

Planetary Nebulae: A Probe of the Galaxies Evolution up to the Hubble Time

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Chemical evolution of the galactic and extragalactic planetary nebulae (PNe) system beginning from the early age of the Galaxy is investigated. We determine the radial and vertical abundance gradients for C, N, O, Ne, Ar, Cl and S in a dependence on mass and age of the progenitor stars of the nebula. In the Table 1 we compare the galactic abundance gradients for O and Ne for our and neighbour galaxies.

We found the statistically significant dependence of abundance gradients for early ages of the Galaxy. The strong contradiction between the theoretical and obtained from observations gradients is found. A large number of PNe with extremely low CNO abundances was detected. The dependence of the C, N and O abundances in the PNe against the mass of their progenitor stars was investigated. The general accordance with synthetic model of the Galaxy chemical evolution Hoek and Groenewegen (1997) was found, excluding the case of O, when the systematic lack of oxygen (about of two times) in a comparison with Hoek and Groenewegen (1997) data was revealed.

We proposed the possibility of two times enhanced infal rate for the Galaxy to explain the discordance between model and derived from the observed spectra of PNe element abundances.

Table 1. Radial composition gradient across the disks of spiral galaxies

Galaxy	d[O/H]/dR, dex/kpc	d[Ne/H]/dR, dex/kpc	Reference
M31	-0.03	-	Garnett <i>et al.</i> (1997)
M33	-0.012 ± 0.011	-0.016 ± 0.017	Crockett <i>et al.</i> (2006)
M51	-0.046	-	Garnett <i>et al.</i> (1997)
M81	-0.08	-	Garnett <i>et al.</i> (1987)
M101	-0.028 ± 0.01	-	Cedres <i>et al.</i> (2004)
NGC2403	-0.102 ± 0.009	-	Garnett <i>et al.</i> (1997)
Milky Way	-0.012	-0.019	This work

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