

ALFOOSC at the NOT: a successful loan

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- An IAA view: minor bodies,
blazars,
nova shells,
planetary nebulae,
outflows in LINERs ...



October 1997, initially for every 3 years

1999, agreement for the use of the spectrograph, NOT provided with 14 nights (dark/grey) for the partners

Hugo Schwarz reported that *80%-90% of the NOT requested time is with ALFOSC, that is the instruments with the smallest down time being used at ORM*

First IAA projects with ALFOSC: Planetary Nebulae, proper motions in Herbig Haro objects, dwarf galaxies in Hickson Compact groups

2000-2003, less than 10% lost to technical problems, 30% bad weather conditions. Imaging & spectroscopy, 50/50
Projects: SED of GRB host galaxies, star formation in nearby cluster galaxies (deep H α imaging and spectroscopy), stellar populations in low luminosity AGN, the nature of high luminosity ULIRGs

ALFOSC : Alhambra Faint Object Spectrograph and Camera

ALFOSC, is provided by the **Instituto de Astrofísica de Andalucía (IAA)** under a joint agreement with the **University of Copenhagen** and **NOT**. With a field of view of 6.4 x 6.4 arcminutes in imaging mode, it can also be used for low/medium resolution spectroscopy, and polarimetry.





2000 - 2003

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THE SED OF THE GRB HOST GALAXIES

Only prompt optical emission was detected for GRB 000313, but no afterglow emission at all. VRIK'-band deep imaging failed to reveal an underlying host galaxy. First optical counterpart ever found for this kind of events?

Castro-Tirado et al. 2002, A&A 393, L55

GRB 030329, the nearest GRB detected so far ($z = 0.1685$). Optical monitoring at different, starting 0.6 days after the GRB allowed to monitor the afterglow decline. NOT observations allowed its detection 40 days after maximum.

Gorosabel et al. 2006, ApJ 641, L13

SEARCHING FOR STAR FORMATION IN NEARBY CLUSTER GALAXIES

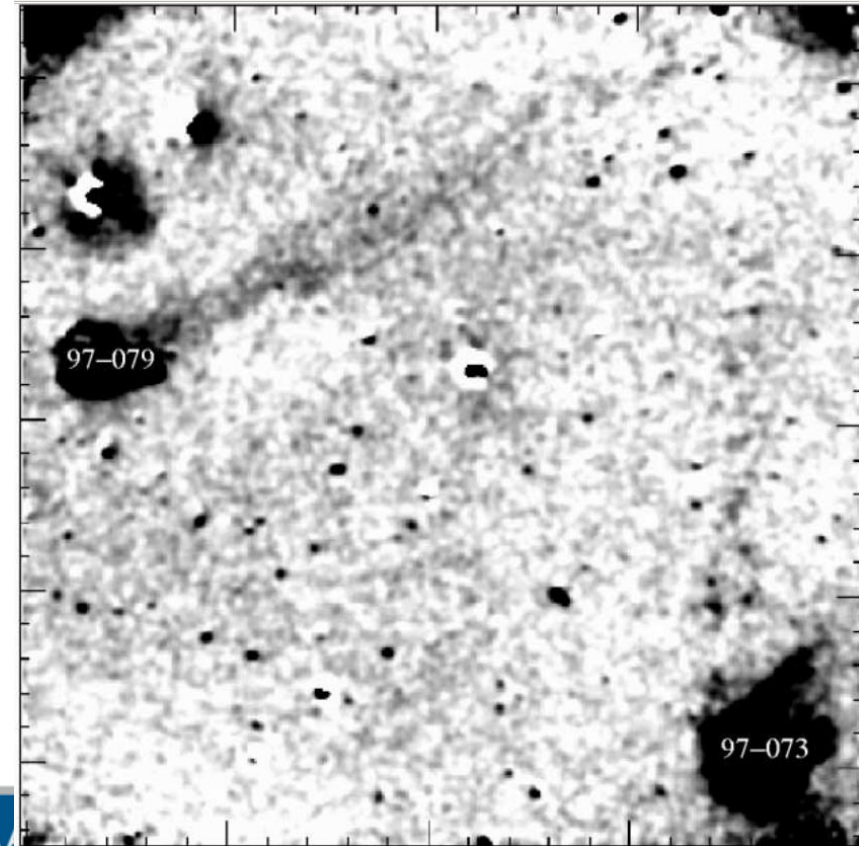
Deep H α imaging & follow-up spectroscopy of galaxy clusters (Virgo, Coma, Hercules, A1367 among others).

A1367: two long (>75kpc) trail ionized tails were discovered in two star-forming galaxies that are falling down to the cluster center

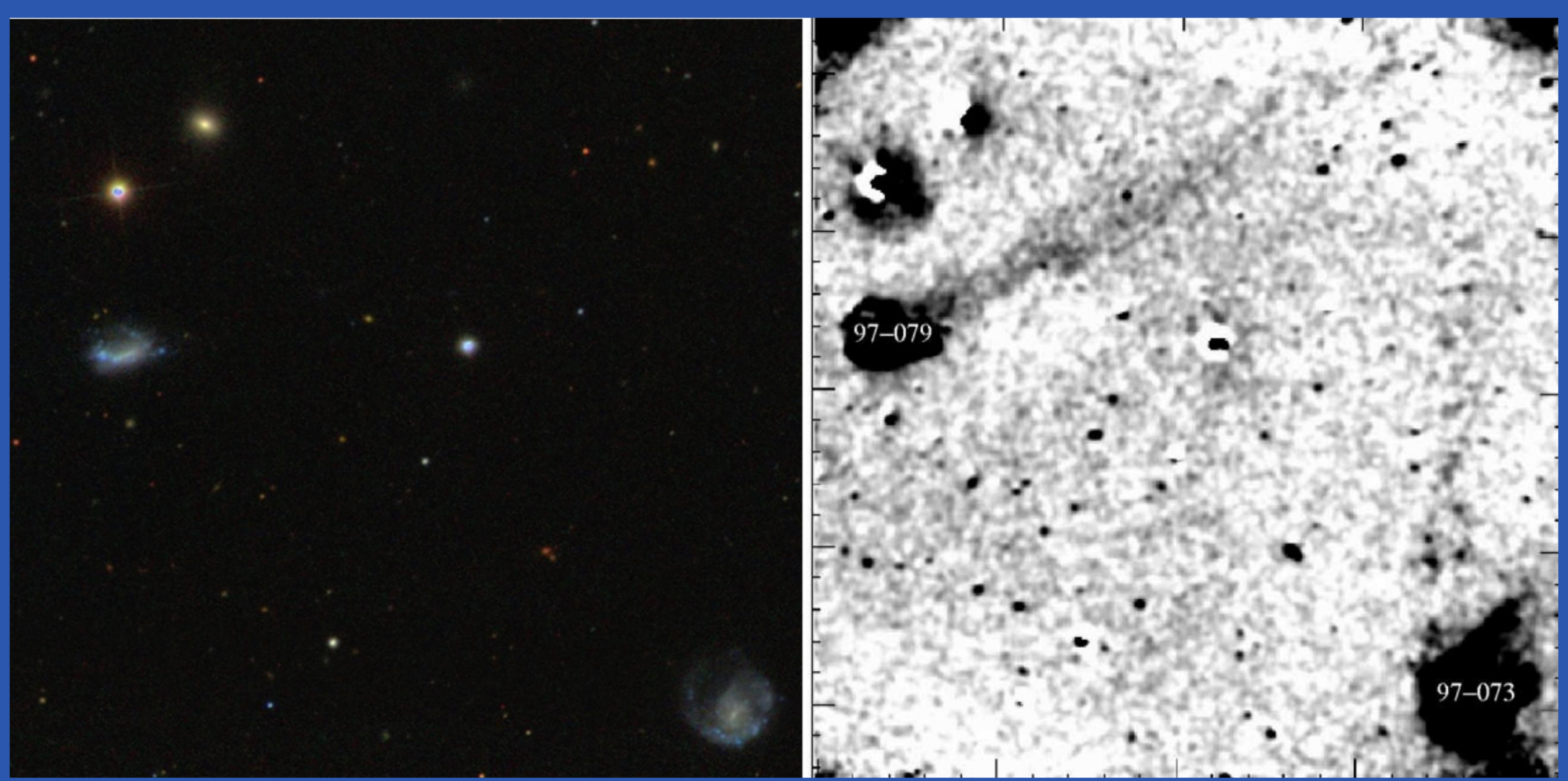
Hercules: gas-rich SF dwarf galaxies were studied spectrophotometrically, & their structural properties, colors and metallicities derived for the 1st time

Virgo: a large fraction of the Blue Dwarf galaxy population was observed with deep H α imaging

Boselli et al. 2002, A&A 386, 134, Gavazzi et al, 2001, ApJ 563,L23







75 kpc trails of ionised gas behing two irregular galaxies in Abell 1367, due to ram-pressure stripping



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LOW LUMINOSITY ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI (LLAGN)

70 nearby galaxies LS (3400-5500 Å), good seeing.

No WR features at 4686 Å, hence massive hot stars contribute very little. 1/3 showed higher order Balmer lines (3700-3900 Å) in absorption, their strengths indicate that intermediate age stellar population contribute significantly. This post-starburst

stellar population is more frequent in weak-[OI] LLAGNs. A link suggested between the stellar population and the ionization mechanism in LLAGNs

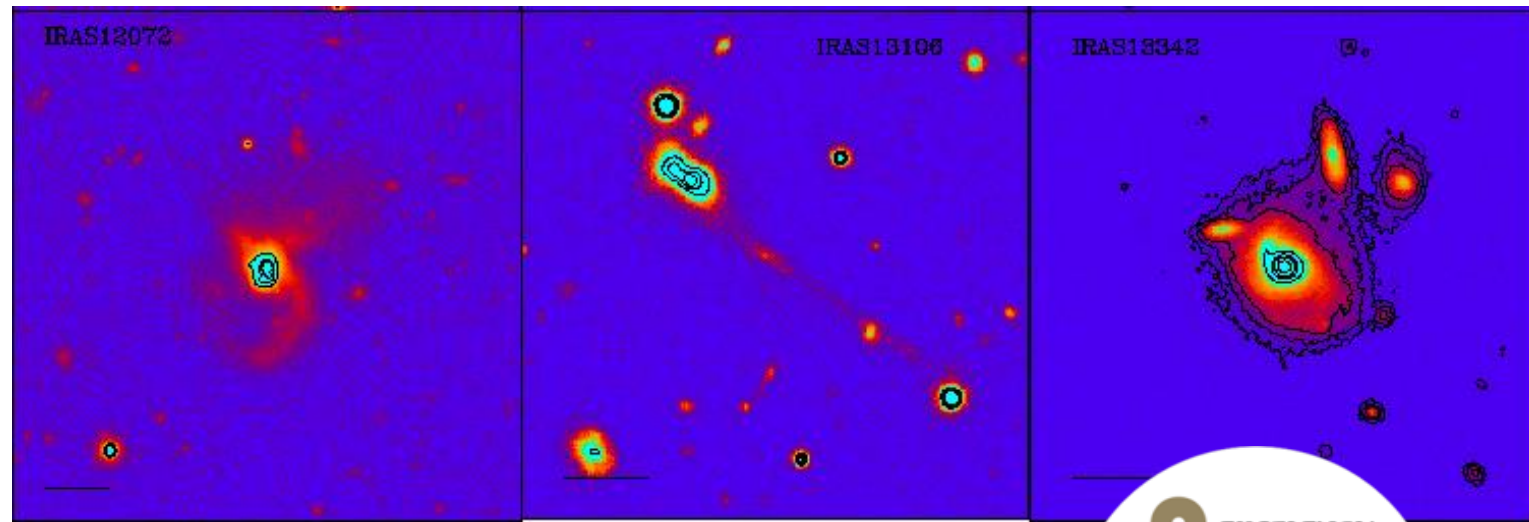
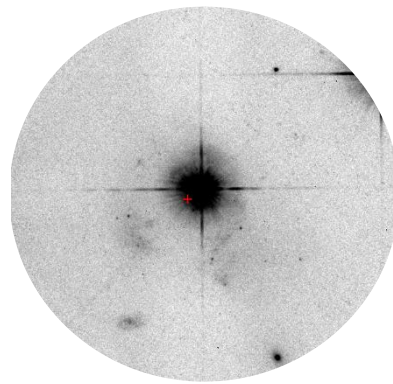
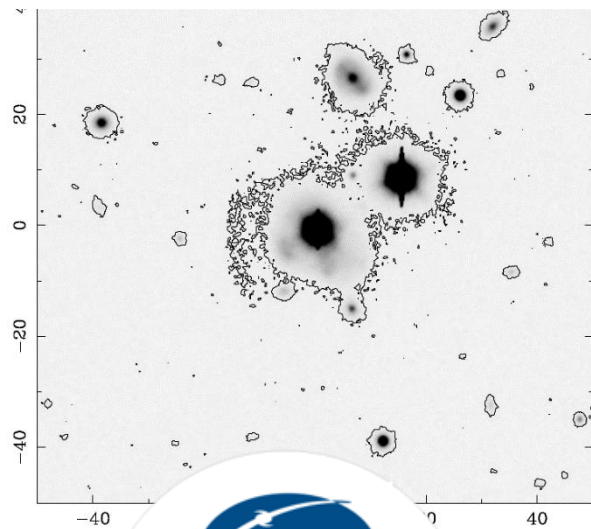
Cid Fernandes et al. 2004, ApJ 605, 105; González-Delgado et al. 2004, ApJ 605, 127; Cid Fernandes et al. 2005, MNRAS 356, 270

ON THE NATURE OF HIGH LUMINOSITY ULIRGs

Deep R-band imaging (3sigma 24.5 mag/arcsec²), subarcsec seeing).

43% fitted by spheroidal, 23% fitted by exponential disk. All with strong morphological perturbation (advanced mergers).

Masegosa & Márquez, 2003; Márquez & Masegosa, 2003. Proceedings...





2003 - 2008

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PLANETARY NEBULAE

- Guerrero et al. 2008, "Multiple and Precessing Collimated Outflows in the Planetary Nebula IC 4634"
- Ramos-Larios et al. 2008, "The Unusual Distributions of Ionized Material and Molecular Hydrogen in NGC 6881: Signposts of Multiple Events of Bipolar Ejection in a Planetary Nebula", AJ 135, 1441
- Gruendl et al. 2006, "XMM-Newton Observations of the Bipolar Planetary Nebulae NGC 2346 and NGC 7026", ApJ 653, 339

HICKSON COMPACT GROUPS

- Durbala et al. 2008, "Seyfert's Sextet: A Slowly Dissolving Stephans Quintet?", AN 135, 130
- Verdes-Montenegro et al. 2005, "The Evolution of HCG 31: Optical and High-resolution HI Study", A&A 430, 443
- Verdes-Montenegro et al. 2002, "Ripples and Tails in the Compact Group of Galaxies Hickson 54", A&A 396, 815
- Verdes-Montenegro et al. 2001, "Where is the Neutral Atomic Gas in Hickson Groups", A&A 377, 812
- Martinez et al. 2008, "Deficiency of Broad Line AGNs in Compact Groups of Galaxies, ApJ

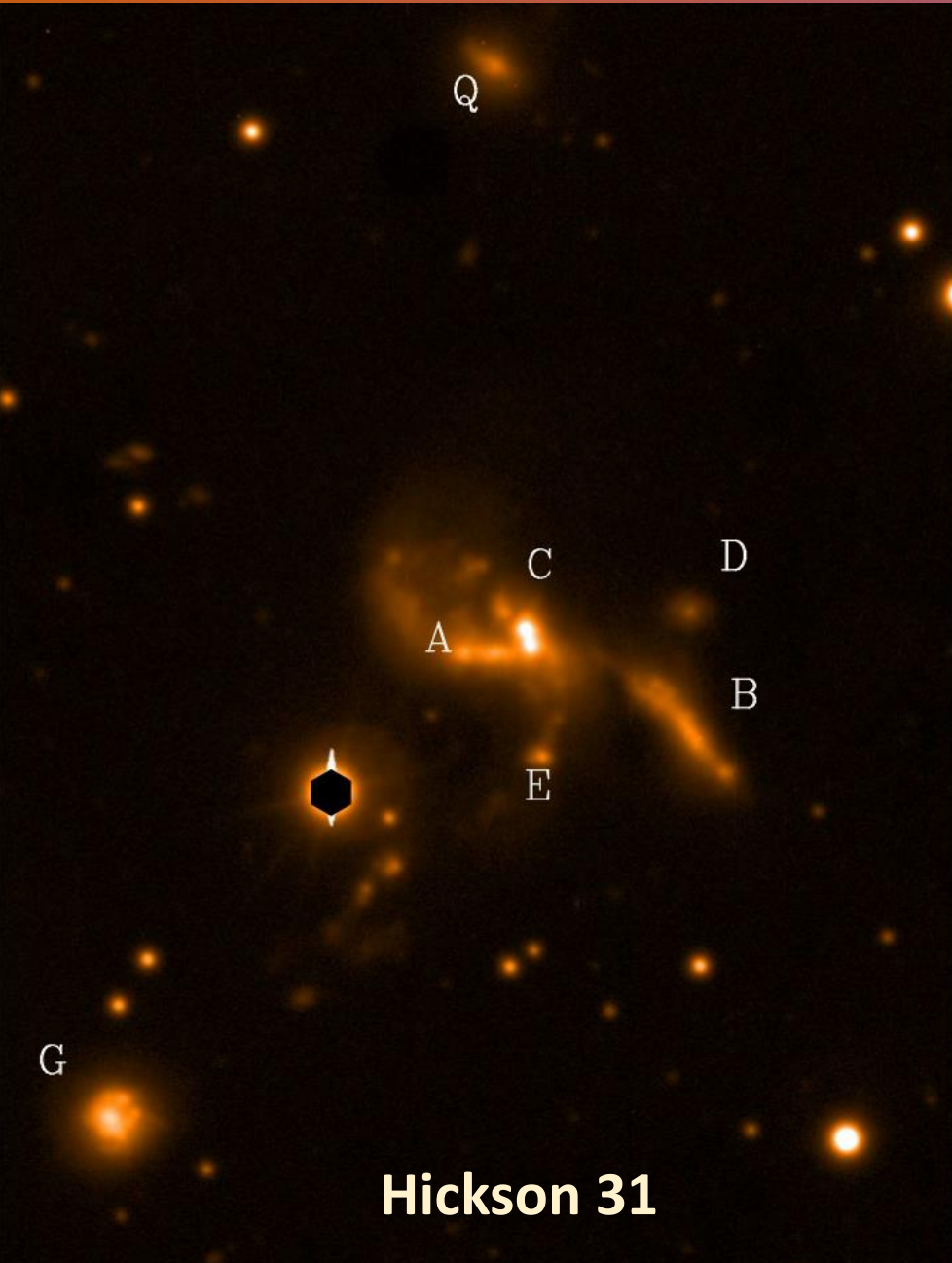
Hickson 95





2009 - 2013

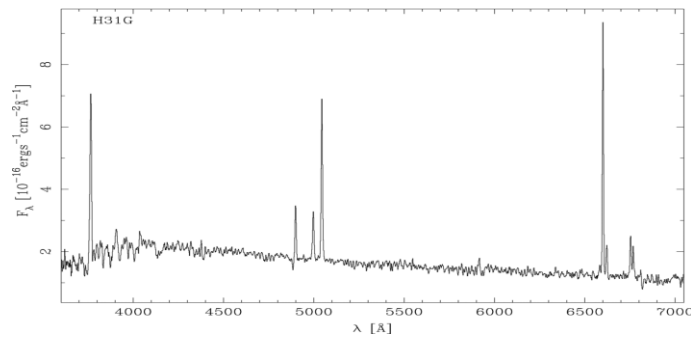
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Hickson 31

AGN POPULATION IN HICKSON COMPACT GROUPS. I. DATA AND NUCLEAR ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION

65 HCGs, ALFOSC spectra of 56 galaxies (also CAHA & SPM)

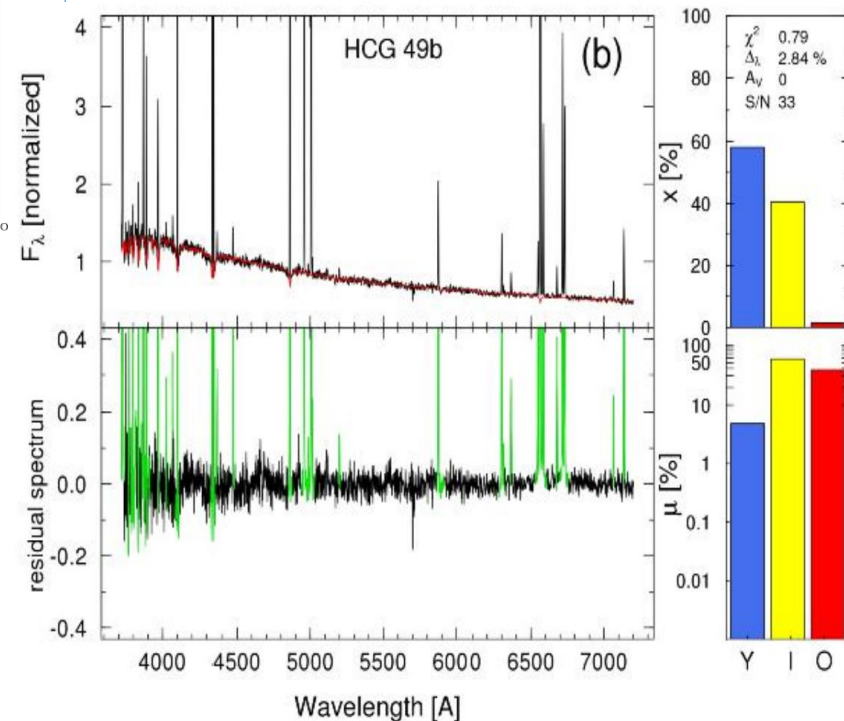


Martínez et al. 2010, AJ 139, 1199

THE STAR FORMATION HISTORIES OF HICKSON COMPACT GROUPS GALAXIES

210 galaxies in 55 HCGs + 309 CIG HCG gx are older, shorter SF, indep. of morphology, M or L

Plauchu-Frayn et al. 2012, A&A 546, A48

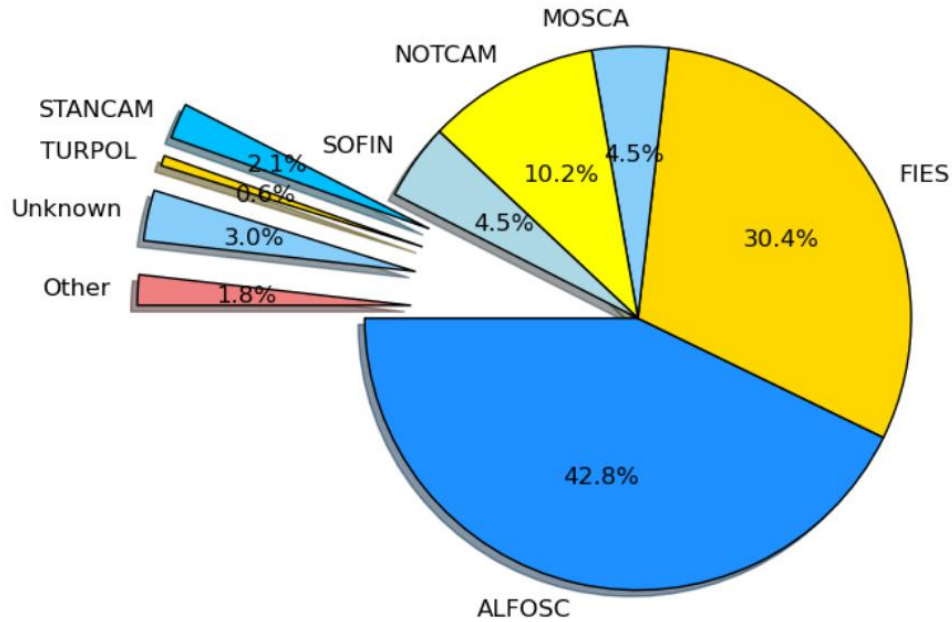




> 2013

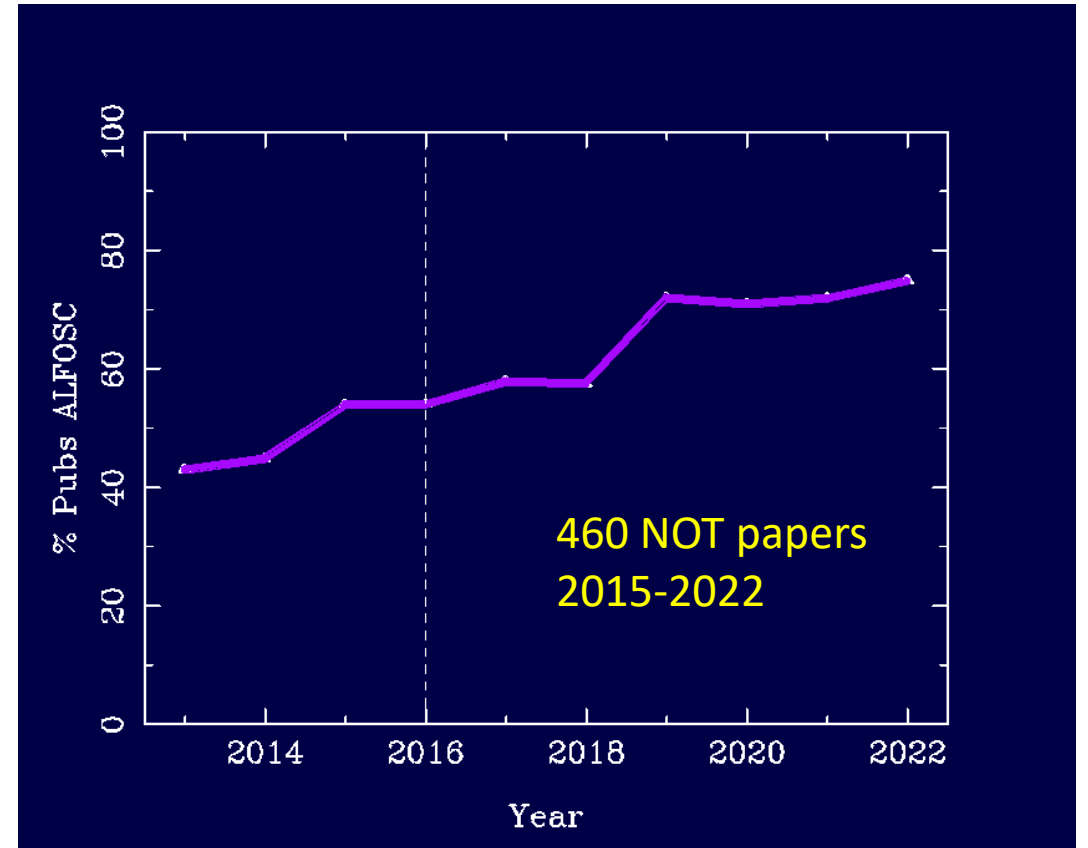
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The use of ALFOSC: publications since 2013



Instrument use in publications in refereed journals, (partly) based on NOT data, published in 2013, 2014, 2015

Source: NOT web



Source: own treatment of the list of publications

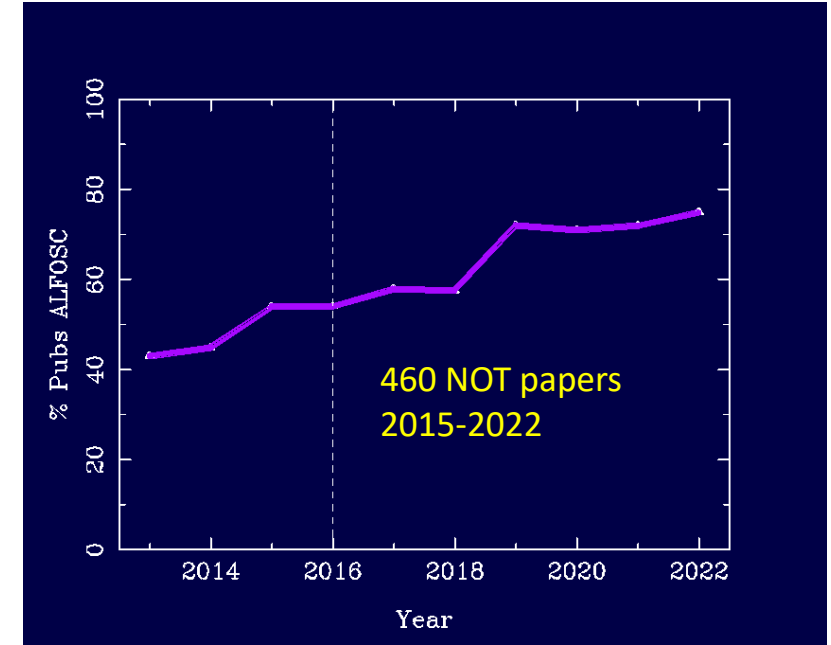
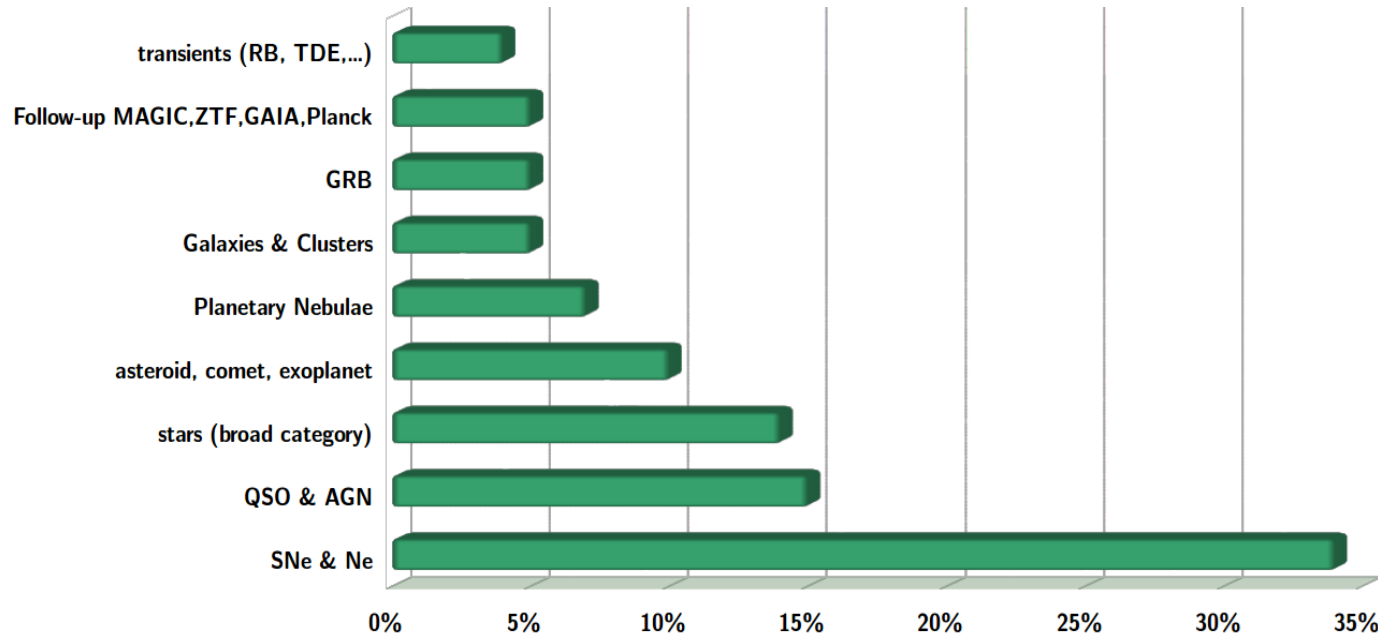




> 2015

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The use of ALFOSC: publications since 2015



“Observation of inverse Compton emission from a long γ -ray burst”

The Nordic Optical Telescope (NOT) observed the optical after-glow of GRB 190114C with the ALFOSC instrument. **Imaging** (griz, 300-s exposures), starting 24 min after the BAT trigger. ALFOSC **spectrum** reveals strong host interstellar absorption lines (Ca H & K, NaI D), which provided $z = 0.425$.

MAGIC Collaboration, 2019 Nature 575, 459





An IAA view...

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THE SIZE, SHAPE, DENSITY AND RING OF THE DWARF PLANET HAUMEA FROM A STELLAR OCCULTATION

Contribution to a better prediction for the occultation, ALFOSC R imaging Dec. 2016

Ortiz et al. 2017, Nature 550, 219

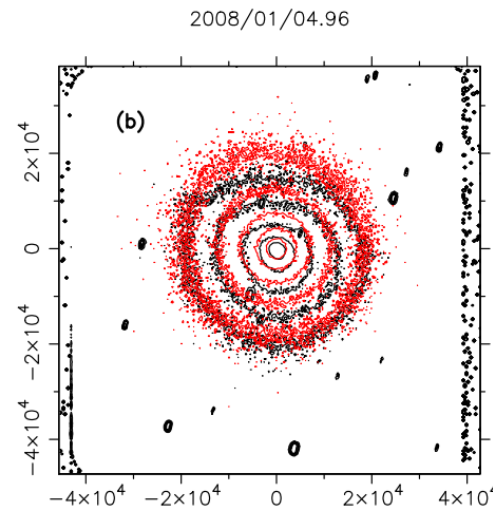


THE DUST AND GAS ENVIRONMENT OF COMET 8P/TUTTLE

Méchain (1790), Tuttle (1858)

Data from 2008, including ALFOSC R images (dust model - red) and spectra (gas production rates)

Gutiérrez et al. 2021, MNRAS 508, 1719





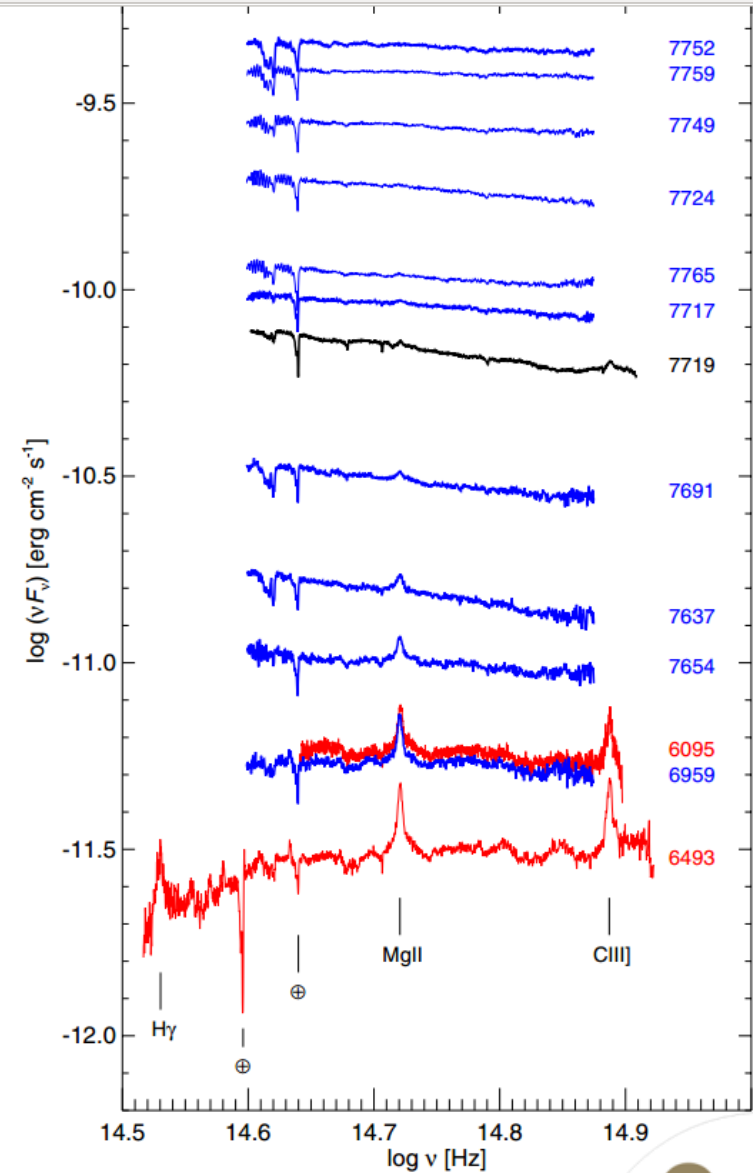
BLAZAR SPECTRAL VARIABILITY AS EXPLAINED BY A TWISTED INHOMOGENEOUS JET

Whole Earth Blazar Telescope (WEBT Collaboration),
CTA102, optical-to-radio monitoring,

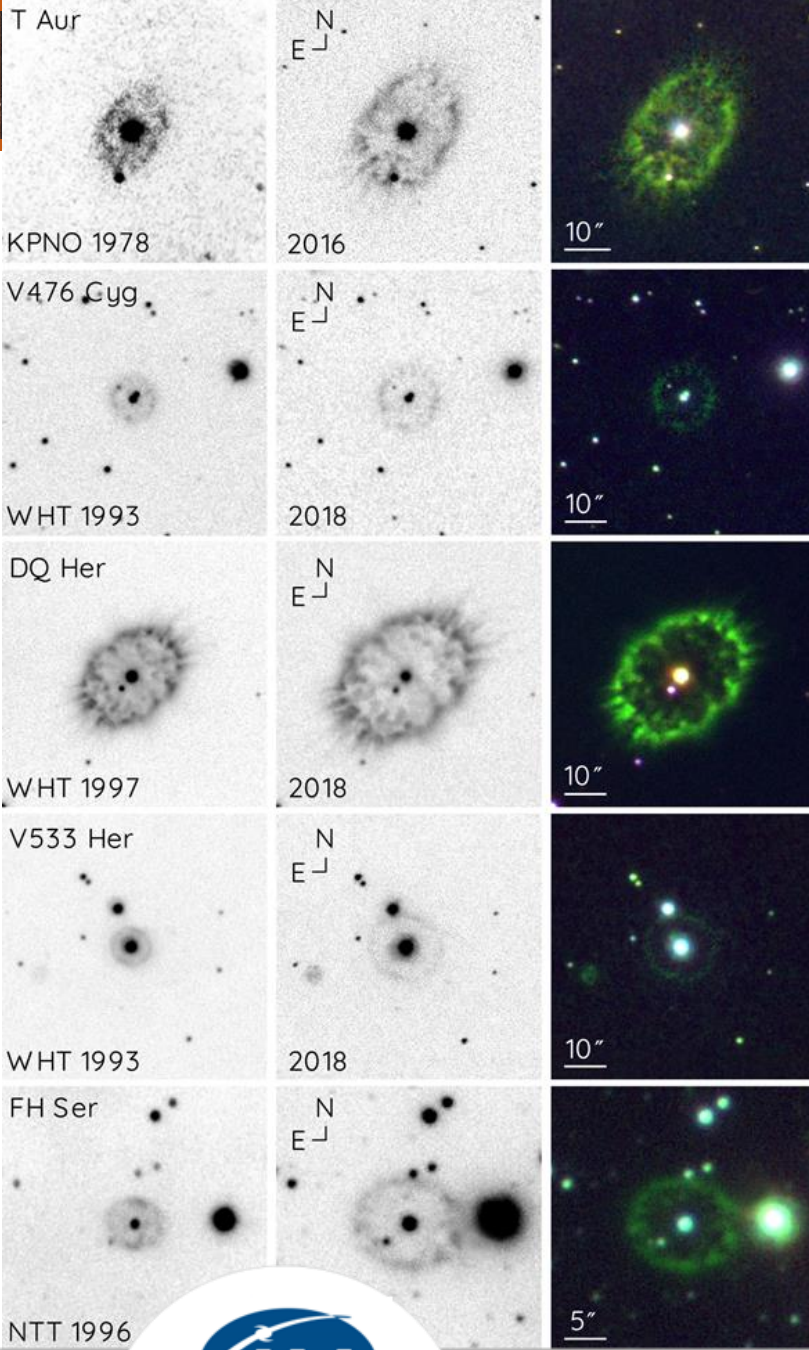
NOT images and spectroscopy

Explanation for variability based on inhomogeneous,
curved jet, changing orientation (validation
relativistic beaming theory)

Raiteri et al. 2017, Nature 552, 374



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NOVA SHELLS

Novae= result of interaction of stars in close binary system: WD (accreting) + giant or subgiant low-mass star
critical mass for accretion =>
thermonuclear runaway =>
ejection.

Dynamical evol. on human timescales

ANGULAR EXPANSION OF NOVA SHELLS

Derivation of angular expansion rates (fraction of arcsec per year) unchanged => free expansion rate (20 to 130 yr), expected to last for a few 100 years

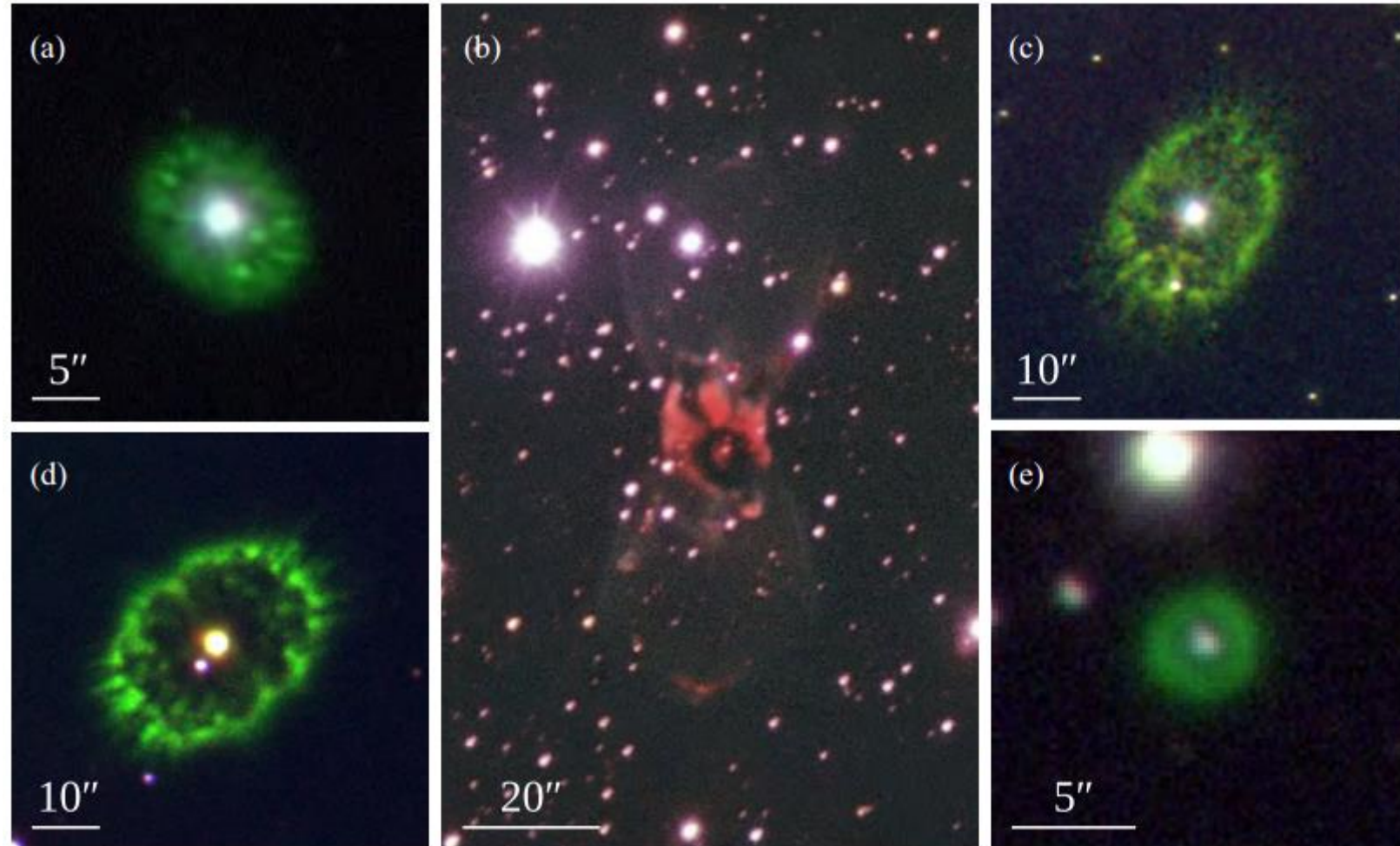
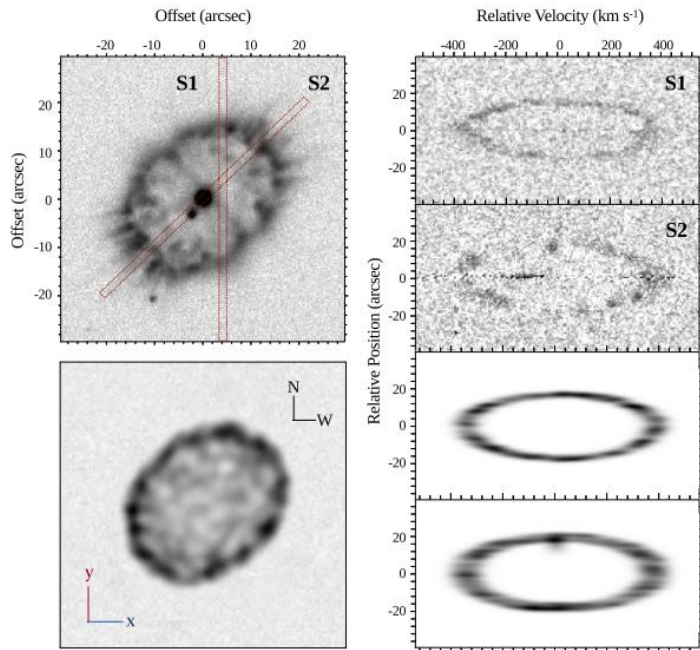
Santamaría et al. 2020, ApJ 892, 60



SPATIO-KINEMATIC MODELS OF FIVE NOVA REMNANTS: CORRELATIONS BETWEEN NOVA SHELL AXIAL RATIO, EXPANSION VELOCITY, AND SPEED CLASS

Intermediate and high-dispersion LS spectra
+ narrow-band imaging
+ 3D SHAPE software

Santamaría et al. 2022, MNRAS 512, 2003

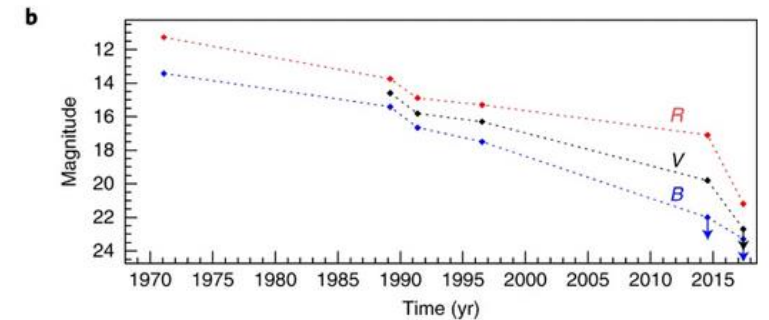
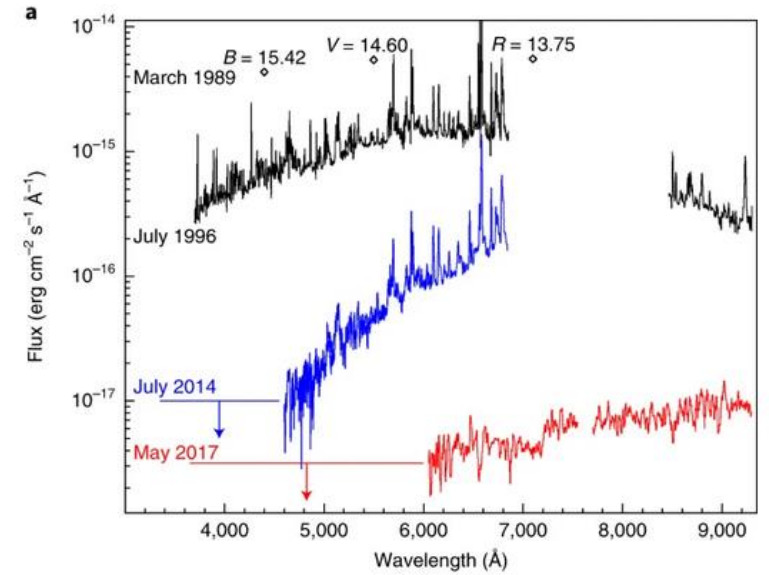
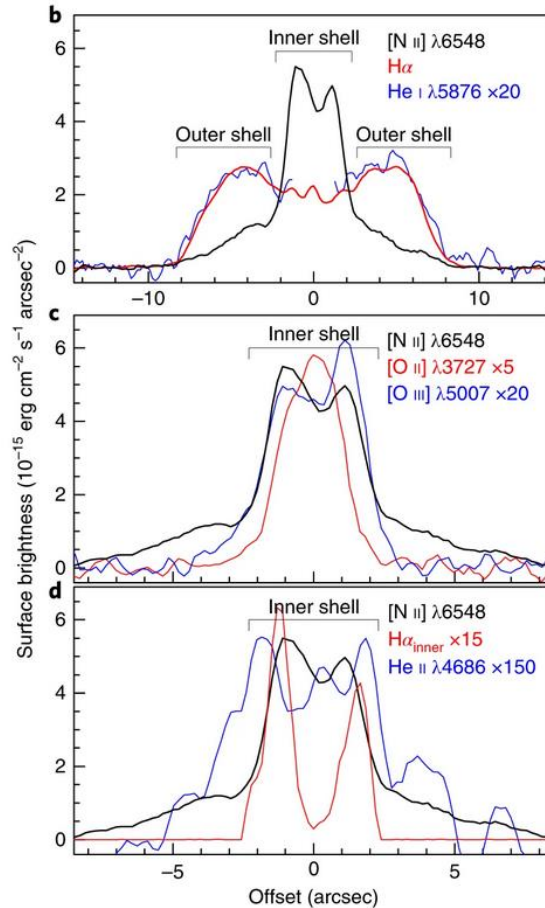
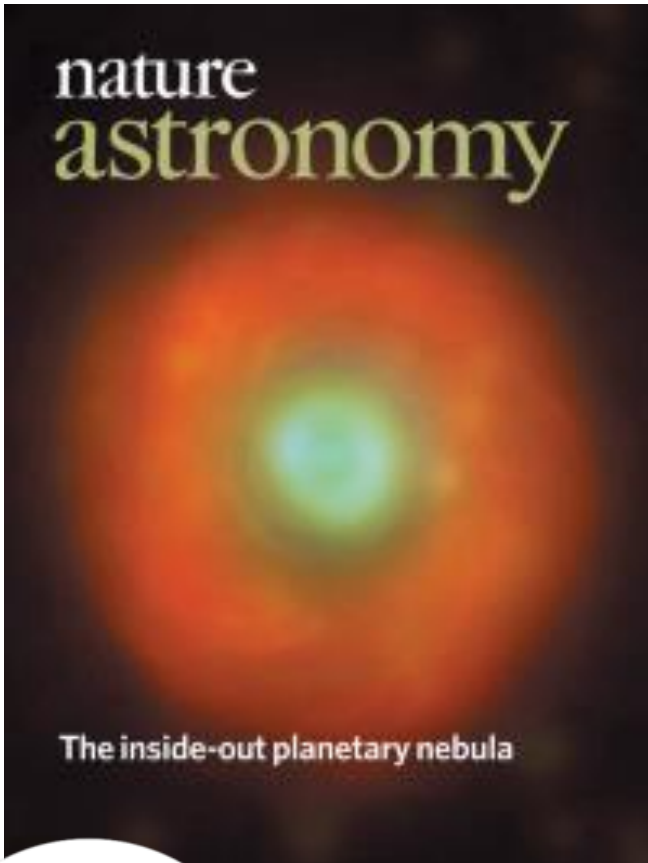


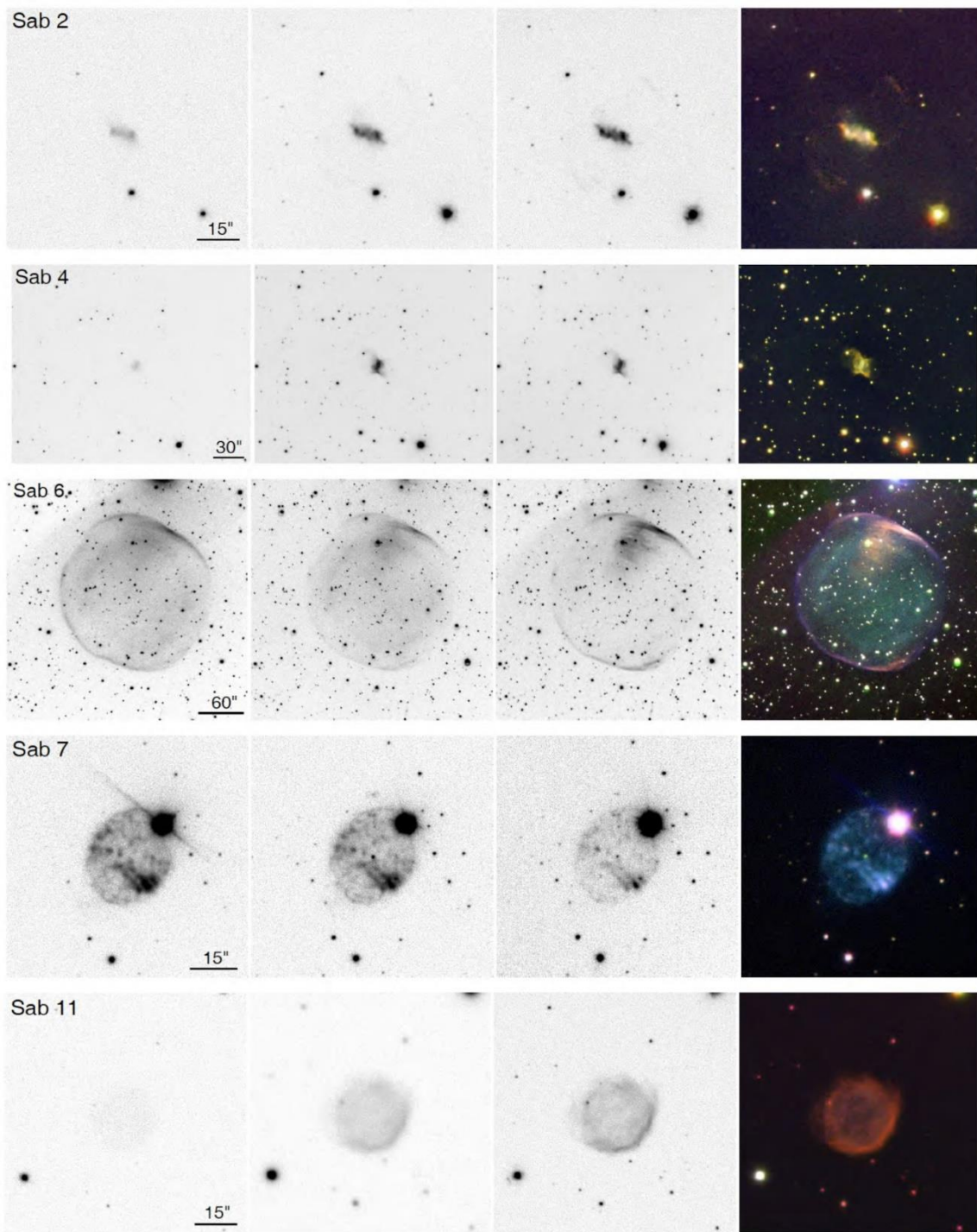


THE INSIDE-OUT PLANETARY NEBULA AROUND A BORN-AGAIN STAR

The inverted ionization structure of the inner shell of HuBi1, with lower excitation ionic species at the inner regions and highly excited ions at the outer regions, defies the thermodynamics laws in photoionized nebulae and points out to a “born-again star”

Guerrero et al. 2018, Nature Astronomy 2, 784





FIRST DEEP IMAGES CATALOGUE OF EXTENDED IPHAS PNE

New set of 58 deep images of true, likely and possible extended PNe detected with IPHAS ([OIII]-blue, H α -green and [NII]-red)

Sabin et al. 2021, MNRAS, 508, 1599



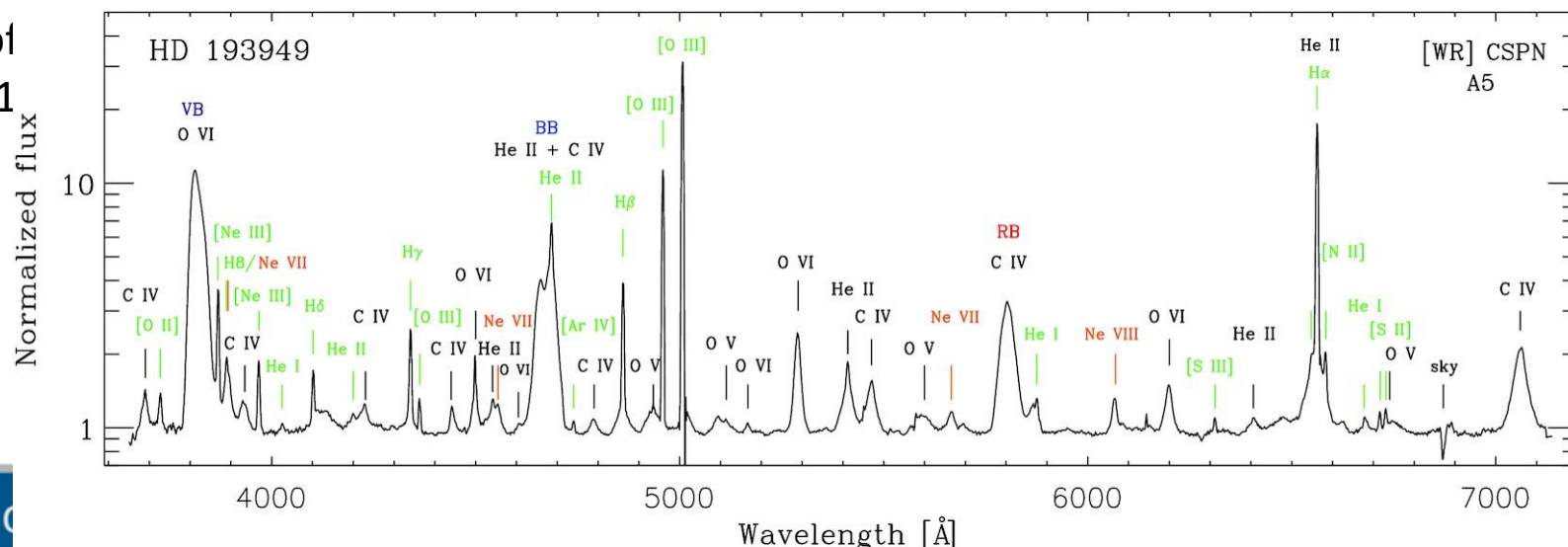
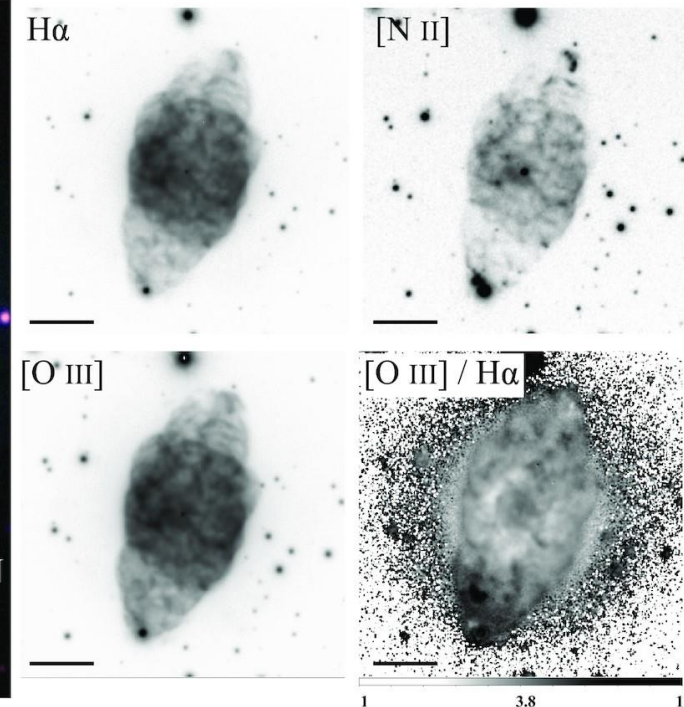
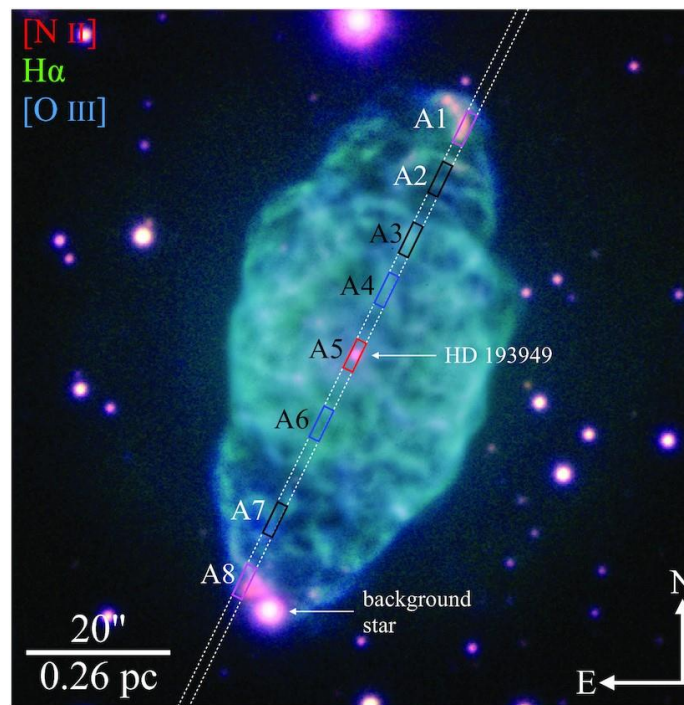
PLANETARY NEBULAE WITH WOLF-RAYET-TYPE CENTRAL STARS - III. A DETAILED VIEW OF NGC6905 AND ITS CENTRAL STAR

ALFOSC spectra + images unveil in unprecedented detail the high-ionization structure of NGC6905.

PoWR stellar atmosphere code to model the spectrum of HD193949

CLOUDY reproduces the nebular and dust properties for a total mass in the 0.31–0.47Msun range and a mass of C-rich dust of $\sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$ Msun. Adopting a current stellar mass of 0.6Msun, our model suggests an initial mass ~ 1 Msun for HD193949, consistent with the observations

Gómez-González et al. 2022, MNRAS 509, 974





A SEARCH FOR IONISED GAS OUTFLOWS IN AN H α IMAGING ATLAS OF NEARBY LINERS

ALFOSC/NOT + HST

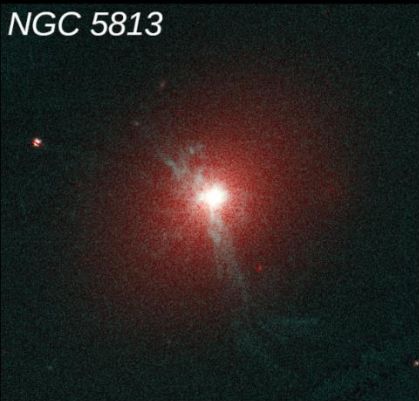
H α imaging for 70 nearby ($z < 0.025$), non-interacting LINERs

Systematic search for outflows:

the largest atlas to date of ionised gas morphologies

Hermosa-Muñoz et al. 2022, A&A 660, A133

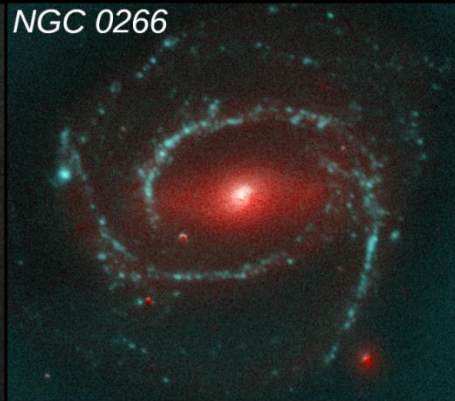
NGC 5813



NGC 5363



NGC 0266



NOT - a telescope for the future

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