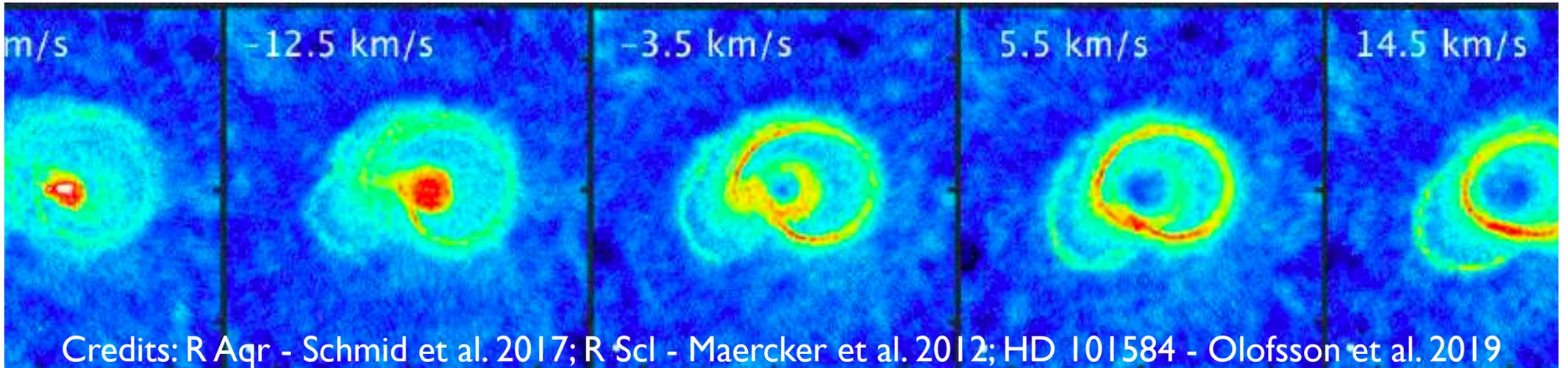


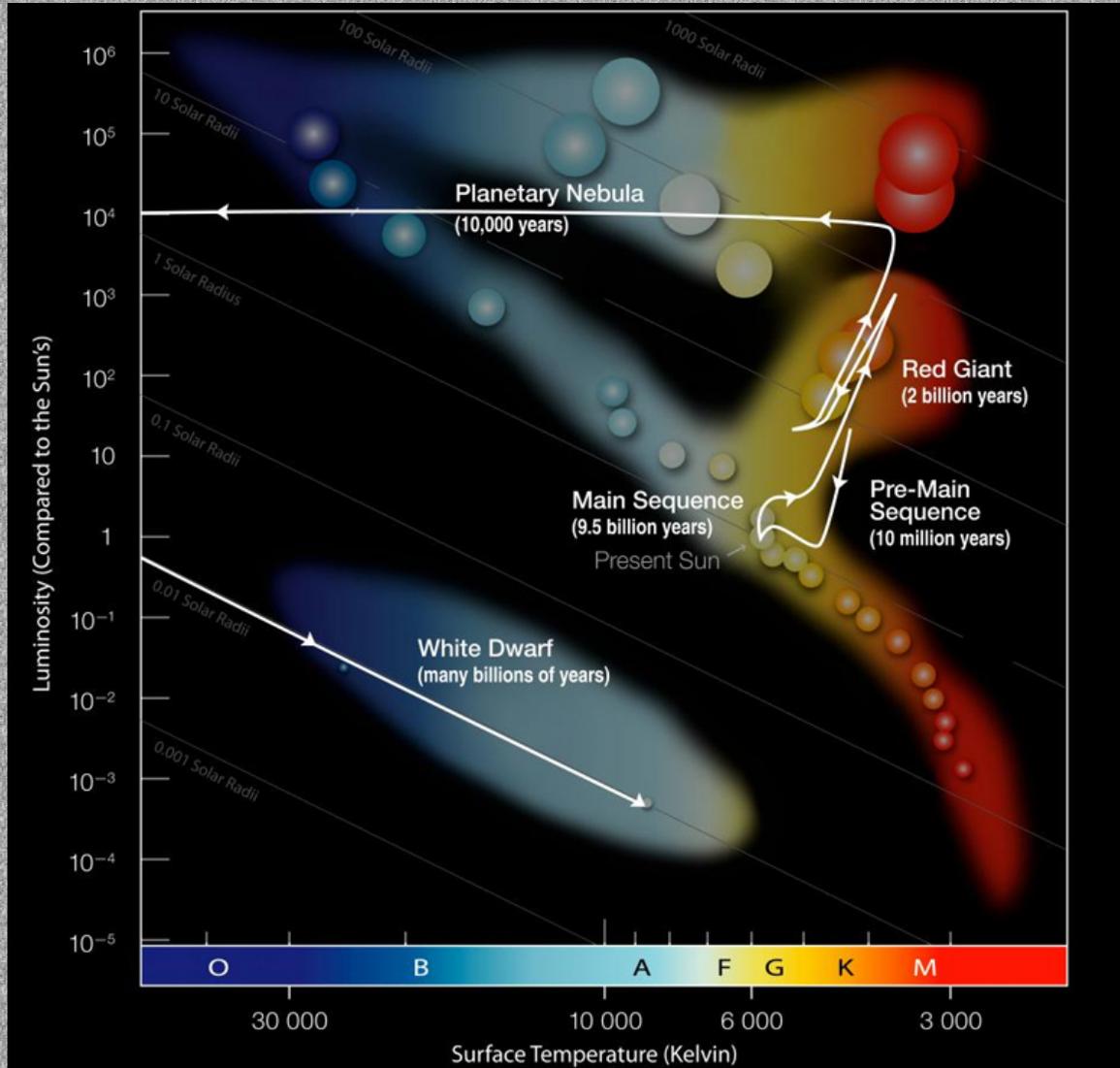
# Evolved Stars

Regional VLBI Workshop 2019, Mexico City  
Liz Humphreys (ESO)

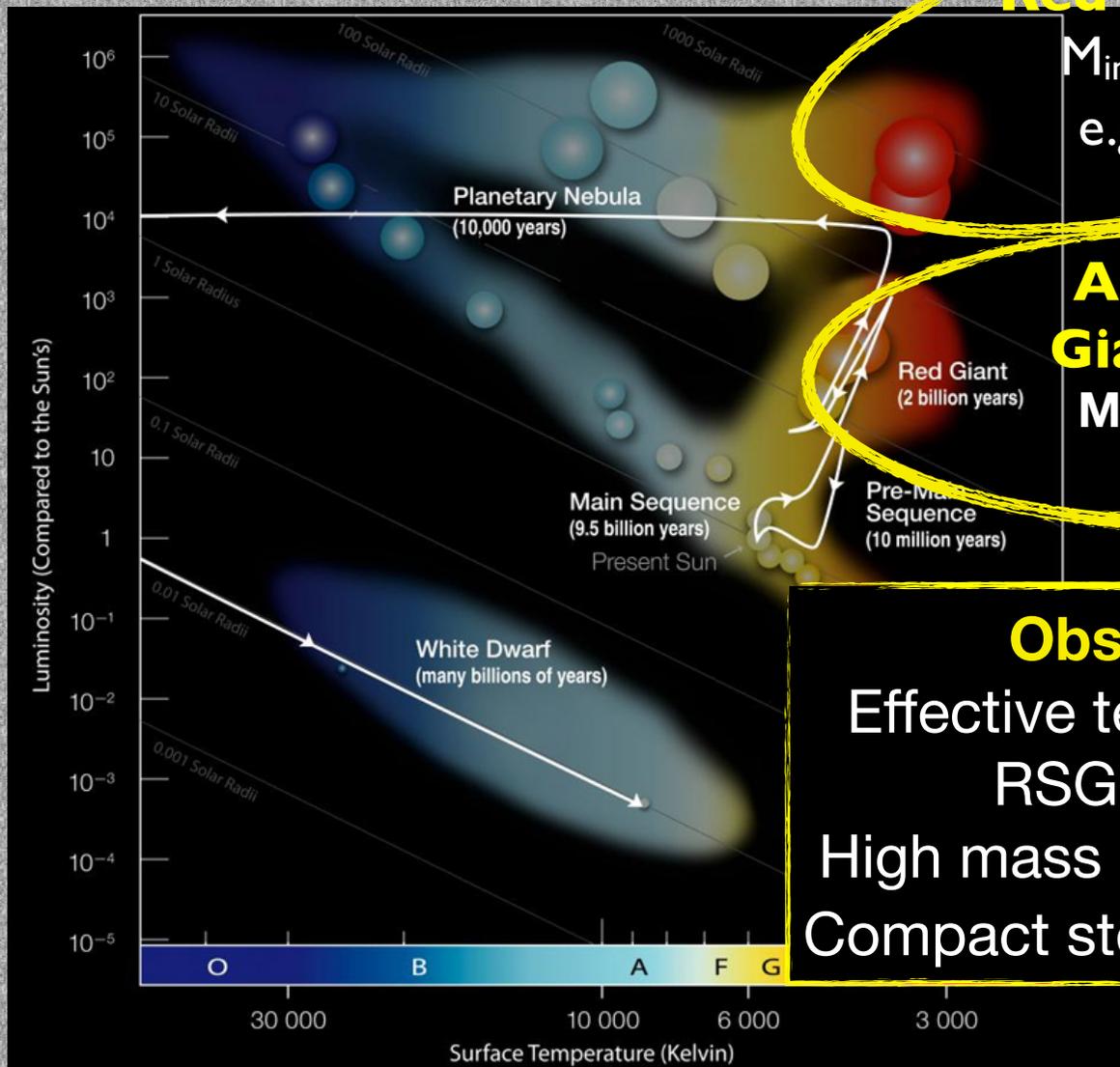


Credits: R Aqr - Schmid et al. 2017; R Scl - Maercker et al. 2012; HD 101584 - Olofsson et al. 2019

# HR-Diagram



# AGB and RSG Stars



## Red Super Giants

$M_{\text{initial}}: 8 - 35 M_{\odot}$   
e.g. Betelgeuse

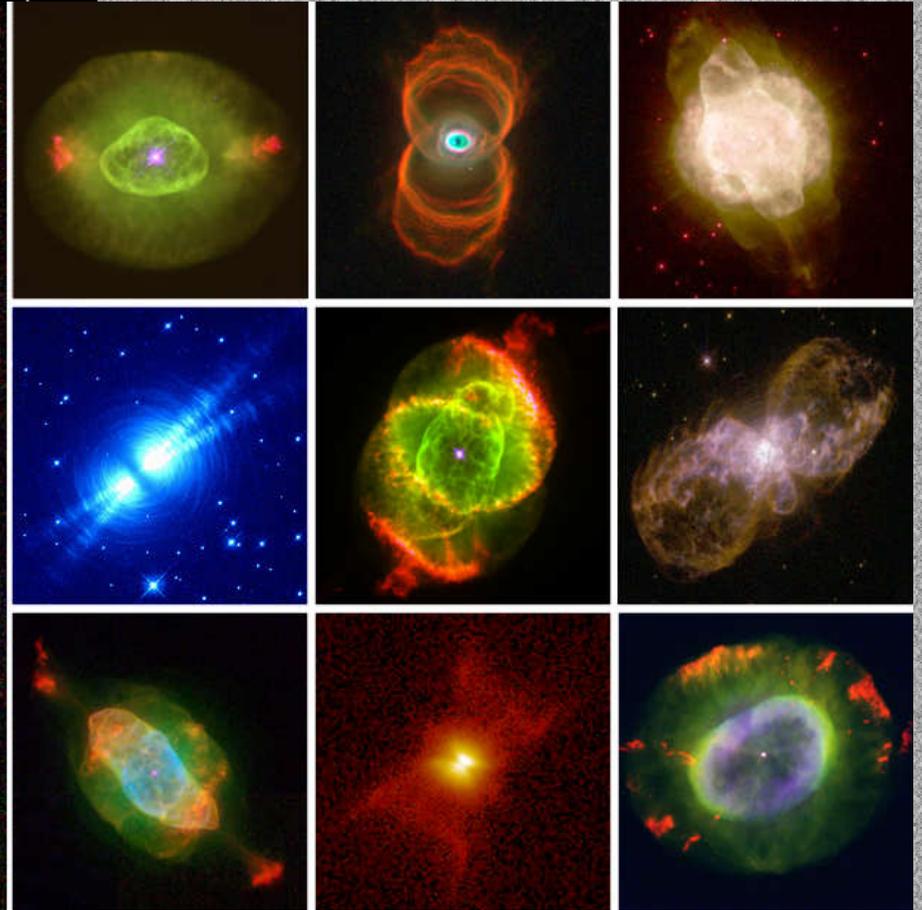
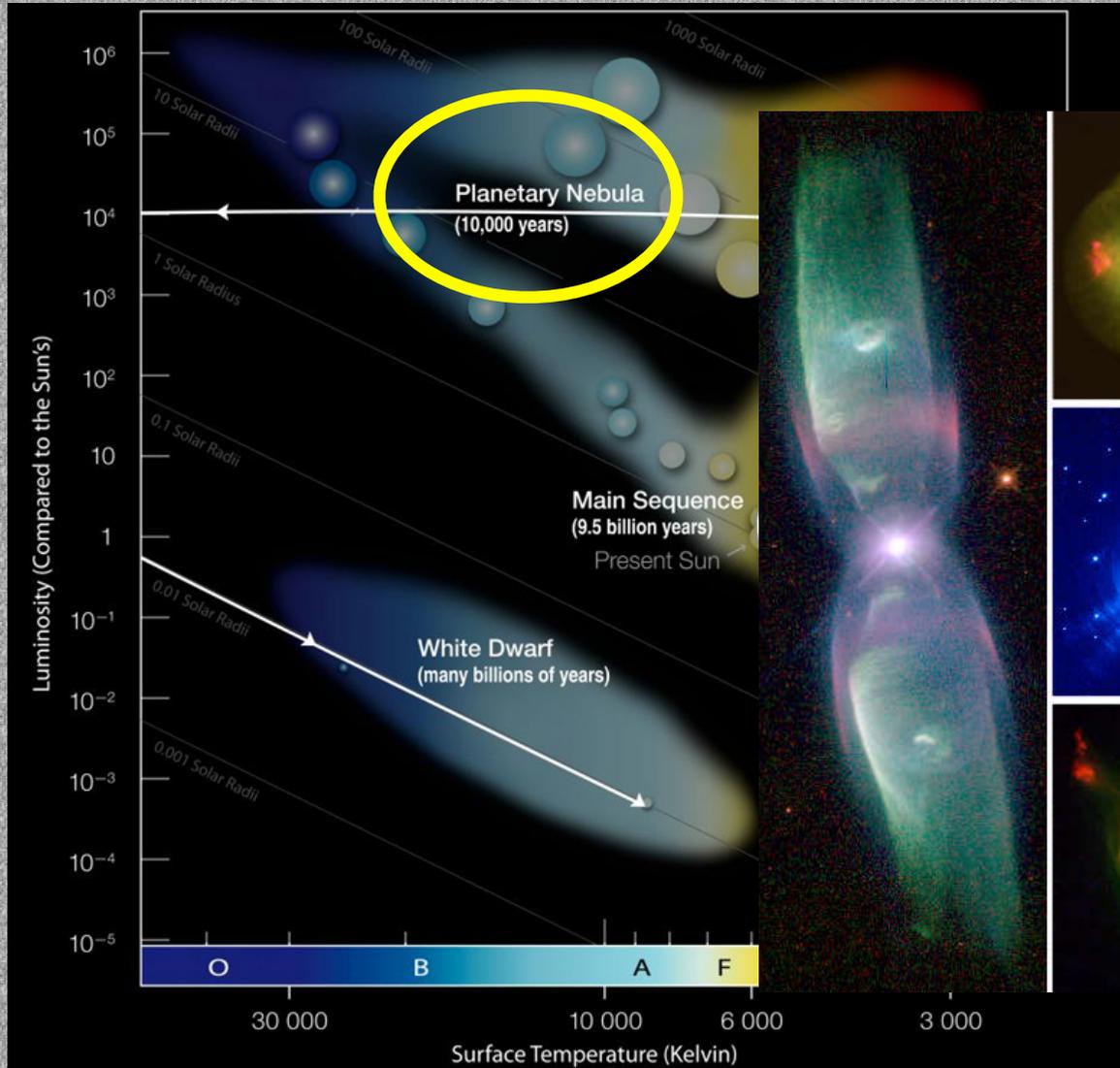
## Asymptotic Giant Branch

$M_{\text{initial}}: 1 - 8 M_{\odot}$   
e.g. Mira

## Observational Similarities

- Effective temperatures  $\sim 2500 - 4000$  K
- RSG + AGB stellar pulsation
- High mass loss rates  $\sim 10^{-7}$  to  $10^{-4} M_{\odot}\text{yr}^{-1}$
- Compact stellar core + extended envelope

# Planetary Nebulae



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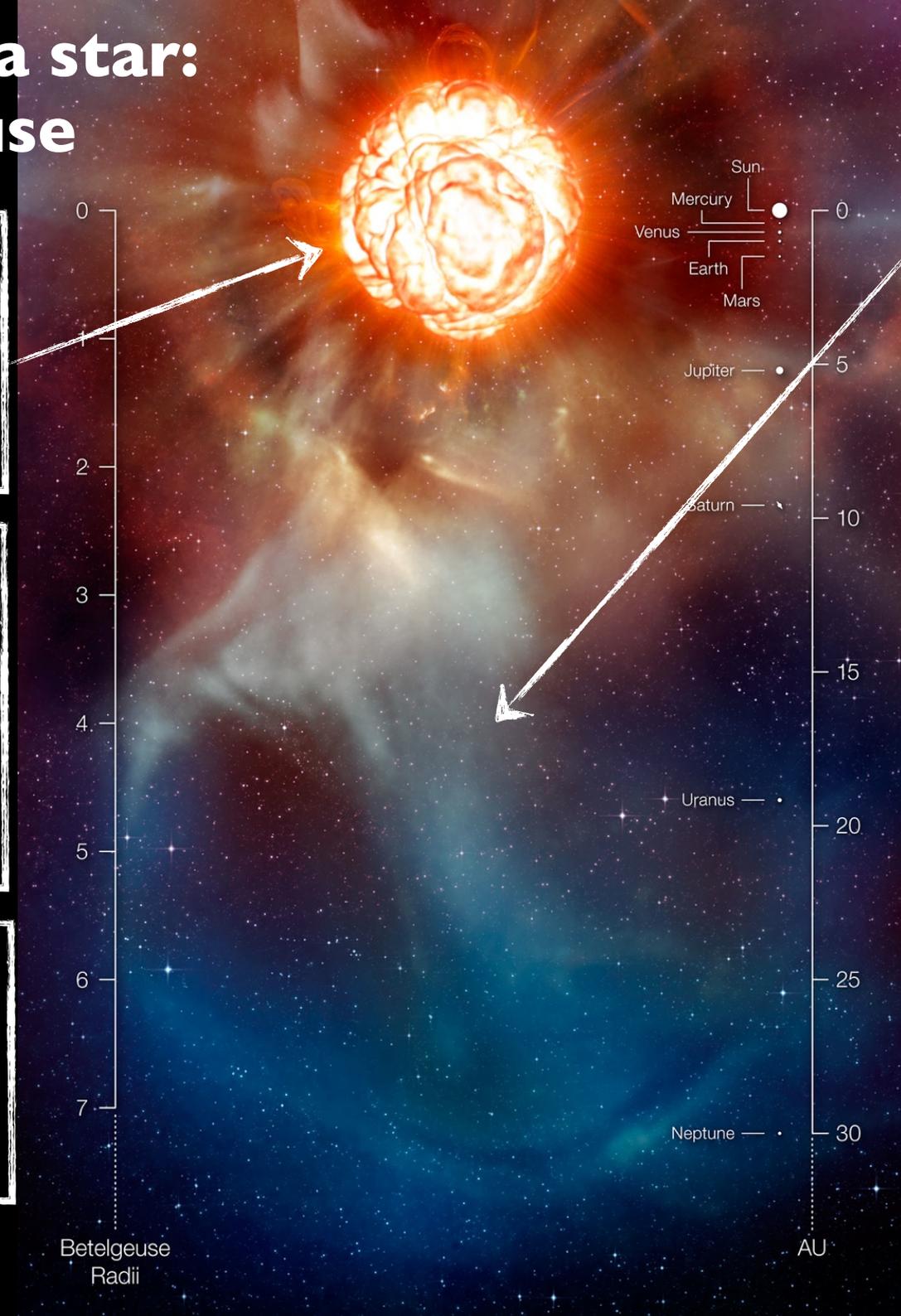
# Anatomy of a star: e.g. Betelgeuse

Central star  
convective  
cells

Photosphere  
Angular  
Diameter:  
43 mas

Effective  
temperature:  
3700 K

VLT/AMBER  
Ohnaka et al. (2009)



Giant gas  
plume  
shows  
mass loss  
asymmetry

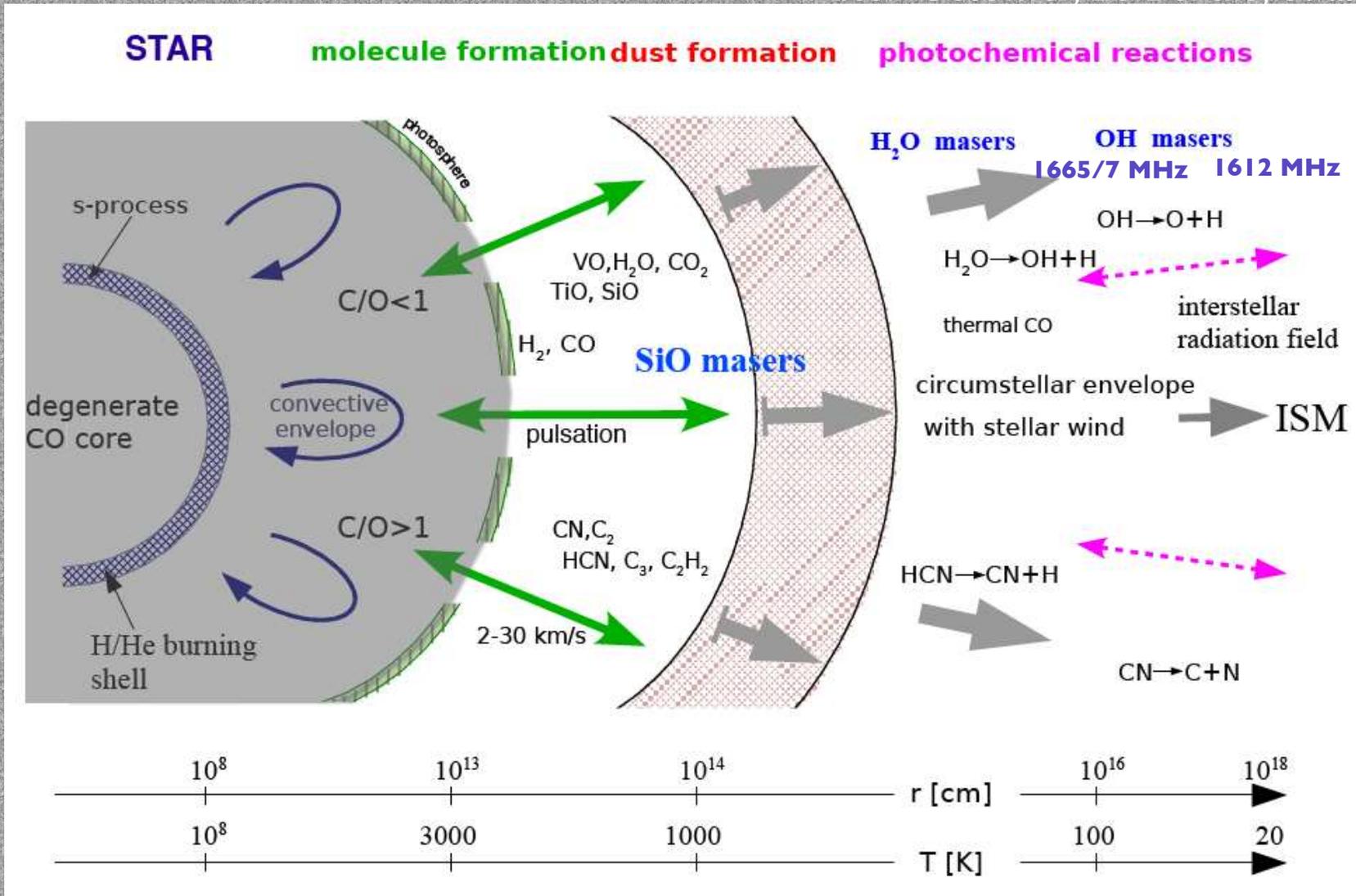
Circumstellar  
envelope  
(CSE)  
extends  
much further

Molecules  
+ Dust

  
VLT/NACO  
Kervella et al. (2009)

# Mass-loss and masers

After Colomer, Le Bertre, et al.



Oxygen-rich AGB stars: SiO, H<sub>2</sub>O and OH masers often observed towards the same star  
 Location in the CSE governed by factors including excitation, chemistry

# Aside: Masers

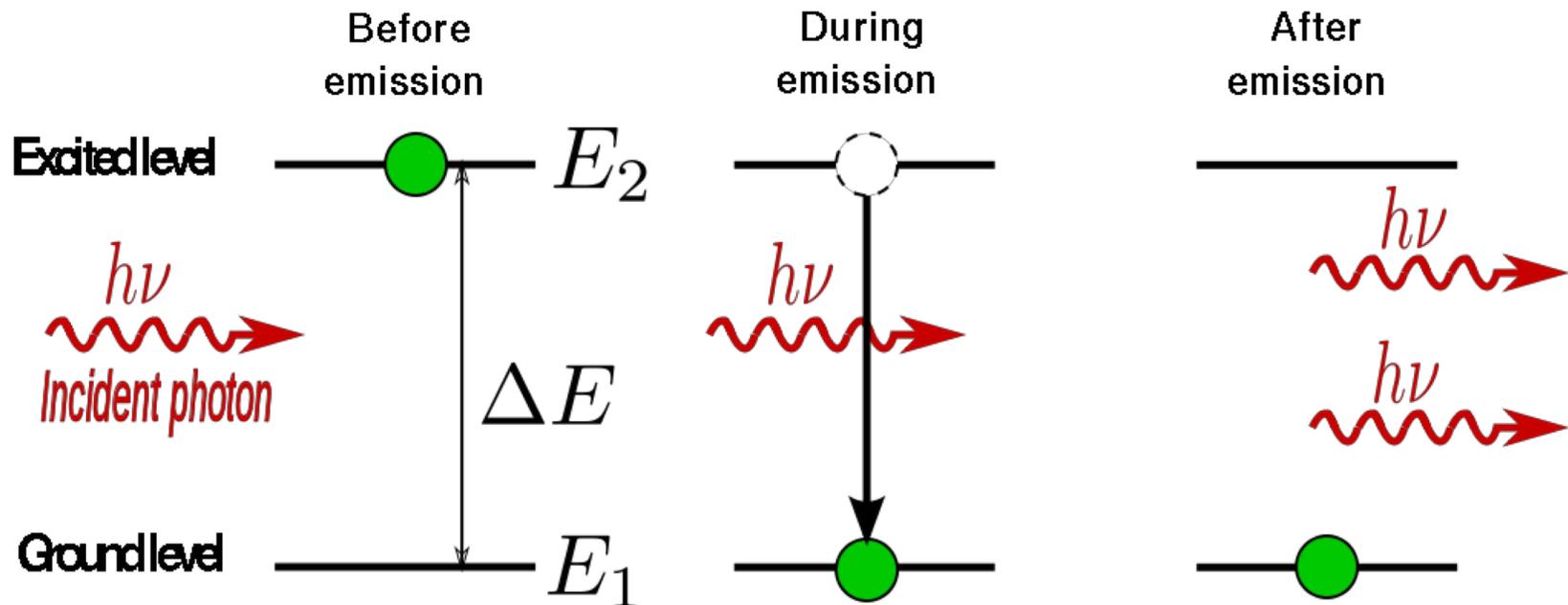
(Microwave Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation)

- Compact, high brightness temperature masers enable study at high angular resolution (e.g. 1 milliarcsecond)
- **Found in:** Evolved stars, AGN, star formation, supernova remnants, comets and planetary atmospheres....
- **Species include:** SiO, H<sub>2</sub>O, OH, HCN, CH<sub>3</sub>OH, SiS, NH<sub>3</sub>, hydrogen recombination masers
- **Uses include:**
  - Determine gas physical conditions
  - Dynamics (3D velocities from proper motions)
  - Magnetic field estimation
  - Distances, maser cosmology (talk by Jim Braatz)

# Maser amplification

See e.g. Maser Sources in Astrophysics by Malcolm Gray

## Stimulated emission

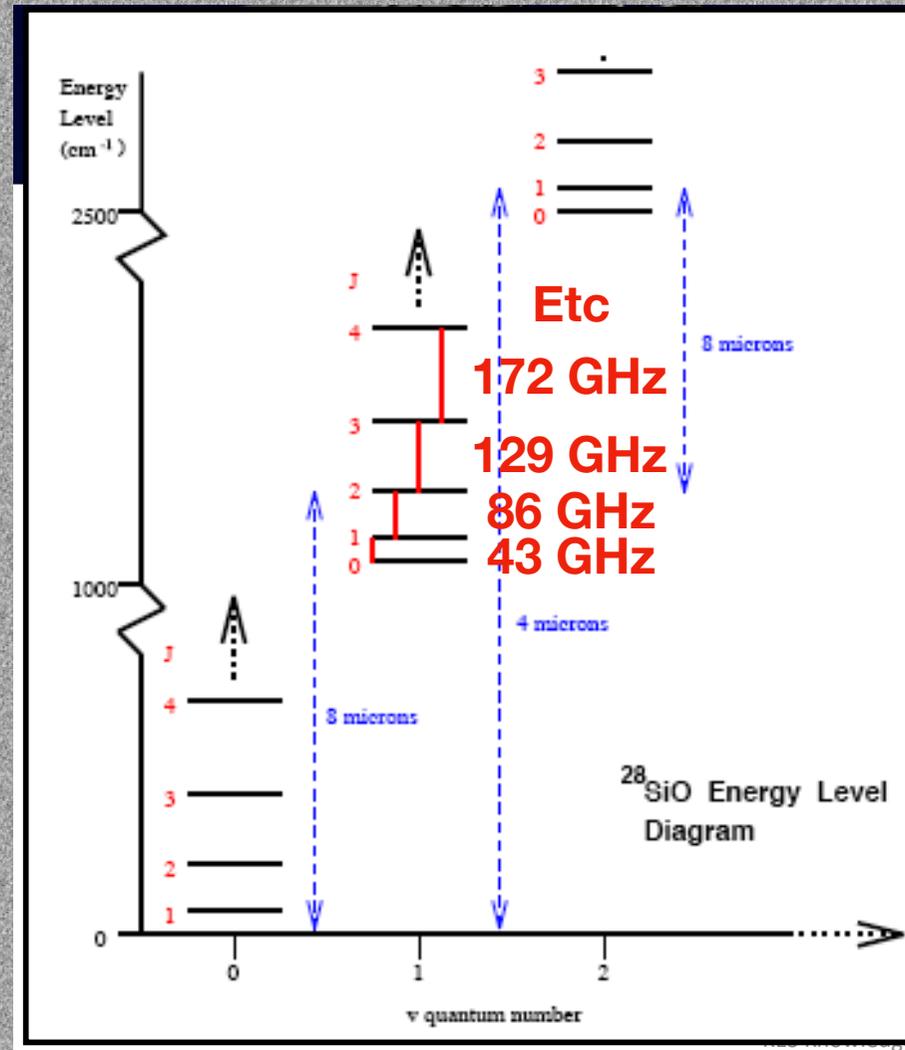


Emitted photons: same frequency, phase and direction as stimulating photon

Exponential amplification (in the unsaturated regime)

Population inversion is a pre-requisite for maser action  
Maser pump e.g. radiative or collisional

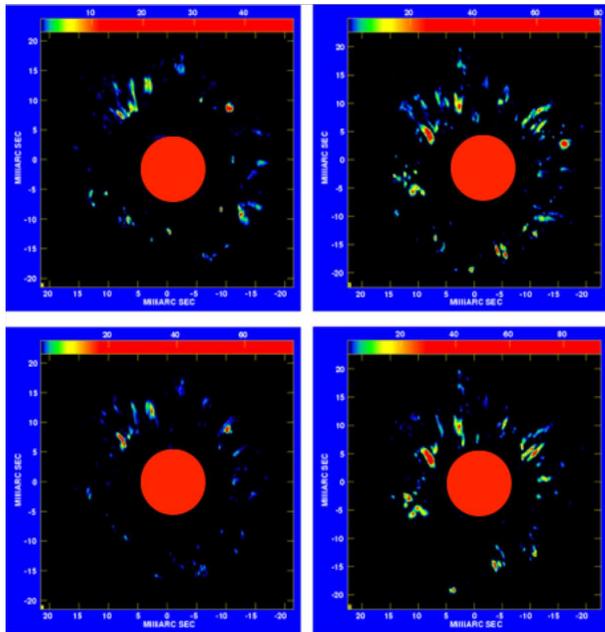
# Maser transitions e.g. SiO



SiO emission from rotational transitions in  $v=0$  is usually thermal not maser

# Masers: VLBI

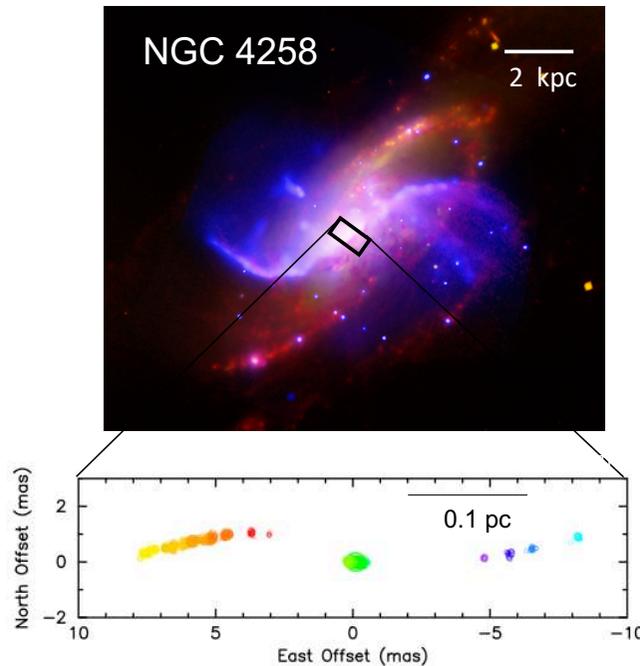
## Maser environments at high angular resolution



SiO Masers in AGB Stars

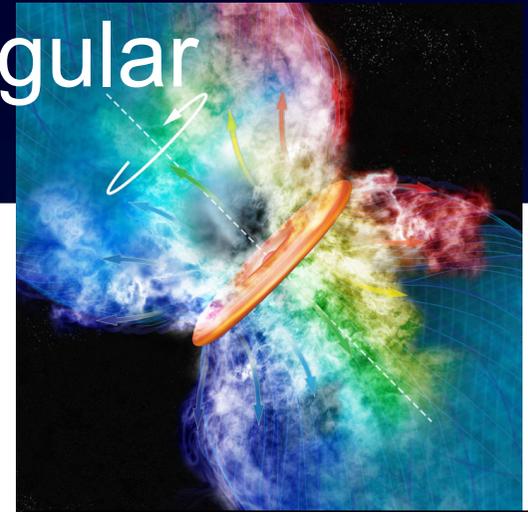
Yi et al.

Angular resolution  $\sim 1$  mas

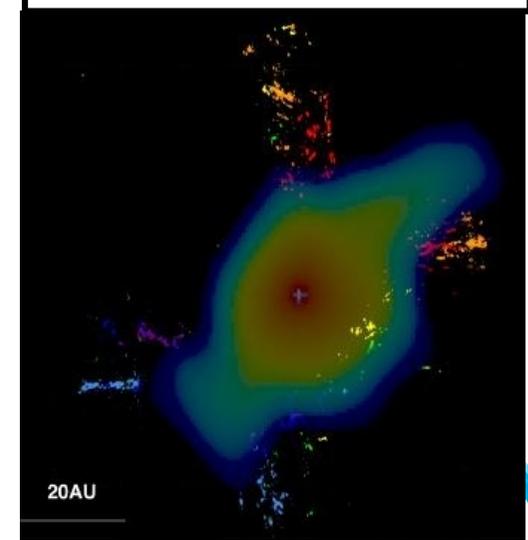


H<sub>2</sub>O Megamasers in AGN

Argon et al. (2007)



SiO masers in star formation

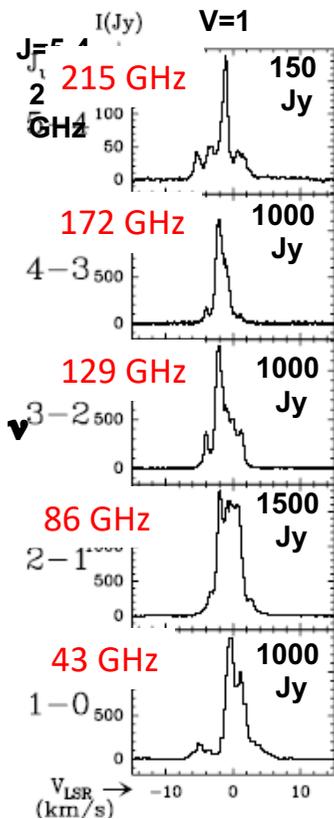


Maser amplification paths should have velocity coherence  
(velocity gradients along them should not be high)

# Masers: single-dish spectra

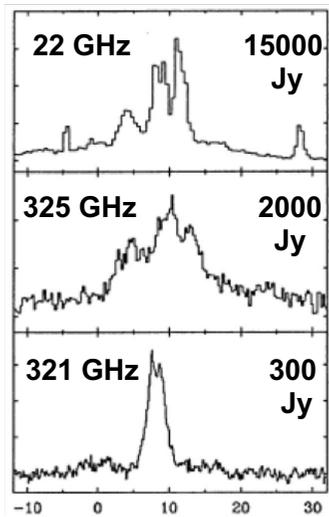
## Maser species (at low angular resolution)

SiO: R Leo



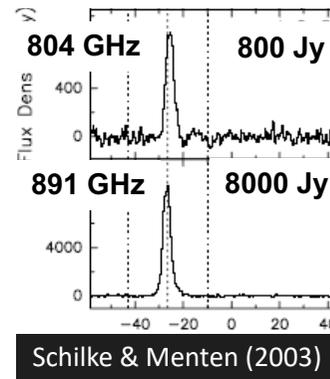
Pardo et al. (1998)

H<sub>2</sub>O: W49N



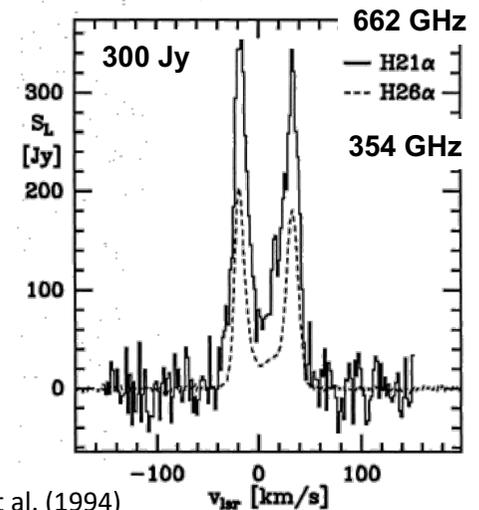
Menten, Melnick & Phillips (1990)

HCN: IRC+10216



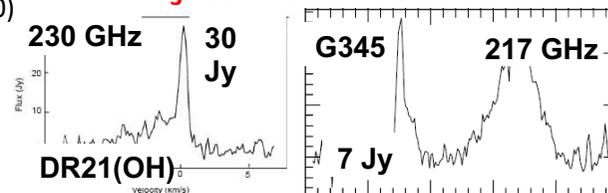
Schilke & Menten (2003)

Hydrogen Recombination:  
MWC 349A



Thum et al. (1994)

CH<sub>3</sub>OH: Class I & II



Kalenskii et al. (2002)

Sobolev et al. (2002)

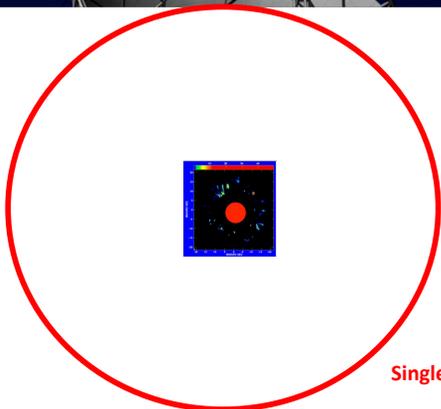
Note:

- (1) often masers at different frequencies observed towards the same object
- (2) narrow features in spectra

Observe galactic masers at high velocity resolution (ideally 0.1-0.2 km/s) to spectrally-resolve the narrow features

## Narrow features in maser spectra

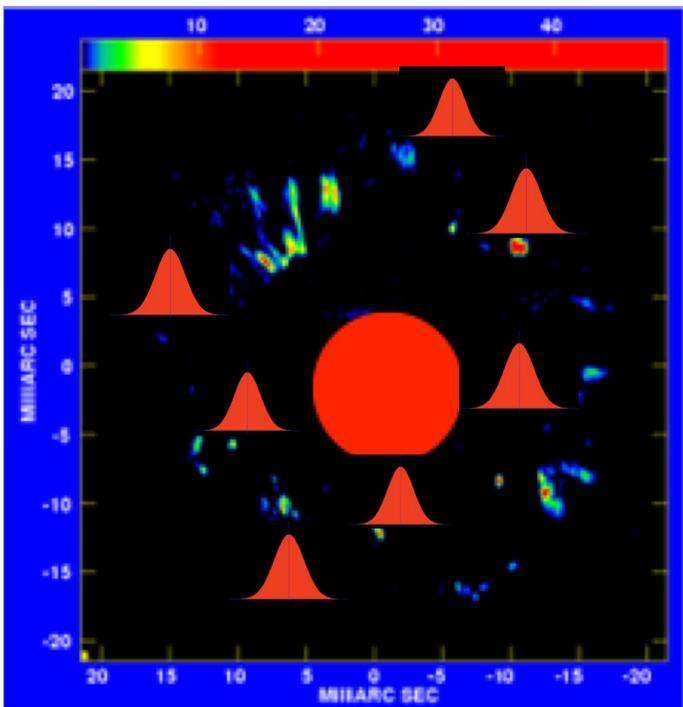
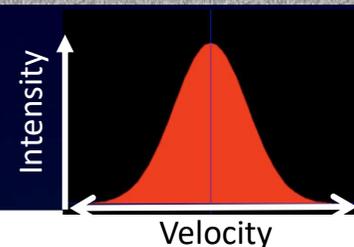
Sign of maser emission



Single-dish telescope beam e.g. 15 arcseconds

Maser variability: individual features can vary or the whole single-dish spectrum

## Narrow features in maser spectra



Individual maser clouds have narrow linewidths / spectra centered at their own velocities

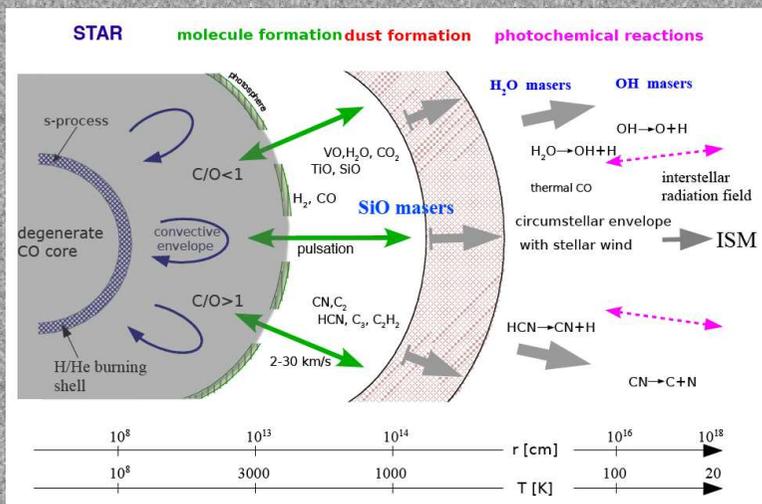
Given certain assumptions, and if no turbulence, the maximum line profile width of a cloud should be the thermal/Doppler linewidth (due to particle motions shifting the line frequency by the Doppler effect)

$$\text{FWHM (km/s)} \quad \Delta v_{1/2} = 2(\ln 2)^{1/2} \Delta v_D = 0.2(T/A_m)^{1/2}$$

Where T is the gas kinetic temperature and  $A_m$  is the molecular mass number. For SiO  $A_m = 44$  and  $T = 1500$  K, so FWHM = 1.2 km/s

Single-dish spectra a blend of line profiles from the individual maser clouds

# Stellar Surface / Photosphere

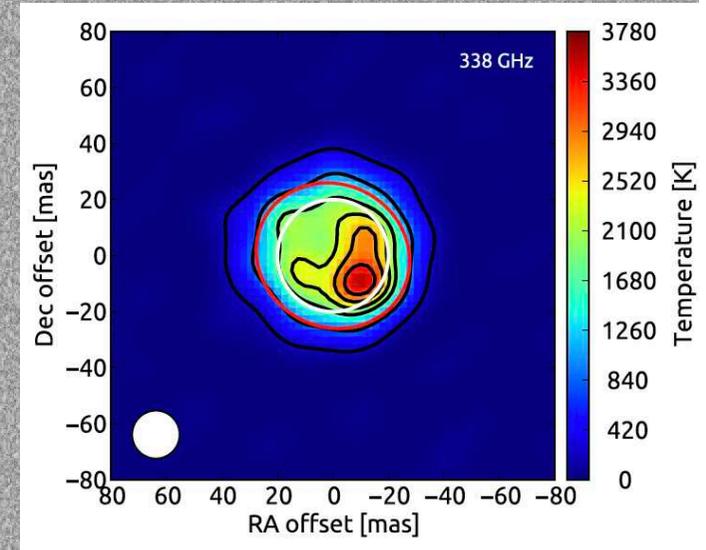
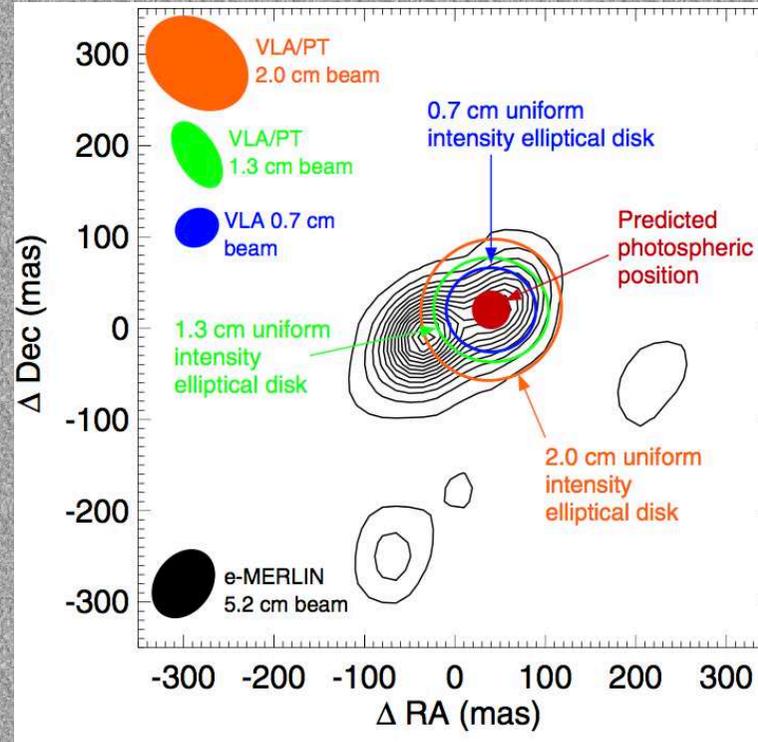
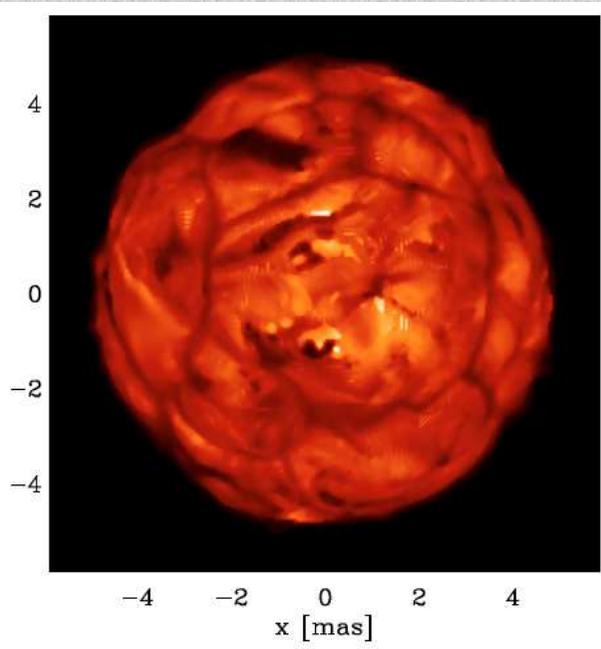


# Stellar radii (from optical/infrared)

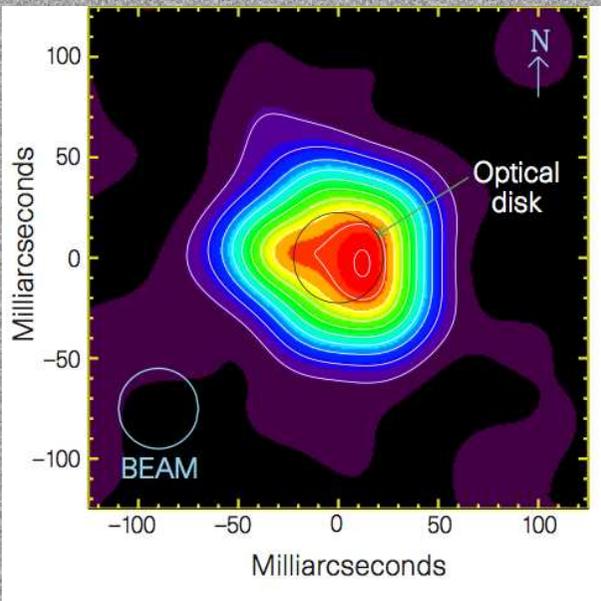
Stars	Diameter at 2.3 micron (mas) *	Distance (pc)	Stellar radius (AU)
Betelgeuse (RSG)	43	~200	4.3
Antares (RSG)	37	170	3.2
W Hya (AGB)	~40	98	2.0
R Dor (AGB)	47	59	1.4
Mira (AGB)	25	92	1.2

\* "Radio photosphere" is approximately twice this - Reid & Menten (1997, 2007)

# Stellar surface believed to be covered by convective cells



**IR Simulations**  
**Freytag & Hofner 2008**



**Betelgeuse**  
**VLA & e-MERLIN 5 cm**  
**Richards et al. 2012**  
**O’Gorman et al. 2015**

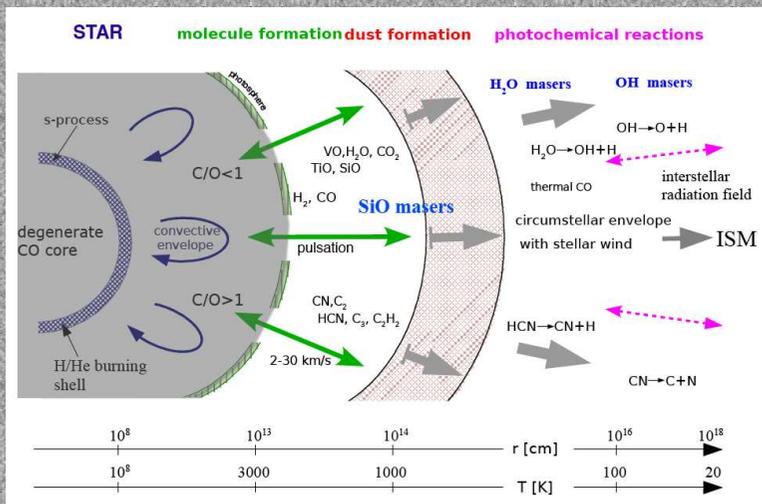
**W Hya**  
**ALMA 338 GHz/0.9 mm**  
**Vlemmings et al. 2017**

Convective cells  
can have a lifetime  
of many years  
(Freytag et al. 2017)

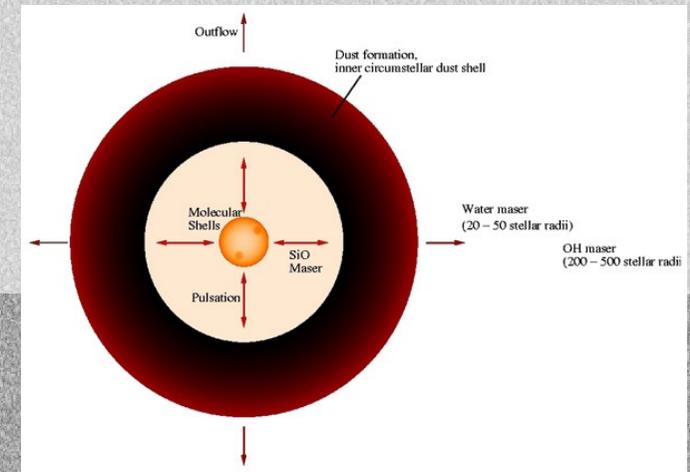
**Betelgeuse**  
**VLA 7mm**  
**Lim et al. 1998 Nature**

See also Matthews et al. 2018

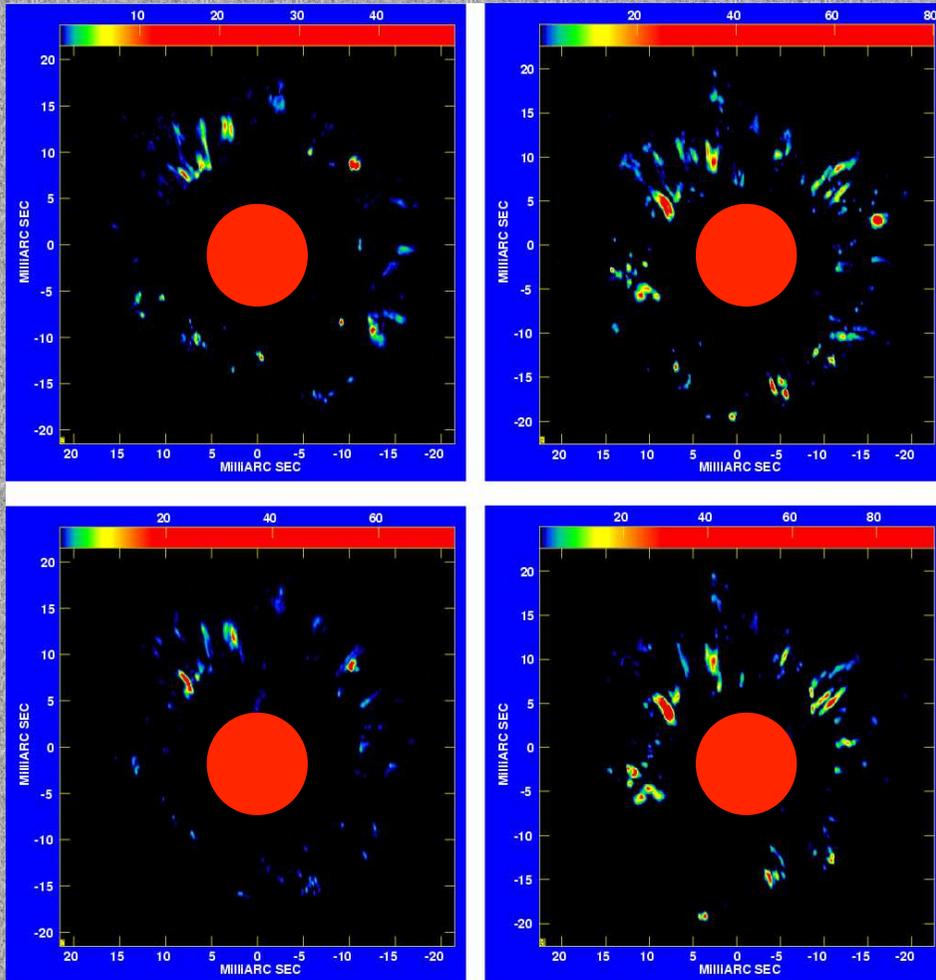
# Inner circumstellar envelope (CSE)



# SiO masers $< 5 R_*$



TX Cam at 4 epochs



VLBA - 43 GHz

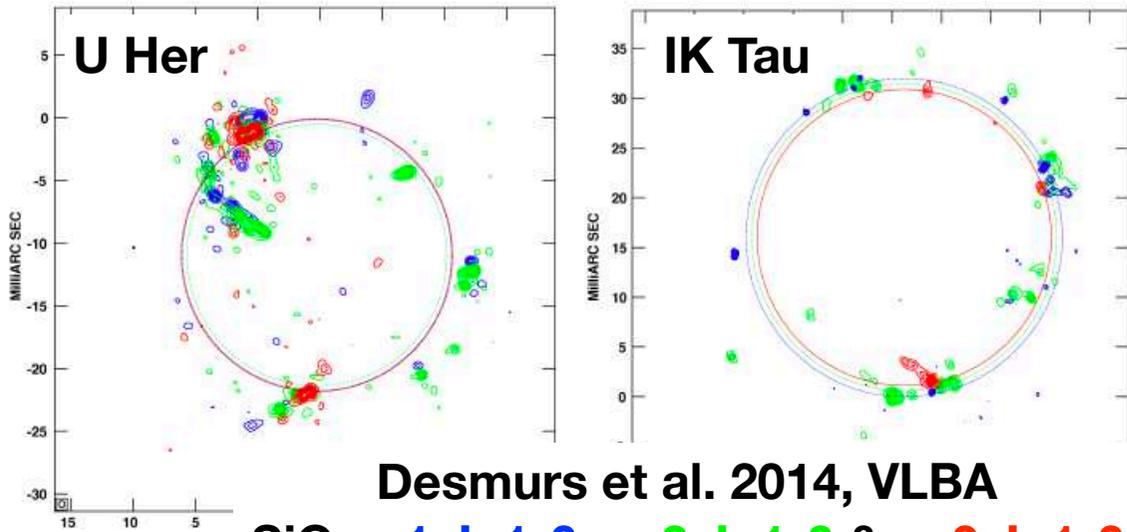
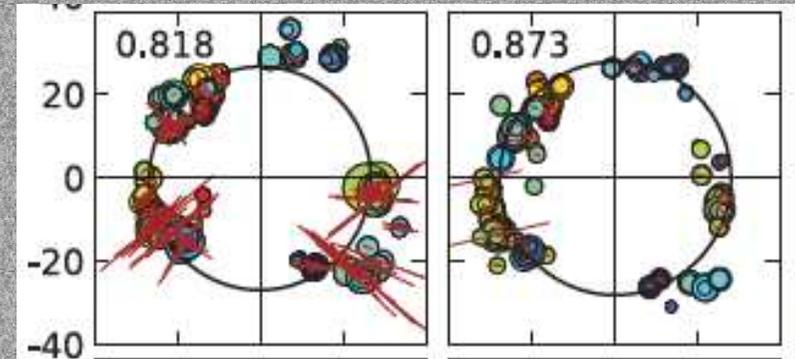
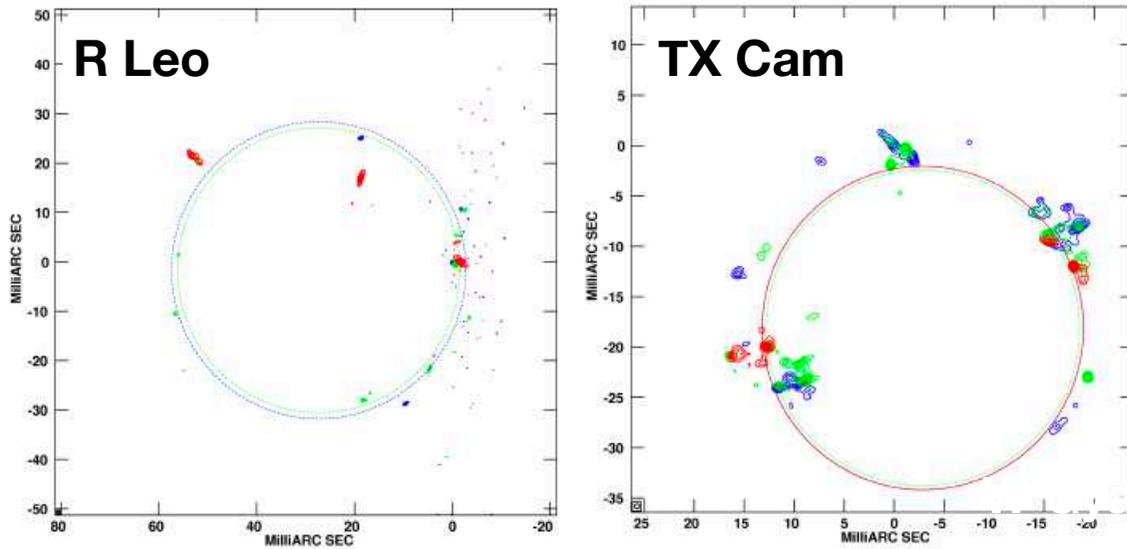
Yi et al. 2005

- Rings of maser features at  $\sim 2 - 4 R_*$
- Star is resolved out (marked on “by eye” here)
- Proper motions give 3D velocities
- Use to derive magnetic-field, physical conditions ( $T \sim 1500 \text{ K}$ ;  $n(\text{H}_2) \sim 10^9 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )
- Use e.g. VLBA at 43 and 86 GHz, KVN, ...

# Gallery of SiO maser rings

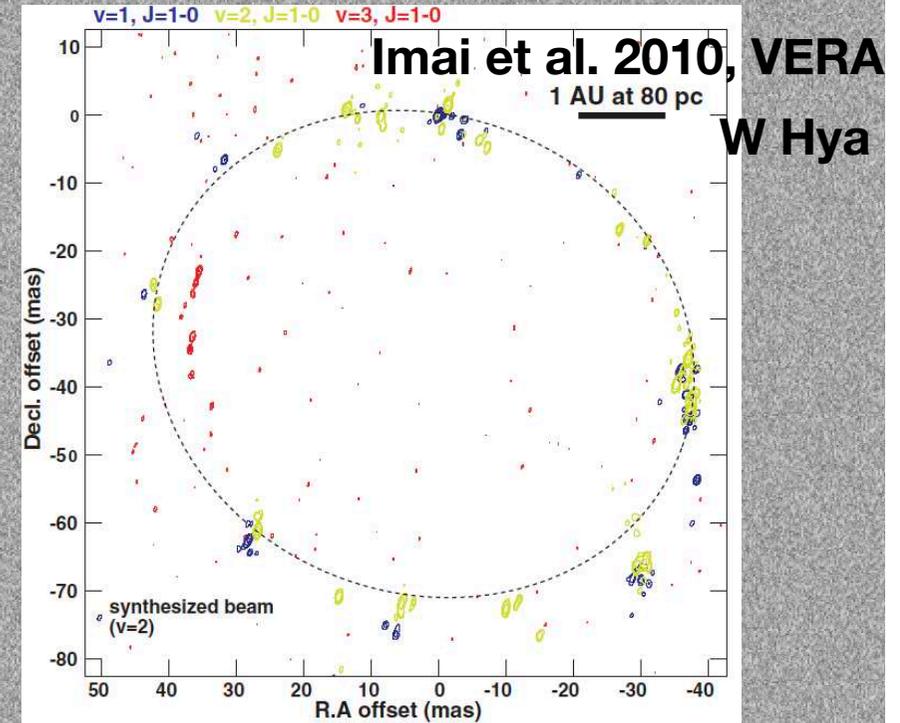
R Cas - Assaf et al. 2013

Multiple VLBA epochs & polarization



Desmurs et al. 2014, VLBA

SiO  $v=1$   $J=1-0$ ,  $v=2$   $J=1-0$  &  $v=3$   $J=1-0$

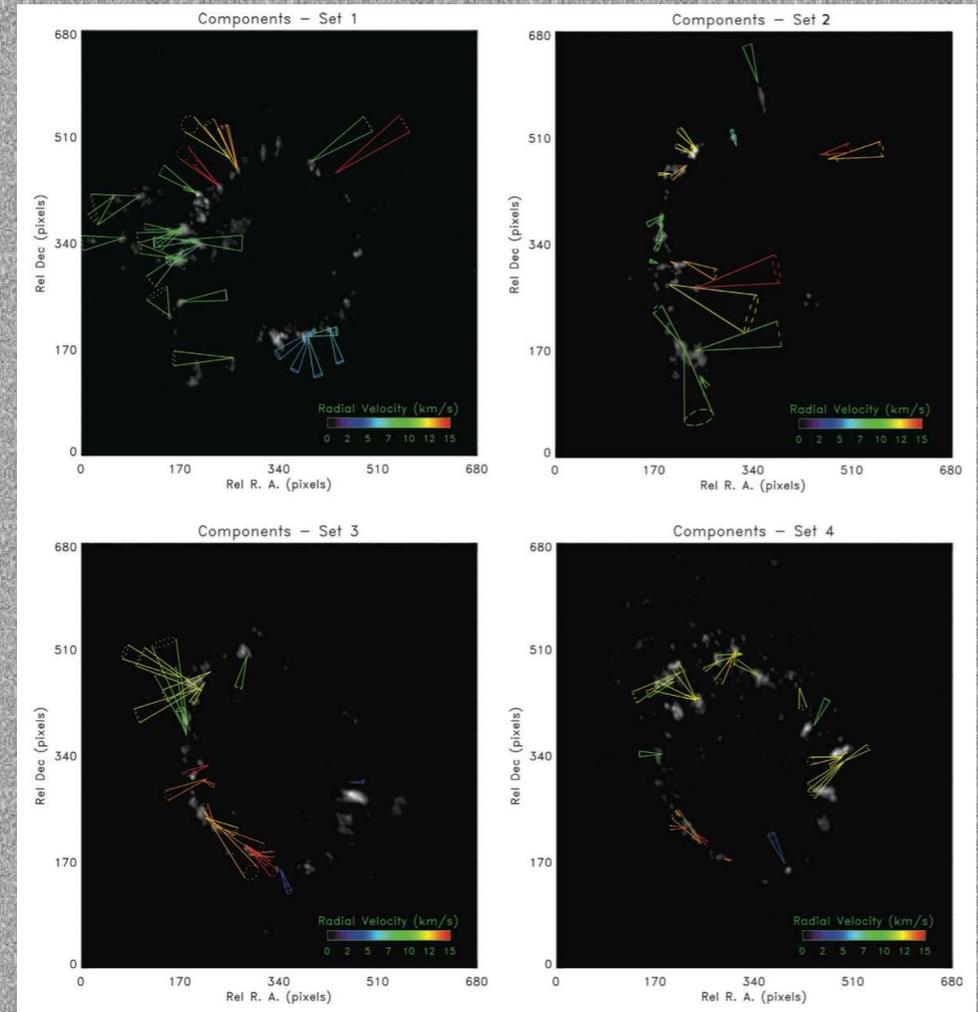
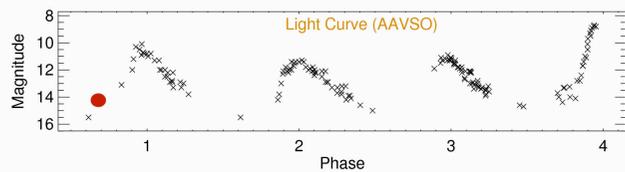
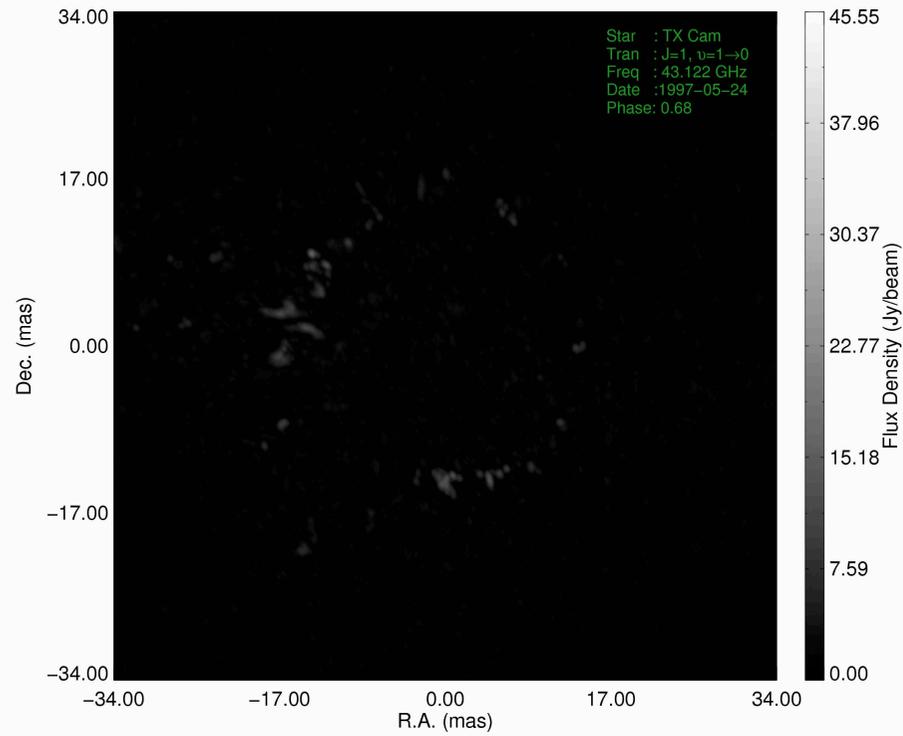


Imai et al. 2010, VERA

W Hya

# TX Cam: $\sim 2$ stellar cycles

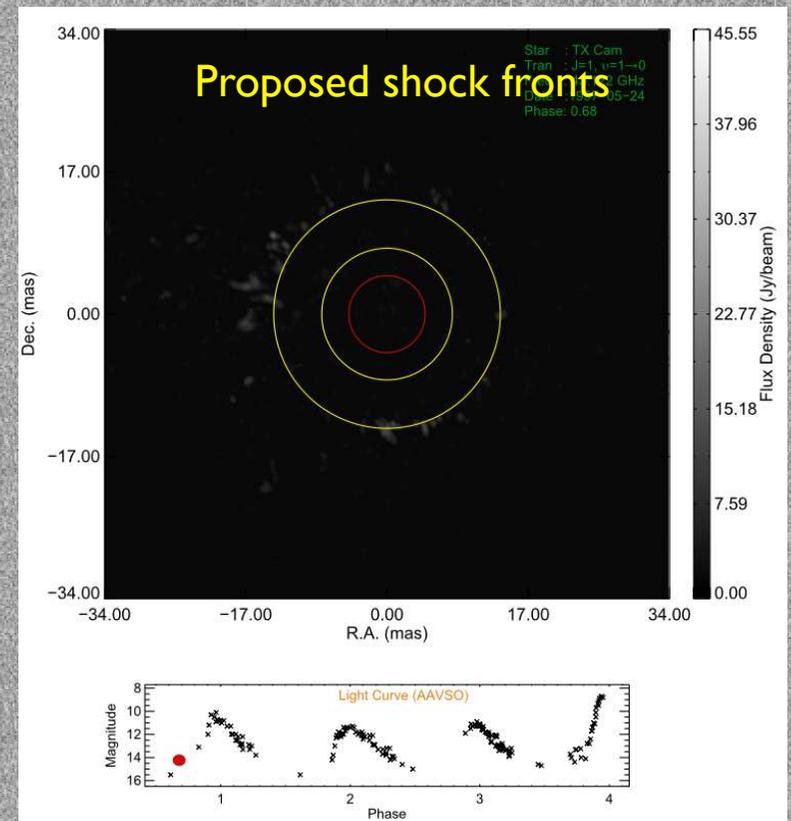
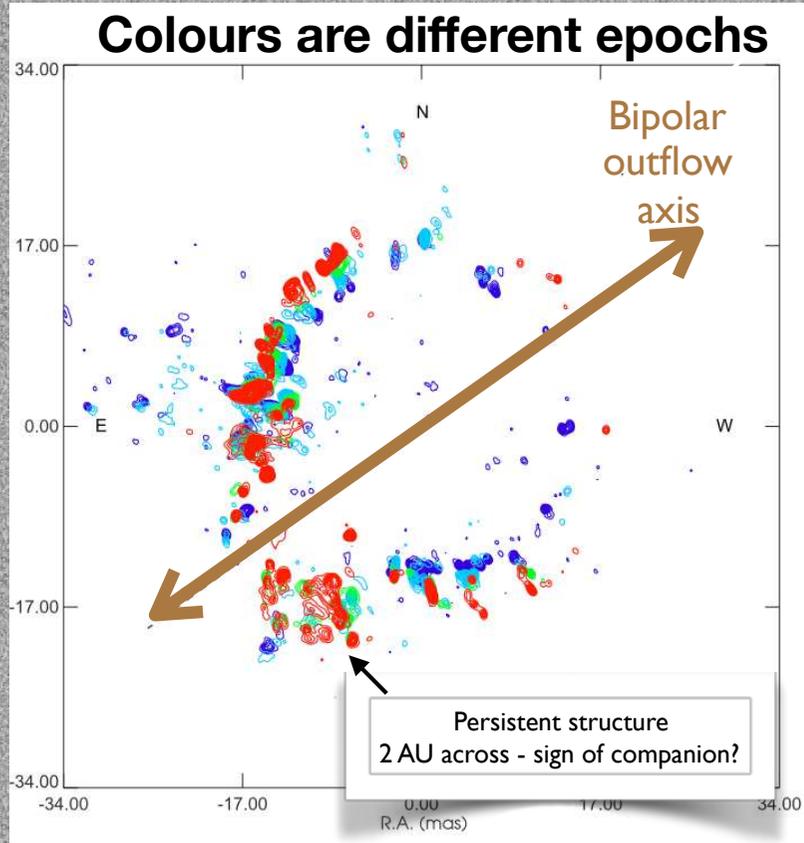
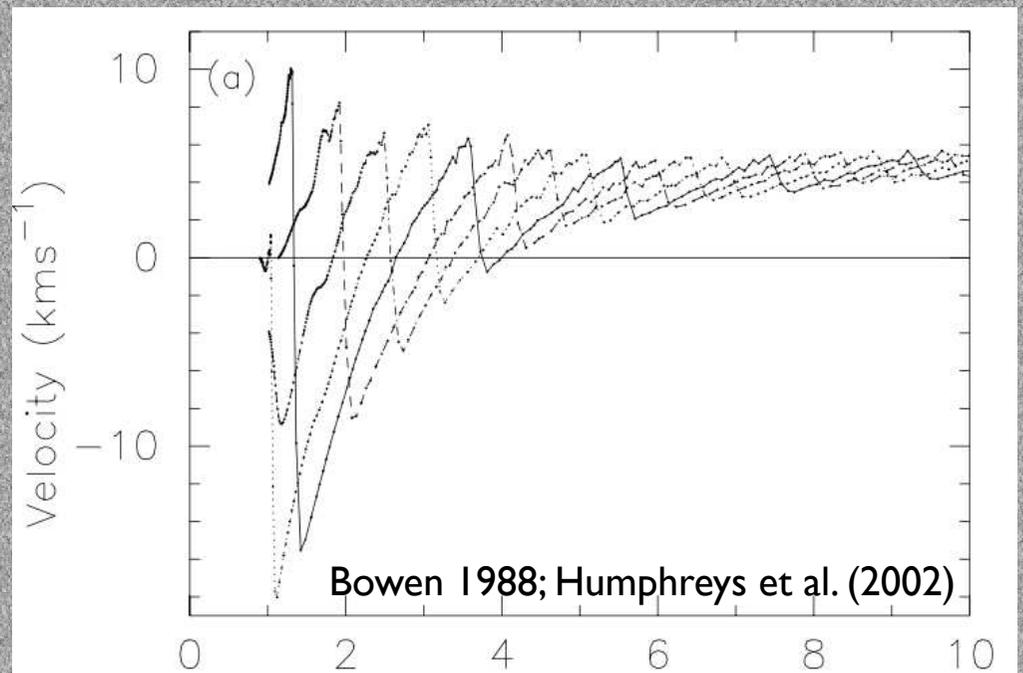
## 3D Component Kinematics



Outflow and infall detected,  
complex non-radial motions

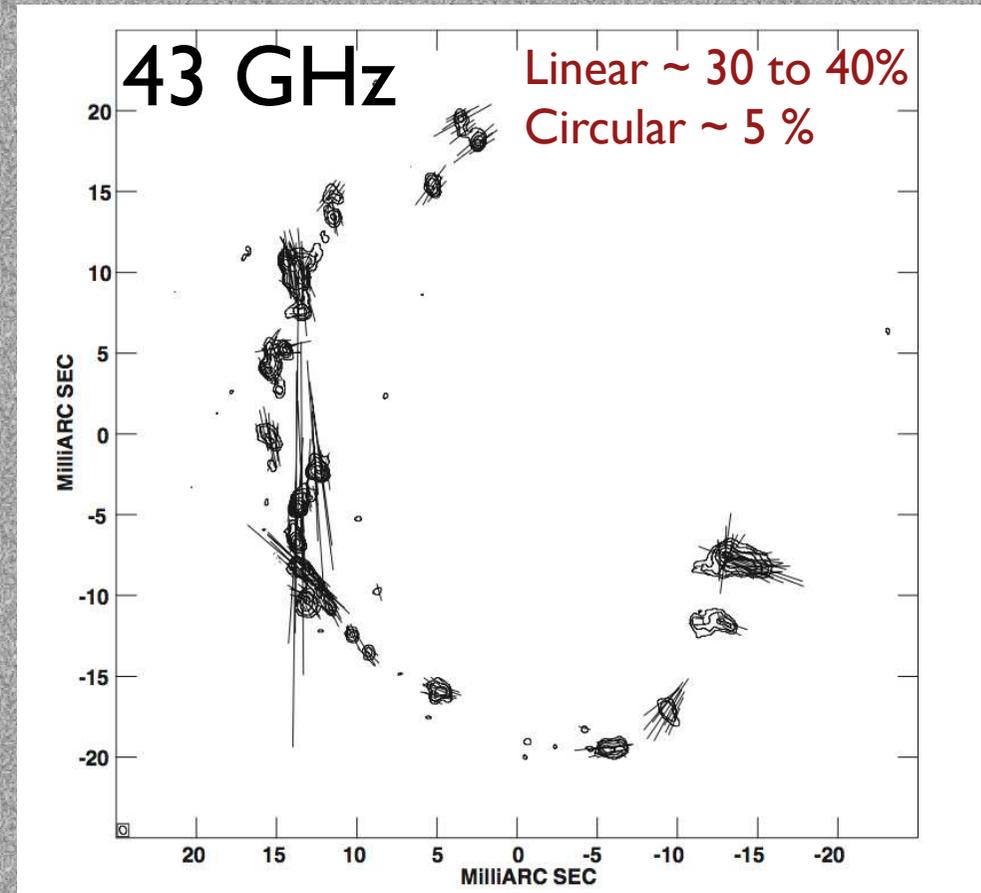
Shock velocity  $\sim 7$  km/s,  
broadly consistent with radio  
photosphere constraints

Evidence for bipolar outflow



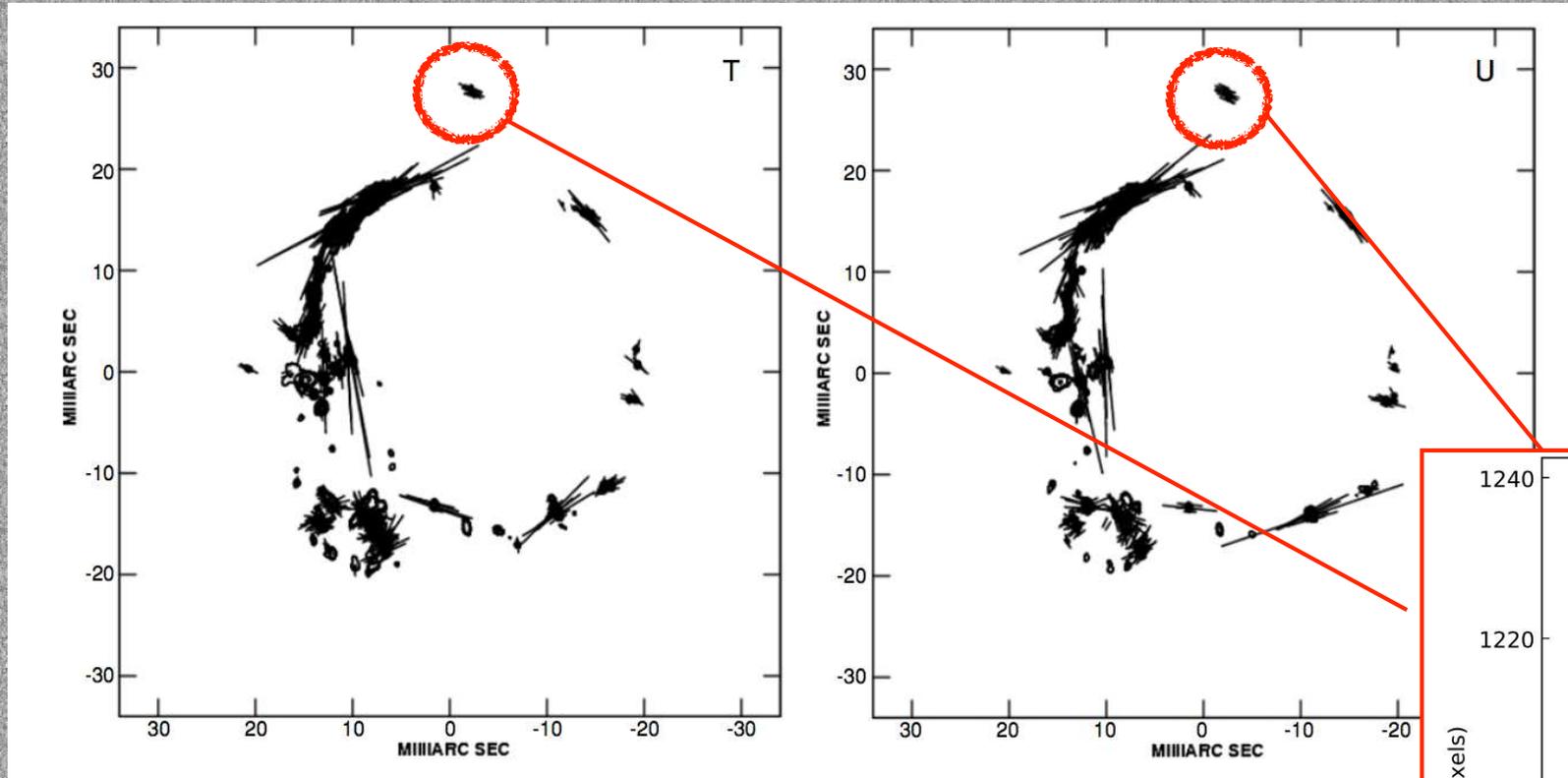
# SiO maser polarization

- Linear polarization  
—> magnetic field morphology
- Circular polarisation —> average l-o-s magnetic field strength
- Ordered magnetic fields of a few Gauss in AGB stars



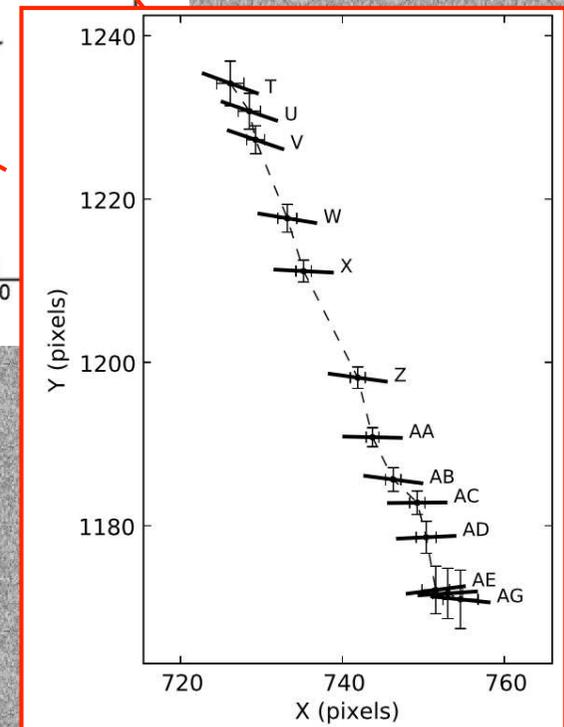
Kemball et al. (2009, 2011, VLBA)  
Largely tangential linear polarization pattern  
Assumed here as due to the Zeeman Effect  
See also e.g. Assaf et al. 2013

# Is the magnetic field dynamically-significant in the TX Cam inner CSE?

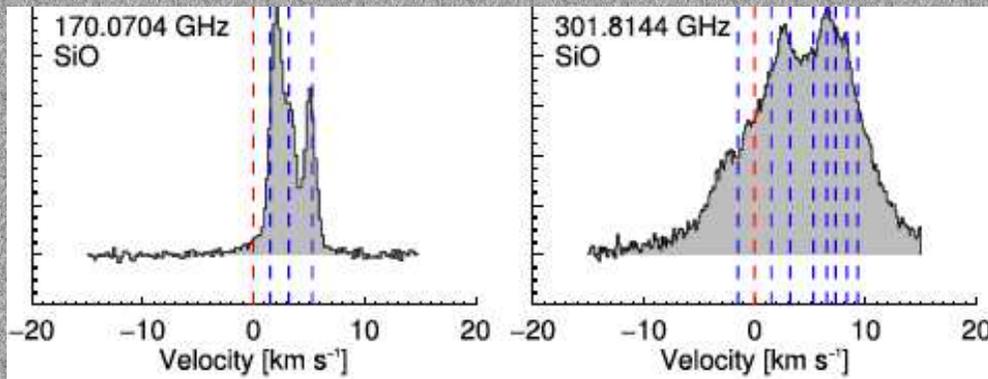


TX Cam  
Kemball et al. (2009),  
see Assaf et al. (2013)  
for R Cas

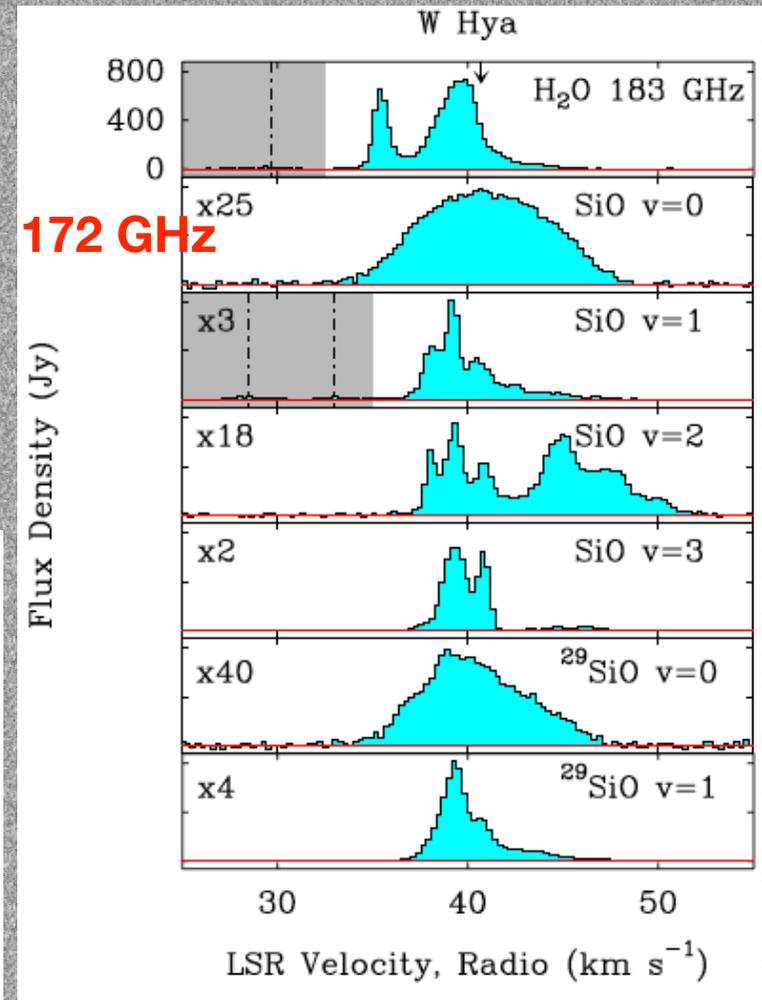
TX Cam: trajectories of isolated features  
consistent with component  
motion along magnetic field lines



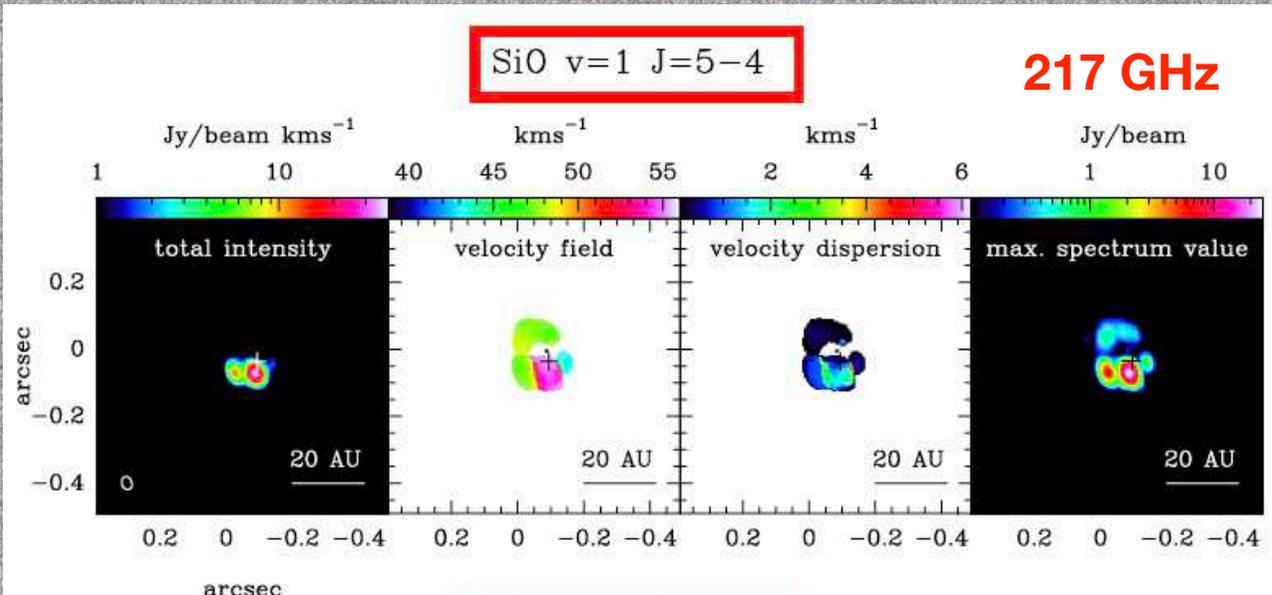
# Evolved star mm/submm SiO masers



R Dor, APEX, De Beck & Olofsson 2018

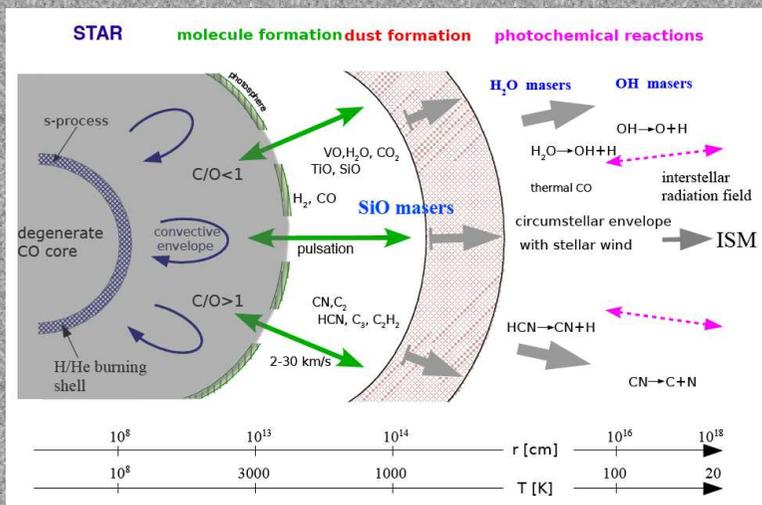


SiO J=4-3 lines, APEX  
Humphreys et al. 2017



Mira, ALMA long baseline science verification data

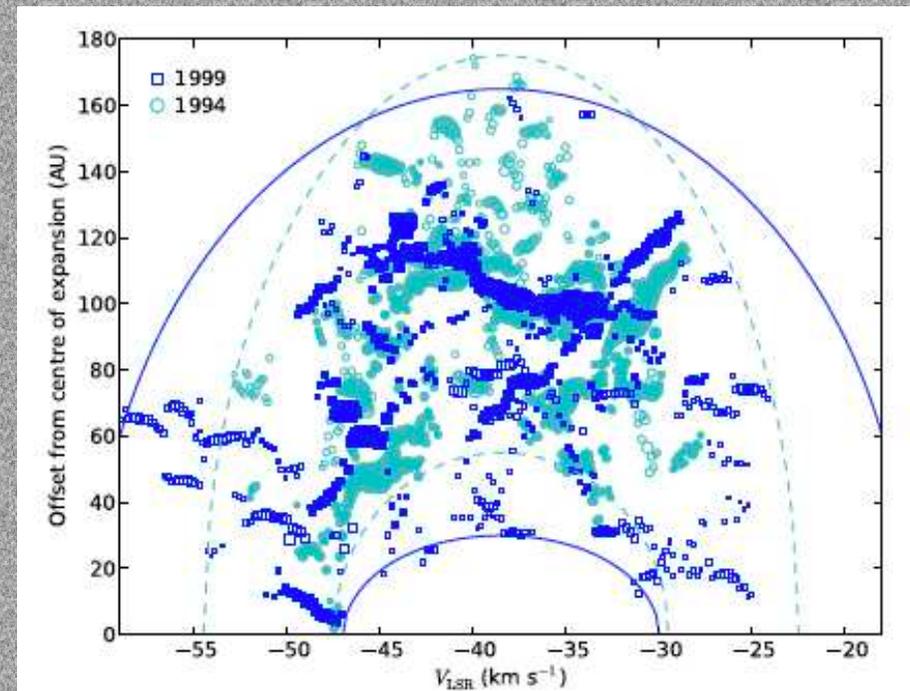
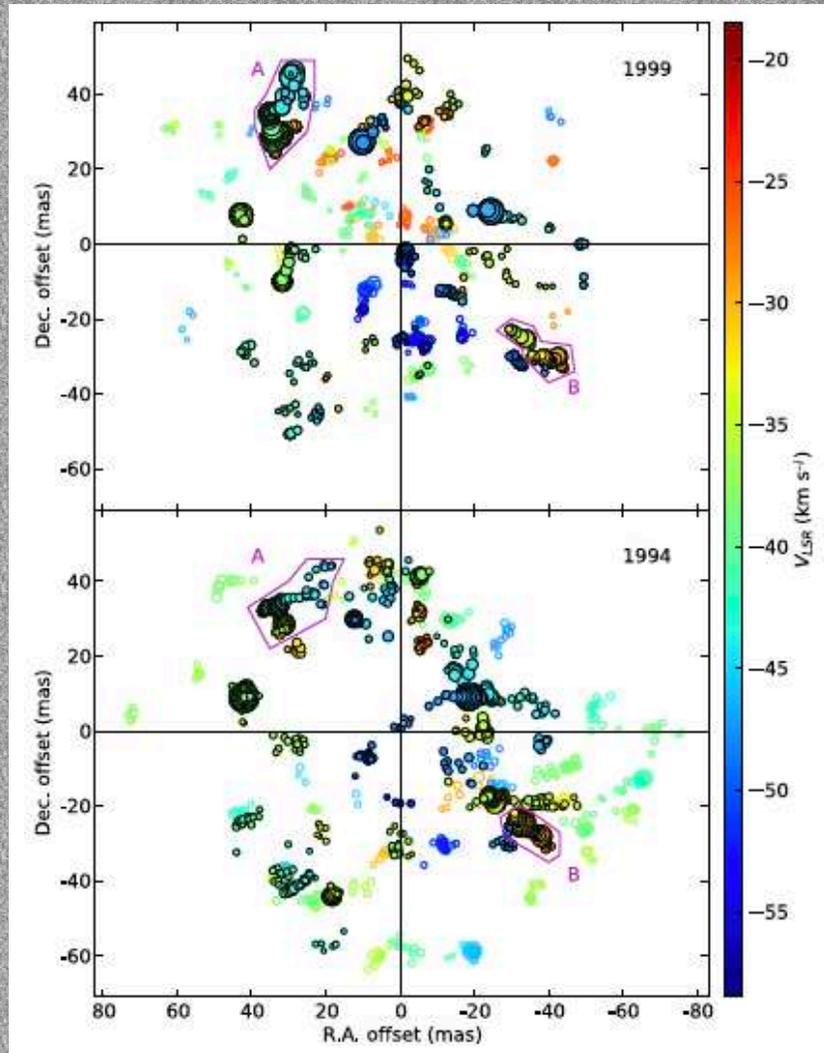
# Wind Acceleration Zone / H<sub>2</sub>O Masers



# H<sub>2</sub>O Masers at 22 GHz: 5 - 50 R<sub>\*</sub>

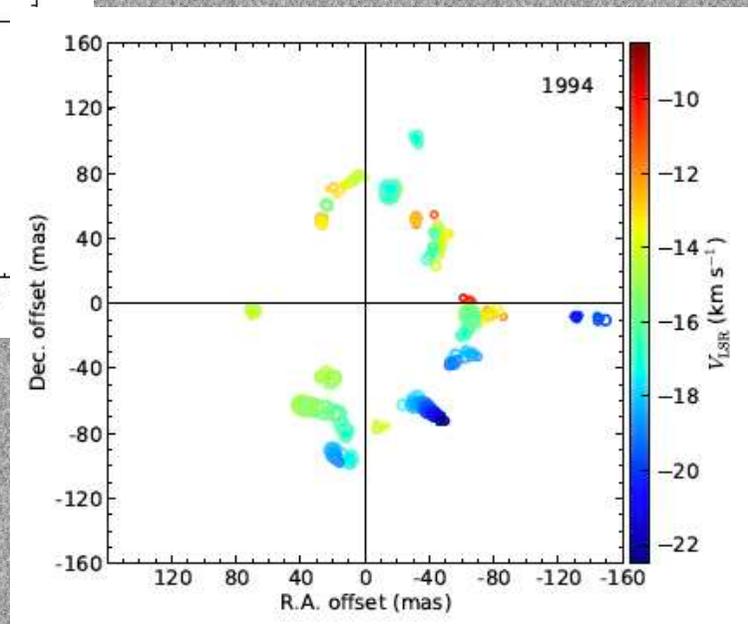
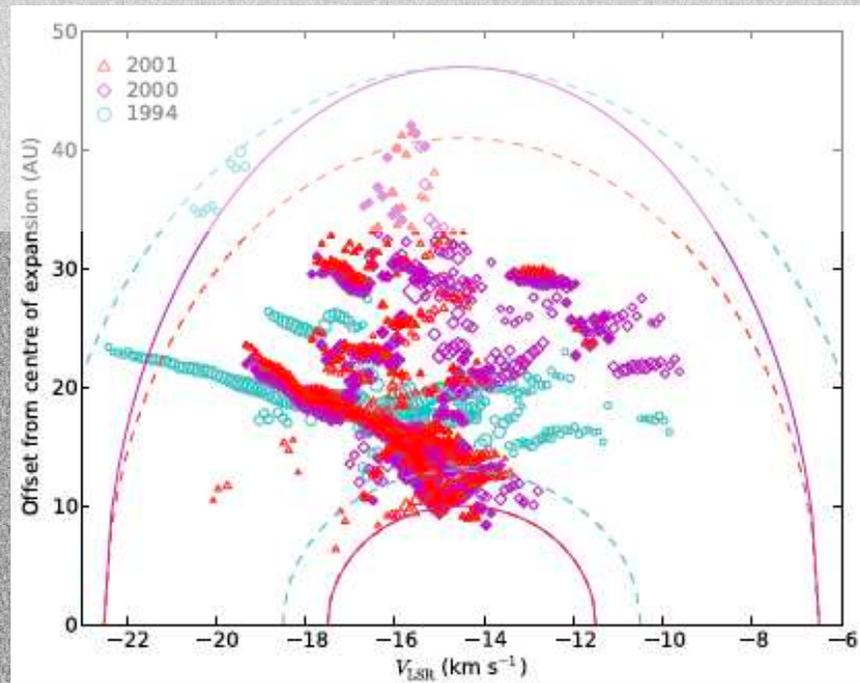
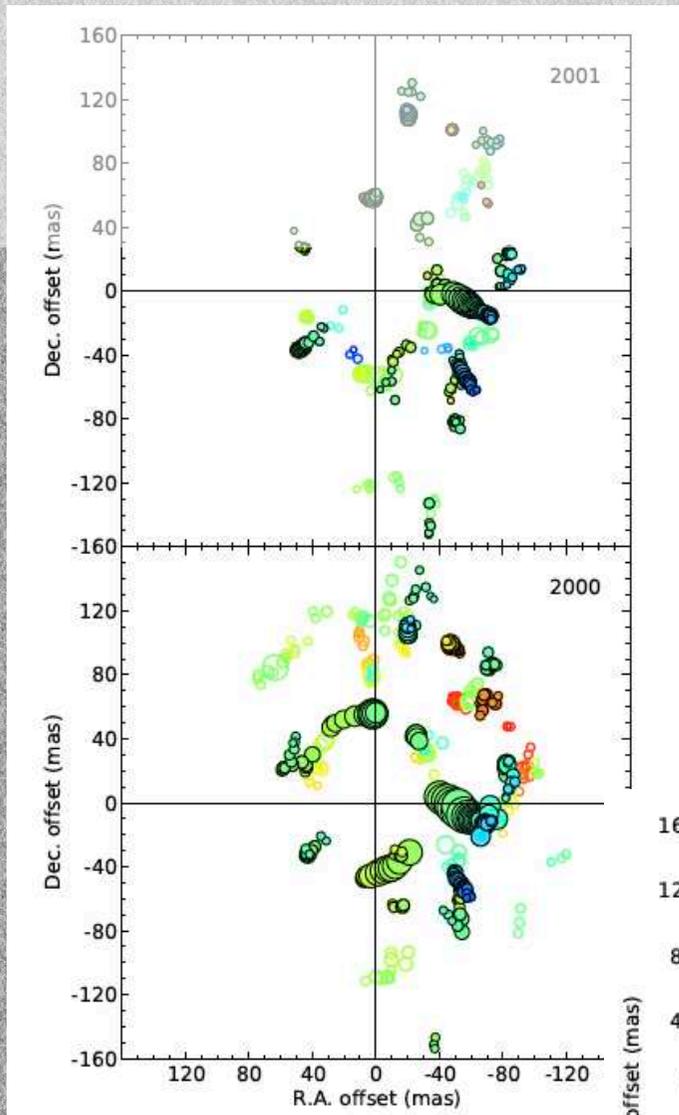
(very approximate radii)

## S Per - RSG



Projected distance of masers from expansion centre as a function of  $V_{LSR}$

Richards et al. 2012, MERLIN; 10 to 50 mas resolution



Inner and outer shell radii and expansion velocities for spherical shells

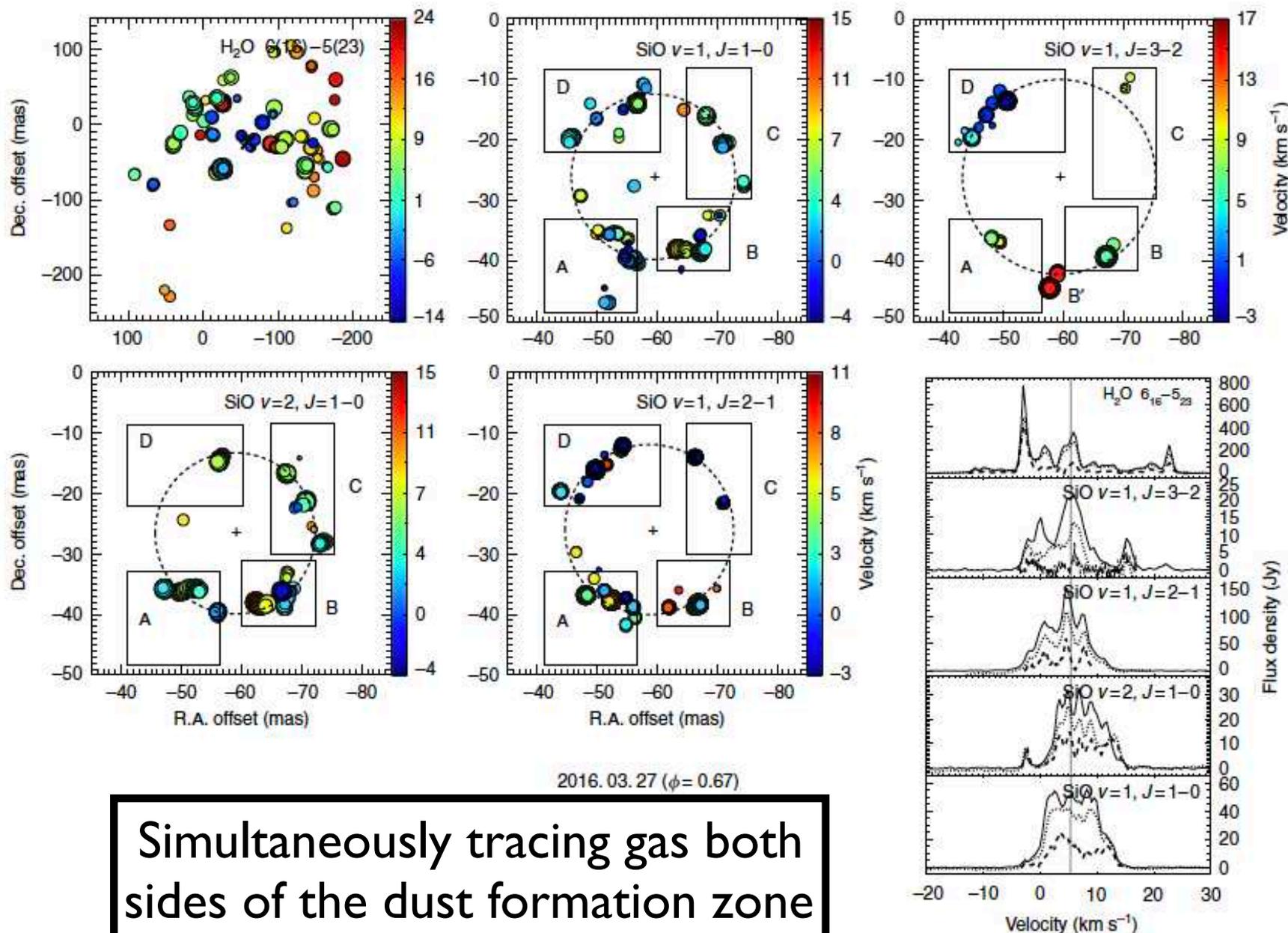
Expansion velocity increases by  $\geq$  factor 2 between inner and outer shells

U Her - AGB

Richards et al. 2012, MERLIN; 10 to 50 mas resolution

# Simultaneous SiO & H<sub>2</sub>O Observations

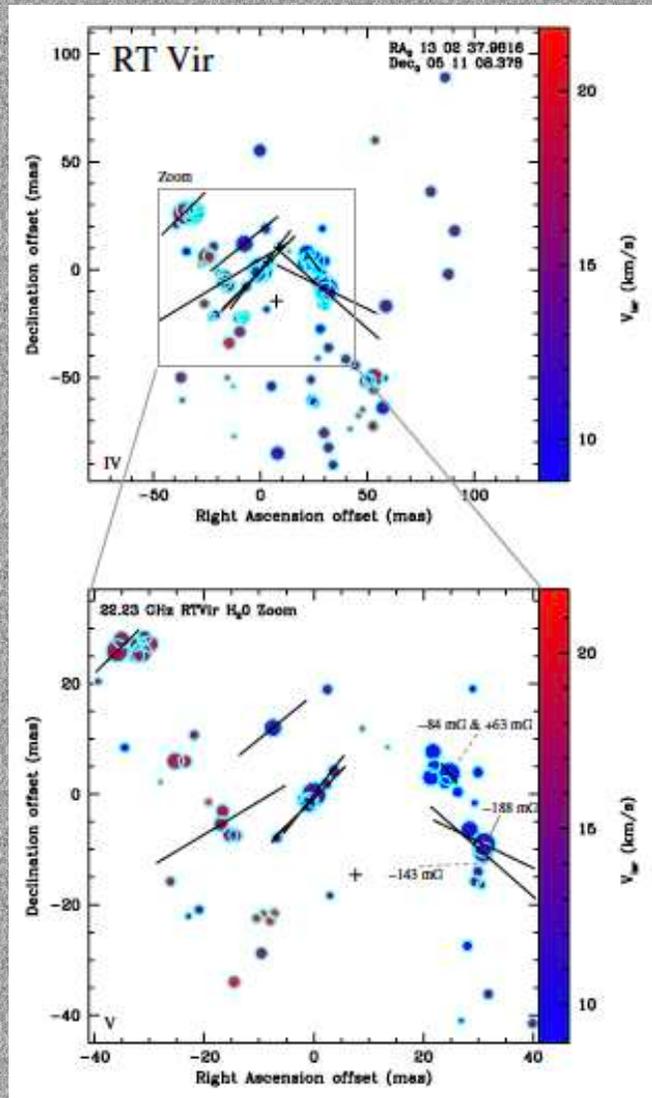
KVN - VX Sgr - Yoon et al. 2018: 22, 43, 86, 129 GHz



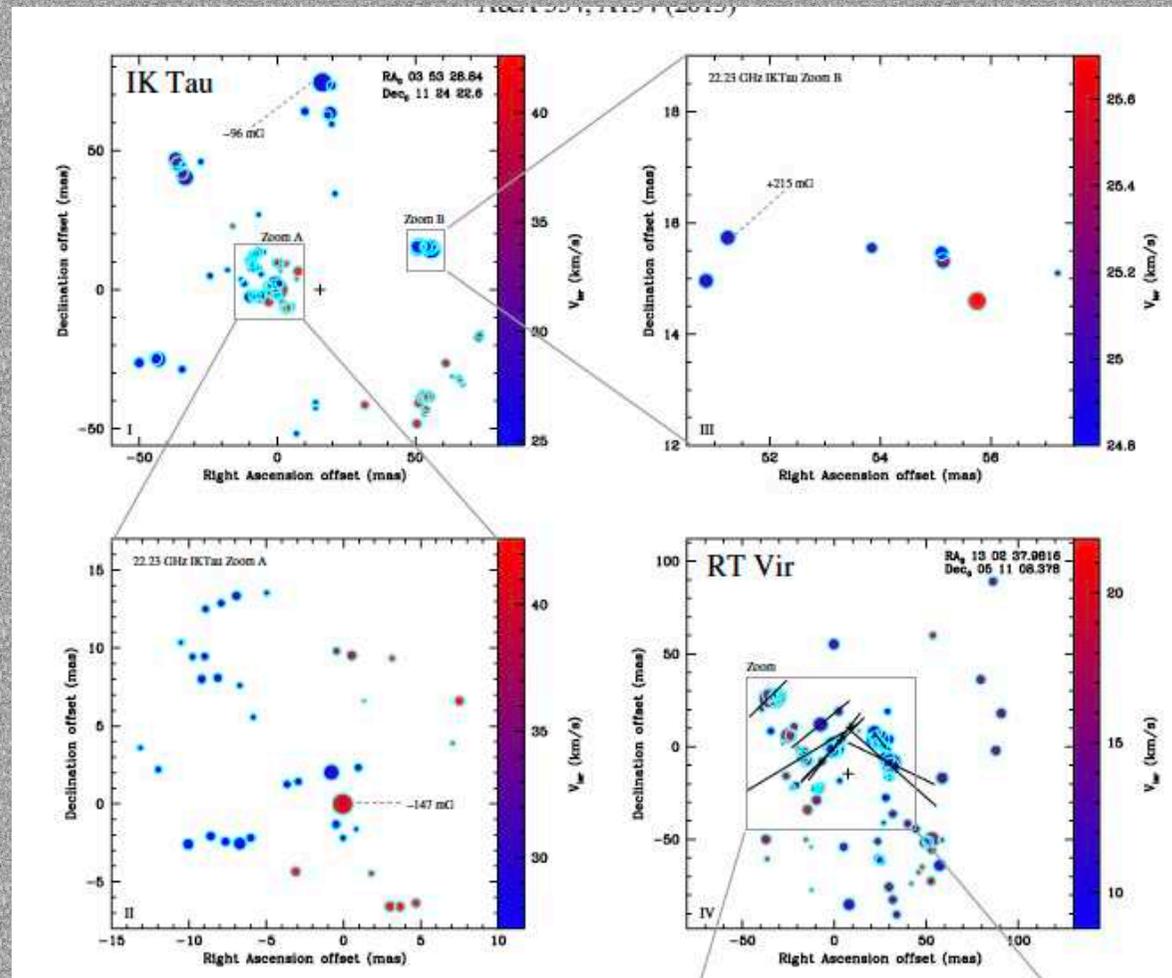
Simultaneously tracing gas both sides of the dust formation zone

# H<sub>2</sub>O maser polarization

~2 mas resolution

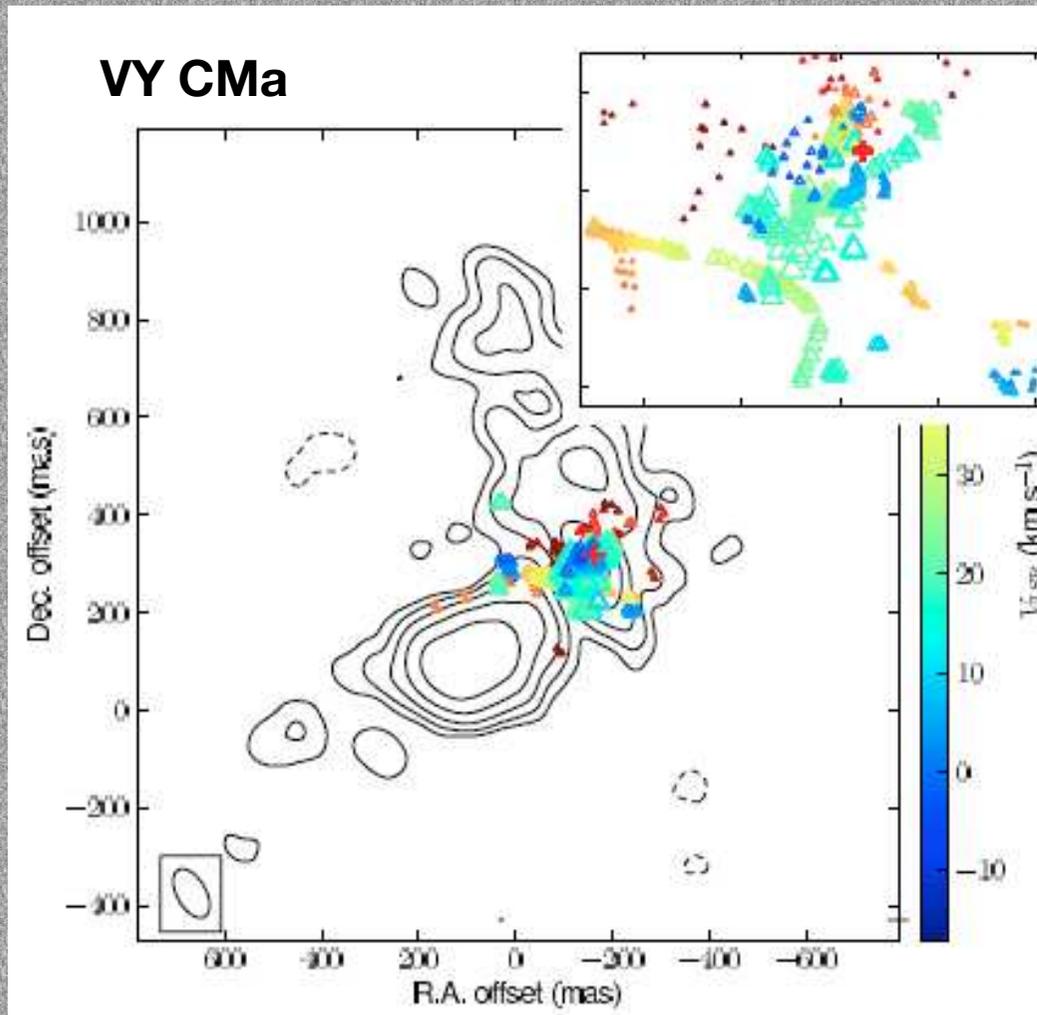


Magnetic fields few hundreds of mG



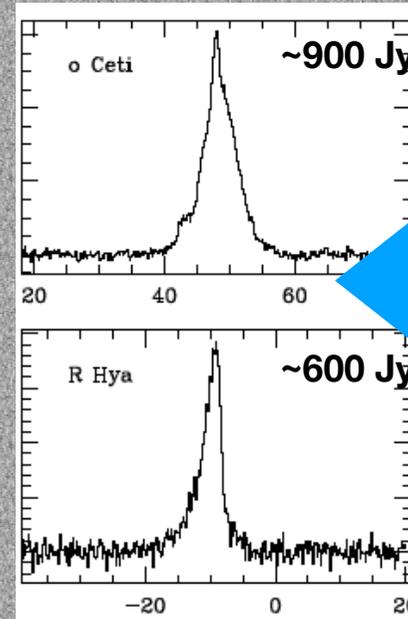
Linear polarisation rare and weak (< 2 %)  
Circular polarisation 0.3 to 20%

# Evolved star mm/submm H<sub>2</sub>O masers



321, 325 and 658 GHz water masers  
ALMA, Richards et al. 2014

Contours: submm continuum



658 GHz  
Water  
Masers

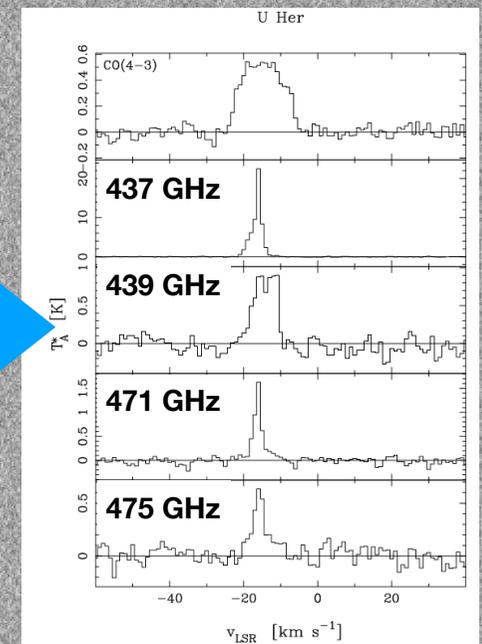
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Baudry et al.  
2018

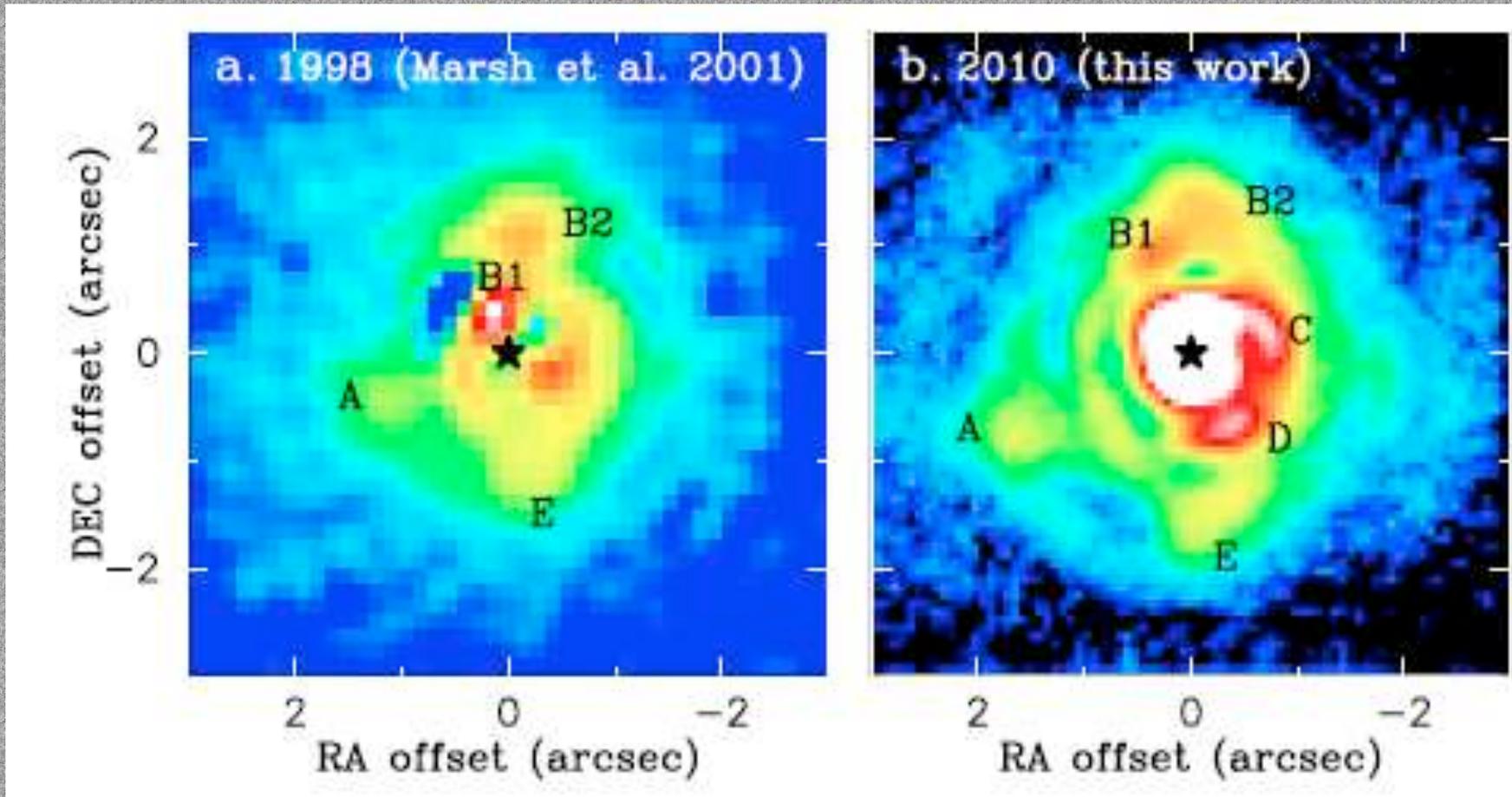
437, 439,  
471, 475 GHz  
Water  
Masers

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Humphreys et al.  
in prep



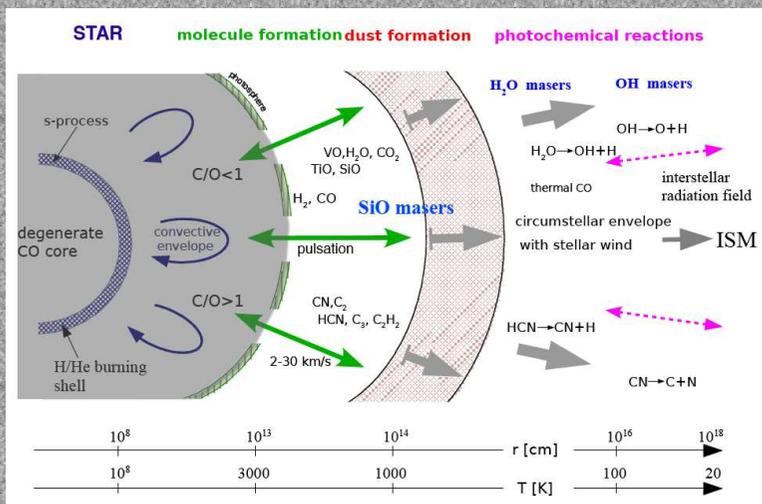
# Clumpy dust motions



6 clumpy dust clouds at 43 - 96  $R^*$   
Derived expansion velocity  $\sim 34$  km/s

Antares (RSG)  
VLT VISIR  
17.7 micron; 0.5''  
Ohnaka (2014)

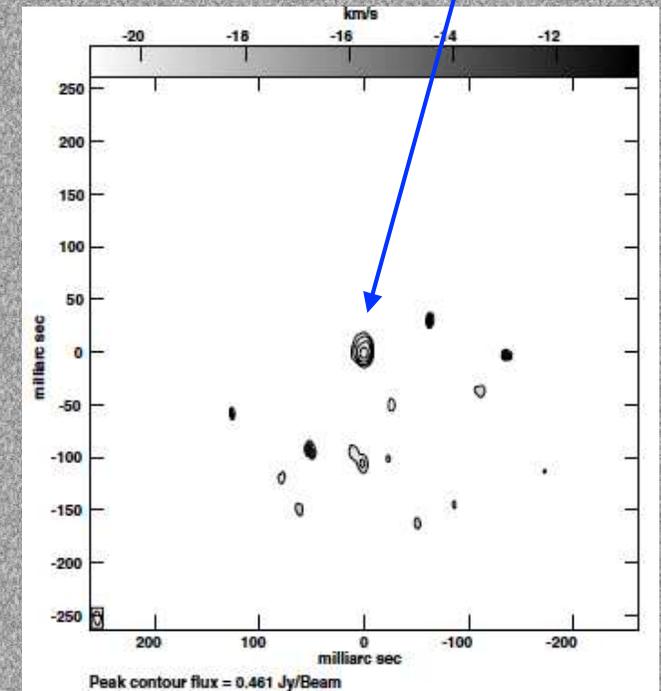
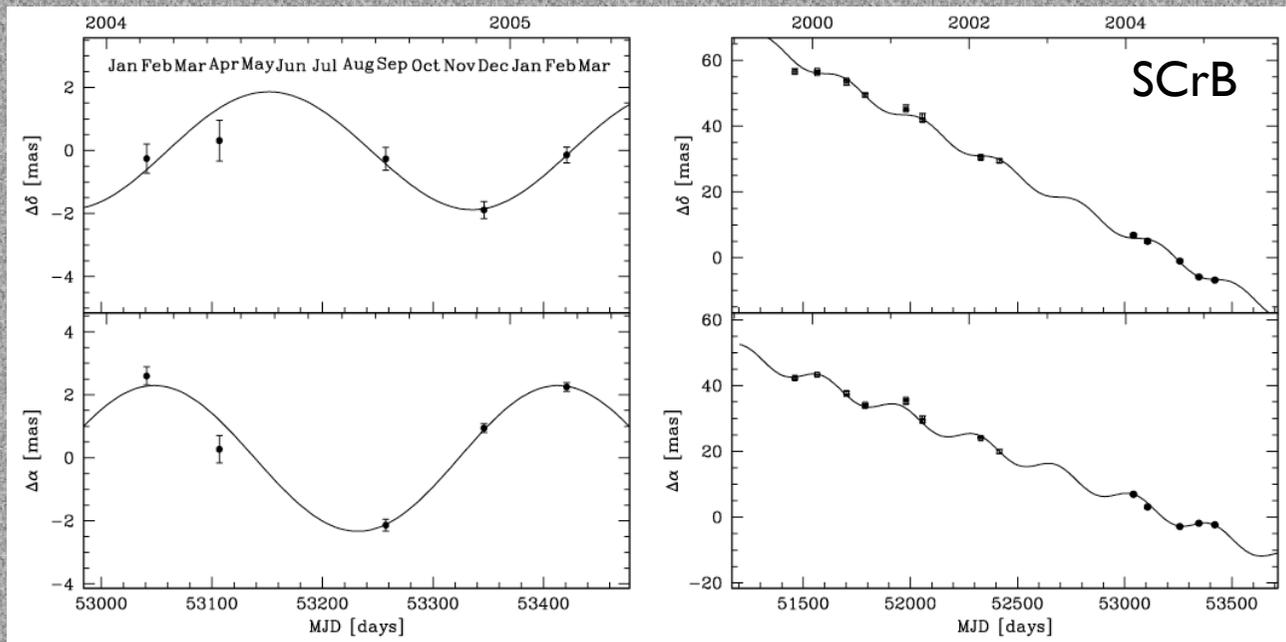
# Stellar Wind / OH Masers



# 1665 and 1667 OH Masers $\sim 100 - 1000 R^*$

[Caveat: can be at same distance as 22 GHz H<sub>2</sub>O masers]

Amplified Stellar Image

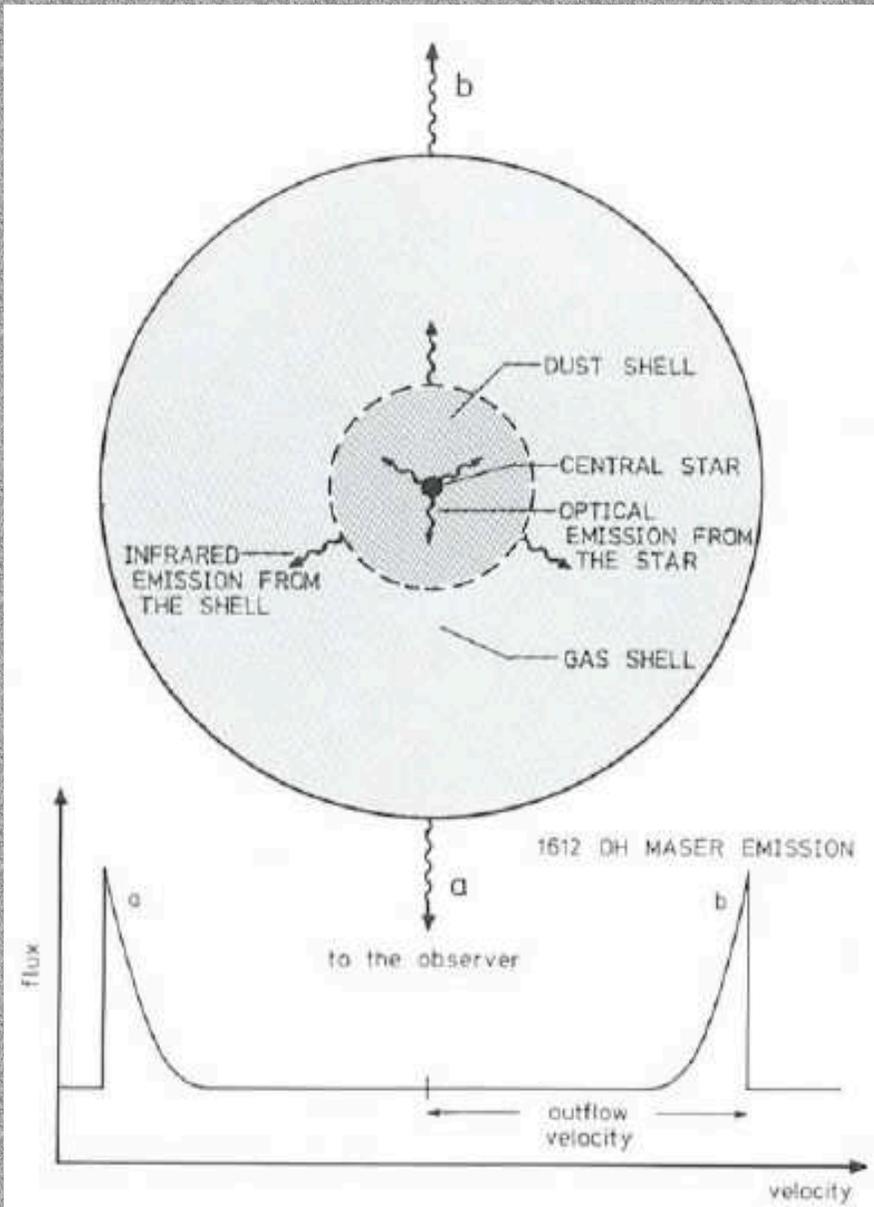


Vlemmings et al. 2007: VLBA at 1665 & 1667 MHz

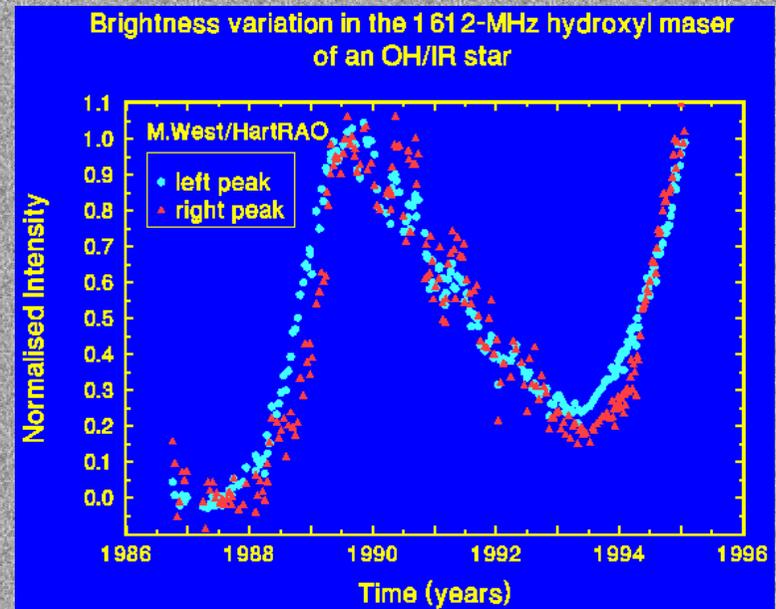
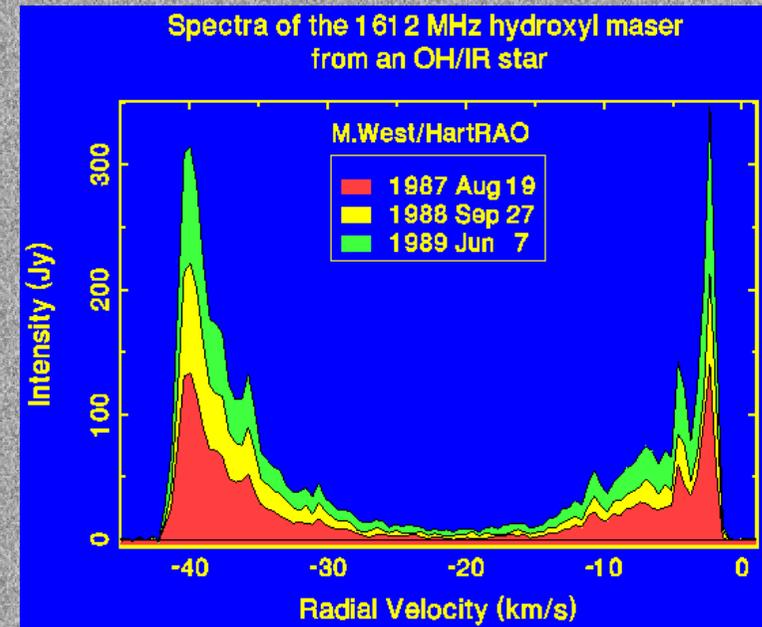
- VLBI astrometric observations of circumstellar OH masers can yield the proper motions and parallaxes of AGB stars
- Most blue-shifted circumstellar OH maser spot believed to be the *Amplified Stellar Image*

Adding in the SKA to VLBI networks  $\rightarrow$  very many objects within a few kpc accessible (Green et al. 2015)

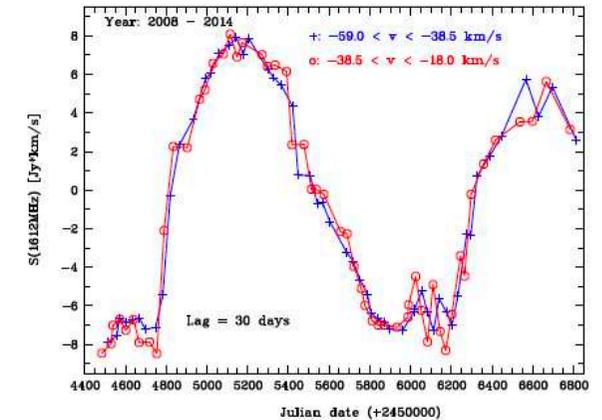
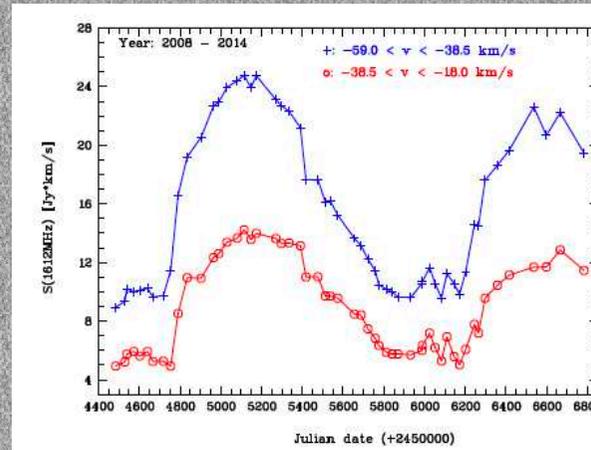
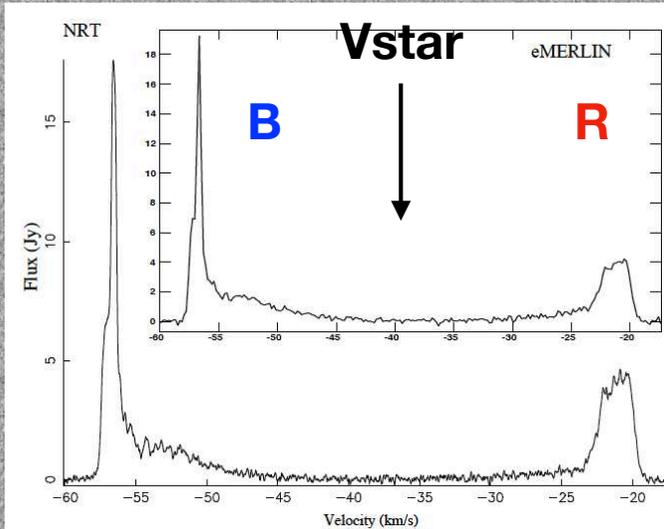
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Engels



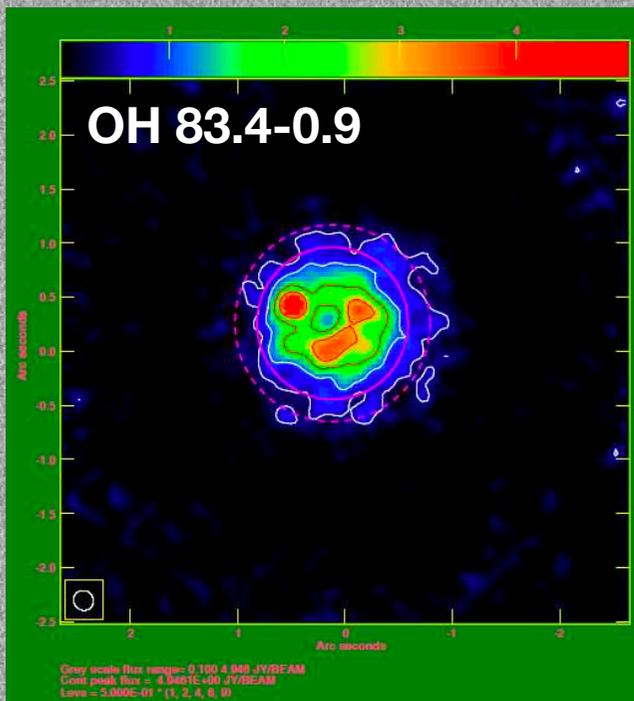
# OH 1612 MHz Masers: Phase Lag Distance



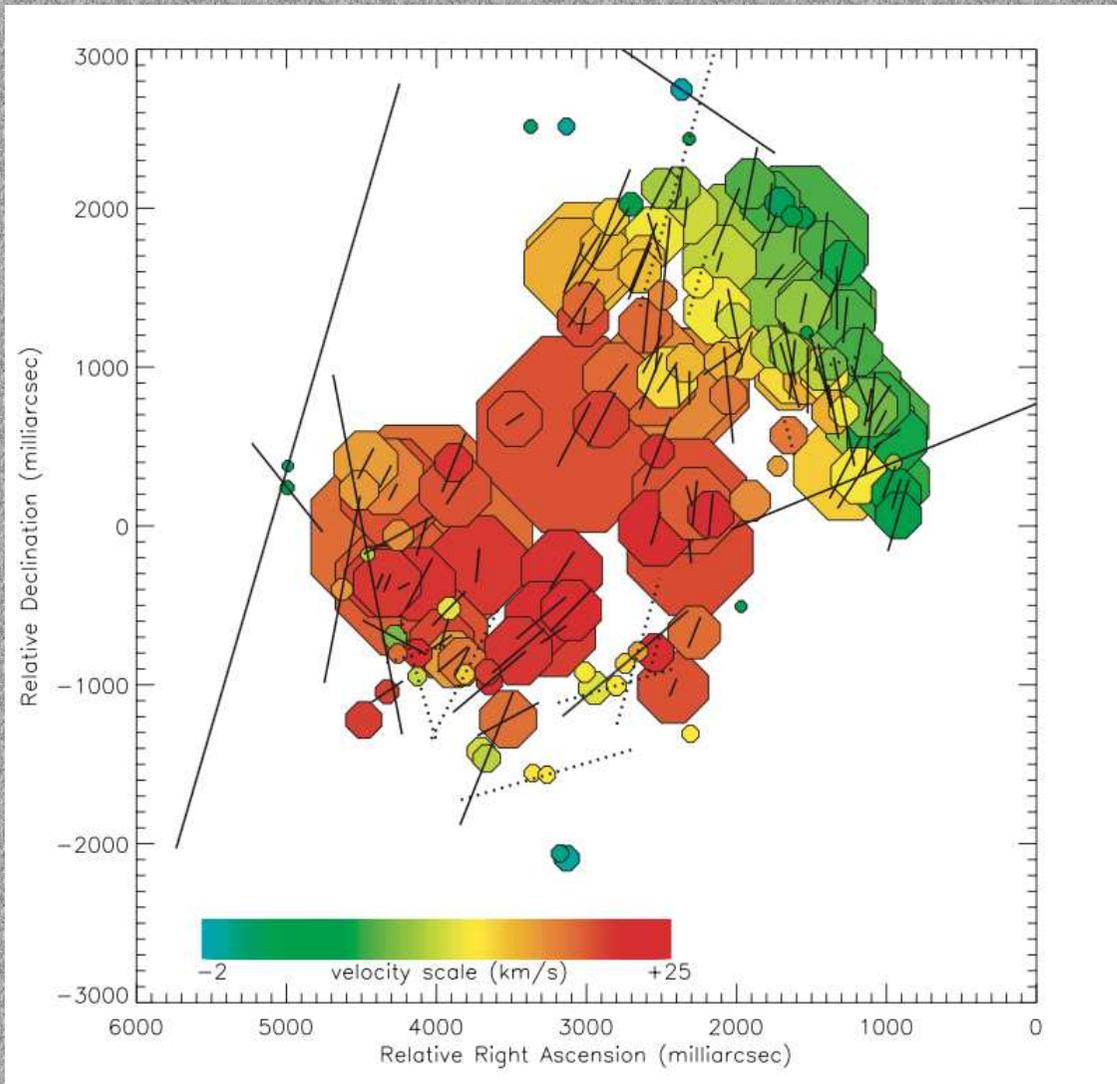
Etoka et al. 2014: Nancay Radio Telescope & e-MERLIN

- Distance determination via the phase lag method
- Measure of OH maser shell angular diameter (interferometer)
- Measure time lag of variability between peaks (single-dish)  $\rightarrow$  linear diameter

Distance = 3.3 $\pm$ 0.6 kpc



# OH 1612 MHz Masers: Polarization

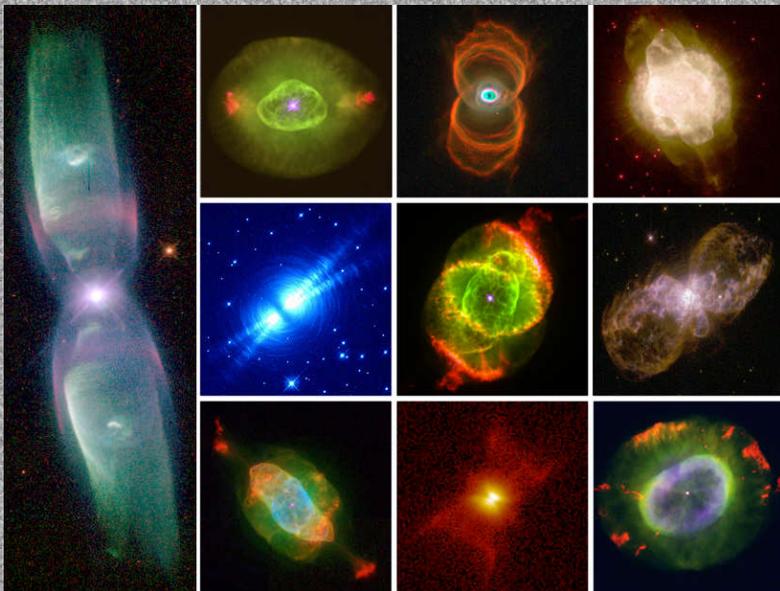


NML Cyg: Etoke & Diamond 2004  
MERLIN, 0.17 arcsec resolution

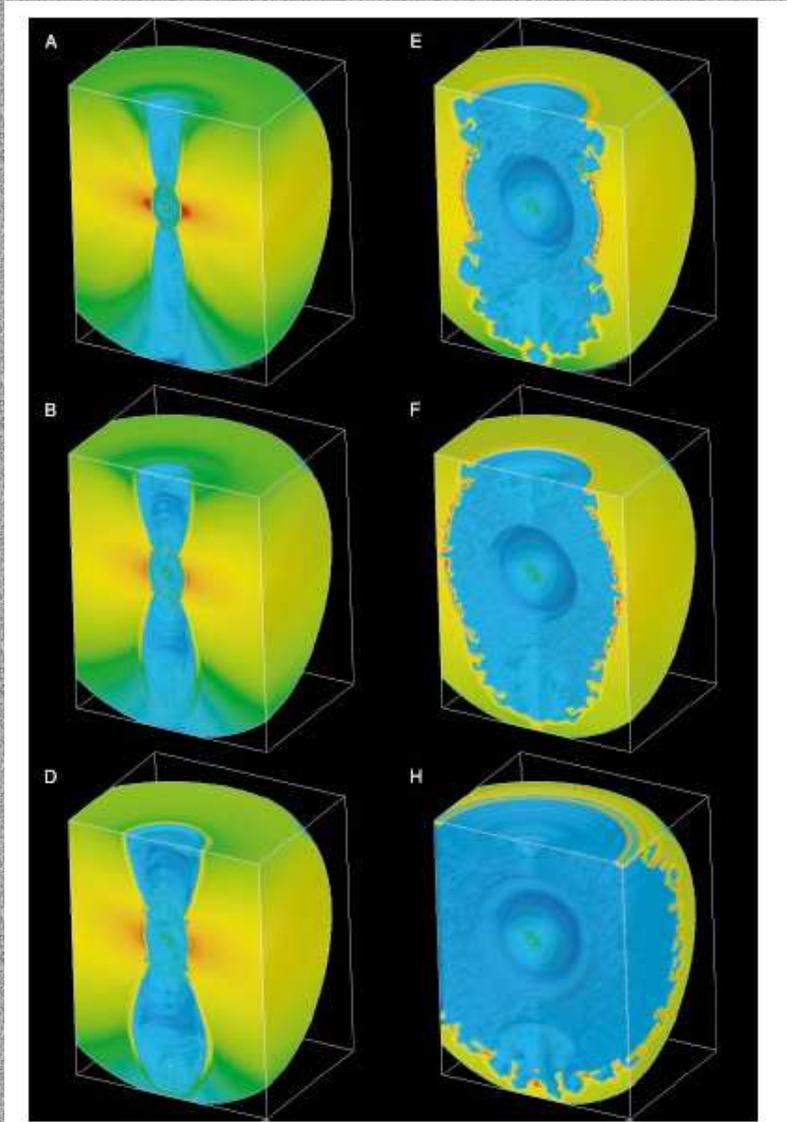
- Often strongly linearly polarised
- Masers reveal an ordered magnetic field several thousands of AU from the star
- Field strength at these distances is typically a few mG

Area of symbol proportional to maser spot intensity

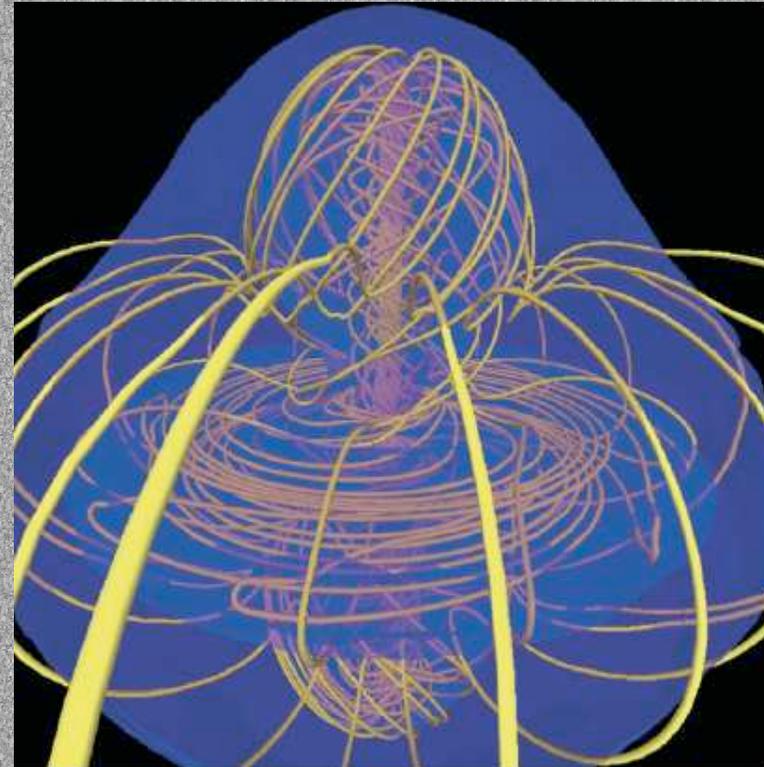
# Shaping to Planetary Nebulae



# Planetary Nebula Shaping



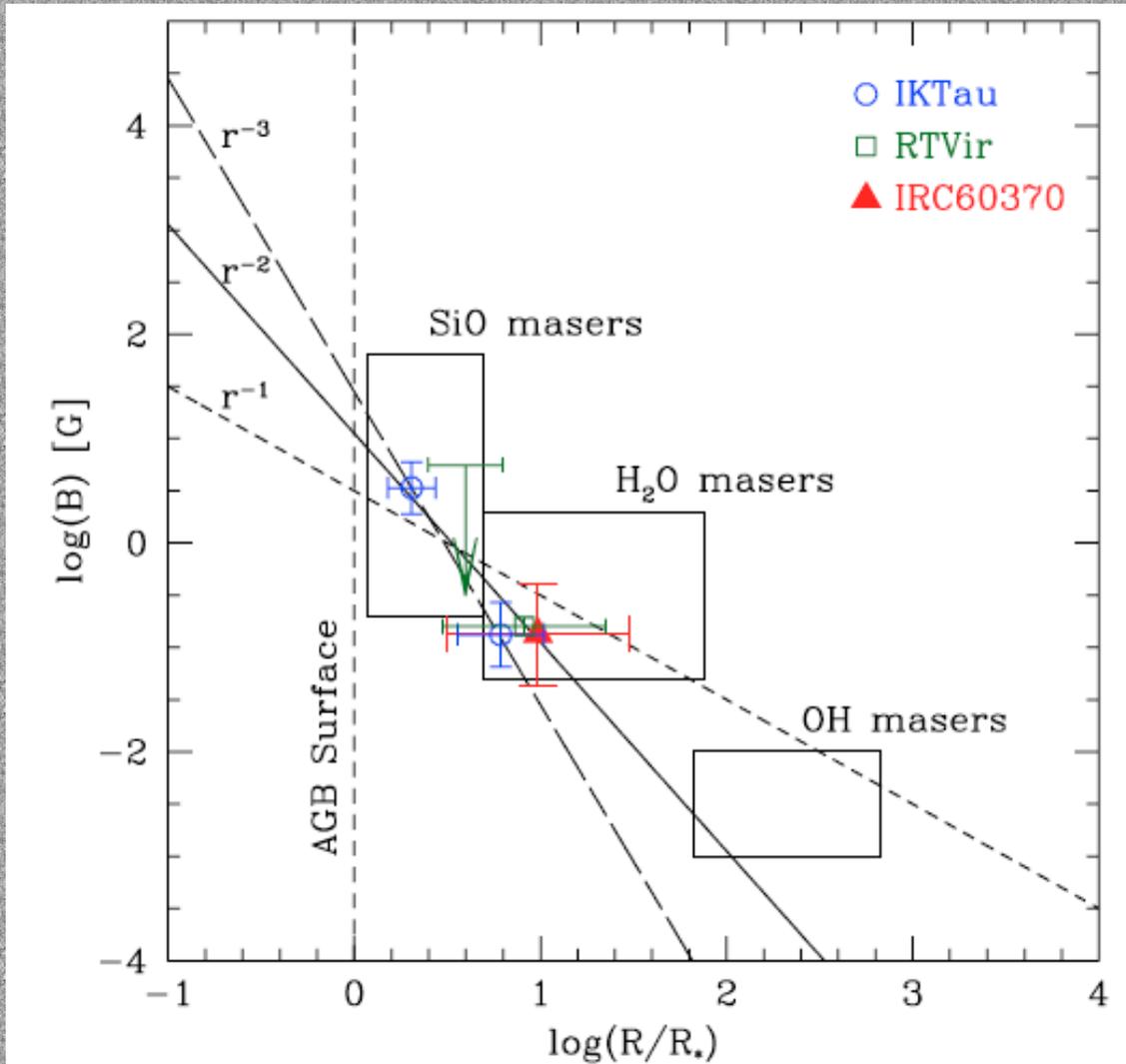
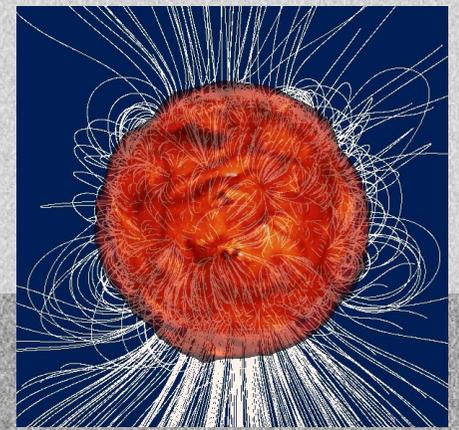
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Matt, Frank & Blackman 2006

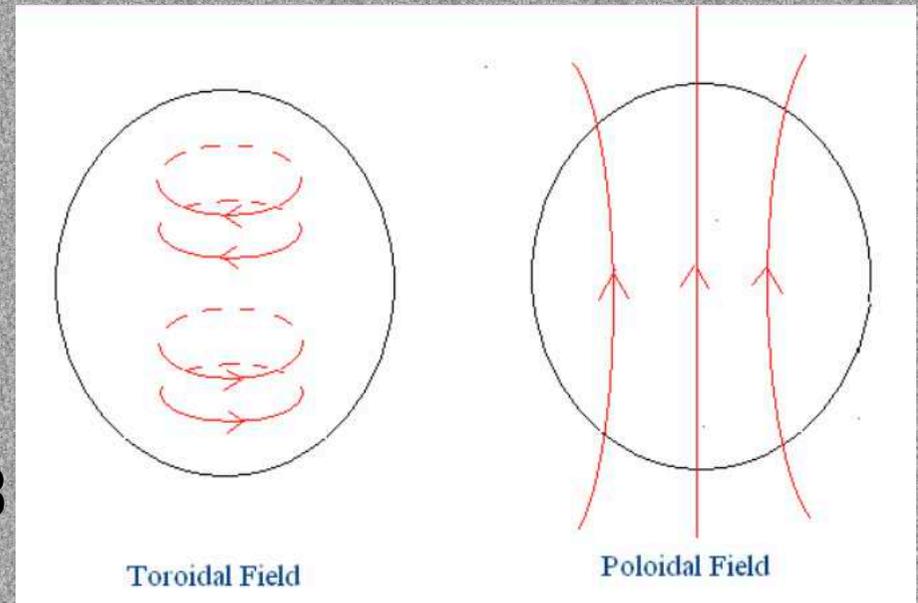
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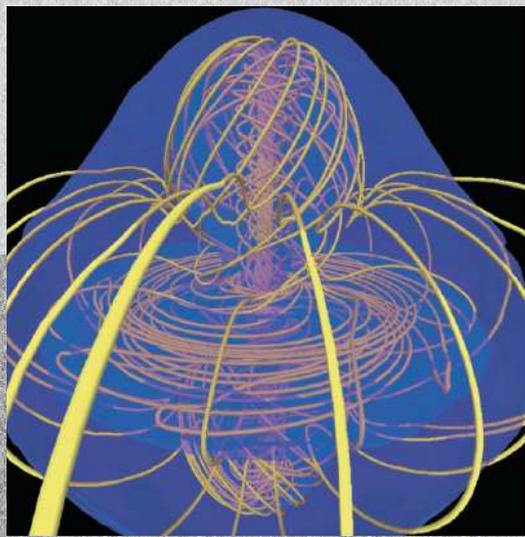
# Magnetic fields from maser measurements



Leal-Ferreira et al. 2013

$r^1$ : toroidal \*  
 $r^2$ : poloidal field \*  
 $r^3$ : dipole field





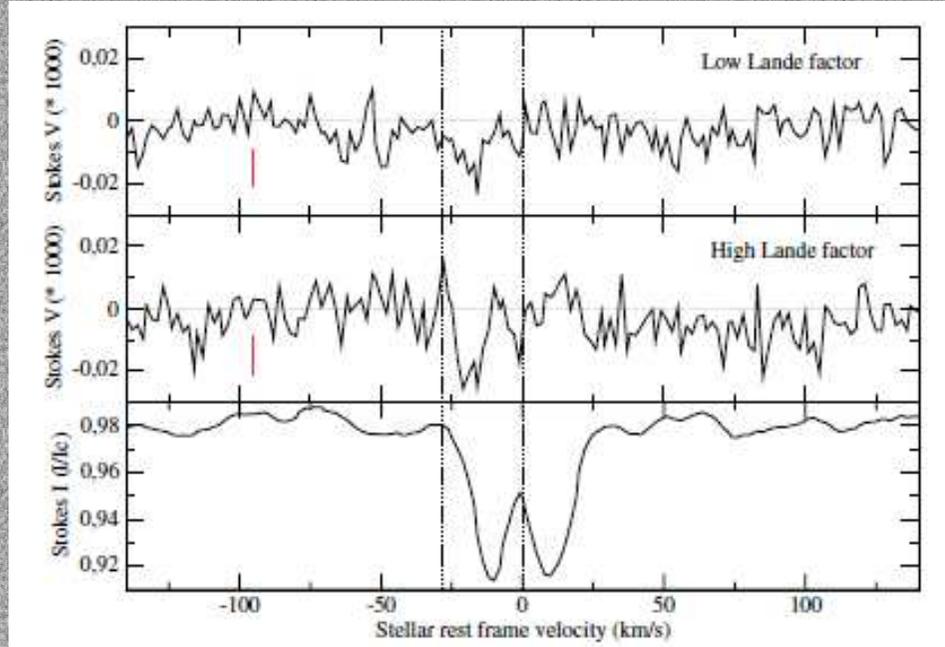
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## AGB Magnetic Fields

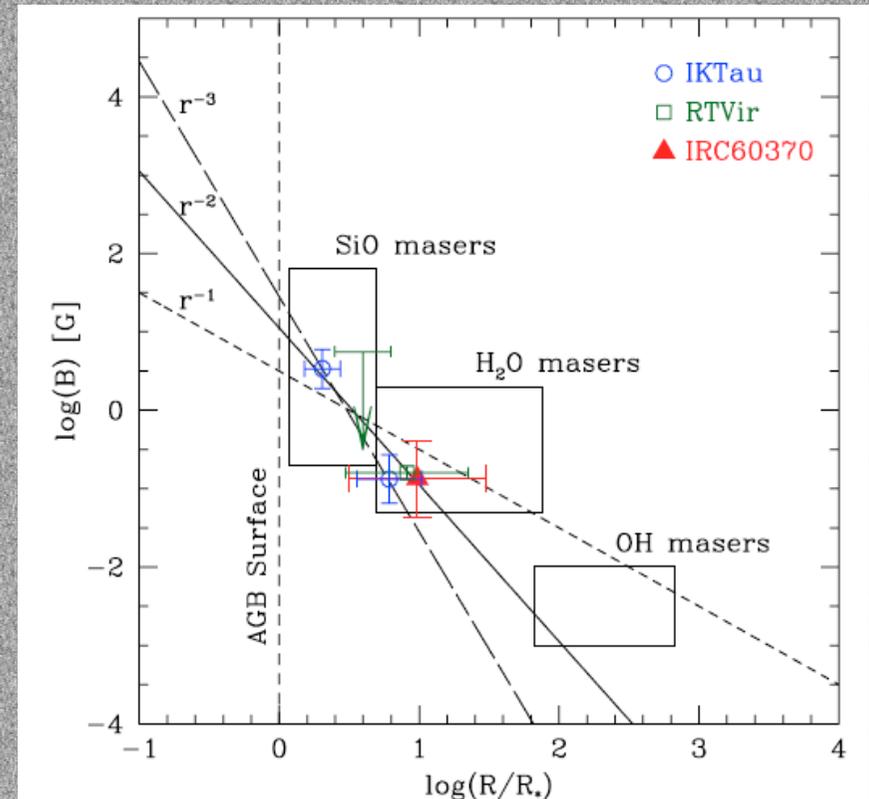
Magnetic dynamo models invoking the differential rotation between a rapidly rotating core and a more slowly rotating outer layer have been shown to produce sufficient magnetic fields (e.g. Blackman 2001).

## Masers

### Optical spectropolarimetry



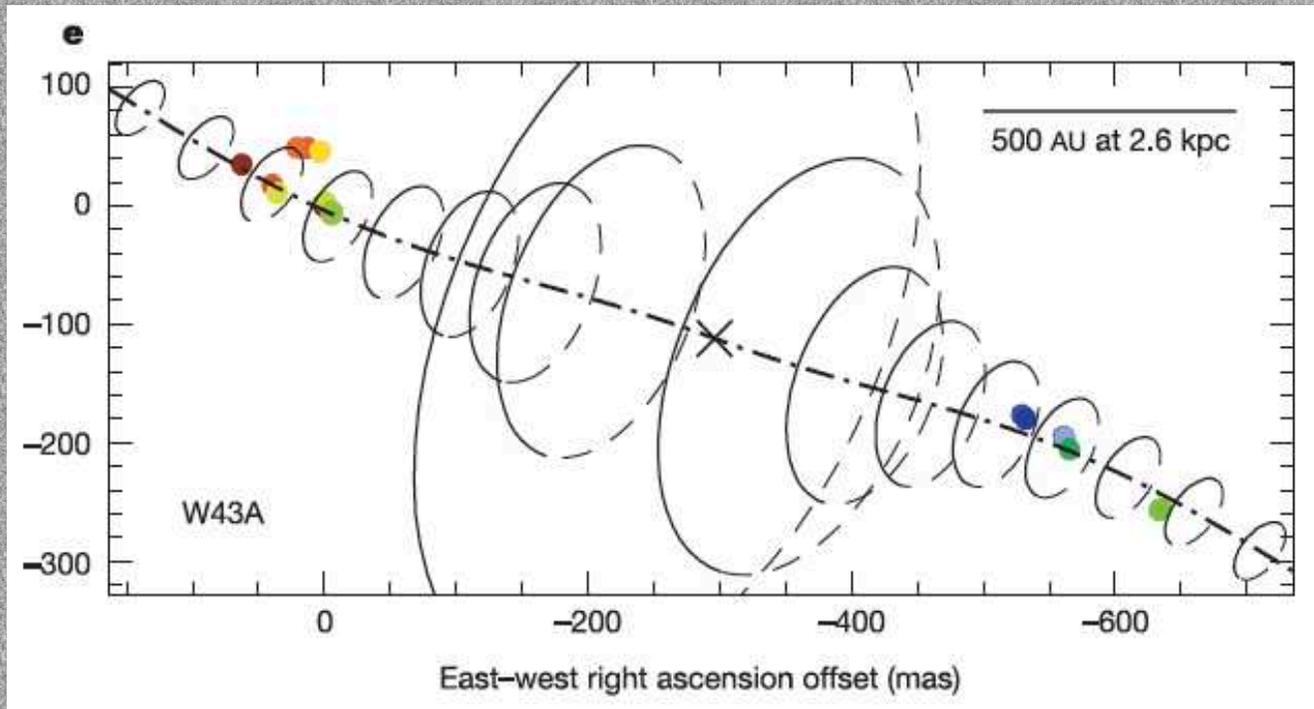
2-3 Gauss, Lebre et al. 2014



Leal-Ferreira et al. 2013

# Proto-Planetary Nebulae

- Rarely, post-AGB/proto-Planetary Nebulae show highly-collimated water maser jets
- These “water fountains” are likely the progenitors of bi-polar Planetary Nebulae
- Magnetic collimation of the jet in W43A
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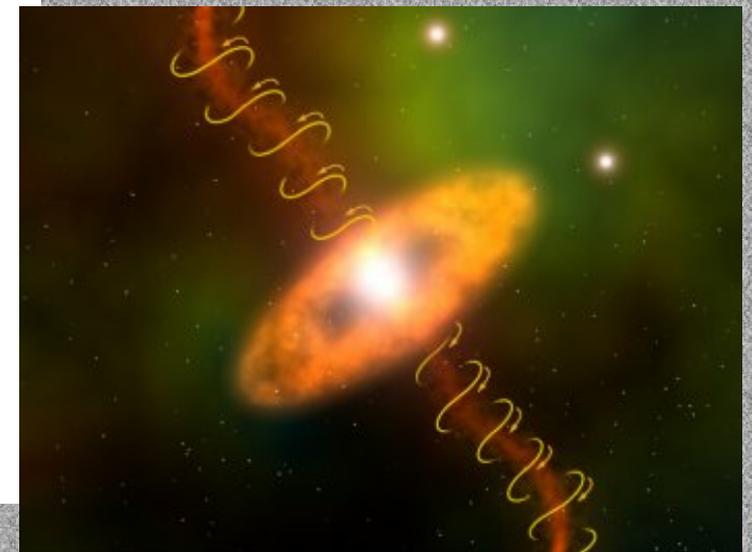
VLBA, Vlemmings et al. 2006

Toroidal component of B field along the jet

$B = 200 \pm 75$  mG in the jet

**Polarization of 22 GHz H<sub>2</sub>O masers that trace a precessing jet**

**Masers at ~1000 AU  
From the star**



**Imai et al. 2002**

# Summary

- Evolved star mass-loss and shaping mechanisms still need to be understood
- Masers provide excellent tools for probing the mass-loss process
- Single-dish science is very relevant for evolved star masers:
  - variability monitoring (masers can flare)
  - surveys, new source detections
  - stellar systemic velocity determination (from SiO masers)
- VLBI observations of the masers can yield gas physical conditions, 3D velocities and magnetic field estimations. Also distances

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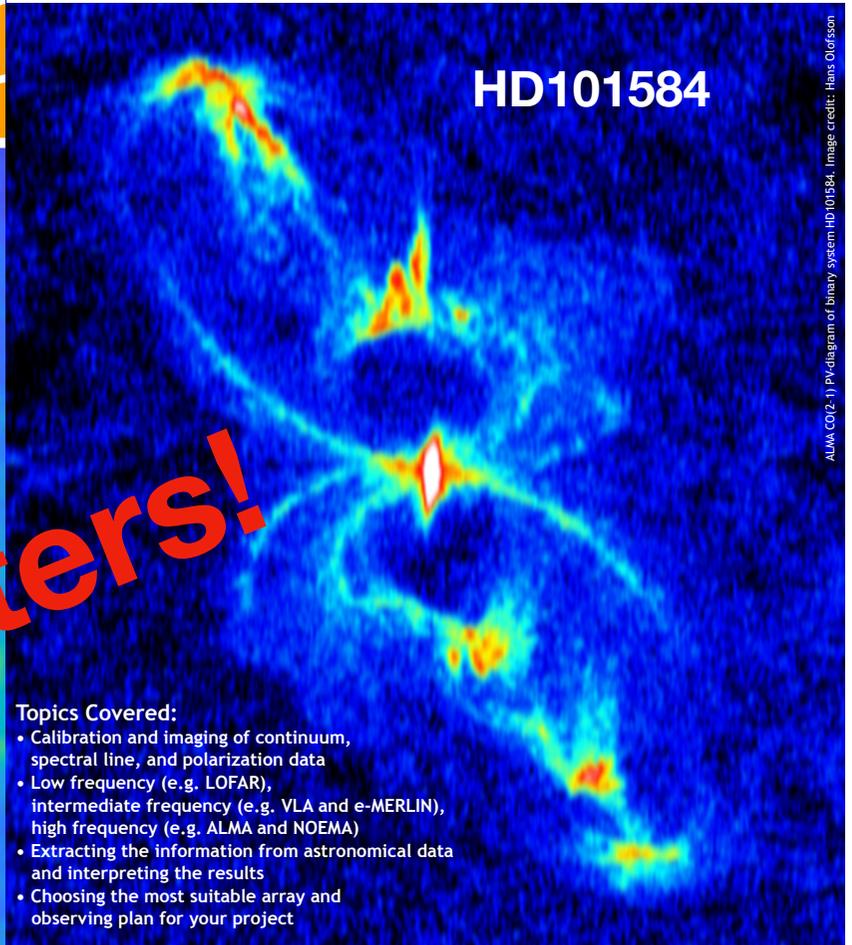
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HD101584



ALMA CQZ-1 Py-diagram of binary system HD101584. Image credit: Hans Olofsson

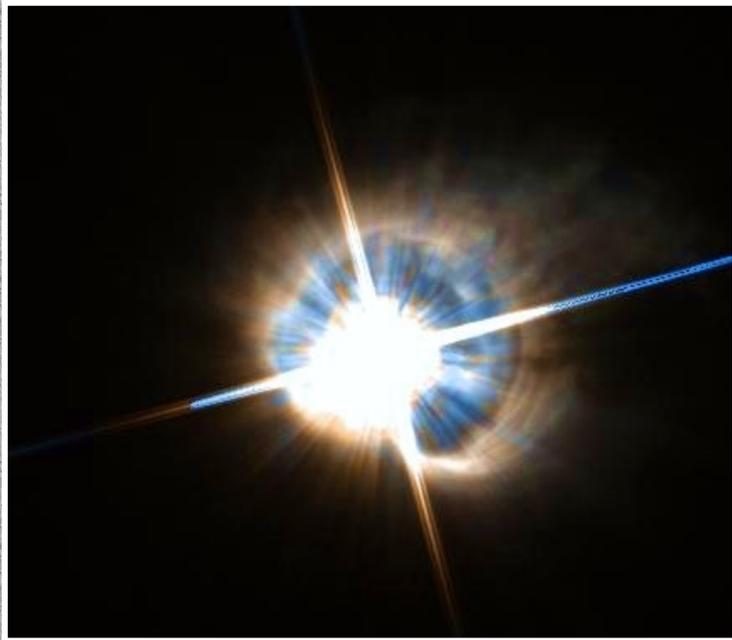
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ALMA image of binary

# HD 101584: optical data

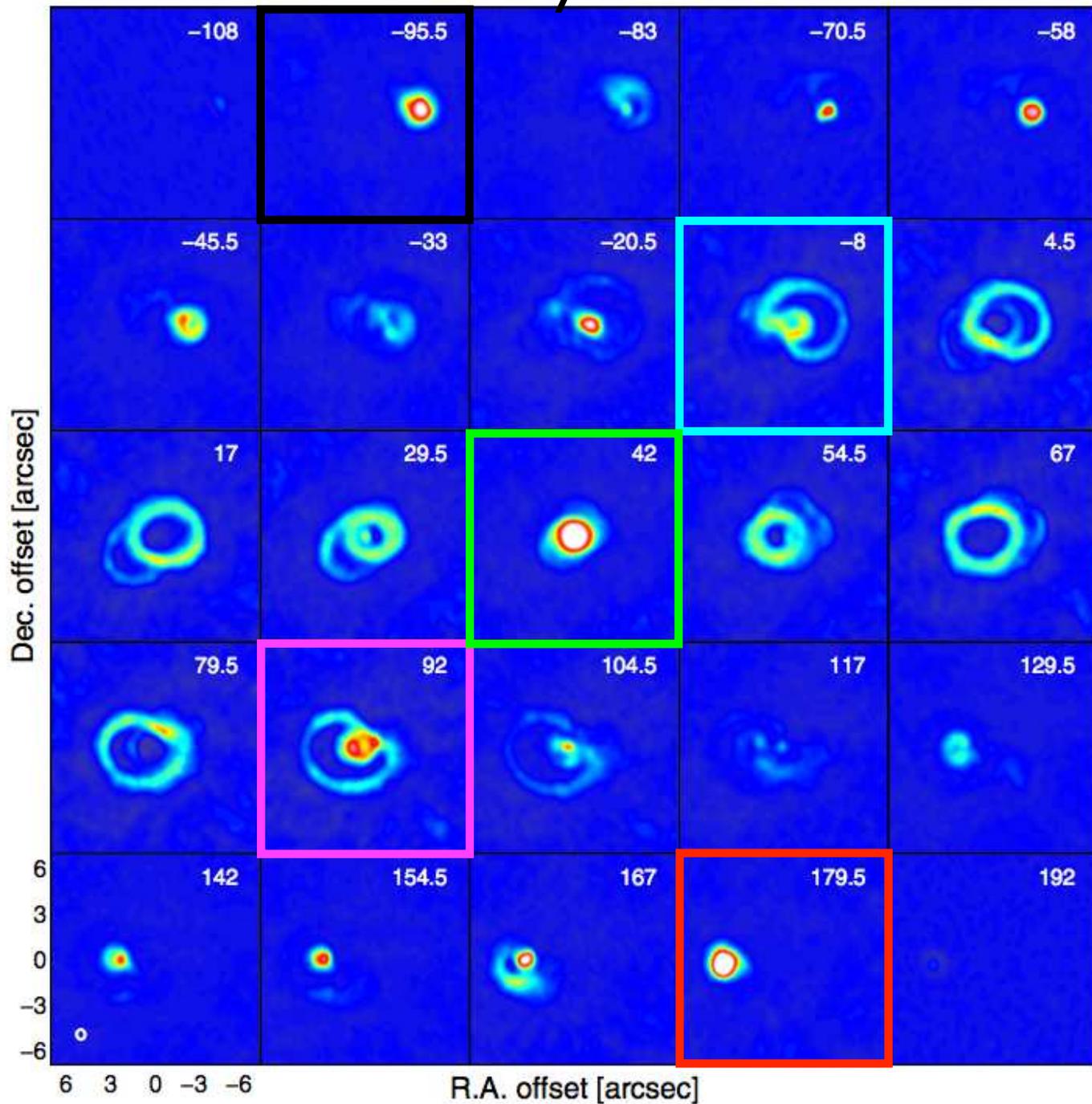


HST  
Sahai+ 2007

- Most likely a post-AGB object\*
- Central star 7th magnitude A6 Ia star
- Mass estimate  $\sim 0.6 M_{\text{sun}}$
- Binary period 140 - 220 days
- System has undergone an evolution (possibly common envelope) where the companion spiralled in but survived

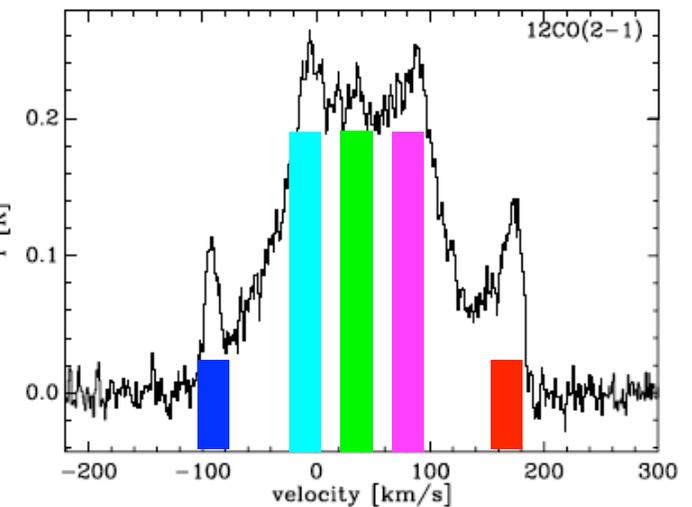
\* Now under debate

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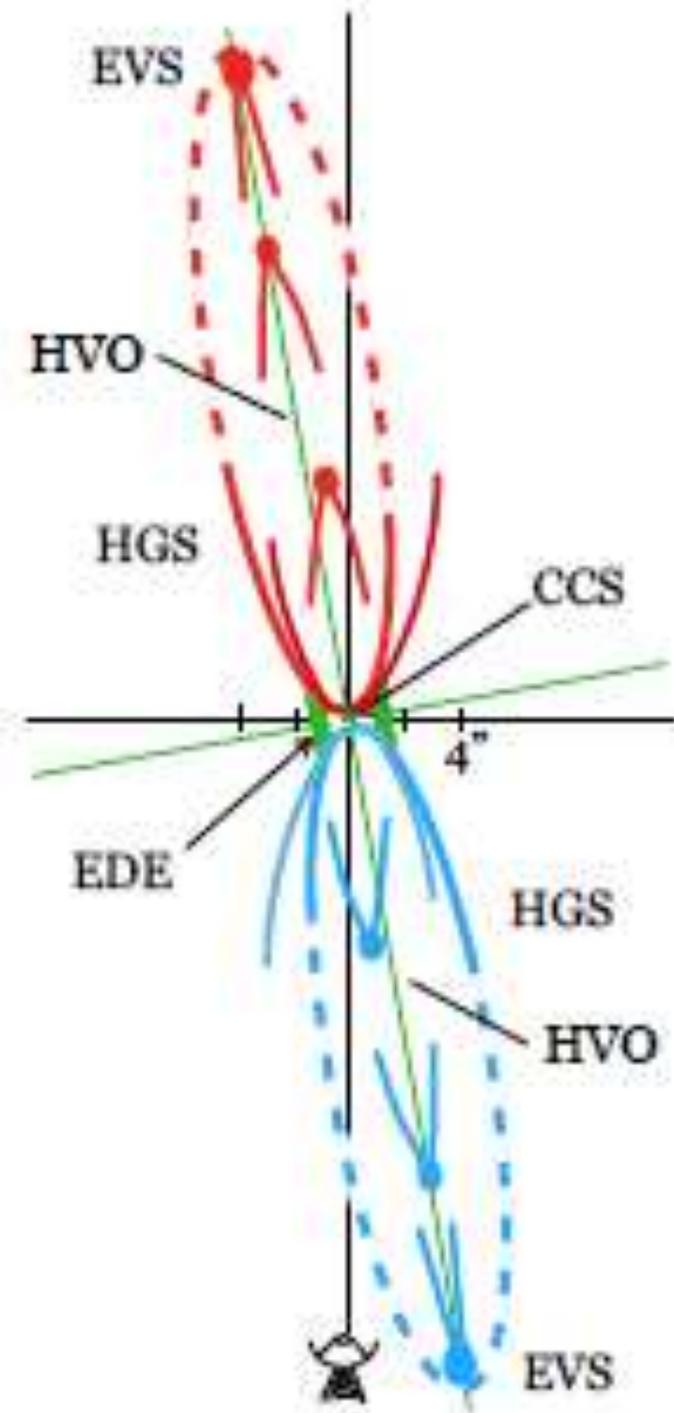
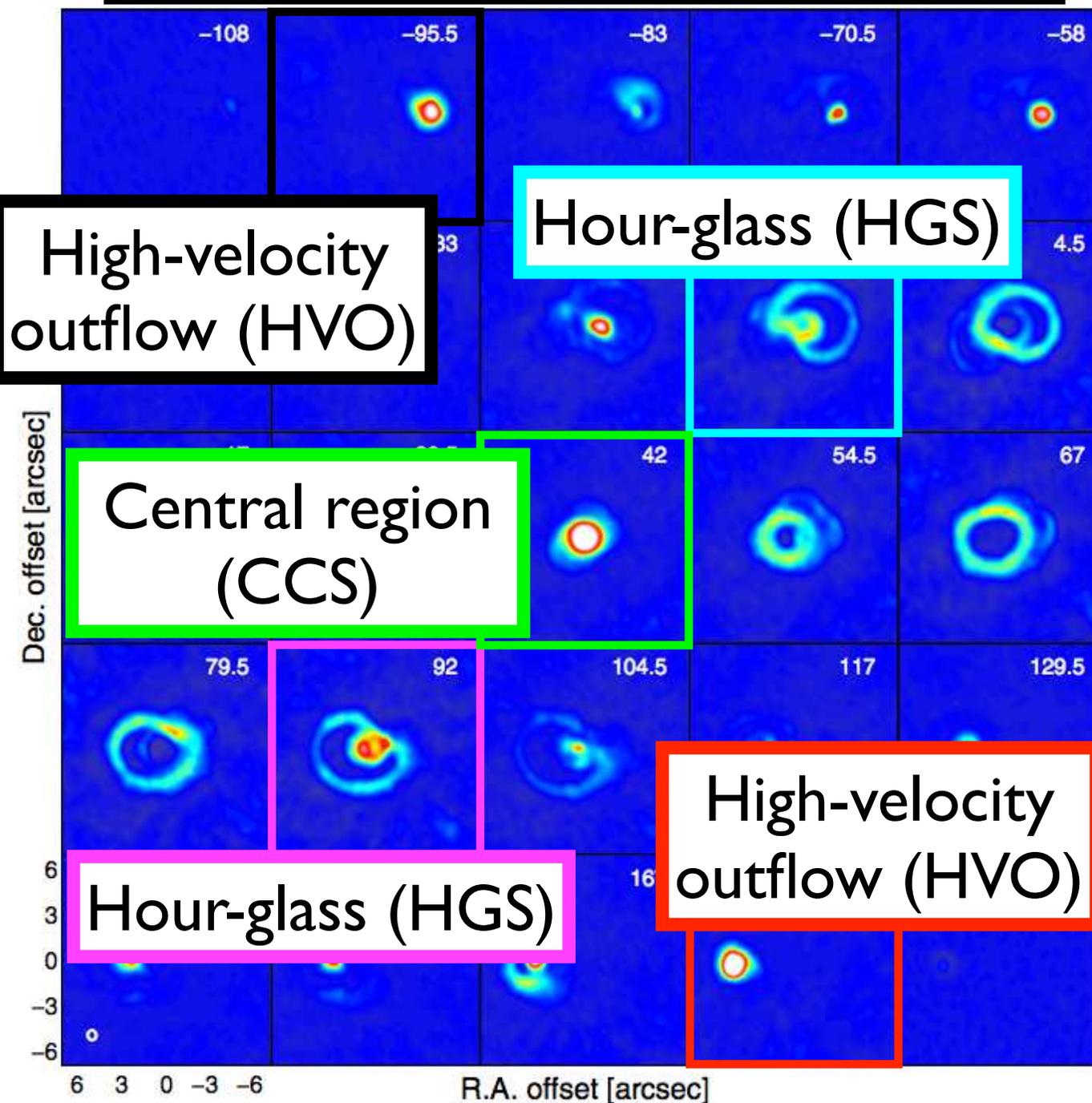


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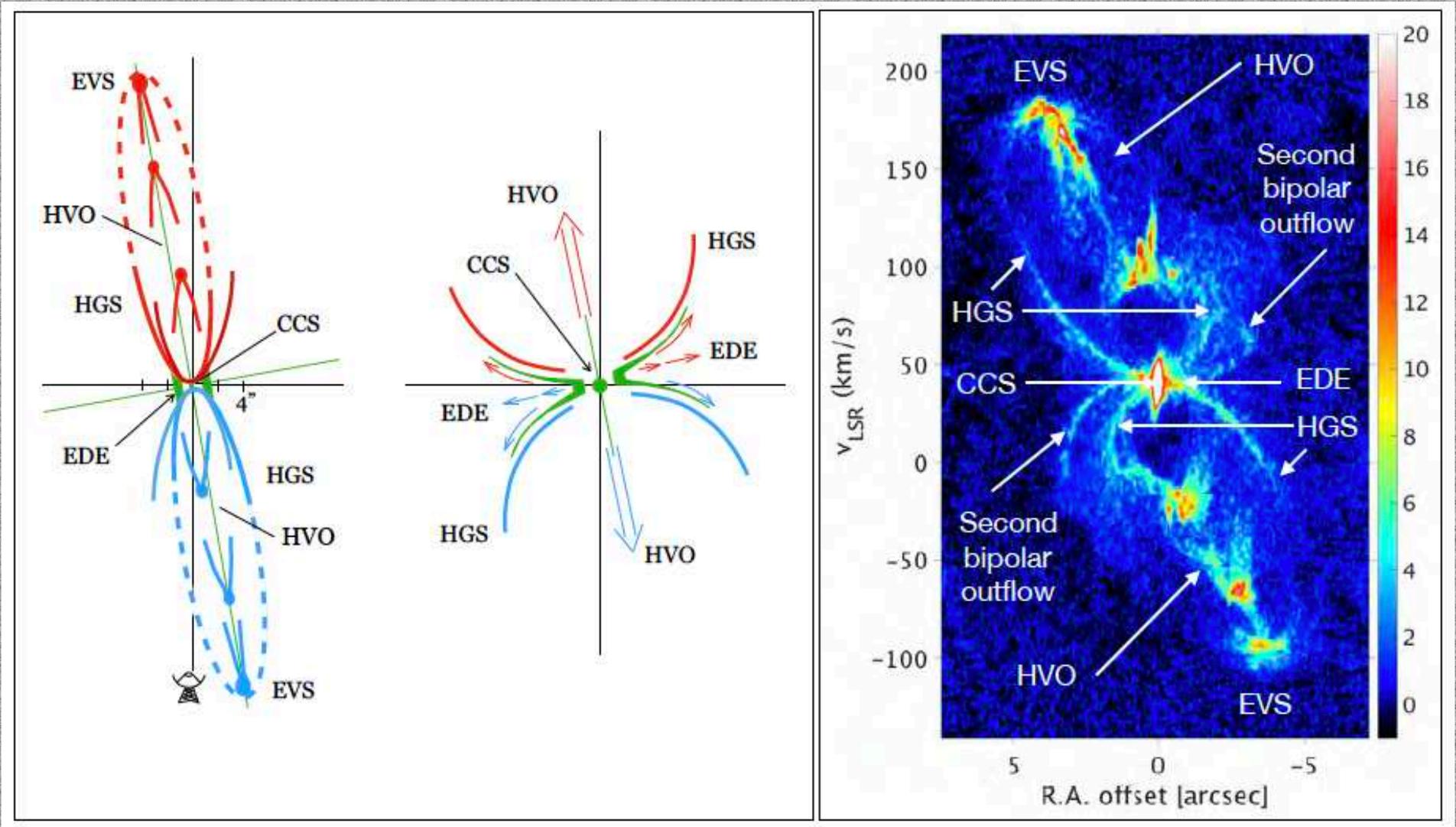
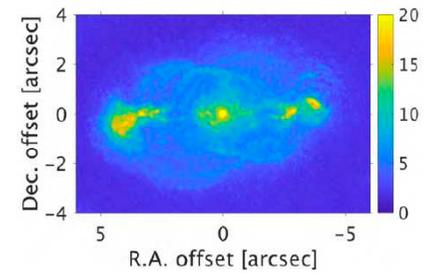
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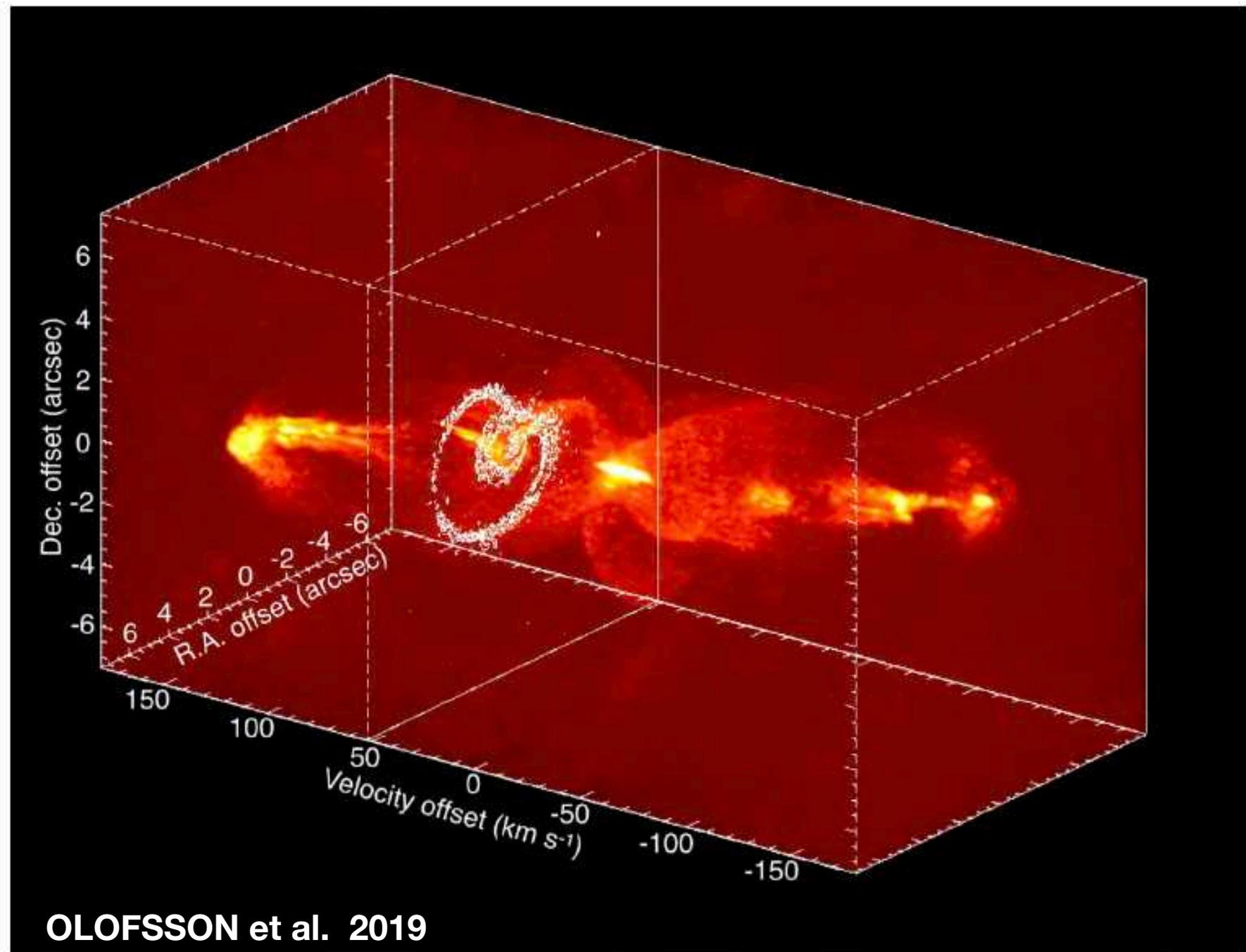


# Almost pole-on hour-glass system



# Morphology





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Intensity (mJy beam<sup>-1</sup>)