

Environnements circumstellaires d'étoiles géantes rouges

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Toutes les étoiles perdent de la masse...

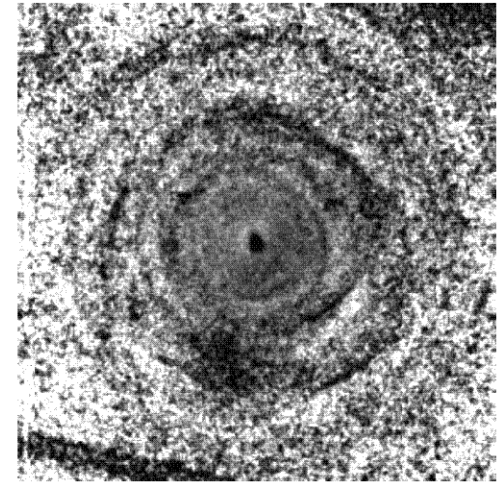
→ vents des étoiles géantes rouges

lents : $V_{\text{exp}} \sim \text{quelques km s}^{-1}$

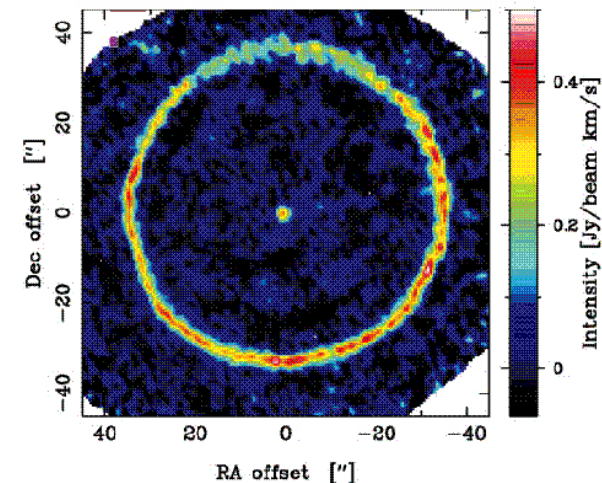
parfois massifs : $dM/dt \sim 10^{-8} \rightarrow 10^{-4} M_{\text{sol}} \text{ an}^{-1}$

variabilité : $100 \rightarrow 10^6$ ans

- contribution au renouvellement du MIS
- relations entre propriétés stellaires et perte de masse
- historique de la perte de masse
- bilan de la perte de masse et évolution stellaire



IRC +10216, CFH, poussières

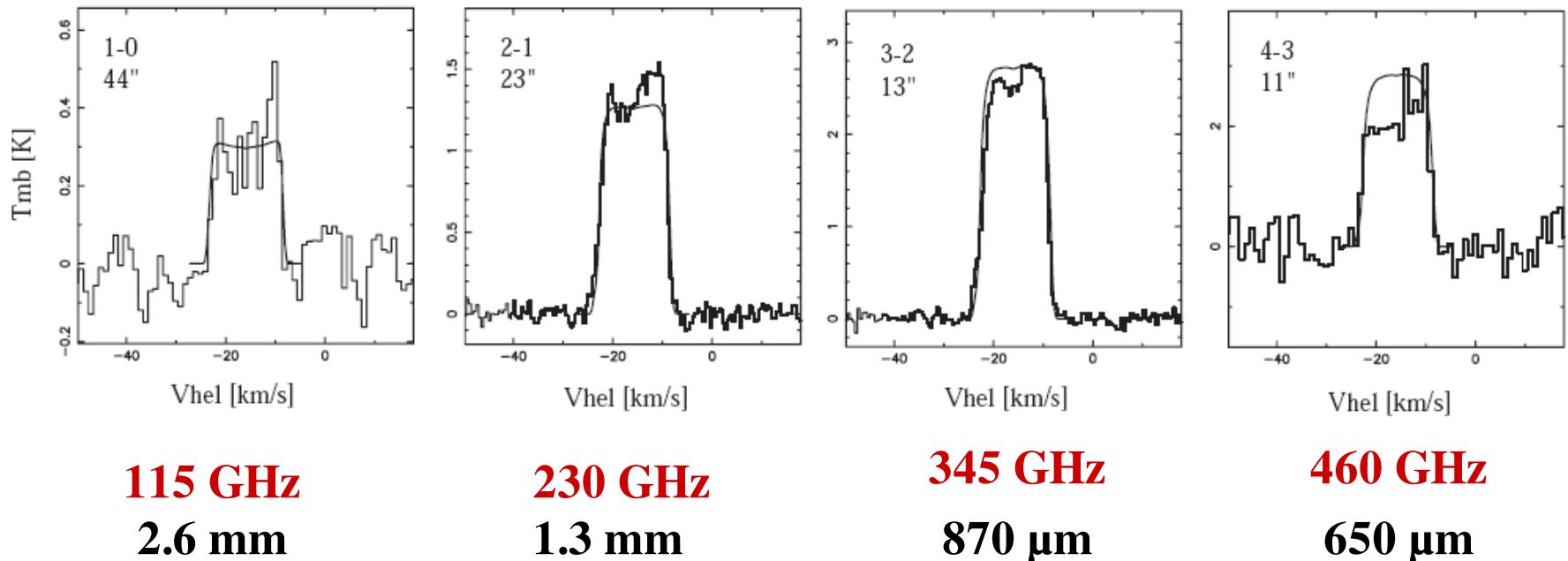


TT Cyg, IRAM, CO

SW Vir, 7.5 km/s, $4 \cdot 10^{-7}$ Msol/yr at 120 pc

CO: SEST + JCMT

Olofsson et al. 2002, A&A 391, 1053

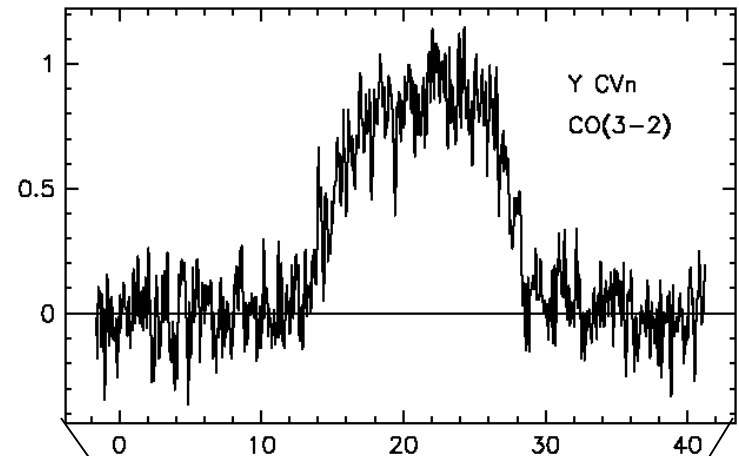


CO \rightarrow expansion velocity + mass loss rate

But CO is photodissociated at distances $\sim 0.01 - 0.2$ pc

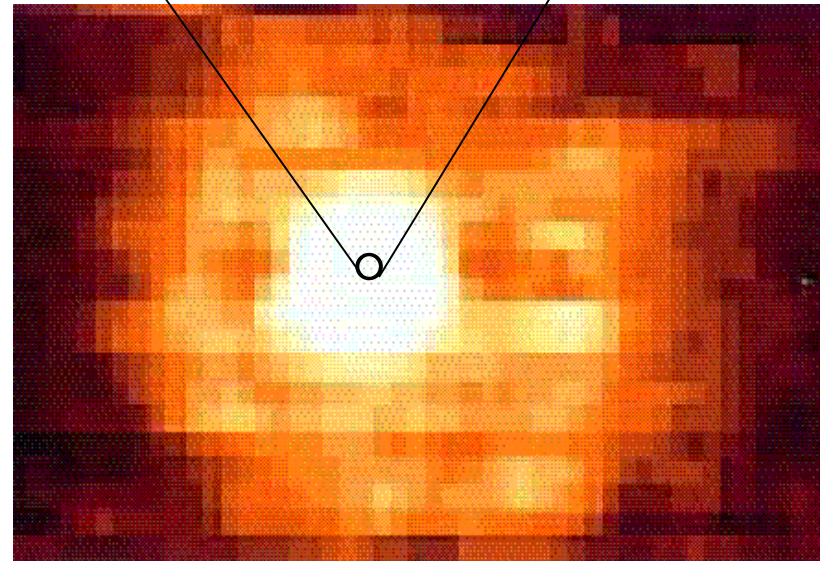
Y CVn

8 km/s; 10^{-7} Msol/yr



Knapp et al. 1998, ApJS 117, 209

$\varnothing \sim 10'' \sim 0.01$ pc



Izumiura et al. 1996, A&A 315, L221 →

(ISOPHOT 90 μm : 12 x 8 arcmin²; $\varnothing \sim 8'$, soit 0.5 pc)

[émission de la poussière en IR lointain]

Why HI at 21 cm ?

→ circumstellar HI should be protected by the surrounding ISM

- hyperfine-structure line of hydrogen in the ground state

$$= 21 \text{ cm}, \quad = 1400 \text{ MHz}, \quad A_{10} \sim 3 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- in general optically thin

- $\nu = 1.4 \text{ GHz} \implies h\nu/kT \ll 1$

$$\implies 1. \quad \nu \propto g_1/g_0 A_{10} N_0 (1 - e^{-h\nu/kT}) \propto N_H/T$$

$$2. \quad B_\nu \propto T$$

$$\implies \nu \times B_\nu \propto N_H \quad (\text{i.e.: measured flux} \propto N_H)$$

(HI is a good tracer of

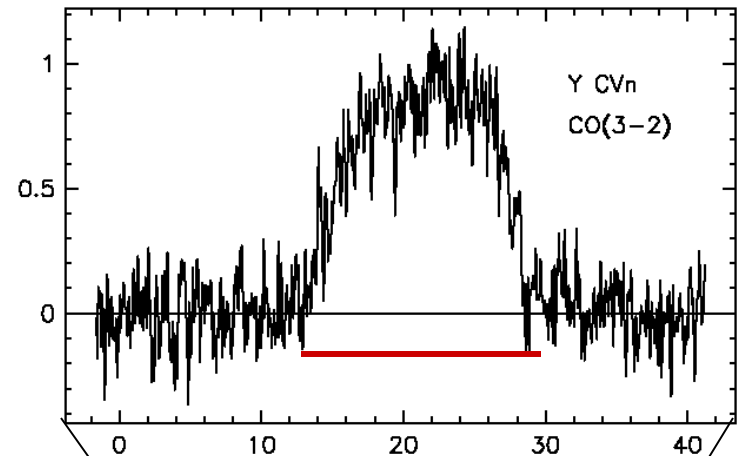
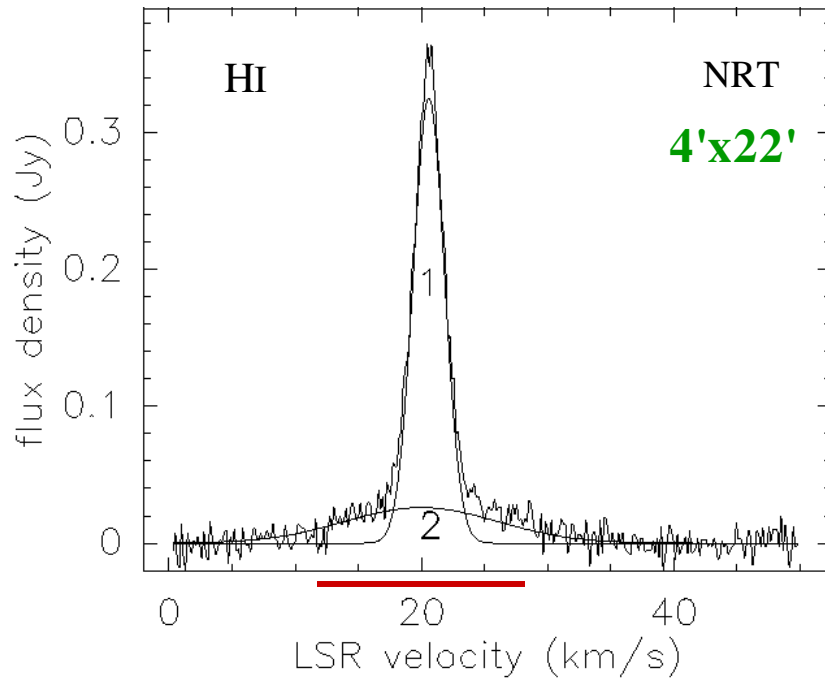
morphology)

- If the distance is known, we get the mass in atomic hydrogen

→ complementarity with CO

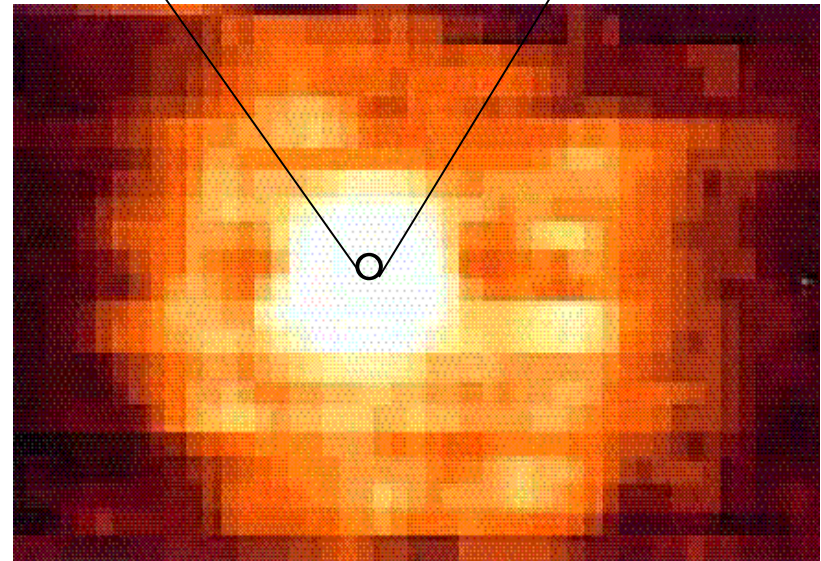
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(Le Bertre & Gérard 2004, A&A 419, 549)



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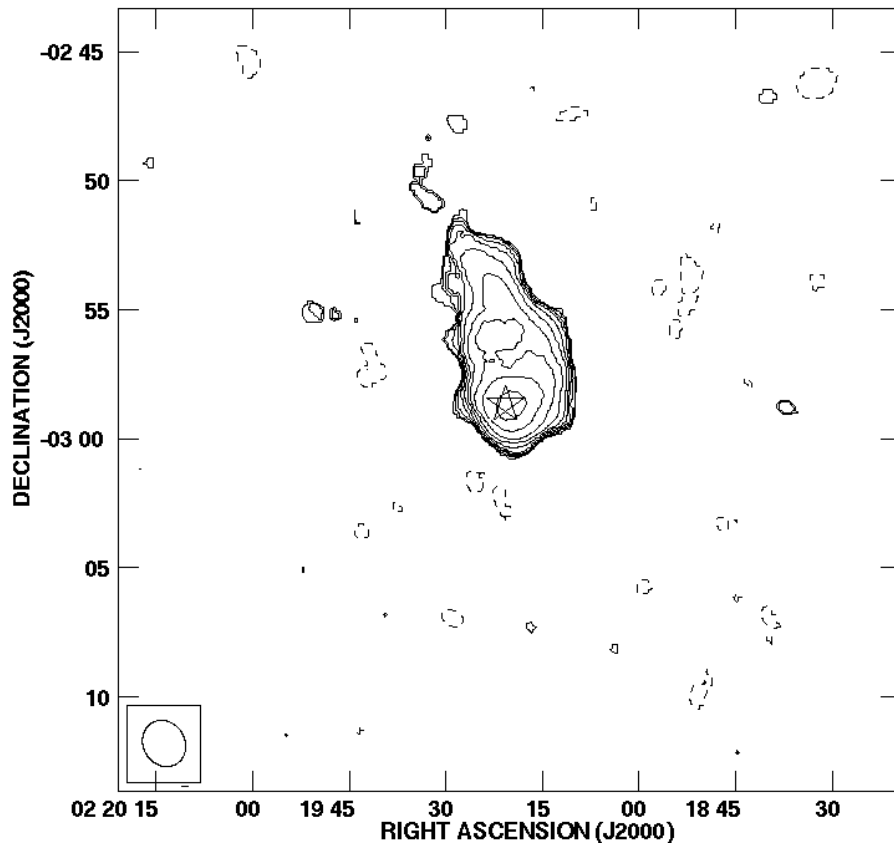
Ralentissement du flot circumstellaire

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[émission de la poussière en IR lointain]

Mira en HI au VLA (D; avril-mai 2007) et au NRT



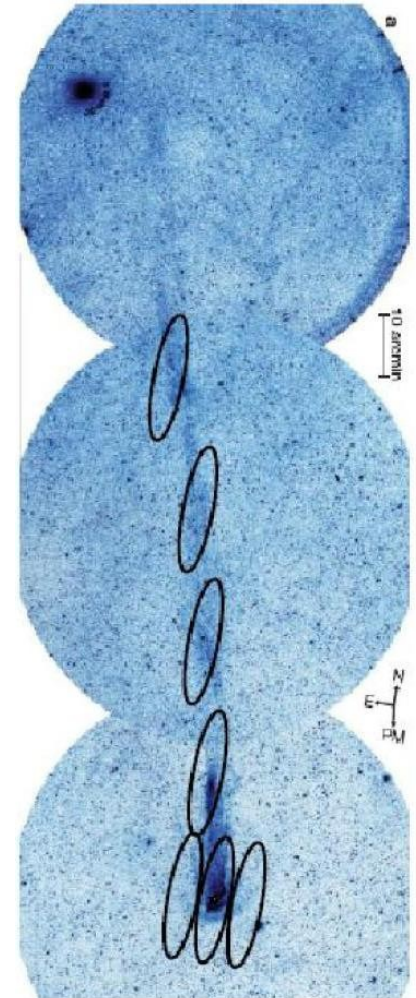
Mouvement propre ($d=107$ pc) :
(-12 , -235 mas an⁻¹)

$V_{\text{tot}} \sim 128$ km s⁻¹

GALEX
FUV (~1500 Å)
fluorescence H₂ ?

Martin et al. 2007, Nature, 448, 780

2.7° x 1.1°



Complementarity of CO and HI

inner shell (few 10^{-2} pc)

10^4 years

Mass loss rate

Mass loss process

→ ALMA

outer shell (~1 pc)

10^6 years

Mass

Interaction with ISM

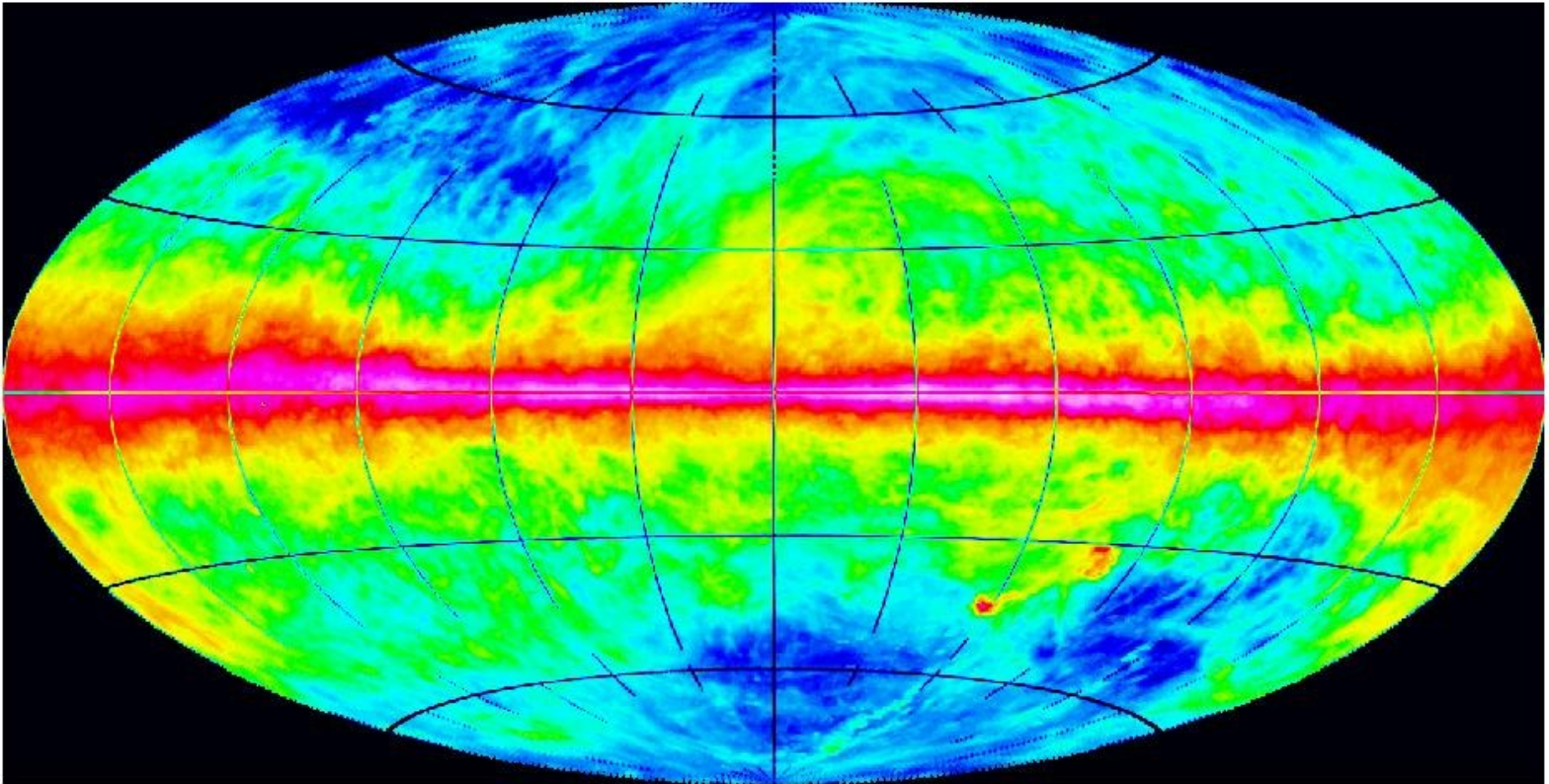
→ SKA

The combination of the 2 tracers
gives access to the history of mass loss.

Sélection de quelques problèmes et objectifs

- $H_2/HI \rightarrow$ photodissociation de H_2
(étoiles froides et/ou variables : $T_{\text{eff}} < 2500 \text{ K}$)
- Self-absorption en HI
(taux de perte de masse élevé $> 10^{-6} M_{\text{sol}} \text{ yr}^{-1}$)
- Hydrogène froid ($< 10 \text{ K}$)
(e.g. IRC +10216 ?)
- histoire de la perte de masse; "clumping"; bilan
- évolution stellaire / variabilité
(M-S-C / Irr-SR-Mira)

difficulté principale: ubiquité de HI



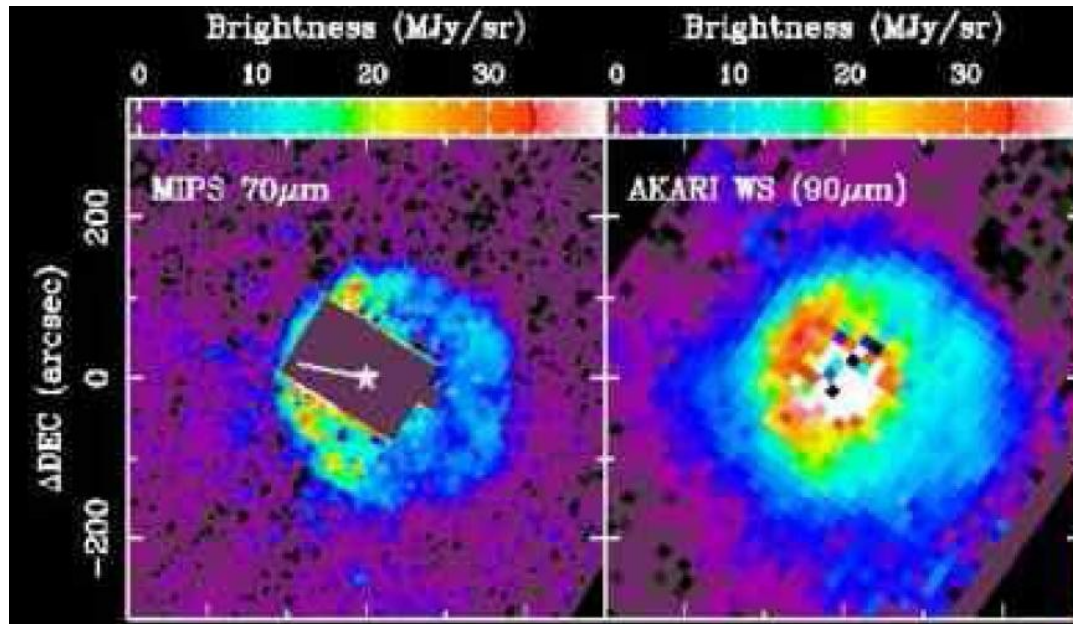
Kalberla et al. 2005, A&A, 440, 775; total galactic HI

-400 km s⁻¹ < v < + 400 km s⁻¹

Needs (E-VLA; ATA; ASKAP; MeerKAT)

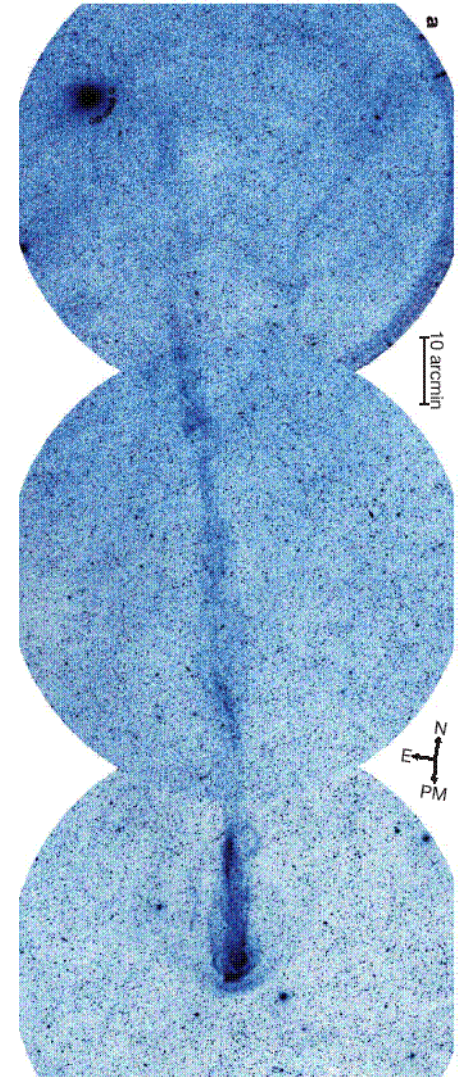
- Improved **angular resolution** : 1 arcminute (better ?)
morphology of outer CS
interface with ISM
[with a goal of 1 arcsec (?) for sub-structures]
need for **high brightness sensitivity** (5 mJy)
- **Fidelity** (HI provides an image of the column density directly comparable to the images obtained with models)
→ **short spacing ?**
- **Wide field** :
 1. we need to correct for galactic emission
 2. the sources that we prefer are close and large on the sky (10'x10', up to 2 degrees)
- **High spectral resolution** (~ 0.3 km/s; goal ~ 0.1 km/s)

Merci !



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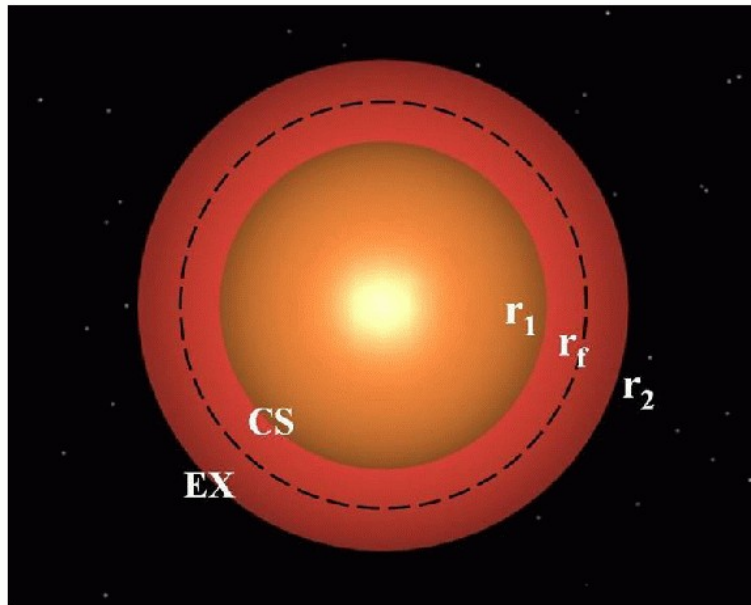
R Cas, avec Spitzer et Akari



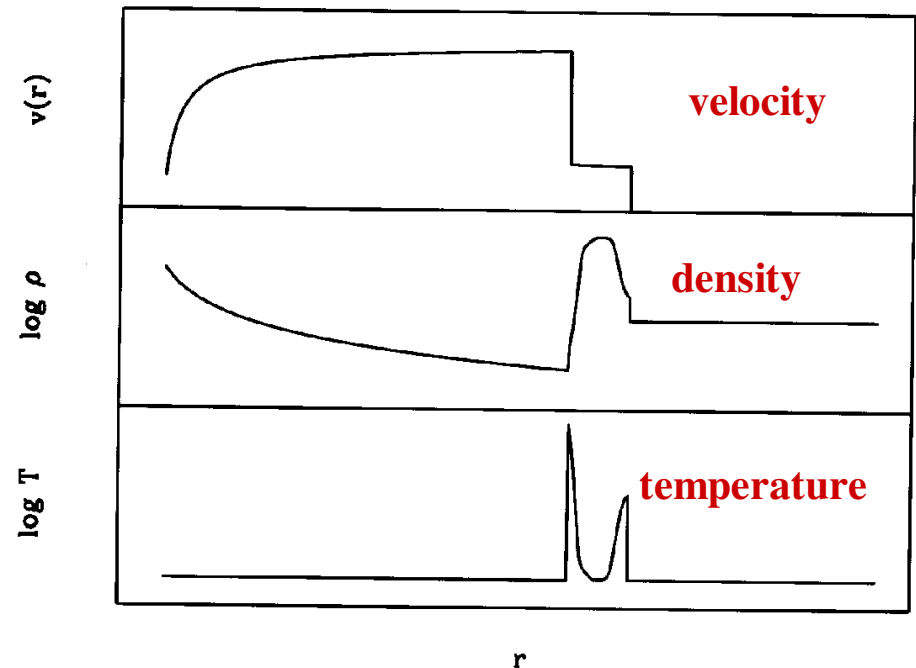
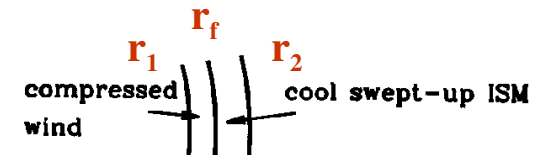
érosion

Mira, avec GALEX

The matter in the shell is the sum of slowed down circumstellar material and accelerated external (ISM ?) material



from Libert (2009)

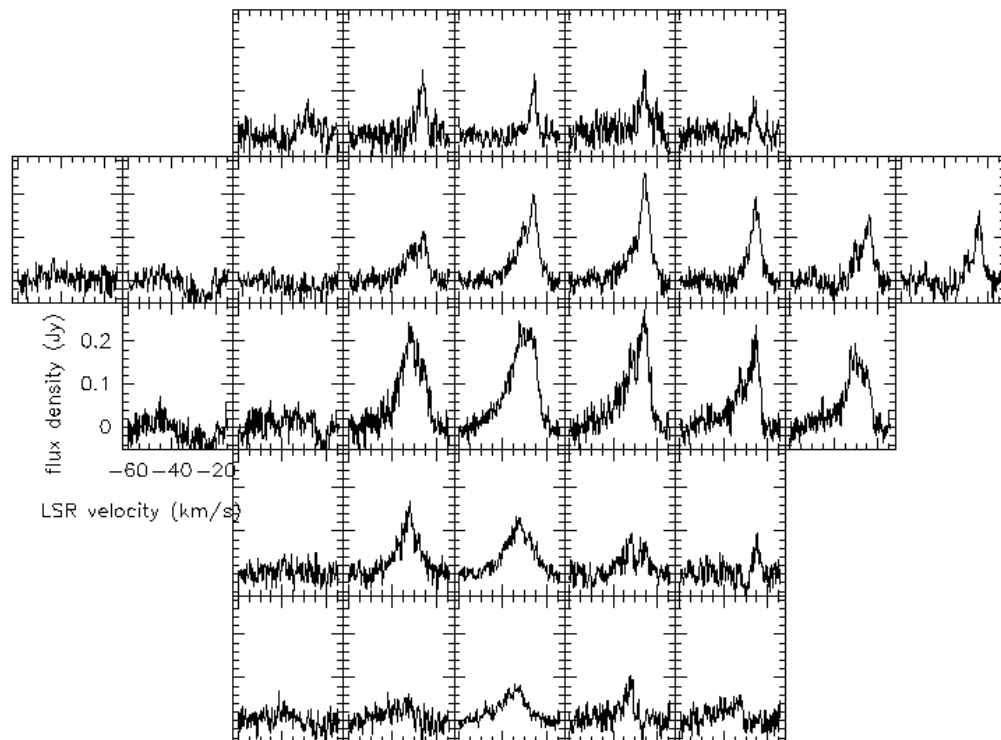
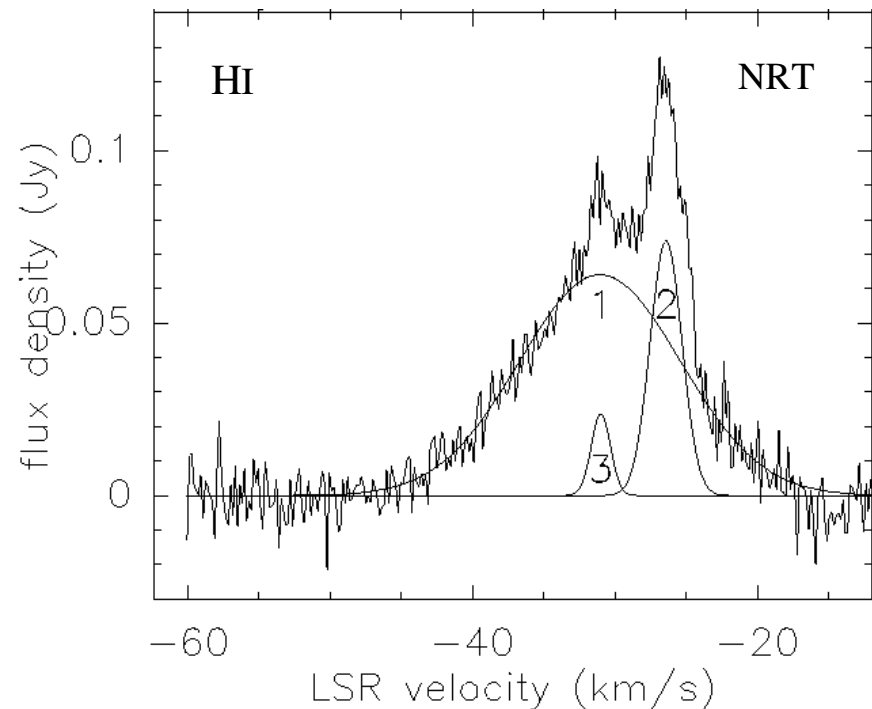


Lamers & Cassinelli (2004)
“Introduction to Stellar Winds”

EP Aqr

(Le Bertre & Gérard 2004)

4' x 22' or 0.16pc x 0.86pc (at 135 pc)

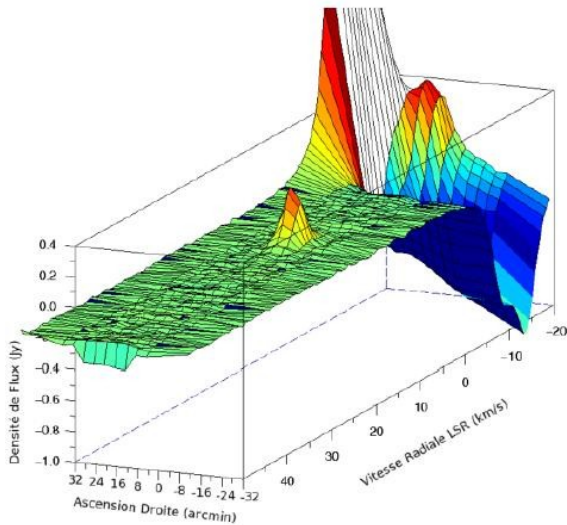


Complex spatial and dynamic structures

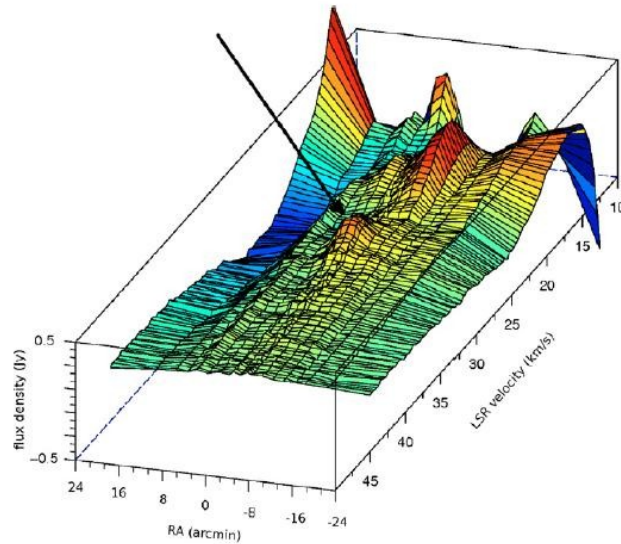
The HI emission is very extended (~ 1 pc)

$M_{\text{tot}} \sim 0.06 M_{\text{sol}}$

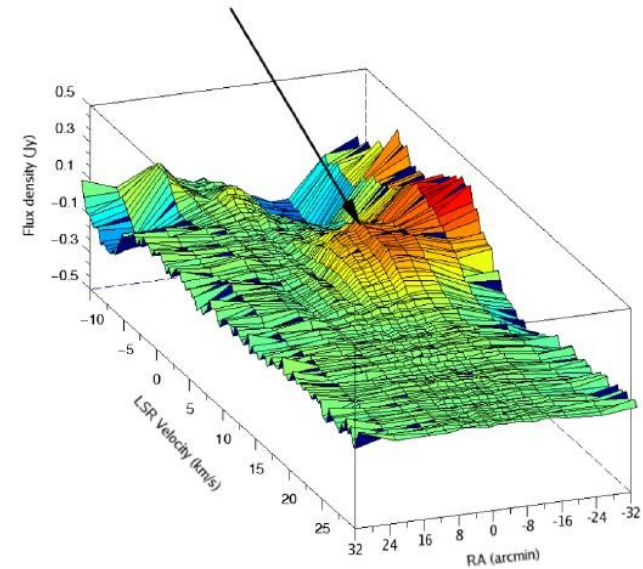
Need to understand the competing galactic emission (confusion)



($b \sim +72^\circ$)



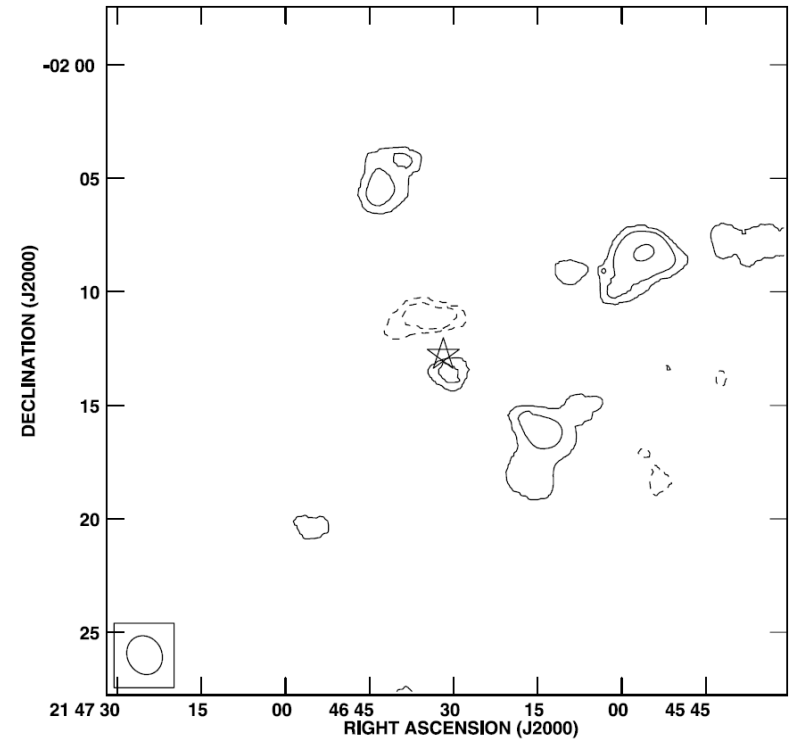
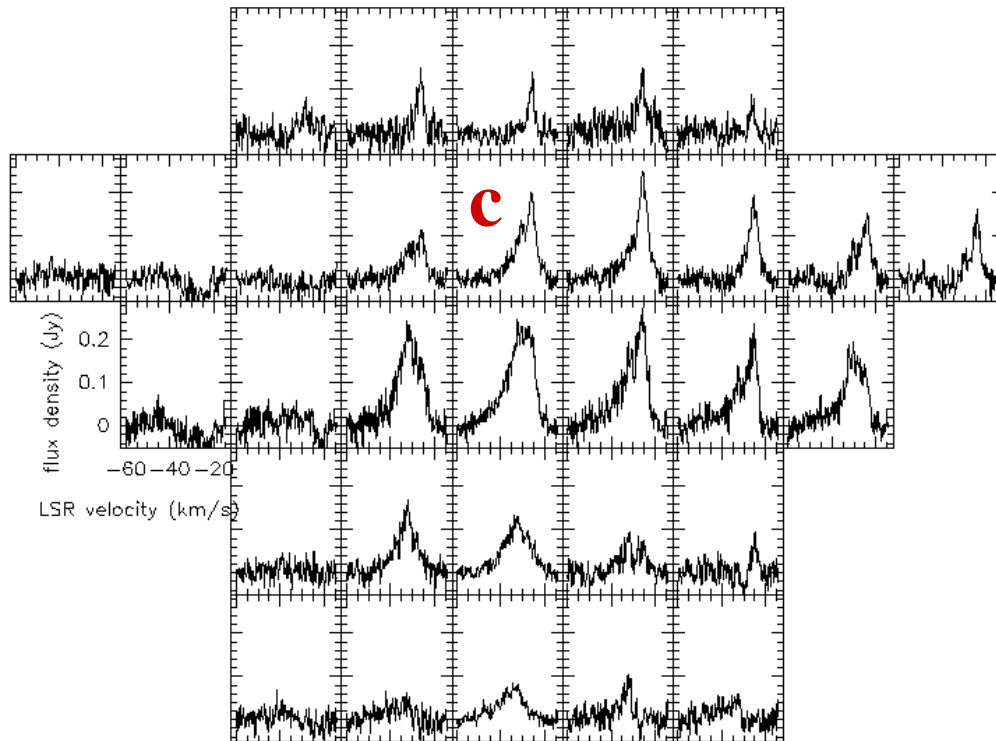
($b \sim -28^\circ$)



($b \sim +42^\circ$)

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EP Aqr at the **NRT** and at the **VLA**

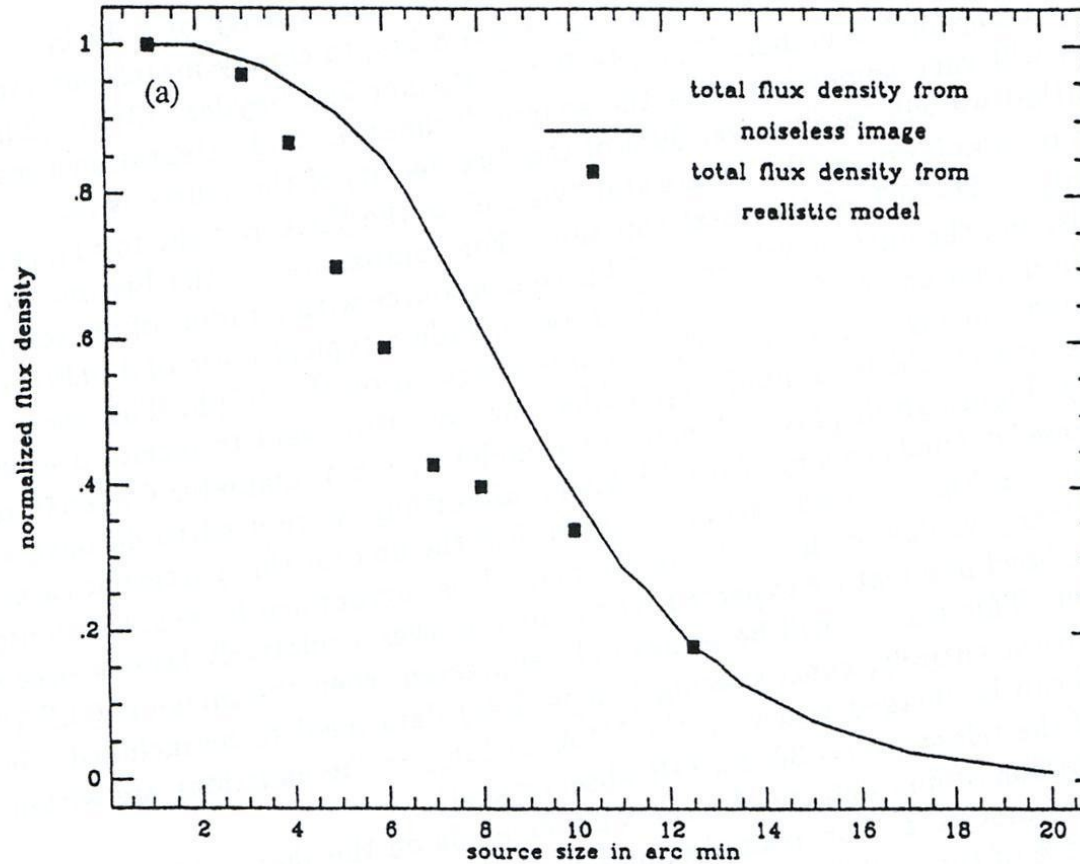


Le Bertre & Gérard, 2004

Matthews & Reid, 2007

fov (VLA antenna @ 21 cm) ~ 30 arcmin.

interferometer in the D configuration



de Pater, Palmer, Snyder, 1991, Ap&SS Lib. 167, 175