

Summary of Some Observations of Peculiar Red Giants With the IRAM 30M Radiotelescope

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We present a brief description of the main results obtained on the following topics: (1) Sulfur-bearing molecules in O-rich envelopes: SO₂ (104 and 160 GHz), H₂S (169 and 217 GHz) in 15 stars, SO (86 GHz) in 7 stars (all new detections except H₂S in OH231.8+4.2). Excitation temperatures and line profiles could suggest in some stars a main contribution from external layers for SO₂ and internal layers for H₂S. (2) HCN in 7 O-rich envelopes. (3) HCO⁺ in six envelopes (NGC 7027, CRL 618, IRAS 21282+5050, OH 231.8+4.2, CIT 6, VY CMa). (4) Observations of 7 new molecules (SO₂, SO, CS, HNC, NH₃, HCO⁺, OCS) and of a rapid molecular outflow ($v \approx 100$ m/s) in OH 231.1+4.2. (5) Discovery of the second strong millimeter-wave maser: HCN (0,2,0,J = 1-0) in CIT 6 (where it is strongly polarized) and in 5 other similar C-rich envelopes. (6) Measurements of large ¹³CO/¹²CO ratios in envelopes of 13 C-rich stars. In analysing these data, we show that the temperature profiles generally used for modeling the circumstellar envelopes can be quite wrong for small and very large mass-loss rates.

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