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## Short-lived episodic outflow in a water fountain star

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## **Asymmetric Planetary Nebulae**

### Water fountain star: IRAS 18113–2503



Gómez et al. 2015

#### Multi-epoch VLBI H<sub>2</sub>O maser observations



1,000 km

Understand the transformation from

spherical mass-loss (AGB) to non-spherical (PNe)









#### Decrease in velocity follows exponential decay



Exponential deceleration can be explained if drag forces are dominant in the motions of the maser region, a =  $-kv^2$  and  $v(x) = v_0 e^{-kx}$ k =  $\rho C_D A/(2m) \rightarrow$  ambient density in CSE:  $\rho \approx 10^6$  cm<sup>-3</sup>

# Schematics by Hiroshi Imai OH/IR star

#### Spherically expanding flow

#### H<sub>2</sub>O masers

### 1612 MHz OH masers

# Equatorial gas disk +SiO masers Highly collimated jet

Most theoretical models agree: we need binaries for collimated outflows in evolved systems

#### Proposed general scenario of a binary system

Rapidly-evolving episodic jet ejections due to a binary system, with an accretion disk formed around one of the components of the binary (to collimate the outflow).

Orbital motions of the binary in an elliptical orbit could produce a periodicity in the ejection.

Assuming  $M_*$  (total) = 2  $M_{\odot}$ , period ~10–20 yr

→ Binary separation ~10 au (~1 mas)

The type of the binary is impossible confine with present data. An orbital period of 10 yrs and the high density in the polar direction might point to wind Roche-lobe overflow and a lowmass companion.

We need observations of thermal molecular lines to say more...







