

The evolution of dying stars
Albert Zijlstra

Mass loss

Dust and molecules

Binary evolution

Cycle of matter in globular clusters

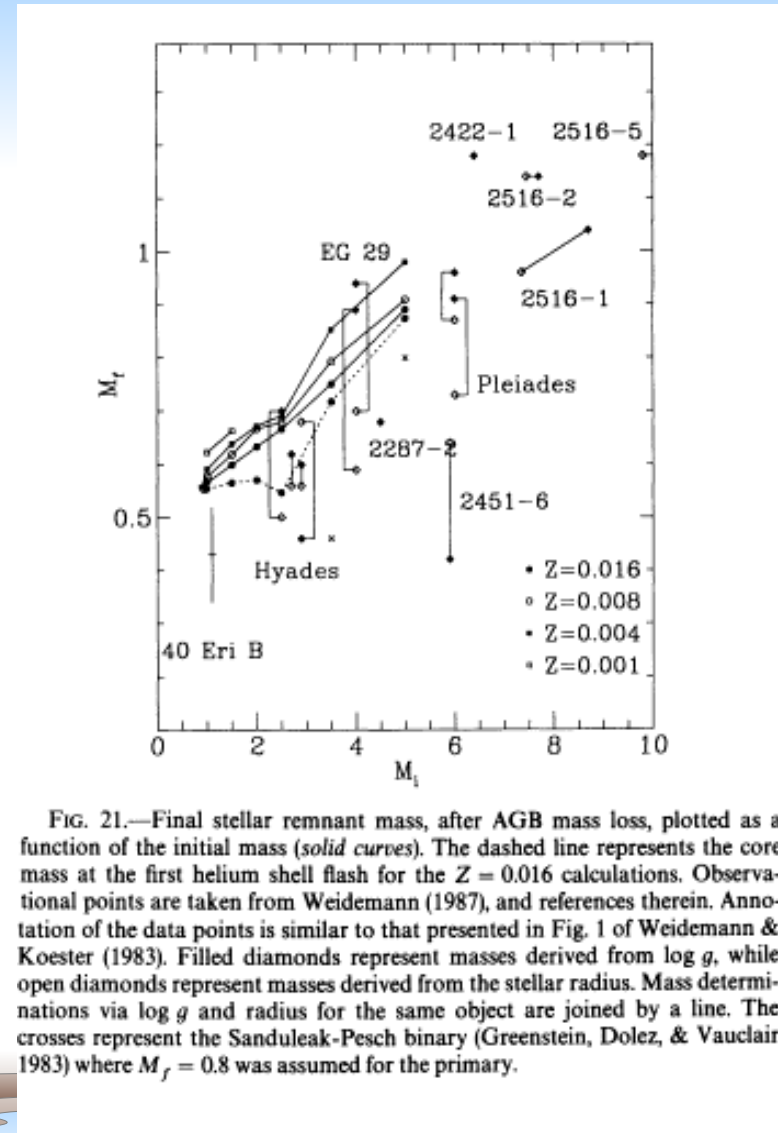
Mass loss at the end of times

☉ Stars lose 40%-80% of their mass

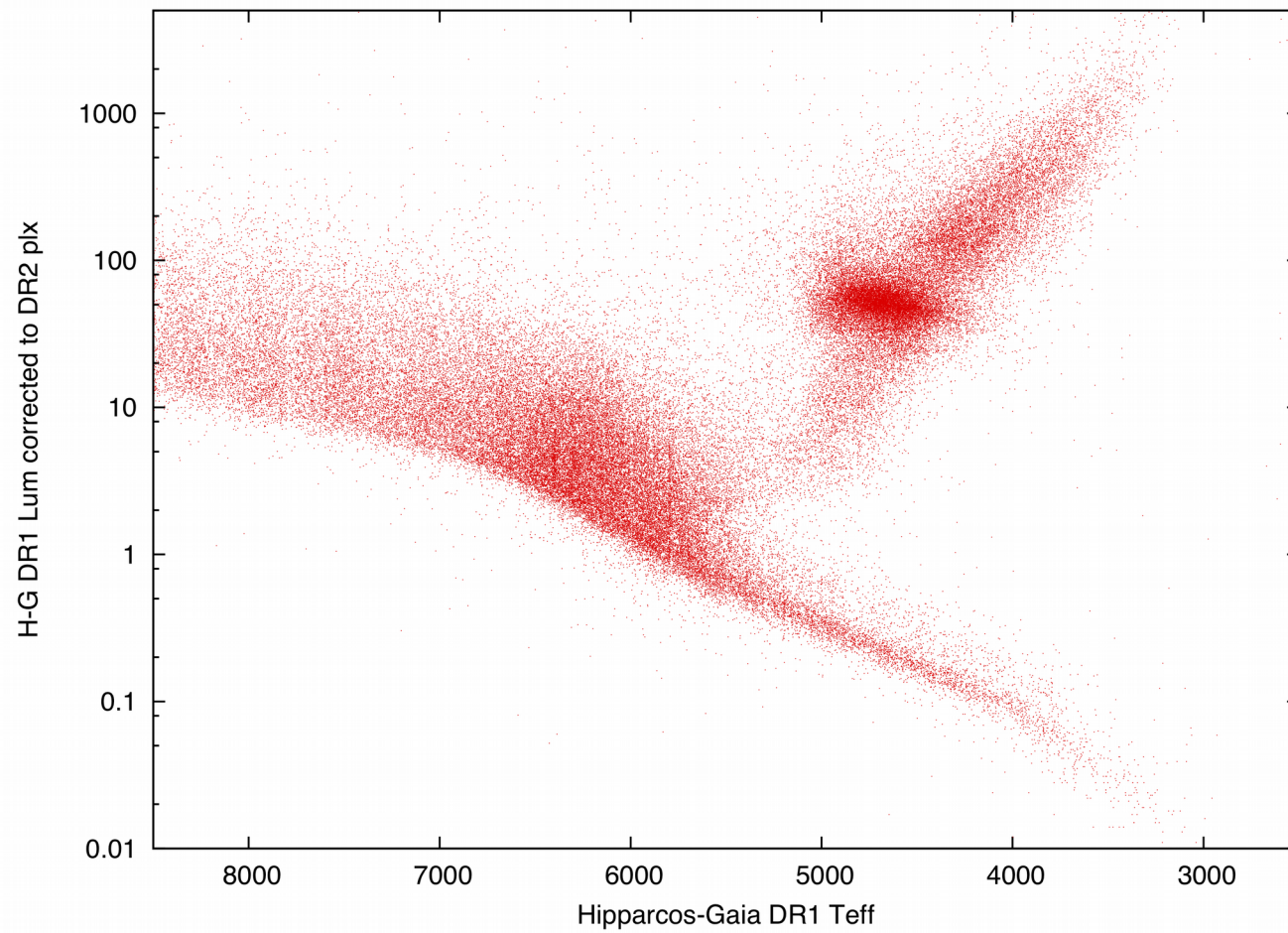
☉ Occurs at end of evolution

AGB & RGB

☉ Forms planetary nebulae, white dwarfs, heavy metal, dust, ..



Gaia dr2 HRD



Importance

- ☉ 1-10 Msun stars contain as much mass as 10-100 Msun stars
→ equal contributors to mass return

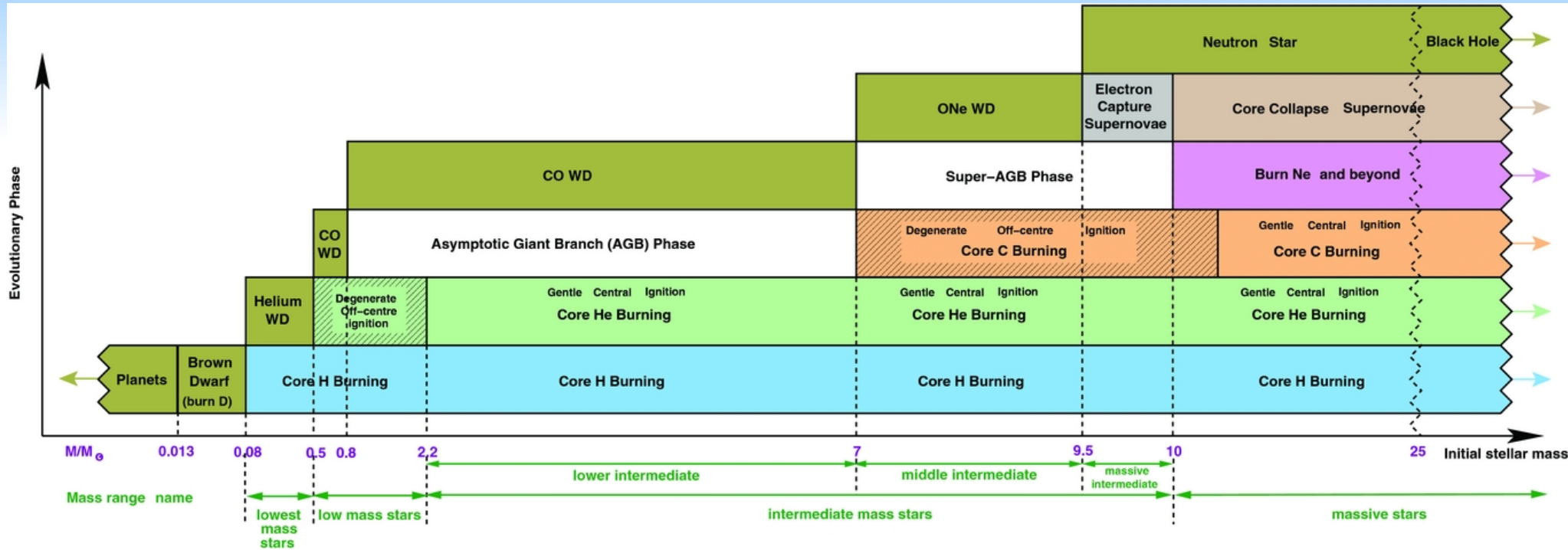
- ☉ Life times much longer
→ Important at late times

- ☉ Very efficient dust producers

- ☉ Products:
H, He, C, N,
s-process elements,
dust
complex molecules

- ☉ Not important for feedback (energy)

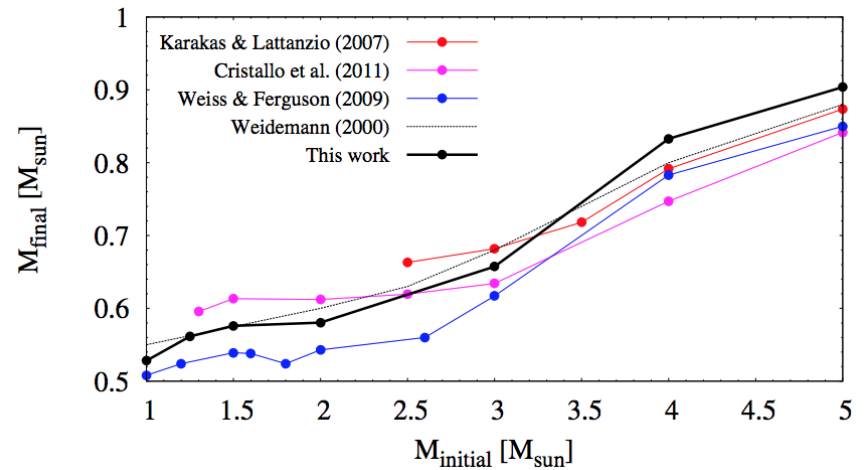
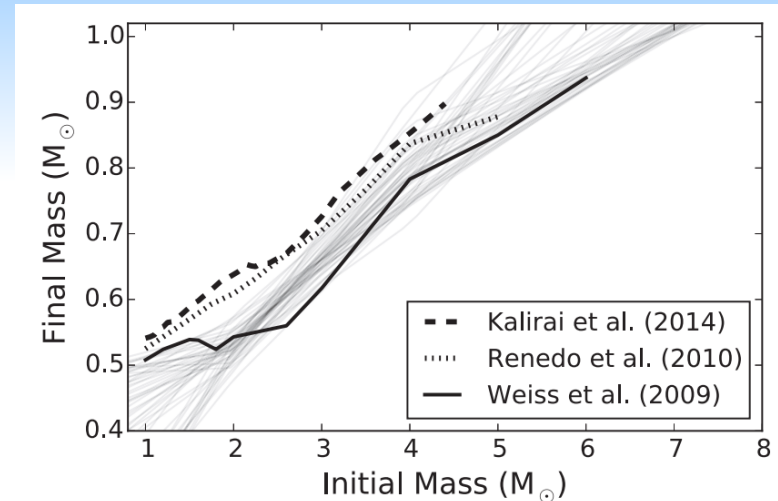
From cradle to grave



 Karakas & Latanzio 2014, Dawes review

Initial final mass relation

- ☪ Measures the total mass return
- ☪ Measured from cluster white dwarfs
- ☪ Models: fitted with mass loss law
- ☪ Significant uncertainties remain in both data and models



Mass loss relations

☪ Reimers' wind

$$\dot{M} = \eta 4 \times 10^{-13} \left(\frac{LR}{M} \right)^\gamma M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

☪ Chromospheric
fast and weak

☪ $\eta = 0.35$

(Groenewegen
2010)

$\eta = 0.48$

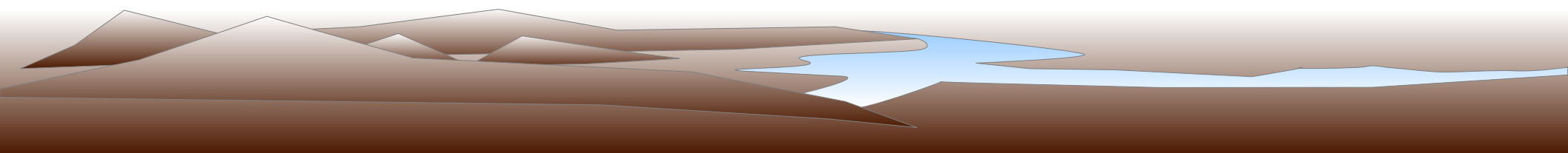
(McDonald &
Zijlstra 2015)

☪ Schroeder & Kuntz 2005
proposed a modification

$$\dot{M} = 4 \times 10^{-13} \eta_{\text{Sc}} \frac{LR}{M}$$

$$\left(\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{4000 \text{ K}} \right)^{3.5} \left(1 + \frac{g_\odot}{4300g} \right) [M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}],$$

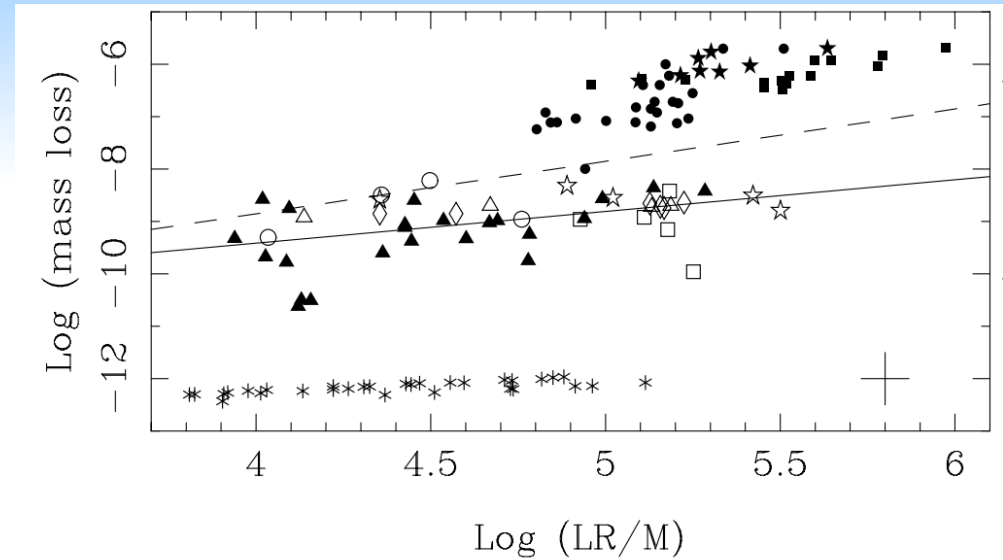
$\eta_{\text{Sc}} = 0.2$



Superwind

☿ Renzini (1980)
proposed an
amplified Reimers
wind at late stages

☿ Subsequently
confirmed by IRAS
observations



Groenewegen 2010

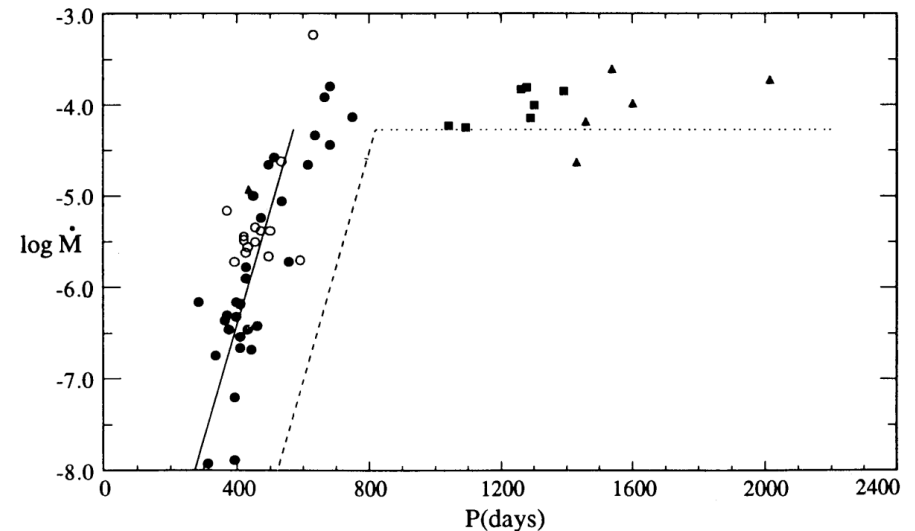
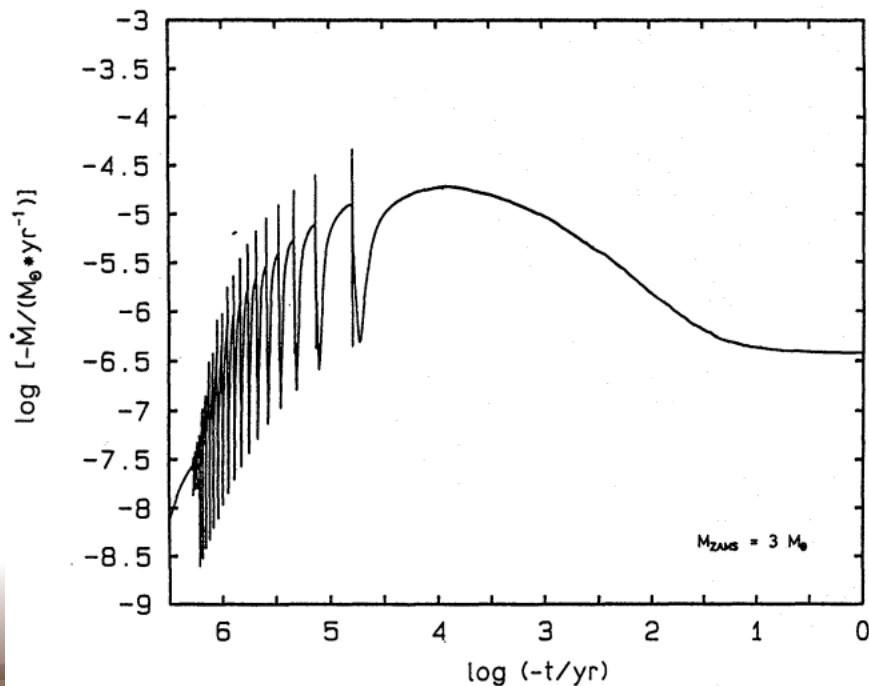
Superwind formalisms

 Bloeker 1995

$$\dot{M}_B = 4.83 \cdot 10^{-9} M^{-2.1} L^{2.7} \dot{M}_R [\text{M}_\odot \text{yr}^{-1}]$$

 Vassiliadis & Wood
1993

$$\log \dot{M}_{VW} [\text{M}_\odot \text{yr}^{-1}] = -11.4 + 0.0123 P [\text{days}]$$



 Lower mass loss
means higher yield

Mass loss: uncertainty

☉ Measured by tracers

Dust (unknown constants, V_{exp})

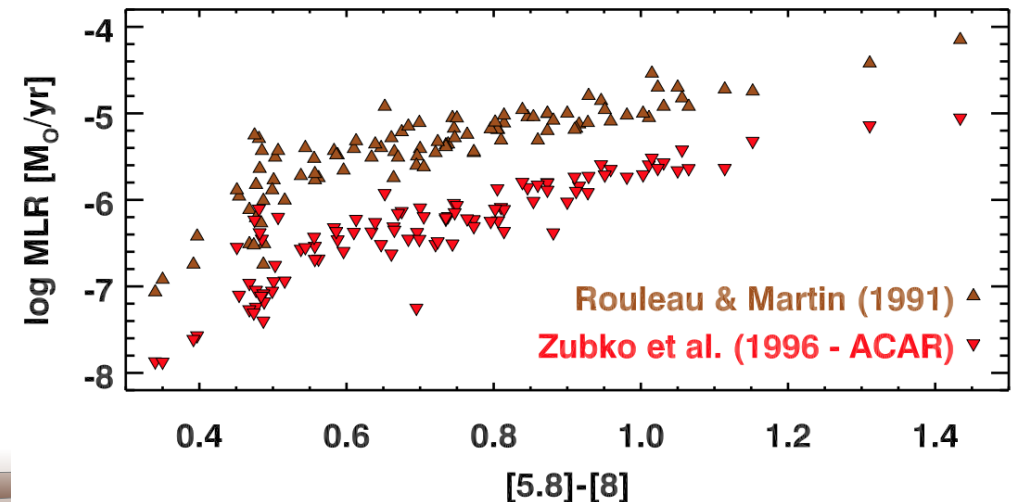
CO (unknown dissociation radius)

☉ Assume spherical symmetry

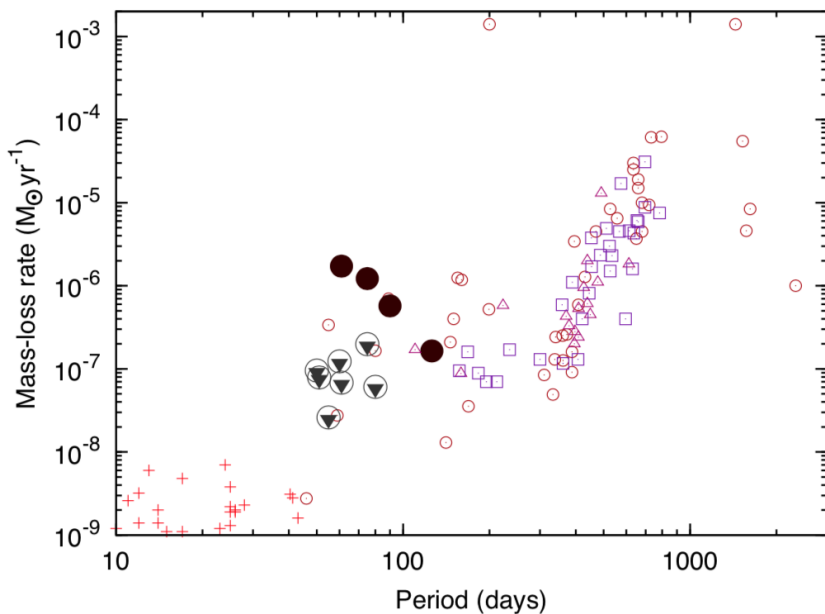
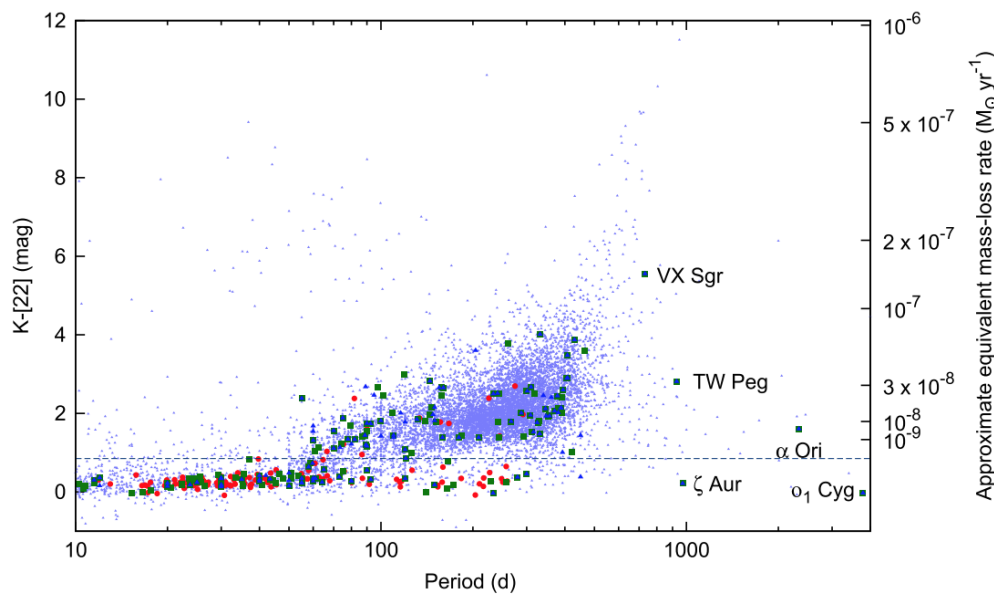
☉ Lower mass loss means higher yield


☉ For amorphous carbon, dust mass varies by a factor of 9 between two common opacities

Groenewegen & Sloan 2018




Mass loss: step function



 CO, dust excess and Kepler all show a sudden change at $P=60$ days.

Glass et al. 2009; Mosser et al. 2013; McDonald & Zijlstra 2016, subm

 Second step up occurs at $P=300$ days

 Related to pulsation mode and amplitude

Mass loss: the status

- ☉ Reimers law for $P < 60$ days (RGB & EAGB)

- ☉ Pulsation-driven wind for $P = 60 - 300$ days (LAGB),

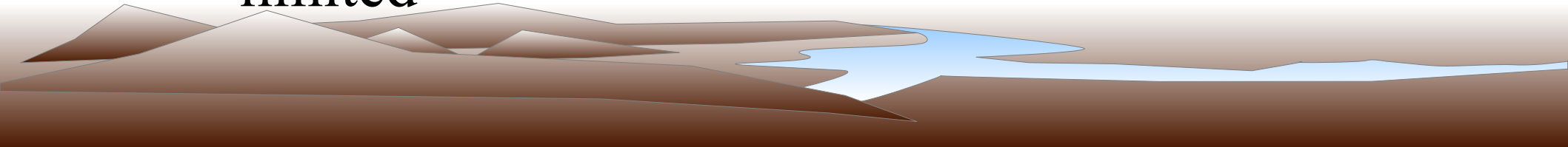
$$\dot{M} \sim 5 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ Msun/yr}$$

- ☉ Momentum-driven wind when $P > 300$ days

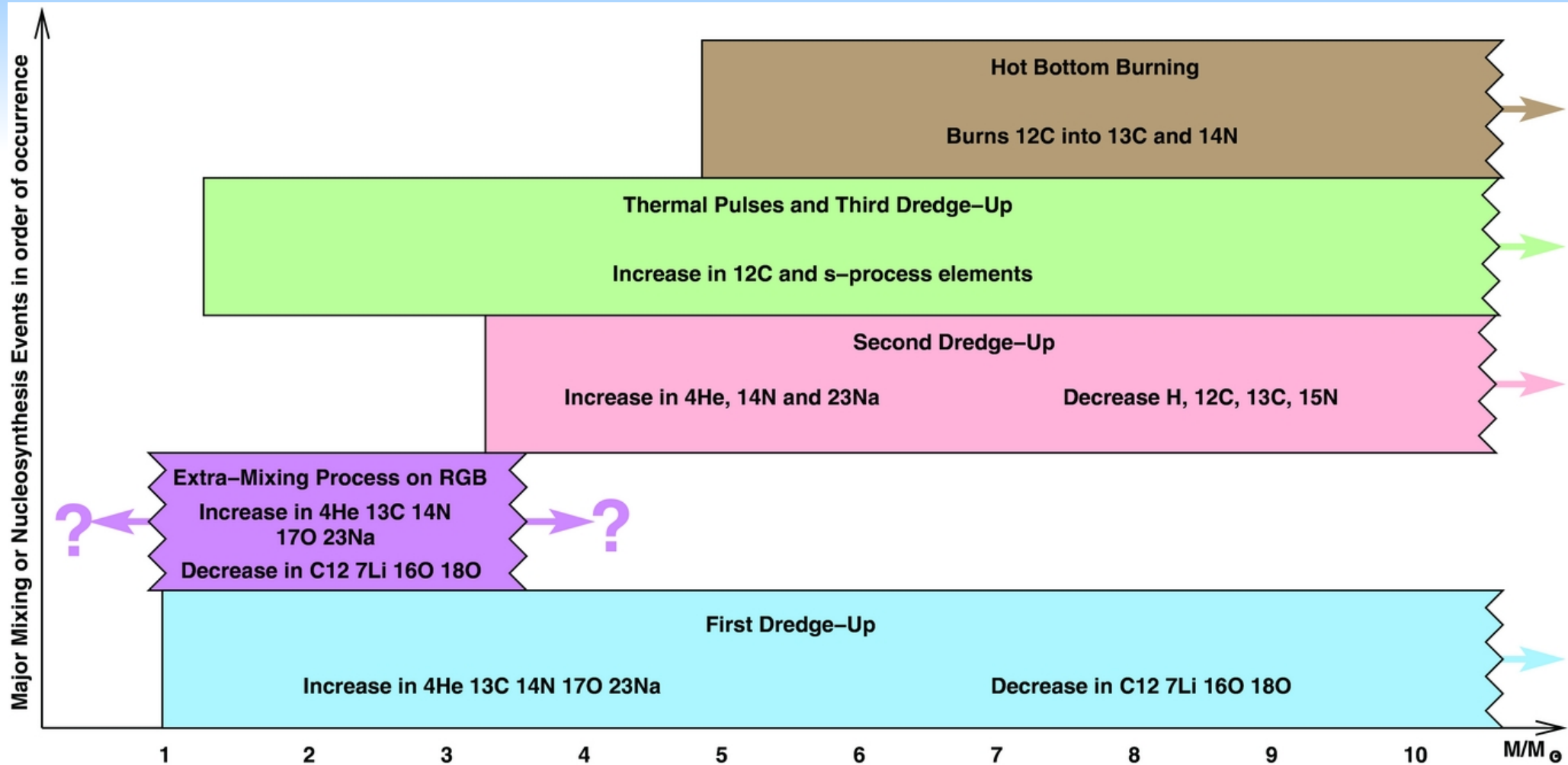
Maximum at a few 10^{-5} Msun/yr

(VW93 relation preferred over B95 law)

- ☉ Pulsation is crucial – metallicity effects are limited

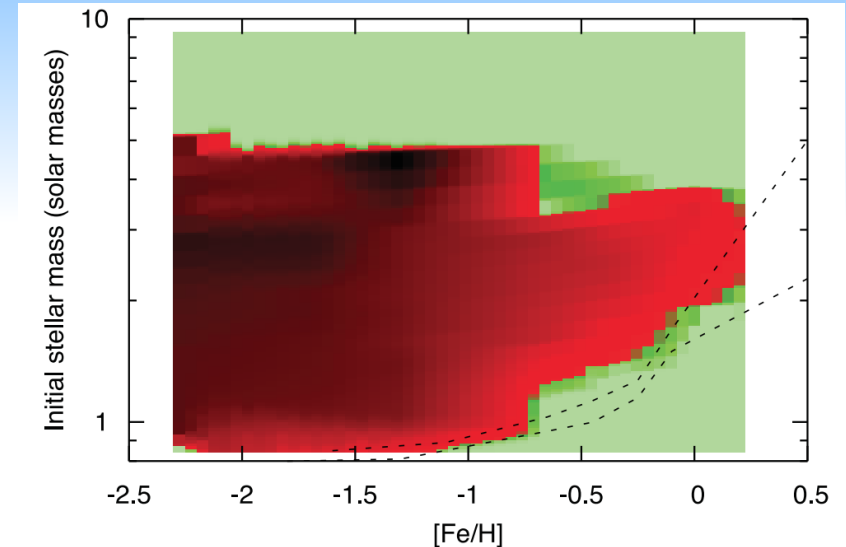


Dredge up



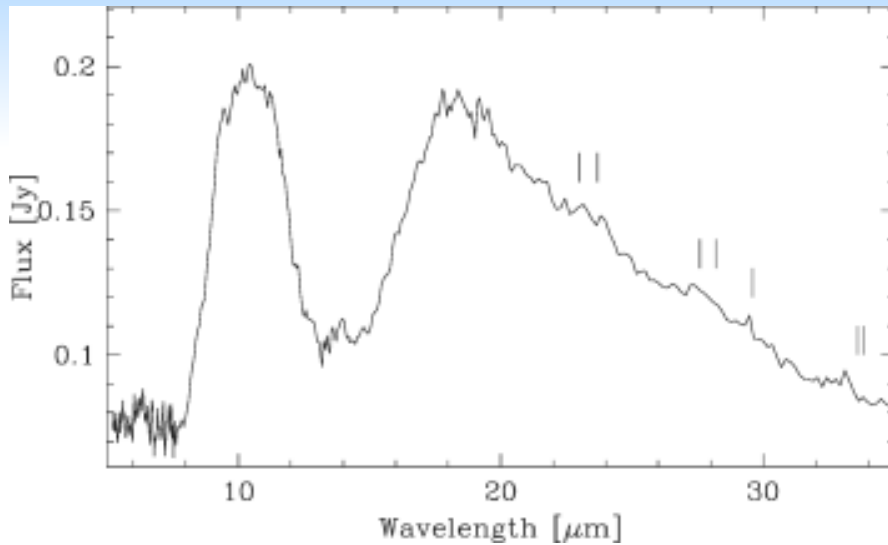
Carbon star formation

- ☉ Third dredge-up can cause carbon star formation
- ☉ $C/O > 1$: dichotomy to C-rich and O-rich chemistry
- ☉ At high Z , carbon stars at 2-4 M_{sun} progenitor mass



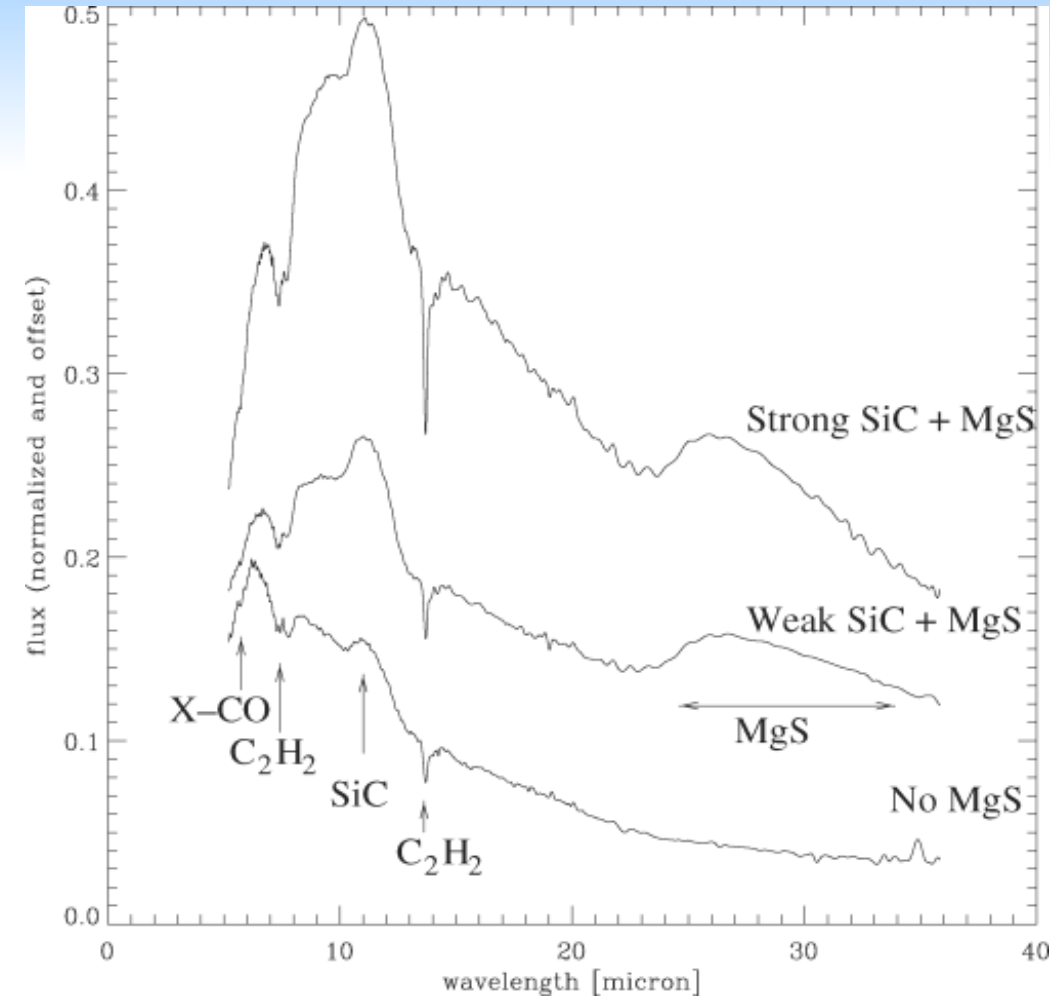
McDonald et al 2012,
based on isochrones
from Marigo & Girardi
(2007)

Dust: oxygen-rich stars



- ☉ Alumina (~20%) and silicate production
- ☉ Minor component of crystalline silicates (produced in shocks?)
- ☉ Higher Z: forsterite (Mg_2SiO_4)
- ☉ Lower Z: enstatite (Mg_2SiO_3)

Dust: carbon stars

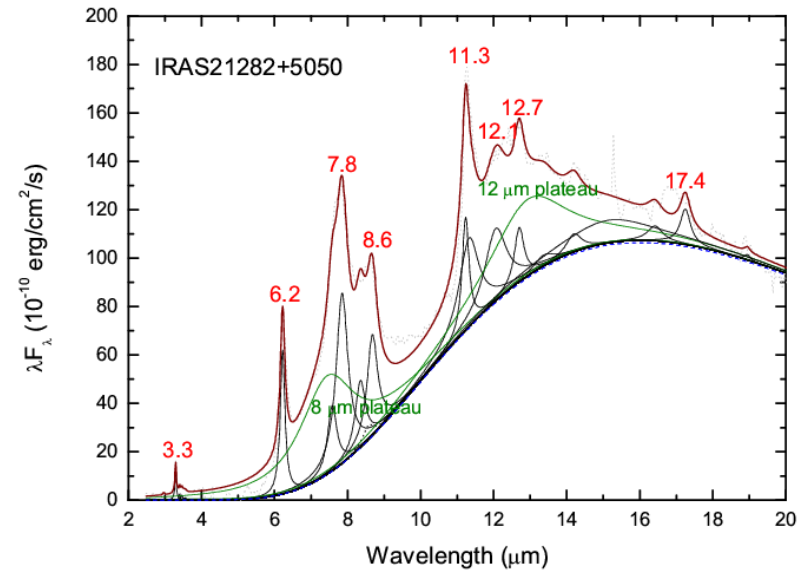


(Low numbers in MW)

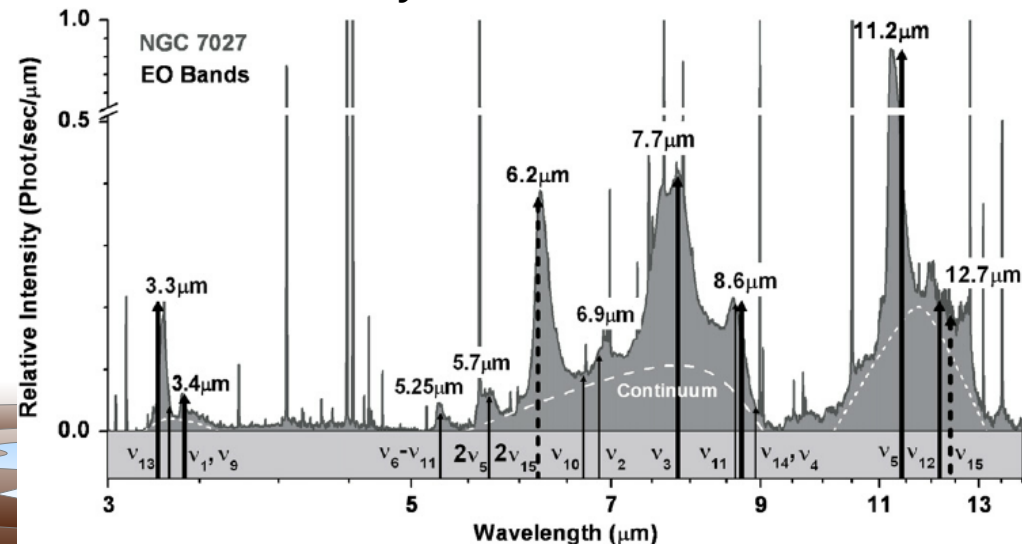
- Copious dust from primary carbon
- Amorphous carbon, graphite
- SiC (seed at higher Z)
- MgS: low-temperature coating

Complex molecules: PAHs/HACs

- ☪ Seen in post-AGB stars and PNe
- ☪ Also exist in O-rich environments
- ☪ Forms from CO dissociation at $A_V \sim 4$
- ☪ Survives in molecular envelopes
- ☪ If large PAHs: photostable

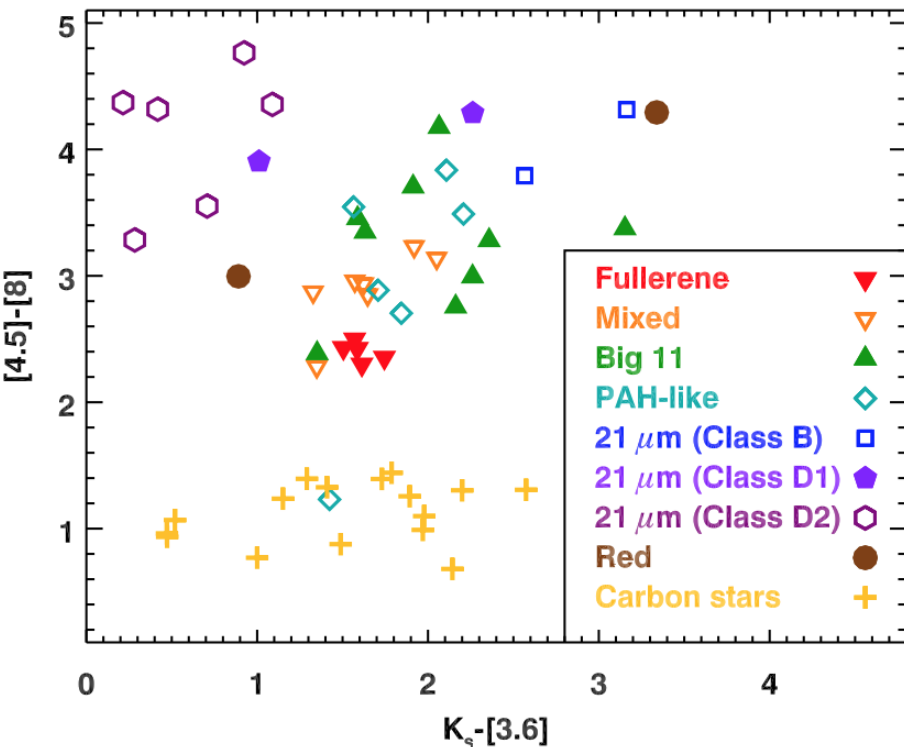
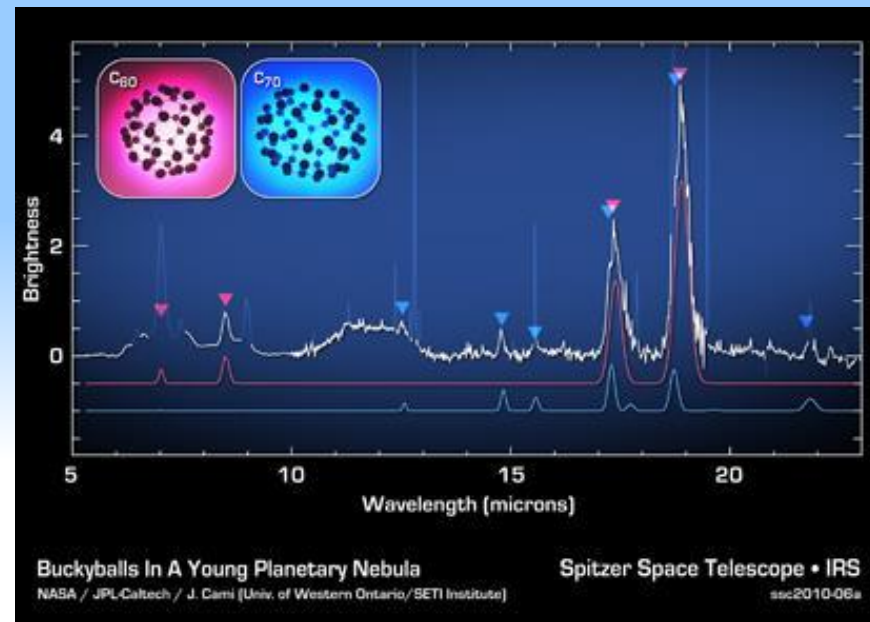


Bernstein & Lynch 2009



Fullerenes

- ☪ Seen in carbon-rich PNe only
- ☪ Only cool central stars
 $T(\text{star}) = 20\text{-}40\text{kK}$
- ☪ Low internal reddening
- ☪ Forms late, destroys early
- ☪ Related to near-infrared dust continuum

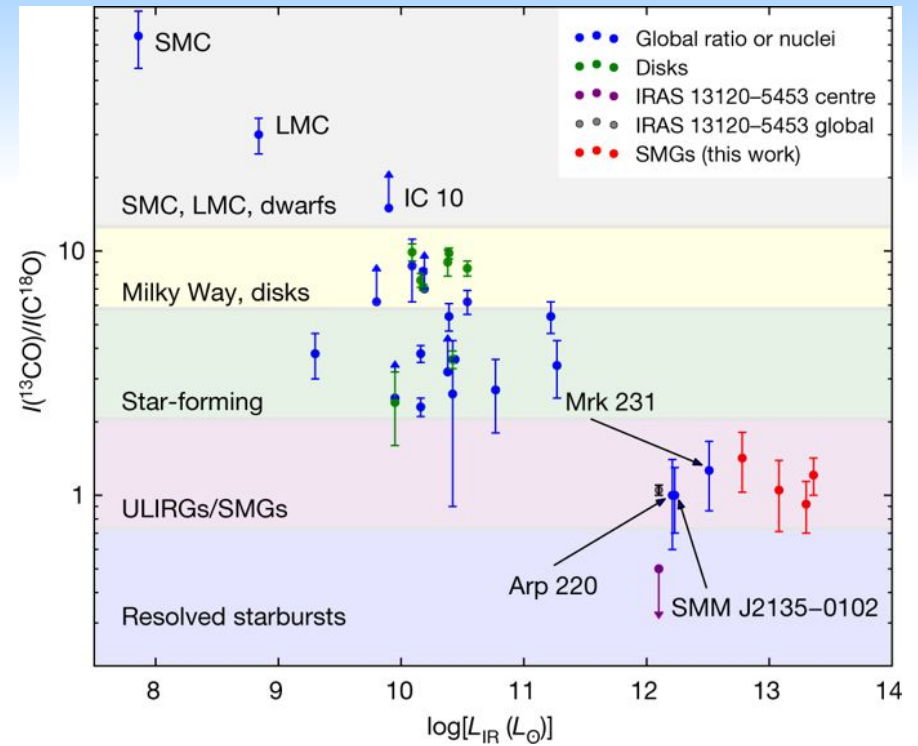


Isotopes

☪ Different isotopes trace different nuclear burning temperatures

☪ ^{18}O : high temperatures

☪ Produced in high mass SAGB/SG stars



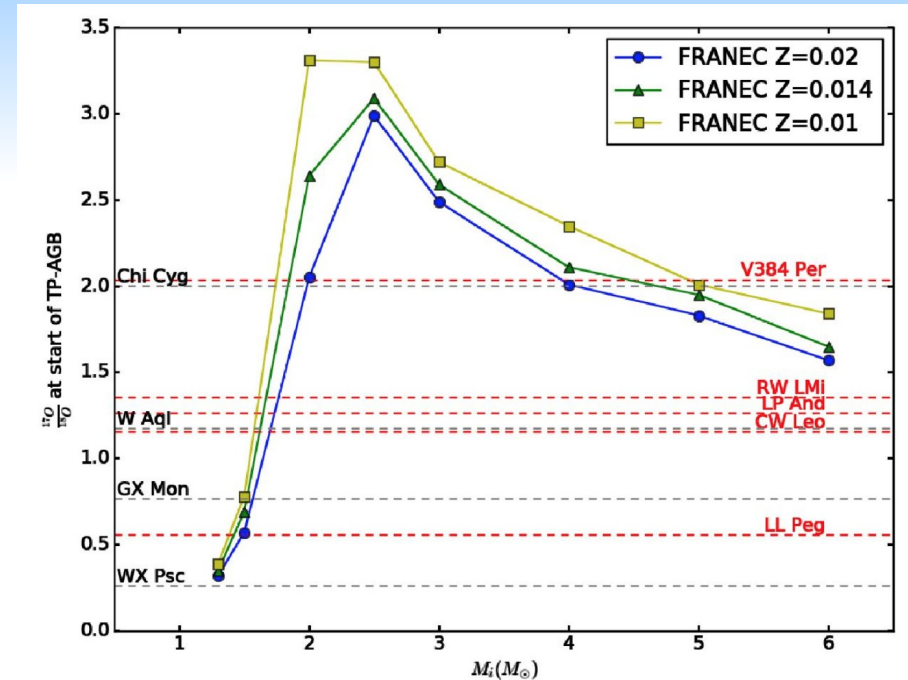
Zhang et al. 2018, Nature

17O/18O

☪ Sensitive tracer of initial mass

☪ However, hard to measure

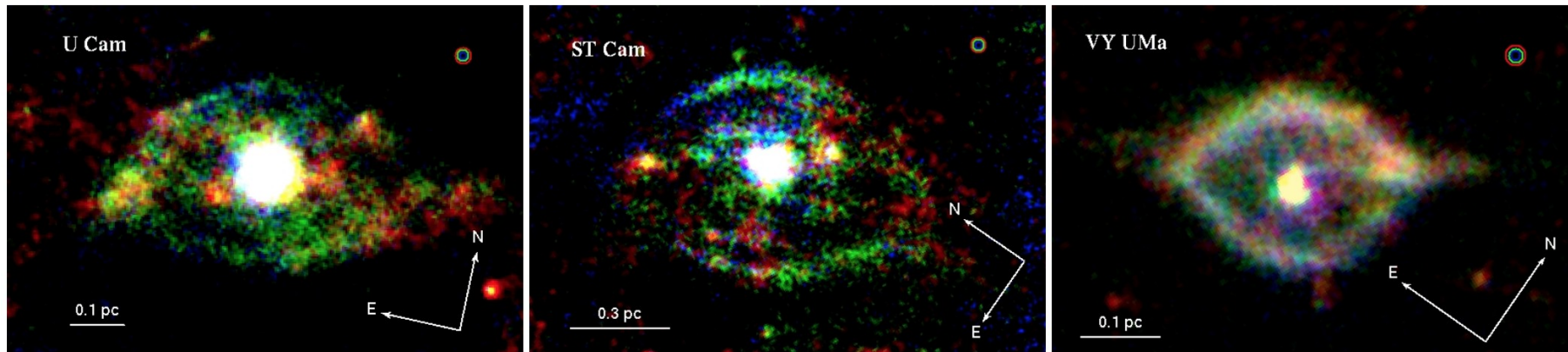
de Nutte et al. 2016,
Danilovich et al.
2017



The problem of the asterosphere

- ☪ AGB wind sweeps up ISM
- ☪ Termination shock 1-4 pc from the star
- ☪ ‘wall’ around the star

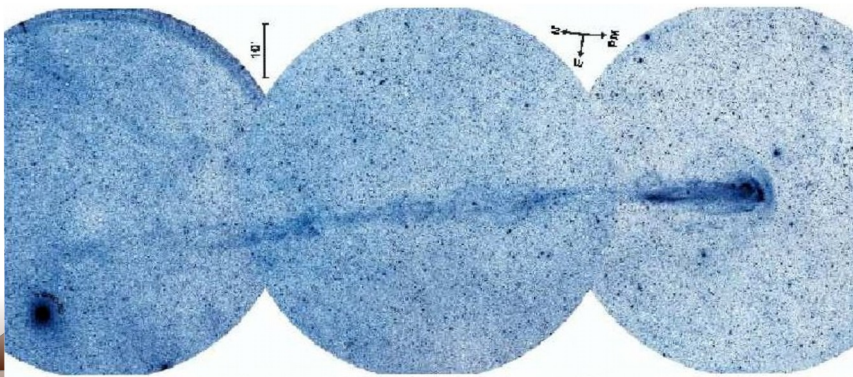
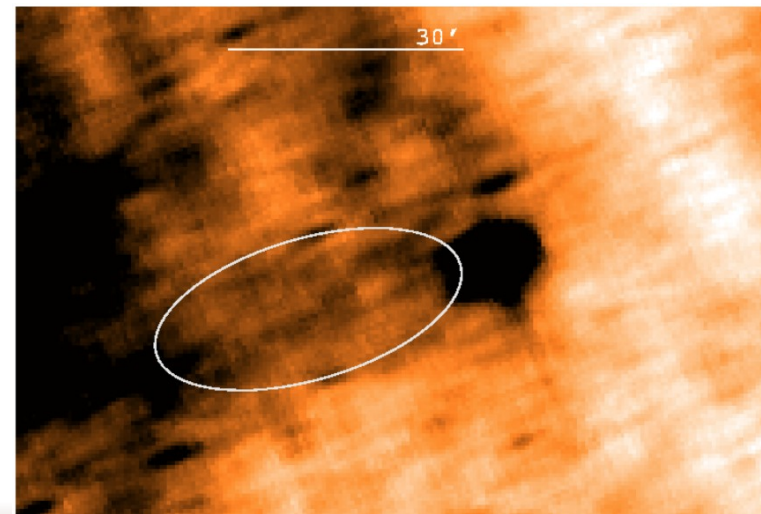
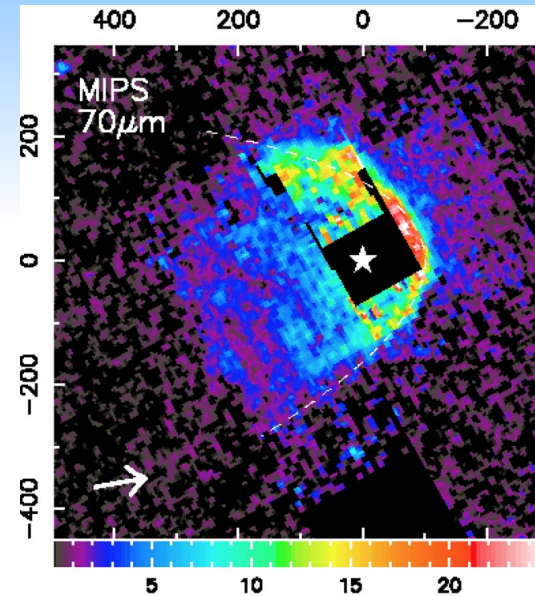
- ☪ Walls tend to be round
- ☪ Eye-like shapes may be magnetic shaping
Van Marle et al. 2014



Bows and tails

- Bow shocks and tails are observed
- Majority of their dust and gas is swept-up ISM

R Hya: Ueta et al. 2006,
Wareing et al 2006



Post-mass-loss processing

☉ Photoprocessing
from the post-AGB
star

-forms and destroys
complex molecules

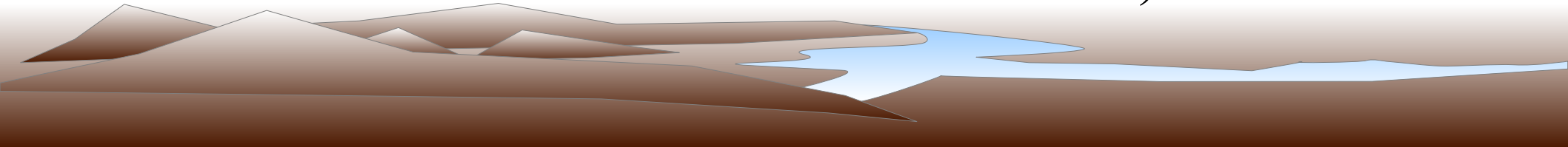
-photo-stable PAHs
may survive

☉ Shock processing
when entering the
ISM

☉ Removes grains
surface layers?

☉ Cause of
disappearance of
MgS

☉ Grain cores (SiC,
Silicates) survive



Binary evolution

- ☉ Most binaries evolve like single stars
- ☉ For separations $< \sim 1$ AU, common envelope occurs
- Removes entire envelope
- Early termination of stellar evolution

- ☉ 5-25% of PNe are post-CE
- ☉ Low mass nebulae, H-poor condensations
- ☉ The PNe are NOT the CE ejecta
- ☉ Trace further mass loss events

Corradi et al. 2014

Non-standard evolution

RCrB stars

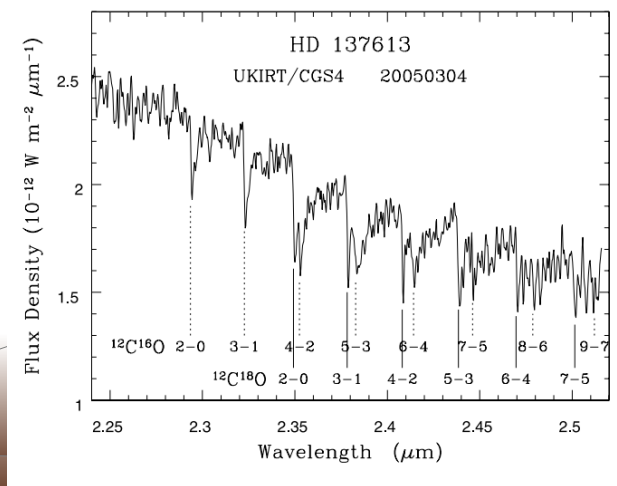
- ☉ Highly carbon rich, H-poor
- ☉ featureless dust continuum
- ☉ $18\text{O}/16\text{O} \sim 1$

☉ He-CO white dwarf merger: Clayton et al. 2007

$14\text{N}(\alpha)\text{N}18\text{O}$
but not
 $13\text{C}(\alpha)\text{N}17\text{O}$

Burning temperature
 $1.6 \times 10^8 \text{ K}$

☉ Birth rate one in 500 yr



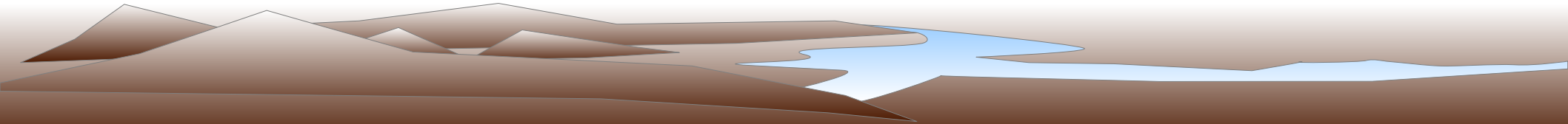
R CrB stars

☉ Karakas et al. 2015

R CrB stars produce
 5×10^{-4} Msun/yr
of carbon dust in the
Galaxy

☉ Exceeds novae dust
production

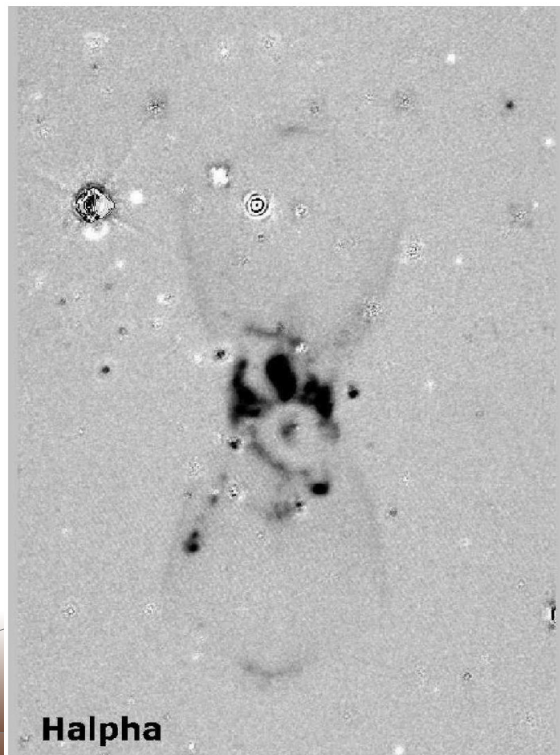
☉ An order of
magnitude (*est.*)
below carbon dust
production by
Galactic AGB stars



Eruptions: CK Vul

- ☉ 'Nova' explosion in 1670-1671

- ☉ Bipolar nebula was formed



- ☉ Kaminski et al. 2017 found molecules

$$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C}=4$$

$$^{14}\text{N}/^{15}\text{N}=24$$

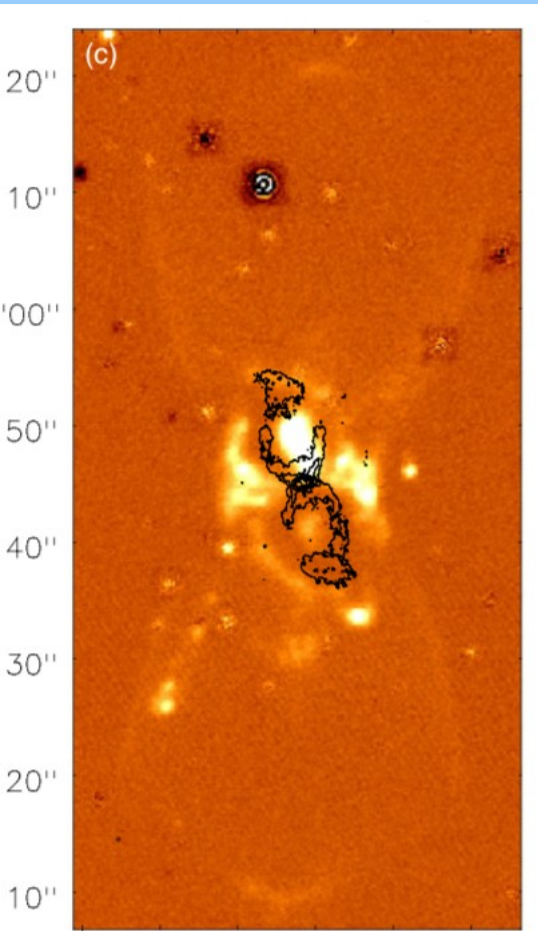
$$^{16}\text{O}/^{18}\text{O}=36$$

- ☉ Extreme Li

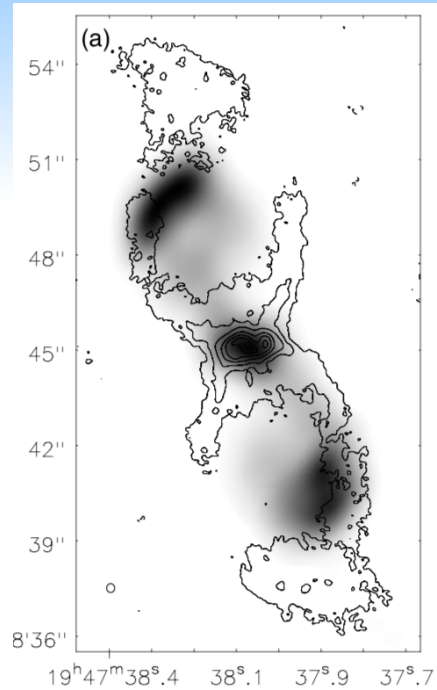
Hajduk et al. 2013

- ☉ Hot CNO burning + partial helium burning ?

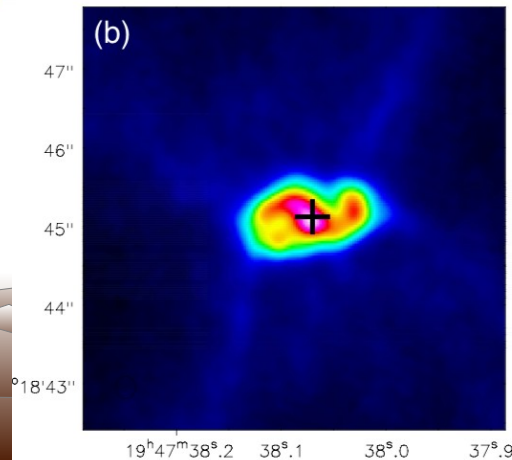
CK Vul



CH₃OH



- ☪ ALMA/e-Merlin show multiple precessing lobes, inner disk
Eyres et al. subm
- ☪ Suggested: merger between WD and BD
- ☪ Unique or common?



Eruptions: Sakurai's Object

- ☉ Very Late Thermal Pulse (VLTP)

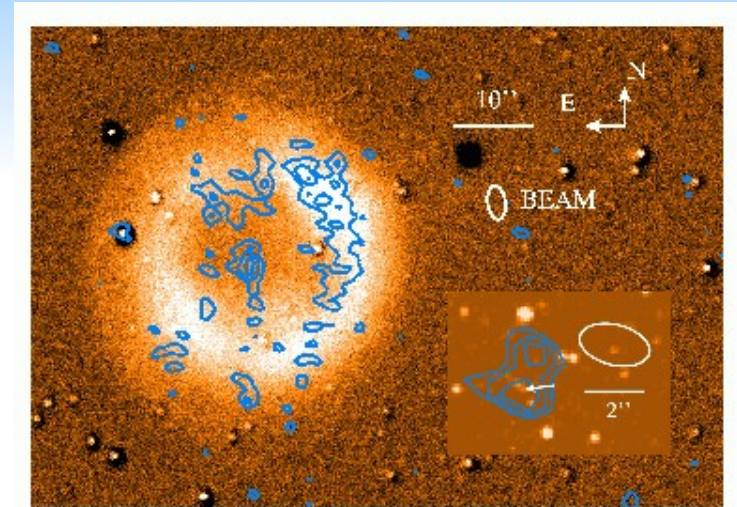
- ☉ Helium ignition in young white dwarf

- ☉ Leading to new mass loss

H-poor, C-rich

$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C} \sim 4$

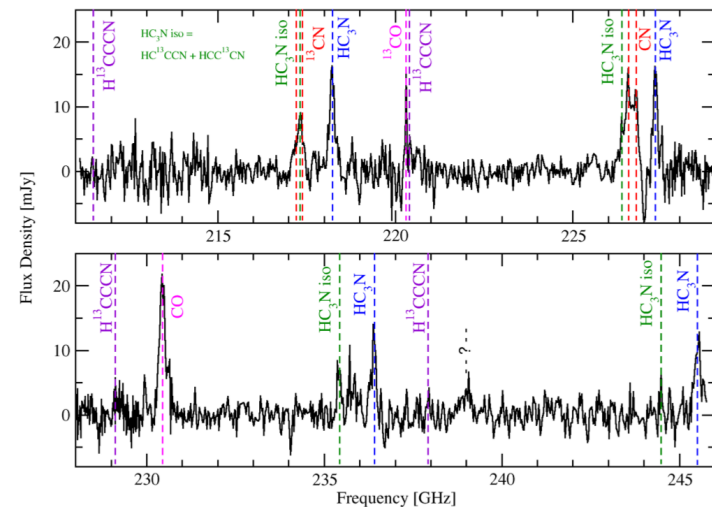
very dusty



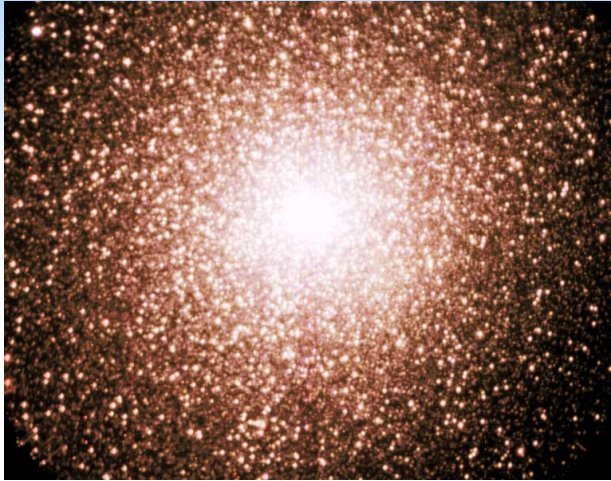
Sakurai

- ☉ VLTP occur once per decade
- ☉ Eject $\sim 10^{-3}$ Msun (mostly carbon?)
- ☉ Carbon production ~ 0.05 of that of AGB stars
- ☉ But may be important for ^{13}C

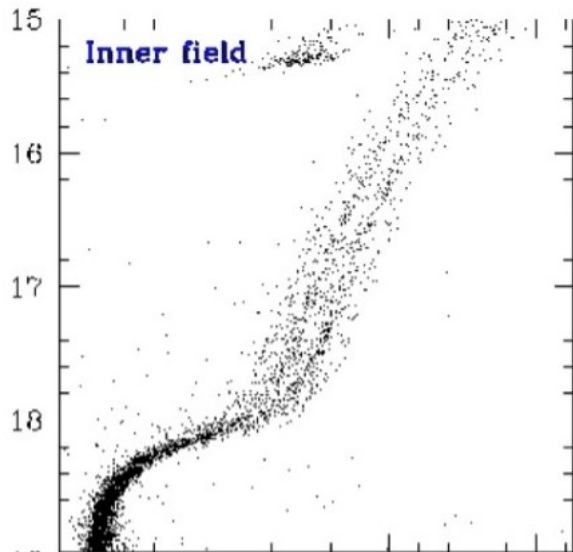
- ☉ However, eruption poorly understood
- ☉ Accretion-triggered?



The cycle of matter in globular clusters



- ☪ Globular clusters are old stellar populations
10-12Gyr
- ☪ Some have multiple populations with AGB(?) enrichment
- ☪ Second generation from own stellar ejecta



NGC2808
Piotto et al. 2007

The cycle of matter in globular clusters

- AGB stars in GCs
add $\sim 10^{-6}$ Msun/yr

- Should re-form an ISM

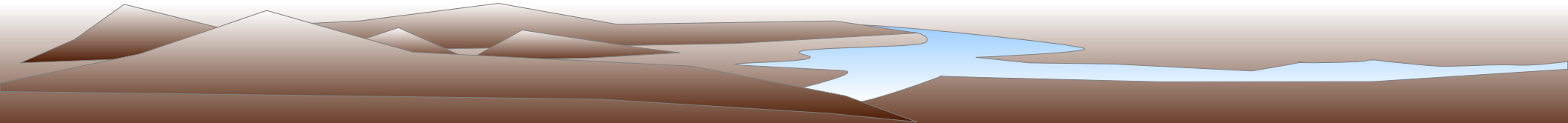
- Only two detections of a mini-ISM in GCs

- Vacuum cleaning?

Various explanations

- Ram pressure from disk passage – too infrequent

- Ionization by millisecond pulsars – too inefficient



AGB stars in 47 Tuc

☉ 47 Tuc has four dusty AGB stars with mass loss

☉ We used ALMA to measure their CO

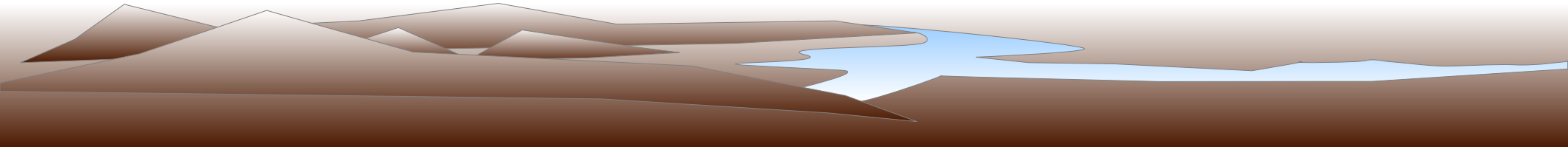
☉ Non-detections, a factor of 10 below expectations

☉ Explanation: CO dissociation by UV radiation from cluster post-AGB stars

☉ CO destroyed at 10-100 AU

McDonald & Zijlstra 2015

☉ AGB ejecta are already ionized!



Cloudy ionization models on cluster

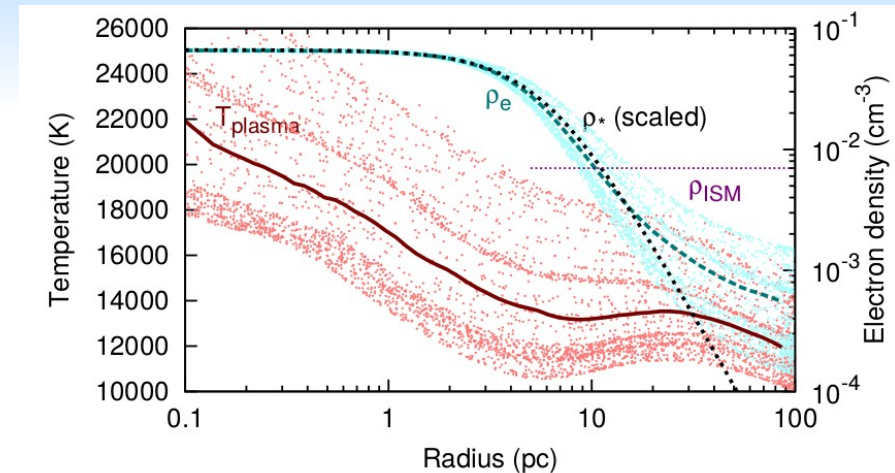
Plummer potential

$$\rho(r) = \frac{3M}{4\pi a^3} \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{a^2}\right)^{-5/2}$$

Pressure equilibrium

$$\frac{dn}{dr} = -\frac{GMm_{\text{H}}n(r)}{kT(r)} \frac{r}{(r^2 + a^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$n_e(0) = 0.067 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$



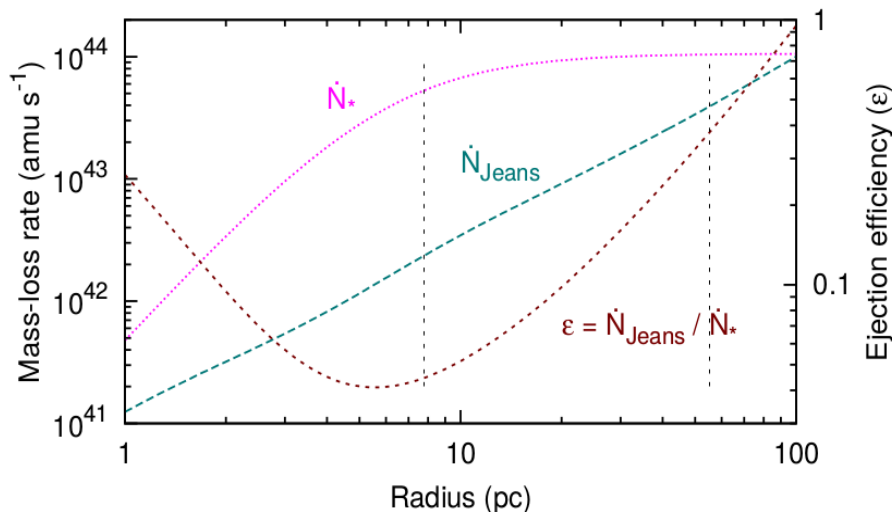
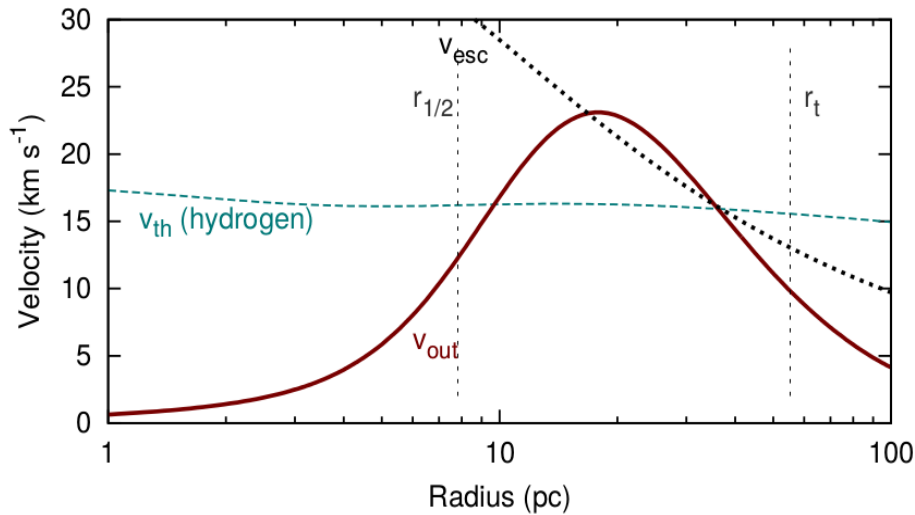
Blue: density

Red: temperature

Cluster always
fully ionized

From Freire et al. 2001

Gas velocities



 v_{esc} : escape velocity

v_{th} : thermal velocity

v_{out} : flow velocity
which balances mass
loss

 **Jeans escape clears the cluster**

$$\dot{N}_{Jeans} = 4\pi r^2 \frac{n_e v_{th}}{2\sqrt{\pi}} (1 + \lambda_{esc}) e^{-\lambda_{esc}}$$

where:

$$\lambda_{esc} = (v_{esc}/v_{th})^2$$

ISM escape fails for

1. Young clusters:

lower ionization
rate allows
recombination

ICM capture at
 $t < 0.25 - 1 \text{ Gyr}$

- Explains multiple
stellar generations

Most in high-mass
clusters

2. Massive clusters

- ICM recombination
due to higher escape
velocity
- Occurs at 3 times the
mass of 47Tuc:
 $M(\text{GC}) < 3 \cdot 10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$
- Most massive: Omega
Cen, 2.4 times 10^6

Summary

- ☉ Major uncertainties remain in mass loss and yields from AGB stars and PNe
- ☉ Superwind is related mainly to pulsation
- ☉ Dust and some PAHs survive the shocks into the ISM. Fullerenes are very short-lived.
- ☉ Binary evolution events can be significant contributors to some isotopes
- ☉ Globular clusters are cleaned of ISM by their post-AGB stars – old-age energy feedback

