M I-92: THE DEATH OF AN AGB STAR TOLD BY ITS ISOTOPIC RATIOS

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MI-92:THE PRE-PLANETARY NEBULA

Minkowski's footprint:

- 2.5kpc away, around a B-type post-AGB star.
- Bipolar shape of II' x 6''.
- 0.9 M_{\odot} with Hubble-like velocity gradient (1200 y.o.).
- HH-like knots with large velocity dispersion (600 y.o.).
- More than 20 molecular species detected.
- C-rich and O-rich characteristics.



SHAPE + SHAPEMOL: THE MODELLING TOOL





From Sabin et al. 2010 and Bandyopadhyay et al. 2020

- 3-D Modelling software of emission from gas nebulae
- Shapemol for molecular lines
- Radiative transfer
- LVG aproximation
- New molecular species!! (Masa et al. 2024 in prep.)

MI-92 MODEL: STRUCTURES

- I. Shell: cold & dense
- 2. Ring: cold & dense
- 3. Cylinder: warm & dense
- 4. Knots: hot & faint & high turbulence
- 5. Tips outer: cold & dense
- 6. Tips inner: hot & faint & turbulence



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Observational data is collected: 23 line profiles (5 of ¹²CO, 2 of ¹³CO, C¹⁷O and C¹⁸O, and 3 of HCO⁺, HCN, H¹³CO⁺ and H¹³CN) together with 5 interferometric maps of the J=2-I transition (¹³CO, C¹⁷O, C¹⁸O, HCN and HCO⁺). From IRAM 30m, IRAM NOEMA and HSO/HIFI.
- 2. CO defines the overall nebula structure in our model.
- 3. HCN and HCO⁺ define the physical properties of active shocks regions.
- 4. Once built, the model should reproduce observational data from all lines and species at the same time, adjusting only relative abundances.
- 5. Molecular distribution and isotopologue ratios can be derived and analysed.

¹²CO: BUILDING THE MODEL

It's the only species whose observational data covers enough energy range to show all structures.

Constrains the double layer structure as well as most physical properties.

Predicts CO in all structures, including the knots despite not being detected in any observational map.



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CO: ISOTOPES AND THEIR RATIOS

Once the specific physical properties have been found, the model will require certain abundance values to reproduce observational data.

 $^{12}CO/^{13}CO = 30$ $C^{17}O/C^{18}O = 1.6$ $^{12}CO/C^{17}O/C^{18}O = 1/550/880$





CO: FINDINGS AND DEDUCTIONS

- A ¹⁷O/¹⁸O ratio of 1.6 corresponds to an initial mass for the central AGB star of ~1.7M_☉ (Karakas et al. 2014, Cristallo et al. 2011, Stancliffe & Eldridge 2009). That mass is enough to be on the TP-AGB phase for long enough to become C-rich despite its O-rich chemistry.
- A ¹²C/¹³C ratio of 30 aligns with an S-type star chemistry (Ramstedt et al. 2014).
- For a central star with $1.7M_{\odot}, 0.9~M_{\odot}$ is ~80% of the expected mass-loss during the AGB phase.
- These isotopic ratios support the previous hypothesis (Alcolea et al. 2007) that a Common Envelope Event could have interrupted the AGB phase preventing the star to become C-rich.

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HCO⁺ P-V diagram from map

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H¹³CO⁺ line profiles:





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¹²C/¹³C: A CONTRADICTORY RESULT?

- Option A: ¹²CO/¹³CO ratio of 30 for all structures.
- Option B: ¹²CO/¹³CO ratio of 30 for outer structures (shell, ring and tips outer) and 10 for inner ones (cylinder, knots and tips inner).

These ratios are compatible if applied only to the inner structures!!



CONCLUSIONS AND OPEN QUESTIONS

- A common envelope ejection is supported by CO ratios and physical characteristics of the nebula.
- Significant mass ejection kept happening after the sudden mass-loss. Is it still happening?
- What is the nature of the central hot spot? Inhomogeneities? A brand new mass ejection?
- Isotopic ratios change across structures and during the ejection of the nebula. How is it possible?
- Further observations mapping the nebula are required to better constrain CO, HCN and HCO⁺ line excitation and confirm our model for the structures along the axis.