

# COSMC ALCHENTY

#### Elusive Nature of Post-Asymptotic Giant Branch Chemical Distribution



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#### **1. Evolved stars as tracers for AGB nucleosynthesis**





Optical spectra - UVES/VLT

(Bakker et al., 1997)

#### 2. Investigating the second-generation proto-planetary disks



Hillen et al., 2016

H-band reconstruction PIONIER/VLTI



Ertel, Kamath, et al., 2018

#### 3. Chromospheric activity in stars





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- \* Mass fraction: Mass of H + He + 'metals' = 1
- $\star [a/b] = \log_{10}(a/b)_{star} \log_{10}(a/b)_{sun}$
- ★ "Metal" content usually defined according to [Fe/H]
- ★ A metal-poor star has [Fe/H] < 0
- $\star$  [Fe/H] is also a proxy for time (age)

#### Astro Speak...



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Third-DU increase in 4He and 12C and heavy elements (s-process elements)

Hot Bottom Burning (in M > ~3M<sub>o</sub>) decrease in 12C increase in 13C and 14N 7Li, Na, Mg, Al











García-Hernández, D. A et al., 2011; 2017

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+ LUMINOSITY (PROGENITOR MASS)





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$$Z = 2 \times 10^{-3}$$
  
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Dell' Agli et al., 2019

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$$ls = Y, Sr, Zr, Rb$$

$$h_{c} - Ra I a Nd$$

Fishlock et al., 2014

#### The revelation of chemical diversities in AGB nucleosynthesis...

Van Winckel 2003; Kamath et al., 2017; 2020; 2022; 2023

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Observed C/O and 12C/13C ratios significantly lower than predictions *De Smedt et al.*, 2012; *Van Aarle et al.*, 2014; *Kamath et al.*, 2014; 2015 **convection, mixing, and mass-loss** 

## Complexities in Single Star AGB Nucleosynthesis

• Failed third dredge-up Lack of carbon production duris predicted to have efficient TDU Kamath et al., 2017

Diverse AGB nucleosynthesis
 Non-uniform s-process production
 Van Winckel 2003; Kamath et al., 2022; Kamath et al., 2023

#### Lack of carbon production during the AGB phase for stars that are

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### **AGB Nucleosynthesis is NOT homogenous!**

Red: s-process enriched Blue: non s-process rich

 A chemical dichotomy in the C and s-process abundances: enriched and non-enriched (in disagreement with models!)

•No obvious trends in O and N











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#### • Parallaxes from Gaia EDR3

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- Parallaxes from Gaia EDR3
- Geometric distances from Bailer
   Jones et al., 2021
- SED Fitting: E(B-V)

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- Parallaxes from Gaia EDR3
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- Parallaxes from Gaia EDR3
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- Luminosity

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   Jones et al., 2021
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  ↓
  Luminosity

## Positions of Galactic Post-AGB Stars in the HR-Diagram

![](_page_85_Figure_1.jpeg)

Filled: Quality 1 - Filled, Open: Quality 2 (based on GAIA astrometric data) Red circles: s-process enriched Blue squares: non s-process rich

Kamath et al., 2022

![](_page_85_Picture_4.jpeg)

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![](_page_95_Picture_17.jpeg)

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Index	Object	$T_{eff}$	$\rm L/L_{\odot}$	[C/Fe]	[N/Fe]	[O/Fe]	Flag	$M_{init}$	chemistry
		s-pr	ocess en	iched stars					
1	IRAS Z02229+6208	$5952\pm250$	12959	$0.78\pm0.15$	$1.19\pm0.15$		Q2	$3-3.5~{\rm M}_{\odot}$	TDU+HBB
15	IRAS 20000+3239	$5478 \pm 250$	14342	$1.7\pm0.2$	$2.1\pm0.2$		Q2	$3-3.5~{\rm M}_{\odot}$	TDU+HBB

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![](_page_97_Figure_5.jpeg)

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## A SIGNATURE OF DEEP MIXING DURING THE RGB?

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- $\star$  No *s*-process enhancements
- ★ luminosity: 5000–6300 Lsun
- ★ Extremely large surface nitrogen,
   [N/Fe] = 1.1
- \* Possibility explored: extremely deep mixing during the RGB ascending
- ★ e.g., D'Antona & Ventura 2007

Flag

Q1

 $M_{init}$ 

 $1-1.2~{\rm M}_{\odot}$ 

chemistry

FDU

[O/Fe]

 $0.4 \pm 0.2$ 

[N/Fe]

 $1.1\pm0.2$ 

## **A SIGNATURE OF DEEP MIXING DURING THE RGB?**

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★ AGB phase with a mass in the 1 – 1.1 M⊙ range
 ★ Assuming a ~ 0.1 M⊙ mass loss during the RGB, this corresponds to age 4 – 5 Gyr Star
 ★ must have experienced one or 2 TDU events before entering the post-AGB phase (observed value [N/Fe] = 1.1, [C/Fe] = 0.3 + lack of s-process enhancement)

![](_page_104_Figure_1.jpeg)

21	SAO 239853	$7452\pm250$	23490	0.4
23	HD 112374	$6393 \pm 250$	10777	0.

![](_page_105_Figure_1.jpeg)

3.65

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 A fast loss of the external envelope halted further growth of the core mass and increase in the surface carbon and prevented *s*- process enrichment

/Fe]	[N/Fe]	[O/Fe]	Flag	$M_{init}$	chemistry
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$\pm 0.2$	$0.5\pm0.2$	$0.8\pm0.2$	Q1	$2.5-3~{ m M}_{\odot}$	TDU

![](_page_107_Figure_1.jpeg)

★ SAO239853: uncertain luminosity, given in the 13000 – 48500 L⊙ range.

model star evolves to surface C and N abundances consistent with The 3 Msun those observed during the first part of the AGB phase, after the star experienced a couple of TDU events

\* We artificially removed the envelope of the stars from this point on
### **Post-AGB** stars are exquisite tools to reconstruct the evolution of the stars through the post-MS phases.

- $^{\circ}$  ~ 40% of the single post-AGB stars in the sample descend from 1 3 M $_{\odot}$ progenitors
- ~1 M⊙
- of proton-capture processing, are identified as the youngest stars in the sample, bottom burning
- entire envelope and failed to reach the AGB
- progenitors

• 5 sources are the progeny of low-mass stars, that started the AGB phase with mass below

• The three brightest stars, whose surface chemical composition shows up the signature

descending from 3 −4 M<sub>☉</sub> progenitors that experienced both third dredge-up and hot

• A few low luminosity sources are tentatively identified as the progeny of low- mass (~  $0.5-0.7 \text{ M}_{\odot}$ , post core helium burning stars, which after a short expansion phase lost the

• Surface carbon + luminosity -> best indicator of the past history and nature of their

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De Smedt et al., 2014, 2015; Kamath et al., 2021
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### LEAD (Pb): A TRACER OF S-PROCESS AND I-PROCESS IN AGB STARS



Strong component

Pb

 $\tau \approx 7.0 \text{ mbarn} - 1$ 

Low-mass, Lowmetallicity AGBs

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### The Effect of Binarity on Element Production





# Br eaking Symmetry







tidal interaction

**Roche-lobe overflow** 

# Br eaking Symmetry

- stars in binary systems can interact in various ways:

  - wind accretion & tidally enhanced winds
  - common envelope evolution





















Kluska et al., 2018





Kluska et al., 2018









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#### H-band reconstruction PIONIER/VLTI









Andrych et al., 2023



#### SPHERE/VLT/ESO



#### Imaging and Polarimetry K band VLT/SPHERE/IRDIS





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### Spectroscopic binaries - time resolved spectroscopy













Van Winckel et al., 2009, Oomen et al., 2019







Kluska et al., 2022; Kamath et al., 2014, 2015, 2022







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- NearIR excess with a broad onset: hot dust component is indicative of Keplerian disc
- Discs are fat
- L(IR) is large fraction of L(star) and the disc evolves...
- Long wavelength spectral index: large grains

Kluska et al., 2022; Kamath et al., 2014, 2015, 2022



The Effect of Binarity:

### Photospheric Chemical Depletion in post-AGB binaries

Kamath & Van Winckel 2019; Oomen et al., 2021; Mohorian et al., 2024; Menon et al., 2024



### The Effect of Binarity: Photospheric Chemical Depletion in post-AGB binaries

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Kamath & Van Winckel 2019; Oomen et al., 2021; Mohorian et al., 2024; Menon et al., 2024



### The Effect of Binarity: Photospheric Chemical Depletion in post-AGB binaries

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- [C/Fe] > 0
- Depletion of refractory elements
- Refractory elements scale with Fe

Kamath & Van Winckel 2019; Oomen et al., 2021; Mohorian et al., 2024; Menon et al., 2024



10-micron silicate feature

### IR spectra are very rich and strongly crystalline



### The Effect of Binarity: **Photospheric Chemical Depletion in post-AGB binaries**



Van Winckel et al., 2009; Oomen et al., 2019; Kamath & Van Winckel 2019



# A second chance for planet formation!?



#### Haro 6-5B first generation protoplanetary disk

Dark strip is disk seen almost edge-on

500 AU

companion star



1AU

giant primary star



• Most discs (Full discs) start at <u>sublimation</u> temperature • Transition discs (10%) start at larger radii



Kluska et al., 2022



## Gas-Dust Separation and Dust Trapping



Britain et al. 2023; Kluska et all 2022



- Depletion in YSO is thought to be by dust trapping by planet formation
- Dust is trapped, clean gas can be accreted
- Depletion is correlated with SED shape (transition discs in Post-AGB stars are more depleted)
- Planet-Disc interaction also in post-AGB binaries?
# **INSPIRING:** INterferometric Survey of Post-agb bInaries with their RING an imaging VLTI Large Programme PI: Kluska, CI: Van Winckel, Kamath, ...

## 250h with PIONIER and GRAVITY - 11 targets

Main goals:

• Structure of the inner rim vs. binary phase

Circum-secondary accretion

Methodology:

- Image reconstruction
- Geometrical modelling
- Radiative transfer modelling



Kluska et al., 2020, 2021, 2022





- Measuring the morphology and properties of observed planetforming disks surrounding evolved binary stars
- Investigating the formation and evolution of second-generation proto-planetary disks
- Building a theoretical model for second-generation planet formation
- Establishing the nexus between planet formation in young and evolved systems

Main sequence star Post-AGB star Inner disk rim Spiral structure induced by the inner binary Perturbation by a Second-generation planet formation?

Near-infrared interferometry Mid-infrared interferometry Sub-millimeter interferometry + Direct imaging



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#### Dust from evolved stars: a pilot analysis of the AGB to PN transition

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# Chemical Depletion in Evolved Stars with Planet Forming Disks! Mohorian et al., 2024; in-prep











# Intrinsically s-Process Enhanced Evolved Binaries





Menon et al., 2024





# post-AGB circumbinary discs: near & mid-IR interferometry



# RT models of protoplanetary discs adapted to central luminous source fit very well.

# Detection of JETS from Dynamic Spectra



Bollen et al., 2019, 2020, 2022





- RT (constrains are the Balmer lines)
- •Jet opening angle
- •Jet tilt
- Angular Velocity structure
- Density structure
- •Binary (radius components, orbit)







### Wavelength Coverage: 380nm to 900nm

- C I lines at 5380°A(left panel) and 6587°A(right panel)
- High excitation oxygen multiplet at 6156 Å and / or the forbidden oxygen lines at 6300 and 6363 Å. • N I lines at 7423.64°A, 8223.128°A, 8655.878°A and 8728.91°A.
- Ba II lines (e.g., at 4554.03°A and at 6496.89°A)
- Pb I line at 4057.807 Å; Pb II line at 5608.853 Å
- Zn I line at 4810.540°A









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- AGB nucleosynthesis is not homogenous (even within a mass and metallicity range)
- ★ Not all AGB stars are producers of C and *s*-process elements.
- ★ How does this affect Galactic chemical enrichment models?



### **Scientific Background: Post-AGB Stars as Tracers**