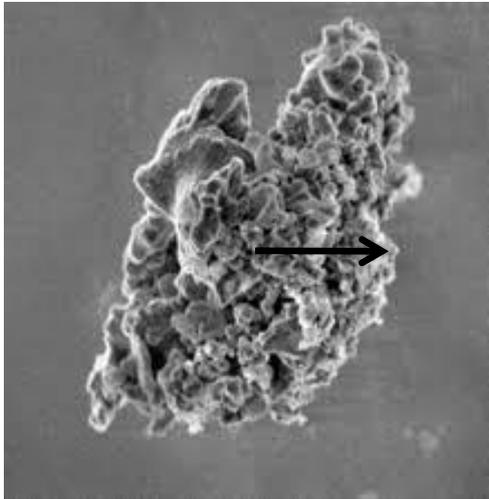


What is dust and why we study it?



few hundredths of a μm up
to few μm



Silicates
(Mg_2SiO_4 , MgSiO_3)



Carbon

Dust is formed from metals, it is $\sim 1\%$ of the total mass of the baryons!

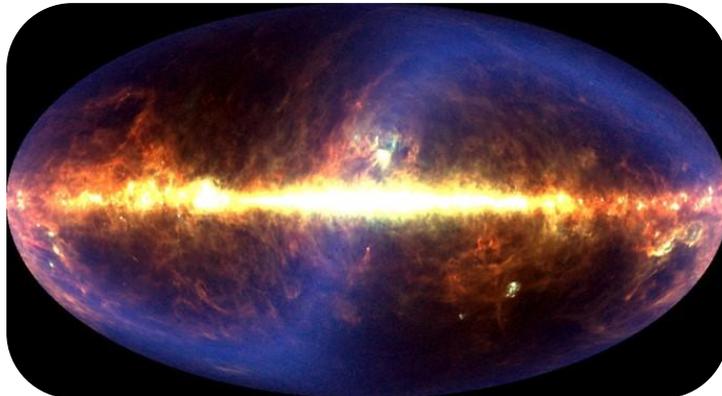
...but it is important in several astrophysical contexts:

- star formation (gas cooling)
- molecule formation (“mechanical” catalyst)
- planets formation
- for studying the Solar System (pre-solar grains)
- stellar evolution (mass-loss in low-mass stars)
- baryon cycle in galaxies

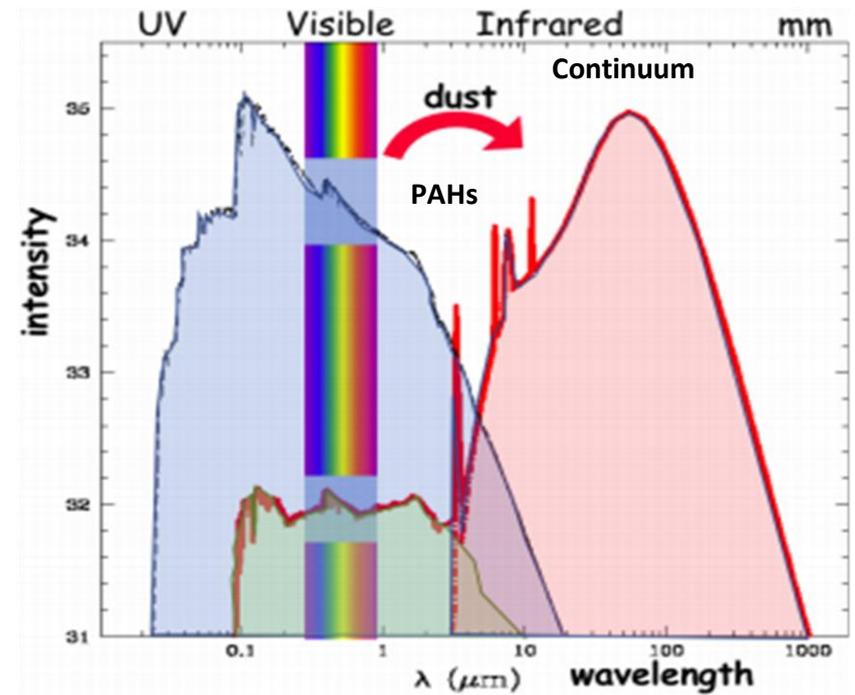
Dust absorption and re-emission



Milky Way in the optical
(credits: Axel Mellinger)

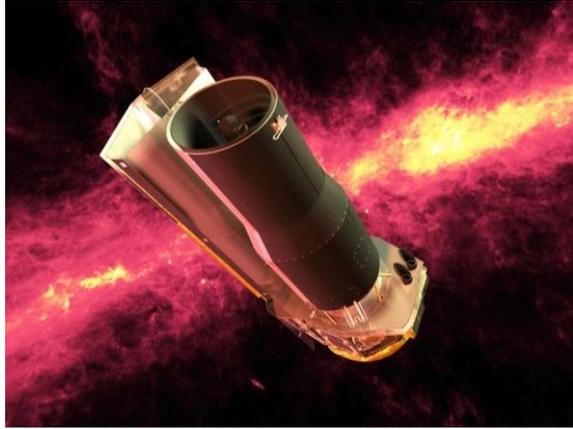


Milky Way in the infrared
(credits: COBE satellite)



Attenuation of the light from stars in the UV/optical
Re-emission in the Infrared

How do we see dust?



Spitzer

Mid-IR 3.6-38 μm



Herschel

Far-IR 55-672 μm



ALMA

**Sub-mm/mm
0.3-3.6 mm**



NOEMA

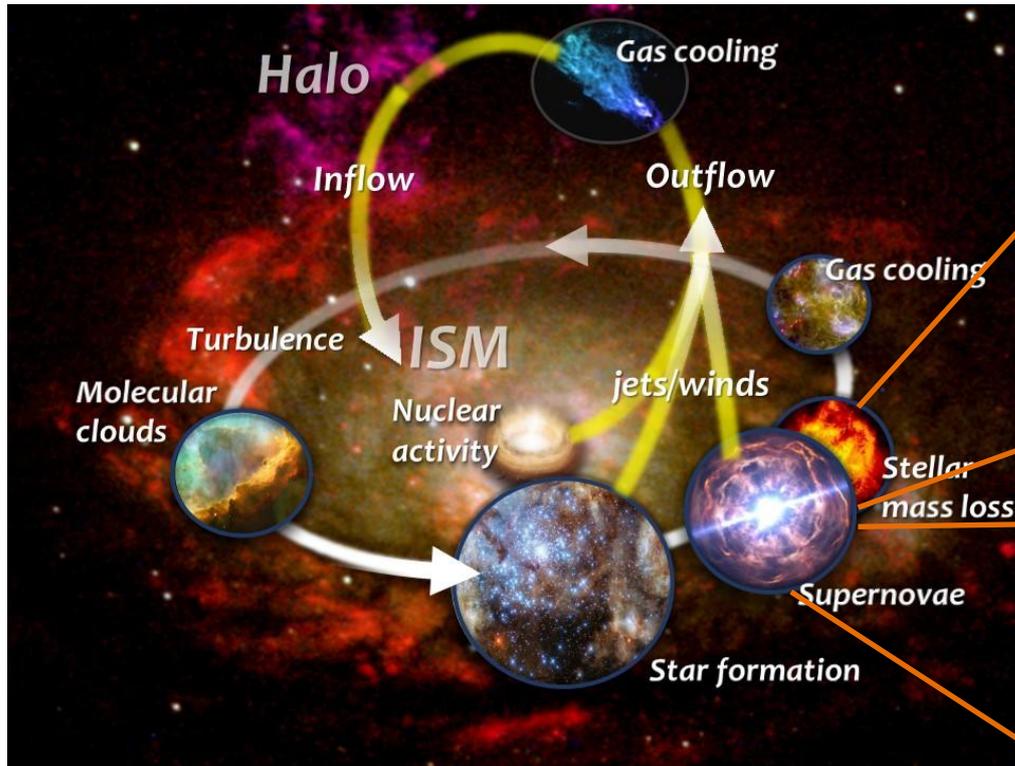
**Sub-mm/mm
0.8-4.2 mm**

James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), launched: December 2021

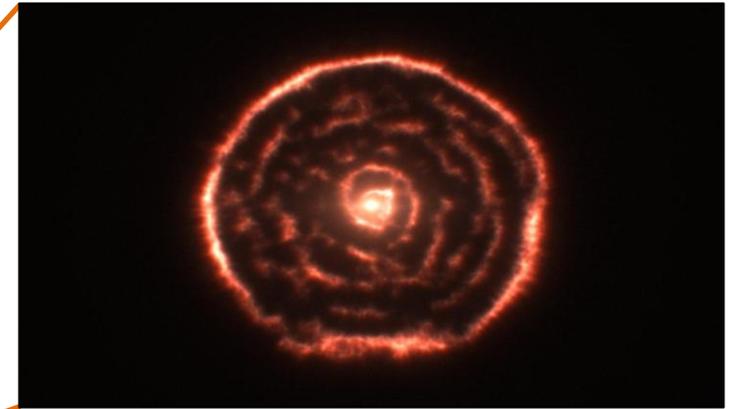
Near- to Mid-IR: 0.6-28 μm

- Dust up to 2 Gyrs after the Big Bang
- Stars in galaxies 500 Myrs after the Big Bang

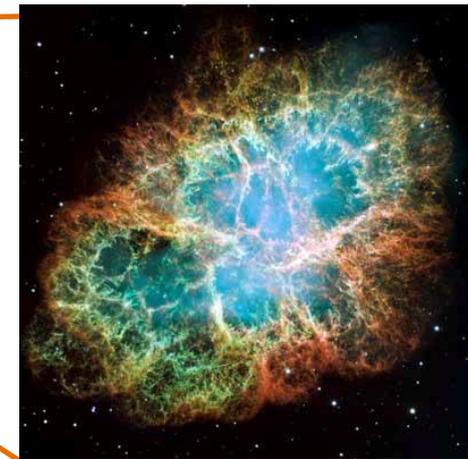
Dust evolution in the interstellar medium (ISM) of galaxies



Dust in the interstellar medium of galaxies



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Dust around TP-AGB stars ($M < 6-8 M_{\odot}$)

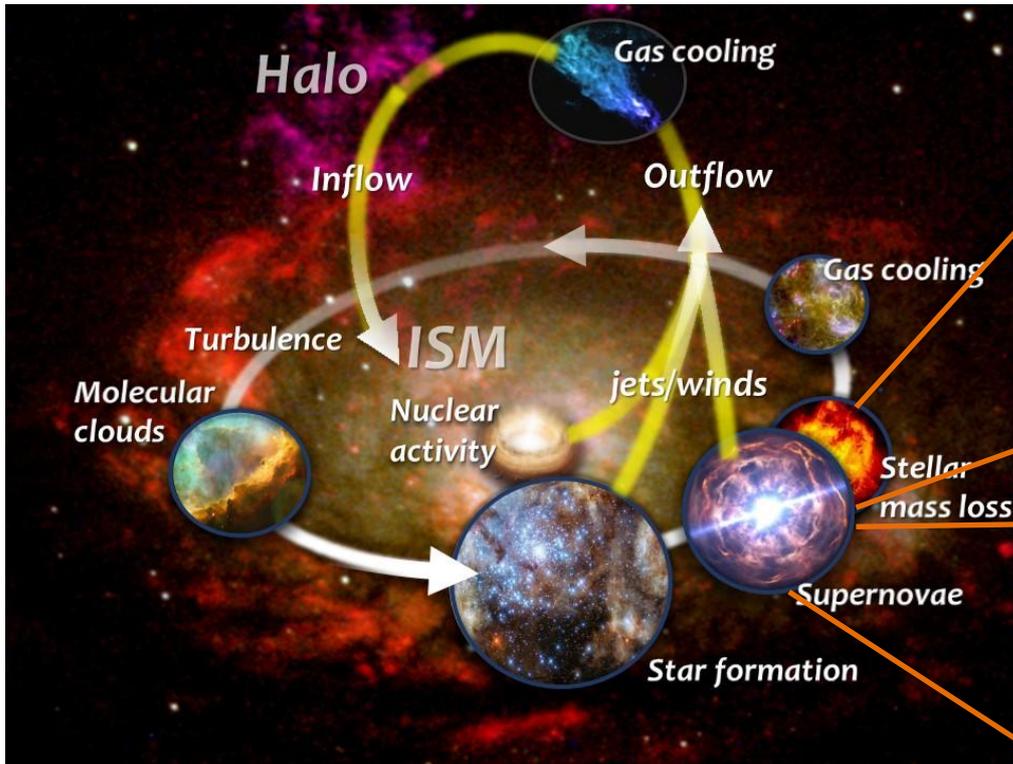


Dust around SN remnants ($M > 8 M_{\odot}$)

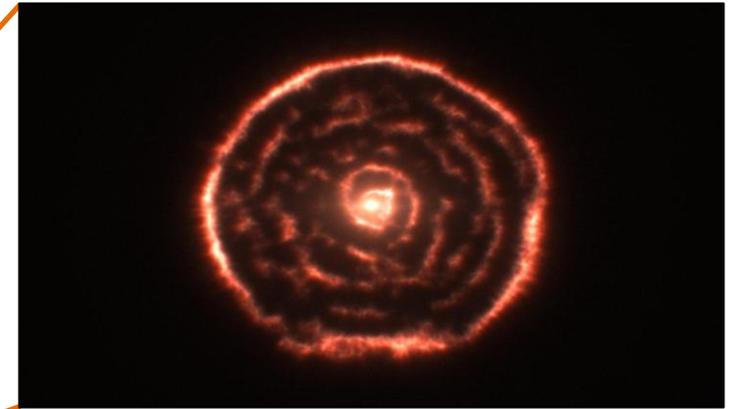
Complex interplay between:

- Stellar evolution;
- Evolution of dust grains: growth & destruction;
- Galactic inflows and outflows.

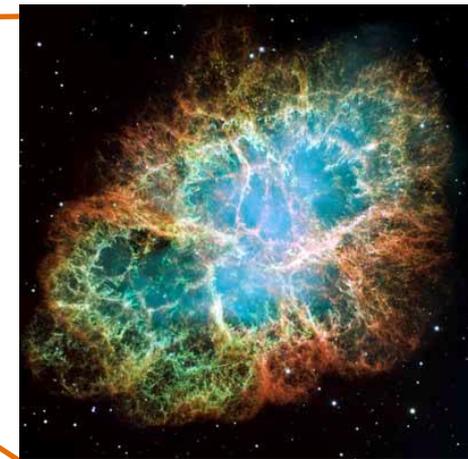
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Dust around SN remnants ($M > 8 M_{\odot}$)

- TP-AGB stars account for **~50-60%** of dust in the **Local Universe** (Gehrz 89)
- May be important also **at high redshifts ($z > 5$)** (e.g. Valiante+09)
- Most of the stars go through the TP-AGB phase

Where metals come from?

The Origin of the Solar System Elements

1 H	big bang fusion 										cosmic ray fission 						2 He
3 Li	4 Be	merging neutron stars 					exploding massive stars 					5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg	dying low mass stars 					exploding white dwarfs 					13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn	
87 Fr	88 Ra																
		57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu	
		89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U												

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- **Silicates (e.g. Mg_2SiO_4 , MgSiO_3):** the elements come from massive stars exploding in short time-scale
- **Carbon dust:** some carbon from massive stars, but most of them from low-mass stars (longer time-scale); Their evolution is likely to be link to the appearance of PAHs feature (Galliano+08).
- **Iron:** Type Ia supernovae (from white dwarfs in binary systems)
- **Other heavy elements:** low mass stars and neutron star mergers

TP-AGB stars

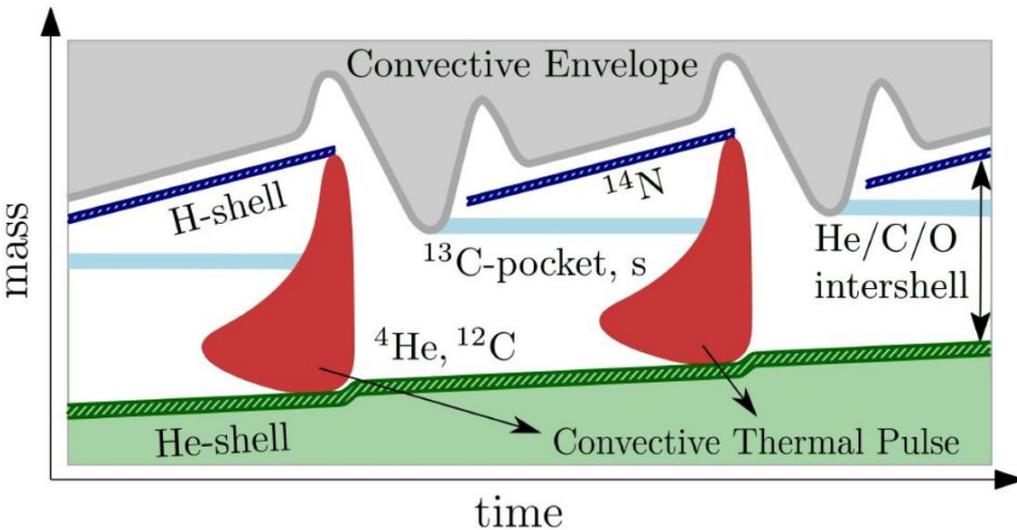


Figure 1.1: Schematic sketch of the mixing episodes during thermal pulses.

Credits: Diego Vescovi (PhD thesis)

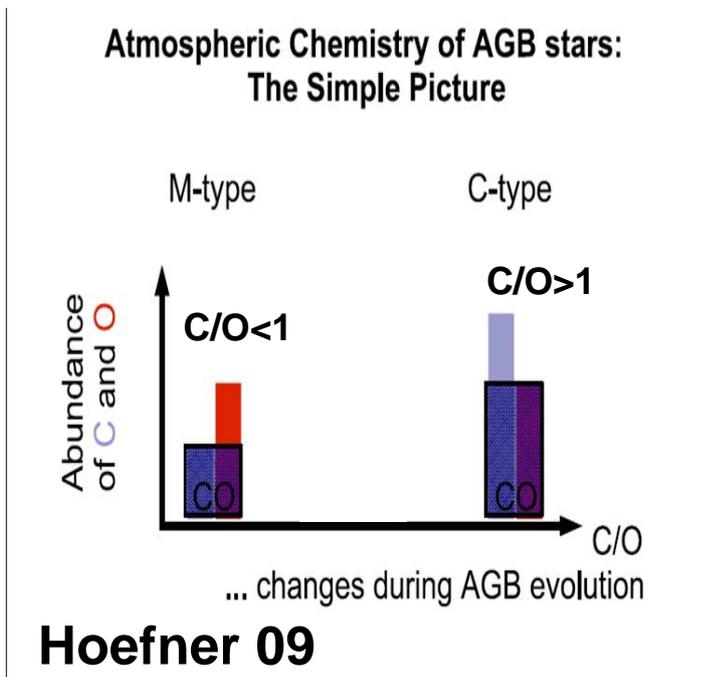
- H- and He-burning shells
- Several thermal pulses
- Third dredge-up for $M \geq 2 M_{\odot}$

$C/O < 1 \rightarrow C/O > 1$

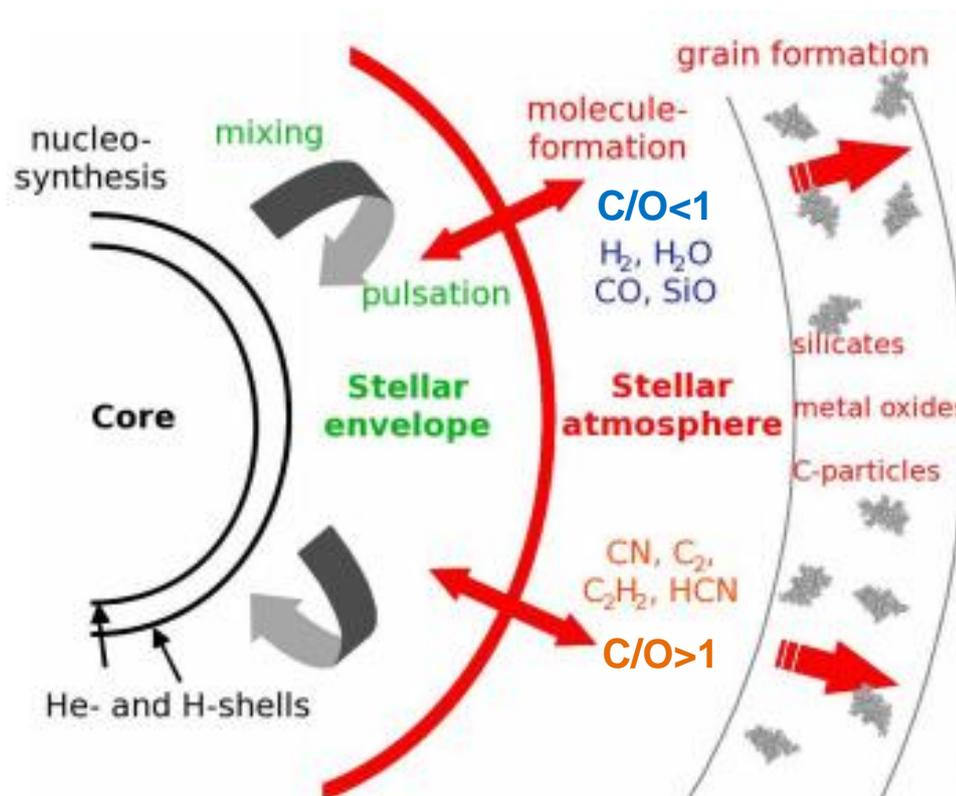
Dredge-up more efficient at lower metallicities

- High mass-loss rates (10^{-7} - $10^{-5} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$)
- Mass-loss of Sun $\approx 10^{-14} M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$
- Hot Bottom Burning (HBB): H-burning through CNO cycle ($M \geq 4 M_{\odot}$)
- Decreases C (CN cycle):

$C/O > 1 \rightarrow C/O < 1$



Circumstellar envelope



$$v \frac{dv}{dr} = -\frac{GM_*}{r^2} (1 - \Gamma)$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{L_* \kappa}{4\pi c GM_*}$$

$\Gamma > 1 \rightarrow$ acceleration

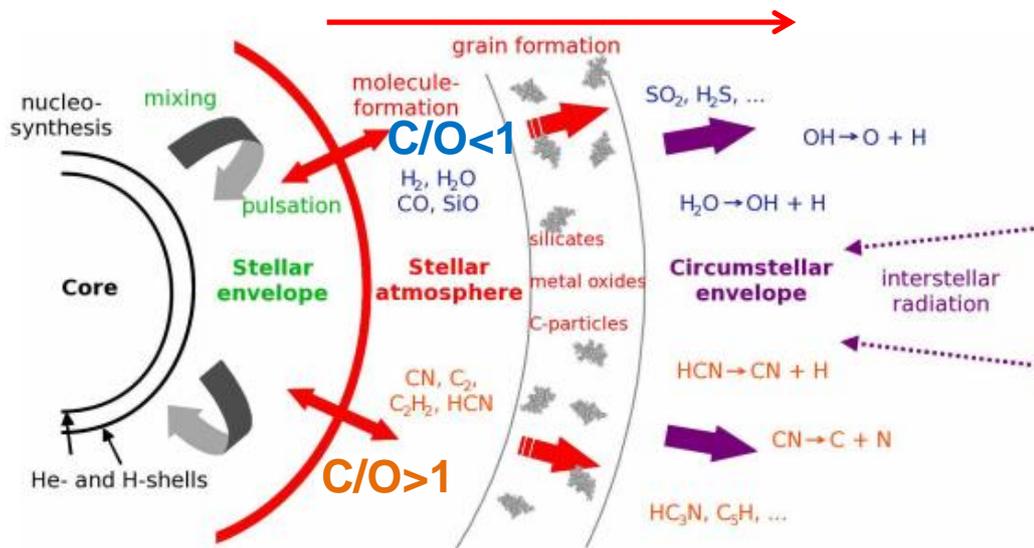
$\kappa \rightarrow$ dust opacity

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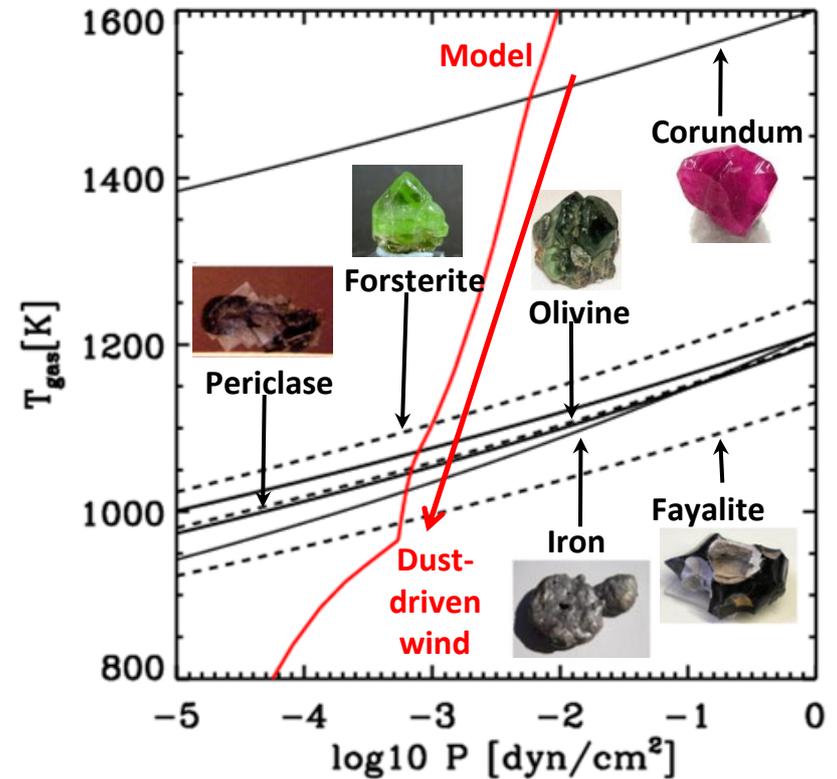
- **Dust-driven wind & mass-loss:** momentum transferred to the dust grains (**silicate/carbon dust for M/C stars**, Eriksson+14; Bladh+15)
- **Expansion velocity:** measured, i.e. CO lines, OH maser emission (e.g. Marshall+04; Lagadec+10; Ramstedt & Olofsson 14; Goldman+17)

Stationary wind model

e.g. Ferrarotti & Gail 06; Ventura+12; Nanni+13,+14; Dell'Agli+15



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Input stellar parameters

- current stellar mass
- effective temperature
- stellar luminosity
- mass-loss
- elements abundances

Output

- dust mass
- dust composition
- outflow velocity
- spectra
- Comparison with observation

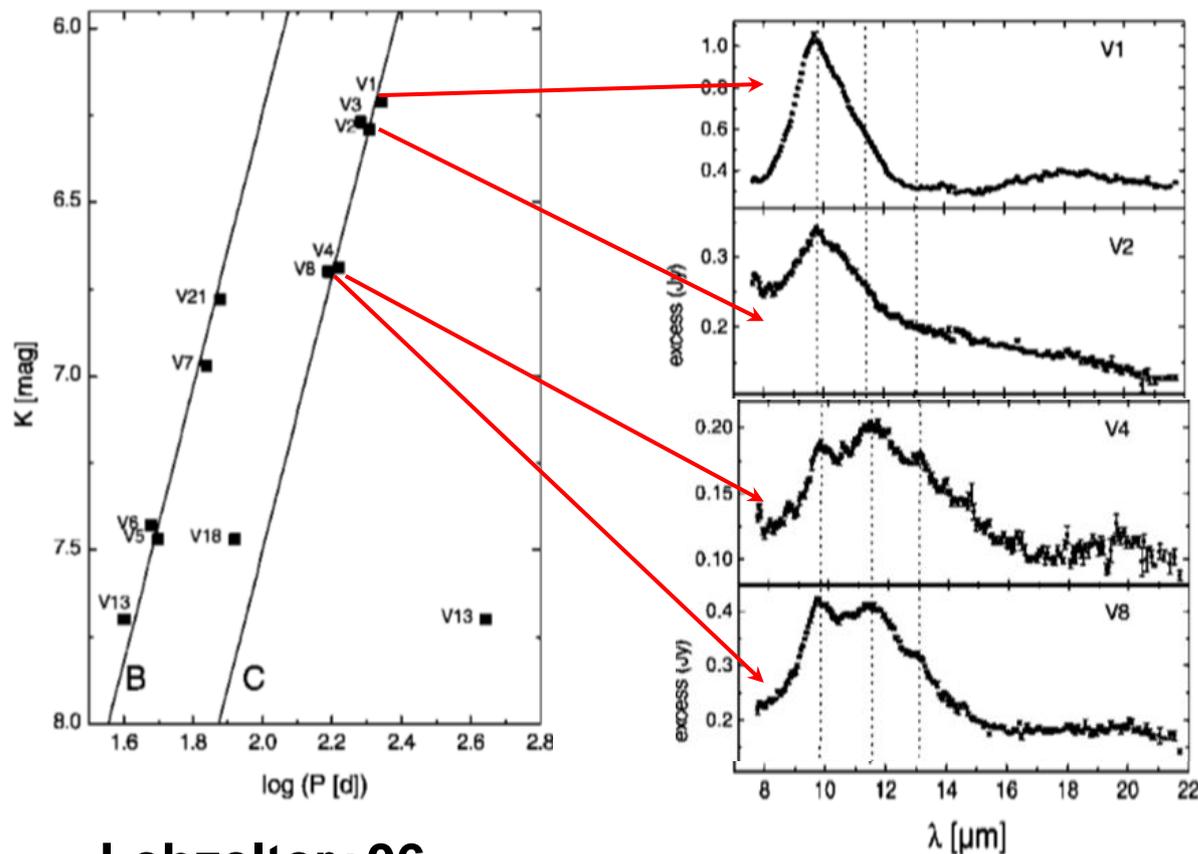
Main results

- dust yields (Nanni+13, +14)
- dust growth/destruction (Nanni+13)
- grain size and optical properties (Nanni+16, Nanni19)
- dust production for resolved stars (Nanni+18,+19)

Dust spectral feature

O-rich stars:

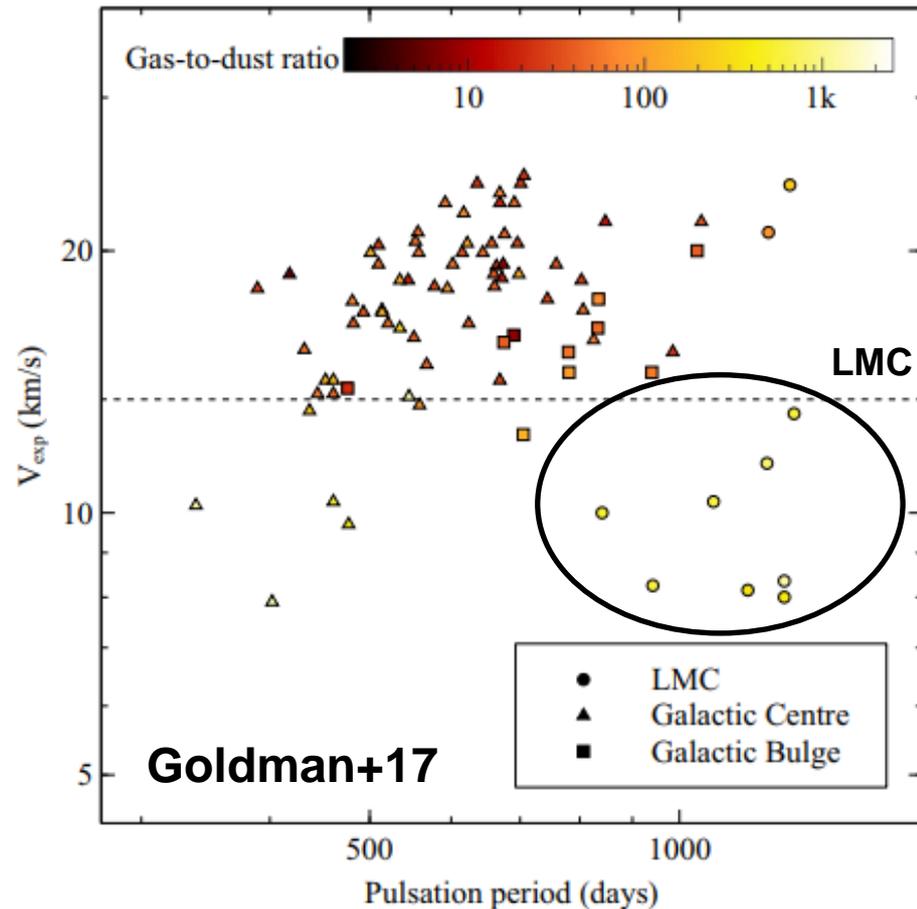
- **Silicates: olivine, pyroxene, quartz** → Feature at 10, 18 μm (**amorphous**); 10, 18, 23, 28, 33, 40 and 60 μm (**crystalline**, e.g. Jones+12)
- **Aluminium oxide - corundum (Al_2O_3)** → Bump around 12 μm
- **Iron (?)** → Featureless (may condense at low Z, McDonald+11)
- **Corundum and silicates features:** depend on **luminosity** and **mass-loss rate** (e.g. Lebzelter+06).
- **Dust α Z**



Lebzelter+06

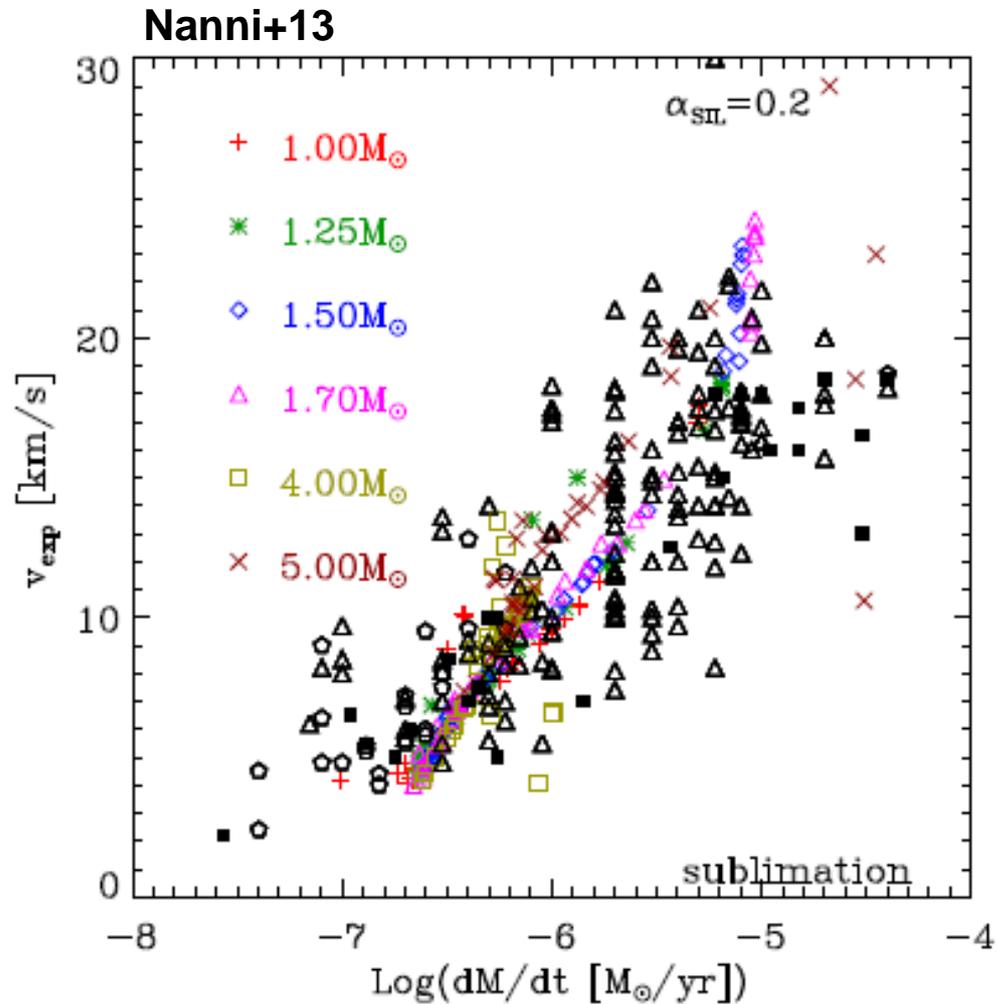
M-stars expansion velocities

The predicted dust content and wind speed depends on the metallicity (as expected)



- **OH/IR stars** in the **LMC** and in the **Galaxy**, e.g. **Goldman+17**
- **No OH maser emission detection in the SMC (Goldman+18)**

What drives the wind in O-rich TP-AGB stars?



Stationary wind models couples with stellar tracks

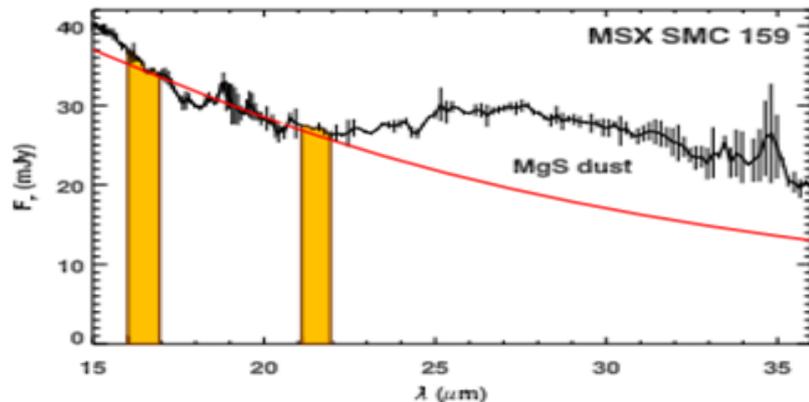
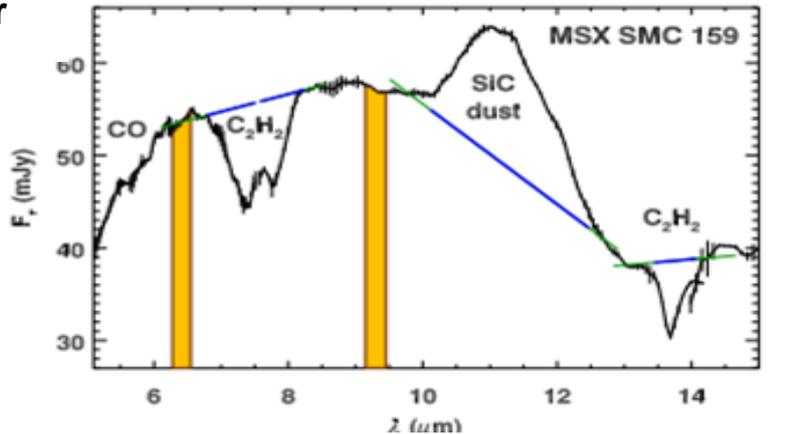
Iron-rich: scattering+absorption

Dust spectral feature

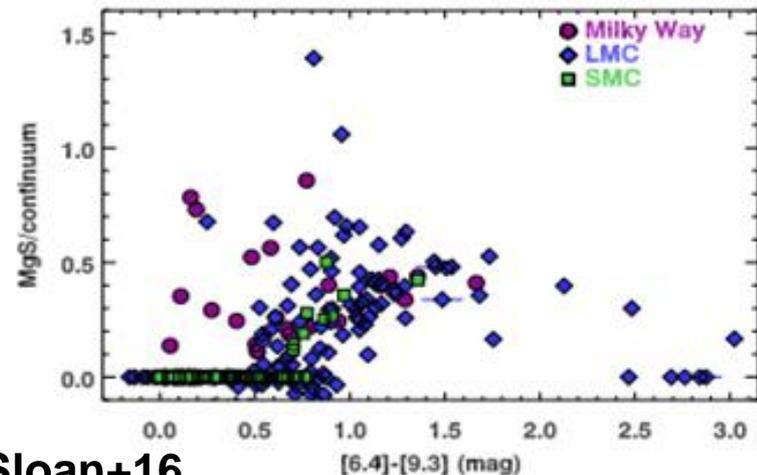
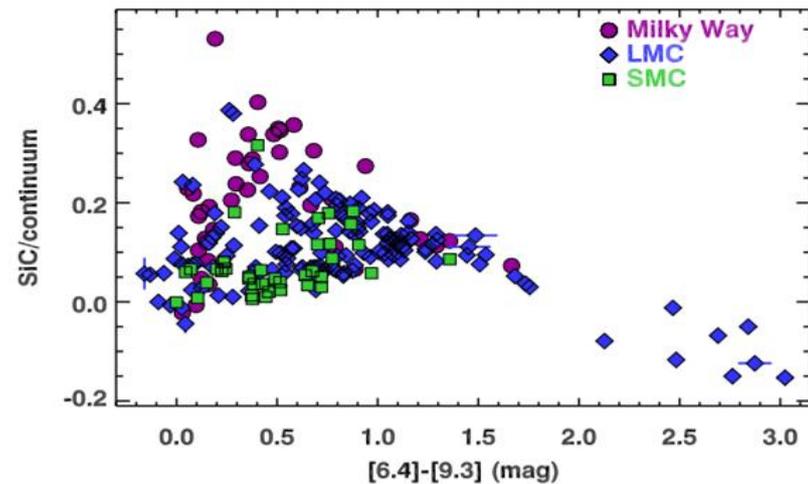
C-rich stars:

- **Amorphous carbon** → Featureless (its abundance does not depend on the initial Z)
- **Silicon Carbide (SiC)** → Feature at 11.3 μm
- **Magnesium Sulfide (MgS)** → Bump around 30 μm
- **SiC and MgS features:** dependent on **metallicity** and **mass-loss rate** (Sloan+06; Zijlstra+06; Lagadec+07; Leisenring+08; Sloan+15)

C-star



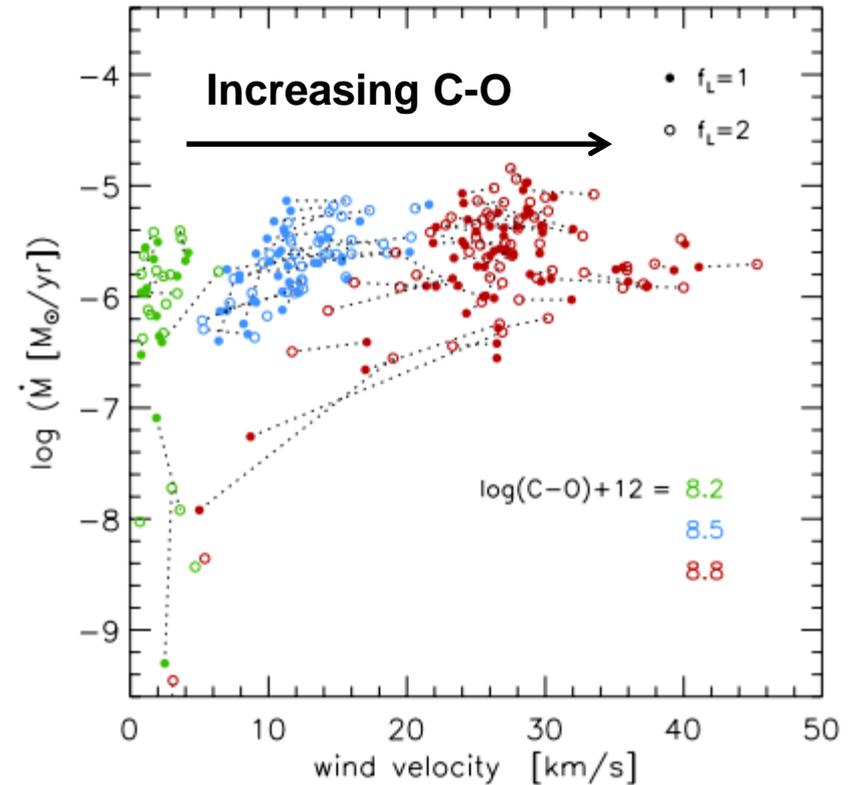
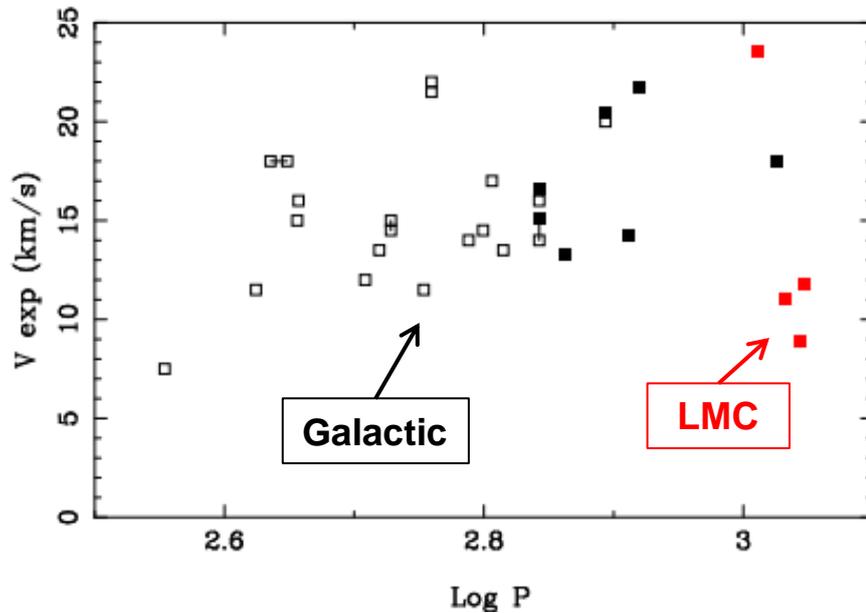
IRS on *Spitzer* 5.2 -38 μm



Sloan+16

C-stars: wind speed

More complex situation for C-stars

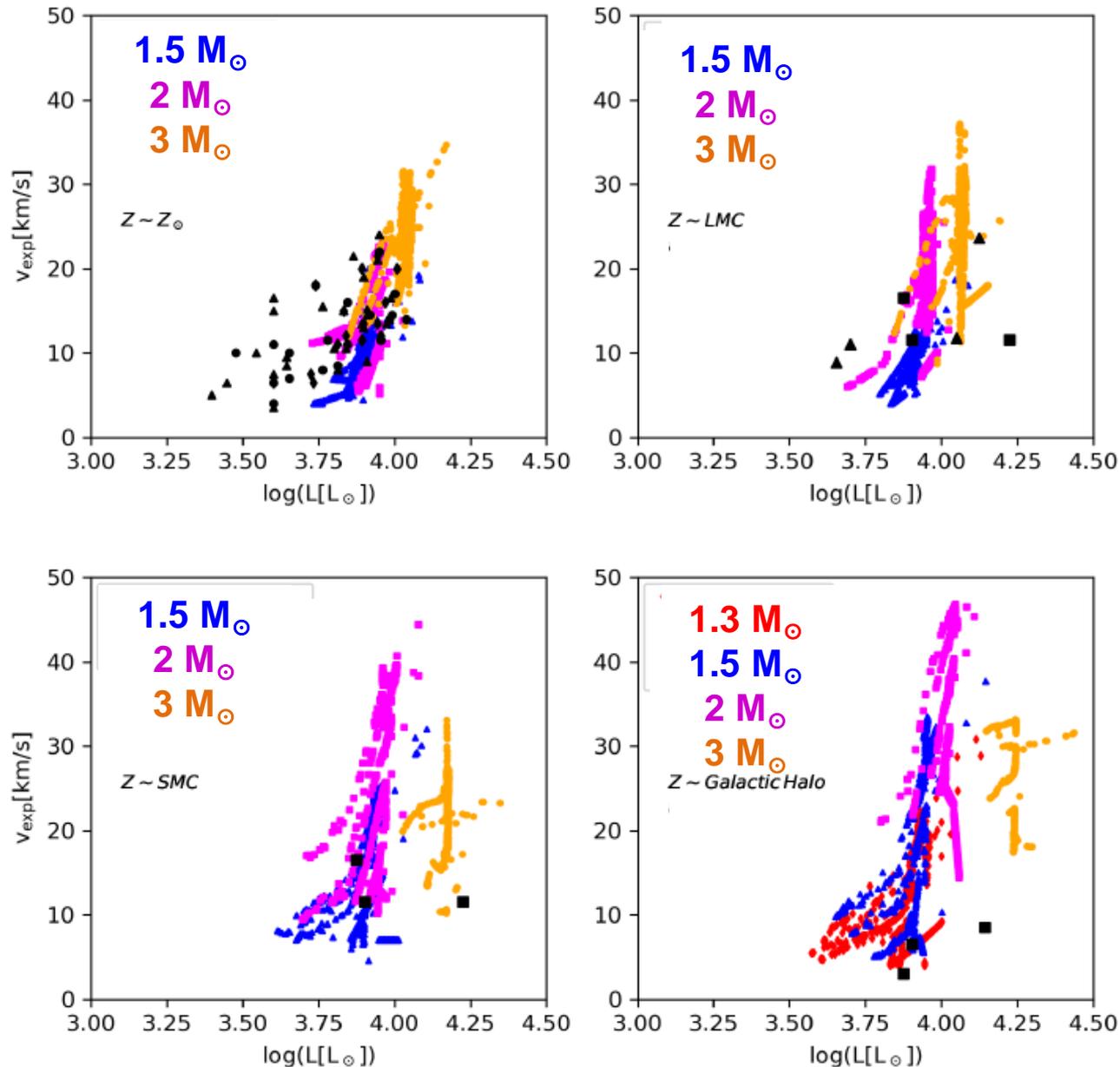


- Galactic extremes + Ramstedt&Olofsson 14; Danilovich+15
- ALMA observations for the LMC sources (Groenewegen+16)

Hydrodynamic simulations (Eriksson+14)

- V_{exp} should depend **carbon-excess** rather than on the metallicity (e.g. Blah+19)
- **C-stars in the LMC** seem to have **lower V_{exp}** than C-stars in the Milky Way
- Observations in a larger range of stellar parameters are needed!

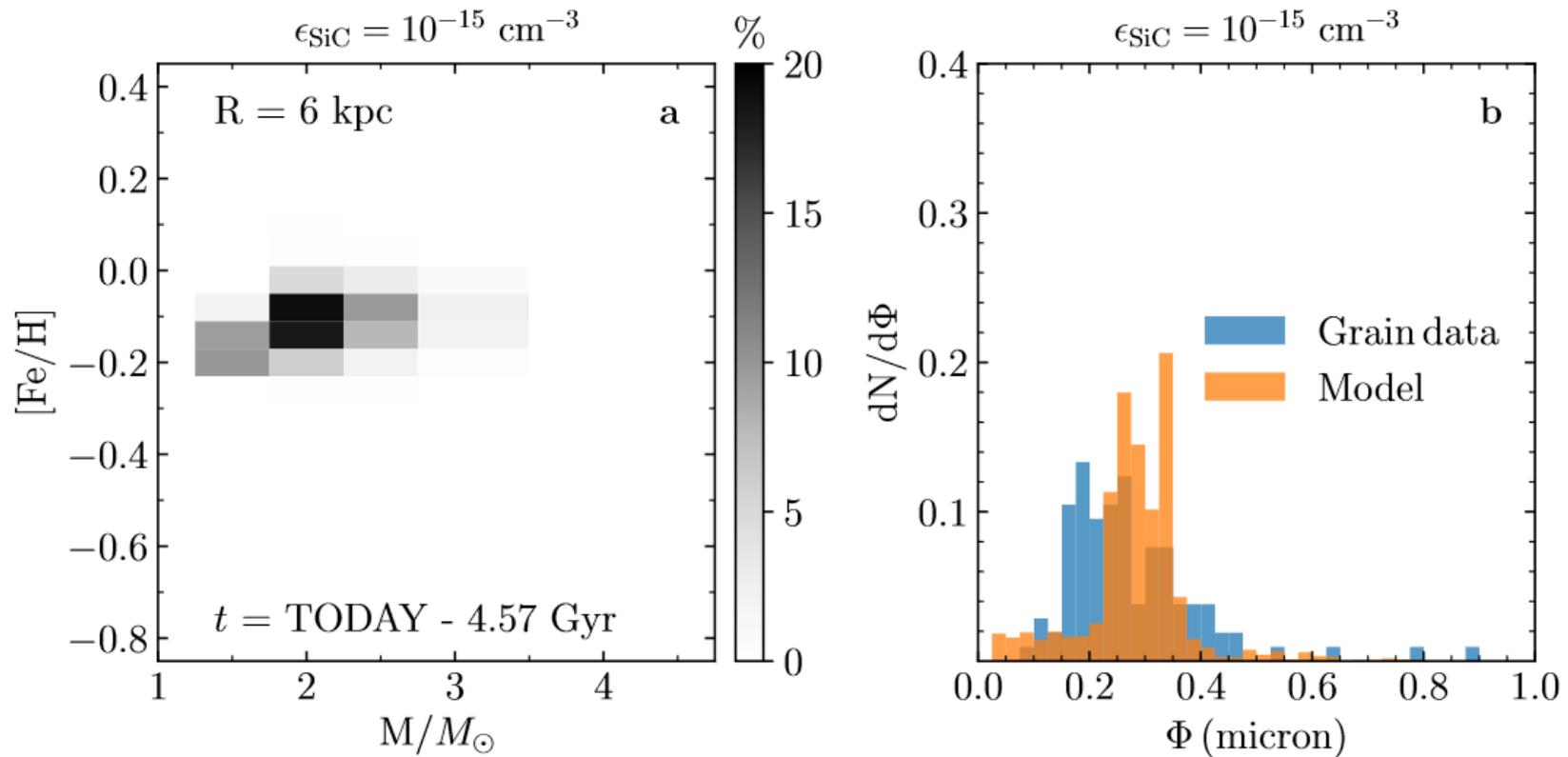
C-stars: wind speed



Nanni+21

- Stationary wind models couples with stellar tracks (Cristallo+09)
- Observations are fairly well reproduced by our predictions

Pre-solar grains

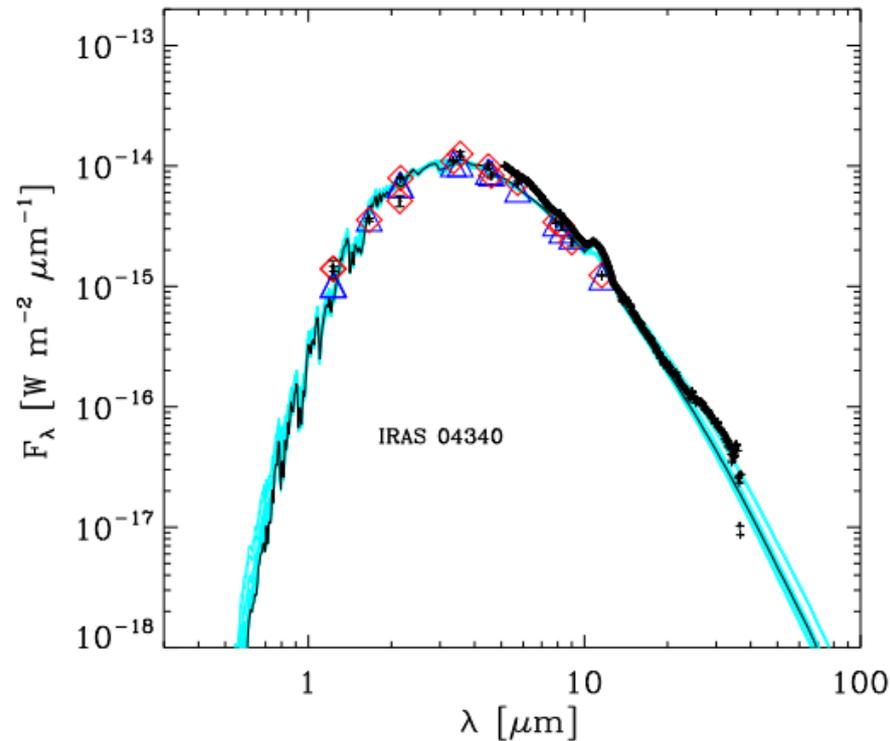


Cristallo, Nanni+20

- The prescriptions for dust growth and wind dynamics have been coupled with FRUITY evolutionary tracks (Cristallo+09).
- By including the **time-average effect of pulsation** (and suitable seed particle abundance), **the size distribution of SiC grains is fairly well reproduced by stars of $M \sim 2 M_{\odot}$ and $Z \sim Z_{\odot}$** (Cristallo+20).

Dust production from TP-AGB stars

Mass-loss & dust production rates

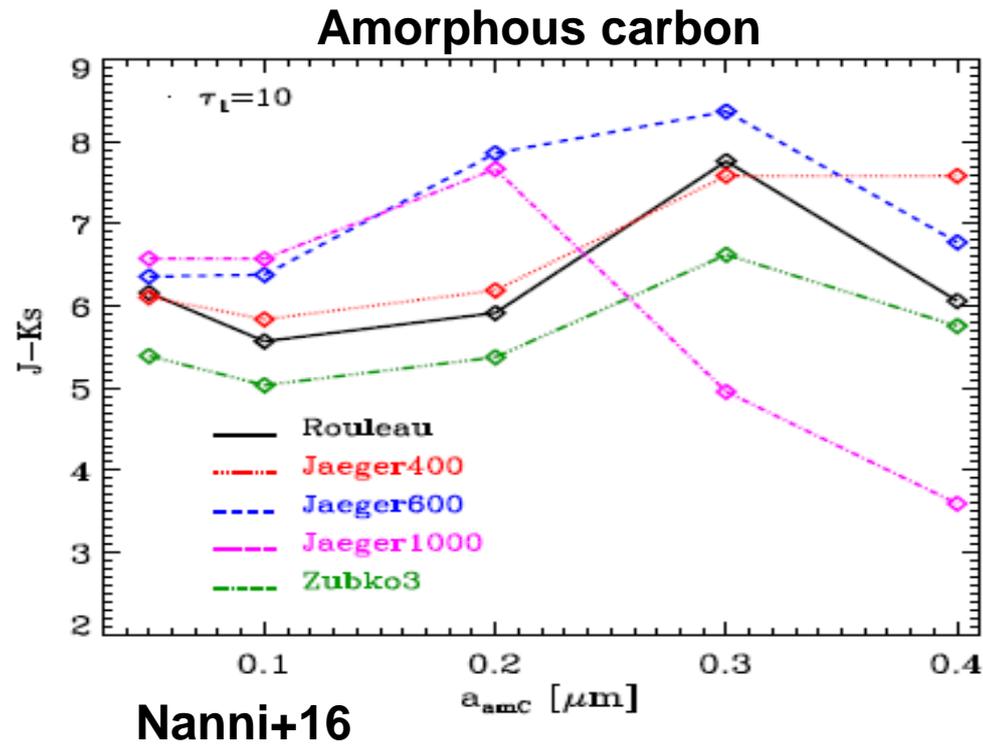


$$\tau_\lambda(\text{approx}) = \frac{3\dot{M}_{\text{dust}}\bar{Q}_{\text{ext}}(\lambda, a)}{4aR_*v_{\text{exp}}\bar{\rho}_d}$$

$$\text{DPR} \propto \tau_\lambda V_{\text{exp}}/Q_{\text{ext}}$$

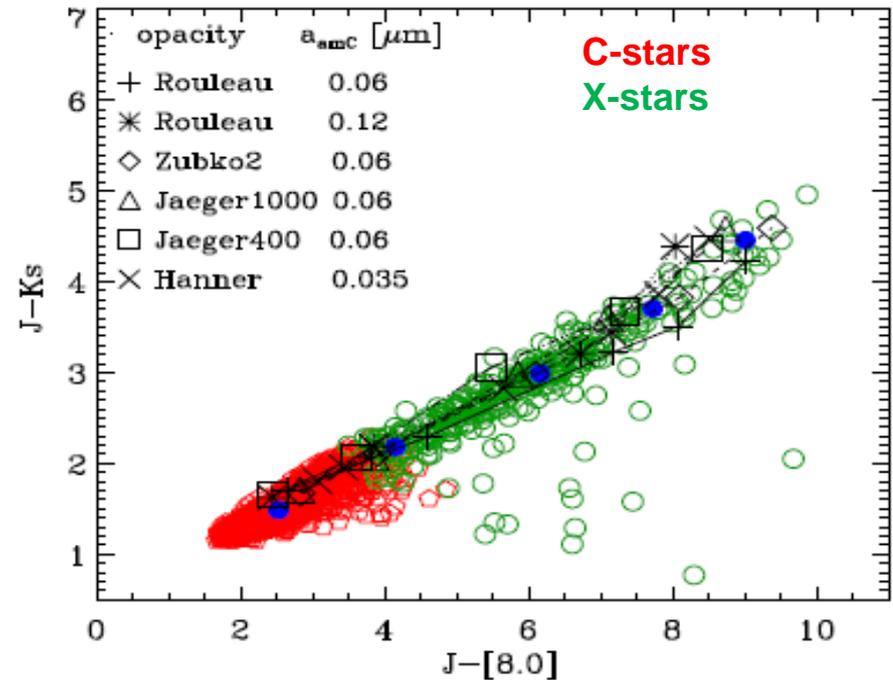
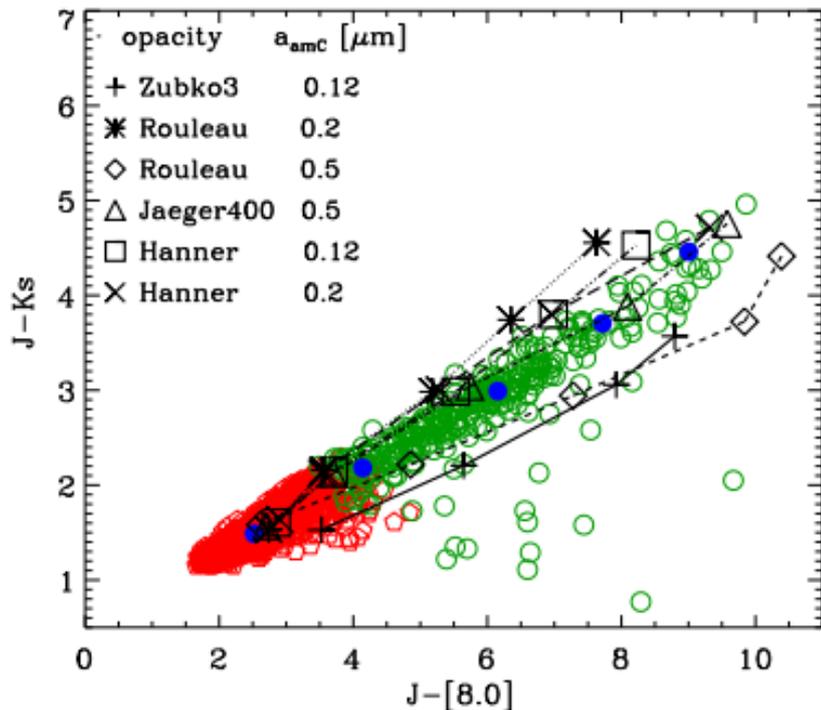
$$\text{Mass-loss} = \text{DPR} * \text{Gas-to-dust}$$

Which optical constants?



- Different **optical data sets** and **grains sizes** yield very different colours
- We **constrained** the optical constants in order to **reproduce different observations** in the infrared and Gaia DR2 bands (Nanni+16; Nanni 19)

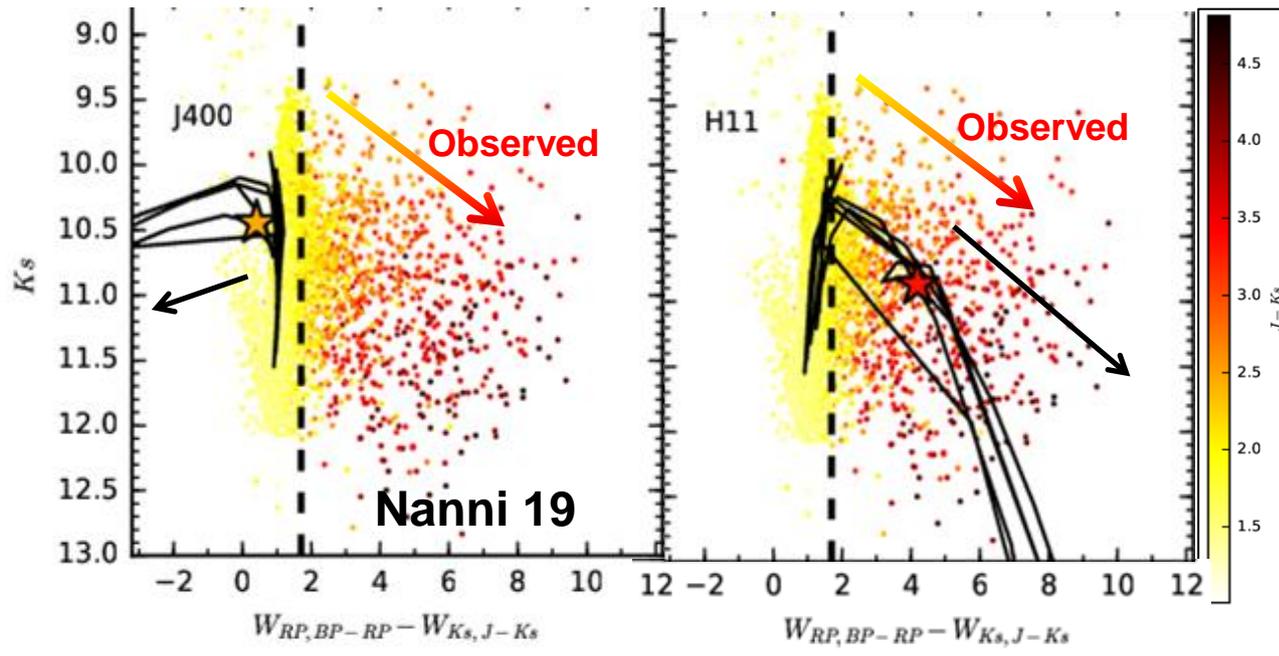
Constraining dust properties: amorphous carbon around C-stars



Nanni+16

Small grains (< 0.04-0.1 μm) best reproduce different CCDs in the IR

Constraining dust properties: amorphous carbon around C-stars



$$W_{RP,BP-RP} = G_{RP} - 1.3 \times (G_{BP} - G_{RP}) \quad W_{Ks,J-Ks} = K_s - 0.686 \times (J - K_s)$$

- **Only 2 combinations out of ~50 tested** simultaneously reproduce both the infrared observations and the trends obtained by combining 2MASS and Gaia DR2 photometry from Lebzelter+18;
- **Small grains (< 0.04-0.1 μm) + optical data sets from Hanner 88; Jaeger+98 (1000°C).**

Spectra reprocessed by dust

Dust growth coupled with a stationary wind (Nanni+13; Nanni+14)

Input: stellar parameters:

L , dM/dt , M , T_{eff} , C/O

+

Dust optical properties

(Nanni+16, Nanni 19)



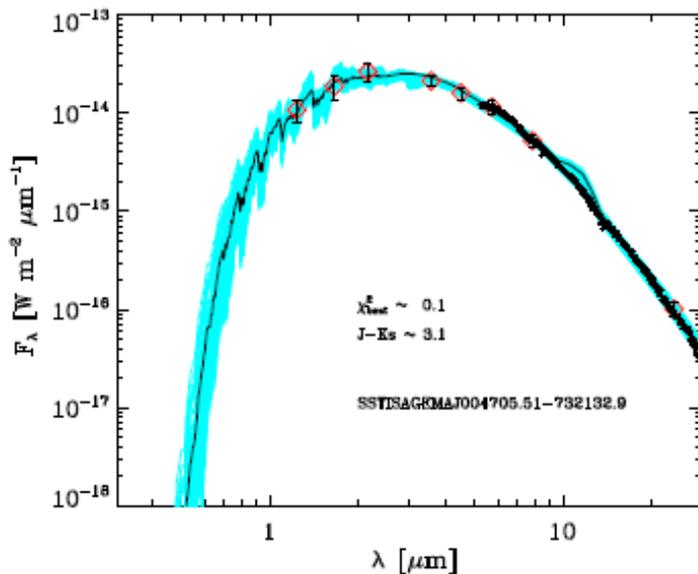
Output: circumstellar envelope

dust composition, gas-to-dust ratio, v_{exp}
spectra

(GRID of MODELS)

SED fitting

- Dust production rate and mass-loss rate
- Gas-to-dust ratio
- Dust composition



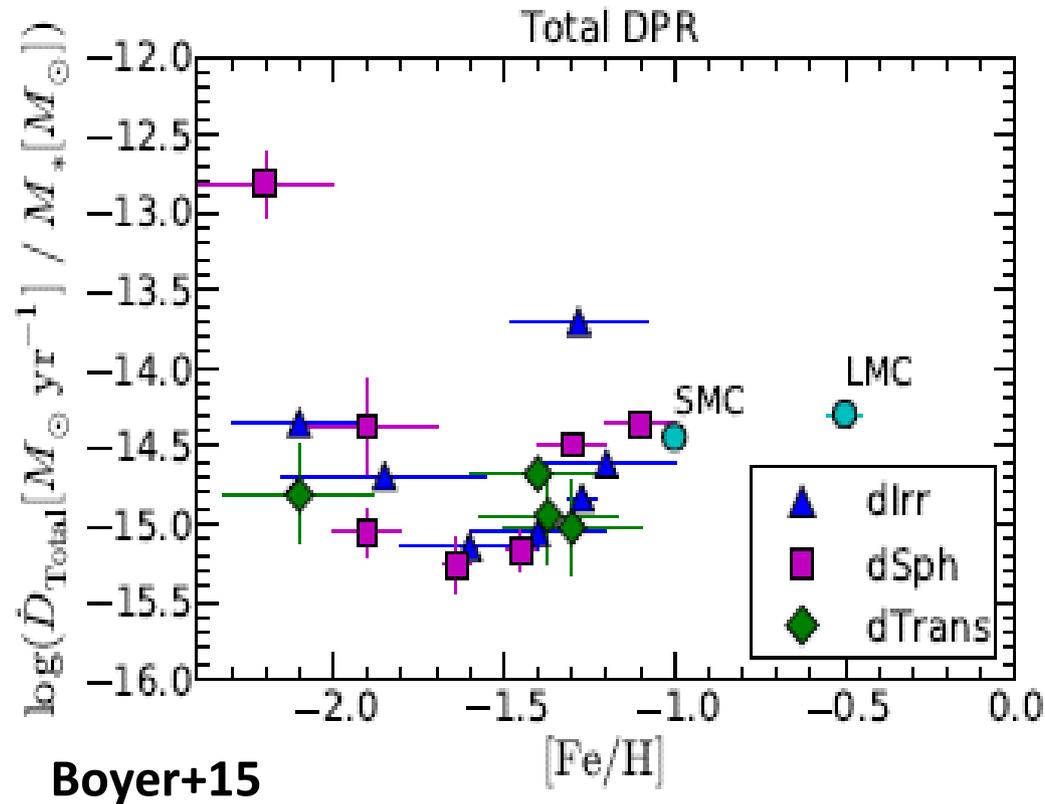
~3000 C-stars are fitted for the SMC and ~8000 in the LMC
(Nanni+18, +19)

DPRs from C-stars in the Magellanic Clouds

SMC	DPR_C
Nanni+19	~25.2
Srinivasan+16	~ 8.0
Boyer+12	~ 7.5
Matsuura+13	~ 40
LMC	DPR_C
Nanni+19	~ 17.7
Srinivasan+16	~ 12.8
Dell'Agli+15	~ 40
Riebel+12	~ 17.0
Matsuura+09	~ 43-100

Variation of a factor ~ 5 and ~ 3 for the SMC and LMC respectively for different methods and assumptions

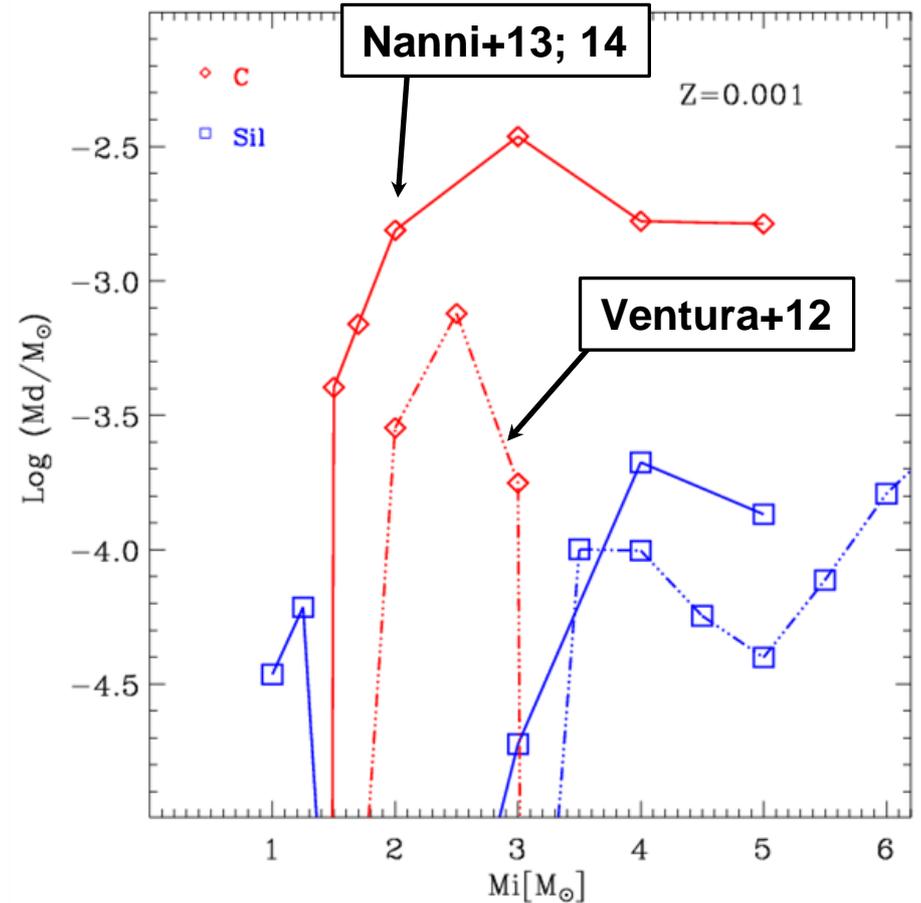
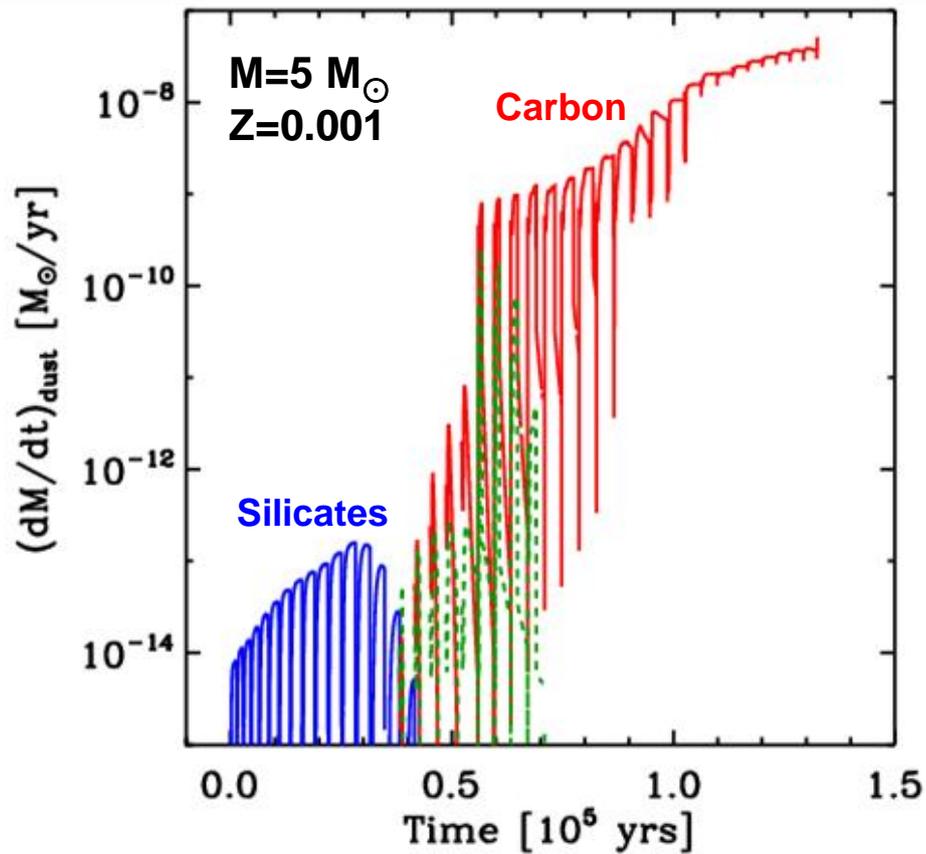
Dust production rates: low-Z galaxies



- **No dependence of the DPR with the metallicity** (most of the stars are C-rich)
- **Different from Galactic Globular Clusters low-Z AGB stars, $M < \sim 1 M_{\odot}$** (e.g. McDonald+11a,b) \rightarrow **low dust enrichment**

TP-AGB stars and dust evolution in galaxies

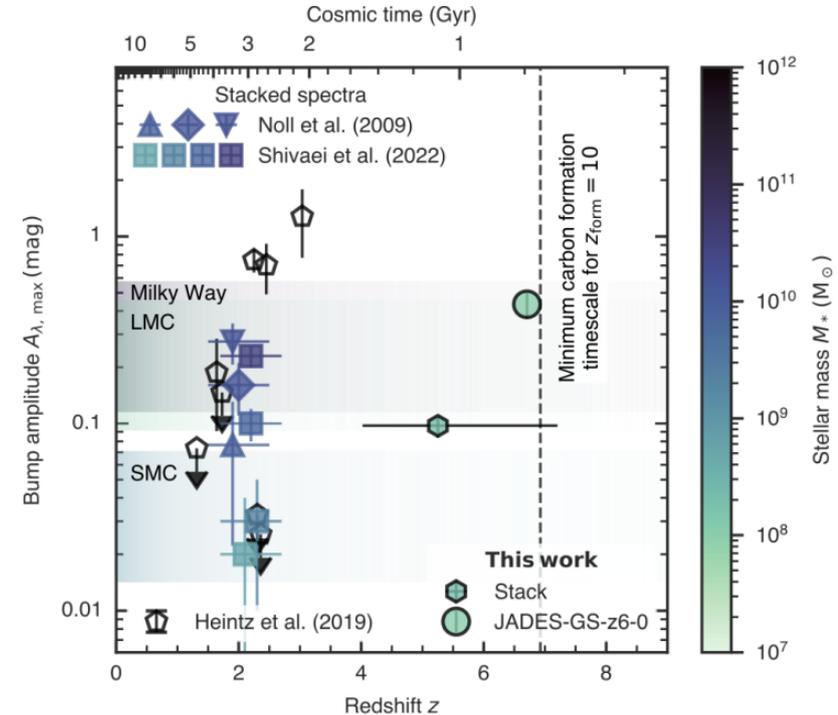
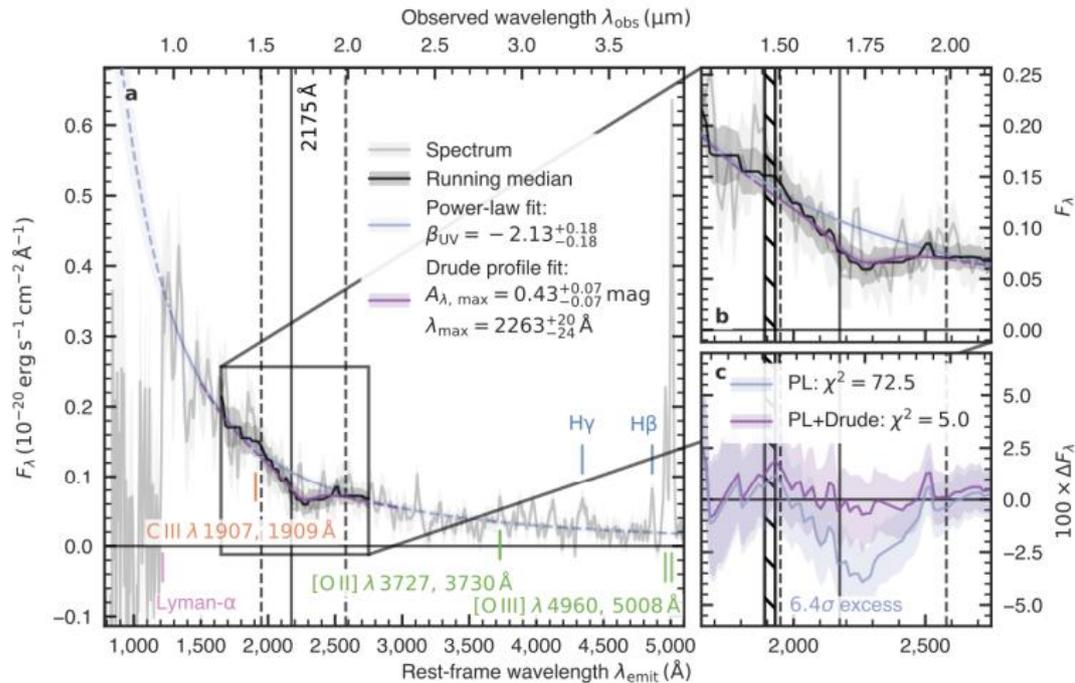
Dust yields and the chemical enrichment of galaxies



Dust ejecta as a function of mass and metallicity

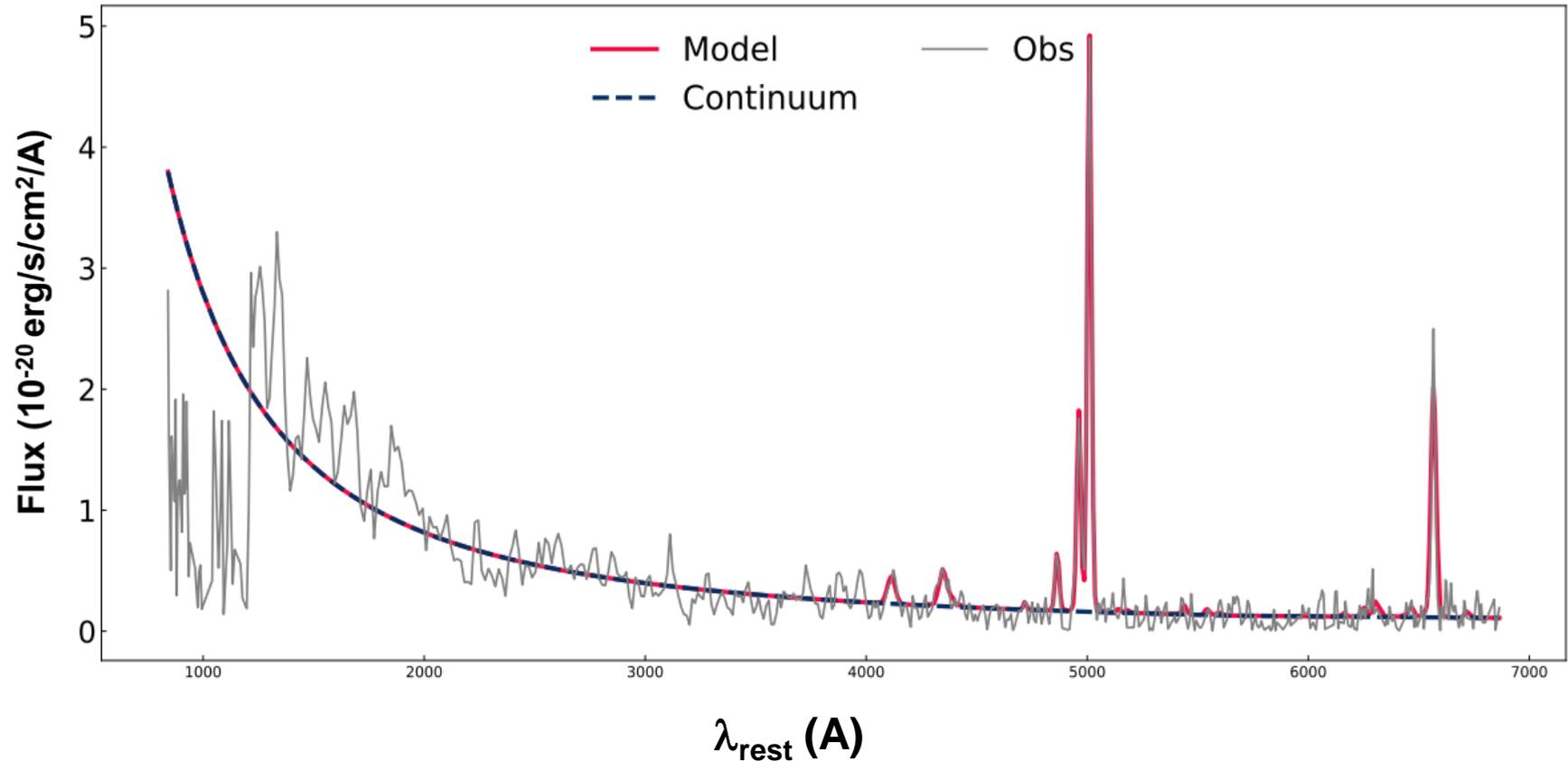
Dust in the early Universe with JWST

- NIRSpec spectroscopy in the PRISM configuration (0.6 - 5.3 μm , $R \sim 100$)
- Focus on JADES-GS+53.15138-27.81917 at $z \sim 6.71$
- Bump at 2175 \AA



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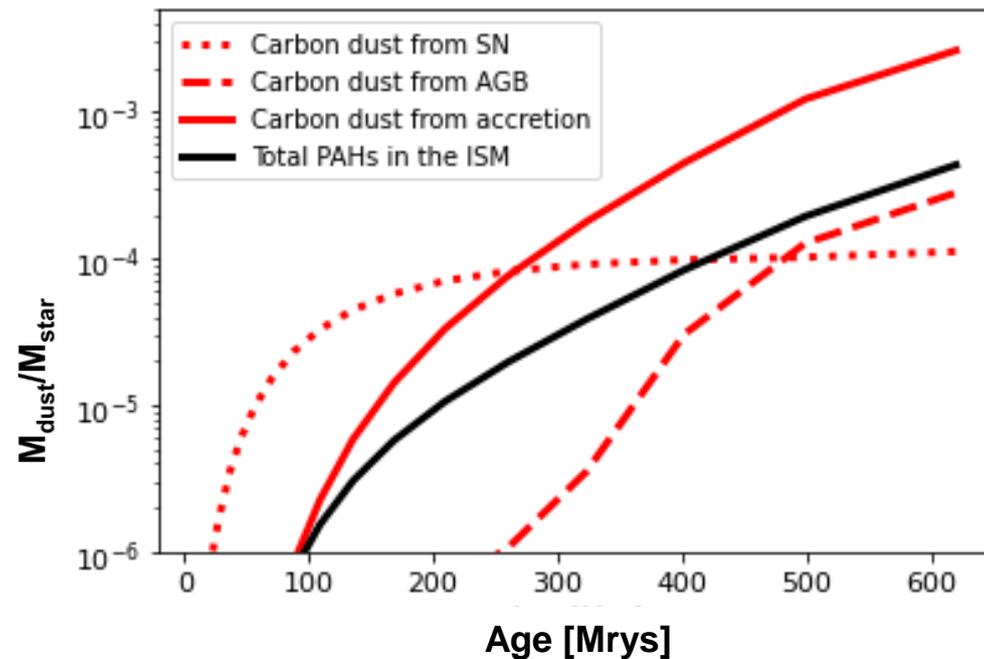
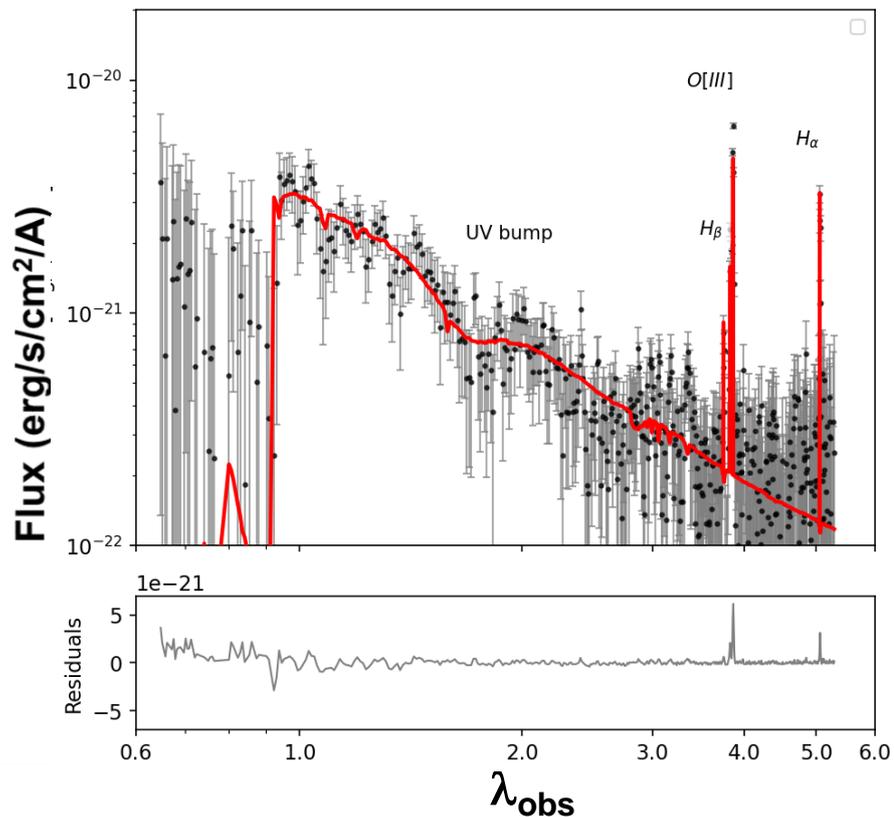
Metal in the early Universe with JWST



$H_{\alpha}/H_{\beta} \sim 3.7$

Strong oxygen lines (1/5 solar; Witstok+23)

Results



Nanni+, in prep

- Attenuation well reproduced ($H_\alpha/H_\beta \sim 3.7$)
- Young burst needed to reproduce the UV slope (30% mass of stars produced)
- 2175 Å bump reproduced with a ~4% PAHs mass fraction

Conclusions

- **It is possible to derive information about the dust composition around TP-AGB stars by studying their infrared spectra**
- **The wind speed of the outflow is connected the metallicity; few observations for C-stars at metallicity lower than solar are available**
- **The dust production rates of TP-AGB stars in different type of galaxies and clusters (characterized by diverse metallicity) are derived**
- **The estimate of the dust production and mass-loss rates is affected by the assumptions in radiative transfer calculations (e. g. dust optical constants)**
- **Optical properties of dust grains can be (somehow) constrained**
- **Theoretical dust ejecta depend considerably on the TP-AGB modelling. It is important to have robust constrain on the TP-AGB phase to model the metal and dust evolution in galaxies.**