

Stellar and circumstellar spectroscopy in other galaxies

**G. C. Sloan
and many others**

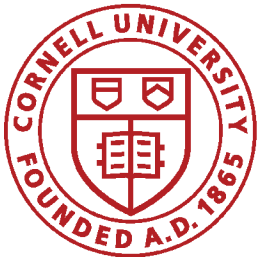
The Small Magellanic Cloud as
seen by *Spitzer* and *Herschel*



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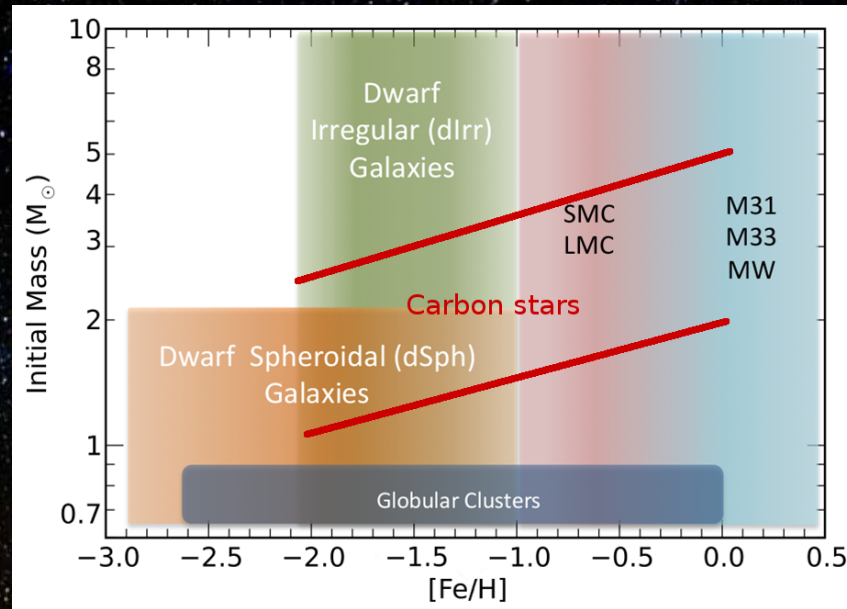
Extragalactic stellar spectroscopy

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probes stellar evolution at
different metallicities

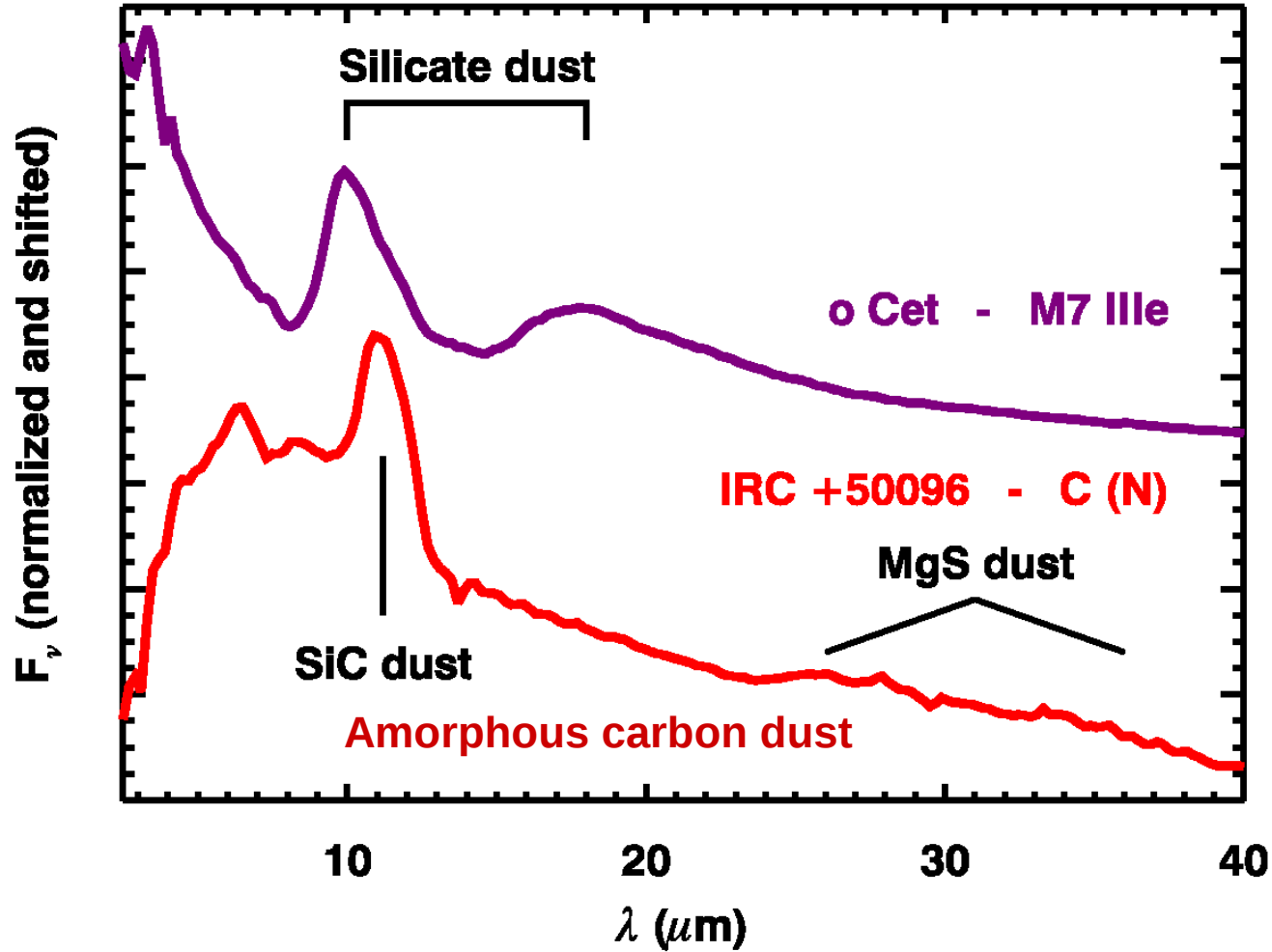
and known distances

Extragalactic stellar spectroscopy



Credit: Martha Boyer

Dust on the AGB



Magellanic carbon stars

Many IRS papers:

Sloan et al. (2006)

Zijlstra et al. (2006)

Matsuura et al. (2006)

Buchanan et al. (2006)

Lagadec et al. (2007)

Leisenring et al. (2008)

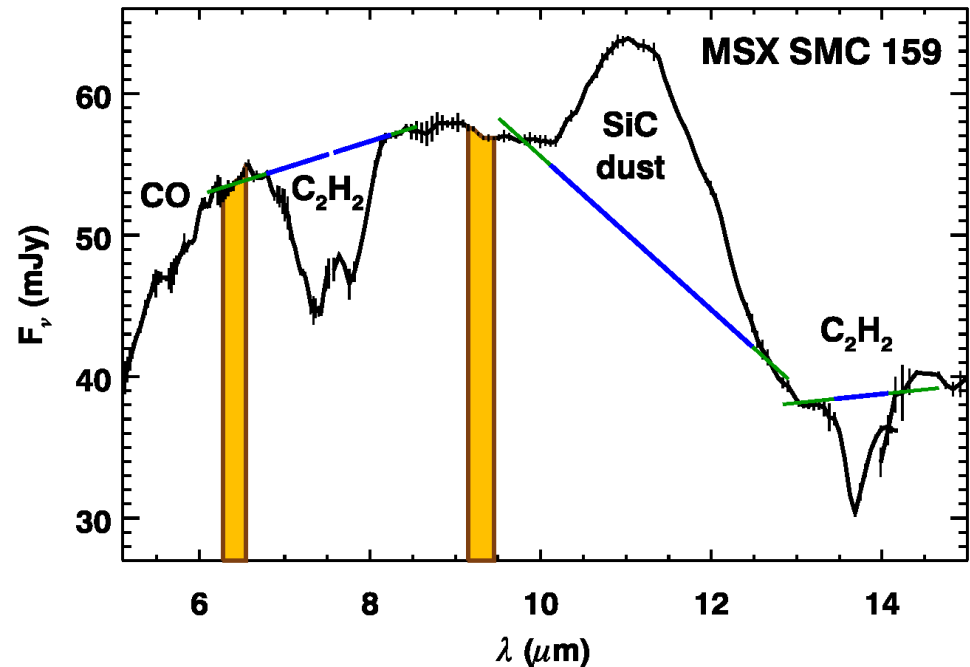
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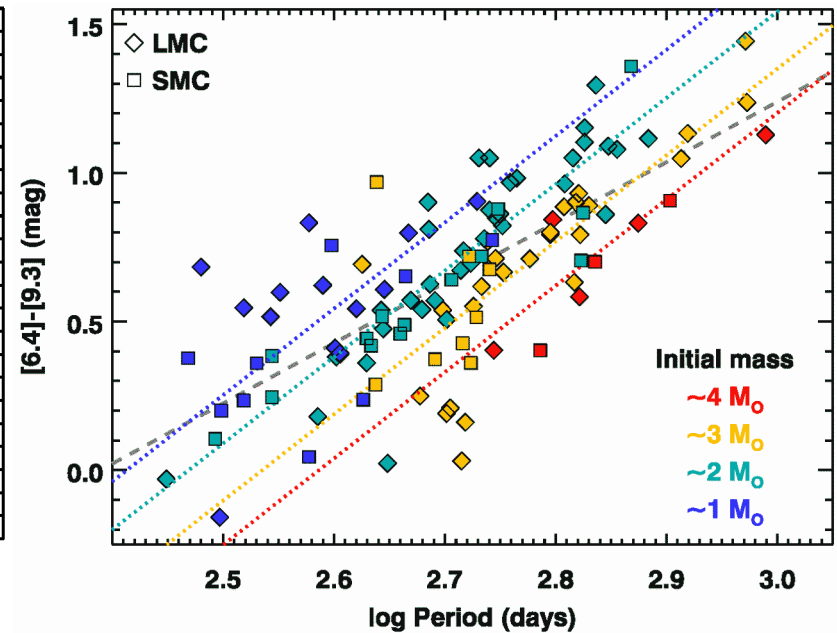
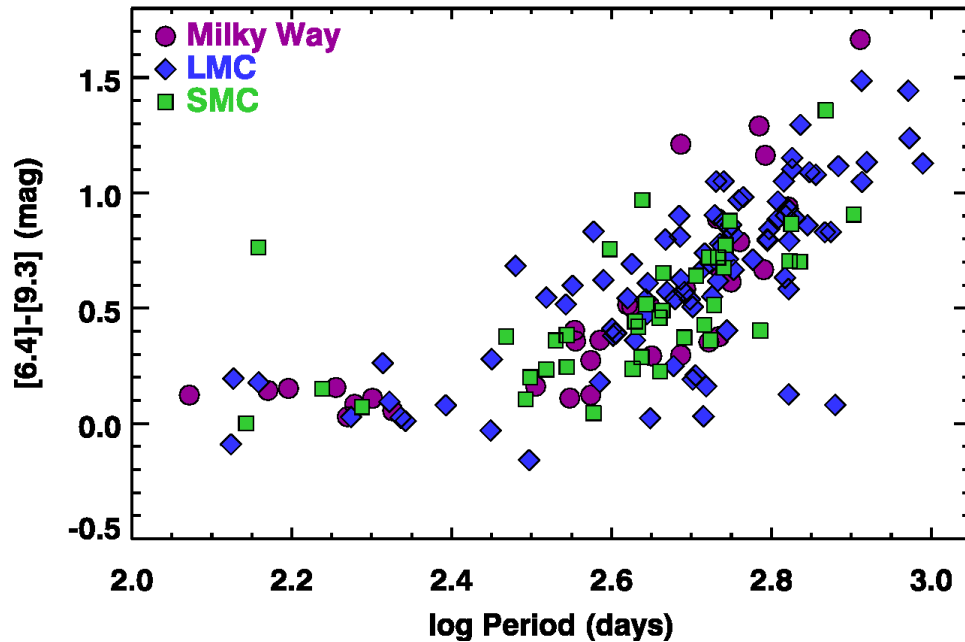
Carbon-rich AGB sample:

144 in LMC

40 in SMC

(and 42 in Galaxy)

Carbon-rich dust and metallicity



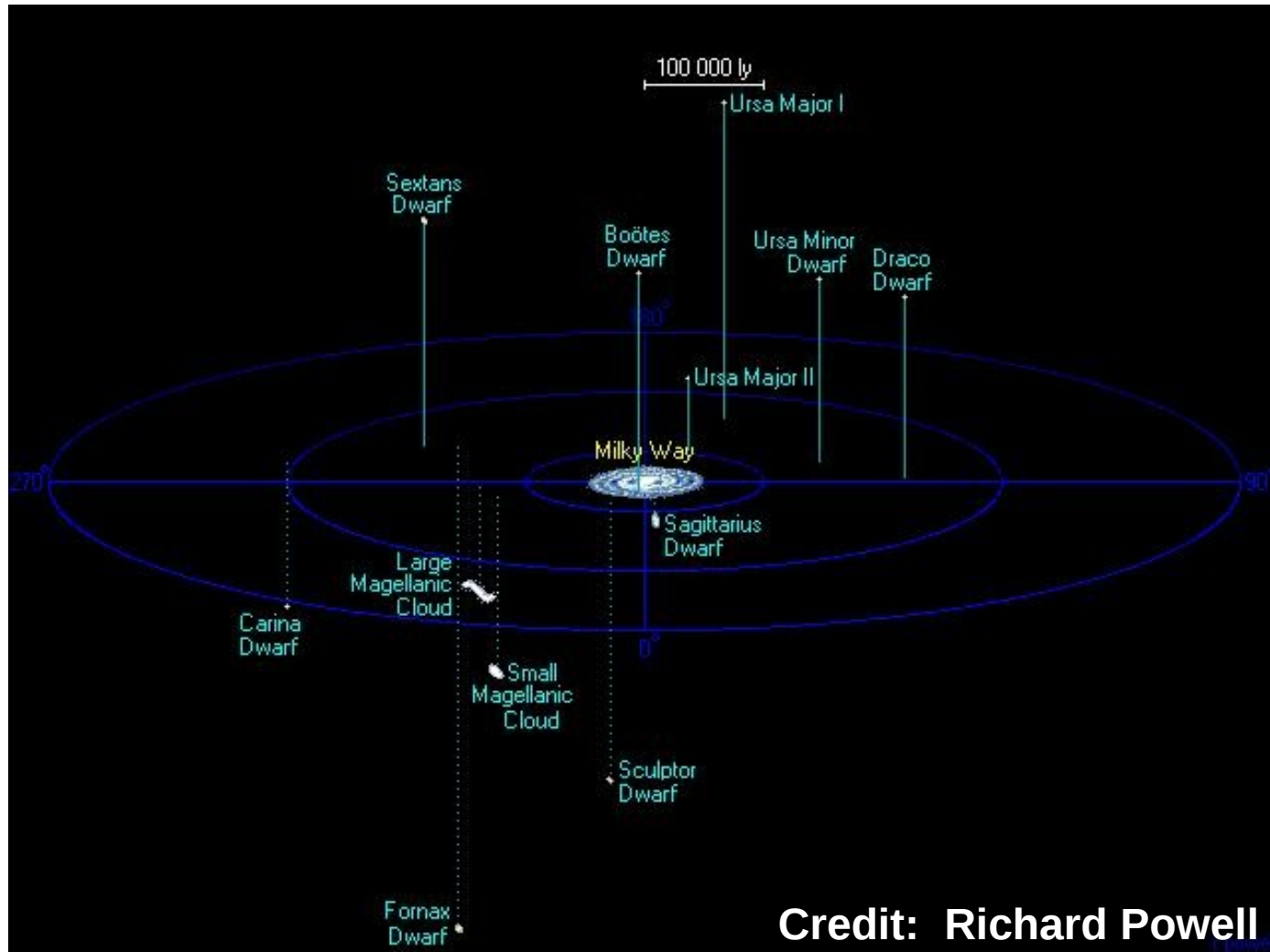
For carbon stars, longer pulsation periods mean more dust

But carbon-rich dust production doesn't depend on metallicity!

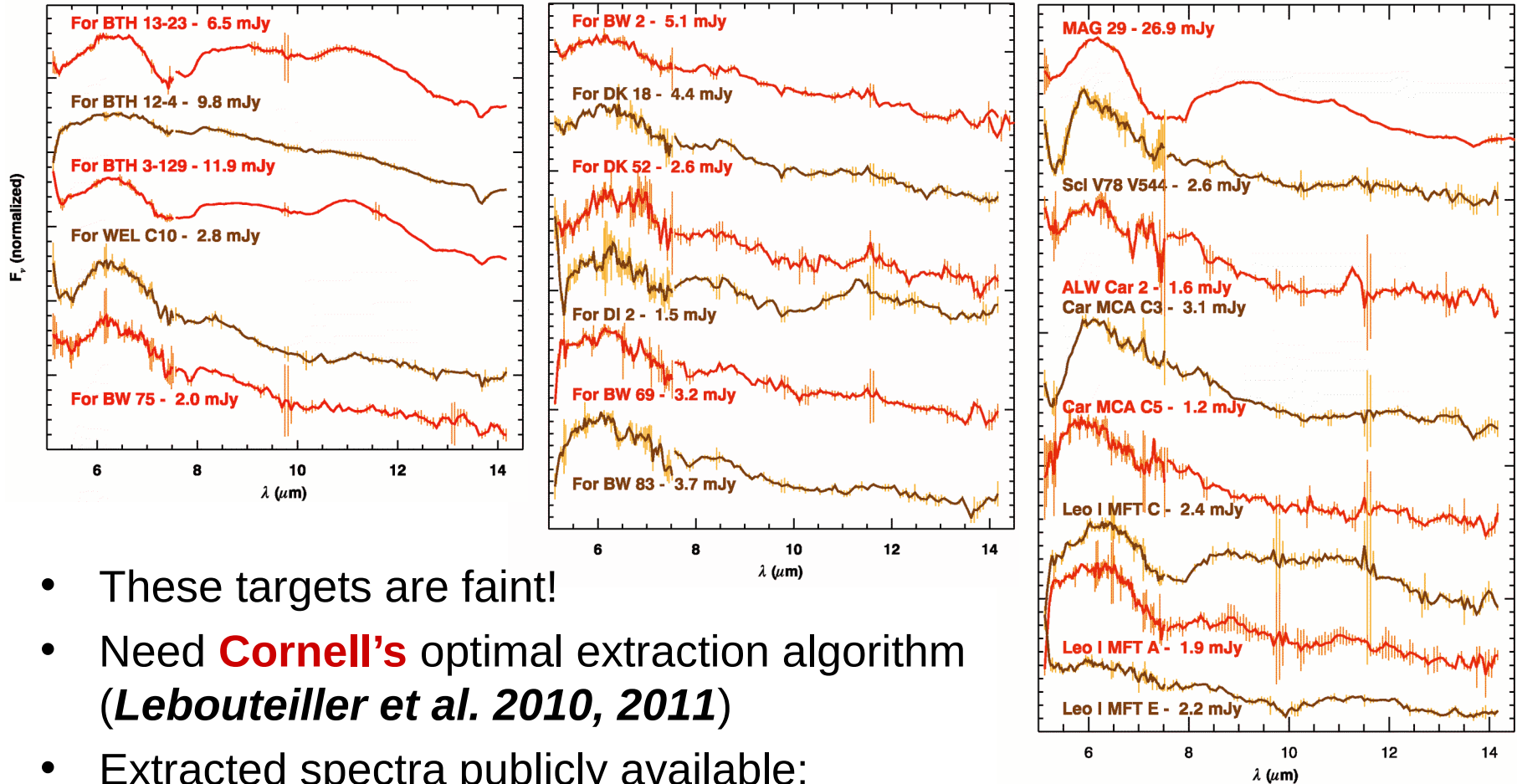
Assume initial mass \sim current luminosity

Mass explains width of dust-period relation

The Milky Way System

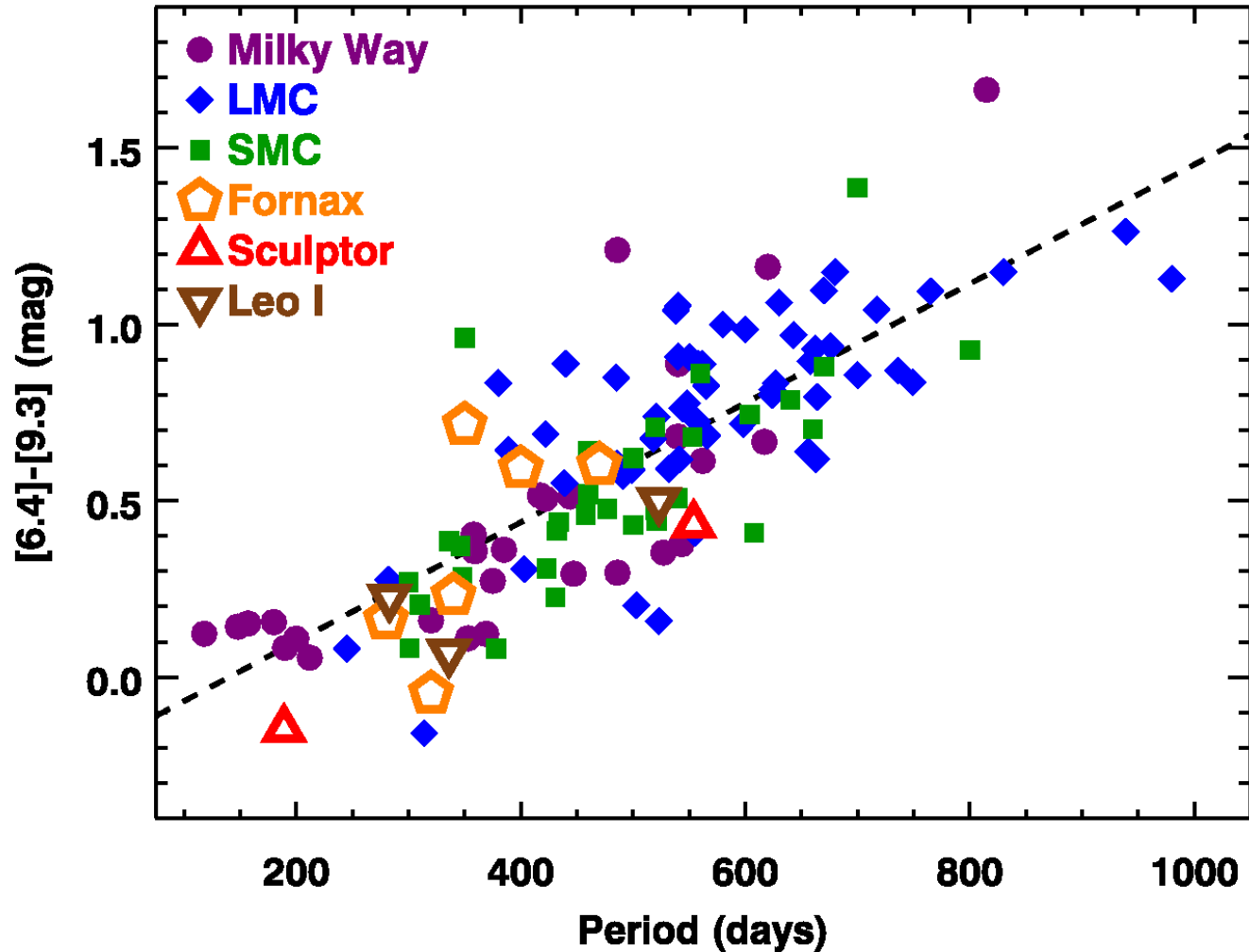


Local Group spectra

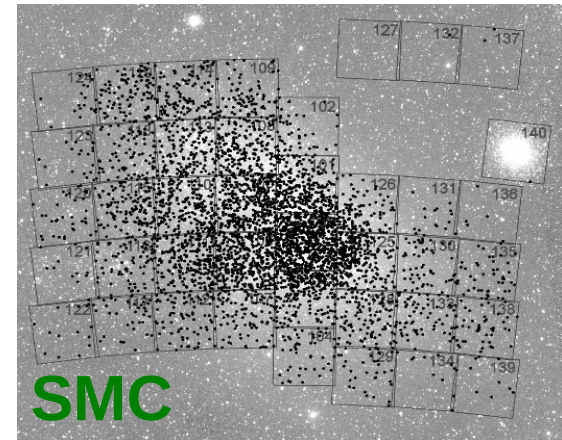
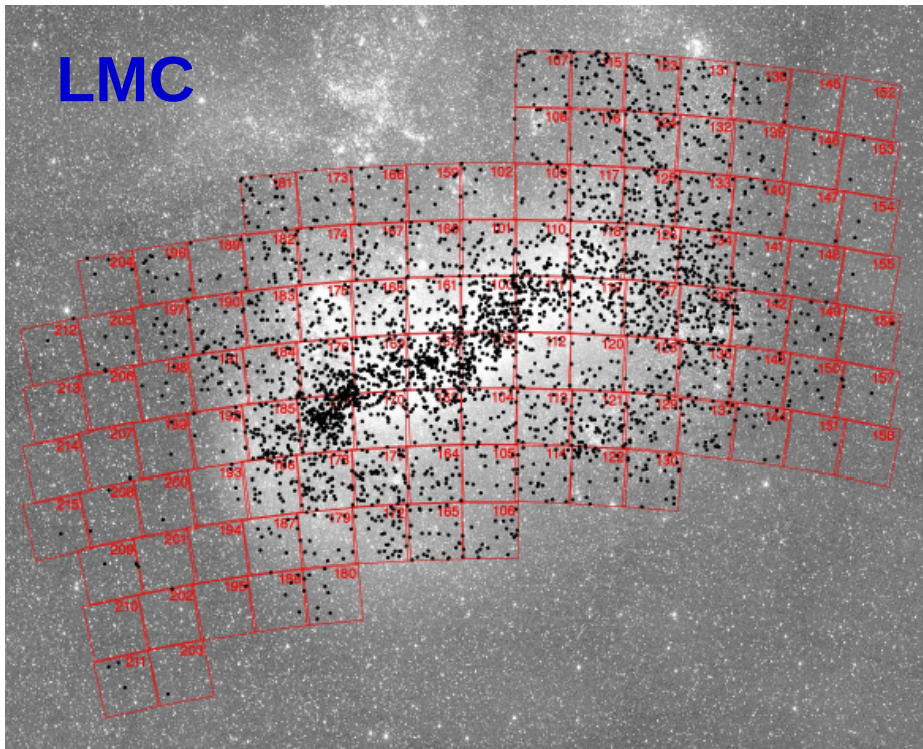


- These targets are faint!
- Need **Cornell's** optimal extraction algorithm (*Lebouteiller et al. 2010, 2011*)
- Extracted spectra publicly available: <http://cassis.sirtf.com>

Dust and metallicity, Take 2



Thank you, gravitational lensing



OGLE III fields and Cepheids
(Soszynski et al. 2008, 2010)

OGLE III and Magellanic Variables

LMC and **SMC**: Soszynski et al. (2009, 2011)

There's also *MACHO*

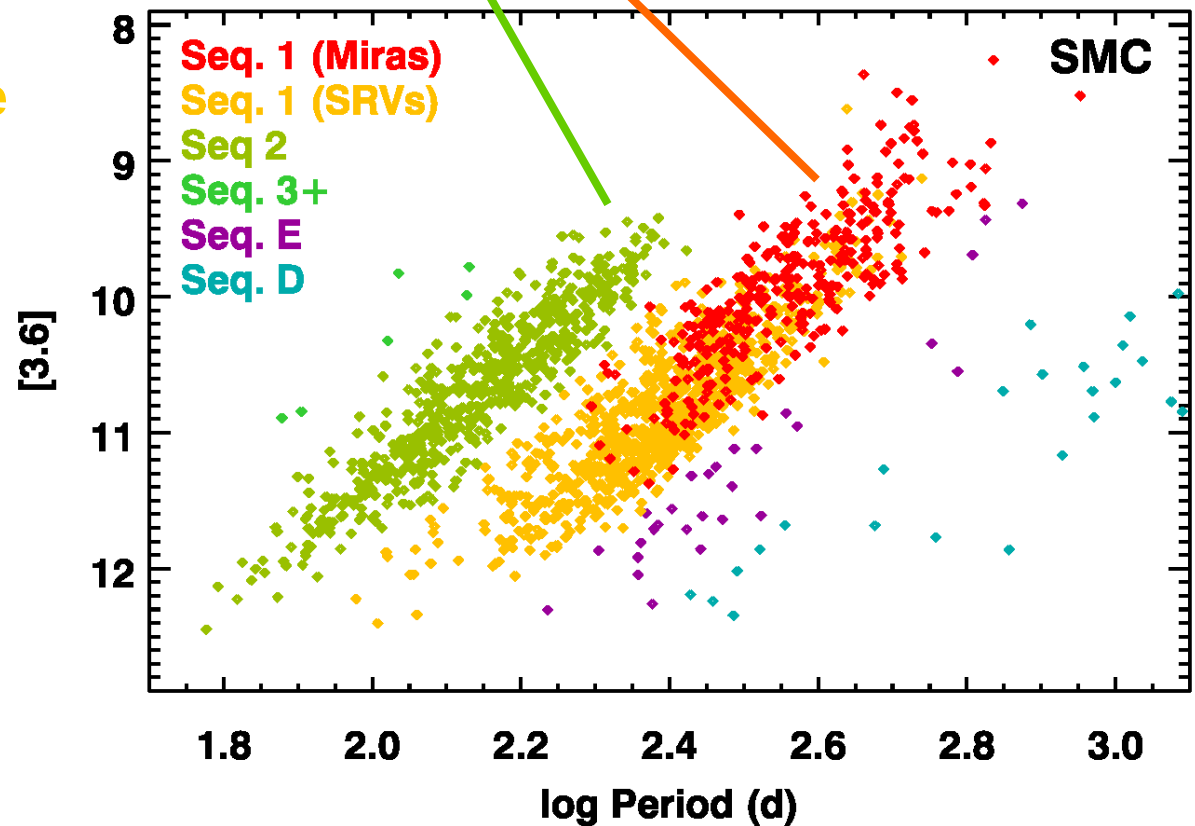
Pulsation modes in AGB stars

Fundamental mode

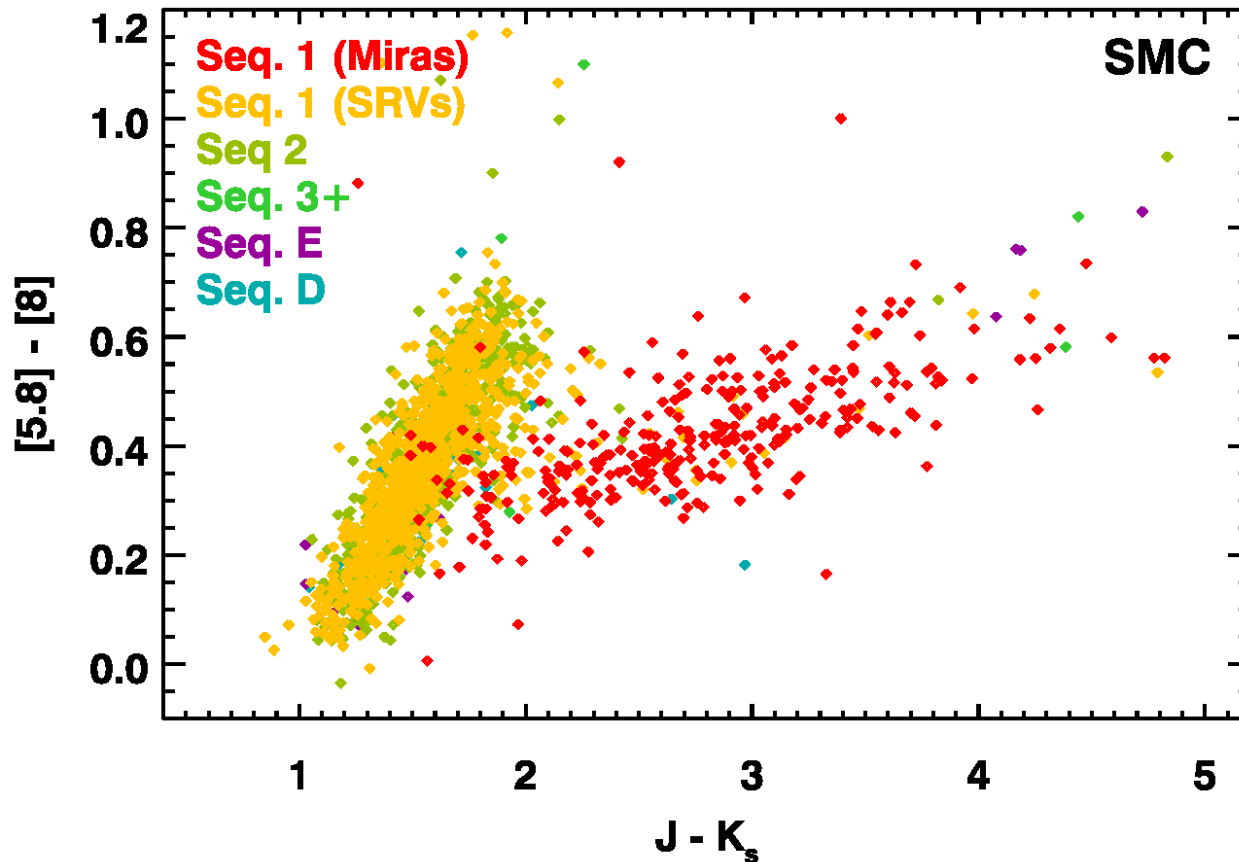
First overtone mode

Larger amplitude

Smaller amplitude



Pulsation and carbon-rich dust



Large pulsation amplitude = lots of dust

But OGLE misses the most embedded stars

Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer



WISE

2009 Dec – launched

2010 Sep – exhausted cryogenics

NEOWISE

NEO = Near Earth Object

2011 Feb – ordered to hibernate

NEOWISE-R

2013 Dec – R = reactivated

(Mainzer et al. 2014)

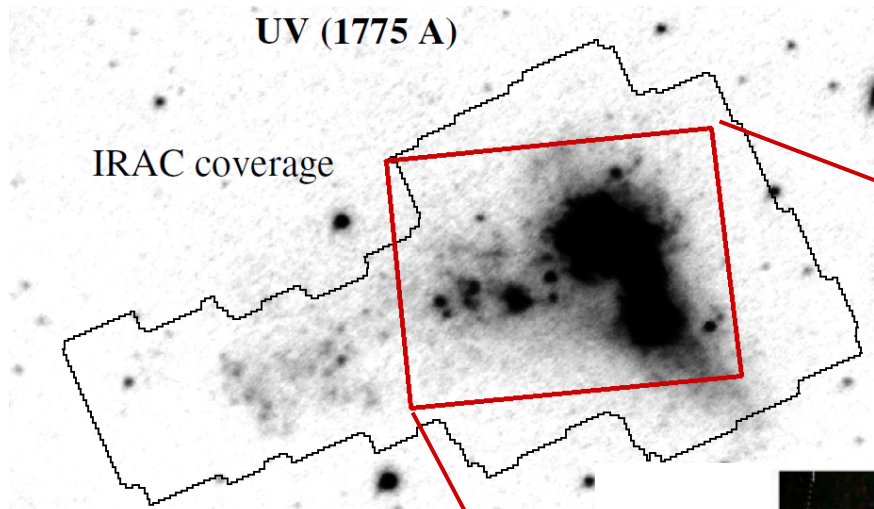
New epoch every 6 months!

8 epochs now on IRSA

Spitzer imaging of the SMC

UV (1775 Å)

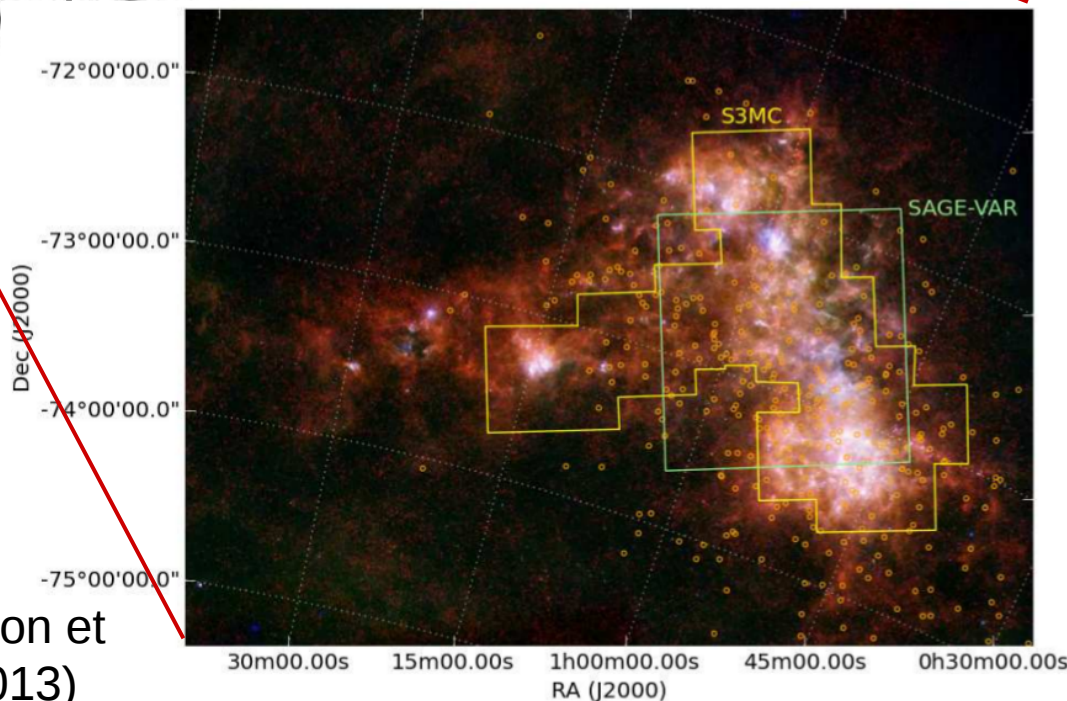
IRAC coverage



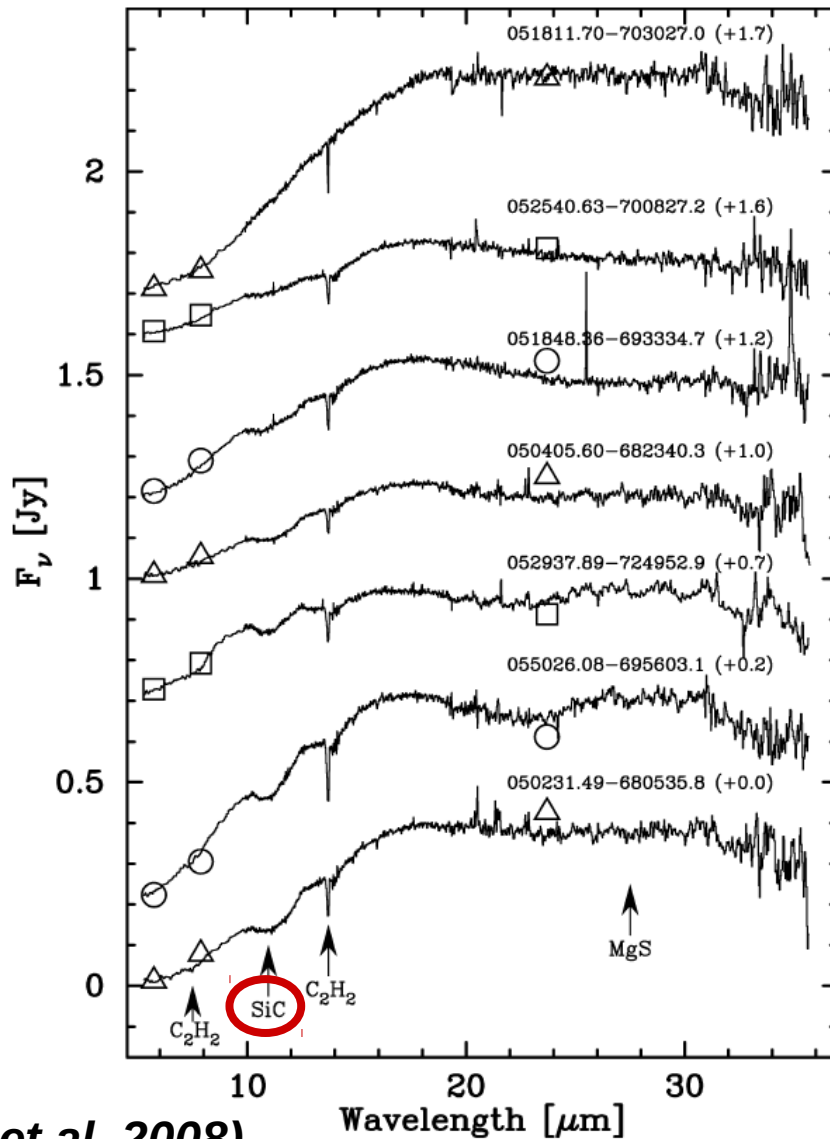
2 30-sq.-deg. surveys
2008 Jun, Sep
2 more epochs coming
2017 Aug, Nov

5 more epochs
in the core
2005, 2010-11

Images adapted from Gordon et al. (2011), Meixner et al. 2013)



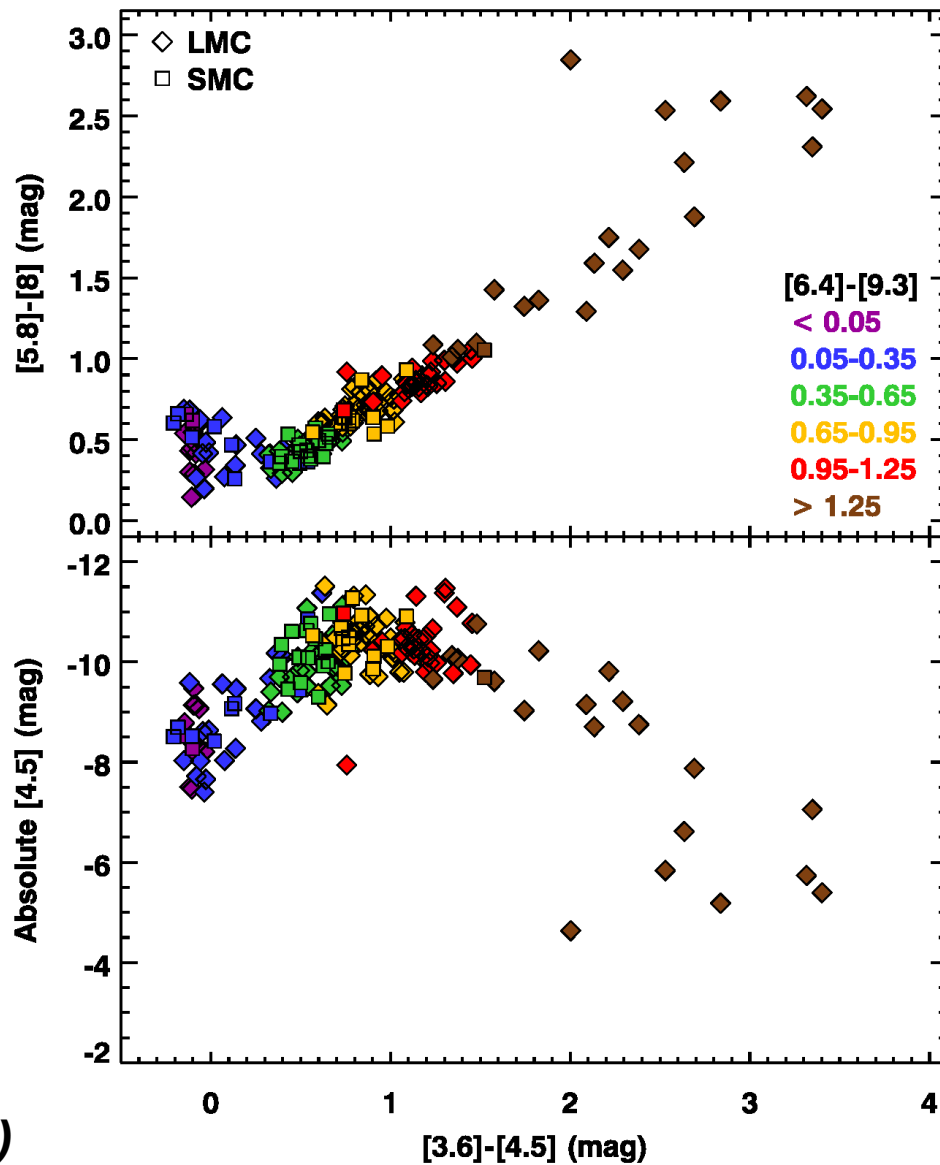
Extremely red objects in the LMC



SiC in absorption!

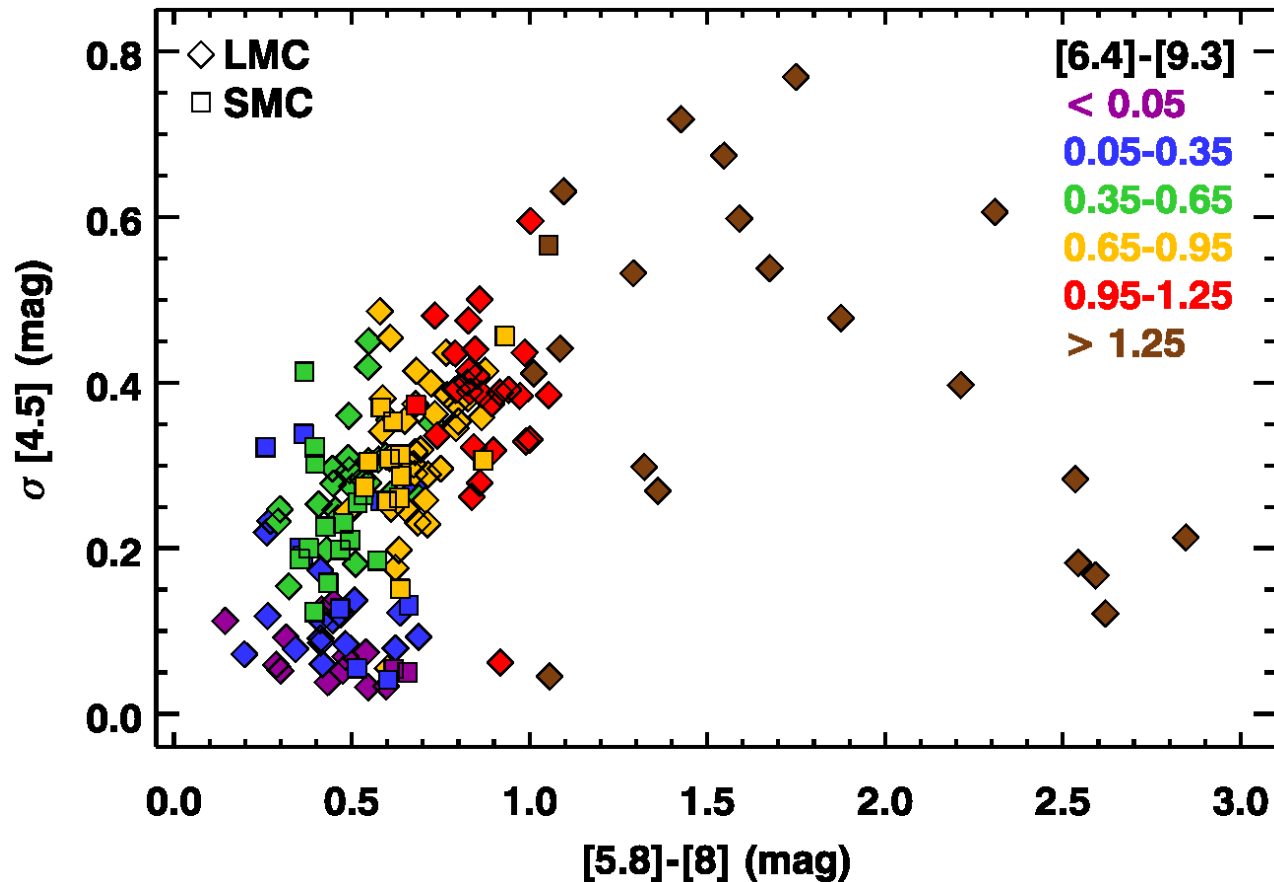
(Gruendl et al. 2008)

From AGB to post-AGB



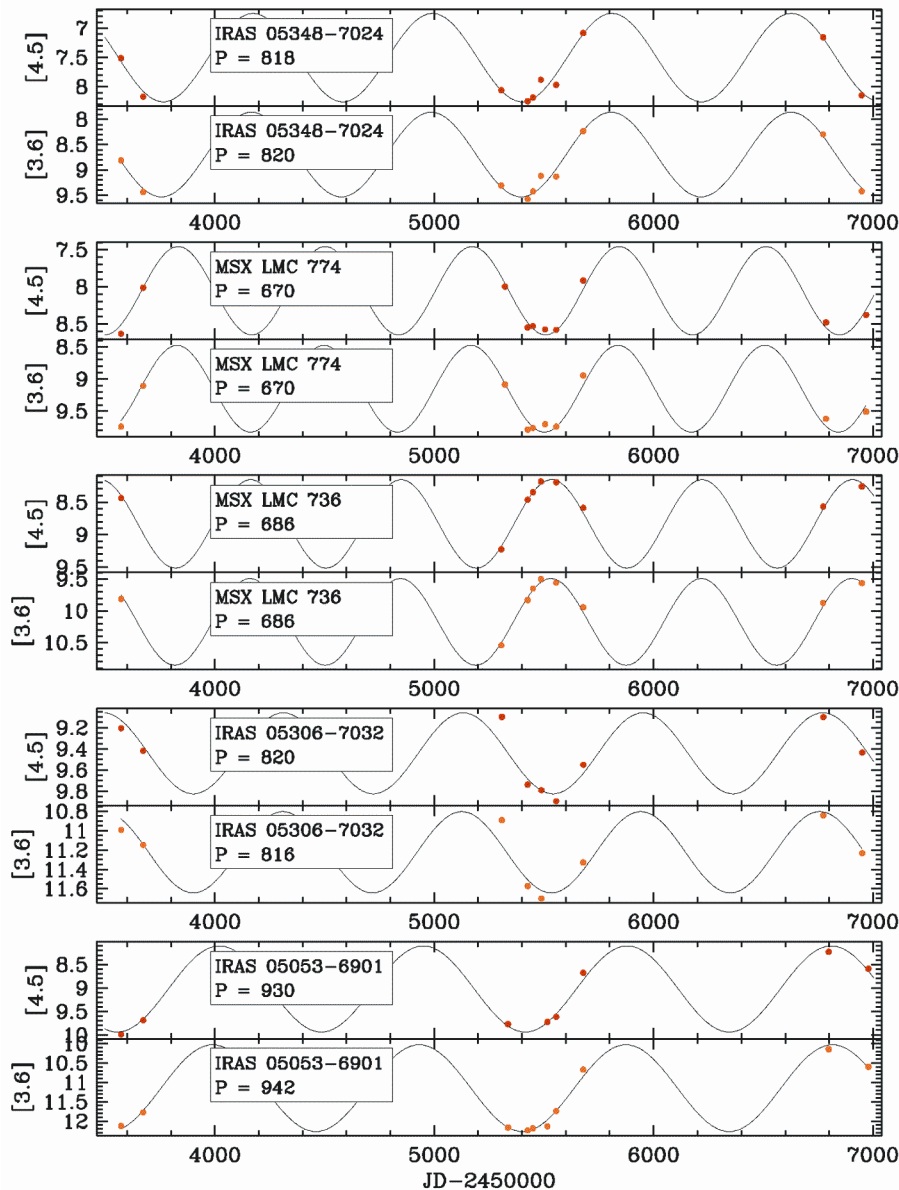
(Sloan et al. 2016)

New pulsation amplitudes



Reddest stars are evolving off of the AGB

Sparse sampling of light-curves



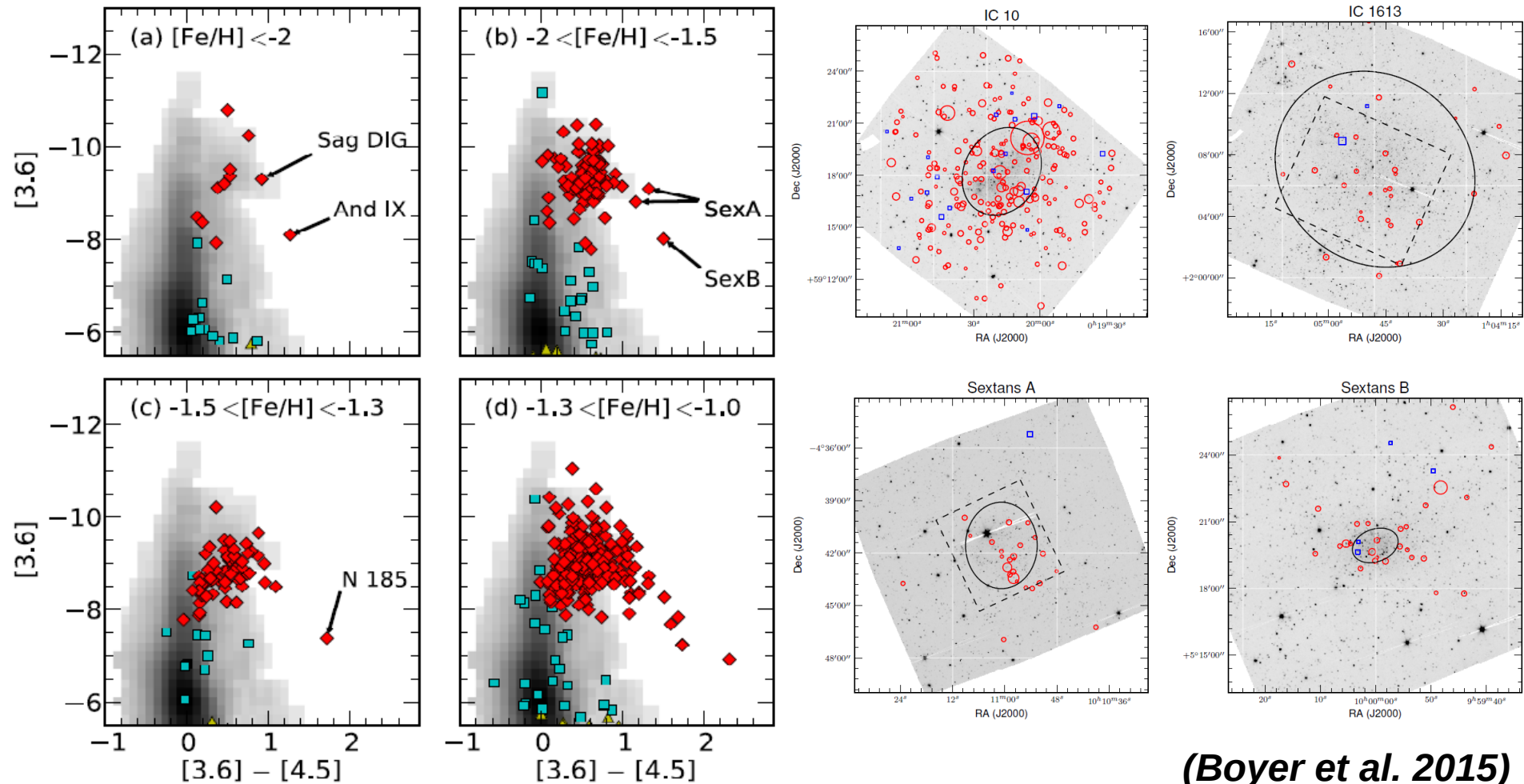
Test concept with IRS sample

Five new periods, all deeply embedded sources

Compared to published periods, 86% agree within 5%

(Sloan et al. 2016)

DUSTINGS



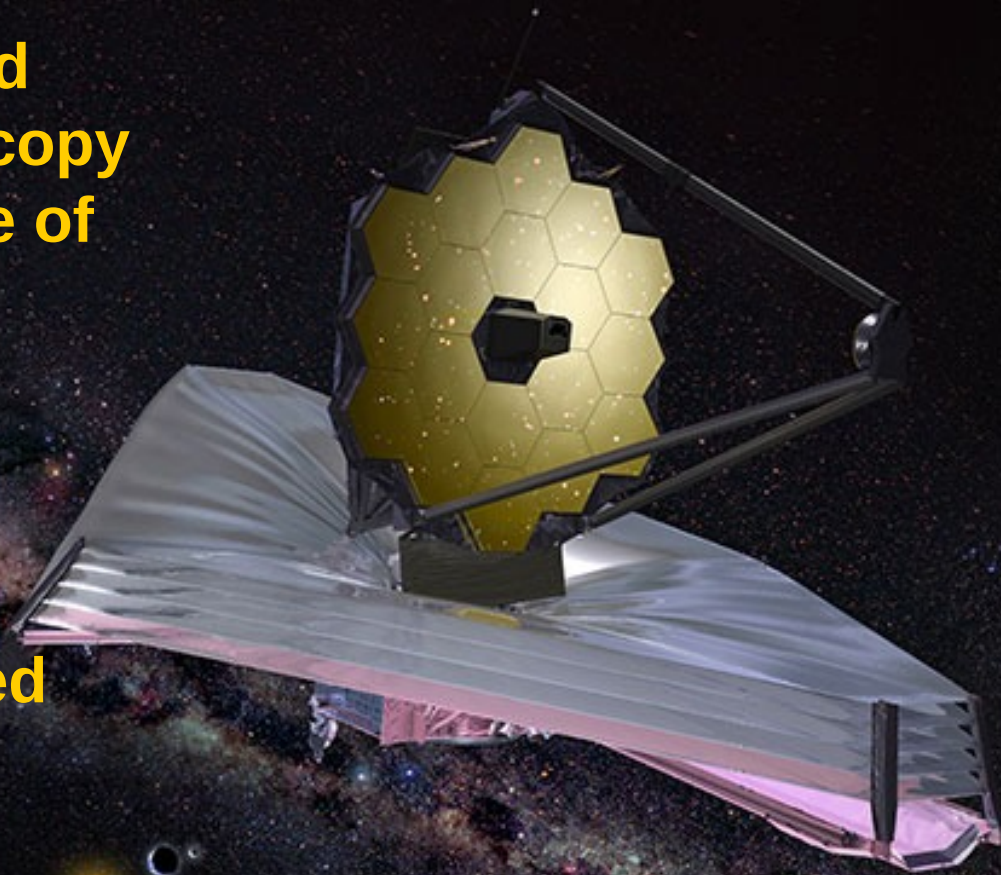
(Boyer et al. 2015)

2 *Spitzer* epochs in 50 Local Group dwarf galaxies

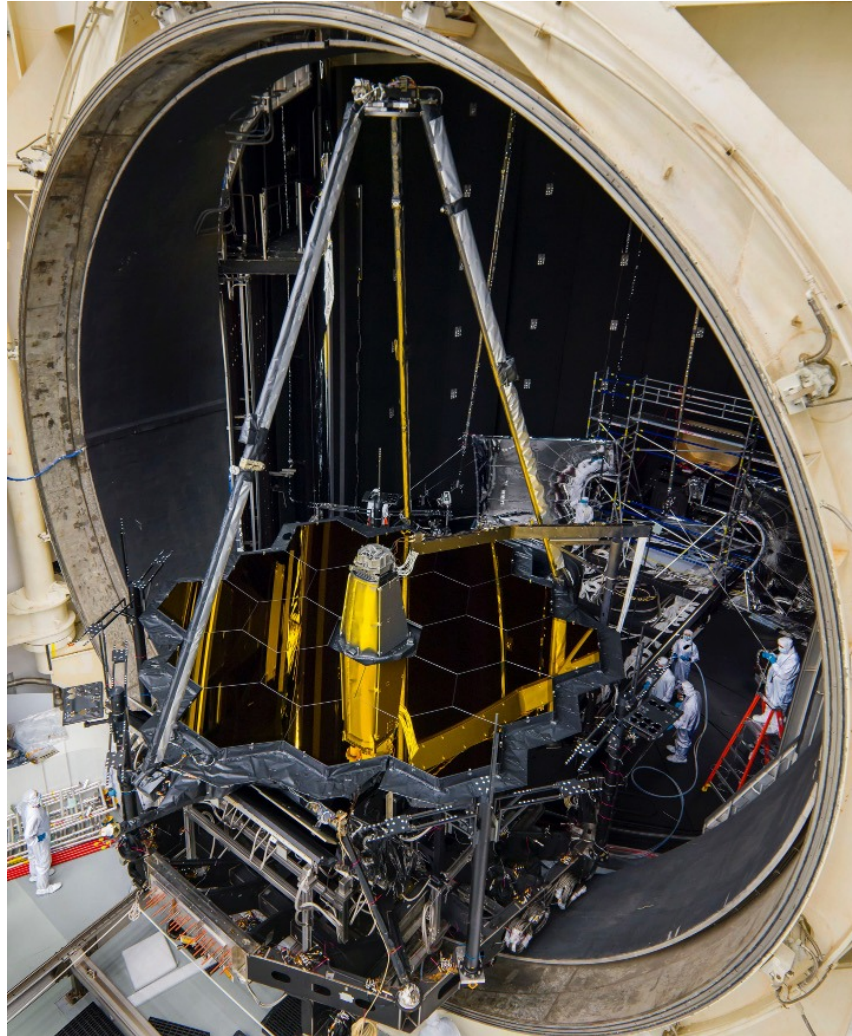
Lessons for the future

**JWST will extend
stellar spectroscopy
beyond the edge of
the Local Group**

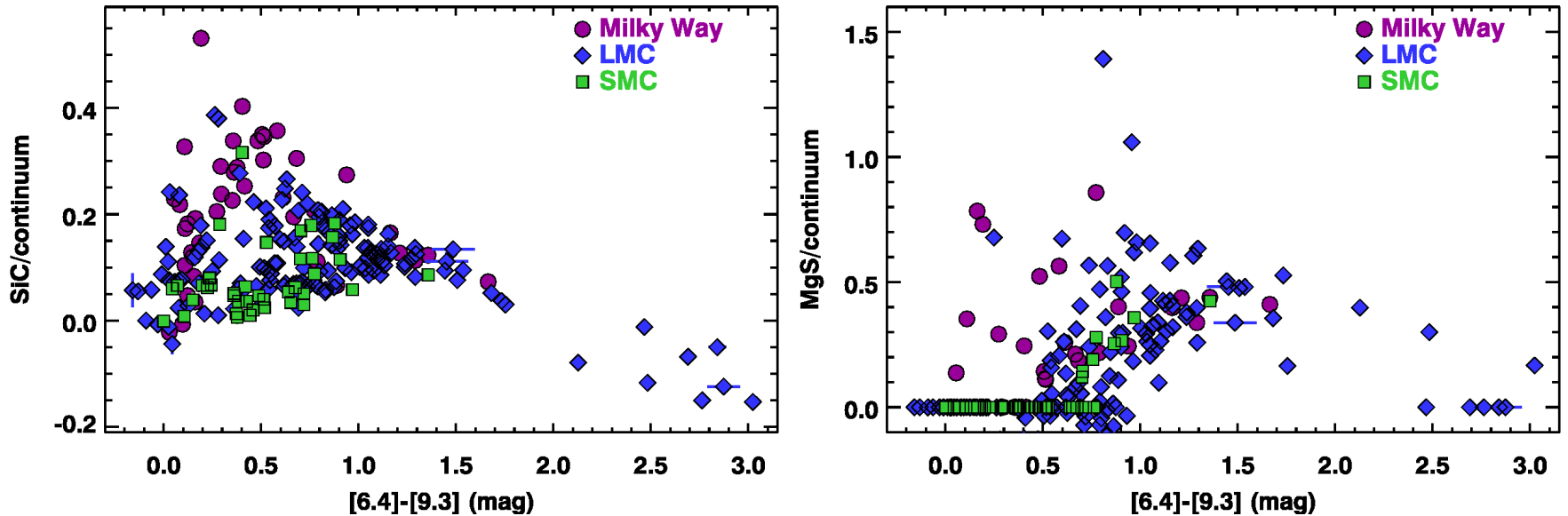
**Sparsely sampled
IR lightcurves
can identify and
characterize
AGB stars**



And the future is almost now



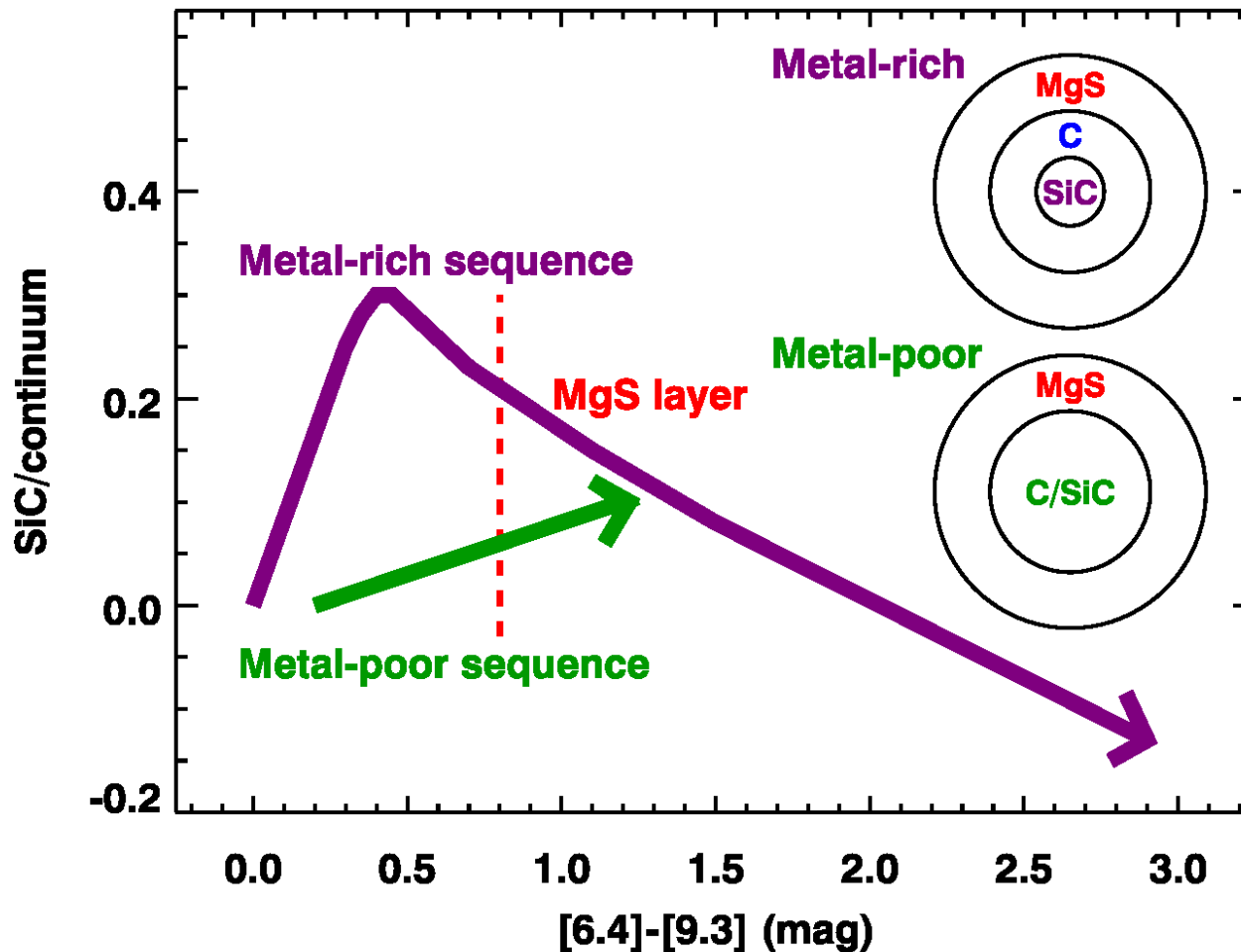
SiC and MgS in C-rich shells



As dust shells grow redder

- SiC strength rises, then falls
- Reddest sources have SiC in absorption!
- MgS rises as SiC falls

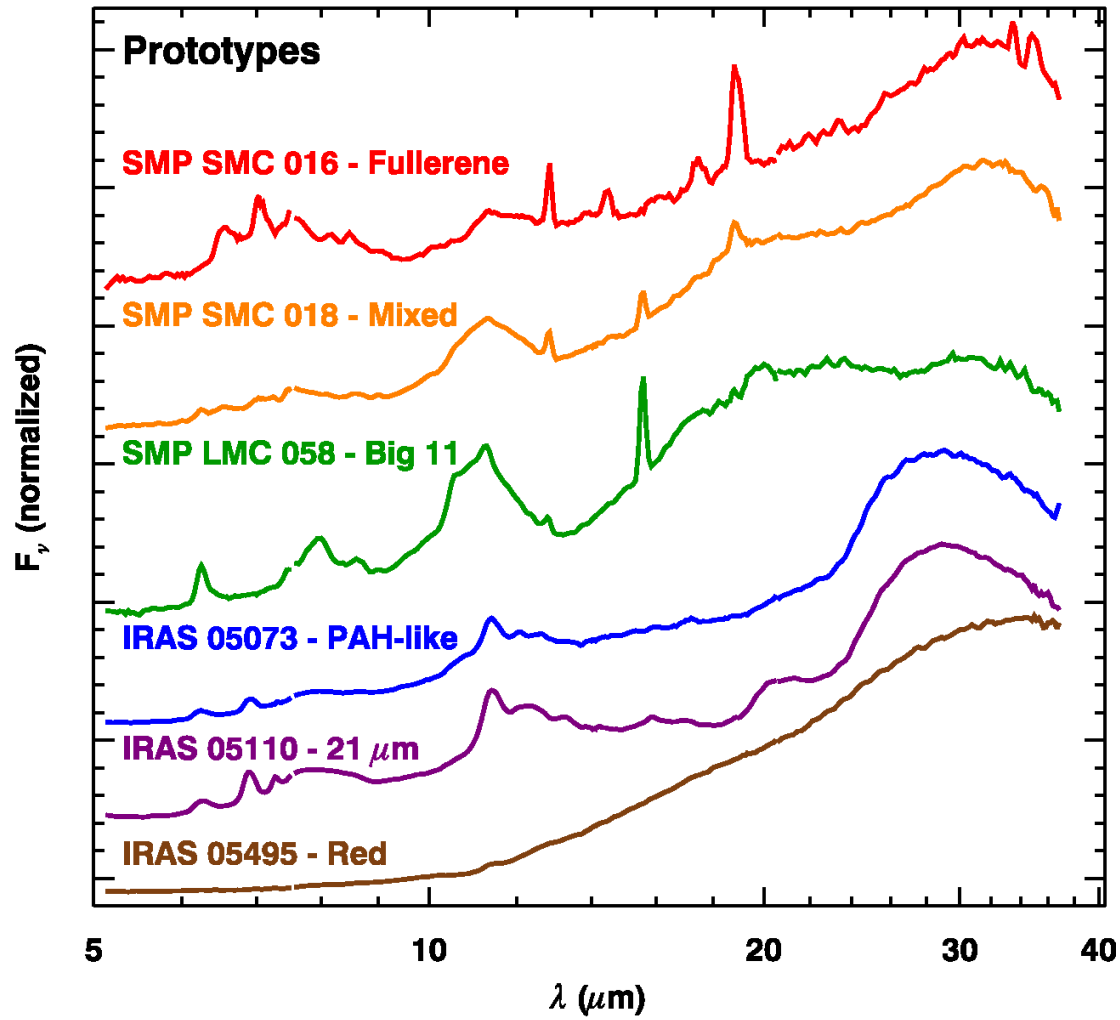
Grain layering



After *Lagadec et al. (2007)* and *Leisenring et al. (2008)*

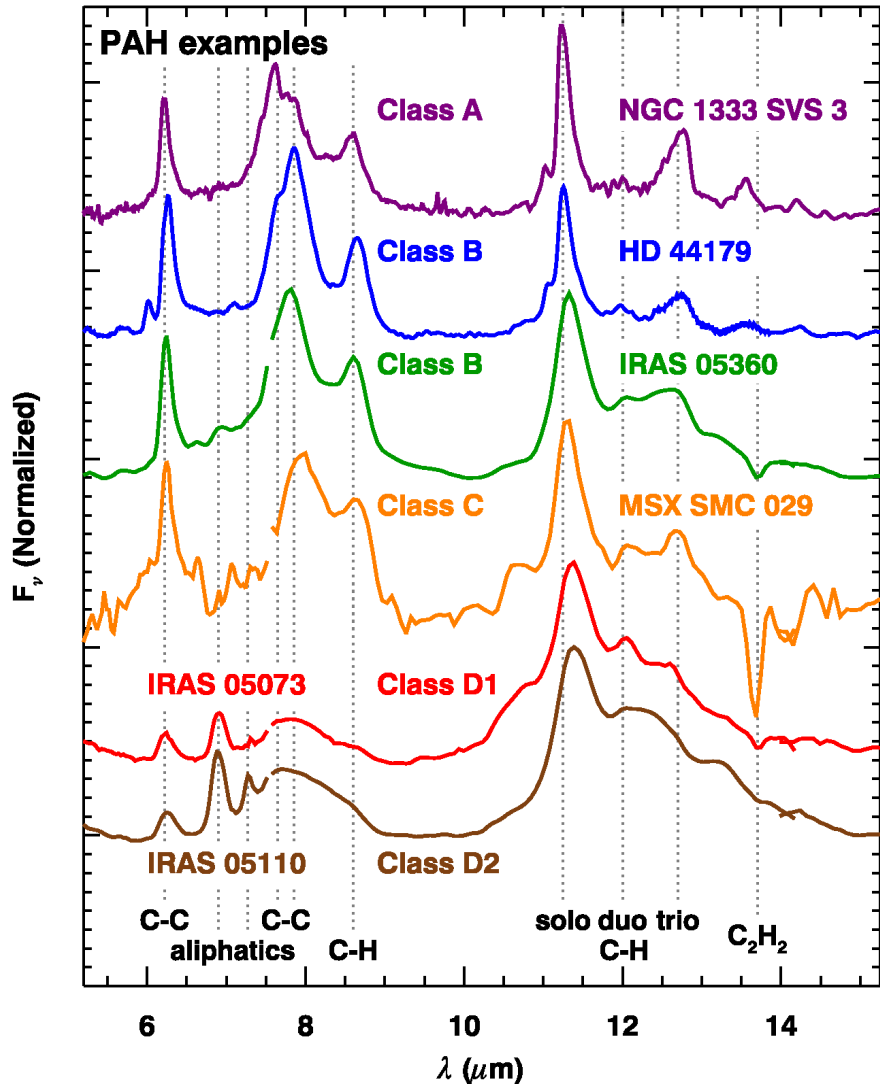
(*Sloan et al. 2016*)

Carbon-rich post-AGB spectra



(Sloan et al. 2014)

Class D PAHs in PNe



New class of PAH emission

Introduced by
Matsuura et al. (2014)

Unusual PAH profiles at
8 and 11-14 μm

