for all of them is the increase in the degree of linear polarization towards short wavelengths, reaching the highest values in the ultraviolet.

4. The large changes in the degree of linear polarization in the U and B bands may be explained as a result of formation and destruction processes of dust and molecules at the complex inner regions of the circumstellar envelope. Variations in the position angle may be interpreted as changes of the geometry at these inner regions produced by shock waves there.

5. The evolved stars in our study show variations in the degree of polarization over different time scales and these variations do not seem to be related to the photometric period.

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