

# H I line observations of 151 evolved stars made with the Nançay Radio Telescope

## II. Analysis of the H I and H<sub>2</sub> content of AGB star circumstellar envelopes

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### ABSTRACT

We present an analysis of the results of 21-cm H I line observations of the circumstellar envelopes (CSEs) of a sample of 151 evolved stars, consisting predominantly (85%) of asymptotic giant branch (AGB) stars. This is the first time an analysis could be carried out for the neutral hydrogen constituent of a substantial sample of CSEs of AGB stars. We obtained our observations mainly with the Nançay Radio Telescope (NRT), resulting in 34 clear detections and 21 possible detections. Among the 106 AGB type stars with non-confused H I spectra, 75% are O-rich and 22% are C-rich, while 41% are SRb type semi-regular variables and 38% are Miras. We found no significant biases in the selection or observations of different types of AGB stars. The total H I masses of the detected AGB stars range from 0.002 to 0.1  $M_{\odot}$ , with a mean value of 0.02  $M_{\odot}$ . The mean total H I masses are not significantly different for stars of different types of variability (Miras and semi-regulars). However, there is a difference between O- and C-rich AGB stars, which is due to only three C-rich stars with exceptionally high H I masses ( $>0.1 M_{\odot}$ ). If we disregard them, there is no significant difference among these types. We compared the total masses of atomic and molecular hydrogen in 34 AGB star CSEs, with the latter estimated from far-infrared imaging of dust, which extends out to about the same radii as the H I. We found that, on average, the H<sub>2</sub> masses are  $\sim 20$  times larger than the H I masses. However, in eight objects, the hydrogen in the CSE is essentially completely atomic. We examined the possible dependence of our results, in particular the H<sub>2</sub>:H I total mass ratio, on the effective temperature ( $T_{\text{eff}}$ ) of the central star. We find that the H I detection rate of CSEs tends to increase steadily with  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , but we find no obvious correlation between the H<sub>2</sub>:H I mass ratio and  $T_{\text{eff}}$  over the range  $\sim 2100$ – $3300$  K. Here, we discuss this result in the context of the theoretical prediction that the hydrogen in their CSEs should be mainly atomic for AGB stars warmer than about 2500 K, and mainly molecular for cooler stars. However, the limited fraction in our sample of stars with well-determined temperatures lying below 2500 K prevented us from definitively confirming or refuting the predictions of this model. We discuss a number of effects that might explain the predominantly molecular nature of CSEs, irrespective of stellar temperature. Advancing their interpretation would require further development of mass outflow models for AGB stars of different effective temperatures, as well as comprehensive sets of  $T_{\text{eff}}$  measurements of this highly time-variable class of stars. We also compared the H I and CO(1–0) line emission of AGB CSEs. The latter emission originates from much smaller radii ( $<0.01$  pc) than the H I (0.75 pc for the resolved sources), and no H<sub>2</sub> masses can be determined from it. There is a large spread in the CO:H I integrated line flux ratio (by more than a factor of 100). We found that CO:H I flux ratios generally increase with the H<sub>2</sub>:H I mass ratio.

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### 1. Introduction

Asymptotic giant branch (AGB) stars are low-to-intermediate mass stars ( $\sim 1$ – $8 M_{\odot}$ ) in their final thermonuclear energy production phase (see e.g. the reviews in [Habing & Olofsson 2004](#)). They are losing mass through stellar winds, at rates of a few times  $10^{-8}$  to  $10^{-4} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , with the bulk being lost in the form of hydrogen. This leads to the formation of expanding circumstellar envelopes (CSEs), comprised of gas (both atomic and molecular) and dust. Most AGB stars in the Milky Way galaxy have oxygen-rich surface compositions and all of them are variable to some extent (see Sect. 2).

Hydrogen is the most abundant element in AGB mass outflows and while its molecular form (H<sub>2</sub>) cannot be observed

directly, the atomic form (H I) can. Most studies of AGB mass loss have been based on observations of CO spectral lines, providing, in particular, mass-loss rate estimates. Estimates of total masses (i.e. H<sub>2</sub> + H I + dust) of CSEs can be made using far-infrared (FIR) continuum observations and assuming gas-to-dust mass ratios (see Sect. 4.2). Other molecules and dust are minor species. The second most abundant element, He, does not show circumstellar lines.

On the other hand, direct observations can be made of the atomic component of hydrogen, using the 21-cm H I line. These provide important information as, for example, the H I in CSEs is much more extended than the CO, the total H I mass can be measured directly without assuming a gas-to-dust ratio, they provide kinematic information on gas flows in CSEs, and the mass fraction of hydrogen that is atomic can be used to test theoretic models of stellar winds.

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In a previous paper (Gérard et al. 2024, hereafter Paper I), we presented H I line observations of a sample of 290 evolved stars made mainly with the single-dish 100 m-class Nançay Radio Telescope (NRT), representing over 5000 hours of telescope time. For all 151 objects with non-confused NRT H I spectra, we list the basic properties in Appendix A, for the sake of completeness. In the present paper we seek to better understand our results in the context of the physical properties and evolutionary status of these evolved stars.

Our current analysis is focussed on the 106 AGB stars in our sample (see Sect. 2), which has enabled us to perform a first analysis of the atomic hydrogen constituent of the mass loss in a substantial sample of these evolved stars. This study serves as an important complement to the numerous CO line studies of their molecular gas. We examine the possible dependence of total neutral atomic and molecular hydrogen masses of the CSEs (in particular the H<sub>2</sub>:H I total mass ratio) on the effective temperature of the central star, using FIR total mass estimates. We also explore whether there are differences in the H I properties between different types of AGB stars in terms of their variability or surface chemical composition.

This paper is organised as follows. In Sect. 2, we discuss the sample, in Sect. 3 the stellar effective temperatures, in Sect. 4 estimates of the molecular hydrogen content of CSEs, and in Sect. 5 we present a comparison of our results to CO line observations. Our results are discussed in Sect. 6 within the framework of a comparison of atomic and molecular hydrogen masses of CSEs. In Sect. 7, we summarise our conclusions.

## 2. The sample: Variability and surface chemical composition

In Paper I, we presented H I observations of our full sample of 290 evolved stars and indicated the objects whose spectra could not be used for further analysis due to confusion caused by Galactic H I line signals along the line of sight. The remaining sample consists of the 151 objects listed in Table A.1. They are predominantly (85%) AGB stars.

For the analysis presented in this paper, we only used objects with digital NRT spectra. We excluded the 22 objects with less sensitive, non-digital NRT spectra from our initial observations made in 1992/93 (see Paper I; these are flagged as ‘old data’ in Table A.1 and as ‘old’ in Table B.1). We also used Very Large Array (VLA) and Green Bank Telescope (GBT) results (see Table A.1).

The analysis presented here is focussed on the remaining 106 AGB type stars in our sample. Of these, 34 were detected clearly in H I, 18 are possible detections, and for 54 we could estimate upper limits to their total H I masses. In terms of their chemical properties, 75% of these are O-rich and 22% are C-rich, while in terms of variability, the most common types are SRb type semi-regular variables (41%) and long-period regularly variable Miras (38%). More details are given later in this section. Other types are considerably rarer: Lb types, with slowly varying brightness and poorly defined pulsation periods (8%), and SRa and SRc type semi-regulars (5% and 6%, respectively); see e.g. the General Catalogue of Variable Stars (Samus’ et al. 2017) for descriptions of the different types.

In terms of their surface chemical composition, AGB stars are generally divided according to the C/O atom number ratio in their surface matter. The O-rich stars, of spectral type M, have C/O < 1, whereas as the C-rich stars, of spectral type C, have C/O > 1, and the intermediary S-type stars have C/O ~ 1. The

O-rich stars are predominant in the Milky Way. Among the 106 AGB stars in our sample they represent 74%, while 22% are C-rich and 3% are S-types.

The Mira and SR classes of variables are thought to be linked in terms of evolution, with SR types being the progenitors of Miras (e.g. Kerschbaum & Hron 1992, Szymczak et al. 1995, Whitelock & Feast 2000, and Yeşilyaprak & Aslan 2004). Comparisons of Galactic Miras and SR type stars in terms of some of their basic properties (variability, effective temperatures, ages, initial masses) reveal the following trends (see e.g. Mattei et al. 1997, Feast 2009, Habing & Olofsson 2004, Kerschbaum & Hron 1992, Kerschbaum & Hron 1996, and Kudashkina 2019):

- Variability: Miras have quite regular periods of 80 to 1000 days (average ~300 days) and visual amplitudes of ~2 to 9 mag, while SRb type variables show a poorly defined periodicity, superimposed multiple pulsation periods, or alternating periods of regular and irregular variability. When regular, SRb periods are 30 to 1000 days and the amplitudes of the variations in their visible light curves are up to ~2 mag only.
- Effective temperatures,  $T_{\text{eff}}$ : Miras are cooler on average; for our sample the mean  $T_{\text{eff}}$  for Miras is ~2500 K, and ~2950 K for SRb types (see also Sect. 3).
- Ages and initial masses: the bulk of O-rich Miras, with periods of ~300 days, are ~7 Gyr old. They have low initial masses, of order 1.3  $M_{\odot}$ . C-rich Miras have longer periods, on average of 520 days, an average age of 1.8 Gyr and an average initial mass of 1.8  $M_{\odot}$ . O-rich Miras and SRb types have comparable initial masses.
- Chemical composition: C-rich stars are much more common among the SR types, as they represent only 5% of our Miras and 32% of the SR types.

## 3. On effective stellar temperatures of variable AGB stars

One question that arises is whether the effective temperature ( $T_{\text{eff}}$ ) of the central star plays a (key) role in the detectability of H I in its CSE (see also Sect. 6.3). For example, the stellar outflow models of Glassgold & Huggins (1983) predicted that the hydrogen in CSEs should be mainly atomic for  $T_{\text{eff}}$  higher than about 2500 K, while they would be molecular for cooler stars. However, 2500 K is not a hard limit according to the authors and the model has its limitations, such as ignoring production of H I in CSEs through in situ photodissociation of H<sub>2</sub>, which we discuss in Sect. 6.

We therefore examined the published  $T_{\text{eff}}$  values for the stars in our sample. The derivation of stellar effective temperatures is an intricate process, for which various approaches can be used (see e.g. Appendix C of De Beck et al. 2010). It is therefore difficult to estimate uncertainties in  $T_{\text{eff}}$  values for individual stars, in particular when comparing results derived by different methods, which are usually given without an uncertainty for their particular value. Among the 12 references listed in Table A.1 only four give estimated uncertainties, on average, of  $\pm 130$  K, which are based on their assessment of the accuracy of the method they applied. Also, De Beck et al. (2010) noted that measured  $T_{\text{eff}}$  values are more uncertain for Miras, which are colder and more opaque.

However, typically the uncertainties for individual objects and differences in results from different methods are smaller than the large intrinsic variations in effective temperatures that have been reported for the classes of variable stars included in our

sample. This is especially relevant in the case of Miras, whose  $T_{\text{eff}}$  values can vary by as much as  $\sim 800$  K (see e.g. Pettit & Nicholson 1933; Reid & Goldston 2002). Furthermore, very few publications indicate the phase in the variability cycle of a given star at which the effective temperature was measured, thus limiting the practical applicability of the measurements for testing temperature dependent outflow models. Therefore, it should be emphasised that for any given star the  $T_{\text{eff}}$  value we list represents but a snapshot measurement during its variability cycle and that its temperature may well pass back and forth across the above-mentioned 2500 K limit as it pulsates.

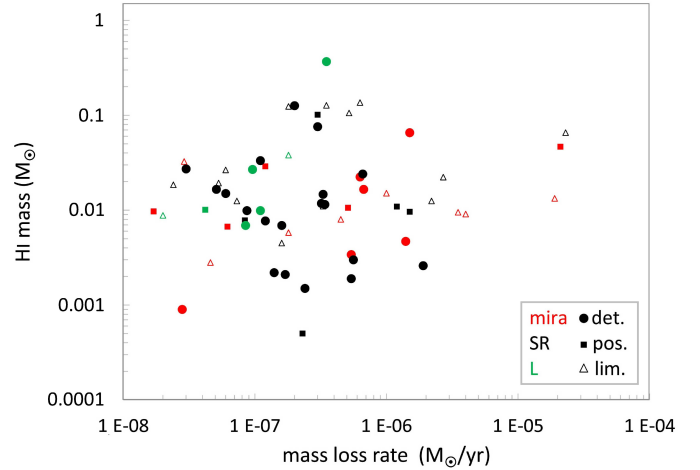
The statistics that follow are based on the  $T_{\text{eff}}$  values listed in Table A.1. As mentioned above, some objects have additional published values that differ from these. We found two or more independent measurements of  $T_{\text{eff}}$  for 17 stars, with an average difference of 380 K. We find no significant difference between the mean  $T_{\text{eff}}$  values of C- and O-rich stars in our sample, of 2770 K and 2800 K, respectively. This is contrary to the ‘almost complete separation’ between the  $T_{\text{eff}}$  ranges of the two types of stars noted in Habing & Olofsson (2004), who reproduced a figure from Marigo (2002) which is based on data from Smith & Lambert (1985), Smith & Lambert (1986), and Smith & Lambert (1990) for O-rich stars, and on Bergeat et al. (2001) for C-rich stars. The C-rich stars in the latter four samples are on average about 800 K cooler than the O-rich stars (averages of 2740 K and 3530 K, respectively). In terms of stellar variability, we find that the Miras in our sample are about 500 K cooler on average than the SRb type variables (averages of 2480 K and 2960 K, respectively), in line with for example the findings of van Belle et al. (1997).

#### 4. The total H I and H<sub>2</sub> masses of AGB star CSEs

The measurement of total H I masses can be made directly for the gas in the CSEs of AGB stars, since the 21-cm line emission is optically thin. Furthermore, the detectability of the H I line is independent of gas temperature,  $T$ , since its absorption coefficient is inversely proportional to  $T$  at this low frequency, while its emission coefficient is directly proportional to  $T$  (see e.g. Hoai et al. 2015). Observations with a single dish telescope such as the NRT are complicated, however, due to possible confusion due to ubiquitous and often stronger, H I line signals from the surrounding ISM along the line of sight (see Paper I for details of the observing and data reduction procedures). The HPBW of the NRT is always  $4'$  in the east-west direction, and  $\geq 22'$  north-south. For 13 objects, the H I distributions were also mapped with mainly the VLA interferometer at a resolution of about  $1'$  (see Paper I).

For the strongest sources that were spatially resolved by the NRT beam we could determine integrated ‘total’ H I line profiles using all on-source pointing positions that lie within the extent of the CSE, while for the others we used the ‘peak’ profile measured only within the on-source telescope beam pointed at the star (see Paper I for further details). The measured total H I masses range from 0.002 to  $0.1 M_{\odot}$ , with a mean value of  $0.02 M_{\odot}$ . The mean total H I masses of our sample AGB stars are not significantly different as a function of either their variability class (Miras or semi-regulars), or their chemical composition (O- or C-rich), provided that for the latter comparison we disregarded the three stars with exceptionally high H I masses,  $>0.1 M_{\odot}$  (see Sect. 6.2).

Source diameters were estimated in the East-West direction without correction for the  $4'$  beam size. For the 25 spatially



**Fig. 1.** Total H I mass of AGB star CSEs,  $M_{\text{HI}}$  in  $M_{\odot}$ , as a function of mass-loss rate,  $\dot{M}$  in  $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , as determined from CO line observations. Clear H I detections (det.) are shown as dots, possible detections (pos.) as smaller squares, and upper limits (lim.) as open triangles. Colours indicate different variability types: red for Miras, black for SR types, and green for Lb types.

resolved, clearly detected sources the diameters range from 0.5 to 5 pc, with an average of 1.5 pc, whereas for the 9 unresolved sources, the upper limits range from 0.5 to 1.1 pc, with an average of 0.8 pc.

The H I profiles of our sample stars can be well represented by a Gaussian function. The outflowing, optically thin H I gas is decelerated at the outer edge of the CSE by interaction with the surrounding ISM. The resulting profile shape is a convolution of the effects of expansion, interaction, and thermal broadening, as seen, for example, in the model in Libert et al. (2007). This is in contrast to the shapes of CO line profiles, which for unresolved objects range from rectangular to parabolic, with increasing optical depth (see e.g. Olofsson et al. 1993 and Sect. 5).

##### 4.1. H I mass and mass-loss rates

The total H I mass of the CSEs does not depend on the current mass-loss rate (as derived from CO line observations), as shown in Fig. 1. References to CO line mass-loss rates are listed in Tables in Appendix B of Paper I and the values we used were corrected to the distances adopted in our study. We made clear H I detections of AGB stars with mass-loss rates ranging from  $2 \times 10^{-8}$  to  $2 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  H I (see Sect. 2). However, their mean mass-loss rates do vary as a function of variability class. For the objects listed in Table A.1, we found:  $0.13 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  for the Lb types,  $1.2 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  for SRb types, and  $3.8 \times 10^{-6} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  for Miras.

##### 4.2. H I and H<sub>2</sub> mass estimates

One method used to compare total molecular and atomic hydrogen masses of CSEs over similar spatial dimensions is based on FIR observations, which enable estimations of the total mass of their gas (molecular and atomic) + dust constituents. A key assumption is that the dust is uniformly mixed throughout the gas, regardless of whether it is atomic or molecular, so that the thermal FIR emission from dust traces all of the gas. In that case, CSE dust masses derived from their FIR emission can be multiplied by an assumed gas-to-dust mass ratio to estimate the total (gas + dust) mass. The published large gas-to-dust mass ratios

(detailed given later in this Section) indicate that the dust mass is a negligible component of the total mass estimated from FIR measurements. Therefore, in practice, a comparison of the ratios of the total FIR (i.e. H I + H<sub>2</sub>) and H I masses should provide an estimate of the relative contribution of the molecular H<sub>2</sub> and atomic H I components.

Maps of the FIR thermal dust emission of CSEs should be a good tracer of their overall gas distribution (atomic + molecular). This is because the small dust grains that emit in the FIR are bound to the gas, as shown by the hydrodynamical models developed by van Marle et al. (2011). An advantage of using FIR images is the weak confusion by surrounding Galactic structures, as compared to the probability of confusion in the H I line.

We focussed on two FIR studies using (1) *Herschel* satellite images at 70 and 160 μm wavelengths, with a spatial resolution of 6'' at 70 μm (Cox et al. 2012a, and corrigendum in Cox et al. 2012b; hereafter Cox12); and (2) IRAS satellite data at 60 and 100 μm wavelength (Young et al. 1993b and Young et al. 1993a; hereafter Young93), with a ten times coarser resolution of 1' at 60 μm.

The two sets of images are complementary for our purpose of estimating total H<sub>2</sub> + H I hydrogen masses of CSEs since (1) only the higher resolution *Herschel* images allow a clear separation of the emission from the central source and the CSE, but they have a lower surface brightness sensitivity than the IRAS data, which can lead to an underestimation of the total flux density of the CSE; and (2) IRAS all-sky survey scans were analyzed for a total of 512 evolved stars, selected on a broad range of criteria such as CO line detection, FIR colours, and variability, while the *Herschel* images were obtained for 78 selected evolved stars, including objects previously resolved by IRAS (Groenewegen et al. 2011), and were aimed at resolving their CSEs.

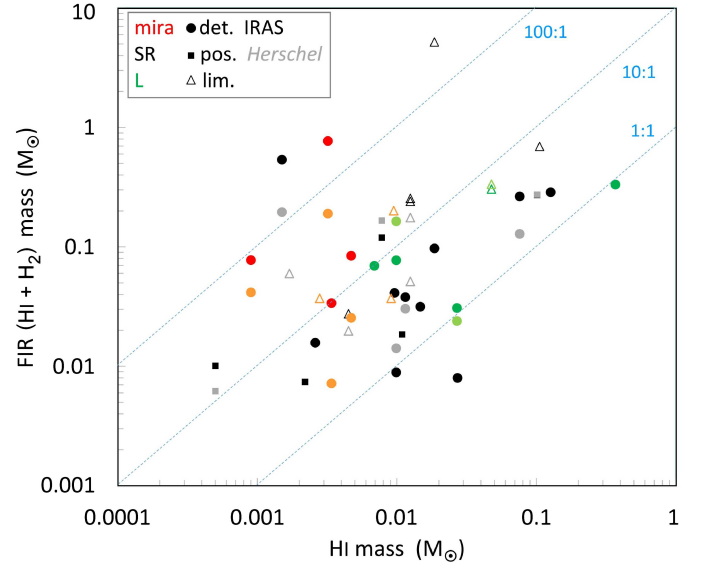
From the IRAS data, Young93 estimated a ‘point source’ flux density inside the central 1' diameter beam area and an ‘extended’ flux density outside the central beam diameter. They estimated outer radii of sources by fitting models to all scans of a particular object. From the *Herschel* data, Cox12 measured total FIR flux densities within the dust structures visible in the CSEs. They measured the outer radii of dust structures in azimuthally averaged radial FIR emission distributions.

The estimated IRAS 60 μm extended flux densities are on average 1.9 times the measured *Herschel* 70 μm values, for the 17 objects in our sample with both values available. Compared to the east-west radii of clear NRT H I detections, the 15 IRAS radii are much closer to the H I values, with a mean FIR:H I radius ratio of 0.64 (excluding the outlier RS Cnc), while the *Herschel* radii are on average 1.9 times smaller than the IRAS values. The outlier in the FIR:H I radius comparison is RS Cnc, with an exceptionally large IRAS FIR:H I radius ratio of about three, but a very small H I radius of 0.17 pc.

The methodology for estimating total gas (H I + H<sub>2</sub>) + dust masses from FIR images as used by Cox12 is as follows. For the IRAS 60 μm data we used the same model parameters as used by Cox12 for the *Herschel* 70 μm data. First, the total dust masses were estimated by using the following formula from Li (2005), expressed as

$$M_{\text{dust}} = 0.5 F_{\nu} \lambda^2 d^2 k^{-1} T_{\text{dust}}^{-1} \kappa_{\lambda}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

where  $d$  is the distance to the star, in cm,  $F_{\nu}$  is the observed flux density, in erg s<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> Hz<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda$  the wavelength, in cm,  $k$  the Boltzmann constant in cgs units,  $T_{\text{dust}}$  the dust temperature in K, and  $\kappa_{\lambda}$  the dust opacity in cm<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>; see Cox et al. (2012a) for further details.



**Fig. 2.** Comparison between FIR total H<sub>2</sub> + H I hydrogen masses,  $M_{\text{FIR}}$ , estimated from FIR data, and total H I masses of AGB star CSEs, both in  $M_{\odot}$ . Clear H I detections (det.) are shown as dots, possible detections (pos.) as smaller squares, and upper limits (lim.) as open triangles. Colours indicate different types of variability: red for Miras, black for SR types, and green for L types. FIR masses are based on 60 μm IRAS data or 70 μm *Herschel* images. The colours of the IRAS data are of a more vivid hue than the *Herschel* data, such as red vs. orange and black vs. grey. To guide the eye, the three dashed blue lines indicate FIR:H I mass ratios of 100:1, 10:1, and 1:1, respectively.

Total gas masses were then derived from the dust masses, assuming values for the gas-to-dust mass ratio. We also corrected the estimated gas + dust masses from Cox et al. (2012b) for the difference in the gas-to-dust mass ratio observed in C- and O-rich stars. This difference was noted, but not corrected for, in Cox12. They assumed a uniform gas-to-dust mass ratio of 200, while noting that the measured ratios are two times higher (400) for C-rich stars and 0.8 times lower (160) for O-rich stars (see e.g. Draine & Lee 1984, Heras & Hony 2005, Li & Draine 2001, and Knapp 1985). We refer to Table 4 for the resulting FIR gas + dust masses estimated using the IRAS 60 μm and *Herschel* 70 μm and 160 μm data, along with the ratios of FIR 70 μm and H I total masses. The differences in the published gas-to-dust mass ratios indicate that total masses inferred from the FIR emission are uncertain by at least a factor of a few.

We added the Mira IRC+10216 to our analysis, using *Herschel* 100 μm data from Decin et al. (2011). It was detected in H I with the VLA and the GBT, see Matthews & Reid (2007) and Matthews et al. (2015). We scaled the FIR mass from Decin et al. (2011) to our adopted distance, subtracted the emission originating from the inner 15'' radius, following Cox12, and used our adopted gas-to-dust mass ratio of 400 for C-rich star. This resulted in a total FIR mass of 0.19  $M_{\odot}$ .

#### 4.3. Comparison of H I and H<sub>2</sub> masses

In Figure 2, we show the comparison between our total H I masses and the FIR gas + dust masses calculated with the aforementioned difference in dust-to-gas mass ratios between C- and O-rich stars. For each data point, we indicate the status of the H I spectrum (clear detection, possible detection, or upper limit), the variability type of the star (Mira, SR, or Lb), and whether the total gas+dust mass is based on IRAS or *Herschel* data. To our

NRT data we added three H I observations made at the VLA and GBT (a detection of IRC+10216 and upper limits for W Hya and IK Tau) and we used an  $M_{\text{FIR}}$  for IRC+10216 based on *Herschel* data from Decin et al. (2011) (see Sect. 4.2).

The total mass of most AGB CSEs appears to be dominated by H<sub>2</sub> gas. Evidence to support a molecular state for most of the hydrogen gas in three of the outliers in our sample with the highest H<sub>2</sub>:H I mass ratios is also indicated by GALEX far-UV data on IRC+10216 (Sahai & Chronopoulos 2010; Matthews et al. 2015), *o* Cet (Martin et al. 2007; Matthews et al. 2008), and U Hya (Sanchez et al. 2015). They all show a detached shell or a cometary tail detected in the far-UV, most likely due to in situ shock-excited H<sub>2</sub>. We note that such far-UV structures surrounding AGB stars is not an uncommon phenomenon (see e.g. Sahai & Mack-Crane 2014, Ortiz & Guerrero 2023, and Răstău et al. 2023). These results are discussed further in Sect. 6.3.

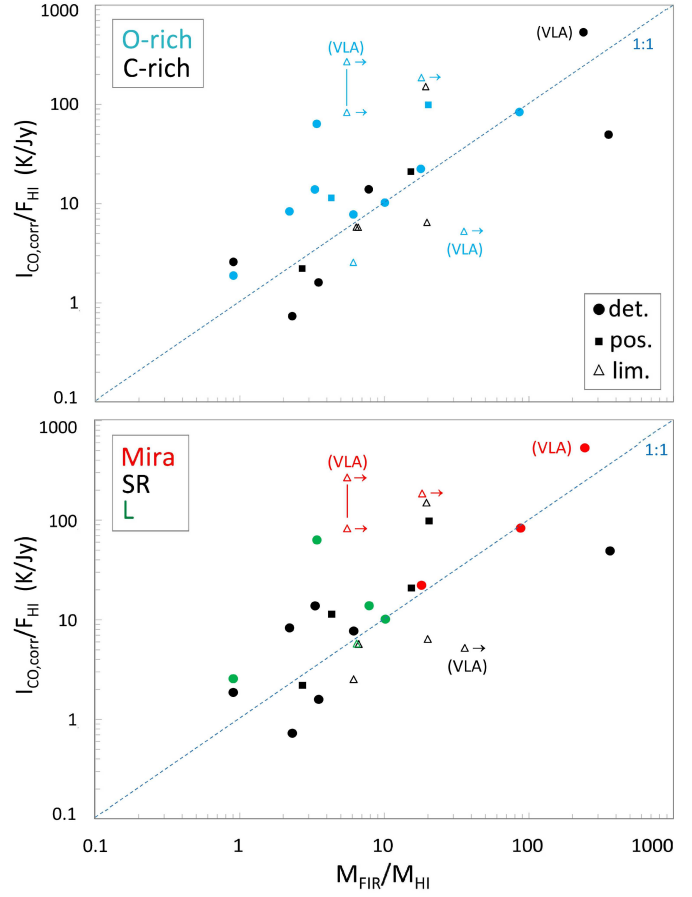
## 5. Comparison with CO(1–0) line observations

CO line observations are widely used in studies of AGB stars, as they provide a means to derive the present-day escape velocity and mass-loss rate, as well as the CO photodissociation radius, for example. However, they cannot be used to obtain accurate estimates of the total H<sub>2</sub> mass of CSEs. Doing so would require knowledge of such parameters of the duration of the CO outflow and the time dependence of the outflow rate.

We had sufficient data to calculate the CO photodissociation radius, beyond which the CO is expected to be destroyed by the interstellar radiation field, for 19 objects in our AGB sample. For this, we used the photodissociation model of Massarotti et al. (2008) and Olofsson et al. (1993), and adopted CO fractional abundances of  $f_{\text{CO}} = 10^{-3}$  for C-rich stars and  $2 \cdot 10^{-4}$  for O-rich stars, following Olofsson et al. (2002). We found that the average photodissociation radius of our CSEs in the CO(1–0) line is 2000 AU. This value is about 2.5 times the average radius measured in the CO(2–1) and (3–2) lines for 13 objects in our sample with the Atacama Compact Array by Ramstedt et al. (2020) and Andriantsaralaza et al. (2021).

We expected the radius of the H<sub>2</sub> distribution to be considerably larger than that of the CO, as the sizes of H<sub>2</sub> (and CO) CSEs are governed by self-shielding (see Morris & Jura 1983), so that due to the high abundance and line strength of H<sub>2</sub> its distribution would be much larger. The CSE H<sub>2</sub> size depends on the mass-loss rate as  $\dot{M}^{0.5}$ , resulting in larger CSEs for objects with higher mass-loss rates (see e.g. Bowers & Knapp 1988 and Matthews et al. 2015). Also, the self-shielding effect is amplified by the deceleration of the stellar wind by the interstellar medium, which will result in accumulation of H<sub>2</sub> near the bow shock. The H I gas, on the other hand, is not readily impacted by the interstellar radiation field and may be present over a wide range of distances from the star; the mean radius of our resolved H I CSEs is 0.75 pc, equivalent to 150 000 AU (see Sect. 4.1).

Thus, when comparing integrated CO and H I line fluxes we have to keep in mind that we are sampling two components in CSEs of not only different composition, molecular or atomic, but also with very different spatial distributions around the star. A further complication is that the CO gas may be optically thick or thin, which cannot always be ascertained with certainty from an analysis of the line profile. We assumed that the entire CO(1–0) line emission from the CSEs in our sample is contained within one beam of a single-dish radio telescope. This assumption is based on our calculated CO photodissociation radii, as well as



**Fig. 3.** Ratios of CO(1–0) and H I integrated line fluxes,  $I_{\text{CO,corr}}/F_{\text{HI}}$  in K/Jy, as a function of the ratio of FIR (H<sub>2</sub> + H I) to H I masses,  $M_{\text{FIR}}/M_{\text{HI}}$ . All published CO fluxes were converted to a telescope diameter of 20 m. Comparisons are shown as a function of chemical composition, C- or O-rich (top panel), and variability: Mira, SR, or L type (lower panel). Clear H I detections (det.) are shown as dots, possible detections (pos.) as smaller squares, and upper limits (lim.) as open triangles. Data points based on H I measurements made with the VLA have been identified. Horizontal arrows indicate points whose  $M_{\text{FIR}}/M_{\text{HI}}$  mass ratios are based on *Herschel* FIR flux densities, which are systematically lower than IRAS values (see Sect. 4). The colours indicate the various types of objects. Top panel: O-rich (blue), or C-rich (black); lower panel: Mira (red), semi-regular variable (SR, black), and long-period variable (L, green). To guide the eye, a dashed blue line indicates a slope of 1:1 in each panel.

on interferometric observations made at Plateau de Bure by Neri et al. (1998) and Castro-Carrizo et al. (2010).

Listed in Table B.1 are the individual published integrated CO(1–0) line fluxes, in K km s<sup>−1</sup>, for the objects in our sample, with literature references and the diameters of the telescopes used, in meters. For unresolved sources (which most are) antenna temperature scales expressed in K are telescope dependent due to differences in beam filling factors. Therefore, in order to be able to compare line fluxes observed with telescopes with diameters ranging from 7 to 30 m, for the calculation of the mean flux,  $\langle I_{\text{CO,corr}} \rangle$  in K km s<sup>−1</sup>, we corrected all published fluxes to a telescope diameter of 20 m. For this, we used the square of the telescope diameter (see e.g. Nyman et al. 1992). On average, this increased the uncorrected published fluxes by a factor of 1.9.

We compared (see Fig. 3) the  $I_{\text{CO,corr}}:F_{\text{HI}}$  integrated line flux ratios to FIR:H I total mass ratios,  $M_{\text{FIR}}:M_{\text{HI}}$ , which are a

measure of the  $H_2:H I$  mass ratios of CSEs (see Sect. 4). We found that objects where the CSE hydrogen is relatively more molecular than atomic in nature tend to have higher CO:H I flux ratios. There is a very large spread in CO:H I integrated line flux ratios, of more than a factor of 100 for H I-detected objects. There is no significant difference between the mean ratios of 19 for Miras and 12 for the SR types. For the clear H I detections, in the four objects where the hydrogen is essentially atomic ( $M_{FIR}/M_{HI} < 3$ ) the average  $I_{CO}/F_{HI}$  ratio is 1.6 K/Jy, while for the five where the CSE is molecular ( $M_{FIR}/M_{HI} > 10$ ) the ratio is 140 K/Jy. This shows there will always be molecular CO close to the star, irrespective of the atomic and/or molecular nature of the hydrogen at much larger radii. In addition, combining H I and CO observations helps to improve the development of models of outflows from AGB stars (see e.g. the studies of RS Cnc by Libert et al. 2010b, of RX Lep by Libert et al. 2008, and of V 1942 Sgr by Libert et al. 2010a).

The quasi-Gaussian shape of the H I line profiles for our sample (see Sect. 4) is in contrast with the shapes of CO line profiles, which for unresolved objects range from rectangular to parabolic, with increasing optical depth (see e.g. Olofsson et al. 1993). The difference in CO and H I line shape occurs basically because the expansion dominates the CO line profile, emitted relatively close to the star, by a wind that has not yet been slowed down by the surrounding ISM, whereas the H I has been slowed down.

Widths of H I lines are commonly given as FWHM values, while for CO lines expansion velocities are measured, but rarely FWZP values. Expansion velocities are full width at zero power (FWZP) values, which can be readily measured for CO profiles due to their shape, and provide reliable estimates of the gas terminal velocity. They are, however, hard to measure accurately for Gaussian shaped H I profiles. The H I line FWHMs are on average 2.5 times smaller than the CO line expansion velocities (see Table A.1, and Paper I for CO references). We did succeed in determining accurate FWZP widths for a few of the highest signal-to-noise ratio H I profiles measured with the NRT (e.g. Y CVn, see Libert et al. 2007) and VLA (Y UMa, see Matthews et al. 2013), where we could detect the counterpart to the freely expanding wind as observed in CO. For our current sample of non-confused NRT profiles, we estimated FWZP widths based on the velocities where the flux densities first reach the 0 Jy level on both sides of the H I profile peak and found that on average these widths are only 10% smaller than the CO line FWZP values.

## 6. Discussion

In Sect. 6.1 (see below), we examine possible biases that may impact our analysis of the H I-related properties of various kinds of AGB stars. In Sect. 6.2, we then explore possible differences between AGB stars as a function of their chemical composition or type of variability, and in Sect. 6.3 we examine the relation between stellar effective temperature and the atomic and molecular hydrogen content of CSEs.

### 6.1. Possible biases

In exploring potential biases that may impact the interpretation of results from our H I survey we first examined whether our analysis of the H I-related properties of various kinds of AGB stars could be influenced by: (1) possible biases related to the noise level of the H I spectra; (2) stellar distance; (3) Galactic latitude, and/or local standard of rest (LSR) velocity.

Firstly, with respect to the noise level of H I spectra, we found no significant difference in the root mean square (rms) noise levels of the digital NRT spectra of different types of AGB stars. For example, when examining all available spectra of Miras and SR types, we found mean rms noise levels for the ‘peak’ profiles (see Sect. 4.1) of 0.0057 Jy for Miras and 0.0067 Jy for SR types. For the ‘total’ profiles, which could be determined for the strongest extended detections only, we found 0.025 Jy for Miras and 0.032 Jy for SR types.

Secondly, with respect to distance, for the objects listed in Table A.1 that have Gaia EDR 3 parallaxes, the mean distance of Miras (850 pc) is about twice as large as that of the SR types (390 pc). The Miras have a distance distribution that extends well beyond the  $\sim 700$  pc limit of the bulk of the semi-regular variables. The mean distance of O-rich AGB stars (560 pc) is similar to that of the C-rich types (600 pc).

Finally, for the Galactic latitude and/or LSR velocity, the NRT single-dish H I observations discussed here are particularly sensitive to the potential presence of ubiquitous ambient Galactic gas clouds within the telescope beam, at both on- and off-source pointing positions. These could cause confusion in the detection of H I that resides within a stellar CSE, especially at low Galactic latitudes or/and at small LSR velocities. We therefore compared various distributions as a function of Galactic latitude and LSR velocity of Miras and SR type variables, and of O-rich and C-rich stars: total number of stars, number of detections, and detection percentages. We found no significant possible biases wherever meaningful statistical comparisons could be made between stars of different types. However, there are not enough clear detections of Lb type variables or C-rich stars for such comparisons.

All in all, we did not find evidence to support any significant biases that could have an impact on our analysis of our H I line data for the various types of AGB stars in our sample related to either H I detection sensitivity, distance, Galactic latitude, and/or LSR velocity.

### 6.2. Do H I properties depend on stellar chemistry and variability?

We investigated whether there is a significant difference between the H I masses of different types of AGB stars in terms of type of variability (Miras and SR types) as well as surface chemical composition (O- and C-rich). We also checked whether there could be possible selection biases, in terms of distance, for example. For the comparisons, we only used objects with digital NRT spectra and VLA and GBT results (see Table 2).

Listed in Tables 1, 2, and 3 are the following properties for selected AGB stars:

- det?: H I detection status – det = clear detection, pos = possible detection;
- chem.: chemical composition – C-rich, or O-rich;
- var.: variability type;
- $d$ : distance, in pc;
- $T_{\text{eff}}$ : effective temperature, in K;
- $M_{HI}$ : total H I mass, in  $M_{\odot}$ ;
- $M_{FIR}/M_{HI}$ : ratio of total FIR:H I masses, based on either IRAS 60  $\mu\text{m}$  or *Herschel* 70  $\mu\text{m}$  data.

The largest differences between mean values occur for: (1) H I masses of clearly detected C- and O-rich AGB stars (mass ratio of 3.3, and  $0.9\sigma$  difference, between 0.085 and 0.026  $M_{\odot}$ , respectively); and (2) distances of clearly + possibly H I-detected Miras and SR types (distance ratio of 2.2, with a  $3.0\sigma$  difference, between 725 and 325 pc, respectively). The H I mass statistics are skewed, however, by three AGB stars with exceptionally large H I

**Table 1.** Stars with exceptionally high H I masses.

Name	det?	Chem.	Var.	$d$ (pc)	$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	$M_{\text{HI}}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$M_{\text{FIR}}/M_{\text{HI}}$	
							IRAS	<i>Herschel</i>
RY Dra	det	C	SRb	402	2810	0.13	2.3	...
V1942 Sgr	det	C	Lb	635	2960	0.37	0.9	...
AQ Sgr	pos	C	SRb	557	2790	0.10	2.7	2.7

**Table 2.** Stars with the lowest effective temperatures.

Name	$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	Var.	Chem.	$M_{\text{FIR}}/M_{\text{HI}}$	
				IRAS	<i>Herschel</i>
R Hya	2128	Mira	O	2.1, 10.0	
IRC+10216	2200	Mira	C	59, 240	
R Scl	2295	SRb	C	>4.1, >19.4	
W Hya	2400	SRa	O	>36, ...	

masses,  $M_{\text{HI}} > 0.1 M_{\odot}$  (see Table 1). All three have  $T_{\text{eff}} > 2500$  K and are C-rich. Their distances are comparable to those of other H I detected SR and Lb type variables. This concerns two out of the seven C-rich AGB stars among the clear detections, as well as one C-rich star among the possible detections. Compared to other stars with the same chemical composition and H I detection status, these three have 5–28 times higher H I masses. However, the CSEs of these three C-rich stars also have high total  $\text{H}_2$  masses and, thus, normal  $\text{H}_2:\text{H I}$  mass ratios, with FIR:H I mass ratios ranging from 0.9 to 2.7 based on IRAS 60  $\mu\text{m}$  data (see Table 4).

If we disregard the three C-rich stars with very large H I masses, there is no longer any significant difference between C- and O-rich AGB stars. For the clear H I detections, their mean values become 0.020 and 0.012  $M_{\odot}$ , respectively. The Miras and SR types all span the same range ( $\sim 0.02\text{--}0.08 M_{\odot}$ ) in  $M_{\text{HI}}$  and the average H I masses of the clear detections are indistinguishable, at 0.019 and 0.021  $M_{\odot}$ , respectively. For the clear detections, the detection rates are 22% (8/37) for Miras and 35% (19/54) for the SR types, a factor of 1.6 difference. However, if we consider both clear and possible detections, the percentages become similar, 46% (17/37) for Miras and 50% (27/54) for the SRs. As shown in Sect. 6.1, the Miras have significantly larger distances than the SR types. For the clear detections, the Miras are 1.6 times more distant on average, while for the clear + possible detections they are 2.2 times more distant. As the mean rms noise levels are the same for Miras and SR types (see Sect. 6.1), the differences in distance are largely sufficient to explain the differences in detection rates.

In summary, we did not find a significant difference between the H I masses of different types of AGB stars in terms of either chemistry or variability class. The three stars with exceptionally high H I masses have normal  $\text{H}_2:\text{H I}$  mass ratios.

### 6.3. Atomic and molecular hydrogen CSE content as a function of effective temperature

We used the information compiled in the previous steps of the study (described above) to search for a correlation between the mass fraction of hydrogen that is atomic in the CSEs of AGB

**Table 3.** Stars with the lowest and highest  $\text{H}_2:\text{H I}$  mass ratios.

Name	$M_{\text{FIR}}/M_{\text{HI}}$		$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	Var.	Chem.
	IRAS	<i>Herschel</i>			
Objects with the lowest ratios ( $M_{\text{FIR}}/M_{\text{HI}} < 3$ )					
RW Boo	0.3, ...		3148	SRb	O
V1942 Sgr	0.9, ...		2960	Lb	C
V1943 Sgr	0.9, 1.1		2752	Lb	O
X Her	0.9, 1.4		3281	SRb	O
Y CVn	1.7, 3.5		2760	SRb	C
RY Dra	2.3, ...		2810	SRb	C
Y UMa	2.2, ...		...	SRb	O
AQ Sgr	2.7:, 2.7:		2790	SRb	C
Objects with the highest ratios ( $M_{\text{FIR}}/M_{\text{HI}} > 30$ )					
U Hya	359, 131		2965	SRb	C
IRC+10216	240, 59		2200	Mira	C
<i>o</i> Cet	86, 46		2500	Mira	O
W Hya	..., >36		...	SRa	O

stars and their stellar effective temperatures. In Figure 4, we plot  $M_{\text{FIR}}/M_{\text{HI}}$  (i.e. the ratio of the total and atomic hydrogen mass of the CSE) versus  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , where we use the FIR emission as a proxy for the total hydrogen mass (see Sect. 4) and adopt the atomic hydrogen mass derived from 21-cm H I line observations. The two panels show AGB stars of different chemical composition (O- and C-rich) and variability types (Mira, SR, and Lb). Indicated for each data point are the status of the H I spectrum (clear detection, possible detection, or upper limit), whether the FIR data are from IRAS or *Herschel*, and either the chemical composition (top panel) or variability type (lower panel) of the star. Three VLA H I observations are included in the comparison, a detection of IRC+10216 and upper limits for W Hya and IK Tau, and the  $M_{\text{FIR}}$  of IRC+10216 is based on *Herschel* data from Decin et al. (2011).

The vertical red line in Fig. 4 indicates an effective temperature of 2500 K, below which the hydrogen is predicted to be mainly molecular in form according to the mass outflow models of Glassgold & Huggins (1983), although this is rather a soft limit, and not considered to be a ‘tipping point’ by the authors (see more details later in this work). We note that this should be largely independent of the chemical composition of the stellar atmosphere, namely, whether it is O-rich or C-rich. For the clear H I detections the mean FIR:H I mass ratio is 42 based on IRAS data, and 27 and 18 for, respectively, *Herschel* observations at 70  $\mu\text{m}$  and 160  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Table 4.** Total H I and FIR (H I + H<sub>2</sub> + dust) masses of CSEs.

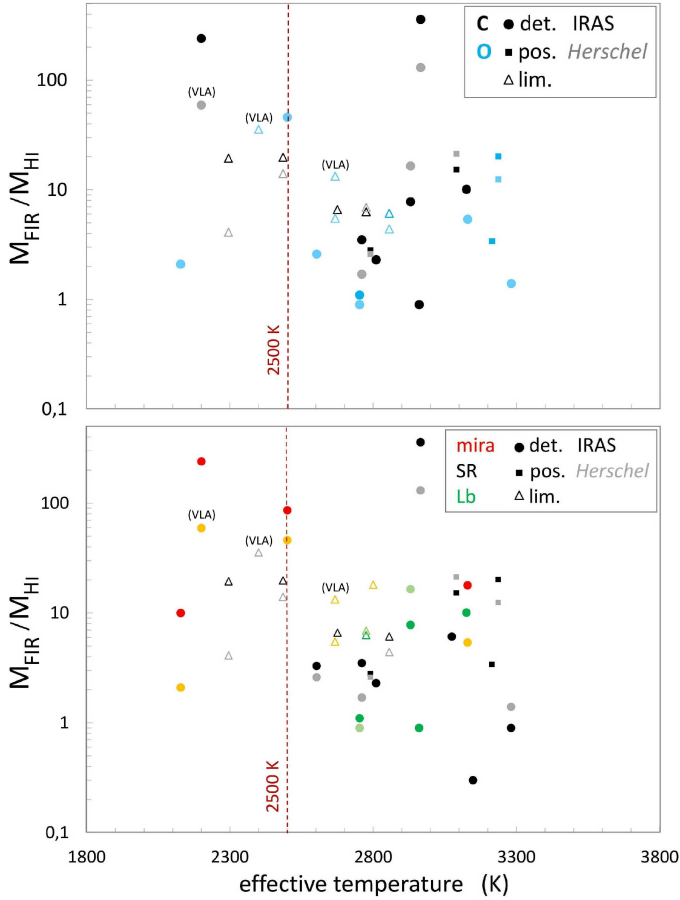
Name	Var.	Spec.	$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	$M_{\text{HI}}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$M_{60\mu\text{m}}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$\frac{M_{60}}{M_{\text{HI}}}$	$M_{70\mu\text{m}}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$M_{160\mu\text{m}}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	$\frac{M_{70}}{M_{\text{HI}}}$
					— IRAS —		— <i>Herschel</i> —		
Clear H I detections									
R Cas	Mira	M6.5-9e	3129	0.0047	0.0843	17.9	0.0255	0.0165	5.4
<i>o</i> Cet	Mira	M5-9IIIe+DA	2500	0.0009	0.0777	86.4	0.0416	0.0120	46.0
R Hya	Mira	M6-9e	2128	0.0034	0.0339	10.0	0.0072	0.0048	2.1
RS And	SRa	...	...	0.0186	0.0974	5.2	...	...	...
RW Boo	SRb	M5III:	3148	0.0272	0.0080	0.3	...	...	...
Y CVn	SRb	C-N5	2760	0.0759	0.2650	3.5	0.1287	0.1362	1.7
S Dra	SRb	M6III	...	0.0096	0.0412	4.3	...	...	...
RY Dra	SRb:	C-N3III:	2810	0.1264	0.2874	2.3	...	...	...
X Her	SRb	M6III	3281	0.0099	0.0089	0.9	0.0142	0.0071	1.4
U Hya	SRb	C-N5	2965	0.0015	0.5386	359.0	0.1960	0.1520	130.7
Y Uma	SRb	M7II-III:	...	0.0147	0.0316	2.2	...	...	...
BK Vir	SRb	M7-III:	3074	0.0026	0.0158	6.1	...	...	...
RT Vir	SRb	M8III	2602	0.0115	0.0380	3.3	0.0304	0.0279	2.6
$\mu$ Cep <sup>a</sup>	SRc	M2-Ia	3700	0.0413	...	...	1.2189	0.7088	29.5
TX Psc	Lb	C-N6	3125	0.0069	0.0696	10.1	...	...	...
V1942 Sgr	Lb	C-N5+	2960	0.3681	0.3326	0.9	...	...	...
V1943 Sgr	Lb	M7/8III	2752	0.0269	0.0308	1.1	0.0240	0.0136	0.9
VY UMa	Lb	C-N5	2930	0.0099	0.0773	7.8	0.1637	0.1539	16.5
Possible H I detections									
UX Dra	SRa:	C-N5	3090	0.0078	0.1196	15.3	0.1661	0.0919	21.3
SV Peg	SRb	M7	...	0.0109	0.0185	1.7	...	...	...
AQ Sgr	SRb	C-N5	2790	0.1012	0.2719	2.7	0.2742	0.2966	2.7
EP Aqr	SRb	M7-III:	3236	0.0005	0.0101	20.2	0.0062	0.0021	12.5
RS Cnc	SRc	M6S	3214	0.0022	0.0074	3.4	...	...	...
Sources with H I upper limits									
W Aql	Mira	S6/6e	2800	<0.0095	...	...	0.2009	0.1113	>18.1
IK Tau (NRT)	Mira	M7-11	2667	<0.0091	...	...	0.0371	0.0309	>5.5
IK Tau (VLA)				<0.0028					>13.3
RS And	SRa	...	...	<0.0186	0.0974	>5.2	...	...	...
W Hya (VLA)	SRa	M	2400	<0.0017	...	...	0.0598	0.0239	>35.7
RT Cap	SRb	C6.4	2485	<0.0125	0.2470	>19.8	0.1755	0.1024	>14.0
RV Cyg	SRb	C-N5:	2675	<0.1055	0.6942	>6.6	...	...	...
T Mic	SRb	M77/8III	2856	<0.0045	0.0275	>6.1	0.0198	0.0031	>4.4
R Scl <sup>b</sup>	SRb	C-N5+	2295	<0.0125	0.2428	>19.4	0.0514	0.0295	>4.1
U Ant	Lb	C-N3	2775	<0.0477	0.3045	>6.4	0.3238	0.1342	>6.8
Confused NRT sources detected with the VLA									
IRC+10216	Mira	C9.5	2200	0.0032	0.7699	240.1	(0.19)	...	(59.4)

**Notes.** *a*:  $\mu$  Cep is an M type supergiant, not an AGB star. *b*: for R Scl the masses are based on the *Herschel* FIR flux densities listed here and a distance of 370 pc, whereas Cox et al. (2012b) used a distance of 290 pc. *Herschel* FIR values are from Cox et al. (2012b), except for IRC+10216, whose total gas + dust mass is based on 100  $\mu\text{m}$  *Herschel* data from Decin et al. (2011). For  $T_{\text{eff}}$  references, see Table A.1.

Only 4 of the 27 stars have an effective temperature below 2500 K (see Table 2). Two are Miras and two SR types; two are O-rich and two C-rich; two have only lower limits to their FIR:H I mass ratios. If two ratios are listed, these are for IRAS and *Herschel* data, respectively.

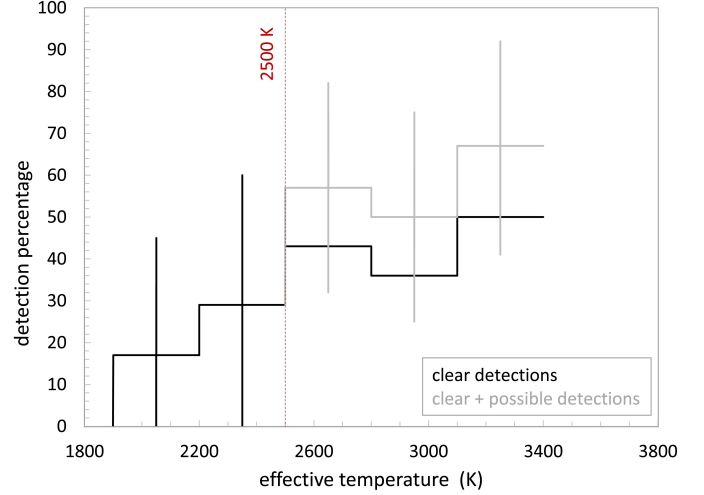
Taken at face value, Figs. 2 and 4 would seem to imply that the H<sub>2</sub> mass exceeds the H I mass by a considerable amount in the bulk of the sample. Listed in Table 3 are the objects with the lowest and the highest H<sub>2</sub>:H I mass ratios, as measured through their  $M_{\text{FIR}}/M_{\text{HI}}$  ratios. For a CSE with a completely atomic content the FIR:H I total mass ratio will be 1.0. There is a significant

difference between the presence of variability classes among the objects with lowest and the highest  $M_{\text{FIR}}/M_{\text{HI}}$  ratios: of the eight objects with the lowest ratios, none of them are Miras, six are SR types, and two are Lb. Meanwhile, of the four objects with the highest ratios, two are Miras and two SR types. There is no difference in chemical composition among the two groups, as half of them are O-rich in both categories. No obvious trends are visible in the distribution of FIR:H I mass ratios as a function of  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , when examined as a function of variability type. Neither did we find a trend depending on the chemical composition of the star, O-rich or C-rich.



**Fig. 4.** Comparison of the mass fraction of hydrogen that is atomic in the CSEs of AGB stars as a function of stellar effective temperature. The  $y$ -axis shows  $M_{\text{FIR}}/M_{\text{HI}}$ , the ratio of the total (molecular plus atomic) hydrogen mass of the CSE (as estimated from FIR measurements; see Sect. 4) to the H I mass of the CSE as measured from H I 21 cm line observations. The  $x$ -axis shows  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , in K. Comparisons are shown as a function of chemical composition of the star (C- or O-rich; top panel), and variability class (Mira, SR or L type; lower panel). Clear H I detections (det.) are shown as dots, possible detections (pos.) as smaller squares, and upper limits (lim.) as open triangles. Colours indicate different types of variability: red for Miras, black for SR types, and green for L types. FIR masses are based on 60  $\mu\text{m}$  IRAS data or 70  $\mu\text{m}$  *Herschel* images. In both panels, the colours of the points where the total hydrogen masses were derived from IRAS data are of a more vivid hue than of the *Herschel* data, such as red vs. orange and black vs. grey. The red vertical dashed line indicates the 2500 K soft limit around which the  $\text{H}_2:\text{H I}$  mass ratio is theoretically predicted to change (see text).

Although the detected H I masses do not increase with  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , the rate of H I detections does increase steadily with  $T_{\text{eff}}$  (see Fig. 5, from on average 23% below 2500 K to 50% above 3000 K, for the clear detections only, and up to 67% if we include the possible detections). The statistical uncertainty in the detection rates is  $\pm 27\%$ , for a confidence level of 95%. This means that the 50% difference in detection rate between the lowest and highest temperature bins for clear + possible detections is at about two times the uncertainty level. This may indicate an overall increase in H I mass for warmer stars. On the other hand, it is difficult to ascertain if the mean  $\text{H}_2$  mass changes significantly with temperature, due to the large scatter in  $M_{\text{FIR}}$  as a function of  $T_{\text{eff}}$ . All in all, this analysis does not appear to provide additional information on the  $\text{H}_2:\text{H I}$  mass ratio as a function of  $T_{\text{eff}}$ .



**Fig. 5.** Distributions of H I detection rates as a function of effective temperature of the central star, for clear detections (black line) and for clear + possible detections (grey line), in bins of 300 K width in  $T_{\text{eff}}$ . The vertical lines indicate statistical uncertainties for a confidence level of 95%.

Several additional factors may also complicate the interpretation of the NRT H I data as a function of  $T_{\text{eff}}$  in the context of the [Glassgold & Huggins \(1983\)](#) atmospheric outflow model. We discuss these in turn.

Firstly, an effective temperature of 2500 K was not presented by the authors as a ‘tipping point’ for the H I or  $\text{H}_2$  nature of CSEs. They stated that for stars hotter than 3000 K, the hydrogen entering the circumstellar envelope is most likely atomic, while for stars cooler than 2000 K, it is mainly molecular and will remain so out to large radii. They also noted that the  $\text{H}_2:\text{H I}$  ratio is sensitive to the mass outflow rate, which is three times higher in Miras than in SRb types for our sample, and 30 times that of Lb types (see Sect. 2).

Secondly, the model does not account for the contribution to the total H I mass resulting from  $\text{H}_2$  photodissociated in situ within the CSE; this process does not depend on the  $T_{\text{eff}}$  of the central star. Although the authors had examined the effects of photodissociation in a previous paper ([Huggins & Glassgold 1982](#)) and discussed its implications for the case of IRC+10216 in [Glassgold & Huggins \(1983\)](#), they did not include it in the model calculations we refer to here.

In their analysis of imaging observations of the eponymous Mira variable *o* Ceti in both CO and H I, where they discuss the crucial effects of self-shielding against UV radiation from the ISM (see Sect. 5), [Bowers & Knapp \(1988\)](#) considered that one-third of the hydrogen leaving the star is in atomic form, and that the rest of the H I in its CSE would result from photodissociation. They also mention the possibility that at least part of, if not all, the hydrogen would leave the star in atomic form only during the maximum, hottest phase of the pulsation.

Thirdly, there may be a systematic bias in the  $T_{\text{eff}}$  measurements for certain Mira variables. As noted by [Olofsson et al. \(1993\)](#), the higher column density of cold Mira CSEs makes it difficult to measure the true effective temperatures of the central stars, and published values could be overestimated.

Finally, there may be possible changes in mass-loss rates of AGB stars over time. In our analysis we have considered the current  $T_{\text{eff}}$ , mass-loss rate and variability type of the central star. However, some (or all) of these properties may well have been

different throughout the  $\sim 100\,000$  year-long mass-loss history that lead to the formation of the CSEs as traced by H I (see e.g. Habing & Olofsson 2004).

In summary, based on our analysis of the available data on global H I and H<sub>2</sub> masses of AGB CSEs, we can neither definitively confirm nor refute the dependence of the H<sub>2</sub>:H I total mass ratio of CSEs on the stellar effective temperature indicated by the outflow model of Glassgold & Huggins (1983). This is due to the small fraction of stars cooler than 2500 K in our sample.

## 7. Conclusions

We present the first-ever analysis of the results of 21-cm H I line observations of the CSEs of a substantial sample of 106 AGB stars. The relatively large beam size of the NRT, used for the bulk of the measurements analyzed here, enabled the derivation of total H I masses and source sizes, though not of the detailed distributions of H I within the CSEs.

The total H I masses range from 0.002 to 0.1  $M_{\odot}$ , with a mean value of 0.02  $M_{\odot}$ . We found no significant differences depending on either stellar surface chemical composition (O-rich versus C-rich) or variability class (Mira, SR, or Lb).

We computed estimates of the total atomic and molecular hydrogen masses of the CSEs using published FIR imaging observations and compared these to measurements of the H I masses derived from 21 cm line observations. We found that in the bulk of the CSEs the hydrogen is predominantly in a molecular state, with an average H<sub>2</sub>:H I total mass ratio of order 20. In some of the objects with the highest H<sub>2</sub>:H I mass ratios, the molecular state of the hydrogen can be corroborated by published GALEX far-UV detections that are thought to result from locally shocked H<sub>2</sub>. In about one-third of the CSEs, however, the hydrogen is essentially entirely atomic.

There is no evidence of a significant difference in chemical composition (O- versus C-rich) for stars with the most extreme H<sub>2</sub>:H I mass ratios, but there is a difference in variability class: those with the lowest ratios are predominantly semi-regular variables (75%) and none of them are Miras, whereas those with the highest ratios are Miras and semi-regulars in about equal measure.

The theoretical outflow model of Glassgold & Huggins (1983) predicts that the CSEs of AGB stars should be mainly atomic for an effective stellar temperature larger than about 2500 K, and molecular for cooler stars. While the CSEs with the highest H I masses in our sample occur around stars with  $T_{\text{eff}} > 2500$  K, we find, however, that the CSEs of some stars warmer than 2500 K appear to have significant molecular hydrogen fractions. Furthermore, there is no evidence of a systematic change in the H<sub>2</sub>:H I mass ratio at  $T_{\text{eff}} \sim 2500$  K. One limitation in our analysis, however, is that only four of the 27 H I-detected stars have an effective temperature below 2500 K.

Furthermore, any analysis of the relation between the H<sub>2</sub>:H I mass ratio and stellar effective temperature is complicated by the uncertain contribution of H I formed in situ within the CSE from UV-photodissociated H<sub>2</sub>. This is in addition to H I that has flowed out as such from the star into the CSE. We note that this in situ effect does not depend on the effective temperature of the star.

In summary, the small fraction of stars with  $T_{\text{eff}} < 2500$  K prevented us from definitively confirming or refuting the dependence of the molecular hydrogen fraction of a CSE on the stellar effective temperature predicted by the outflow model of Glassgold & Huggins (1983). However, to better analyze the

effect of the stellar effective temperature on the atomic and molecular hydrogen content of CSEs of AGB stars, more comprehensive sets of measurements are needed of the highly time-variable effective temperature for individual stars, as well as improved sets of stellar mass-loss models for stars across a range of different temperatures. Finally, following up on one of the goals of our study as mentioned in Paper I, our results indicate a number of suitable candidates for follow-up imaging and mapping studies in the 21-cm H I line to be carried out at a (much) higher spatial resolution.

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## Appendix A: Summary of results of the NRT H I observations

In Table A.1, we list the following elements for the 149 objects in our sample which have either clear NRT H I detections (34 objects, top part of the table), possible H I detections (21 objects, middle part), or upper limits to their H I lines (94 objects, lower part). In addition, two objects are listed whose NRT spectra were confused but which were observed with the VLA: IRC +10216 and W Aql (see hereafter). For literature reference to values that do not have a reference listed here, we refer to Paper I.

- Name: common catalogue name of the target. An ‘n’ after a name indicates that it is clearly not an AGB star, a ‘d’ that we consider its classification as an AGB to be dubious;
- var.: target type. Primarily the variability type as listed in Version 5.1 of the General Catalogue of Variable Stars, GCVS (Samus<sup>1</sup> et al. 2017)<sup>1</sup>. If an object is not included in the GCVS, other identifiers are listed in brackets: (HPM) = high proper motion star, (PN) = planetary nebula, and (pPN) = proto-PN. For the supergiant  $\mu$  Cep we adopted the SRc variability class from Kiss et al. (2006) instead of the  $\delta$  Cep class listed in the GCVS;
- per.: variability period as listed in the GCVS, in days. For the supergiant  $\mu$  Cep the GCVS lists a variability period 3.8 days, which appears to be erroneous. We instead adopted the period of 700: days that was indicated by Brelstaff et al. (1997);
- Spec.: spectral type of the star, as retrieved from the SIMBAD database;
- $T_{\text{eff}}$  & ref.: effective temperature of the star, in K, and its literature reference;
- $d$ : distance of the target, based mainly on its parallax from the Gaia EDR 3, Gaia Collaboration 2020), in pc. Values in brackets are from other sources, see the Appendix in Paper I;
- $V_{\text{lit}}$ : published radial velocity of the target in the Local Standard of Rest (LSR) reference frame, in  $\text{km s}^{-1}$ ;
- $V_{\text{exp}}$ : literature expansion velocity measured from CO or OH 1612 MHz line observations, in  $\text{km s}^{-1}$ . If a pair of values was published for a two-velocity component CO line fit, the largest value is listed here;
- $\dot{M}$  & ref.: literature mass-loss rates, in  $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , and its literature reference;
- $FWHM$ : our full width half maximum of the Gaussian fitted to the NRT H I line profile, in  $\text{km s}^{-1}$ ;
- $M_{\text{HI}}$ : our total H I mass, in  $M_{\odot}$ ;
- diam.: our estimated angular diameter of the H I CSE in the East-West direction, in parsec;
- H I notes: references to previously published H I studies, and an ‘old data’ flag to denote the less sensitive, non-digital NRT H I spectra obtained during our initial observing campaign in 1992/1993 (see Sect. 2).  
Details on the two listed objects with confused NRT spectra observed with the VLA:
- IRC +10216: VLA detection by Matthews et al. (2015). We adopted their distance of 130 pc from Menten et al. (2012) and total H I mass of  $0.0032 M_{\odot}$ . The listed  $V_{\text{exp}}$  and  $\dot{M}$  values are based on CO line data from Knapp et al. (1998);
- W Hya: VLA non-detection by Hawkins & Proctor (1993). The listed  $V_{\text{exp}}$  and  $\dot{M}$  values are based on CO line data from Young (1995).

For non-detections, conservative upper limits to their H I masses were estimated for a flux density level of three times the rms noise level in their spectra and a line width of two times the CO line expansion velocity (which on average is 3.4 times larger than the H I line FWHM); in case no CO line observations were available we used a width of  $20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ , that is twice the average line width of the CO detections. For objects flagged as ‘old data’ (see Sect. 2) we used the upper limit to the H I line flux density,  $S_{\text{peak}}$ , as given in Paper I; these estimates made by eye correspond to about the  $3\sigma$  level. A number of the references to H I studies listed in the Tables concern H I imaging and mapping observations made with the Very Large Array (VLA) and the Green Bank Telescope, see Paper I for details.

<sup>1</sup> A description of GCVS types is given in <https://cdsarc.u-strasbg.fr/ftp/cats/B/gcvs/vartype.txt>

Table A.1. Basic data of the evolved stars and their CSEs

name	var.	per. (dys)	spec	$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	ref	d (pc)	$V_{\text{lit}}$ (km/s)	$V_{\text{exp}}$ (km/s)	$M$ ( $M_{\odot}$ /yr)	FWHM (km/s)	$M_{\text{HI}}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	diam (pc)	H I notes
Clear H I detections													
SV And	Mira	313	M5-7e	...	De10	1106	-89	...	...	5.5	0.0113	...	
R Cas	Mira	434	M6.5-9e	3129	De10	174	25.0	12.1	1.4 10 <sup>-6</sup>	11.6	0.0047	0.61	Ge06 Ma07
AX Cep	Mira	398	N	...	Th13	942	13.3	14.4	1.5 10 <sup>-6</sup>	13.6	0.0655	<1.10	
<i>o</i> Cet	Mira	332	M5-9IIIe+DA	2500	Th13	92	46.4	4.8	2.8 10 <sup>-8</sup>	6.1	0.0009	0.54	Bo88 Ge06 Ma08
R Gem	Mira	370	S3.5-6.5/6e	...	De10	848	-59.0	11.0	6.3 10 <sup>-7</sup>	9.7	0.0224	<0.99	
R Hya	Mira	389	M6-9e	2128	De10	124	-10.0	10.5	5.4 10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.5	0.0034	0.72	Ge06 Ma13
R Peg	Mira	378	M6-8.5e	2333	va96	380	24.0	9.0	6.7 10 <sup>-7</sup>	4.3	0.0166	2.21	
V Agr	SRb	241	M5/6(III)	...	...	377	-27.0	3.5	1.2 10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.6	0.0077	2.19	
RV Boo	SRb	144	M5-6IIIe	...	...	368	6.8	8.3	3.2 10 <sup>-7</sup>	3.5	0.0118	2.14	
RW Boo	SRb	209	M5III:	3148	Mc12	254	-5.0	17.3	3.0 10 <sup>-8</sup>	19.3	0.0272	0.89	
$\mu$ Cep <sup>n</sup>	SRc	700:*	M2-Ia	3700	Le05	641	33.0	35.0	4.4 10 <sup>-5</sup>	15.4	0.3323	<0.75	
T Cet	SRc	159	M5-6Se	2788	De10	270	22.0	5.5	5.1 10 <sup>-8</sup>	7.7	0.0166	0.94	
RS Cnc	SRc	229	M6S	3214	Be01	143	7.2	8.0	1.4 10 <sup>-7</sup>	10.4	0.0022	0.17	Ge03 Ma07 Li10b Ho14
Y CVn	SRb	3000	C-N5	2760	Be01	310	20.8	8.6	3.0 10 <sup>-7</sup>	3.7	0.0759	1.44	Le04 Li07 Ma13 Ho17
RY Dra	SRb:	200	C-N3III:	2810	Be01	402	-4.0	13.0	2.0 10 <sup>-7</sup>	9.3	0.1264	5.15	Ge06
X Her	SRb	95	M6III	3281	Dy98	123	-73.1	9.0	8.7 10 <sup>-8</sup>	15.5	0.0099	0.72	Ga06 Ma11
AK Hya	SRb	75:	M6III	...	...	162	19.6	5.8	6.0 10 <sup>-8</sup>	6.2	0.015	0.94	
RT Hya	SRb	290	M7III	...	...	257	25.5	3.5	1.1 10 <sup>-7</sup>	7.1	0.0333	1.50	
RV Hya	SRc	116	M4III	...	...	402	-43.2	5.0	5.6 10 <sup>-7</sup>	8.1	0.003	<0.47	Ge06
U Hya	SRb	450	C-N5	2965	Be01	208	-30.7	7.6	2.4 10 <sup>-7</sup>	3.5	0.0015	0.48	Ge06
AF Leo	SRb	107	M5	...	Du98	547	7.0	5.0	6.6 10 <sup>-7</sup>	4.8	0.0241	2.55	
RX Lep	SRb	60	M6III	3339	...	149	28.9	3.9	1.6 10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.9	0.0069	0.87	Li10a Ma13
SV Psc	SRb	102	M5	...	...	393	6.5	12.0	1.7 10 <sup>-7</sup>	5.3	0.0021	<0.46	
Y UMa	SRb	168	M7II-III:	...	...	325	18.8	5.2	3.3 10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.2	0.0147	1.13	Ma13
AY Vir	SRb	113	M4/5Vp	...	...	399	-41	5.0	5.4 10 <sup>-7</sup>	4.8	0.0019	<0.46	
BK Vir	SRb	150	M7-III:	3074	Dy98	222	17.1	5.8	1.9 10 <sup>-6</sup>	7.2	0.0026	0.65	
RT Vir	SRb	155	M8III	2602	Mc12	242	14.9	8.9	3.4 10 <sup>-7</sup>	6.8	0.0115	0.84	Ge06
TX Psc	Lb	...	C-N6	3125	...	245	12.2	11.1	8.5 10 <sup>-8</sup>	3.2	0.0069	0.57	Ge06 Ma13
VY UMa	Lb	...	C-N5	2930	Be01	420	-1.7	7.7	1.1 10 <sup>-7</sup>	3.8	0.0099	1.47	Ge06
V1942 Sgr	Lb	...	C-N5+	2960	Be01	635	-33.5	17.7	3.5 10 <sup>-7</sup>	2.9	0.3681	5.17	Li10a Ma13
V1943 Sgr	Lb	...	M7/8III	2752	Mc12	197	-15.0	6.5	9.6 10 <sup>-8</sup>	11.9	0.0269	1.60	
HD 56126 <sup>n</sup>	post-AGB	37	F0/5Ia	...	...	2204	73.0	10.7	...	11	0.0435	<2.56	
NGC 7293 <sup>n</sup>	(PN)	...	DAO.5	...	...	200	-24.0	24.0	...	22.8	0.1517	2.56	Ro02 Ge06
R Agr	Mira+ZAnd	390	M6.5-8.5e	2528	va96	386	-30.4	16.7	2.4 10 <sup>-8</sup>	17.9	0.0274	1.35	Ma07
Possible H I detections													
RAFGL 3099	Mira	...	C-rich	...	Ma08	(2100)	46.6	10.1	2.1 10 <sup>-5</sup>	20.3	0.0466	...	Ma13
GY Aql	Mira	465	M8	3100	...	678	28.9	16.2	...	>10.9	>0.0591	...	
S CMi	Mira	332	M7-8e	...	...	418	52.0	4.7	6.2 10 <sup>-8</sup>	5.8	0.0067	<0.49	Ge06

Table A.1. continued.

name	var.	per. (dys)	spec	$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	ref	d (pc)	$V_{\text{lit}}$ (km/s)	$V_{\text{exp}}$ (km/s)	$M$ ( $M_{\odot}$ /yr)	FWHM (km/s)	$M_{\text{HI}}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	diam (pc)	HI notes
U CMi	Mira	412	M4e	...		1489	42.0	...	...	7.4	0.4631	5.20	Ge06
W Cnc	Mira	395	M6.5-9e	...		527	37.0	4.2	1.7 10 <sup>-8</sup>	17.1	0.0097	...	
T Com	Mira	406	M8/9III:e	...		1810	18.0	5.5	...	15.5	0.2869	<2.11	
Z Cyg	Mira	264	M5.5-6.5e	...		861	-148.5	4.5	1.2 10 <sup>-7</sup>	16.7	0.029	...	Ge06
S Ser	Mira	372	M5e	2557	va02	1303	21.1	...	...	2.6	0.0112	...	
WX Ser	Mira	425	M8.5	...		709	1.0	11.5	5.1 10 <sup>-7</sup>	>4.8	>0.0106	...	
EP Aqr	SRb	55	M7-III:	3236	Du98	130	-33.7	10.8	2.3 10 <sup>-7</sup>	4.5	0.0005	0.45	Le04 Ma07
AH Dra	SRb	158	M5	...		322	74.1	6.4	...	24.1	0.0048	...	
S Dra	SRb	136	M6III	...		516	15.4	8.3	1.5 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4.5	0.0096	...	
UX Dra	SRa:	168	C-N5	3090	Be01	470	15.5	6.2	8.4 10 <sup>-8</sup>	3.9	0.0078	...	
SV Peg	SRb	145	M7	...		387	5.7	10.7	1.2 10 <sup>-6</sup>	11.6	0.0109	...	
Y Scl	SRb	...	M6III	3039	Mc12	303	28.6	7.3	...	10.3	0.0041	<0.35	
AQ Sgr	SRb	200	C-N5	2790	Be01	557	23.0	11.2	3.0 10 <sup>-7</sup>	3.9	0.1012	...	
V UMi	SRb	72	M5IIIab:	...		541	-153.5	...	...	4.9	0.0028	...	
RW Vir	Lb	...	M5II	...		455	21.0	8.0	4.2 10 <sup>-8</sup>	17.4	0.0101	...	
NGC 6369 <sup>n</sup>	(PN)	...	[WC4]	...		1089	-93.9	...	...	36.1	0.1513	...	Ge06
56 Aql <sup>n</sup>	...	...	K5III	...		182	-35.6	...	...	19.6	0.0025	...	
$\kappa$ Ser <sup>n</sup>	(HPM)	...	M0.5IIIab	...		117	-21.6	...	...	14.2	0.0004	...	
HI upper limits													
IRC +60169	Mira	...	M7+	...		495	-23.1	19.7	...	...	<0.2048	...	old data
RAFGL 865	Mira	...	C-rich	...		(1600)	42.0	16.0	8.8 10 <sup>-6</sup>	...	<1.4475	...	
EY And	Mira	360	M9	...		1178	-41.5	15.5	...	...	<0.5166	...	
KU And	Mira	660	M10	...		536	-20.5	19.6	3.4 10 <sup>-6</sup>	...	<0.3983	...	old data
W Aql	Mira	479	S6/6e	2800	De08	374	-24.1	17.6	3.5 10 <sup>-6</sup>	...	<0.0095	...	old data
S Aqr	Mira	279	M6e	...		1053	-56.8	...	...	...	<0.6273	...	old data
T Aqr	Mira	201	M2-5.5	...		1104	-27.0	...	...	...	<0.8613	...	old data
U Ari	Mira	371	M4.5-7.5e	2360	va96	597	-55.3	4.0	4.6 10 <sup>-8</sup>	...	<0.0028	...	
R Boo	Mira	223	M4-8e	...		658	-44.7	...	...	...	<0.0301	...	
R Com	Mira	363	M5-7e	...		1388	-4.0	...	...	...	<0.0714	...	
V CrB	Mira	358	M5-8e	2090	Be01	879	-98.7	8.2	1.9 10 <sup>-5</sup>	...	<0.0133	...	Li10a
W CrB	Mira	238	M4-5e	...		2381	36.4	...	...	...	<4.0068	...	old data
R Del	Mira	285	M5-6.5e	...		791	-32.0	...	...	...	<0.1058	...	
R Dra	Mira	246	M4.5-6+e	2034	va02	799	-118.4	...	...	...	<0.0596	...	
R For	Mira	389	C4.3e	2060	Be01	553	-2.2	16.9	1.0 10 <sup>-6</sup>	...	<0.0151	...	
R Her	Mira	307	M6e	...		2137	-12.5	...	...	...	<6.4568	...	old data
X Gem	Mira	264	M6-7e	...		648	28.3	...	...	...	<0.0120	...	
S Gem	Mira	293	M6-7e	...		1199	94.5	...	...	...	<0.0533	...	
S Hya	Mira	257	M4-M6.5e	...		1180	70.0	...	...	...	<0.5904	...	old data
X Hya	Mira	301	M7-8+e	...		395	26.2	5.9	2.9 10 <sup>-8</sup>	...	<0.0325	...	
T Lep	Mira	368	M6ev	...		324	-27.0	6.8	4.1 10 <sup>-9</sup>	...	<0.0505	...	old data
R LMi	Mira	372	M6.5-9e	2189	va02	290	0.6	8.7	4.5 10 <sup>-7</sup>	...	<0.0080	...	

Table A.1. continued.

name	var.	per. (dys)	spec	$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	ref	d (pc)	$V_{\text{lit}}$ (km/s)	$V_{\text{exp}}$ (km/s)	$M$ ( $M_{\odot}$ /yr)	FWHM (km/s)	$M_{\text{HI}}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	diam (pc)	HI notes
S LMi	Mira	234	M4-5.5e	...		1703	-11.0	...	...	...	<4.0983	...	old data
RW Lyr	Mira	504	M7.5	...		1223	-21.0	11.0	...	...	<1.1622	...	old data
RX Oph	Mira	323	M5	...		1137	-48.0	...	...	...	<0.9135	...	old data
T Oph	Mira	367	M6.5e	...		818	-32.0	...	...	...	<0.4726	...	old data
UU Peg	Mira	456	M7e	2149	va02	354	31.0	13.0	...	...	<0.2307	...	old data
V Peg	Mira	302	M6-6.5e	...		1380	-21.0	...	...	...	<1.3460	...	old data
Z Peg	Mira	335	M7-8e	2987	va02	658	-29.1	...	...	...	<0.3058	...	old data
R Per	Mira	210	M3+-5e	...		1886	-89.2	...	...	...	<2.5134	...	old data
R Psc	Mira	344	M4-8e	2288	va96	790	-57.8	...	...	...	<0.3530	...	old data
S Psc	Mira	405	M5+-7e	...		1618	10.6	...	...	...	<3.7013	...	old data
WX Psc	Mira	660	M8	2750	De10	(600)	9.8	20.6	...	...	<0.0174	...	Ge06
S Scl	Mira	363	M7/8IIIe	...		496	35.0	...	...	...	<0.1740	...	old data
Z Sco	Mira	343	M5.5e:	...		976	-41.3	...	...	...	<0.6737	...	old data
R Ser	Mira	356	M5-8e	2804	va96	668	31.7	5.1	1.8 10 <sup>-7</sup>	...	<0.0058	...	old data
U Ser	Mira	237	M4-6e	...		1274	-14.3	...	...	...	<1.1464	...	old data
IK Tau	Mira	470	M7-11	2667	De10	261	35.1	19.4	4.0 10 <sup>-6</sup>	...	<0.0091	...	old data
R Tri	Mira	267	M3.5-8e	...		411	58.0	...	...	...	<0.0131	...	Ge06 Ma13
R UMa	Mira	302	M5-8e	...		573	37.8	...	...	...	<0.0507	...	...
T UMa	Mira	257	M4-7e	...		1011	-81.7	...	...	...	<0.0666	...	...
U UMi	Mira	331	M6-8e	...		539	-16.5	...	...	...	<0.0190	...	...
S UMi	Mira	331	M6.5-7.5e	2977	va02	372	-40.5	...	...	...	<0.0278	...	old data
R Vir	Mira	146	M3.5-7e	...		455	-26.0	...	...	...	<0.0079	...	...
RS And	SRa	136	...	...		385	6.7	6.1	...	...	<0.0186	...	...
VX And	SRa	375	C-J4.5	2455	Be01	634	14.4	14.0	6.0 10 <sup>-8</sup>	...	<0.0265	...	...
RZ Ari	SRb	56	M6-III:	...		108	39.7	...	...	...	<0.0006	...	...
V Ari	SRc	59	C-H3.5	3475	Be01	1157	-183.2	...	...	...	<0.0527	...	...
RT Cap	SRb	423	C6.4	2485	Be01	556	-18.1	7.8	7.3 10 <sup>-8</sup>	...	<0.0125	...	...
SS Cep	SRb	340	M5III	3158	Mc12	255	-40.7	11.3	...	...	<0.0106	...	...
CW Cnc	SRb	...	M6	2909	Mc12	256	15.6	10.5	2.4 10 <sup>-8</sup>	...	<0.0185	...	...
RY CrB	SRb	90	M8+III	...		498	39.0	6.1	3.3 10 <sup>-7</sup>	...	<0.0110	...	...
TU CVn	SRb	44	M5-III-IIIa	...		240	-8.8	...	...	...	<0.0072	...	...
RV Cyg	SRb	263	C-N5:	2675	Be01	670	16.3	13.3	5.2 10 <sup>-7</sup>	...	<0.1055	...	...
V460 Cyg	SRb	180	C-N5	2950	Be01	594	27.2	10.8	3.5 10 <sup>-7</sup>	...	<0.1273	...	...
CZ Del	SRb	123	M5e	...		619	-153.9	...	...	...	<0.0488	...	...
EU Del	SRb	60	M6III	3227	Mc12	119	-53.0	12.0	3.1 10 <sup>-9</sup>	...	<0.0027	...	...
BM Gem	SRb	286	C-J5-	3295	Be01	1267	73.3	7.5	2.3 10 <sup>-5</sup>	...	<0.0655	...	...
TU Gem	SRb	230	C-N5+	2715	Be01	1142	29.4	10.9	6.3 10 <sup>-7</sup>	...	<0.1360	...	...
$\alpha$ 1 Her <sup>d</sup>	SRc	...	M5b+GSIII+IV	...		110	-13.2	...	...	...	<0.0018	...	Ge06
OP Her	SRb	120	M6S	3425	va97	289	29.8	...	...	...	<0.0082	...	...
RW LMi	SRa	640	C4.3e	2000	De10	314	-2.1	15.8	2.7 10 <sup>-6</sup>	...	<0.0223	...	...
T Mic	SRb	347	M7/8III	2856	Mc12	186	22.6	8.1	1.6 10 <sup>-7</sup>	...	<0.0045	...	...
V2113 Oph	SR:	...	M6III	...		160	-8.7	...	...	...	<0.0015	...	...
HR Peg	SRb	50:	S4+/1+	...		467	18.3	...	...	...	<0.0058	...	...

Table A.1. continued.

name	var.	per: (dys)	spec	$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	ref	d (pc)	$V_{\text{lit}}$ (km/s)	$V_{\text{exp}}$ (km/s)	$\dot{M}$ ( $M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$ )	FWHM (km/s)	$M_{\text{HI}}$ ( $M_{\odot}$ )	diam (pc)	H I notes
$\rho$ Per <sup>d</sup>	SRb	50	M4+IIIa	...	...	94	27.4	...	...	...	<0.0006	...	Ge06
Z Psc	SRb	144	C-N5	3095	Be01	639	13.2	3.7	5.3 10-8	...	<0.0193	...	...
R Scl	SRb	370	C-N5+	2295	De10	393	-19.1	16.0	2.2 10-6	...	<0.0125	...	...
AA Tri	SRb	...	M3	...	...	202	-51.1	...	...	...	<0.0027	...	...
RR UMi	SRb	43	M4.5III	...	...	141	20.2	...	...	...	<0.0021	...	...
SS Vir	SRa	364	C-N4.5:	2560	Be01	552	10.5	14.2	1.8 10-7	...	<0.1237	...	...
U Ant	Lb	...	C-N3	2810	Be01	277	24.4	21.2	...	...	<0.0477	...	...
TZ Aql	Lb	...	M6III	...	...	513	62.1	6.2	2.0 10-8	...	<0.0088	...	...
BY Boo	Lb:	...	M4.5III	...	...	157	-22.8	...	...	...	<0.0020	...	...
$\alpha$ Cet <sup>d</sup>	Lb:	...	M1.5IIIa	...	...	76	-37.6	...	...	...	0.0002	...	...
SZ Dra	Lb	...	M5III	3173	Mc12	459	-26.1	9.6	1.8 10-7	...	<0.0380	...	...
V1146 Tau	Lb:	...	M3III	...	...	175	25.6	...	...	...	<0.0028	...	...
BD-04 2335 <sup>d</sup>	(He)	...	M9	...	...	581	44.4	6.0	1.4 10-6	...	<0.0375	...	...
CD-36 1052 <sup>n</sup>	(HB)	...	Fwl E	...	...	733	290.7	...	...	...	<0.0730	...	...
IRC -10529	(OH/IR)	675	M:	2750	De10	(270)	-18.0	16.5	4.5 10-6	...	<0.0850	...	old data
IRC +20326	...	...	C	...	...	791	-4.0	16.5	9.3 10-7	...	<0.0581	...	...
IRC +40483	(OH/IR)	...	M9	...	...	1632	42.4	18.0	1.8 10-5	...	<3.3879	...	old data
OH 235.3+18.1	(OH/IR)	...	M7pe	...	...	3318	57.2	...	...	...	<0.8126	...	...
OH 334.8+50.1	(OH/IR)	...	M9III	...	...	950	-26.3	...	...	...	<0.0665	...	...
NGC 246 <sup>n</sup>	(PN)	...	PG1159	...	...	556	-51.1	...	...	...	<0.0101	...	...
RAFGL 292	(LPVc)	...	M8	...	...	286	23.0	8.5	1.7 10-7	...	<0.0048	...	Ge06
RAFGL 3068	...	...	C	...	...	(980)	-31.7	15.7	1.0 10-5	...	<0.2217	...	...
VZ Cam	LPV	...	M4IIIa	...	...	153	19.7	...	...	...	<0.0119	...	...
R CrB <sup>n</sup>	RCrB	...	G0lep	...	...	696	42.3	...	...	...	<0.0246	...	...
$\lambda$ Dra <sup>d</sup>	(var)	...	OIII-Ca1	...	...	69	15.1	...	...	...	<0.0009	...	...
$\tau$ 04 Err <sup>d</sup>	LPV	...	M3IIIc-a-1	...	...	94	25.9	...	...	...	<0.0013	...	...
$\mu$ Gem <sup>d</sup>	$\beta$ Lyr	0.73	M3IIIab	...	...	71	42.3	...	...	...	<0.0003	...	...
$\alpha$ Tau <sup>d</sup>	LPV	...	K5+III	...	...	20	41.8	...	...	...	<0.00004	...	...
$\mu$ UMa <sup>d</sup>	RRC	0.27	M0III	...	...	56	-20.7	...	...	...	<0.0004	...	...

Confused NRT sources observed with the VLA andGBT

IRC+10216	Mira	630	C9.5	2200	Ma15	130	-25.5	14.6	2.0 10-5	...	0.0032	...	Ma15
W HYa	SRa	361	M7.5-9e	2400	Oh16	164	41.0	8.0	1.8 10-7	...	<0.0017	(22)	Ha93

Notes to the Table: An 'n' after a name indicates that it is clearly not an AGB star, and a 'd' that we consider its classification as an AGB to be dubious.

$T_{\text{eff}}$  references: Be01 = [Bergeat et al. \(2001\)](#), De08 = [Decin et al. \(2008\)](#), De10 = [De Beck et al. \(2010\)](#), Du98 = [Dumm & Schild \(1998\)](#), Dy98 = [Dyck et al. \(1998\)](#), Le05 = [Levesque et al. \(2005\)](#), Ma08 = [Marigo et al. \(2008\)](#), Mc12 = [McDonald et al. \(2012\)](#), Oh16 = [Ohnaka et al. \(2016\)](#), Th13 = [Thirumalai & Heyl \(2013\)](#), va02 = [van Belle et al. \(2002\)](#), va96 = [van Belle et al. \(1996\)](#).

H I references: Bo88 = [Bowers & Knapp \(1988\)](#), Ga06 = [Gardan et al. \(2006\)](#), Ge03 = [Gérard & Le Berre \(2003\)](#), Ge06 = [Gérard & Le Berre \(2006\)](#), Ha93 = [Hawkins & Proctor \(1993\)](#), Ho14 = [Hoai et al. \(2014\)](#), Ho17 = [Hoai et al. \(2017\)](#), Le04 = [Le Berre & Gérard \(2004\)](#), Li07 = [Libert et al. \(2007\)](#), Li10a = [Libert et al. \(2010a\)](#), Li10b = [Libert et al. \(2010b\)](#), Ma07 = [Matthews & Reid \(2007\)](#), Ma08 = [Matthews et al. \(2008\)](#), Ma11 = [Matthews et al. \(2011\)](#), Ma13 = [Matthews et al. \(2013\)](#), Ma15 = [Matthews et al. \(2015\)](#), Ro02 = [Rodríguez et al. \(2002\)](#) 'old data' indicates that only less sensitive, non-digital H I spectra are available from our 1992/1993 observations (see Sect. 2).

## Appendix B: Integrated CO(1-0) line fluxes

In Table B.1, we list the results of our literature search for CO(1-0) line detections of objects in our sample. The objects whose names have been flagged as ‘old’ are those for which only less sensitive, non-digital H I spectra are available from our 1992/1993 observing campaign (see Sect. 2). We found published CO line observations for 55 (= 56%) of our total sample of 96 objects with non-confused H I spectra: 18 (53%) for the 34 clear H I detections, 8 (38%) for the 21 possible H I detections, and 28 (68%) for the 41 H I upper limits.

The following elements are listed in the table. For further details on variability type and spectral classification we refer to Table A.1.

- Name: common catalogue name of the target;
- var.: variability type of the star;
- Spec.: spectral type of the star;
- $\langle I_{\text{CO,corr}} \rangle$ : average integrated CO(1-0) line fluxes, in  $\text{K km s}^{-1}$ . These are based on the individual published fluxes,  $I_{\text{CO}}$ , after correcting them to a telescope diameter of 20 m, using the square of the telescope diameter. This was done in order to be able to compare line fluxes of unresolved sources made with telescopes with quite different sizes (see Sect. 5);
- $I_{\text{CO}}$ : individual published integrated CO(1-0) line fluxes, in  $\text{K km s}^{-1}$ , together with the size of the telescope used, in meters, and literature references;
- $F_{\text{HI}}$ : integrated H I line fluxes, in  $\text{Jy km s}^{-1}$ , based on the total H I masses and distances listed in Table A.1;
- $I_{\text{CO,corr}}/F_{\text{HI}}$ : ratio of the integrated CO(1-0) and H I line fluxes.

Table B.1. Published integrated CO(1-0) line fluxes

Name	var.	Spec.	$\langle I_{\text{CO,corr}} \rangle$ (K km/s)	published CO line fluxes, telescope diameters, and references (K km/s), (m), ref.	$F_{\text{HI}}$ (Jy km/s)	$I_{\text{CO,corr}}/F_{\text{HI}}$ (K/Jy)							
Clear HI detections													
R Cas	Mira	M	13.5	1.9 Kn85	7	14.4	Li88	20	5.2	Ma90	14	0.61	22.1
AX Cep	Mira	N	3.4	7.4 Gr99	30	7.8	Gr99	30				0.31	11.0
<i>o</i> Cet	Mira	M+DA	37.8	2.6 Kn85	7	9.1	Kn85	7	8.8	Ma90	14	0.45	84.0
R Gem	Mira	S	3.4	2.4 Ra09	20	9.7	Ra09	30				0.13	26.2
R Peg	Mira	M	0.3	0.7 Gr99	30							0.49	0.6
RV Boo	SRb	M	2.0	2.0 Ny92	20							0.37	5.4
Y CVn	SRb	C	4.9	2.1 Ma90	14	6.3	O187	20	4.5	O193	20	3.08	1.6
RY Dra	SRb:	C	2.4	2.4 O193	20							3.30	0.7
X Her	SRb	M	4.8	13 Di19	30	4.7	Ny92	20	3.9	Ke99	20	2.57	1.9
U Hya	SRb	C	6.8	4.7 O188	15	4.6	O193	15	8.9	Da15	30	0.14	48.6
SV Psc	SRb	M	3.3	1.6 Ma90	14							0.06	56.9
Y UMa	SRb	M	4.5	2.9 Zu89	12	0.5	Ma90	14				0.54	8.3
BK Vir	SRb	M	1.6	0.8 Ma90	14	3.7	Da15	30				0.21	7.6
RT Vir	SRb	M	10.6	1.3 Kn85	7							0.77	13.8
RS Cnc	SRc	M	26.0	7.3 Kn85	7	4.1	Ma90	14	22.9	Da15	30	0.41	63.4
V1942 Sgr	Lb	C	2.1	1.2 O193	20							0.82	2.6
VY UMa	Lb	C	1.4	1.4 O193	20							0.10	14.0
Possible HI detections													
RAFGL 3099	Mira	C	17.1	2.1 Kn85	7							0.04	380.0
GY Aql	Mira	M	11.4	5.6 Ma90	14							0.55	20.7
S CMi	Mira	M	0.1	0.6 Da15	30							0.16	0.6
WX Ser	Mira	M	1.8	0.4: Kn86	7	0.9	Ma90	14				0.09	20.0
UX Dra	SRa:	C	2.9	2.9 O193	20							0.14	20.7
EP Aqr	SRb	M	11.2	5.0 Zu86a	12	4.2	Ma90	14				0.11	101.8
S Dra	SRb	M	1.6	1.6 Ny92	20							0.14	11.4
AQ Sgr	SRb	C	2.8	1.6 O193	15							1.27	2.2
Sources with HI upper limits													
RAFGL 865 <sup>old</sup>	Mira	C	37.5	3.3 Kn85	7	27.0	Ny92	15				<2.40	>15.6
KU And <sup>old</sup>	Mira	M	19.7	8.7 Ma90	14	48.9	Da15	30				<5.88	>3.4
W Aql	Mira	S	53.4	9.6 Kn85	7	28.4	Ny92	20	26.2	Ma90	14	<0.29	>184.1
V CrB	Mira	M	3.0	2.7 O193	20	7.6	Gr99	30				<0.07	>41.1
R For	Mira	C	7.4	3.1 Zu86a	12	4.8	O193	15	11.4	Gr99	30	<0.21	>35.2
X Hya	Mira	M	<0.6	1.4 Gr99	30							<0.88	>0.7:
T Lep <sup>old</sup>	Mira	M	<0.5	1.1 Gr99	30							<2.04	>0.2:
R LMi	Mira	M	0.9	2.3 Gr99	30	1.9	Bu86	30				<0.40	>2.3
UU Peg <sup>old</sup>	Mira	M	5.1	2.5 Ma90	14							<7.81	>0.7

Table B.1. continued.

Name	var.	Spec.	$\langle I_{\text{CO,corr}} \rangle$ (K km/s)	published CO line fluxes, telescope diameters, and references (K km/s), (m), ref.	$F_{\text{HI}}$ (Jy km/s)	$I_{\text{CO,corr}}/F_{\text{HI}}$ (K/Jy)
WX Psc	Mira	M	36.9	18.1 Ma90 14	<0.21	>175.7
IK Tau (NRT)	Mira	M	46.9	23.0 Ma90 14	<0.57	>82.3
IK Tau (VLA)					<0.17	>275.9
VX And	SRa	C	<0.8	<0.8 O193 20	<0.28	>2.9:
RW LMi	SRa	C	59.6	21.9 Ma90 14	<0.96	>62.1
SS Vir	SRa	C	<1.2	<1.2 O193 20	<1.72	>0.7
RT Cap	SRb	C	1.1	0.6 O188 15	<0.17	>6.5
CW Cnc	SRb	M	2.5	2.5 Ke99 20	<1.20	>2.1
RV Cyg	SRb	C	5.7	4.8 O187 20	<1.00	>5.7
V460 Cyg	SRb	C	4.7	4.7 O187 20	<1.53	>3.1
TU Gem	SRb	C	3.4	3.4 O193 20	<0.44	>7.7
T Mic	SRb	M	1.4	1.4 Ny92 20	<0.55	>2.5
Z Psc	SRb	C	0.9	1.0 O193 20	<0.20	>4.5
R Scl	SRb	C	42.5	10.8 Kn85 7	<0.34	>125.0
U Ant	Lb	C	15.2	11.1 Ny92 20	<2.64	>5.8
SZ Dra	Lb	M	0.8	0.8 Ke98 20	<0.77	>1.0
RAFGl 3068	...	C	56.3	6.9 Kn85 7	<0.98	>57.4
IRC -10529 <sup>old</sup>	(OH/IR)	M	85.7	6.7 Kn85 7	<4.95	>17.3
RAFGl 292	(LPVc)	M	2.0	4.6 Da15 30	<0.25	>8.0
Confused NRT sources observed with the VLA						
IRC +10216 (VLA)	Mira	C	395.0	123.1 Kn85 7	0.80	493.8
W HYa (VLA)	SRa	M	1.4	0.8 Ke99 15	<0.27	>5.2

Notes to the Table: For objects flagged as 'old' only less sensitive, non-digital H I spectra are available from our 1992/1993 observing campaign (see Sect. 2).

CO line flux references: Bu86 = Bujarrabal et al. (1986), Da15 = Danilovich et al. (2015), Di19 = Díaz-Luis et al. (2019), Gr99 = Groenewegen et al. (1999), Ke98 = Kerschbaum & Olofsson (1998), Ke99 = Kerschbaum & Olofsson (1999), Kn85 = Knapp & Morris (1985), Kn86 = Knapp (1986), Li88 = Lindqvist et al. (1988), Ma90 = Margulis et al. (1990), Ny92 = Nyman et al. (1992), O187 = Olofsson et al. (1987), O188 = Olofsson et al. (1988), O193 = Olofsson et al. (1993), Ra09 = Ramstedt et al. (2009), Zu86a = Zuckerman & Dyck (1986), Zu89 = Zuckerman & Dyck (1989).