

Winds and Circumstellar Morphology of Binary AGB stars with ALMA

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Topics to be covered:

- Some words about single-dish observations of circumstellar CO gas and interpretation
- >Models of wind shaping
- >ALMA project description
- >Observational results and interpretation
- ≻Lessons learnt

≻Beyond...





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Fig. 6. a) Mass-loss-rate distributions for S-type stars (solid, green line; 40 stars), M-type stars (dashed-dotted, blue line), and carbon AGB stars (dashed, red line) samples. b) Gas expansion velocity distributions derived from fitting the CO line widths for the S-type (solid, green line), M-type (dotted, blue line) and carbon AGB star (dashed, red line) samples. c) Mass-loss rates plotted against the gas expansion velocities for S-type stars (green dots), M-type stars (blue squares), and carbon AGB stars (red triangles) samples.

Schöier & Olofsson 2001 Gonzalez-Delgado et al. 2003 Ramstedt et al. 2009

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|---------------|----------------|---|---|---|
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Colour scheme:

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Interferometric observations of binary stars

Increasing the complexity:

A companion will shape the envelope
A companion will affect emission and extent (and chemistry)
3D radiative transfer modelling will be necessary

- Show detail we have not seen before
- Shaping can enforce structures



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Maercker et al. 2012





Models of wind shaping (low mass)

- 1. RLOF models
- 2. GISW models
- 3. MHD models
- 4. Colliding winds models5. ...

Can be coupled to radiative transfer model or radiative transfer can be performed on pre-defined structures and compared.



Balick & Frank 2002, ref. therein





Models of binary interaction



15 AU separation

60 AU separation

Mohamed & Podsiadlowski 2007, 2012



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Observations of circumstellar effects of binarity

Observed T_{MB} (¹²CO J=2-1) in IRC+10216 with the IRAM 30m Telescope







Binary ALMA AGB sources:

R Aqr, a=55 mas=12 AU@218 pc *o* Cet, a=0.47"=43 AU@92 pc W Aql, a=0.47"=160 AU@340 pc π¹ Gru, a=2.7"=440 AU@163 pc

Observations: ¹²CO(3-2), ¹³CO(3-2) mosaics @ 0.5" CS, SiS, H¹³CN, ²⁹SiO, and more... See Magdalena ≈30 antennas 12m, ACA & TP Brunner's poster No. 3!!



Goals:

- Dependence on separation
- Dependence on wind velocity
- Templates for binarity
- Mass-loss-rate modulations
- Accretion efficiency
- Resolved carbon isotopic ratios





Mira – a brief note on image fidelity





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Girard & Willson 1987; Walder & Folini 2000; Lamberts et al. 2012



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Mira – The Explanation

The companion plows a spiral-shaped tunnel when moving through the AGB CSE and seen edge-on this tunnel will look like a hole

We see this structure somewhat inclined compared to edge-on, and at the companion the tunnel is puffed up due to the wind of B

The material is more concentrated toward the orbital plane (wind-RLOF) confirmed by that different sections of the spiral arms appear in different velocity channels

The puffed-up tunnel appears at blue-shifted velocities since the material is flowing along the tunnel walls toward us (and B is moving away)

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0.46" separation binary (200–400 pc) W Aql A: S-type AGB star W Aql B: F8–G0 main sequence (Danilovich et al. 2015)

Herschel PACS: (Mayer et al. 2013)



Ramstedt et al. 2011

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W Aql – Conclusions

- R Scl-like (vertically extended) spiral present across almost all channels
- Expected from the relatively high expansion velocity (17 km/s) where the material is not confined to the Rochelobe
- The asymmetry can be explained if the orbit is eccentric





 π^1 Gru?

&

See Lam Doan's poster No. 21‼



R Aqr?

Some observations, but data yet to be released



Credit: Adam Block/Mount Lemmon SkyCenter/University of Arizona



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Lessons learnt

- > Reality is always more complicated
- Combination of models
- Extended emission needed
- > Velocity information is necessary





Beyond...

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- Dependence on wind velocity
- Templates for binarity

Larger sample?

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Thank you for your attention! Questions?



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