

W43A: shaping the envelope of an AGB with a collimated jet

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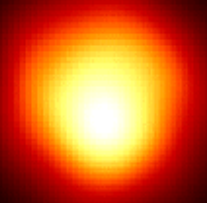
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11.85 μ m image
(Lagadec et al. 2011)



Betelgeuse
(Mira variable)
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Size of Star

Size of Earth's Orbit

Size of Jupiter's Orbit

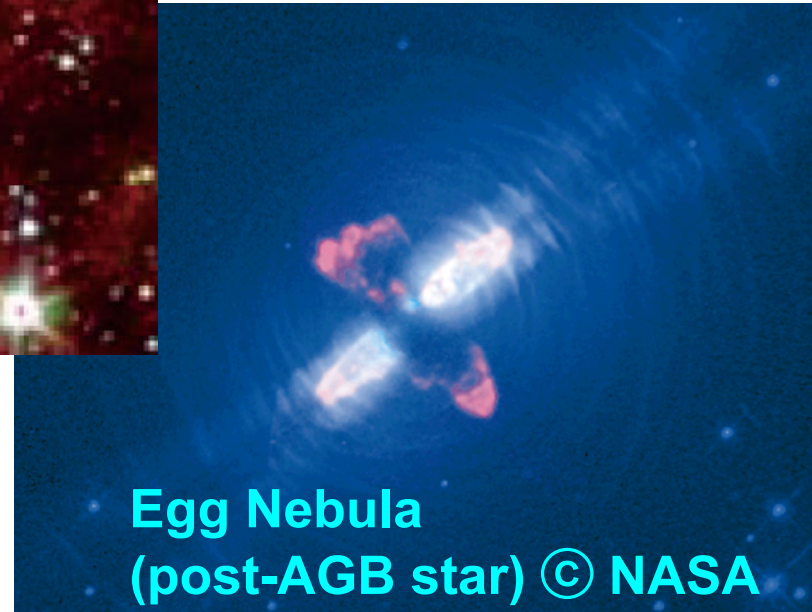
Transition phase
from AGB to post-AGB star,
from spherical symmetric to
asymmetric circumstellar envelope

W43A
(OH/IR star, water fountain)
Deguchi et al. 2007

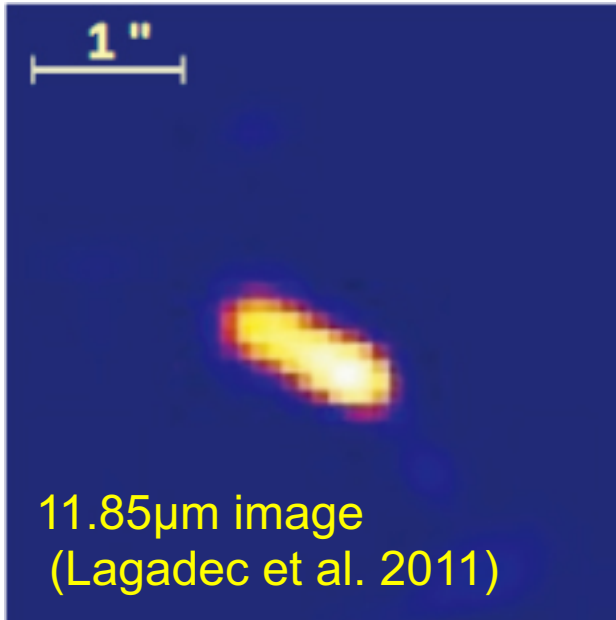
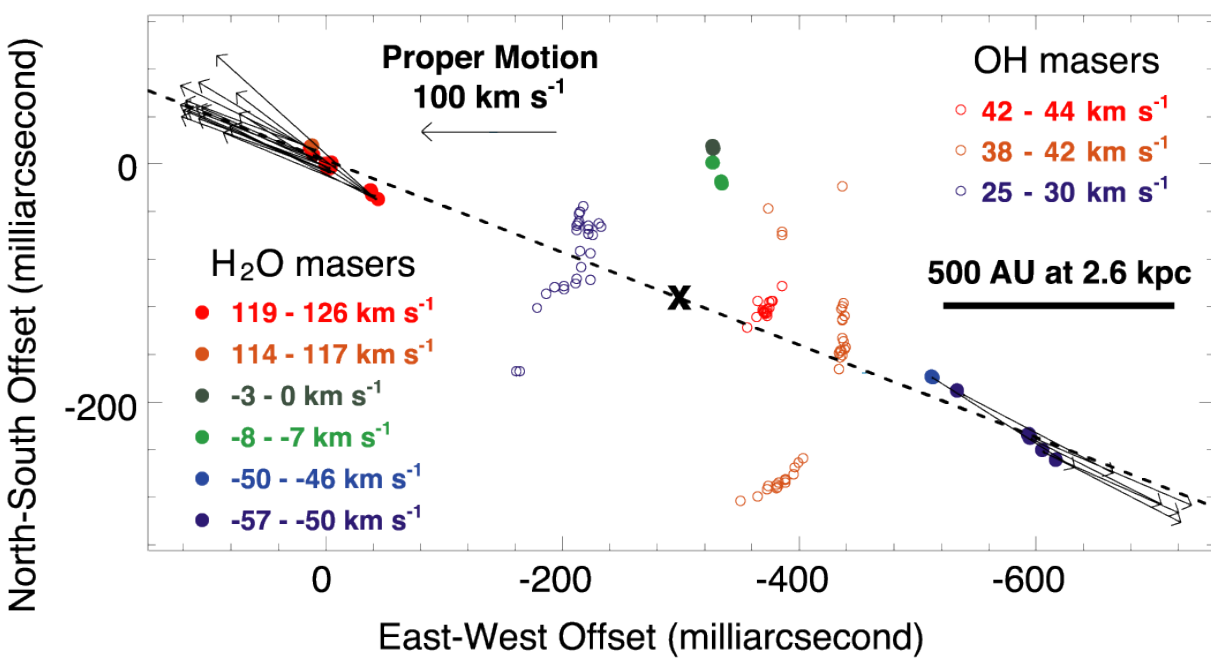


- ✦ When / how is a water fountain launched?
- ✦ Which kind of star becomes a host of a water fountain?

Egg Nebula
(post-AGB star) © NASA



Water fountain: highly-collimated *stellar* molecular jet traced by H₂O maser emission



H₂O and OH masers in W43A (Imai et al. 2002)

- $V_{\text{exp}}(\text{H}_2\text{O}) (>100 \text{ km/s}) \gg V_{\text{exp}}(\text{OH}) (10\text{--}30 \text{ km/s})$
- Very short dynamical time scale (?): $<100 \text{ years}$
- Very high mass loss rate (?): $dM/dt > 10^{-5} M_{\text{sun}} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

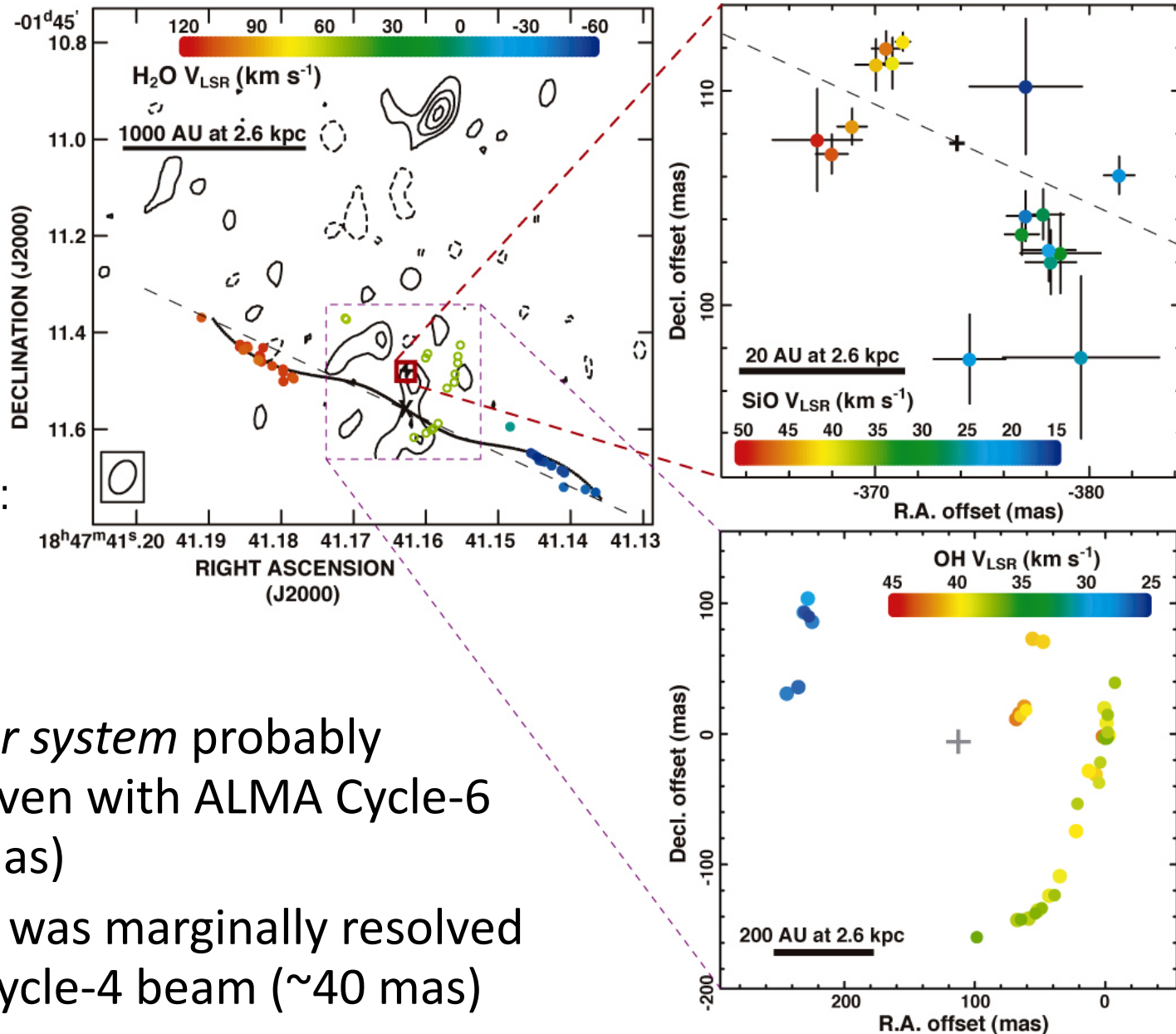


The origins of the jets: double stars or single star?

W43A

(Imai et al. 2008)

- H₂O: jet
- 1612 MHz OH: envelope
- SiO: torus
- Central *stellar system* probably unresolved even with ALMA Cycle-6 beam (~20 mas)
- Central *torus* was marginally resolved with ALMA Cycle-4 beam (~40 mas)



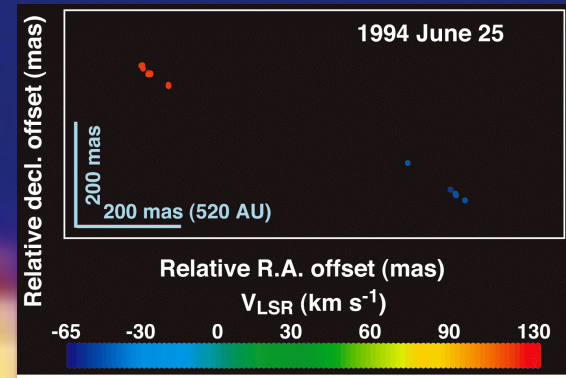
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What seen in $^{12}\text{CO } J=2 \rightarrow 1$ emission

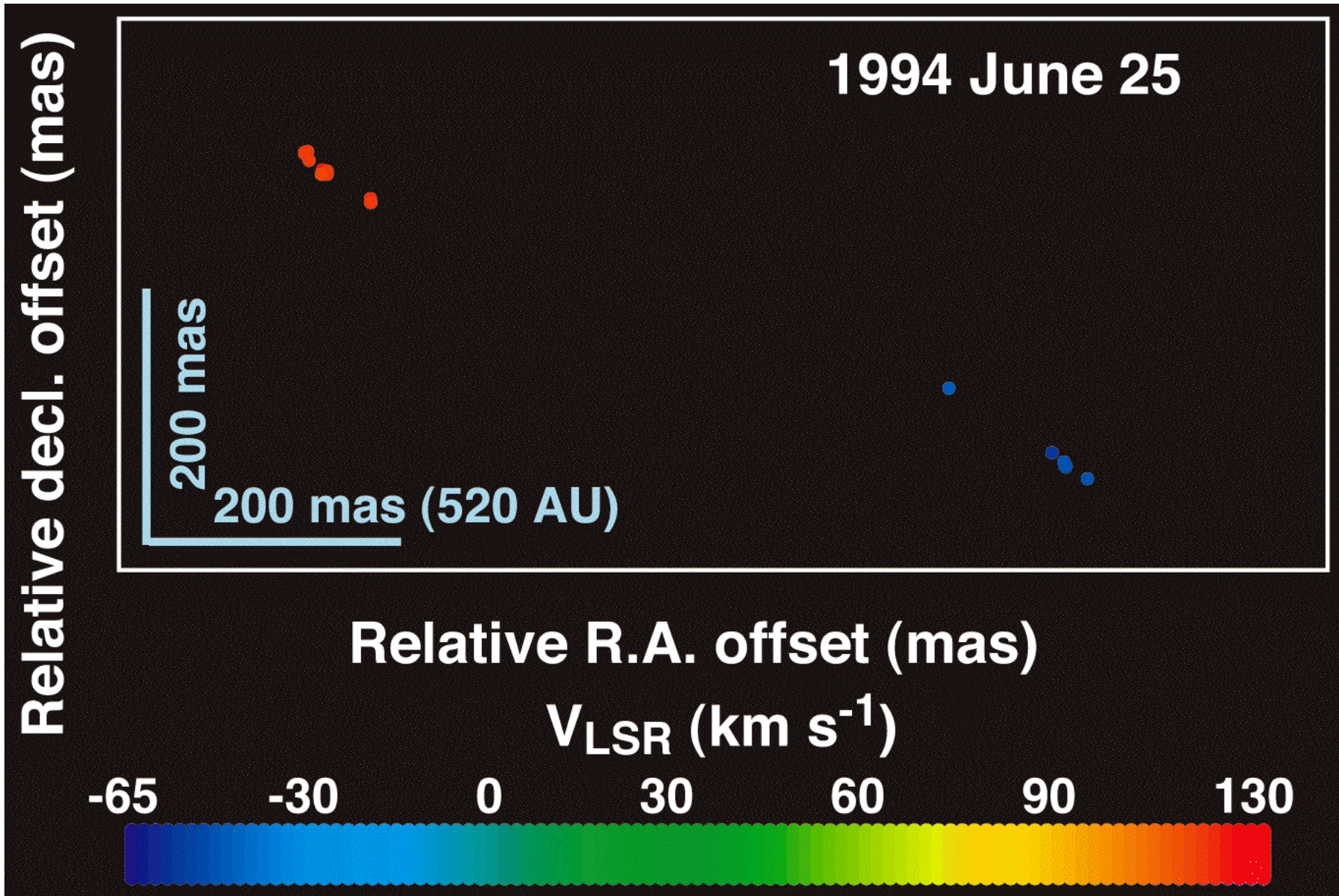
- Intermediate velocity components
 - Along the major axis of a MIR cavity
 - Consistent with low-velocity components of H_2O masers

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11.85 μm image
(Lagadec et al. 2011)

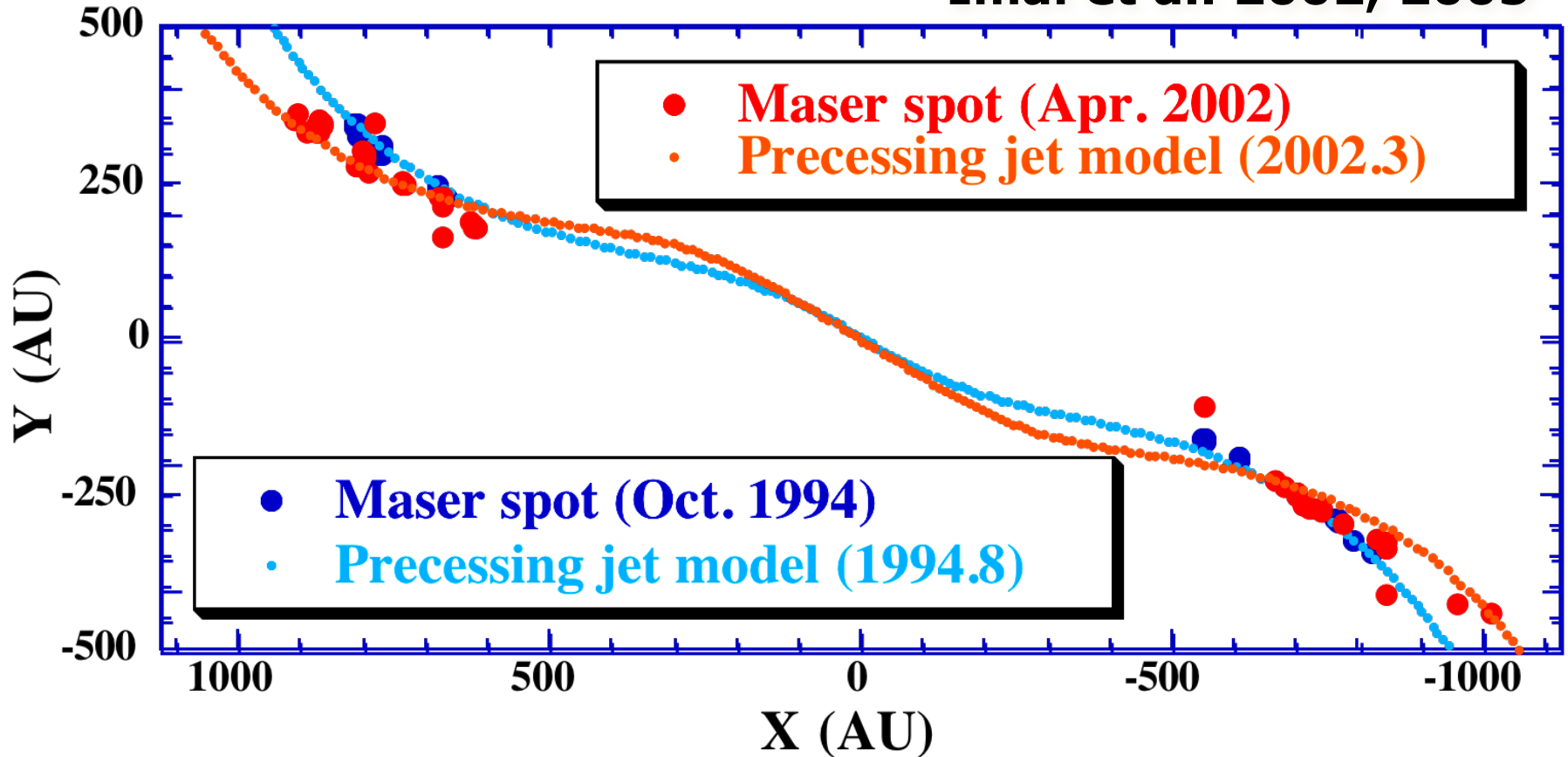


Evolution of the W43A jet



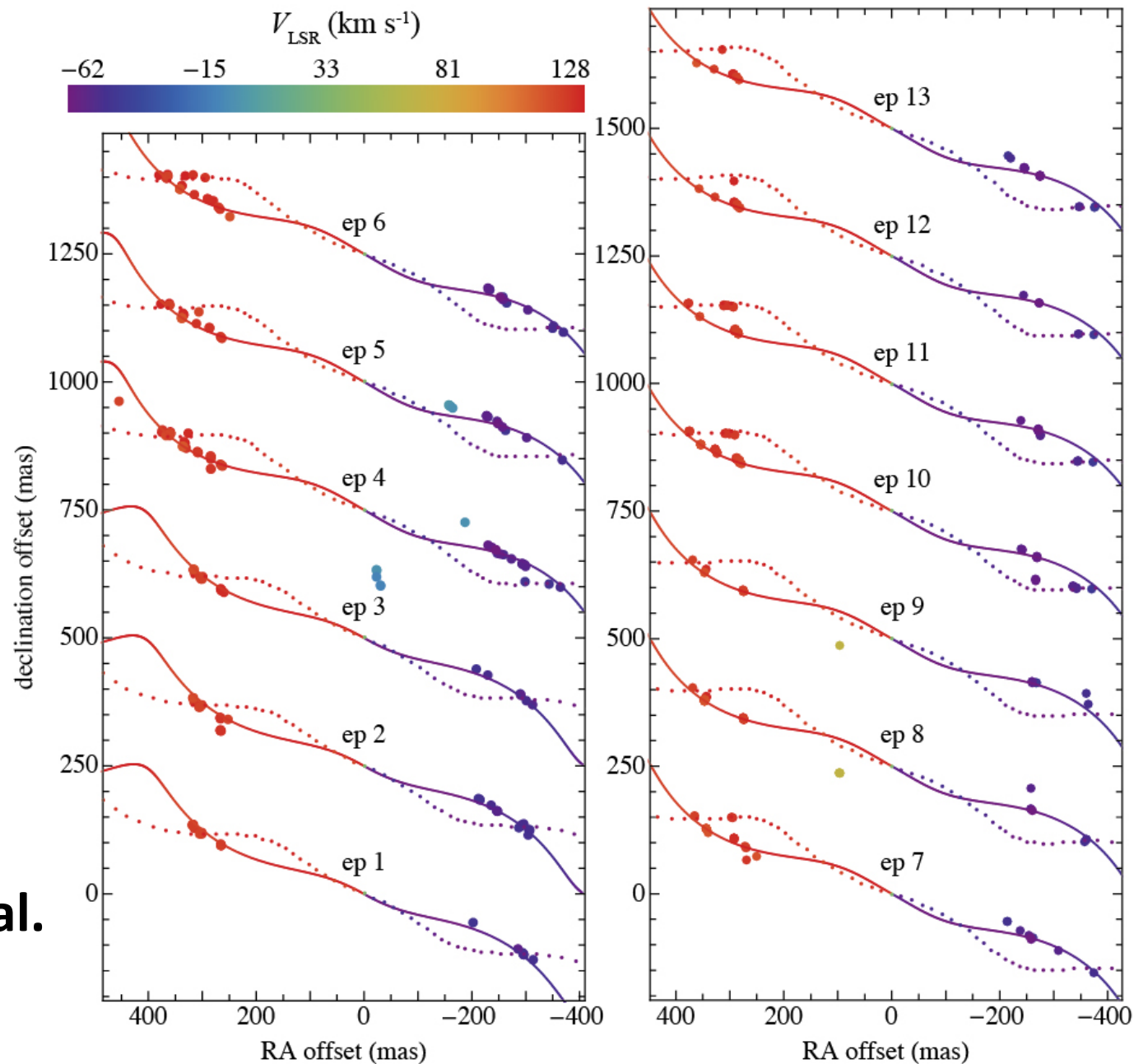
Previous precessing jet model

Imai et al. 2002, 2005



- Precession period ~ 55 years
- Precession angle amplitude $\sim 5^\circ$
- Gas bullets with ballistic motions from the central star and interactions with ambient envelope

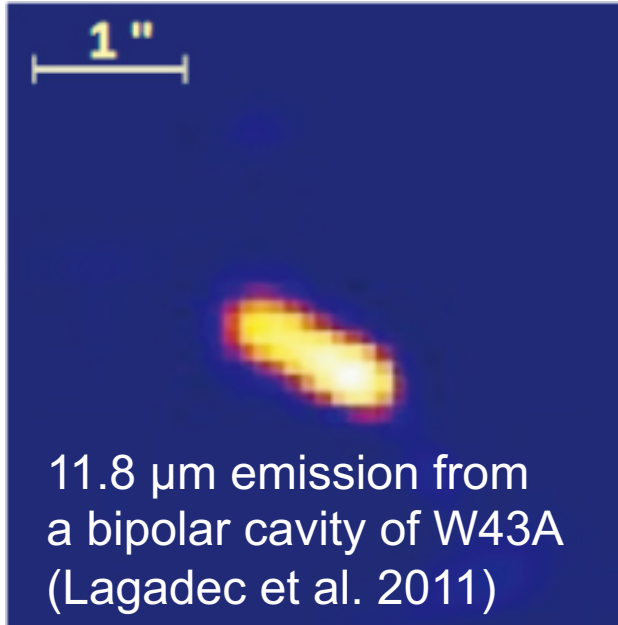
Wrong precessing jet model by Imai et al. (2002)



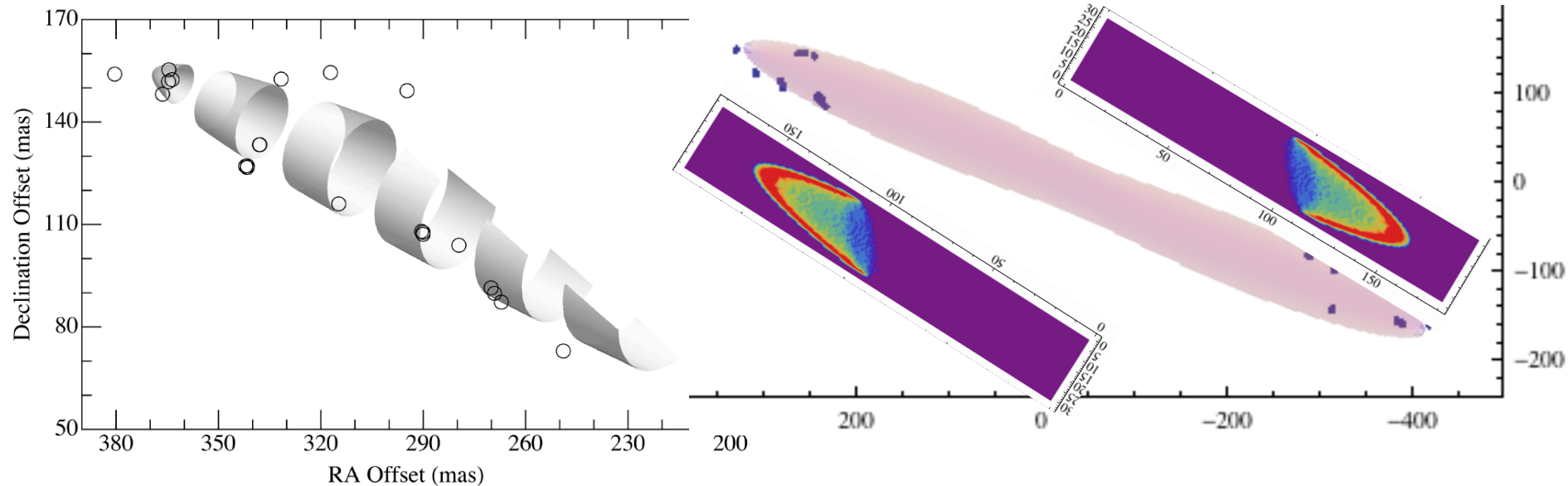
**Chong et al.
(2015)**

A new model of H₂O maser excitation region

(Chong et al. 2015)

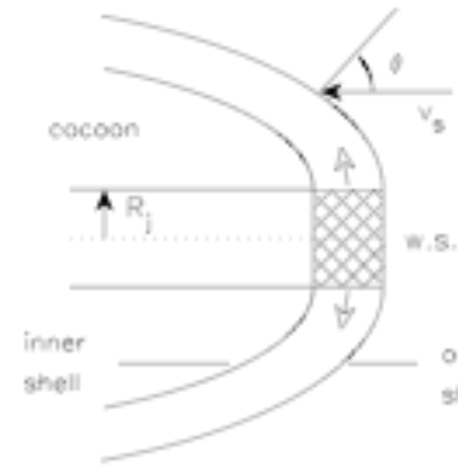


- Bipolar cavity formed by past jet ejection
- New interaction of newly ejected jet at the cavity wall
- Periodic pattern of maser region produced by discontinuous ejection of jet or envelope

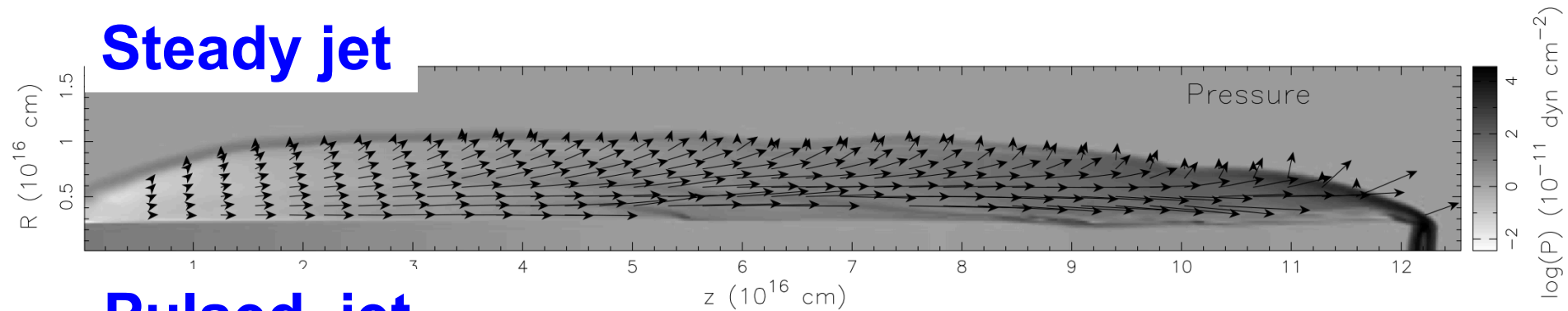


Jet with a large opening angle

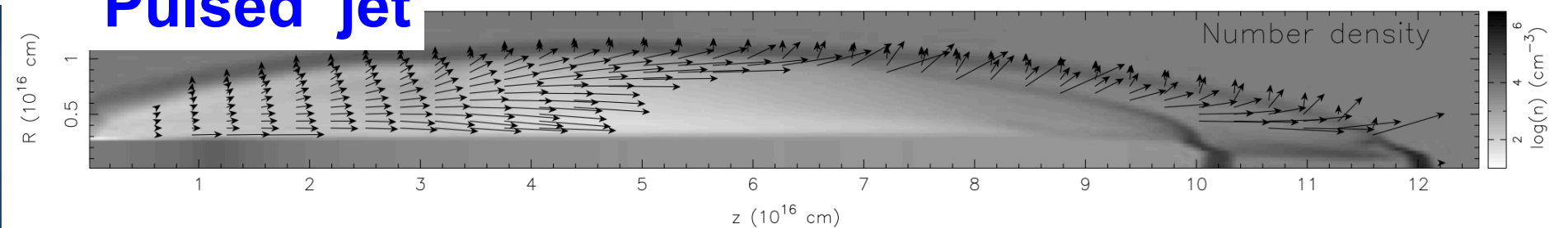
- Formalization (Ostriker 2001)
- Simulations (Lee et al. 2001)
steady v.s pulsed jets
- Application to water fountain jet to explain directions of maser motions and thickness of maser distribution
(Orosz et al. 2017 in prep.)



Steady jet



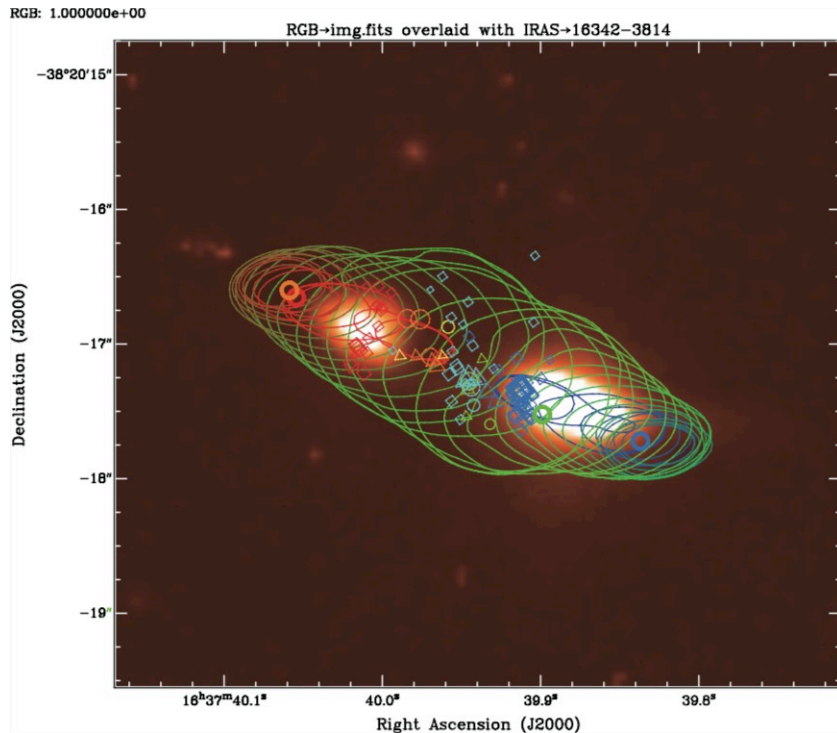
Pulsed jet



Fast, decelerating, small-precessing jet model

Tafoya et al. (in preparation)

IRAS 16342-3814



Fastest components close to the central system

Anticorrelation between CO and dust continuum emission regions

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Periodic outbursts of the jet

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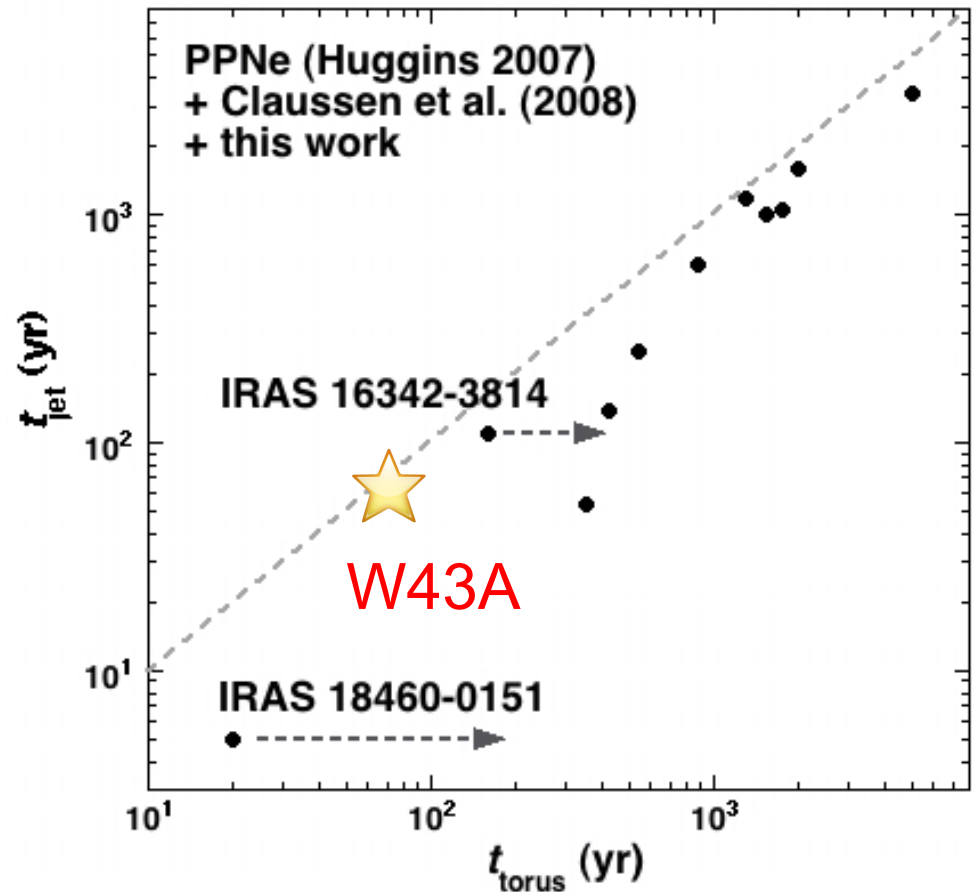
Ejection period: $P=5-7$ years

Tracing the **co-evolution** of a collimated stellar jet and equatorial torus/flow

- First outburst in W43A
~60 years ago
- Interaction event between a compact stellar object and a torus followed by a jet on a short time scale
- **Binary system scenario** may produce the interaction event and explain (multiple) discrete mass ejection.
- The **interaction event** may occur in AGB phase.

Statistical study is necessary.

Mapping the whole envelope/
torus is crucial.



Data point of W43A has been just determined.

Future perspectives

FLASHING

Finest Legacy Acquisitions of SiO and H₂O masers Ignitions by Nobeyama Generation

First observations on 2018 December 1

Simultaneous observations of SiO and H₂O masers with new quasi-optics derived by HINOTORI

(Hybrid Installation Project in Nobeyama, Triple-band Oriented)

- Episodic outbursts
- Periodicity
- Evolution
- devolution

