Hya. R Hya is the faint star in the tail of Hydra, to the right of the tail of the crow: it is just to the right of γ Hya and ψ Hya. U Hya is located between Sextans and Crater, just above the body of Hydra.

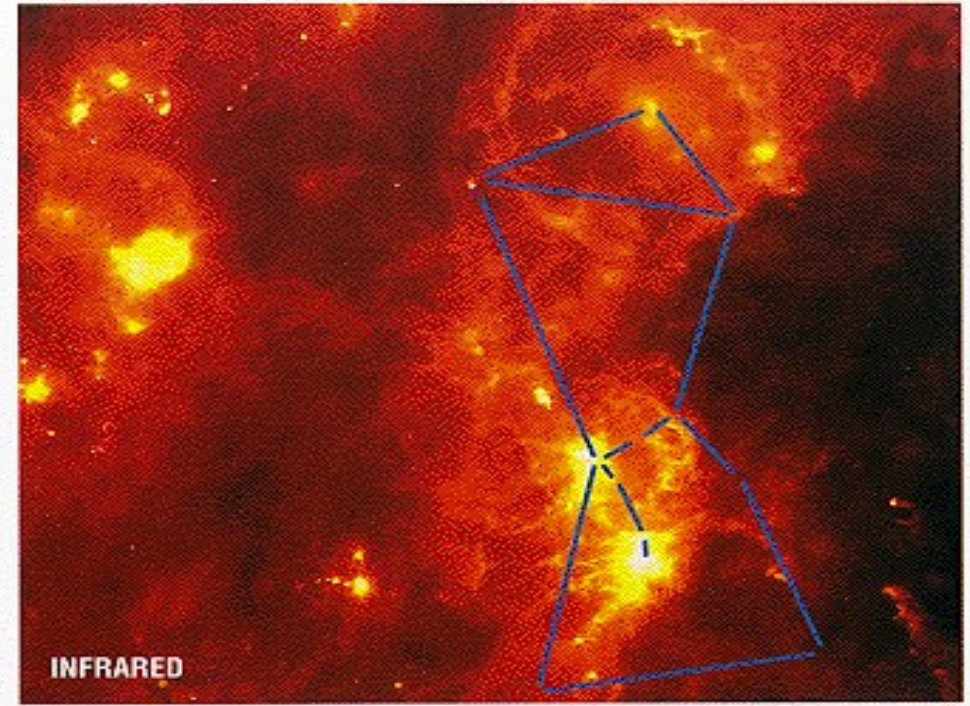
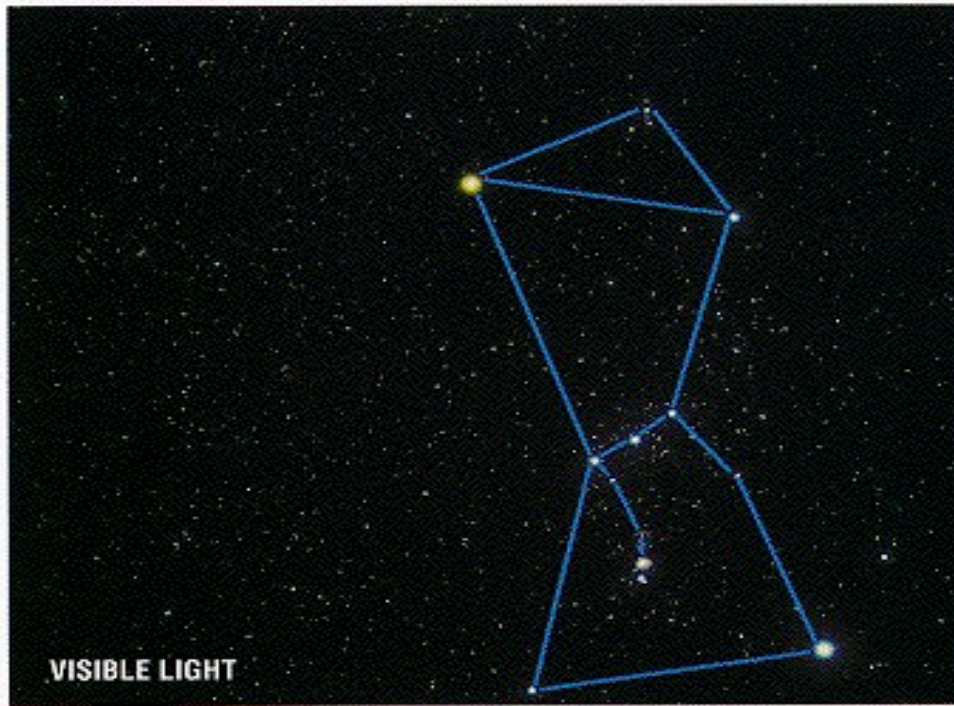
Star and Stellar Evolution

- Stars: are governed by **simple physics**
- Properties determined by
 - **Mass**
 - **Composition**
- Simple physics + simple properties give **complex behaviour**

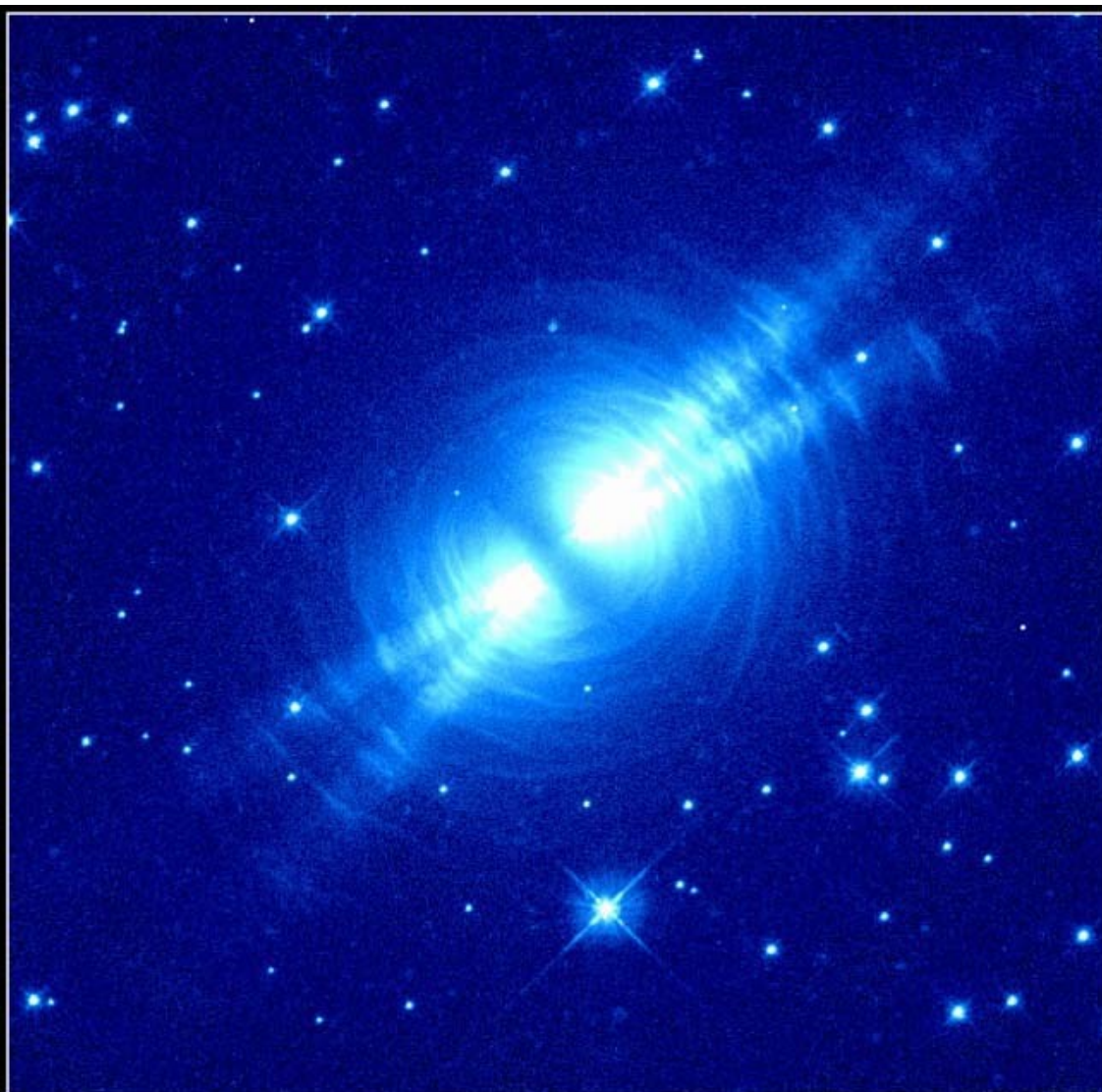
Outline

- Issues of stellar physics
- AGB evolution
- Mass loss
- Interacting winds
- Galactic ecology

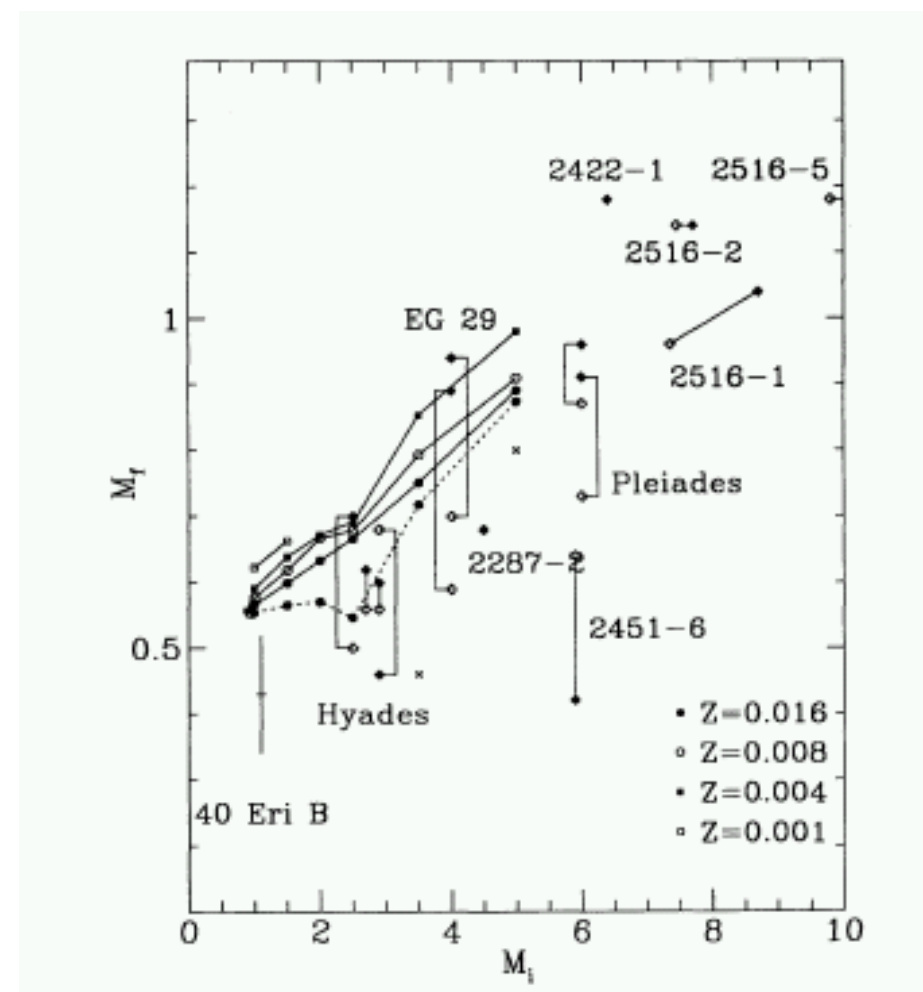
Stars begin and end their lives within the interstellar medium (ISM)



Orion's nursery



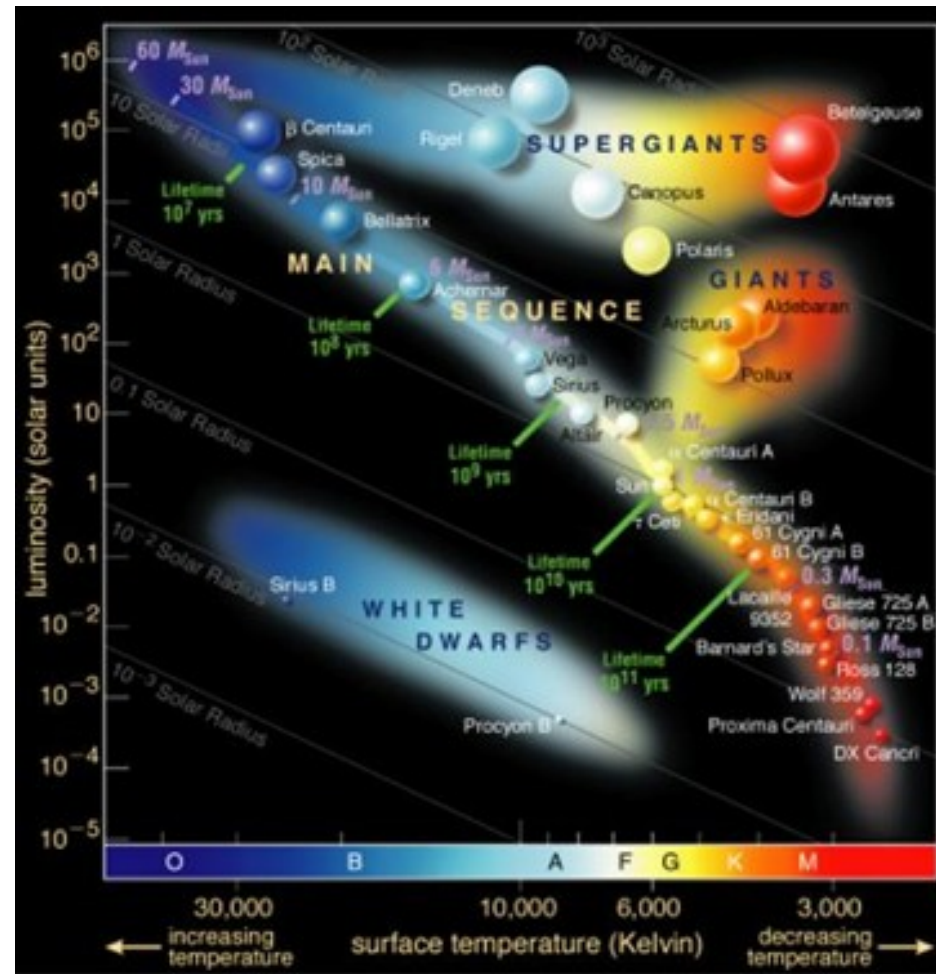
Egg Nebula · CRL 2688 HST · WFPC2
 PRC96-03 · ST ScI OPO · January 16, 1996
 R. Sahai and J. Trauger (JPL), the WFPC2 Science Team and NASA



HR diagram

- Main sequence
- Evolved branches
- White dwarf branch

- large forbidden regions
- strict limits



HR physics

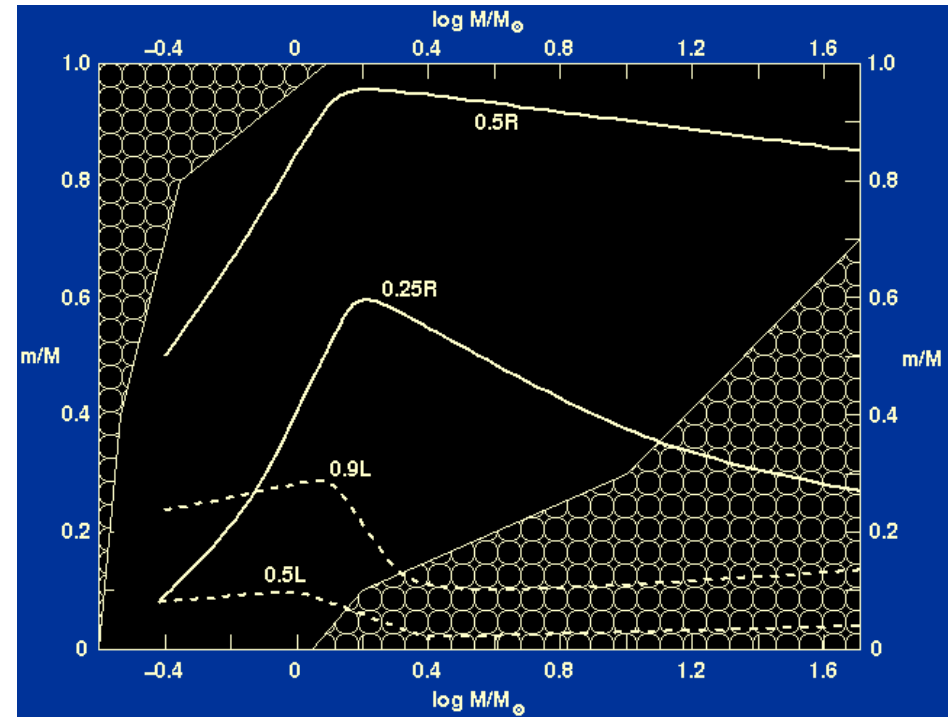
- Limits of the HR diagram
 - nuclear burning temperature (novae)
 - Hayashi track
 - : hydrogen-burning limit
- main sequence: L proportional to M^a :
 - $M < 7 M_{\odot}$: $a = 4.5$
 - $M > 7 M_{\odot}$: $a = 3$
- Forbidden regions: traces stellar structure

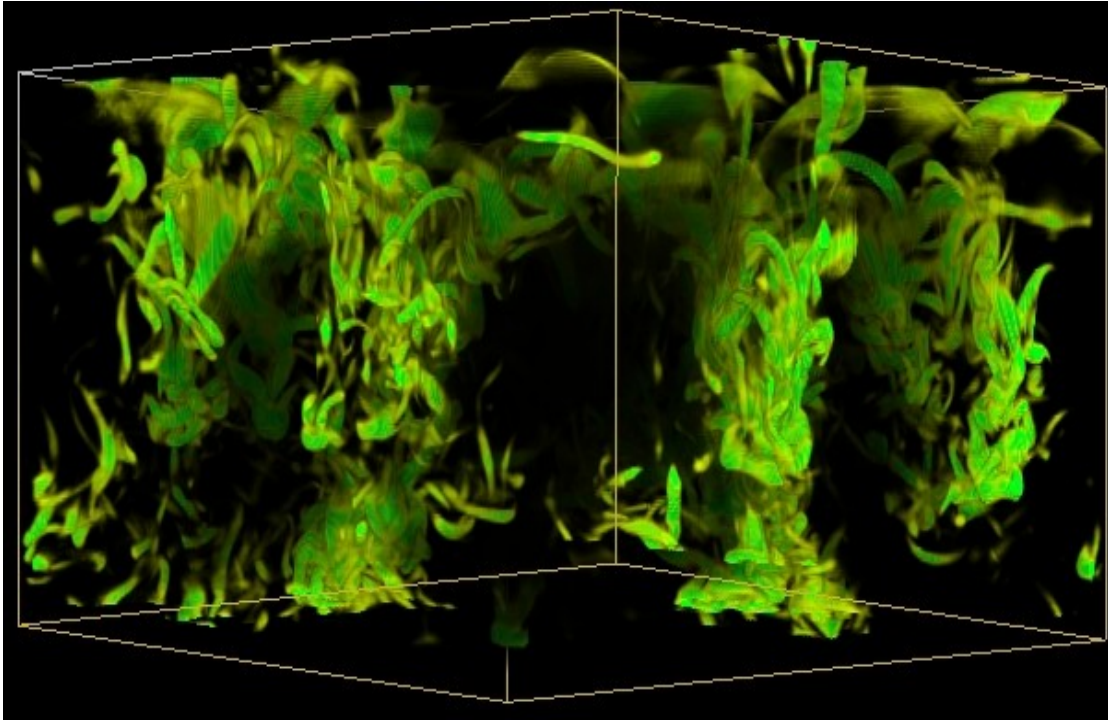
Stellar physics

- Hydrostatic equilibrium
 - Gravity versus heat
 - Gravity versus equation of state
 - gaseous stars require an energy source
- Virial theorem
 - kinetic energy is minus half the potential energy
 - stars have negative heat capacity
 - less energy generation \rightarrow star becomes hotter
 - stabilizes nuclear reactions

Energy transport

- radiative for small temperature gradient
- convective for steep temperature gradient
- most stars have both convective and radiative regions





Convection

- predicts a fixed T-gradient
 - convective star is **easy to model**
- Turbulence itself is **hard to model**
 - chaotic
 - overshoot and undershoot
 - Gives mixing and dredge-up

Stellar structure

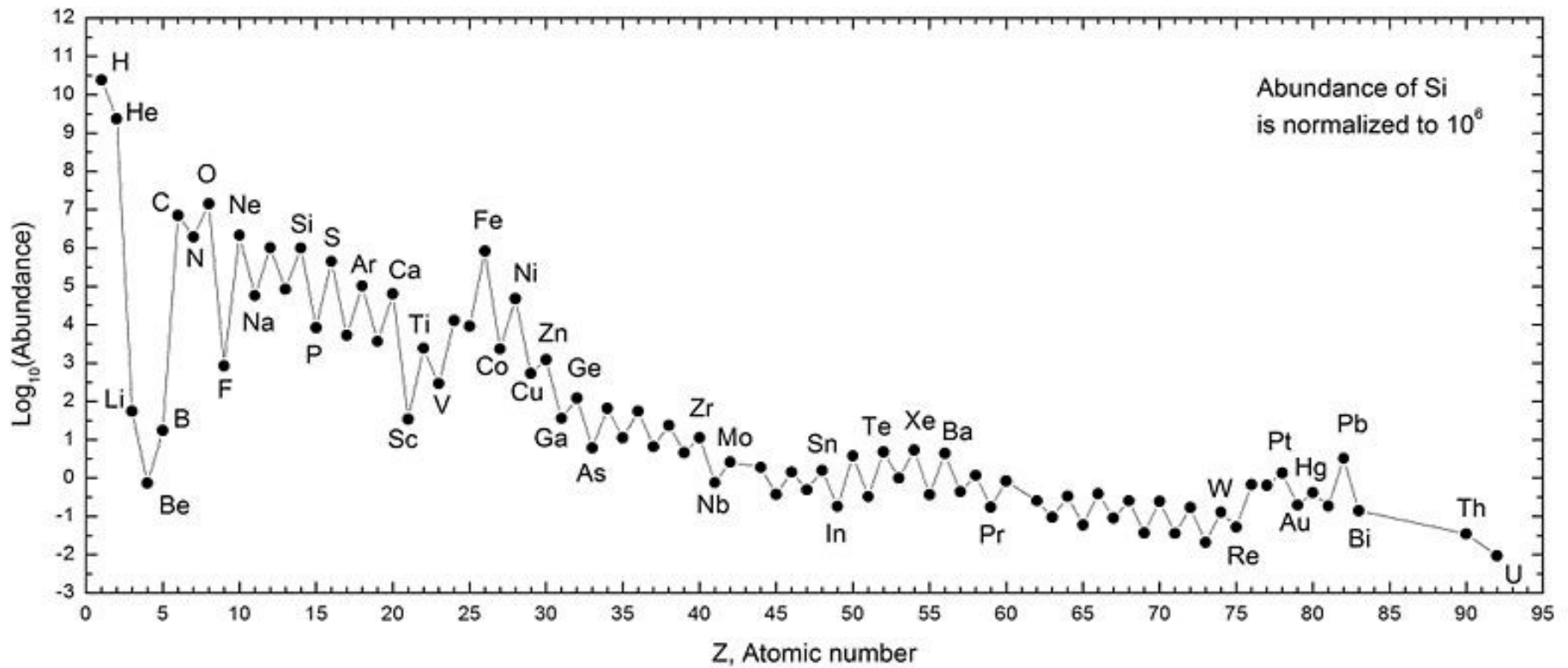
possible configurations

- **Core burning**
 - central temperature gradient
 - if convective: extended life expectancy
- **Shell burning**
 - no central temperature gradient
 - convective only above the nuclear burning zone
- **Non-burning**
 - degenerate

Nuclear burning

- **deuterium**: short-lived but inevitable
- **hydrogen**
 - **pp**, chain 1, 2 or 3 (<1.1Msun)
 - **CNO**
- **helium** burning: triple alpha
- C, O, Si burning
- s and r-process: neutron captures
 - not well understood

Elemental abundances



Dominant energy source

- $f = E(\text{nuclear})/U(\text{gravity})$
- low mass star (-> white dwarf) $f \sim 50$
- high mass star (-> neutron star) $f \sim 0.5$
- Gravity is the main energy source in the Universe
- Nuclear burning is dominant during stable phases

Stellar winds



dominates evolution for

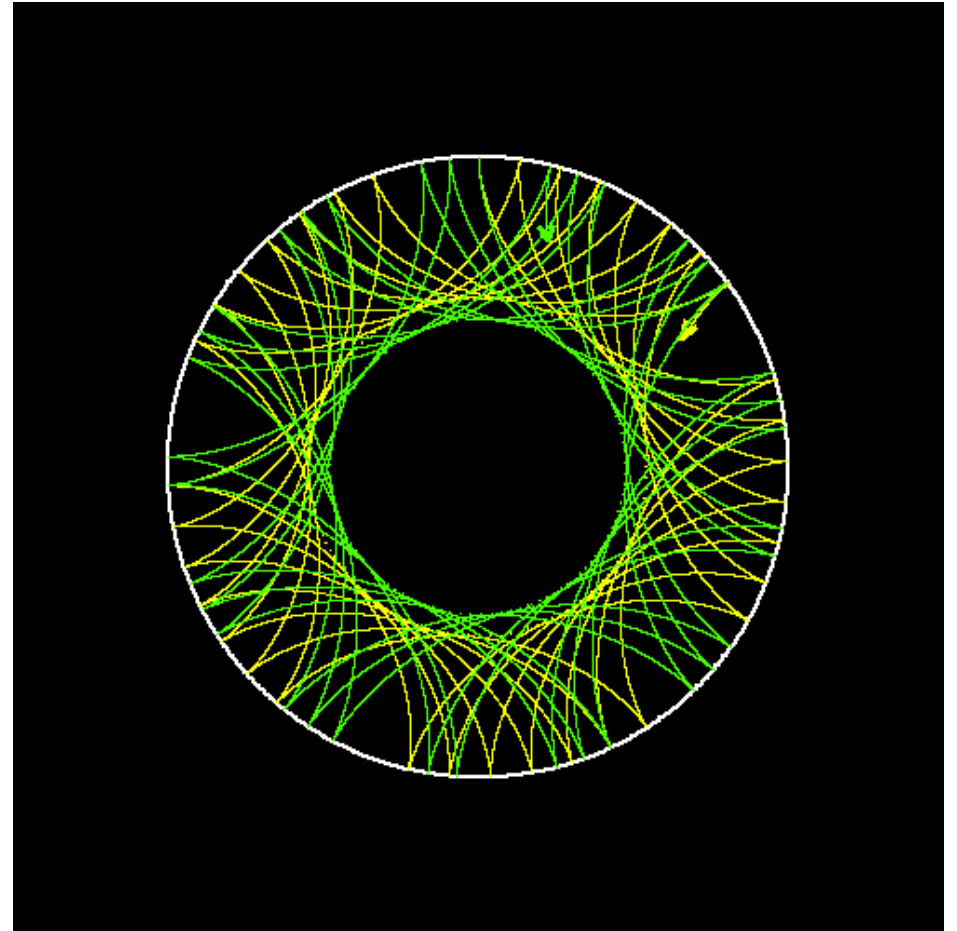
- high-mass stars
- **evolved stars**

main problem in stellar evolution

- **mass loss rate**
 - non-linear tracers
- **wind energy**
- **wind composition**
- **driving mechanisms**

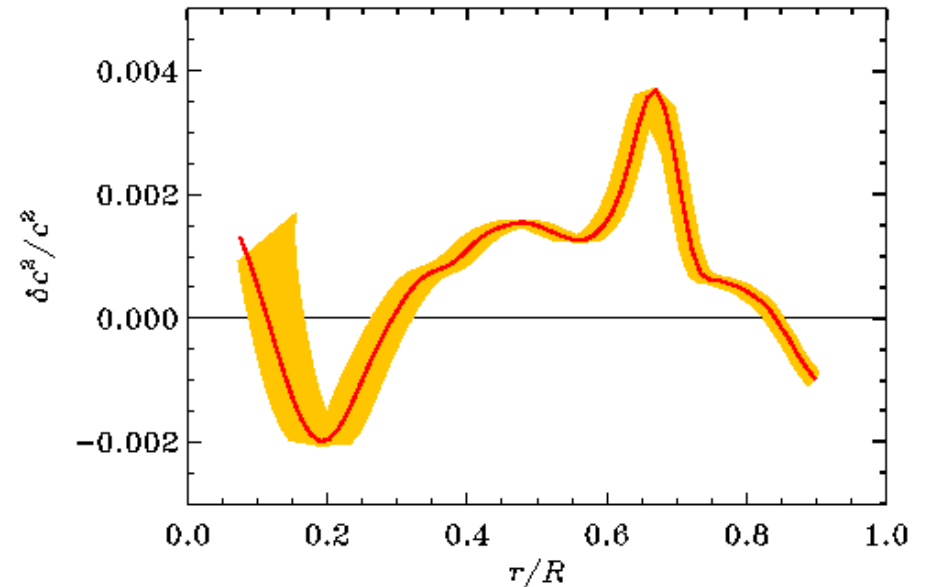
Asteroseismology

- oscillations induced by convection
- standing waves on the surface
- frequencies trace the temperature/density/rotation of the interior



The Sun

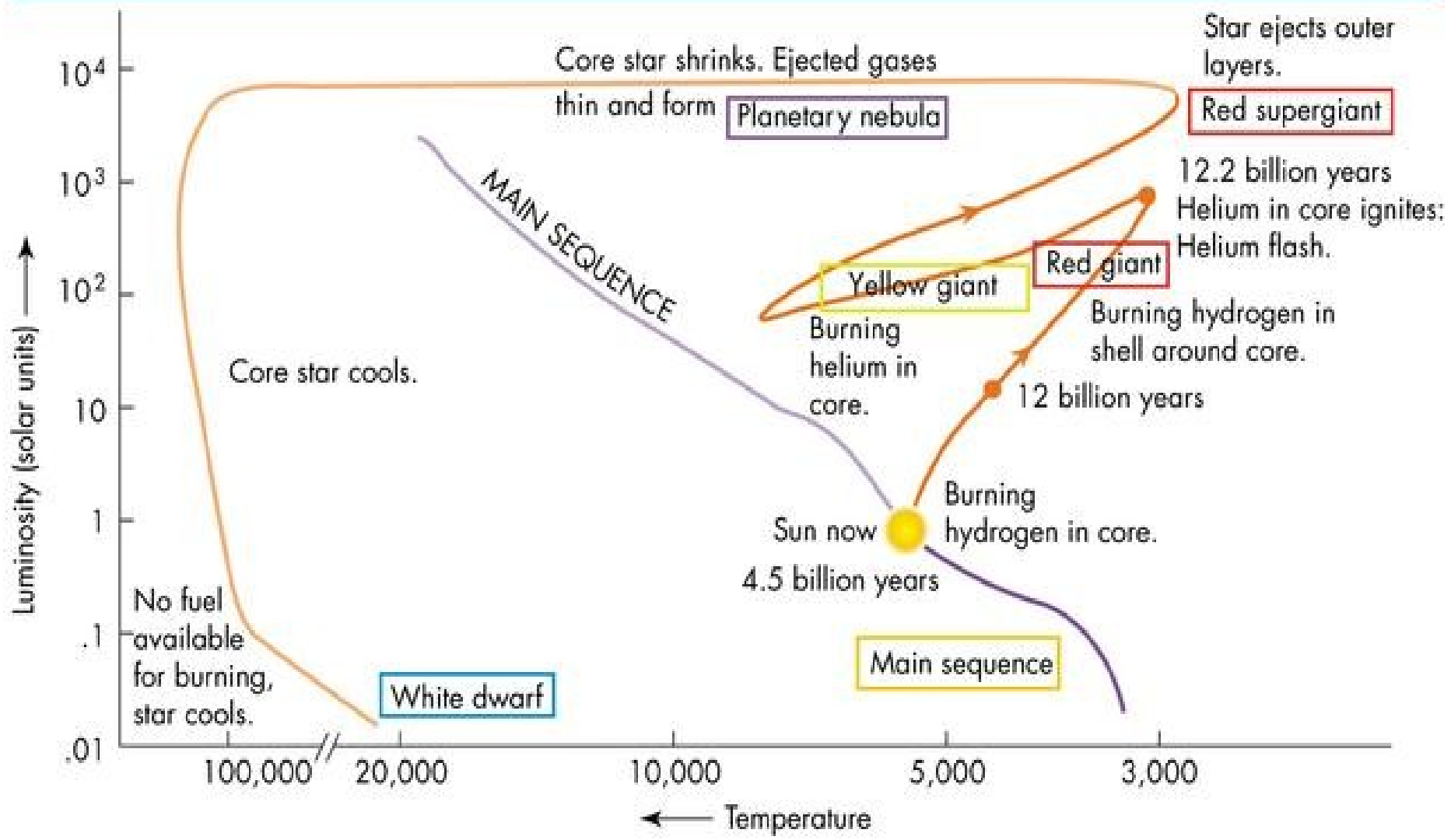
- Structure very well known
- Abundances rather uncertain
 - $Z = 0.012$ (spectrum)
 - $Z = 0.016$ (seismology)
 - $Z = 0.02$ (text books)
- Neutrino problem solved



Evolutionary phases

- core hydrogen burning: main sequence
- hydrogen shell burning: RGB
- core helium burning: HB
- helium shell burning: AGB
- helium flashes: thermal-pulsing AGB
- carbon core burning: super-AGB

More massive stars show multiple shell burning



Schoenberner evolution

- **AGB**
 - Inert C/O core
 - He-burning shell, H envelope
- **Thermal pulsing AGB**
 - Regular He flashes
 - High mass loss
- **Post-AGB**
 - Mass loss ceases, photosphere collapses
 - Temperature increases
- **Planetary nebula**
 - Ionized ejecta
 - Inert **white dwarf** star

TP-AGB evolution

- **Semi-regulars**

- Period 50-150 days

- **Mira variables**

- 15-500 days

- **OH/IR stars**

- 300-1800 days
- OH maser emission

- **Increasing mass loss**

- 10^{-8} to 10^{-4} Msol/yr

- **Increasing period**

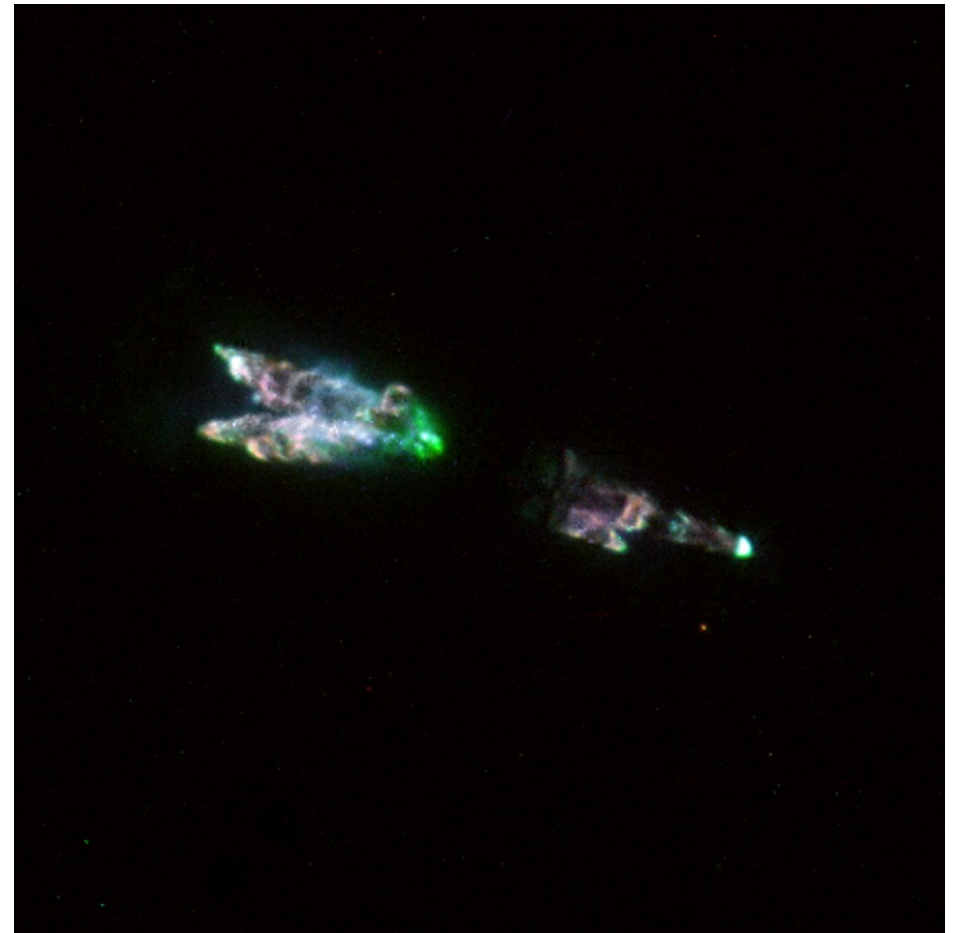
- **Increasing amplitude**

Third dredge may cause
carbon-star formation

Hot bottom burning may
prevent this

Dust

- AGB winds form dust
 - silicates
 - amorphous carbon
- Stars become highly self-obscured at optical wavelengths
- mid-infrared emission due to heated dust
- **Missing million years of stellar evolution**



Open problems

- **Mass loss process**
 - Driving force
 - Dependence on stellar properties
- **Structure formation**
 - Spherical winds
 - But ejecta show intricate structures
- **Galaxy evolution**
 - Carbon and dust enrichment of galaxy
 - Mass return at low metallicity
- **Stellar evolution**
 - Initial-final mass
 - Late helium flashes

Mass loss

Multi-step process

- **Pulsations** extend atmosphere
- Molecule/dust formation
- **Radiation pressure** on dust and molecules drive a wind

Mass loss depend on:

- pulsation
- stellar temperature
- surface gravity
- composition and **metallicity**
- No predictive parametrization exists

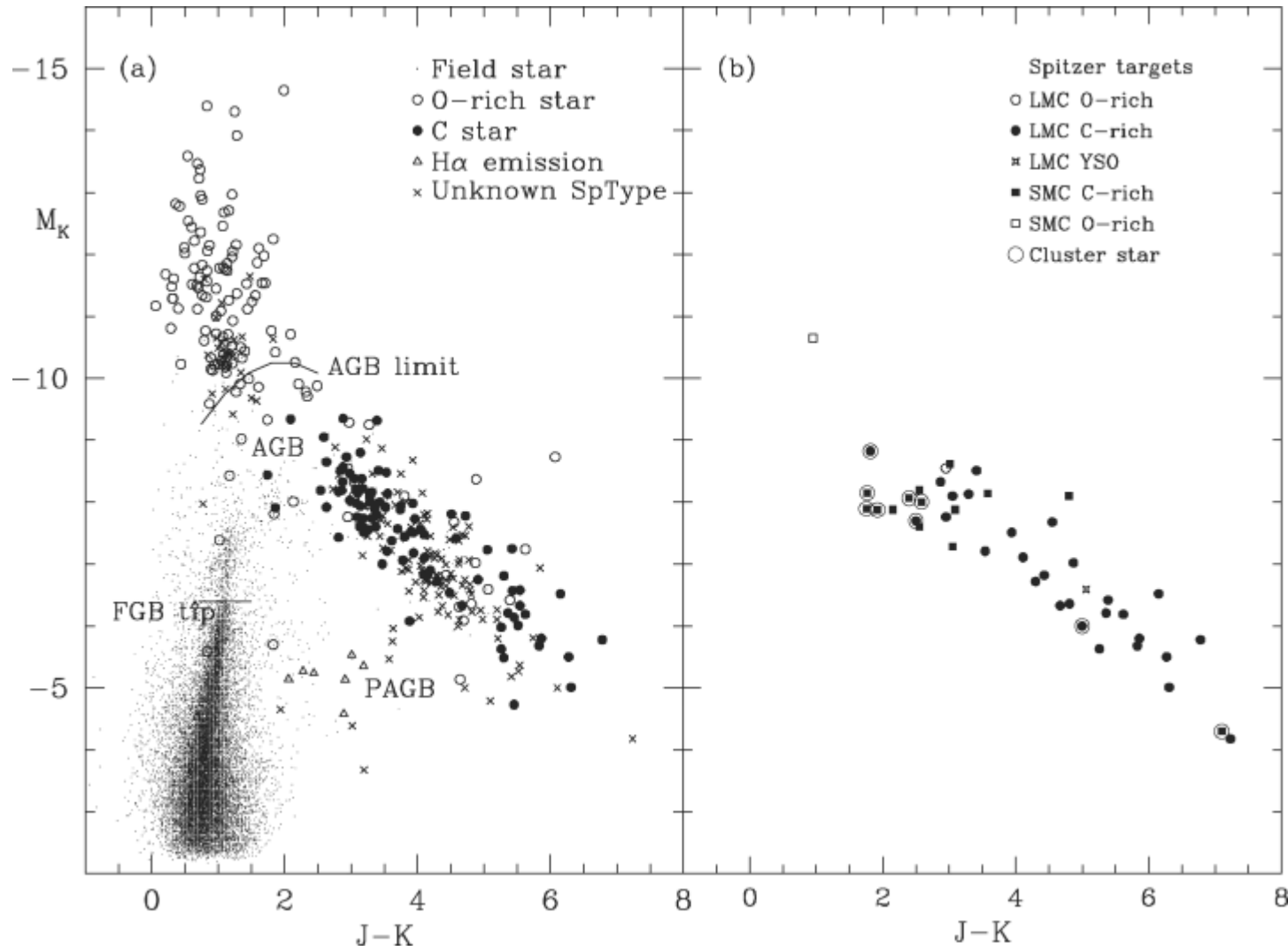
Mass loss parametrizations

(i)	$\log \dot{M} = aP + b$	Vassiliadis & Wood 1993
(ii)	$\dot{M} = a M_i^{-2.1} L^{3.1} R M^{-1}$	Bloecker 1995
(ii)	$\dot{M} = a L^{2.47} T^{-6.8} M^{-1.95}$	Wachter et al. 2002
(iv)	$\dot{M} = a L^{1.05} T^{-6.3}$	van Loon et al. 2005.

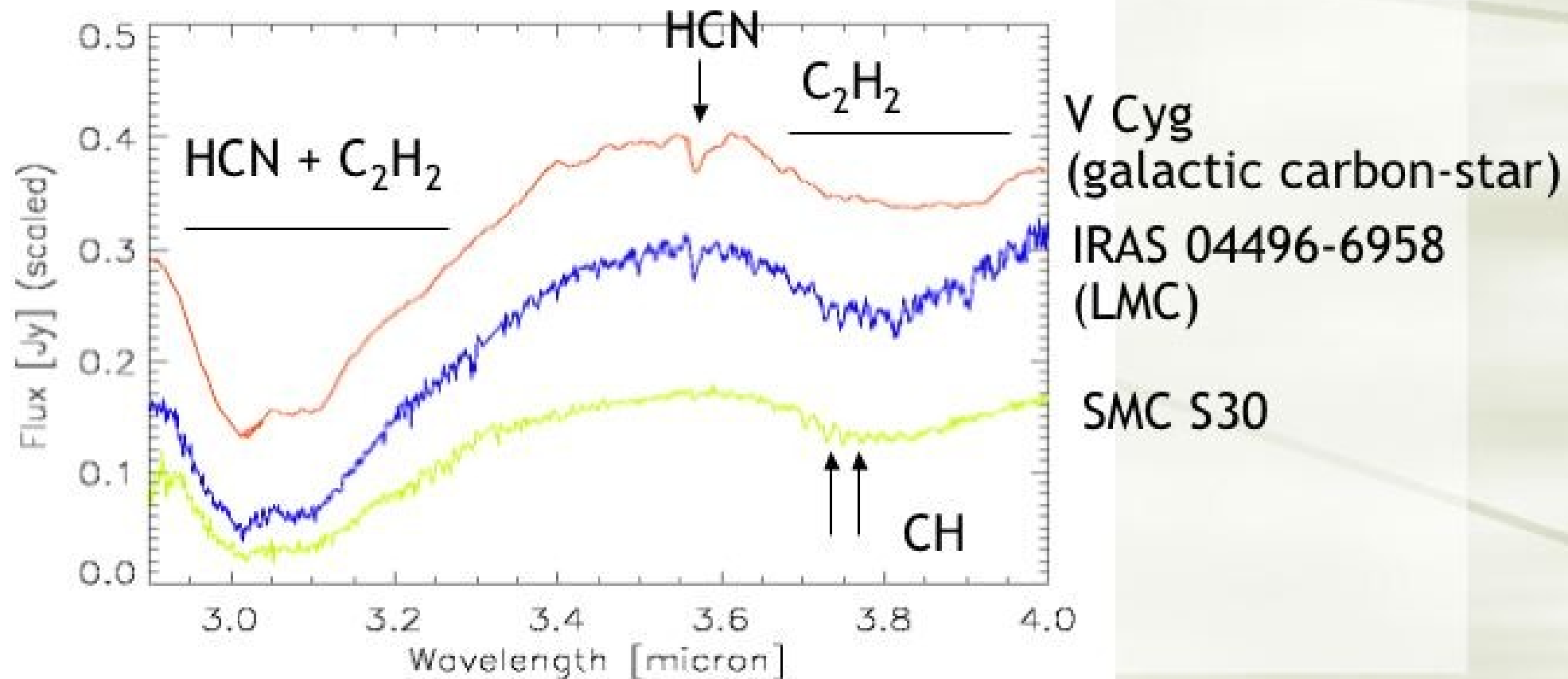
- Strong temperature dependence
- Period dependence is controversial
- Suggestive relation including radius:

$$\dot{M} \sim \left(\frac{M}{R} T \right)^\alpha L^\gamma$$

Mass losing AGB stars

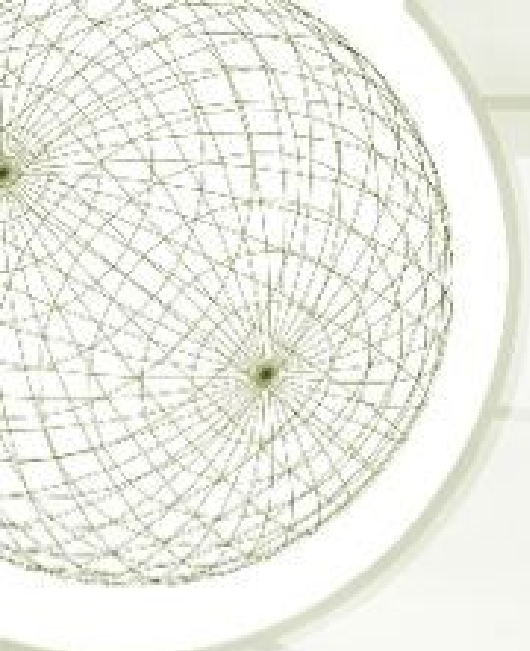


Spectra of carbon-rich stars

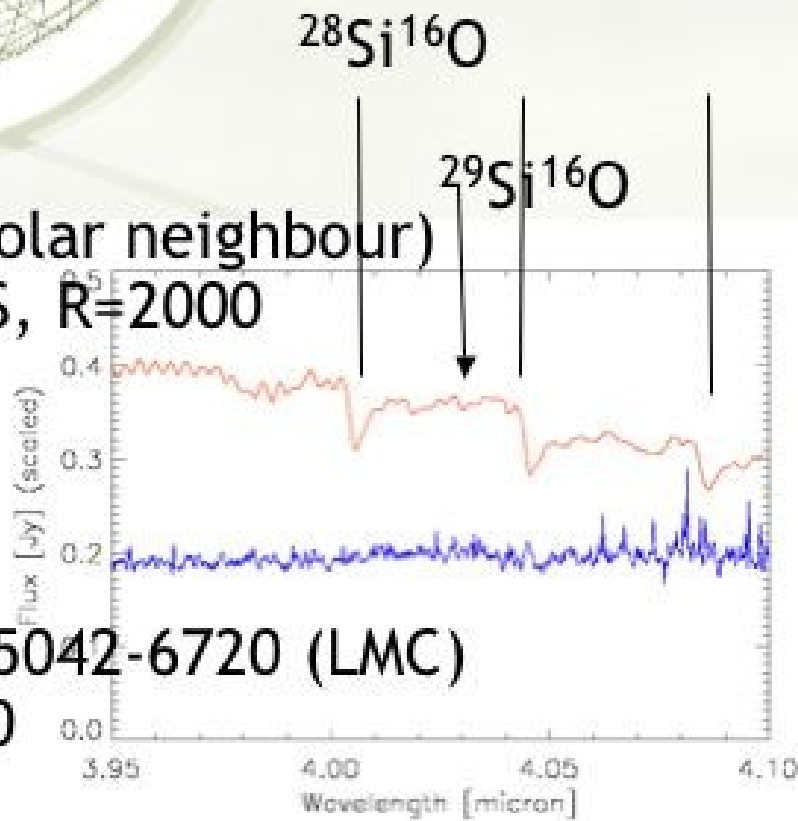


Matsuura et al. (2002); A&A in press

Oxygen-rich stars



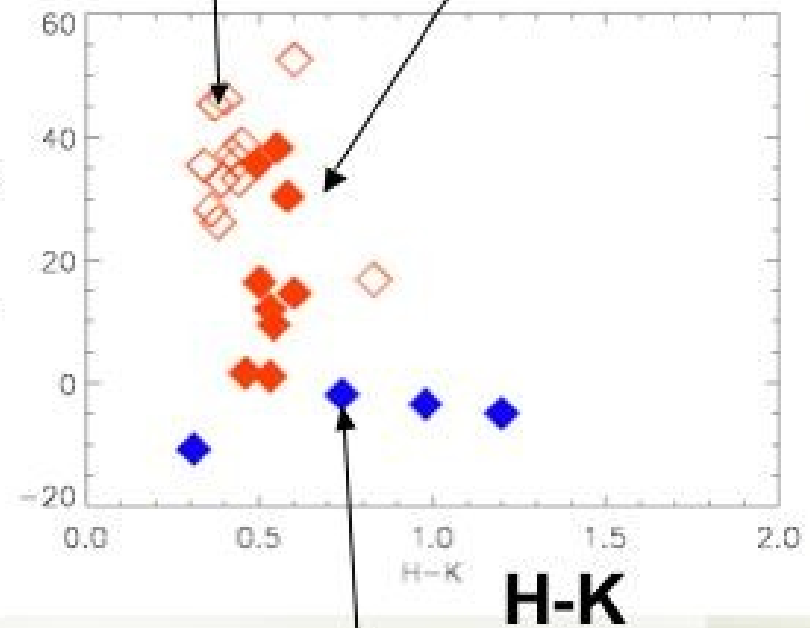
g Her (solar neighbour)
ISO/SWS, R=2000



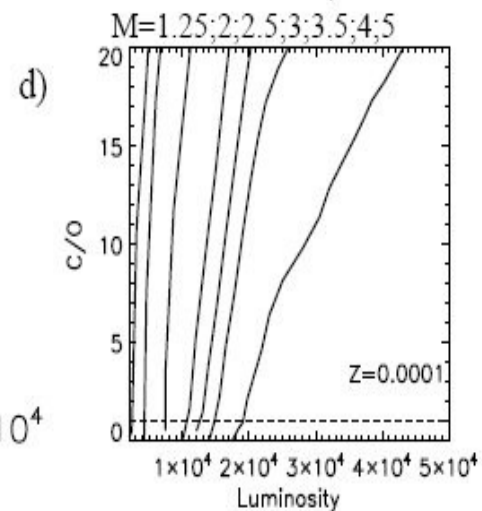
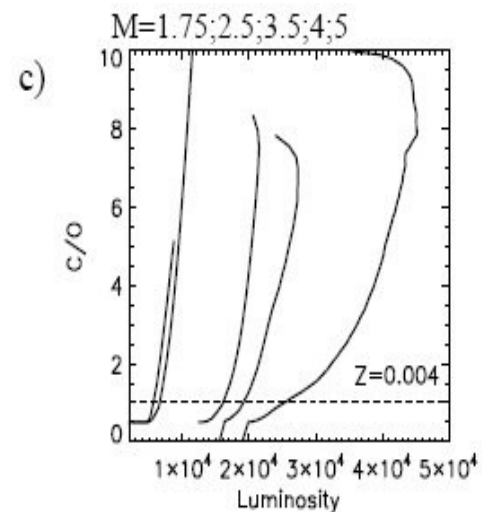
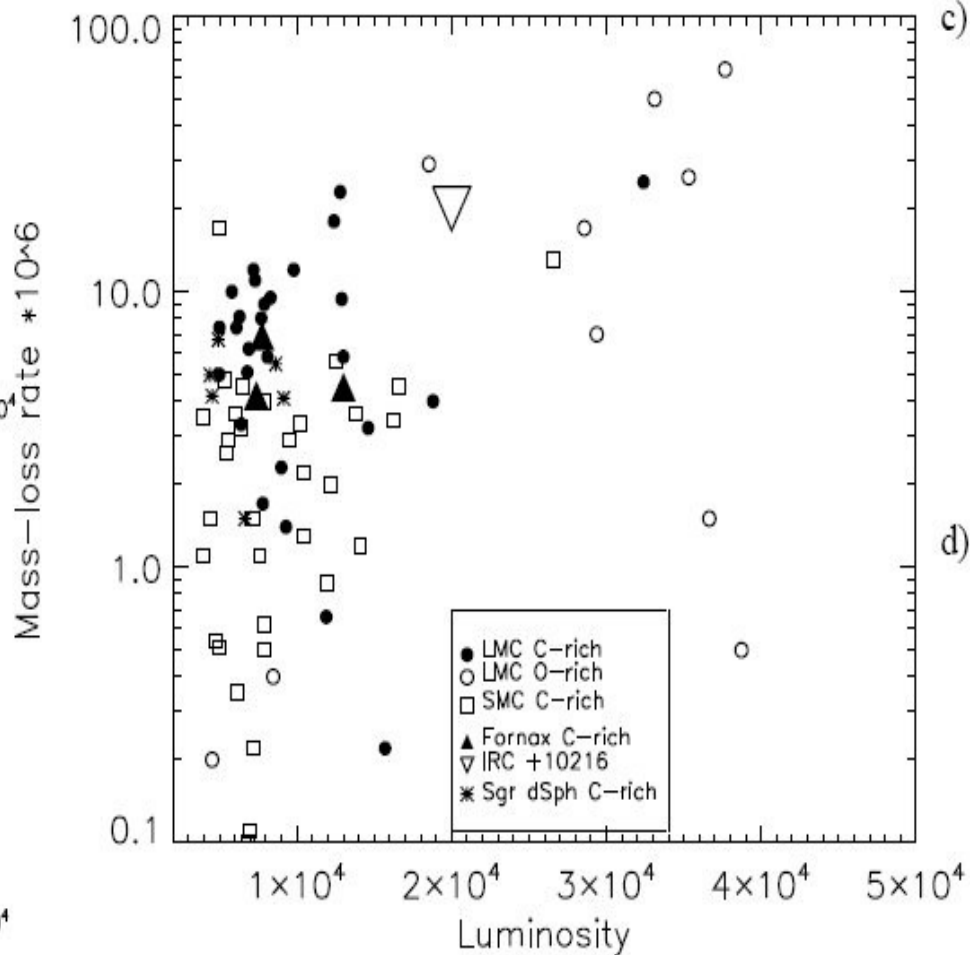
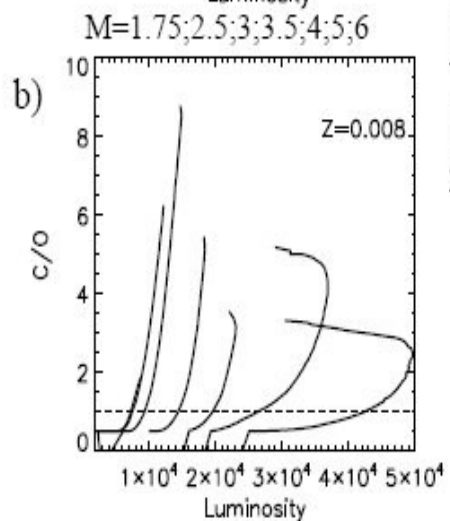
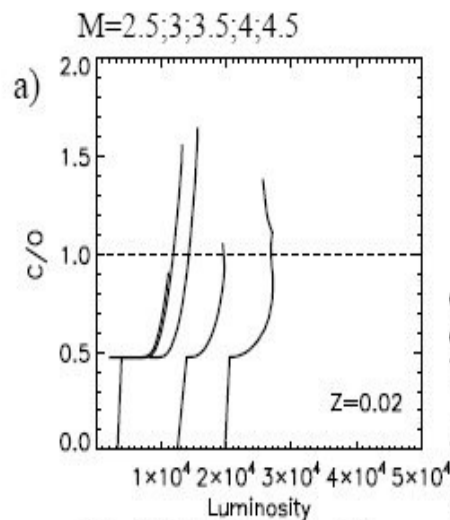
Galactic stars: semi-regular variables

Mira variables

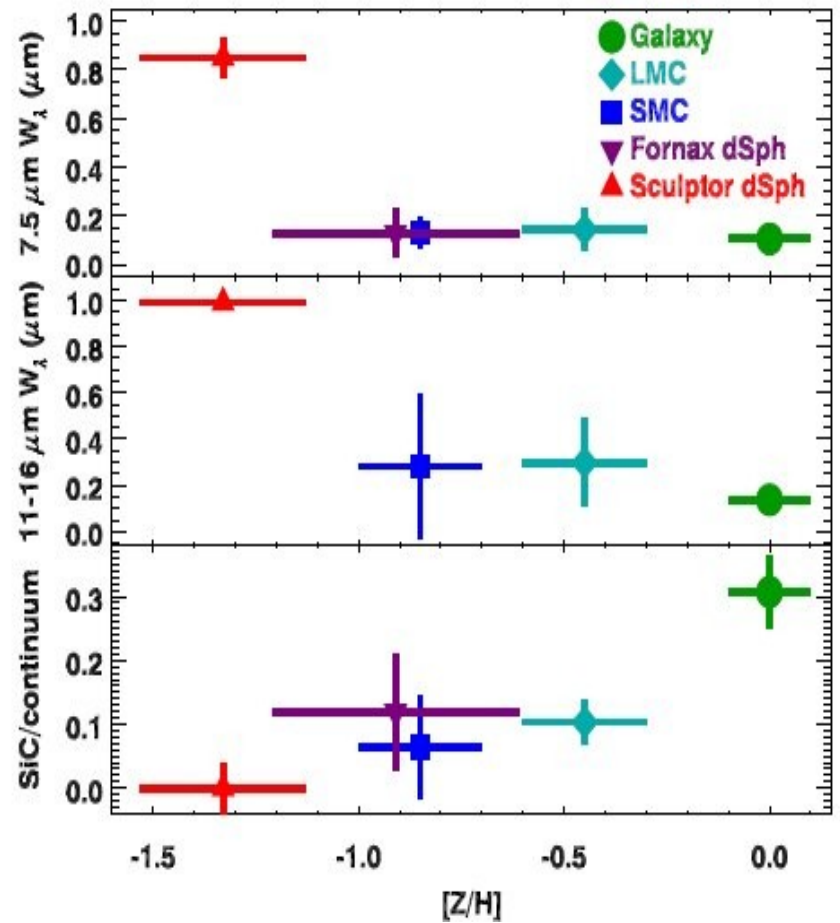
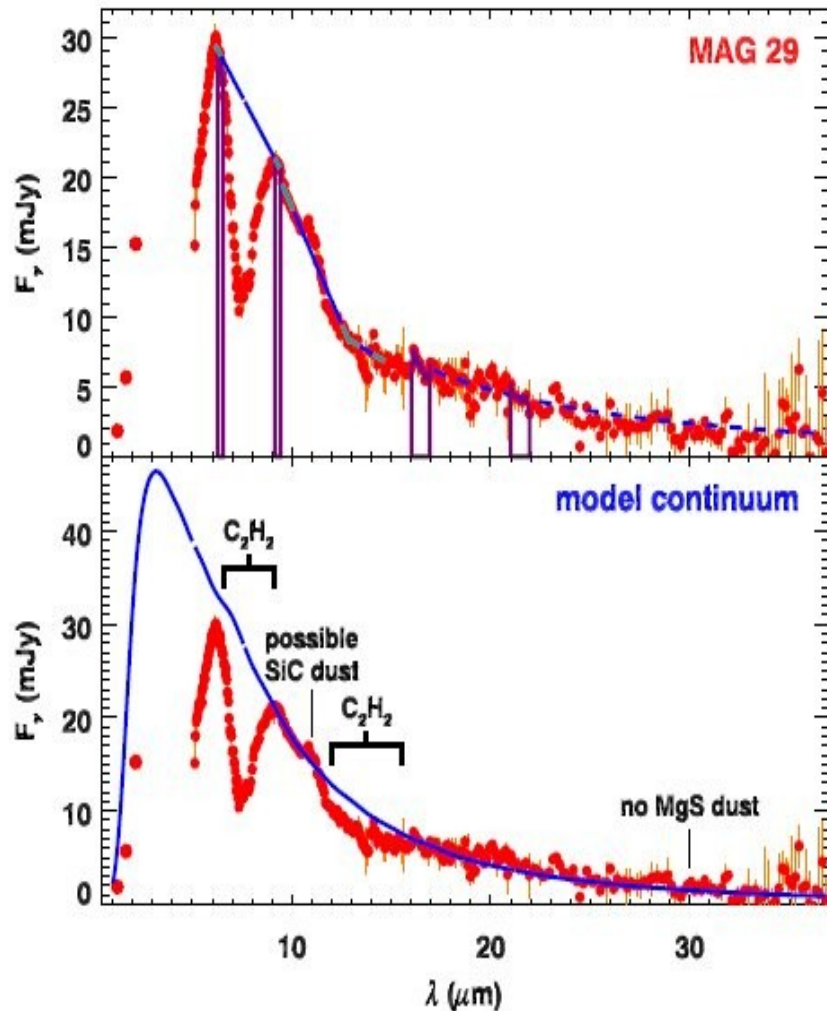
SiO EW [Angstrom]



LMC



Spitzer spectra



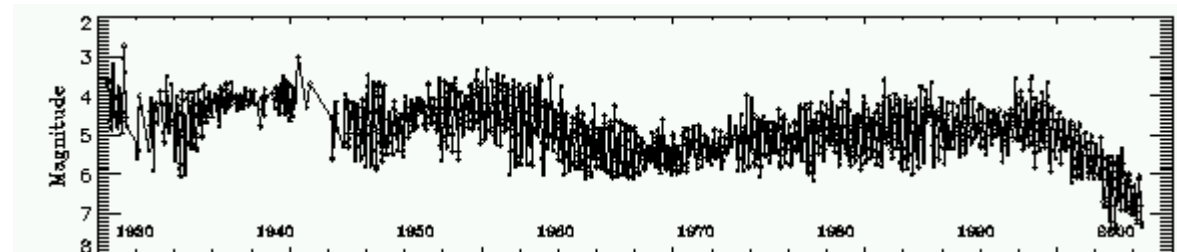
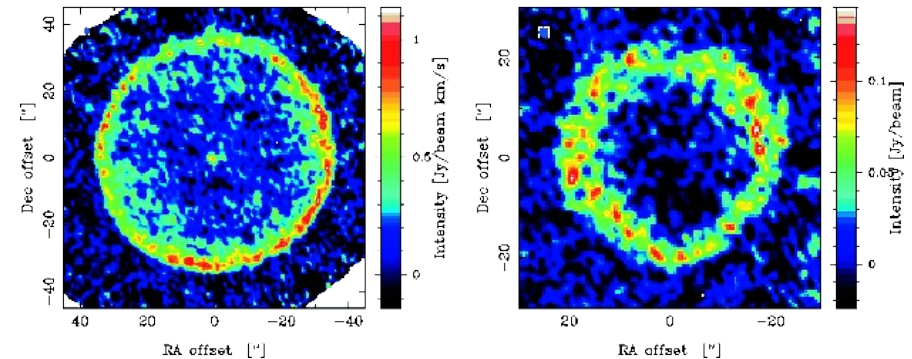
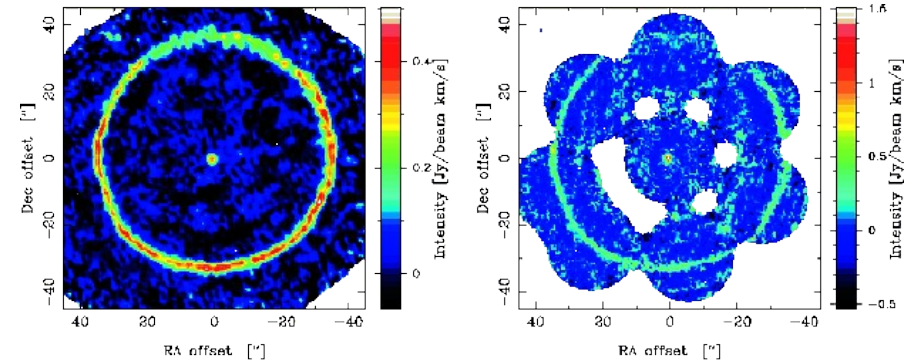
Superwind trigger

- Superwind occurs at all Z
- Mass loss for O-rich stars is metallicity-dependant
- Mass loss for C-rich stars is not
- Star evaporates if
- C – O higher than critical value
- L larger than critical value
 - $L \sim Z^{-4/3}$
- binary trigger

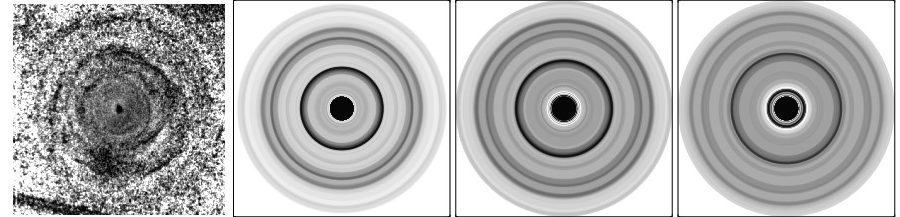
Mass loss variability

three time scales

- 10^{4-5} year: TP spikes
 - TT Cyg
- 10^{2-3} year: rings
- 10 year: extinction variations
 - L₂ Pup

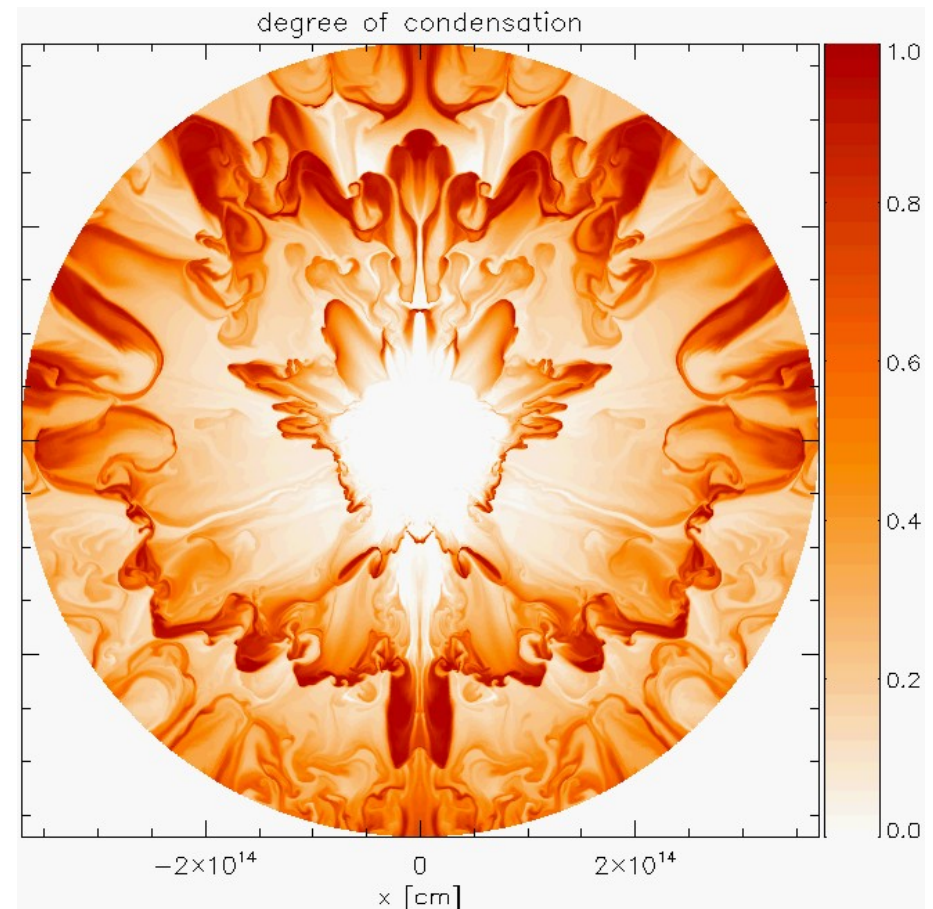


Dust driven instability



- 1-d models reproduce ring structure
- 2-d models indicate an irregular structure, not resembling rings
 - RT instabilities

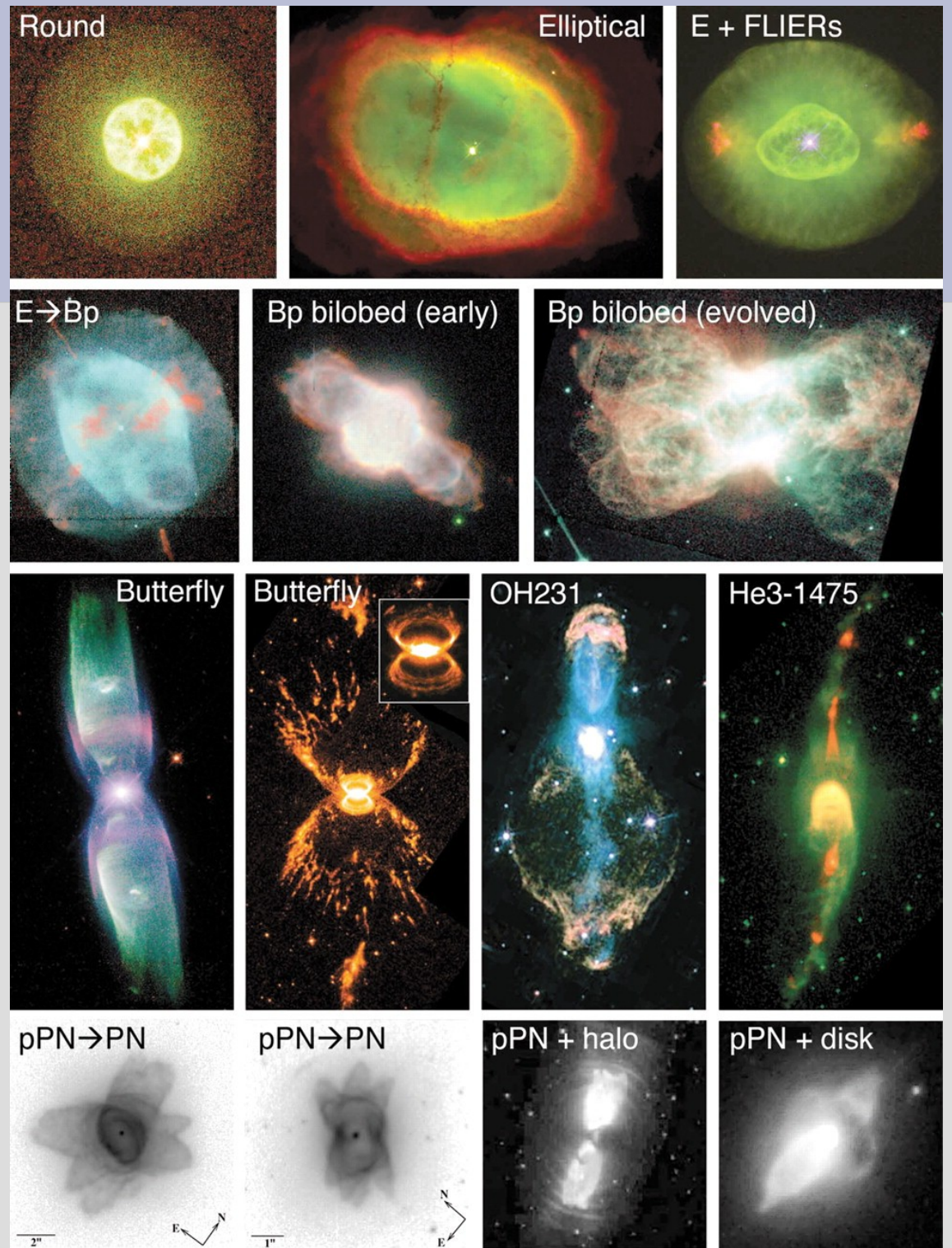
Woitke 2006



Shapes

- Round
- Elliptical
- Bipolar
- Multipolar

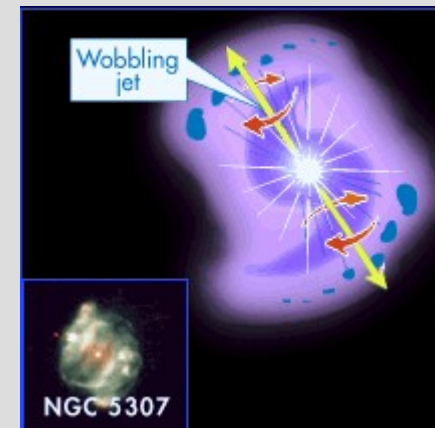
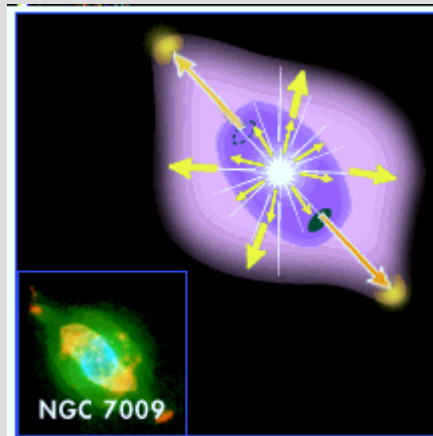
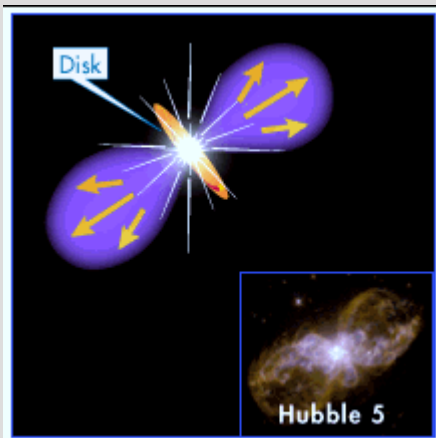
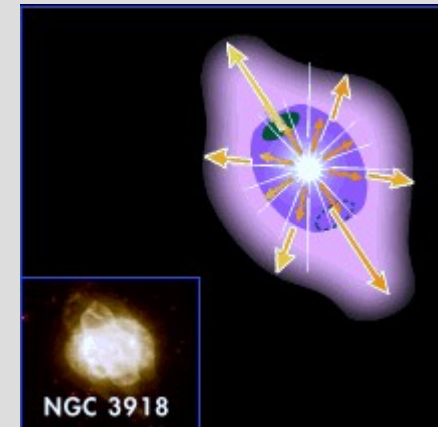
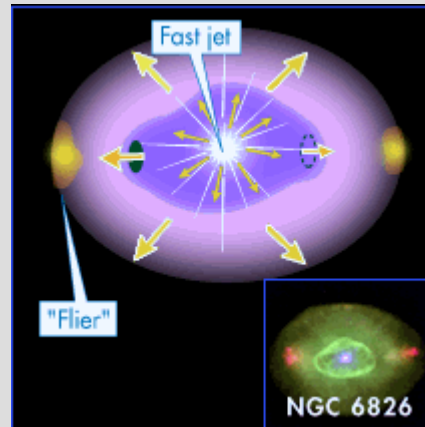
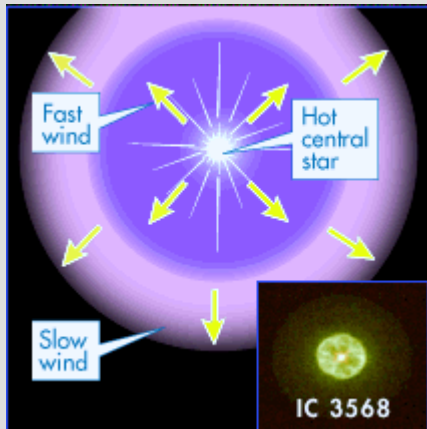
What did the star do?



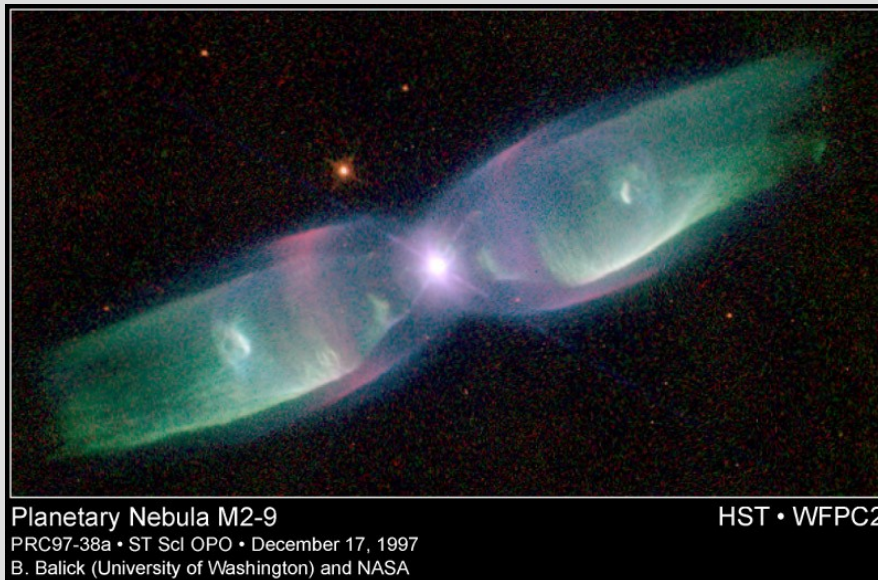
Interacting winds

- Mira variable ejects a shell, at leisurely speeds
- Afterwards, the hot remnant blows a light wind at much higher speeds into the ejecta
- The fast wind sweeps up a shell of slower gas (**snowplough**)
- This amplifies initial asymmetries

Interacting winds

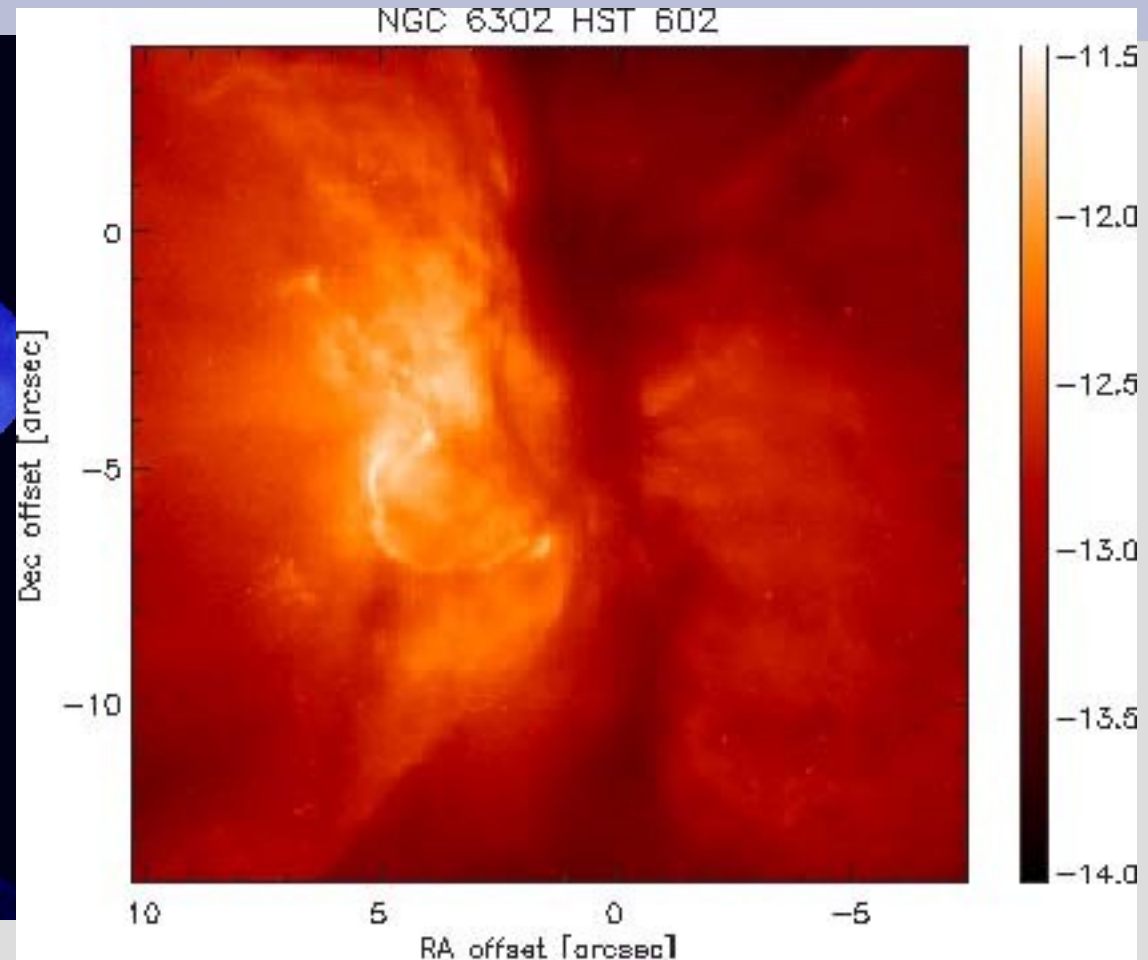
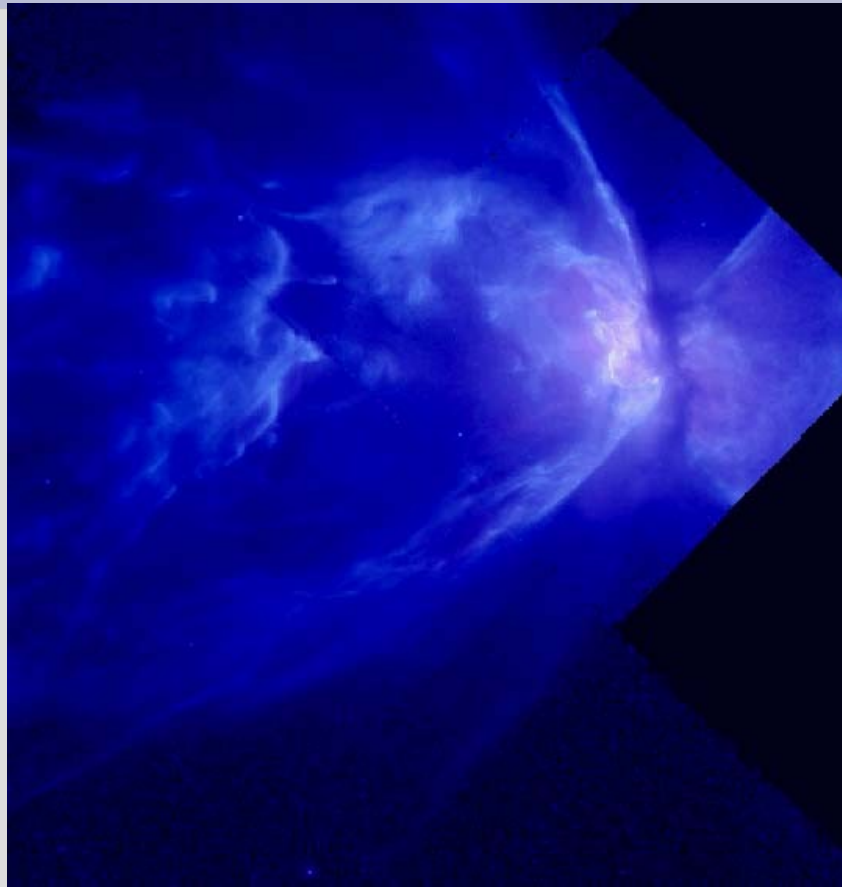


M2-9



- Very fast winds
 - Hot region inside the nebula
 - Hot region tries to puncture the nebula
- Hydrodynamic models by **Vincent Icke** can fit many of the observed structures

NGC 6302: multipolar



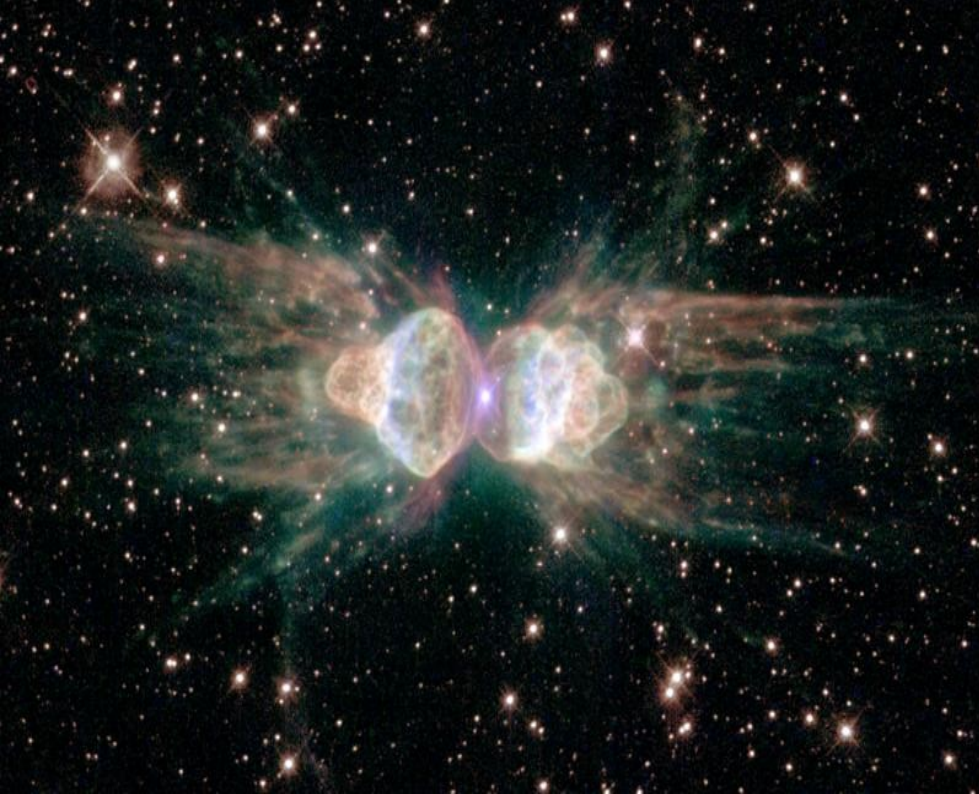
- Left: full HST image.

Right: close up of the core

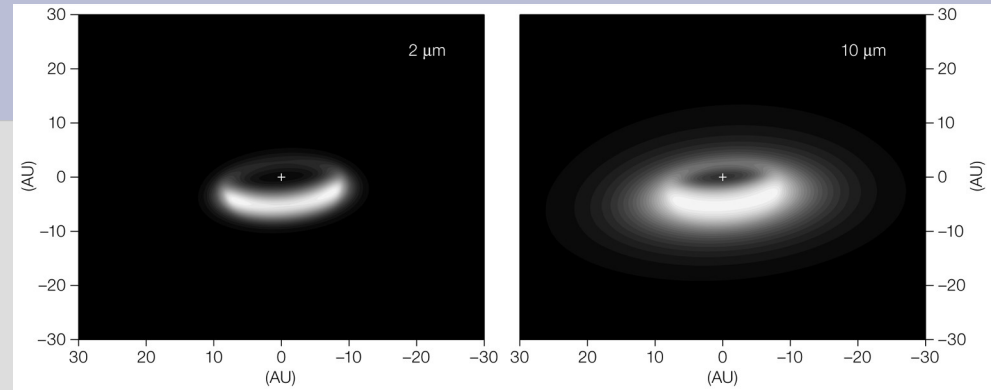
Initial asymmetries

- Hydrodynamical models require more mass ejected towards the equator than to the poles
 - Disk-like structure
- Observationally, not known for Mira variables
- could be caused by
 - Binaries
 - Cannibalized planets
- Work for the VLTI





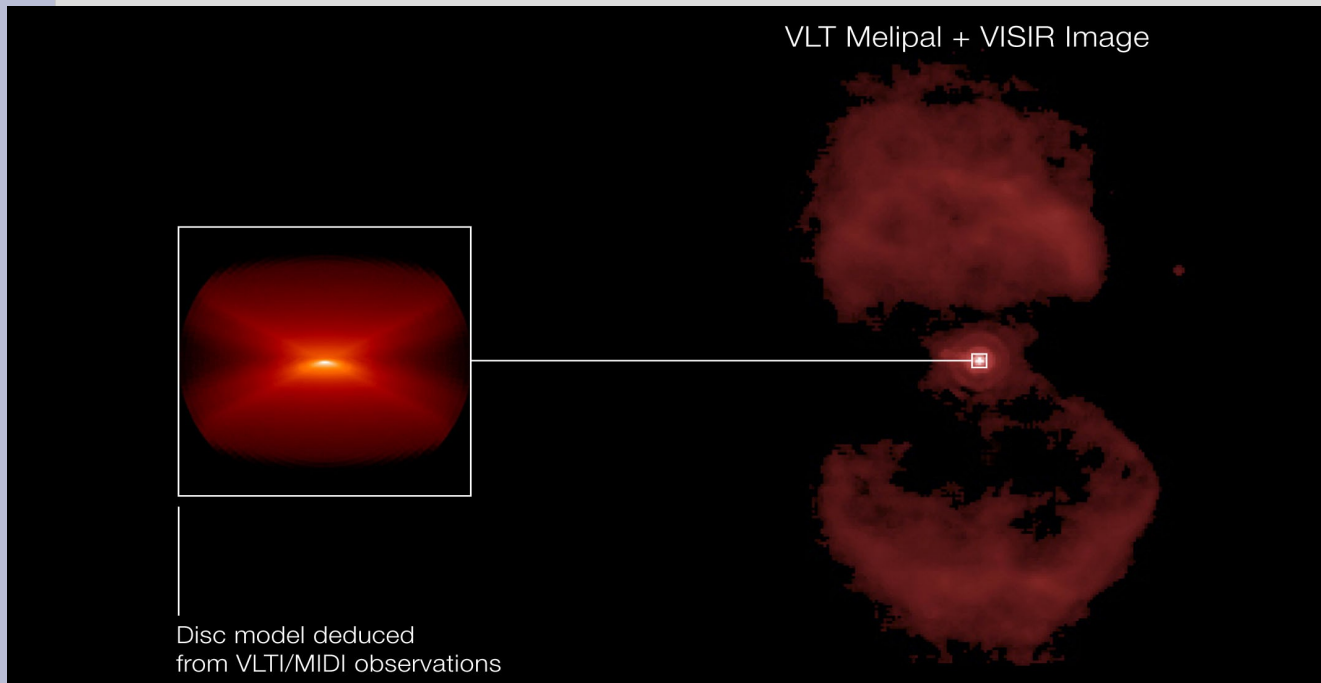
Disk discoveries



A Disc Around An Aged Star

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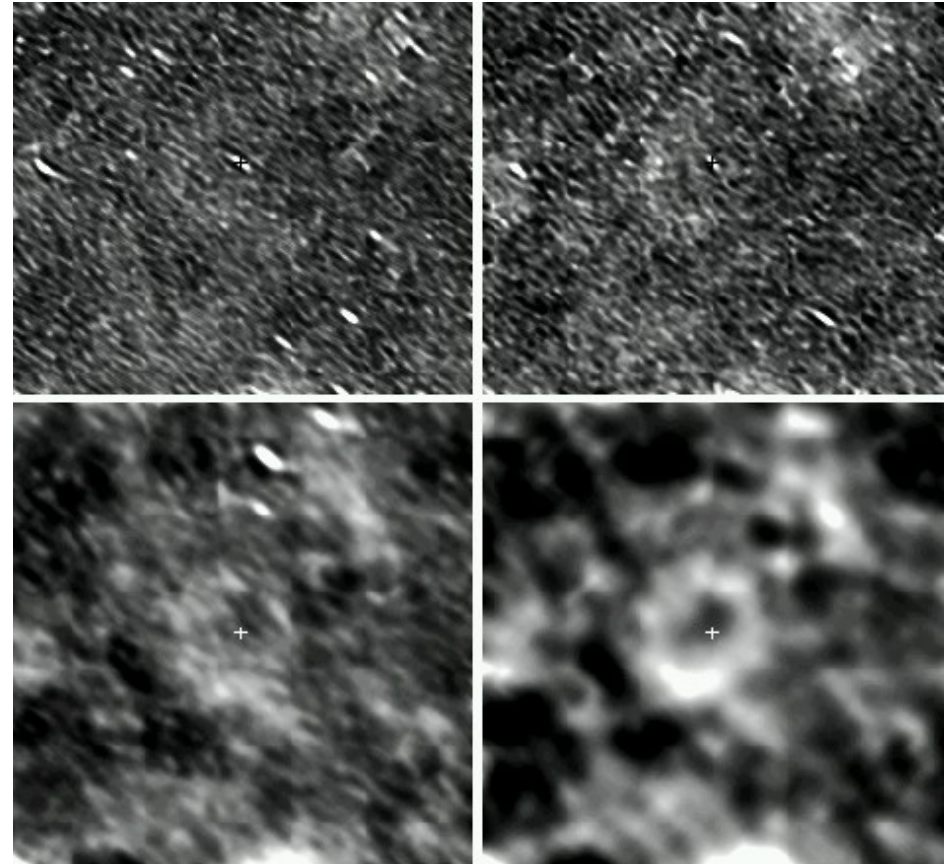
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Angular momentum

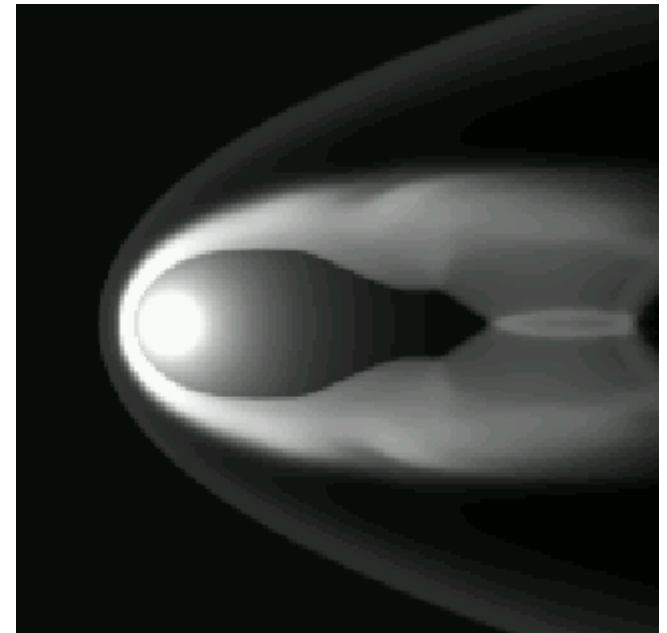
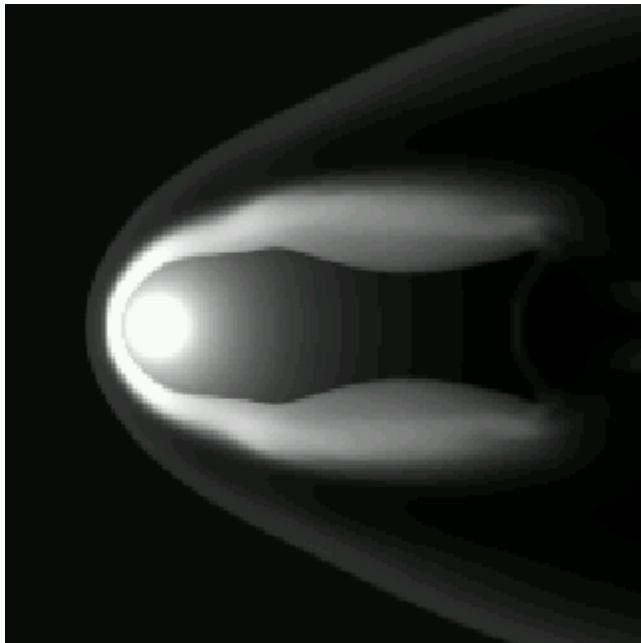
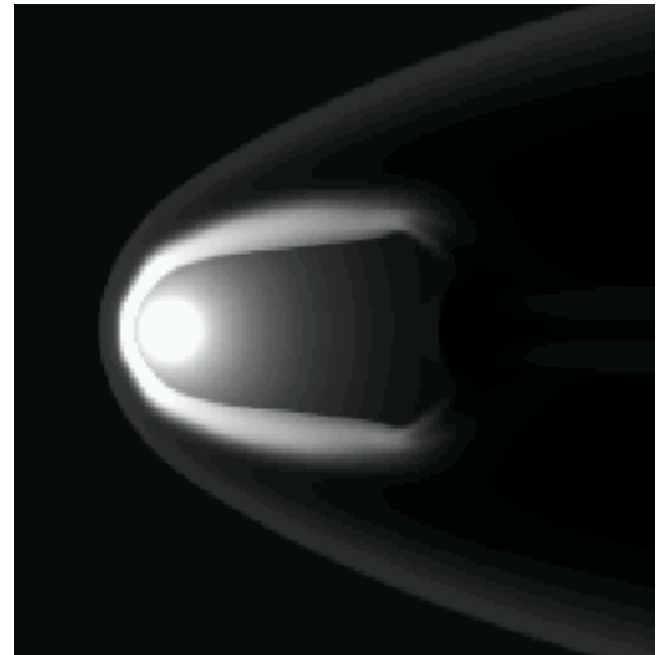
- Shaping requires angular momentum
 - not possible from stellar rotation
- During stellar evolution, angular momentum is in **cold storage**
- Superwind taps angular momentum reservoir
 - binary orbits

AGB – ISM interface

- Stellar wind sweeps up ISM
 - stationary shock at 0.5-2 pc
 - interstellar wall
- Mixing occurs in the wall
- Wall is shaped by stellar motion



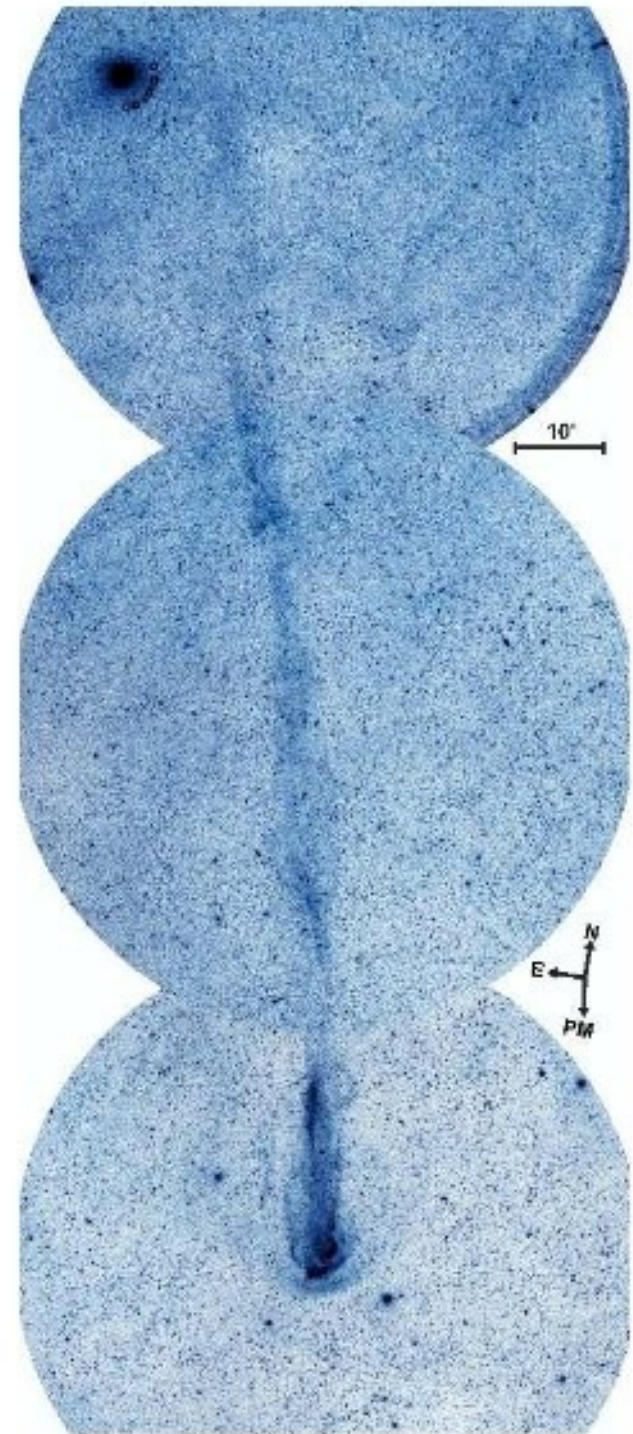
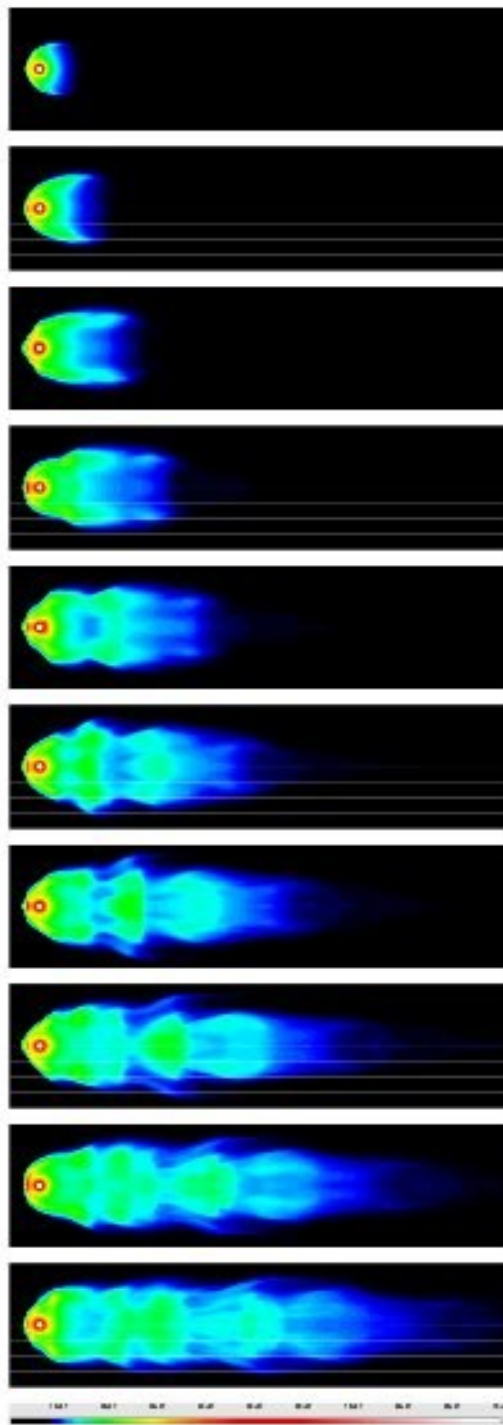




Mira: the wonderful

- Brightest, and oldest known, variable star
 - discovered 1584
 - probably known before
(suggested candidate for star of Bethlehem)
- Moving at high speed through the Galaxy
 - expect bow shock and tail

- Mira's wonderful tail
 - 0.5 million year old
- caused by
 - stellar wind
 - blowing into the ISM



Galactic Ecology

- **ISM conditions** determine star formation
 - location, efficiency, metallicity, IMF, angular momentum
- **Stars** determine ISM conditions
 - energy deposition, ionization
- **Stars** re-form the ISM
 - Ejecta: gas, dust, kinetic energy
- **ISM** forms a new generation of different stars

Galactic evolution and stellar evolution intertwine