

# **Exploring the mass-loss history and the mass content in circumstellar nebulae around three magellanic luminous blue variable stars**

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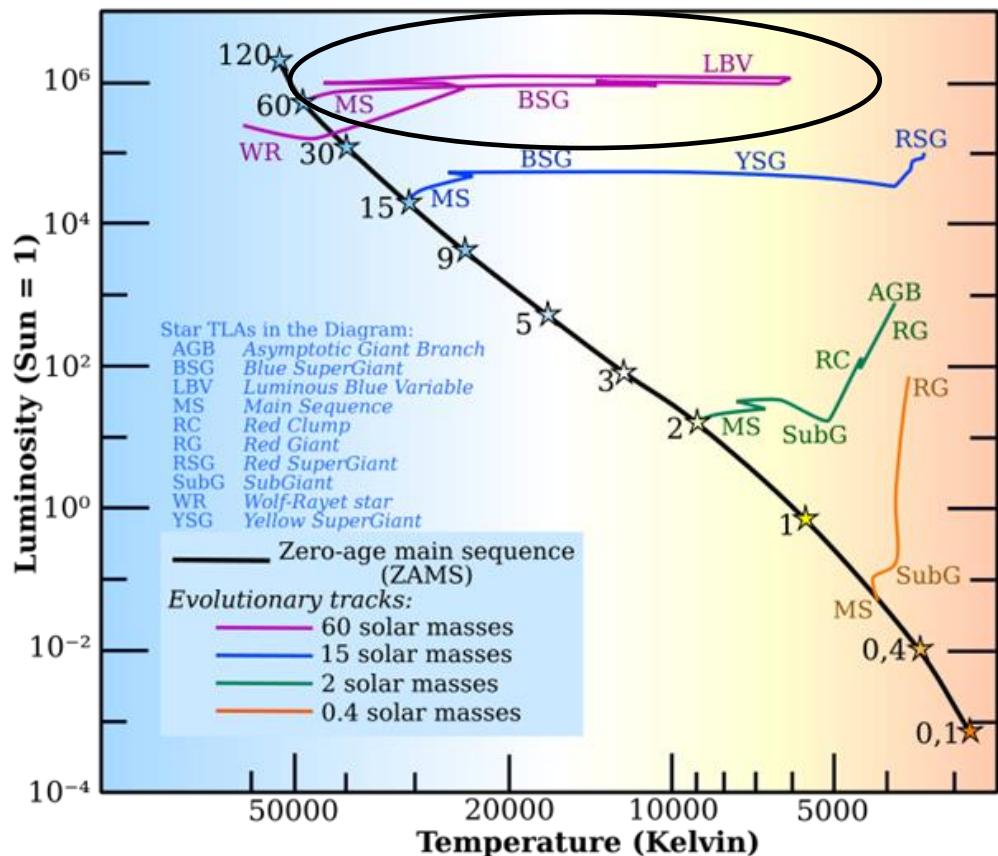
# OUTLINE

- LBVs: open issues
- G79.29+0.46: a Galactic example
- LBVs at different metallicity: the Magellanic sample
- ALMA project and future work

# Luminous Blue Variable Stars

## PROPERTIES

- Post-MS
- $M_{\text{MS}} > 22 M_{\odot}$
- $L \sim 10^5 - 10^{6.3} L_{\odot}$
- spectral type: O-B
- Visual spectroscopic and photometric variability
- $\dot{M} > 10^{-6} - 10^{-5} M_{\odot} \text{yr}^{-1}$   
(stellar wind or outburst)
- Formation of nebula  $\sim$  some  $M_{\odot}$



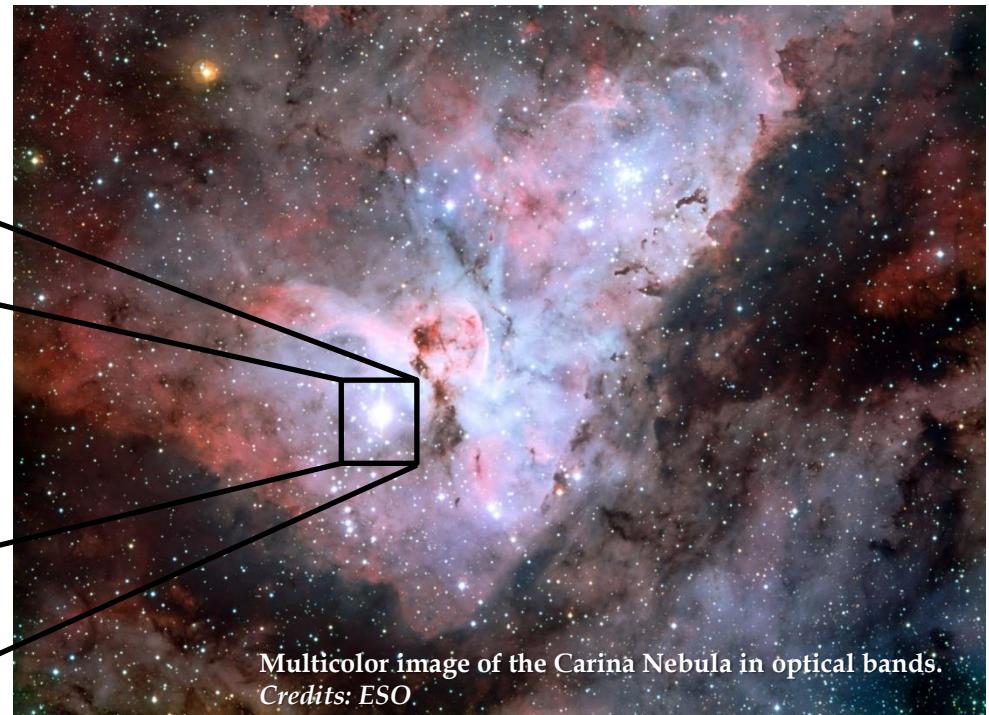
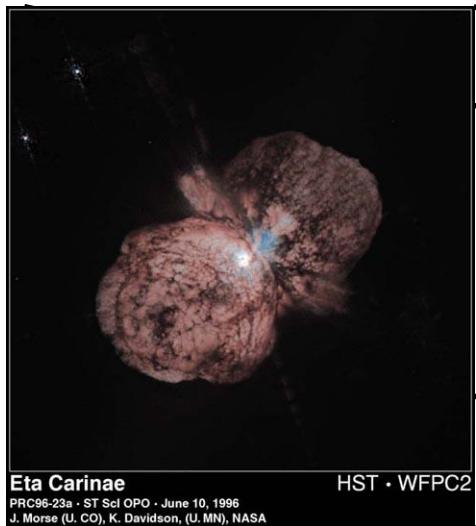
**Final Destiny**

**Wolf-Rayet star**  
 $M \sim 20 M_{\odot}$

**Core Collapse-Sne**  
**Type IIn Sne?**

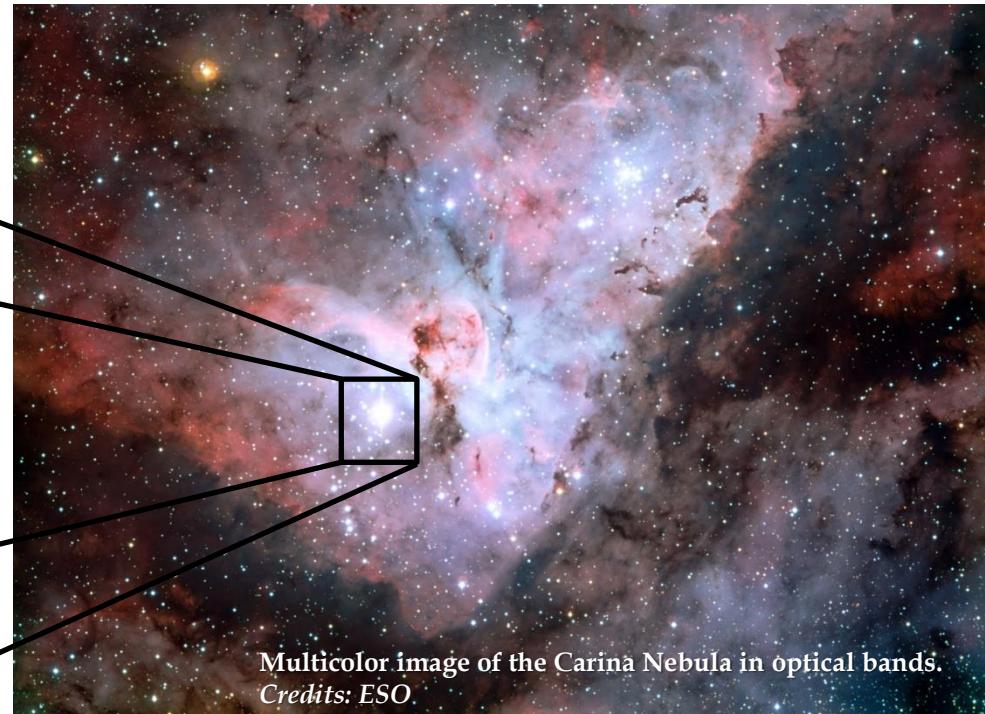
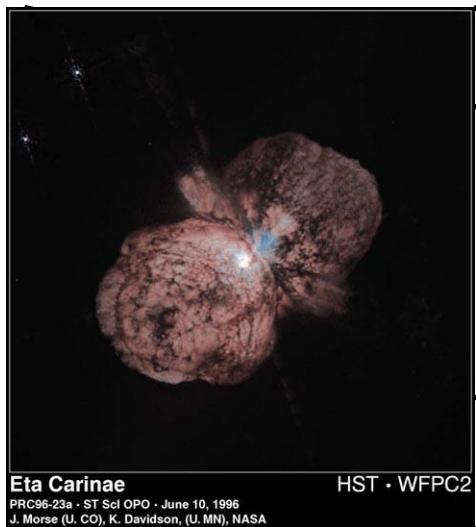
## Open issues

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- Dust producers in high-redshift galaxies?



## Strategy

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  - Study of the mass-loss history of LBVs in different environments
  - Mass-loss history by means of multiwavelength and high-resolution observations  
**(Umana et al. 2011a)**

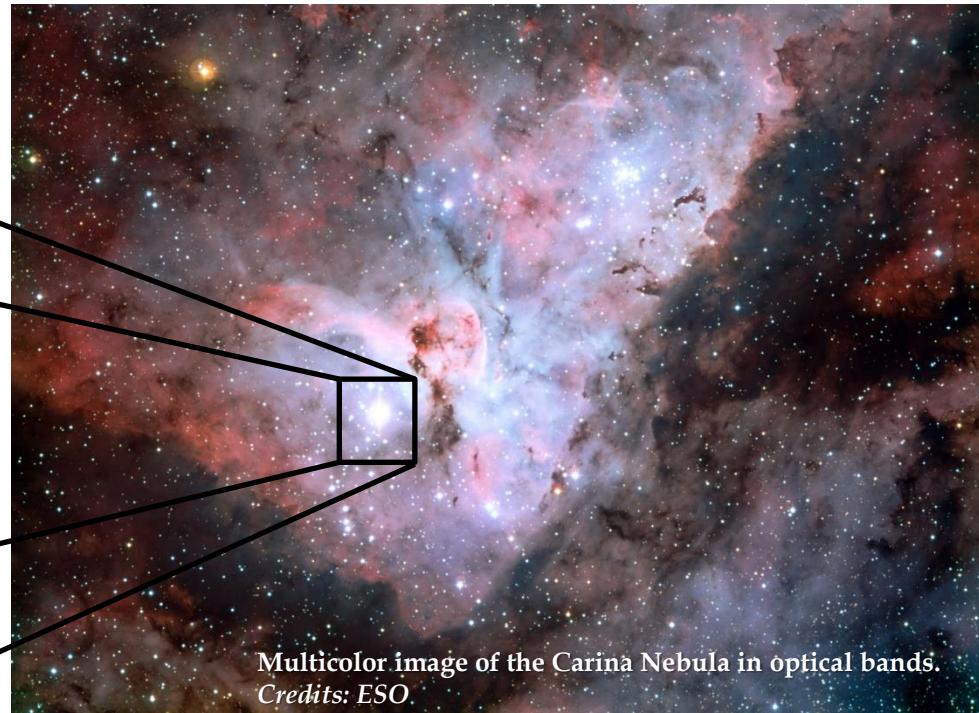
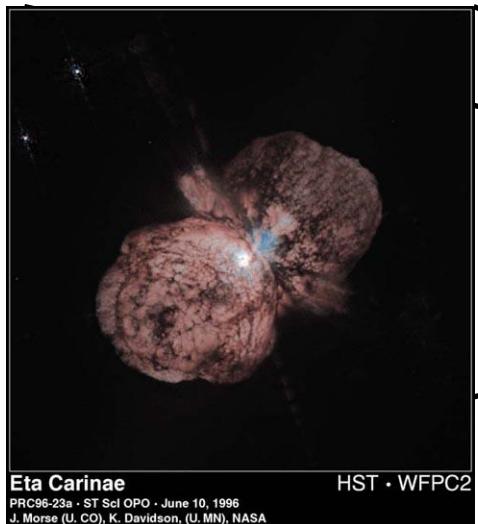


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- **Dust producers in high-redshift galaxies?**

→ **Determine the dust content and the rate of dust formation**

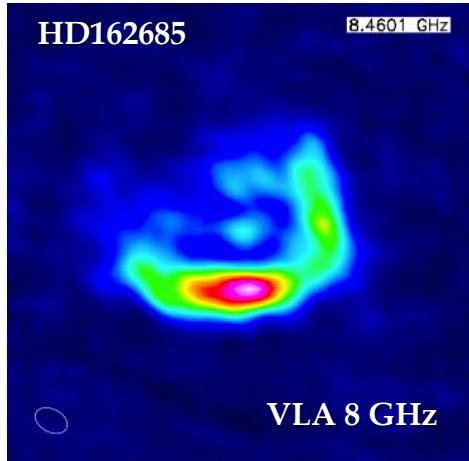
→ **IR and sub-mm observations**



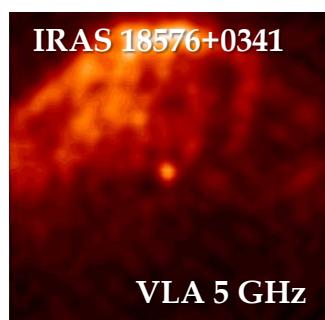
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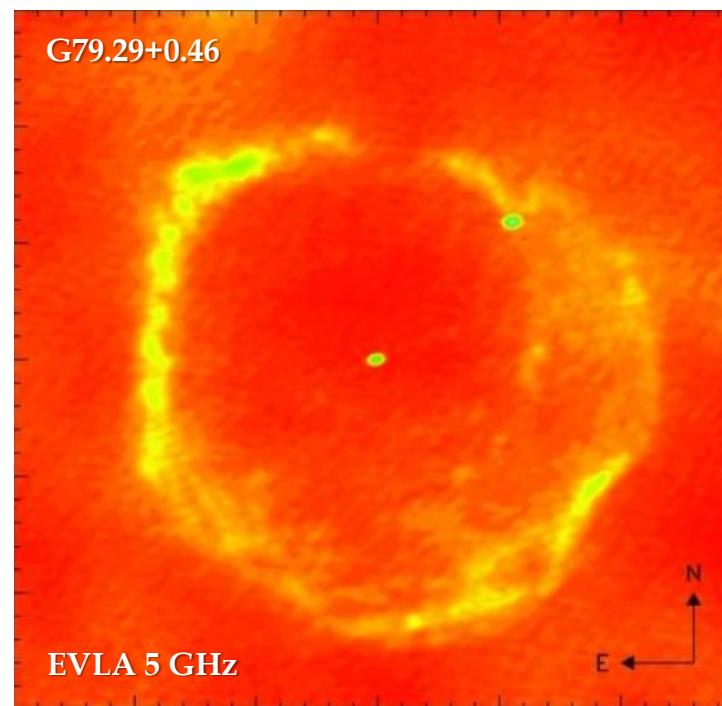
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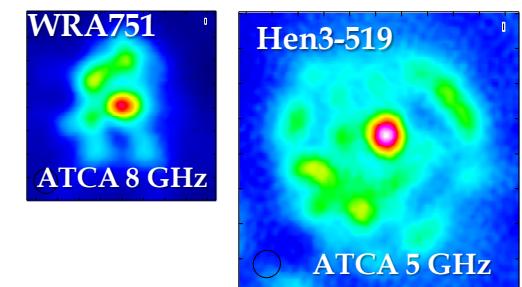
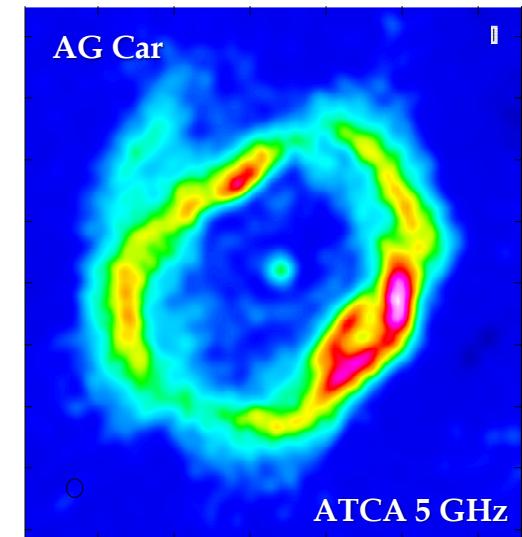
*Umana et al. 2011, a*



*Buemi et al. 2010*



*Umana et al. 2011, b*

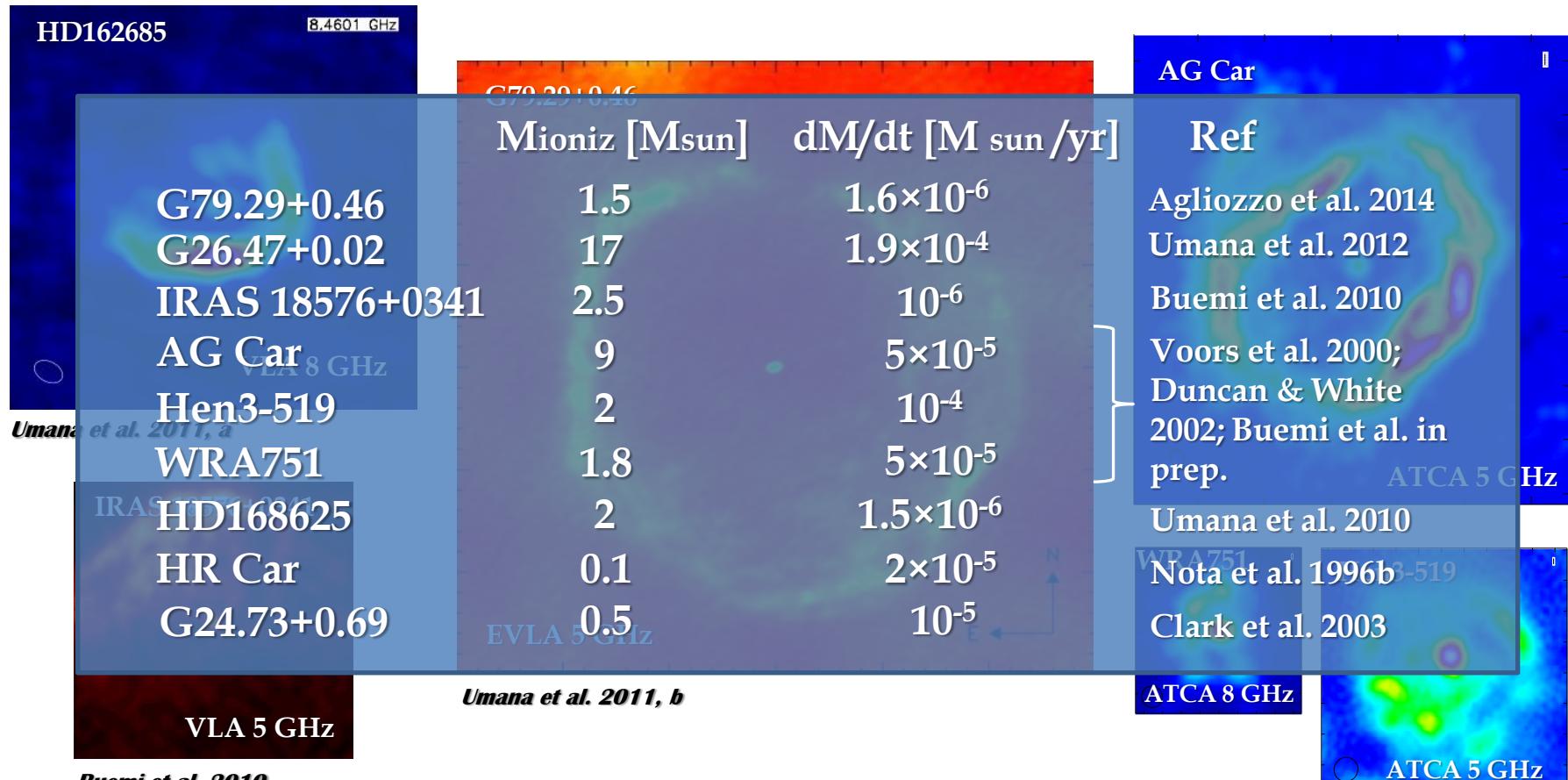


*Buemi et al. in preparation*  
*Duncan & White 2000*

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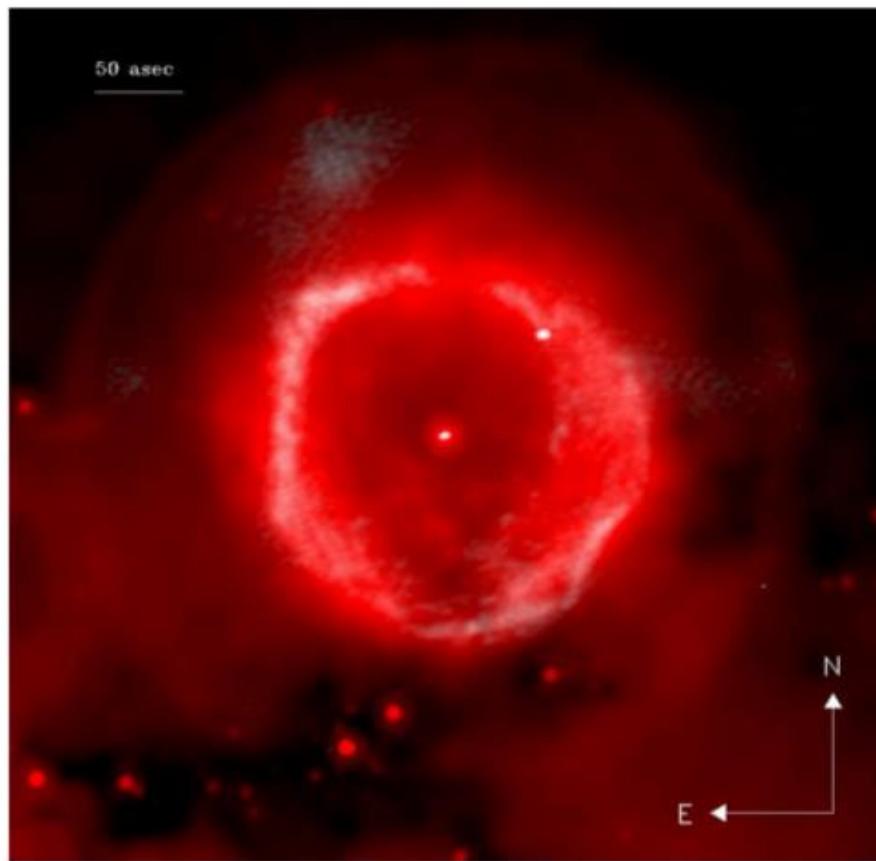


Figure 3. 6 cm EVLA map of G79.29+0.46 (gray) superimposed to the MIPS 24  $\mu\text{m}$  map (red). The field of view is 3'5  $\times$  3'5 centered on the LBV position.

*Umana et al. 2011, b*

**G79.29 + 0.46 is a candidate luminous blue variable located in the *Cygnus-X star forming region* at a distance of  $D \sim 1.7$  kpc  
Nebula size 2'  $\times$  2'**

**MIPS image at 24  $\mu\text{m}$  (red)**

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**EVLA map at 5 GHz (grey)**



**Nebula is ionization bounded**

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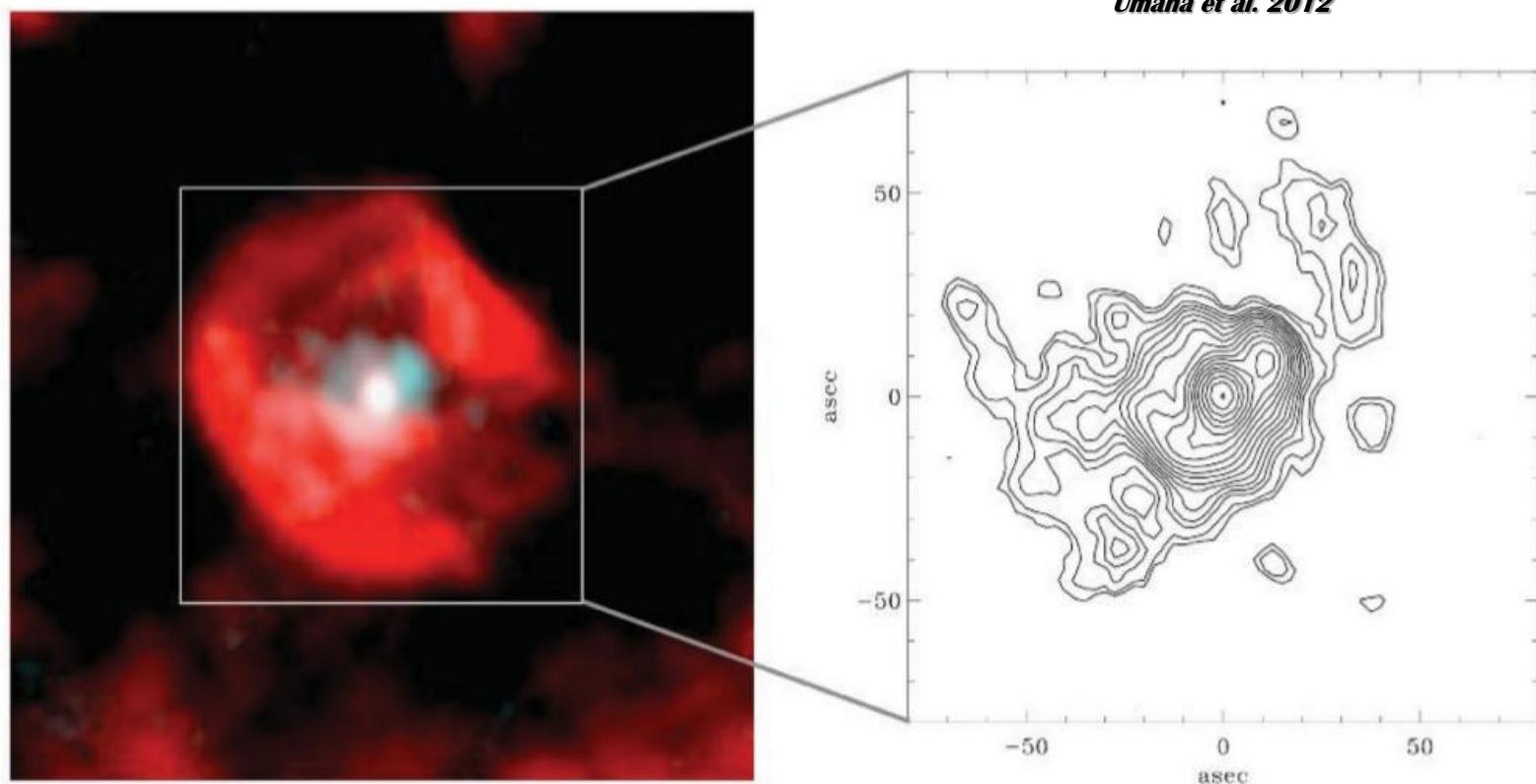


Figure 2. Left: the map of Gal 026.47+0.02 at 5 GHz superimposed on to the 70- $\mu$ m image (FOV  $\sim$ 250 arcsec). In the zoom of the radio image (right), the contour levels are  $0.18 \times (4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 16, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80, 100, 130, 160, 200)$  mJy beam $^{-1}$ .

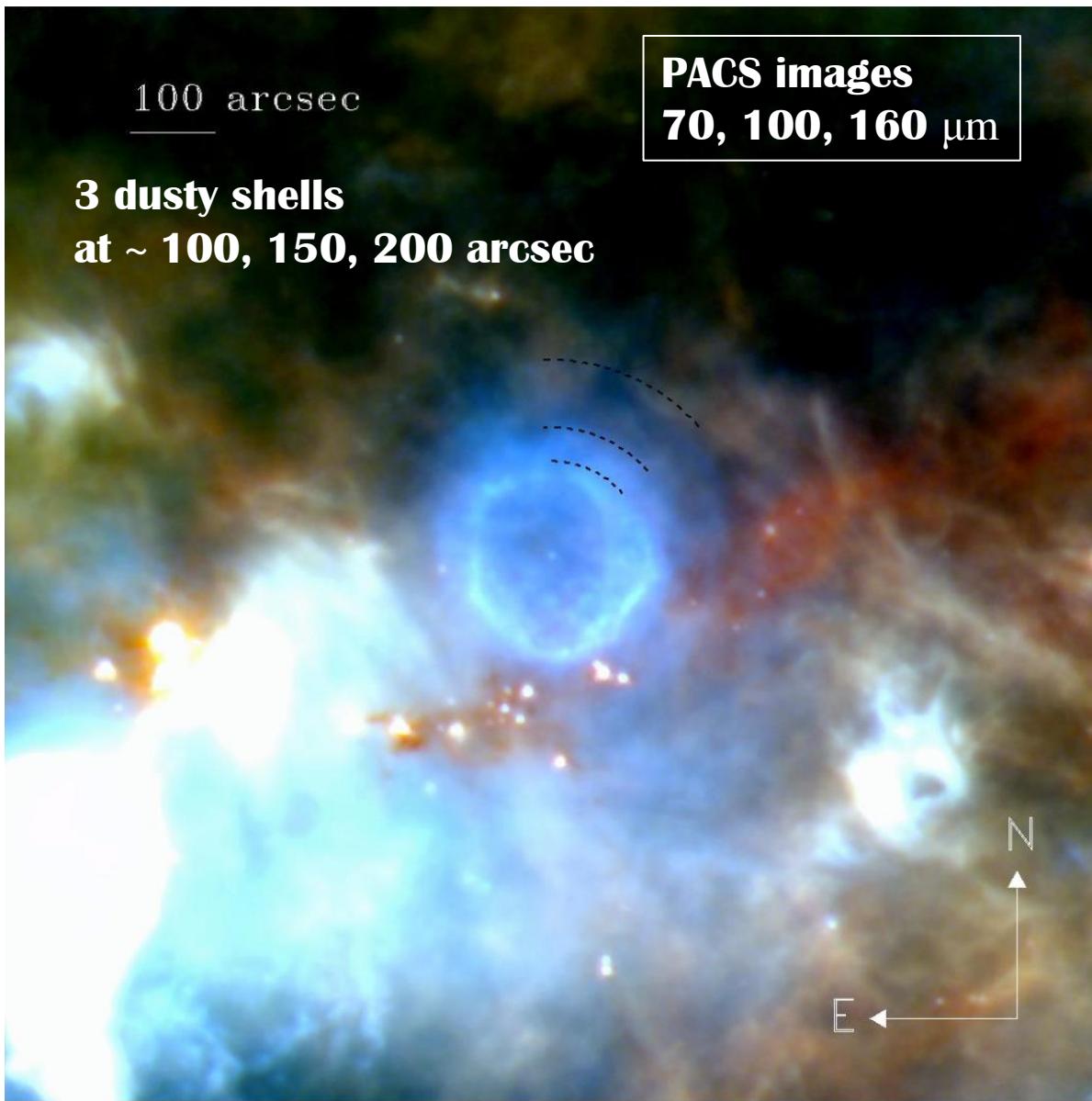
**PACS image at 70  $\mu$ m (red)**

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**VLA map at 5 GHz (grey)**

**G26.47 + 0.02 is a candidate luminous blue variable at a distance of D  $\sim$  4.8 kpc**

# Exploring the mass-loss history of G79.29+0.46



$v_{\text{exp}} = 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$   
*Waters et al. 1996*

## Kinematical ages

$$\begin{aligned} t_1 &= 5.4 \times 10^4 \text{ yr} \\ t_2 &= 4.0 \times 10^4 \text{ yr} \\ t_3 &= 2.7 \times 10^4 \text{ yr} \end{aligned}$$

## The derived mass-loss rate

$$\dot{M} = 1.4 \times 10^{-6} [\text{M}_\odot \text{yr}^{-1}]$$

can not explain the  
nebula mass ( $\sim 1.53 M_\odot$ )  
in a timescale  $\sim 10^4$  yr

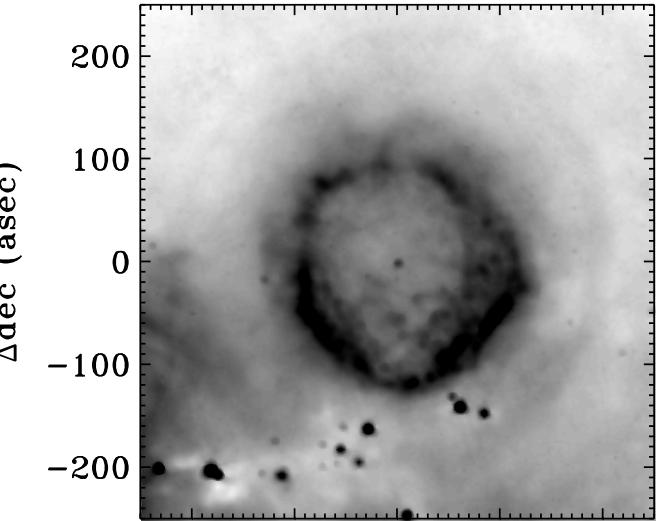
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**Hot stars do not emit down to 160  $\mu\text{m}$**

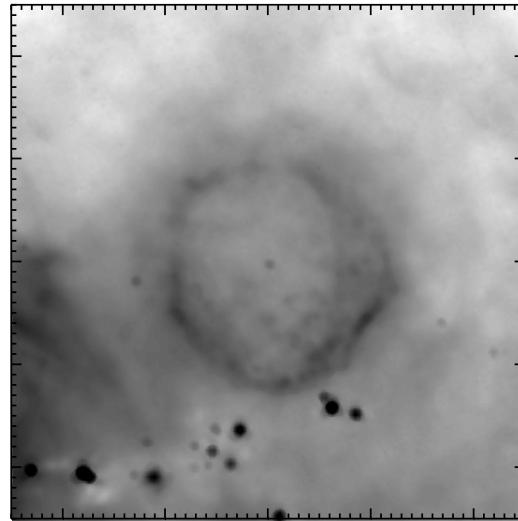
**Nature of the central object?**

**PACS images**

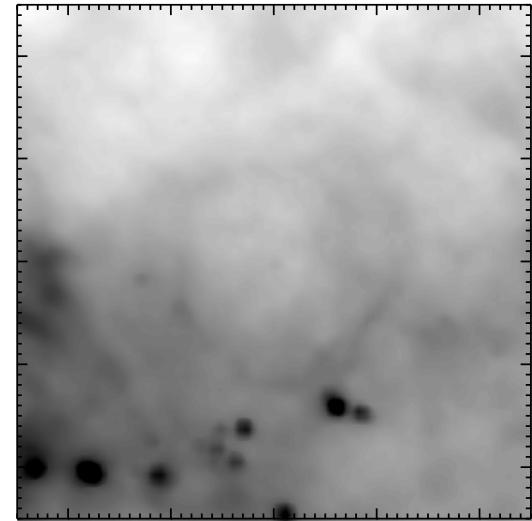
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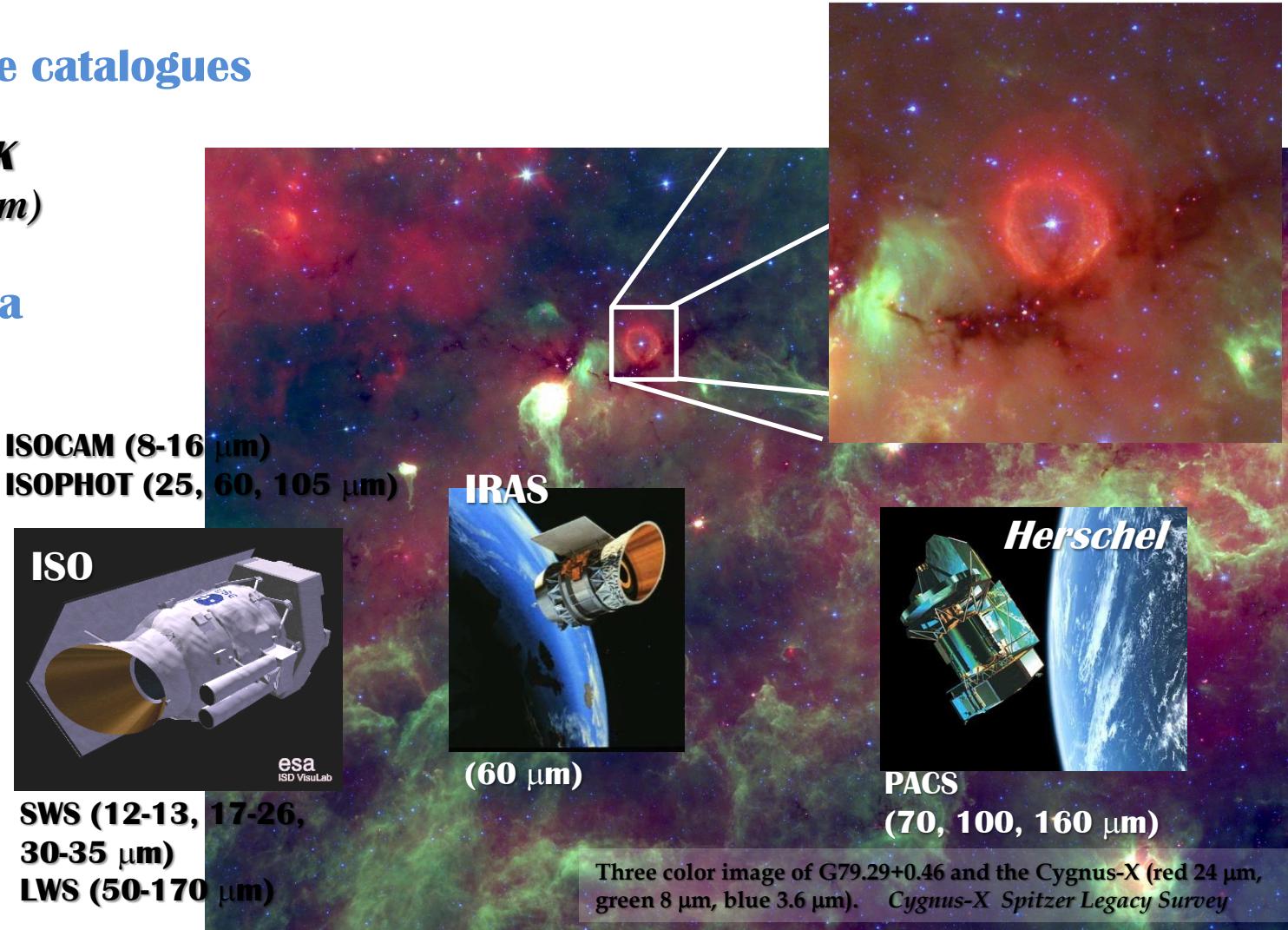
## Point source catalogues

**2MASS J, H, K**  
**WISE (3-12  $\mu\text{m}$ )**

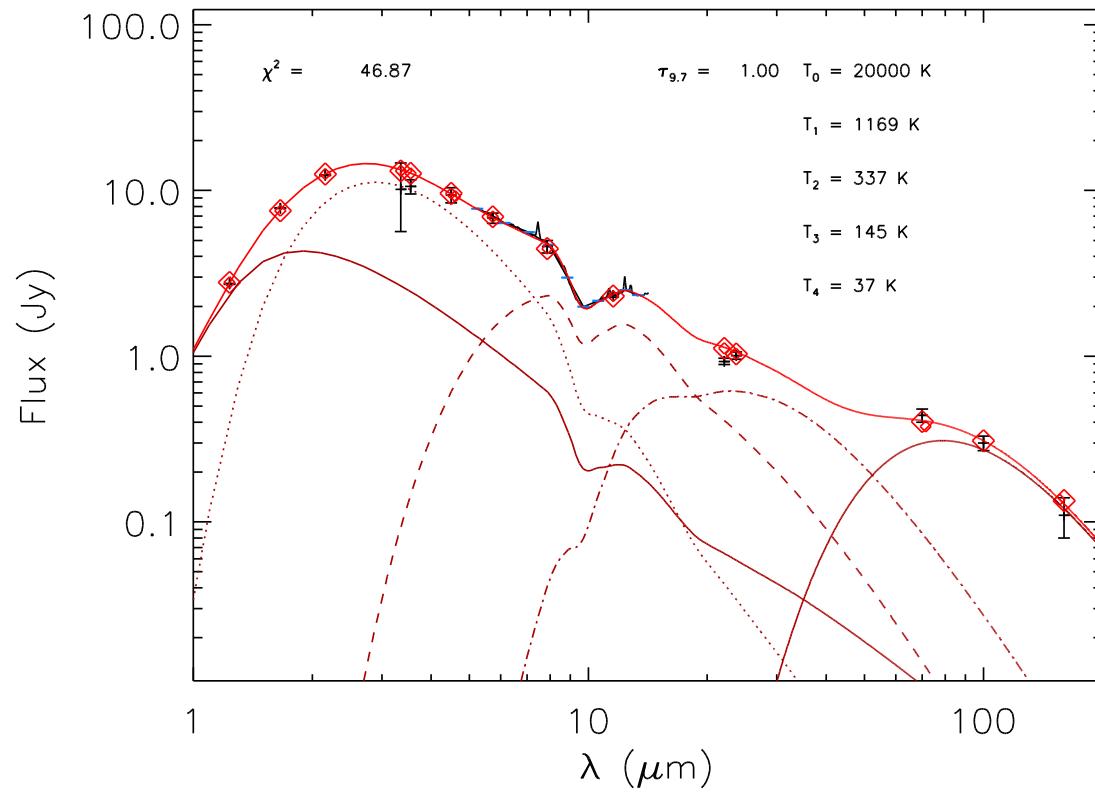
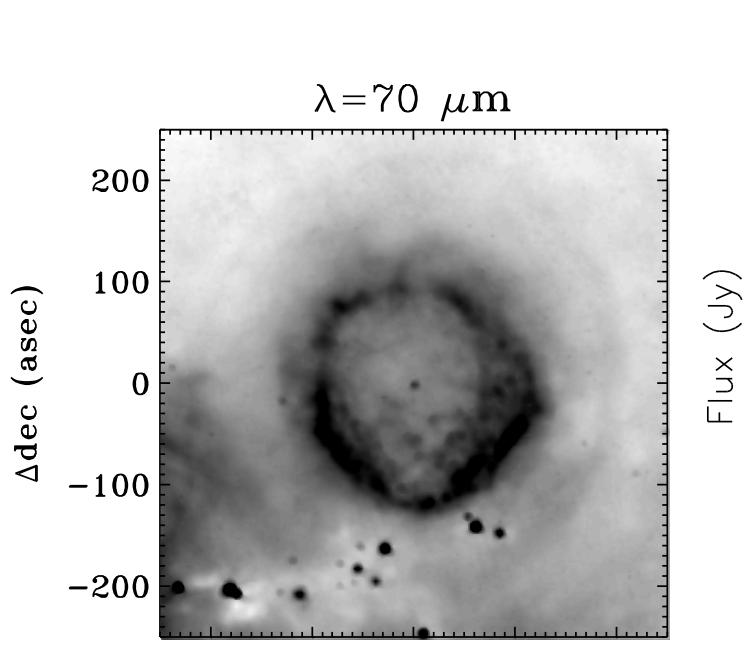
## Archival data



**IRAC (8  $\mu\text{m}$ )**  
**MIPS (24, 70  $\mu\text{m}$ )**  
**IRS (5-37  $\mu\text{m}$ )**



# The nature of the central object in the IR



**1 black body (input:  $T_{\text{eff}}$ ) + 4 grey bodies ( $T_N$ : free parameters)**  
**BESTFIT (following Flagey et al. 2011)**

**We suggest a range of temperatures explored by  $T_1$  to  $T_4$ , in  
 a circumstellar envelope close to the central star.**

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 $2'' \times 2''$  (IRAC)  
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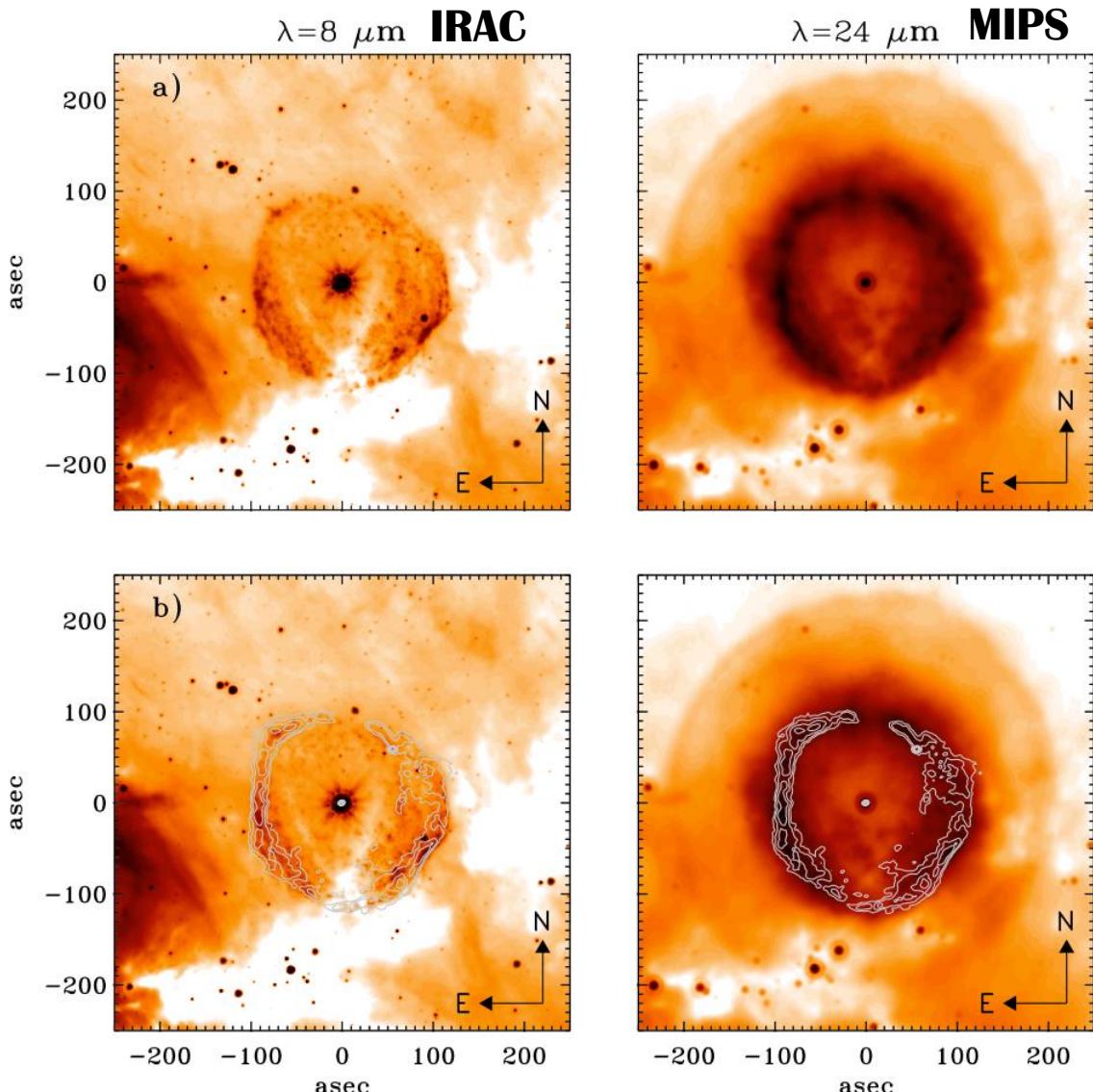


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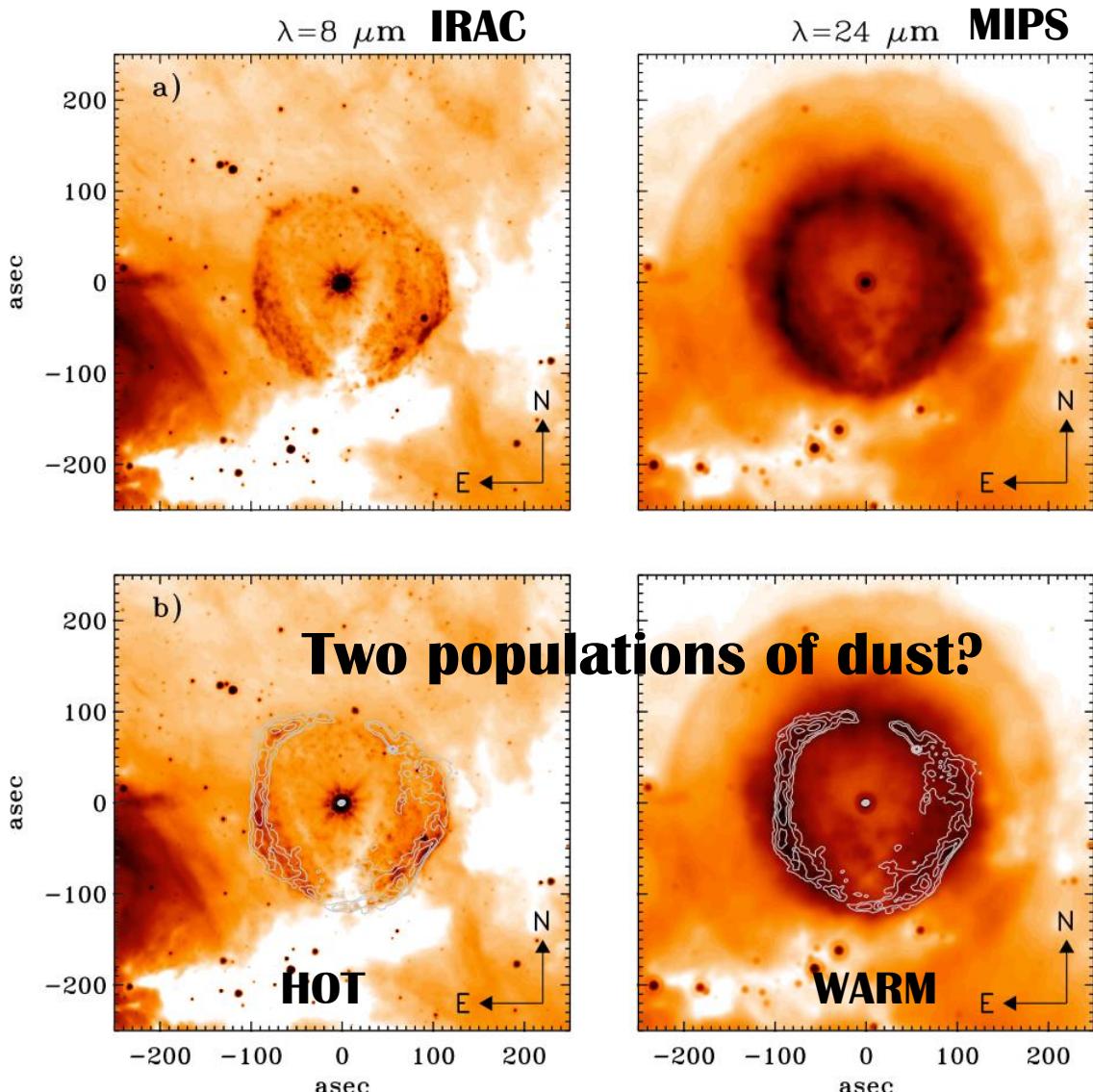


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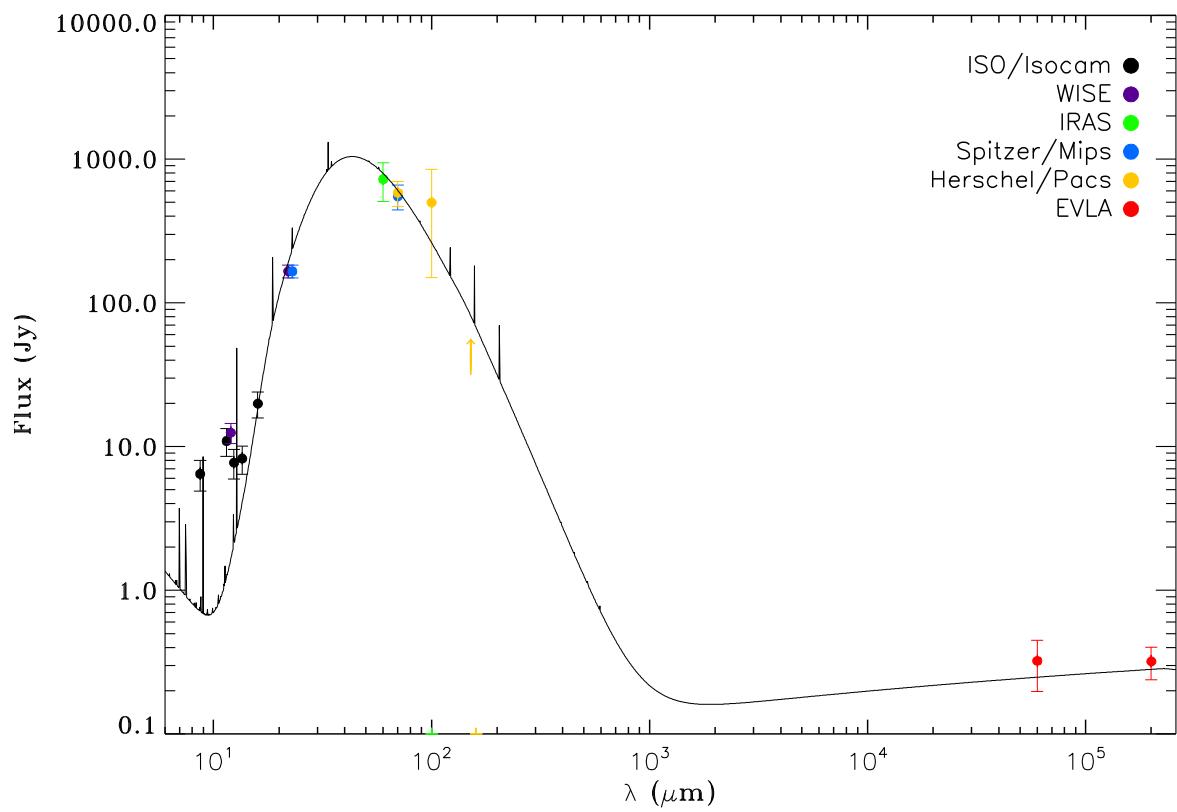
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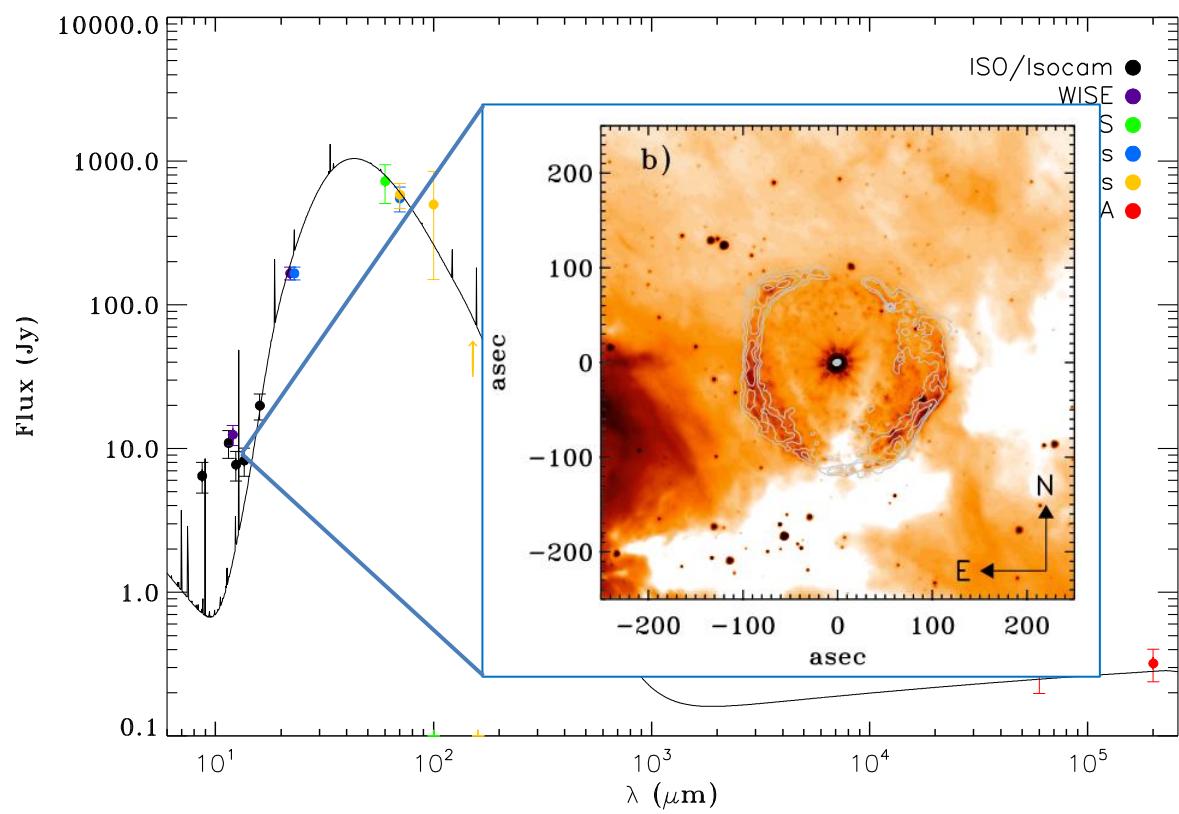
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## **Luminous and variable stars in M31 and M33**

**(Humphreys et al. 2014)**

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**The dust may be cold  
and needed to be  
observed from the mid-  
IR to the sub-mm**

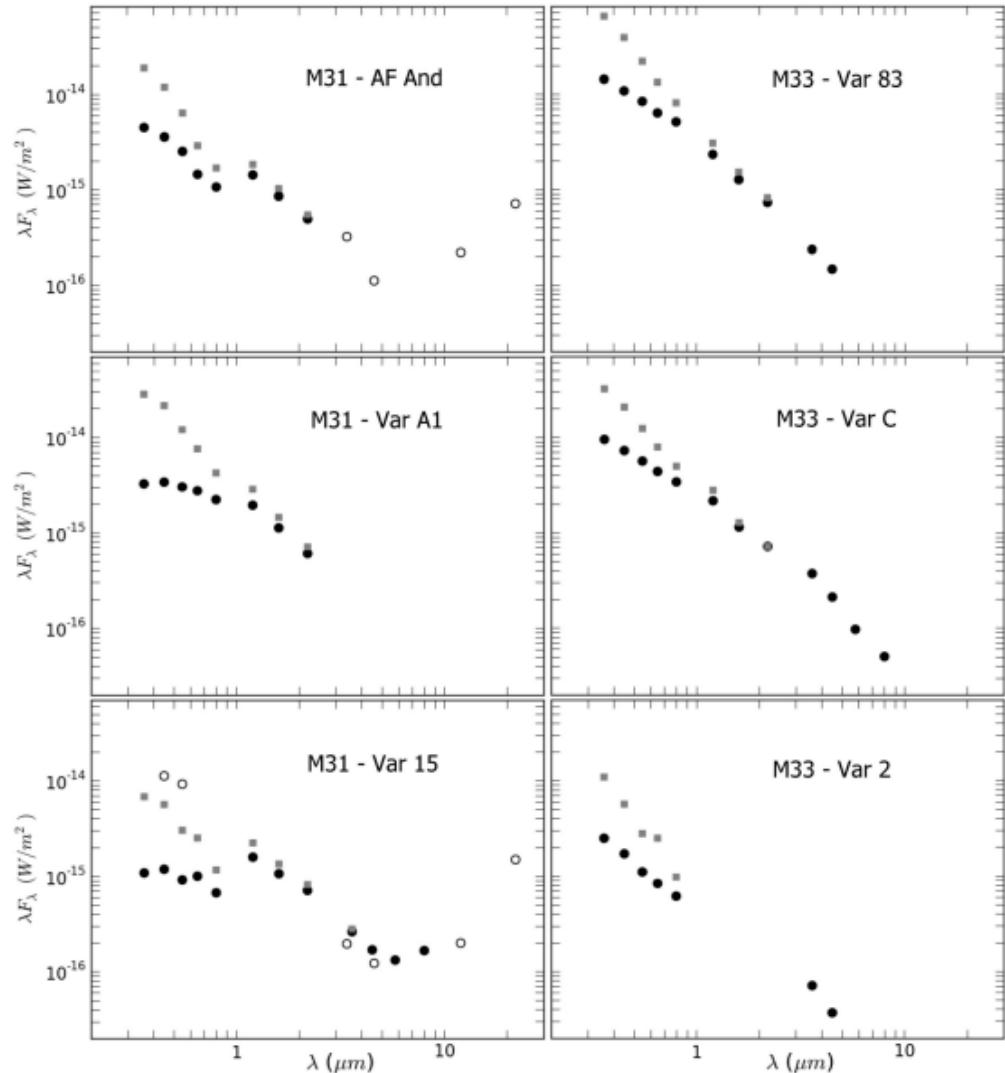


Fig. 9.— The SEDs for the confirmed LBVs. The symbols are the same as in Figure 7, except for Var. 15. We also use open circles for the earlier B and V photometry when it was brighter. As noted in the text we've used visual and near-infrared photometry for Szeifert et al. (1996) for Var C. Note that AF And and Var. 15 show PAH emission.

# Properties of the dust in the nebula

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<b>Warm dust</b>							
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Graph. (1)	600	300	$(3.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-5}$	$(1.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-5}$	$77 \pm 23$	$0.0031 \pm 0.006$	$0.0031 \pm 0.006$

$$I_\nu \approx B_\nu(T)\tau_\nu$$

**Average dust temperature  $\sim 60\text{-}80 \text{ K}$**

$$\tau_\nu = \kappa_\nu \rho I$$

**Average dust mass  $\sim 0.02 \text{ M}_\odot$**

$$M = \rho I \Omega D^2$$

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					<b>G26.47+0.02</b>	<b>0.01-0.03</b>	<b>71-92</b>
					<b>IRAS 18576+0341</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>130-150</b>
					<b>AG Car</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>Average dust temperature ~ 60-80 K</b>
					<b>Hen3-519</b>	<b>0.007</b>	<b>Average dust mass ~ 0.02 M_sun</b>
					<b>WRA751</b>	<b>0.04</b>	
					<b>HD168625</b>	<b>0.001</b>	
					<b>G24.73+0.69</b>	<b>0.004</b>	

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Smith & Owocki 2006, ApJ, 645, L45

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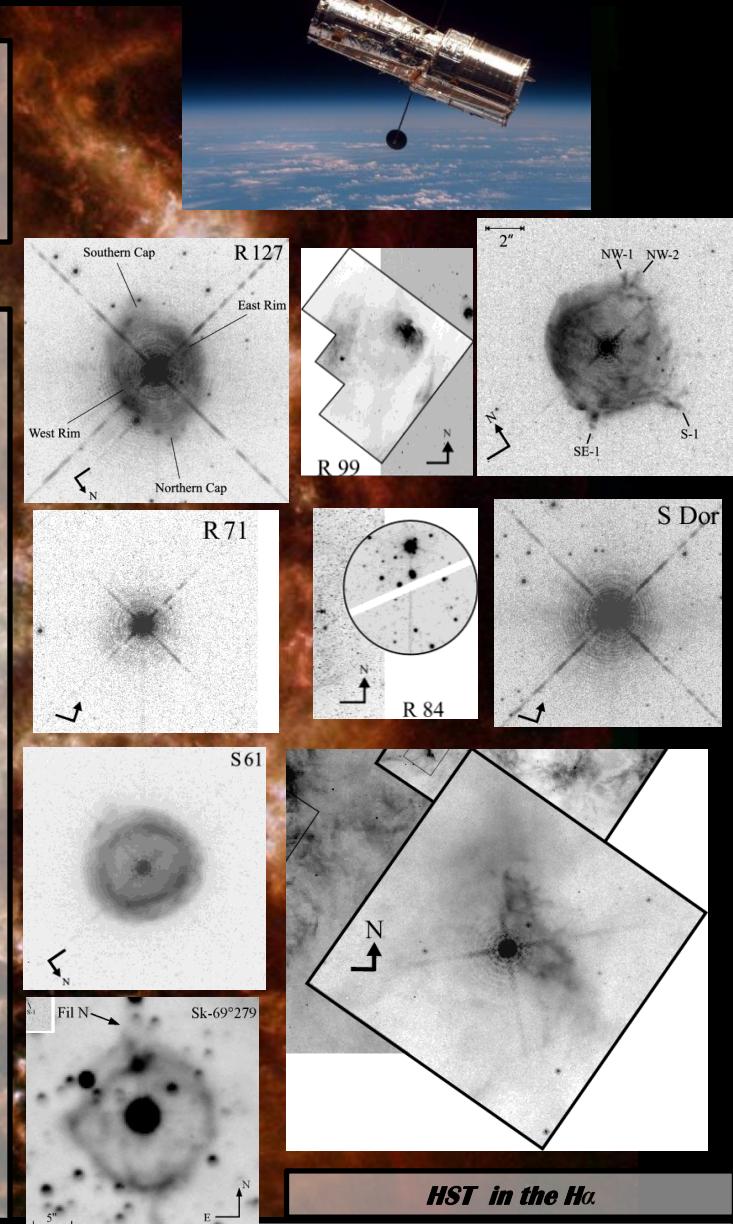
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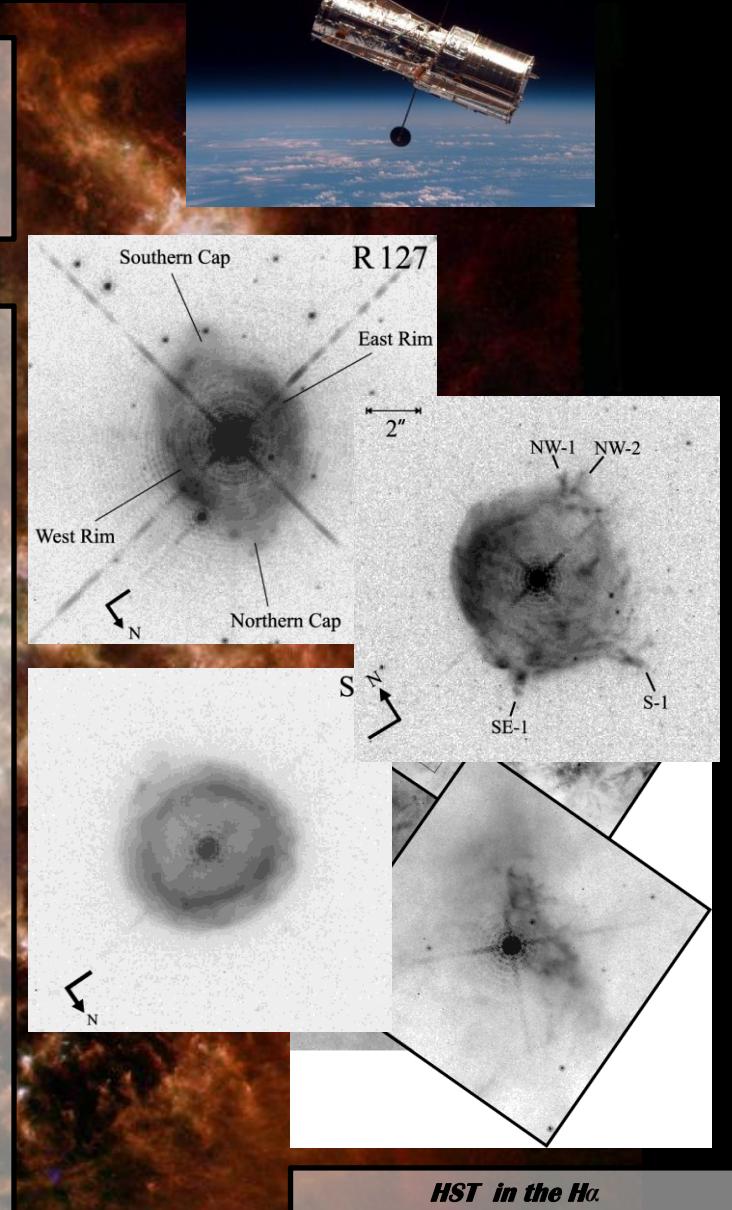
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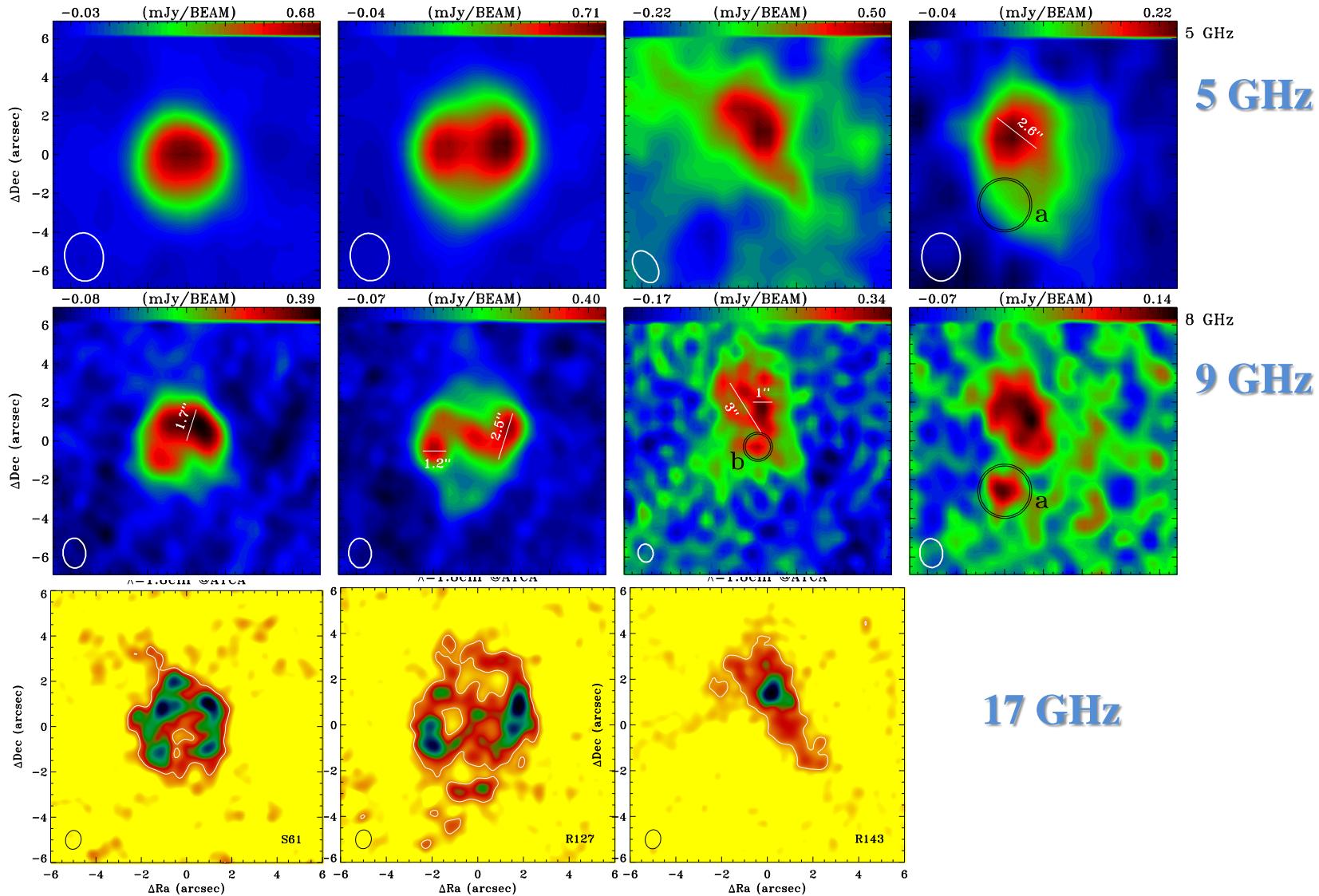
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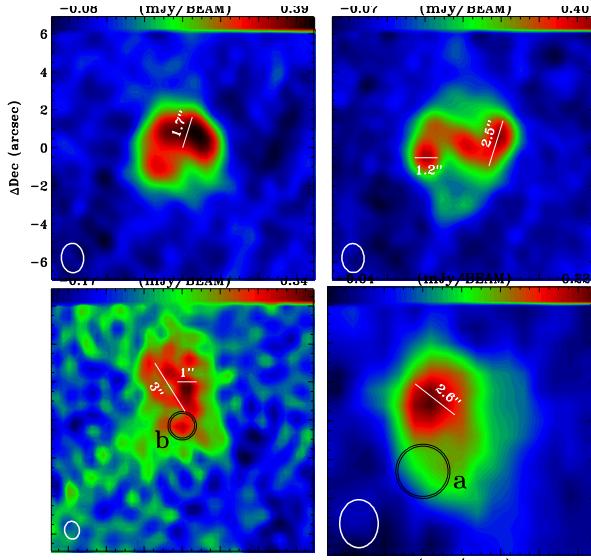


# Radio detection at ATCA



# Mass-loss of the magellanic LBVs

## MASS OF THE IONIZED NEBULA



Source	$s$ (pc)	$\Omega_s$ (arcsec) <sup>2</sup>	$\langle n_e \rangle$ (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	$M_{\text{ionized}}$ (M <sub>⊙</sub> )
S61	0.40	24.5	58	0.78
R127	0.28-0.59	38.1	69-48	1.01-1.46
R143	0.24-0.71	19	85-49	0.52-0.90
S119	0.61	71	19	1.13

## CURRENT MASS-LOSS

Source	$v_\infty$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$\dot{M}$ (M <sub>⊙</sub> yr <sup>-1</sup> )
S61	250 <sup>a</sup>	< $1.4 \times 10^{-5}$
R127	110 <sup>b</sup>	< $2 \times 10^{-5}$
R143	130 <sup>c</sup>	< $7 \times 10^{-6}$
S119		$1.34 \times 10^{-5}$ <sup>a</sup>

## KINEMATICAL AGE

Source	size (pc)	$v_{\text{exp}}$ (km s <sup>-1</sup> )	$t_{\text{nebula}}$ ( $\times 10^4$ yr)
S61	1.17	27 <sup>a</sup>	4.2
R127	1.65	30 <sup>b</sup>	5.4
R143	0.59	24 <sup>c</sup>	2.4
S119	1.90	25.5 <sup>d</sup>	7.2

Agliozzo et al. 2012

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## Extinction maps: evidence of dust?

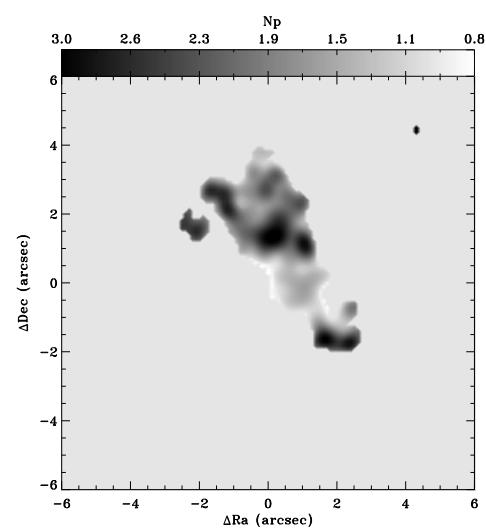
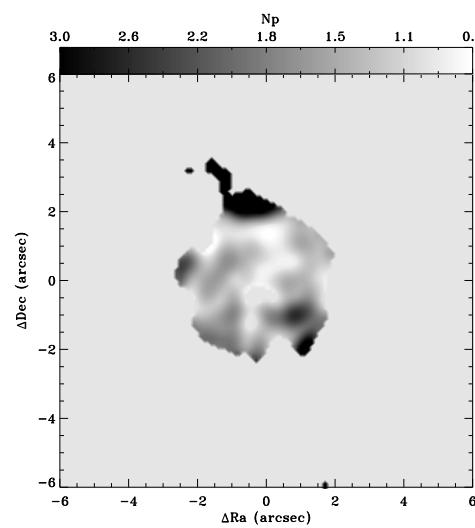
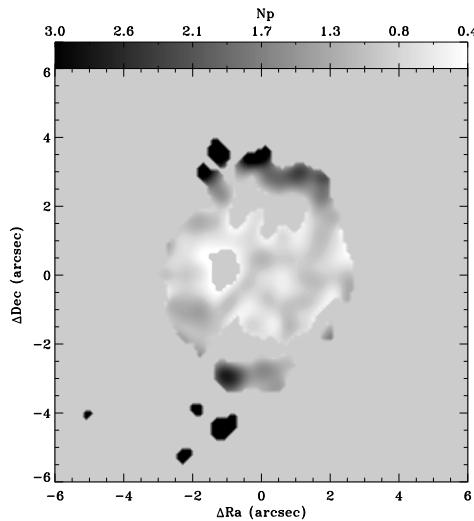


*Spitzer*

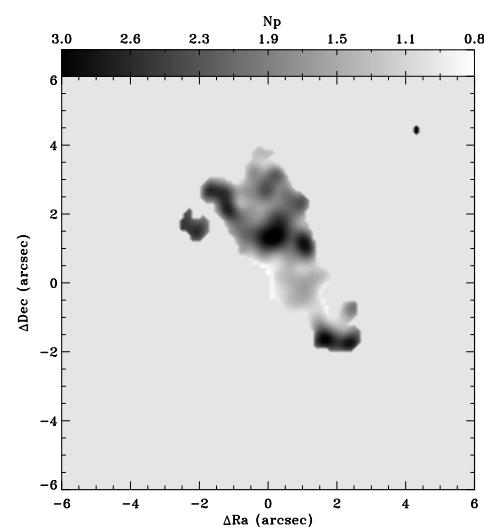
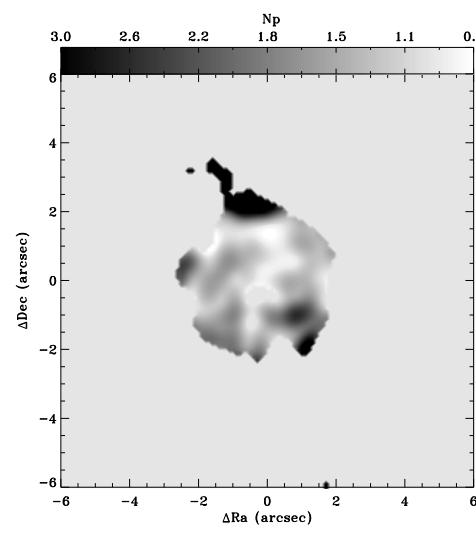
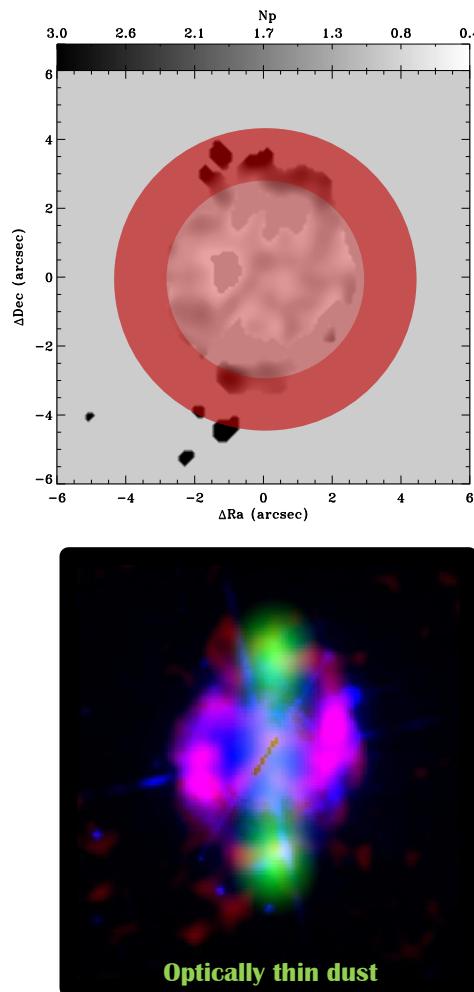


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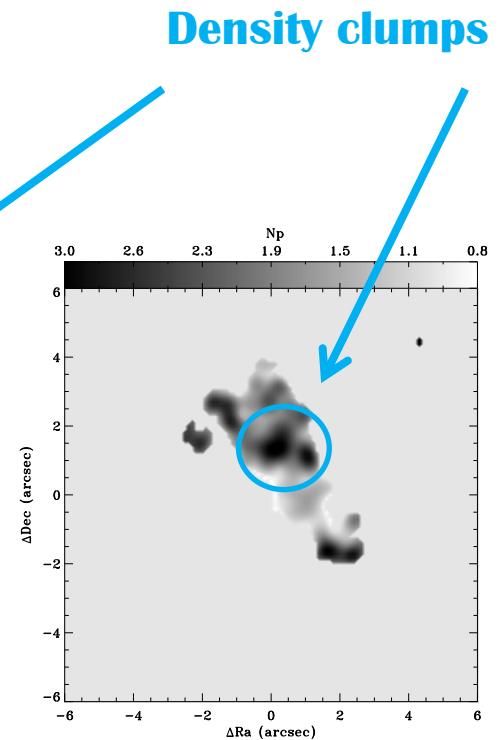
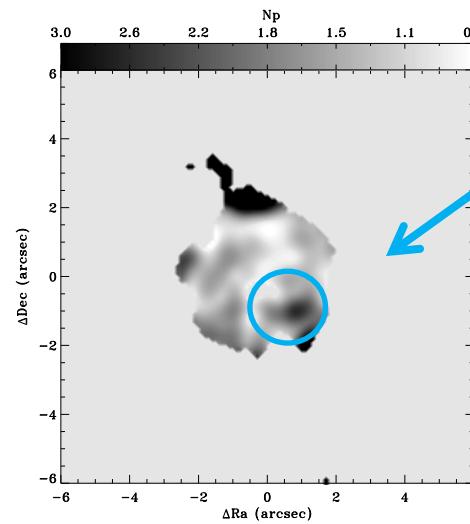
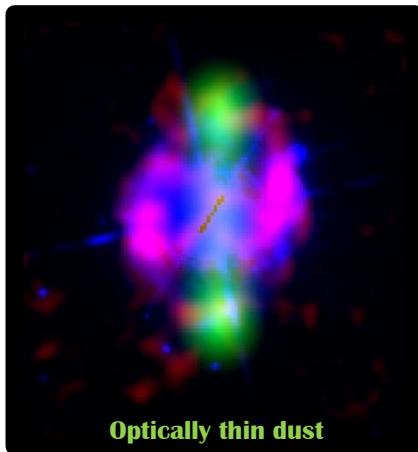
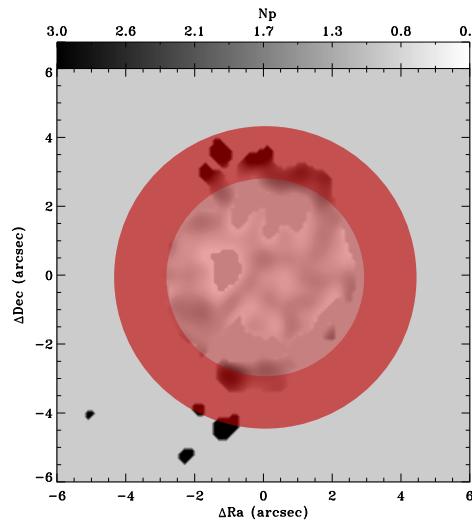
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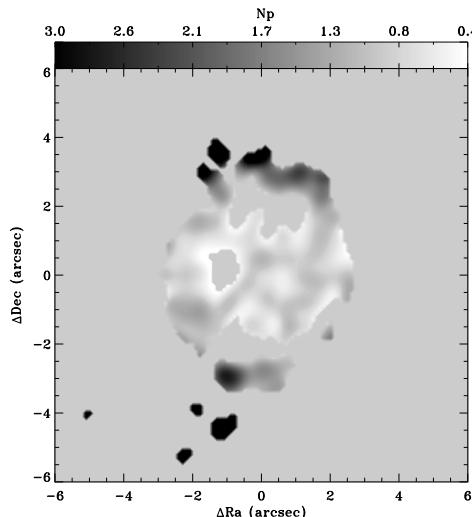


# Extinction maps: evidence of dust?



Density clumps

# ALMA project



## Dust properties for the simulation

- 1) T=100 K**
- 2) chemical composition: graphite (worst case for absorption)**
- 3) extinction map: R127**

$$\tau_{336\text{GHz}} = (\kappa_{336\text{GHz}} / \kappa_{H\alpha}) \tau_{H\alpha}$$

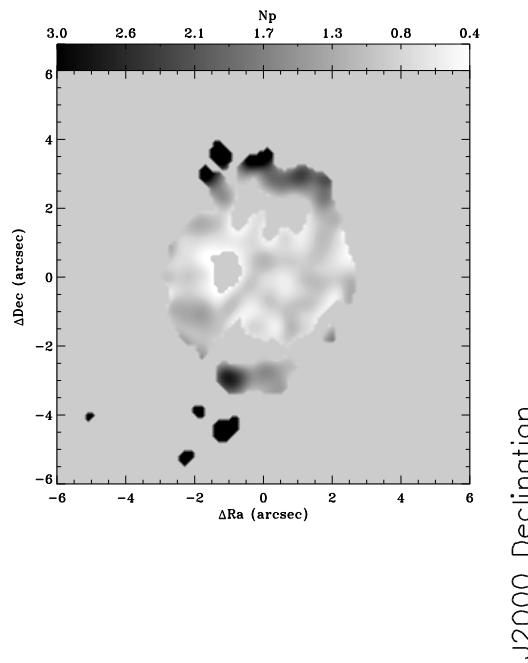
$$I_{336\text{GHz}} = B(100\text{K}) \tau_{H\alpha}$$

*Average flux density and continuum sensitivity required at 336.5 GHz*

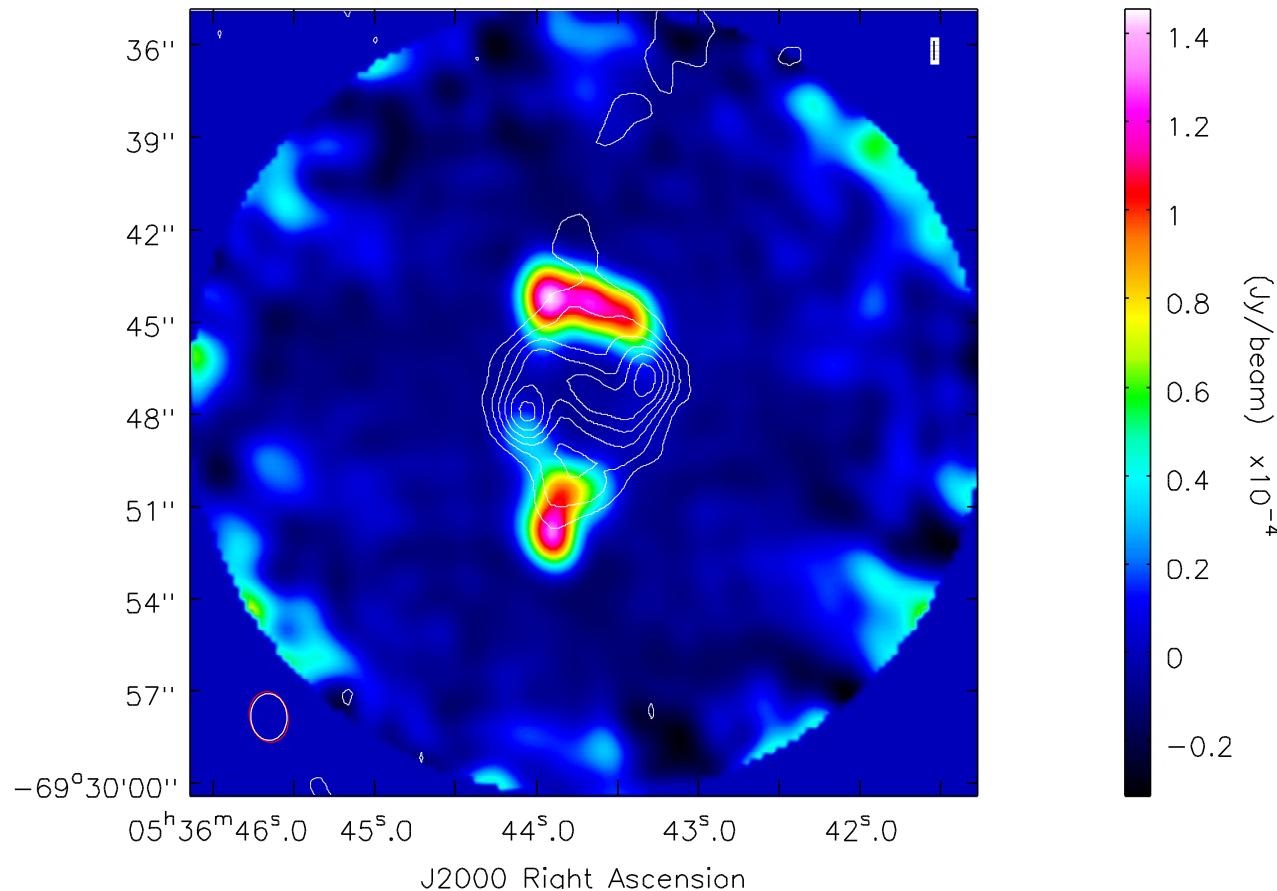
Source	Average Flux Density (mJy beam $^{-1}$ )	Sensitivity (mJy beam $^{-1}$ )
R127	0.15	0.04

## Model for the simulation with SIMOBEST

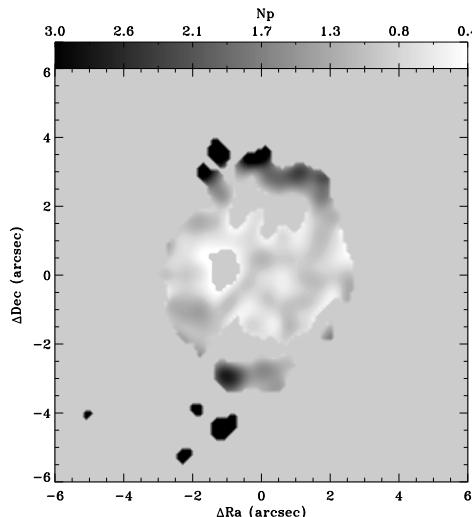
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**Image: Simulation of ALMA observations, Band 7  
Beam 1.1 arcsec**  
**Contours: ATCA observations, 9 GHz  
Beam 1.1 arcsec**



# ALMA project



## Proposed array setup

- 1) only main array (12m)**
- 2) Band 7, Time Division Mode (continuum observations)**
- 3) resolution: 1.1 arcsec (comparable with ATCA resolution) – compact configuration**
- 4) bandwidth: 7.5 GHz for high sensitivity**
- 5) Single pointing (sources smaller than the maximum recoverable scale)**

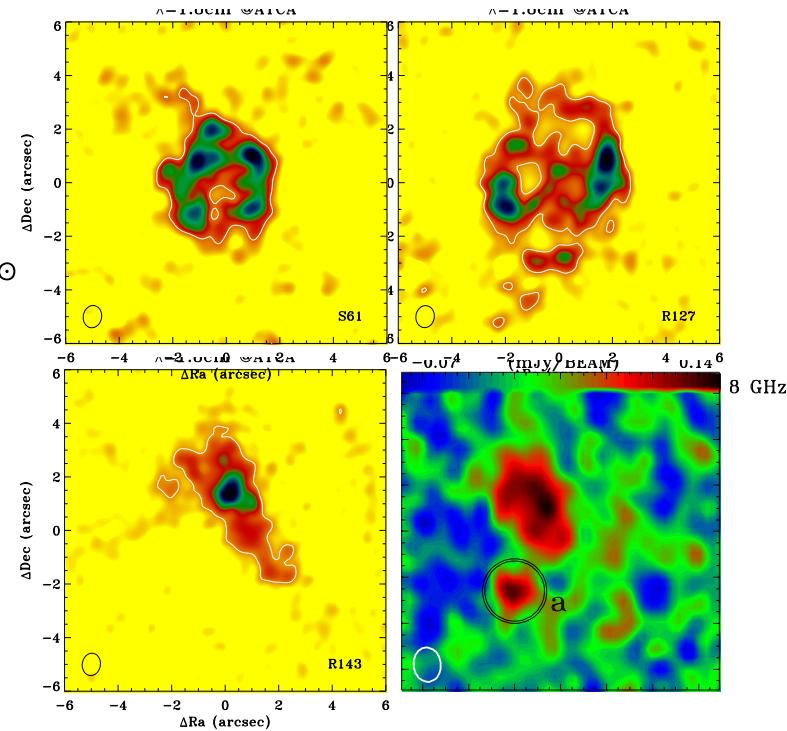


# Is the LBV phenomenon independent of metallicity?

## PRELIMINARY

**LBVs in the LMC have**

- **nebular properties similar to those galactic  
(size 0.87-2.1 pc, ionized gas mass 0.8-1.5  $M_{\odot}$ )  
morphology, kinematical age)**
- **average mass-loss rates**
- **possibly presence of dust in density clumps**



## Implications

**LBV phenomenon important in the evolution of galaxies and of the Early Universe**

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- ATCA observations of 10 LBVs in the MCs
- During P95 VISIR observations to complement the ALMA dataset and to derive physical properties of the dust content
- Further: local metallicity studies to correlate the mass-loss properties with the environment

**THANK YOU**