## The Nearby Evolved Stars Survey The dust and gas return to the Galactic interstellar medium



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- ~ 600 hrs JCMT continuum, CO(2–1), (3–2)
- ~ 60 hrs APEX CO(2–1), (3–2)
- ~ 330 hrs Nobeyama CO(1-0)
- lots of archival data

#### Evolved stars, mass loss and the lifecycle of matter



### AGB stars





#### Höfner 2016

#### The importance of pulsation:



Literature stars: M Q S A C D

Chromosoheric winds

Detections

Upper limits 🐨

McDonald et al., (2016, 2019)

#### and grain properties:



1.2

2.0

1.8

1.3

2.2



Wallström et al. (in prep)

- How much mass do they lose?
- How is it enriched?
- How does this depend on the fundamental properties of the stars?



## Measuring mass return



- E.g. SAGE
- Find dusty (MIR-bright) sources
- Classify -YSOs/AGB/RSG etc. & chemisty
- Compute DPR
  - Empirical relations
  - radiative transfer
- Add up all contributors
- Dominated by extreme AGBs



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- Solar Neighbourhood/MW missing
- Need for volume-limited study of nearby sources

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#### CO Lines as a mass-loss tracer

- e.g. Knapp & Morris 1985
  - Multiple CO line profiles
  - Radiative transfer (comoving frame)
  - fit T(R),  $v \& \dot{M}$
  - Still need assumptions, e.g.  $\frac{CO}{H_2}$
  - $\bullet$  Low-J lines  $\rightarrow$  colder gas, not comparable with IR dust
  - Only really possible for Galactic sources



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## Mass-loss history



Kemper et al., 2003; Decin et al., 2007



Left: S Sct - Olofsson et al. 1992 Right: U Ant - Olofsson et al. 1996

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- lots of cold dust!
- $\dot{M}_{\rm d}$  variations
- resolved gas-to-dust ratios
- deviations from symmetry?



Dharmawardena et al. (2019)



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- Models all fail to reproduce data
- But in different ways at different wavelengths!
- Flux at 850  $\mu$ m 3× higher than expected



Wallstrom, Trejo, Cami et al., (in prep)

## $\ldots$ and NRO

#### Nobeyama 45-m



As expected from similar temperatures, CO(1–0) and 850  $\mu$ m probe similar region Amada, Imai, et al. (in prep)

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• High (distance-dependent) detection fraction (~ 75%)

• Lots more emission than models suggest

•  $\Rightarrow$  lots of cold dust or different dust properties (or both!) Scicluna et al. (subm)

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Evolved stars are mostly consistent w/ blackbody emission in sub-mm continuum - large dust grains? **Unlikely**, probably tracing combination of things: Different emission mechanisms, different source sizes, and data-reduction artefacts One possible outlier with  $\alpha = -7.4 \pm 1.1$ , SMA follow up at 230 GHz Scicluna et al. (subm)

### CO isotopologues

- AGB stars produce  ${}^{12}C$
- Massive AGB stars convert <sup>12</sup>C to <sup>13</sup>C
- Mass-loss alters ISM abundance
- traces nucleosynthesis



De Beck et al., 2010

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Date	Obs no	450µm		850µm	
		Peak flux	Integrated flux	Peak flux	Integrated flux
		(Jy/beam)	(Jy)	(Jy/beam)	(Jy)
20180118	10	69.2 ± 7.3	-1.756 (!)	34.5 ± 1.5	195
	11			$24.9 \pm 1.4$	153
	15			$44.1 \pm 1.4$	610 (!)
	16			29.4 ± 1.4	120
20181209	58			33.3 ± 1.8	66 (!)
	60			$31.4 \pm 1.6$	156
	68			37.1 ± 1.9	298 (1)
20181210	56			33.5 ± 1.5	195
	57			21.0 ± 1.5	-31(!!)
	68			36.9 ± 1.5	268
Average				32.6 ± 6.5	202 ± 171 (!)
(std dev)					

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- Maybe PCA would?
  - but that's slow
  - and perhaps a self-fulfilling prophecy?



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- When (and how) do stars start losing mass?
- Evolution at  $M \le 2 M_{\odot}$ ?
- More sources needed, larger distances
- JCMT extension for  $\sim$  660 hours submitted

2 Mass-loss histories



### The future of NESS

- The onset of mass loss and its evolution in sun-like stars
- Mass-loss histories
  - How does mass-loss vary over  $t \sim$  centuries millenia?
  - Statistics of variations of different amplitudes
  - Resolve envelopes of many sources  $\rightarrow$  interferometric survey
  - SMA and ACA (or most compact ALMA config) well suited proposals submitted
  - ... or future JCMT continuum camera for larger scales

## Beyond NESS

- Chemistry of dust formation: ALMA/VLT(I)
- Role of B-fields: ALMA, JCMT
- Time domain: Sub-mm variability (Future 850 instrument) Atmospheric dynamics (Various hi-res OIR spectrographs)



## Summary



- Objectives:
  - Total mass return to Solar Neighbourhood
  - Statistically-robust studies of evolved-star physics
  - Go-to database for nearby evolved stars
- JCMT observing ~58% complete
- Processing data for science
- Still lots to do
- Exploring options for follow up
- Everyone is welcome to get involved:
  - Get in touch!

See http://evolvedstars.space for more