

Annual parallax distance and kinematical property of the maser source in IRAS 19312+1950

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Summary

IRAS 19312+1950 has been an object whose evolutionary status is in debate. This object should be one of the key objects that provide important clue to revealing final stellar evolution forming a complicated planetary nebula morphology. We have conducted comprehensive study of SiO, H₂O, and OH masers in this object as well as a measurement of the annual parallax distance and the secular motion of the object. We found **double sources of SiO, H₂O maser emission**, which may trace a bipolar flow. Independently, the 1612 MHz OH masers indicates the existence of a shell with a radius of $R \sim 400$ AU and an expansion velocity of $V_{\text{exp}} \sim 6$ km s⁻¹. We obtain an annual parallax distance to IRAS 19312+1950, $D = 3.80^{+0.83}$ kpc, and estimate the location in the Galaxy, $(R, z) = (7.07 \pm 0.12$ kpc, 28 ± 3 pc), and the secular motion, $(V_R, V_\theta, V_z) = (33 \pm 28, 214 \pm 4, -14 \pm 8)$ [km s⁻¹] in galactic cylindrical coordinates. These results suggest that IRAS 19312+1950 should be an intermediate-mass evolved star.

Interferometric observations

SiO masers: with HSA (=VLBA+VLA+GBT) on 2005/05/01 (Figure 1)

H₂O : with VLBA and JVN at 3 epochs during 2004/5/22-12/04 (Figure 2, 3)

1612 MHz OH masers: with MERLIN on 2003/04/29-30 (Figure 4)

H₂O astrometry: with VERA at 16 epochs during 2007/10/25-2009/08/29 (Fig. 5)

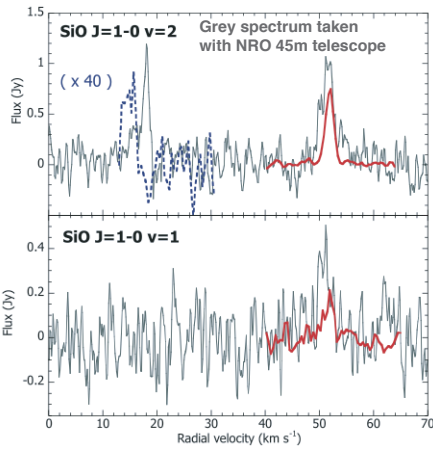


Figure 1

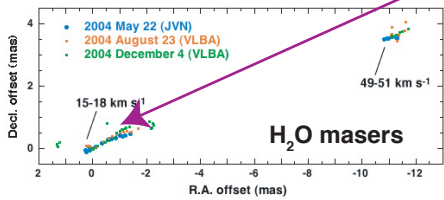


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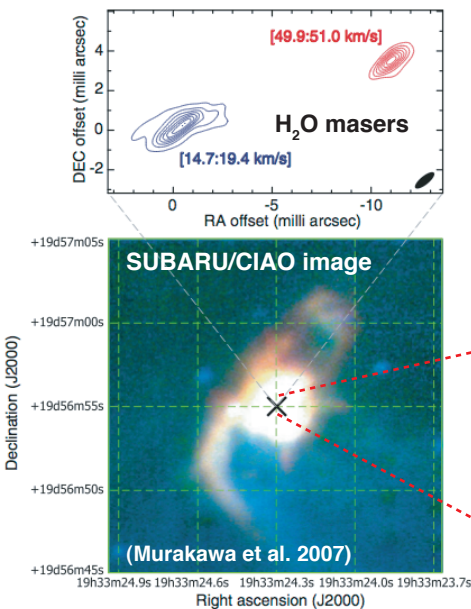


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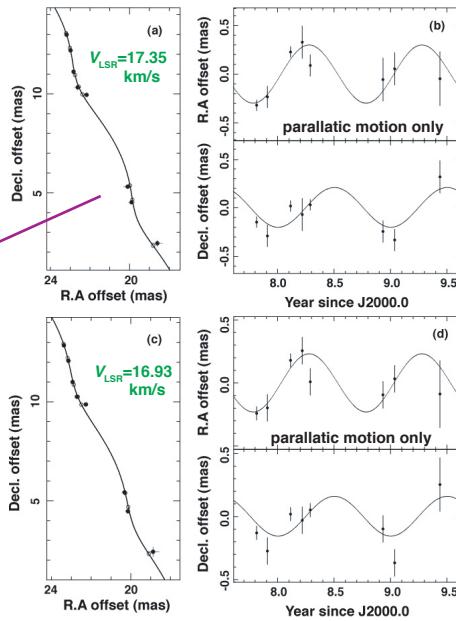


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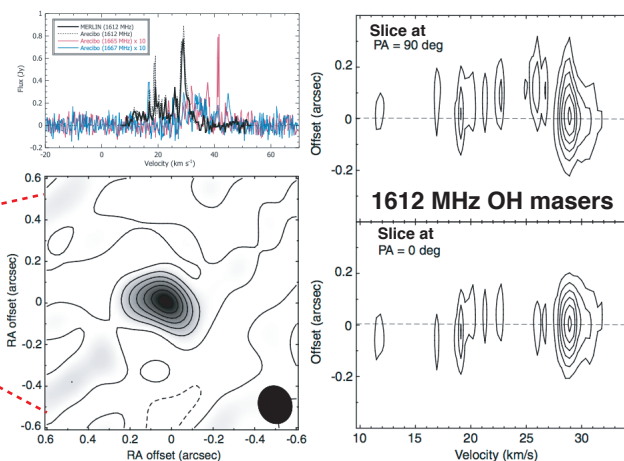


Figure 4

Discussion

1. Reestimation of the luminosity $\approx 18,000 L_{\text{sun}}$
2. Enclosed mass within 5'' (1,900 AU) $3.5 M_{\text{sun}} < M < 7.7 M_{\text{sun}}$
3. Mass loss rate $1.0 \times 10^{-4} M_{\text{sun}} \text{ yr}^{-1} < dM/dt < 2.2 \times 10^{-4} M_{\text{sun}} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
4. Deviation from a circular galactic rotation ~ 40 km s⁻¹
It is difficult to use such post AGB stars as a tracer of the Galactic dynamics.
5. Properties of the maser sources
 - a: Double peaked H₂O and SiO masers
 - × binary system
 - Cannot explain the aligned H₂O masers.
 - × Keplerian rotation disk
 - Angular momentum transfer problem
 - blobs of a bipolar outflow
 - $V_{\text{exp}} > 18$ km s⁻¹ $\sim V_{\text{exp}}$ (OH masers)

6. Expanding shell in 1612 MHz OH masers
 - V_{exp} (OH) ~ 6 km s⁻¹
 - R_{exp} (OH) ~ 400 AU
 - typical values in AGB envelopes
 - + the same bipolar flow seen in H₂O and SiO masers
7. Young stellar object?
 - No! (no detection of molecular emission well observed from YSOs)
8. C- and O-rich chemistry
 - Hot-bottom nuclear burning in a higher mass AGB star.