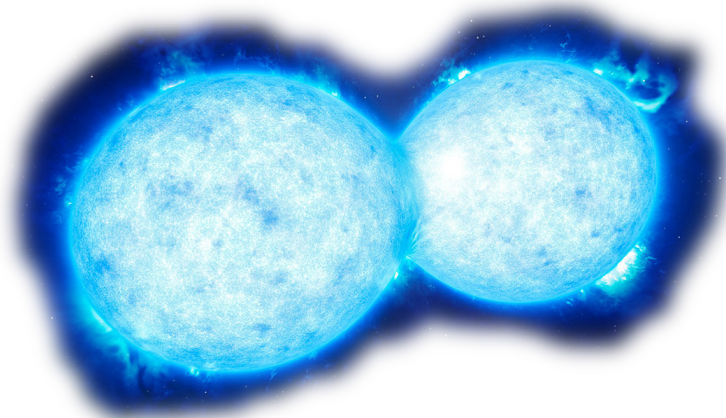


# Observing remnants of **red novae**: what happens after the merger?

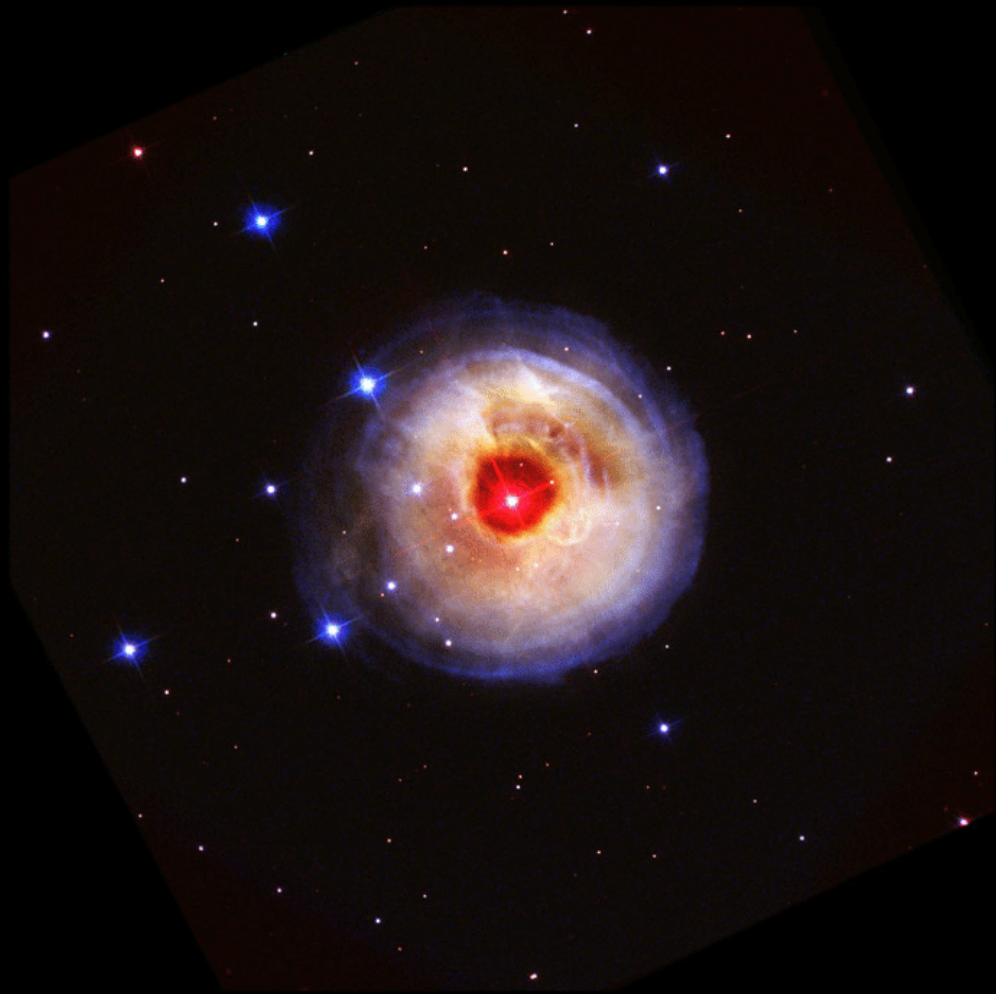


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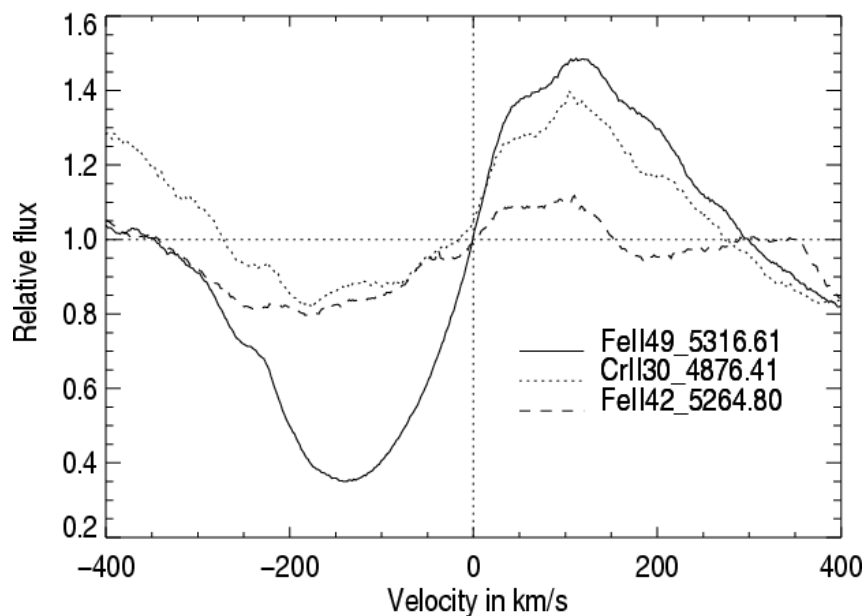
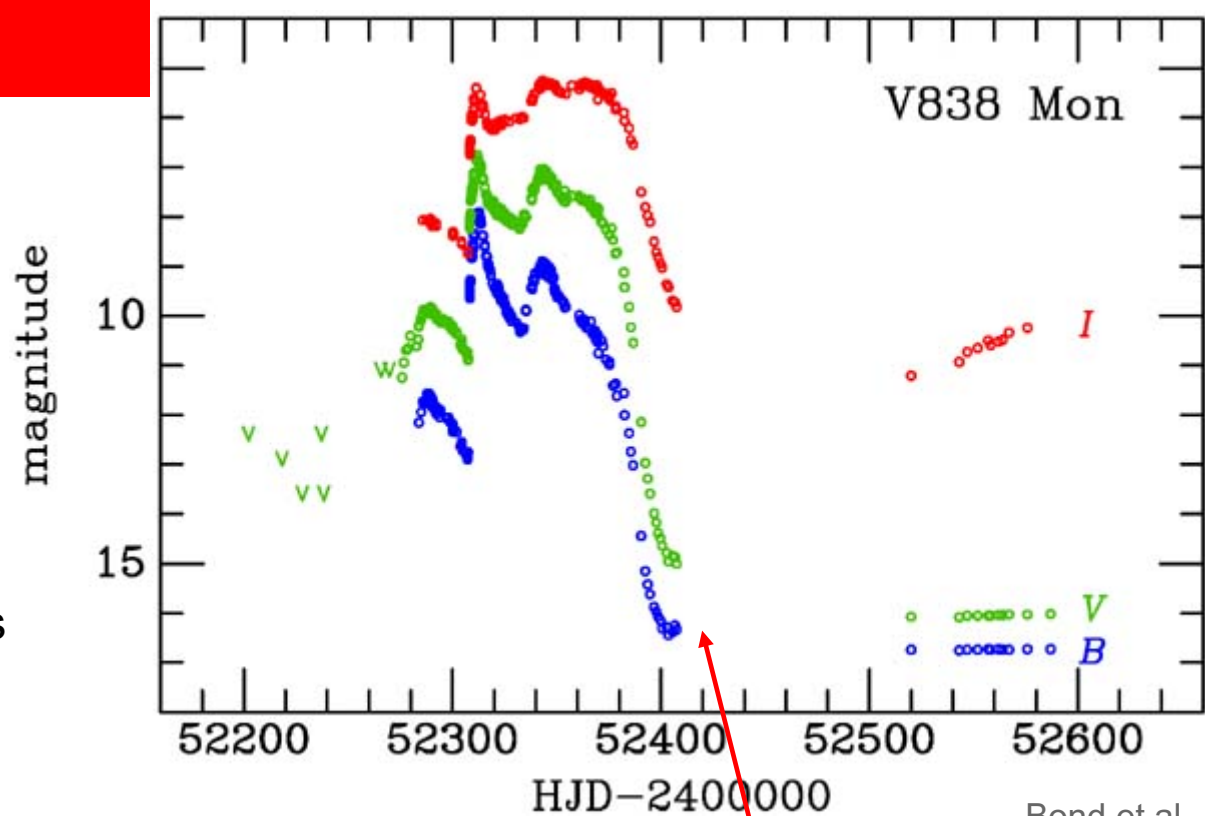
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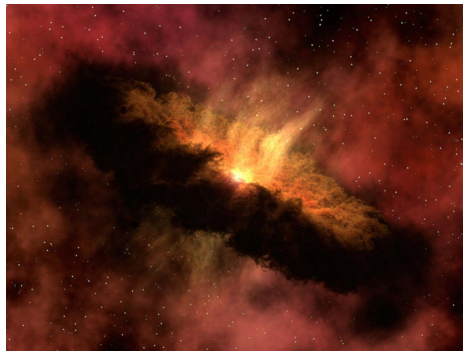
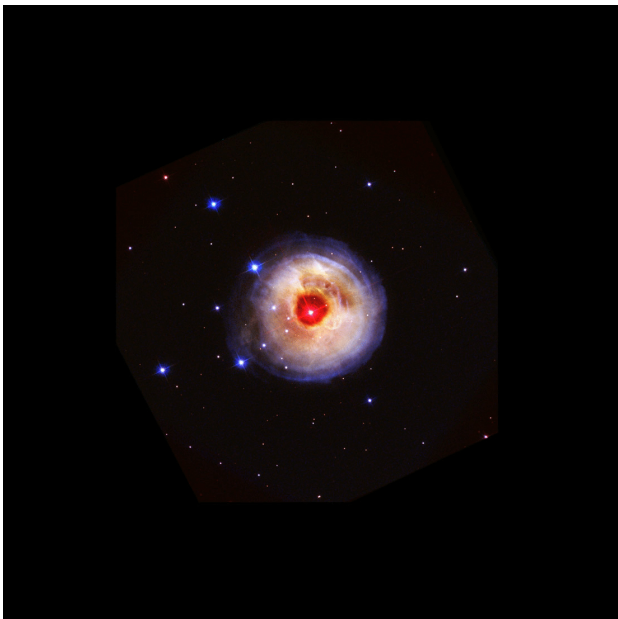
V838 Mon  
light echo  
2002-2006  
HST Bond et al.

# The outburst of V838 Mon

- caught in eruption in January 2002
- $\sim 10^6 L_{\odot}$  in maximum light
- multi-peak outburst
- no X ray flux detected
- matter ejected with velocities up to  $\sim 500$  km/s, but mostly up to 350 km/s
- B-type MS progenitor!



L-type supergiant producing dust



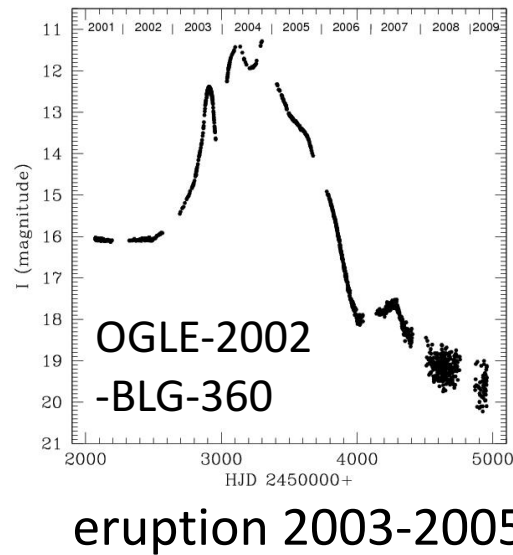
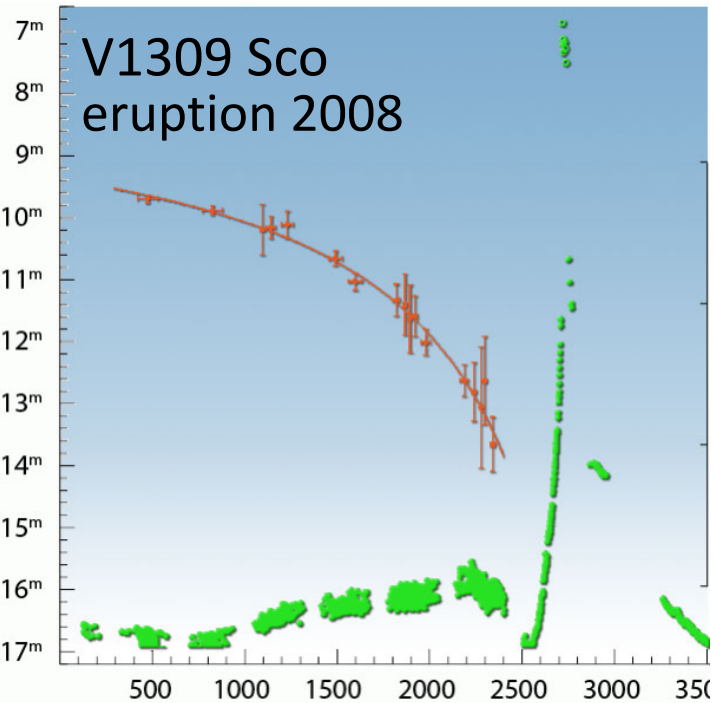
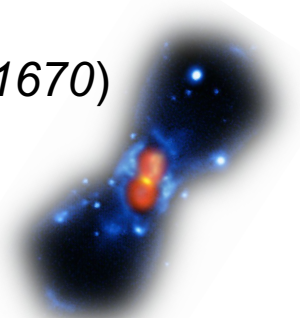
V4332 Sgr  
eruption 1994

Galactic  
**red novae**  
a.k.a red transients

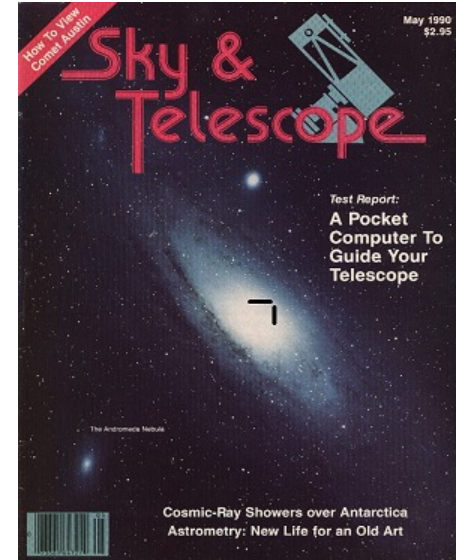
V838 Mon  
eruption: 2002



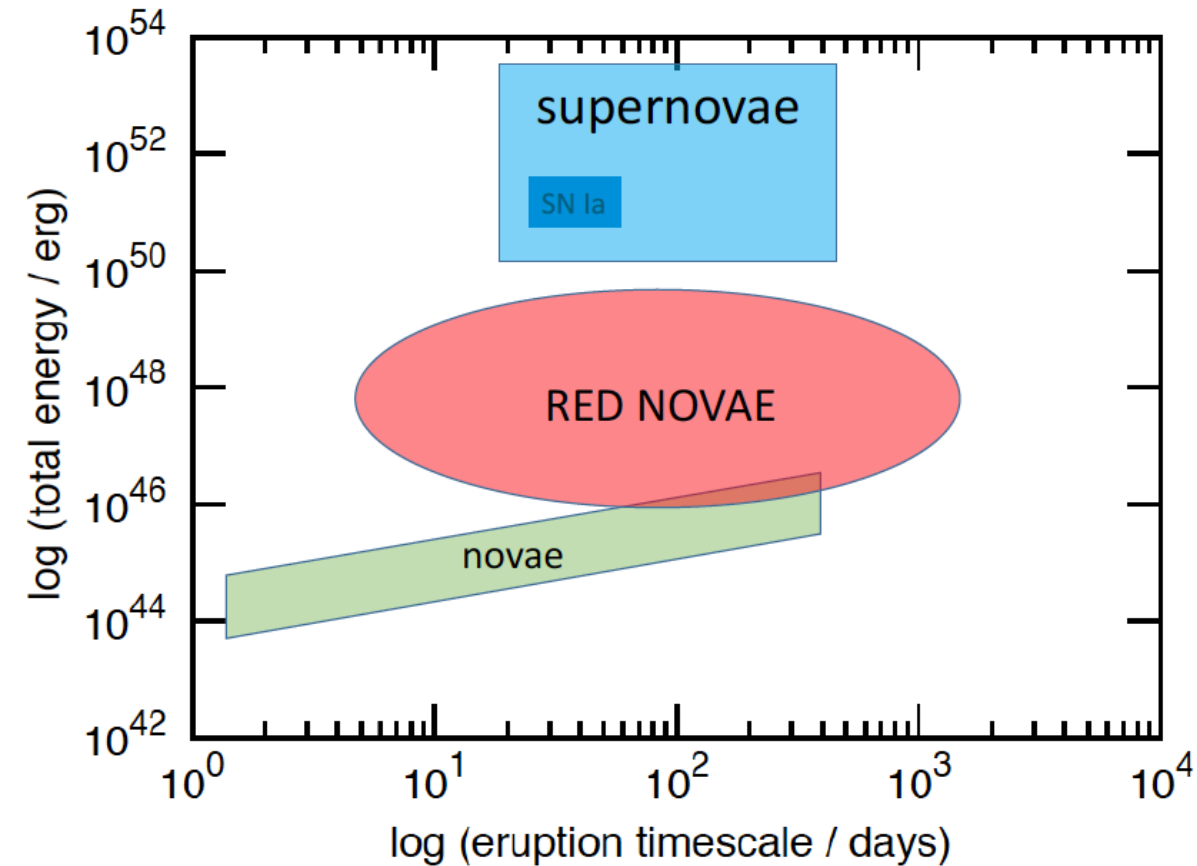
CK Vul  
(Nova 1670)



# Red novae can be extragalactic



M31-RV  
(Red Variable)  
eruption: 1989



based on diagram of Kashi & Soker

extragalactic **red novae**:

M85 OT2006  
NGC300 OT2008  
PTF10acbp  
NGC 4490-OT2011  
M31 LRN 2015  
M101 OT2015-1  
and more !

too weak to be observed after their  
outbursts

# Red novae characteristics

- intermediate spectral types in outburst
- light curve with multiple peaks
- matter ejected at velocities of a few hundred km/s
- quick cooling after the outburst (no coronal phase)
- cool stellar remnant (M-type spectrum)
- produces lots of molecules and dust
- (oxygen-rich CSE)

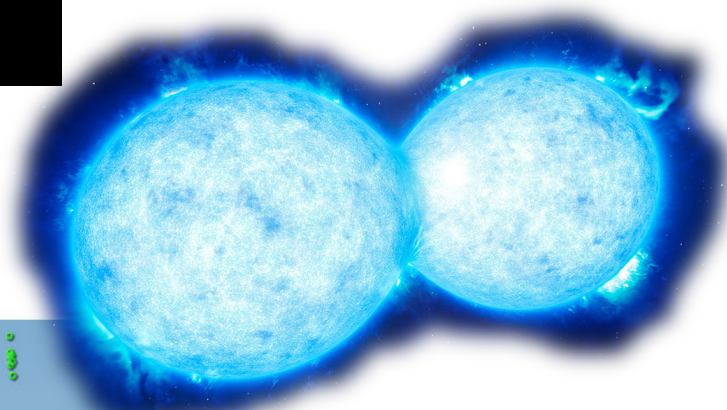
 stellar mergers

Soker & Tylenda 2003  
Tylenda & Soker 2006  
Tylenda+ 2011

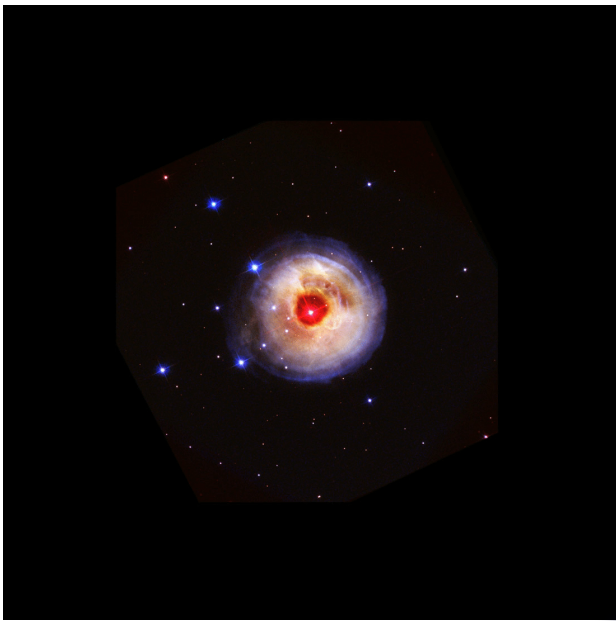
Red novae  
are  
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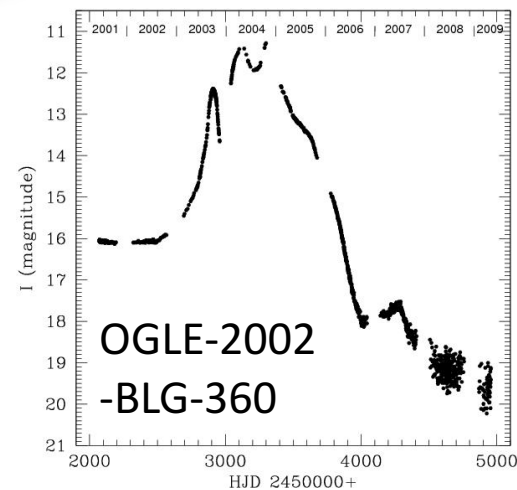
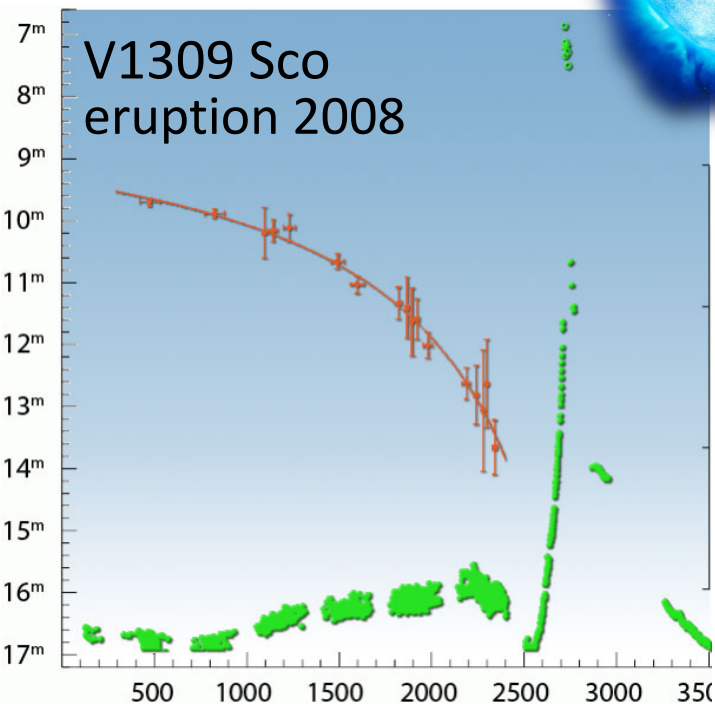
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(Nova 1670)



V838 Mon  
eruption: 2002



eruption 2003-2005

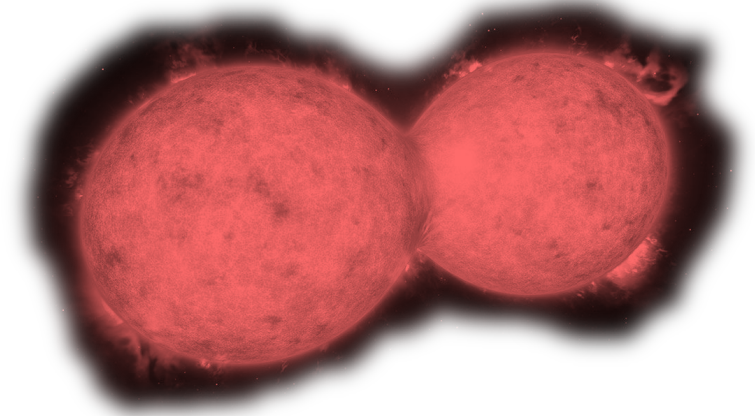
# Why bother to observe the remnants of red novae?

➤ investigate the product of the merger and verify predictions about the remnant

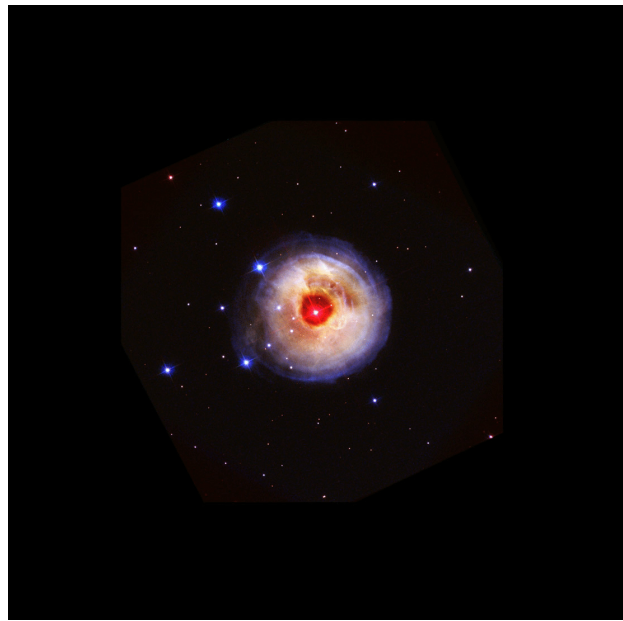
- fast rotators
- disk/torus formation
- mass loss (outflow, wind, ejecta)
- strong magnetic fields (magnetic braking?)
- elemental abundance patterns

➤ constrain better the nature of the progenitors

- look for material of the common envelope?
- mass-loss history
- interstellar environment

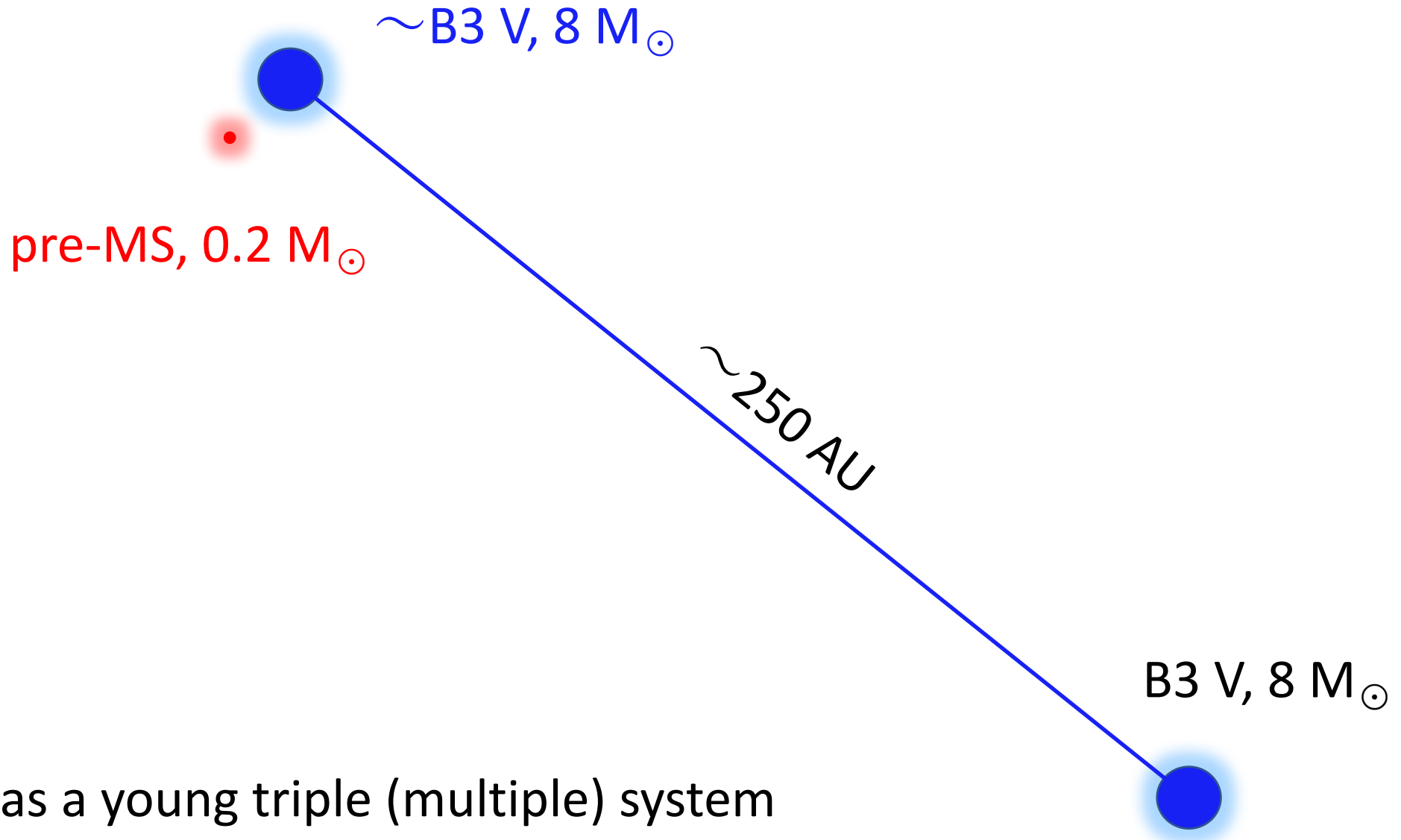






V838 Mon  
eruption: 2002

# V838 Mon prior to the 2002 eruption



was a young triple (multiple) system

Tylenda et al. 2005

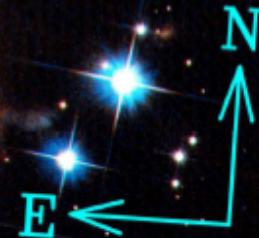
Tylenda & Soker 2006

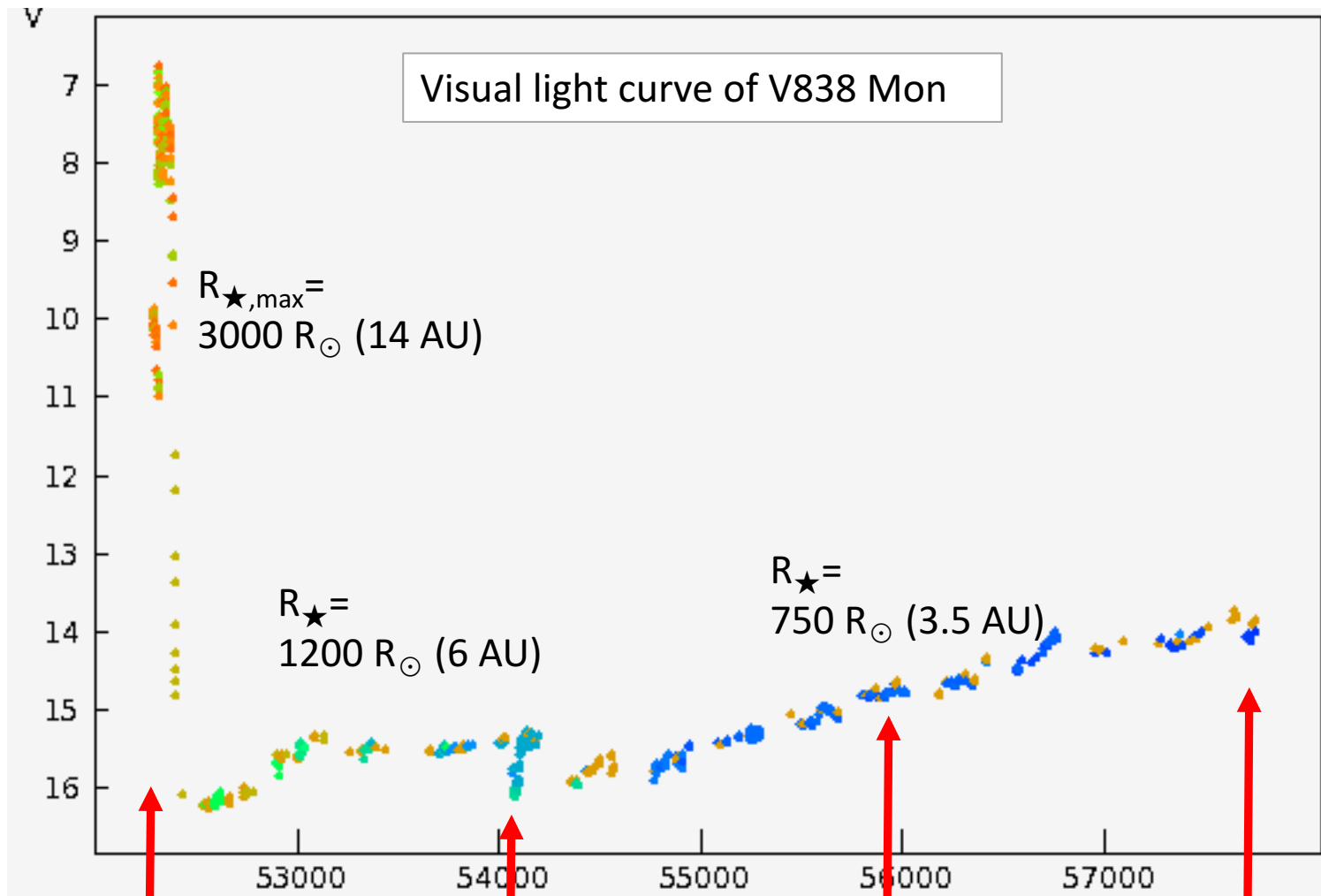
Tylenda, Kamiński, Schmidt 2009

the echoing material  
is the ISM,  
not a stellar outflow

CO  $J=1 \rightarrow 0$   
CO  $J=3 \rightarrow 2$

cluster members





2002  
outburst

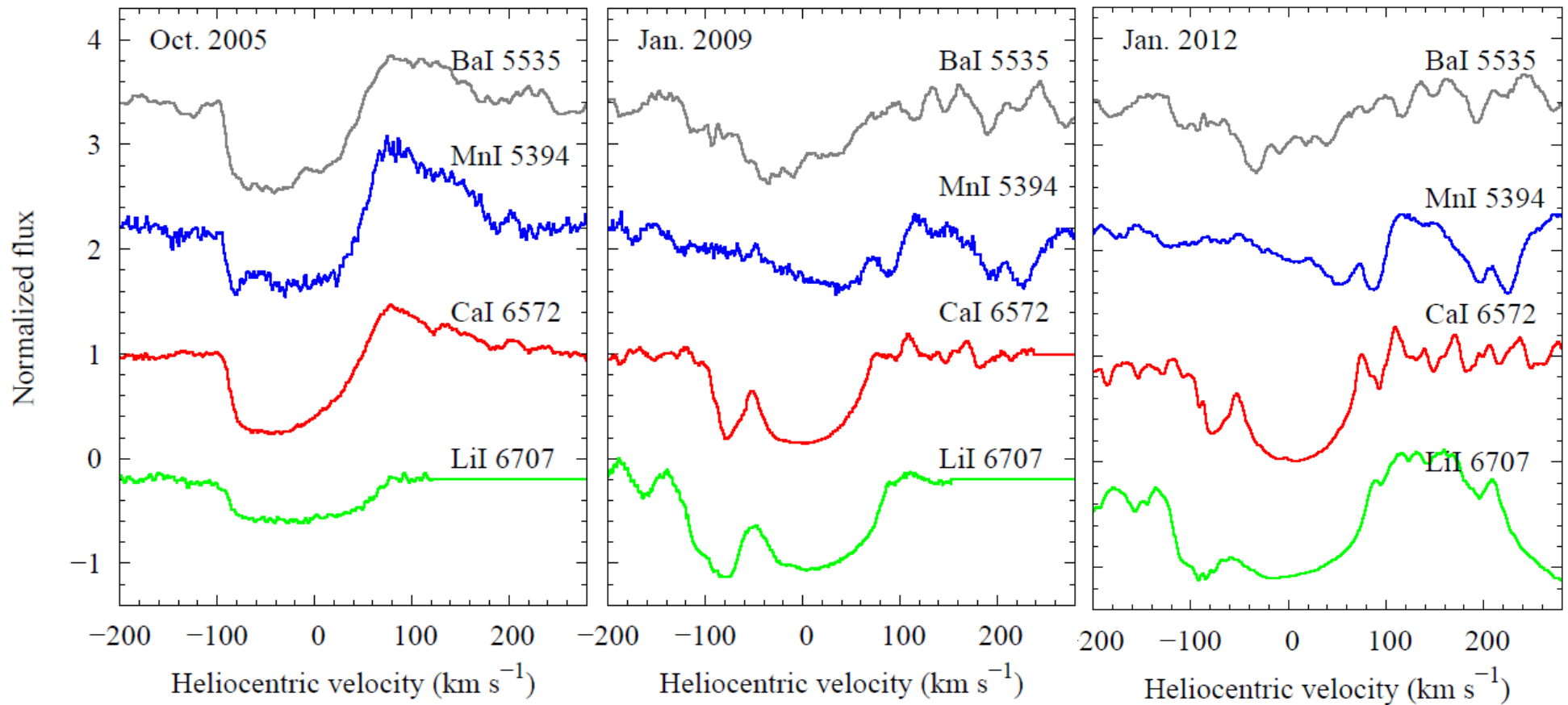
2005  
PTI

2012  
MIDI

2017

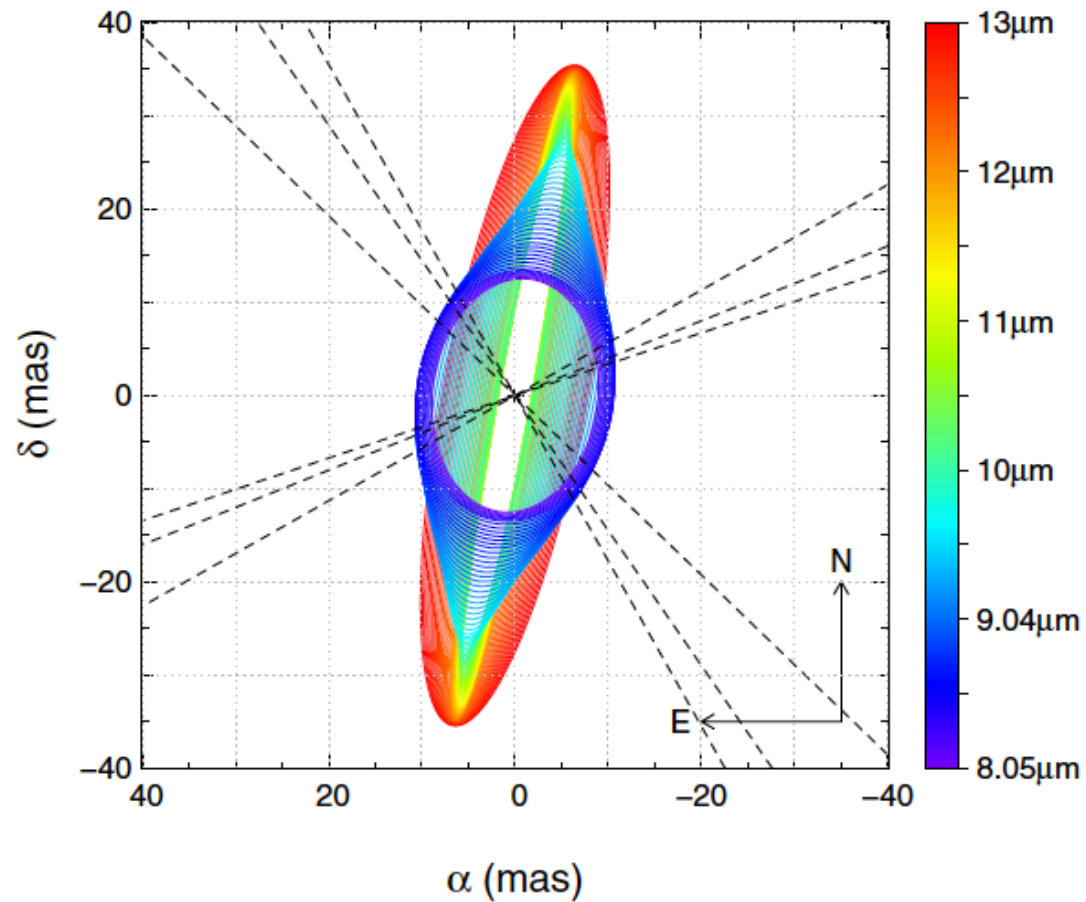


# Profile changes in V838 Mon - variable wind?



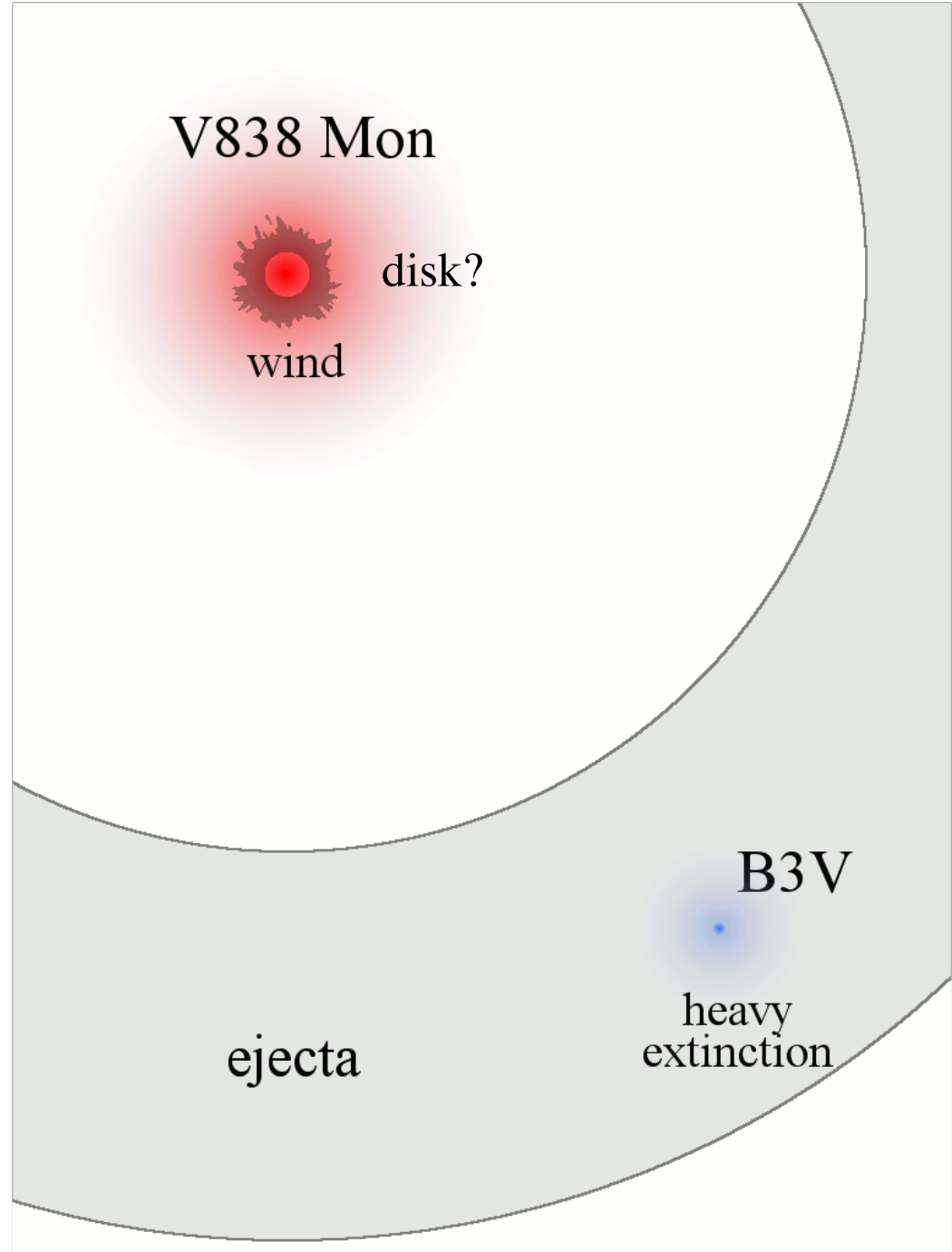
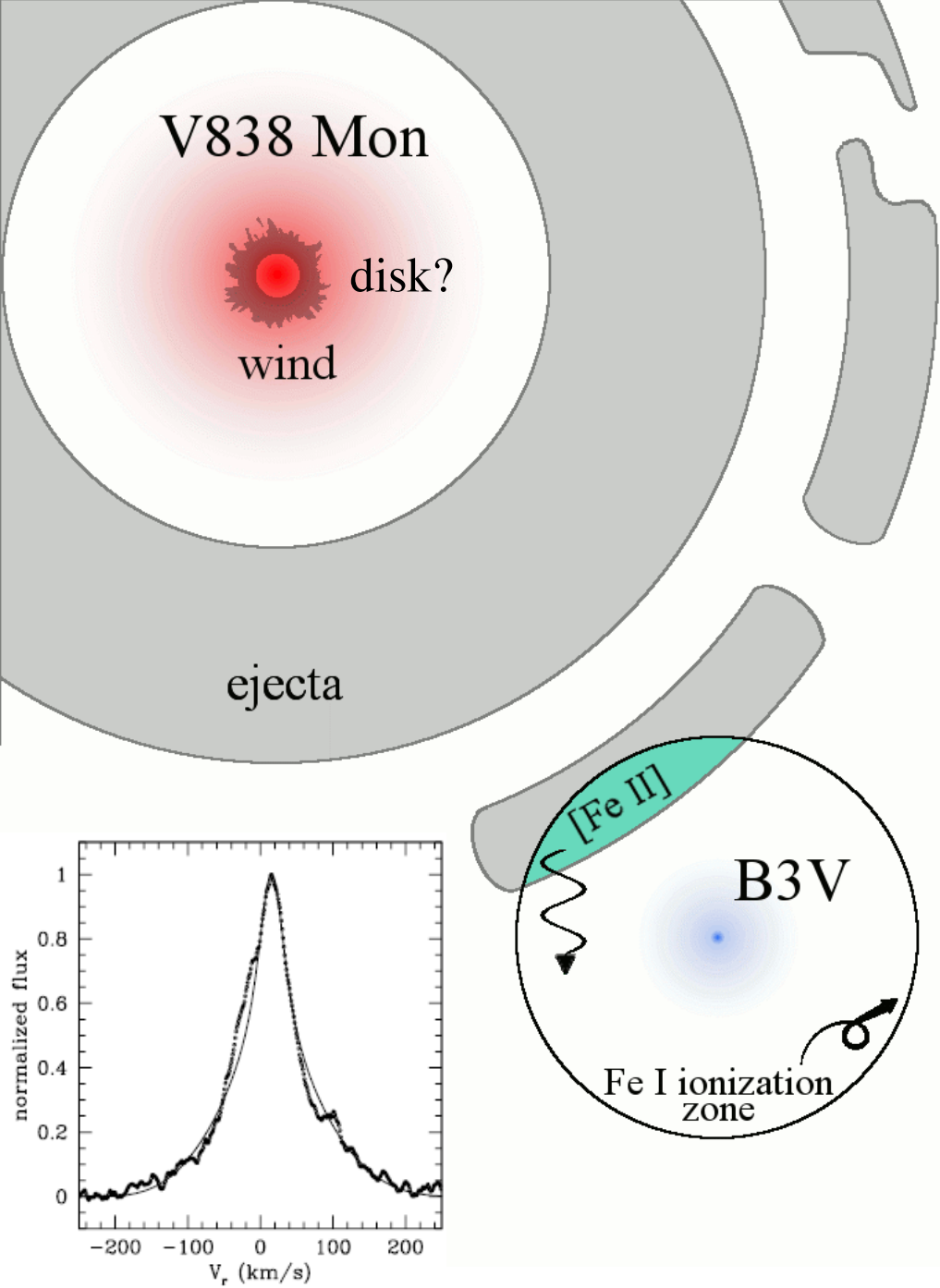
# MIR interferometric observations 2011/2012

Flattened dusty structure (disk?)



70 mas = 427 AU

$R_{\star} = 3.5$  AU



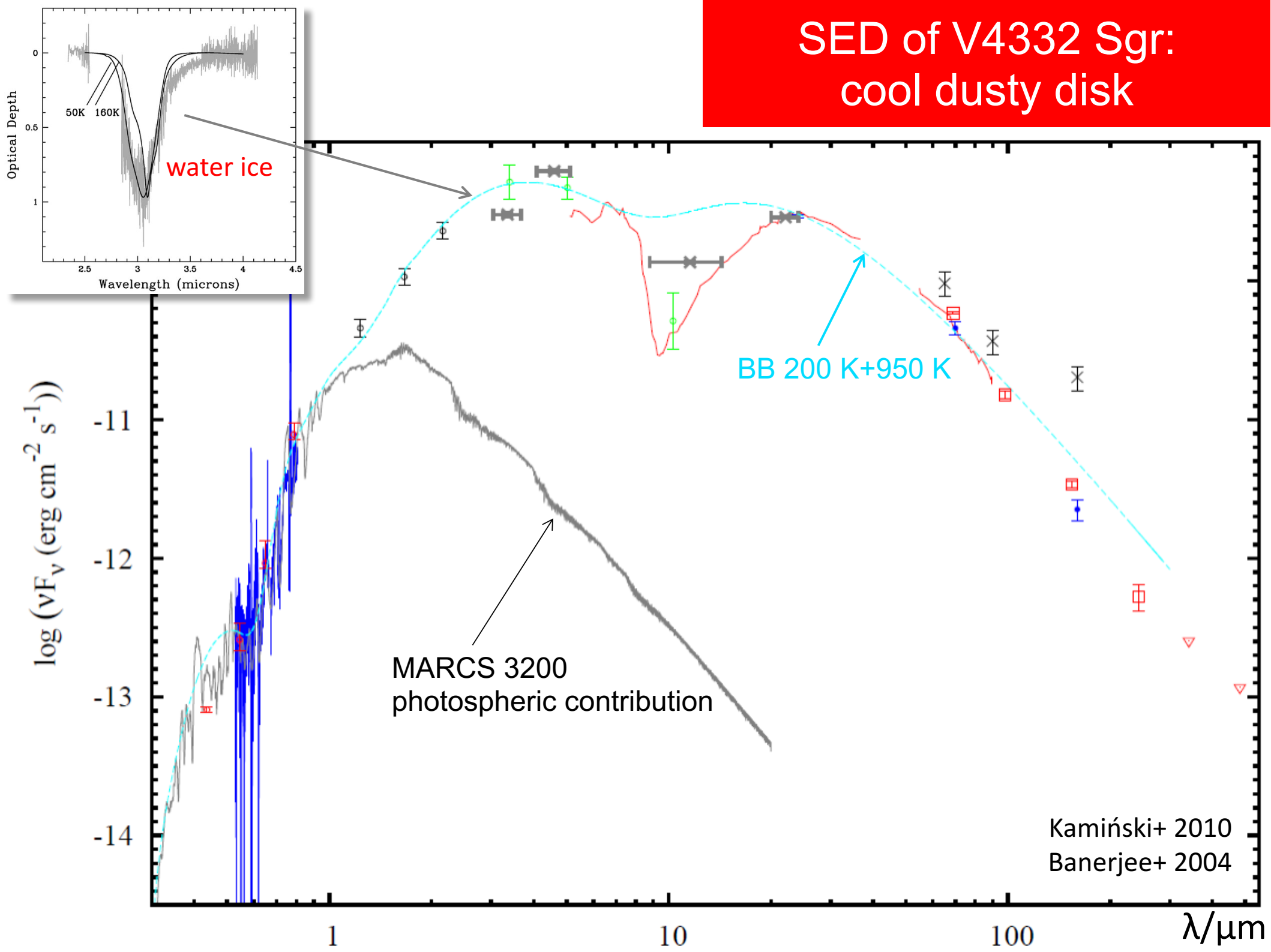
V838 Mon in ~2005  $\longrightarrow$  and after ~2006



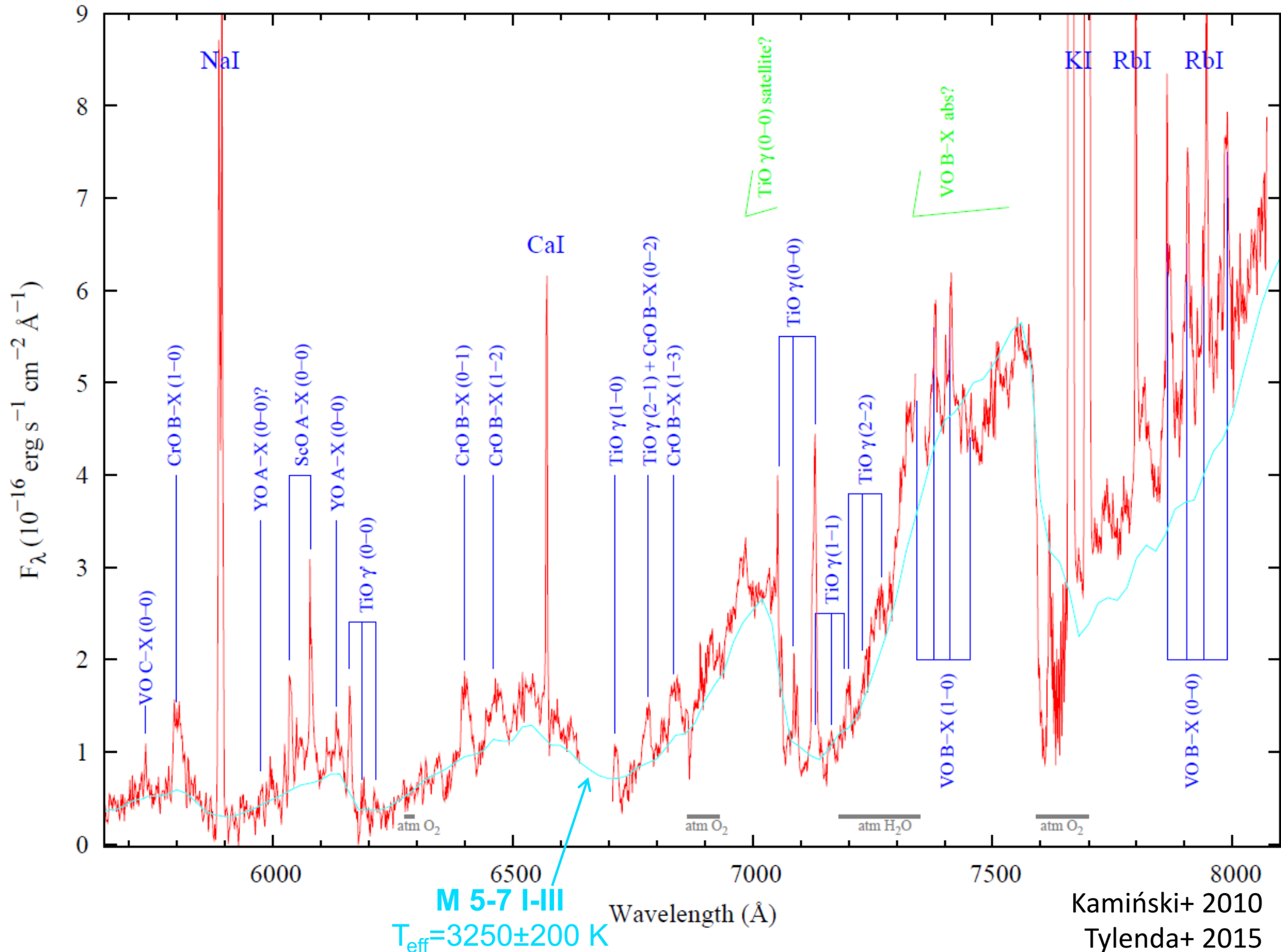
V4332 Sgr  
eruption 1994



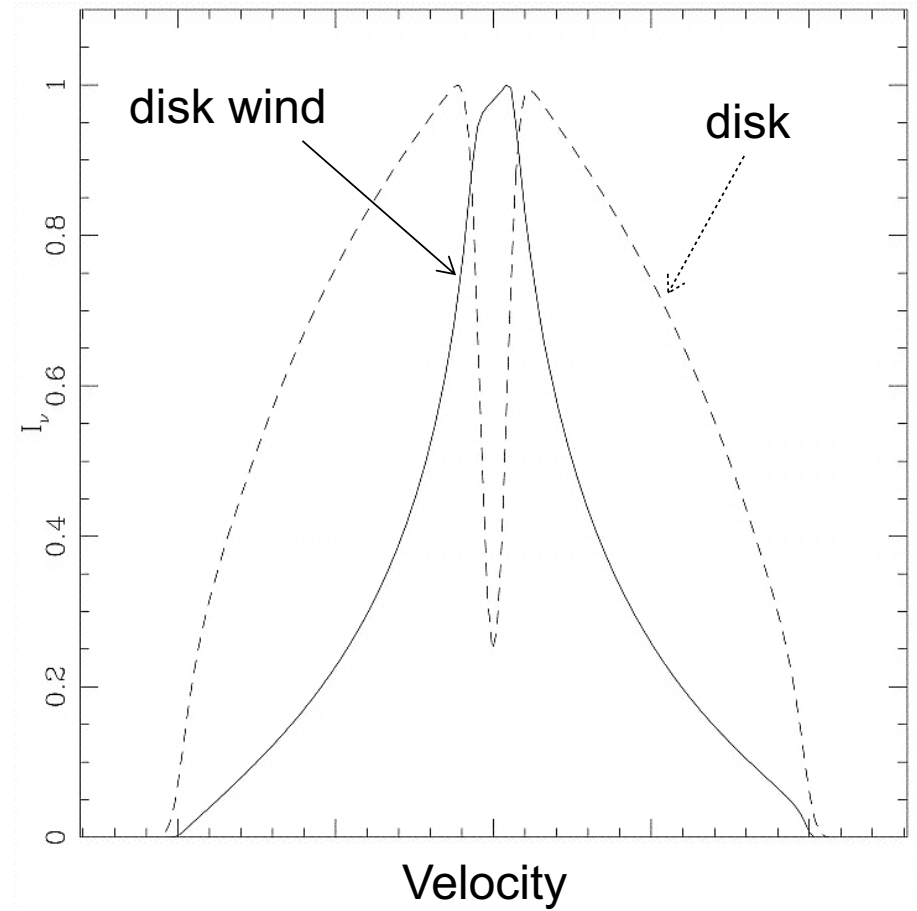
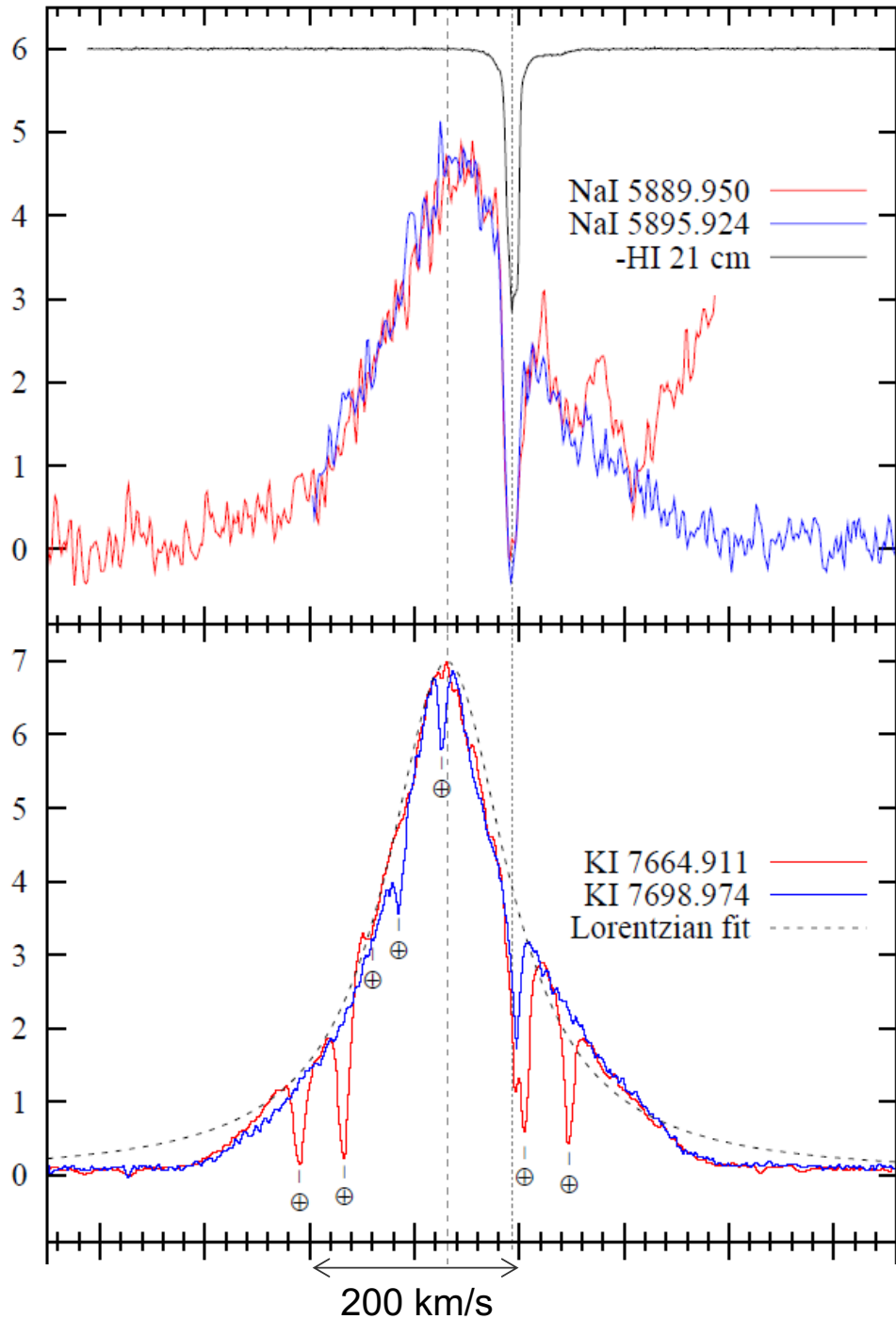
# SED of V4332 Sgr: cool dusty disk



V4332 Sgr, 2009

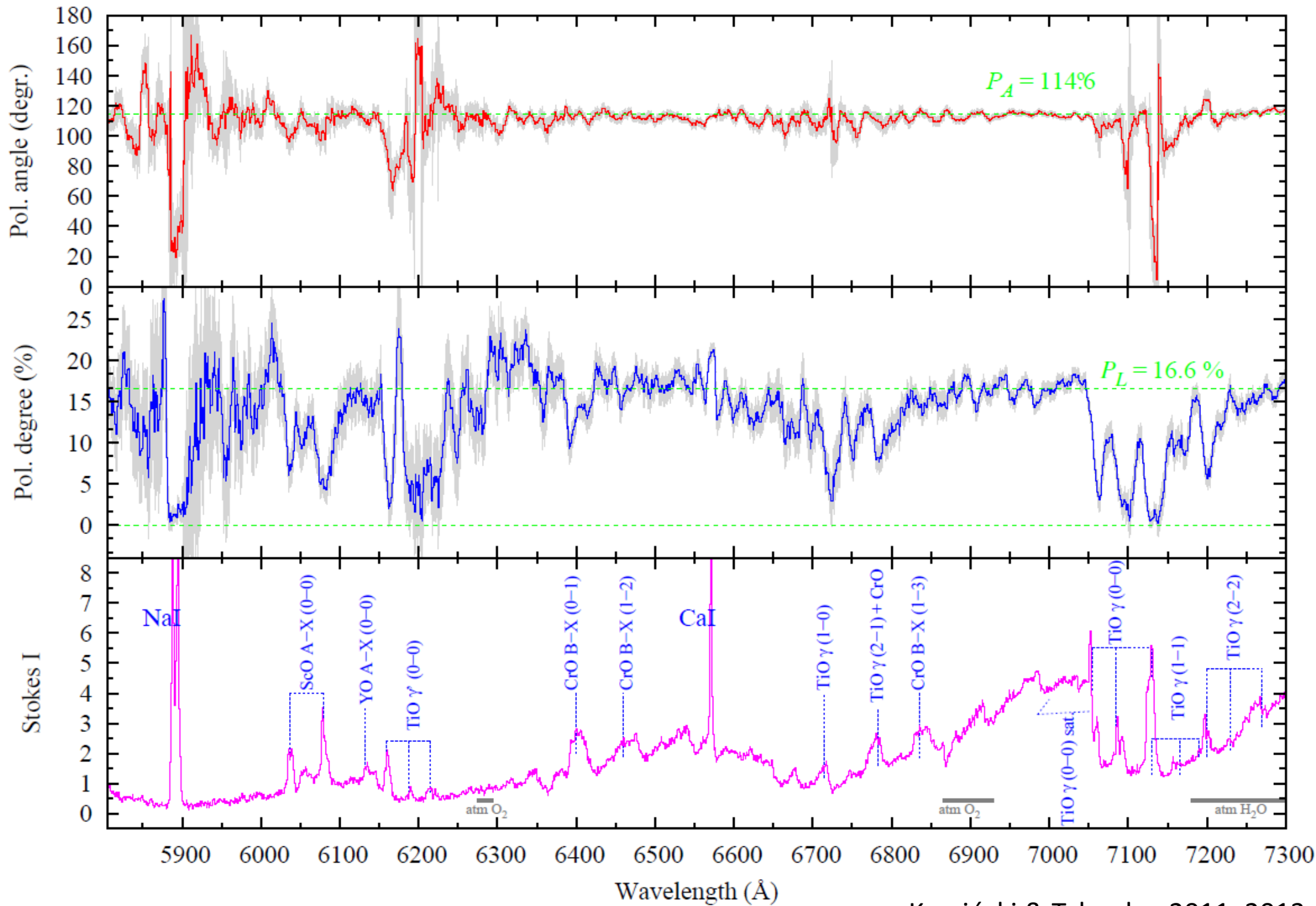


# Disk wind in V4332 Sgr



disk vs disk-wind line profiles  
(Murray & Chiang 1996)

# Spectropolarimetry of V4332 Sgr



IRAS 04302+2247

"Butterfly Star"

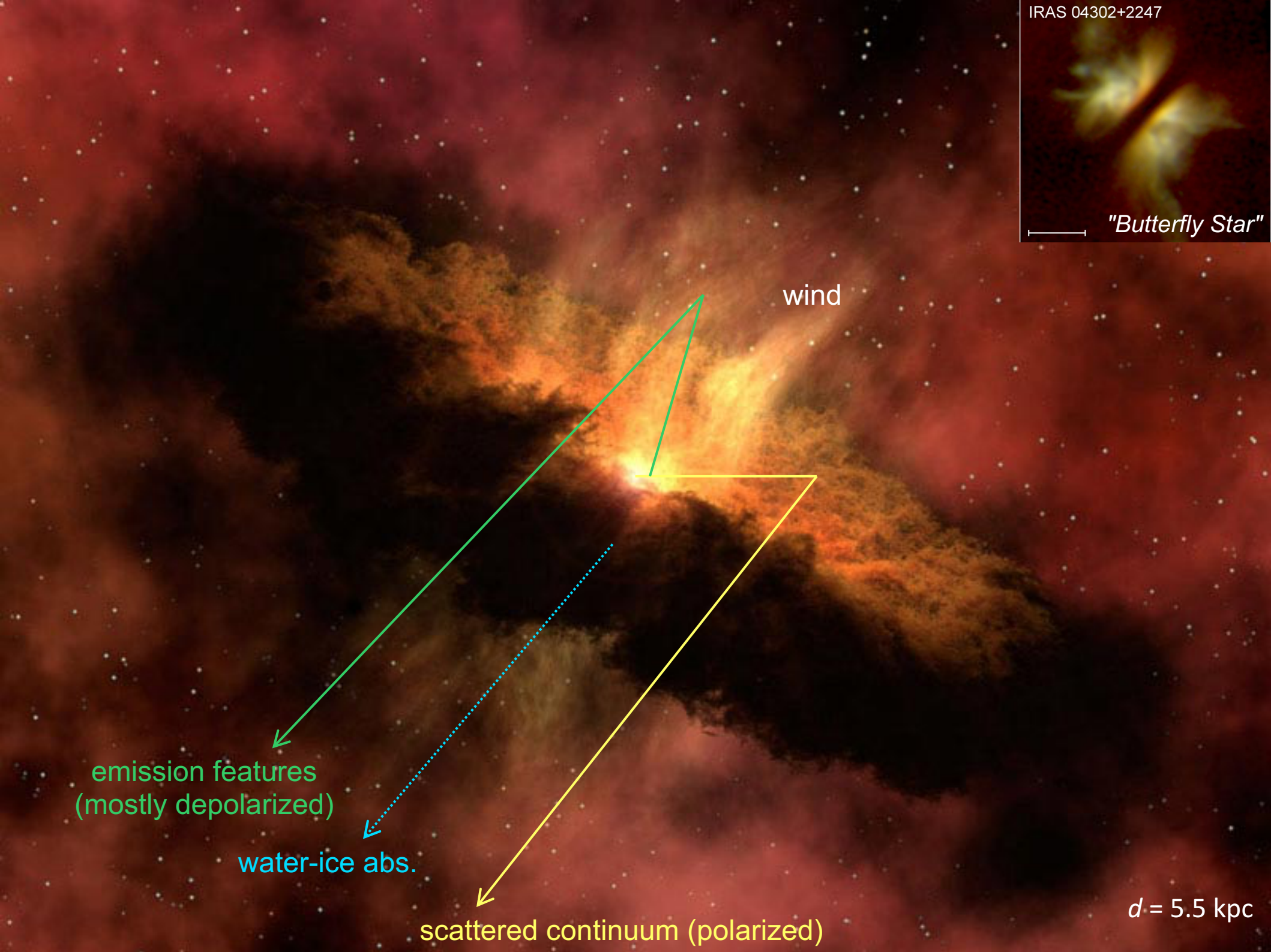
wind

emission features  
(mostly depolarized)

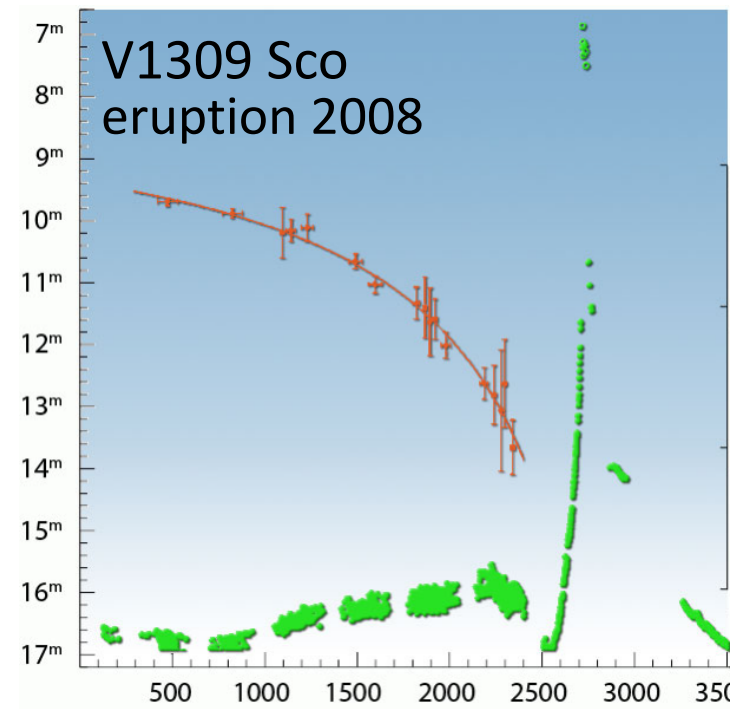
water-ice abs.

scattered continuum (polarized)

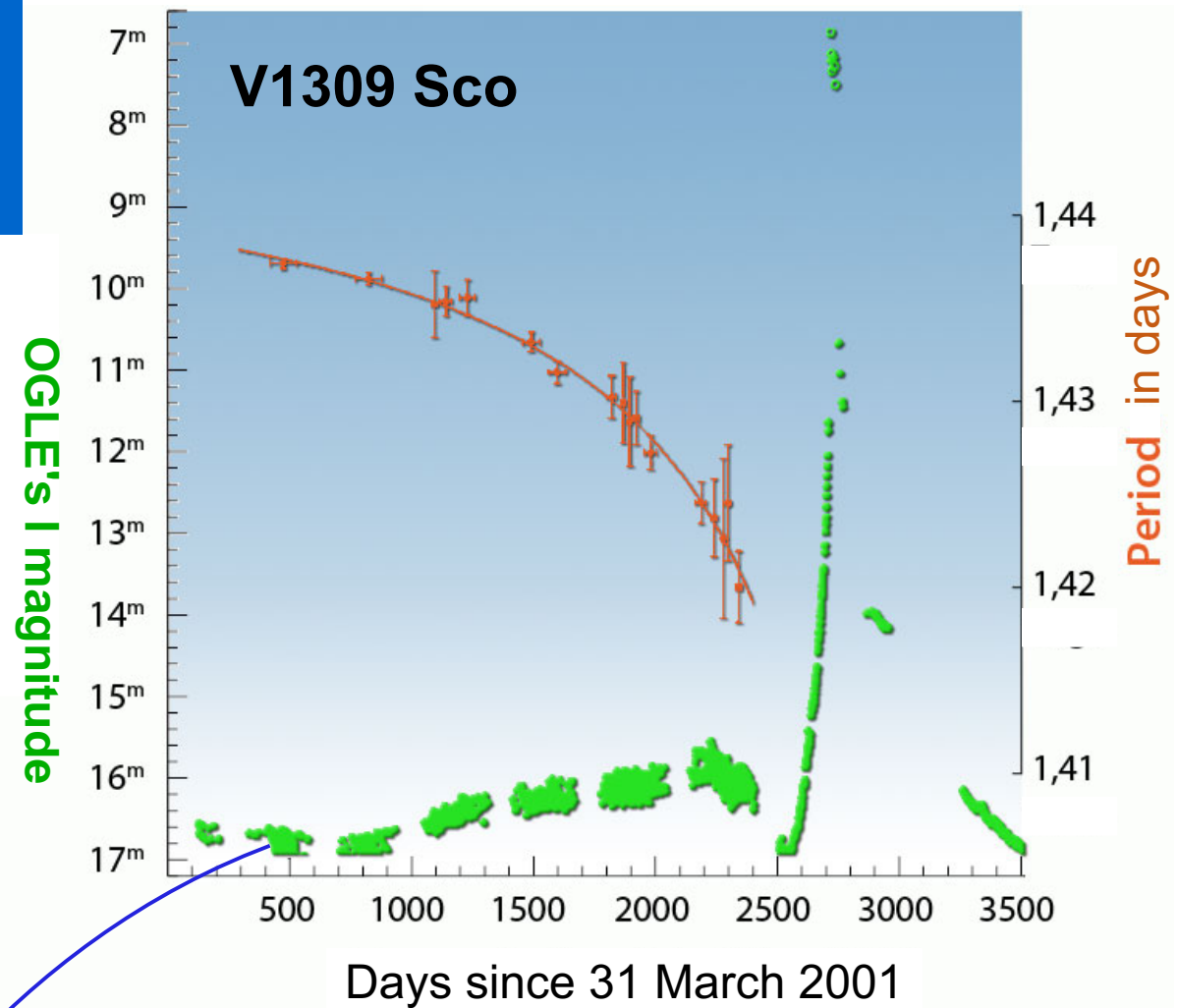
$d = 5.5$  kpc



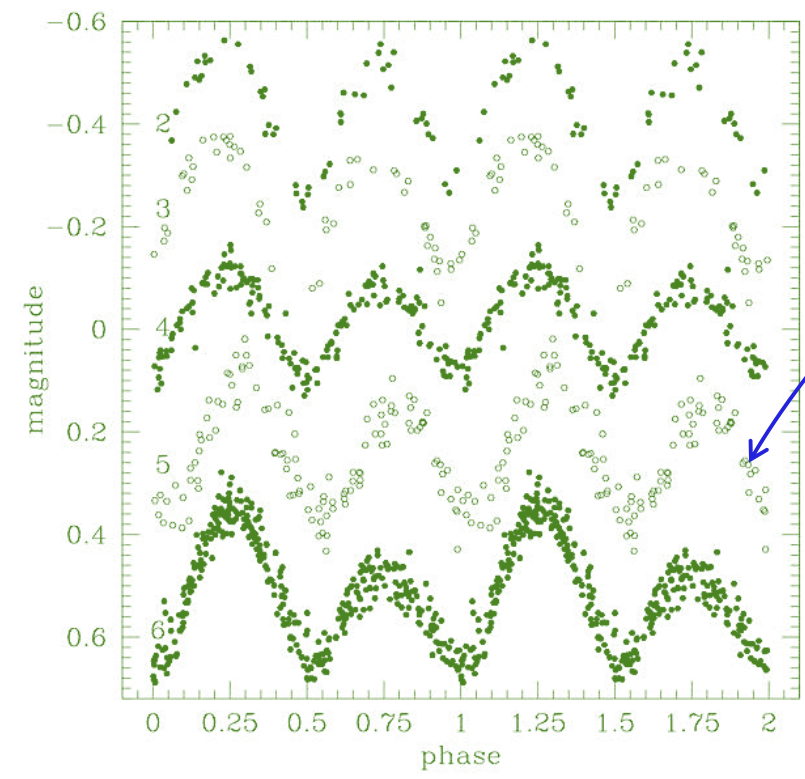
# V1309 Sco the Rosetta Stone



# Most convincing observation of a merger in a binary to date



eclipsing contact binary before the eruption:



$M_1 = 1.52 M_\odot$  red giant

$M_2 = 0.16 M_\odot$  MS

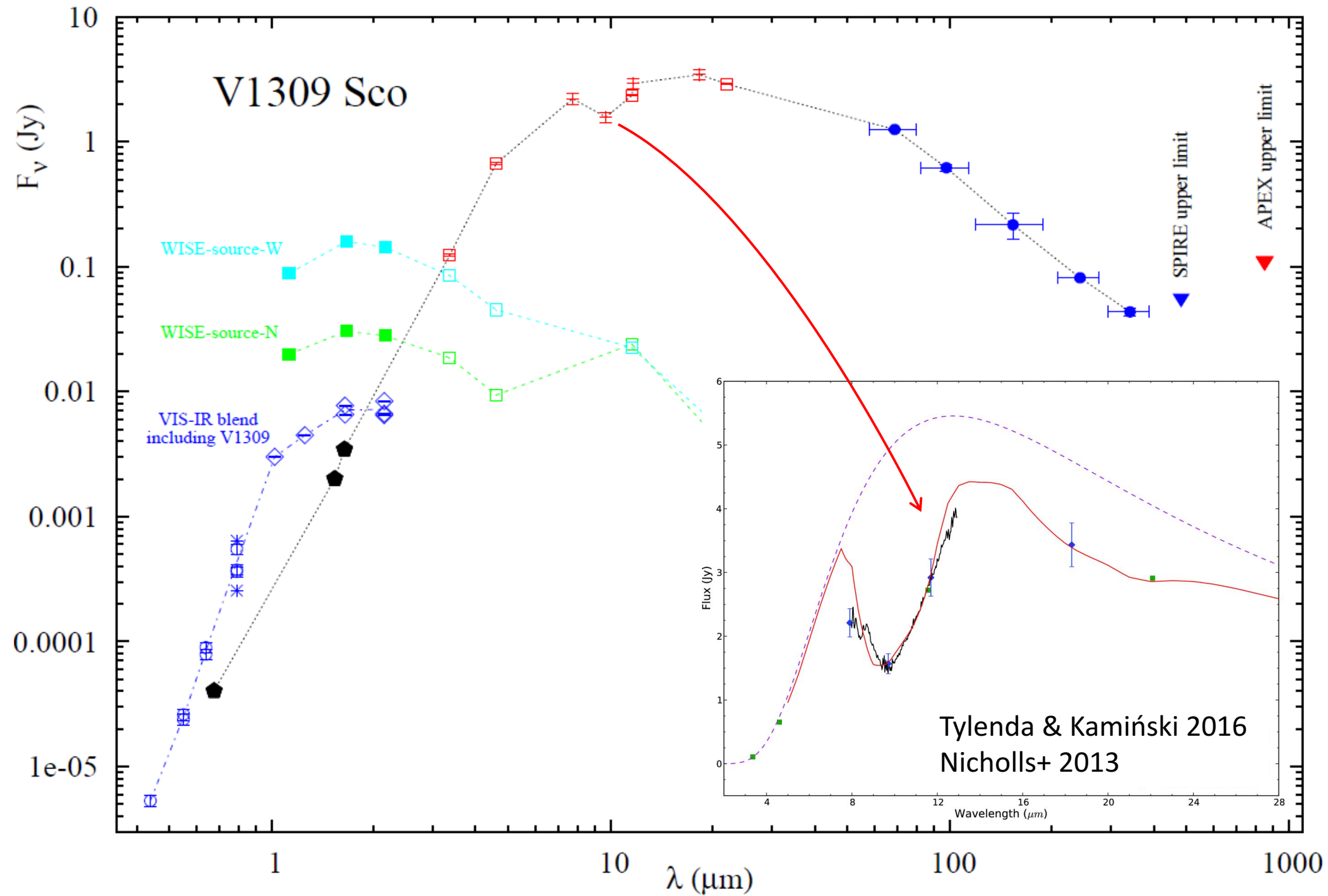
$P_0 = 1.4^d$

$d = 3.5$  kpc

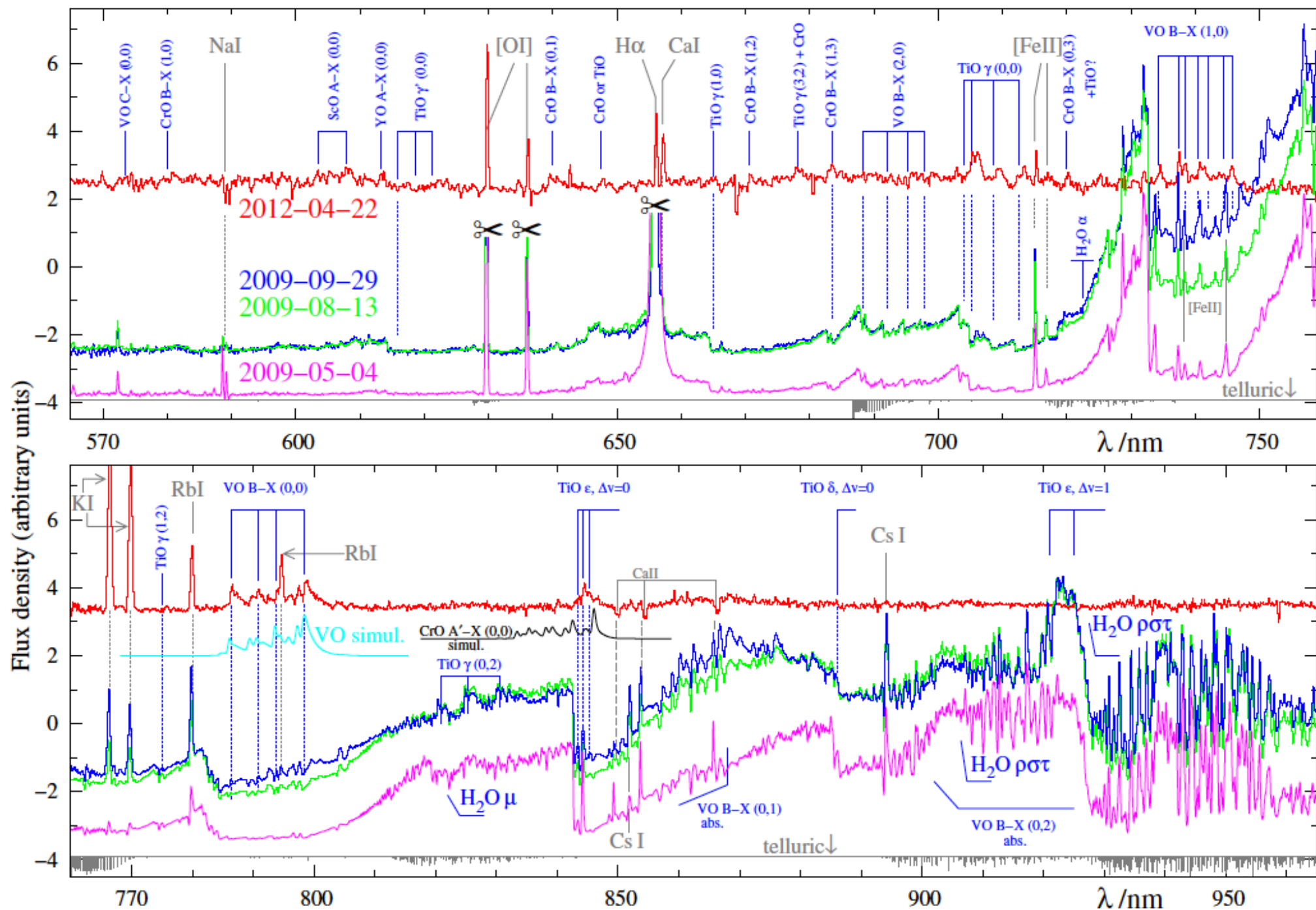
Tylenda et al. 2011  
 Stępień 2011



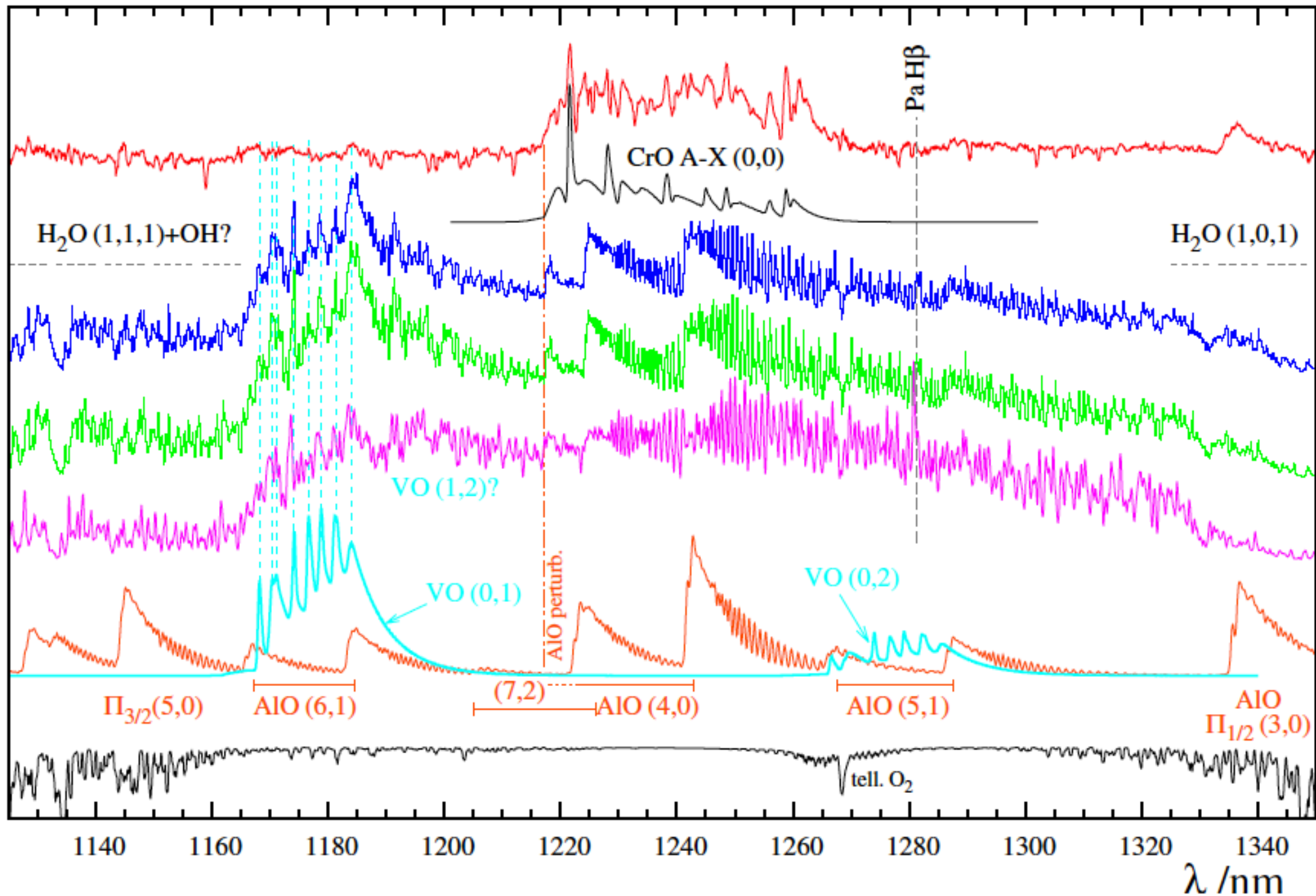
# Dusty disk in V1309 Sco (just like in V4332)



# V1309 Sco as a spectroscopic twin of V4332 Sgr



# AIO & CrO in V1309 Sco

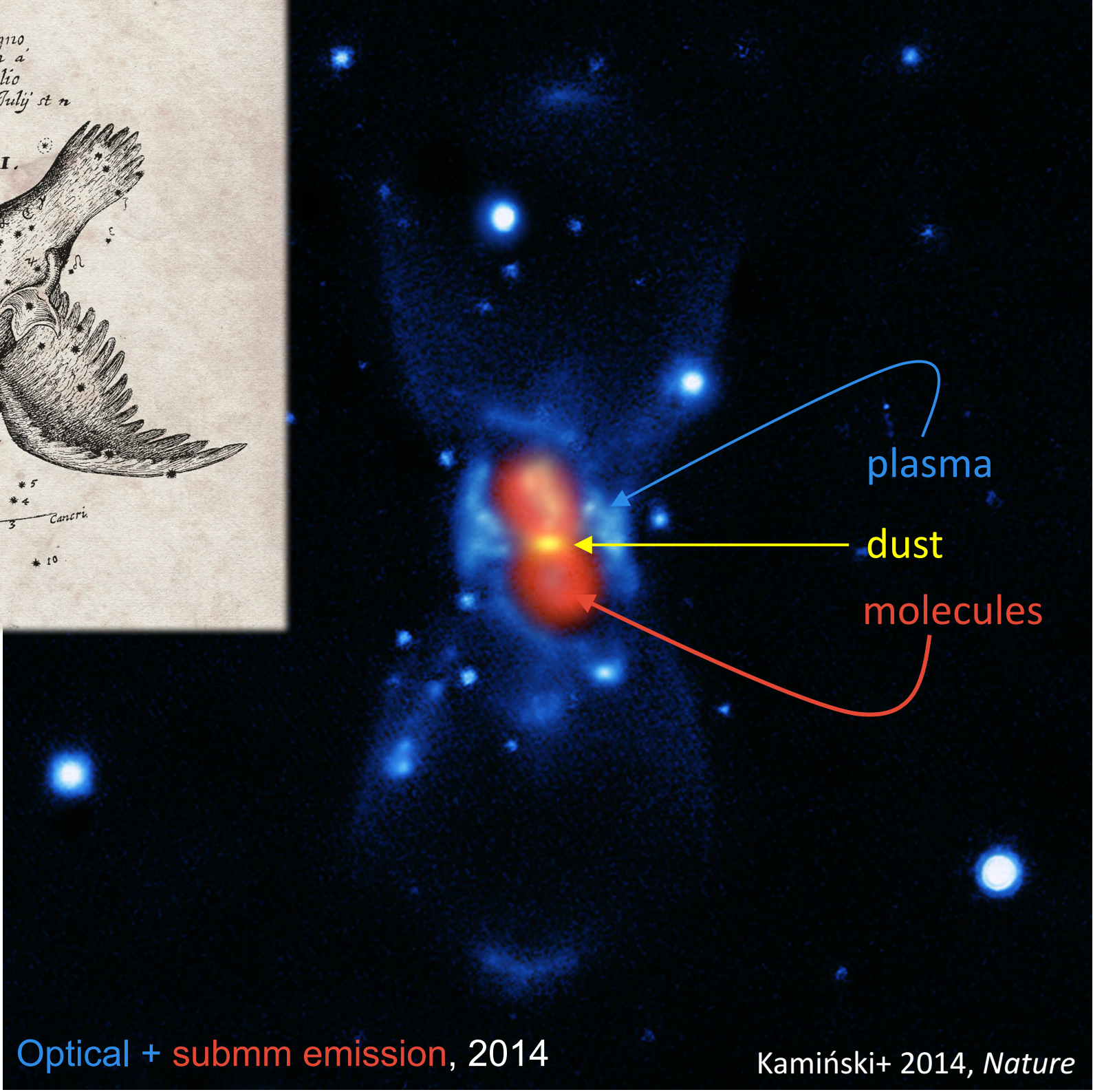


V4332 Sgr  
=V1309 Sco?





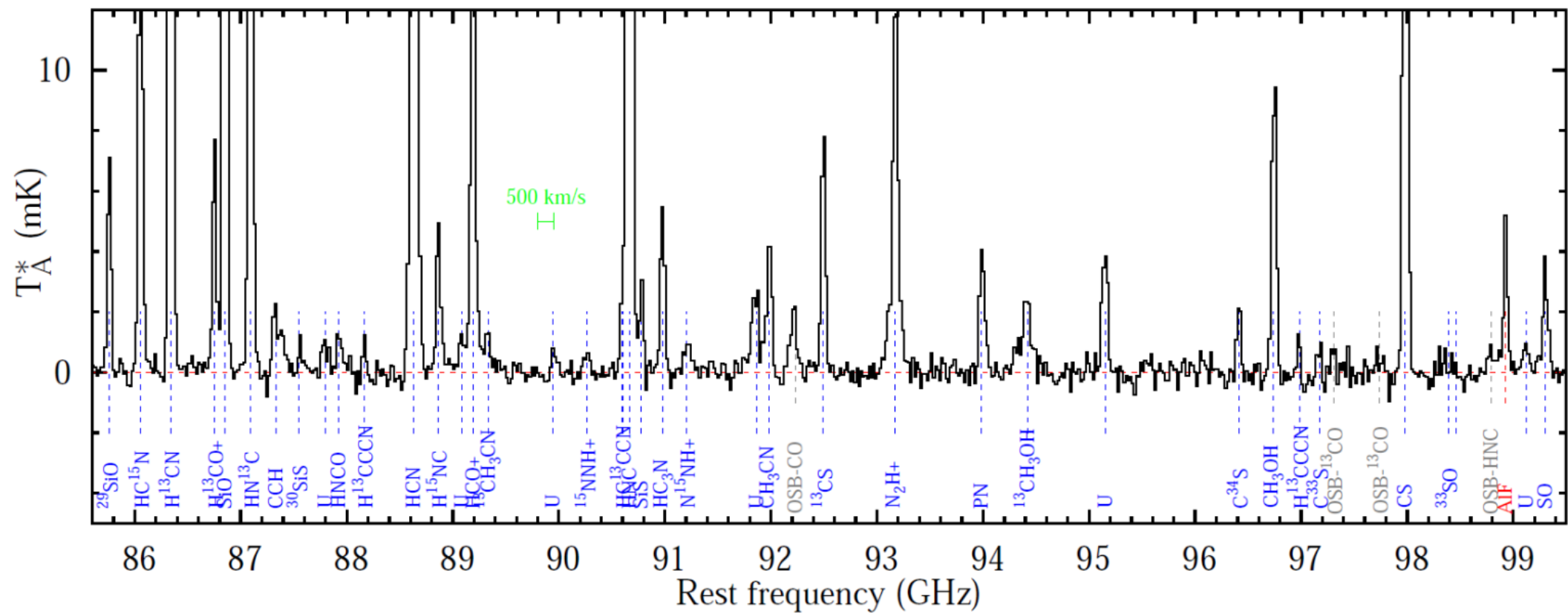
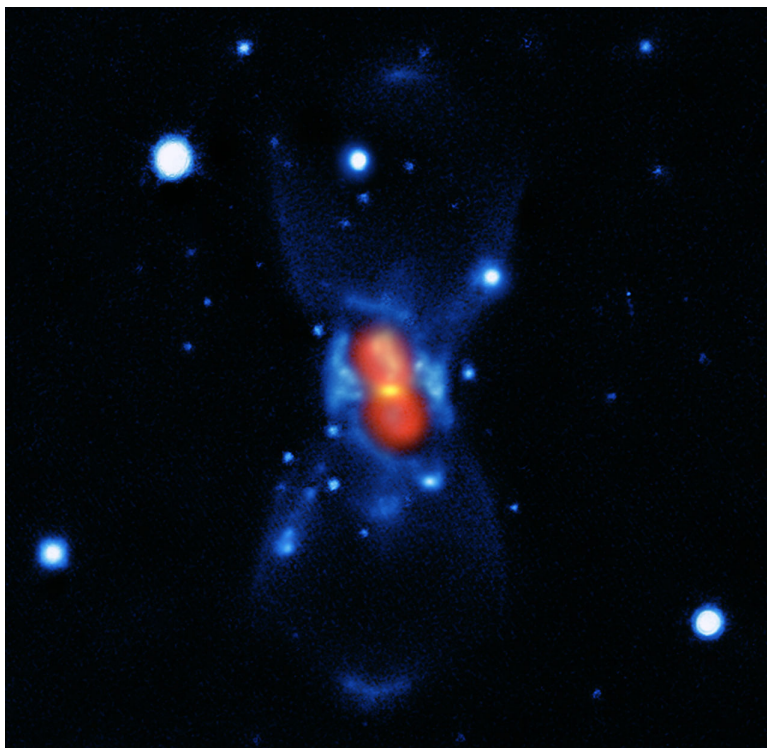
CK Vul (*Nova 1670*)  
documented  
by Hevelius & Cassini



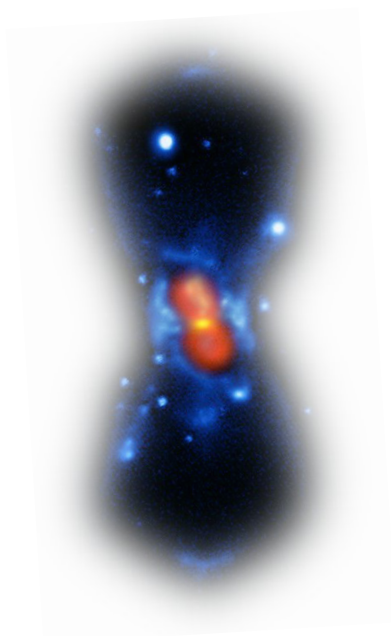
Optical + submm emission, 2014

Kamiński+ 2014, *Nature*

# Submm spectrum of CK Vul is full of rare isotopologues



# Most peculiar isotopic composition



CK Vul	Solar
$^{12}\text{C}/^{13}\text{C} = 3.4 \pm 0.3$	89.3
$^{13}\text{C}/^{14}\text{C} > 142$	
$^{14}\text{N}/^{15}\text{N} = 17_{-2}^{+7}$	441
$^{16}\text{O}/^{18}\text{O} = 30 \pm 10$	498.8
$^{18}\text{O}/^{17}\text{O} \gtrsim 5$	5.4
$^{16}\text{O}/^{17}\text{O} \gtrsim 100$	2681
$^{27}\text{Al}/^{26}\text{Al} = 6 \pm 1$	
$^{28}\text{Si}/^{29}\text{Si} = 7.5 \pm 0.5$	19.7
$^{29}\text{Si}/^{30}\text{Si} = 1 \pm 0.1$	0.66
$^{32}\text{S}/^{34}\text{S} = 14 \pm 3$	22.5
$^{32}\text{S}/^{34}\text{S} > 29$	126.6

Kamiński+ 2014, *Nature*  
Kamiński+ 2017, submitted  
Kamiński+ 2017, in prep.

# Summary:

- **red novae** can be produced in a broad range of binary configurations
- their circumstellar remnants are cool, rich in molecules and dust
- the stellar remnant is a cool supergiant, even decades after the merger
- they develop disks/tori and winds -- to get rid of angular momentum?



