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CO in the Circumstellar Envelope of Betelgeuse with CARMA

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• Importance:

- (a) Enrich the interstellar medium with material for the next generation of stars and planets.
- (b) Mass loss can alter the evolutionary fate of a star.
- Mass loss mechanism for AGB stars (pulsation + radiation pressure on dust grains) is **unlikely** to be applicable for RSGs.



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Betelgeuse: Quick Facts



Credit: STScI, NASA

Spectral Type	M2 lab
Radial Velocity	20.7 km s ⁻¹
Log(L/L _o)	5.12
Distance	197 ± 45 parsec
Mass (birth)	~20 M_{\odot}
Mass (current)	~18 M _o
Mass loss rate	3 x 10 ⁻⁶ M _o yr ⁻¹
Period	17 years
Photospheric Radius	22.5 mas (645 R_{\odot})
Photospheric Temperature	3,600 K (cool star)
Origin	O-type main sequence
Fate	Supernova Type II

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• IRAM 30 m telescope (beam size ~12") fails to resolve S2 shell (Cernicharo & Bachiller, 1993) at 1.3 mm (i.e. ${}^{12}C{}^{16}O$).

- Single dish ¹²C¹⁶O mm-observations reveal only high velocity S2 shell.
- Signature of S1 shell not obvious at millimeter wavelengths.

Goal: Measure both the spatial scales and the velocities of Betelgeuse's outflow region using ${}^{12}C^{16}O J = 2-1$ line as a tracer to sort out puzzling evidence.





CARMA

- Combined Array for Research in Millimeter-wave Astronomy
- 15 element interferometer (9 x 6.1 m + 6 x 10.4 m antennas)
- Cedar Flat, eastern California (~ 2,200 m)
- Merger of two independent arrays: BIMA + OVRO (2007)
- 105 baselines (n(n-1)/2) with 5 configurations ($B_{min} = 8 \text{ m and } B_{max} = 2 \text{ km}$)
- Three bands: 7 mm, 3 mm and 1.3 mm



Credit: 2009 John Carlstrom

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<u>3 separate bands: All</u> centered on line

(1) Maximum bandwidth of 468 MHz (15 channels)

(2) 62 MHz of bandwidth
across 63 channels (1 MHz or
1.3 km s⁻¹ resolution)

(3) 31 MHz of bandwidth across 63 channels (0.5 MHz or 0.65 km s⁻¹ resolution)

Calibration and imaging done using the CASA data reduction package.



Results: Individual Configurations

C Configuration (i.e. most extended)



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D Configuration (i.e. middle)



Results: Individual Configurations

E Configuration (i.e. most compact)



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Integrated intensity map



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6) Final Image Cube suggests:

$$R_{s1 \text{ out}} \sim 5 \text{ arcsec}$$

 $R_{s2 \text{ in}} \sim 8 \text{ arcsec}$
 $R_{s2 \text{ out}} \sim 10 \text{ arcsec}$

Credit: ESO

Questions?

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ALMA

 $J_{mp} = (T_{ex}/5.53)^{1/2} \text{ (Rodgers \& Glassgold, 1991):}$ $S1 @ 200 \text{ K } J_{mp} = 6 \text{ (i.e. } J=6->5 \text{ 691 Ghz ALMA band 9)}$ $S2 @ 70 \text{ K } J_{mp} = 3 \text{ (i.e. } J=3->2 \text{ 245 Ghz ALMA band 6)}$

AND....

66 antennas 5,000 m site $B_{max} = 16 \text{ km}$



Molecular emission lines from Cool Star Winds



- CO, most important molecule for studying mass loss from cool evolved stars: Observed in winds of both O-rich and C-rich stars Very stable
- 2 important excitation processes for CO:
 - 1) excitation of rotational levels by H2 collisions
 - 2) photo-excitation of vibrational levels by IR photons

